

Supporting Information

**Copper-catalyzed Regioselective Dimerization of Vinyl
Azides by *gem*-Difluoromethylene for trisubstituted
Pyridines**

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I. General information

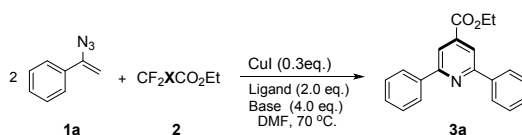
All reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without treatment, unless otherwise indicated. The products were purified by column chromatography over silica gel. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C on a Varian 400 MHz and 101 MHz, respectively, and TMS was used as internal standard. Mass spectra were recorded on BRUKER AutoflexIII Smartbeam MS-spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on Bruck microTof by using ESI method.

II. The synthesis of vinyl azides 1a-1x.



Typical synthetic procedure (with **1a** as an example): To a solution of phenylacetylene (**1**) (0.051 mL, 0.5 mmol), TMS-N₃ (0.132 mL, 1.0 mmol) and H₂O (0.018 mL, 1.0 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) at 80 °C, Ag₂CO₃ (13.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) was added. The mixture was then stirred for 0.5-1.0 h until substrate **1** was consumed as indicated by TLC. The resulting mixture was concentrated and taken up by dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (3 × 40 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Purification of the crude product with flash column chromatography (silica gel; petroleum ether) and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford **1a** in 75% yield as an oil (*Org. Lett.*, 2014, **16**, 3668; *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2014, **53**, 5305).

III. Optimization of experiment conditions for 3a^a

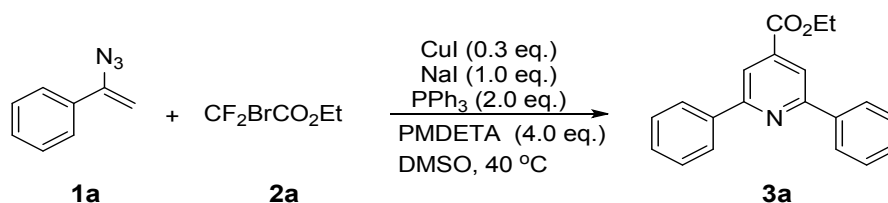


Entry	Cat.	X	Ligand	Base	Yield/%
1	CuI	Br	PPh ₃	TMEDA	trace
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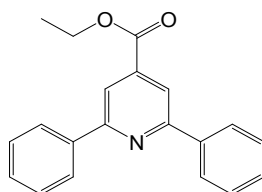
4	CuI	Br	PPh ₃	DBU	0
5	CuI	Br	PPh ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	0
6	CuI	Br	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	0
7	CuI	Br	PPh ₃	K ₃ PO ₄	0
8	CuI	Br	PPh ₃	KF	0
9	CuI	Br	1,10-phen	PMDETA	trace
10	CuI	I	PPh ₃	PMDETA	91
11	CuI	Cl	PPh ₃	PMDETA	0
12	CuI	F	PPh ₃	PMDETA	0

^aConditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol), CuI (0.075 mmol), Ligand (0.5 mmol), Base (1.0 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) at 40 °C under air for 3 h; Yields of isolated products; Yields of isolated products. TMEDA=N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine, DBU=1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene, 1,10-phen=1,10-phenanthroline, DMF = N,N-dimethyl formamide.

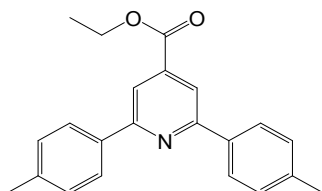
IV. Synthesis and analytical data of compounds **3** and **4**.



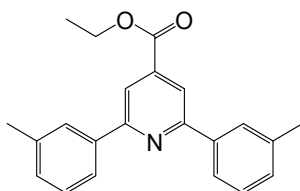
Typical synthetic procedure (with **3a** as an example): To a solution of (1-azidovinyl)benzene (**1a**) (0.072 g, 0.5 mmol), ethyl 2-bromo-2,2-difluoroacetate (**2a**) (0.128 mL, 0.5 mmol), pentamethyldiethylenetriamine (PMDETA) (0.208 mL, 1.0 mmol), PPh₃ (0.130 g, 0.5 mmol) and NaI (0.0376 g, 0.25 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) at 40 °C, CuI (0.014 g, 0.075 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 2 h when TLC conformed that substrate **1a** had been consumed. The resulting reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and taken up by dichloromethane (3 × 15 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (3 × 40 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. Purification of the crude product via flash column chromatography (silica gel; petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (60 : 1)) and concentratinon in vacuo afforded **3a** in 90% yield.



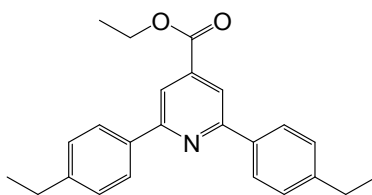
(3a) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (s, 2H), 8.16–8.10 (m, 4H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 4.45–4.36 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.52, 156.79, 138.45, 137.70, 128.41, 127.76, 126.07, 116.78, 60.84, 13.29; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₀H₁₇NO₂ [M+H]⁺ : 304.1338, found: 304.1349.



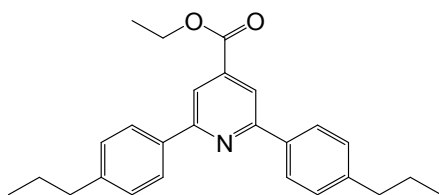
(3b) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 2H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 4.43–4.34 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.67, 156.67, 138.40, 138.26, 135.03, 128.45, 125.93, 116.12, 60.75, 20.30, 13.29; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₂ [M+H]⁺ : 332.1651, found: 332.1657.



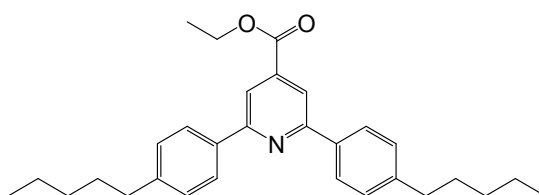
(3c) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 2H), 8.06–7.94 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.53–4.43 (m, 2H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.64, 158.04, 139.34, 138.79, 138.43, 130.19, 128.70, 127.79, 124.31, 117.86, 61.86, 21.62, 14.35; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₂₁NO₂ [M+H]⁺ : 332.1651, found: 332.1669.



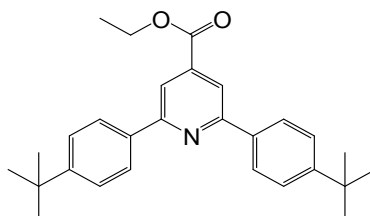
(3d) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 4.51–4.43 (m, 2H), 2.78–2.68 (m, 4H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.72, 157.77, 145.78, 139.28, 136.35, 128.31, 127.08, 117.22, 61.79, 28.74, 15.56, 14.34; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₄H₂₅NO₂ [M+H]⁺ : 360.1964, found: 360.1988.



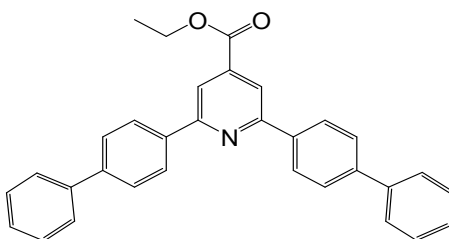
(3e) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 4.51–4.42 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.77–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.46 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.74, 157.81, 144.24, 139.29, 136.36, 128.93, 127.00, 117.24, 61.79, 37.87, 24.51, 14.33, 13.84; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 388.2277, found: 388.2278.



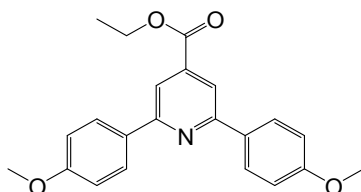
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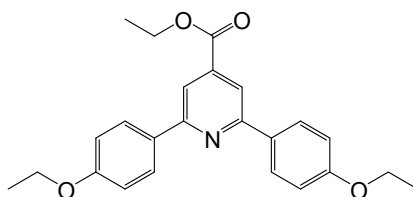
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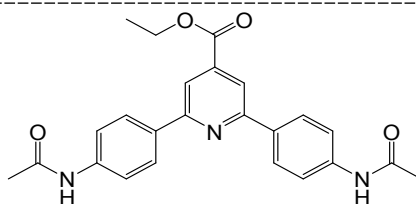
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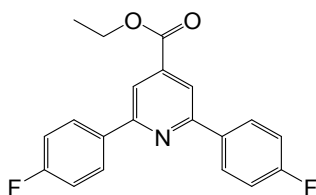
(3i) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20–8.14 (m, 4H), 8.12 (s, 2H), 7.08–6.98 (m, 4H), 4.52–4.42 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 6H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.80, 160.80, 157.29, 139.26, 131.54, 128.40, 116.30, 114.13, 61.78, 55.40, 14.33; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 364.1550, found: 364.1552.



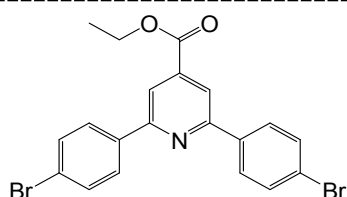
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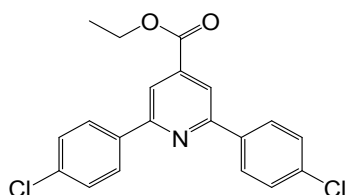
(3k) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 10.15 (s, 2H), 8.35 (s, 2H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.50–4.40 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 6H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 169.04, 165.13, 157.40, 140.46, 140.14, 138.74, 129.87, 121.99, 120.74, 117.87, 117.72, 62.32, 24.54, 14.57; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 418.1768, found: 418.1770.



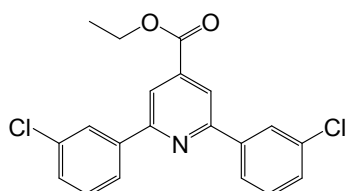
(3l) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25–8.11 (m, 6H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 4H), 4.53–4.44 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.36, 165.12, 162.64, 156.83, 139.69, 134.77, 134.74, 128.99, 128.91, 117.40, 115.88, 115.67, 61.99, 14.32; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -112.13; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 340.1150, found: 340.1164.



(3m) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.98 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 4H), 4.47–4.36 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.18, 156.79, 139.81, 137.36, 132.00, 128.62, 124.15, 117.86, 62.07, 14.33; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{Br}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 461.9528, found: 461.9555.

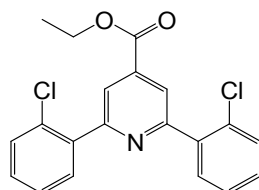


(3n) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.15–8.07 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 4H), 4.52–4.43 (m, 2H), 1.47 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.19, 156.65, 139.74, 136.89, 135.75, 129.02, 128.32, 117.79, 62.05, 14.33; HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 372.0559, found: 372.0557.

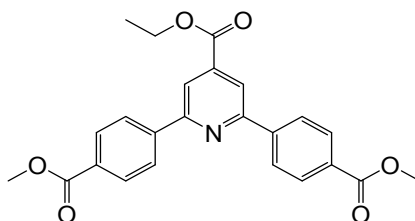


(3o) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (s, 2H), 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.10–8.01 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.39 (m, 4H), 4.55–4.44 (m, 2H), 1.48 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.09, 156.58,

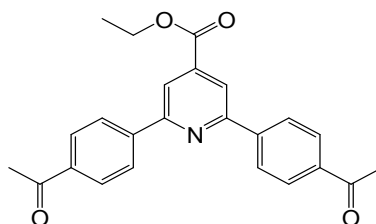
140.23, 139.89, 135.00, 130.10, 129.60, 127.24, 125.21, 118.48, 77.22, 62.12, 14.34; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}Cl_2NO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 372.0559, found: 372.0562.



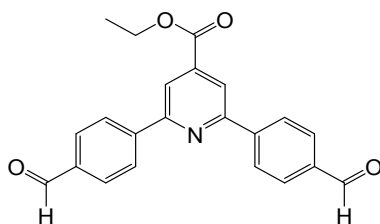
(3p) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 7.65–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.24 (m, 4H), 4.43–4.34 (m, 2H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.10, 157.66, 138.53, 138.05, 132.37, 131.76, 130.23, 129.99, 127.12, 122.70, 61.97, 14.26; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{15}Cl_2NO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 372.0559, found: 372.0573.



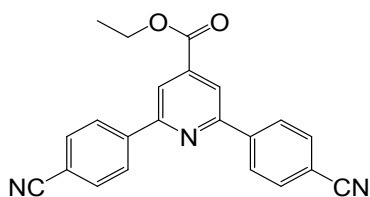
(3q) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.21 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.45–4.36 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 166.75, 164.99, 156.76, 142.39, 139.83, 130.93, 130.09, 126.99, 118.96, 62.13, 52.25, 14.32; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_6$ $[M+H]^+$: 420.1448, found: 420.1468.



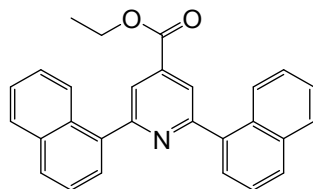
(3r) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.33 (s, 2H), 8.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 4.55–4.47 (m, 2H), 2.67 (s, 6H), 1.49 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 197.68, 165.00, 156.78, 142.51, 139.93, 137.69, 128.88, 127.25, 119.08, 62.18, 26.78, 14.32; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 388.1550, found: 388.1566.



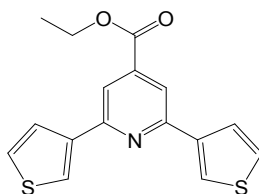
(3s) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.13 (s, 2H), 8.51–8.31 (m, 6H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 4.57–4.47 (m, 2H), 1.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.88, 164.90, 156.75, 143.77, 140.12, 136.96, 130.26, 127.73, 119.52, 62.28, 14.34; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 360.1237, found: 360.1232.



(3t) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (s, 2H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.56–4.47 (m, 2H), 1.49 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.32, 165.11, 162.63, 156.79, 139.67, 134.75, 134.72, 131.96, 128.97, 128.89, 128.60, 117.36, 115.86, 115.64, 61.97, 14.32; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 354.1243, found: 354.1252.

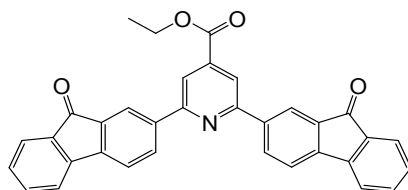


(3u) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23–8.15 (m, 4H), 7.97–7.88 (m, 4H), 7.77–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.61–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.47 (m, 4H), 4.51–4.42 (m, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.39, 160.15, 138.76, 137.95, 133.97, 131.18, 129.29, 128.47, 127.95, 126.66, 125.98, 125.47, 125.37, 122.62, 61.97, 14.28; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 404.1651, found: 404.1667.

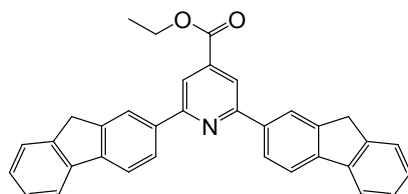


(3v) $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01–7.97 (m, 2H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 2H), 4.45–4.33 (m, 2H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

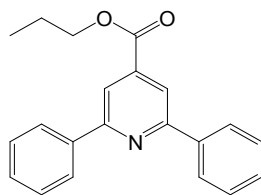
164.42, 152.99, 140.74, 138.28, 125.36, 125.33, 123.35, 116.27, 60.85, 13.28; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{16}H_{13}NO_2S_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 316.0467, found: 316.0468.



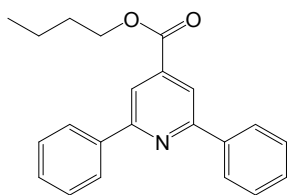
(3w) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.48–8.42 (m, 2H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 8.28 (s, 2H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 4H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.55–4.47 (m, 2H), 1.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 193.56, 165.07, 156.43, 145.36, 143.99, 139.91, 139.40, 134.89, 134.80, 134.66, 133.65, 129.42, 124.50, 122.68, 120.79, 120.77, 118.07, 62.17, 14.41; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{34}H_{21}NO_4$ $[M+H]^+$: 508.1550, found: 508.1530.



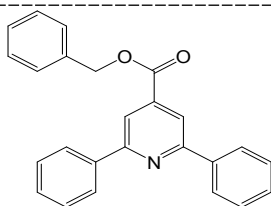
(3x) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.45–8.40 (m, 2H), 8.28 (s, 2H), 8.26–8.21 (m, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 2H), 4.55–4.45 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 4H), 1.49 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.69, 158.07, 143.97, 143.90, 143.03, 141.27, 139.41, 137.40, 127.14, 126.91, 126.08, 125.17, 123.76, 120.32, 120.12, 117.65, 61.90, 37.11, 14.39; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{34}H_{25}NO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 480.1964, found: 480.1967.



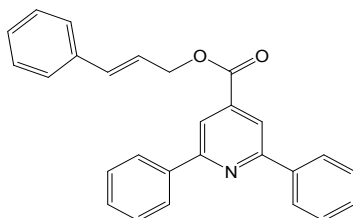
(4a) 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.25 (s, 2H), 8.23–8.18 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.43 (m, 2H), 4.39 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.80 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 165.61, 157.84, 139.51, 138.74, 129.45, 128.80, 127.10, 117.81, 67.41, 22.09, 10.52; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_2$ $[M+H]^+$: 318.1495, found: 318.1499.



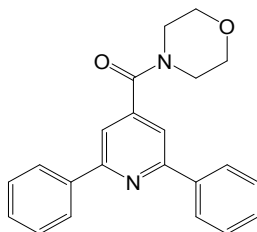
(4b) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (s, 2H), 8.23–8.18 (m, 4H), 7.57–7.43 (m, 6H), 4.43 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.89–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.47 (m, 2H), 1.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.62, 157.84, 139.51, 138.74, 129.45, 128.80, 127.11, 117.81, 65.76, 30.72, 19.27, 13.78; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 332.1651, found: 332.1657.



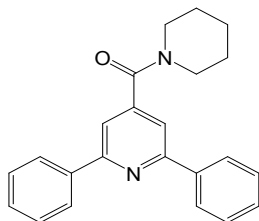
(4c) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (s, 2H), 8.22–8.16 (m, 4H), 7.55–7.35 (m, 11H), 5.46 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.45, 157.91, 139.15, 138.66, 135.41, 129.48, 128.80, 128.76, 128.60, 128.47, 127.11, 117.87, 67.56; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 366.1495, found: 1505.



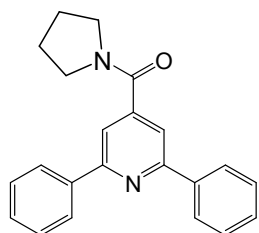
(4d) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (s, 2H), 8.24–8.18 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 1H), 6.84–6.76 (m, 1H), 6.50–6.40 (m, 1H), 5.11–5.05 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.41, 157.91, 139.24, 138.68, 136.01, 135.35, 129.49, 128.81, 128.70, 128.35, 127.12, 126.76, 122.53, 117.8, 66.49; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 392.1651, found: 392.1661.



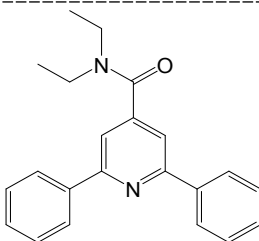
(4e) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18–8.12 (m, 4H), 7.66 (s, 2H), 7.55–7.43 (m, 6H), 3.94–3.74 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.47, 157.70, 144.74, 138.66, 129.58, 128.85, 127.08, 115.97, 66.85, 48.02, 42.47; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 345.1604, found: 345.1625.



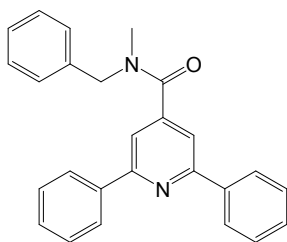
(4f) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19–8.12 (m, 4H), 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.55–7.41 (m, 6H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.44–3.32 (m, 2H), 1.72 (s, 4H), 1.59 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.25, 157.46, 145.85, 138.86, 129.40, 128.78, 127.07, 115.87, 48.65, 43.09, 26.66, 25.58, 24.49; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 343.1811, found: 343.1823.



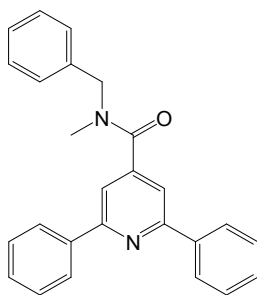
(4g) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20–8.13 (m, 4H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.55–7.40 (m, 6H), 3.71 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.89 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.86, 157.44, 146.35, 138.90, 129.37, 128.77, 127.06, 116.11, 49.42, 46.26, 26.36, 24.45; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 329.1655, found: 329.1663.



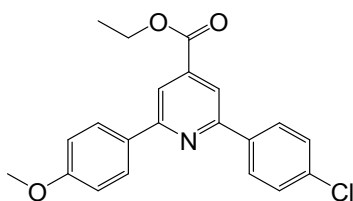
(4h) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19–8.13 (m, 4H), 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.55–7.40 (m, 6H), 3.67–3.54 (m, 2H), 3.36–3.23 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.31, 157.43, 146.45, 138.88, 129.42, 128.80, 127.08, 115.56, 43.31, 39.44, 14.43, 12.97; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 331.1811, found: 331.1832.



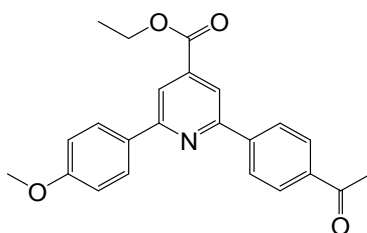
(4i) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 7.55–7.30 (m, 10H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.69, 157.43, 145.30, 138.71, 136.28, 129.41, 129.12, 128.89, 128.75, 128.38, 127.87, 127.02, 126.55, 115.89, 50.80, 33.64; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 379.1811, found: 379.1820.



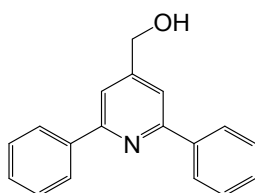
(4i') ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 7.55–7.30 (m, 10H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 3.15 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.39, 157.54, 145.66, 138.80, 136.49, 129.46, 129.12, 128.89, 128.80, 128.38, 127.87, 127.10, 126.55, 116.00, 55.06, 36.73; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 379.1811, found: 379.1820.



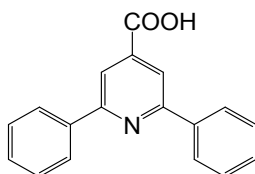
(3in) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20–8.17 (m, 1H), 8.17–8.10 (m, 5H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.06–7.01 (m, 2H), 4.51–4.43 (m, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 1.46 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.50, 160.97, 157.59, 156.37, 139.50, 137.27, 135.50, 131.16, 128.95, 128.43, 128.34, 117.32, 116.77, 114.20, 61.91, 55.41, 14.33; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 368.1054, found: 368.1019.



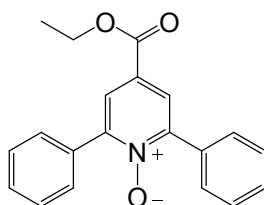
(3ir) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33–8.27 (m, 2H), 8.26–8.21 (m, 2H), 8.20–8.13 (m, 2H), 8.14–8.07 (m, 2H), 7.09–7.00 (m, 2H), 4.54–4.45 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.83, 165.42, 161.05, 157.81, 156.29, 143.06, 139.58, 137.47, 131.05, 128.83, 128.47, 127.22, 117.92, 117.52, 114.25, 61.98, 55.43, 26.80, 14.33; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 376.1550, found: 376.1519.



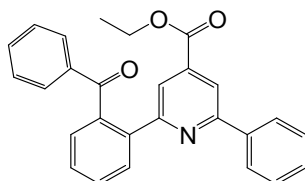
(5a) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19–8.13 (m, 4H), 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.47–7.40 (m, 2H), 4.88–4.83 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.90 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.16, 151.20, 139.39, 129.04, 128.68, 127.05, 116.16, 64.12; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 262.1233, found: 262.1219.



(5b) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 8.31–8.21 (m, 6H), 7.62–7.45 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d_6) δ 166.75, 157.31, 141.22, 138.41, 130.10, 129.40, 127.26, 118.11; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 276.1025, found: 276.1008.



(5c) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.88–7.77 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.42 (m, 6H), 4.46–4.38 (m, 2H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.24, 132.62, 129.77, 129.51, 128.26, 126.00, 125.87, 61.91, 14.31; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 320.1287, found: 320.1273.



(5d) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08–7.98 (m, 2H), 7.86–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.53 (m, 5H), 7.53–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.18–7.11 (m, 2H), 4.41–4.30 (m, 2H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.88, 164.19, 156.35, 156.31, 139.04, 138.41, 138.13, 136.65, 136.57, 131.40, 128.99, 128.48, 128.31, 127.92, 127.85, 127.67, 127.48, 127.00, 125.88, 118.48, 116.47, 60.87, 13.25; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 408.1600, found: 408.1621.

V. Crystallography of compound 3m

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for the reported complex was recorded at a temperature of 293(2) K on a Oxford Diffraction Gemini R Ultra diffractometer, using a ω scan technique with Mo-K α radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). The structure was solved by Direct Method of SHELXS-97 and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques using the SHELXL-97 program.¹ Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic temperature parameters, and hydrogen atoms of the ligands were refined as rigid groups. Basic information pertaining to crystal parameters and structure refinement is summarized in Table 1. 1 (a) G. M. Sheldrick, SHELXS-97, Program for Solution of Crystal Structures, University of Gottingen, Germany, 1997; (b) G. M. Sheldrick, SHELXL-97, Program for Refinement of Crystal Structures, University of Gottingen, Germany, 1997.

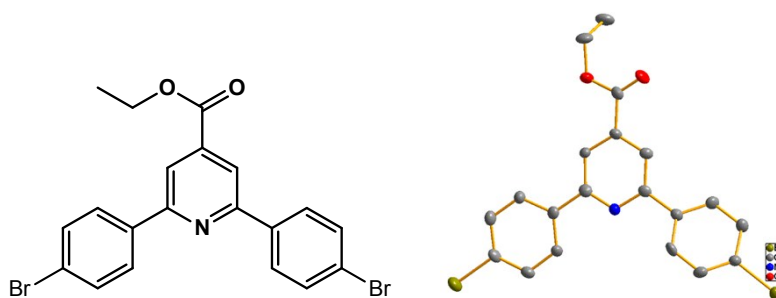
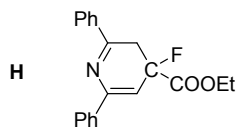


Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement.

Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₅ NO ₂ Br ₂
Temperature	150.00(10)K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.0667(3) Å α = 90.00 deg. b = 23.0878(10) Å β = 90.00 deg. c = 21.9663(7) Å γ = 90.00 deg.
Volume	3583.9(2) Å ³
Z	8
Calculated density	1.709 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	5.846 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1824.0
Crystal size	0.21 × 0.06 × 0.02 mm
Theta range for data collection	7.66 to 134.14 deg.
Reflections collected / unique	7839 / 5011 [R _{int} = 0.0323, R _{sigma} = 0.0507]
Data / restraints / parameters	5011/1/453
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.042
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0415, wR ₂ = 0.1039
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0480, wR ₂ = 0.1129

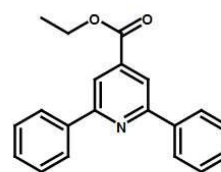
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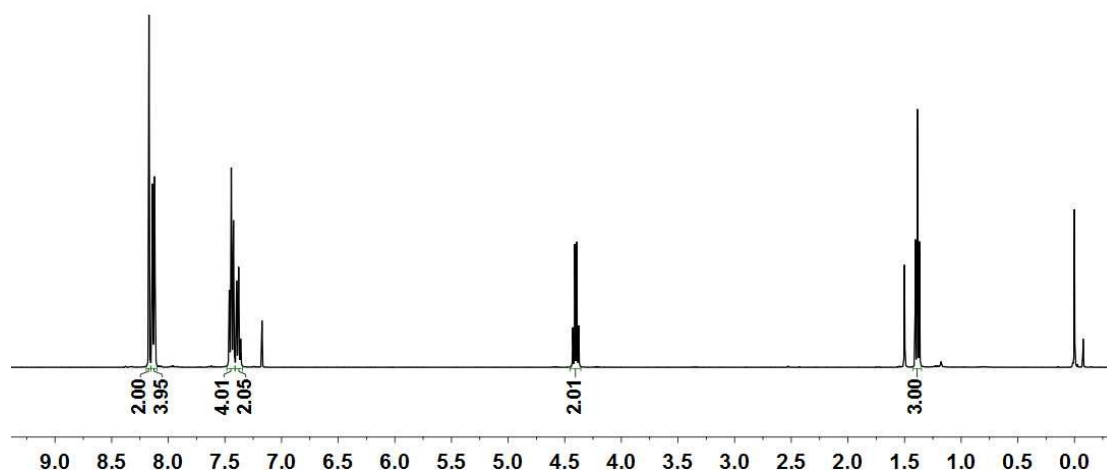


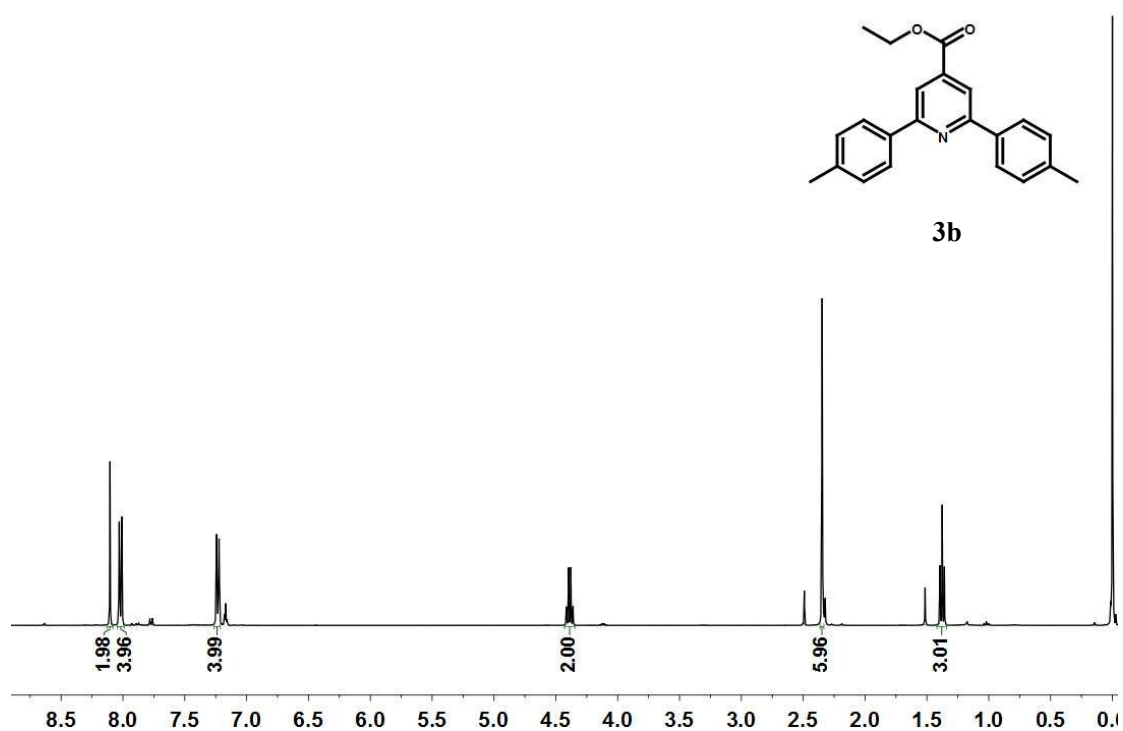
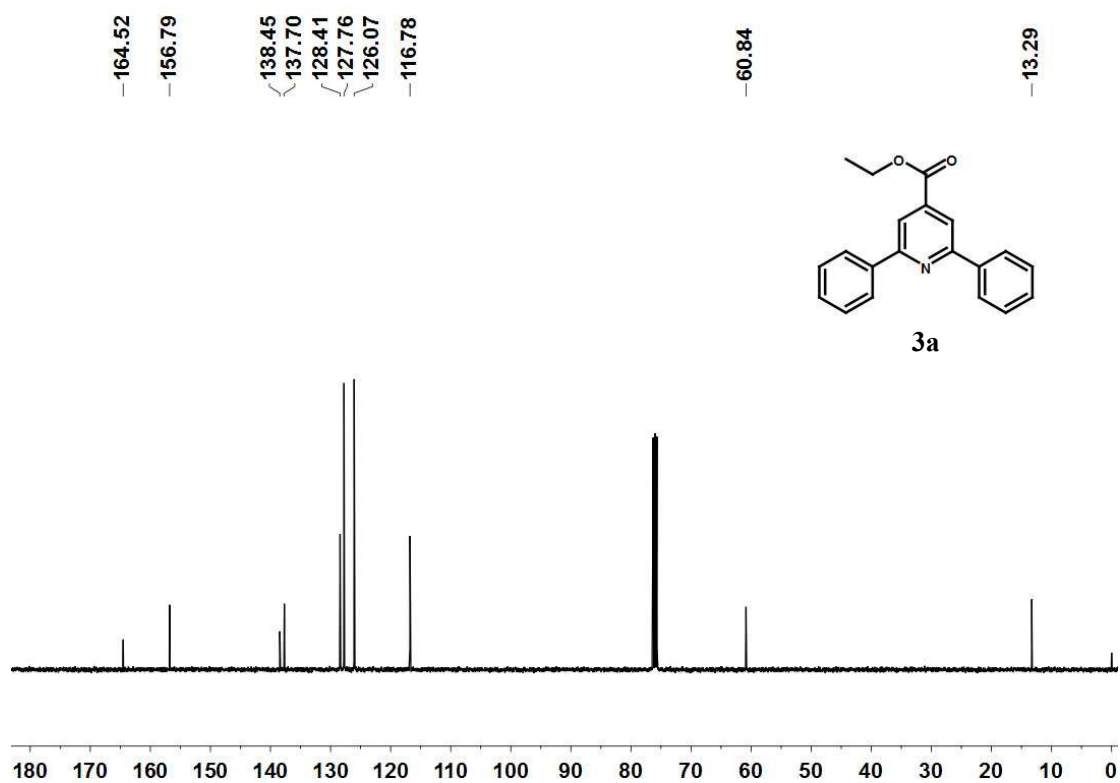
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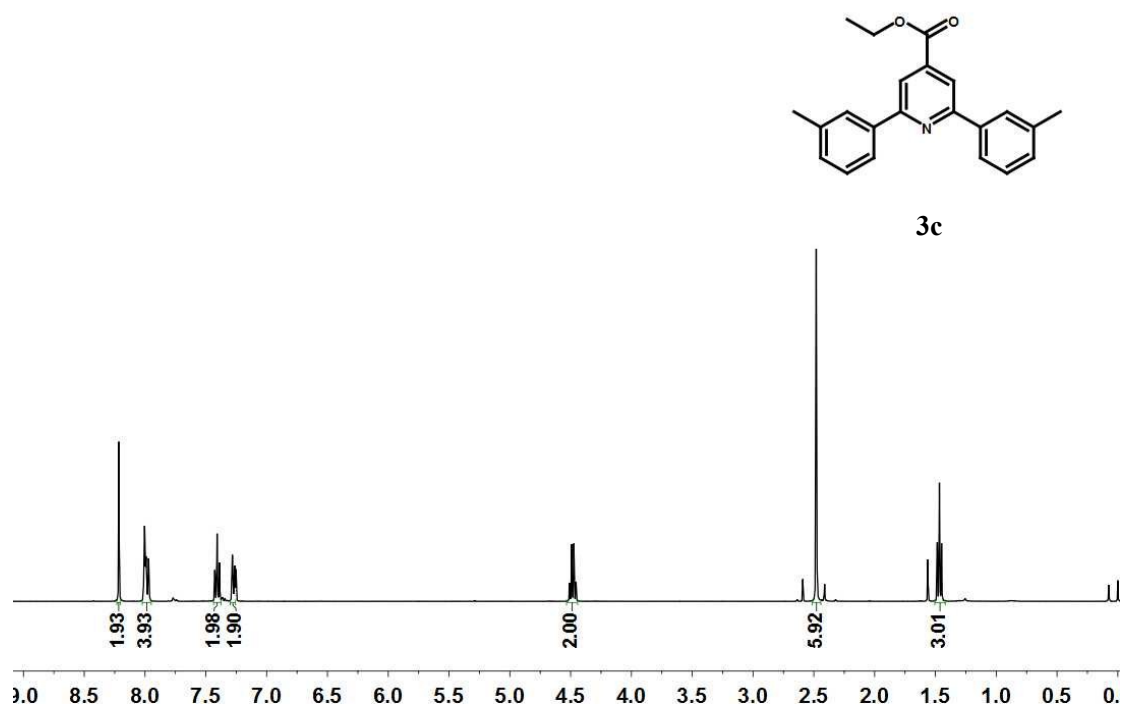
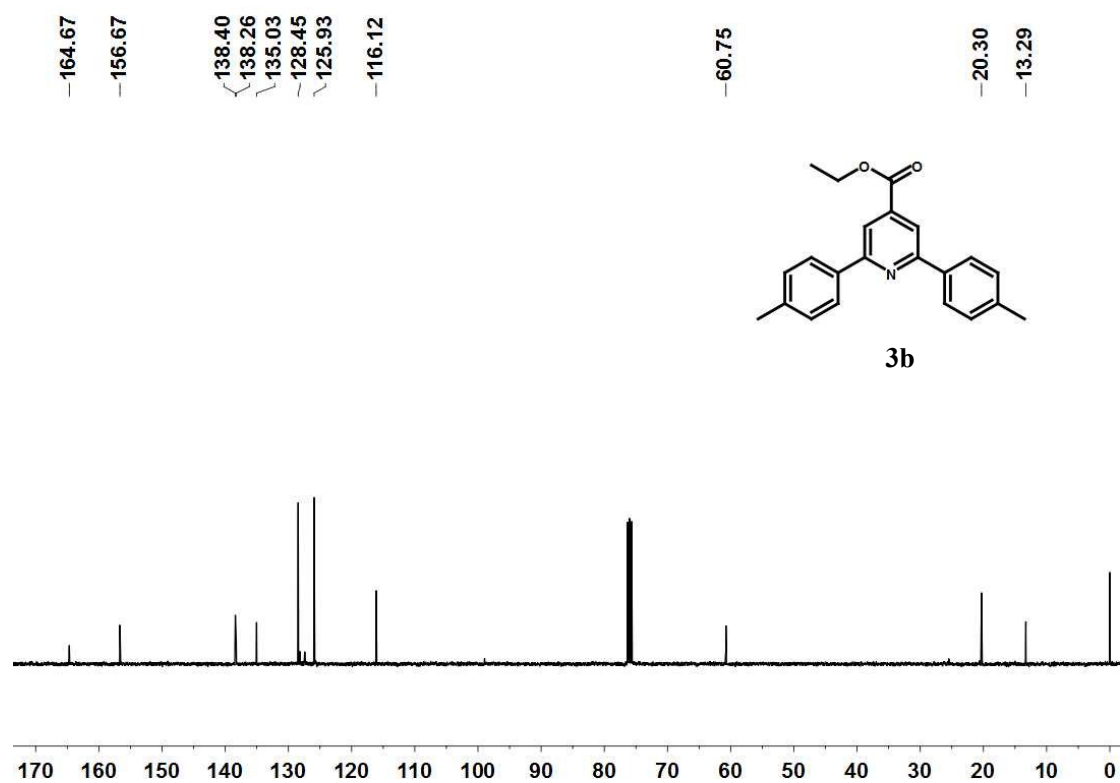
VII. NMR spectra copies

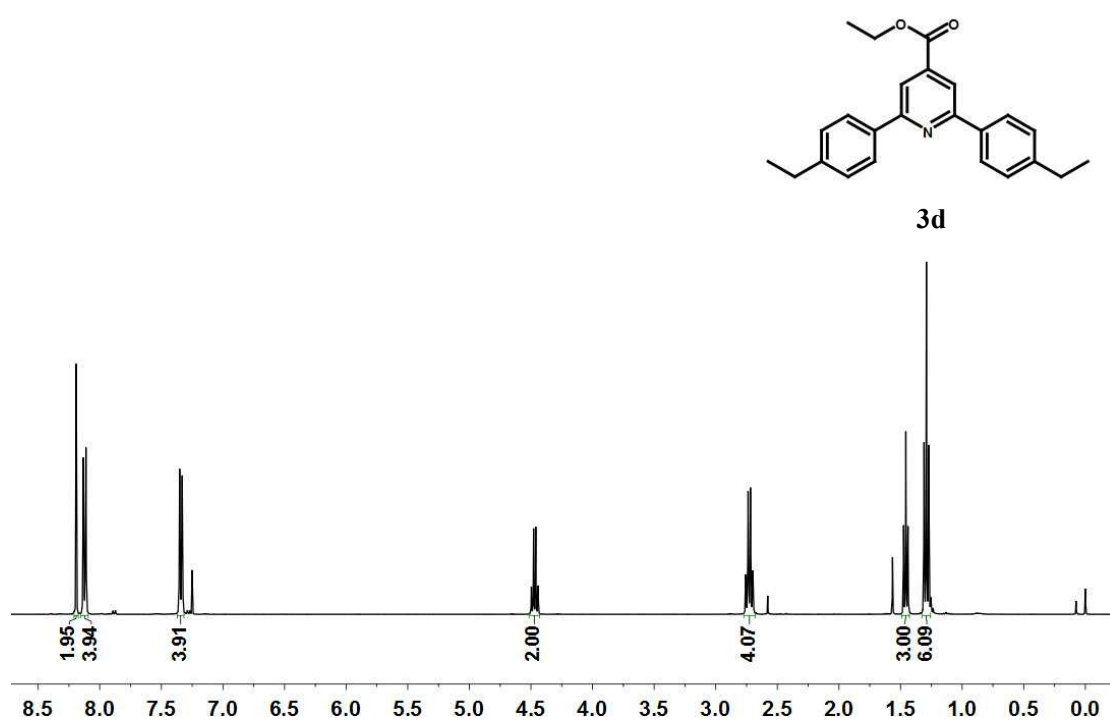
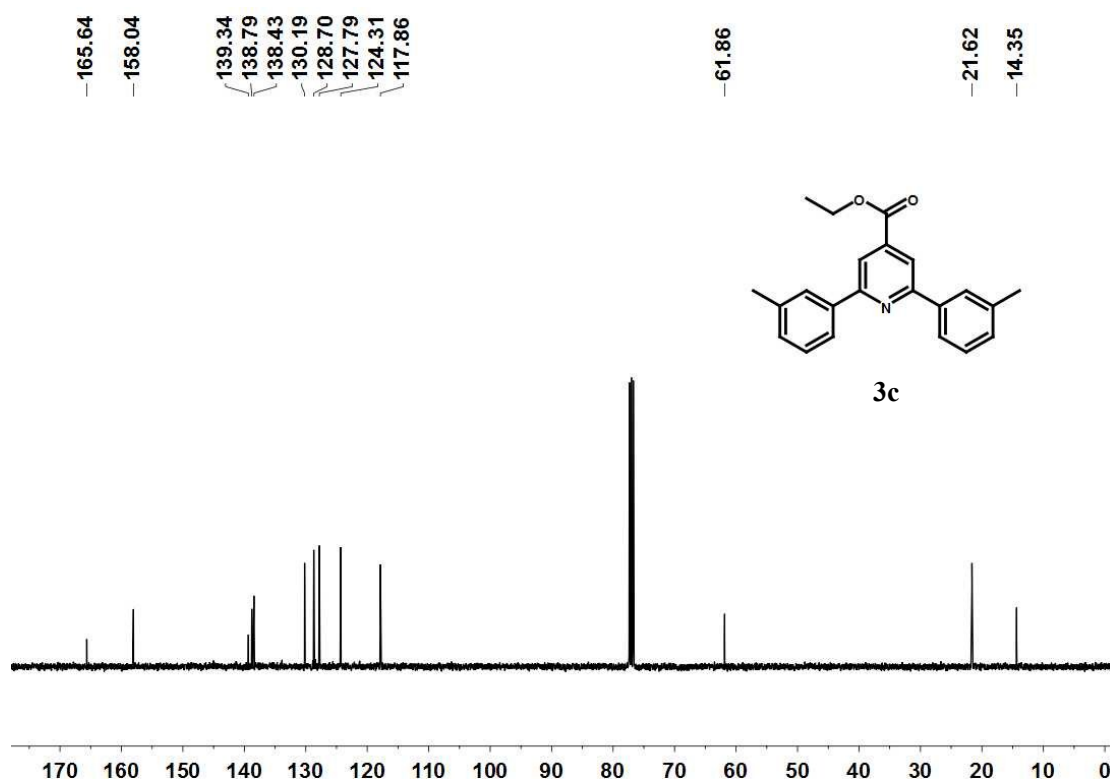


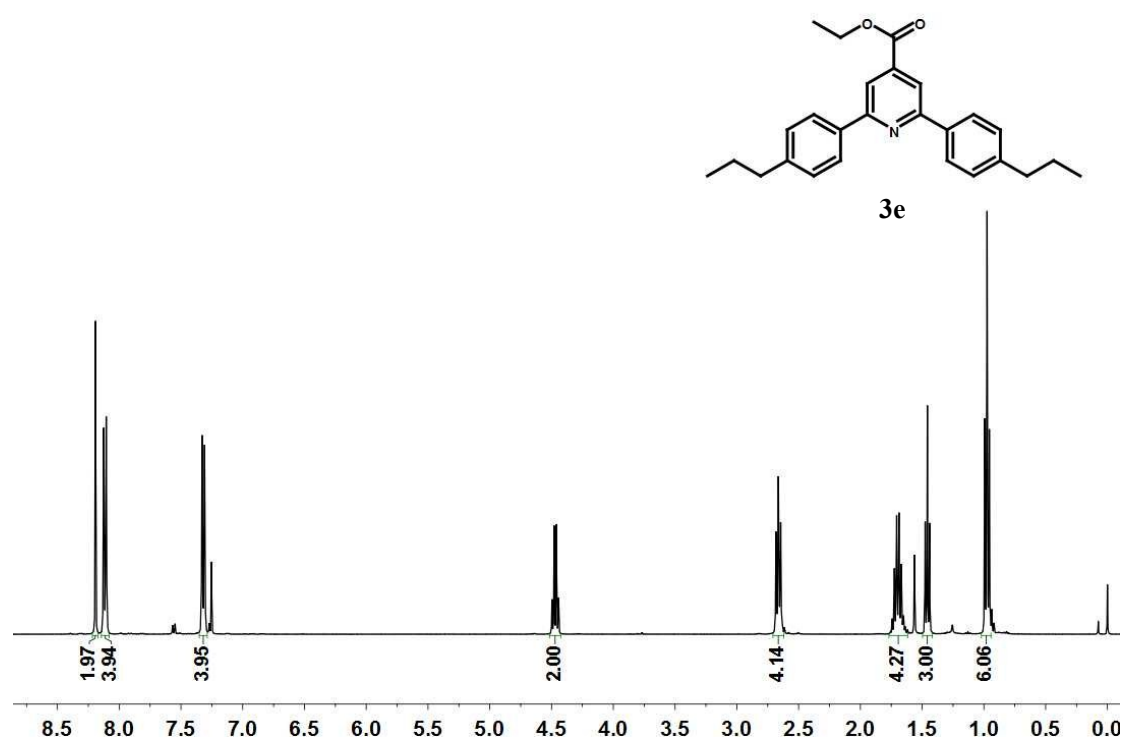
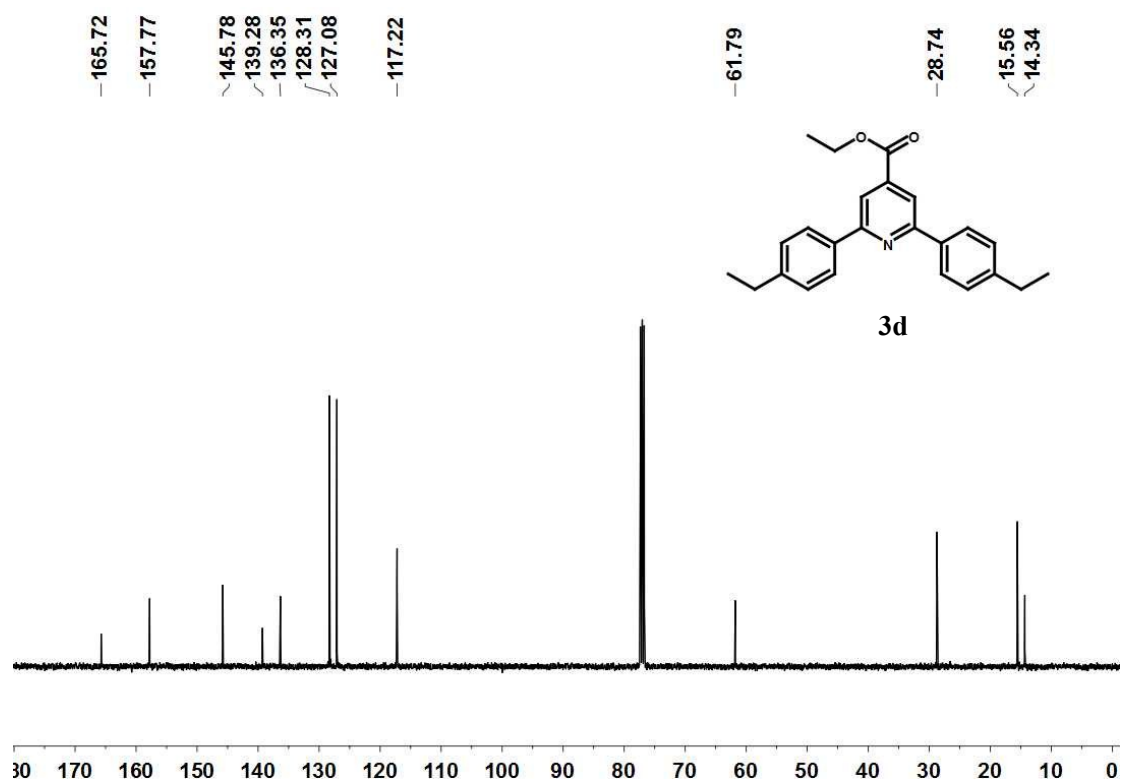
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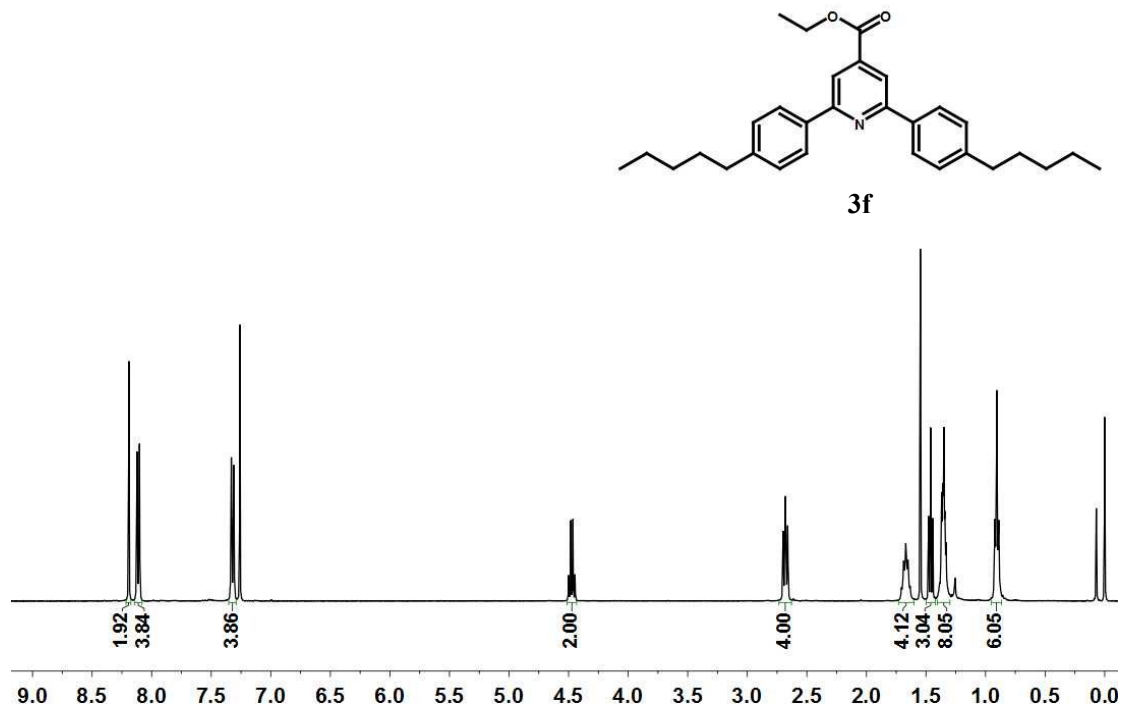
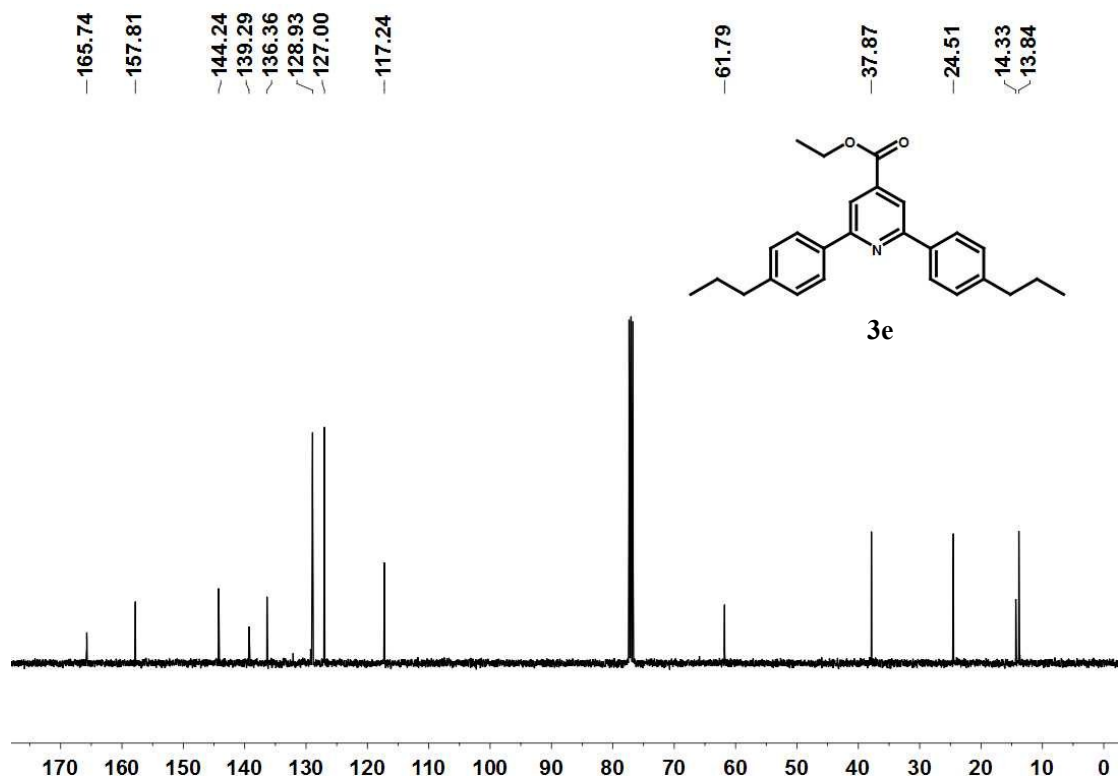


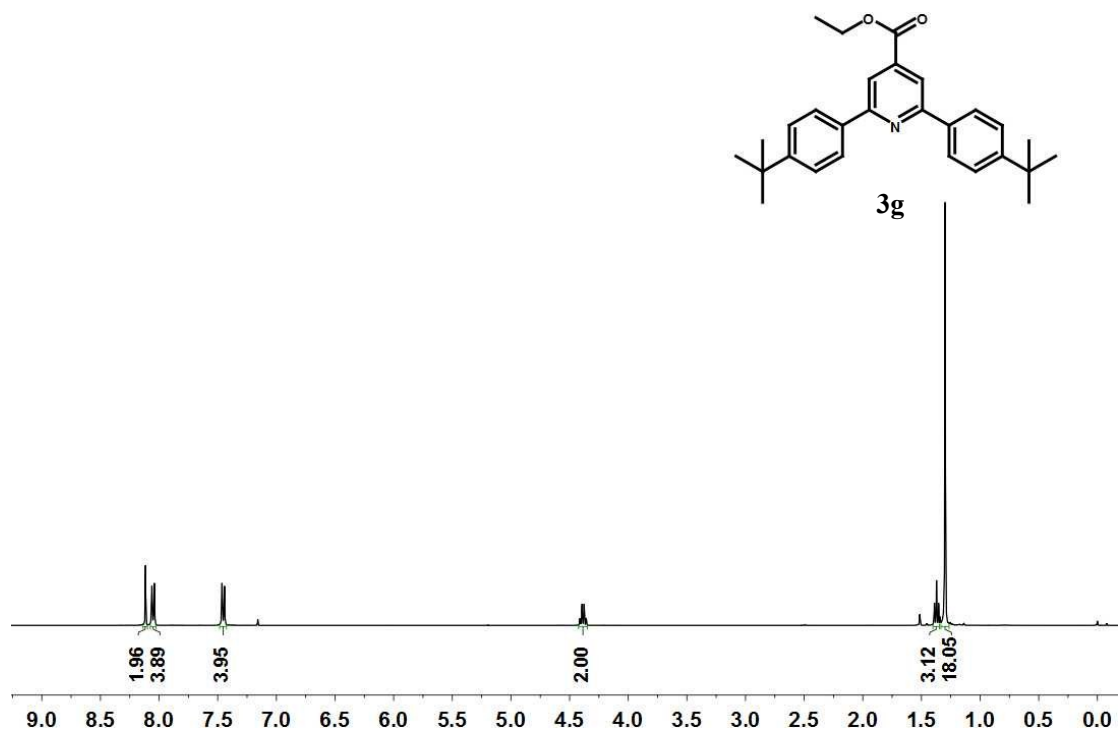
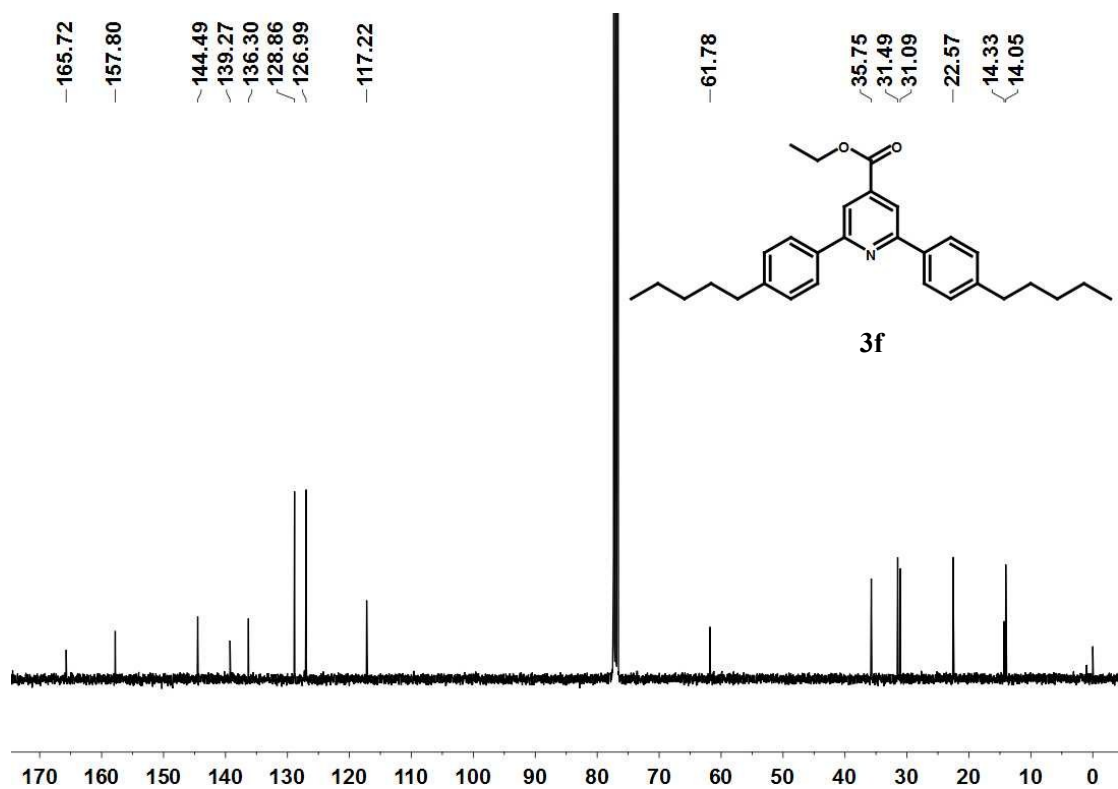


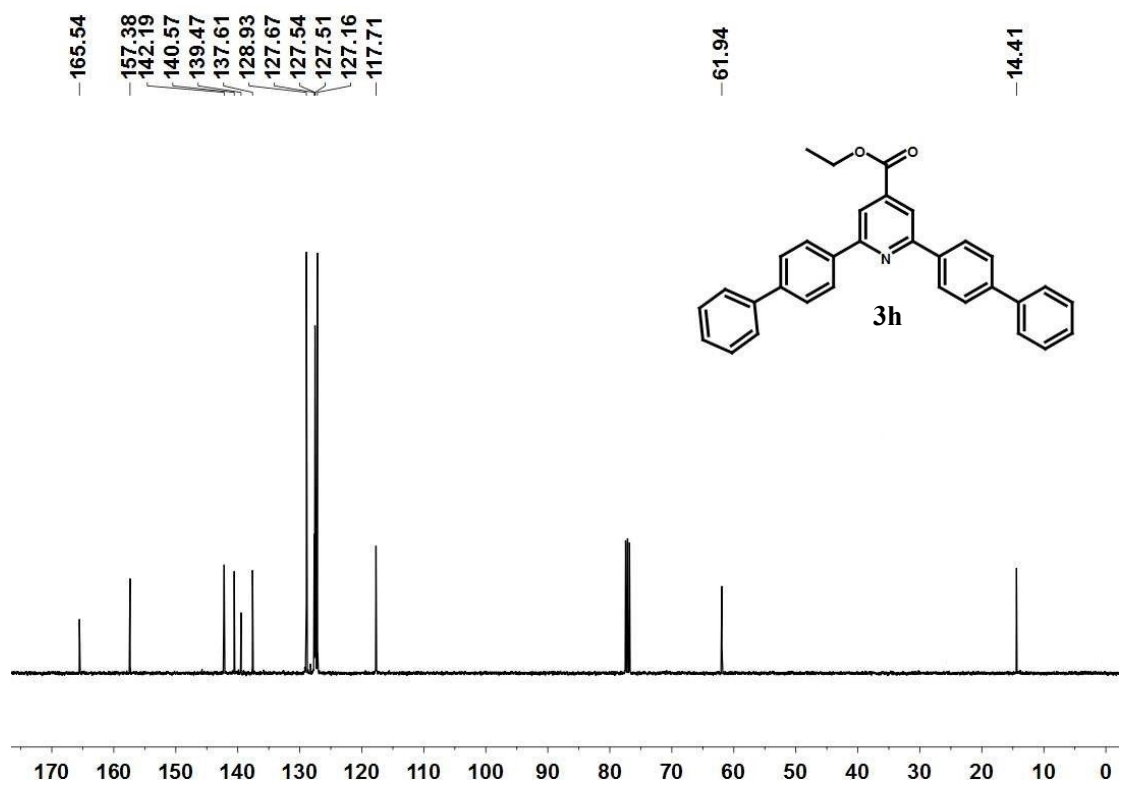
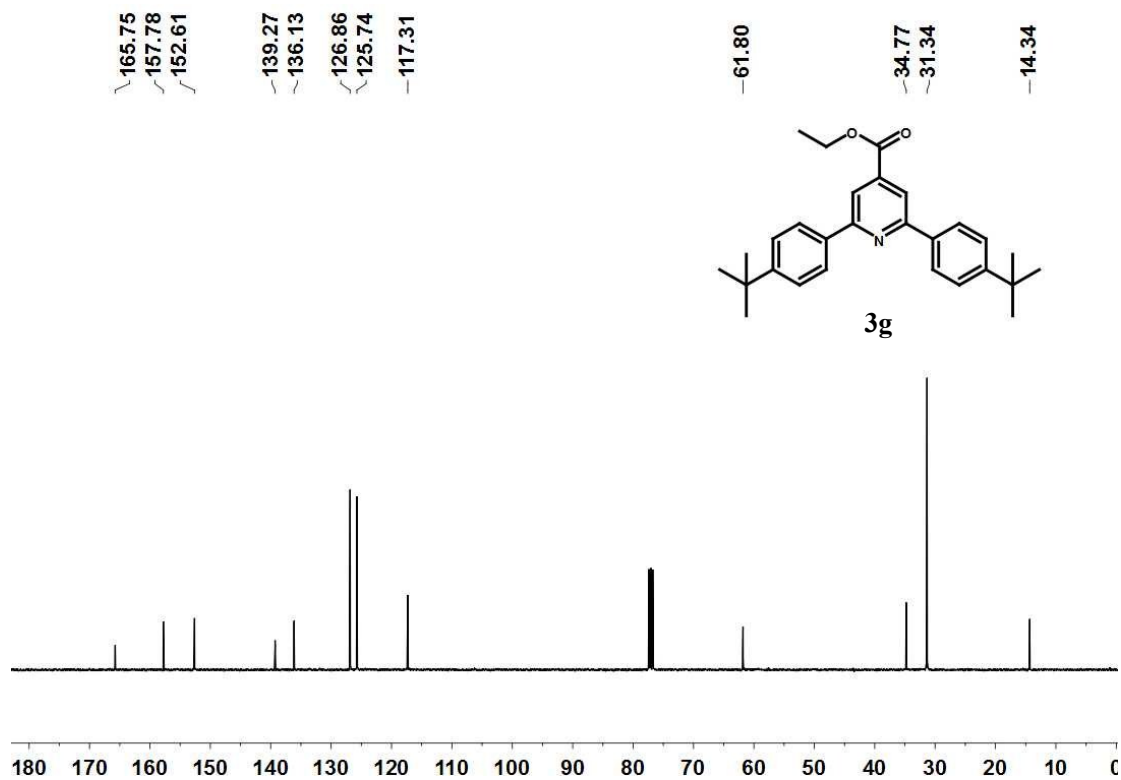


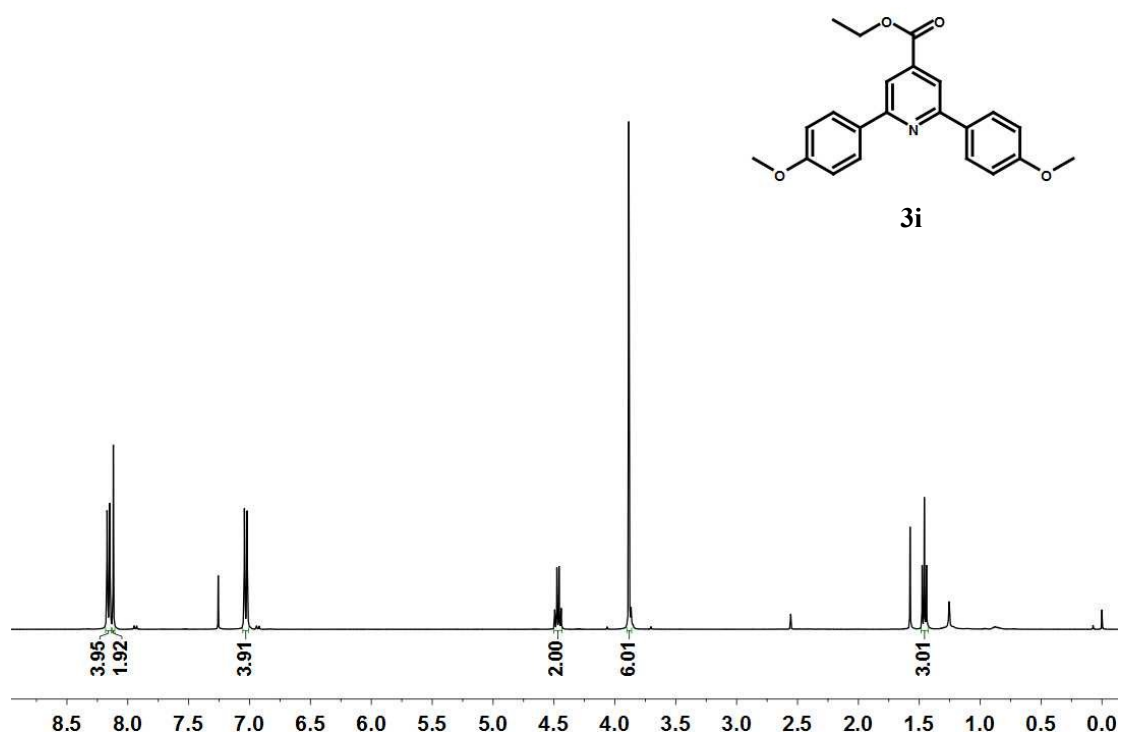
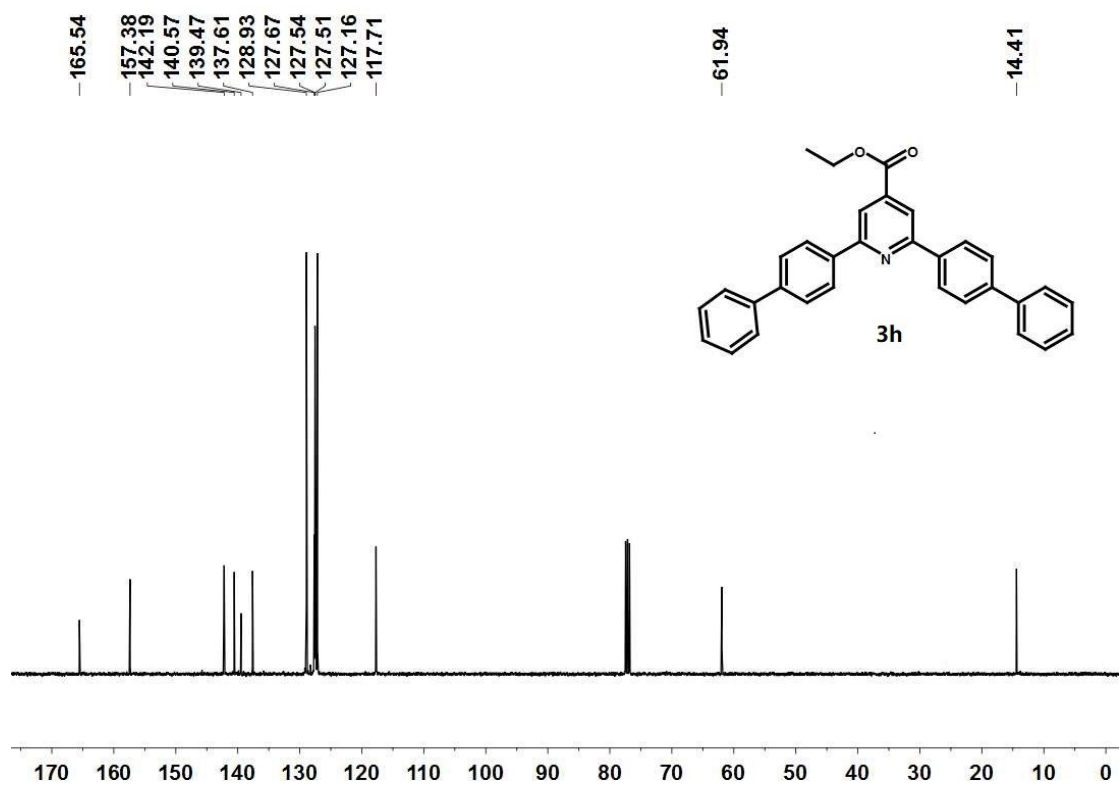


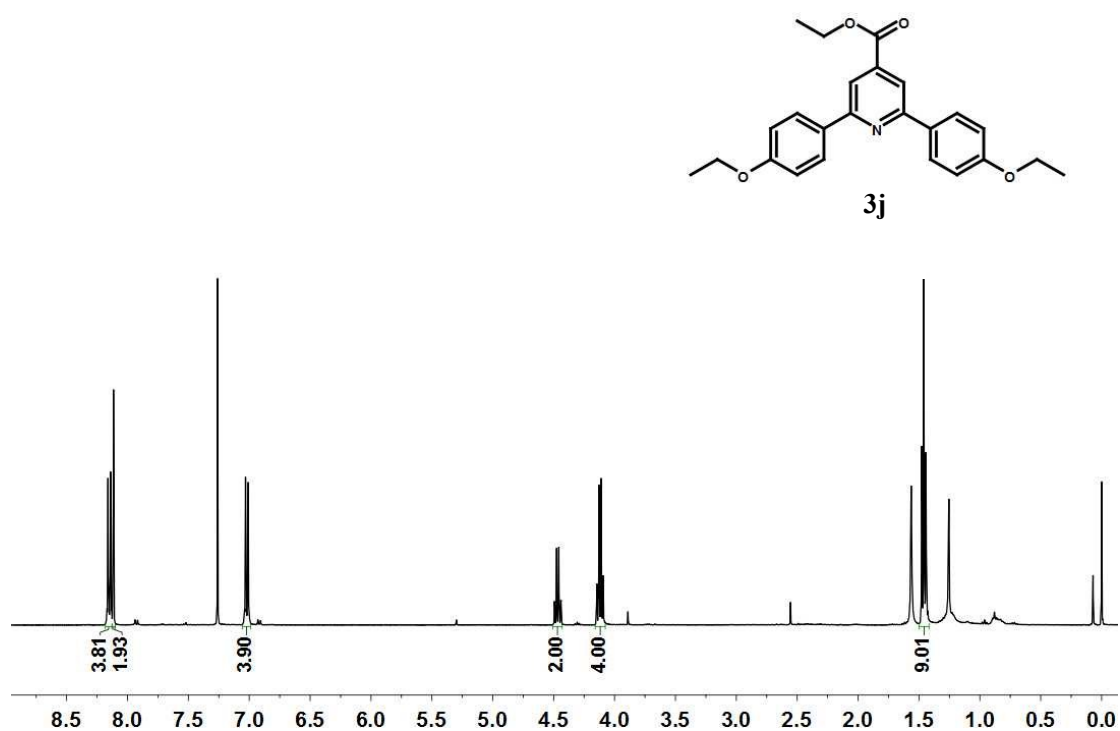
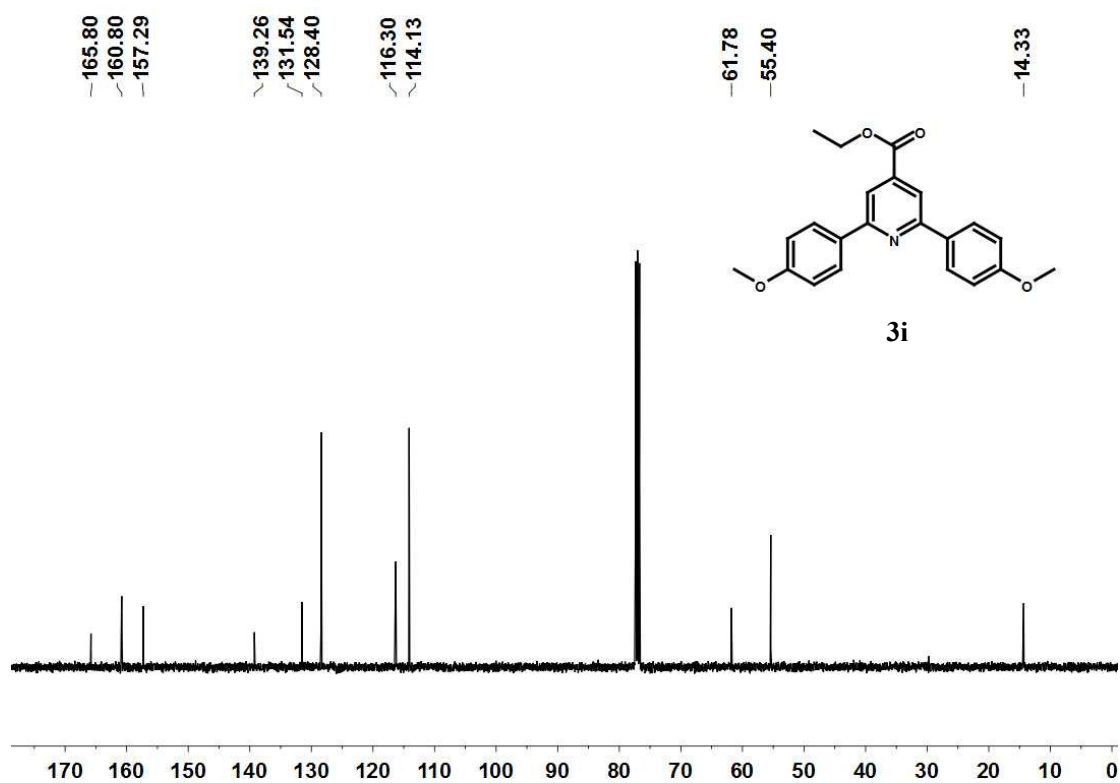


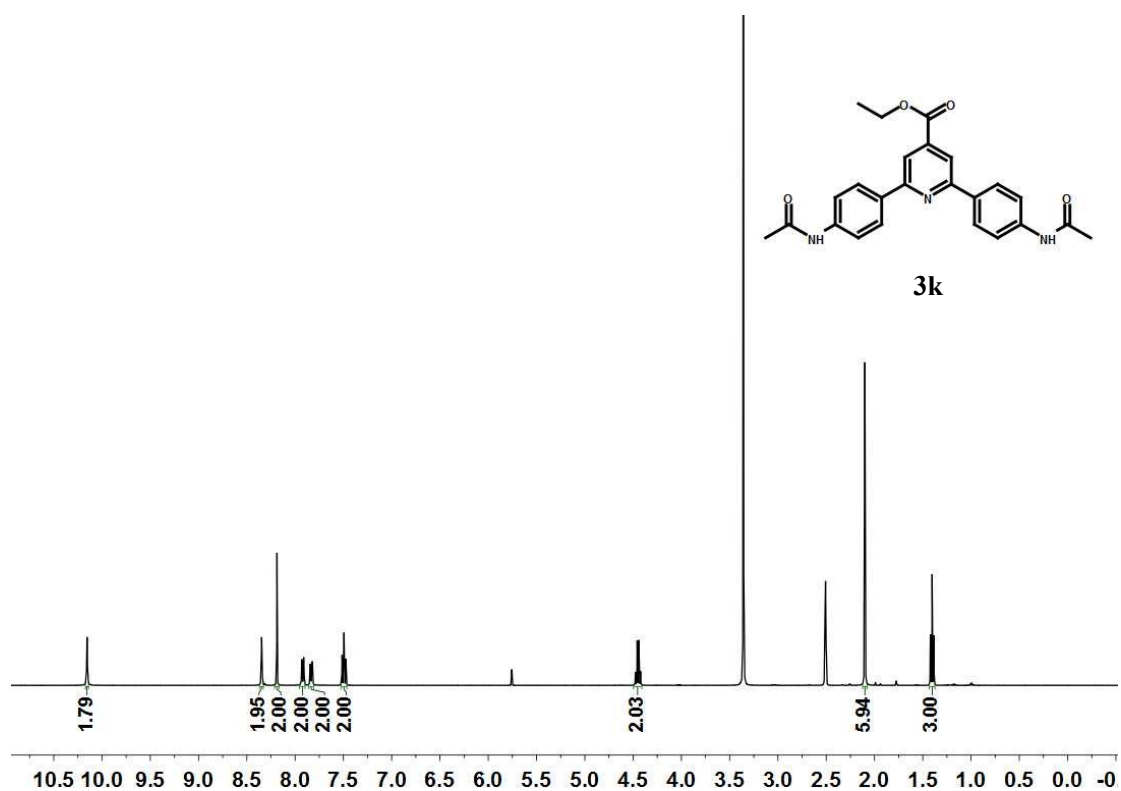
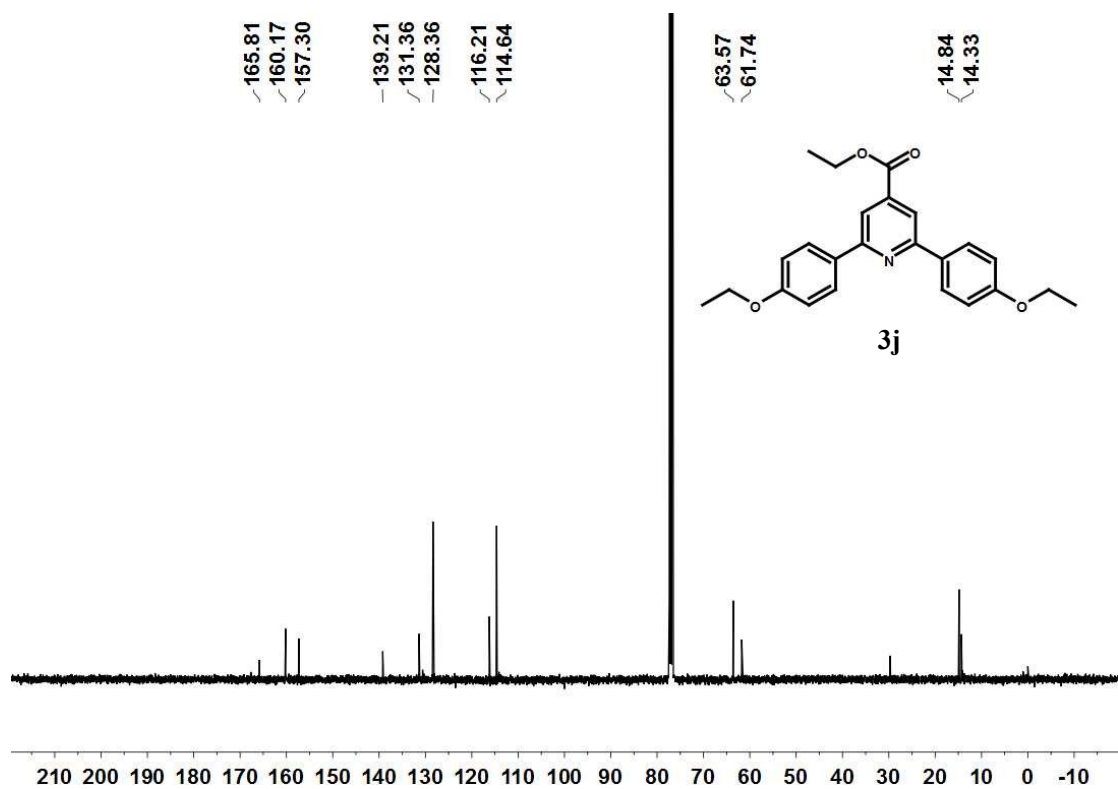


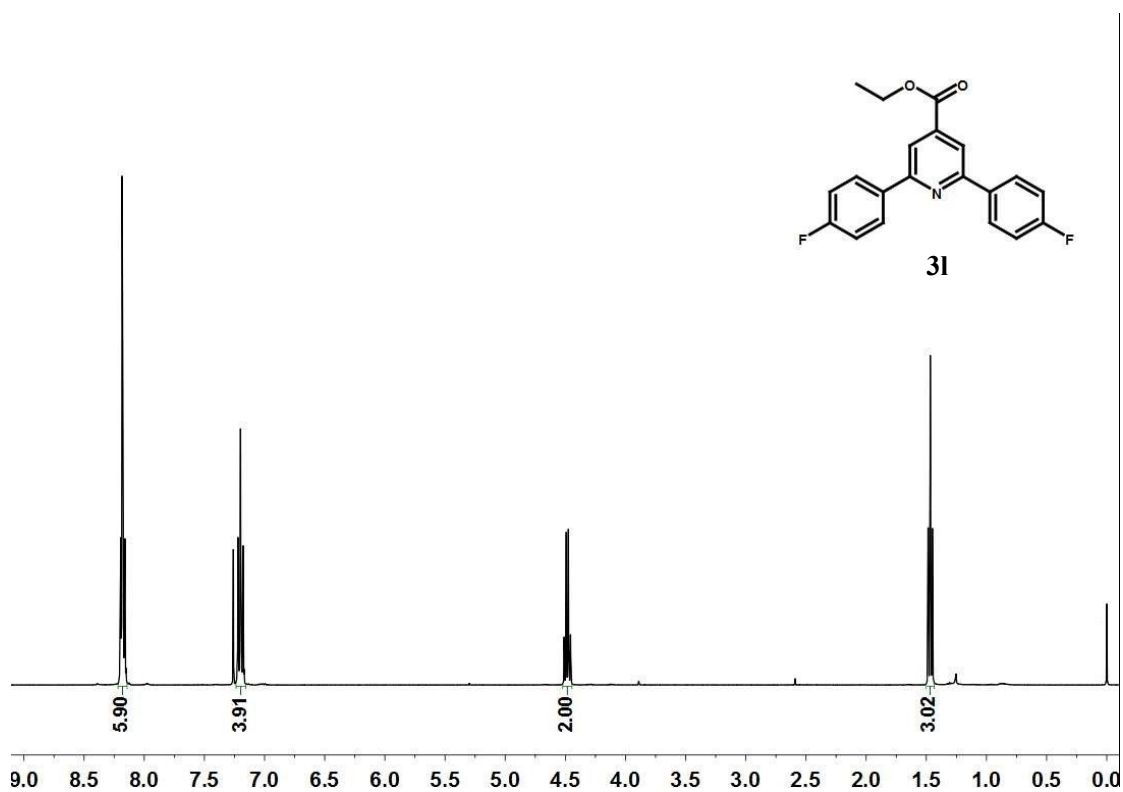
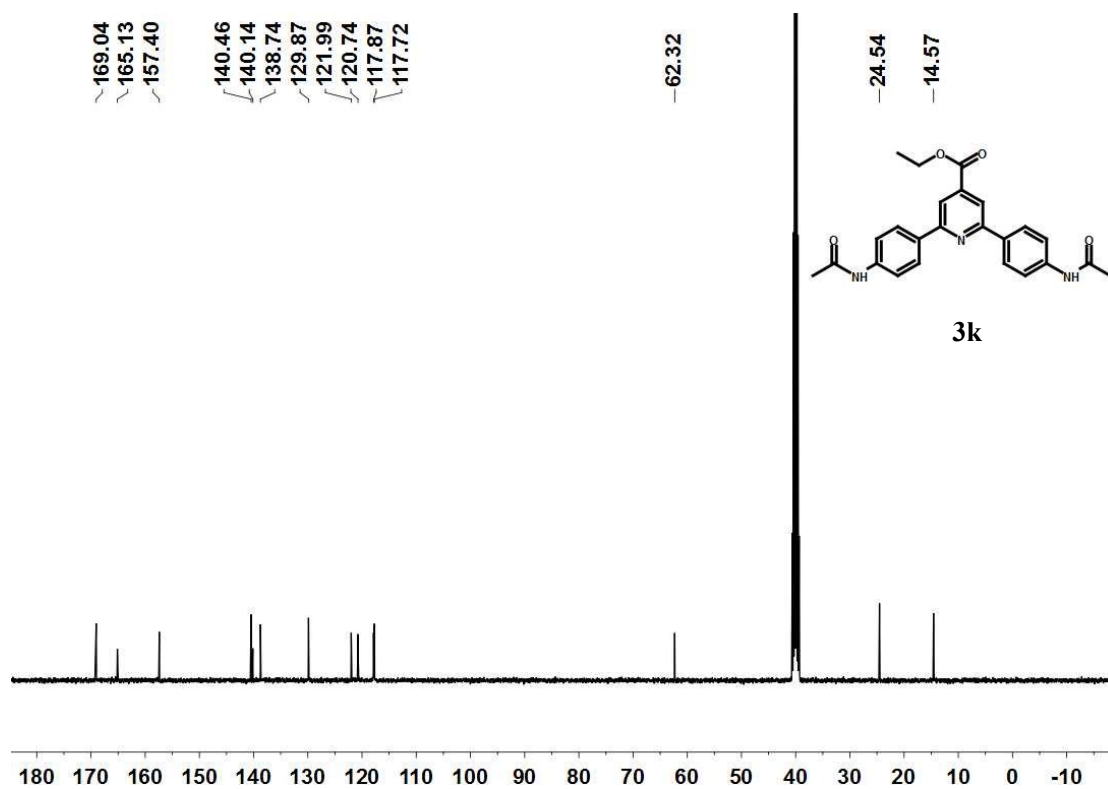


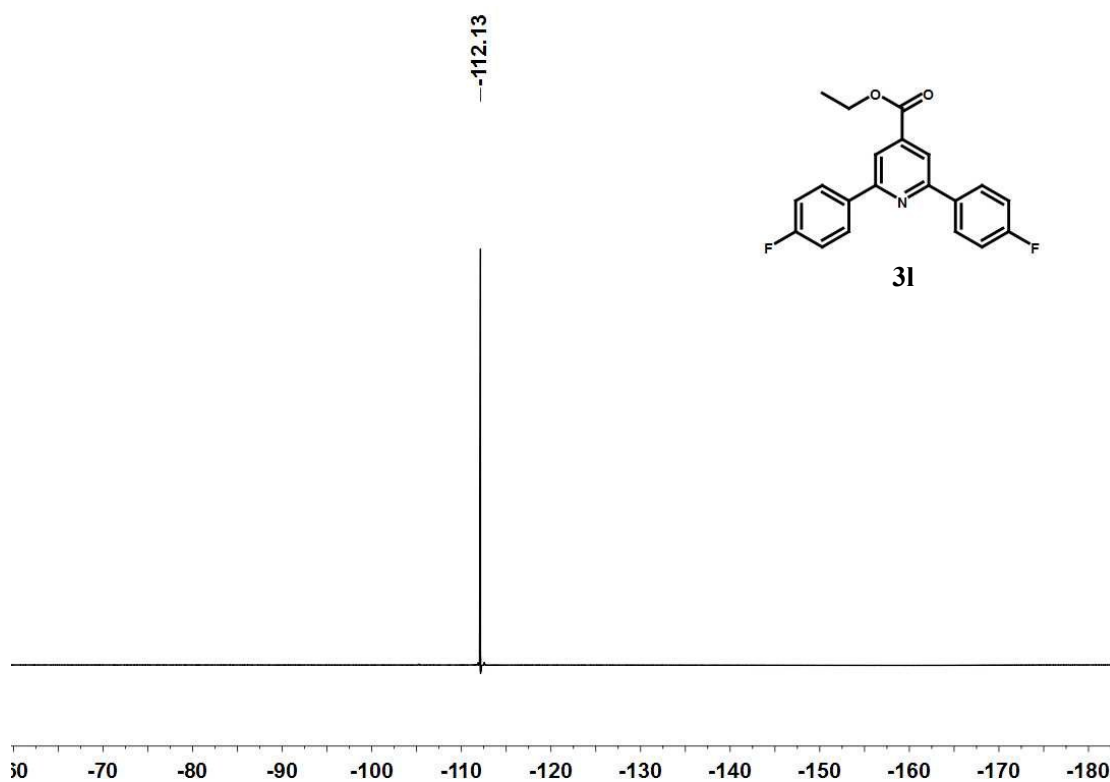
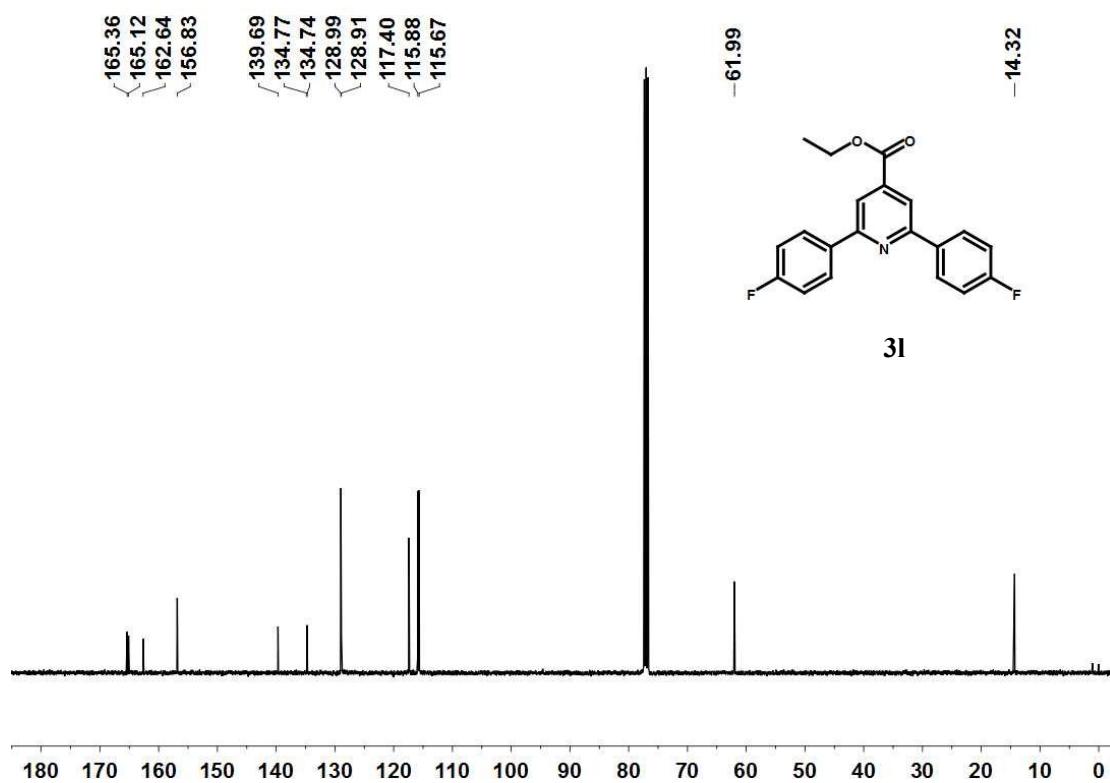


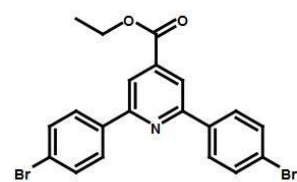




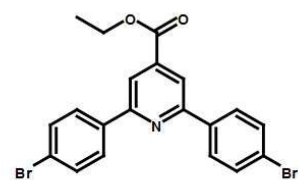
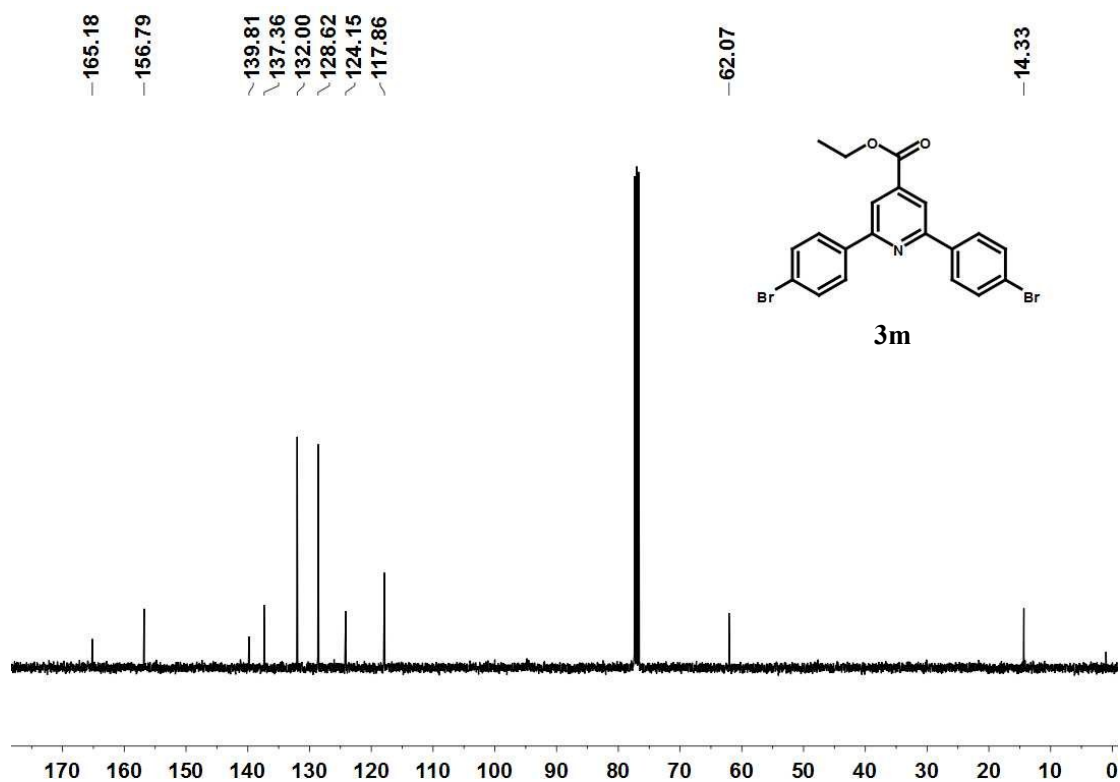
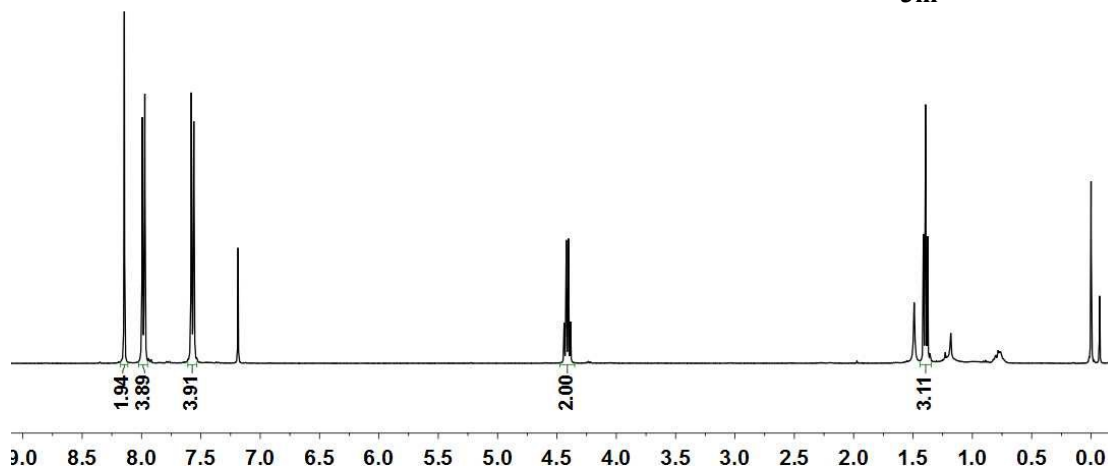








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