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Heteroaryl-linked norbornadiene dimers with redshifted absorptions

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NMR spectra

Compound 1

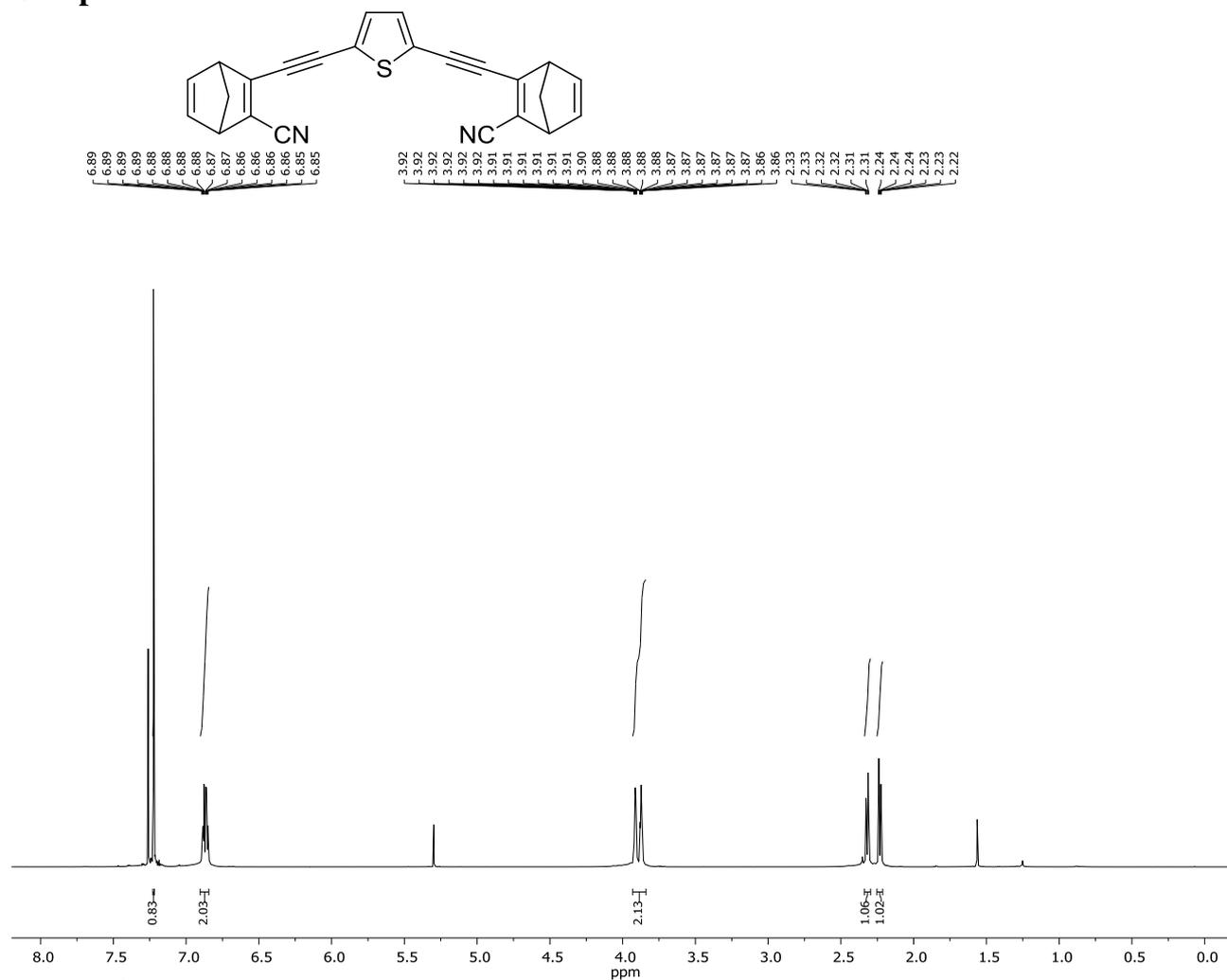


Figure S1: ¹H NMR (500 MHz) of 1 in CDCl₃.

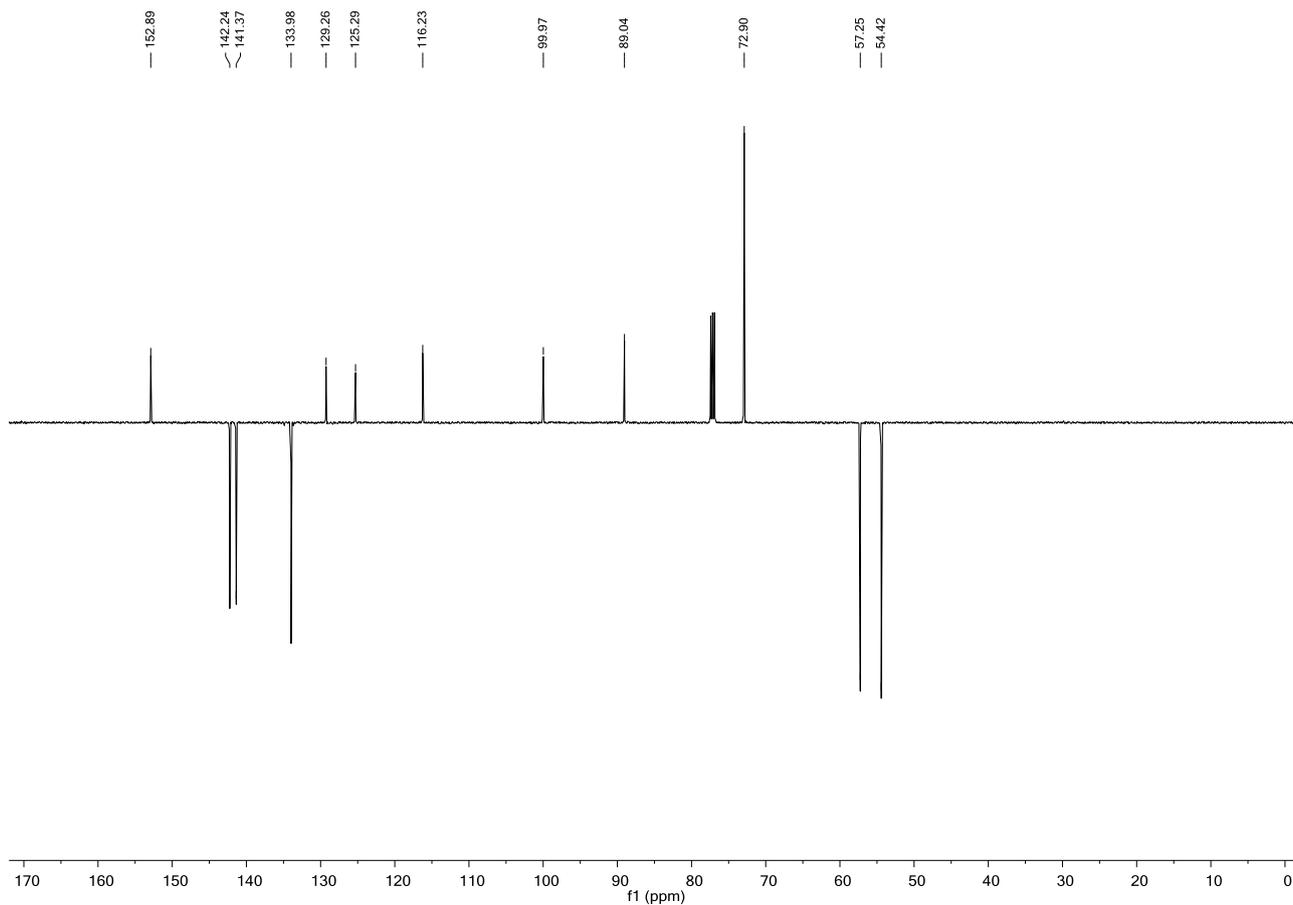


Figure S2: ^{13}C APT NMR (126 MHz) of **1** in CDCl_3 .

Compound 2

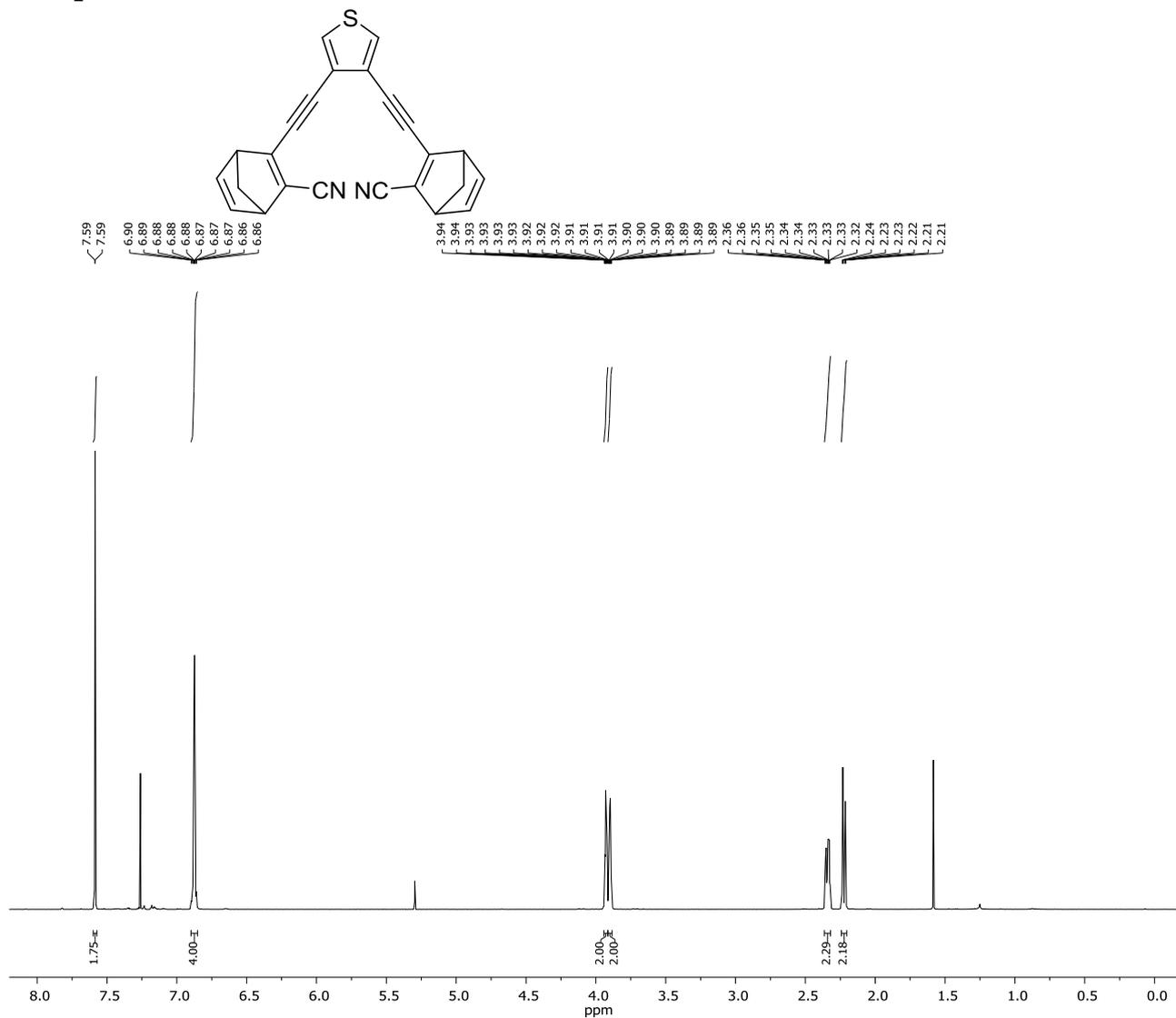


Figure S3: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) of 2 in CDCl₃.

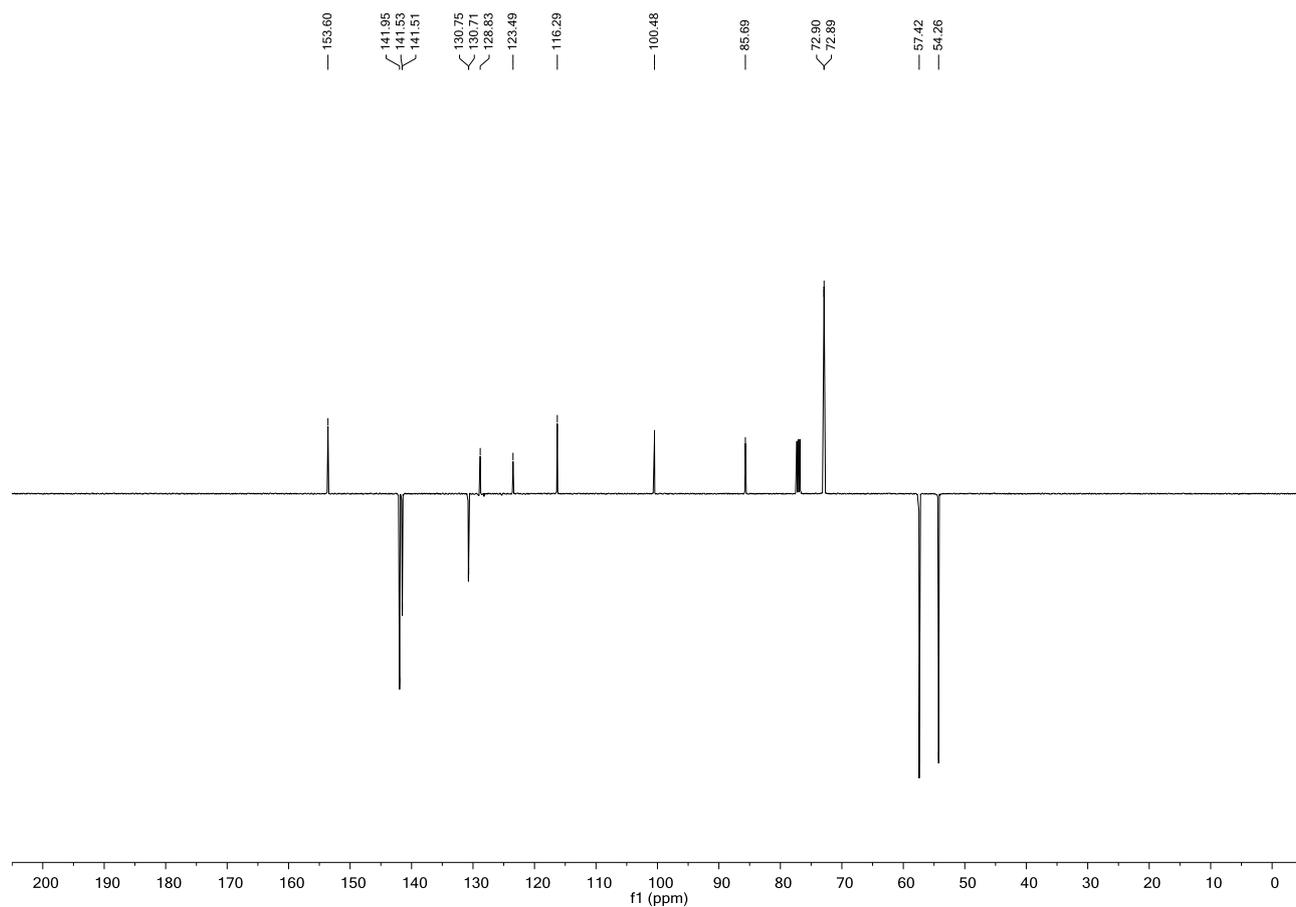
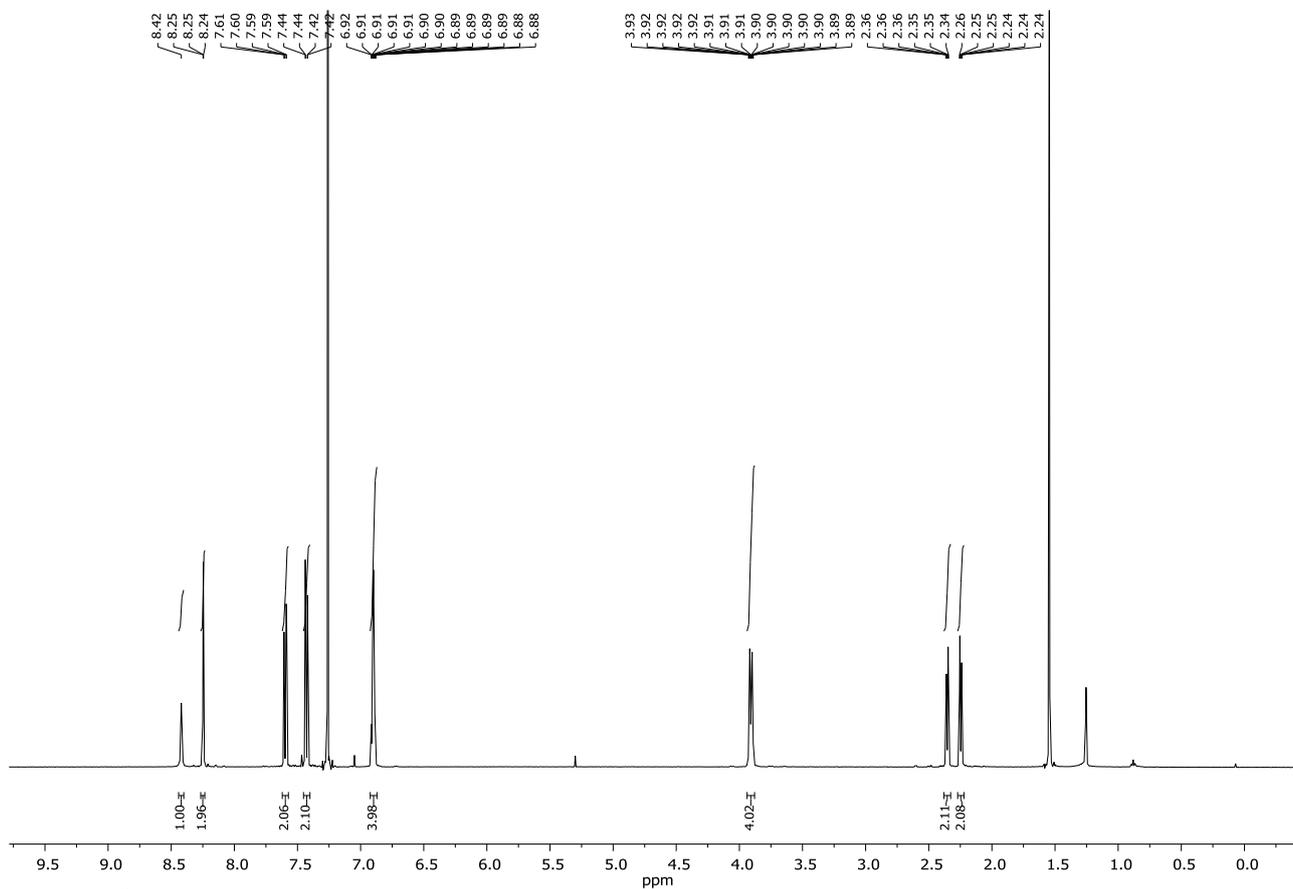
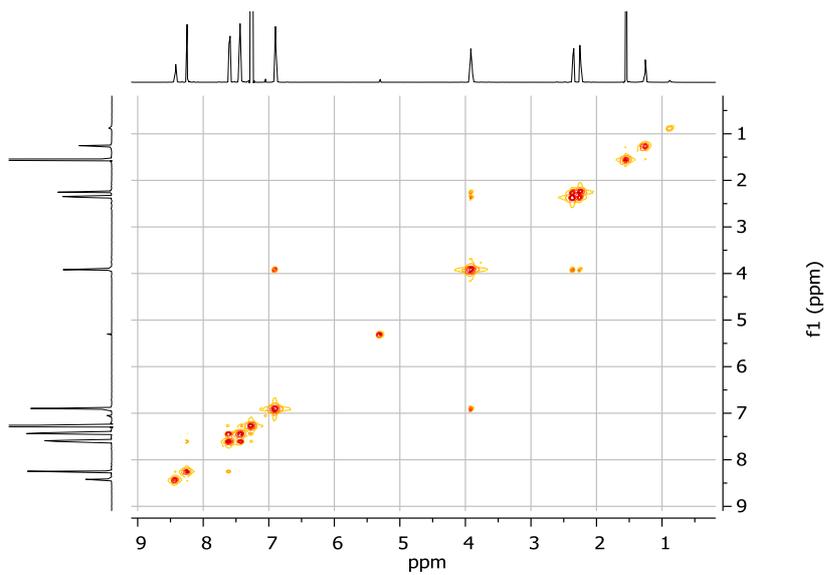
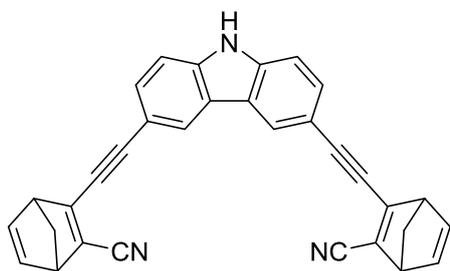
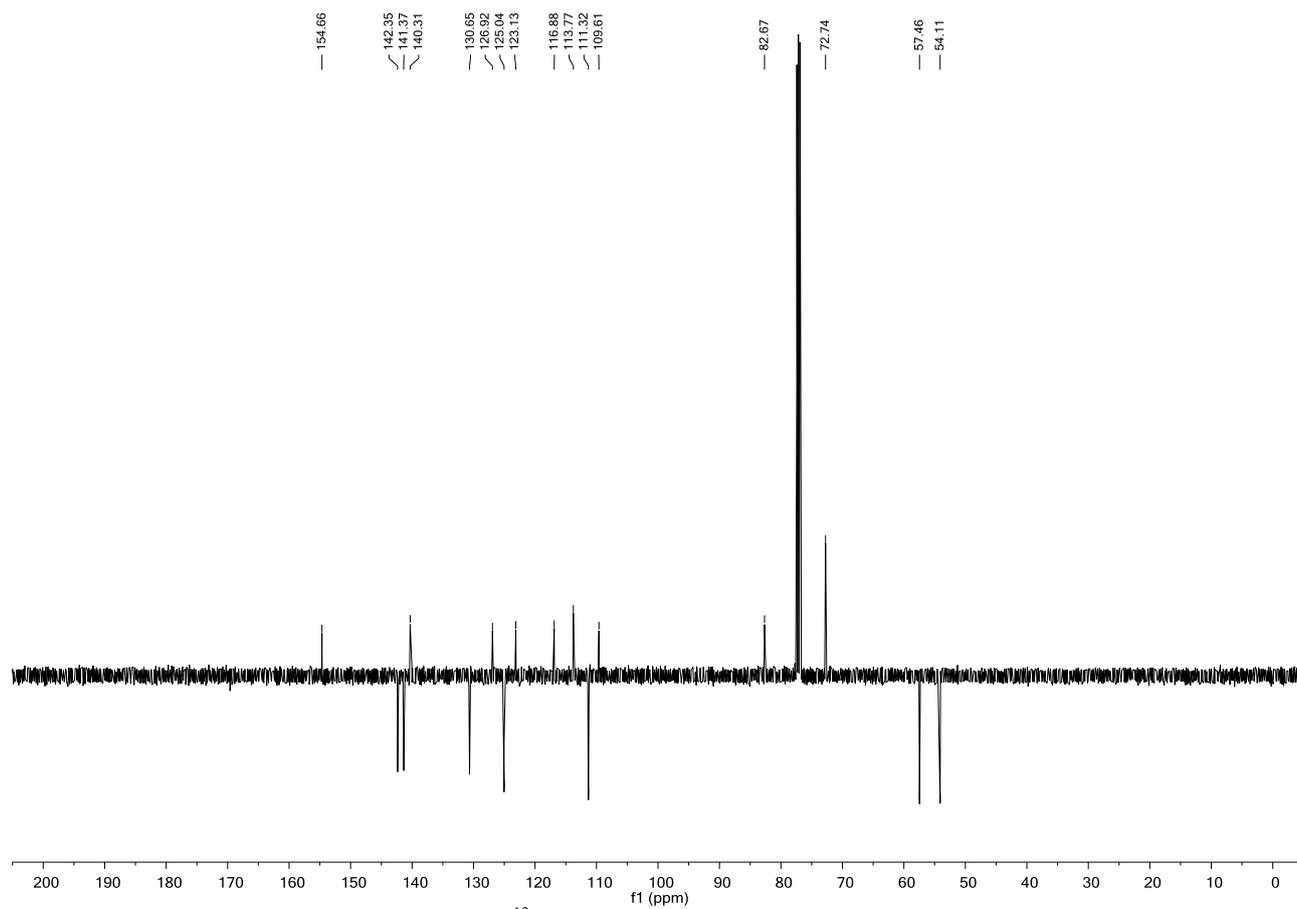


Figure S4: ^{13}C APT NMR (126 MHz) of **2** in CDCl_3 .

Compound 3





Compound 4

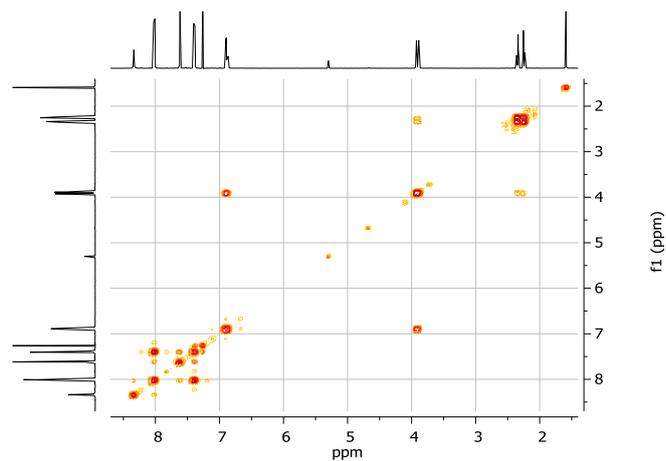
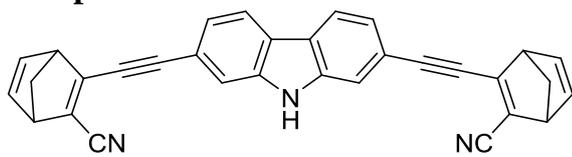


Figure S8: COSY NMR (400 MHz) of **4** in CDCl₃.

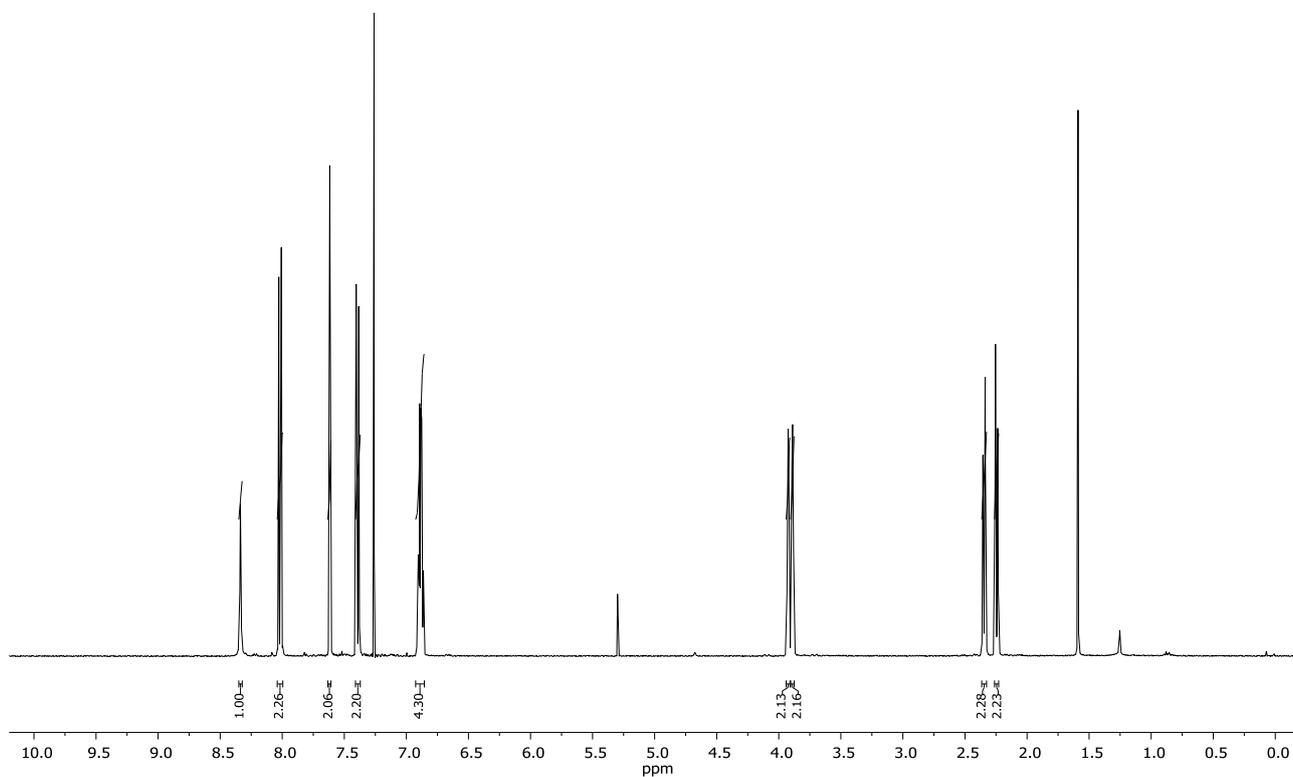
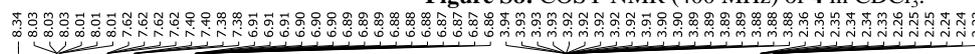


Figure S9: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) of **4** in CDCl₃

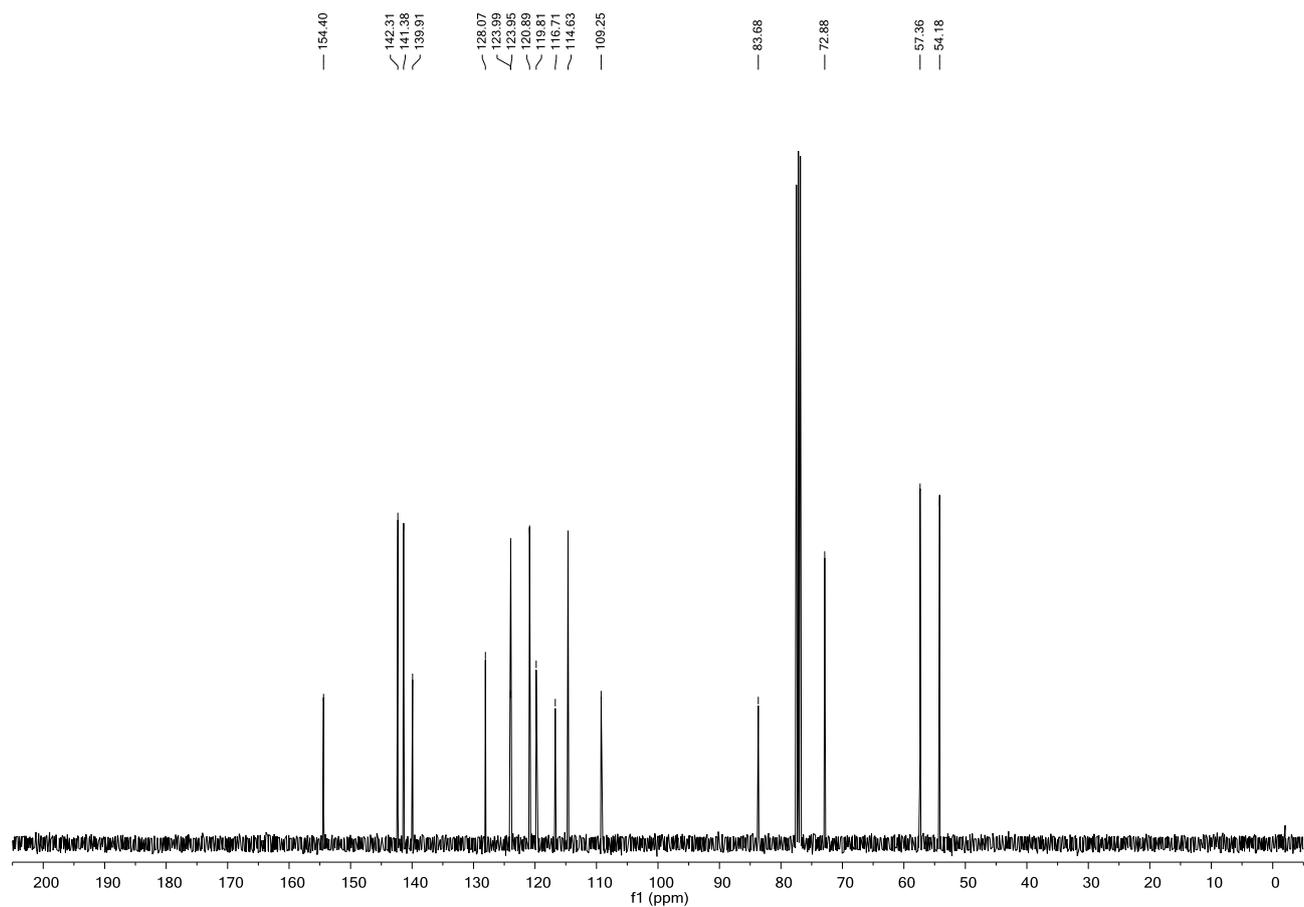


Figure S10: ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) of **4** in CDCl_3 .

Compound 5

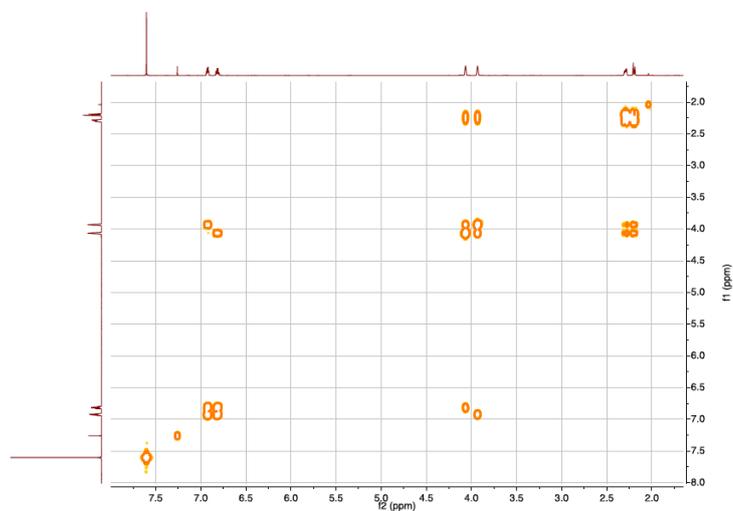
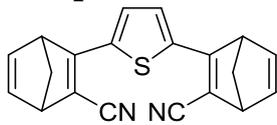


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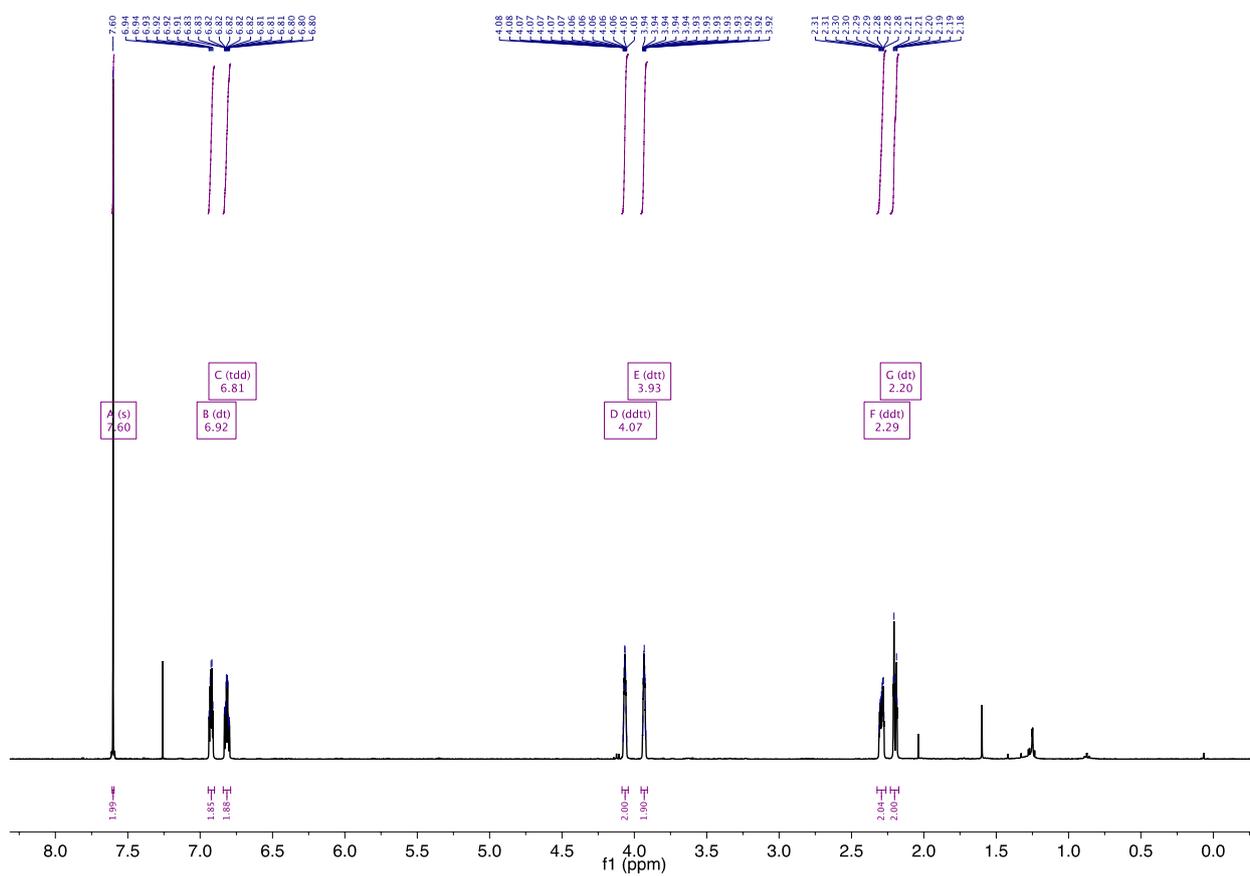


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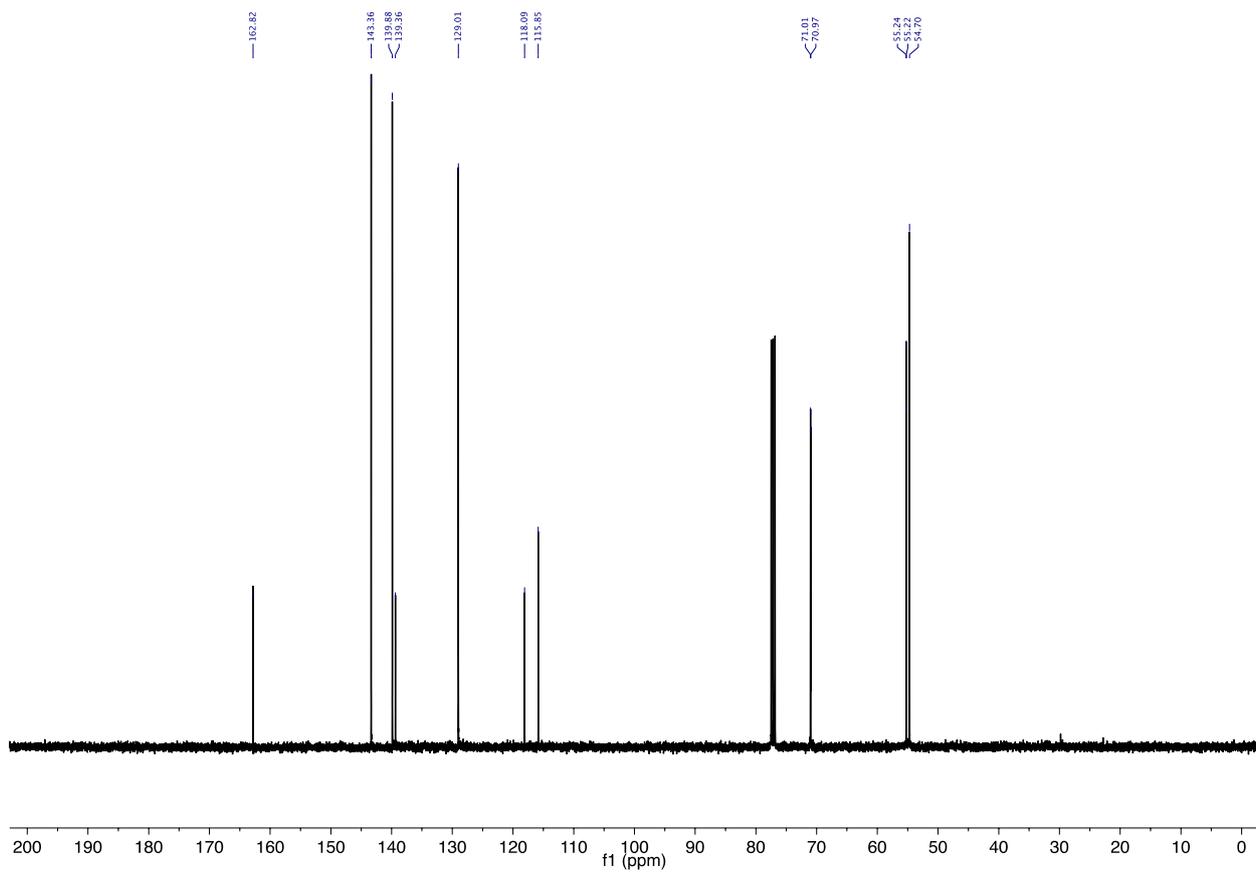


Figure S12: ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) of **5** in CDCl_3 .

Compound 12

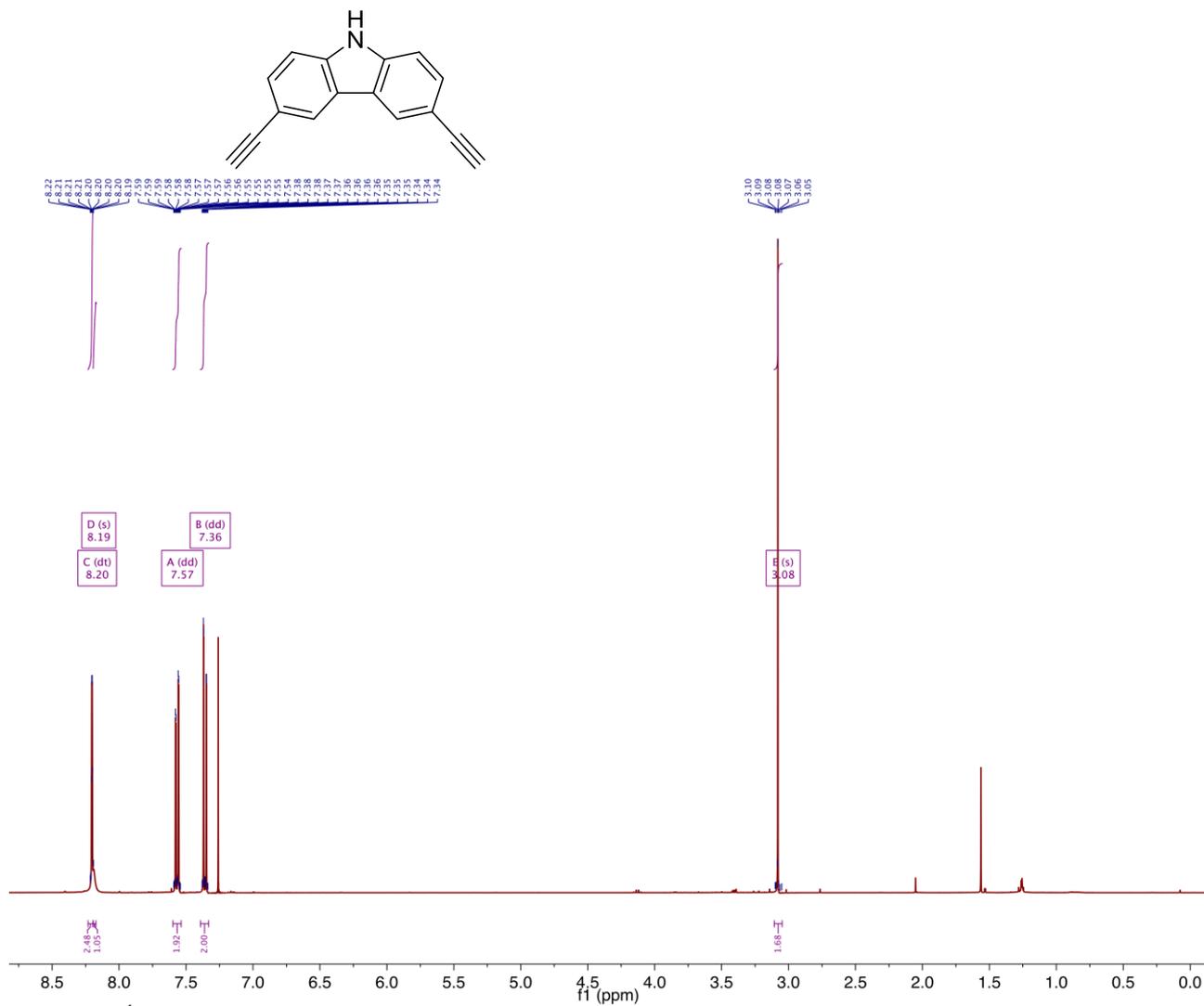


Figure S13: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) of 12 in CDCl₃.

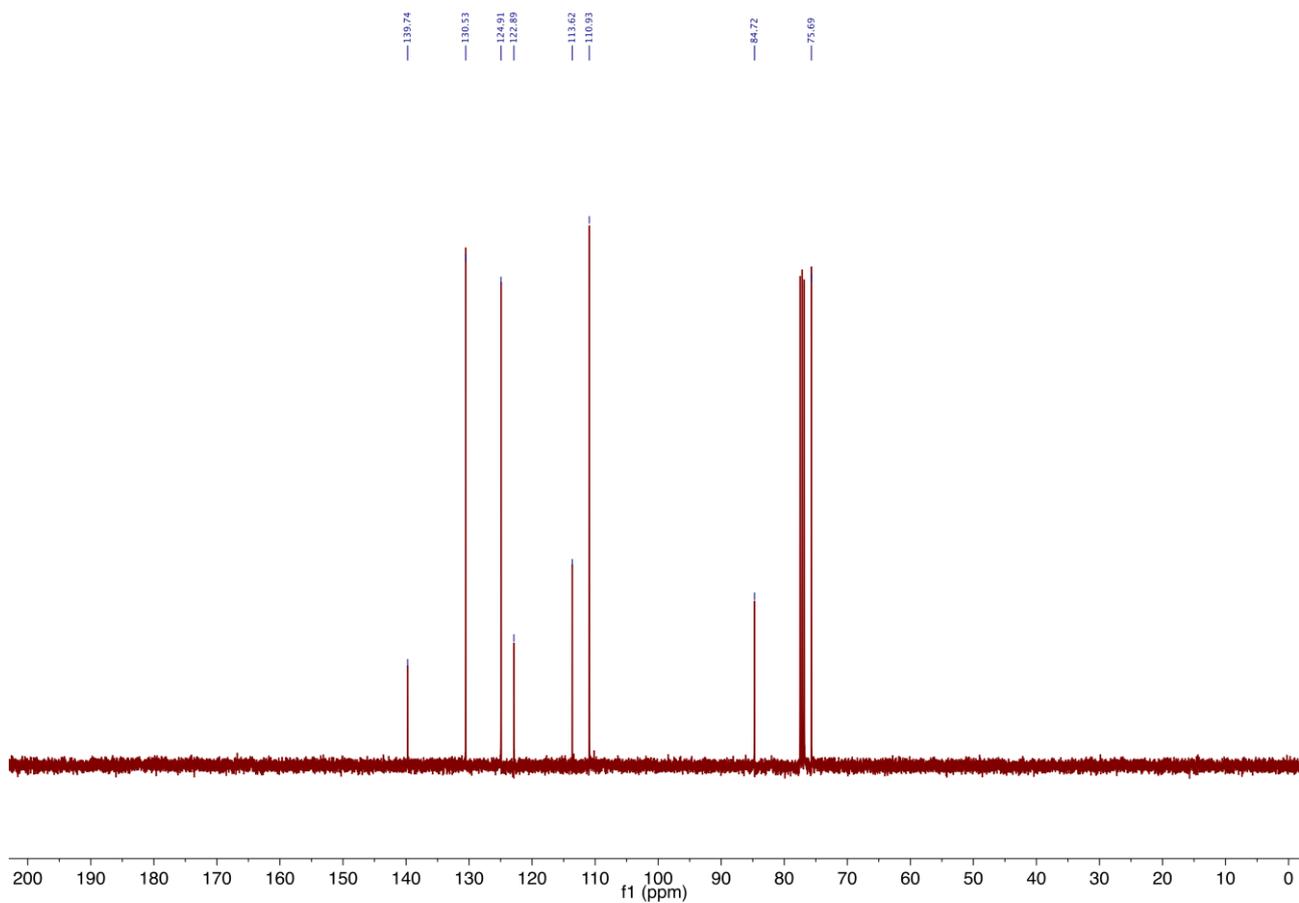


Figure S14: ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) of **12** in CDCl_3 .

Compound 13

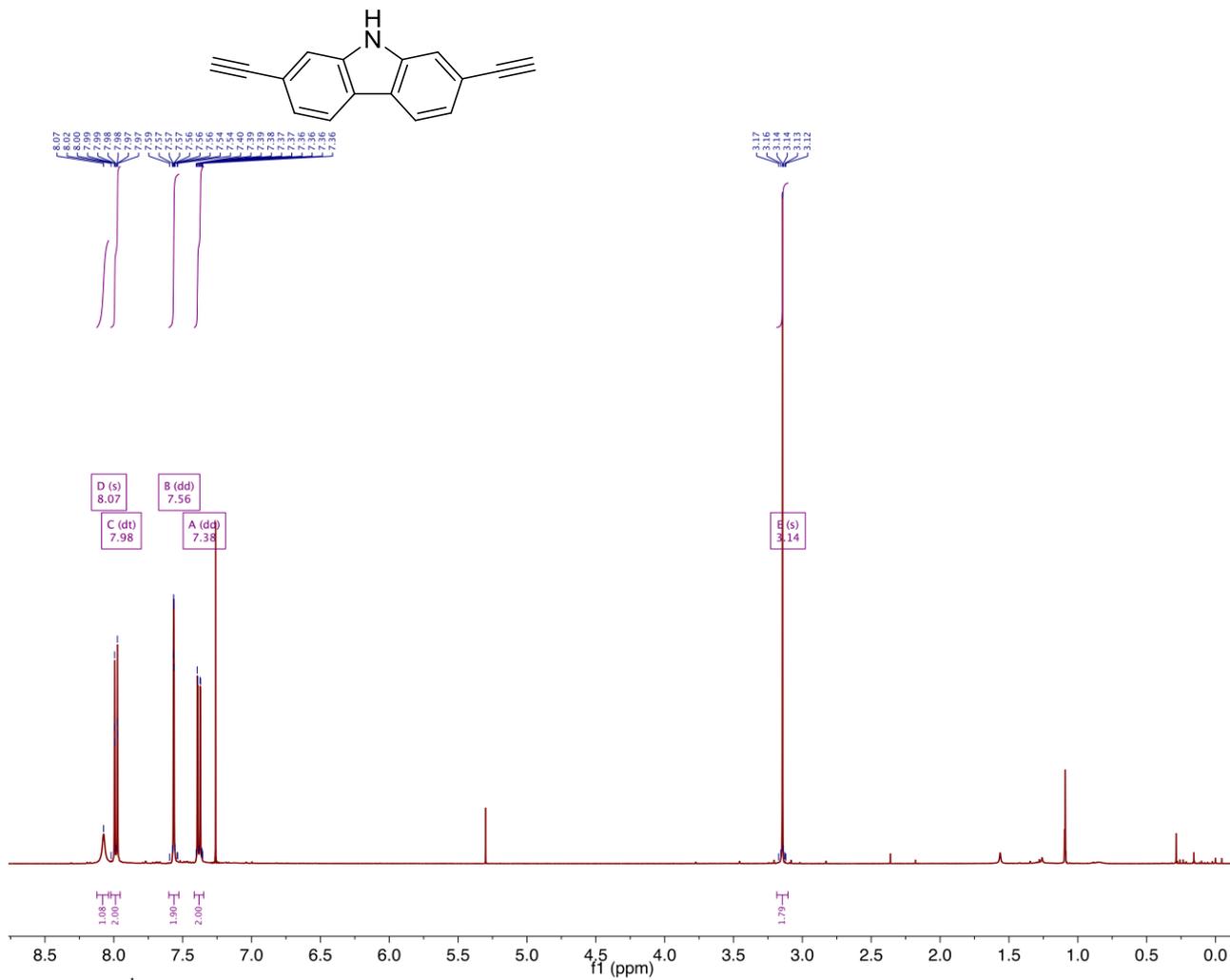


Figure S15: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) of 13 in CDCl₃.

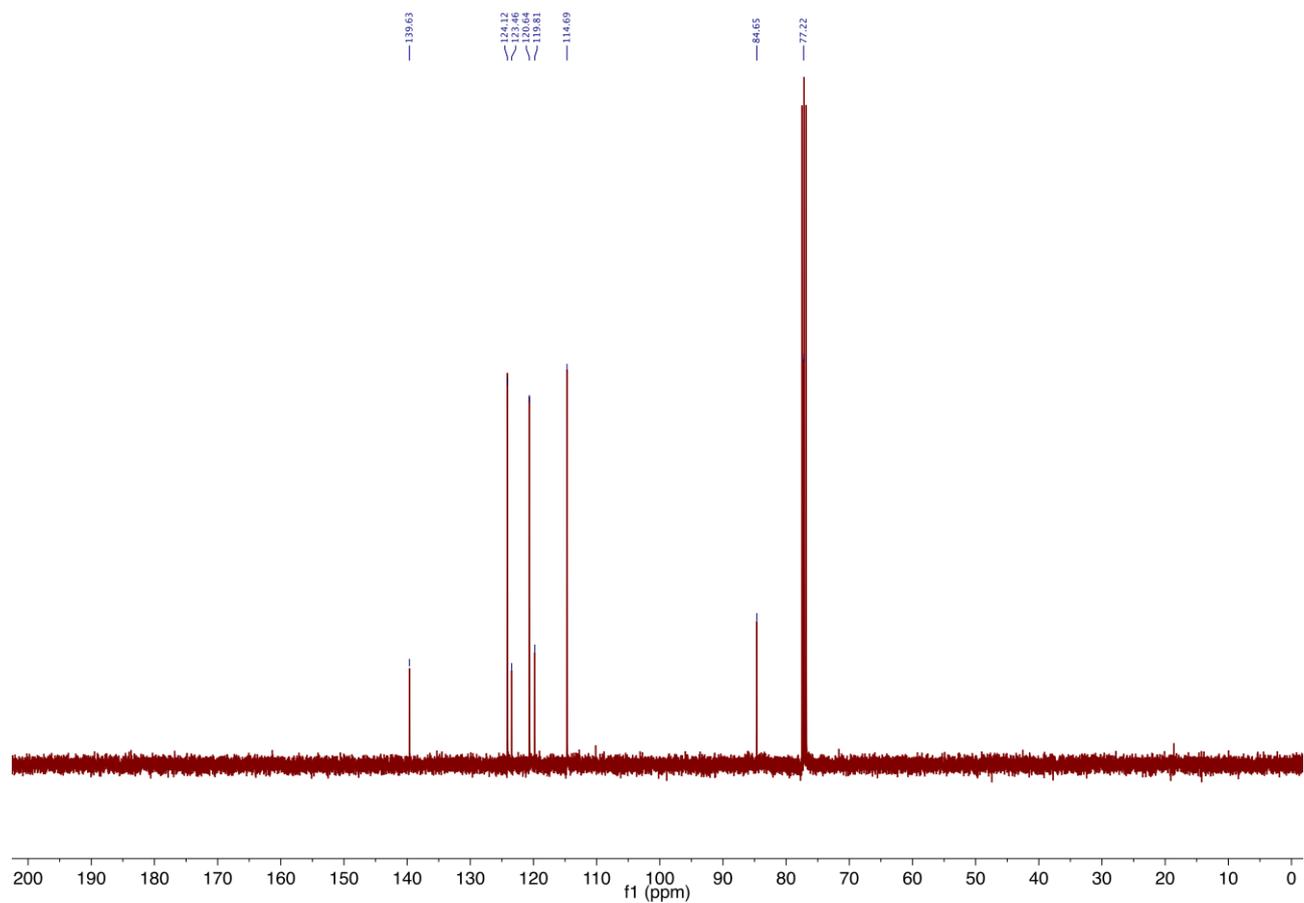


Figure S16: ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) of **13** in CDCl_3 .

UV-absorption and switching studies

Compound 1

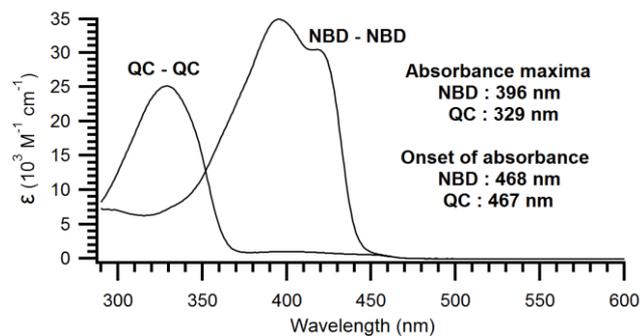
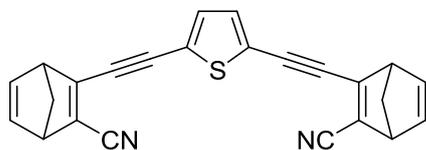


Figure S17: UV-Vis absorption spectrum of 1 and 1_{QC-OC}.

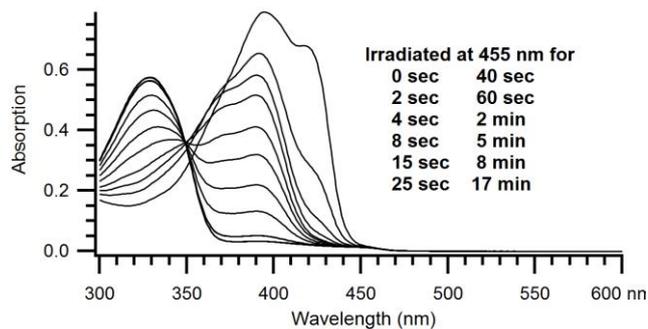


Figure S18: UV-Vis absorption spectra after varying irradiation times with a 455 nm diode.

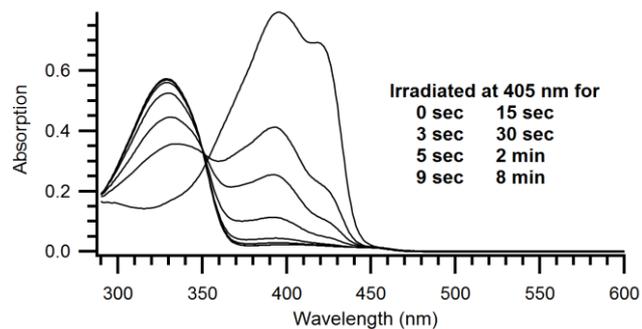


Figure S19: UV-Vis absorption spectra after varying irradiation times with a 405 nm diode.

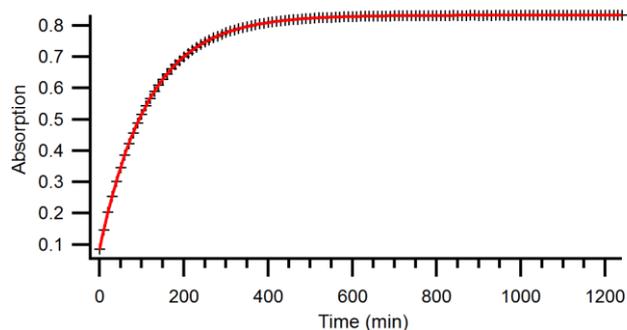


Figure S20: Increase at absorbance maximum of NBD (396 nm) at 24.9 °C.

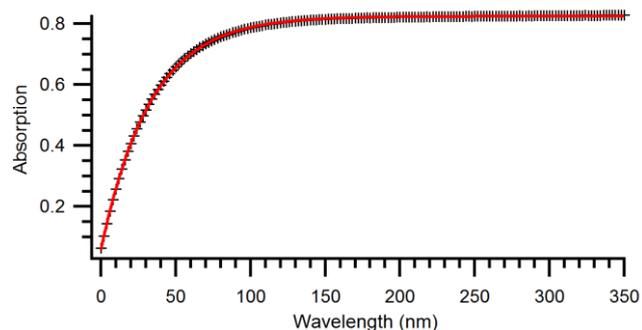


Figure S21: Increase at absorbance maximum of NBD (396 nm) at 34.9 °C.

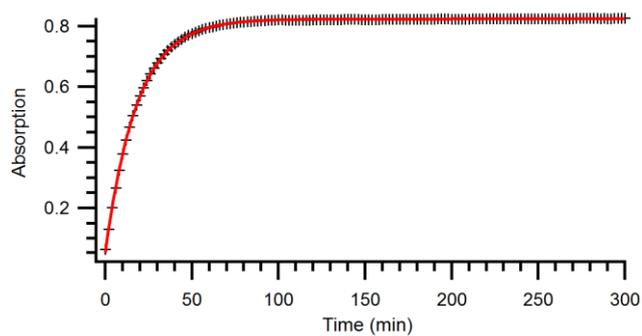


Figure S22: Increase at absorbance maximum of NBD (396 nm) at 39.7 °C

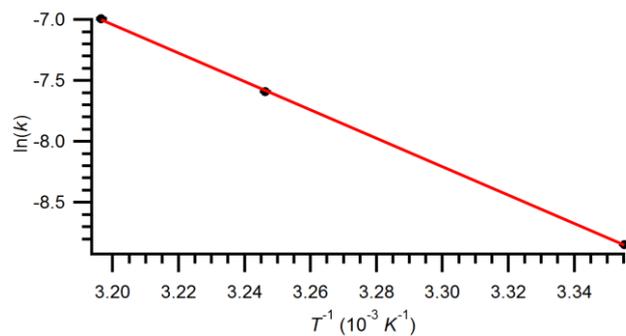


Figure S23: Arrhenius plot giving the values $E_a = 96972$ J/mol and $A = 1.42 \times 10^{13}$.

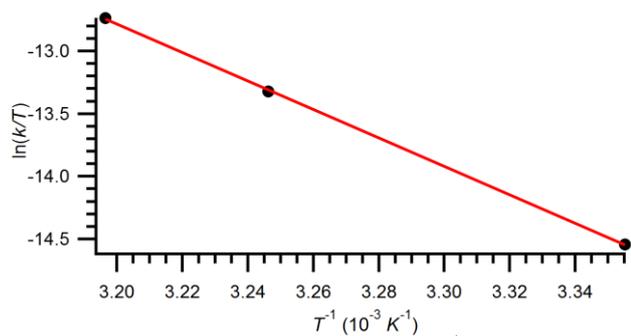


Figure S24: Eyring plot giving the values $\Delta H^\ddagger = 94.4$ kJ/mol and $\Delta S^\ddagger = -1.65$ J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹

Compound 2

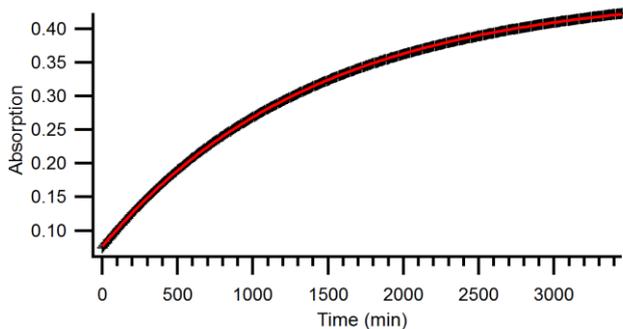
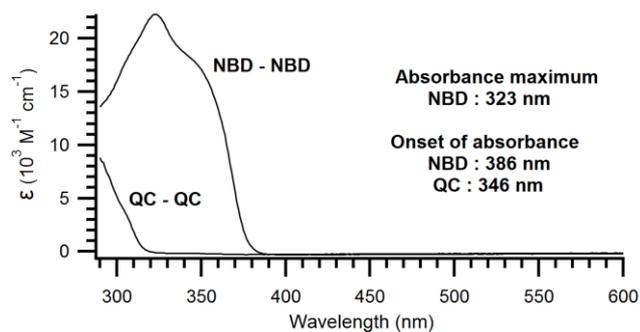
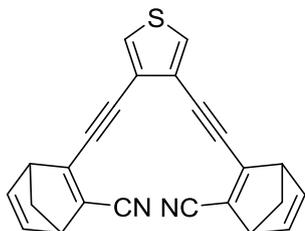


Figure S26: Increase at absorbance maximum of NBD (323 nm) at 24.9 °C.

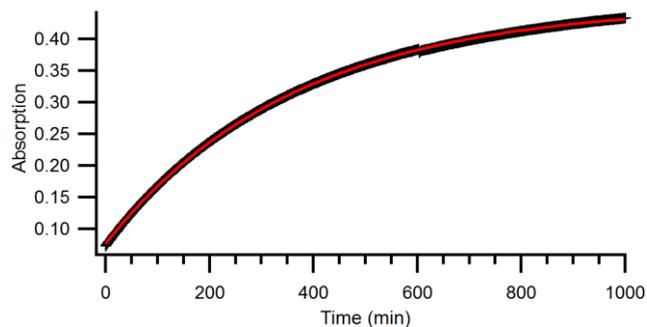


Figure S27: Increase at absorbance maximum of NBD (323 nm) at 34.9 °C.

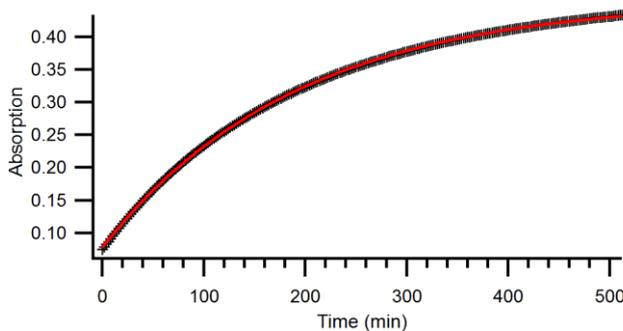


Figure S28: Increase at absorbance maximum of NBD (323 nm) at 39.7 °C

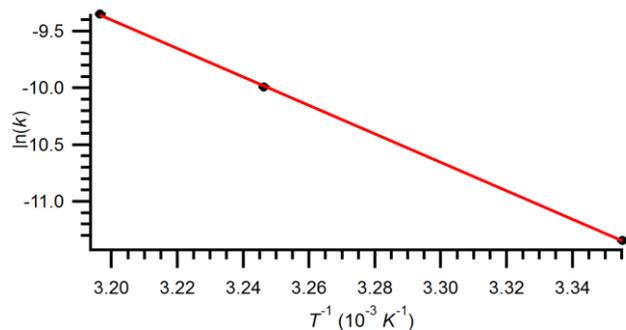


Figure S29: Arrhenius plot giving the values $E_a = 104213$ J/mol and $A = 2.17 \times 10^{13}$.

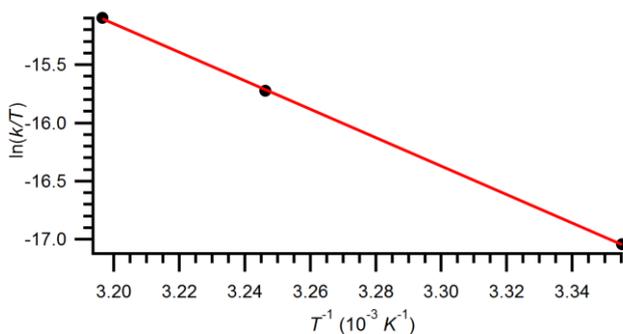


Figure S30: Eyring plot giving the values $\Delta H^\ddagger = 101.7$ kJ/mol and $\Delta S^\ddagger = 1.89$ J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹

Compound 3

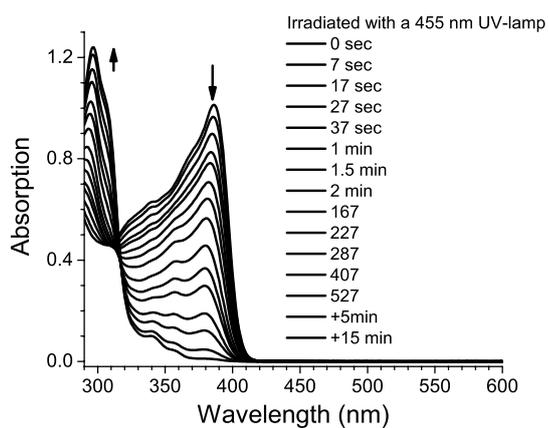
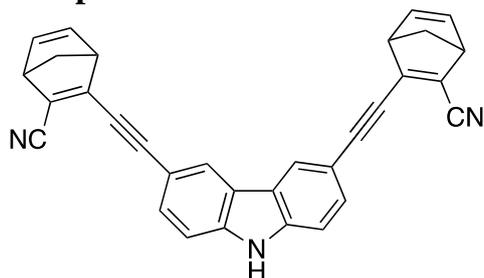


Figure S32: UV-Vis absorption spectra after varying irradiation times with a 455 nm diode.

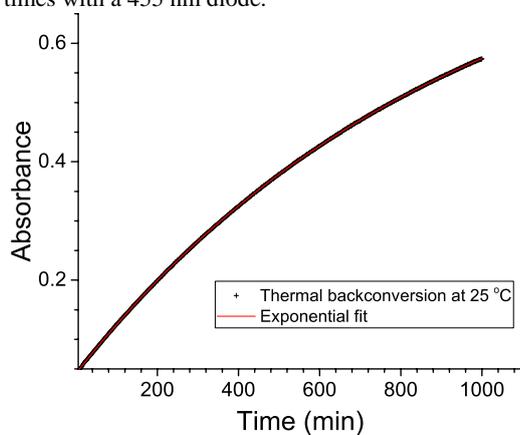


Figure S34: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 25 °C.

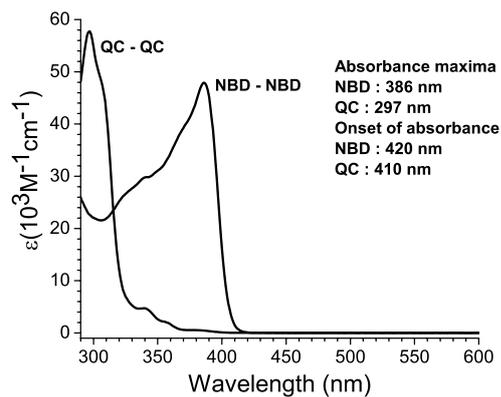


Figure S31: UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **3** and **3_{QC-QC}**.

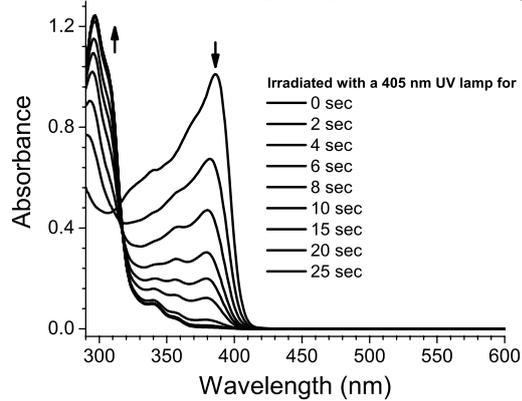


Figure S33: UV-Vis absorption spectra after varying irradiation times with a 405 nm diode.

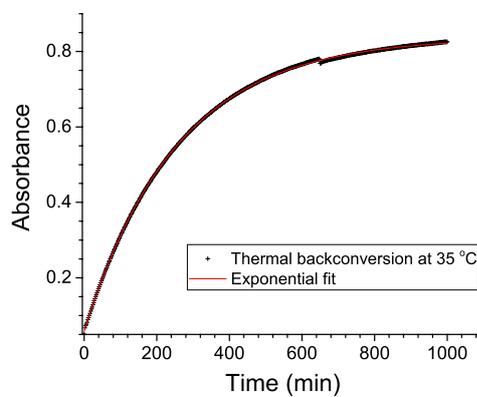


Figure S35: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 35 °C.

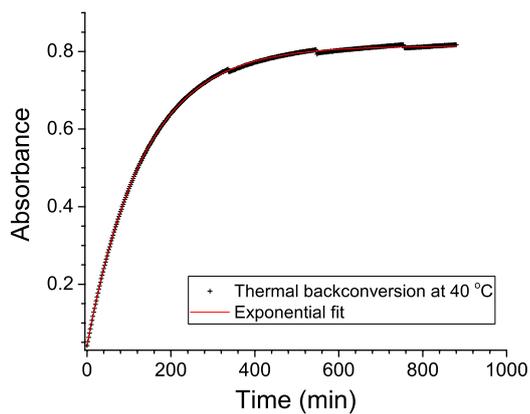


Figure S36: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 40 °C.

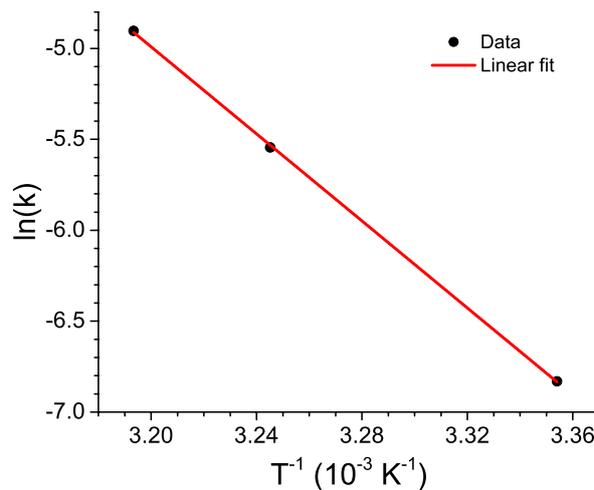


Figure S37: Arrhenius plot giving the values: $A = 2.9 \times 10^{14} s^{-1}$ and $E_a = 99508 J/mol$

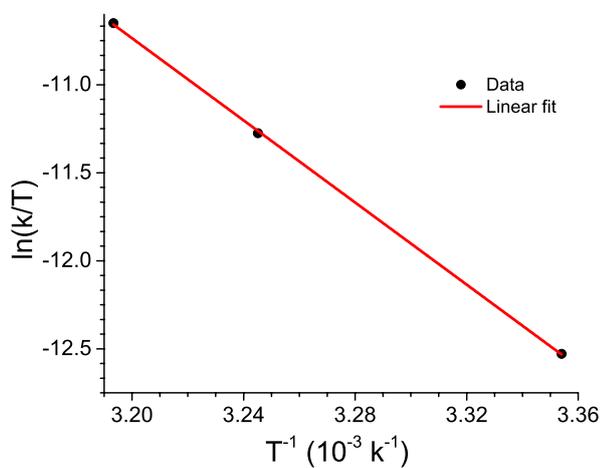


Figure S38: Eyring plot giving the values: $\Delta H^\ddagger = 96971 J/mol$ and $\Delta S^\ddagger = 23.28 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}$

Compound 4

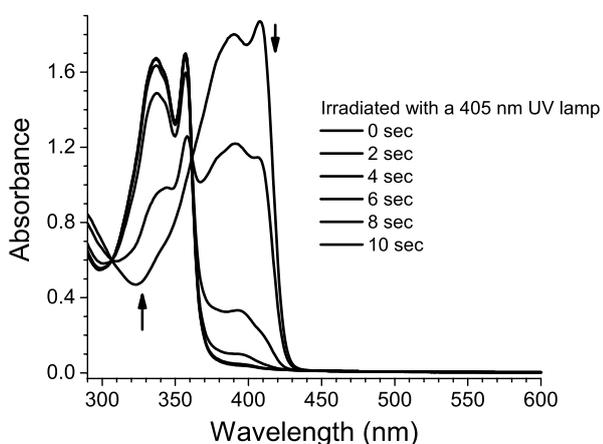
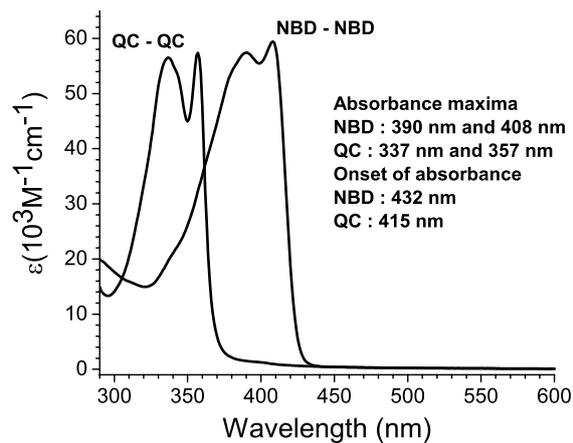
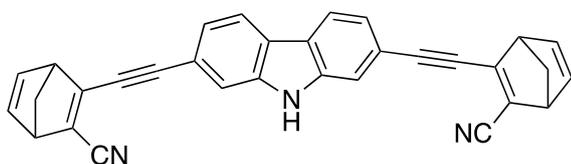


Figure S40: UV-Vis spectra after varying irradiation times of **4** with a 405 nm diode.

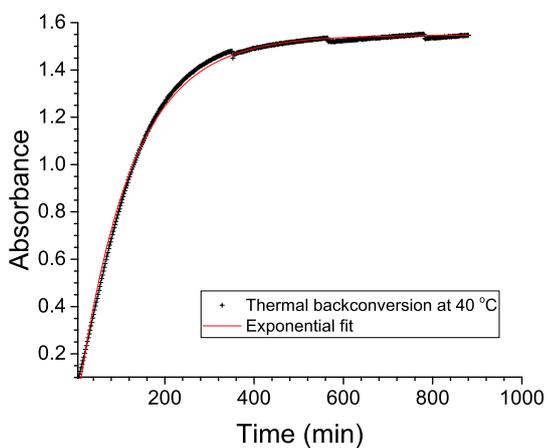


Figure S42: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 40 °C.

Figure S39: UV-Vis absorption spectra of **4** and **4_{QC-QC}**.

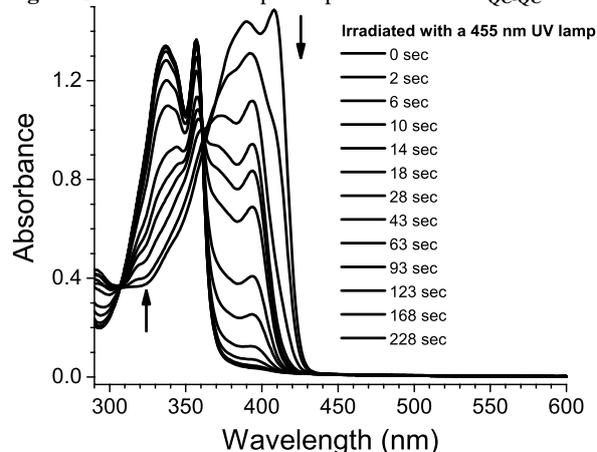


Figure S41: UV-Vis spectra after varying irradiation times of **4** with a 455 nm diode.

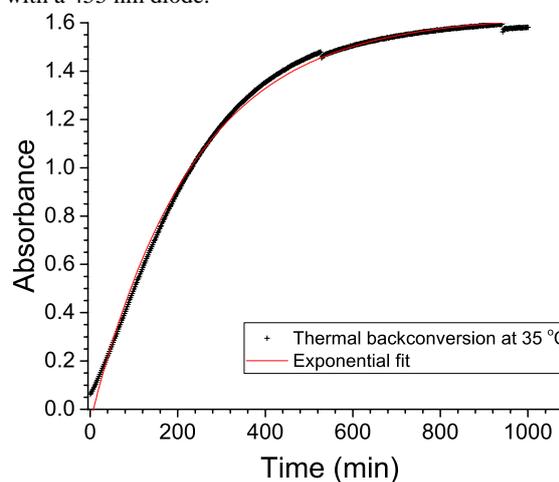


Figure S43: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 35 °C.

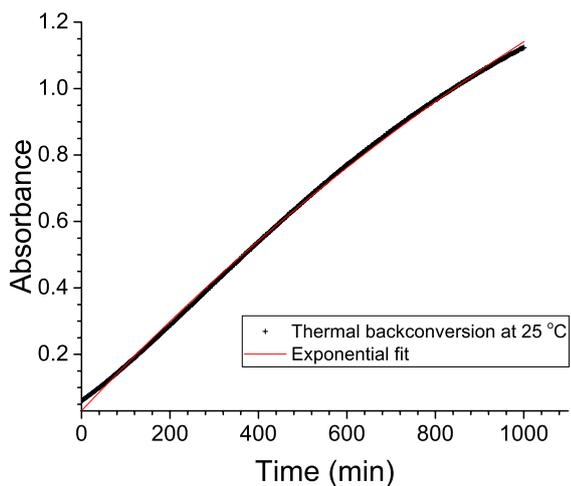


Figure S44: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 25 °C.

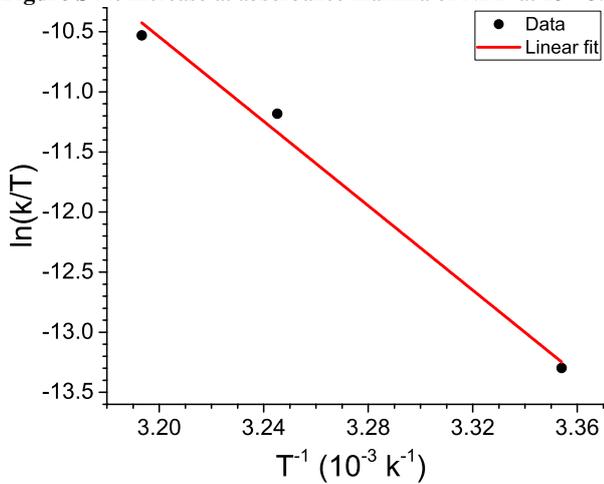


Figure S46: Eyring plot giving the values: $\Delta H^\ddagger = 146063 \text{ J/mol}$ and $\Delta S^\ddagger = 182.9 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$.

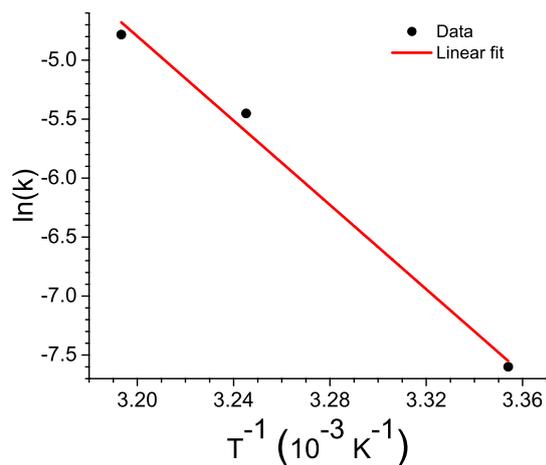


Figure S45: Arrhenius plot giving the values: $A = 5.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $E_a = 148600 \text{ J/mol}$

Compound 5

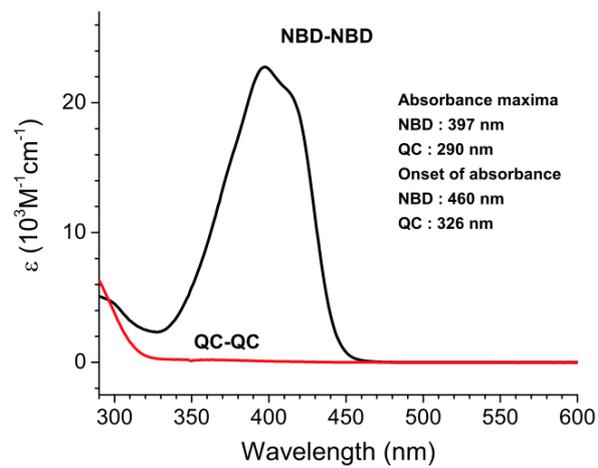


Figure S47: UV-Vis absorption spectra of **5** and **5_{QC-QC}**.

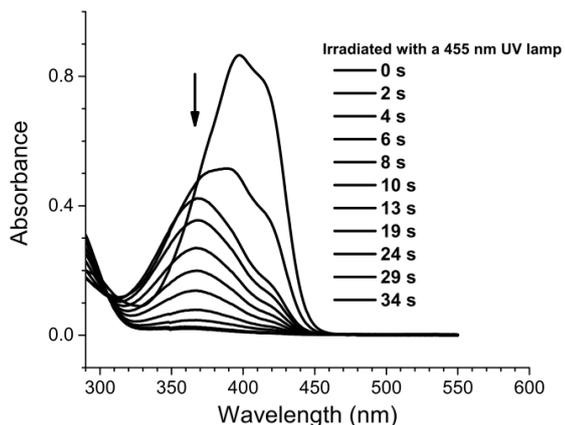


Figure S48: UV-Vis spectra after varying irradiation times of 5.

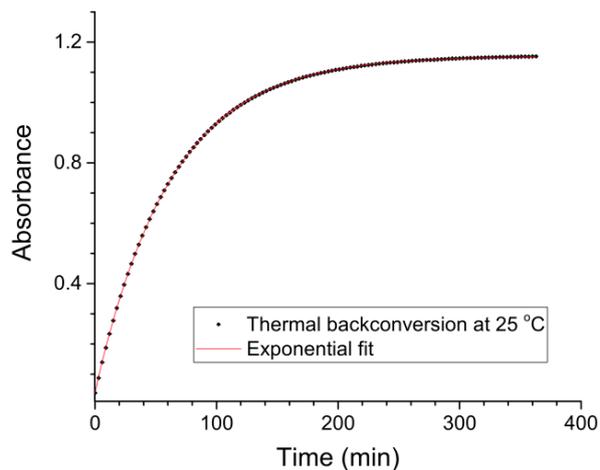


Figure S49: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 25 °C.

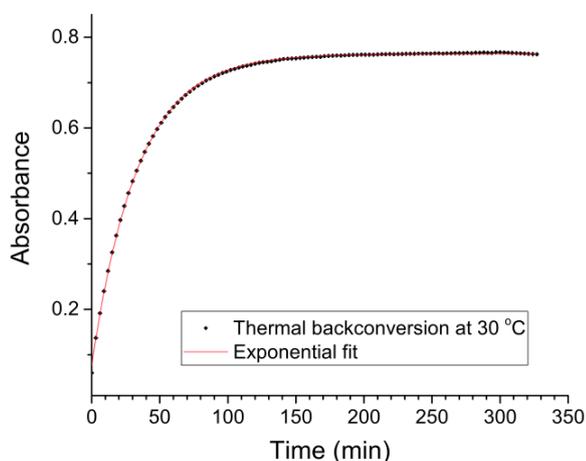


Figure S50: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 30 °C.

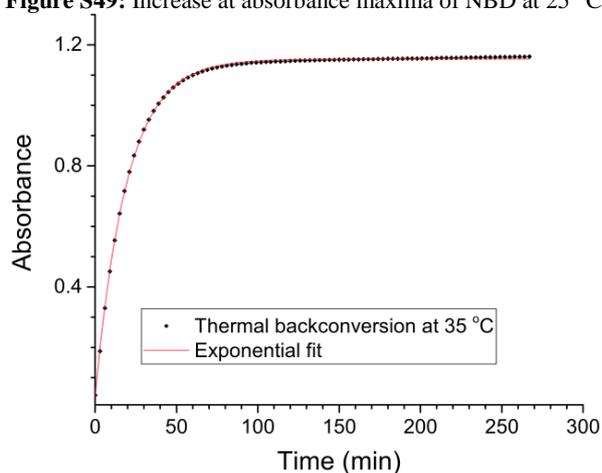


Figure S51: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 35 °C.

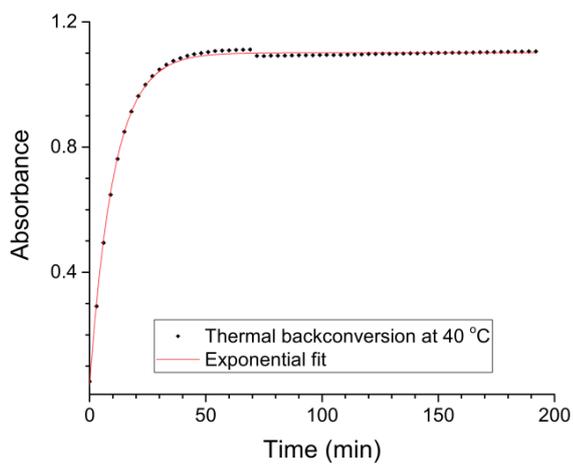


Figure S52: Increase at absorbance maxima of NBD at 40 °C.

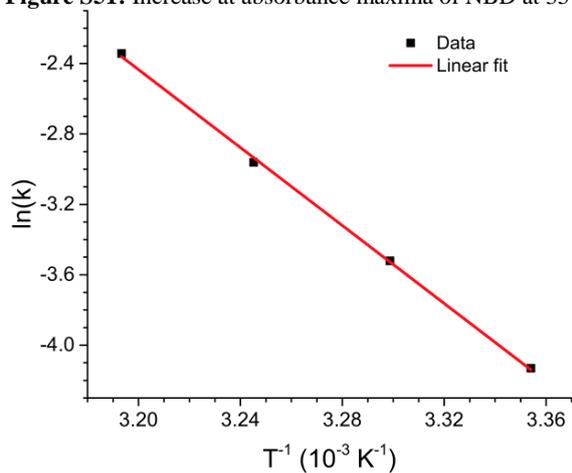


Figure S53: Arrhenius plot giving the values: $A = 2.1 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $E_a = 92051 \text{ J/mol}$

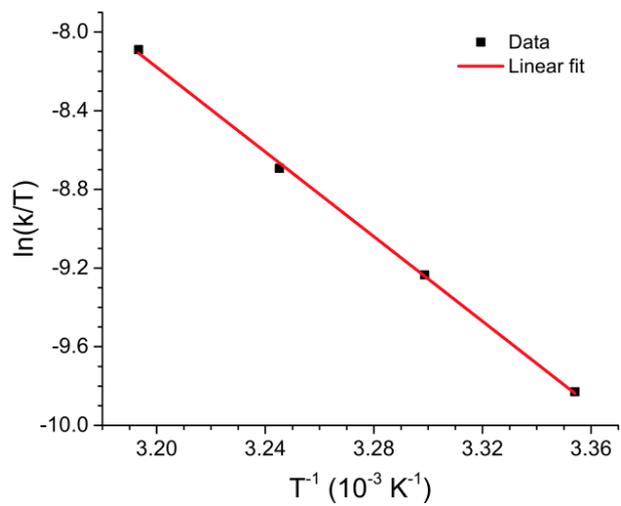


Figure S54: Eyring plot giving the values: $\Delta H^\ddagger = 89514 \text{ J/mol}$ and $\Delta S^\ddagger = 155.2 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$.

Photoisomerization quantum yields

Photonflux

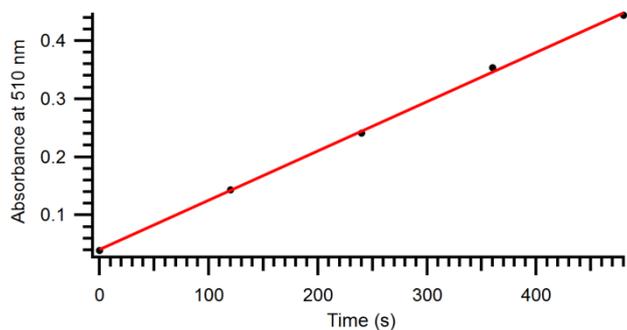


Figure S55: Photon flux for lamp at 340 nm is $9.32652 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol s}^{-1}$. Used for 2.

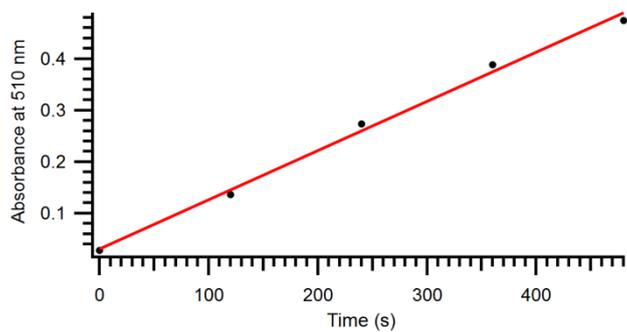


Figure S56: Photon flux for lamp at 405 nm is $1.31811 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol s}^{-1}$. Used for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Compound 1

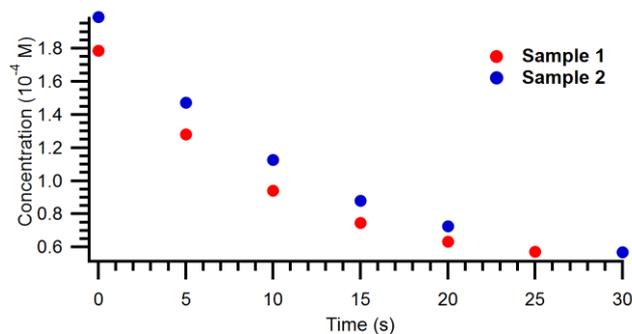


Figure S57: Plot of the quantum yield measurements for compound **1** at 405 nm. The quantum yield could not be calculated as the data deviated from linearity.

Compound 2

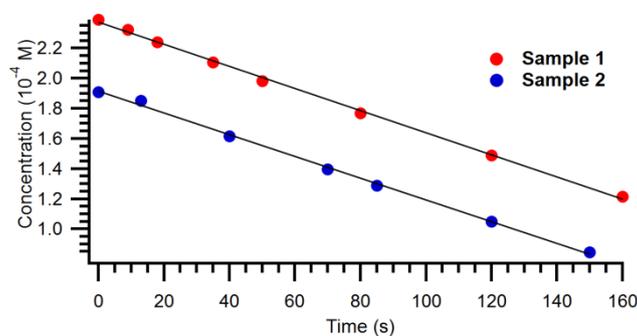


Figure S58: Plot of the quantum yield measurements for compound **2** at 340 nm. $\Phi_{\text{sample 1}} = 50\%$. $\Phi_{\text{sample 2}} = 50\%$.

Compound 3

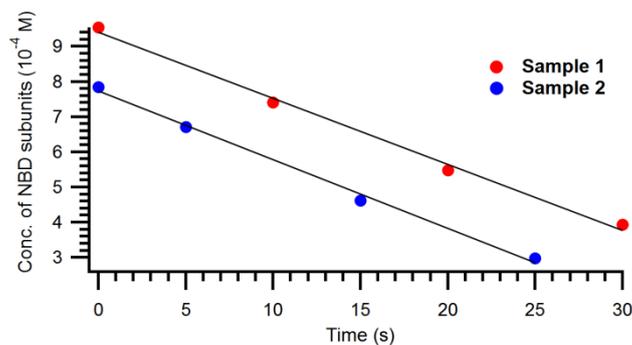


Figure S59: Plot of the quantum yield measurements for compound **3** at 405 nm. $\Phi_{\text{sample 1}} = 46\%$. $\Phi_{\text{sample 2}} = 42\%$.

Compound 4

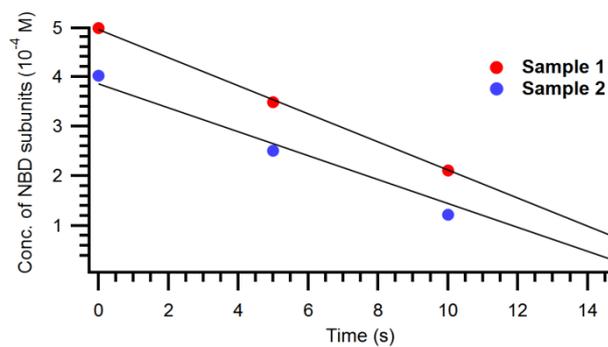


Figure S60: Plot of the quantum yield measurements for compound **4** at 405 nm. $\Phi_{\text{sample 1}} = 70\%$. $\Phi_{\text{sample 2}} = 70\%$.

Compound 5

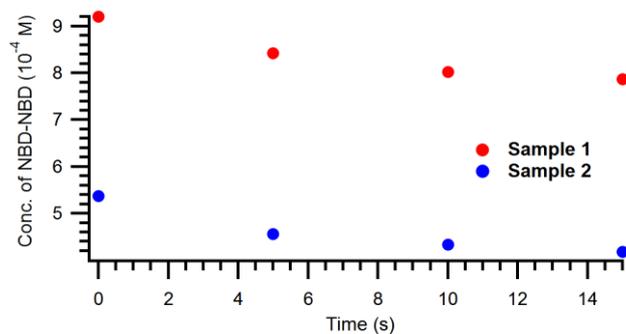


Figure S61: Plot of the quantum yield measurements for compound **5** at 405 nm. The quantum yield could not be calculated as the data deviated from linearity.