

## Supporting Information

### Pd(II)-Catalyzed [3+2] Spiroannulation of $\alpha$ -Aryl- $\beta$ -naphthols with Alkynes via a C-H Activation/Dearomatization Approach

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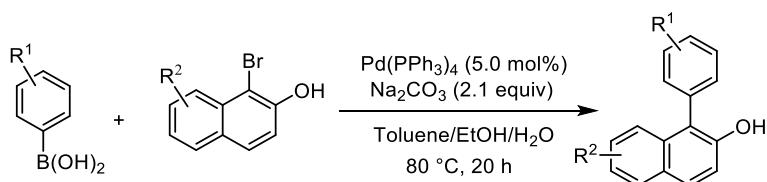
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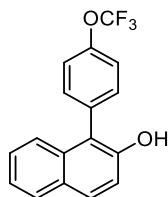
## A. General information:

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk-Lines or a glovebox (Innovative Technology). All reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. CH<sub>3</sub>CN, DMF and DME were dried over CaH<sub>2</sub>. Toluene, and 1,4-dioxane were dried over sodium. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed with 0.25 mm coated commercial silica gel plates (TLC Silica Gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>); visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence. Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel (300-400 mesh). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) data were acquired on Bruker Ascend 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in delta ( $\delta$ ) units, in parts per million (ppm) down field from tetramethylsilane. Splitting patterns are designated as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; dd, doublet of doublets; td, triplet of doublets; m, multiplet, Coupling constants  $J$  are quoted in Hz. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) data were acquired at 100 MHz on Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometer Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm for chloroform-*d* and the center line of a septet at 44.0 ppm for DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance (<sup>19</sup>F NMR) data were acquired at 376 MHz on a Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported relative to inter standard CFCl<sub>3</sub> at 0.0 ppm. Infrared (IR) data were recorded as films on potassium bromide plates on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer. Absorbance frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Mass spectra were acquired on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof-Q II mass spectrometer. HPLC analyses were performed on an Agilent Technologies 1260 Series using Daicel Chiralpak columns (IA, IB, IC,) in *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol II automatic polarimeter. Substrates **1a**<sup>1</sup>, **1b**<sup>2</sup>, **1c**<sup>3</sup>, **1d**<sup>2</sup>, **1e**<sup>2</sup>, **1g**<sup>2</sup>, **1h**<sup>1</sup>, **1l**<sup>1</sup>, **1q**<sup>5</sup>, **1s**<sup>6</sup>, **2a-m**<sup>7-9</sup>, [D<sub>1</sub>]-**1a**<sup>2</sup>, and [D<sub>5</sub>]-**1a**<sup>2</sup> were prepared according to the literature methods.

## B. Preparation of substrates:

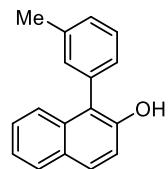


A 50 mL round bottom flask with a stir bar was fitted with a rubber septum and flame dried under high vacuum. The flask was purged with argon and charged with Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (115.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (445.2 mg, 4.2 mmol), 1-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (446.1 mg, 2.0 mmol), arylboronic acid (4.0 mmol), 10.0 mL deoxygenated toluene, 2.0 mL deoxygenated ethanol, and 2.2 mL deoxygenated water. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the reaction was judged to be completed by TLC analysis. Water was added and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then chromatographed on silica gel to afford the desired product **1f**.



**1-(4-(Trifluoromethoxy)phenyl)naphthalene (1f)**

White solid (0.49 g, 81% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.37 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.2, 149.3, 133.2, 133.0, 132.8, 129.9, 128.9, 128.2, 126.8, 124.3, 123.5, 121.9, 120.6 (d, *J* = 258.0 Hz), 119.6, 117.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -57.67 (s, 3F). IR (KBr): 3543, 3063, 2965, 1621, 1594, 1509, 1215, 1169, 814, 756, 748 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 327.0609, found 327.0613.



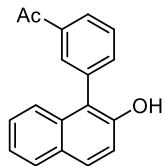
**1-(m-Tolyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1i)**

White solid (0.36 g, 77% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 3H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.1, 139.5, 134.1, 133.3, 131.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.1, 128.0, 126.4, 124.7, 123.3, 121.1, 117.3, 21.5. IR (KBr): 3534, 2962, 2921, 2861, 2251, 1618, 1596, 1388, 1313, 1197, 1144, 909, 784, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 257.0942, found 257.0944.



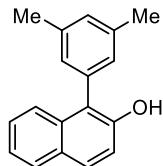
**1-(3-Methoxyphenyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1j)**

White solid (0.41 g, 82% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.82-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.95 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  160.6, 150.1, 135.5, 133.2, 130.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.0, 126.5, 124.6, 123.3, 123.2, 120.8, 117.4, 116.3, 114.4, 55.4. IR (KBr): 3452, 3060, 3025, 2938, 2839, 1618, 1593, 1461, 1423, 813, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  273.0891, found 273.0852.



**1-(3-(2-Hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (1k)**

White solid (0.40 g, 76% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.10 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.71-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  198.1, 150.3, 138.1, 136.1, 135.2, 133.2, 131.3, 129.9, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 126.8, 124.3, 123.5, 120.3, 117.7, 26.8. IR (KBr): 3391, 3061, 2923, 2745, 2674, 1676, 1623, 1592, 1211, 1145, 909, 814, 698, 561  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  285.0891, found 285.0884.



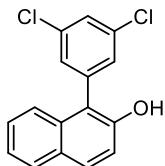
**1-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1m)**

White solid (0.39 g, 78% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.81-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 7.03 (s, 2H), 5.21 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  150.1, 139.3, 133.9, 133.3, 130.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 126.4, 124.8, 123.2, 121.3, 117.3, 21.4. IR (KBr): 3531, 3055, 2917, 2862, 1595, 1512, 1388, 1202, 1035, 855, 816, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{ONa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  271.1098, found 271.1085.



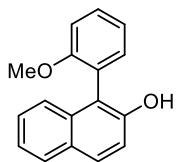
**1-(3,5-Difluorophenyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1n)**

Colorless oil (0.42 g, 82% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 3H), 4.93 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.8 (dd,  $J = 251.1, 13.0$  Hz) 149.9, 137.9, 132.7, 130.4, 128.9, 128.2, 127.0, 124.1, 123.7, 118.9, 117.5, 114.3 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 6.9$  Hz), 104.1 (t,  $J = 25.1$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -107.91 (s, 2F). IR (KBr): 3544, 3063, 1620, 1590, 1427, 1331, 1143, 988, 862, 815  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_2\text{O} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  257.0778, found 257.0775.



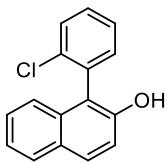
**1-(3,5-Dichlorophenyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1o)**

Colorless oil (0.36 g, 63% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.73 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  150.1, 137.8, 136.1, 132.8, 130.4, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 127.1, 125.7, 124.1, 123.7, 118.6, 117.5. IR (KBr): 3067, 1621, 1587, 1557, 1513, 1390, 1177, 1147, 859, 813, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{ONa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  311.006, found 311.004.



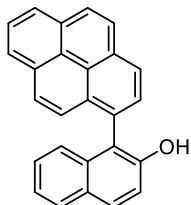
**1-(2-Methoxyphenyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1p)**

White solid (0.39 g, 77% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.9, 150.7, 133.5, 133.4, 130.3, 129.5, 129.1, 128.1, 126.3, 124.9, 123.2, 122.6, 121.6, 117.9, 117.8, 111.9, 55.8. IR (KBr): 3057, 2938, 2837, 1621, 1594, 1495, 1461, 1179, 1023, 940, 861, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  273.0891, found 273.0888.



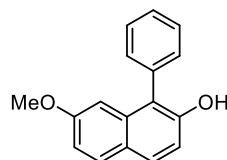
**1-(2-Chlorophenyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1r)**

Colorless oil (0.36 g, 71% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J$  = 5.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  150.3, 135.9, 133.3, 133.2, 133.0, 130.6, 130.3, 130.2, 128.9, 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 124.3, 123.6, 118.6, 117.6. IR (KBr): 3539, 3069, 2962, 1621, 1585, 1513, 1390, 1265, 1177, 858, 813  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClONa}$  [M+Na] $^+$  277.0396, found 277.0387.



**1-(Pyren-1-yl)naphthalen-2-ol (1t)**

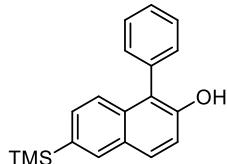
White solid (0.37 g, 54% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.37 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.19-8.17 (m, 3H), 8.07-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.96 (dd,  $J$  = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  151.3, 134.3, 131.9, 131.4, 131.2, 130.9, 130.2, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 126.8, 126.5, 125.7, 125.6, 125.5, 125.4, 125.2, 125.0, 124.8, 123.6, 119.4, 117.7. IR (KBr): 3045, 2925, 2852, 1619, 1597, 1515, 1463, 1390, 1298, 1195, 1145, 907, 848, 816, 732  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$  [M+H] $^+$  345.1279, found 345.1274.



**7-Methoxy-1-phenylnaphthalen-2-ol (3u)**

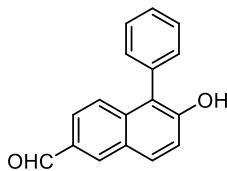
White solid (0.37 g, 74% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.72 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,

$\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  158.3, 150.8, 134.6, 134.3, 131.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 124.4, 120.3, 115.3, 114.8, 103.8, 55.1. IR (KBr): 3434, 2934, 2875, 1619, 1507, 1458, 1269, 1222, 1033, 833, 757, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  251.1072, found 251.1088.



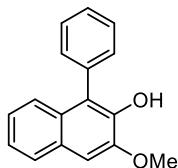
### 1-Phenyl-6-(trimethylsilyl)naphthalen-2-ol (1v)

Yellow solid (0.49 g, 84% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 0.55 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  151.5, 135.6, 135.3, 134.9, 134.6, 132.2, 131.6, 130.8, 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 124.8, 121.9, 118.4, 0.00. IR (KBr): 3438, 3057, 2926, 2855, 1618, 1594, 1439, 1219, 816, 726  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{OSi}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  293.1362, found 293.1344.



### 6-Hydroxy-5-phenyl-2-naphthaldehyde (1w)

White solid (0.37 g, 74% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.47 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  192.0, 153.1, 136.7, 134.5, 133.2, 132.0, 131.3, 131.1, 129.9, 129.0, 128.0, 125.7, 123.7, 121.8, 118.6. IR (KBr): 3384, 3057, 2925, 1699, 1667, 1464, 1365, 1264, 1155, 748, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  249.0916, found 249.0910.

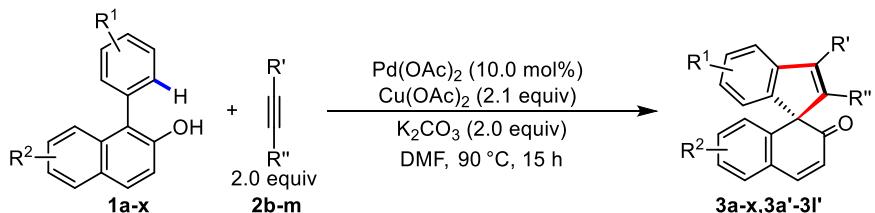


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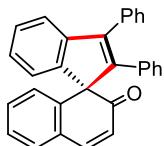
White solid (0.34 g, 68% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J = 3.9, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  147.2, 142.5, 135.4, 130.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6,

127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 126.4, 124.9, 124.3, 124.0, 122.0, 109.5, 105.8, 105.5, 56.0. IR (KBr): 3055, 2939, 2832, 1629, 1601, 1511, 1345, 947, 881 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 273.0891, found 273.0891.

### C. Catalytic results:

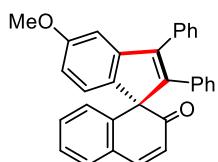


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.4 mg, 0.02 mmol), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (76.0 mg, 0.42 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), 1-aryl-2-naphthol **1** (0.20 mmol), and alkyne **2** (0.40 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMF (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 15 h. The crude reaction mixture was then subjected to a silica gel column to afford the desired product **3**.



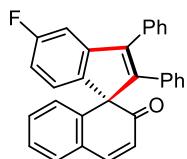
#### **2,3-Diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3a)**

Yellow solid (70.5 mg, 89% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.79-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 196.2, 147.8, 147.6, 145.4, 144.9, 144.7, 140.9, 135.2, 134.4, 131.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.7, 126.3, 121.8, 121.7, 71.6.



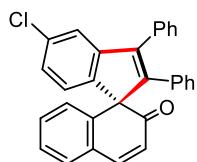
#### **5-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3b)**

Yellow solid (76.7 mg, 90% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.34.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.60 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.9, 159.8, 147.0, 146.3, 146.1, 144.5, 141.4, 139.9, 135.1, 134.4, 130.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 122.3, 111.9, 107.7, 71.1, 55.5. IR (KBr): 3056, 2941, 2835, 1662, 1599, 1471, 1441, 954, 741, 636  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$  [M+Na] $^+$  449.1517, found 449.1514.



### 5-Fluoro-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3c)

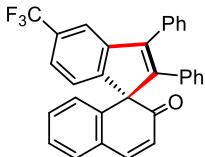
Yellow solid (71.2 mg, 86% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.34.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.90 (m, 6H), 6.82 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (td,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.4, 163.1 (d,  $J$  = 244.8 Hz), 147.8 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 147.2, 146.4, 143.9, 143.2, 140.7, 134.6, 134.0, 130.8, 130.1, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 126.9, 126.5, 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz), 113.0 (d,  $J$  = 23.4 Hz), 109.2 (d,  $J$  = 24.2 Hz), 71.1.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -114.31 (s, 1F). IR (KBr): 3058, 2926, 1664, 1597, 1467, 1267, 1235, 1201, 872, 817, 740, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{19}\text{FONa}$  [M+Na] $^+$  437.1317, found 437.1337.



### 5-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3d)

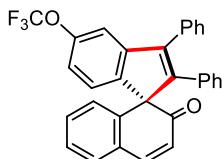
Yellow solid (70.5 mg, 82% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.23.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10-6.96 (m, 6H), 6.90 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.1, 147.5, 146.9, 146.4, 146.0, 143.8, 140.4, 134.6, 134.0, 133.9, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5,

129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 122.8, 122.0, 71.3. IR (KBr): 3057, 2925, 1664, 1618, 1489, 1455, 1263, 1160, 1122, 861, 748, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClO [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 431.1203, found 431.1213.



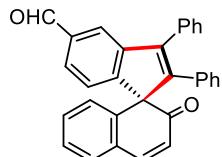
### **2,3-Diphenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3e)**

Yellow solid (87.3 mg, 94% yield). PE/EA = 5:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.19. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



### **2,3-Diphenyl-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3f)**

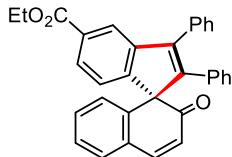
Yellow solid (88.3 mg, 92% yield). PE/EA = 20:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.36. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.63 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.01-6.86 (m, 6H), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 196.1, 149.3, 147.6, 147.3, 146.4, 145.9, 143.7, 140.2, 134.4, 133.8, 130.8, 130.2, 129.7, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 126.9, 126.4, 122.6, 120.4 (d, J = 257.1 Hz), 118.7, 114.8, 71.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -57.72 (s, 3F). IR (KBr): 3059, 2927, 1666, 1597, 1564, 1467, 1263, 1165, 743, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 503.1235, found 503.1220.



### **2'-Oxo-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalene]-5-carbaldehyde (3g)**

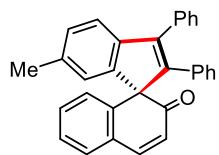
Yellow solid (71.3 mg, 84% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 195.6, 191.9, 153.8, 146.8, 146.7, 146.6, 143.7, 139.7, 136.4, 134.4,

133.7, 130.9, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.4, 122.3, 122.2, 71.8. IR (KBr): 3438, 3054, 2835, 2755, 1695, 1663, 1169, 878, 739, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 425.1542, found 425.1532.



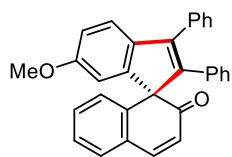
#### **Ethyl-2'-oxo-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalene]-5-carboxylate (3h)**

Yellow solid (79.0 mg, 87% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.24. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



#### **6-Methyl-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3i)**

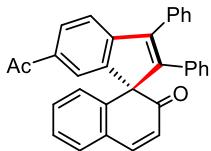
Yellow solid (68.1 mg, 83% yield). PE/EA = 20:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.67 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 4H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.40 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 196.9, 147.9, 146.2, 144.6, 144.2, 142.8, 141.4, 136.3, 135.4, 134.5, 130.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 122.4, 121.6, 71.5, 21.5. IR (KBr): 3056, 3027, 1592, 2920, 2858, 1663, 1485, 1444, 1267, 1235, 1200, 741, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 433.1568, found 433.1567.



#### **6-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3j)**

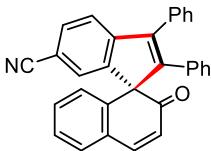
Yellow solid (69.0 mg, 81% yield). PE/EA = 20:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.65 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.99-6.93 (m, 4H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 196.8, 158.7, 149.3, 146.3, 144.3, 143.2, 141.3, 138.3, 135.4, 134.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0,

126.8, 126.5, 122.5, 112.6, 108.7, 71.4, 55.5. IR (KBr): 3055, 2938, 2835, 1662, 1597, 1481, 1276, 1222, 1029, 741, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 449.1517, found 449.1510.



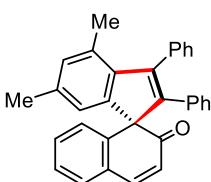
### 6-Acetyl-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3k)

Yellow solid (71.9 mg, 82% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.86 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.97 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.5, 196.1, 150.7, 149.0, 148.1, 146.8, 144.0, 139.9, 135.2, 134.5, 133.8, 130.8, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 126.4, 121.5, 121.2, 71.6, 26.7. IR (KBr): 3056, 1670, 1595, 1487, 1261, 1232, 1028, 834, 745, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 461.1517, found 461.1510.



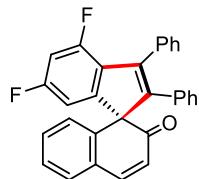
### 2'-Oxo-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalene]-6-carbonitrile (3l)

Yellow solid (65.7 mg, 78% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.73 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.08-6.99 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 195.2, 150.2, 148.9, 147.9, 146.8, 143.8, 139.3, 134.0, 133.3, 132.4, 131.0, 130.5, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 126.7, 126.3, 125.1, 122.3, 119.2, 109.1, 71.5. IR (KBr): 3057, 2224, 1664, 1596, 1563, 1477, 1433, 1267, 1234, 1200, 839, 740, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 444.1364, found 444.1350.



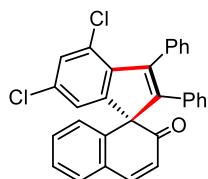
### **4,6-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3m)**

Yellow solid (74.7 mg, 88% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.23. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>10</sup>.



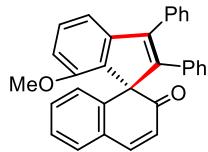
### **4,6-Difluoro-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3n)**

Yellow solid (69.1 mg, 80% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.22.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.04-6.97 (m, 4H), 6.77-6.68 (m, 3H), 6.60-6.58 (m, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.3, 161.7 (dd,  $J$  = 249.2, 10.6 Hz), 156.3 (dd,  $J$  = 256.0, 12.3 Hz), 151.2 (dd,  $J$  = 9.5, 6.4 Hz), 146.5, 145.7, 141.7, 139.7, 135.1, 133.7, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.3, 106.2 (dd,  $J$  = 23.9, 3.9 Hz) 104.0 (t,  $J$  = 25.7 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -119.52 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz 1F). -112.77 (d,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz 1F). IR (KBr): 3057, 1664, 1605, 1471, 1295, 1236, 1113, 1031, 988, 846, 737, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{ONa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  455.1223, found 455.1223.



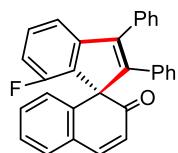
### **4,6-Dichloro-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3o)**

Yellow solid (72.4 mg, 78% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.23.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 3H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.1, 150.6, 147.9, 146.5, 144.1, 139.9, 139.5, 135.6, 133.5, 132.2, 131.0, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.3, 121.0, 71.1. IR (KBr): 3058, 2224, 1661, 1616, 1560, 1438, 1392, 1195, 1148, 752, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{ONa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  487.0632, found 487.0620.



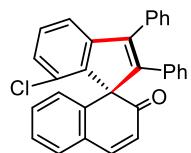
**7-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3p)**

Yellow solid (63.1 mg, 74% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.28.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.18 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.70-6.67 (m, 3H), 6.33 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  197.1, 153.8, 148.7, 147.9, 145.3, 143.4, 139.4, 137.8, 134.7, 134.6, 130.9, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 114.2, 110.0, 69.4, 55.5. IR (KBr): 3056, 2937, 2837, 1659, 1598, 1484, 1442, 1269, 1104, 769, 736  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  449.1517, found 449.1515.



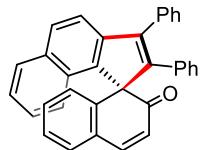
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Yellow solid (65.4 mg, 79% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.27.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.98-6.94 (m, 3H), 6.80 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.37 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.7, 157.1 (d,  $J$  = 249.6 Hz), 149.2 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz), 148.4, 146.1, 143.4, 138.5, 135.1, 134.9, 134.4, 133.9, 130.4, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.8, 117.4, 117.3, 113.9 (d,  $J$  = 20.2 Hz), 69.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -119.57 (s, 1F). IR (KBr): 3057, 2925, 2854, 1662, 1615, 1470, 1239, 1160, 765, 698, 636  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{FO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  415.1498, found 415.1501.



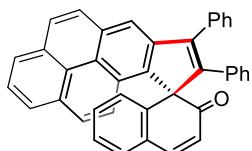
**7-Chloro-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3r)**

Yellow solid (54.2 mg, 63% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.24.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.46 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 10H), 7.19 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.9, 150.0, 148.9, 147.7, 145.8, 142.6, 137.8, 134.0, 133.9, 131.5, 130.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 119.6, 71.2. IR (KBr): 3058, 2925, 1663, 1619, 1441, 1395, 1238, 1143, 1028, 796, 724, 635  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  431.1203, found 431.1187.



### **2,3-Diphenyl-2'H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]naphthalene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3s)**

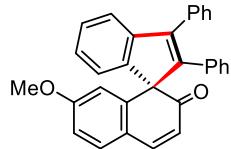
Yellow solid (80.3 mg, 90% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.21.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.92 (dd,  $J$  = 12.9, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.28 (m, 7H), 7.18 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.7, 150.2, 146.0, 145.9, 144.7, 143.5, 140.8, 134.6, 134.4, 133.3, 130.6, 130.4, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 125.0, 123.4, 119.9, 71.6. IR (KBr): 3055, 2960, 1659, 1618, 1513, 1442, 1338, 1263, 1201, 820, 762, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{22}\text{ONa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  469.1568, found 469.1563.



### **7,8-Diphenyl-2'H-spiro[cyclopenta[a]pyrene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3t)**

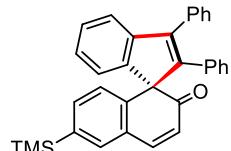
Yellow solid (67.6 mg, 65% yield). PE/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$  = 0.18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.22 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.10-8.04 (m, 3H), 7.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 5H), 7.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd,  $J$  = 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  197.6, 150.6, 146.0, 144.9, 143.7, 143.6, 140.7, 134.5, 134.4, 131.9, 131.1, 130.6, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7,

127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 125.6, 125.5, 125.4, 125.3, 125.1, 124.4, 123.0, 117.8, 71.4. IR (KBr): 3049, 2365, 1658, 1557, 1484, 1435, 1390, 1194, 1089, 877, 819, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ONa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 543.1725, found 543.1690.



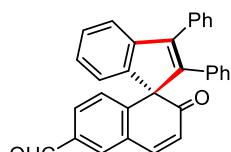
### 7'-Methoxy-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3u)

Yellow solid (69.9 mg, 82% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.66 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.01 (m, 5H), 6.92-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.80 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 196.6, 161.5, 147.9, 146.0, 145.3, 145.0, 144.7, 143.4, 135.3, 134.3, 131.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 126.3, 124.0, 123.0, 121.9, 121.5, 113.0, 112.6, 71.8, 55.2. IR (KBr): 3058, 2933, 2839, 1660, 1599, 1462, 1228, 1060, 1033, 872, 700, 645 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 449.1517, found 449.1511.



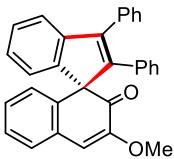
### 2,3-Diphenyl-6'-(trimethylsilyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3v)

Brown solid (79.6 mg, 85% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.69 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.04-6.93 (m, 6H), 6.86 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 0.25 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.0, 148.8, 147.8, 146.6, 146.0, 145.9, 142.8, 141.1, 136.9, 136.5, 136.2, 135.6, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.2, 123.0, 122.8, 72.9, 0.0. IR (KBr): 3058, 2955, 2898, 2856, 1665, 1614, 1409, 1246, 1200, 884, 752, 697, 584 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 469.1988, found 469.1987.



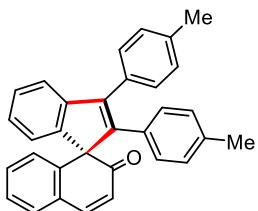
**2'-Oxo-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalene]-6'-carbaldehyde (3w)**

Yellow solid (43.3 mg, 51% yield). PE/EA = 5:1,  $R_f$  = 0.17.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.4, 191.0, 147.9, 146.7, 145.5, 145.3, 144.7, 144.5, 135.8, 134.8, 134.0, 131.5, 130.6, 130.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 122.2, 121.7, 71.9. IR (KBr): 3058, 2955, 2898, 1657, 1612, 1263, 1163, 1029, 826, 700, 687  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  447.1361, found 447.1359.



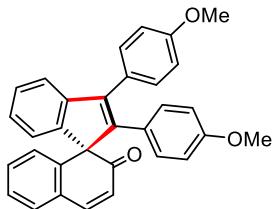
**6'-(Tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2,3-diphenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3x)**

Yellow solid (68.2 mg, 80% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.21.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.01 (m, 6H), 6.98-6.91 (m, 3H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  191.4, 151.0, 147.6, 145.5, 144.9, 144.7, 136.8, 135.1, 134.4, 130.7, 130.1, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 121.9, 121.7, 116.6, 72.9, 55.8. IR (KBr): 3057, 3023, 2929, 1676, 1624, 1488, 1460, 1288, 1264, 1106, 757, 734, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  449.1517, found 449.1519.



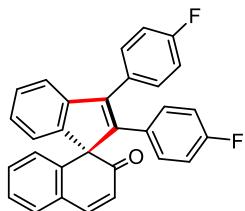
**2,3-Di-p-tolyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3a')**

Yellow solid (75.2 mg, 81% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.23. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



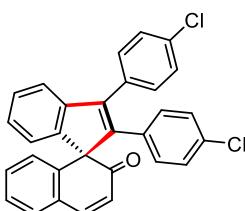
**2,3-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3b')**

Yellow solid (84.8 mg, 93% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.19. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



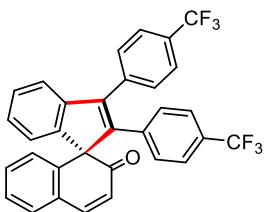
**2,3-Bis(3-fluorophenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3c')**

Yellow solid (74.3 mg, 86% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.26.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dd,  $J$  = 15.7, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76-6.71 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d,  $J$  = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.2, 163.2 (d,  $J$  = 246.9 Hz), 162.3 (d,  $J$  = 245.1 Hz), 147.6, 146.4, 144.6, 144.4, 140.4, 136.9 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 136.3 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz), 130.8, 130.7, 130.6, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 126.8, 126.5, 125.3 (d,  $J$  = 2.9 Hz), 124.9 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 121.9, 121.8, 116.4 (d,  $J$  = 21.8 Hz), 115.7 (d,  $J$  = 22.6 Hz), 115.2 (d,  $J$  = 21.0 Hz), 114.3 (d,  $J$  = 21.2 Hz), 71.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -112.18 (s, 1F), -112.89 (s, 1F). IR (KBr): 3066, 2924, 2854, 1664, 1584, 1483, 1435, 1264, 1230, 920, 882, 788, 740, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{ONa}$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 455.1223, found 455.1202.



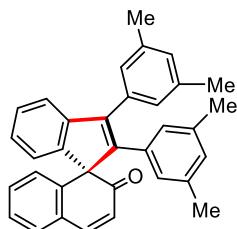
**2,3-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3d')**

Yellow solid (84.5 mg, 91% yield). PE/EA = 20:1,  $R_f$  = 0.18. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>9</sup>.



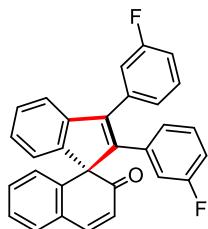
**2,3-Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3e')**

Yellow solid (83.0 mg, 78% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



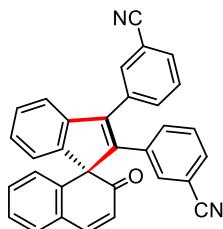
**2,3-Bis(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3f')**

Brown powder (70.5 mg, 78% yield). PE/EA = 20:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.61 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.93 (m, 4H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.48 (s, 2H), 6.38 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 1.95 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 196.9, 147.6, 146.1, 146.0, 144.5, 144.8, 141.7, 138.3, 137.0, 135.4, 134.1, 130.8, 129.9, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.6, 126.2, 121.9, 121.5, 71.6, 21.4, 21.3. IR (KBr): 2918, 1665, 1598, 1458, 1393, 1233, 1199, 1233, 1038, 873, 844, 744, 602 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 453.2218, found 453.2227.



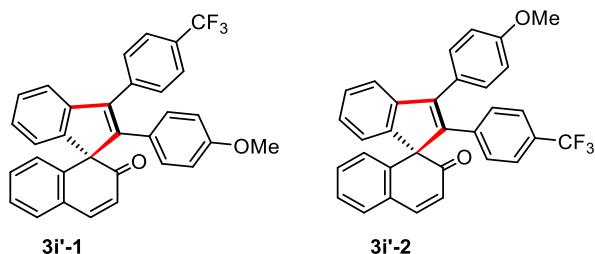
**2,3-Bis(3-fluorophenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3g')**

Yellow solid (62.2 mg, 72% yield). PE/EA = 10:1, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.24. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



**3,3'-(2'-Oxo-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,3-diy) dibenzonitrile (3h')**

Brown solid (50.0 mg, 56% yield). PE/EA = 10:1,  $R_f$  = 0.25.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  195.6, 147.7, 146.6, 144.5, 144.4, 143.6, 139.2, 135.6, 135.3, 133.9, 133.4, 132.8, 132.2, 132.4, 131.2, 130.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 122.2, 121.8, 118.3, 113.5, 112.6, 72.1. IR (KBr): 3061, 2984, 2960, 2921, 2851, 2307, 2231, 1663, 1267, 1202, 1169, 803, 699, 647  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  469.1317, found 469.1314.



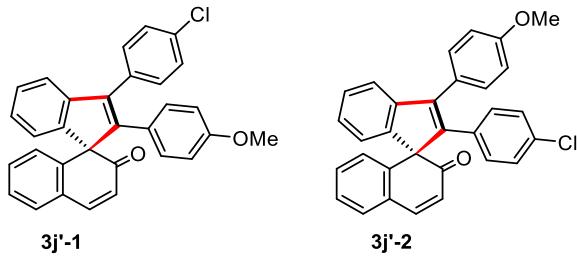
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**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one  
(3i'-1)**

The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.

**3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one  
(3i'-2)**

The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.



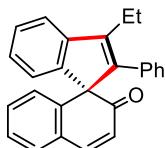
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**3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3j'-1)**

Yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J$  = 18.3, 7.6 Hz, 5H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.7, 158.6, 147.4, 146.2, 145.4, 145.2, 141.9, 141.1, 133.9, 133.6, 131.1, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 127.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 121.7, 121.3, 113.6, 71.7, 55.0. IR (KBr): 3060, 2958, 2929, 2839, 1662, 1611, 1254, 1179, 824, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  461.1308, found 461.1306.

**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3j'-2)**

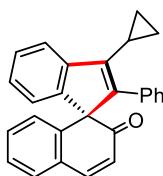
Yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.70 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 5H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.7, 159.1, 147.6, 146.3, 145.3, 144.9, 143.2, 140.9, 133.2, 132.7, 130.7, 130.6, 130.3, 130.0, 129.7, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 122.0, 121.7, 114.4, 71.6, 55.3. IR (KBr): 3061, 2958, 2929, 2831, 1662, 1611, 1254, 1179, 822, 743  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClO}_2$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ] $^+$  461.1308, found 461.1303.



Compounds **3k'** was isolated as a regioisomeric mixture (*rr* = 10:1) in 84% yield (58.5 mg) by silica gel column chromatography with Petroleum ether/EtOAc (20/1). The pure analytical sample of the major regioisomer of **3k'** was obtained by preparative TLC on silica gel.

**3-Ethyl-2-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3k')**

Yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.13 (m, 4H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.93 (m, 3H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.71 (m, 2H), 1.36 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  197.5, 148.5, 146.1, 145.8, 145.6, 144.6, 140.8, 135.2, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 127.2, 126.7, 126.1, 121.9, 120.7, 72.1, 19.7, 13.8. IR (KBr): 3059, 2968, 2928, 2871, 1662, 1619, 1461, 1235, 867, 820, 755, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  371.1412, found 371.1414.

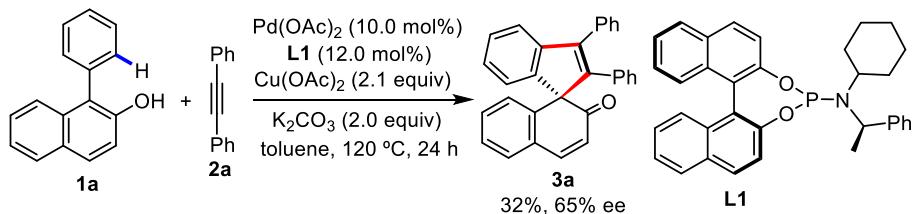


Compounds **3l'** was isolated as a regioisomeric mixture ( $rr = 8:1$ ) in 66% yield (47.5 mg) by silica gel column chromatography with Petroleum ether/EtOAc (10/1).

**3-Cyclopropyl-2-phenyl-2'H-spiro[indene-1,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3l')**

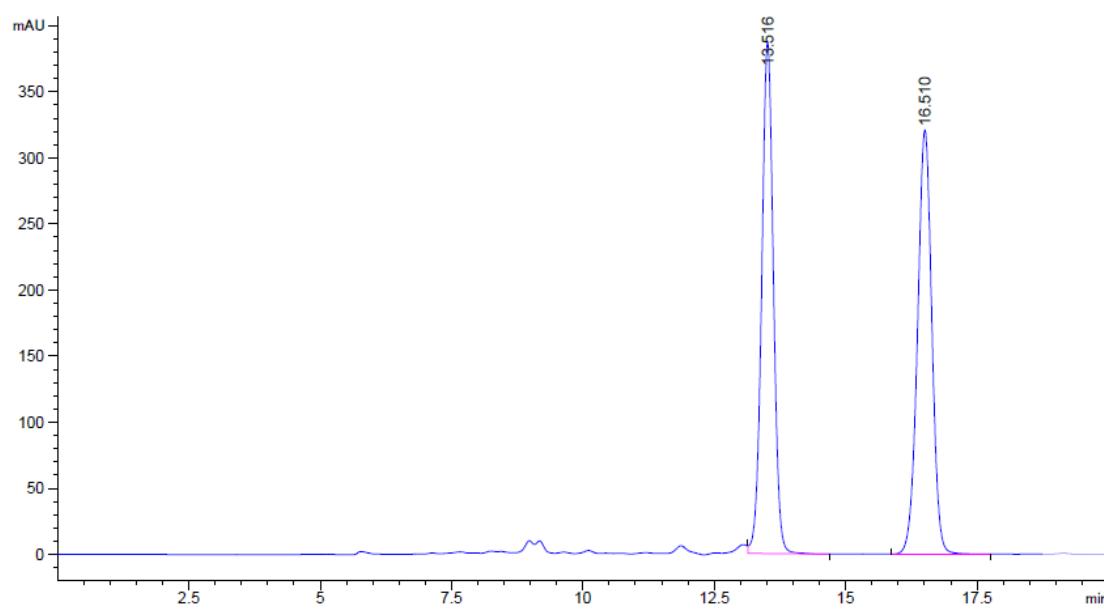
Yellow solid. The spectroscopic data is consistent with that reported in the literature<sup>4</sup>.

**D. Preliminary asymmetric studies:**

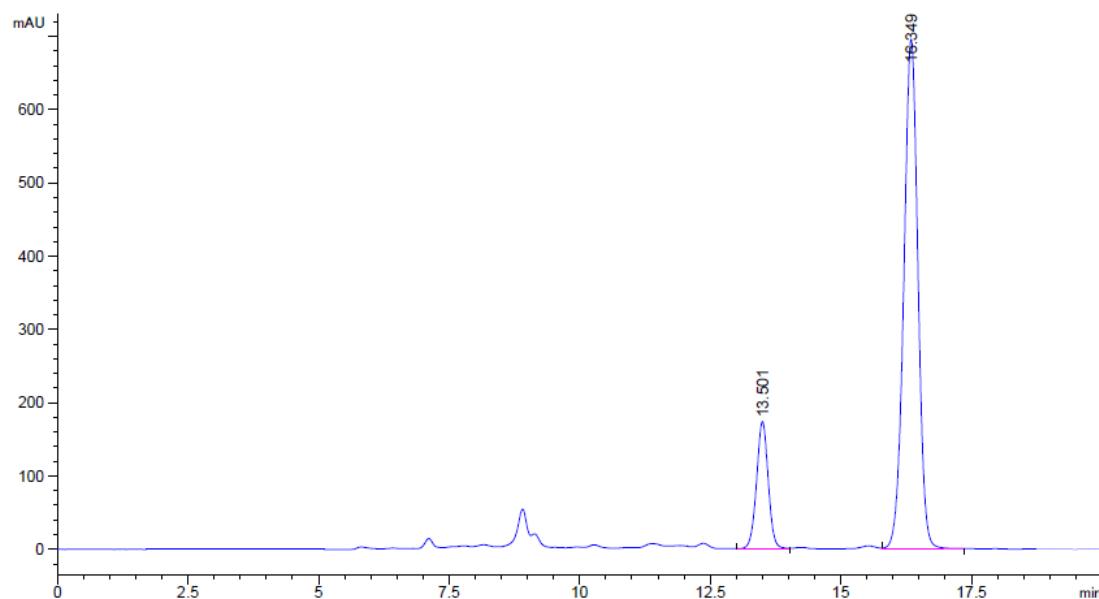


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), phosphoramidite ligand **L1** (6.2 mg, 0.012 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and toluene (2.0 mL) was then added. After the catalyst mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, substrate  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (38 mg, 0.21 mmol), **1a** (22.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) were sequentially added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and the reaction mixture was heated at 120 °C for 24 h. The crude reaction mixture was then subjected to a silica gel column to afford the desired product **3a**. 32% yield. 65% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -48$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The

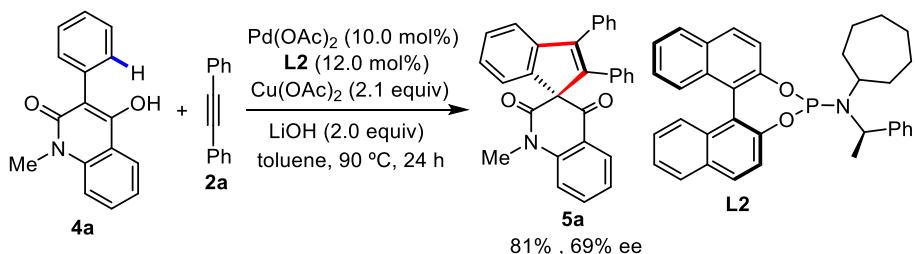
ee of compound **3a** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (Wavelength = 250 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, *t*<sub>major</sub> = 16.3 min, *t*<sub>minor</sub> = 13.5 min).



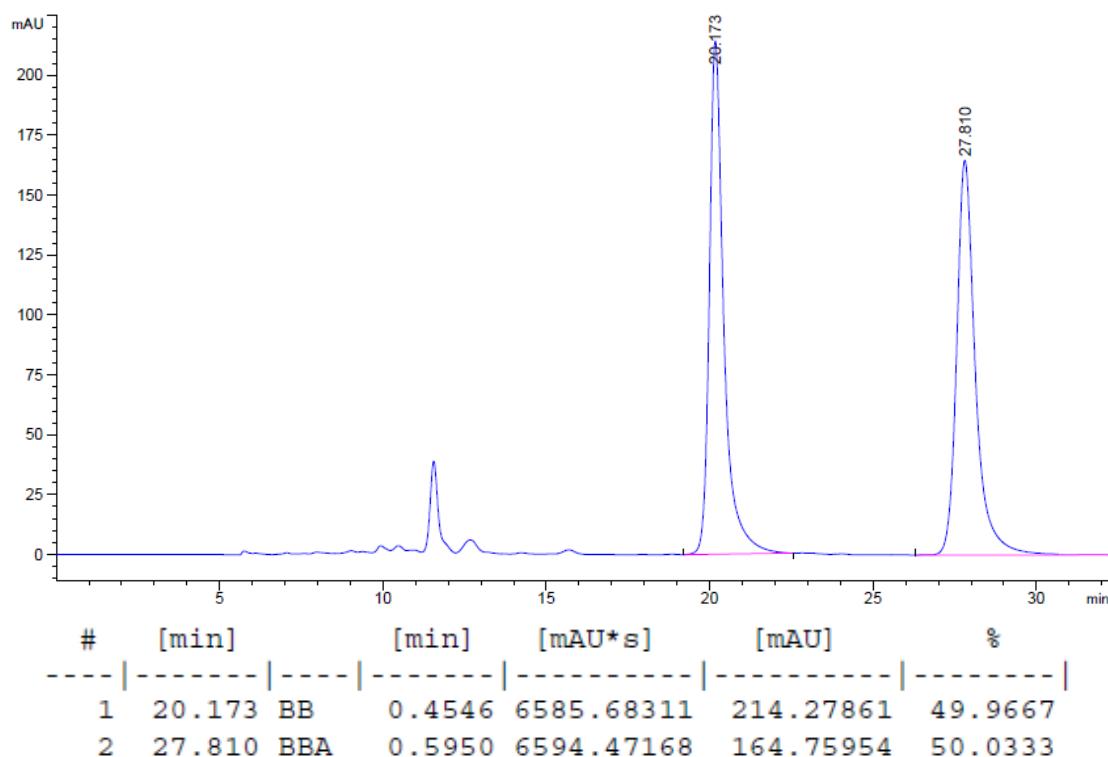
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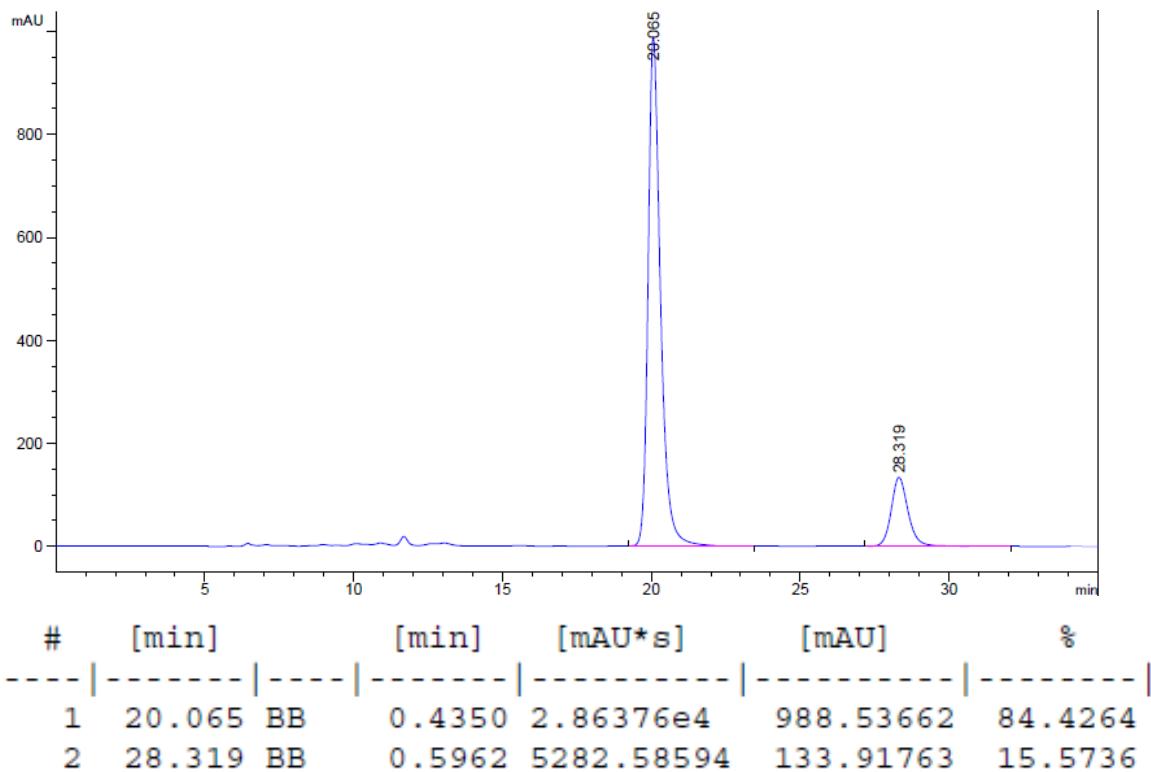


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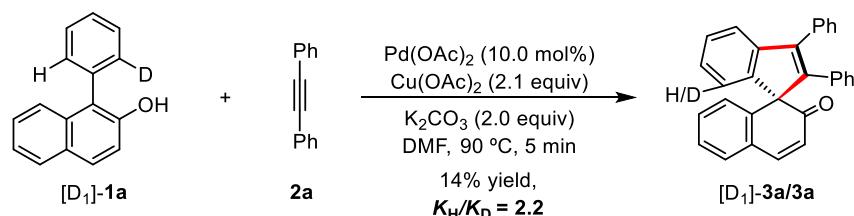
In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), phosphoramidite ligand **L2** (6.4 mg, 0.012 mmol), LiOH (4.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) was then added. After the catalyst mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes, substrate  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (38 mg, 0.21 mmol), **4a** (25.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **2a** (35.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) were sequentially added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 24 h. The crude reaction mixture was then subjected to a silica gel column to afford the desired product **5a**<sup>11</sup> in 81% yield and 69% ee,  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +38.9$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The ee of compound **5a** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (Wavelength = 250 nm, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 85/15, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 20.1$  min,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 28.3$  min).





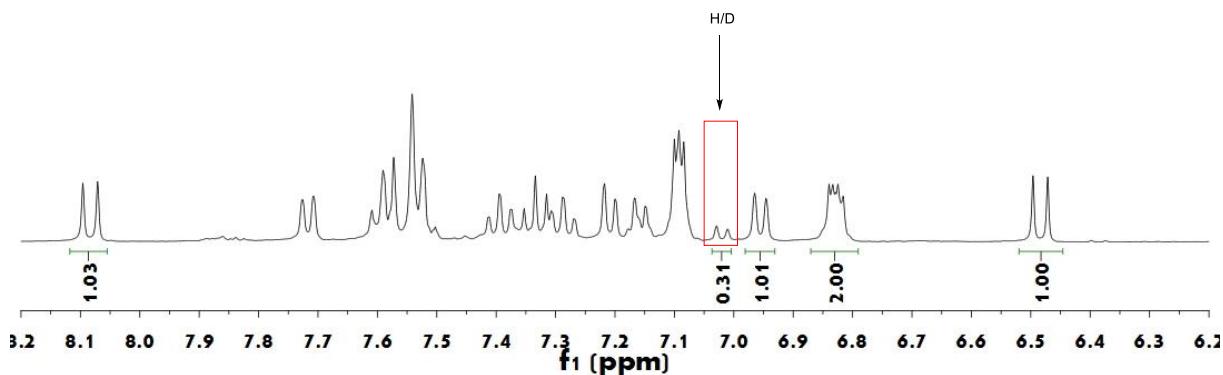
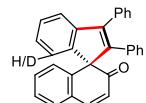
## E. Deuterium-labeling experiments:

### (a) Intramolecular kinetic isotope effect experiment

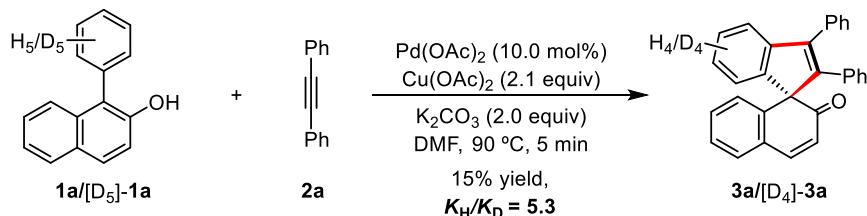


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with  $\text{Pd(OAc)}_2$  (4.4 mg, 0.02 mmol),  $\text{Cu(OAc)}_2$  (76 mg, 0.42 mmol),  $[\text{D}_1]\text{-1a}$  (44.2 mg, 0.20 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol) and **2a** (71.2 mg 0.40 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMF (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 5 minutes. The crude product was then subjected to a silica gel column to afford a mixture of  $[\text{D}_1]\text{-3a/3a}$  in 14% yield. The D/H incorporation in  $[\text{D}_1]\text{-3a/3a}$  was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. The kinetic isotopic effect of this reaction was determined to be  $k_H/k_D = 2.2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n(D) &= 0.31 \\ n(H) &= 1 - 0.31 = 0.69 \\ \text{KIE} &= n(H)/n(D) = 2.2 \end{aligned}$$

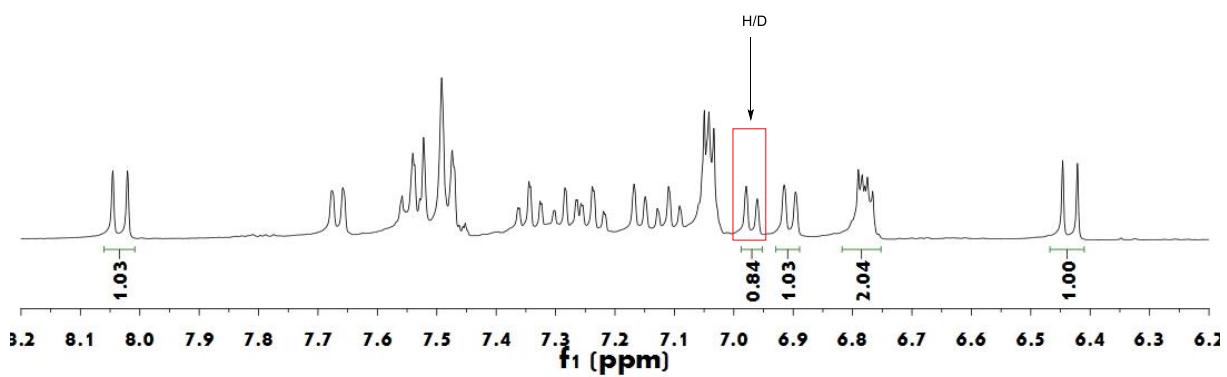
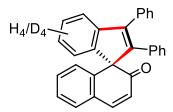


(b) Intermolecular kinetic isotope effect experiment



In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (4.4 mg, 0.02 mmol),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (76 mg, 0.42 mmol),  $[\text{D}_5]\text{-1a}$  (24.0 mg, 94% deuterated, 0.11 mmol) + **1a** (20.6 mg, 0.19 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (55.2 mg, 0.40 mmol) and **2a** (71.2 mg, 0.40 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMF (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 5 minutes. The crude product was then subjected to a silica gel column to afford a mixture of **3a**/ $[\text{D}_4]\text{-3a}$  in 15% yield. The D/H incorporation in **3a**/ $[\text{D}_4]\text{-3a}$  was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. The kinetic isotopic effect of this reaction was determined to be  $k_H/k_D = 5.3$ .

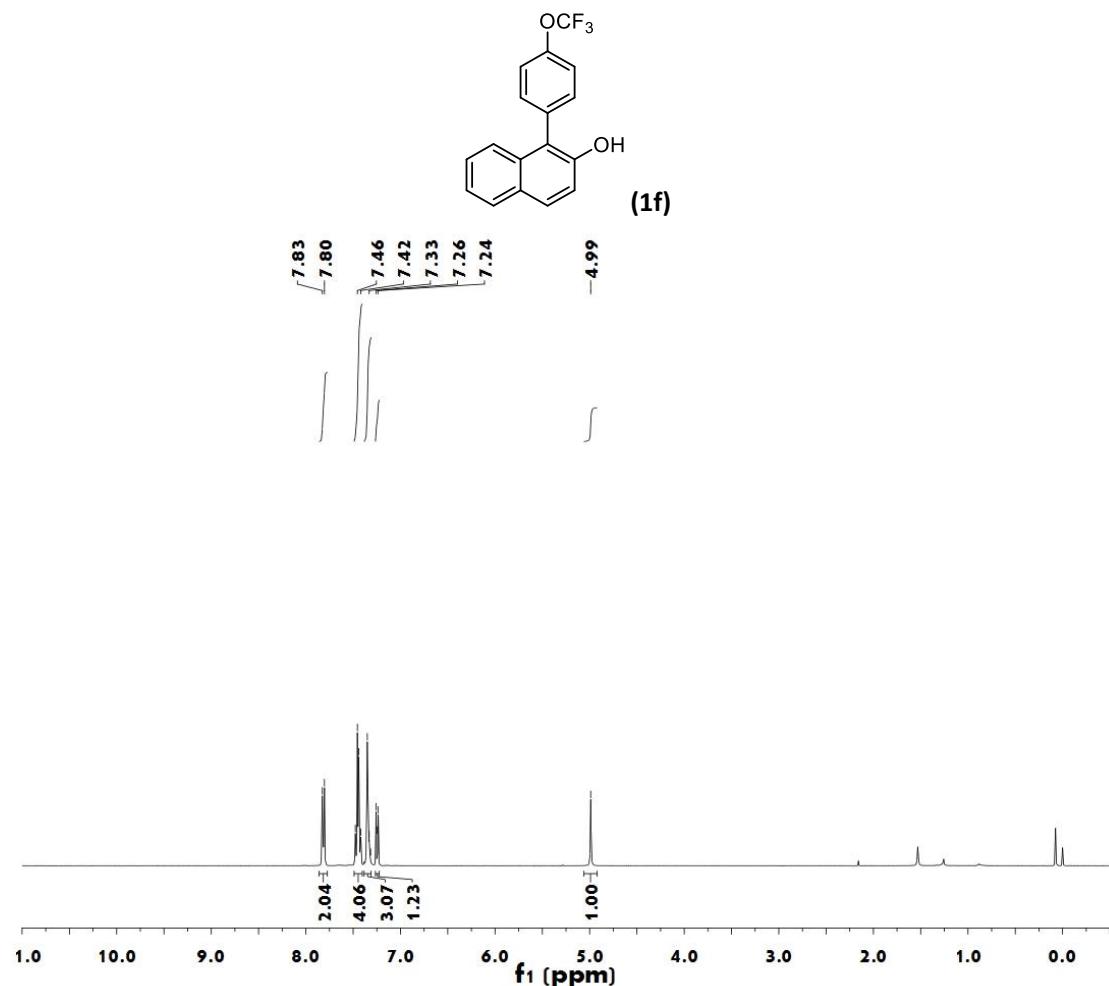
$n(H) = 0.84$   
 $n(D) = 1 - 0.84 = 0.16$   
KIE =  $n(H)/n(D) = 5.3$

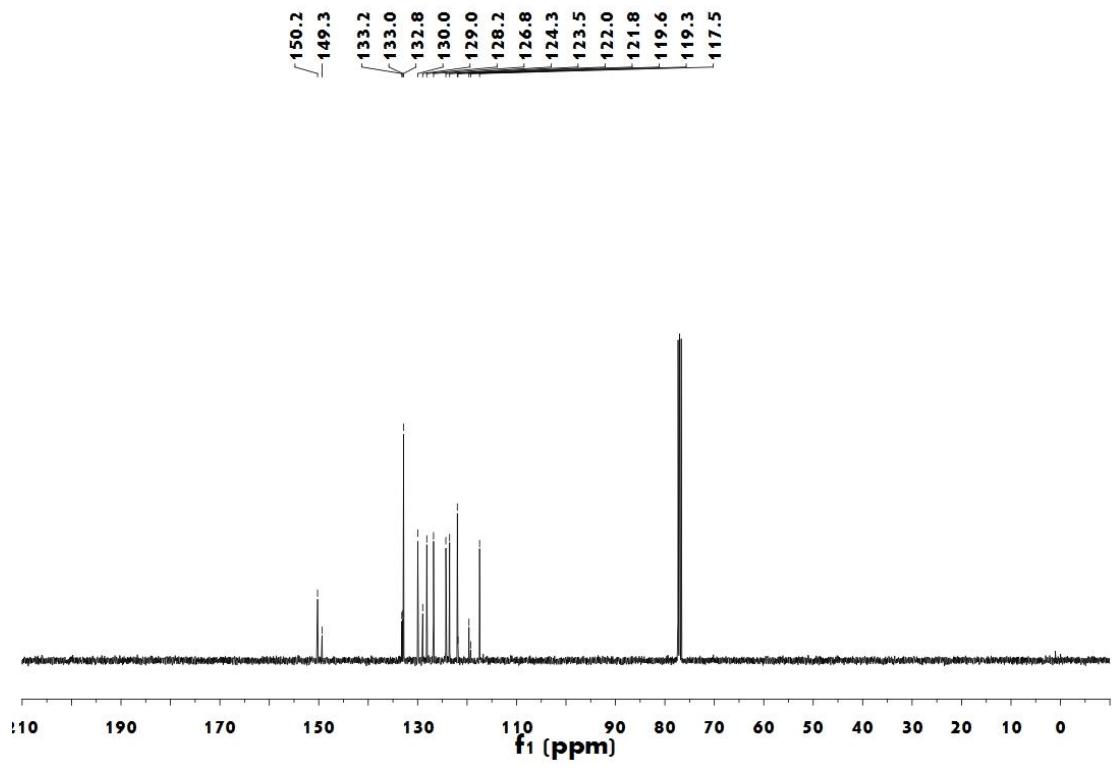


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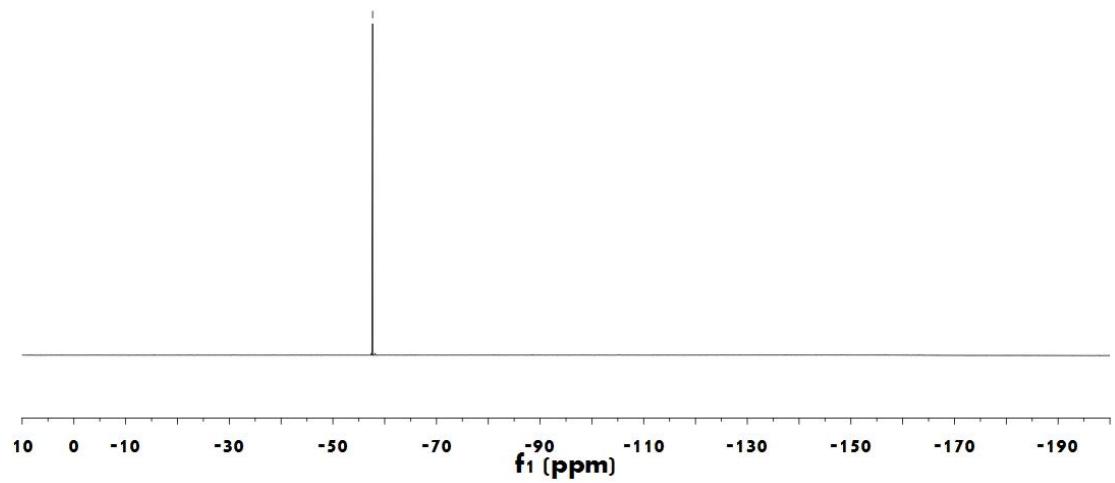
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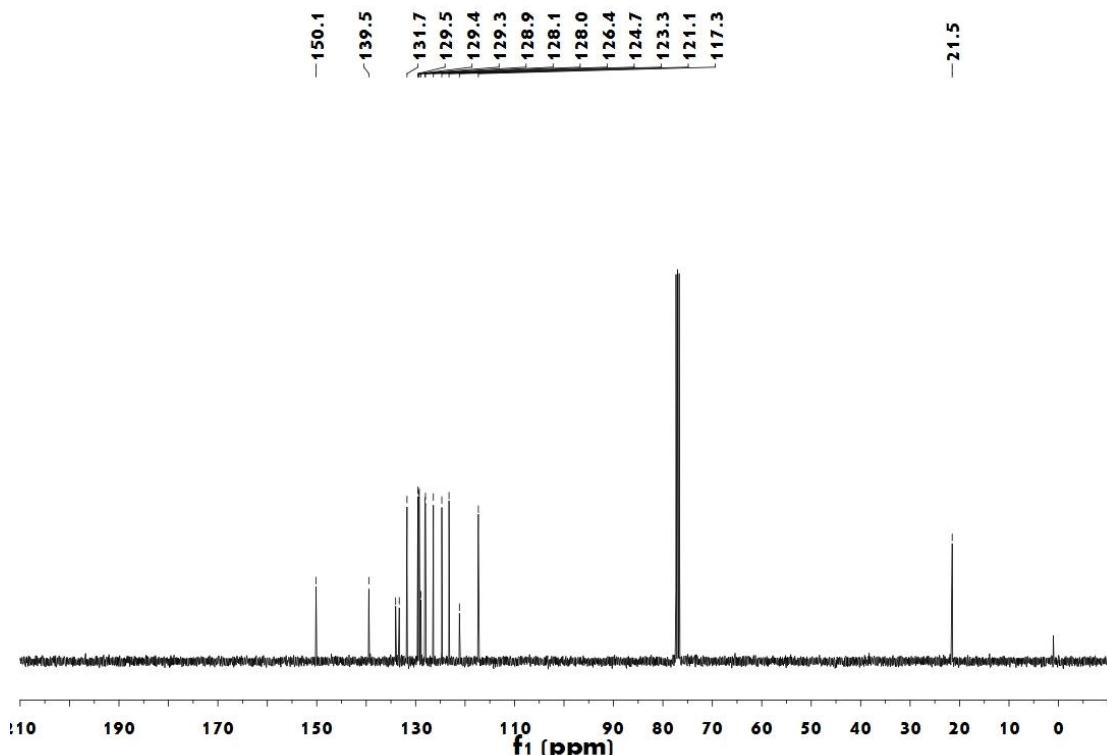
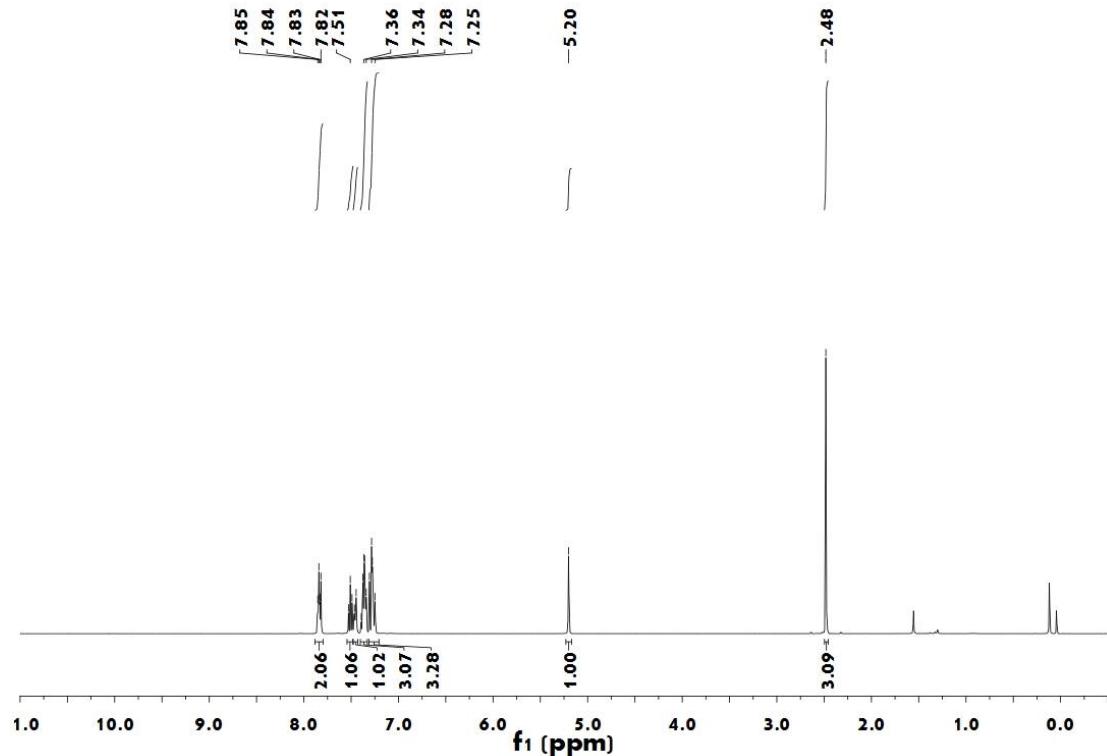
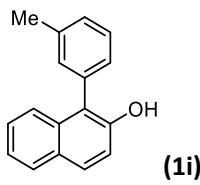
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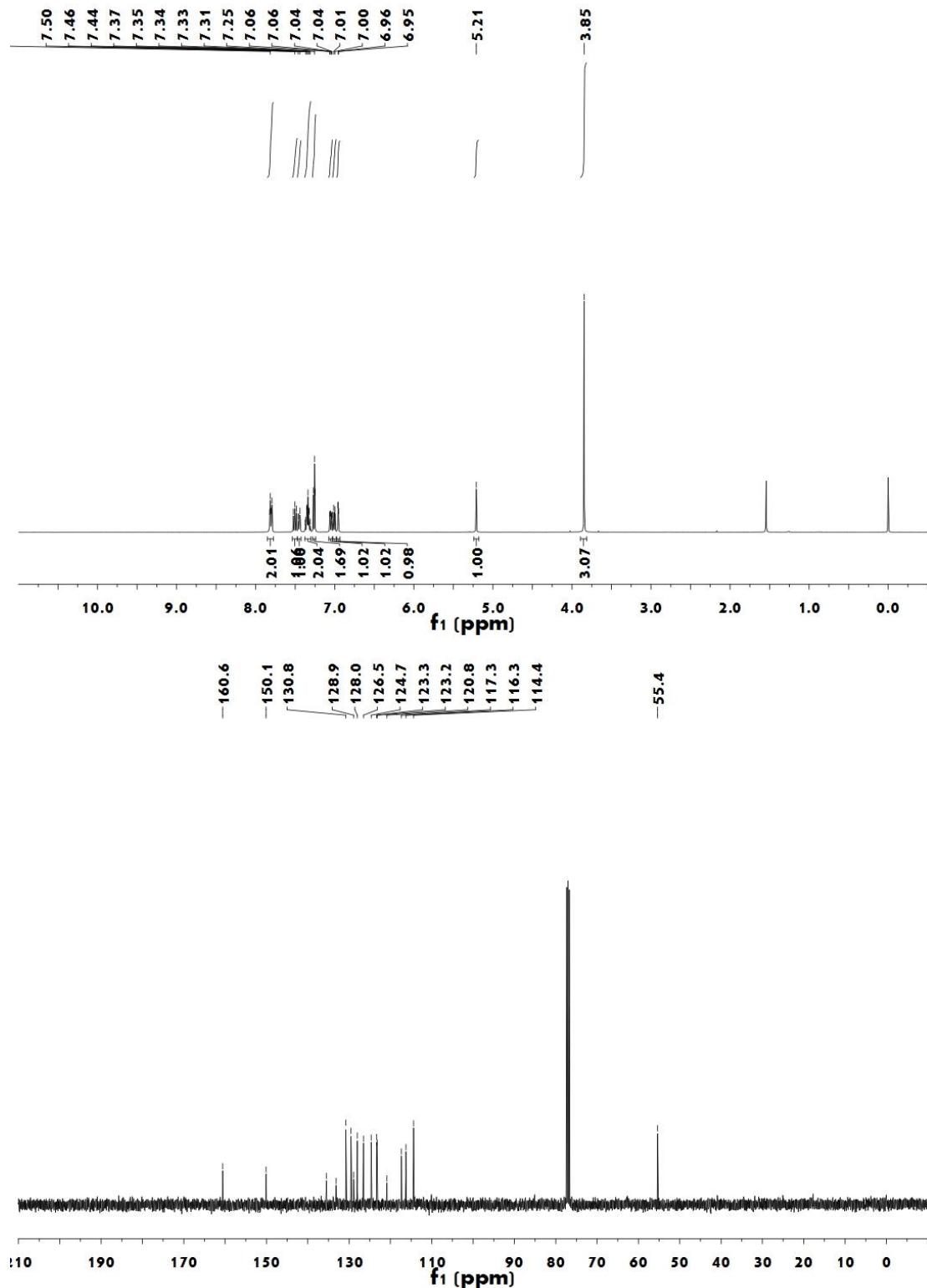
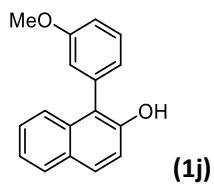


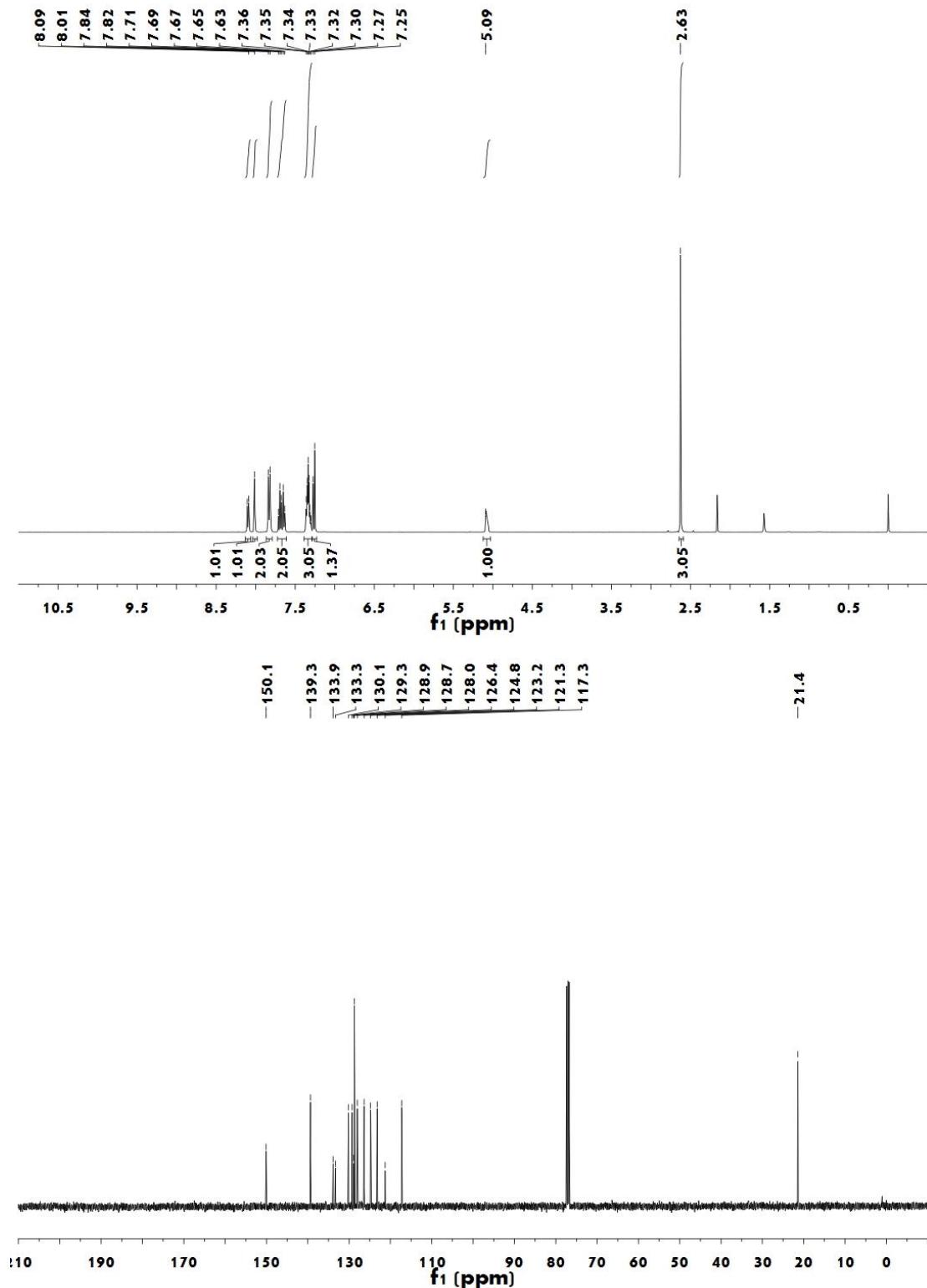
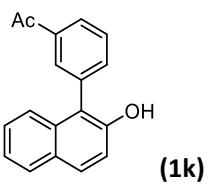


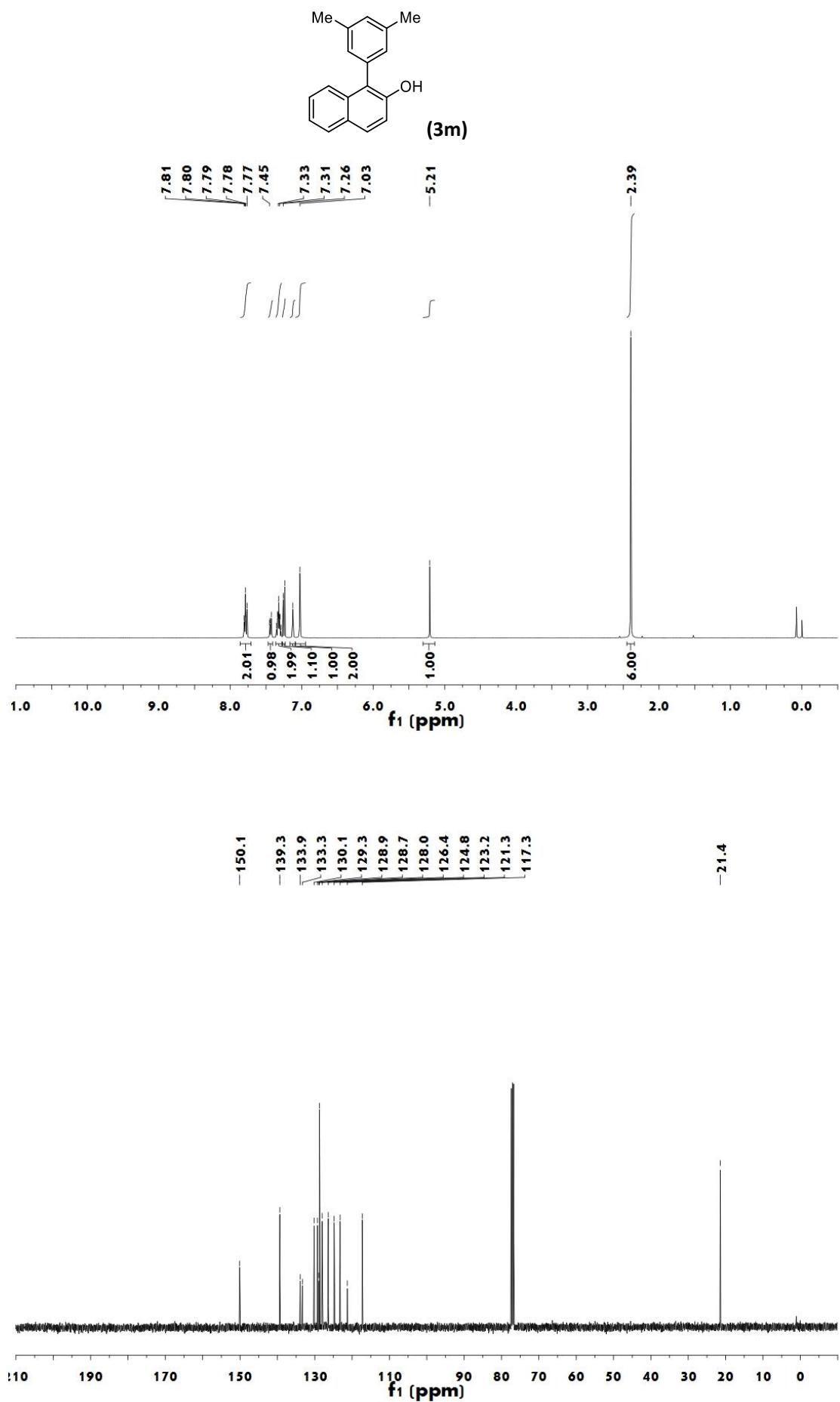
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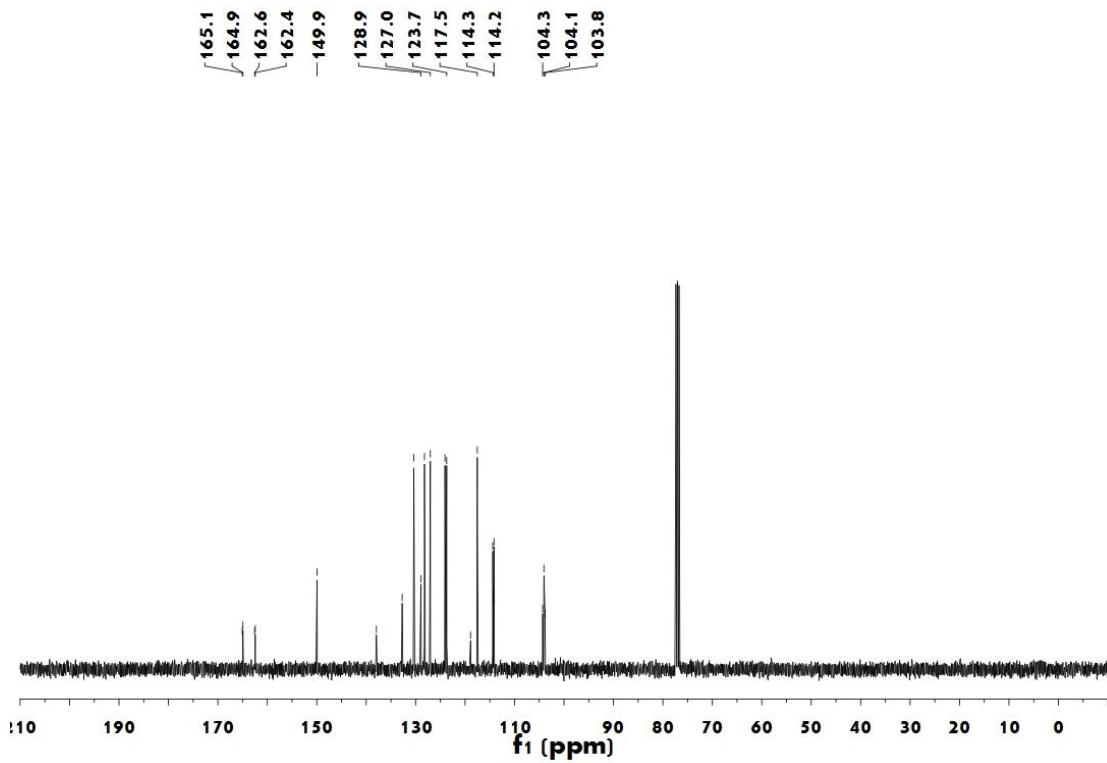
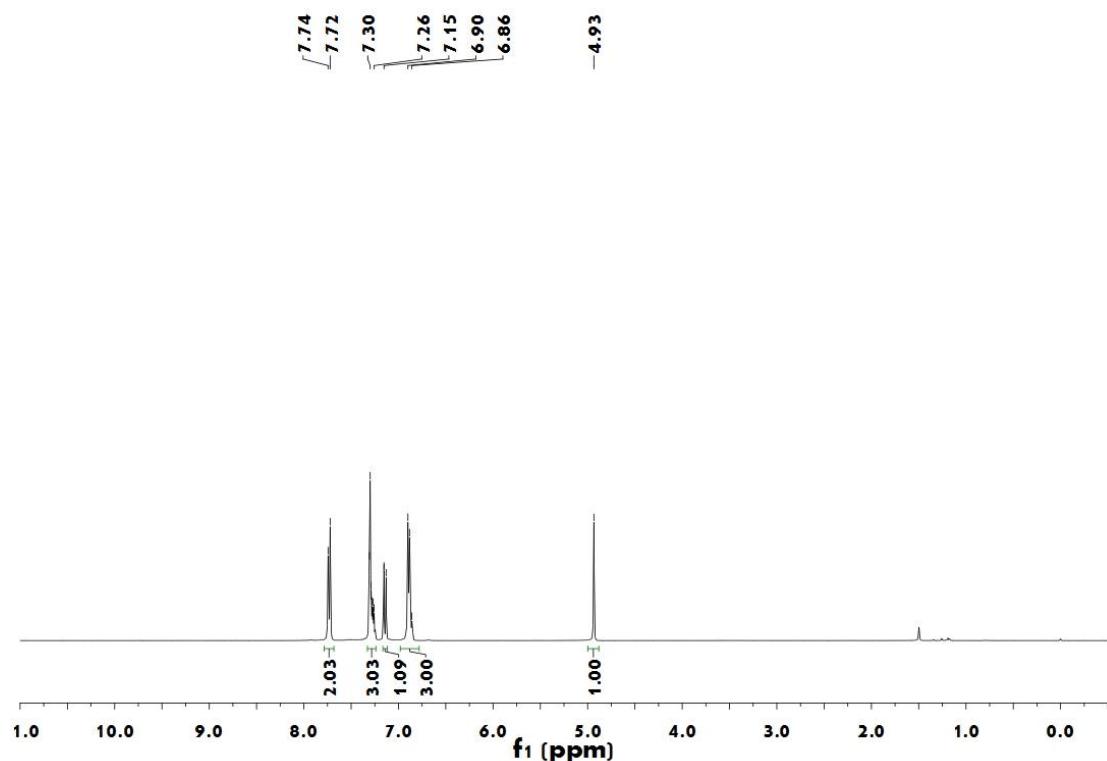
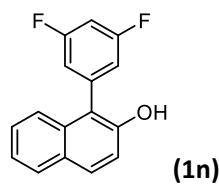


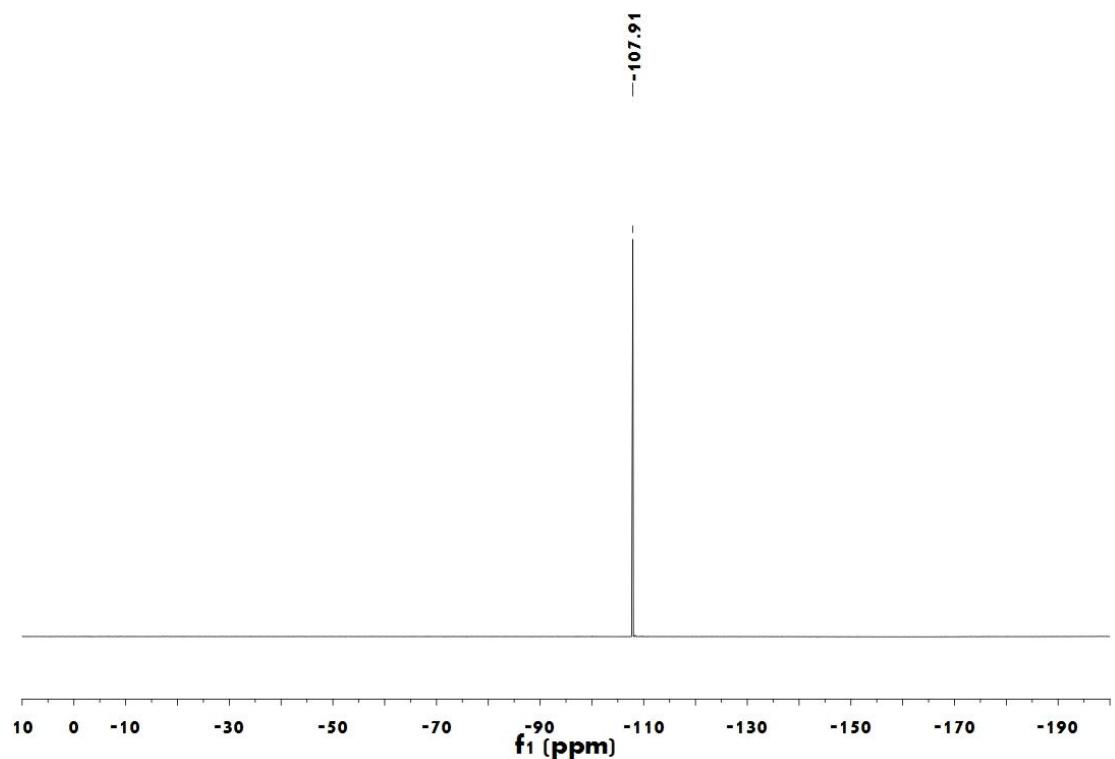


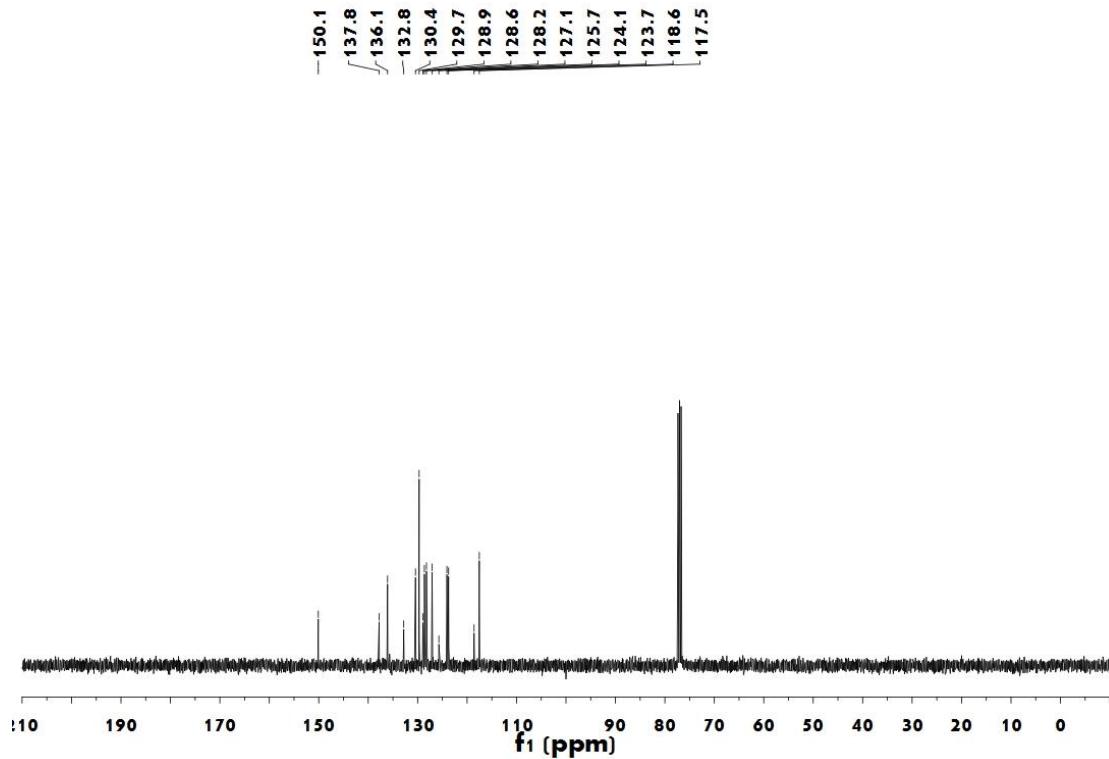
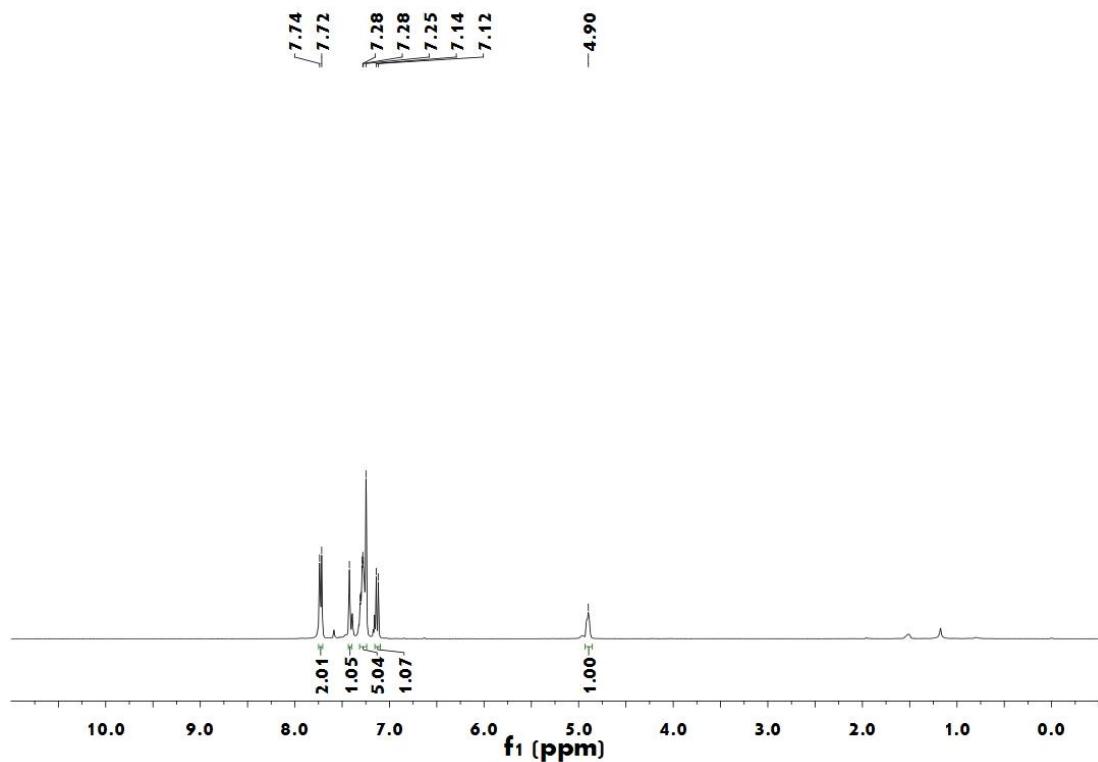
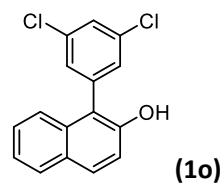


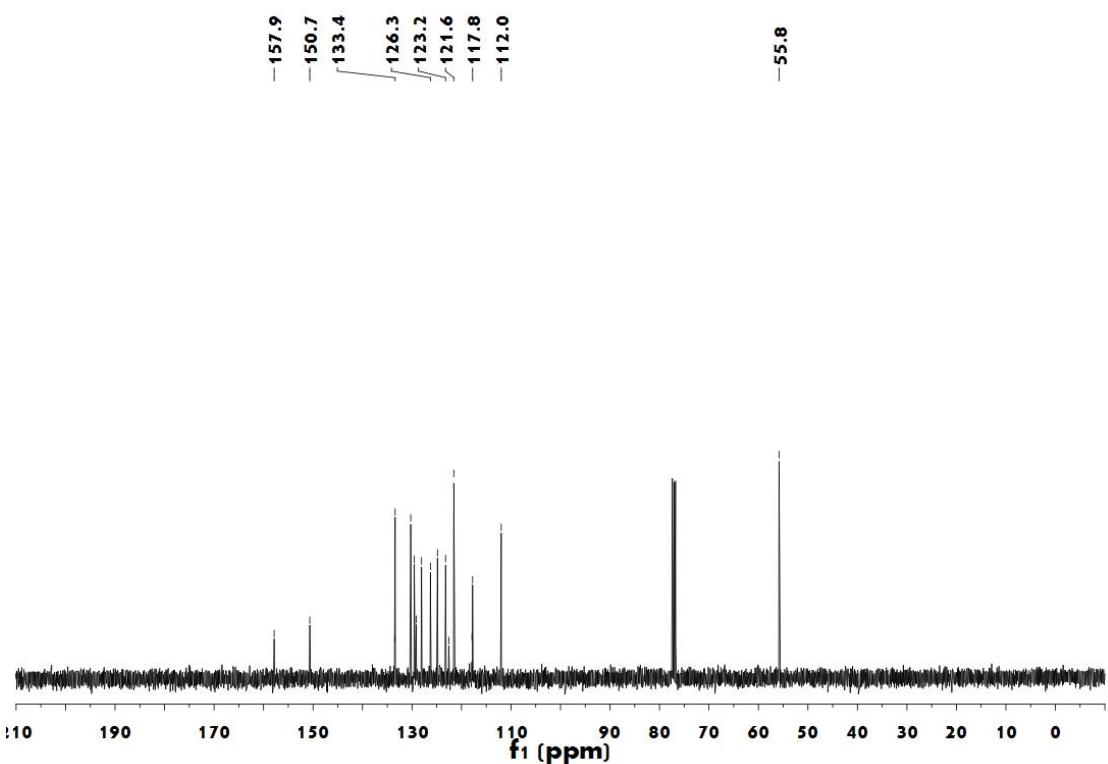
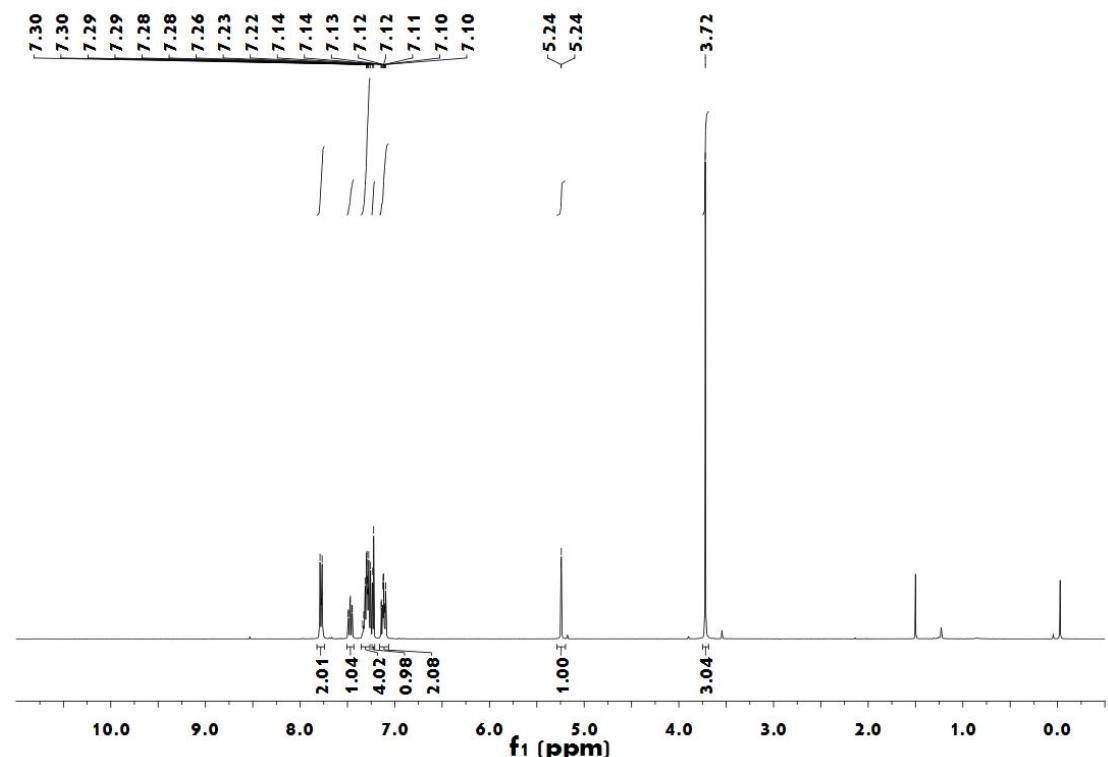
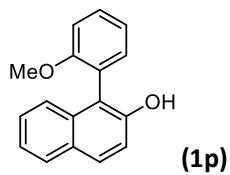


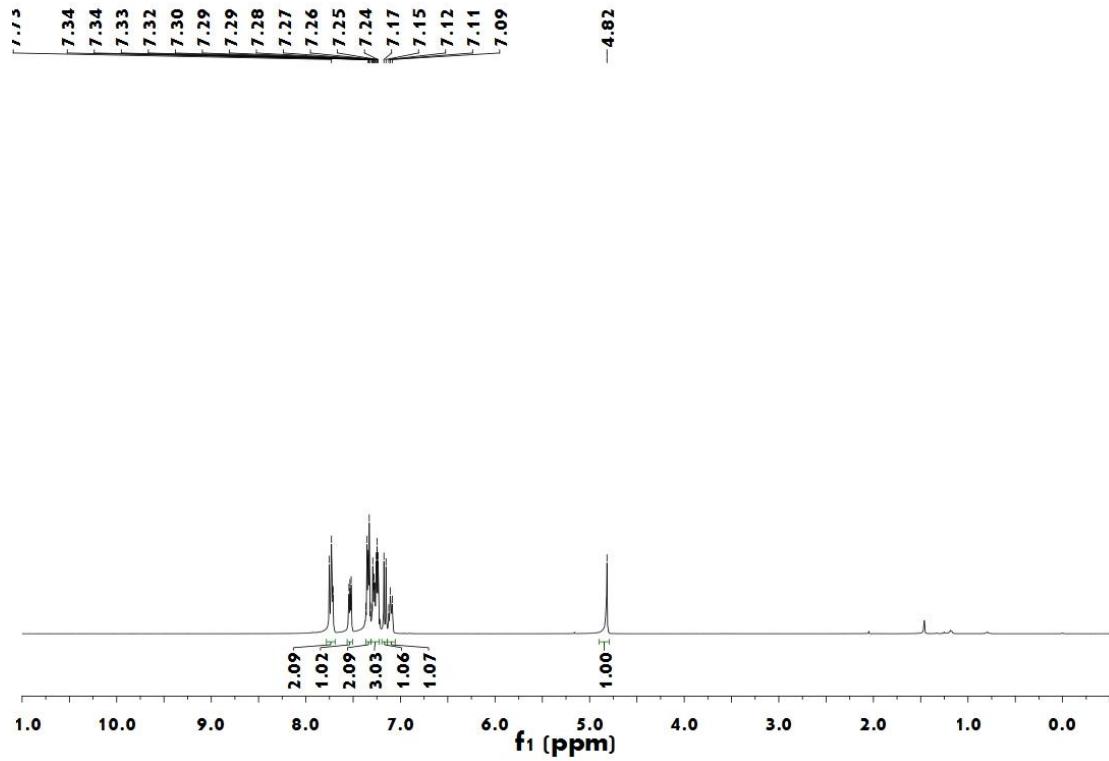
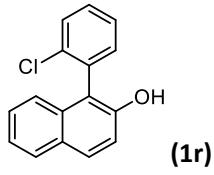




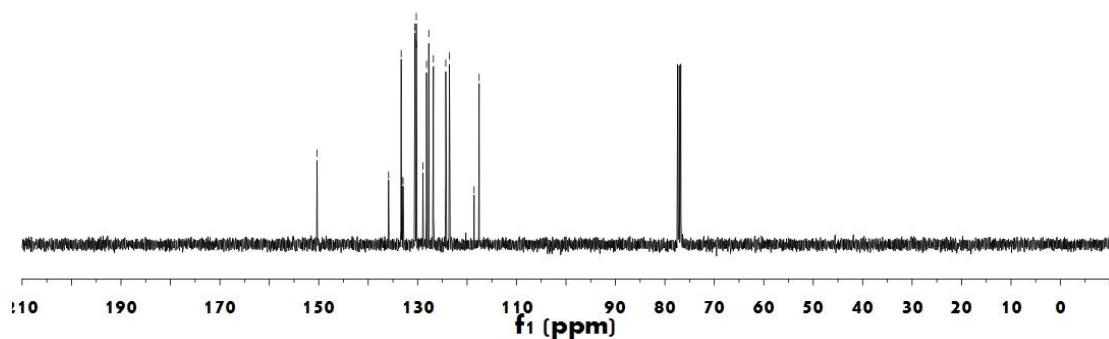


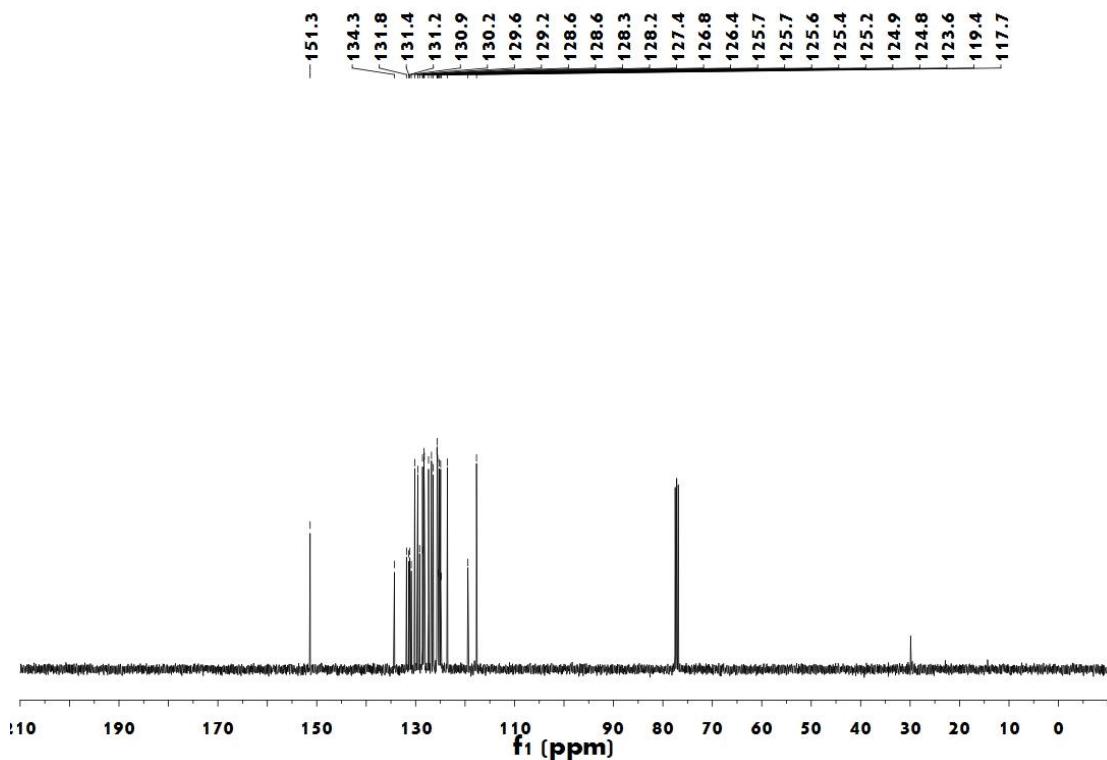
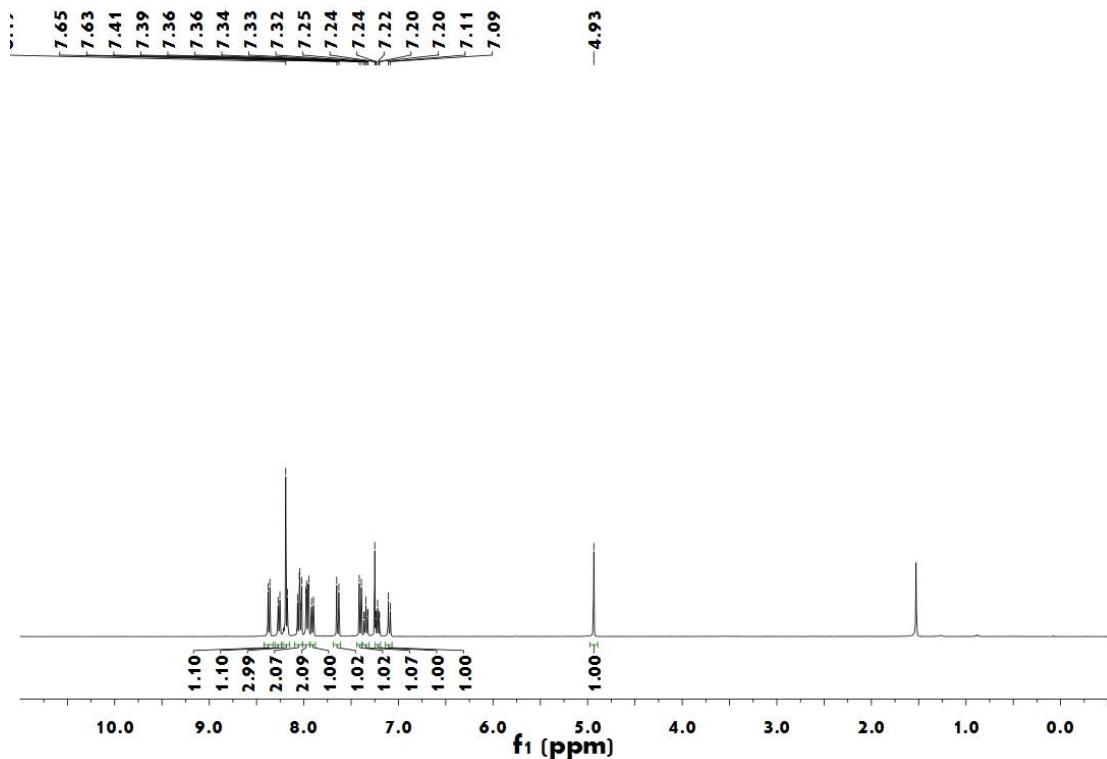
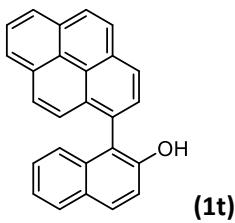


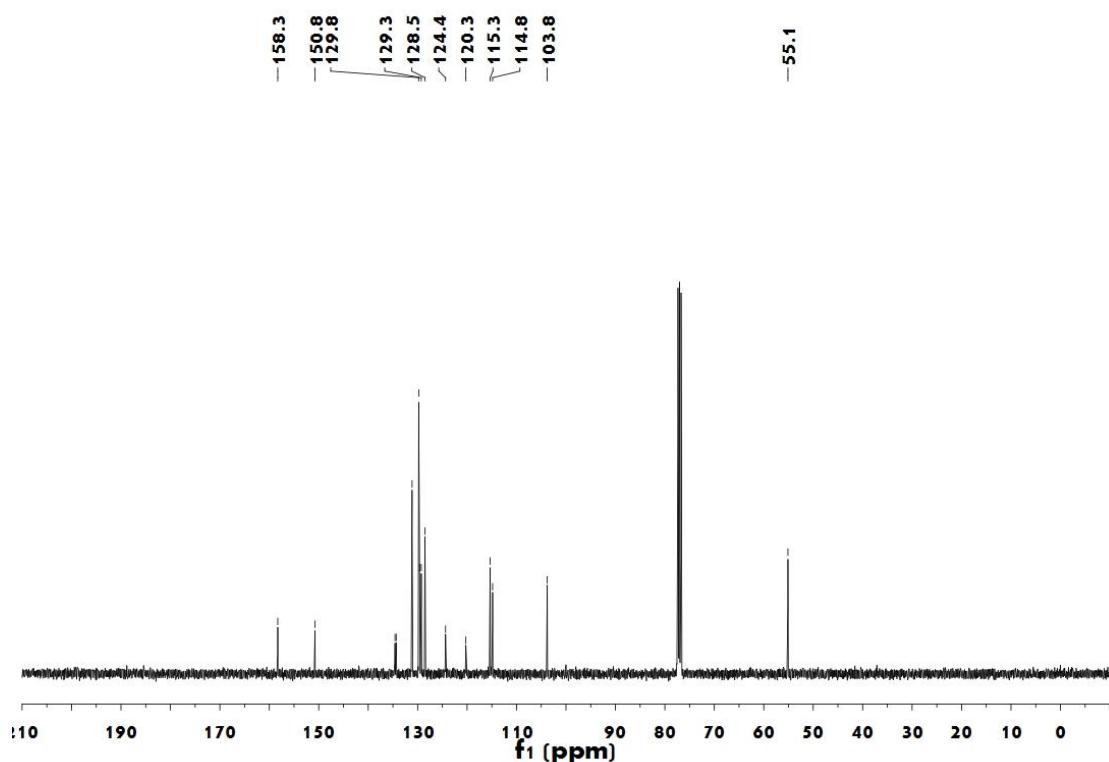
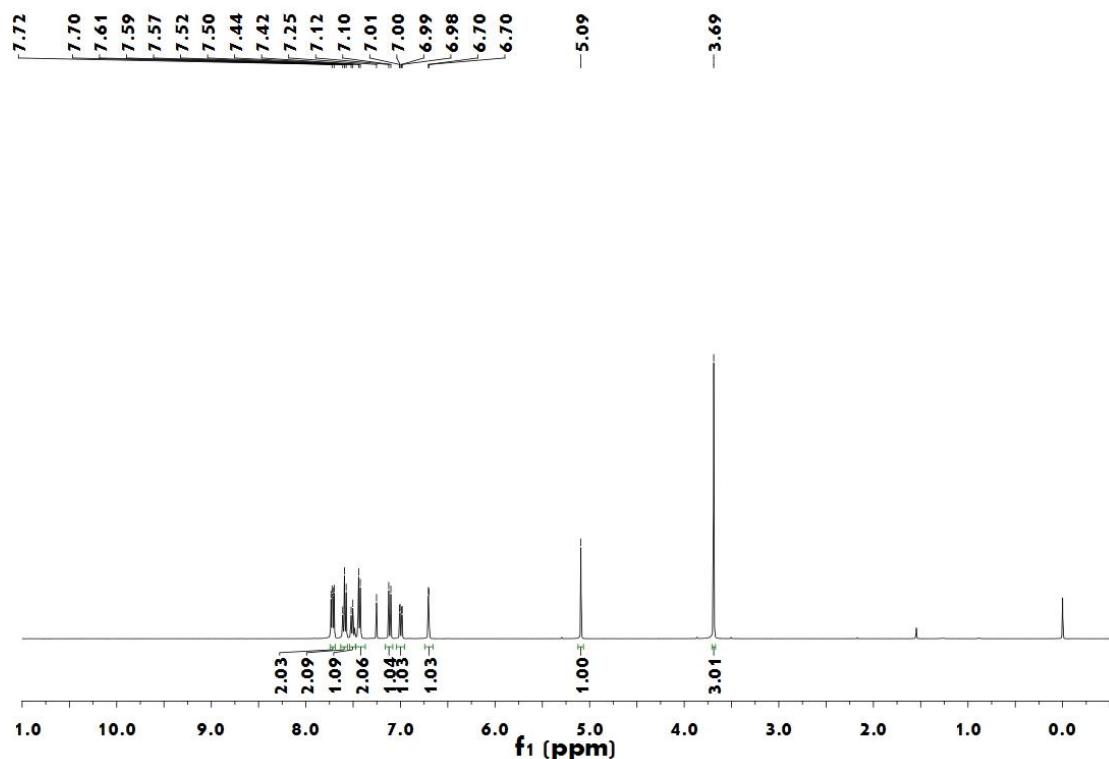
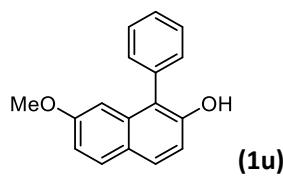


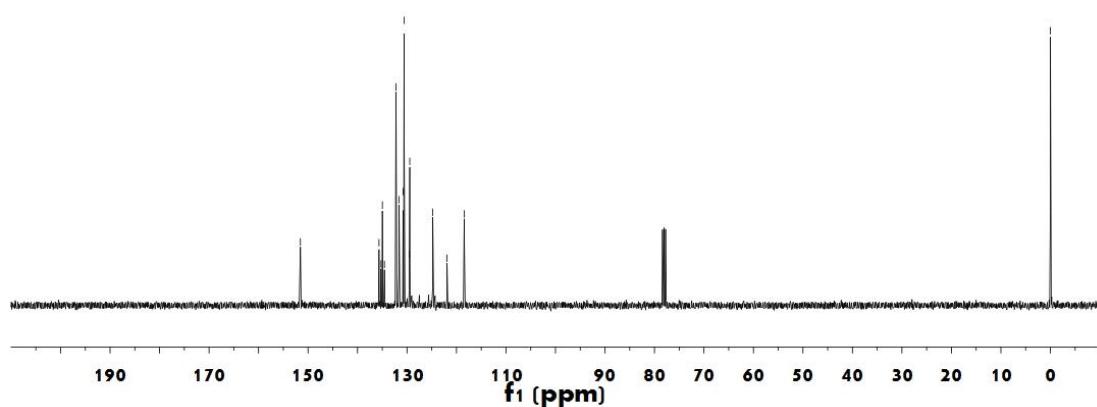
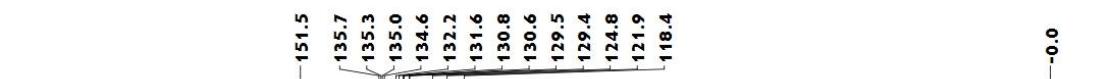
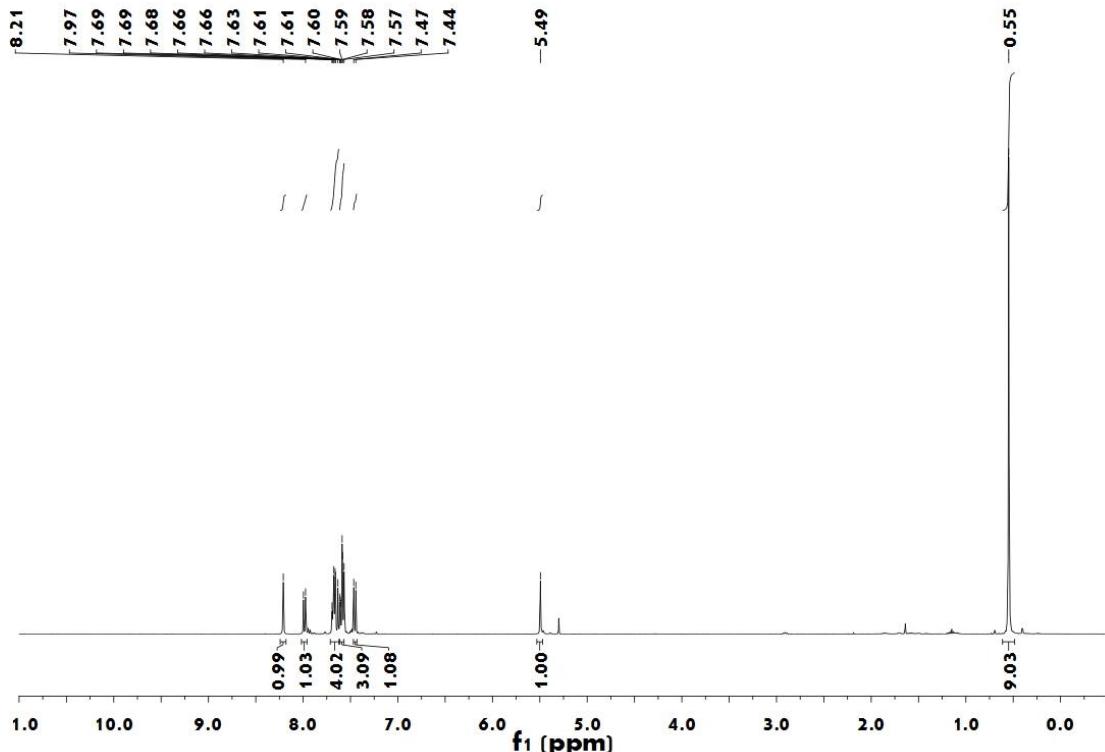
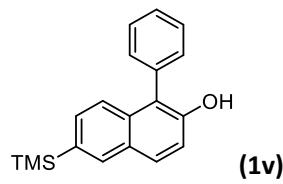


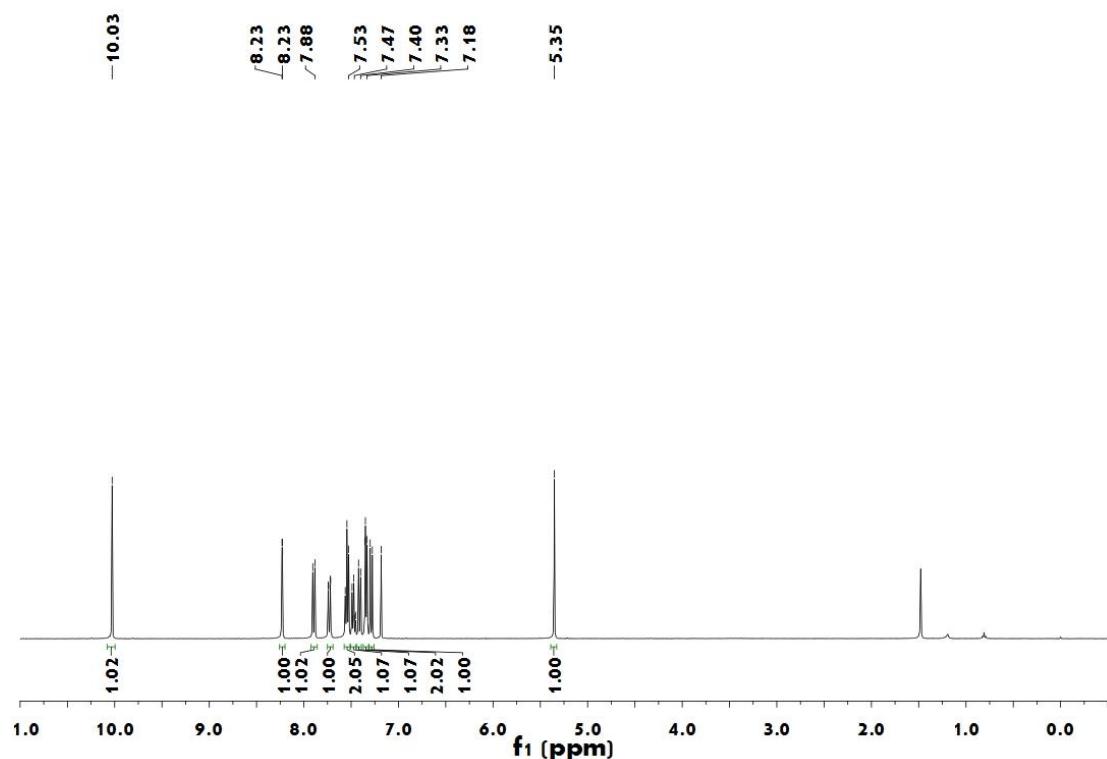
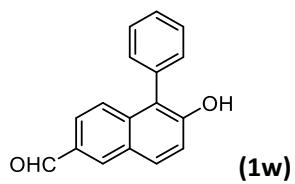
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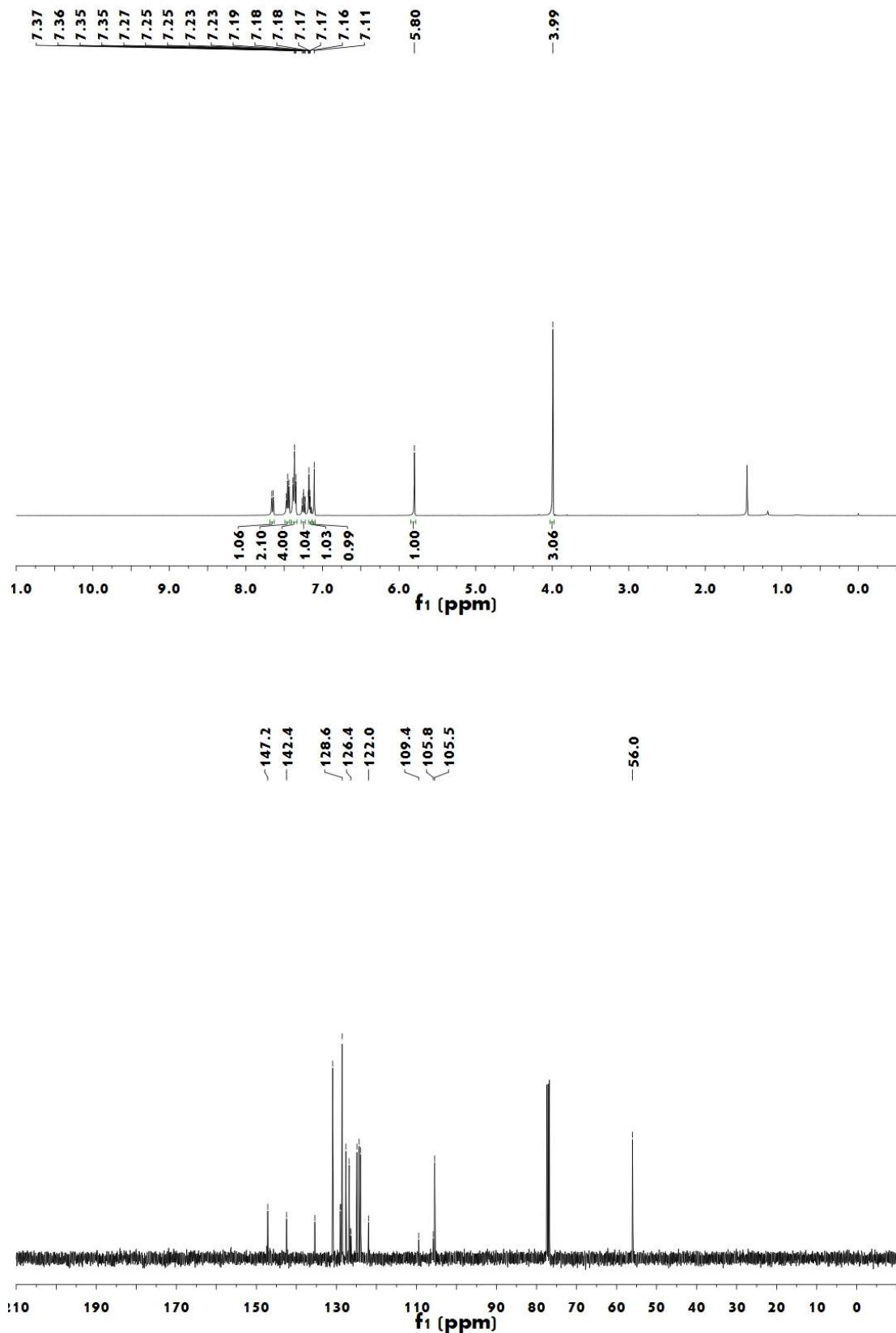
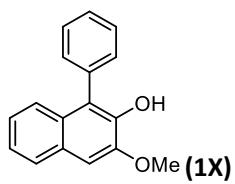


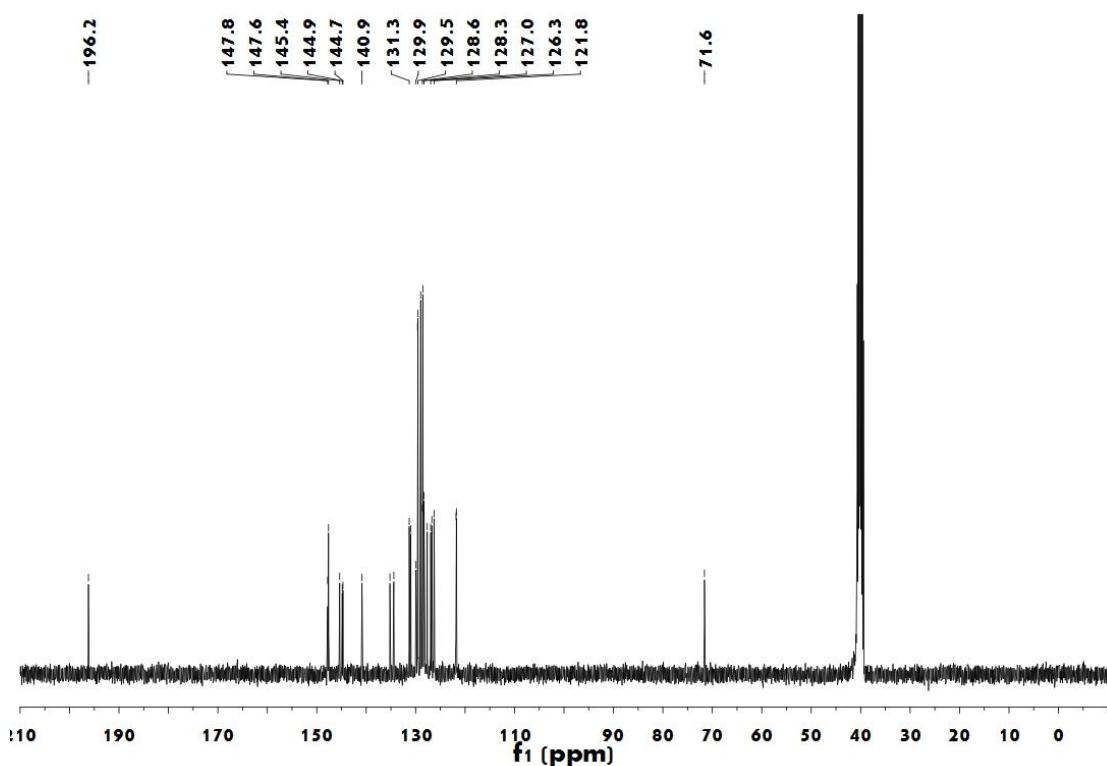
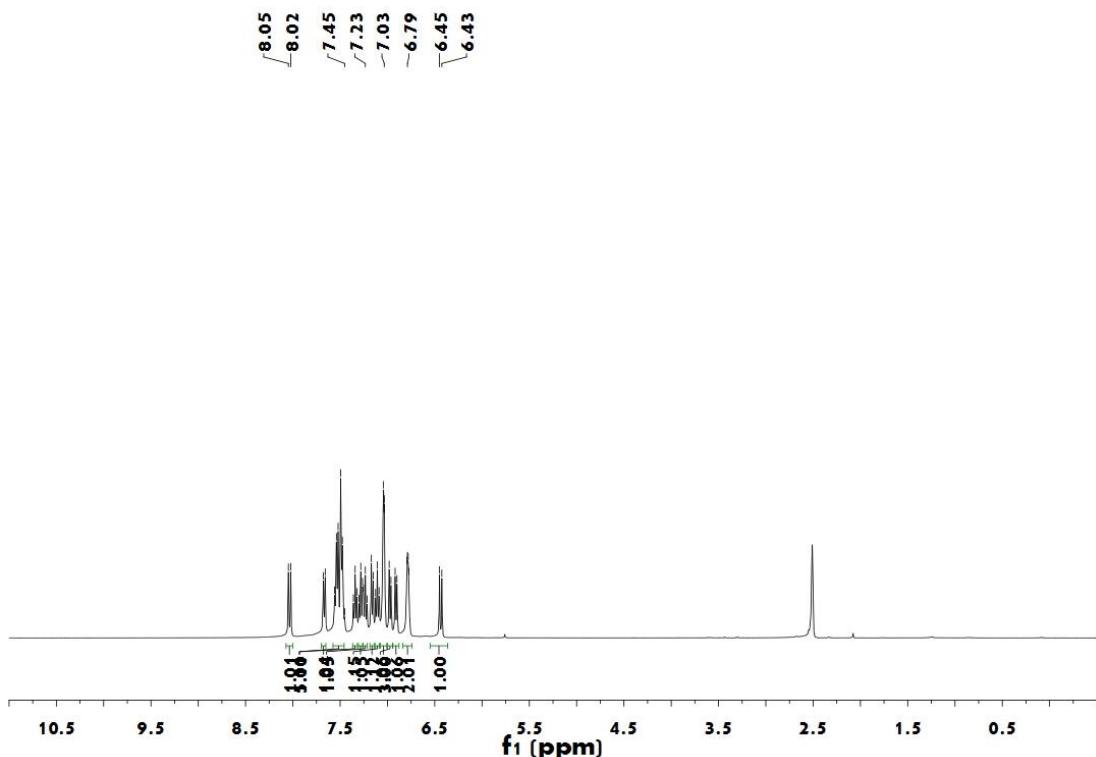
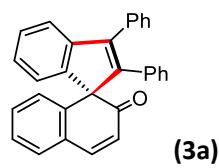


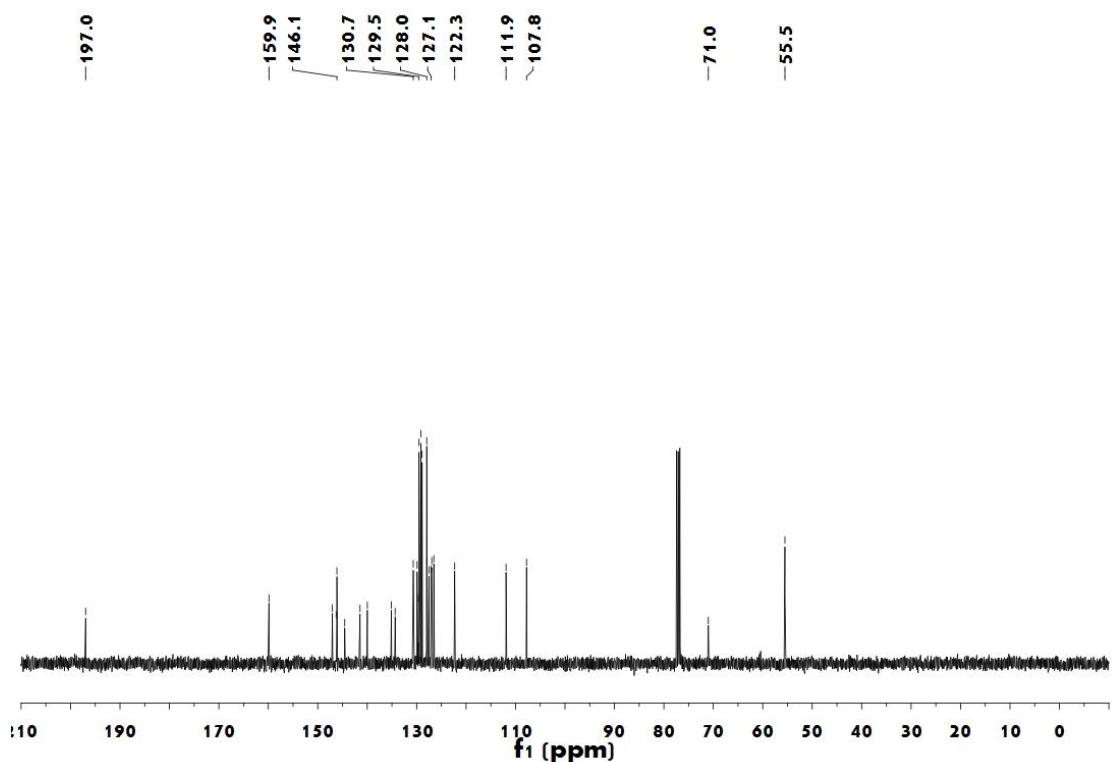
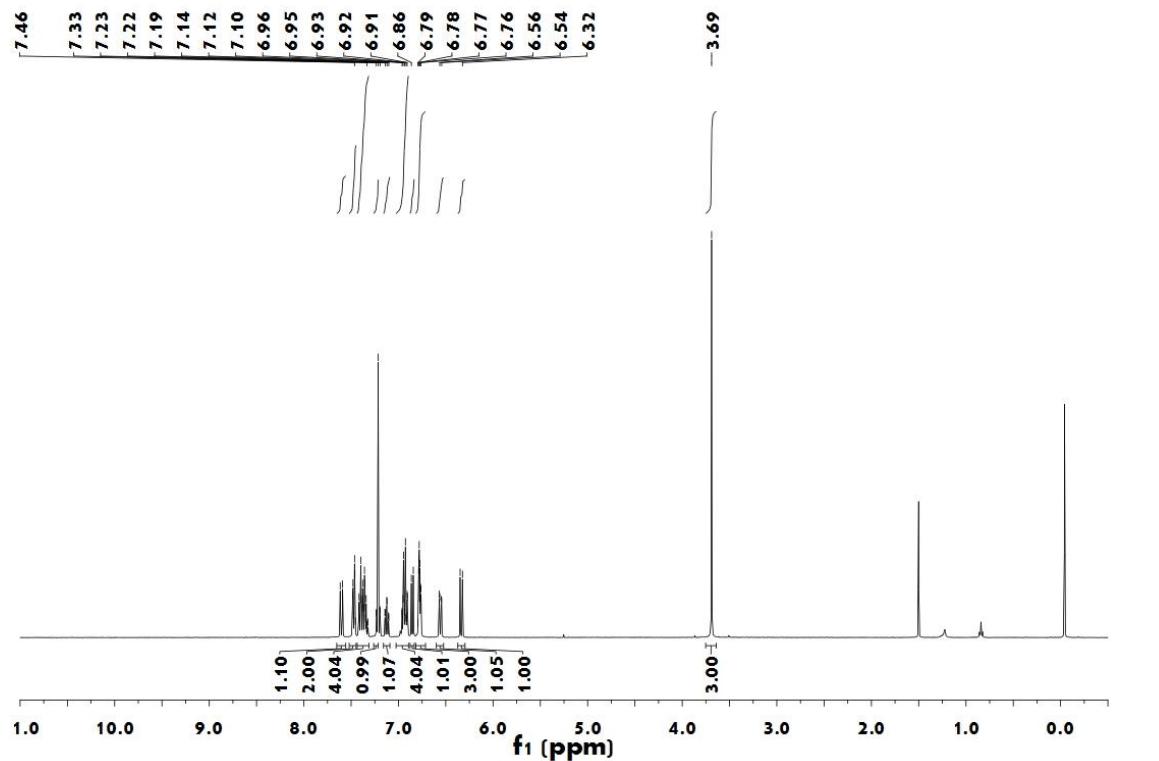
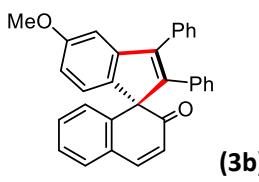


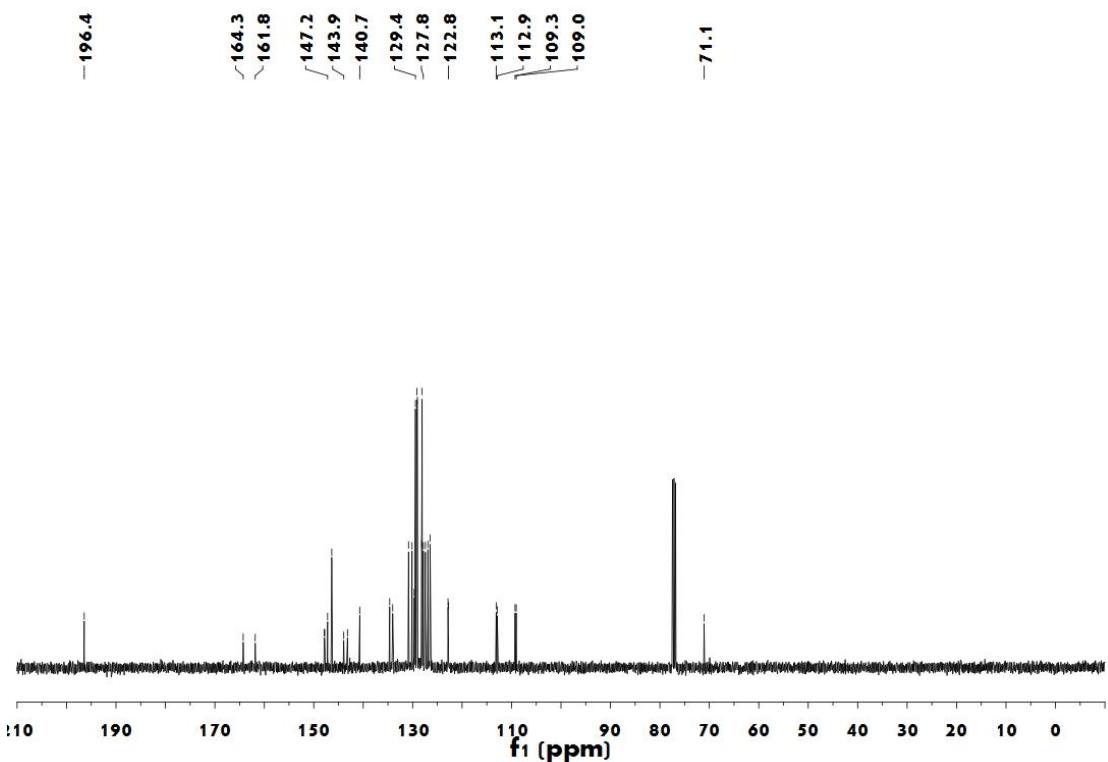
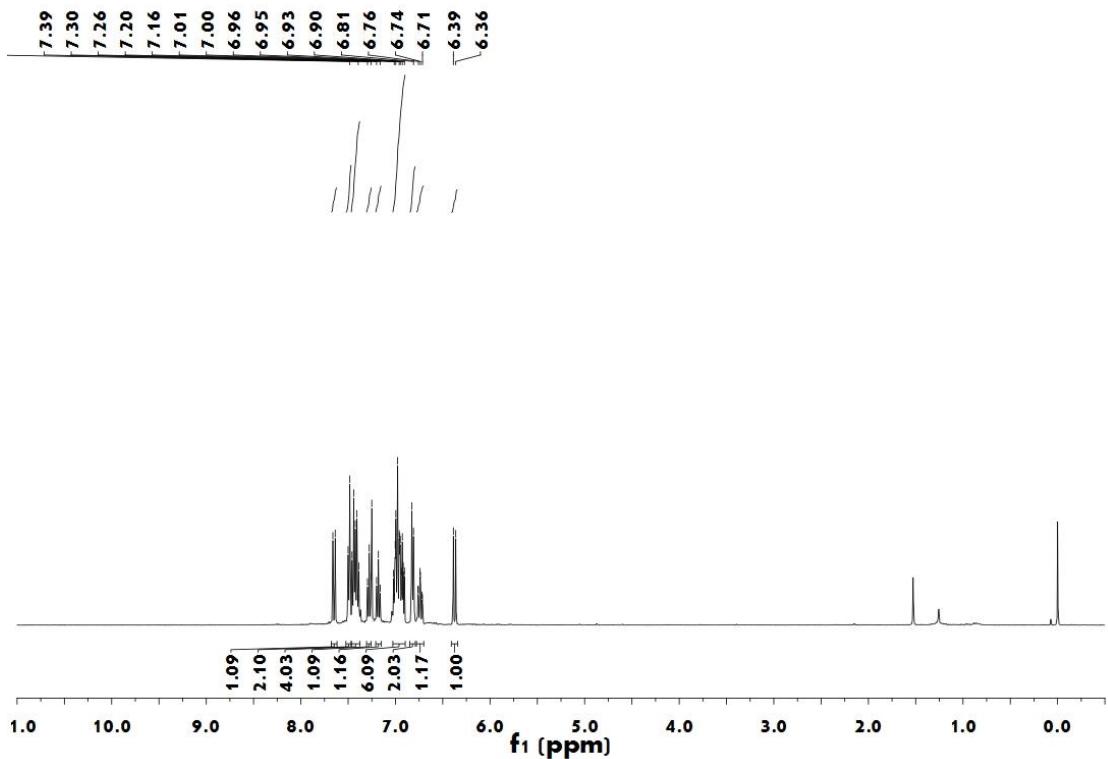
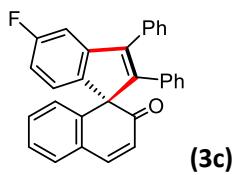


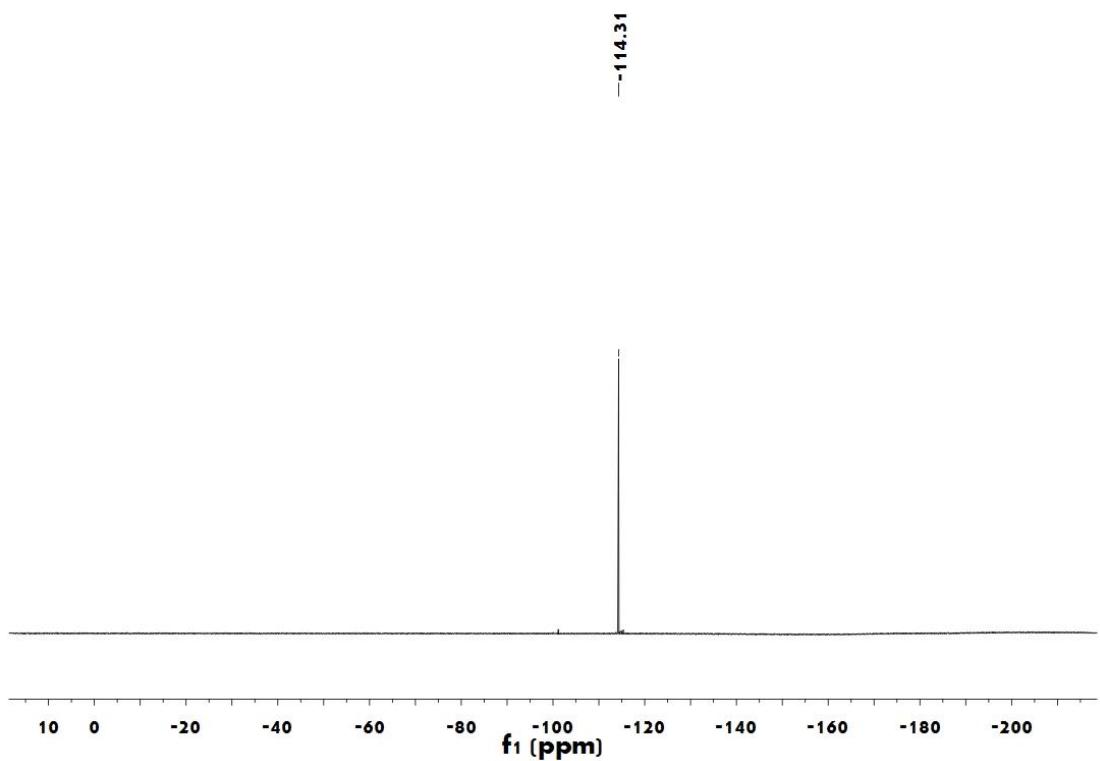


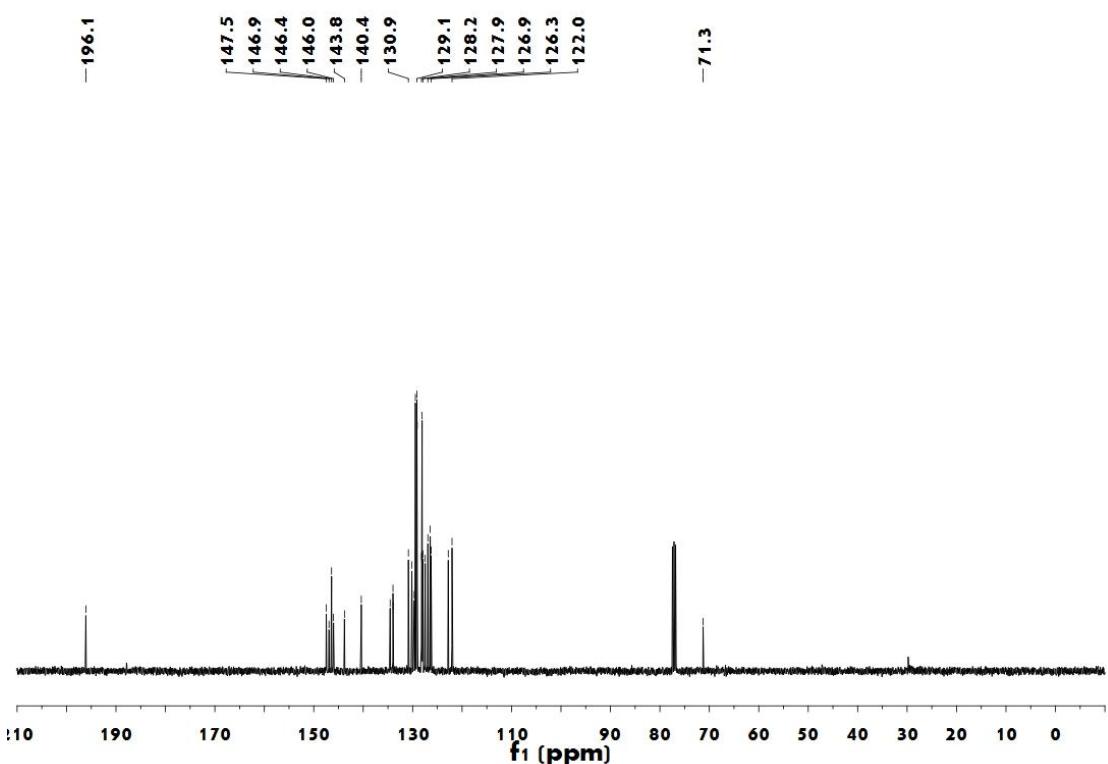
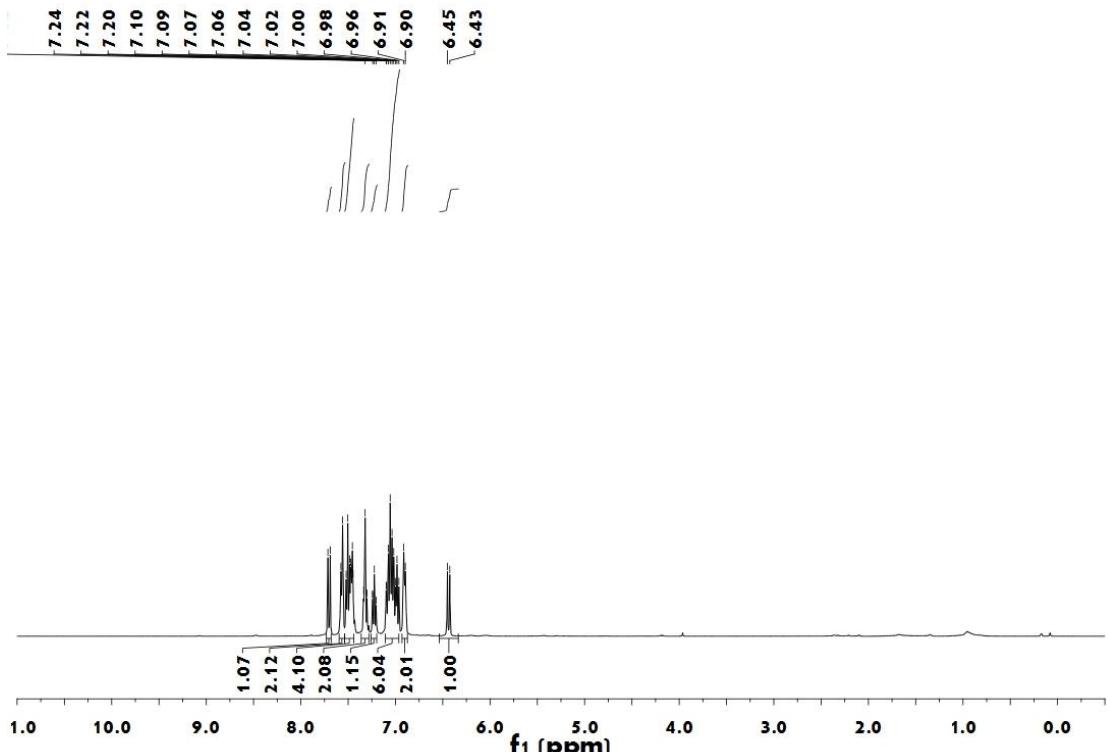
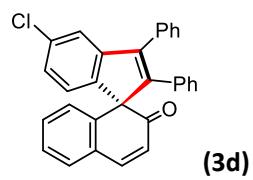


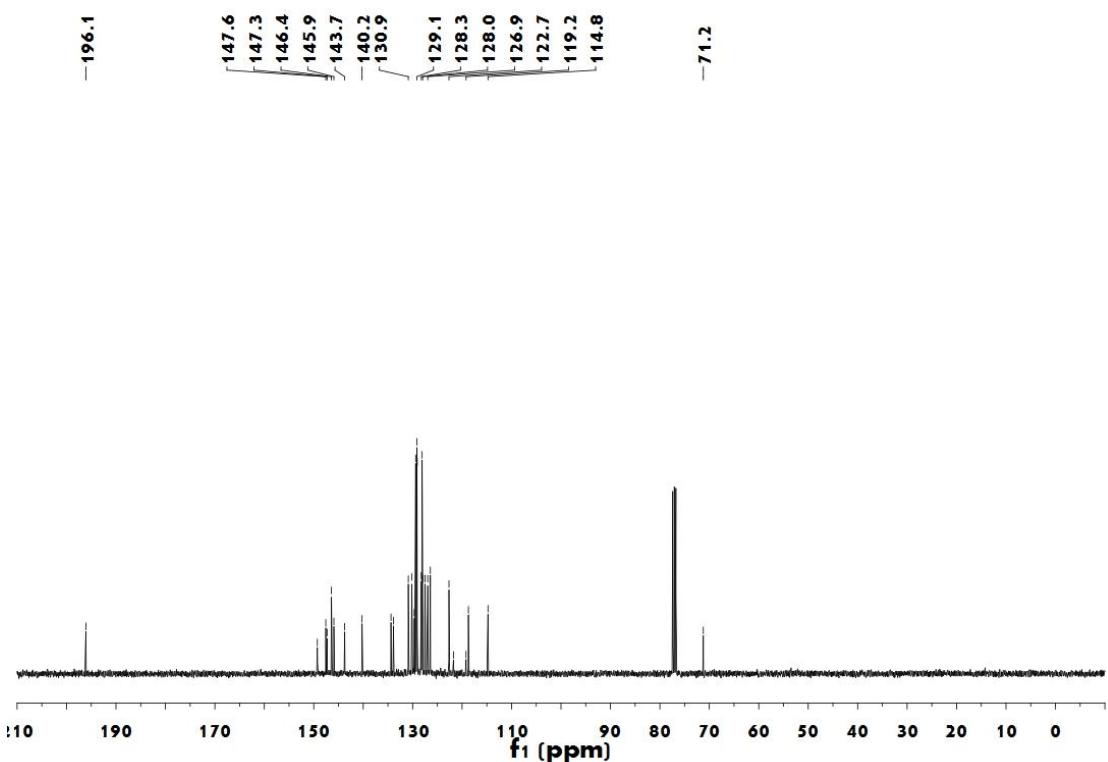
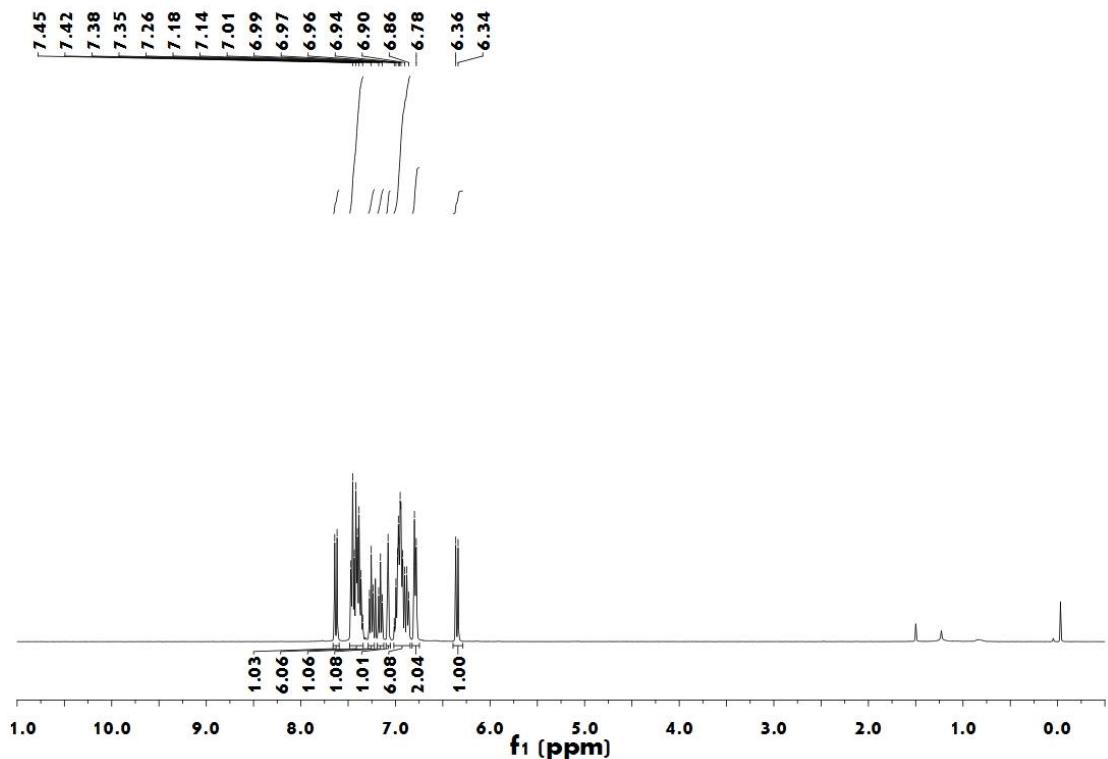
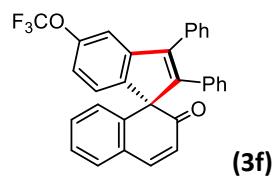


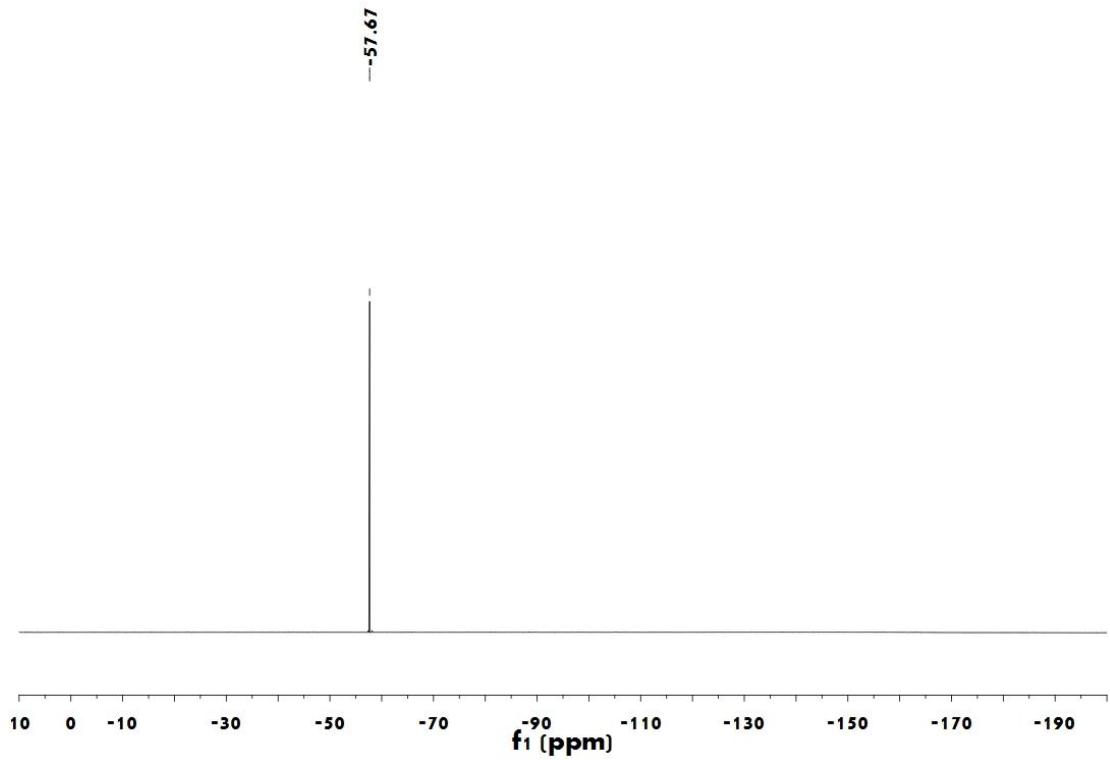


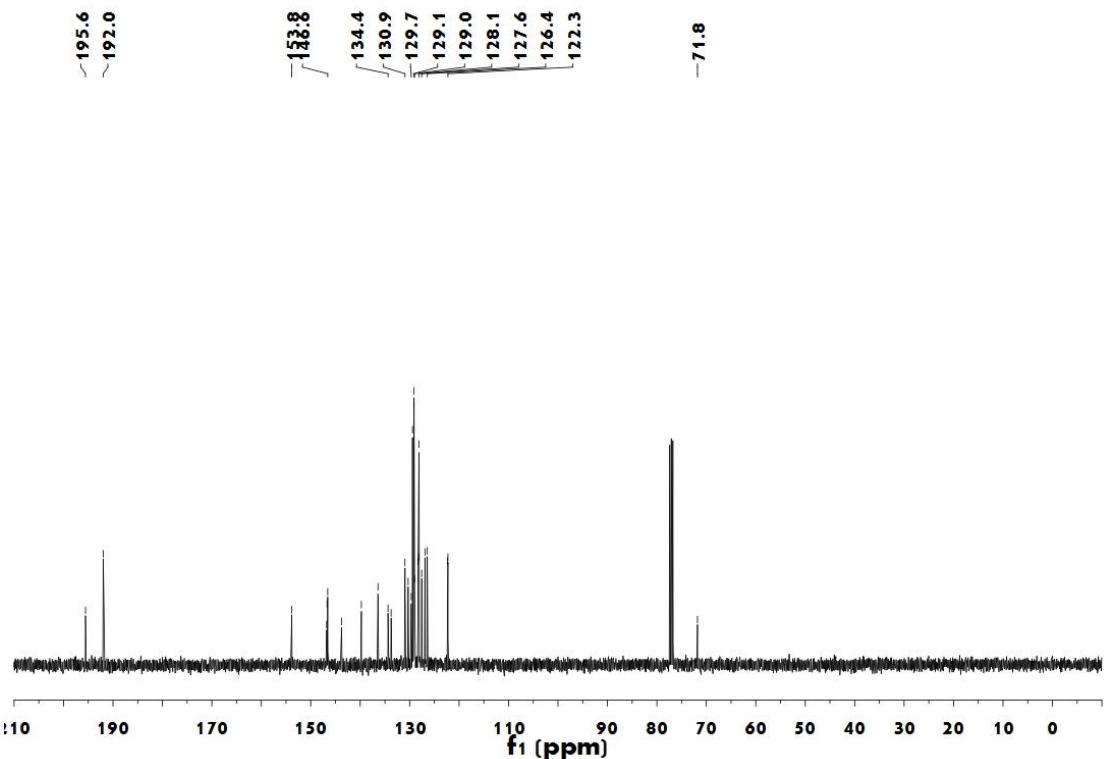
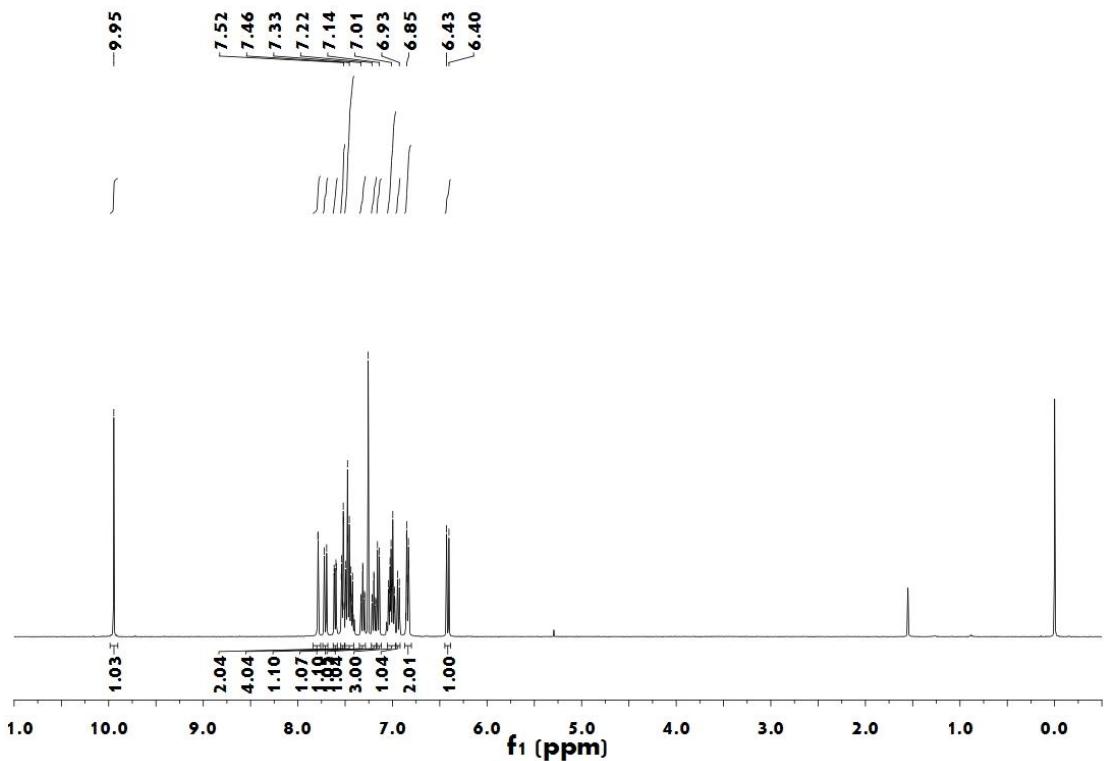
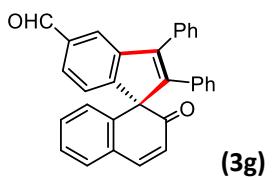


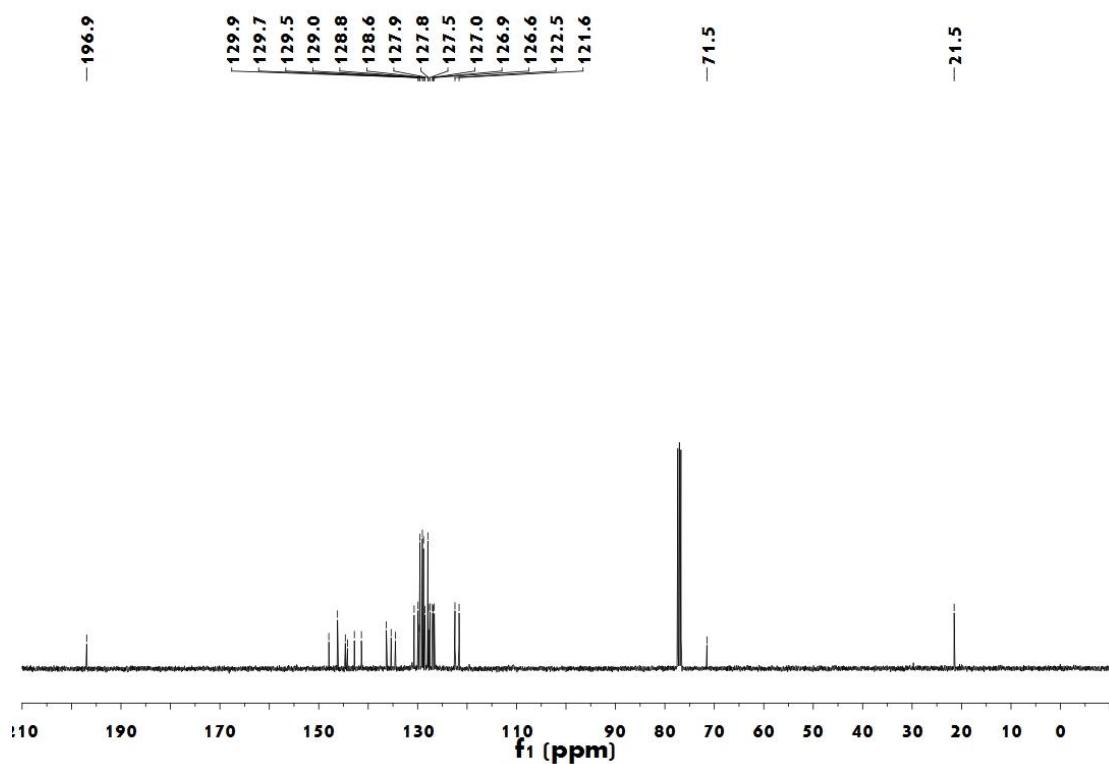
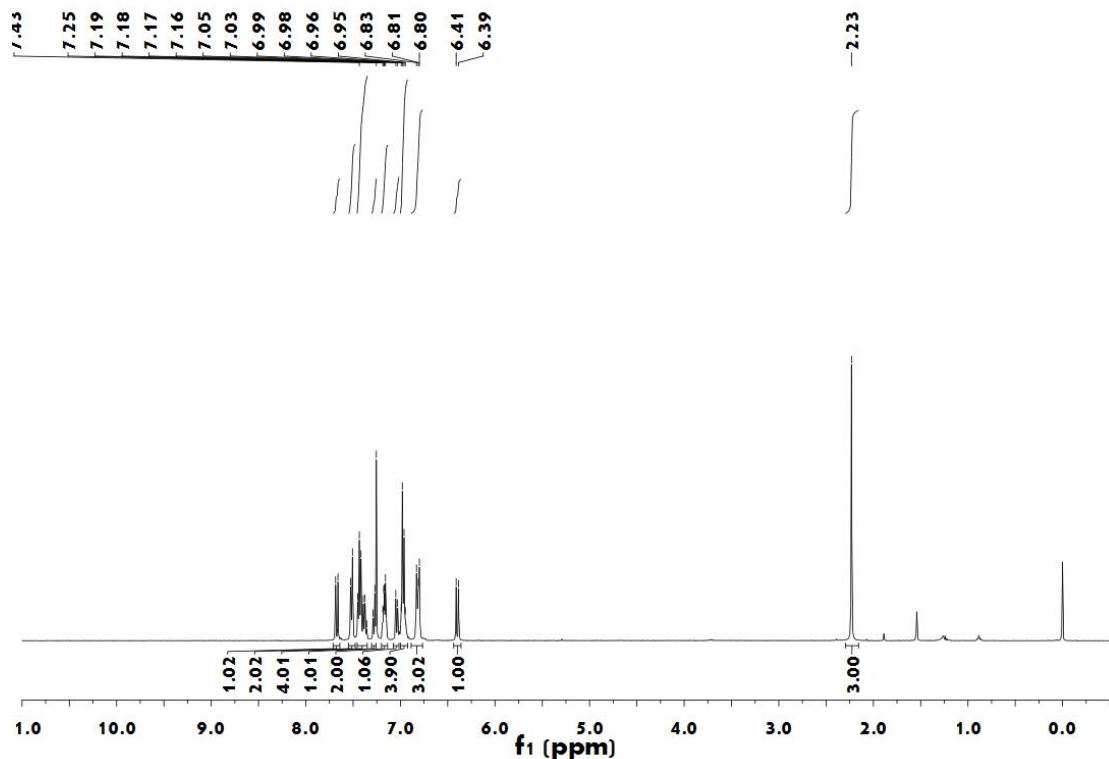
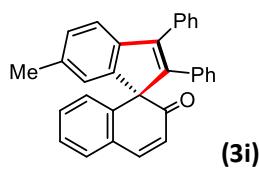


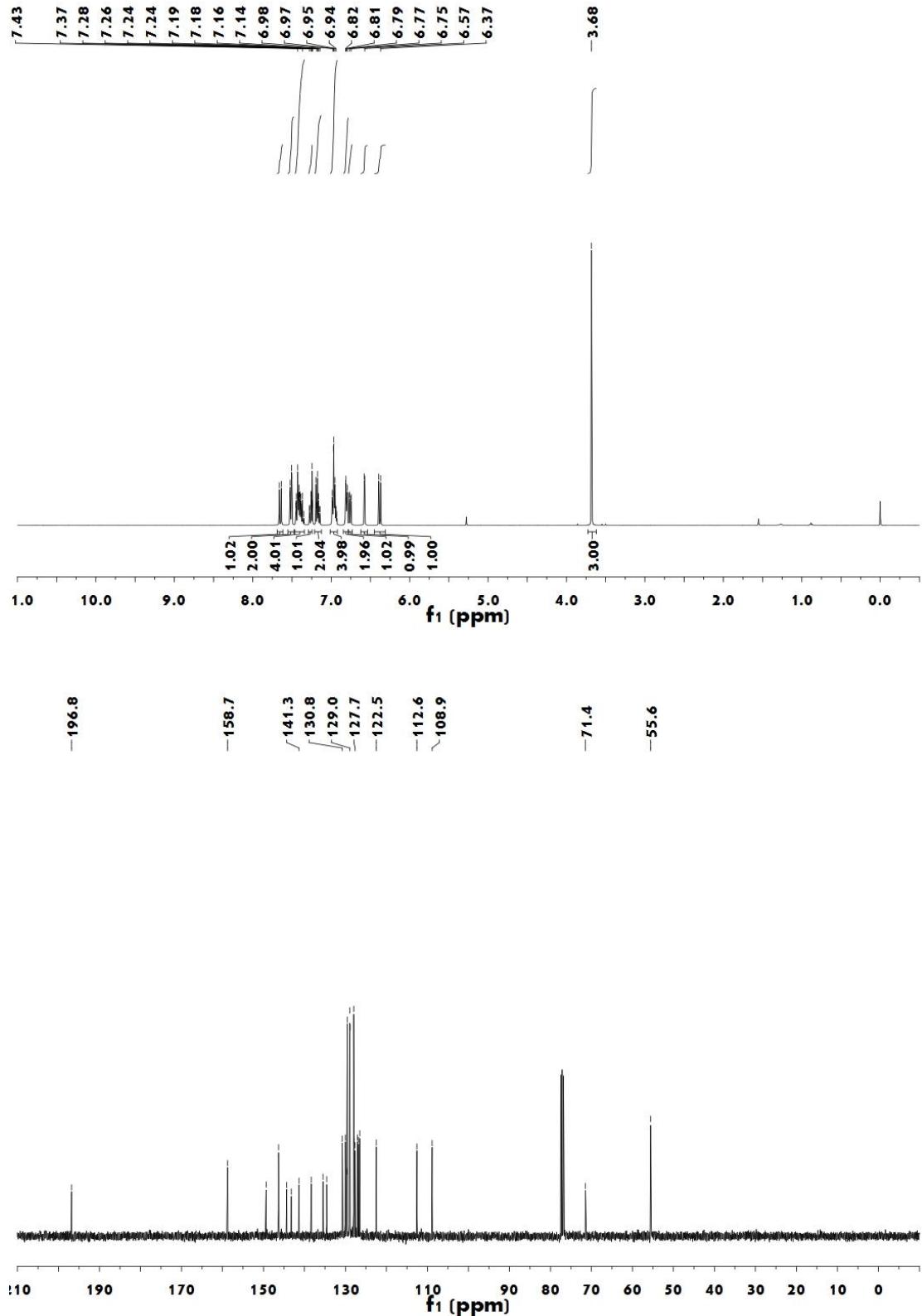
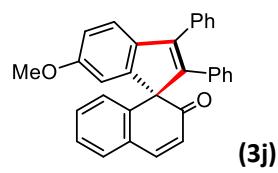


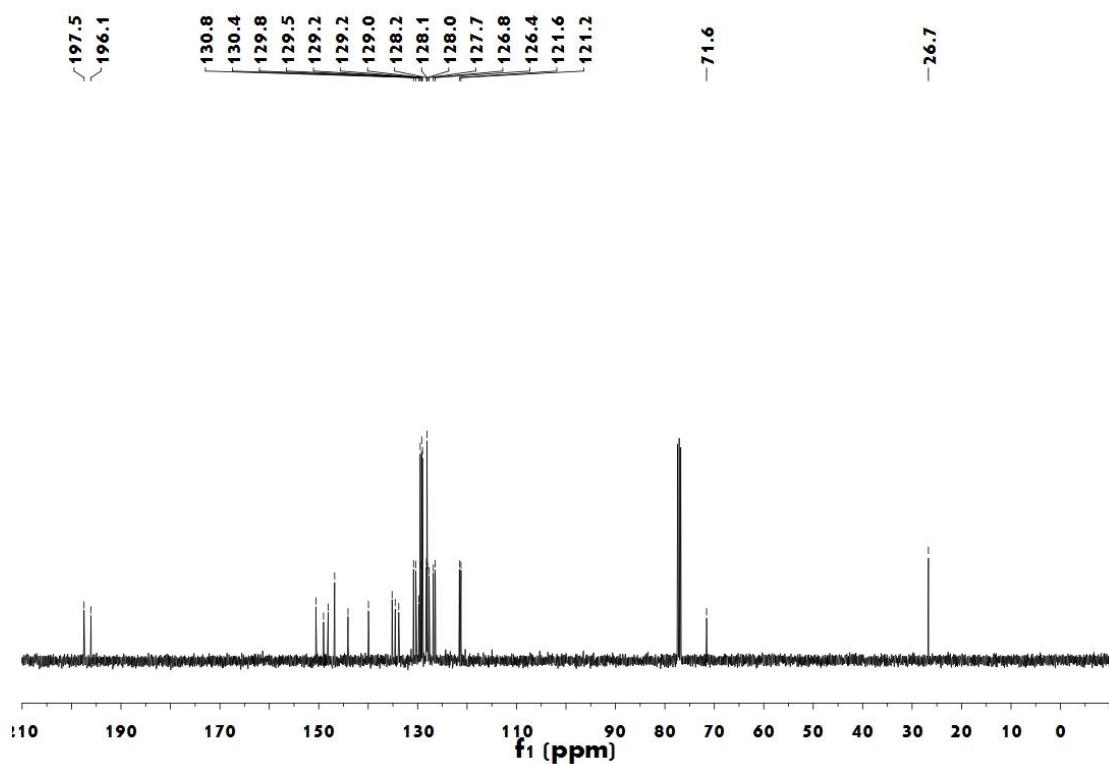
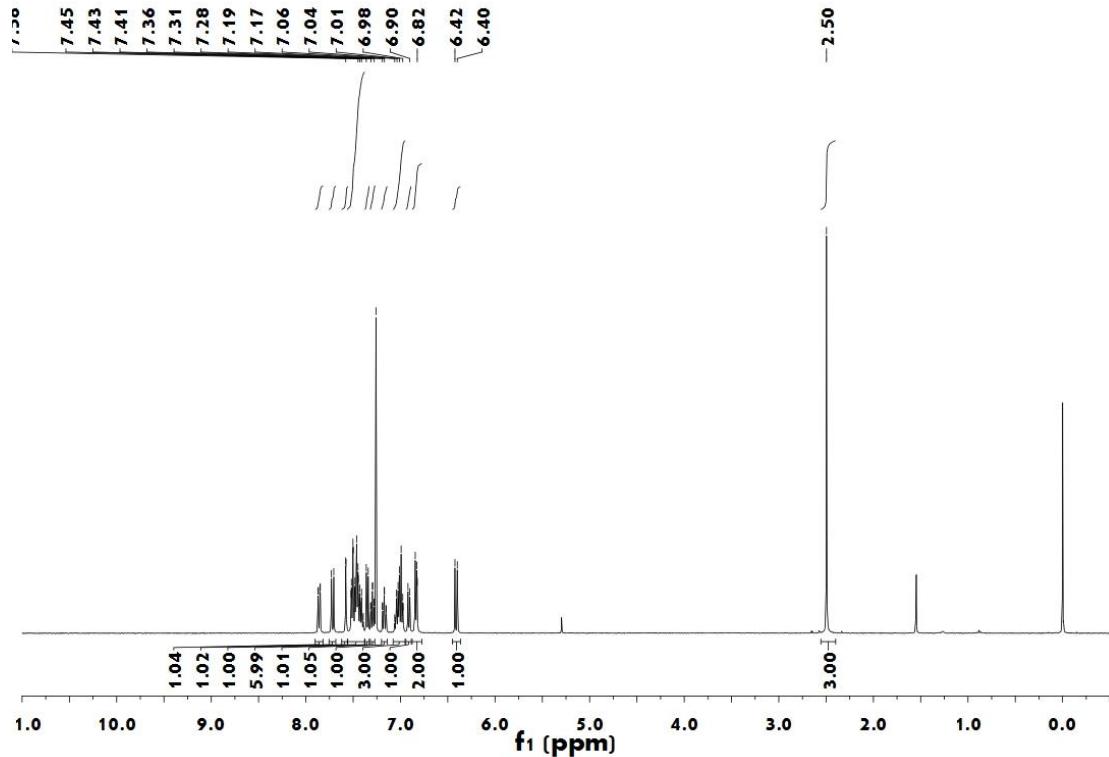
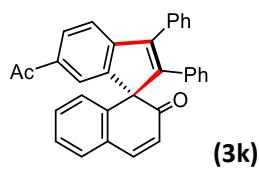


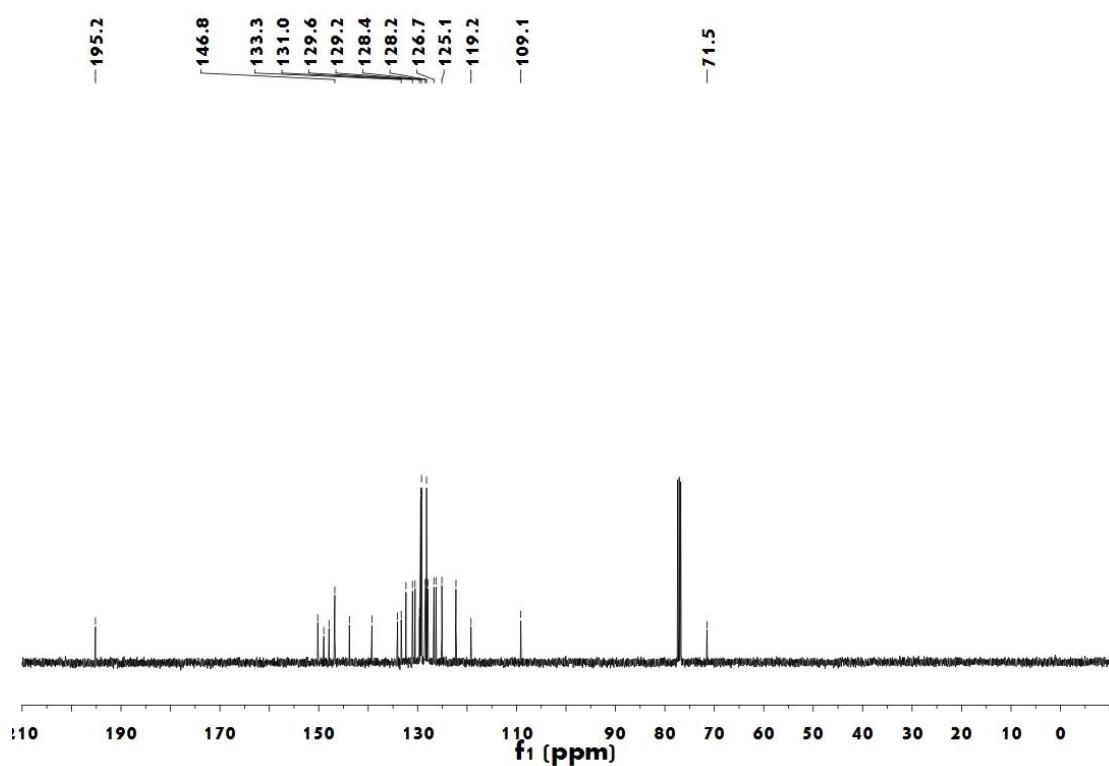
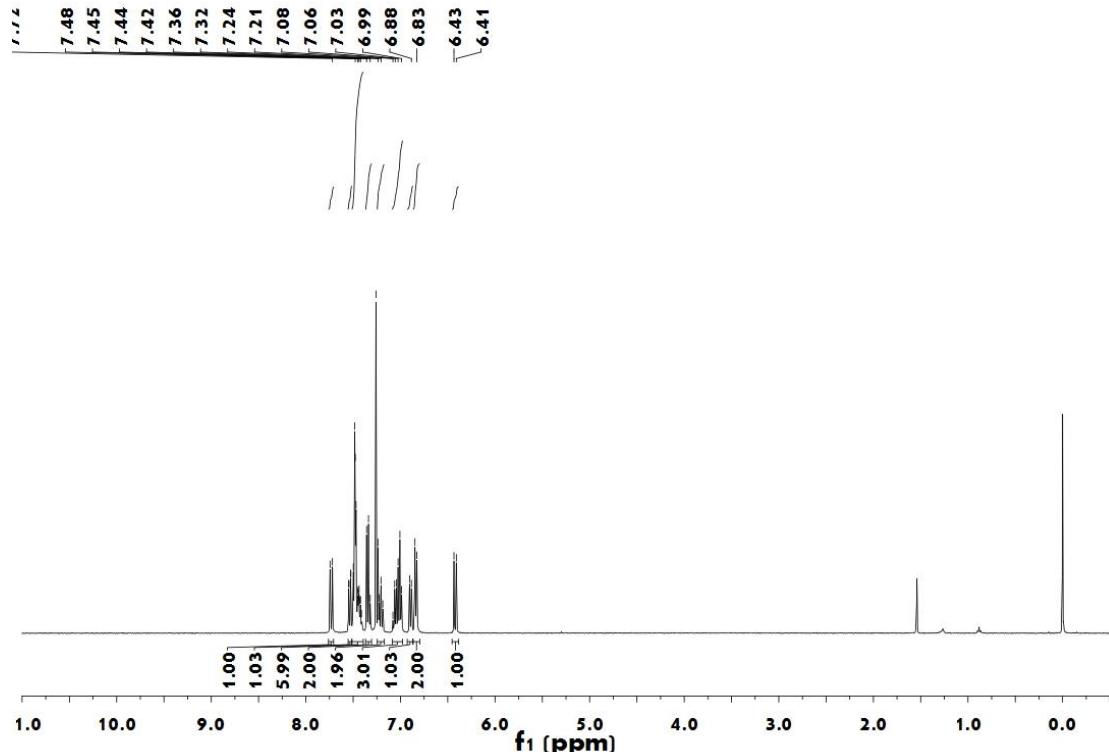
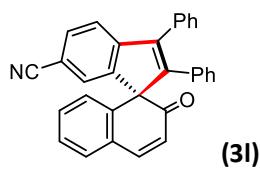


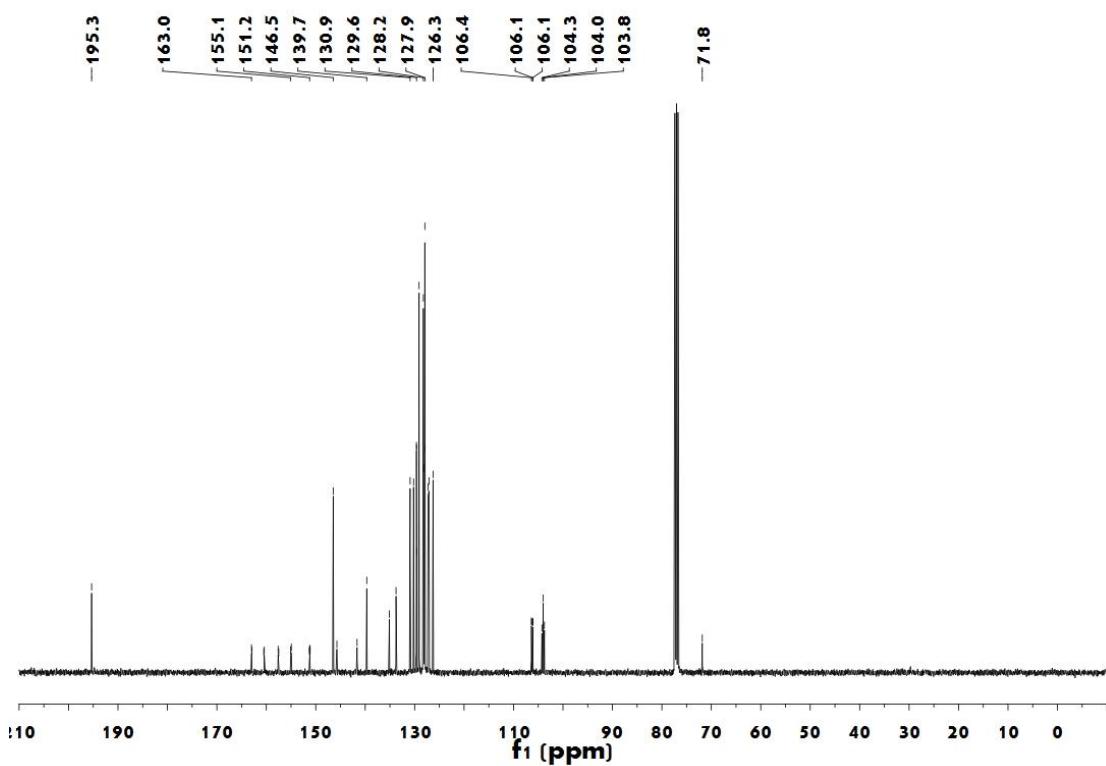
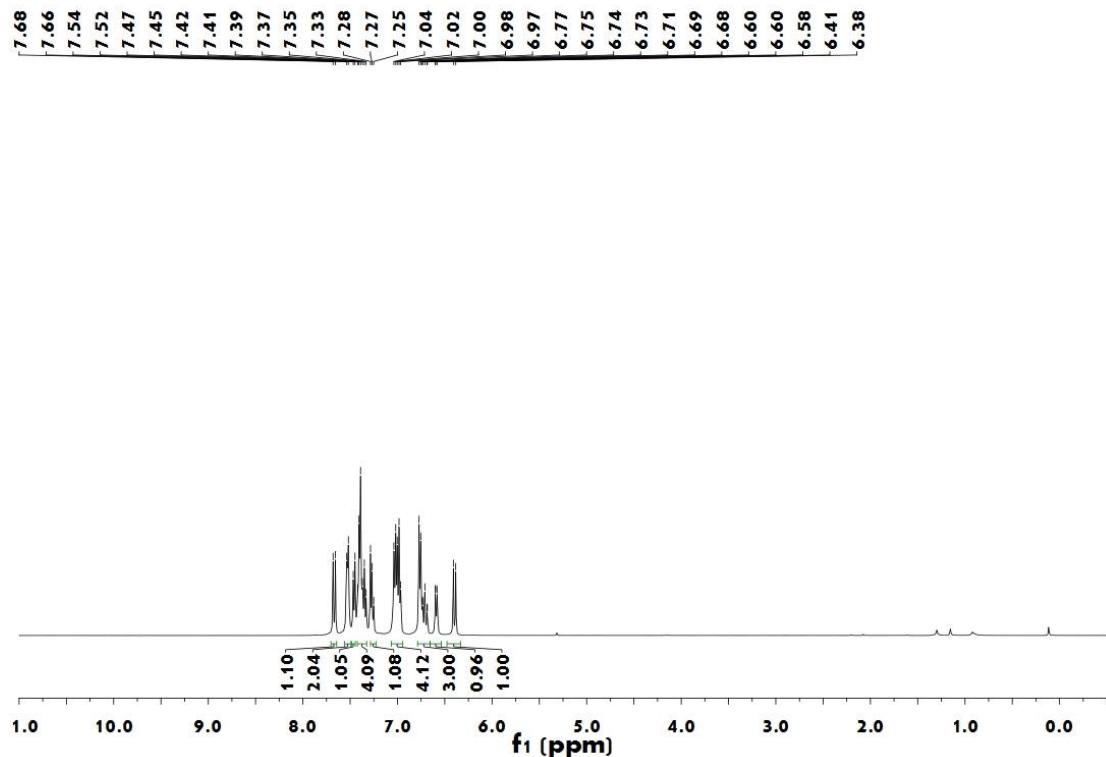
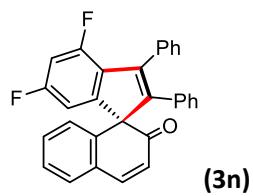


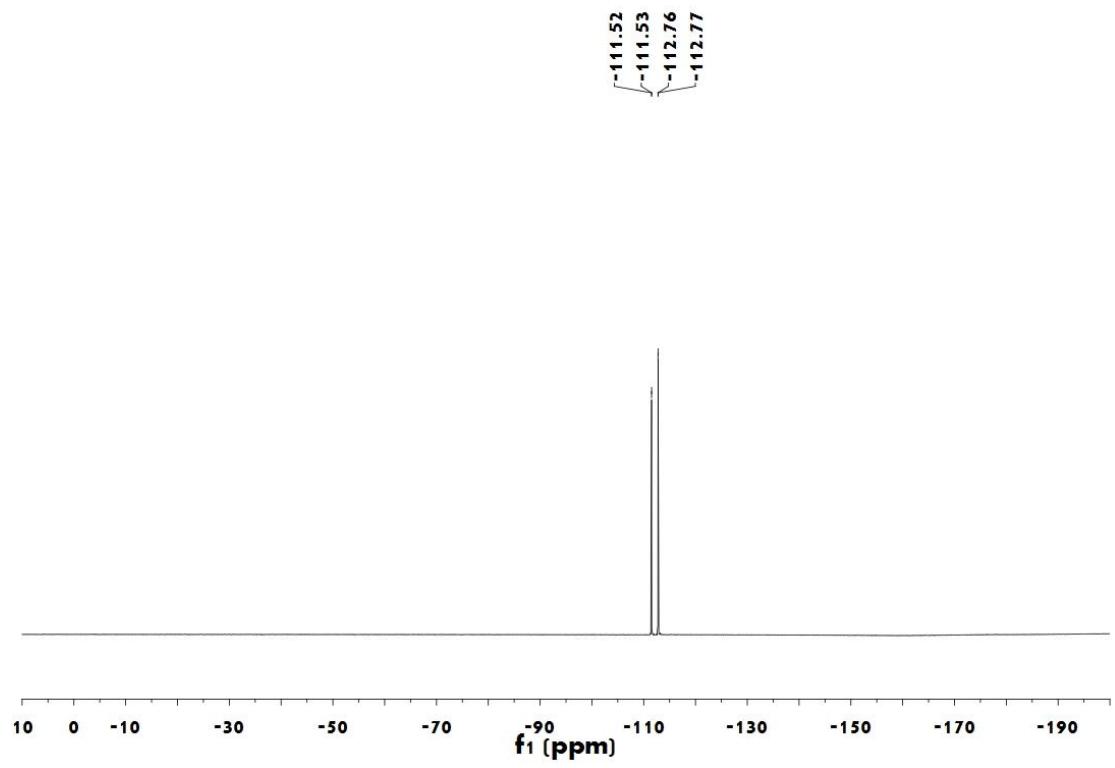


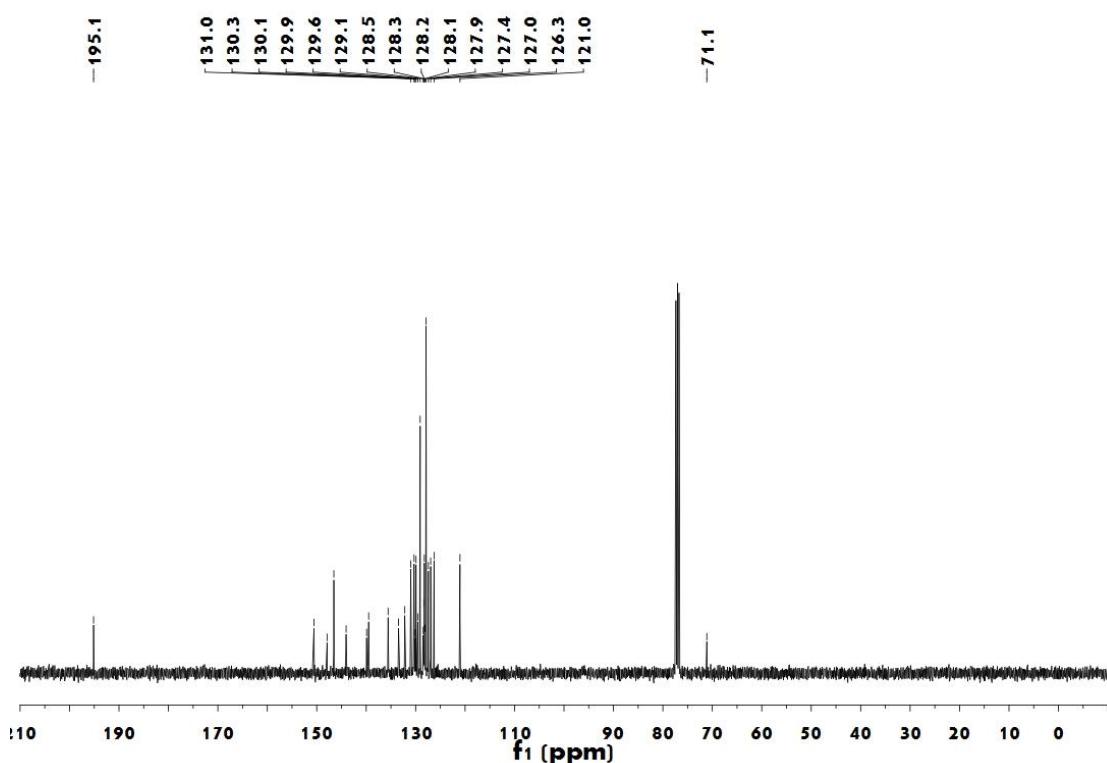
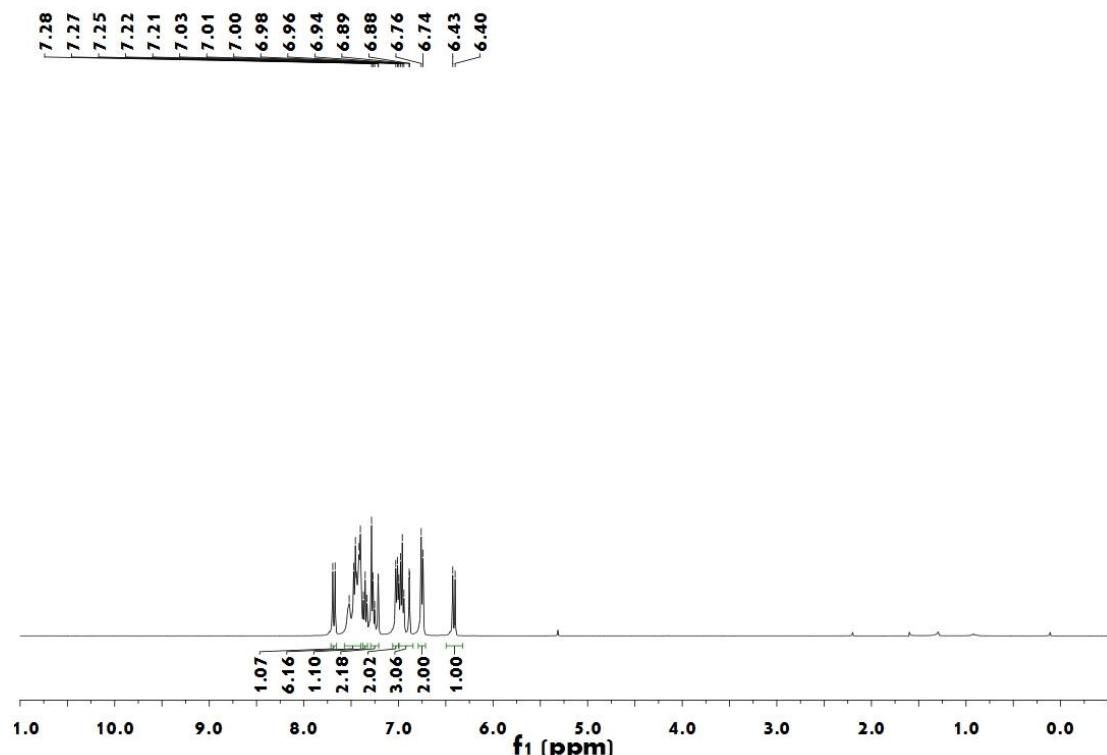
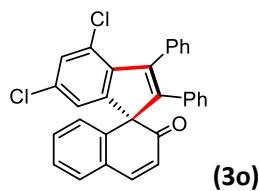


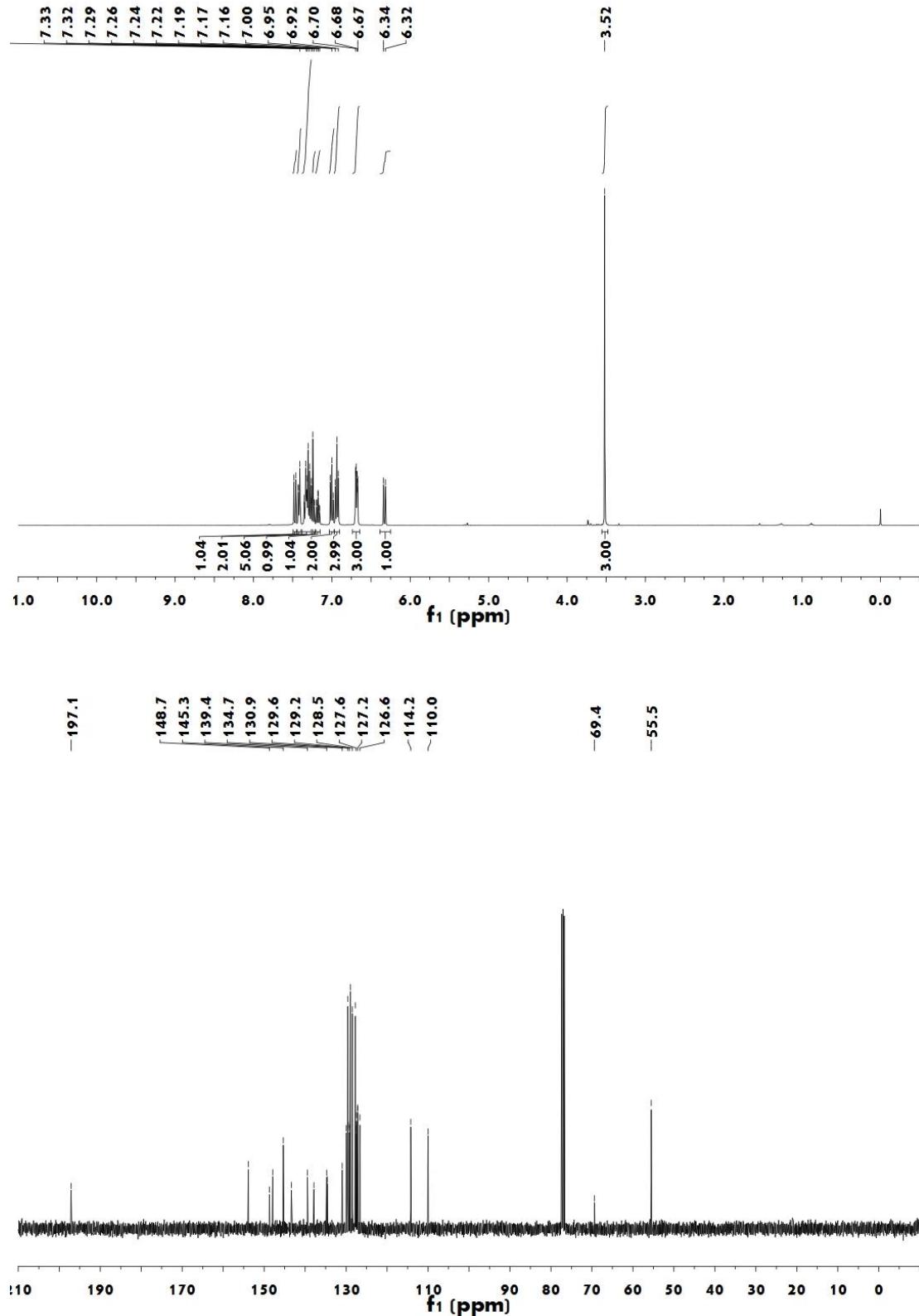
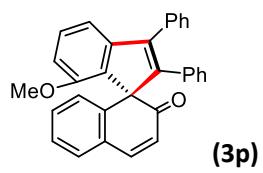


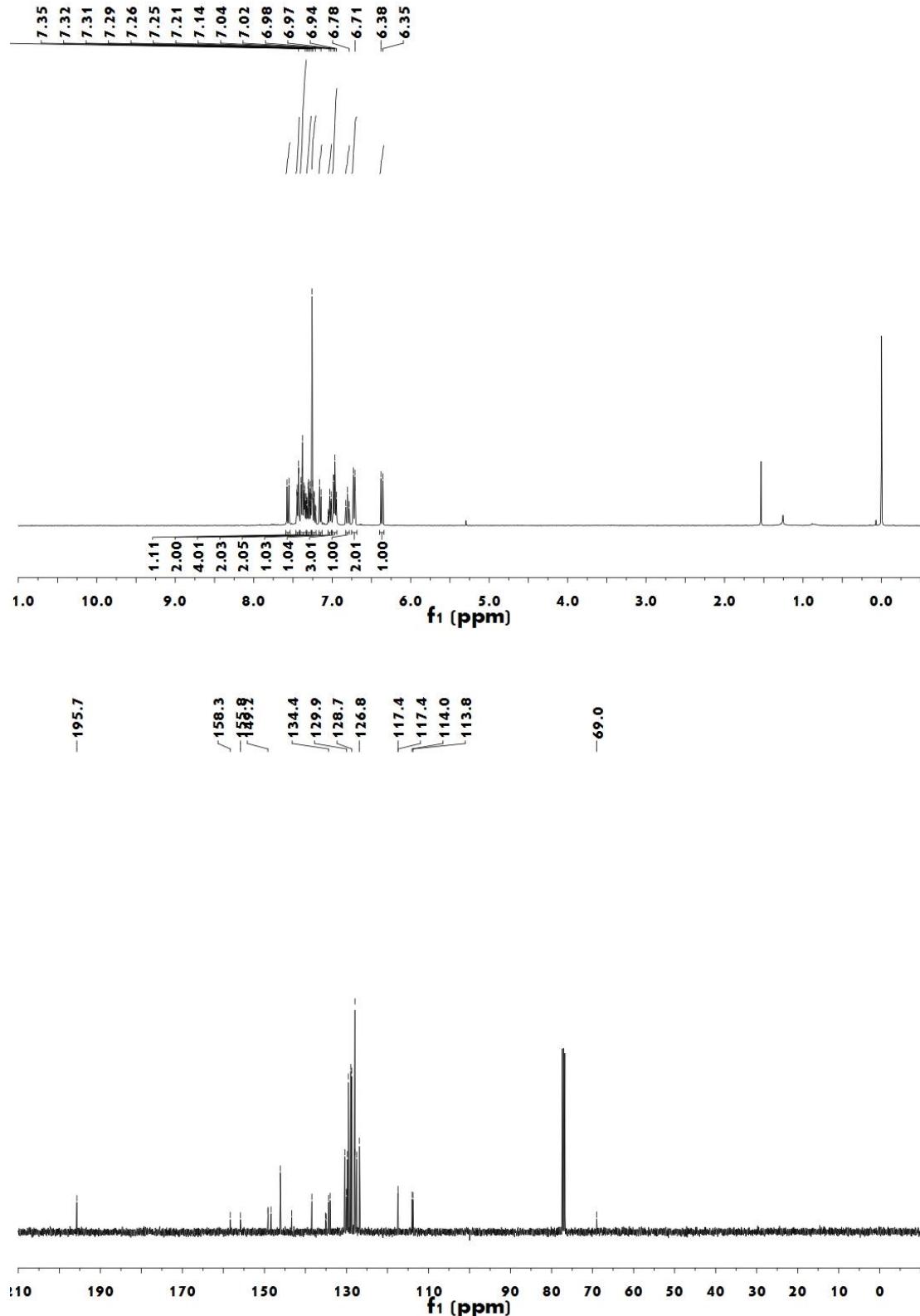
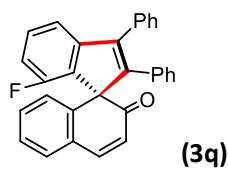


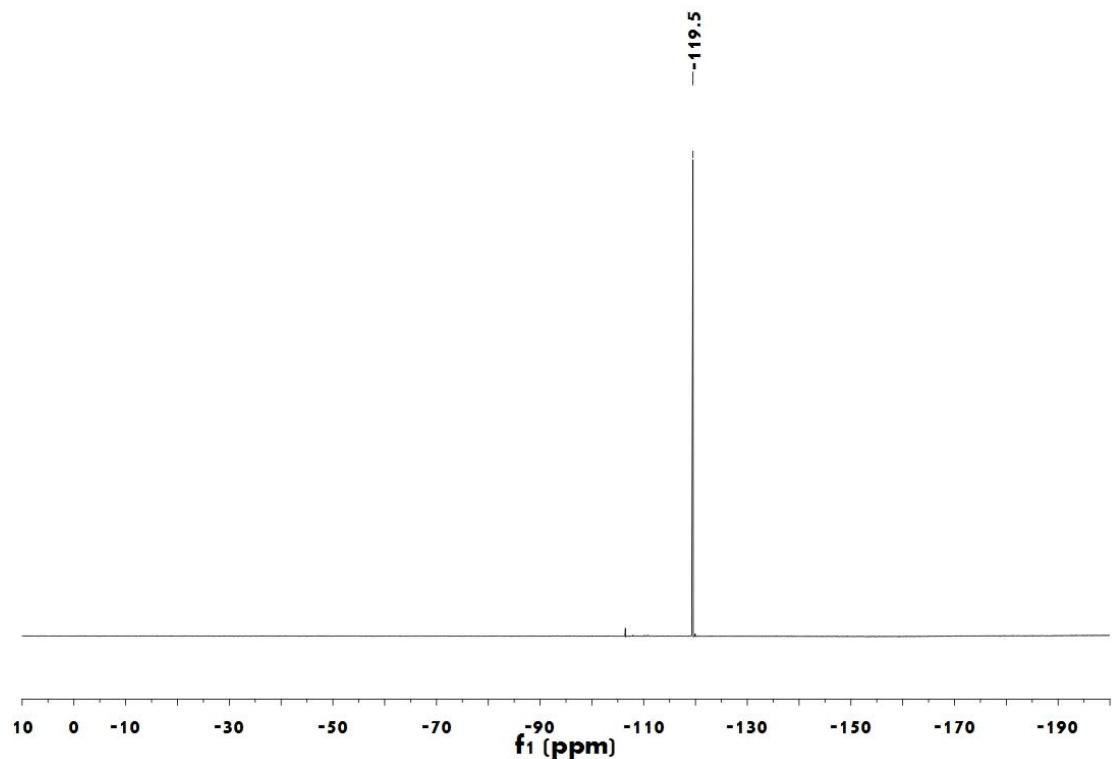


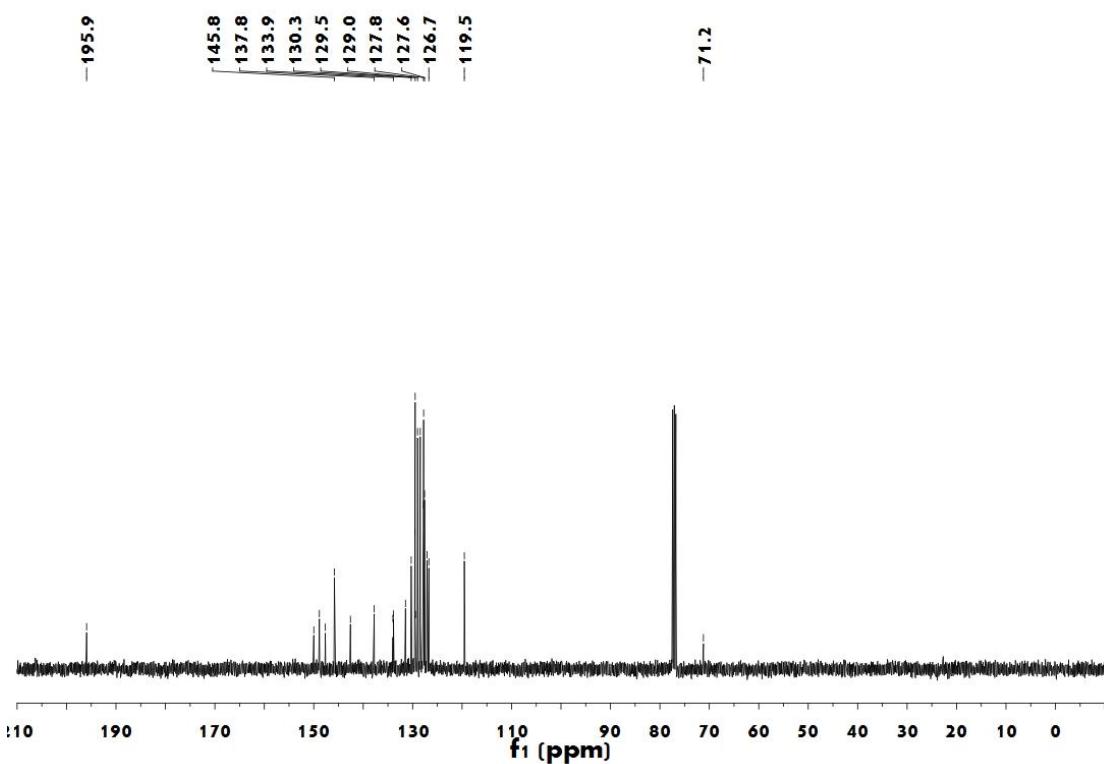
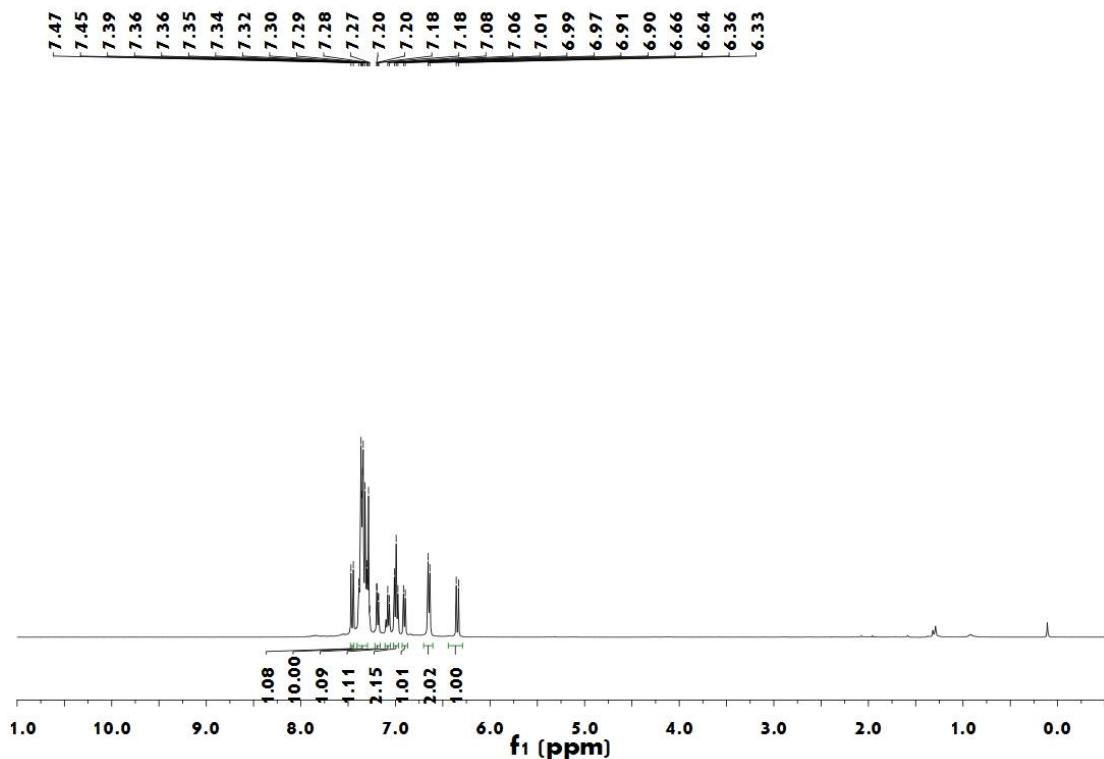
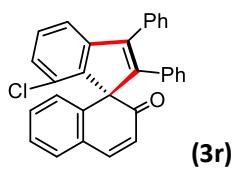


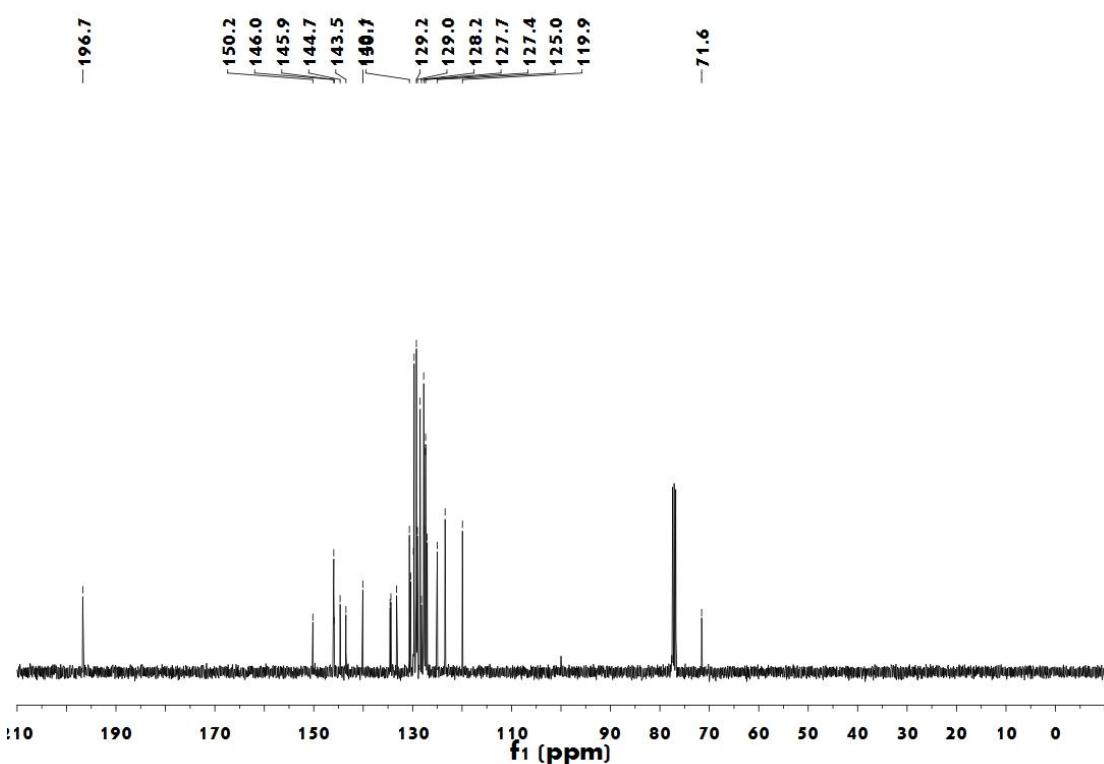
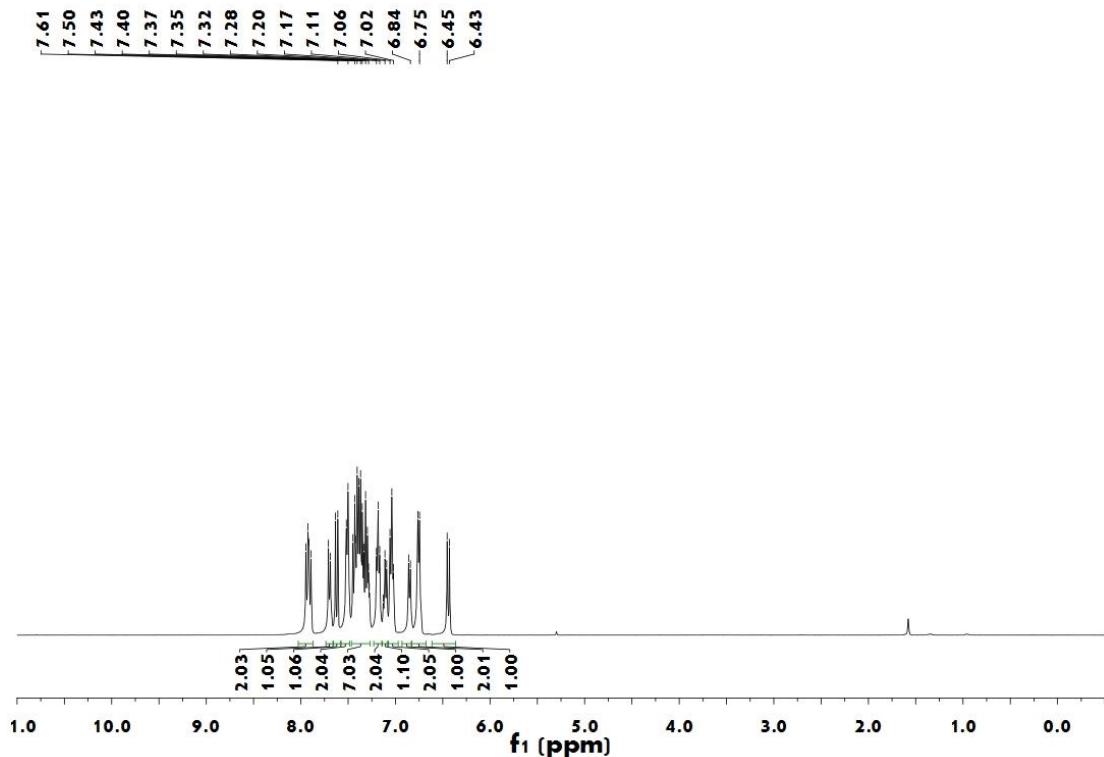
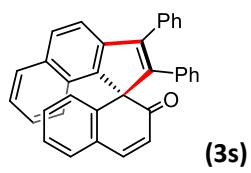


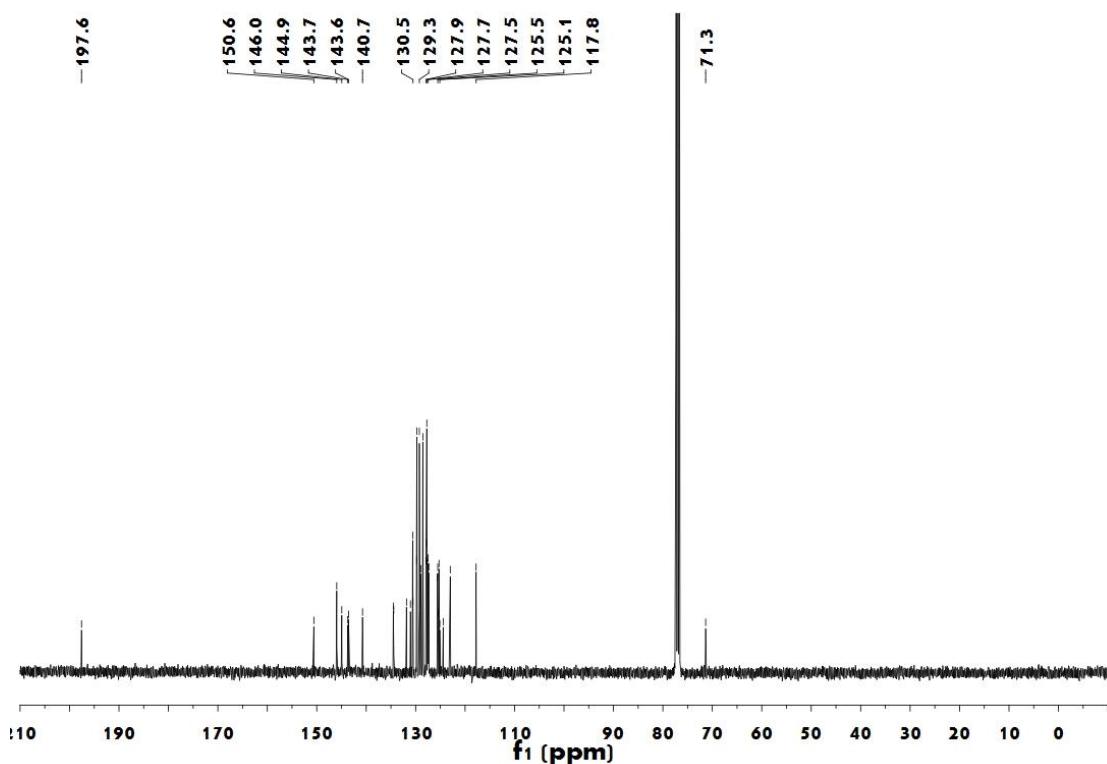
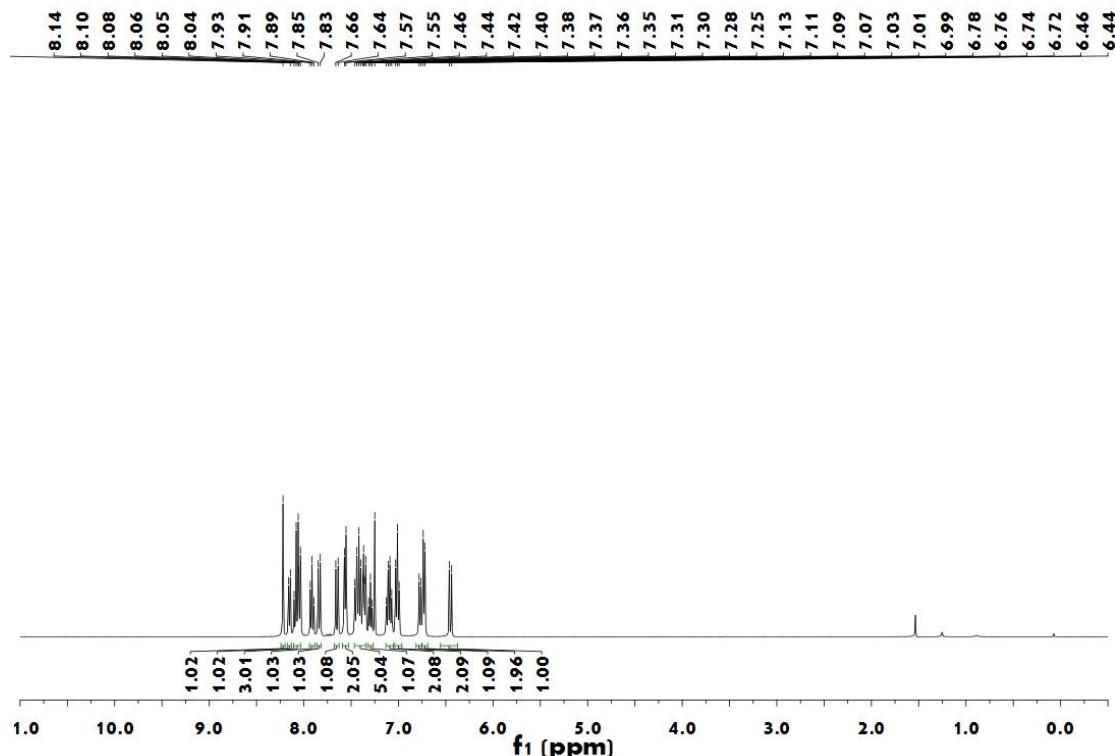
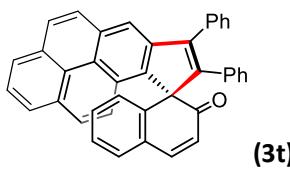


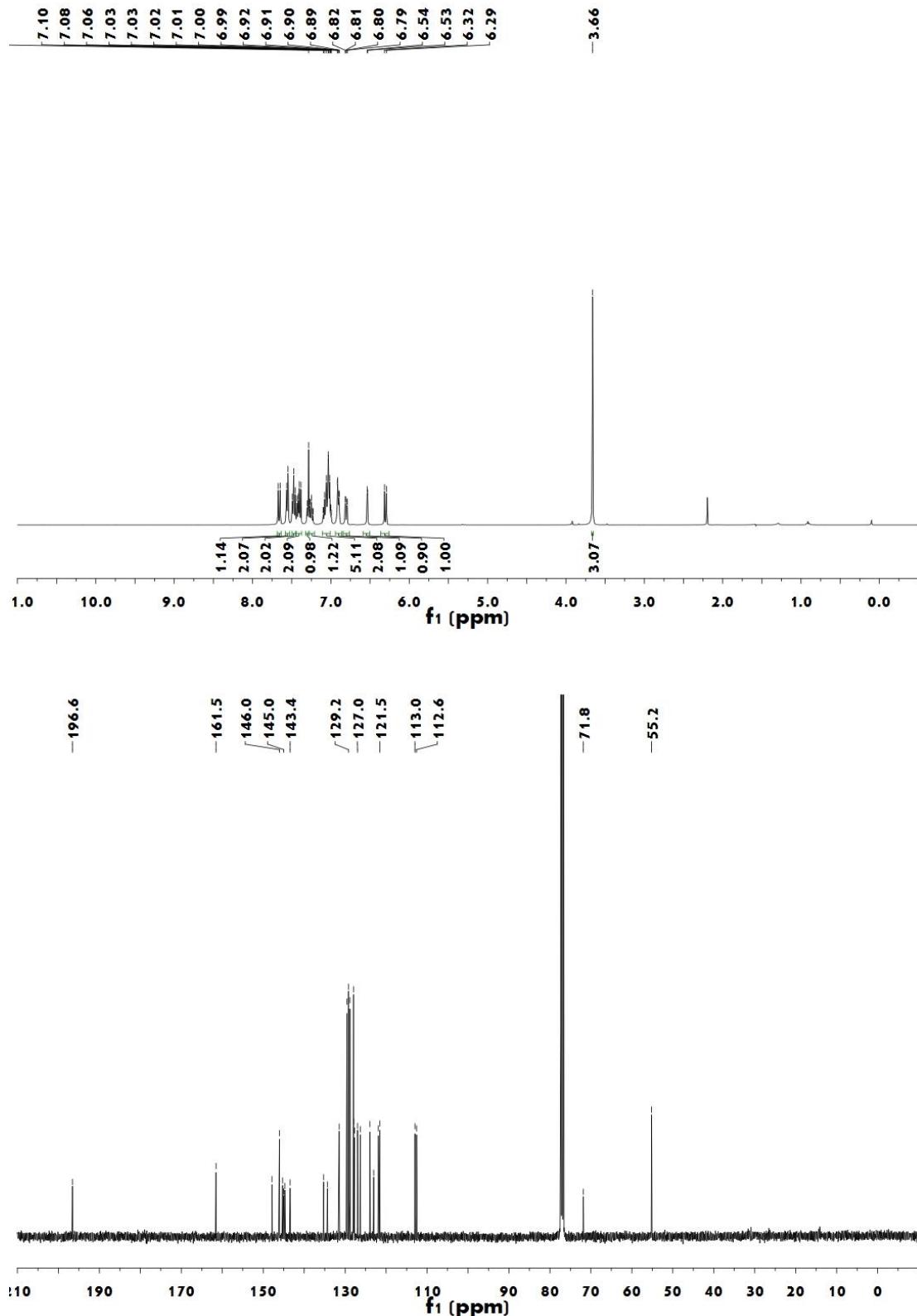
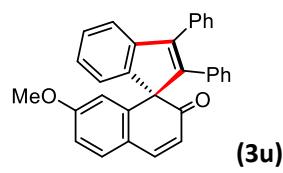


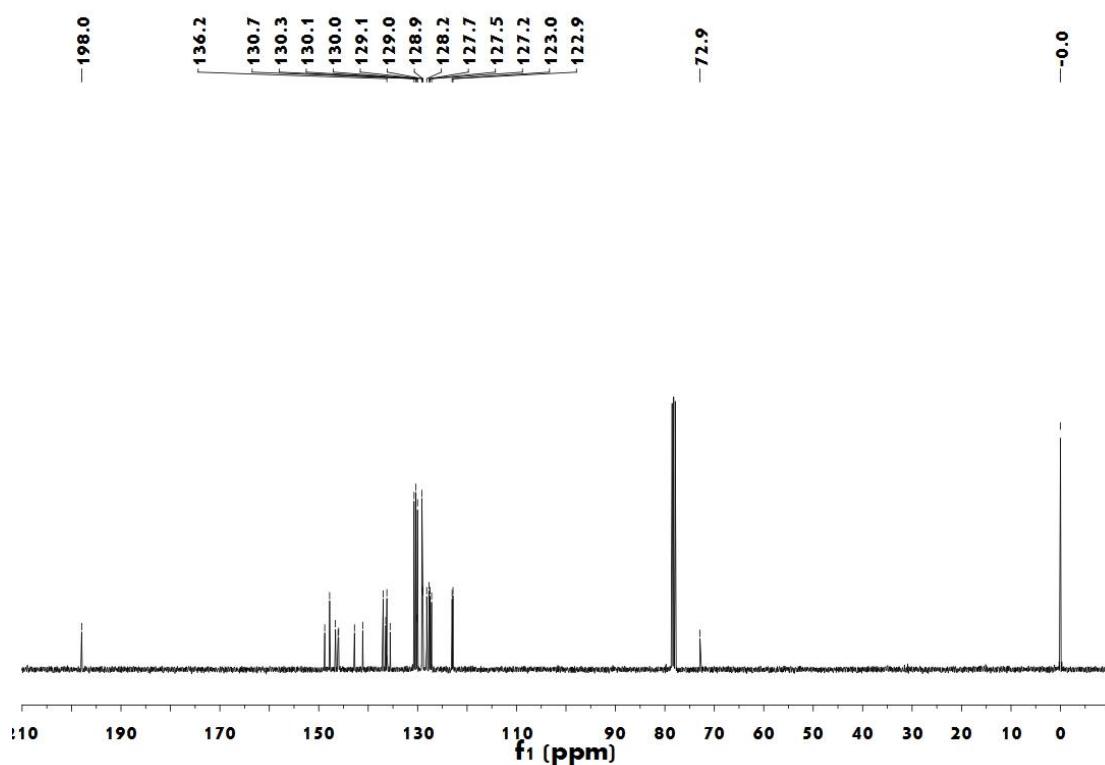
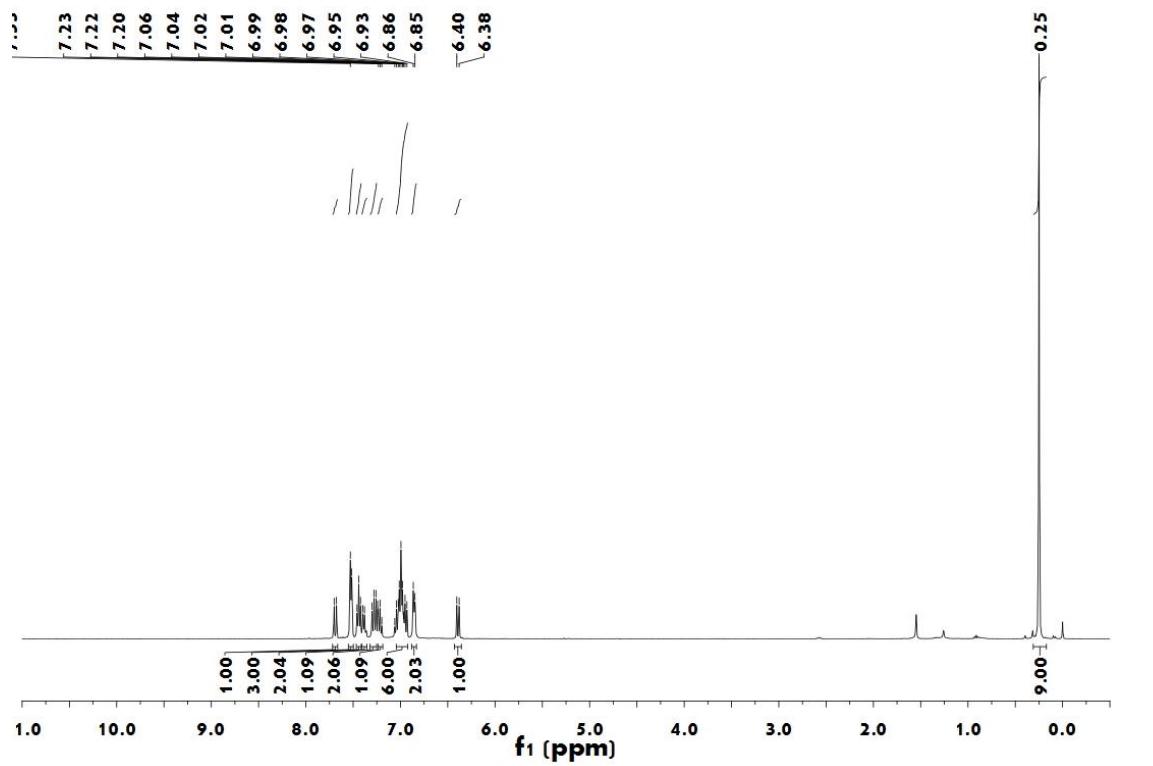
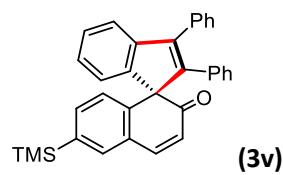


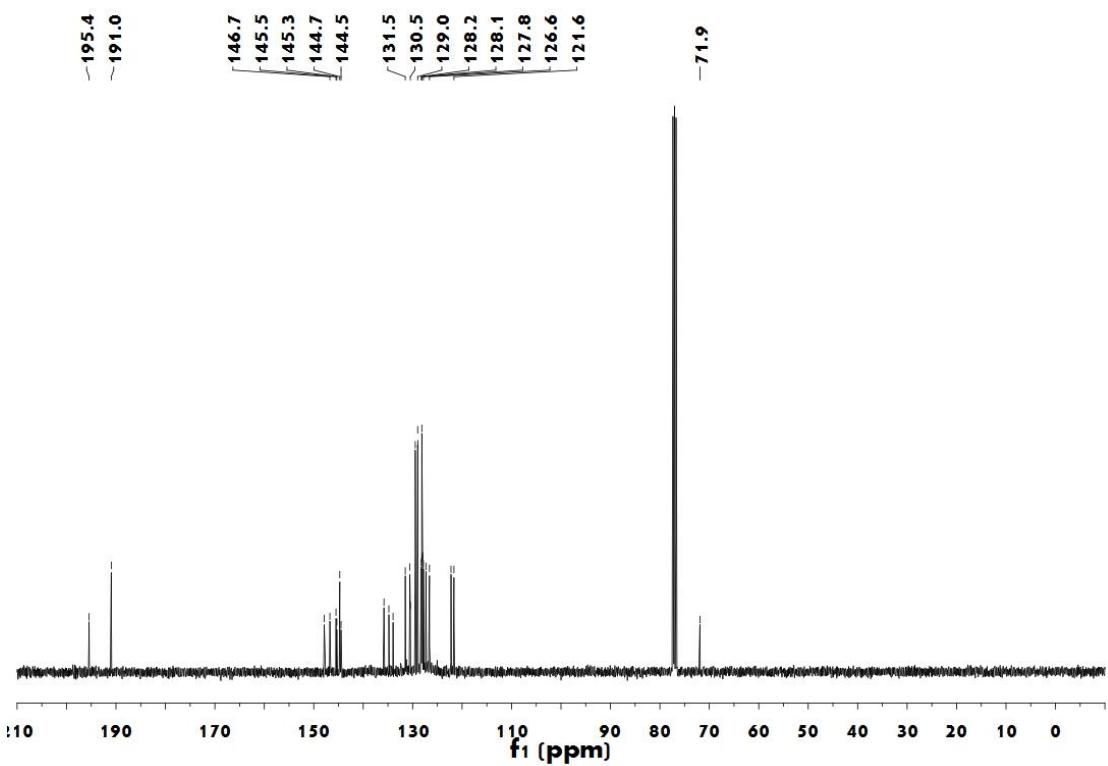
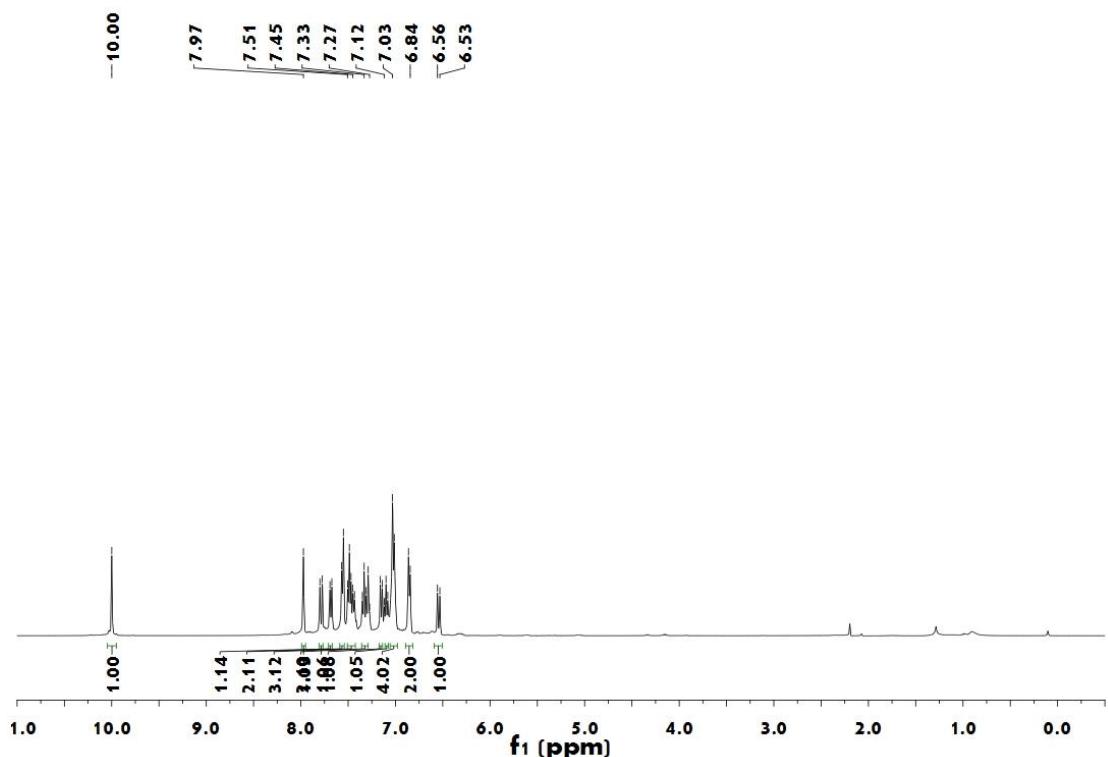
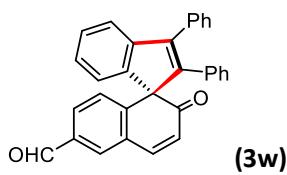


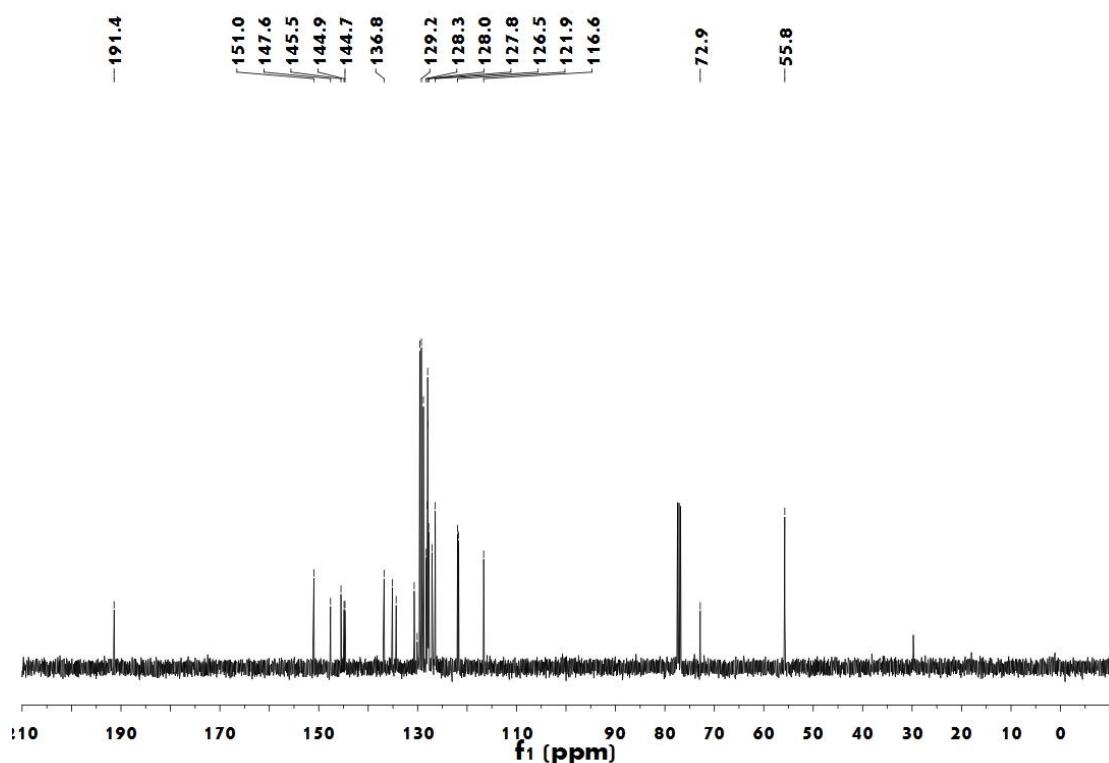
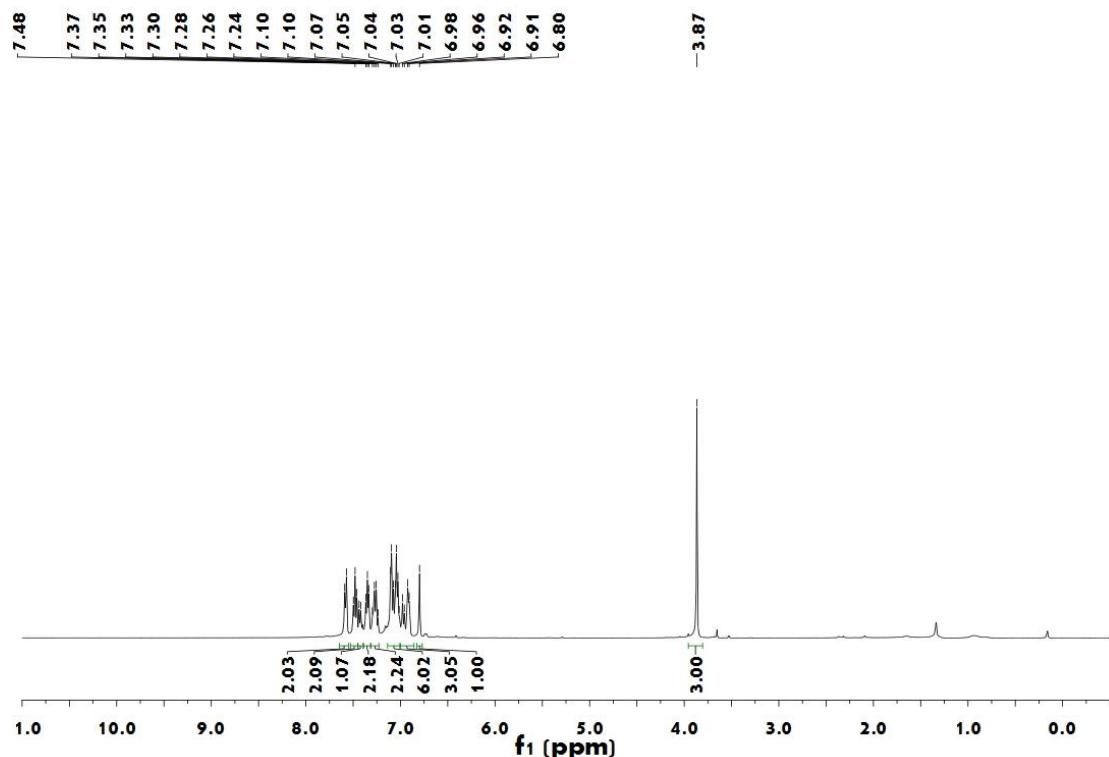
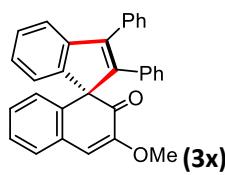


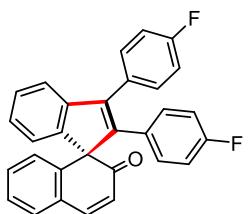












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