

Two-in-One Strategy for Fluorene-Based Spirocycles *via* Pd(0)-Catalyzed Spiroannulation of *o*-Iodobiaryls with Bromonaphthols

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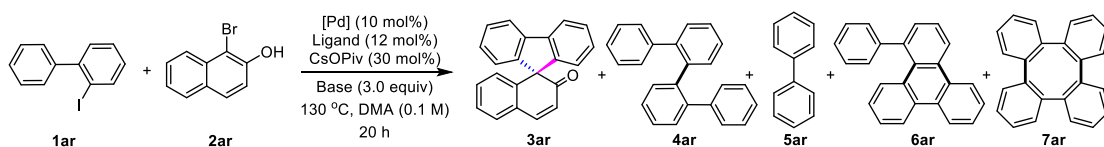
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A. General information:

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using Standard Schlenk-Lines or a glovebox (Innovative Technology). All reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. DMF, DMA and DCM were dried over CaH₂. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed with 0.25 mm coated commercial silica gel plates (TLC Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄), visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence. Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel (300-400 mesh). Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) data were acquired on Bruker Ascend 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in delta (δ) units, in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane. Splitting patterns are designated as s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, quartet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. Coupling constants *J* are quoted in Hz. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) data were acquired at 100 MHz on Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm for chloroform-*d*. Fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance (¹⁹F NMR) data were acquired at 376 MHz on a Bruker Ascend 400 spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported relative to inter standard CFC_l₃ at 0.0 ppm. Infrared (IR) data were recorded as films on potassium bromide plates on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer. Absorbance frequencies are reported in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹). Mass spectra were acquired on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof-Q II or Agilent 7890B-5977A mass spectrometer. Substrates **1aa**,^[1] **1ab**,^[2] **1ac**,^[3] **1ag-1ai**,^[4] **1al**,^[4] **1am**,^[4] **1ap**,^[5] **1aq-1as**,^[4] **1au**,^[2] **1ax**,^[6] **1ay**,^[7] **1az**,^[8] **1ba-1bb**,^[8] **1bc**,^[9] **1bd**,^[10] **1be**,^[11] **1bf**,^[12] **1bh**,^[13] and 1-bromo-2-naphthols **2bi-2bu**,^[14-15] **2by**,^[14] **2bz-2ca**^[16] were prepared according to the literature methods.

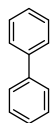
B. Optimization of reaction conditions:



Entry ^a	[Pd]	Ligand	Additive	Base	Yield (%) ^b				
					3ar	4ar	5ar	6ar	7ar
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	Li ₂ CO ₃	0	0	11	0	36
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	Na ₂ CO ₃	0	trace	18	0	38
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	K ₂ CO ₃	38	trace	24	8	0
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	56	trace	11	trace	6
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	K ₃ PO ₄	31	trace	16	trace	13
6 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	^t BuOK	10	6	20	trace	0
7 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	CsOPiv	CsOAc	0	0	13	trace	0
8 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(<i>o</i> -Tol) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	33	trace	14	0	0
9 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -Anisyl) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	37	trace	0	9	0
10 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	TFP	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	29	0	10	0	13
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	PCy ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	43	0	31	0	11
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -Cl-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	61	0	11	0	0
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	83	0	trace	0	0
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPM	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	28	trace	56	0	trace
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPF	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	24	trace	46	trace	15
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	BINAP	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	38	0	0	0	17
17 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	DIBPY	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	17	trace	0	0	0
18	PdCl ₂	P(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	60	trace	15	0	11
19 ^c	Pd(TFA) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	27	0	trace	0	13
20	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	P(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	CsOPiv	Cs ₂ CO ₃	29	trace	21	0	23
21 ^d	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	BINA-PO ₂ H	Cs ₂ CO ₃	40	0	15	0	11
22	Pd(OAc) ₂	P(<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	(BnO) ₂ PO ₂ H	Cs ₂ CO ₃	37	18	trace	trace	trace

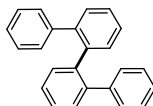
^a Reaction conditions: 2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl (0.24 mmol), 1-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (0.2 mmol), [Pd] (10 mol%), ligand (12 mol%), additive (30 mol%) and base (3.0 equiv) in 2.0 mL DMA at 130 °C for 20 h. ^b Yields were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^c A large amount of 2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl **1ar** was remaining. ^d BINA-PO₂H: 1,1'-dinaphthyl-2,2'-diyl hydrogenphosphate.

Byproducts of the above reaction: 4ar-7ar



1,1'-Biphenyl (4ar)

White solid. Mp = 68.5-70.0 °C. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.90. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 128.8, 127.3, 127.2 ppm. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.^[17]



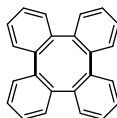
1,1':2',1'':2'',1'''-Quaterphenyl (5ar)

White solid. Mp = 108.3-109.4 °C. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.85. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.0, 140.9, 140.0, 131.7, 130.0, 129.3, 127.4, 127.4, 127.0, 125.9 ppm. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.^[18]



1-Phenyltriphenylene (6ar)

White solid. Mp = 155.1-156.0 °C. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.85. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.67-8.61 (m, 3H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.54 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.4, 140.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.1, 130.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 126.6, 126.4, 125.0, 123.7, 123.2, 123.1, 122.3 ppm. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.^[7]

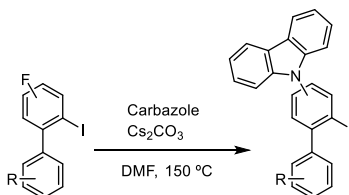


Tetraphenylene (7ar)

White solid. Mp = 186.6-187.5 °C. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.85. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29-7.26 (m, 8H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.6, 129.0, 127.2 ppm. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.^[19]

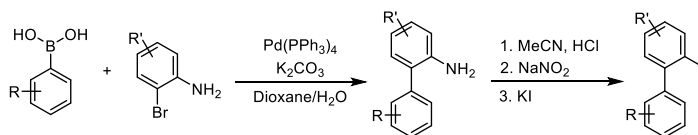
C. Preparation of substrates:

General procedure A for the preparation of *o*-iodobiaryls:



A mixture of fluorinated aryl iodide (3.0 mmol), carbazole (125 mg, 0.75 mmol) and Cs_2CO_3 (0.98 g, 3.0 mmol) in solvent (3.0 mL) was allowed to react under air atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated to the 150 °C for 24 h. After reaction completion, the mixture was added to brine (15 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO_4 . After filtration and evaporation, the crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the corresponding substrates.

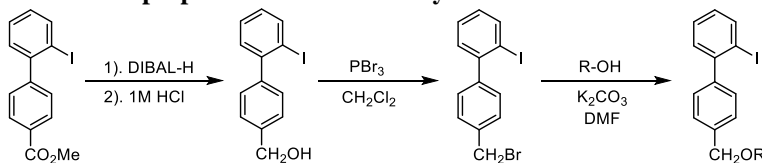
General procedure B for the preparation of *o*-iodobiaryls:



A 50 mL round bottom flask with a stir bar was fitted with a rubber septum and flame dried under high vacuum. The flask was purged with argon and charged with Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.14 g, 0.12 mmol), K₂CO₃ (1.0 g, 7.5 mmol), substituted boronic acid (3.0 mmol), *ortho*-bromoaniline derivatives (2.5 mmol), 10.0 mL deoxygenated dioxane and 2.0 mL deoxygenated water. The reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C for 20 h. After the reaction was cooled down to room temperature, the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired compound.

To a solution of the above product dissolved in MeCN (8.0 mL) was added aq. HCl (1.5 mL conc. HCl in 5.0 mL water), then the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of NaNO₂ (0.24 g in 5.0 mL water) was added to the reaction. After addition, the reaction was kept at the temperature lower than 5 °C for 1.0 h and it was added a solution of KI (0.73 g in 5.0 mL water). The reaction was kept at room temperature overnight. Water was added and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then chromatographed on silica gel to afford the desired compound.

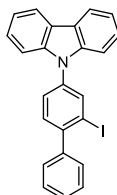
General procedure C for the preparation of *o*-iodobiaryls:



To a -78 °C solution of methyl 2'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (2.0 g, 5.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was slowly added diisobutylaluminum hydride (11.8 mL, 1.0 M solution in hexane) over 15 minutes. After stirring at -78 °C for 1.0 hours, TLC analysis revealed that no more starting material was remained and the reaction was quenched by cannulation of the mixture into an ice cold 1N HCl solution and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layers were combined and dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and evaporation, The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the corresponding substrates (2'-iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methanol. (Colorless oil, 1.55 g, 85% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, R_f = 0.25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99-7.96 (m, 1H), 7.47-7.28 (m, 6H), 7.11-6.99 (m, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 143.5, 140.4, 139.6, 130.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.3, 126.7, 126.6, 98.8, 64.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3437, 2855, 1243, 1102, 1056, 851, 847, 755, 688 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₂IO [M+H]⁺ 310.9933, found 310.9935.

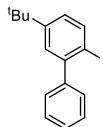
To a solution of phenylmethanols (1.55 g, 5 mmol) dissolved in methylene chloride (50 mL) in an ice-water bath was added phosphorus tribromide (1.48 g, 5.5 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min. The mixture was washed with cool water, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with PE/EA (PE:EA = 50:1, R_f = 0.41) to afford 4'-(bromomethyl)-2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl as a colorless oil (1.51 g, 81% yield).^[20]

4'-(bromomethyl)-2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl (0.3 g, 0.8 mmol), phenols (0.96 mmol), and anhydrous K₂CO₃ (0.33 g, 2.4 mmol) were added to a 10 mL glass vial equipped with a stir bar. The vial was sealed with a Teflon-lined septum cap, connected to a vacuum manifold *via* a needle in the septum, evacuated and back-filled with nitrogen for three cycles. Anhydrous DMF (4 mL) was then added to the vial with a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 8 hours and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel containing water and ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding ether compounds.



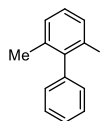
9-(2-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-9H-carbazole (**1ac**)

Compound **1ac** was synthesized by general procedure A. White solid, 0.44 g, 33% yield. Mp = 59.7-61.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, R_f = 0.40. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (dd, *J* = 21.0, 4.7 Hz, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.45 (m, 10H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 19.6, 12.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 143.5, 140.7, 137.7, 130.8, 129.3, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 126.2, 123.6, 120.4, 120.3, 109.8, 98.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3061, 1602, 1444, 1336, 1230, 998, 786, 753, 674 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₈H₁₁IONa [M+Na]⁺ 468.0225, found 468.0227.



5-(*Tert*-butyl)-2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl (**1ad**)

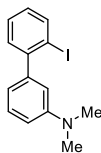
Compound **1ad** was synthesized by general procedure B. Colorless oil, 0.48 g, 57% yield. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.90. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.5, 146.1, 144.6, 139.0, 129.4, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 126.3, 94.8, 34.7, 31.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3055, 2961, 2867, 1589, 1467, 1380, 1252, 1117, 1012, 820, 758, 698, 634, 571 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₇INa [M+Na]⁺ 359.0273, found 359.0273.



2-Iodo-6-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (**1af**)

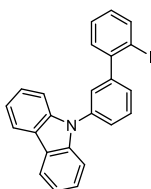
Compound **1af** was synthesized by general procedure B. Colorless oil, 0.46 g, 63% yield. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.90. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3 144.5,

137.7, 136.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 127.5, 100.9, 22.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3440, 2990, 1764, 1447, 1377, 1243, 1055 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{INa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 316.9803, found 316.9804.



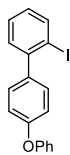
2'-Iodo-*N,N*-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-amine (**1aj**)

Compound **1aj** was synthesized by general procedure B. Colorless oil, 0.28 g, 37% yield. Eluent: PE, $R_f = 0.53$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.70-6.65 (m, 2H), 3.00 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.0, 147.5, 145.0, 139.4, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 117.5, 113.7, 111.7, 98.8, 40.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3055, 2887, 1483, 1352, 1228, 1063, 953, 852, 757 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{IN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 324.0249, found 324.0247.



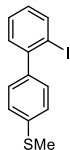
9-(2'-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-9*H*-carbazole(**1ak**)

Compound **1ak** was synthesized by general procedure B. Pale yellow solid, 0.58 g, 52% yield. Mp = 61.3-62.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, $R_f = 0.40$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.51-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 10.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.1, 145.7, 140.9, 139.6, 137.4, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 128.1, 126.3, 126.0, 123.5, 120.4, 120.1, 110.0, 98.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3053, 1592, 1457, 1321, 1229, 1011, 798, 748, 647 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{IONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 468.0225, found 468.0226.



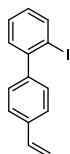
2-Iodo-4'-phenoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (**1an**)

Compound **1an** was synthesized by general procedure B. Pale yellow solid, 0.54 g, 58% yield. Mp = 53.9-54.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE, $R_f = 0.45$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.09 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.00 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.0, 156.8, 146.0, 139.6, 139.0, 130.8, 130.2, 129.9, 128.8, 128.2, 123.6, 119.4, 117.9, 99.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 3064, 2923, 1450, 1416, 1376, 1033, 864, 814, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{IONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 394.9909, found 394.9906.



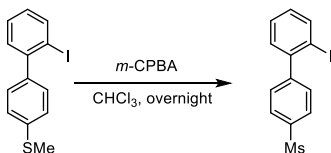
(2'-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)(methyl)sulfane (1ao)

Compound **1ao** was synthesized by general procedure B. Yellow solid, 0.55 g, 67% yield. Mp = 43.7-44.3 °C. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.70. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 140.8, 139.6, 138.1, 130.2, 129.7, 128.8, 128.2, 125.7, 98.7, 15.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3052, 2918, 1495, 1455, 1313, 1249, 960, 821, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₁ISNa [M+Na]⁺ 348.9524, found 348.9526.



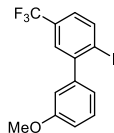
2-Iodo-4'-vinyl-1,1'-biphenyl (1at)

Compound **1at** was synthesized by general procedure B. Colorless oil, 0.28 g, 37% yield. Eluent: PE, R_f = 0.90. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01-7.94 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 4.9 Hz, 3H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 17.6, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 143.6, 139.6, 136.9, 136.5, 130.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.2, 125.9, 114.3, 98.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3050, 1626, 1511, 1460, 1264, 1112, 999, 839, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₁INa [M+Na]⁺ 328.9803, found 328.9803.



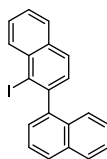
2-Iodo-4'-(methylsulfonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (1av)

(2'-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)(methyl)sulfane (0.56 g, 2.0 mmol) in chloroform (18 mL) was treated with *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (1.15 g, 4.0 mmol), stirred at 0 °C for 3 hours and then at the room temperature for overnight. The mixture was partitioned between dilute sodium bicarbonate aqueous solution and chloroform, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated to provide crude product as a white solid. Recrystallized in dichloromethane and ether to afford **1av** as a white solid (0.46 g, 64% yield). Mp = 161.1-162.5 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 3H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08-6.91 (m, 1H), 3.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4, 144.6, 139.8, 139.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 128.4, 127.2, 97.5, 44.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3150, 2906, 1503, 1459, 1301, 1269, 951, 757, 698 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₁IO₂SNa [M+Na]⁺ 380.9422, found 380.9424.



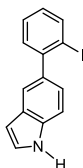
2-Iodo-3'-methoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**1aw**)

Compound **1aw** was synthesized by general procedure B. Yellow solid, 0.64 g, 68% yield. Mp = 46.3-47.7 °C. Eluent: PE, $R_f = 0.40$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 5H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.5, 140.1, 138.2, 130.8 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 129.0, 126.5 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 125.1 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 124.0 (q, $J = 272.4$ Hz), 103.2 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz), 21.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.80 (s, 3F) ppm. IR (KBr): 3434, 2928, 1596, 1332, 1268, 1170, 755, 709 cm^{-1} . MS (EI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{IO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 378.0, found 378.0.



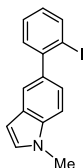
1'-Iodo-1,2'-binaphthalene (**1bg**)

Compound **1bg** was synthesized by general procedure B. Yellow solid, 0.57 g, 60% yield. Mp = 133.2-134.0 °C. Eluent: PE, $R_f = 0.90$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.36 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.02-7.82 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.32 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9, 143.9, 135.0, 133.6, 133.2, 131.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 126.8, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.3, 105.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3453, 3051, 1634, 1546, 1497, 1250, 1129, 741, 672 cm^{-1} . MS (EI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{I}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 380.0, found 380.0.



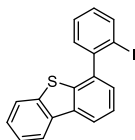
5-(2-Iodophenyl)-1H-indole (**1bi**)

Compound **1bi** was synthesized by general procedure B. Yellow solid, 0.39 g, 49% yield. Mp = 192.0-192.5 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-6.91 (m, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.8, 139.4, 136.4, 135.2, 130.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 124.9, 123.8, 121.4, 110.4, 103.1, 99.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3425, 2924, 1453, 1416, 1265, 1010, 888, 808, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{NINa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 341.9756, found 341.9756.



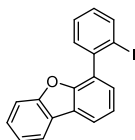
5-(2-Iodophenyl)-1-methyl-1H-indole (**1bj**)

Compound **1bj** was synthesized by general procedure B. Yellow solid, 0.38 g, 46% yield. Mp = 94.5-95.4 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 200:1, $R_f = 0.40$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.06-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.8, 139.3, 136.1, 135.8, 130.7, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 123.3, 121.6, 108.5, 101.4, 100.0, 33.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 3441, 3001, 1628, 1455, 1330, 1268, 801, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{NINa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 355.9912, found 355.9916.



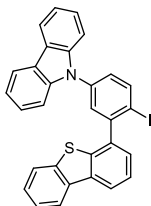
4-(2-Iodophenyl)dibenzo[b,d]thiophene (**1bk**)

Compound **1bk** was synthesized by general procedure B. White solid, 0.40 g, 42% yield. Mp = 88.3-89.1 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 100:1, $R_f = 0.25$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.22 (dd, $J = 6.9, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.05 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 7.3, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.1, 139.8, 139.7, 139.3, 135.9, 135.8, 130.0, 129.8, 128.4, 127.5, 126.9, 124.6, 124.5, 122.8, 121.9, 121.0, 99.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 3453, 1639, 1448, 1409, 1267, 1188, 747, 652, 612 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{ISNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 408.9524, found 408.9526.



4-(2-Iodophenyl)dibenzo[b,d]furan (**1bl**)

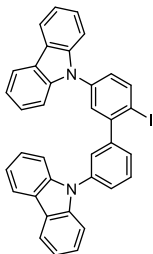
Compound **1bl** was synthesized by general procedure B. White solid, 0.45 g, 49% yield. Mp = 120.2-121.0 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 100:1, $R_f = 0.25$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09-7.97 (m, 3H), 7.57-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.2, 153.1, 141.8, 139.5, 130.9, 129.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.3, 124.5, 124.3, 122.8, 122.6, 120.8, 120.5, 112.0, 99.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3467, 1630, 1453, 1402, 1269, 1180, 757, 663, 626 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{IONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 392.9752, found 392.9750.



9-(3-(Dibenzo[b,d]thiophen-4-yl)-4-iodophenyl)-9H-carbazole (**1bm**)

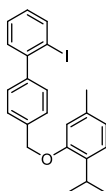
Compound **1bm** was synthesized by general procedure A. Pale yellow solid, 0.96 g, 58% yield. Mp = 123.2-124.9 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, $R_f = 0.35$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33-8.09 (m, 5H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 6.0, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 13.1,$

6.1 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.9, 141.1, 140.4, 139.7, 139.4, 138.3, 136.0, 135.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.2, 124.7, 124.6, 123.7, 122.9, 122.0, 121.4, 120.4, 120.3, 109.8, 96.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3434, 1637, 1455, 1406, 1320, 1186, 743, 657, 618 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{19}\text{IN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 552.0283, found 552.0288.



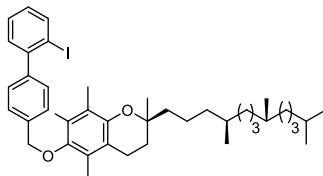
9,9'-(6-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-diyl)bis(9H-carbazole) (1bn)

Compound **1bn** was synthesized by general procedure A. Pale white solid, 0.93 g, 51% yield. Mp = 145.2-146.2 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, R_f = 0.25. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (dd, J = 18.6, 8.8 Hz, 5H), 7.74-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.40 (m, 7H), 7.33 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.2 Hz, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.5, 145.3, 141.0, 140.9, 140.5, 138.2, 137.7, 129.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.8, 126.2, 126.1, 123.7, 123.5, 120.5, 120.4, 120.3, 120.1, 110.0, 109.7, 96.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3431, 2853, 1590, 1455, 1321, 924, 798, 741, 643 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{18}\text{IN}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 611.0984, found 611.0982.



2-Iodo-4'-((2-isopropyl-5-methylphenoxy)methyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (1bo)

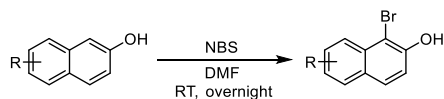
Compound **1bo** was synthesized by general procedure C. Colorless oil, 0.24 g, 67% yield. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 3.48-3.41 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.8, 146.4, 143.5, 139.6, 137.1, 136.4, 134.5, 130.2, 129.5, 128.9, 128.2, 126.6, 126.0, 121.6, 112.9, 98.6, 69.8, 26.6, 22.9, 21.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3452, 2924, 1454, 1162, 1129, 928, 814, 750, 719 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{IONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 465.0691, found 465.0691.



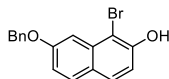
6-((2'-Iodo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methoxy)-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl-2-((4S,6R)-4,6,8-trimethylnonyl)chromane (1bp)

Compound **1bp** was synthesized by general procedure C. Pale yellow oil, 0.33 g, 62% yield. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, $R_f = 0.23$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.14-6.99 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 2H), 2.64 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (dd, $J = 31.8, 21.5$ Hz, 9H), 1.89-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.64-1.51 (m, 3H), 1.30 (d, $J = 12.2$ Hz, 15H), 1.15 (dd, $J = 16.8, 9.1$ Hz, 6H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 12H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.1, 148.0, 146.4, 143.7, 139.6, 137.5, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 126.0, 123.0, 117.6, 98.5, 74.7, 74.5, 40.1, 39.4, 37.6, 37.5, 37.4, 32.8, 31.4, 31.3, 29.7, 28.0, 24.8, 24.5, 23.9, 22.7, 22.6, 21.1, 20.7, 19.8, 19.7, 12.9, 12.1, 11.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3441, 2925, 1374, 1016, 917, 808, 752, 691 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{52}\text{IO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 667.3012, found 667.3021.

General procedure for the preparation of bromonaphthols:

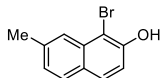


To solution of the corresponding naphthalene-2-ol (5 mmol) in DMF (30 mL) at 0 °C was added *N*-bromosuccinimide (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) over 0.5 h. It was stirred at room temperature for overnight. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and washed with brine. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 . The concentrated residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.



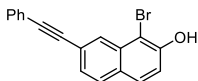
7-(Benzyloxy)-1-bromonaphthalen-2-ol (2cd)

2cd (Yellow solid, 1.28 g, 78% yield). Mp = 103.3-104.8 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, $R_f = 0.20$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (dd, $J = 12.9, 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.12 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 151.1, 136.6, 133.7, 129.9, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 125.0, 116.8, 114.6, 105.9, 105.3, 70.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3489, 2920, 1623, 1510, 1441, 1379, 1187, 829, 752 cm^{-1} . MS (EI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrO}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 328.0, found 328.0.



1-Bromo-7-methylnaphthalen-2-ol (2ce)

2ce (White solid, 0.83 g, 70% yield). Mp = 87.7-88.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, $R_f = 0.24$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 8.4, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 20.0, 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.6, 137.9, 132.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.9, 126.3, 124.4, 116.1, 105.6, 22.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 3501, 2921, 1626, 1510, 1267, 1182 cm^{-1} . MS (EI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{BrO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 236.0, found 236.0.

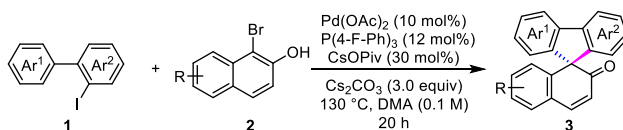


1-Bromo-7-(phenylethynyl)naphthalen-2-ol (2cf)

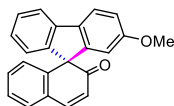
2cf (Gray solid, 1.16 g, 72% yield). Mp = 78.2-79.5 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, R_f = 0.20. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.0, 131.9, 131.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 126.7, 123.0, 122.6, 117.7, 105.7, 90.6, 89.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3490, 3060, 2925, 1617, 1505, 1374, 1180, 836, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₁₈H₁₂BrO [M+H]⁺ 323.0072, found 323.0070.

D. Catalytic results:

General procedure for palladium-catalyzed [4+1] spiroannulation

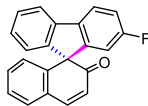


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), P(*p*-F-C₆H₄)₃ (7.6 mg, 0.024 mmol), CsOPiv (14.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **1** (0.24 mmol), **2** (0.20 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMA (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the desired product **3**.



2-Methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3aa**)

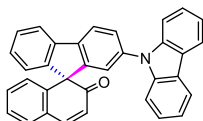
3aa (Yellow solid, 49.3 mg, 76% yield). Mp = 201.5-202.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.34. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 159.9, 149.1, 147.0, 146.2, 142.7, 141.7, 134.8, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 123.9, 121.4, 119.9, 114.2, 110.0, 68.4, 55.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3010, 2926, 2844, 1664, 1611, 1455, 1270, 1036, 817, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₃H₁₆O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 347.1048, found 347.1050.



2-Fluoro-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3ab**)

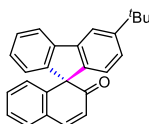
3ab (Yellow solid, 31.2 mg, 50% yield). Mp = 54.1-55.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H),

6.36 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 162.7 (d, $J = 246.8$ Hz), 149.3, 149.2 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 147.3 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 146.3, 141.9, 140.9, 138.0 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 125.8, 124.1, 121.7 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 120.4, 115.6 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 111.8 (d, $J = 23.7$ Hz), 68.4 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.85 (s, 1F) ppm. IR (KBr): 3060, 2923, 1666, 1537, 1482, 1263, 1199, 903, 819, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{FONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 335.0848, found 335.0845.



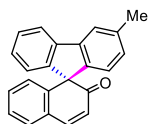
2-(9H-Carbazol-9-yl)-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ac)

3ac (Pale yellow solid, 66.2 mg, 72% yield). Mp = 224.3-225.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, $R_f = 0.32$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.29 (m, 9H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.9, 149.1, 147.7, 146.4, 142.0, 141.1, 141.0, 140.7, 137.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.0, 126.0, 125.7, 124.3, 123.4, 122.9, 121.8, 120.9, 120.3, 120.0, 109.8, 68.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3449, 2931, 1726, 1655, 1609, 1033, 916, 823, 747, 649 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 460.1701, found 460.1699.



3-(Tert-butyl)-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ad)

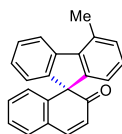
3ad (Yellow solid, 57.5 mg, 82% yield). Mp = 79.3-80.6 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.43$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.51 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.7, 151.4, 147.9, 146.1, 144.6, 142.9, 142.4, 141.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 125.5, 124.2, 123.4, 120.5, 117.6, 68.2, 34.9, 31.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2961, 2869, 1667, 1612, 1480, 1118, 823, 749, 641 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 373.1568, found 373.1564.



3-Methyl-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ae)

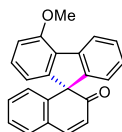
3ae (Pale yellow solid, 49.3 mg, 80% yield). Mp = 200.1-201.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.45$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.6, 147.8, 146.0, 144.8, 142.9, 142.1, 141.9, 138.2,

130.3, 129.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 126.0, 124.1, 123.8, 121.3, 120.6, 68.2, 21.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3446, 1662, 1618, 1446, 1390, 1236, 871, 813, 747, 636 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 331.1109, found 331.1110.



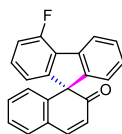
4-Methyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3af)

3af (Yellow oil, 45.0 mg, 73% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.37. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.05 (m, 6H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.7, 147.9, 146.2, 143.1, 143.0, 139.9, 133.8, 130.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 125.9, 124.1, 123.8, 121.6, 68.2, 21.1 ppm. IR (KBr): 3056, 2964, 2860, 1665, 1483, 1268, 1235, 1199, 751 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 331.1099, found 331.1097.



4-Methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ag)

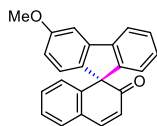
3ag (Yellow solid, 49.3 mg, 76% yield). Mp = 162.6-163.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.32. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 16.4, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 156.0, 149.2, 146.9, 146.1, 142.8, 141.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.0, 126.0, 124.6, 123.4, 116.4, 110.5, 68.6, 55.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2942, 2837, 1664, 1592, 1485, 1266, 1066, 802, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1048, found 347.1048.



4-Fluoro-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ah)

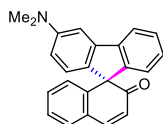
3ah (Yellow solid, 31.2 mg, 50% yield). Mp = 153.2-154.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.05 (m, 6H), 6.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.7, 158.2 (d, J = 251.6 Hz), 149.9 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 146.9, 146.3, 142.0, 138.9 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 129.2 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 125.7, 124.2 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 123.2, 120.0 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 68.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -

118.73 (s, 1F) ppm. IR (KBr): 3061, 2925, 1667, 1601, 1447, 1234, 1199, 875, 755, 689 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{FONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 335.0848, found 335.0844.



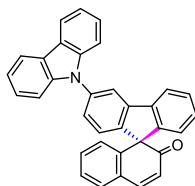
3-Methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ai)

3ai (Yellow solid, 55.8 mg, 86% yield). Mp = 170.2-171.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.33. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.7, 160.2, 148.3, 146.1, 143.4, 142.9, 141.7, 139.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 125.9, 124.9, 124.1, 120.7, 114.3, 105.8, 67.8, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2948, 2837, 1666, 1611, 1485, 1213, 1030, 816, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1048, found 347.1048.



(Dimethylamino)-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3aj)

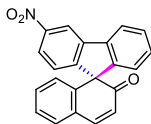
3aj (Yellow solid, 41.8 mg, 62% yield). Mp = 240.1-241.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.37. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.2, 151.1, 148.3, 145.8, 143.6, 142.8, 142.5, 135.5, 130.2, 129.9, 129.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 126.0, 124.4, 124.1, 120.4, 112.8, 104.3, 67.8, 40.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3067, 2924, 2802, 1653, 1498, 1442, 1277, 951, 808, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{NONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 360.1364, found 360.1363.



3-(9*H*-Carbazol-9-yl)-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ak)

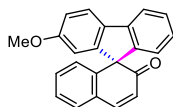
3ak (Pale yellow solid, 46.9 mg, 51% yield). Mp = 131.6-132.8 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.31. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.79 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.40 (m, 7H), 7.40-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 148.0, 146.4, 146.3, 143.8, 142.2, 141.2, 140.9, 138.0, 130.6, 130.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 126.7, 126.0, 125.9, 125.4, 124.5, 123.5, 121.0, 120.4, 120.1, 119.3, 110.0, 68.4

ppm. IR (KBr): 3437, 2923, 1723, 1665, 1608, 1028, 917, 820, 748, 655 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 460.1701, found 460.1699.



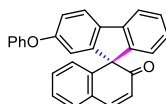
3-Nitro-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3al)

3al (Yellow solid, 19.7 mg, 29% yield). Mp = 254.4-255.1 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.27. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.8, 153.9, 148.6, 147.9, 146.7, 143.9, 140.8, 139.5, 130.7, 130.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.4, 127.8, 125.6, 125.0, 124.3, 123.3, 121.5, 115.7, 68.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3421, 2920, 2361, 1620, 1522, 1345, 1283, 876, 816, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 362.0793, found 362.0793.



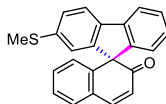
2-Methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3am)

3am (Yellow solid, 52.5 mg, 81% yield). Mp = 201.5-202.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.34. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.94 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 159.9, 149.1, 147.0, 146.2, 142.7, 141.7, 134.8, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 125.9, 123.9, 121.4, 119.9, 114.2, 110.0, 68.4, 55.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3010, 2926, 2844, 1664, 1611, 1455, 1270, 1036, 817, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 347.1048, found 347.1050.



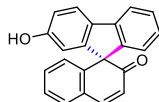
2-Phenoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3an)

3an (Pale yellow solid, 61.1 mg, 79% yield). Mp = 167.9-169.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.22-7.00 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 157.2, 157.1, 149.3, 147.3, 146.3, 142.3, 141.3, 137.3, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 125.8, 124.1, 123.3, 121.6, 120.3, 118.9, 118.6, 115.4, 68.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3447, 1662, 1482, 1453, 1257, 1218, 822, 750, 698 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 409.1204, found 409.1202.



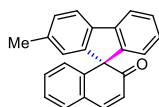
2-(Methylthio)-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ao)

3ao (Pale yellow solid, 33.4 mg, 49% yield). Mp = 152.9-154.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.31. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (dd, J = 13.4, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 148.3, 147.3, 146.3, 142.4, 141.4, 139.3, 138.5, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 125.8, 124.1, 122.5, 121.0, 120.5, 68.3, 16.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3450, 1663, 1400, 1305, 1139, 961, 833, 788, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 341.1000, found 341.1003.



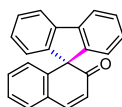
2-Hydroxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ap)

3ap (Pale yellow solid, 37.9 mg, 61% yield). Mp = 208.4-210.0 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 156.2, 149.0, 146.8, 146.6, 142.7, 141.8, 134.6, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 125.7, 123.9, 121.6, 119.8, 115.9, 111.6, 68.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3445, 2925, 1646, 1458, 1379, 1094, 1028, 806, 725 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 311.1072, found 311.1073.



2-Methyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3aq)

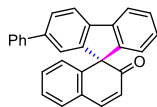
3aq (Yellow solid, 48.7 mg, 79% yield). Mp = 140.7-141.6 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.40. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.6, 147.8, 147.5, 146.2, 142.9, 142.0, 139.3, 138.2, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 126.0, 124.8, 124.1, 120.4, 68.3, 21.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 3056, 2921, 2861, 1665, 1612, 1455, 1236, 1202, 820, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 331.1099, found 331.1095.



2'*H*-Spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ar)

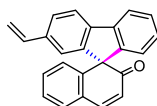
3ar (Yellow solid, 47.7 mg, 81% yield). Mp = 148.7-149.5 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.40. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 3H), 6.50 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 198.4, 147.5, 146.2, 142.6, 141.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6,

128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 125.9, 124.1, 120.7, 68.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 1664, 1444, 1269, 1200, 1115, 819, 796, 754, 714 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 317.0942, found 317.0941.



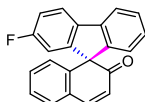
2-Phenyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3as)

3as (Yellow solid, 51.9 mg, 70% yield). Mp = 208.4-209.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.35. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 148.2, 147.8, 146.3, 142.5, 141.6, 141.2, 141.1, 141.0, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 125.9, 124.2, 122.9, 121.0, 120.8, 68.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3058, 2924, 2856, 1665, 1610, 1456, 1267, 831, 751, 700 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 393.1255, found 393.1255.



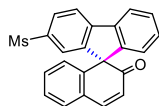
2-Vinyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3at)

3at (Yellow oil, 32.7 mg, 51% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.39. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.1 Hz, 3H), 6.65 (dd, J = 17.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 148.0, 147.8, 146.1, 142.5, 141.7, 141.5, 137.6, 136.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 126.7, 125.9, 124.1, 121.9, 120.7, 113.9, 68.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3450, 3069, 2924, 1661, 1456, 1267, 1200, 828, 751, 578 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 343.1099, found 343.1096.



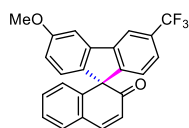
2-Fluoro-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3au)

3au (Yellow solid, 31.9 mg, 51% yield). Mp = 54.1-55.7 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.83 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 162.7 (d, J = 246.8 Hz), 149.3, 149.2 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 147.3 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 146.3, 141.9, 140.9, 138.0 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 125.8, 124.1, 121.7 (d, J = 8.8 Hz), 120.4, 115.6 (d, J = 23.0 Hz), 111.8 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 68.4 (d, J = 2.2 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -113.85 (s, 1F) ppm. IR (KBr): 3060, 2923, 1666, 1537, 1482, 1263, 1199, 903, 819, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{FONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 335.0848, found 335.0845.



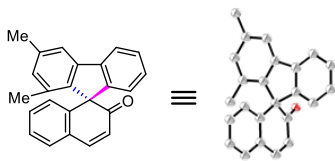
2-(Methylsulfonyl)-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3av)

3av (Yellow solid, 38.0 mg, 51% yield). Mp = 275.1-275.6 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 3:1, R_f = 0.28. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03-7.91 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.46 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 14.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.1, 148.8, 148.7, 147.7, 146.9, 140.8, 139.6, 130.8, 130.1, 130.0, 129.8, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 125.5, 124.3, 123.4, 121.9, 121.2, 68.3, 44.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3431, 3017, 1634, 1597, 1456, 1009, 962, 875, 788, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 395.0718, found 395.0720.



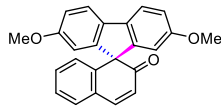
3-Methoxy-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3aw)

3aw (Yellow solid, 41.6 mg, 53% yield). Mp = 158.2-160.0 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 160.4, 151.7, 146.4, 142.7, 141.8, 141.7, 139.8, 130.7 (q, J = 32.2 Hz), 130.5, 129.8, 128.0, 127.7, 125.7, 125.0 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 124.9, 124.6, 124.2 (q, J = 272.5 Hz), 117.5 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 115.6, 105.9, 67.7, 55.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.22 (s, 3F) ppm. IR (KBr): 3001, 1666, 1613, 1331, 1271, 1166, 1123, 819, 753, 688 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 415.0922, found 415.0921.



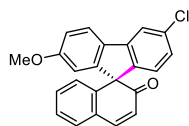
1,3-Dimethyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ax)

3ax (Light yellow solid, 36.1 mg, 56% yield). Mp = 147.1-148.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.40. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.03 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 148.1, 146.2, 144.1, 143.3, 142.3, 141.2, 138.6, 134.0, 131.0, 130.5, 129.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 122.8, 121.1, 118.4, 67.3, 21.6, 18.7 ppm. IR (KBr): 2964, 2922, 2858, 1662, 1388, 1267, 1093, 1025, 753, 731 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 345.1255, found 345.1253.



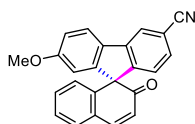
2,7-Dimethoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ay)

3ay (Yellow solid, 58.8 mg, 83% yield). Mp = 109.6-119.6 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.12-7.08 (m, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.4, 159.1, 148.6, 146.2, 142.8, 134.7, 130.5, 129.7, 129.6, 128.1, 127.7, 125.8, 120.6, 114.0, 110.1, 68.3, 55.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3055, 2837, 1666, 1609, 1469, 1274, 1230, 1040, 878, 739 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 377.1154, found 377.1154.



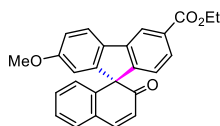
6-Chloro-2-methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3az)

3az (Yellow solid, 45.9 mg, 64% yield). Mp = 154.1-155.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.29. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.35 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.07-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 160.5, 149.6, 146.3, 145.3, 143.8, 142.1, 134.5, 133.4, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 125.7, 125.0, 121.8, 120.1, 114.4, 110.0, 67.9, 55.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3441, 2838, 1666, 1606, 1460, 1339, 1038, 865, 819, 747 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.0658, found 381.0660.



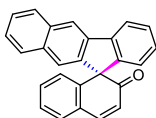
2-Methoxy-2'-oxo-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalene]-6-carbonitrile (3ba)

3ba (Pale yellow solid, 30.0 mg, 43% yield). Mp = 95.8-96.2 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.33. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J = 14.1, 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.15 (dd, J = 9.4, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.0, 161.0, 151.6, 149.3, 146.6, 143.1, 141.1, 132.4, 130.7, 130.5, 130.0, 129.7, 128.3, 127.9, 125.6, 124.8, 123.2, 122.1, 119.0, 114.7, 112.3, 110.0, 68.5, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3429, 2927, 1665, 1609, 1486, 1344, 1270, 877, 826, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 372.1000, found 372.1001.



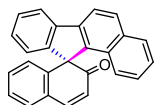
Ethyl-2-methoxy-2'-oxo-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalene]-6-carboxylate (**3bb**)

3bb (Pale yellow solid, 40.4 mg, 51% yield). Mp = 55.3-56.1 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.27 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 166.5, 160.4, 151.7, 149.3, 146.3, 142.3, 141.9, 133.7, 130.8, 130.5, 129.7, 128.4, 127.9, 125.7, 123.8, 121.9, 120.9, 114.4, 110.0, 68.4, 61.1, 55.5, 29.7, 14.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3417, 2931, 1665, 1615, 1502, 1458, 1281, 956, 817, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 419.1259, found 419.1259.



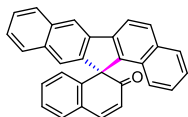
2'*H*-Spiro[benzo[*b*]fluorene-11,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3bc** or **3bd**)

3bc or **3bd** (Yellow solid, 44.8 mg, 65% yield for **3bc**; 43.4mg, 63% yield for **3bd**). Mp = 173.1-174.1 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.39. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.7, 147.9, 146.3, 145.6, 143.6, 141.4, 139.9, 133.8, 133.6, 130.4, 129.7, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 126.2, 125.9, 125.6, 124.5, 123.1, 121.3, 119.1, 67.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3055, 2961, 1664, 1601, 1265, 1200, 1118, 877, 801, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{16}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 367.1099, found 367.1096.



2'*H*-Spiro[benzo[*a*]fluorene-11,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3be**)

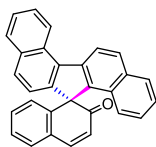
3be (Yellow solid, 42.0 mg, 61% yield). Mp = 179.2-180.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.43. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01-7.97 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.83 (m, 3H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 148.6, 146.4, 143.5, 142.5, 141.5, 141.3, 134.3, 130.7, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.4, 125.5, 124.6, 122.7, 121.0, 118.5, 67.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3054, 1662, 1621, 1461, 1390, 1232, 1118, 867, 821, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{16}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 367.1099, found 367.1097.



2'*H*-Spiro[dibenzo[*a,h*]fluorene-13,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3bf**)

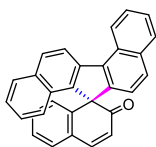
3bf (Yellow oil, 32.3 mg, 41% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.23. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.40 (s, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 2H),

7.55-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.7, 146.3, 146.0, 144.5, 139.3, 134.0, 133.9, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.4, 123.3, 119.7, 67.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3427, 2853, 1651, 1500, 1453, 1379, 1265, 843, 819, 741 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 417.1255, found 417.1255.



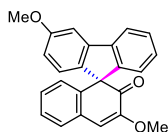
2'H-Spiro[dibenzo[a,g]fluorene-13,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bg)

3bg (Pale yellow oil, 32.3 mg, 41% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, $R_f = 0.23$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.90 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 26.9, 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 147.0, 146.4, 143.1, 140.8, 136.6, 134.3, 133.9, 132.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.2, 126.0, 124.2, 122.6, 122.5, 122.2, 67.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3424, 2858, 1645, 1508, 1450, 1385, 1265, 844, 810, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 417.1255, found 417.1257.



2'H-Spiro[dibenzo[a,g]fluorene-13,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bh)

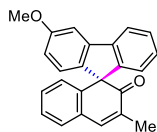
3bh (Yellow oil, 41.8 mg, 53% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, $R_f = 0.23$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.90 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.72 (s, 1H), 7.91 (dd, $J = 26.9, 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.78-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 147.0, 146.4, 143.1, 140.8, 136.6, 134.3, 133.9, 132.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.2, 126.0, 124.2, 122.6, 122.5, 122.2, 67.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3424, 2858, 1645, 1508, 1450, 1385, 1265, 844, 810, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{18}\text{ONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 417.1255, found 417.1257.



3,7'-Dimethoxy-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bi)

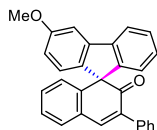
3bi (Yellow solid, 33.3 mg, 47% yield). Mp = 147.2-148.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, $R_f = 0.20$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.3, 160.3, 150.4, 148.0, 143.4, 141.7, 139.4, 138.8, 130.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 124.9, 124.1, 120.7, 116.2, 114.3,

105.8, 68.8, 55.7, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3058, 2847, 1677, 1617, 1482, 1452, 1279, 1209, 1103, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 377.1154, found 377.1155.



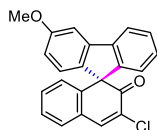
3-Methoxy-3'-methyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bj)

3bj (Yellow solid, 51.4 mg, 76% yield). Mp = 202.7-203.4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 2H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.9, 160.1, 148.5, 143.4, 142.4, 142.2, 141.7, 139.9, 133.6, 130.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 124.8, 124.0, 120.6, 114.2, 105.8, 67.6, 55.6, 16.4 ppm. IR (KBr): 3058, 2927, 1661, 1615, 1485, 1278, 861, 816, 753, 626 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 361.1204, found 361.1207.



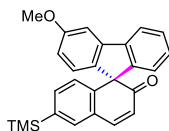
3-Methoxy-3'-phenyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bk)

3bk (Yellow solid, 58.5 mg, 73% yield). Mp = 206.2-207.3 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.18 (m, 8H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.4, 160.3, 147.4, 143.3, 142.5, 142.4, 141.7, 138.7, 136.4, 135.7, 130.8, 129.9, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 125.1, 124.3, 120.7, 114.3, 105.9, 69.1, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2937, 2838, 1668, 1610, 1484, 1215, 1029, 754, 700 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.1361, found 423.1358.



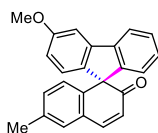
3'-Chloro-3-methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bl)

3bl (Yellow solid, 32.3 mg, 45% yield). Mp = 202.6-203.2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.32. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.3, 160.4, 147.6, 143.3, 143.2, 141.9, 141.6, 138.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 124.8, 124.0, 120.8, 114.4, 106.0, 68.8, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2932, 2841, 1680, 1609, 1486, 1161, 1030, 750, 642 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{ClNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.0658, found 381.0661.



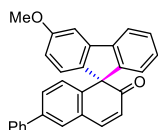
3,7'-Dimethoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bm)

3bm (Yellow solid, 55.5 mg, 70% yield). Mp = 61.7-62.6 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (dd, J = 17.5, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.0, 161.4, 149.4, 147.7, 144.6, 144.5, 142.9, 141.9, 140.8, 136.6, 135.8, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.2, 127.0, 126.1, 125.3, 121.8, 115.5, 107.0, 69.0, 56.8, 0.00 ppm. IR (KBr): 3052, 2840, 1666, 1613, 1486, 1450, 1247, 1211, 834, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2\text{SiNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 419.1443, found 419.1446.



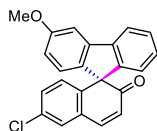
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3bn (Yellow solid, 48.1 mg, 71% yield). Mp = 56.7-58.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.0, 160.2, 148.5, 146.2, 143.4, 141.6, 139.8, 137.3, 131.2, 130.1, 129.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 125.9, 124.8, 124.0, 120.6, 114.3, 105.8, 67.5, 55.6, 20.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3054, 2931, 1665, 1612, 1571, 1486, 1170, 861, 817, 743 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 361.1204, found 361.1206.



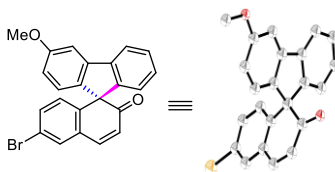
3-Methoxy-6'-phenyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bo)

3bo (Yellow oil, 58.5 mg, 73% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79-7.71 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.7, 160.3, 148.3, 146.1, 143.5, 141.7, 140.7, 139.9, 139.6, 130.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.3, 124.9, 124.1, 120.7, 114.4, 105.9, 67.6, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3055, 2929, 1665, 1611, 1485, 1280, 1030, 816, 749, 698 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.1361, found 423.1366.



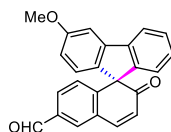
6'-Chloro-3-methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bp)

3bp (Yellow oil, 48.8 mg, 68% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.32$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) 198.1, 160.4, 147.8, 144.5, 143.4, 141.6, 141.2, 139.1, 133.4, 131.4, 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 124.8, 124.0, 120.8, 114.4, 105.9, 67.3, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3056, 2951, 1667, 1611, 1485, 1450, 1273, 1030, 813, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.0658, found 381.0660.



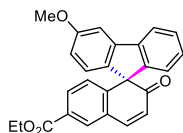
6'-Bromo-3-methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bq)

3bq (Yellow solid, 20.2 mg, 25% yield). Mp = 94.1-95.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.30$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, $J = 9.1, 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9, 159.3, 146.6, 143.3, 142.3, 140.7, 140.6, 138.0, 132.0, 130.9, 130.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.2, 126.0, 123.7, 122.9, 120.2, 119.7, 113.3, 104.9, 66.3, 54.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2961, 1664, 1615, 1485, 1450, 1265, 1094, 805, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 425.0153, found 425.0157.



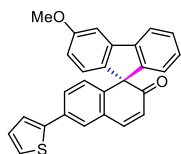
3-Methoxy-2'-oxo-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalene]-6'-carbaldehyde (3br)

3br (Yellow solid, 20.4 mg, 29% yield). Mp = 67.5-68.8 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.30$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.5, 191.1, 160.5, 149.6, 147.4, 144.7, 143.6, 141.7, 138.7, 135.7, 131.3, 130.6, 130.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.3, 124.8, 124.0, 120.9, 114.5, 106.0, 68.0, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3435, 2923, 2875, 1614, 1451, 1269, 1213, 1163, 814, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 375.0997, found 375.0999.



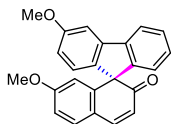
Ethyl-3-methoxy-2'-oxo-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalene]-6'-carboxylate (**3bs**)

3bs (Yellow solid, 53.9 mg, 68% yield). Mp = 46.8-47.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.9, 165.7, 160.4, 147.8, 147.6, 145.2, 143.4, 141.7, 138.9, 131.0, 130.6, 130.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.7, 124.8, 124.0, 120.8, 114.4, 106.0, 67.8, 61.3, 55.6, 14.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 2838, 1716, 1669, 1615, 1484, 1449, 1026, 817, 751 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 419.1259, found 419.1266.



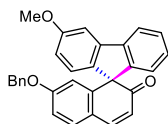
3-Methoxy-6'-(thiophen-2-yl)-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3bt**)

3bt (Yellow solid, 63.8 mg, 78% yield). Mp = 86.4-87.9 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.22. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (dd, J = 17.4, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.20 (dd, J = 7.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.5, 160.3, 148.1, 145.7, 143.4, 143.0, 141.8, 141.7, 139.5, 133.9, 130.4, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 126.8, 126.5, 125.3, 124.9, 124.1, 123.6, 120.7, 114.3, 105.9, 67.6, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3327, 2961, 2365, 1662, 1457, 1401, 1105, 766, 692, 640 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{SO}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 429.0925, found 429.0923.



3,7'-Dimethoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3bu**)

3bu (Yellow solid, 63.1 mg, 89% yield). Mp = 176.2-176.9 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.21 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 161.3, 160.2, 148.2, 146.1, 145.3, 143.4, 141.6, 139.6, 131.2, 128.3, 128.1, 124.9, 124.1, 123.3, 123.2, 120.7, 114.3, 114.1, 112.4, 105.8, 68.1, 55.6, 55.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3054, 2842, 1662, 1605, 1489, 1453, 1282, 1033, 836, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 377.1154, found 377.1155.



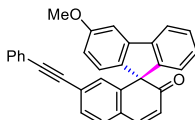
7'-(Benzyloxy)-3-methoxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bv)

3bv (Yellow oil, 72.3 mg, 84% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, $R_f = 0.21$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.6, 160.4, 160.2, 148.2, 145.8, 145.3, 143.4, 141.6, 139.6, 136.0, 131.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 124.9, 124.1, 123.5, 123.4, 120.6, 114.8, 114.4, 113.4, 105.8, 70.0, 68.0, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3434, 2854, 1665, 1605, 1492, 1453, 1271, 911, 826, 744 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 453.1467, found 453.1470.



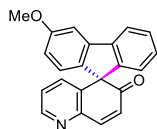
3-Methoxy-7'-methyl-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3bw)

3bw (Yellow solid, 45.3 mg, 67% yield). $\text{Mp} = 172.1\text{-}173.2$ °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.30$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 160.2, 148.4, 146.0, 143.4, 142.9, 141.7, 140.8, 139.8, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 124.9, 124.8, 124.1, 120.6, 114.3, 105.7, 68.0, 55.6, 21.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3427, 2853, 1662, 1609, 1483, 1449, 1286, 912, 836, 744 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 361.1204, found 361.1206.



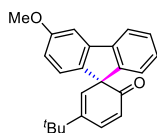
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3bx (Yellow solid, 50.9 mg, 60% yield). $\text{Mp} = 106.5\text{-}107.3$ °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, $R_f = 0.30$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, $J = 11.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 14.6, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.28 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 160.3, 147.9, 145.1, 143.5, 143.1, 141.7, 139.2, 131.6, 130.8, 130.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 126.2, 125.3, 124.9, 124.1, 122.6, 120.8, 114.4, 105.9, 91.8, 88.8, 67.6, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3447, 2924, 1662, 1482, 1453, 1257, 1218, 822, 750, 698 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 447.1361, found 447.1365.



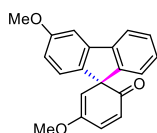
3-Methoxy-6'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,5'-quinolin]-6'-one (**3by**)

3by (Yellow solid, 39.7 mg, 61% yield). Mp = 114.3-115.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.16. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (dd, J = 4.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05-6.98 (m, 2H), 6.85-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.4, 160.5, 149.0, 148.8, 147.2, 147.0, 143.5, 141.7, 139.1, 138.5, 135.2, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 124.8, 124.1, 124.0, 120.9, 114.4, 106.0, 66.9, 55.6 ppm. IR (KBr): 3053, 3004, 2930, 2841, 1671, 1611, 1485, 1447, 1224, 1029, 808, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{NNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 348.1000, found 348.0995.



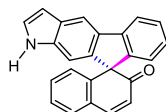
3-(*Tert*-butyl)-3'-methoxyspiro[cyclohexane-1,9'-fluorene]-2,4-dien-6-one (**3bz**)

3bz (Yellow solid, 41.6 mg, 63% yield). Mp = 123.1-124.3 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 20:1, R_f = 0.20. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.9, 160.3, 145.9, 144.2, 143.6, 142.0, 141.6, 137.2, 133.4, 128.4, 128.0, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 120.7, 114.2, 105.9, 65.7, 55.6, 34.4, 29.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 2960, 1666, 1479, 1269, 1218, 1030, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 352.1517, found 352.1513.



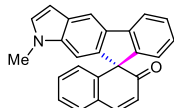
3,3'-Dimethoxyspiro[cyclohexane-1,9'-fluorene]-2,4-dien-6-one (**3ca**)

3ca (Yellow solid, 21.3 mg, 35% yield). Mp = 147.1-148.1 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05 (dd, J = 9.4, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 160.3, 151.0, 147.1, 143.2, 143.0, 141.6, 138.4, 128.4, 128.0, 127.2, 124.6, 123.9, 120.6, 114.1, 107.2, 105.8, 64.3, 55.6, 55.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3003, 1638, 1482, 1450, 1404, 1269, 1172, 1027, 822, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 327.0997, found 327.0994.



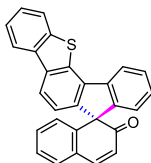
1*H*,2'*H*-Spiro[indeno[1,2-*f*]indole-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3cb)

3cb (Yellow solid, 36.7 mg, 55% yield). Mp = 191.3-192.1 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.22. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.01 (m, 5H), 6.60-6.50 (m, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.7, 146.9, 146.1, 144.3, 142.7, 142.3, 136.2, 134.4, 130.3, 129.7, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 125.7, 125.1, 125.0, 124.0, 120.0, 112.4, 107.1, 103.0, 67.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3409, 3009, 1657, 1595, 1562, 1452, 1359, 1288, 1262, 1204, 876, 764, 597, 507 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{15}\text{NONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 356.1501, found 356.1501.



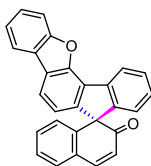
1-Methyl-1*H*,2'*H*-Spiro[indeno[1,2-*f*]indole-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3cc)

3cc (Yellow solid, 49.3 mg, 71% yield). Mp = 199.6-200.2 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.05 (m, 3H), 7.04-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.55 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.5, 147.1, 146.0, 144.4, 142.6, 142.2, 137.2, 134.1, 130.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.7, 125.9, 123.8, 120.0, 112.5, 105.3, 101.6, 67.9, 33.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 3421, 3060, 2922, 2360, 2340, 1662, 1618, 1562, 1508, 1458, 1387, 1367, 1274, 1201, 1112, 876, 827, 750, 594 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{17}\text{NONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 370.1208, found 370.1208



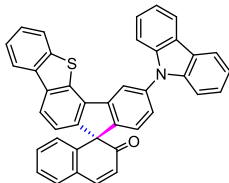
2'*H*-Spiro[benzo[*b*]fluoreno[3,4-*d*]thiophene-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3cd)

3cd (Yellow solid, 52.1 mg, 65% yield). Mp = 233.9-234.6 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.26. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.12 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.1, 148.1, 146.5, 146.4, 142.3, 141.1, 139.7, 136.7, 136.4, 135.0, 132.6, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.0, 124.8, 124.0, 123.1, 122.9, 121.8, 121.2, 120.5, 68.9 ppm. IR (KBr): 3057, 1664, 1565, 1432, 1393, 1345, 1202, 822, 744, 647 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{16}\text{OS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 401.1000, found 401.1000.



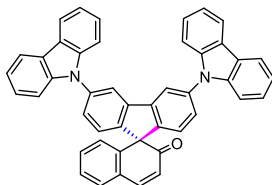
2'*H*-Spiro[fluoreno[4,3-*b*]benzofuran-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3cf)

3cf (Yellow solid, 53.8 mg, 70% yield). Mp = 212.3-213.4 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.28. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.0, 156.9, 150.7, 147.6, 147.1, 146.2, 142.5, 139.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.5, 126.0, 125.0, 124.0, 123.9, 123.8, 123.1, 120.7, 120.1, 118.7, 112.0, 69.1 ppm. IR (KBr): 3448, 3056, 1665, 1570, 1446, 1240, 1115, 877, 745, 649 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₈H₁₆O₂ [M+H]⁺ 385.1229, found 385.1229.



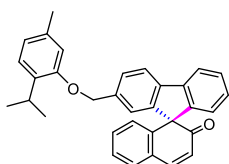
10-(9H-Carbazol-9-yl)-2'H-spiro[fluoreno[4,3-b]benzofuran-7,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3cg)

3cg (Pale yellow solid, 57.2 mg, 52% yield). Mp = 163.9-165.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 3:1, R_f = 0.35. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 8.1 Hz, 3H), 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.29-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.8, 156.9, 150.7, 147.5, 146.6, 142.0, 141.4, 141.1, 138.2, 130.7, 129.9, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.3, 125.0, 123.8, 123.5, 123.2, 122.6, 120.9, 120.7, 120.4, 120.1, 118.9, 112.1, 110.1, 69.0 ppm. IR (KBr): 3054, 2925, 1666, 1605, 1485, 1453, 1231, 883, 745, 655 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₄₀H₂₃NO₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 572.1626, found 572.1631.



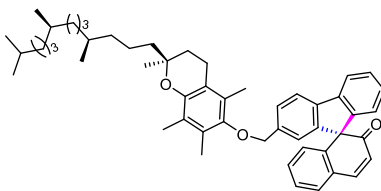
3,6-Di(9H-carbazol-9-yl)-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ch)

3ch (Pale yellow solid, 76.2 mg, 61% yield). Mp = 260.3-261.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 3:1, R_f = 0.25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.38-7.24 (m, 7H), 7.25-7.12 (m, 5H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 146.8, 146.6, 143.1, 141.7, 140.8, 138.3, 130.8, 130.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 126.0, 125.9, 125.7, 123.5, 120.4, 120.1, 119.5, 109.9, 68.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3438, 3053, 2852, 1665, 1454, 1331, 1228, 821, 745, 644 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₄₆H₂₈N₂ONa [M+Na]⁺ 647.2099, found 647.2094.



2-((2-Isopropyl-5-methylphenoxy)methyl)-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3ci)

3ci (Pale yellow oil, 63.9 mg, 70% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.35$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.07-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.65 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 3.17-3.13 (m, 1H), 2.18 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.3, 155.7, 147.7, 147.6, 146.1, 142.5, 141.9, 141.3, 137.6, 136.3, 134.3, 130.4, 129.9, 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 126.0, 125.9, 124.4, 122.9, 121.5, 120.8, 120.7, 112.8, 69.9, 68.6, 26.7, 22.8, 21.3 ppm. IR (KBr): 3447, 2959, 2862, 1660, 1455, 1348, 1201, 1029, 814, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 479.1987, found 479.1985.

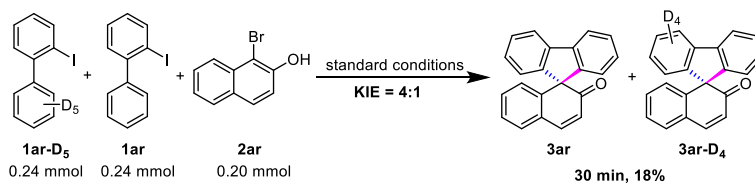


2-(((2,5,7,8-Tetramethyl-2-((4R,6R)-4,6,8-trimethylnonyl)chroman-6-yl)oxy)methyl)-2'H-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (3cj)

3cj (Pale yellow oil, 54.5 mg, 40% yield). Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.37$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.13-2.01 (m, 9H), 1.86-1.71 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.03 (m, 24H), 0.91-0.81 (m, 12H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2, 148.1, 147.9, 147.8, 147.7, 146.1, 142.5, 141.7, 141.5, 138.2, 130.4, 129.9, 129.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 126.0, 125.9, 124.1, 123.5, 122.9, 120.7, 120.5, 117.6, 74.8, 74.7, 68.5, 40.1, 39.4, 37.6, 37.5, 37.4, 32.8, 32.7, 31.4, 28.0, 24.8, 24.5, 23.9, 23.8, 22.7, 21.1, 20.7, 19.8, 19.7, 19.6, 13.0, 12.1, 11.8 ppm. IR (KBr): 3452, 2929, 2861, 1634, 1459, 1377, 1256, 813, 753, 616 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{57}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 681.4308, found 681.4316.

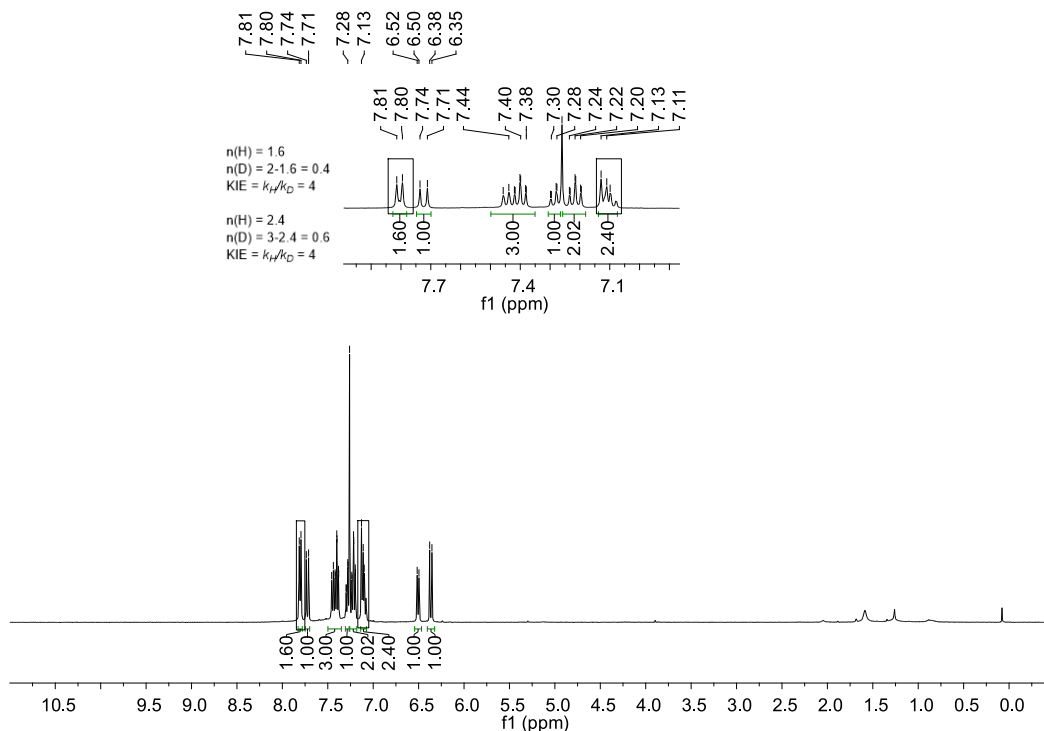
E. Preliminary mechanistic studies:

A). Kinetic isotope effect experiment:

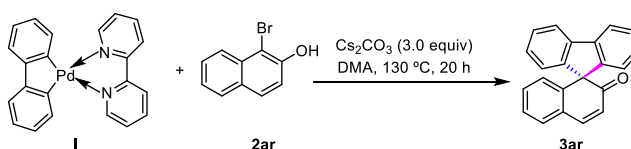


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was charged with $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), $\text{P}(p\text{-F-C}_6\text{H}_4)_3$ (7.6 mg, 0.024 mmol), CsOPiv (14 mg, 0.06 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **1ar-D₅**^[3] (68.4 mg, 0.24 mmol), **1ar** (67.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), **2ar** (22.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMA (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 30 min. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated

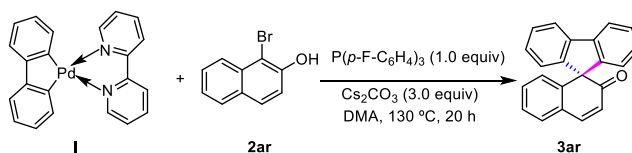
solution of NH_4Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.40$) to afford desired product **3ar** and **3ar-D₄** as a pale yellow solid (10.6 mg, 18% total yield). The D/H incorporation in **3ar** and **3ar-D₄** was determined by $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy. The intermolecular kinetic isotopic effect of this reaction was determined to be **3ar:3ar-D₄** = $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} = 4:1$.



B). Study on Pd complexes in this reaction:

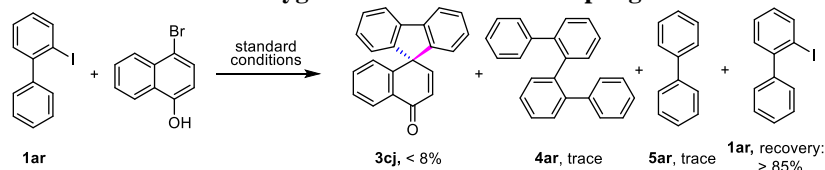


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with Pd complexes **I**^[22] (83.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **2ar** (44.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 2.0 mL DMA were added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH_4Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 10:1, $R_f = 0.40$) to afford **3ar** as a yellow solid (10.6 mg, 18% yield).

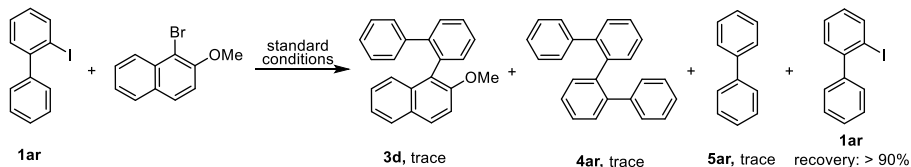


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with Pd complexes I^[22] (83.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), P(*p*-F-C₆H₄)₃ (63.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 2.0 mL DMA were stirred 30 min at room temperature, next Cs₂CO₃ (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **2ar** (44.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) were added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.40) to afford **3ar** as a yellow solid (35.3 mg, 60% yield).

C). Study on the chelation of vicinal oxygen atom in the cross-coupling:

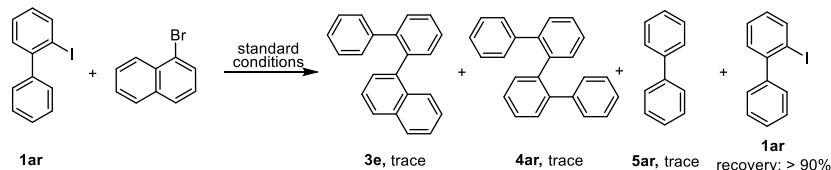


In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), P(*p*-F-C₆H₄)₃ (7.6 mg, 0.024 mmol), CsOPiv (14.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **1ar** (67.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), 4-bromonaphthalen-1-ol (44.6 mg, 0.20 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMA (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the desired product **3cj** (< 8% yield). A large amount of 2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl **1ar** was remaining (> 85% yield).



In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), P(*p*-F-C₆H₄)₃ (7.6 mg, 0.024 mmol), CsOPiv (14.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **1ar** (67.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), 1-bromo-2-methoxynaphthalene (47.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMA (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product

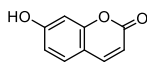
was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford trace amount of the desired product **3d** and undesired product **4ar**, **5ar**. A large amount of 2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl **1ar** was remaining (> 90% yield).



In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (4.5 mg, 0.02 mmol), P(*p*-F-C₆H₄)₃ (7.6 mg, 0.024 mmol), CsOPiv (14.0 mg, 0.06 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (195 mg, 0.60 mmol), **1** (67.2 mg, 0.24 mmol), 1-bromonaphthalene (41.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMA (2.0 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford trace amount of the desired product **3e** and undesired product **4ar**, **5ar**. A large amount of 2-iodo-1,1'-biphenyl **1ar** was remaining (> 90% yield).

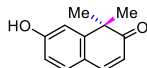
F. Spectroscopical and pK_a studies of O-/C-coumarins:

A). Synthesis of 7-hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**4**), 7-hydroxy-1,1-dimethylnaphthalen-2(1*H*)-one (**5**) and 7'-hydroxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3cl**)



7-Hydroxy-2*H*-chromen-2-one (**4**)

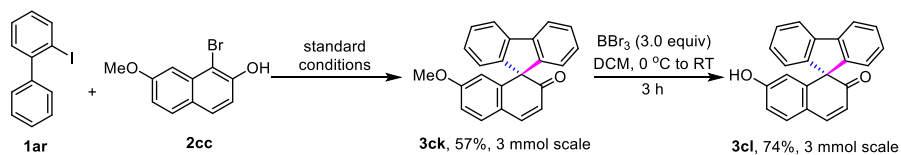
4 (White solid). Mp = 225.5-226.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 161.8, 160.9, 156.0, 145.0, 130.2, 113.6, 111.9, 111.8, 102.6 ppm. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.^[23]



7-Hydroxy-1,1-dimethylnaphthalen-2(1*H*)-one (**5**)

5 (White solid). Mp = 157.8-158.7 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.33. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 158.3, 150.4, 145.6, 131.4, 121.8, 121.5, 113.9, 47.6, 28.1 ppm. Analytical data are in accordance with the literature values.^[24]

7'-Hydroxy-2'*H*-spiro[fluorene-9,1'-naphthalen]-2'-one (**3cl**)



3.0 mmol scale: In a glovebox, a 50 mL vial equipped with a stirring bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (67.5 mg, 0.3 mmol), P(*p*-F-C₆H₄)₃ (114 mg, 0.36 mmol), CsOPiv (210.6 mg, 0.9 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (2.9 g, 9.0 mmol), **1ar** (3.6 mmol), **2cc** (3.0 mmol) followed by sequential addition of DMA (30 mL). The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and then the reaction mixture was heated at 130 °C for 20 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine. The extracts were then dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to afford the desired product **3ck** (Yellow solid, 554.7 mg, 57%). Mp = 146.6-147.5 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 10:1, R_f = 0.30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.7 Hz, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.3, 161.3, 147.5, 146.0, 145.0, 141.8, 131.1, 128.3, 128.0, 124.1, 123.4, 123.3, 120.7, 114.2, 112.4, 68.7, 55.2 ppm. IR (KBr): 3061, 2939, 1665, 1610, 1582, 1486, 1163, 868, 817, 745 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₃H₁₆O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 347.1048, found 347.1046.

Under an argon atmosphere, a solution of BBr₃ (5.1 mmol) in dry DCM (3.6 mL) was slowly added to a solution of the above product **3ck** (1.7 mmol) in dry DCM (18.2 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After cooling to 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with cold water and extracted with DCM. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After concentration *in vacuo*, the obtained residue was purified by column chromatography to give **3cl** (White solid, 390.4 mg, 74%). Mp = 238.2-239.4 °C. Eluent: PE:EA = 5:1, R_f = 0.20. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 17.8, 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 197.8, 160.0, 148.3, 147.7, 145.0, 141.8, 132.5, 128.7, 128.6, 124.4, 122.0, 121.2, 115.3, 114.5, 68.5 ppm. IR (KBr): 3428, 3058, 1598, 1453, 1392, 1227, 1119, 908, 835, 740 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for C₂₂H₁₄O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 333.0891, found 333.0890.

B). Spectroscopical and pK_a studies of 4, 5 and 3cl

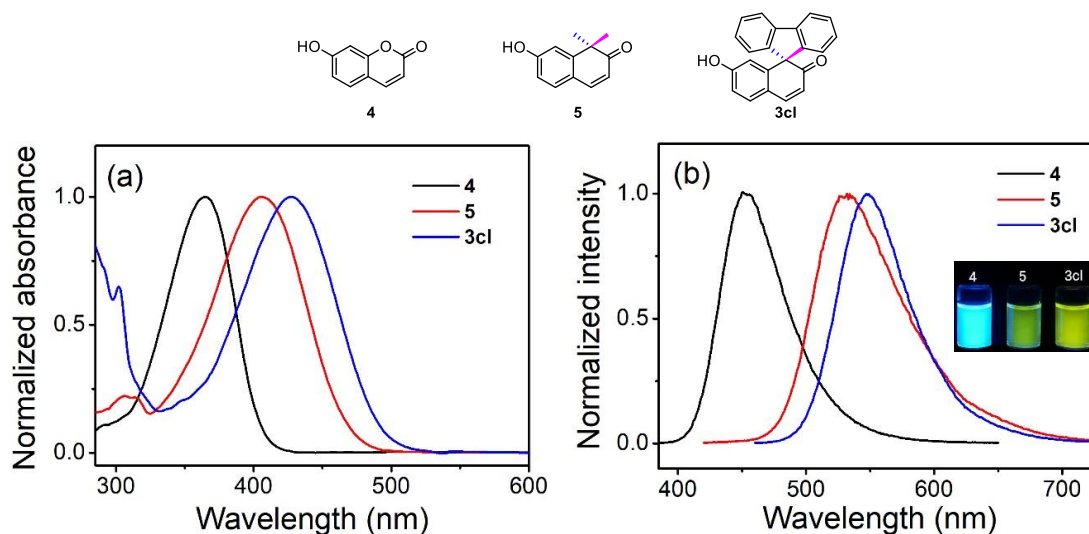


Figure 1. Normalized absorption (a) and fluorescence spectra (b) of 4, 5 and 3cl in NaHCO₃-NaOH buffer (10 mM, pH 10.0, containing 1% EtOH); Photographs of 4, 5 and 3cl in NaHCO₃-NaOH buffer (10 mM, pH 10.0, containing 1% EtOH) under UV light at 365 nm.

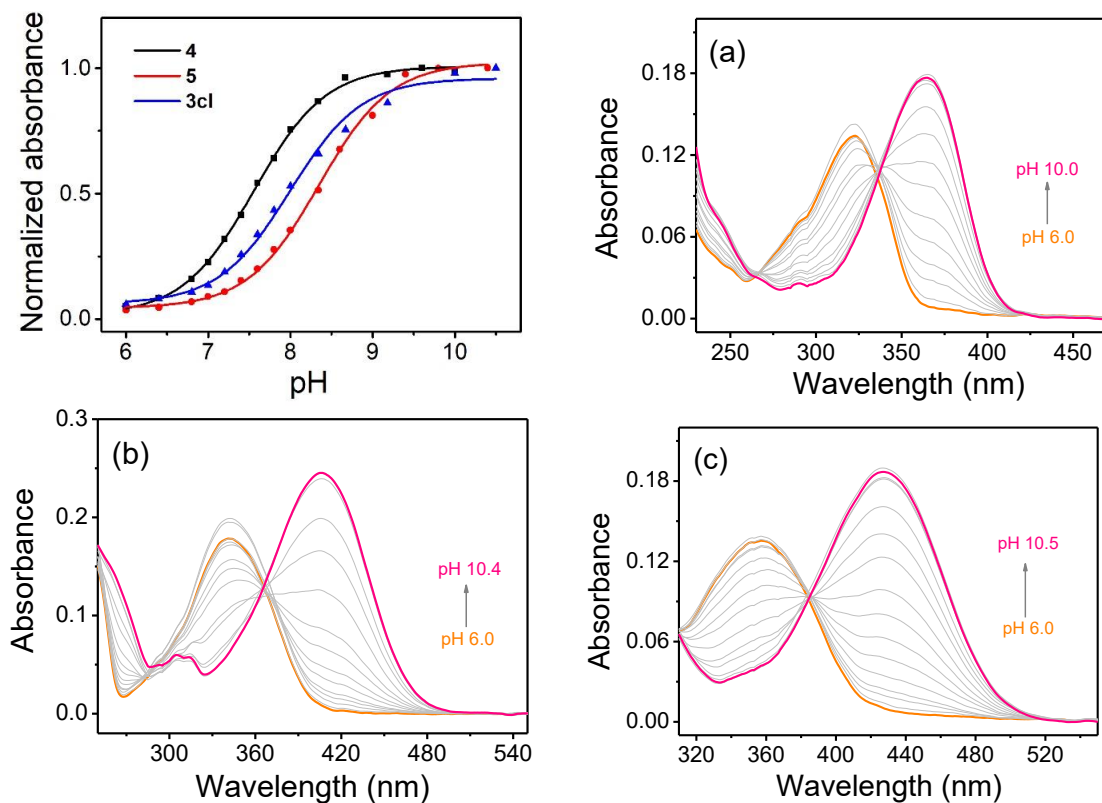


Figure 2. pH-dependent absorbance changes of 4 ($\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 365$ nm), 5 ($\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 406$ nm) 3cl ($\lambda_{\text{abs}} = 429$ nm); Absorption spectra of 4 (a), 5 (b) and 3cl (c) (20 μ M for each) in various pH values.

Table 1. Photophysical characterization of **4**, **5** and **3cl** in NaHCO₃-NaOH buffer (10 mM, pH 10.0, containing 1% EtOH).

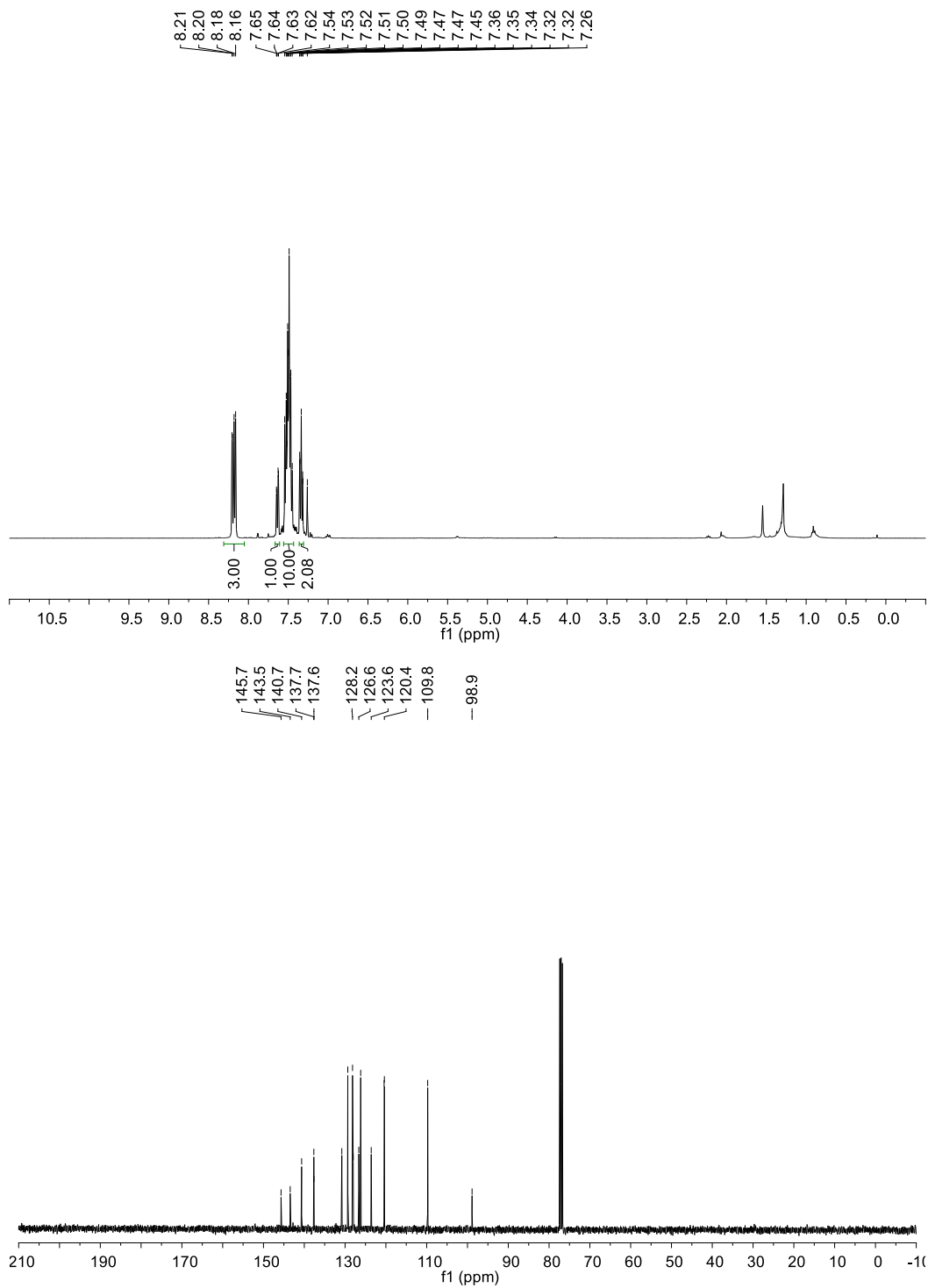
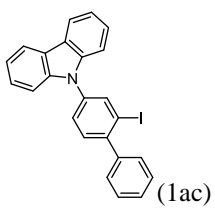
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5	406	1.19	532	0.14	8.35
3cl	429	0.92	547	0.40	7.99

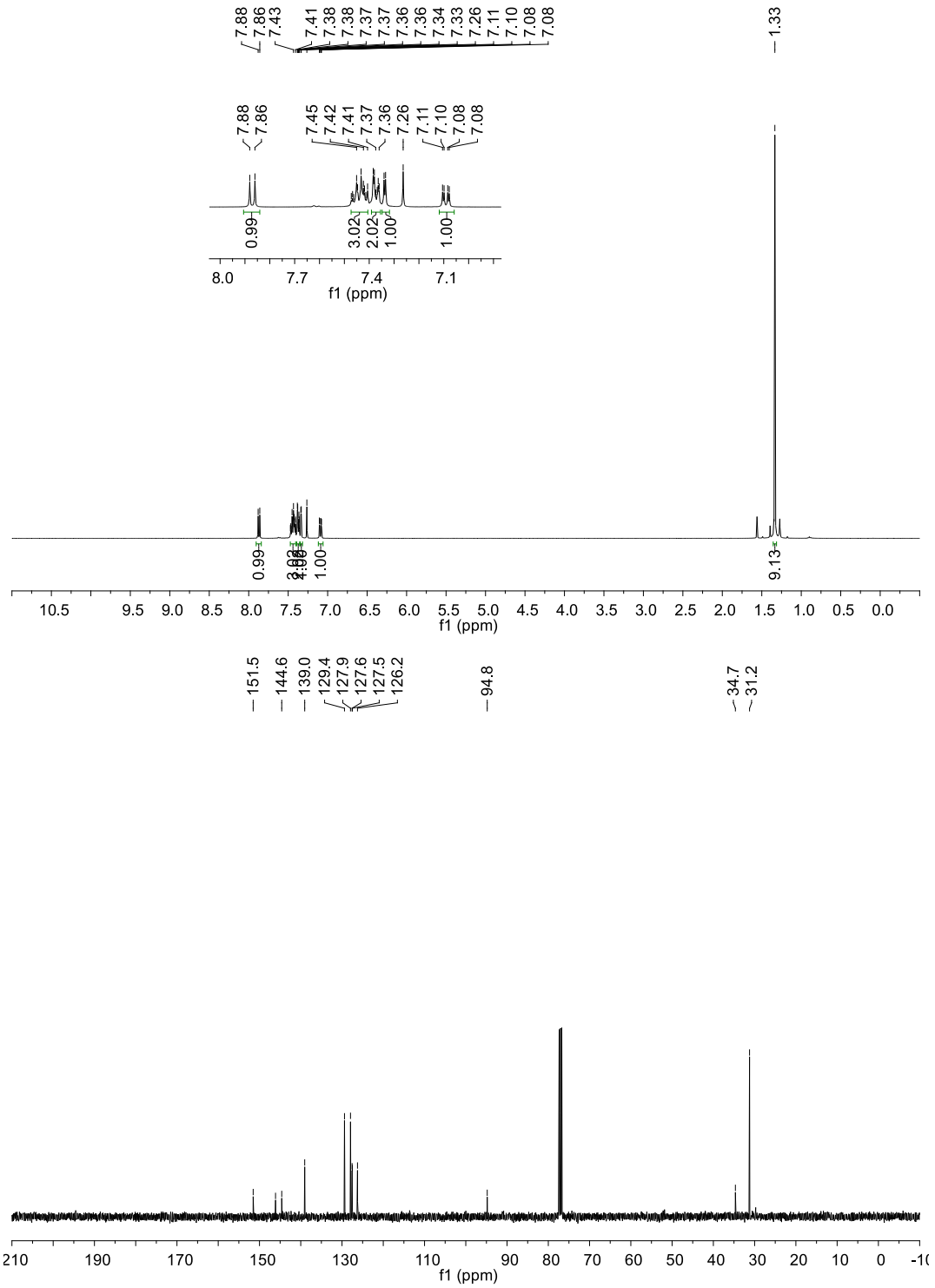
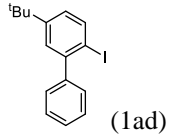
^a The maximal absorption of the dye. ^b The maximal emission of the dye. ^c Φ_{F} is the relative fluorescence quantum yield, which was measured by using fluorescein ($\Phi_{\text{F}} = 0.92$ in 0.1M NaOH solution) as standard.^[26]

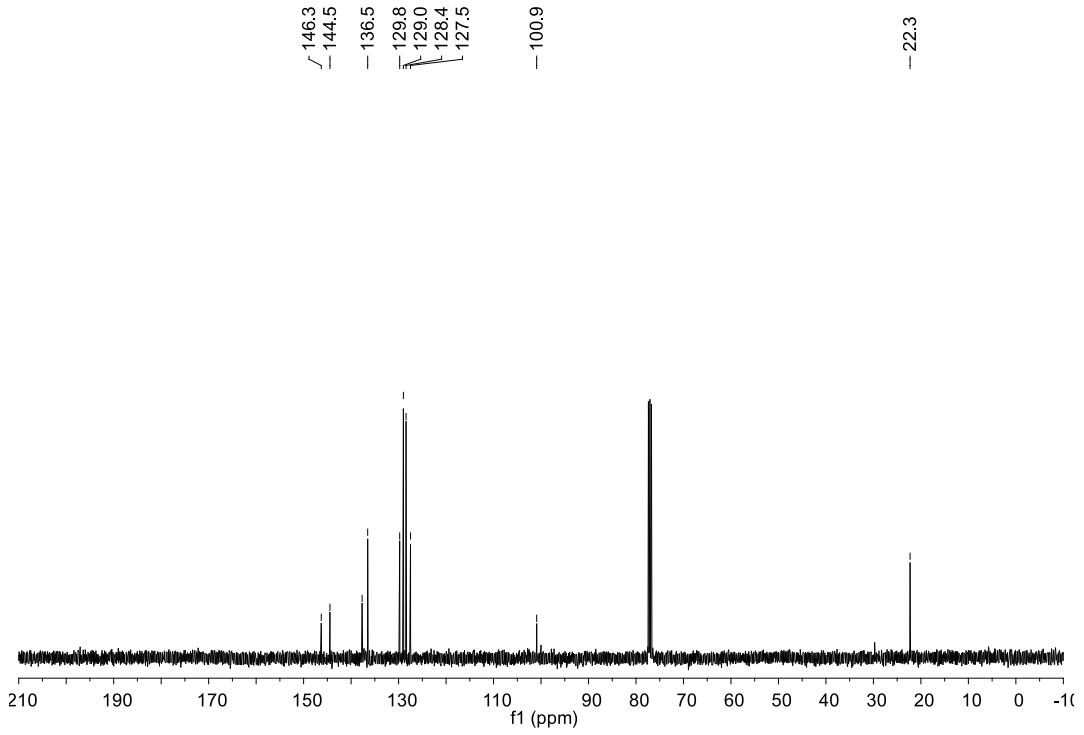
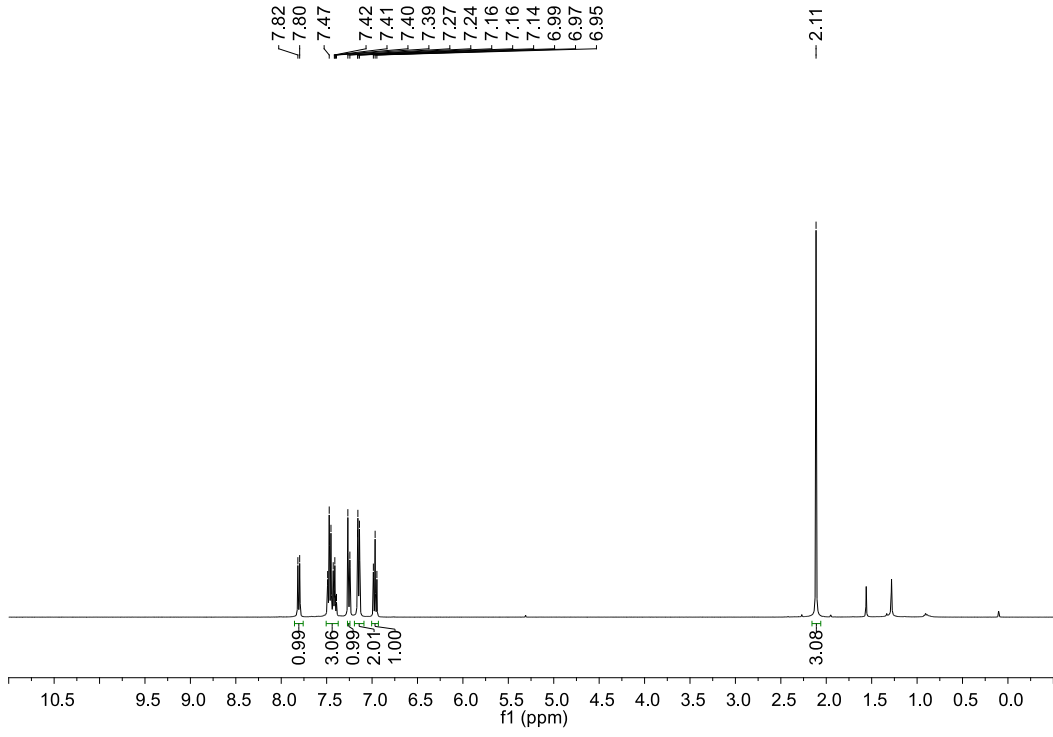
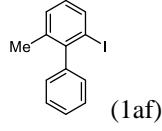
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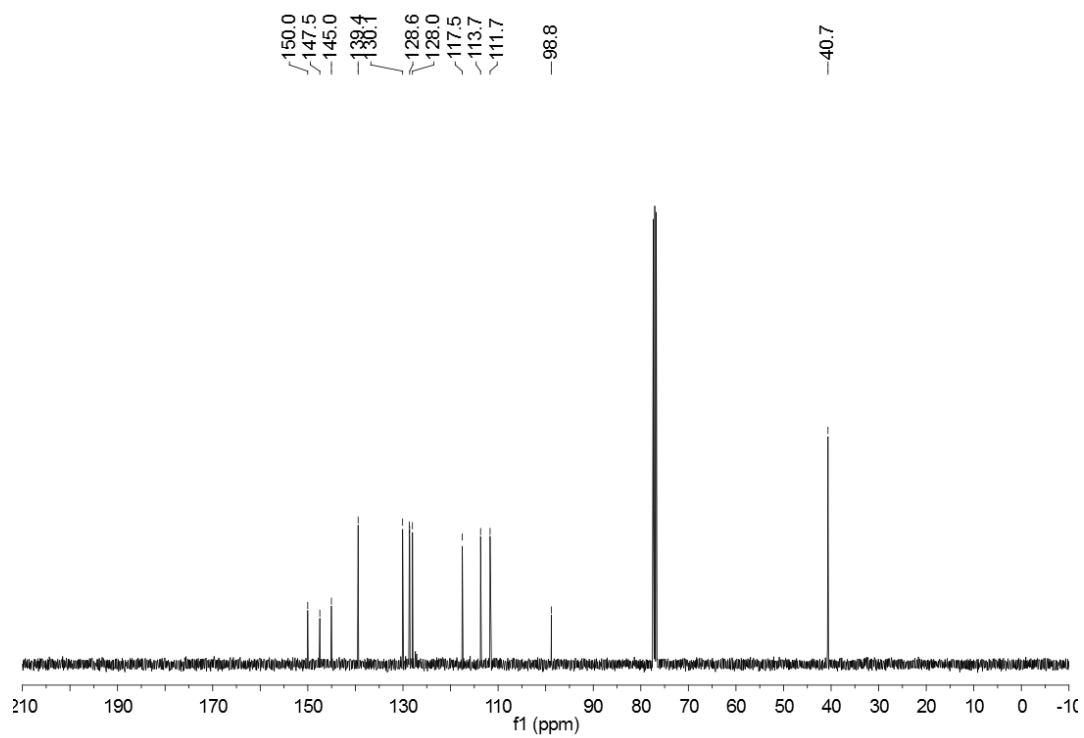
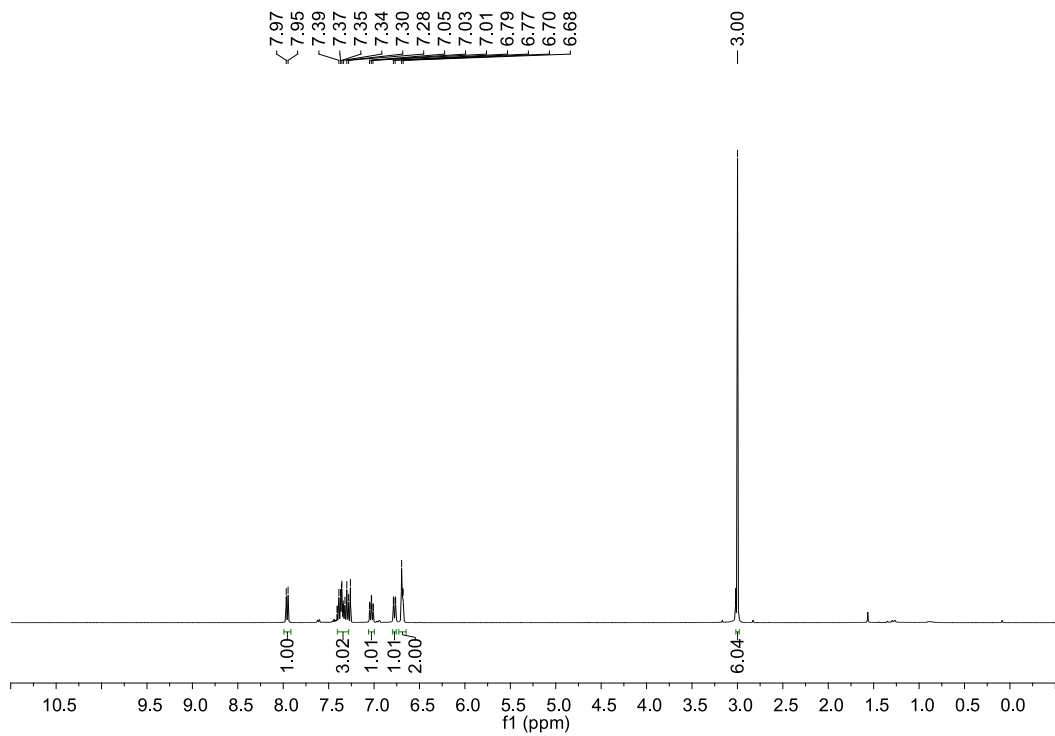
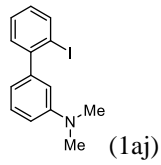
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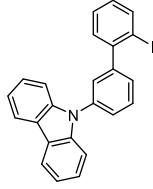
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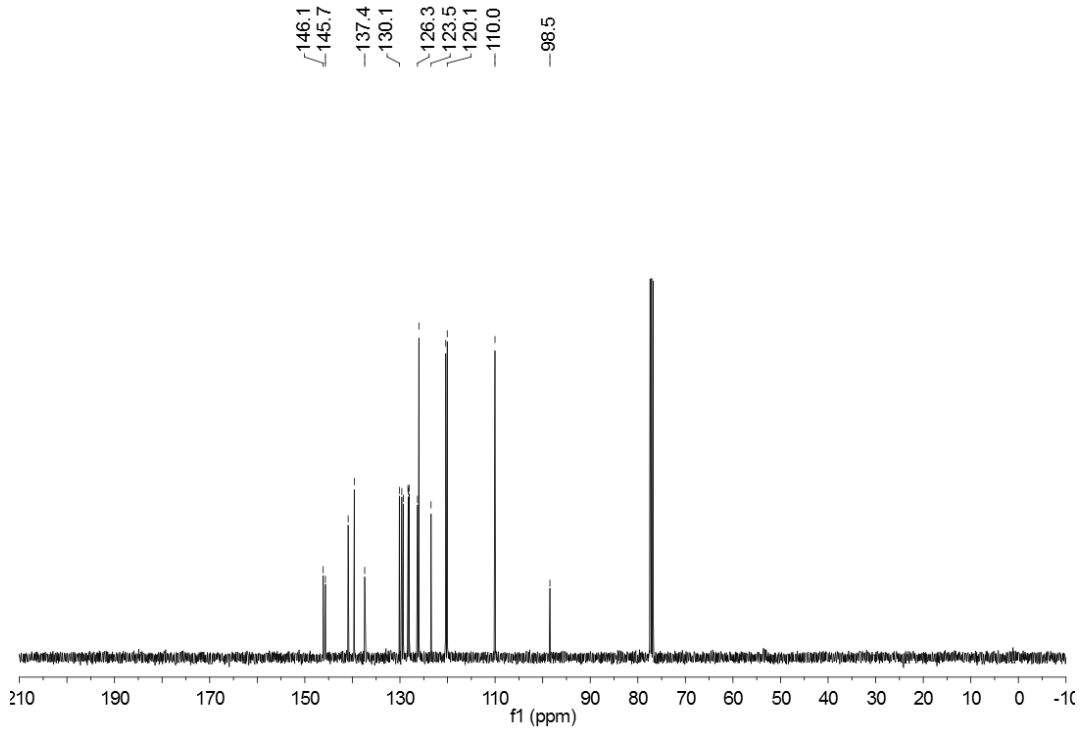
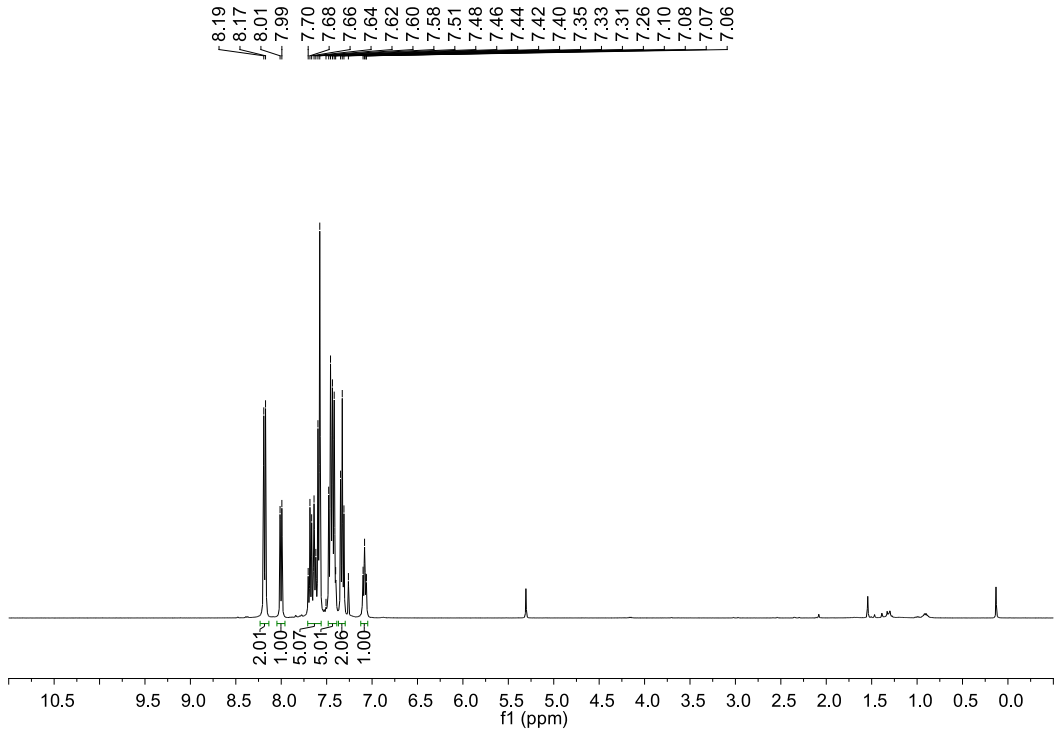


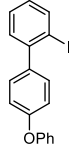




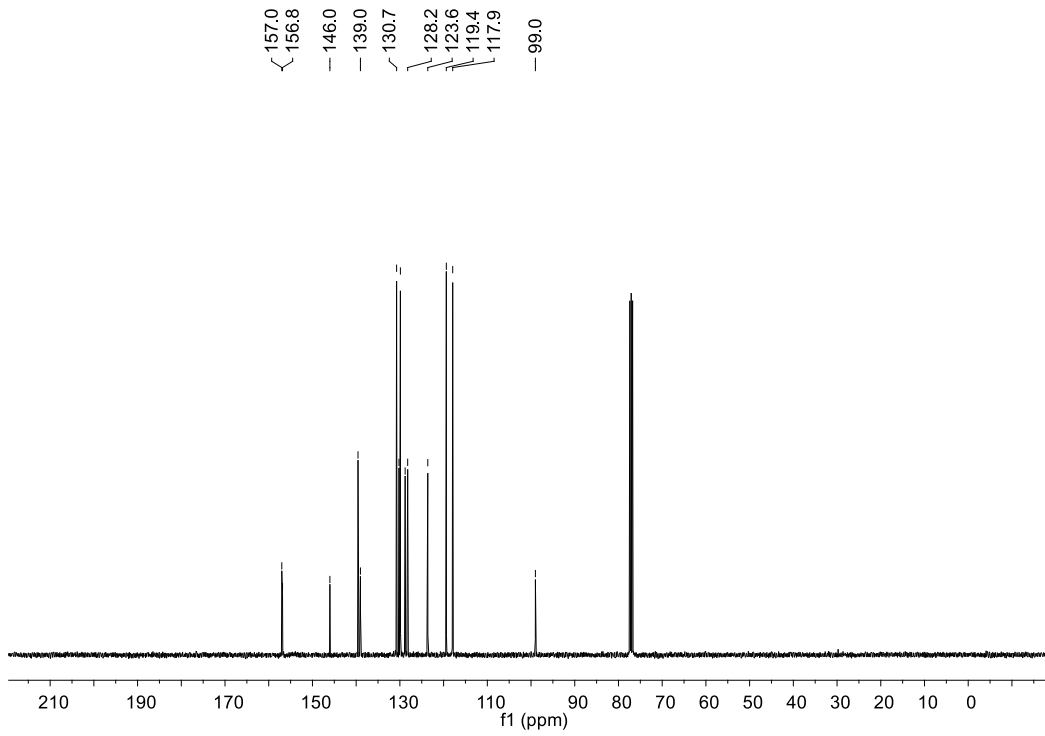
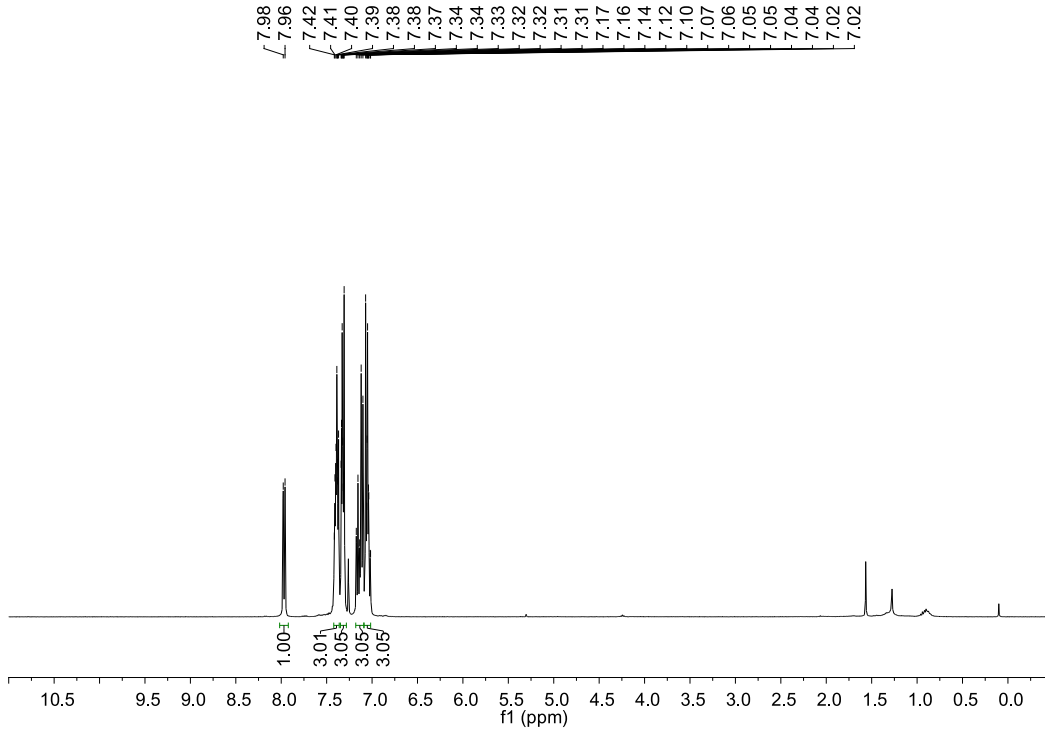


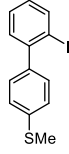
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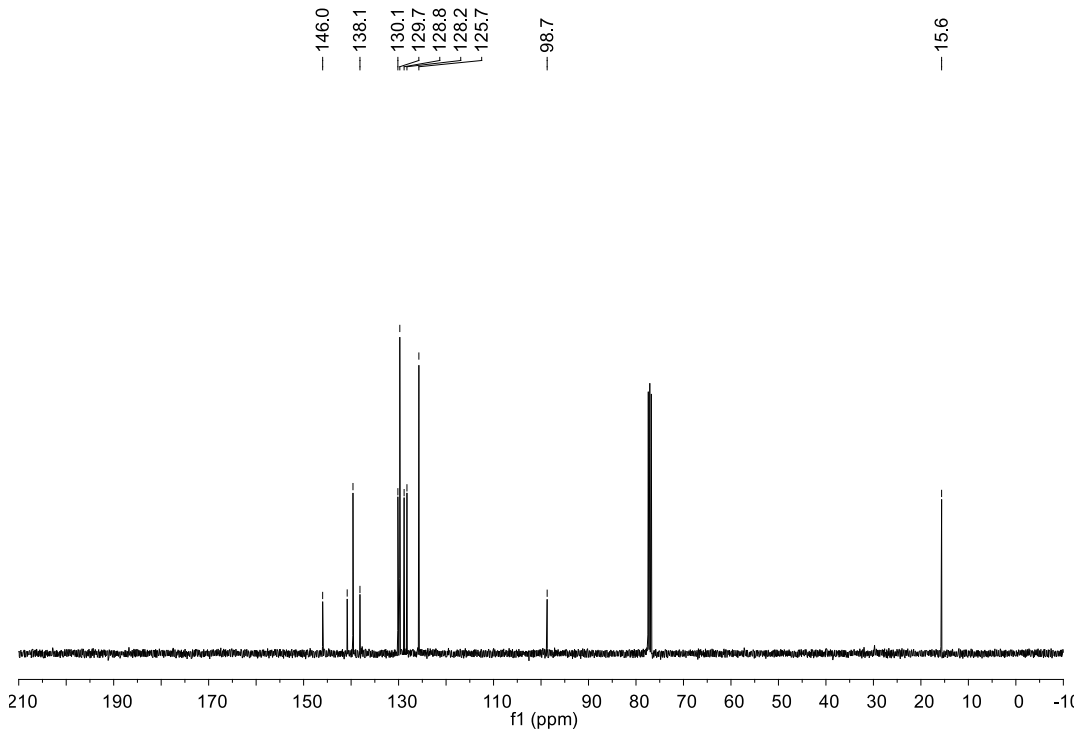
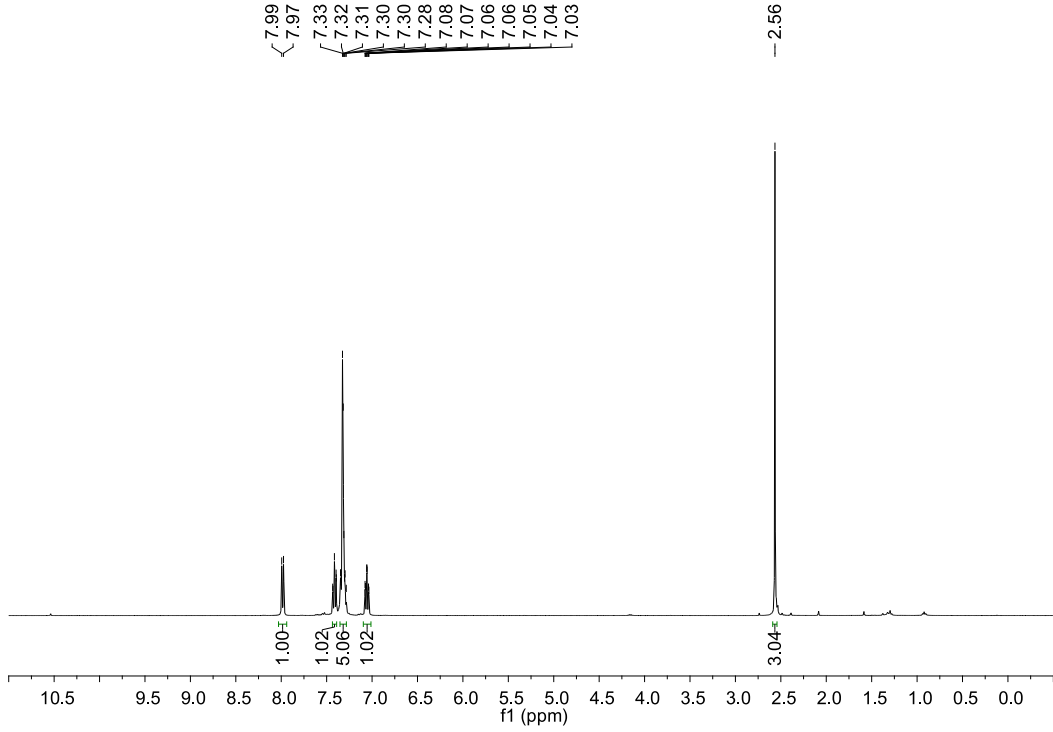


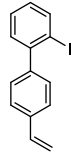
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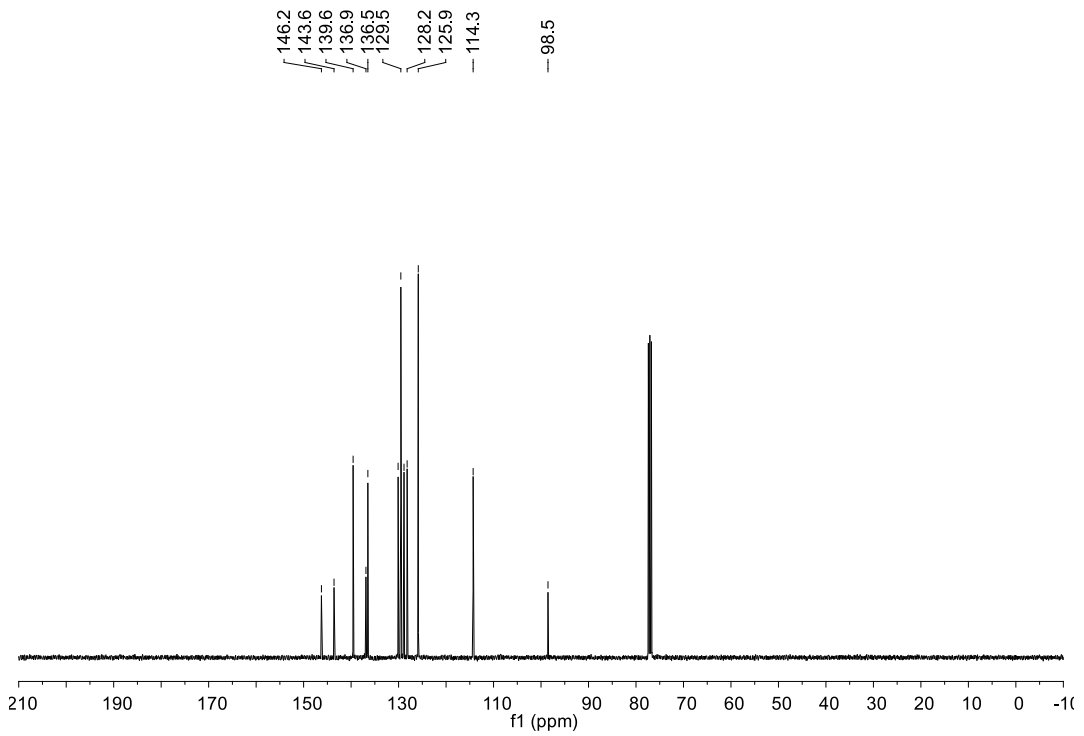
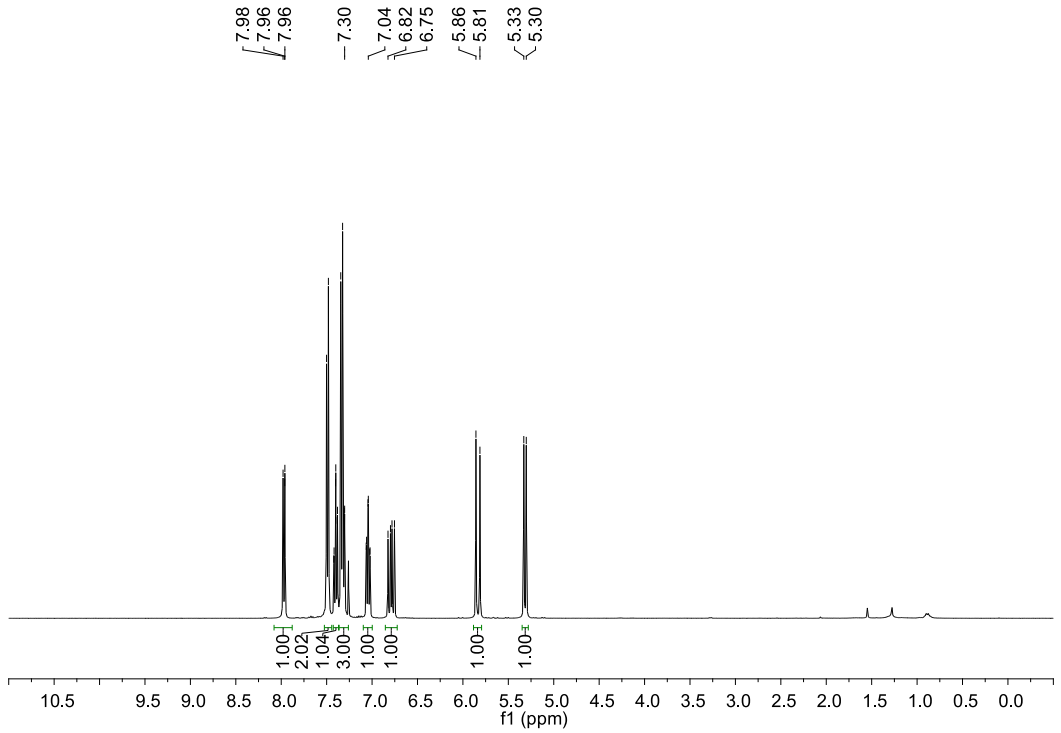


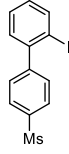
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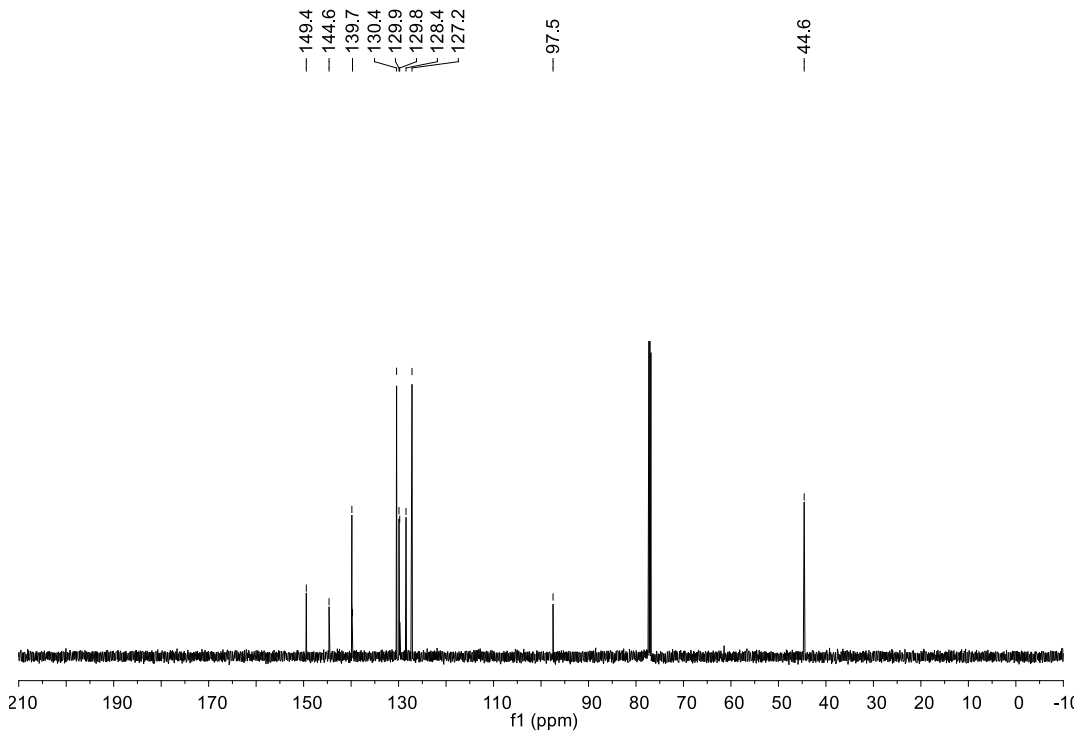
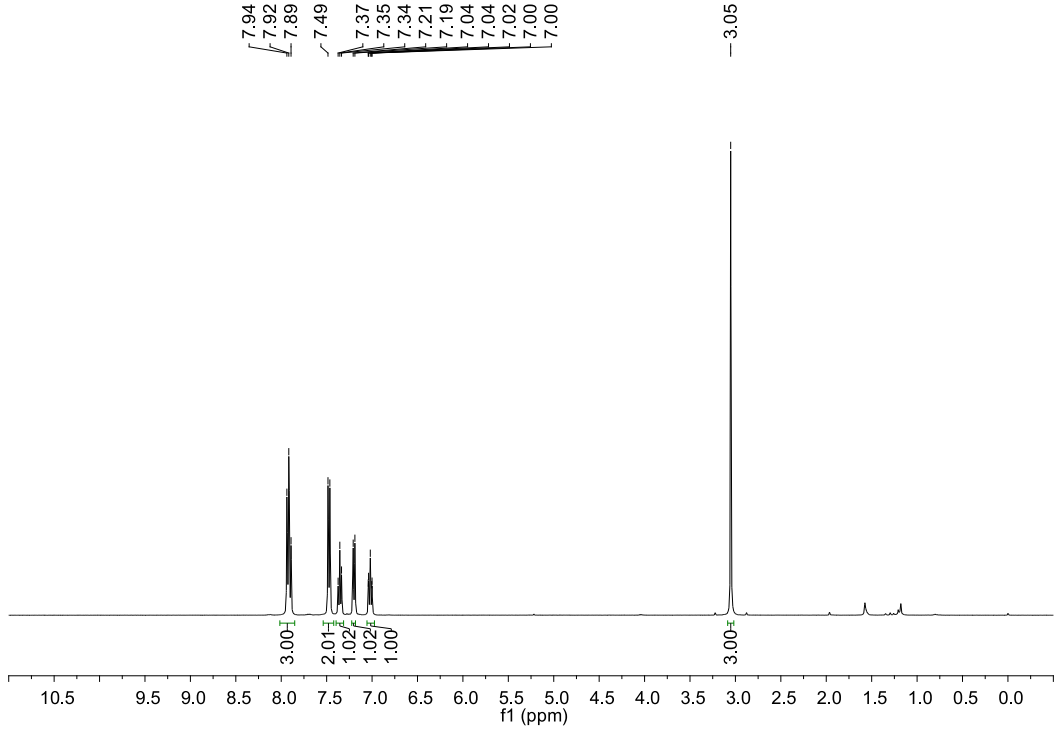


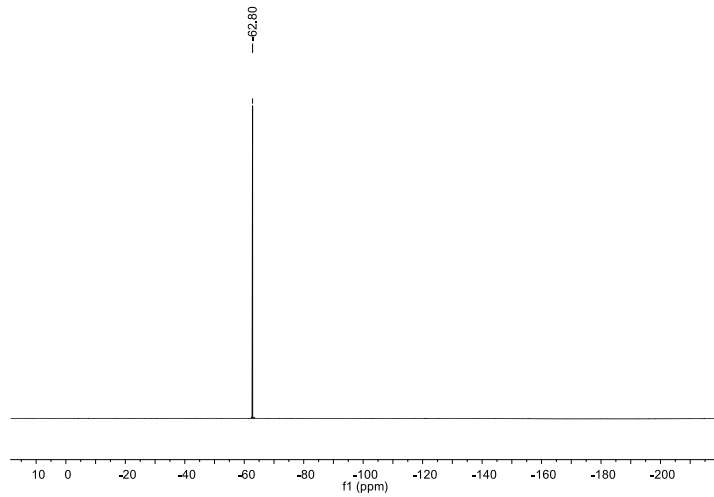
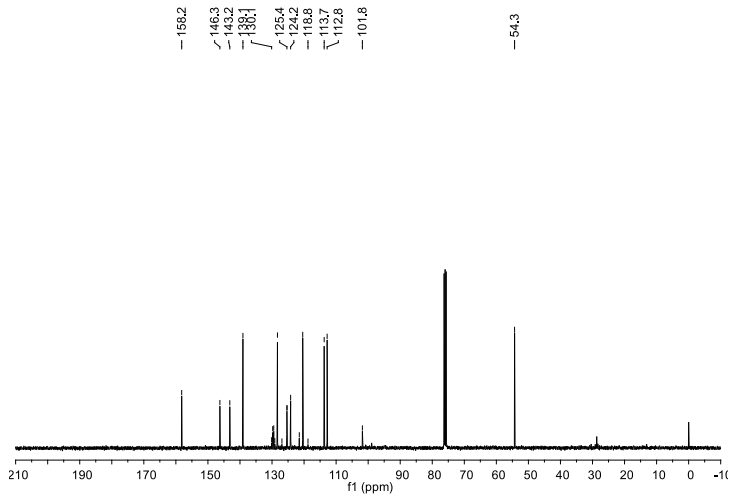
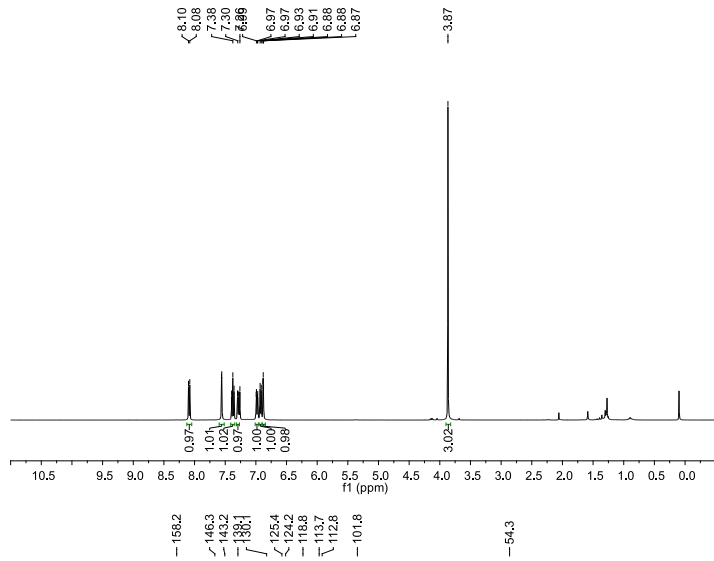
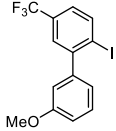
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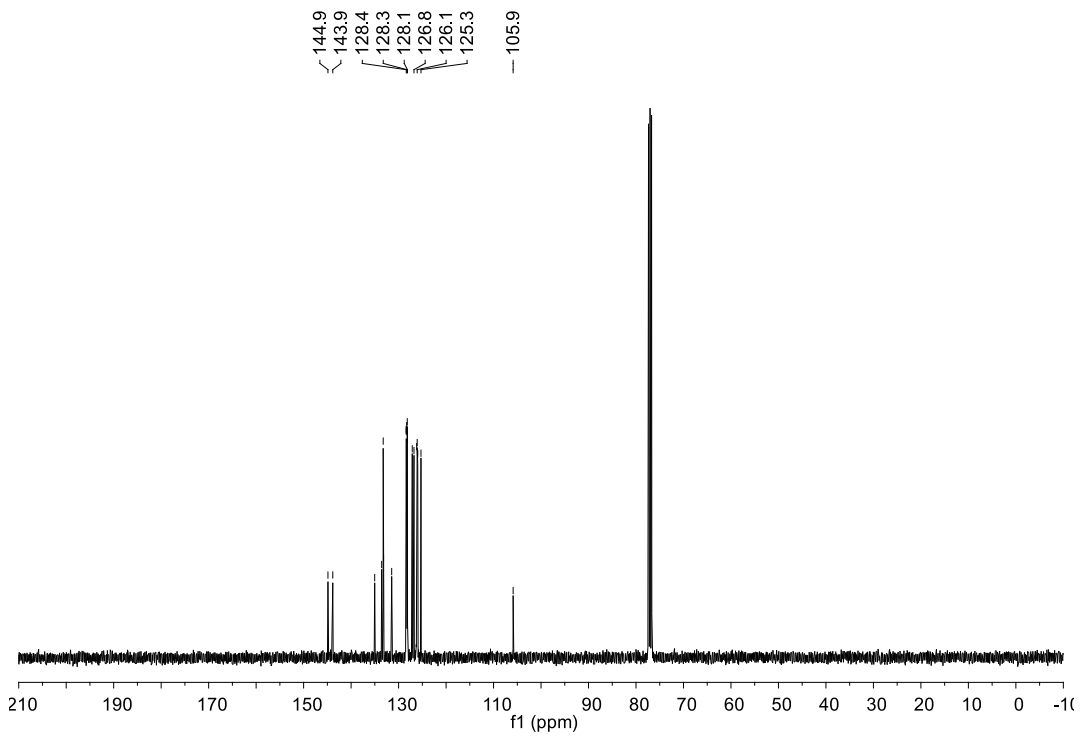
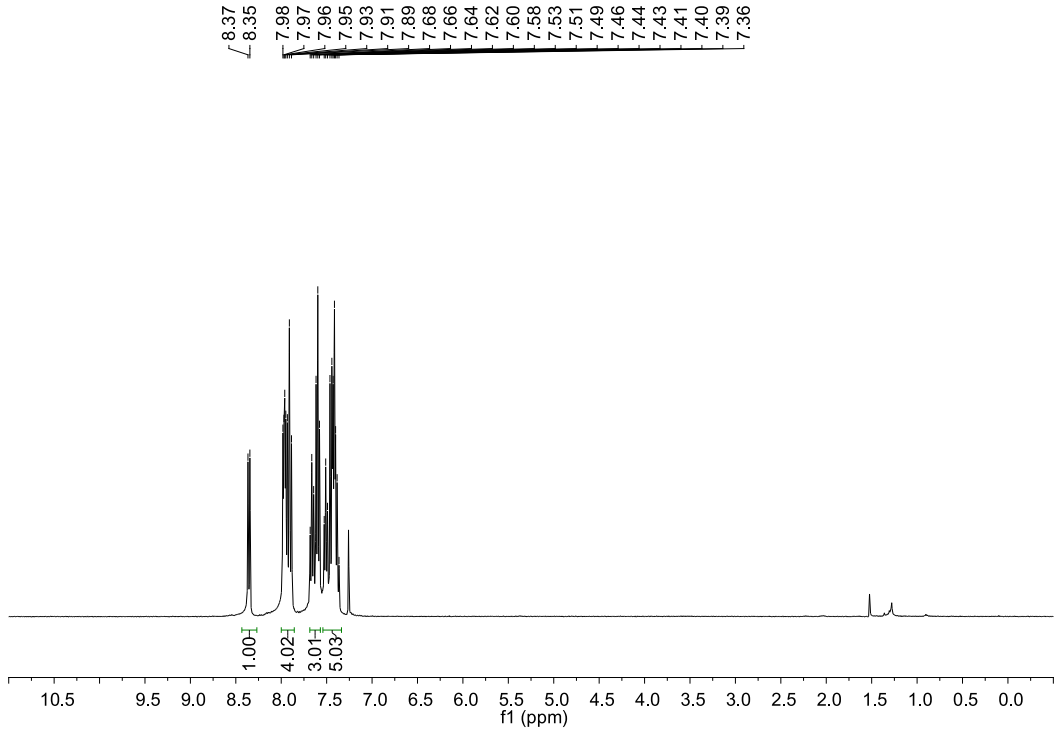
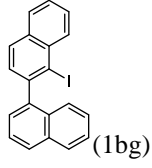


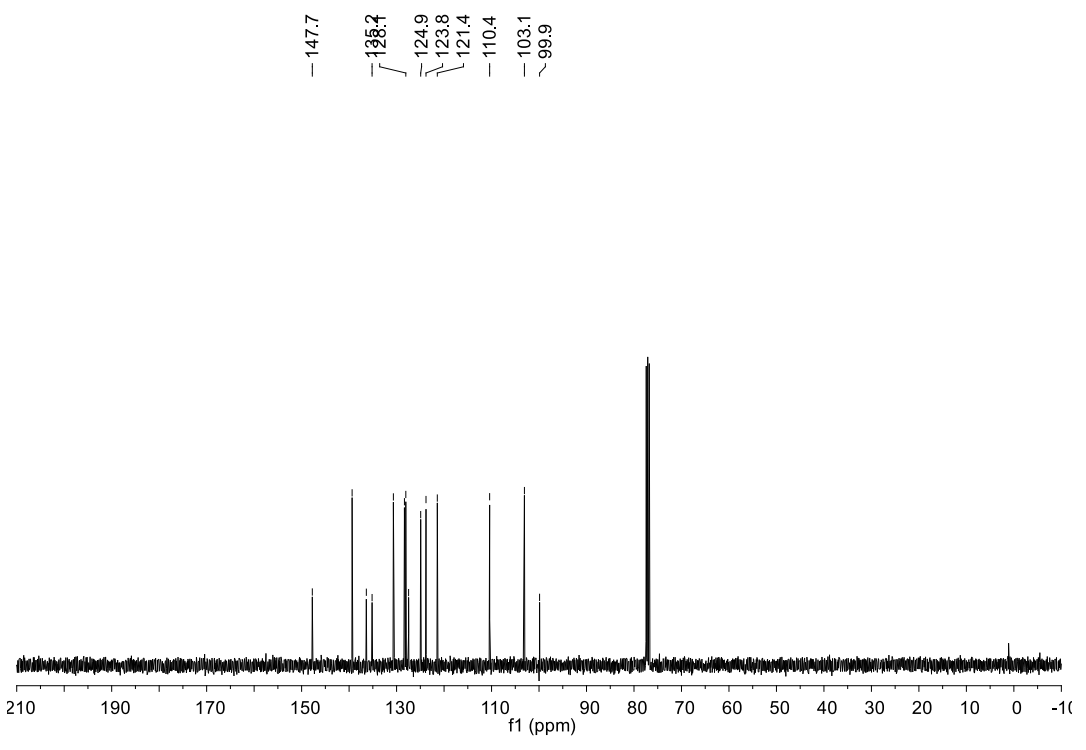
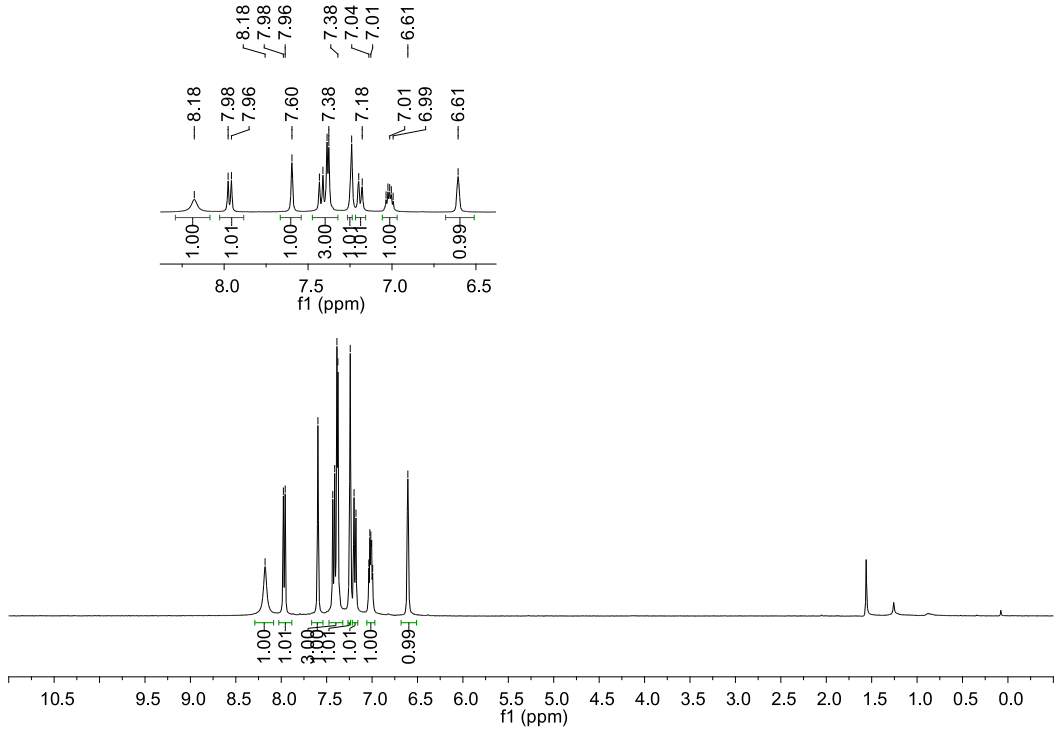
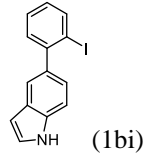


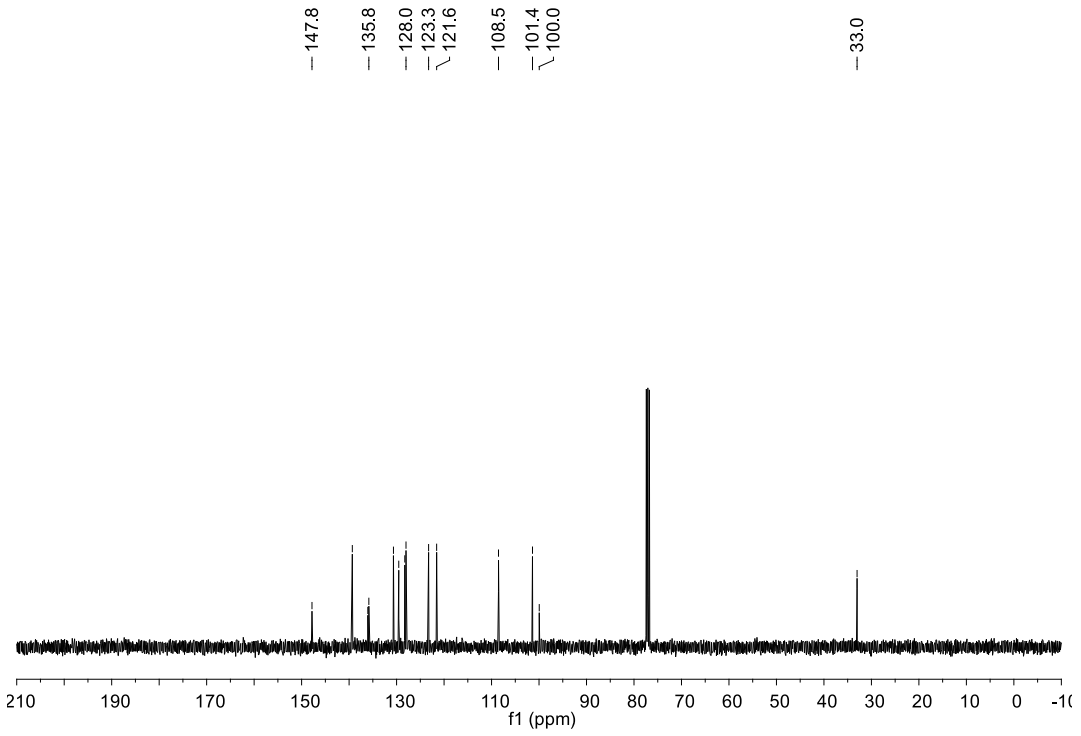
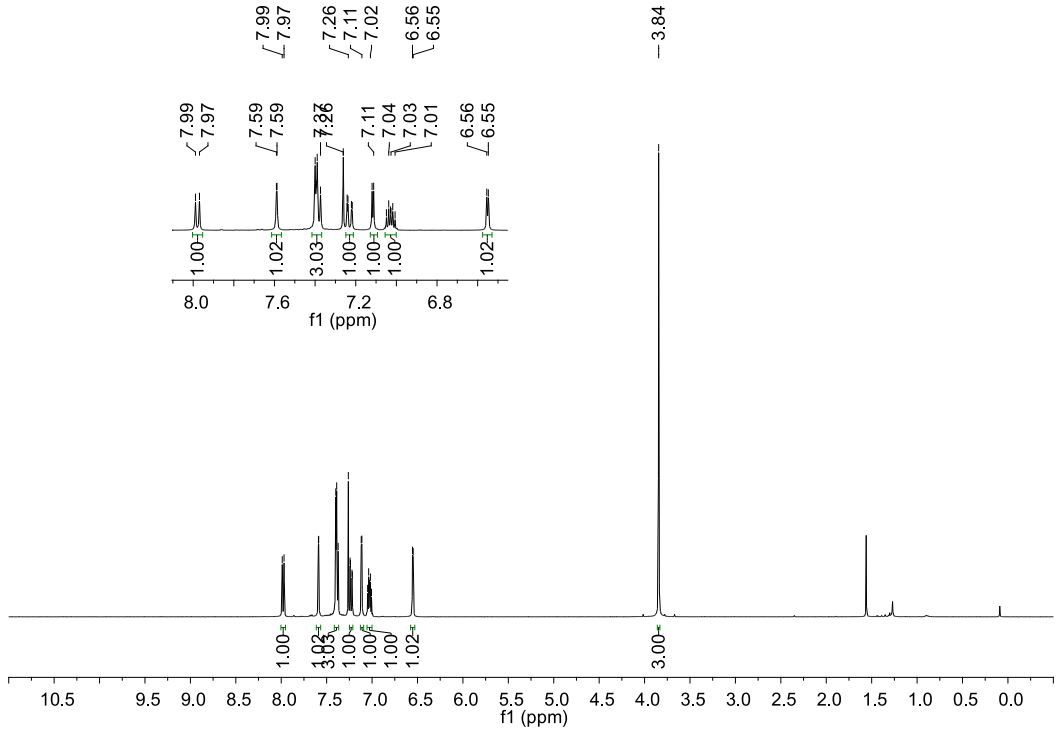
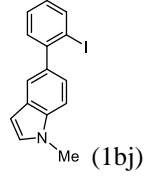
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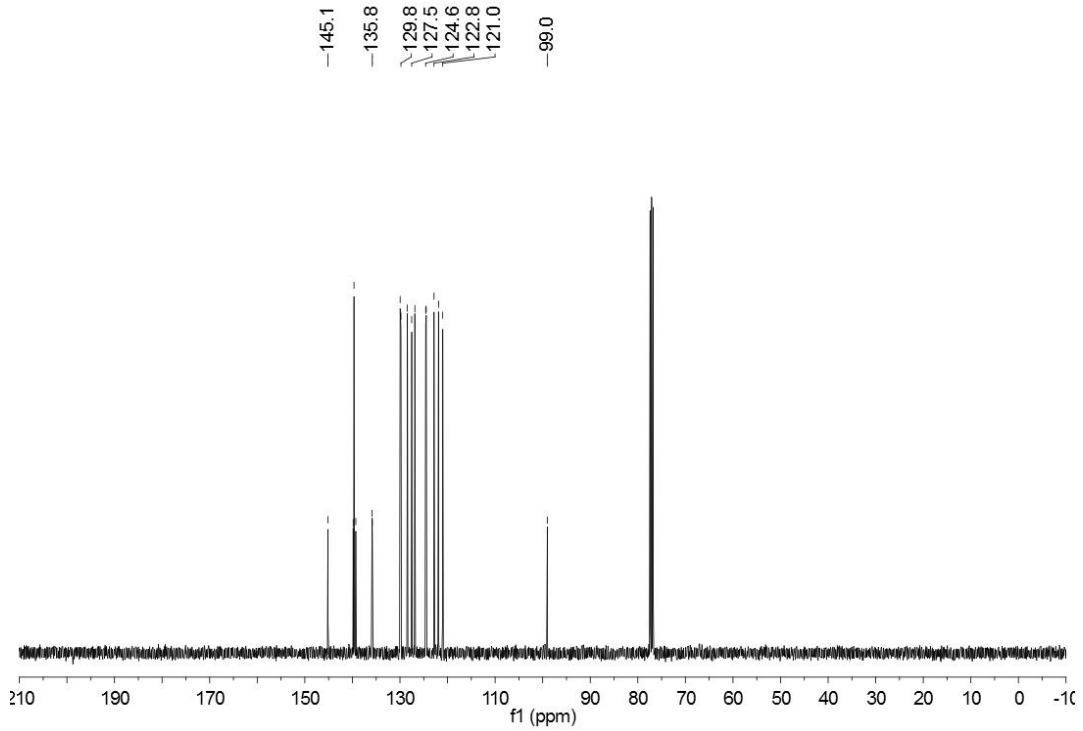
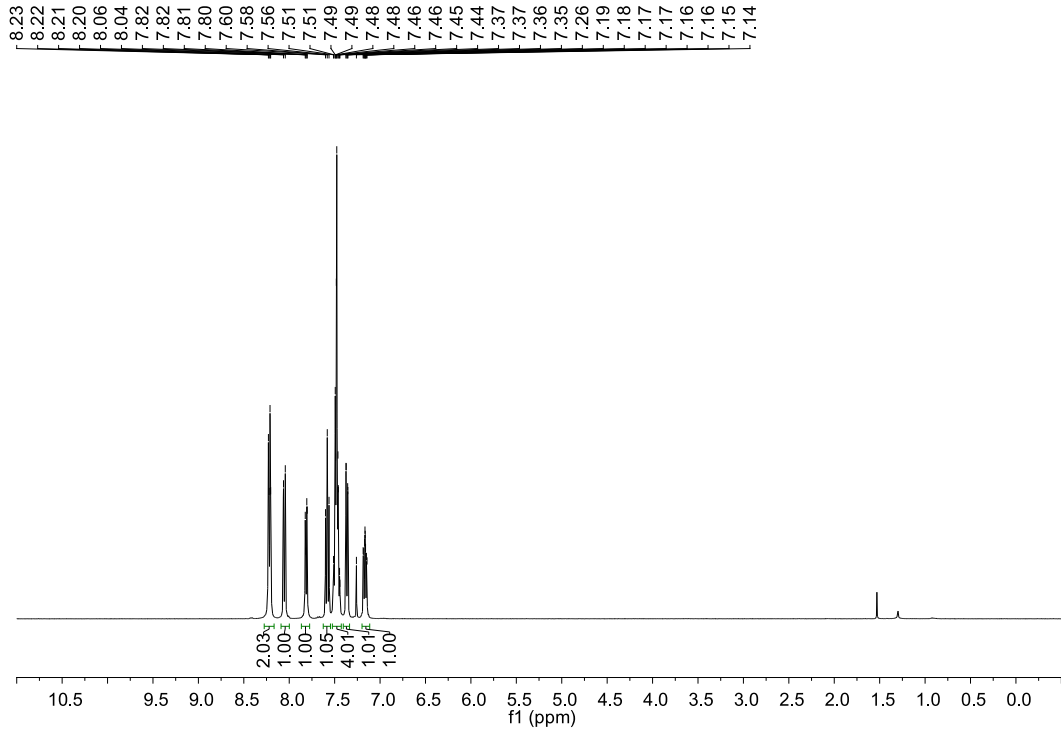
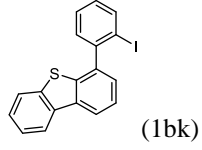


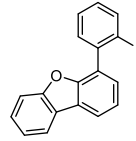




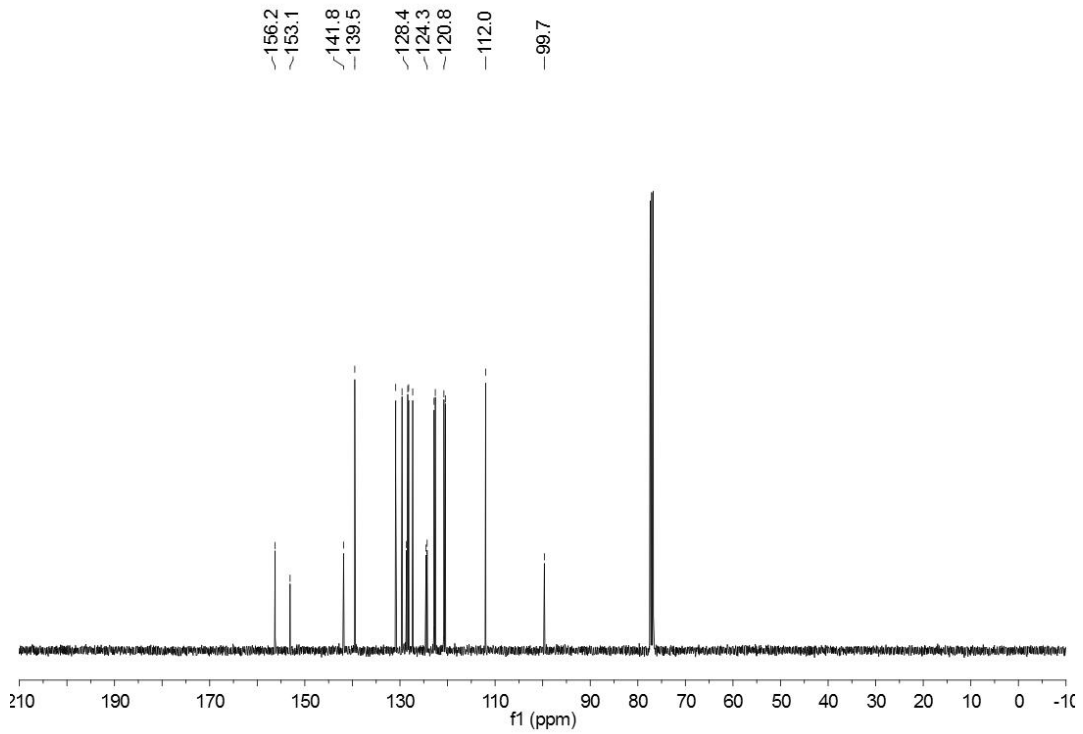
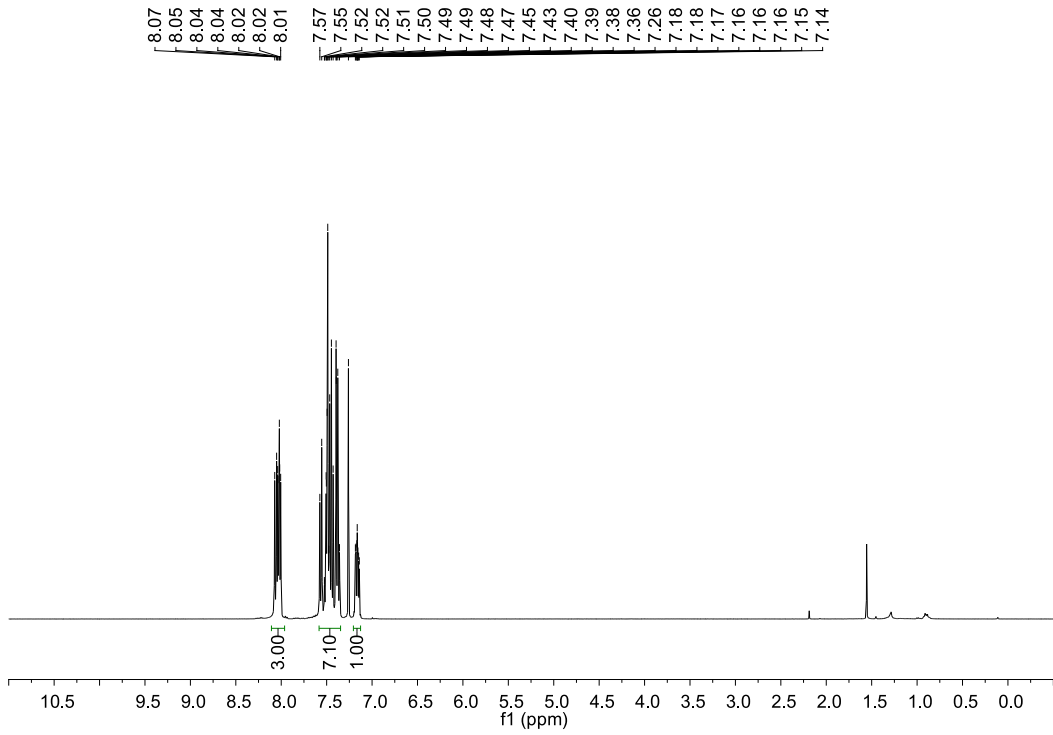


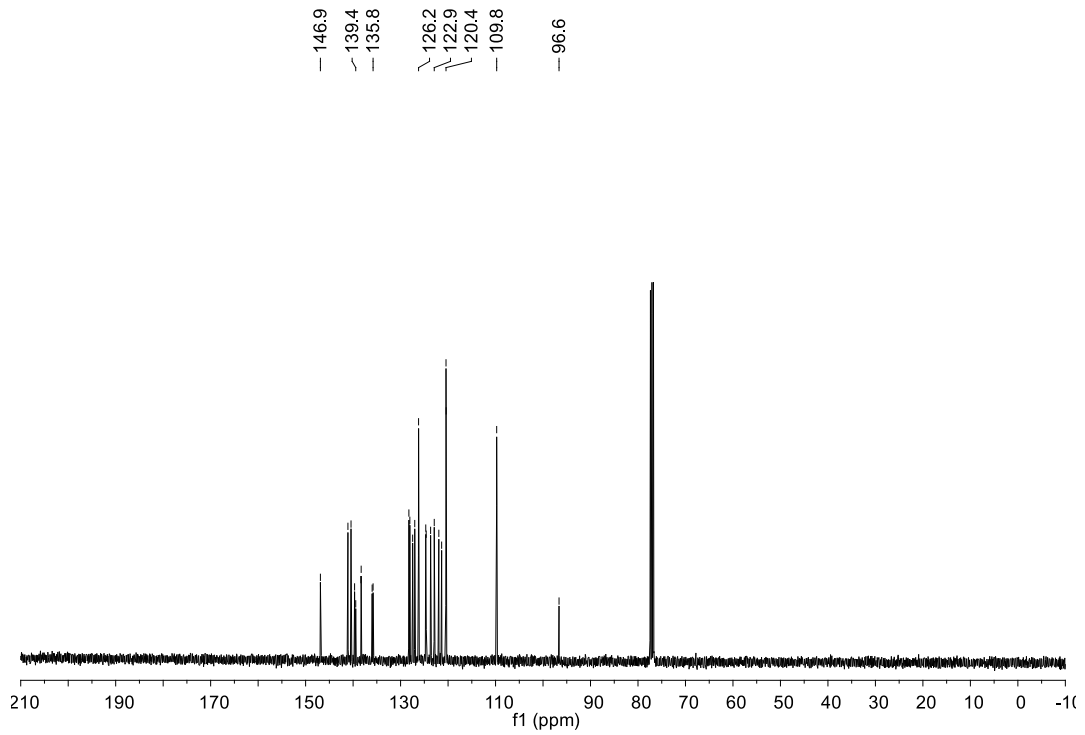
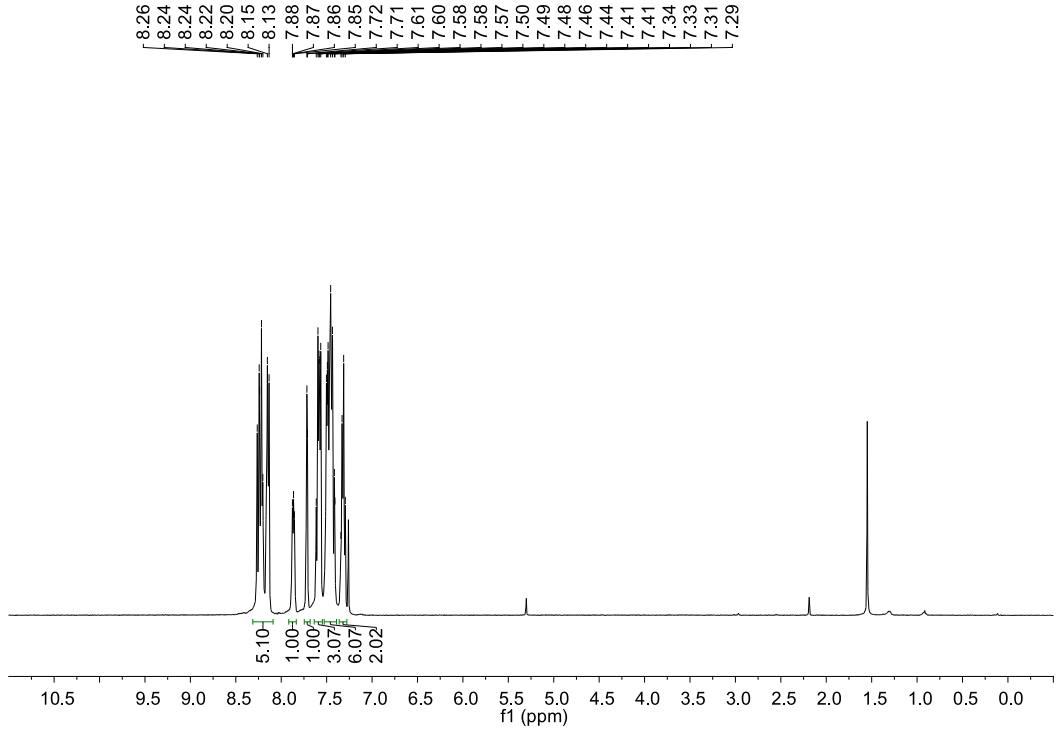
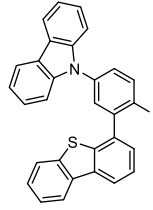


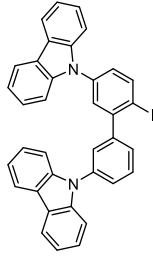




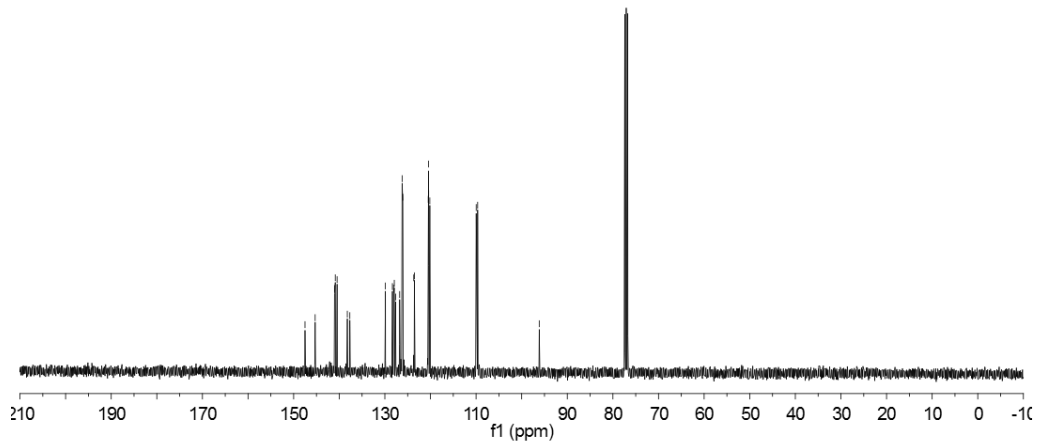
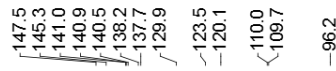
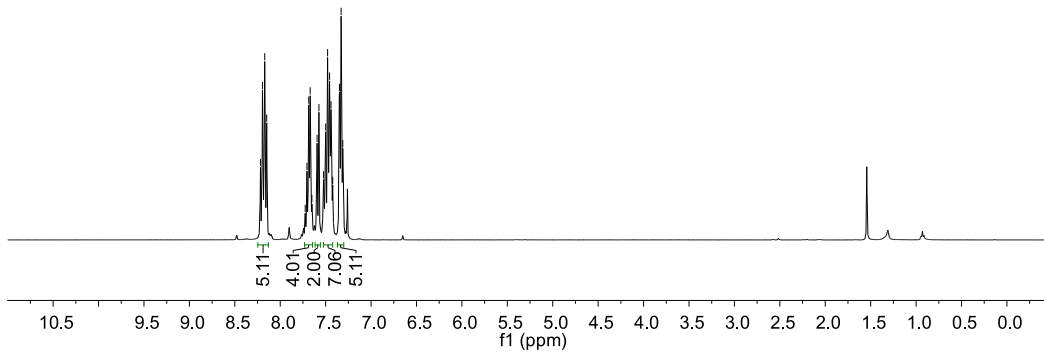
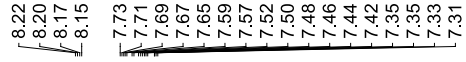
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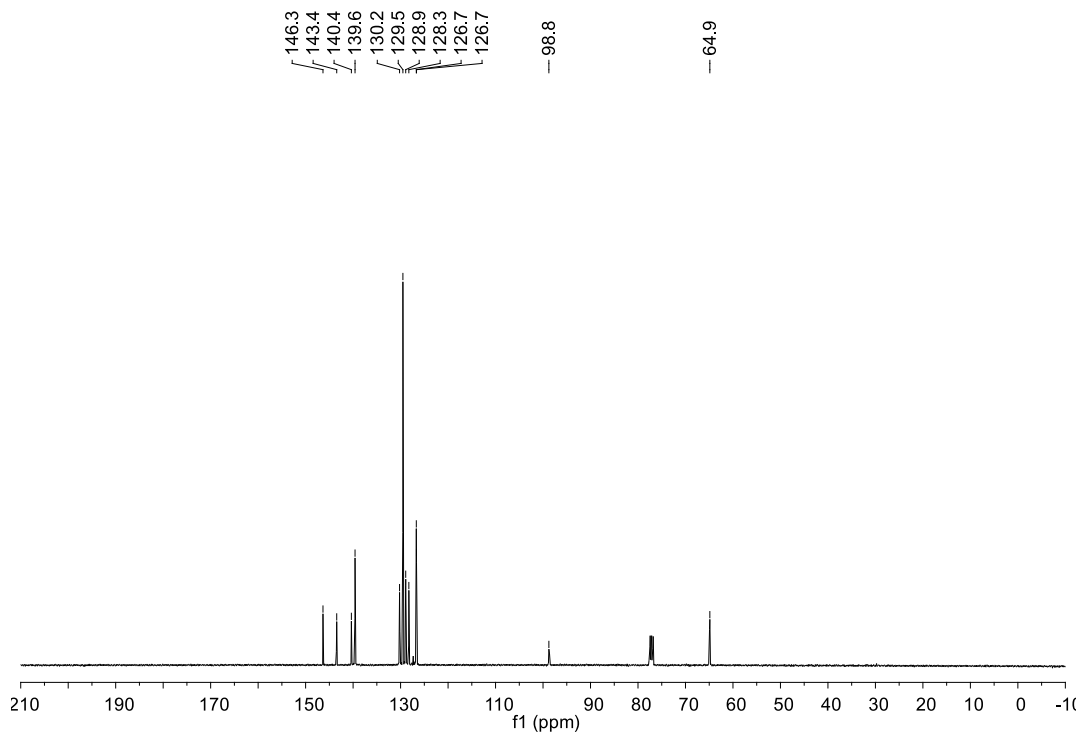
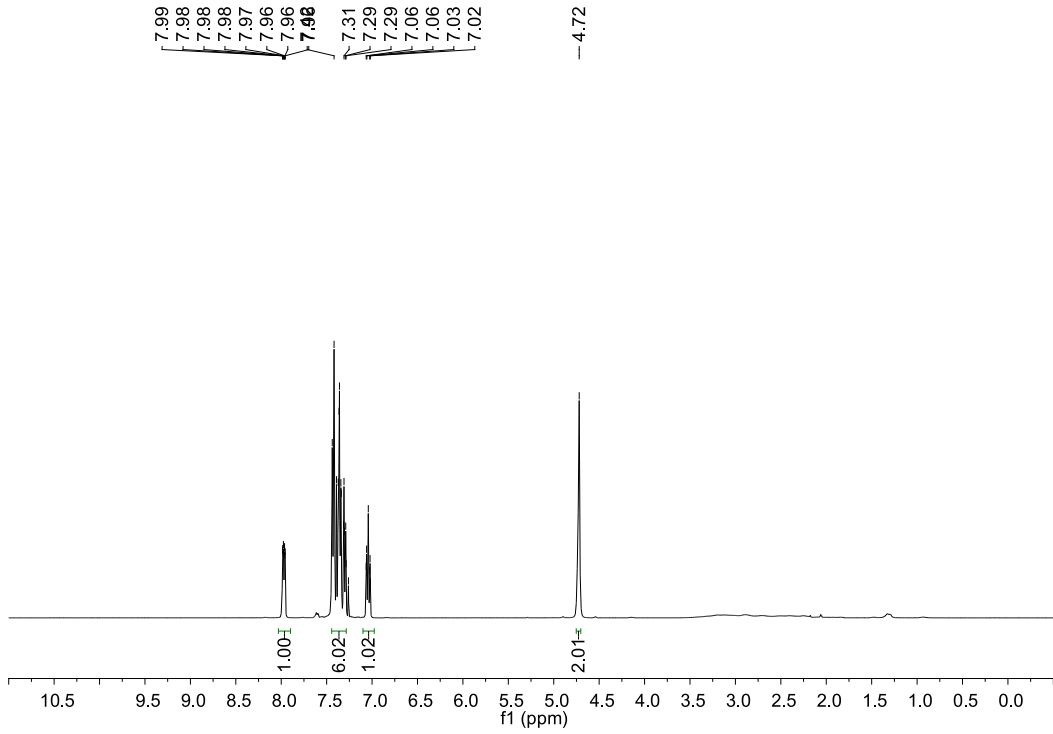
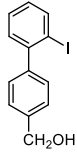


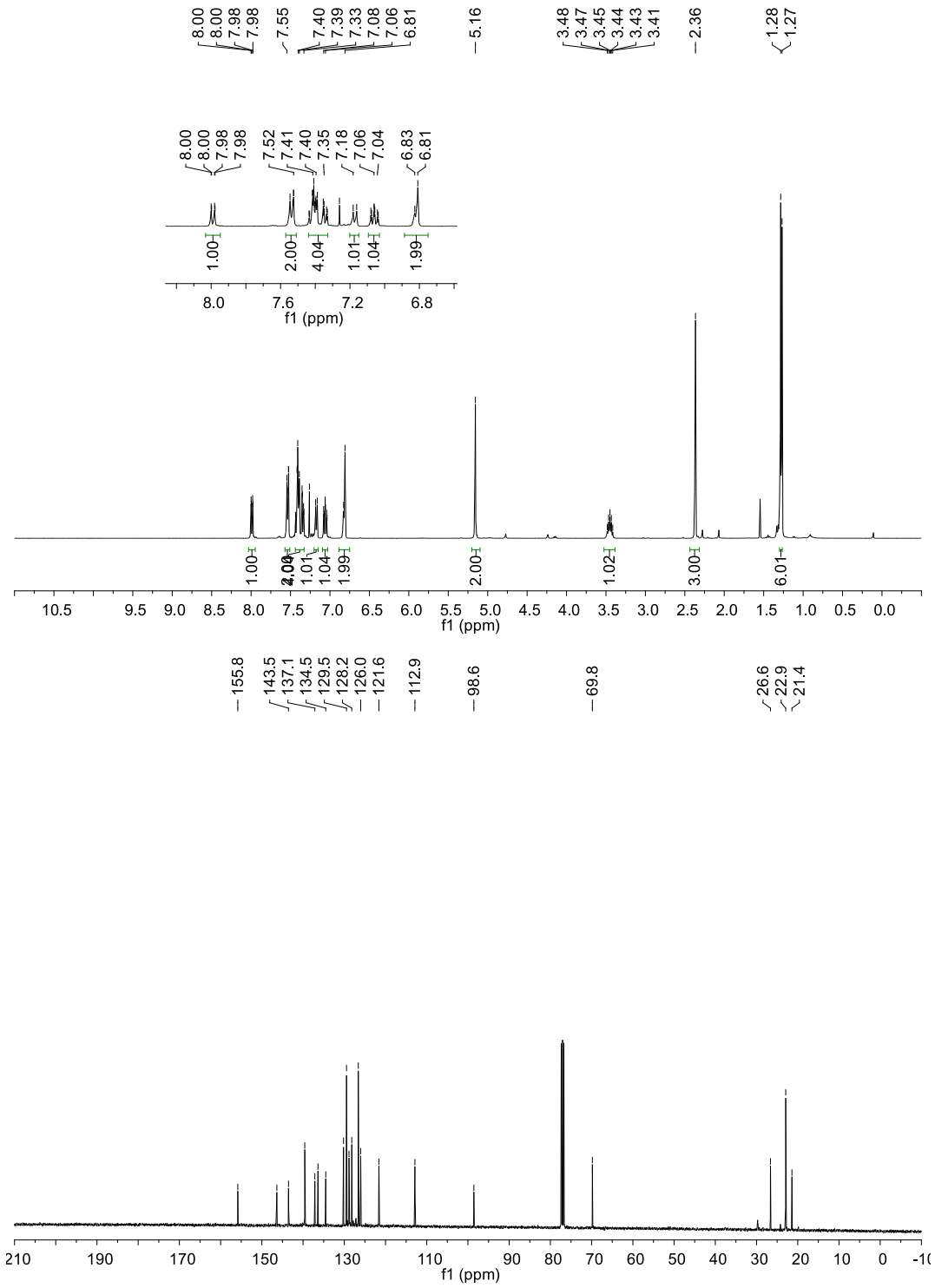
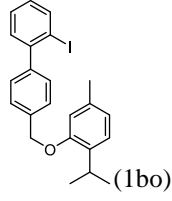


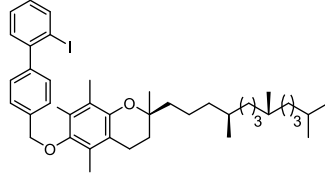


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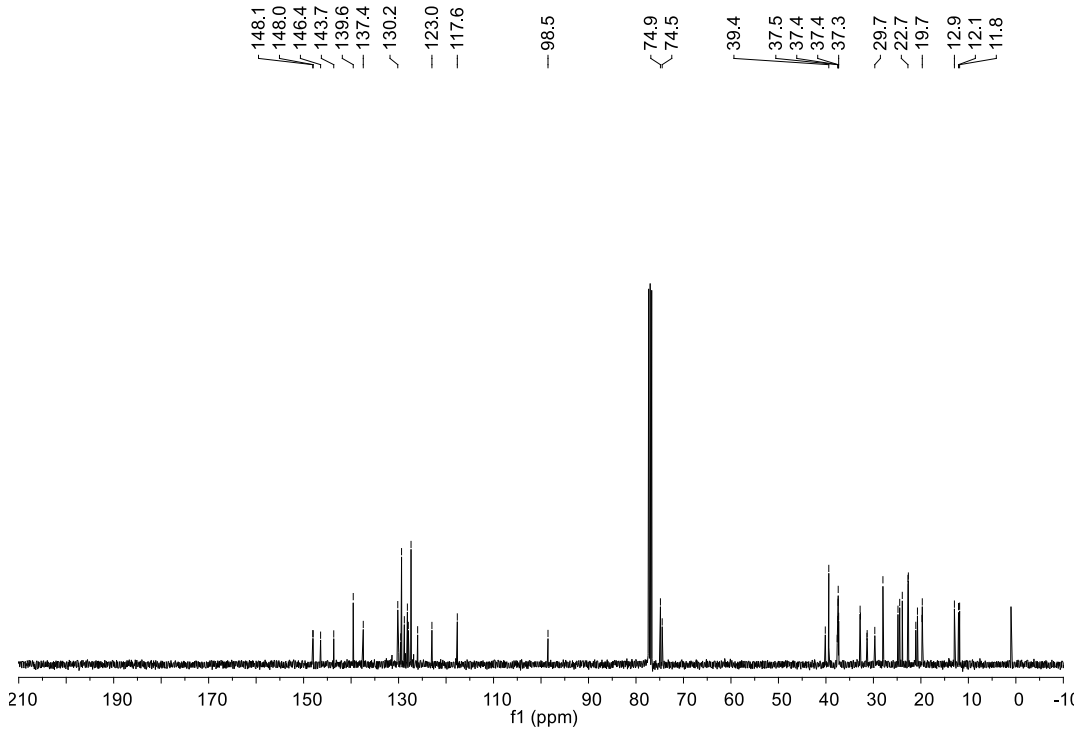
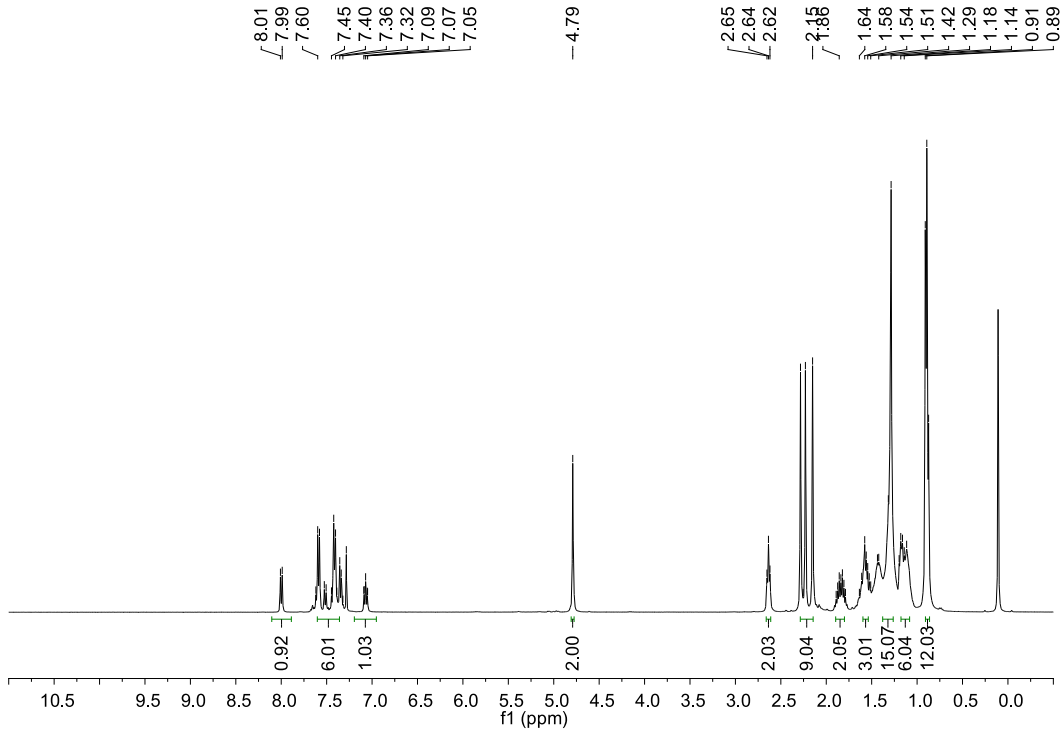


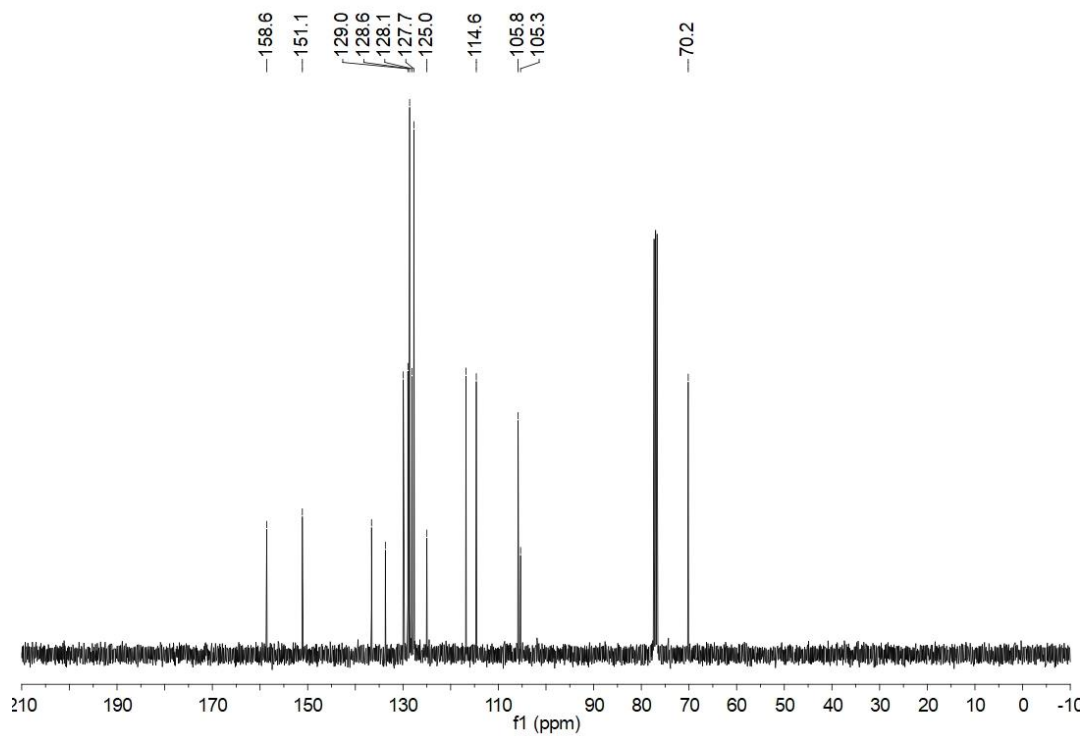
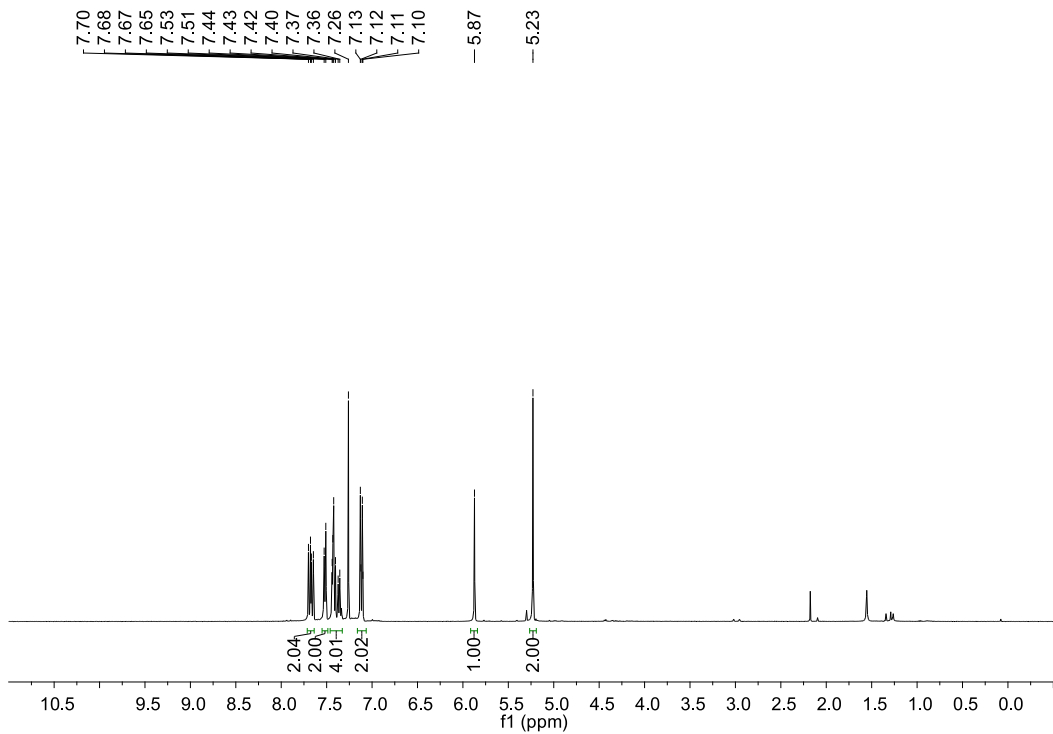
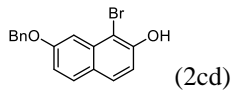


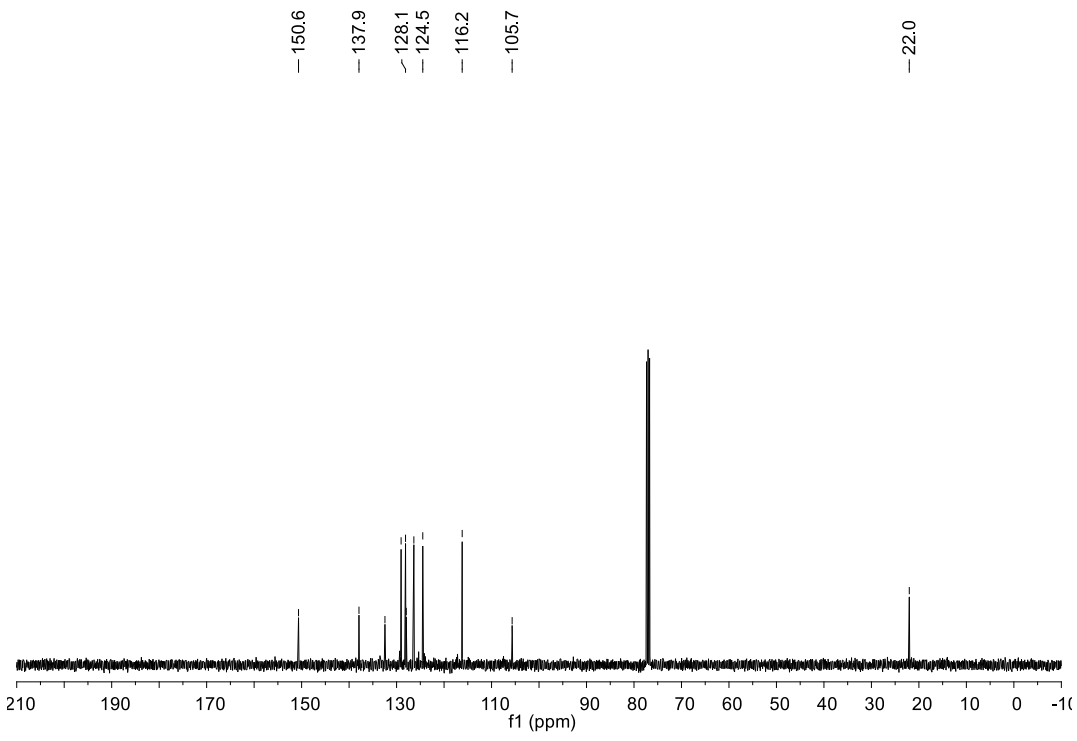
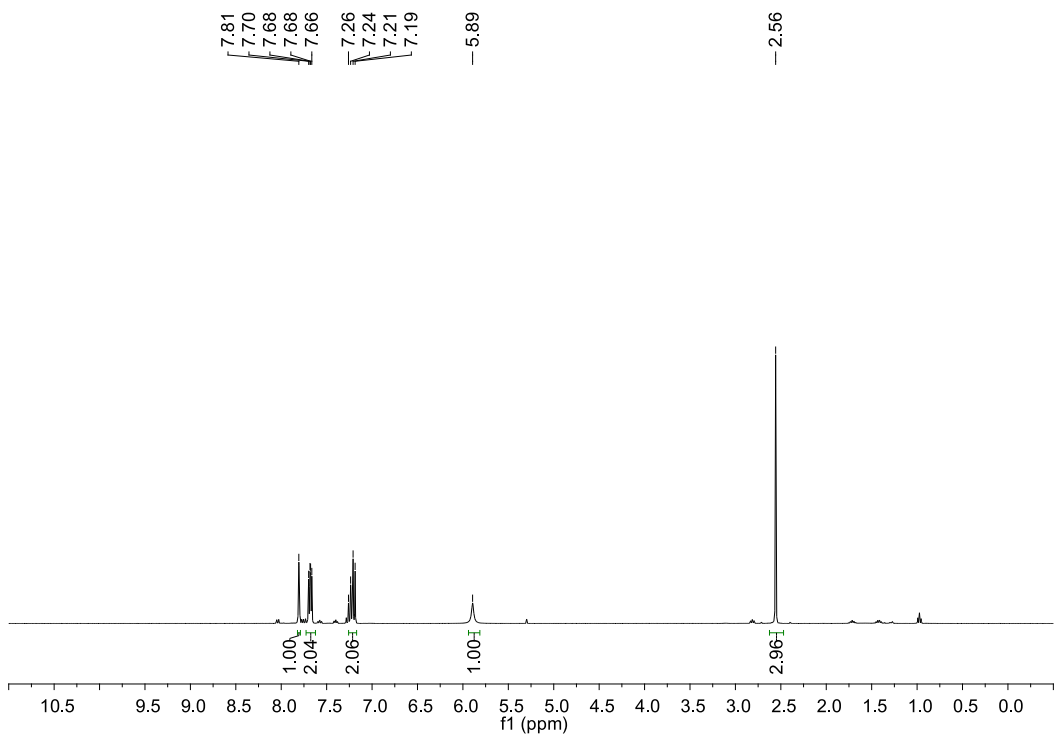
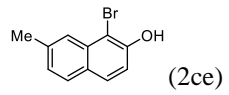


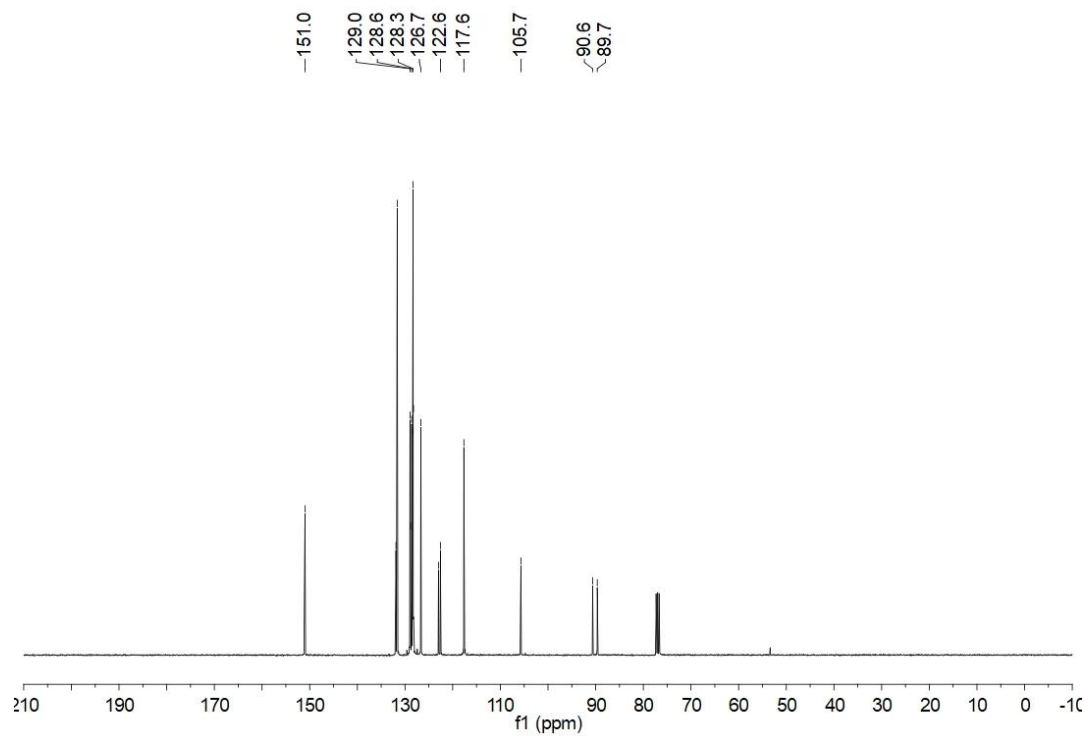
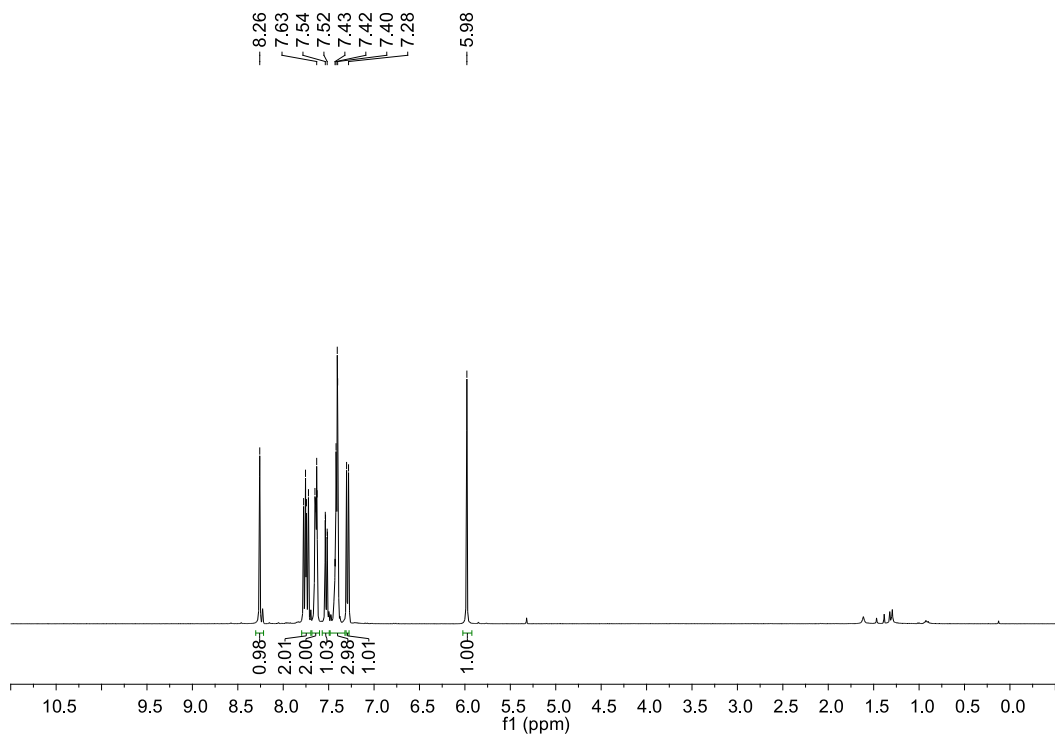
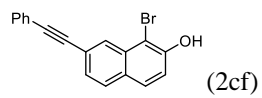


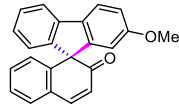
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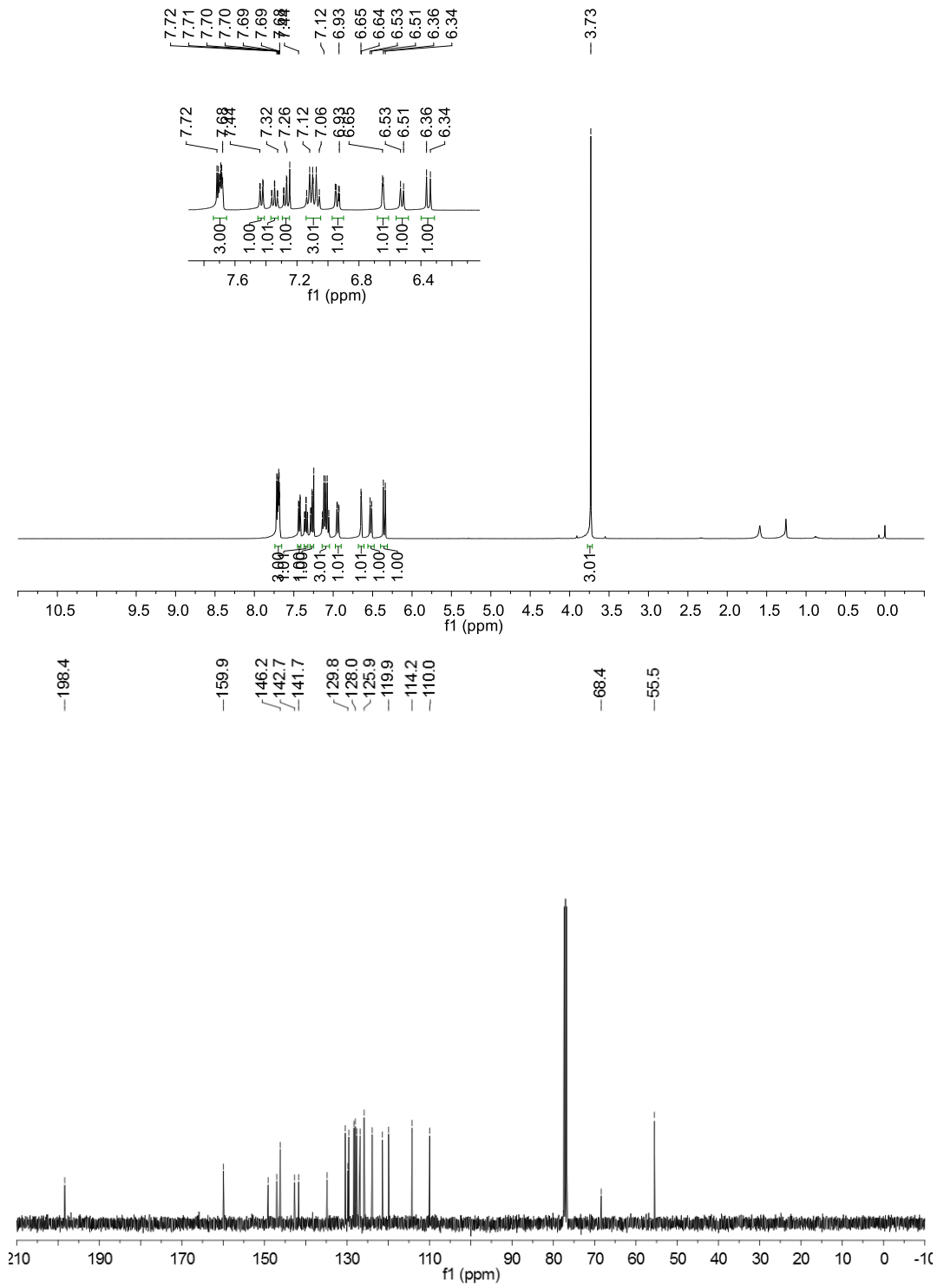


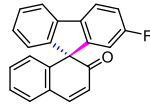




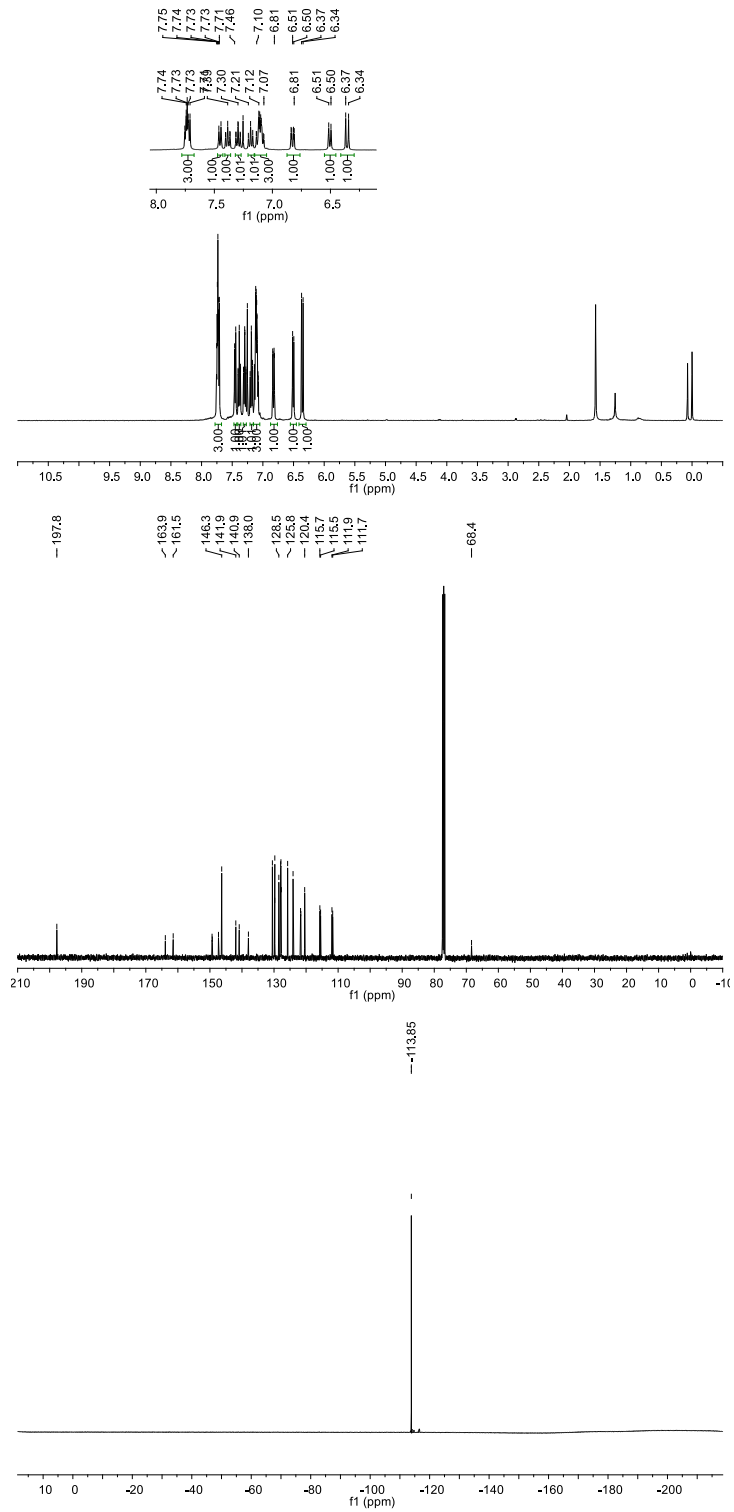


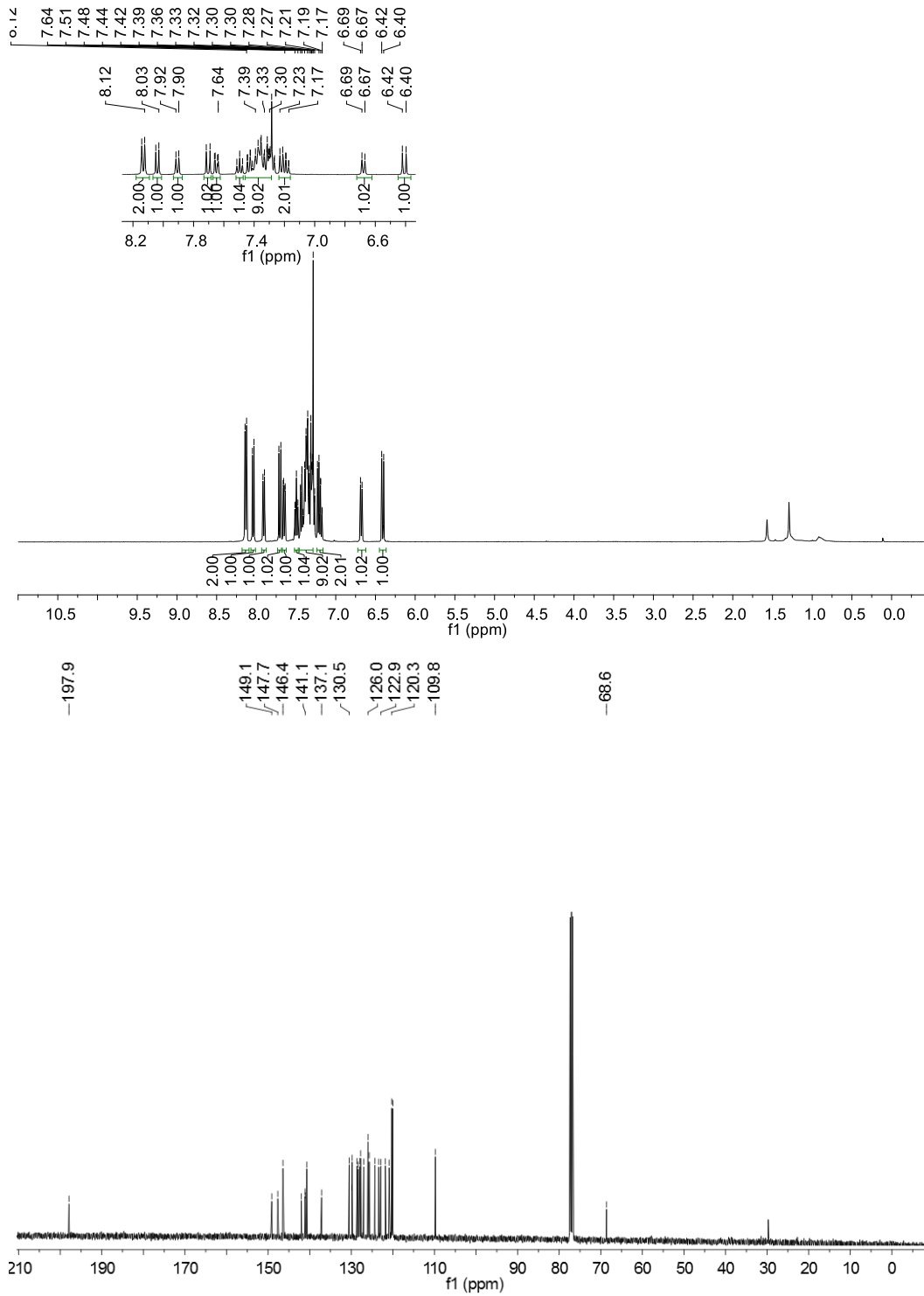
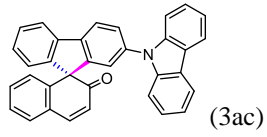
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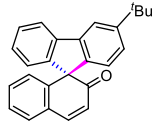




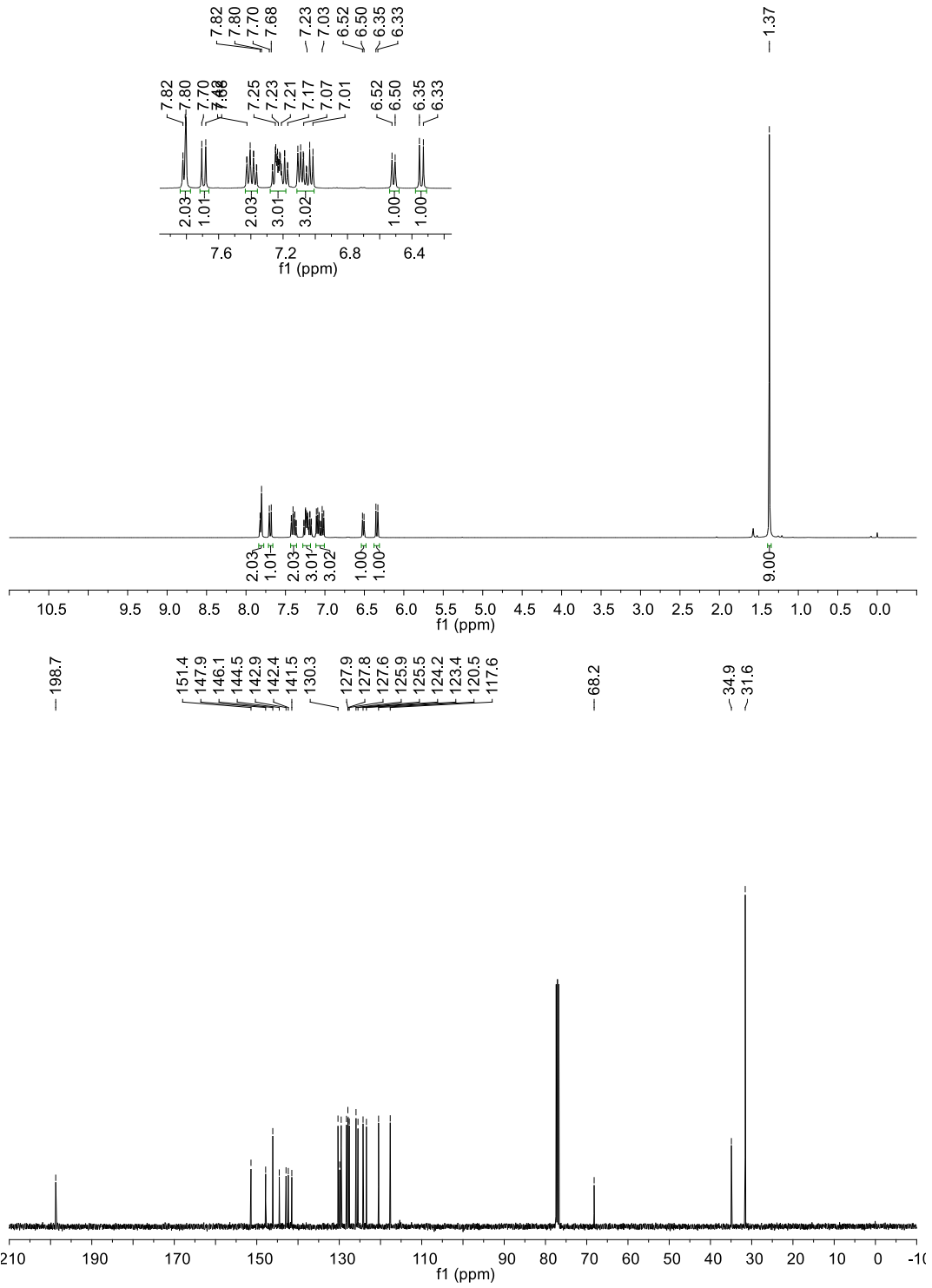
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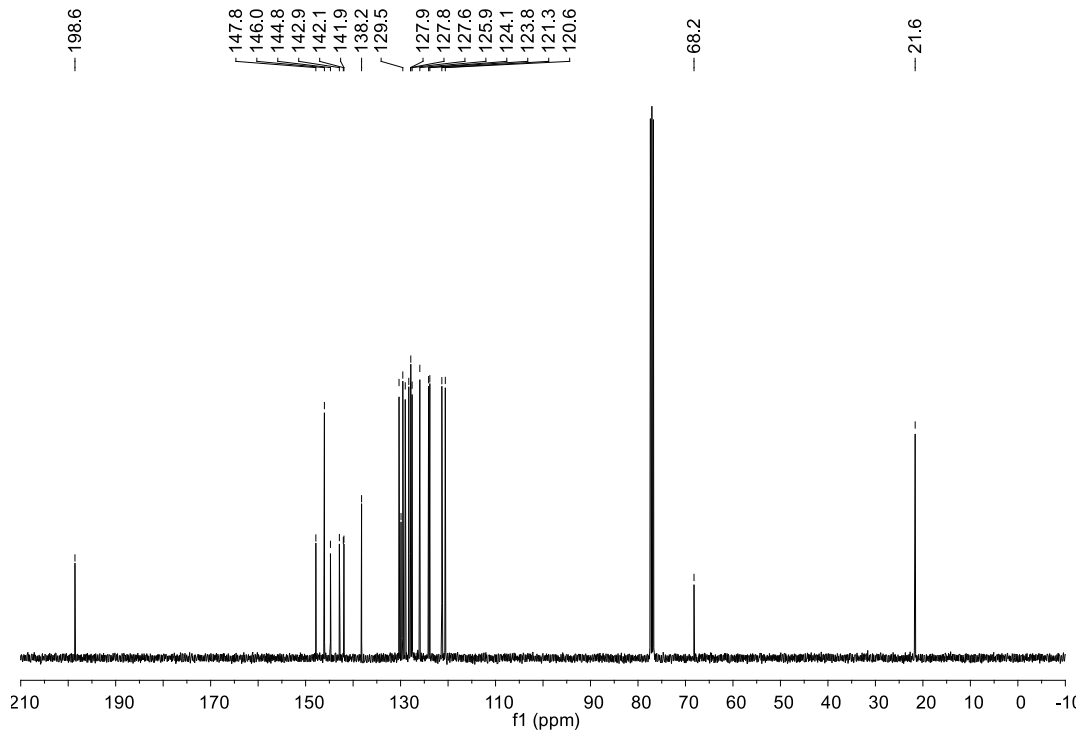
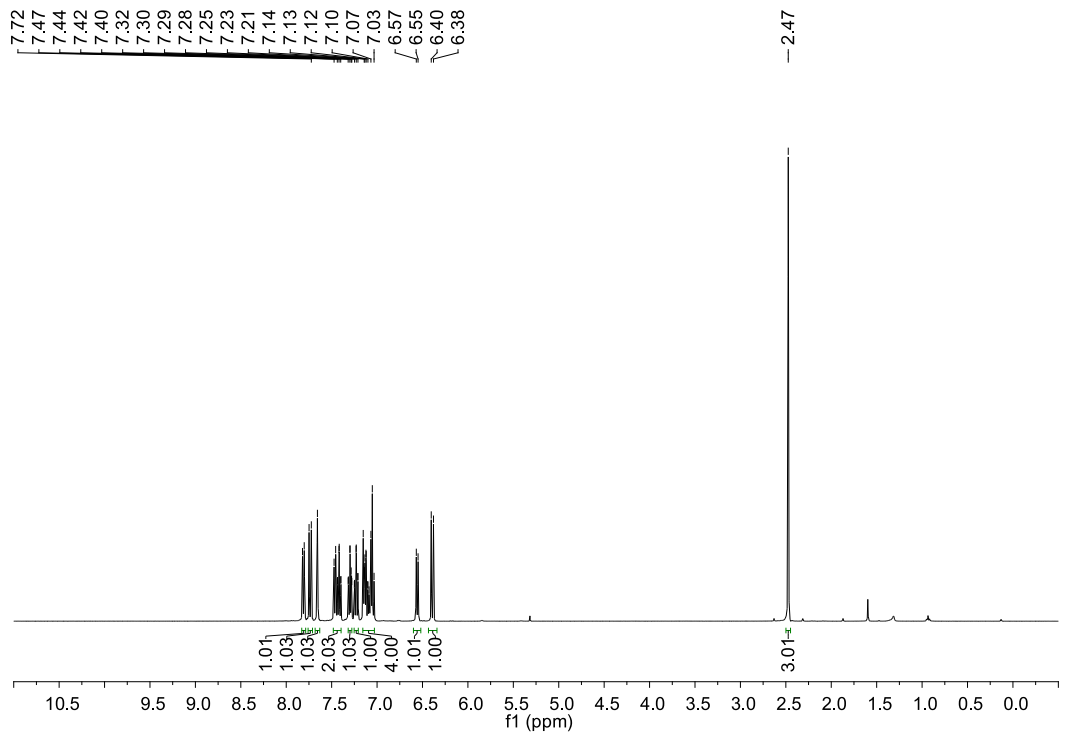
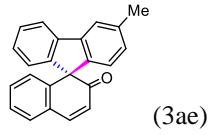


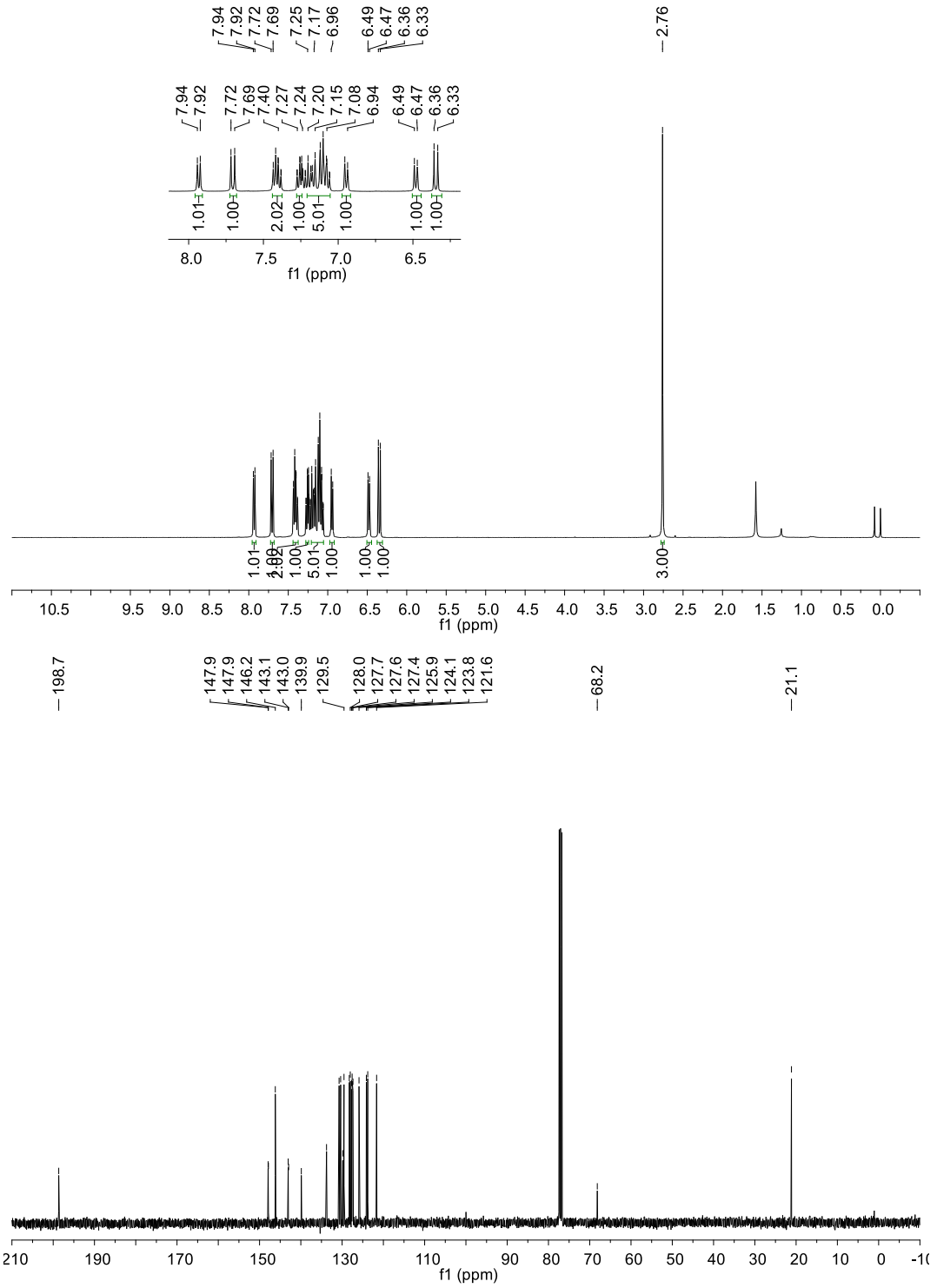
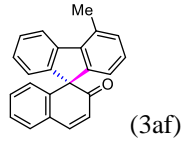


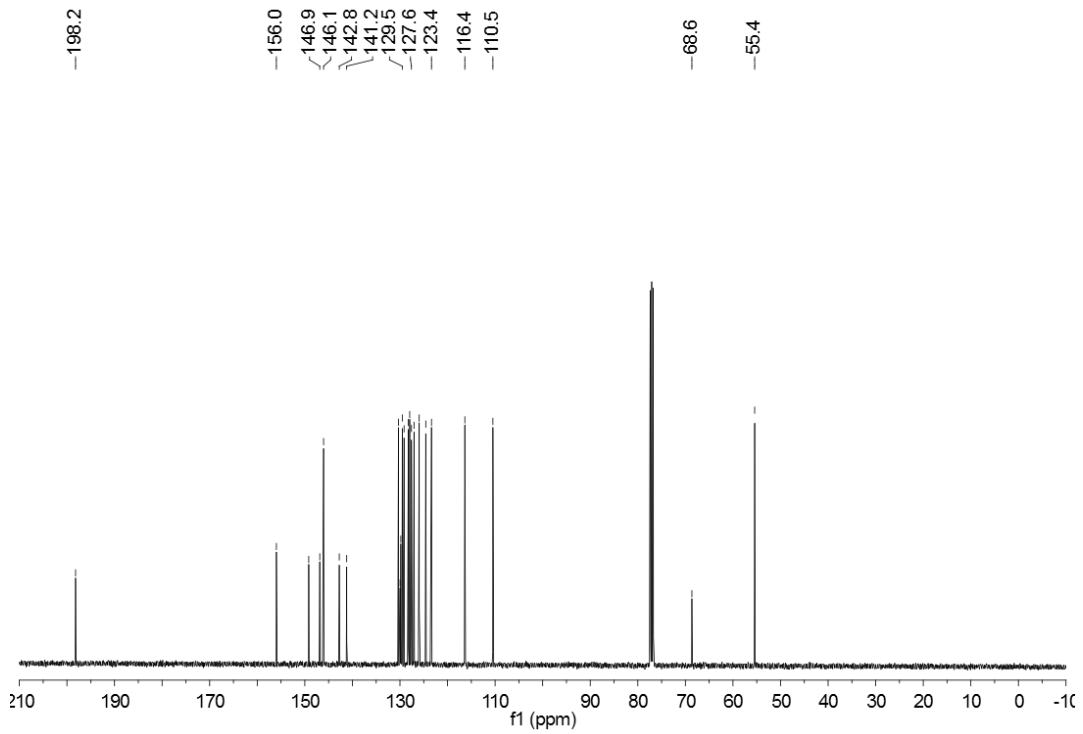
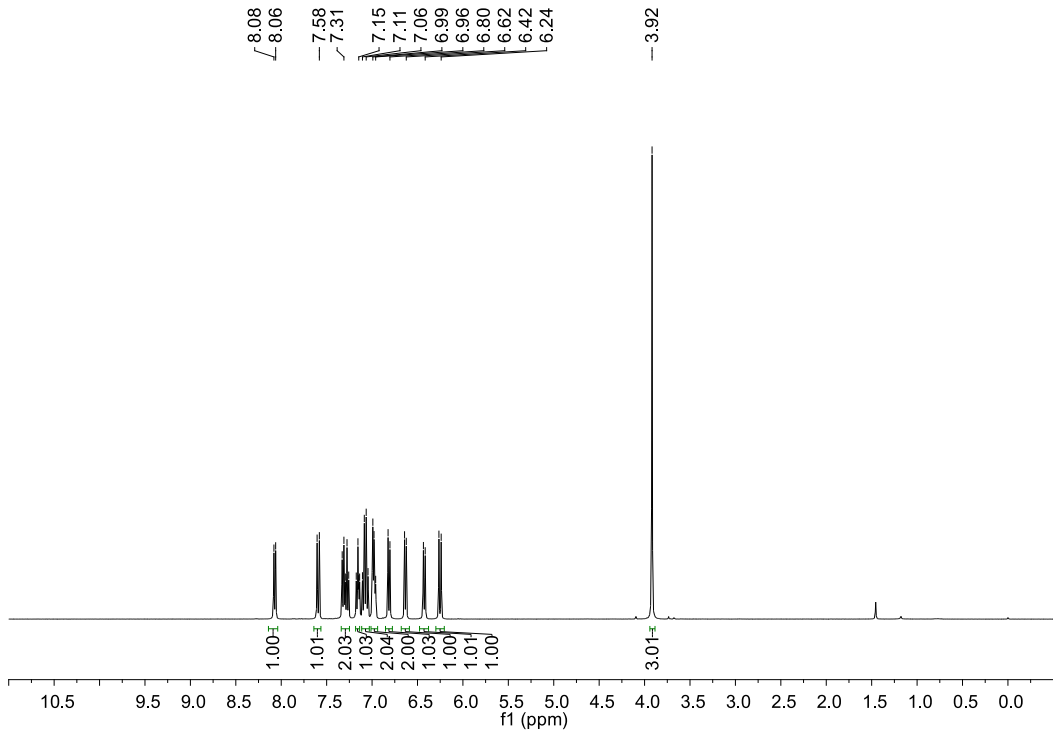
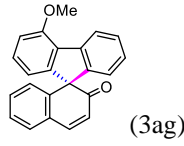


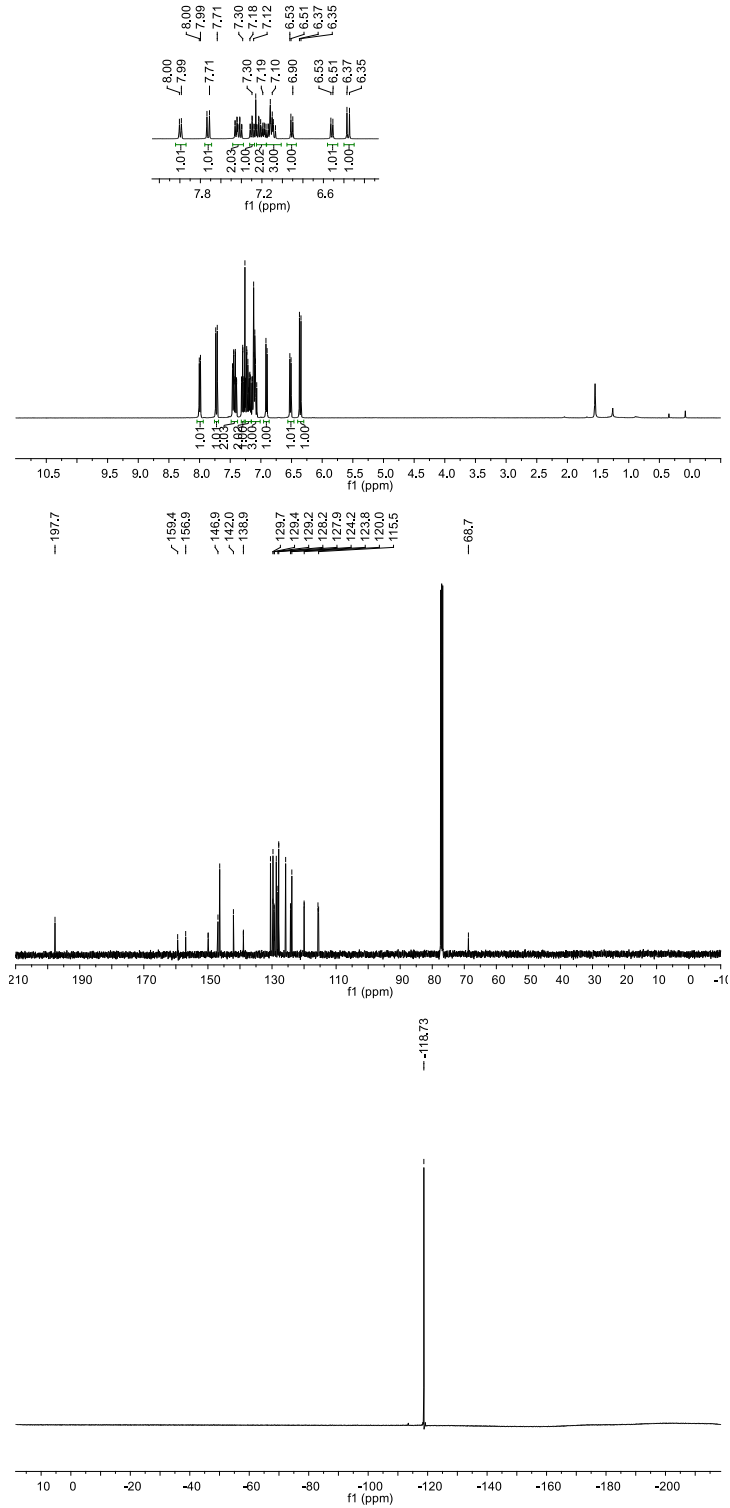
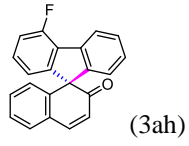
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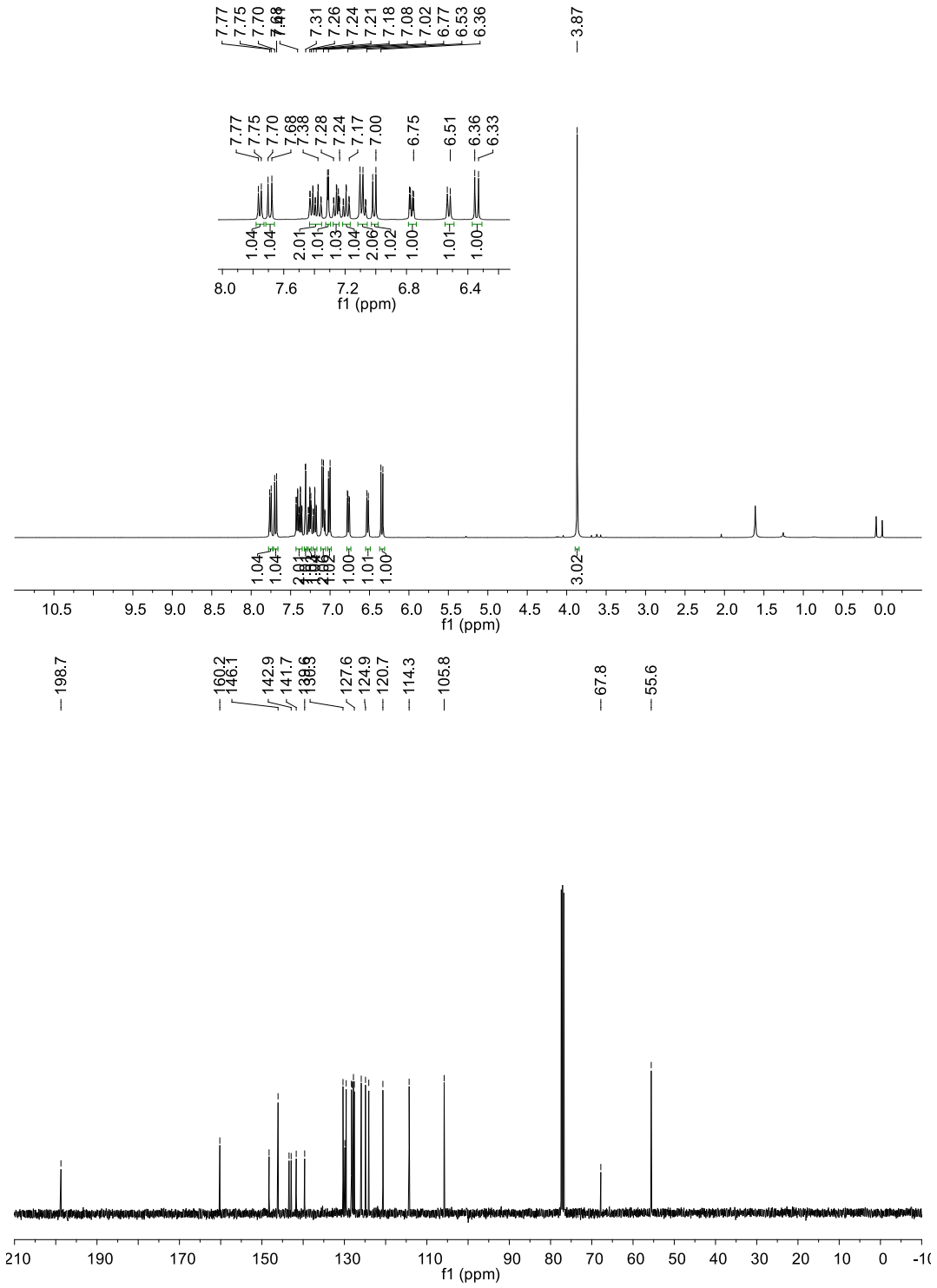
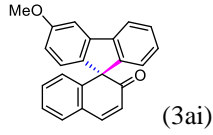


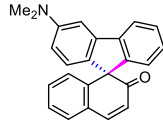




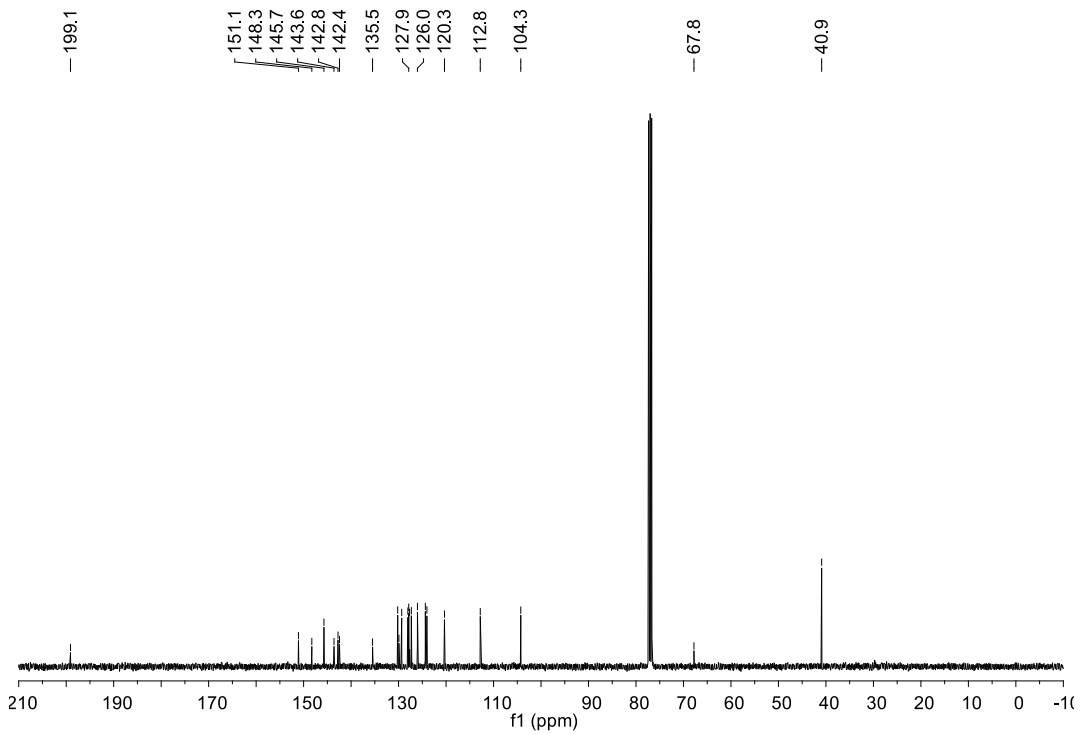
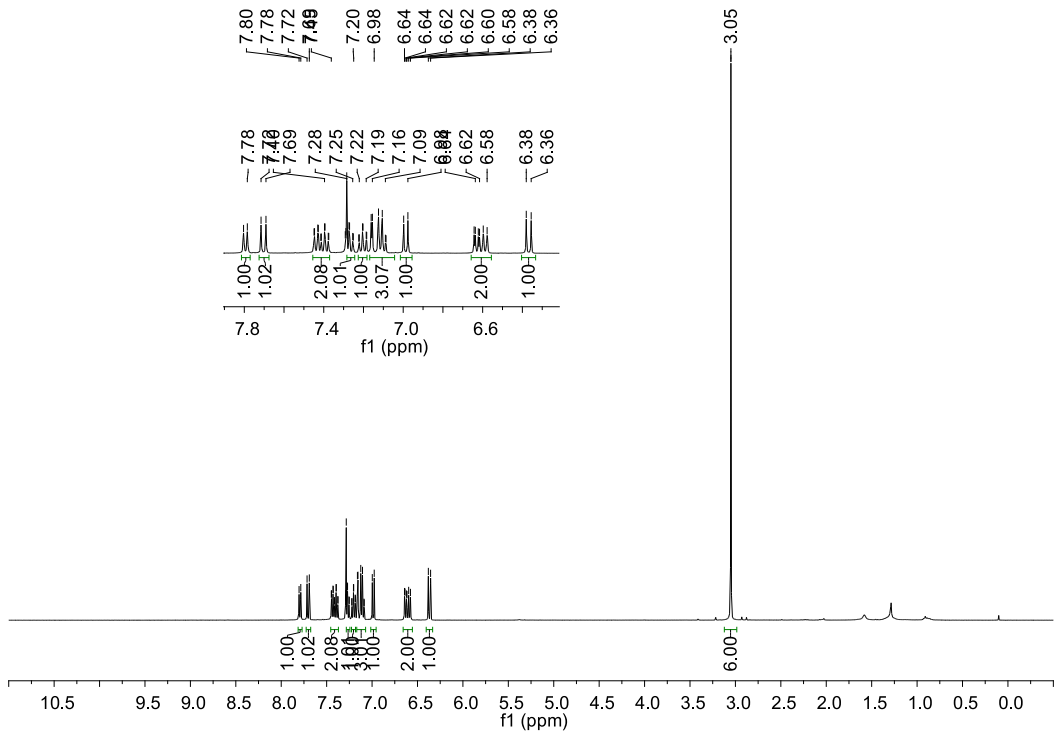


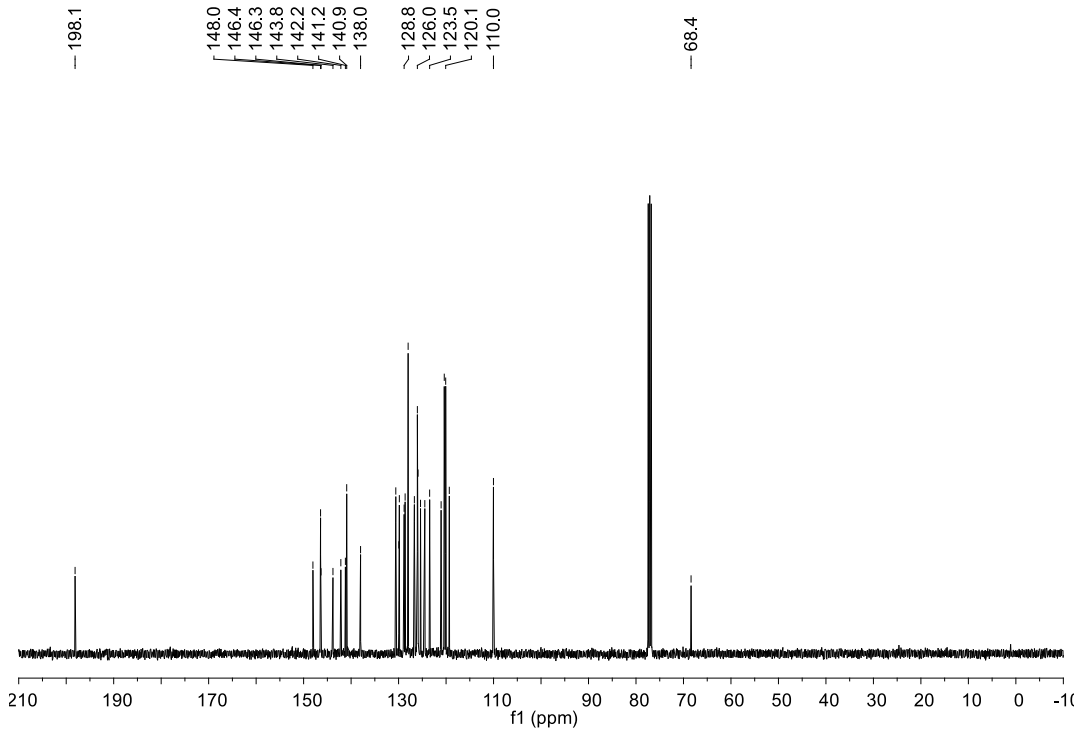
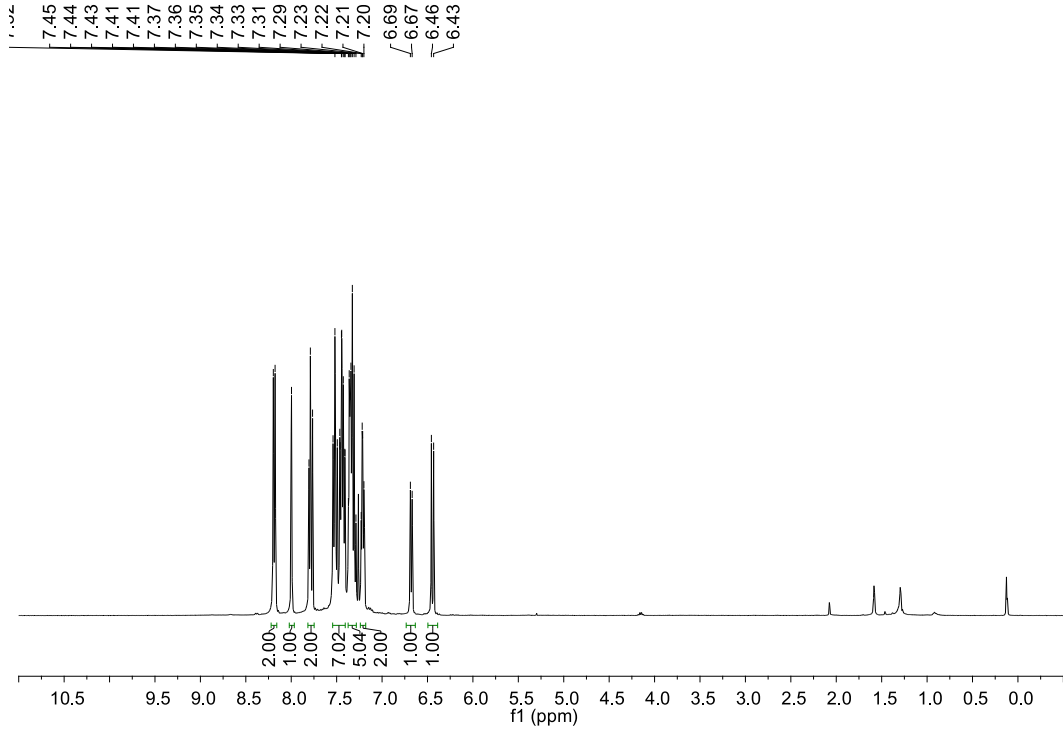
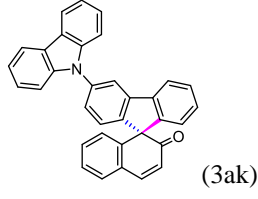


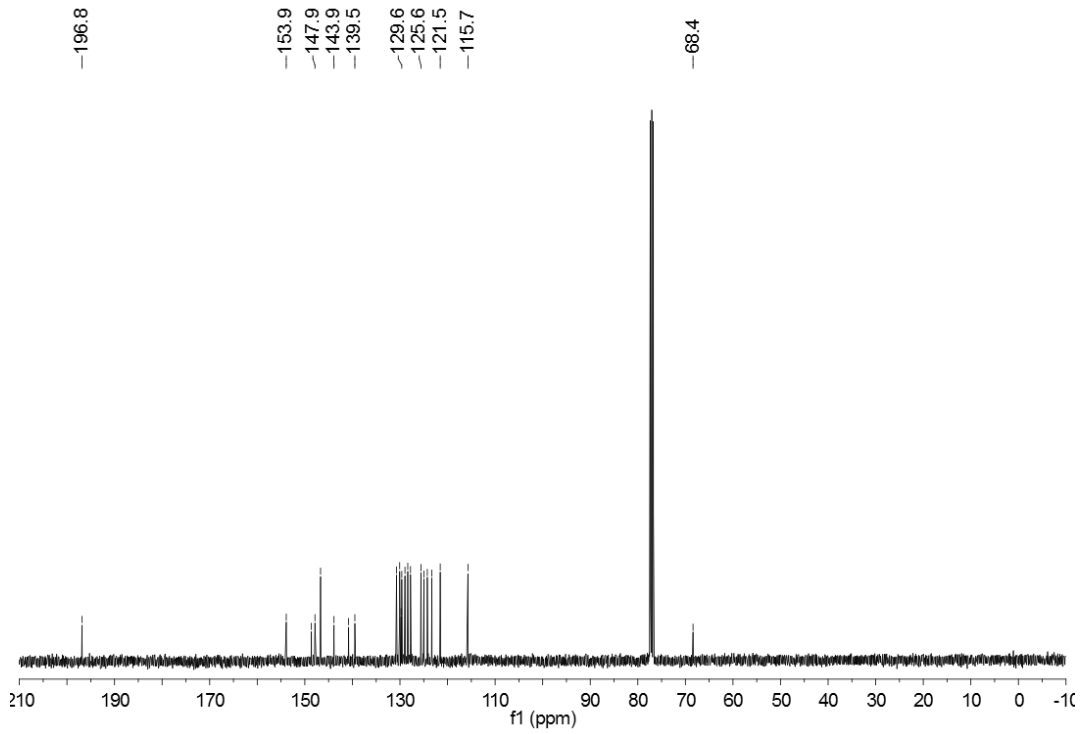
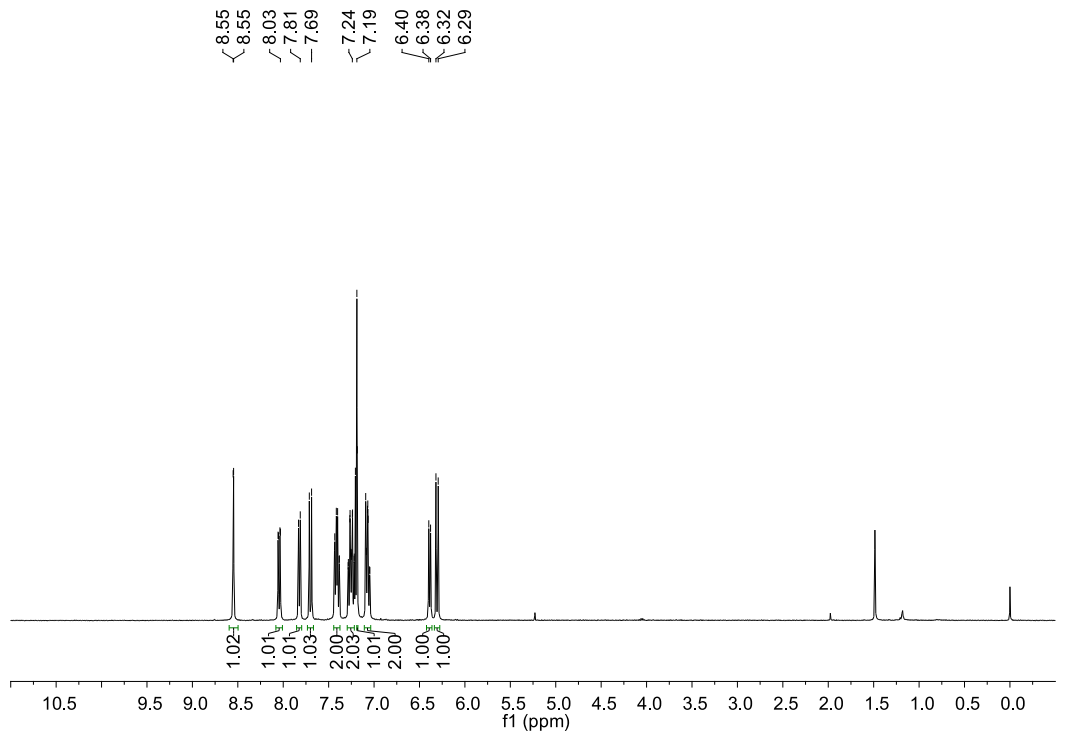
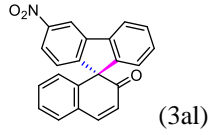


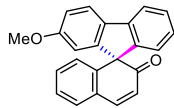


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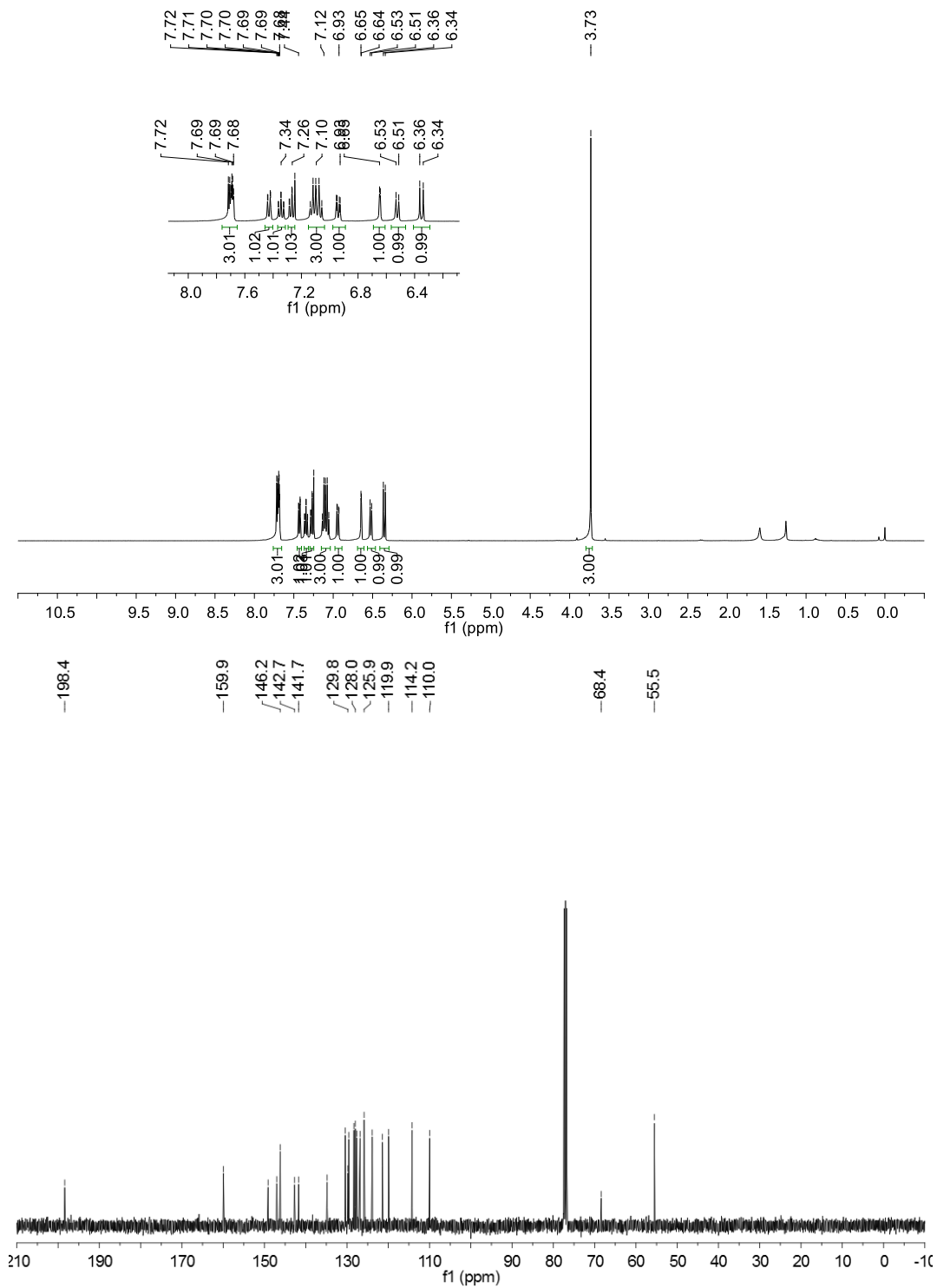


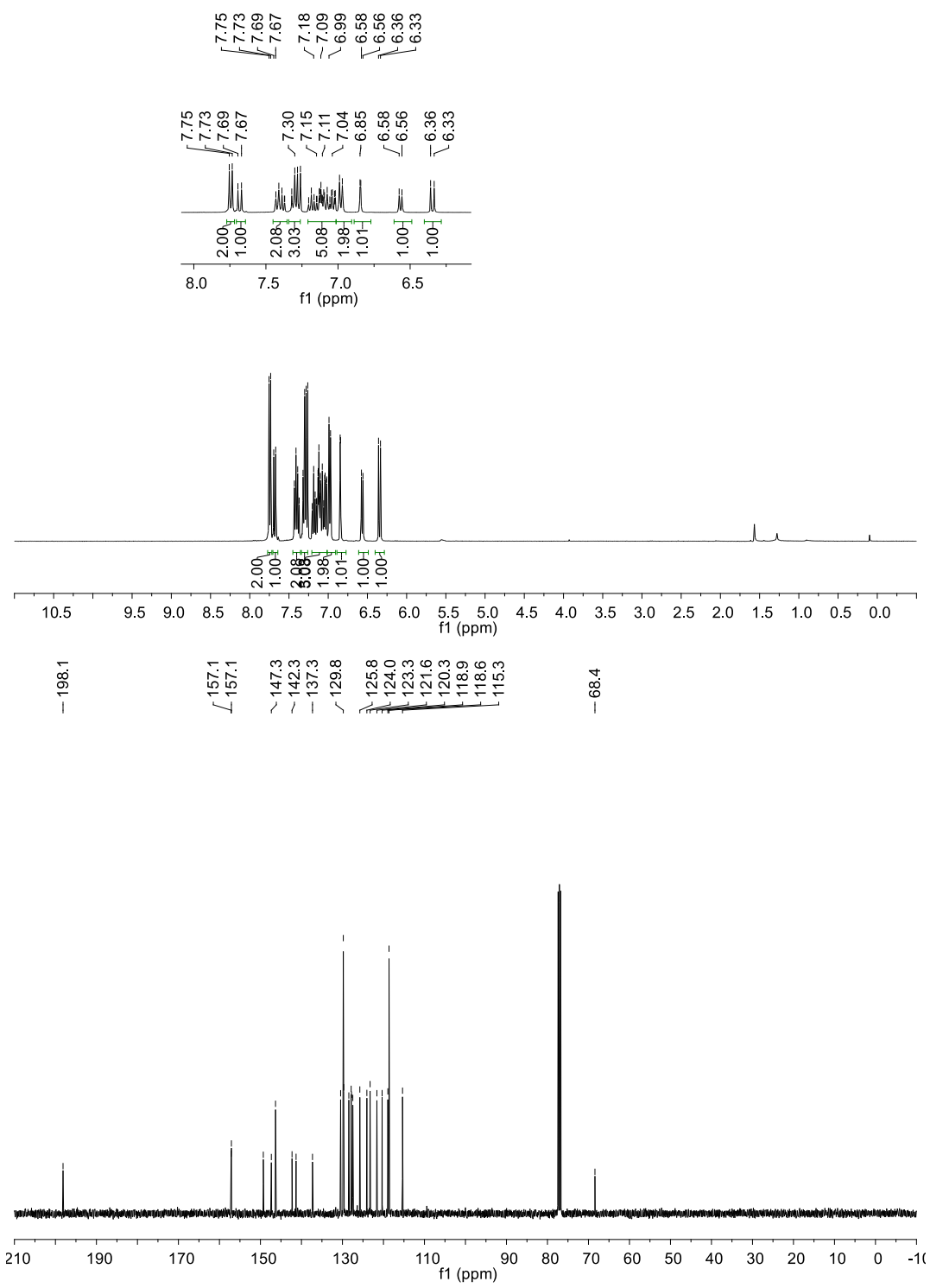
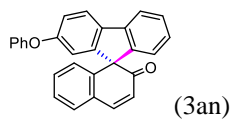


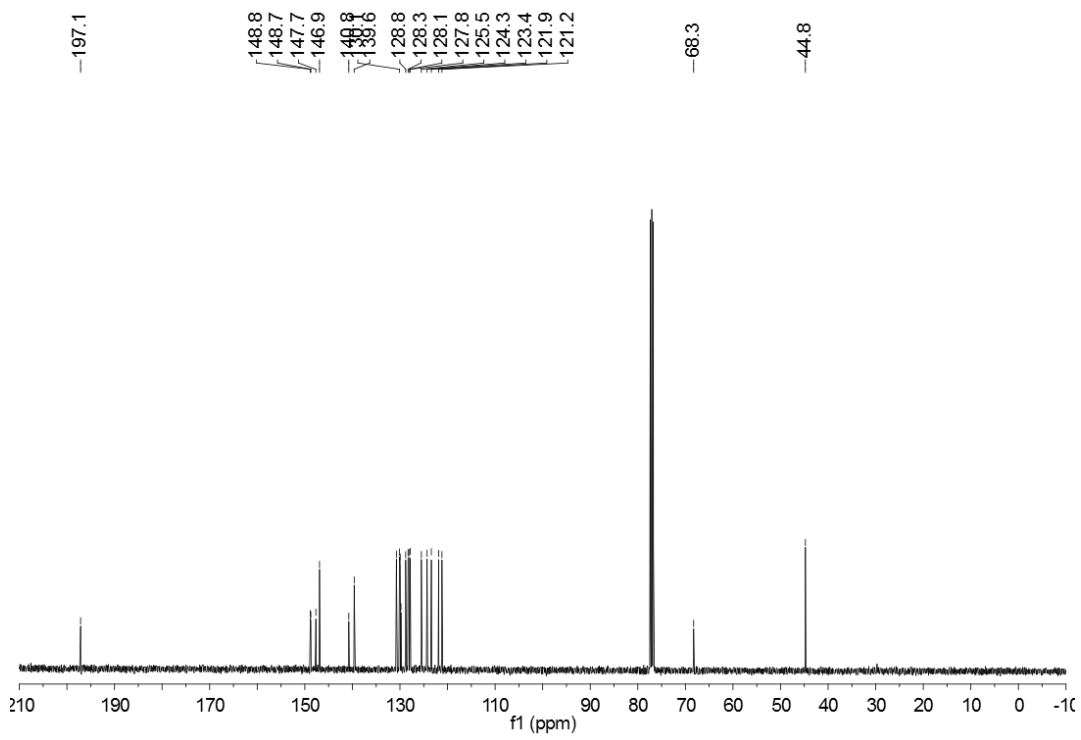
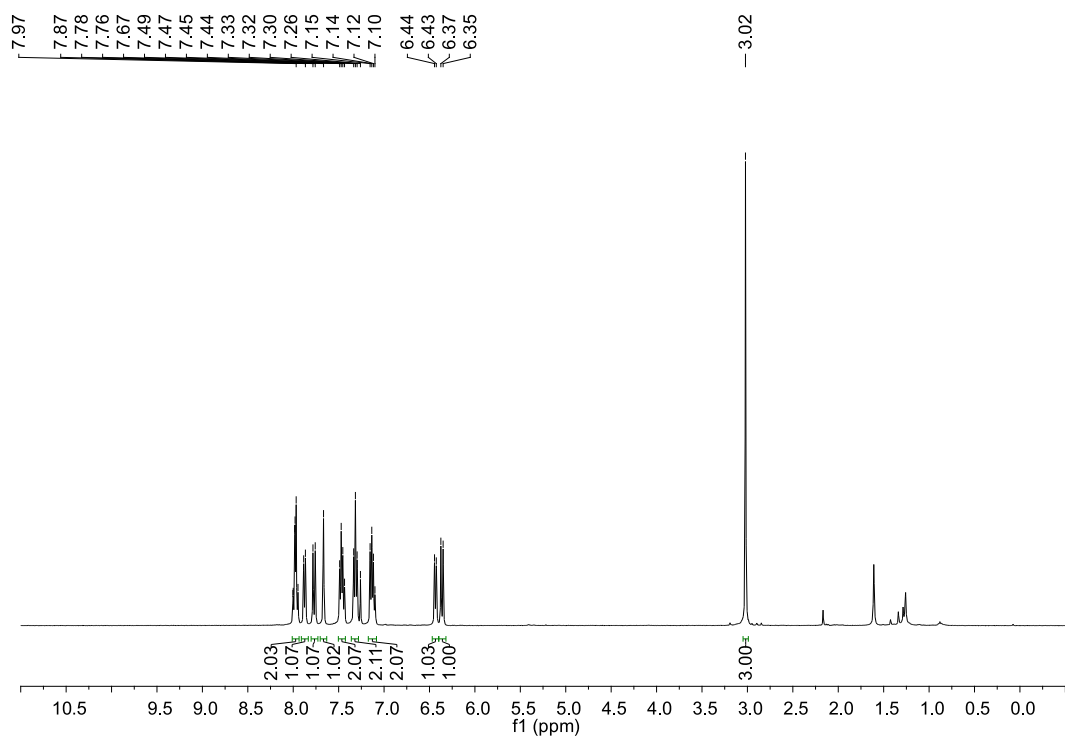
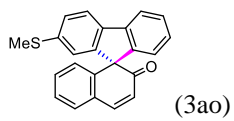


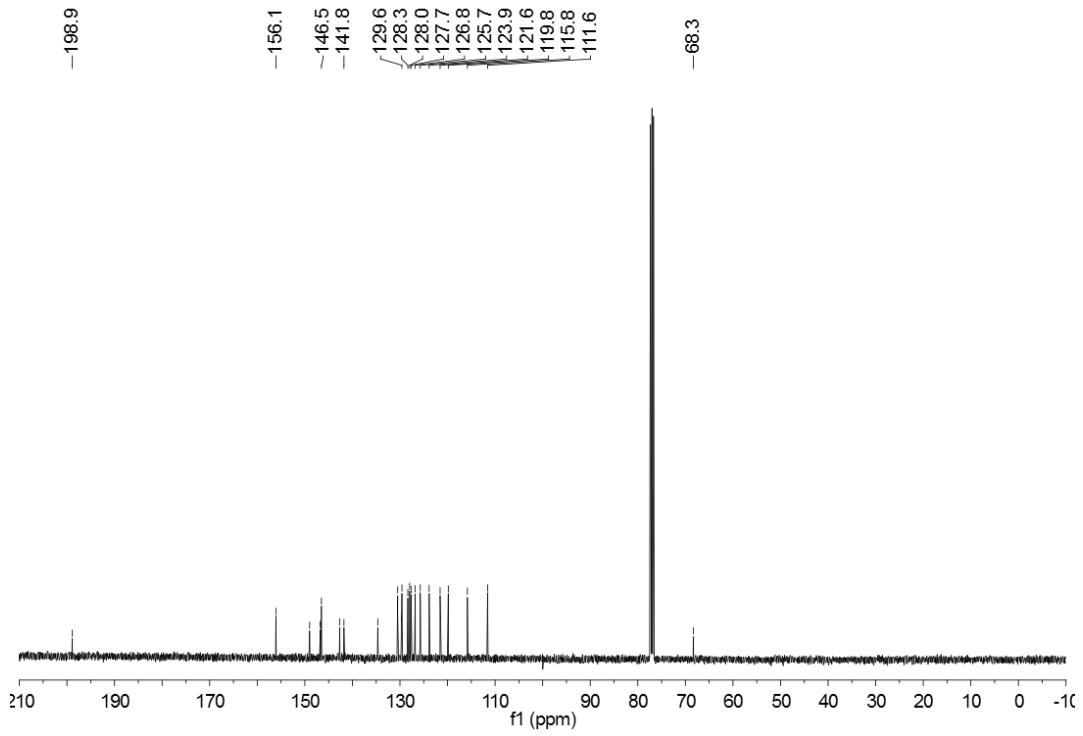
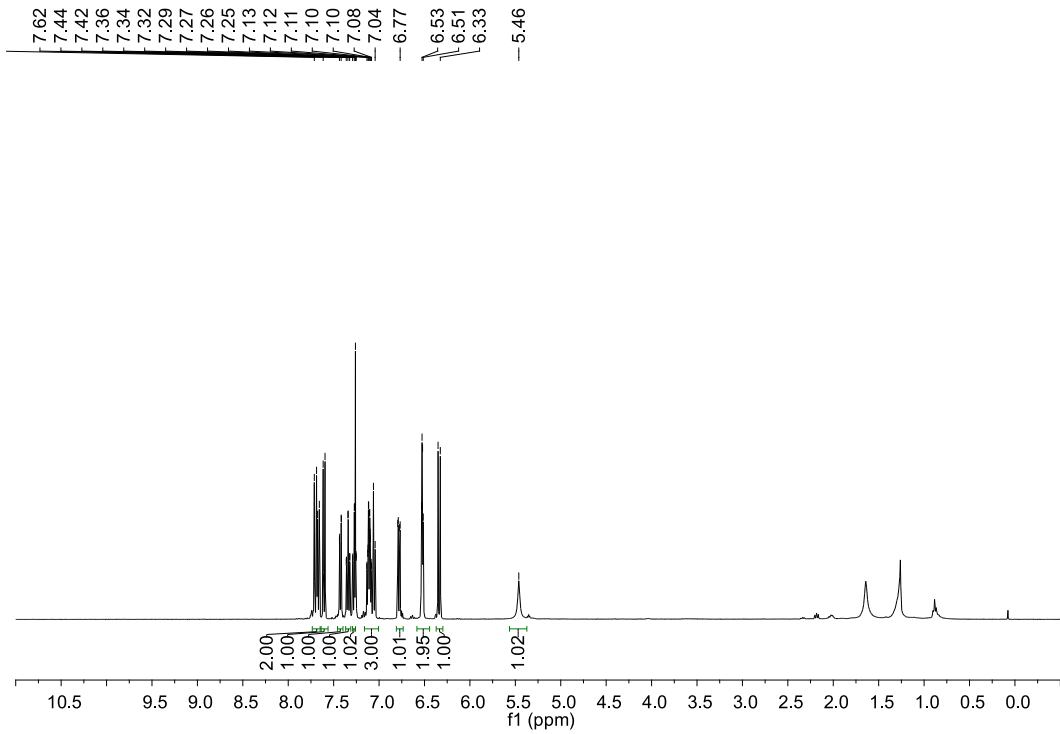
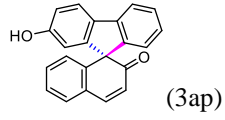


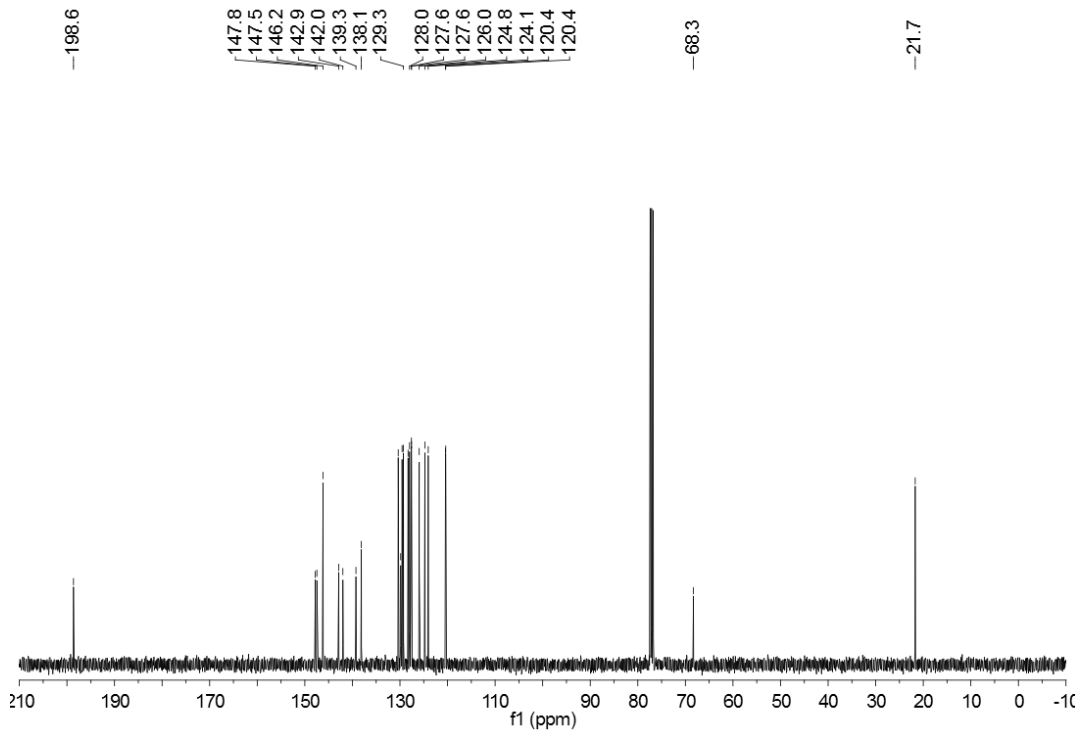
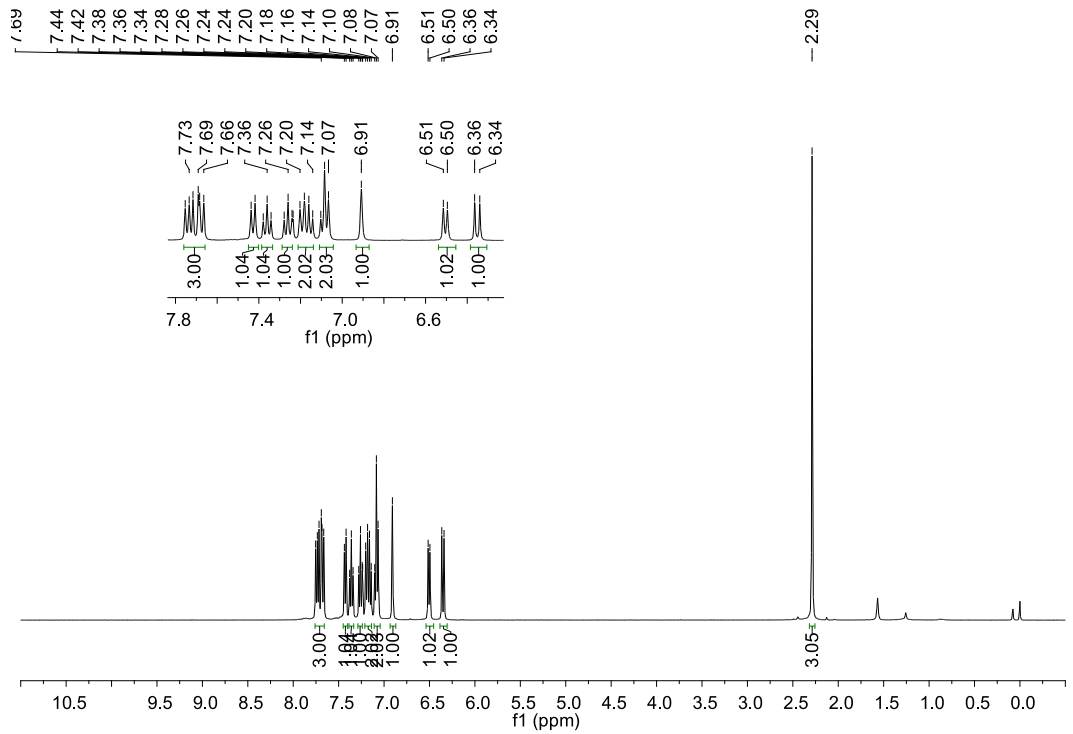
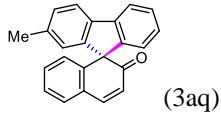
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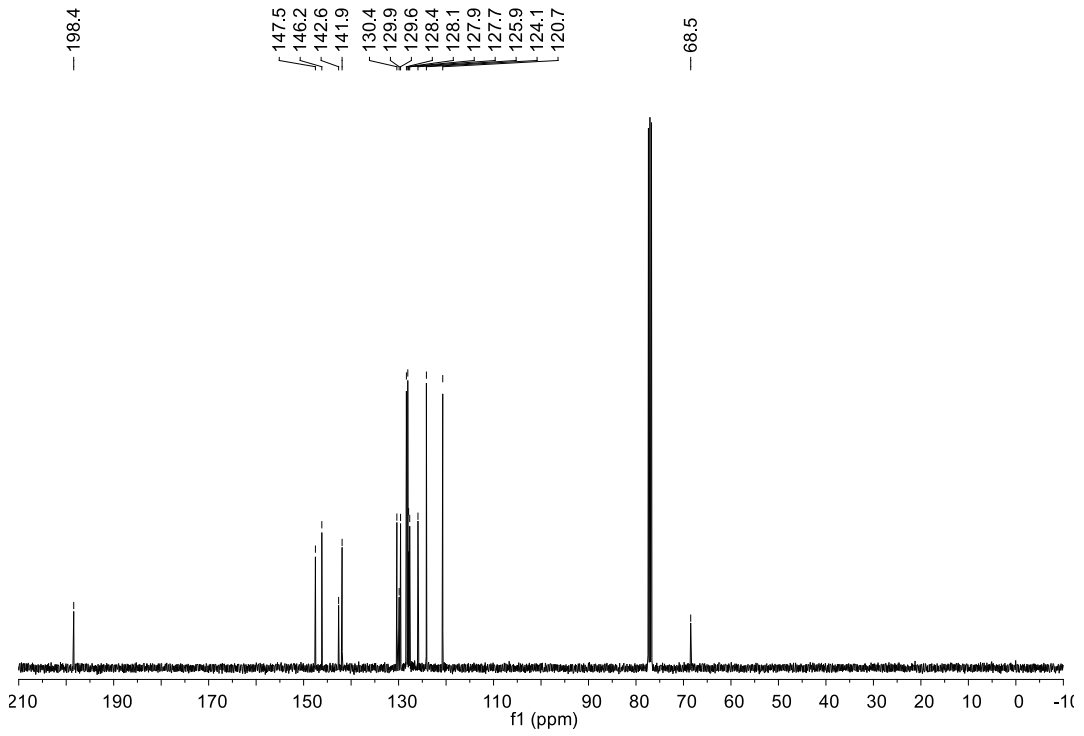
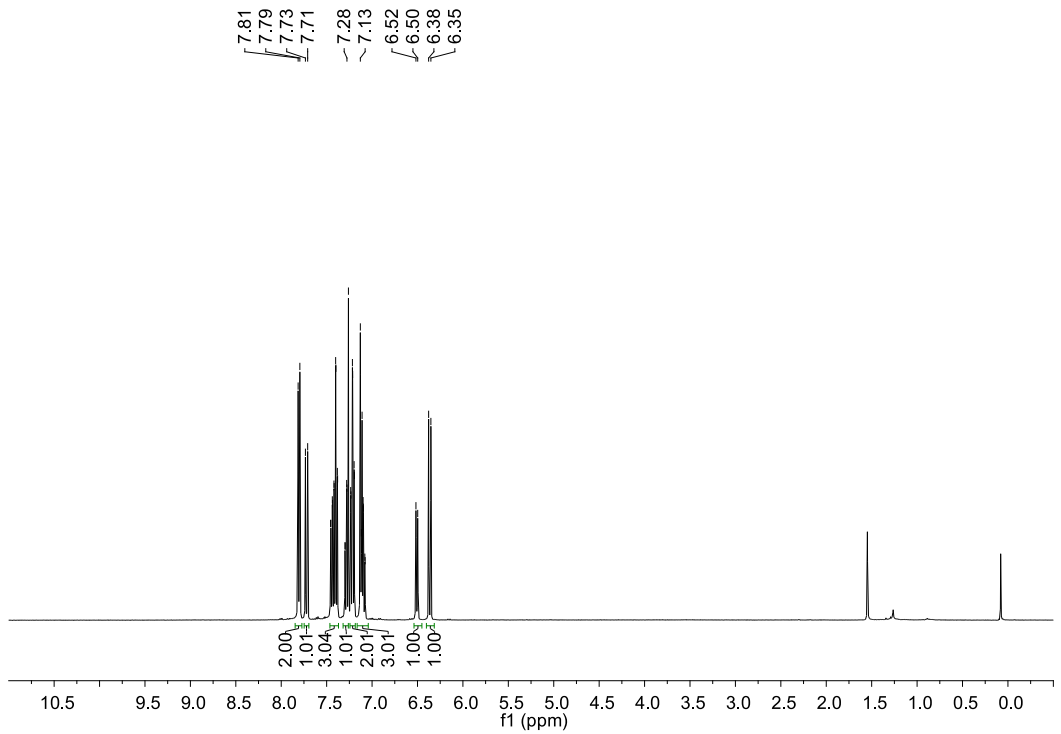
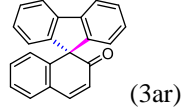


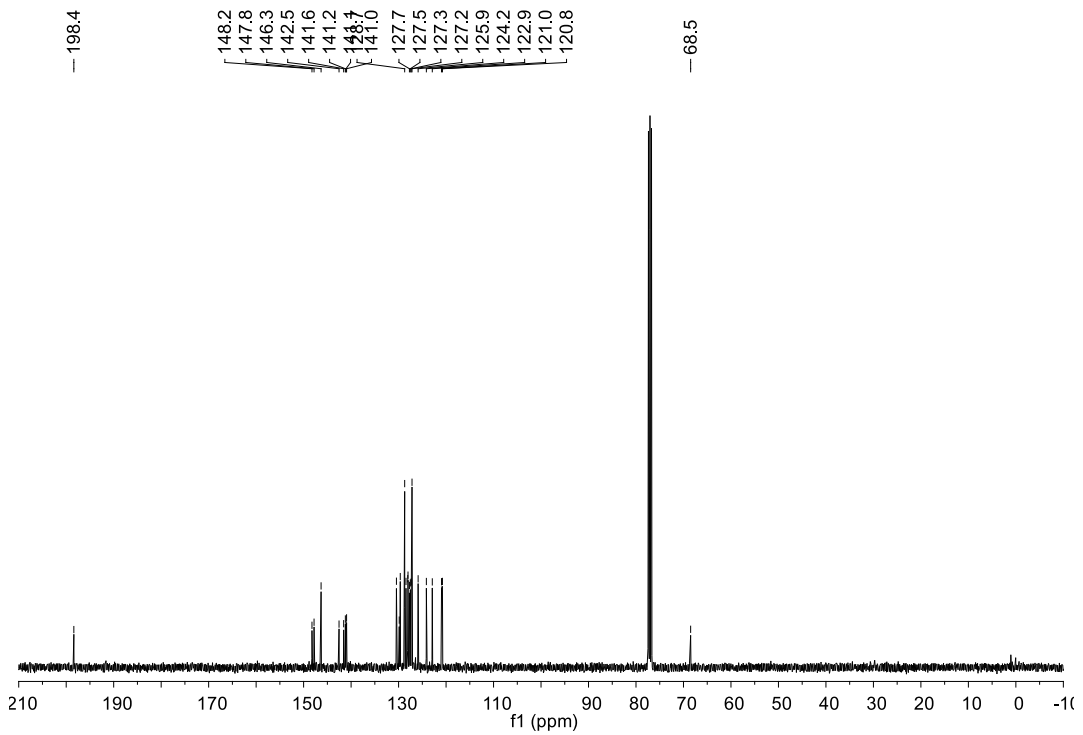
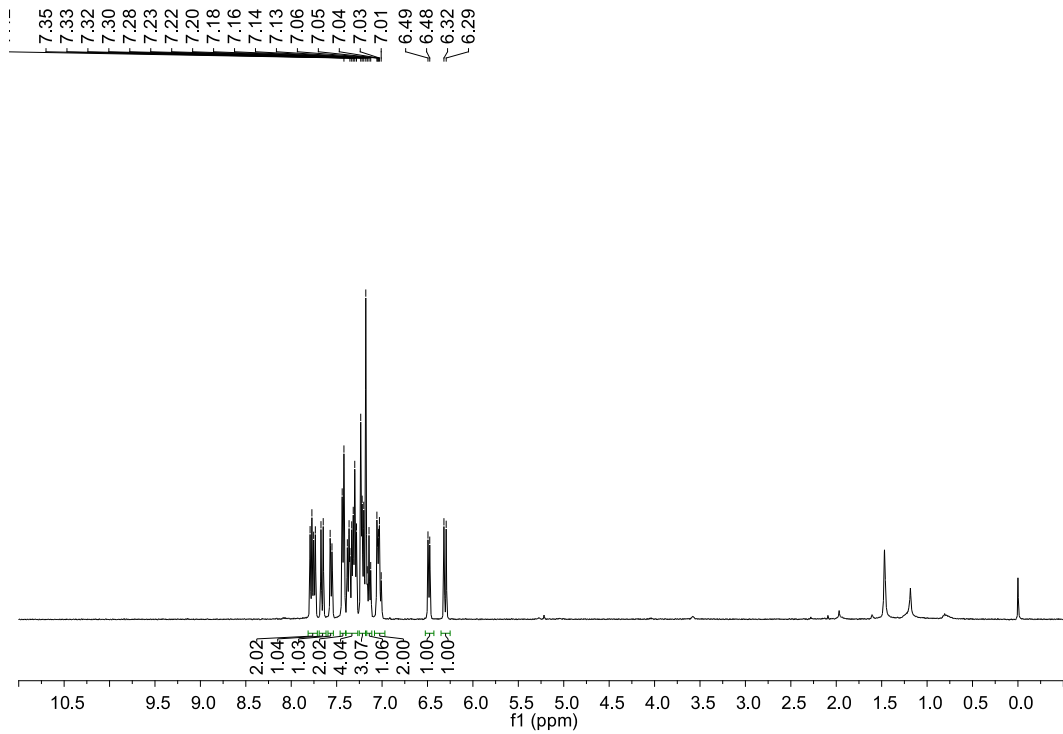
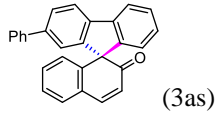


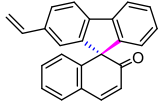




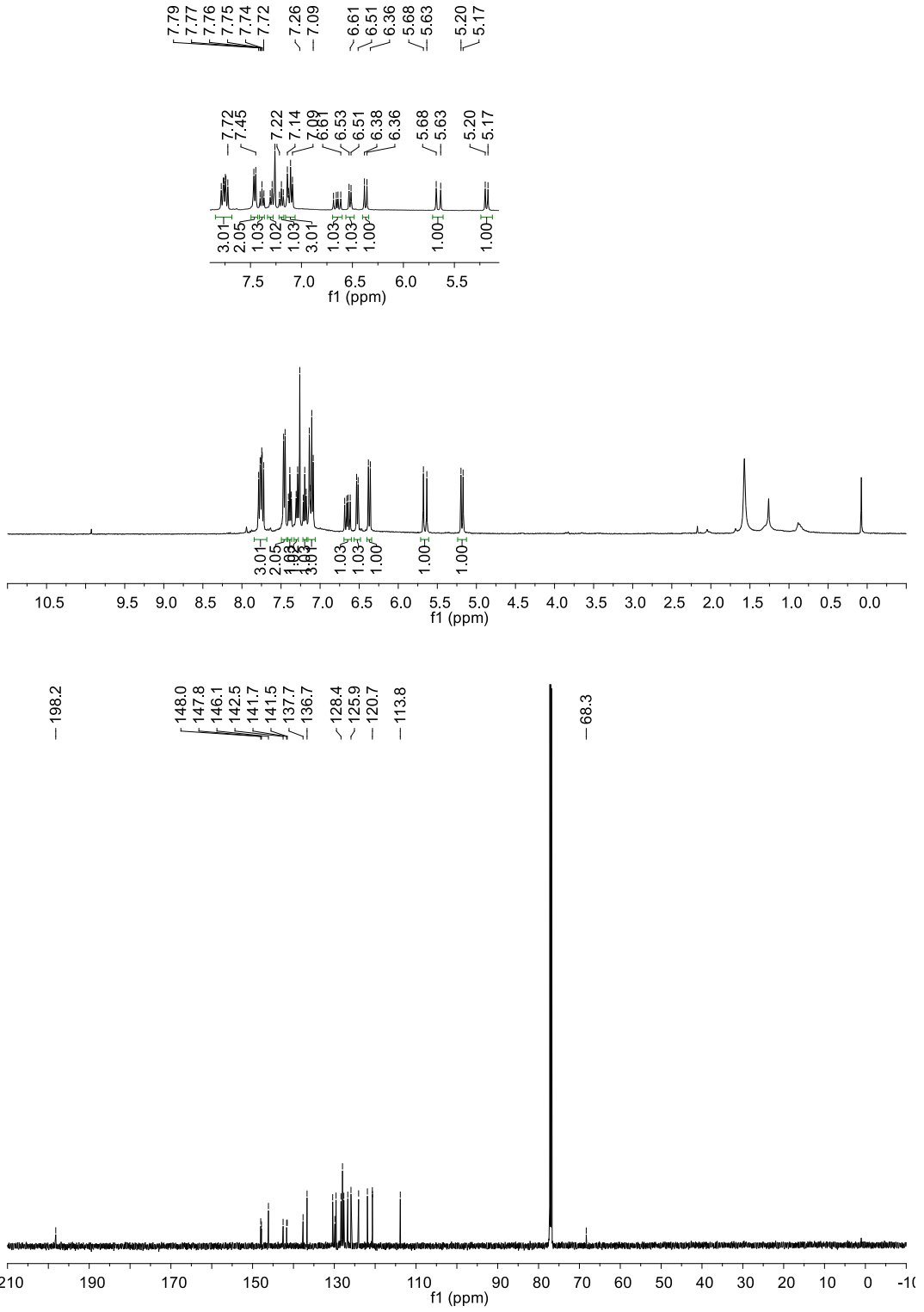


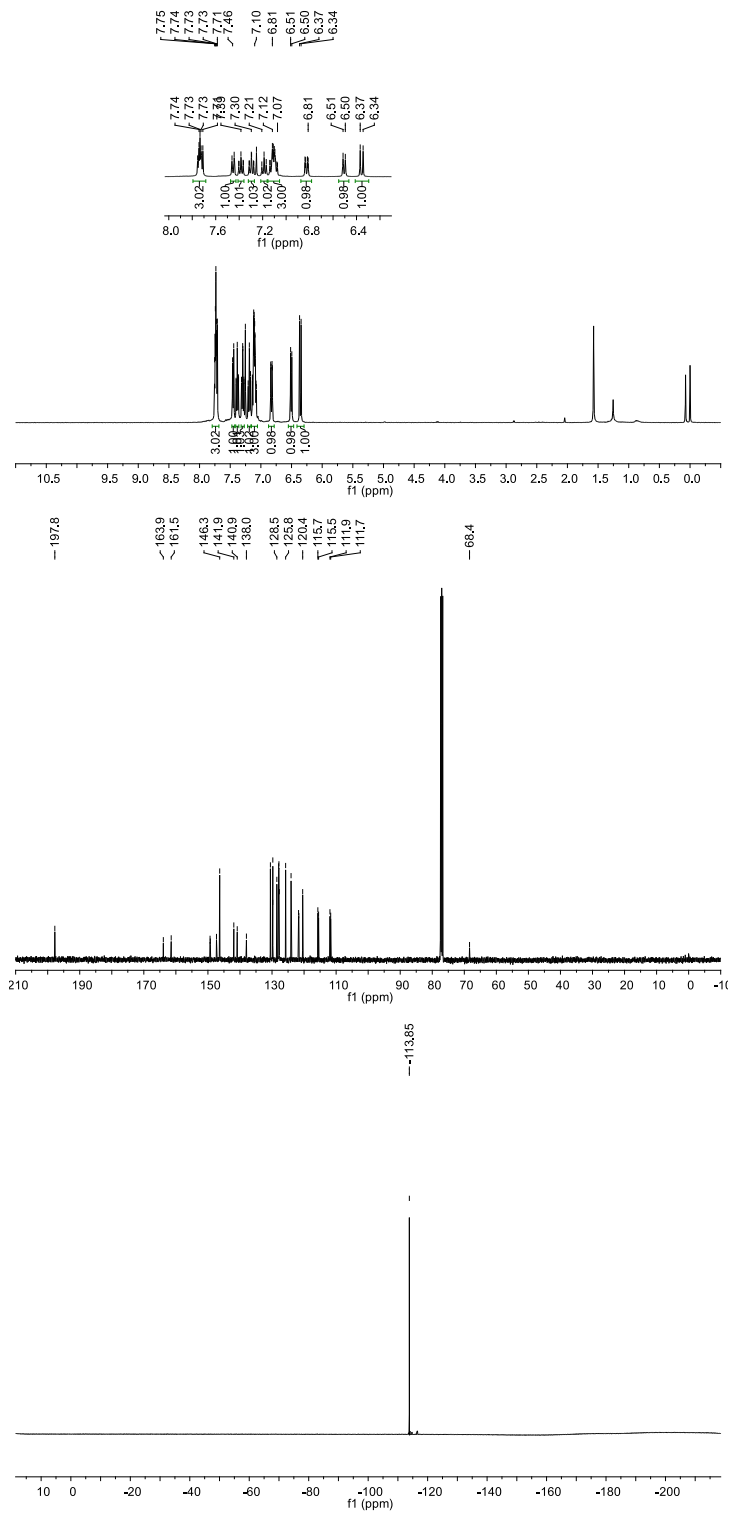
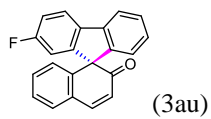


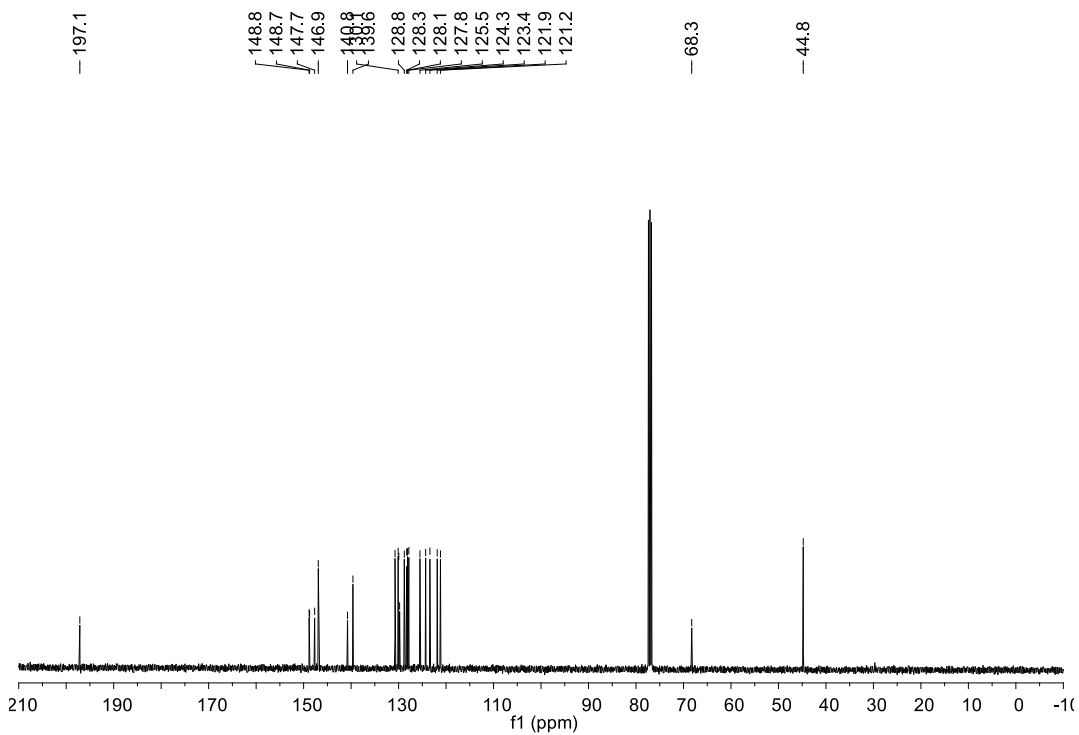
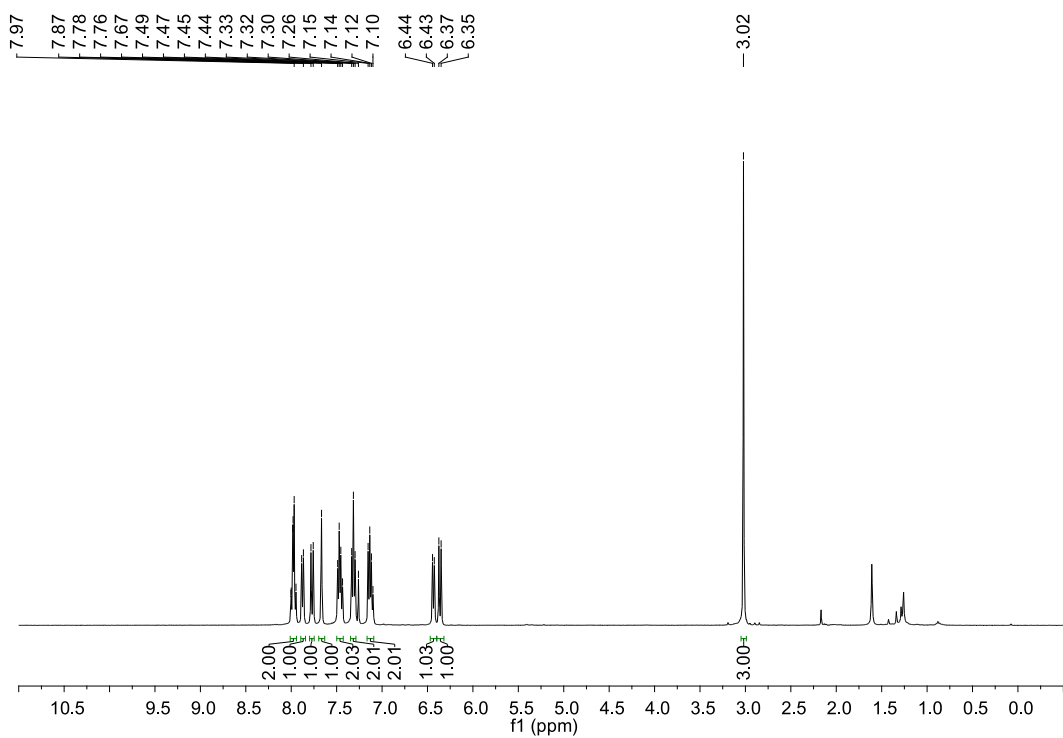
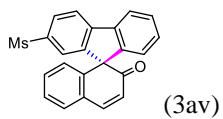


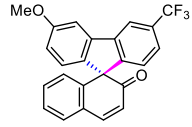


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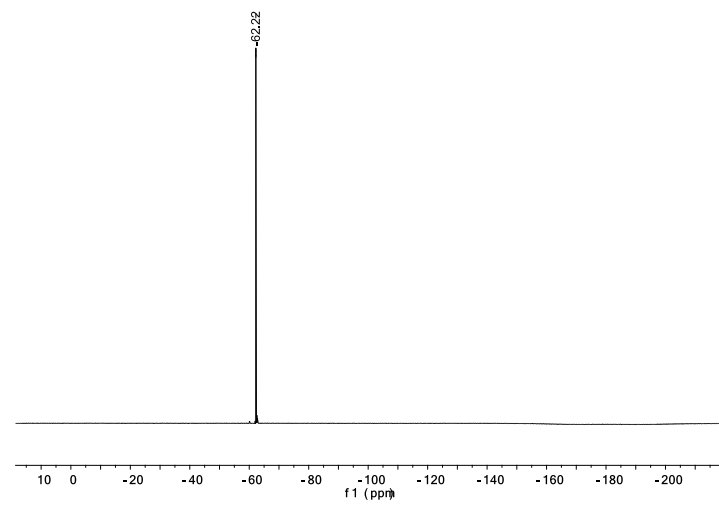
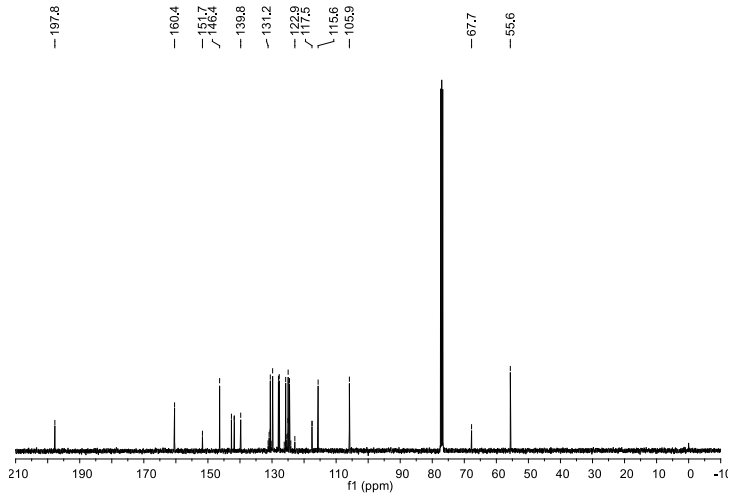
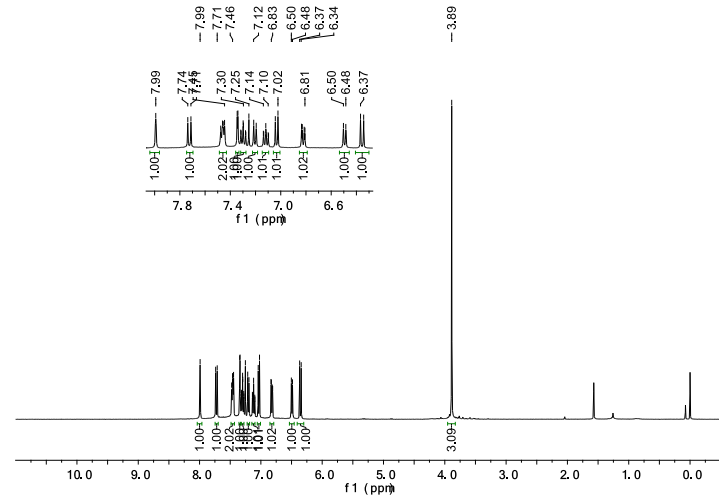


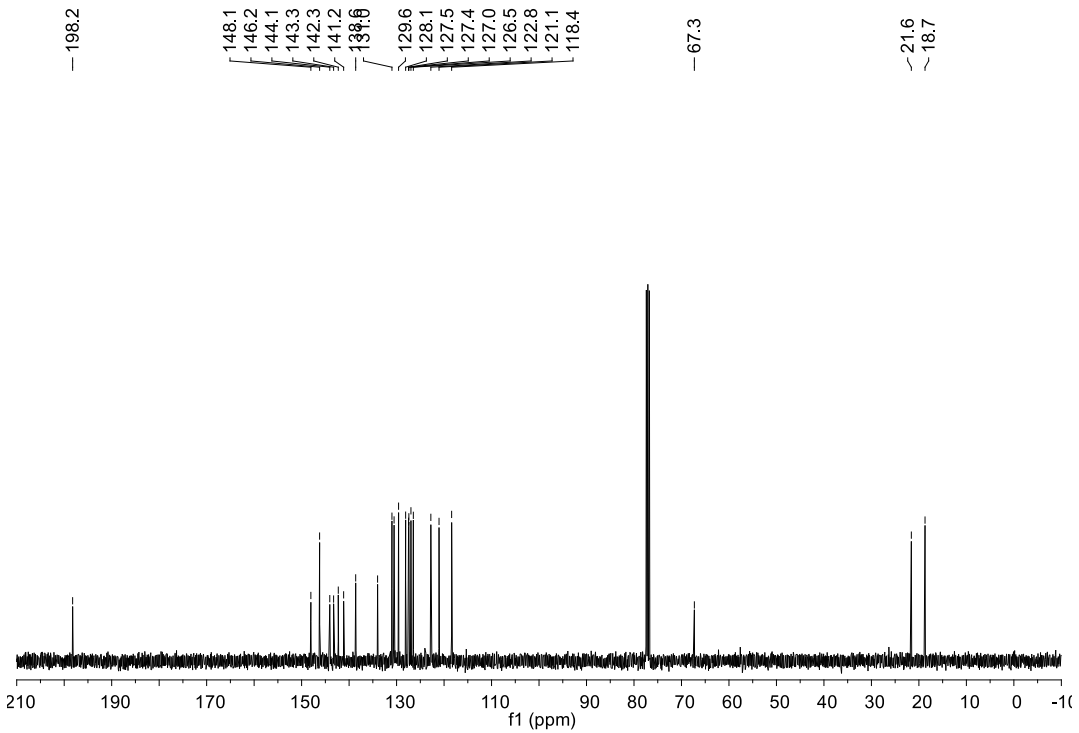
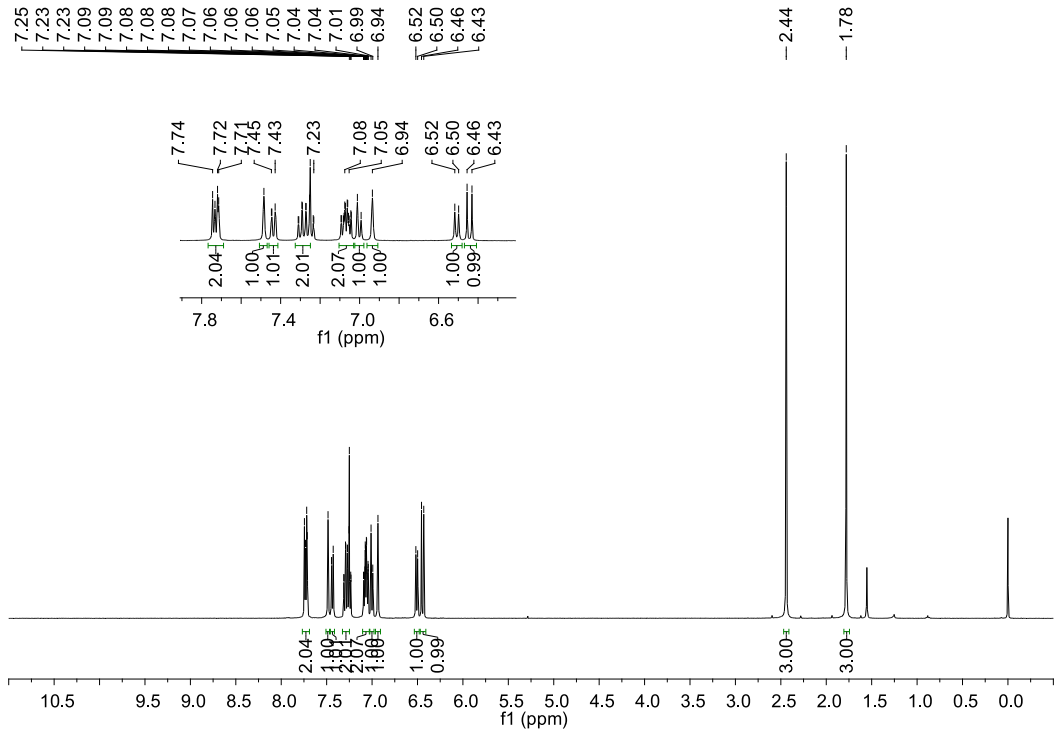
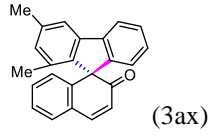


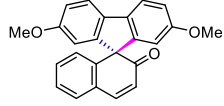




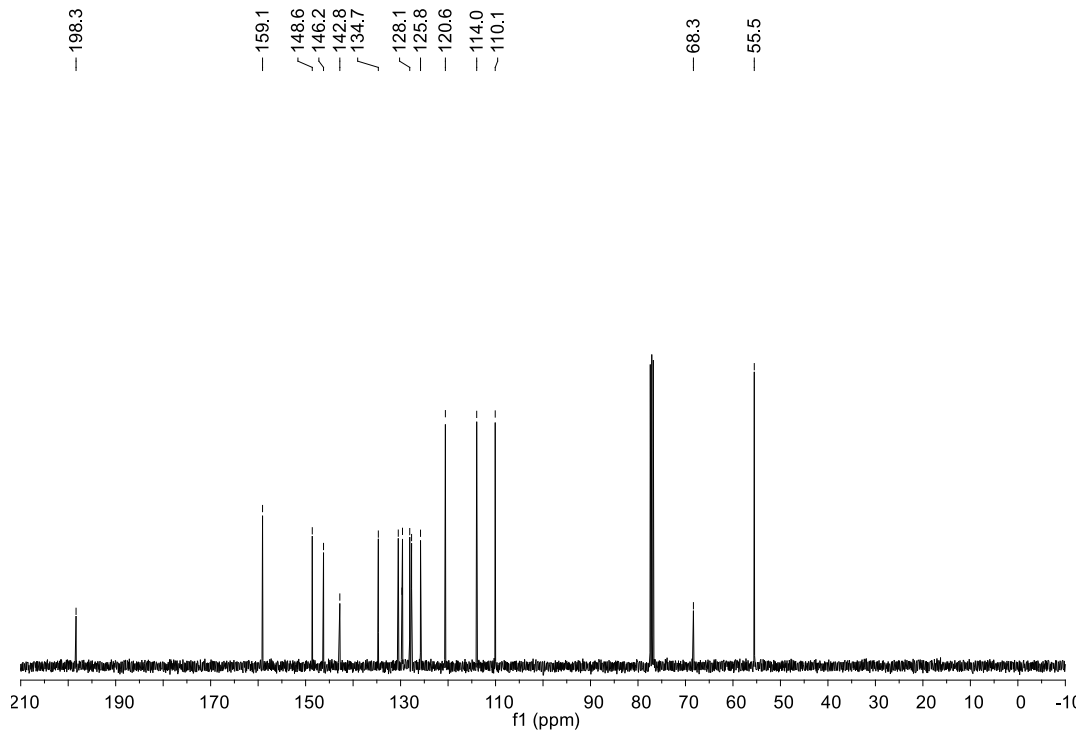
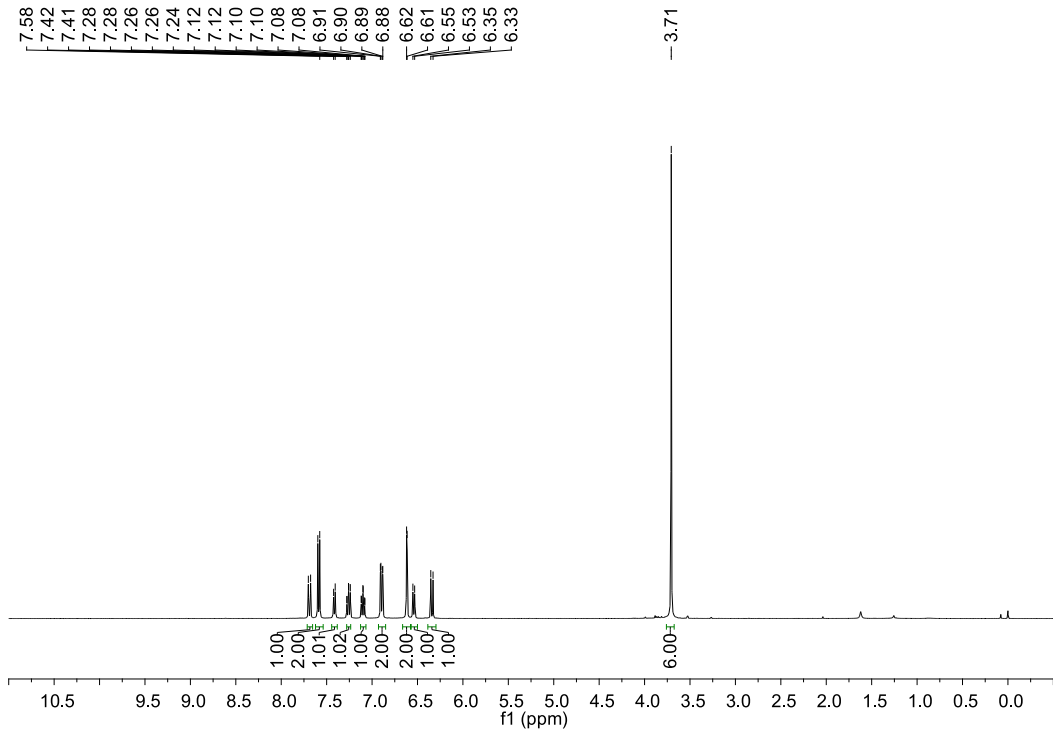
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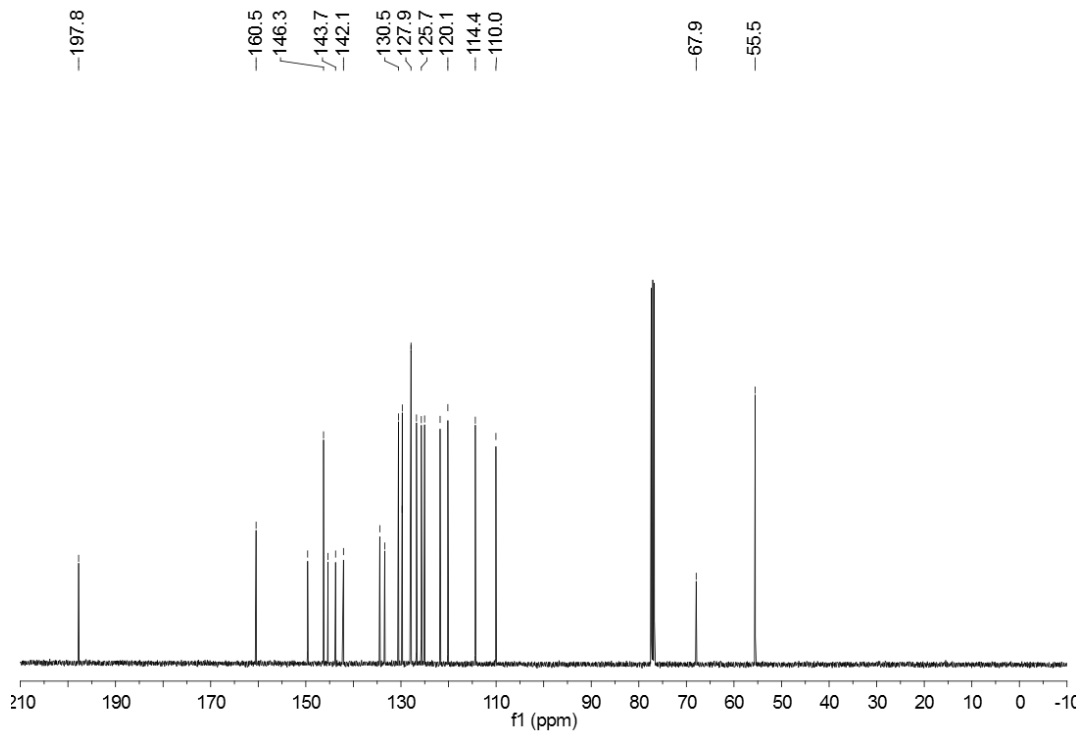
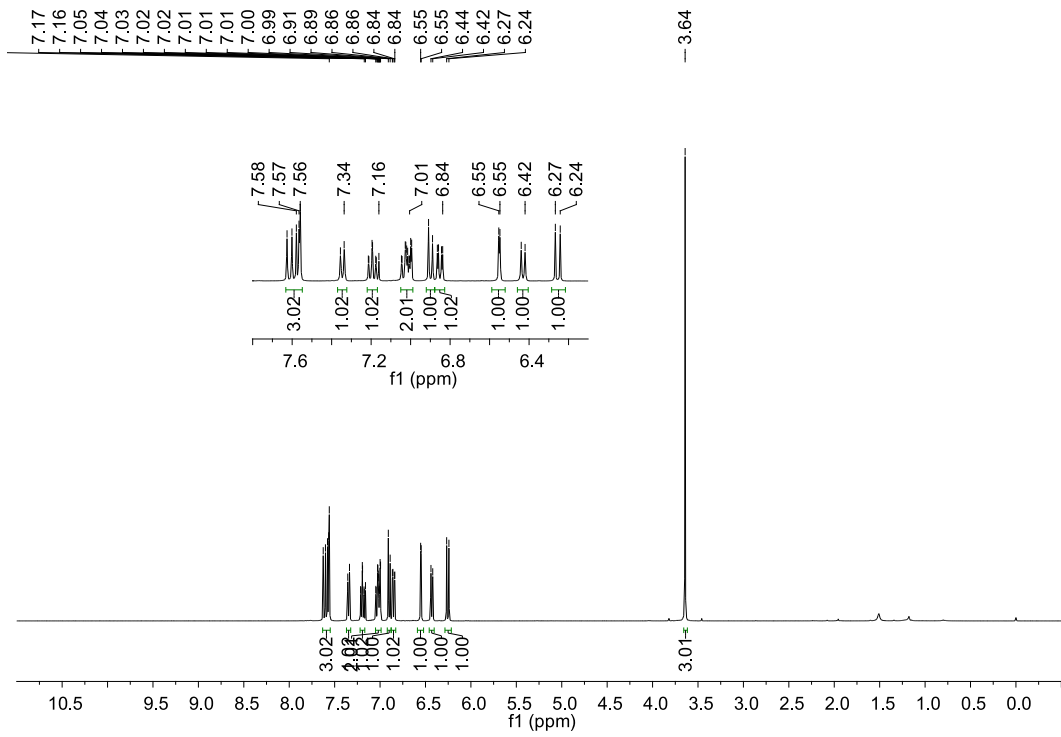
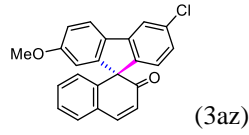


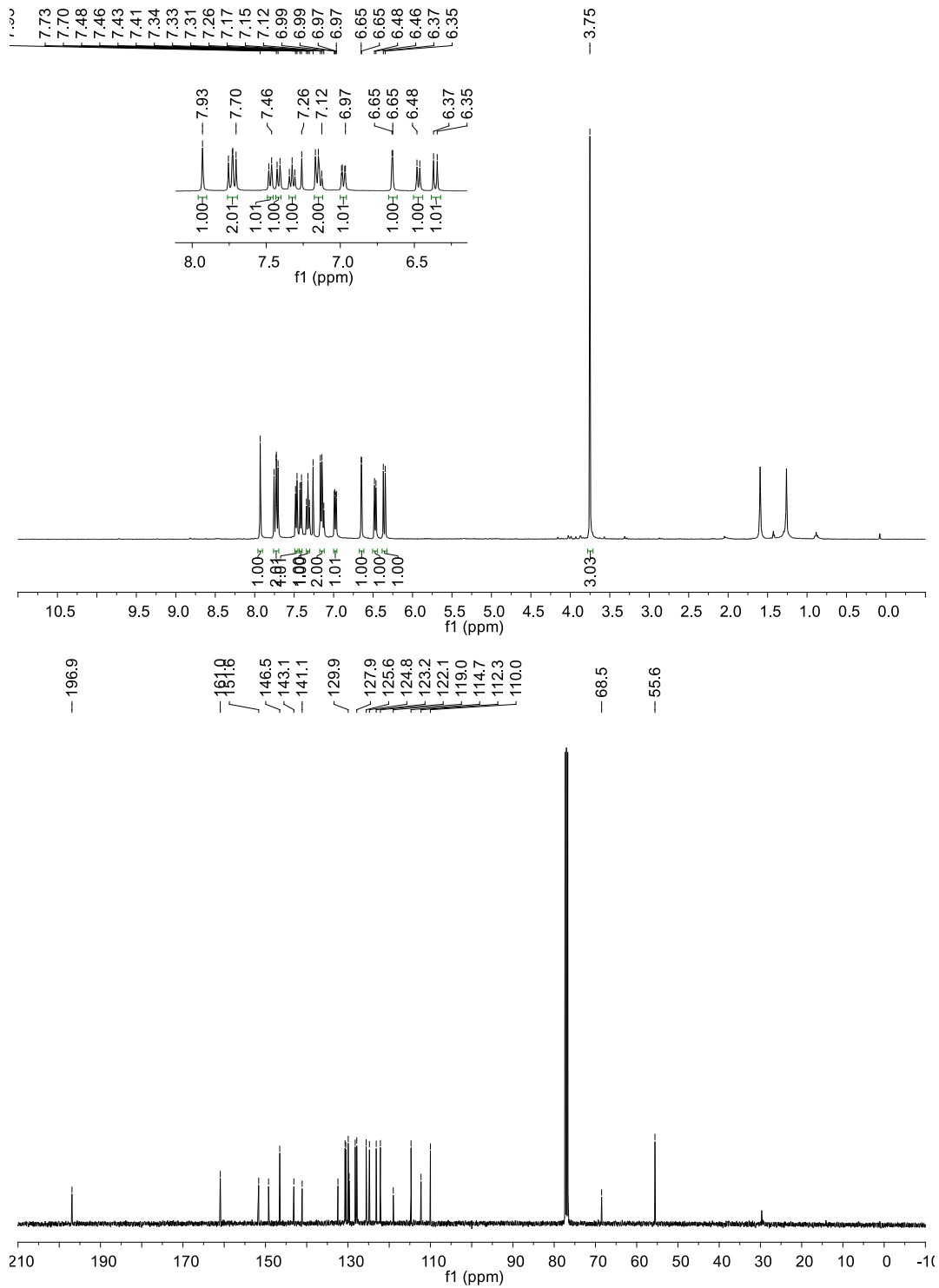
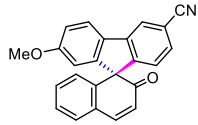


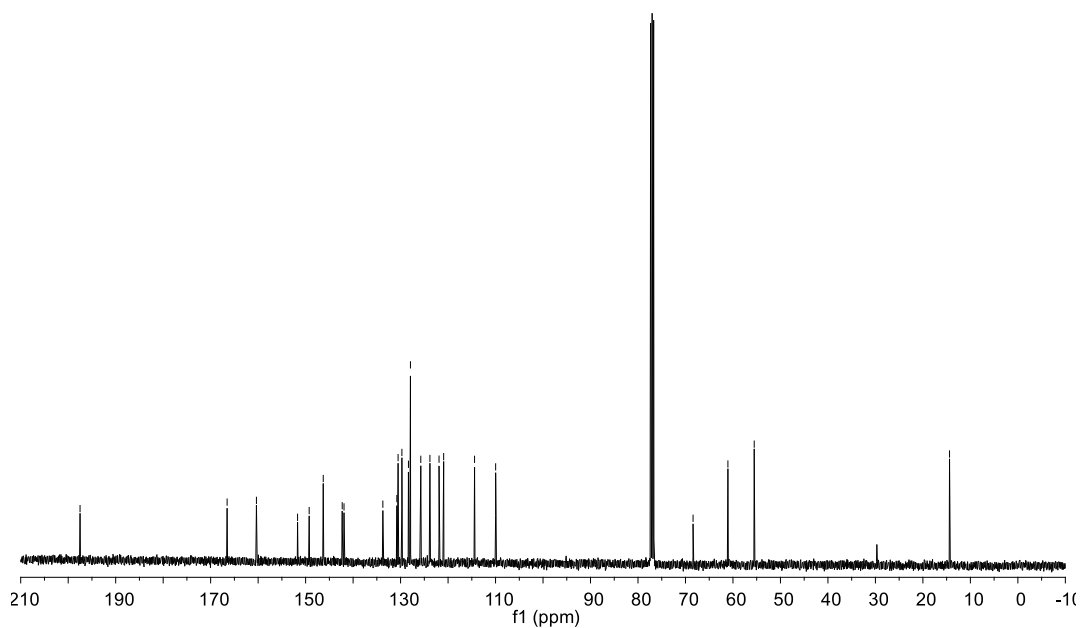
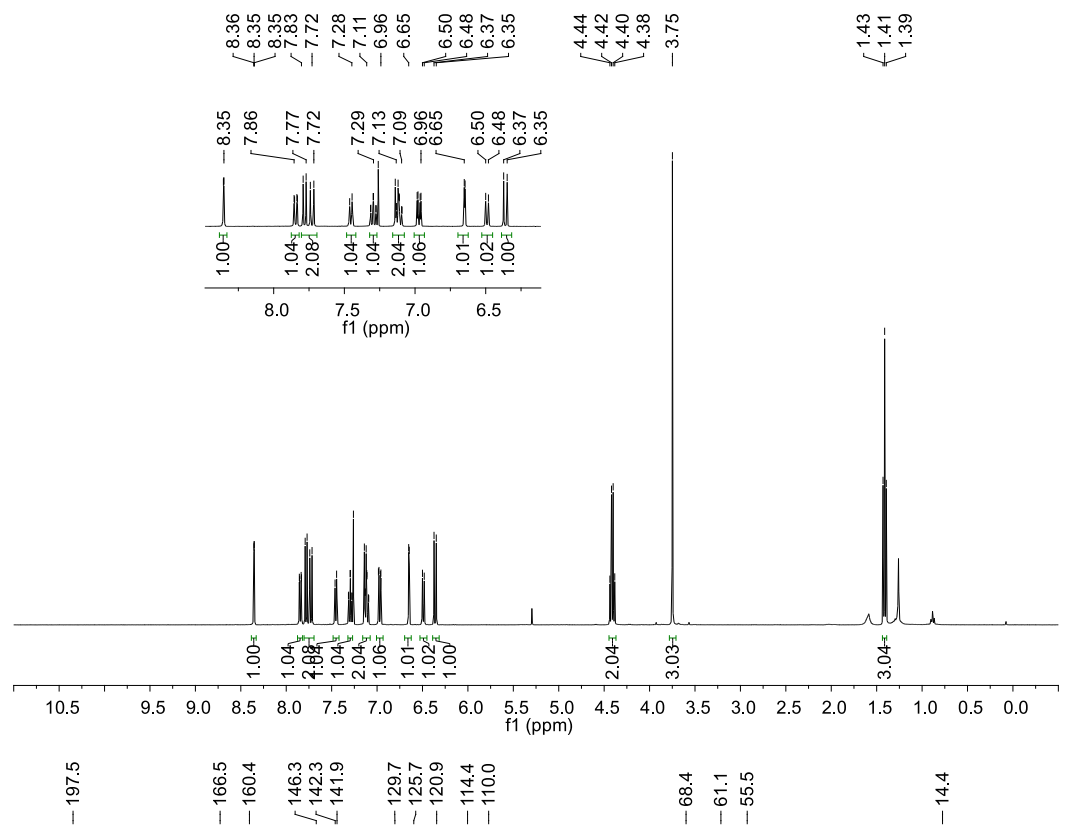
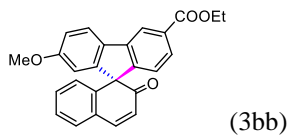


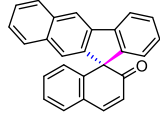
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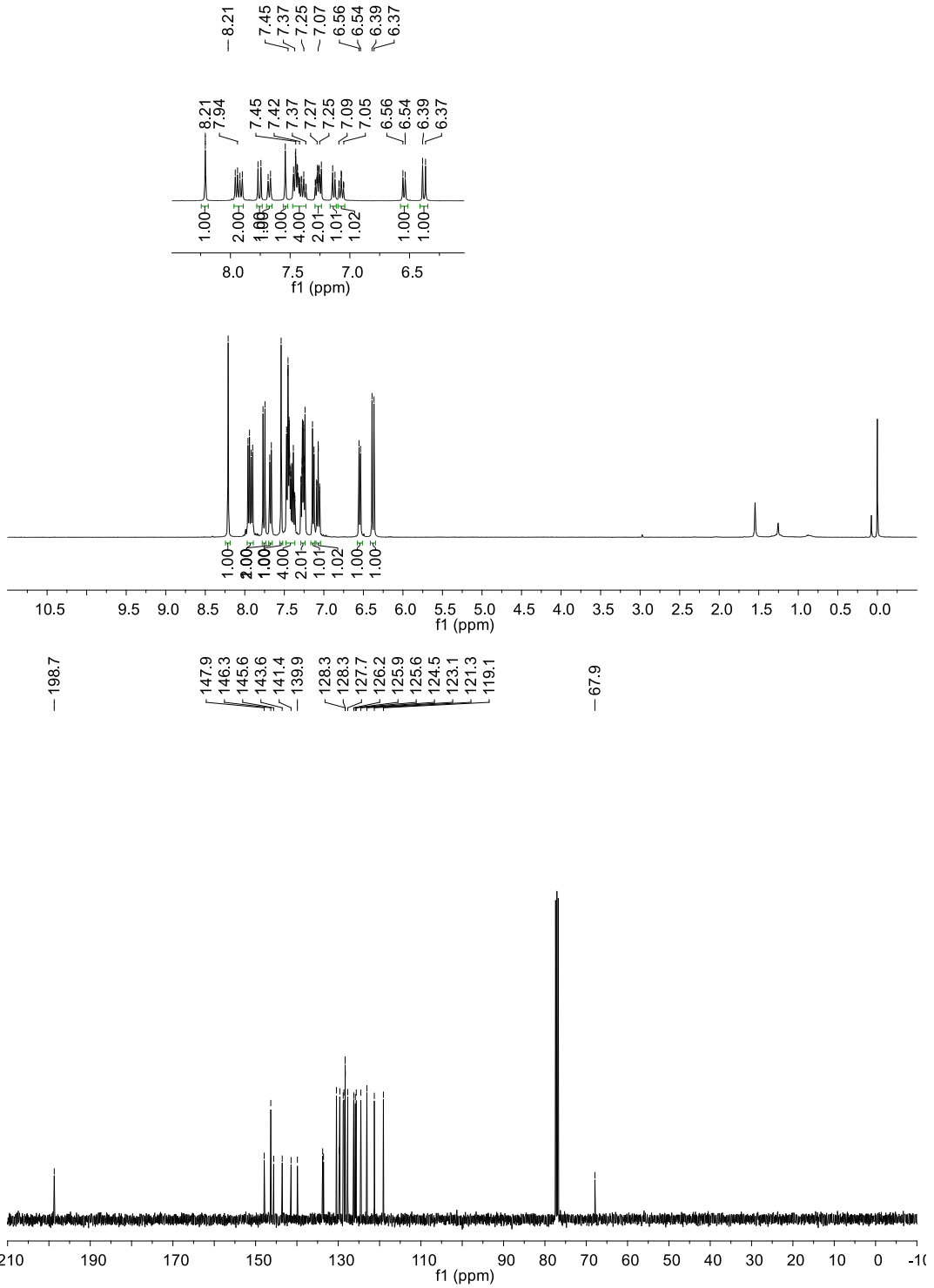


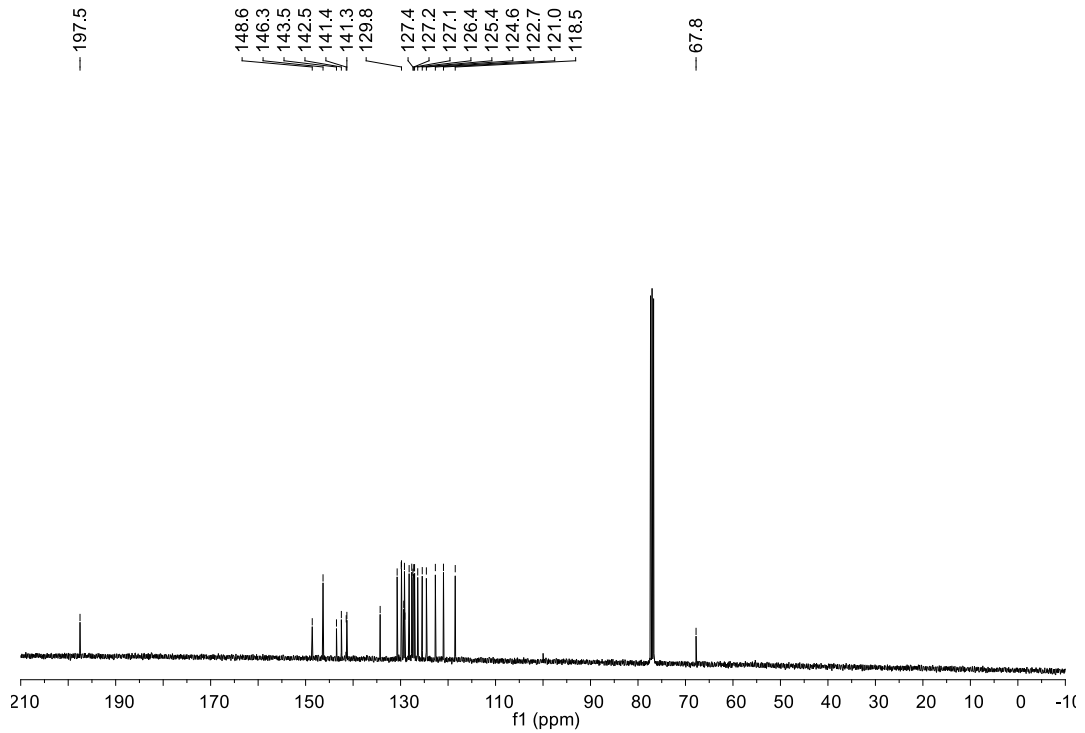
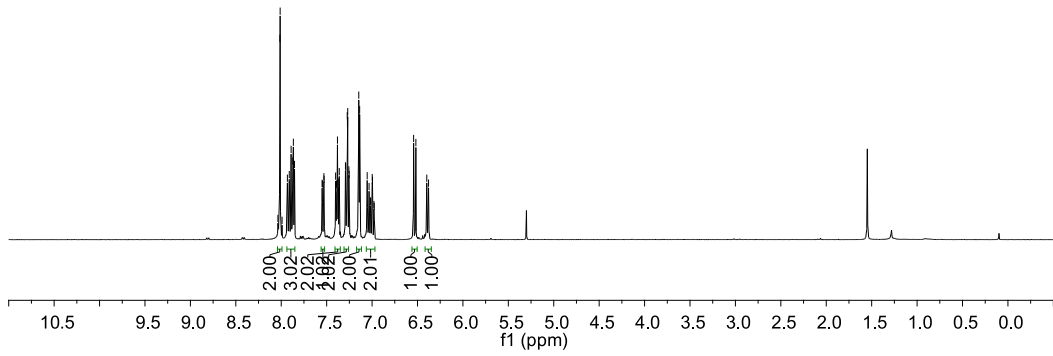
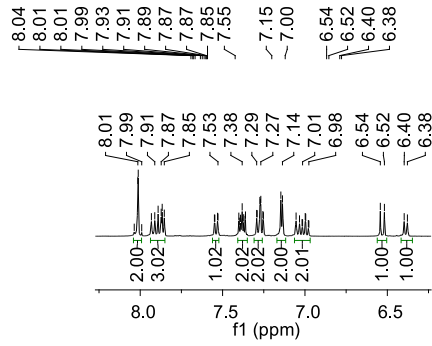
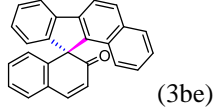


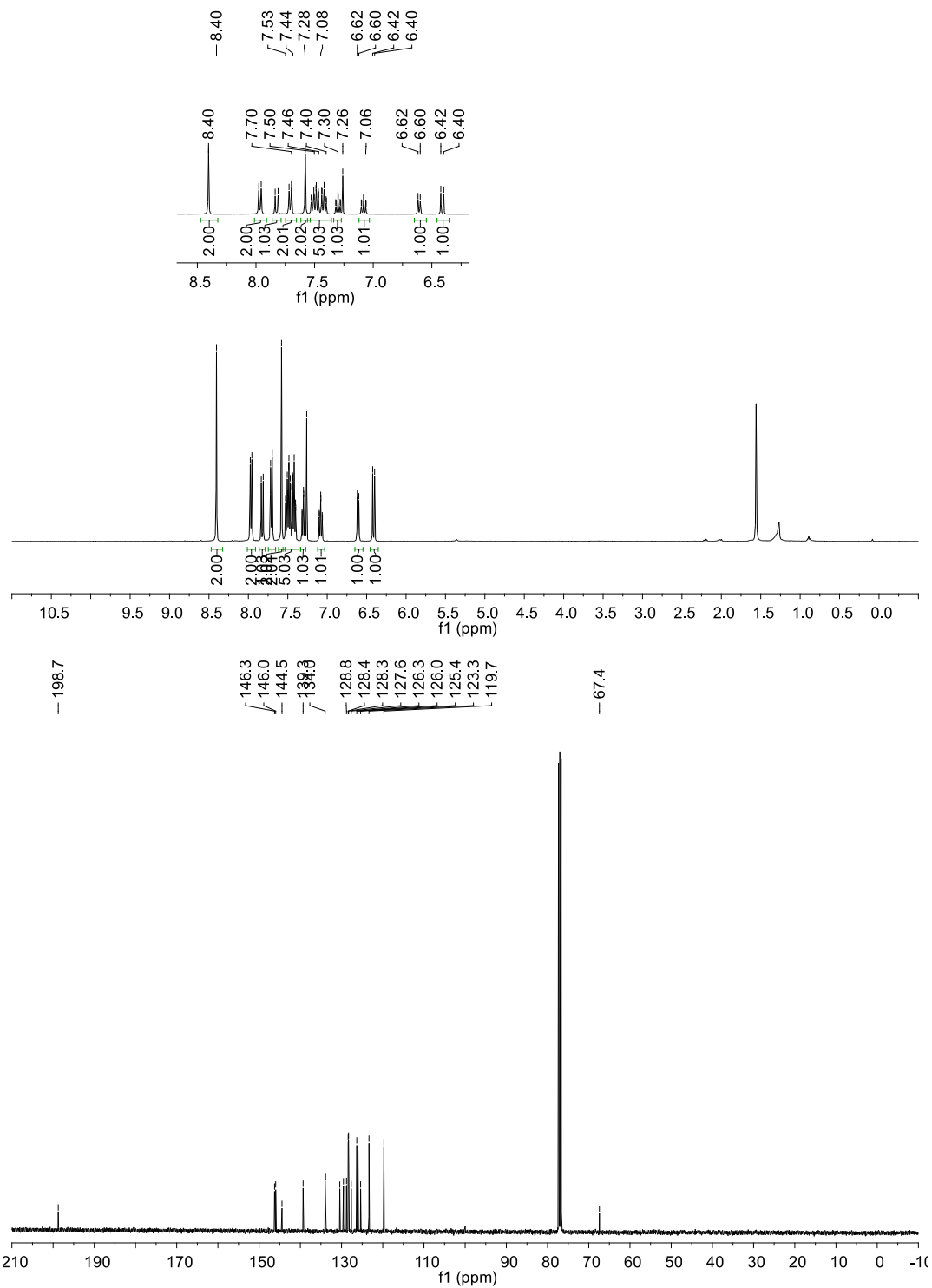
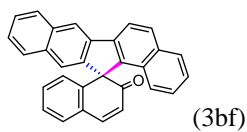


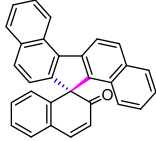


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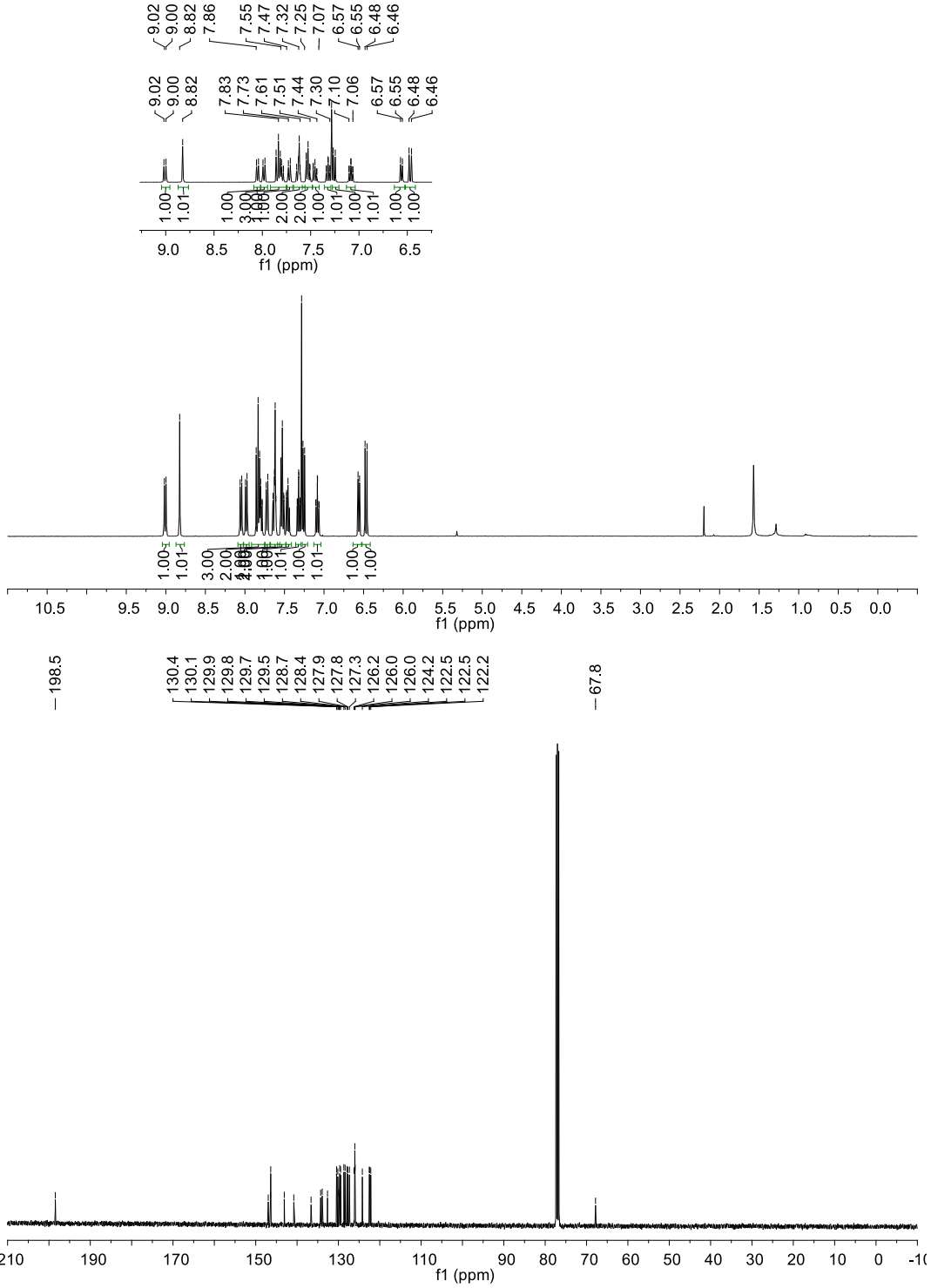


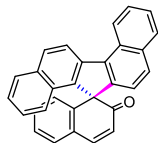




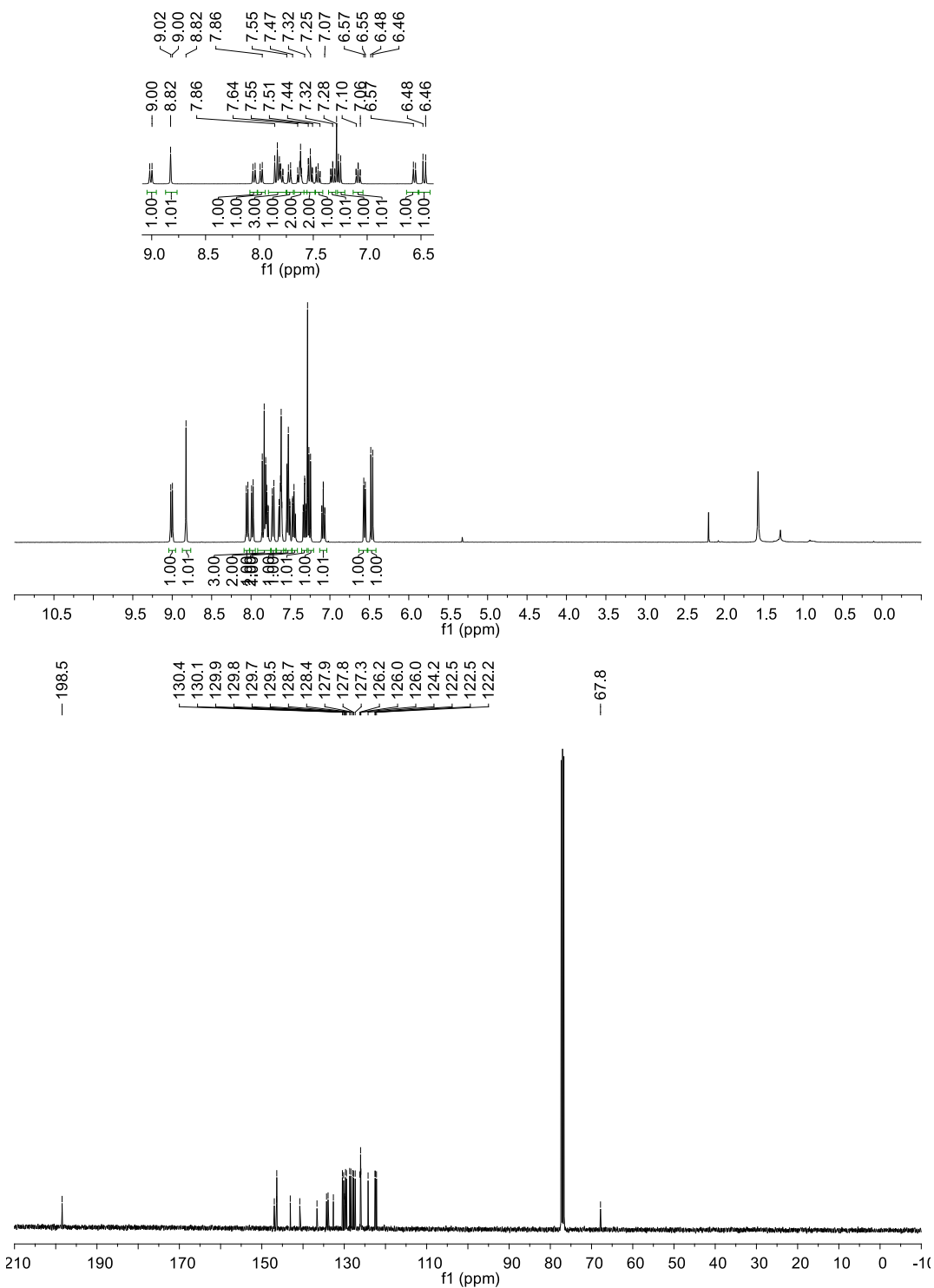


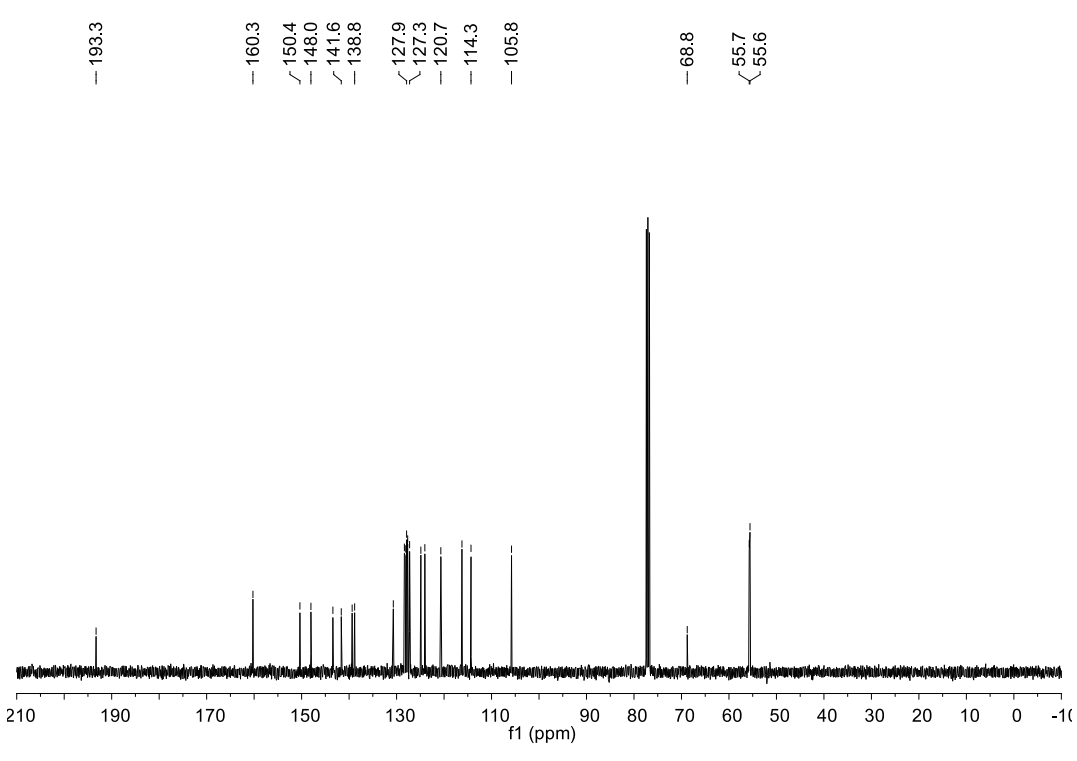
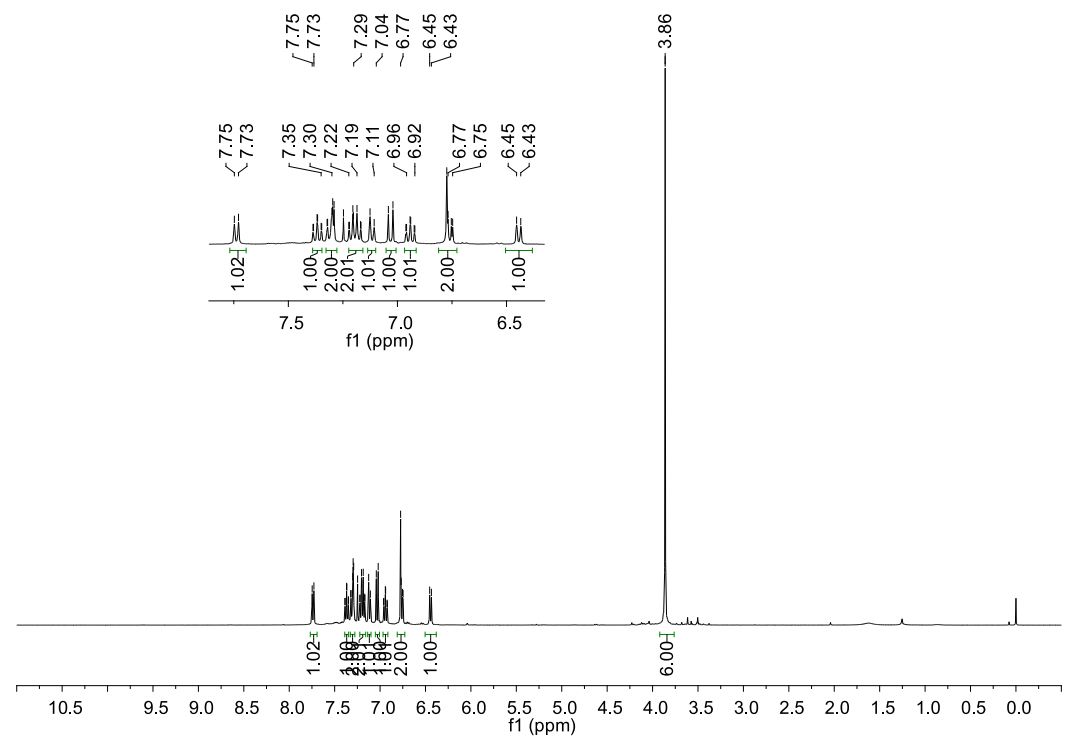
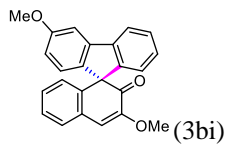
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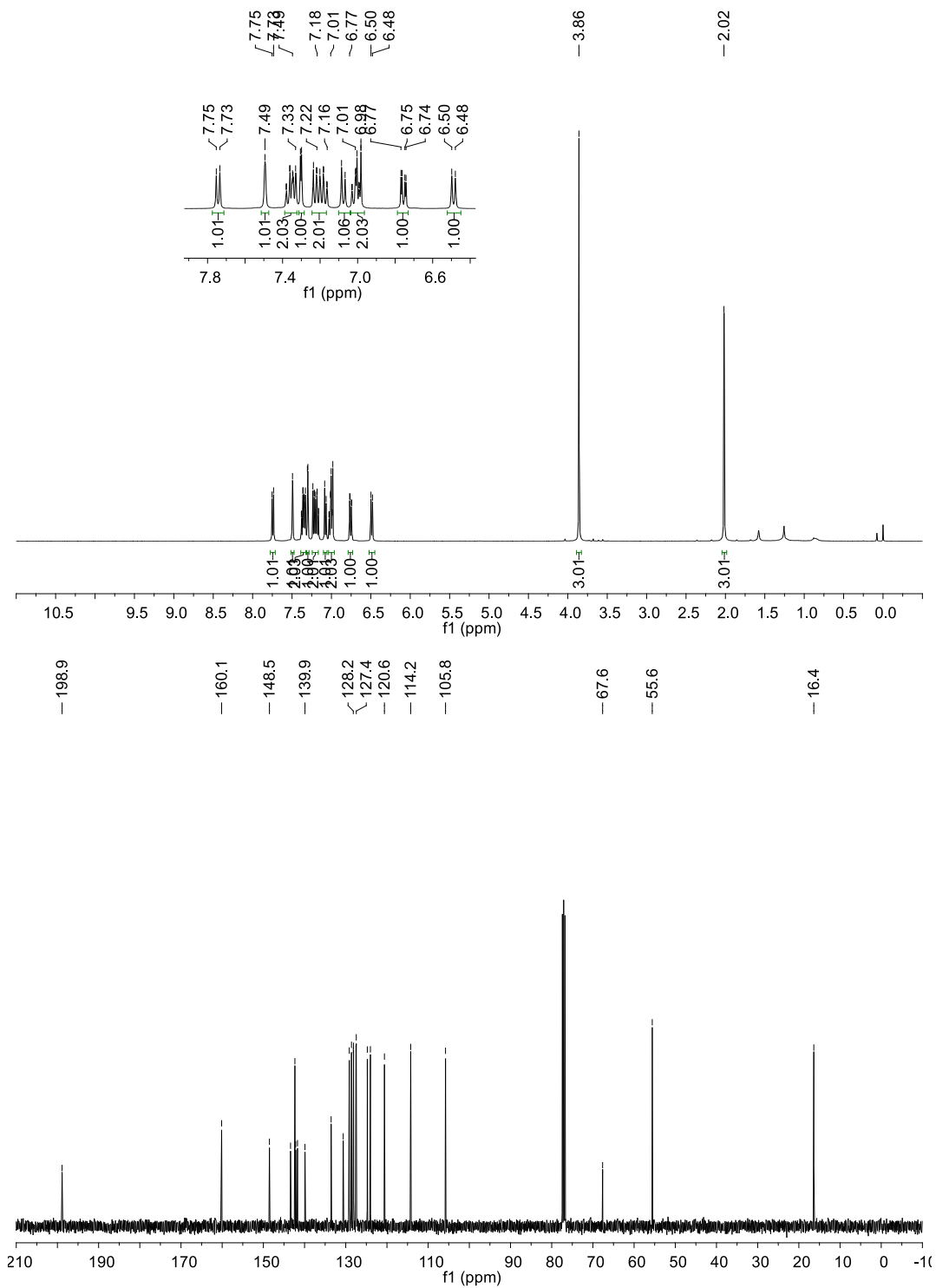
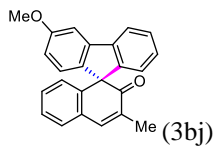


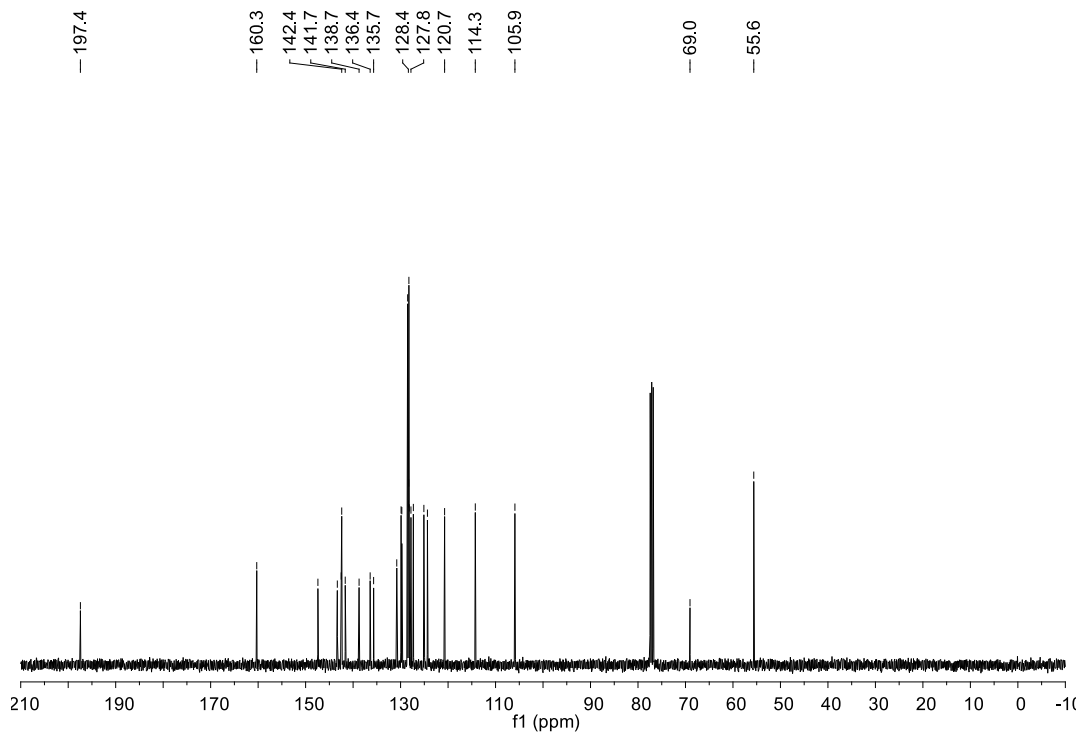
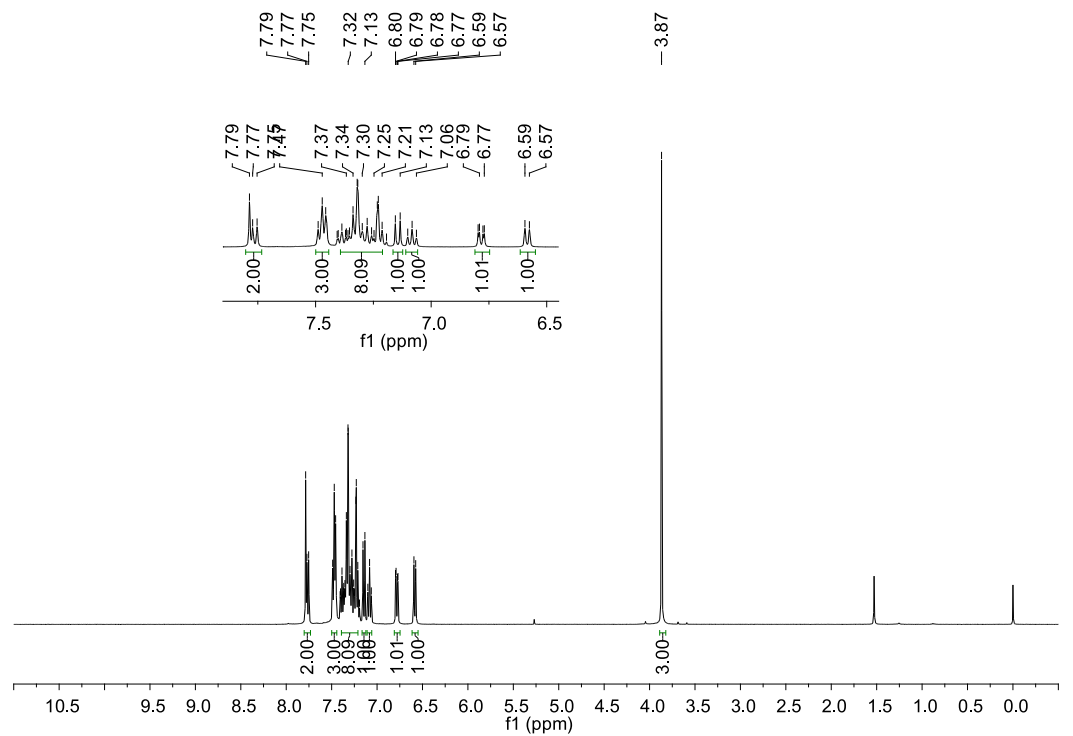
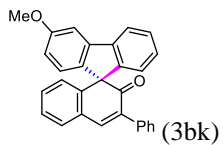


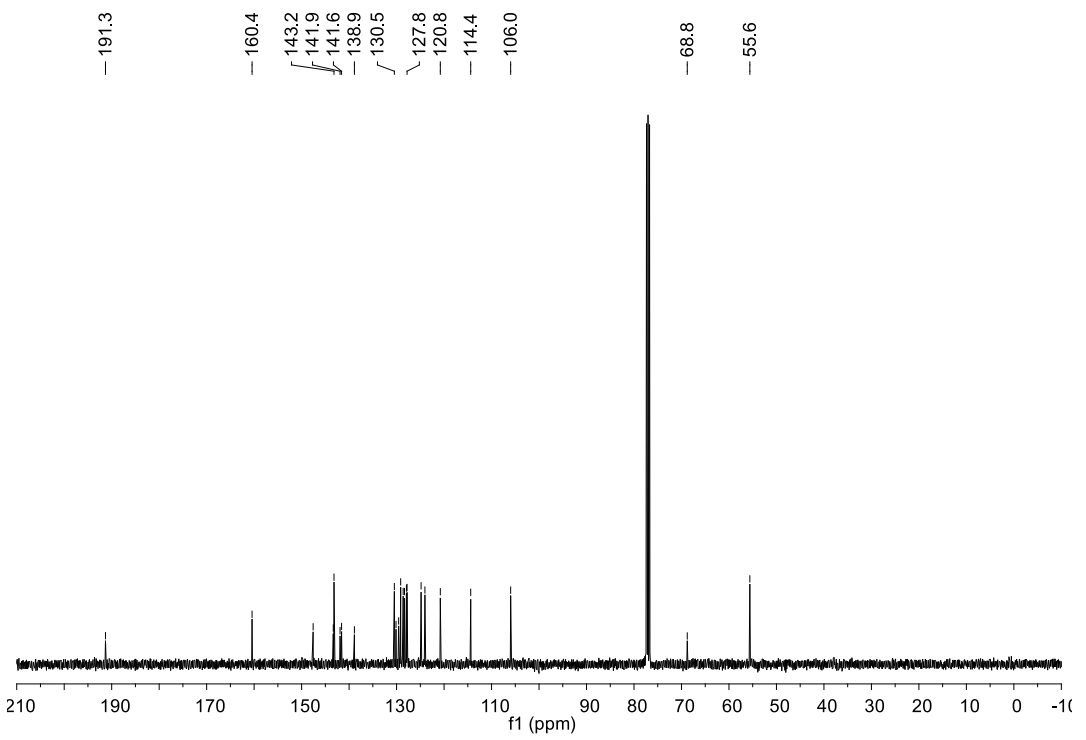
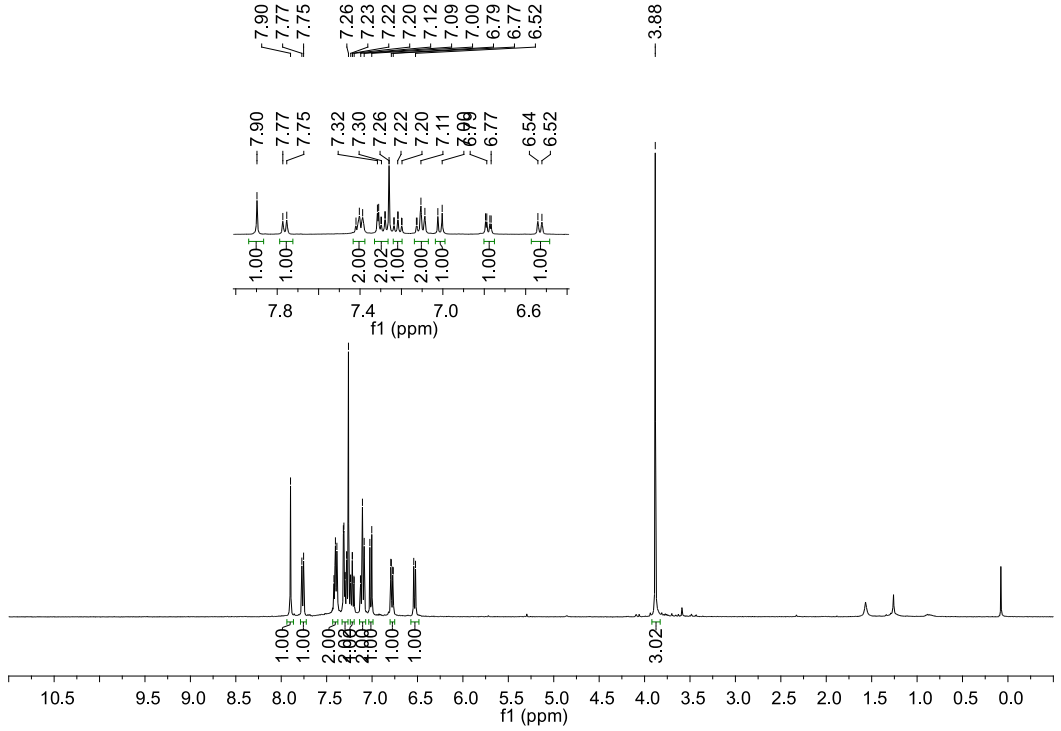
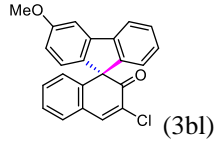
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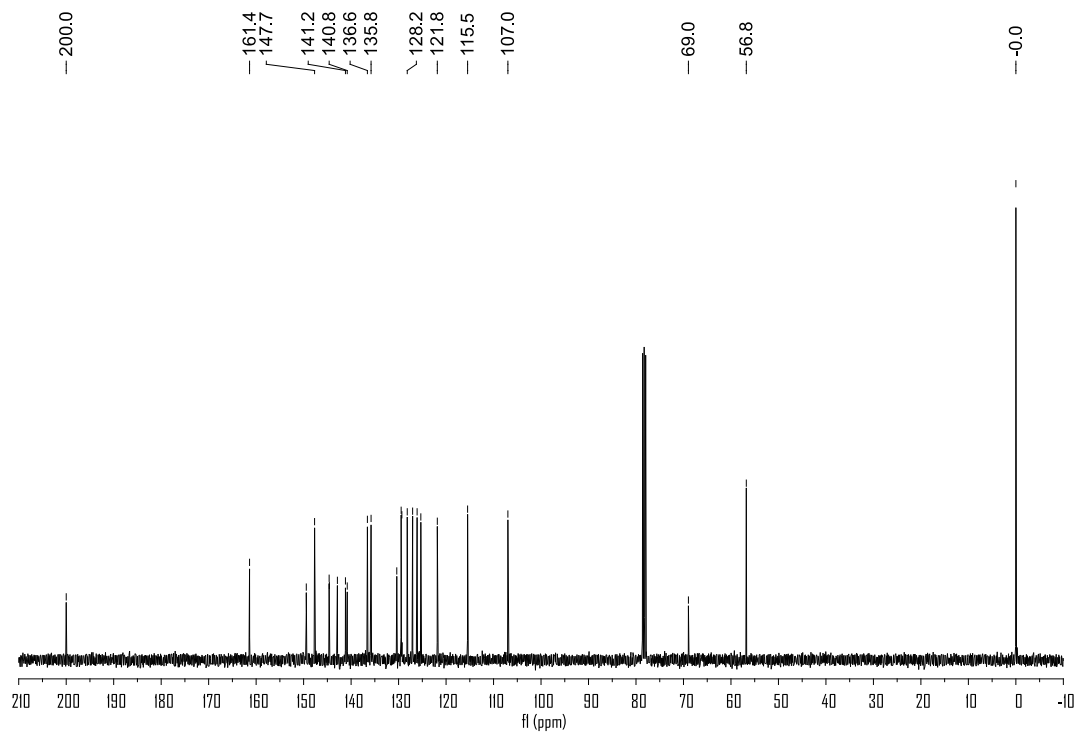
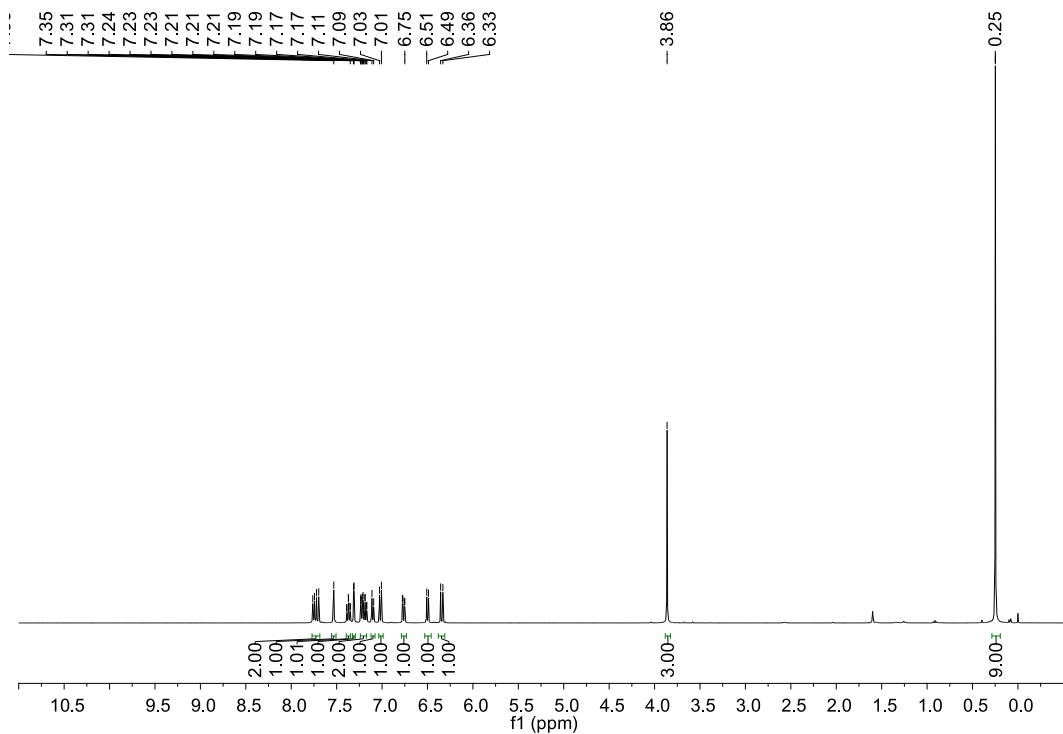
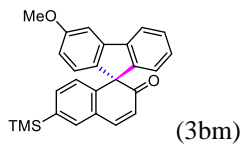


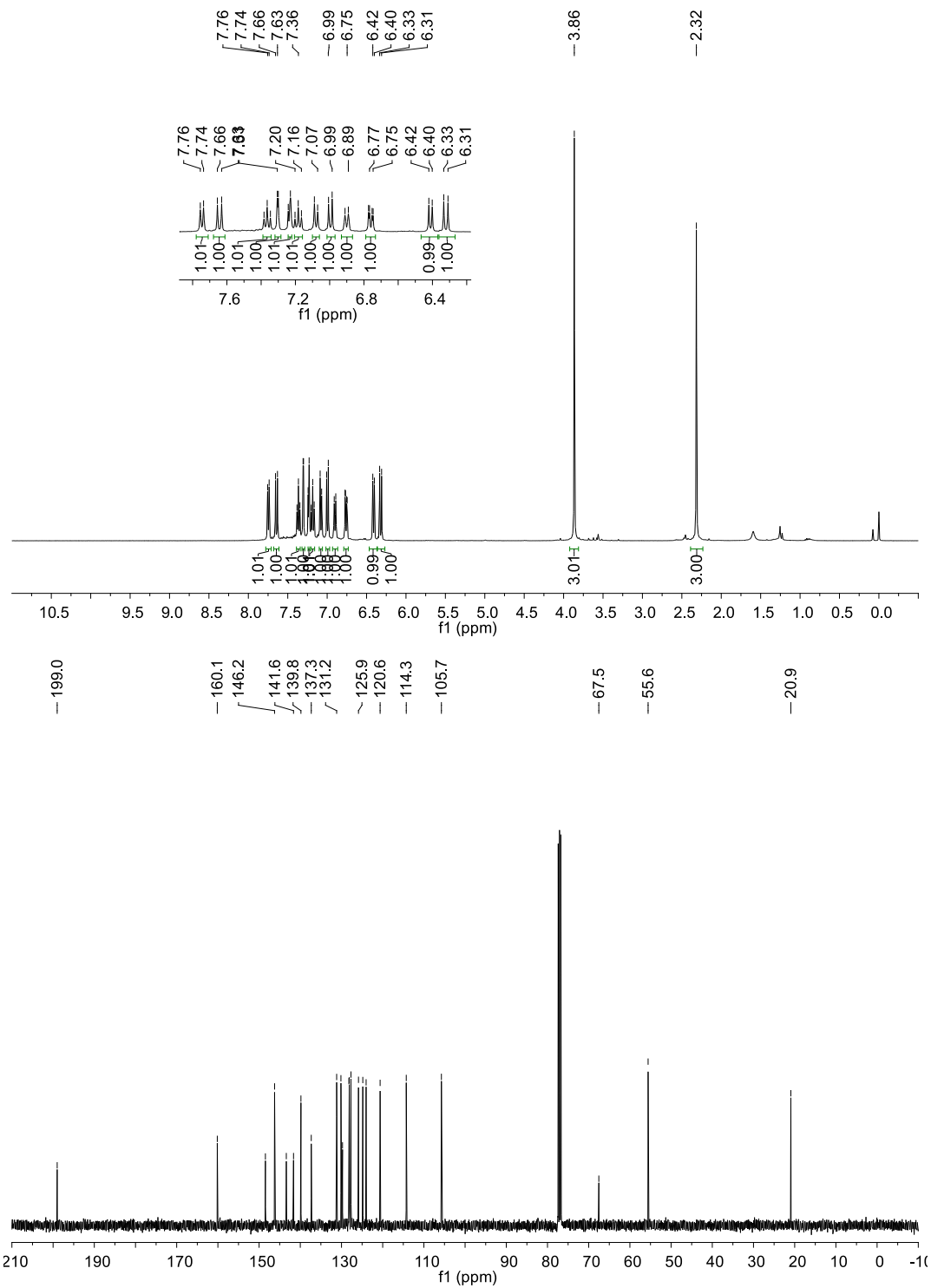
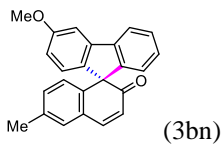


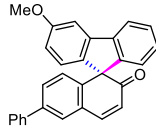




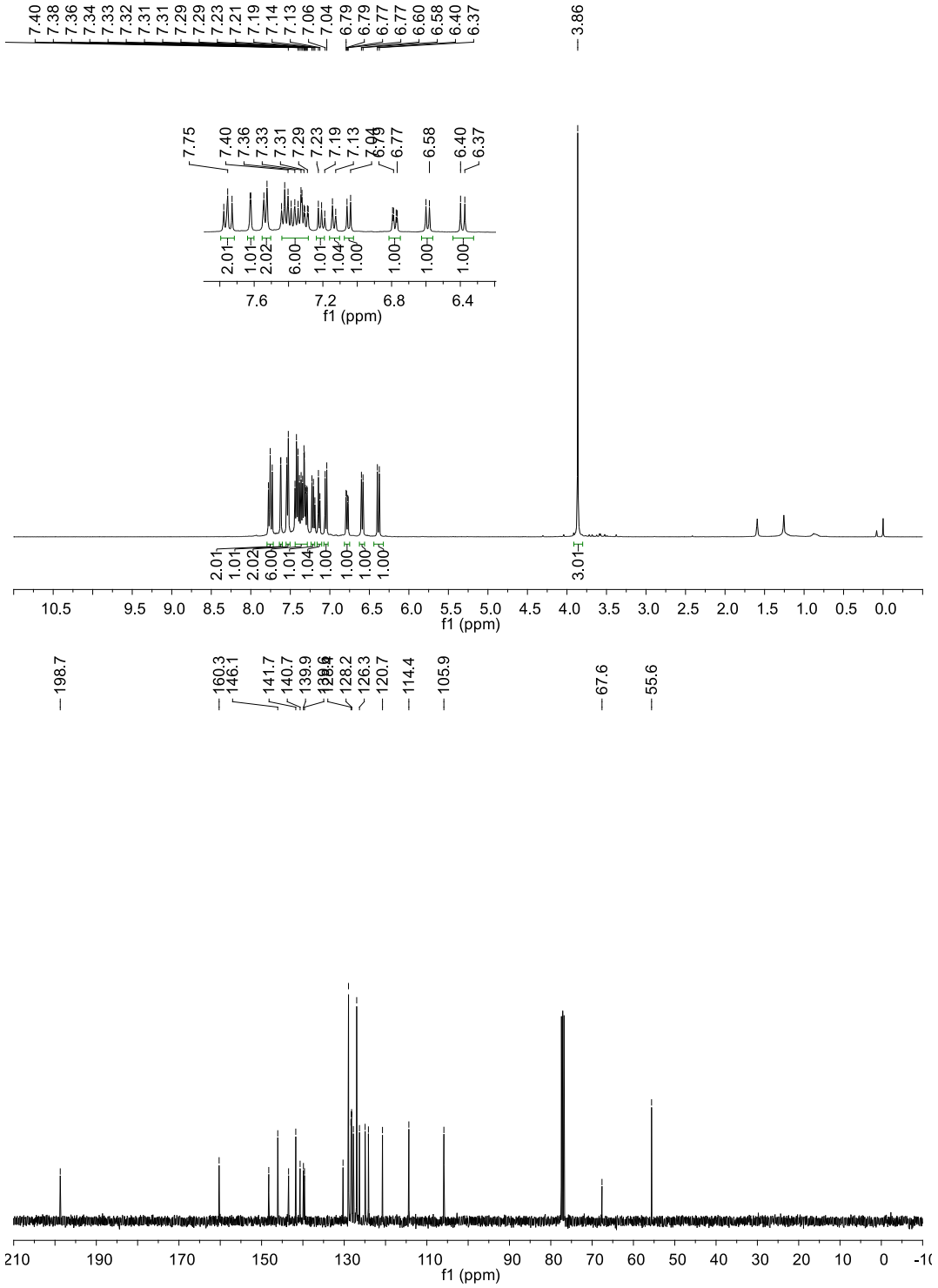


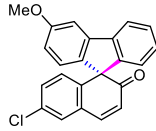




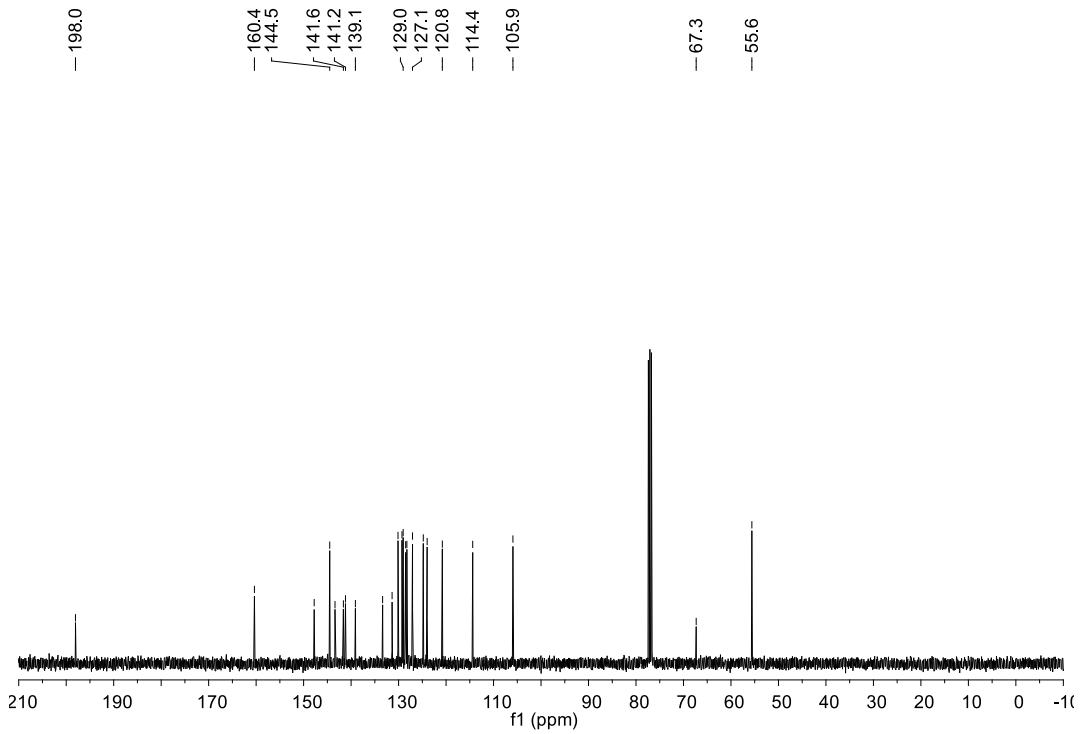
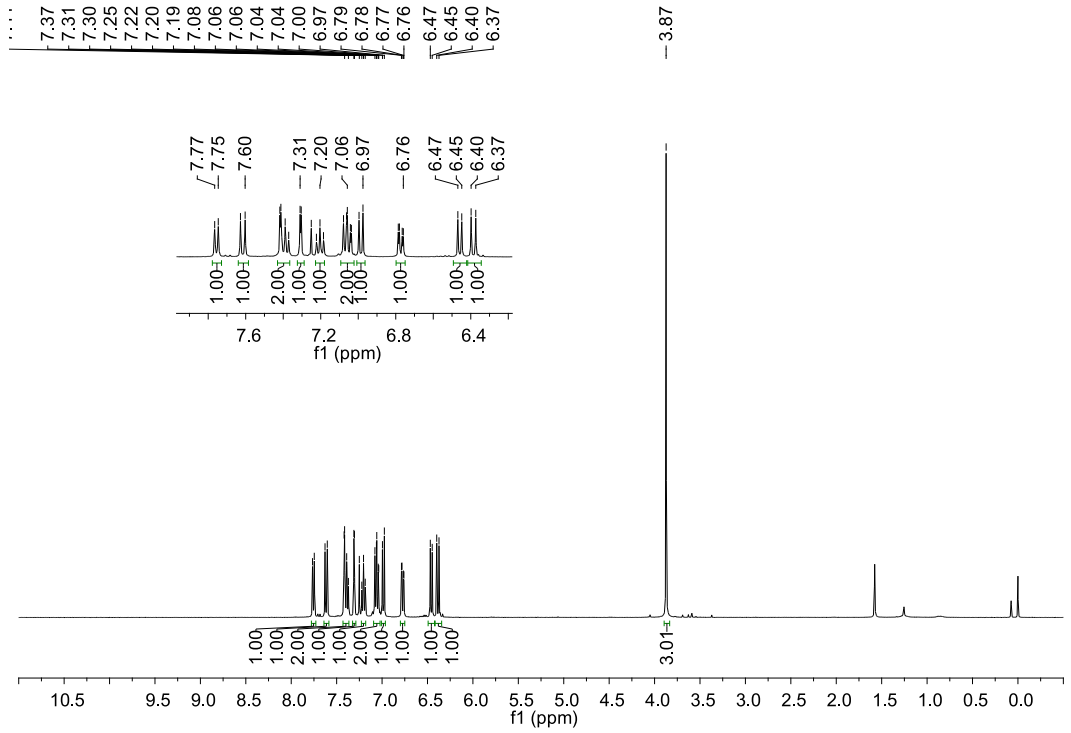


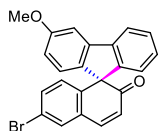
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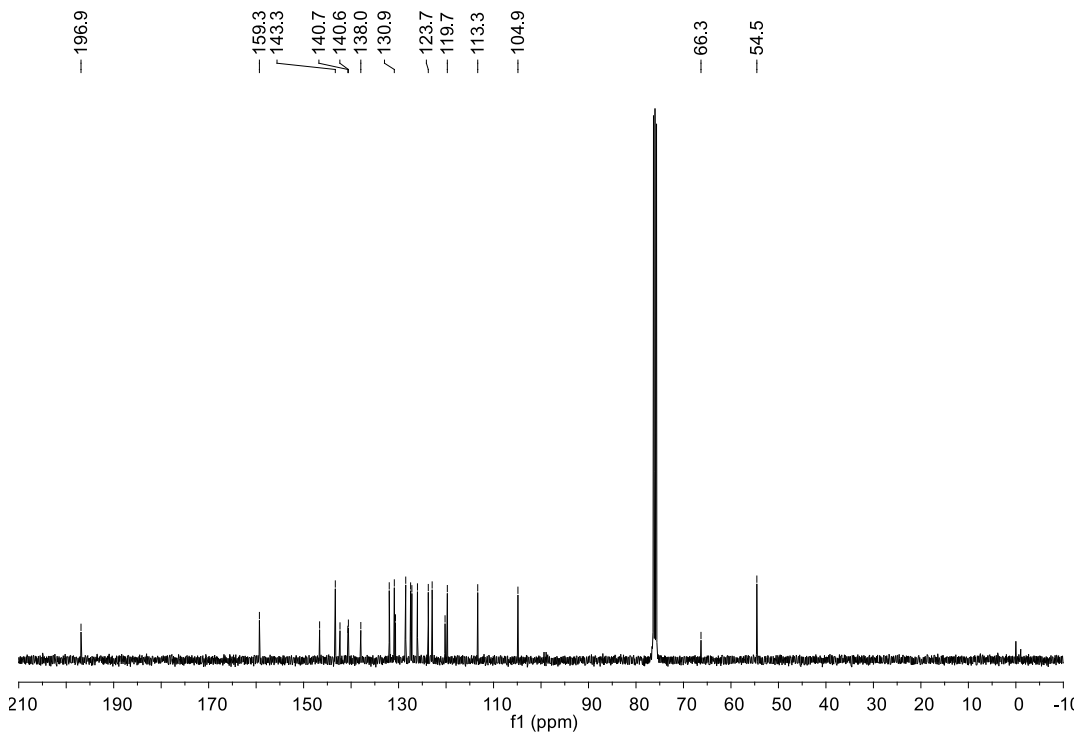
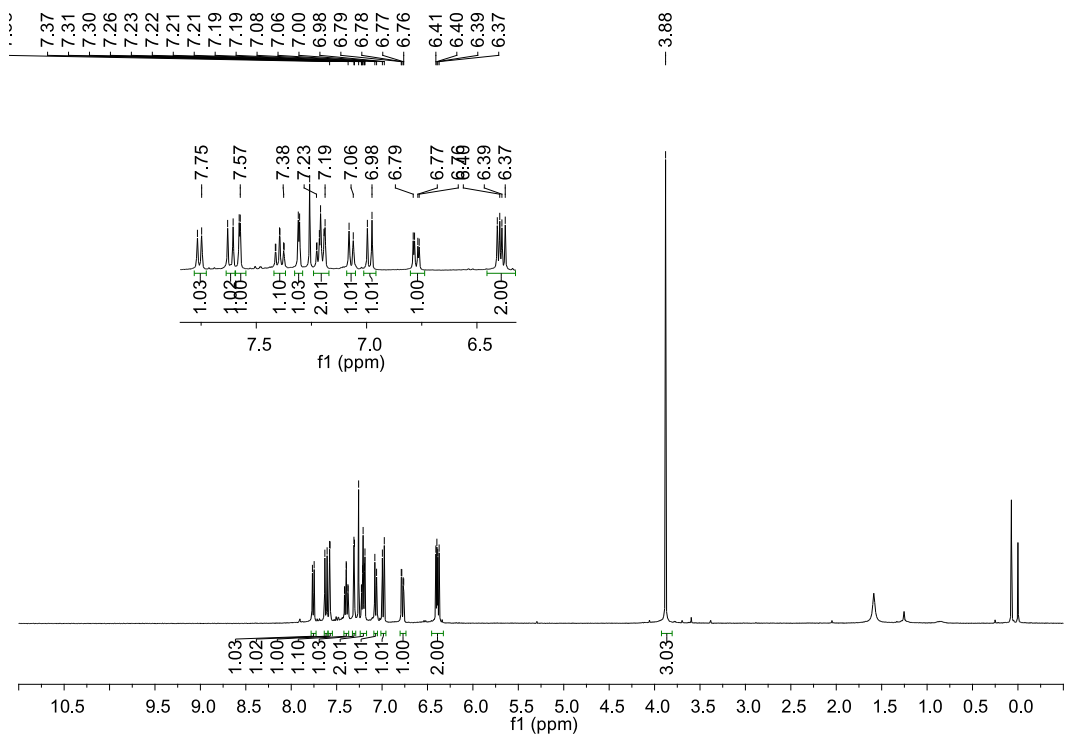


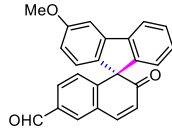
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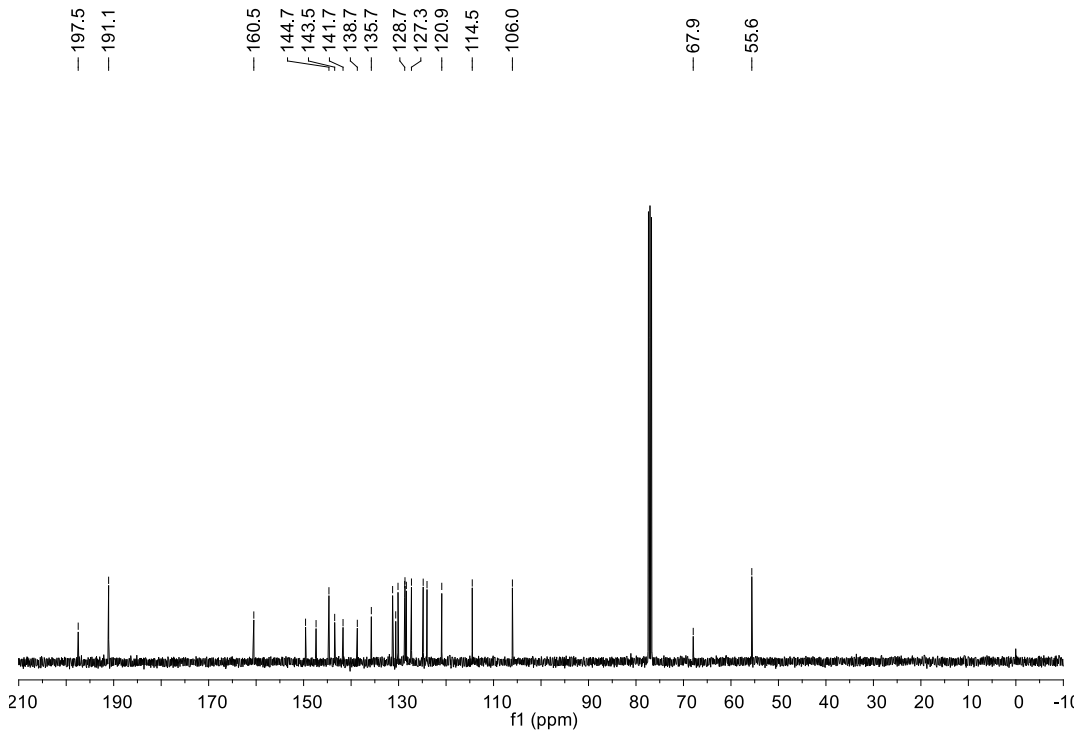
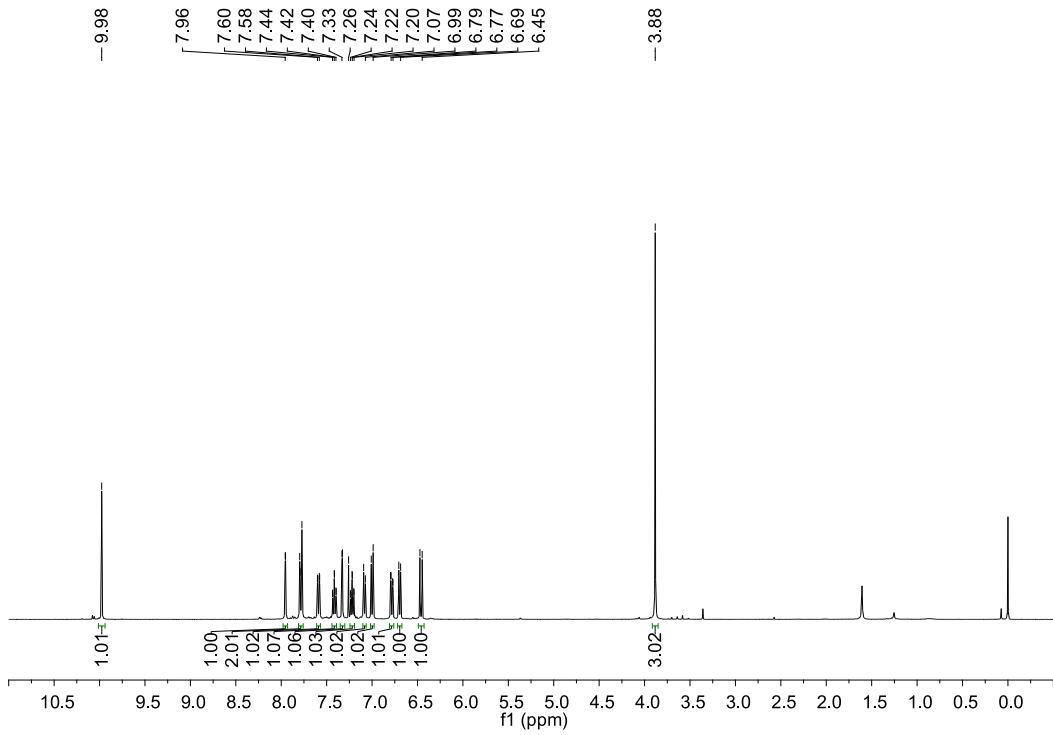


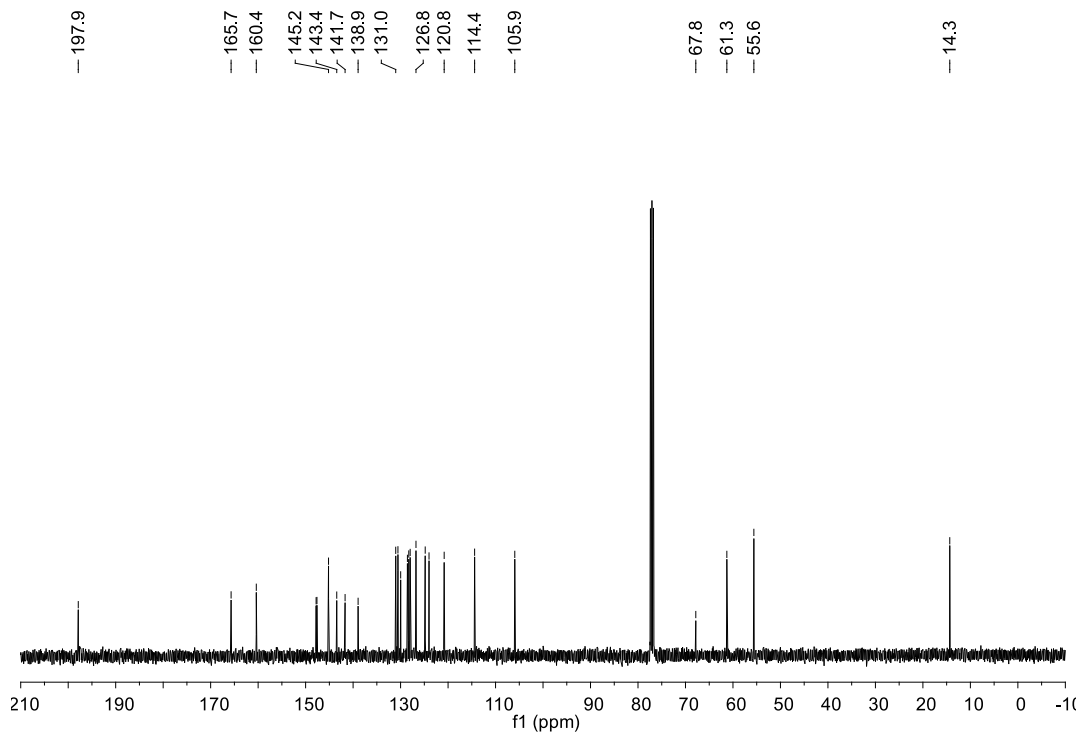
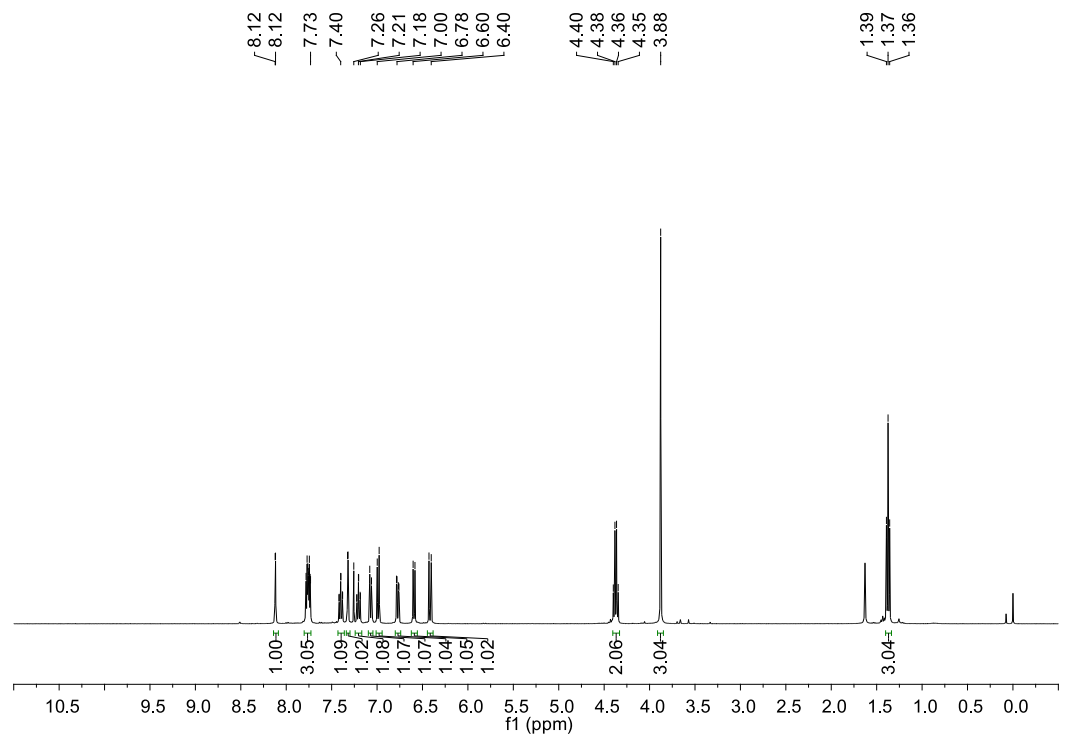
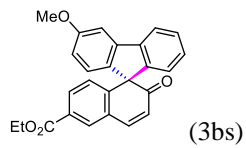
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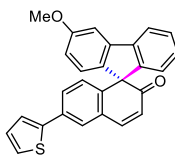




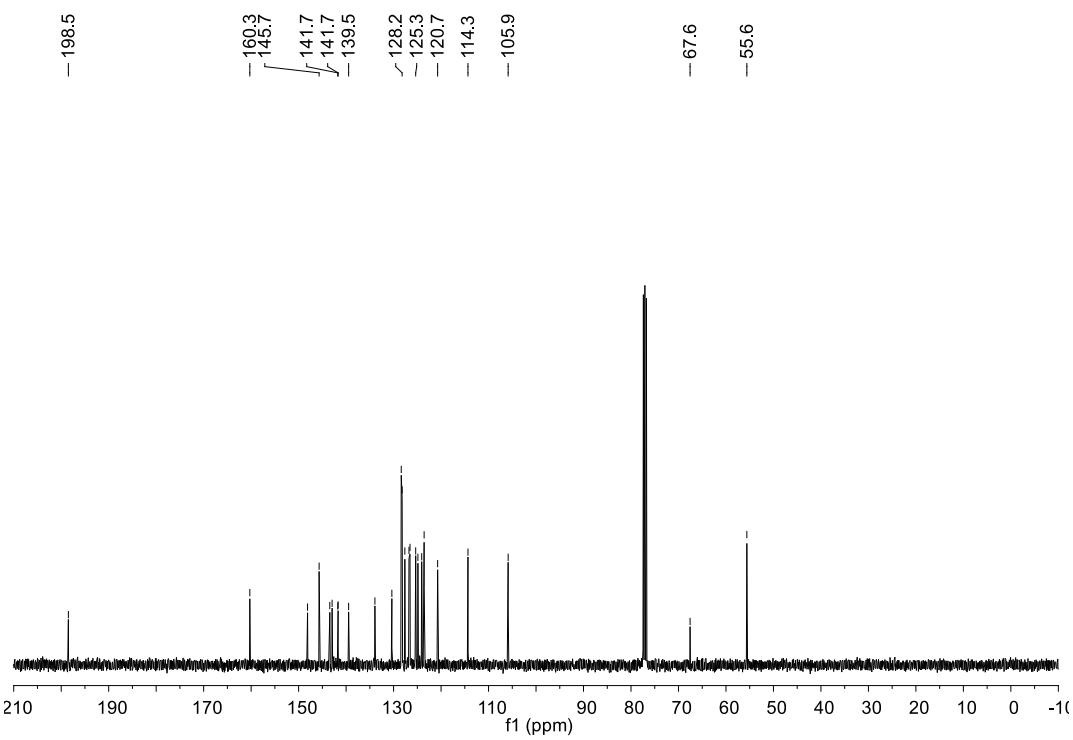
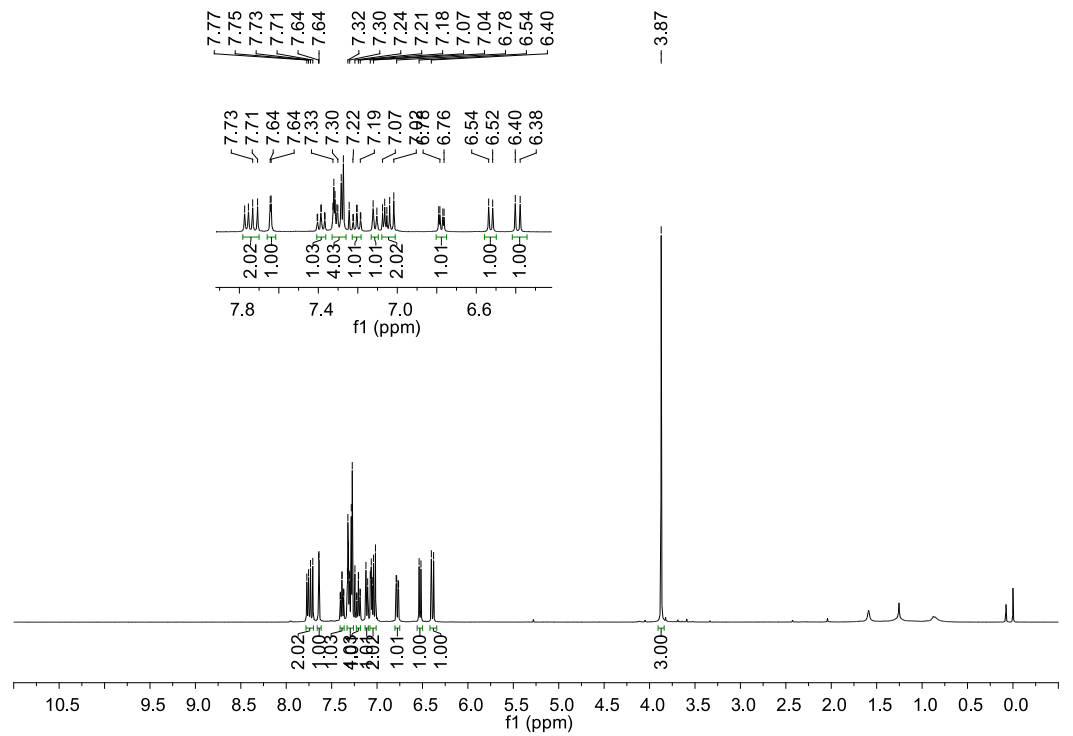
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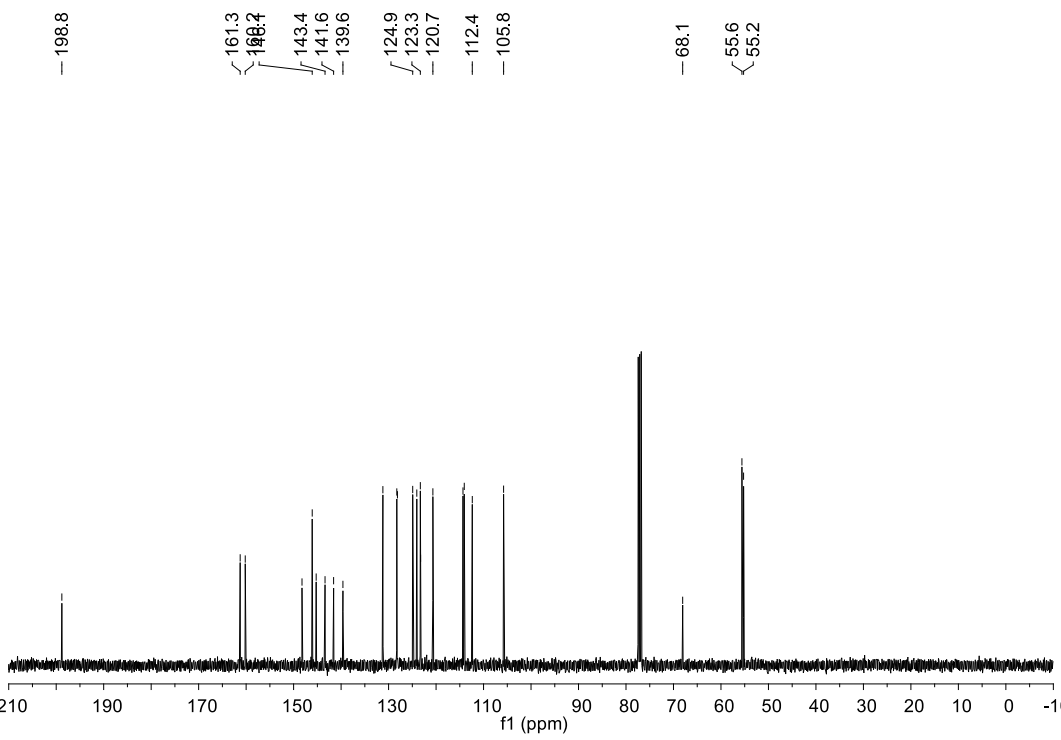
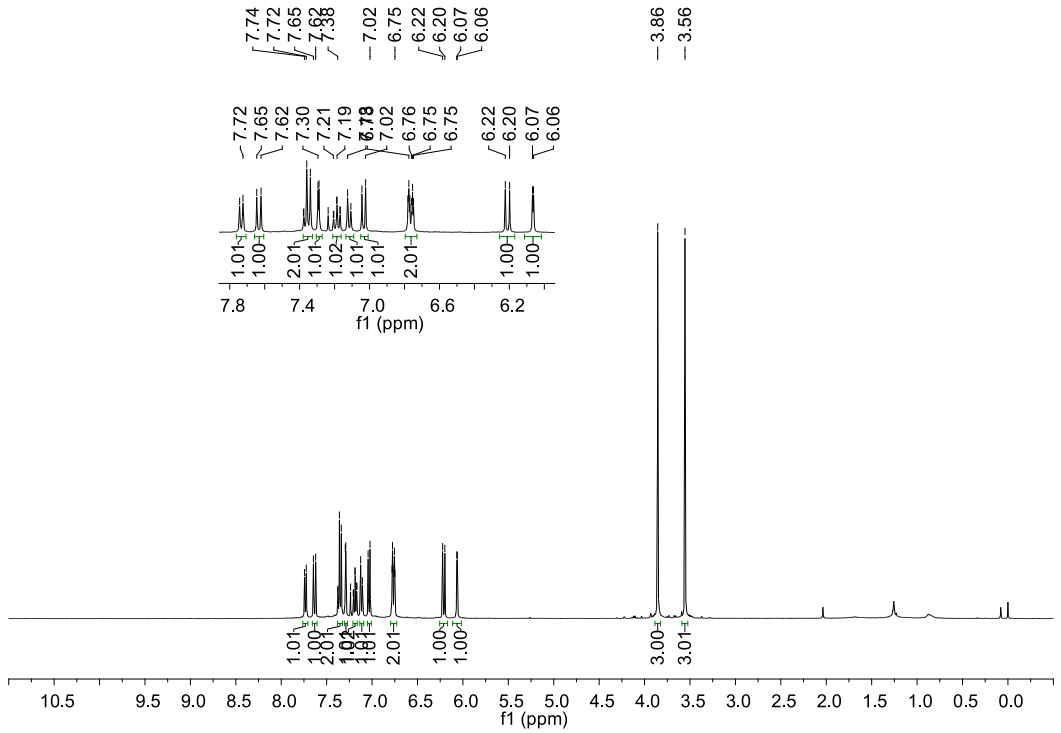
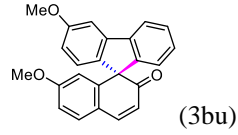


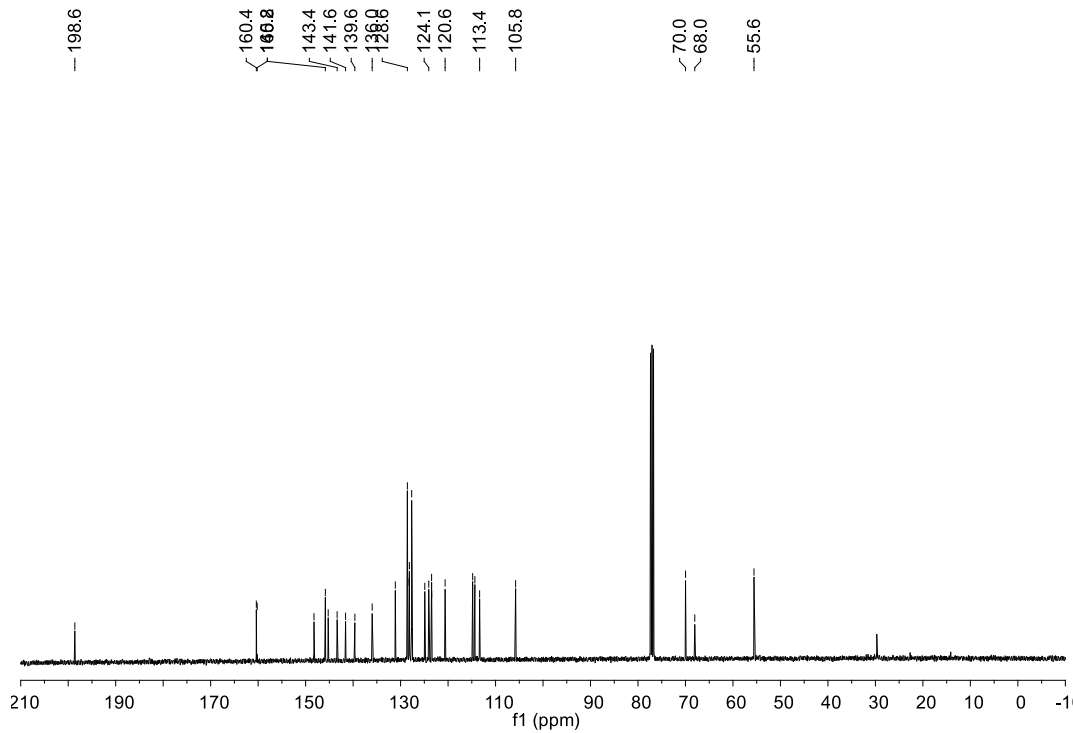
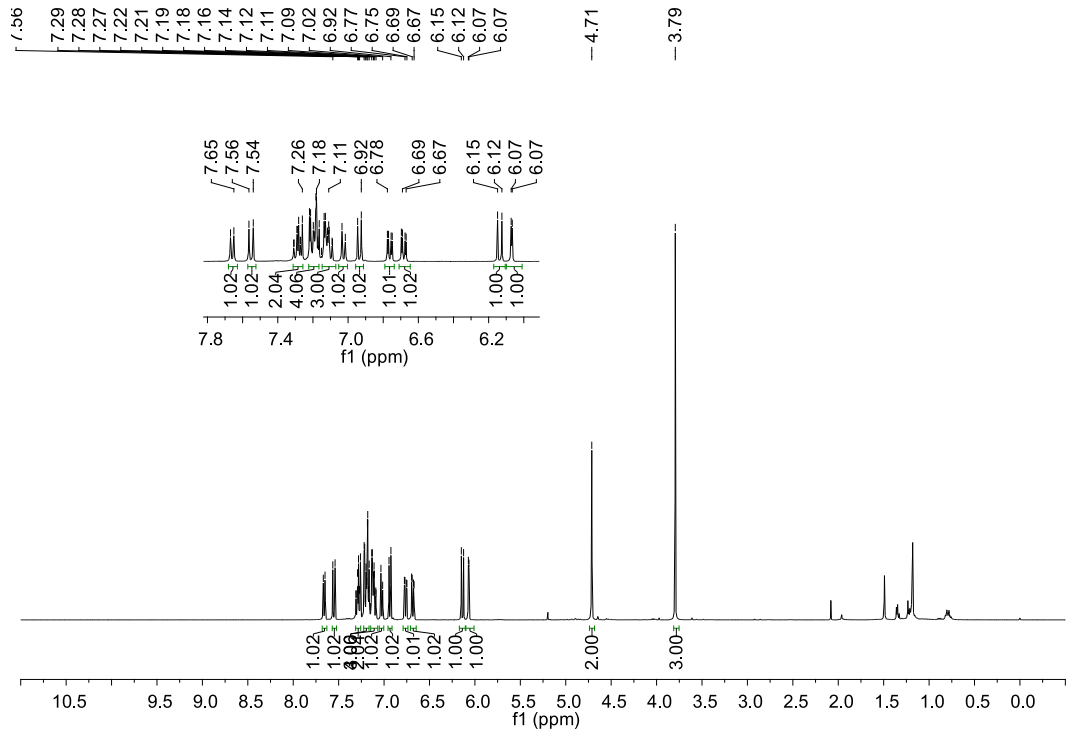
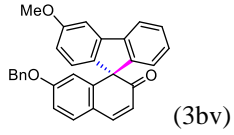


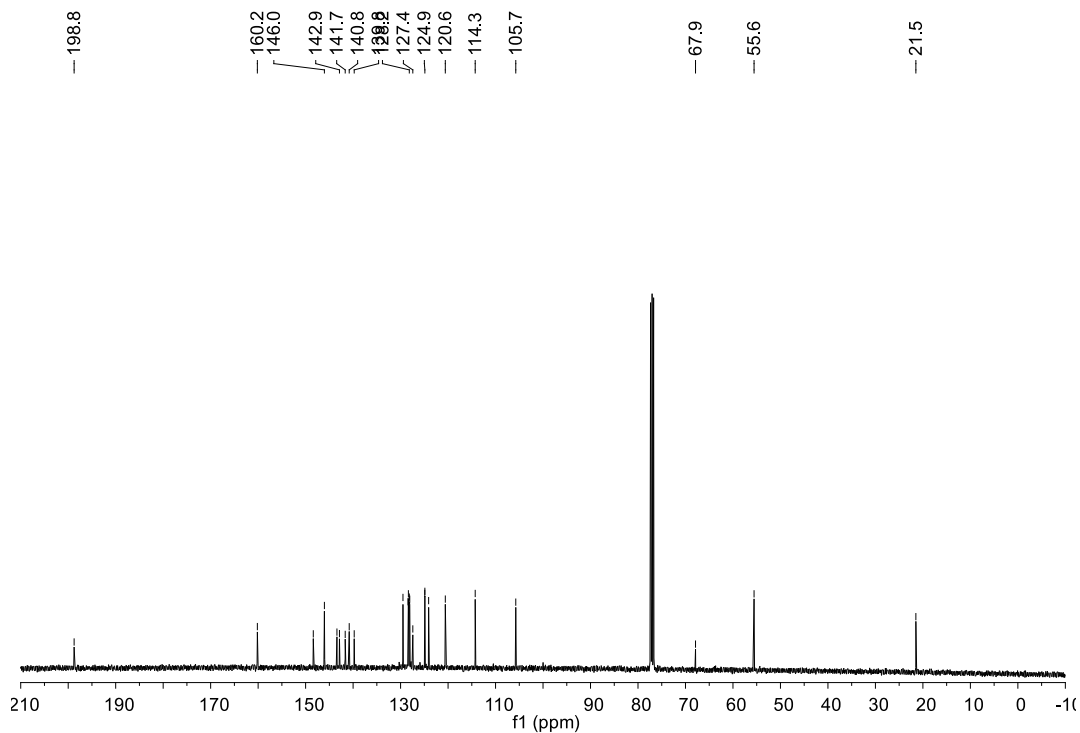
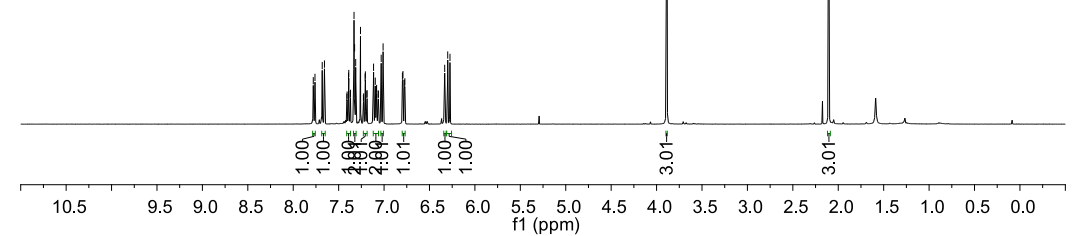
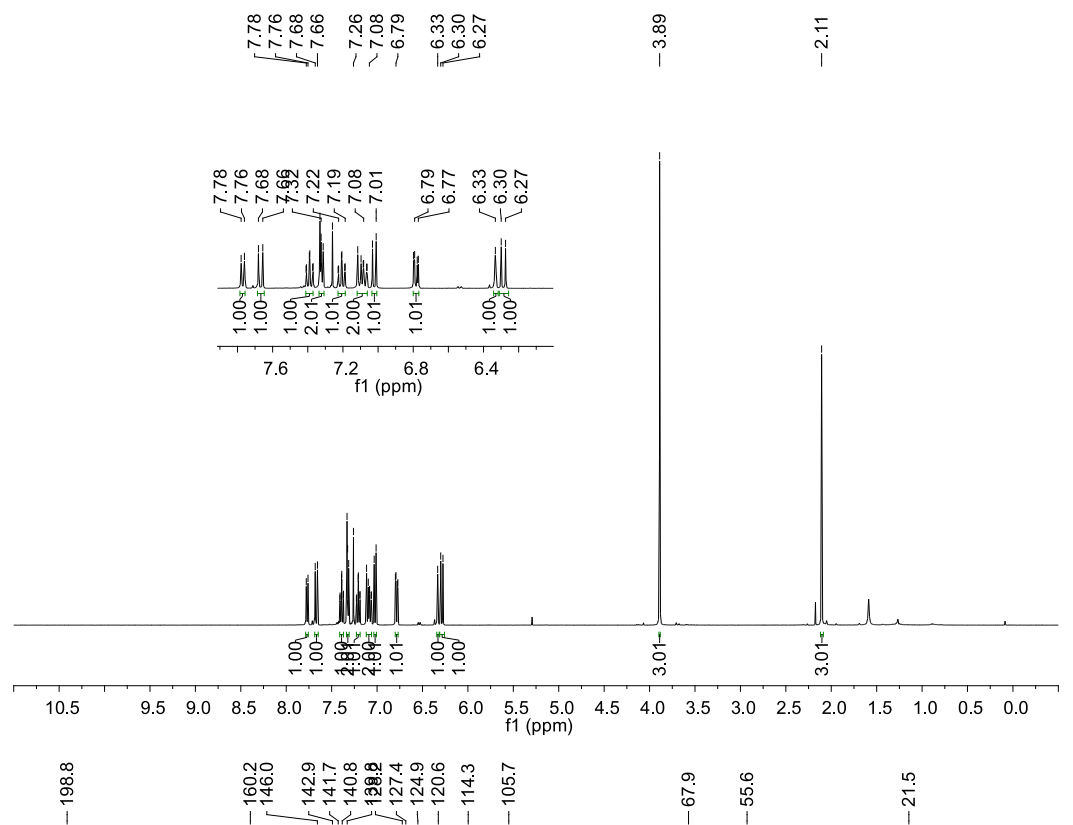
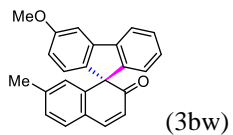


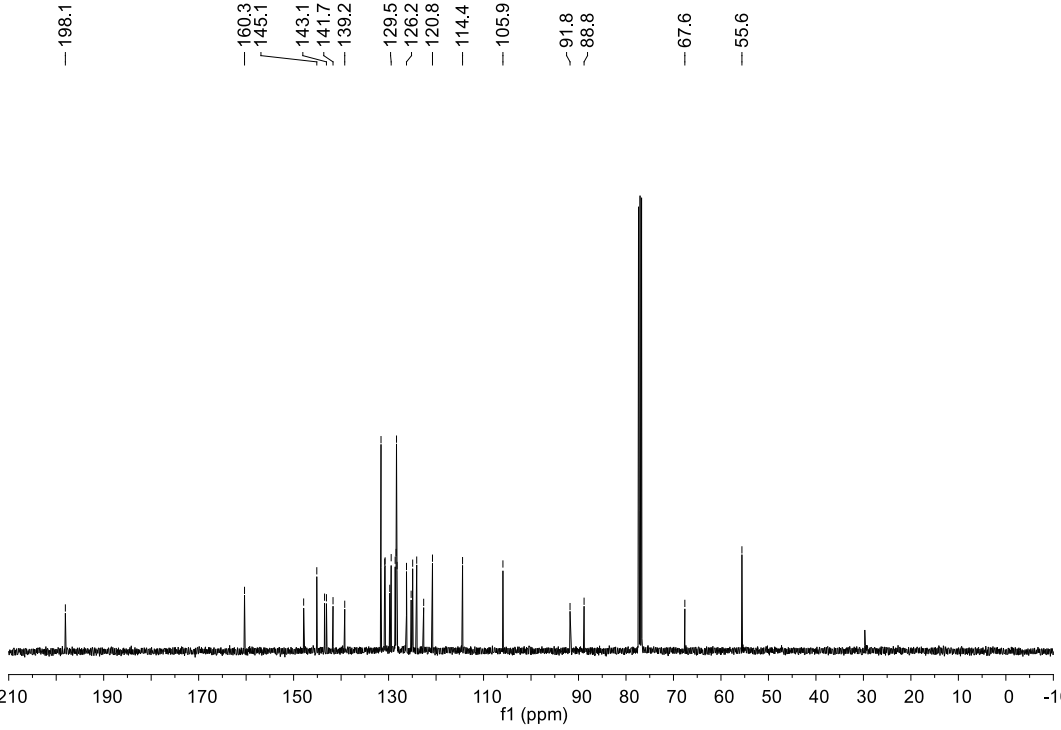
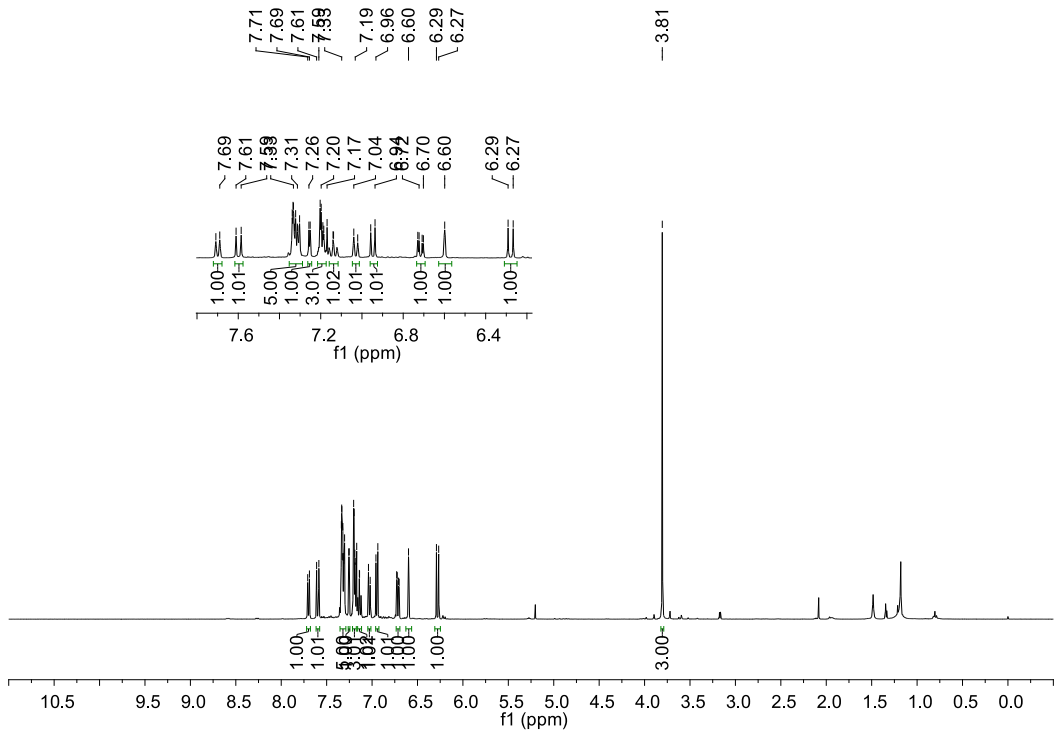
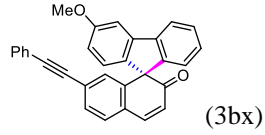
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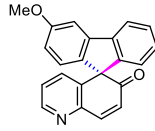




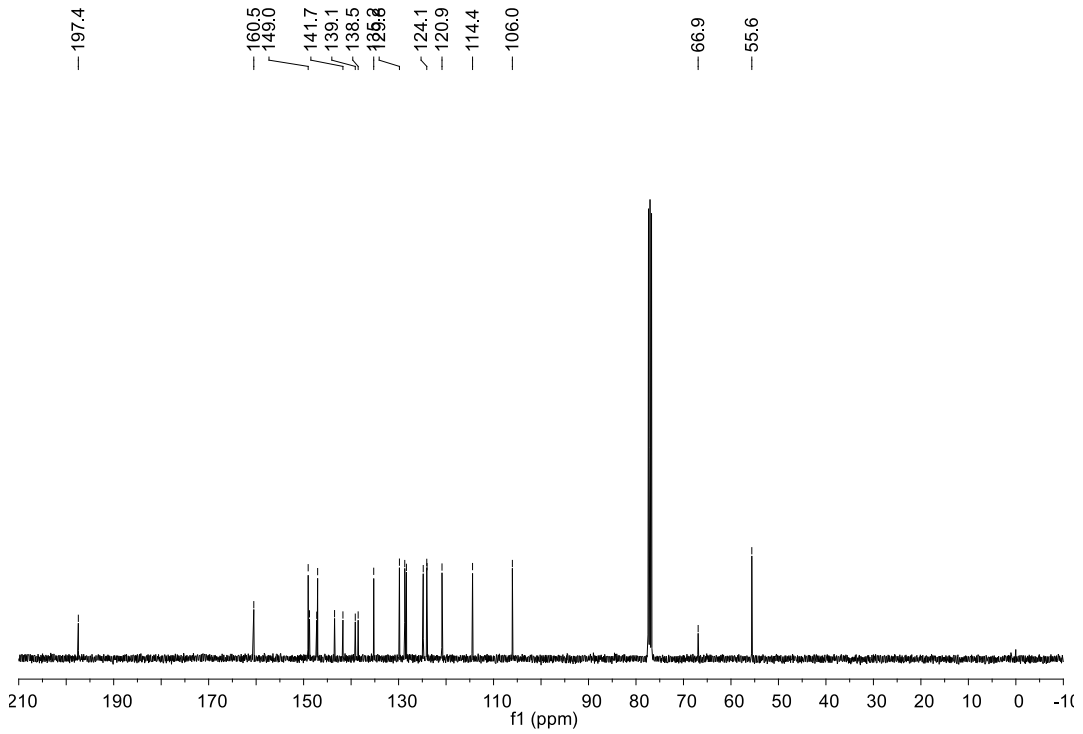
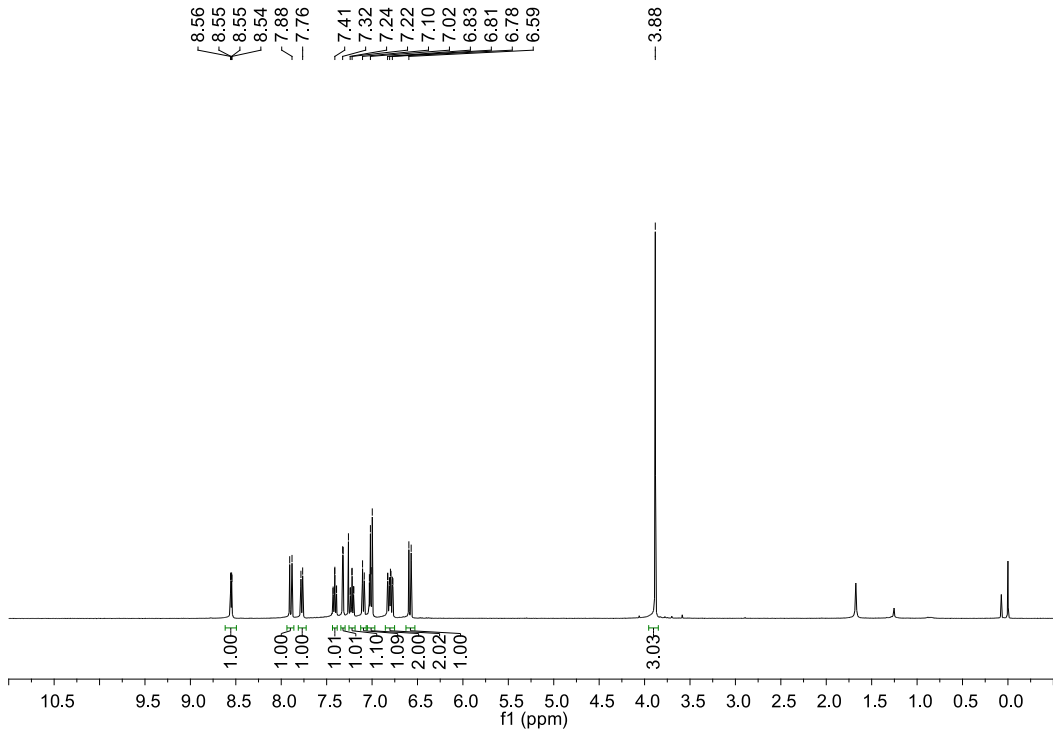


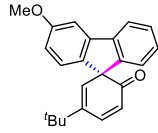




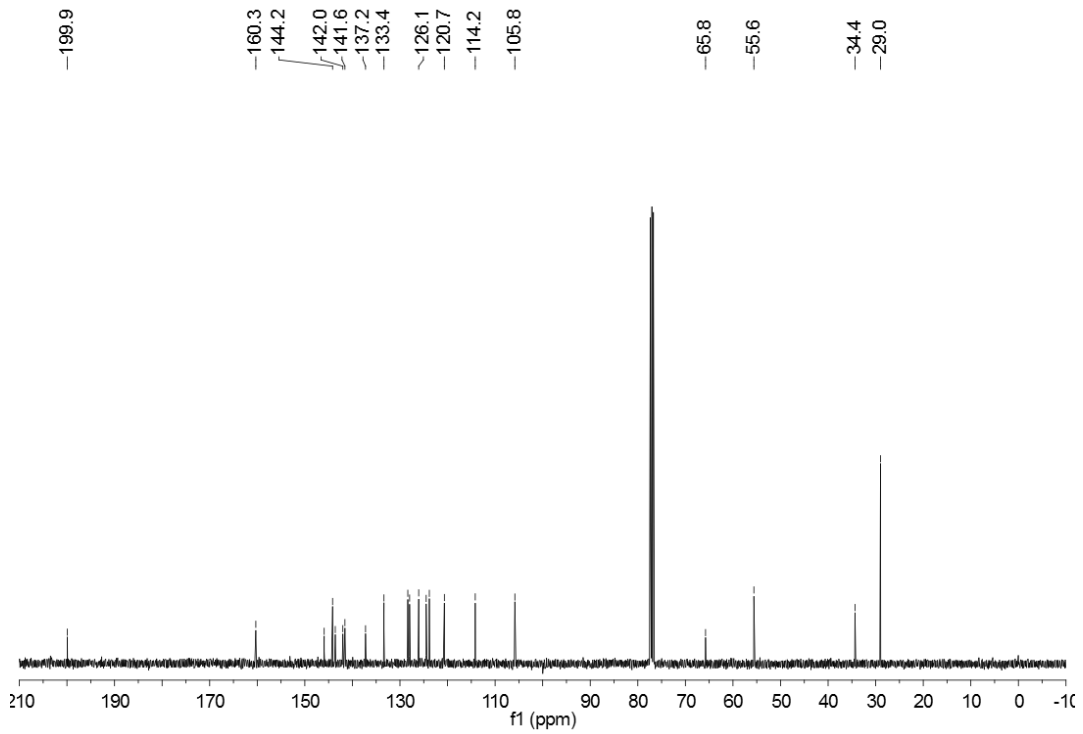
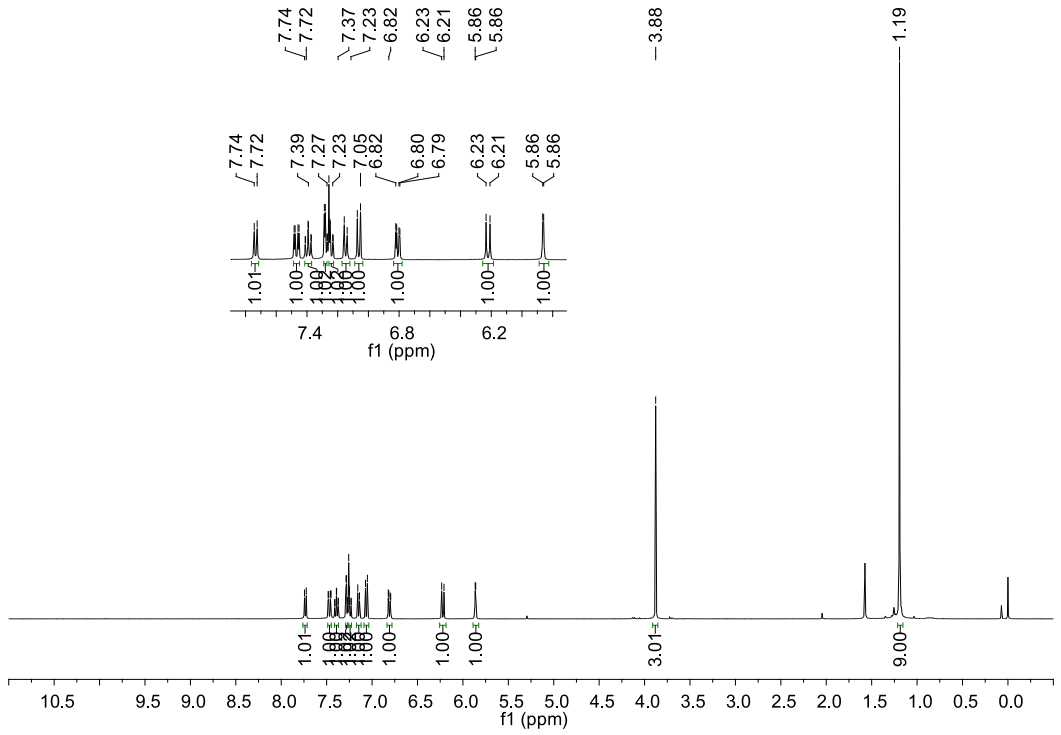


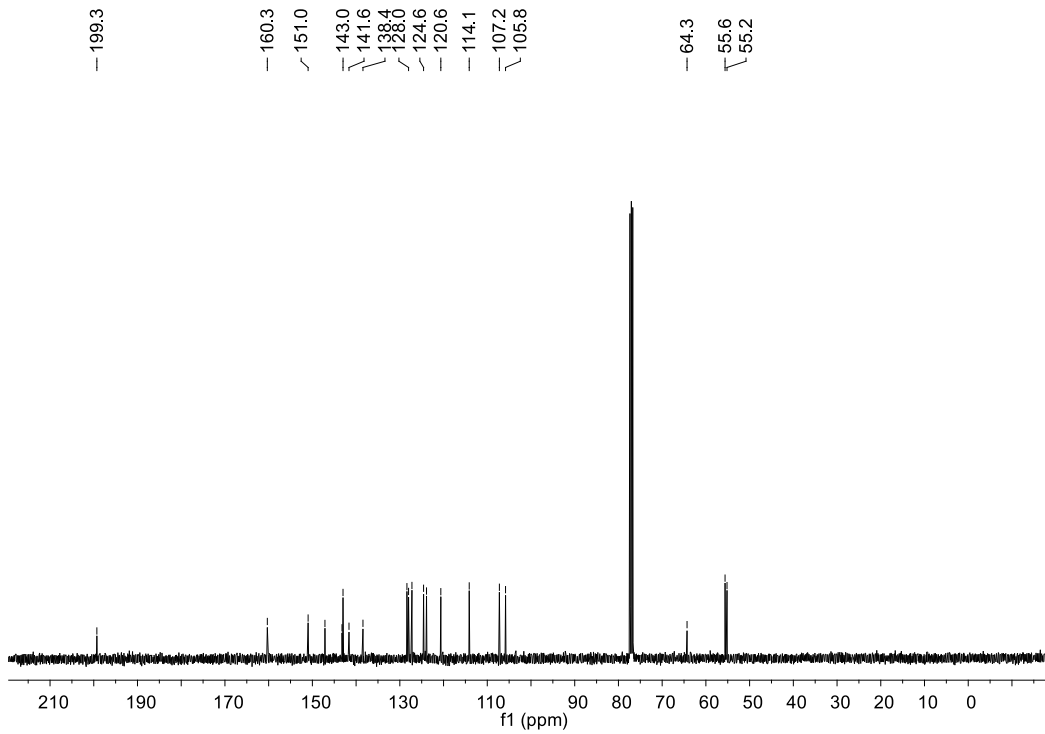
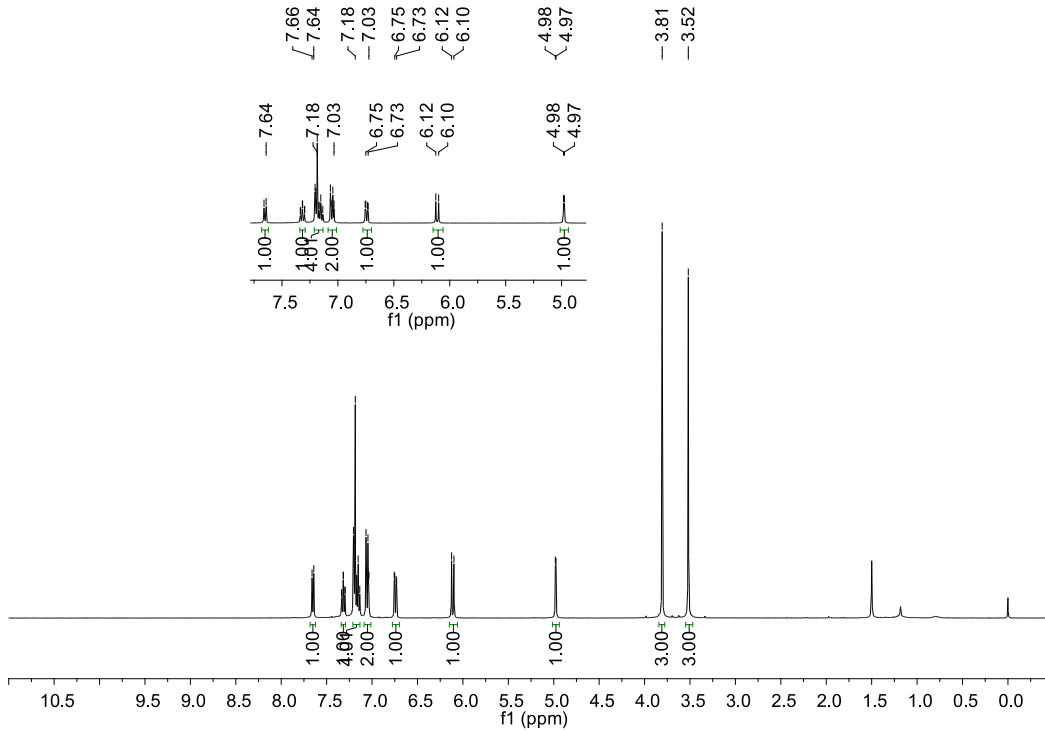
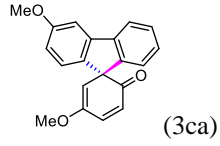
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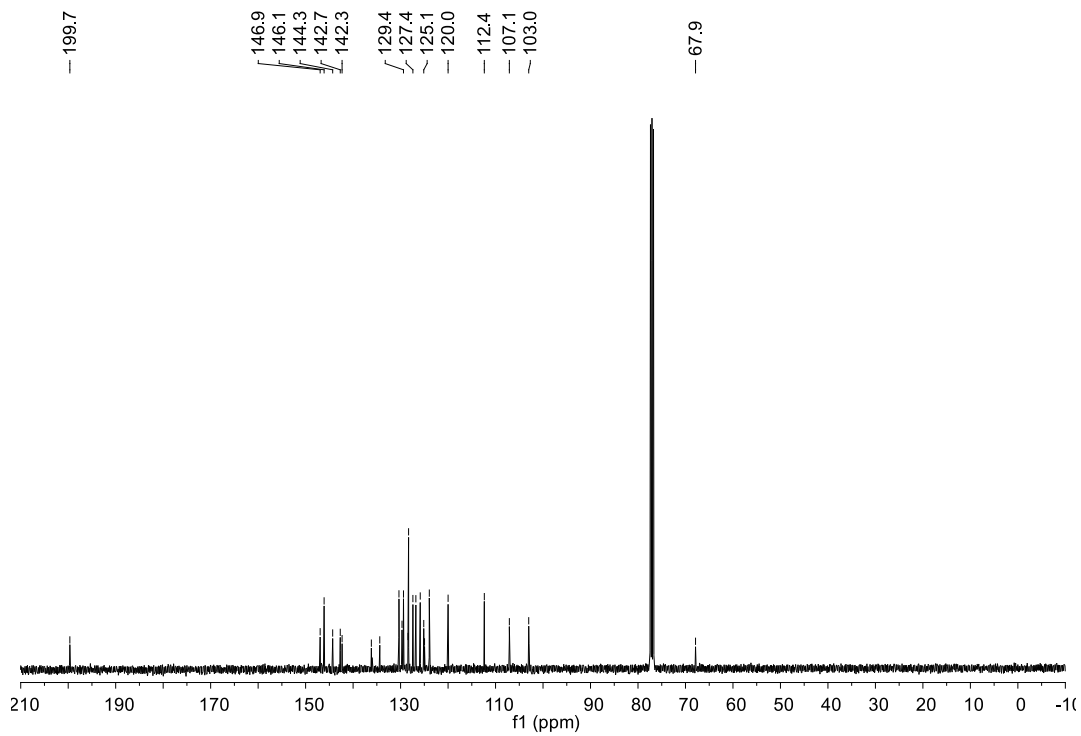
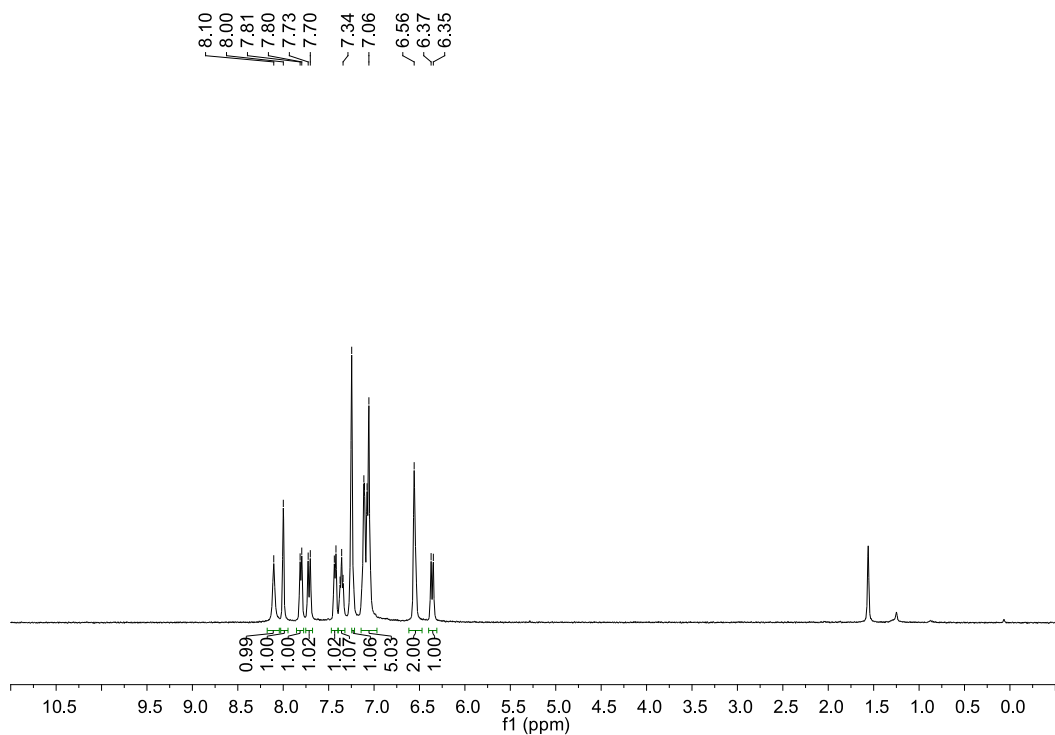
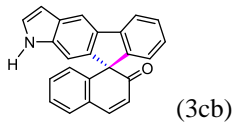


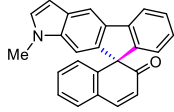


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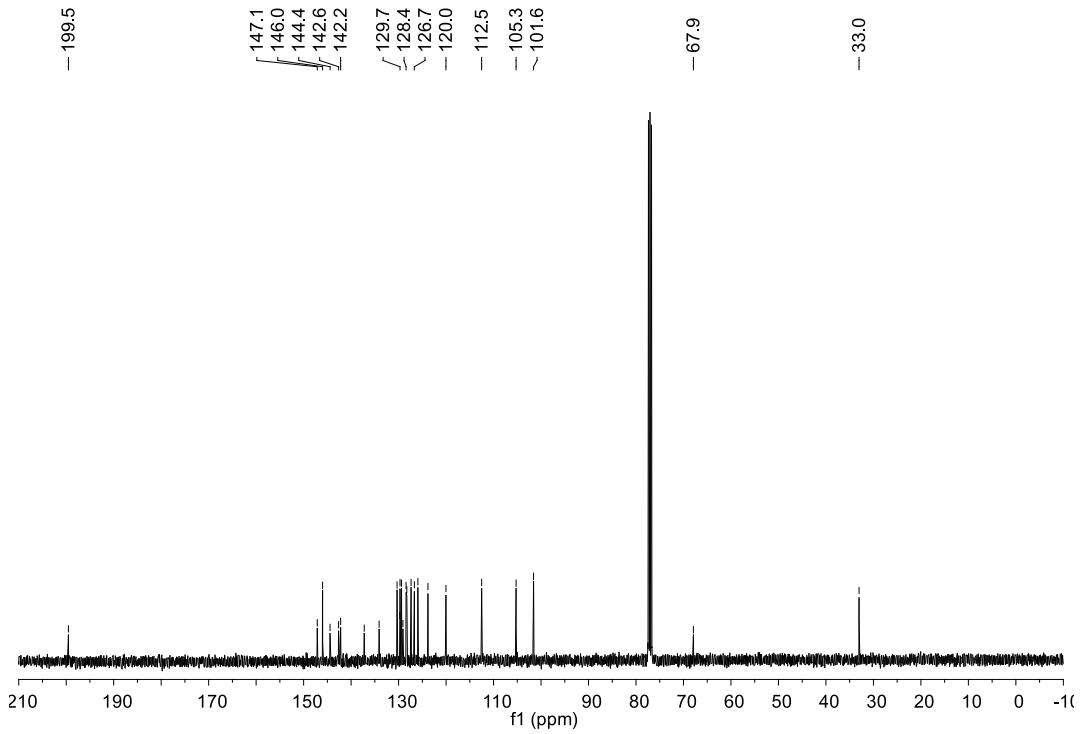
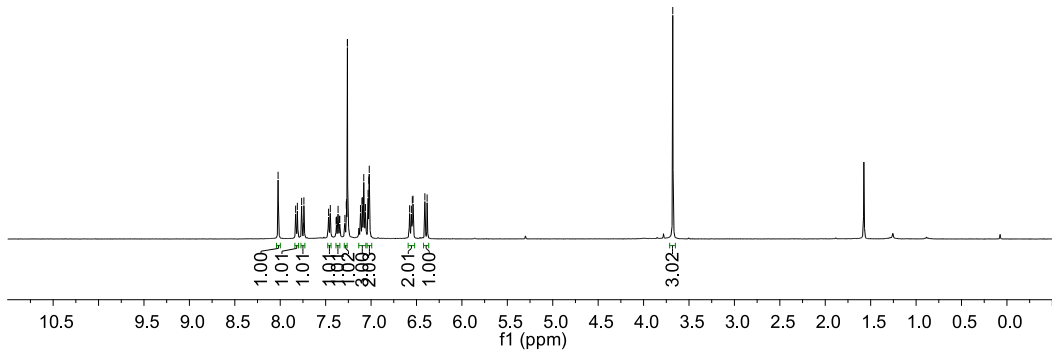
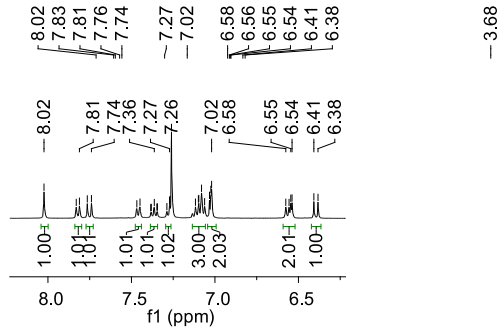


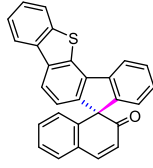




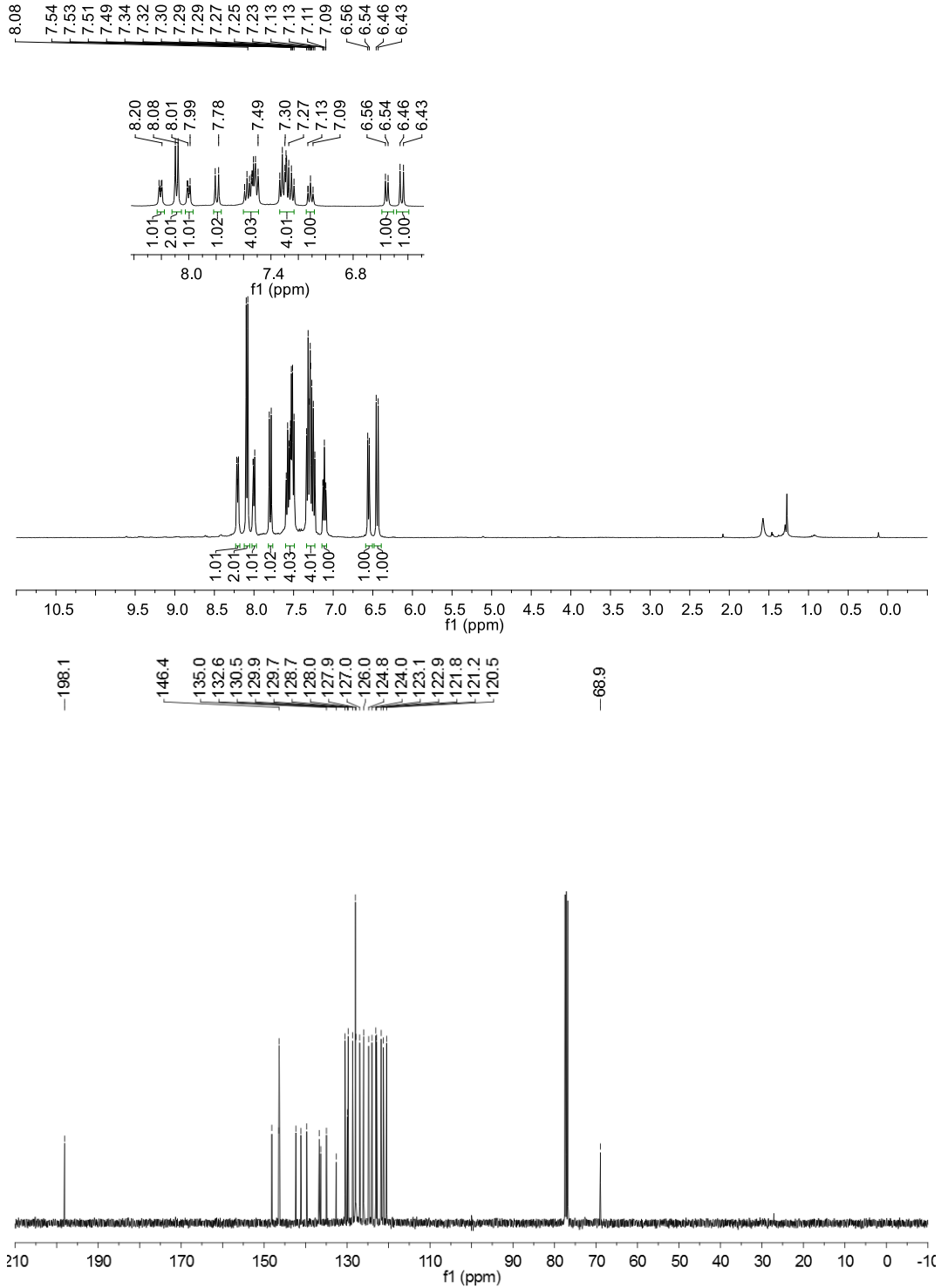


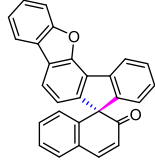
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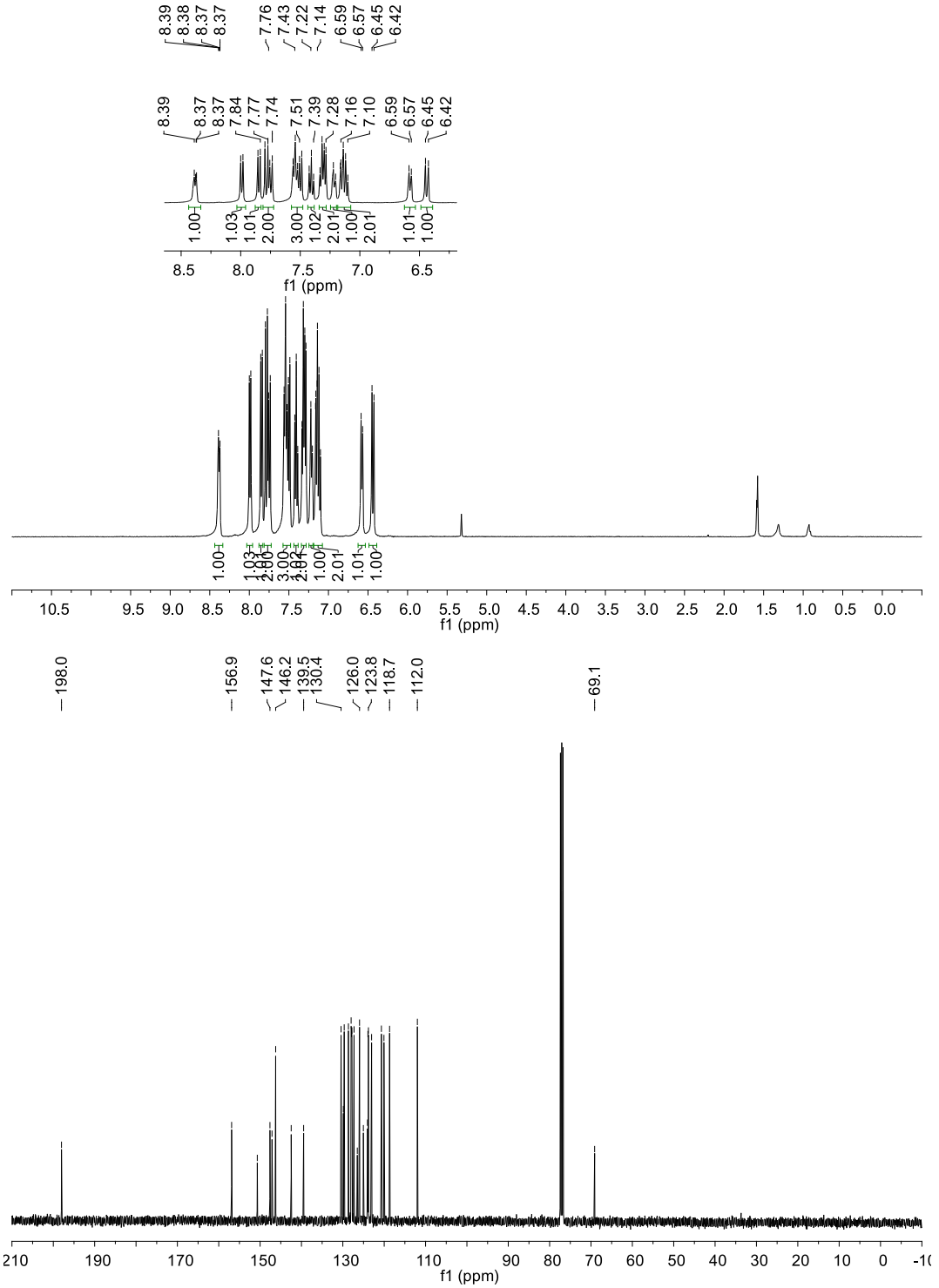


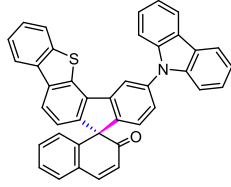
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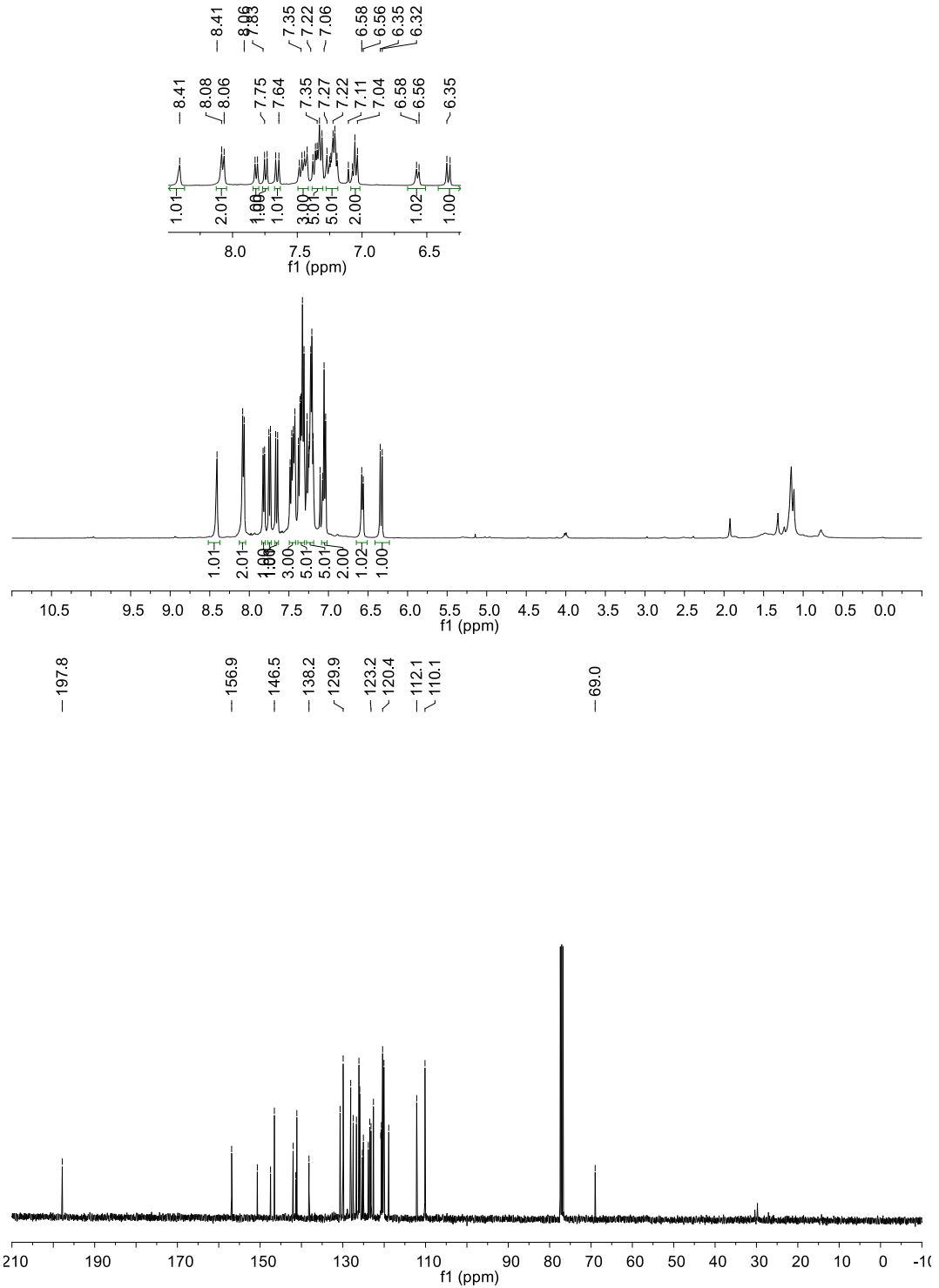


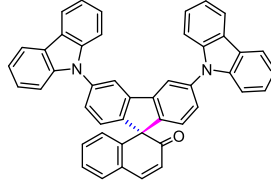
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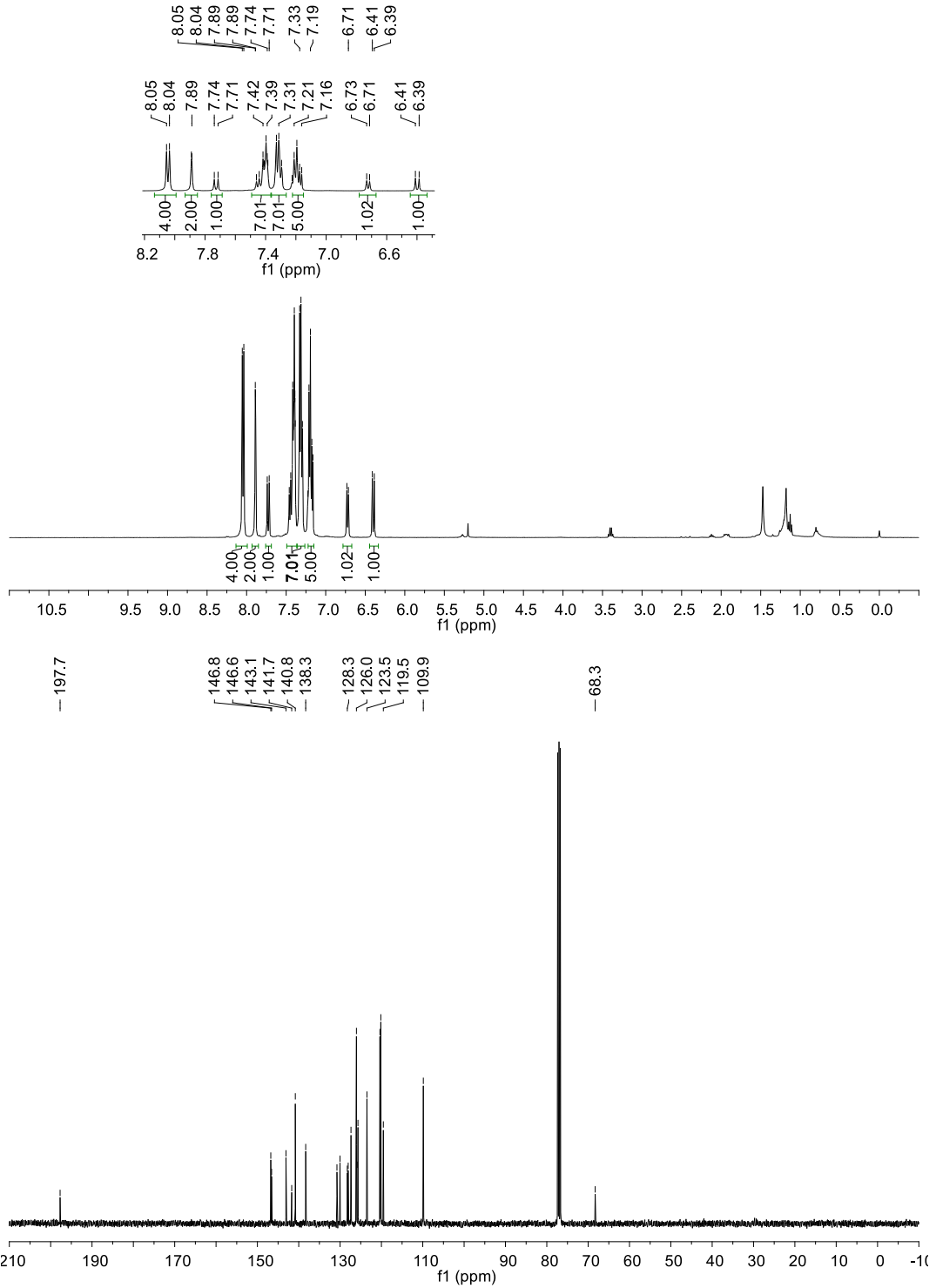


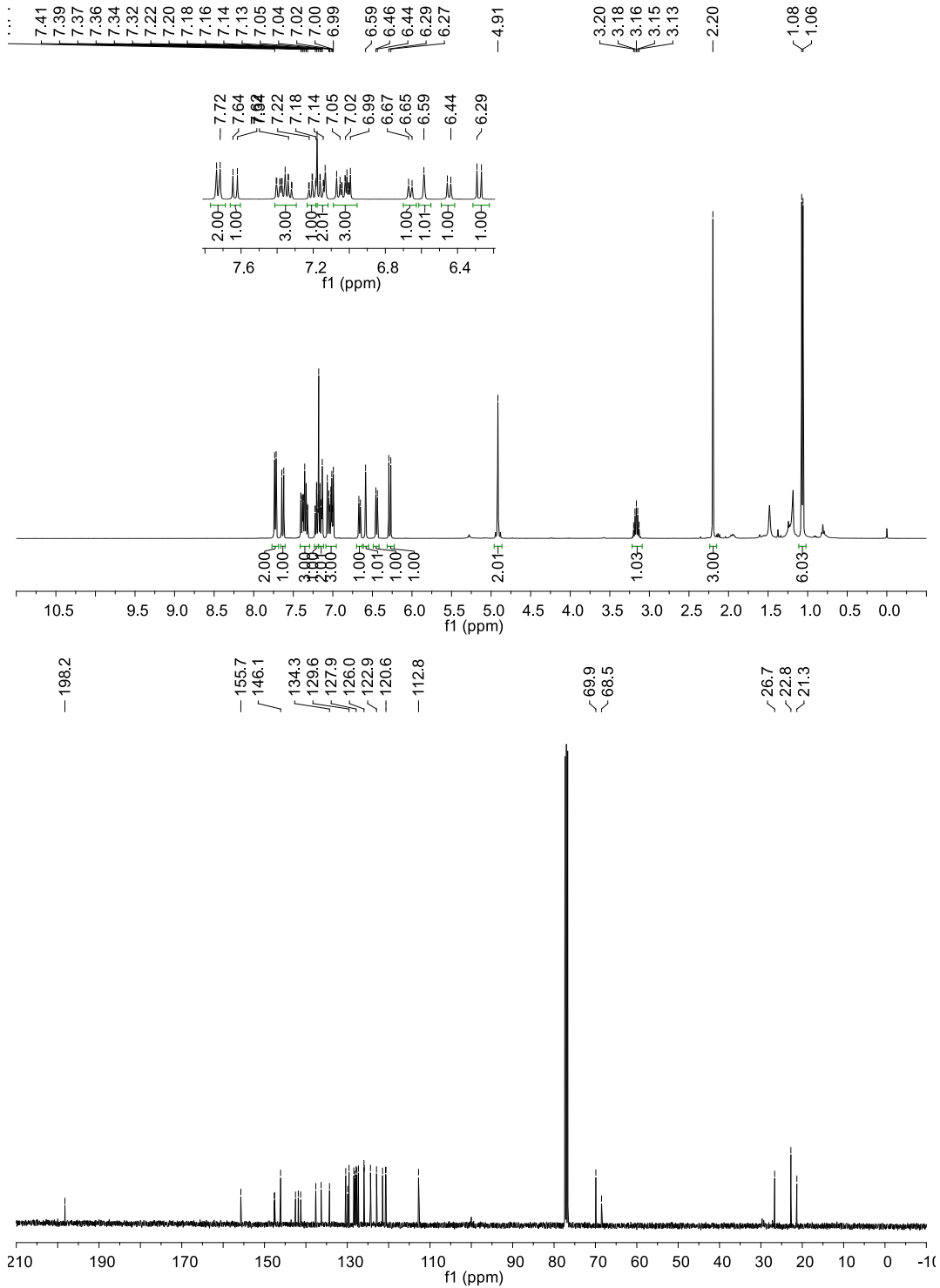
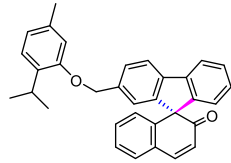
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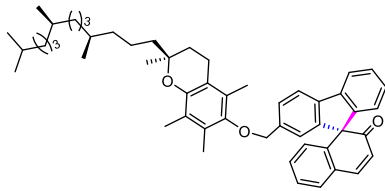




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