

A *N*-heterocyclic carbene derived highly regioselective ambident C-C-S and C-C-N 1,3-dipolar system

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Melting points are uncorrected. ¹H NMR (500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) were recorded in CDCl₃ otherwise as indicated. *N, N'*-Dialkylbenzimidazolium salts were prepared by alkylation of benzimidazole with alkyl halides,¹ while *N, N'*-dialkylimidazolium salts were prepared from *N, N'*-dialkylethylenediamine and triethyl orthoformate according to the method described in the literature.²

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1. General procedure for the preparation of 2-thiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salts **1** and 2-thiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salts **2**

At ambient temperature, a *N, N'*-dialkylbenzimidazolium bromide or imidazolinium chloride (5 mmol) was mixed with phenyl isothiocyanate (5 mmol) in dry THF (50 cm³). Under nitrogen atmosphere, NaH (6 mmol, 50% in mineral oil) was added in portions to the mixture at 10-20 °C. The resulting mixture was then stirred for 2-5 h (for benzimidazolium salts) or 18-24 h (for imidazolinium salts) at 10-20 °C. After the reaction, the remaining sodium hydride was quenched by adding water (10 cm³) dropwise. The solvent was removed and the residue was extracted with dichloromethane (50×3 cm³). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated to give 2-thiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salts **1** as yellow crystals or the crude 2-thiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salts as sticky oil. The products **1** were further purified by recrystallization from dichloromethane and petroleum ether (30-60 °C), while the pure 2-thiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salts **2** were obtained by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and dichloromethane (1:1).

1,3-Diethyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (**1a**).

63 %, mp 168-169 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1589, 1502, 1477, 1468; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ (ppm): 7.93-7.94 (m, 2H), 7.67-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.12 (t, *J* 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (q, *J* 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.63 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm): 166.1, 150.3, 149.7, 130.2, 128.6, 127.1, 126.2, 124.0, 122.5, 112.5, 41.3, 14.5; MS (ESI): 310 [M+1]. Found: C 70.31, H 6.35, N 13.56. Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₃S: C 69.87, H 6.19, N 13.58.

1,3-Dibutyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (**1b**).

69%, mp 149-150 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1588, 1539, 1502, 1471; ¹H NMR δ (ppm): 7.62 (brs, 2H), 7.59 (brs, 2H), 7.45 (brs, 4H), 7.14 (brs, 1H), 4.57 (brs, 4H), 2.09 (qt, *J* 7.7 Hz, 4H), 1.50-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.02 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.3, 150.7, 150.0, 130.5, 129.2, 128.6, 126.1, 123.7, 122.8, 122.2, 45.9, 31.3, 20.3, 13.7; MS (ESI): 366 (M+1). Found: C 72.36, H 7.40, N 11.34. Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₇N₃S: C 72.29, H 7.45, N 11.50.

1,3-Dibenzyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (1c).

89%, mp 233-234 °C (lit.³ mp 203-205 °C); IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1591, 1523, 1497, 1464; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.62 (brs, 4H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 14H), 7.17 (brs, 1H), 5.81 (brs, 4H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 165.7, 150.8, 150.4, 133.4, 130.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2, 124.0, 122.4, 113.4, 50.2; MS (ESI): 434 (M⁺).

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1-Butyl-3-ethyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (1d).

65%, mp 148-149 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1591, 1537, 1504, 1480, 1469; ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ (ppm) 9.26 (dd, *J* 6.0 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 8.93 (dd, *J* 6.0 and 3.0 Hz, 2H), 8.74 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.58 (t, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.29 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.88-5.96 (m, 4H), 3.30-3.37 (m, 2H), 2.89 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.75 (sx, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.3, 150.4, 149.7, 130.5, 130.0, 128.7, 126.2, 123.9, 122.3, 112.6, 112.4, 45.9, 41.3, 31.3, 20.3, 14.6, 13.7; MS (ESI) 338 (M+1). Found: C 71.12, H 7.11, N 12.31. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₃S: C 71.18, H 6.87, N 12.45.

Butyl-3-isopropyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (1e).

67%, mp 131-132 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1535, 1508, 1467, 1443; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.79 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40-5.46 (m, 1H), 4.49 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (qt, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (d, *J* 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.53 (sx, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.02 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.7, 150.6, 149.7, 131.2, 128.8, 128.6, 125.7, 125.6, 123.8, 122.4, 114.6, 112.8, 51.8, 45.9, 31.2, 20.9, 20.3, 13.7; MS (ESI) 352 (M+1). Found: C 71.37, H 7.00, N 11.63. Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅N₃S: C 71.75, H 7.17, N 11.95.

Benzyl-3-ethyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (1f).

78%, mp 186-187 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1588, 1529, 1504, 1473, 1466; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.59-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.55 (t, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.16 (brs, 1H), 5.77 (s, 2H), 4.66 (q, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.0, 150.2, 133.5, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 126.2, 124.0, 122.5, 113.5, 112.4, 50.0, 41.5, 14.6; MS (ESI) 372 (M+1). Found: C 74.11, H 6.05, N 11.26. Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₁N₃S: C 74.36, H 5.70, N 11.31.

Benzyl-3-butyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salt (1g).

76%, mp 165-166 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1590, 1499, 1476, 1467; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.59-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.53 (t, *J* 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.15 (brs, 1H), 5.78 (s, 2H), 4.61 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (qt, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (sx, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.0, 150.7, 150.3, 133.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.2, 123.8, 122.4, 113.4, 112.6, 49.9, 46.1, 31.2, 20.3, 13.7; MS (ESI) 400 (M+1). Found: C 75.19, H 6.51, N 10.39. Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅N₃S: C 75.15, H 6.31, N 10.52.

1,3-Diethyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salt (2a).

63%, mp 147-148 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1586, 1523.; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) (CD₃COCD₃): 7.33 (d, *J* 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 4H), 3.58 (q, *J* 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.29 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.9, 163.6, 150.3, 128.5, 123.5, 122.4, 46.3, 42.0, 12.7; MS (ESI) 262 (M+1). Found: C 64.27, H 7.07, N 16.06. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉N₃S: C 64.33, H 7.33, N 16.08.

1,3-Dibutyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salt (2b).

67%, mp 96-97 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1585, 1516; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.36-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t, *J* 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 4H), 3.62 (br, 4H), 1.72 (br, 4H), 1.42 (sx, *J* 7.5 Hz, 4H), 0.97 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 167.0, 163.9, 150.4, 128.5, 123.4, 122.2, 47.0 (d), 29.4, 9.9, 13.7; MS (ESI): 318 (M+1). Found: C 67.87, H 8.24, N 13.15. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N₃S: C 68.10, H 8.57, N 13.24.

1,3-Di-*tert*-butyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salt (2c).

70%, mp 200-201 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1592, 1529, 1514, 1496; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.53 (d, *J* 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 4H), 1.67 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 170.3, 163.3, 149.6, 128.4, 123.6, 122.3, 60.2, 44.5, 28.4; MS (ESI) 318 (M+1). Found: C 67.82, H 8.41, N 13.10. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₇N₃S: C 68.10, H 8.57, N 13.24.

1,3-Dibenzyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salt (2d).

68%, mp 185-187 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1592, 1578, 1518; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.55 (d, *J* 6.9 Hz, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 8H), 7.10 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (s, 4H), 3.60 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.6, 163.6, 150.4, 133.3, 129.1 (d), 128.8, 128.6, 123.7, 122.4, 51.3, 46.2; MS (ESI) 386 (M+1). Found: C 74.65, H 6.37, N 10.63. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₃N₃S: C 74.77, H 6.01, N 10.90.

1,3-Di(*p*-methoxy)benzyl-2-*N*-phenylthiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salt (2e).

73%, mp 177-179 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1611, 1578, 1511; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.48 (d, *J* 8.2 Hz, 6H), 7.41 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* 8.3 Hz, 4H), 4.76 (s, 4H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.59 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.8, 163.3, 160.0, 150.2, 130.6, 128.6, 125.2, 123.6, 122.4, 114.4, 55.3, 50.7, 46.0; MS (ESI) 446 [M+1]. Found: C 69.62, H 6.08, N 9.31. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₇N₃O₂S: C 70.09, H 6.11, N 9.43.

2. General procedure for the reaction of 2-thiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salts 1 or 2-thiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salts 2 with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (DMAD).

At ambient temperature (20-30 °C), the solution of DMAD (1 mmol) in solvent (10 cm³) was added dropwise to the yellow solution of benzimidazolium salts **1** (1 mmol) or imidazolinium salts **2** (1 mmol) in solvent (20 cm³). The reaction mixture turned into a dark solution immediately. The mixture was then stirred at room temperature or at the refluxing temperature of the solvent for a period of time. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate (5:1). The red purple crystals **3** along with tiny amount of green products **4**, or pale yellow crystalline products **5** and a tiny amount of orange crystals **6** were isolated.

Table 1 The chemical yields of products from the reaction between **1** or **2** and DMAD under the optimal conditions.

Starting materials	R ¹ R ²	1, 2 : DMAD	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Products	Yield (%)
1a	Et	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3a	93
	Et					4a	-*
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3b	90
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	4
1c	Bz	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3c	95
	Bz					4c	-*
1d	Et	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3d	92
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4d	-*
1e	<i>i</i> -Pr	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3e	90
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4e	-*
1f	Et	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3f	91
	Bz					4f	-*
1g	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3g	94
	Bz					4g	4
2a	Et	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	5a	95
	Et					6a	-*
2b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	5a	93
	<i>n</i> -Bu					6a	-*
2c	<i>t</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	5b	94
	<i>t</i> -Bu					6b	-*
2d	Bz	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	5c	92
	Bz					6c	3
2e	MeOBz	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	5d	93
	MeOBz					6d	2

* A tiny amount of minor product was observed.

Table 2 The optimization of reaction between **1** and dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate.

Starting materials	R ¹ R ²	1 : DMAD	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Product	Yield (%)
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	0.5	3b	90
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	4
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	50-60	0.5	3b	90
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	5
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	50-60	18	3b	21
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	-*
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	CH ₃ COCH ₃	50-60	0.5	3b	85
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	6
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	THF	50-60	0.5	3b	64
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	8
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	CH ₃ CN	50-60	0.5	3b	78
	<i>n</i> -Bu					4b	-*

*A tiny amount of minor product was observed.

Dimethyl

1,3-diethyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate

(3a). 91%, mp 103-104 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1739, 1719, 1648, 1594, 1494; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.19 (t, *J* 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.87 (dd, *J* 4.4 and 3.3 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (dd, *J* 4.3 and 3.3 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.32-3.40 (m, 4H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.0, 163.9, 161.5, 150.9, 139.3, 132.1, 129.3, 126.1, 125.9, 119.3, 118.2, 122.7, 103.3, 53.4, 52.8, 39.4, 14.2; MS (ESI) 452 [M+1]. Found: C 64.03, H 5.75, N 9.32. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₅N₃O₄S: C 63.84, H 5.58, N 9.31.

Dimethyl

1,3-dibutyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate

(3b). 90% mp 70-71 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1740, 1720, 1644, 1593, 1501; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.21 (t, *J* 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* 5.2 and 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (dd, *J* 5.1 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 3.39-3.49 (m, 4H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.79-1.93 (m, 4H), 1.36-1.41 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.5, 163.8, 161.6, 150.9, 139.6, 132.4, 131.5, 129.3, 125.9, 119.3, 118.2, 112.8, 103.3, 53.4, 52.6, 45.1, 31.2, 20.6, 14.0; MS (TOF) 506 (M-1)/507 (M⁺)/508 (M+1). Found C 66.32, H 6.43, N 8.20. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₃N₃O₄S: C 66.25, H 6.55, N 8.28.

Dimethyl

1,3-dibutyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4',5'-dicarboxylate

(4b). 5%, 122-123 °C, IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1755, 1702, 1646, 1595, 1497; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.47-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (dd, *J* 5.4 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (dd, *J* 5.4 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.15 (qt, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (qt, *J* 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (qt, *J* 7.4 Hz, 4H), 1.38 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 208.5, 161.5, 160.9, 147.1, 140.0, 135.7, 129.8, 127.4, 117.8, 113.6, 103.1, 97.6, 53.5, 52.0, 44.8, 31.0, 20.5, 14.0; MS (TOF) 506 [M-1]. Found C 66.41, H 6.85, N 8.38. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₃N₃O₄S: C 66.25, H 6.55, N 8.28.

Dimethyl

1,3-dibenzyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate

(3c). 95%, mp 123-124 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1739, 1734, 1640, 1495; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.63 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.11-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.98 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* 5.4

and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (dd, *J* 5.4 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (d, *J* 16.2 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 165.4, 163.7, 161.6, 150.6, 139.5, 137.6, 134.8, 129.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 125.8, 119.3, 118.8, 113.5, 104.9, 53.4, 52.7, 49.1; MS (ESI) 576 (M+1). Found C 70.92, H 5.19, N 7.59. Calcd for C₃₄H₂₉N₃O₄S: C 70.94, H 5.08, N 7.30.

Dimethyl

1-butyl-3-ethyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3d). 92%, mp 67-68 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1740, 1728, 1644, 1493; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.20 (t, *J* 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.50-6.52 (m, 1H), 6.45-6.46 (m, 1H), 3.43 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.46 (q, *J* 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.83-1.89 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.34 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.3, 163.8, 161.6, 150.9, 139.7, 139.1, 132.3, 129.3, 125.9, 119.3, 118.2, 112.8, 112.6, 103.4, 103.2, 53.4, 52.7, 45.0, 39.4, 31.1, 20.6, 14.2, 14.0. HRMS (FAB) 480.1944 (M+1). Found C 65.18, H 6.48, N 8.64. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₉N₃O₄S: C 65.11, H 6.09, N 8.76.

Dimethyl

1-butyl-3-isopropyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3e). 90%, mp 91-92 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1739, 1642, 1593, 1490; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.21 (t, *J* 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (qt, *J* 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.54 (d, *J* 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (d, *J* 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (sx, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.93 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 166.0, 163.2, 161.8, 150.8, 140.9, 136.6, 134.0, 131.3, 129.4, 125.9, 119.7, 118.2, 117.7, 105.4, 103.5, 102.0, 52.5, 51.9, 47.1, 45.1, 31.2, 20.8, 20.7, 19.0, 13.9; MS (ESI) 494 (M+1). Found: C 65.67, H 6.58, N 8.51. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₁N₃O₄S: C 65.70, H 6.33, N 8.51.

Dimethyl

1-benzyl-3-ethyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3f). 91%, mp 125-126 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1744, 1732, 150, 1490; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.56 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.21 (m, 5H), 7.01 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* 16.2 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.36-3.41 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.0, 163.9, 161.5, 150.8, 139.4, 139.3, 137.6, 133.2, 131.2, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 125.9, 119.3, 118.9, 118.2, 104.9, 103.4, 102.1, 53.5, 52.8, 48.9, 39.6, 14.3; HRMS (FAB): 514.1791 (M+1). Found: C 67.96, H 5.60, N 8.23. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₇N₃O₄S: C 67.82, H 5.30, N 8.18.

Dimethyl

1-benzyl-3-butyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (3g). 94%, mp 128-129 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1741, 1644, 1496; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.48 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.16 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (t, *J* 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (d, *J* 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.30 (br, 1H), 3.19 (br, 1H), 1.69-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.43 (sx, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.1, 163.8, 161.6, 150.8, 139.8, 139.3, 137.7, 133.5, 130.7, 129.2, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 125.9, 119.3, 118.9, 118.2, 104.7, 103.5, 102.1, 53.4, 52.7, 49.0, 45.3, 31.3, 20.6, 14.0; MS (ESI) 542 (M+1). Found C 69.01, H 6.13, N 7.95. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₁N₃O₄S: C 68.74, H 5.77, N 7.76.

Dimethyl

1-benzyl-3-butyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4',5'-dicarboxylate (4g). 6%, mp 126-127 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1750, 1707, 1641, 1596, 1496; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.46-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, *J* 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, *J*

7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.15-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.01-3.05 (m, 1H), 1.61 (qt, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.37-1.42 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 206.7, 161.2, 160.6, 147.5, 140.3, 139.9, 137.3, 135.6, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.4, 118.6, 117.8, 113.1, 104.7, 103.4, 97.6, 53.2, 51.8, 49.2, 44.8, 31.0, 20.5, 13.9; MS (TOF) 540 (M-1)/541 (M⁺)/542 (M+1). Found C 68.71, H 6.06, N 7.82. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₁N₃O₄S: C 68.74, H 5.77, N 7.76.

Dimethyl

1,3-diethyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (5a). 95%, mp 140-141 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1740, 1644, 1593; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.38 (t, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.45-3.46 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.21 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.63-2.68 (m, 2H), 1.16 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 167.3, 164.6, 161.0, 151.2, 138.7, 131.7, 129.3, 125.4, 119.7, 98.1, 53.1, 52.6, 47.9, 43.3, 14.2; MS (EI) 241 (80), 300 (100), 404 (M+1, 45%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₅N₃O₄S: C 59.53, H 6.25, N 10.41. Found: C 59.54, H 6.55, N 10.37.

Dimethyl

1,3-dibutyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (5b).

93%, mp 80-81 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1739, 1726, 1637; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.39 (t, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.40 (brs, 2H), 3.21 (brs, 2H), 2.73-2.79 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.64 (m, 2H), 1.53 (qt, *J* 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.41-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.39 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 167.4, 164.5, 161.2, 151.3, 138.3, 132.2, 129.3, 125.4, 119.6, 98.2, 53.1, 52.3, 48.9, 48.3, 31.1, 20.4, 14.2; MS (ESI): 460 (M+1). Found: C 62.86, H 7.43, N 9.06. Calcd for C₂₄H₃₃N₃O₄S: C 62.72, H 7.24, N 9.14.

Dimethyl

1,3-di-tert-butyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (5c). 94 %, mp 86-87 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1736, 1725, 1637, 1591; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.41 (t, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, *J* 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, *J* 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.32 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 173.0, 164.6, 162.5, 151.4, 142.7, 131.7, 129.4, 125.4, 119.2, 94.5, 54.5, 52.9, 52.0, 44.1, 28.8; MS (ESI) 460 (M+1). Found: C 62.50, H 7.25, N 9.12. Calcd for C₂₄H₃₃N₃O₄S: C 62.72, H 7.24, N 9.14.

Dimethyl

1,3-dibenzyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (5d).

92%, mp 177 °C (decomposed); IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1737, 1725, 1640; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.46-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.35 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (d, *J* 12.7 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, *J* 12.7 Hz, 2H), 3.20-3.21 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.12 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 166.7, 164.6, 161.0, 151.0, 138.6, 137.6, 133.4, 129.5, 128.7, 128.2, 127.1, 125.8, 119.9, 97.8, 53.5, 53.2, 52.6, 48.3; MS (ESI): 528 (M+1). Found: C 68.00, H 5.90, N 7.86. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₉N₃O₄S: C 68.29, H 5.54, N 7.96.

Dimethyl

1,3-dibenzyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4',5'-dicarboxylate (6d). 3%, mp 147-148 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1751, 1724, 1639, 1495; ¹H NMR (C6D6) δ (ppm) 7.60 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.22 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* 13.2 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (d, *J* 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.53-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.25-3.27 (m, 2H), 3.25 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (C6D6) δ (ppm) 209.2, 161.8, 160.5, 147.0, 139.1, 136.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 127.2, 116.5, 95.1,

53.5, 52.2, 51.3, 47.9; MS (ESI) 528 (M+1). Found: C 68.21, H 5.62, N 7.99. Calcd for C₃₀H₂₉N₃O₄S: C 68.29, H 5.54, N 7.96.

Dimethyl

1,3-di-(p-methoxy)benzyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-thiophene]-4',5'-dicarboxylate (5e). 93%, mp 174-180 °C (decomposed); IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1736, 1726, 1640, 1613, 1512; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.46 (t, *J* 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* 8.1 Hz, 4H), 4.08 (d, *J* 12.4 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.64 (d, *J* 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (brs, 2H), 3.10 (brs, 2H); ¹³C NMR(CDCl₃): 166.7, 164.6, 161.0, 158.8, 151.1, 137.8, 133.1, 130.7, 129.9, 129.5, 125.7, 119.9, 113.6, 97.7, 55.3, 53.2, 52.8, 52.6, 48.1; MS (ESI): 588 (M+1). Found: C 65.14, H 5.71, N 7.07. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₃N₃O₆S: C 65.40, H 5.66, N 7.15.

Dimethyl

1,3-di-(p-methoxy)benzyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4',5'-dicarboxylate (6e). 2%, mp 98-99 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1748, 1718, 1635, 1612, 1512; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.53 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.23 (d, *J* 12.9 Hz, 2H), 4.07 (d, *J* 12.9 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.45 (s, 6H), 3.32-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 209.4, 161.9, 160.6, 159.3, 146.6, 136.8, 131.0, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 117.0, 113.9, 94.9, 54.6, 52.9, 52.1, 51.3, 48.0; MS(ESI) 588 (M+1).

3. General procedure for the reaction of 2-thiocarbamoyl benzimidazolium inner salts **1** or 2-thiocarbamoyl imidazolinium inner salts **2** with ethyl propiolate.

At ambient temperature (20-30 °C), ethyl propiolate (1-5 mmol) was mixed with benzimidazolium salts **1** (1 mmol) or imidazolinium salts **2** (1 mmol) in solvent (20 cm³). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature or at the refluxing temperature of the solvent for a period of time. After removal of the solvent, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with a mixture of petroleum ether (30-60 °C) and ethyl acetate (5:1). The green crystalline products **7** and red by-products **8**, or orange crystalline products **9** and colorless crystalline by-products **10** were isolated.

Table 3 The chemical yield of products between **1** or **2** and ethyl propiolate under optimal conditions.

Starting materials	R ¹ R ²	1, 2 : ethyl propiolate	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time	Product	Yield (%)
1a	Et	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	40 min	7a	84
	Et					8a	-*
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	30 min	7b	80
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	-*
1c	Bz	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	50 min	7c	82
	Bz					8c	8
1d	Et	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	30 min	7d	87
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8d	-
1e	<i>i</i> -Pr	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	45 min	7e	86
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8e	-*
1f	Et	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	40 min	7f	85
	Bz					8f	7
1g	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	50 min	7g	82
	Bz					8g	-*
2d	Bz	1:5	THF	Refluxing	1.5 h	9d	73
	Bz					10d	15
2e	MeOBz	1:5	THF	Refluxing	1.5 h	9e	71
	MeOBz					10e	15

*A tiny amount of minor product was observed.

Table 4 The optimization of reaction of **1** or **2** with ethyl propiolate.

Starting materials	R ¹ R ²	1, 2 : ethyl propiolate	Solvent	Temp. (°C)	Time (h)	Product	Yield (%)
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	0.5	7b	80
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	3
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:3	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	1	7b	72
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	4
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	7	7b	52
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	2
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	20-30	48	7b	23
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	4
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	CH ₃ COCH ₃	Refluxing	28	7b	67
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	2
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	CH ₃ CH ₂ COC H ₃	Refluxing	5	7b	59
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	.*
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	1,4-dioxane	Refluxing	28	7b	52
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	.*
1b	<i>n</i> -Bu	1:1	THF	Refluxing	35	7b	59
	<i>n</i> -Bu					8b	4
2d	Bz	1:5	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	1	9d	34
	Bz					10d	12
2d	Bz	1:1	ClCH ₂ CH ₂ Cl	Refluxing	22	9d	38
	Bz					10d	9
2d	Bz	1:5	THF	Refluxing	1.5	9d	73
	Bz					10d	15
2d	Bz	1:1	THF	Refluxing	18	9d	55
	Bz					10d	13
2d	Bz	1:1	CH ₃ COCH ₃	Refluxing	12	9d	57
	Bz					10d	16

*A tiny amount of minor product was observed.

Ethyl

1,3-diethyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7a).

84%, 111-112 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3104, 3057, 1701, 1640, 1594, 1502; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, *J* 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* 5.3 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (dd, *J* 5.3 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.12-3.18 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.12 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 6H), 0.98 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 211.1, 161.7, 143.8, 139.4, 138.0, 129.6, 128.7, 124.9, 118.3, 117.5, 102.5, 60.3, 38.6, 13.8, 13.7; MS (TOF) 406 (M-1)/407 (M⁺)/ 408 (M+1). Found: C 67.99, H 6.47, N 10.43. Calcd for: C₂₃H₂₅N₃O₂S: C 67.79, H 6.18, N 10.31.

Ethyl

1,3-dibutyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7b).

80%, mp 135-136 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3081, 1692, 1629, 1596, 1507; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* 5.4 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (dd, *J* 5.5 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.05-3.08 (m, 2H), 2.97-3.04 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.37

(m, 4H), 1.02 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 209.8, 161.7, 144.3, 140.1, 138.0, 129.7, 128.7, 125.0, 118.2, 117.6, 102.7, 98.1, 60.4, 44.7, 30.9, 20.6, 13.9, 13.8; MS (TOF) 462 (M-1)/463 (M⁺)/ 464 (M+1). Found: C 70.13, H 7.46, N 9.18. Calcd for C₂₇H₃₃N₃O₂S: C 69.95, H 7.17, N 9.06.

Ethyl

1,3-dibenzyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7c).

82%, mp 162-163 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3083, 3058, 1695, 1627, 1598, 1495; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 8H), 6.53 (dd, *J* 5.4 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (dd, *J* 5.4 and 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 204.8, 161.3, 145.5, 145.4, 140.4, 137.5, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 124.9, 118.4, 117.3, 104.9, 98.3, 60.4, 49.2, 14.0; MS (TOF) 531 (M⁺). Found: C 74.68, H 5.69, N 7.98. Calcd for C₃₃H₂₉N₃O₂S: C 74.55, H 5.50, N 7.90.

Ethyl

1,3-dibenzyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4'-carboxylate (8c).

8%, mp 135-136 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3060, 1702, 1654, 1578, 1560; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.15 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (dd, *J* 5.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (dd, *J* 5.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (d, *J* 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (d, *J* 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.12 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.02 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 168.0, 161.3, 150.8, 140.5, 140.0, 138.1, 129.1, 128.4, 127.5, 127.2, 125.5, 124.4, 119.3, 118.3, 103.8, 97.3, 60.8, 48.8, 13.7; MS (ESI) 532 (M+1). Found: C 74.15, H 5.82, N 7.78. Calcd for C₃₃H₂₉N₃O₂S: C 74.55, H 5.50, N 7.90.

Ethyl

1-butyl-3-ethyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7d).

87%, mp 74-75 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3088, 1692, 1633, 1596, 1509; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.57-6.60 (m, 2H), 6.28 (m, 2H), 4.08-4.14 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.05-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.99-3.03 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.18 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 210.4, 161.7, 144.1, 140.1, 139.4, 138.0, 129.6, 128.7, 125.0, 118.2, 117.6, 117.5, 102.7, 102.4, 97.9, 60.3, 44.6, 38.7, 30.9, 20.6, 13.9, 13.8; MS (TOF) 434 (M-1)/435 (M⁺)/ 436 (M+1). Found: C 69.05, H 6.95, N 9.61. Calcd for: C₂₅H₂₉N₃O₂S: C 68.93, H 6.71, N 9.65.

Ethyl

1-butyl-3-isopropyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7e).

86%, mp 120-121 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3085, 1692, 1633, 1595, 1506; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (m, 2H), 6.38 (m, 1H), 6.27 (m, 1H), 4.09 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.24 (qt, *J* 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (qt, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.38 (d, *J* 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (q, *J* 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (d, *J* 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, *J* 7.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 211.6, 161.9, 143.4, 140.8, 138.2, 136.5, 129.6, 128.7, 124.9, 118.4, 117.3, 116.7, 104.2, 102.6, 97.8, 60.3, 46.3, 44.4, 30.8, 20.6, 20.1, 19.5, 13.9, 13.6; MS (ESI): 450 (M+1). Found: C 69.46, H 6.95, N 9.30. Calcd for C₂₆H₃₁N₃O₂S: C 69.46, H 6.95, N 9.35.

Ethyl

1-benzyl-3-ethyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7f).

85%, mp 116-117 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3081, 1696, 1631, 1598, 1499; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.64 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.10-4.16 (m, 2H), 3.16-3.22 (m, 1H), 3.07-3.12 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 208.0, 161.5, 144.7, 140.0, 139.8, 137.8, 137.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 125.0, 118.5, 117.8, 117.5, 104.5, 102.8, 98.0, 60.4, 49.1, 38.8, 13.9; MS (TOF): 468 (M-1)/469 (M⁺)/ 470 (M+1). Found: C 71.47, H 5.62, N 8.85. Calcd for: C₂₈H₂₇N₃O₂S: C 71.61, H 5.80, N 8.95.

Ethyl

1-benzyl-3-ethyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-thiophene]-4'-carboxylate (8f).

7%, mp 102-103 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3064, 1694, 1658, 1585, 1509; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.34 (m, 6H), 7.16 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, *J* 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.19-3.31 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 169.0, 161.5, 151.0, 139.7, 139.5, 138.2, 129.1, 128.4, 127.4, 127.1, 125.6, 124.9, 119.2, 118.3, 117.4, 103.5, 102.3, 60.7, 48.5, 38.7, 14.2, 13.7; MS (ESI): 470 (M+1). Found: C 71.55, H 6.02, N 8.78. Calcd for: C₂₈H₂₇N₃O₂S: C 71.61, H 5.80, N 8.95.

Ethyl

1-benzyl-3-butyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[benzimidazoline-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (7g). 82%, mp 139-140 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3083, 3054, 1718, 1620, 1597, 1497; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 3H), 6.63 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, *J* 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, *J* 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.08-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.95-3.01 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* 7.3, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 207.3, 161.5, 145.0, 140.6, 140.0, 137.8, 137.6, 129.6, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 125.0, 118.5, 117.8, 117.6, 104.5, 103.1, 98.2, 60.4, 49.2, 44.8, 31.0, 20.6, 13.9; MS (TOF) 496 (M-1)/497 (M⁺)/ 498 (M+1). Found: C 72.59, H 6.54, N 8.49. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₁N₃O₂S: C 72.40, H 6.28, N 8.44.

Ethyl 1,3-dibenzyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (9d).

73%, mp 134-135 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1692, 1628, 1589; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.28-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.24 (d, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (d, *J* 13.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* 13.6 Hz, 2H), 3.42-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.26 (m, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 209.7, 161.4, 145.4, 139.6, 138.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.0, 125.3, 118.0, 95.2, 59.7, 53.4, 48.2, 14.4; MS (ESI): 484 (M+1). Found: C 72.10, H 6.11, N 8.71. Calcd for C₂₉H₂₉N₃O₂S: C 72.02, H 6.04, N 8.69.

Eethyl 1,3-dibenzyl-2'-phenylimino-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-thiophene]-4'-carboxylate (10d).

15%, mp 102-103 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 3057, 1696, 1640, 1582; ¹H NMR δ (ppm) 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 6H), 7.32 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (d, *J* 13.6 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (d, *J* 13.4 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (brs, 4H), 1.42 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 170.2, 161.7, 151.4,

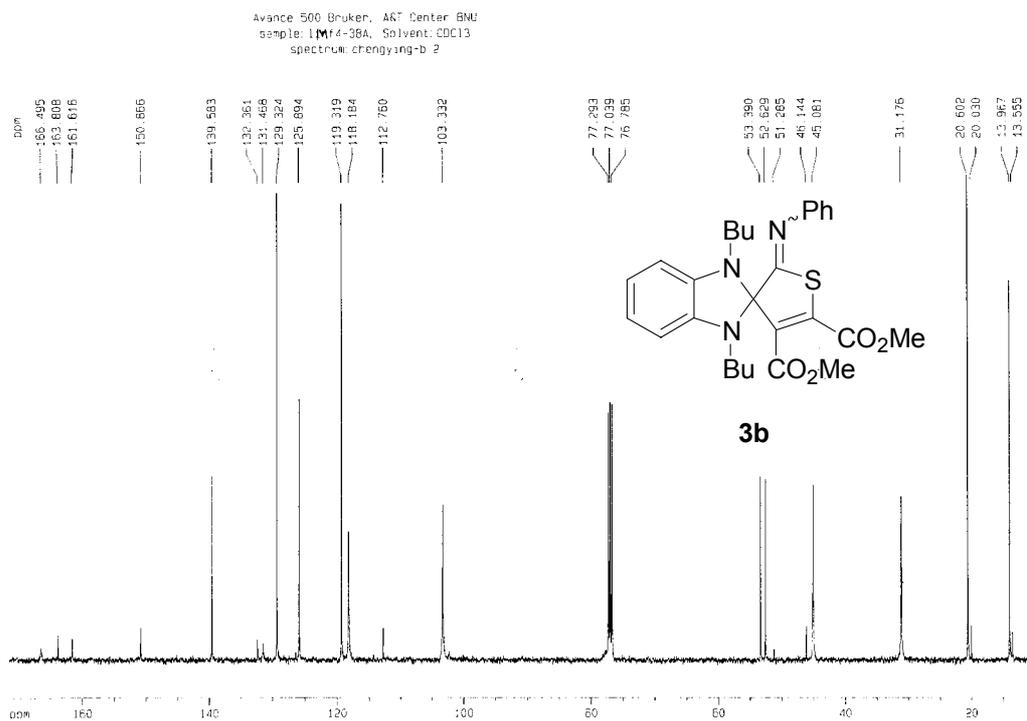
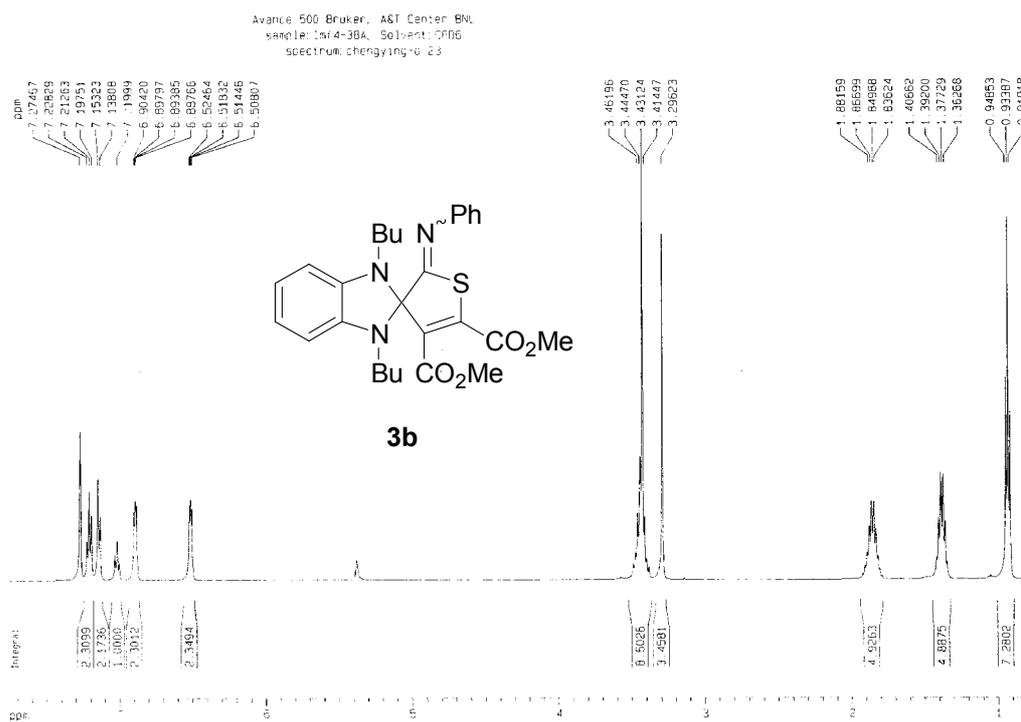
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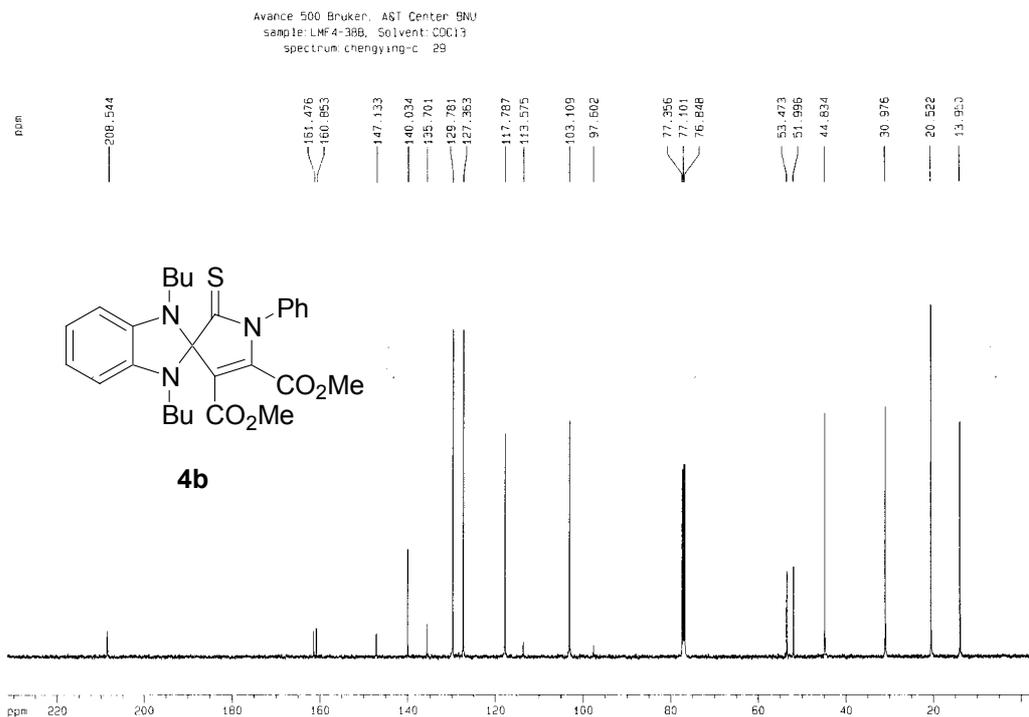
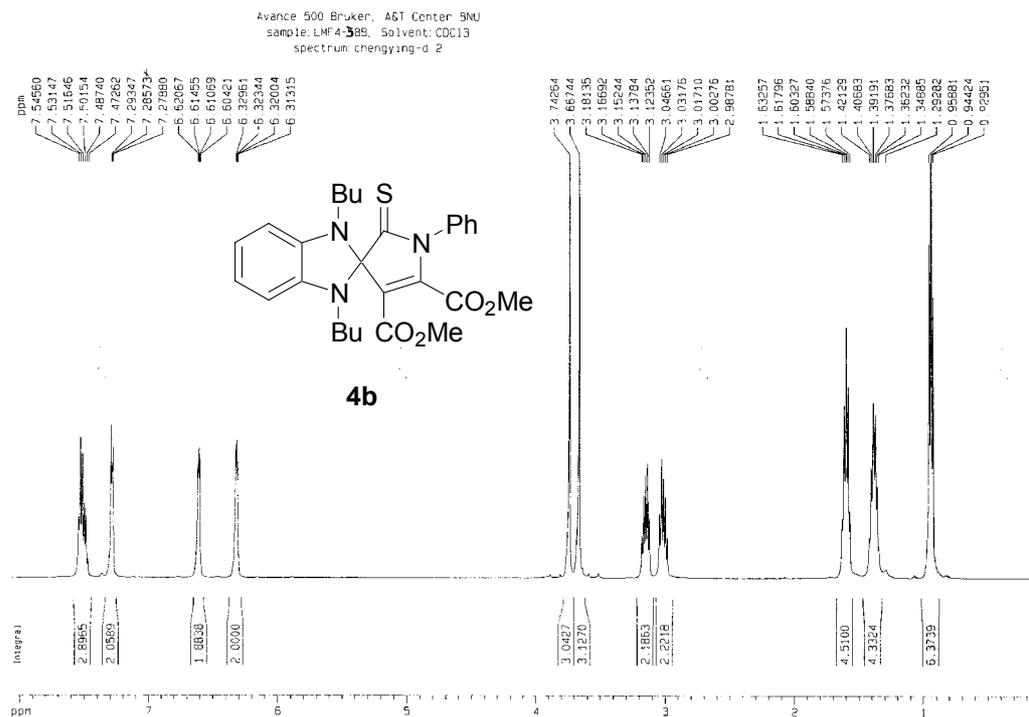
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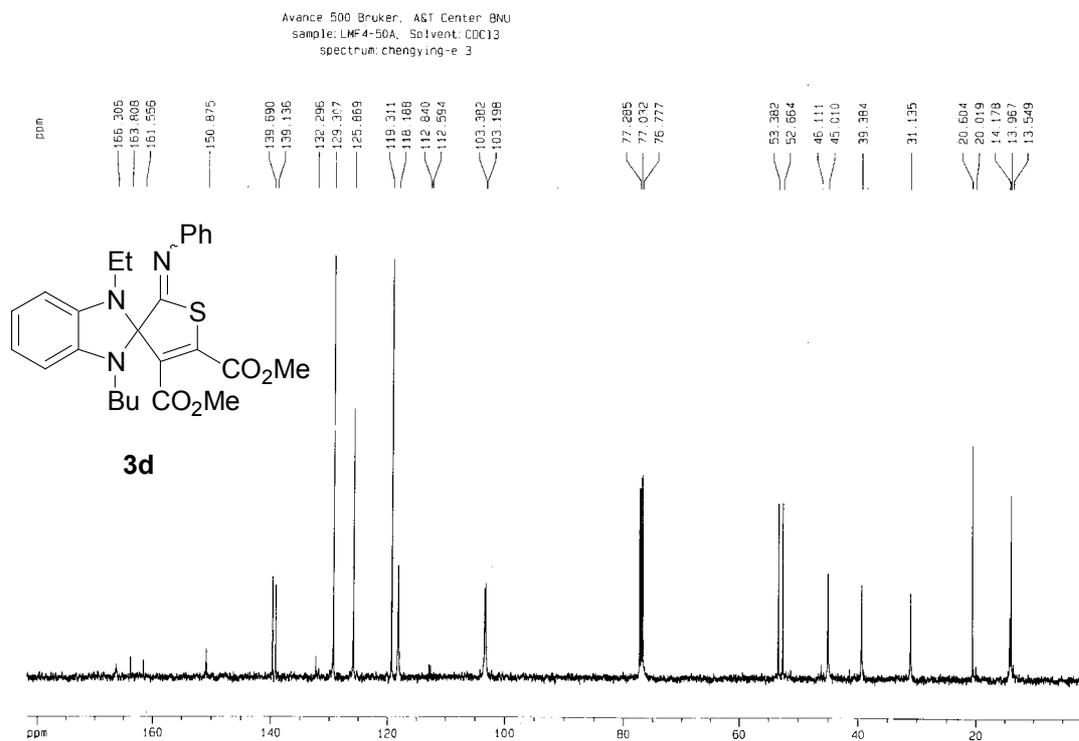
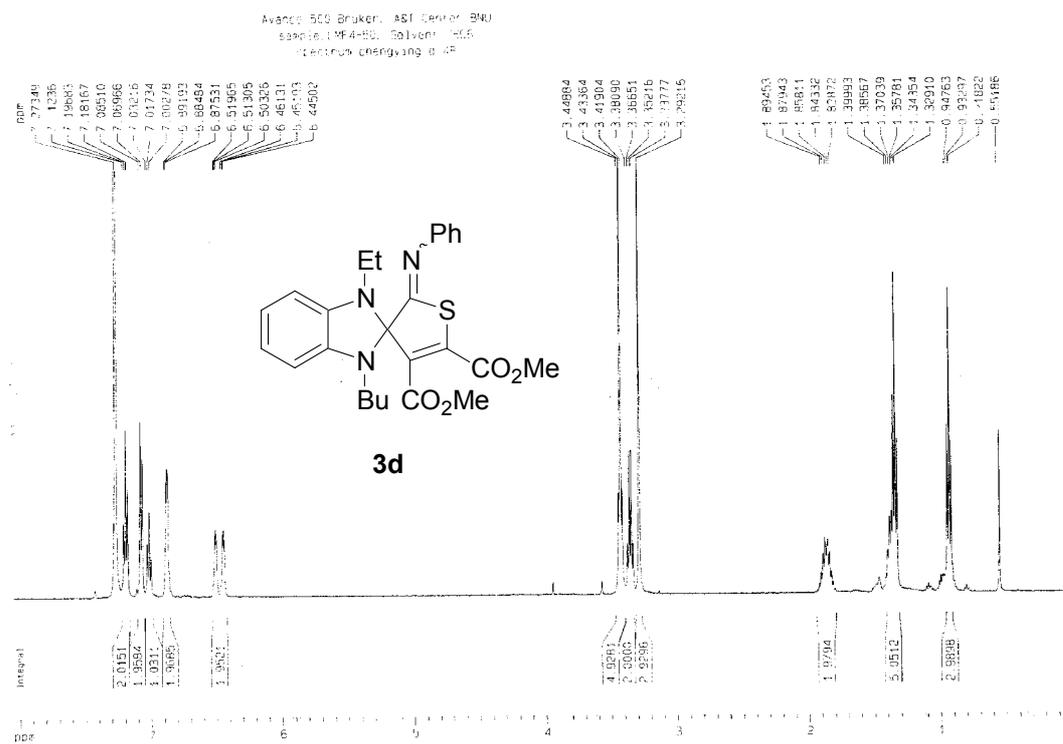
1,3-di(p-methoxy)benzyl-1'-phenyl-2',3'-dihydrospiro[imidazolidine-2,3'-pyrrole]-2'-thione-4'-carboxylate (9e). 71%, mp 116-117 °C; IR ν (cm⁻¹) 1717, 1616, 1512; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 7.54 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 5H), 6.92 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 4H), 4.36 (q, *J* 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.03 (d, *J* 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* 13.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (brs, 2H), 3.42 (s, 8H), 1.27 (t, *J* 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆) δ (ppm) 209.9, 161.5, 159.2, 145.3, 138.2, 131.5, 130.0, 128.9, 127.7, 125.4, 118.2, 113.8, 95.1, 59.7, 54.6, 52.9, 48.3, 14.5; MS (ESI): 544 (M+1). Found: C 68.66, H 6.53, N 8.12. Calcd for C₃₁H₃₃N₃O₄S: C 68.48, H 6.12, N 7.73.

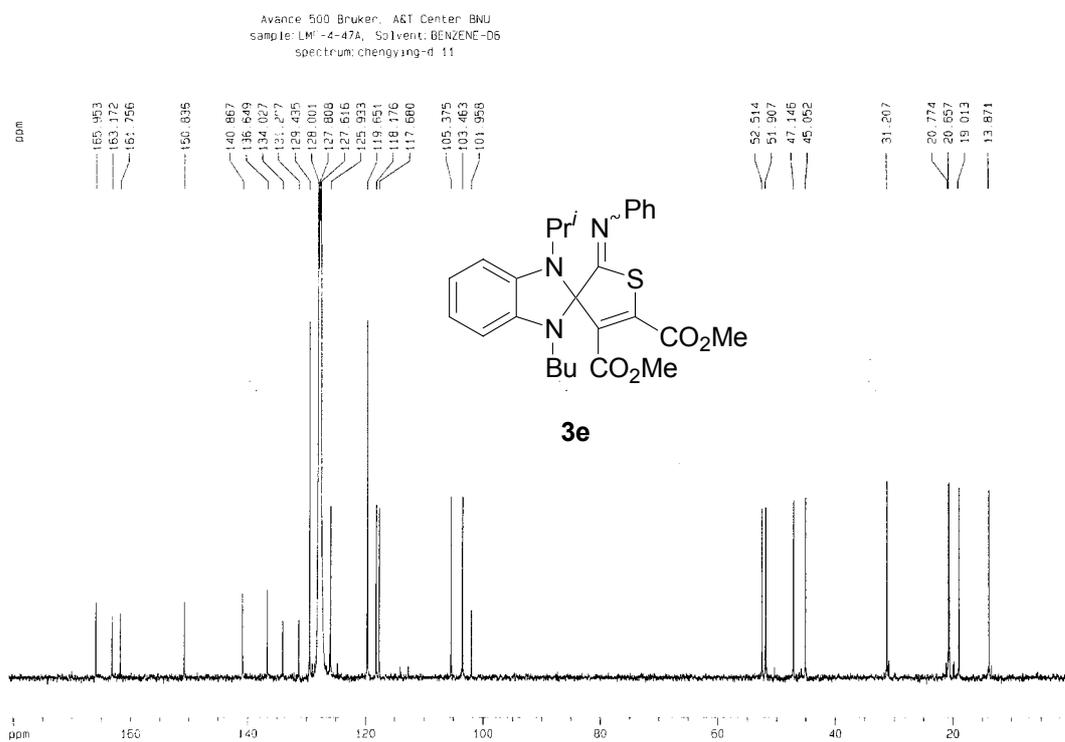
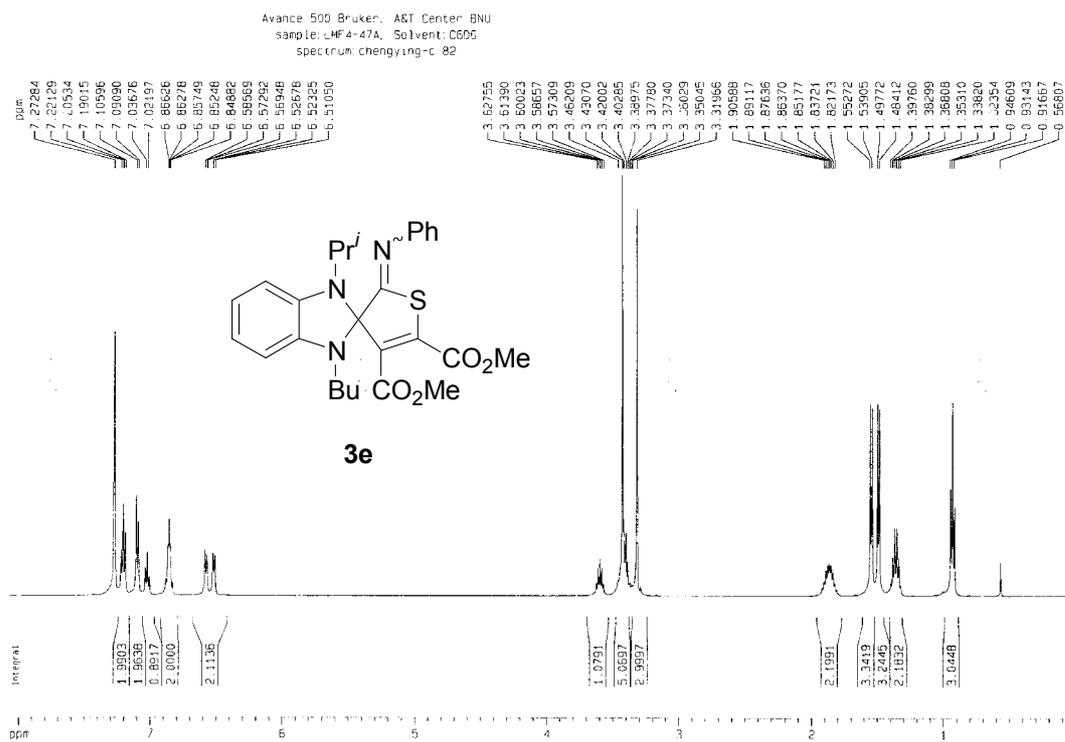
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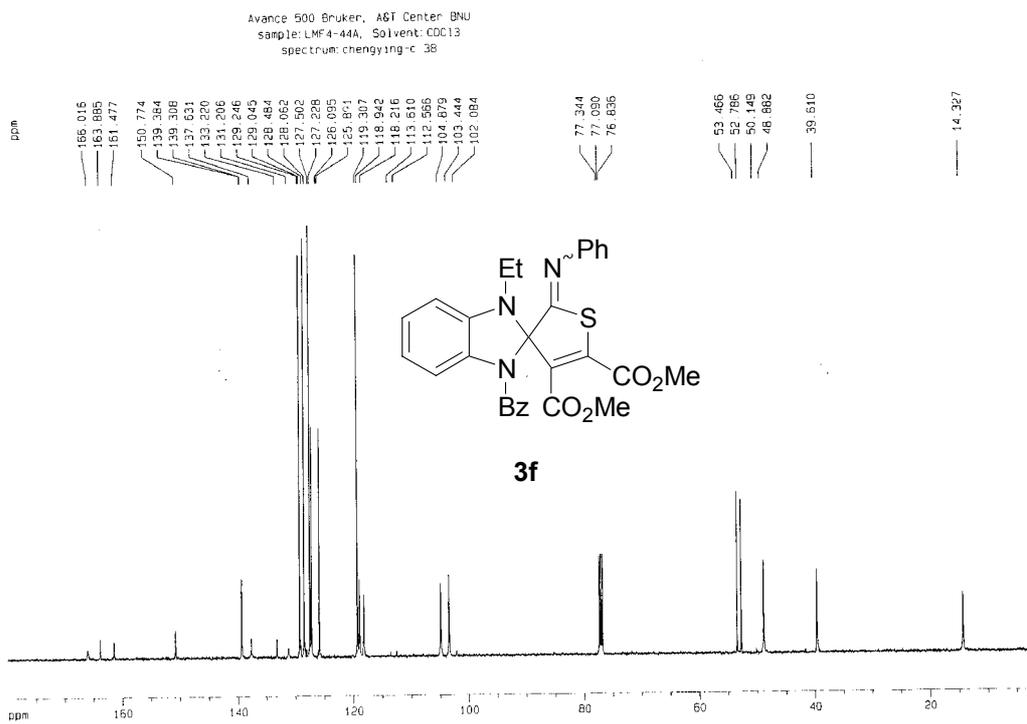
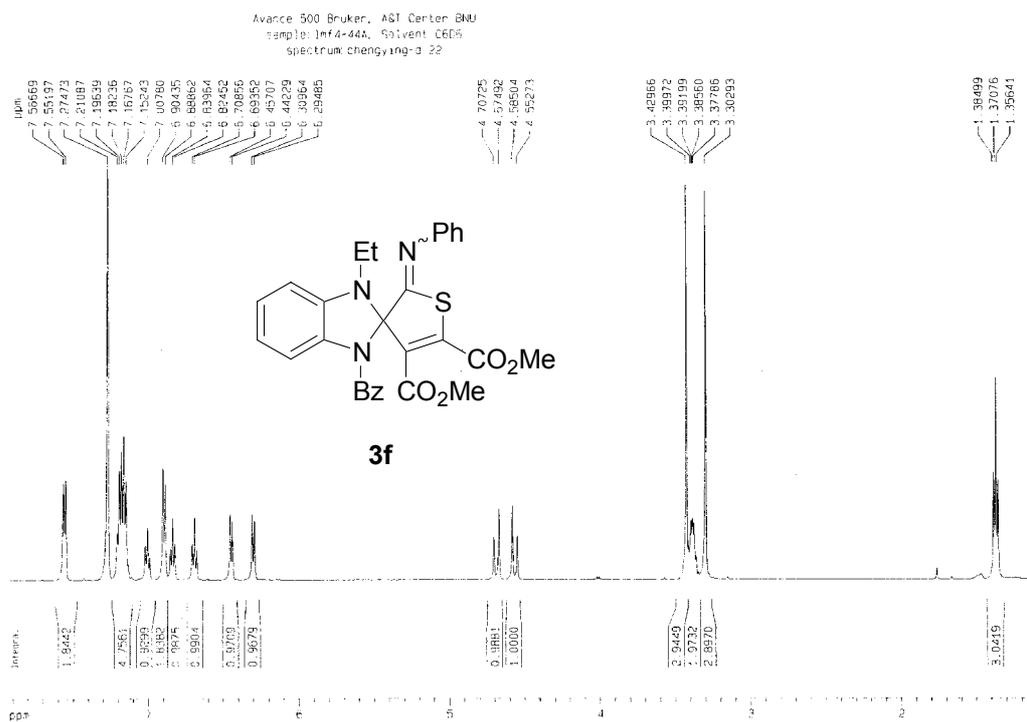
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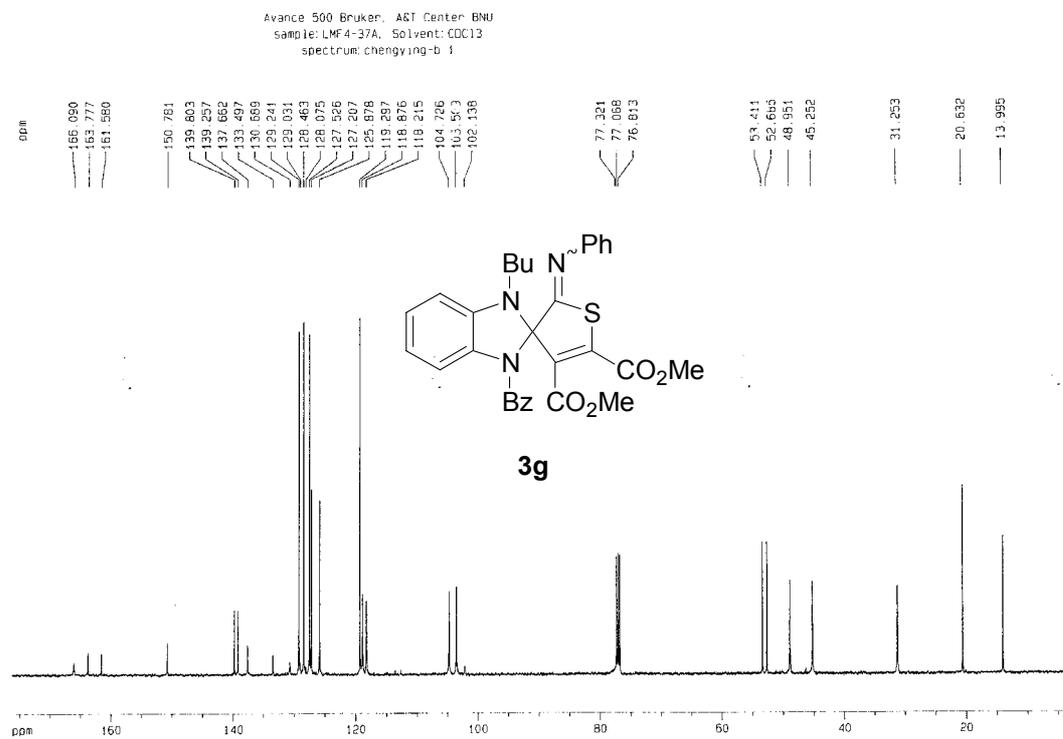
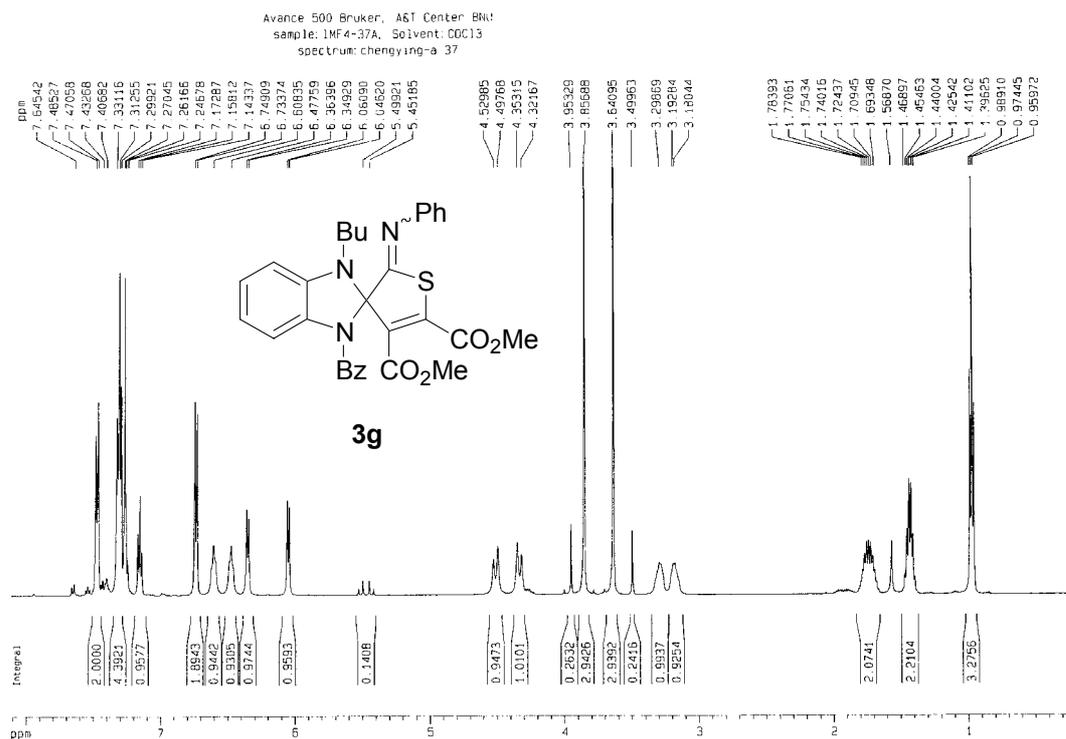


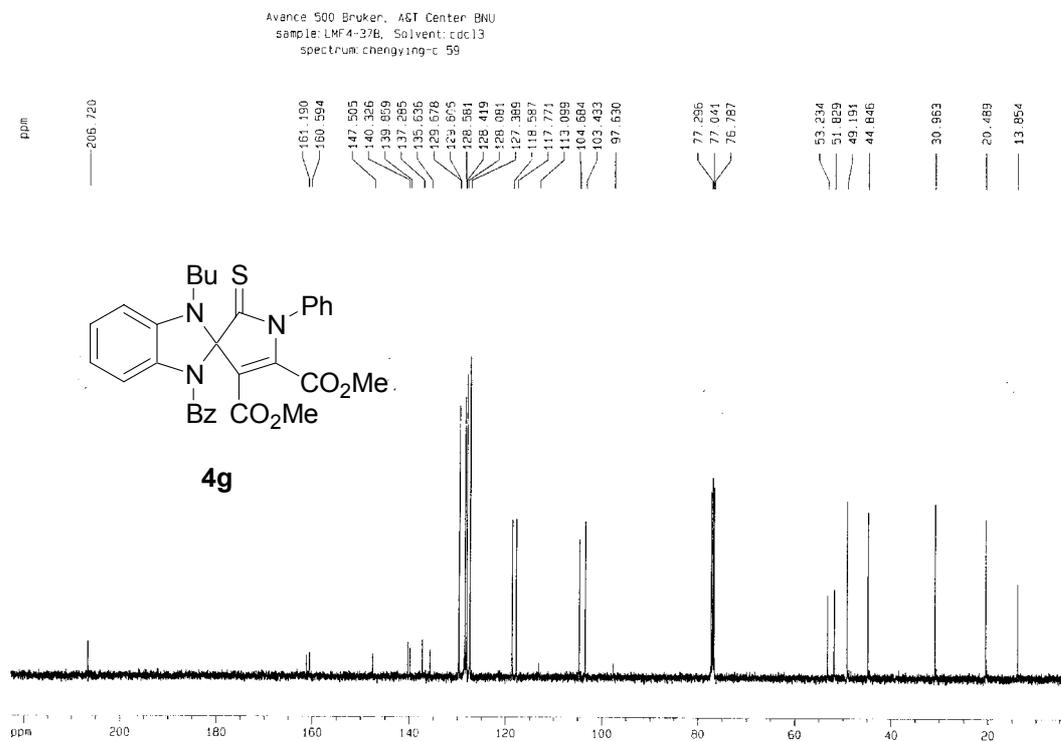
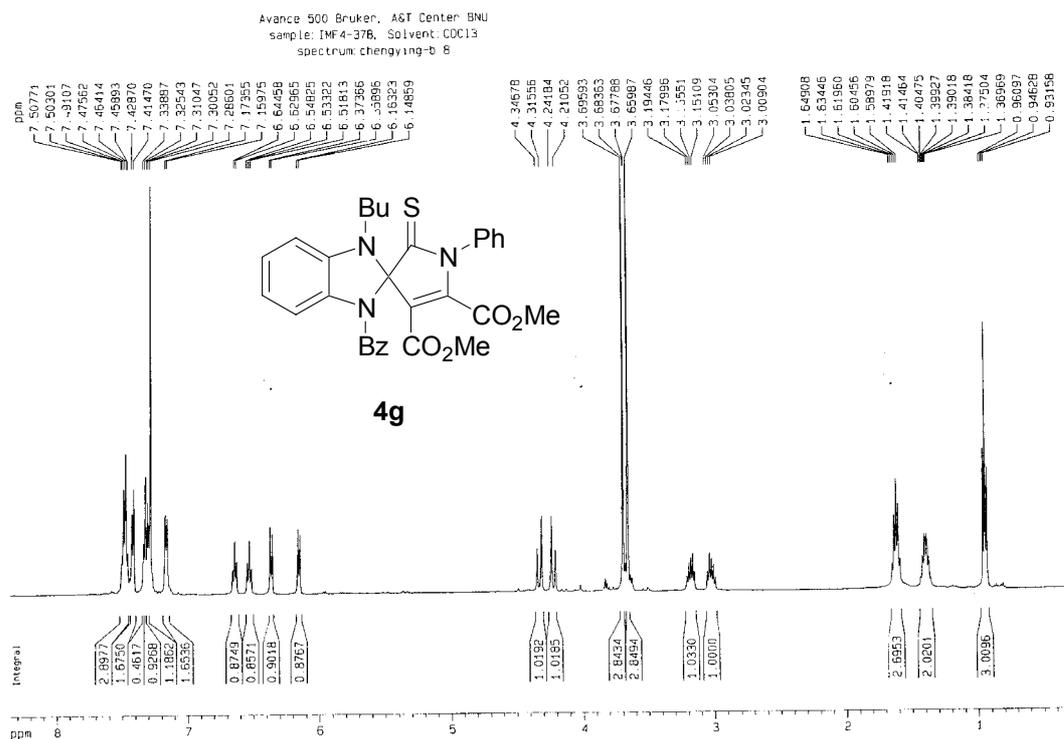


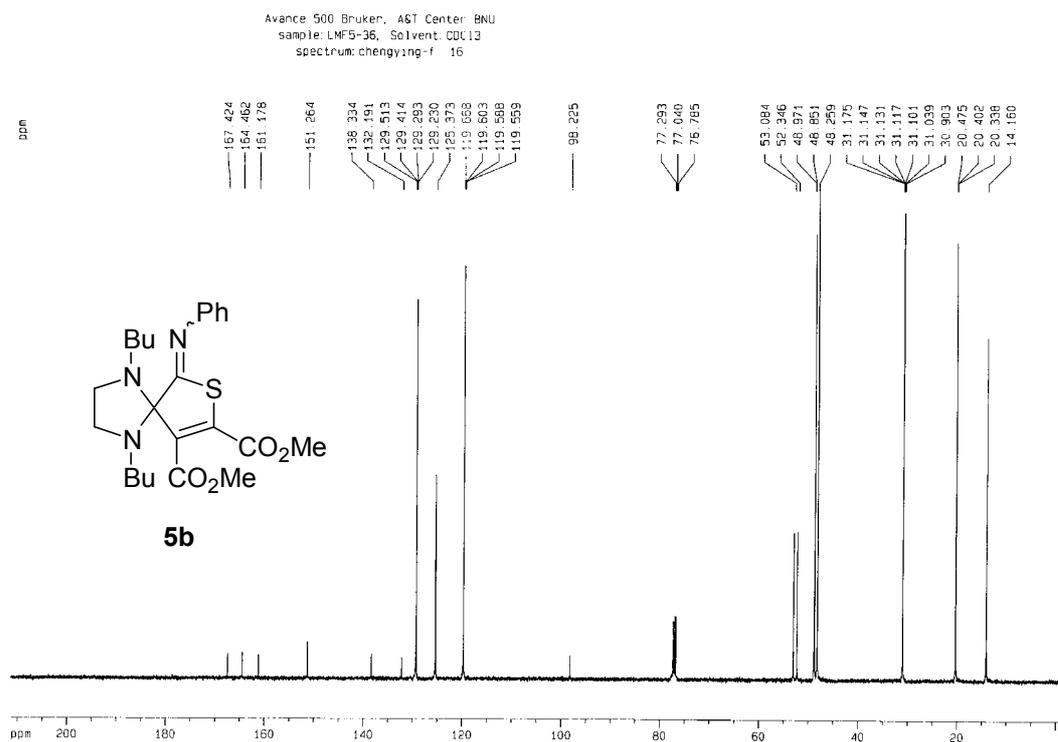
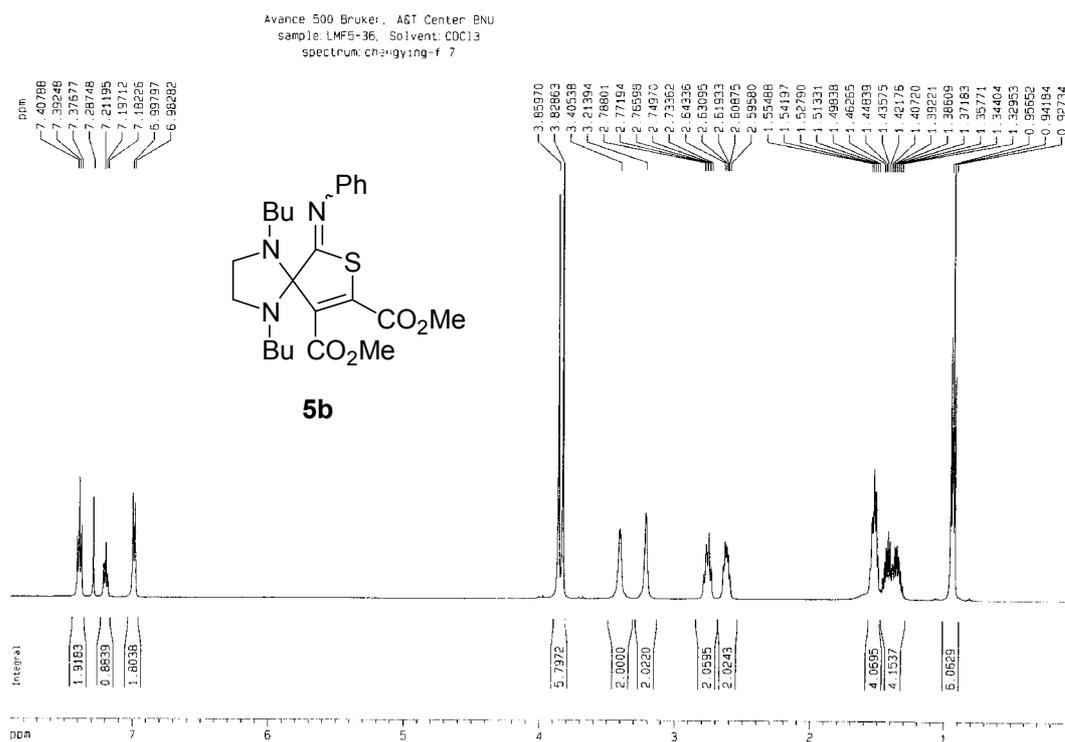


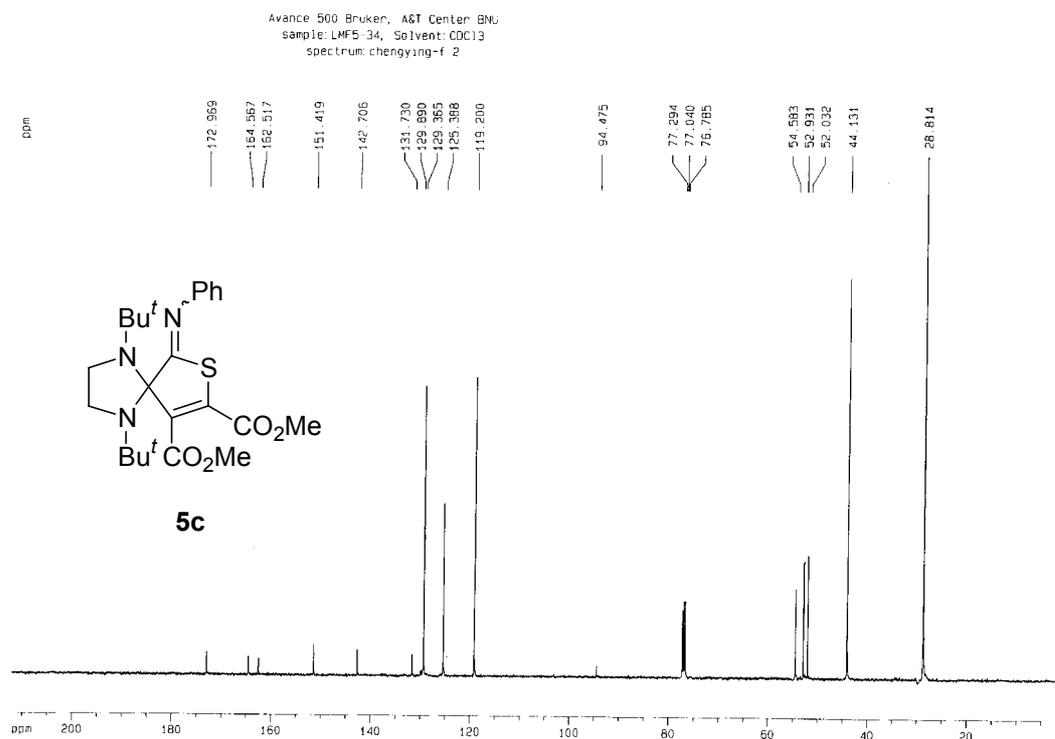
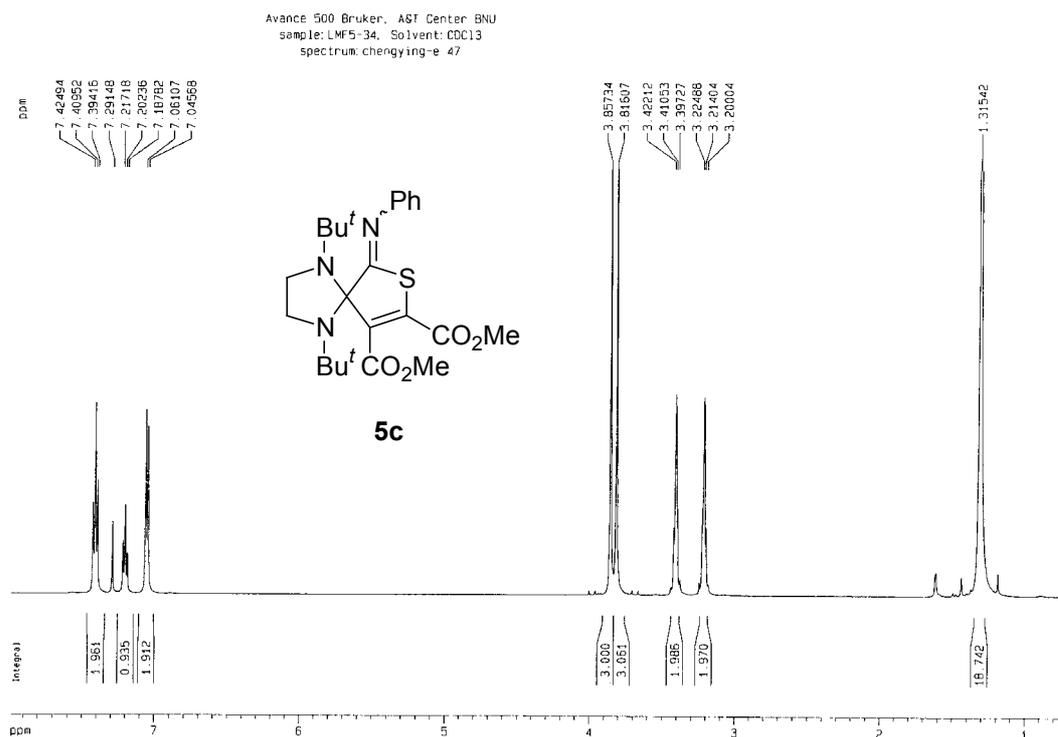


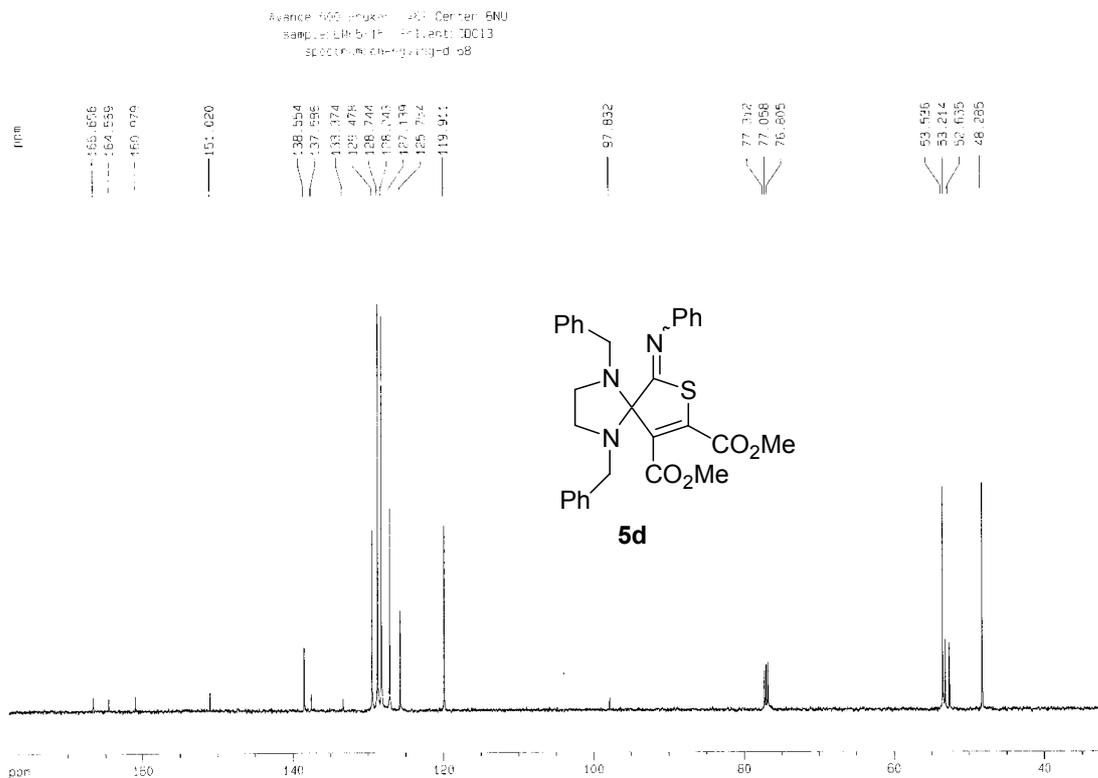
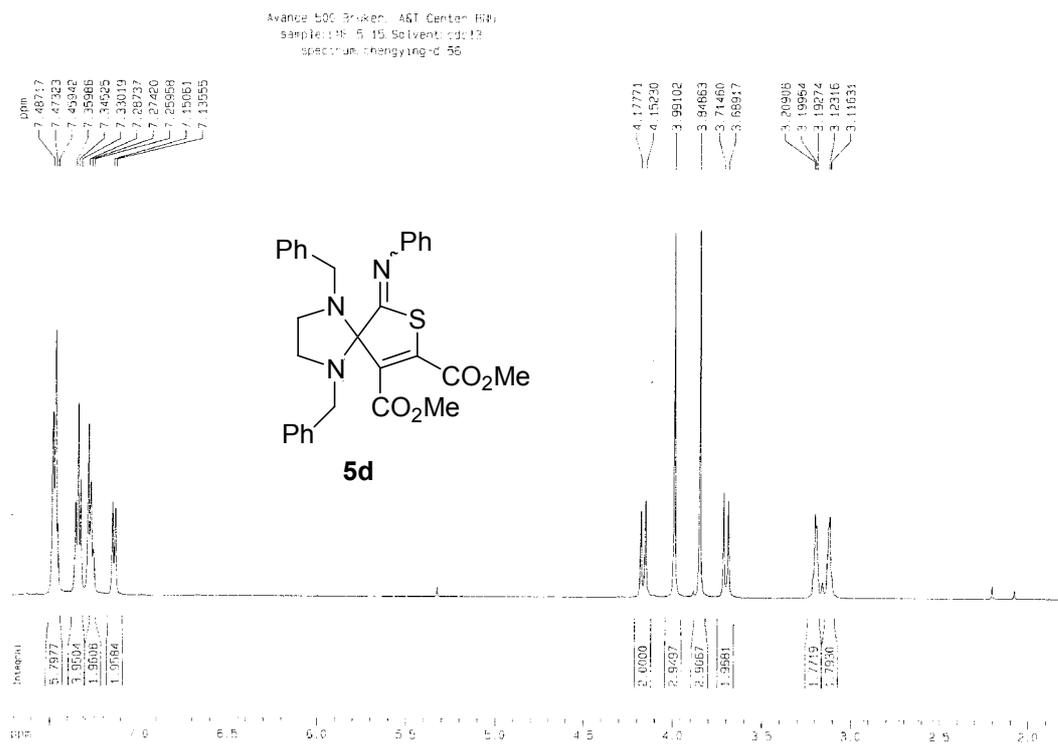


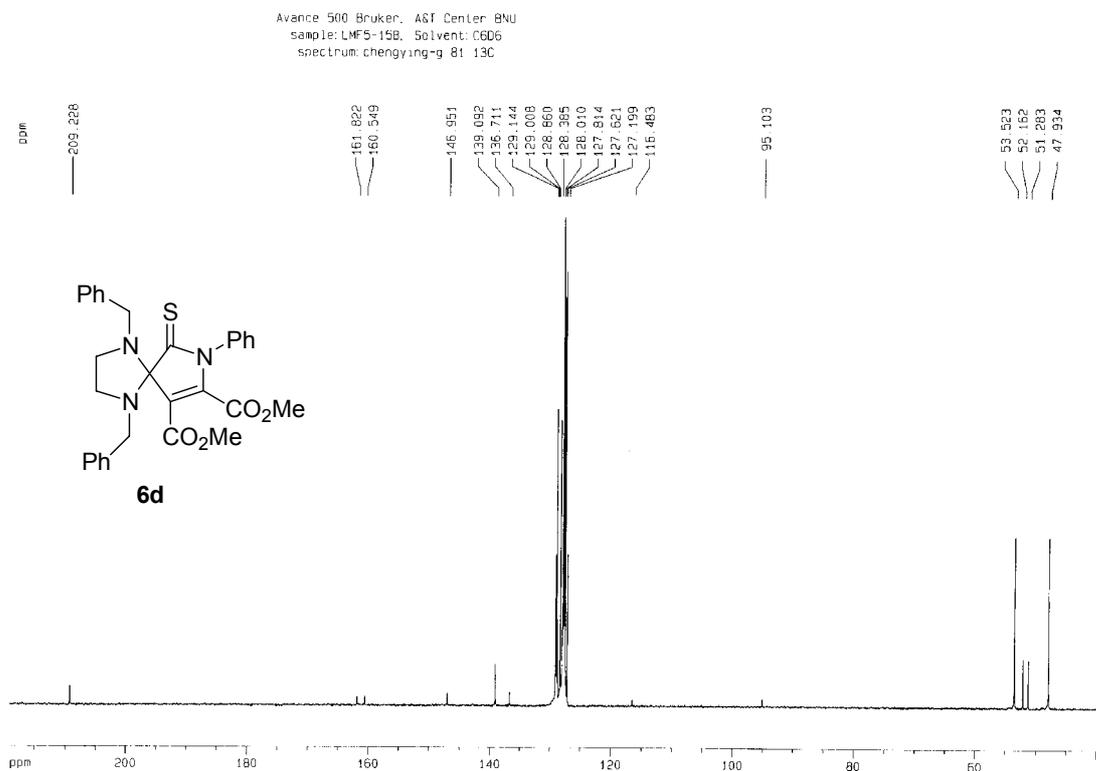
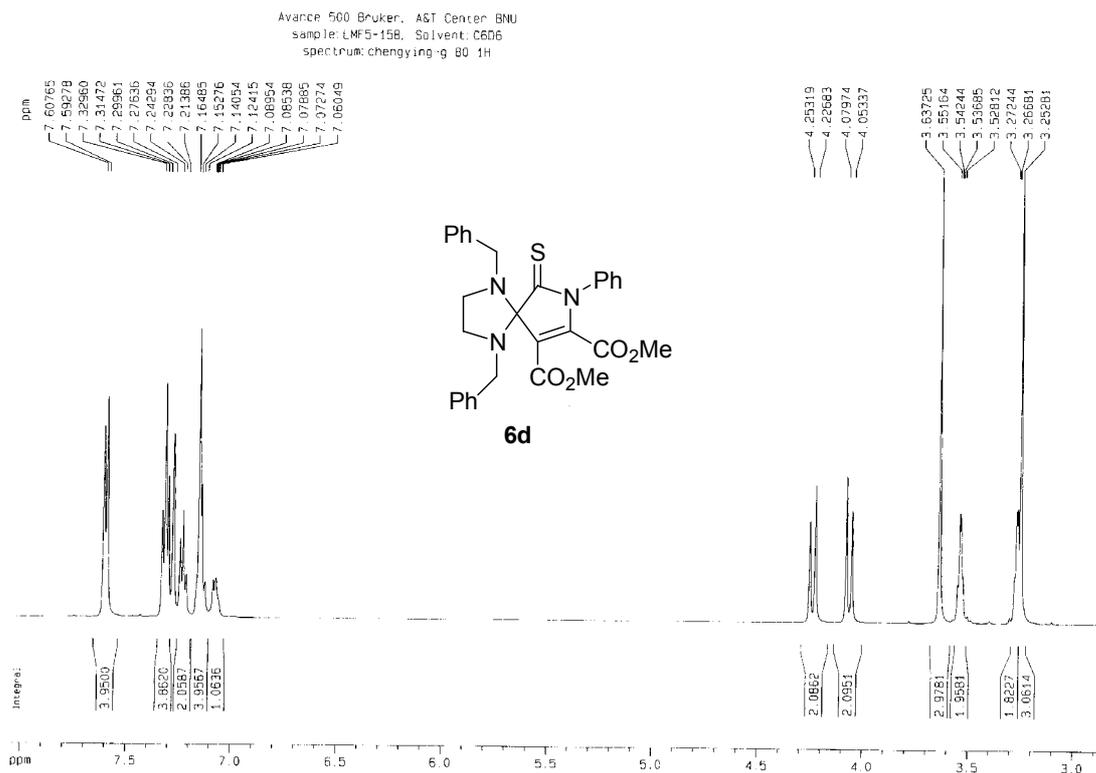




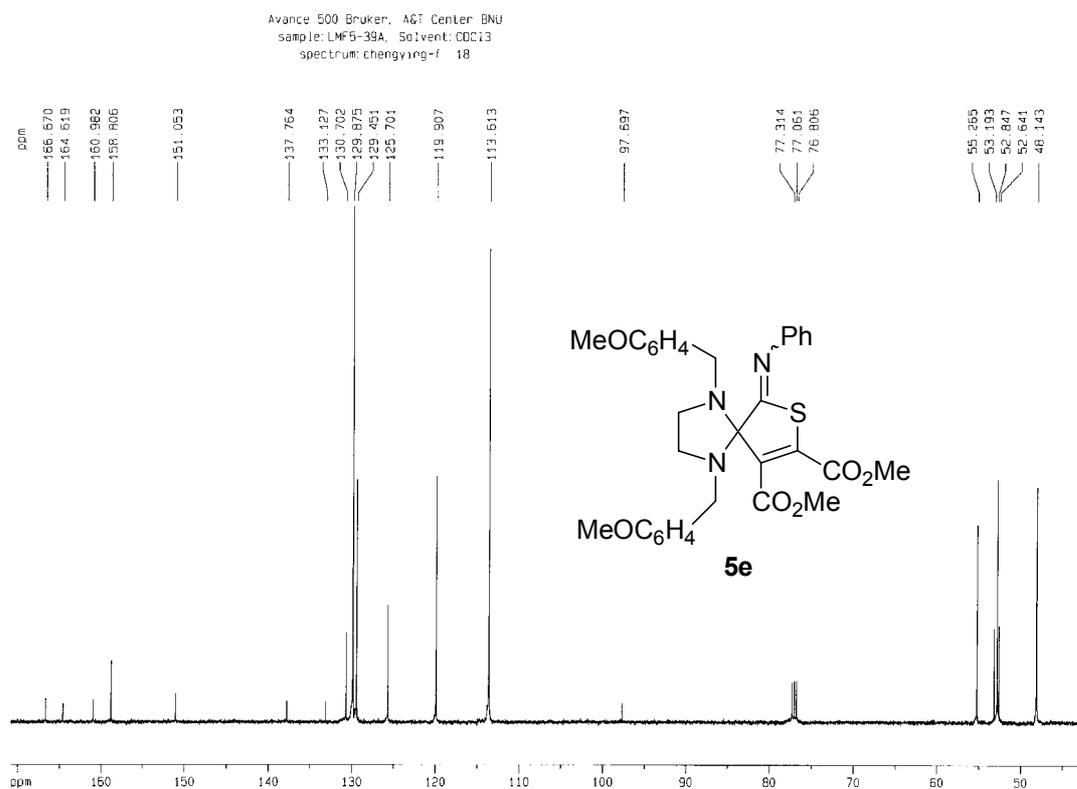
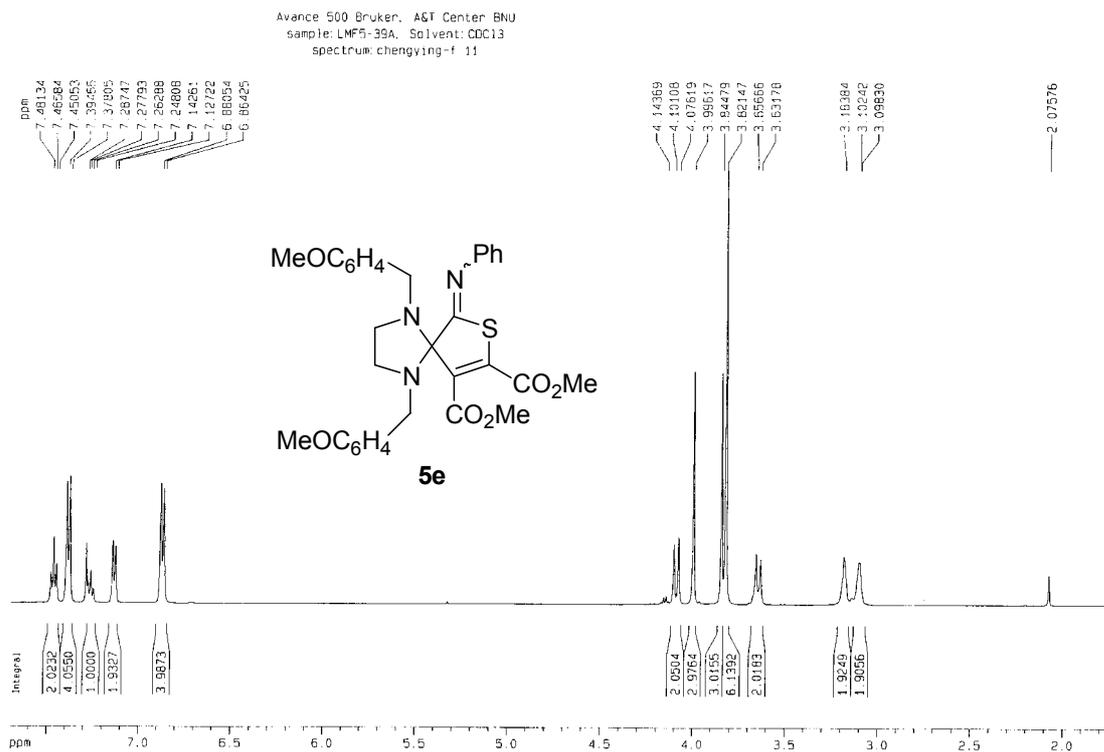


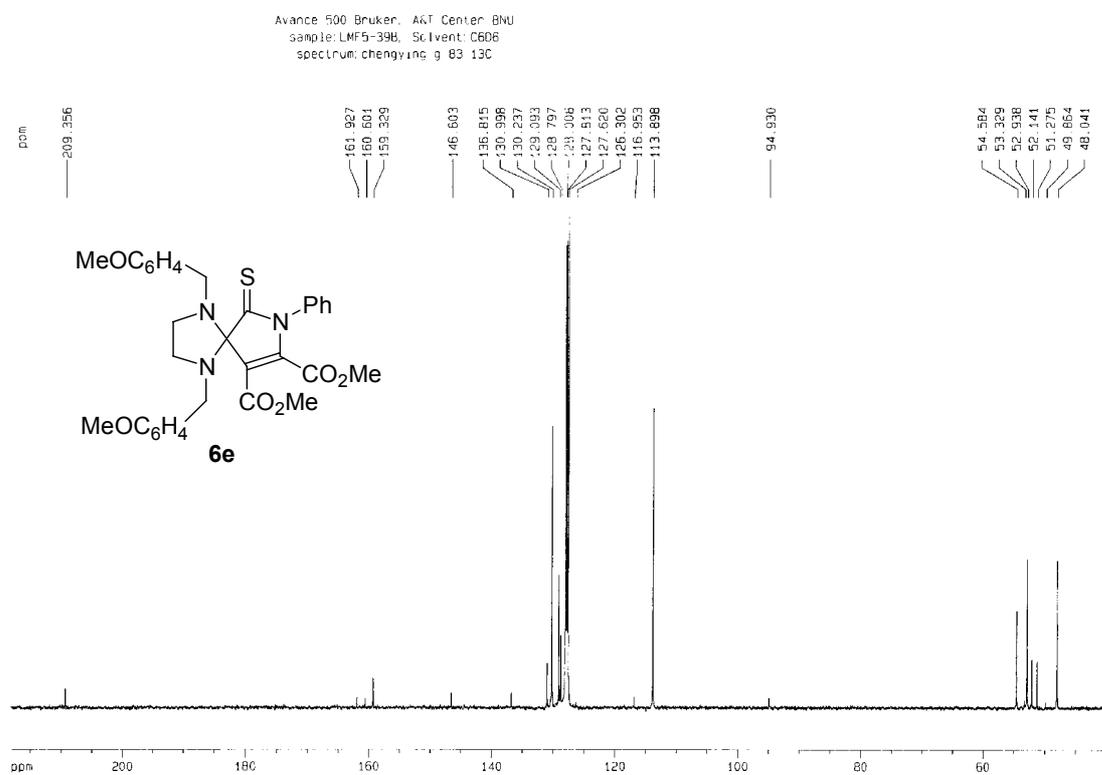
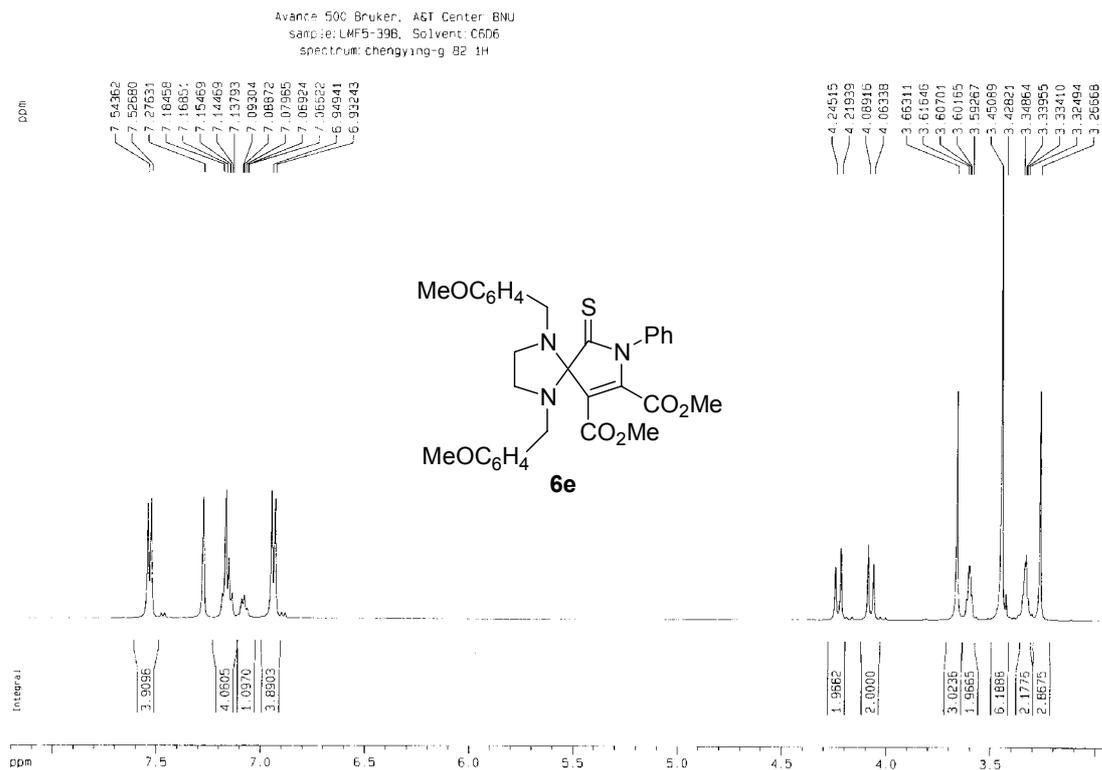




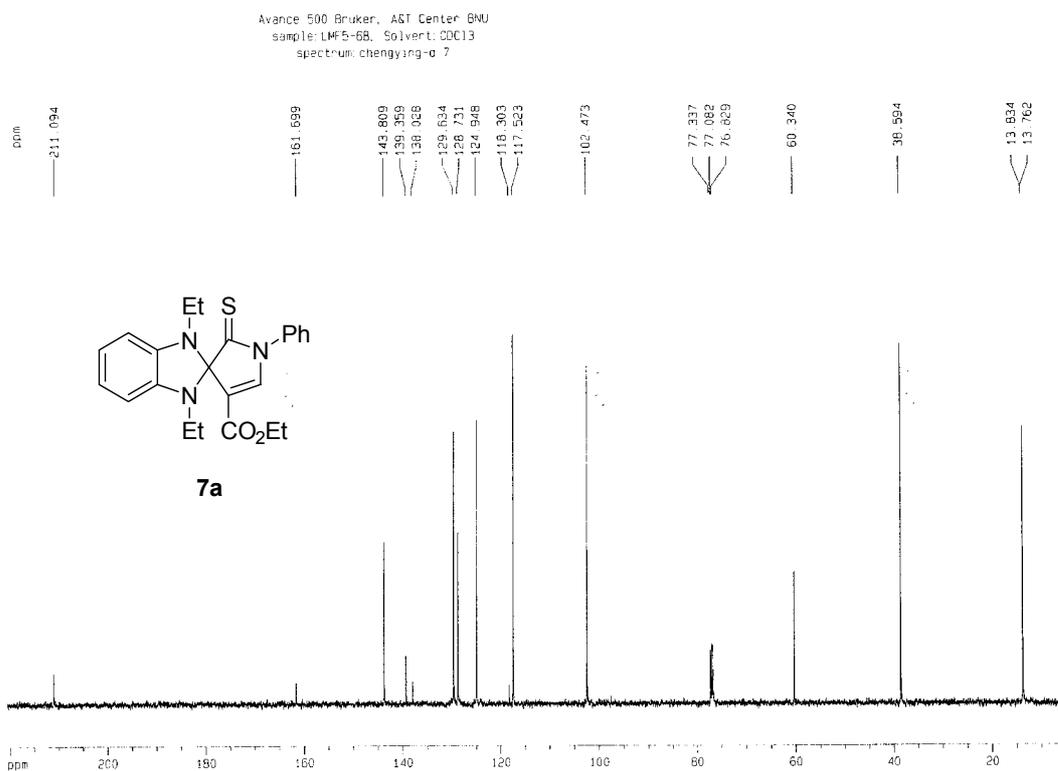
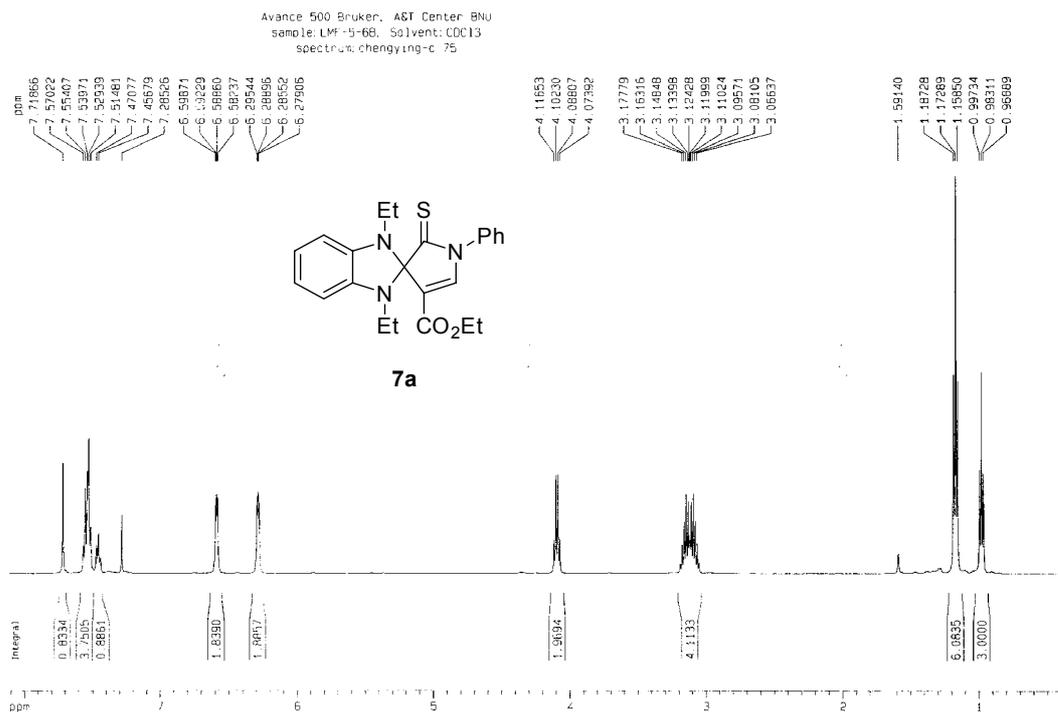


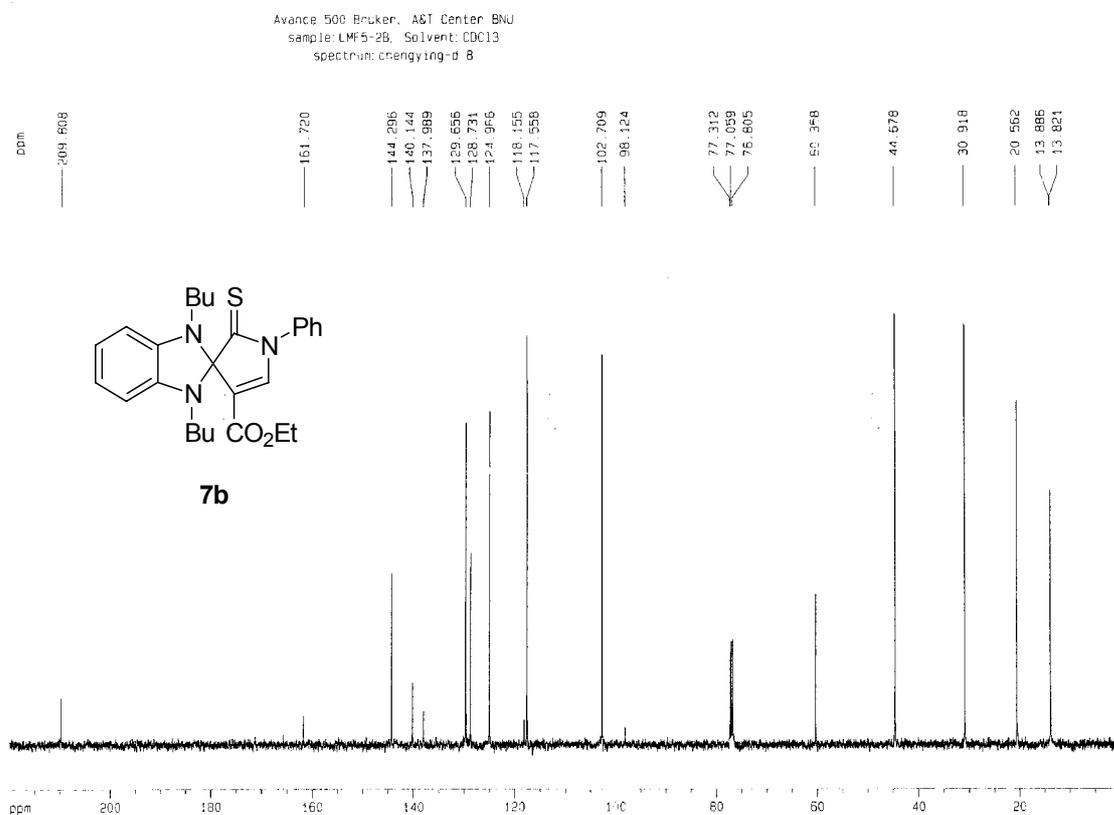
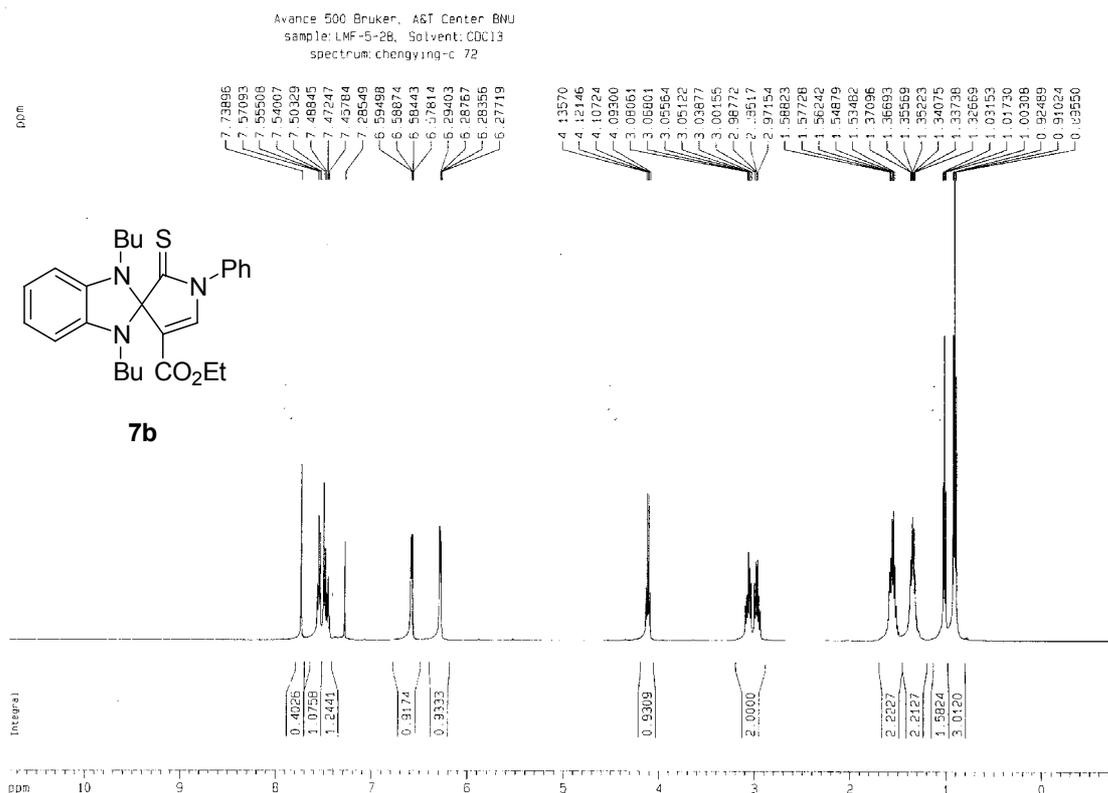
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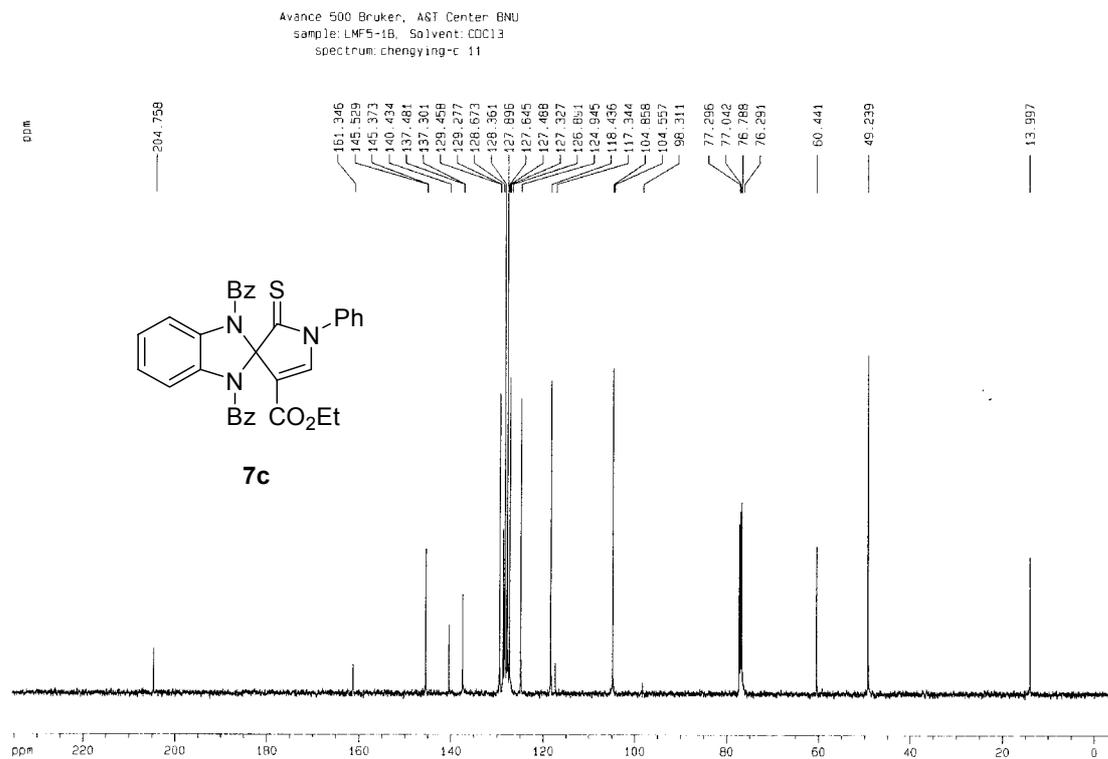
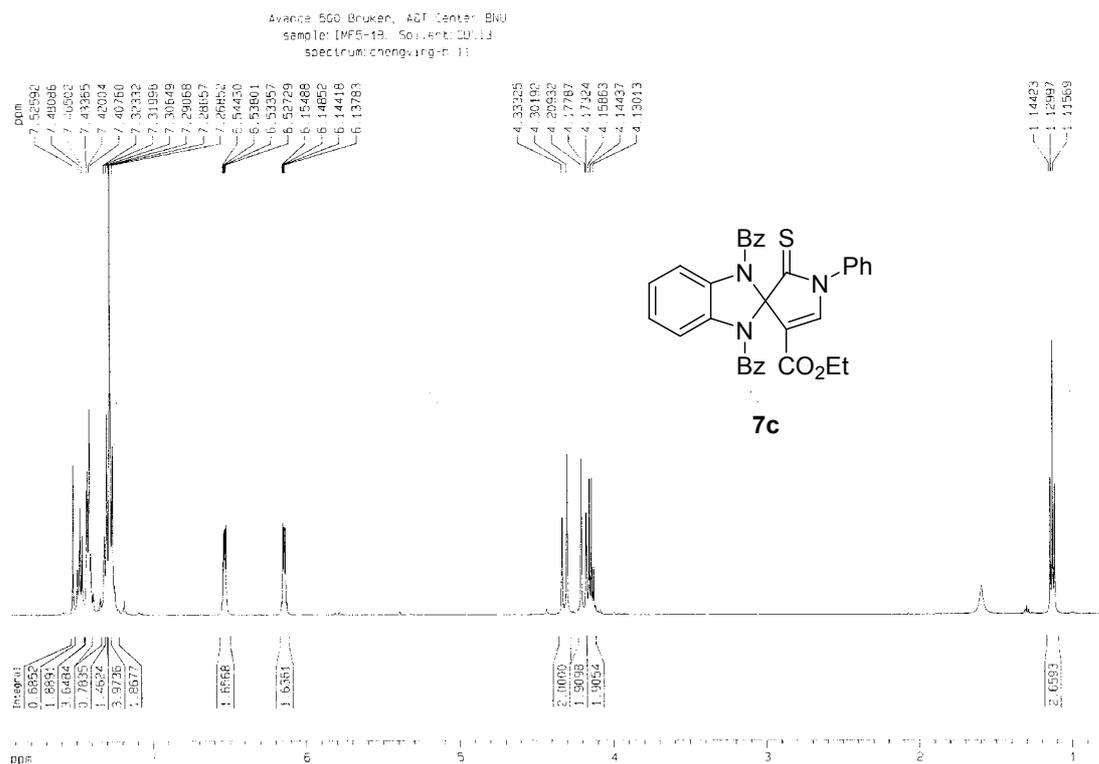


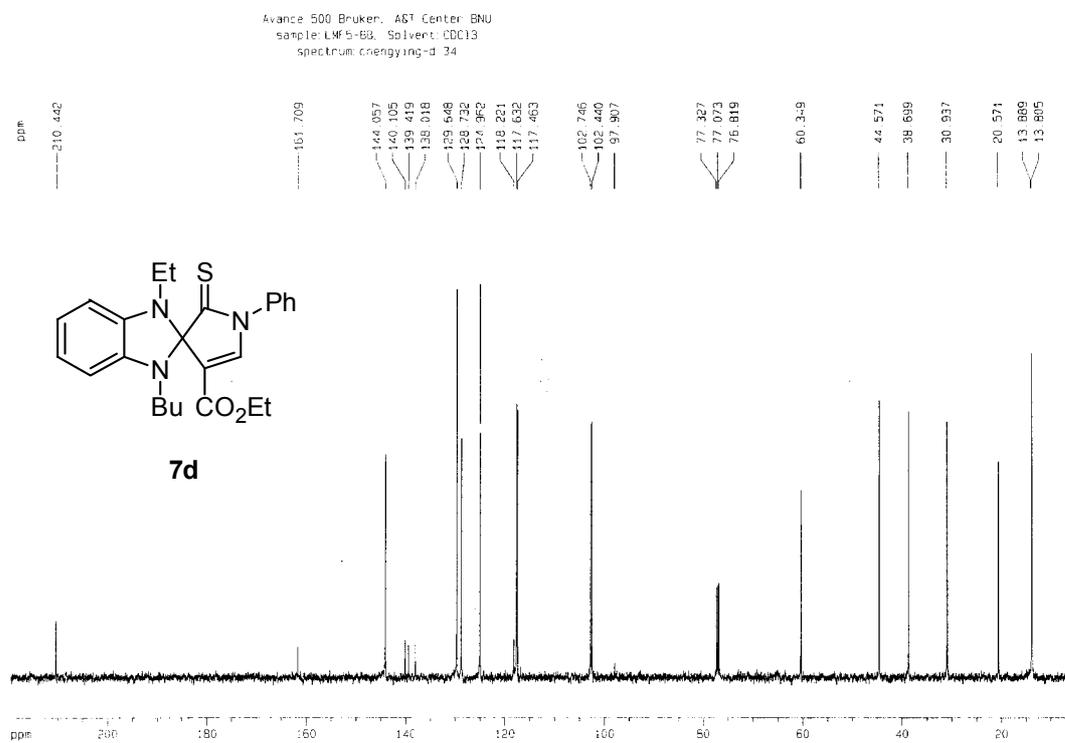
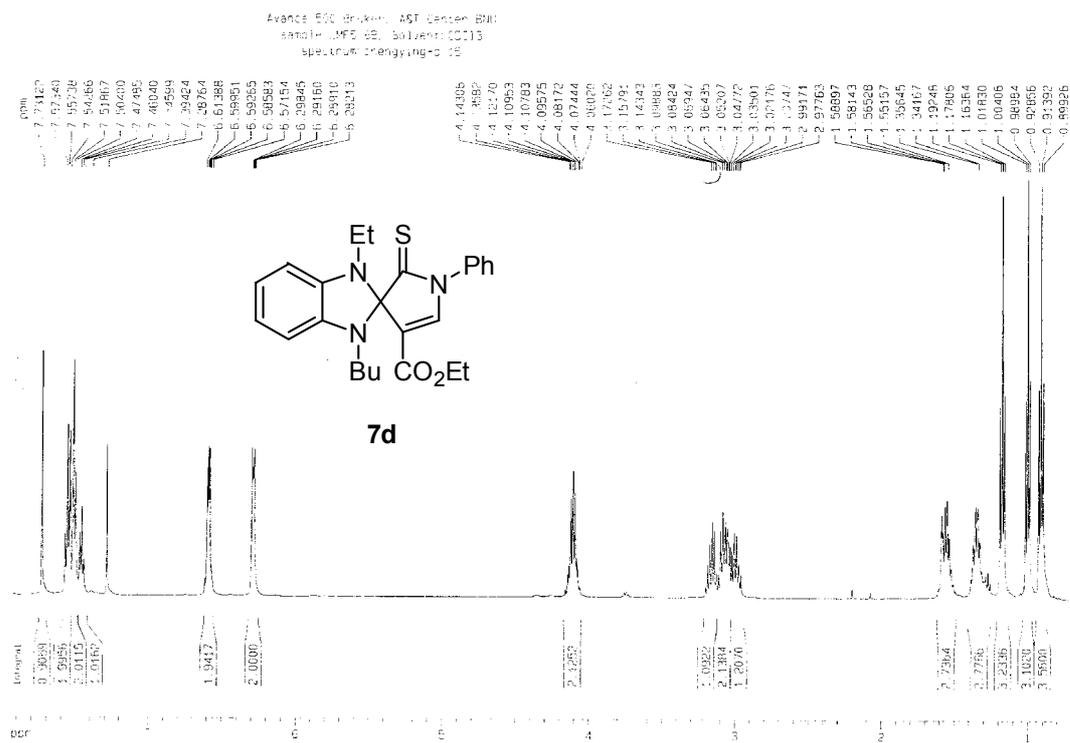


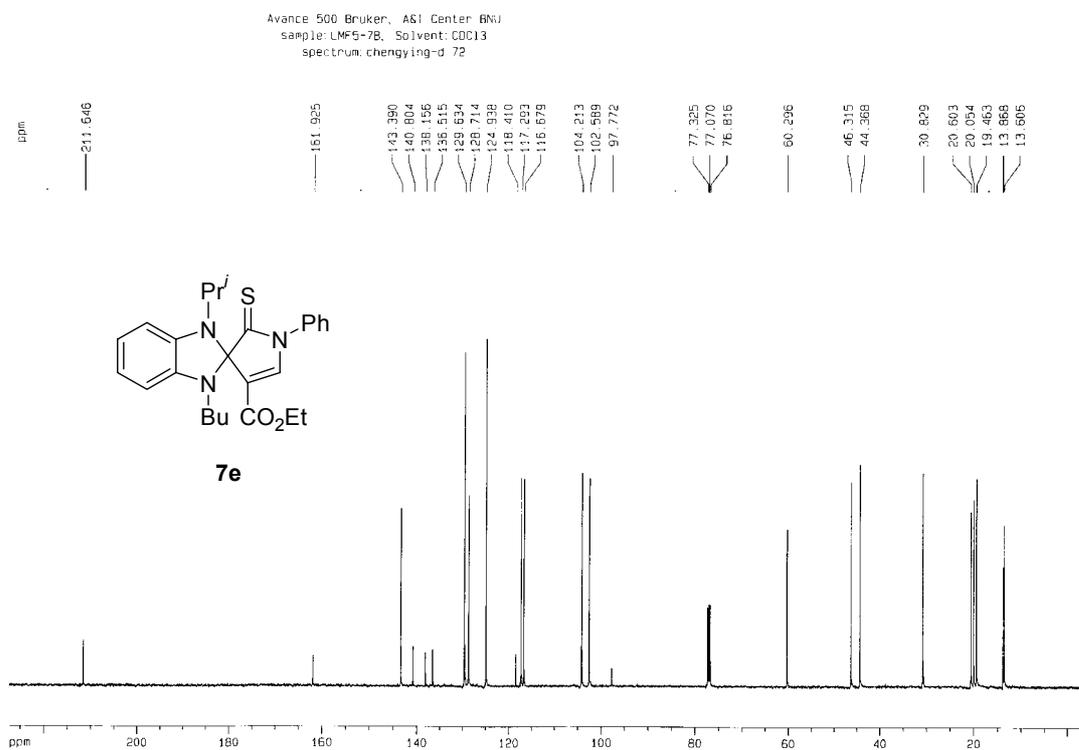
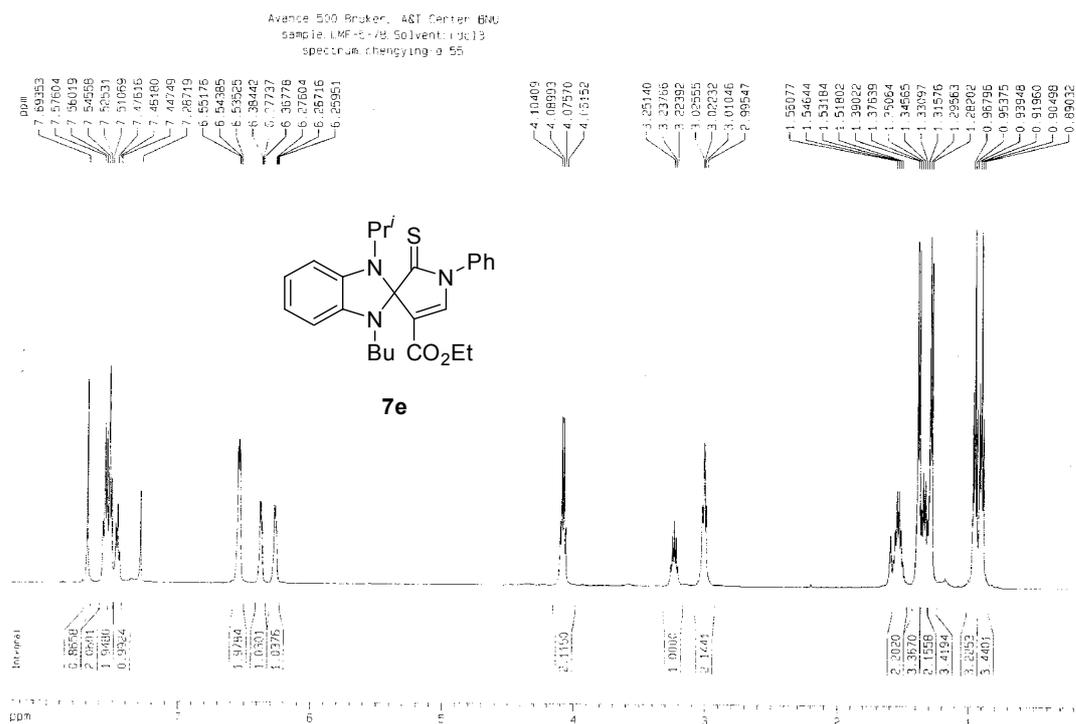
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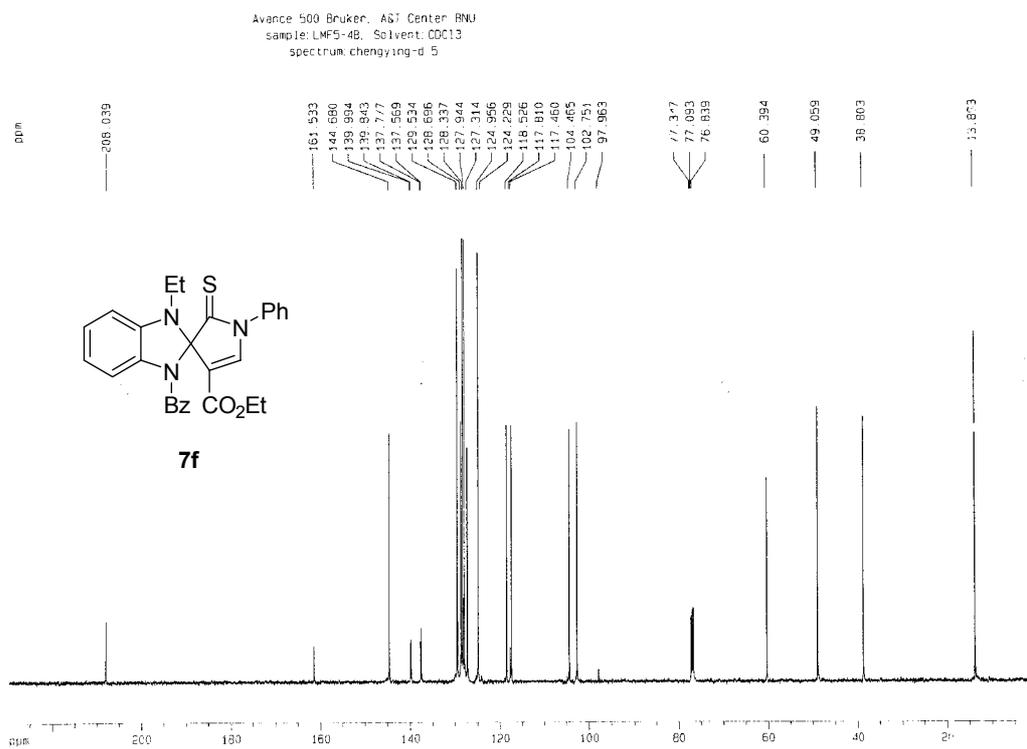
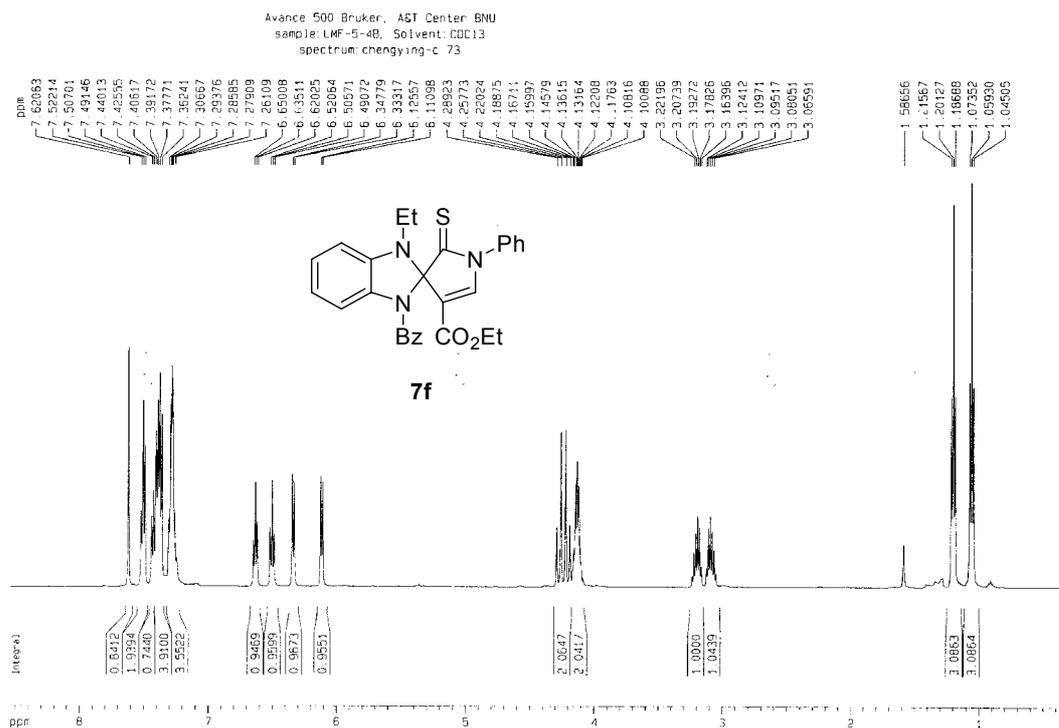


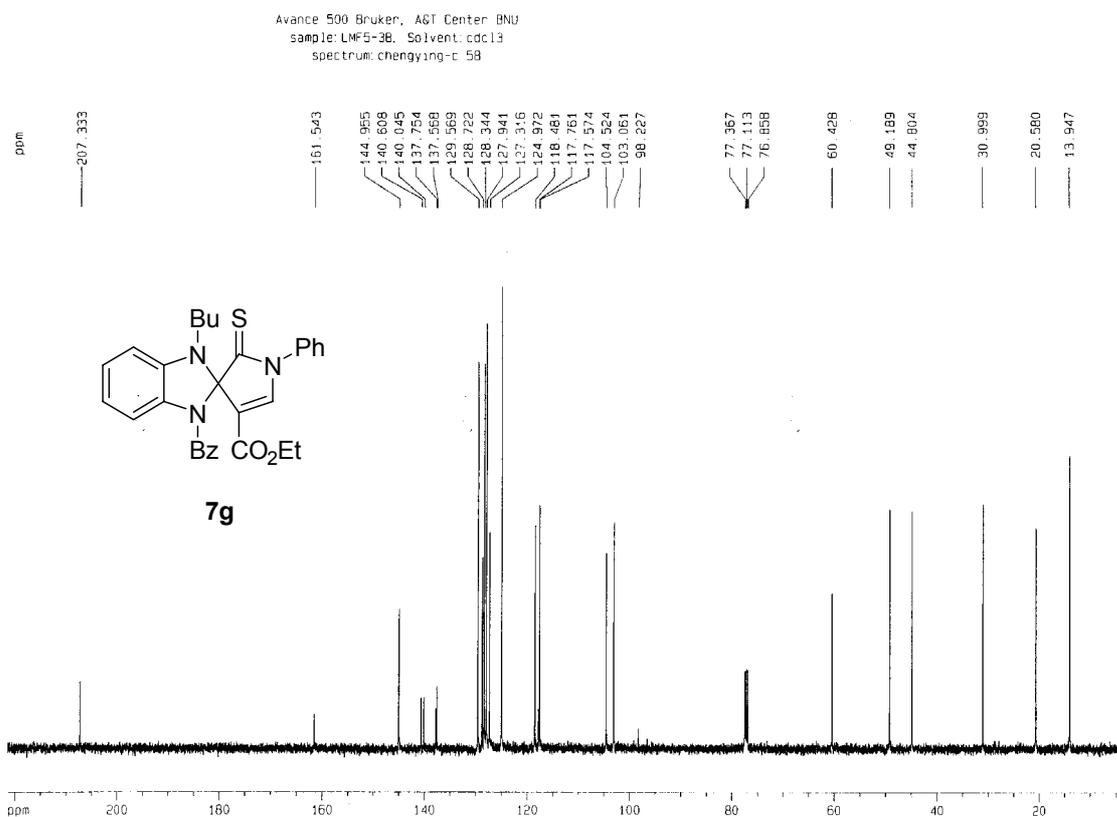
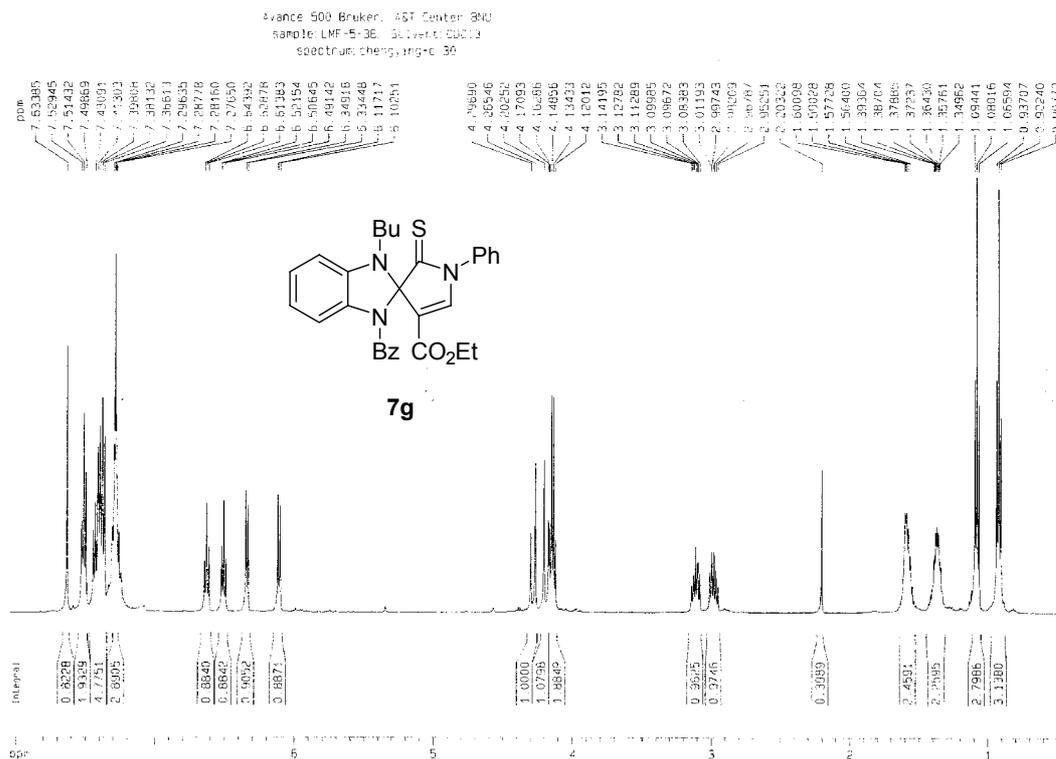


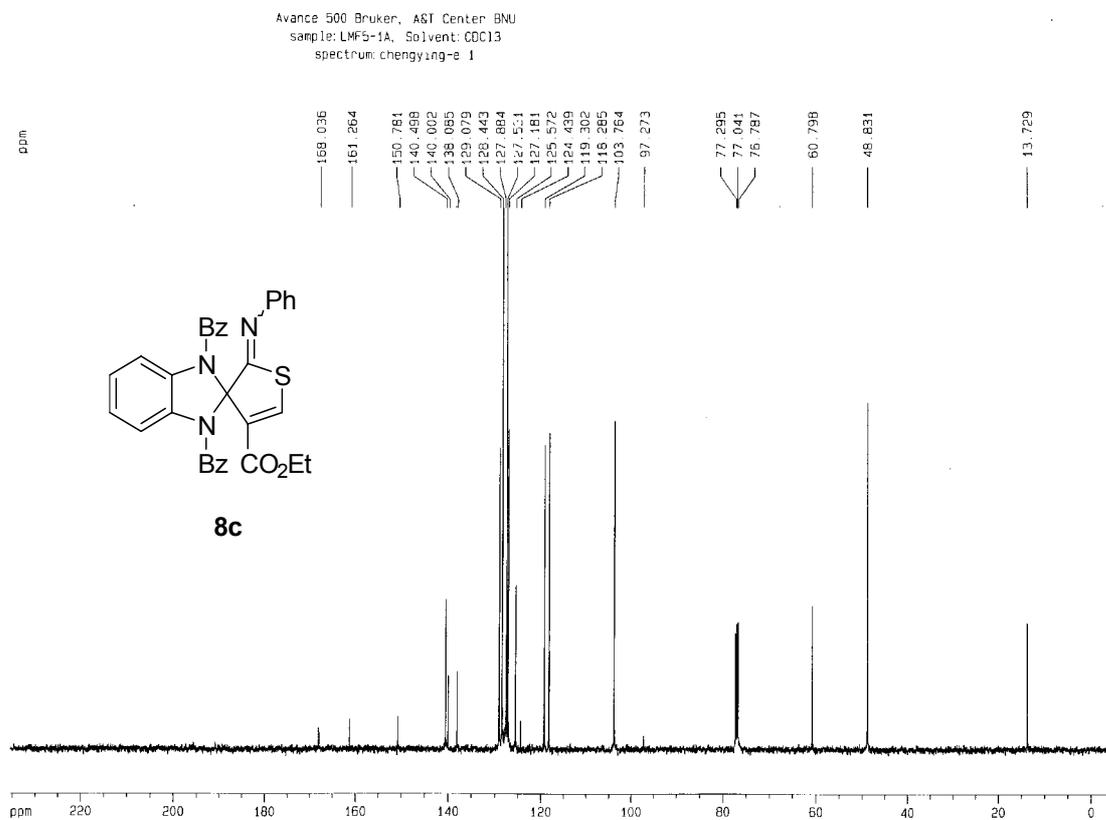
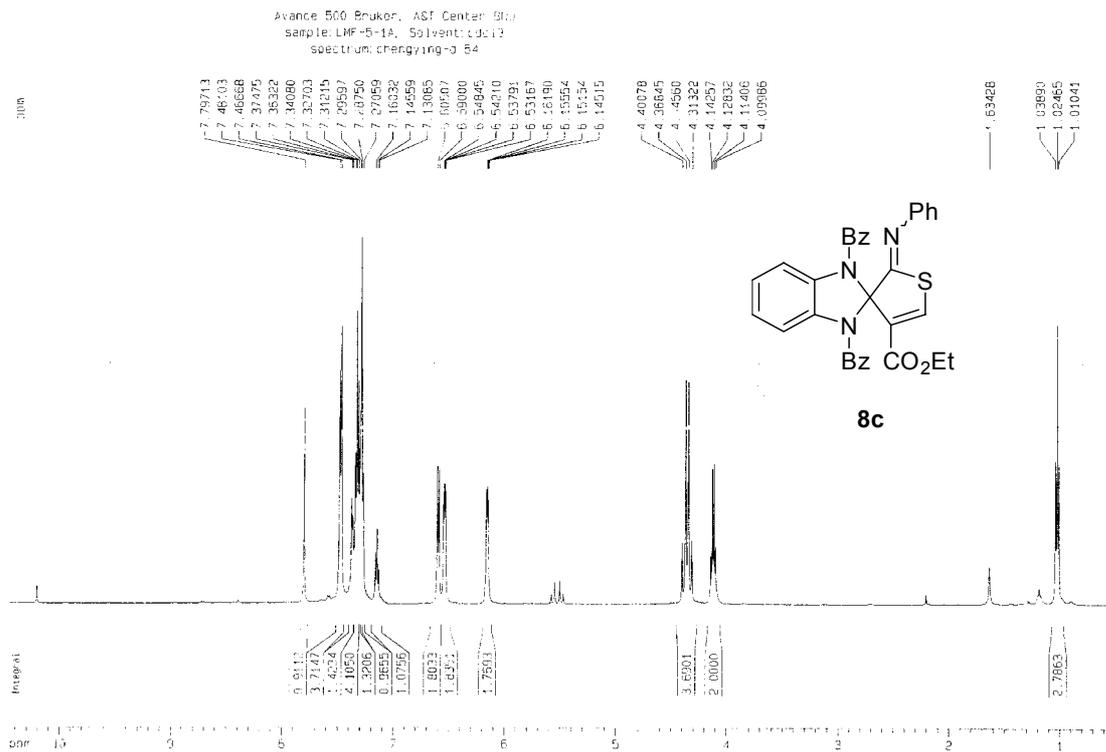


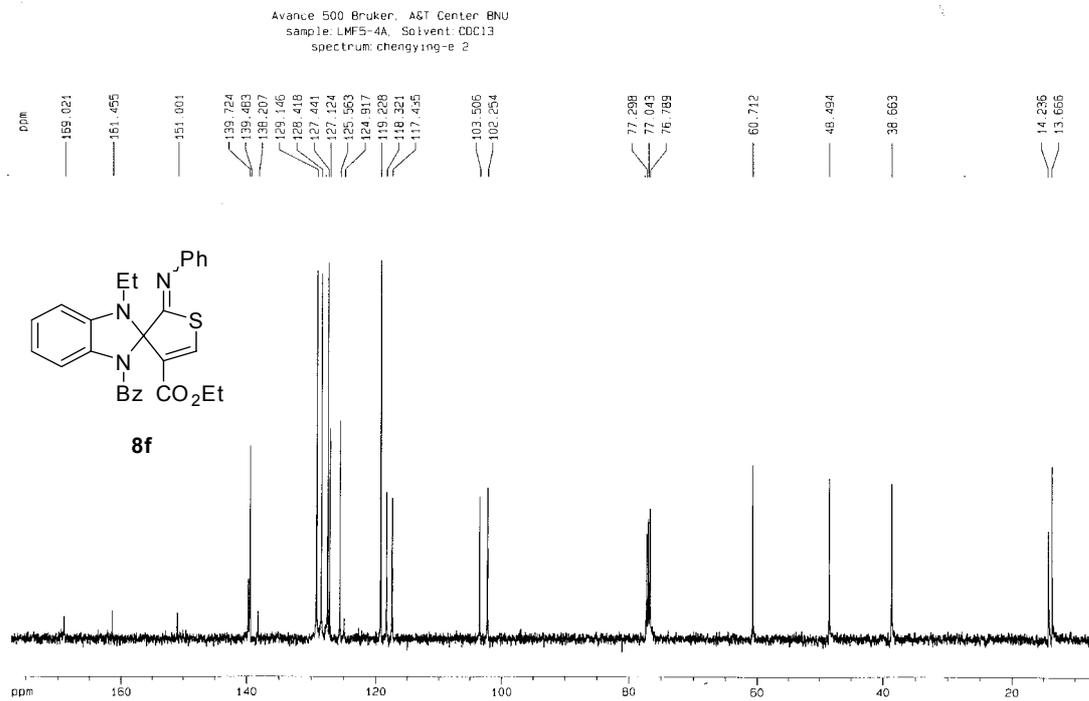
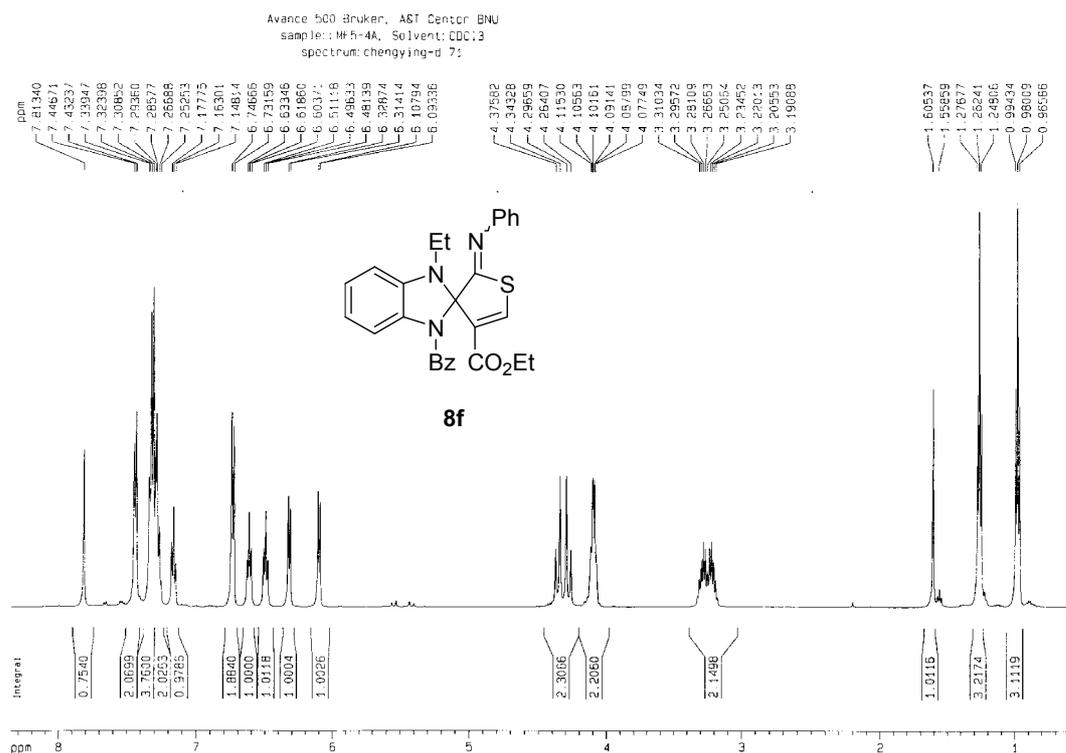


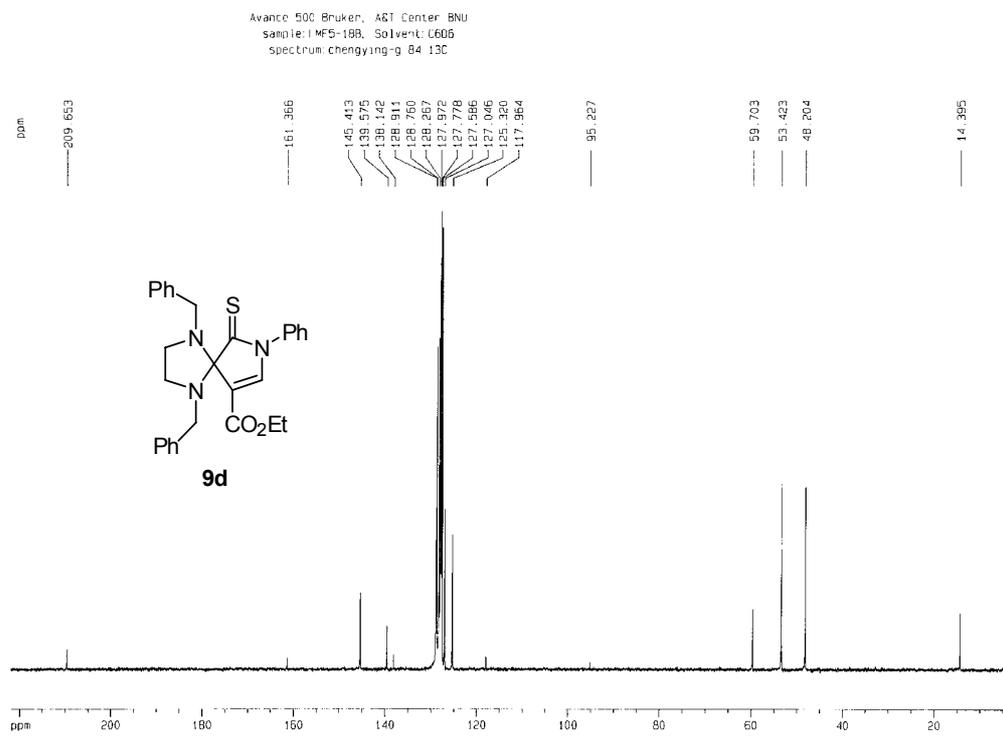
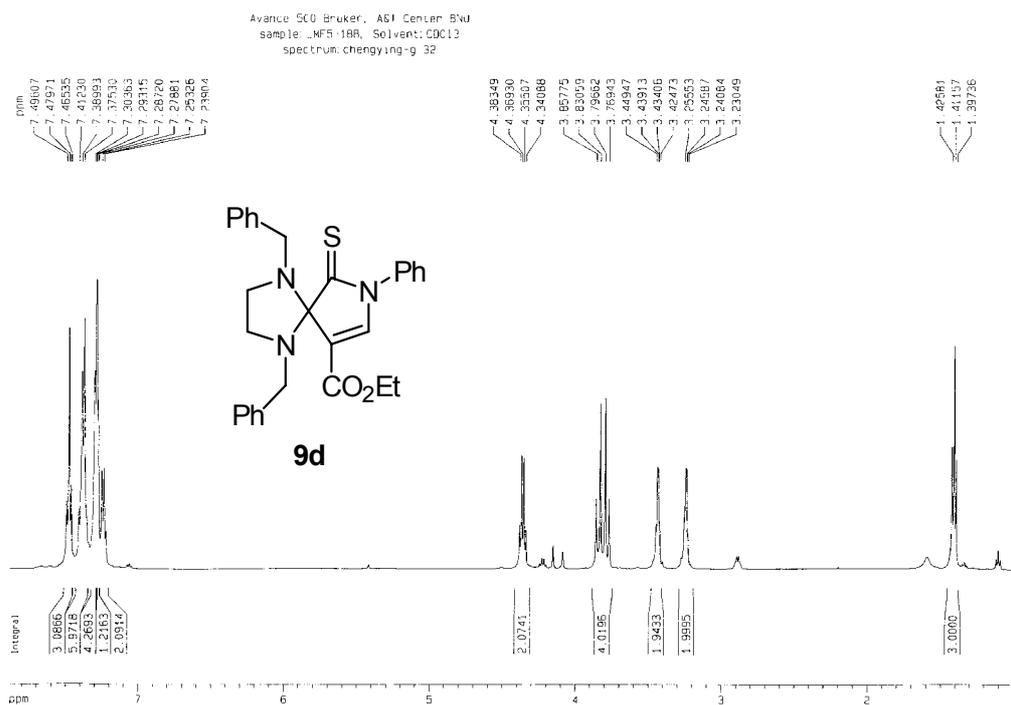




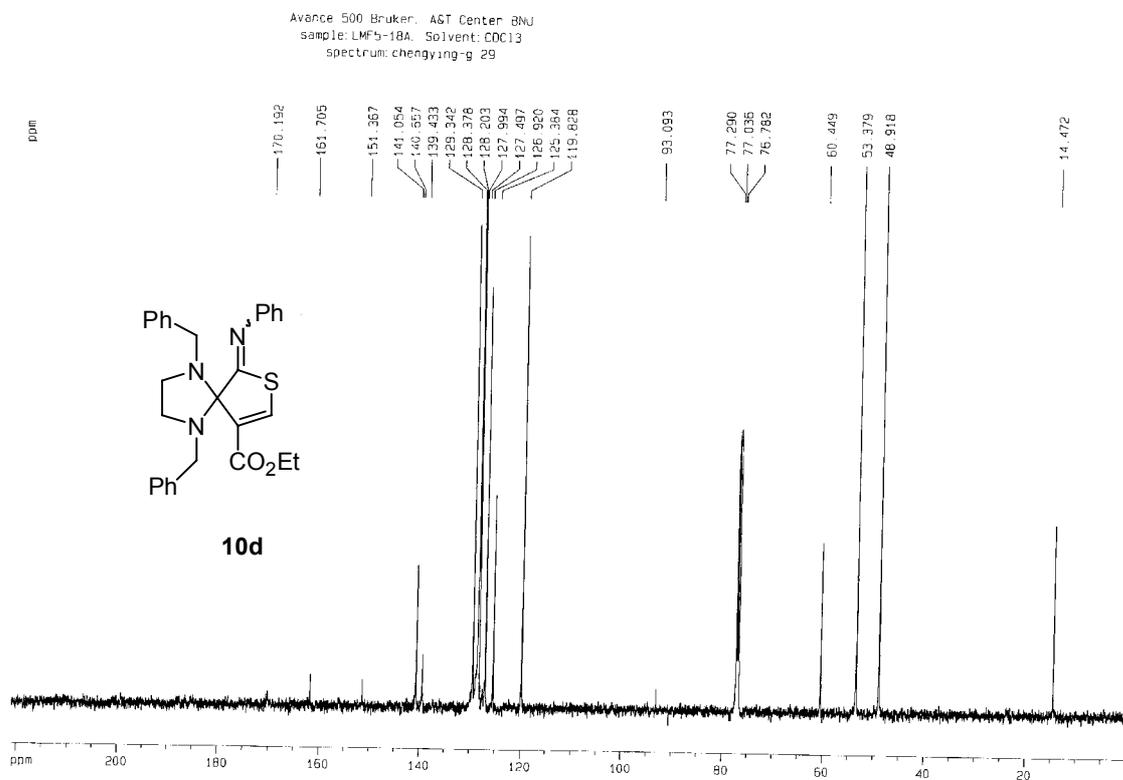
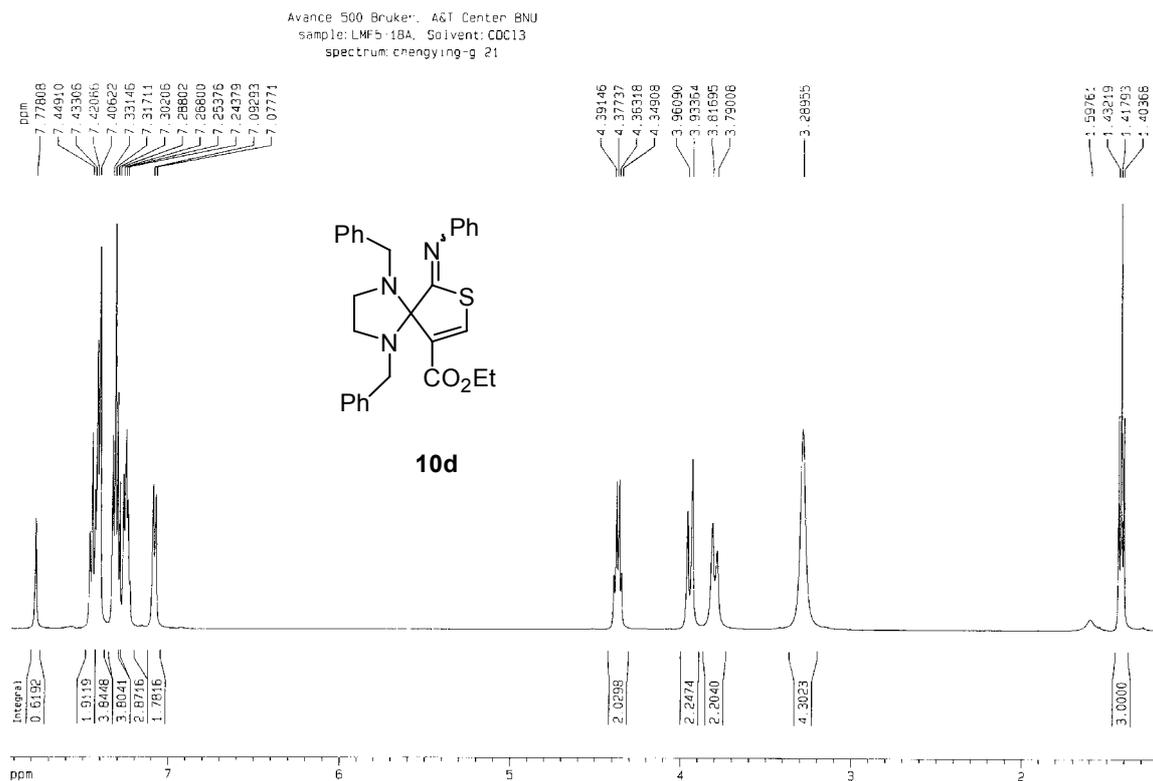


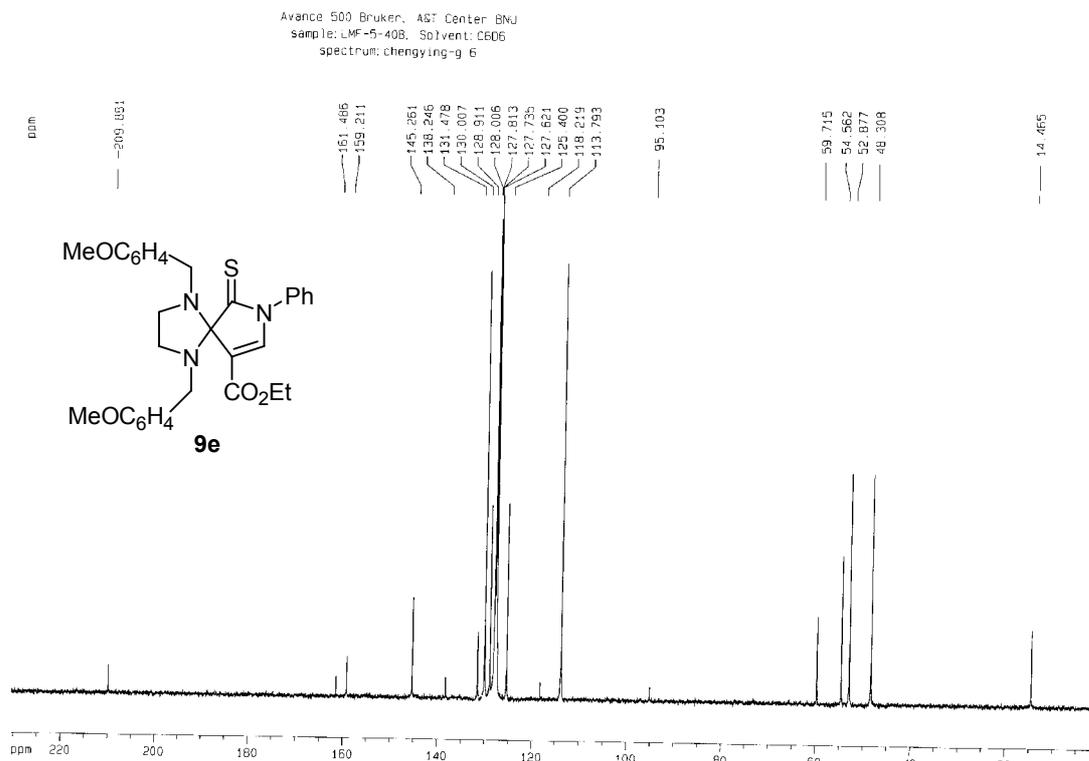
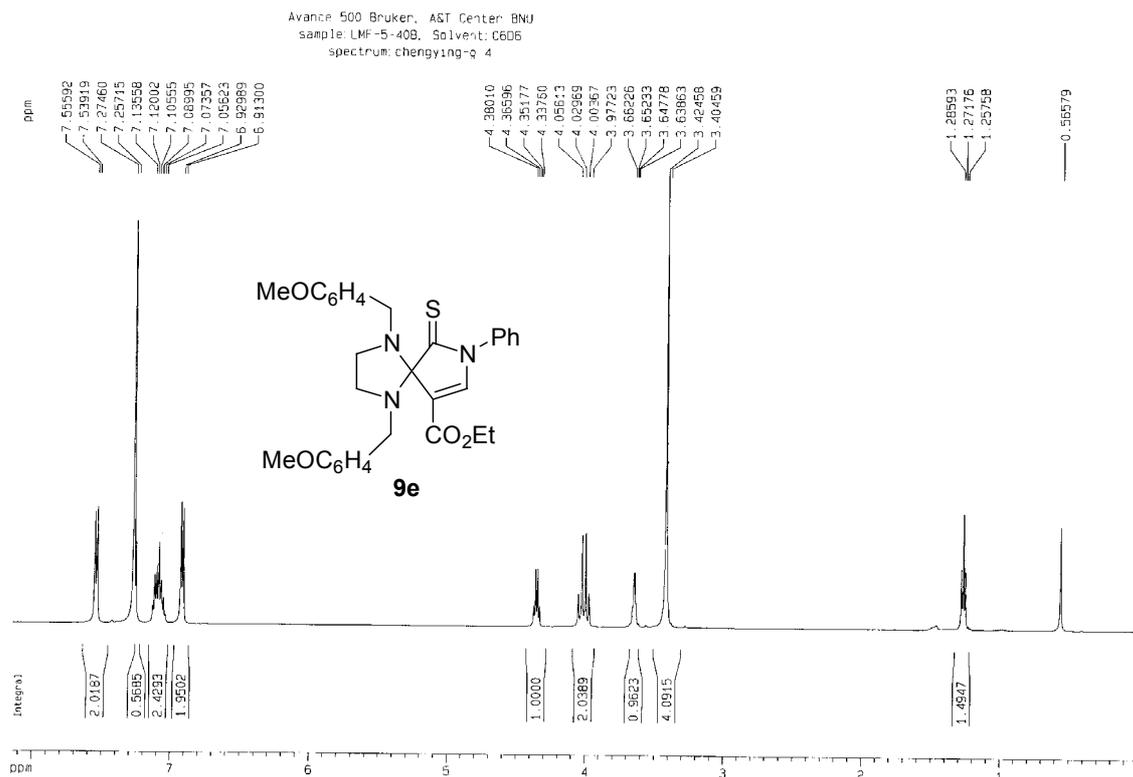






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