

Supporting Information

Synthesis of enaminones and their difluoroboron complexes through domino aryl migration

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Experimental

General information

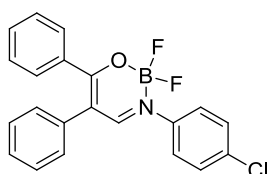
Melting points were determined in open capillaries and were uncorrected. IR spectra were taken on a FT-IR-Tensor 27 spectrometer in KBr pellets and reported in cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (^{13}C NMR) spectra were measured on a Bruker DPX 400 MHz spectrometer in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (or CDCl_3) with chemical shift (δ) given in ppm relative to TMS as internal standard [(s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, brs = broad singlet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz)]. HRMS (ESI) was determined by using microTOF-Q II HRMS/MS instrument (BRUKER). X-Ray crystallographic analysis was performed with a Siemens SMART CCD and a Siemens P4 diffractometer.

General procedure for the synthesis of 3

Example for the synthesis of **3a**: **3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide**

Phenyl(3-phenyloxiran-2-yl)methanone (**1a**, 1 mmol) was introduced in a 25-mL reaction flask, 4-chloroaniline (**2a** 1.0 mmol), $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (1.2 mmol), and 1,4-dioxane (4.0 mL) were then successively added and stirred at 80°C for 6 hours. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was separated by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent, petroleum ether (b.p. $60-90^\circ\text{C}$) /ethyl acetate 5:1 v/v) to afford the pure product **3a**.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3a)



A yellow solid: 0.297 g, yield 78 %; Mp: $201-202^\circ\text{C}$;

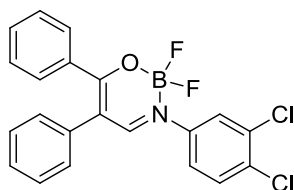
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.52 (s, 1H, CH), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.62-7.59 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 9H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 171.2, 164.9, 141.1, 135.4, 134.0, 133.1, 132.2, 130.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 125.8, 112.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1756, 1639, 1490, 1461, 1102, 843, 736, 569;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BClFNO}$, 364.0890 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 364.0888.

3-(3,4-Dichlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3b)



A yellow solid: 0.299 g, yield 72 %; Mp: 182-183 °C;

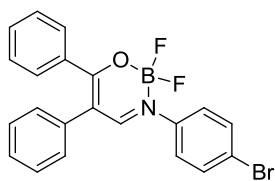
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.58 (s, 1H, CH), 8.03 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.70-7.68 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 9H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 171.9, 165.4, 142.0, 135.3, 133.9, 132.4, 132.2, 131.6, 131.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 126.0, 124.4, 112.2;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1614, 1575, 1418, 1273, 1018, 823, 701, 563;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{BCl}_2\text{FNO}$, 398.0500 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 398.0503.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3c)



A yellow solid: 0.369 g, yield 87 %; Mp: 196-198 °C;

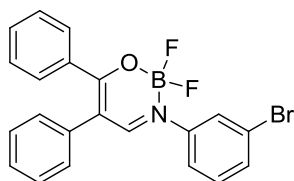
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.52 (s, 1H, CH), 7.75-7.72 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 9H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 171.2, 164.8, 141.6, 135.4, 134.0, 132.7, 132.2, 130.5, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 126.1, 121.6, 112.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1730, 1614, 1477, 1415, 1031, 832;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BBrFNO}$, 475.9614 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 475.9611.

3-(3-Bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3d)



A yellow solid: 0.322 g, yield 76 %; Mp: 137-139 °C;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.54 (s, 1H, CH), 7.93 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.71-7.64 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 9H, Ar-H);

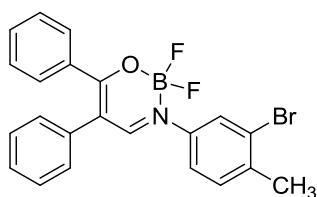
^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 171.5, 165.3, 143.7, 135.4, 134.0, 132.2, 131.7, 131.4, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 126.8, 123.2, 122.4, 112.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1752, 1608, 1503, 1476, 1036, 819, 708, 552;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BBrFNO}$, 408.0394 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 408.0397.

3-(3-Bromo-4-methylphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide

(3e)



A yellow solid: 0.373 g, yield 85 %; Mp: 132-134 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

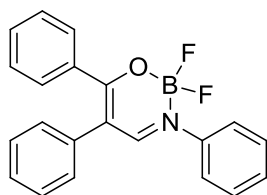
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.51 (s, 1H, CH), 7.95 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.61 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 2.40 (s, 3H, CH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 171.1, 164.9, 141.3, 137.8, 135.4, 134.0, 132.1, 131.9, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.2, 124.7, 123.2, 97.2, 54.9;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1613, 1575, 1475, 1438, 1044, 833;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BBrFNO}$, 422.0550 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found : 422.0561.

2,2-Difluoro-3,5,6-triphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3f)



A yellow solid: 0.281 g, yield 81 %; Mp: 175-177 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

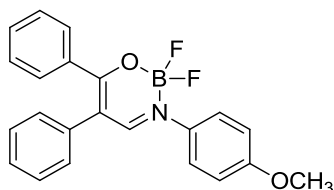
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.48 (s, 1H, CH), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.46 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 9H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 170.7, 164.7, 142.4, 135.5, 134.1, 132.1, 130.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 124.0, 111.9;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1611, 1574, 1476, 1438, 1038, 834, 695, 553;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $C_{21}H_{16}BFNO$, 328.1309 $[M-F]^+$; found: 328.1311.

2,2-Difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5,6-diphenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3g)



A yellow solid: 0.328 g, yield 87 %; Mp: 162-164 °C;

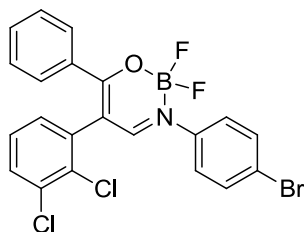
1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.41 (s, 1H, CH), 7.61(d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45–7.43 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 169.8, 163.7, 159.5, 135.6, 135.4, 134.2, 131.9, 130.5, 130.0, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 125.1, 114.9, 97.2, 56.0;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1616, 1501, 1436, 1373, 1039, 822;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $C_{22}H_{18}BFNO_2$, 358.1415 $[M-F]^+$; found: 358.1415.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-phenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3h)



A yellow solid: 0.289 g, yield 74 %; Mp: 187-189 °C;

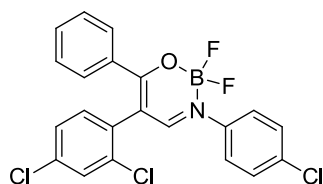
1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.58 (s, 1H, CH), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.60 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.37 (m, 6H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 172.1, 164.6, 141.3, 136.4, 133.8, 132.8, 132.7, 132.7, 132.6, 132.4, 131.1, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 126.0, 121.7, 109.2;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1648, 1569, 1504, 1026, 1042, 827, 670, 528;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $C_{21}H_{13}BBBrCl_2FNO$, 475.9614 $[M-F]^+$; found: 475.9611.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-phenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3i)



A yellow solid: 0.287 g, yield 64 %; Mp: 205-207 °C;

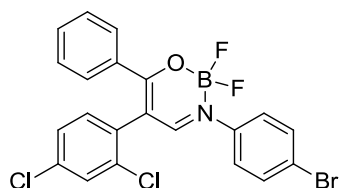
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.54 (s, 1H, CH), 7.70-7.60 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 4H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 172.2, 164.7, 140.9, 135.4, 134.9, 134.3, 133.9, 133.3, 133.1, 132.7, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 125.6, 108.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1675, 1593, 1507, 1469, 1134, 867;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{BCl}_3\text{FNO}$, 432.0110 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 432.0113.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-5-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-phenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3j)



A yellow solid: 0.330 g, yield 67 %; Mp: 186-188 °C;

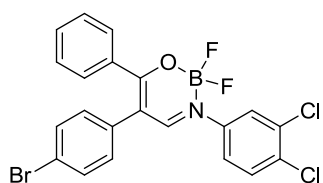
^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.53 (s, 1H, CH), 7.74 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.53-7.48 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 6H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 172.3, 164.6, 141.3, 135.4, 134.9, 134.3, 133.9, 133.1, 132.8, 132.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 125.9, 121.7, 108.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1684, 1601, 1542, 1501, 1146, 889;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{BBBrCl}_2\text{FNO}$, 475.9614 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 475.9614.

5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-phenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3k)



A yellow solid: 0.384 g, yield 78 %; Mp: 184-186 °C;

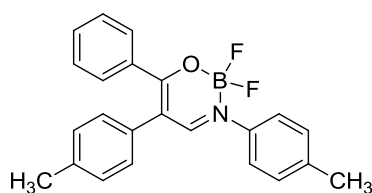
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.59 (s, 1H, CH), 8.03 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.82 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.56-7.49 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.30 (m, 6H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 172.2, 165.3, 142.0, 134.7, 133.7, 132.7, 132.5, 132.3, 132.1, 131.6, 131.2, 130.2, 128.9, 126.0, 124.4, 121.4, 111.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1612, 1575, 1469, 1370, 1009, 823;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BFNO}$, 475.9614 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 475.9615.

2,2-Difluoro-6-phenyl-3,5-di-*p*-tolyl-2*H*-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3l)



A yellow solid: 0.288 g, yield 77 %; Mp: 154-156 °C;

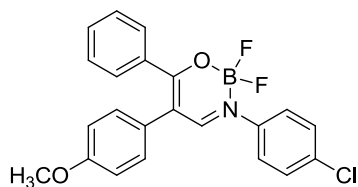
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.40 (s, 1H, CH), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.30 (s, 3H, CH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 170.2, 164.1, 140.0, 138.2, 137.1, 134.2, 132.6, 131.9, 130.3, 130.3, 130.0, 129.8, 128.7, 123.7, 111.7, 21.2, 21.0;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1608, 1598, 1511, 1402, 1003, 846, 682, 531;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BFNO}$, 357.1656 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 357.1655.

3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-2*H*-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3m)



A yellow solid: 0.329 g, yield 80 %; Mp: 179-181 °C;

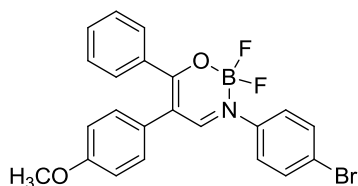
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.46 (s, 1H, CH), 7.71 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.61-7.59 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.47 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 170.7, 164.9, 159.1, 141.2, 134.2, 133.1, 132.1, 131.7, 130.0, 129.8, 128.7, 127.5, 125.8, 114.7, 111.7, 55.6;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1637, 1586, 1475, 1426, 1025, 851, 679, 540;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BClFNO}_2$, 394.0995 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 394.0997.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3n)



A yellow solid: 0.279 g, yield 68 %; Mp: 194-196 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

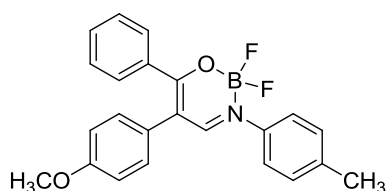
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.46 (s, 1H, CH), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.47 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.25 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 170.8, 164.9, 159.1, 141.6, 134.2, 132.7, 132.1, 131.7, 130.0, 128.7, 127.4, 126.1, 121.5, 114.7, 111.7, 55.6;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1669, 1572, 1474, 1421, 1036, 834, 692, 551;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{BBrFNO}_2$, 438.0499 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 438.0499.

2,2-Difluoro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3o)



A yellow solid: 0.274 g, yield 87 %; Mp: 154-156 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

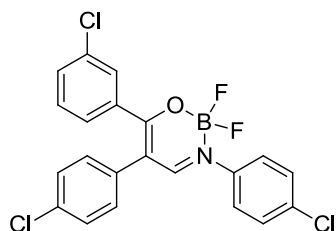
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.39 (s, 1H, CH), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.45 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.31 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.36 (s, 3H, CH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 170.8, 169.9, 164.2, 159.1, 140.0, 138.2, 134.3, 131.8, 131.7, 130.3, 130.0, 128.7, 127.6, 123.7, 114.7, 55.6, 21.0;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1599, 1573, 1499, 1411, 1084, 826, 705, 538;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BFNO}_2$, 372.1605 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 372.1607.

6-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3,5-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uid (3p)



A yellow solid: 0.355 g, yield 79 %; Mp: 178-180 °C;

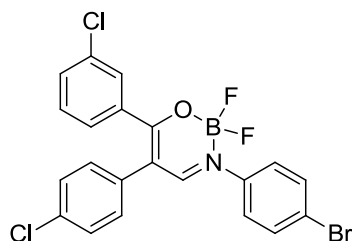
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.57 (s, 1H, CH), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) (δ , ppm): 169.2, 165.2, 141.0, 135.9, 133.9, 133.5, 133.4, 133.0, 132.4, 131.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 125.9, 111.3;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1613, 1564, 1500, 1380, 1033, 827;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{BCl}_3\text{FNO}$, 432.0110 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 432.0114.

3-(4-Bromophenyl)-6-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3q)



A yellow solid: 0.409 g, yield 83 %; Mp: 183-185 °C;

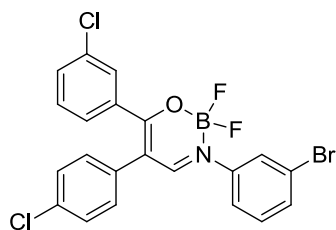
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.57 (s, 1H, CH), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) (δ , ppm): 169.2, 165.1, 141.4, 135.9, 133.9, 133.5, 133.0, 132.8, 132.4, 131.9, 130.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 126.1, 121.9, 111.3;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1617, 1567, 1509, 1375, 1039, 826;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{BBBrCl}_2\text{FNO}$, 475.9614 $[\text{M-F}]^+$; found: 475.9610.

3-(3-Bromophenyl)-6-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3r)



A yellow solid: 0.394 g, yield 80 %; Mp: 163-165 °C;

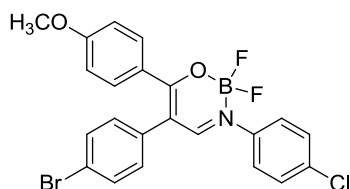
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.60 (s, 1H, CH), 7.94 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.69 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.52-7.38 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 169.5, 165.6, 143.5, 135.8, 133.9, 133.5, 133.0, 132.5, 132.0, 131.7, 131.6, 130.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.8, 126.8, 123.3, 122.4, 111.3;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1614, 1568, 1506, 1379, 1030, 835, 692, 528;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{13}\text{BBBrCl}_2\text{FNO}$, 475.9614 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 475.9618.

5-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3s)



A yellow solid: 0.372 g, yield 76 %; Mp: 164-166 °C;

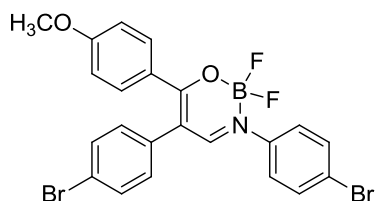
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 8.42 (s, 1H, CH), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.61–7.55 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH_3);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) (δ , ppm): 171.2, 164.0, 162.7, 141.2, 135.3, 132.9, 132.6, 132.5, 132.2, 129.8, 125.6, 121.3, 114.4, 110.2, 56.0;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 1682, 1578, 1481, 1432, 1059, 846, 715, 570;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{BBBrClFNO}_2$, 472.0110 $[\text{M}-\text{F}]^+$; found: 472.0109.

3-(3-Bromophenyl)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2H-1,3,2-oxazaborinin-3-ium-2-uide (3t)



A yellow solid: 0.442 g, yield 83 %; Mp: 178-179 °C;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 8.45 (s, 1H, CH), 7.91 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) (δ , ppm): 171.5, 164.4, 162.8, 143.8, 135.3, 132.7, 132.5, 132.2, 131.6, 131.1, 126.6, 125.5, 123.1, 122.4, 121.3, 114.4, 110.2, 56.0;

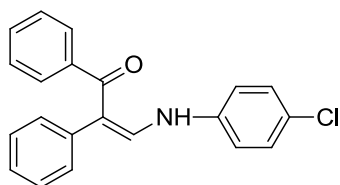
IR (KBr, ν , cm⁻¹): 2981, 1589, 1473, 1372, 1133, 827, 703, 554;

HRMS (APCI-TOF): m/z calcd for: C₂₂H₁₆BBBr₂FNO₂, 513.9625 [M-F]⁺; found: 513.9618.

General procedure for the synthesis of compound 4a

Phenyl(3-phenyloxiran-2-yl)methanone (**1a**, 1 mmol) was introduced in a 25-mL reaction flask, 4-chloroaniline (**2a** 1.0 mmol), BF₃·Et₂O (1.2 mmol), and acetylacetone (1.2 mmol) as well as 1,4-dioxane (4.0 mL) were then successively added and stirred at 80 °C for 30 min. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was separated by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1 v/v) to afford the pure yellow solid **4a**.

(Z)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4a) (major)



A yellow solid: 0.233 g, total yield 70 %; Mp: 158-159 °C;

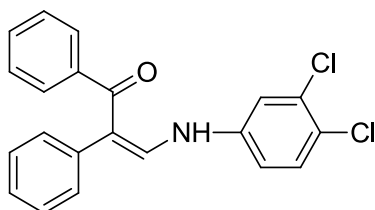
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ , ppm): 12.27 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.54 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.34-7.30 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 4H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 190.1, 141.1, 135.7, 135.2, 134.2, 125.7, 125.5, 125.1, 125.1, 124.0, 123.6, 123.3, 122.9, 121.4, 112.9, 108.1;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3454, 1661, 1371, 1232, 803, 646;

HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClNO}$, 332.0842 $[\text{M-H}]^-$; found: 332.0841.

(Z)-3-((3,4-Dichlorophenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4b) (major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 162-164 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

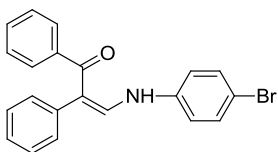
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 12.17 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, CH and Ar-H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.21 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 1H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 195.2, 144.9, 140.2, 139.9, 139.6, 133.7, 131.3, 130.5, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.6, 126.7, 126.3, 117.8, 116.0, 113.7;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3428, 1653, 1475, 1225, 1015, 740;

HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}$, 366.0453 $[\text{M-H}]^-$; found: 366.0455.

(Z)-3-((4-Bromophenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4c) (major)



A yellow solid: 0.256 g, total yield 68 %; Mp: 185-186 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

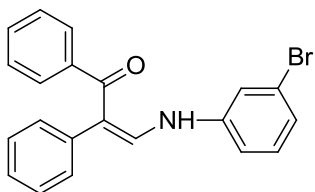
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 12.25 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.54 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 190.2, 140.9, 135.7, 135.1, 134.7, 128.0, 125.5, 125.1, 124.0, 123.6, 122.9, 121.4, 113.3, 111.5, 108.2;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3433, 1660, 1384, 1231, 802, 636;

HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}$, 376.0337 $[\text{M-H}]^-$; found: 376.0338.

(Z)-3-((3-Bromophenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4d) (major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 103-105 °C;

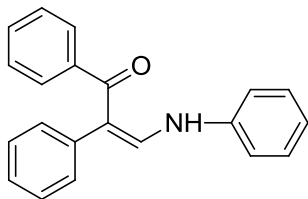
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 12.18 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.53 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.34-7.28 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.26-7.17 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 7.11-7.03 (m, 3H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 195.0, 145.3, 141.7, 140.4, 139.8, 131.1, 130.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.6, 126.5, 126.2, 123.6, 119.2, 115.4, 113.3;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3041, 1630, 1363, 1223, 1016, 765;

HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrNO}$, 376.0337 $[\text{M-H}]^-$; found: 376.0338.

(Z)-1,2-Diphenyl-3-(phenylamino)prop-2-en-1-one (4e) (major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 90-92 °C;

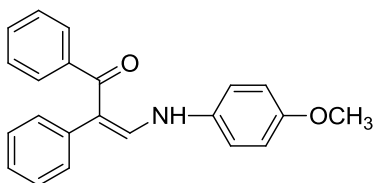
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 12.29 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.63 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.56-7.43 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 2H, Ar-H);

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 194.5, 146.4, 140.7, 140.2(3), 140.1(6), 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.2, 127.6, 125.9, 123.8, 116.6, 112.4, 100.0;

IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3290, 1631, 1499, 1228, 1017, 747;

HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}$, 298.1232 $[\text{M-H}]^-$; found: 298.1233.

(Z)-3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4f) (major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 131-133 °C;

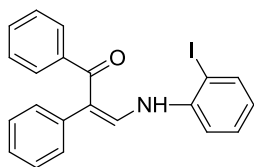
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ, ppm): 12.40 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.55 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.91-6.89 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ, ppm): 193.9, 156.5, 147.6, 140.9, 140.3, 133.7, 129.9, 129.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.5, 125.8, 118.2, 115.1, 111.6, 55.6;

IR (KBr, ν, cm⁻¹): 3407, 1625, 1443, 1228, 1032, 748;

HRMS (EI-TOF): *m/z* calcd for: C₂₂H₁₈NO₂, 328.1338 [M-H]⁻; found: 328.1336.

(Z)-3-((2-Iodophenyl)amino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4g) (major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 116-118 °C;

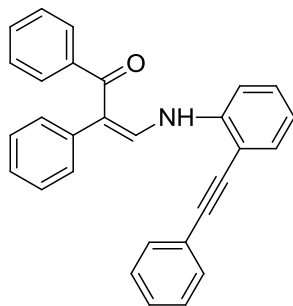
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ, ppm): 12.30 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.86-7.84 (m, 1H, CH), 7.57 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.34-7.30 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.13-7.11 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.82-6.78 (m, 1H, Ar-H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) (δ, ppm): 195.1, 144.8, 141.7, 140.5, 140.1, 140.0, 130.3, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 127.6, 126.1, 124.8, 114.8, 113.8, 88.3;

IR (KBr, ν, cm⁻¹): 3272, 1625, 1439, 1227, 1016, 751;

HRMS (EI-TOF): *m/z* calcd for: C₂₁H₁₅INO, 424.0199 [M-H]⁻; found: 424.0200.

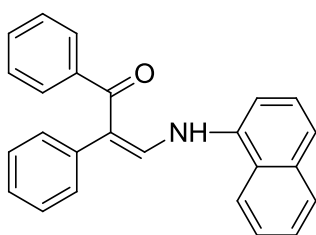
(Z)-1,2-Diphenyl-3-((2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)amino)prop-2-en-1-one (4h) (major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 161-163 °C;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 12.75 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H, NH), 7.95-7.92 (m, 2H, CH and Ar-H), 7.73 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 5H, Ar-H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.26 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 7.23-7.13 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H, Ar-H);
 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 194.4, 144.1, 141.7, 140.7, 140.3, 132.8, 132.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 126.0, 122.7, 113.5, 112.9, 112.7, 97.0, 84.6;
 IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3415, 1668, 1484, 1242, 1046, 746;
 HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$, 398.1545 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$; found: 398.1546.

(Z)-3-(Naphthalen-1-ylamino)-1,2-diphenylprop-2-en-1-one (4i)

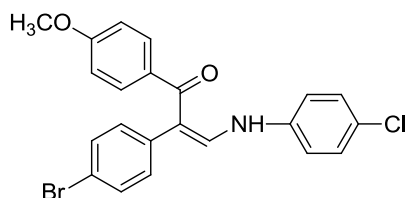


Yellow solid, Mp: 147-149 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 13.27 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H, NH), 8.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.89-7.83 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.64-7.54 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.41-7.39 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-H);
 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 194.9, 147.6, 140.7, 140.1, 136.4, 134.4, 130.2, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 125.8, 125.0, 124.3, 121.0, 113.3, 111.2;
 IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3431, 1683, 1454, 1230, 1048, 771;
 HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}$, 348.1389 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$; found: 348.1411.

(Z)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-((4-chlorophenyl)amino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (4j)

(major)



Yellow solid, Mp: 173-174 $^{\circ}\text{C}$;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) (δ , ppm): 12.13 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, NH), 7.46 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, CH), 7.37-7.29 (m, 6H, Ar-H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH_3);

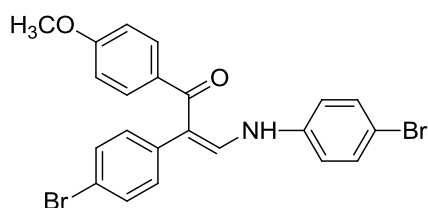
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IR (KBr, ν , cm^{-1}): 3442, 1661, 1454, 1234, 830, 596;

HRMS (EI-TOF): m/z calcd for: $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrClNO}_2$, 440.0053 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$; found: 440.0056.

(Z)-2-(4-Bromophenyl)-3-((4-bromophenyl)amino)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (4k)

(major)



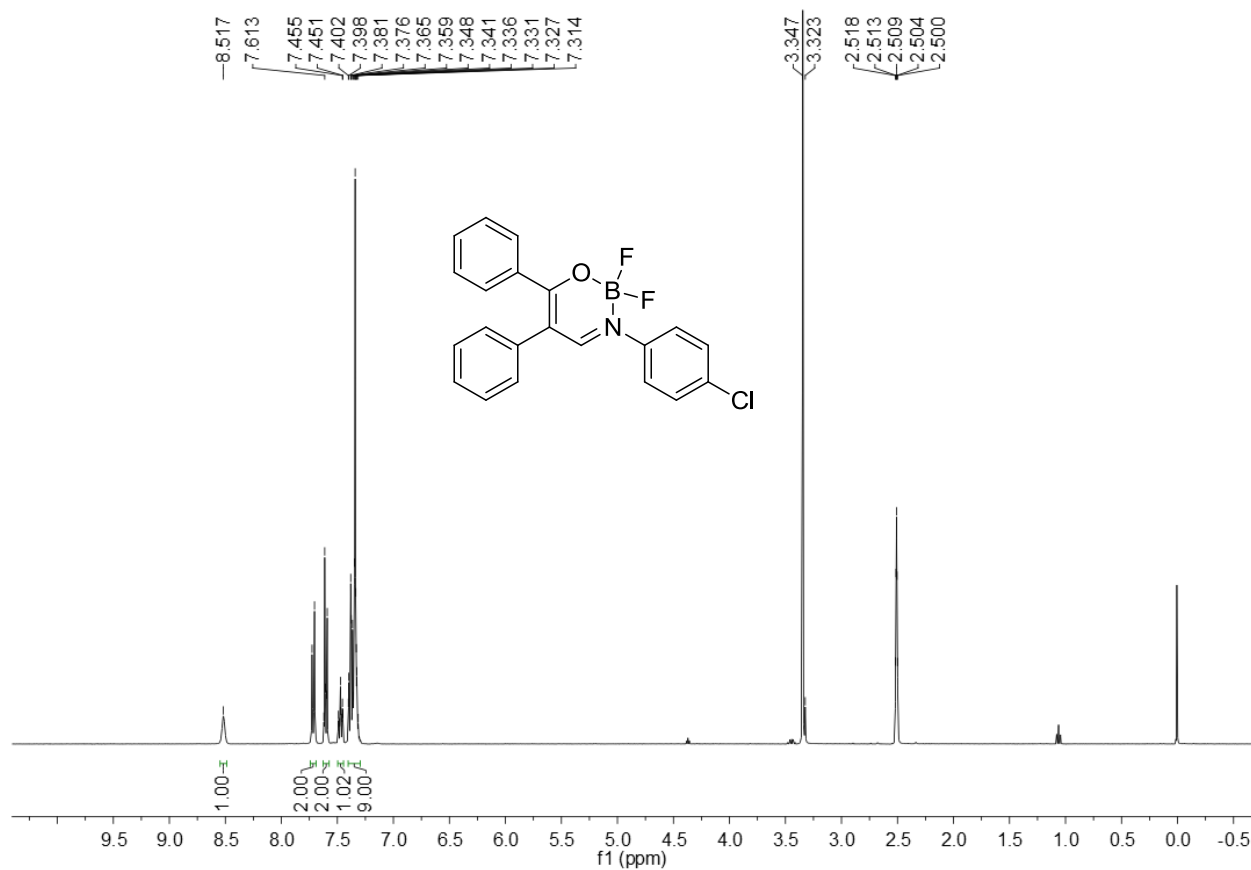
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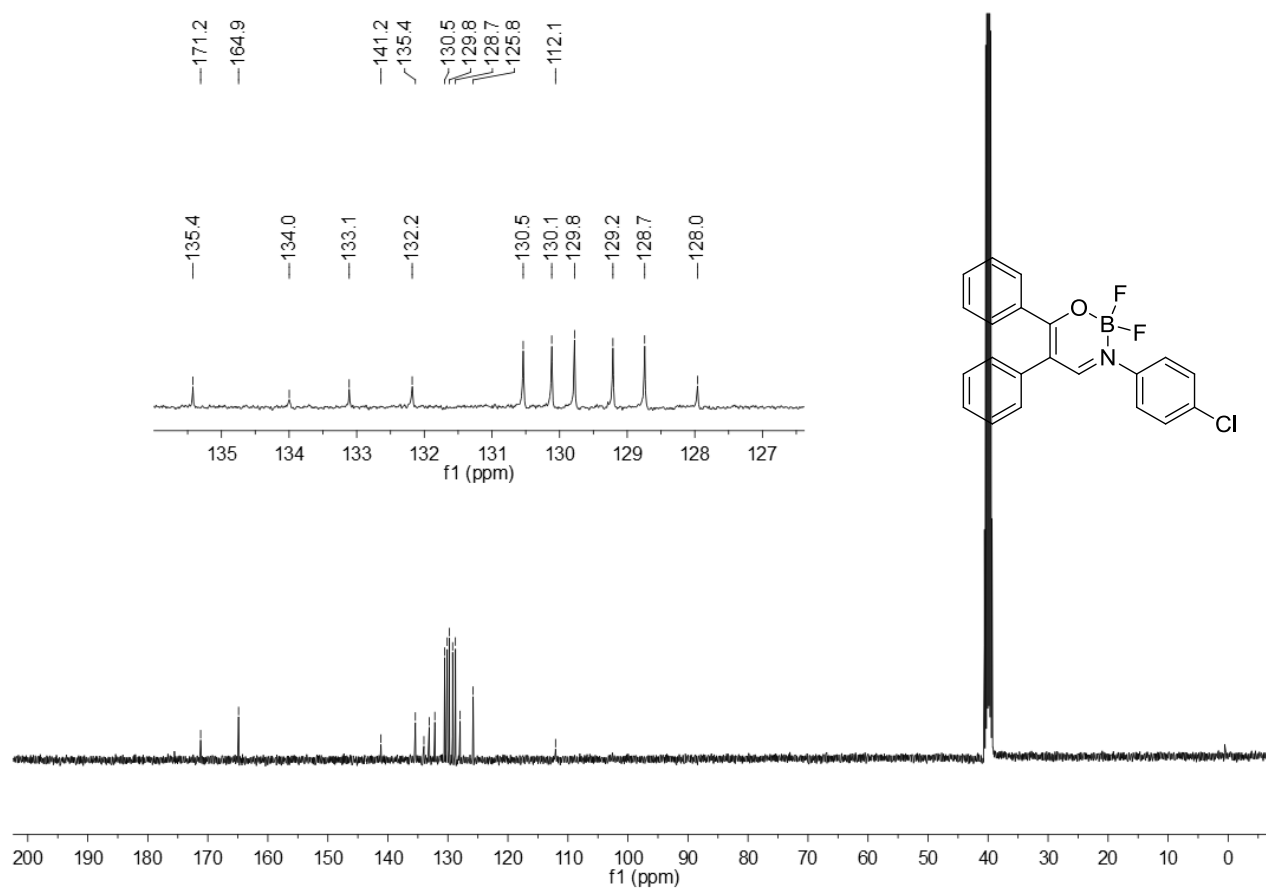
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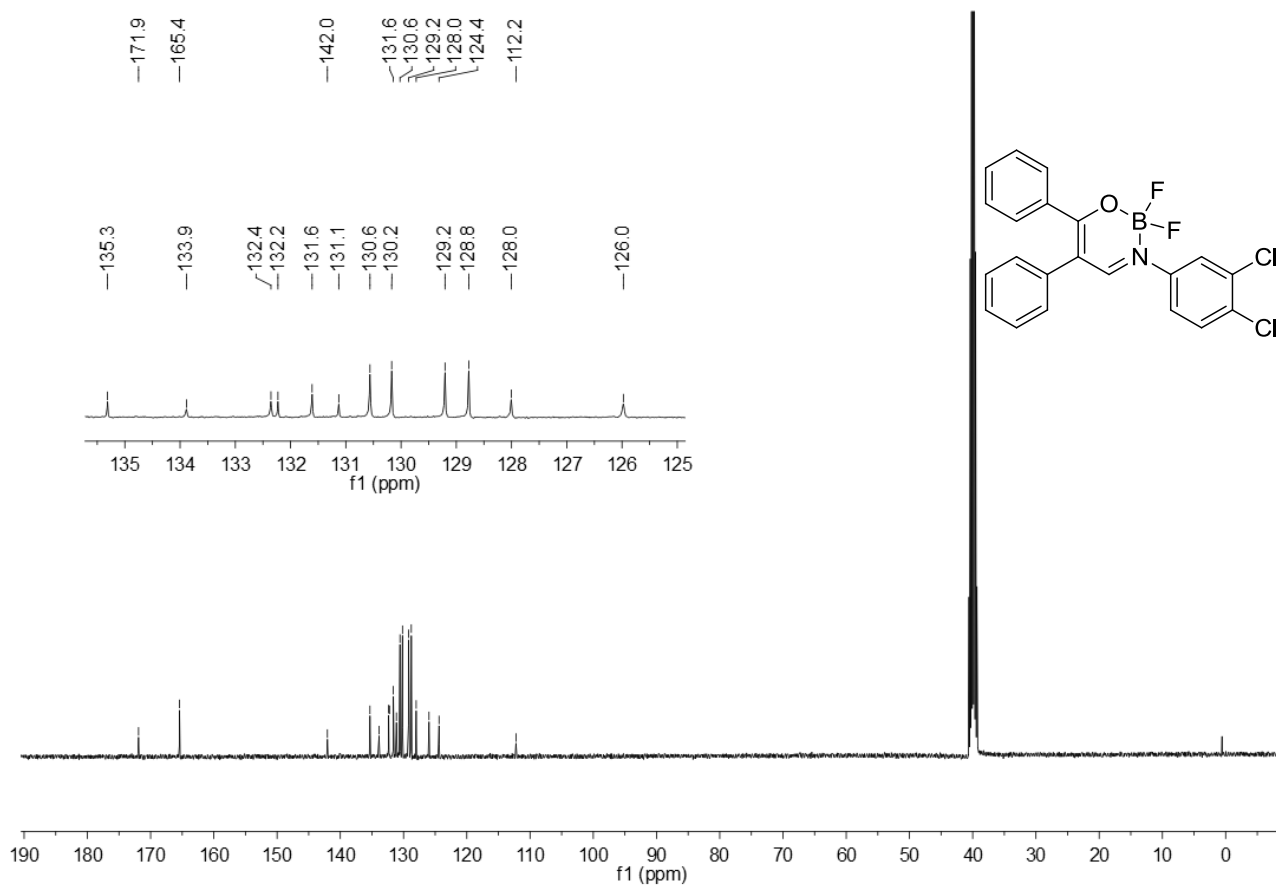
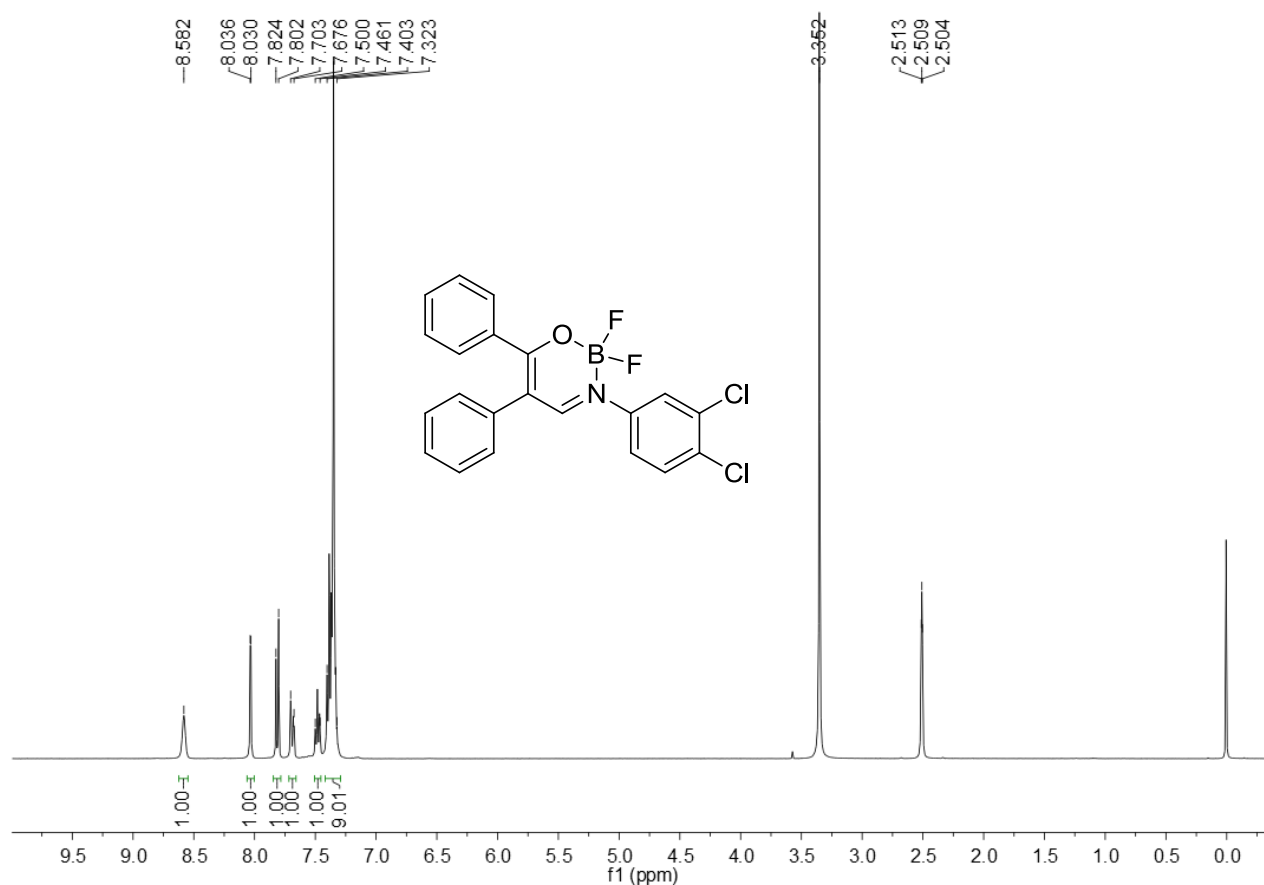
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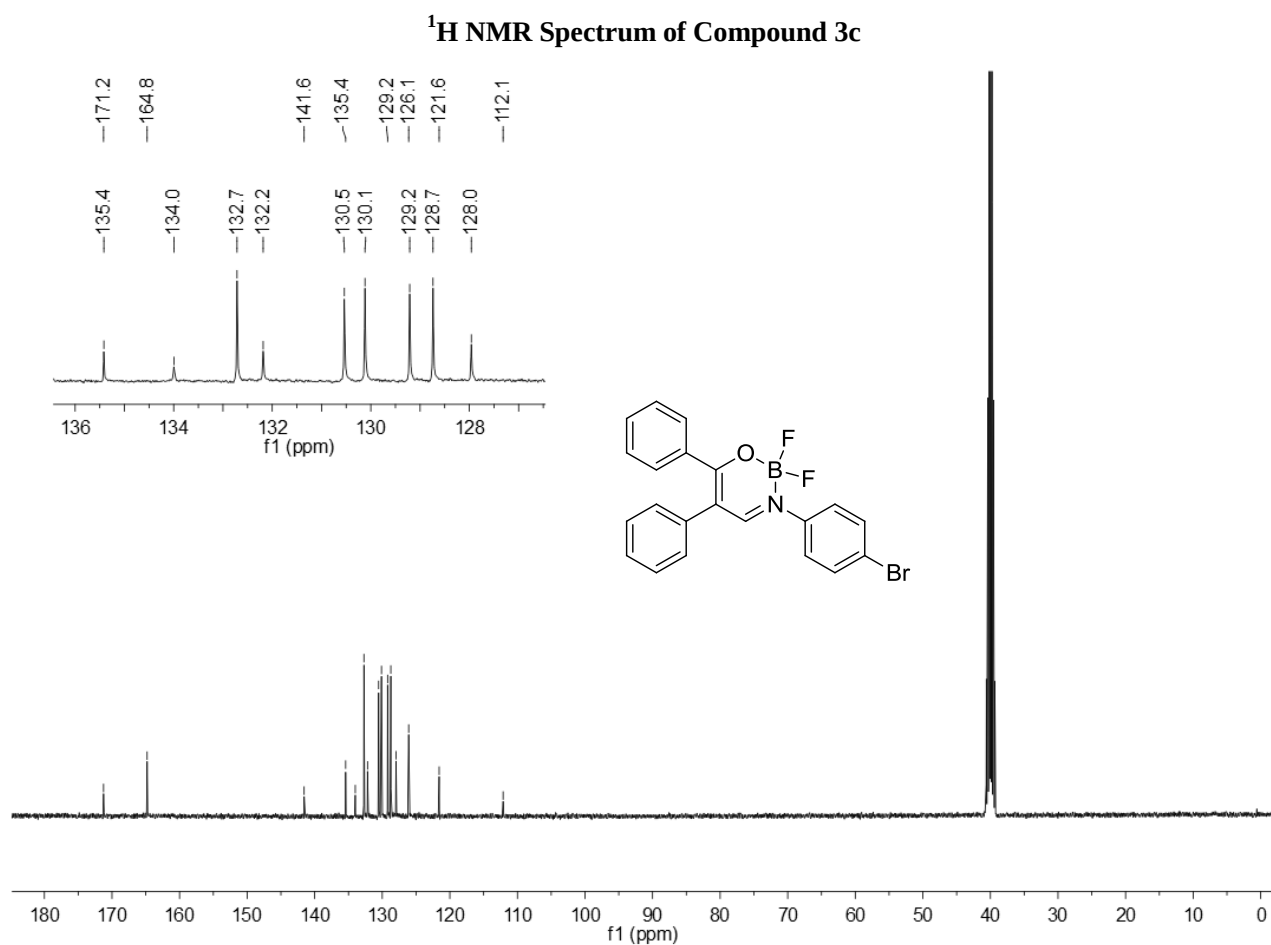
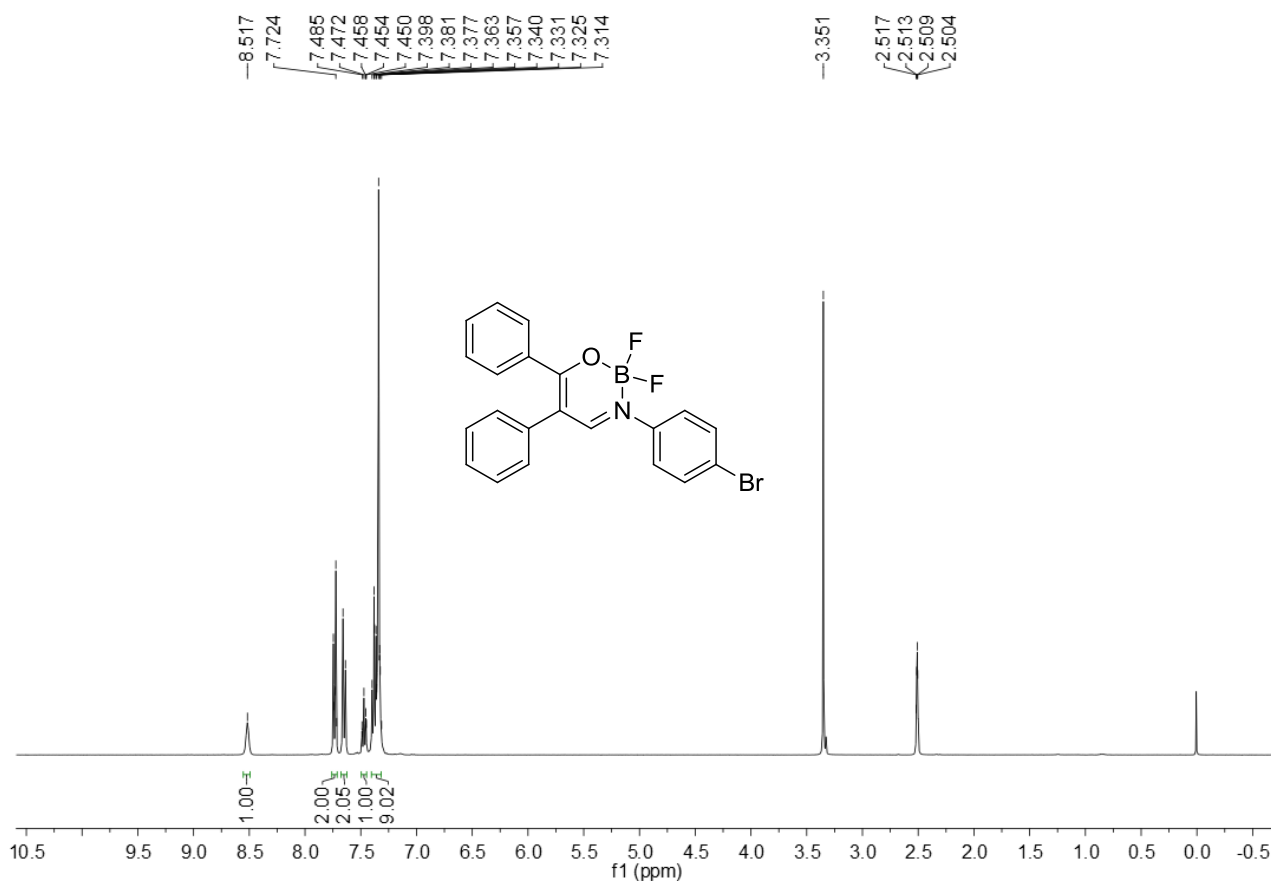


¹H NMR Spectrum of Compound 3a

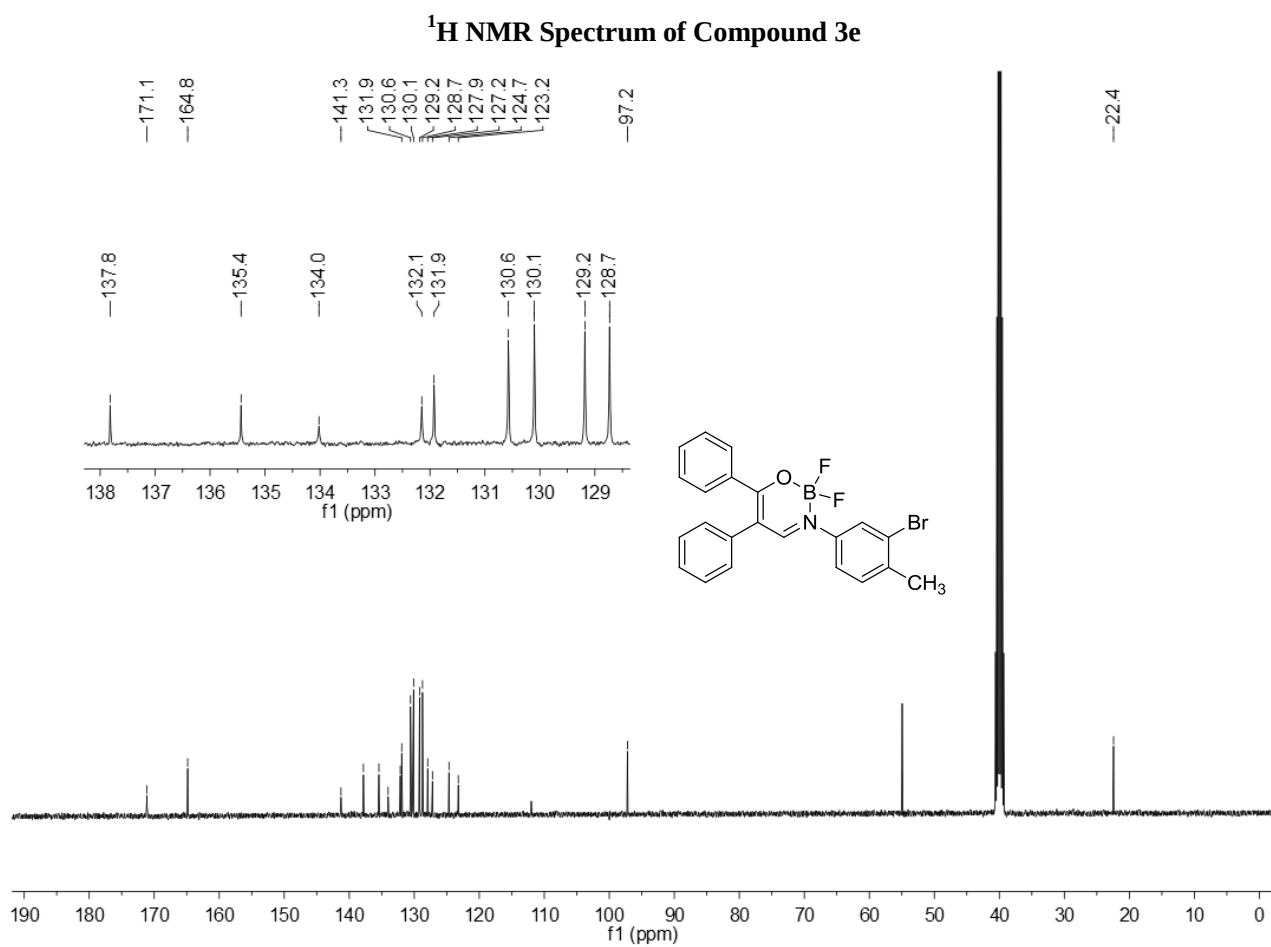
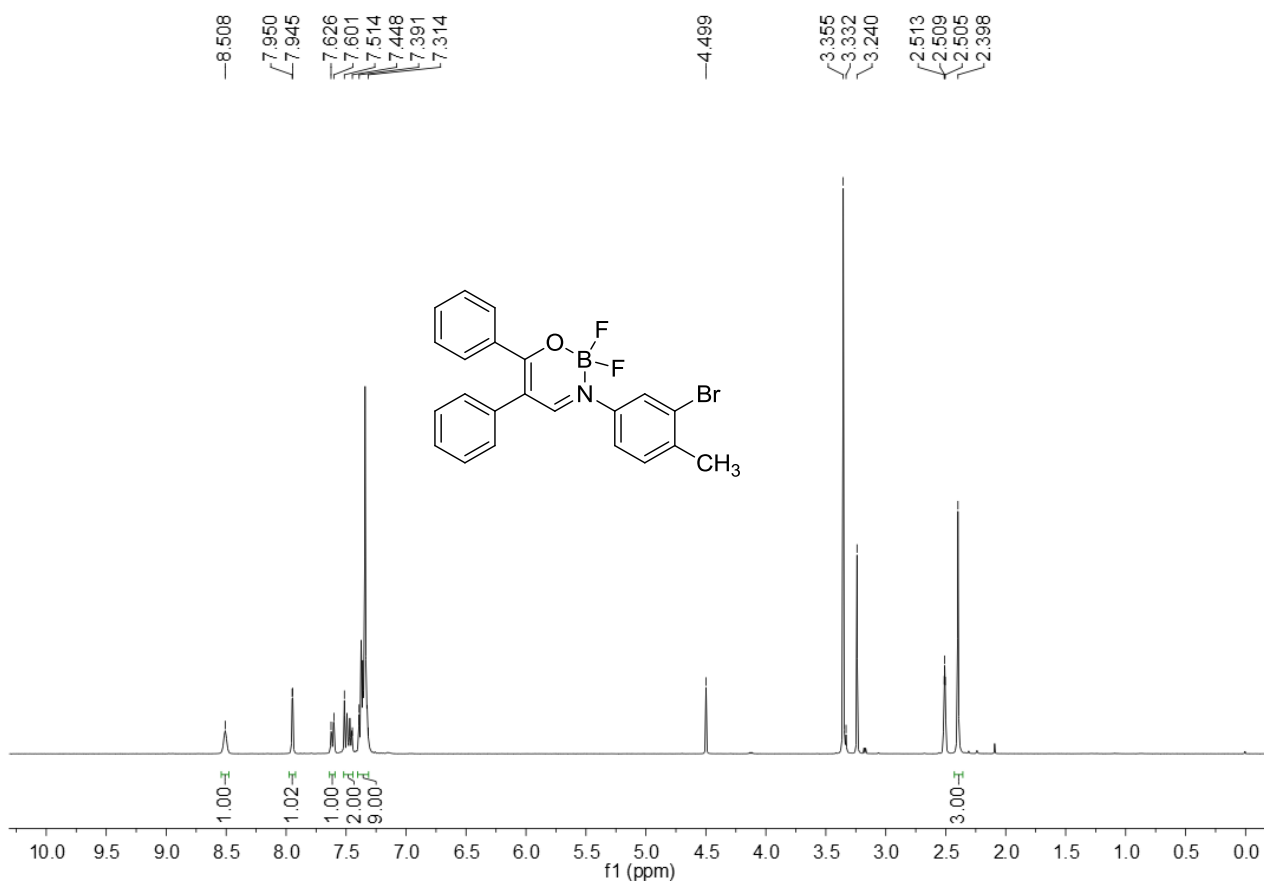


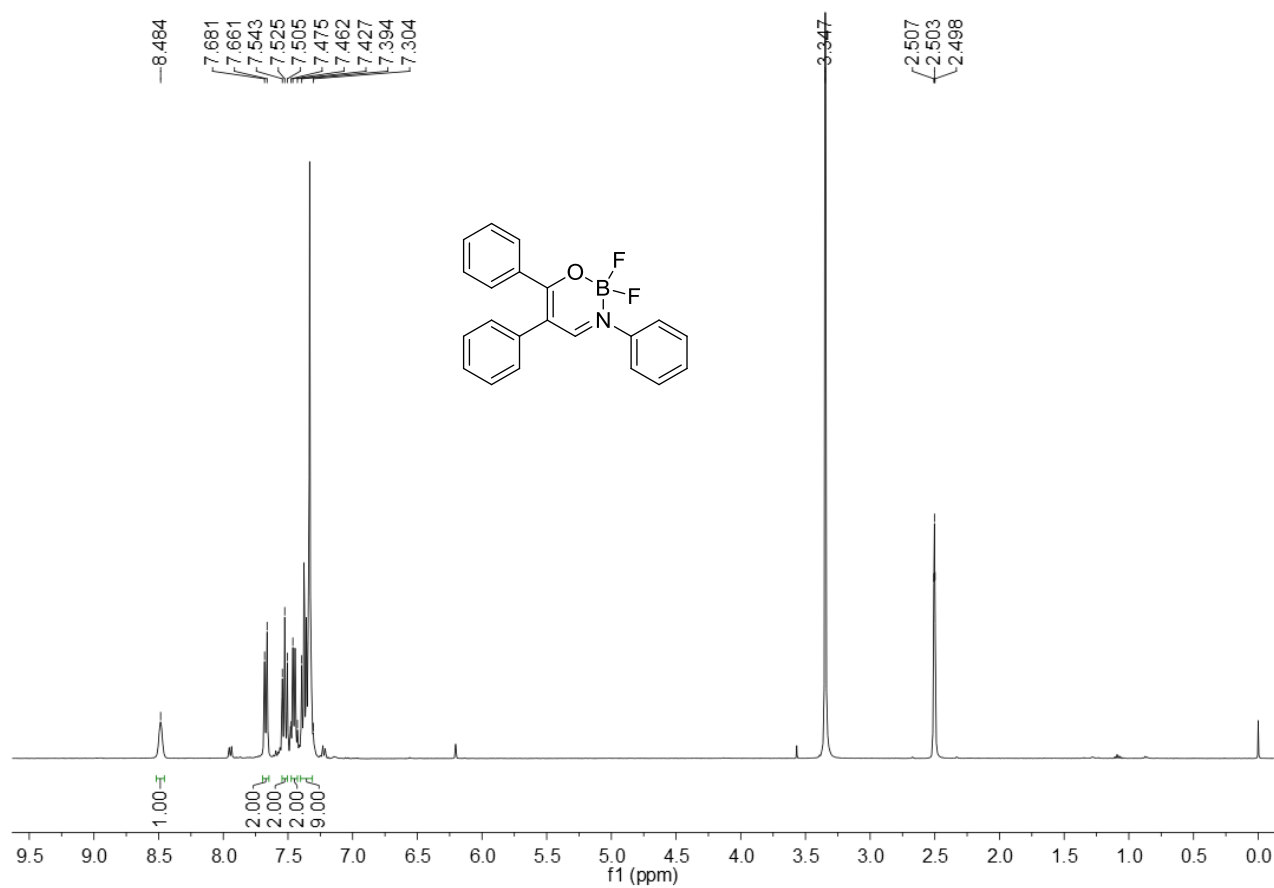
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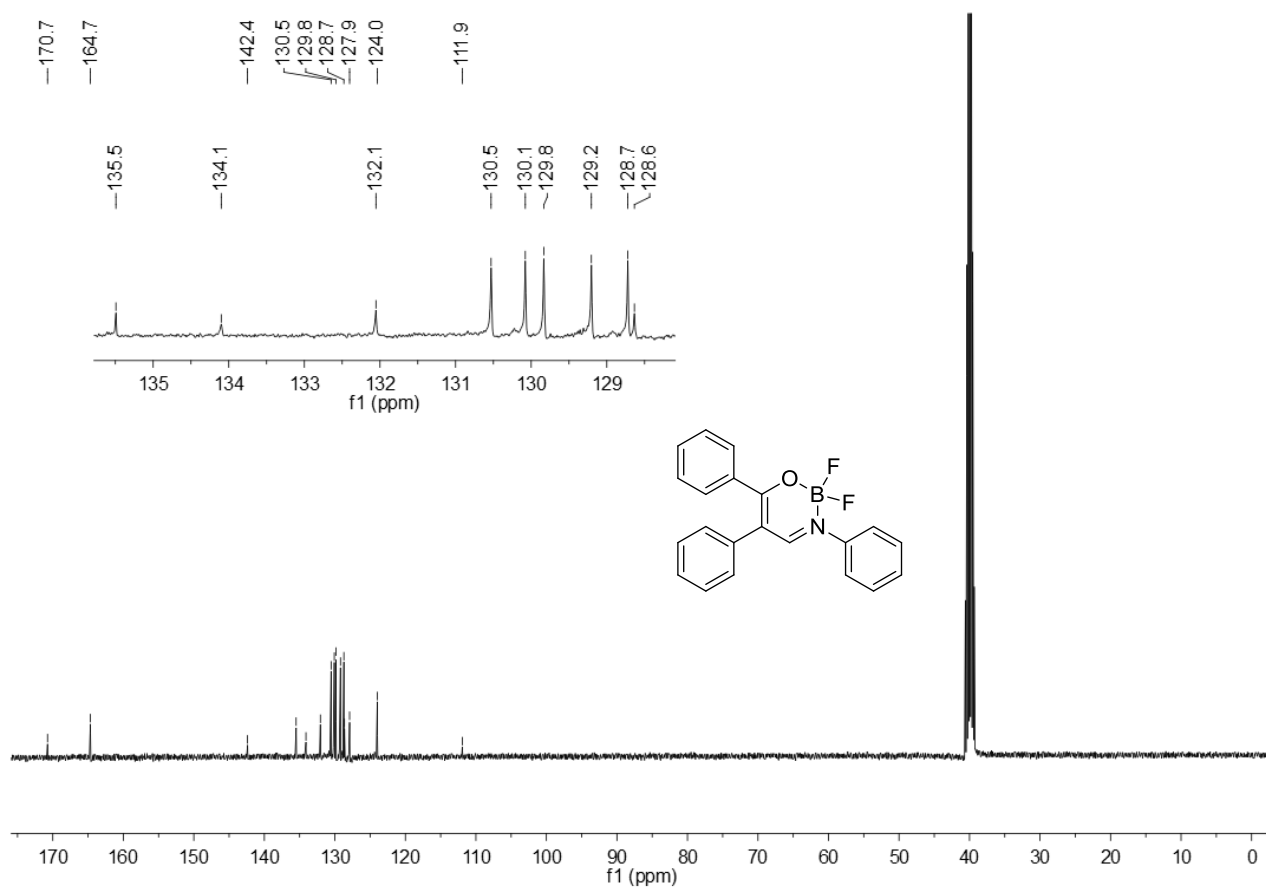




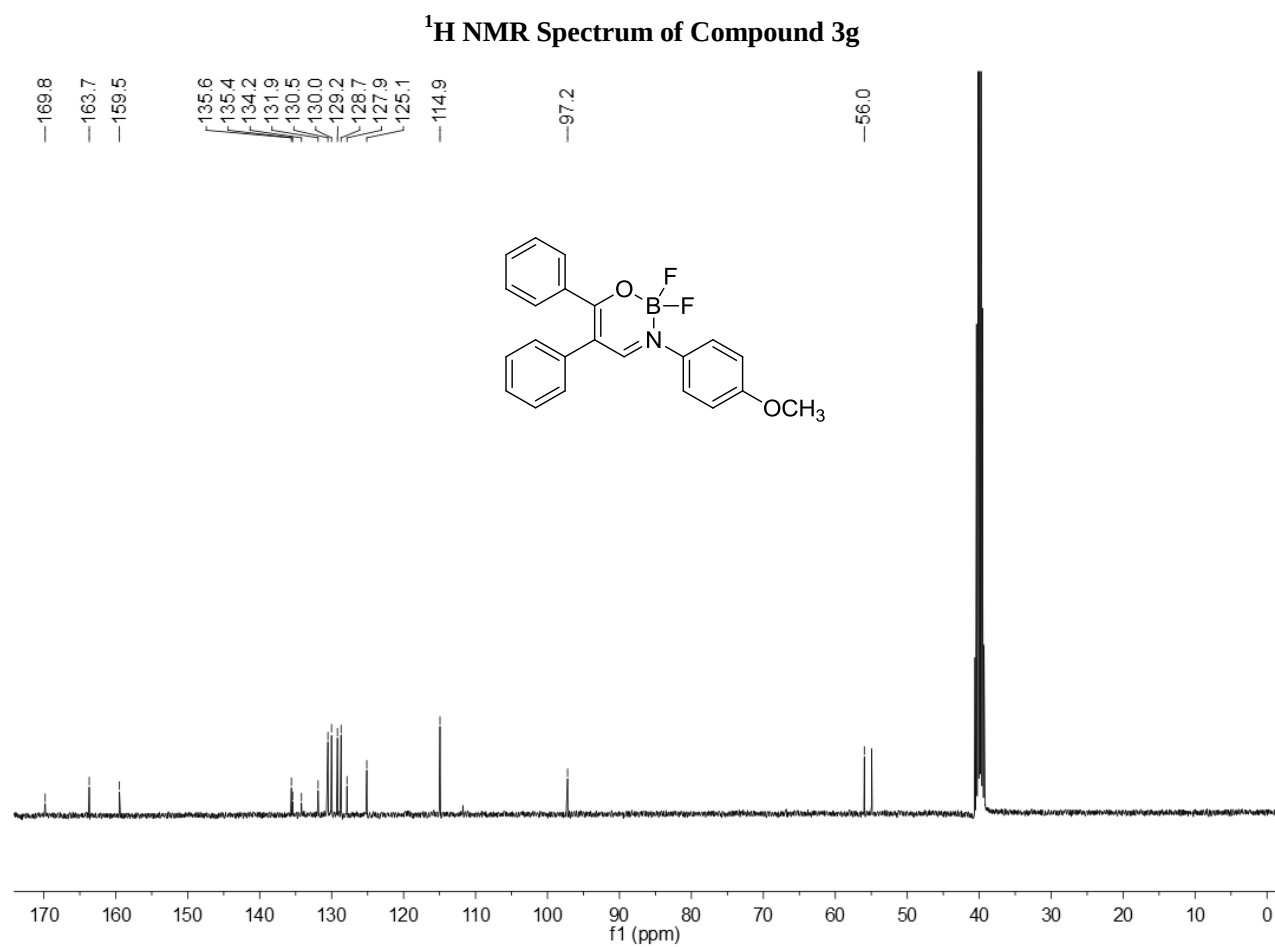
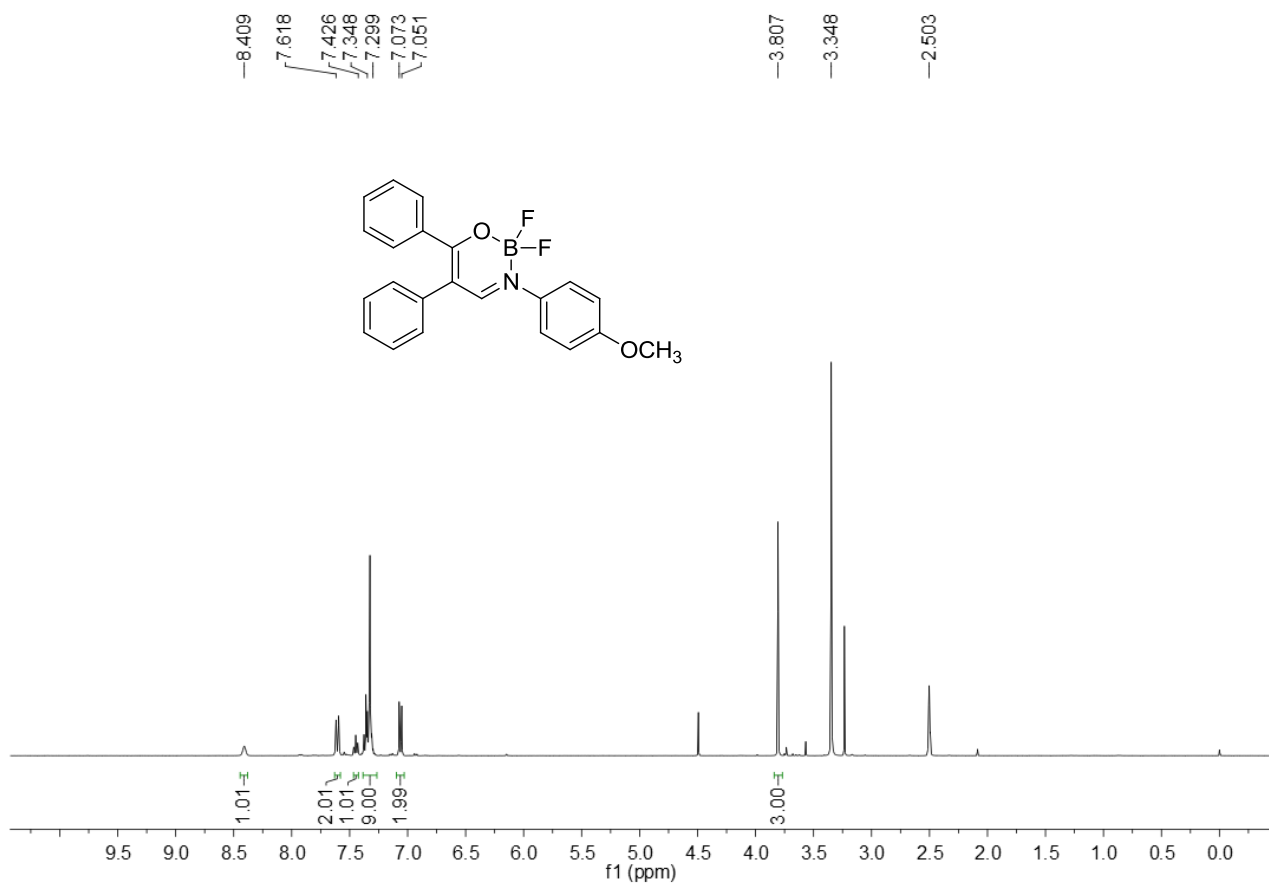


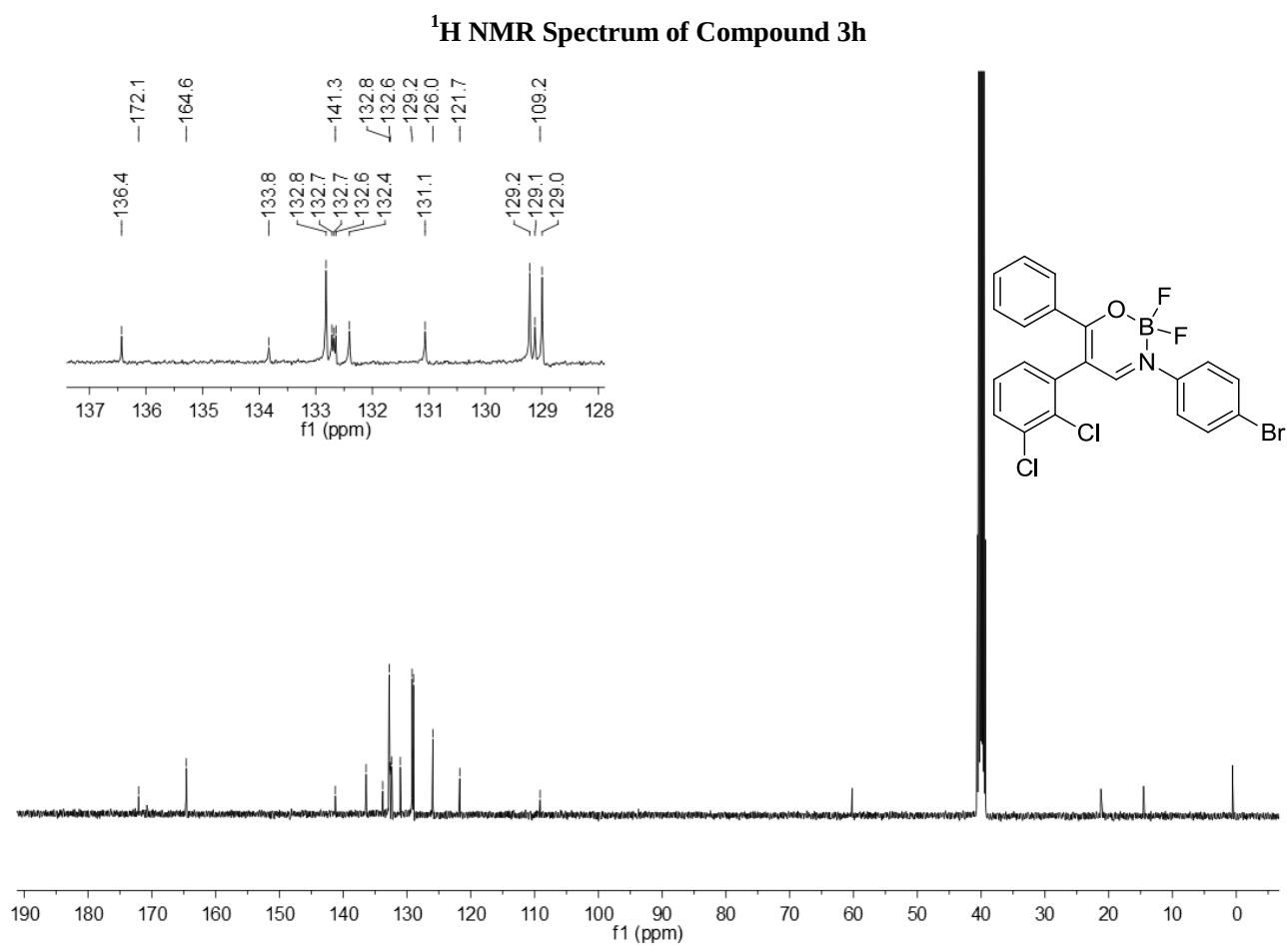
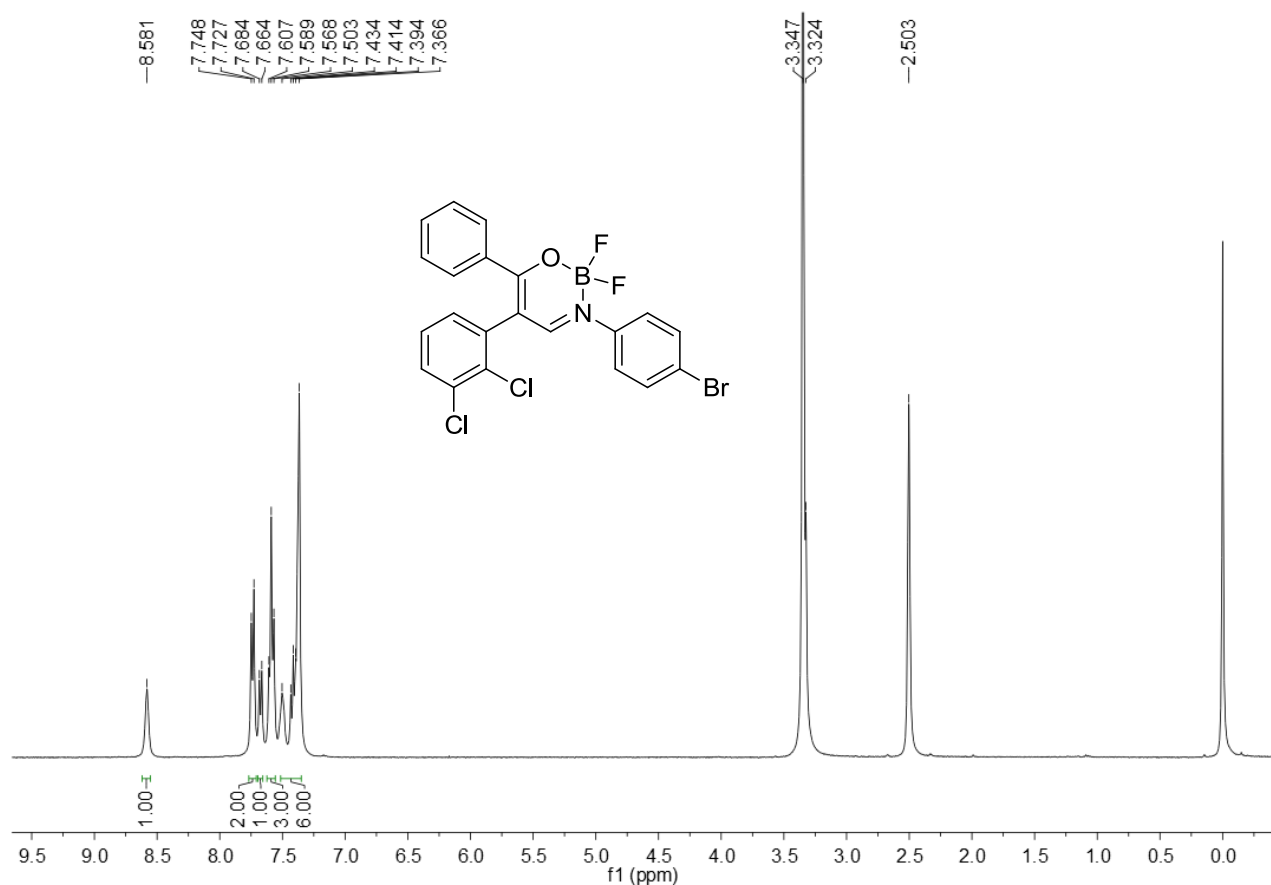


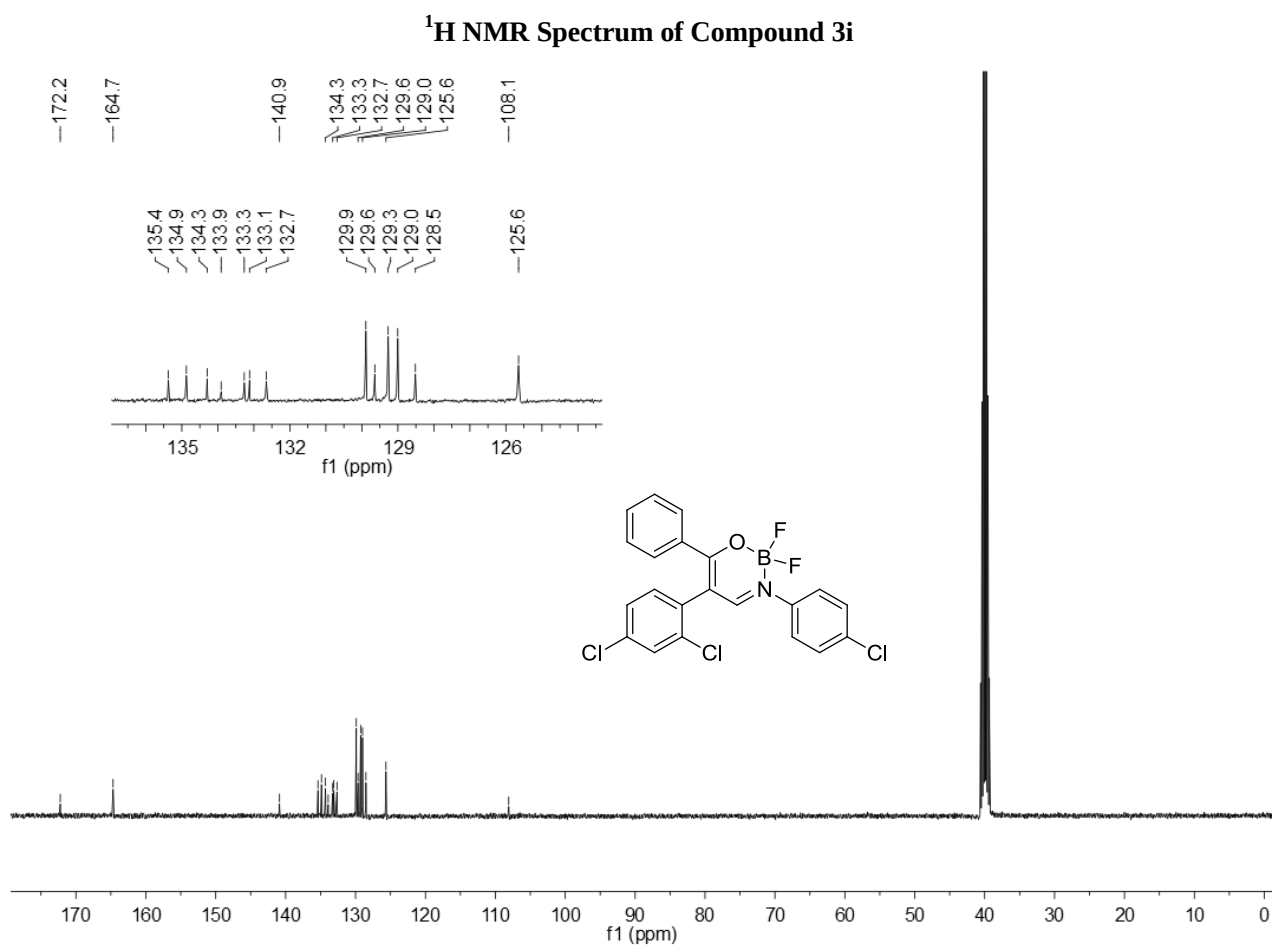
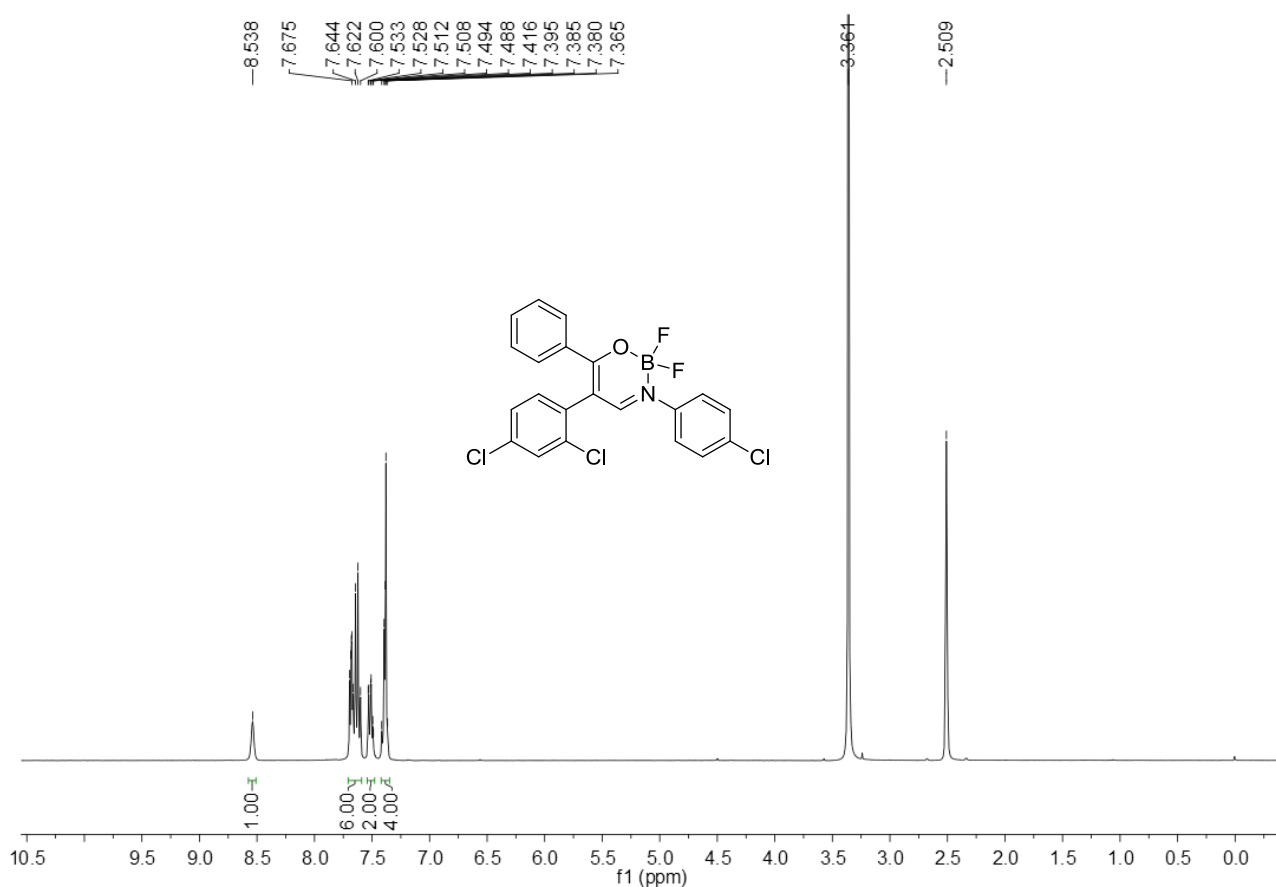
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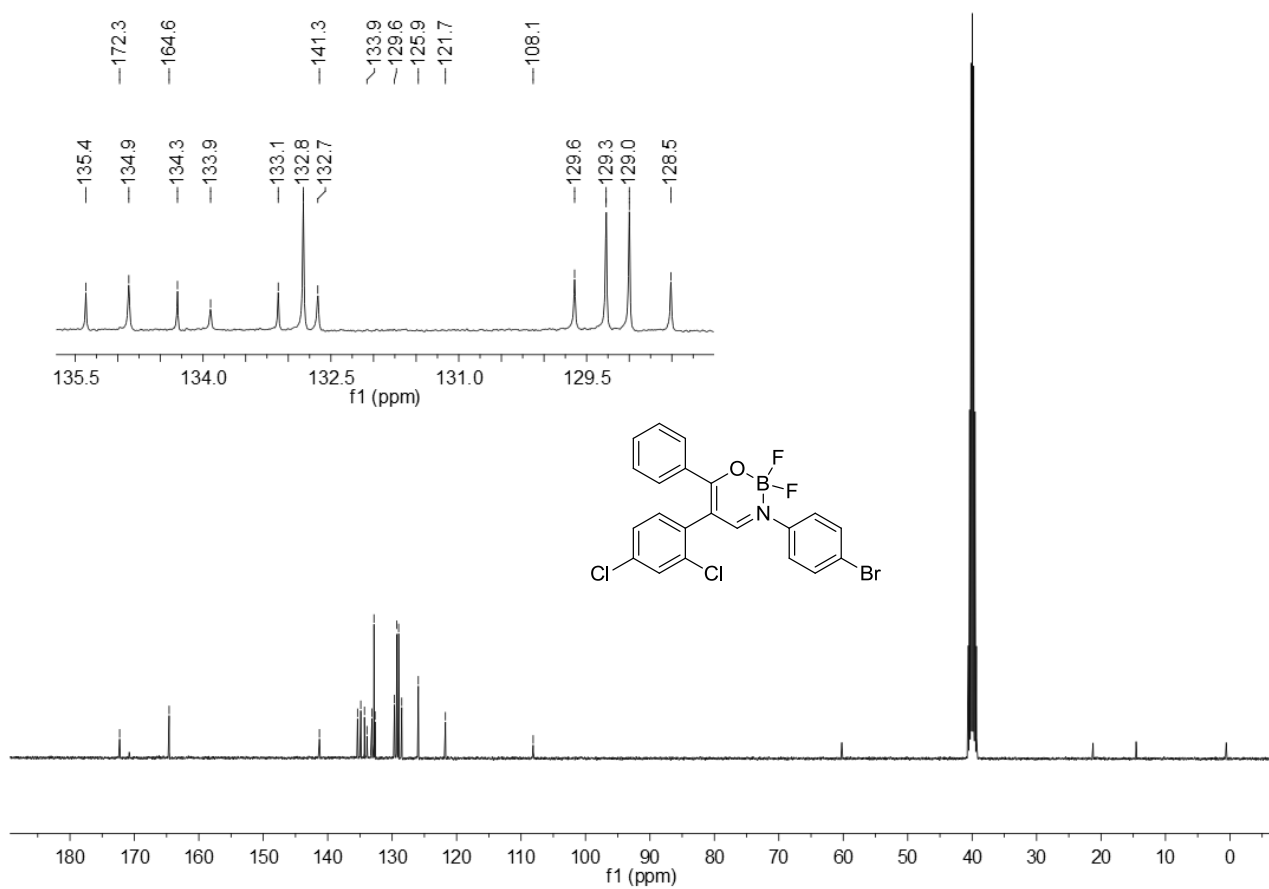
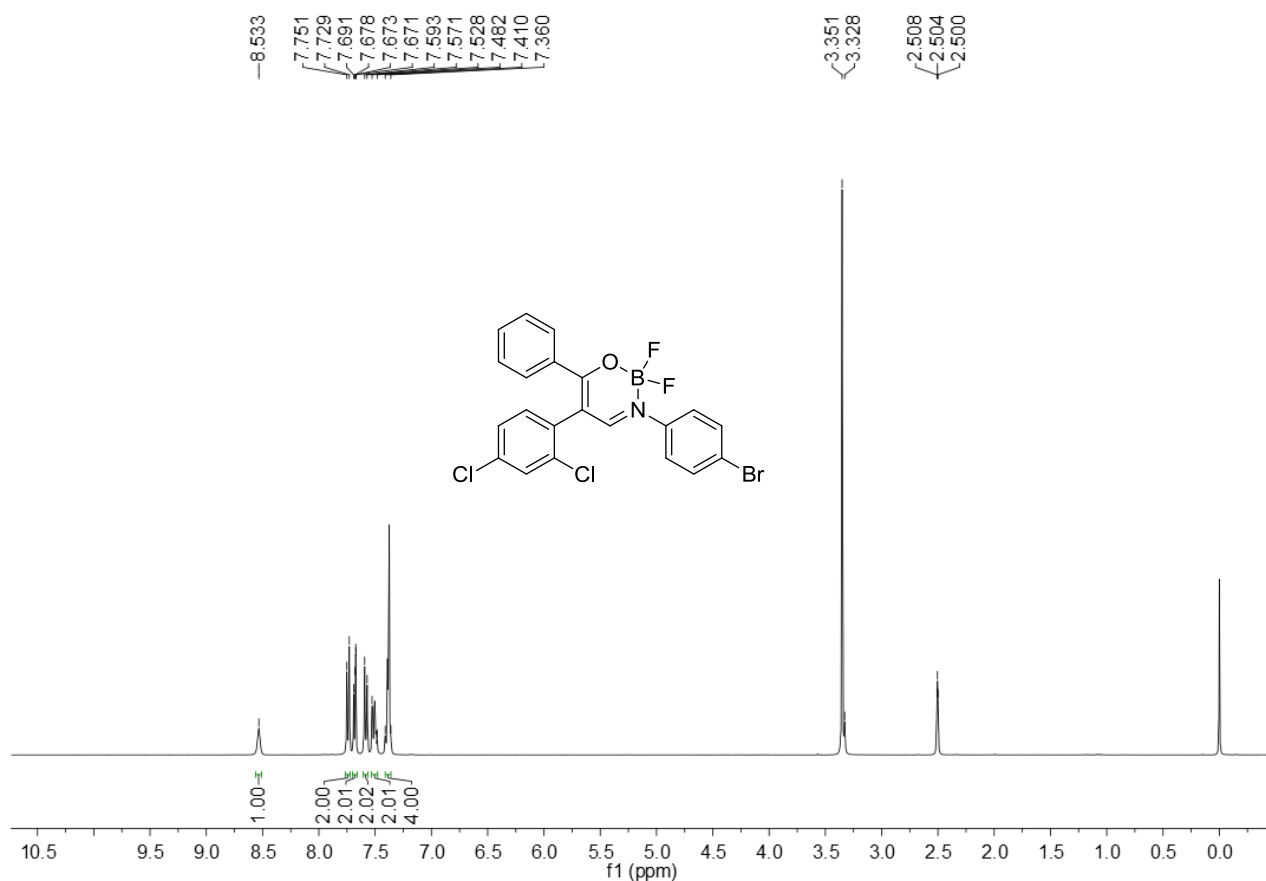


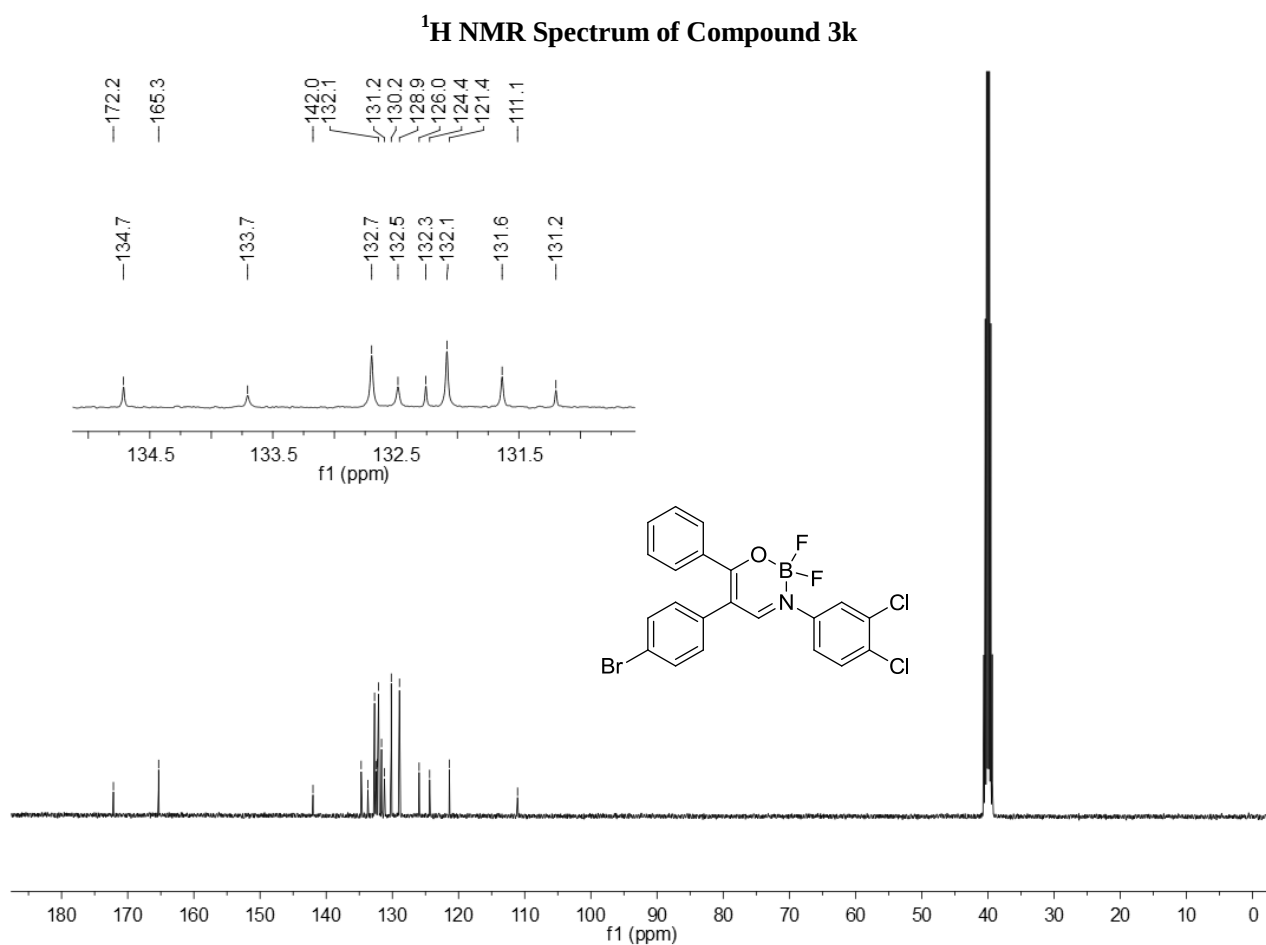
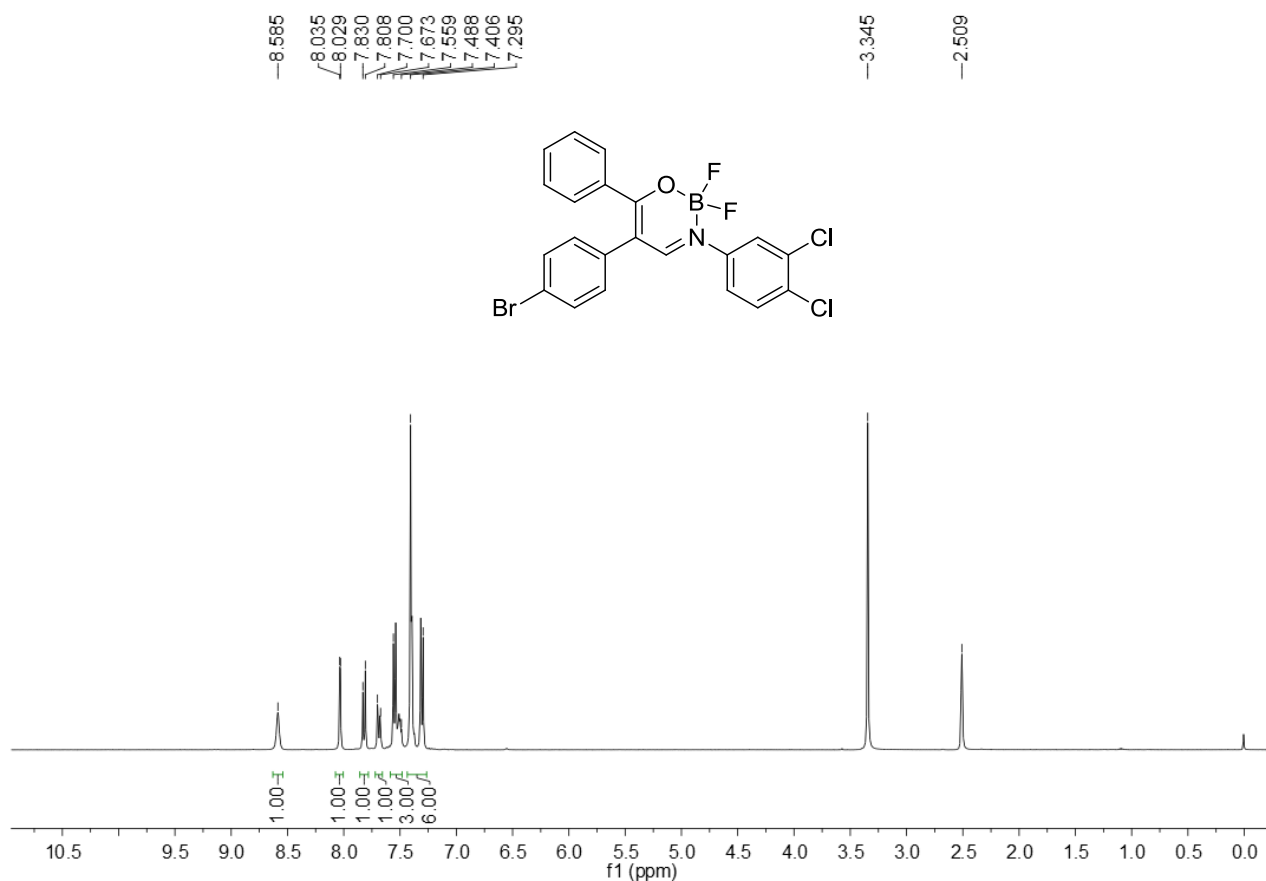
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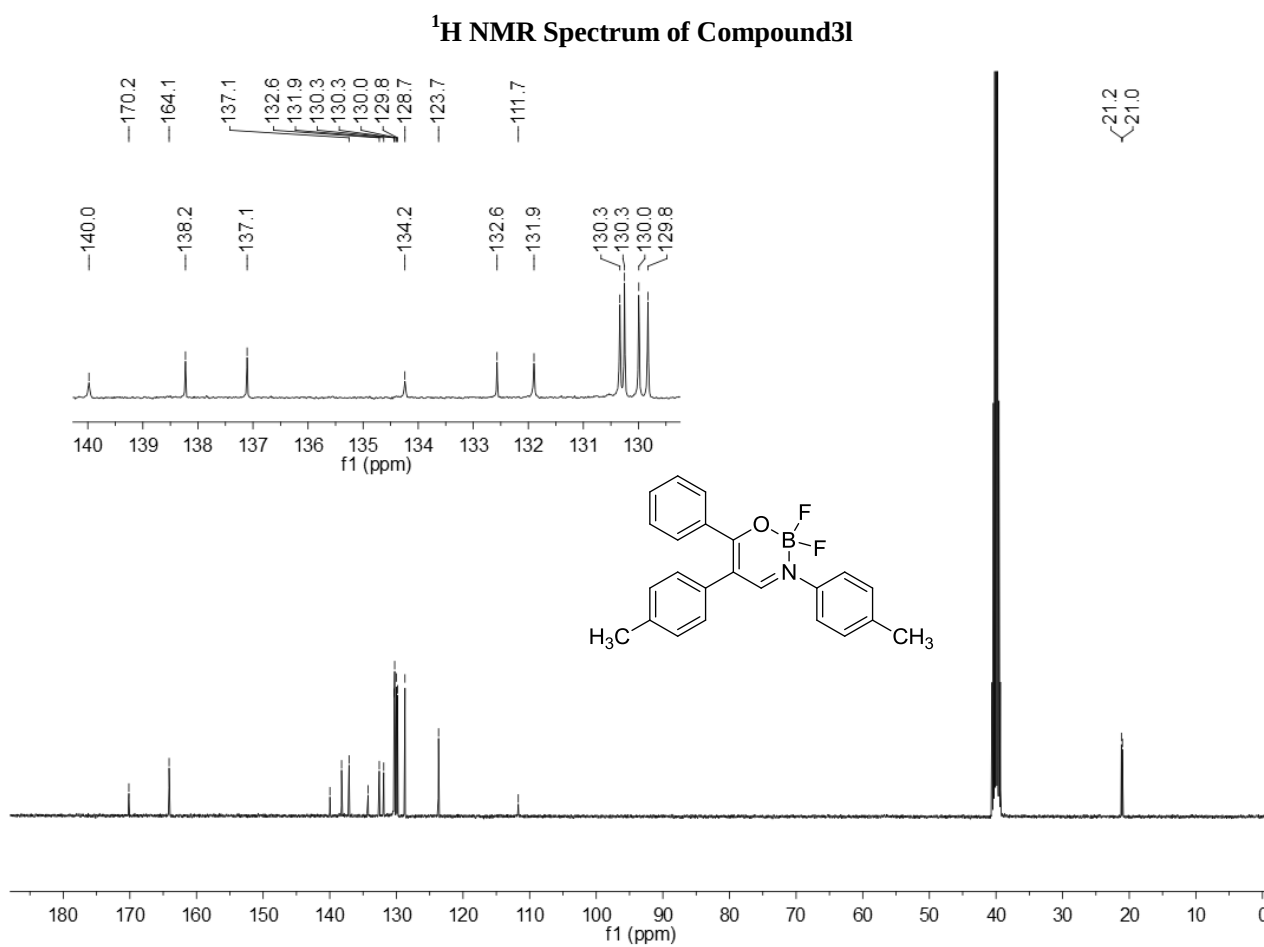
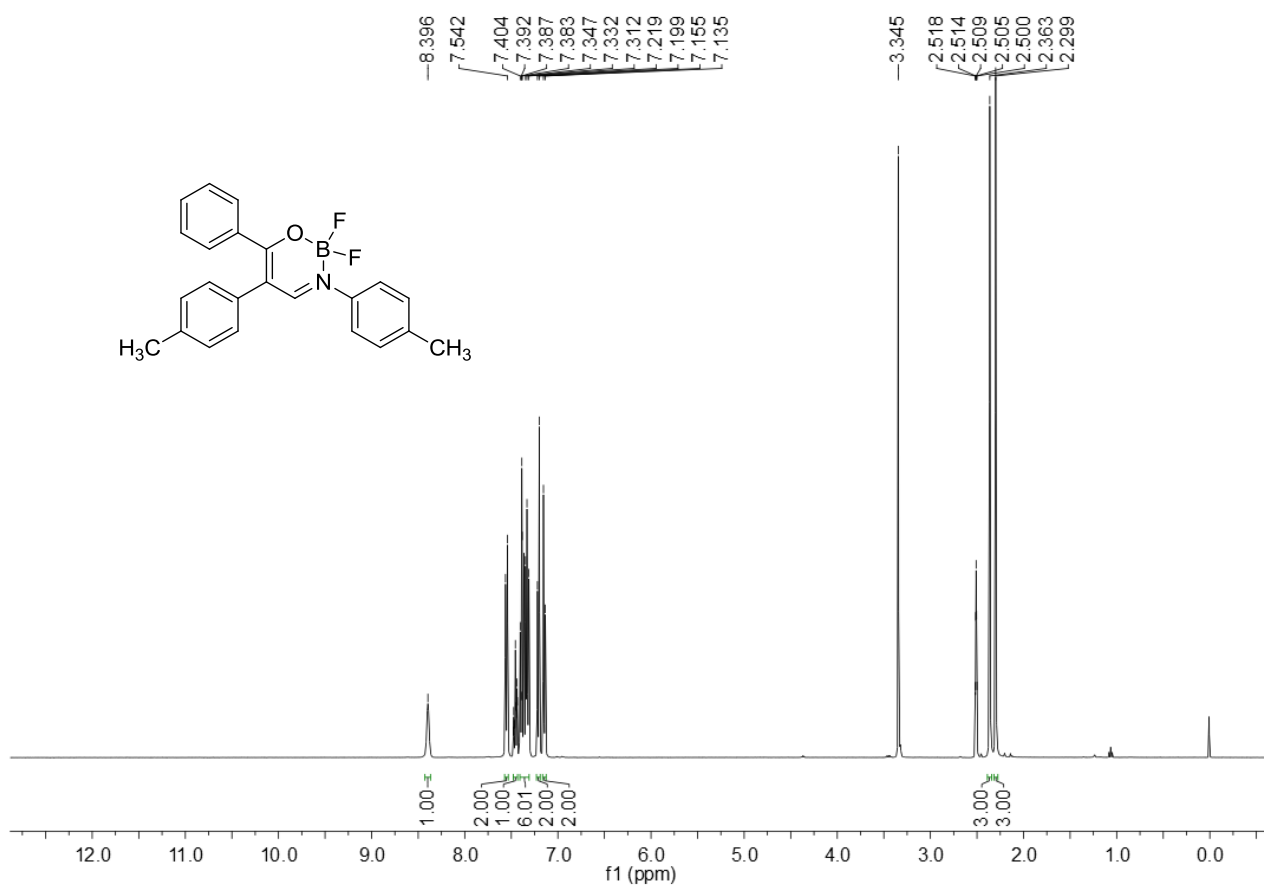


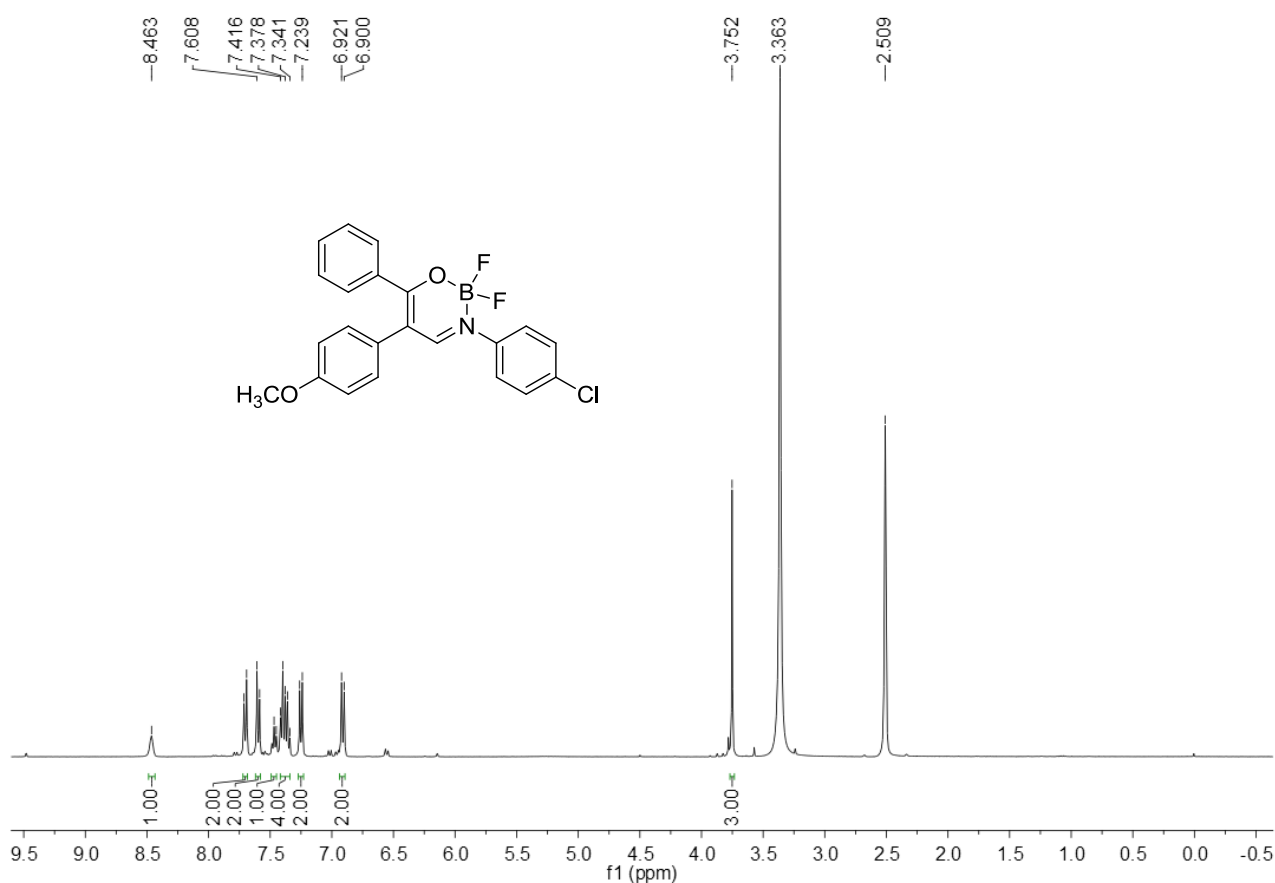




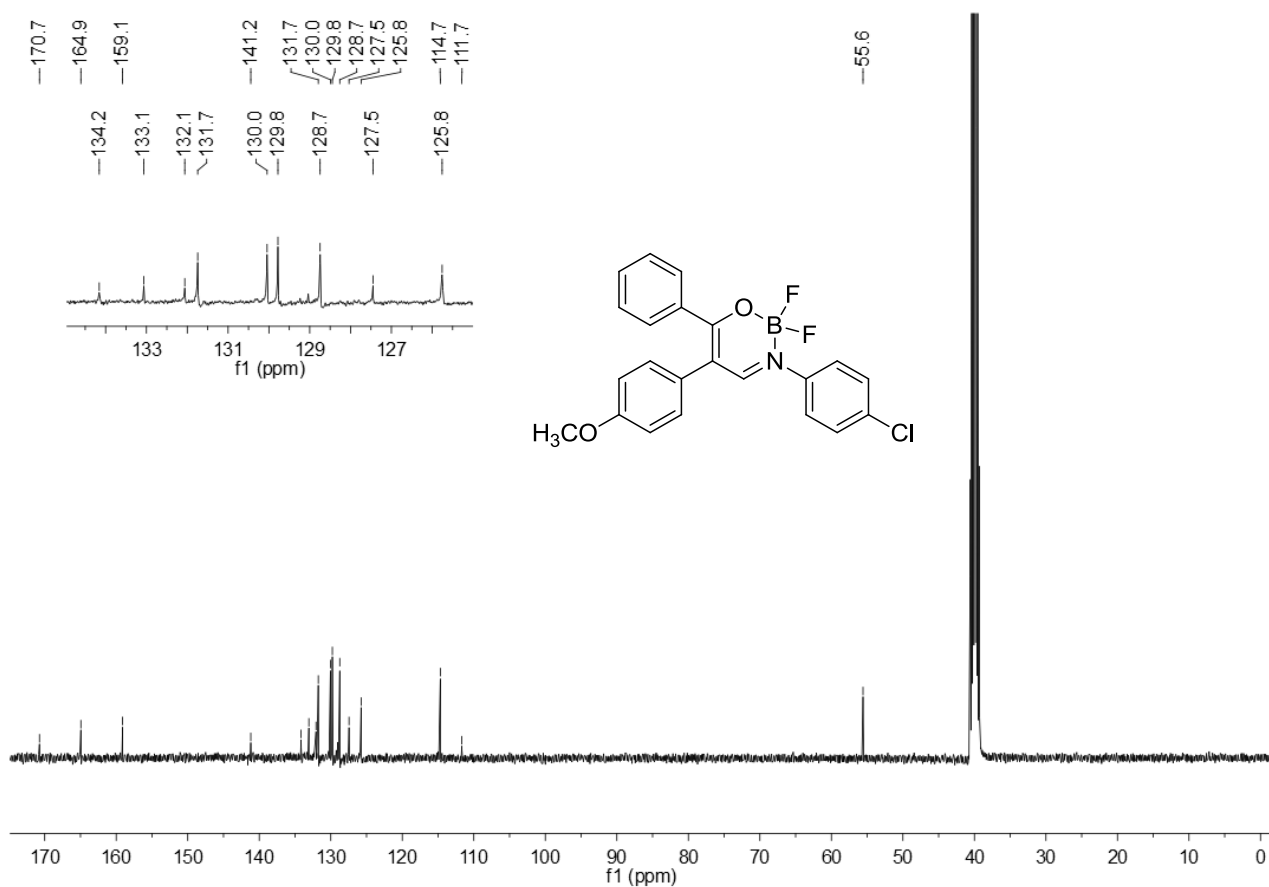




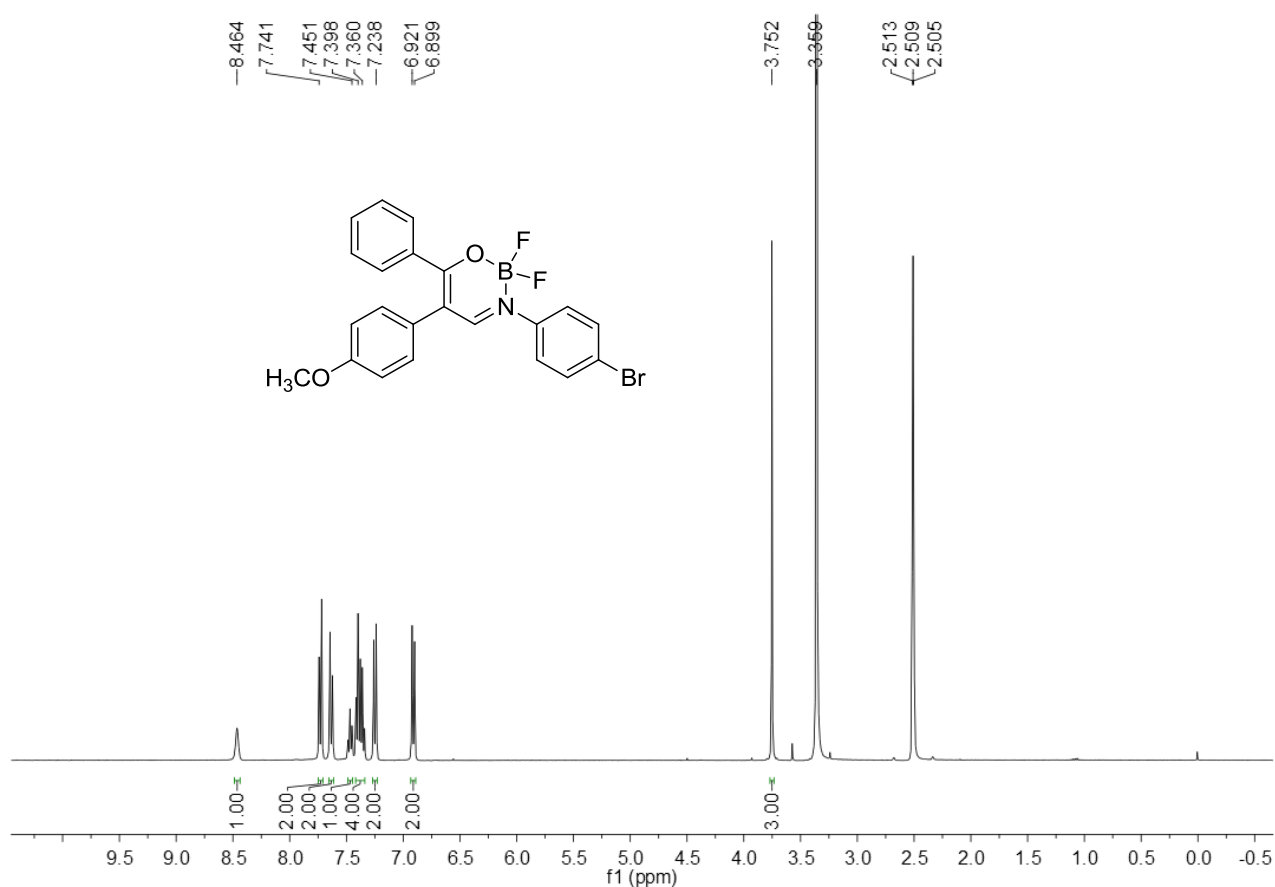




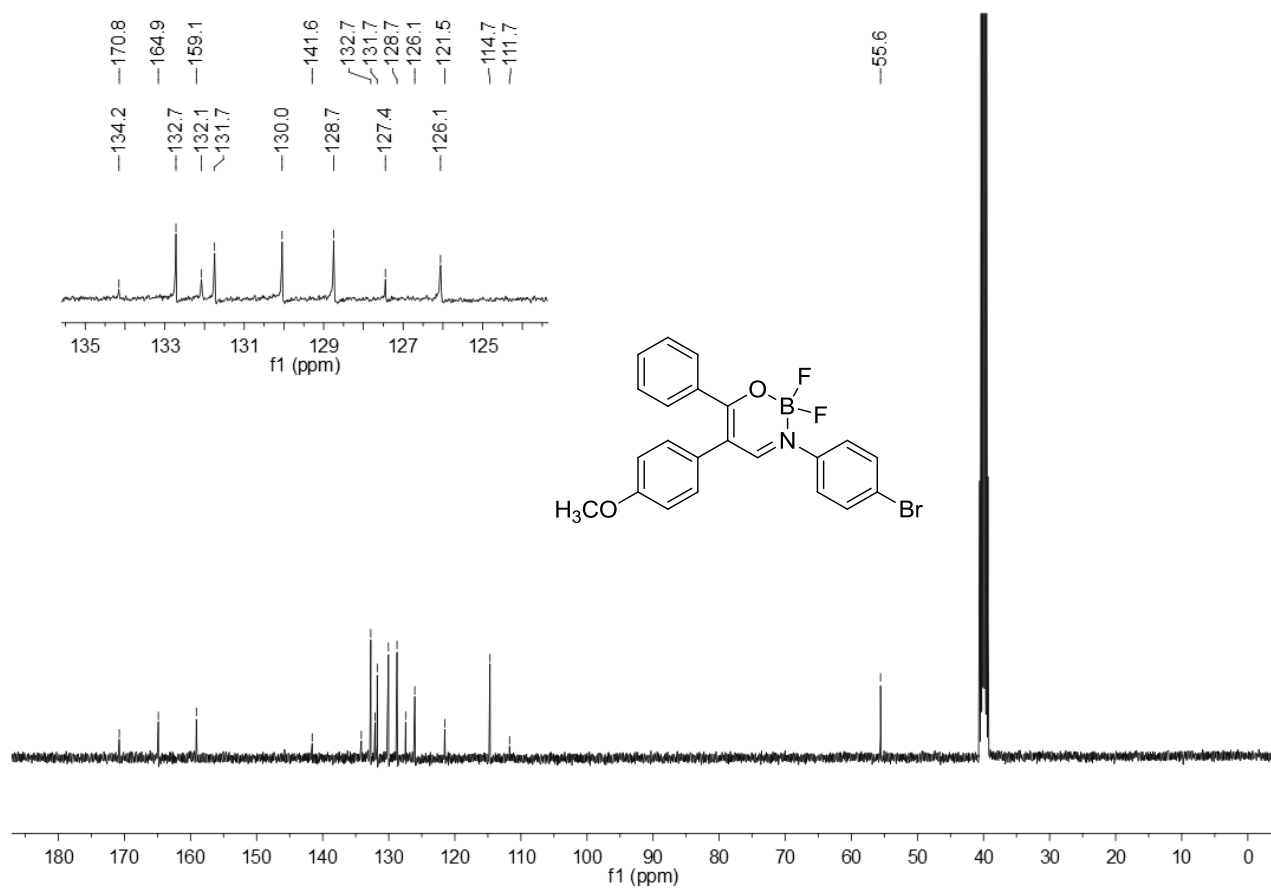
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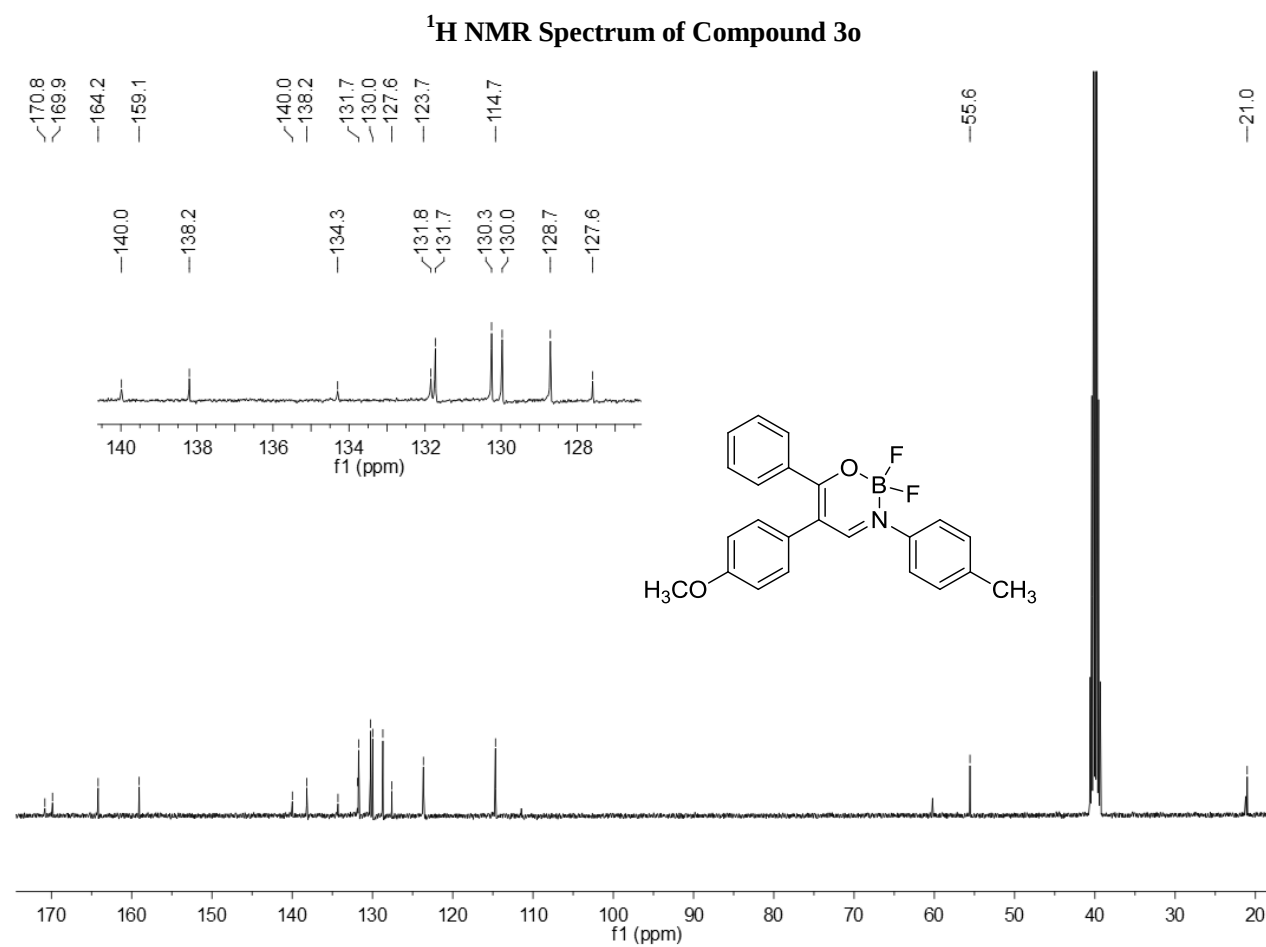
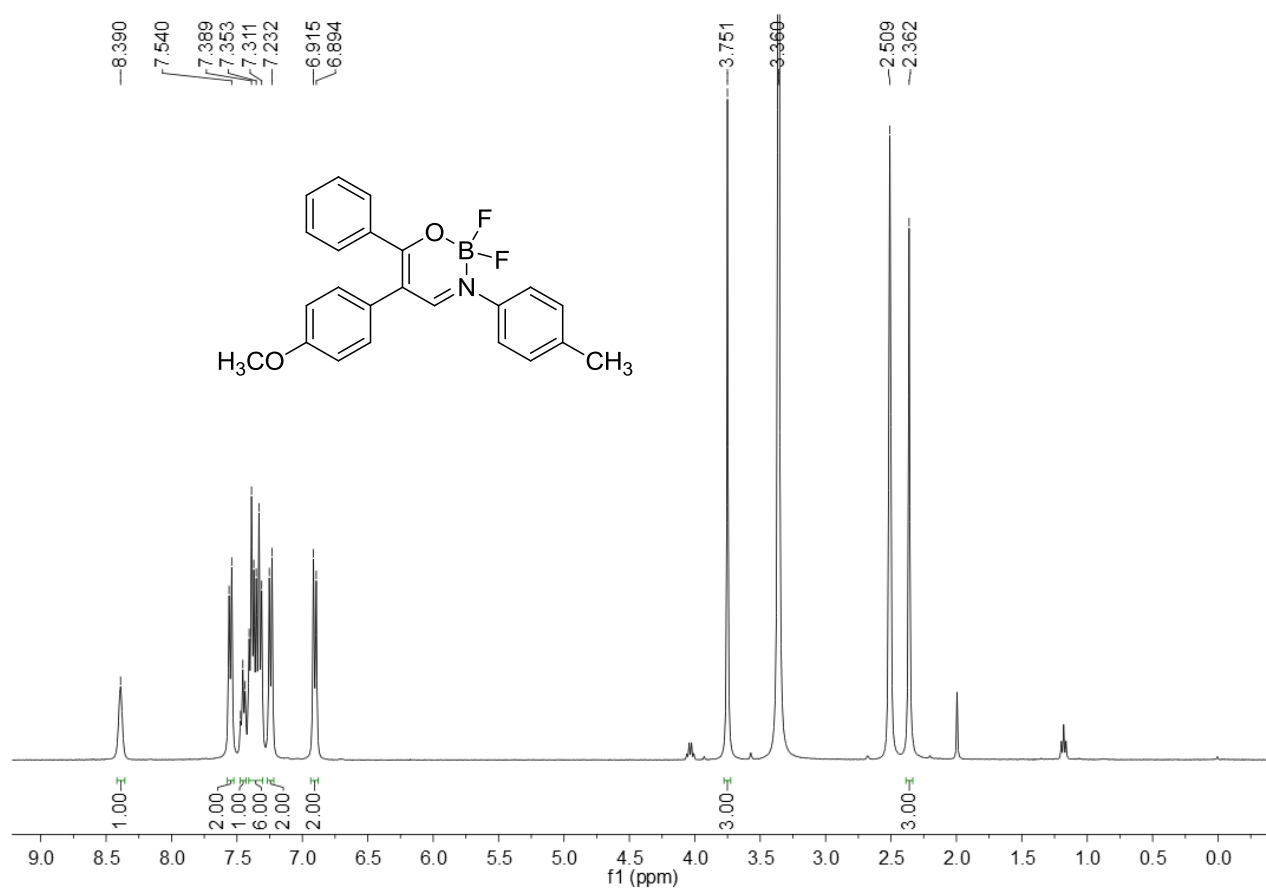
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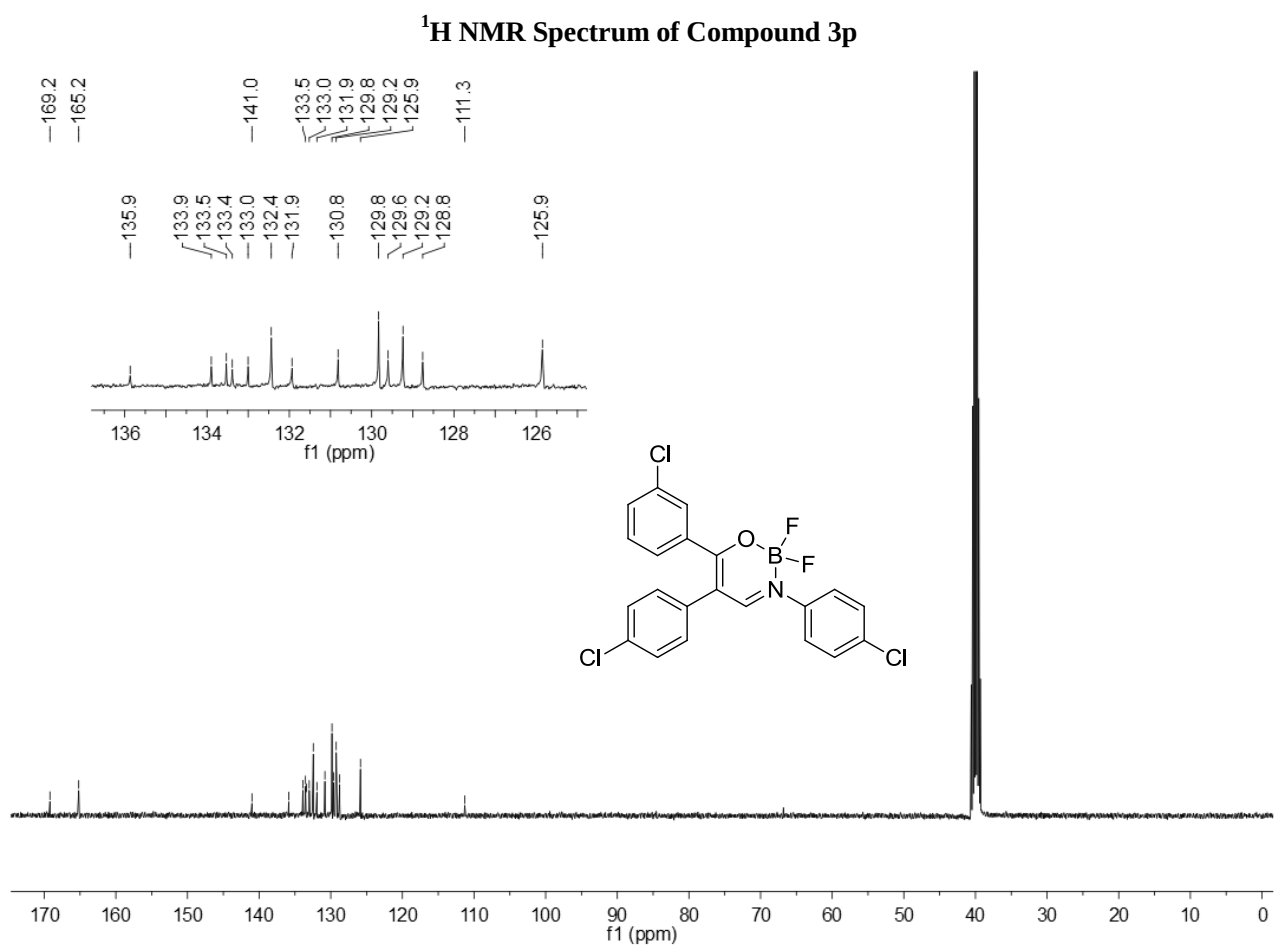
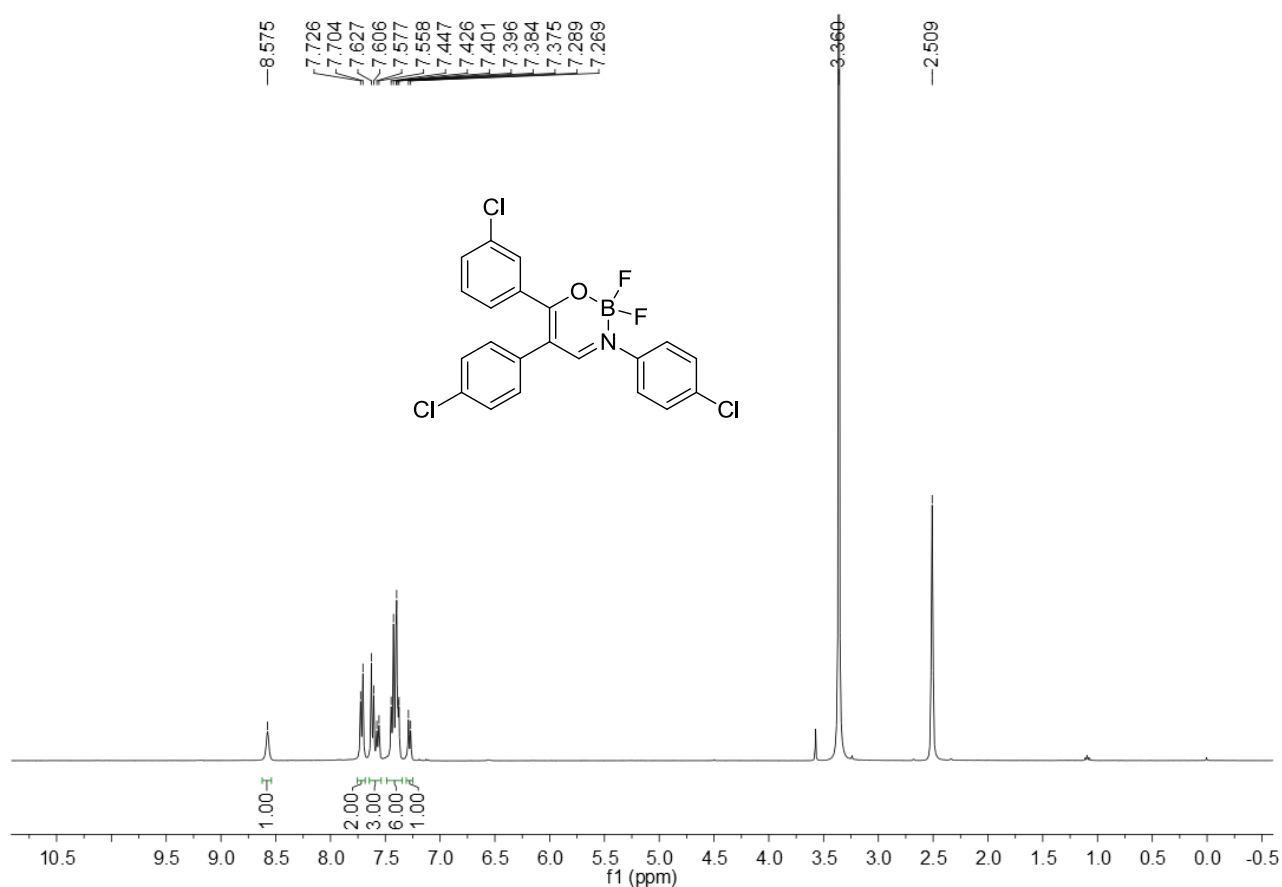


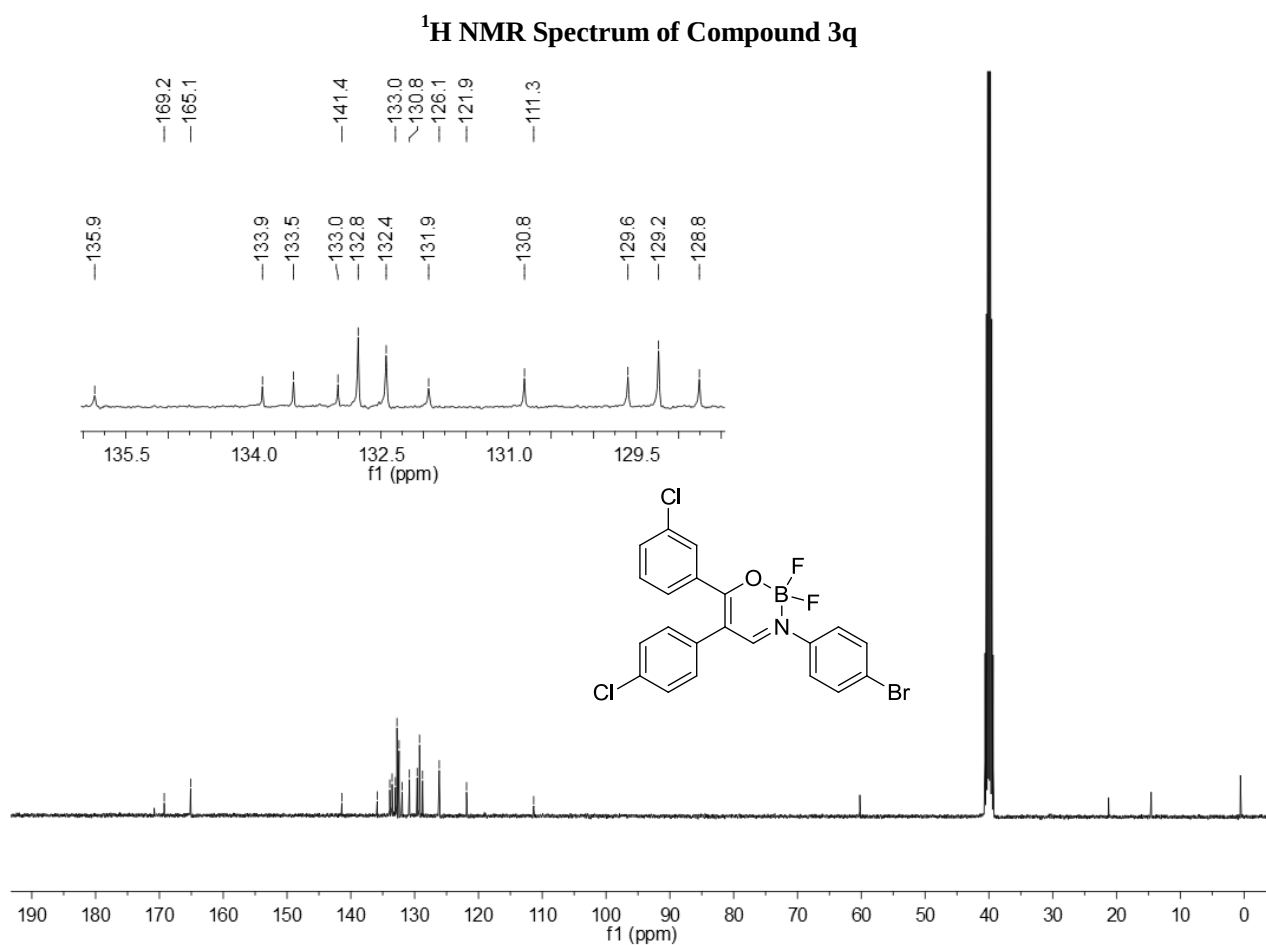
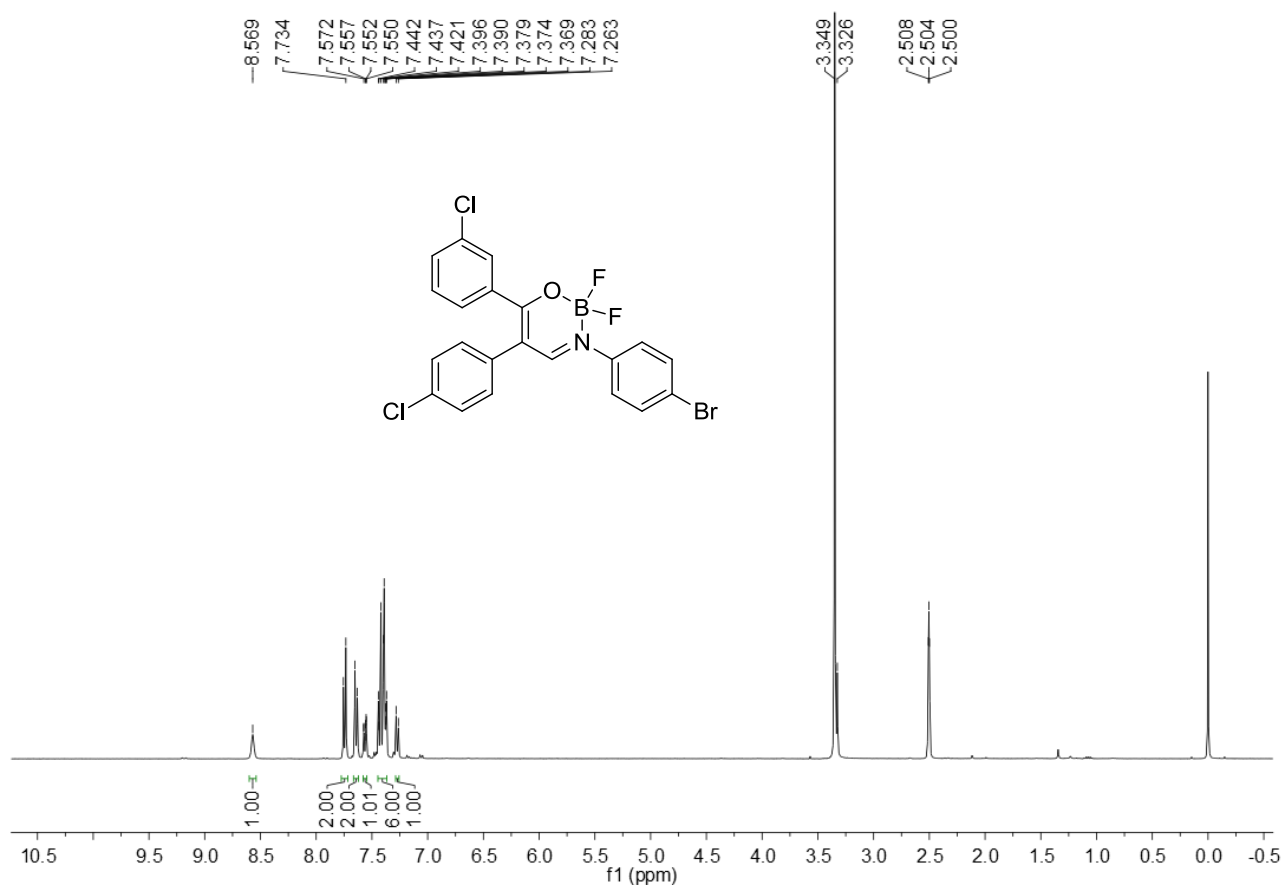
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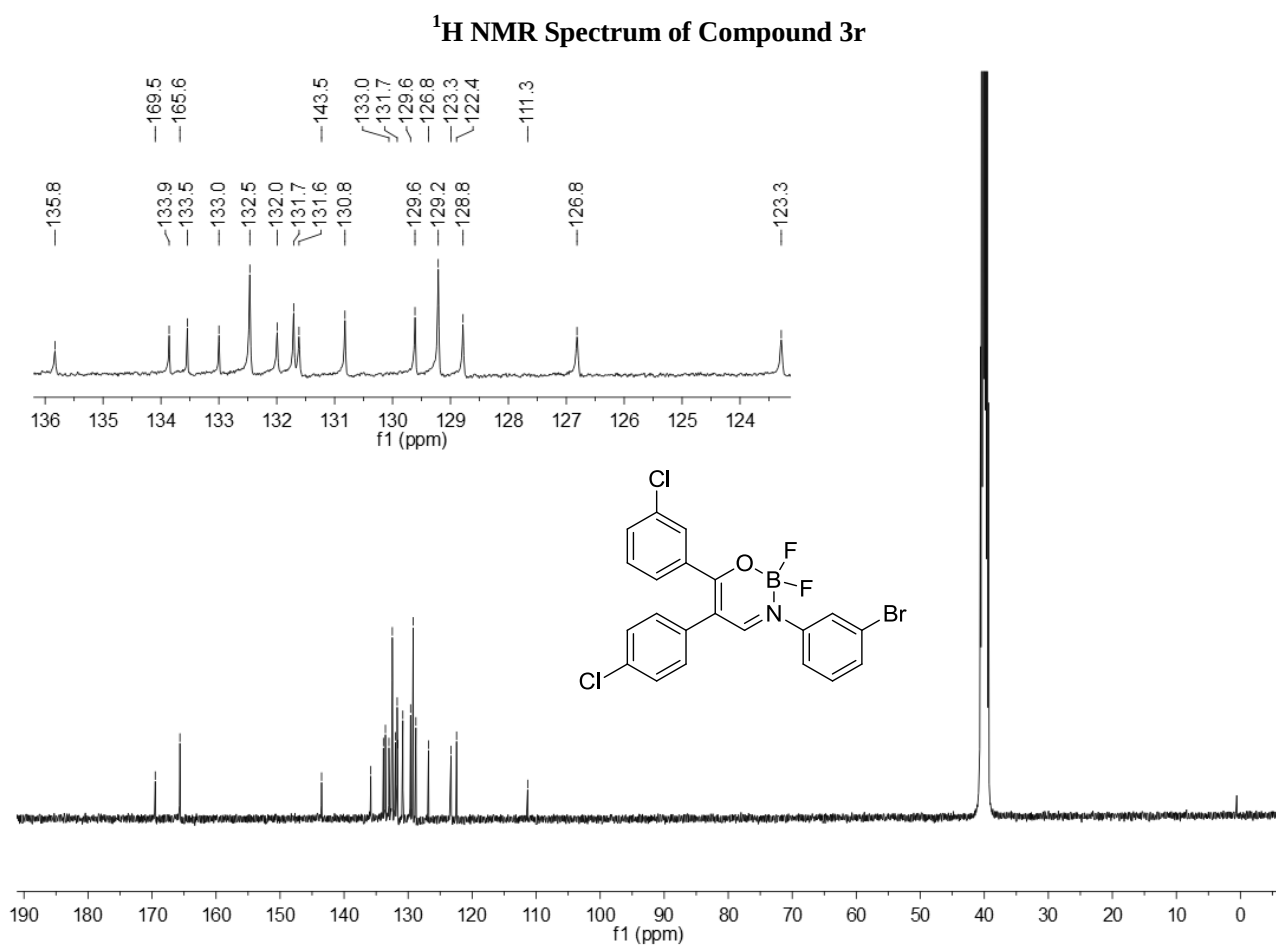
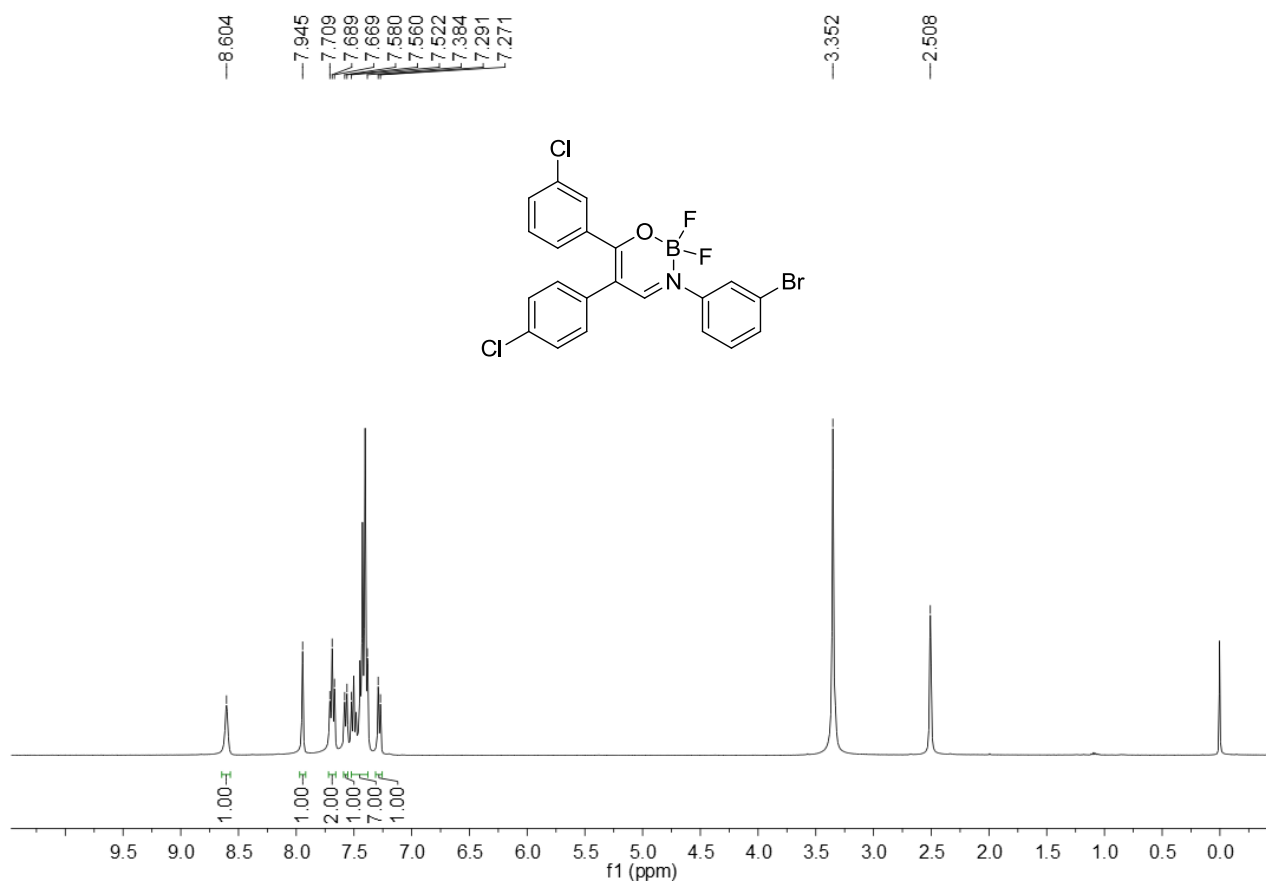


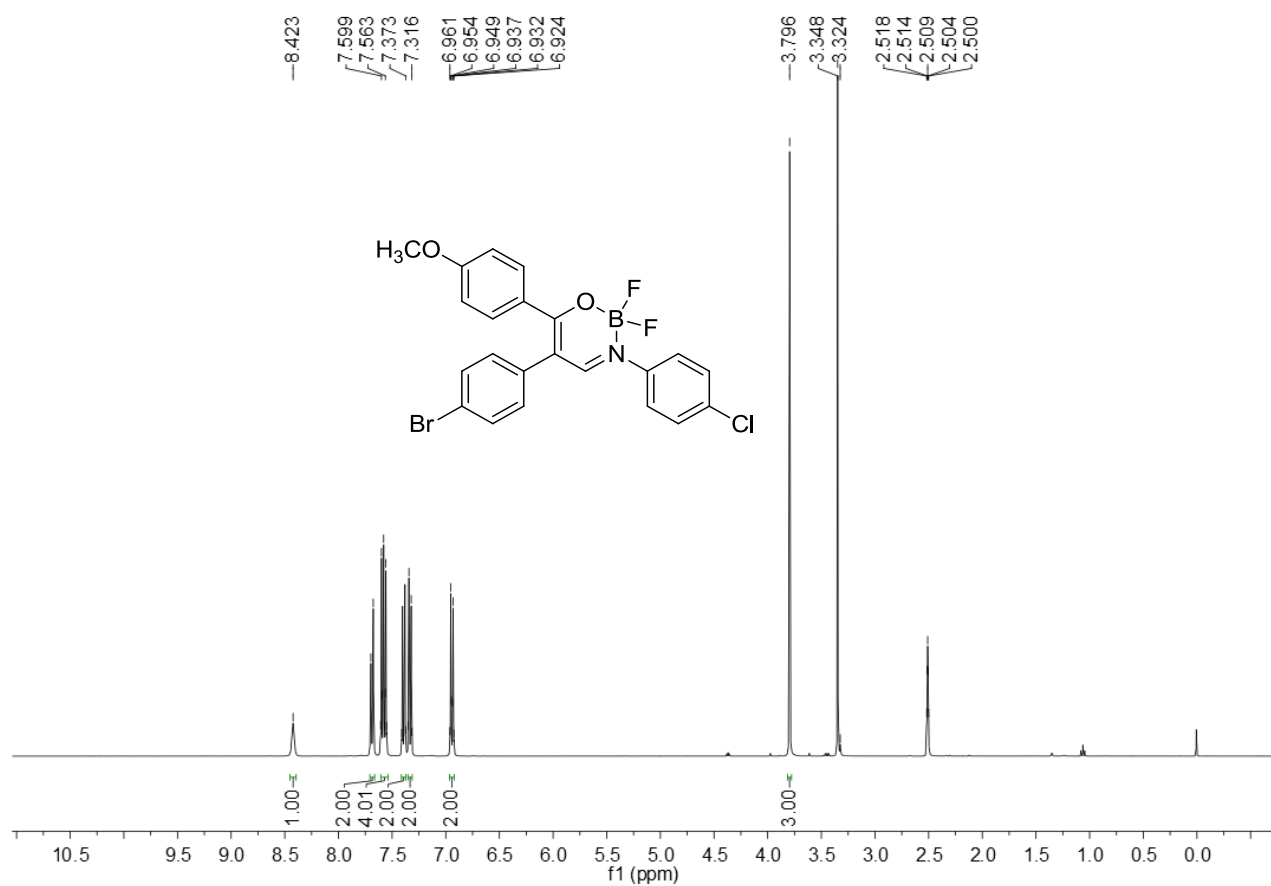
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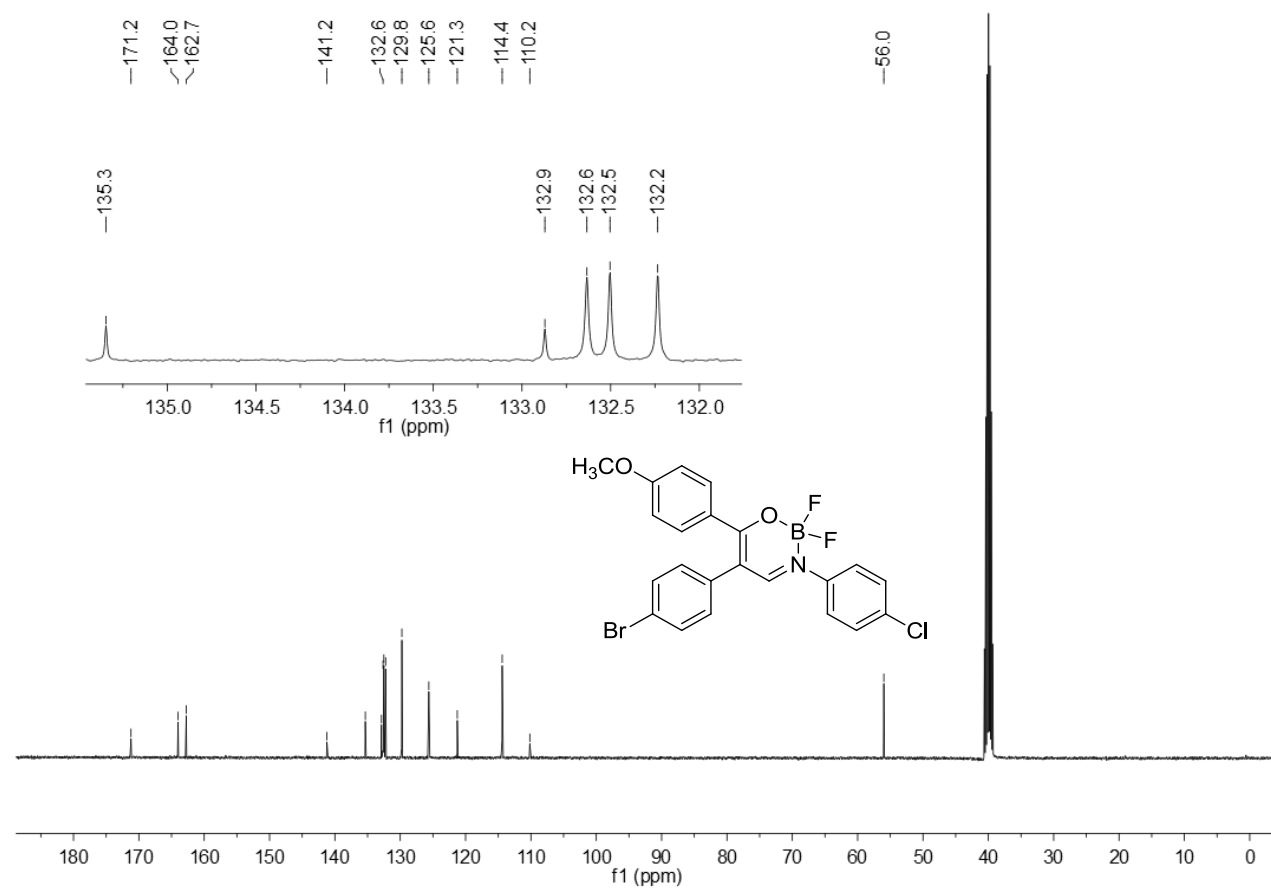




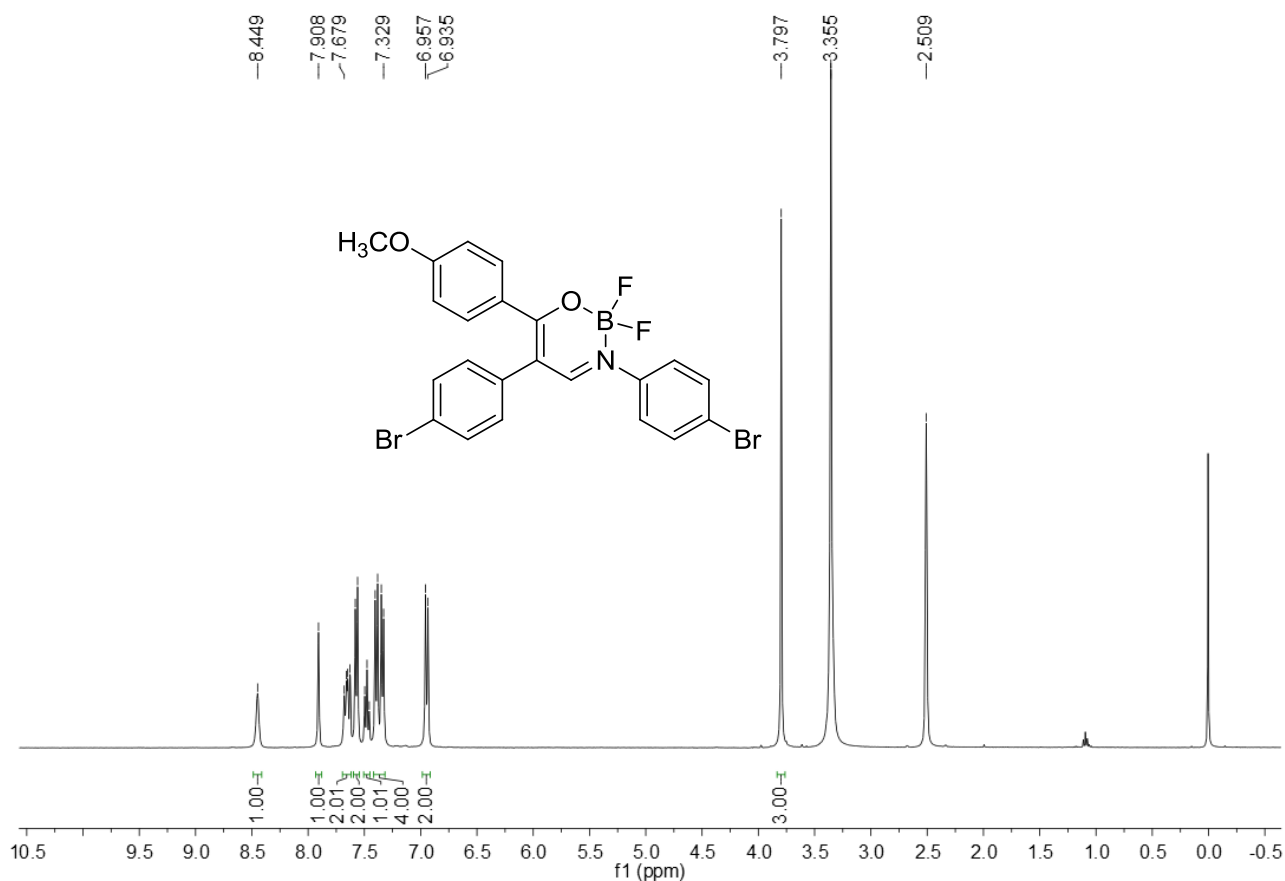




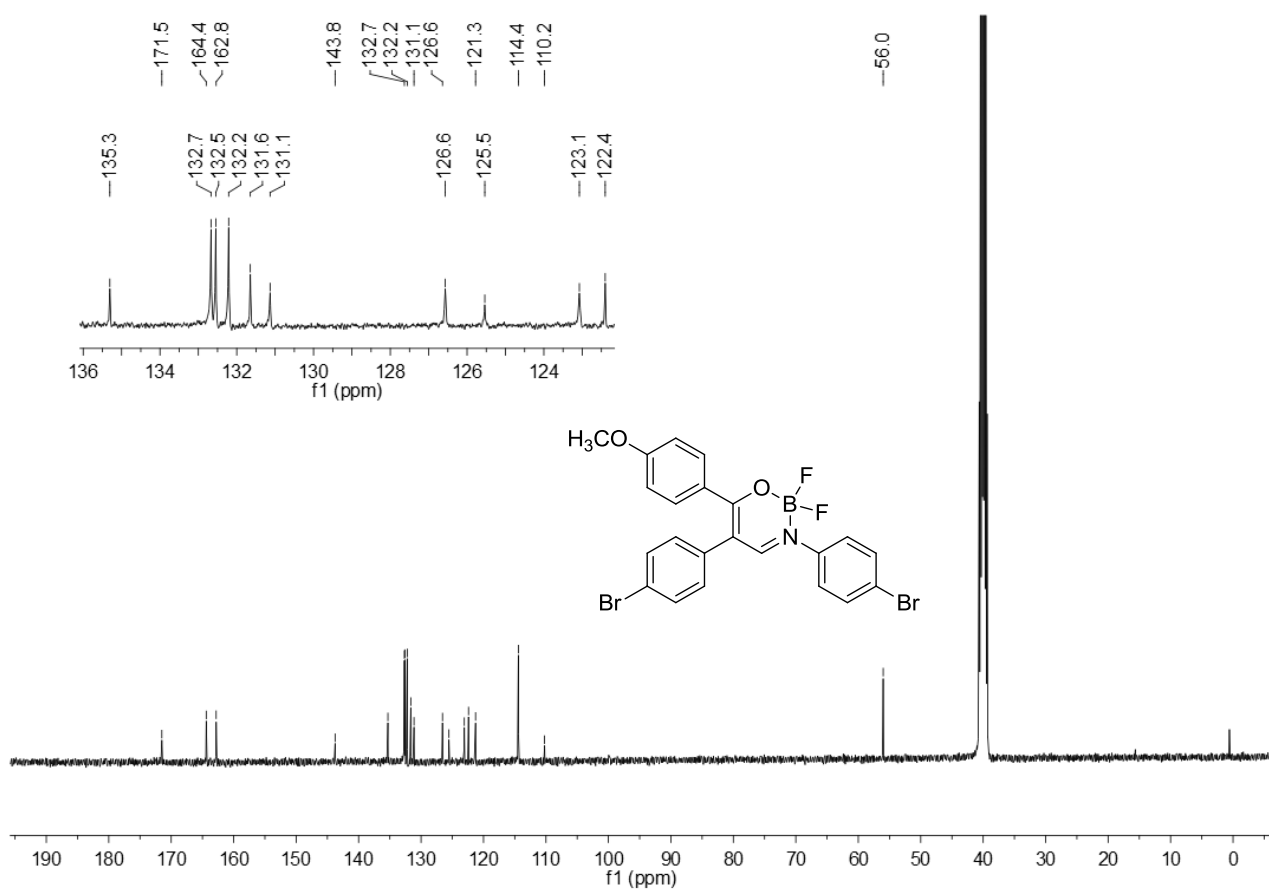
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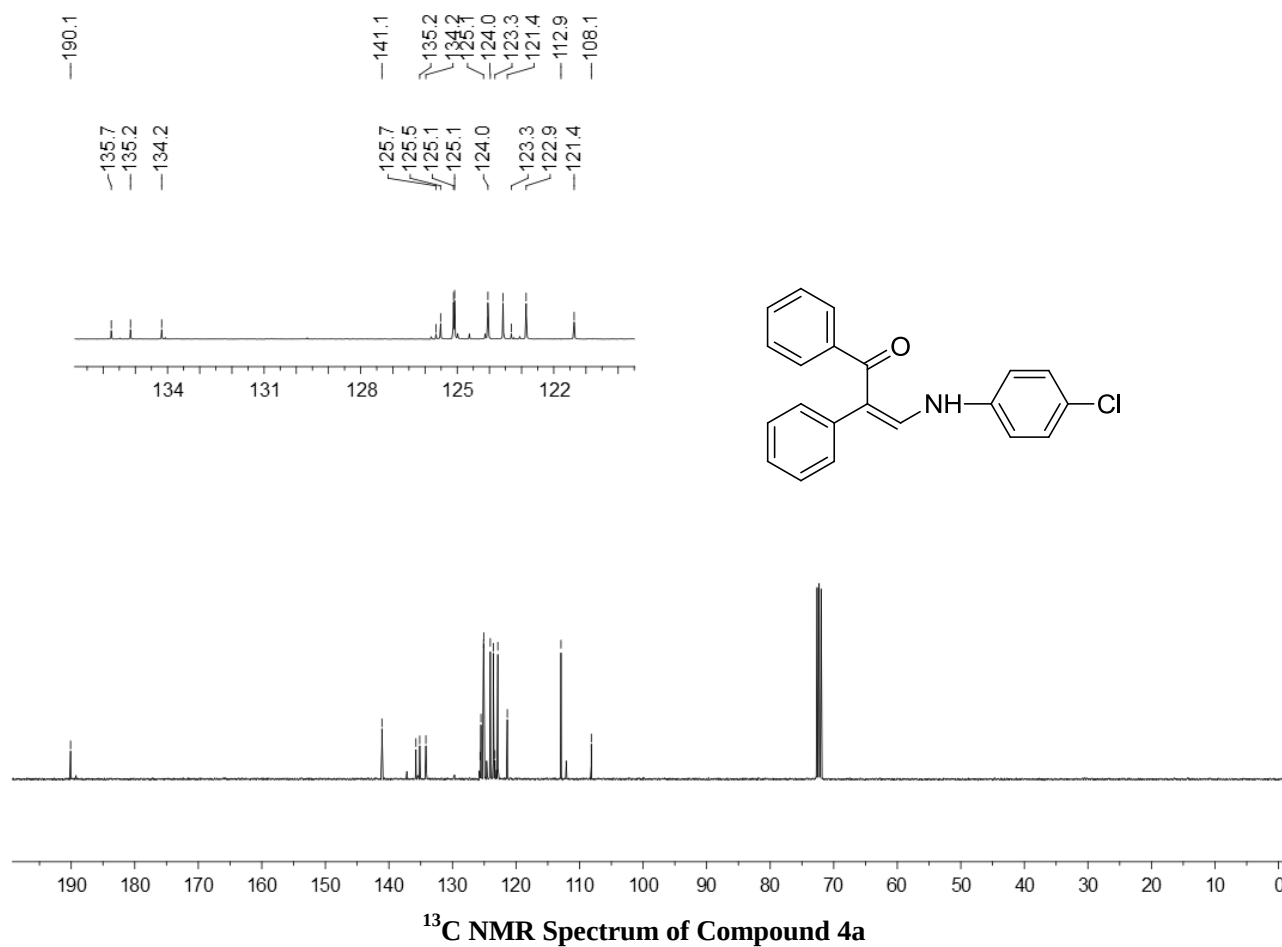
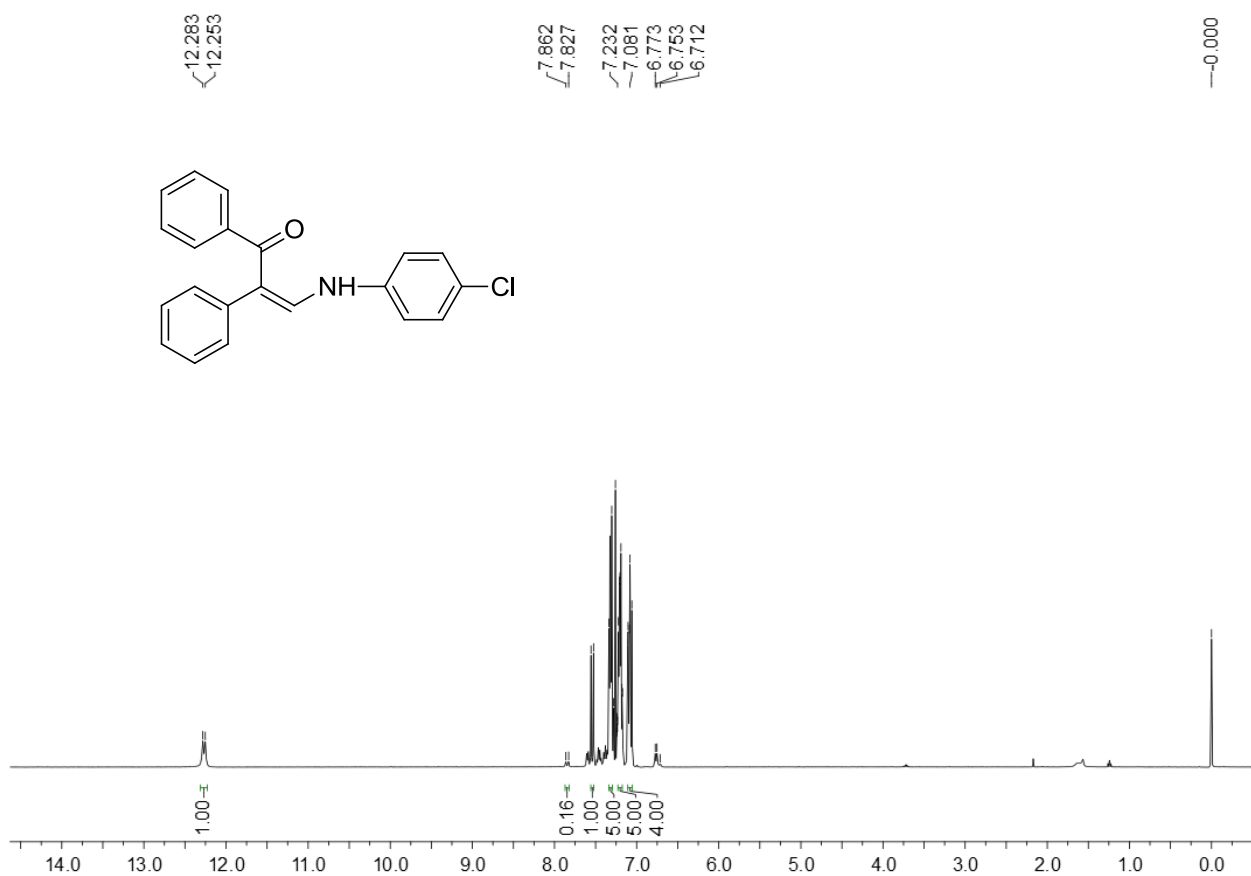
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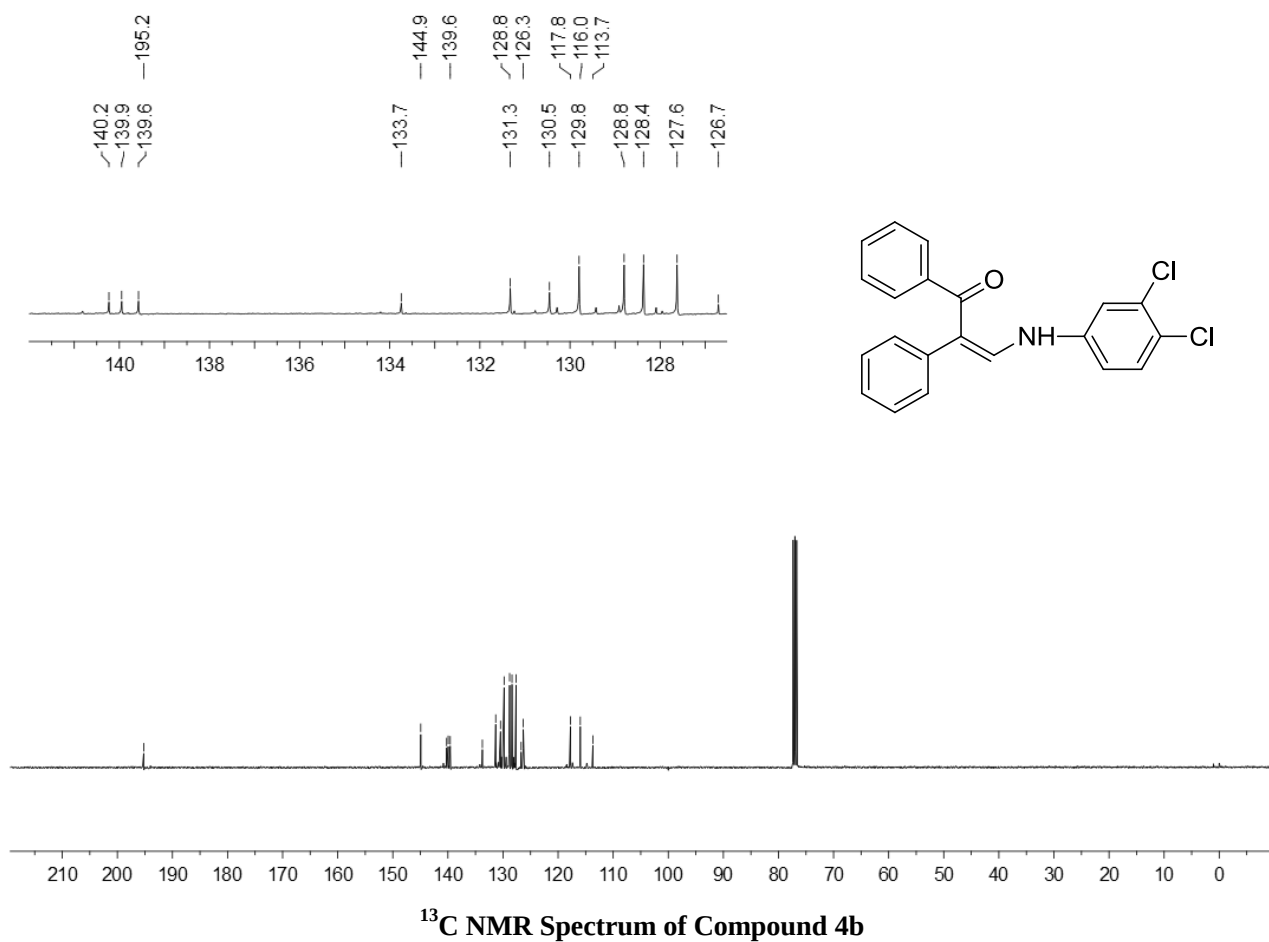
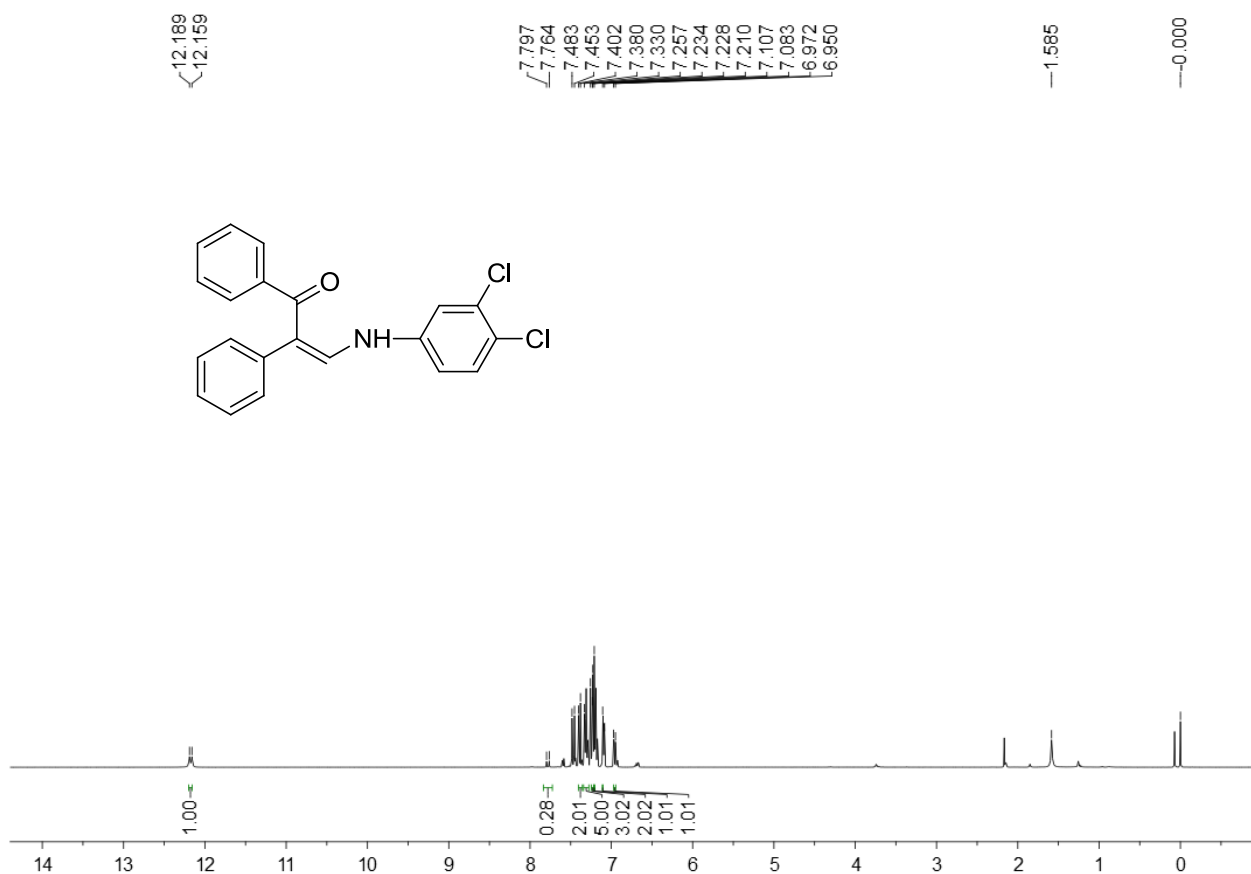


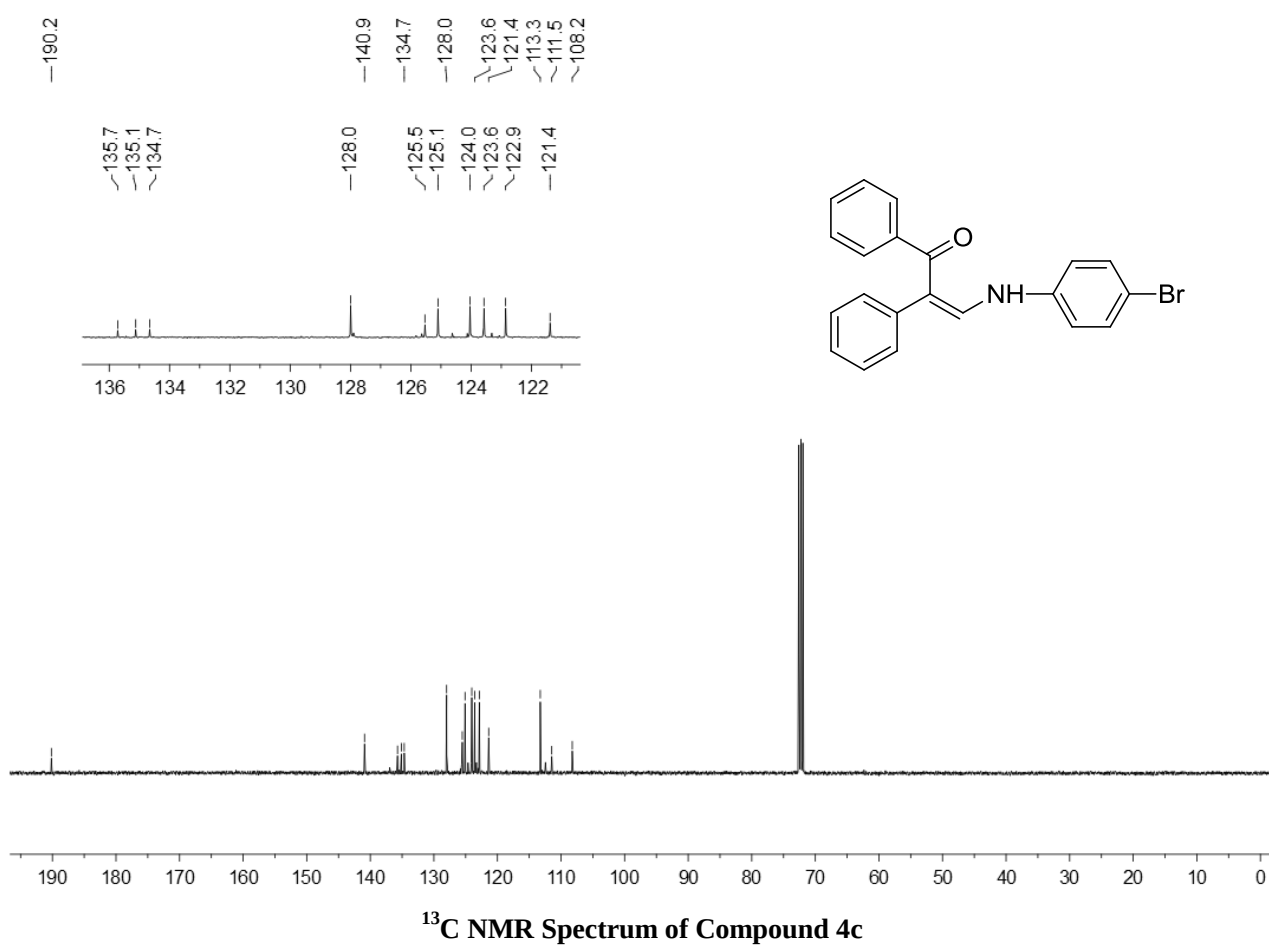
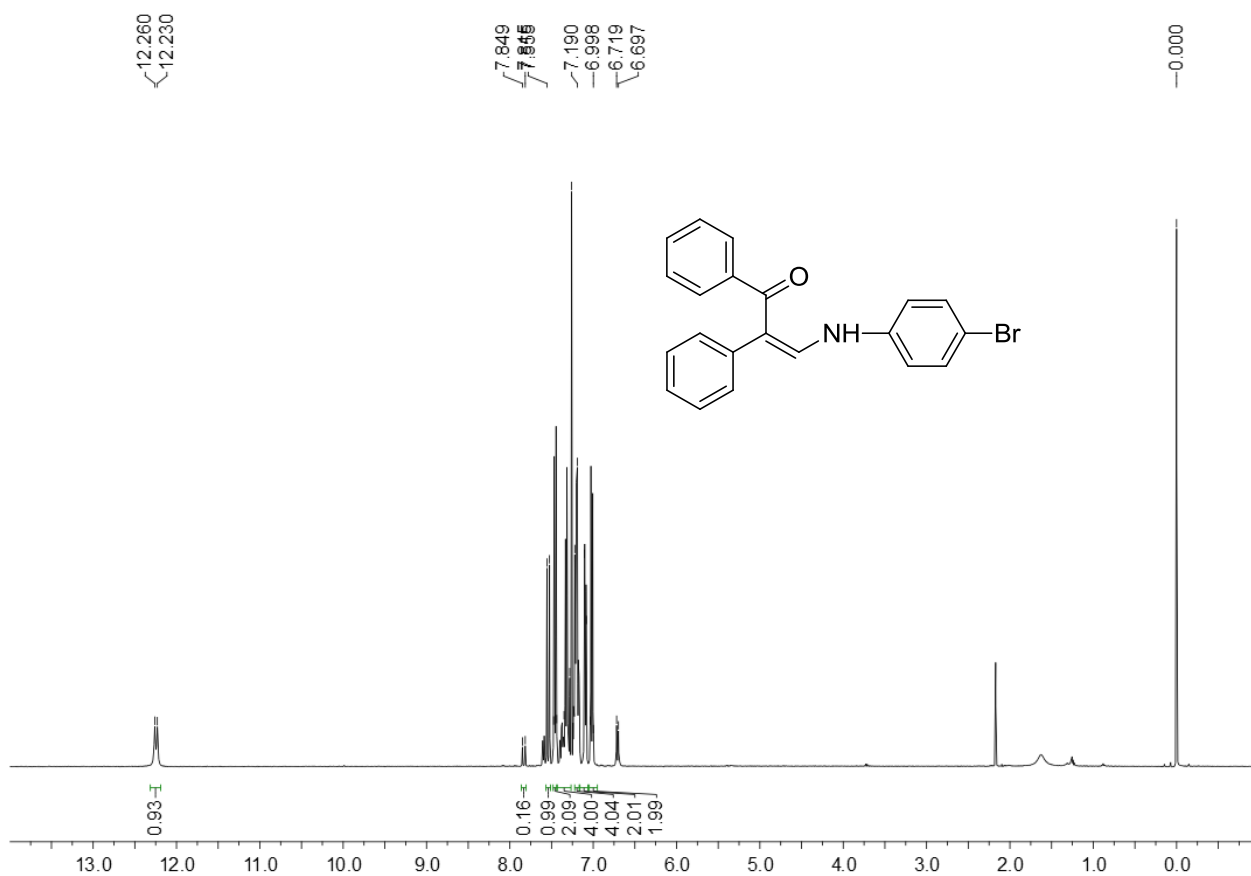
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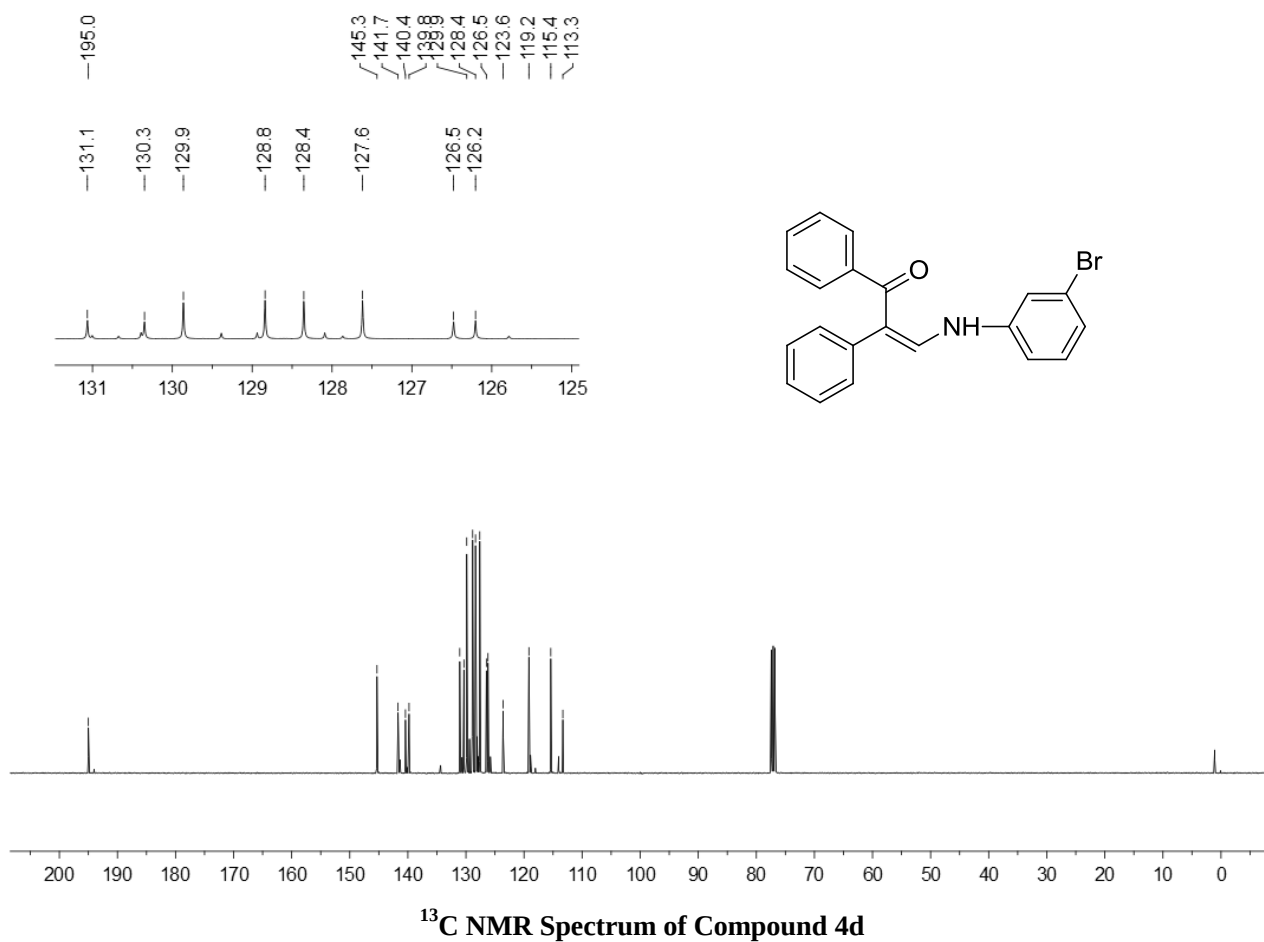
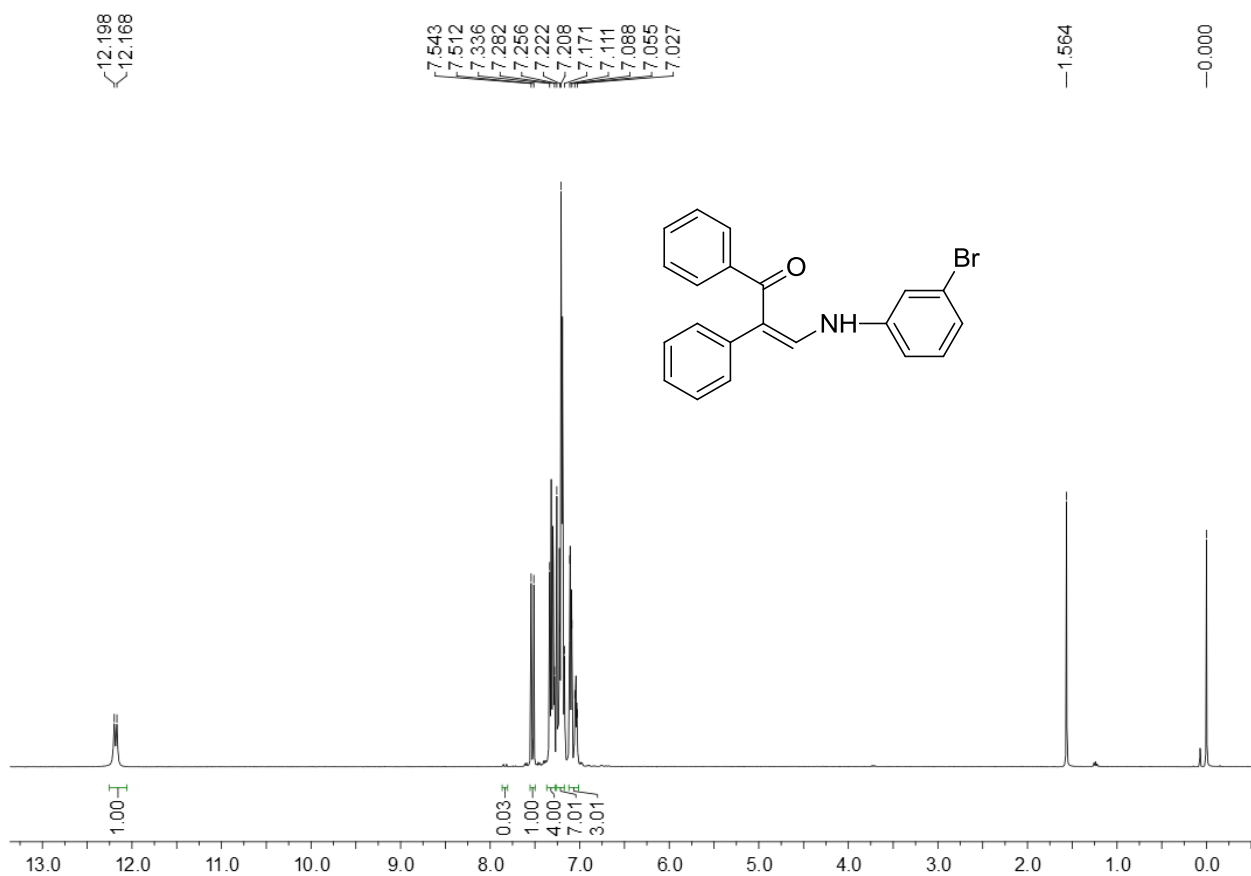


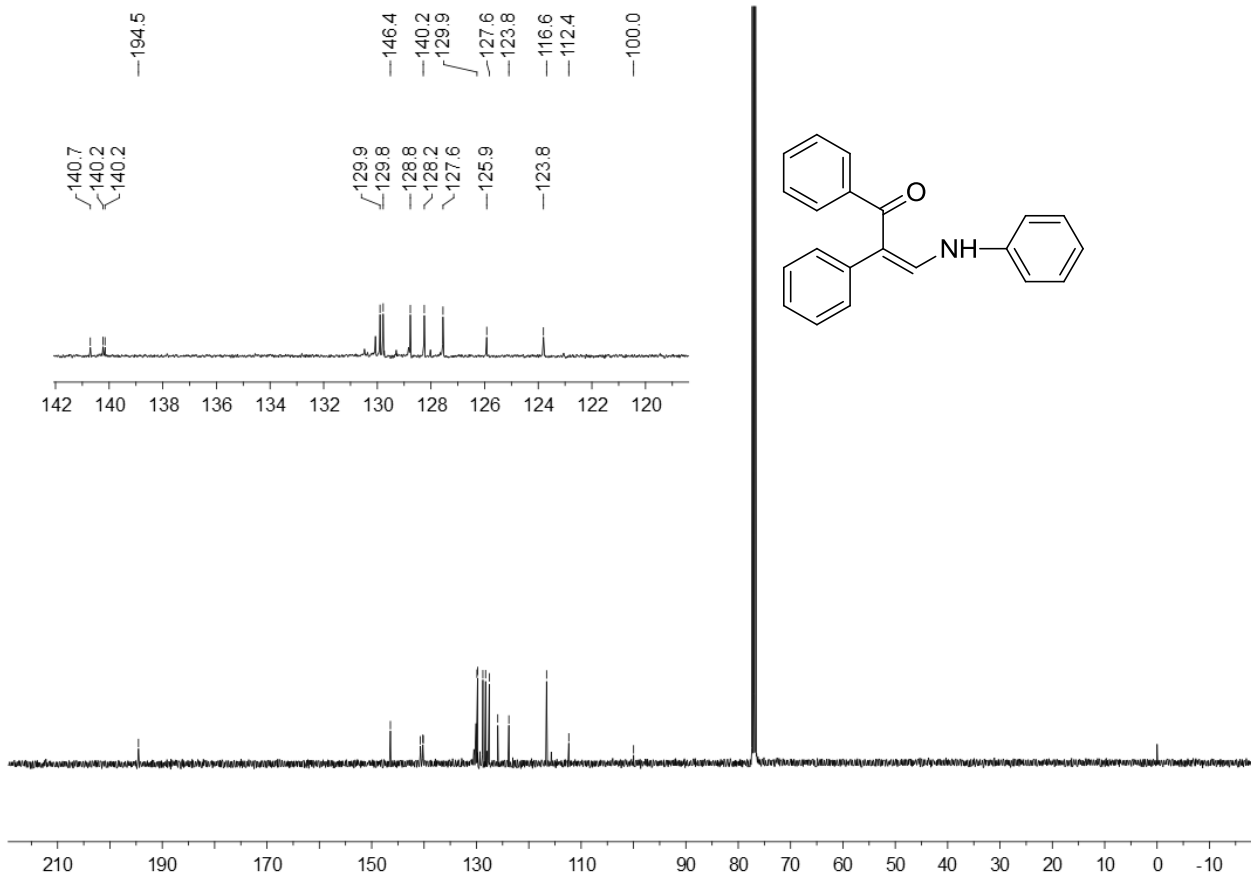
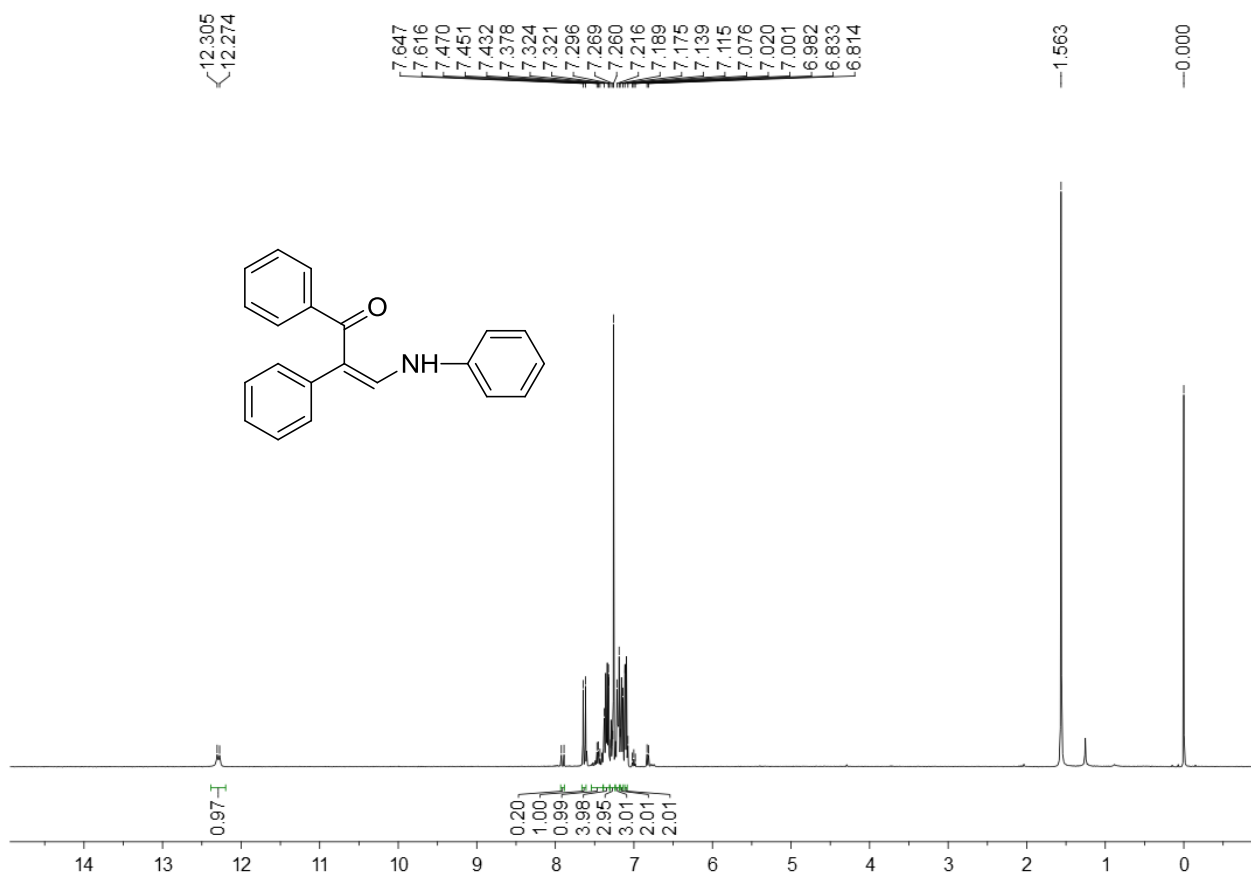
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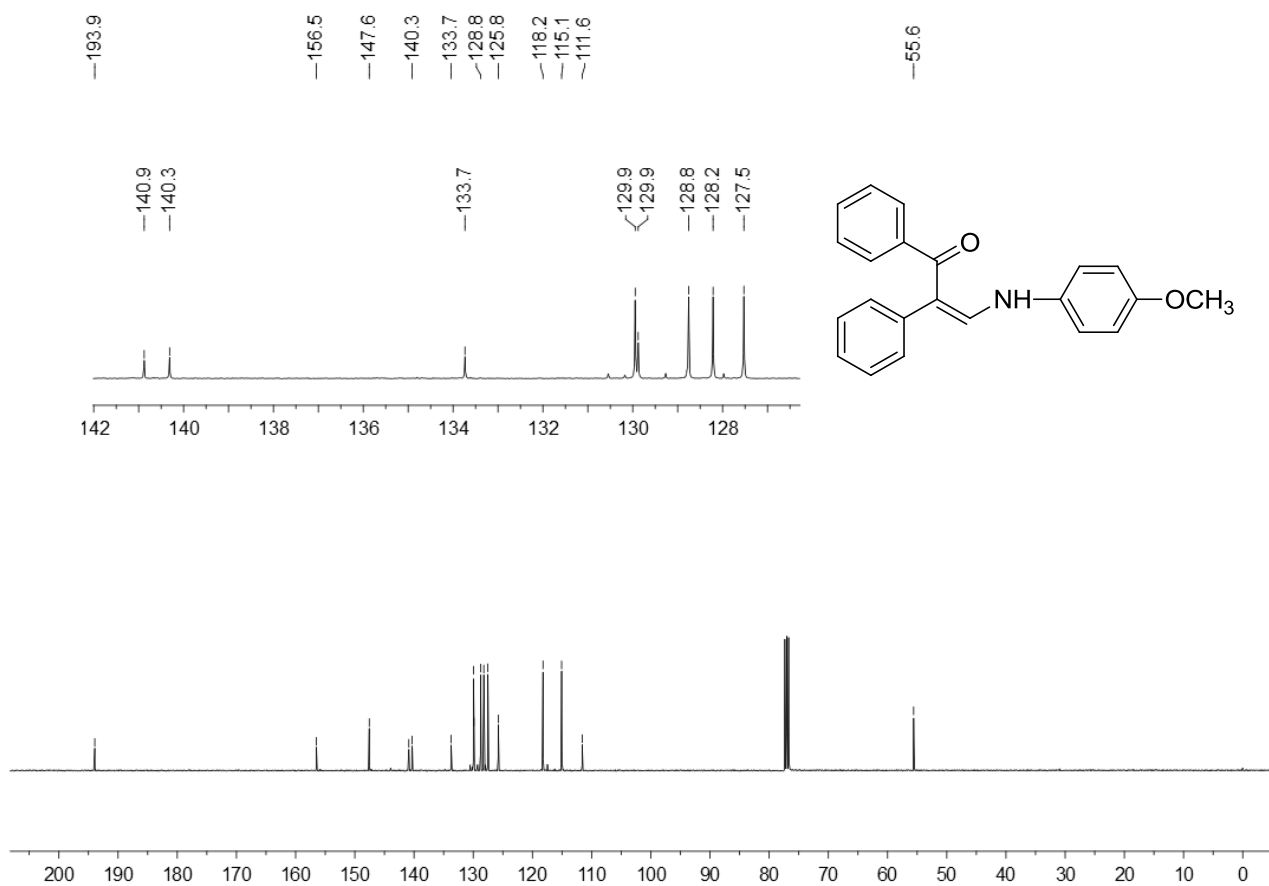
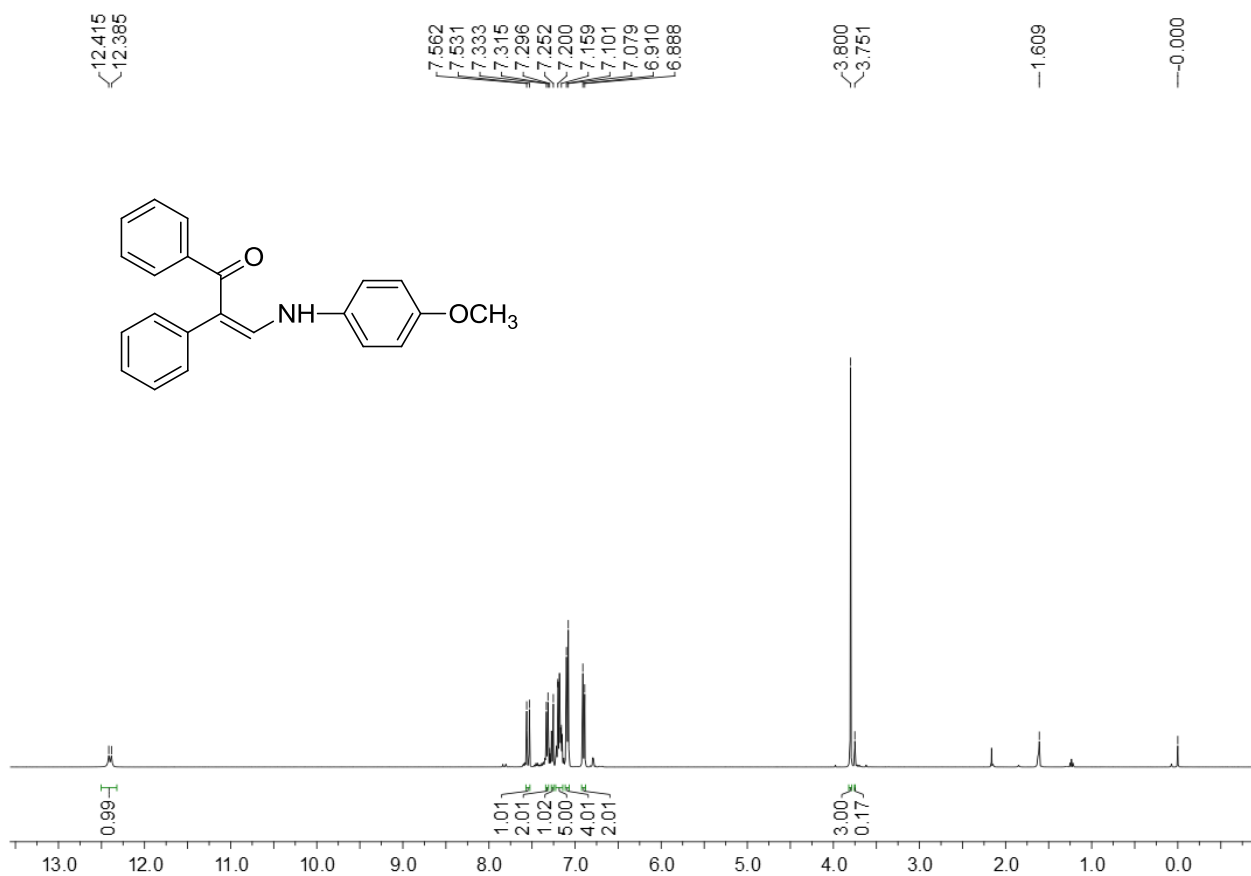


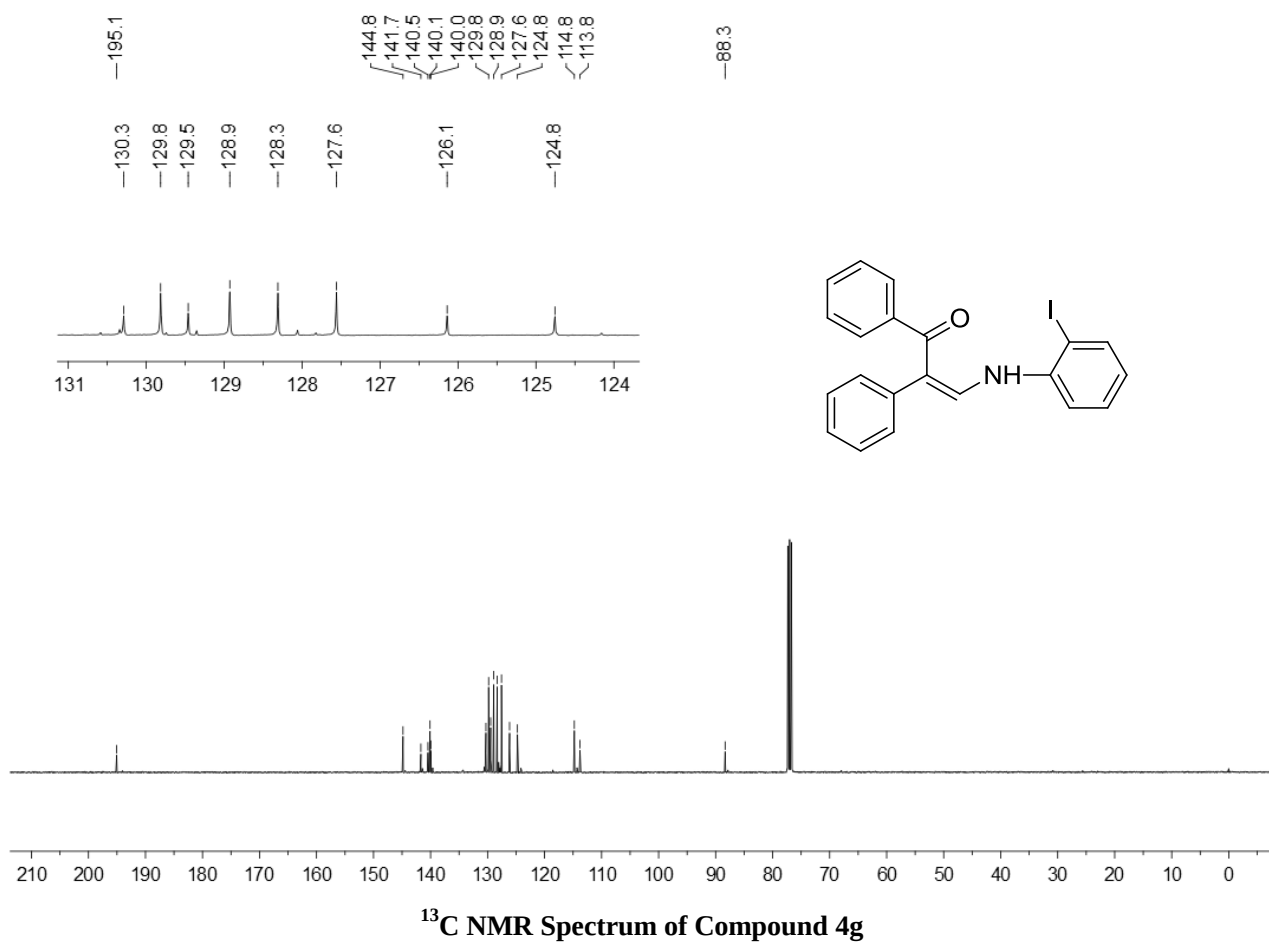
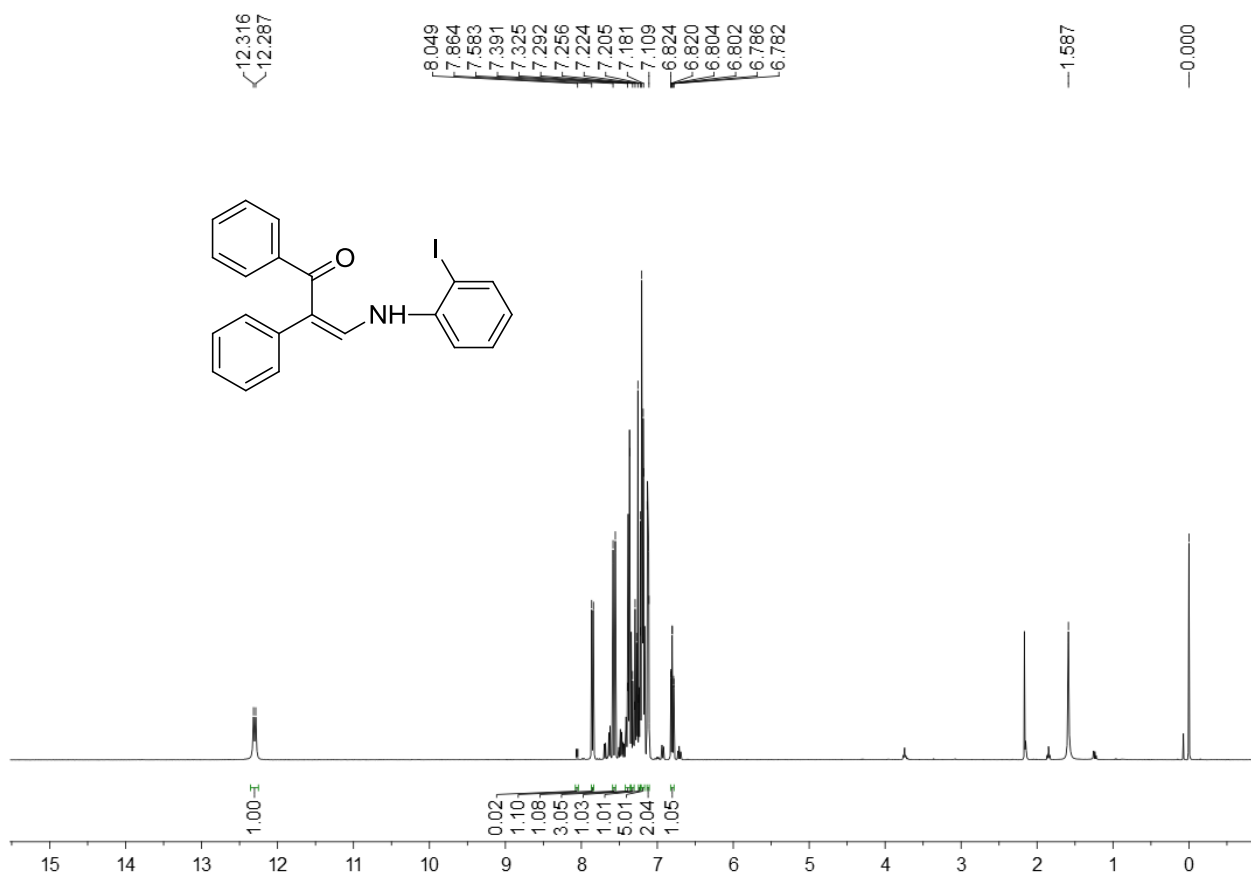


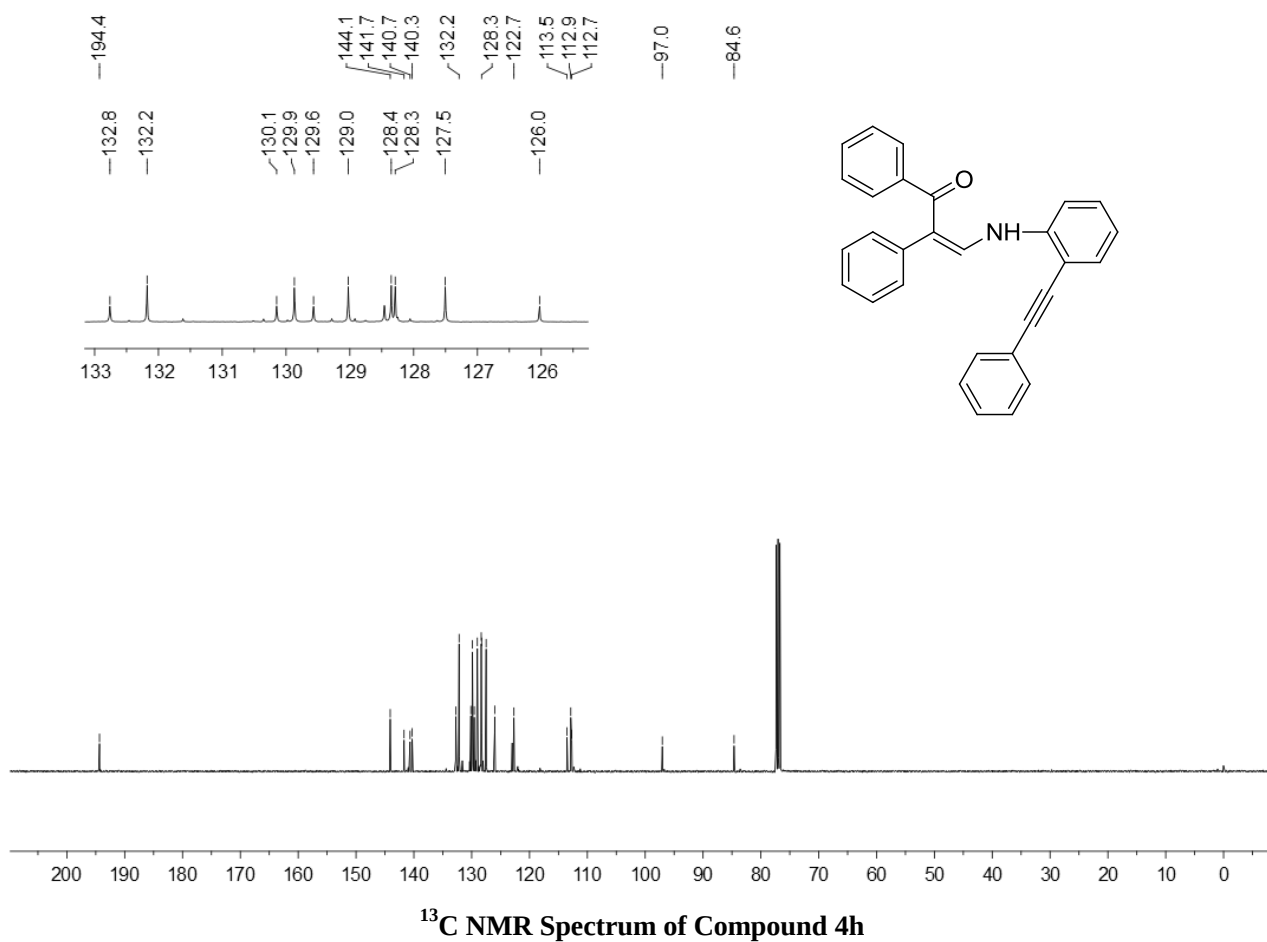
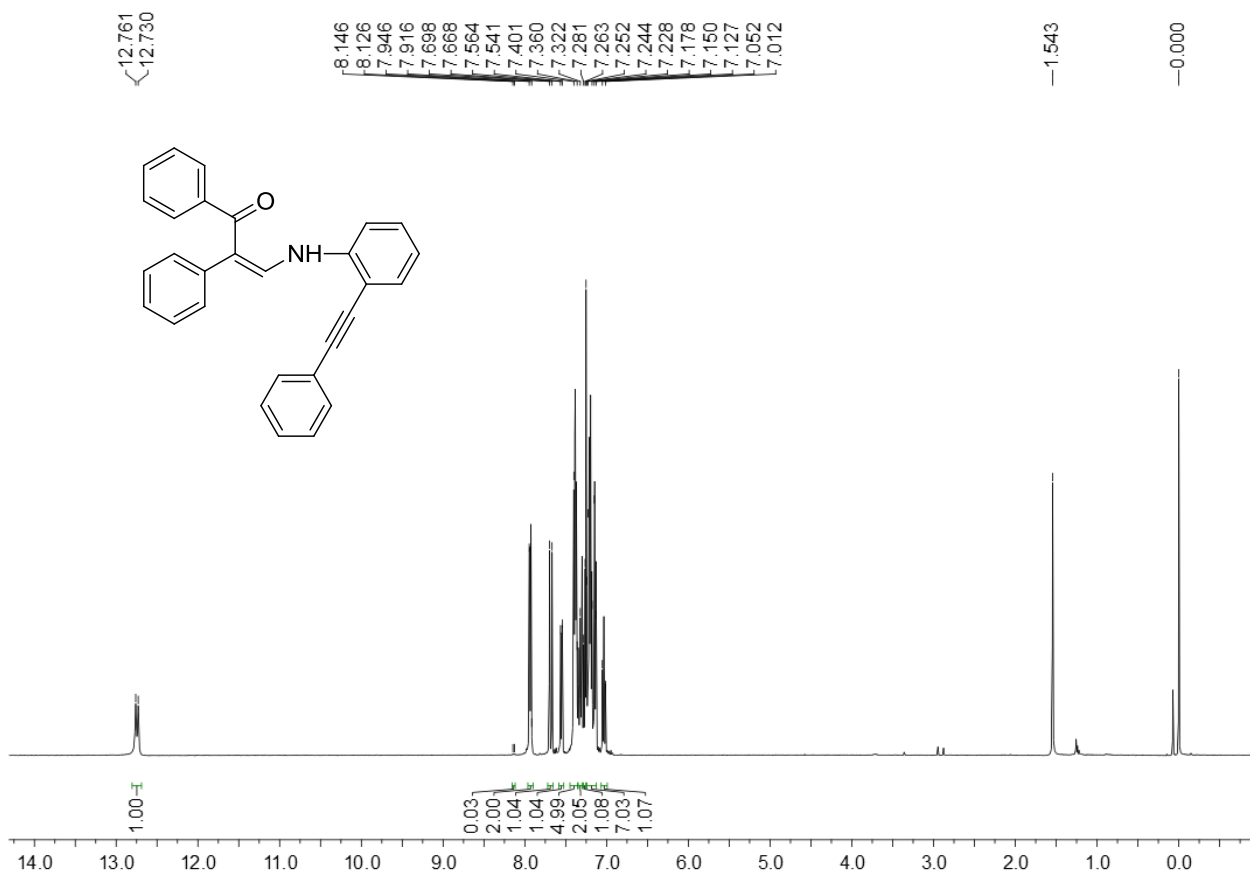


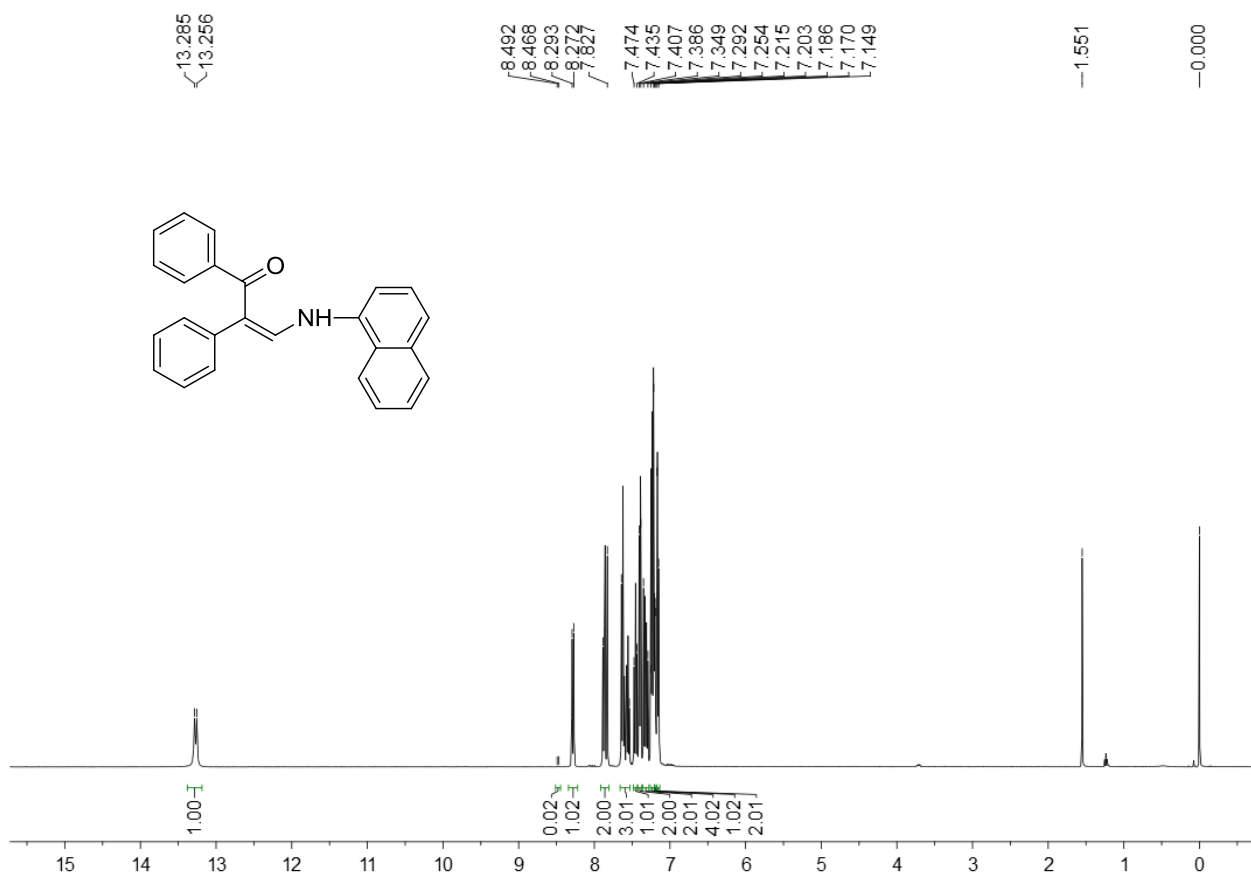




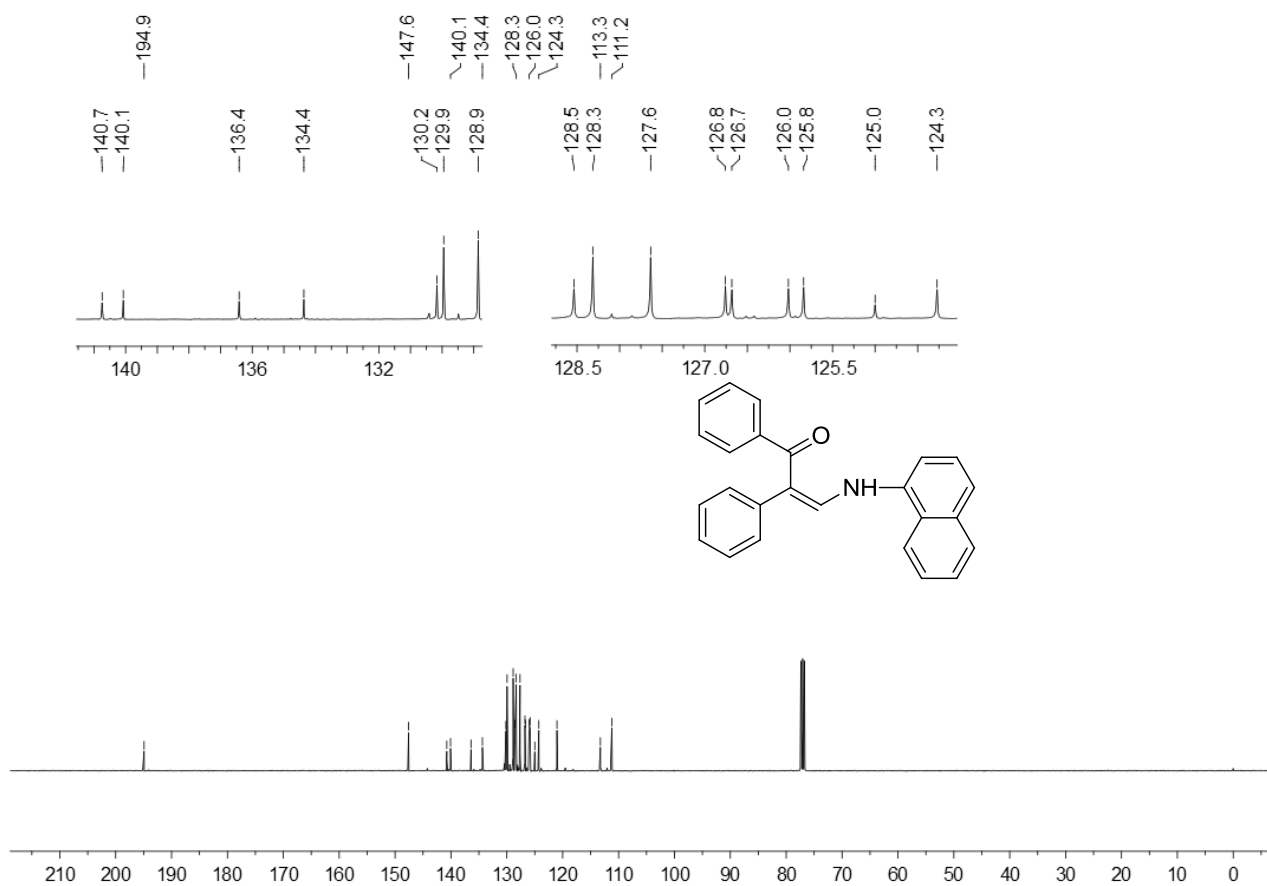




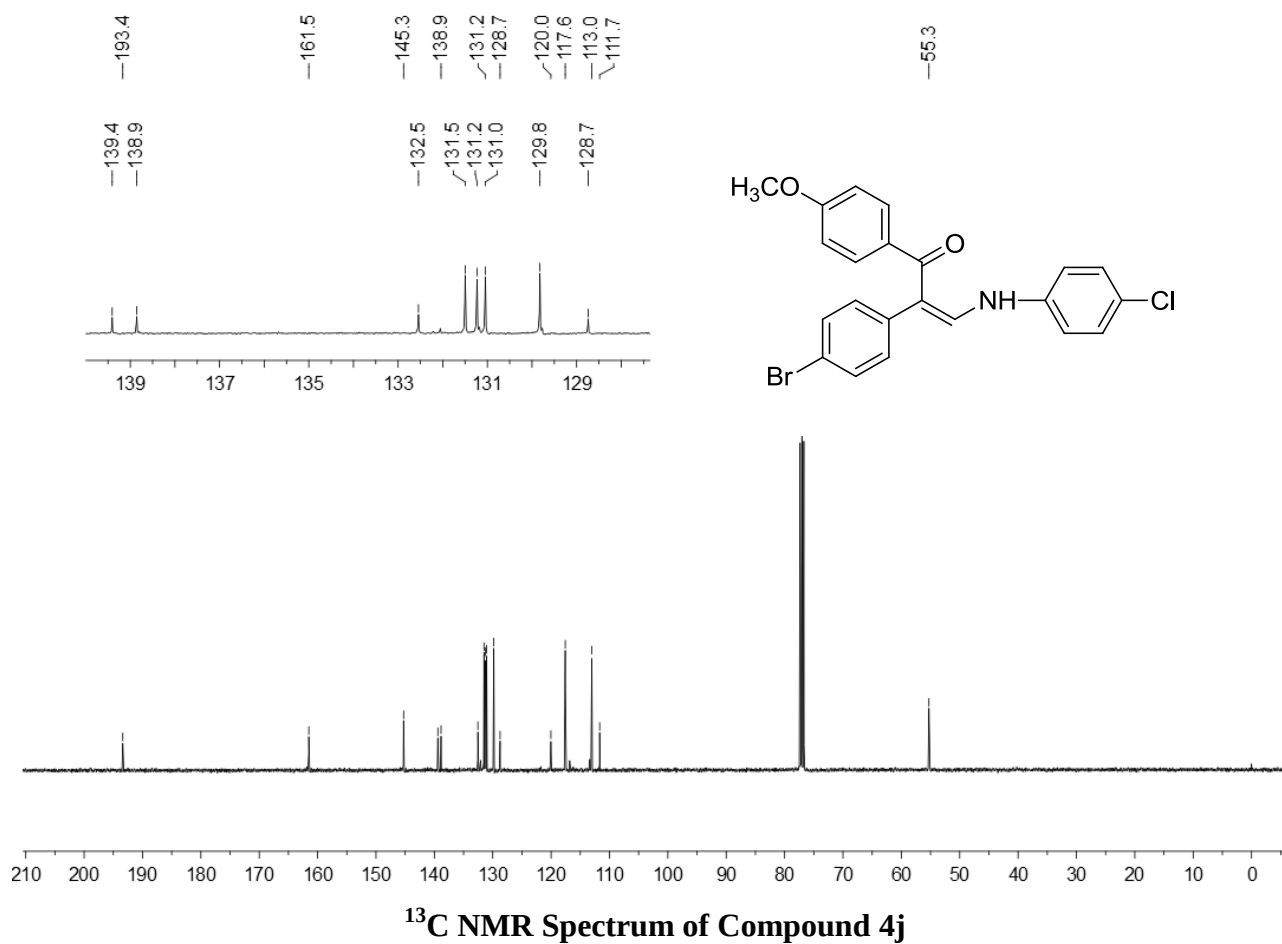
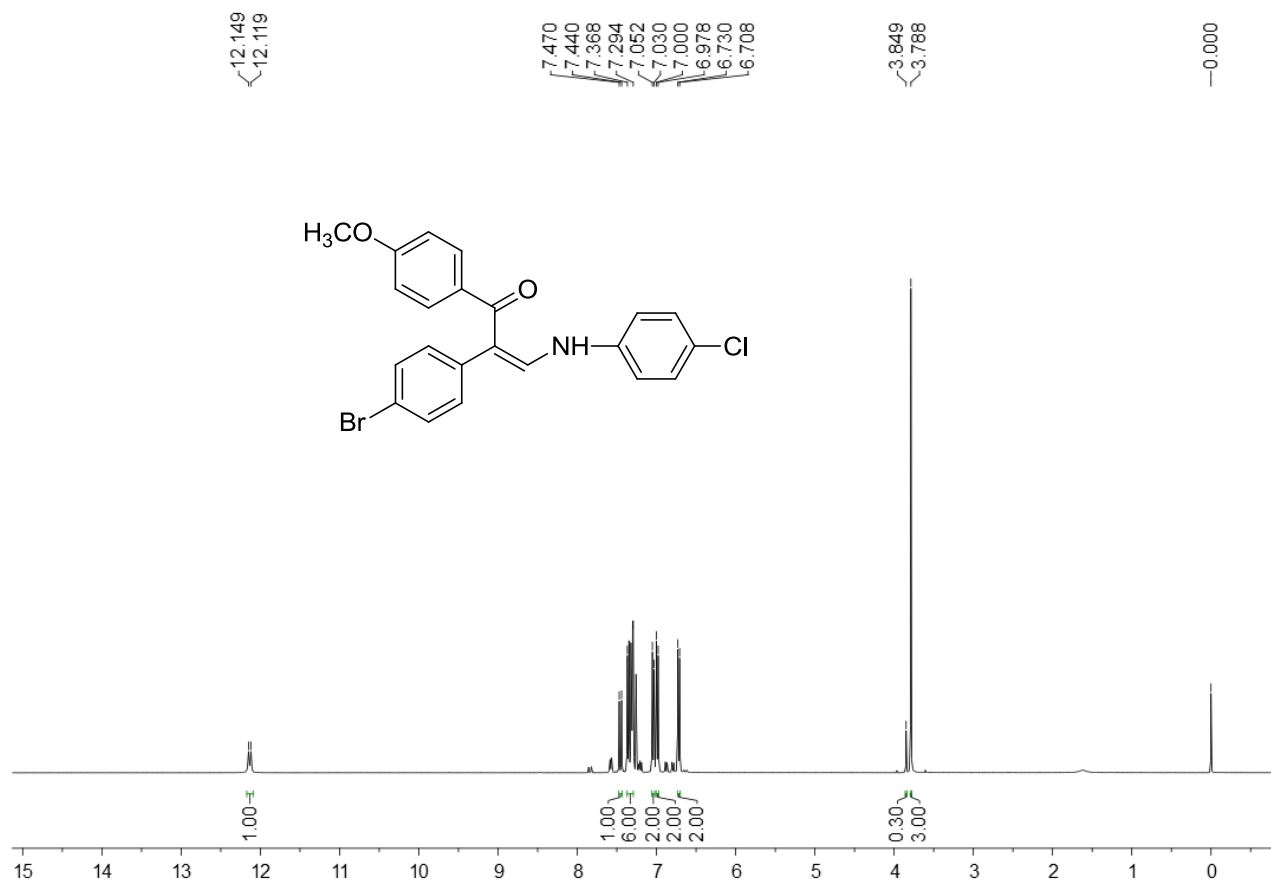


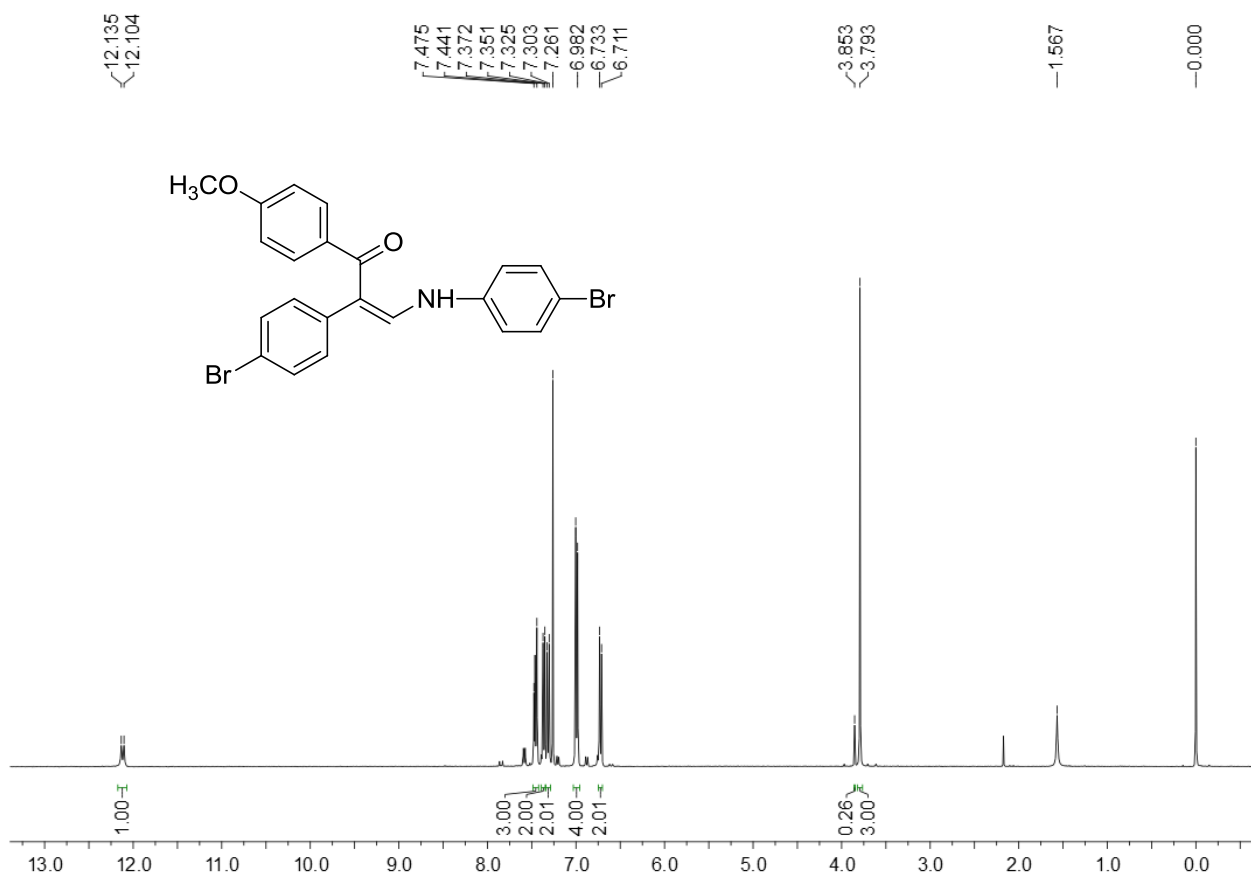


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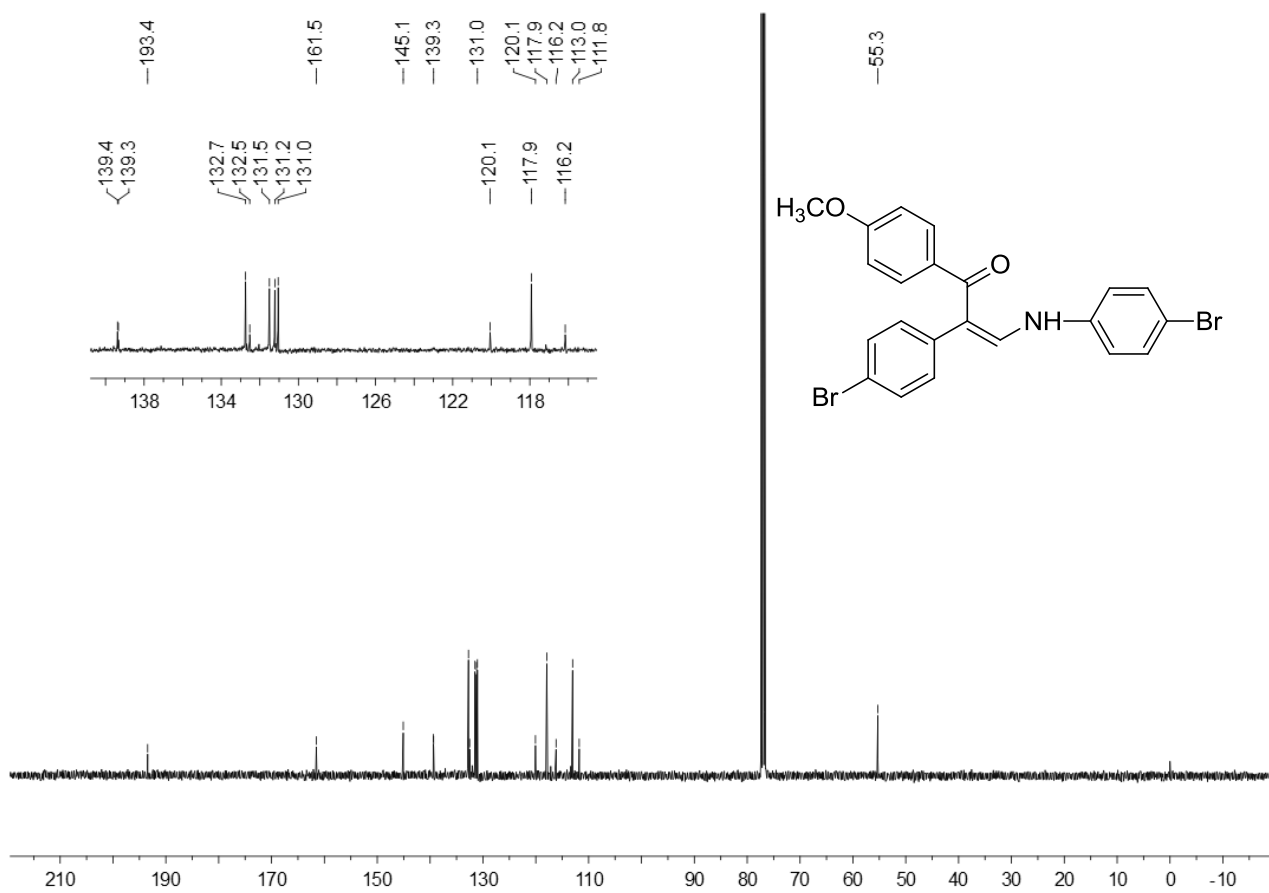


¹³C NMR Spectrum of Compound 4i





¹H NMR Spectrum of Compound 4k



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