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One-pot Synthesis of Carbazoles by Palladium-catalyzed *N*-Arylation and Oxidative Coupling

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Entry	cat. (mol %)	Oxidant	<i>T</i> (°C)	Time	Yield $(\%)^a$	
		(equiv)		(h)	5a	4 a
1	100		80	3	78	6
2	20	O_2	80	11	85	_
3	5	O_2	80	24	85	trace

Table 1: Investigation of the reaction conditions in oxidative coupling.

^{*a*} HPLC yield (absolute calibration curve method).⁷

After the completion of the reaction, the oxide of the phosphine ligand **3** was observed. Dicyclohexyl(2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl-2-yl)phosphine oxide: ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 46.8 (the chart shown in p S39). ³¹P NMR for the ligand **3**: –11.5 (see: X. Huang, K. W. Anderson, D. Zim, L. Jiang, A. Klapars, S. L. Buchwald, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2003, **125**, 6653).

Experimental Section

Typical Procedure for the One-Pot Reaction by Palladium-catalyzed *N*-Arylation and Oxidative Coupling (Table 3, entry 6): Toluene (0.4 mL) was added to a flask containing 4-methylphenyl triflate 1b (48.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), 4-methoxycarbony aniline 2d (33.3 mg, 1.1 equiv), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (10 mol%), ligand 3 (15 mol%) and Cs_2CO_3 (1.2 equiv) under argon atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 1.5 h, then stirred at room temperature for 5 min. AcOH (1.6 mL) was added to the mixture and an oxygen balloon was connected to the reaction vessel, then the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 22.5 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated NaHCO₃, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (15:1) to afford the desired carbazole 10 (37.4 mg, 78 % yield).

Materials: ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectral data of diphenylamine **4a**¹ and carbazoles **5a**², **5b**³, **5c**³, **5d**⁴, **5f**⁵, **5g**³, **6**⁶, **7**⁷ were in agreement with those previously reported.

¹ Commercially available – CAS# 122-39-4

² Commercially available – CAS# 86-74-8

³ Yamamoto, M.; Matsubara, S. Chem lett. 2007, **36**, 172.

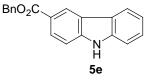
⁴ Li, W.-S.; McChesney, J. D.; El-Feraly, F. S. *Phytochemistry* 1991, **30**, 133.

⁵ Campeau, L.-C.; Thansandote, P.; Fagnou, K. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 1857.

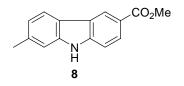
⁶ Forbes, E. J.; Stacey, M.; Tatlow, J. C.; Wragg, R. T. *Tetrahedron* 1960, **8**, 67.

⁷ Witulski, B.; Alayrac, C. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2002, **41**, 3281.

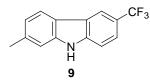
Characterization Data for Carbazoles (New Compounds)



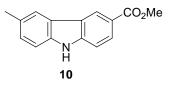
Benzyl 9*H***-Carbazole-3-carboxylate (5e)**: White solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3289 (NH), 1693 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.43 (s, 2H, CH₂), 7.27 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.35-7.44 (m, 6H, Ar), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ar), 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.35 (s, 1H, NH), 8.84 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 66.5, 110.1, 110.9, 120.3, 120.7, 121.3, 123.0, 123.1, 123.3, 126.6, 127.6, 128.1, 128.2 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 136.5, 139.9, 142.4, 167.2; m.p. = 154-155°C; HRMS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₅NO₂ (M⁺) 301.1103; found: 301.1100.



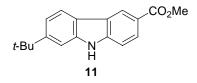
Methyl 7-Methyl-9*H***-carbazole-3-carboxylate (8)**: Yellow white solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3336 (NH), 2949 (CH), 1697 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.52 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.97 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 7.12 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.22 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.37 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.10 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.24 (s, 1H, NH), 8.76 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.0, 51.9, 110.0, 111.0, 120.3, 121.0, 121.3, 121.9, 122.5, 123.2, 127.0, 136.9, 140.4, 142.3, 168.0; m.p. = 210-212°C; HRMS (EI): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂ (M⁺) 239.0946; found: 239.0942.



3-Trifluoromethyl-7-methyl-9*H***-carbazole (9)**: Brown solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3392 (NH), 2928 (CH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.52 (s, 3H, CH₃), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.20 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.03 (s, 1H, NH), 8.27 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.0, 110.5, 111.0, 117.5 (q), 120.2, 120.5, 121.9, 122.0 (q), 122.1, (d) 123.1, 125.3 (q), 137.2, 140.4, 140.9; m.p. = 202-203°C; HRMS (FAB): *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₀F₃N (M⁺) 249.0765; found: 249.0768.

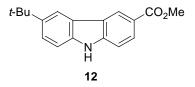


Methyl 6-methyl-9*H***-carbazole-3-carboxylate (10)**: Yellow white solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3295 (NH), 2948-2851 (CH), 1684 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 2.49 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.90 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.75 (s, 1H, Ar), 8.75 (s, 1H, Ar), 11.58 (s, 1H, NH); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 21.0, 51.7, 110.7, 111.1, 119.5, 120.3, 122.0, 122.2, 122.5, 126.4, 127.7, 128.3, 138.5, 142.7, 166.9; m.p. = 233-235°C; HRMS (FAB): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂ (M⁺) 239.0946; found: 239.0945.

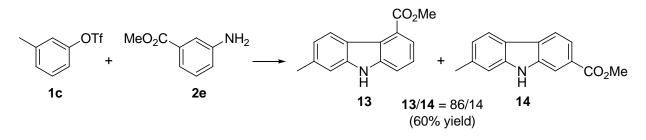


Methyl 7-*tert*-**Butyl**-9*H*-carbazole-3-carboxylate (11): White solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3282 (NH), 2968 (CH₃), 1695 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.97 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.46 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.03 (d, J = 8.3

Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.10 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.19 (s, 1H, NH), 8.77 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.7 (3C), 35.2, 51.9, 107.4, 110.0, 118.5, 120.1, 121.0, 121.3, 122.7, 123.2, 127.0, 140.2, 142.5, 150.5, 168.0; m.p. = 224-228°C; HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ (M⁺) 281.1416; found: 281.1414.



Methyl 6-*tert***-Butyl-9***H***-carbazole-3-carboxylate** (12): White solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3331 (NH), 2955 (CH), 1694 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.45 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 3.98 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.11 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.14 (s, 1H, Ar), 8.22 (s, 1H, NH), 8.83 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 31.9 (3C), 34.8, 51.9, 110.1, 110.4, 116.8, 121.2, 122.7, 123.1, 123.4, 124.6, 127.2, 138.0, 142.7, 143.5, 167.9; m.p. = 216-217°C; HRMS (FAB): *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₂ (M⁺) 281.1416; found: 281.1414.



Methyl7-Methyl-9H-carbazole-4-carboxylate(13)andMethyl7-Methyl-9H-carbazole-2-carboxylate (14). By a procedure identical with that described for the
synthesis of 10, triflate 1c (48.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and aniline 2e (33.3 mg, 1.1 equiv) were converted
into a regioisomeric mixture of 13 and 14 (28.5 mg, 60% yield; 13/14 = 86:14), which was
separated by HPLC.

Compound **13**: white solid; IR cm⁻¹: 3402 (NH), 2950-2860 (CH), 1702 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.49 (s, 3H, CH₃), 4.05 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 7.07 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.12 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.36 (dd, J = 8.1, 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.49 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.84 Hz (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.12 (s, 1H, NH), 8.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 21.9, 52.1, 110.4, 114.8, 119.6, 121.4, 122.0, 122.6, 124.1, 124.7, 125.2, 137.2, 140.3, 140.8, 168.6; m.p. = 220-221°C; HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂ (M⁺) 239.0946; found: 239.0942.

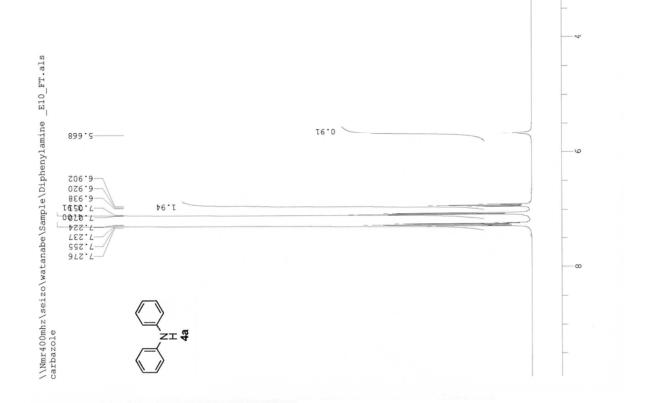
Compound **14**: white solid; IR: v = 3402 (NH), 2952 (CH), 1713 (CO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.54 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.97 (s, 3H, CO₂Me), 7.10 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.26 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ar), 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.05 Hz (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H, Ar), 8.12 (s, 1H, NH), 8.13 (s, 1H, Ar); ¹³C NMR (100 Hz, CDCl₃): δ 22.2, 52.1, 111.0, 112.3, 119.6, 120.3, 120.7, 120.8, 121.7, 126.8, 127.3, 137.7, 138.8, 141.3, 167.8; m.p. = 215-216°C; HRMS (FAB): *m/z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₃NO₂ (M⁺) 239.0946; found: 239.0948.

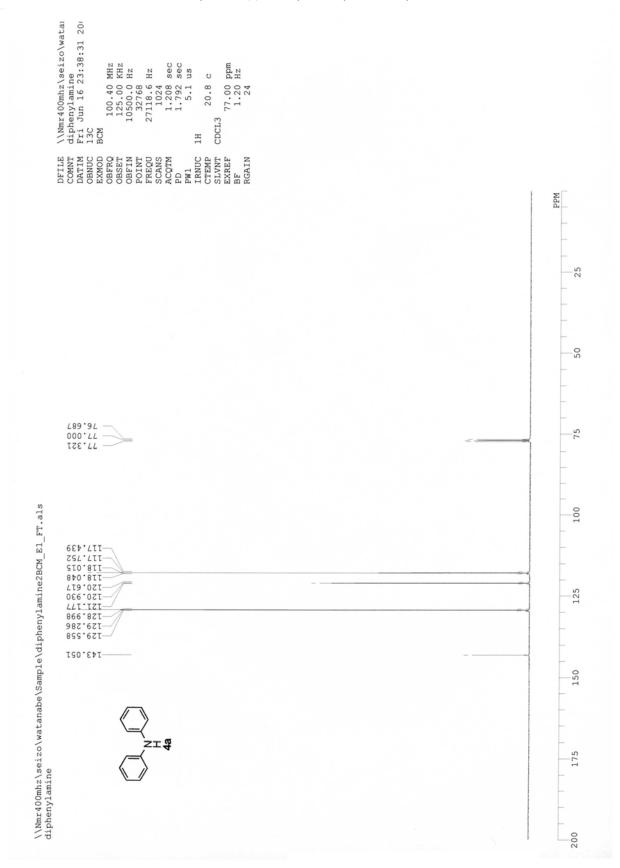
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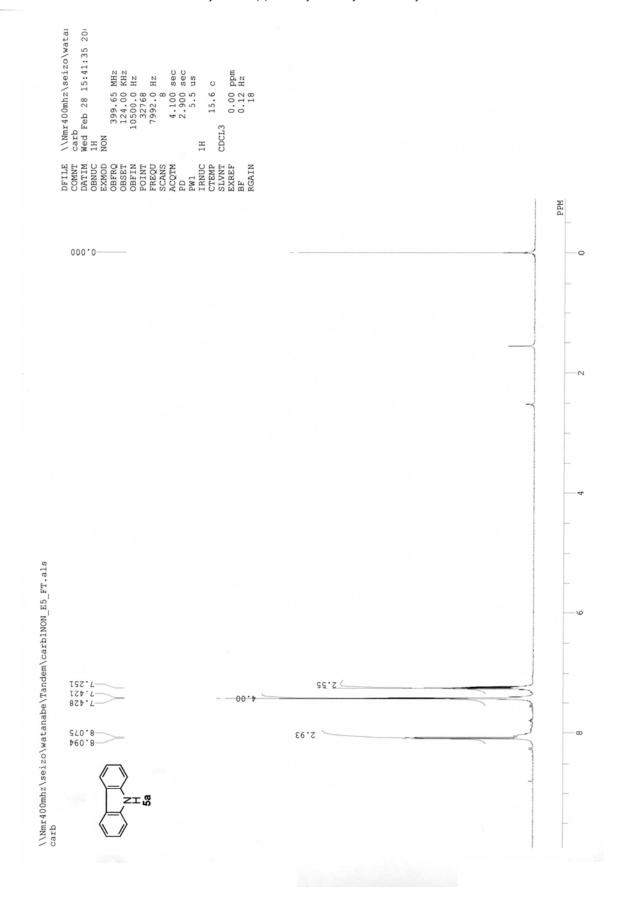
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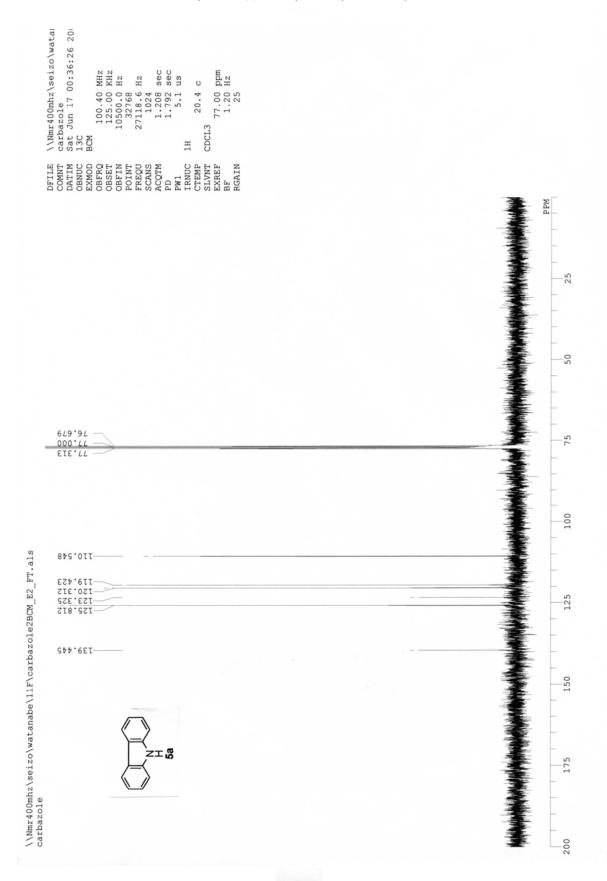
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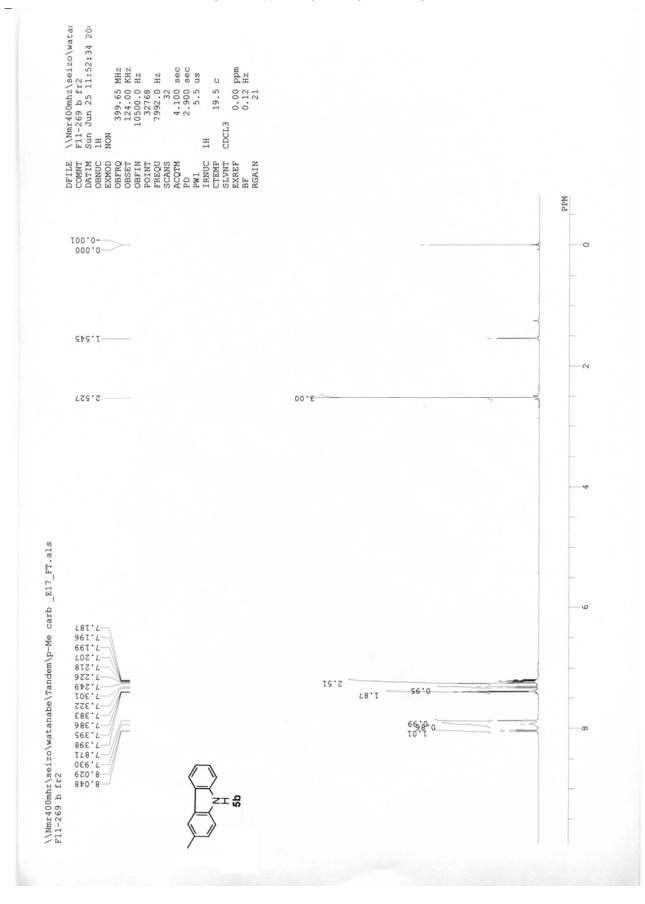


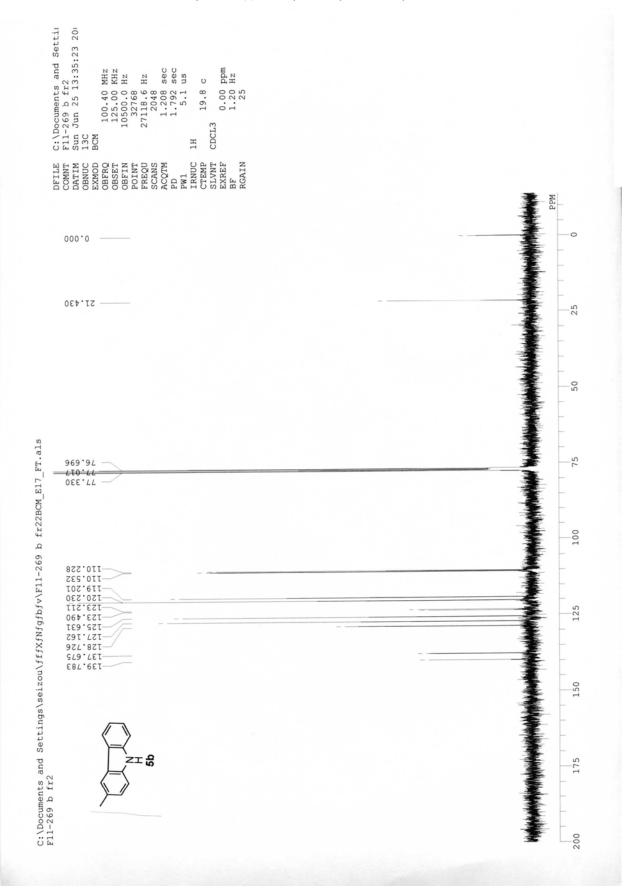


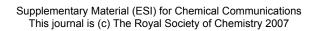


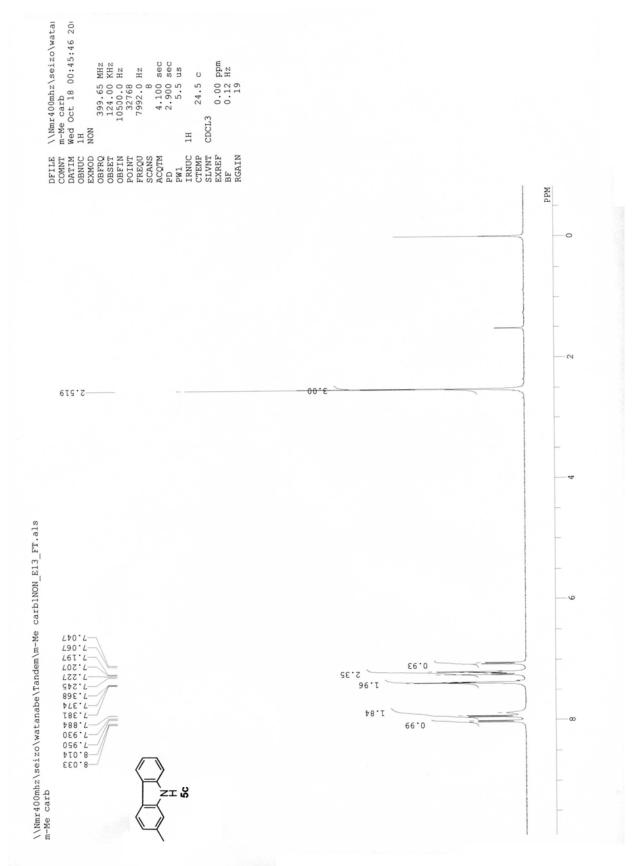


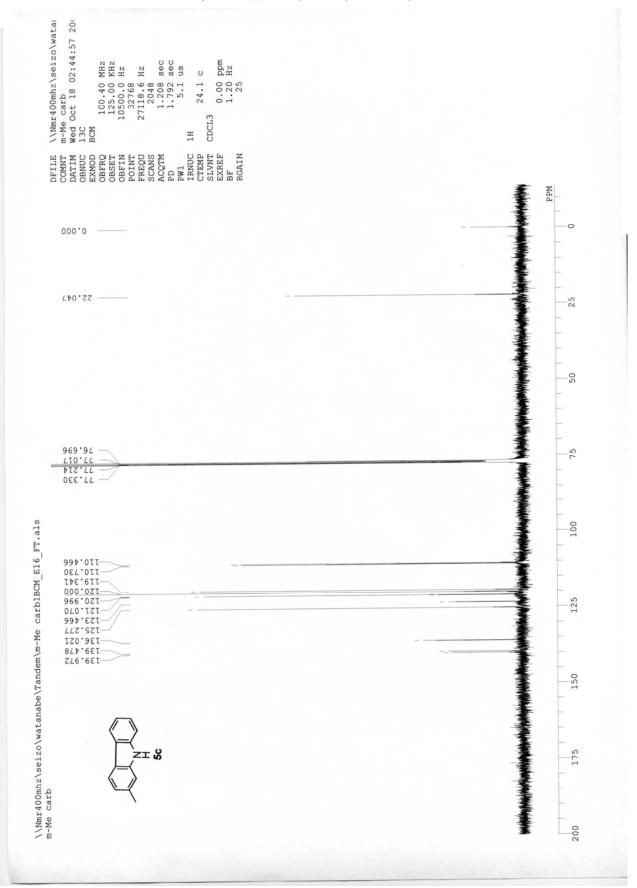


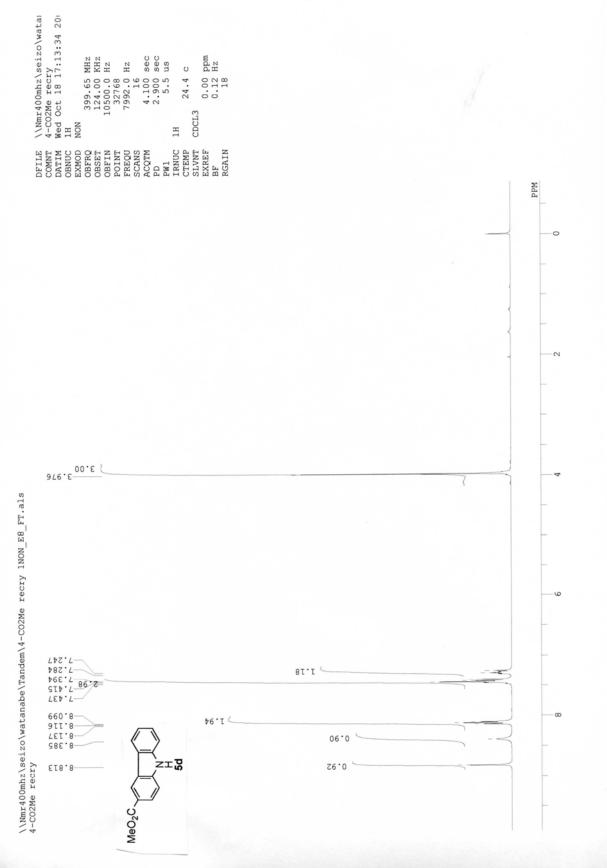


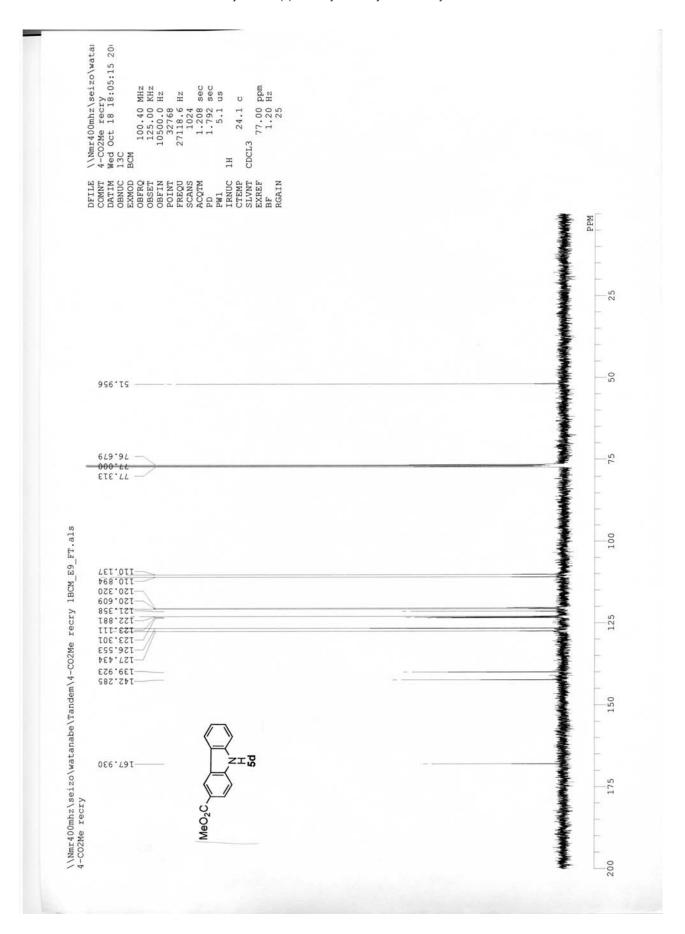




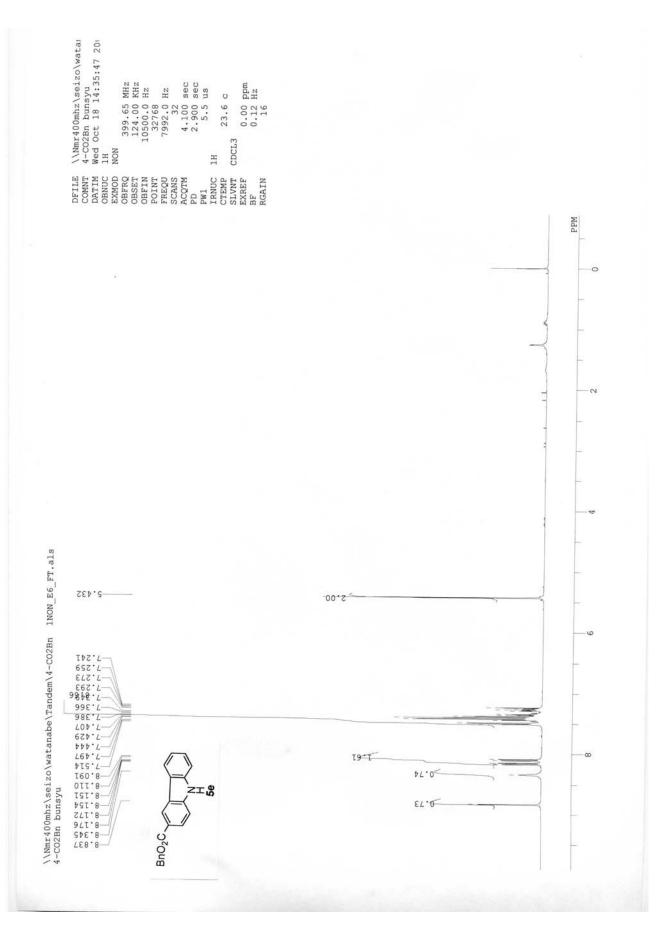




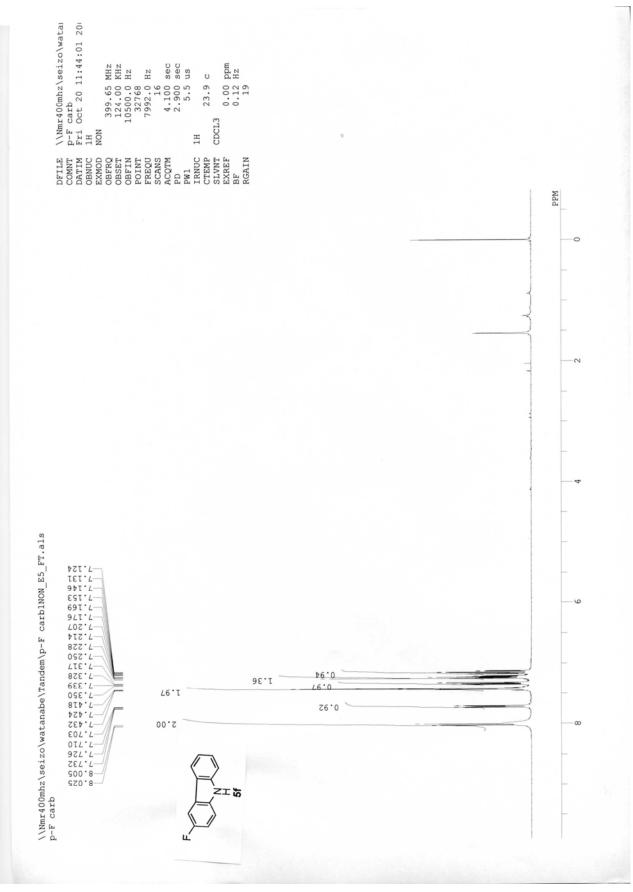




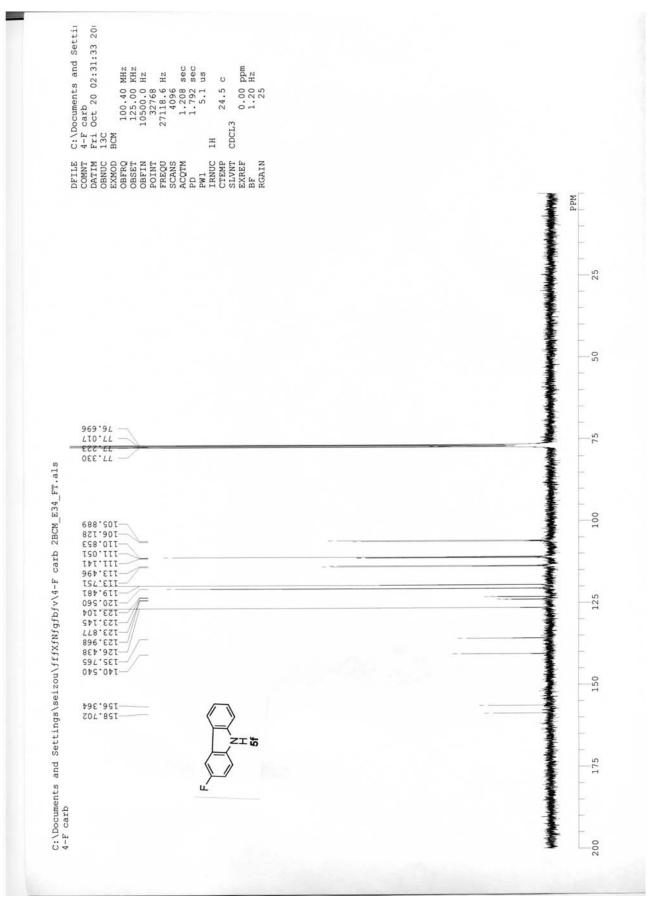
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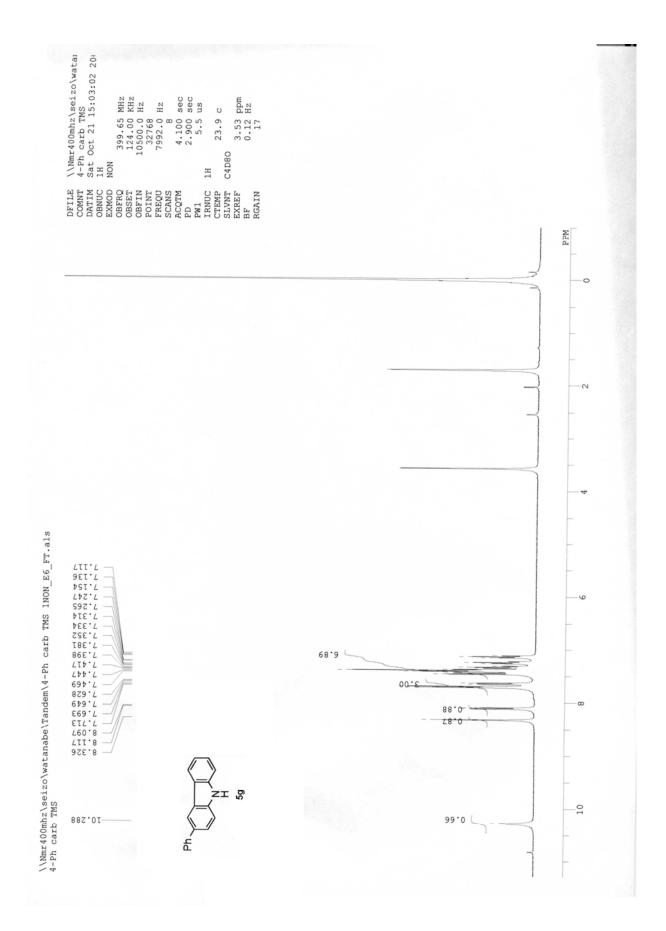


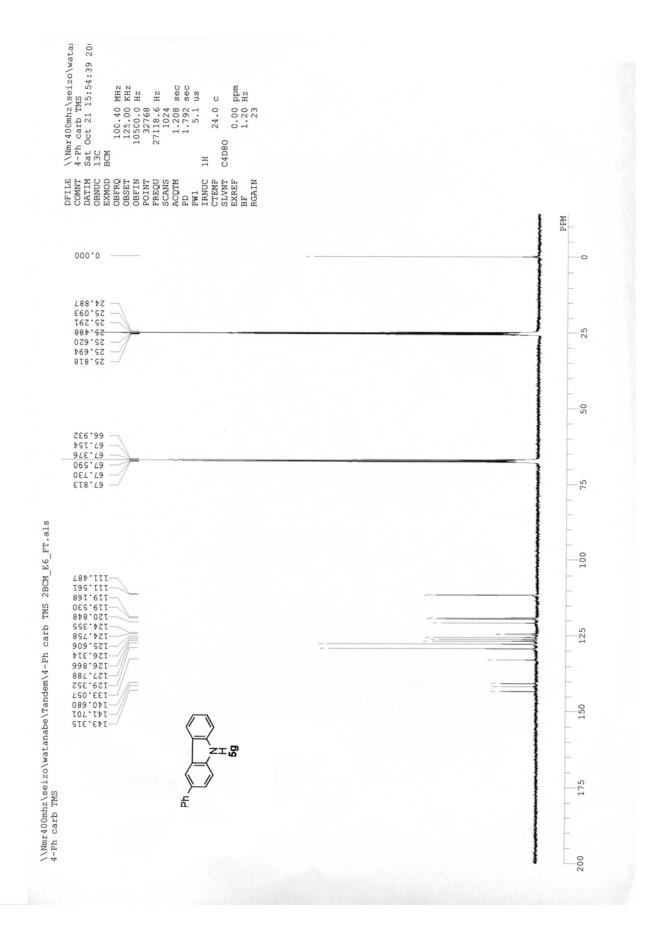
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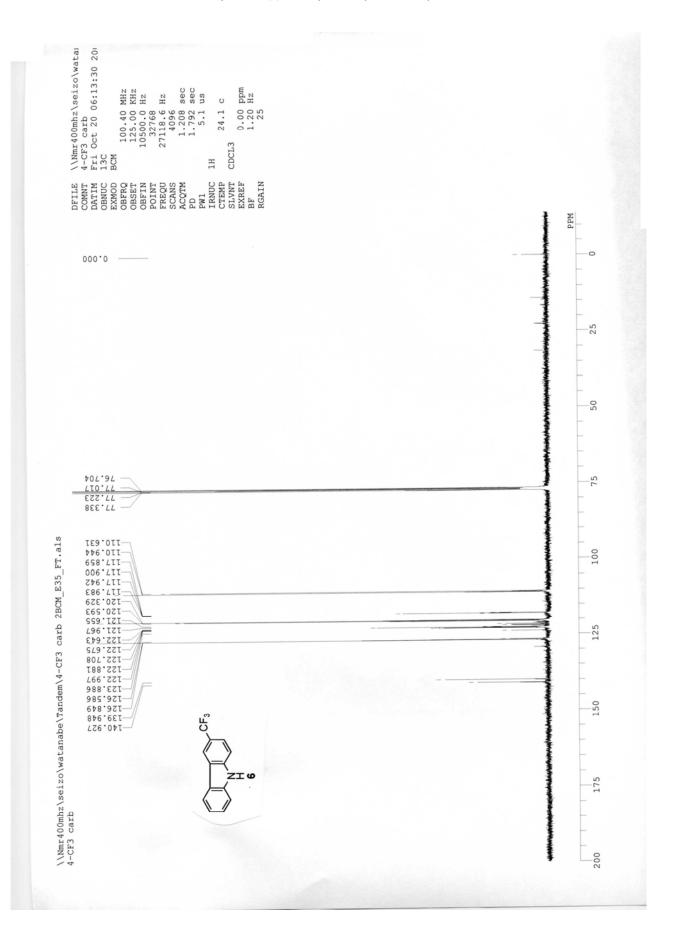
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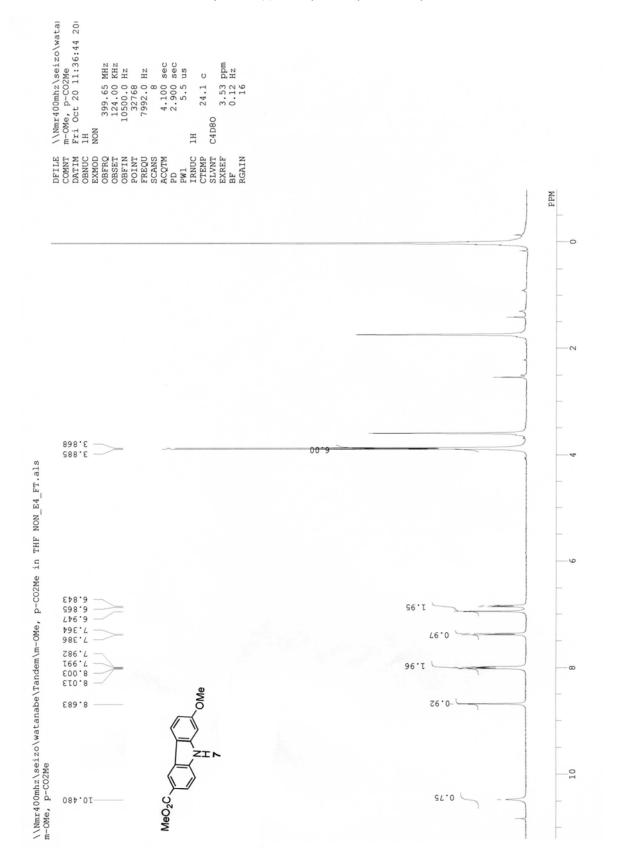


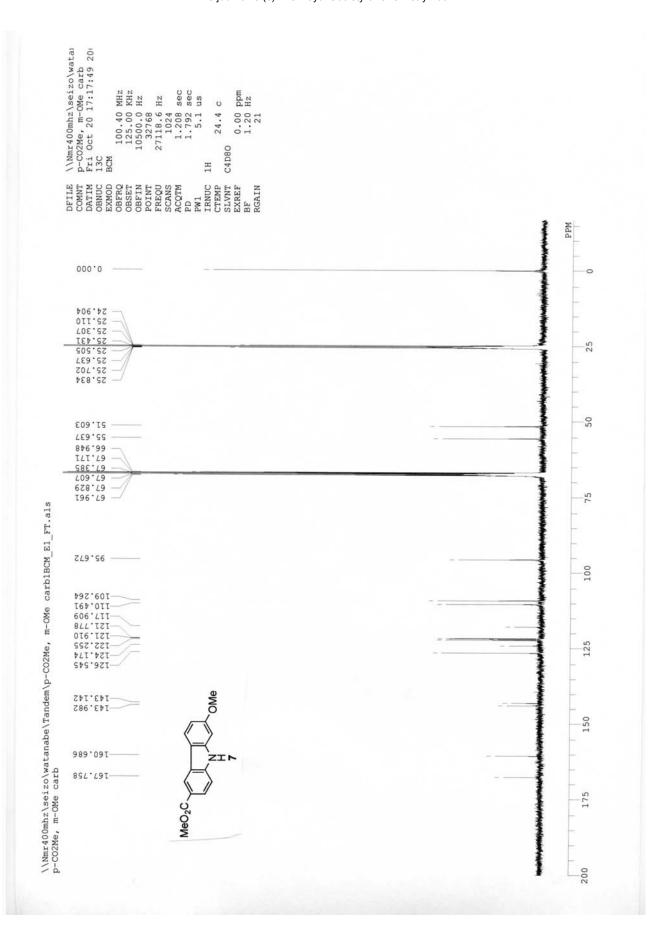




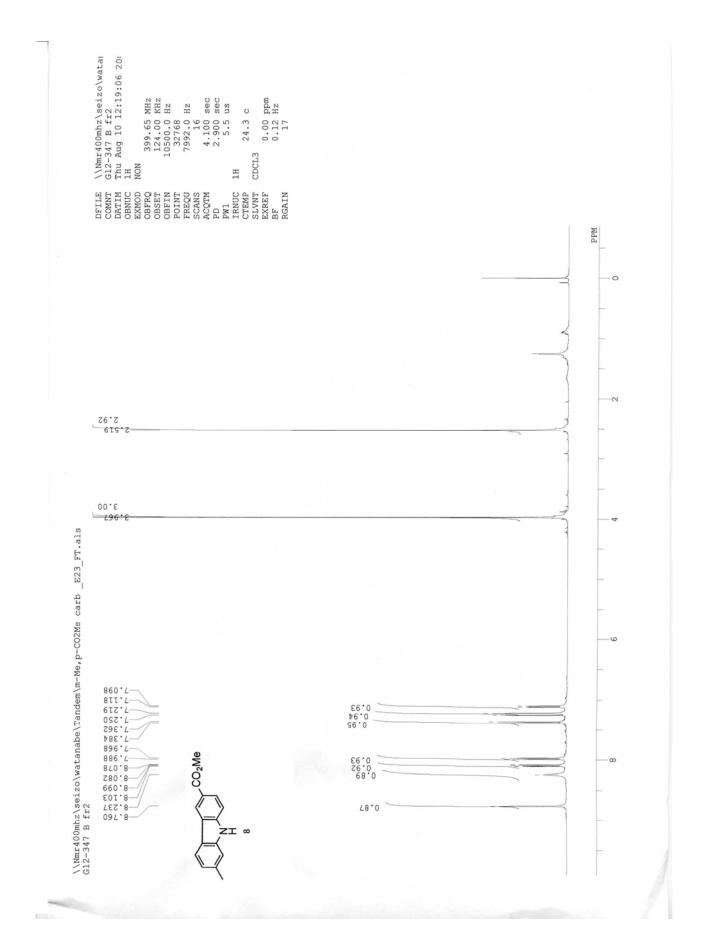
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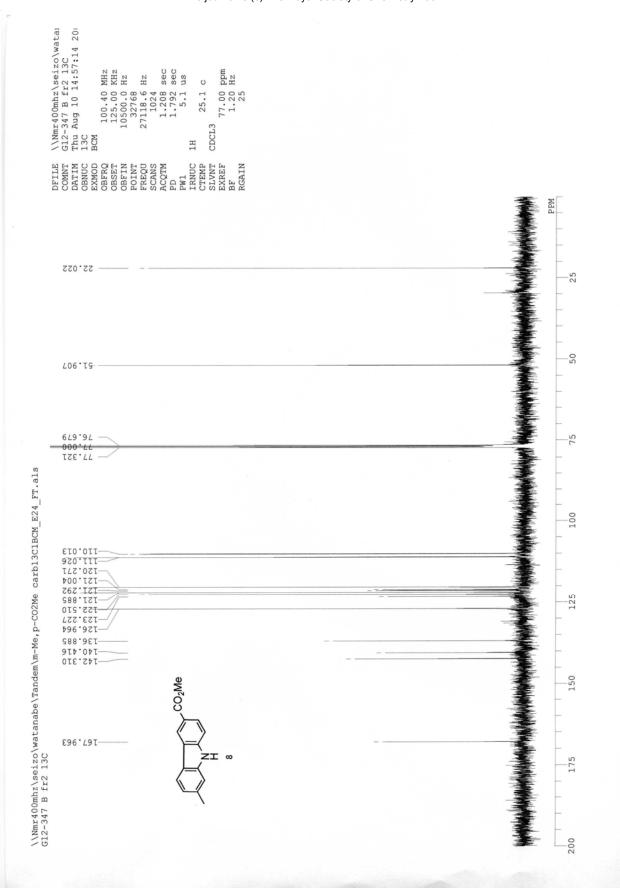


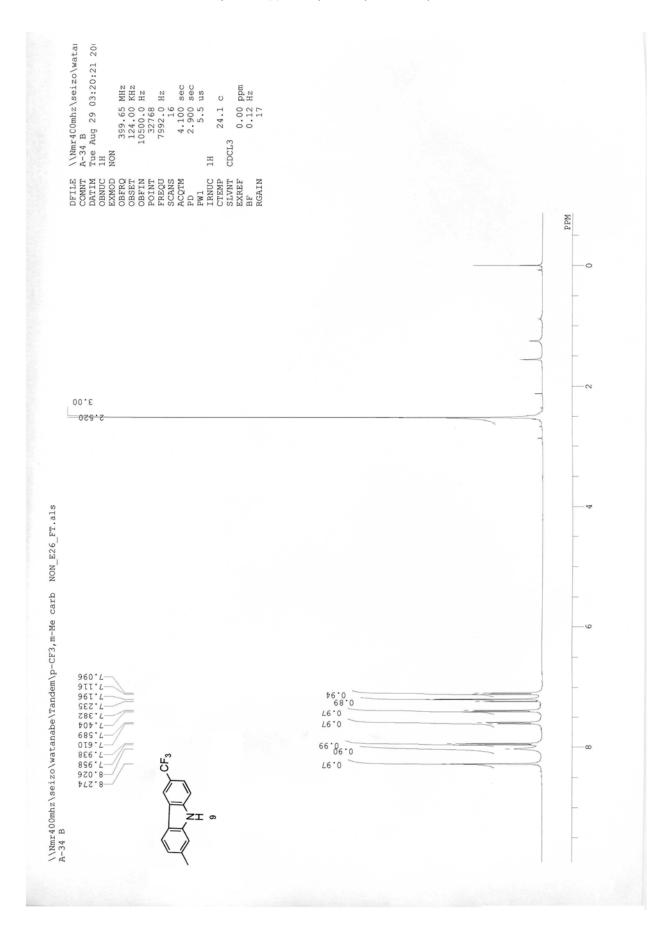


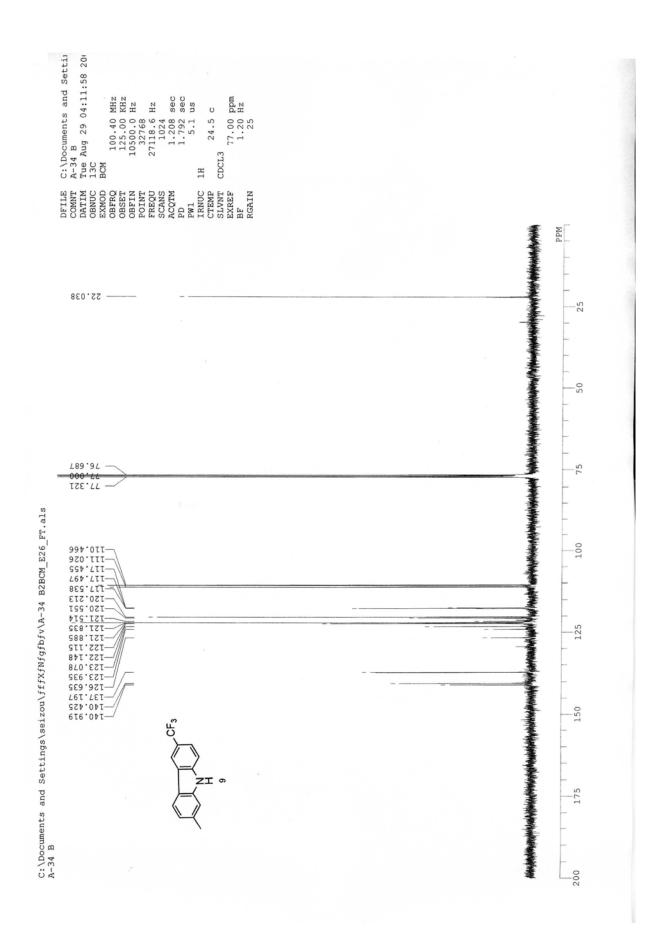


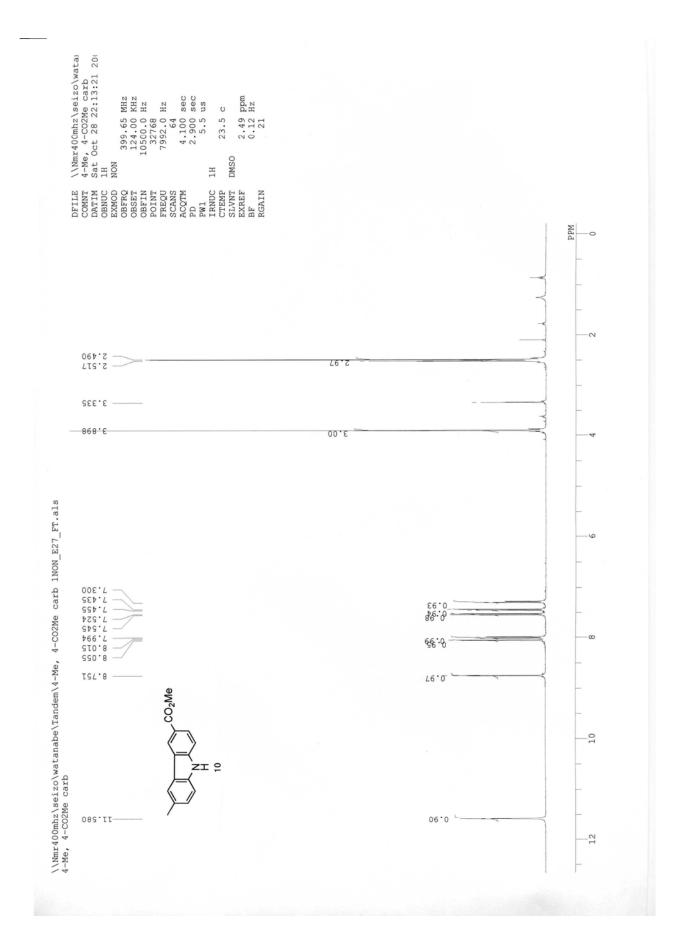
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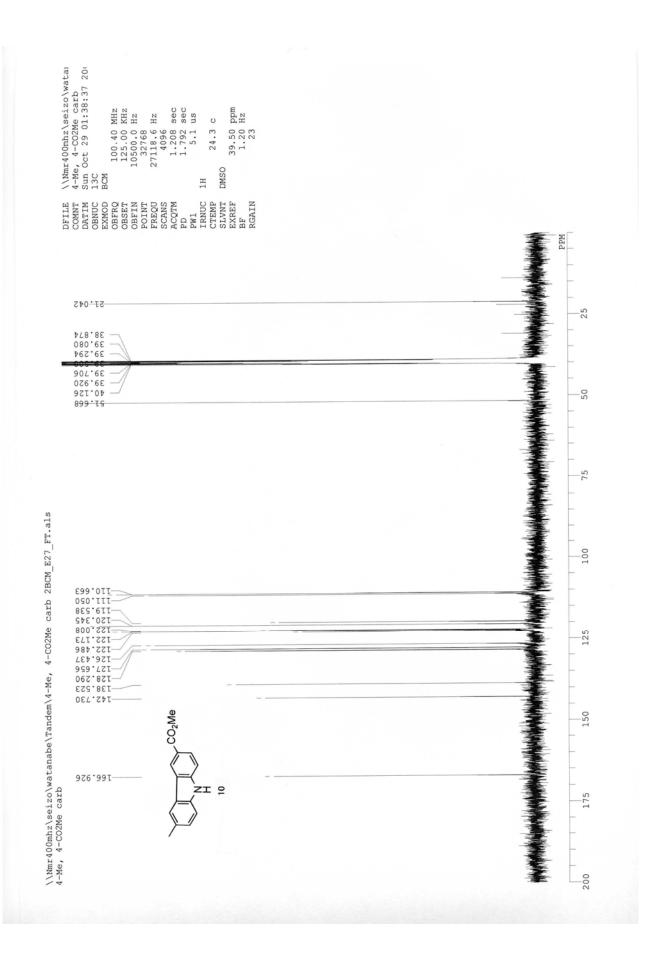


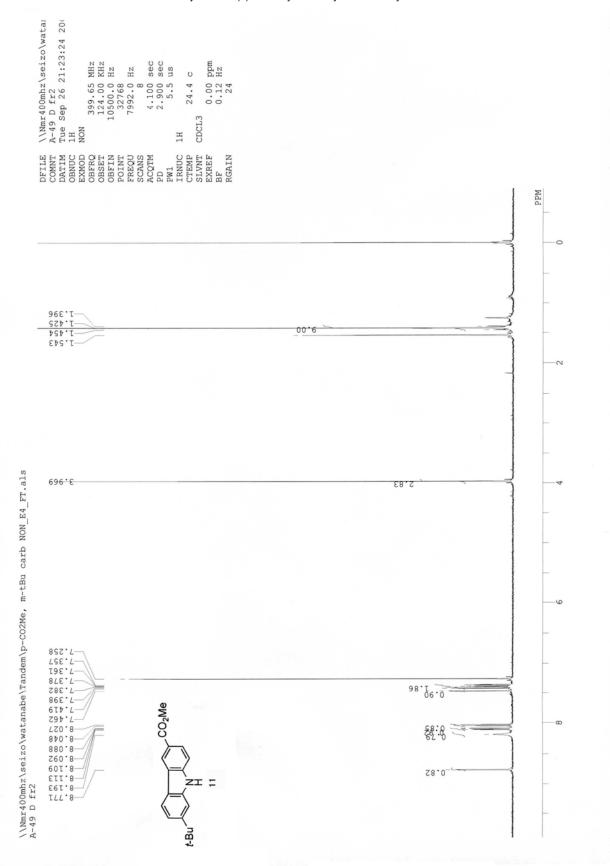


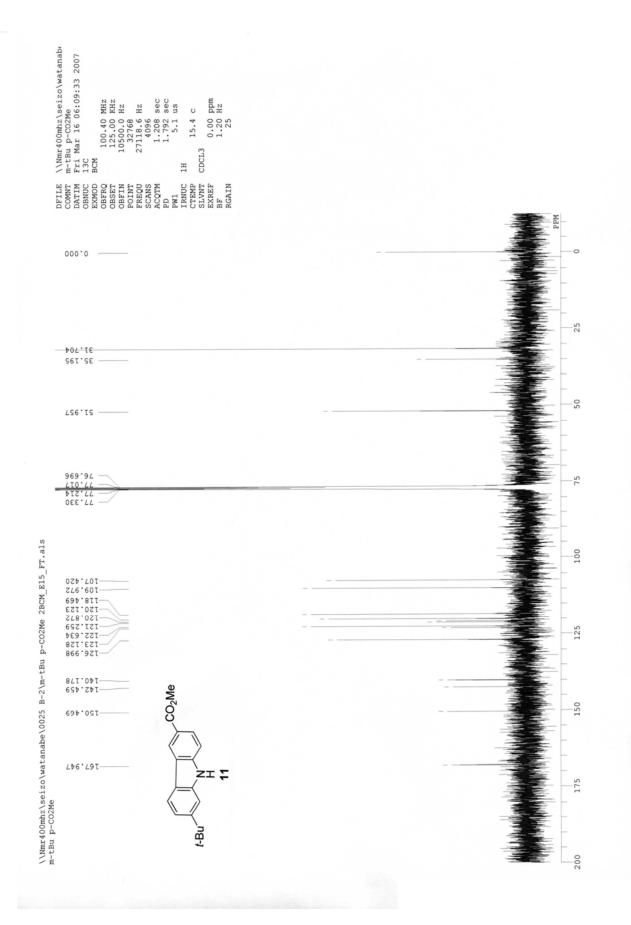


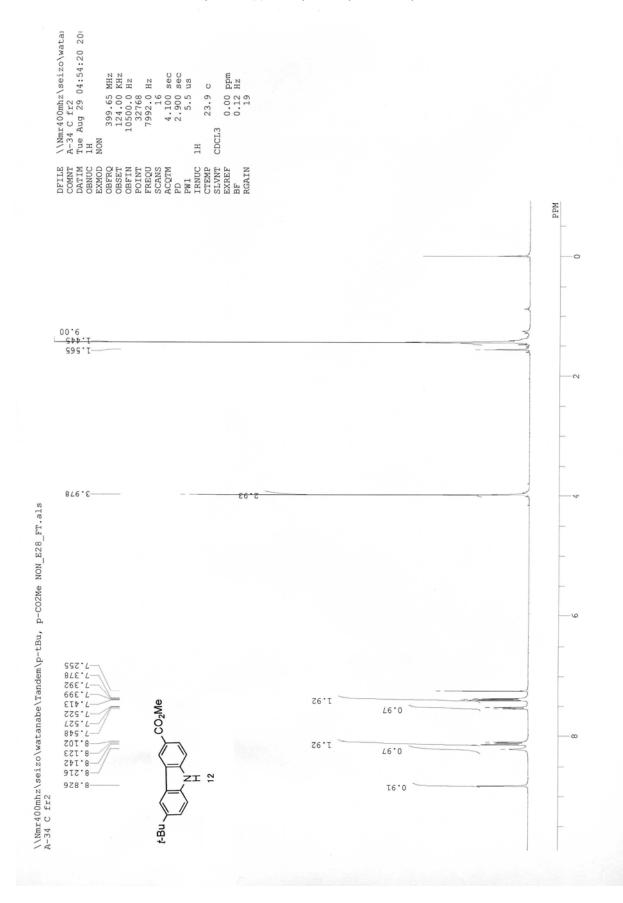


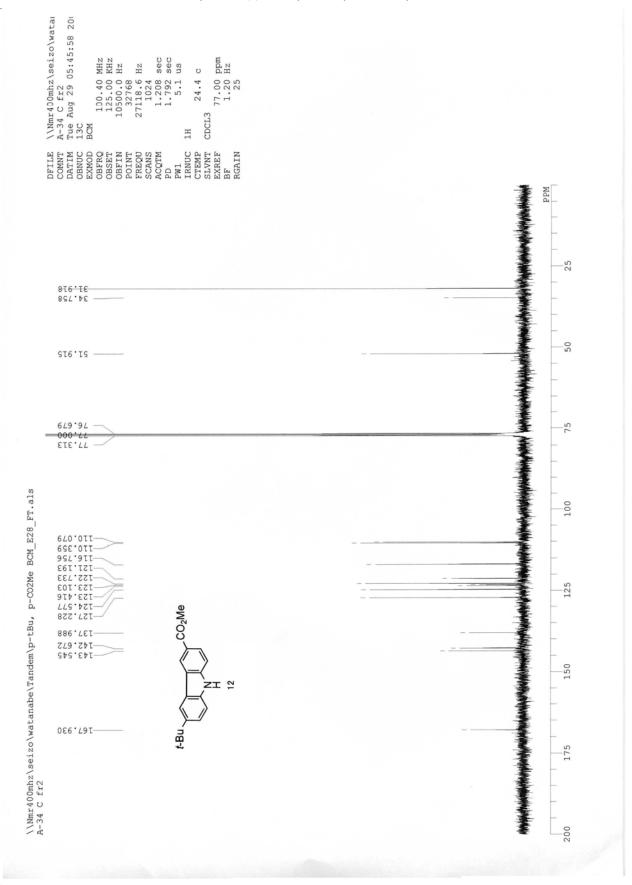


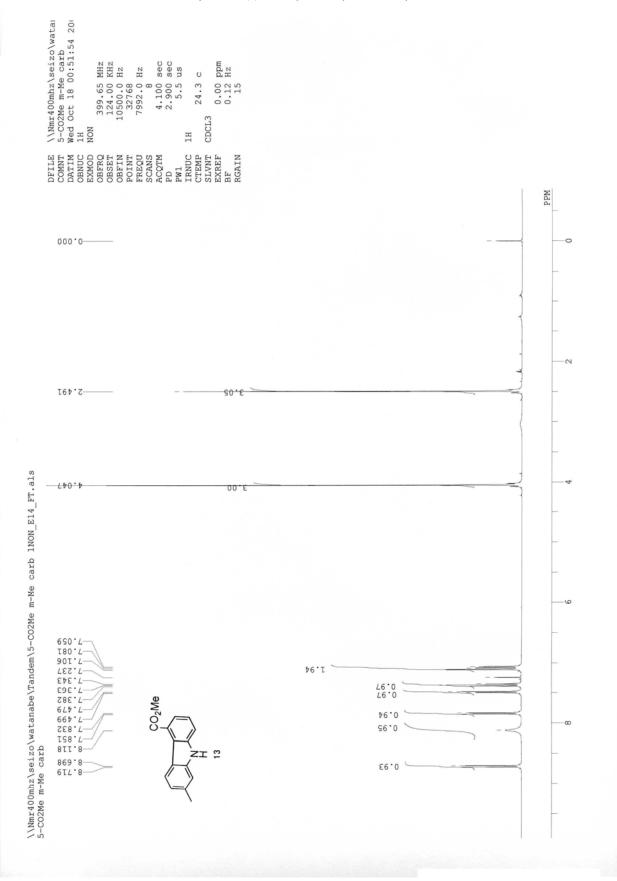


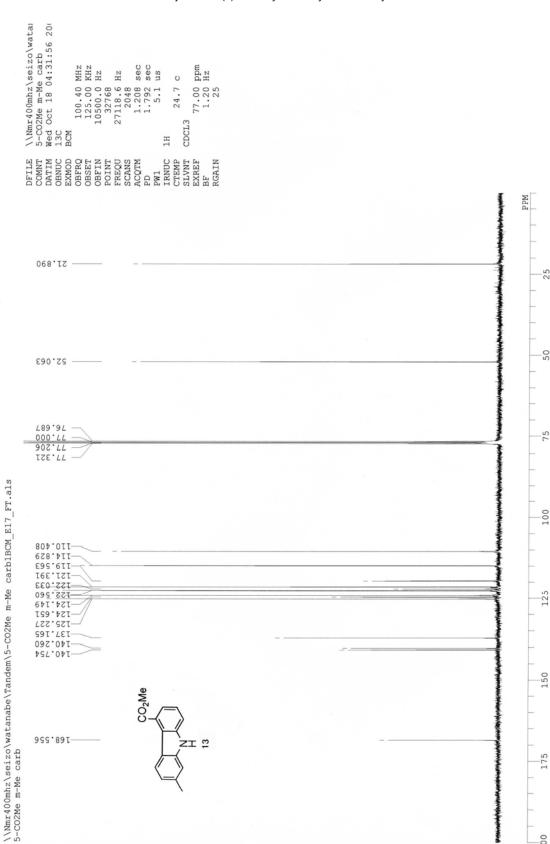












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