

Palladium-catalyzed cascade reactions of coumarins with alkynes: synthesis of highly substituted cyclopentadiene fused chromones

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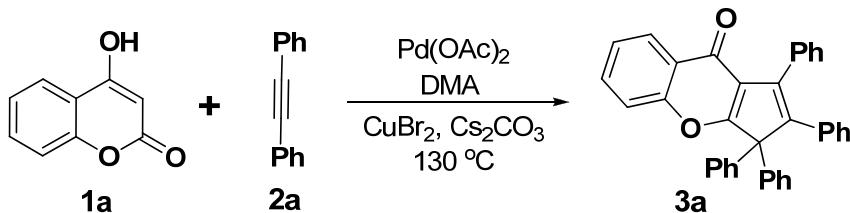
1. General Information

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 (300 MHz) or a AMX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0) or tetramethylsilane (TMS δ 0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in ESI mode and API 3000TM in APCI (Heated Nebulizer) mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F254) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040-0.063 mm) mesh silica gel.

2. Starting materials

Compounds **1** and **2**, **2c**, **2d** were commercially available. Compounds **1b**¹, **1c**¹, **1e**¹, **1f**¹, **1h**¹, **1i**¹, **1l**¹, **1m**¹, **1n**¹; **1a**², **1g**², **1j**², **1k**²; **2a**³, **2b**³, **2e**³, **2f**³, **2g**³, **2h**³, **2i**³, **2j**³, **2k**³, **2l**³ were prepared according to literature, respectively.

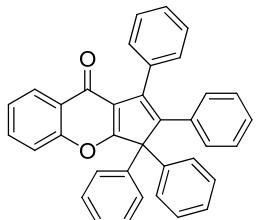
3. Representative Procedure for Palladium-catalyzed Reaction



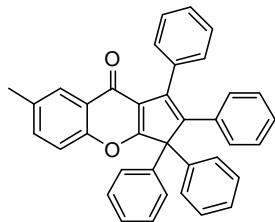
Typical procedure for the Palladium-catalyzed Reaction:

To a solution of diphenylacetylene **2a** (178 mg, 1 mmol) and 4-hydroxycoumarin **1a** (32.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 2 ml of dimethylacetamide, then Copper (II) bromide (89.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) as an oxidant and cesium carbonate (130.3 mg, 0.4 mmol) as an additive were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130°C for 24h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted by hexane/EtOAc = 25:1 then 10:1 to afford 70.0 mg (79% yield) of the desired product **3a** as pale white powder.

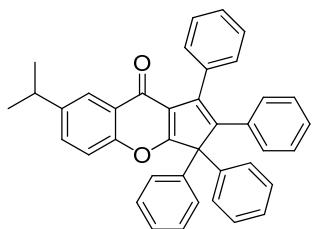
4. Analytical Data of Palladium-catalyzed Reaction



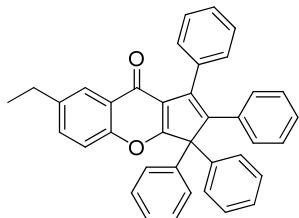
1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3a). 79% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.31 – 8.19 (m, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.2, 1H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 8H), 7.25 (ddd, J = 14.1, 7.1, 2.2, 9H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.3, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.5, 2H), 6.83 – 6.75 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 177.10, 173.36, 155.77, 142.68, 138.78, 137.52, 134.57, 134.25, 132.78, 130.61, 130.30, 128.91, 128.48, 127.81, 127.43, 127.35, 126.97, 126.23, 125.29, 125.21, 120.91, 118.22, 69.49.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 489.1849, found 489.1859.



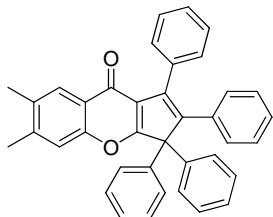
7-methyl-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3b). 81% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 9.6, 7.7, 3.3 Hz, 7H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75–6.67 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 177.61, 174.00, 154.57, 142.98, 139.34, 138.11, 135.68, 135.13, 134.77, 134.46, 131.12, 130.85, 129.42, 128.96, 128.43, 128.28, 127.93, 127.87, 127.82, 127.44, 126.11, 125.43, 121.18, 118.49, 69.92, 21.43.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 503.2006, found 503.2011.



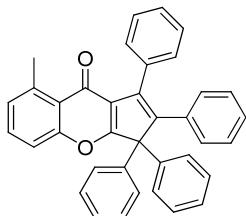
7-isopropyl-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3c). 79% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.34 – 7.99 (m, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.35 (s, 9H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.6, 2H), 6.86 (dd, J = 19.2, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (hept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.20, 173.70, 154.32, 146.25, 142.54, 138.97, 137.70, 134.71, 134.42, 131.84, 130.70, 130.41, 128.99, 128.53, 127.84, 127.49, 127.42, 127.39, 127.00, 125.10, 123.06, 120.78, 118.14, 69.53, 33.79, 23.98.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 531.2319, found 531.2337.



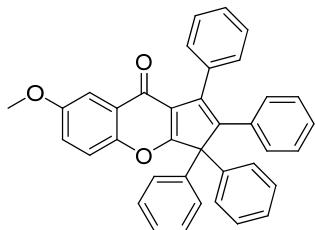
7-ethyl-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3d). 84% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 6H), 7.36–7.28 (m, 11H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.3, 2H), 2.75 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.63, 174.08, 154.73, 143.00, 142.03, 139.40, 138.14, 135.17, 134.83, 133.49, 131.15, 130.86, 129.44, 128.97, 128.44, 128.28, 127.94, 127.87, 127.83, 127.45, 125.57, 124.93, 121.23, 118.58, 69.97, 28.82, 15.98.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 517.2162, found 517.2173.



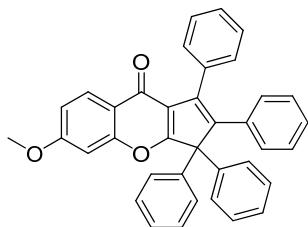
6,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3e). 50% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 9H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.7, 2H), 6.85 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 6H); ^{13}C (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.33, 174.02, 154.83, 143.63, 142.81, 139.50, 138.23, 135.24, 134.91, 134.85, 131.16, 130.89, 129.43, 128.94, 128.23, 127.93, 127.84, 127.80, 127.40, 126.39, 123.56, 121.09, 118.94, 69.90, 20.71, 19.85; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 517.2162, found 517.2171.



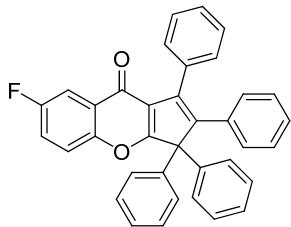
8-methyl-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3f). 59% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.13 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.1, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 7H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 10H), 7.06 (ddd, J = 6.6, 3.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.13, 174.17, 154.76, 142.89, 139.50, 138.49, 135.14, 134.77, 134.31, 131.16, 130.82, 129.37, 128.91, 128.26, 128.08, 127.90, 127.86, 127.81, 127.42, 125.63, 125.17, 124.38, 120.97, 77.69, 77.44, 77.19, 70.13, 15.92.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 503.2006, found 503.2022.



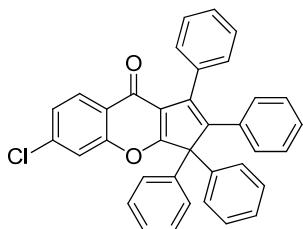
7-methoxy-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3g). 68% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.59 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 9.6, 7.6, 2.5 Hz, 6H), 7.28 – 7.18 (m, 10H), 7.10 (dd, J = 9.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.60, 173.70, 157.54, 151.05, 143.07, 139.31, 138.13, 135.11, 134.82, 131.13, 130.84, 129.43, 128.99, 128.31, 127.95, 127.88, 127.83, 127.47, 126.45, 123.12, 120.72, 120.07, 106.04, 69.89, 56.31.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 519.1955, found 519.1979.



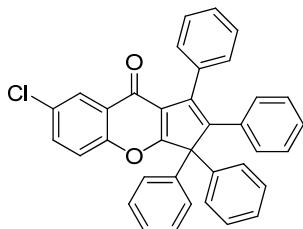
6-methoxy-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3h). 62% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.15 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.6, 2.7 Hz, 6H), 7.33 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 13.5, 5.9 Hz, 3H), 6.82 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.15, 173.60, 163.97, 157.99, 142.98, 139.39, 138.11, 135.15, 134.85, 131.14, 130.84, 129.43, 128.99, 128.29, 127.94, 127.87, 127.84, 127.43, 121.27, 119.51, 114.93, 101.17, 69.86, 56.24.; HRMS (EI) calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ 519.1955, found 519.1967.



7-fluoro-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3i). 66% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.88 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 7H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 10H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 – 6.76 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.97, 172.99, 161.17, 159.21, 152.42, 143.51, 138.97, 137.85, 134.90, 134.57, 131.10, 130.78, 129.39, 129.06, 128.43, 128.03, 127.99, 127.92, 127.59, 127.18, 127.12, 121.48, 121.27, 120.91, 120.77, 120.70, 111.76, 111.57, 70.00; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{F}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 507.1755, found 408.1772.

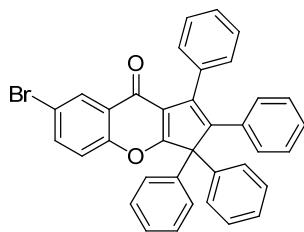


6-chloro-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3g). 68% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.21 (d, J = 8.6, 1H), 7.48–7.35 (m, 8H), 7.35–7.26 (m, 9H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 177.17, 172.68, 155.88, 143.17, 138.88, 138.53, 137.30, 134.44, 134.13, 130.65, 130.34, 128.92, 128.63, 128.02, 127.62, 127.58, 127.55, 127.47, 127.16, 126.11, 123.91, 121.29, 118.42, 69.58.; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Cl} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 523.1459, found 523.1474.



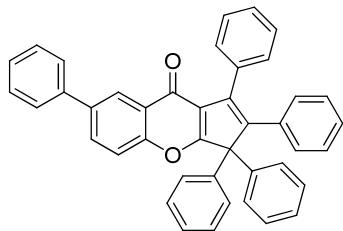
7-chloro-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3h). 74% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 8.19 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.87, 172.66, 154.62, 143.66, 138.99, 137.81, 134.93, 134.54, 133.49, 131.80, 131.14, 130.83, 129.42, 129.11, 128.49, 128.09, 128.03, 127.95, 127.65, 126.91, 126.24, 121.53, 120.45, 70.09.; HRESIMS calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Cl} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 523.1459, found 523.1464.

Table 2 entry 12



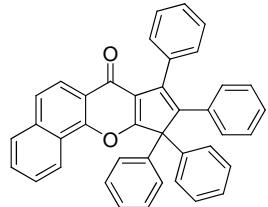
7-bromo-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3la). 49% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.39 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (qd, J = 5.5, 3.4 Hz, 7H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 10H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.82, 172.50, 155.10, 143.69, 139.02, 137.82, 136.25, 134.96, 134.53, 131.16, 130.83, 129.50, 129.43, 129.10, 128.48, 128.08, 128.02, 127.93, 127.65, 127.31, 121.63, 120.67, 119.28, 70.12.; HRESIMS calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{Br} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 567.0954, found 567.0957.

Table 2 entry 13



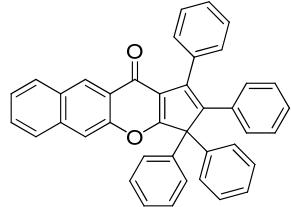
1,2,3,3,7-pentaphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ma). 65% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 9H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 10H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.72, 173.95, 155.72, 143.28, 139.90, 139.26, 138.91, 138.02, 135.08, 134.73, 132.16, 131.15, 130.87, 129.45, 129.04, 128.37, 128.26, 127.98, 127.88, 127.61, 127.53, 125.95, 124.66, 121.46, 119.27, 70.04; HRESIMS calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 565.2161, found 565.2159.

Table 2 entry 14



8,9,10,10-tetraphenylbenzo[h]cyclopenta[b]chromen-7(10H)-one (3na). 86% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.33 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd, J = 10.3, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 176.54, 173.92, 153.47, 143.55, 139.47, 138.37, 136.07, 135.13, 134.71, 131.24, 130.93, 129.43, 129.11, 128.42, 128.01, 127.90, 127.60, 127.53, 125.73, 124.65, 122.58, 122.09, 121.90, 70.23; HRESIMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 539.2006, found 539.2017.

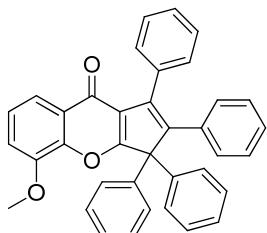
Table 2 entry 15



1,2,3,3-tetraphenylbenzo[g]cyclopenta[b]chromen-11(3H)-one (3oa). 63% yield; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 10.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 10.8, 6.8, 6.1 Hz, 7H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 9H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 176.20, 174.81, 157.38, 143.92, 139.78, 138.14, 135.25, 135.21, 134.98, 131.67, 131.32, 131.22, 130.84, 129.47, 129.33, 129.03, 128.48, 128.34, 127.97, 127.93, 127.48, 126.95, 123.80, 119.02,

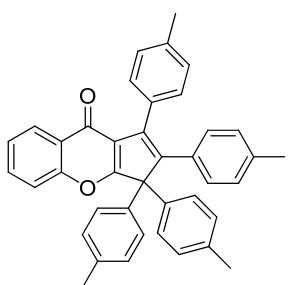
118.30, 69.63; HRESIMS calcd for C₄₀H₂₇O₂ [M+H]⁺ 539.2006, found 539.2017.

Table 2 entry 16



5-methoxy-1,2,3,3-tetraphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3pa). 56% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.30 (dd, *J* = 26.8, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dt, *J* = 24.8, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 9H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 4.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.34, 173.80, 153.46, 148.45, 143.34, 139.56, 138.53, 135.22, 134.83, 131.26, 130.95, 129.43, 129.07, 128.95, 128.82, 128.36, 128.04, 128.00, 127.91, 127.85, 127.55, 125.57, 123.04, 122.52, 122.41, 121.84, 105.48, 97.35, 70.14, 56.44.; HRESIMS calcd for C₃₇H₂₇O₃ [M+H]⁺ 519.1978, found 519.1955.

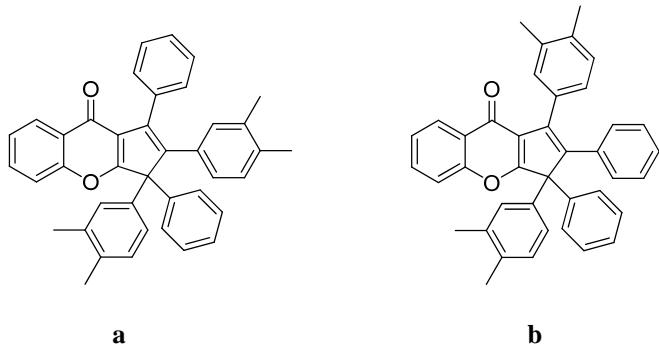
Table 3 entry 1



1,2,3,3-tetrap-tolylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ab). 67% yield; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.27 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 6H), 7.13 (m, 6H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.89, 173.91, 156.33, 142.91, 138.56, 137.87, 137.32, 136.88, 135.29, 133.06, 132.30, 132.24, 130.97, 130.70, 129.64, 129.43, 128.90, 128.68, 128.66, 127.89,

126.79, 125.97, 125.55, 121.47, 118.72, 69.21, 21.86, 21.58, 21.5.; HRESIMS calcd for C₄₀H₃₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 545.2475, found 545.2493.

Table 3 entry 2

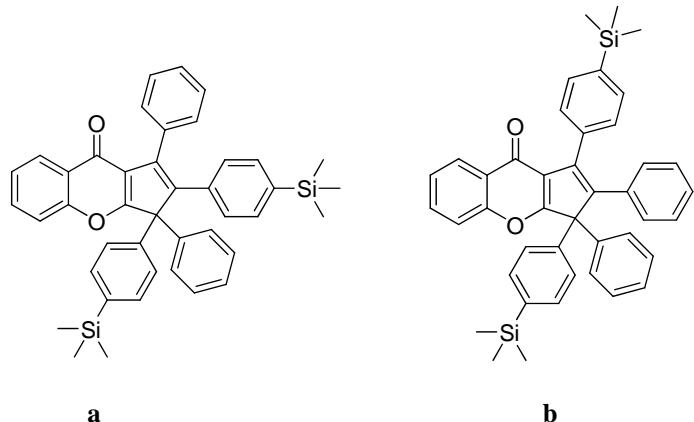


1,3-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ac). 63% yield (ratio of regioisomers 59:41); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.30 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9, 5.4 Hz, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.95 – 6.84 (m, 7H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.73 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.15 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.67, 173.88, 156.33, 143.00, 139.34, 138.40, 138.37, 137.83, 137.01, 135.38, 134.76, 133.13, 131.18, 129.97, 129.62, 129.52, 128.87, 128.49, 128.13, 127.72, 127.23, 126.81, 125.95, 125.58, 121.71, 118.79, 69.89, 21.94, 21.84.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for C₄₀H₃₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 545.2475, found 545.2486.

2,3-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 1,3-bis(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ac). 63% yield (ratio of regioisomers 59:41); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.27 – 8.25 (m, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 6.98 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 1.98 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.65, 173.98, 156.38, 143.70, 138.77, 138.45, 138.30, 137.93, 136.86, 135.15, 134.82, 133.17, 131.27, 130.88, 130.76, 129.96, 129.67, 129.50, 129.26, 128.99, 128.91, 128.82, 128.15, 127.88, 127.76, 127.72,

127.40, 127.21, 126.78, 125.94, 125.63, 121.53, 118.81, 69.82, 21.93, 21.64.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for C₄₀H₃₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 545.2475, found 545.2486.

Table 3 entry 3

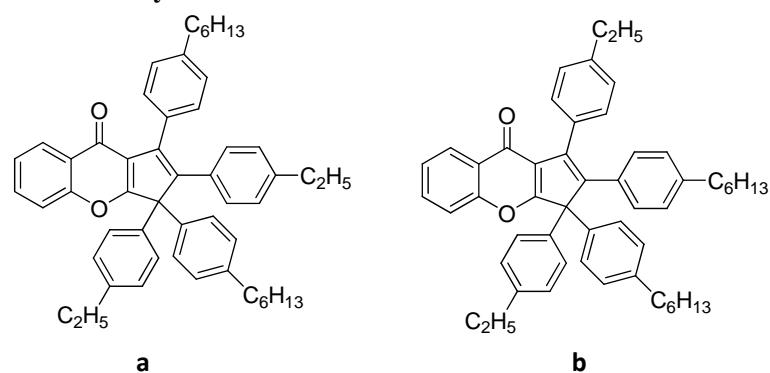


1,3-diphenyl-2,3-bis(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-diphenyl-1,3-bis(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ad). 74% yield (ratio of regioisomers 53:47); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.36 (m, 12H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 0.28 (s, 6H), 0.28 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.68, 173.88, 156.28, 143.20, 140.62, 139.73, 139.32, 138.45, 138.07, 135.19, 135.03, 133.97, 133.25, 132.80, 131.22, 130.03, 129.44, 129.05, 128.95, 128.78, 128.26, 127.93, 127.44, 126.78, 125.84, 125.70, 121.45, 118.76, 70.00, -0.59, -0.67.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for C₄₂H₄₁O₂ Si2[M+H]⁺ 633.2640, found 633.2670.

2,3-diphenyl-1,3-bis(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 1,3-diphenyl-2,3-bis(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ad). 74% yield (ratio of regioisomers 53:47); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.26 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 11H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, *J* =

8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 0.27 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.65, 173.88, 156.32, 143.07, 140.62, 139.43, 139.38, 138.47, 138.09, 135.33, 135.08, 133.98, 133.24, 133.05, 132.86, 130.79, 130.20, 129.52, 128.96, 128.86, 128.46, 128.26, 127.95, 127.90, 126.77, 125.85, 125.69, 121.49, 118.79, 69.74, -0.67, -0.74; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_2\text{Si}2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 633.2640, found 633.2670.

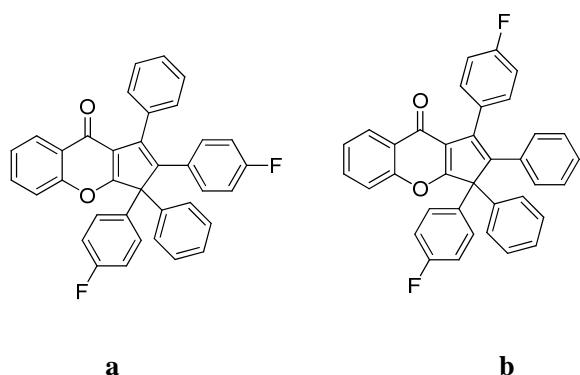
Table 3 entry 4



1,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2,3-bis(4-hexylphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-bis(4-hexylphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ae). 78% yield (ratio of regioisomers 61:39); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.31 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 8H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72 – 2.62 (m, 8H), 2.56 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.25 (m, 18H), 1.19 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 1.01 – 0.89 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 178.00, 173.98, 156.31, 144.09, 143.12, 143.07, 142.88, 142.28, 138.52, 135.46, 135.41, 133.05, 132.61, 132.37, 131.03, 130.72, 129.51, 129.41, 128.88, 128.36, 127.91, 127.28, 126.76, 125.93, 125.54, 121.44, 118.76, 69.19, 36.32, 36.04, 32.24, 32.17, 31.66, 31.61, 29.50, 28.88, 28.83, 23.12, 23.07, 15.70, 15.49, 14.58, 14.55; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{57}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 713.4353, found 713.4369.

1,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2,3-bis(4-hexylphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one and **2,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-1,3-bis(4-hexylphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ae)**. 78% yield (ratio of regioisomers 61:39); Spectrum data of **a** and **b** as complex: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.34 – 8.28 (m, 1H), 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 6.94 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.75 – 2.46 (m, 12H), 1.41 – 1.21 (m, 18H), 0.97 – 0.87 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.98, 173.96, 171.55, 166.89, 161.64, 161.54, 156.36, 156.30, 144.60, 144.52, 144.08, 143.49, 143.39, 143.29, 143.21, 142.87, 142.09, 141.80, 138.45, 135.74, 135.61, 135.49, 135.44, 134.55, 133.05, 132.82, 132.67, 132.55, 132.48, 132.32, 130.99, 130.84, 130.77, 130.66, 130.31, 130.22, 129.69, 129.49, 129.39, 129.35, 129.26, 128.86, 128.38, 128.34, 128.27, 128.19, 127.92, 127.85, 127.55, 127.29, 126.85, 126.76, 126.44, 125.94, 125.54, 125.45, 121.46, 118.75, 118.54, 69.28, 67.41, 36.04, 35.94, 32.21, 32.17, 32.13, 31.66, 31.64, 31.36, 29.54, 29.49, 29.19, 29.16, 28.88, 23.09, 23.07, 15.70, 14.56, 14.54, 14.52; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{57}\text{O}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 713.4353, found 713.4369..

Table 3 entry 5



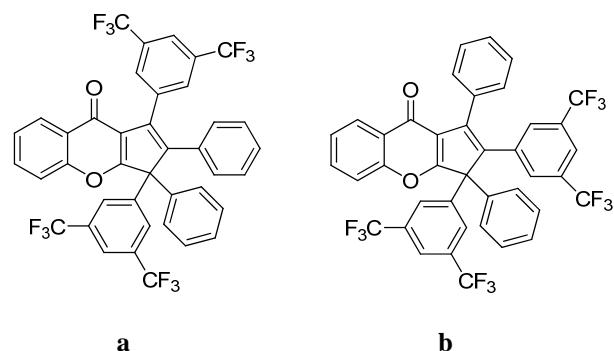
1,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or **2,3-bis(4-fluoro-**

phenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3af). 62% yield (ratio of regioisomers 51:49); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.27 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.29 (m, 11H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.94 (m, 6H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 2H). ;

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.96, 173.51, 163.24, 161.37, 161.28, 155.83, 142.86, 137.89, 137.36, 134.34, 133.15, 133.06, 132.22, 132.16, 130.67, 130.63, 130.61, 130.00, 128.96, 128.80, 128.70, 128.57, 128.10, 127.74, 127.34, 126.32, 125.47, 125.28, 120.63, 118.29, 115.62, 115.44, 114.57, 114.40, 68.97; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for C₃₆H₂₃O₂F₂[M+H]⁺ 525.1661, found 525.1665.

2,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 1,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3af). 62% yield (ratio of regioisomers 51:49); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.27 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.28 (m, 13H), 7.00 (dd, J = 14.5, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 6.79 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.69 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.85, 173.38, 163.37, 162.78, 161.39, 160.81, 155.84, 153.19, 141.50, 139.25, 137.33, 133.95, 133.11, 133.02, 132.30, 132.24, 130.63, 130.57, 130.49, 130.30, 128.91, 128.78, 128.76, 128.66, 128.16, 127.71, 127.57, 126.38, 125.45, 125.34, 120.81, 118.26, 115.71, 115.54, 114.82, 114.65, 68.94; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for C₃₆H₂₃O₂F₂[M+H]⁺ 525.1661, found 525.1665.

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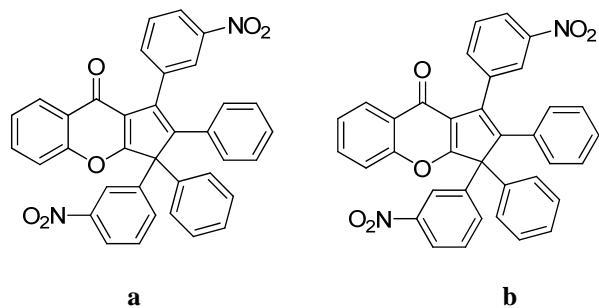


1,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ag). 49% yield (ratio of regioisomers 73:27); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.34 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.4

Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.79 (s, 3H), 7.72 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.70 – 6.67 (m, 2H). ; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 175.67, 173.77, 156.34, 144.86, 140.34, 137.78, 136.30, 135.76, 134.23, 133.09, 132.59, 132.32, 131.33, 131.22, 130.96, 129.91, 129.53, 129.06, 128.99, 128.93, 127.07, 126.49, 125.50, 124.83, 124.54, 122.66, 122.37, 121.95, 120.72, 118.74, 70.04.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{F}_{12} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 761.1344, found 761.1364.

2,3-bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 1,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ag). 49% yield (ratio of regioisomers 73:27); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.30 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 3H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.48 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.3 Hz, 5H), 7.40 (s, 5H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 2H).; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 175.94, 173.54, 156.37, 143.98, 140.39, 138.31, 136.38, 135.97, 134.21, 133.05, 132.95, 132.78, 131.92, 131.66, 130.78, 130.23, 130.16, 129.81, 129.41, 129.30, 128.74, 128.70, 127.02, 126.52, 125.67, 124.44, 124.31, 122.97, 122.27, 122.15, 121.48, 121.33, 118.71, 69.16.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_2\text{F}_{12} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 761.1344, found 761.1364.

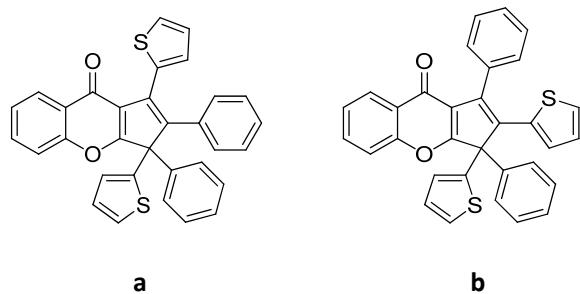
Table 3 entry 7



1,3-bis(3-nitrophenyl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one and 2,3-bis(3-nitrophenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ah). 47% yield (ratio of regioisomers 52:48);

Spectrum data of **a** and **b** as complex: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.33 – 8.22 (m, 4H), 8.22 – 8.10 (m, 3H), 7.93 – 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.53 (dt, J = 20.9, 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.47 – 7.30 (m, 20H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.77 – 6.71 (m, 2H).; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 176.43, 176.22, 173.79, 173.60, 156.32, 156.28, 148.99, 148.82, 148.11, 148.01, 144.40, 142.81, 139.91, 139.87, 139.28, 137.84, 136.98, 136.90, 136.41, 136.29, 136.16, 135.85, 135.21, 135.09, 134.01, 133.95, 133.38, 130.98, 130.48, 130.40, 130.09, 129.88, 129.65, 129.43, 129.31, 129.25, 129.02, 128.94, 128.87, 128.80, 128.68, 128.44, 126.88, 126.81, 126.32, 126.29, 125.92, 125.63, 125.47, 125.43, 124.42, 124.32, 123.86, 123.66, 123.12, 122.69, 121.27, 120.91, 118.80, 118.73, 69.97, 69.36; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_6\text{N}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 579.1551, found 579.1545

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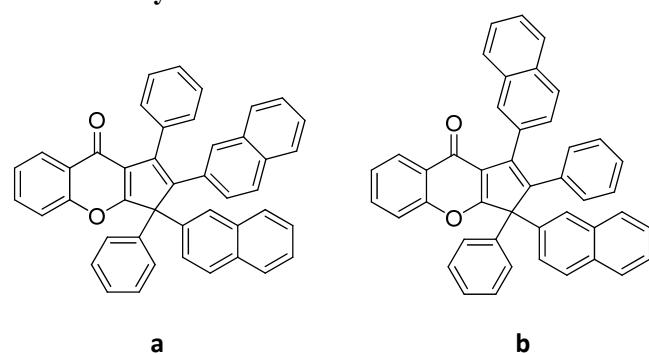


1,3-diphenyl-2,3-di(thiophen-2-yl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-diphenyl -1,3- di (thiophen-2-yl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ai). 60% yield (ratio of regioisomers 66:34); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.34 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 3.9, 2.8 Hz, 3H), 7.02 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.87 (m, 2H). ; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3)

δ = 176.51, 174.00, 156.07, 143.90, 139.35, 137.80, 135.32, 134.91, 133.53, 132.20, 131.56, 131.04, 129.24, 128.78, 128.66, 128.33, 128.26, 127.04, 127.01, 126.93, 126.78, 126.00, 125.94, 125.87, 120.44, 118.71, 66.47; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $C_{32}H_{21}O_2S_2[M+H]^+$ 501.0977, found 501.0996.

1,3-diphenyl-2,3-di(thiophen-2-yl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one and 2,3-diphenyl -1,3- di (thio- phen-2-yl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ai). 60% yield (ratio of regioisomers 66:34); Spectrum data of **a** and **b** as complex: 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 8.35 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dt, J = 11.0, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.40 (m, 9H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.06 (dd, J = 8.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (t, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ = 176.49, 176.36, 173.97, 173.91, 156.28, 156.05, 143.89, 139.34, 138.29, 137.78, 137.56, 137.17, 136.33, 135.30, 134.90, 133.52, 133.45, 132.19, 131.54, 131.04, 130.41, 129.33, 129.22, 129.10, 129.07, 128.89, 128.77, 128.70, 128.64, 128.59, 128.32, 128.25, 127.03, 127.00, 126.91, 126.76, 126.67, 126.52, 126.36, 125.99, 125.93, 125.86, 125.74, 120.90, 120.42, 118.78, 118.69, 66.46, 65.74.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $C_{32}H_{21}O_2S_2[M+H]^+$ 501.0977, found 501.0996.

Table 3 entry 9



1,3-di(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-di (naphthalene

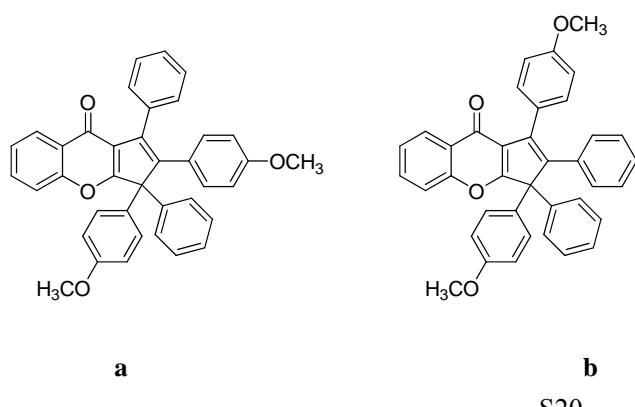
-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3aj). 88% yield (ratio of regioisomers 59:41);

Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.31 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (m, 6H), 7.49 (m, 14H), 7.02 (dd, J = 16.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.85 (m, 4H). ; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.17, 173.54, 155.92, 143.22, 138.94, 137.55, 135.09, 134.66, 133.39, 133.00, 132.92, 132.88, 132.86, 131.95, 130.75, 129.65, 129.12, 128.65, 128.48, 128.32, 128.24, 128.20, 128.01, 127.66, 127.58, 127.17, 126.77, 126.74, 126.44, 126.39, 126.29, 125.90, 125.69, 125.44, 125.35, 121.30, 118.34, 69.79; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 589.2162, found 589.2176.

2,3-di (naphthalene -2-yl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 3-di(naphthalene -2-yl)-2,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3aj). 88% yield (ratio of regioisomers 59:41);

Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz,) δ = 8.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.72 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 14H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.20, 173.51, 155.90, 142.52, 139.52, 137.56, 135.10, 134.35, 133.36, 132.91, 132.70, 132.28, 132.22, 130.48, 129.68, 129.15, 128.87, 128.67, 128.25, 128.16, 128.08, 128.01, 127.63, 127.55, 127.35, 126.90, 126.76, 126.44, 126.36, 126.29, 125.94, 125.65, 125.43, 125.35, 121.16, 118.32, 69.69.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_2[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 589.2162, found 589.2176.

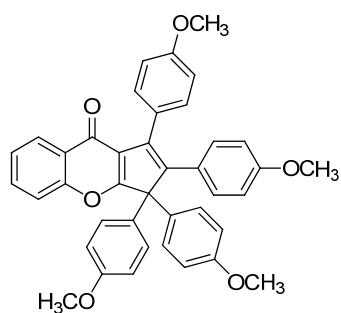
Table 3 entry 10



1,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)-2,3-bis(4-hexylphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ak). 81% yield (ratio of regioisomers 55:45); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.28 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 7H), 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.55 – 6.52 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.72, 173.92, 159.65, 158.90, 156.31, 143.13, 138.52, 138.18, 135.17, 133.19, 132.24, 130.88, 130.68, 129.84, 129.40, 128.98, 128.22, 127.93, 127.78, 127.43, 126.78, 125.88, 125.65, 121.36, 118.74, 114.42, 113.48, 69.22, 55.72, 55.44.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 549.2060, found 549.2074.

2,3-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-diphenylcyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one or 1,3-bis(4-ethyl phenyl)-2,3-bis(4-hexylphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3ak). 81% yield (ratio of regioisomers 55:45); Spectrum data of **a** or **b**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 8.31 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.30 (m, 12H), 7.10 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.90 – 6.83 (m, 5H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 177.97, 174.02, 159.60, 159.36, 156.24, 142.57, 138.61, 138.43, 135.43, 133.22, 132.19, 131.13, 130.62, 129.75, 129.34, 128.92, 128.19, 127.98, 127.33, 127.07, 126.73, 125.84, 125.67, 121.19, 118.70, 114.36, 113.36, 69.22, 55.66, 55.56; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 549.2060, found 549.2074

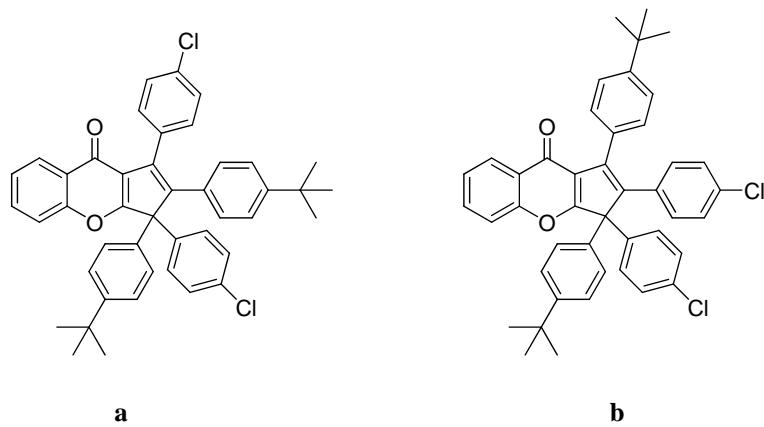
Table 3 entry 11



1,2,3,3-tetrakis(4-methoxyphenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3al). 76% yield; ^1H NMR (500

MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 8H), 6.85 – 6.79 (m, 6H), 6.78 – 6.74 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.96, 173.94, 159.44, 159.17, 158.68, 156.13, 142.44, 137.35, 133.07, 132.12, 130.47, 130.32, 130.11, 127.62, 127.34, 126.61, 125.76, 125.52, 121.01, 118.60, 114.26, 113.77, 113.42, 113.33, 68.32, 55.57, 55.48, 55.31.; HRESIMS (complex as standard) calcd for C₄₀H₃₃O₆[M+H]⁺ 609.2272, found 609.2285.

Table 3 entry 12



2,3-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-1,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one and 1,3-bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)-2,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)cyclopenta[b]chromen-9(3H)-one (3am). 47% yield (ratio of regioisomers 52:48); Spectrum data of **a** and **b** as complex: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.36 – 8.23 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.23 (m, 28H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80 – 6.70 (m, 4H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.34 (s, 18H), 1.23 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 177.44, 177.25, 173.89, 173.81, 156.21, 156.19, 151.64, 151.53, 151.04, 150.75, 143.49, 141.13, 139.99, 137.60, 136.78, 136.69, 134.24, 134.14, 134.09, 133.74, 133.66, 133.38, 133.33, 132.31, 132.26, 131.42, 131.12, 130.82, 130.67, 130.55, 130.42, 129.22, 129.09, 129.02, 128.93, 128.28, 128.13, 126.78, 126.69, 126.14, 126.03, 125.81, 125.77, 125.68, 125.08, 124.93, 121.22,

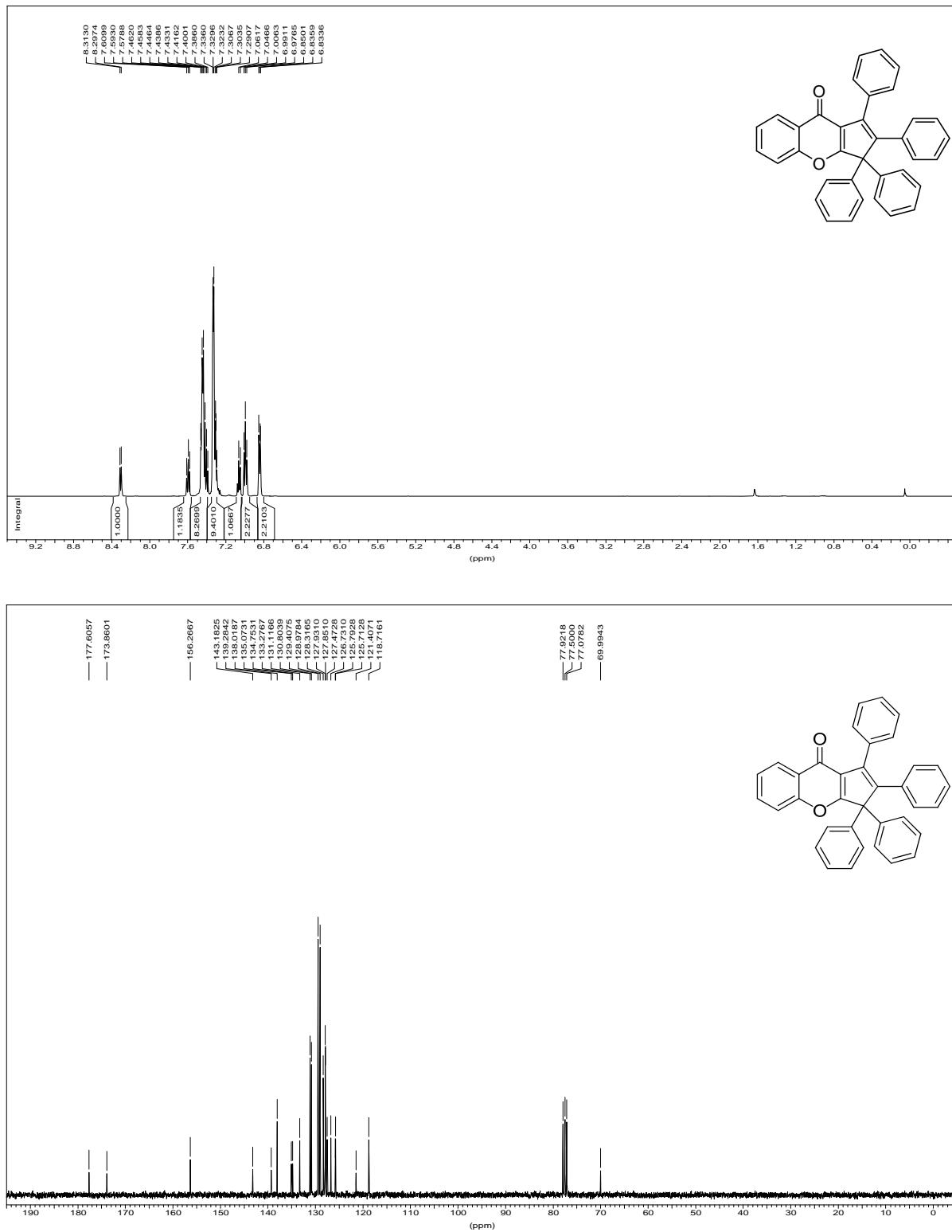
121.05, 118.72, 118.68, 68.95, 68.88, 35.05, 34.99, 34.97, 34.85, 31.78, 31.70, 31.59.; HRESIMS

(complex as standard) calcd for $C_{44}H_{39}O_2Cl_2[M+H]^+$ 669.2337, found 669.2322.

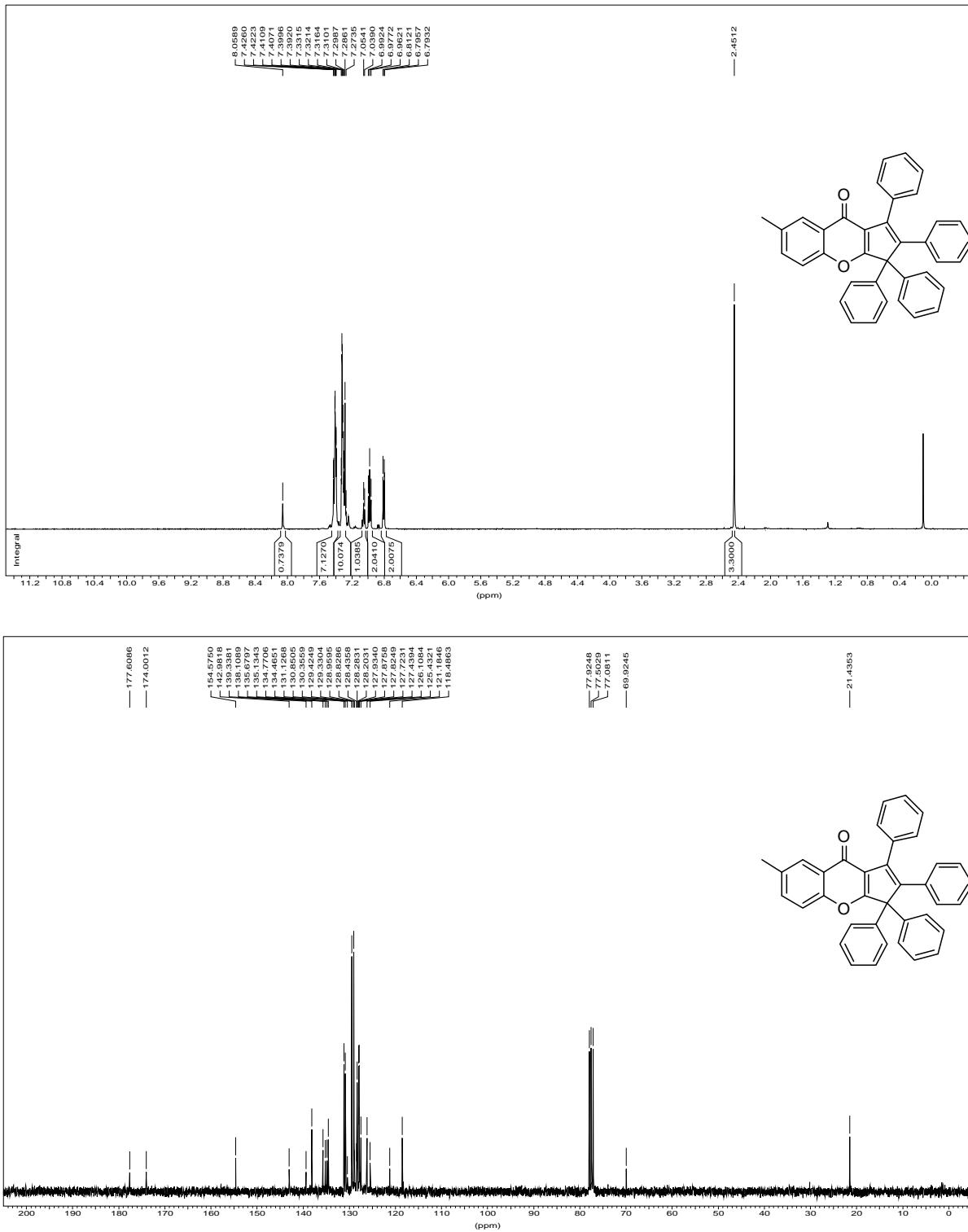
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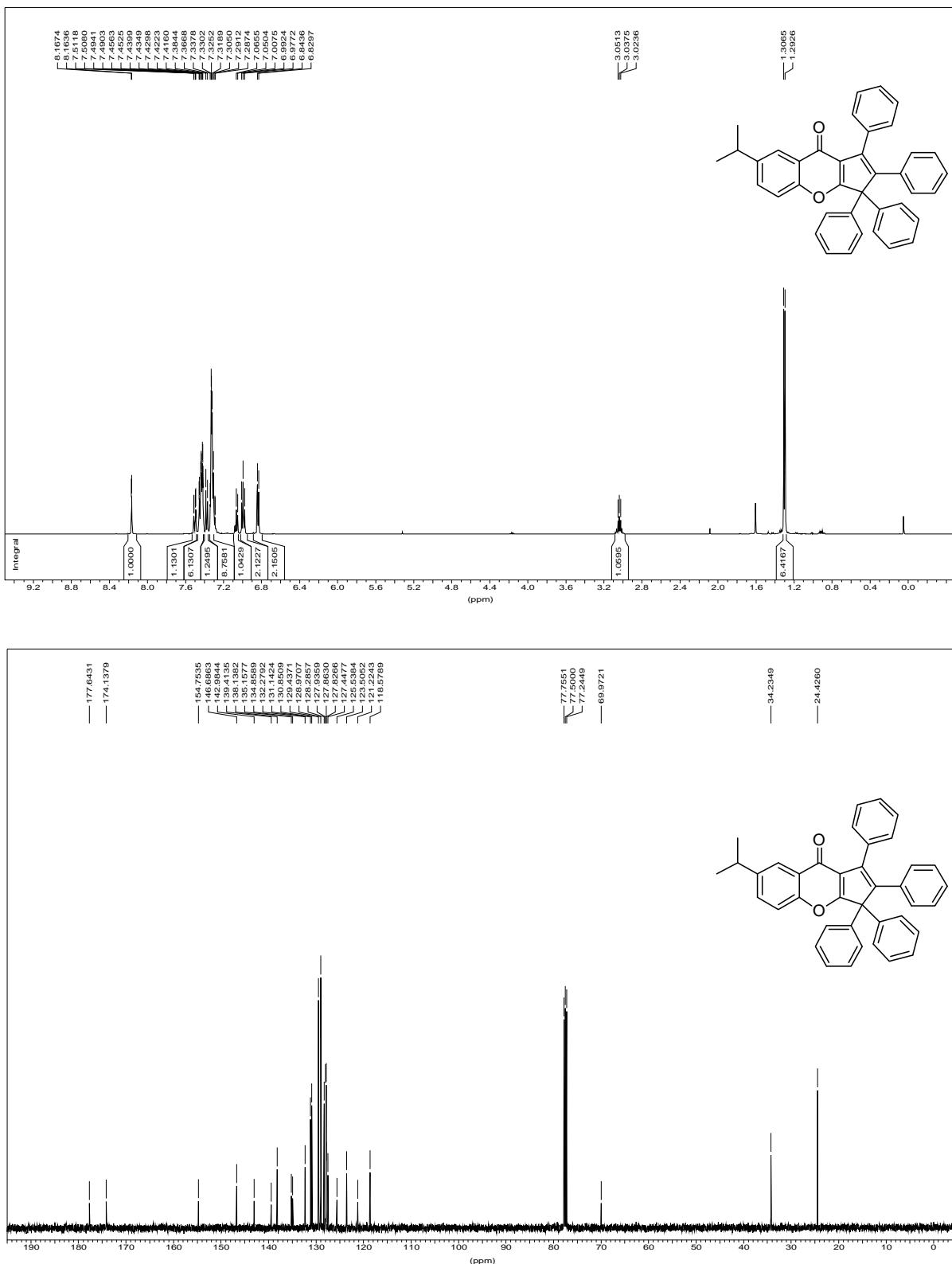
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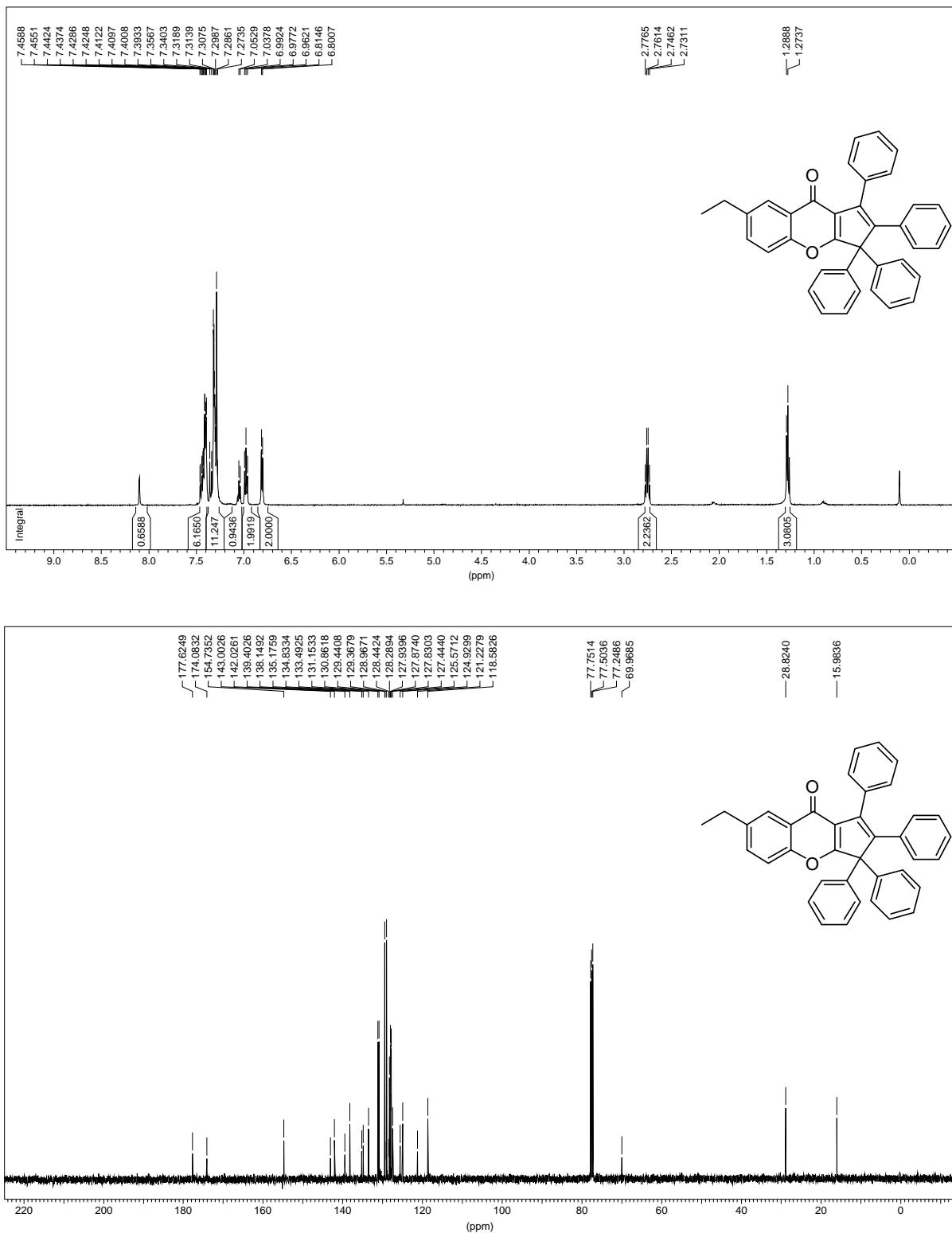
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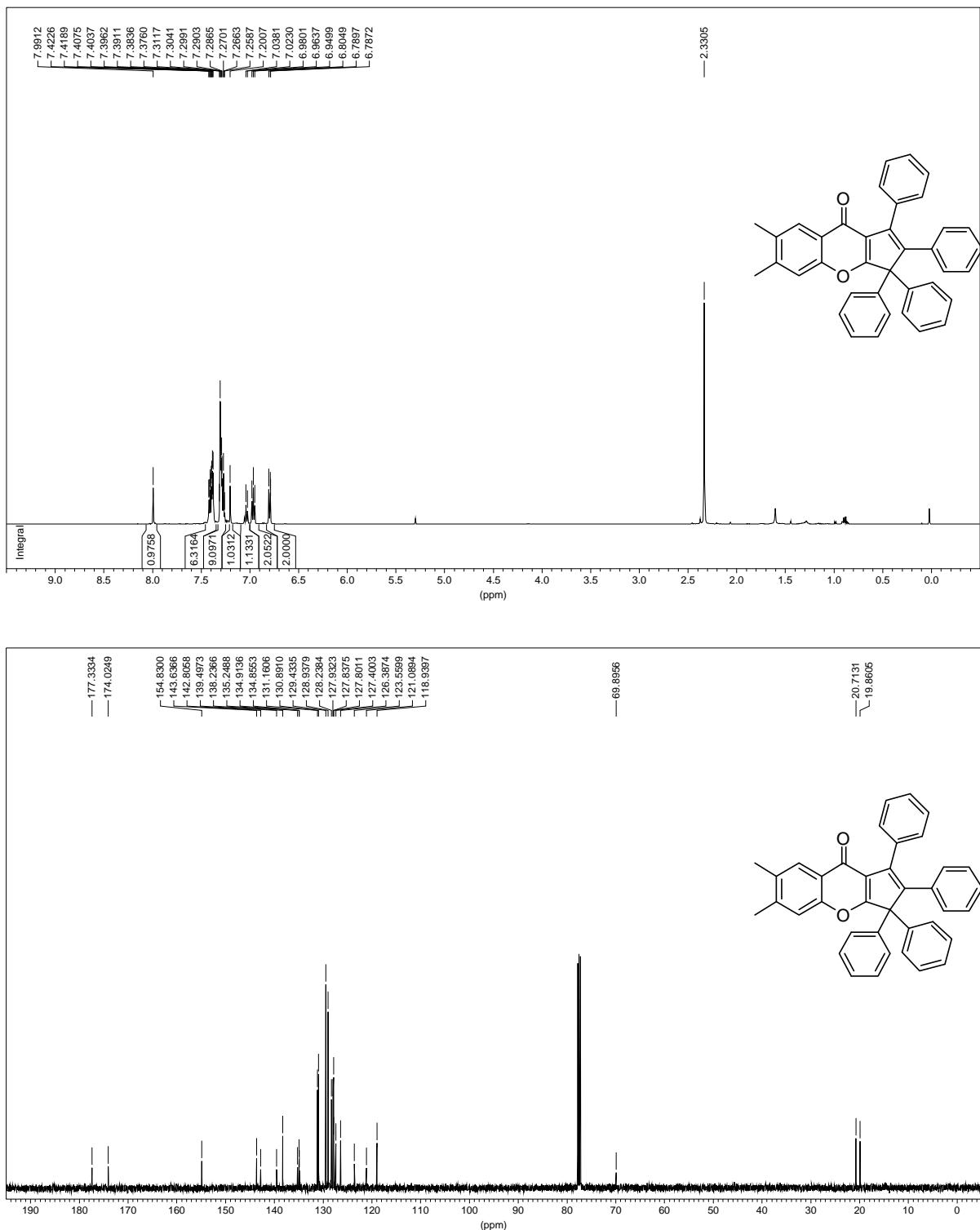
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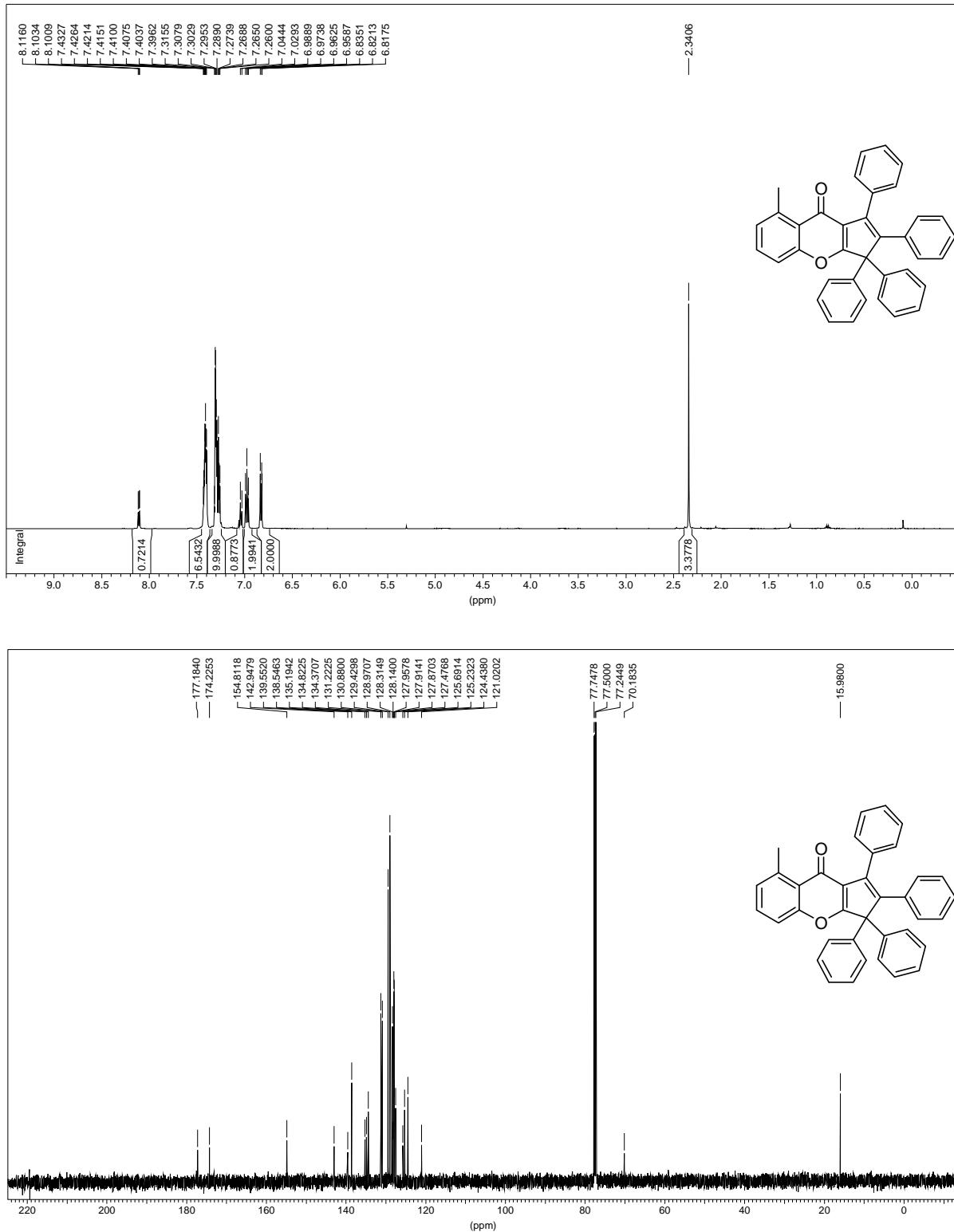
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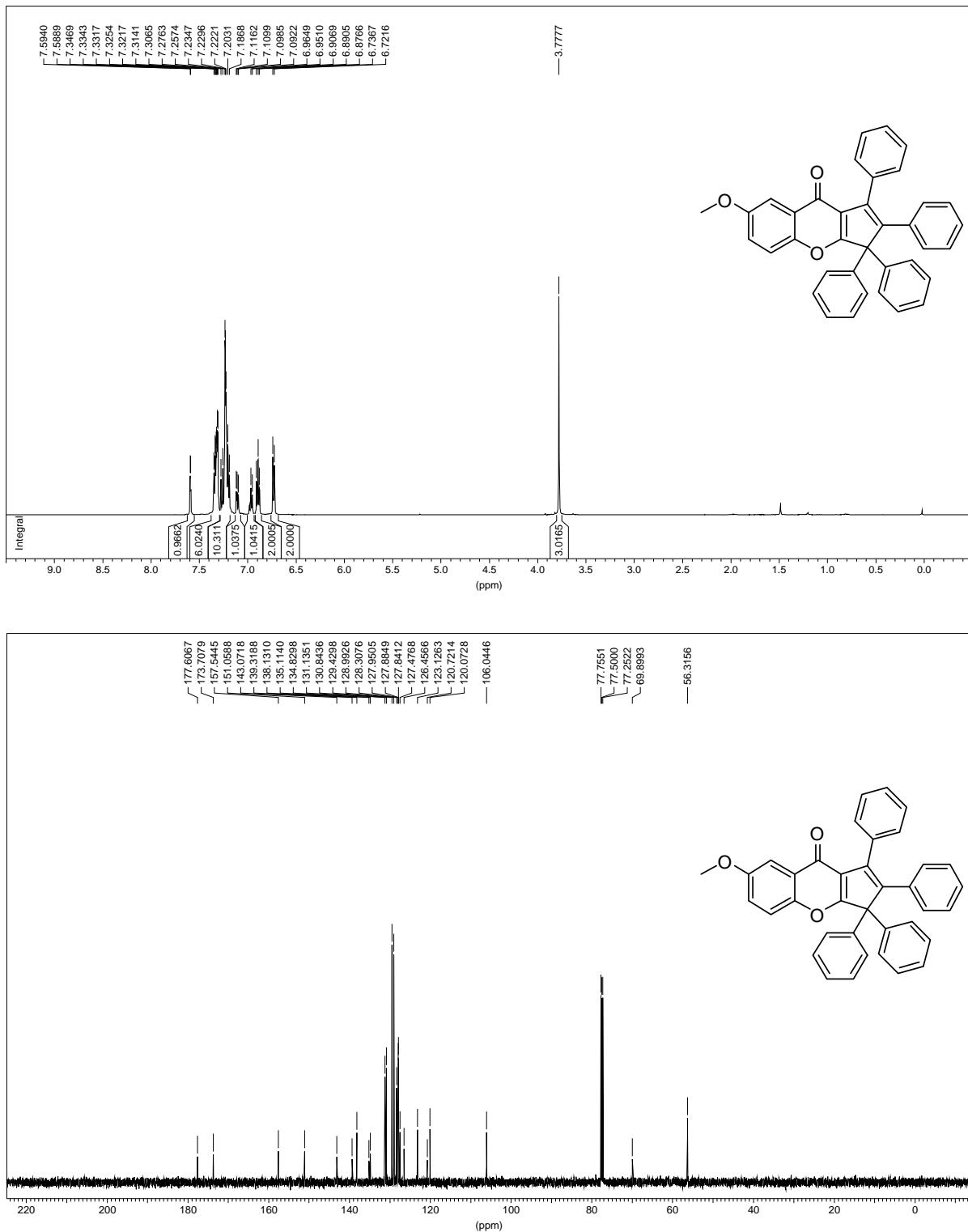
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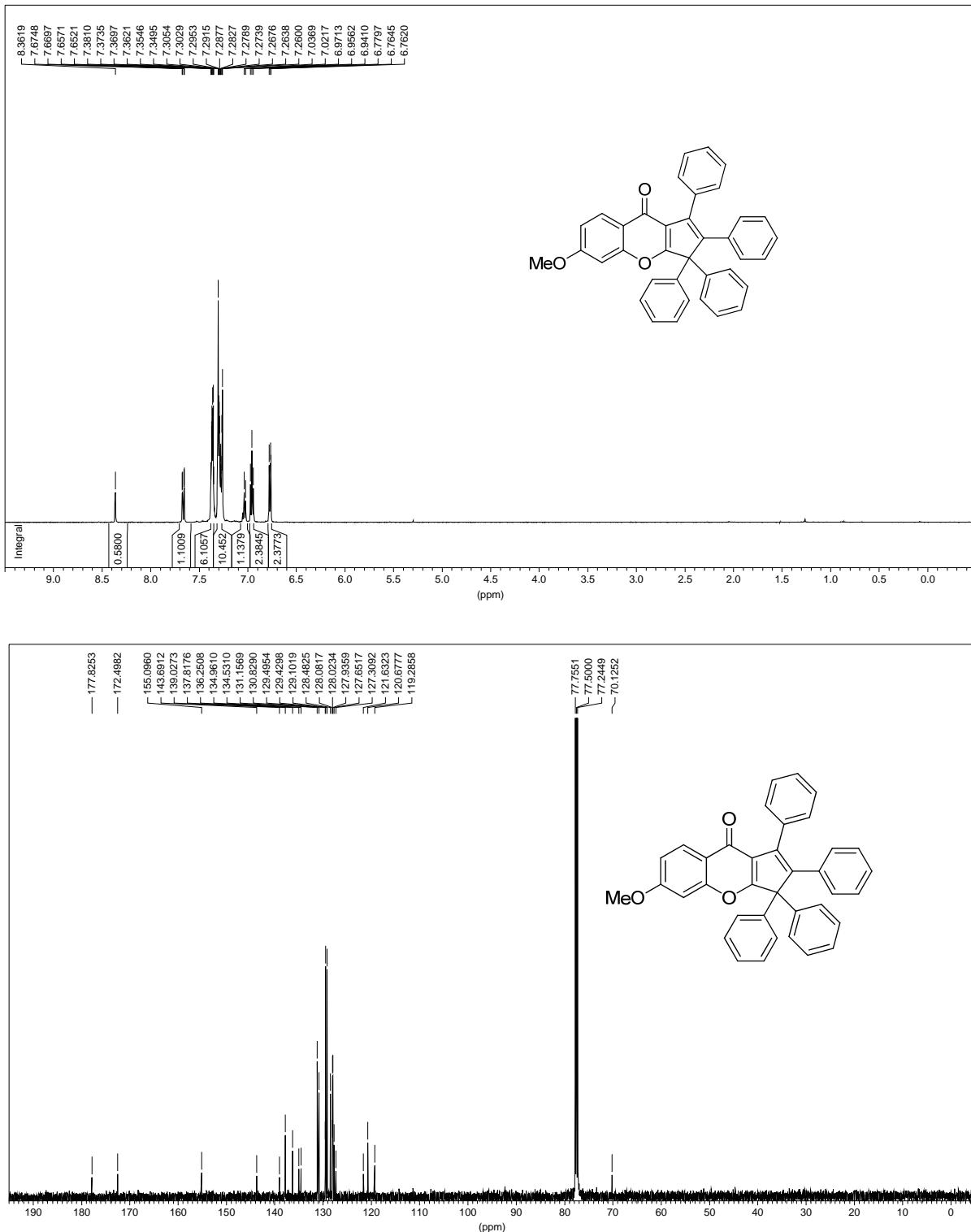
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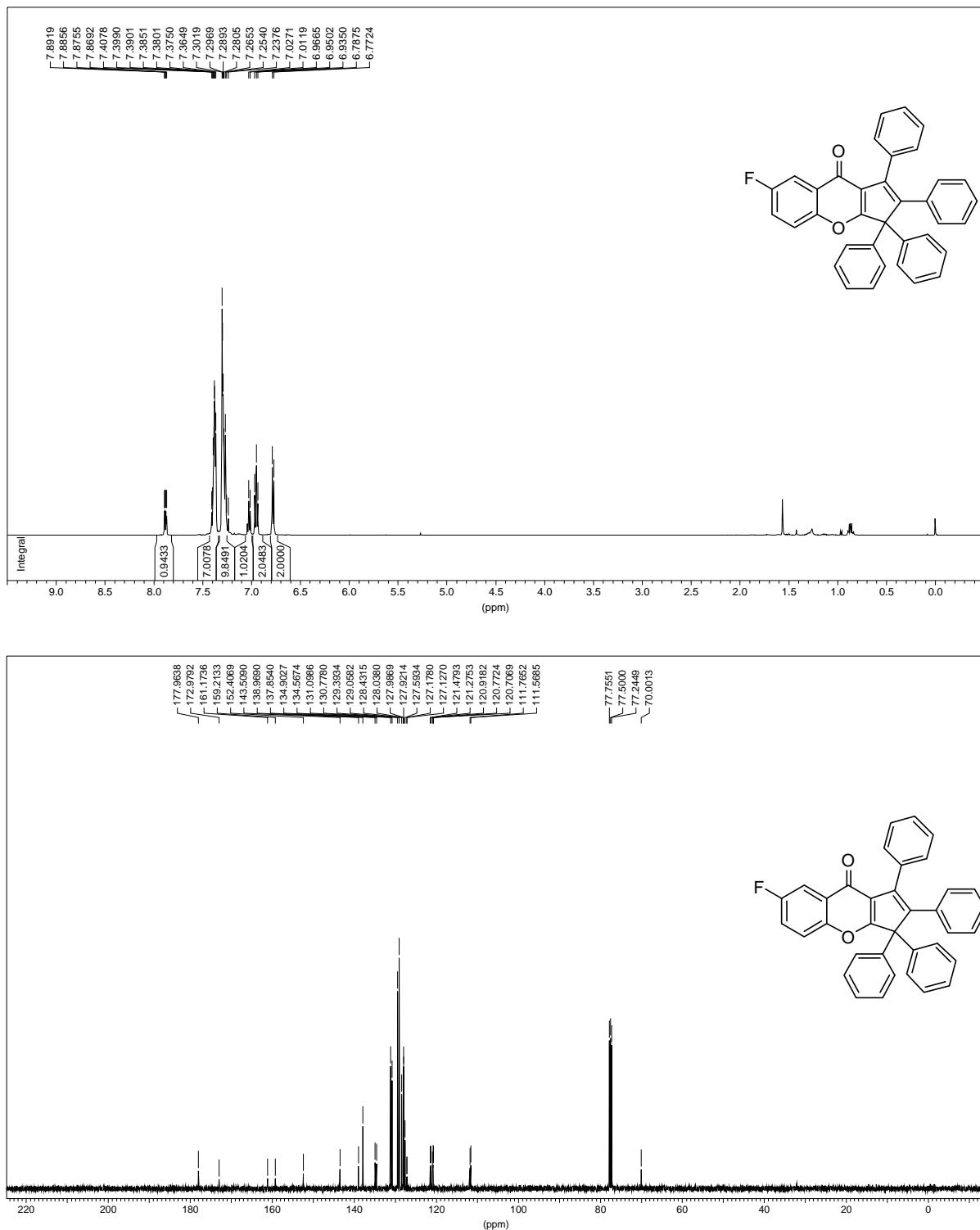
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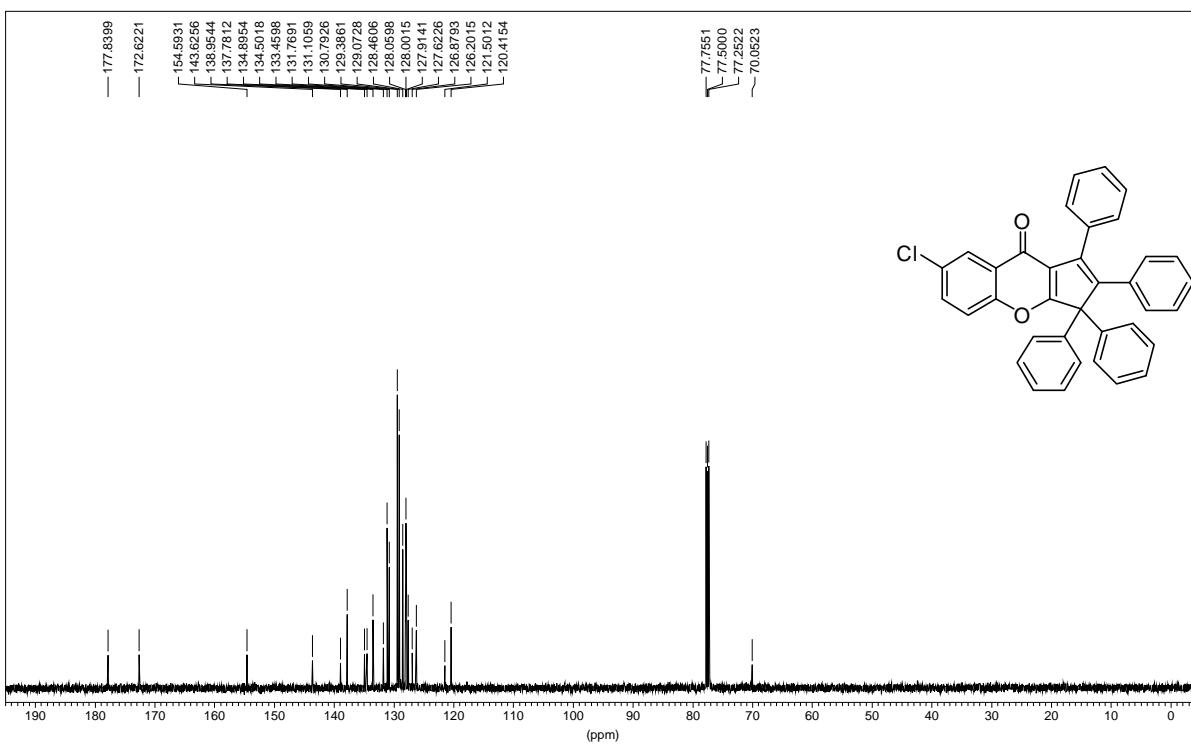
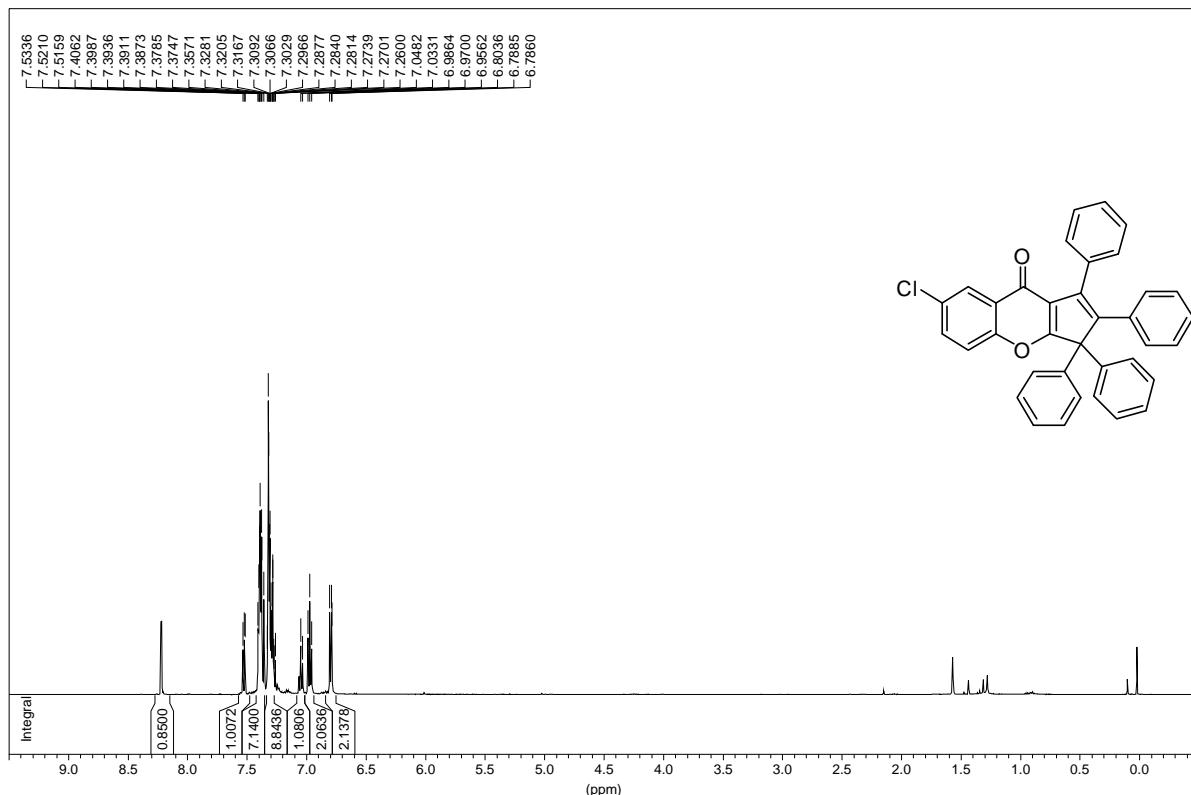
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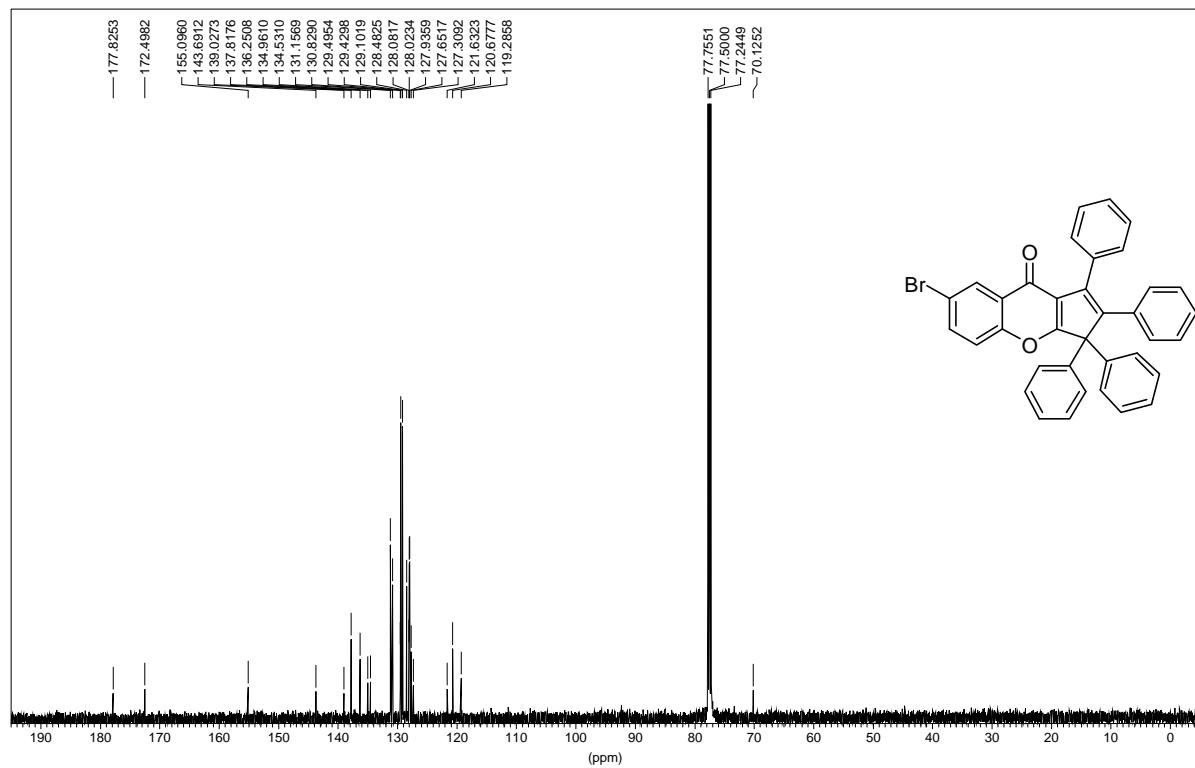
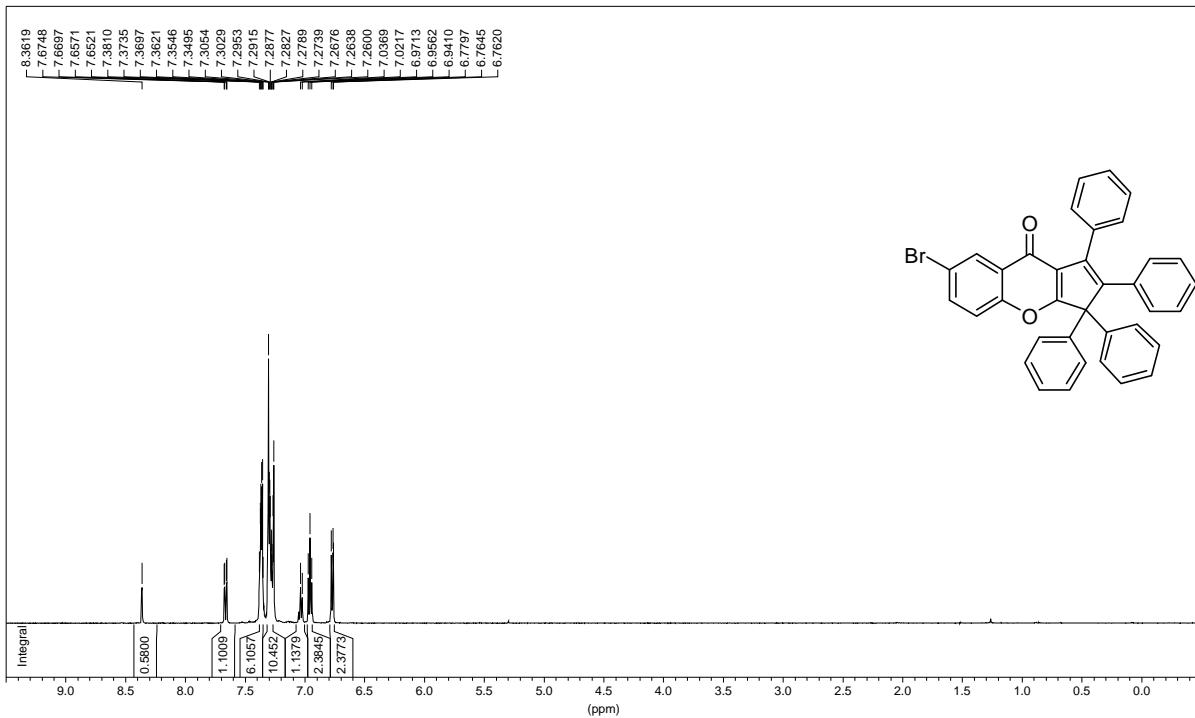
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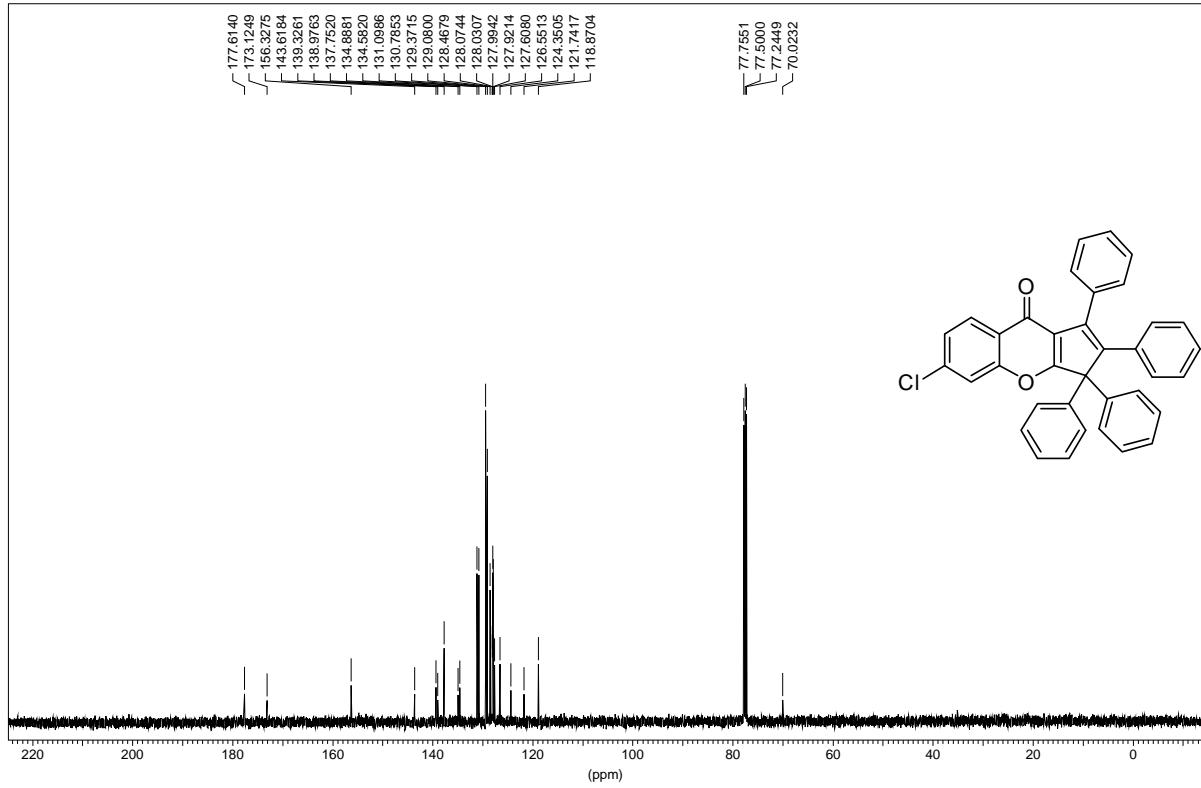
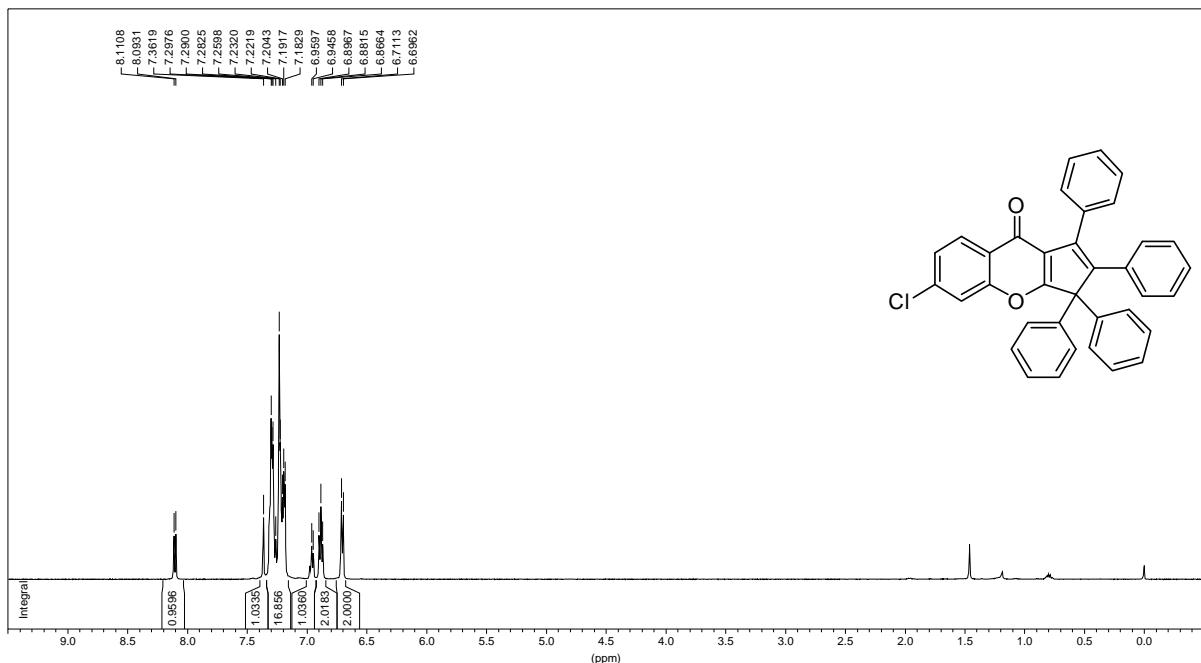
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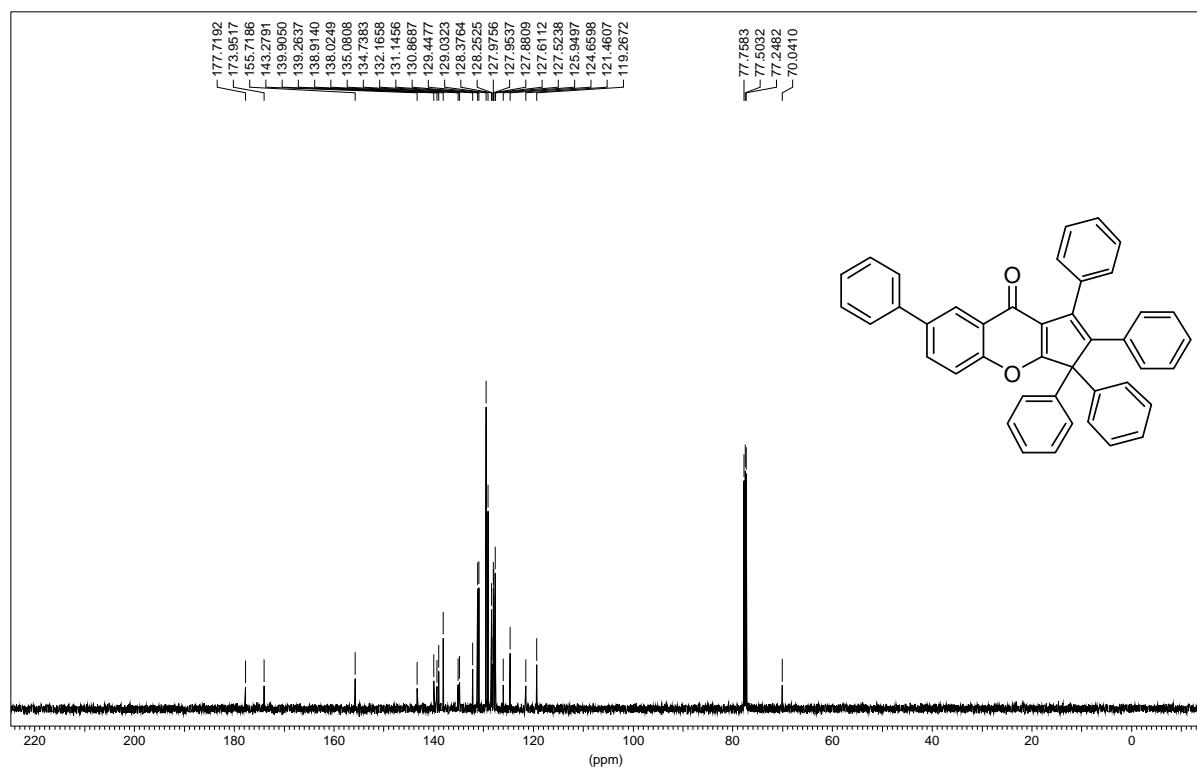
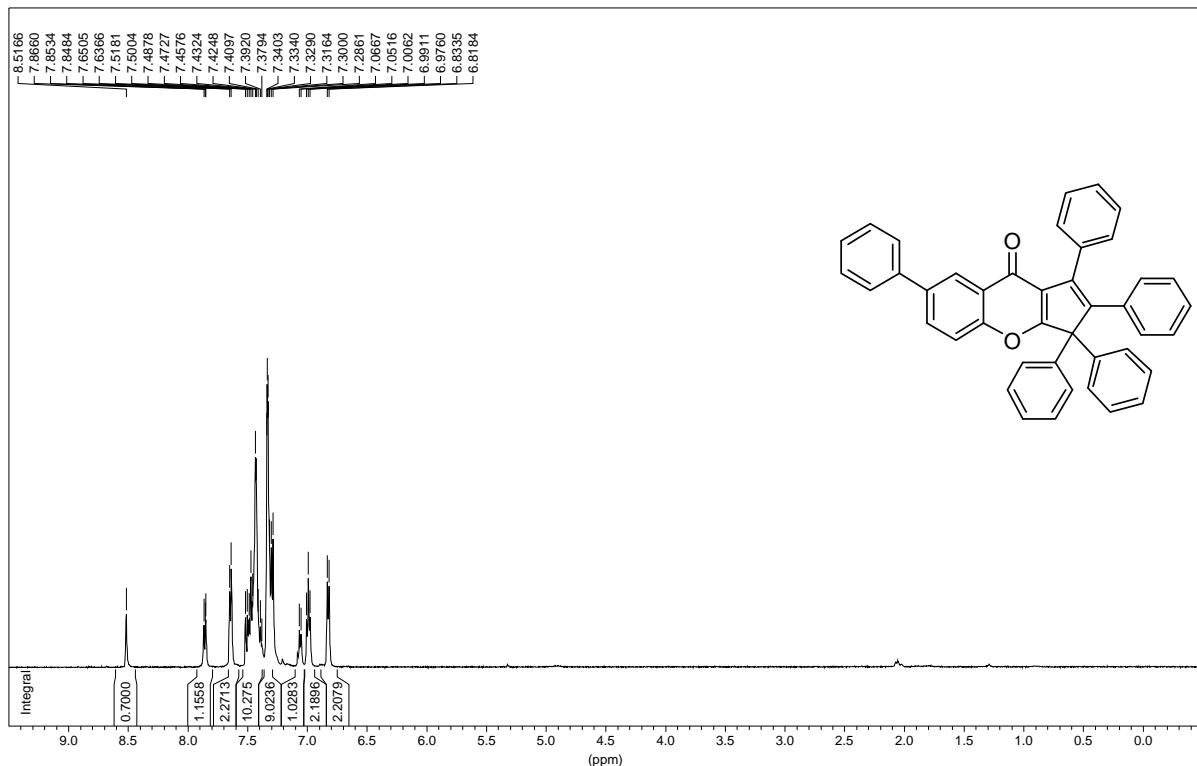
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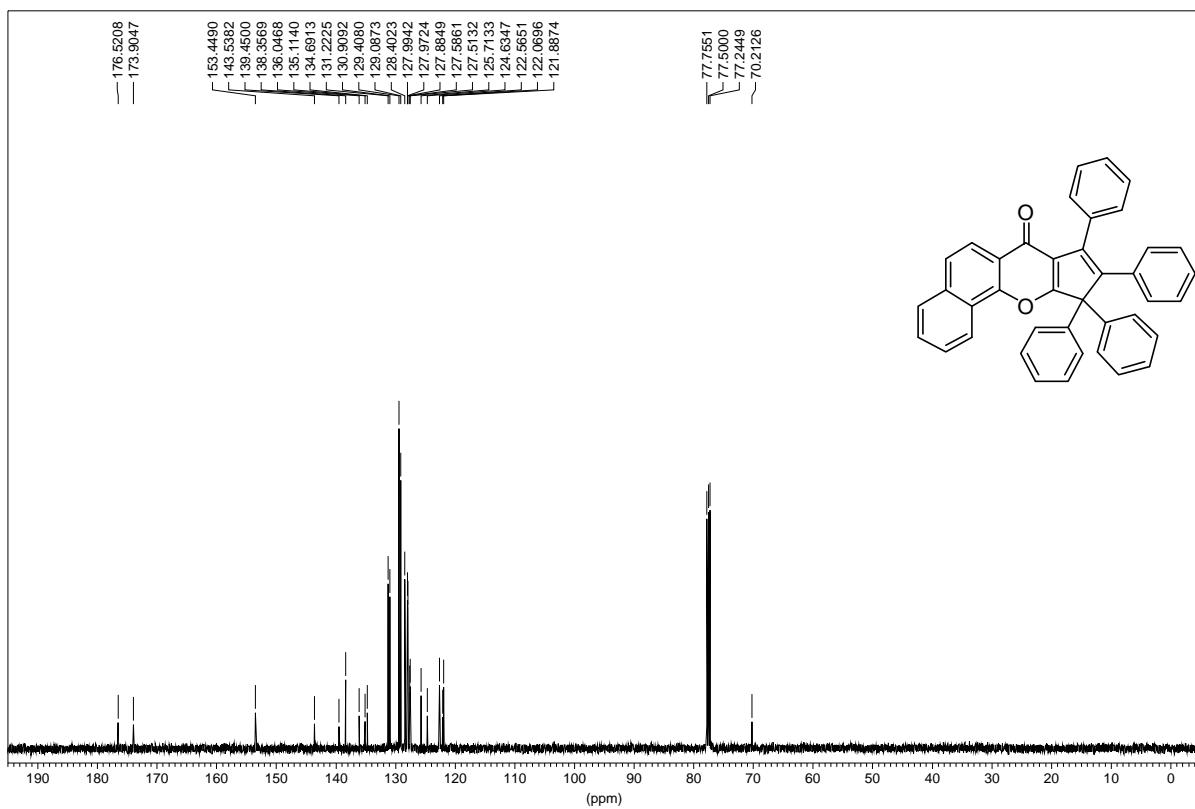
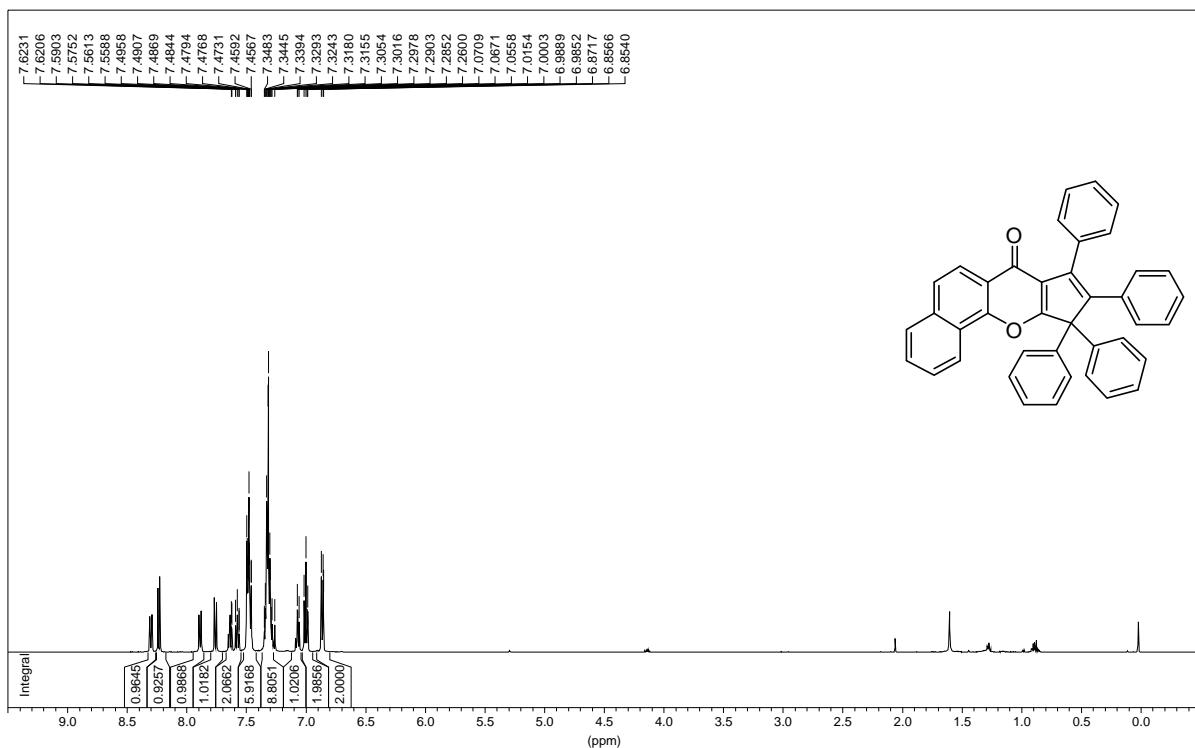
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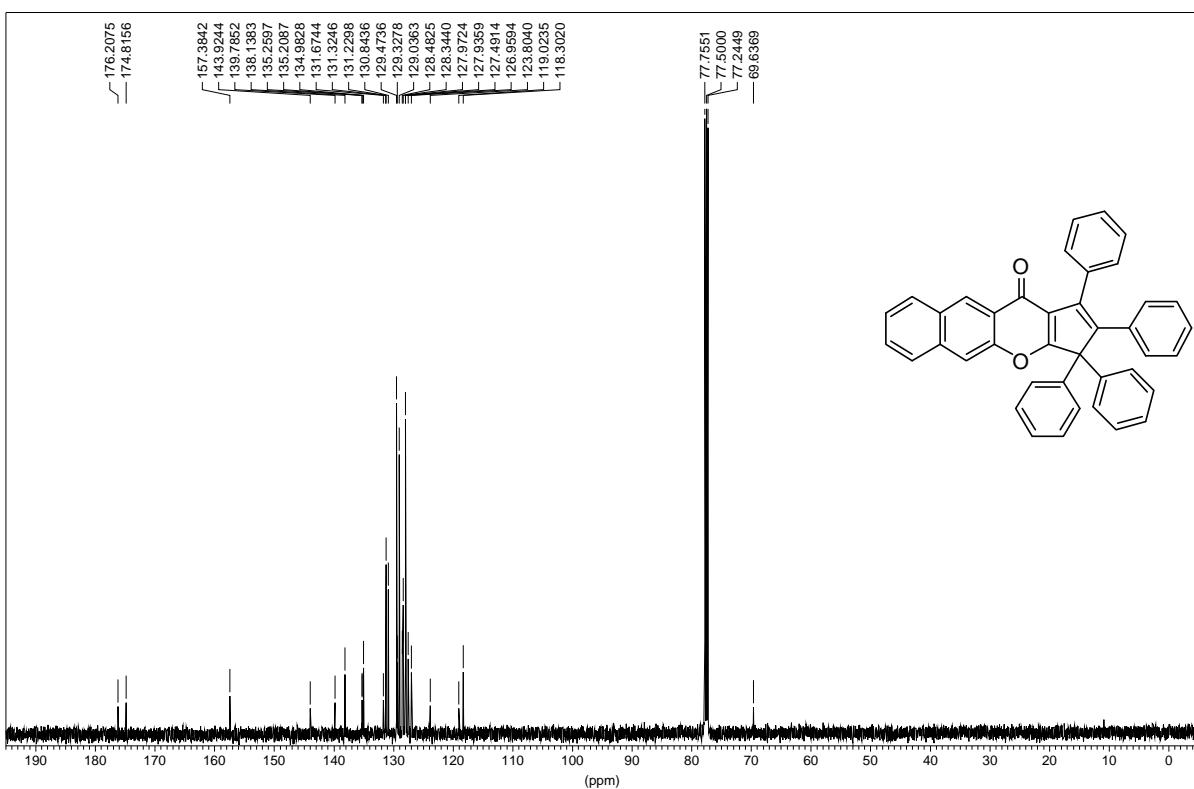
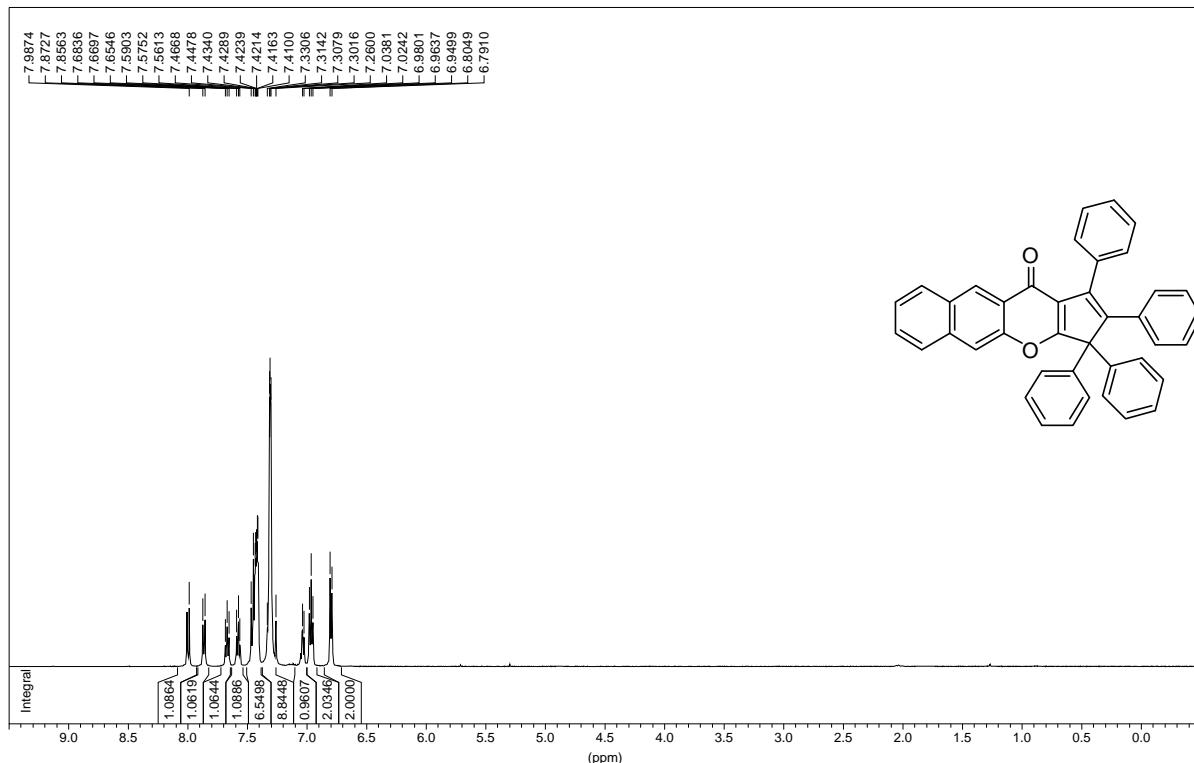
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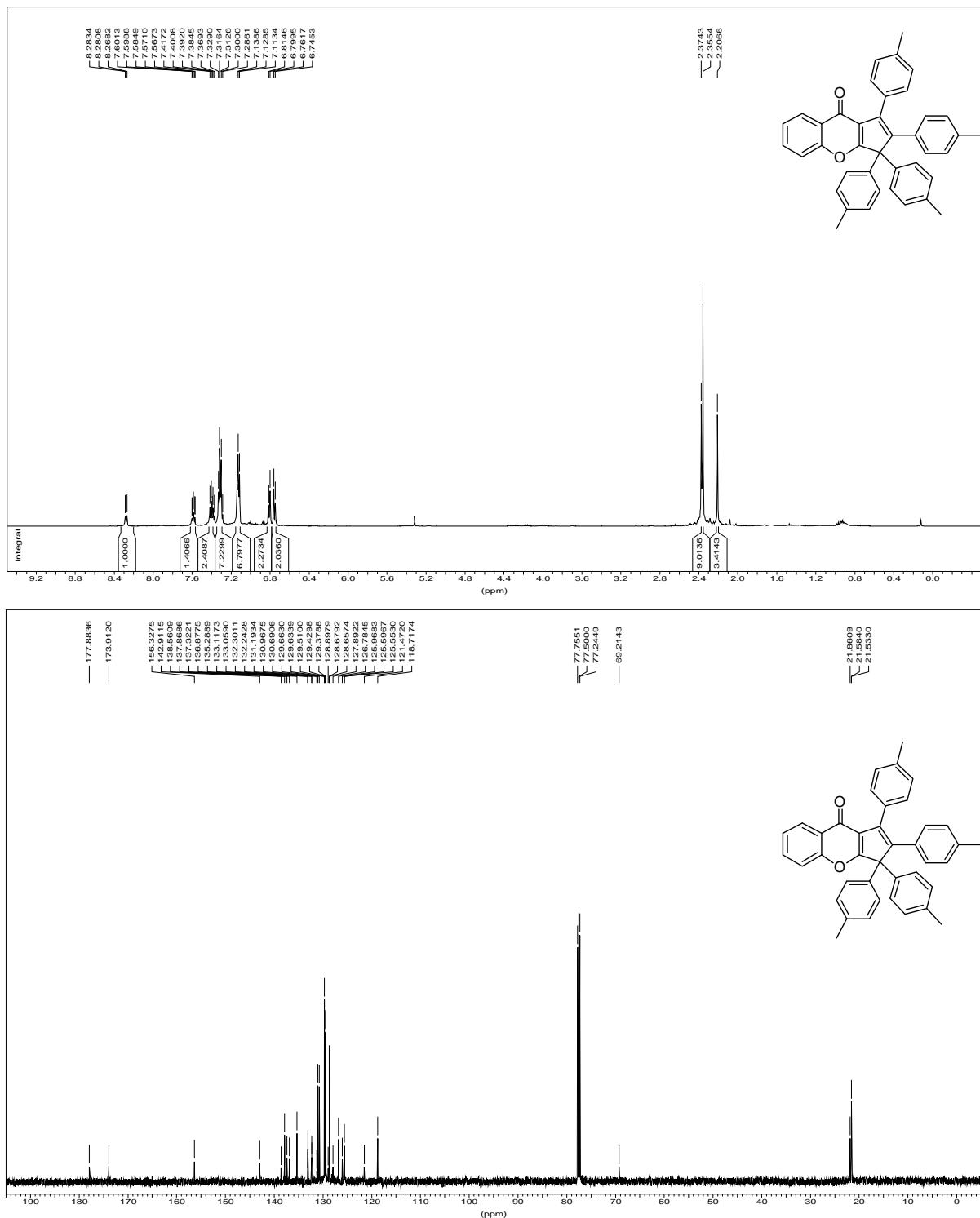
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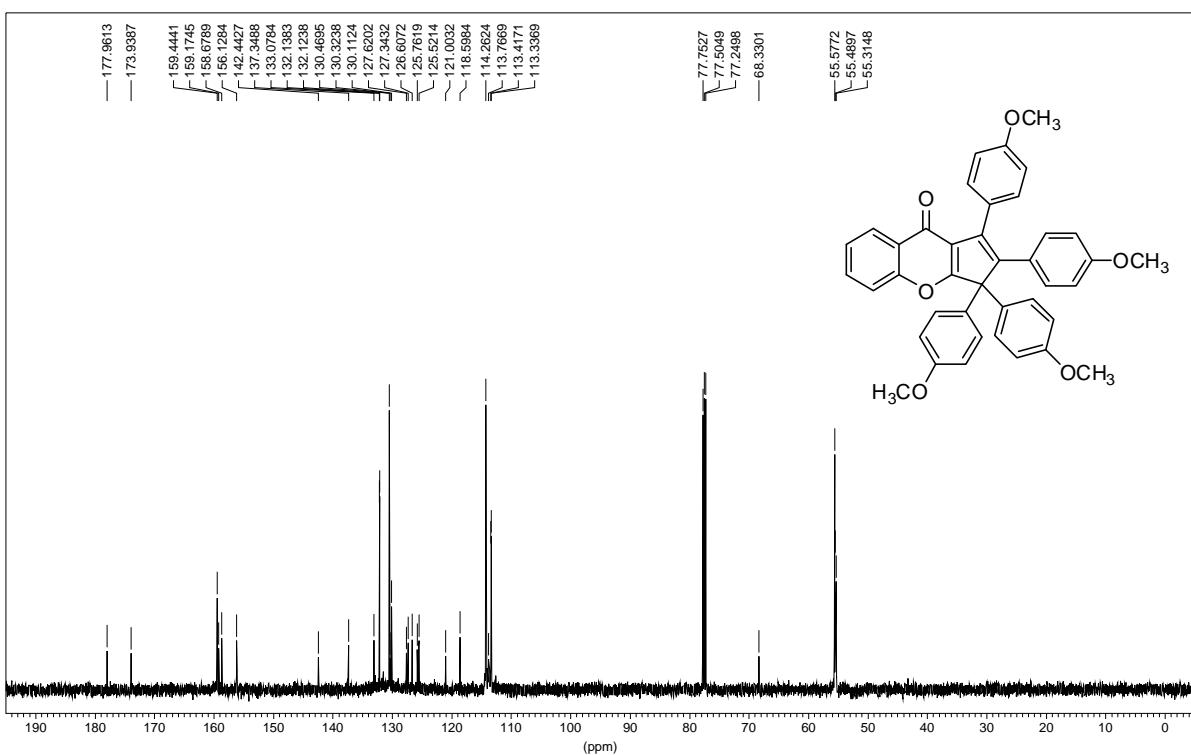
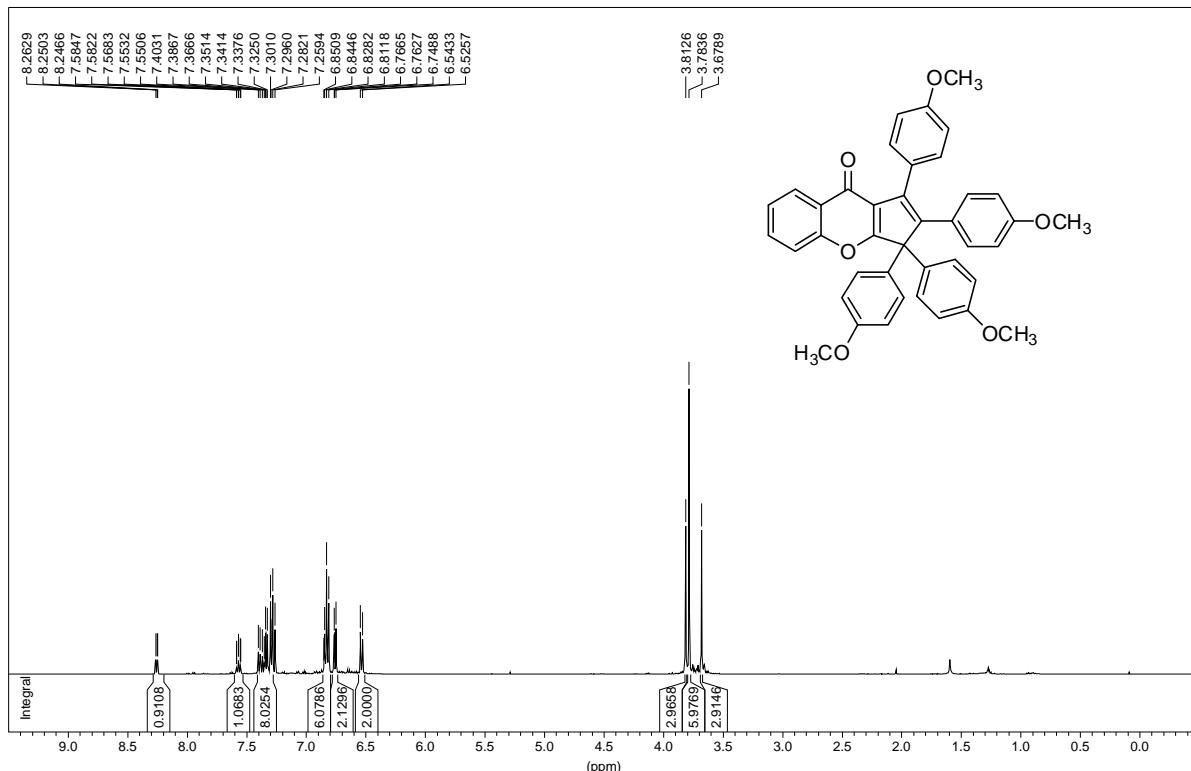
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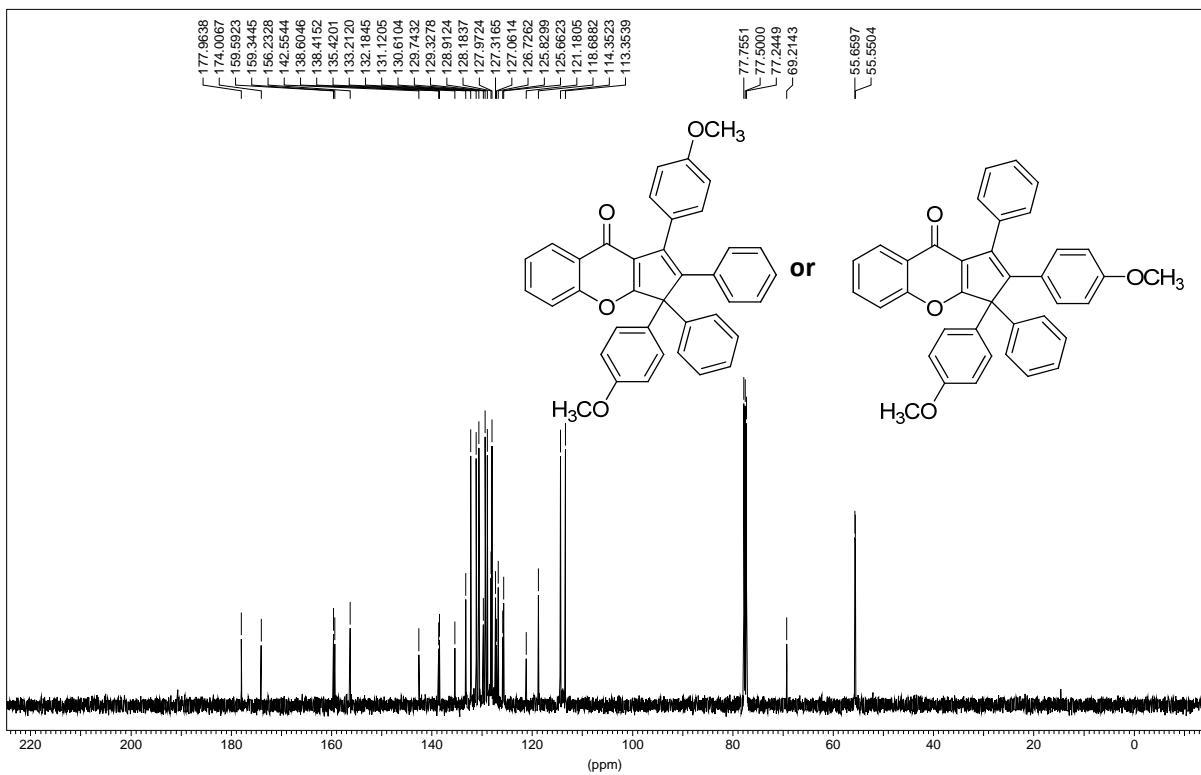
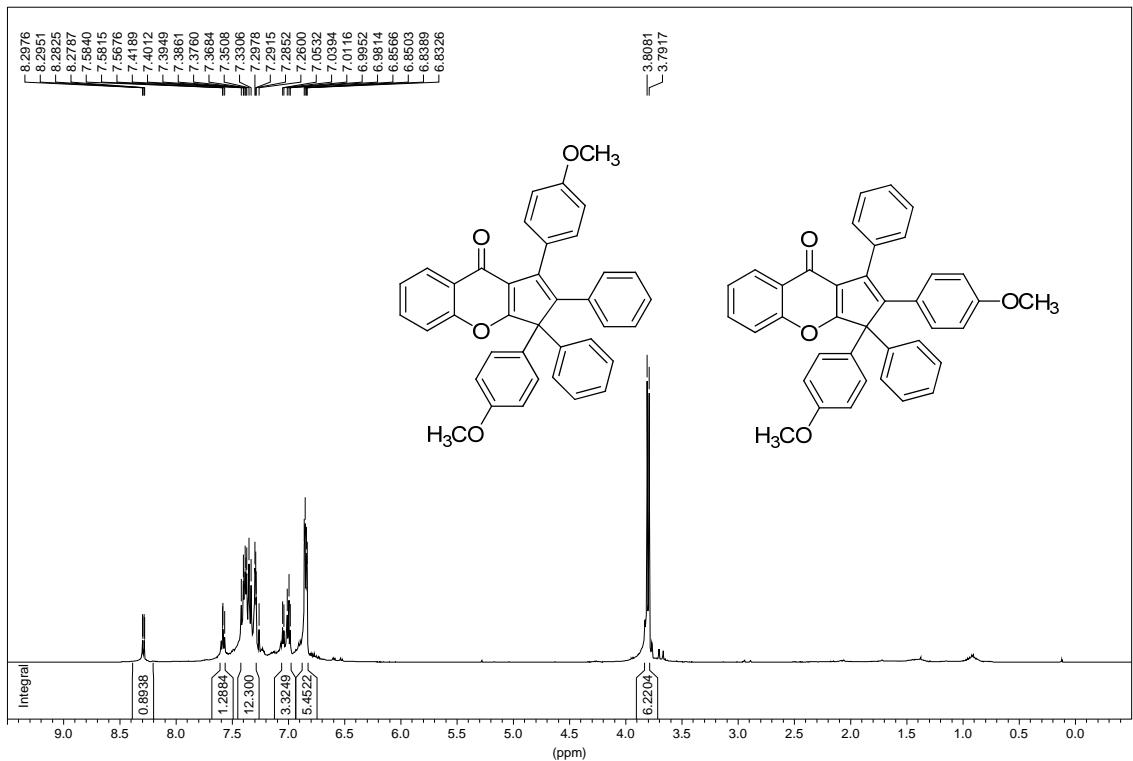
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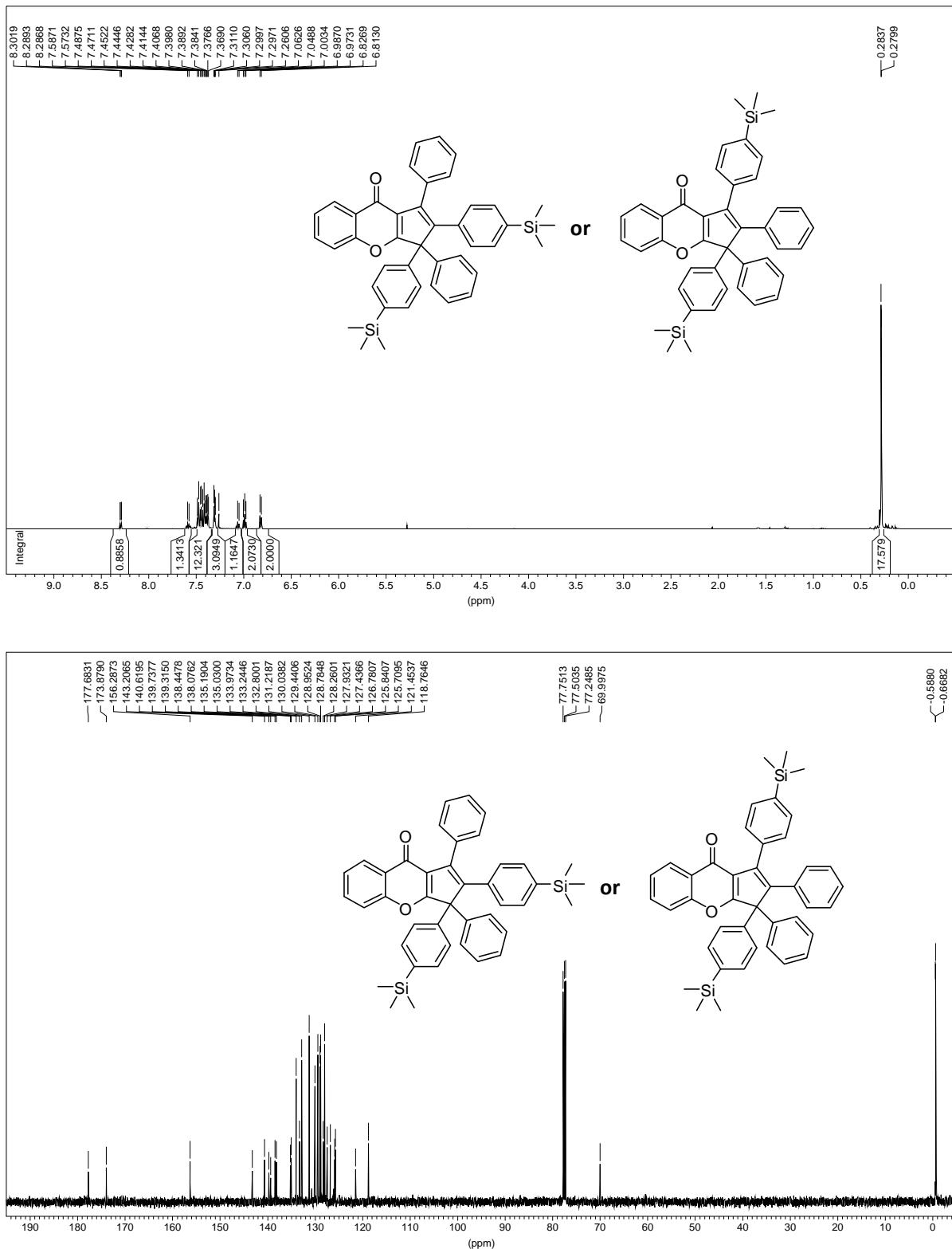
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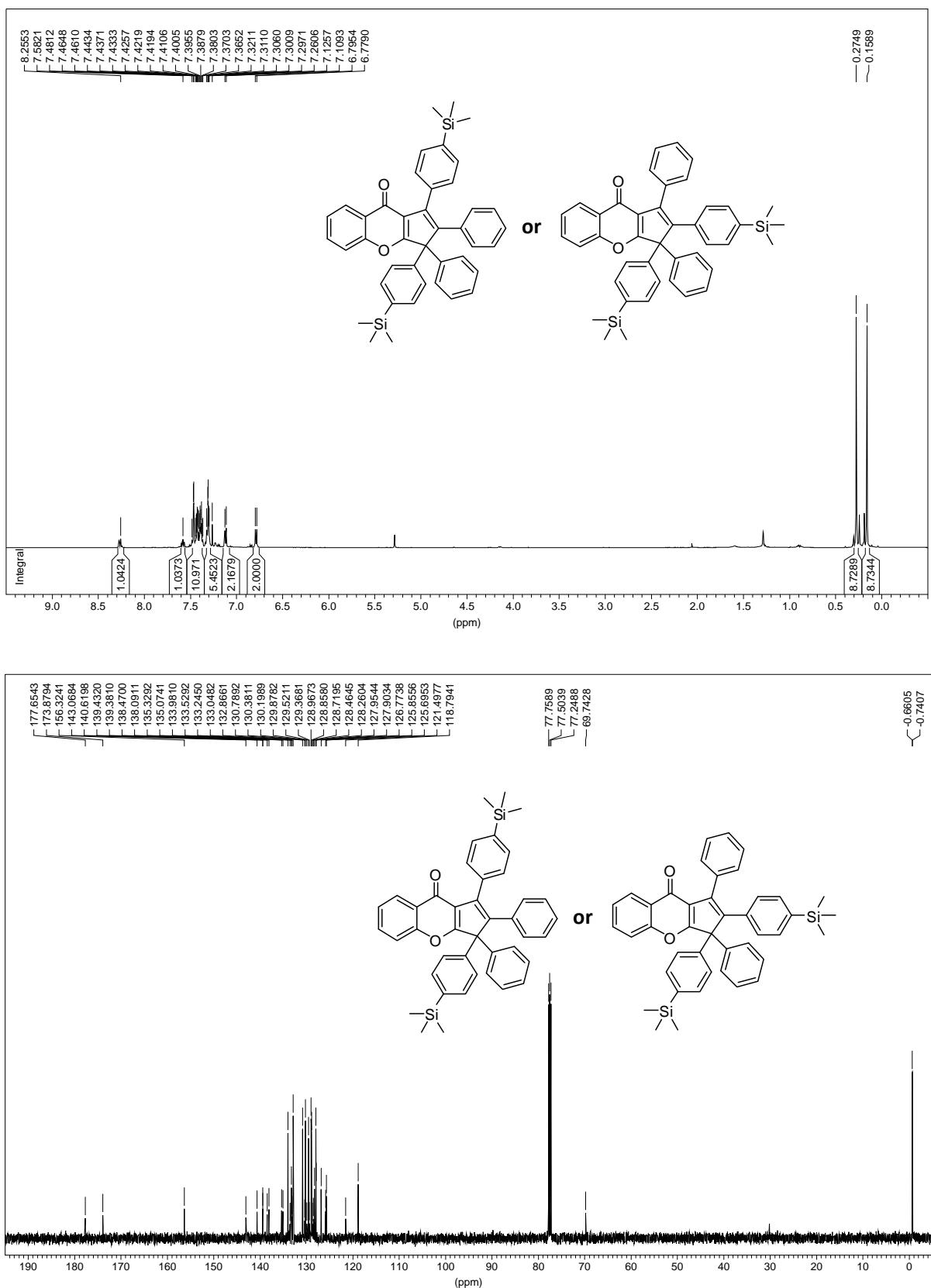


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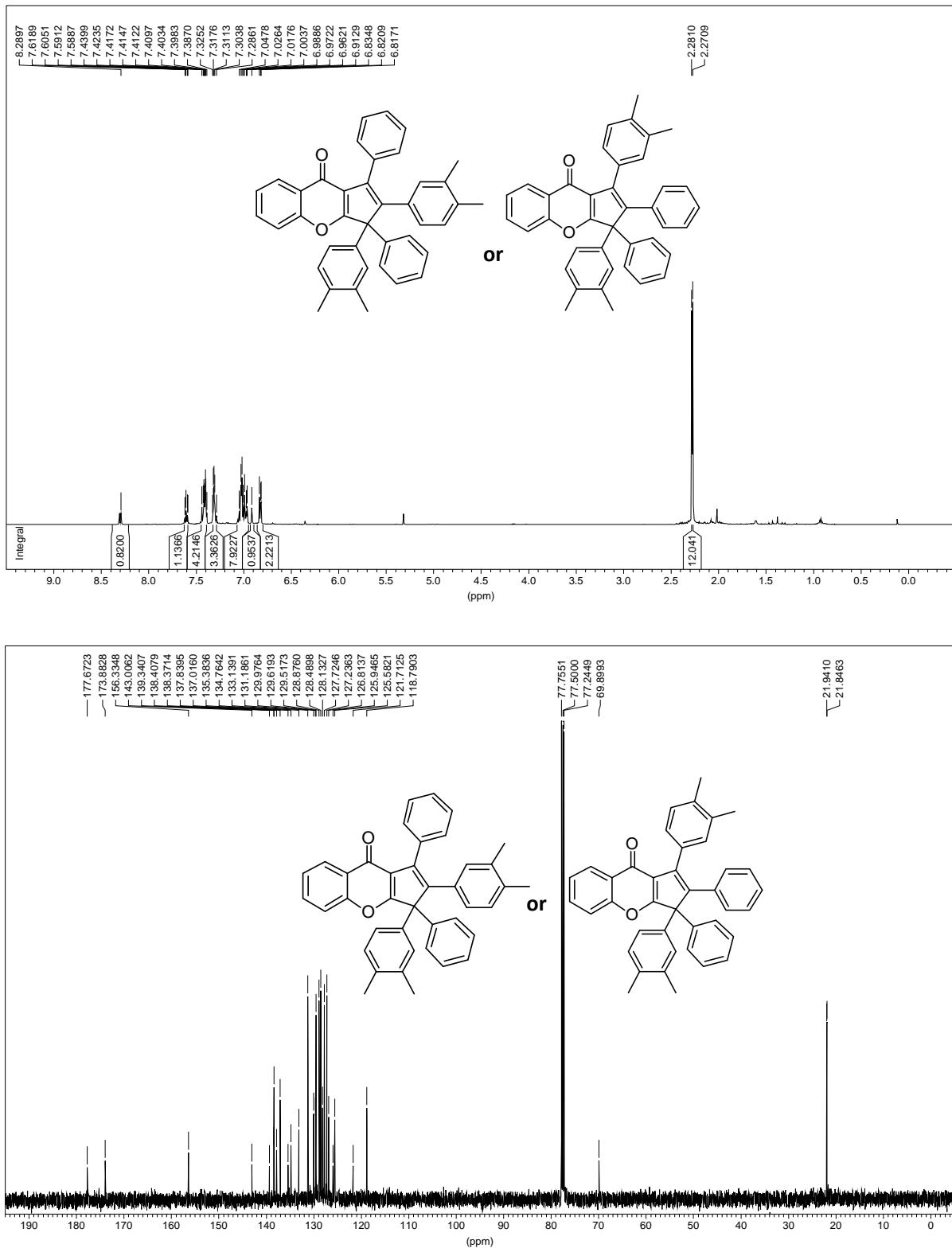


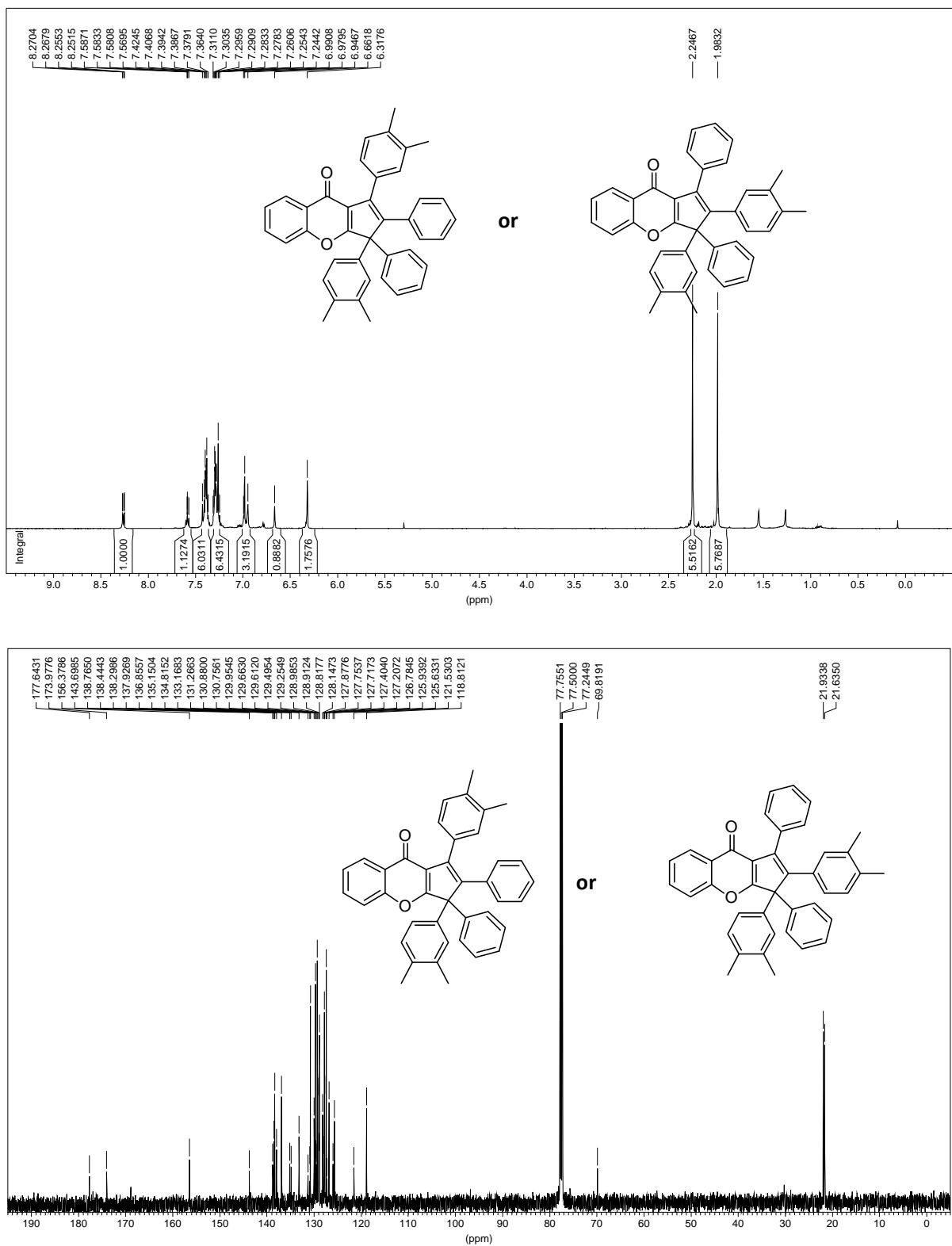
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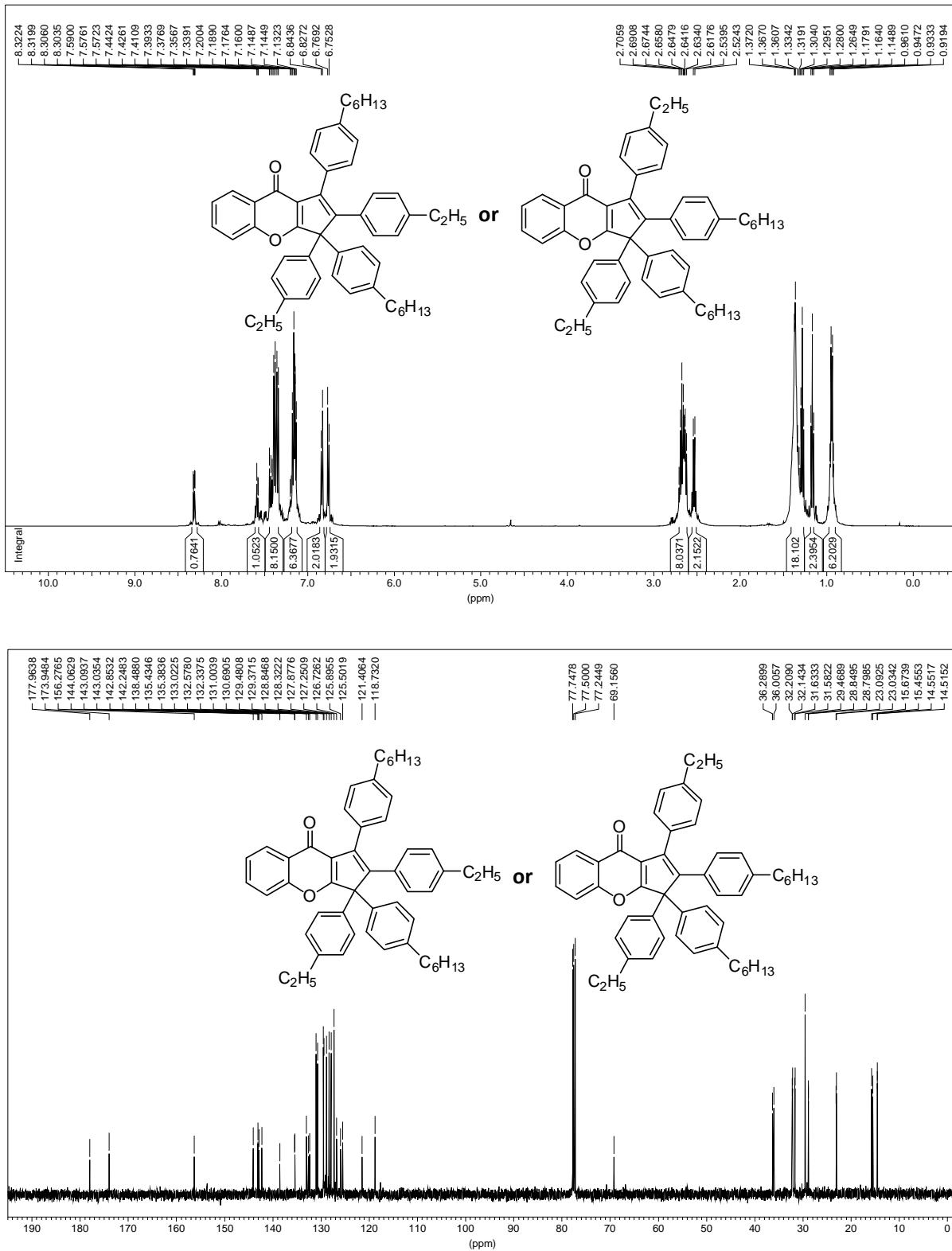


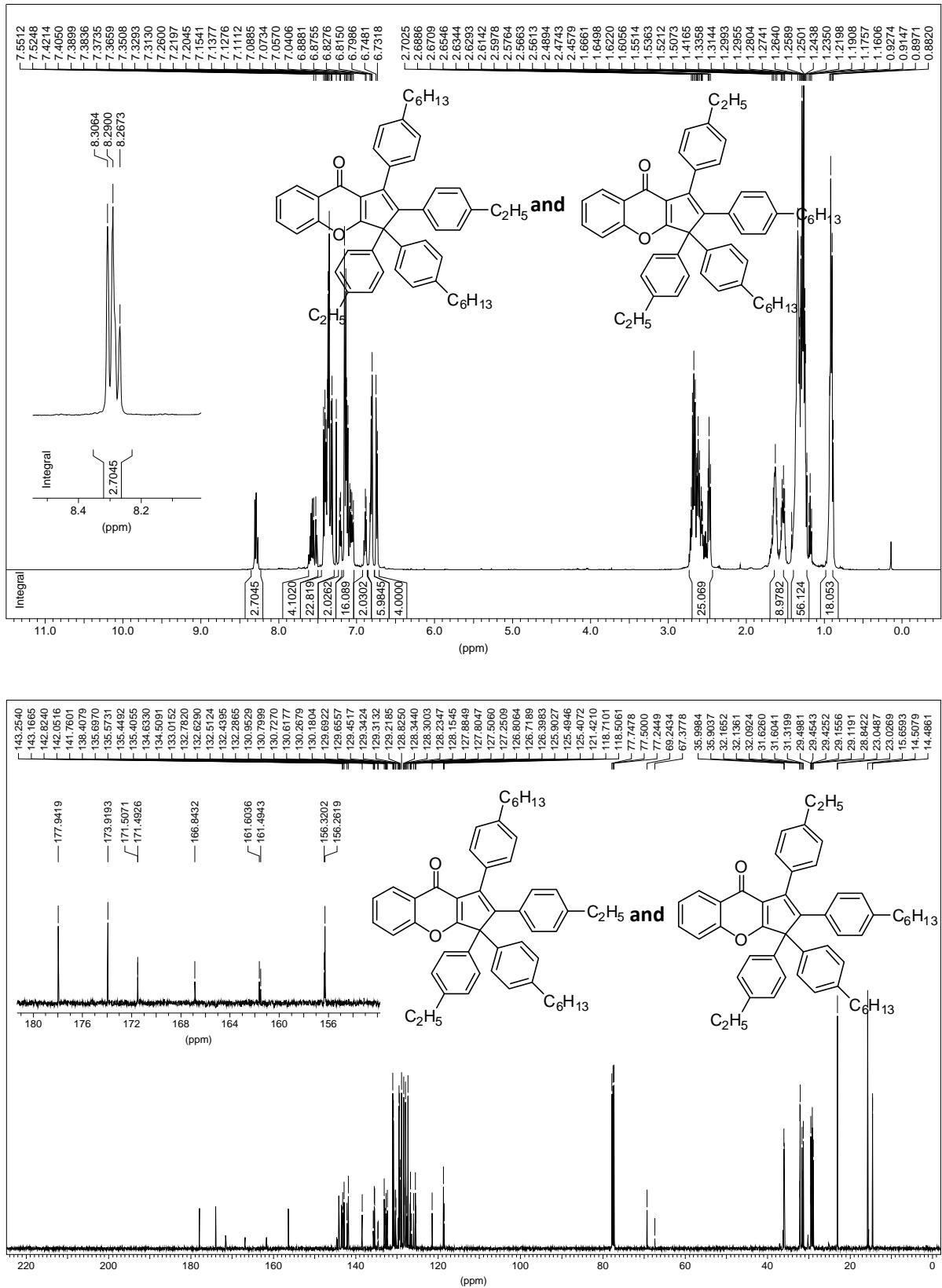
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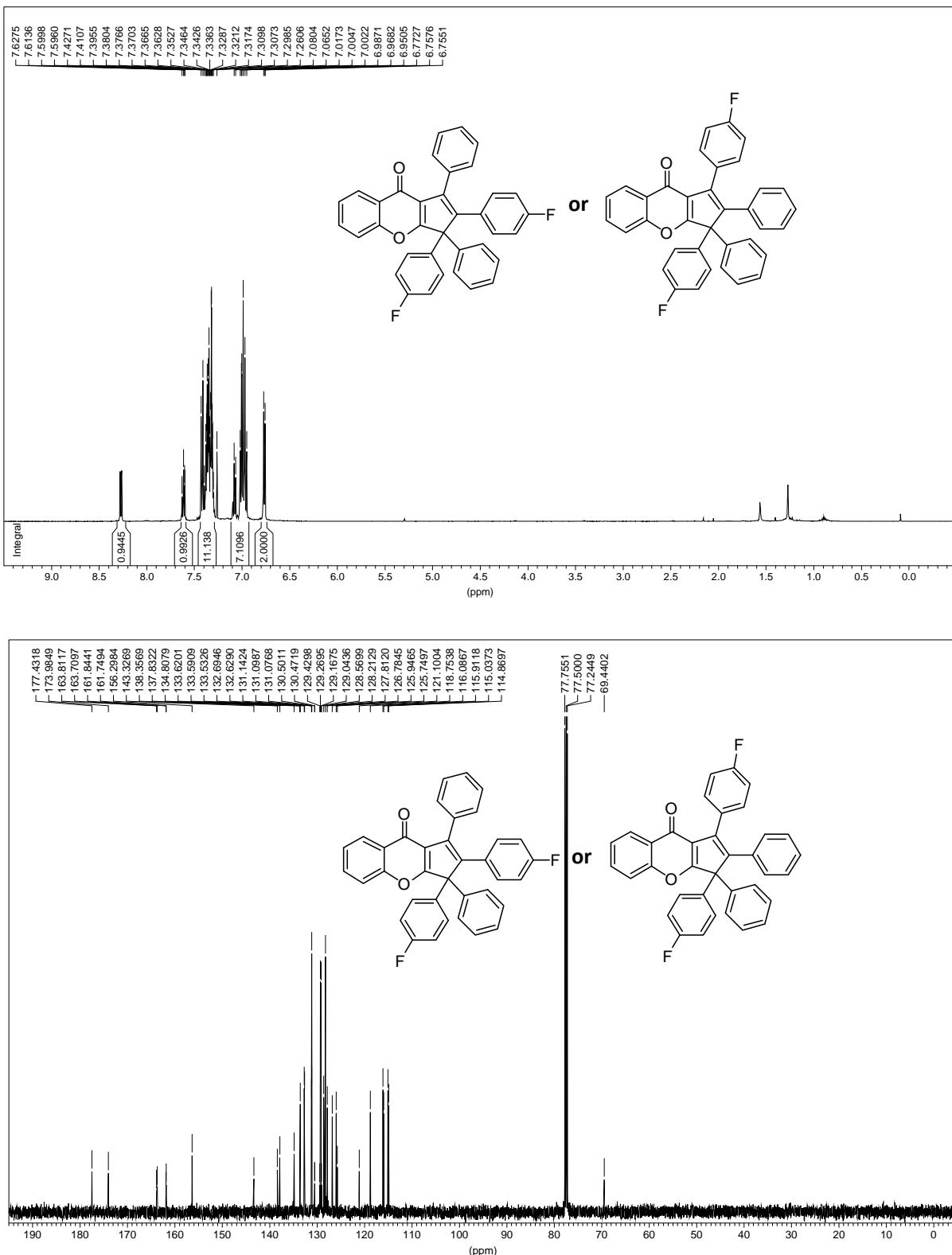


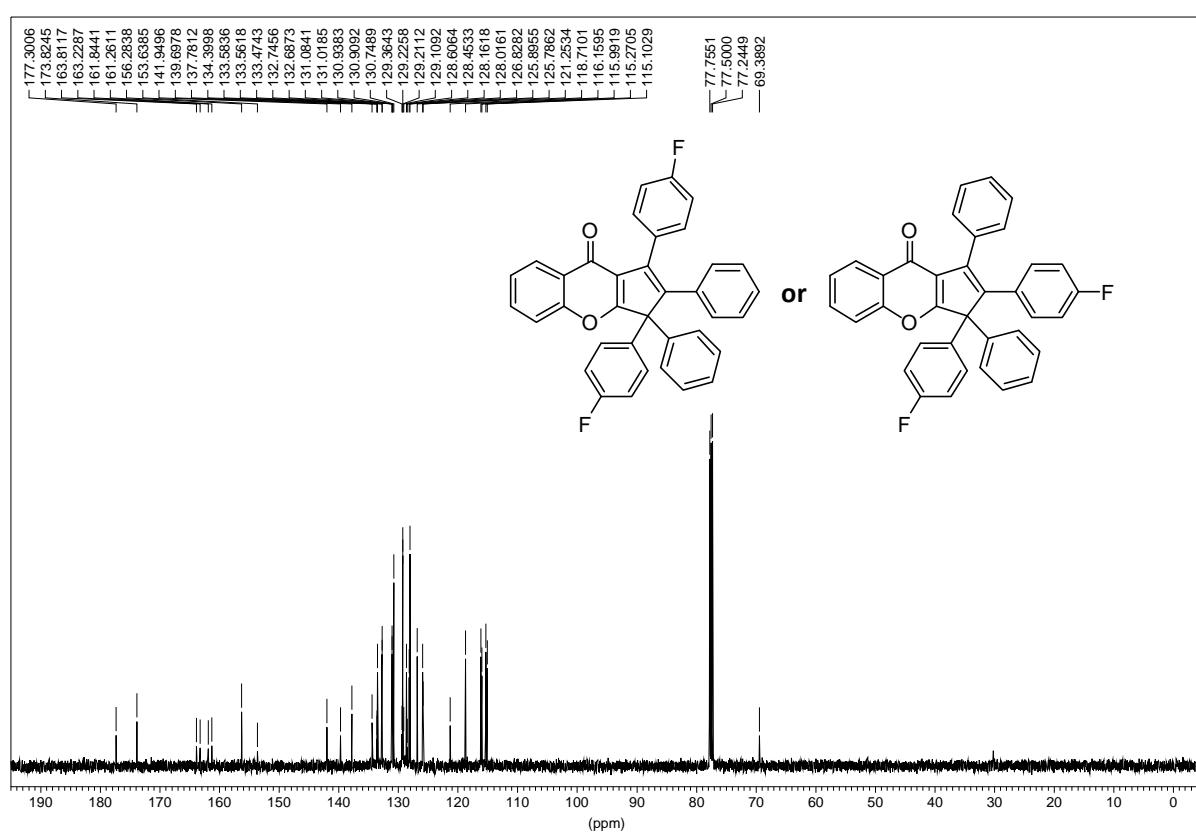
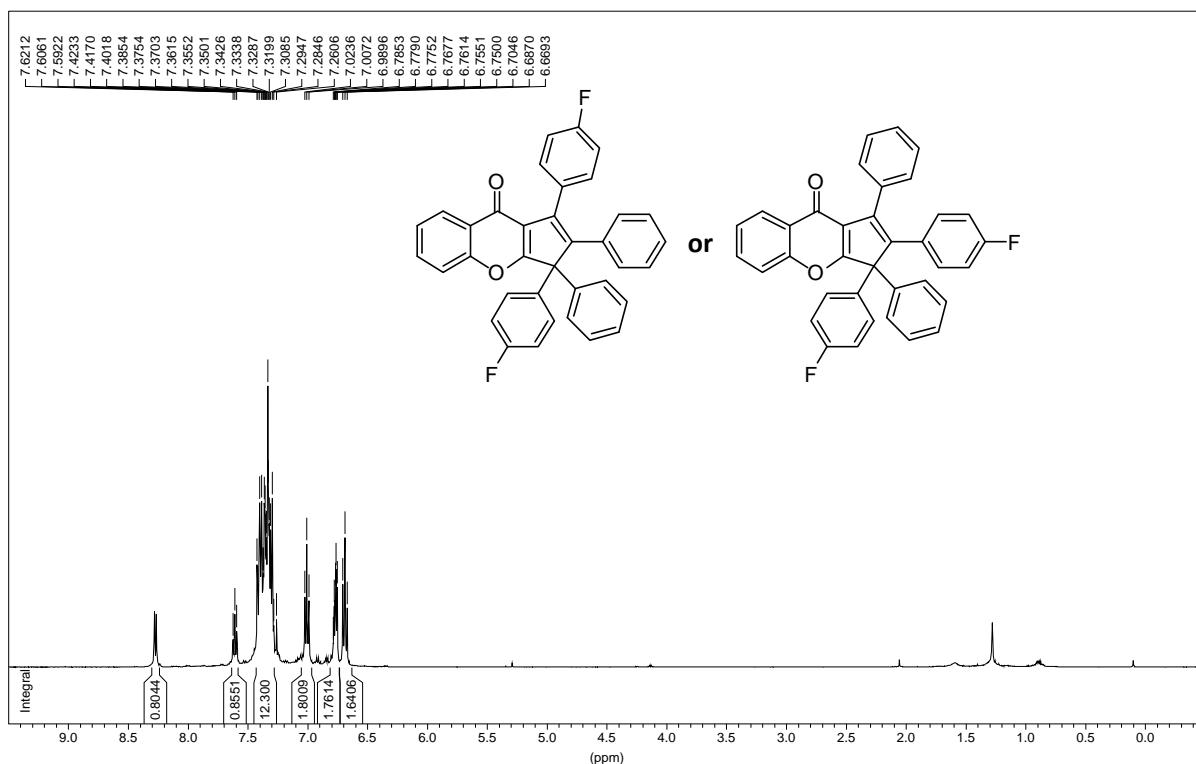
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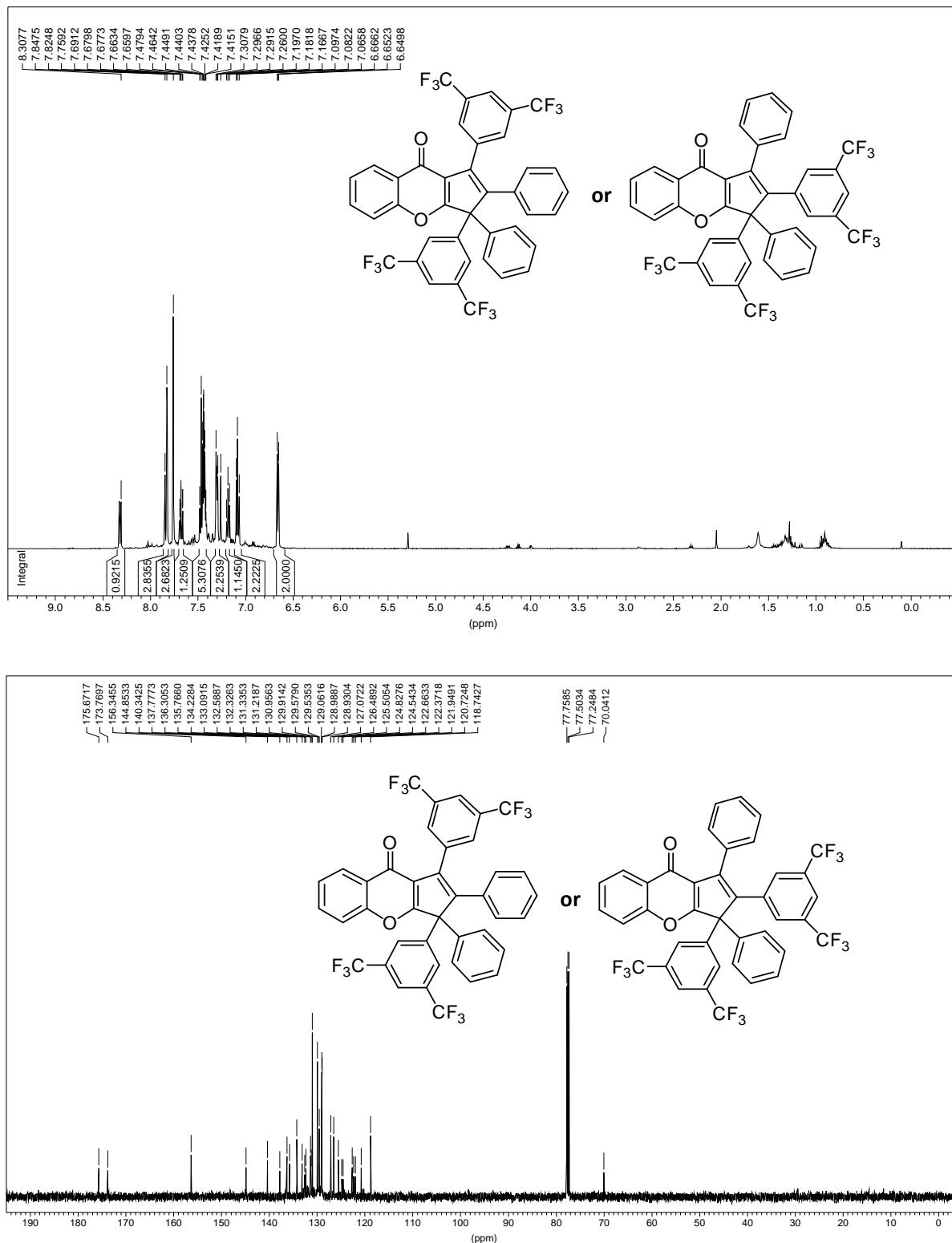


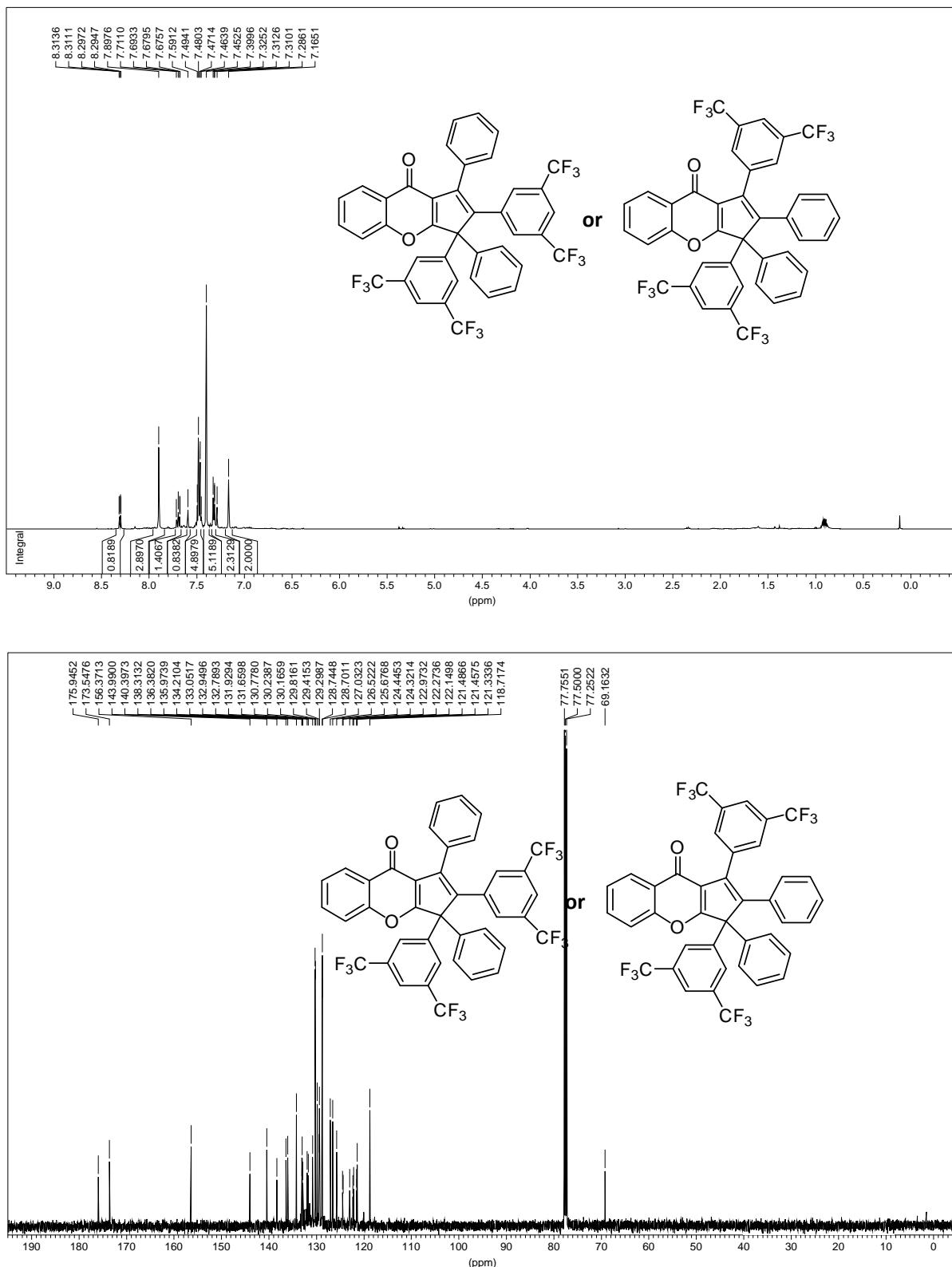
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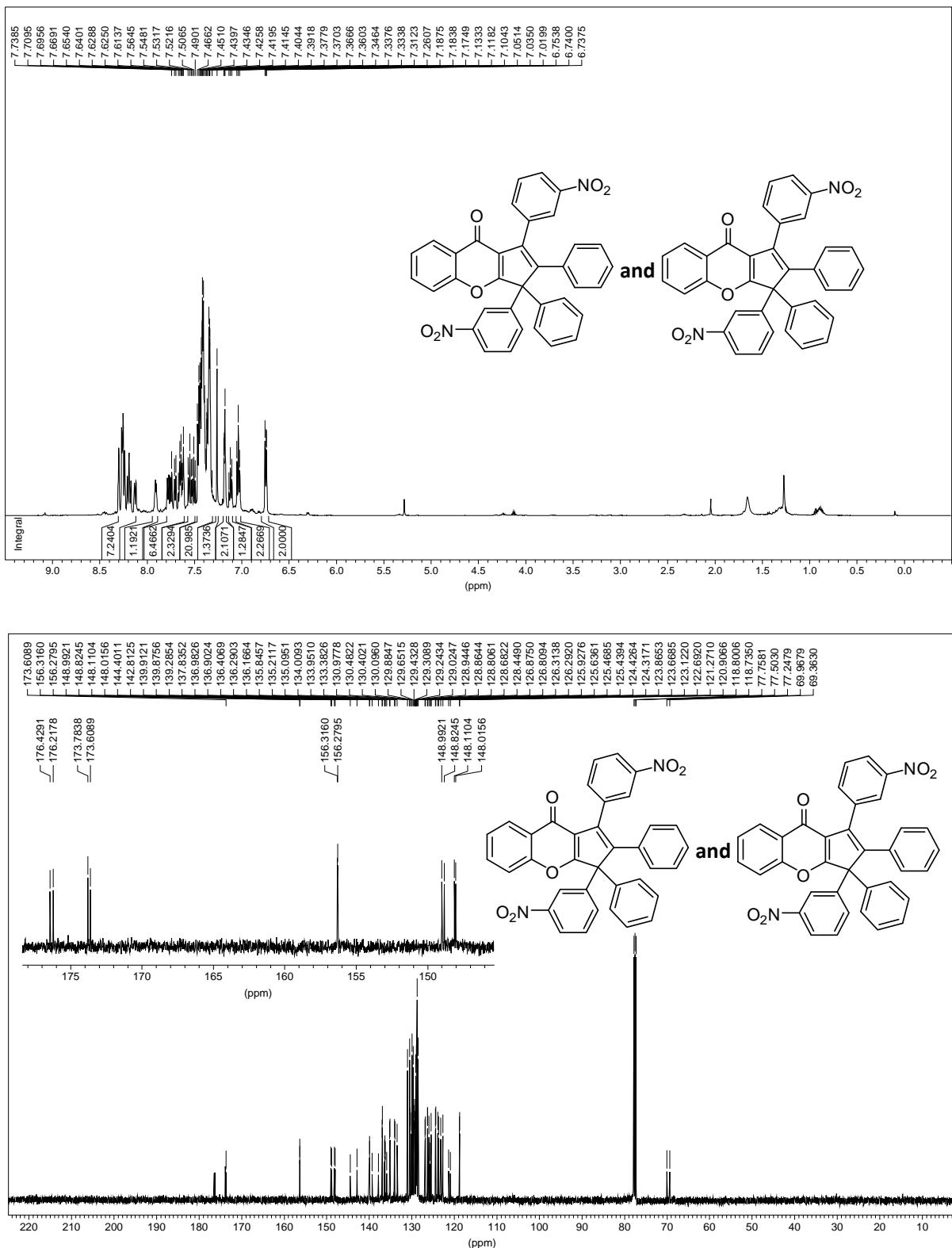


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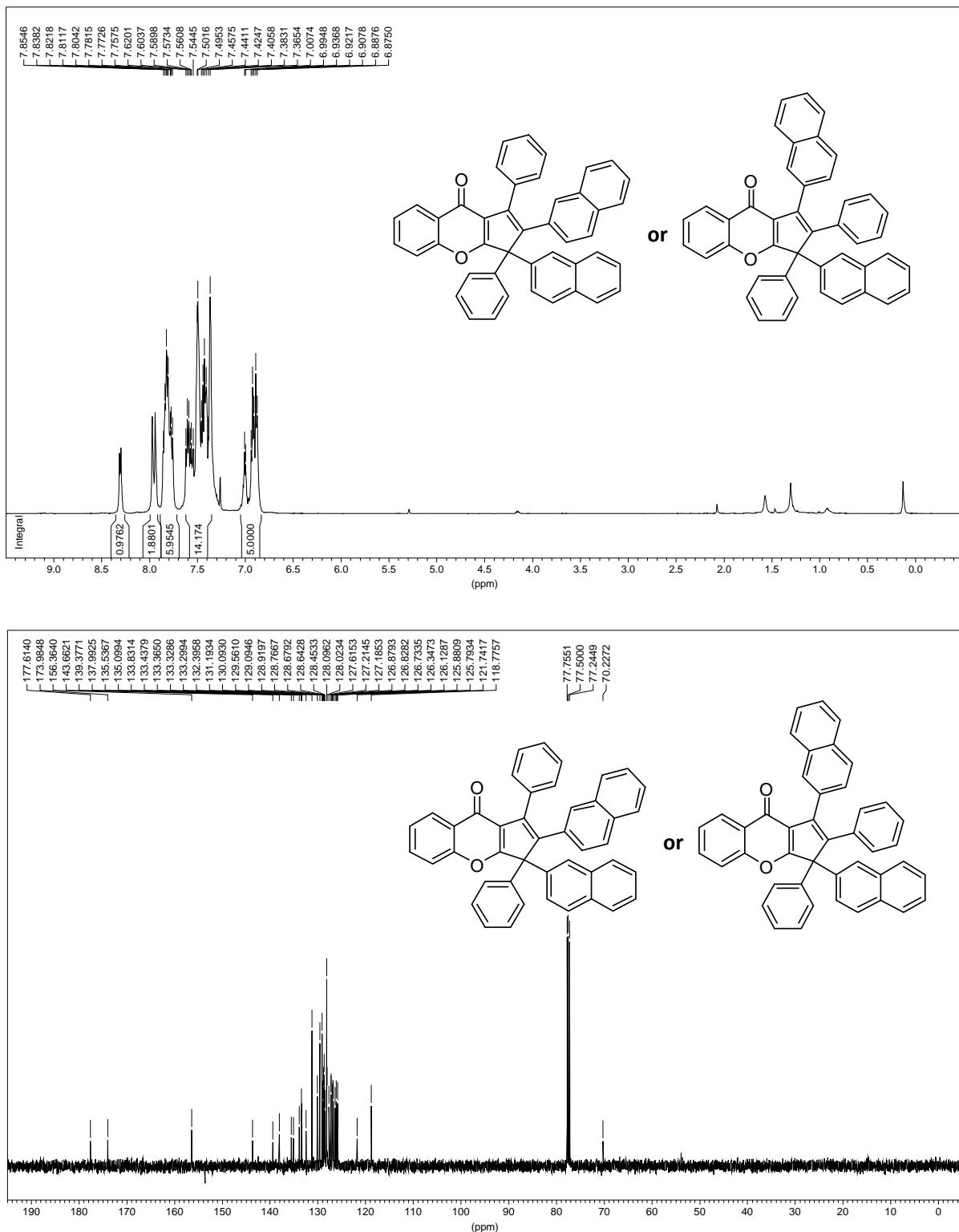


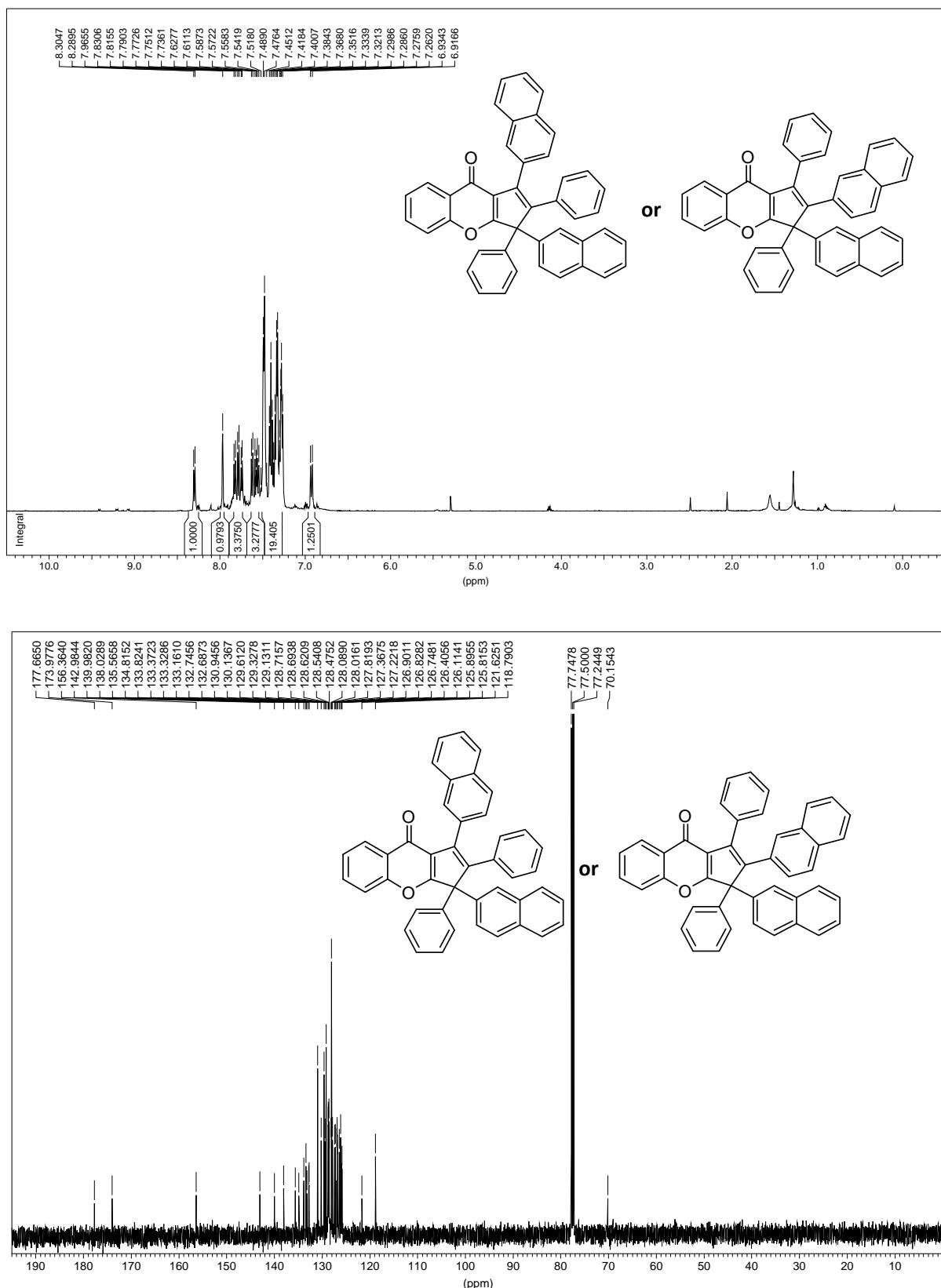


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Compound 3y





Compound 3z

