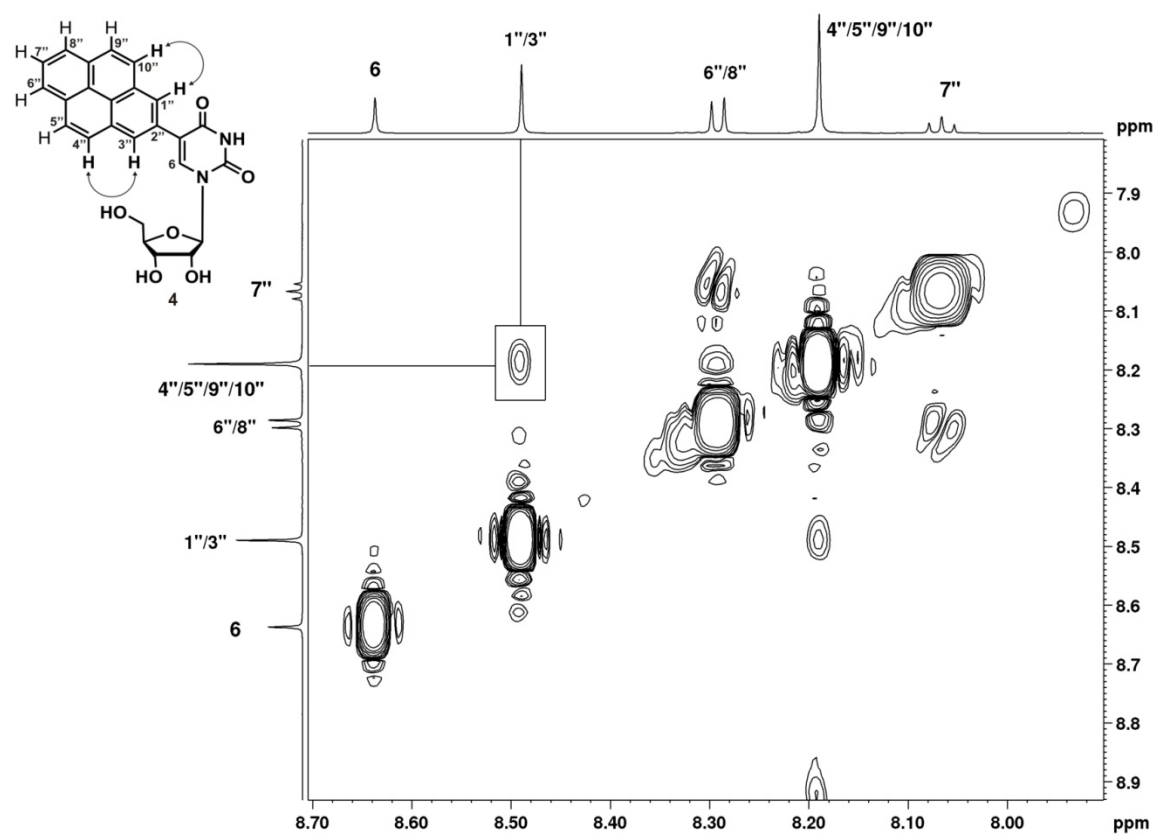


## ***Supporting Information***

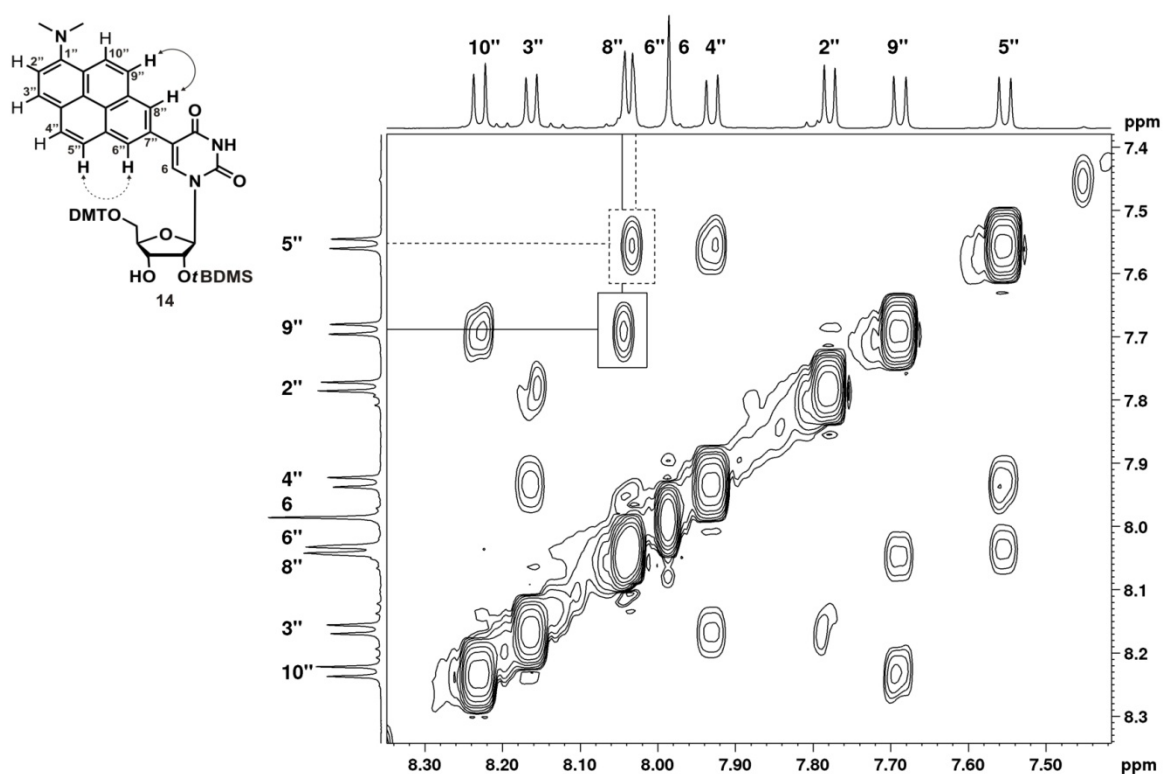
### **Preparation and characterization of pyrene modified uridines as potential electron donors in RNA**

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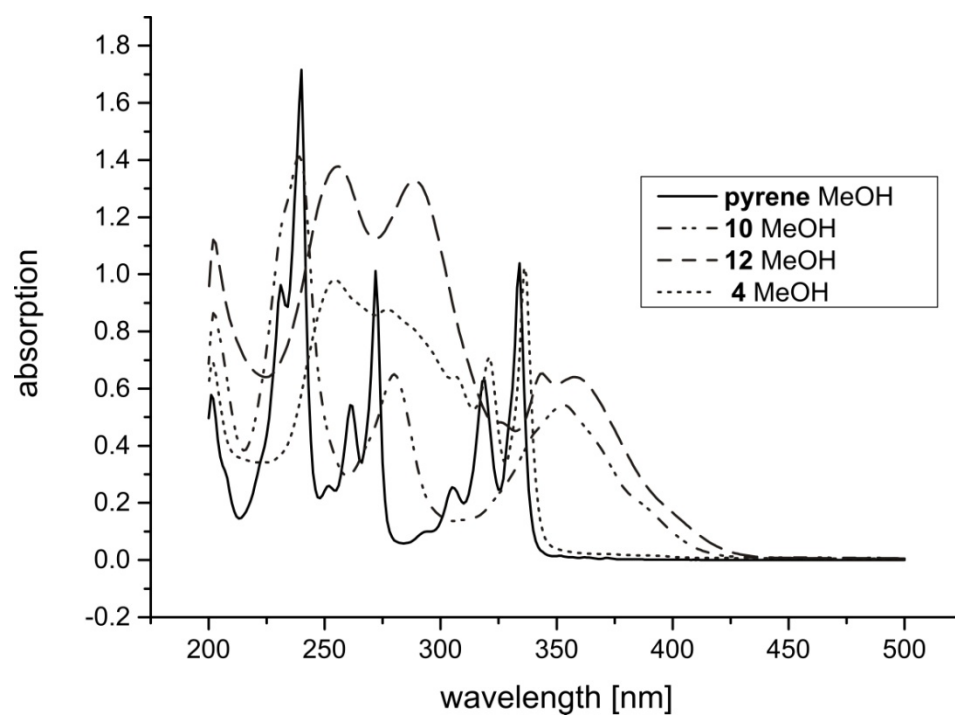
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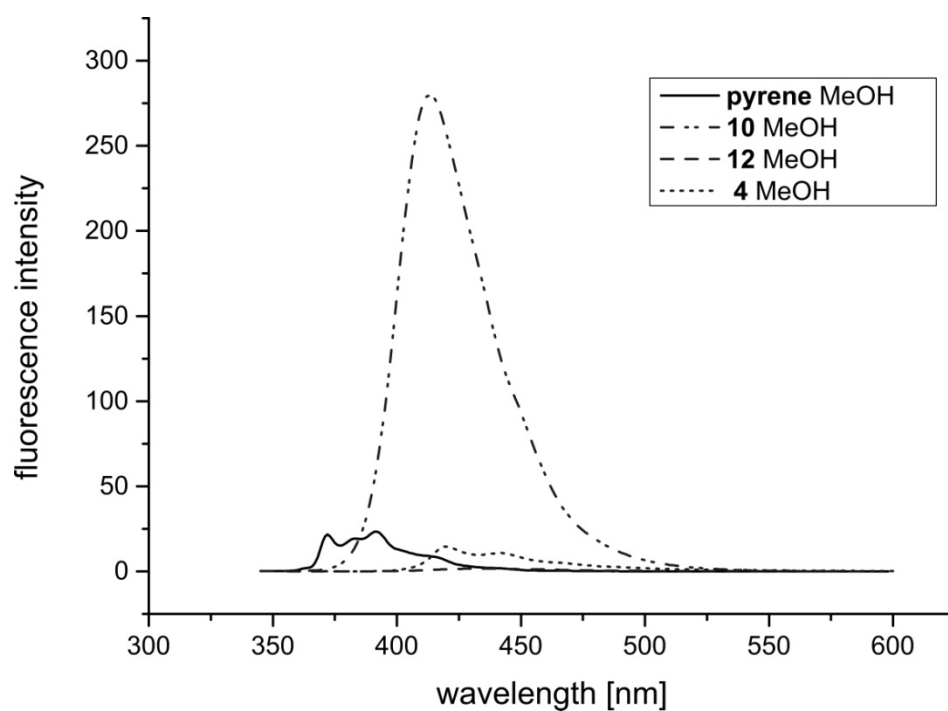
**Figure S1** NOESY spectra showing the aromatic protons of the pyrene modified nucleoside **4**. The NOE contact between H1''/H10'' and H3''/H4'' verify the C2''-C5-linkage between pyrene and the pyrimidine base.



**Figure S2** NOESY spectra showing the aromatic protons of the pyrene modified nucleoside **14**. The two NOE contacts between H6''/5'' and H8''/H9'' serve as evidence for the C7''-C5-linkage between the pyrene and the pyrimidine base of the nucleoside.



**Figure S3** UV/Vis absorption spectra of pyrene, DMAPy **10**, DMAPyU **12** and PyU **4** in MeOH. All compounds were measured at a concentration of 25  $\mu$ M.

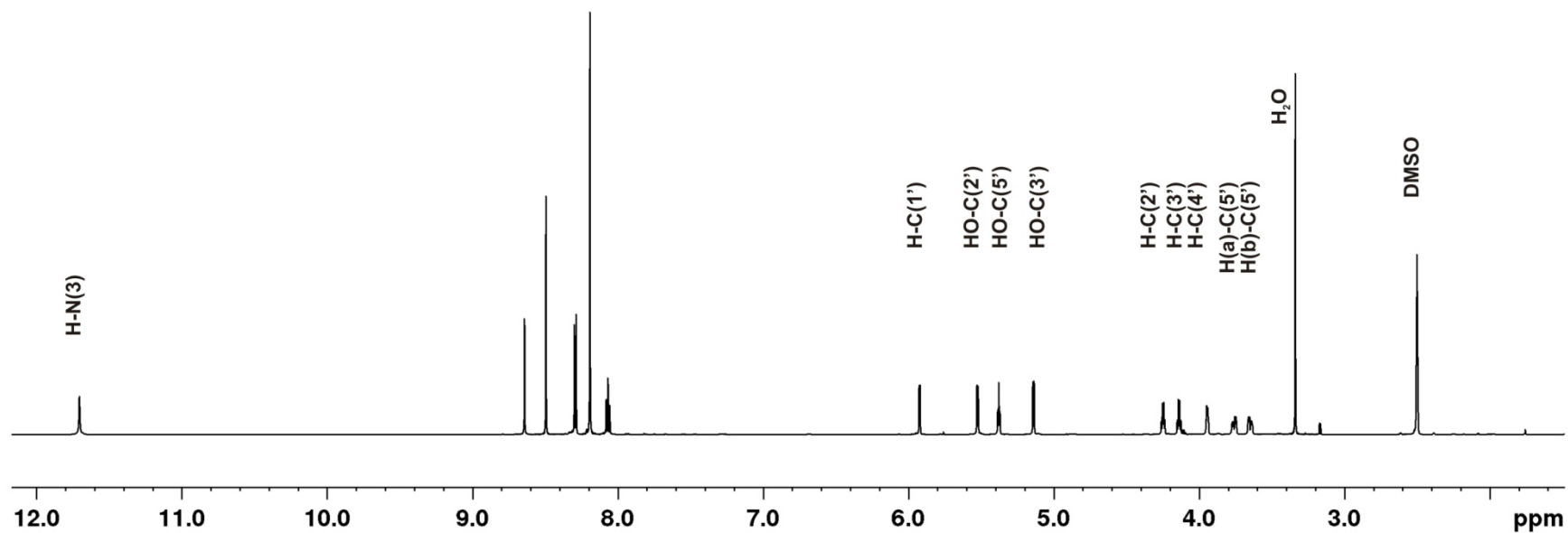
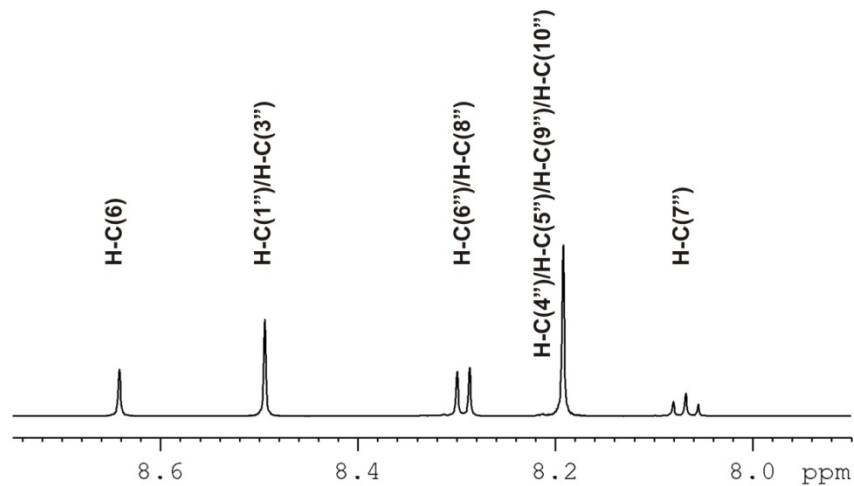
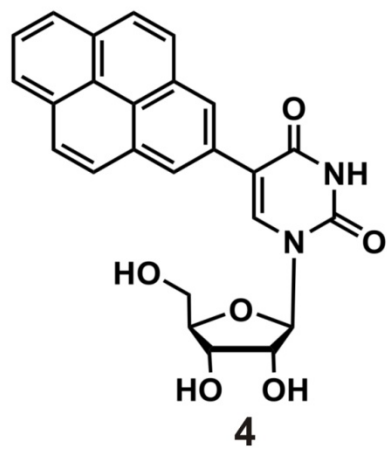


**Figure S4** Fluorescence spectra of pyrene, DMAPy **10**, DMAPyU **12** and PyU **4** in MeOH. Concentration of all compounds was adjusted to uniform optical density at the characteristic excitation wavelength. In MeOH: pyrene (334 nm, 0.5  $\mu$ M); **10** (350 nm, 1  $\mu$ M); **12** (355 nm; 0.75  $\mu$ M); **4** (337 nm, 1  $\mu$ M).

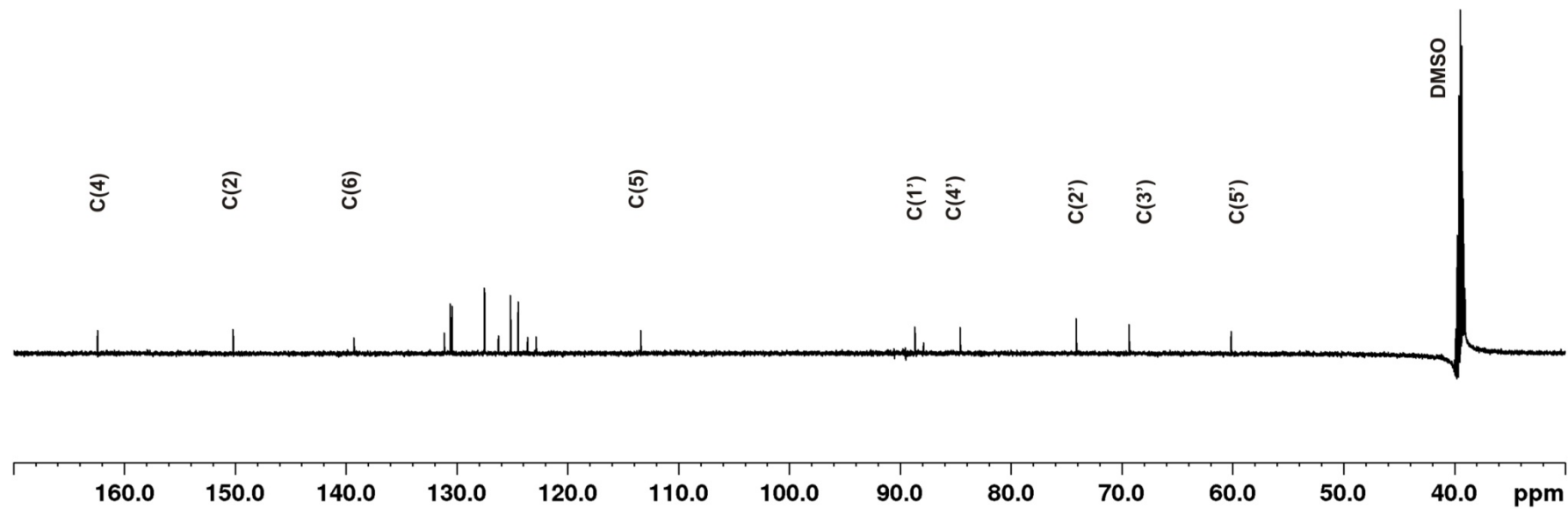
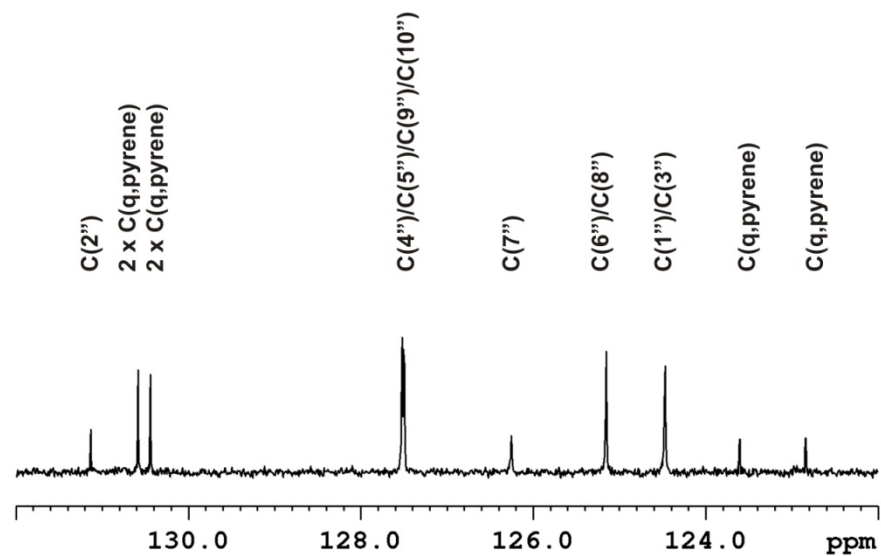
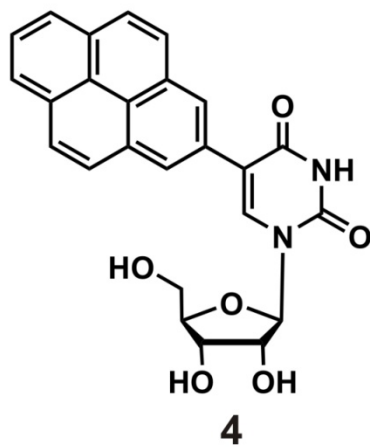
**Table S1** Fluorescence quantum yields of pyrene, DMAPy **10**, DMAPyU **12** and PyU **4** in MeOH. Quantum yields were determined using quinine sulfate in 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as standard.

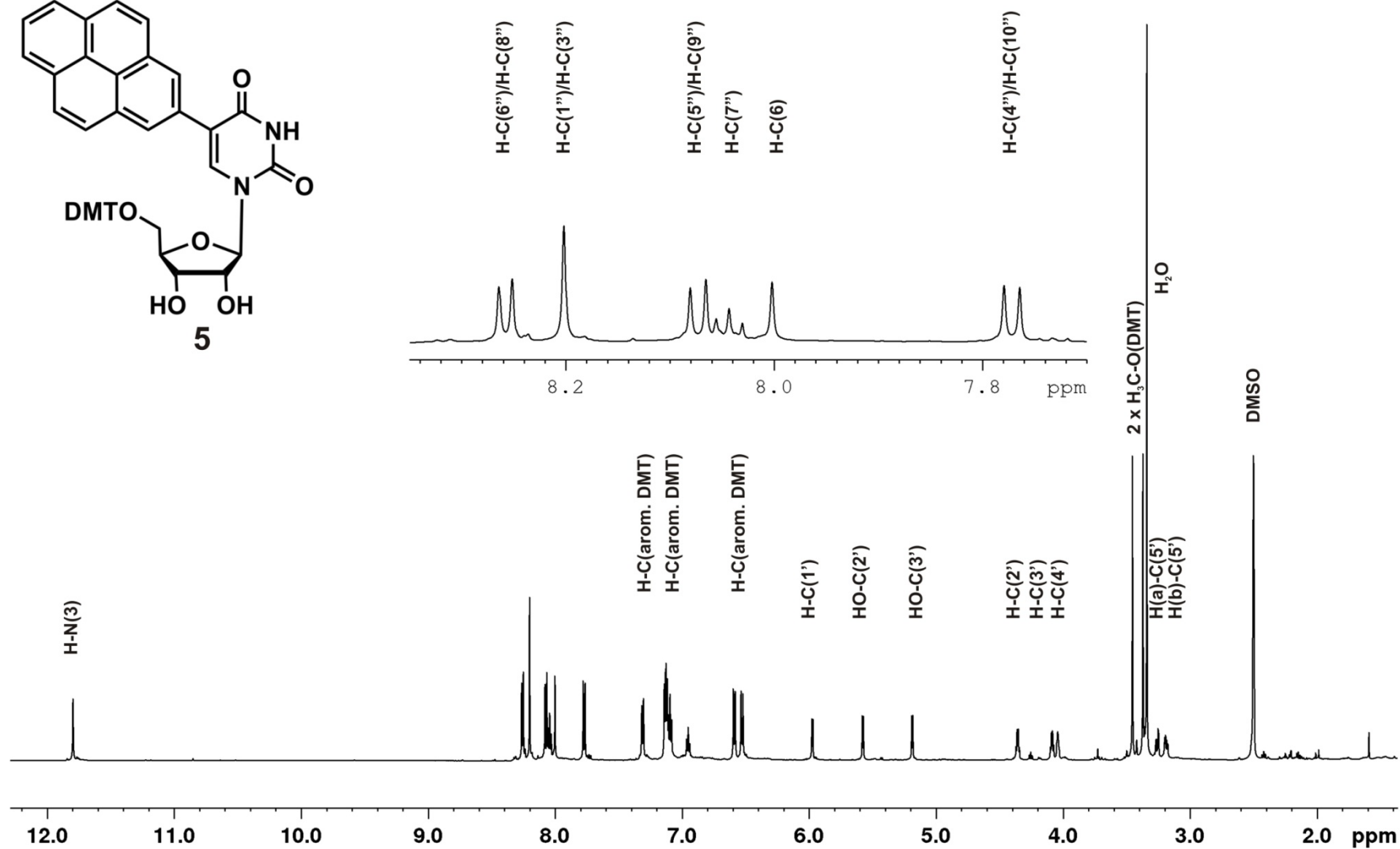
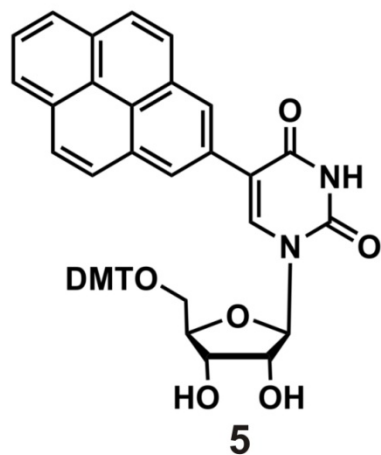
Compound	$\Phi$ (MeOH)
<b>pyrene</b>	0.023
<b>10</b>	0.385
<b>12</b>	0.003
<b>4</b>	0.018

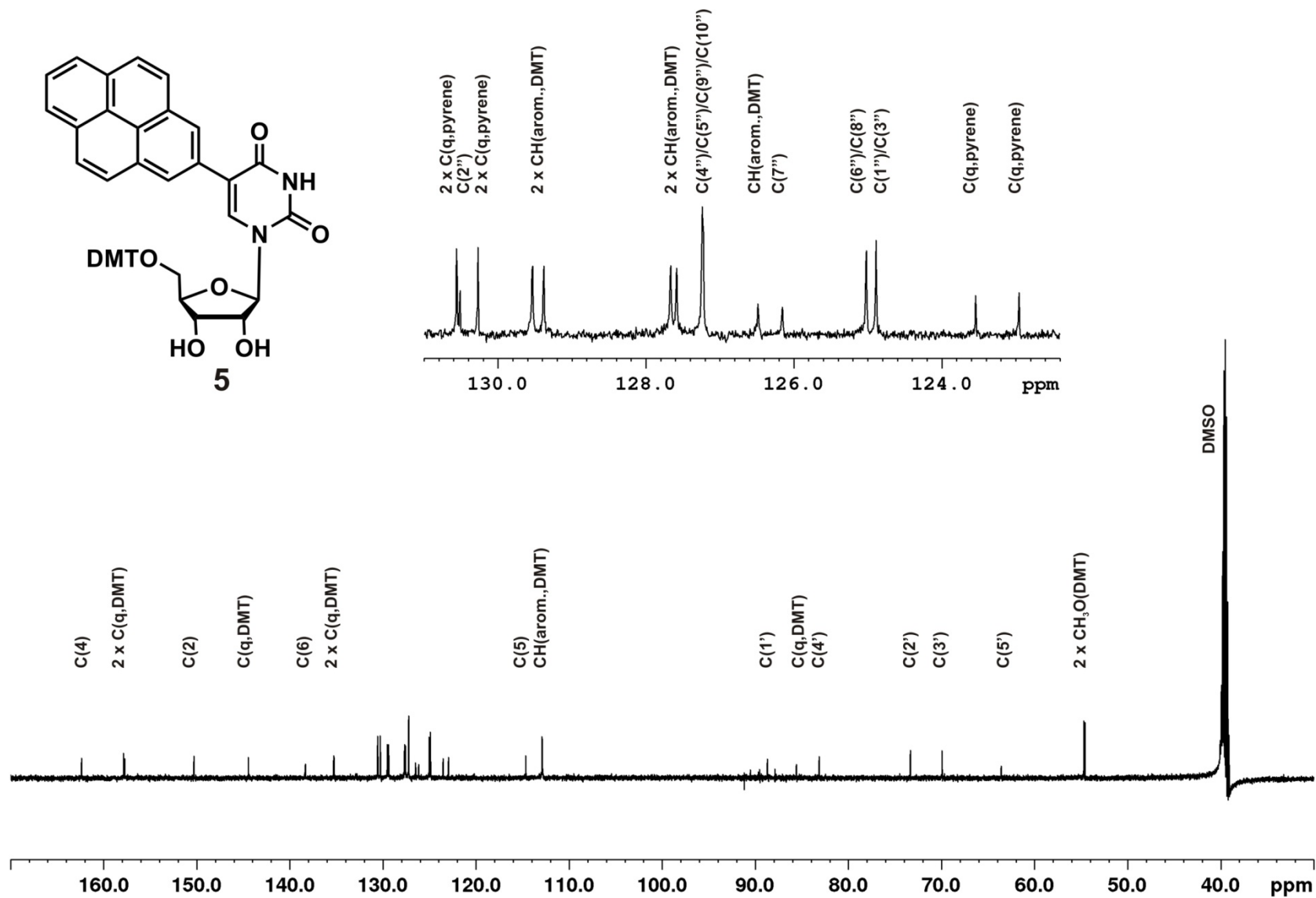
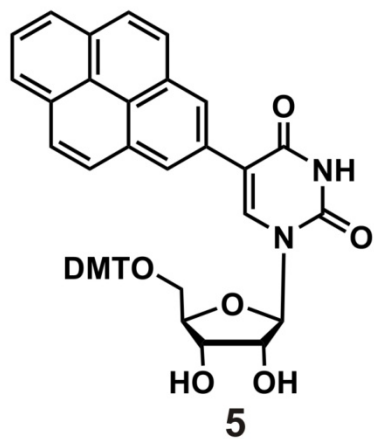
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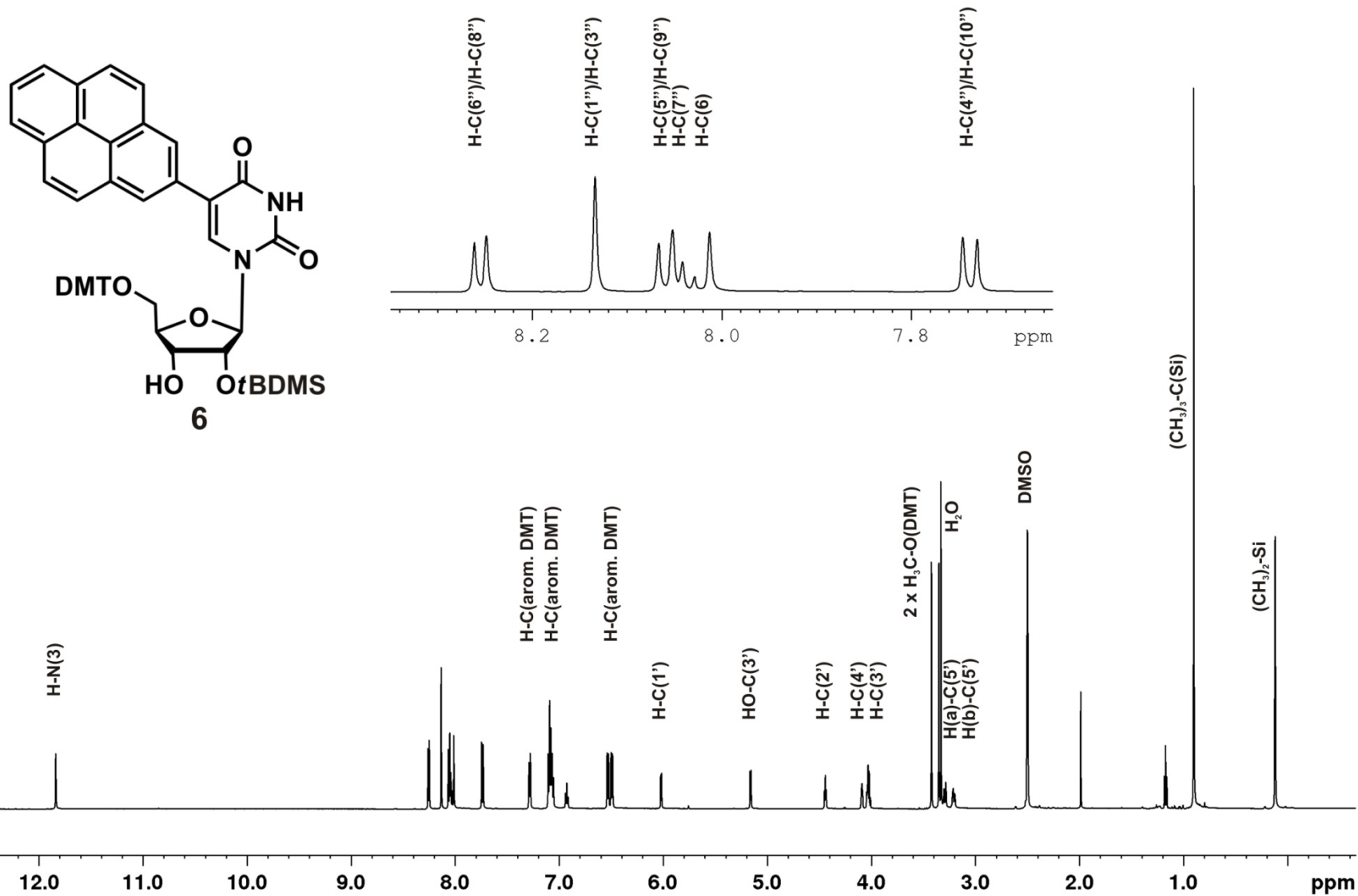


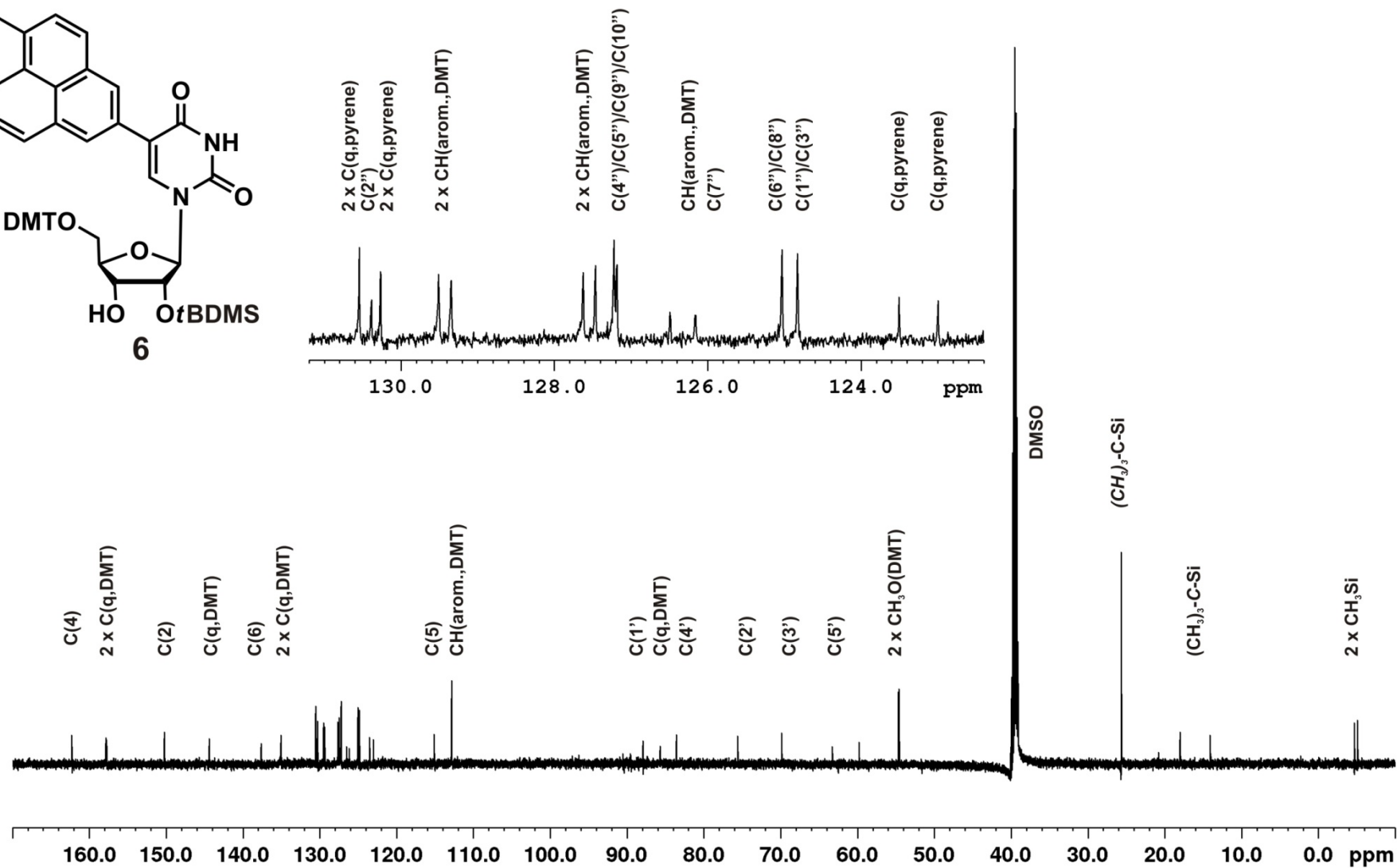
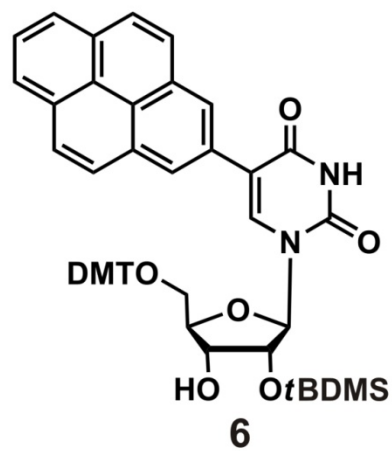


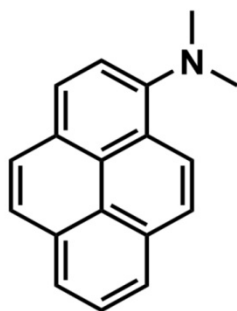




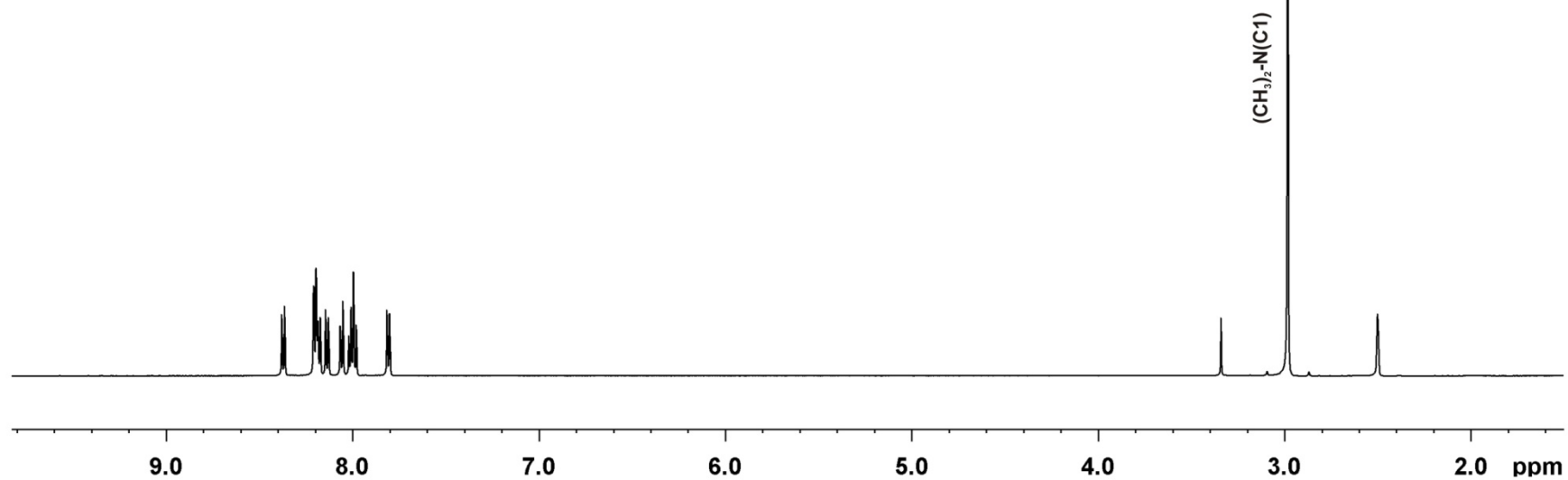
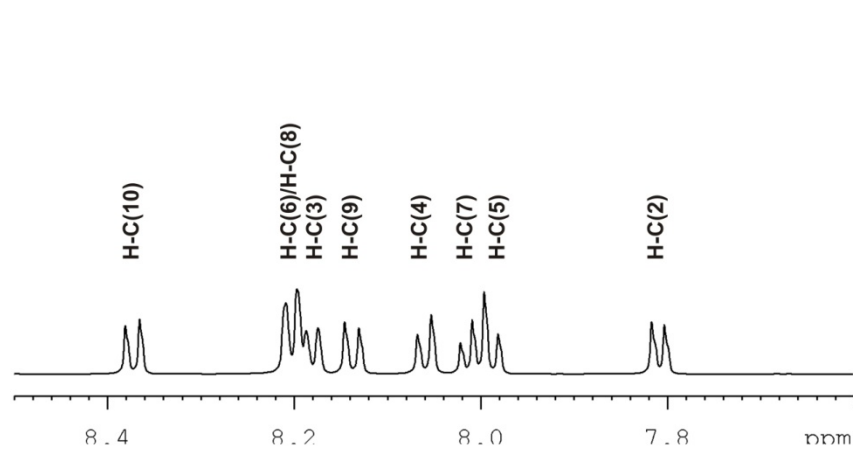


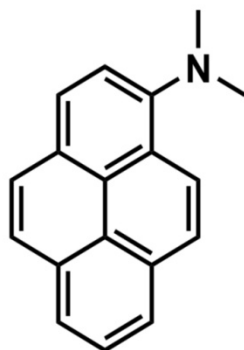






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