

Ruthenium-catalysed cyclisation reactions of 1,11-dien-6-yne leading to biindenes

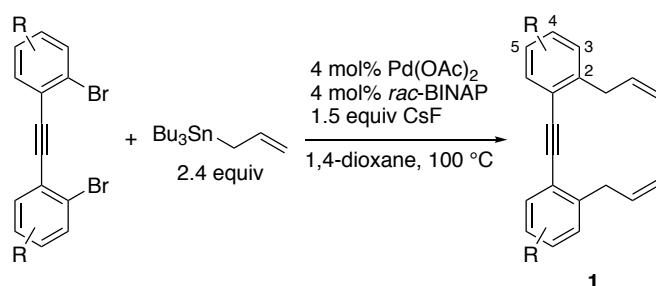
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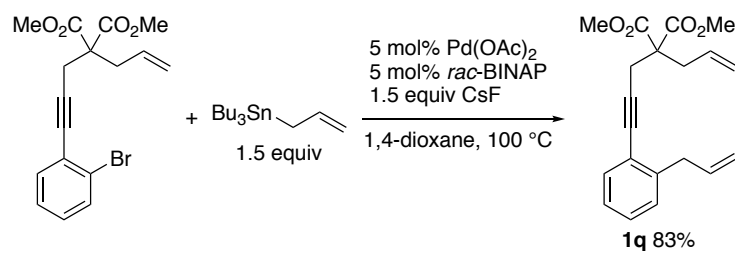
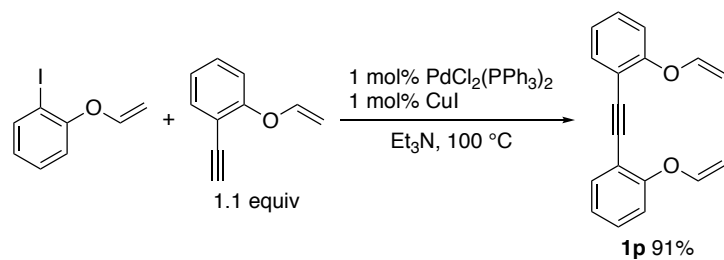
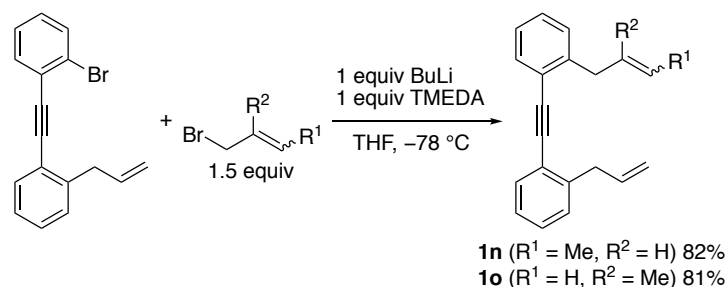
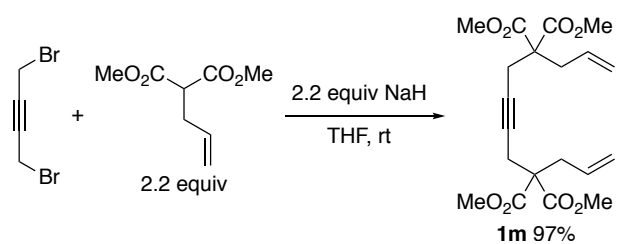
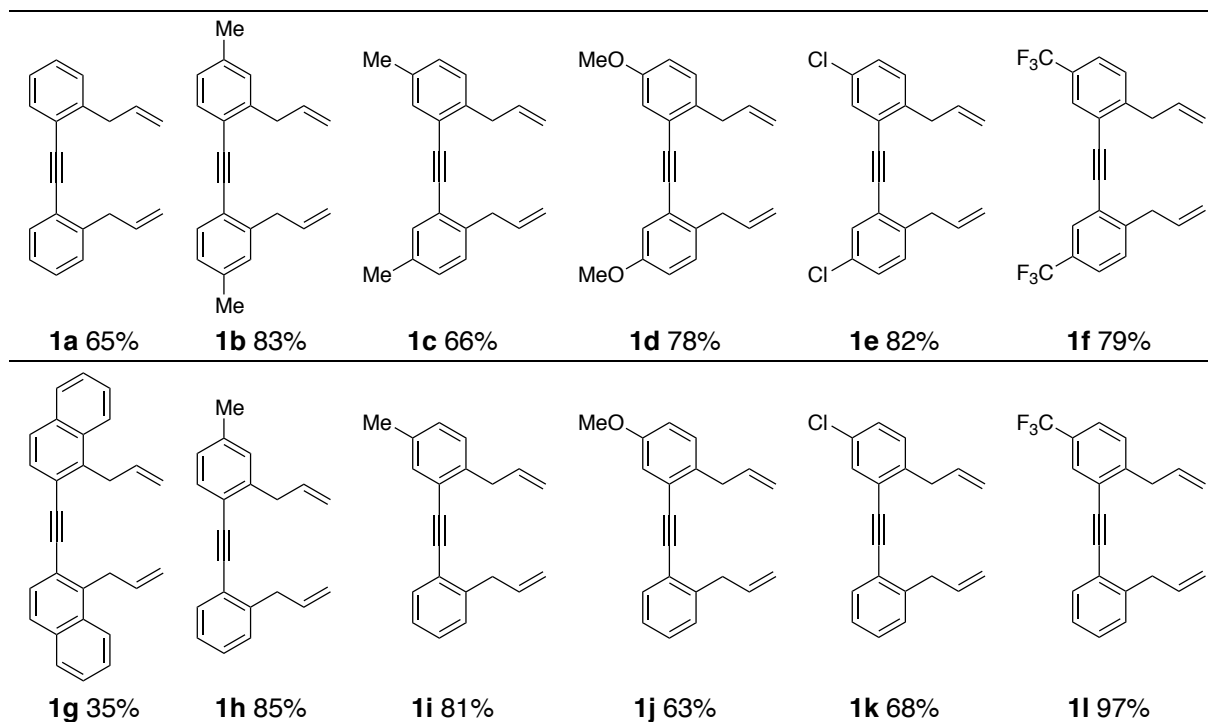
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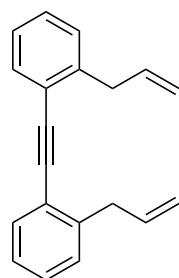
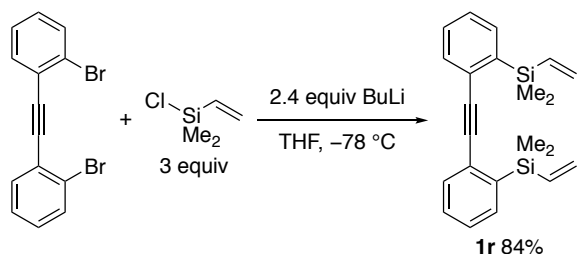
Supporting Information

General. All reactions were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under a nitrogen or an argon atmosphere. Column chromatography was carried out on Wakogel[®] C-200 (75–150 μm). Preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Wakogel[®] B-5F. Proton chemical shifts (δ) were referenced to residual CHCl_3 (at 7.26 ppm). Carbon chemical shifts (δ) were referenced to CDCl_3 (at 77.0 ppm).

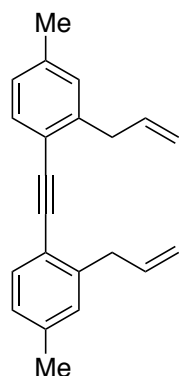
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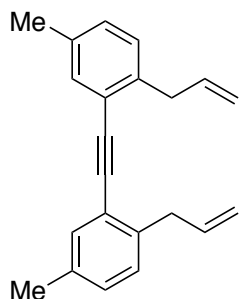




1,2-Bis(2-allylphenyl)ethyne (1a). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.18 (m, 6H), 6.13–5.97 (m, 2H), 5.16–5.05 (m, 4H), 3.66 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.8, 136.6, 132.2, 128.8, 128.5, 126.1, 122.9, 116.0, 91.8, 38.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 281.1301, found 281.1297.

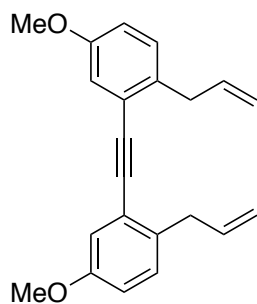


1,2-Bis(2-allyl-4-methylphenyl)ethyne (1b). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.06–6.98 (m, 4H), 6.04 (ddt, $J = 16.8, 10.2, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.15–5.04 (m, 4H), 3.61 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.5, 138.4, 136.8, 132.1, 129.6, 126.9, 120.1, 115.8, 91.3, 38.8, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 309.1614, found 309.1613.

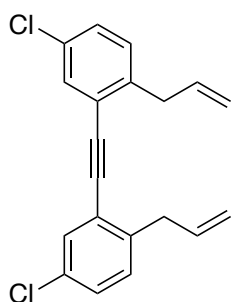


1,2-Bis(2-allyl-5-methylphenyl)ethyne (1c). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (399 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.03 (ddt, $J = 16.8, 8.4, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.12–5.04 (m, 4H), 3.61 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4H), 2.33 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.7, 136.9, 135.6, 132.6, 129.3, 128.7, 122.7, 115.7, 91.6, 38.3, 20.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$

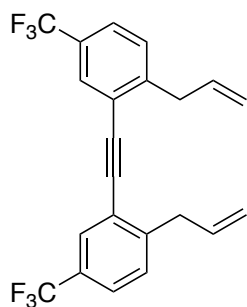
309.1614, found 309.1614.



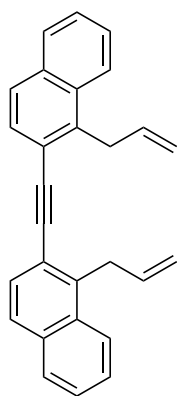
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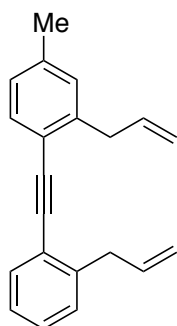
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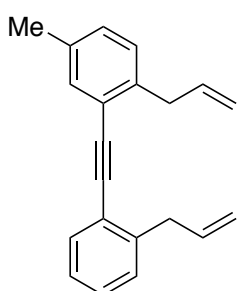
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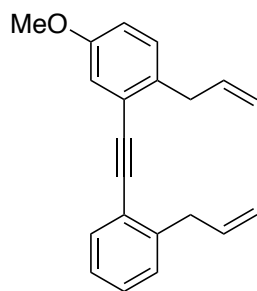
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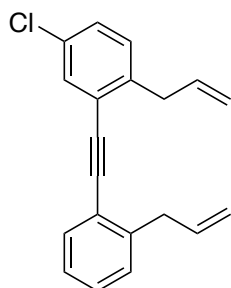
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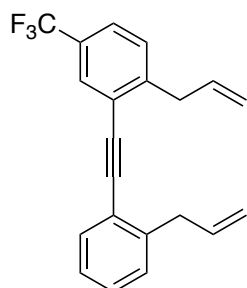
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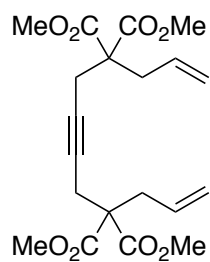
1-(2-Allyl-5-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-allylphenyl)ethyne (1j). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (dd, $J = 7.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 8.4, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.12–5.95 (m, 2H), 5.14–5.03 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.68–3.63 (m, 2H), 3.61–3.56 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.6, 141.8, 137.0, 136.5, 134.1, 132.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.6, 126.1, 123.6, 122.8, 116.6, 116.0, 115.6, 115.1, 91.8, 91.5, 55.4, 38.8, 37.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 83.1093, found 311.1403.



1-(2-Allyl-5-chlorophenyl)-2-(2-allylphenyl)ethyne (1k). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.15 (m, 5H), 6.11–5.92 (m, 2H), 5.11 (t, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 5.10–5.04 (m, 2H), 3.66–3.58 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.9, 140.2, 136.4, 136.0, 132.4, 131.70, 131.68, 130.1, 128.93, 128.87, 128.6, 126.2, 124.6, 122.4, 116.4, 116.2, 92.9, 90.4, 38.7, 38.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNa}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 315.0911, found 315.0911.

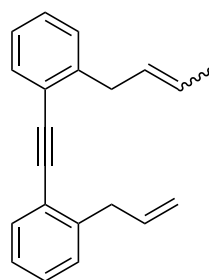


1-[2-Allyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-(2-allylphenyl)ethyne (1l). Yellow oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.57–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.11–5.95 (m, 2H), 5.17–5.05 (m, 4H), 3.69 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.68–3.62 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.6, 142.0, 136.4, 135.4, 132.4, 129.4, 129.3, 129.00, 128.97 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.9$ Hz), 128.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.7$ Hz), 126.2, 124.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.9$ Hz), 123.9 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.9$ Hz), 123.8, 122.3, 116.9, 116.2, 93.3, 90.3, 38.7, 38.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 349.1175, found 349.1174.



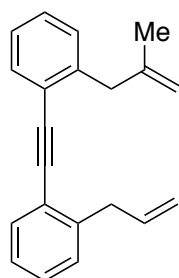
Tetramethyl dodeca-1,11-dien-6-yne-4,4,9,9-tetracarboxylate (1m).

Colorless liquid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.60 (ddt, $J = 17.2, 9.7, 7.4$, 2H), 5.17 (dd, $J = 17.3, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.12 (dd, $J = 10.5, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 12H), 2.74–2.78 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.1, 131.8, 119.7, 77.7, 56.9, 52.6, 36.4, 22.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaO}_8$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 417.1520, found 417.1520; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1740, 1220.



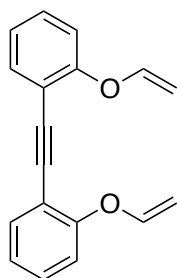
(E)- and (Z)-1-(2-Allylphenyl)-2-[2-(2-butenyl)phenyl]ethyne (1n).

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57–7.50 (m, 2H; major + minor), 7.38–7.16 (m, 6H; major + minor), 6.05 (ddt, $J = 16.8, 10.2, 6.6$ Hz, 1H; major + minor), 5.73–5.47 (m, 2H; major + minor), 5.17–5.05 (m, 2H; major + minor), 3.70–3.55 (m, 4H; major + minor), 1.74 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 3H; minor), 1.68 (dd, $J = 6.0, 1.2$ Hz, 3H; major); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.9, 142.8, 141.8, 136.59, 136.55, 132.4, 132.23, 132.20, 131.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.45, 128.37, 128.2, 126.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.2, 123.0, 122.9, 122.8, 122.7, 116.04, 116.00, 113.5, 91.94, 91.92, 91.7, 38.8, 37.6, 31.9, 18.0, 13.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 295.1457, found 295.1460.

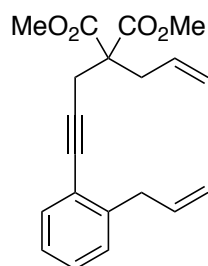


1-(2-Allylphenyl)-2-[2-(2-methylallyl)phenyl]ethyne (1o).

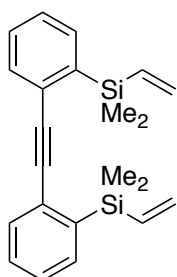
Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.33–7.17 (m, 6H), 6.04 (ddt, $J = 16.9, 10.4, 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.15–5.06 (m, 2H), 4.86–4.82 (m, 1H), 4.68 (q, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.68–3.62 (m, 2H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 1.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.5, 141.8, 141.4, 136.6, 132.3, 132.2, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 123.4, 122.9, 116.1, 112.1, 92.1, 91.4, 42.5, 38.8, 22.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 295.1457, found 295.1456.



1,2-Bis[2-(vinylloxy)phenyl]ethyne (1p). Yellow solid, mp 45–46 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dt, $J = 1.8, 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dt, $J = 1.1, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, $J = 13.8, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 13.8, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.47 (dd, $J = 6.2, 2.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.9, 148.5, 133.5, 129.7, 123.2, 117.0, 114.6, 95.1, 89.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{NaO}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 285.0886, found 285.0888.

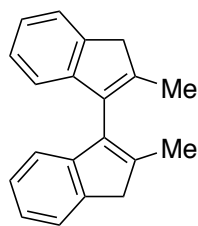


Dimethyl 2-allyl-2-[3-(2-allylphenyl)-2-propynyl]malonate (1q). Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dt, $J = 1.7, 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dt, $J = 1.0, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.98 (ddt, $J = 16.5, 10.5, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (ddt, $J = 17.3, 9.7, 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.23–5.13 (m, 2H), 5.08–5.02 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 6H), 3.51 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.07 (s, 2H), 2.87 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.3, 141.8, 136.6, 132.4, 131.8, 128.7, 128.2, 125.9, 122.6, 119.8, 115.8, 87.9, 82.1, 57.2, 52.8, 38.5, 36.8, 23.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_4$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 349.1410, found 349.1410; IR (ν/cm^{-1}): 1740, 1220.

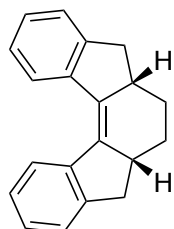


1,2-Bis[2-[dimethyl(vinyl)silyl]phenyl]ethyne (1r). Pale yellow solid, mp 48–50 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56–7.53 (m, 4H), 7.37 (dt, $J = 2.0, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dt, $J = 1.2, 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 20.5, 14.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.07 (dd, $J = 14.8, 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 5.81 (dd, $J = 20.5, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.51 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.7, 137.9, 134.6, 132.7, 131.9, 129.0, 128.8, 127.4, 93.8, -2.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{NaSi}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 369.1465, found 369.1463.

General Procedure for the Ruthenium-Catalysed Cycloisomerisation of 1,11-Dien-6-ynes **1 (GP-1 and GP-2).** A Schlenk tube was charged with [GP-1: Cp*RuCl(cod) (3.8 mg, 0.010 mmol) and P(C₆F₅)₃ (10.6 mg, 0.020 mmol); GP-2: [Cp*Ru(MeCN)₃]PF₆ (5.0 mg, 0.010 mmol)], and the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. Methanol (1.0 mL) was added via a syringe through the septum, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 10 min, diyne **1** (0.200 mmol) and methanol (1.0 mL) were added successively, and the mixture was heated at 40 °C. After 24 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Florisil[®] eluting with hexane–AcOEt (10:1), and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC (hexane–AcOEt) to afford product **2**.

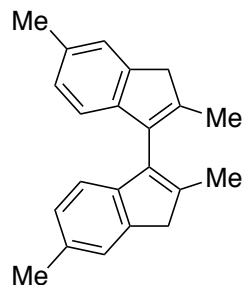


2,2'-Dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2a**).** The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1a** (12.7/52.0 mg, 0.049/0.201 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2a** (11.0/42.5 mg, 0.043/0.164 mmol, 87%/82%) as a pale yellow solid. Mp 156–158 °C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.11 (m, 4H), 7.04–7.00 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 4H), 2.03 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2, 142.6, 142.5, 132.8, 126.0, 123.7, 123.2, 120.0, 42.9, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈Na [M + Na]⁺ 281.1301, found 281.1302.

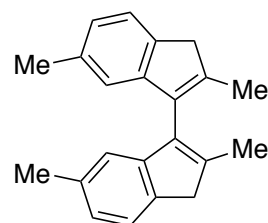


(5aR*,7aS*)-5,5a,6,7,7a,8-Hexahydrodibenz[*a,i*]-as-indacene (3a**).** The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1a** (12.8 mg, 0.050 mmol), but at 40 °C in *i*-PrOH. Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **3a** (9.6 mg, 0.037 mmol, 75%) and **2a** (1.8 mg, 0.007 mmol, 14%). **3a**: Pale yellow oil; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.17 (m, 6H), 3.23 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.04–2.96 (m, 2H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.11–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.46

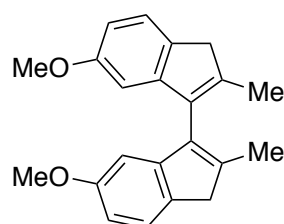
(m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.5, 140.3, 139.0, 127.3, 126.1, 125.1, 123.7, 42.2, 38.5, 27.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 281.1301, found 281.1306.



2,2',5,5'-Tetramethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2b). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1b** (57.0/57.2 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2b** (39.7/37.2 mg, 0.139/0.130 mmol, 70%/65%) as an orange solid. Mp 110–115 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (s, 4H), 2.38 (s, 6H), 1.99 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 142.9, 141.3, 133.2, 132.7, 126.6, 124.2, 119.7, 42.7, 21.4, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 309.1614, found 309.1610.

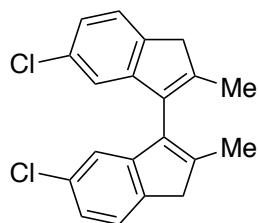


2,2',6,6'-Tetramethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2c). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1c** (57.1/57.2 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2c** (40.4/42.0 mg, 0.141/0.147 mmol, 71%/73%) as a yellow solid. Mp 130–138 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 3.47 (s, 4H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.00 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.6, 142.8, 139.6, 135.7, 132.9, 124.5, 122.9, 120.7, 42.5, 21.4, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 309.1614, found 309.1618.



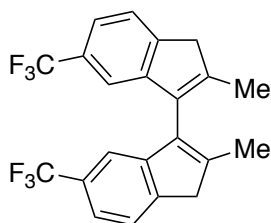
6,6'-Dimethoxy-2,2'-dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2d). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1d** (63.5/63.6 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) yielded **2d** (42.1/37.4 mg, 0.132/0.117 mmol, 66%/59%) as a

brown solid. Mp 70–75 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 7.8, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.47 (s, 4H), 2.04 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 147.6, 144.3, 134.6, 132.7, 123.5, 109.6, 105.8, 55.5, 42.2, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 341.1512, found 341.1508.



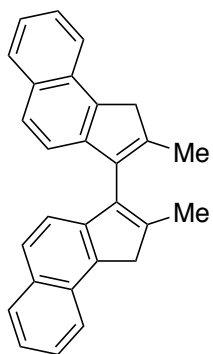
6,6'-Dichloro-2,2'-dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2e). The general procedure (GP-2) was followed by using **1e** (65.4/65.6 mg, 0.200/0.200 mmol), but at 60 °C. Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2e** (29.4/28.3 mg, 0.090/0.086 mmol, 45%/43%) as a brown solid. Mp

138–141 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.49 (s, 4H), 2.01 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.6, 145.2, 15.4, 140.7, 132.3, 131.7, 124.2, 123.8, 119.8, 42.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 349.0521, found 349.0522.

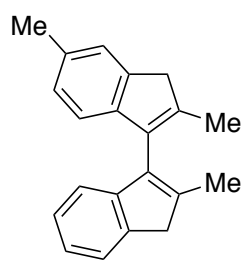


2,2'-Dimethyl-6,6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2f). The general procedure (GP-2) was followed by using **1f** (78.6/78.5 mg, 0.199/0.199 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2f** (21.8/23.0 mg, 0.055/0.058 mmol, 28%/29%) as a brown

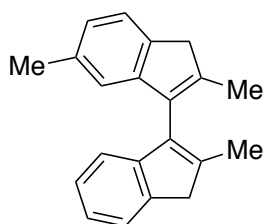
solid. Brown solid, mp 148–154 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 4H), 2.05 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.3, 146.2, 145.3, 131.7, 128.9 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 31.8$ Hz), 124.7 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.0$ Hz), 123.4, 121.0 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 116.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 43.0, 15.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_6\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 417.1048, found 417.1048.



2,2'-Dimethyl-1H,1'H-3,3'-bi(cyclopenta[a]naphthalene) (2g). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1g** (71.5/71.6 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol), but at 80 °C in MeOH (0.05 M). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane, then hexane:CHCl₃ = 10:1) yielded **2g** (30.9/25.5 mg, 0.086/0.071 mmol, 43%/36%) as a yellow solid. Mp 280 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (399 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 4H), 2.15 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 142.2, 138.5, 133.5, 131.2, 129.9, 128.8, 126.8, 126.1, 124.1, 123.3, 120.0, 41.8, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₈H₂₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 381.1614, found 381.1613.

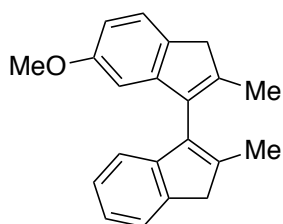


2,2',5-Trimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2h). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1h** (54.3/54.7 mg, 0.199/0.201 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2h** (49.9/48.6 mg, 0.183/0.178 mmol, 92%/89%) as an orange solid. Mp 98–100 °C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.20–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.04–6.95 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 143.6, 142.9, 142.5, 142.4, 141.4, 133.3, 133.0, 132.6, 126.6, 126.0, 124.2, 123.7, 123.2, 120.1, 119.7, 42.9, 42.7, 21.4, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₀Na [M + Na]⁺ 295.1457, found 295.1459.



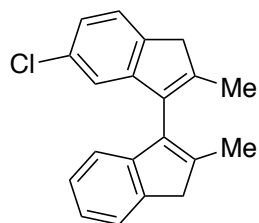
2,2',6-Trimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2i). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1i** (54.7/54.6 mg, 0.201/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2i** (47.9/46.0 mg, 0.176/0.169 mmol, 88%/84%) as a pale yellow solid. Mp 146–148 °C; ¹H

NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.53 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.5, 146.3, 142.9, 142.53, 142.50, 139.6, 135.6, 133.0, 132.8, 126.0, 124.5, 123.7, 123.2, 122.9, 120.7, 120.1, 42.9, 42.5, 21.5, 15.42, 15.38; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₀Na [M + Na]⁺ 295.1457, found 295.1458.



6-Methoxy-2,2'-dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2j). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1j** (57.8/57.8 mg, 0.200/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) yielded **2j** (49.7/47.9 mg, 0.172/0.166 mmol, 86%/83%) as a yellow solid. Mp

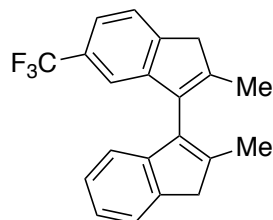
92–97 °C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.04–7.01 (m, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 147.7, 146.1, 144.2, 142.6, 142.5, 134.6, 132.81, 132.78, 126.0, 123.7, 123.5, 123.2, 120.0, 109.6, 105.8, 55.4, 42.9, 42.2, 15.6, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NaO [M + Na]⁺ 311.1406, found 311.1405.



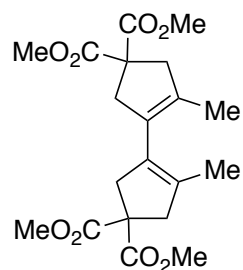
6-Chloro-2,2'-dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2k). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1k** (58.5/58.6 mg, 0.200/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2k** (30.1/34.5 mg, 0.103/0.118 mmol, 51%/59%) as an orange solid. Mp 74–75 °C; ¹H

NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.07 (m, 3H), 7.00–6.95 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.02 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 145.8, 144.7, 143.1, 142.5, 140.7, 132.4, 132.21, 132.16, 126.2, 124.1, 123.9, 123.6,

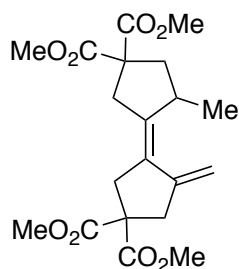
123.3, 120.0, 119.8, 42.9, 42.4, 15.5, 15.4: HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₇ClNa [M + Na]⁺ 315.0911, found 315.0916.



2,2'-Dimethyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (2l). The general procedure (GP-1) was followed by using **1l** (65.0/65.6 mg, 0.199/0.201 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **2l** (27.9/30.5 mg, 0.085/0.093 mmol, 43%/46%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 1H), 3.56 (s, 2H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 146.2, 145.8, 144.6, 143.3, 142.5, 132.5, 132.1, 128.7 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 31.8 Hz), 126.2, 124.7 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.0 Hz), 124.0, 123.4, 123.3, 120.8 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 119.7, 116.5 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.8 Hz), 43.0, 42.9, 15.5, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇F₃Na [M + Na]⁺ 349.1175, found 349.1175.



Tetramethyl 5,5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-bi(cyclopentane)]-5,5'-diene-3,3,3',3'-tetracarboxylate (2m). The general procedure (GP-2) was followed by using **1m** (79.3/79.2 mg, 0.201/0.201 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt = 3:1) yielded **2m** (64.5/66.1 mg, 0.164/0.168 mmol, 81%/83%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.73 (s, 12H), 3.03–2.97 (m, 8H), 1.54 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 132.3, 128.6, 57.7, 52.8, 45.6, 43.3, 15.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₆NaO₈ [M + Na]⁺ 417.1520, found 417.1523; IR (ν/cm⁻¹): 1736, 1266.



Tetramethyl

(Z)-5-methyl-5'-methylene-[1,1'-

bi(cyclopentylidene)]-3,3,3',3'-tetracarboxylate (4m). The general

procedure (GP-2) was followed by using **1m** (19.8 mg, 0.050 mmol), but at

0 °C for 1 h. Purification by preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt = 3:1) yielded

4m (10.8 mg, 0.027 mmol, 55%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.11–5.02

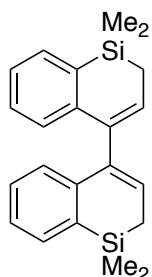
(m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.722 (s, 3H), 3.715 (s, 3H), 3.19–2.80 (m, 7H), 2.67 (dd, *J*

= 13.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 172.2, 171.8, 171.7, 143.9, 141.9, 127.7, 109.1, 58.3, 57.3, 52.85, 52.81,

52.78, 43.2, 42.2, 40.7, 40.5, 35.5, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₂₆NaO₈ [M + Na]⁺

417.1520, found 417.1516; IR (ν/cm⁻¹): 1737, 1263.



1,1,1',1'-Tetramethyl-1,1',2,2'-tetrahydro-4,4'-bibenzo[*b*]siline (5). A

Schlenk tube was charged with **1r** (17.4 mg, 0.050 mmol) and Cp**Ru*Cl(PPh₃)₂

(2.0 mg, 0.0025 mmol), and the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen.

Ethanol (0.5 mL) was added via a syringe through the septum, and the mixture

was stirred at 60 °C. After 3 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of

Florisil[®] eluting with hexane–AcOEt (10:1), and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was

purified by preparative TLC (hexane) to afford product **5** (7.5 mg, 0.022 mmol, 43%) as a

yellow oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.09 (m, 4H), 7.01–7.07 (m,

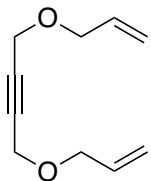
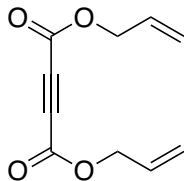
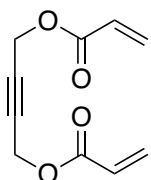
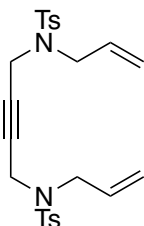
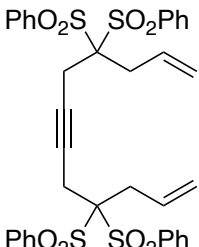
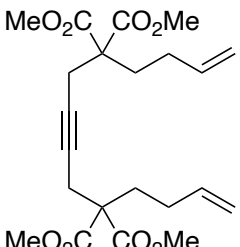
2H), 6.16 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 4H), 0.37 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 142.7, 134.3, 132.5, 129.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1, 13.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for

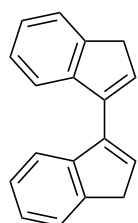
C₂₂H₂₆NaSi₂ [M + Na]⁺ 369.1465, found 369.1466.

Dienynes that Failed to Undergo the Ruthenium-Catalysed Cycloisomerisation

Conditions A: $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\text{MeCN})_3]\text{PF}_6$; B: $\text{Cp}^*\text{RuCl}(\text{cod})\text{-P}(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_3$

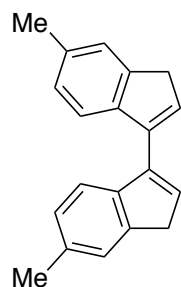
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General Procedure for the Ruthenium-Catalysed Tandem Ring-Closing Metathesis of 1,11-Dien-6-yne 1 (GP-3). A Schlenk tube was charged with Hoveyda–Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst (3.8 mg, 0.006 mmol), and the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen. Dienyne **1** (0.200 mmol) and toluene (10 mL) was added successively via a syringe through the septum, and the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Florisil® eluting with hexane–AcOEt (10:1), and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by preparative TLC or column chromatography on silica gel (hexane–AcOEt) to afford product **6**.

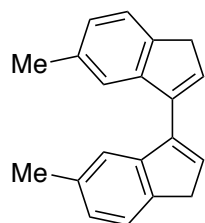


3H,3'H-1,1'-Biindene (6a). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1a** (12.9/51.8 mg, 0.050/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **6a** (9.4/37.9 mg, 0.041/0.165 mmol, 82%/82%) as a pale yellow

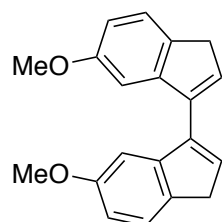
solid. Mp 128–132 °C; ^1H NMR (399 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58–7.53 (m, 4H), 7.34–7.24 (m, 4H), 6.77 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.58 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.3, 144.2, 138.9, 131.3, 126.1, 124.9, 123.9, 120.7, 38.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 253.0988, found 253.0991.



5,5'-Dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6b). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1b** (57.0/57.4 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **6b** (37.1/39.2 mg, 0.144/0.152 mmol, 72%/76%) as an orange solid. Mp 146–148 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 (s, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.72–6.57 (m, 2H), 3.53 (s, 4H), 2.43 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6, 141.7, 138.9, 134.6, 130.1, 126.8, 124.8, 120.4, 38.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 281.1301, found 281.1297.

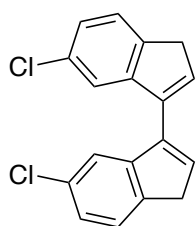


6,6'-Dimethyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6c). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1c** (57.1/57.2 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **6c** (45.1/43.8 mg, 0.175/0.170 mmol, 88%/85%) as a pale yellow solid. Mp 140–142 °C; ^1H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 3.54 (s, 4H), 2.40 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6, 141.3, 138.9, 135.7, 131.5, 125.7, 123.6, 121.3, 38.0, 21.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 281.1301, found 281.1306.



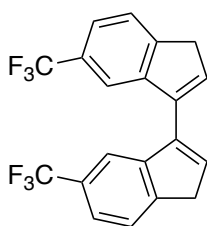
6,6'-Dimethoxy-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6d). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1d** (63.6/63.7 mg, 0.200/0.200 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 20:1)

yielded **6d** (36.7/36.9 mg, 0.126/0.127 mmol, 63%/64%) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 145.7, 138.8, 136.3, 132.7, 124.3, 111.0, 106.3, 55.6, 37.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 313.1199, found 313.1199.



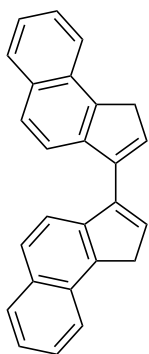
6,6'-Dichloro-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6e). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1e** (65.2/65.4 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃ = 20:1) yielded **6e** (57.5/57.5 mg, 0.192/0.192 mmol, 96%/96%) as a yellow solid. Mp 154–156

°C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.21 (m, 2H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.8, 142.3, 137.7, 133.1, 132.4, 125.1, 124.9, 120.7, 38.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₂Cl₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 321.0208, found 321.0208.

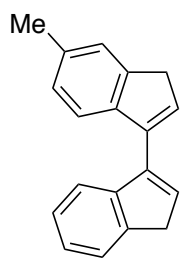


6,6'-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6f). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1f** (78.8/79.0 mg, 0.200/0.200 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane) yielded **6f** (63.6/58.1 mg, 0.174/0.159 mmol, 87%/79%) as a yellow solid. Mp 154–

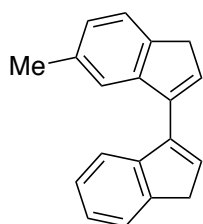
158 °C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.93–6.88 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 144.5, 137.7, 133.2, 129.0 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 32.0 Hz), 124.6 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.3 Hz), 124.2, 122.2 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz), 117.2 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 38.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₂F₆Na [M + Na]⁺ 389.0735, found 389.0739.



1H,1'H-3,3'-Bi(cyclopenta[a]naphthalene) (6g). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1g** (71.5/71.8 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:CHCl₃ = 20:1) yielded **6g** (42.7/47.3 mg, 0.129/0.143 mmol, 65%/71%) as a brown solid. Mp 182 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92–6.89 (m, 2H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.8, 141.0, 139.8, 131.7, 130.6, 130.1, 128.8, 127.0, 126.2, 124.8, 123.6, 120.0, 37.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₁₈Na [M + Na]⁺ 353.1301, found 353.1306.

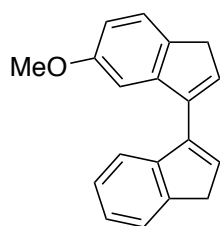


5-Methyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6h). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1h** (54.5/54.7 mg, 0.200/0.201 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **6h** (43.6/44.6 mg, 0.178/0.183 mmol, 89%/91%) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.55 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.5, 144.3, 144.2, 141.7, 139.1, 138.7, 134.6, 131.1, 130.2, 126.8, 126.1, 124.84, 124.82, 123.9, 120.7, 120.3, 38.4, 38.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₆Na [M + Na]⁺ 267.1144, found 267.1147.



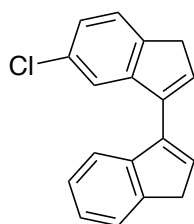
6-Methyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6i). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1i** (54.5/54.3 mg, 0.200/0.199 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **6i** (39.2/36.1 mg, 0.160/0.148 mmol, 80%/74%) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58–7.53 (m, 2H),

7.43 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.73 (m, 2H), 3.59 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.6, 144.4, 144.2, 141.3, 139.0, 138.8, 135.7, 131.6, 131.2, 126.1, 125.8, 124.9, 123.9, 123.6, 121.3, 120.7, 38.4, 38.0, 21.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{Na}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 267.1144, found 267.1139.



6-Methoxy-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6j). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1j** (57.7/57.4 mg, 0.200/0.199 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) yielded **6j** (40.6/36.0 mg, 0.156/0.138 mmol, 78%/69%) as a brown oil. ^1H NMR (301

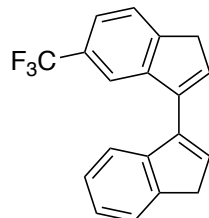
MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61–7.55 (m, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.60 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.54 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.8, 145.8, 144.3, 144.2, 138.9, 138.8, 136.3, 132.7, 131.2, 126.1, 124.9, 124.3, 123.9, 120.7, 110.9, 106.4, 55.6, 38.4, 37.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NaO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ 283.1093, found 283.1088.



6-Chloro-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6k). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1k** (58.4/58.8 mg, 0.199/0.201 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane) yielded **6k** (40.3/44.8 mg, 0.152/0.169 mmol, 76%/84%) as a yellow solid. Mp 66–69 °C; ^1H NMR (301

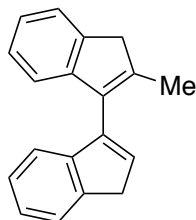
MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.20 (m, 3H), 6.82 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.56 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.1, 144.2, 143.9, 142.4, 138.29, 138.28, 132.8, 132.3, 131.6,

126.2, 125.0, 124.8, 124.7, 124.0, 120.8, 120.4, 38.4, 38.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClNa [M + Na]⁺ 287.0598, found 287.0600.



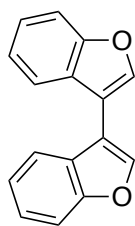
6-(Trifluoromethyl)-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6l). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1l** (65.4/65.1 mg, 0.200/0.199 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane) yielded **6l** (49.2/52.6 mg, 0.165/0.176 mmol, 82%/88%) as a yellow solid. Mp 90–93

°C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.66–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.26–7.37 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.64–3.60 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 144.9, 144.2, 143.9, 138.4, 138.2, 132.7, 131.8, 128.8 (q, ²*J*_{C-F} = 31.6 Hz), 126.2, 125.2, 124.7 (q, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 272.3 Hz), 124.1, 124.0, 121.9 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.0 Hz), 120.4, 117.4 (q, ³*J*_{C-F} = 3.6 Hz), 38.51, 38.48; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₃F₃Na [M + Na]⁺ 321.0862, found 321.0862.



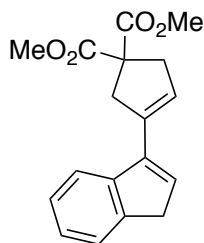
2-Methyl-3H,3'H-1,1'-biindene (6o). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1o** (54.7/54.6 mg, 0.201/0.200 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (hexane) yielded **6o** (35.7/38.1 mg, 0.146/0.156 mmol, 73%/78%) as a pale yellow solid. Mp 110–115 °C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 7.59–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.11 (m, 6H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.2, 144.8, 144.1, 142.4, 142.3, 138.9, 133.3, 132.6, 126.1, 126.0, 124.6, 123.83, 123.78, 123.2, 121.1, 119.8, 43.0, 38.6, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₉H₁₆Na [M + Na]⁺ 267.1144, found 267.1139.



3,3'-Bibenzofuran (6p). The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1p** (52.6/52.3 mg, 0.201/0.199 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 20:1) yielded **6p** (45.1/42.1 mg, 0.193/0.180 mmol, 96%/90%) as a yellow solid. Mp 136–139 °C; ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00

(s, 2H), 7.77–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.40 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt, *J* = 1.3, 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.4, 141.6, 126.5, 124.9, 123.1, 120.5, 112.4, 111.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₀NaO₂ [M + Na]⁺ 257.0573, found 257.0574.

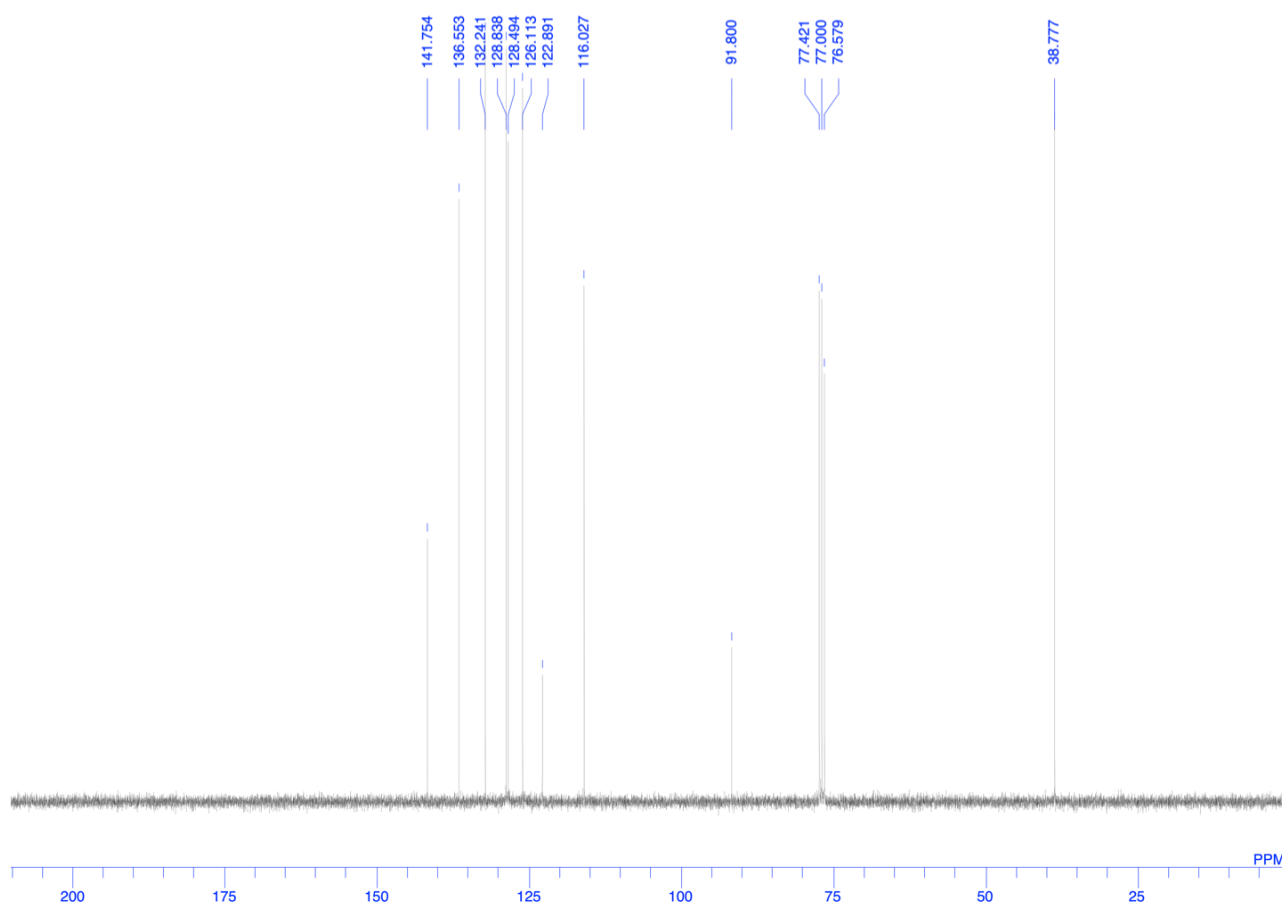
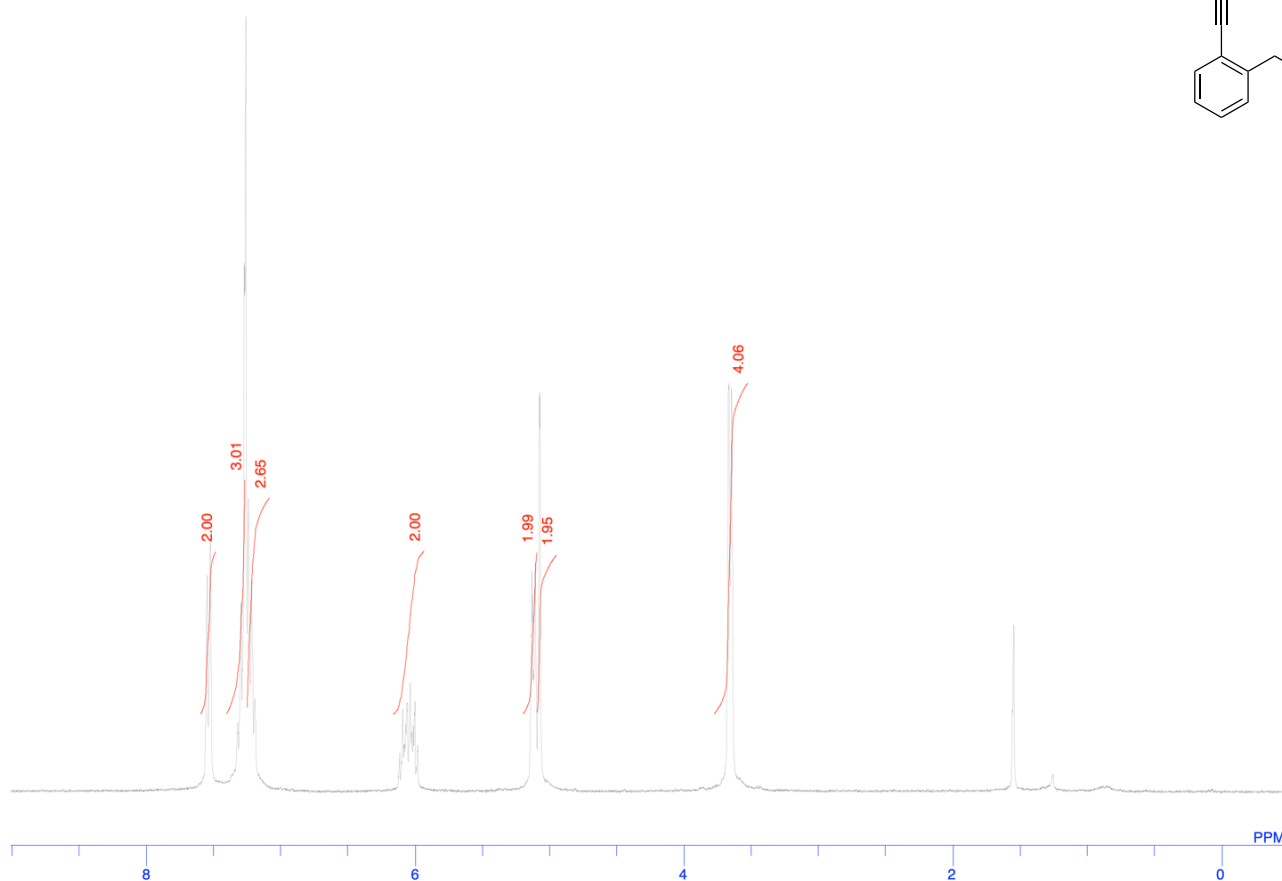
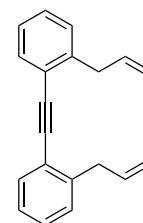


Dimethyl 3-(1*H*-inden-3-yl)-3-cyclopentene-1,1-dicarboxylate (6q).

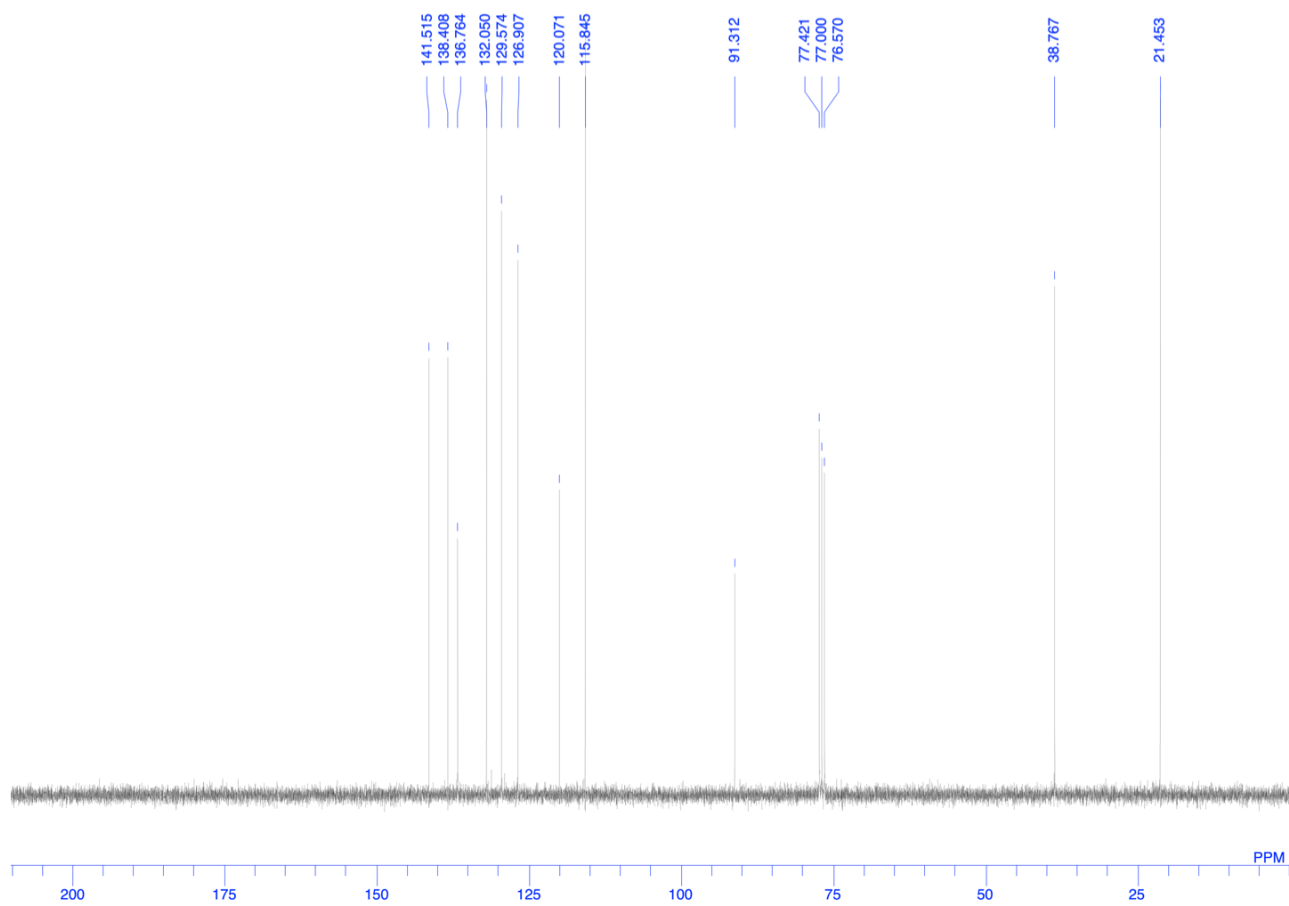
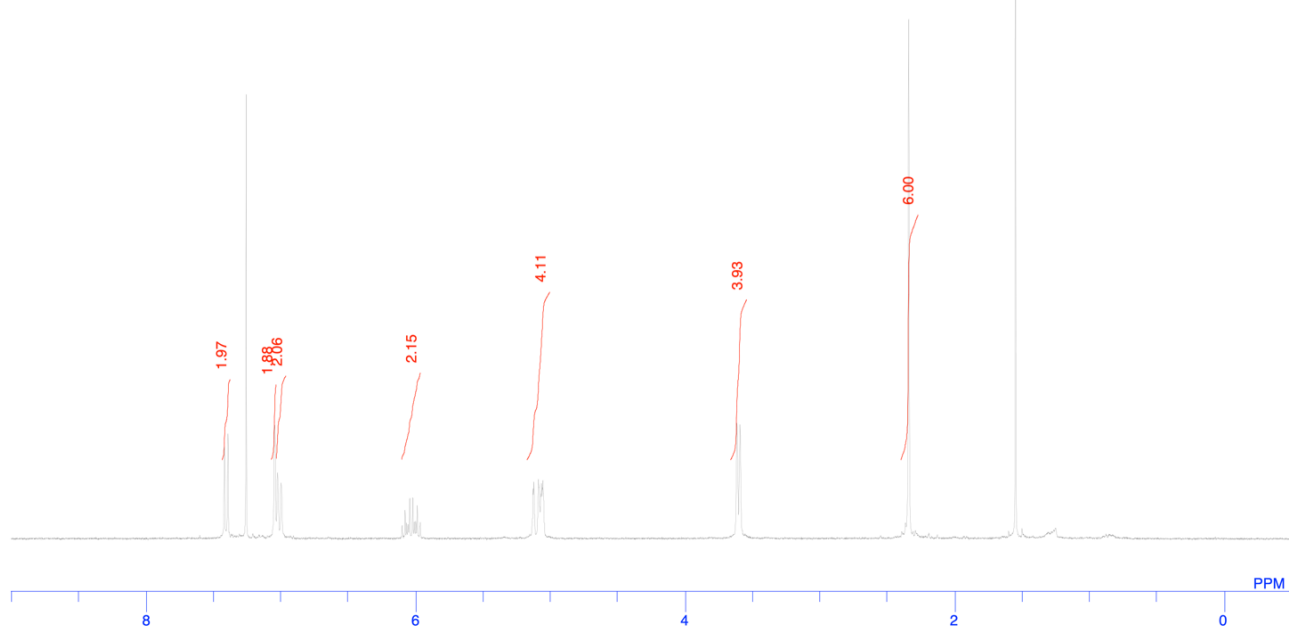
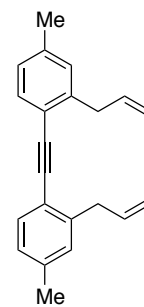
The general procedure (GP-3) was followed by using **1q** (65.0/65.4 mg, 0.199/0.200 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 10:1) yielded **6q** (51.9/49.4 mg, 0.174/0.166 mmol, 87%/83%) as a brown oil. ¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.44–6.48 (m, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.41–3.45 (m, 4H), 3.29 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

172.4, 144.5, 143.0, 139.0, 135.1, 131.6, 126.1, 124.8, 123.9, 123.1, 120.9, 58.0, 52.9, 42.7, 41.7, 37.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NaO₄ [M + Na]⁺ 321.1097, found 321.1101; IR (ν/cm⁻¹): 1735, 1260.

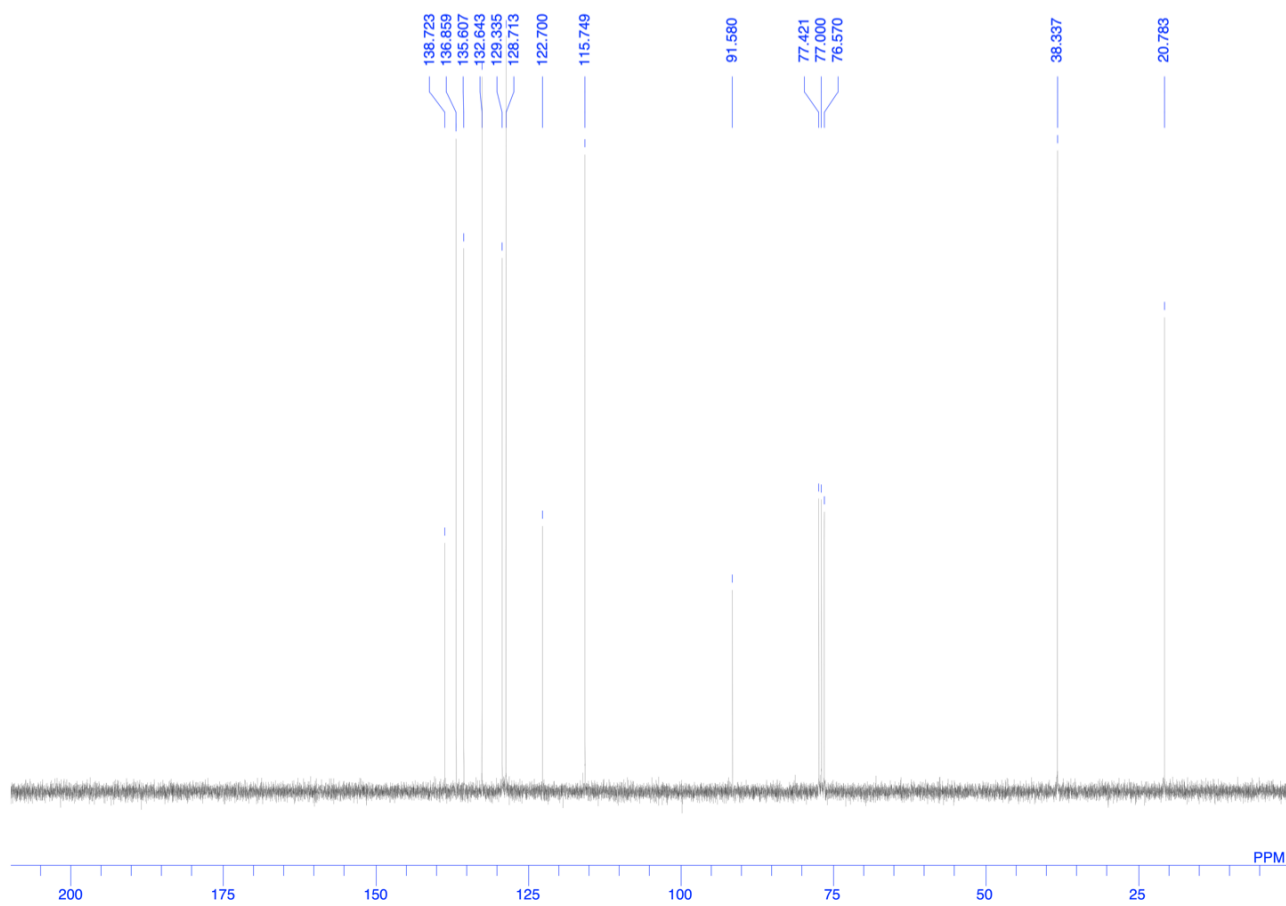
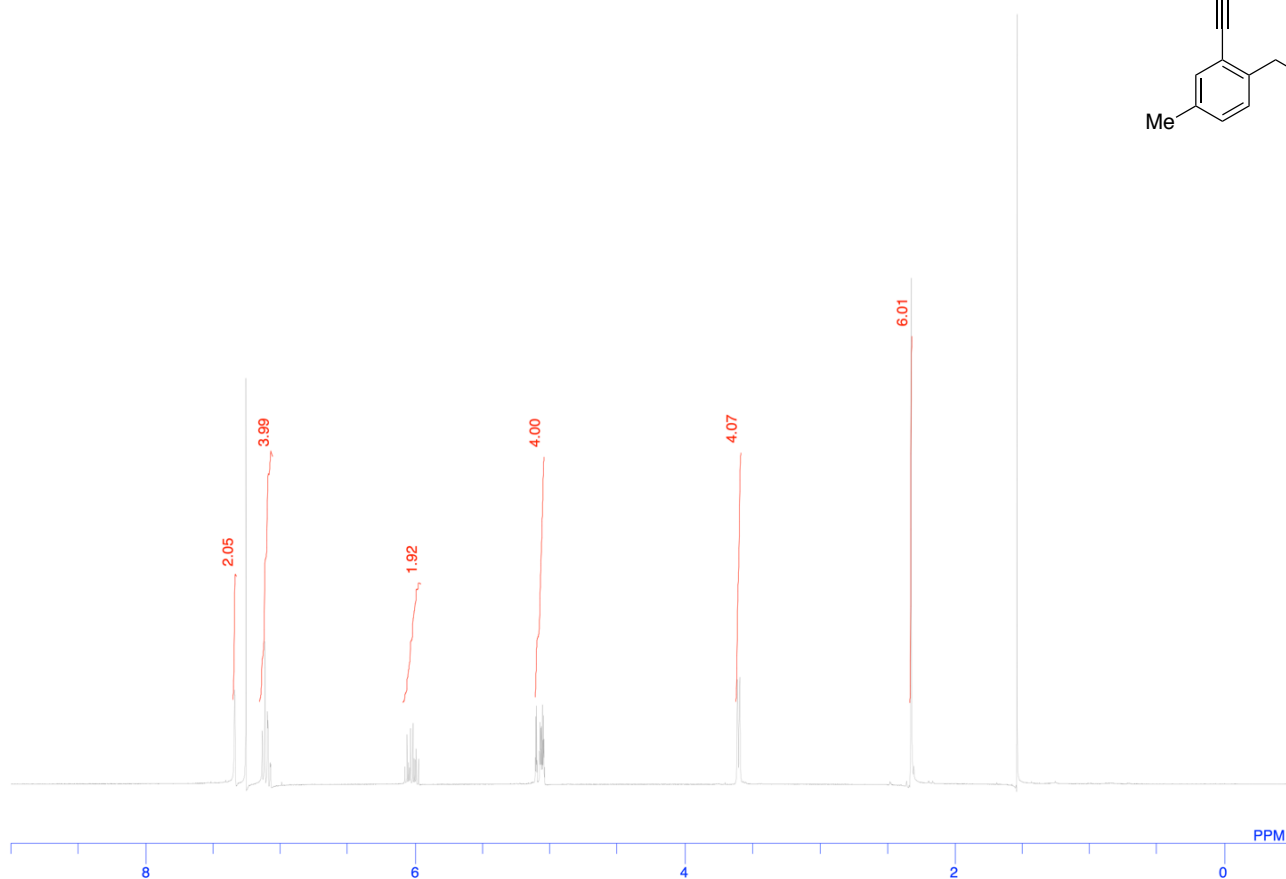
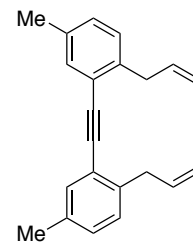
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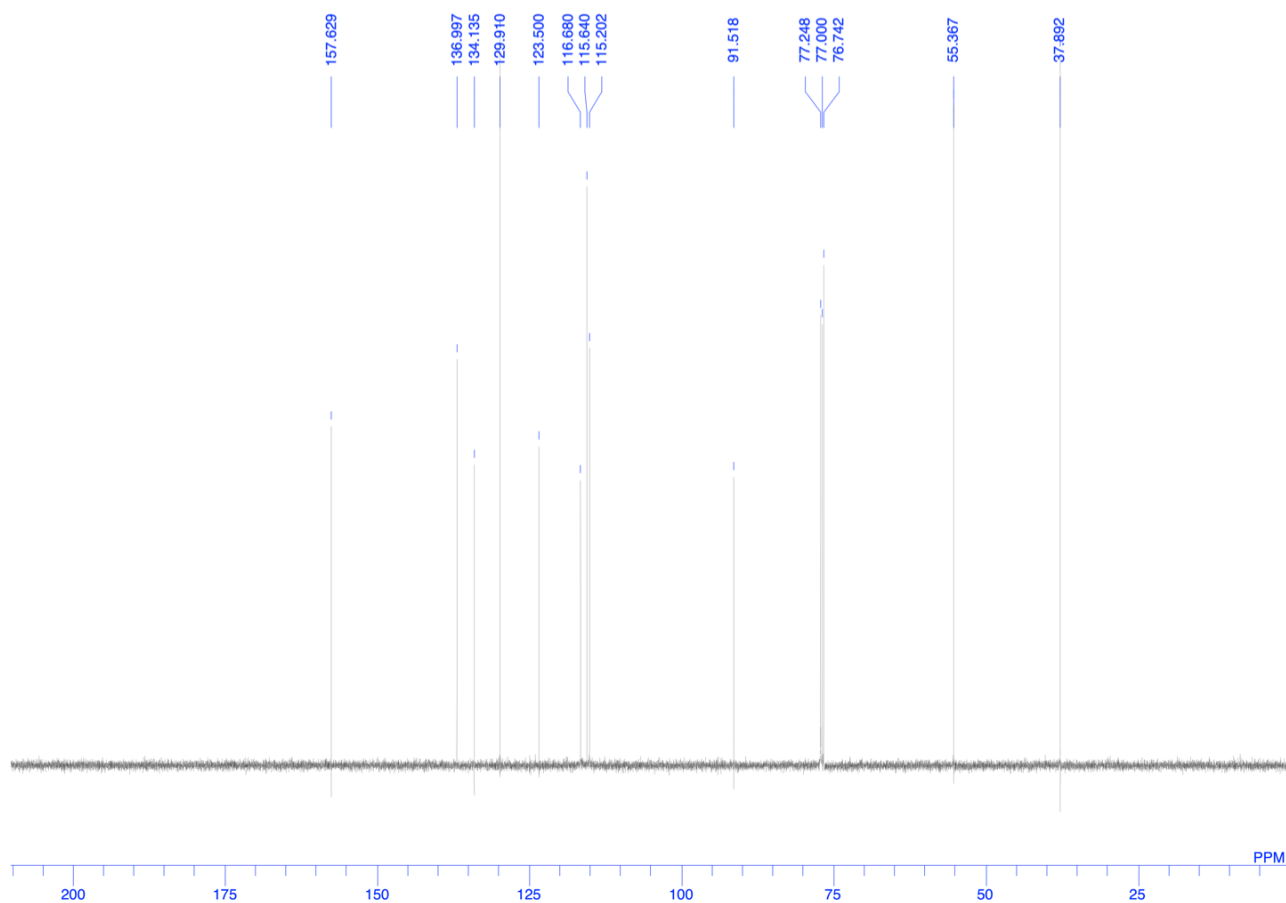
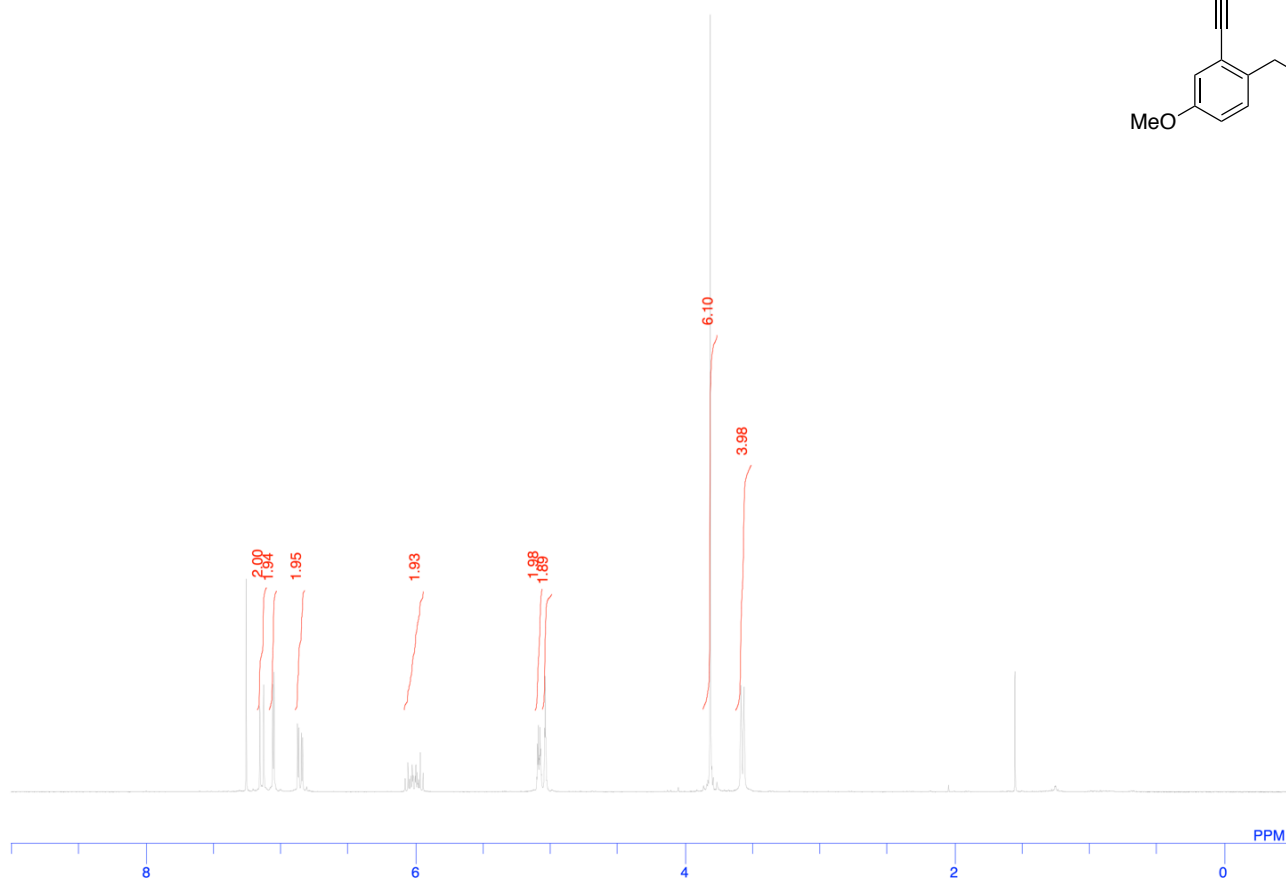
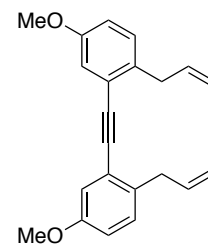
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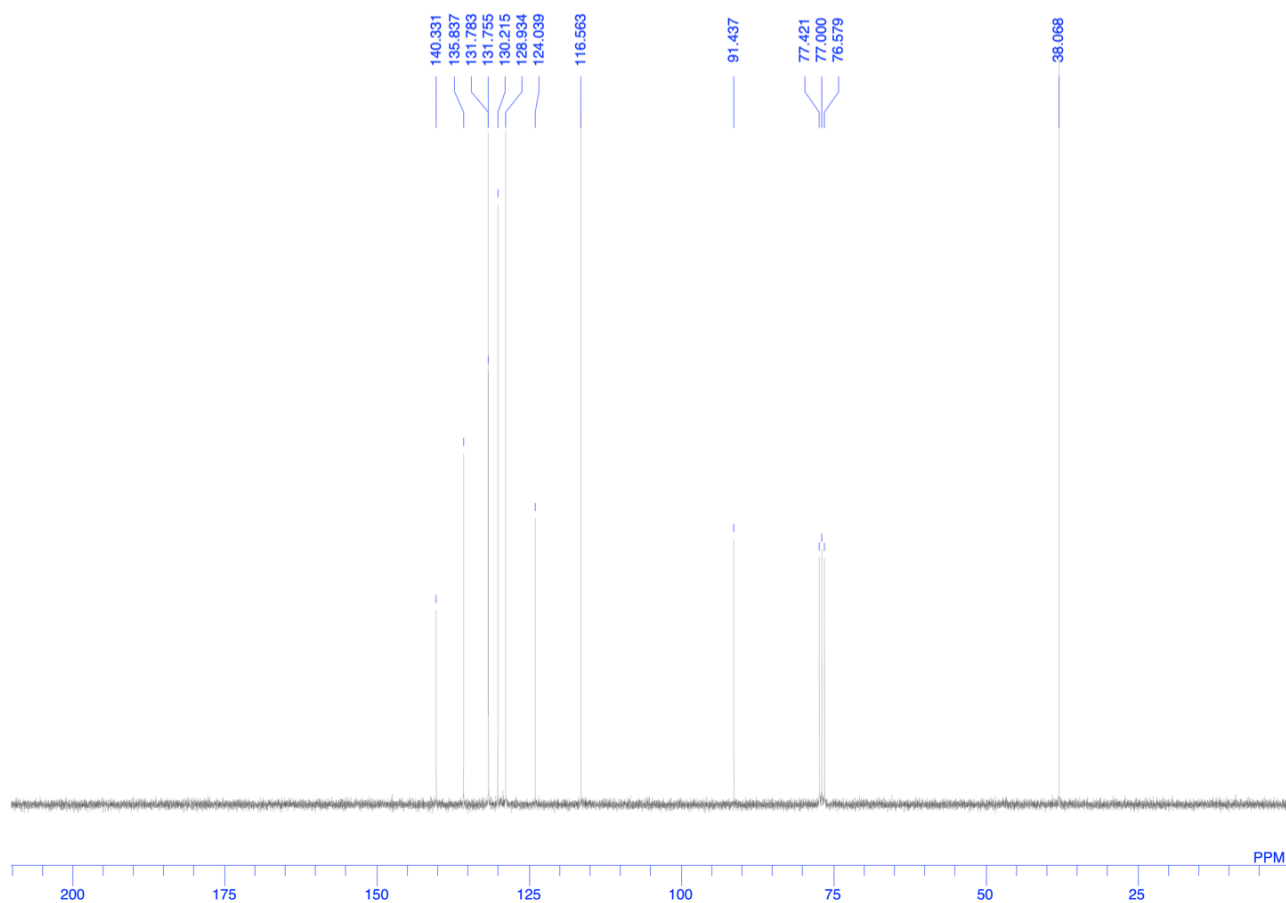
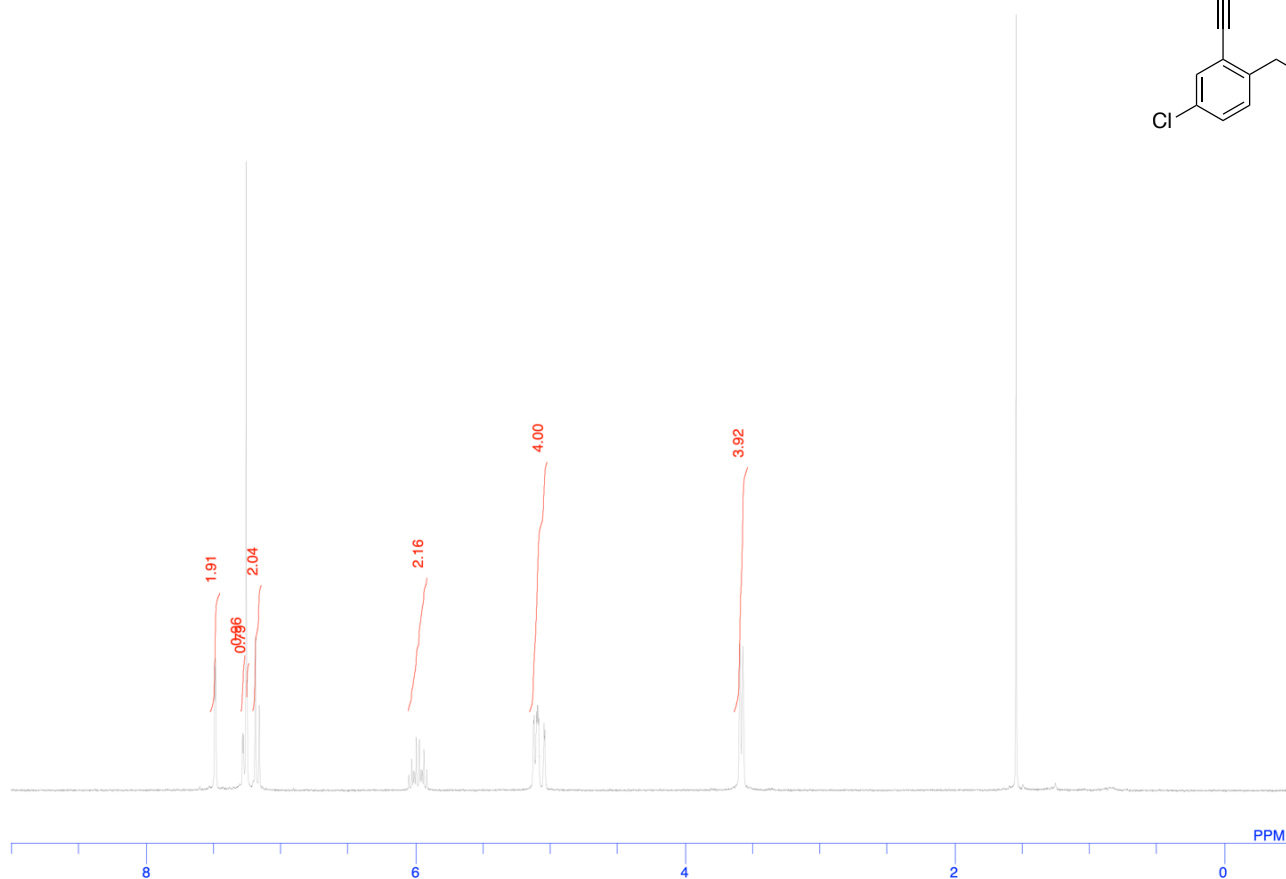
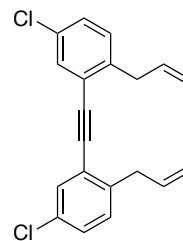
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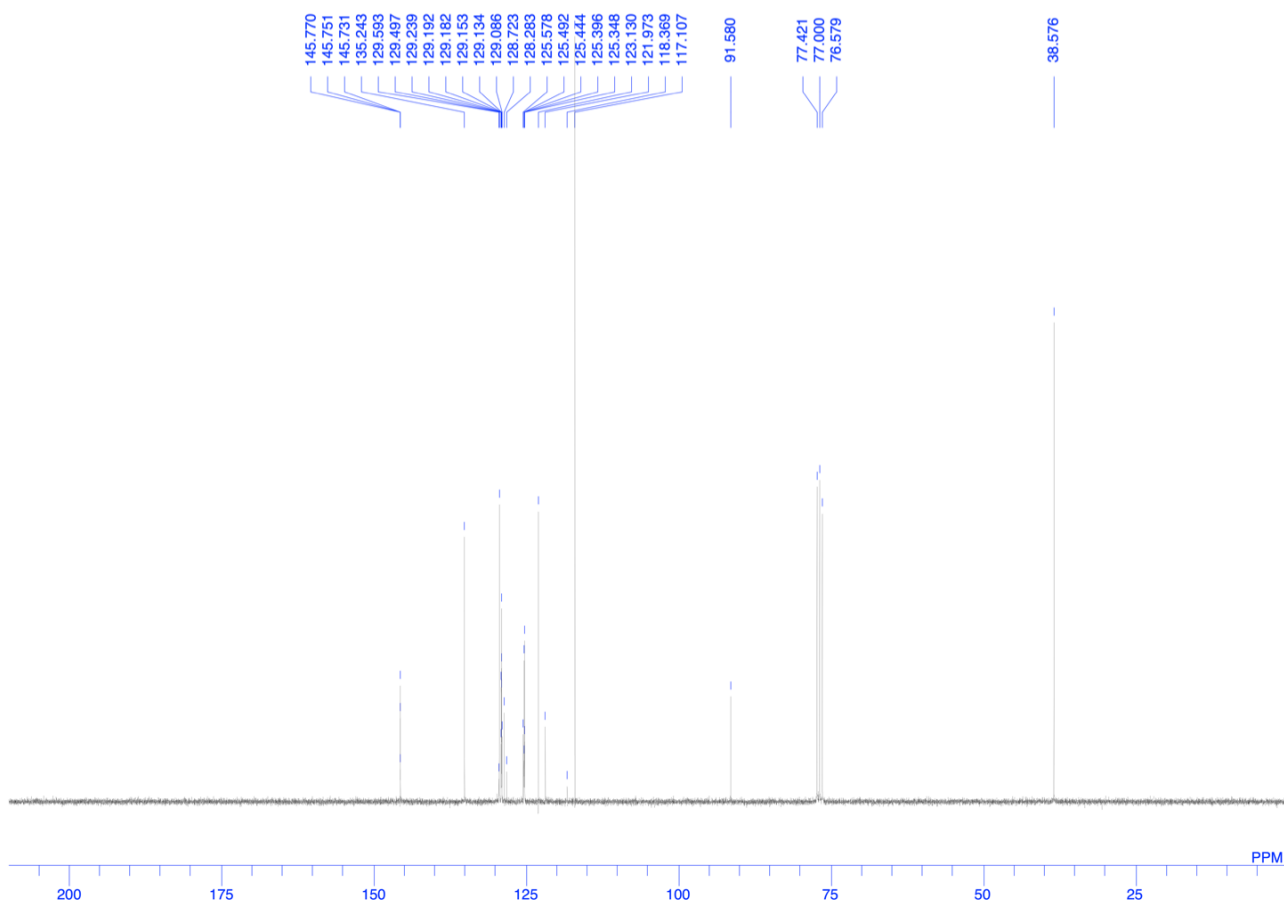
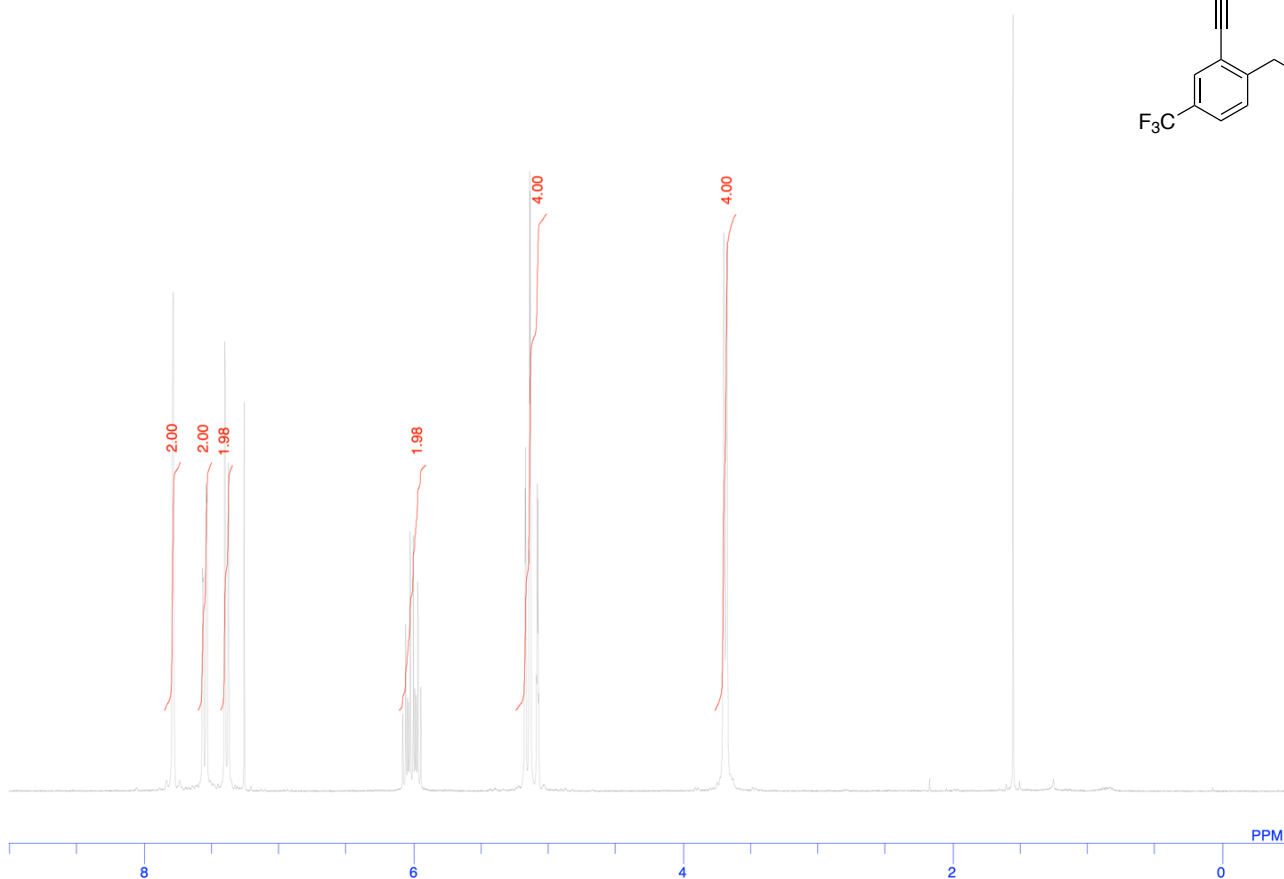
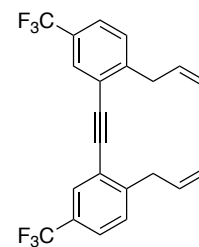
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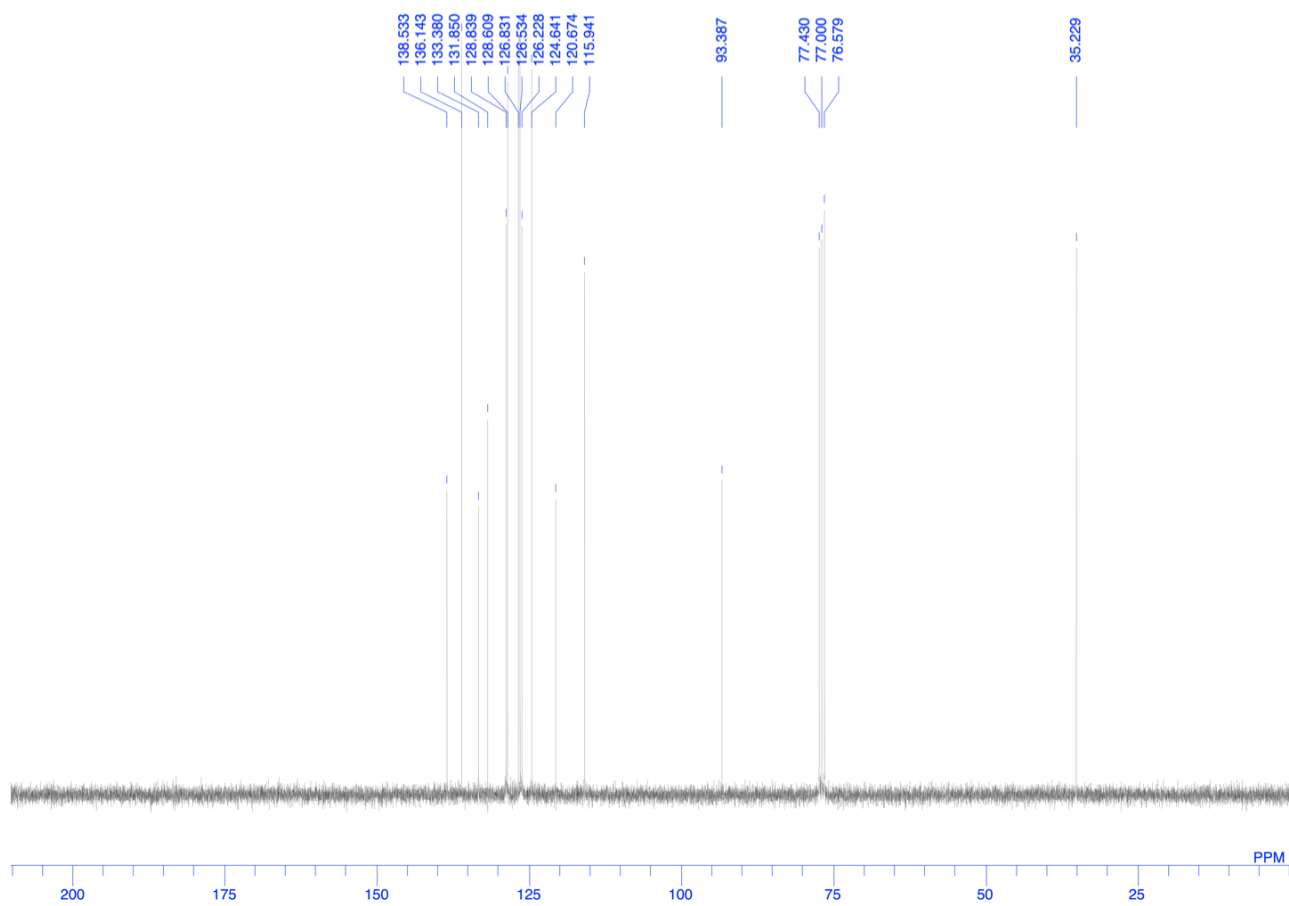
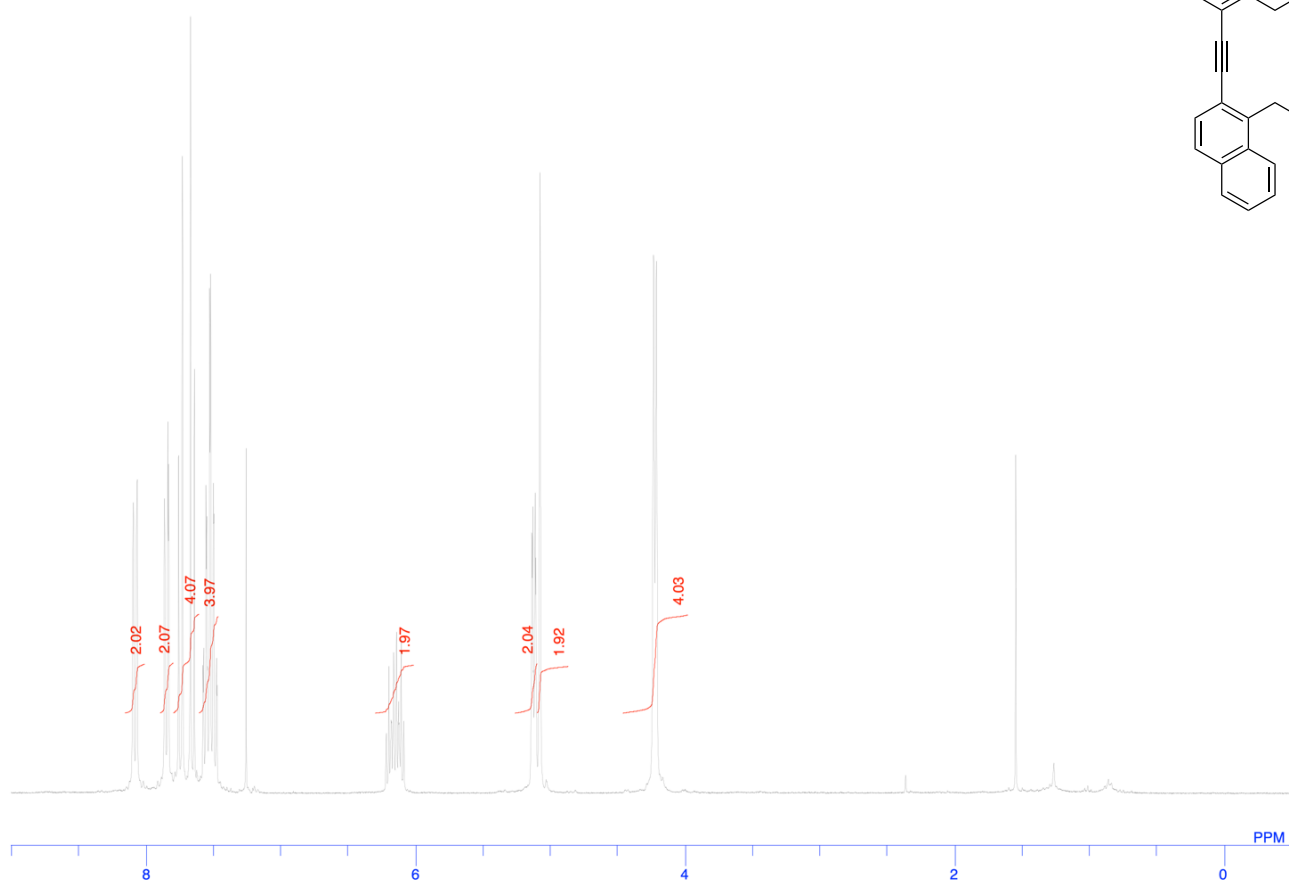
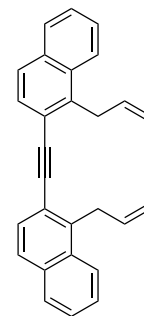
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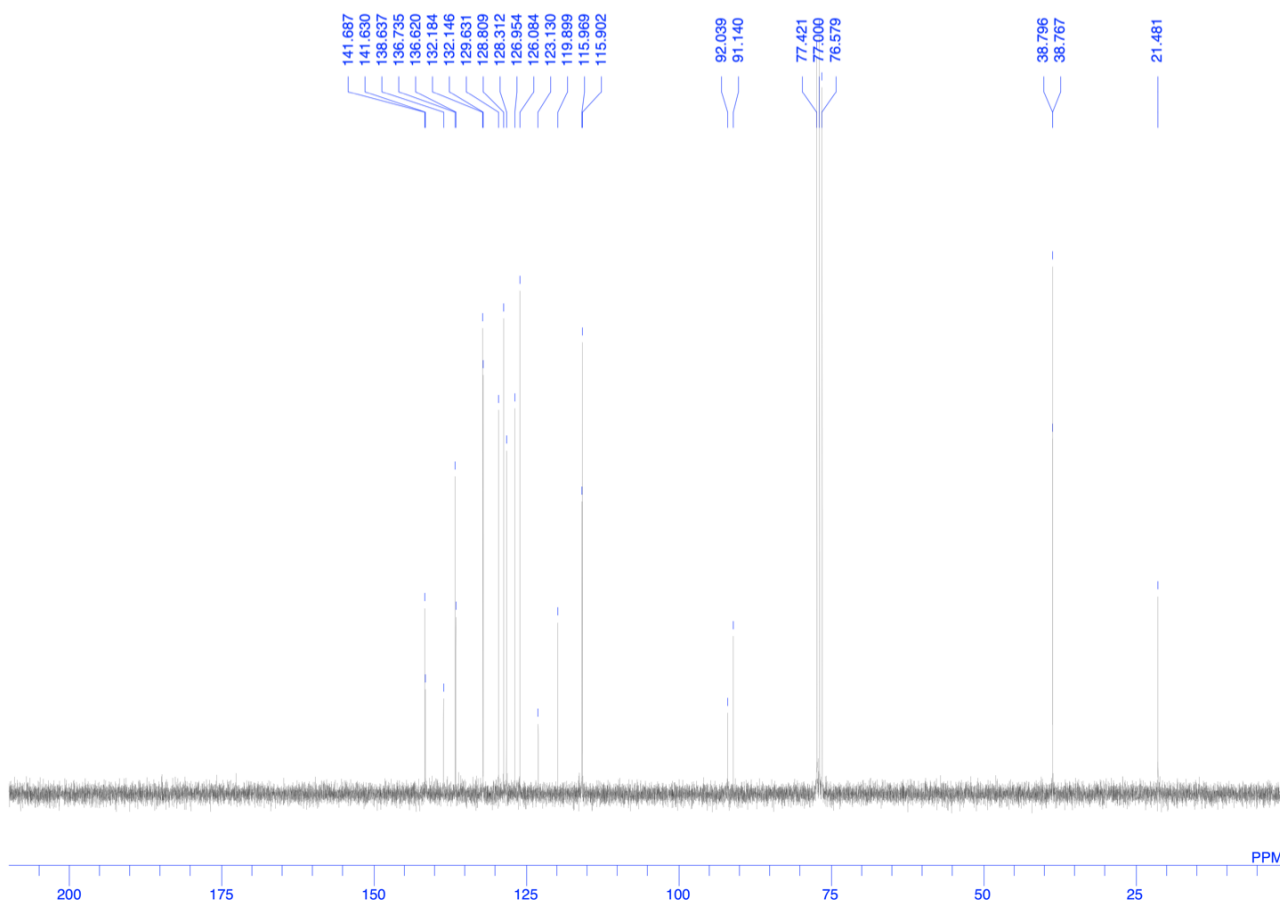
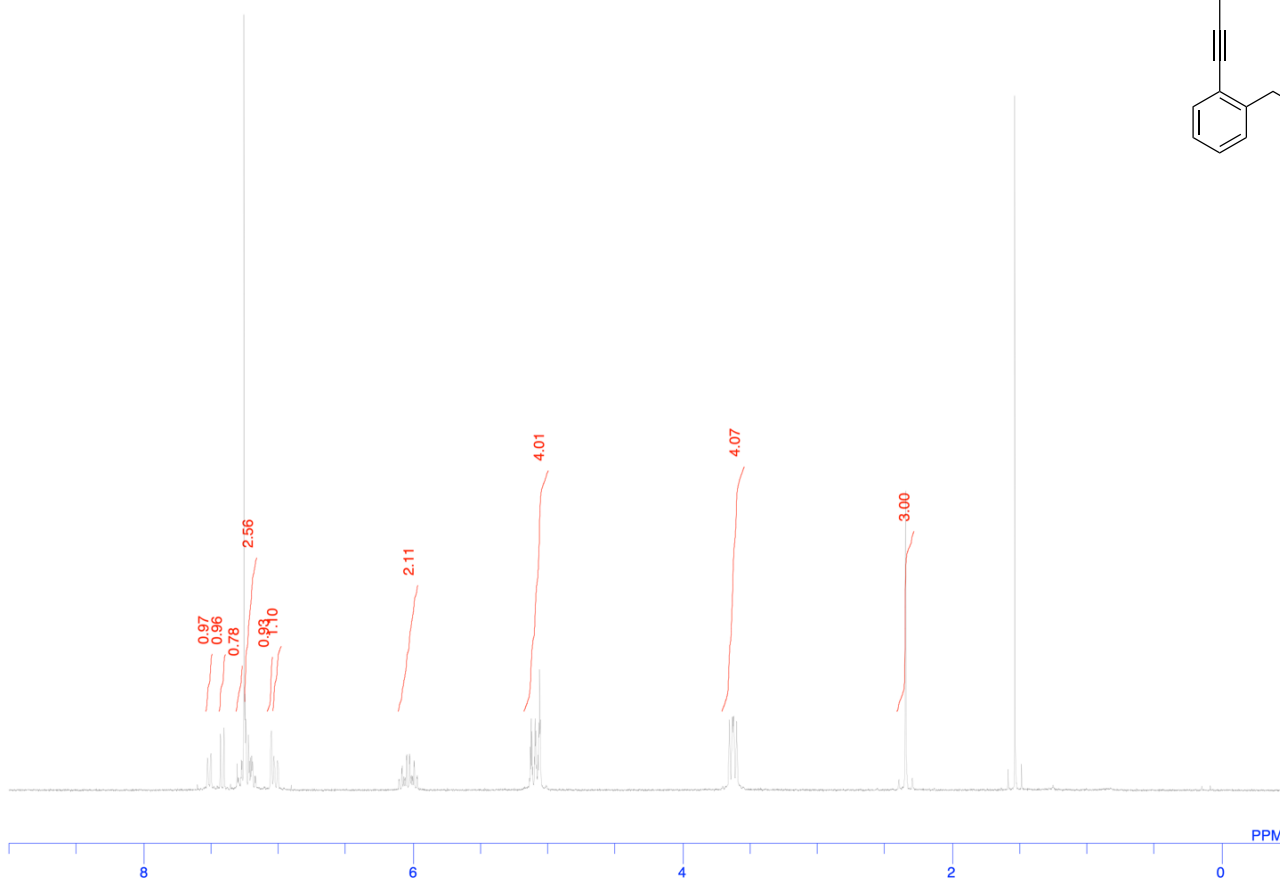
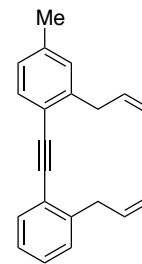
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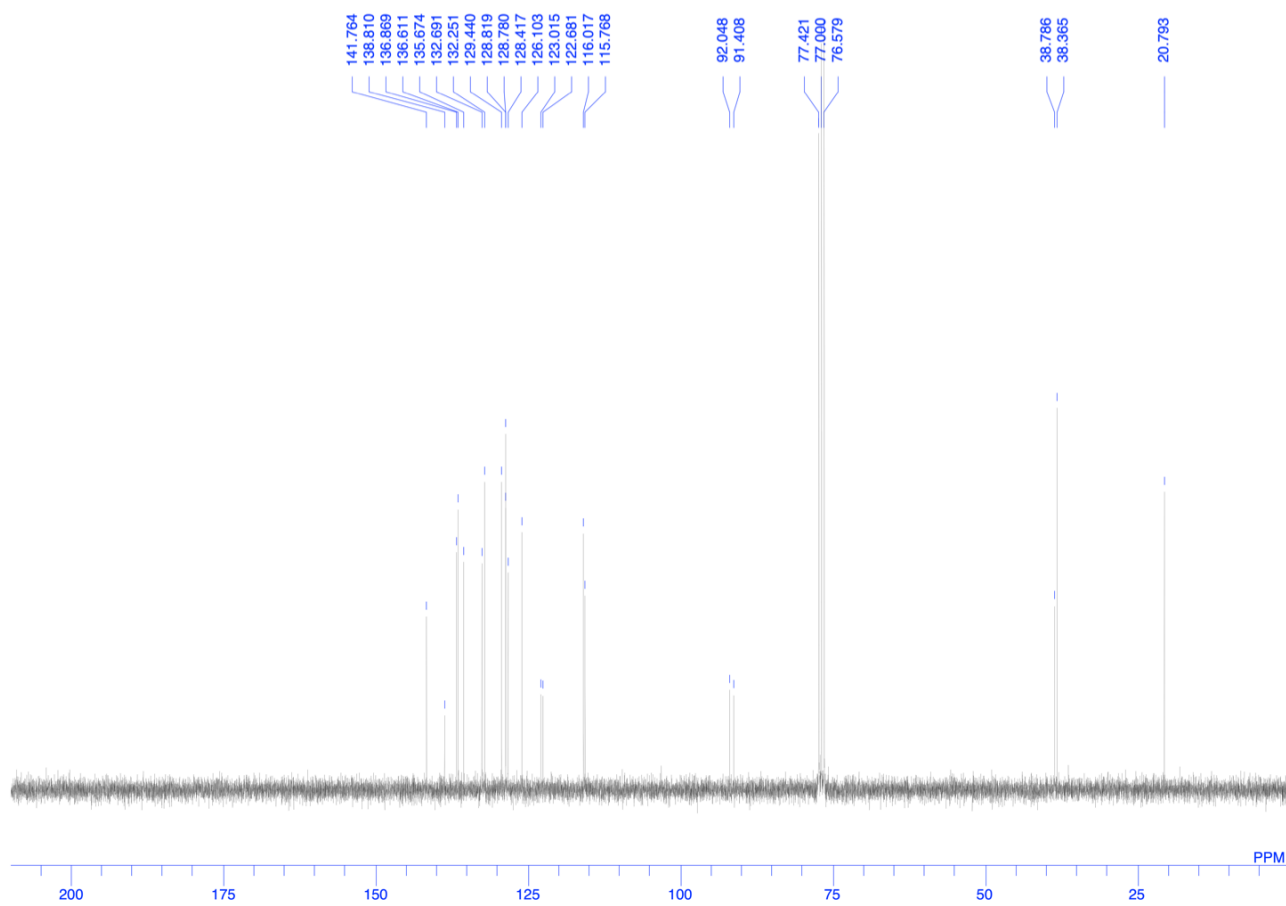
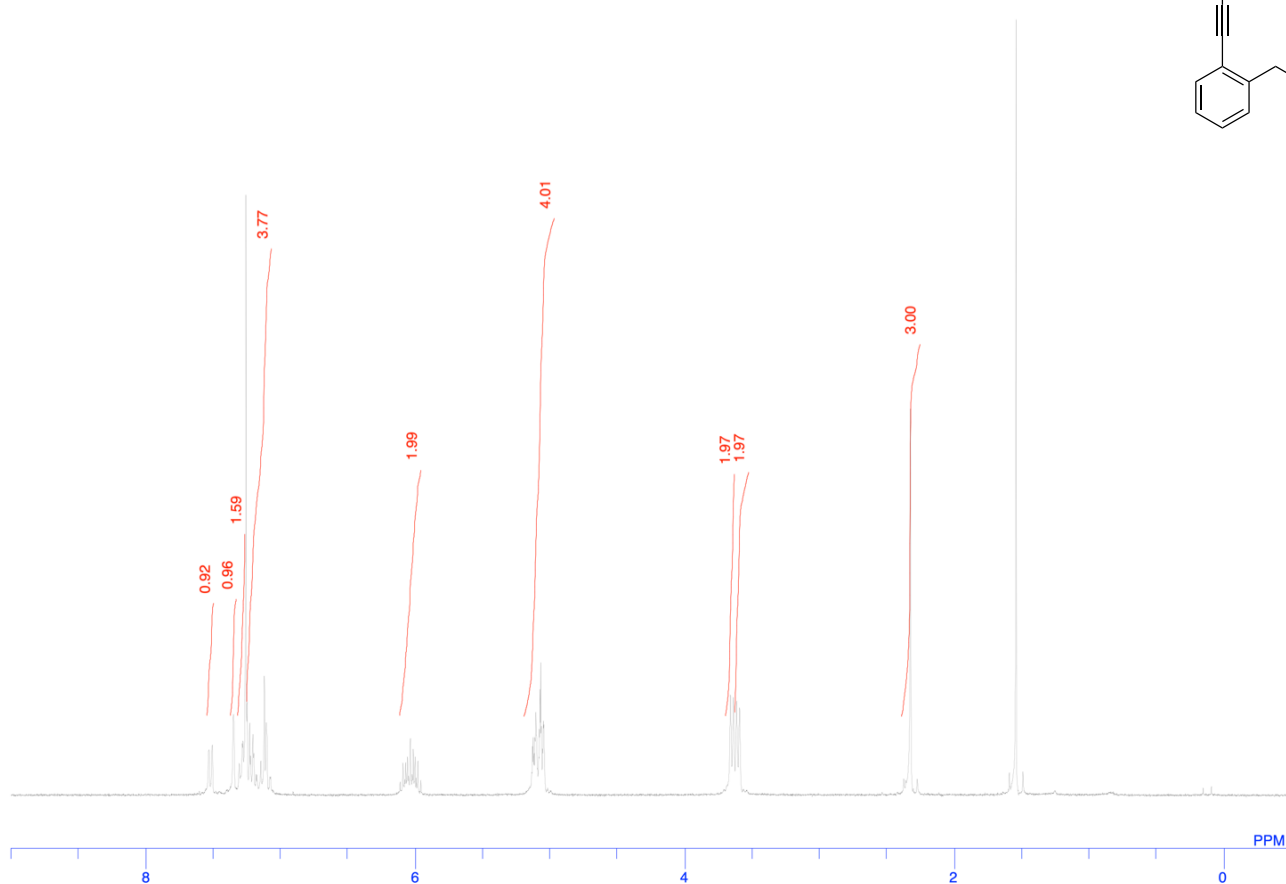
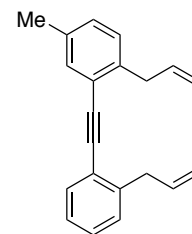
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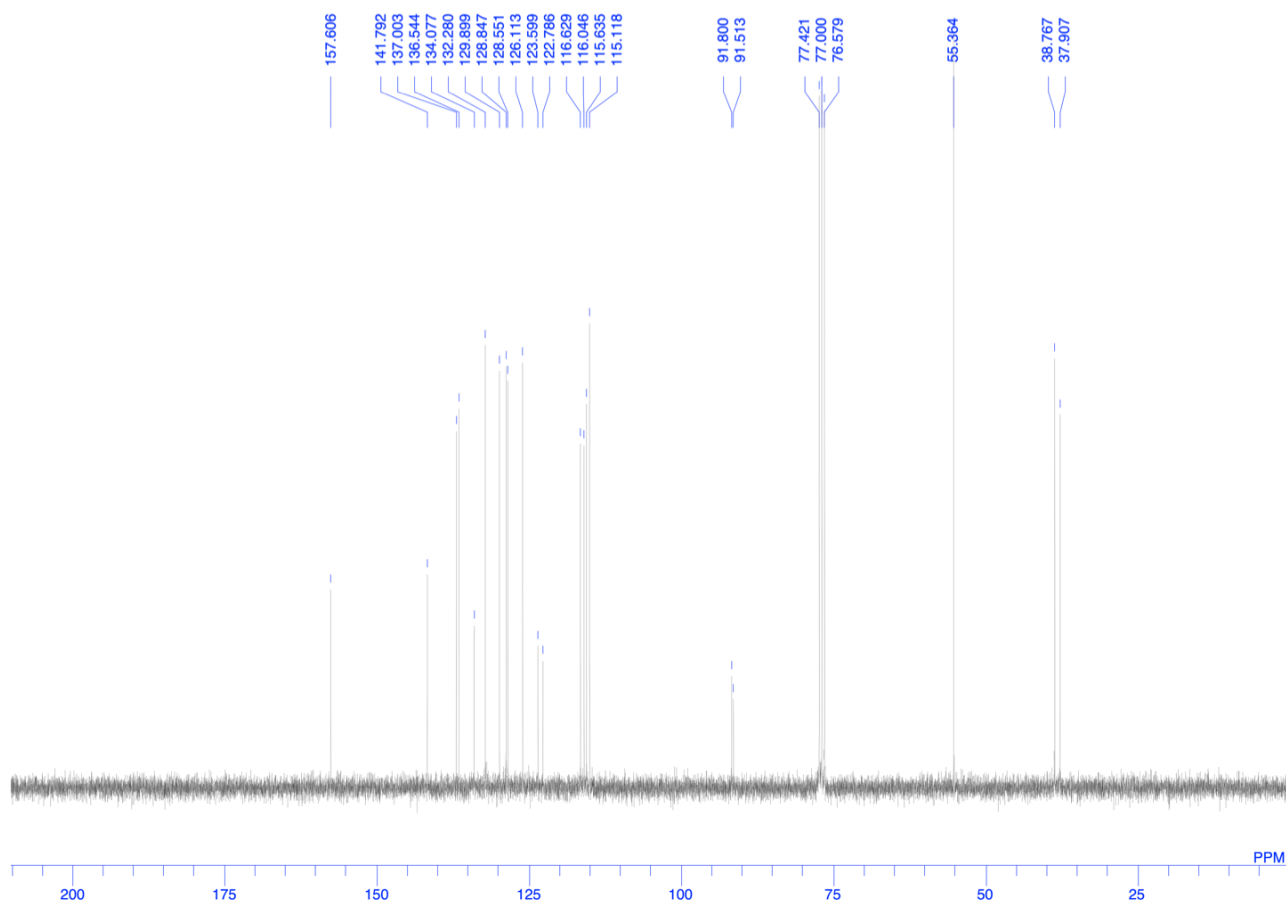
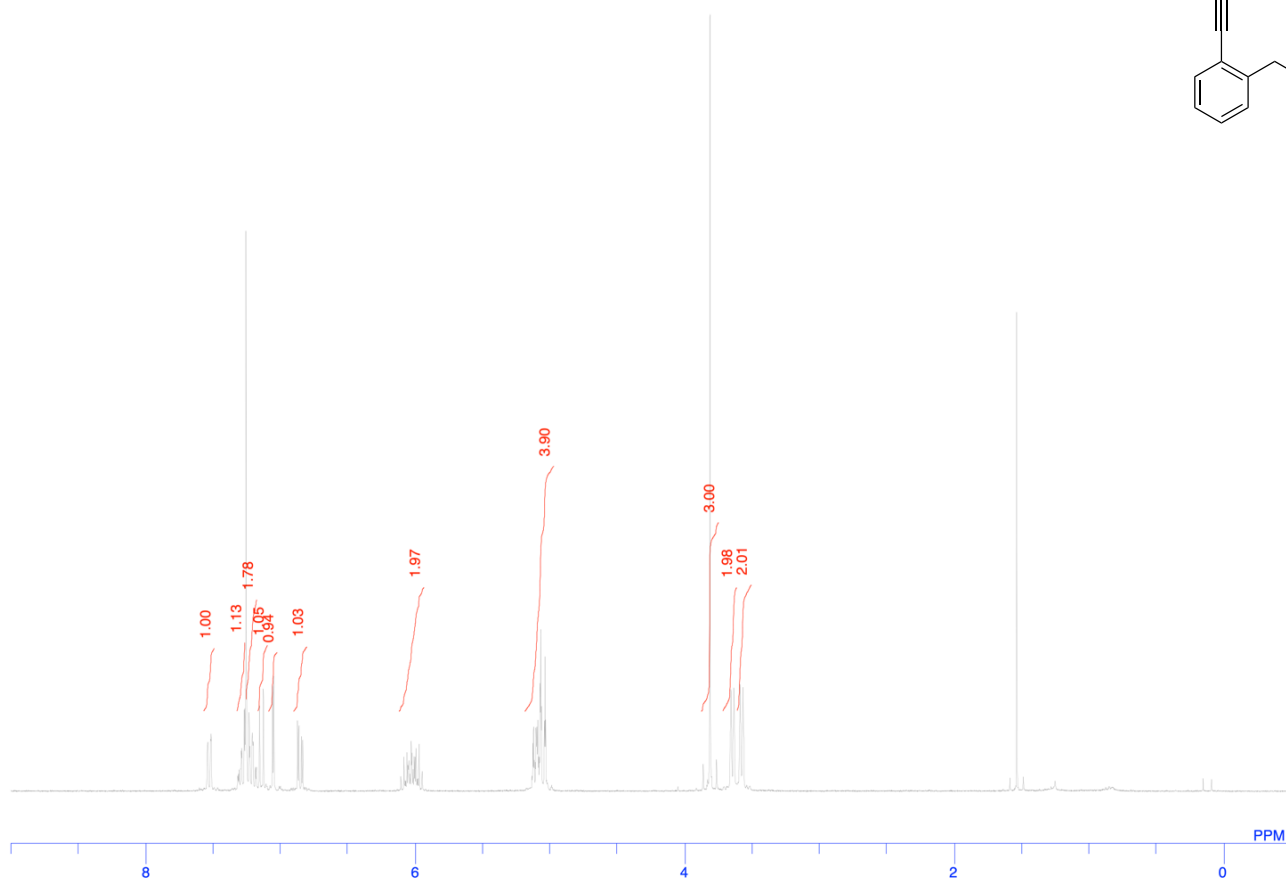
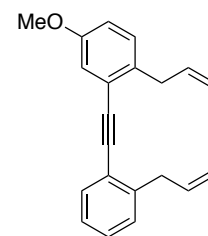
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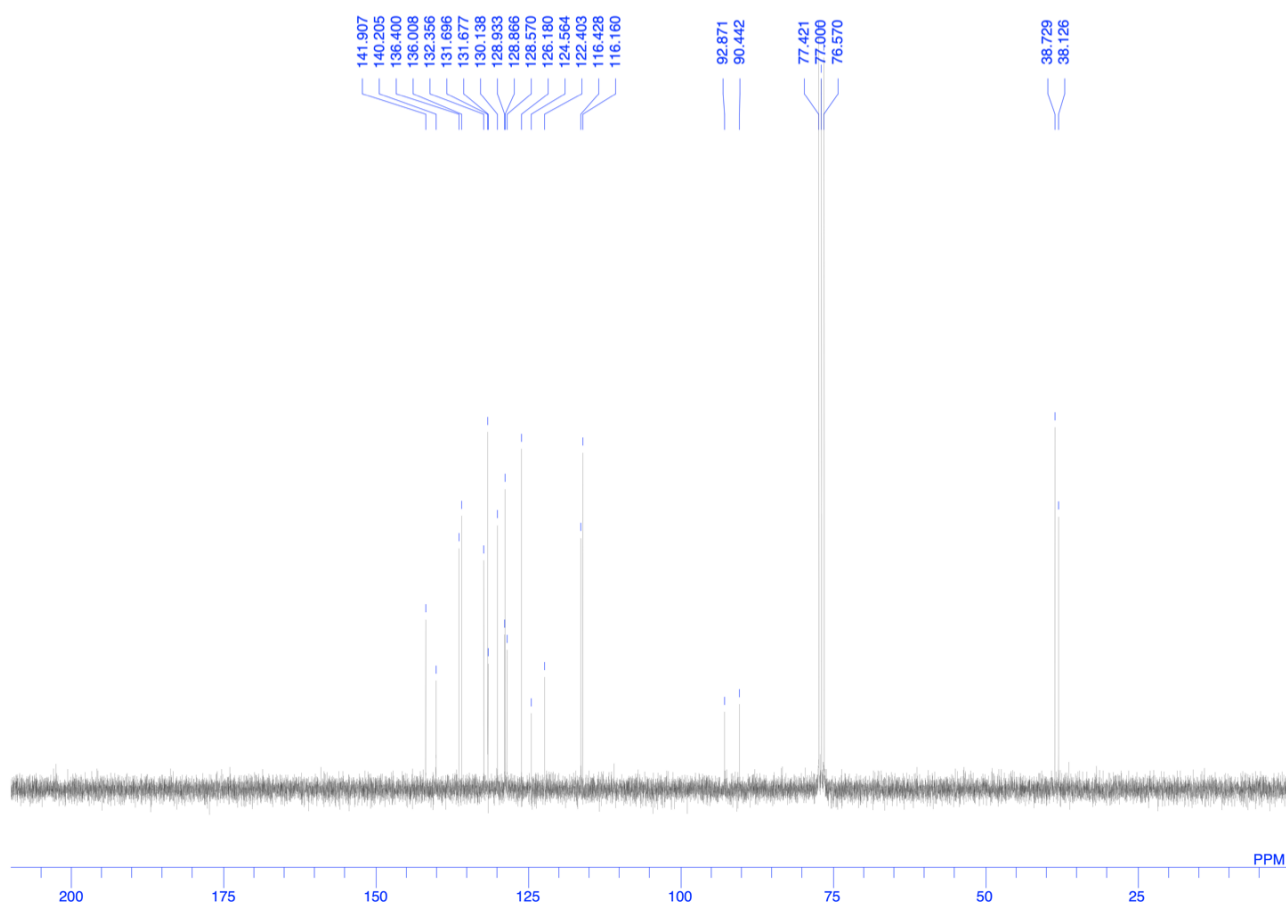
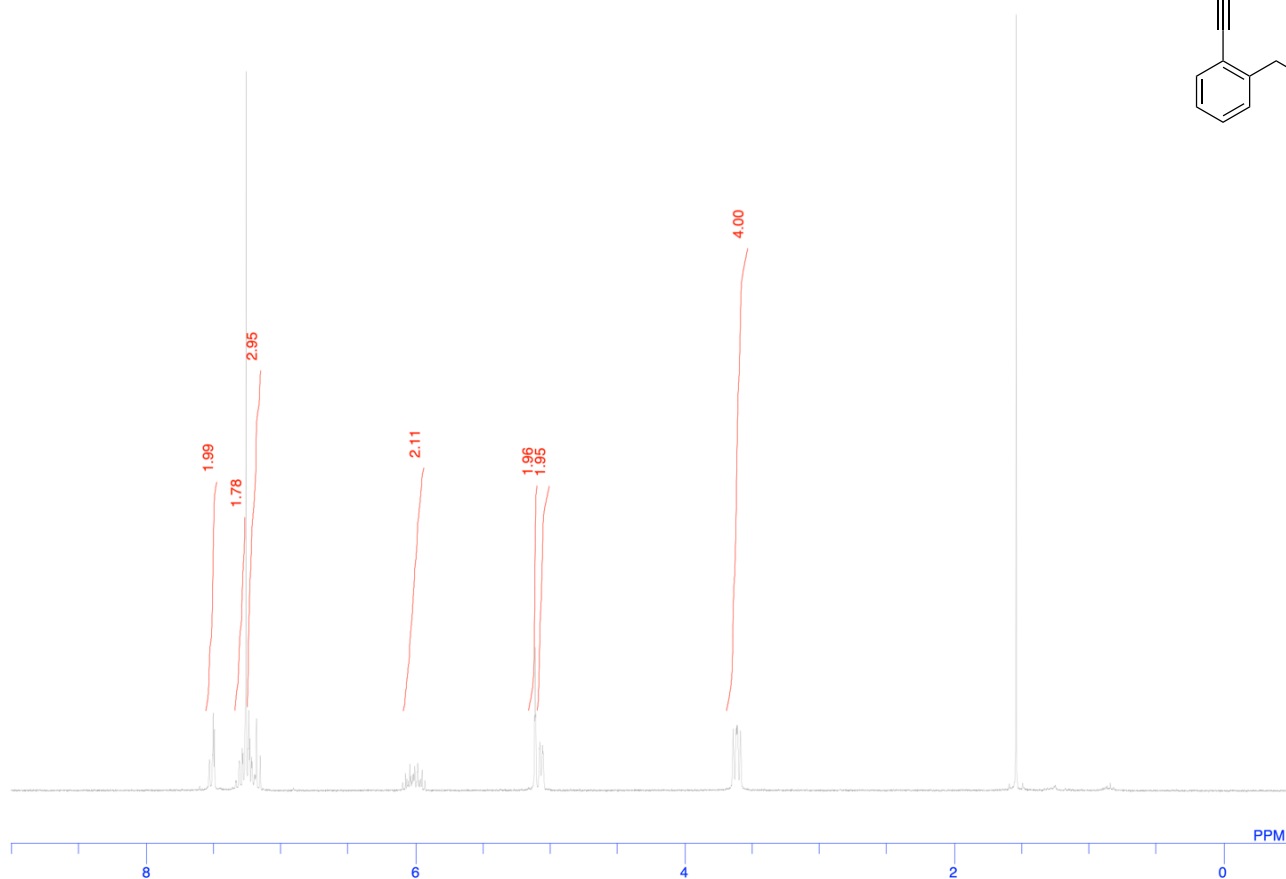
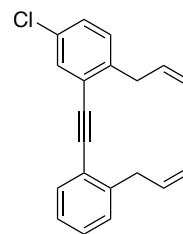
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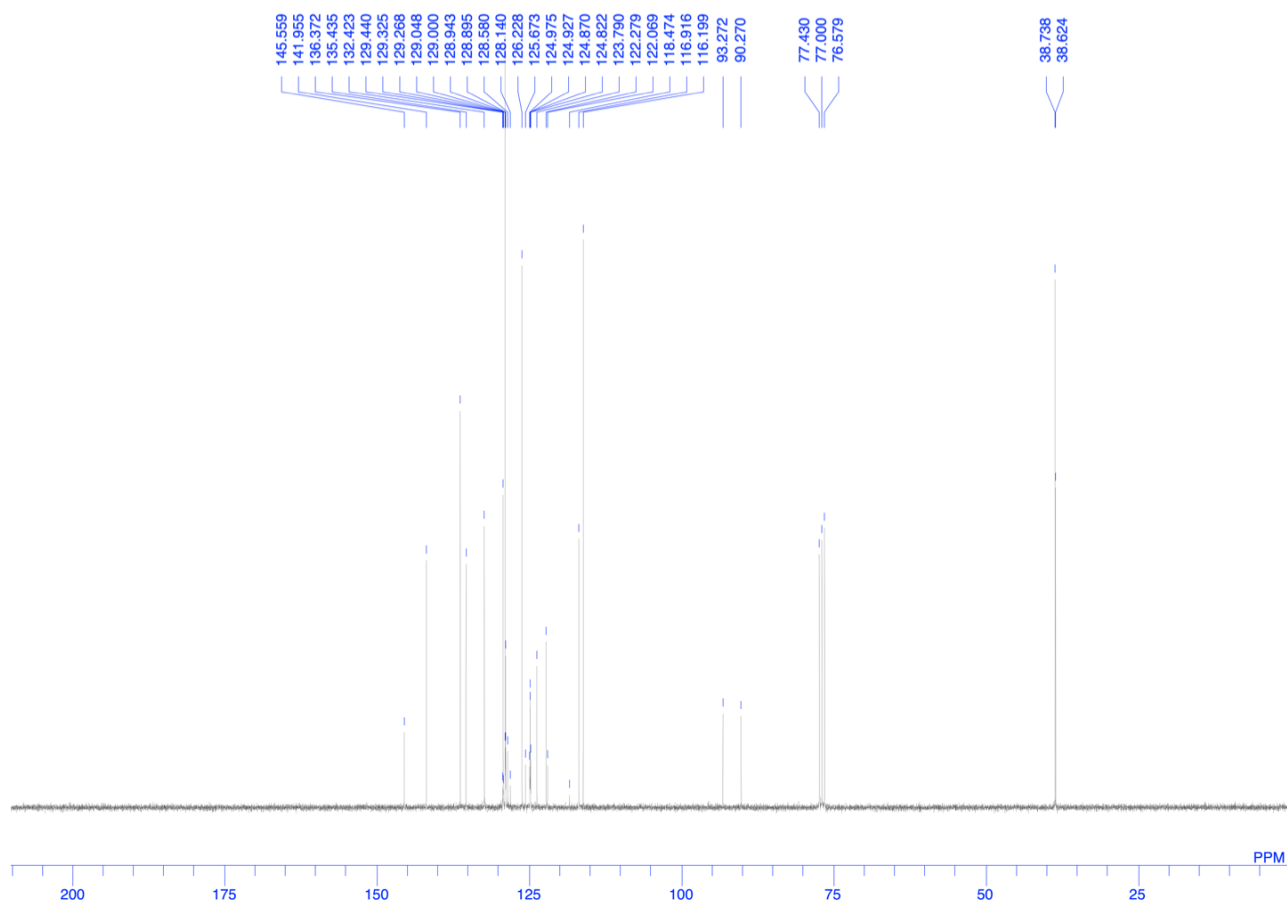
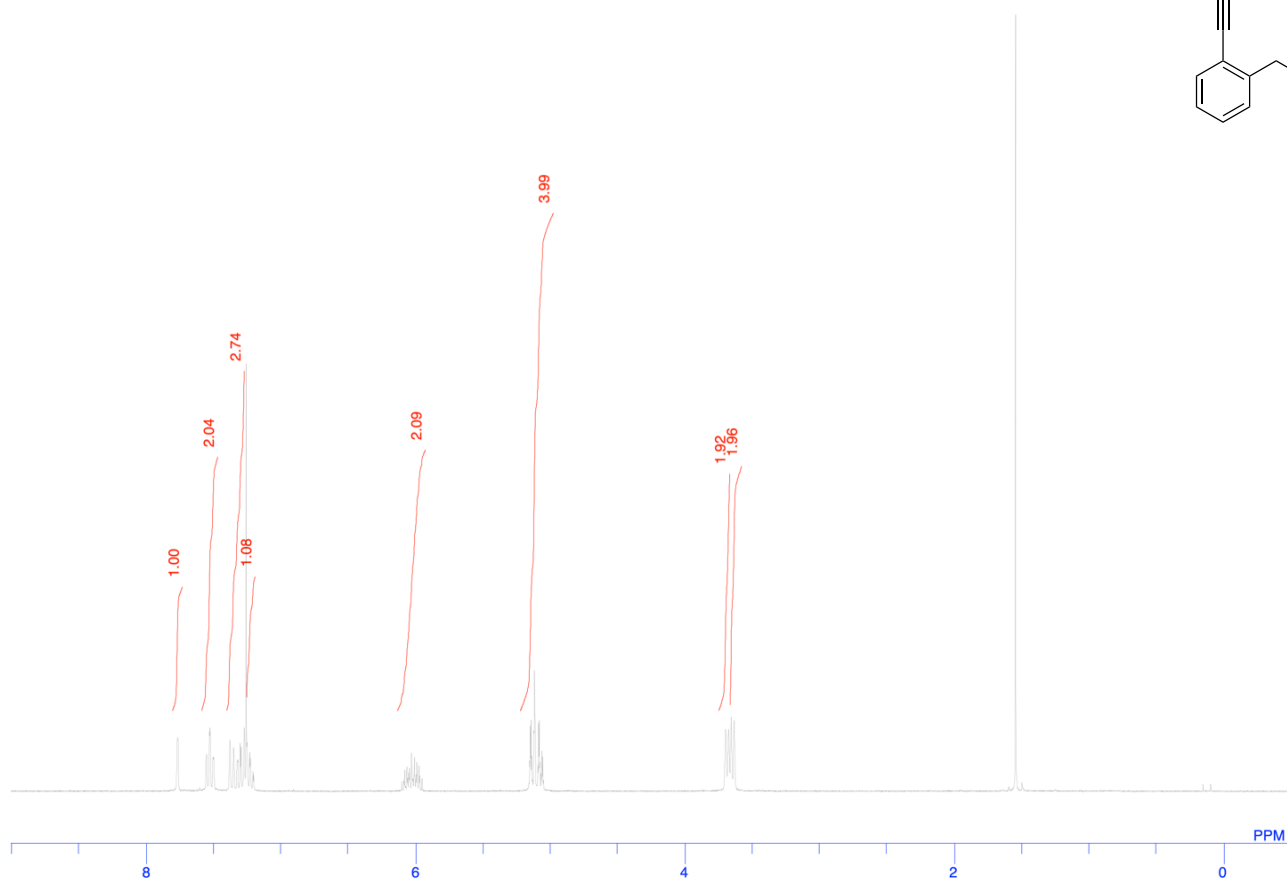
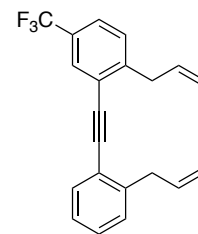


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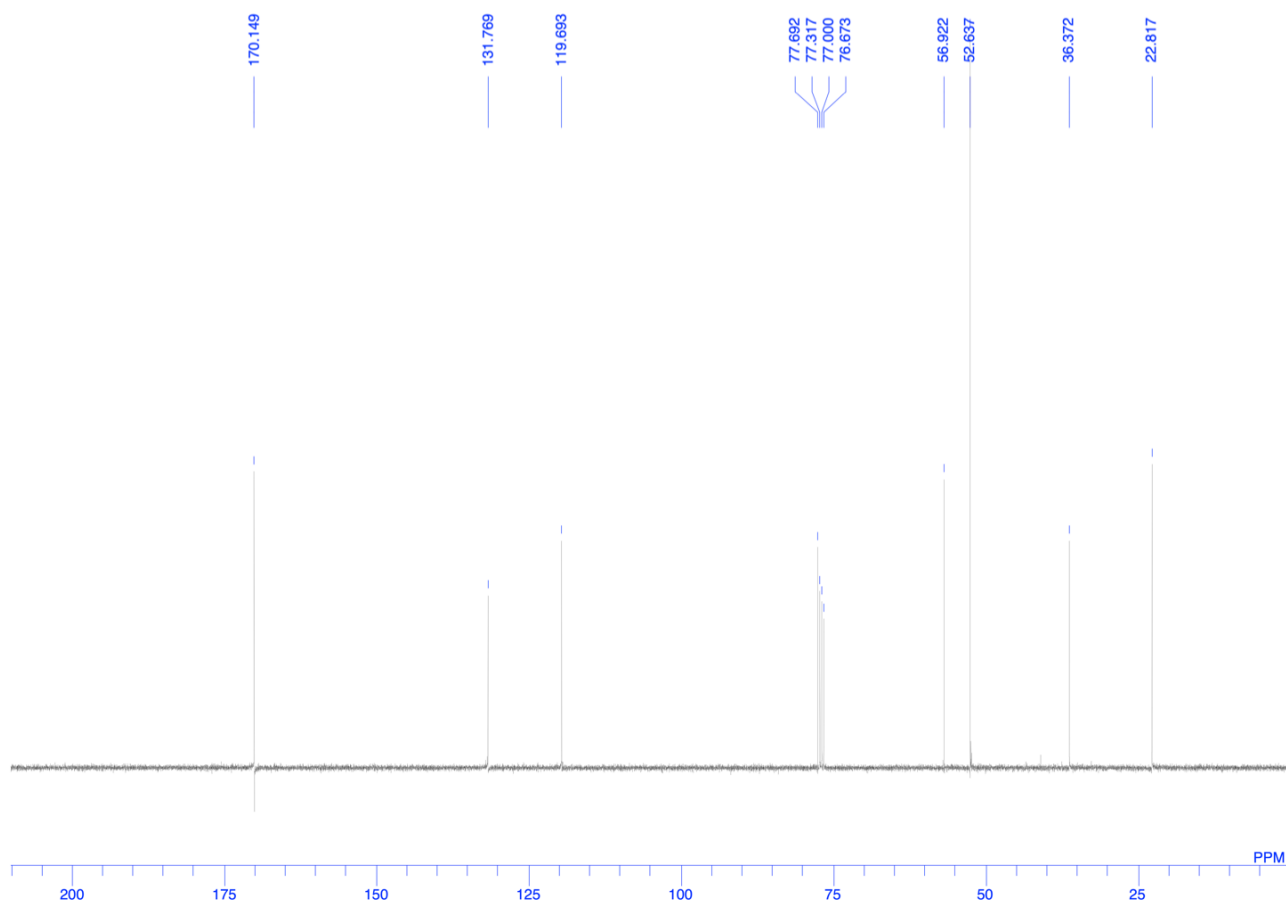
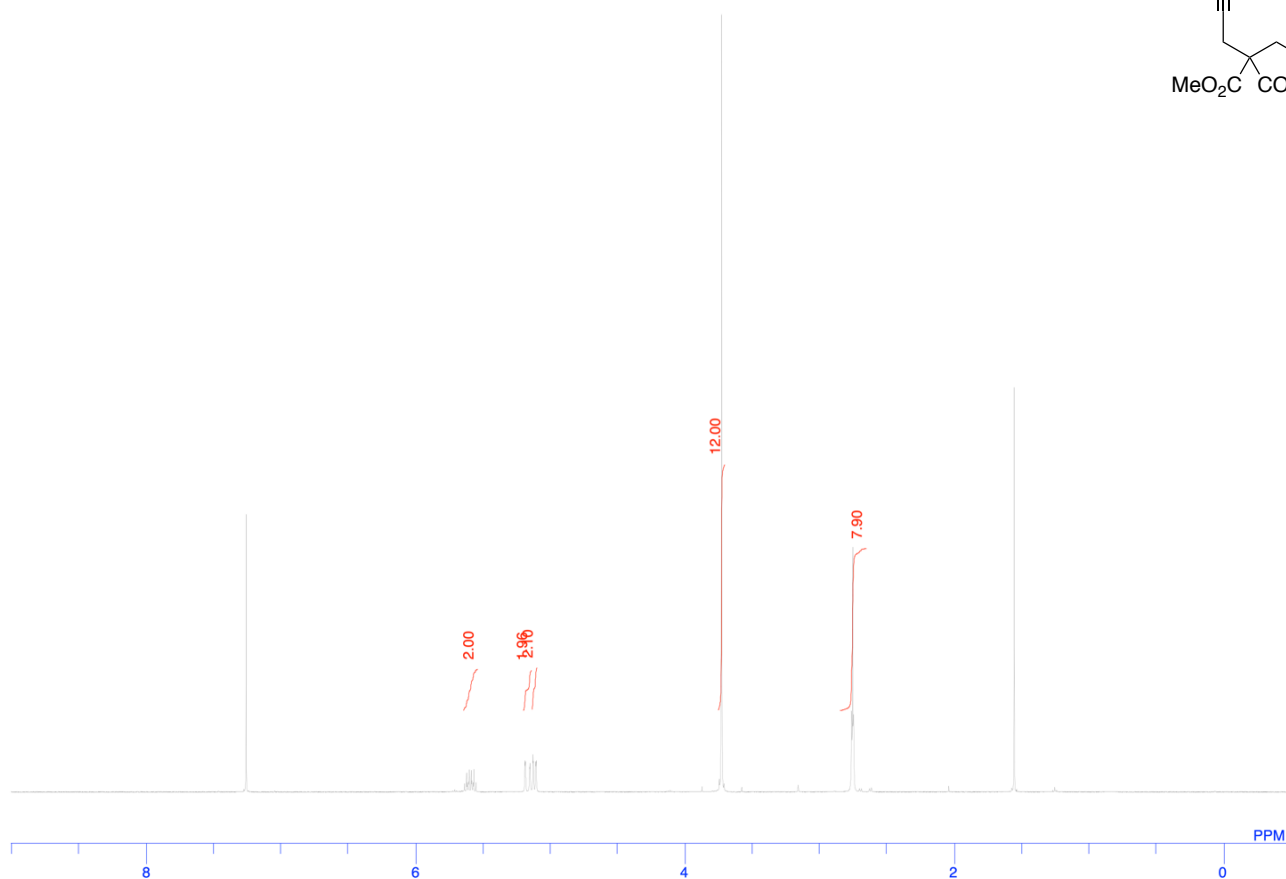
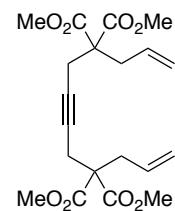


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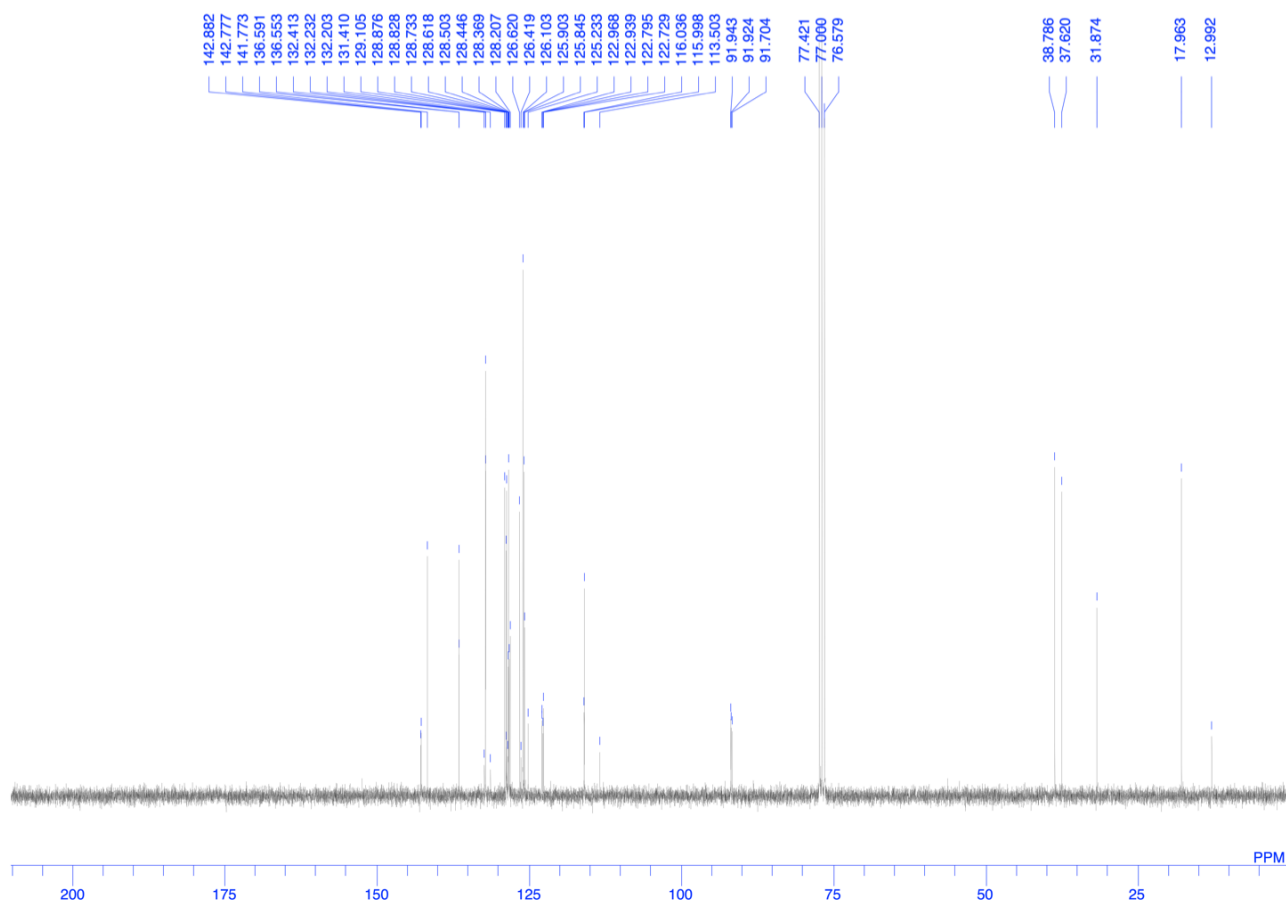
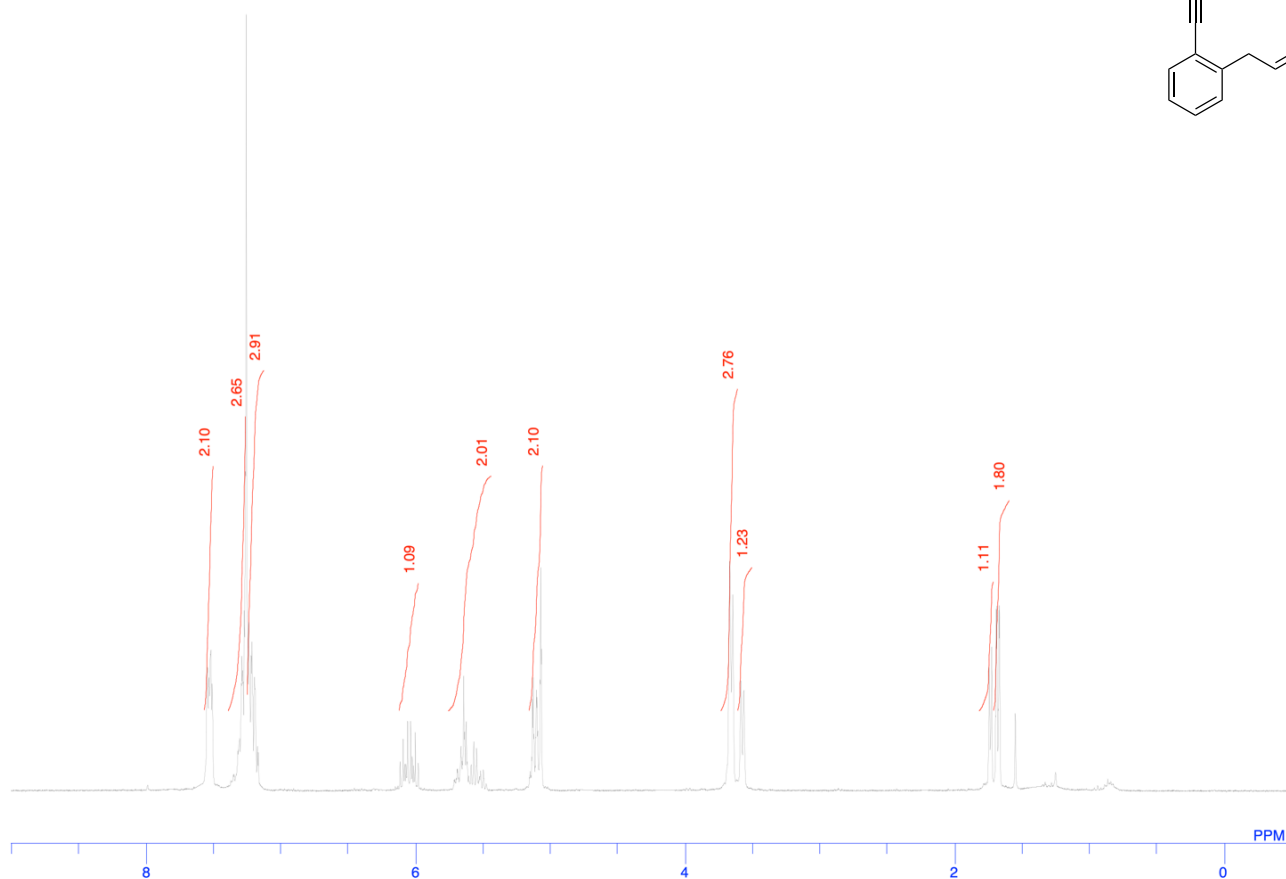
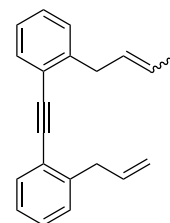




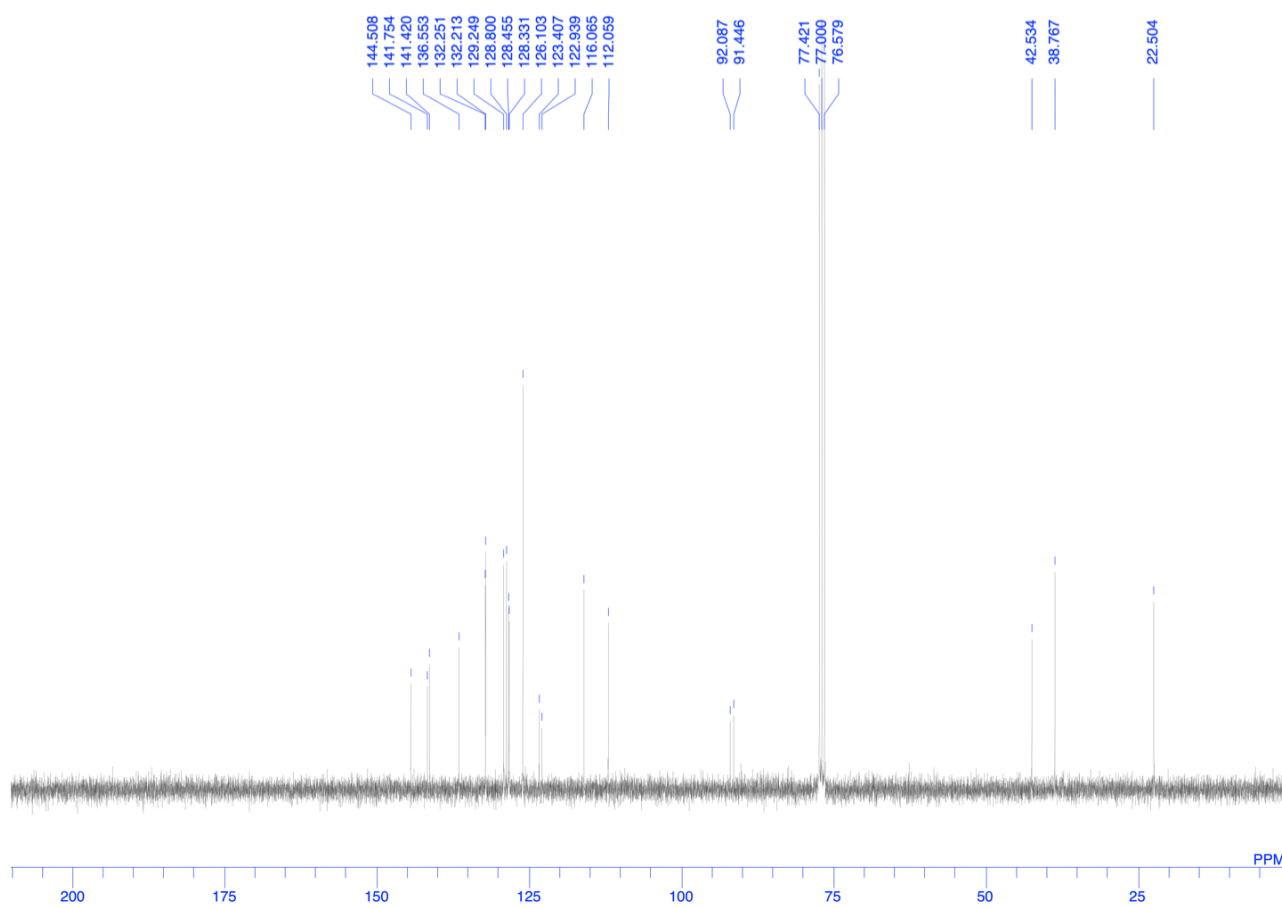
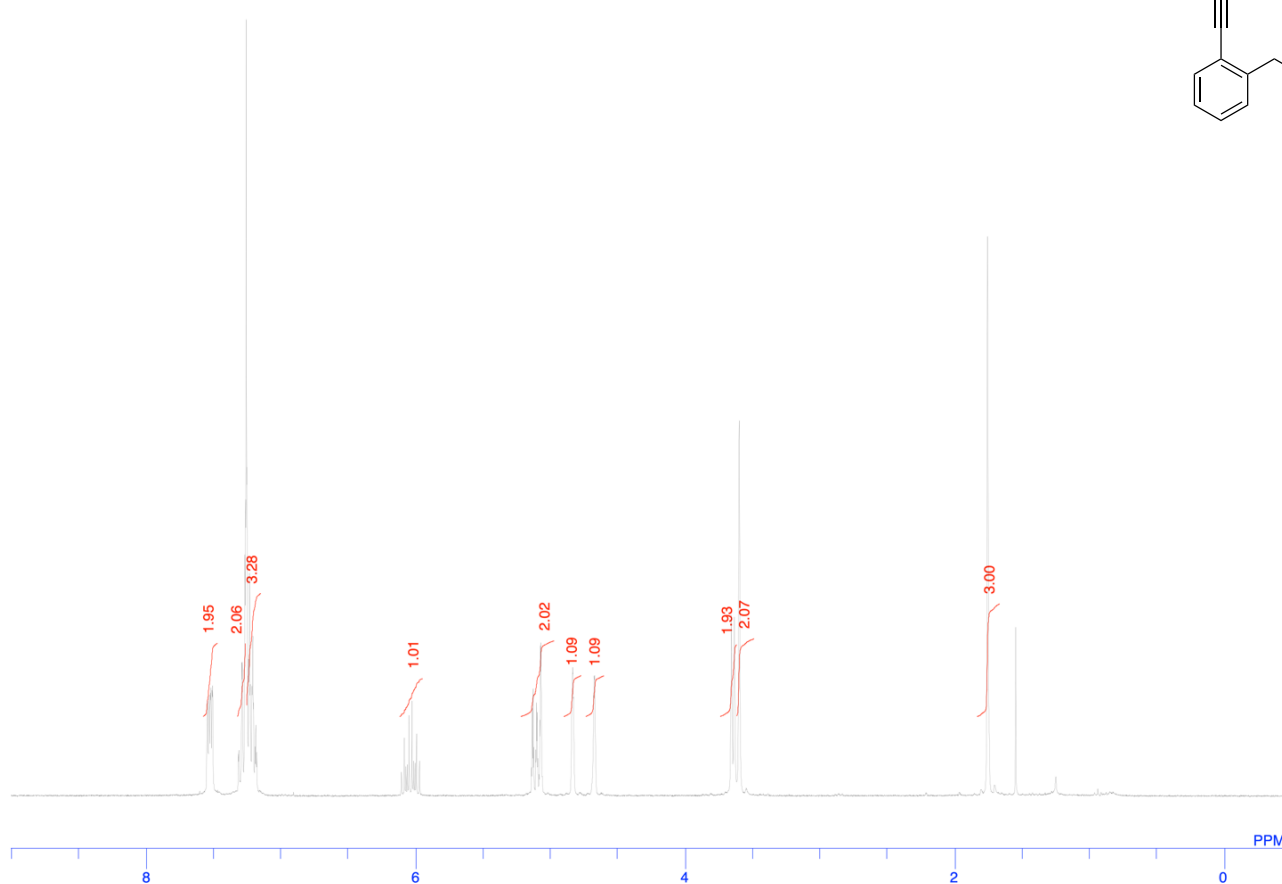
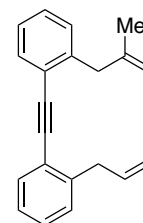
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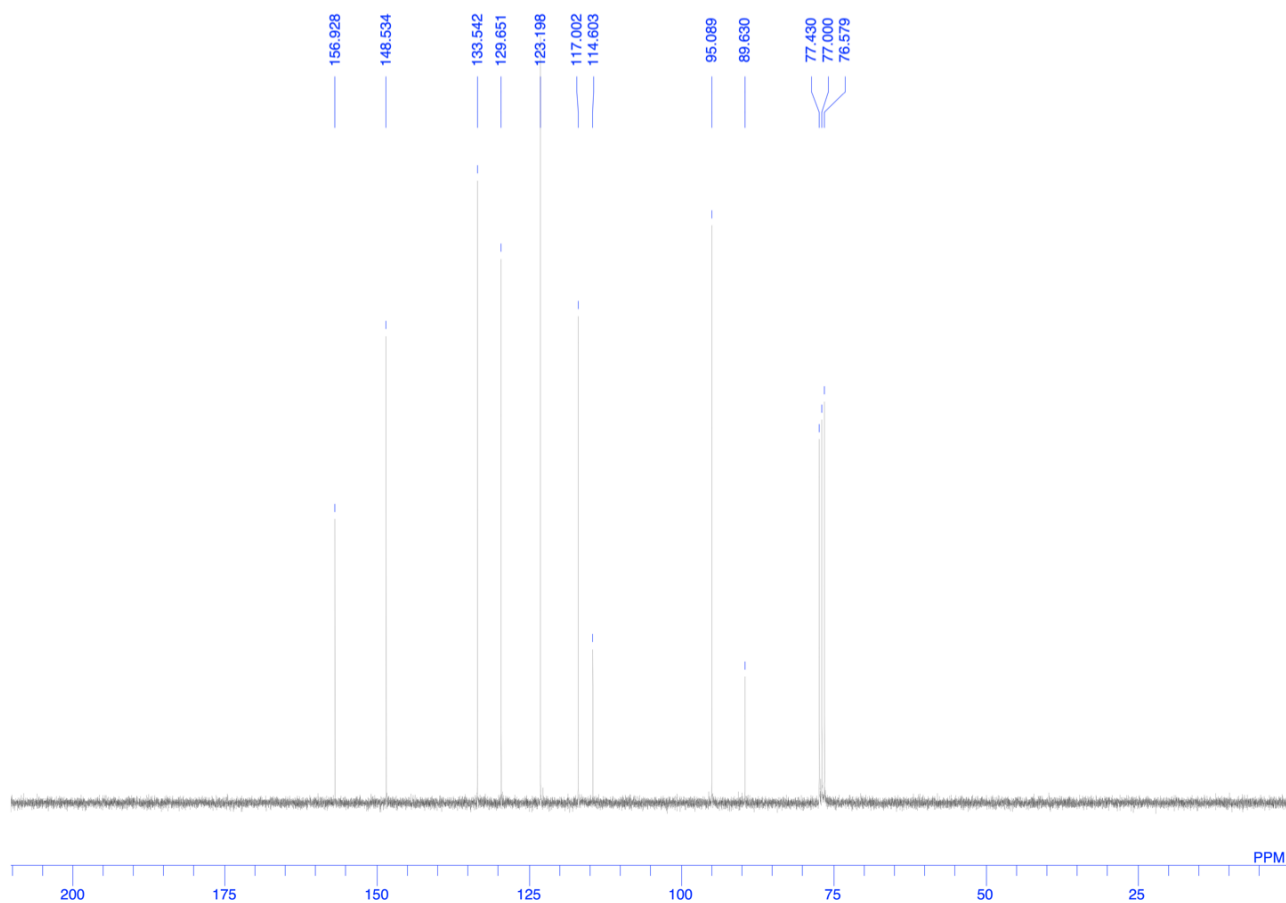
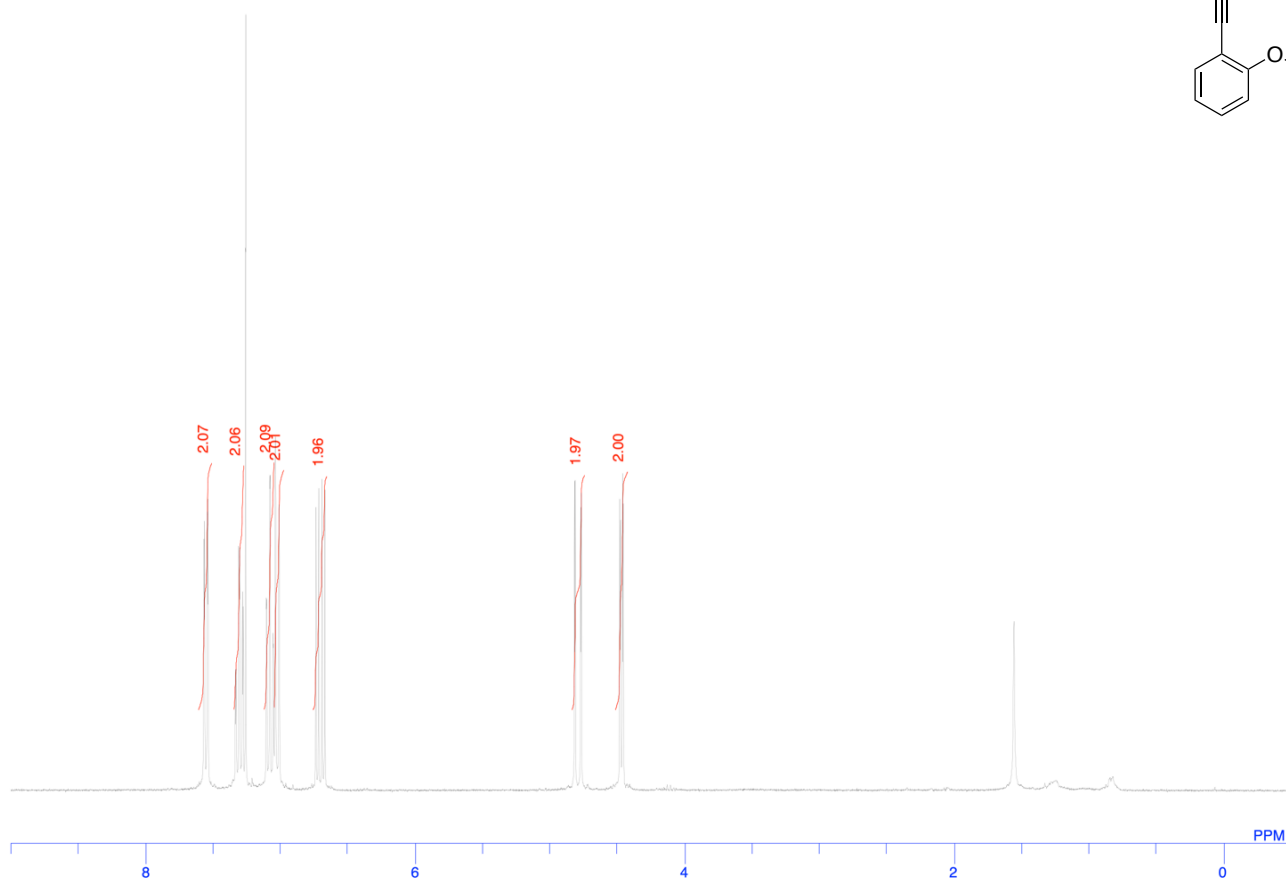
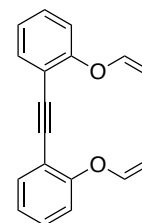
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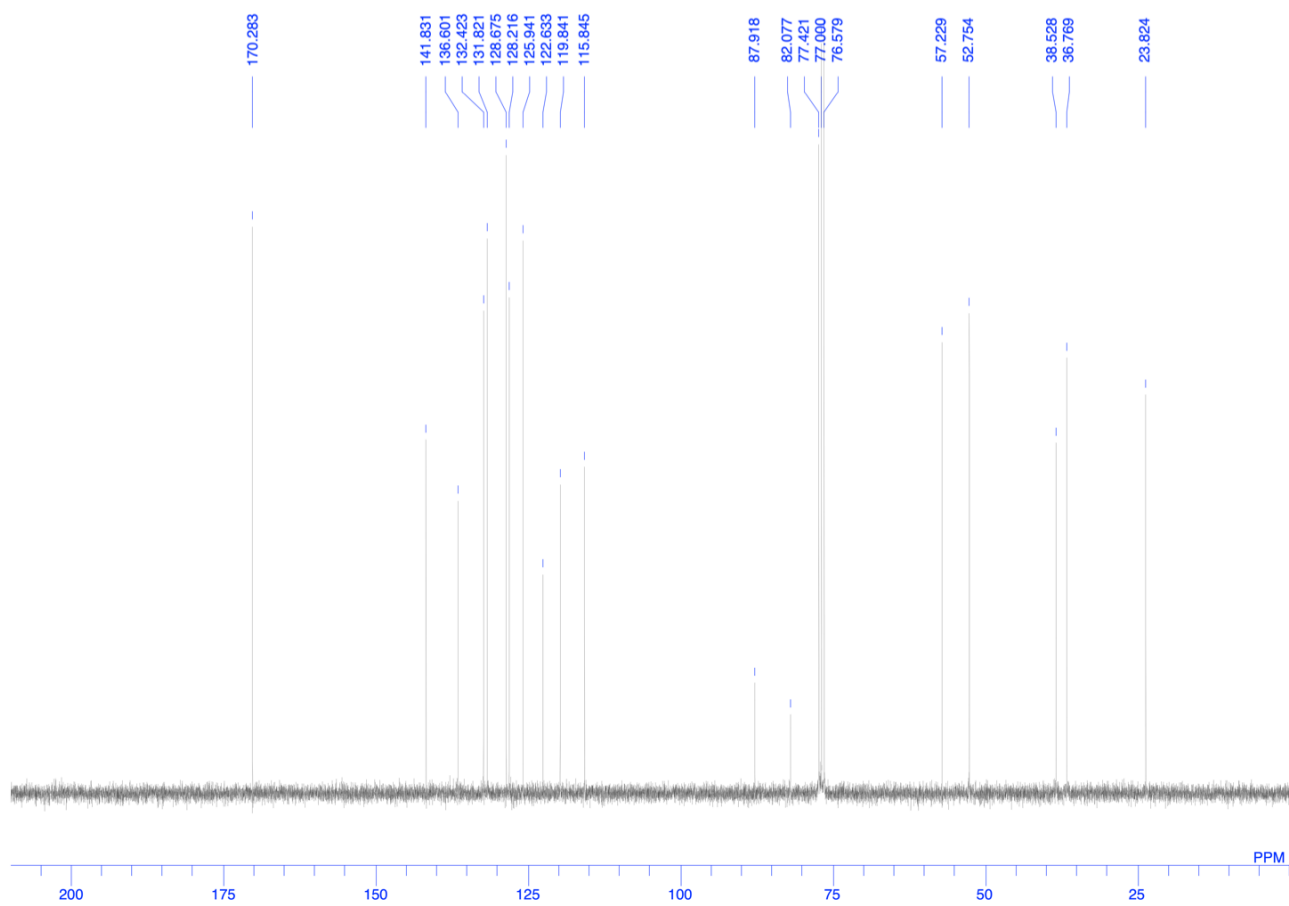
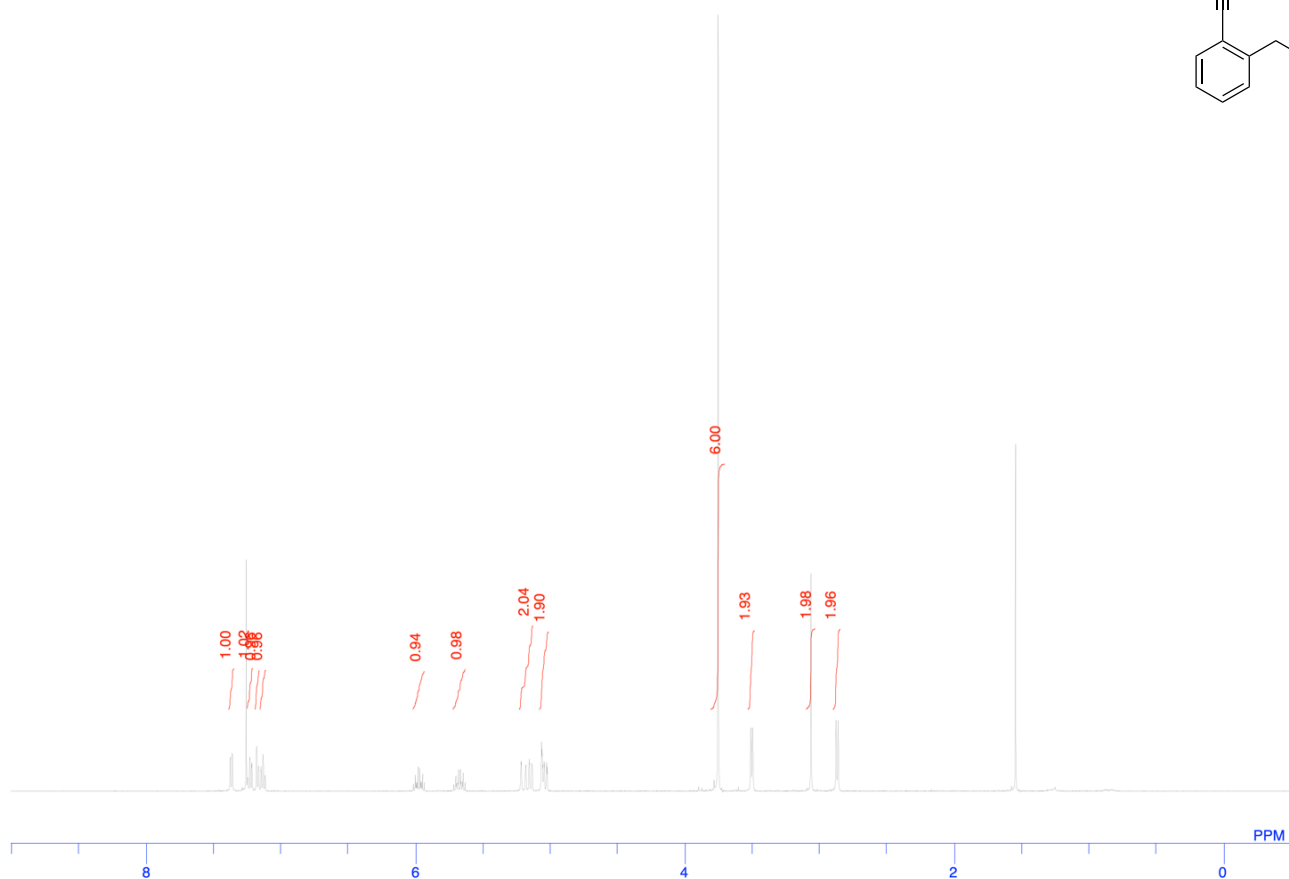
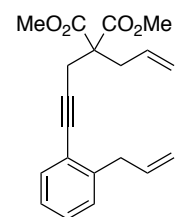
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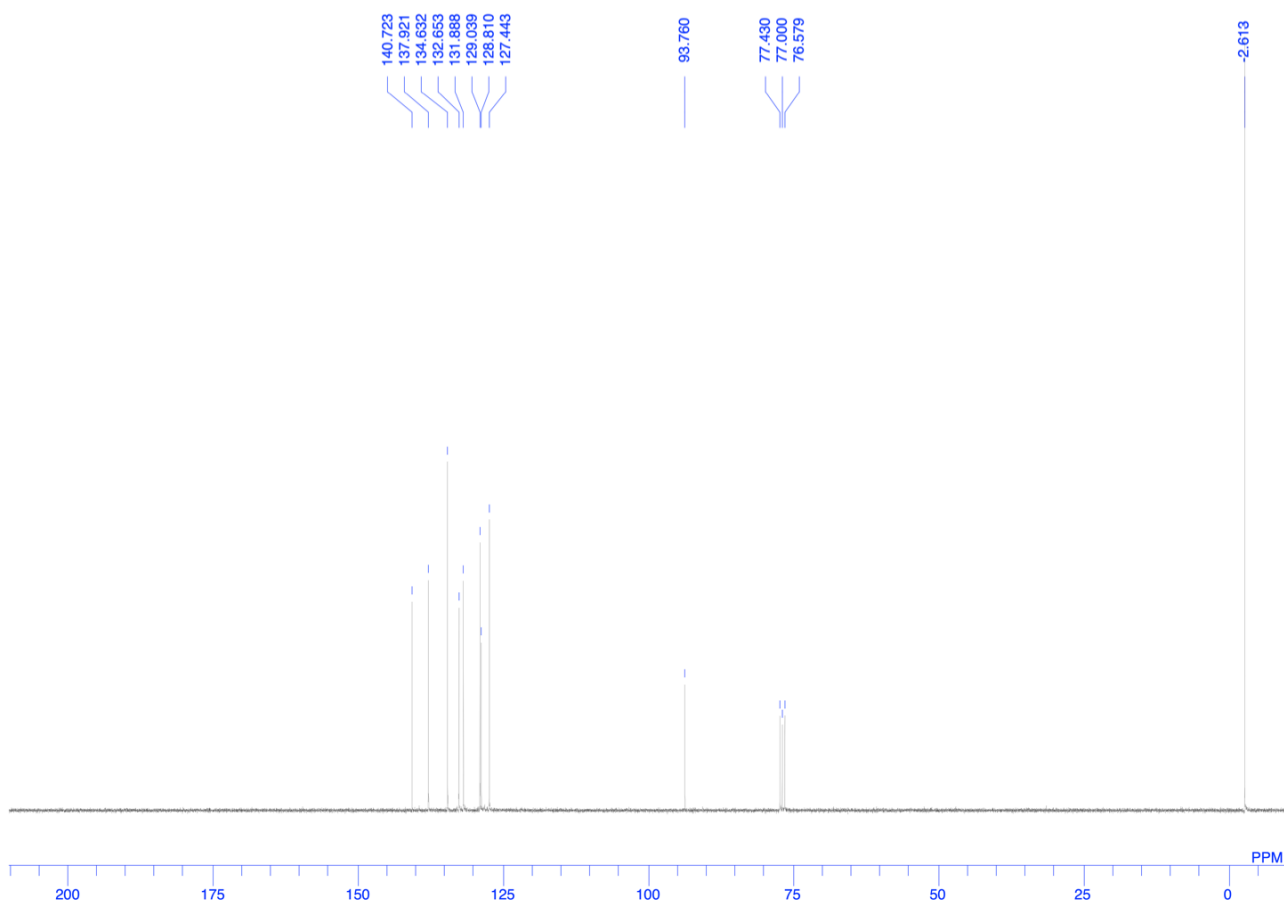
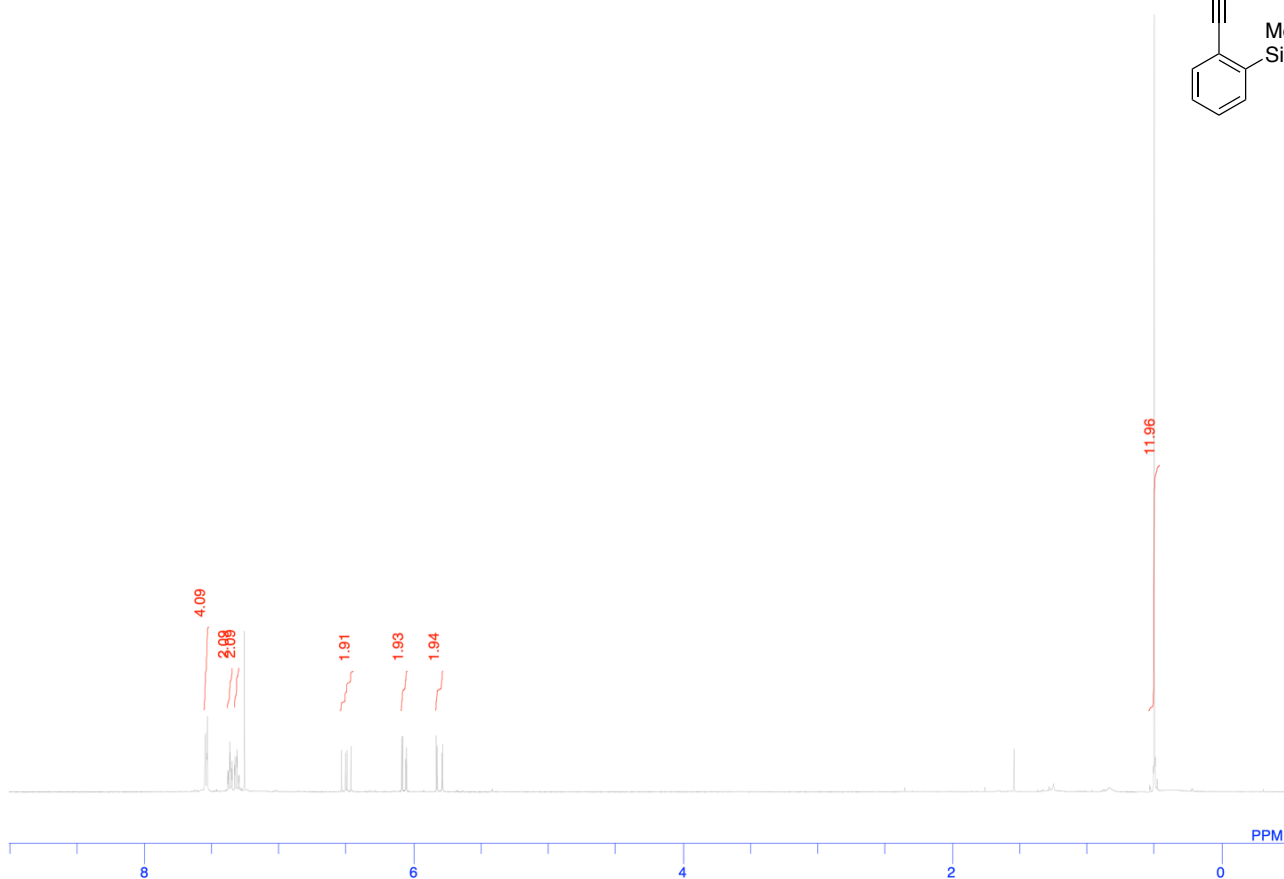
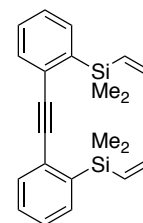
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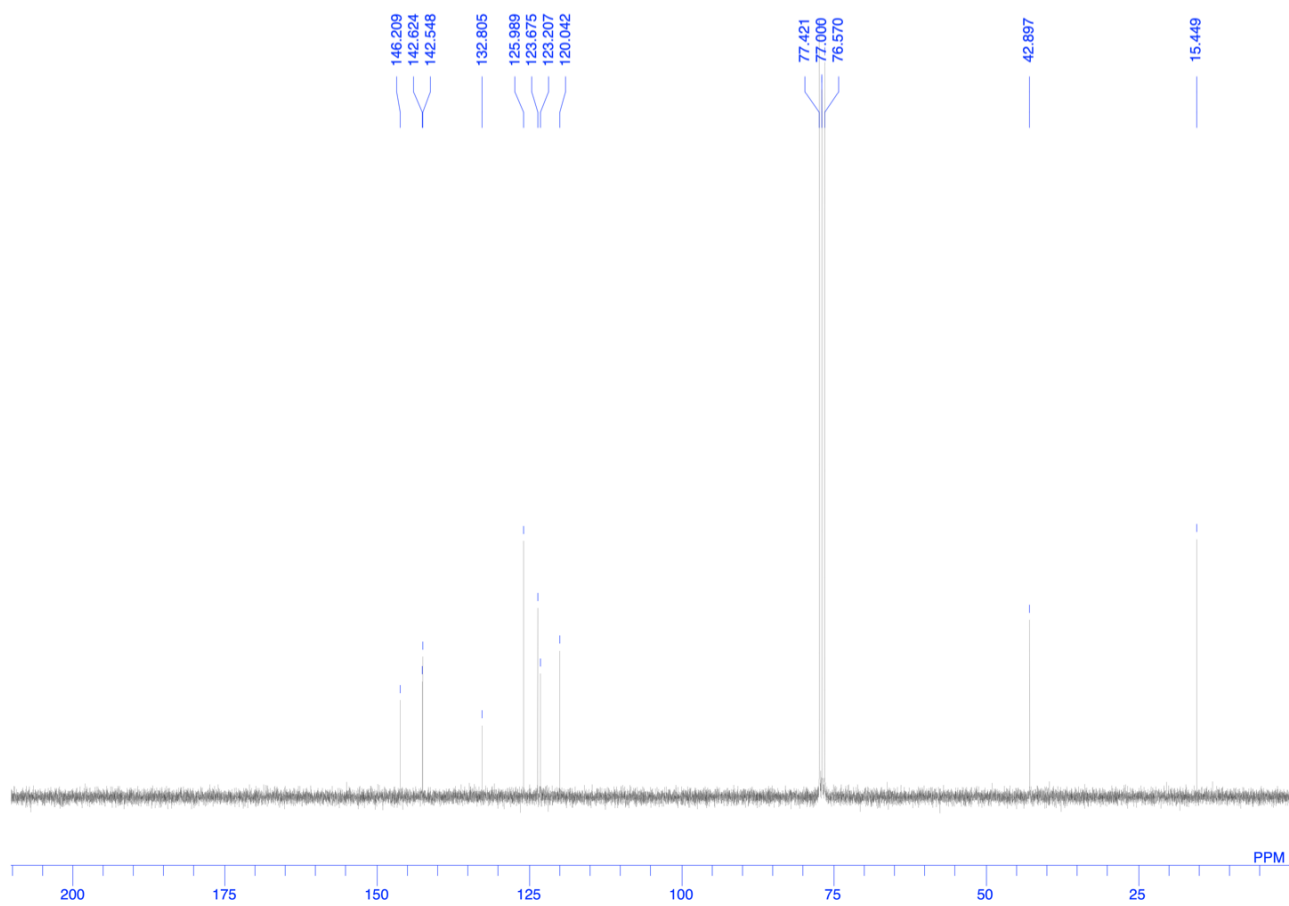
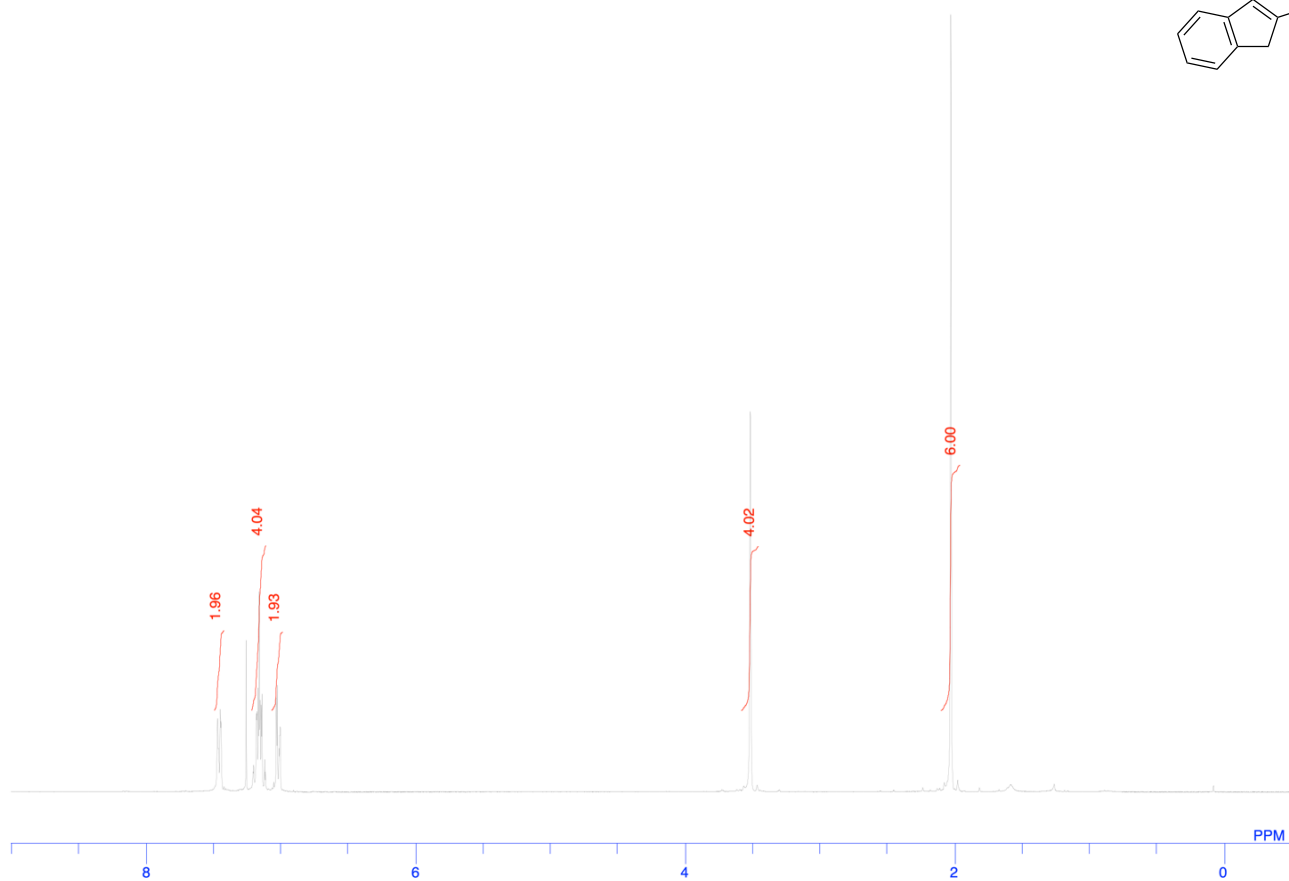
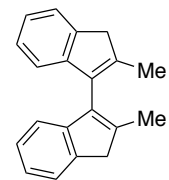
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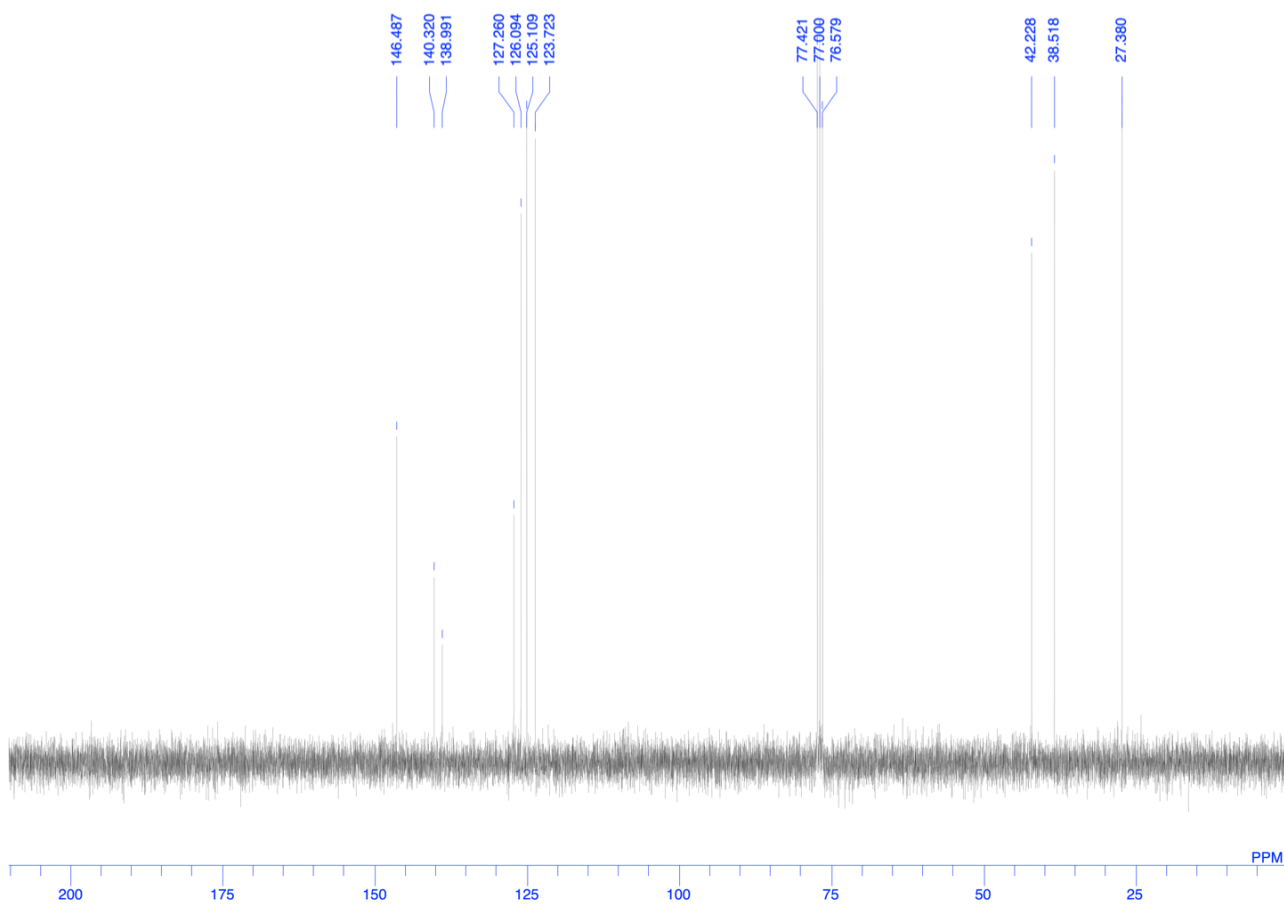
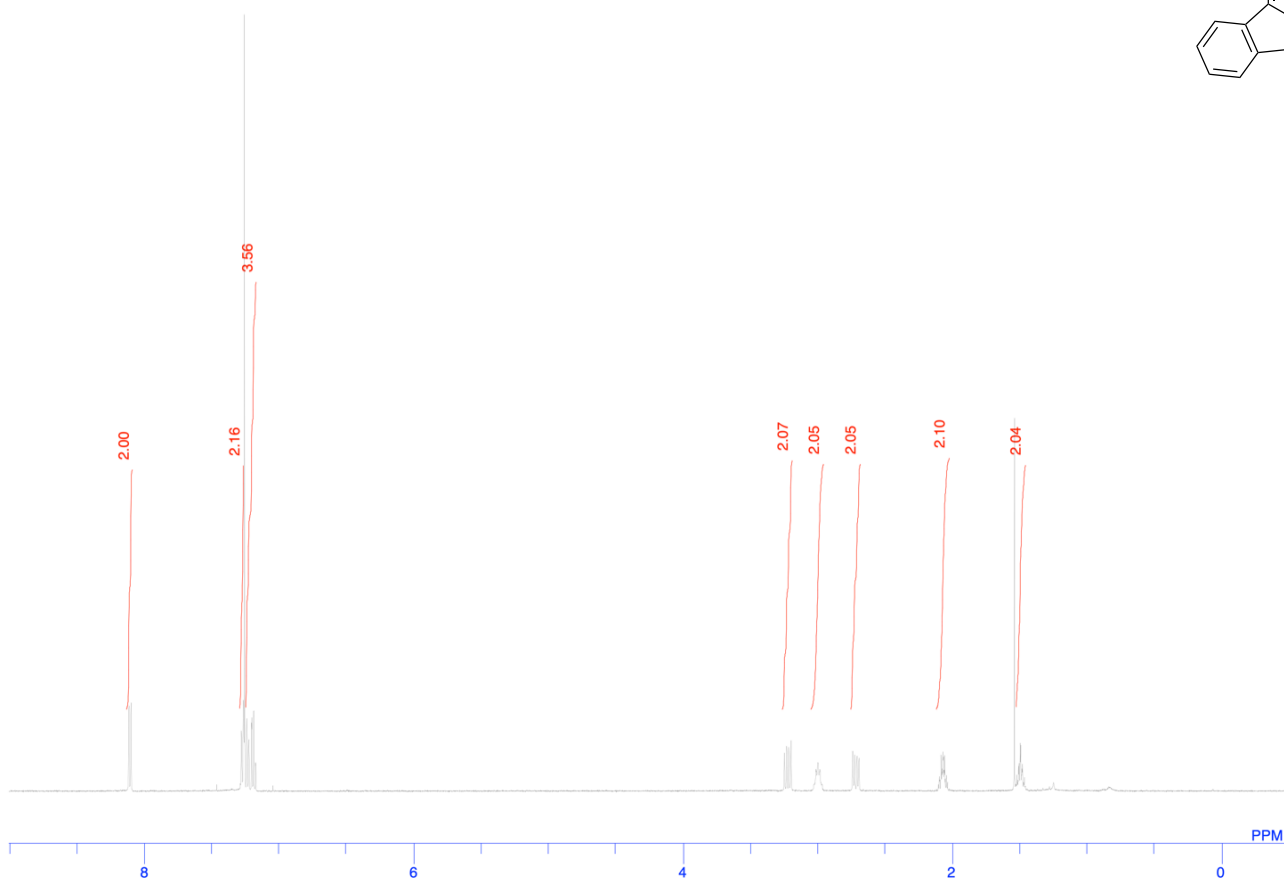
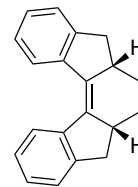
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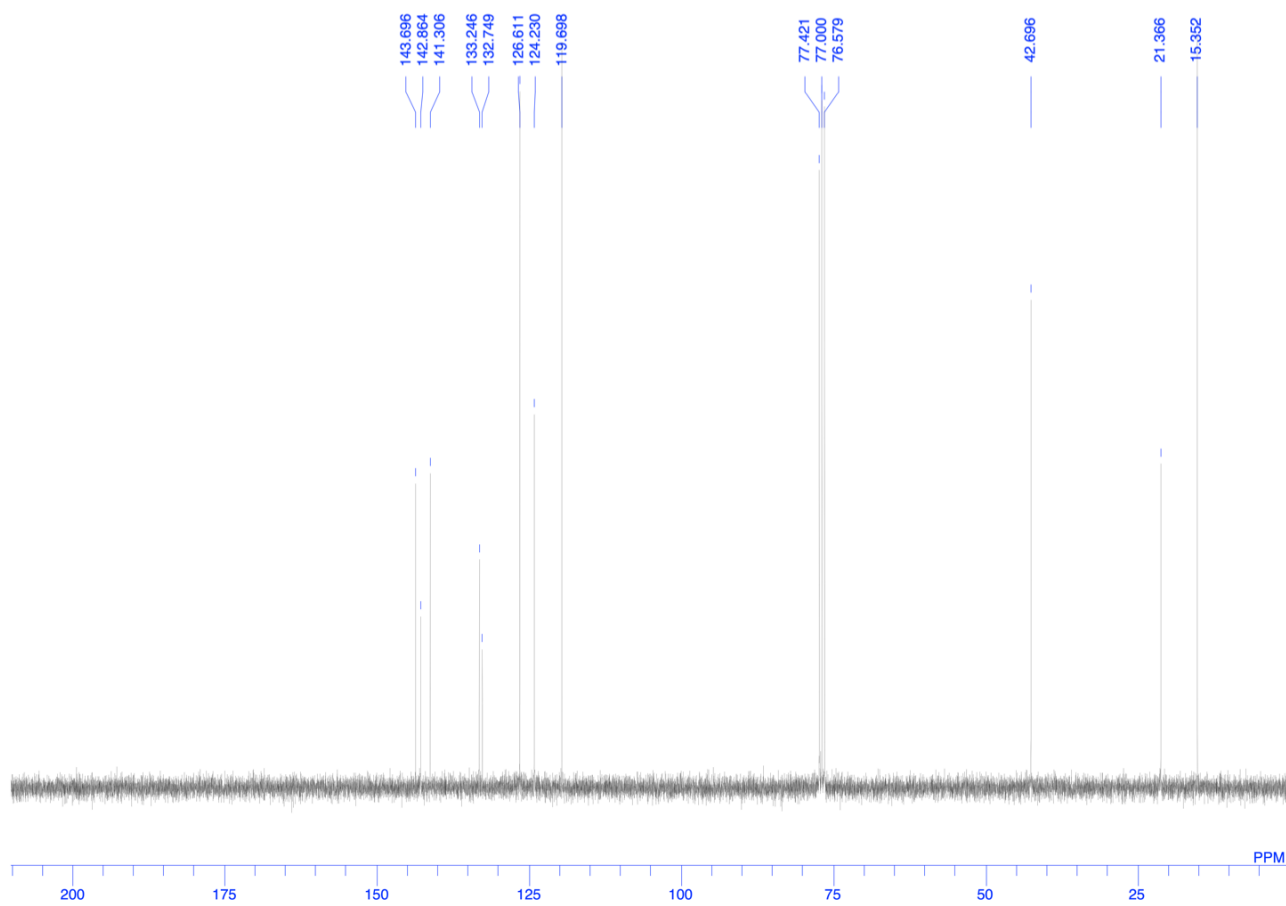
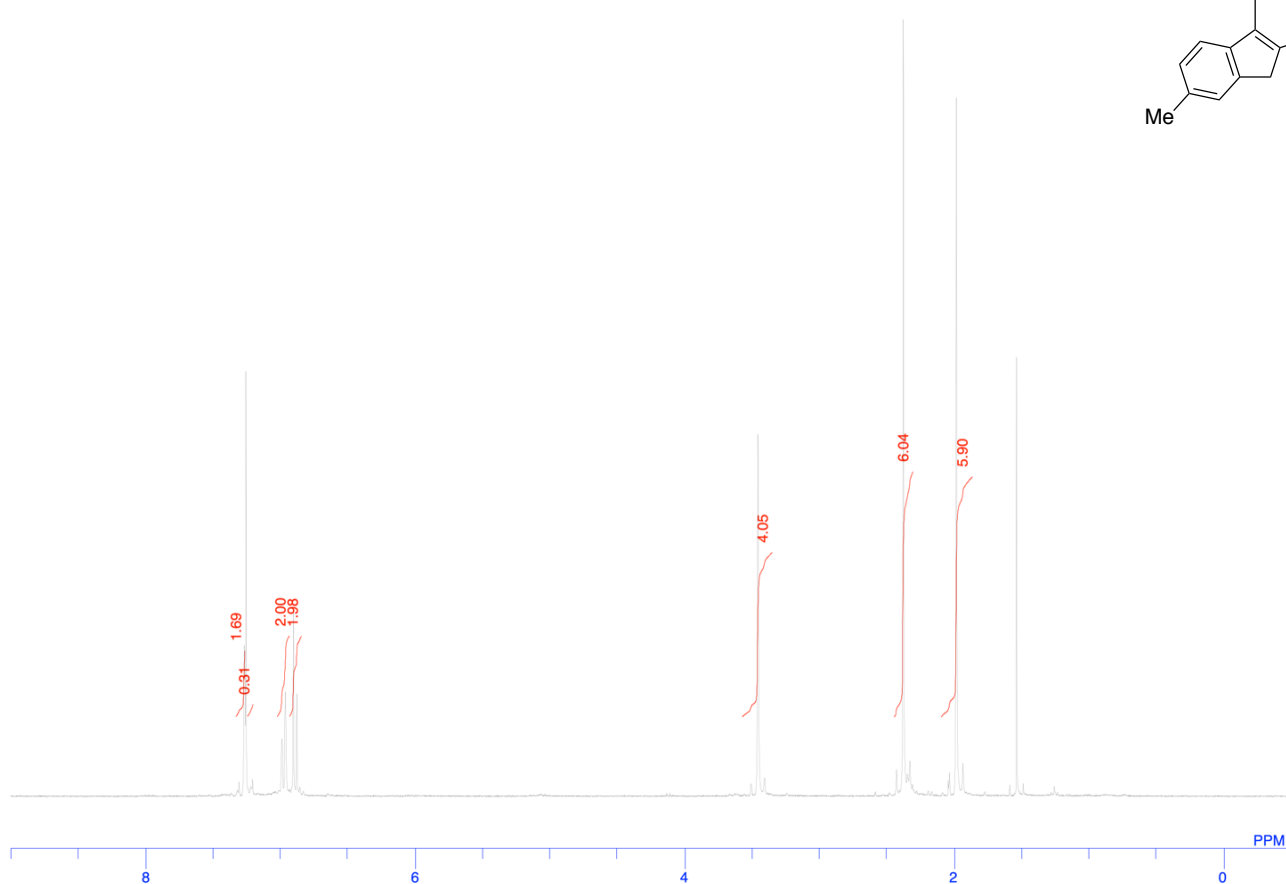
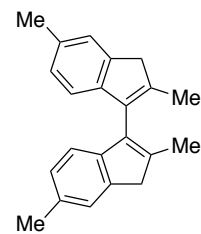
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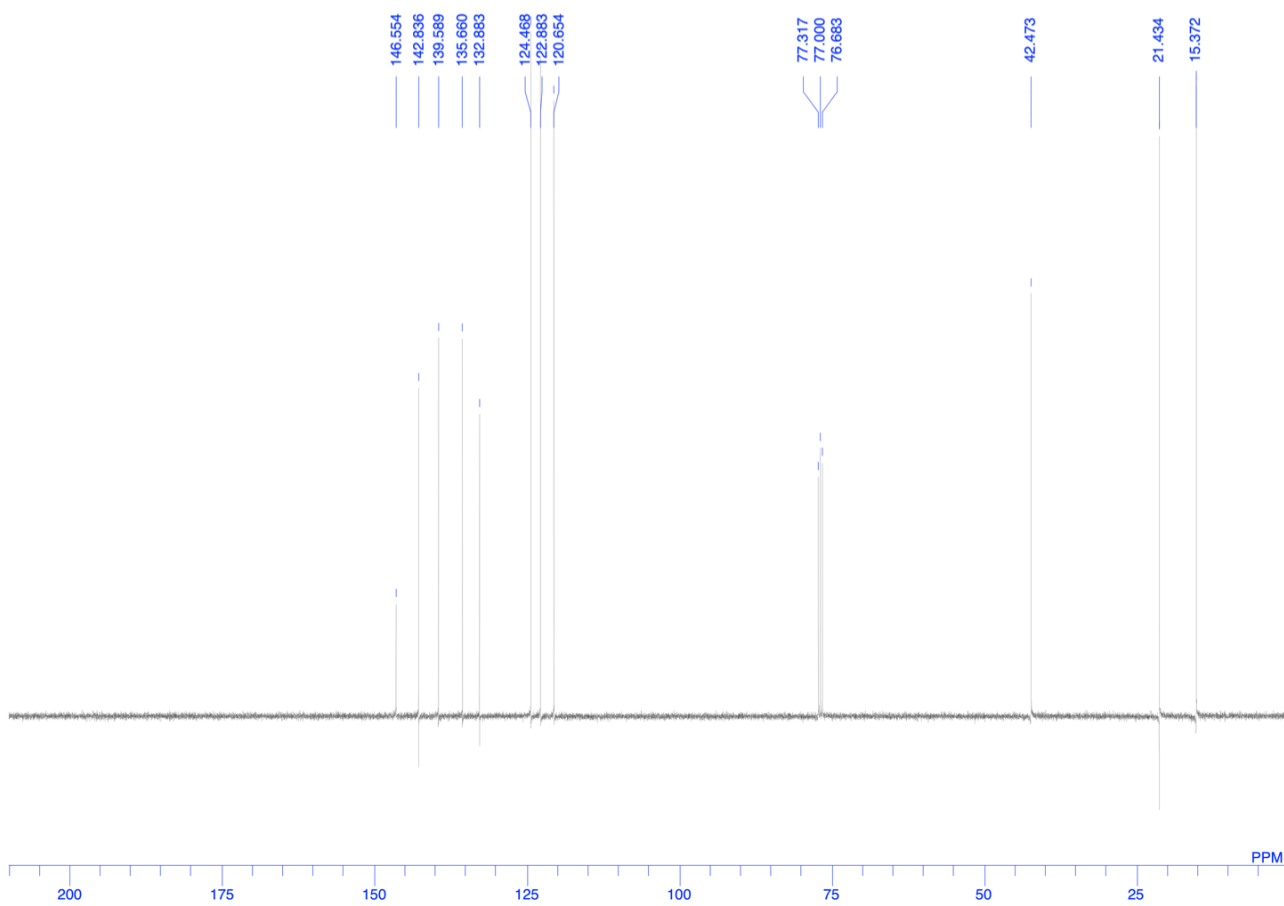
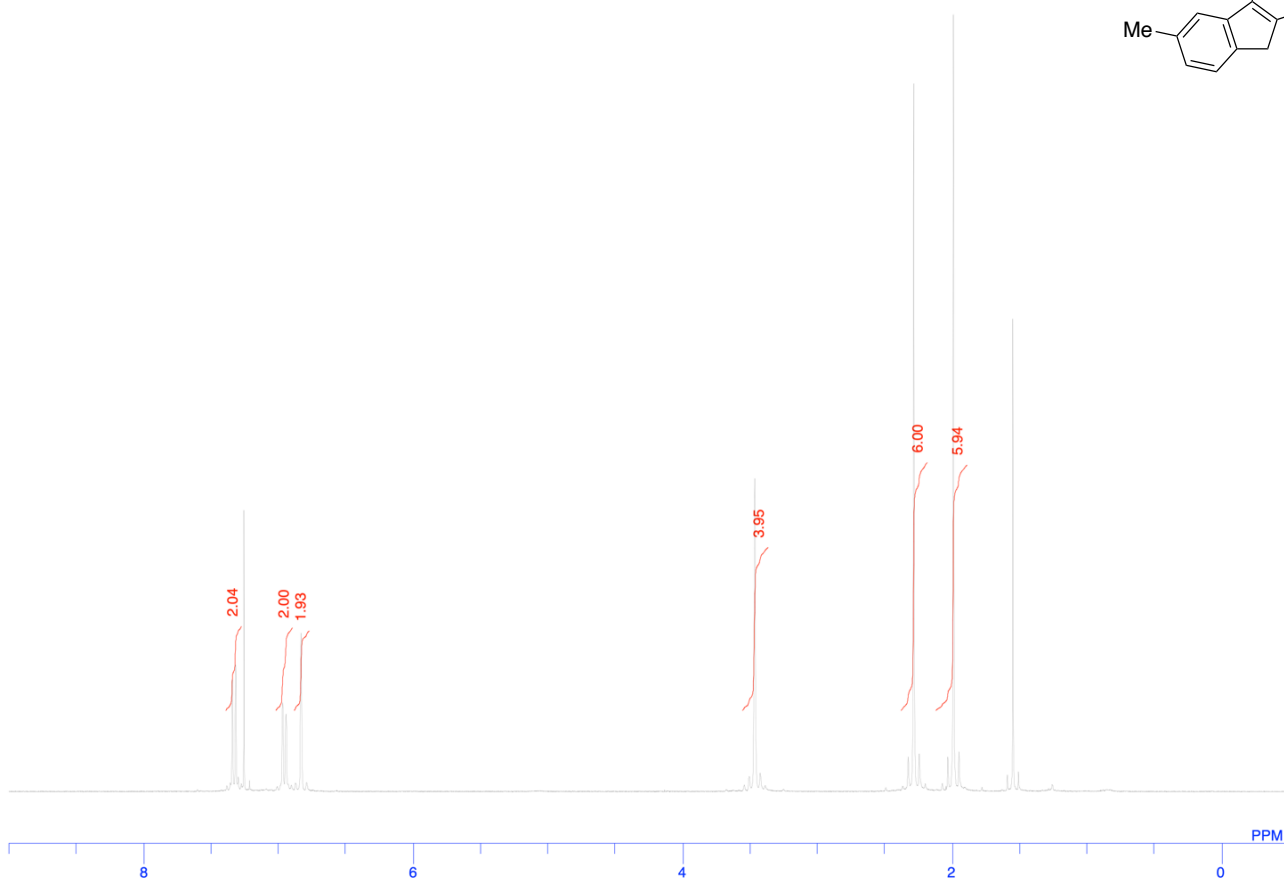
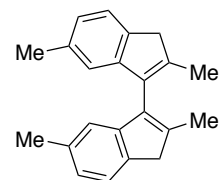
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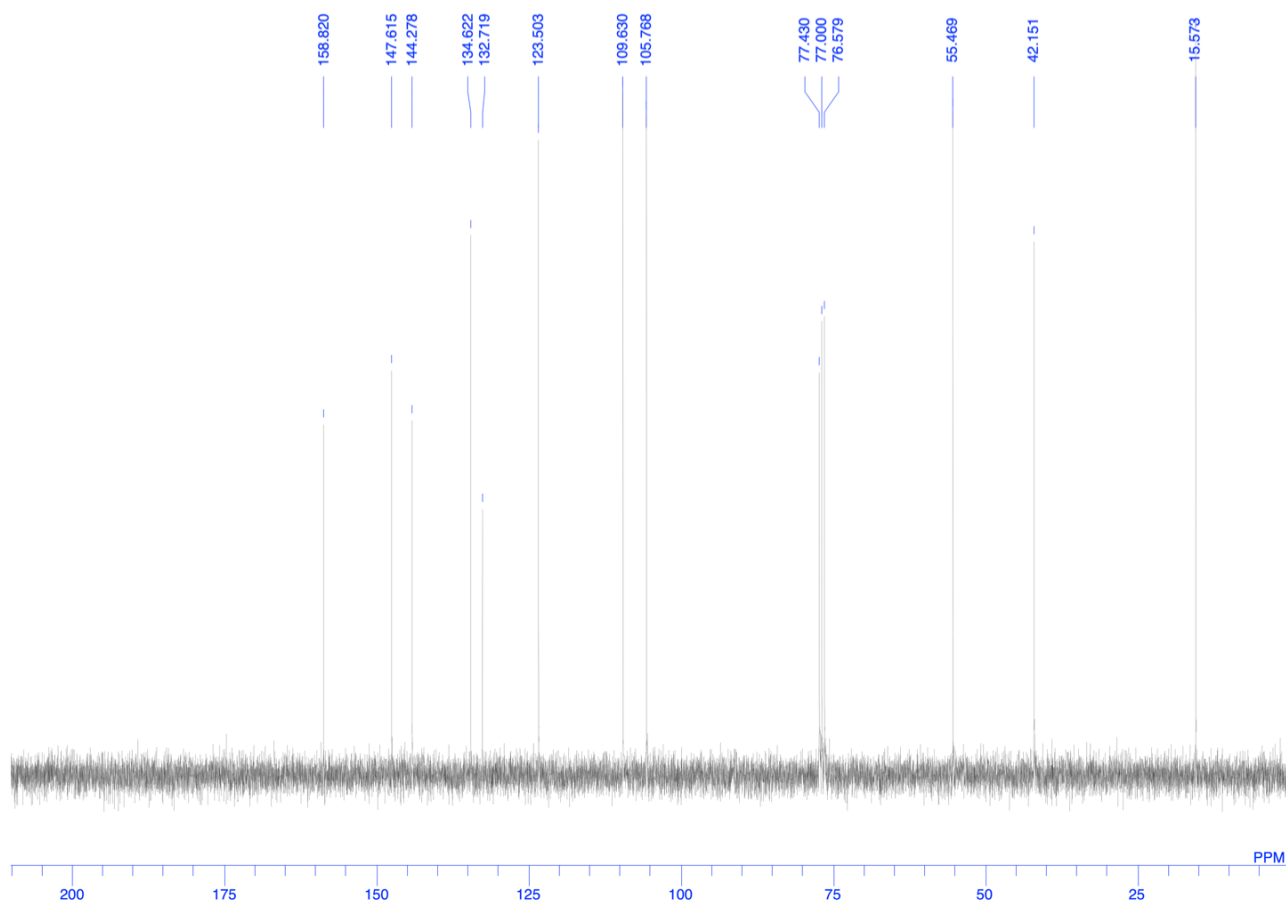
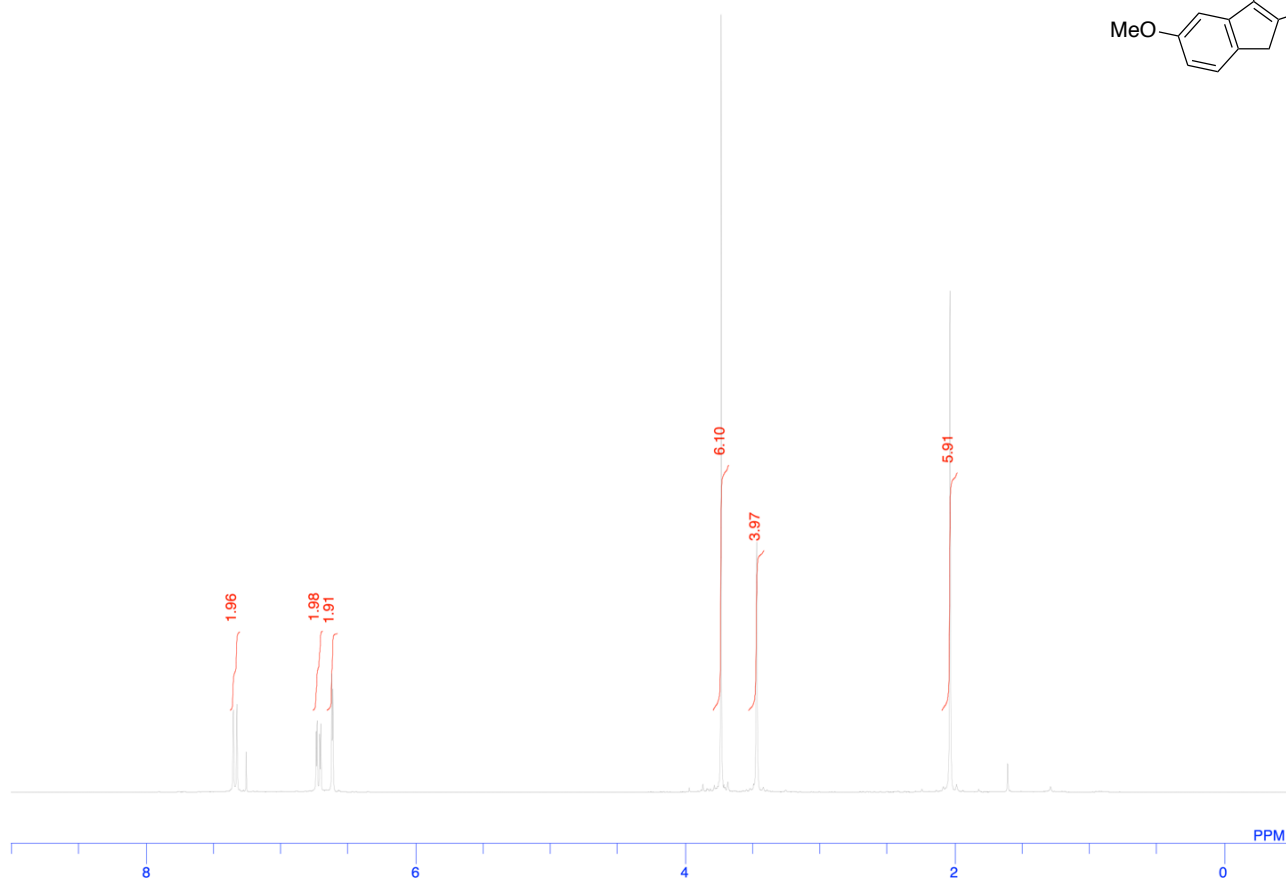
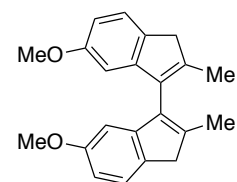
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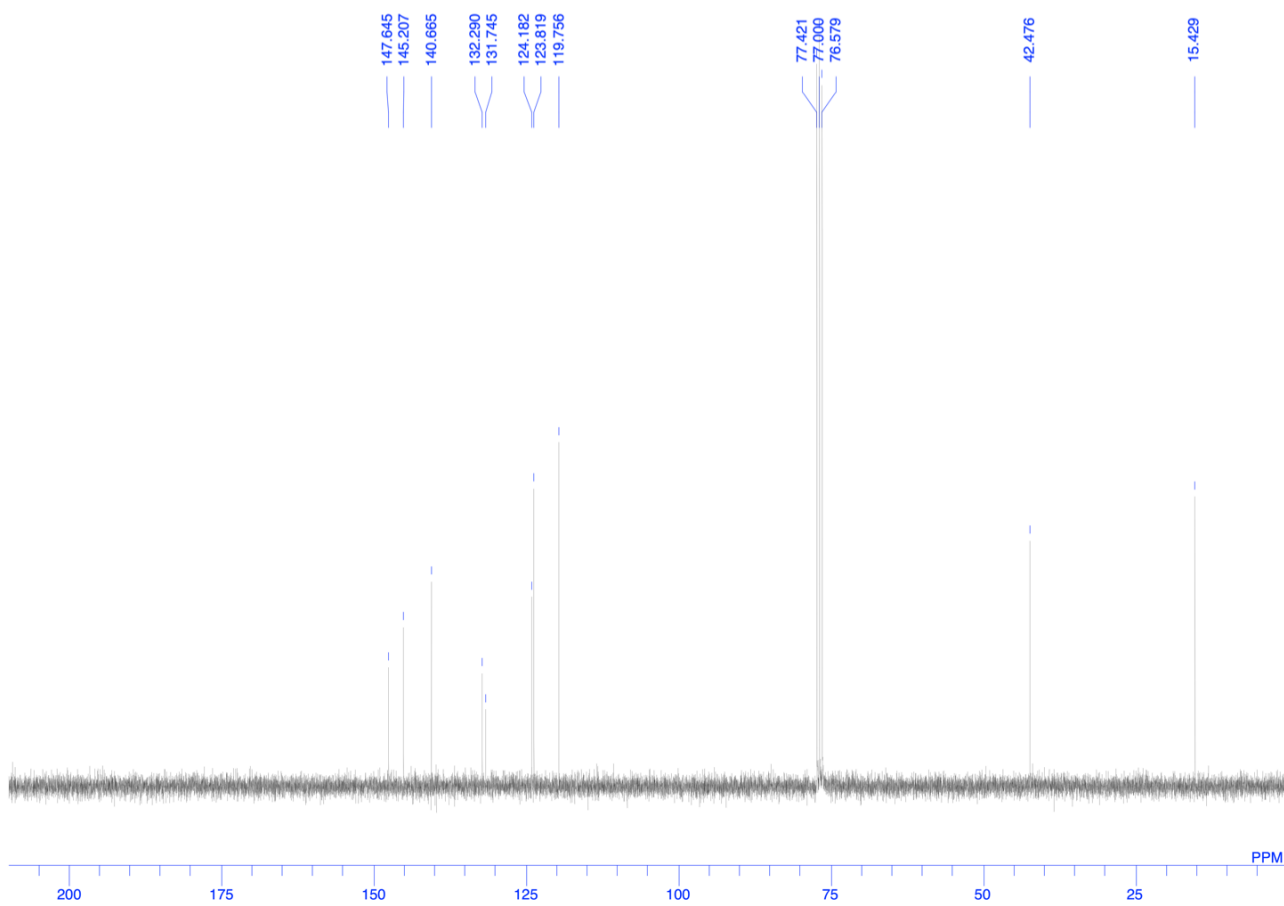
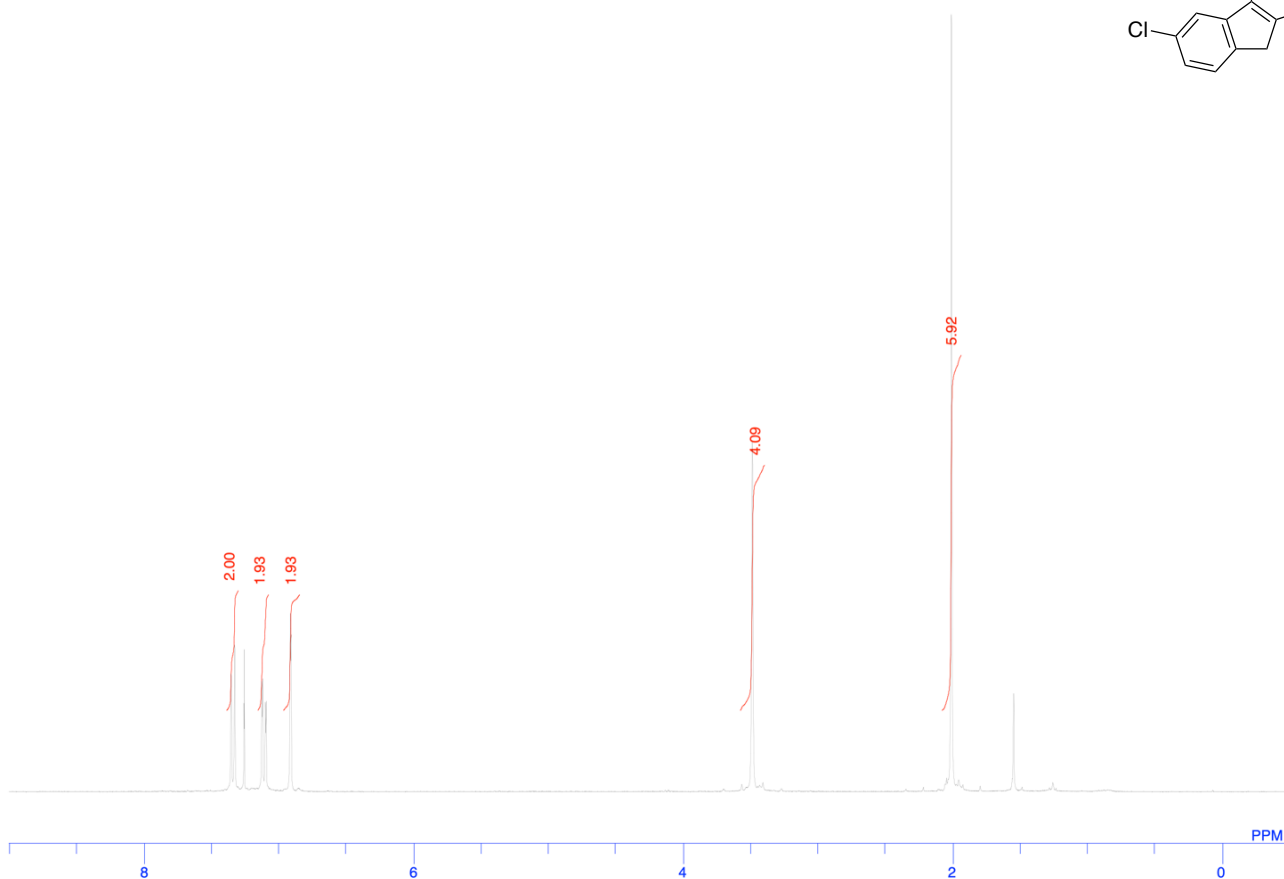
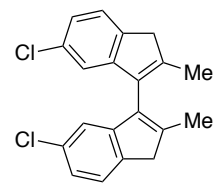
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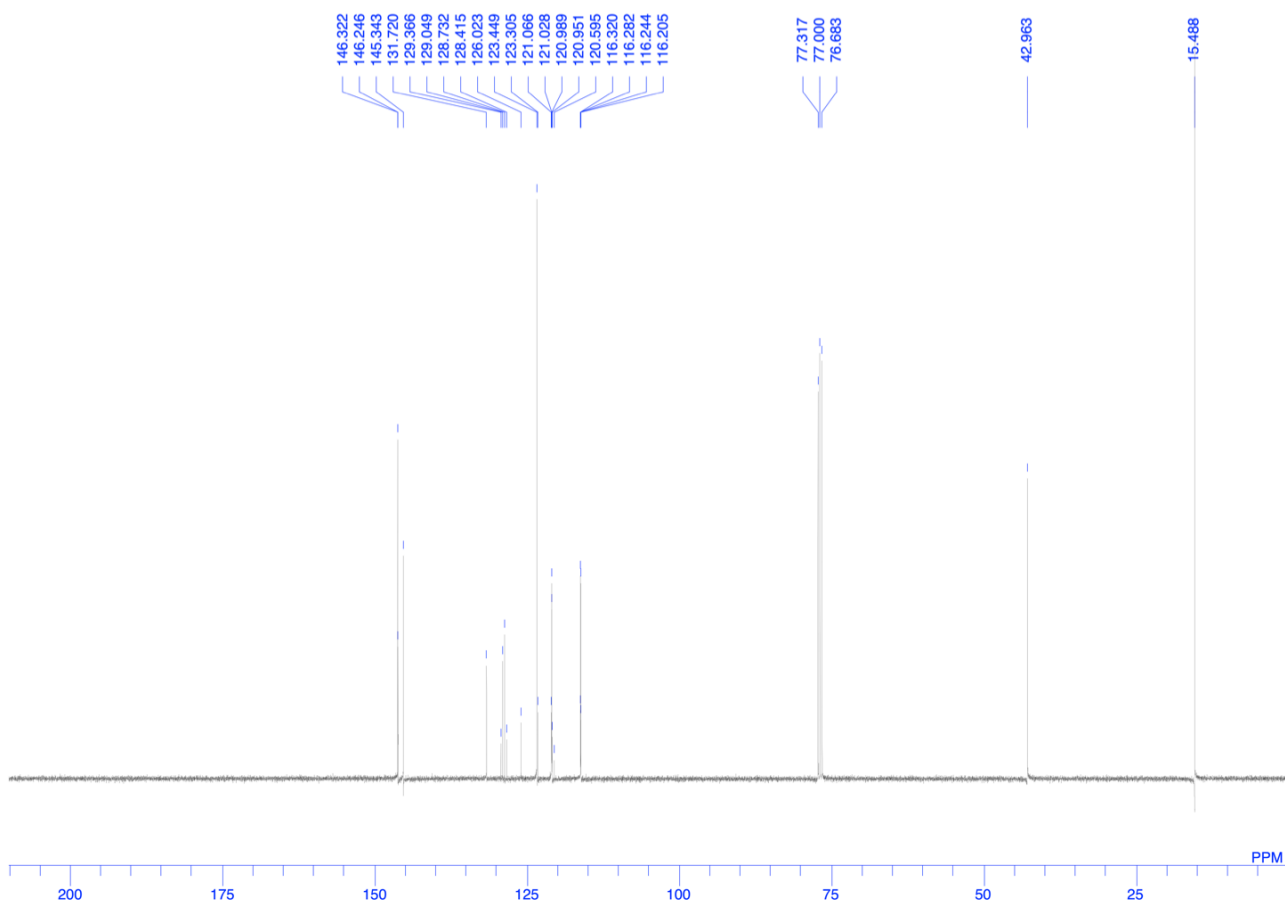
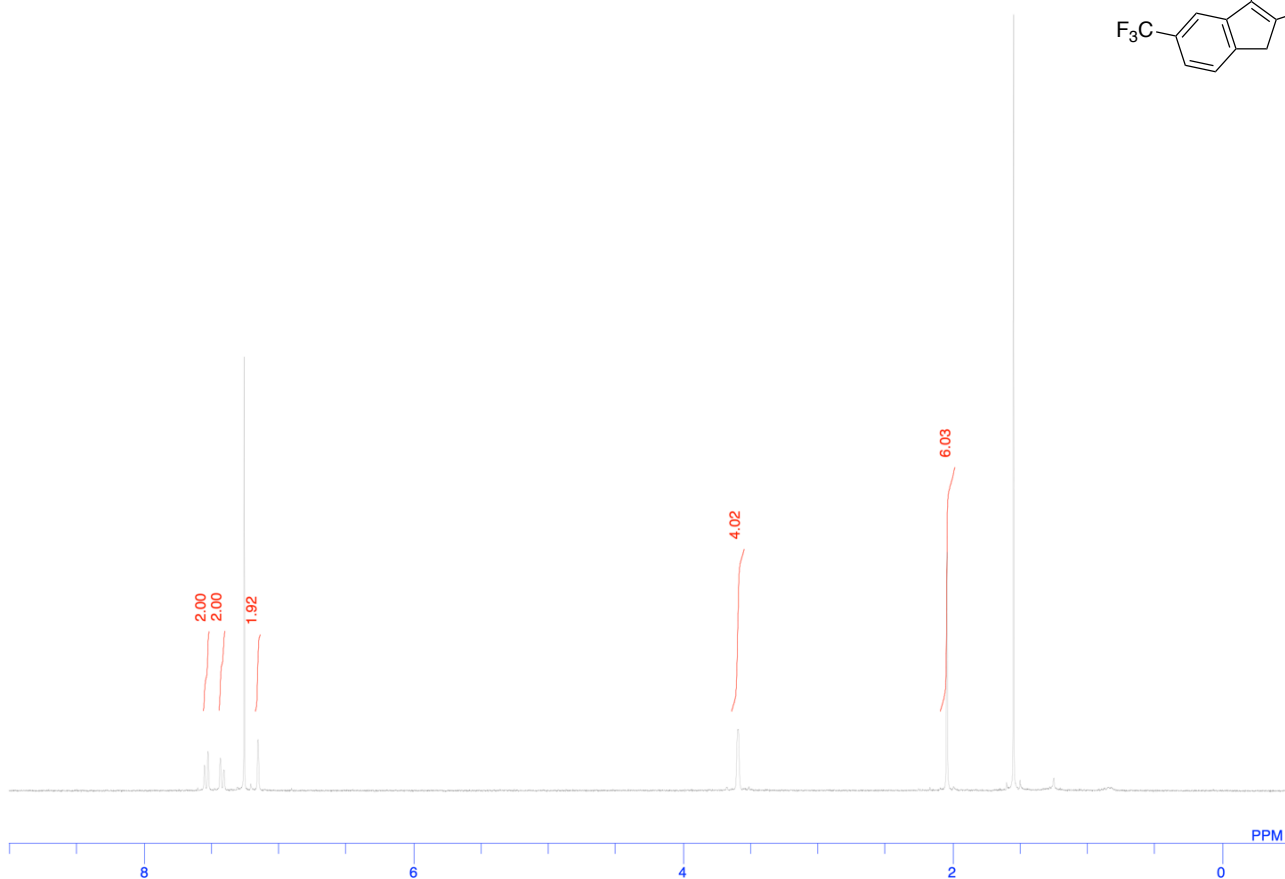
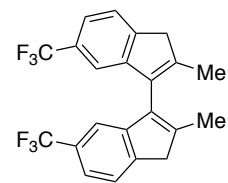
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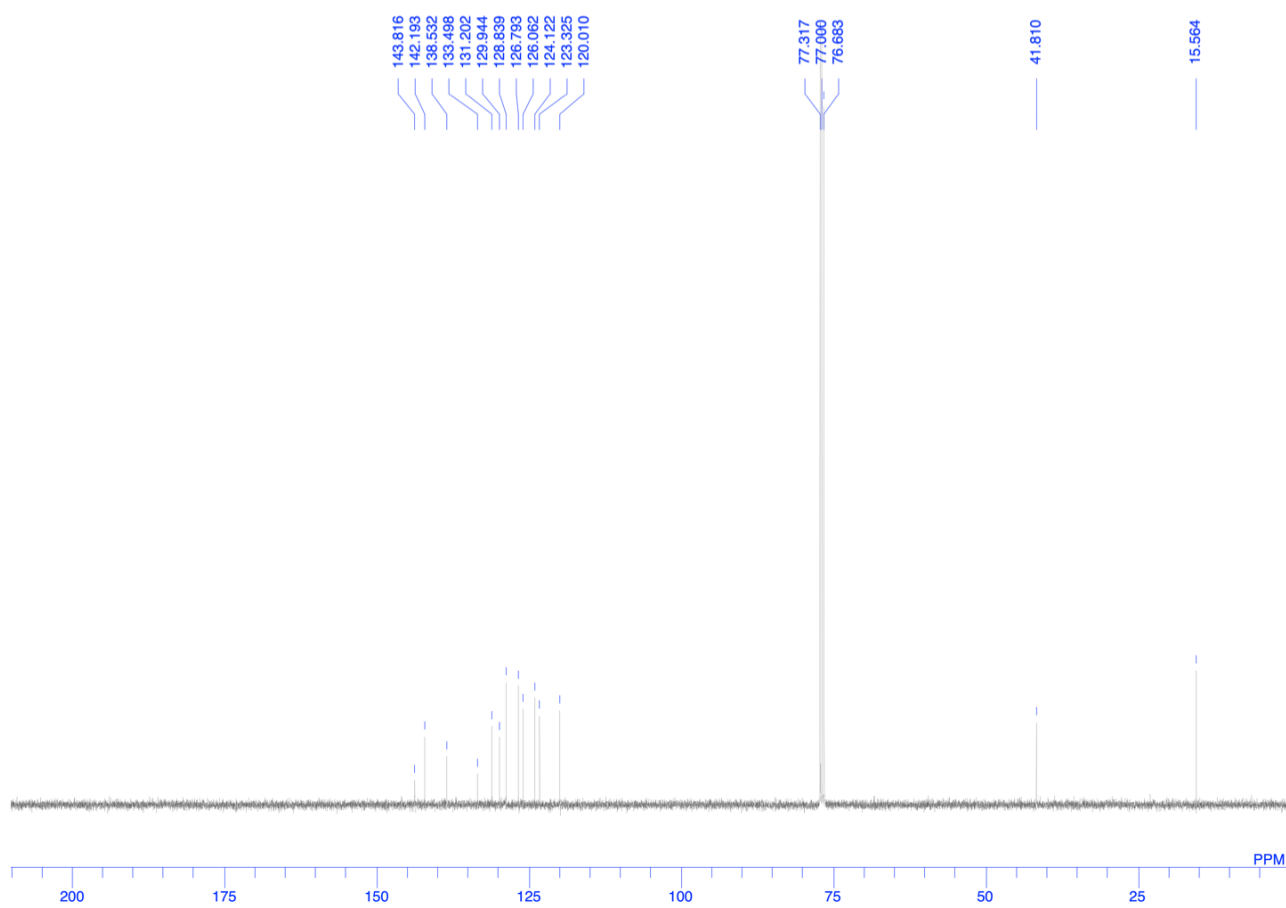
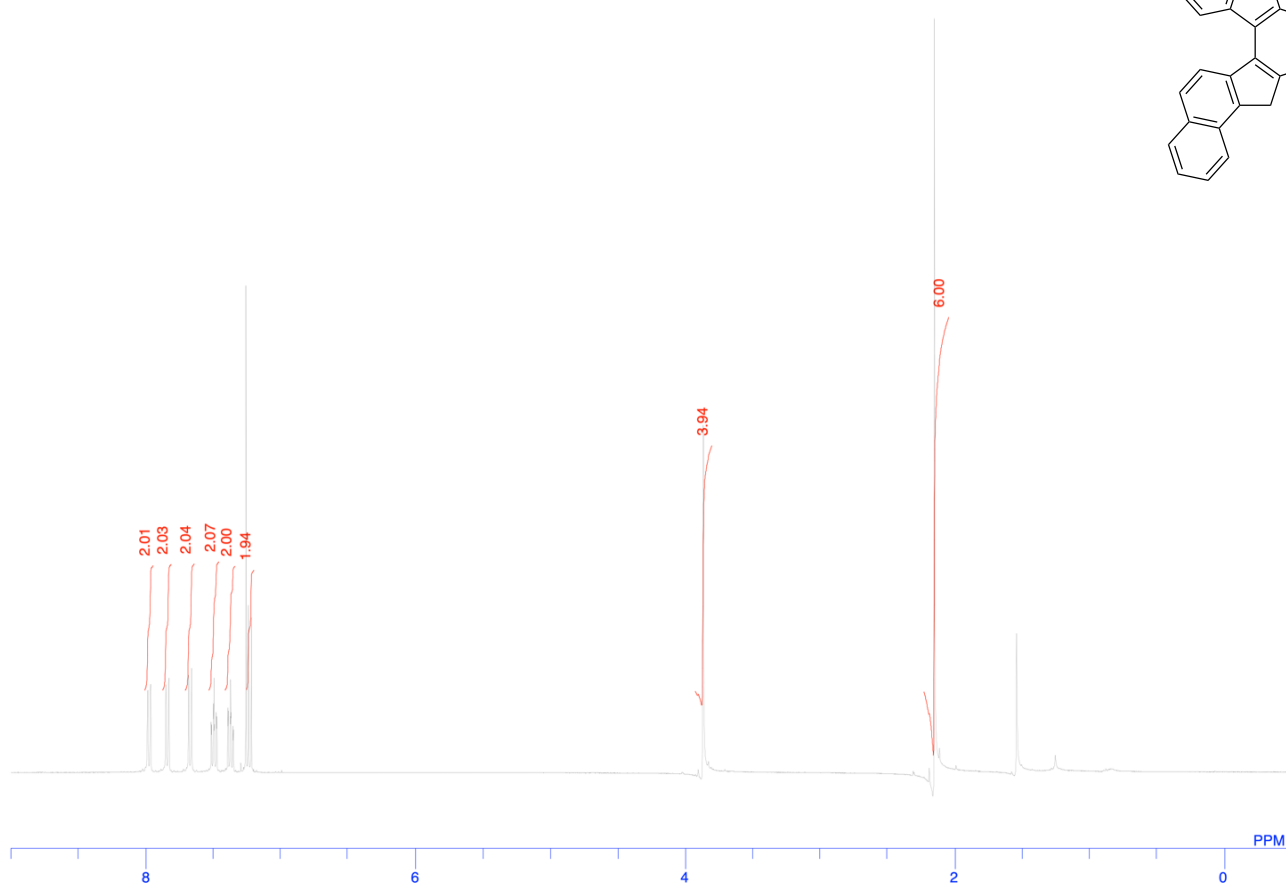
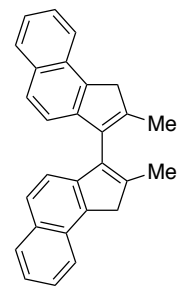
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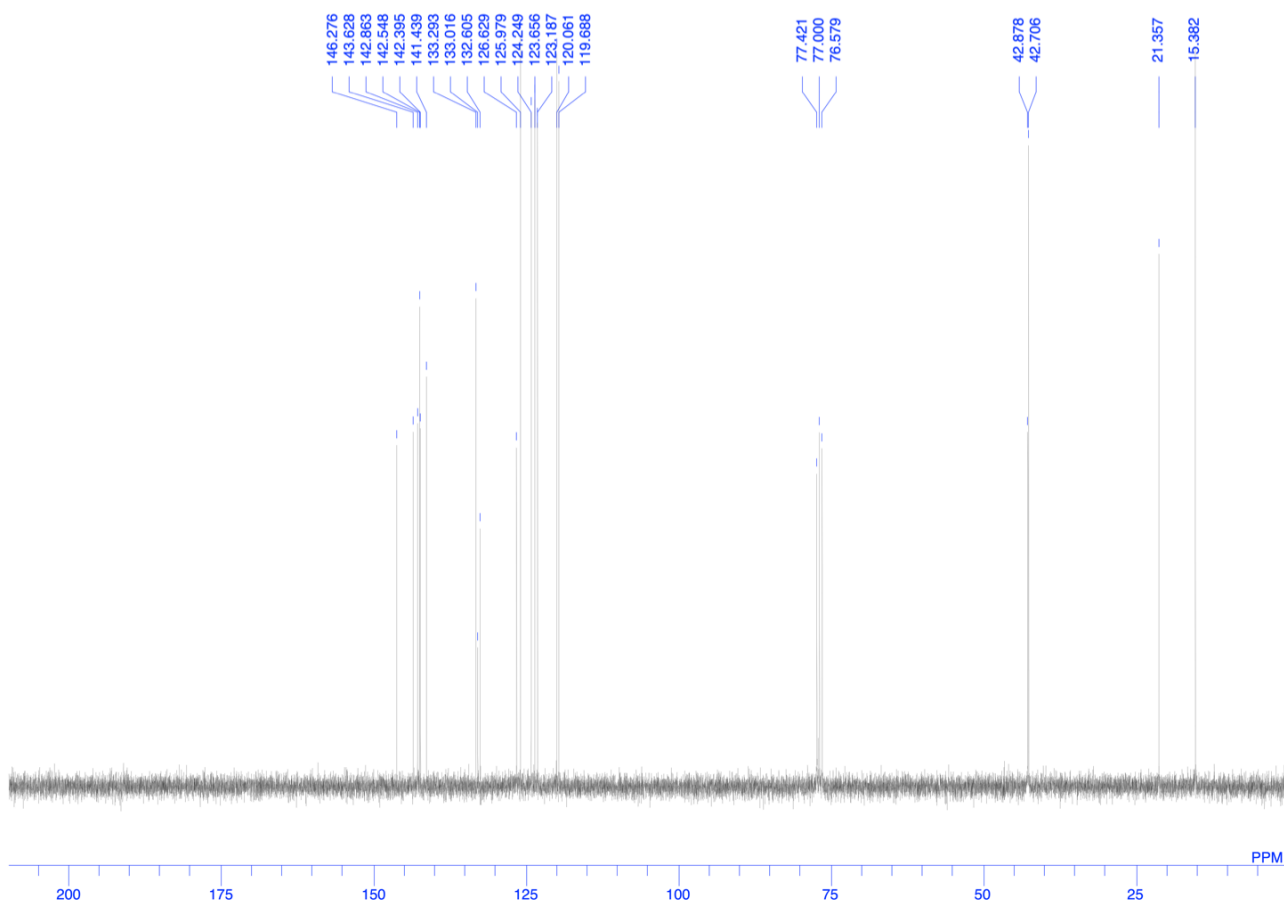
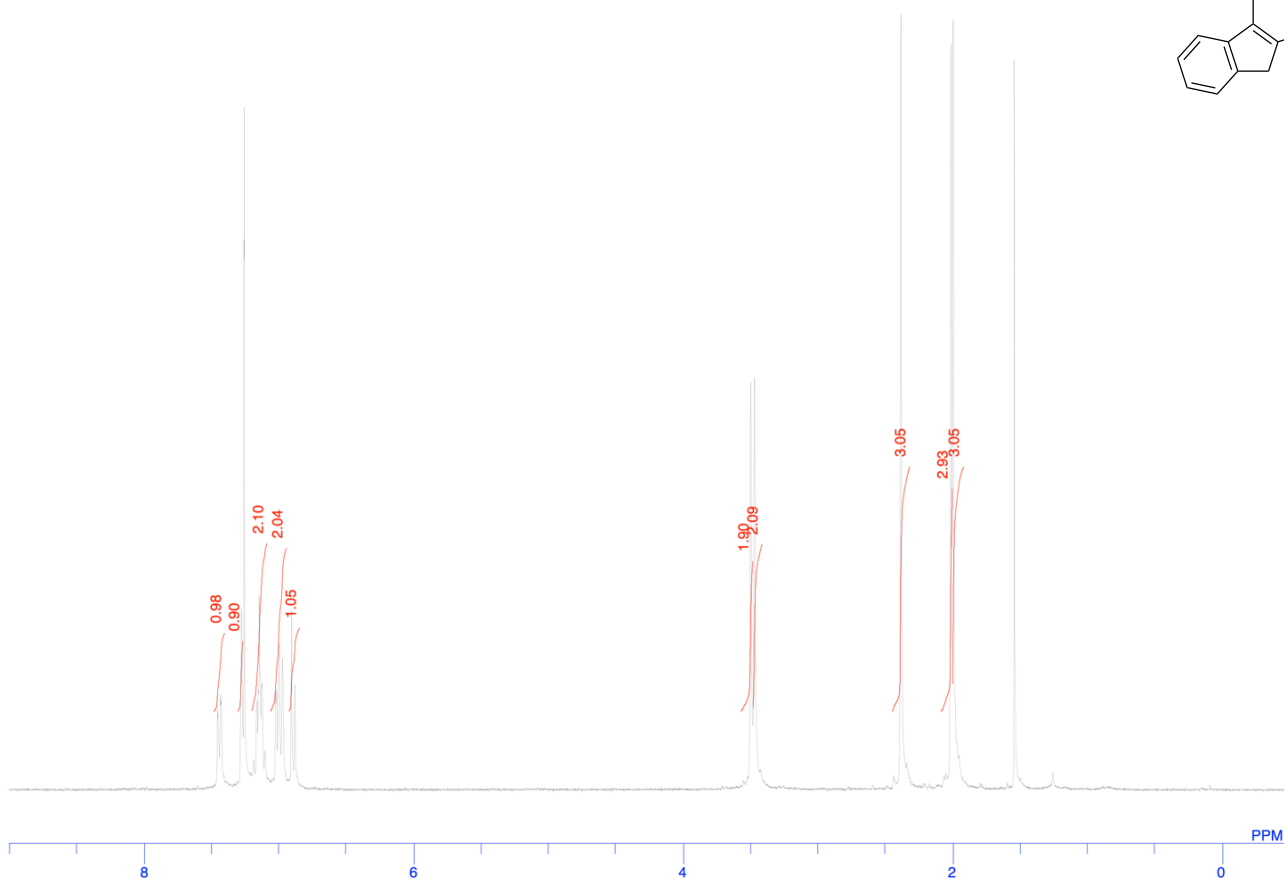
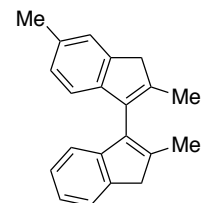
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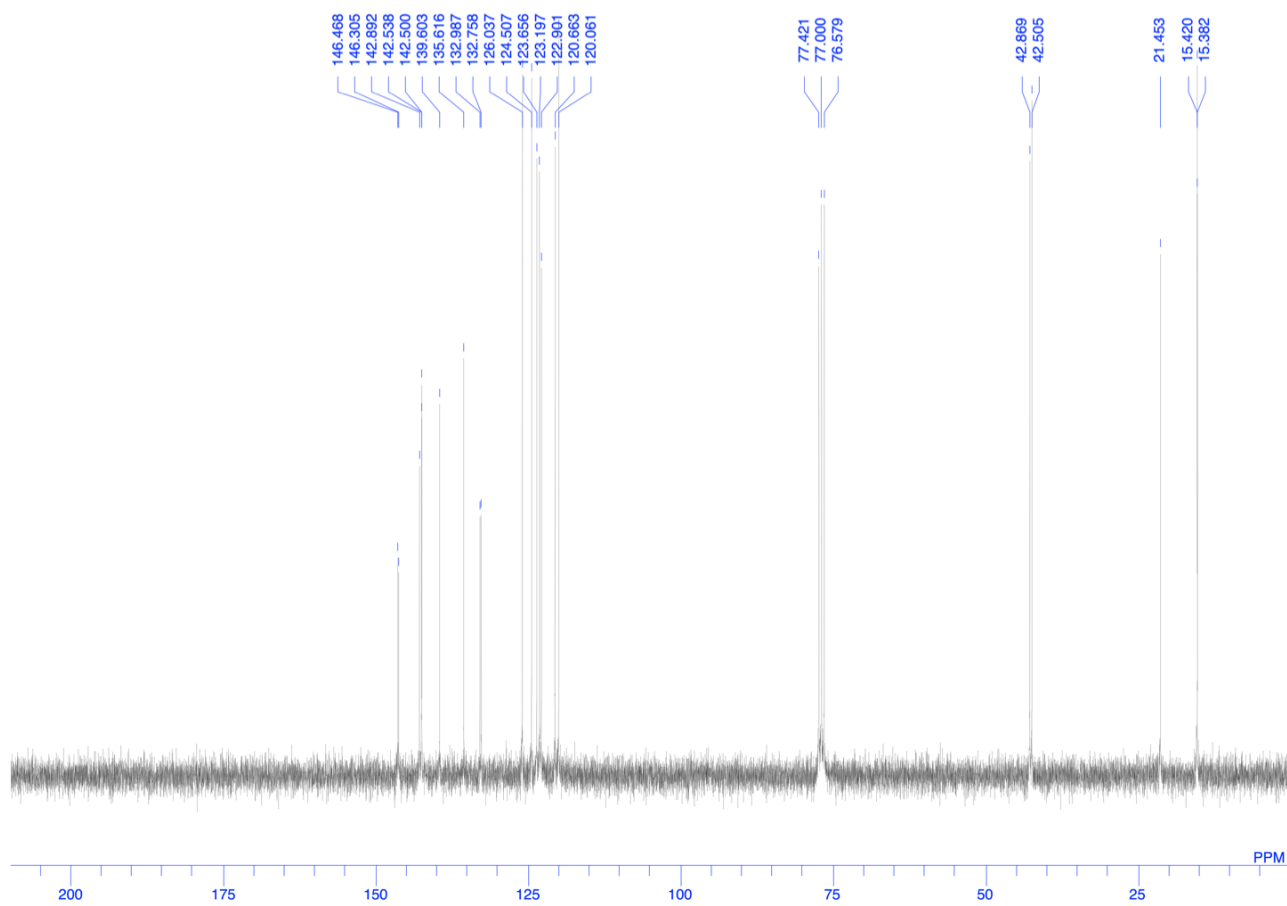
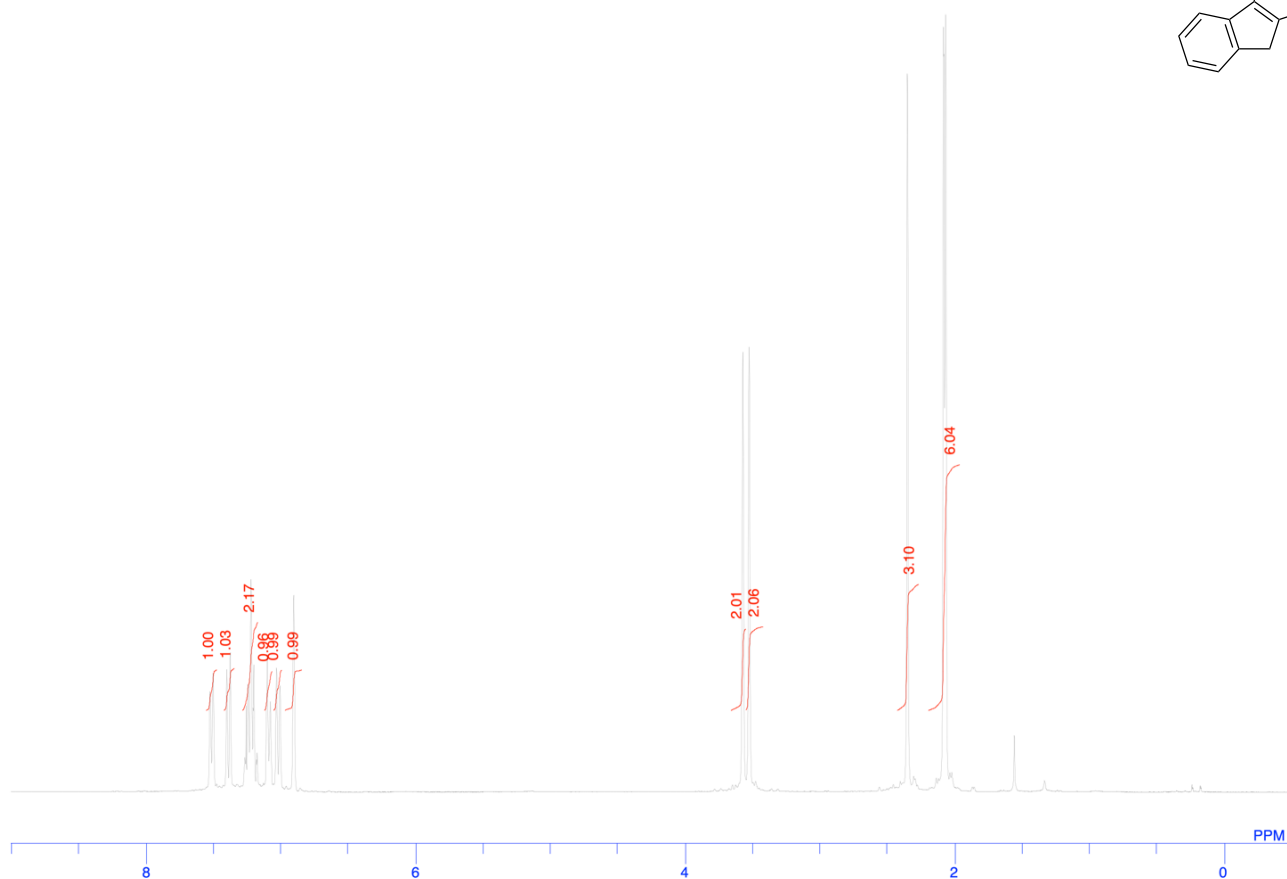
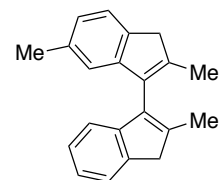
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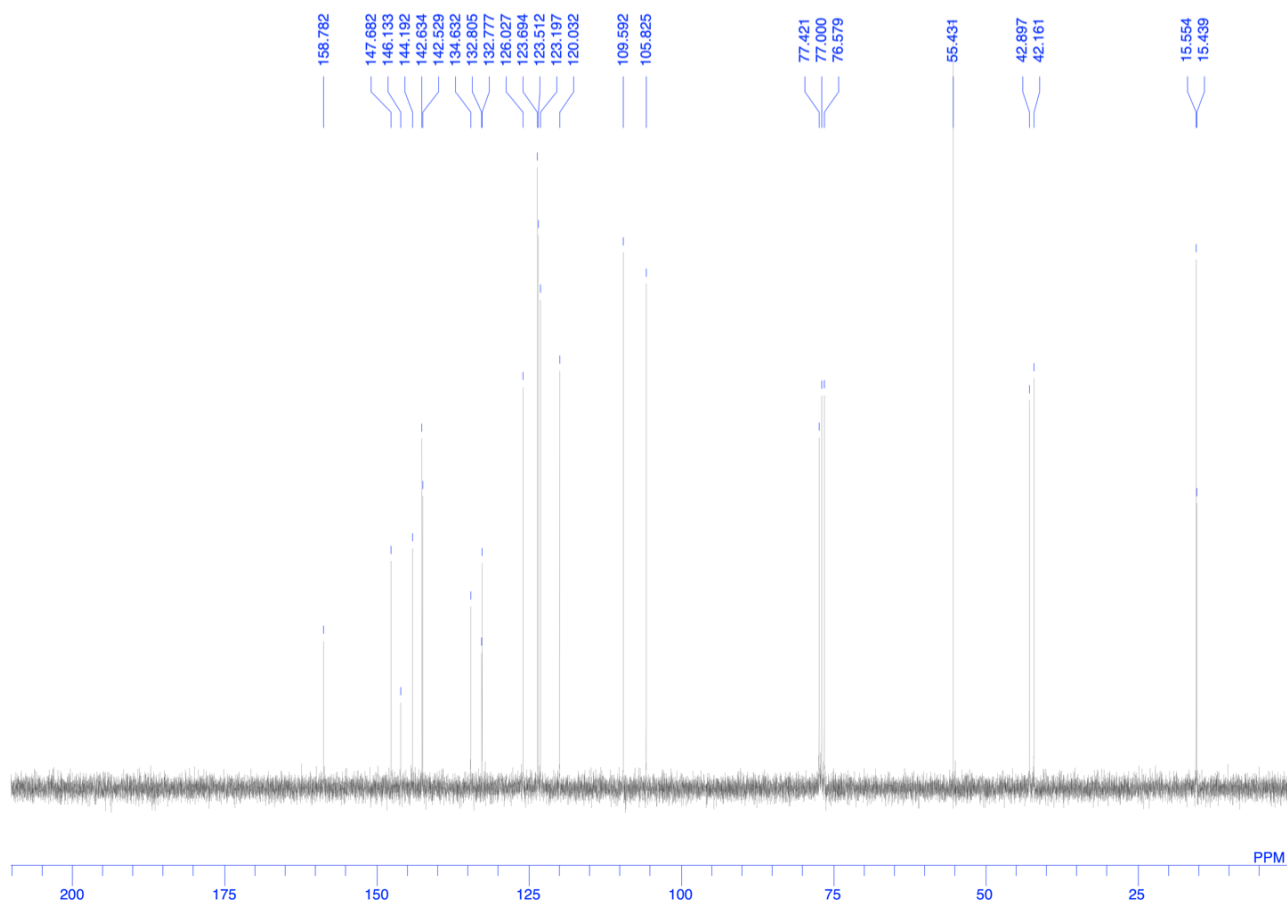
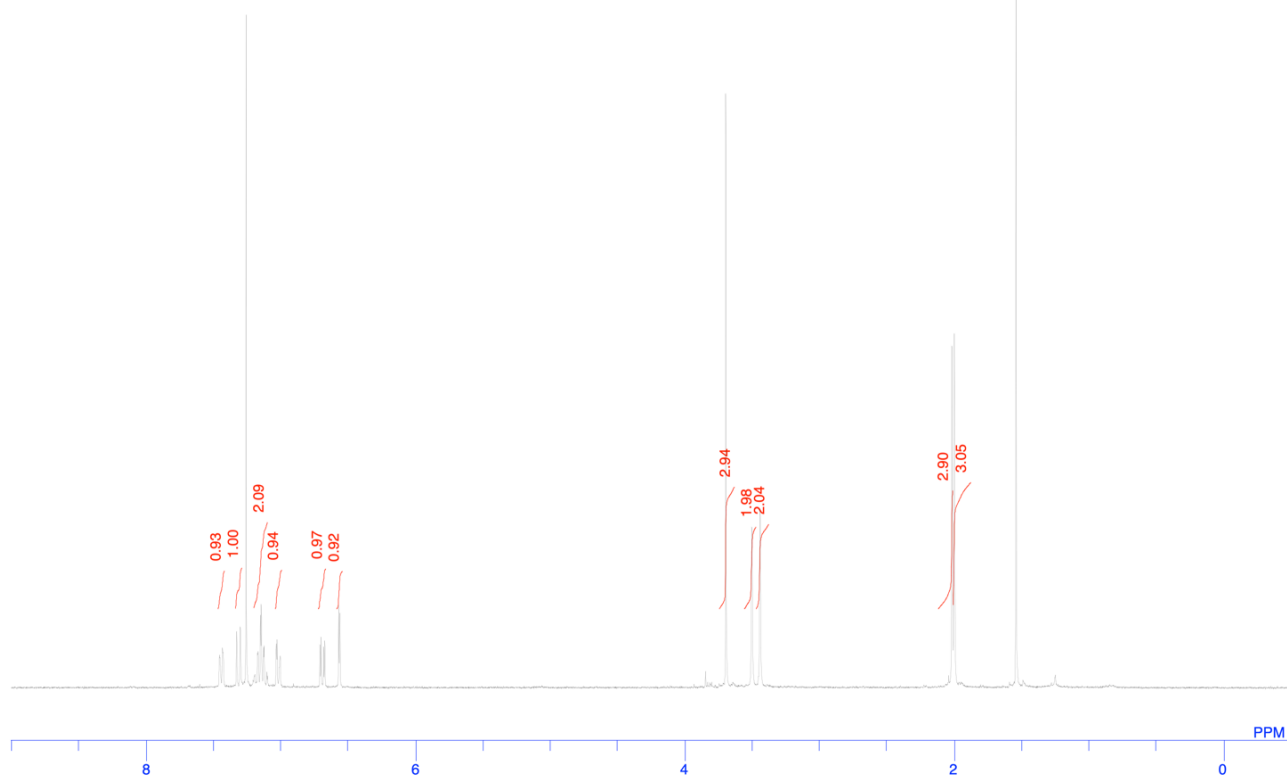
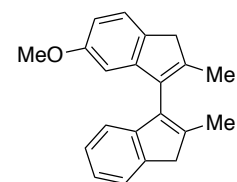
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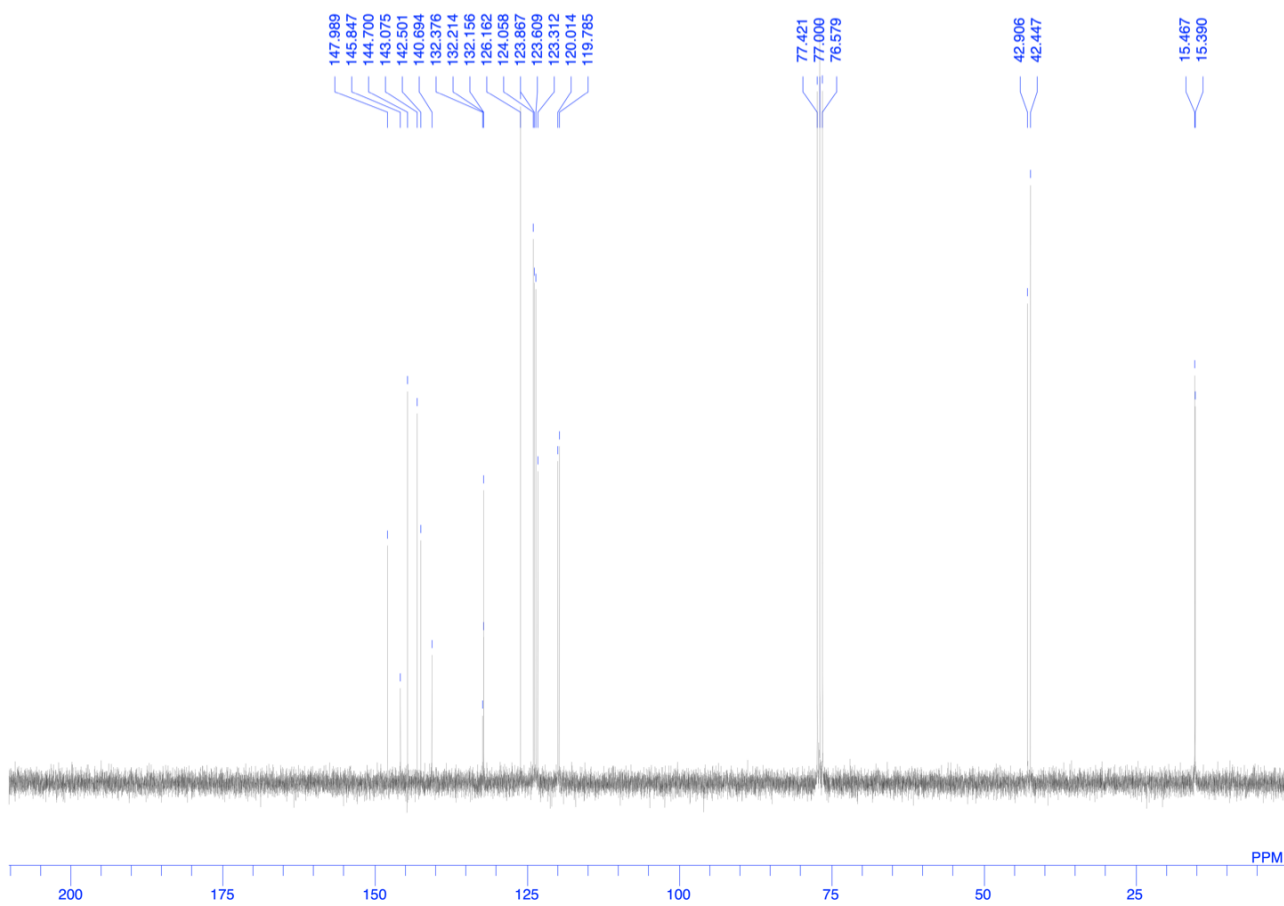
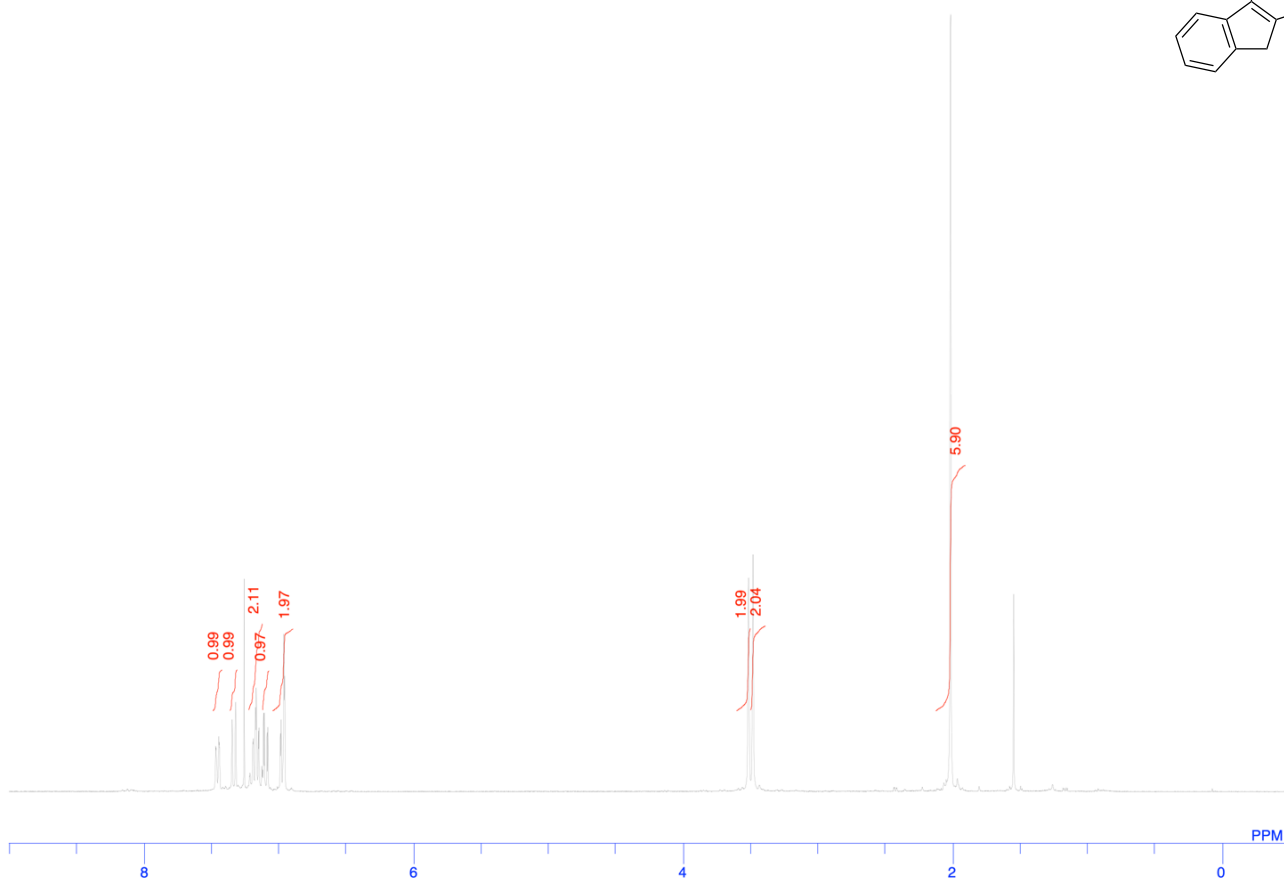
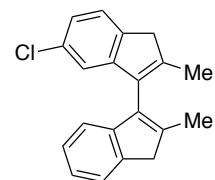
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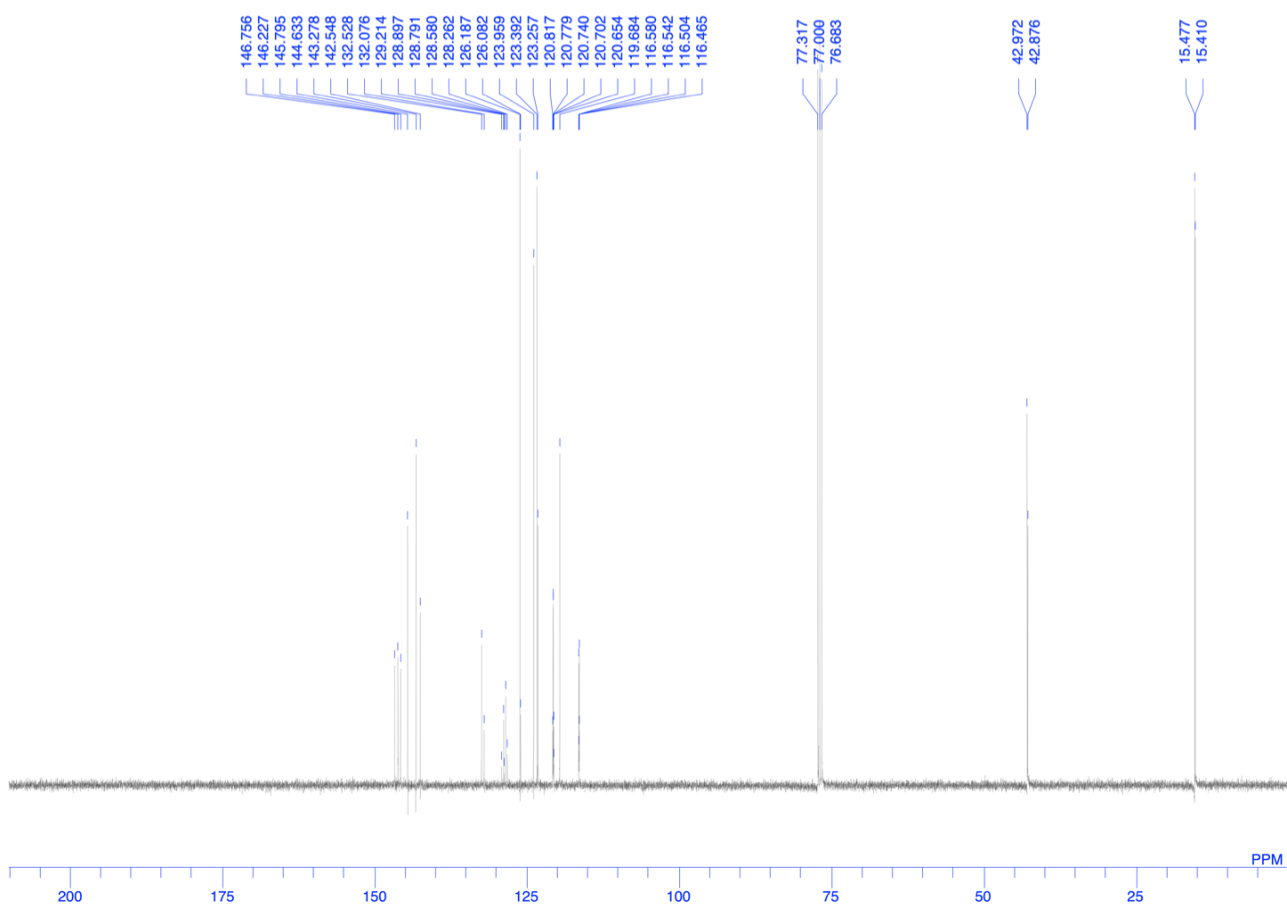
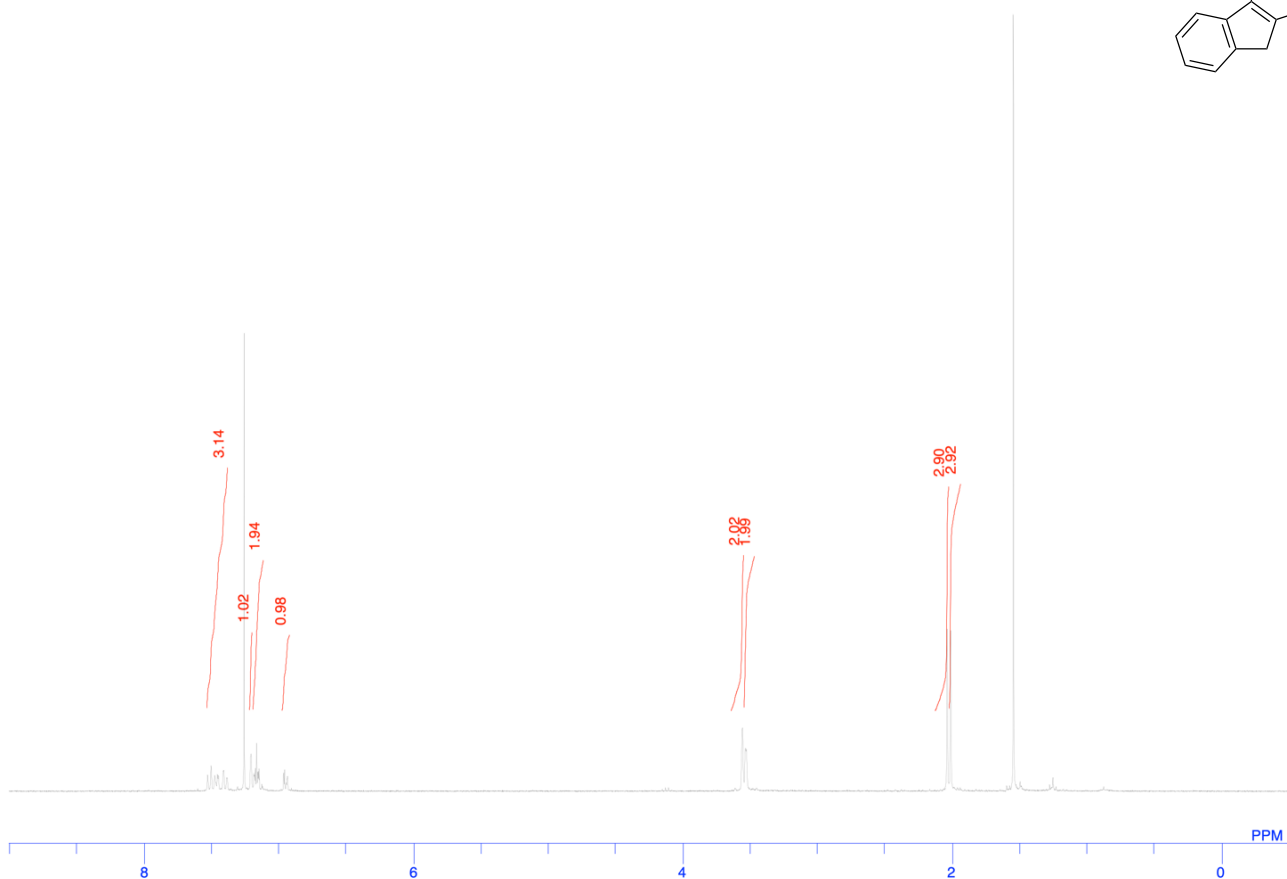
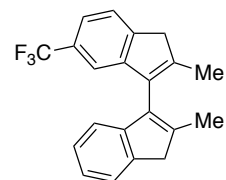


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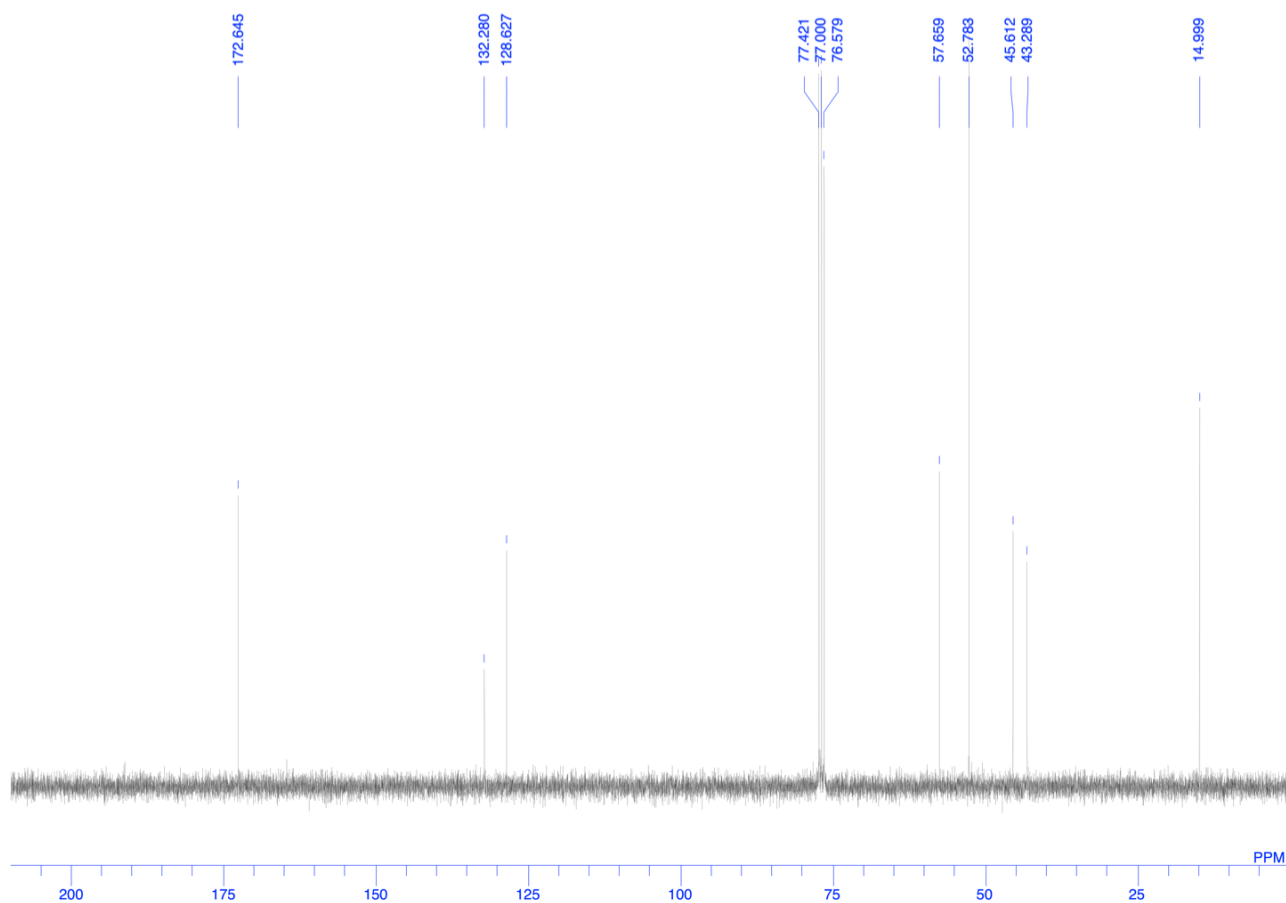
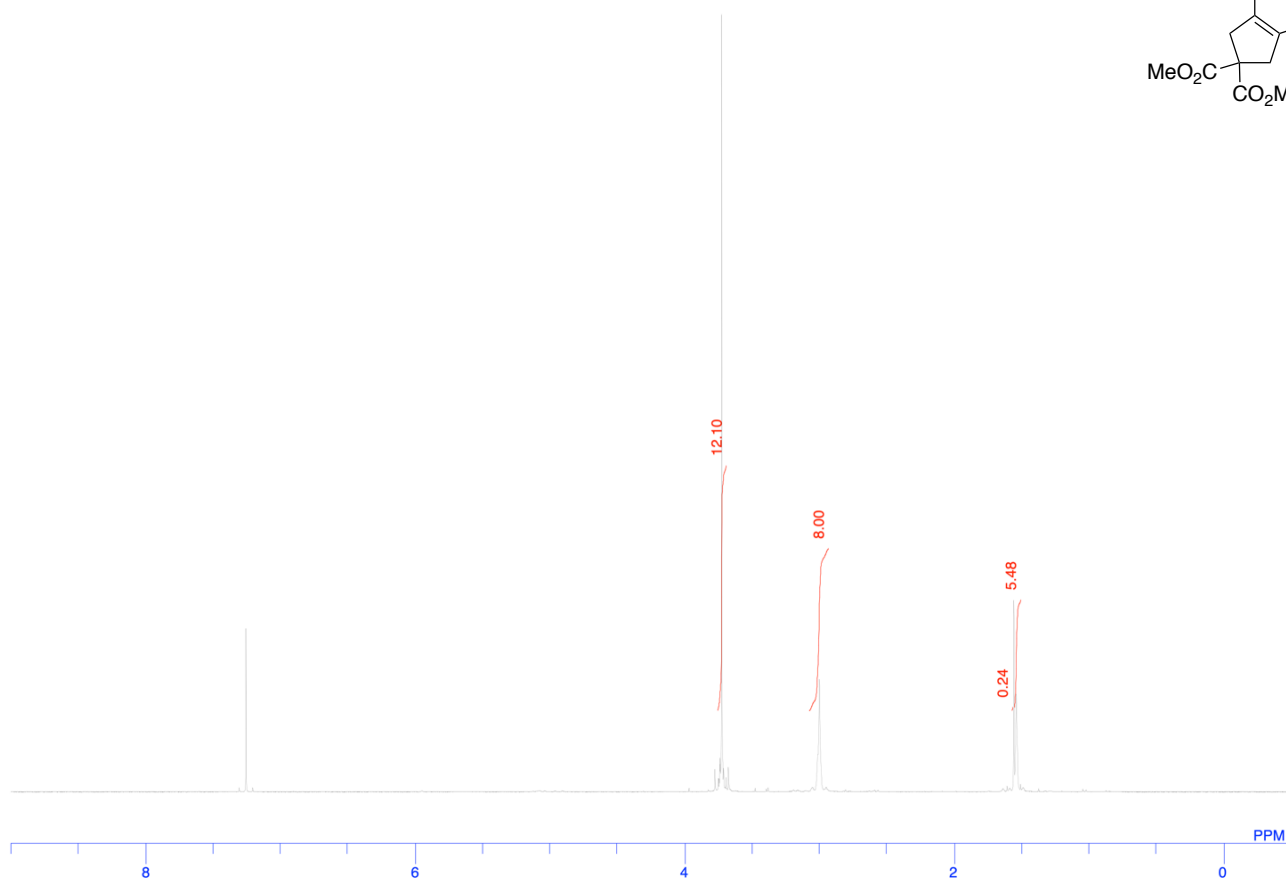
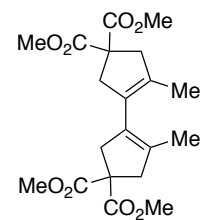


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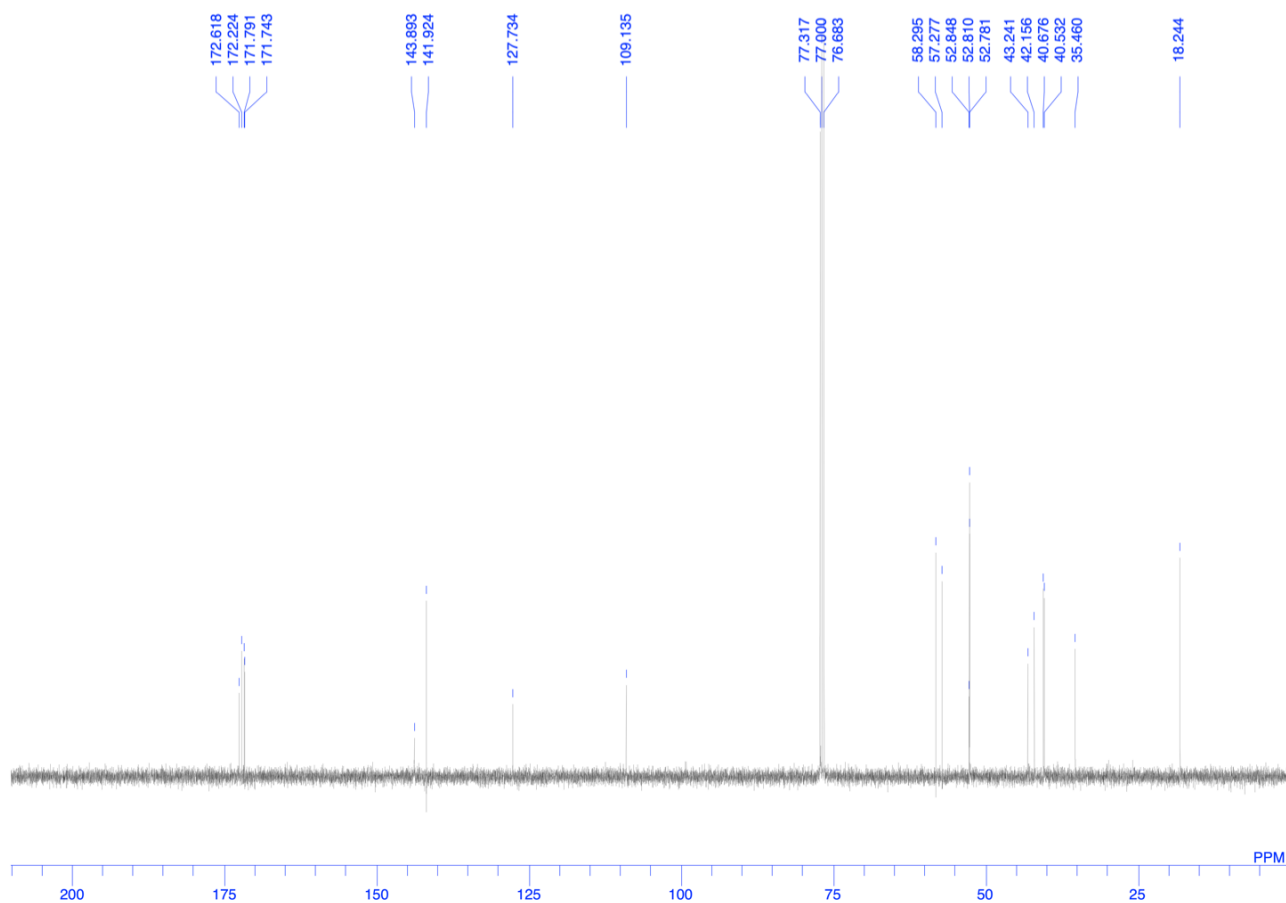
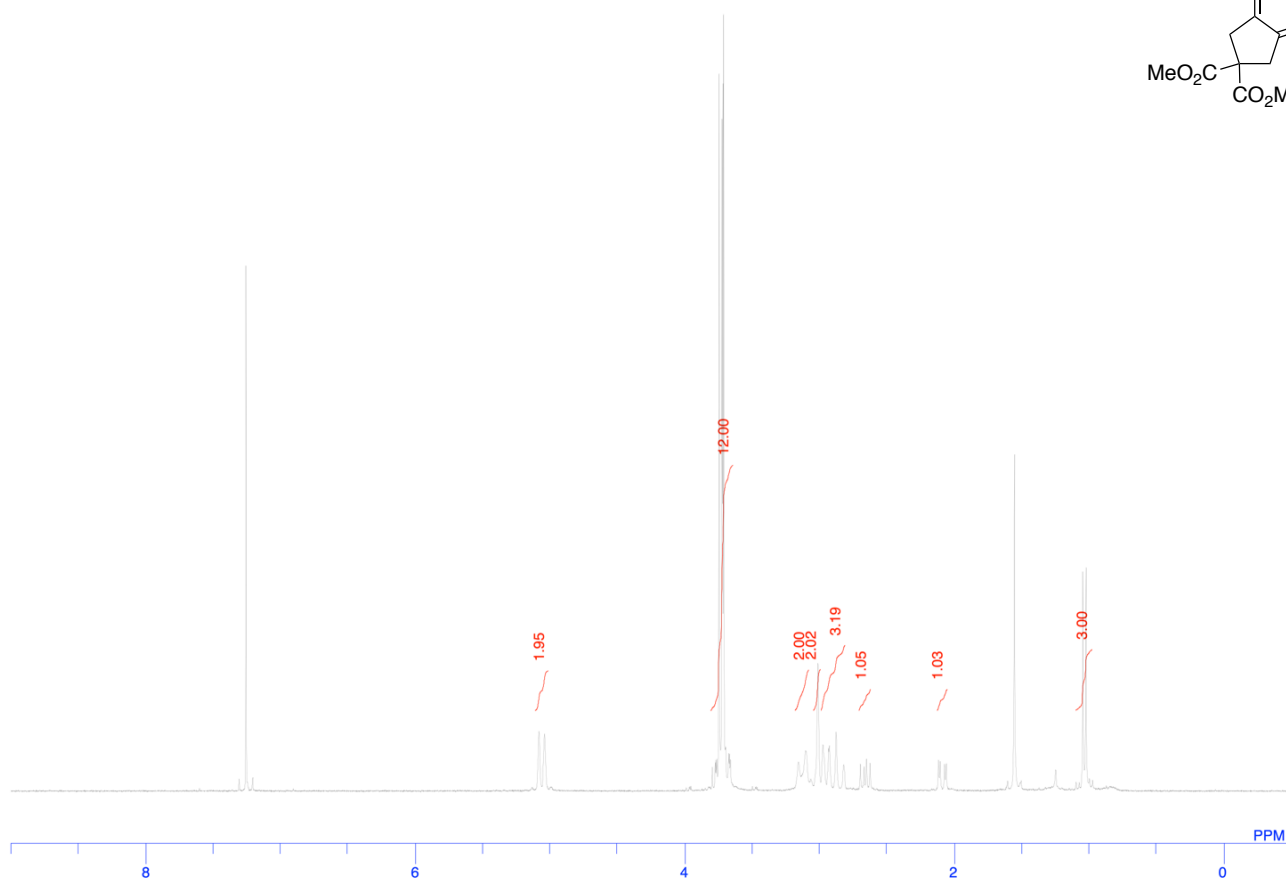
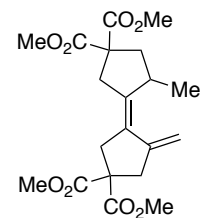




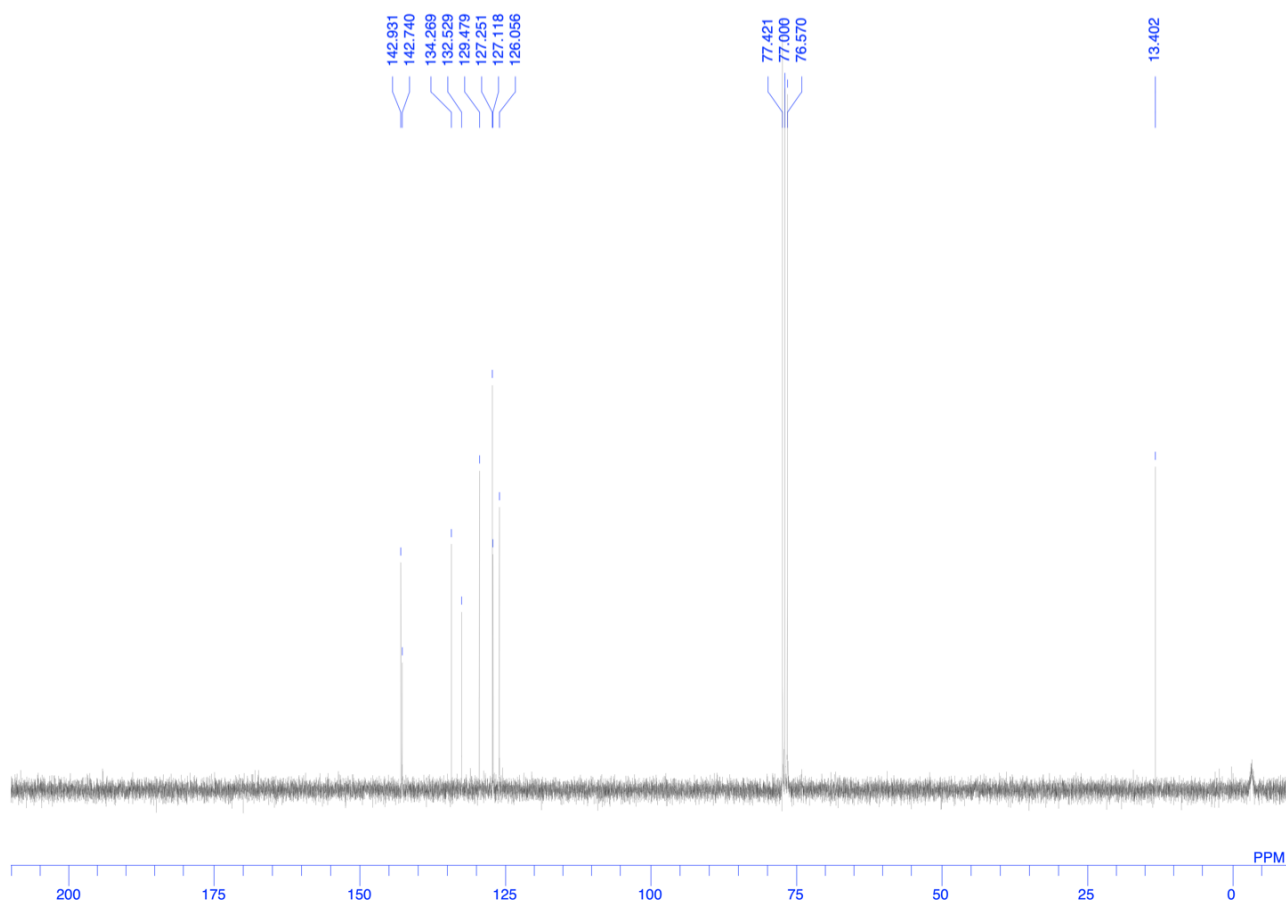
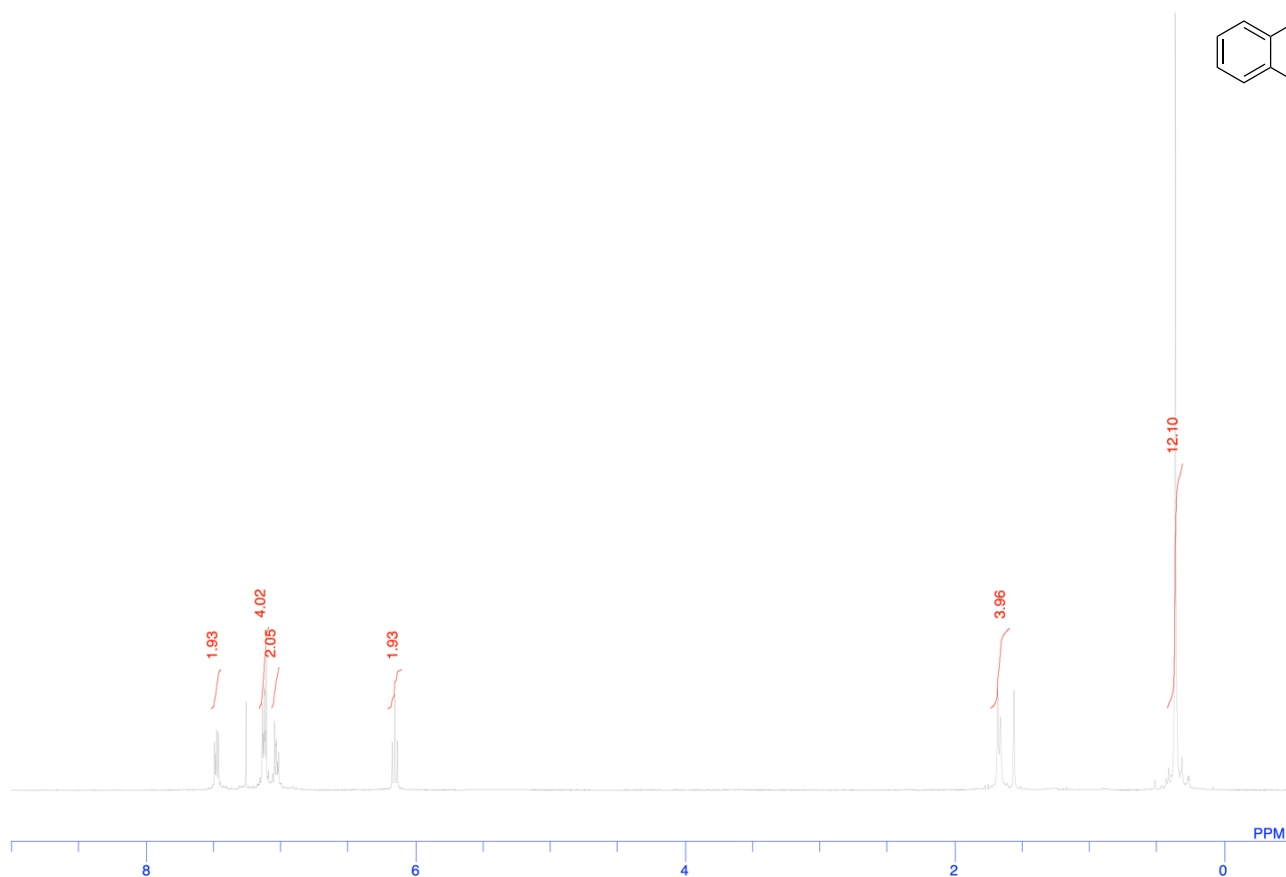
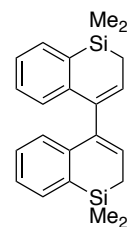
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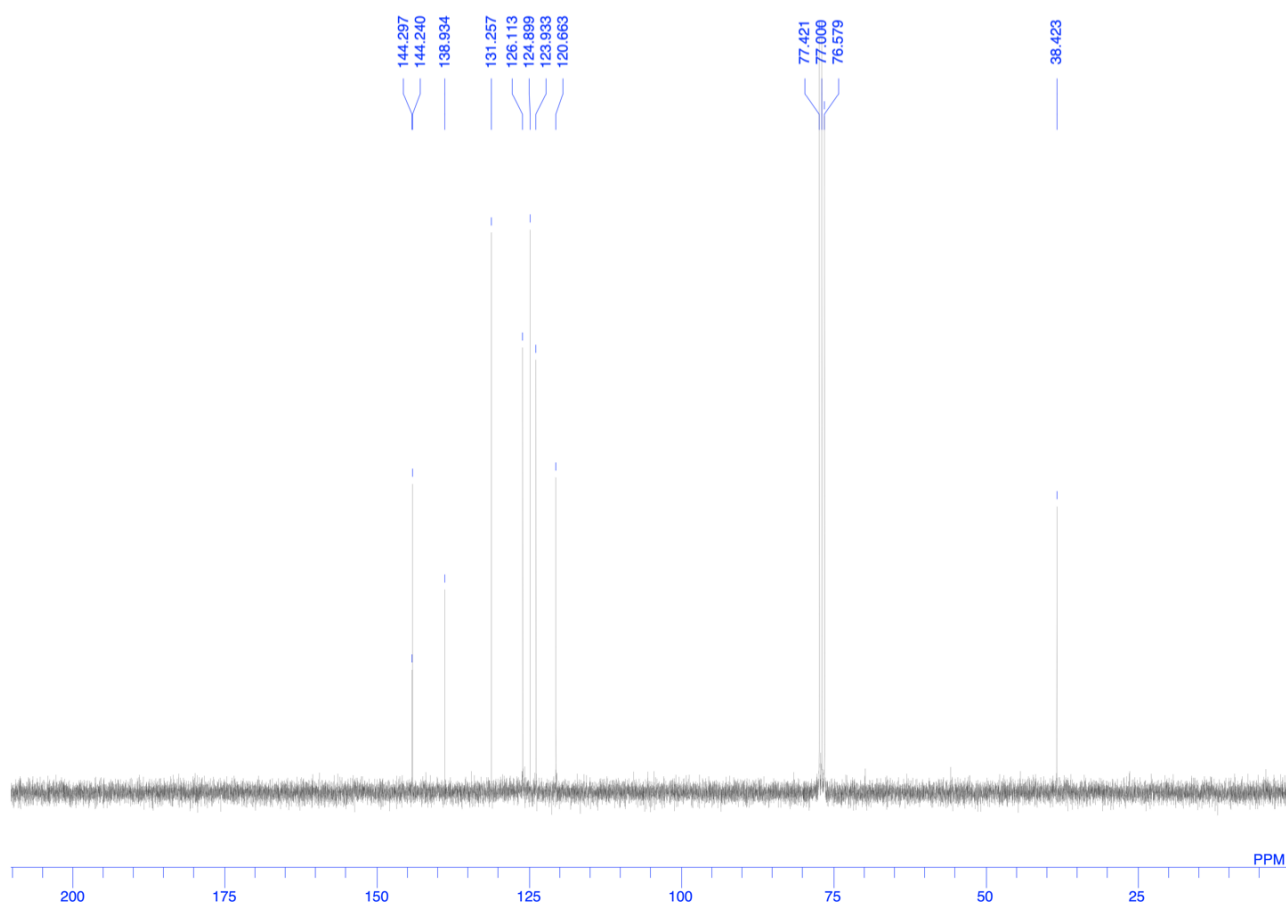
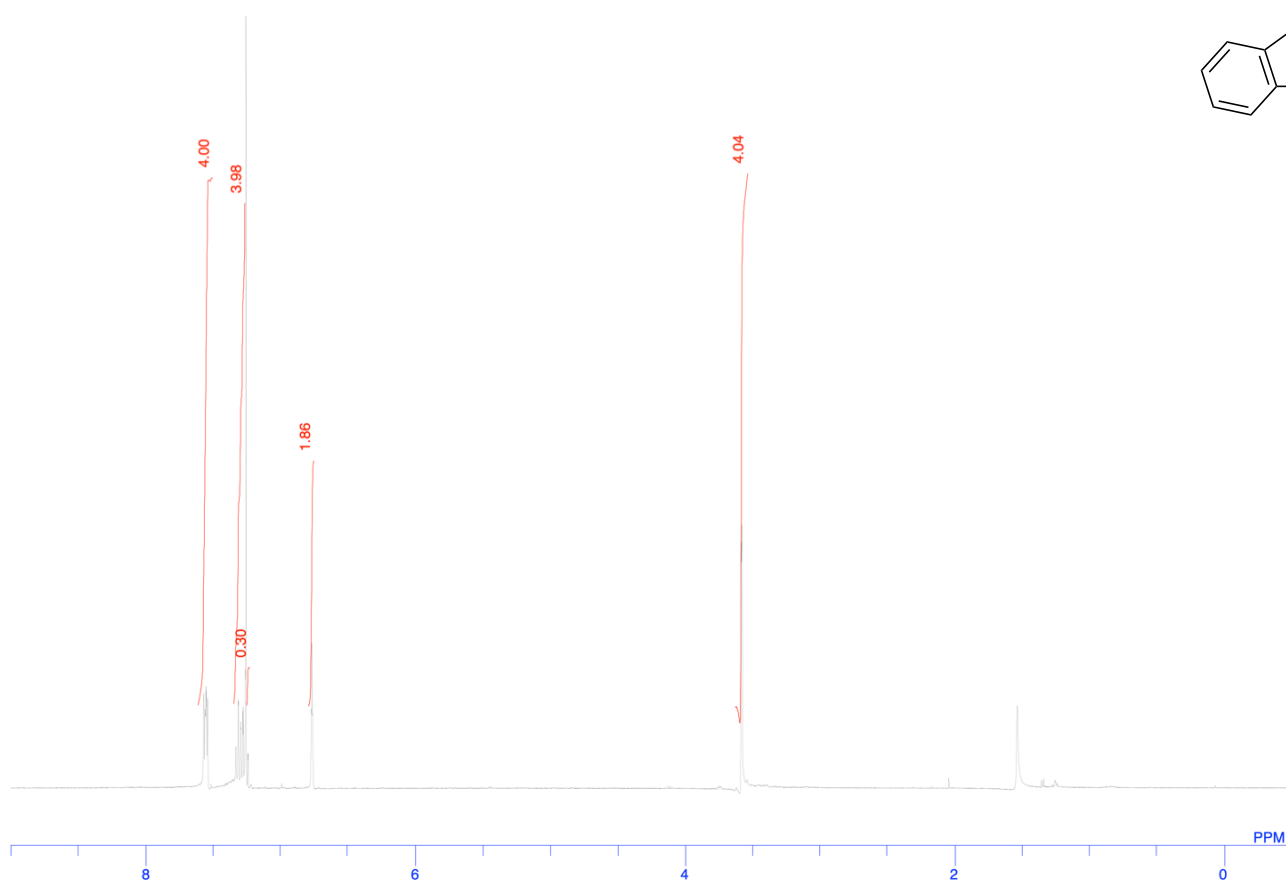
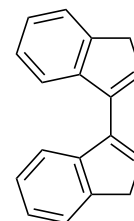
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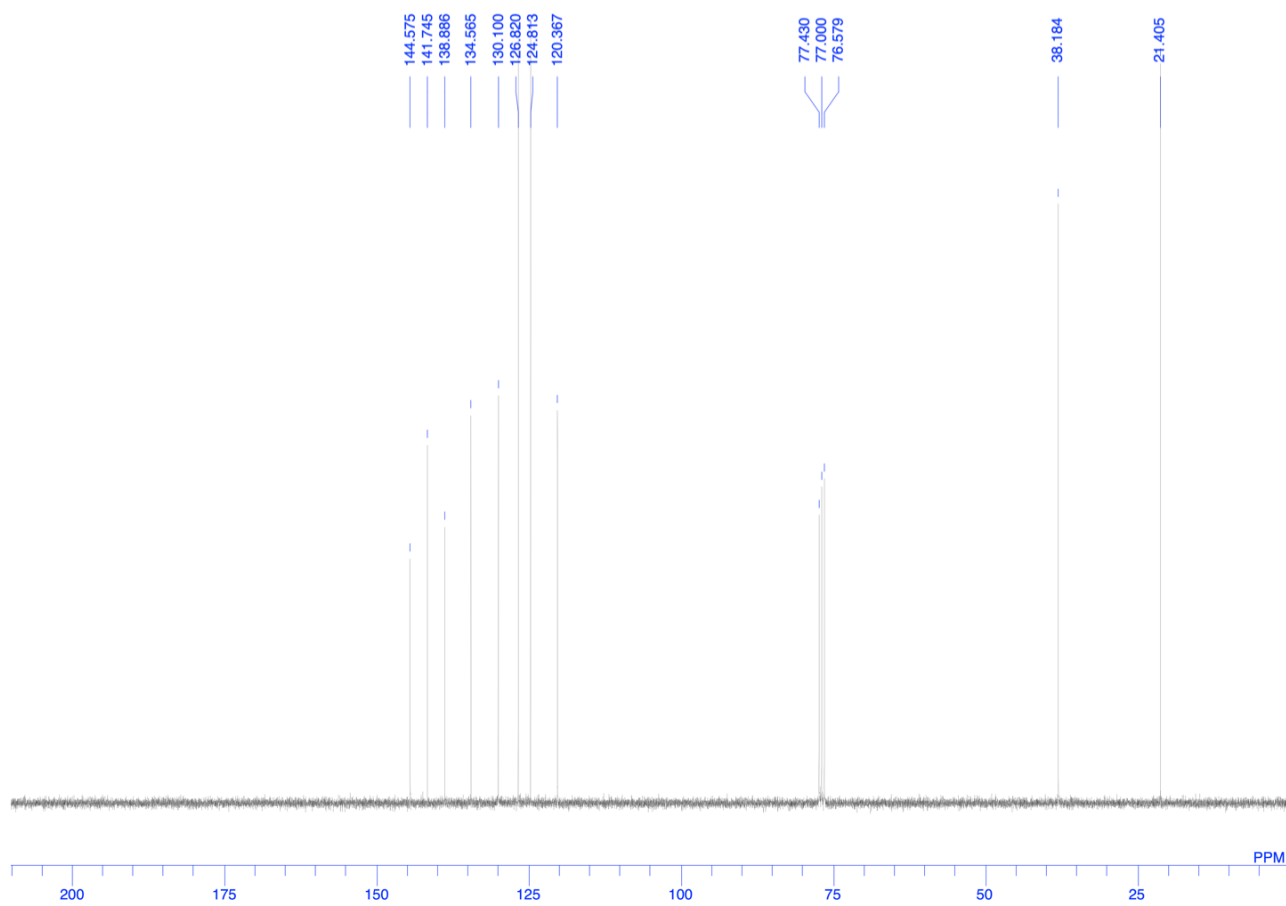
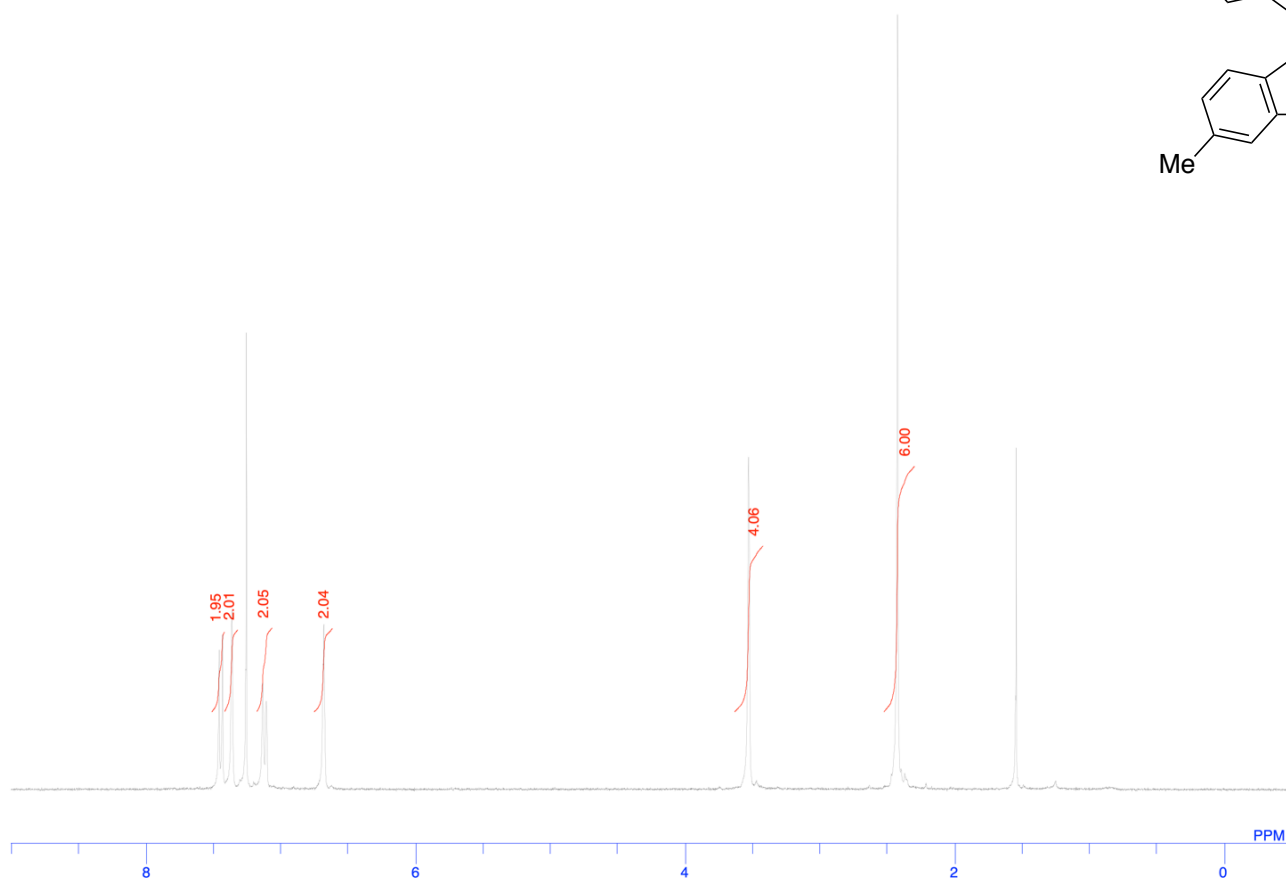
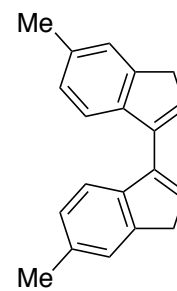
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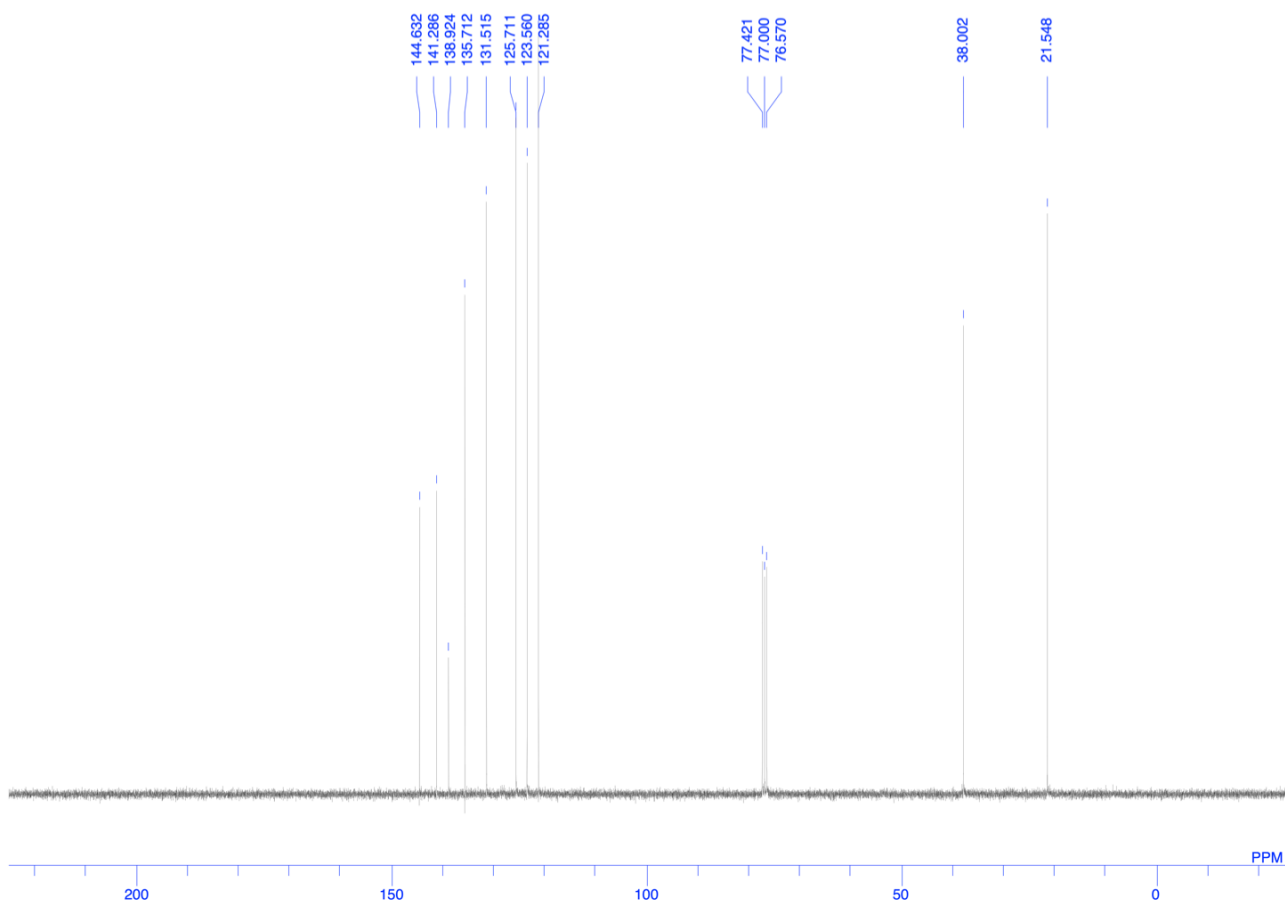
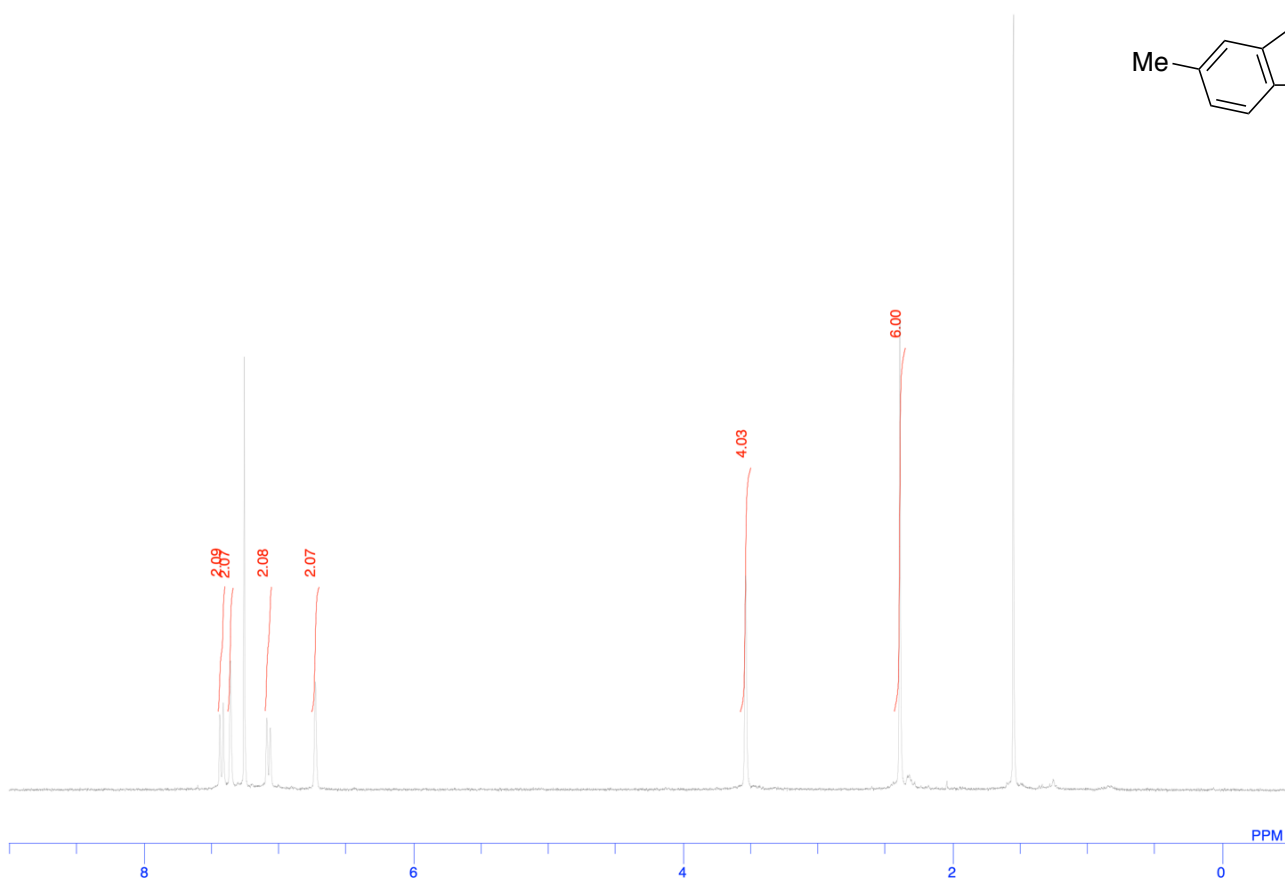
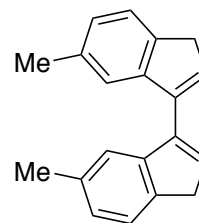
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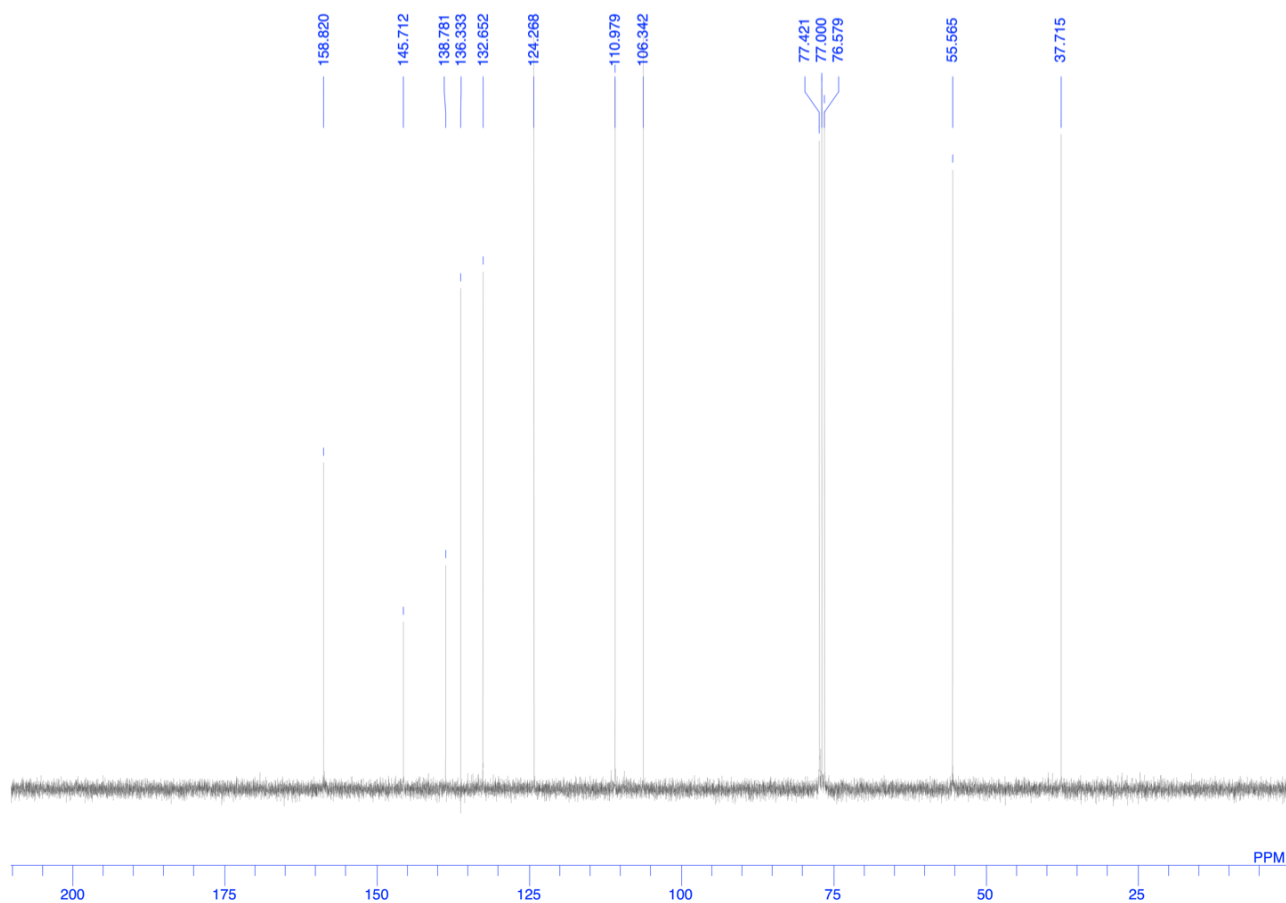
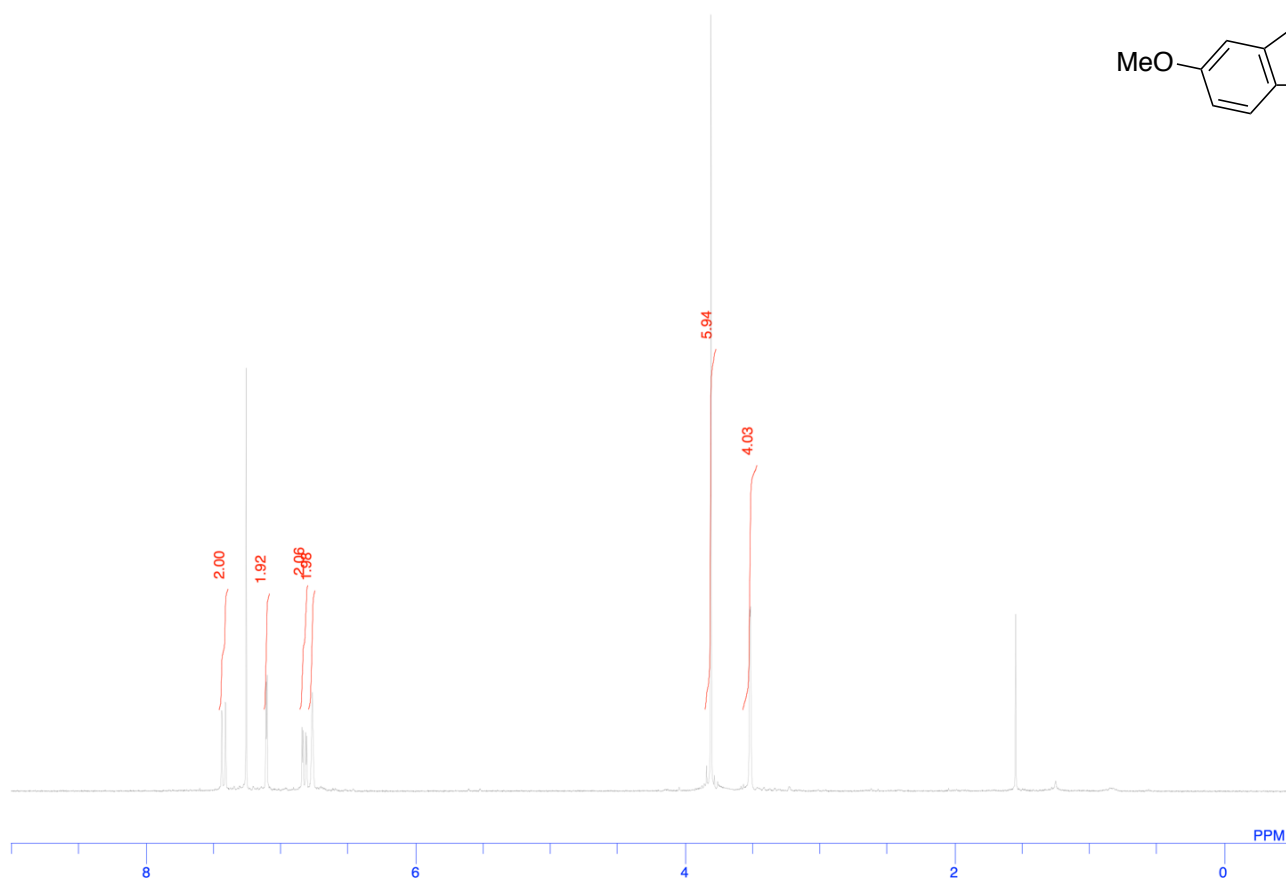
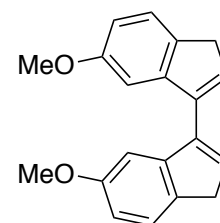
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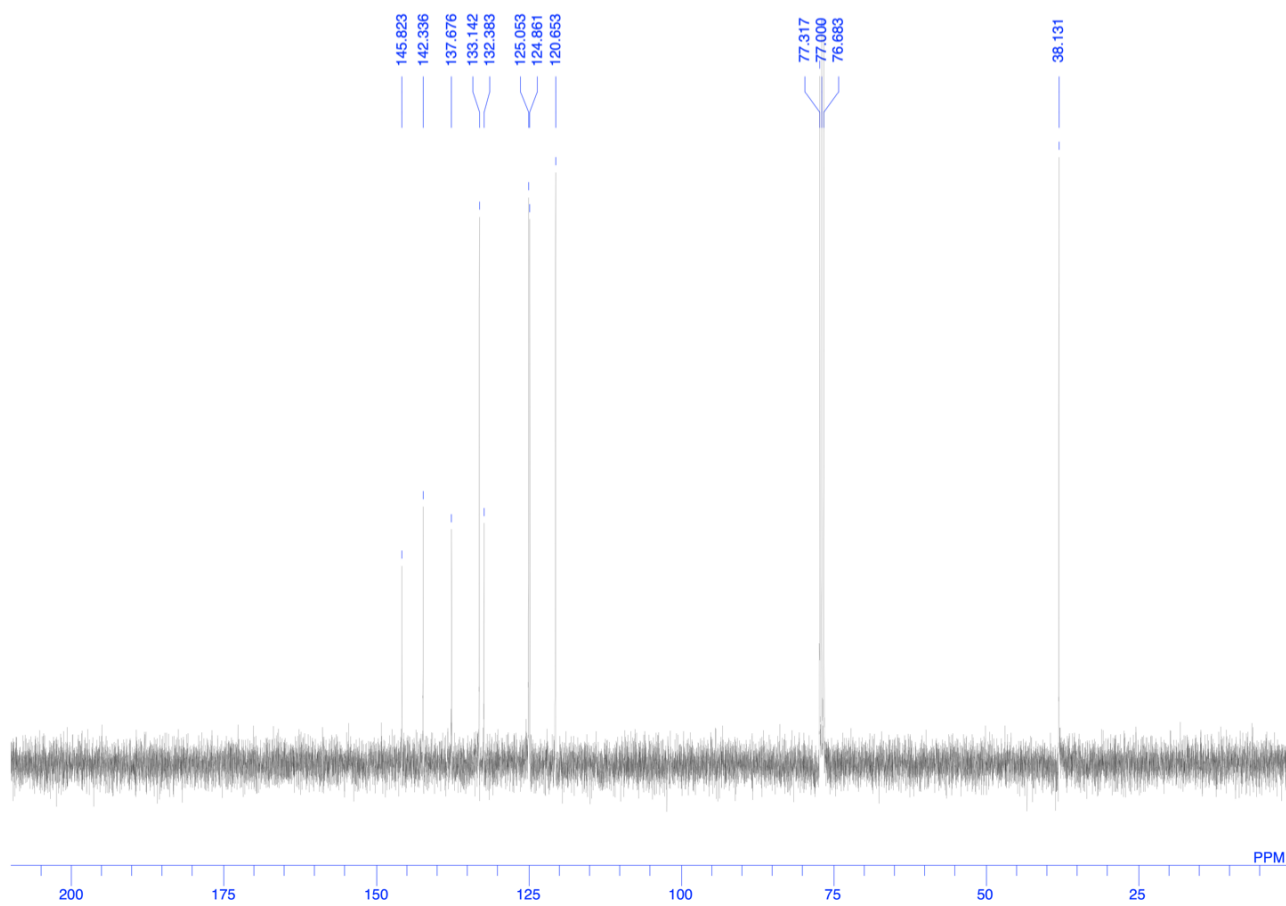
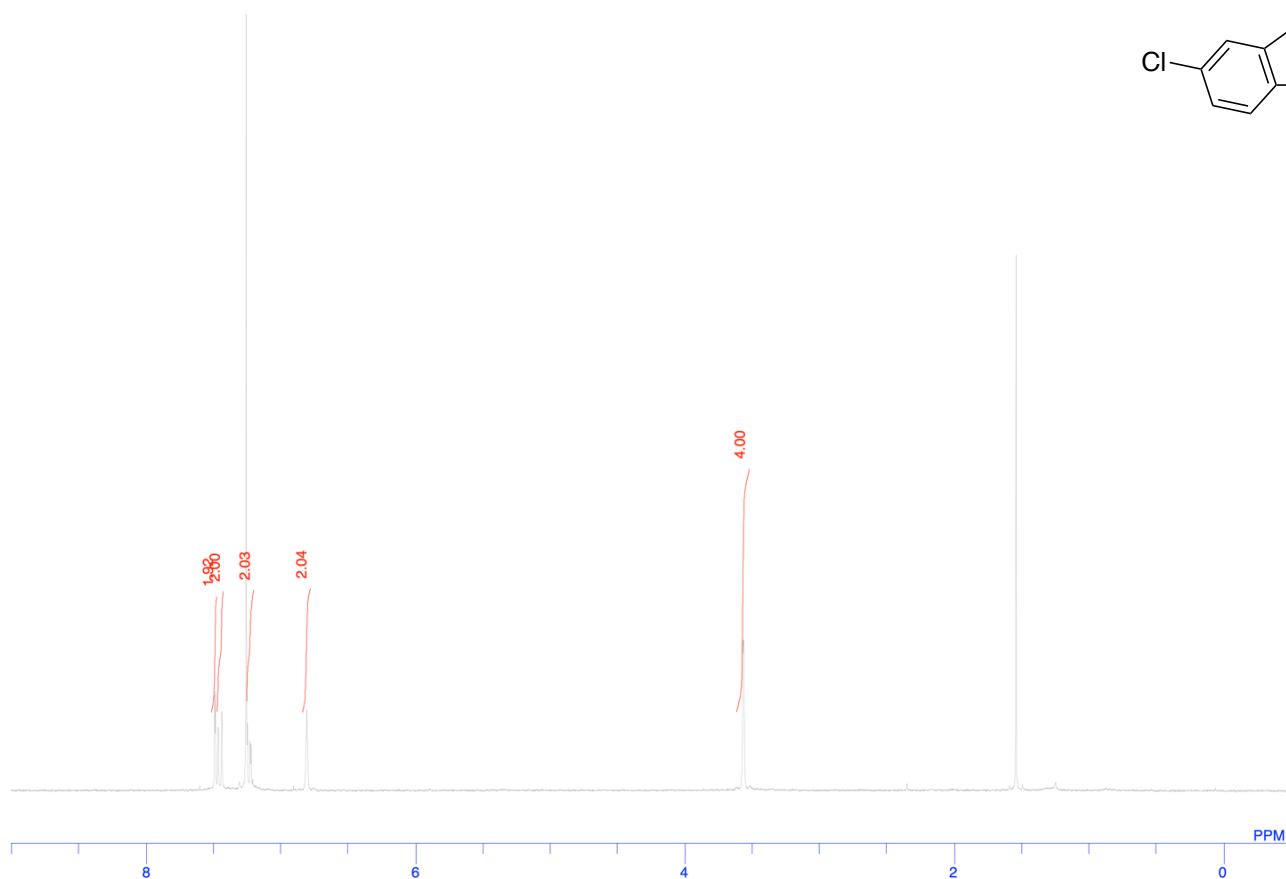
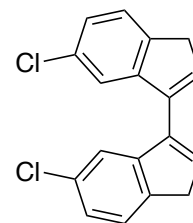
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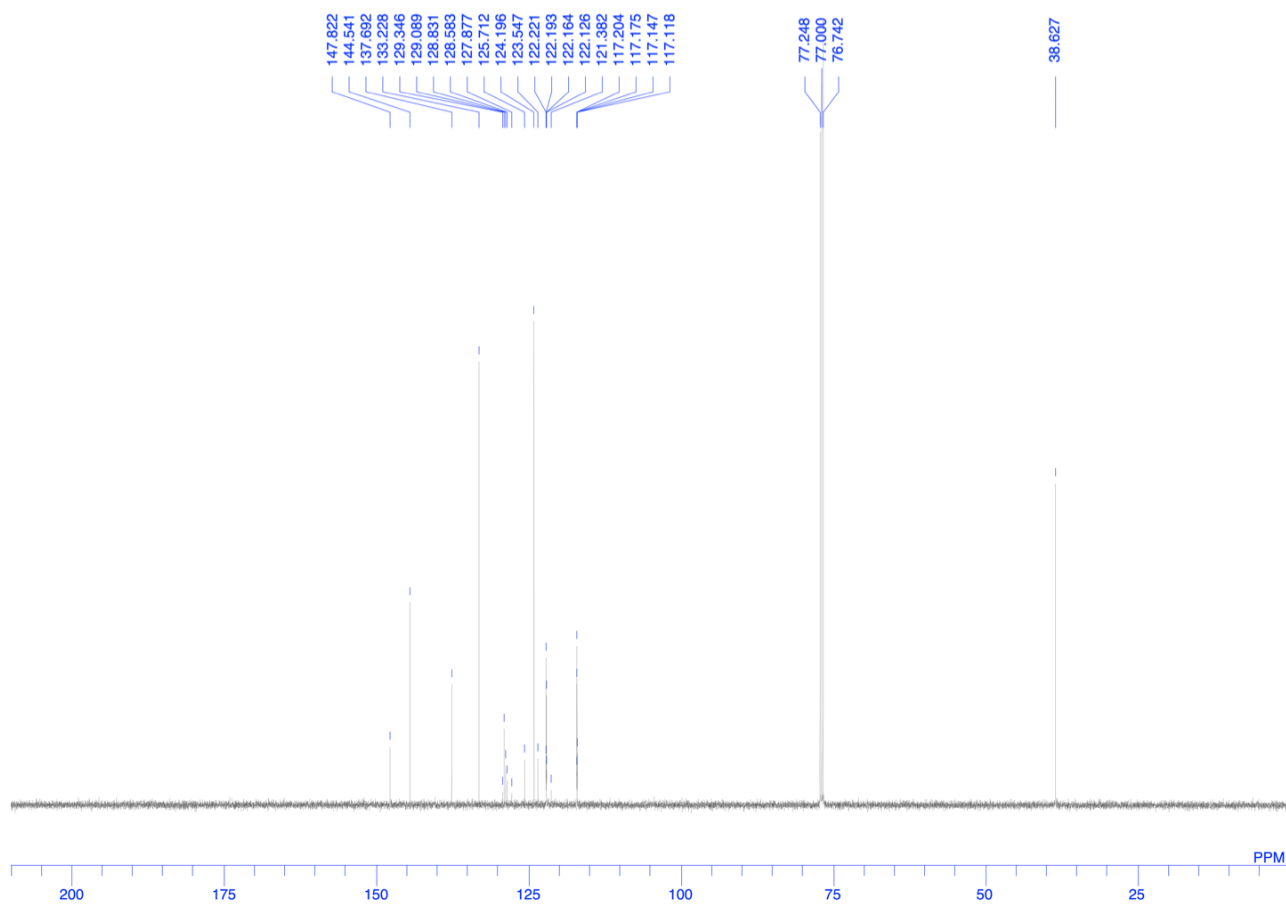
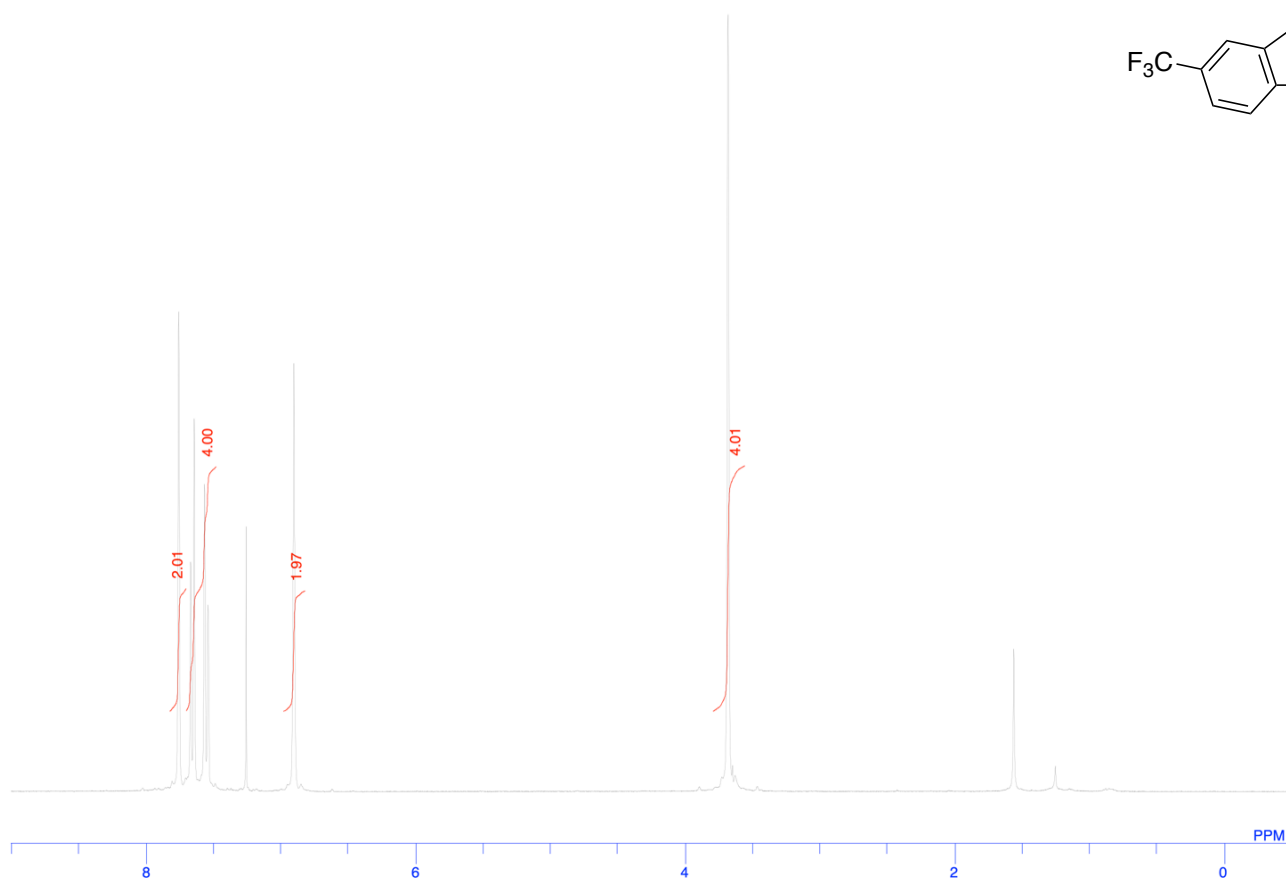
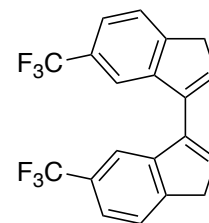
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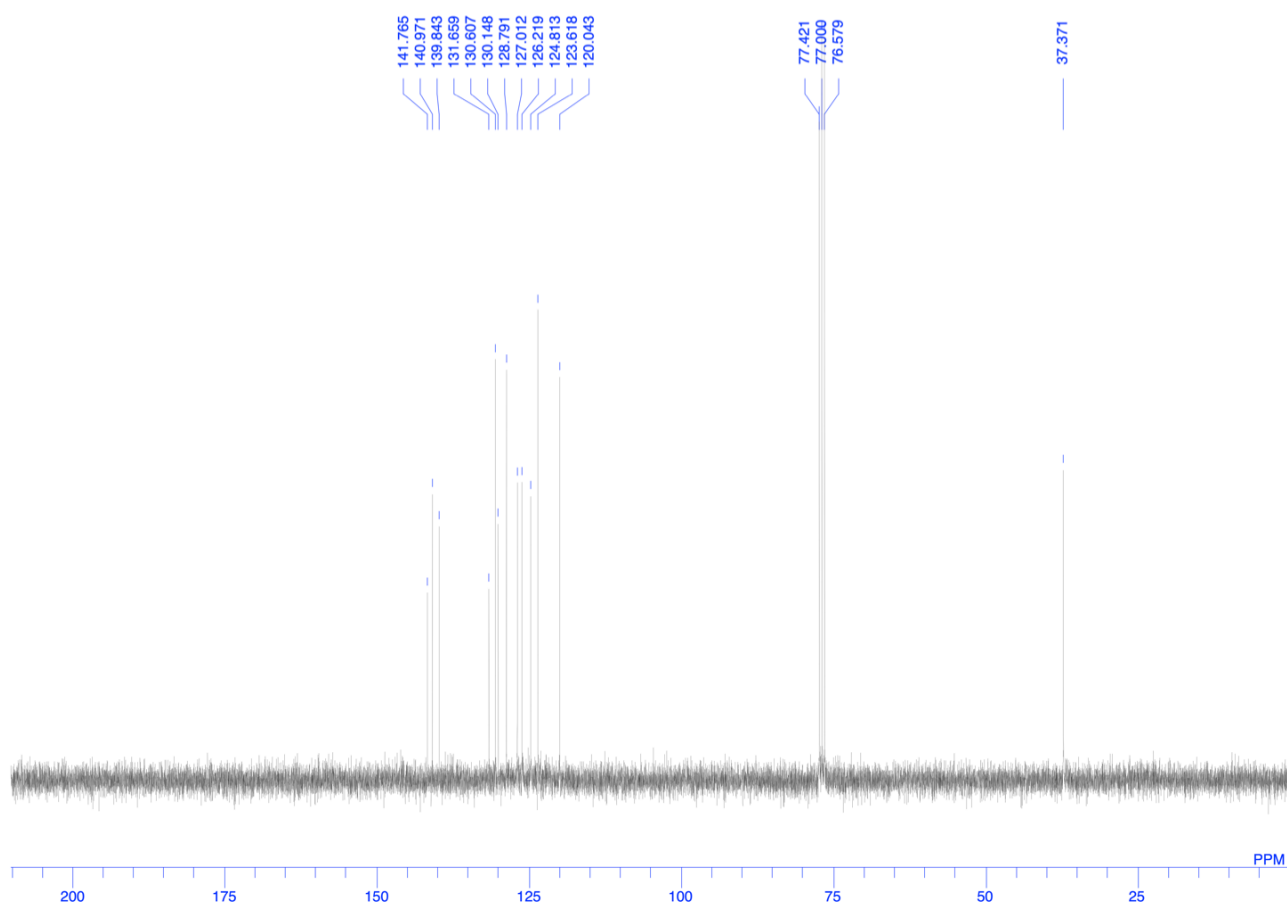
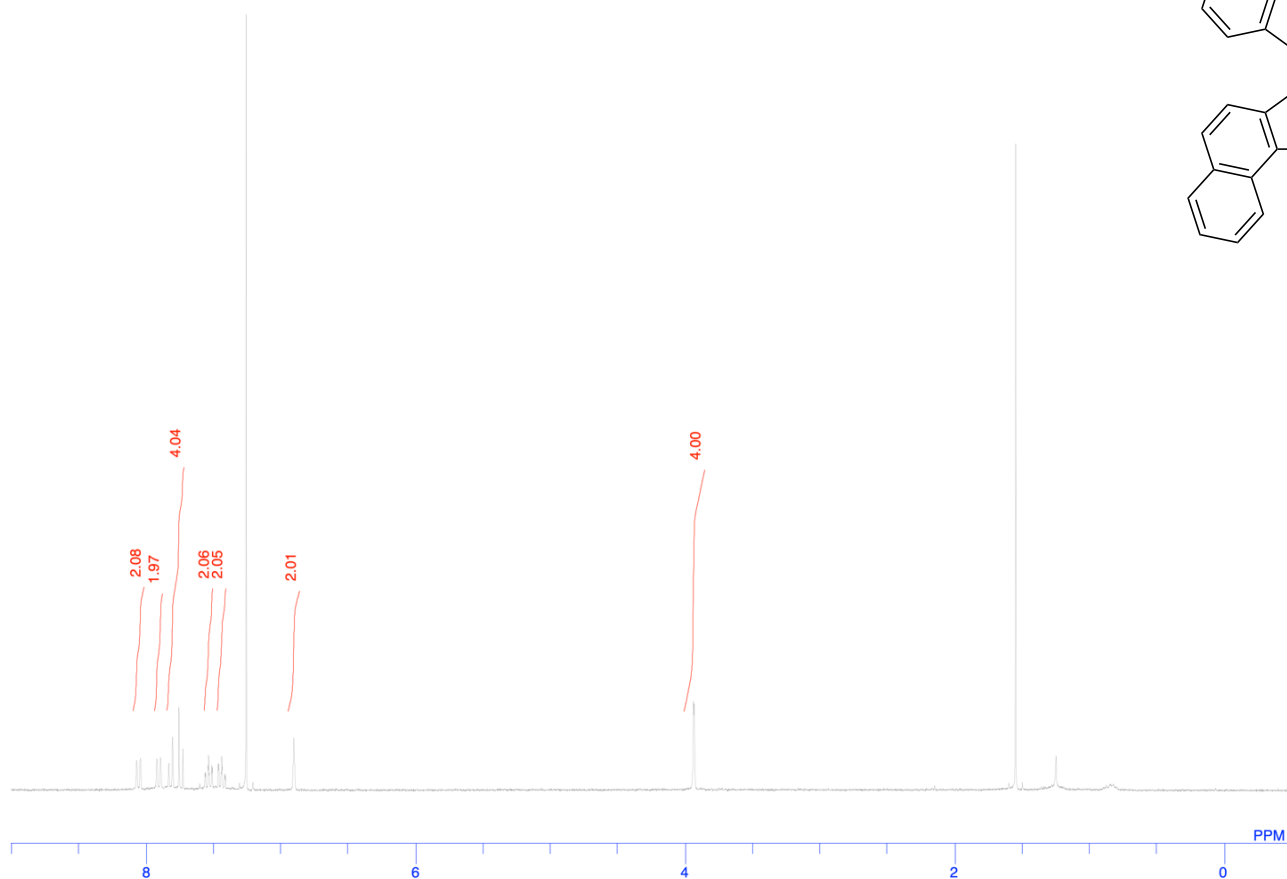
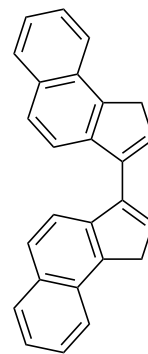
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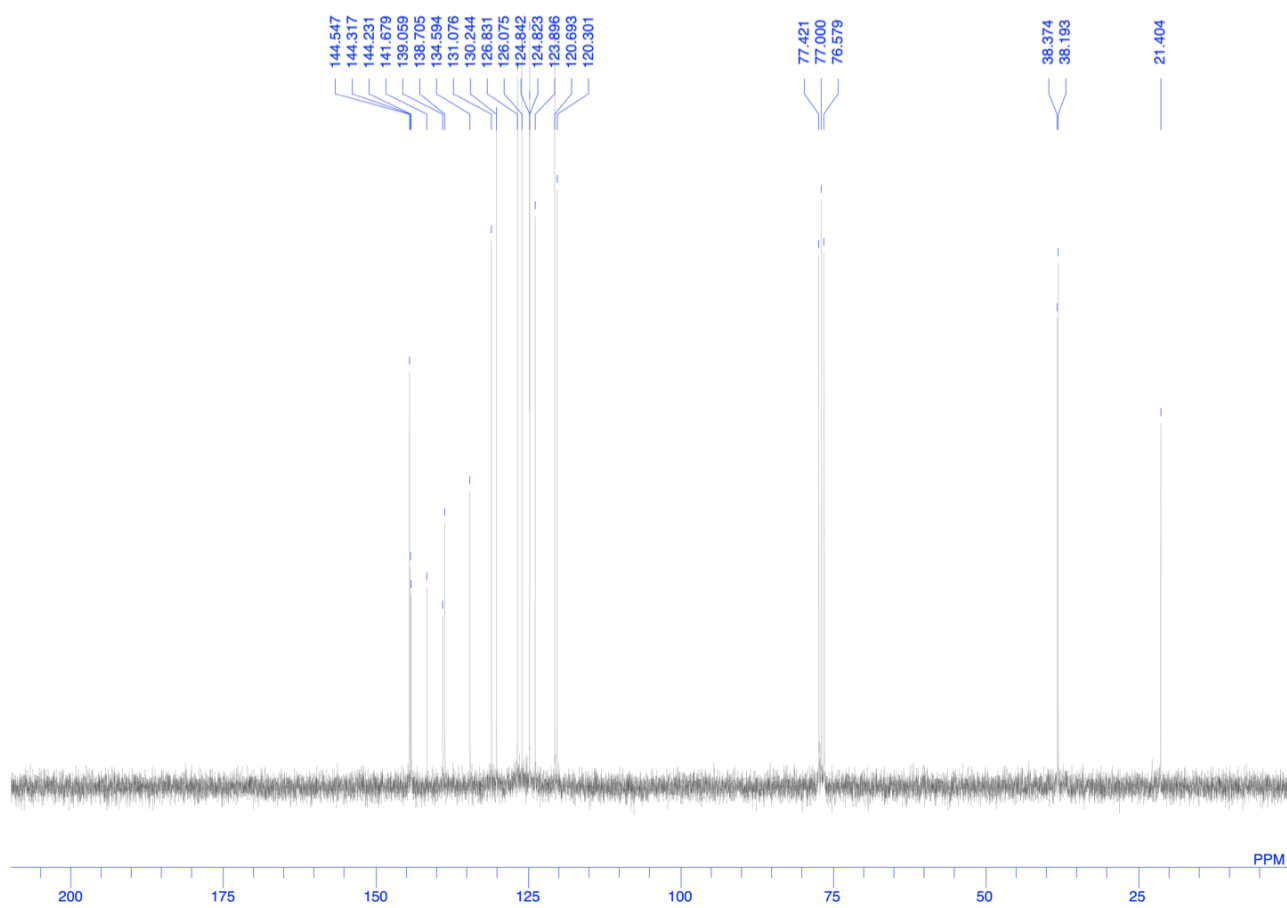
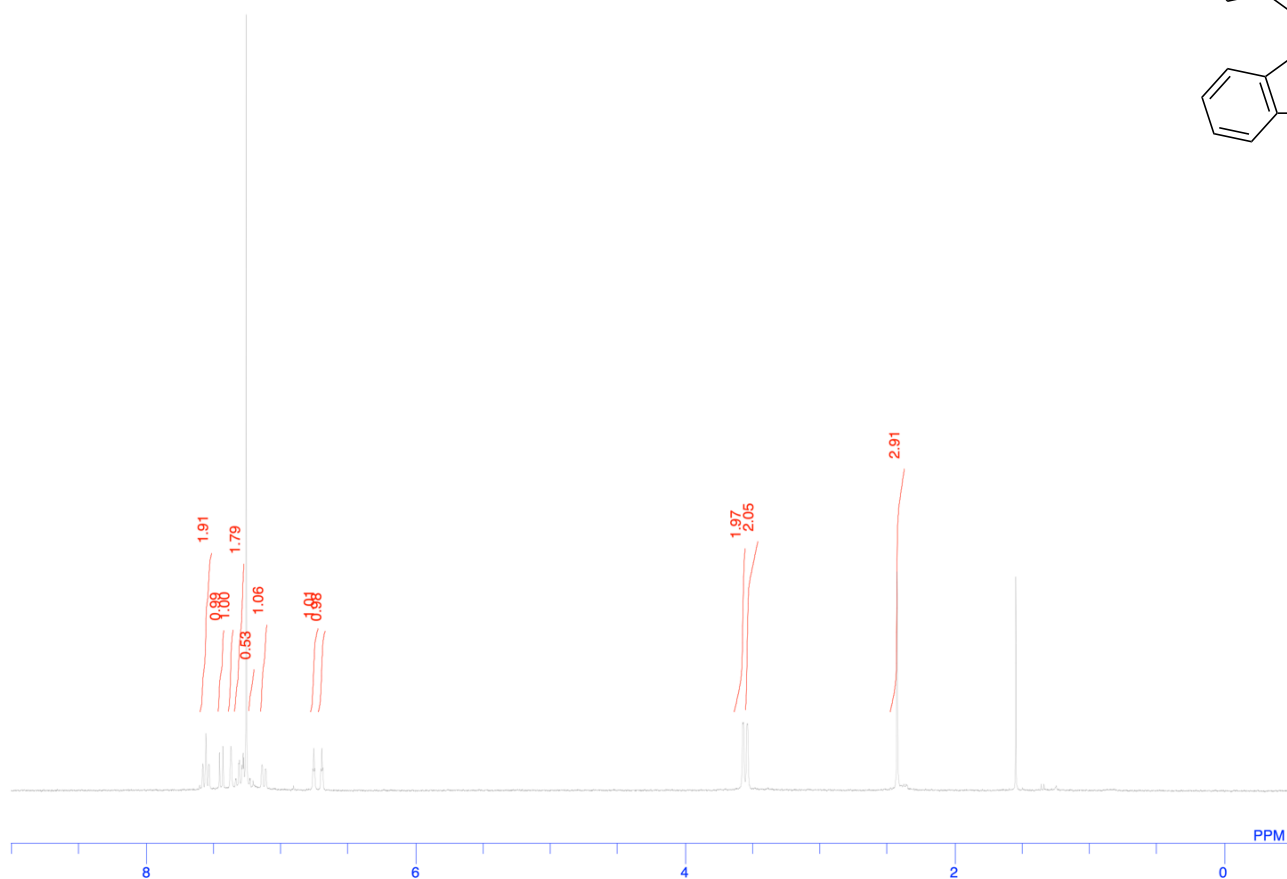
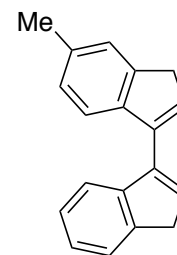
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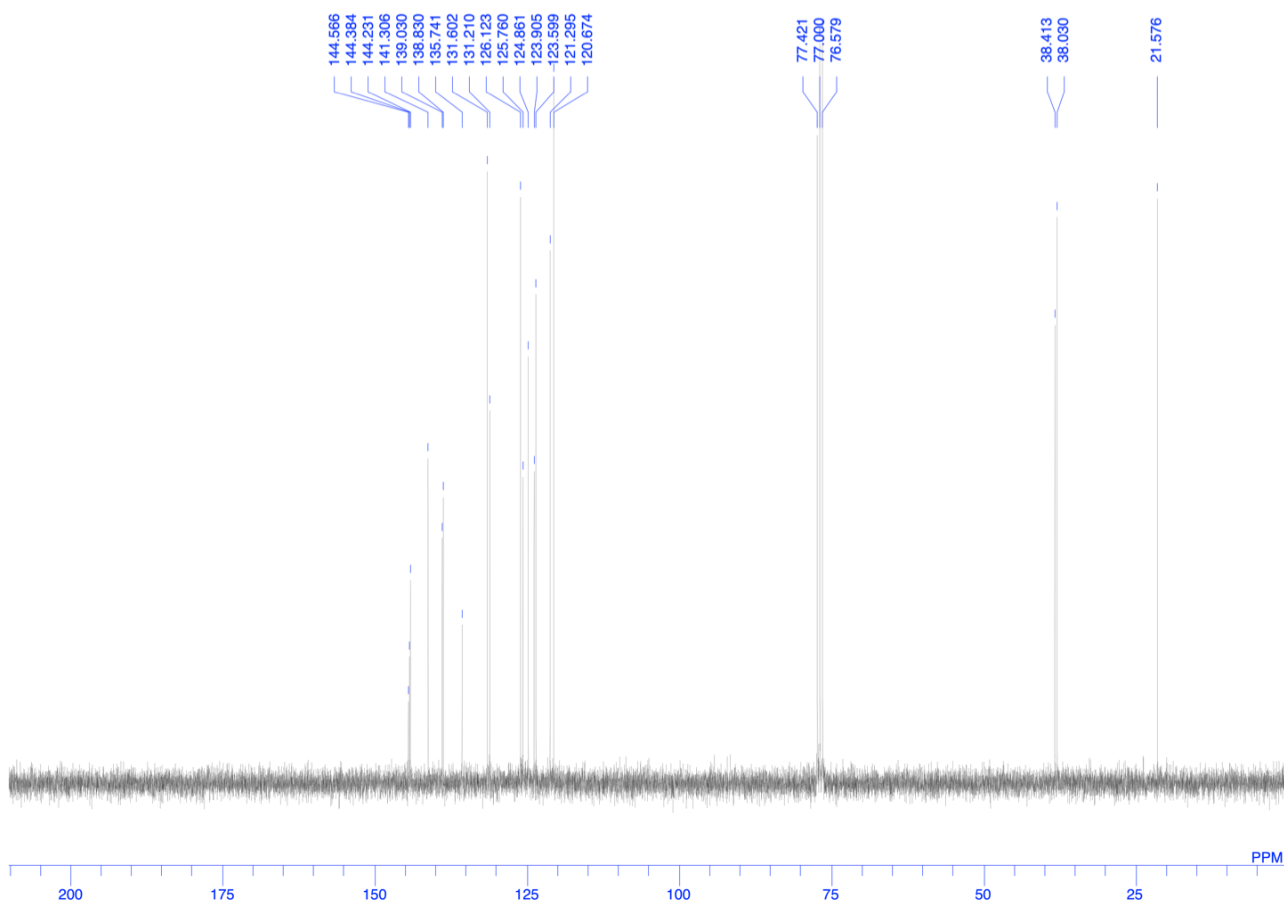
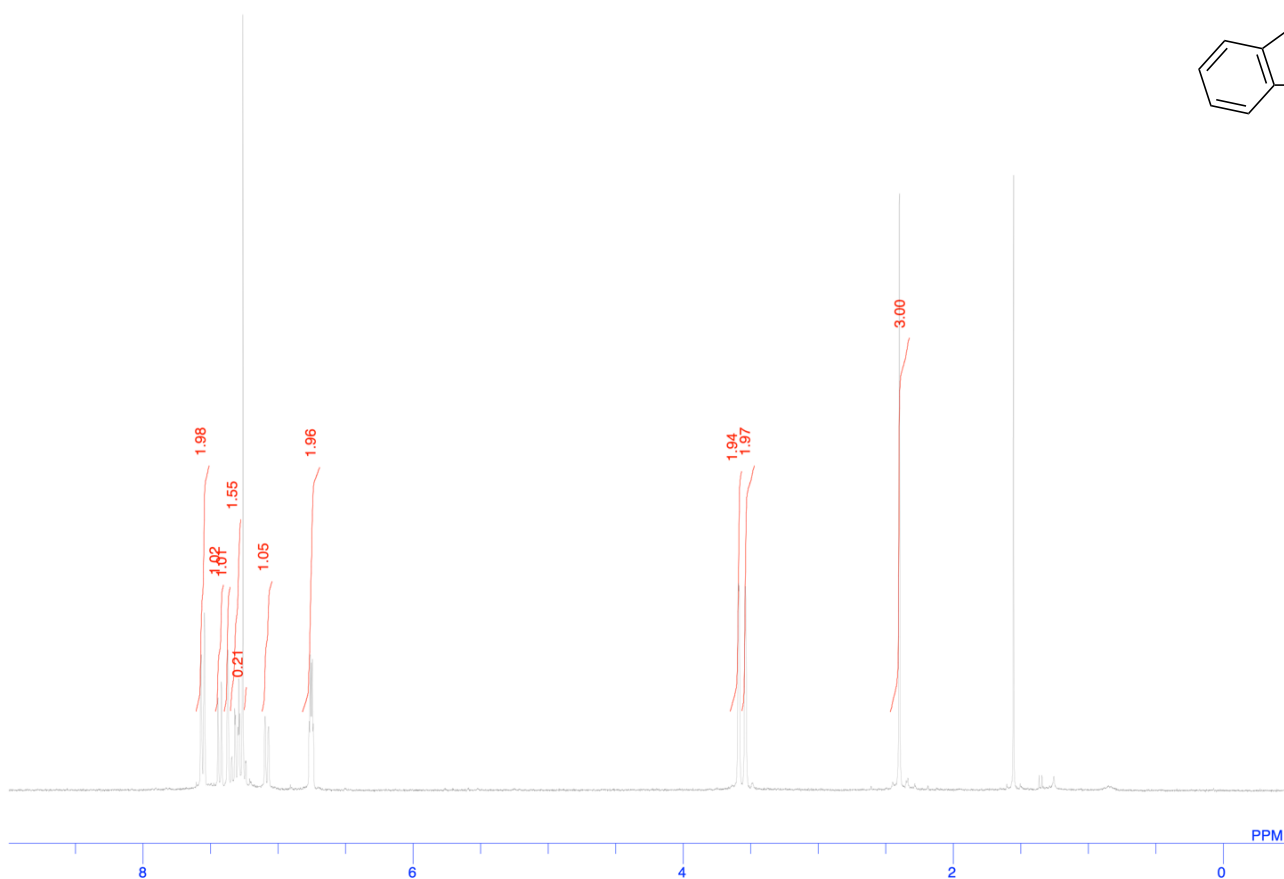
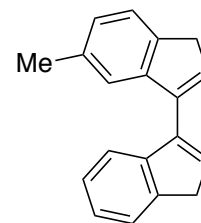
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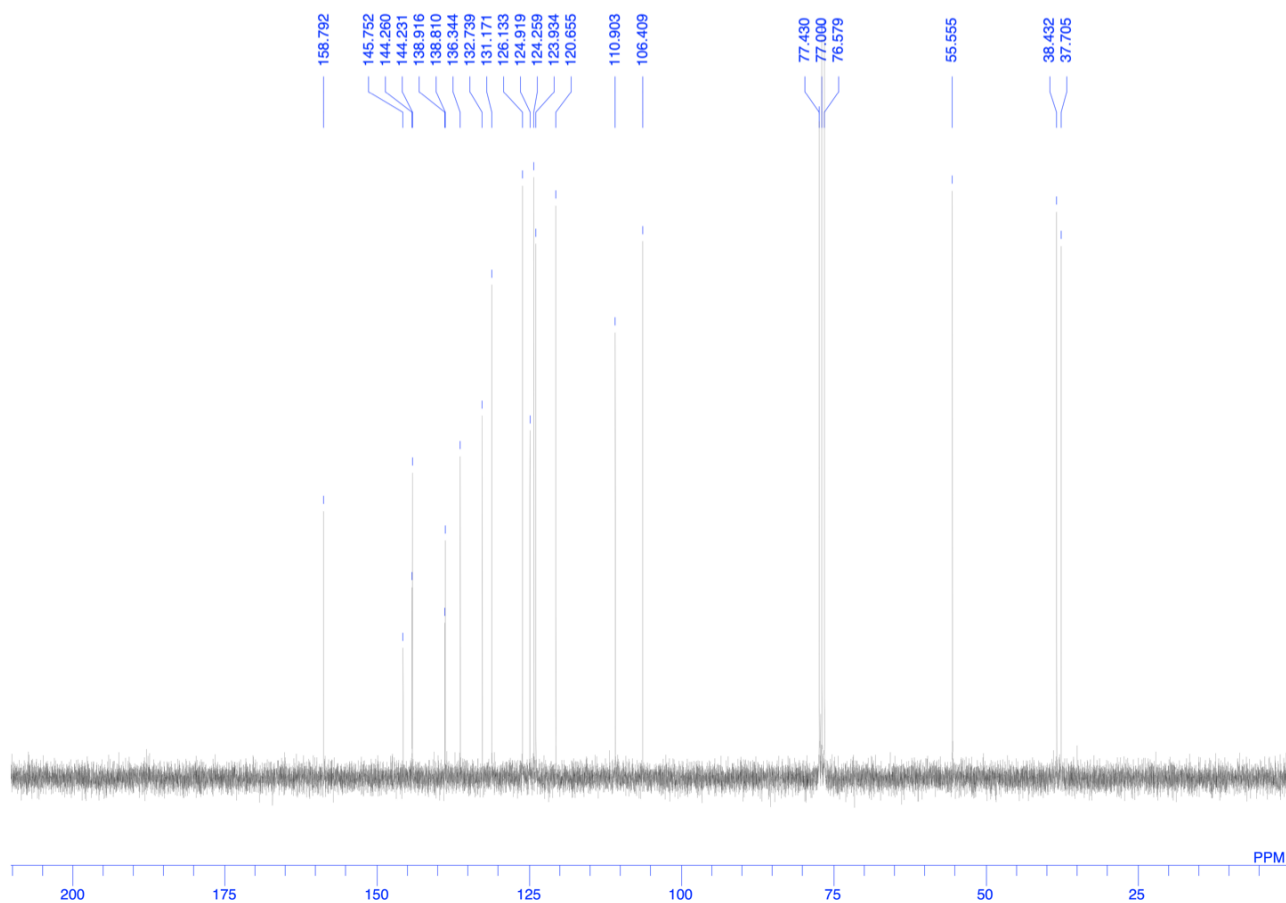
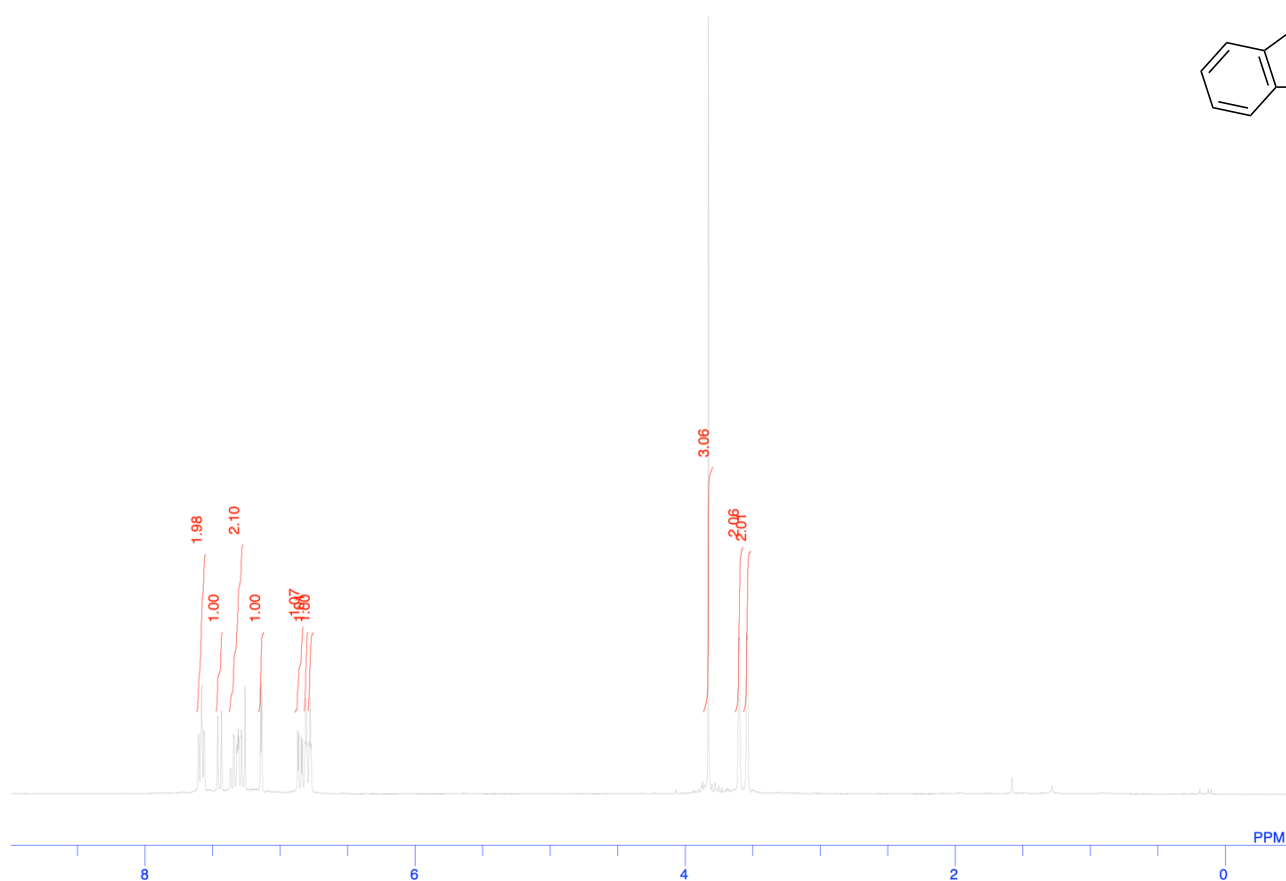
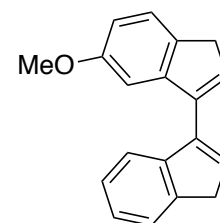
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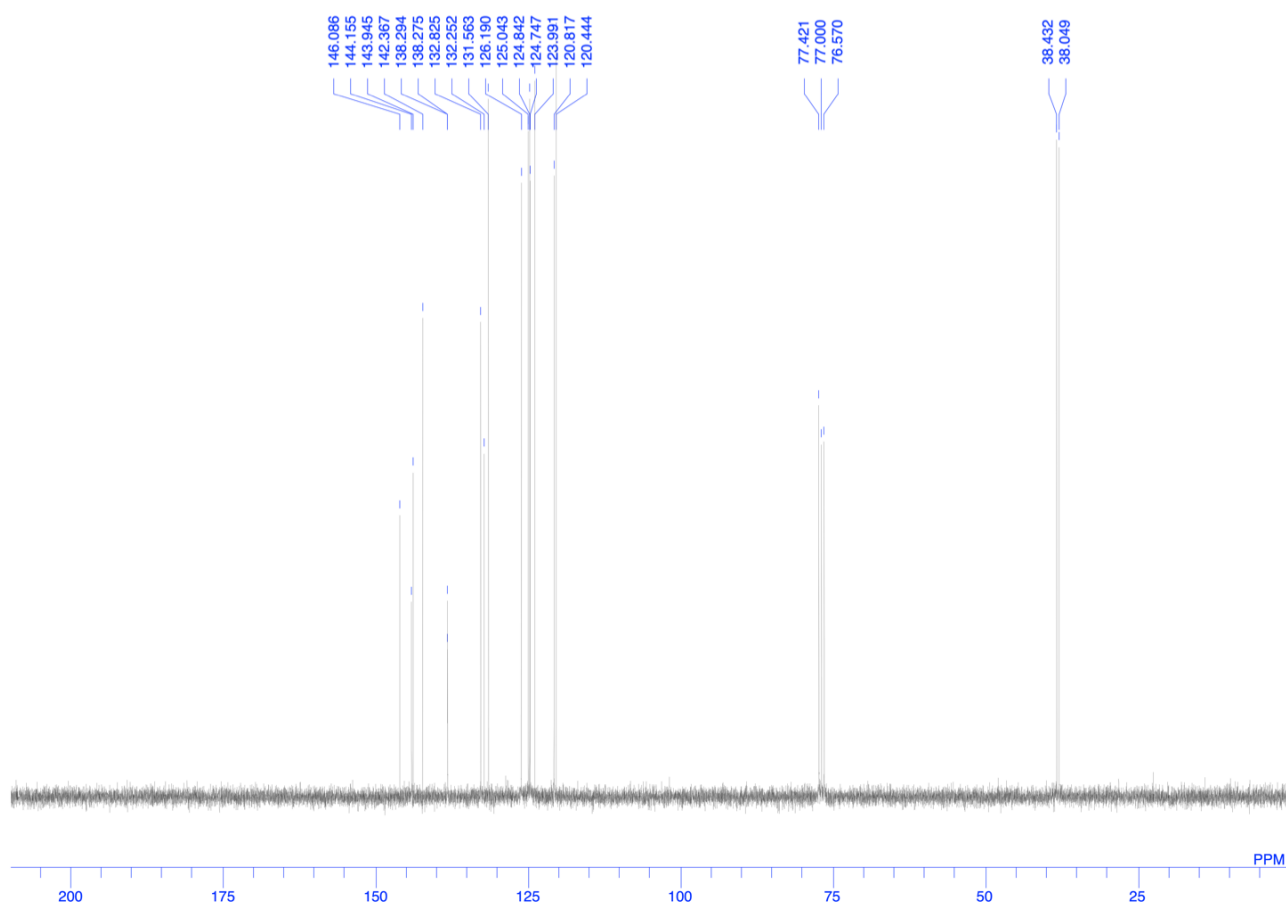
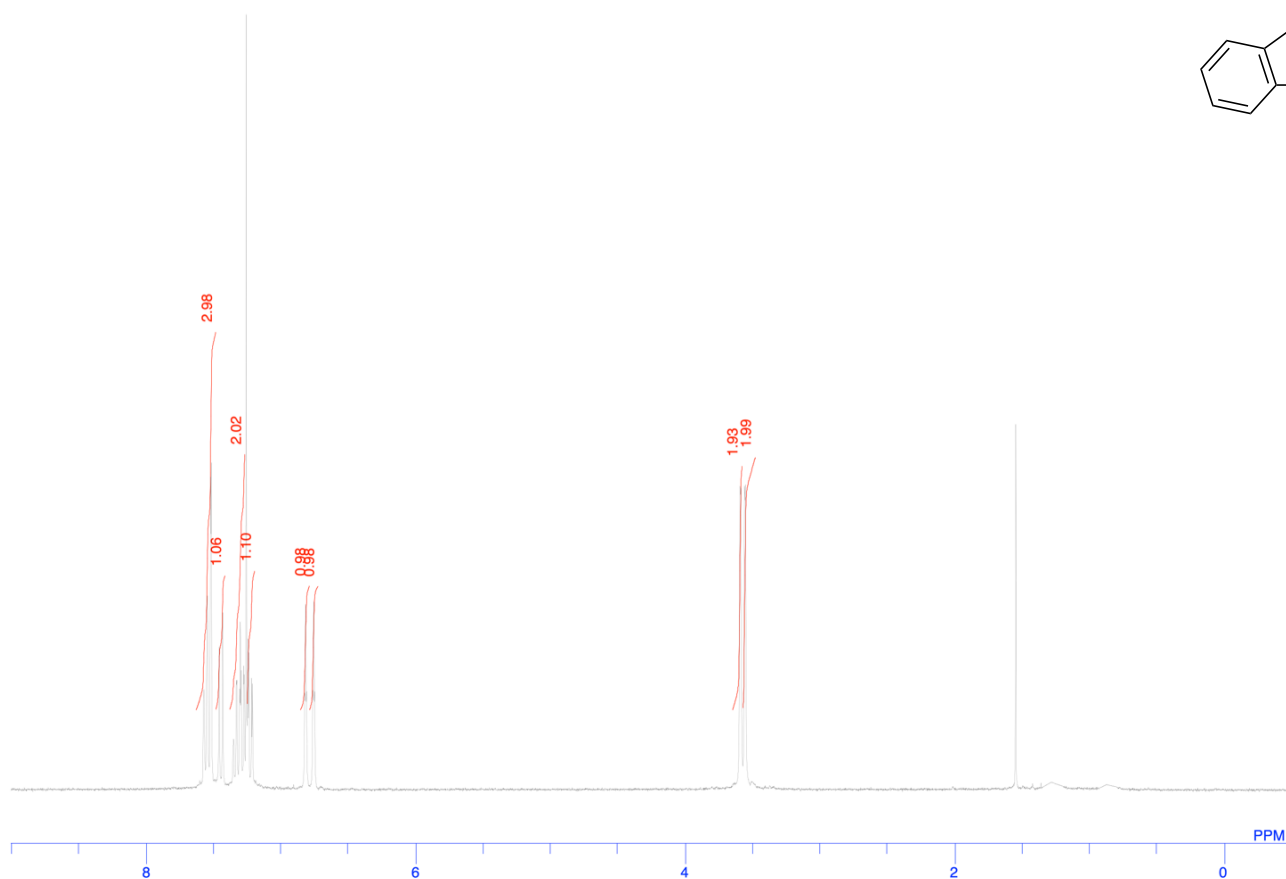
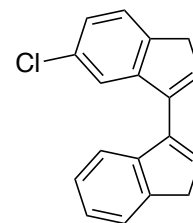
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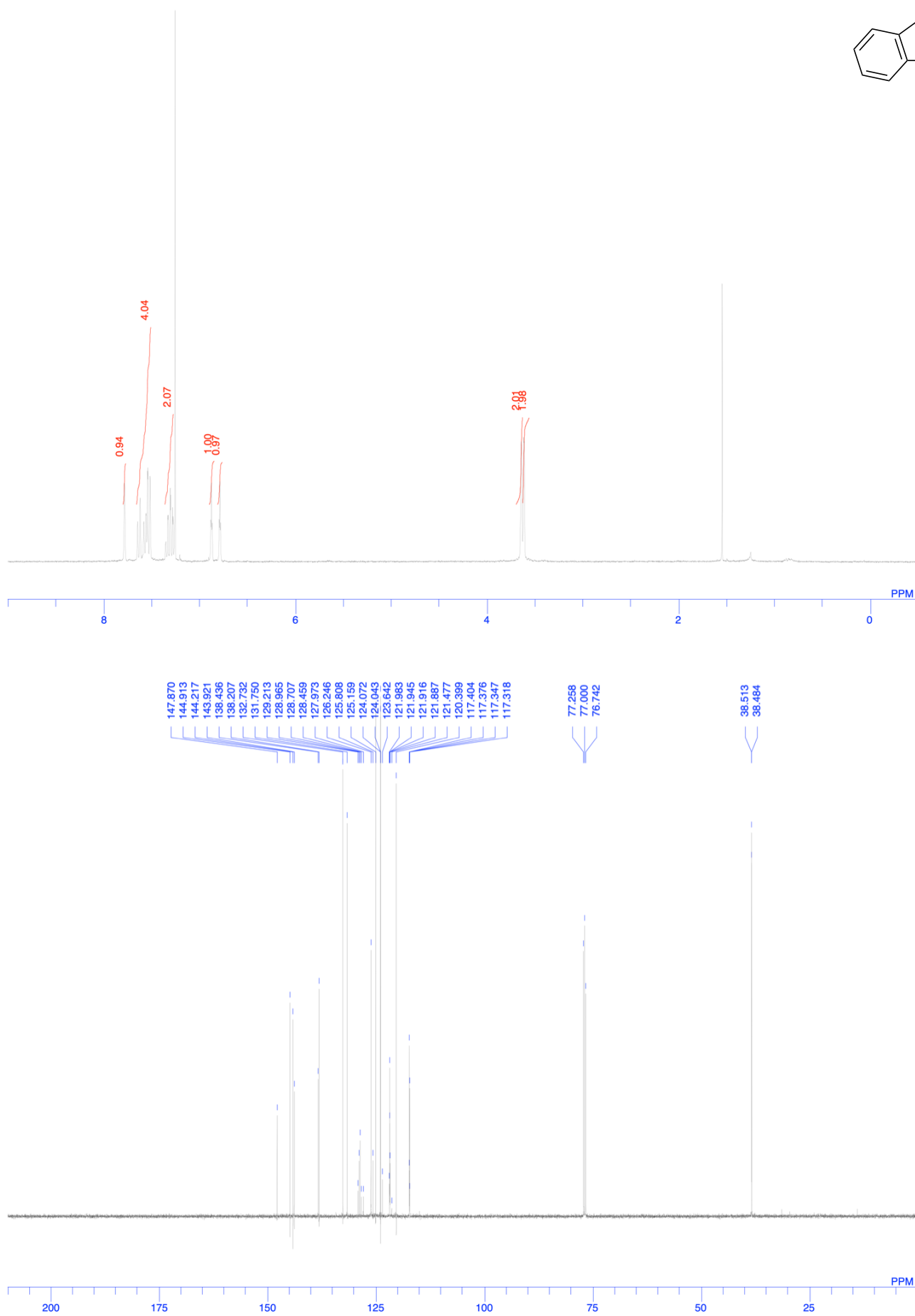
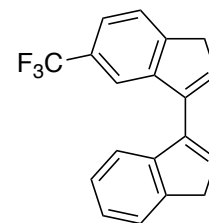
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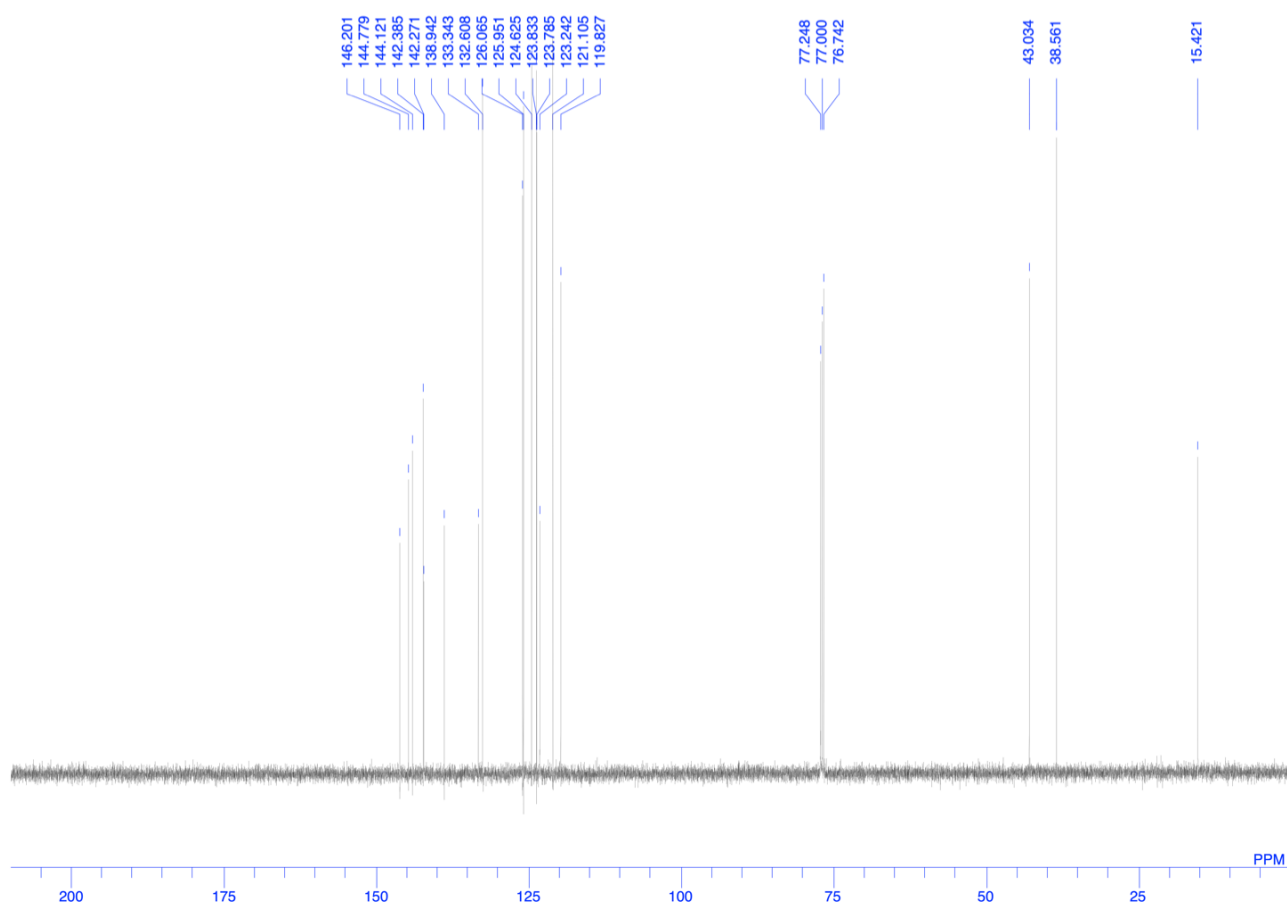
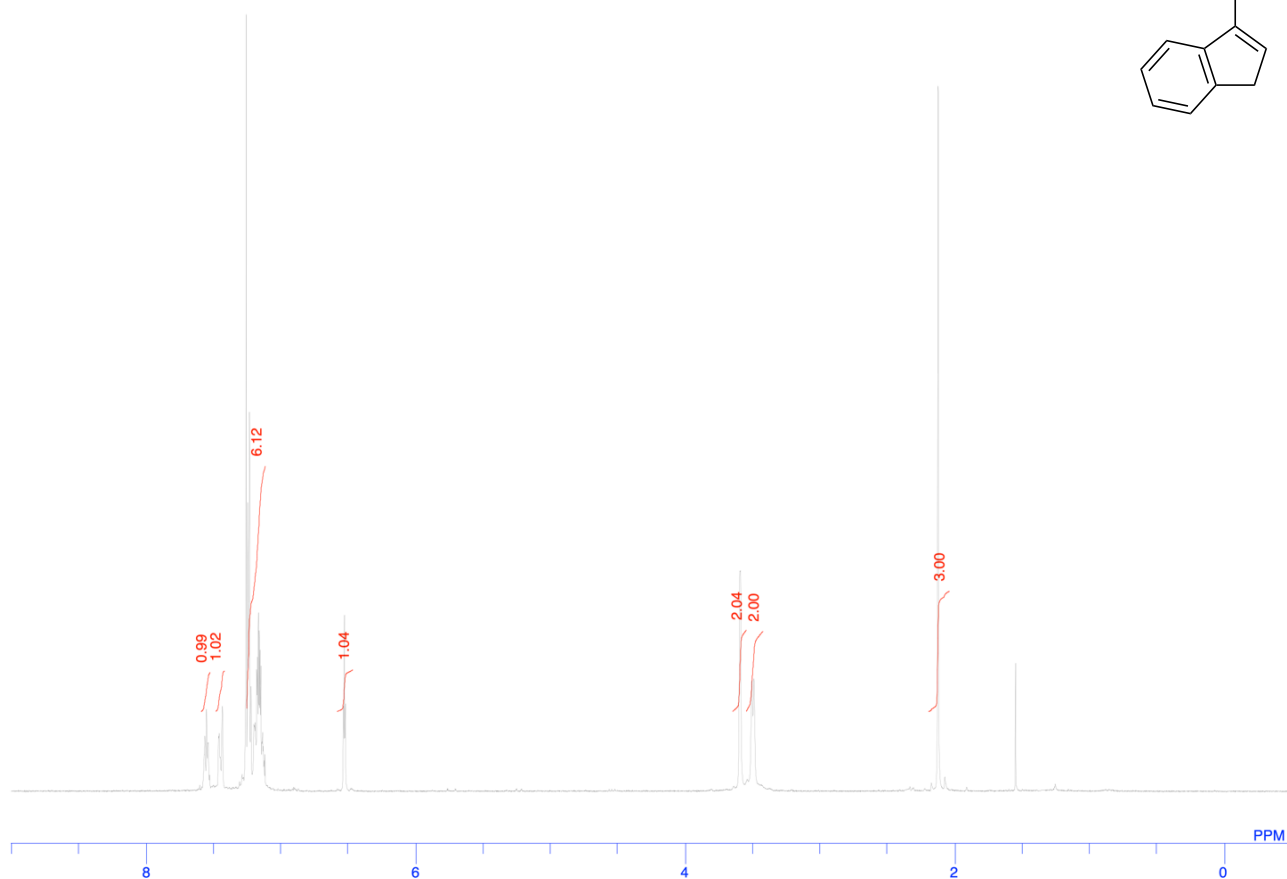
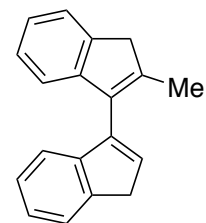


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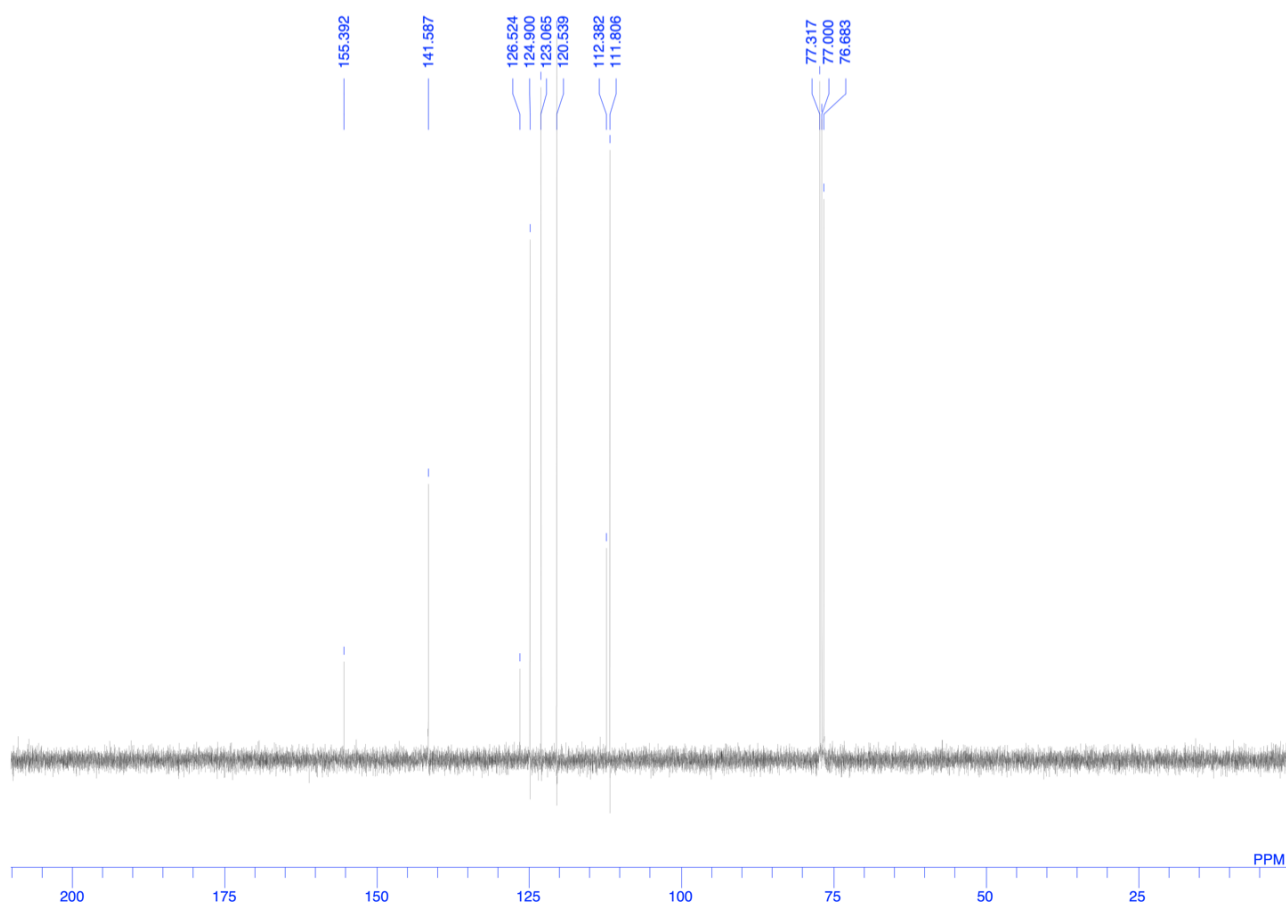
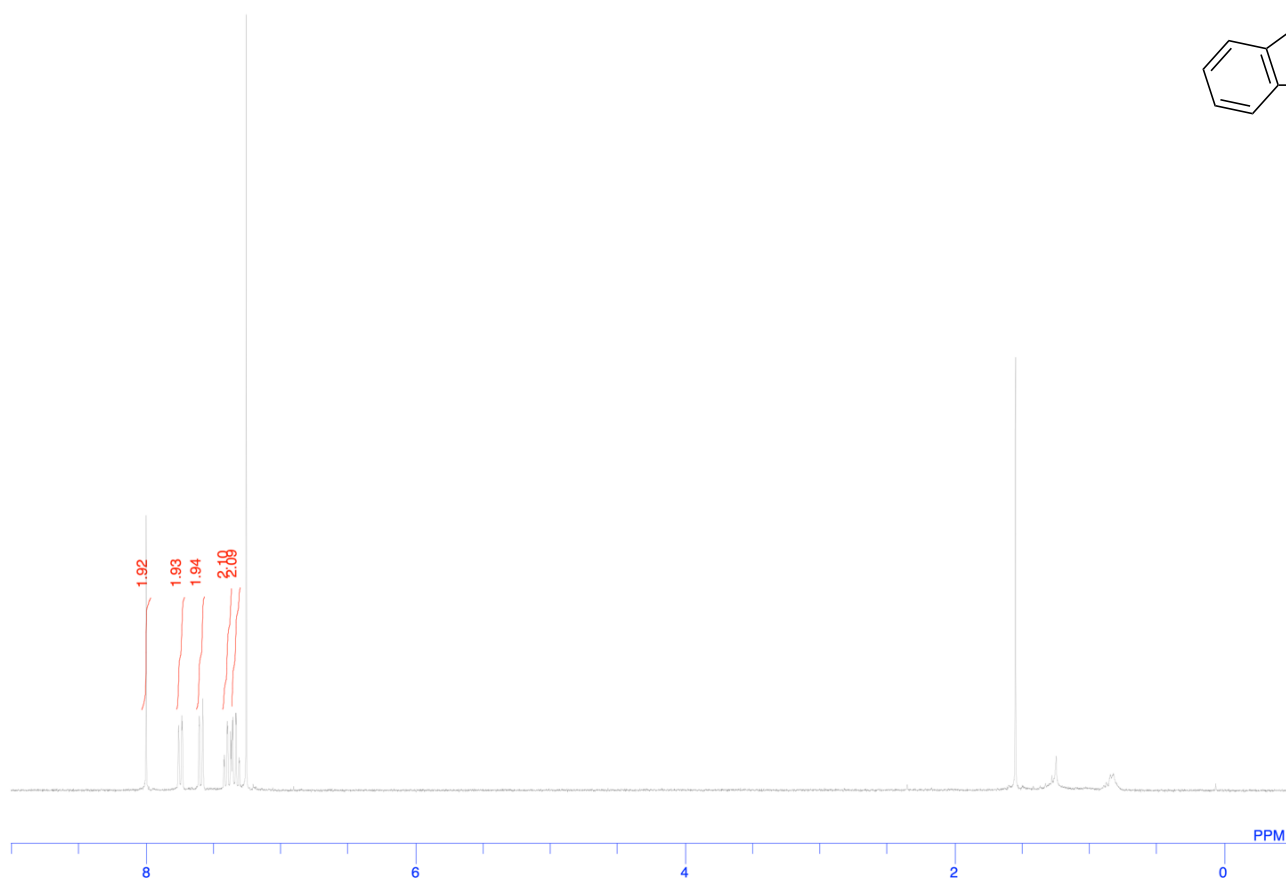
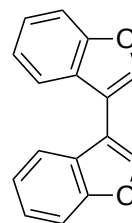


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