

## Supporting Information

### Palladium-Catalyzed Denitrogenative Cycloadditions and Alkenylations of Benzotriazoles with Alkynes

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## 1. General Information

NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV400 instrument. TMS was used as internal standard for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (0 ppm), and solvent signal was used as reference for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 77.16 ppm). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dt = triple doublet, m = multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters Xevo G2 QTOF MS.

Reactions were monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography on plates ( $\text{GF}_{254}$ ) supplied by Yantai Chemicals (China) using UV light as visualizing agent. If not specially mentioned, flash column chromatography uses silica gel (200-300 mesh) supplied by Tsingtao Haiyang Chemicals (China).

Solvent purification was conducted according to Purification of Laboratory Chemicals (Perrin, D. D.; Armarego, W. L. and Perrins, D. R., Pergamon Press: Oxford, 1980). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR) homogeneous materials.

The procedures for preparation of starting materials (benzotriazoles **1a-k**<sup>1</sup>) referred to the known literatures listed in the references.

## 2. General Procedures for the Denitrogenative Formal [2+2+1] Cyclization

A bottom of flask was sequentially charged with N-Tf-benzotriazole (0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv), alkyne (0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv),  $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$  (5 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and  $\text{AgBF}_4$  (233 mg, 1.2 mmol, 4.0 eq) at  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere. The freshly distilled MeCN (3.0 mL) was added and then the flask was placed in an oil bath preheated to 100 °C. The resulting solution was heated at this temperature for 4-12 hours before being cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was directly purified by flash chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , hexanes/EtOAc) to give the corresponding product (**3a-q**).

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### 3. General Procedures for the Denitrogenative Formal [2+2+2] Cyclization

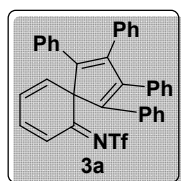
A bottom of flask was sequentially charged with N-Tf-benzotriazole (0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv), alkyne (0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), Pd(PhCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and AgBF<sub>4</sub> (233 mg, 1.2 mmol, 4.0 eq) at N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The freshly distilled MeCN (3.0 mL) was added and then the flask was placed in an oil bath preheated to 100 °C. The resulting solution was heated at this temperature for 12-72 hours before being cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was directly purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc) to give the corresponding product (4a-h).

### 4. General Procedures for the Denitrogenative Alkenylation

A bottom of flask was sequentially charged with N-Tf-benzotriazole (0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv), alkyne (2.4 mmol, 8.0 equiv), Pd(dppf)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (12.3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and AgBF<sub>4</sub> (233 mg, 1.2 mmol, 4.0 eq) at N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The freshly distilled MeCN (3.0 mL) was added and then the flask was placed in an oil bath preheated to 100 °C. The resulting solution was heated at this temperature for 2-6 hours before being cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was directly purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, hexanes/EtOAc) to give the corresponding product (6a-h).

### 5. Analysis Data of the Denitrogenative Formal [2+2+1] Cyclization Products

#### (E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4-tetraphenylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-

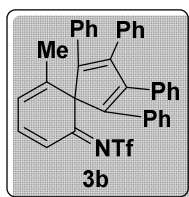


ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3a): The product was obtained as a red solid.

Yield: 74%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 8H), 7.05-7.26 (m, 14H); <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 72.6, 119.0 (q, *J* = 317.6 Hz), 123.7, 123.8, 127.5, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 129.2, 129.8, 133.9, 134.7, 143.4, 143.8, 147.1, 149.7, 183.5; IR *v*<sub>max</sub> (film): 3674.48, 2987.12, 2900.26, 1631.30, 1552.08, 1517.50, 1441.92, 1405.79, 1393.49, 1381.44, 1349.27, 1264.36, 1217.98, 1159.35, 1123.17, 1056.65, 904.12, 798.34 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 578.1402; found: 578.1396.

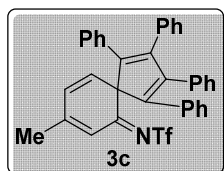
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**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3b):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 76%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.06 (s, 3H), 6.41 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 8H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  19.2, 75.8, 119.1 (q,  $J = 317.4$  Hz),

121.6, 123.0, 127.5, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 129.0, 129.7, 133.5, 134.9, 146.0, 147.3, 150.0, 154.4, 185.1; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.58, 2987.20, 2900.35, 1639.75, 1558.57, 1507.47, 1441.46, 1410.82, 1345.96, 1215.75, 1191.91, 1122.73, 1073.91, 961.94  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 592.1558; found: 592.1562.

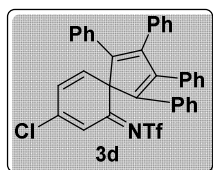
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**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3c):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 80%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.13 (s, 3H), 6.50 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.96 (m, 9H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  24.3, 71.7, 119.1 (q,  $J = 315.5$  Hz), 122.1, 127.4,

127.6, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 129.2, 129.8, 133.9, 134.8, 142.5, 143.9, 149.6, 162.0, 182.6; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.50, 2987.22, 2900.27, 1636.48, 1509.36, 1441.70, 1410.62, 1341.90, 1215.55, 1192.08, 1122.71, 1056.71, 946.62, 831.28  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 592.1558; found: 592.1560.

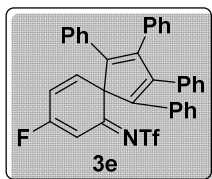
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**trifluoromethanesulfonamide (3d):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 75%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.64 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.97 (m, 9H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.19 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100

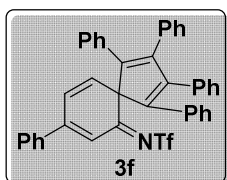
MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  73.5, 118.9 (q,  $J = 317.4$  Hz), 124.8, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.4, 129.1, 129.7, 133.4, 134.4, 136.6, 143.8, 147.5, 149.6, 181.6; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.53, 2987.16, 2900.26, 1624.51, 1556.32, 1527.13, 1488.43, 1441.68, 1406.00, 1354.29, 1264.39, 1196.44, 1125.36, 1074.46, 1027.35, 902.15, 821.80  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SCl}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 612.1012; found: 612.1005.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(8-fluoro-1,2,3,4-tetraphenylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**



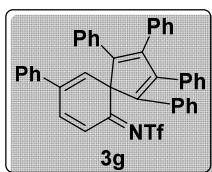
**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3e):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 70%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.53-6.58 (m, 1H), 6.85-6.97 (m, 10H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  72.4, 107.0 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 118.9 (q,  $J = 321.0$  Hz), 119.9 (d,  $J = 32.3$  Hz), 127.7, 128.1, 128.1, 128.4, 129.1, 129.8, 133.5, 134.4, 143.2, 148.1 (d,  $J = 14.9$  Hz), 150.4, 176.0 (d,  $J = 284.3$  Hz), 183.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.51, 2987.19, 2900.24, 1637.20, 1521.29, 1442.29, 1405.64, 1393.54, 1350.09, 1206.26, 1173.31, 1122.33, 1074.65, 1056.59, 1027.25, 845.43  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 596.1386; found: 596.1381.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4,8-pentaphenylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**



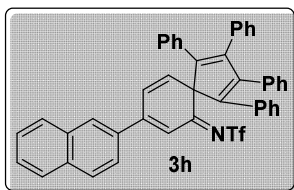
**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3f):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 74%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.82 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.97-7.03 (m, 9H), 7.12-7.20 (m, 12H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.55 (m, 5H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  72.0, 119.1 (q,  $J = 317.4$  Hz), 119.8, 125.2, 127.5, 127.7, 127.7, 128.1, 128.1, 129.2, 129.3, 129.9, 131.9, 134.0, 134.8, 137.0, 143.5, 144.1, 149.6, 158.7, 182.5; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.96, 3055.24, 1628.04, 1594.67, 1504.23, 1441.54, 1341.25, 1264.63, 1189.61, 1121.35, 1072.51, 1026.03, 947.64, 932.99  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 654.1715; found: 654.1794.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4,9-pentaphenylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**



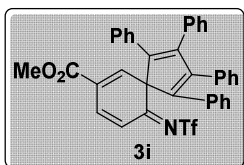
**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3g):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 41%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.78 (s, 1H), 6.96-6.97 (m, 8H), 7.10-7.21 (m, 13H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  72.7, 119.0 (q,  $J = 317.4$  Hz), 124.2, 125.8, 127.5, 127.8, 128.1, 128.2, 128.7, 129.2, 129.2, 129.8, 133.9, 134.7, 136.3, 137.6, 137.9, 144.1, 148.7, 149.5, 183.2; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.60, 2987.24, 2900.30, 1636.66, 1554.82, 1522.11, 1494.01, 1442.00, 1409.41, 1393.46, 1351.59, 1217.95, 1196.36, 1126.80, 1074.63, 1056.64, 1027.24, 908.29, 828.40  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 654.1715; found: 654.1718.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(8-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetraphenylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-**



**6-ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3h):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 95%;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.86 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.99 (m, 4H), 7.02-7.04 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.21 (m, 13H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.88-7.94 (m, 3H), 8.08 (s, 1H);

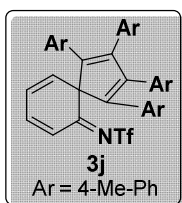
$^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  72.1, 119.2 (q,  $J$  = 317.3 Hz), 119.8, 123.9, 125.1, 127.3, 127.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 129.2, 129.3, 129.3, 129.9, 133.0, 134.0, 134.9, 134.9, 143.5, 144.3, 149.6, 158.4, 182.3; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.45, 2987.14, 2900.26, 1621.55, 1501.61, 1441.18, 1406.55, 1393.41, 1342.49, 1241.29, 1201.04, 1120.89, 1065.87, 1056.63, 1027.31, 931.99, 857.88  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 704.1949; found: 704.1951.



**methlyl (E)-1,2,3,4-tetraphenyl-10-(((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)imino)spiro[4.5]deca-1,3,6,8-tetraene-7-carboxylate (3i):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 70%;

$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.89 (s, 3H), 6.75 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.93 (m, 8H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.20 (m, 12H), 7.66 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  53.5, 72.6, 119.0 (q,  $J$  = 317.5 Hz), 122.2, 124.7, 127.6, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 129.0, 129.8, 133.7, 134.5, 143.2, 144.2, 144.8, 149.9, 164.5, 183.8; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.49, 2987.16, 2900.27, 1730.65, 1634.83, 1525.86, 1441.37, 1406.15, 1381.53, 1358.21, 1253.88, 1218.71, 1125.36, 1074.71, 1027.37, 830.11  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 636.1456; found: 636.1468.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4-tetra-p-tolylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**

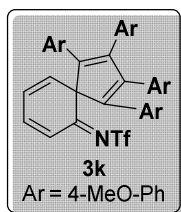


**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3j):** The product was obtained as a dark red solid.

Yield: 68%;  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.21 (s, 6H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 6.53-6.63 (m, 2H), 6.77-6.80 (m, 8H), 6.87-6.91 (m, 8H), 7.02-7.14 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.3, 21.4, 72.7, 119.1 (q,  $J$  = 317.0 Hz), 123.4, 123.7, 128.8, 128.8,

129.0, 129.7, 131.3, 132.1, 136.9, 137.3, 143.0, 144.1, 147.0, 149.5, 184.0; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.47, 2987.15, 2900.26, 1630.90, 1552.18, 1515.78, 1450.45, 1405.59, 1393.51, 1381.41, 1352.04, 1219.53, 1196.10, 1125.45, 1065.78, 1027.45, 903.27  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 636.2196; found: 636.2194.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4-tetrakis(4-methoxyphenyl)spiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**

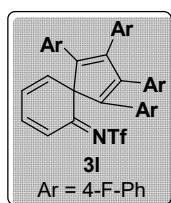


**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3k):** The product was obtained as a brown solid.

Yield: 75%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.75 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 12H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64-6.69 (m, 9H), 6.83-6.86 (m, 8H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

55.2, 55.2, 72.7, 113.5, 123.3, 123.6, 126.8, 127.5, 130.4, 131.2, 142.1, 144.5, 147.2, 148.7, 158.7, 158.8, 184.3; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film): 3674.53, 2987.16, 2900.25, 1405.74, 1393.48, 1381.83, 1249.47, 1229.33, 1065.79, 1056.62, 1027.48, 891.70 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>31</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 698.1902; found: 698.1910.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4-tetrakis(4-fluorophenyl)spiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**

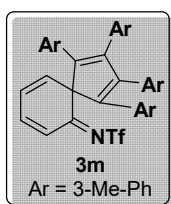


**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3l):** The product was obtained as an orange solid.

Yield: 81%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.61-6.67 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.92 (m, 16H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.21 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 72.5, 115.4 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 119.0 (q, *J* = 317.4 Hz), 123.8, 124.1, 129.5

(d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 131.5 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 142.4, 143.2, 147.2, 148.4, 162.3 (d, *J* = 247.4 Hz), 163.5, 182.9; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film): 3674.61, 2987.20, 2900.29, 1630.47, 1598.80, 1552.89, 1500.58, 1404.17, 1350.48, 1217.43, 1192.14, 1156.81, 1122.94, 1094.51, 904.82 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 650.1103; found: 650.1025.

**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4-tetra-m-tolylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**



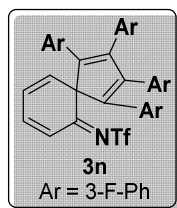
**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3m):** The product was obtained as an orange

solid. Yield: 56%; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.11 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 6.54 (ddd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 5.6 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (dt, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70-6.73 (m, 8H), 6.90-7.00 (m, 8H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 21.4, 21.4, 72.7, 119.1 (q, *J* = 317.3 Hz), 123.4, 123.7, 126.3, 126.9, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.4, 129.8, 130.5, 134.0, 134.8, 137.3, 137.5, 143.3, 144.0, 146.9, 149.8, 183.9; IR  $\nu_{\max}$  (film): 3674.55, 2987.12, 2900.34, 1630.51, 1600.49, 1551.20, 1514.98, 1482.26, 1451.45, 1406.80, 1393.52, 1347.89, 1264.76, 1218.12, 1189.21, 1158.95, 1122.59, 1065.79, 1056.40, 982.41, 904.64, 883.55 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS *m/z* calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 636.2184; found: 636.2191.

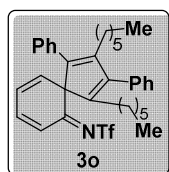
**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(1,2,3,4-tetrakis(3-fluorophenyl)spiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-**

**ylidene)methanesulfonamide (3n):** The product was obtained as an orange solid. Yield: 77%; <sup>1</sup>H



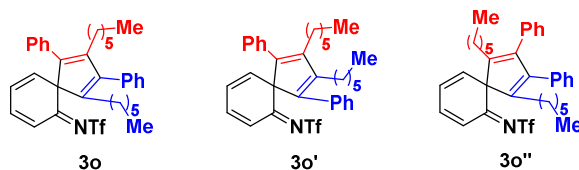
NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.56-6.70 (m, 10H), 6.85-6.92 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.20 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  72.2, 115.2 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 115.8 (d,  $J = 22.0$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 22.0$  Hz), 119.0 (q,  $J = 317.0$  Hz), 123.9, 124.5, 124.8 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 125.4 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 130.1 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 130.2 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz), 135.1 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 135.9 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 141.5, 143.9 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 147.1, 148.5 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 161.4 (d,  $J = 245.4$  Hz), 162.6 (d,  $J = 245.2$  Hz), 182.1; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.56, 2987.20, 2900.27, 1632.29, 1606.56, 1580.68, 1554.14, 1519.25, 1479.36, 1434.66, 1393.50, 1350.05, 1264.83, 1248.61, 1218.29, 1190.52, 1157.14, 1122.18, 1075.97, 1056.76, 914.20, 891.20  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_7\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 652.1181; found: 652.1185.

**(E)-N-(1,3-dihexyl-2,4-diphenylspiro[4.5]deca-1,3,7,9-tetraen-6-ylidene)-1,1,1-**



**trifluoromethanesulfonamide (3o):** The product was obtained as a red solid.

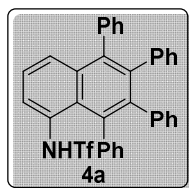
Yield: 43%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.75 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.81 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.94-1.09 (m, 12H), 1.14-1.20 (m, 4H), 1.93-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.25 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.1, 14.1, 22.3, 22.5, 26.8, 27.4, 28.4, 28.8, 29.2, 29.5, 31.2, 31.3, 72.6, 119.0 (q,  $J = 317.4$  Hz), 122.6, 123.4, 127.6, 127.6, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.0, 134.8, 135.9, 140.2, 144.9, 145.3, 147.3, 150.0, 150.1, 183.9; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.57, 2956.22, 2923.93, 1630.43, 1551.26, 1516.61, 1491.92, 1441.96, 1393.55, 1350.70, 1218.66, 1191.81, 1158.55, 1124.44, 1073.49, 1056.72, 907.07  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{39}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 594.2732; found: 594.2659.



Note: Theoretically, the above reaction may lead to the formation of three possible regio-isomers **3o**, **3o'** and **3o''**. For **3o'** and **3o''**, their  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra should be simpler than that of **3o**, since the two alkene moieties (in red and blue) are chemically equivalent. However, in practice, the alkene moieties of the obtained product show two groups of signals in the  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra, which indicate that they bear different chemical environment. As a result, the product could be assigned to be **3o**.



## 6. Analysis Data of the Denitrogenative Formal [2+2+2] Cyclization Products

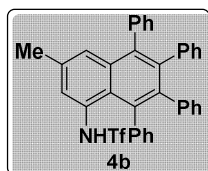


### 1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-(5,6,7,8-tetraphenyl)naphthalen-1-

**yl)methanesulfonamide (4a):** The product was obtained as a yellow solid.

Yield: 92%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.78-6.88 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.41 (m, 12H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

$\delta$  119.7 (q,  $J = 319.4$  Hz), 121.3, 121.3, 124.8, 125.6, 125.7, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 127.2, 127.8, 128.3, 129.1, 130.6, 130.8, 131.0, 131.1, 131.2, 134.1, 134.1, 139.4, 139.6, 139.8, 139.9, 140.2, 142.0; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.49, 3272.36, 2987.09, 2900.28, 1491.45, 1441.46, 1393.59, 1339.87, 1264.10, 1217.50, 1199.20, 1139.41, 1073.80, 1056.59, 1027.56, 963.45, 894.97  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 578.1402; found: 578.1401.

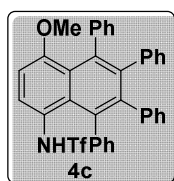


### 1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-(3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetraphenyl)naphthalen-1-

**yl)methanesulfonamide (4b):** The product was obtained as a yellow solid.

Yield: 83%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.40 (s, 3H), 6.76-6.86 (m, 10H),

7.19-7.37 (m, 12H), 7.53 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.8, 119.7 (q,  $J = 321.3$  Hz), 123.0, 123.2, 125.6, 126.1, 126.7, 126.7, 126.8, 127.8, 128.2, 129.1, 130.4, 130.8, 131.0, 131.2, 131.3, 133.9, 134.2, 135.6, 139.1, 139.6, 139.7, 139.8, 140.1, 140.3, 141.0; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.49, 3271.19, 2987.09, 2900.30, 1493.16, 1441.34, 1405.70, 1393.69, 1382.25, 1346.08, 1249.70, 1225.09, 1196.08, 1139.36, 1065.83, 1056.38, 1027.47, 892.59  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 592.1558; found: 592.1569.

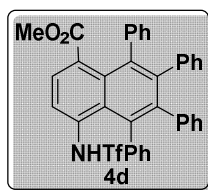


### 1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-(4-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetraphenyl)naphthalen-1-

**yl)methanesulfonamide (4c):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield:

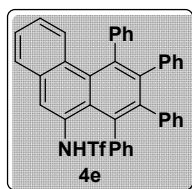
95%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.39 (s, 3H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 6.70-6.85 (m, 11H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d,  $J$

$= 8.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  55.7, 105.8, 119.7 (q,  $J = 321.3$  Hz), 122.4, 125.1, 125.4, 125.5, 125.6, 125.9, 126.3, 126.5, 126.6, 127.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.6, 130.7, 131.0, 131.3, 134.2, 137.8, 139.7, 139.9, 140.6, 140.9, 142.3, 143.5, 157.2; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.45, 3293.01, 2987.13, 2900.30, 1601.54, 1569.65, 1490.63, 1451.96, 1441.39, 1409.94, 1393.38, 1382.20, 1320.20, 1260.48, 1223.07, 1195.57, 1138.68, 1066.61, 1045.66, 1027.69, 904.16  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 608.1507; found: 608.1523.



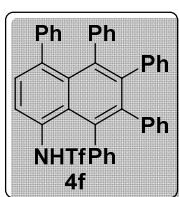
**methyl 5,6,7,8-tetraphenyl-4-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonamido)-1-**

**naphthoate (4d):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 79%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.90 (s, 3H), 6.75-6.88 (m, 10H), 7.19-7.35 (m, 10H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  52.6, 119.7 (q,  $J = 320.9$  Hz), 120.7, 125.9, 126.0, 126.8, 126.9, 127.0, 127.2, 127.3, 127.9, 128.5, 129.2, 129.7, 130.7, 130.9, 131.0, 131.2, 133.5, 134.2, 138.5, 139.2, 139.5, 139.6, 140.7, 141.4, 144.2, 166.2; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.47, 3267.68, 2987.12, 2900.26, 1723.70, 1439.39, 1405.87, 1393.65, 1380.84, 1262.32, 1224.96, 1140.04, 1065.80, 1056.25, 1027.36, 891.88  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 636.1456; found: 636.1458.



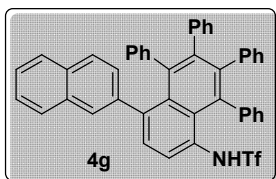
**1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(5,6,7,8-tetraphenylphenanthren-9-**

**yl)methanesulfonamide (4e):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 52%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.42 (s, 1H), 6.70-6.73 (m, 4H), 6.87-6.90 (m, 5H), 7.02-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.31-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  119.7 (q,  $J = 321.5$  Hz), 124.3, 125.6, 125.6, 125.7, 126.6, 126.7, 126.8, 126.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 129.2, 129.2, 130.0, 131.1, 131.2, 131.3, 131.6, 132.1, 134.7, 138.8, 139.4, 140.0, 140.3, 141.2, 142.8; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.48, 3283.55, 2987.12, 2900.29, 1494.08, 1441.36, 1404.09, 1393.75, 1328.27, 1227.10, 1197.37, 1139.72, 1065.98, 1056.20, 1027.49, 928.14  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 628.1558; found: 628.1571.



**1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(4,5,6,7,8-pentaphenylnaphthalen-1-**

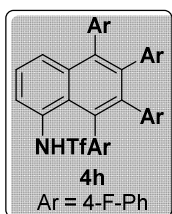
**yl)methanesulfonamide (4f):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 91%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.57 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.61-6.67 (m, 6H), 6.73-6.75 (m, 2H), 6.78-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.86-6.87 (m, 3H), 6.95 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.63 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  119.7 (q,  $J = 321.3$  Hz), 121.2, 125.4, 125.6, 125.7, 125.8, 126.5, 126.5, 126.7, 127.2, 127.3, 128.2, 129.1, 129.6, 129.9, 130.1, 131.0, 131.1, 131.1, 132.5, 133.1, 133.7, 139.6, 139.7, 139.8, 140.3, 140.8, 140.9, 141.3, 141.4, 143.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.50, 3274.55, 2987.14, 2900.31, 1598.56, 1489.76, 1441.30, 1409.85, 1393.50, 1381.00, 1314.30, 1225.00, 1194.14, 1138.44, 1066.14, 1056.65, 1027.39, 975.23, 900.33  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 654.1715; found: 654.1730.



**1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-(5,6,7,8-tetraphenyl-[1,2'-binaphthalen]-4-yl)methanesulfonamide (4g):**

The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 77%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.30-6.37 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.53 (m, 2H), 6.59-6.66 (m, 4H), 6.76 (m, 5H), 6.87 (m, 3H), 7.13

(d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.42 (m, 9H), 7.60-7.68 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  119.8 (q,  $J = 321.2$  Hz), 121.2, 125.3, 125.4, 125.5, 125.7, 125.8, 126.0, 126.3, 126.5, 126.8, 126.8, 127.3, 127.4, 127.6, 128.3, 128.9, 129.2, 129.7, 130.3, 131.0, 131.1, 131.7, 132.0, 132.6, 132.6, 133.3, 133.8, 139.6, 139.8, 139.8, 140.4, 140.7, 141.0, 141.0, 141.1, 141.5; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.50, 3273.16, 2970.40, 2900.45, 1599.55, 1490.13, 1441.05, 1411.12, 1393.29, 1380.69, 1312.81, 1223.79, 1197.33, 1138.89, 1073.70, 1056.61, 1027.62, 987.13, 904.08  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 704.1871; found: 704.1874.

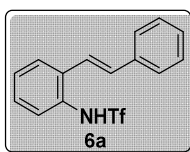


**1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-(5,6,7,8-tetrakis(4-fluorophenyl)naphthalen-1-yl)methanesulfonamide (4h):**

The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 87%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.61-6.66 (m, 4H), 6.69 (dd,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.75 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.06

(t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  114.2 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 114.3 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 115.1 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 116.4 (d,  $J = 21.4$  Hz), 119.6 (q,  $J = 321.0$  Hz), 122.8, 125.6, 126.1, 127.4, 130.4, 132.3 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 132.3 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 132.4 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz), 132.6 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 133.8, 134.3, 134.9 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 135.3 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 135.6 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 135.9 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 139.1, 139.3, 141.4, 161.0 (d,  $J = 244.7$  Hz), 161.9 (d,  $J = 245.4$  Hz), 162.3 (d,  $J = 248.7$  Hz); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.44, 3290.08, 2987.09, 2900.26, 1603.76, 1508.12, 1450.52, 1405.42, 1393.47, 1381.03, 1221.97, 1156.14, 1139.19, 1065.80, 1056.61, 892.28  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_7\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 650.1103; found: 650.1025.

## 7. Analysis Data of the Denitrogenative Alkenylation Products

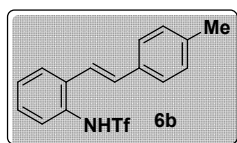


**(*E*)-1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-(2-styrylphenyl)methanesulfonamide (6a):**

The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 72%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.66 (s, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.42 (m,

5H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 9.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H);

$^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  119.9 (q,  $J = 320.3$  Hz), 121.9, 126.9, 127.0, 127.0, 127.2, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 130.8, 133.8, 134.3, 136.6; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3284.16, 2987.47, 1496.67, 1411.79, 1365.73, 1222.57, 1192.62, 1138.74, 960.86  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 326.0485; found: 326.0483.

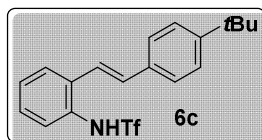


**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(2-(4-methylstyryl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide**

**(6b):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 54%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.38 (s, 3H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.20

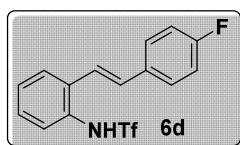
(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 6.0$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.5, 119.9 (q,  $J = 320.4$  Hz), 120.8, 126.9, 127.0, 127.1, 128.6, 128.8, 129.8, 130.7, 133.8, 133.8, 134.4, 138.8; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.49, 3260.38, 2987.37, 2900.30, 1513.79, 1487.44, 1454.55, 1411.14, 1356.79, 1188.95, 1136.12, 1065.89, 965.26, 939.08  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 340.0631; found: 340.0632.

**(E)-N-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)styryl)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoromethanesulfonamide (6c):** The product



was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 65%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.34 (s, 9H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dt,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J =$

2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  31.4, 34.9, 119.9 (q,  $J = 320.5$  Hz), 121.0, 126.0, 126.7, 126.9, 127.1, 128.6, 128.8, 130.7, 133.6, 133.8, 134.4, 152.1; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3281.84, 2962.26, 1484.79, 1411.26, 1363.56, 1189.32, 1138.34, 1108.70, 1089.78, 961.48  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 382.1100; found: 382.1103.

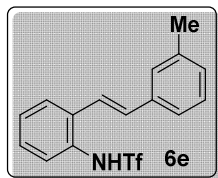


**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(2-(4-fluorostyryl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide**

**(6d):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 76%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.65 (s, 1H), 7.03-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H),

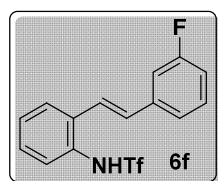
7.33 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  116.1 (d,  $J = 21.6$  Hz), 119.9 (q,  $J = 320.3$  Hz), 121.8 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 126.9, 127.4, 128.6 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 128.9, 129.0, 130.8, 132.4, 132.8 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 134.3, 163.0 (d,  $J = 247.2$  Hz); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film):

3674.41, 3285.69, 2987.28, 2900.25, 1598.45, 1508.02, 1409.09, 1366.42, 1189.18, 1157.76, 1135.27, 1065.85, 960.86, 937.75  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 344.0384; found: 344.0383.



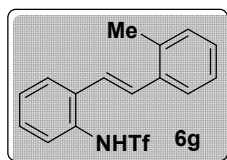
**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(2-(3-methylstyryl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide**

**(6e):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 68%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.39 (s, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.37 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  21.6, 119.9 (q,  $J = 320.3$  Hz), 121.6, 124.1, 127.0, 127.0, 127.7, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.6, 130.8, 134.0, 134.3, 136.5, 138.7; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.48, 3279.03, 2987.37, 1489.04, 1409.47, 1366.19, 1219.50, 1191.64, 1137.68, 1088.86, 1046.67, 959.14  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 340.0635; found: 340.0633.



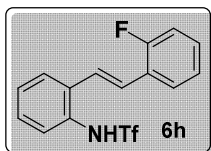
**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(2-(3-fluorostyryl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide**

**(6f):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 51%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.63 (s, 1H), 7.00-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.21 (dt,  $J = 10.0$  Hz,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  113.4 (d,  $J = 21.8$  Hz), 115.4 (d,  $J = 21.4$  Hz), 120.0 (q,  $J = 320.4$  Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 123.5, 126.9, 127.6, 129.0, 129.1, 130.5 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz), 131.0, 132.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 134.1, 139.0 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz), 163.3 (d,  $J = 244.5$  Hz); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3289.03, 1609.66, 1583.43, 1490.77, 1415.11, 1366.08, 1220.96, 1197.36, 1140.06, 959.95  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 344.0391; found: 344.0388.



**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(2-(2-methylstyryl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide**

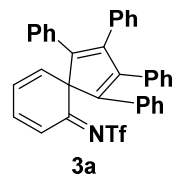
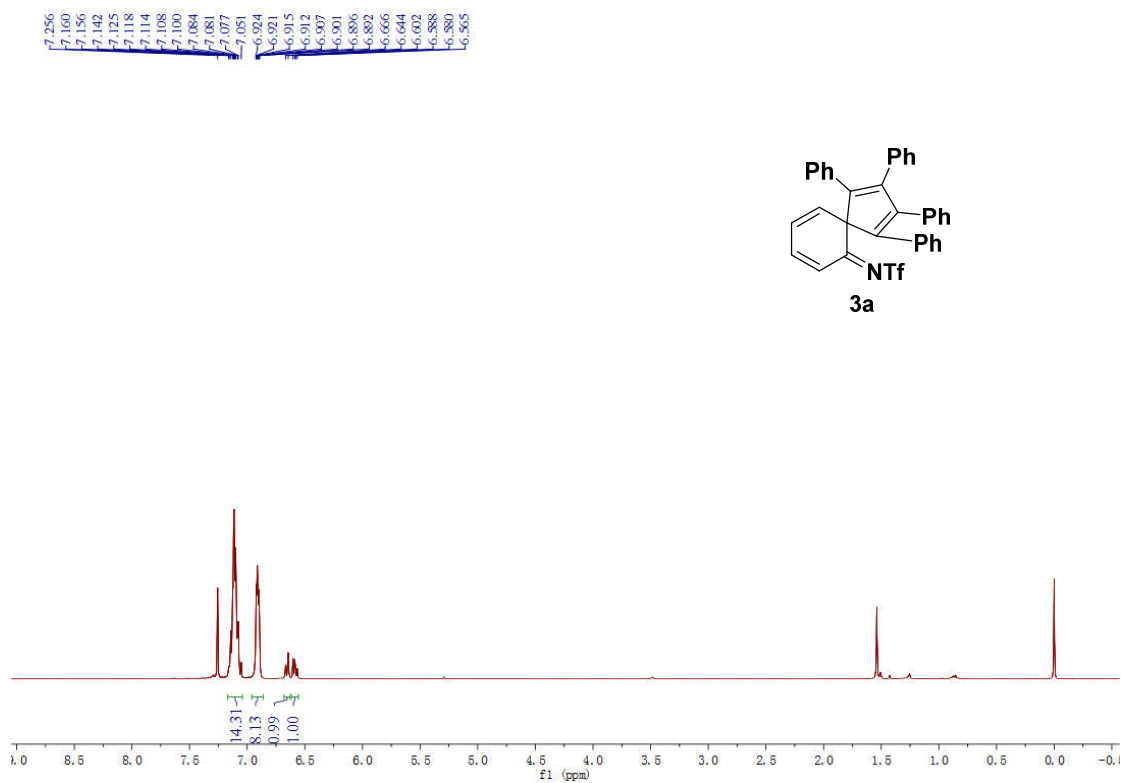
**(6g):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 54%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.43 (s, 3H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  20.0, 119.9 (q,  $J = 320.6$  Hz), 123.3, 125.7, 126.6, 126.9, 127.3, 128.6, 128.8, 128.8, 130.7, 130.9, 131.8, 134.5, 135.7, 136.3; IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.54, 3277.73, 2987.23, 2900.30, 1491.62, 1409.49, 1364.92, 1190.62, 1136.84, 1090.17, 1045.77, 960.10  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$ : 340.0631; found: 340.0632.



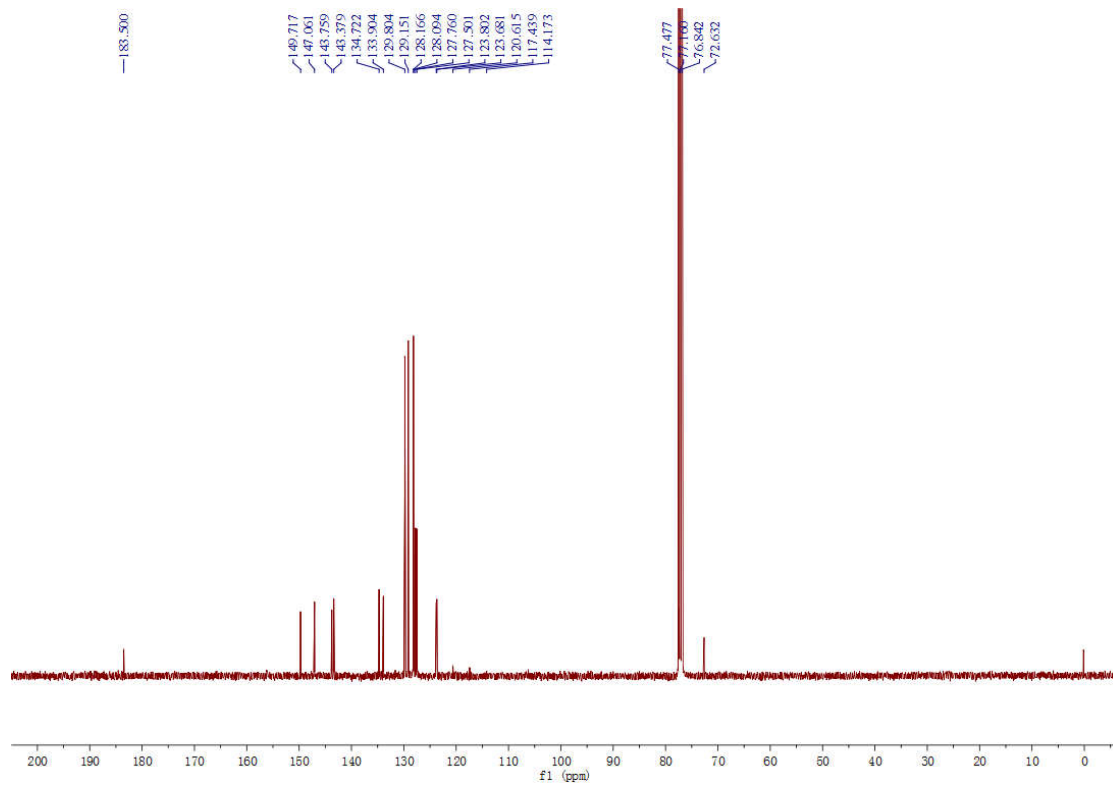
**(E)-1,1,1-trifluoro-N-(2-(2-fluorostyryl)phenyl)methanesulfonamide**

**(6h):** The product was obtained as a white solid. Yield: 82%;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.71 (s, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 10.8$  Hz,  $J = 8.4$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dt,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 16.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 7.6$  Hz,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dt,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  116.1 (d,  $J = 22.0$  Hz), 119.9 (q,  $J = 320.3$  Hz), 124.4 (d,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 124.6 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 126.1 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 127.0, 127.4, 127.7 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 129.0, 129.1, 129.9, 130.0, 130.9, 134.4, 160.8 (d,  $J = 249.1$  Hz); IR  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film): 3674.52, 3284.49, 2987.28, 2900.27, 1491.89, 1455.45, 1409.89, 1365.46, 1190.00, 1136.00, 1091.42, 1049.20, 962.41, 939.71  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}-\text{H}$ ] $^+$ : 344.0361; found: 344.0364.

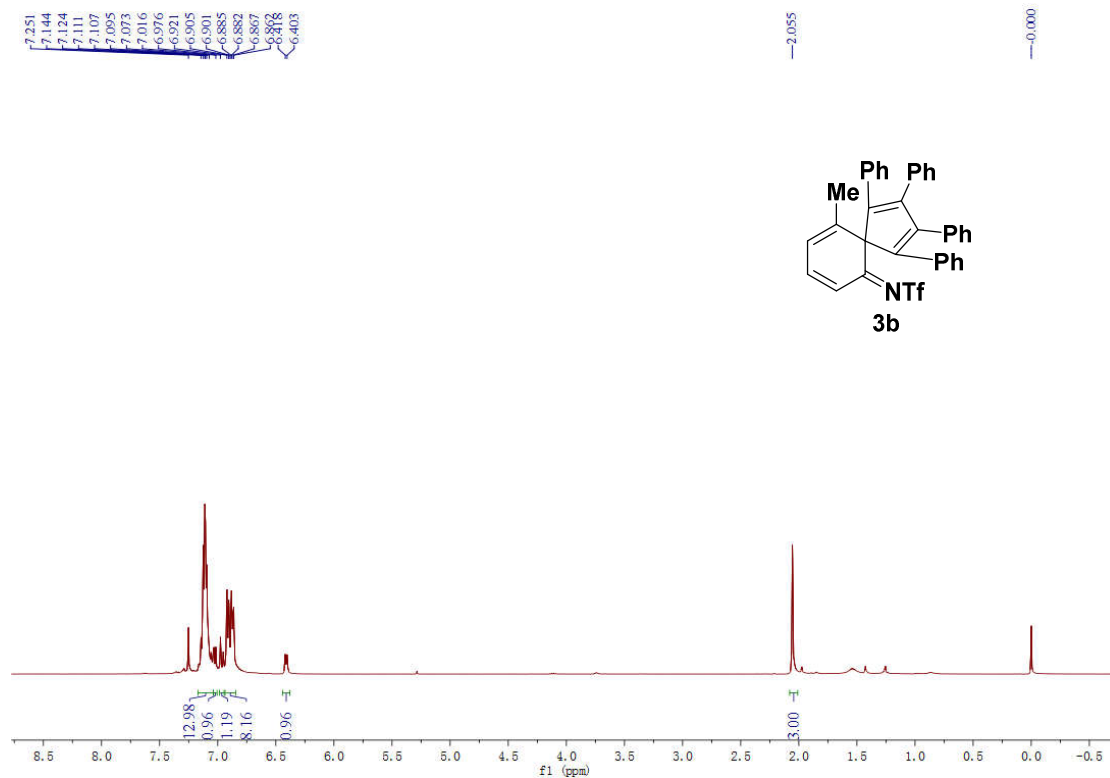
## 8. NMR Spectra of the Denitrogenative Formal [2+2+1] Cyclization Products



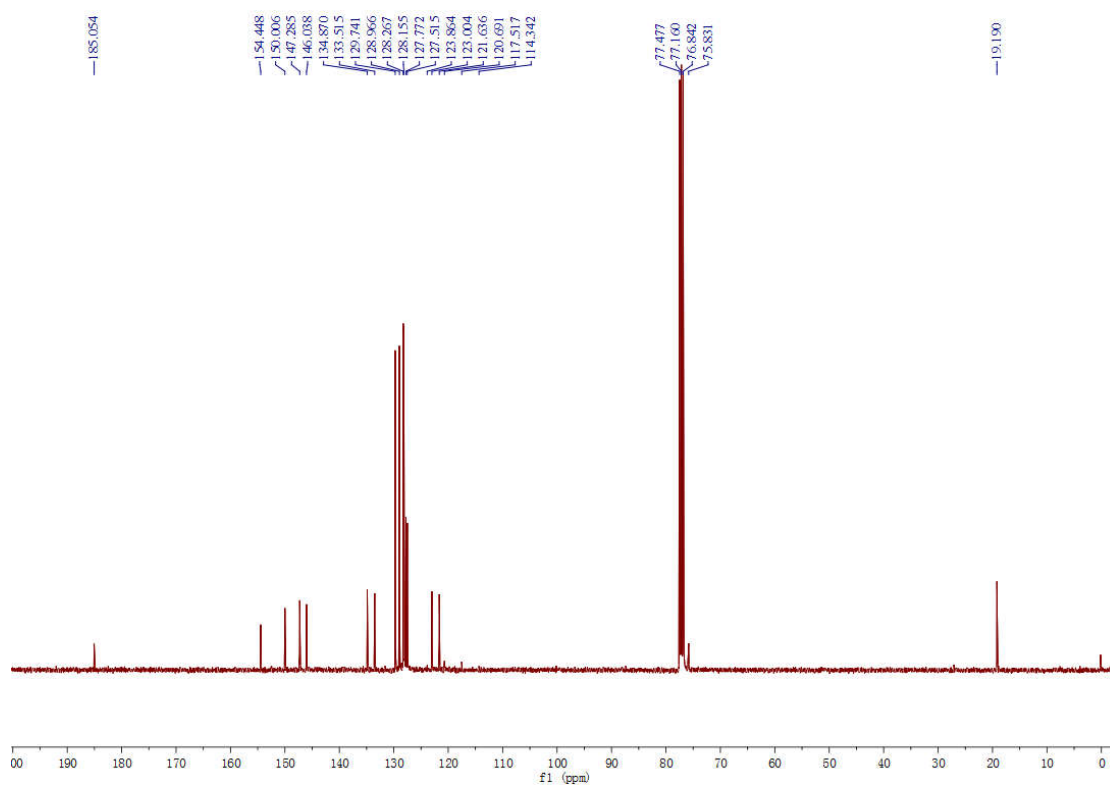
<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum for **3a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum for **3a** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)

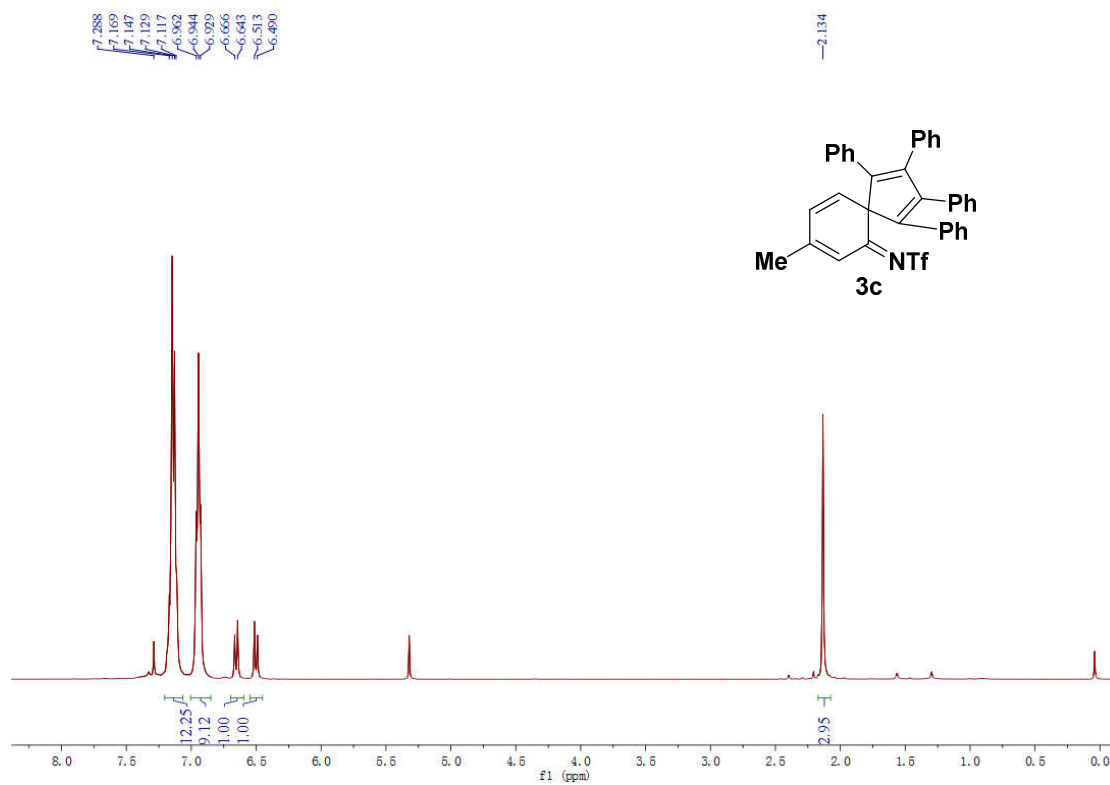


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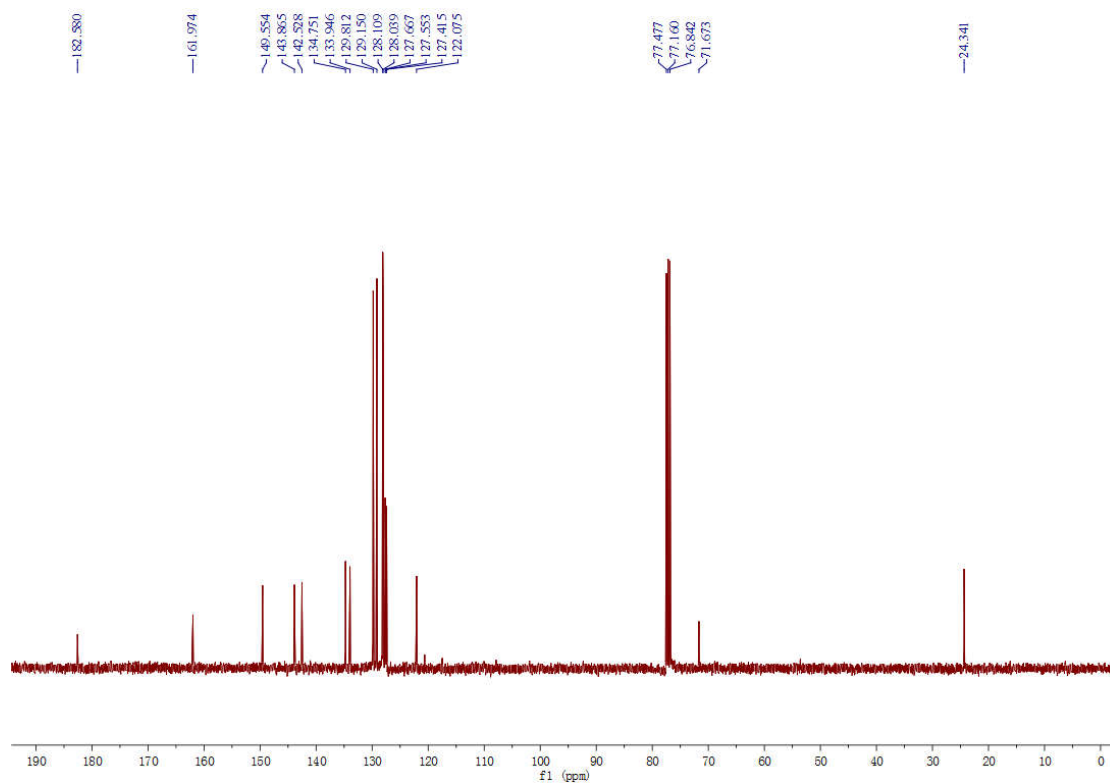


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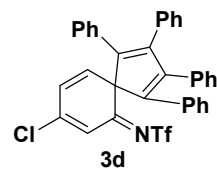
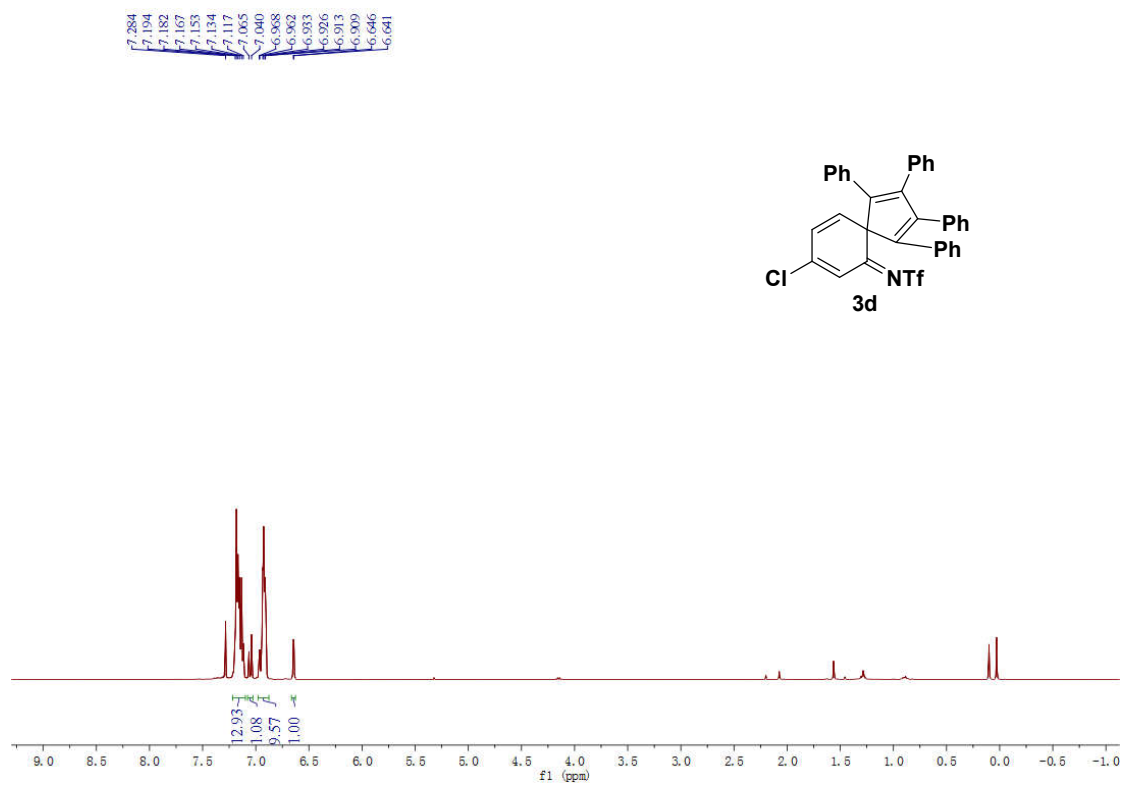




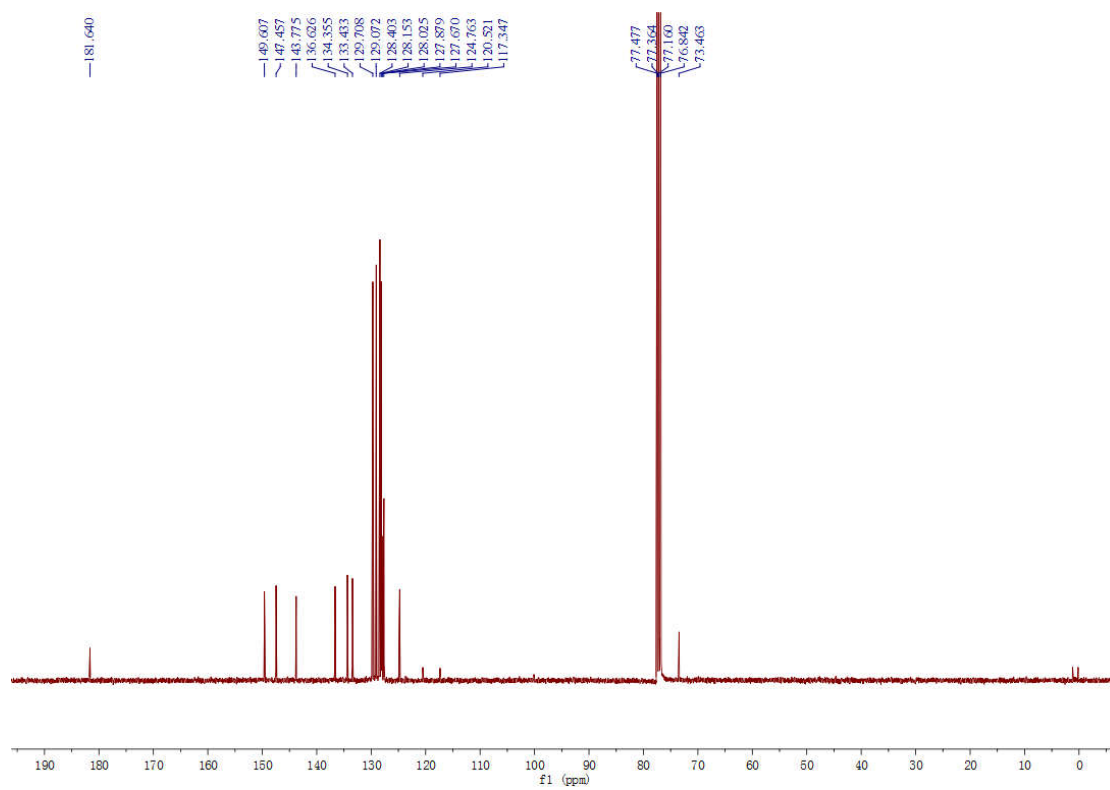
<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum for **3c** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



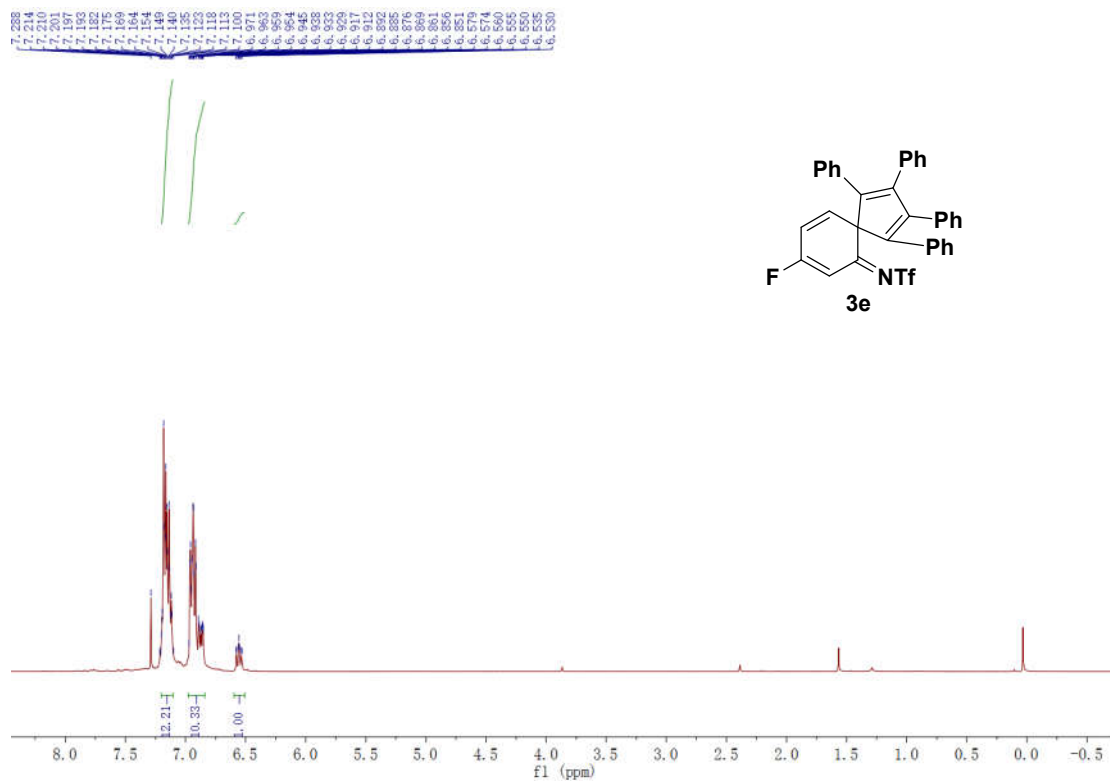
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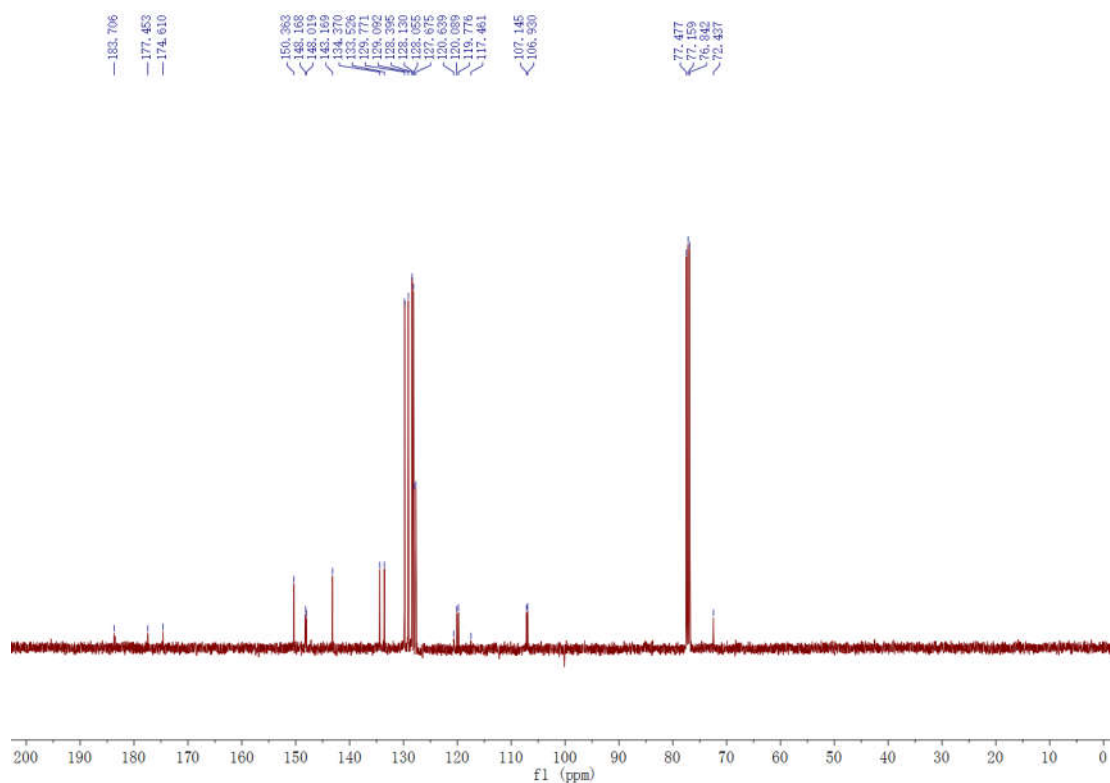
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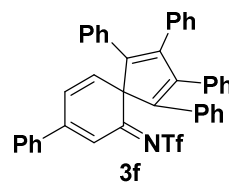
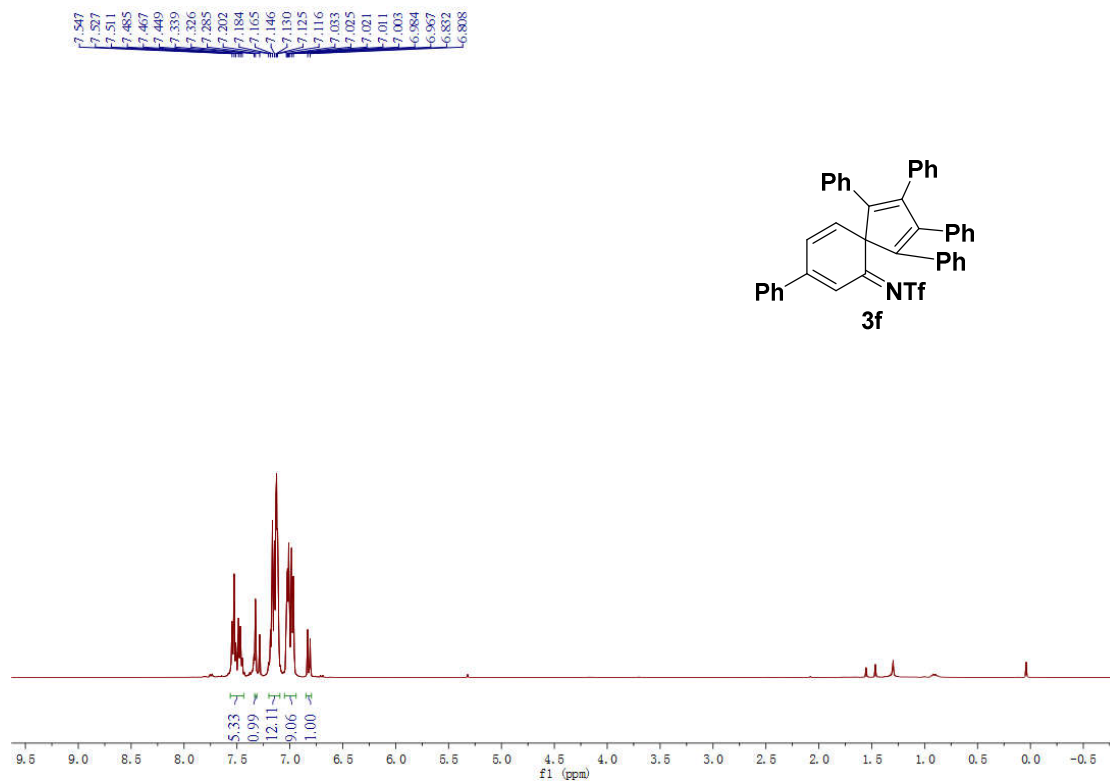
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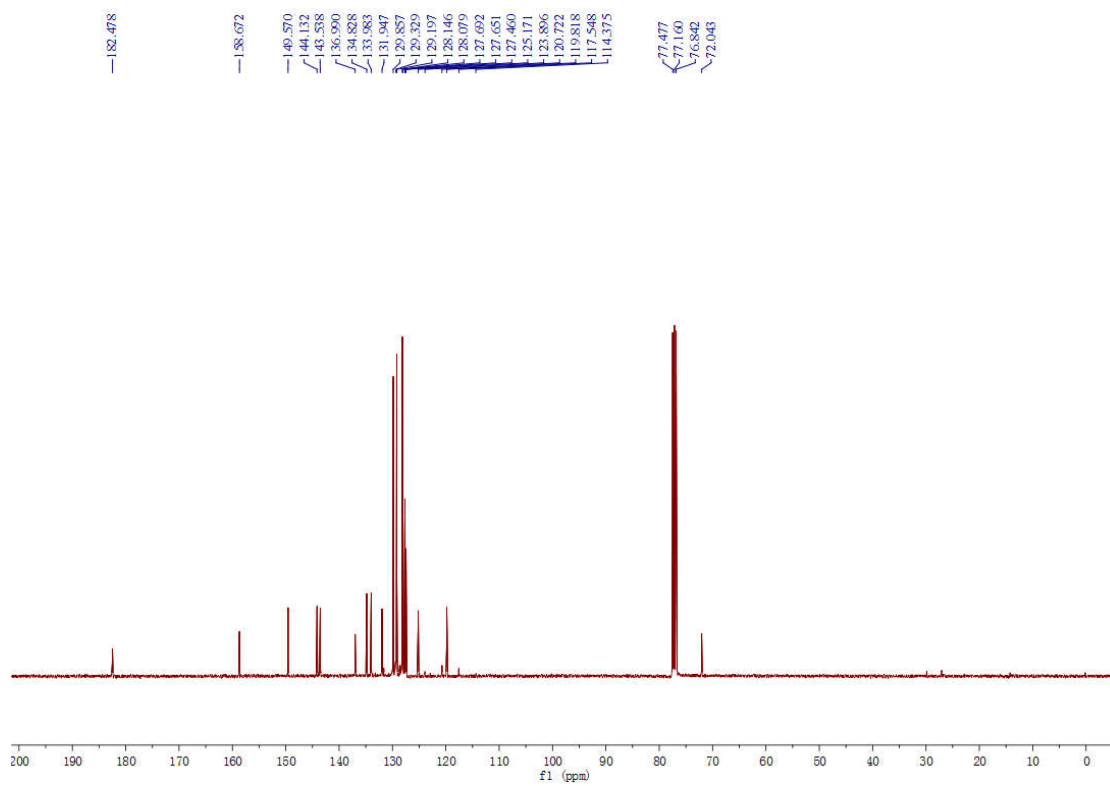
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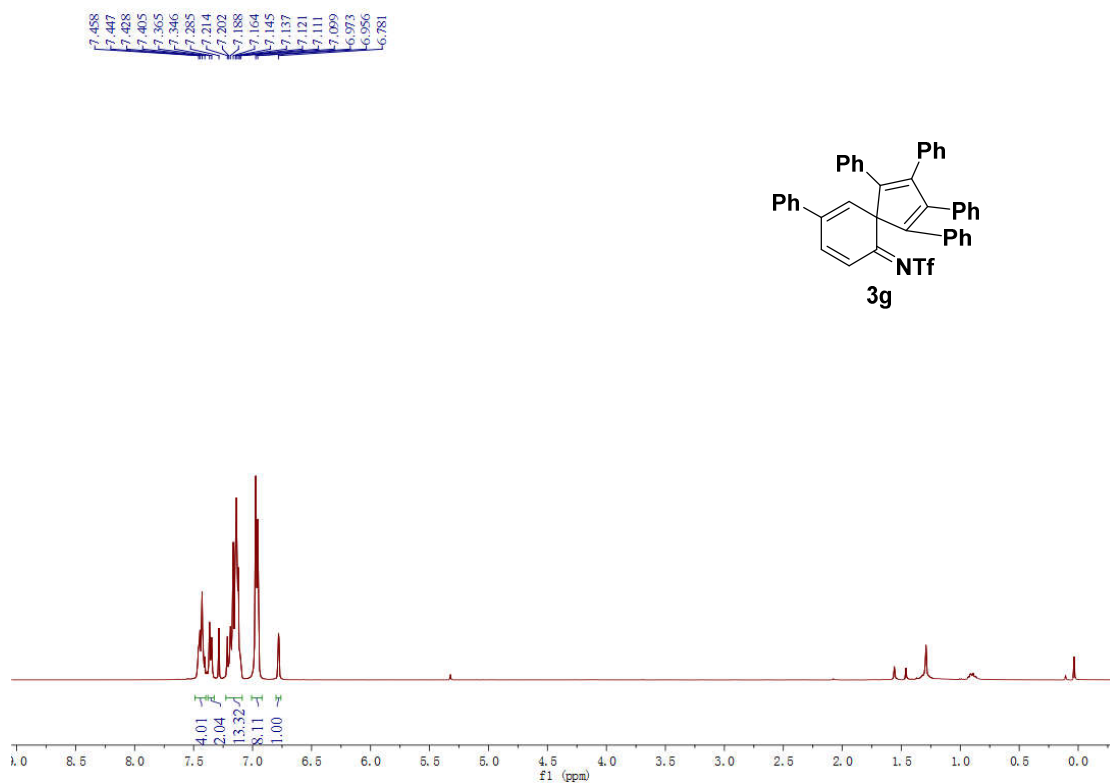
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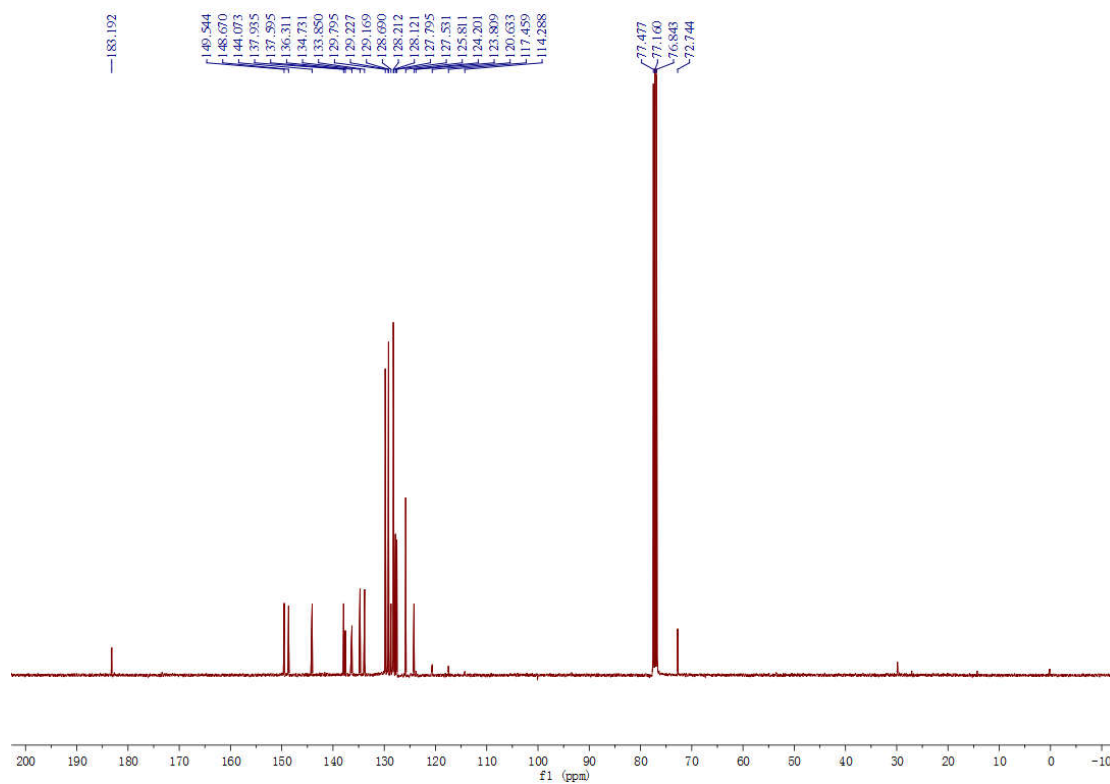
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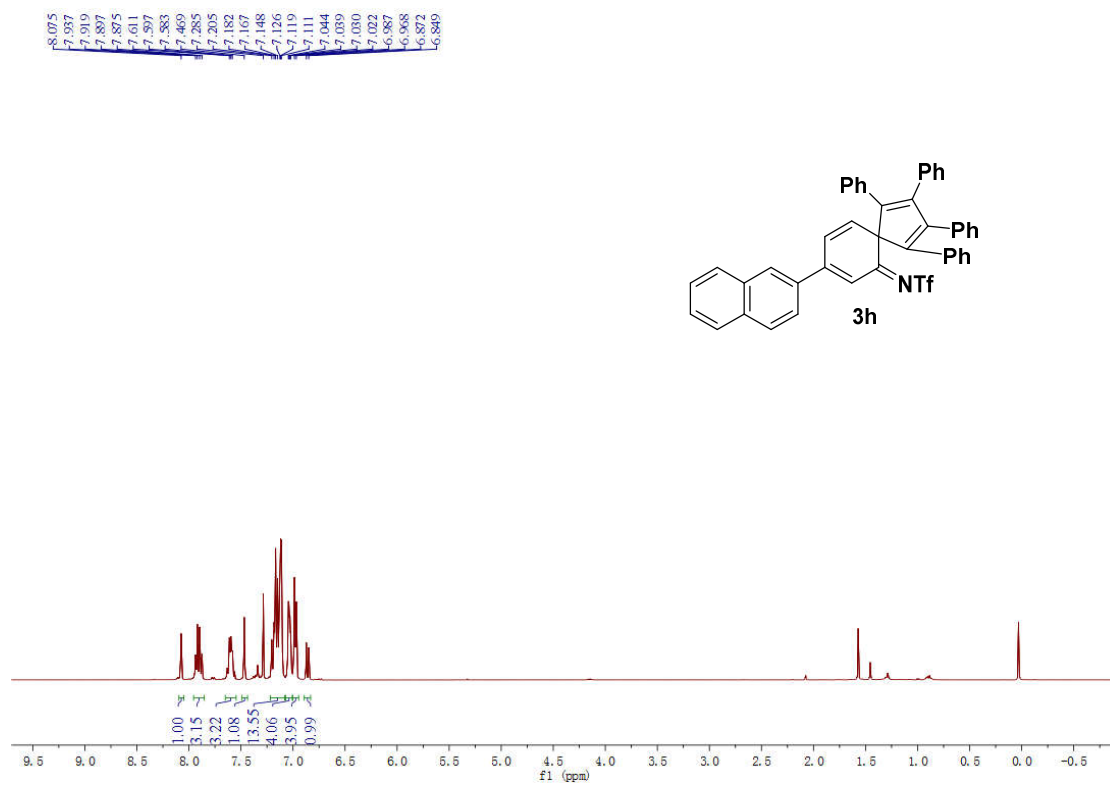
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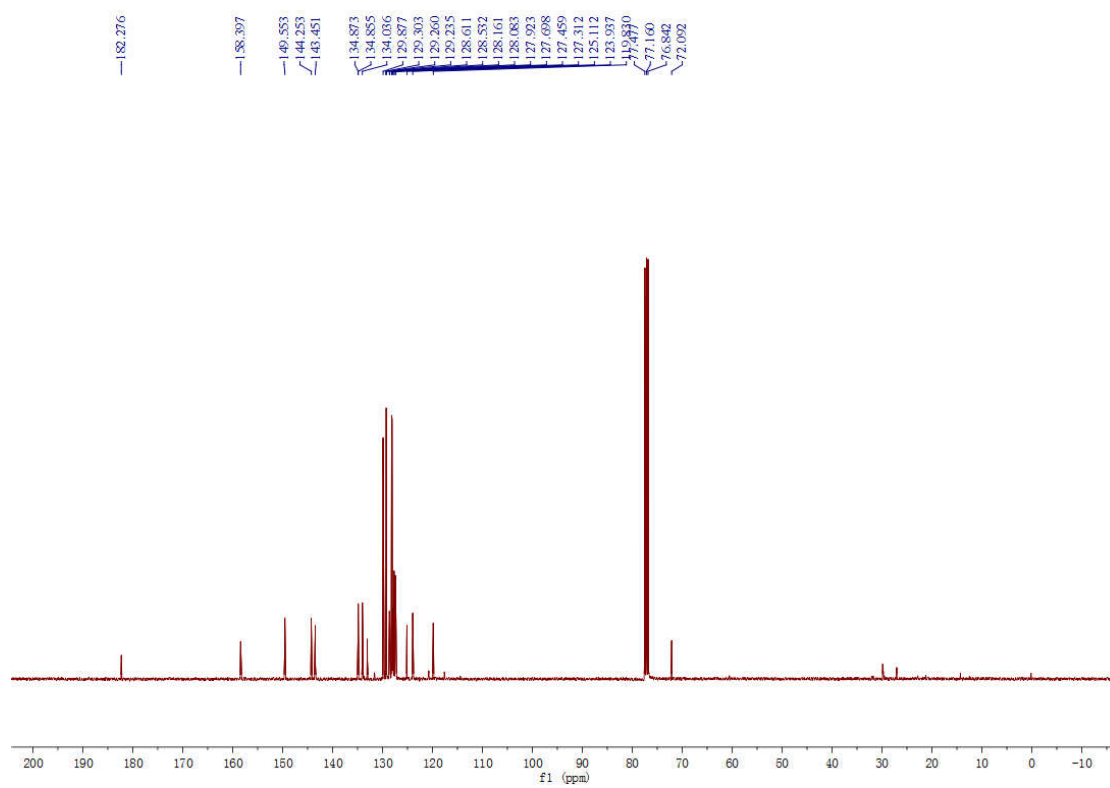
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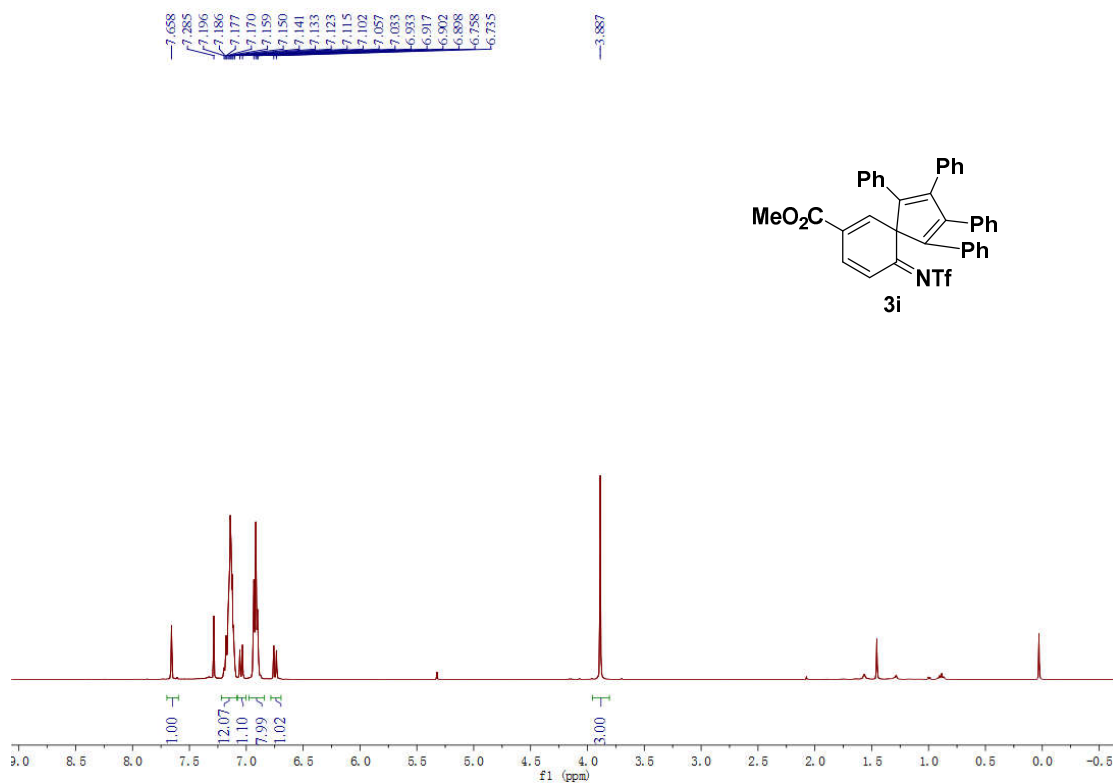
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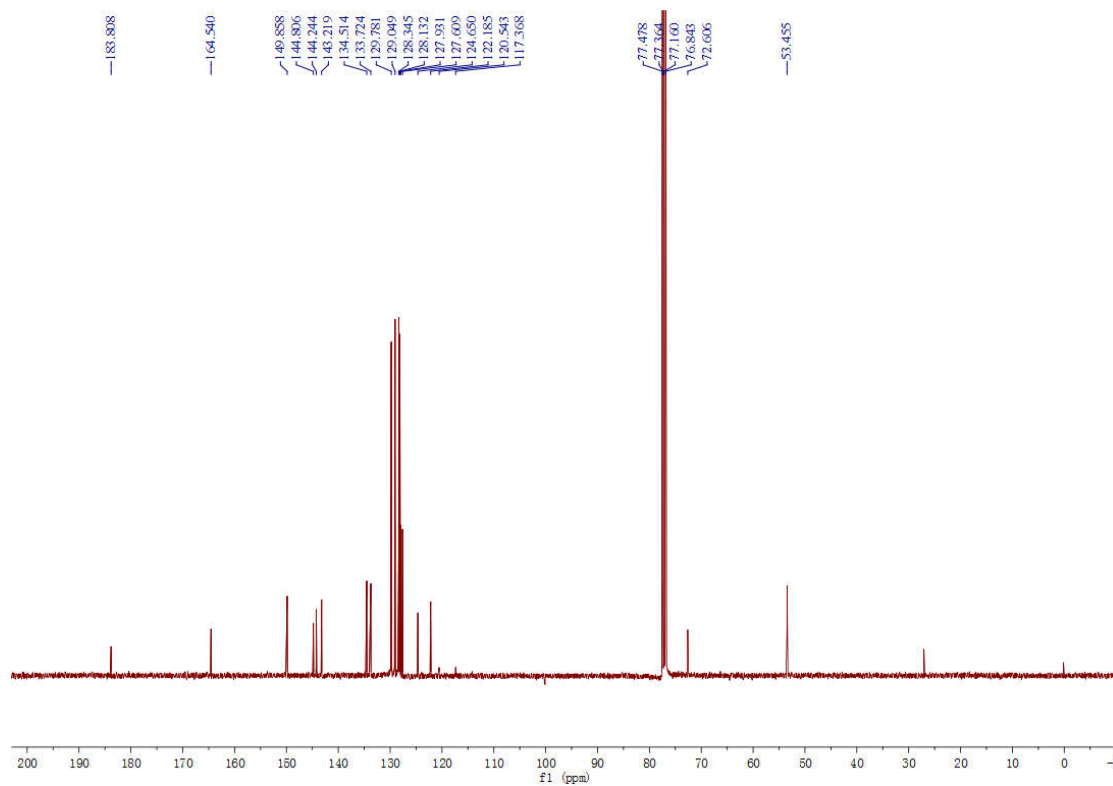
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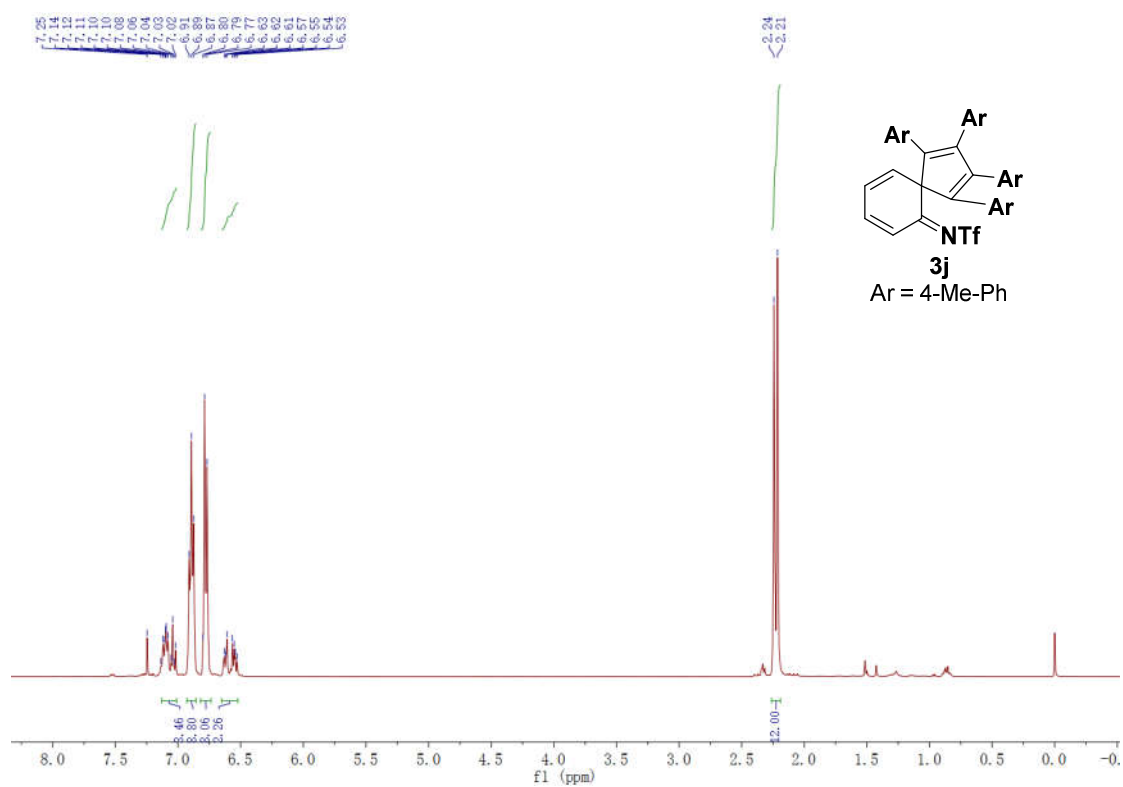
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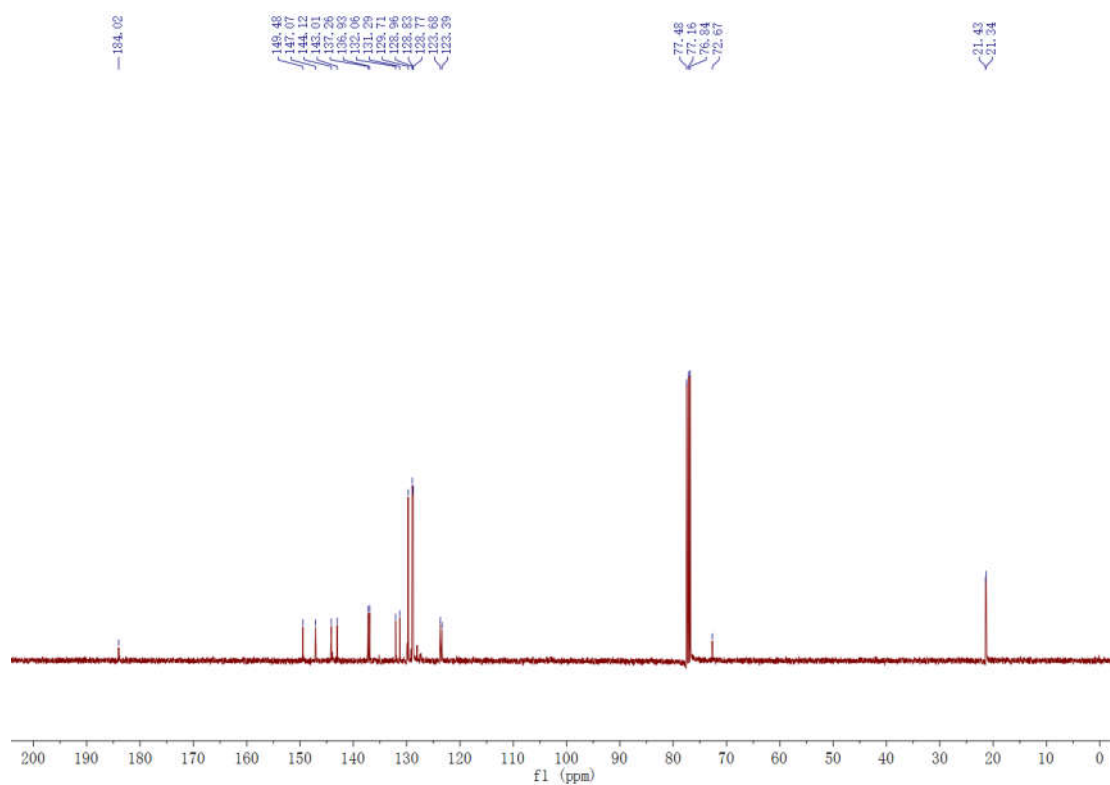
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum for **3i** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)

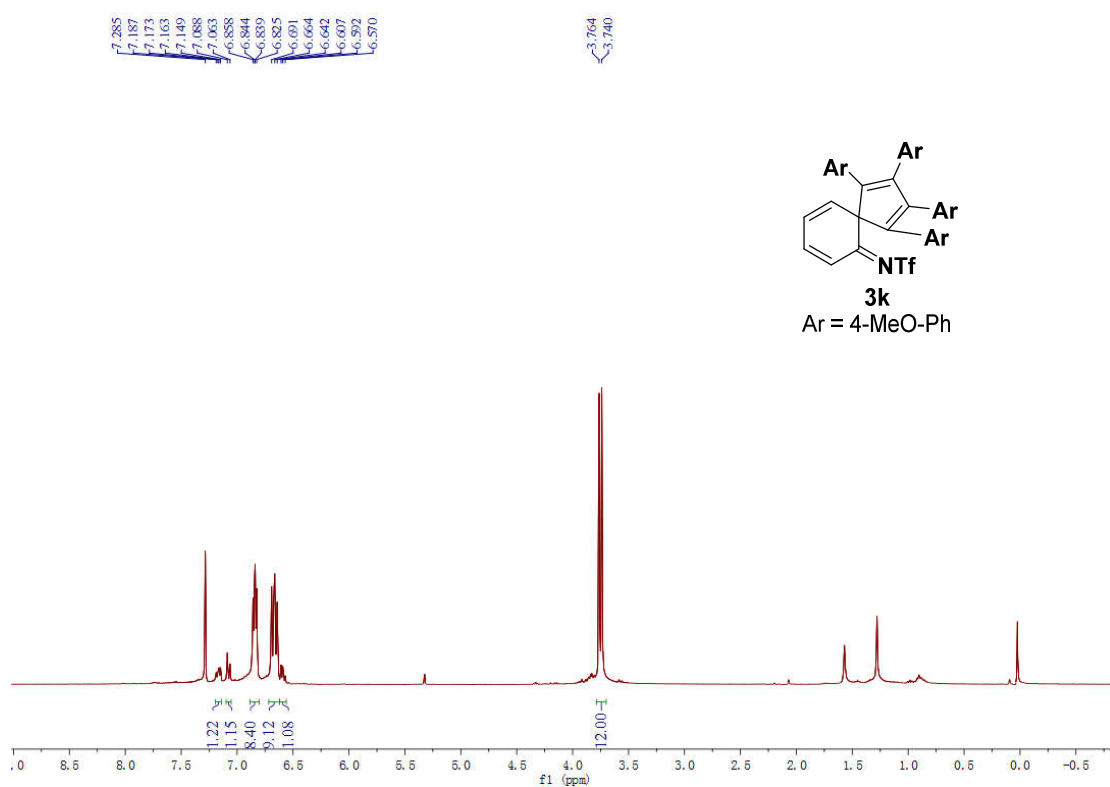


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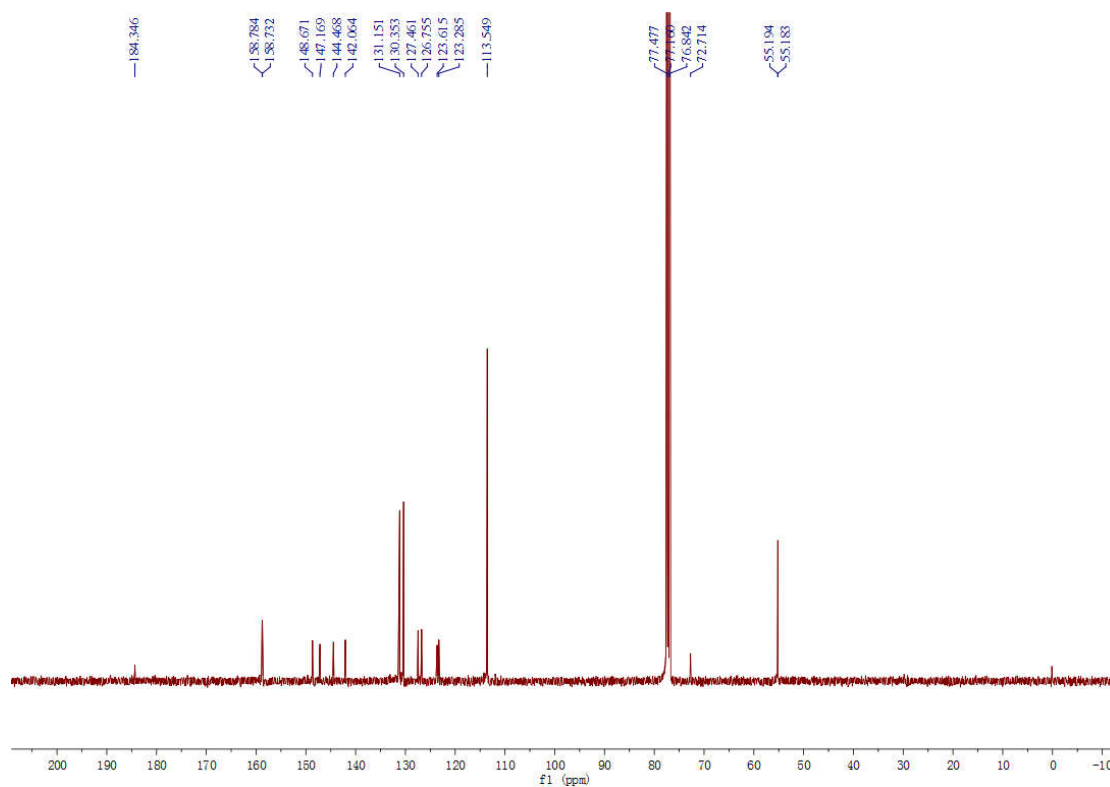


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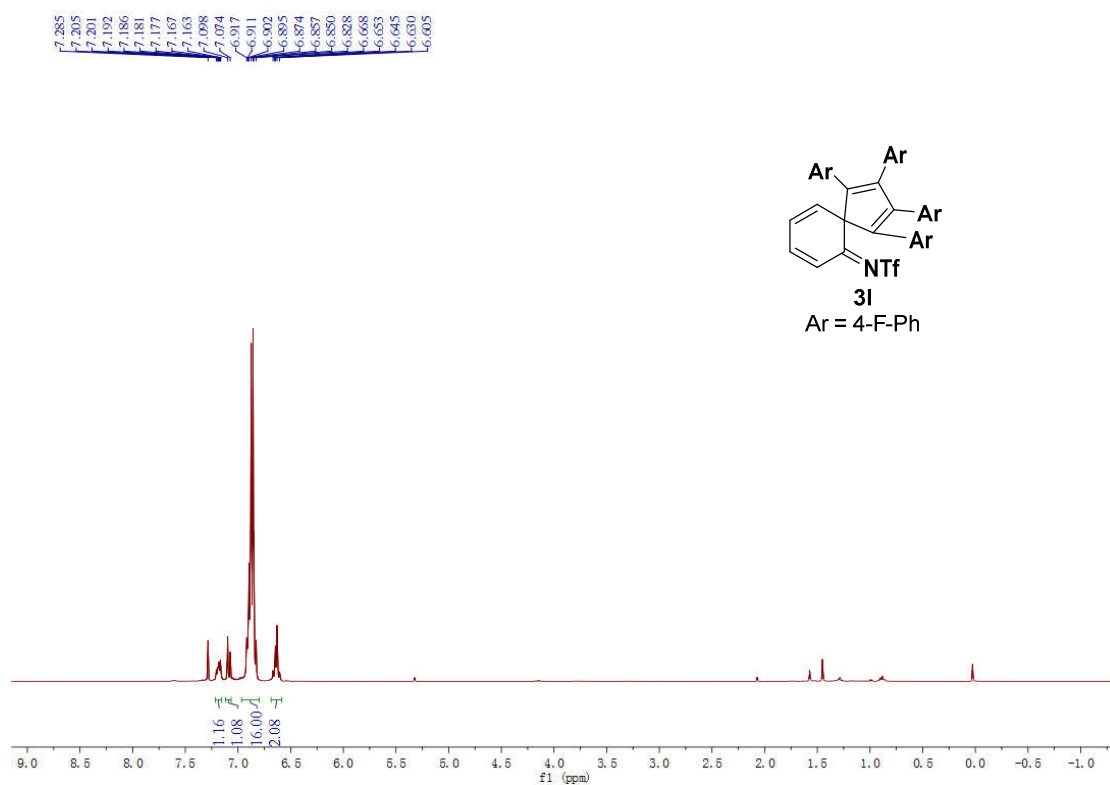




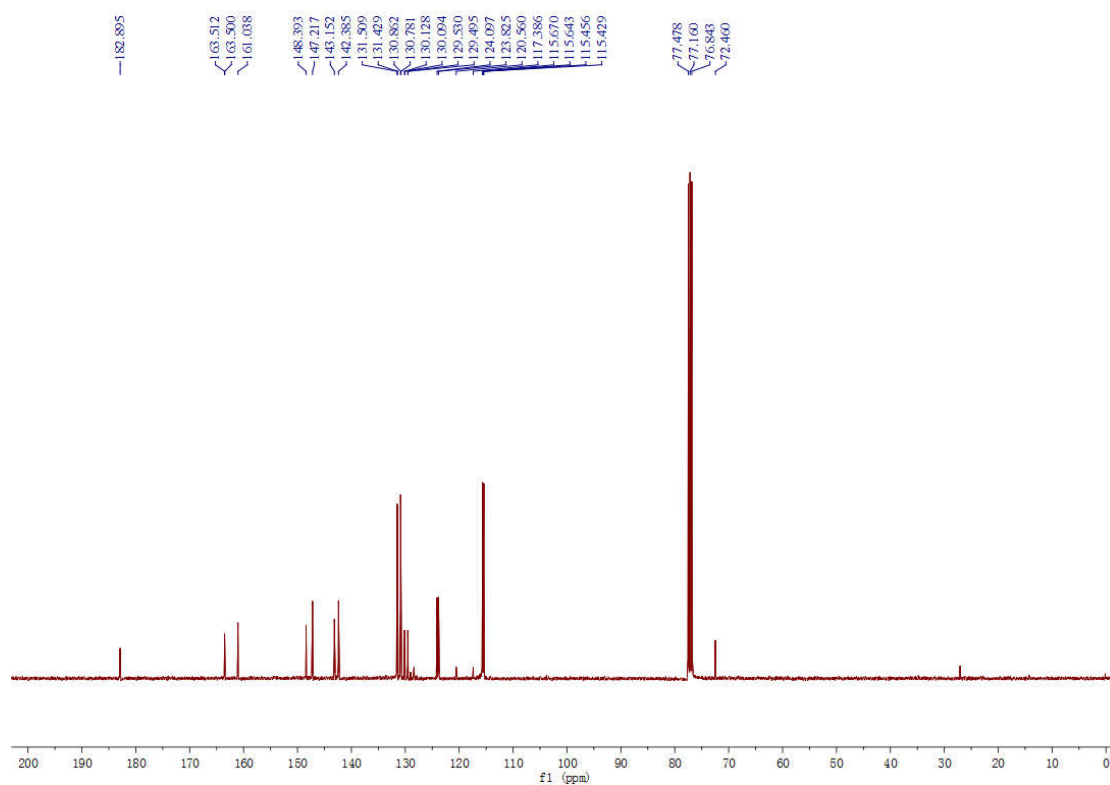
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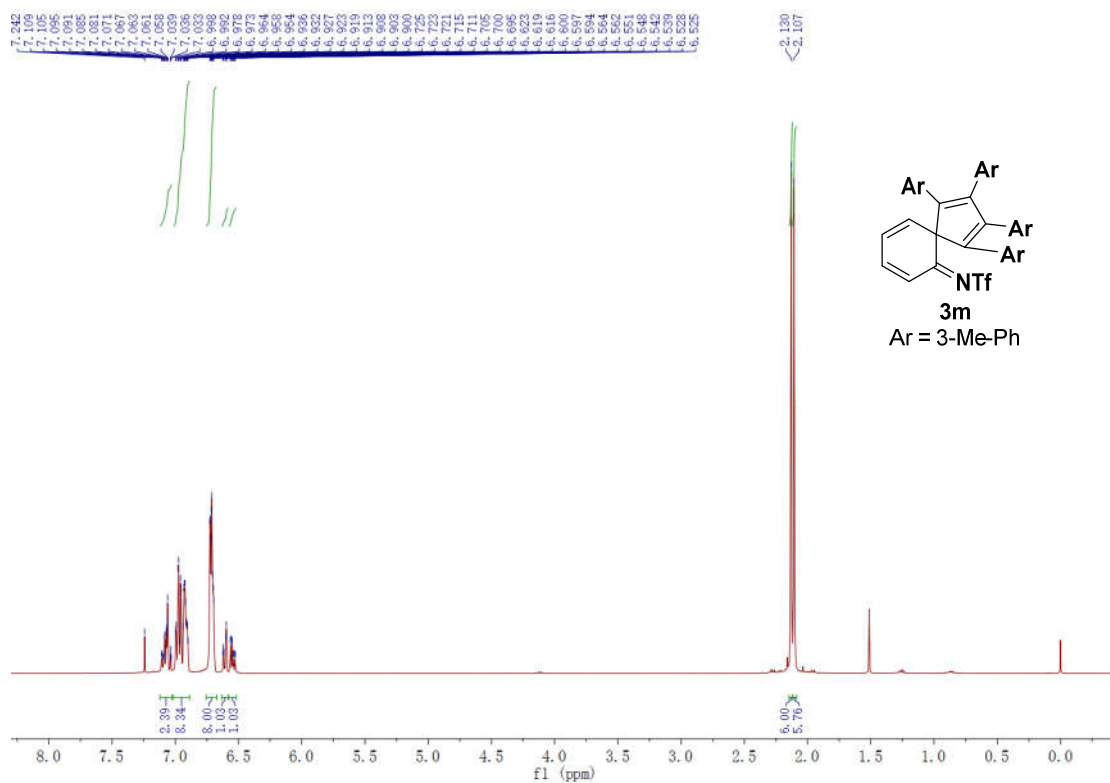
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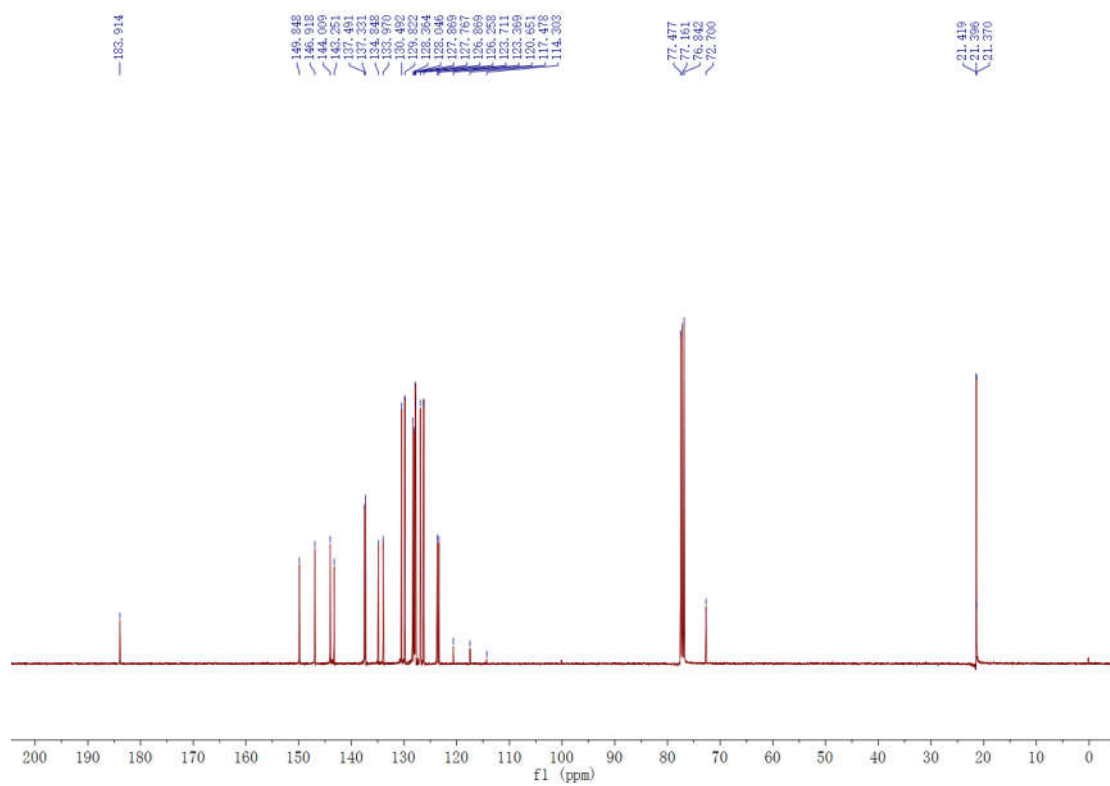
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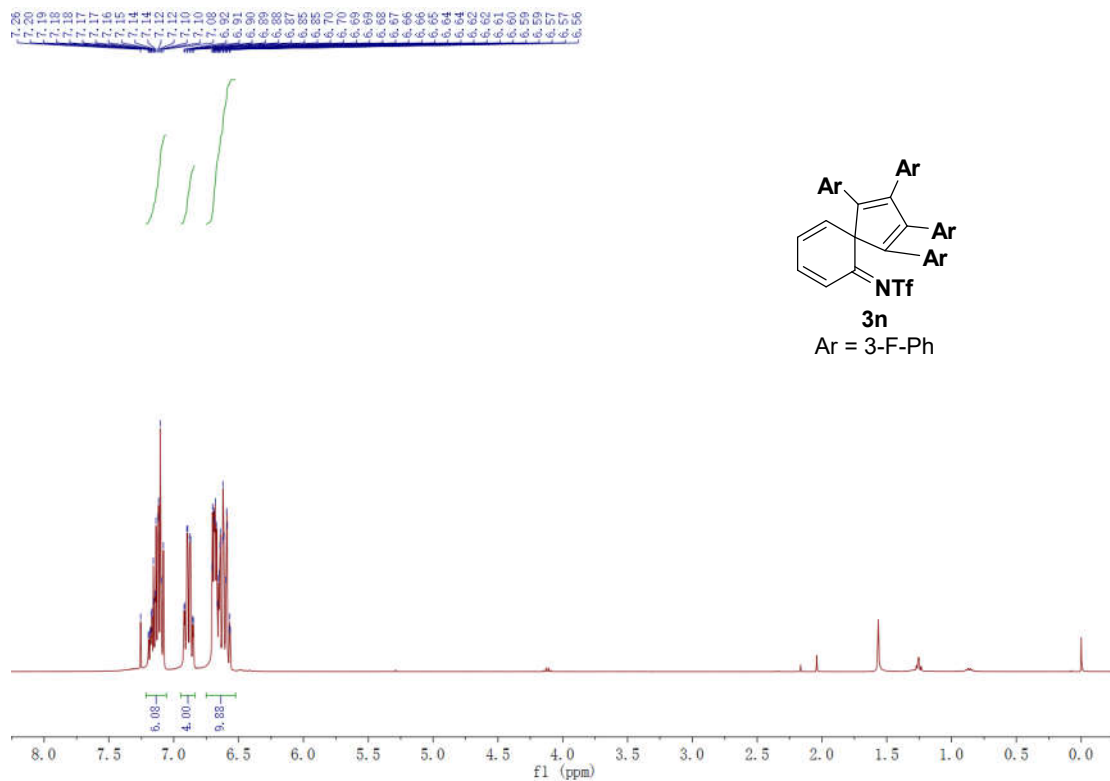
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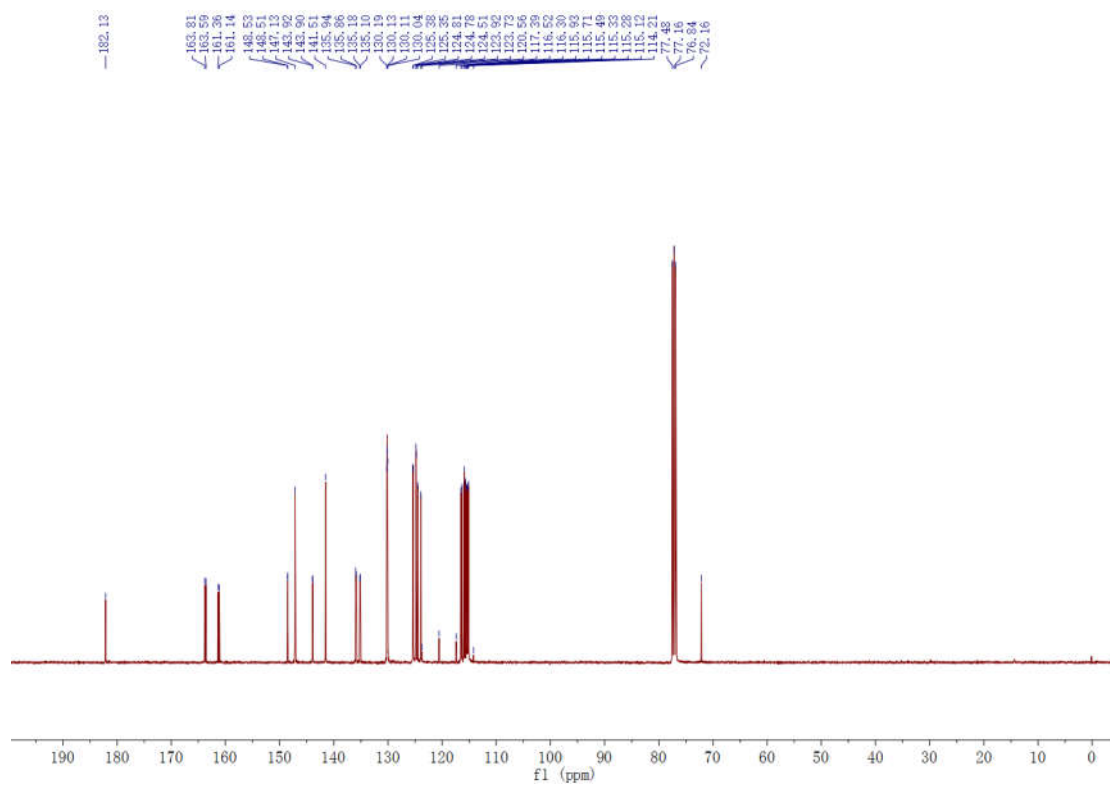
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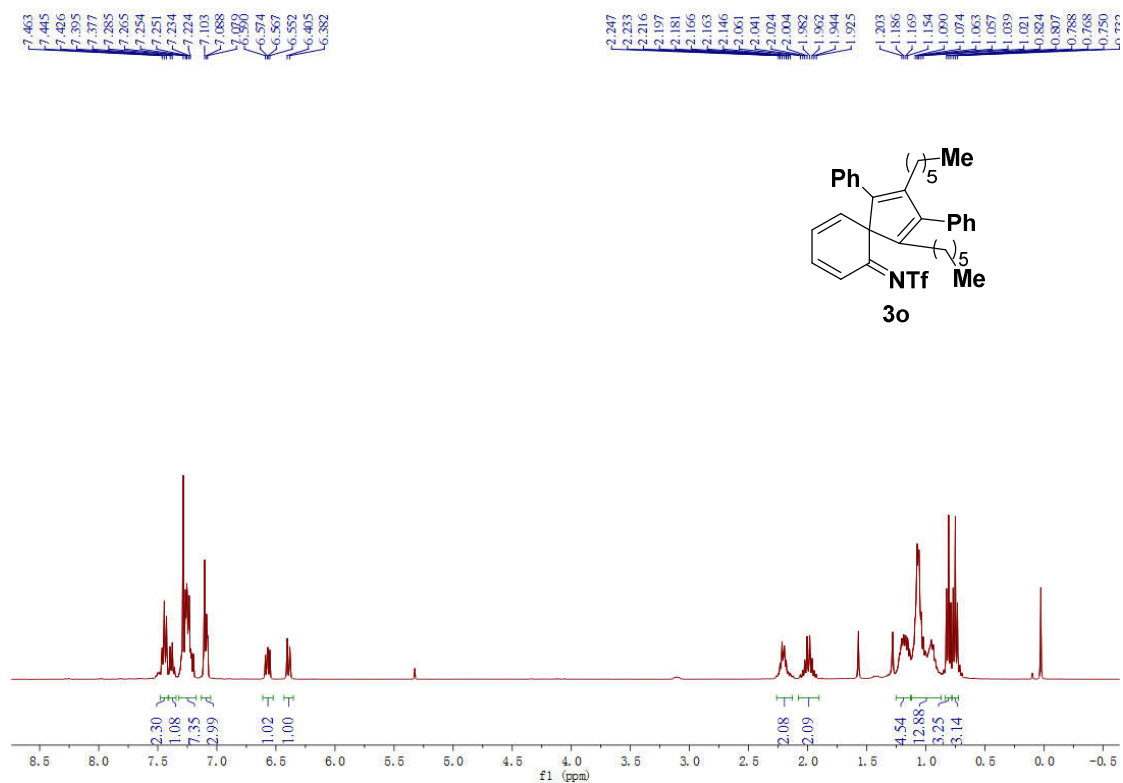
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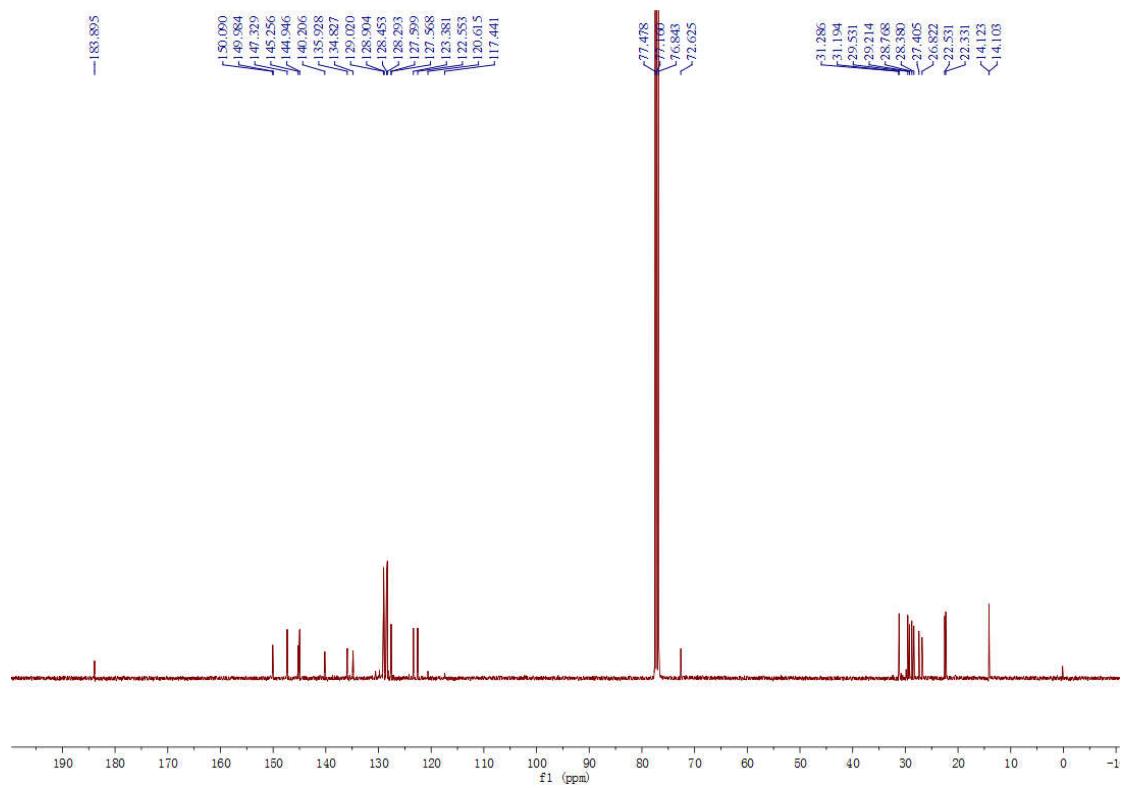
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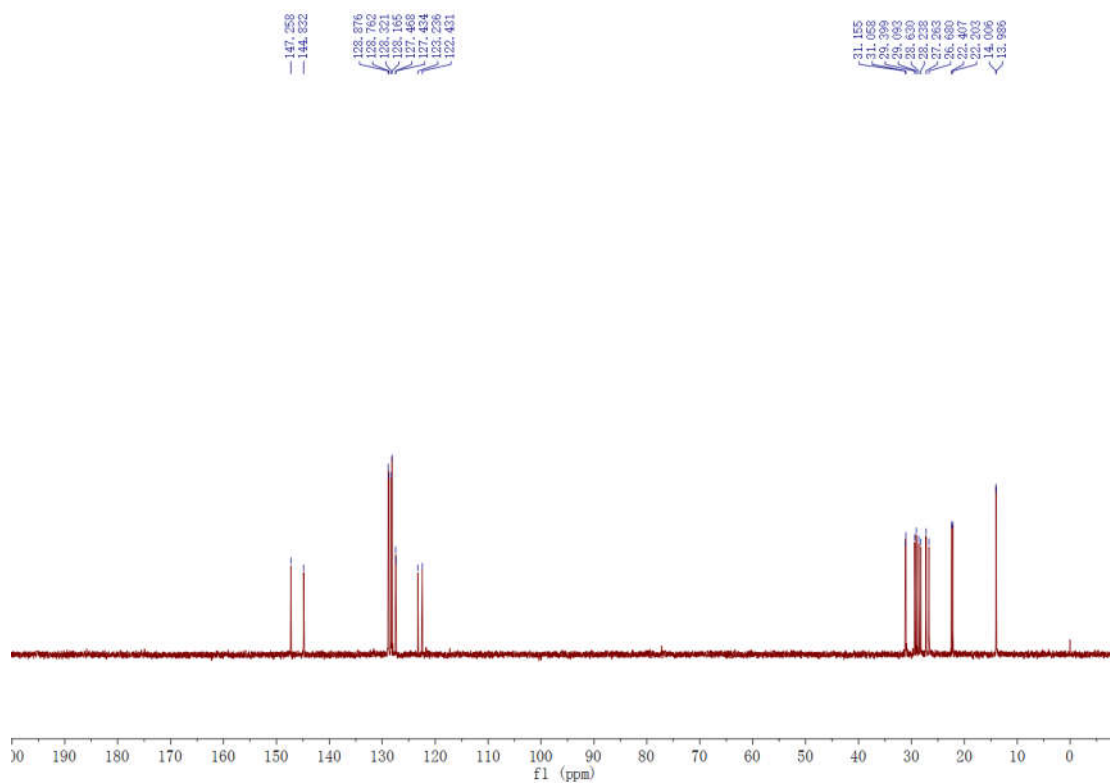
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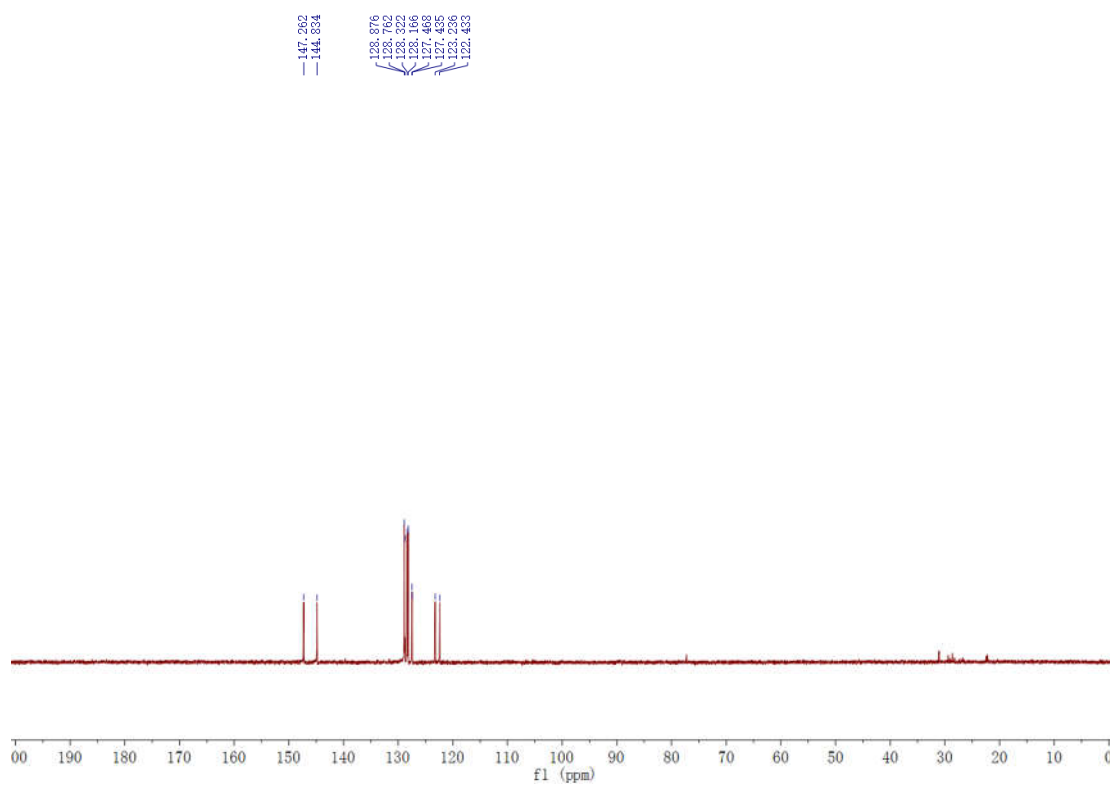
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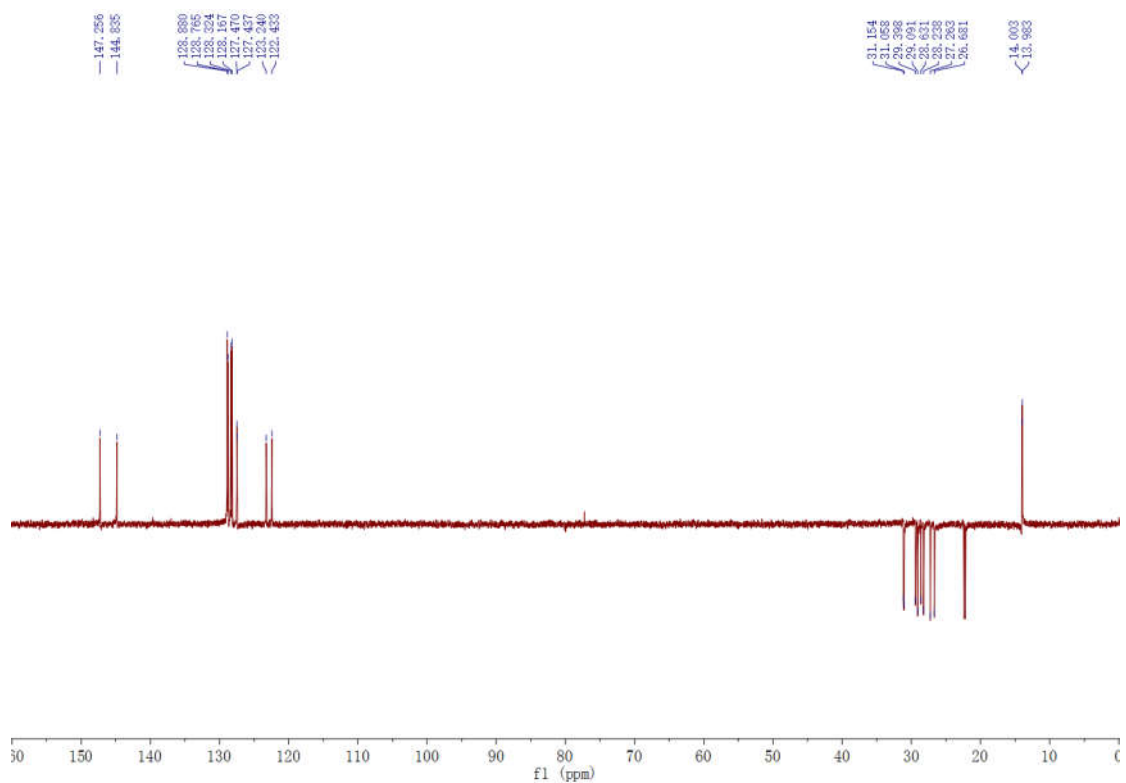
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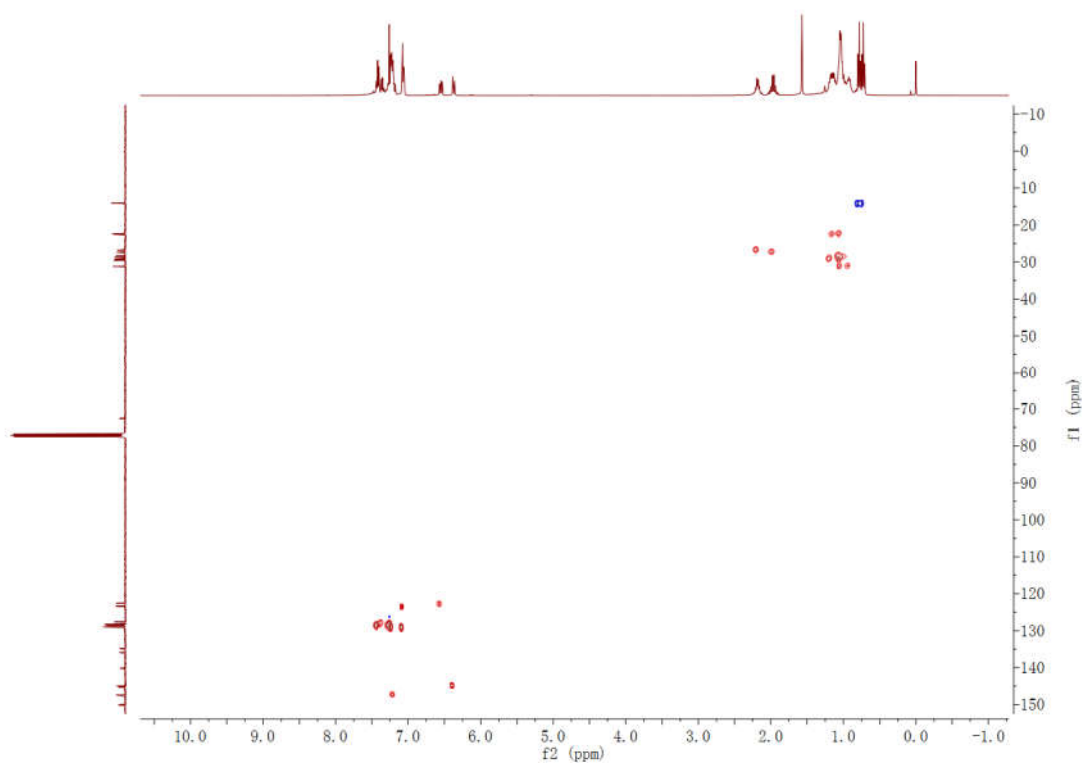
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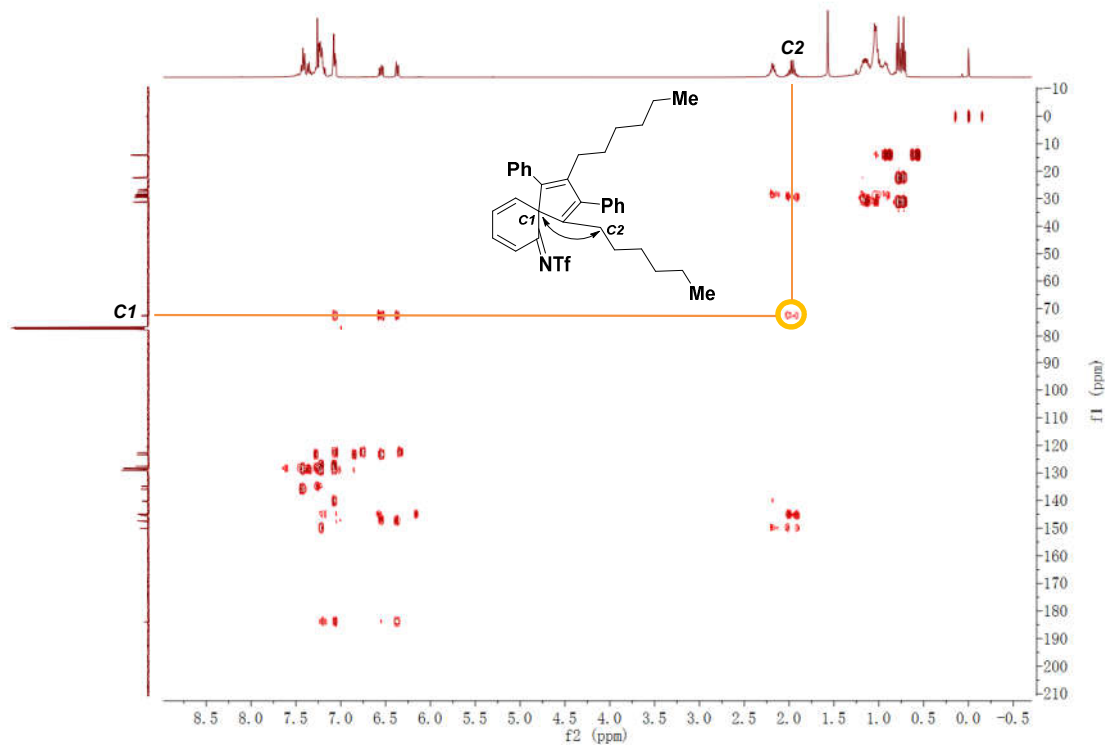
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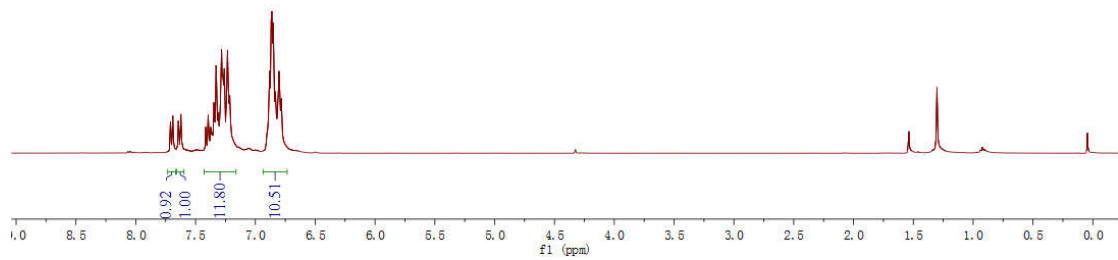
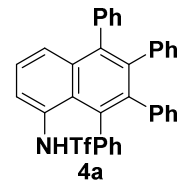
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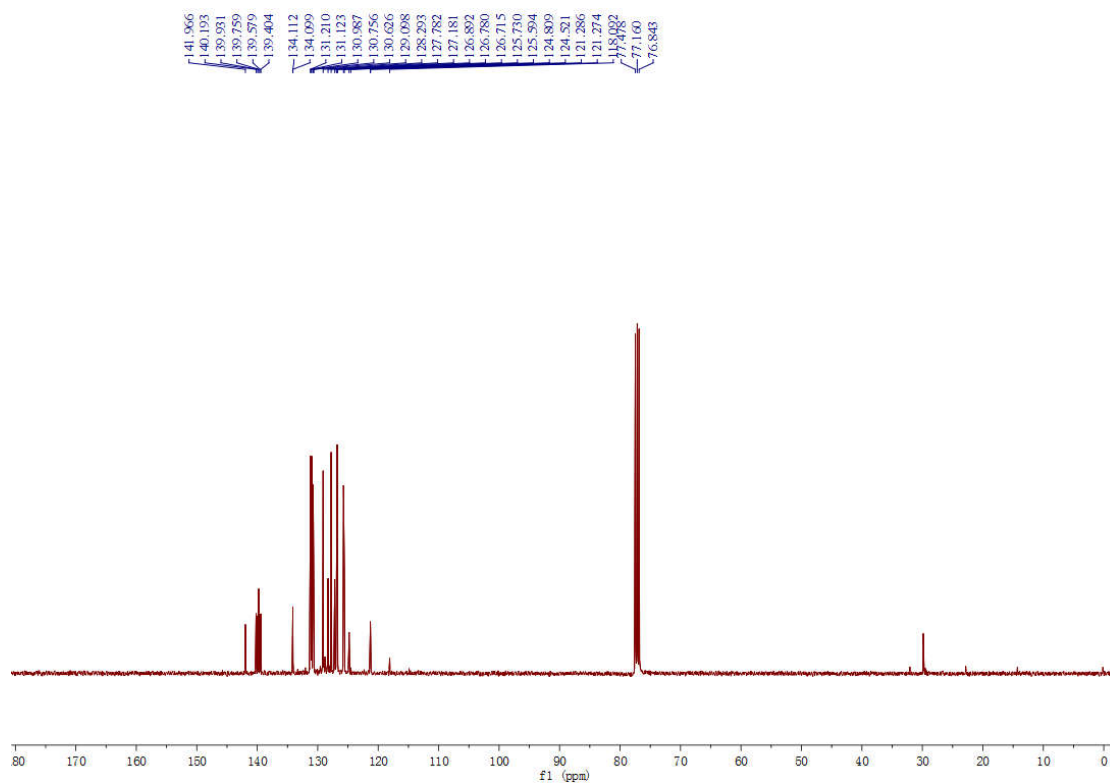


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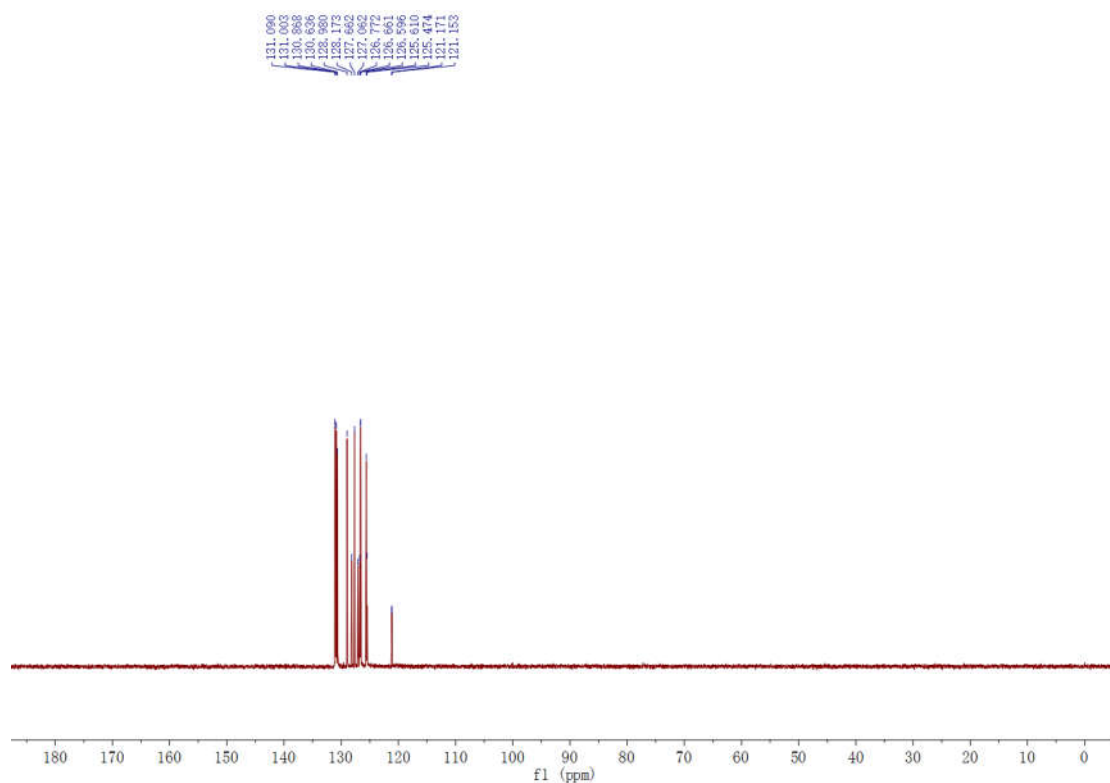


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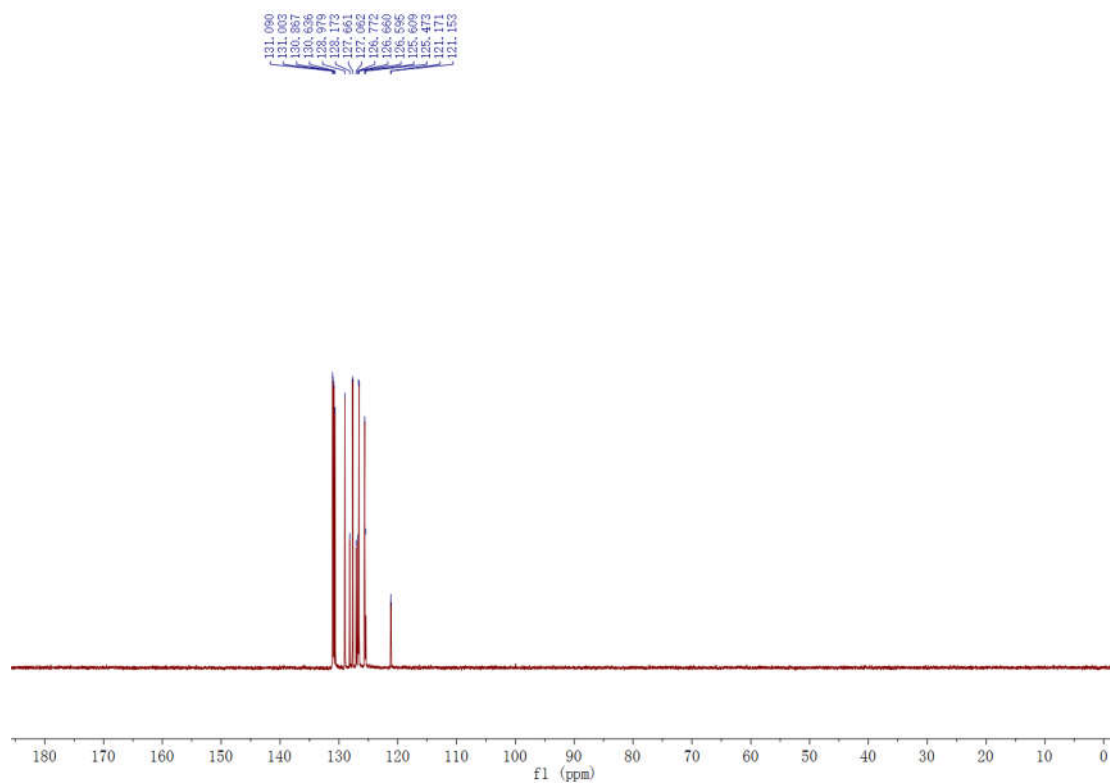




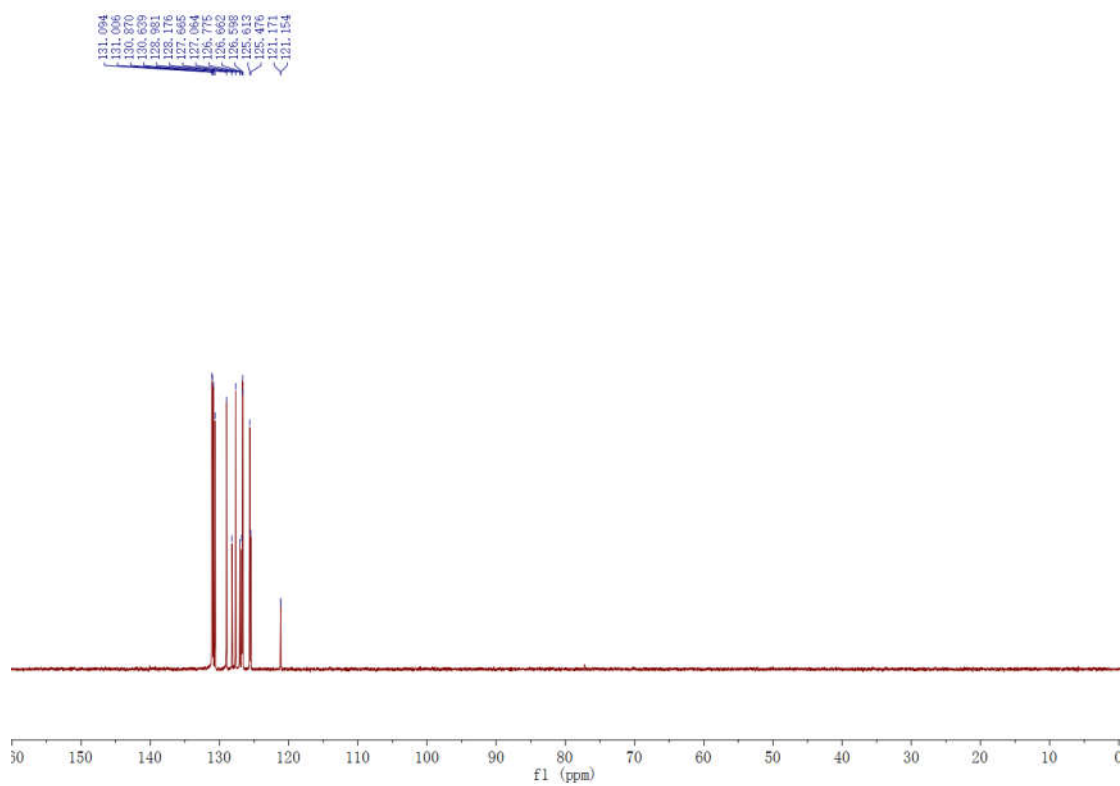
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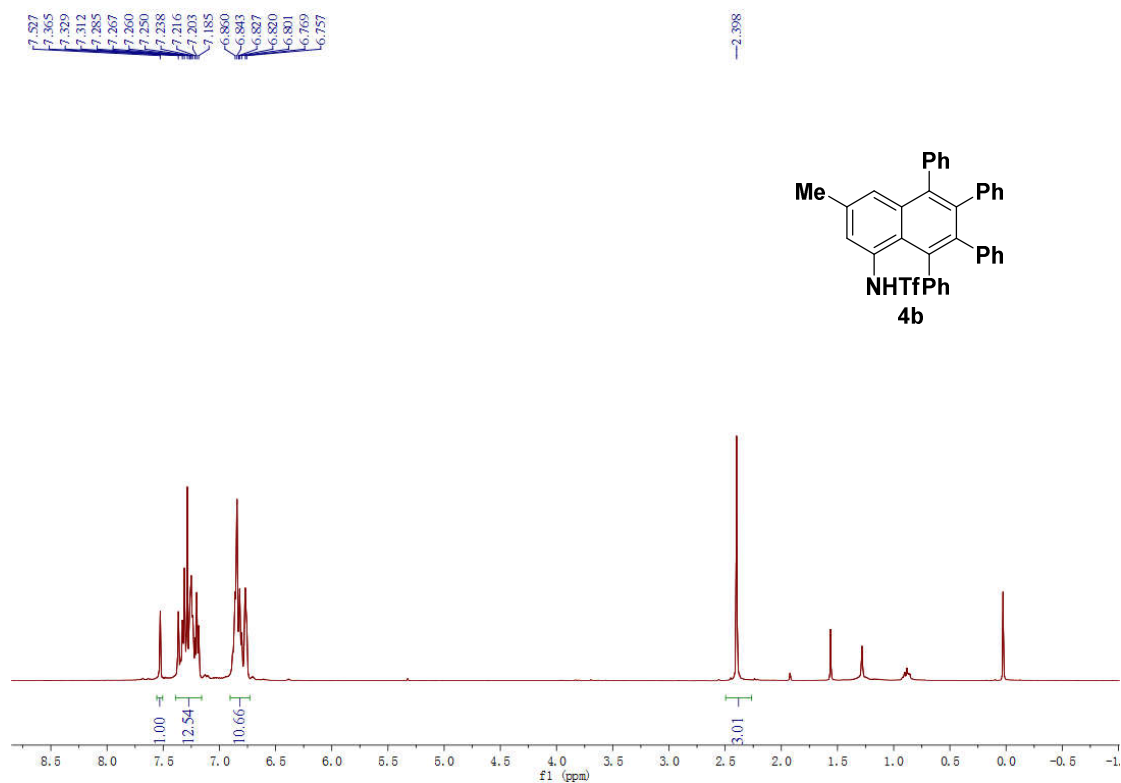
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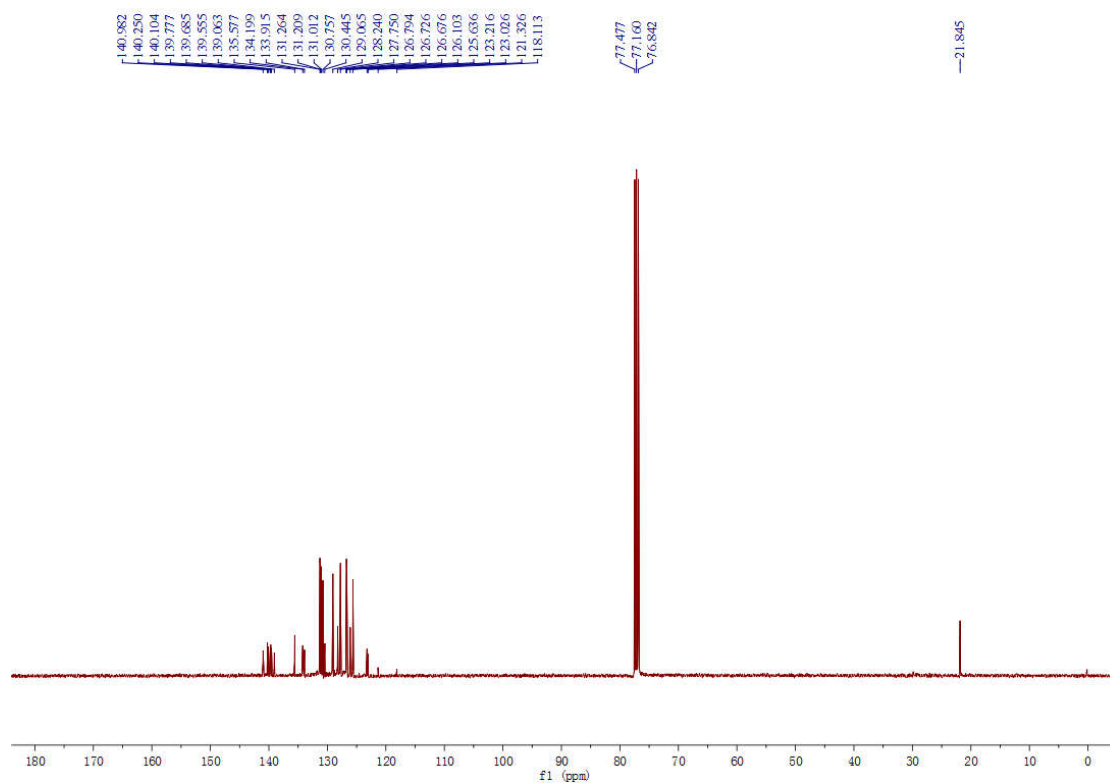
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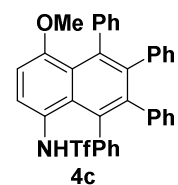
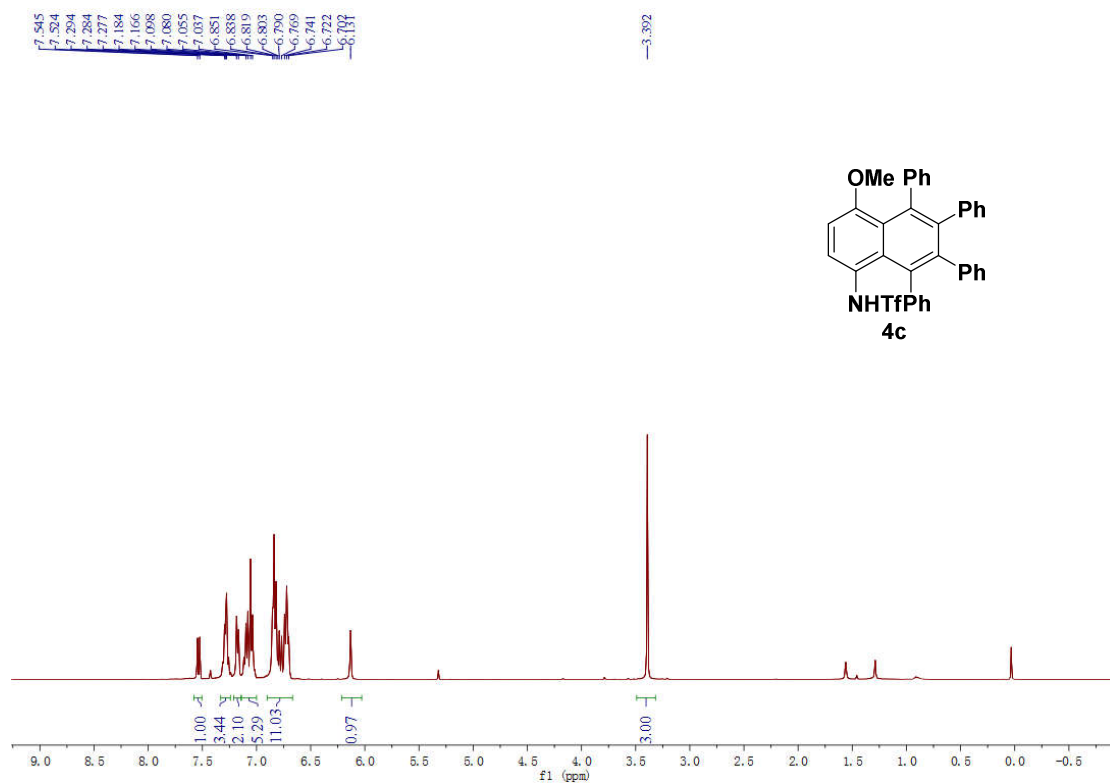
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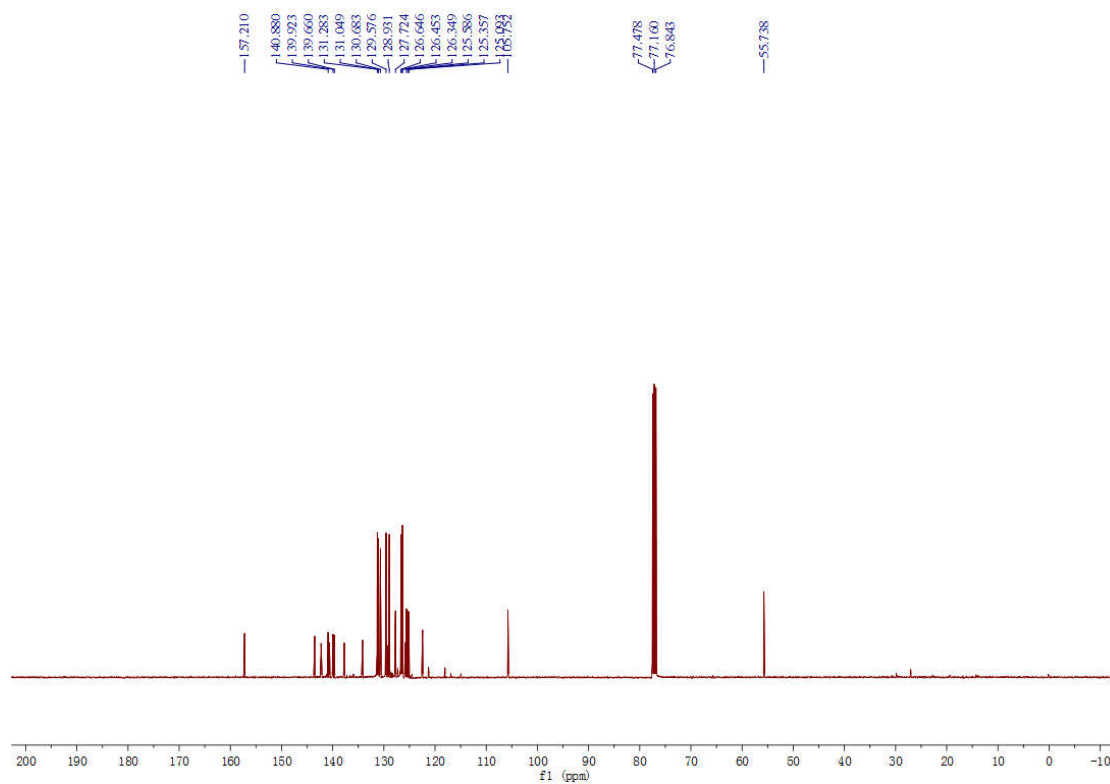
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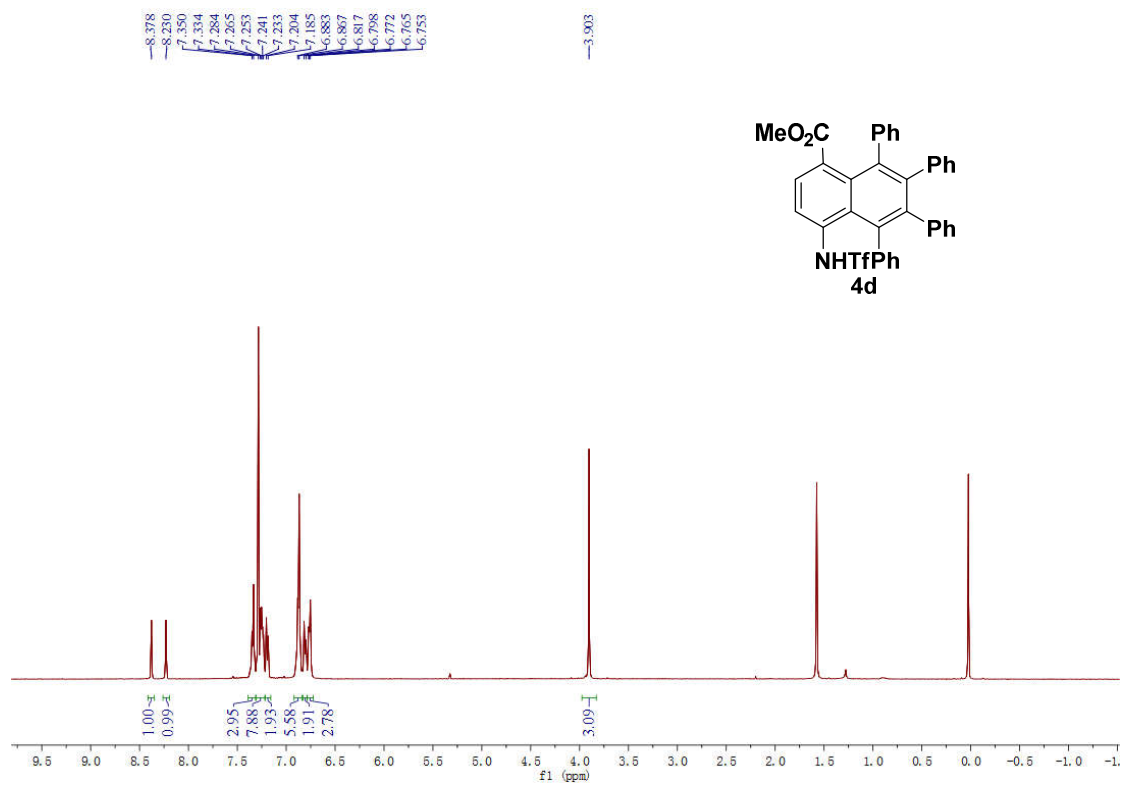
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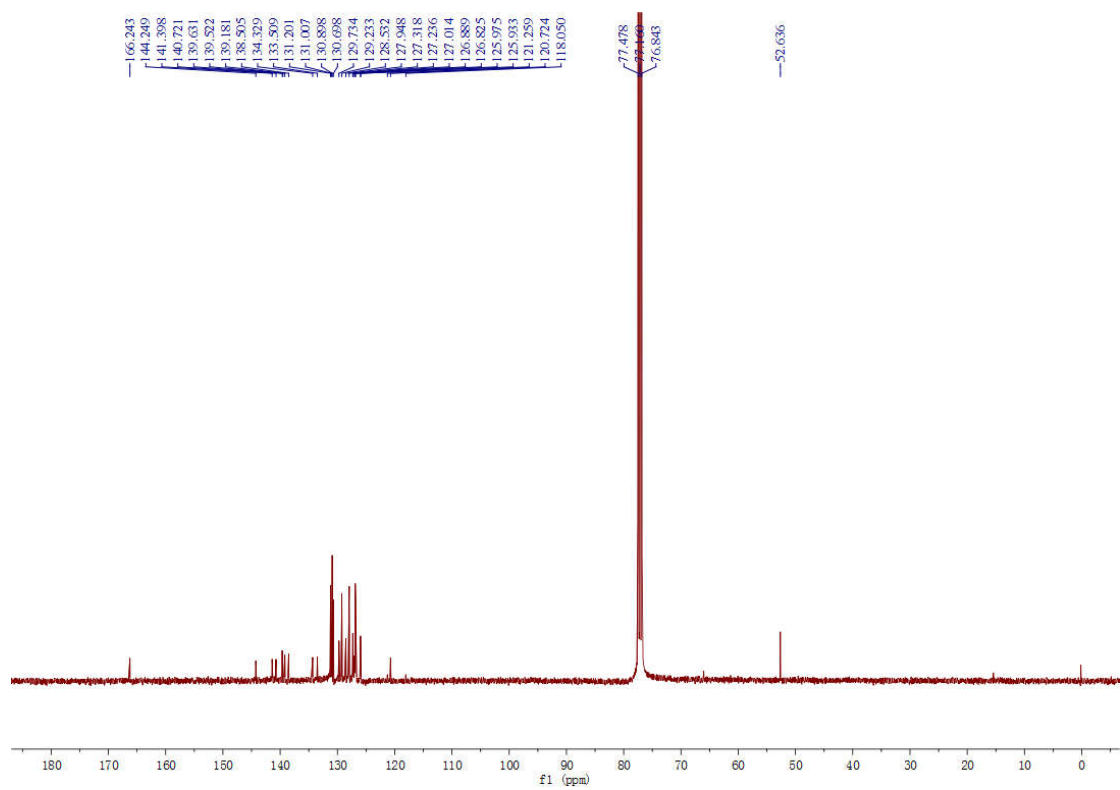
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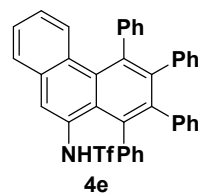
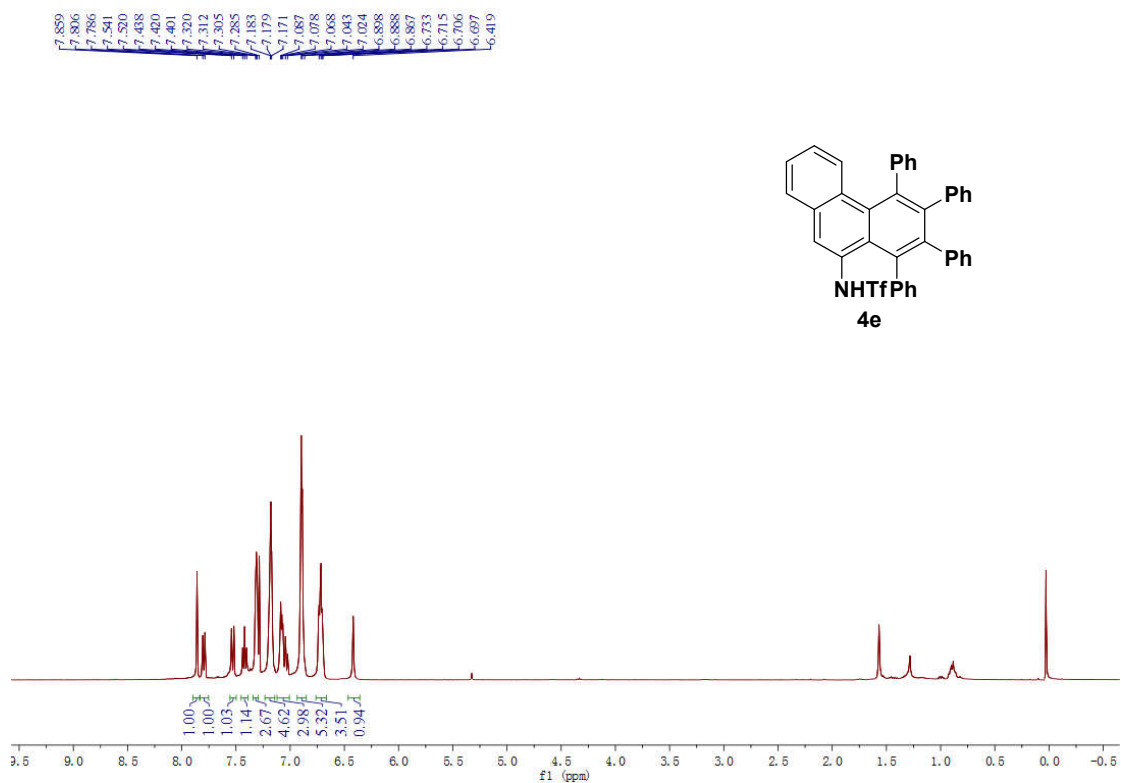
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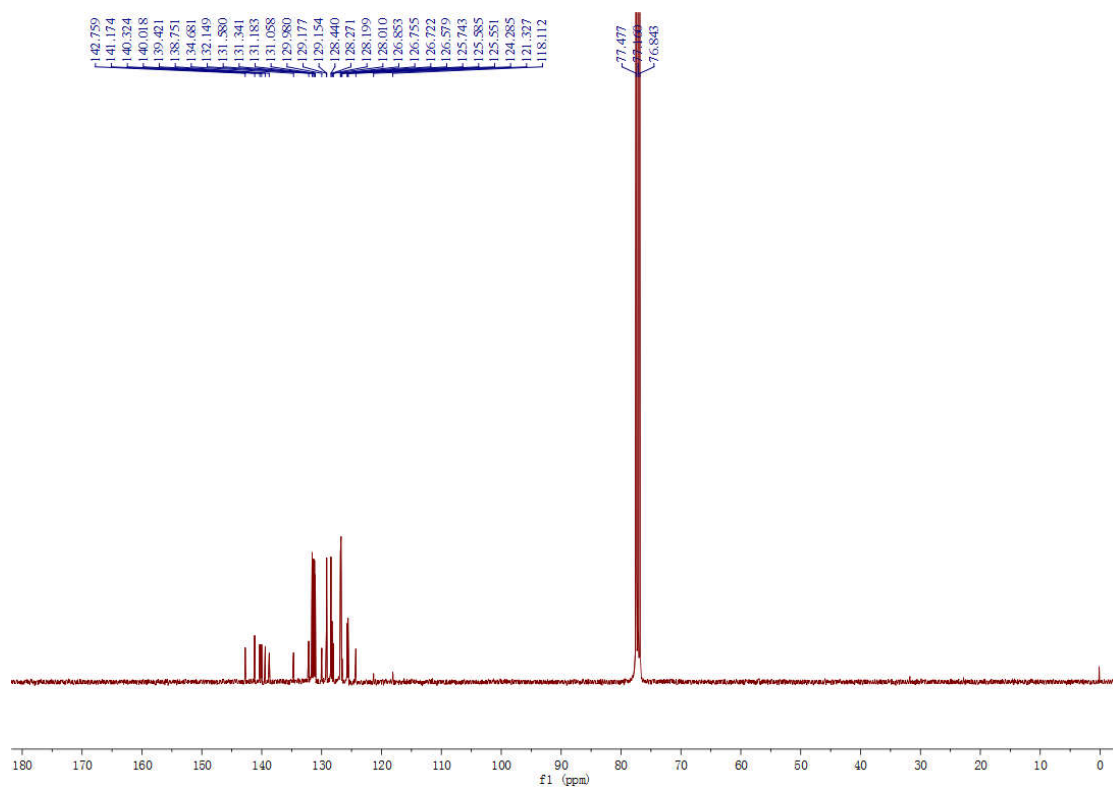
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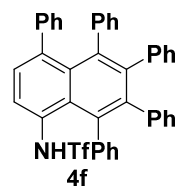
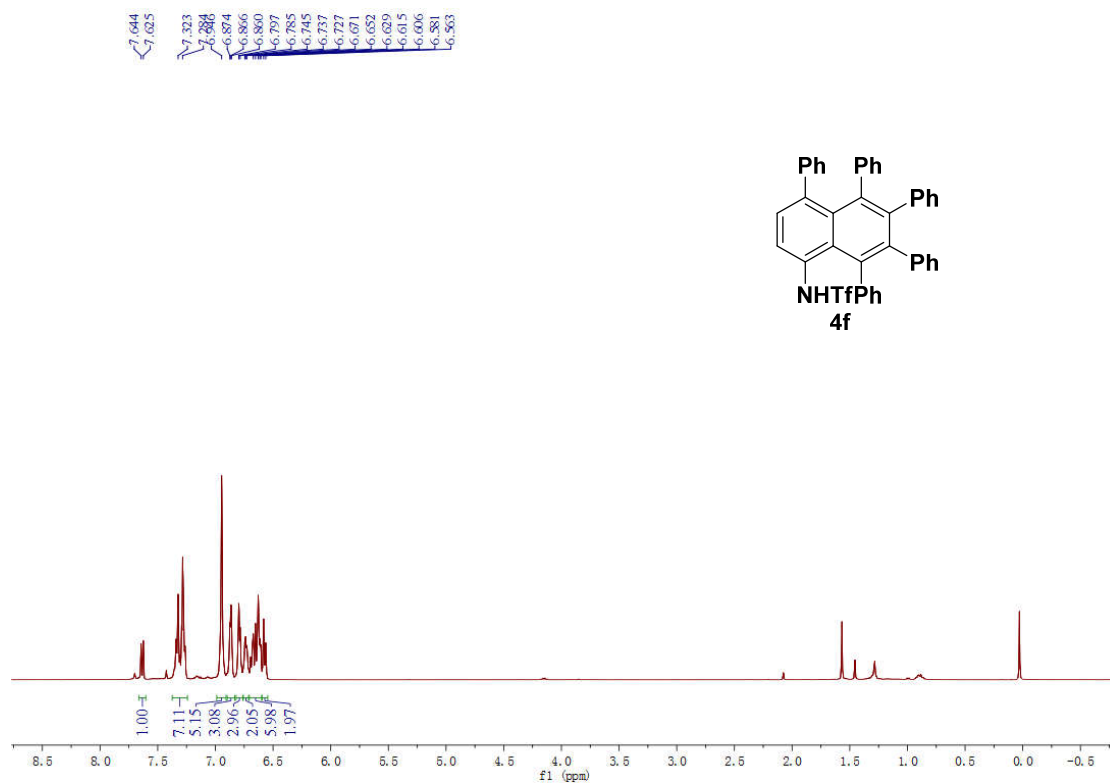
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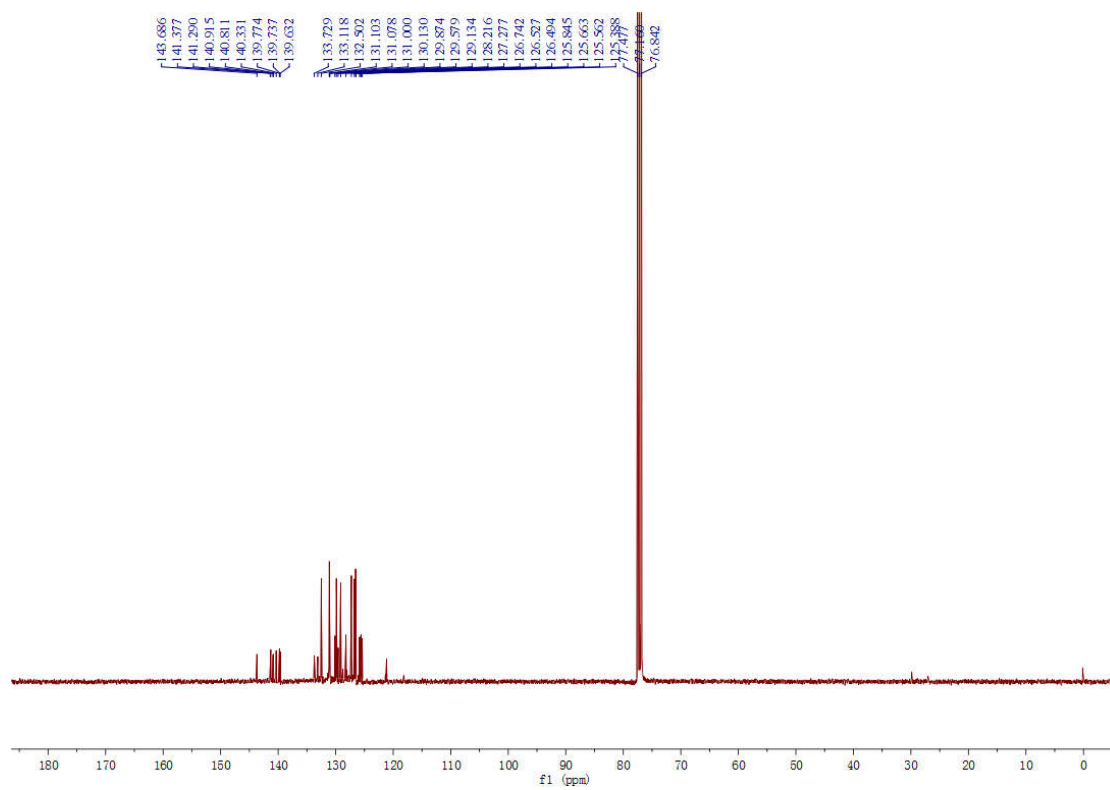
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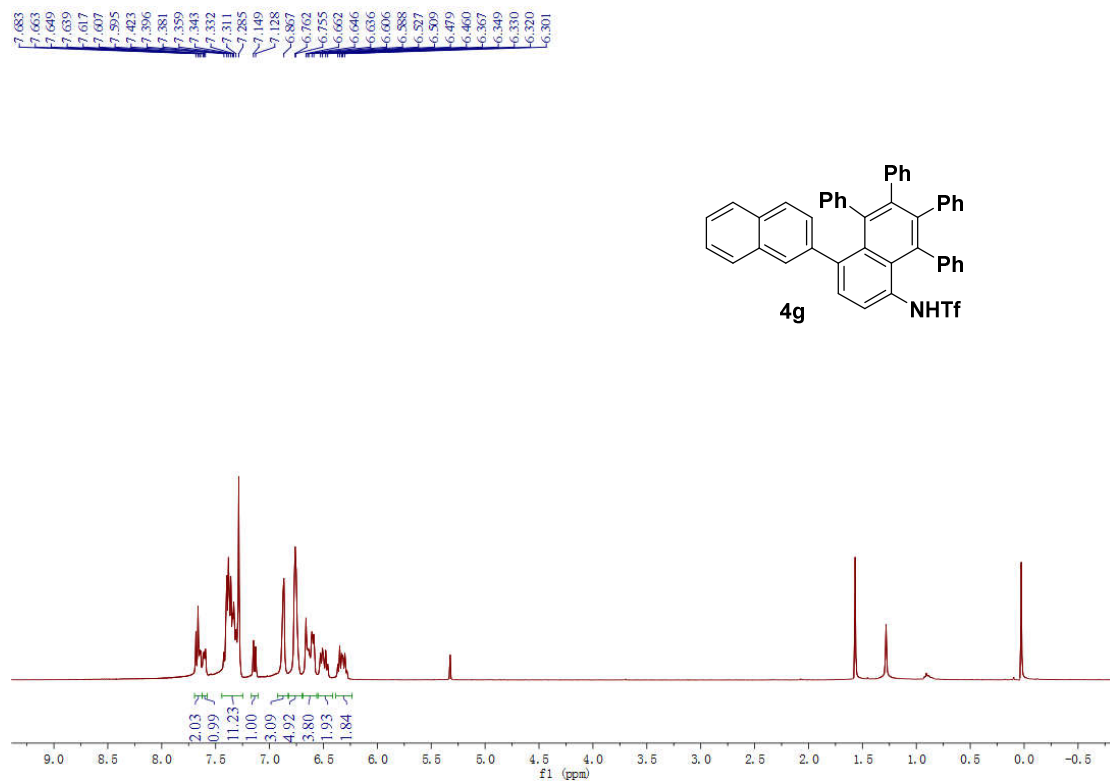
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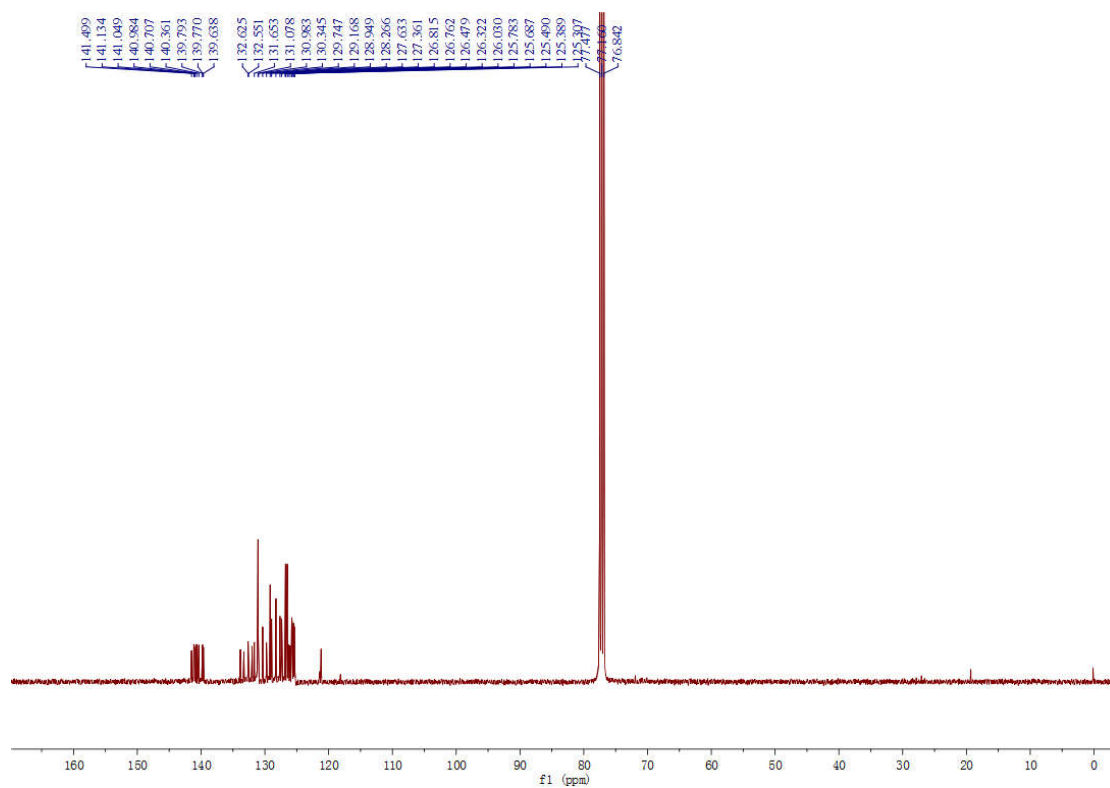
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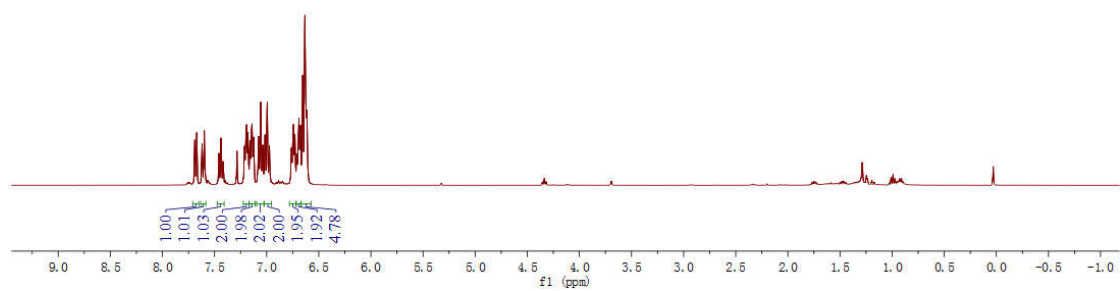
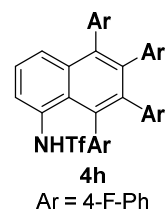
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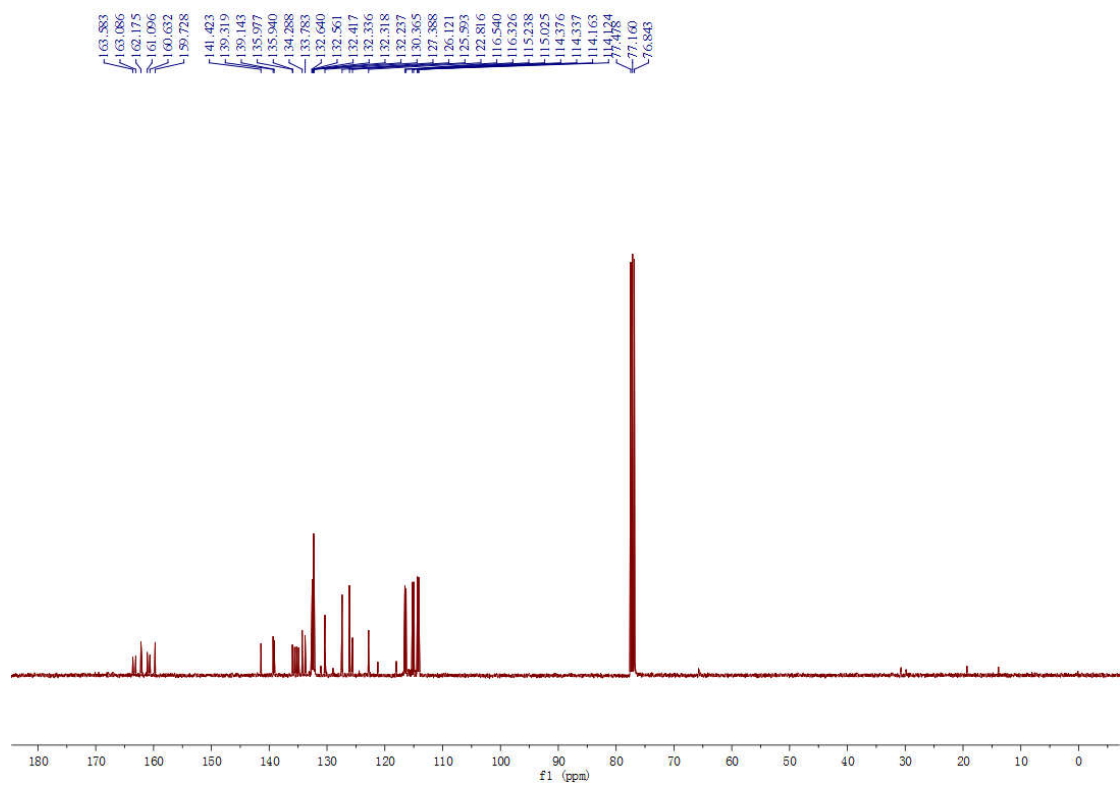
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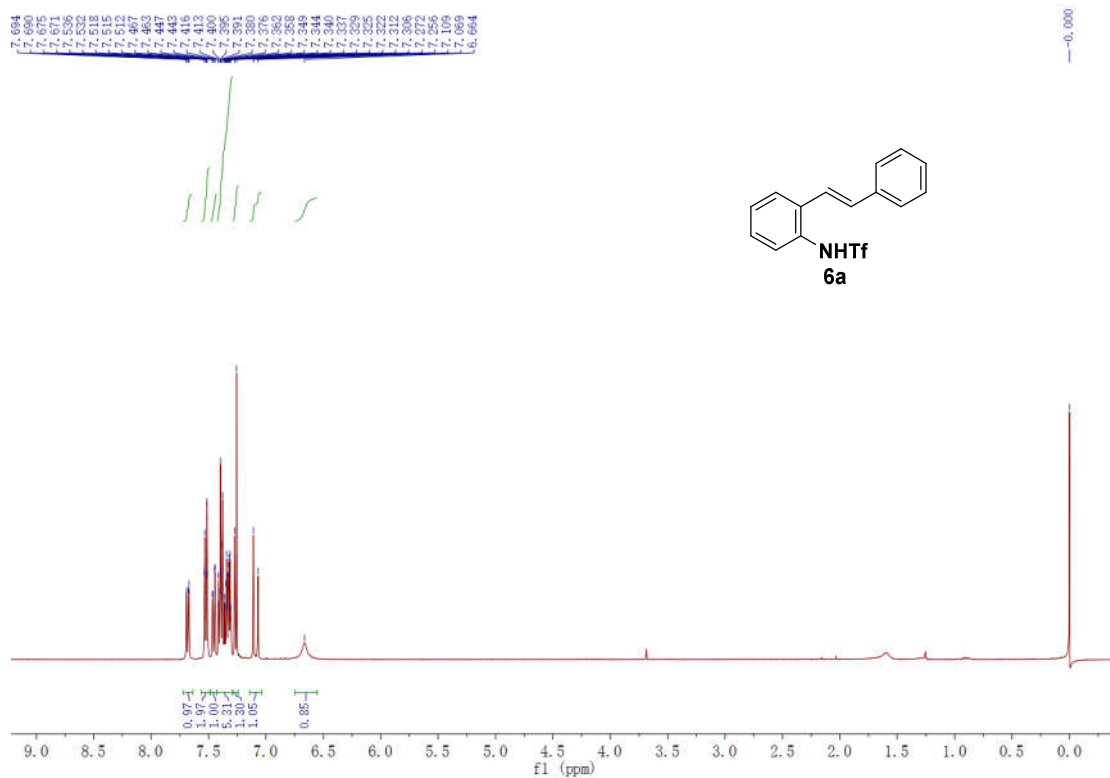
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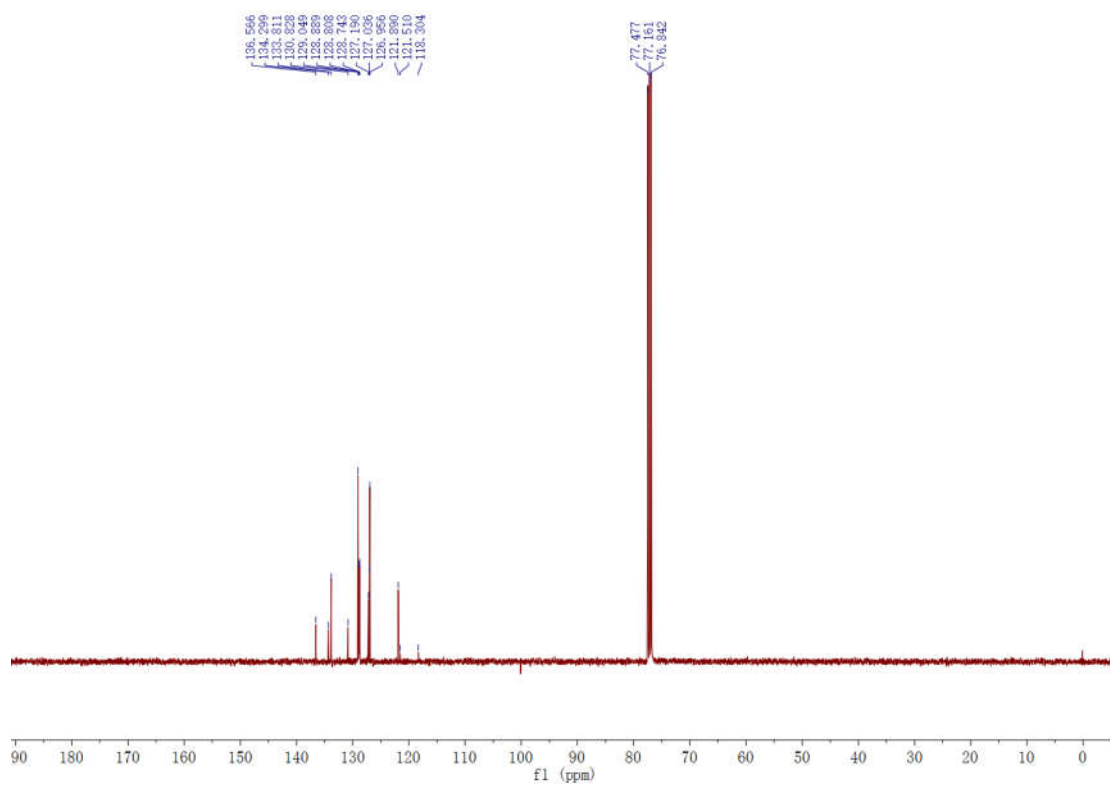
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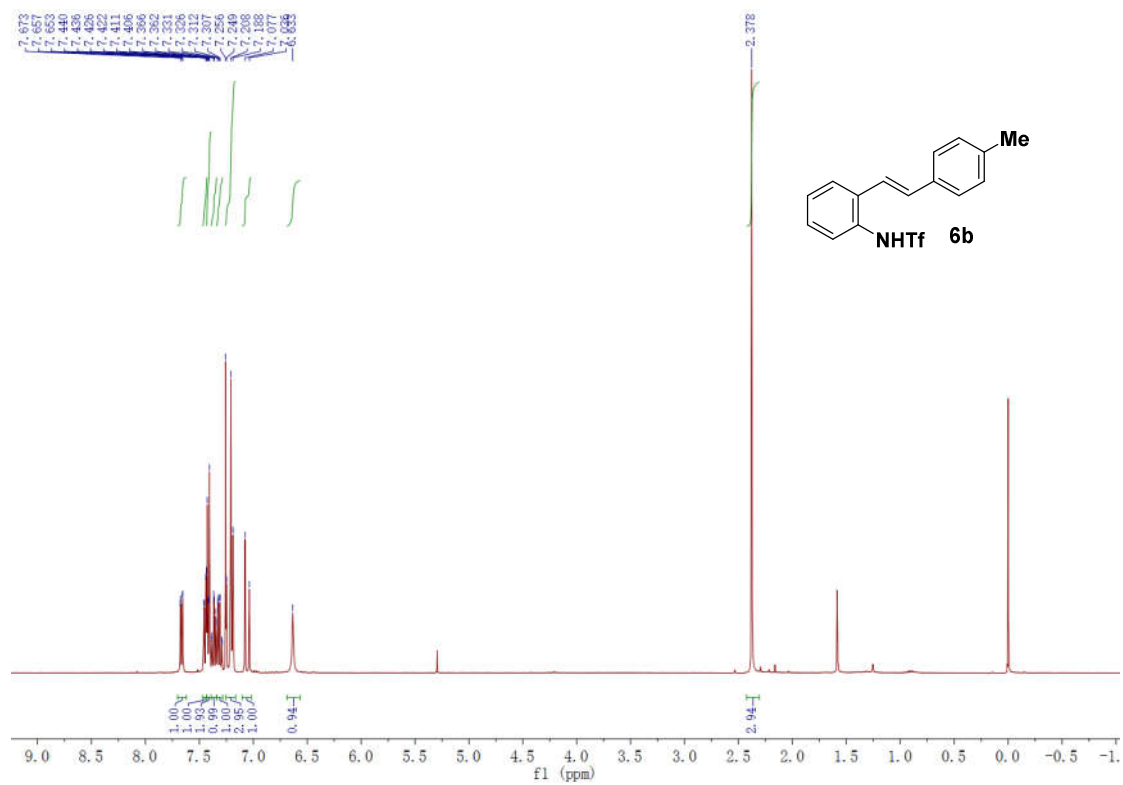
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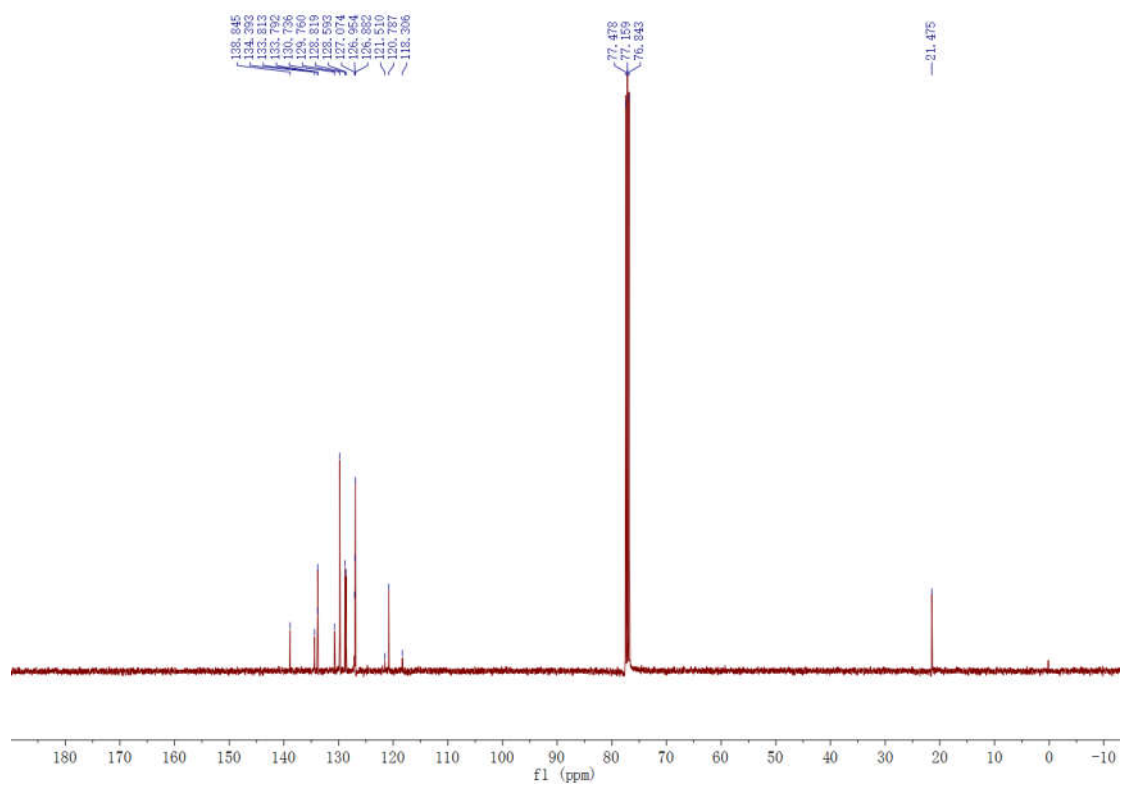
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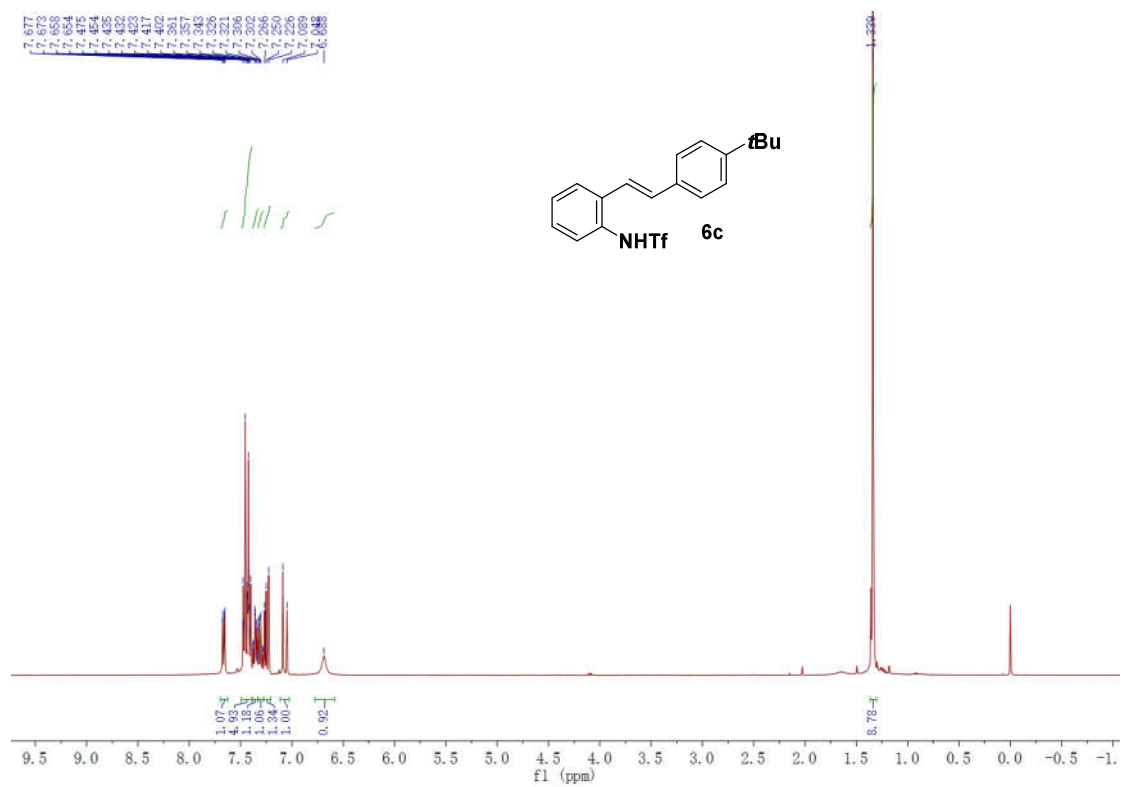
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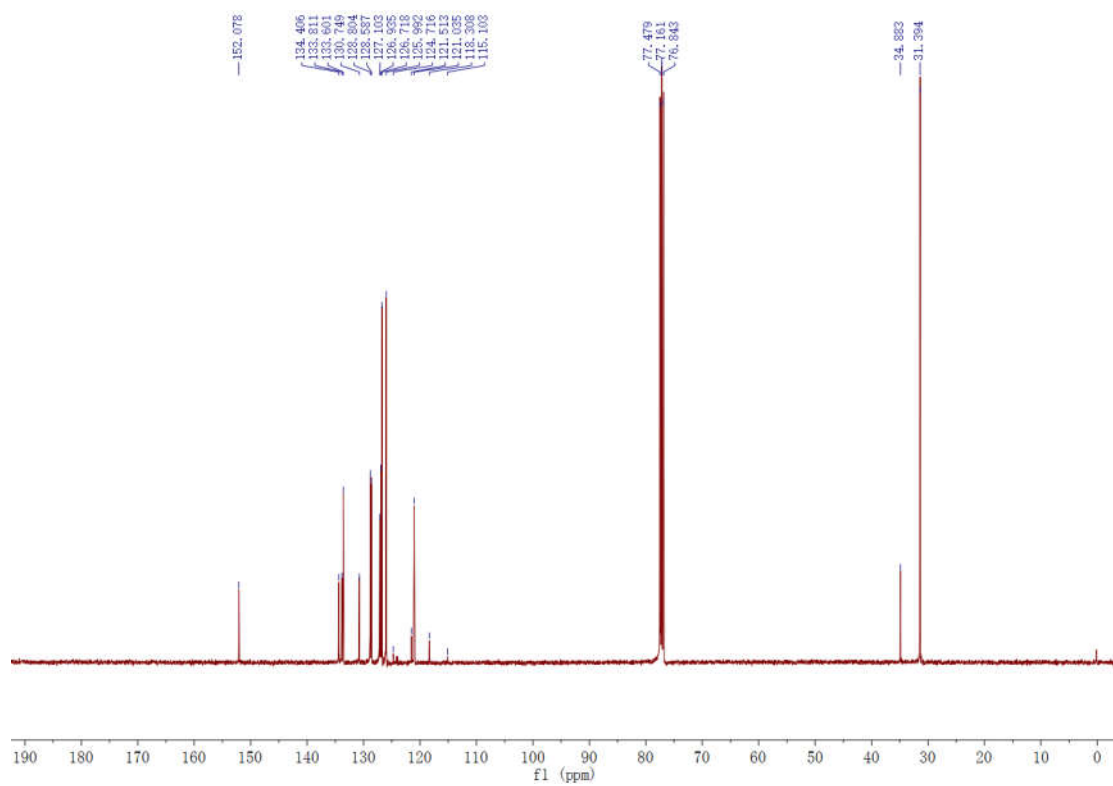
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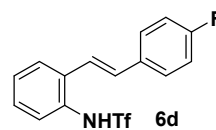
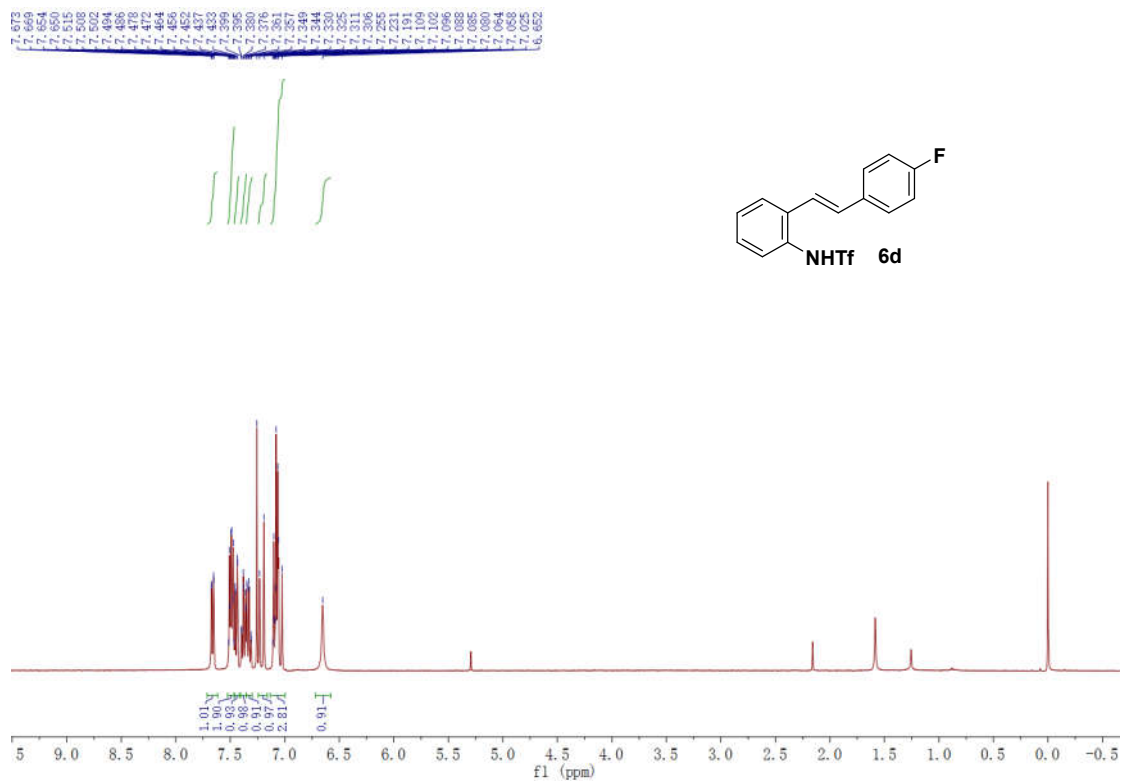
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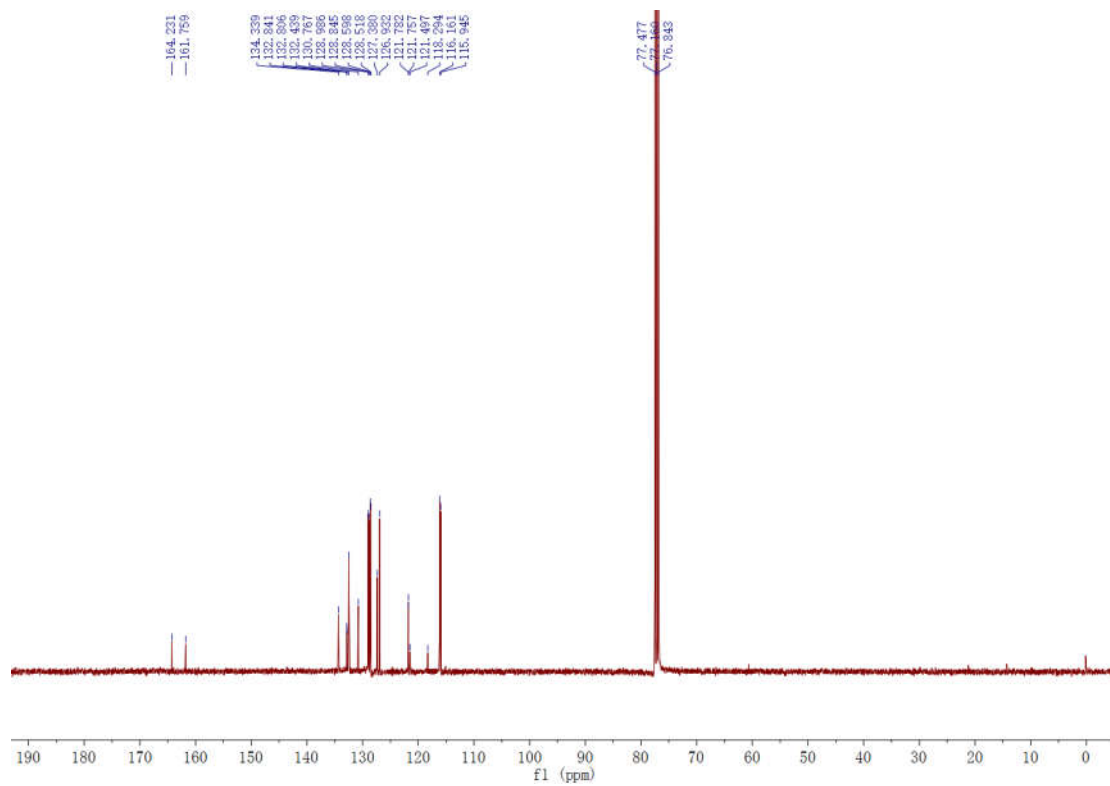
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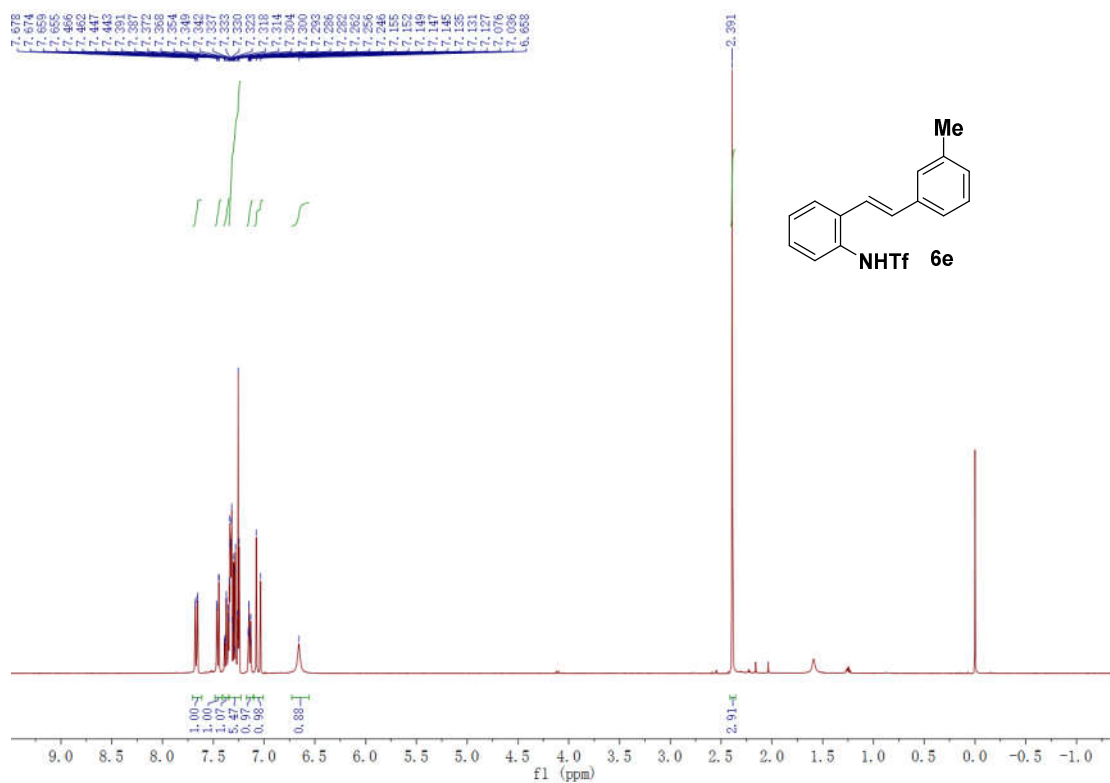
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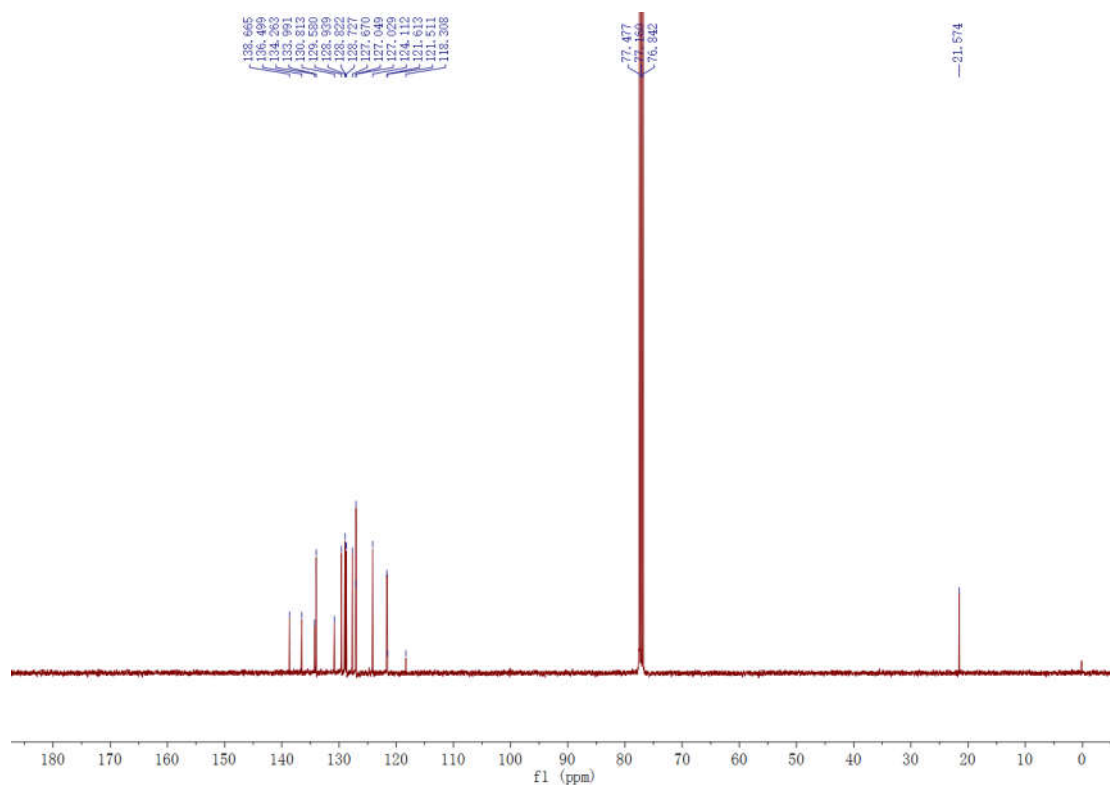
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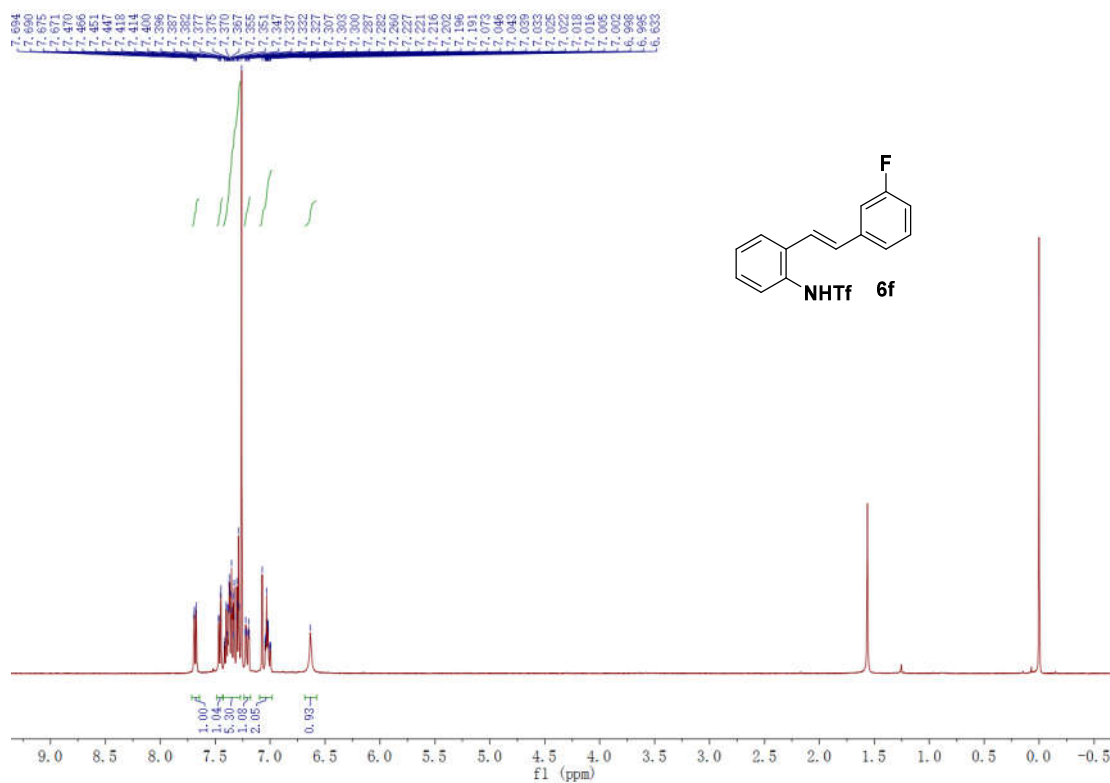
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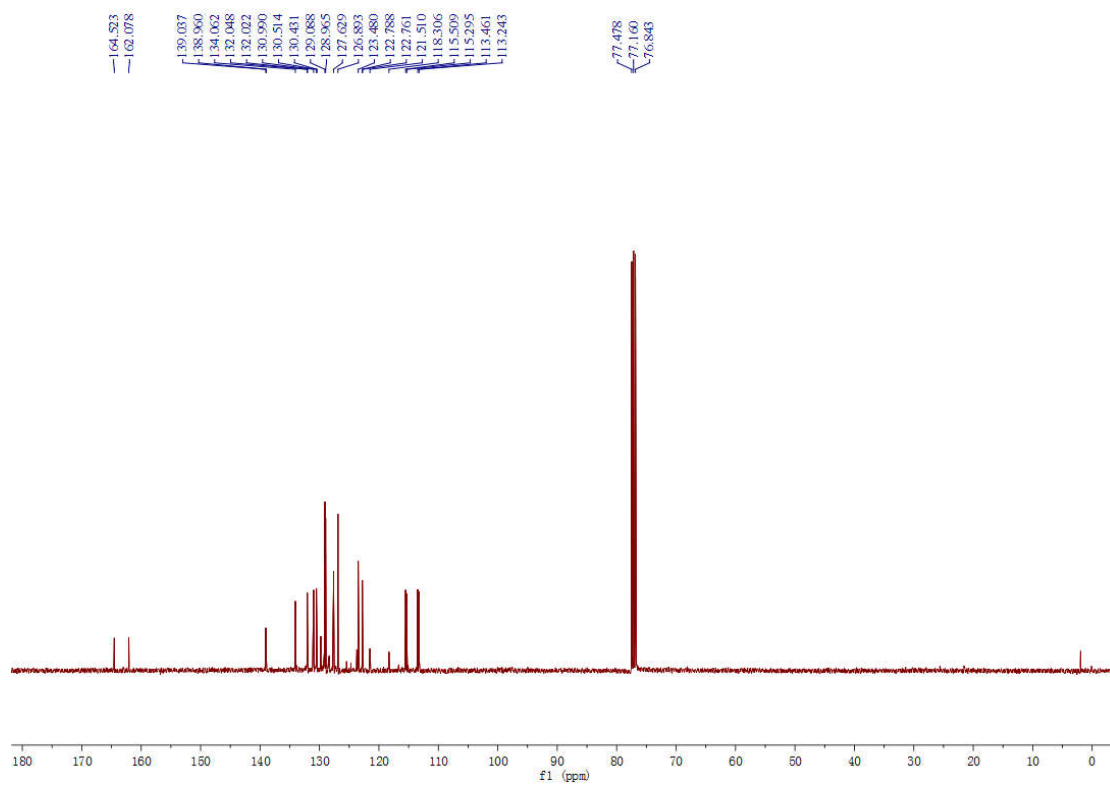
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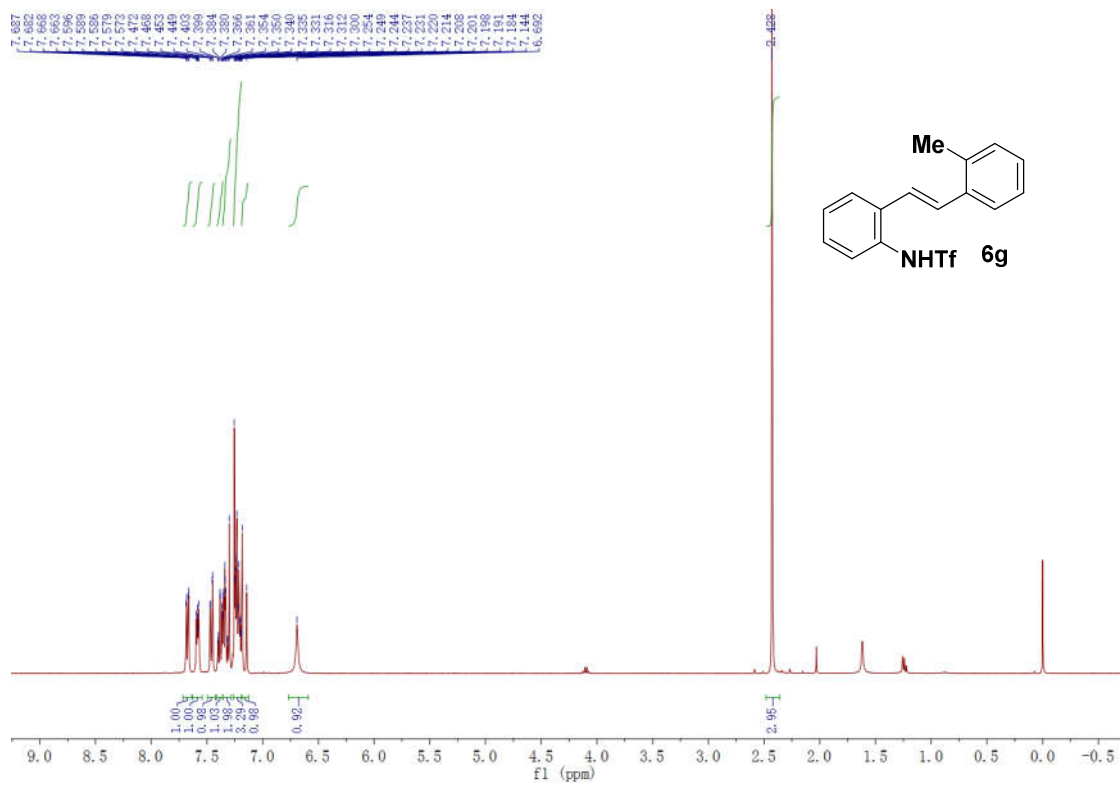
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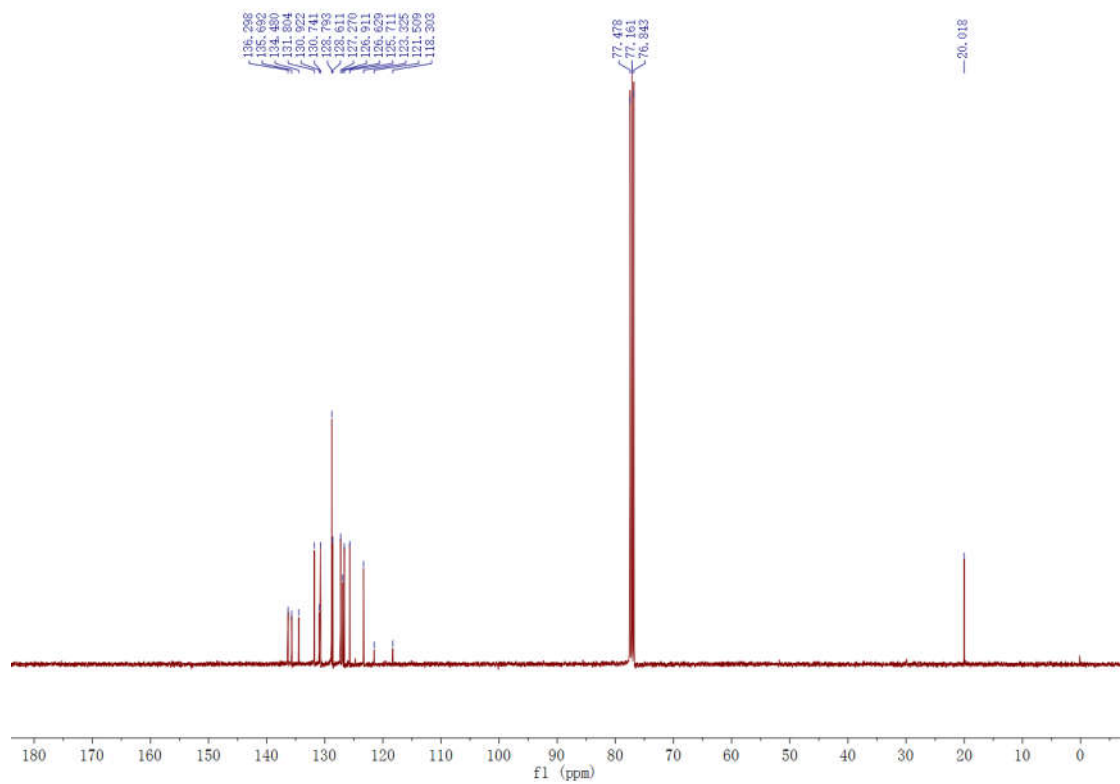
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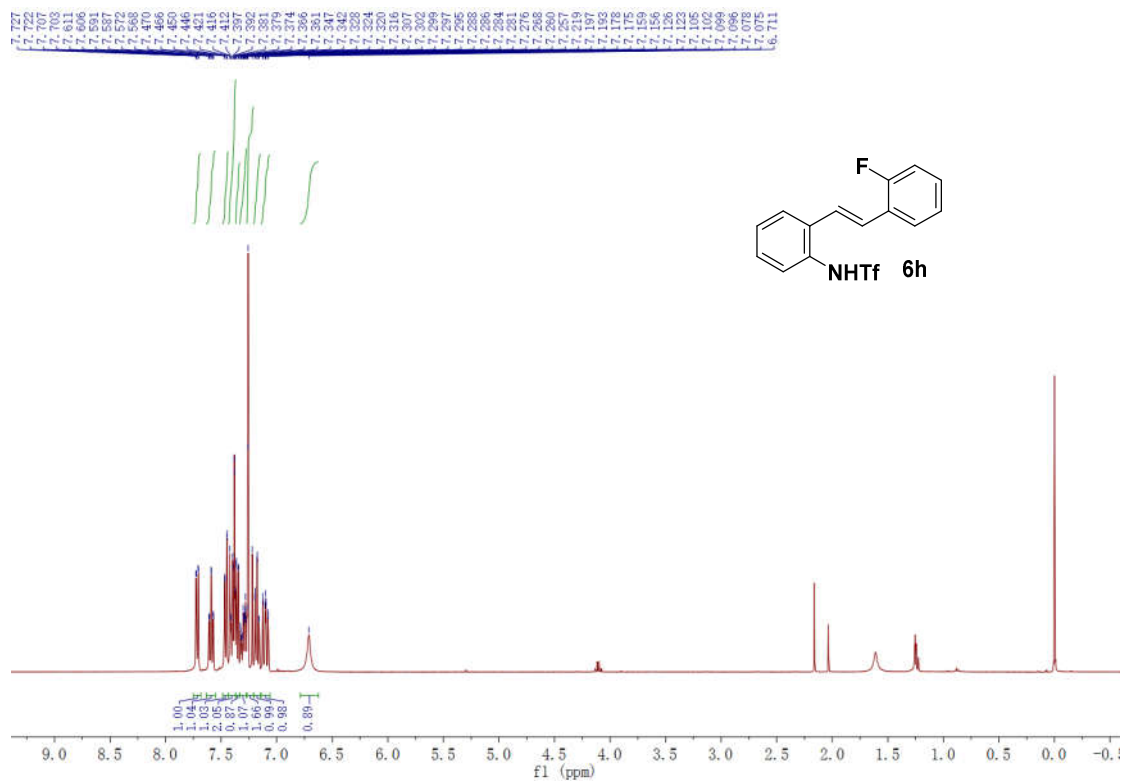


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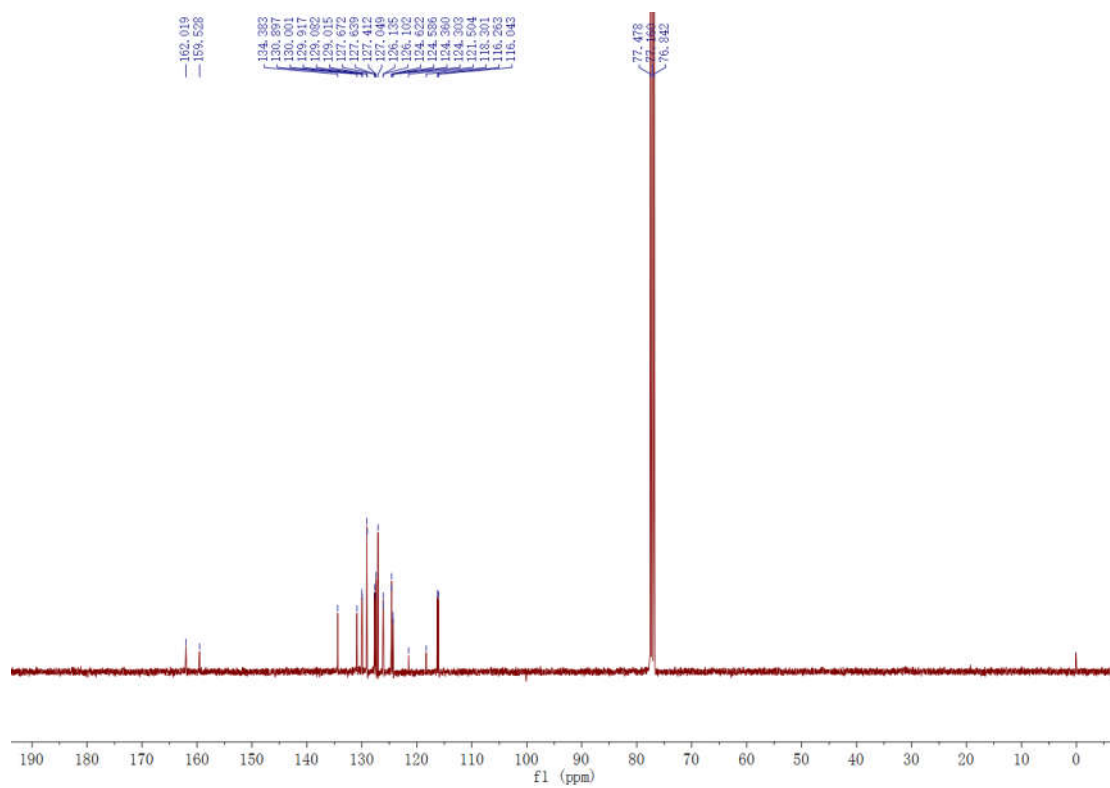


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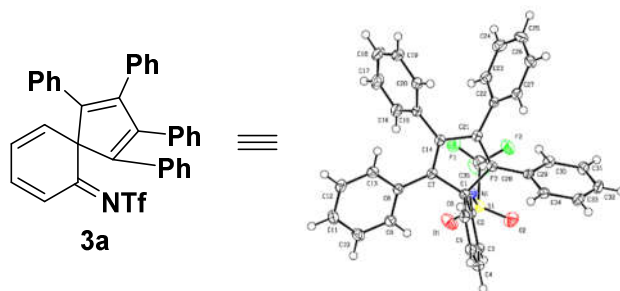


<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum for **6h** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)



<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectrum for **6h** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)

## 9. X-ray Crystallographic Structure and Data



X-ray crystallographic structure and data of **3a**

Compound	<b>3a</b>
formula	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>24</sub> F <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> S
FW	579.61
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	<i>P 1 21/n 1</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	9.1091 (2)
<i>b</i> /Å	14.3255 (3)
<i>c</i> /Å	22.0866 (5)
$\alpha$ /deg	90
$\beta$ /deg	101.388 (2)
$\gamma$ /deg	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	2825.39 (11)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.363
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.473
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ )	0.0349 (5034)
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0910 (5423)
GOF	1.038