

## Thiophene-fused boracycles as photoactive analogues of diboraanthracenes

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### Experimental Section

#### General Information

All reagents and starting materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa-Aesar and Spectrochem chemical companies and used as received unless otherwise noted. Chlorinated solvents, acetonitrile, and DMF were distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. THF and toluene were distilled from Na/benzophenone prior to use. All 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H, 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C, NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz. All <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced internally to solvent signals. All NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature. ESI mass spectra were recorded on Bruker, micrOTOF-QII mass spectrometer. The absorbance spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-730 UV-Visible spectrometer. The fluorescence spectra were recorded using Edinburgh FS5 spectrofluorometer. Absolute fluorescence quantum yields of compounds **3-5** were measured by integrating sphere method using Edinburgh FS5 spectrofluorometer. The fluorescence spectra are corrected for the instrumental response. Cyclic voltammetry measurements were performed with a conventional three electrode cell using an electrochemical workstation (CH Instrument, Model: 1100A) The three-electrode system consisted of a Glassy carbon working electrode, a Pt wire as the secondary electrode, and a Ag wire as the reference electrode. The voltammograms were recorded with ca. 1.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M solution in THF containing Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> (0.1 M) as the supporting electrolyte. The scans were referenced after the addition of a small amount of ferrocene as the internal standard. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for compound **3** were collected on a Rigaku SuperNova fine-focused dual diffractometer, with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$ ) equipped with a PILATUS200K detector and for compound **4** were collected on a Bruker APEX-II diffractometer using Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation (0.71073  $\text{\AA}$ ). Using Olex2, the structures were solved with the ShelXS structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the ShelXL refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement coefficients. The H atoms were placed at calculated positions and were refined as riding atoms. Crystallographic data for compounds **3** & **4** have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center as supplementary publication no. CCDC- 2091448-2091449. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; email: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)). DFT calculations were performed with the Gaussian09 program.<sup>1</sup> The structures were optimized using 6-31G(d,p) (B3LYP) as the basis set. Frequency calculations confirmed the optimized structures to be local minimum structures. Excitation data were determined using TD-DFT (B3LYP/631g(d,p))–calculations.

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**Synthesis of compound 2:** To a suspension of 3,4-bis(chloromercurio)2,5-dimethylthiophene (**1**) (2.00 g, 3.42 mmol) in toluene (50 mL) in a seal tube was added BCl<sub>3</sub> (4 mL in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) inside a glovebox. The tube was closed and heated at 100 °C in an oil bath for 12h. After cooling to room temp, the resulting mixture was filtered inside the glovebox and kept for crystallization. Fluffy white needles formed were filtered to give compound **2**. Yield: 0.322 g (30%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.82 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ=155.27, 128.38, 17.35. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ =49.96.

**General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3-5:** A solution of arylmagnesium bromide (6 mL, 1M in THF) was added to a solution of compound **2** (0.50 g) in toluene (20 mL) in a sealed tube. The resulting mixture was then refluxed for 12h. After 12h, the compound was extracted with water and dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The organic phase was collected and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The solvent was concentrated and the product was purified using silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/ *n*-hexane (5:95)).

**Synthesis of compound 3:** The quantities involved are as follows, xylylmagnesium bromide (6 mL, 1M in THF), compound **2** (0.50 g), and toluene (20 mL). Yield: 0.298 g (41%). Mp: 248 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ= 7.18 - 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 4H), 2.17 (s, 12H), 1.96 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ=156.29, 145.14, 136.17, 126.83, 126.58, 21.97, 14.97. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ=56.71. HR-MS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>30</sub>B<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 453.2058, Found: 453.2042. IR (KBr): ν(cm<sup>-1</sup>) =2959(m), 2912(m), 1607(m), 1463(m), 1259(m), 1104(m), 761(m), 699(m).

**Synthesis of compound 4:** The quantities involved are as follows, mesitylmagnesium bromide (6 mL, 1M in THF), compound **2** (0.50 g), and toluene (20 mL). Yield: 0.312 g (40%). Mp: 253 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 6.84 (s, 4H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 12H), 1.97 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 156.26, 145.49, 144.24, 136.26, 136.16, 127.57, 21.98, 21.37, 15.10. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 56.36. HR-MS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>B<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 481.2371, Found: 481.2348. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>B<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: C 75.02; H 7.13; S 13.35. Found: C

74.89; H 7.037; S 13.525. IR (KBr):  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 2959(\text{m}), 2910(\text{m}), 1605(\text{m}), 1465(\text{m}), 1302(\text{m}), 1255(\text{m}), 1104(\text{m}), 851(\text{m}), 794(\text{m}), 681(\text{m})$ .

**Synthesis of compound 5:** The quantities involved are as follows, 2,4,6-triisopropylphenylmagnesium bromide (6 mL, 1M in THF), compound **2** (0.50 g), and toluene (20 mL). Yield: 0.328 g (32%). Mp: 255 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 7.00$  (s, 4H), 2.92 (h,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 2.61 (h,  $J = 8$  Hz, 4H), 1.98 (s, 12H), 1.29 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 2H), 1.11 (d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 24H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 156.12, 148.40, 146.96, 120.44, 34.94, 34.34, 24.41, 24.33, 15.87$ .  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 57.79$ . HR-MS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{58}\text{B}_2\text{S}_2[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 671.4072, Found: 671.4033. IR (KBr):  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 2959(\text{m}), 2925(\text{m}), 1602(\text{m}), 1455(\text{m}), 1247(\text{m}), 1090(\text{m}), 876(\text{m}), 790(\text{m}), 689(\text{m})$ .

**Table S1:** Photophysical data of compound **3-5**

Compound	Solvent	$\lambda_{\text{absmax}}(\text{nm})(\log \epsilon)$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}(\text{nm})$	$\Phi_{\text{F}}$
<b>3</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	275(4.874), 351(4.098), 365(4.225)	378, 395	5.89
	THF	275(4.838), 351(4.021), 367(4.166)	377, 394	4.73
	Cyclohexane	277(4.952), 351(3.963), 367(4.130)	372, 390	5.22
<b>4</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	275(4.725), 351(3.959), 365(4.077)	378, 395	5.37
	THF	275(4.966), 351(4.149), 367(4.287)	376, 394	5.23
	Cyclohexane	276(4.769), 351(4.148), 367(4.315)	373, 390	4.69
<b>5</b>	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	275(4.760), 348(3.894), 363(4.007)	376, 393	7.06
	THF	275(4.777), 349(3.859), 363(3.954)	375, 392	6.24
	Cyclohexane	277(4.784), 348(3.947), 363(4.080)	371, 388	4.35

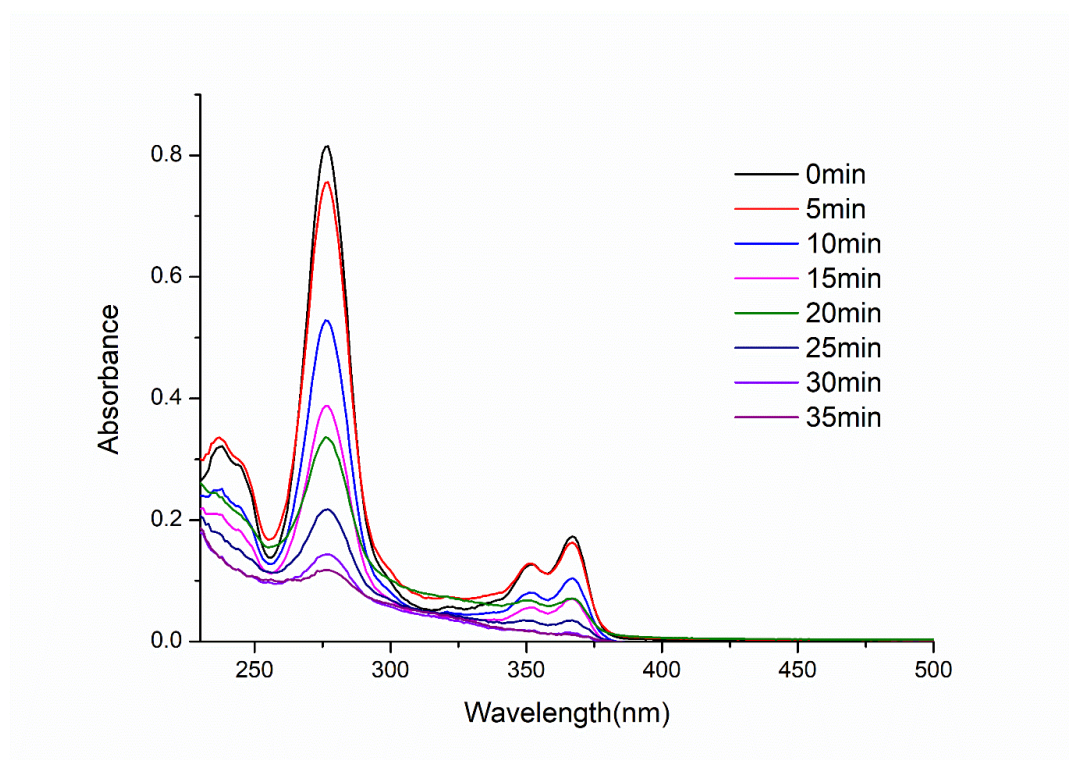
**Table S2:** Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for compounds **3** and **4**.

Compound	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>30</sub> B <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>34</sub> B <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	452.26	480.31
Temperature/K	297.6(8)	296.15
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a/Å	10.54815(16)	7.3621(3)
b/Å	14.5492(2)	16.4766(7)
c/Å	8.34333(15)	11.3205(5)
α/°	90	90
β/°	97.4946(16)	93.878(2)
γ/°	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1269.49(4)	1370.06(10)
Z	2	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.183	1.164
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.979	0.211
F(000)	480.0	512.0
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2 θ range for data collection/°	8.454 to 150.788	4.372 to 56.714
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 12, -17 ≤ k ≤ 9, -9 ≤ l ≤ 10	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflections collected	9588	22133
Independent reflections	2563[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0963, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0555]	3394[R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0345, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0218]
Data/restraints/parameters	2563/0/150	3394/0/159
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.112	1.022
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0680, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1955	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0467, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1309
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0749, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2030	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0610, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1429
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.31 and -0.32	0.31 and -0.23

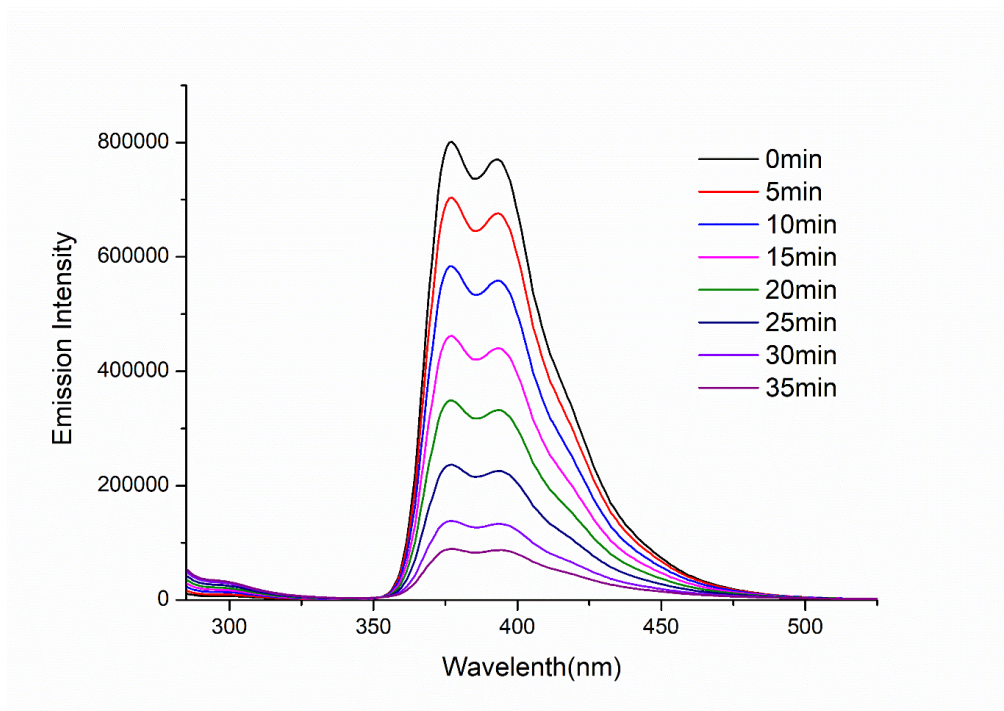
**Table S3:** Frontier orbital energies derived from UV/Vis onset absorption and electrochemical data

Compound	HOMO-LUMO gap <sup>[a]</sup>	LUMO <sup>[b]</sup>	HOMO <sup>[c]</sup>
<b>3</b>	3.28	-2.01	-5.29
<b>4</b>	3.28	-2.03	-5.31
<b>5</b>	3.30	-1.98	-5.28

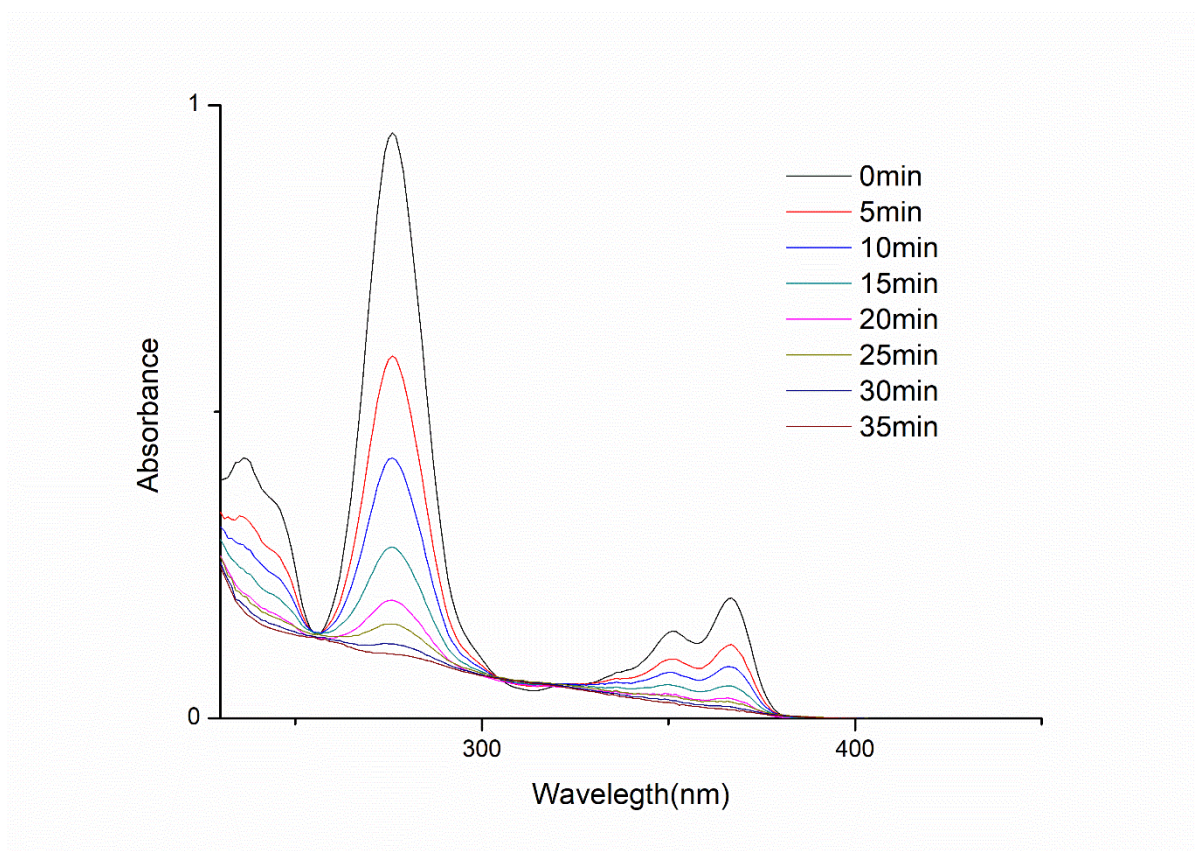
[a] Estimated from the absorption onset of the longest-wavelength UV band. [b] Calculated from  $E_{pc}$  of the first reduction wave referenced to Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>. [c] Calculated from the HOMO-LUMO gap and the LUMO.



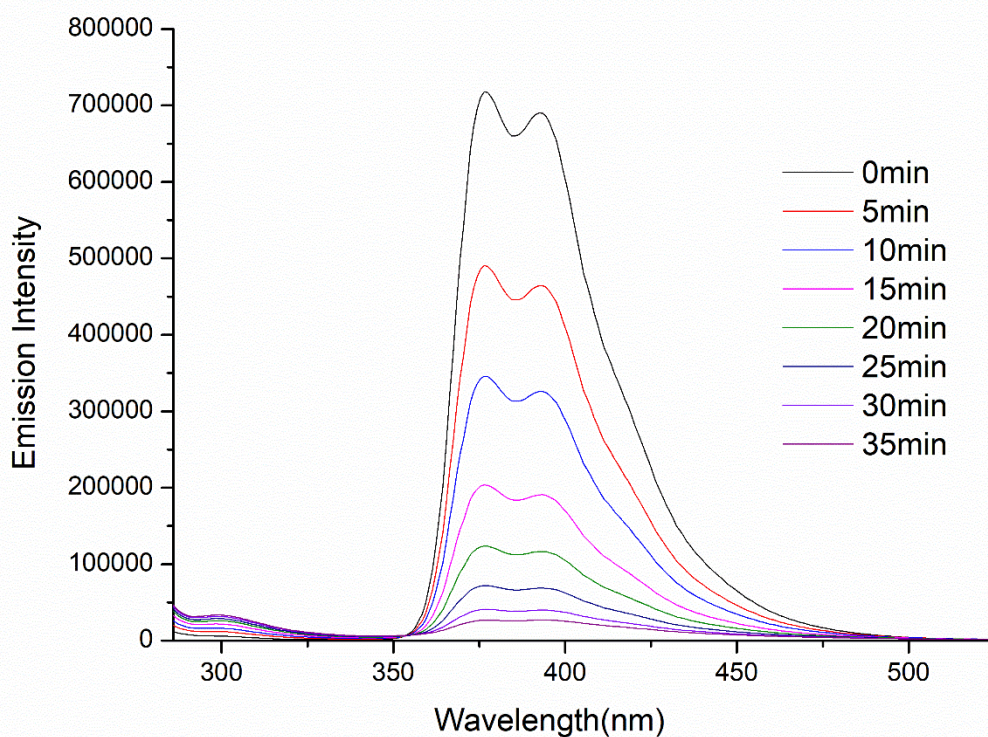
**Figure S1:** UV Spectra of compound **3** in THF( $10^{-5}$ M) after passing of UV light (365nm).



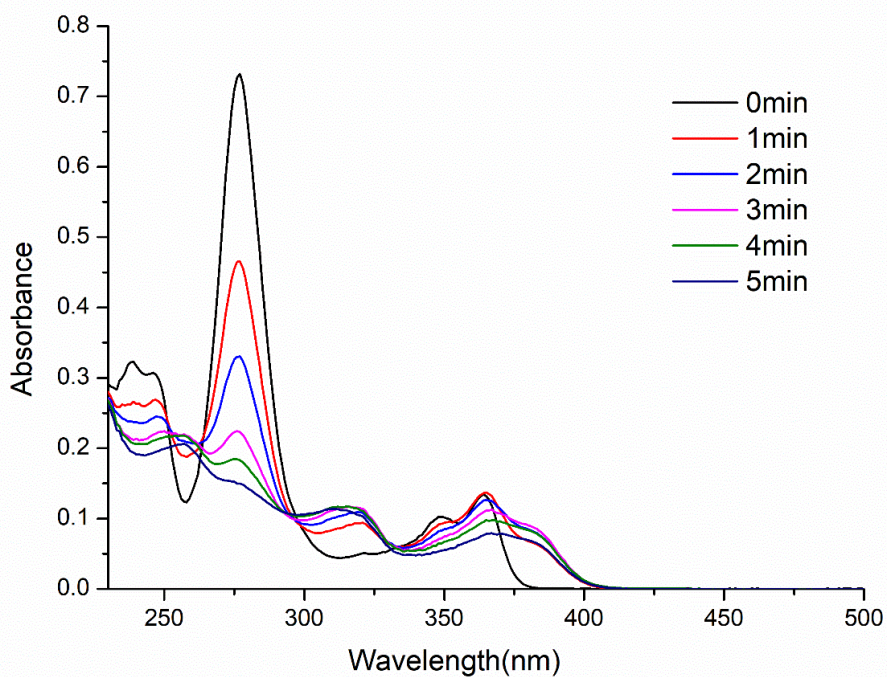
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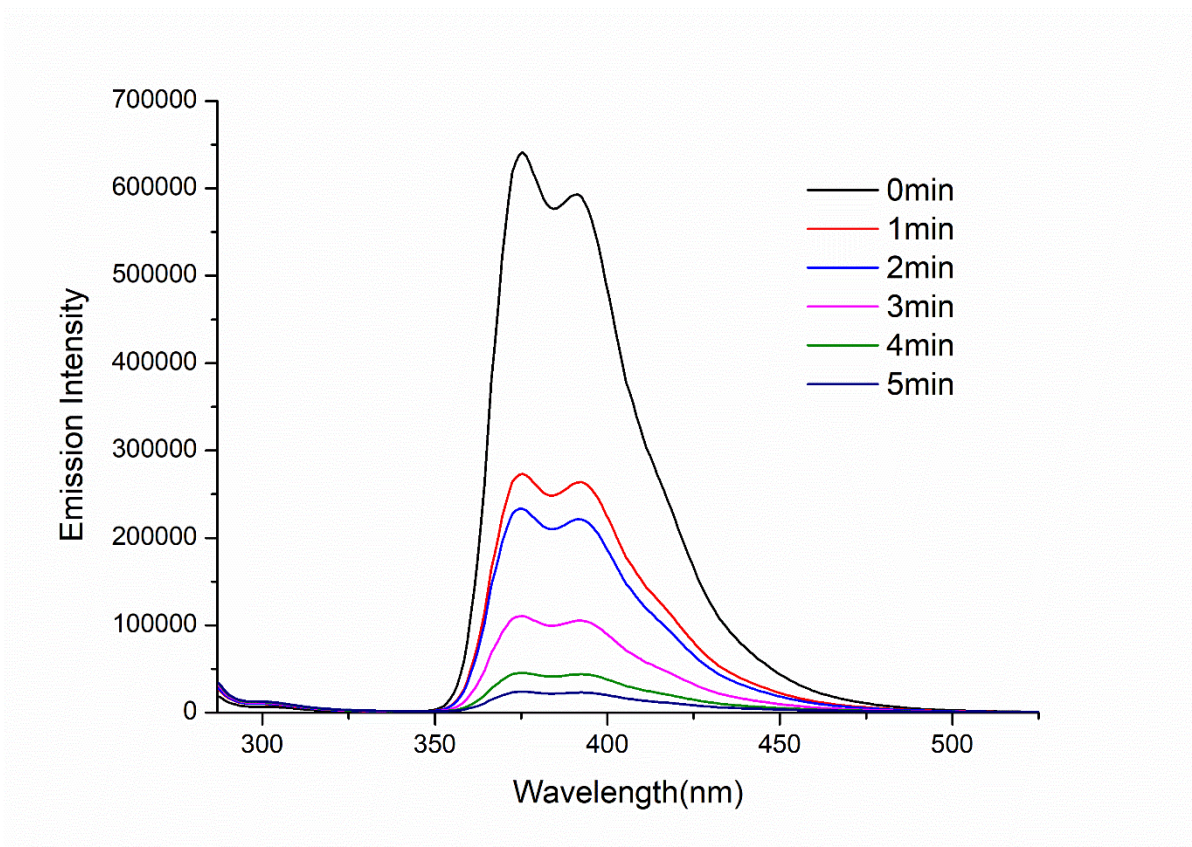
**Figure S3:** UV spectra of compound **4** in THF( $10^{-5}$ M) after passing of UV light (365nm).



**Figure S4:** Emission spectra of compound **4** in THF( $10^{-5}$ M) after passing of UV light (365nm).



**Figure S5:** UV Spectra of compound **5** in THF( $10^{-5}$ M) after passing of UV light (365nm).

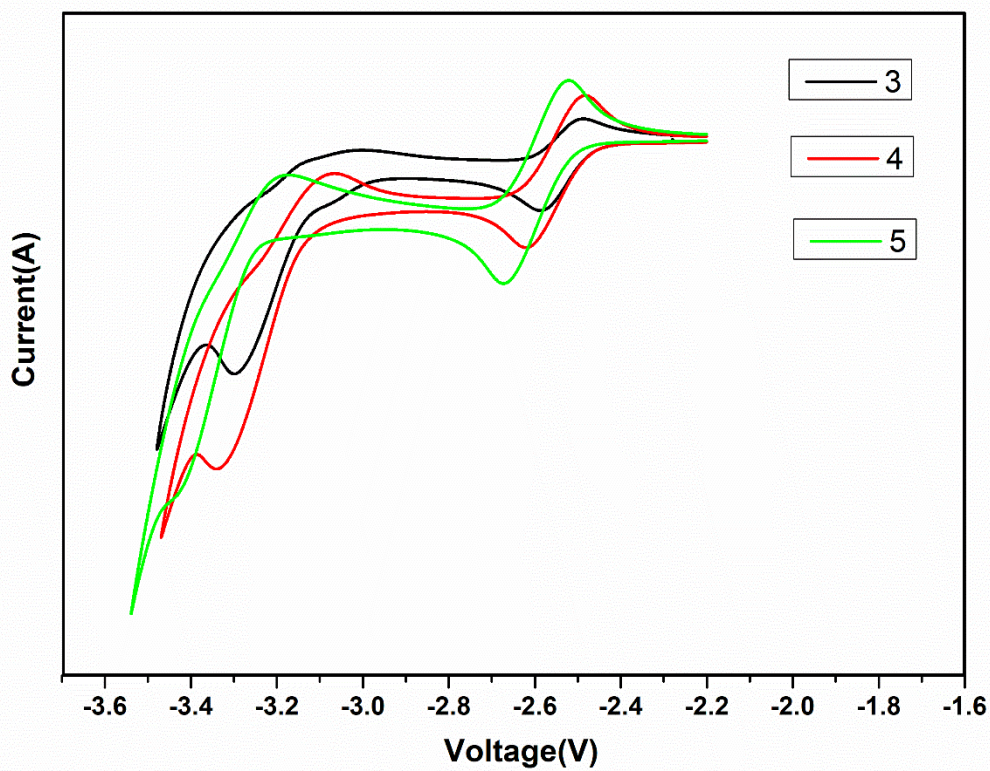


**Figure S6:** Emission spectra of compound **5** in THF( $10^{-5}$ M) after passing of UV light (365nm).



**Figure S7:** Photograph of compounds **3-5** (from left to right) in PMMA film (4wt%).



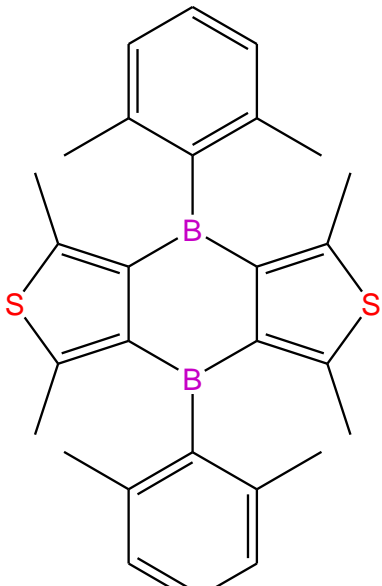
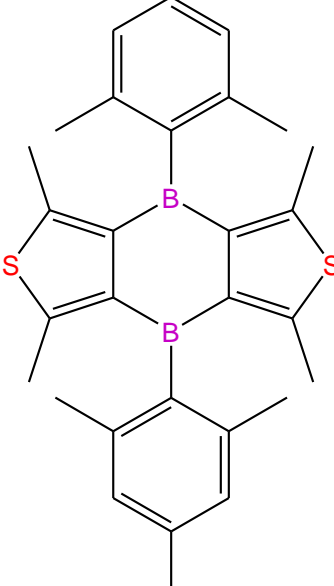
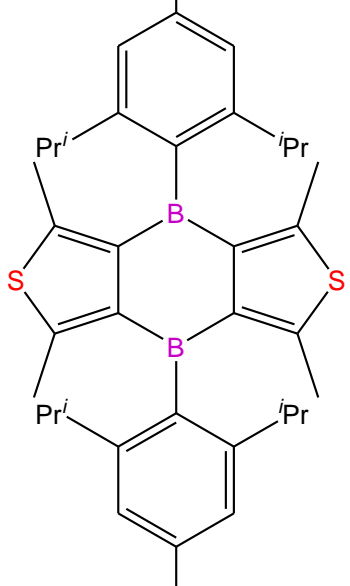
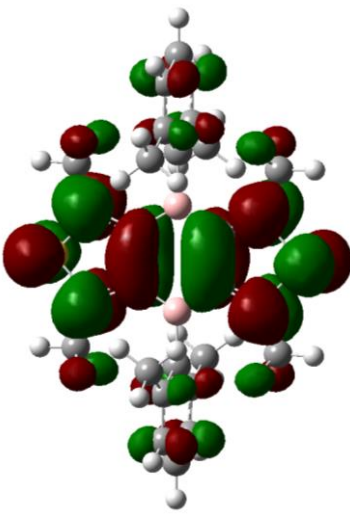
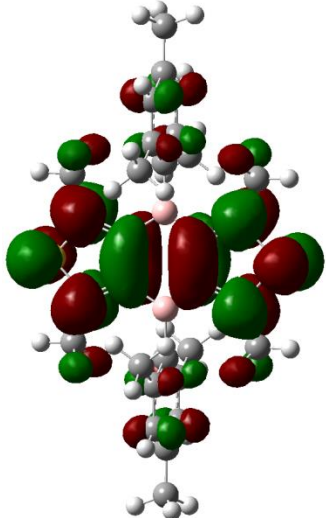
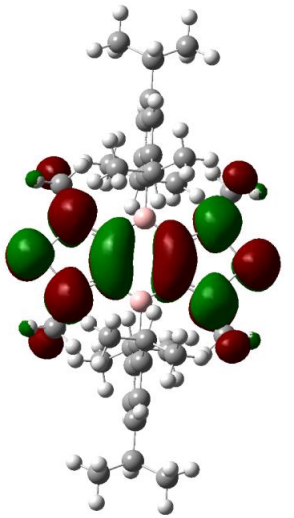


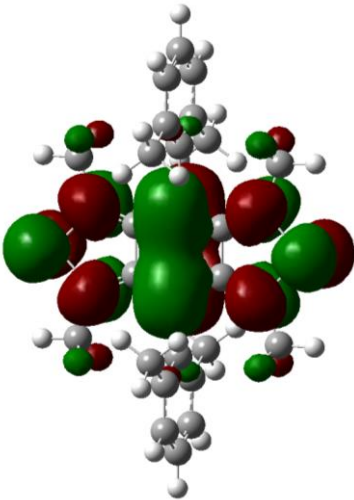
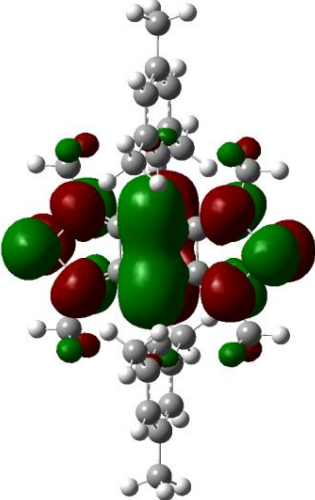
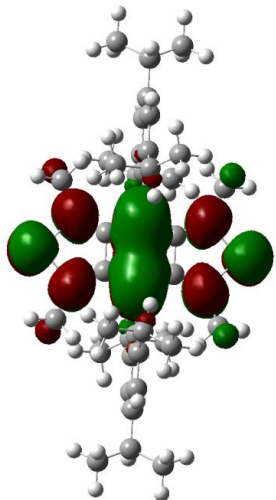
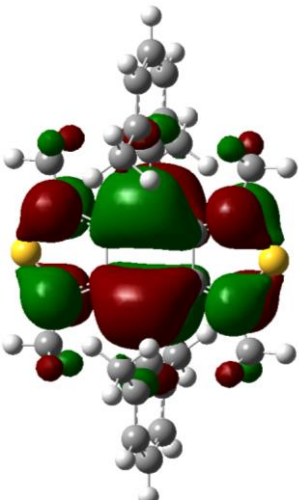
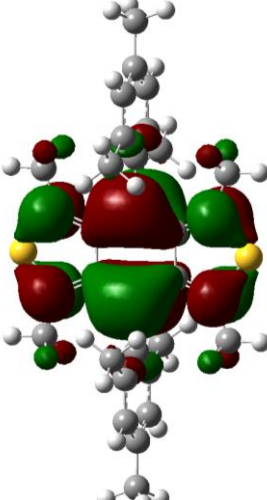
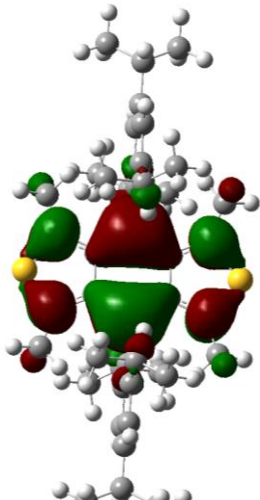
**Figure S8:** Cyclic Voltammogram of compounds **3-5** (vs. Ferrocene/Ferrocenium) with 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  as the supporting electrolyte (scan rate 50 mV/s) in DME.

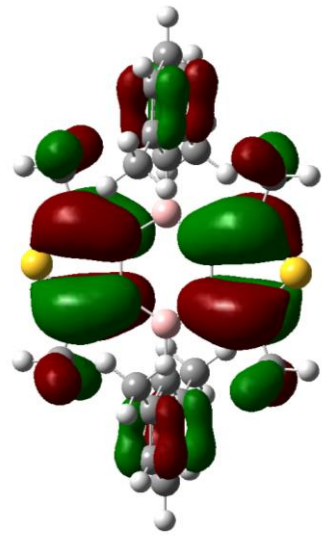
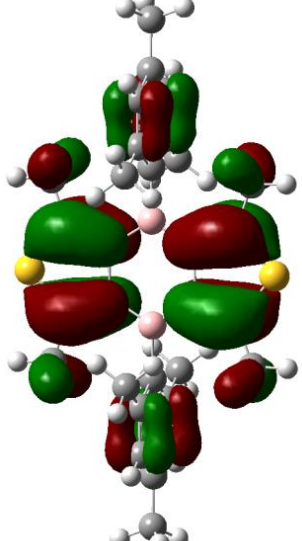
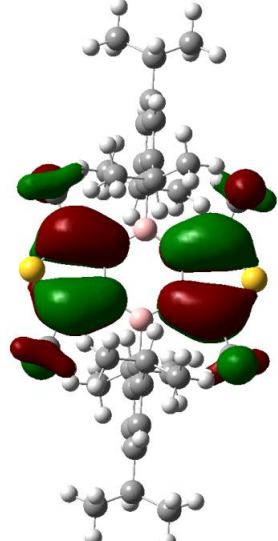
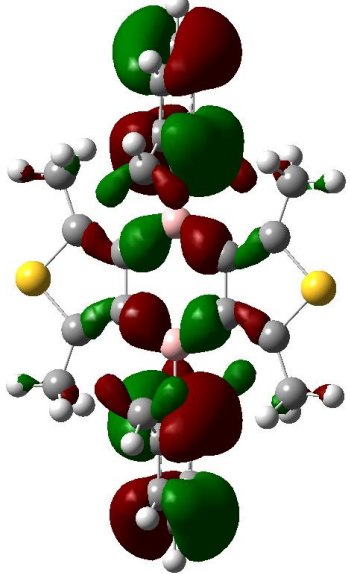
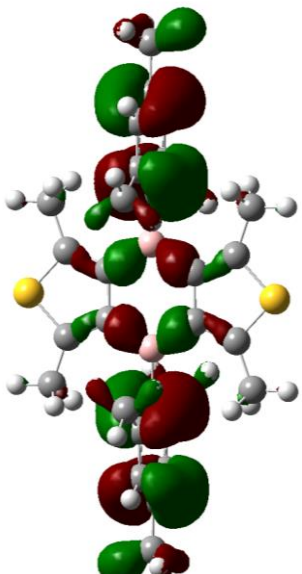
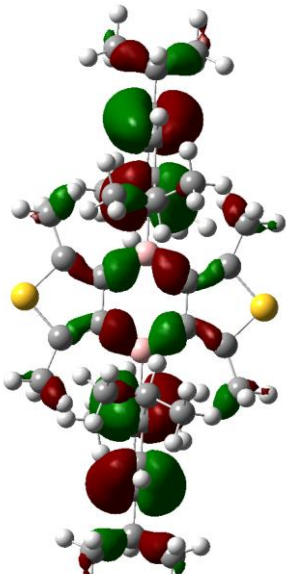
**Table S4.** Calculated electronic transitions for compound **3-5** from TD-DFT ((B3LYP/631g(d,p))– PCM solvation (THF)) calculations

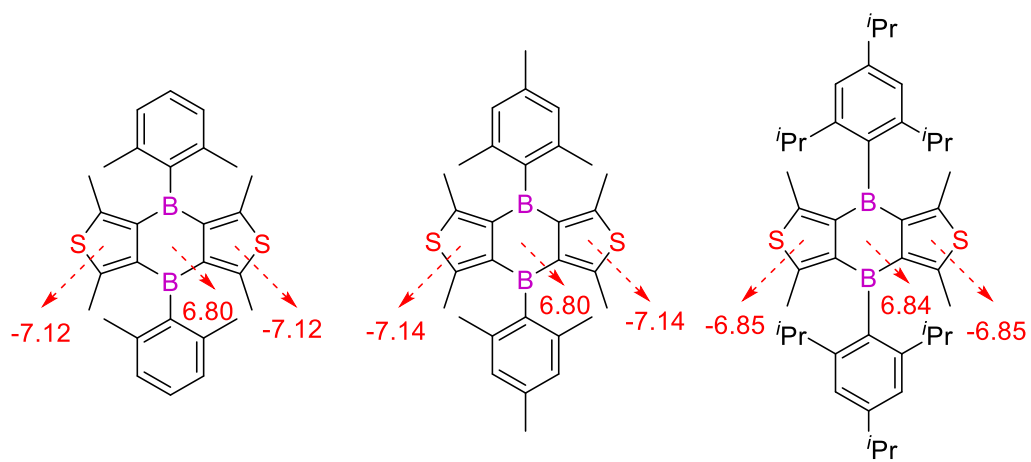
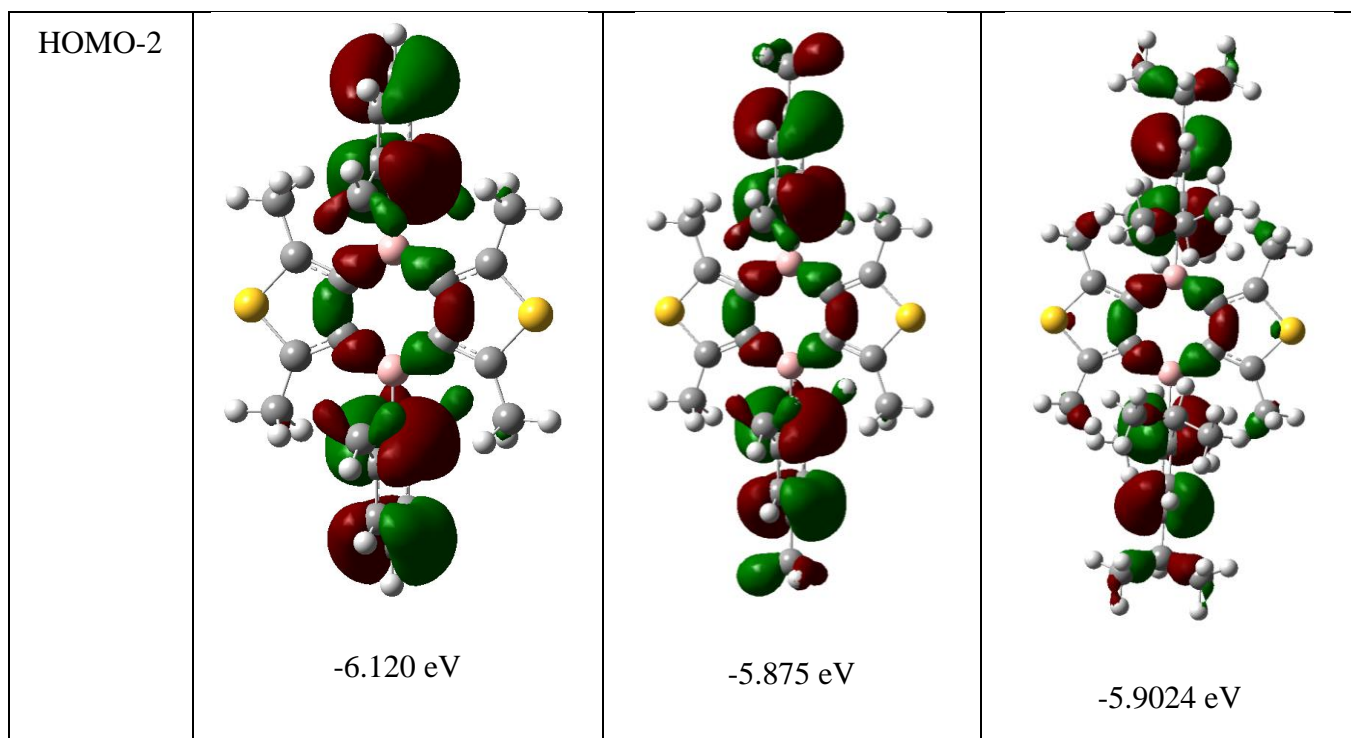
Compound	Transition	MO contributions	Energy gap eV (nm)	Oscillator strength/f
<b>3</b>	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (17%)	3.48 (355)	0.1655
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (66%)	3.52 (351)	0.0000
		HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (22%)		
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (67%)	3.56 (348)	0.0000
		HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (66%)		
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (25%)	3.74 (331)	0.0000
		HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (41%)		
		HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (44%)		
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (35%)	3.86 (321)	0.0000
		HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (52%)		
HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (16%)				
HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (45%)				
<b>4</b>	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (22%)	3.37 (368)	0.0000
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (67%)	3.39 (365)	0.0000
		HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (66%)		
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (25%)	3.48 (355)	0.1599
		HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (17%)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (66%)	3.73 (332)	0.0000	

	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(35%) HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(48%) HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(35%) HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(54%) HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(15%) HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(42%)	3.85 (321)	0.0000
<b>5</b>	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (25%)	3.44 (360)	0.0000
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (66%) HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(63%)	3.46 (357)	0.0184
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(30%) HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(21%)	3.60 (343)	0.1567
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO(65%) HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(40%) HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(16%) HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(49%)	3.80 (325)	0.0000
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(25%) HOMO-6 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(33%) HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(10%) HOMO-4 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(18%) HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO(43%) HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1(38%)	3.82 (324)	0.0002

Compound	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>
LUMO+2	 <p style="text-align: center;">-0.0544 eV</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">-0.0816 eV</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">-0.0272 eV</p>

LUMO+1	 <p>-1.387 eV</p>	 <p>-1.360 eV</p>	 <p>-1.4144 eV</p>
LUMO	 <p>-1.741 eV</p>	 <p>-1.714 eV</p>	 <p>-1.632 eV</p>

HOMO	 <p>-5.766 eV</p>	 <p>-5.739 eV</p>	 <p>-5.7936 eV</p>
HOMO-1	 <p>-6.066 eV</p>	 <p>-5.848 eV</p>	 <p>-5.8752 eV</p>



**Figure S9:** NICS values of thiophene and B<sub>2</sub>C<sub>4</sub> ring of compounds 3-5.

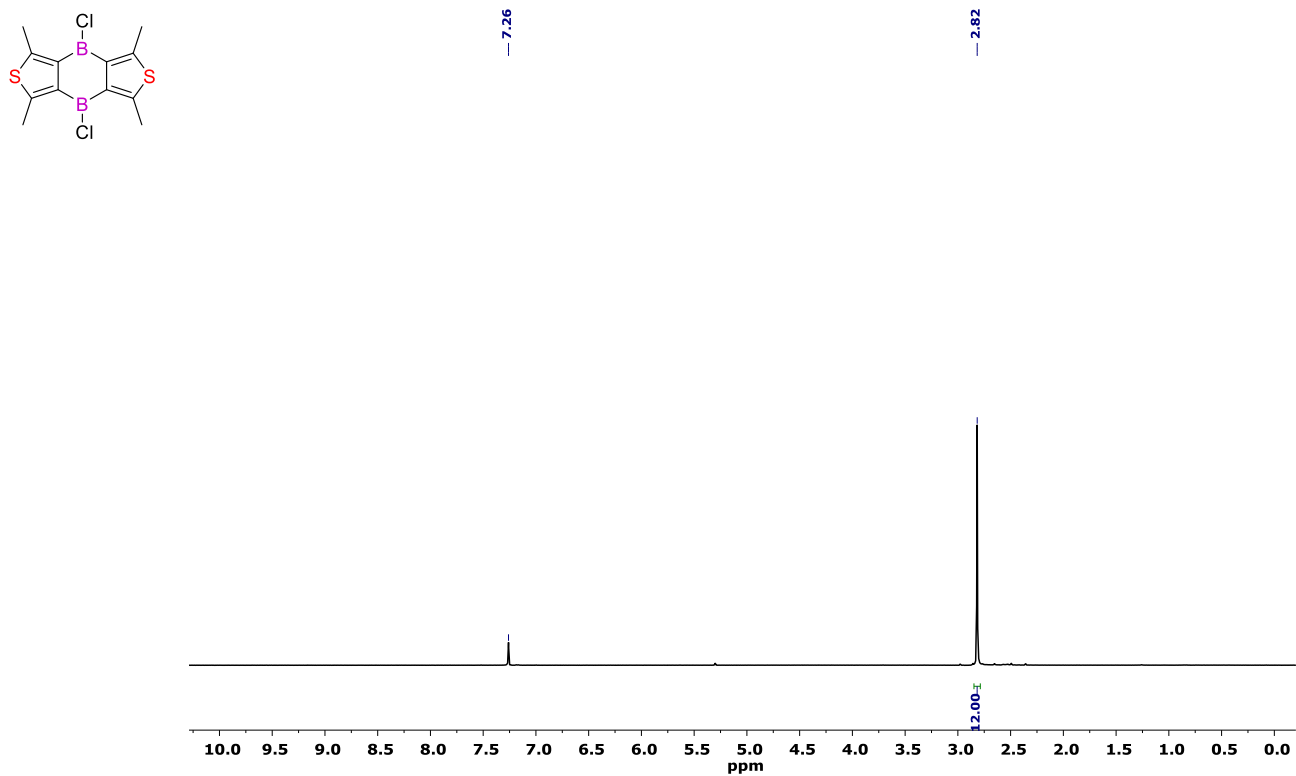


Figure S10:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

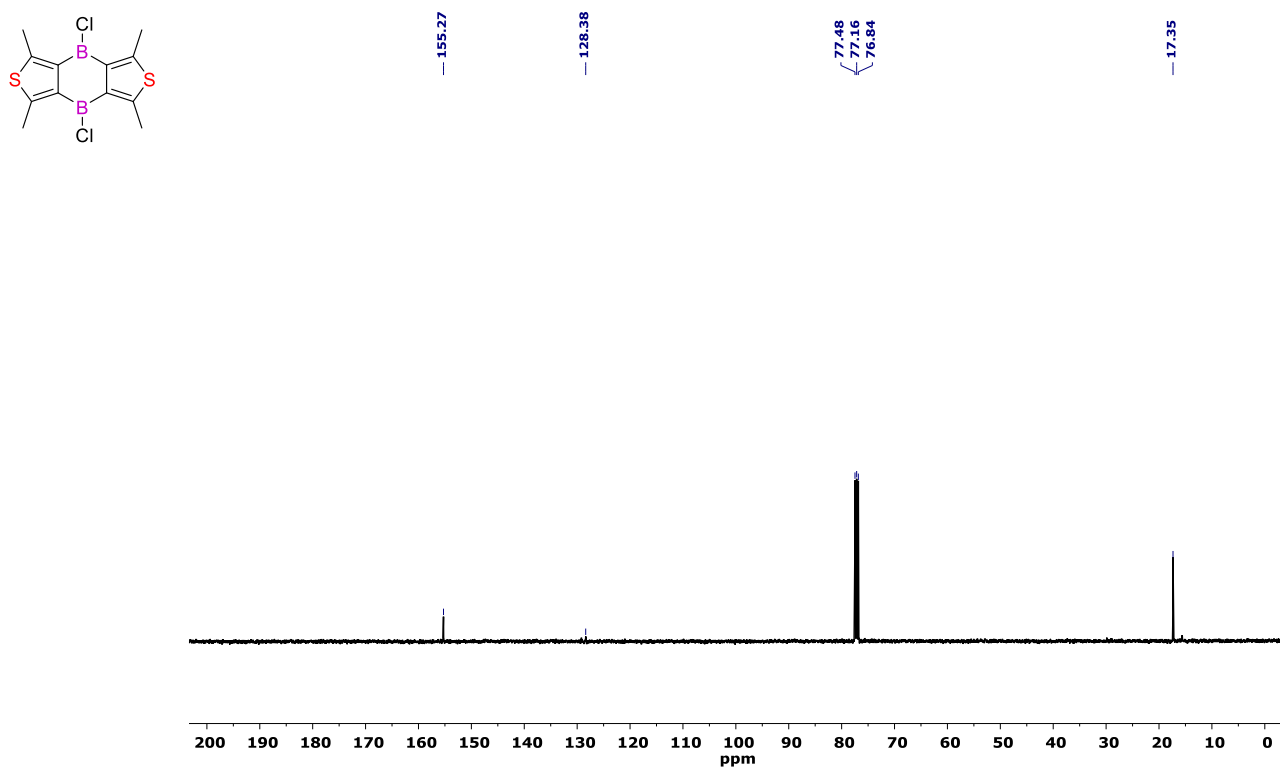


Figure S11:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **2** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



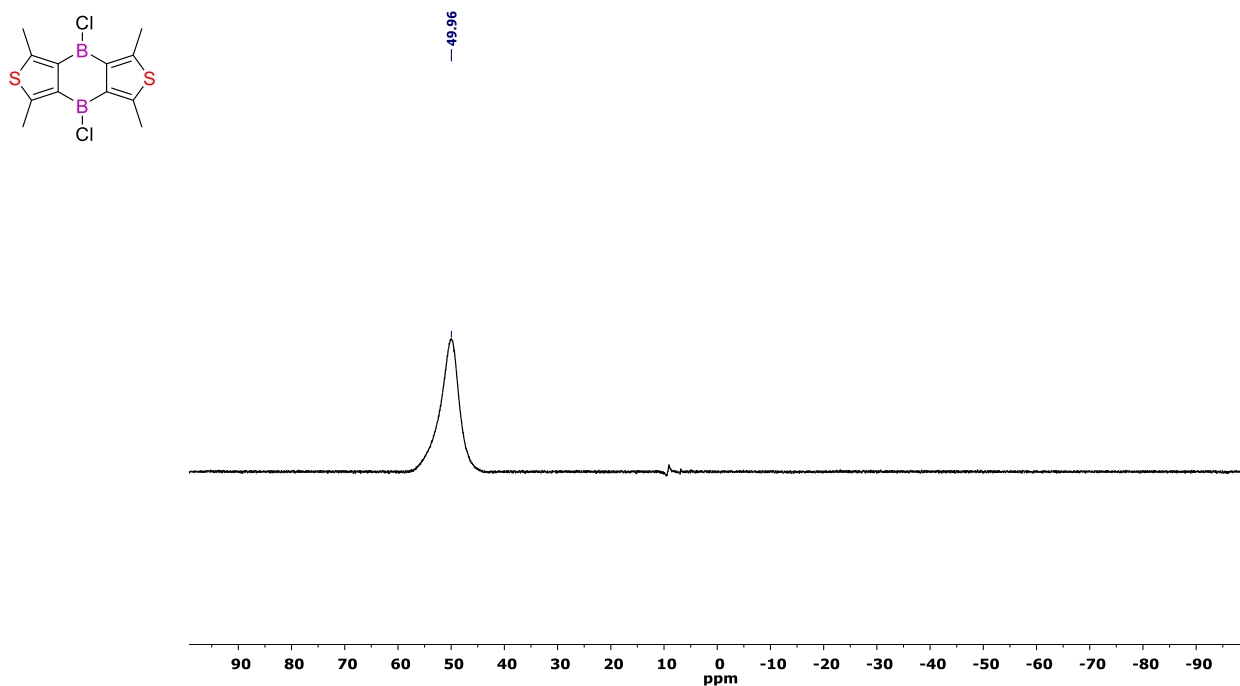


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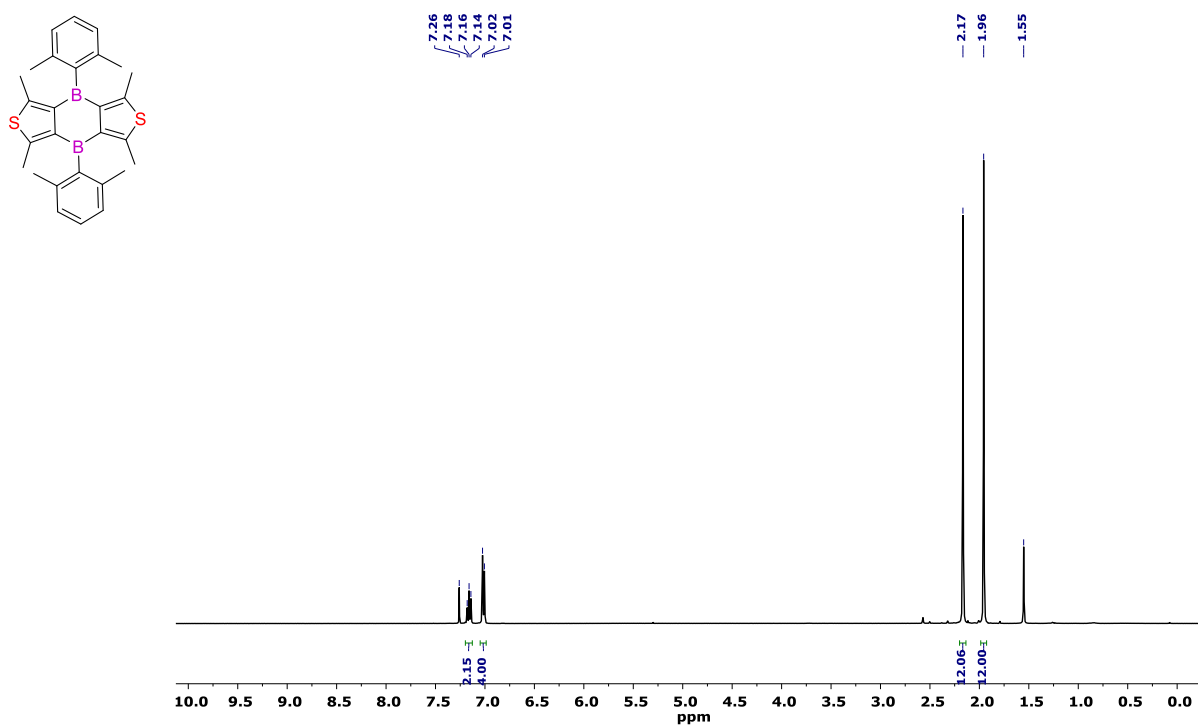


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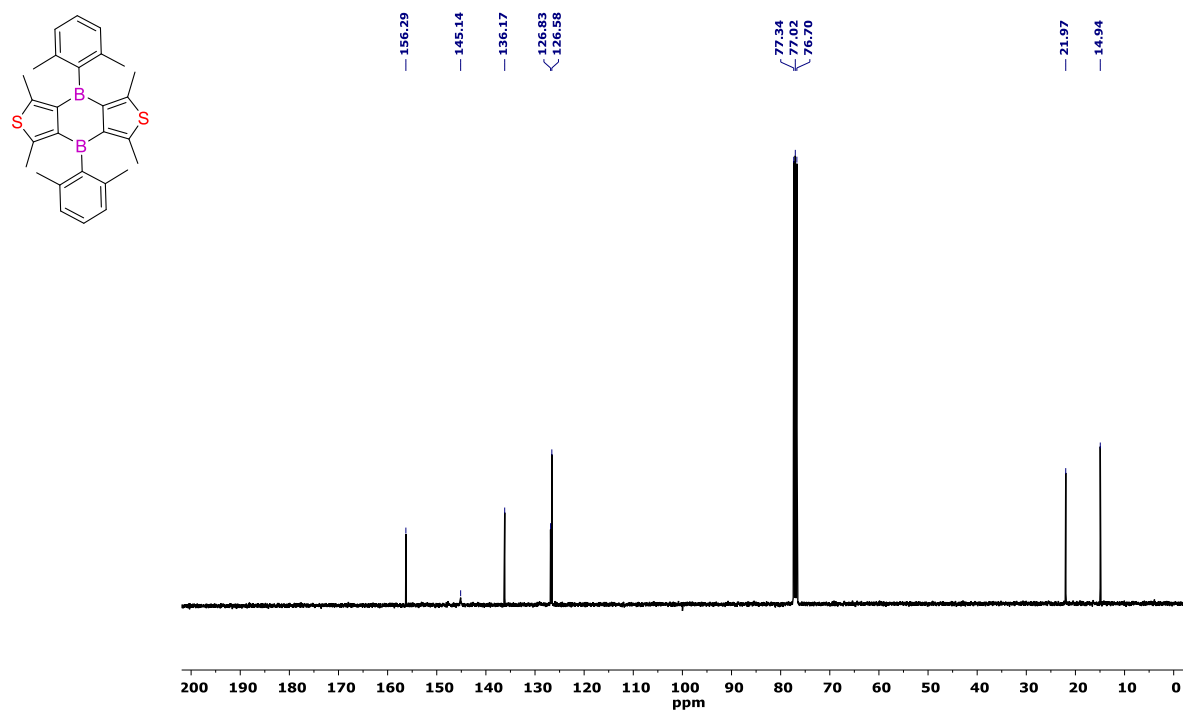


Figure S14: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

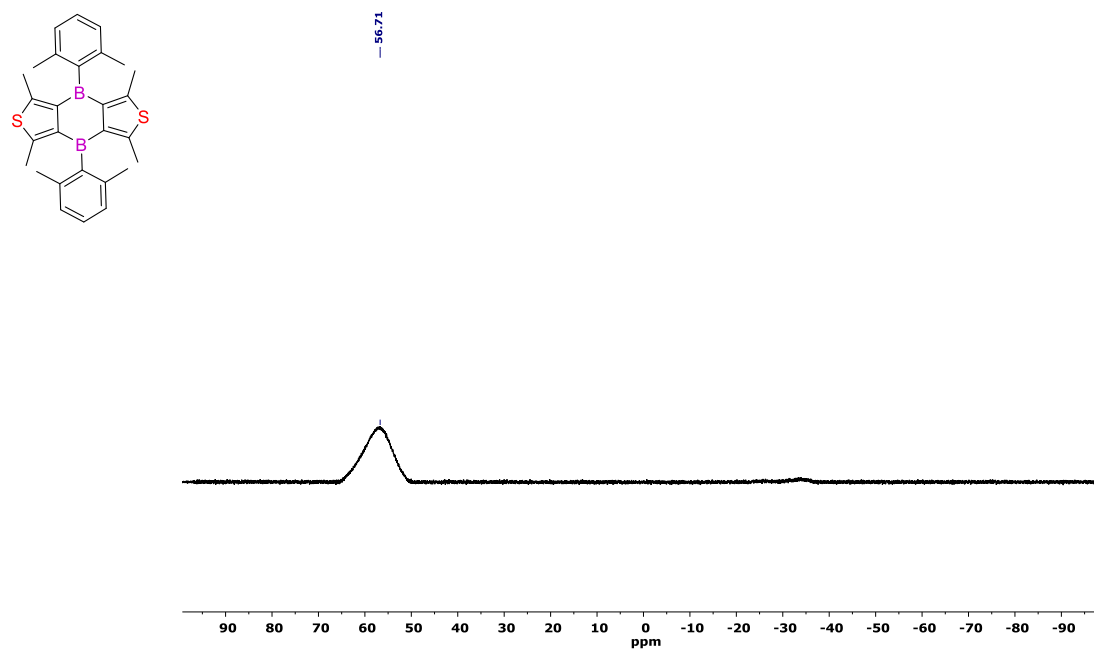


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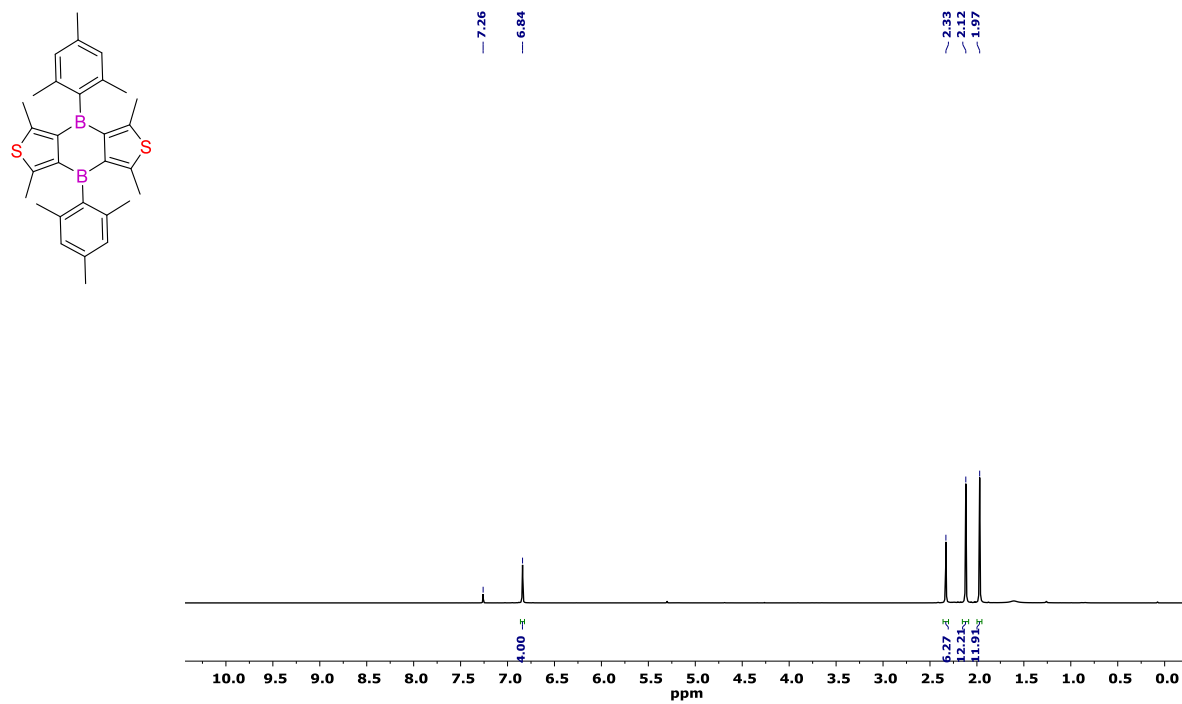


Figure S16: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

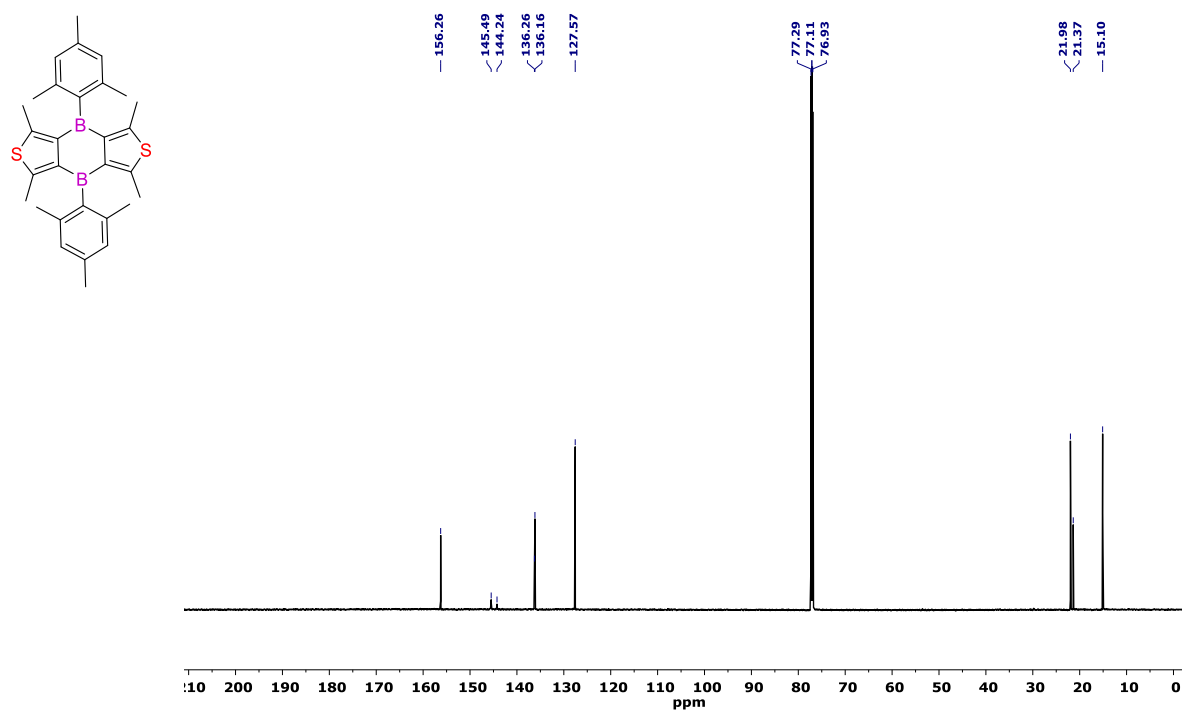


Figure S17: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

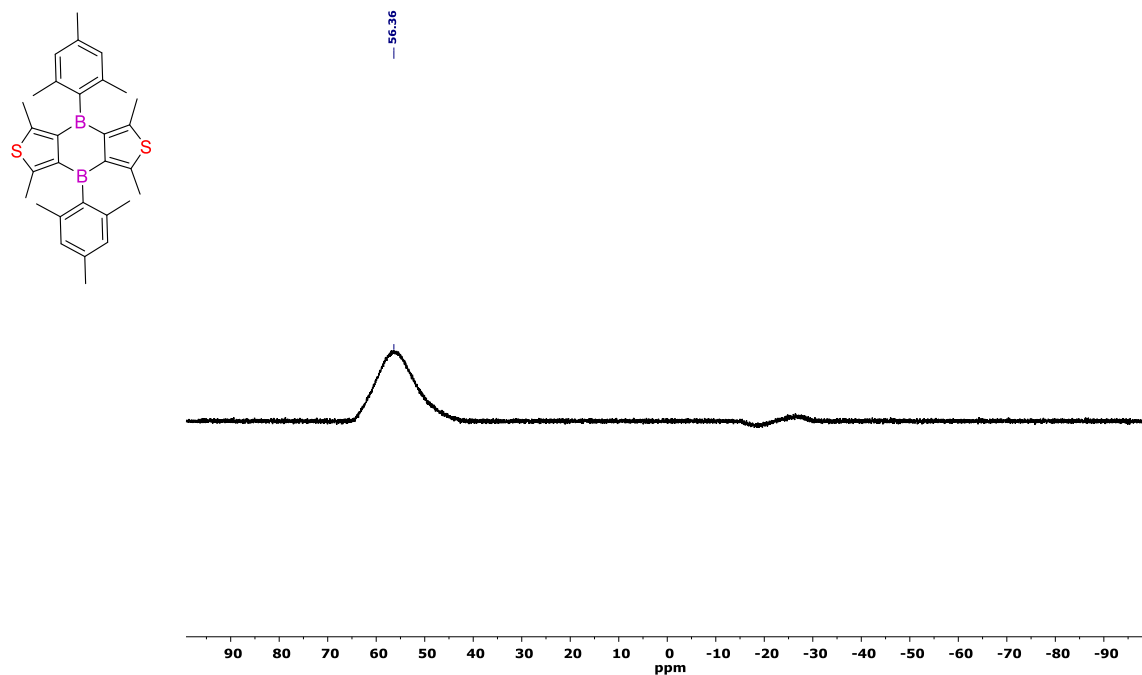


Figure S18: <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

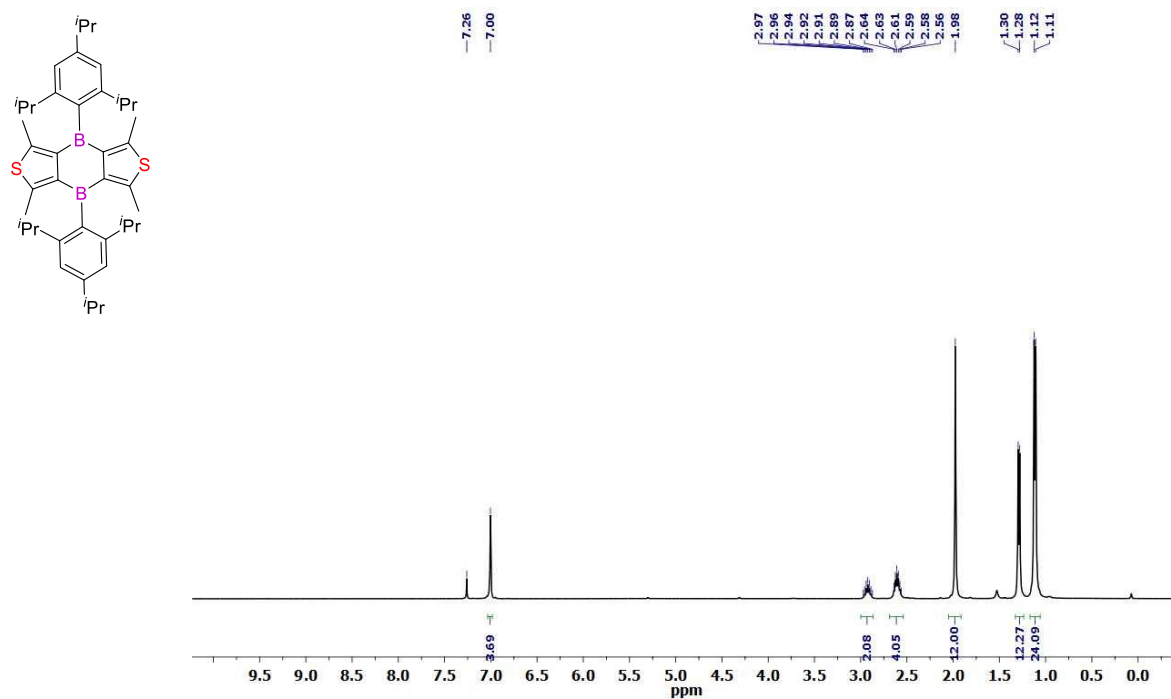


Figure S19: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

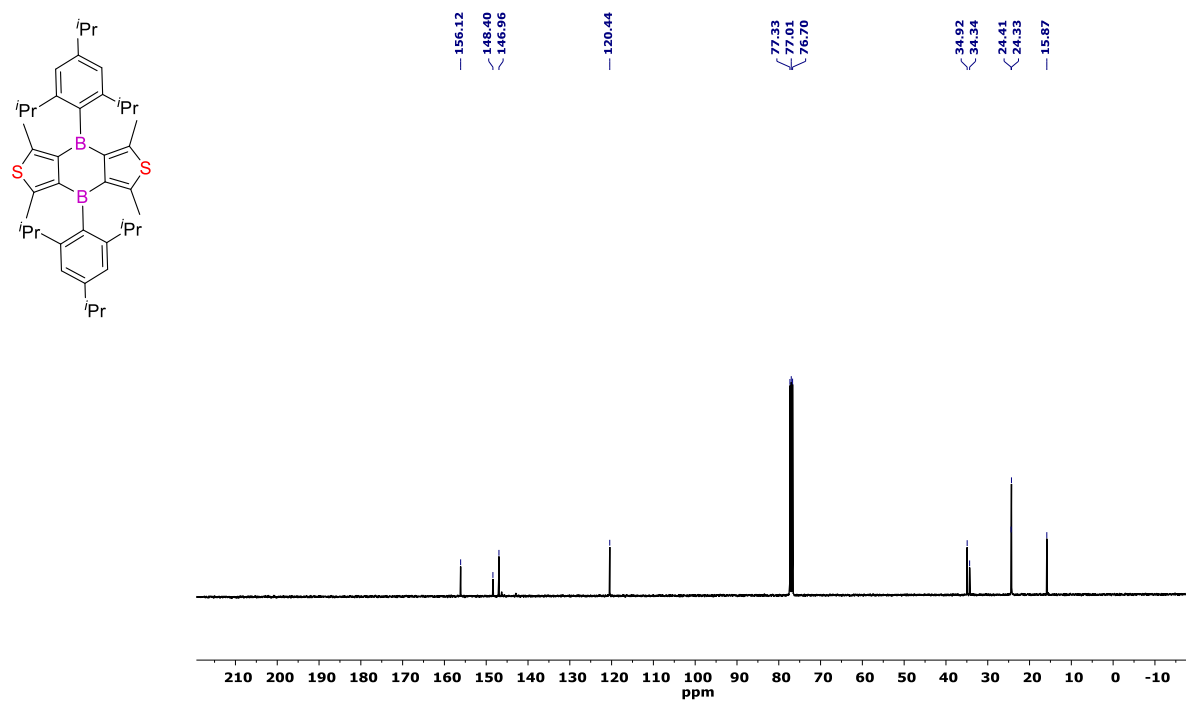


Figure S20:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

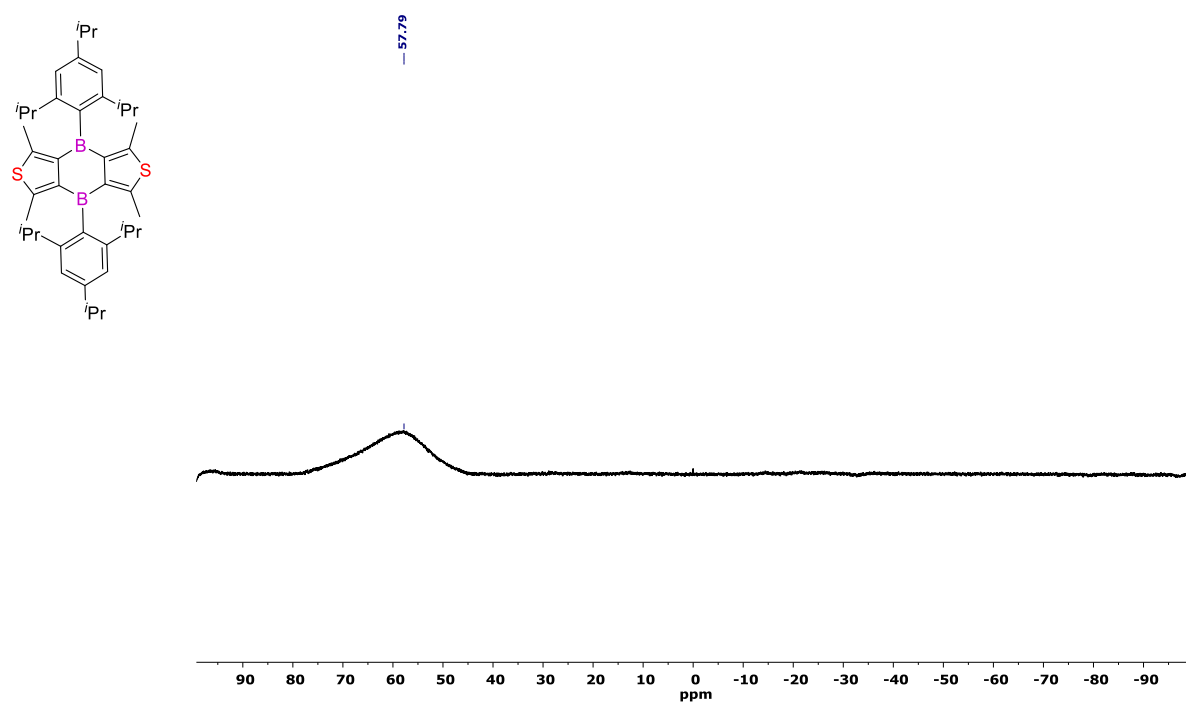
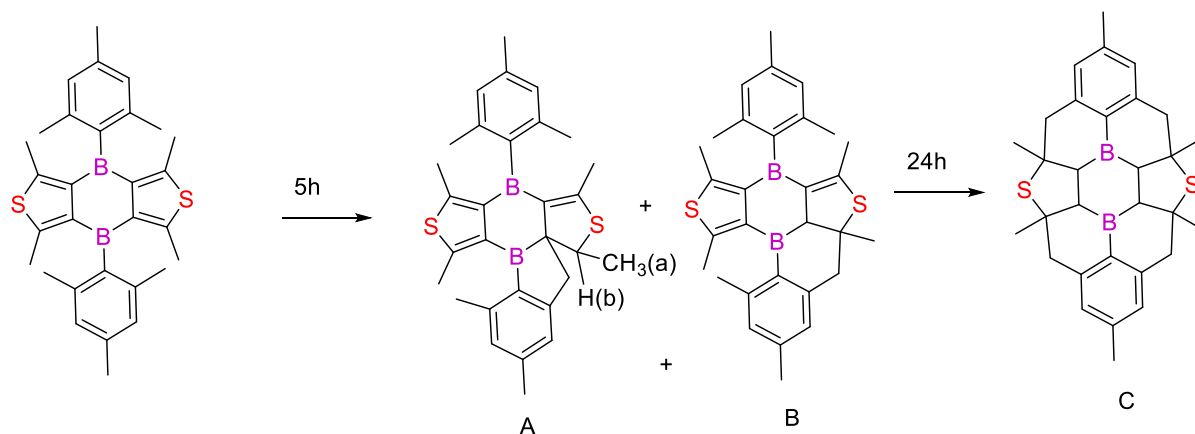
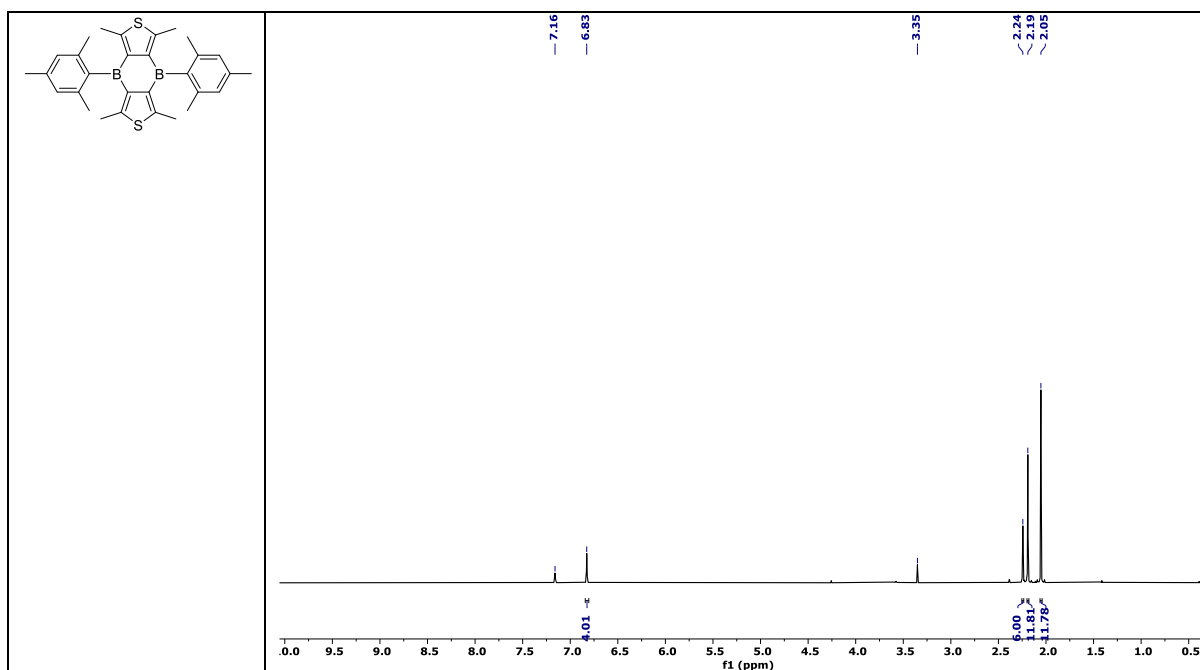


Figure S21:  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR spectrum of compound 5 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

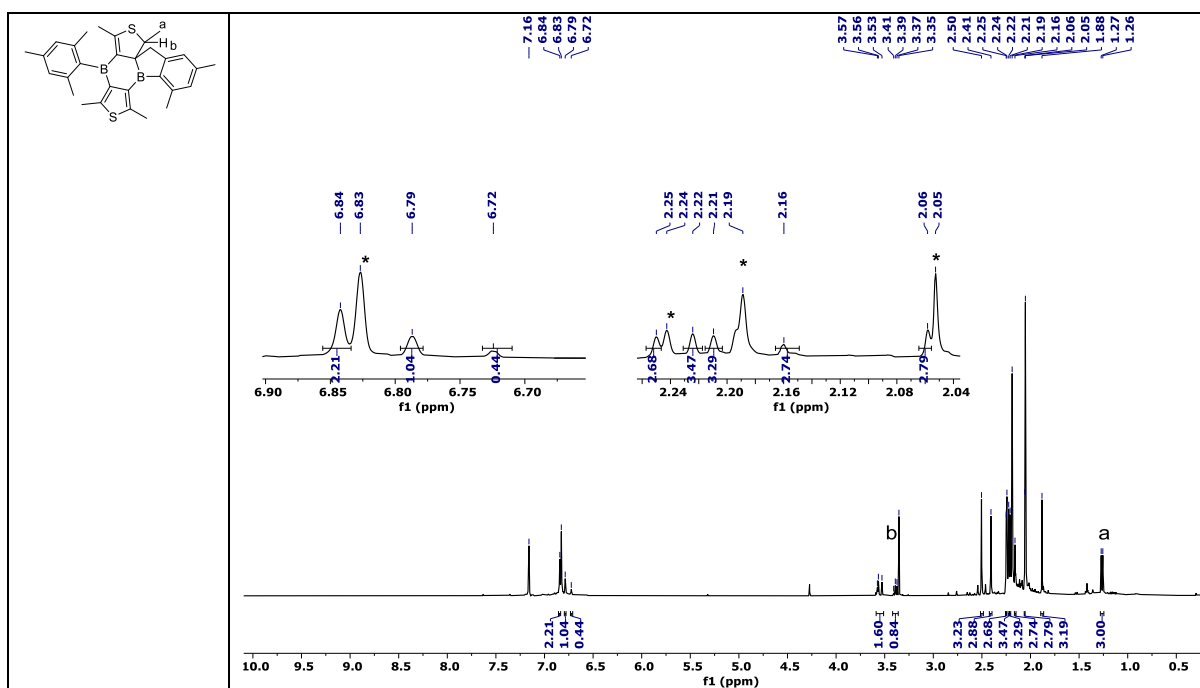
### Photoirradiation studies of compounds 3-5.

Compound **4** was subjected to photolysis. The  $^1\text{H}$  ( $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY),  $^{13}\text{C}$  ( $^{13}\text{C}$ -DEPT-135) &  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR of compound **4** was recorded after 5h and 24h. After 5h, the  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ -COSY,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT-135 reveal the presence of species A & B as major products. Formation of a doublet (Figure S23-S25,  $\text{CH}_3$  (a)) at 1.26 ppm and quartet at 3.38 ppm (H(b)) was observed which corresponds to species A. In addition to that presence of two carbons ( $-\text{CH}_2-$ ) with different environment was also observed using  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT-135 experiment (Figure S27), which suggest that more than one species is formed during the photolysis. The second species is assigned as B. However, after 24h photolysis, presence of a symmetrical product C was observed. A similar phenomenon was observed for compound **3** and **5**. Further studies needed to reveal the pathways involved in this process and also other species involved in the processes.

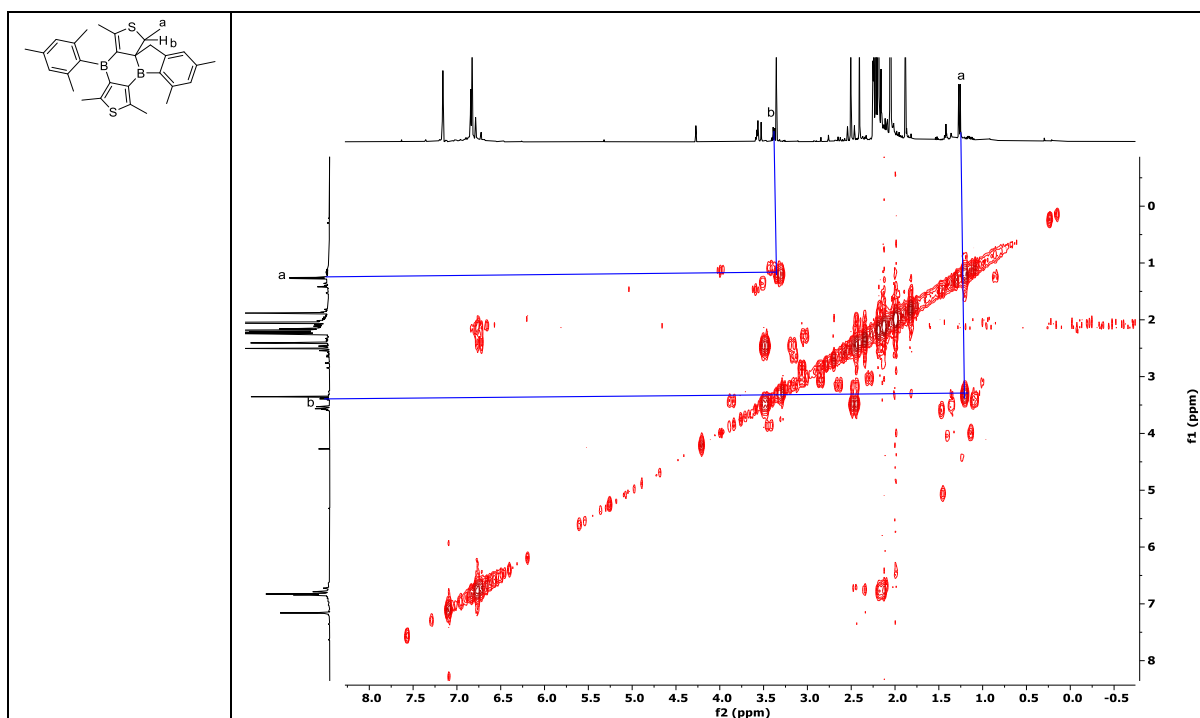




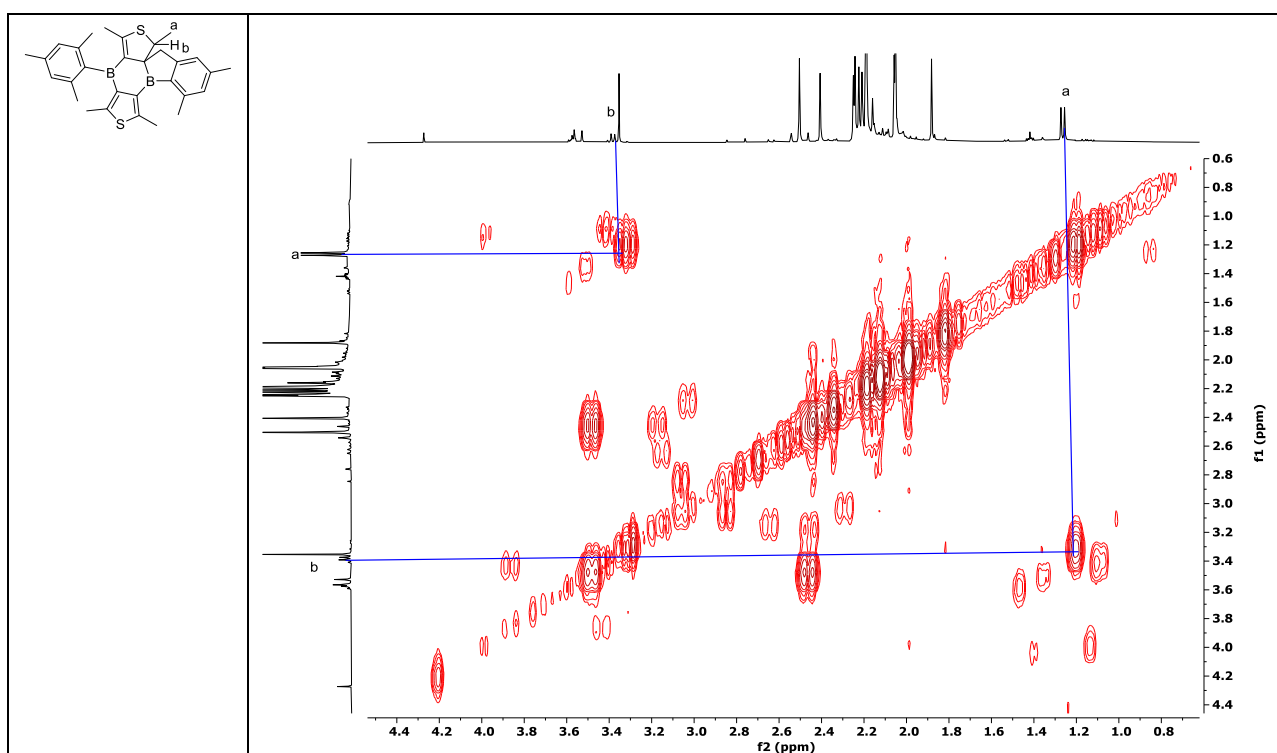
**Figure S22:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .



**Figure S23:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h. Starting material peaks are marked with asterisk (\*).



**Figure S24:**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectrum of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



**Figure S25:**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectrum of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



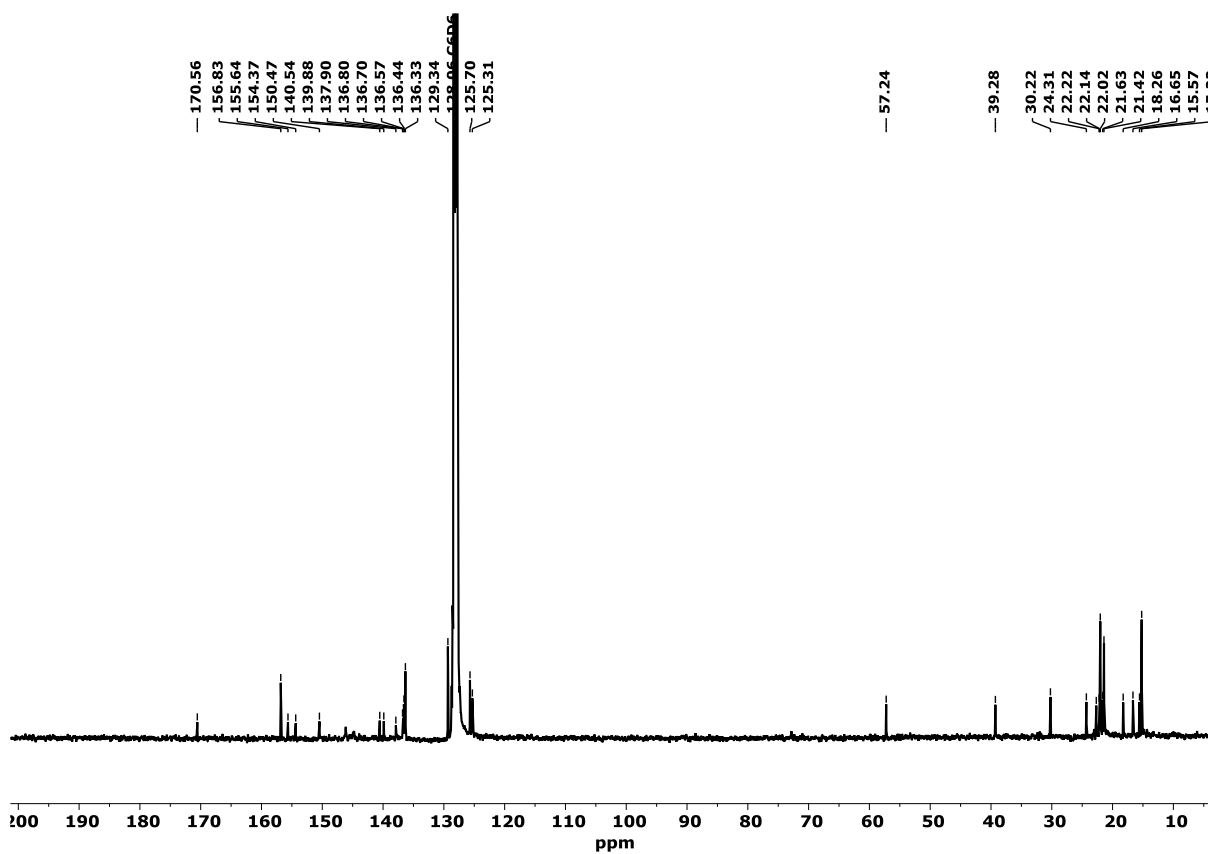


Figure S26:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.

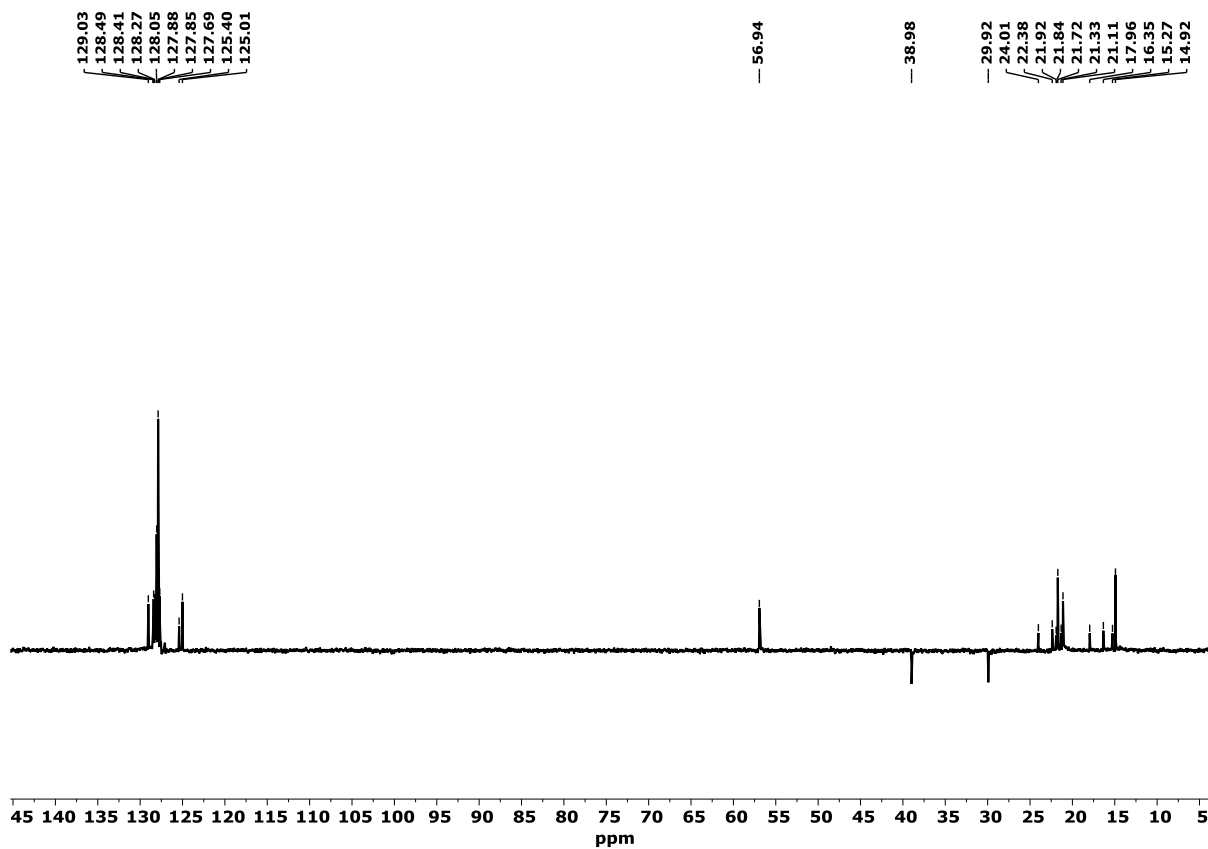
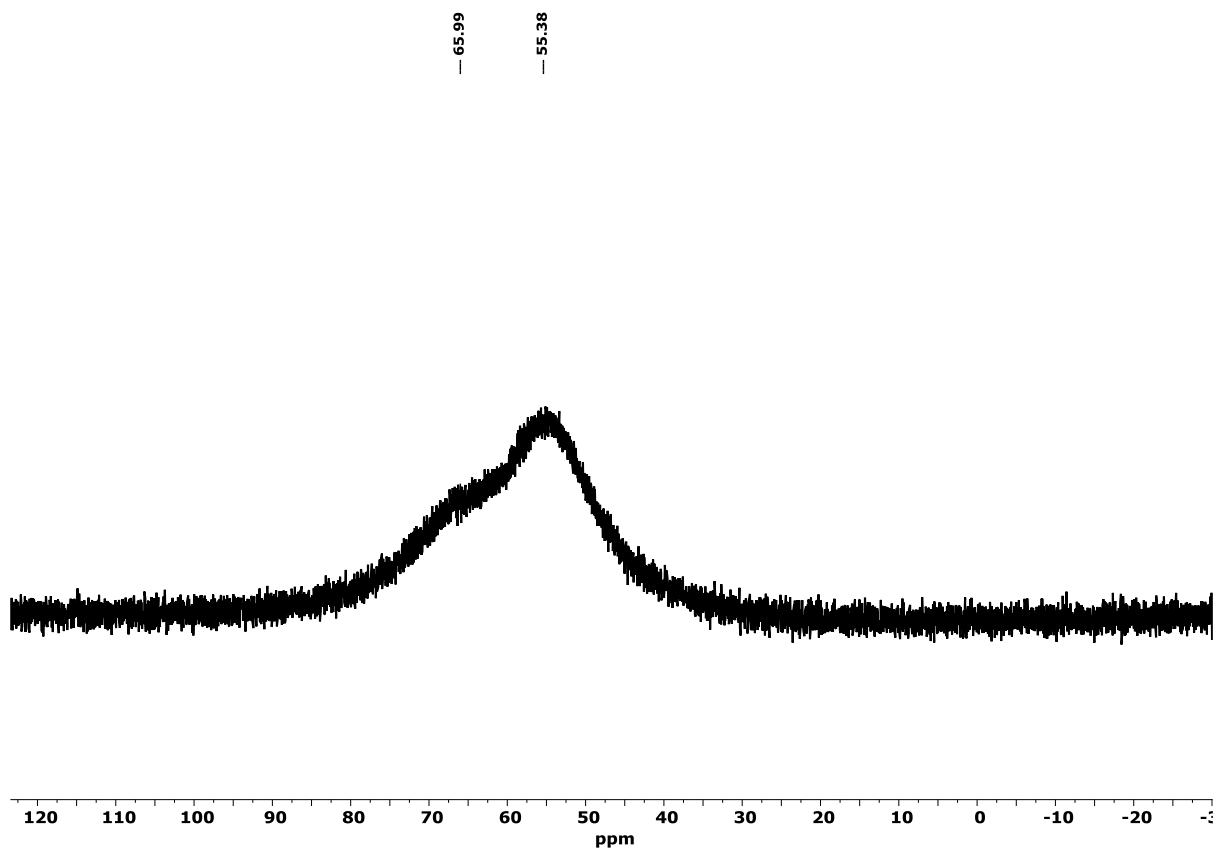
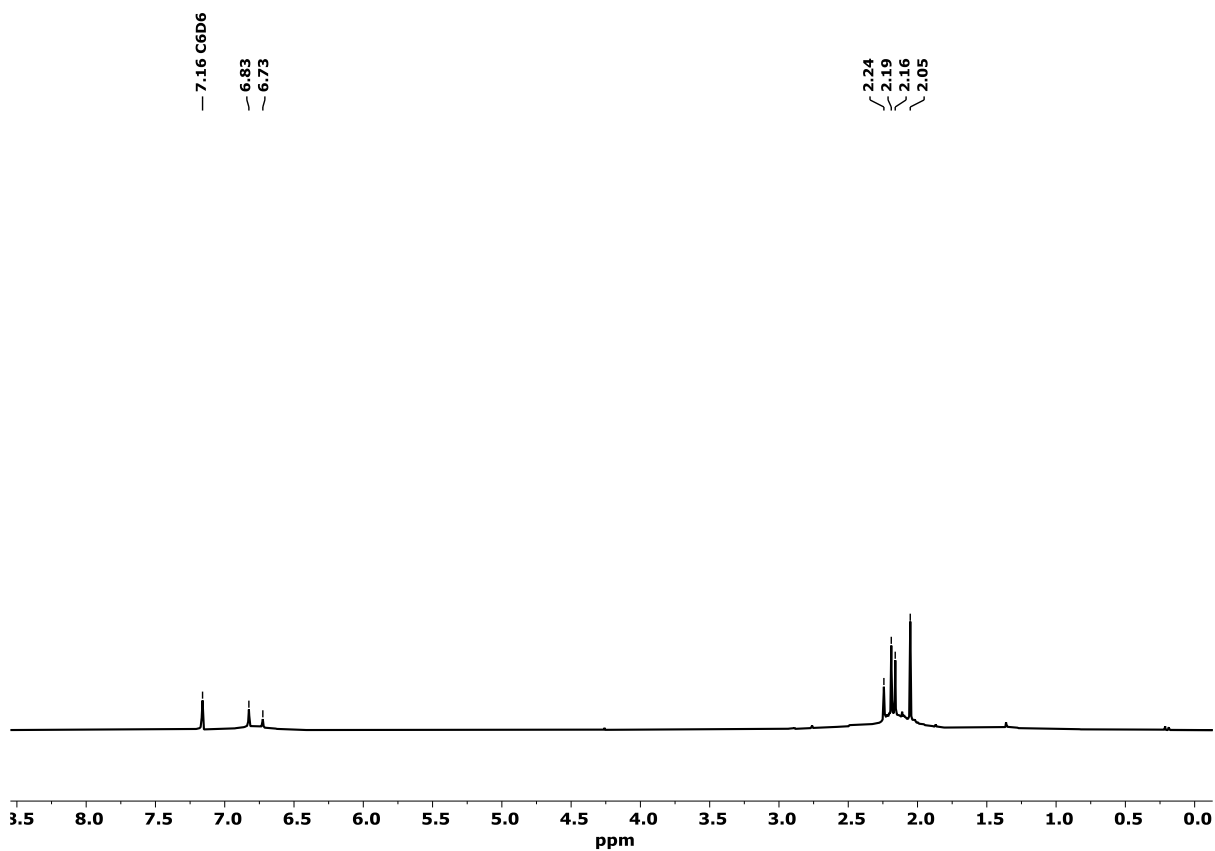


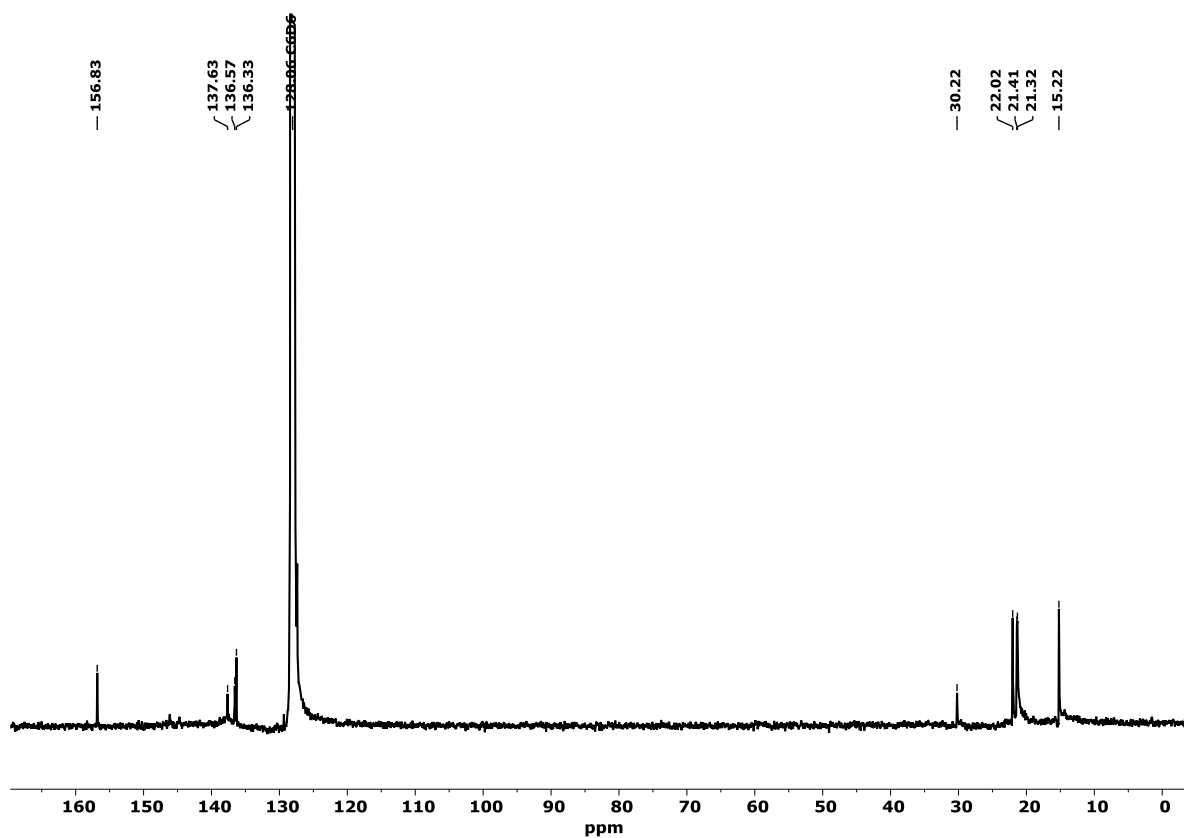
Figure S27:  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT-135 NMR of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



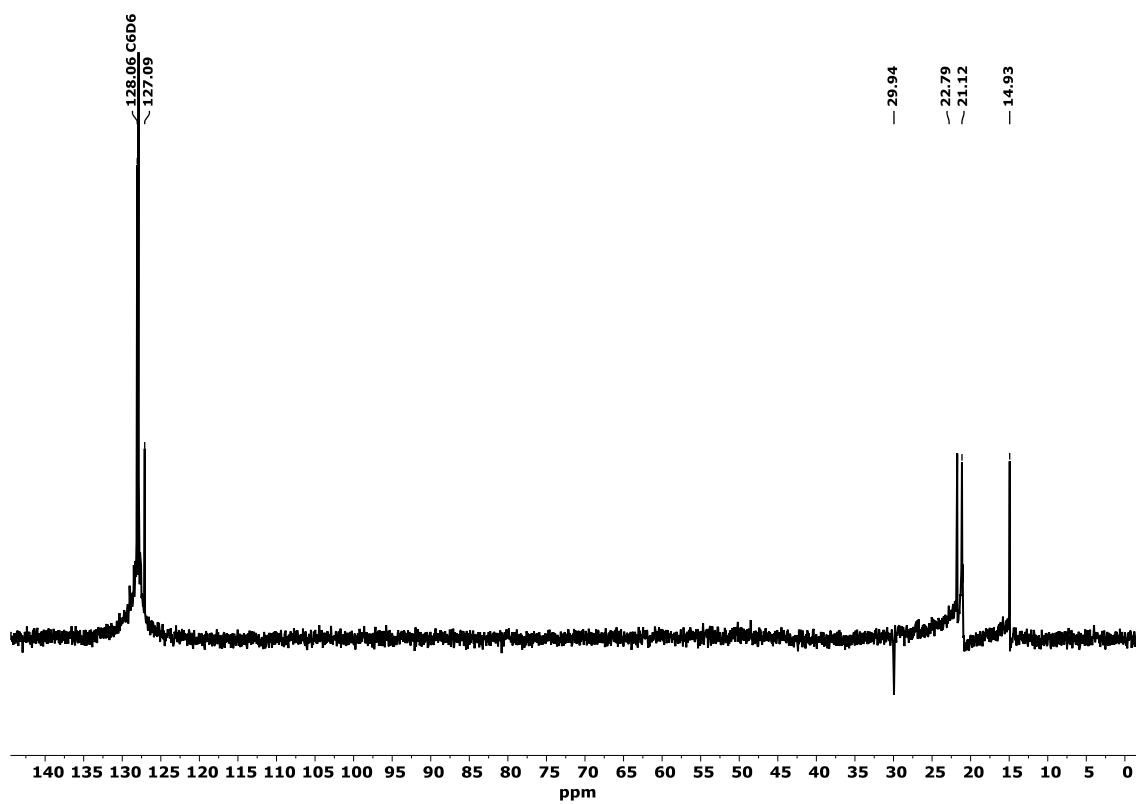
**Figure S28:**  $^{11}\text{B}$  of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



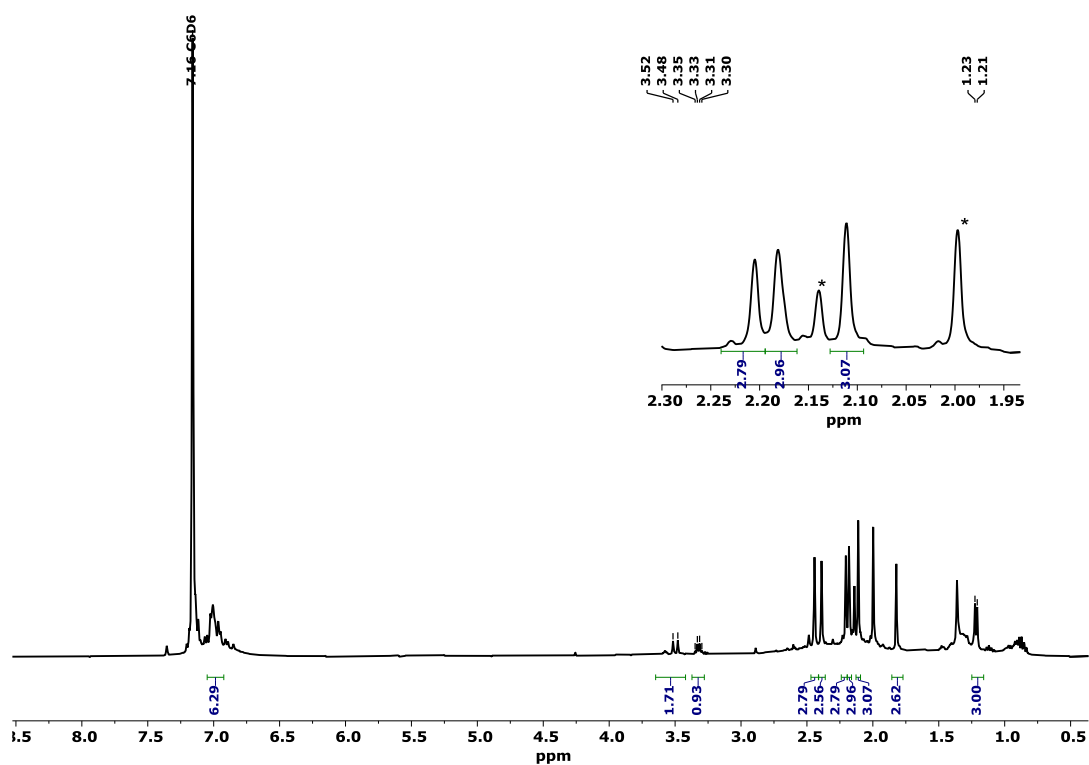
**Figure S29:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.



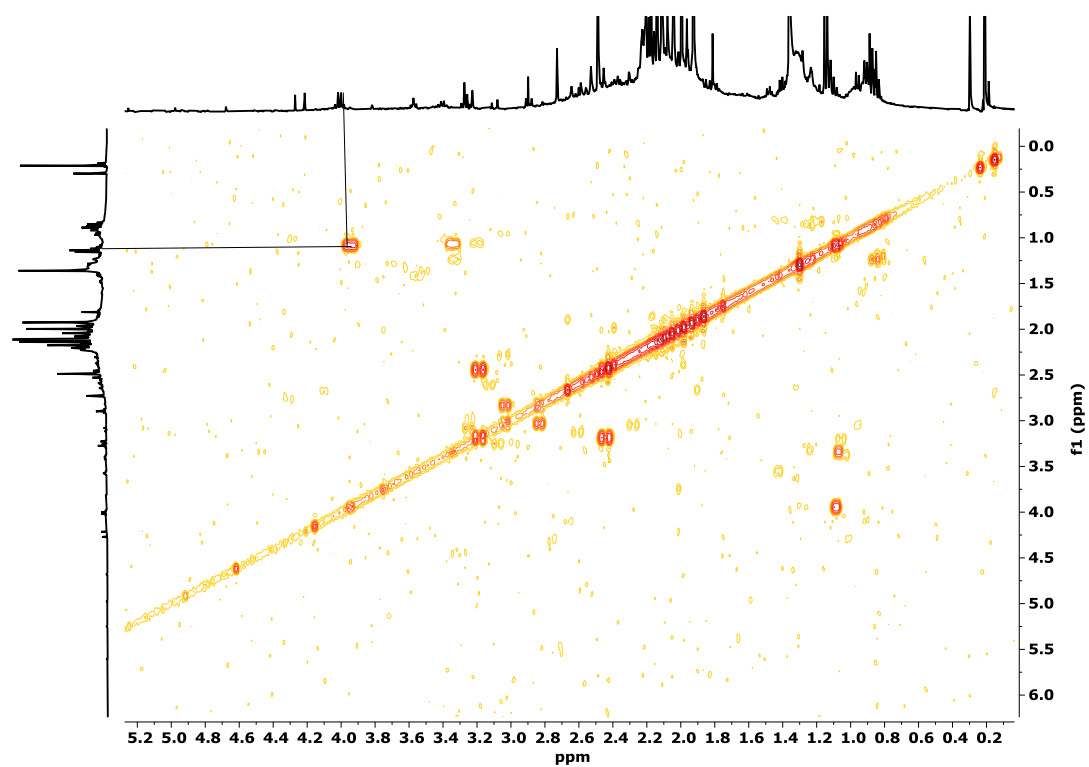
**Figure S30:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **4** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.



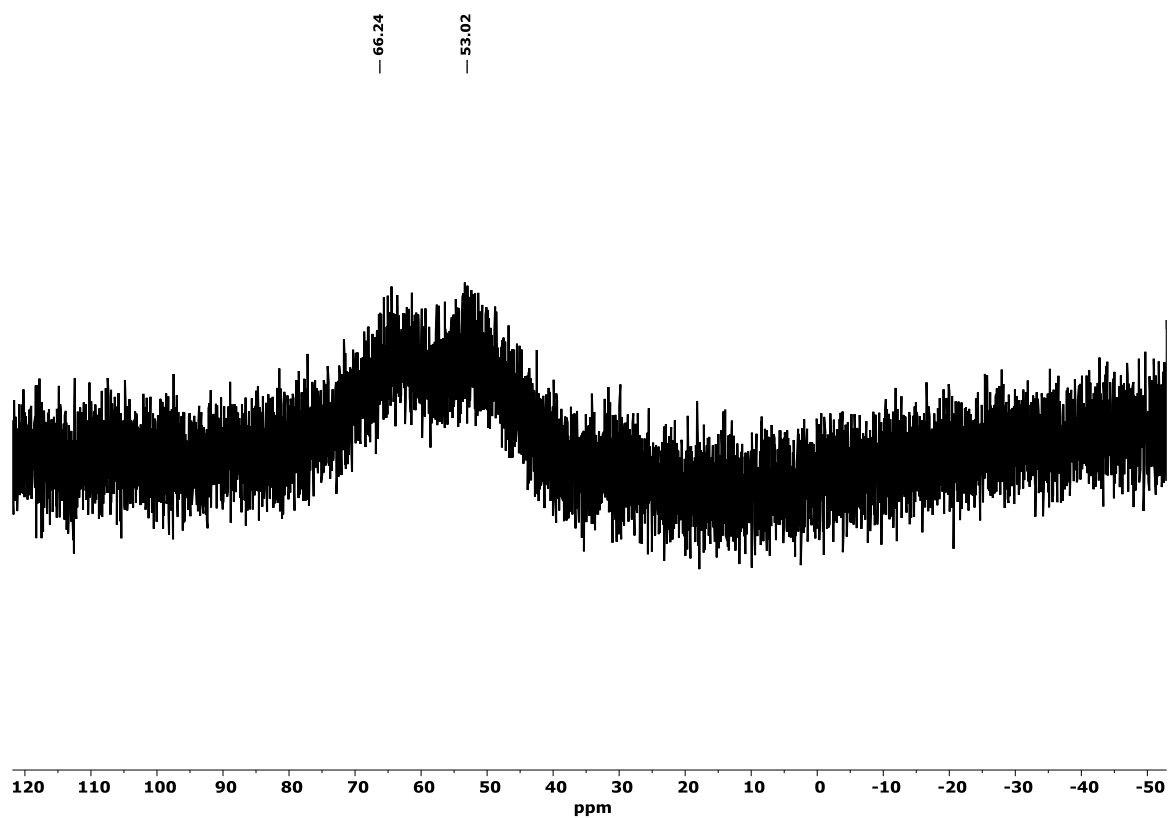
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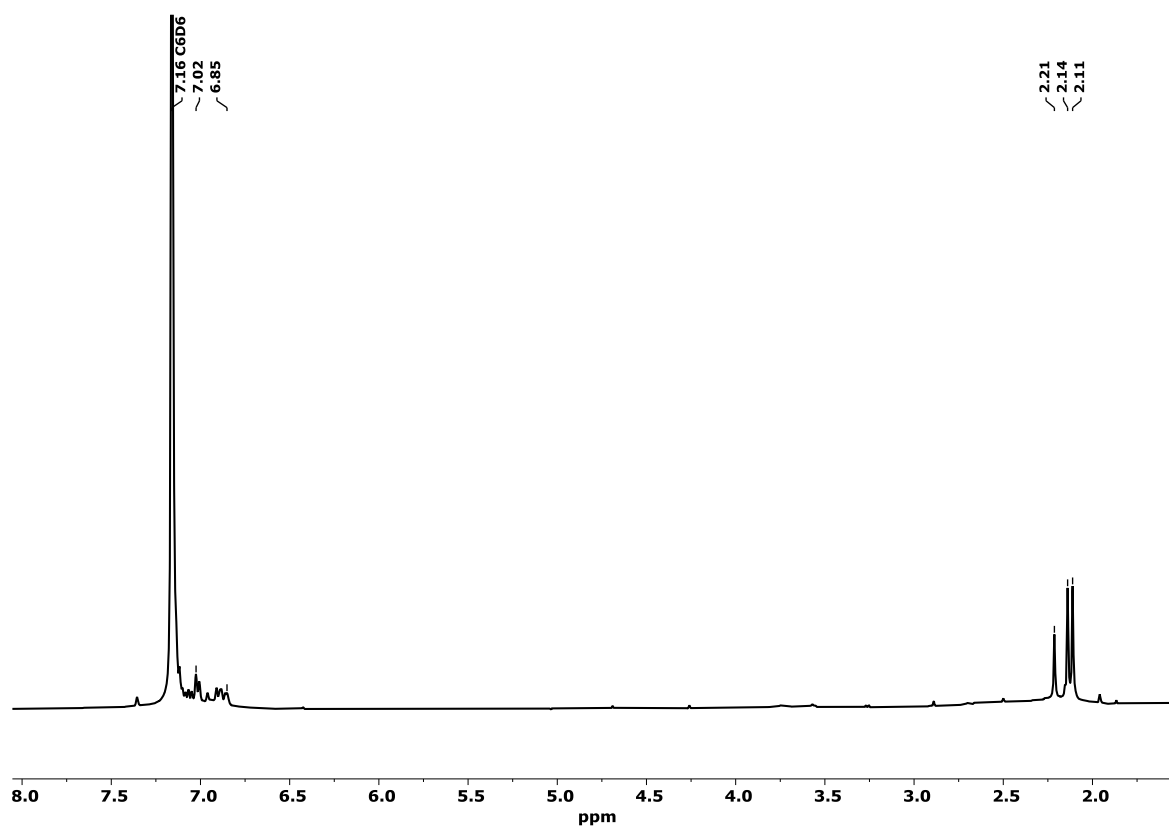
**Figure S32:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **3** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



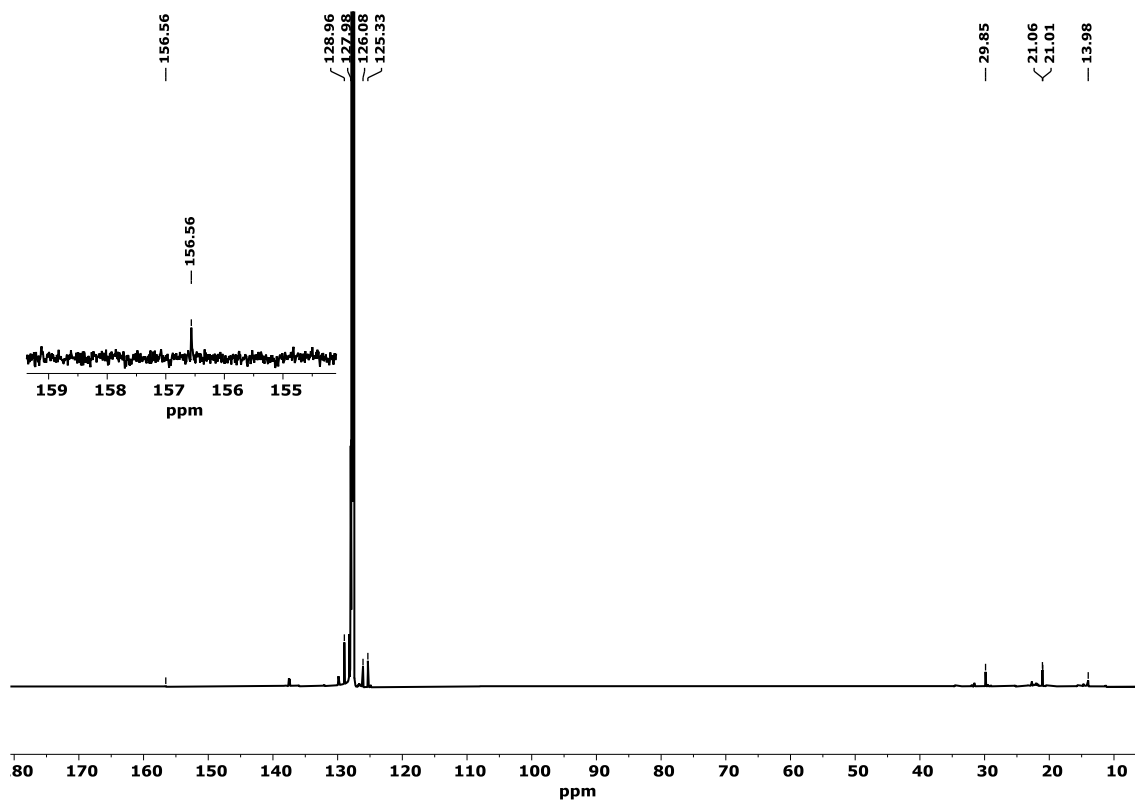
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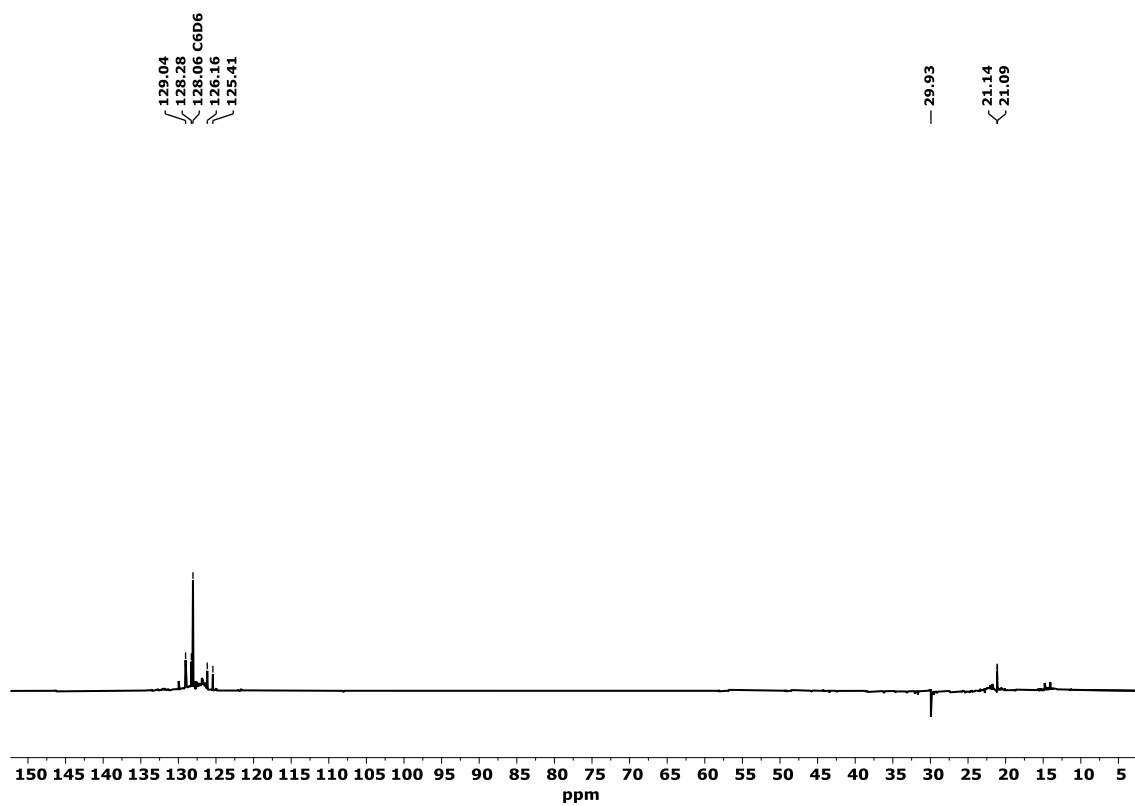
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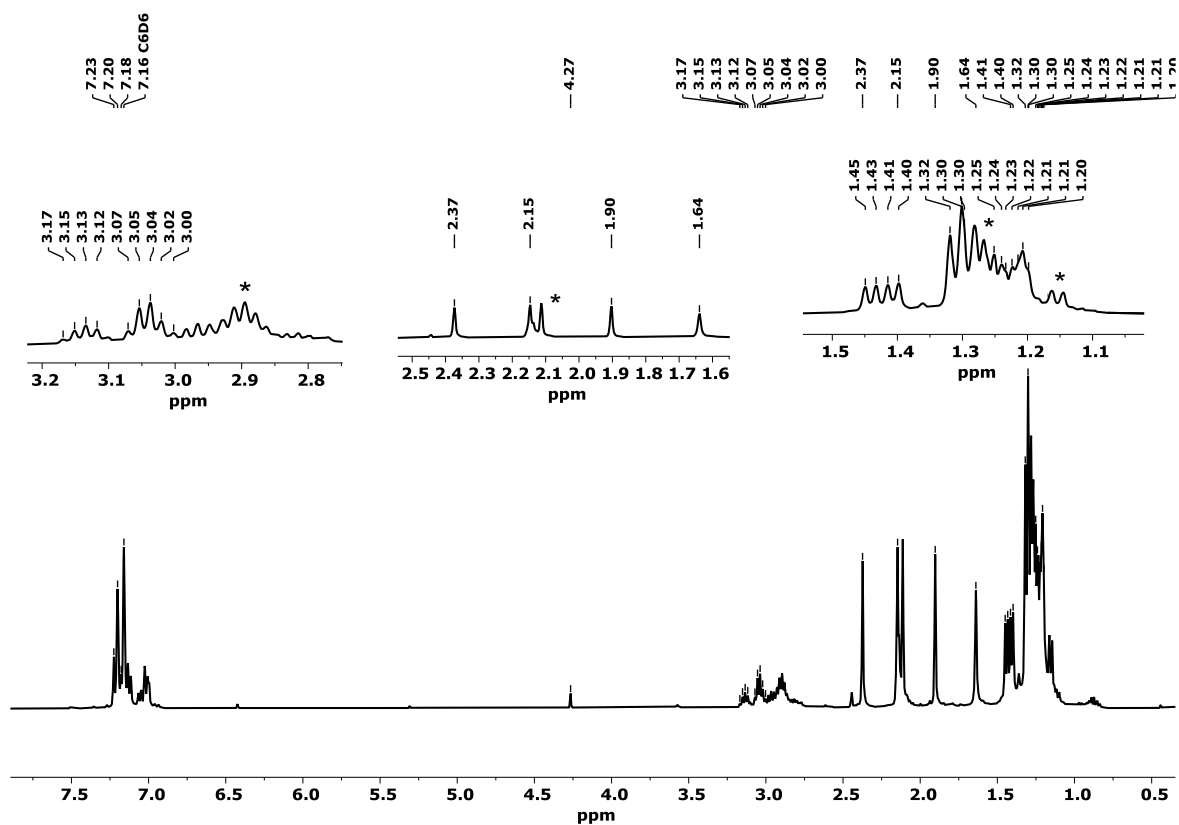
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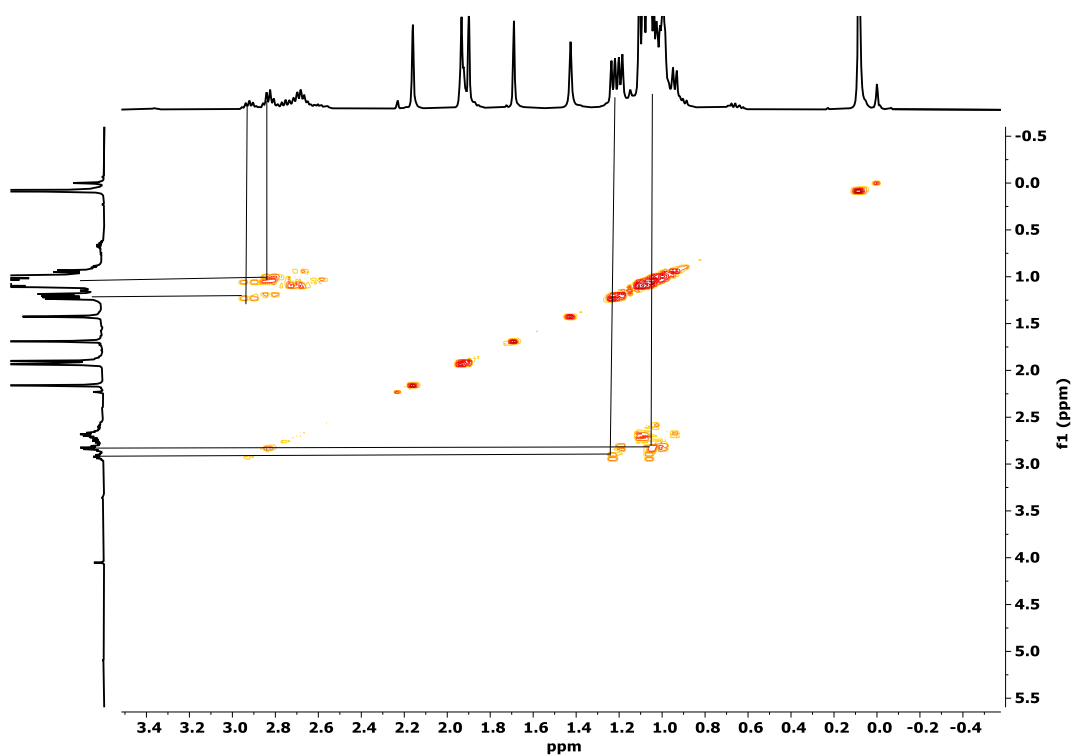
**Figure S36:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **3** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.



**Figure S37:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT-135 NMR of compound **3** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.



**Figure S38:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



**Figure S39:**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.

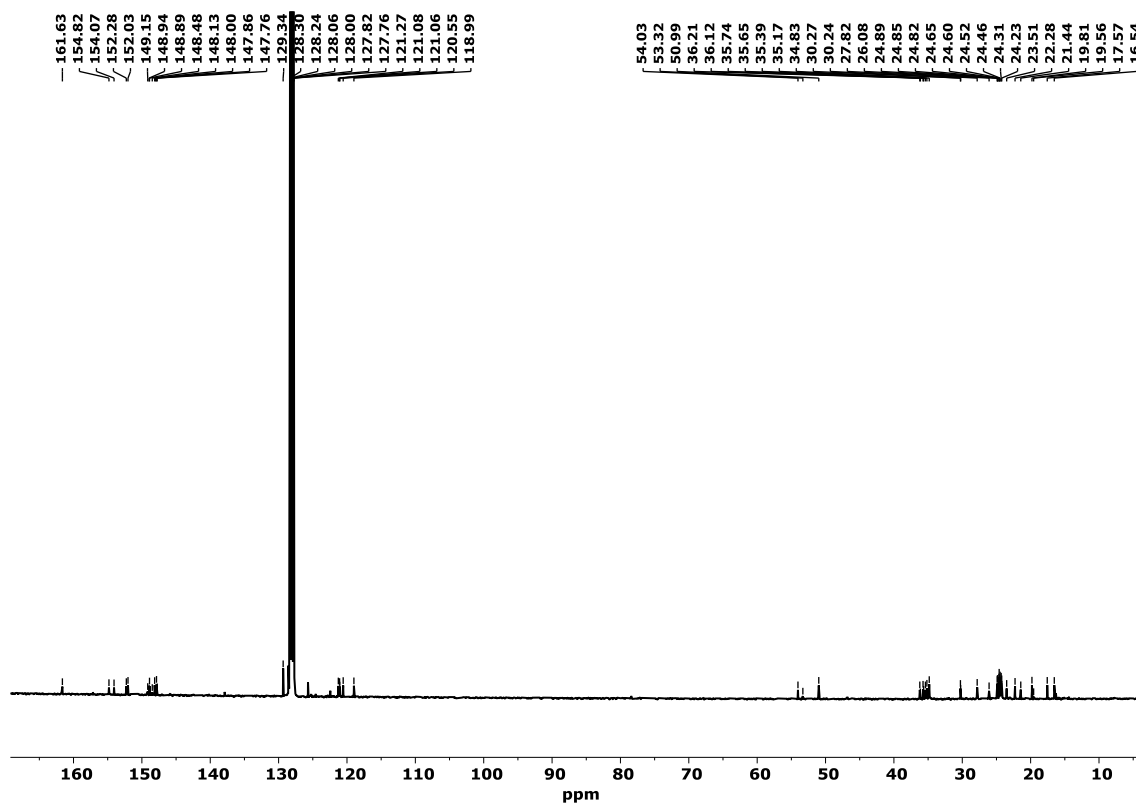


Figure S40:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.

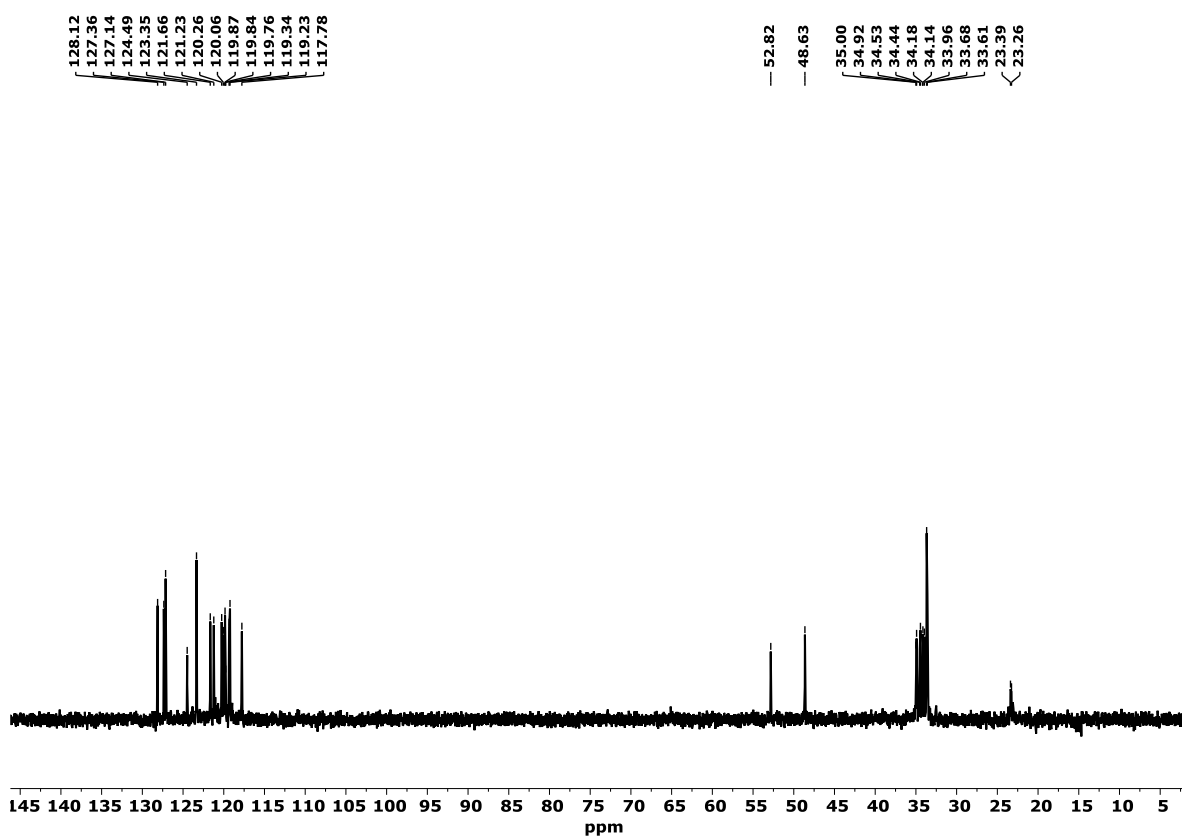
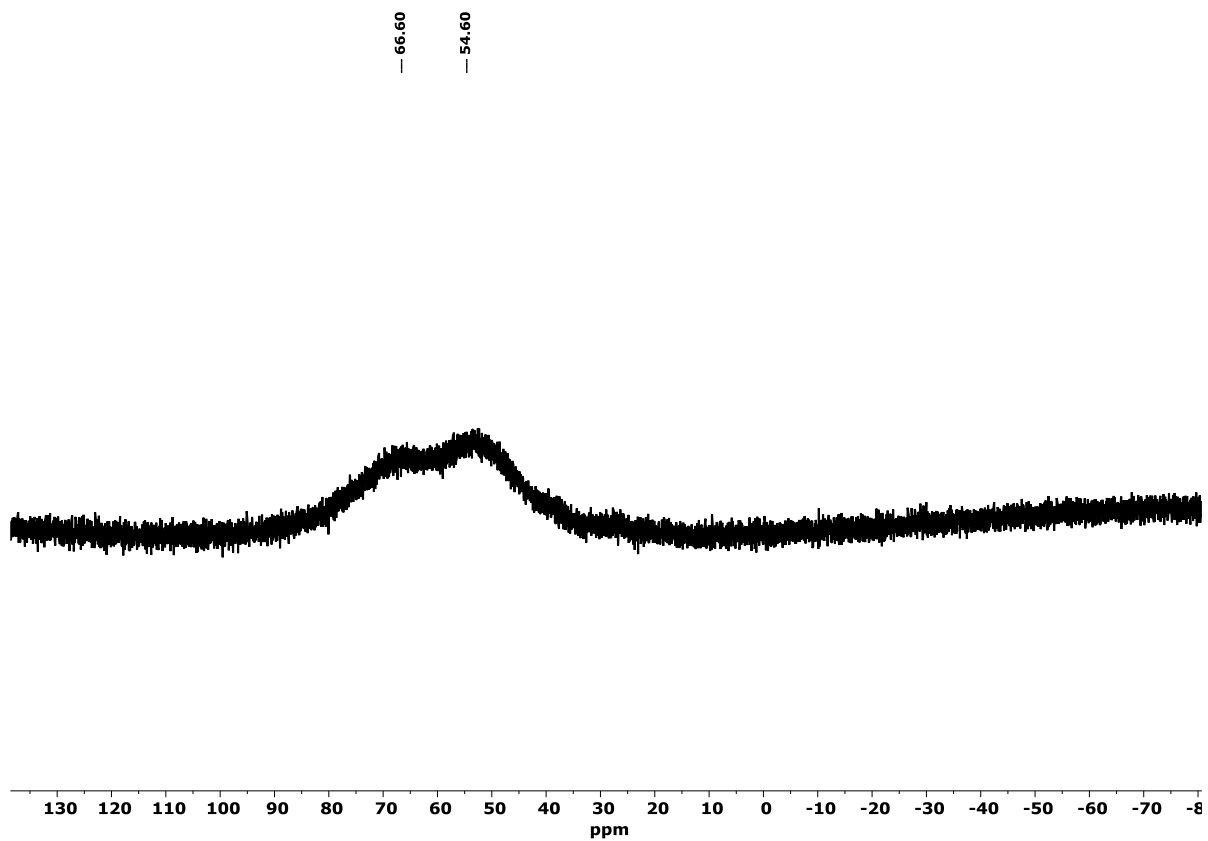
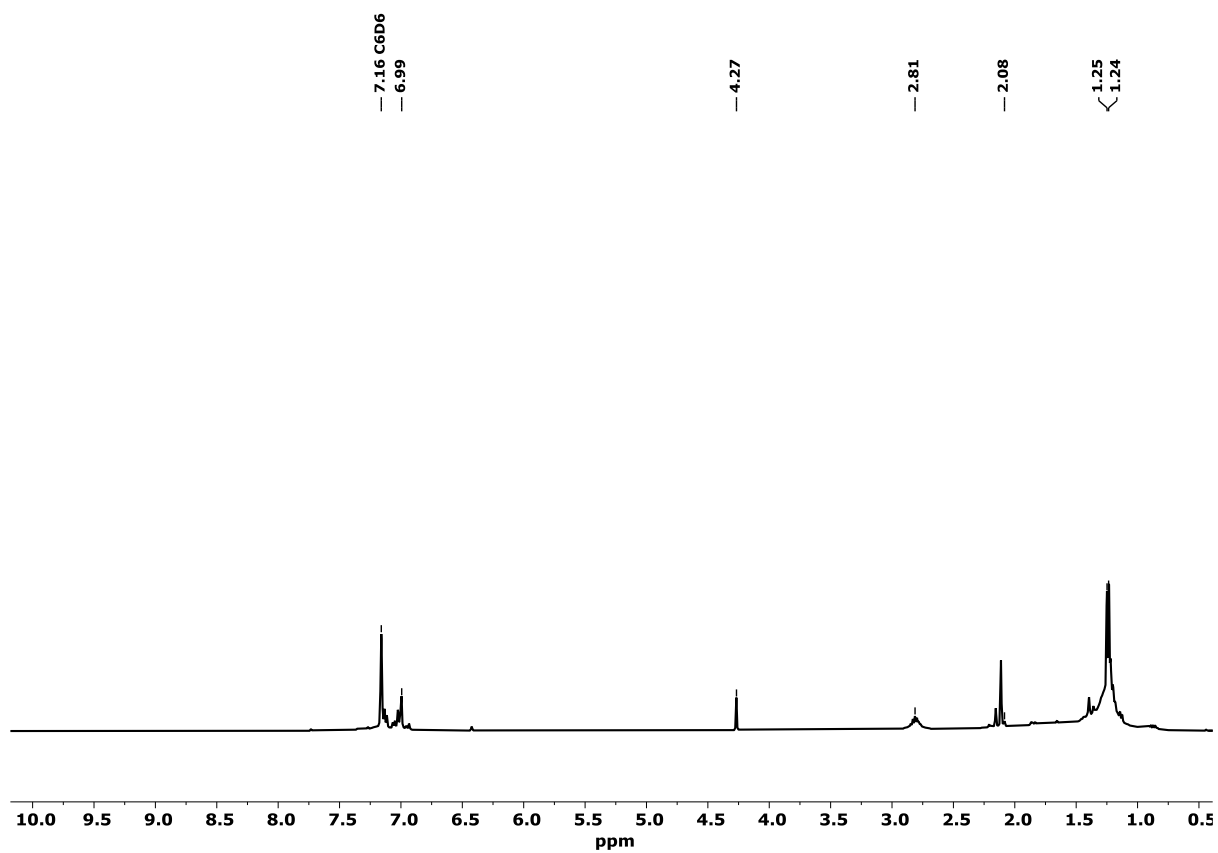


Figure S41:  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT-135 NMR of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.

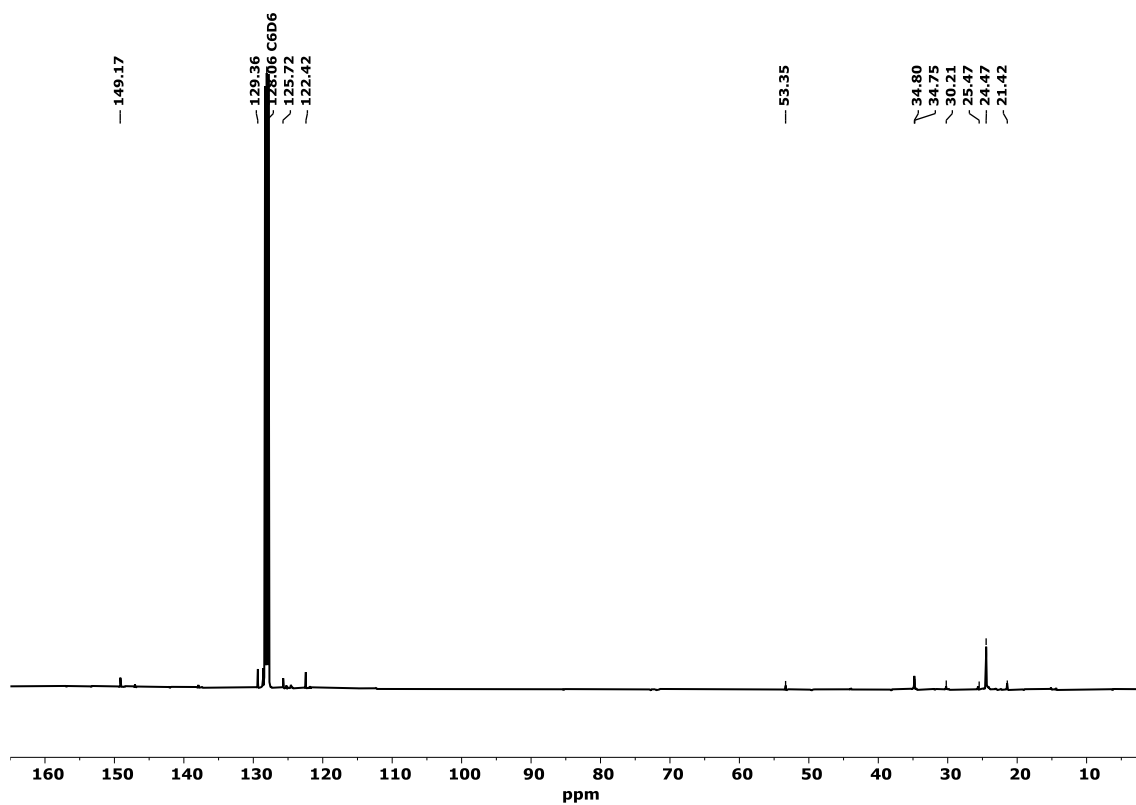




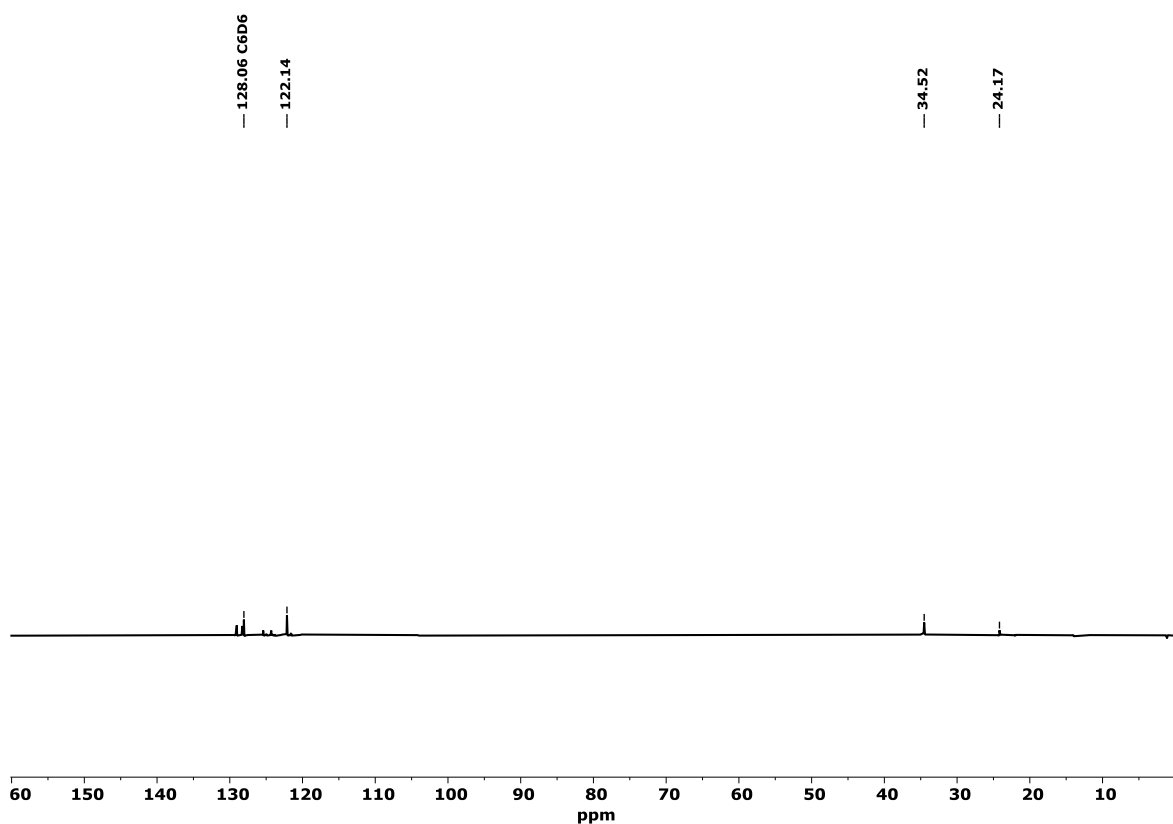
**Figure S42:**  $^{11}\text{B}$  of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 5h.



**Figure S43:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.



**Figure S44:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.



**Figure S45:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  DEPT-135 NMR of compound **5** in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  after irradiation of UV light for 24h.

Optimized x,y,z coordinates for compounds **3-5** calculated on Gaussian 03 at the B3LYP//6-31g(d,p) level

Compound **3**

Center Atomic Atomic Coordinates (Angstroms)

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#### Compound 4

Center Atomic Atomic Coordinates (Angstroms)

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H	3.232114	-2.746932	-0.876925
H	3.231774	-2.747741	0.877433
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H	3.816600	-0.008167	3.382584
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H	2.472102	-0.887250	2.640878
C	7.483745	0.019033	0.000009
H	7.893797	-0.472047	0.887867
H	7.893922	-0.480682	-0.882995
H	7.863806	1.048615	-0.005079
B	1.547246	-0.001179	-0.000033

## Compound 5

## Center Atomic Coordinates (Angstroms)

Type	X	Y	Z
S	0.011611	-3.571675	1.337168
C	-5.979439	0.076326	0.199282
C	-5.215276	0.549636	1.268206
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C	-3.814879	0.548747	1.239293
C	-3.137719	0.033900	0.108344
C	-0.739005	1.256134	-0.436214
C	-0.731359	-1.241779	0.486138
C	-3.903118	-0.461979	-0.976974
C	-5.300083	-0.420910	-0.918449
H	-5.876347	-0.789983	-1.762896
C	-3.035820	1.071268	2.450145
H	-1.993068	1.208308	2.135583
C	-1.271819	2.461089	-0.869559
C	-1.256318	-2.437415	0.953525
C	-2.663687	-2.931958	1.146857
H	-3.359781	-2.114751	1.321308
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H	-3.010876	-3.476678	0.260998
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H	-2.964701	3.520213	-0.061924
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C	-7.501580	0.111235	0.255041
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B	-1.550276	0.015296	0.053628
S	-0.011282	3.572035	-1.337416
C	5.979358	-0.077029	-0.199917
C	5.214515	-0.549213	-1.268869
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C	3.814153	-0.547713	-1.239387
C	3.137694	-0.033397	-0.107734
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C	0.731397	1.242839	-0.484309
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C	5.300728	0.419757	0.918435
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C	1.256558	2.438305	-0.951717
C	2.664027	2.932925	-1.143950
H	3.360705	2.115545	-1.315281

H	2.721278	3.623973	-1.991131
H	3.009323	3.480060	-0.258808
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H	2.963723	-3.518470	0.057022
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C	-3.794092	-2.360289	-2.698595
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H	-7.857418	0.720487	-1.817240
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C	-3.534799	2.440036	2.948556
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H	-2.468303	0.440551	4.462804
C	3.534306	-2.436721	-2.951263
H	4.539930	-2.369777	-3.379878
H	3.565065	-3.176403	-2.145852
H	2.872105	-2.818311	-3.735775
C	3.028528	-0.048563	-3.605541
H	2.569460	0.895824	-3.301463
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H	2.464021	-0.435848	-4.461199
C	3.799176	2.356551	2.702941
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H	3.193747	2.766781	3.518194
C	3.237071	-0.010274	3.386888
H	2.722788	-0.934796	3.111623
H	4.265994	-0.264099	3.665882

H	2.739745	0.398536	4.273663
C	8.119525	1.292877	-0.136018
H	9.209116	1.247072	-0.241025
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H	7.899452	1.742855	0.838219
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