

Supporting Information

Part 1: Synthesis Section

Modular synthesis of unsymmetrical [1]benzothieno[3,2-b][1]benzothiophene (BTBT)
molecular semiconductors for organic transistors

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1. General synthesis procedures for BTBT derivatives

General Experimental

All solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as supplied. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on NMR spectrometers at 400 MHz and 500 MHz and ^{13}C NMR at 101 MHz and 126 MHz, using the residual solvent peak of CDCl_3 (^1H : $\delta = 7.26$; ^{13}C : $\delta = 77.0$). ^1H NMR chemical shifts (δ_{H}) and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts (δ_{C}) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants (J) are quoted in Hertz (Hz). Abbreviations for NMR data are s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a FTIR spectrometer and mass spectra were obtained using positive or negative electrospray ionization (ESI), atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) techniques. Column chromatography was carried out using silica gel 60 Å, 240-400 mesh. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminum sheets pre-coated with silica gel, 0.20 mm (Merck TLC Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄). Melting points were measured on solids as obtained after recrystallization from EtOAc. Benzothiophene S-oxides were prepared as previously reported.¹ The following compounds were prepared and characterized as previously reported: **3aa**, **3eb** and **3eb'**.¹

General Procedure A: C-H Arylation of 3-Methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophene S-oxides

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, 3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophene-S-oxides **1** (1.0 equiv) and phenols **2** (1.5 equiv) were dissolved in THF (0.1 M) in an oven-dried tube flushed with N₂. TFAA (1.5 equiv) was then added at -40 °C. After 15 min at -40 °C, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. After removal of THF *in vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M). BF₃·OEt₂ (0.20 equiv) was then added at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with H₂O, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane and Et₂O to obtain the 2-aryl benzothiophene products of cross-coupling **3**.

General Procedure B: Synthesis of *S*-thiocarbamates

Under a nitrogen atmosphere, NaH (3.0 equiv) was added to a solution of the 2-aryl benzothiophene products of cross-coupling **3** in DMF (0.1 M) at room temperature. After 15 min at the same temperature, dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (2.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture. After the consumption of **3** (average reaction time = 16 h), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The *O*-thiocarbamate product was used in the next step without further purification.

The *O*-thiocarbamate was dissolved in Ph₂O (0.1 M) and the solution heated at reflux. After completion of the reaction (average reaction time = 1 h), the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane in Et₂O to obtain the *S*-thiocarbamate **5**.

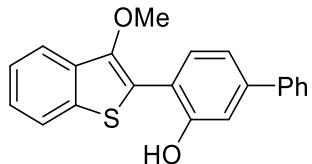
General Procedure C: Hydrolysis and Cyclization to give BTBTs

KOMe (2.0 equiv) was added to a solution of *S*-thiocarbamate **5** in methanol/toluene (1:1 ratio, 0.05 M) in a 10 mL microwave vial. The vial was capped and heated to 120 °C. After the consumption of **5** (average reaction time = 1 h), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. TsOH·H₂O (8.0 equiv) was added to the crude mixture and then the solution was heated at 120 °C. After the completion of the reaction (average reaction time = 1 h), the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Water was added to the reaction mixture, and then the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O three times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with *n*-hexane in Et₂O or recrystallized to afford BTBT **4**.

2. Experimental details for the synthesis of BTBT derivatives

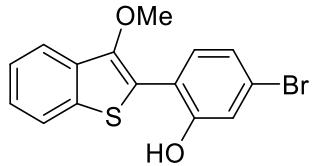
Compounds **3aa**, **3eb** and **3eb'** have previously been synthesized and reported by our group.¹

4-(3-Methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3ab**)



1a (72 mg, 0.40 mmol), TFAA (83 μ L, 0.60 mmol), THF (4.0 mL), 3-phenylphenol (**2b**; 113 mg, 0.60 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (10 μ L, 0.08 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4.0 mL), gave **3ab** as a white solid (61 mg, 0.18 mmol, 46%); **M.p.**: 127-129 °C; **IR** (ATR): 3272, 1348, 1060, 759 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.15 (1H, s, OH), 7.83-7.76 (2H, m, ArH), 7.71-7.64 (2H, m, ArH), 7.57 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.51-7.44 (3H, m, ArH), 7.44-7.35 (3H, m, ArH), 7.27 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, ArH), 3.94 (3H, s, OCH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 154.4 (ArC(OH)), 144.6 (ArC), 143.4 (ArC), 140.1 (ArC), 137.1 (ArC), 133.4 (ArC), 131.0 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH), 127.0 (ArCH), 125.8 (ArC), 125.3 (ArCH), 124.6 (ArCH), 122.8 (ArCH), 120.6 (ArCH), 119.6 (ArCH), 118.1 (ArC), 116.9 (ArCH), 62.4 (OCH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M+H]⁺: 333.0944; found: 333.0940.

5-Bromo-2-(3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)phenol (**3ac**)

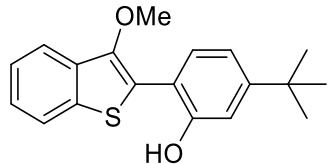


1a (72 mg, 0.40 mmol), TFAA (83 μ L, 0.60 mmol), THF (4.0 mL), 3-bromophenol (**2c**; 104 mg, 0.60 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (10 μ L, 0.08 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4.0 mL), gave **3ac** as a colorless oil (109 mg,

¹ Z. He, H. J. Shrives, J. A. Fernández-Salas, A. Abengózar, J. Neufeld, K. Yang, A. P. Pulis and D. J. Procter, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2018, **57**, 5759–5764.

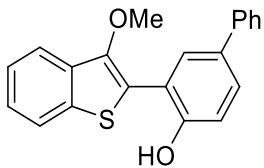
0.33 mmol; 81%); **IR** (ATR): 3245, 1478, 1349, 800 cm^{-1} ; **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.13 (1H, s, OH), 7.80-7.69 (2H, m, ArH), 7.45-7.34 (2H, m, ArH), 7.32 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.26 (1H, s, ArH), 7.11 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 3.87 (3H, s, OCH_3); **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 154.8 (ArC(OH)), 144.8 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 133.2 (ArC), 131.5 (ArCH), 125.5 (ArCH), 124.8 (ArC), 124.7 (ArCH), 124.0 (ArCH), 123.8 (ArC), 122.8 (ArCH), 121.7 (ArCH), 120.7 (ArCH), 118.3 (ArC), 62.4 (OCH_3); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2\text{BrS}$ [M-H] $^-$: 332.9590; found: 332.9586.

5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-(3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)phenol (**3ad**)



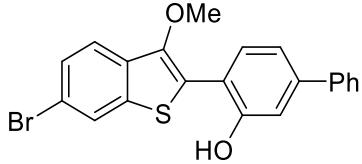
1a (72 mg, 0.40 mmol), TFAA (83 μL , 0.60 mmol), THF (4.0 mL), 3-*tert*-butylphenol (**2d**; 90 mg, 0.60 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (10 μL , 0.08 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4.0 mL), gave **3ad** as a colorless oil (84 mg, 0.27 mmol; 67%); **IR** (ATR): 3293, 1347, 1069, 809 cm^{-1} ; **$^1\text{H-NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.00 (1H, s, OH), 7.77 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.75 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.46-7.34 (3H, m, ArH), 7.12 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.04 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 3.90 (3H, s, OCH_3), 1.36 (9H, s, $(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 154.2 (ArC(OH)), 153.7 (ArC), 144.2 (ArC), 136.9 (ArC), 133.5 (ArC), 130.1 (ArCH), 126.2 (ArC), 125.0 (ArCH), 124.5 (ArCH), 122.7 (ArCH), 120.5 (ArCH), 118.1 (ArCH), 116.1 (ArC), 115.5 (ArCH), 62.3 (OCH_3), 34.7 ($C(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 31.1($C(\text{CH}_3)_3$); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrO}_2\text{S}$ [M] $^+$: 391.0362; found: 391.0354.

3-(3-Methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (**3ae**)



1a (72 mg, 0.40 mmol), TFAA (83 μ L, 0.60 mmol), THF (4.0 mL), 4-phenylphenol (**3e**; 102 mg, 0.60 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (10 μ L, 0.08 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (4.0 mL), gave **3ae** as a colorless amorphous solid (98 mg, 0.29 mmol, 74%); **IR** (ATR): 3327, 1347, 1260, 1092, 762 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.04 (1H, s, OH), 7.84-7.77 (2H, m, ArH), 7.75 (1H, s, ArH), 7.67-7.61 (2H, m, ArH), 7.59 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.51-7.39 (4H, m, ArH), 7.36 (1H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.19 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 3.94 (3H, s, OCH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 153.7 (ArC(OH)), 144.9 (ArC), 140.3 (ArC), 137.1 (ArC), 134.0 (ArC), 133.4 (ArC), 129.2 (ArCH), 129.1 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 126.9 (ArCH), 126.8 (ArCH), 125.6 (ArC), 125.3 (ArCH), 124.6 (ArCH), 122.8 (ArCH), 120.7 (ArCH), 119.4 (ArC), 118.9 (ArCH), 62.4 (OCH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2\text{S} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 333.0930; found: 333.0932.

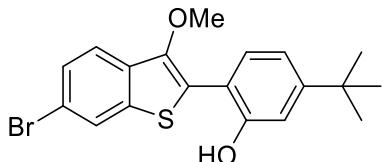
4-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-ol (**3bb**)



1b (78 mg, 0.30 mmol), TFAA (63 μ L, 0.45 mmol), THF (3.0 mL), 3-phenylphenol (**2b**; 68 mg, 0.45 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (7 μ L, 0.06 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL), gave **3bb** as a white solid (76 mg, 0.18 mmol, 61%); **M.p.:** 135-136 $^\circ\text{C}$; **IR** (ATR): 3280, 1258, 1015, 790 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.96 (1H, s, OH), 7.93 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.68-7.64 (2H, m, ArH), 7.62 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.56-7.51 (2H, m, ArH), 7.51-7.43 (2H, m, ArH), 7.38 (1H, t, J = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.35 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.26 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, ArH), 3.91 (3H, s, OCH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 154.3 (ArC), 144.4 (ArC), 143.6 (ArC), 139.9 (ArC), 138.4 (ArC), 132.3

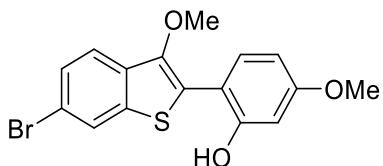
(ArC), 130.9 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 128.1 (ArCH), 127.8 (ArCH), 127.0 (ArCH), 126.2 (ArC), 125.3 (ArCH), 121.7 (ArCH), 119.7 (ArCH), 119.2 (ArC), 117.6 (ArC), 116.9 (ArCH), 62.5 (OCH₃); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₁H₁₄BrO₂S [M-H]⁻: 408.9903; found: 408.9903.

2-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(tert-butyl)phenol (3bd)



1b (0.11 g, 0.42 mmol), TFAA (88 μ L, 0.63 mmol), THF (4.2 mL), 3-*tert*-butylphenol (**2d**; 95 mg, 0.63 mmol), BF₃·OEt₂ (10 μ L, 0.08 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (4.2 mL), gave **3bd** as a white solid (133 mg, 0.34 mmol, 81%); **M.p.**: 120-121 °C; **IR** (ATR): 3288, 1067, 1020, 791 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.91 (1H, s, OH), 7.83 (1H, s, ArH), 7.59 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.51 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.12 (1H, s, ArH), 7.03 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 3.87 (3H, s, OCH₃), 1.35 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 154.6 (ArC), 153.7 (ArC), 143.9 (ArC), 138.2 (ArC), 132.3 (ArC), 130.0 (ArCH), 128.0 (ArCH), 126.6 (ArC), 125.2 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 118.9 (ArC), 118.2 (ArCH), 115.6 (ArC), 115.5 (ArCH), 62.4 (OCH₃), 34.7 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.1 (C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈BrO₂S [M-H]⁻: 389.0216; found: 389.0216.

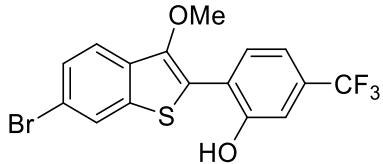
2-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-methoxyphenol (3bf)



1b (0.10 g, 0.39 mmol), TFAA (82 μ L, 0.59 mmol), THF (3.9 mL), 3-methoxyphenol (**2f**; 64 μ L, 0.59 mmol), BF₃·OEt₂ (10 μ L, 0.08 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (3.9 mL), gave **3bf** as a white solid (115 mg,

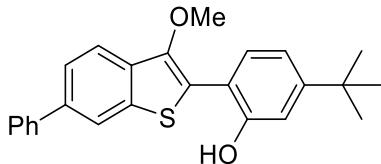
0.31, 82%); **M.p.**: 100-101 °C; IR (ATR): 3276, 1617, 1070, 795 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.96 (1H, s, OH), 7.90 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.58 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.36 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH), 6.63 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, ArH), 3.85 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.84 (3H, s, OCH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 161.9 (ArC), 155.3 (ArC), 143.3 (ArC), 137.9 (ArC), 132.3 (ArC), 131.2 (ArCH), 127.9 (ArCH), 126.4 (ArC), 125.1 (ArCH), 121.4 (ArCH), 118.7 (ArC), 111.2 (ArC), 108.0 (ArCH), 102.9 (ArCH), 62.1 (OCH₃), 55.4 (OCH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄BrO₃S [M+H]⁺: 364.9842; found: 364.9837.

2-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (**3bg**)



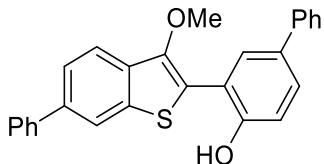
1b (0.10 g, 0.39 mmol), TFAA (82 μL, 0.58 mmol), THF (3.9 mL), 3-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (**2g**; 70 μL, 0.58 mmol), BF₃·OEt₂ (10 μL, 0.08 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (3.9 mL), gave **3bg** as a white solid (128 mg, 0.32, 82%); **M.p.**: 98-100 °C; **IR** (ATR): 3245, 1334, 1115, 1065, 811 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.09 (1H, s, OH), 7.93 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.63 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.60-7.49 (2H, m, ArH), 7.36 (1H, s, ArH), 7.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, ArH), 3.89 (3H, s, OCH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 154.2 (ArC), 145.3 (ArC), 138.6 (ArC), 132.4 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz, ArCCF₃), 131.9 (ArC), 131.0 (ArCH), 128.4 (ArCH), 125.4 (ArCH), 124.7 (ArC), 123.7 (q, *J* = 270.8 Hz, CCF₃), 122.1 (ArC), 122.0 (ArCH), 119.8 (ArC), 117.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz, ArCH), 115.8 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz, ArCH), 62.7 (OCH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁BrF₃O₂S [M+H]⁺: 402.9610; found: 402.9613.

5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-(3-methoxy-6-phenylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)phenol (3cd**)**



1c (77 mg, 0.30 mmol), TFAA (63 μ L, 0.45 mmol), THF (3.0 mL), 3-*tert*-butylphenol (68 mg, 0.45 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (7 μ L, 0.06 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL), gave **3cd** as a white solid (105 mg, 0.27 mmol, 90%); **M.p.**: 119-120 °C; **IR** (ATR): 3279, 1352, 1060, 764 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.07 (1H, s, OH), 7.98 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, ArH), 7.81 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.73-7.62 (3H, m, ArH), 7.54-7.46 (2H, m, ArH), 7.45 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.15 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.06 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 3.93 (3H, s, OCH₃), 1.37 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 154.3 (ArC), 153.7 (ArC), 144.0 (ArC), 140.8 (ArC), 138.4 (ArC), 137.6 (ArC), 132.6 (ArC), 130.1 (ArCH), 128.9 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 126.6 (ArC), 124.2 (ArCH), 121.1 (ArCH), 120.7 (ArCH), 118.1 (ArCH), 116.1 (ArC), 115.5 (ArCH), 62.4 (OCH₃), 34.7(C(CH₃)₃), 31.1(C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₃O₂S [M-H]⁻: 387.1424; found: 387.1429.

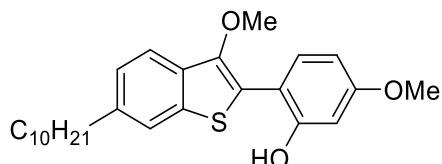
3-(3-Methoxy-6-phenylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol (3ce**)**



1c (71 mg, 0.28 mmol), TFAA (58 μ L, 0.42 mmol), THF (2.8 mL), 4-phenylphenol (**3e**; 73 mg, 0.42 mmol), $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (7 μ L, 0.06 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.8 mL), gave **3ce** as a white powder (87 mg, 0.21 mmol, 77%); **M.p.**: 196-198 °C; **IR** (ATR): 3232, 1257, 1011, 787 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.04 (1H, s, OH), 8.00 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, ArH), 7.84 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.73 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, ArH), 7.71-7.65 (3H, m, ArH), 7.64-7.60 (2H, m, ArH), 7.58 (1H, dd, J = 8.3,

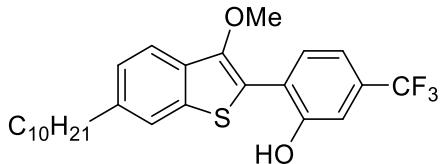
2.2 Hz, ArH), 7.53-7.43 (4H, m, ArH), 7.39 (1H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.35 (1H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.18 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 3.96 (3H, s, OCH₃); ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 153.6 (ArC), 144.7 (ArC), 140.7 (ArC), 140.3 (ArC), 138.7 (ArC), 137.8 (ArC), 134.0 (ArC), 132.5 (ArC), 129.19 (ArCH), 129.16 (ArCH), 128.9 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.5 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.0 (ArCH), 126.8 (ArCH), 126.0 (ArC), 124.4 (ArCH), 121.1 (ArCH), 120.9 (ArCH), 119.4 (ArC), 118.9 (ArCH), 62.5 (OCH₃); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₇H₂₁O₂S [M+H]⁺: 409.1257; found: 409.1255.

2-(6-Decyl-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-methoxyphenol (3ef)



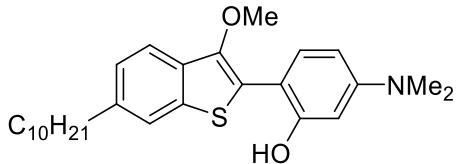
1e (94 mg, 0.29 mmol), TFAA (61 μL, 0.44 mmol), THF (2.9 mL), 3-methoxyphenol (**2f**; 48 μL, 0.44 mmol), BF₃·OEt₂ (7 μL, 0.06 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (2.9 mL), gave **3ef** as a colorless oil (91 mg, 0.21 mmol, 73%); IR (ATR): 3231, 1346, 1326, 1090 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.11 (1H, s, OH), 7.64 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.56 (1H, s, ArH), 7.39 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.24 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 6.64 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.59 (1H, dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, ArH), 3.87 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.84 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.73 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.68 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.45-1.16 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.90 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 161.6 (ArC(OH)), 155.3 (ArC), 143.6 (ArC), 140.3 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 131.5 (ArC), 131.2 (ArCH), 125.6 (ArCH), 124.6 (ArC), 122.0 (ArCH), 120.1 (ArCH), 111.9 (ArC), 107.8 (ArCH), 102.9 (ArCH), 62.0 (OCH₃), 55.4 (OCH₃), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₆H₃₅O₃S [M+H]⁺: 427.2301; found: 427.2300.

2-(6-Decyl-3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (3eg)



1e (69 mg, 0.22 mmol), TFAA (45 μ L, 0.32 mmol), THF (2.0 mL), 3-(trifluoromethyl)phenol (**2g**; 39 μ L, 0.32 mmol), $BF_3\cdot OEt_2$ (5 μ L, 0.04 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL), gave **3eg** as a colorless oil (75 mg, 0.16 mmol, 75%); **IR** (ATR): 3252, 1332, 1125, 800 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.27 (1H, s, OH), 7.68 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.59 (1H, s, ArH), 7.57 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.34 (1H, s, ArH), 7.27 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.23 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 3.91 (3H, s, OCH_3), 2.74 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, $ArCH_2$), 1.68 (2H, m, CH_2), 1.45-1.14 (14H, m, CH_2), 0.88 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH_3); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 154.2 (ArC(OH)), 145.5 (ArC), 141.3 (ArC), 137.7 (ArC), 131.9 (q, J = 32.1 Hz, ArCCF₃), 131.1 (ArC), 131.0 (ArCH), 126.0 (ArCH), 123.8 (q, J = 271.3 Hz, CF₃), 123.2 (ArC), 122.8, (ArC) 122.1 (ArCH), 120.6 (ArCH), 117.2 (q, J = 3.6 Hz, ArCH), 115.7 (q, J = 3.6 Hz, ArCH), 62.6 (OCH₃), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₆H₃₂F₃O₂S [M+H]⁺: 465.2070; found: 465.2073.

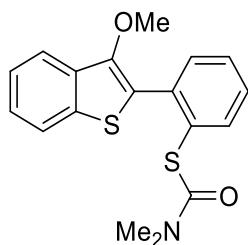
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1e (0.10 g, 0.33 mmol), TFAA (68 μ L, 0.49 mmol), THF (3.3 mL), 3-(dimethylamino)phenol (**2h**; 67 mg, 0.49 mmol), $BF_3\cdot OEt_2$ (8 μ L, 0.07 mmol), CH_2Cl_2 (3.3 mL), gave **3eh** as a white solid (72 mg, 0.16 mmol, 50%); **M.p.**: 78-79 °C; **IR** (ATR): 3284, 1258, 1015 cm^{-1} ; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.13 (1H, s, OH), 7.60 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.54 (1H, s, ArH), 7.33 (1H, d, J = 8.5

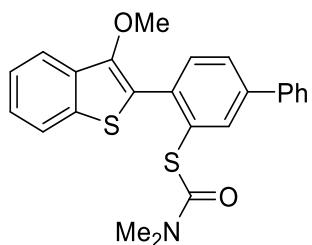
Hz, ArH), 7.21 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 6.42-6.38 (1H, m, ArH), 6.41 (1H, s, ArH), 3.86 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.00 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.72 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.74-1.60 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.41-1.16 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 155.0 (ArC(OH)), 152.3 (ArC), 142.7 (ArC), 139.8 (ArC), 136.6 (ArC), 131.7 (ArC), 131.1 (ArCH), 125.9 (ArC), 125.5 (ArCH), 121.9 (ArCH), 119.8 (ArCH), 107.5 (ArC), 105.6 (ArCH), 100.9 (ArCH), 61.8 (OCH₃), 40.3 (N(CH₃)₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₇H₃₈NO₂S [M+H]⁺: 440.2618; found: 440.2607.

S-(2-(3-Methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl) dimethylcarbamothioate (5aa)



3aa (57 mg, 0.20 mmol), NaH (24 mg, 0.60 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (43 mg, 0.40 mmol), DMF (2.0 mL), Ph₂O (4.0 mL), gave **5aa** as a colorless oil (61 mg, 0.18 mmol, 89%); **IR** (ATR): 1262, 1088, 1017, 800, 734 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.74 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, ArH), 7.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.5 Hz, ArH), 7.48-7.42 (2H, m, ArH), 7.42-7.33 (2H, m, ArH), 3.67 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.96 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: (1 × ArCH missing), 166.3 (CO), 147.6 (ArC), 137.7 (ArCH), 137.5 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 132.3 (ArCH), 130.3 (ArC), 129.0 (ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 123.9 (ArCH), 122.3 (ArCH), 121.3 (ArC), 121.2 (ArCH), 60.9 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 344.0773; found: 344.0772.

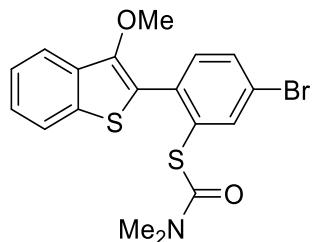
S-(4-(3-Methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl) dimethylcarbamothioate (5ab)



3ab (53 mg, 0.16 mmol), NaH (60%, 19 mg, 0.48 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (34 mg, 0.32 mmol), DMF (1.6 mL), Ph₂O (1.6 mL), gave **5ab** as a white solid (49 mg, 0.12 mmol, 73%); **M.p.:** 106-108 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1664, 1349, 1095, 1061 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.92 (1H, s, ArH), 7.81 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.75 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.70-7.63 (4H,

m, ArH), 7.49-7.43 (2H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.33 (3H, m, ArH), 3.73 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.98 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.1 (CO), 147.8 (ArC), 141.9 (ArC), 139.7 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 136.3 (ArCH), 136.2 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 132.6 (ArCH), 130.6 (ArC), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.73 (ArCH), 127.65 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 123.9 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 121.3 (ArC), 121.2 (ArCH), 61.0 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂); HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 420.1086; found: 420.1085.

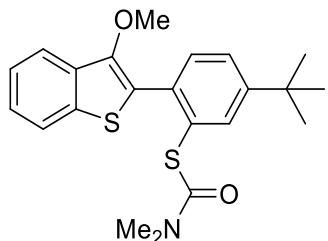
S-(5-Bromo-2-(3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl) dimethylcarbamothioate (5ac)



3ac (72 mg, 0.21 mmol), NaH (60%, 25 mg, 0.63 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (45 mg, 0.42 mmol), DMF (2.1 mL), Ph₂O (2.1 mL), gave **5ac** as a white amorphous solid (75 mg, 0.18 mmol, 83%); IR (ATR): 1667, 1348, 1093 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.85 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.74 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.57 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.47 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.44-7.30 (2H, m, ArH), 3.68 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.96 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 165.4 (CO), 147.9 (ArC), 139.9 (ArCH), 137.0 (ArC), 136.3 (ArC), 133.4 (ArC), 133.3 (ArCH), 132.14 (ArC), 132.11 (ArCH), 125.1 (ArCH), 124.0 (ArCH), 122.41 (ArC), 122.35 (ArCH), 121.3 (ArCH), 120.3 (ArC), 61.0 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂); HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇NO₂BrS₂ [M+H]⁺: 421.9879; found: 421.9871.

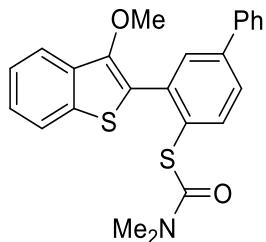
S-(5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-(3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl) dimethylcarbamothioate

(5ad)



3ad (71 mg, 0.23 mmol), NaH (60%, 27 mg, 0.68 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (49 mg, 0.45 mmol), DMF (2.3 mL), Ph₂O (2.3 mL), gave **5ad** as a white solid (65 mg, 0.16 mmol, 71%); **M.p.**: 165-166 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1672, 1258, 1090, 1015, 792 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.70 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.64 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.59 (1H, s, ArH), 7.45 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.29 (1H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArH), 7.26 (1H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArH), 3.60 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.87 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 1.30 (9H, s, (CH₃)₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.3 (CO), 152.0 (ArC), 147.5 (ArC), 136.9 (ArC), 134.8 (ArCH), 134.4 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 131.9 (ArCH), 129.4 (ArC), 126.3 (ArCH), 124.7 (ArCH), 123.8 (ArCH), 122.3 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArC), 121.1 (ArCH), 60.9 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 34.7 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.2 (C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₆NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 400.1399; found: 400.1391.

S-(3-(3-Methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl) dimethylcarbamothioate (5ae)

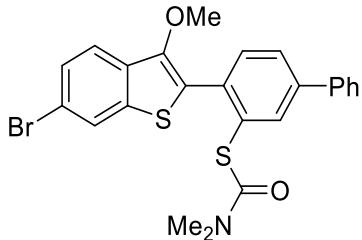


3ae (76 mg, 0.23 mmol), NaH (60%, 28 mg, 0.69 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (49 mg, 0.46 mmol), DMF (2.3 mL), Ph₂O (2.0 mL), gave **5ae** as a colorless amorphous solid (96 mg, 0.23 mmol, quant.); **IR** (ATR): 1666, 1348, 1094, 762 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.85

(1H, d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.81 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.75 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.74 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.67 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0, 3.0$ Hz, ArH), 7.66-7.61 (2H, m, ArH), 7.48-7.43 (2H, m, ArH), 7.43-7.34 (3H, m, ArH), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.99 (6H, br s, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.3 (CO), 147.7 (ArC), 141.9 (ArC), 139.7 (ArC), 138.1 (ArCH), 137.8 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 130.8 (ArCH), 129.1 (ArC), 128.9 (ArCH), 127.9 (ArCH), 127.6 (ArCH), 127.2 (ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 124.0 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 121.3 (ArCH), 121.2 (ArC), 61.0 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂); HRMS (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₂NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 420.1086; found: 420.1070.

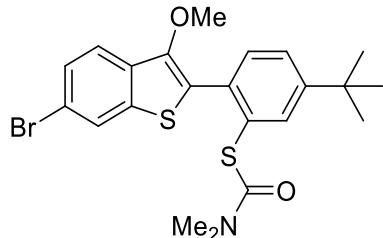
S-(4-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5bb)

dimethylcarbamothioate (5bb)



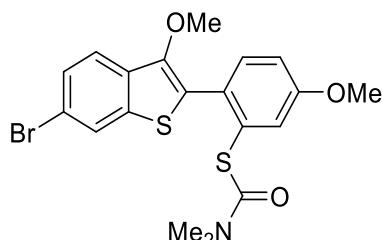
3bb (70 mg, 0.17 mmol), NaH (60%, 20 mg, 0.51 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (37 mg, 0.34 mmol), DMF (1.7 mL), Ph₂O (1.7 mL), gave **5bb** as a colorless amorphous solid (55 mg, 0.11 mmol, 65%); IR (ATR): 1667, 1258, 1017, 791 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.91 (1H, s, ArH), 7.88 (1H, s, ArH), 7.72-7.60 (5H, m, ArH), 7.53-7.42 (3H, m, ArH), 7.38 (1H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, ArH), 3.70 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.98 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); ¹³C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 165.9 (CO), 147.5 (ArC), 142.1 (ArC), 139.6 (ArC), 138.4 (ArC), 136.4 (ArCH), 135.7 (ArC), 132.52 (ArCH), 132.45 (ArC), 130.6 (ArC), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.8 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.2 (ArCH), 124.8 (ArCH), 122.5 (ArCH), 121.3 (ArC), 118.8 (ArC), 61.0 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂); HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀BrNO₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺: 520.0011; found: 520.0002.

S-(2-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5bd**)**



3bd (0.13 g, 0.32 mmol), NaH (60%, 39 mg, 0.97 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (70 mg, 0.65 mmol), DMF (3.2 mL), Ph₂O (3.2 mL), gave **5bd** as an off-yellow amorphous solid (110 mg, 0.23 mmol, 71%); **IR** (ATR): 1667, 1347, 1080, 780 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.86 (1H, s, ArH), 7.66 (1H, s, ArH), 7.63 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.52 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.49-7.42 (2H, m, ArH), 3.65 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.96 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 1.37 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.0 (CO), 152.3 (ArC), 147.1 (ArC), 138.2 (ArC), 134.8 (ArCH), 134.0 (ArC), 132.4 (ArC), 131.8 (ArCH), 129.4 (ArC), 127.2 (ArCH), 126.3 (ArCH), 124.7 (ArCH), 122.3 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArC), 118.5 (ArC), 60.8 (OCH₃), 36.9 (N(CH₃)₂), 34.7 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.1 (C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅BrNO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 478.0505; found: 478.0507.

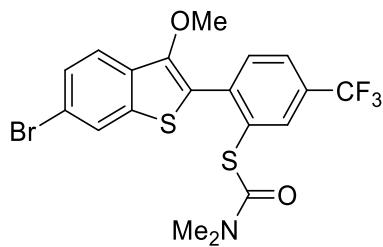
S-(2-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-5-methoxyphenyl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5bf**)**



3bf (0.11 g, 0.30 mmol), NaH (60%, 36 mg, 0.90 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (65 mg, 0.60 mmol), DMF (3.0 mL), Ph₂O (3.0 mL), gave **5bf** as a colorless amorphous solid (77 mg, 0.17 mmol, 57%); **IR** (ATR): 1670, 1257, 1036, 794 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.84

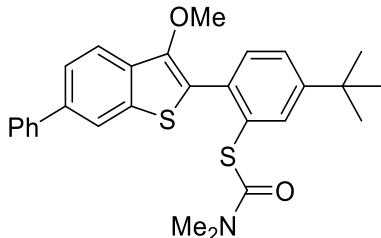
(1H, s, ArH), 7.62 (1H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, ArH), 7.49 (1H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, ArH), 7.47 (1H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, ArH), 7.22 (1H, d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, ArH), 6.99 (1H, dd, $J = 8.8, 2.2$ Hz, ArH), 3.86 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.64 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.96 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.9 (CO), 159.8 (ArC), 147.2 (ArC), 138.3 (ArC), 133.0 (ArCH), 132.5 (ArCH), 131.3 (ArC), 129.0 (ArC), 127.3 (ArCH), 124.8 (ArC), 122.4 (ArCH), 122.2 (ArCH), 121.4 (ArC), 118.6 (ArC), 115.7 (ArCH), 60.8 (OCH₃), 55.5 (OCH₃), 37.1 (N(CH₃)₂); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉BrNO₃S₂ [M+H]⁺: 451.9984; found: 451.9976.

S-(2-(6-Bromo-3-methoxybenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5bg)



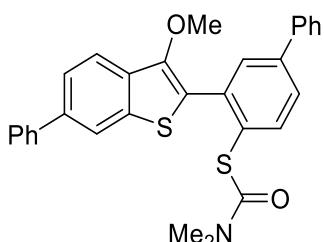
3bg (0.12 g, 0.30 mmol), NaH (60%, 36 mg, 0.90 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (64 mg, 0.60 mmol), DMF (3.0 mL), Ph₂O (3.0 mL), gave **5bg** as yellow crystals (101 mg, 0.21 mmol, 69%); **M.p.:** 136-138 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1675, 1317, 1122, 1075 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.96 (1H, s, ArH), 7.88 (1H, s, ArH), 7.80-7.59 (3H, m, ArH), 7.50 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 1.2$ Hz, ArH), 3.66 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.97 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 165.0 (CO), 148.0 (ArC), 140.7 (ArC), 138.4 (ArC), 134.5 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz, ArCH), 132.5 (ArCH), 132.1 (ArC), 131.5 (ArC), 131.1 (q, $J = 32.0$ Hz, CCF₃), 127.6 (ArCH), 125.7 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz, ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 123.5 (q, $J = 273.2$ Hz, CCF₃), 122.6 (ArCH), 120.2 (ArC), 119.2 (ArC), 61.2 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₅BrF₃NO₂S₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 511.9572; found: 511.9560.

S-(5-(*tert*-Butyl)-2-(3-methoxy-6-phenylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5cd)



3cd (0.10 g, 0.26 mmol), NaH (60%, 31 mg, 0.77 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (55 mg, 0.51 mmol), DMF (2.6 mL), Ph₂O (2.6 mL), gave **5cd** as a colorless amorphous solid (82 mg, 0.17 mmol, 67%); IR (ATR): 1660, 1258, 1016, 791 cm⁻¹; **1H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.95 (1H, s, ArH), 7.85 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.73-7.60 (4H, m, ArH), 7.56 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.52-7.43 (3H, m, ArH), 7.37 (1H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.98 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 1.39 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); **13C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.3 (CO), 152.1 (ArC), 147.4 (ArC), 141.1 (ArC), 138.1 (ArC), 137.6 (ArC), 134.9 (ArCH), 134.4 (ArC), 132.8 (ArC), 131.9 (ArCH), 129.4 (ArC), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 127.2 (ArCH), 126.3 (ArCH), 123.5 (ArCH), 122.1 (ArC), 121.4 (ArCH), 120.7 (ArCH), 60.9 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 34.8 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.2 (C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₀NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 476.1712; found: 476.1713.

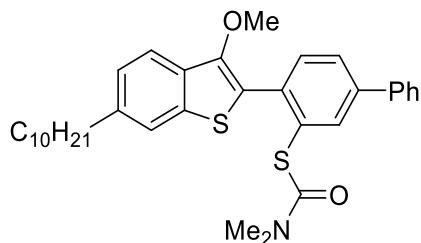
S-(3-(3-Methoxy-6-phenylbenzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5ce)



3ce (72 mg, 0.18 mmol), NaH (60%, 21 mg, 0.53 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (38 mg, 0.35 mmol), DMF (1.8 mL), Ph₂O (1.8 mL), gave **5ce** as an off-yellow amorphous solid (63 mg,

0.13 mmol, 72%); **IR** (ATR): 1711, 1359, 1008, 787 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.96 (1H, d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, ArH), 7.87 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.86 (1H, s, ArH), 7.75 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.71-7.61 (6H, m, ArH), 7.52-7.42 (4H, m, ArH), 7.41-7.33 (2H, m, ArH), 3.74 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.00 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.4 (CO), 147.7 (ArC), 142.0 (ArC), 141.1 (ArC), 139.8 (ArC), 138.4 (ArC), 138.1 (ArCH), 137.9 (ArC), 137.7 (ArC), 132.8 (ArC), 130.8 (ArCH), 129.1 (ArC), 128.92 (ArCH), 128.89 (ArCH), 127.9 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.34 (ArCH), 127.26 (ArCH), 123.7 (ArCH), 121.7 (ArC), 121.5 (ArCH), 120.8 (ArCH), 61.1 (OCH₃), 37.1 (N(CH₃)₂); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₀H₂₅NO₂S₂Na [M+Na]⁺: 518.1230; found: 518.1211.

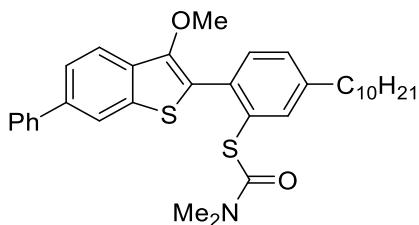
S-(4-(6-Decyl-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5eb)



3eb (91 mg, 0.19 mmol), NaH (60%, 23 mg, 0.57 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (41 mg, 0.38 mmol), DMF (1.9 mL), Ph₂O (1.9 mL), gave **5eb** as a colorless amorphous solid (69 mg, 0.12 mmol, 64%); **IR** (ATR): 1668, 1466, 1351, 1094 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.92 (1H, s, ArH), 7.71 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.70-7.64 (4H, m, ArH), 7.55 (1H, s, ArH), 7.50-7.42 (2H, m, ArH), 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.98 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.74 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.81-1.62 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.47-1.15 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: (1 × CH₂ missing), 166.2 (CO), 147.7 (ArC), 141.7 (ArC), 140.2 (ArC), 139.7 (ArC), 137.3 (ArC), 136.33 (ArC), 136.28 (ArCH), 132.6 (ArCH), 131.6 (ArC), 130.5 (ArC), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.7 (ArCH),

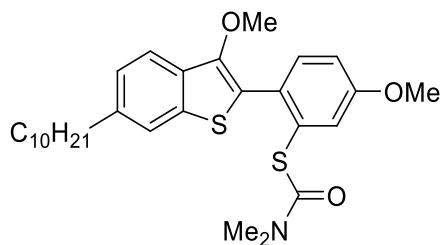
127.6 (ArCH), 127.2 (ArCH), 125.1 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 120.9 (ArCH), 120.2 (ArC), 61.0 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₃₄H₄₂NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 560.2651; found: 560.2640.

S-(5-Decyl-2-(3-methoxy-6-phenylbenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)phenyl) dimethylcarbamothioate (5eb')



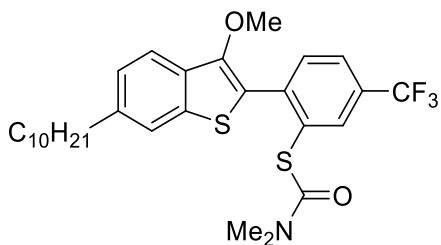
5eb' (142 mg, 0.30 mmol), NaH (60%, 36 mg, 0.90 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (74 mg, 0.60 mmol), DMF (3.0 mL), Ph₂O (3.0 mL), gave **5eb'** as a colorless solid (117 mg, 0.21 mmol, 70%); **IR** (ATR): 1671, 1464, 1353, 1062 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.93 (1H, dd, J = 1.6, 0.6 Hz, ArH), 7.84 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 0.6 Hz, ArH), 7.70-7.64 (2H, m, ArH), 7.62 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.52 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.50 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.49 – 7.44 (2H, m, ArH), 7.40-7.33 (1H, m, ArH), 7.27 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, ArH), 3.69 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.97 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.67 (2H, t, J = 7.8 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.68 (2H, tt, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, CH₂), 1.46-1.20 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 6.9 Hz, CH₂CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.4 (CO), 147.4 (ArC), 144.4 (ArC), 141.1 (ArC), 138.1 (ArC), 137.63 (ArCH), 137.60 (ArC), 134.6 (ArC), 132.8 (ArC), 132.1 (ArCH), 129.7 (ArC), 129.3 (ArCH), 128.8 (ArCH), 127.35 (ArCH), 127.26 (ArCH), 123.6 (ArCH), 122.0 (ArC), 121.4 (ArCH), 120.7 (ArCH), 60.9 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 35.6 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 29.62 (CH₂), 29.58 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₃₄H₄₁NO₂S₂ [M+Na]⁺: 582.2471; found: 582.2445.

S-(2-(6-Decyl-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-methoxyphenyl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5ef)



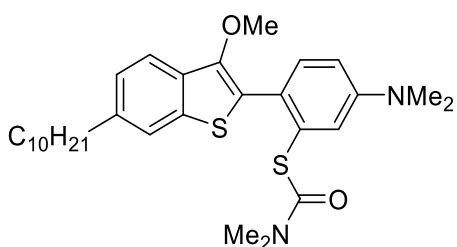
3ef (82 mg, 0.19 mmol), NaH (60%, 23 mg, 0.58 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (41 mg, 0.38 mmol), DMF (1.9 mL), Ph₂O (1.9 mL), gave **5ef** as a colorless oil (74 mg, 0.14 mmol, 75%); **IR** (ATR): 1661, 1259, 1097, 1051, 1033 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.68 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.53 (1H, s, ArH), 7.50 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.23 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, ArH), 7.21 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 6.99 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, ArH), 3.86 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.67 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.96 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.73 (2H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.68 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.50-1.15 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 6.7 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : (1 \times CH₂ missing), 166.1 (CO), 159.5 (ArC), 147.4 (ArC), 139.9 (ArC), 137.1 (ArC), 133.0 (ArCH), 131.6 (ArC), 131.2 (ArC), 129.6 (ArC), 125.0 (ArCH), 122.0 (ArCH), 121.5 (ArCH), 120.8 (ArCH), 120.1 (ArC), 115.5 (ArCH), 60.7 (OCH₃), 55.5 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₉H₄₀NO₃S₂ [M+H]⁺: 514.2444; found: 514.2445.

S-(2-(6-Decyl-3-methoxybenzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)dimethylcarbamothioate (5eg)



3eg (70 mg, 0.15 mmol), NaH (60%, 18 mg, 0.45 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (32 mg, 0.30 mmol), DMF (1.5 mL), Ph₂O (1.5 mL), gave **5eg** as a colorless oil (66 mg, 0.12 mmol, 79%); **IR** (ATR): 1673, 1321, 1258 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.96 (1H, s, ArH), 7.76-7.69 (2H, m, ArH), 7.67 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.55 (1H, s, ArH), 7.24 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 3.68 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.98 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.73 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.68 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.42-1.14 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: (1 × CH₂ missing), 165.3 (CO), 148.4 (ArC), 141.3 (ArC), 140.7 (ArC), 137.4 (ArC), 134.4 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, ArCH), 132.6 (ArCH), 131.5 (ArC), 131.3 (ArC), 130.7 (q, J = 33.1 Hz, CCF₃), 125.6 (q, J = 3.6 Hz, ArCH), 125.3 (ArCH), 123.6 (q, J = 271.3 Hz, CF₃), 121.7 (ArCH), 121.1 (ArCH), 119.2 (ArC), 61.1 (OCH₃), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 29.62 (CH₂), 29.58 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₉H₃₇F₃NO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 522.2232; found: 522.2209.

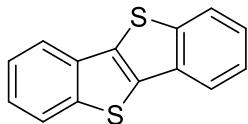
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3eh (45 mg, 0.10 mmol), NaH (60%, 12 mg, 0.31 mmol), dimethylthiocarbamoyl chloride (22 mg, 0.20 mmol), DMF (1.0 mL), Ph₂O (1.0 mL), gave **5eh** as a colorless oil (15 mg, 0.028 mmol,

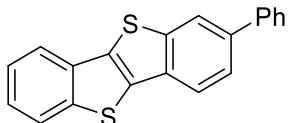
28%); **IR** (ATR): 1668, 1466, 1351, 1094 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.65 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.50 (1H, s, ArH), 7.42 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.18 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 6.98 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 3.67 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.01 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.95 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.71 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.75-1.60 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.40-1.13 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: (1 × ArCH missing) 166.7 (CO), 150.4 (ArC), 147.1 (ArC), 139.6 (ArC), 137.0 (ArC), 132.8 (ArCH), 131.9 (ArC), 130.2 (ArC), 124.8 (ArCH), 124.5 (ArC), 121.5 (ArCH), 121.2 (ArC), 120.6 (ArCH), 113.0 (ArCH), 60.6 (OCH₃), 40.3 (N(CH₃)₂), 37.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 29.62 (CH₂), 29.59 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.34 (CH₂), 29.33 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₃₀H₄₃N₂O₂S₂ [M+H]⁺: 527.2760; found: 527.2757.

[1]Benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4aa)²



5aa (18 mg, 0.052 mmol), KOMe (90%, 8 mg, 0.10 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), toluene (1.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (79 mg, 0.42 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4aa** as a white solid (8 mg, 0.033 mmol, 70%); **M.p.**: 217-218 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1436, 1335, 739 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.93 (2H, d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.90 (2H, d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.47 (2H, t, *J*= 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.41 (2H, t, *J*= 7.8 Hz, ArH); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 142.2 (ArC), 133.4 (ArC), 133.1 (ArC), 125.0 (ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 124.0 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₄H₉S₂ [M+H]⁺: 241.0140; found: 241.0140.

2-Phenyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4ab)³



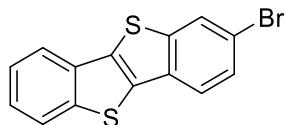
5ab (42 mg, 0.10 mmol), KOMe (90%, 16 mg, 0.20 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), toluene (1.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.15 g, 0.80 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4ab** as a white solid (25 mg, 0.079 mmol, 77%); **M.p.**: 242 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1258, 1016, 790 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.14 (1H, s, ArH), 7.99-7.92 (2H, m, ArH), 7.90 (1H, d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.78-7.63 (3H, m, ArH), 7.55-7.45 (3H, m, ArH), 7.45-7.35 (2H, m, ArH); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 143.1 (ArC), 142.3 (ArC), 140.7 (ArC), 138.4 (ArC), 133.7 (ArC), 133.2 (ArC), 133.1 (ArC), 132.2 (ArC), 128.9 (ArCH), 127.5 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 125.0 (ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 124.5 (ArCH), 124.1 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 121.8 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₃S₂ [M+H]⁺: 317.0453;

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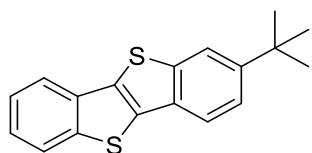
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2-Bromo[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4ac)²



5ac (75 mg, 0.18 mmol), KOMe (90%, 28 mg, 0.36 mmol), MeOH (1.8 mL), toluene (1.8 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.27 g, 1.4 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4ac** as a white solid (35 mg, 0.11 mmol, 62%); **M.p.:** 214-216 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1258, 1085, 1029, 808 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 (1H, s, ArH), 7.92 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.87 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.73 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.56 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.47 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.42 (1H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 143.6 (ArC), 142.3 (ArC), 133.7 (ArC), 123.9 (ArC), 132.8 (ArC), 131.9 (ArC), 128.3 (ArCH), 126.5 (ArCH), 125.3 (ArCH), 125.0 (ArCH), 124.1 (ArCH), 122.5 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 118.5 (ArC); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₄H₇BrS₂ [M]⁺: 317.9167; found: 317.9170.

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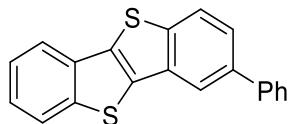


5ad (61 mg, 0.15 mmol), KOMe (90%, 24 mg, 0.31 mmol), MeOH (1.5 mL), toluene (1.5 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.23 g, 1.2 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4ad** as a white solid (40 mg, 0.13 mmol, 88%); **M.p.:** 175-177 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1253, 816, 745 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.95-7.89

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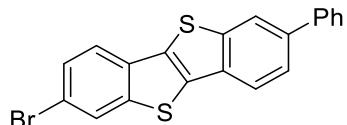
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3-Phenyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4ae)



5ae (60 mg, 0.14 mmol), KOMe (90%, 22 mg, 0.29 mmol), MeOH (1.4 mL), toluene (1.4 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.22 g, 1.1 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4ae** as a white solid (33 mg, 0.10 mmol, 77%); **M.p.**: 168-170 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1437, 1260, 1016, 751 cm⁻¹; 1H -**NMR** (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 8.08 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.98 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.94 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.91 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.76-7.68 (2H, m, ArH), 7.66 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, ArH), 7.55-7.45 (2H, m, ArH), 7.45 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 7.45-7.36 (2H, m, ArH). ^{13}C -**NMR** (126 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : (1 × ArCH missing), 142.2 (ArC), 141.2 (ArC), 140.9 (ArC), 138.5 (ArC), 134.0 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 133.5 (ArC), 133.1 (ArC), 128.9 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 125.1 (ArCH), 124.9 (ArCH), 124.5 (ArCH), 124.2 (ArCH), 124.1 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 120.0 (ArCH); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for $C_{20}H_{13}S_2$ [M+H] $^+$: 317.0453; found: 317.0450.

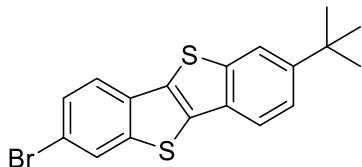
2-Bromo-7-phenyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4bb)



5bb (87 mg, 0.17 mmol), KOMe (90%, 27 mg, 0.35 mmol), MeOH (1.7 mL), toluene (1.7 mL),

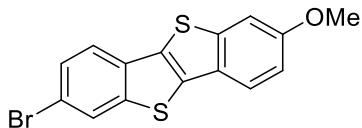
TsOH·H₂O (0.24 g, 1.4 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4bb** as a white solid (45 mg, 0.11 mmol, 65%); **M.p.**: 294-296 °C; **IR** (ATR): 810, 759, 690 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.13 (1H, s, ArH), 8.07 (1H, s, ArH), 7.93 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.78-7.71 (2H, m, ArH), 7.71-7.66 (2H, m, ArH), 7.57 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.53-7.45 (2H, m, ArH), 7.41 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, ArH); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 143.7 (ArC), 153.1 (ArC), 140.6 (ArC), 138.7 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 133.2 (ArC), 131.94 (ArC), 131.90 (ArC), 129.0 (ArCH), 128.3 (ArCH), 127.6 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 126.5 (ArCH), 124.7 (ArCH), 122.5 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 121.8 (ArCH), 118.6 (ArC); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₂BrS₂ [M+H]⁺: 394.9558; found: 394.9546.

2-Bromo-7-*tert*-butyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (**4bd**)



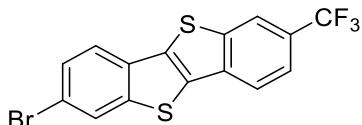
5bd (105 mg, 0.22 mmol), KOMe (90%, 34 mg, 0.44 mmol), MeOH (1.1 mL), toluene (1.1 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.33 g, 1.8 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4bd** as a white solid (40 mg, 0.11 mmol, 49%); **M.p.**: 278-280 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1257, 1012, 787 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.05 (1H, s, ArH), 7.91 (1H, s, ArH), 7.80 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.73 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.55 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.54 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 149.0 (ArC), 143.5 (ArC), 142.6 (ArC), 133.6 (ArC), 132.4 (ArC), 132.1 (ArC), 130.5 (ArC), 128.2 (ArCH), 126.5 (ArCH), 123.3 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 121.1 (ArCH), 120.3 (ArCH), 118.2 (ArC), 35.2 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.5 (C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆BrS₂ [M+H]⁺: 374.9871; found: 374.9872.

2-Bromo-7-methoxy[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4bf)



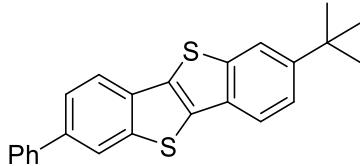
5bf (70 mg, 0.16 mmol), KOMe (90%, 24 mg, 0.31 mmol), MeOH (1.5 mL), toluene (1.5 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.19 g, 1.1 mmol, 7.0 equiv), gave **4bf** as a white solid (40 mg, 0.11 mmol, 74%); **M.p.**: 200-202 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1259, 1021, 795 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.03 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.75 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.68 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.39 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 3.92 (3H, s, OCH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 158.1 (ArC), 144.1 (ArC), 143.2 (ArC), 133.7 (ArC), 132.2 (ArC), 130.8 (ArC), 128.2 (ArCH), 126.8 (ArC), 126.4 (ArCH), 122.3 (ArCH), 122.1 (ArCH), 117.9 (ArC), 114.6 (ArCH), 107.0 (ArCH), 55.7 (OCH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₀BrOS₂ [M+H]⁺: 348.9351; found: 348.9344.

2-Bromo-7-trifluoromethyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4bg)



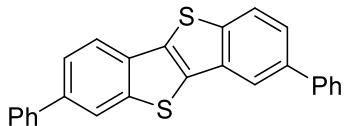
5bg (97 mg, 0.20 mmol), KOMe (90%, 31 mg, 0.40 mmol), MeOH (2.0 mL), toluene (2.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.26 g, 1.6 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4bg** as a white solid (36 mg, 0.093 mmol, 47%); **M.p.**: 255-257 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1317, 1168, 1109, 806 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.21 (1H, s, ArH), 8.09 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, ArH), 7.97 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.79 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.70 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, ArH), 7.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, ArH); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 144.1 (ArC), 142.1 (ArC), 135.6 (ArC), 135.2 (ArC), 133.1 (ArC), 131.5 (ArC), 128.6 (ArCH), 127.3 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz, CCF₃), 126.7 (ArCH), 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz, CCF₃), 123.0 (ArCH), 122.0 (q, *J* = 4.2 Hz, ArCH), 121.9 (ArC), 121.5 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz, ArCH), 119.6 (ArCH); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₁₅H₆BrF₃S₂ [M]⁺: 385.9041; found: 385.9036.

2-*tert*-Butyl-7-phenyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4cd)



5cd (44 mg, 0.093 mmol), KOMe (90%, 14 mg, 0.19 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), toluene (1.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.11 g, 0.65 mmol; 7.0 equiv), gave **4cd** as a white solid (21 mg, 0.056 mmol, 61%); **M.p.**: 268-270 °C; **IR** (ATR): 818, 760, 690 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.14 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.99-7.91 (2H, m, ArH), 7.85 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.75-7.66 (3H, m, ArH), 7.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.53-7.47 (2H, m, ArH), 7.40 (1H, t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 1.45 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 148.7 (ArC), 142.9 (ArC), 142.6 (ArC), 140.8 (ArC), 138.1 (ArC), 133.5 (ArC), 132.6 (ArC), 132.3 (ArC), 130.8 (ArC), 128.9 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 124.4 (ArCH), 123.1 (ArCH), 122.3 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 121.1 (ArCH), 120.3 (ArCH), 35.1 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.5 (C(CH₃)₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₄H₂₁S₂ [M+H]⁺: 373.1079; found: 373.1064.

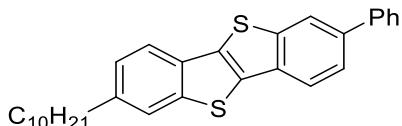
2,8-Diphenyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4ce)



5ce (60 mg, 0.12 mmol), KOMe (90%, 19 mg, 0.24 mmol), MeOH (1.2 mL), toluene (1.2 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.18 g, 0.96 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4ce** as a white solid (30 mg, 0.076 mmol, 63%); **M.p.**: 222-224 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1257, 1012, 787 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.15 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 8.09 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.99 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.96 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, ArH), 7.77-7.69 (5H, m, ArH), 7.66 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.5 Hz, ArH), 7.54-7.45 (4H, m, ArH), 7.45-7.35 (2H, m, ArH); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: (2 × ArCH missing), 143.1 (ArC), 141.3 (ArC), 140.9 (ArC), 140.7 (ArC), 138.6 (ArC), 138.5 (ArC), 133.80 (ArC), 133.79 (ArC),

133.7 (ArC), 132.2 (ArC), 128.93 (ArCH), 128.91 (ArCH), 127.5 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 124.6 (ArCH), 124.3 (ArCH), 122.4 (ArCH), 121.8 (ArCH), 120.0 (ArCH); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for $C_{26}H_{17}S_2$ [M+H]⁺: 393.0766; found: 393.0759.

2-Decyl-7-phenyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4eb)⁵

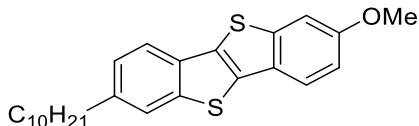


5eb (53 mg, 0.095 mmol), KOMe (90%, 15 mg, 0.19 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), toluene (1.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.11 g, 0.59 mmol, 6.0 equiv), gave **4eb** as a white solid (30 mg, 0.066 mmol, 69%); **IR** (ATR): 1258, 1014, 798 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.12 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, ArH), 7.92 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, ArH), 7.73 (1H, s, ArH), 7.72-7.66 (3H, m, ArH), 7.45-7.54 (2H, m, ArH), 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, ArH), 2.77 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.71 (2H, tt, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, CH₂), 1.44-1.18 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: (1 × ArC missing) 142.9 (ArC), 142.6 (ArC), 140.8 (ArC), 140.5 (ArC), 138.1 (ArC), 133.7 (ArC), 132.3 (ArC), 131.0 (ArC), 128.9 (ArCH), 127.4 (ArCH), 127.3 (ArCH), 126.0 (ArCH), 124.4 (ArCH), 123.4 (ArCH), 122.3 (ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 121.2 (ArCH), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.32 (CH₂), 29.30 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for $C_{30}H_{33}S_2$ [M+H]⁺: 457.2018; found: 457.2009.

From **5eb'**: **5eb'** (56 mg, 0.1 mmol), KOMe (90%, 16 mg, 0.2 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), toluene (1.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.15 g, 0.8 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4eb** as a white solid (41 mg, 0.091 mmol, 91%).

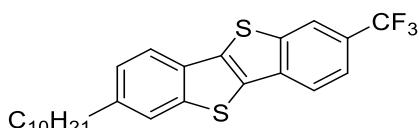
⁵ H. Iino, T. Usui and J. Hanna, *Nat. Commun.* 2015, **6**, 6828.

2-Decyl-7-methoxy[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4ef)



5ef (68 mg, 0.13 mmol), KOMe (90%, 20 mg, 0.26 mmol), MeOH (1.3 mL), toluene (1.3 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.20 g, 1.1 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4ef** as a white solid (41 mg, 0.10 mmol, 76%); **M.p.**: 138-140 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1259, 1030, 810, 789 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.74 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, ArH), 7.72 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, ArH), 7.69 (1H, s, ArH), 7.39 (1H, s, ArH), 7.26 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.06 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 3.91 (3H, s, OCH₃), 2.75 (2H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.76-1.63 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.47-1.19 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 157.7 (ArCOCH₃), 143.7 (ArC), 142.1 (ArC), 139.7 (ArC), 132.4 (ArC), 131.3 (ArC), 131.2 (ArC), 127.2 (ArC), 125.8 (ArCH), 123.3 (ArCH), 122.0 (ArCH), 120.8 (ArCH), 114.2 (ArCH), 107.0 (ArCH), 55.7 (OCH₃), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.7 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₅H₃₁OS₂ [M+H]⁺: 411.1811; found: 411.1807.

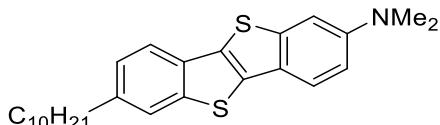
2-Decyl-7-trifluoromethyl[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene (4eg)



5eg (44 mg, 0.080 mmol), KOMe (90%, 12 mg, 0.16 mmol), MeOH (0.8 mL), toluene (0.8 mL), TsOH·H₂O (0.12 g, 0.64 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4eg** as a white solid (34 mg, 0.076 mmol, 96%); **M.p.**: 210-212; **IR** (ATR): 1319, 1119, 1084, 817 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 8.18 (1H, s, ArH), 7.93 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.74 (1H, s, ArH), 7.67 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, ArH), 2.77 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArCH₂), 1.70 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.42-1.17 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 143.0 (ArC), 141.8 (ArC), 141.4 (ArC), 136.0 (ArC), 135.6 (ArC), 131.9 (ArC), 130.6

(ArC), 126.6 (q, $J = 33.0$ Hz, CCF₃), 126.2 (ArCH), 124.4 (q, $J = 270.2$ Hz, CF₃), 123.4 (ArCH), 121.7 (q, $J = 3.6$ Hz, ArCH), 121.6 (ArCH), 121.5 (ArCH), 121.1 ($J = 4.2$ Hz, ArCH), 36.2 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₅H₂₇F₃S₂ [M]⁺: 448.1501; found: 448.1498.

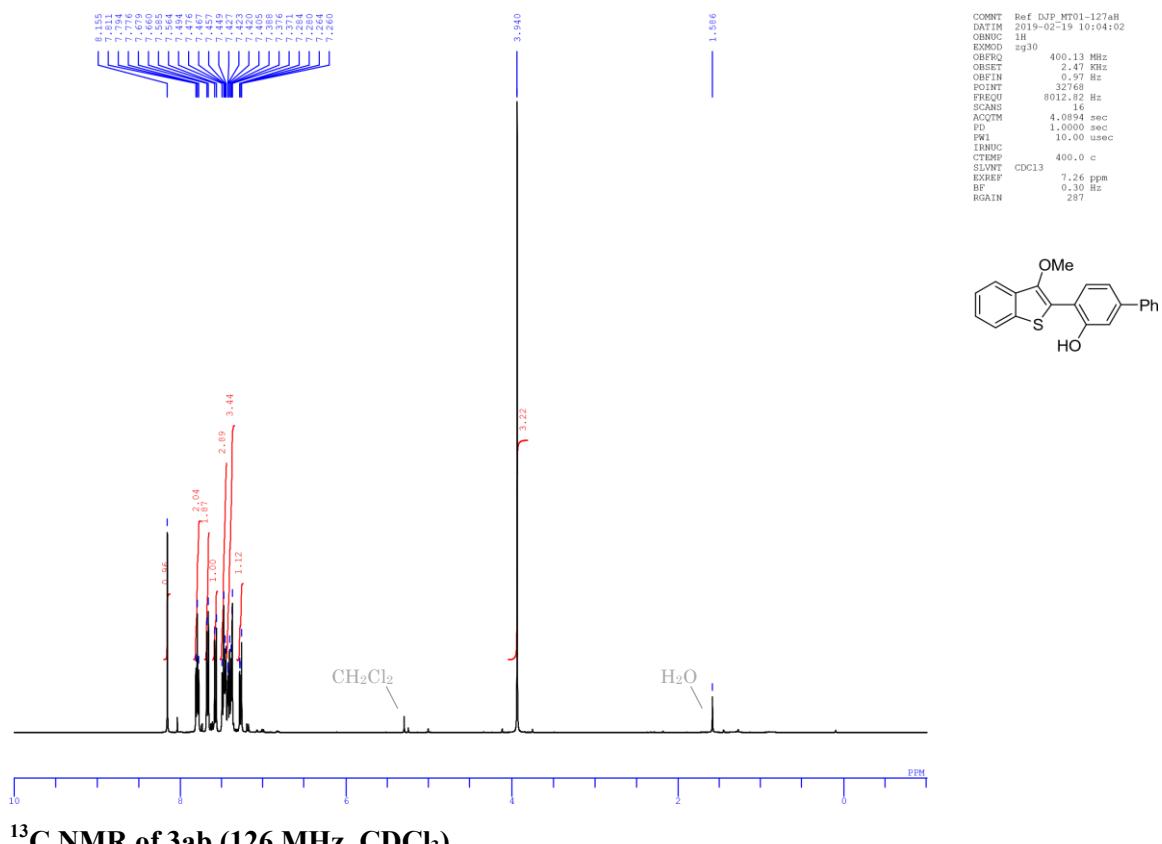
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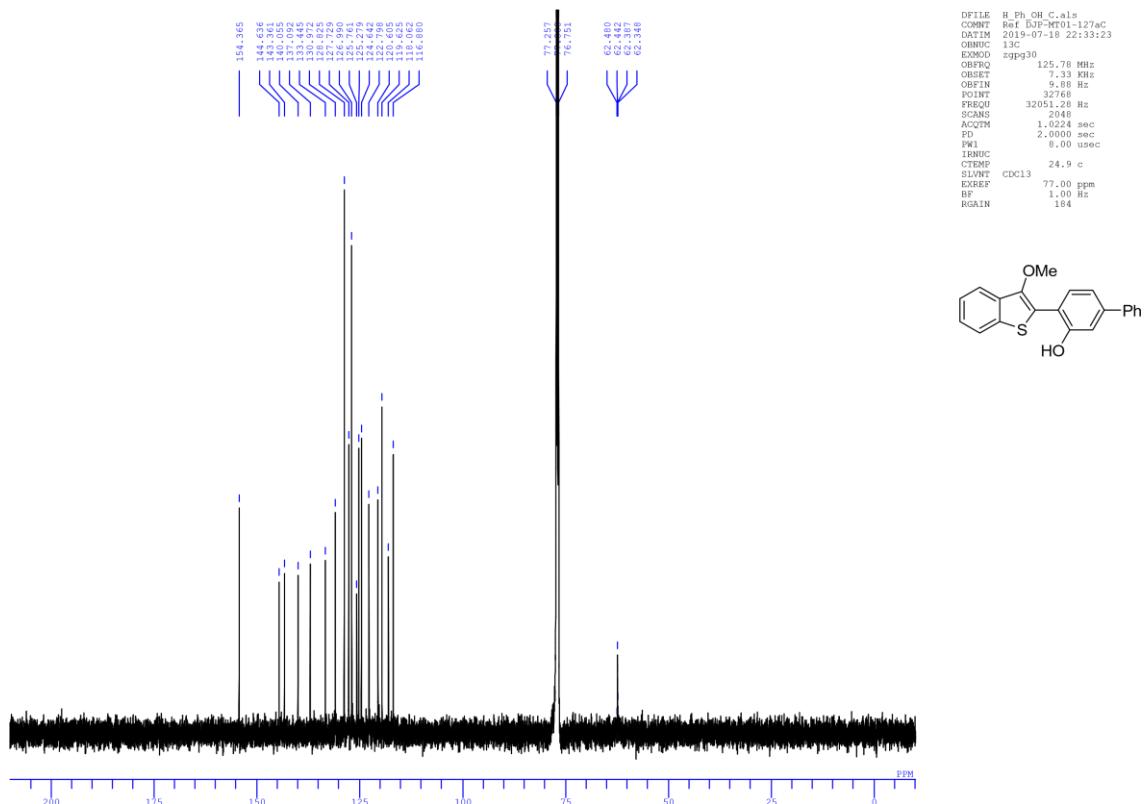
5eh (25 mg, 0.047 mmol), KOMe (90%, 7 mg, 0.095 mmol), MeOH (1.0 mL), toluene (1.0 mL), TsOH·H₂O (72 mg, 0.38 mmol, 8.0 equiv), gave **4eh** as a white solid (5 mg, 0.012 mmol, 25%); **M.p.:** 120-122 °C; **IR** (ATR): 1258, 1082, 1017, 792 cm⁻¹; **¹H-NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.68-7.55 (3H, m, ArH), 7.16 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, ArH), 7.10 (1H, s, ArH), 6.86 (1H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, ArH), 3.05 (6H, s, N(CH₃)₂), 2.73 (2H, t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, ArCH₂), 1.76-1.62 (2H, m, CH₂), 1.41-1.14 (14H, m, CH₂), 0.87 (3H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, CH₃); **¹³C-NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 148.7 (ArC), 144.5 (ArC), 141.8 (ArC), 139.1 (ArC), 132.7 (ArC), 131.5 (ArC), 129.4 (ArC), 125.7 (ArCH), 124.0 (ArC), 123.2 (ArCH), 121.7 (ArCH), 120.4 (ArCH), 112.1 (ArCH), 106.1 (ArCH), 41.0 (N(CH₃)₂), 36.1 (CH₂), 31.9 (CH₂), 31.8 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 29.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 14.1 (CH₃); **HRMS** (APCI): Calcd. for C₂₆H₃₄NS₂ [M+H]⁺: 424.2127; found: 424.2116.

3. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR of BTBT derivatives

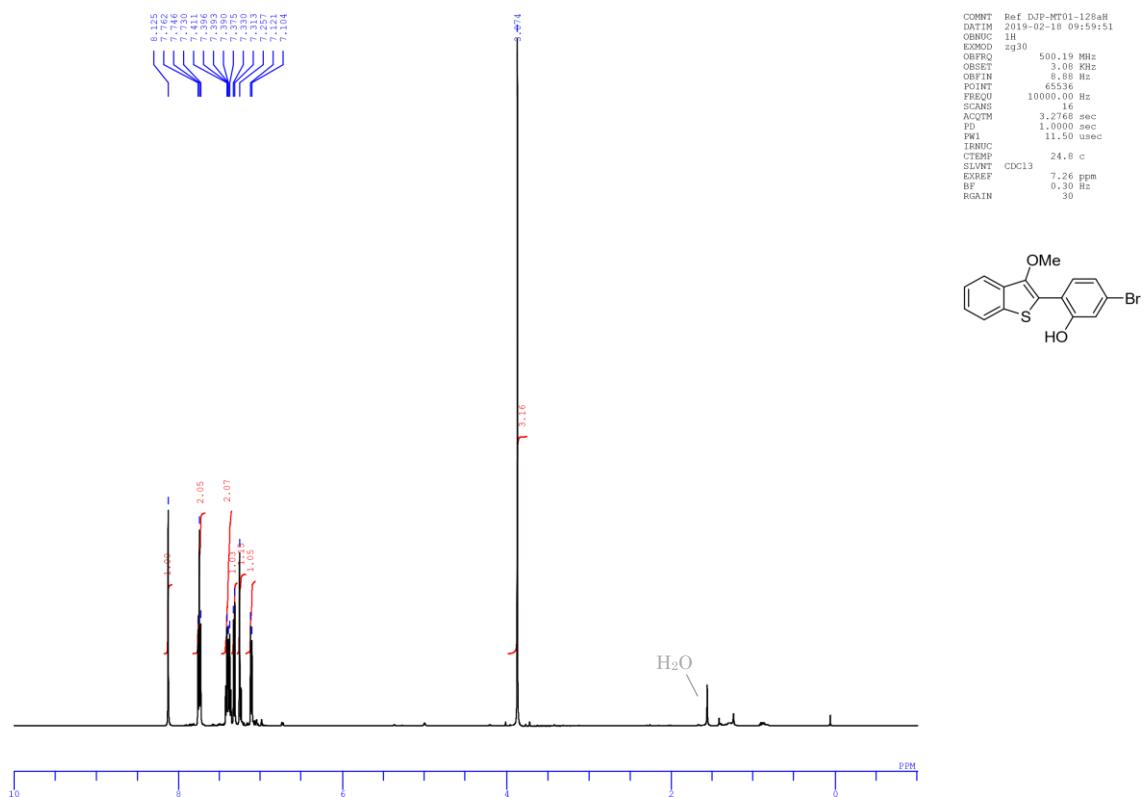
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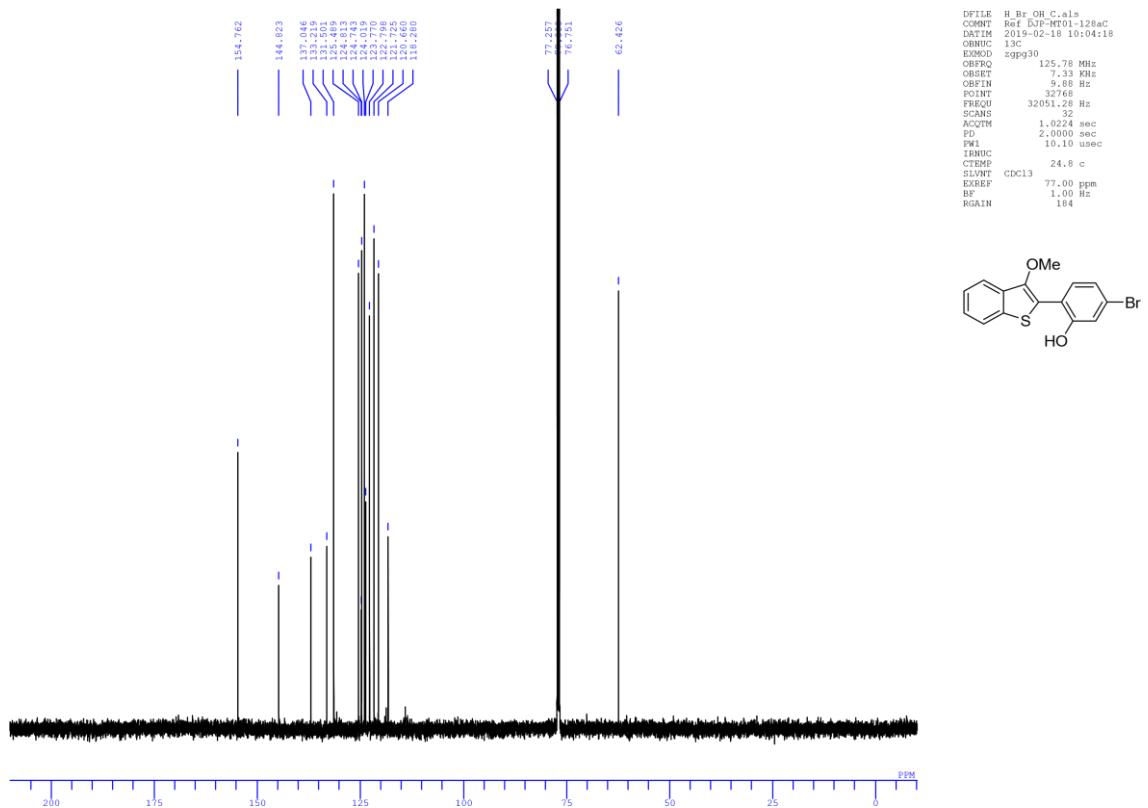
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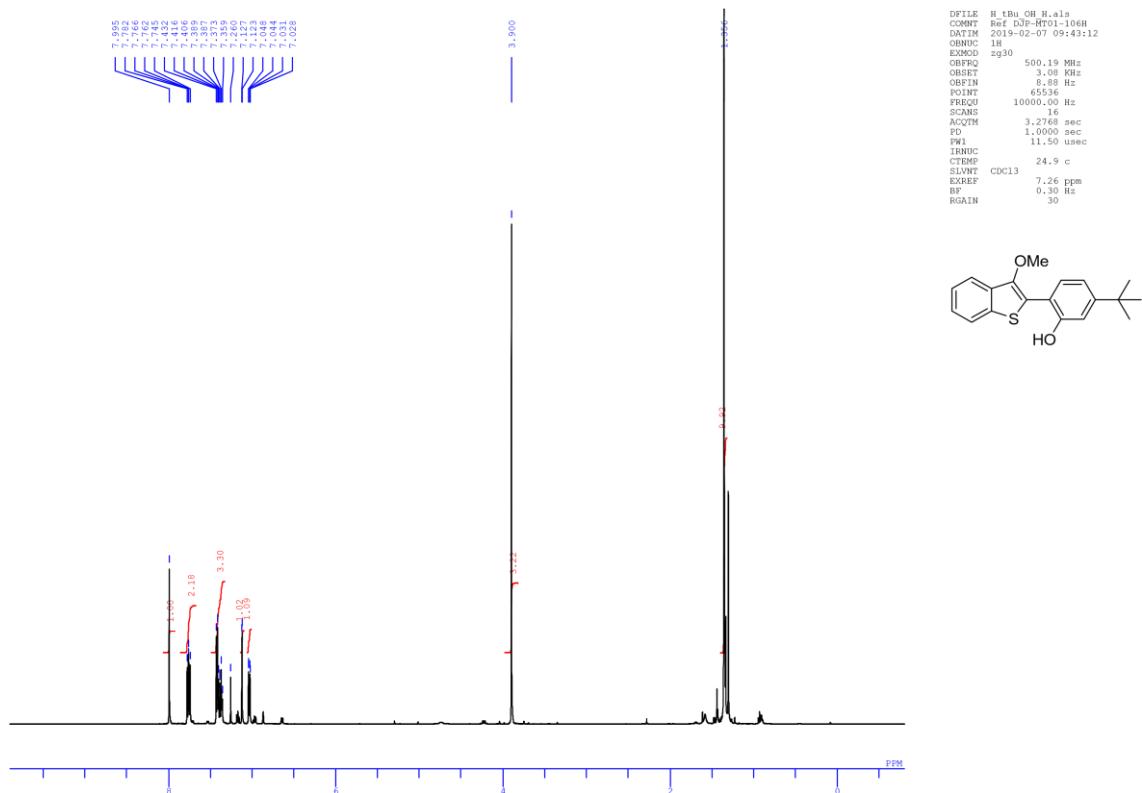
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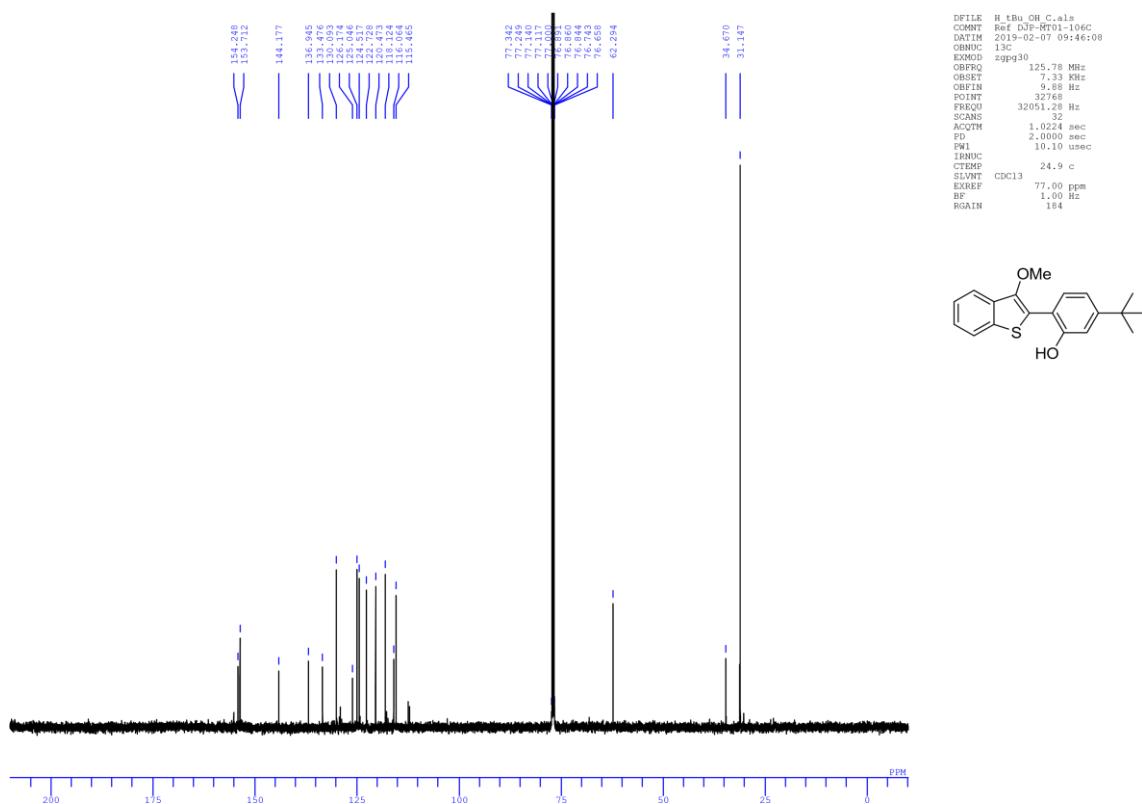
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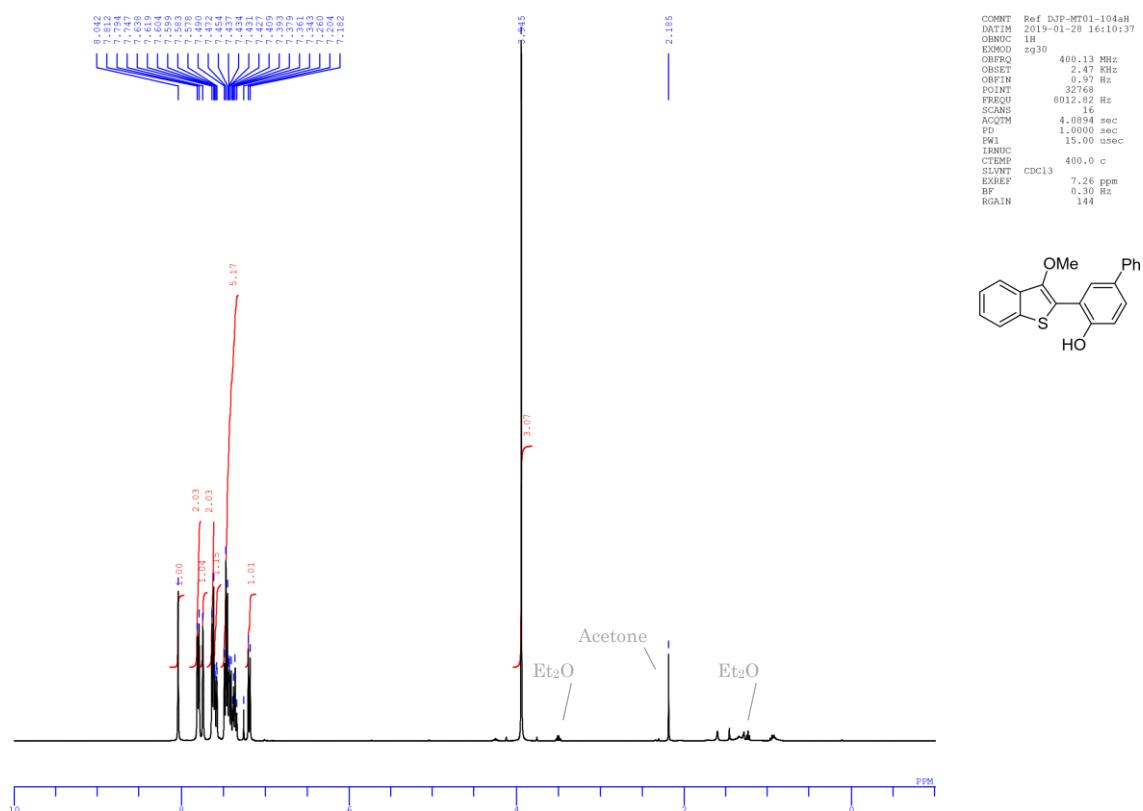
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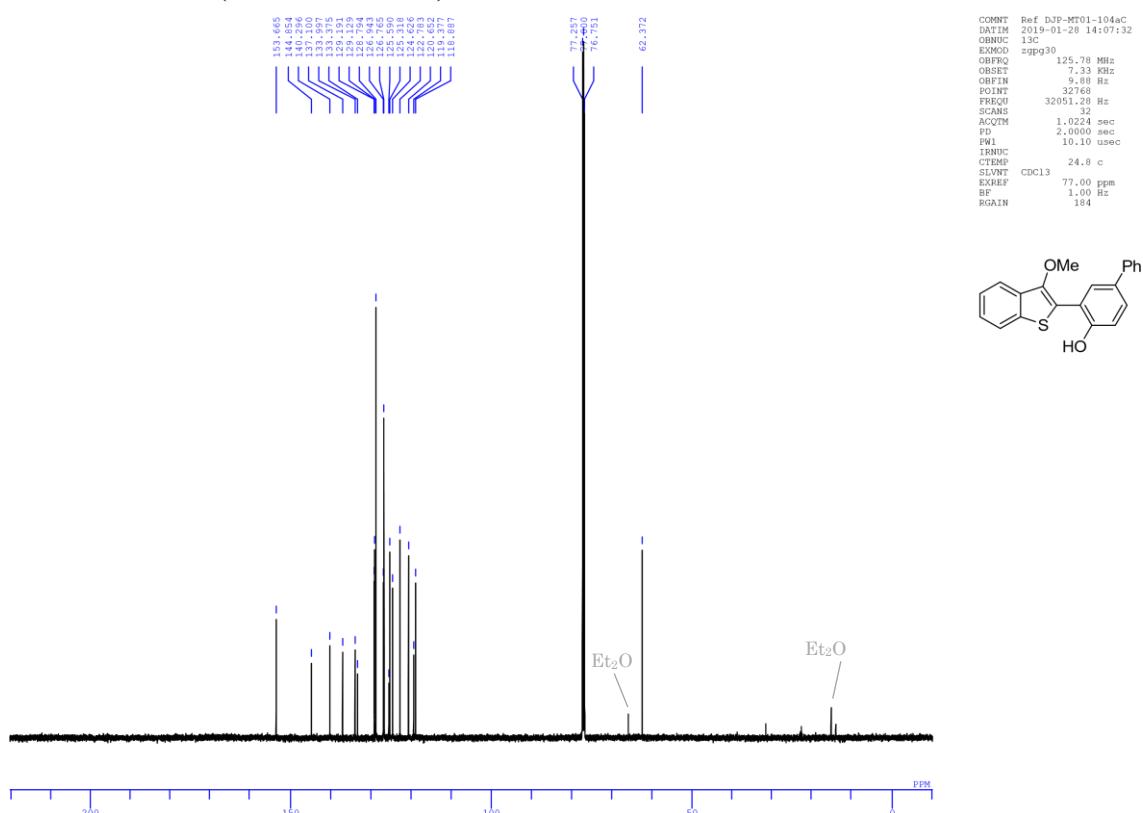
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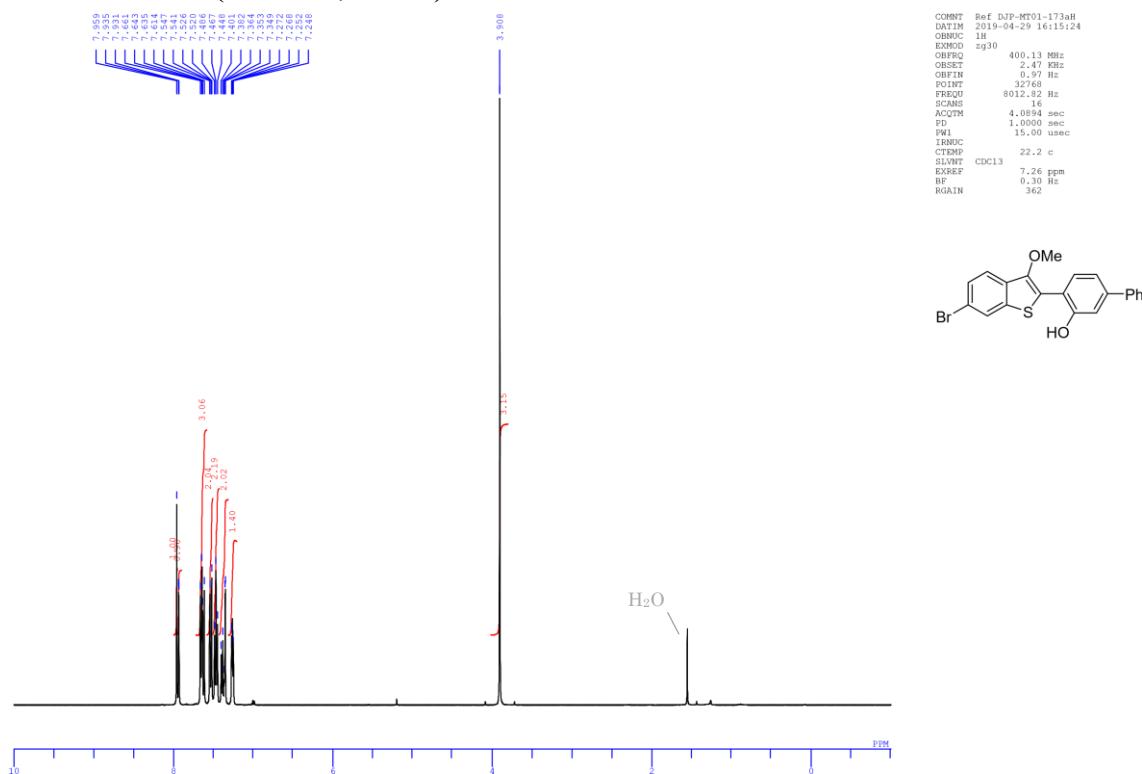
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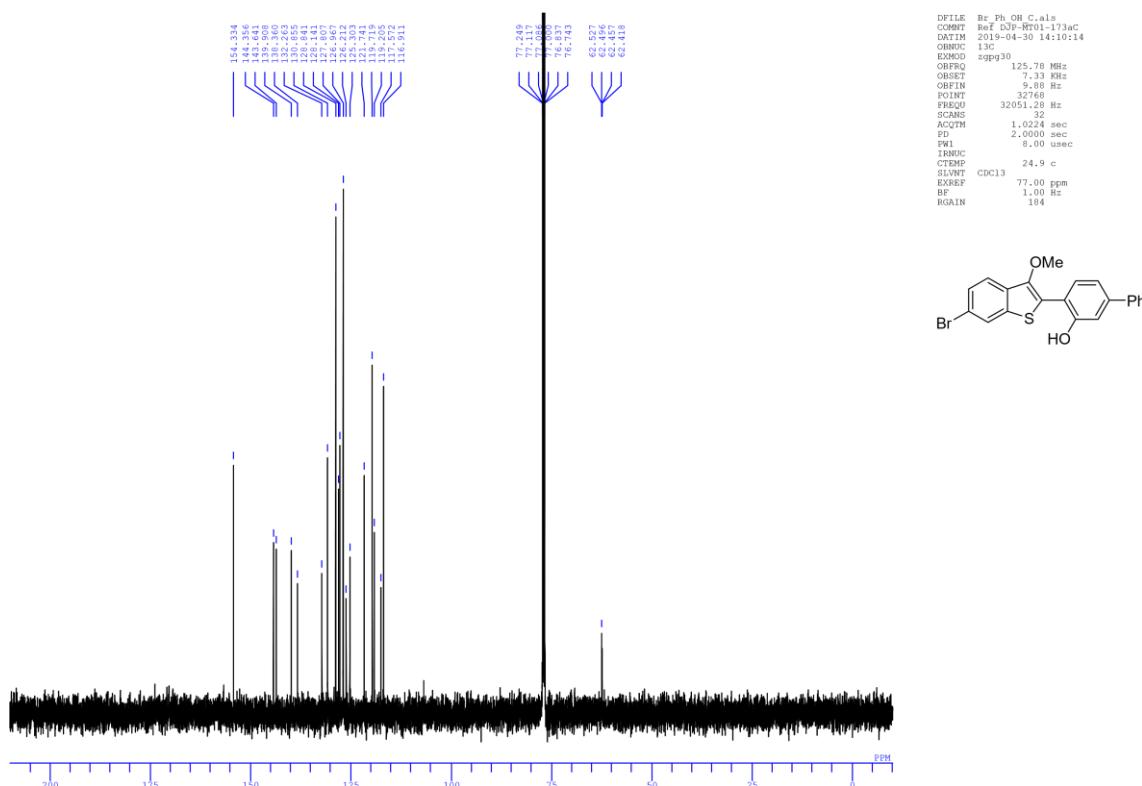
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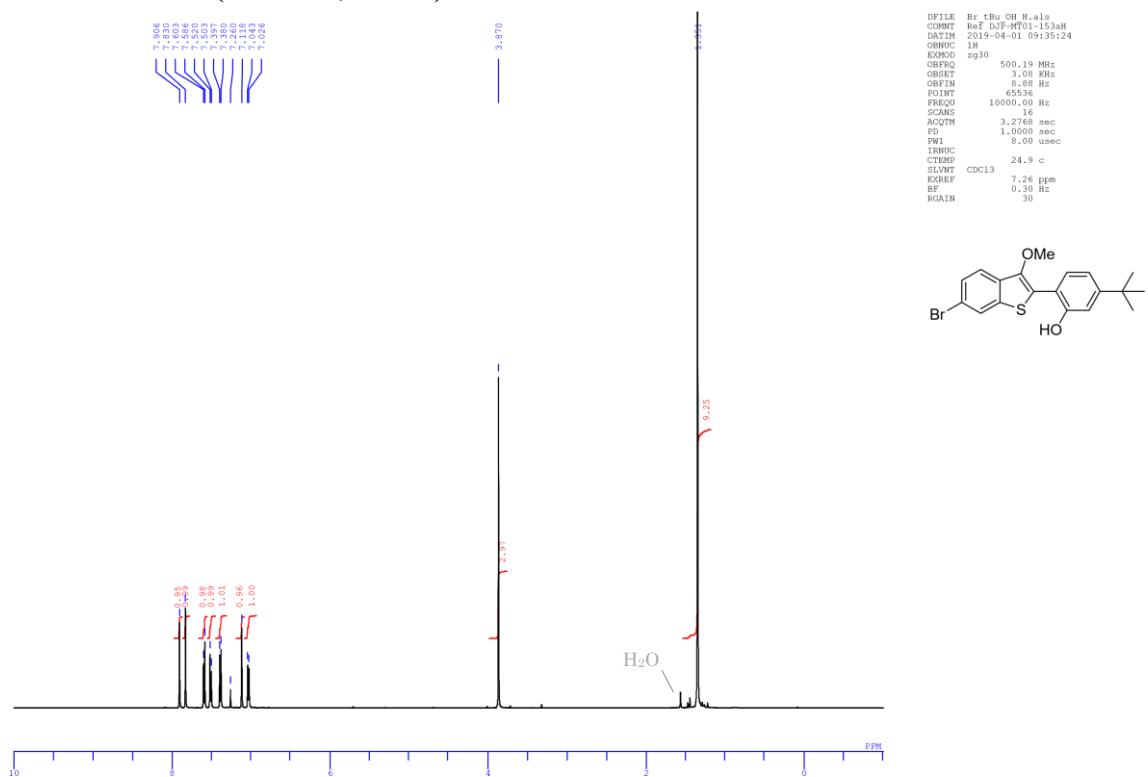
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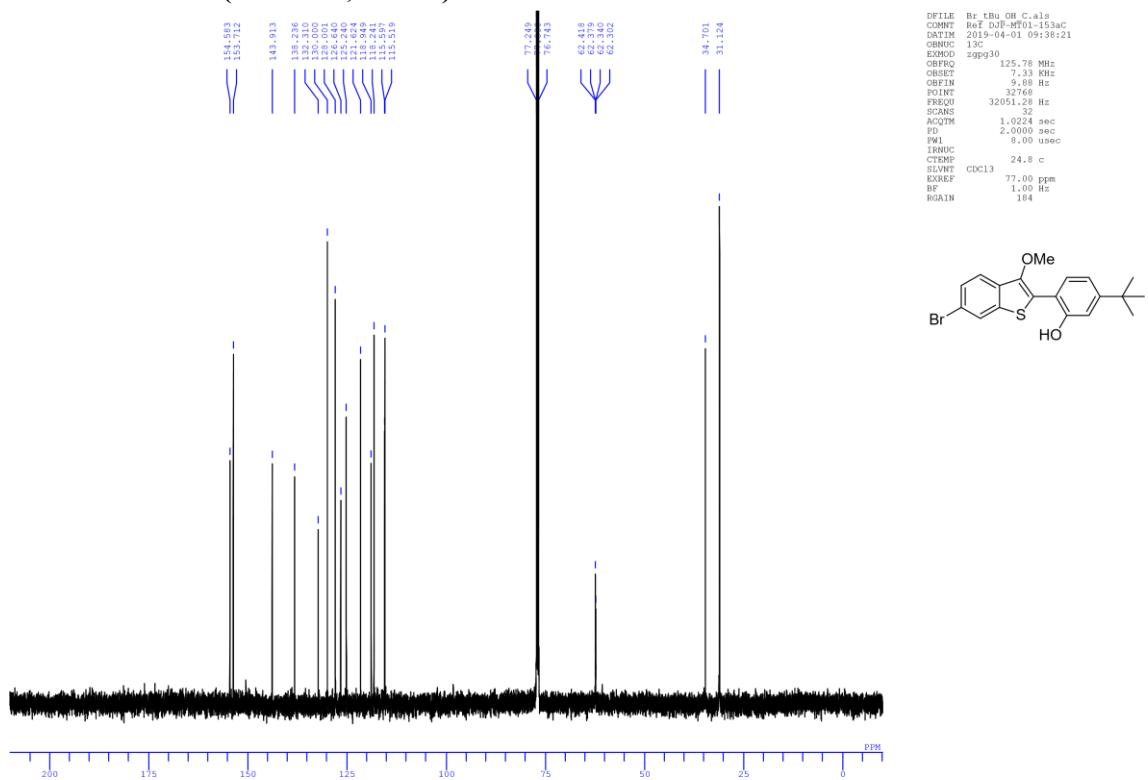
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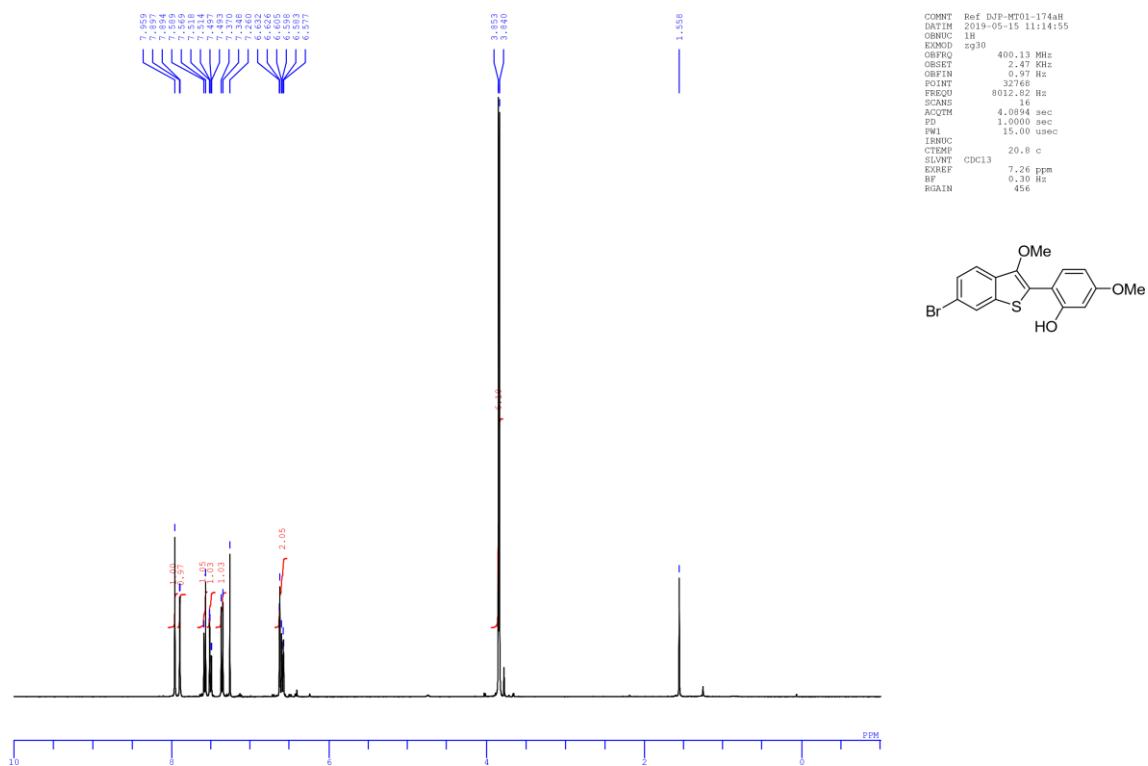
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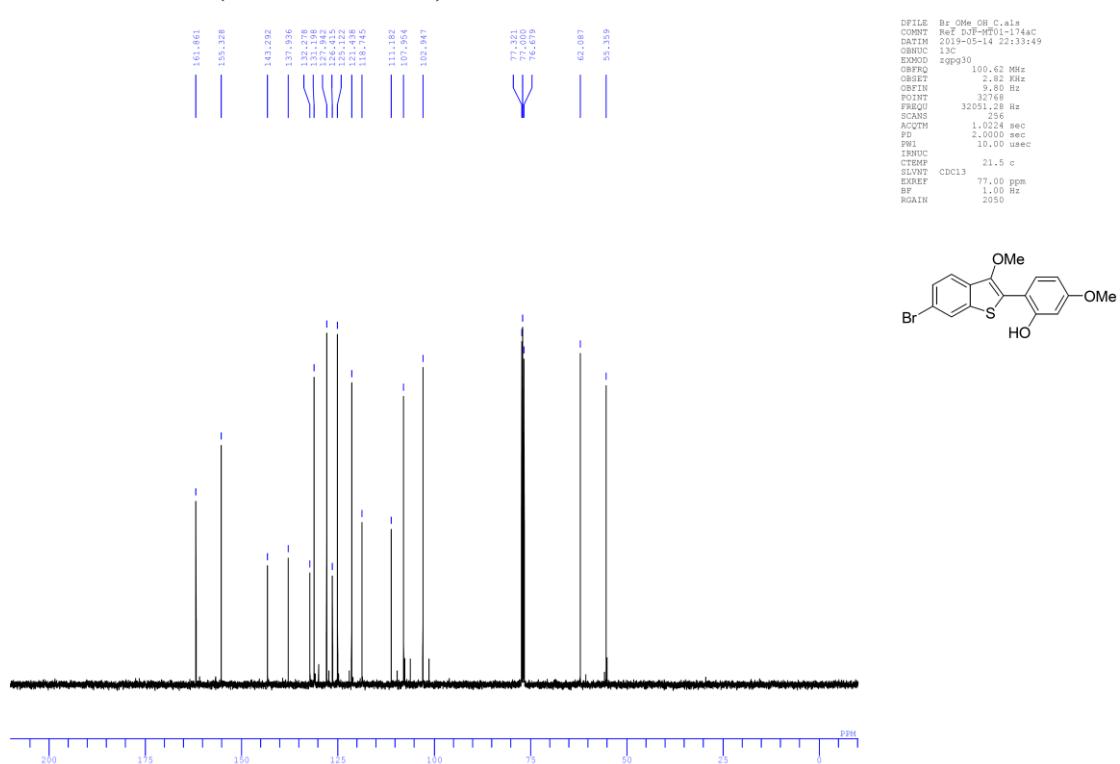
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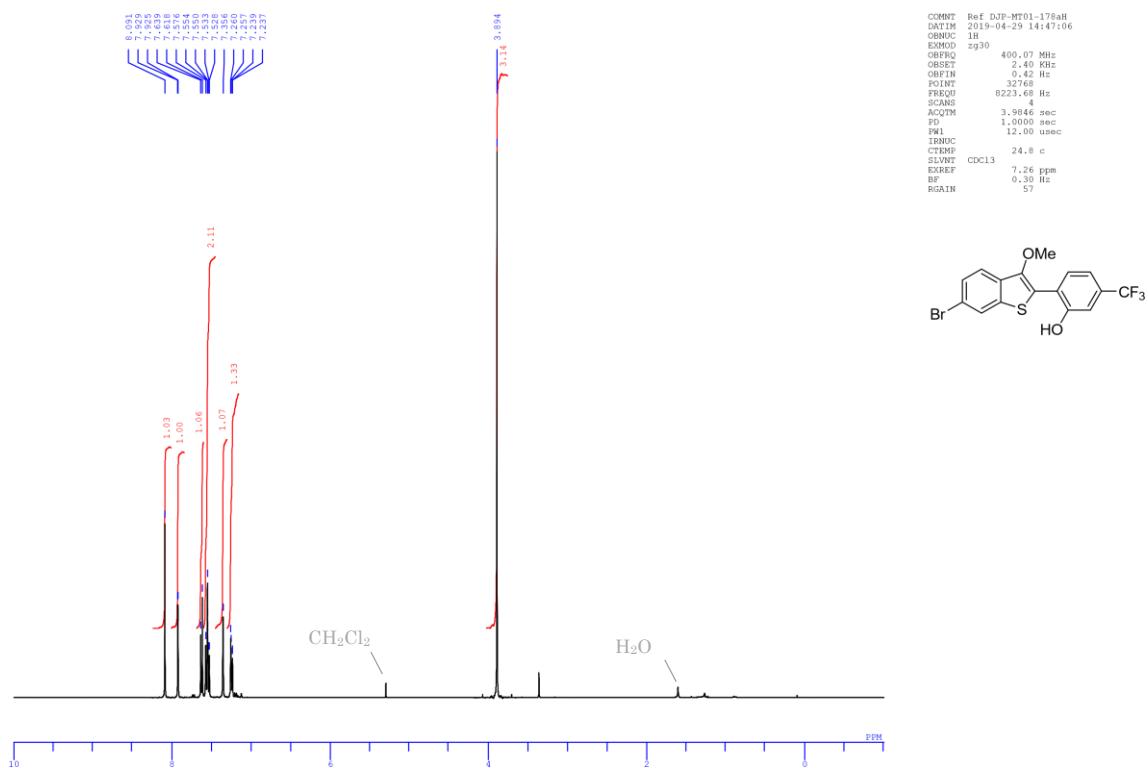
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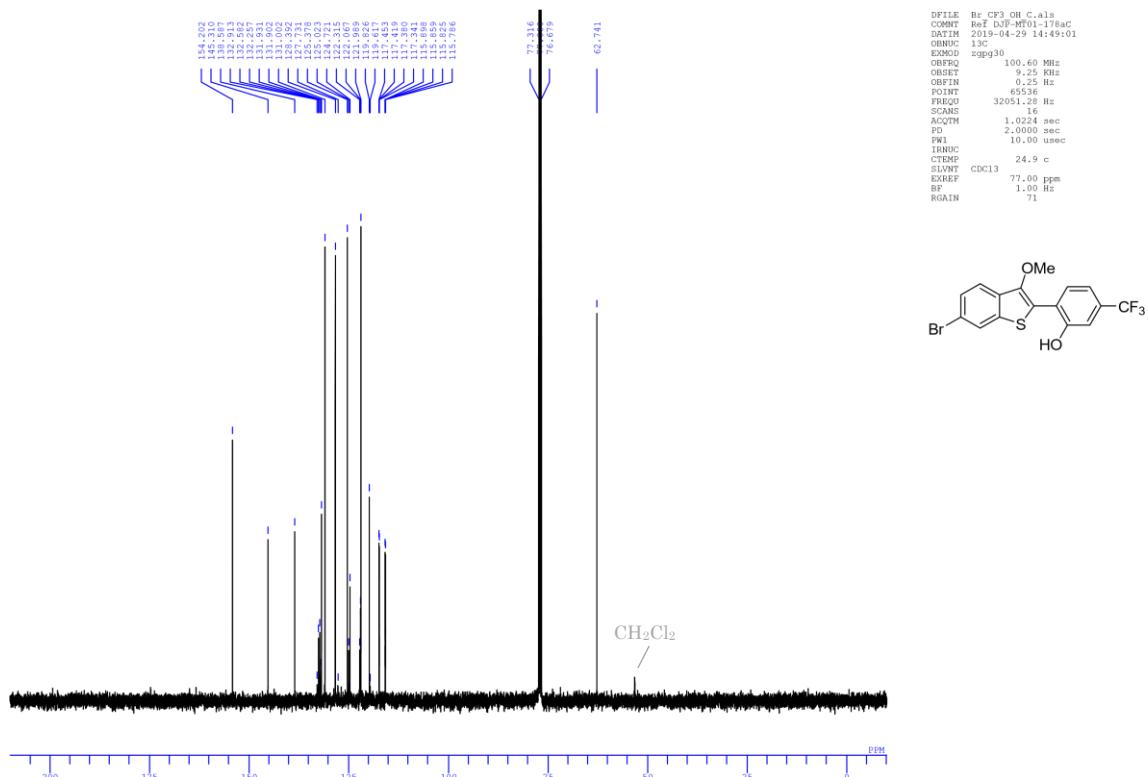
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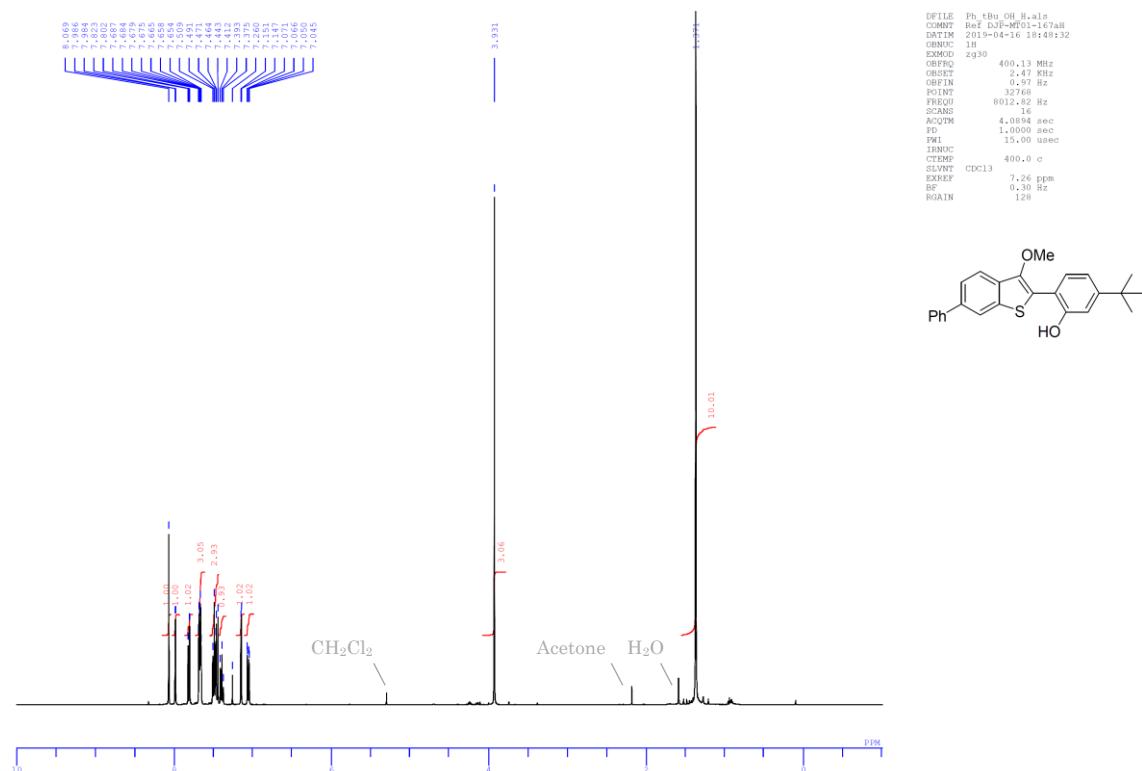
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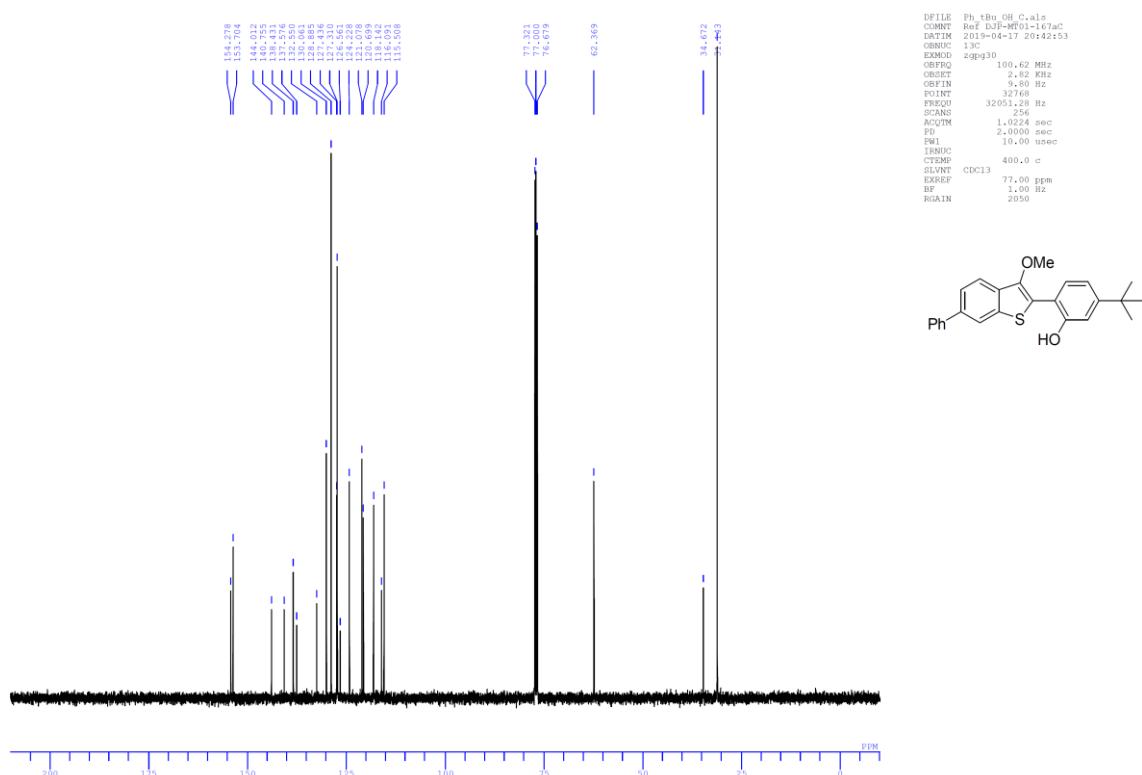
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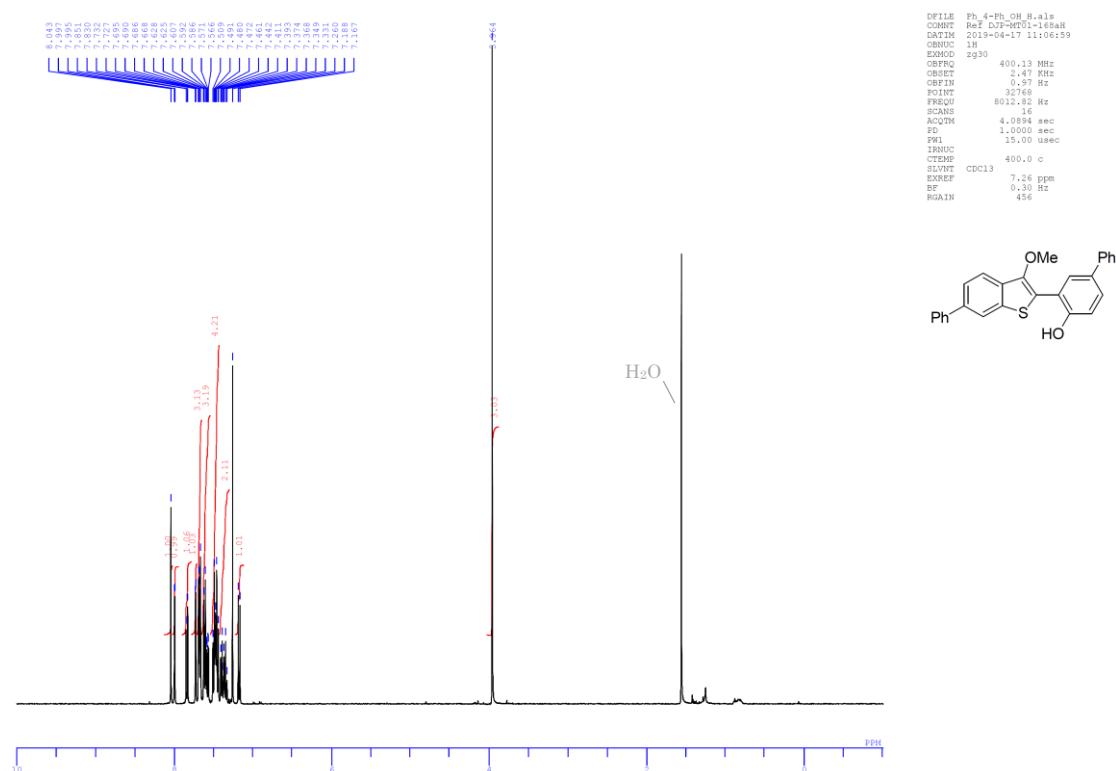
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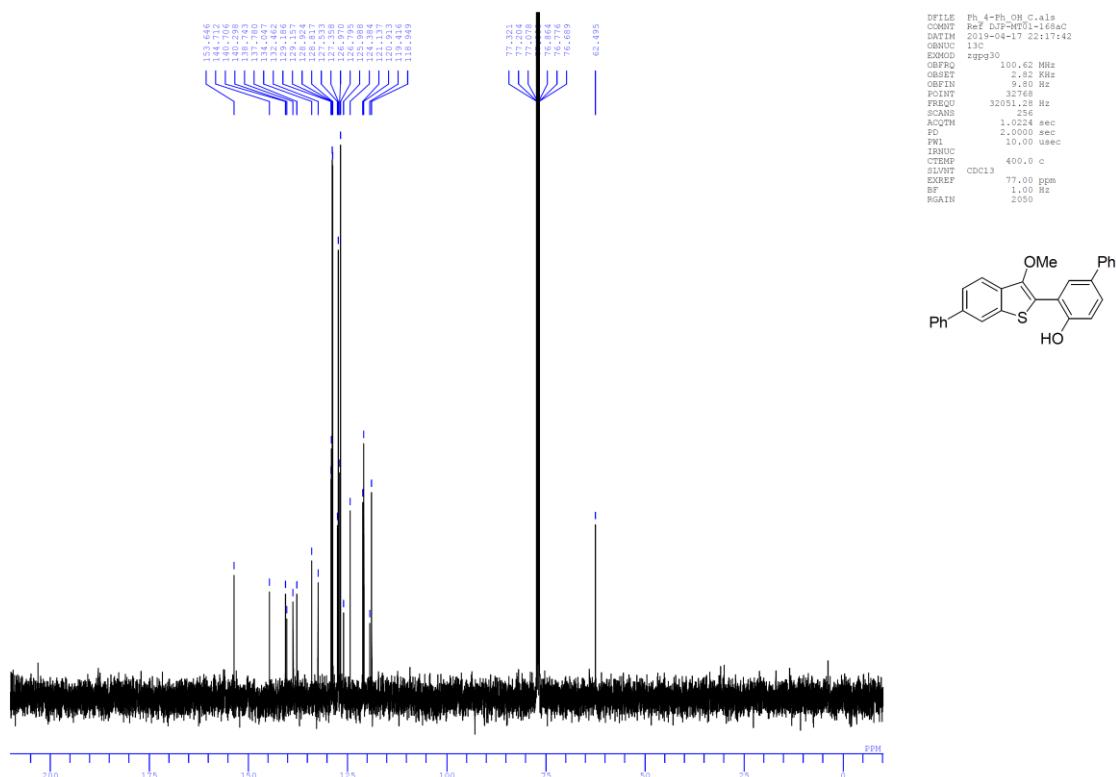
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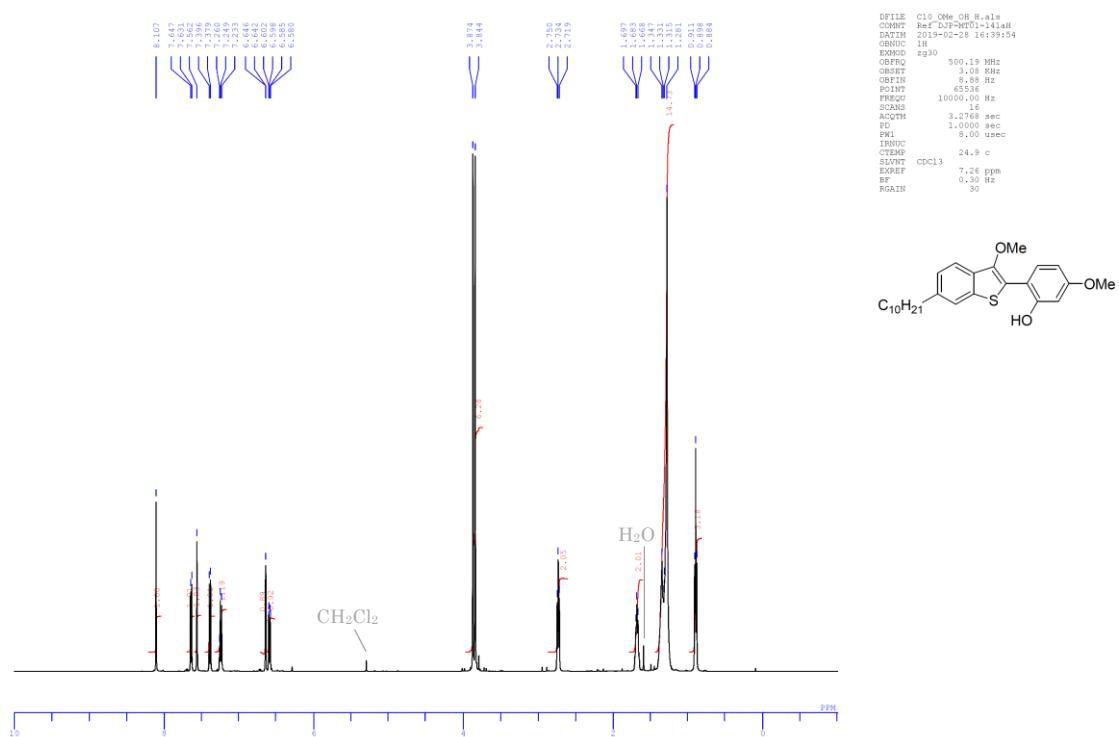
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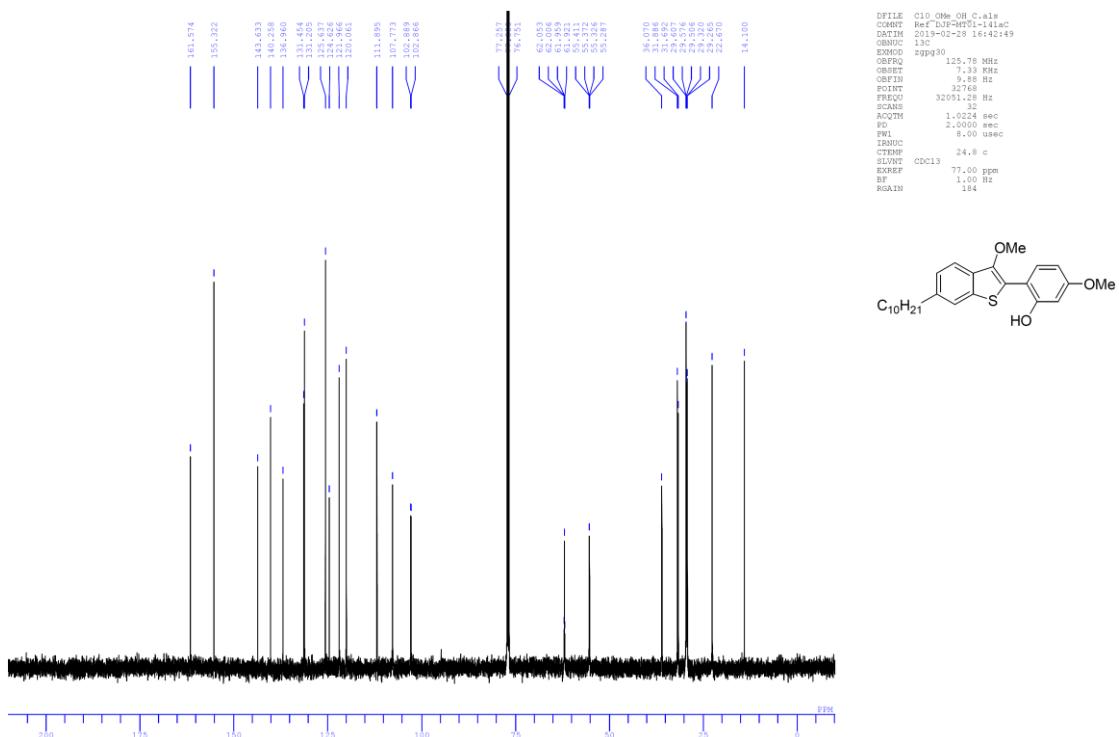
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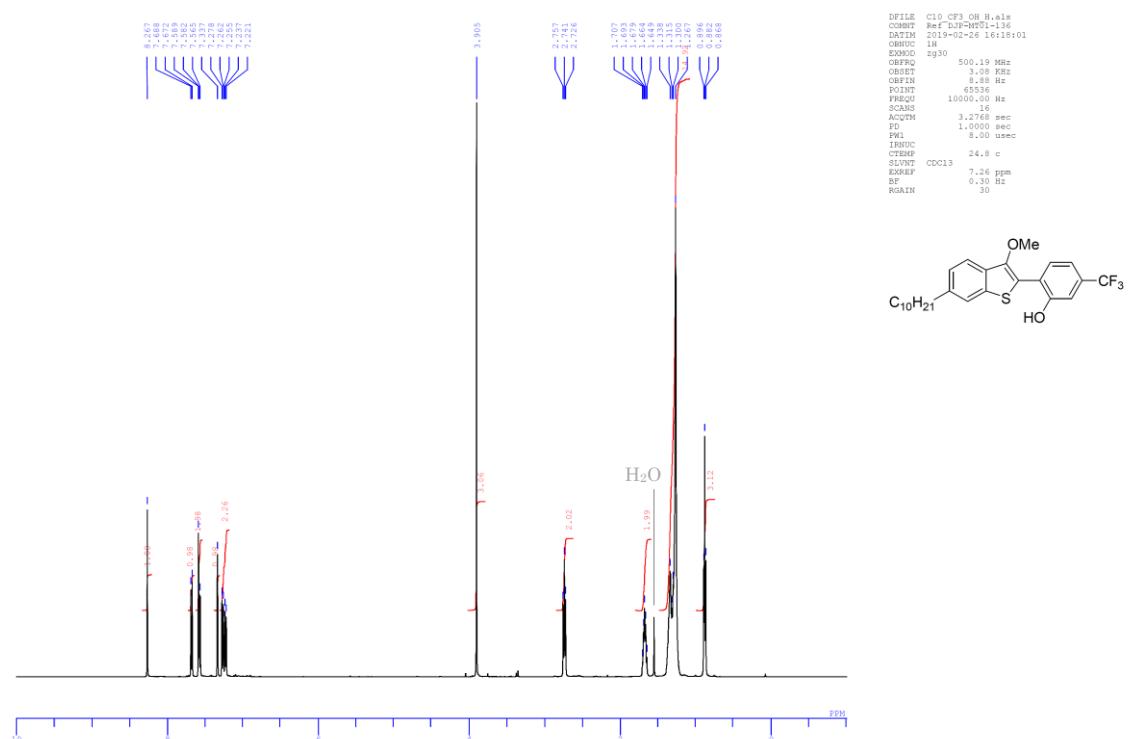
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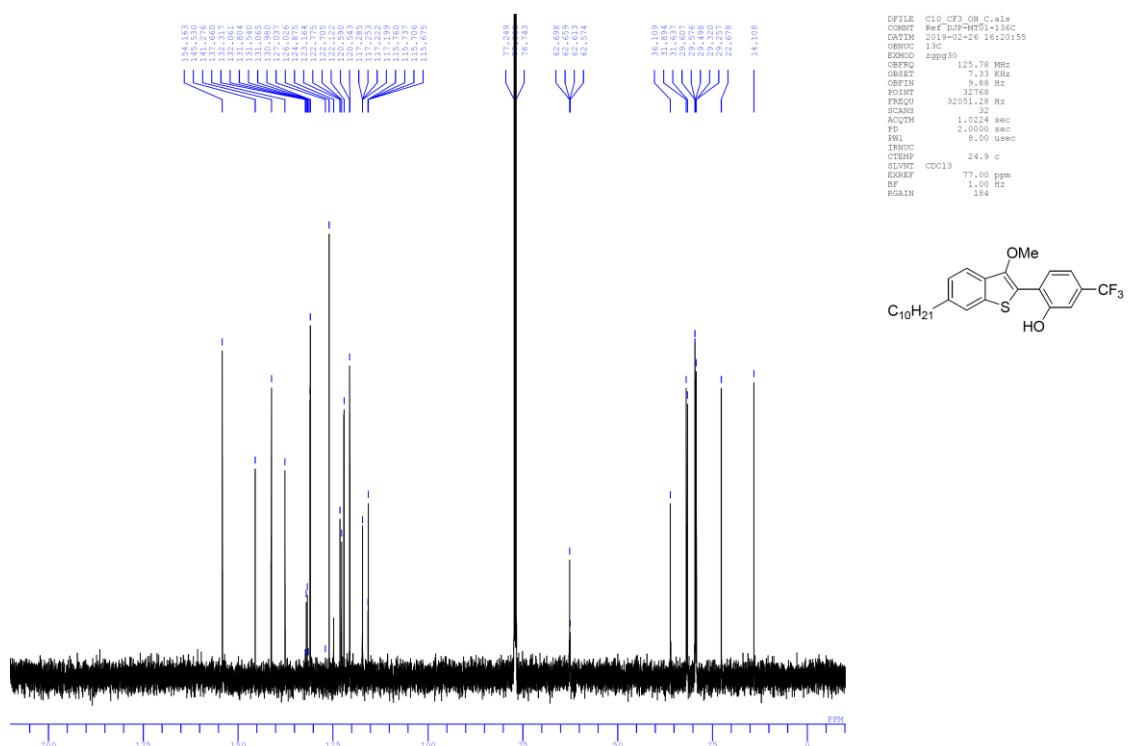
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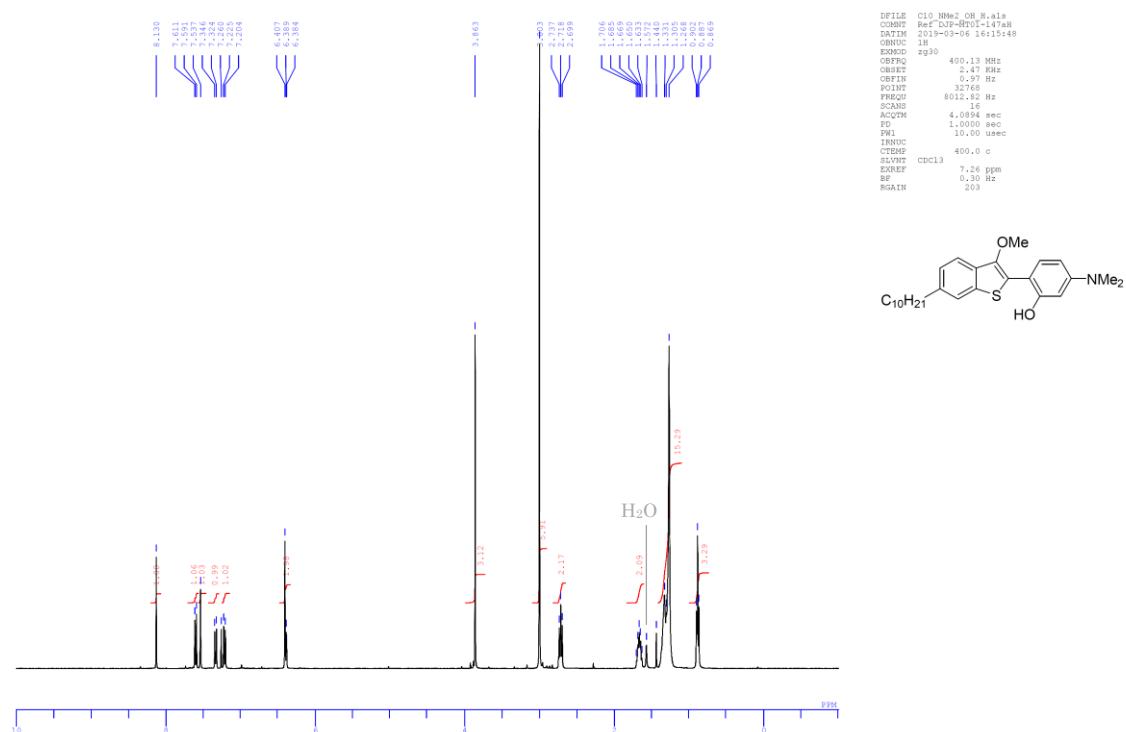
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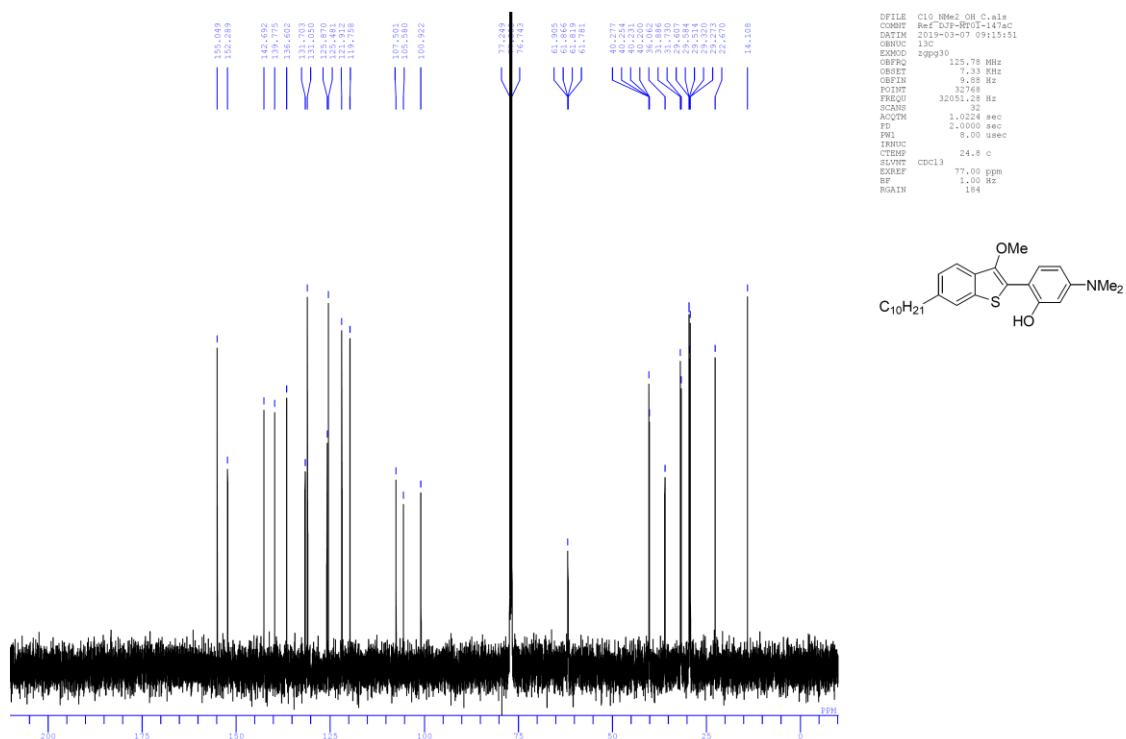
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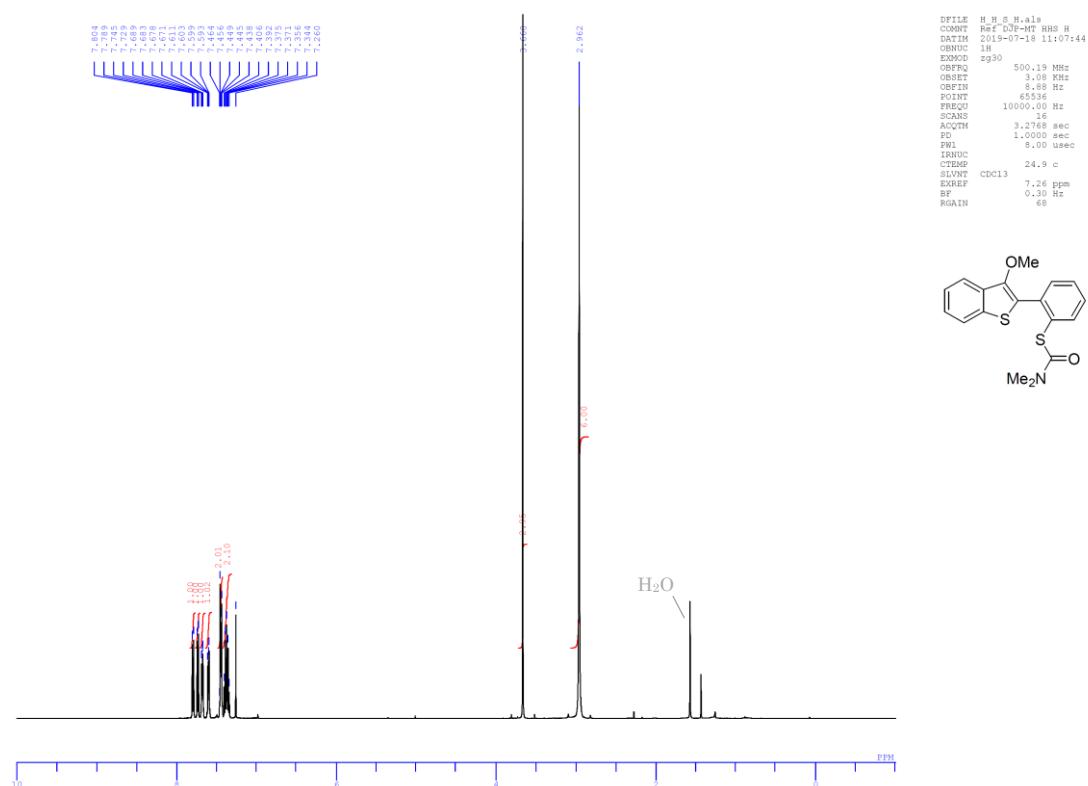
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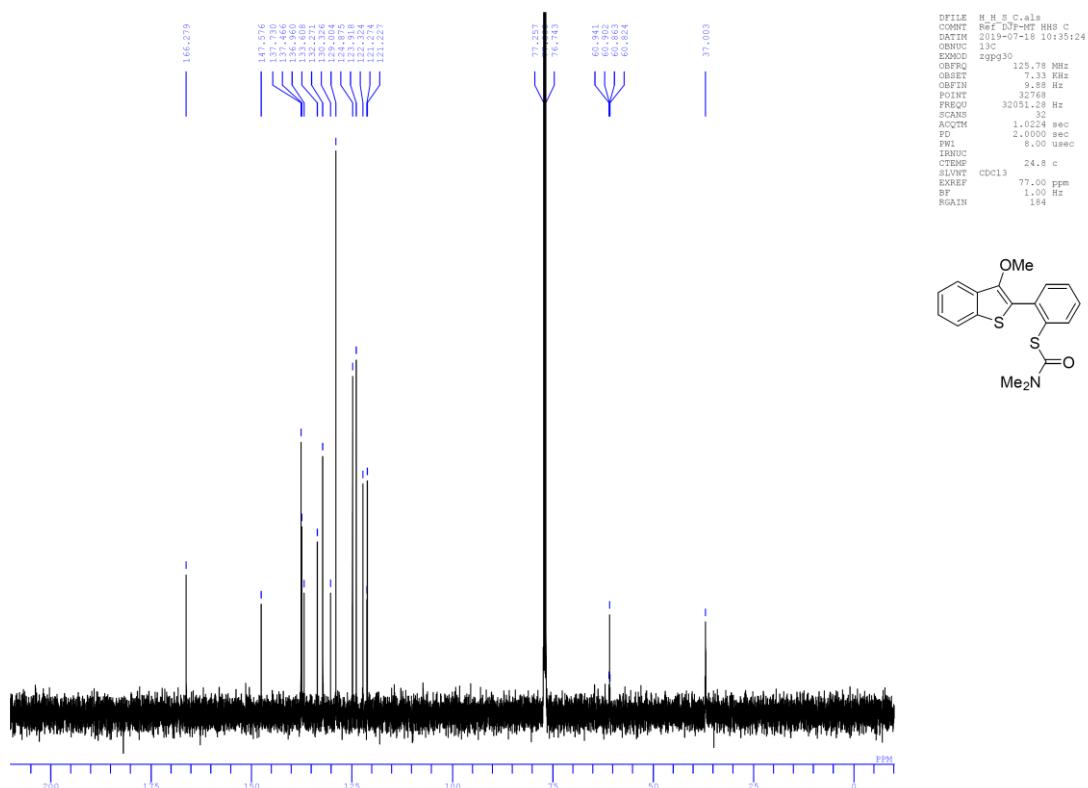
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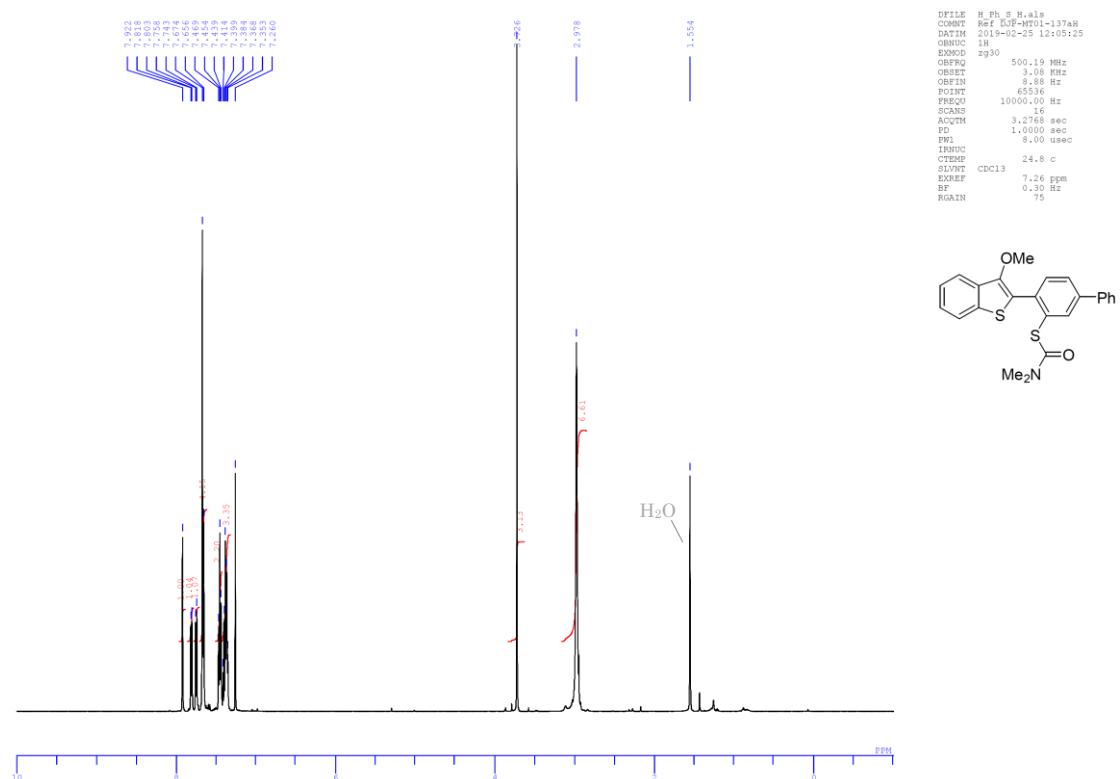
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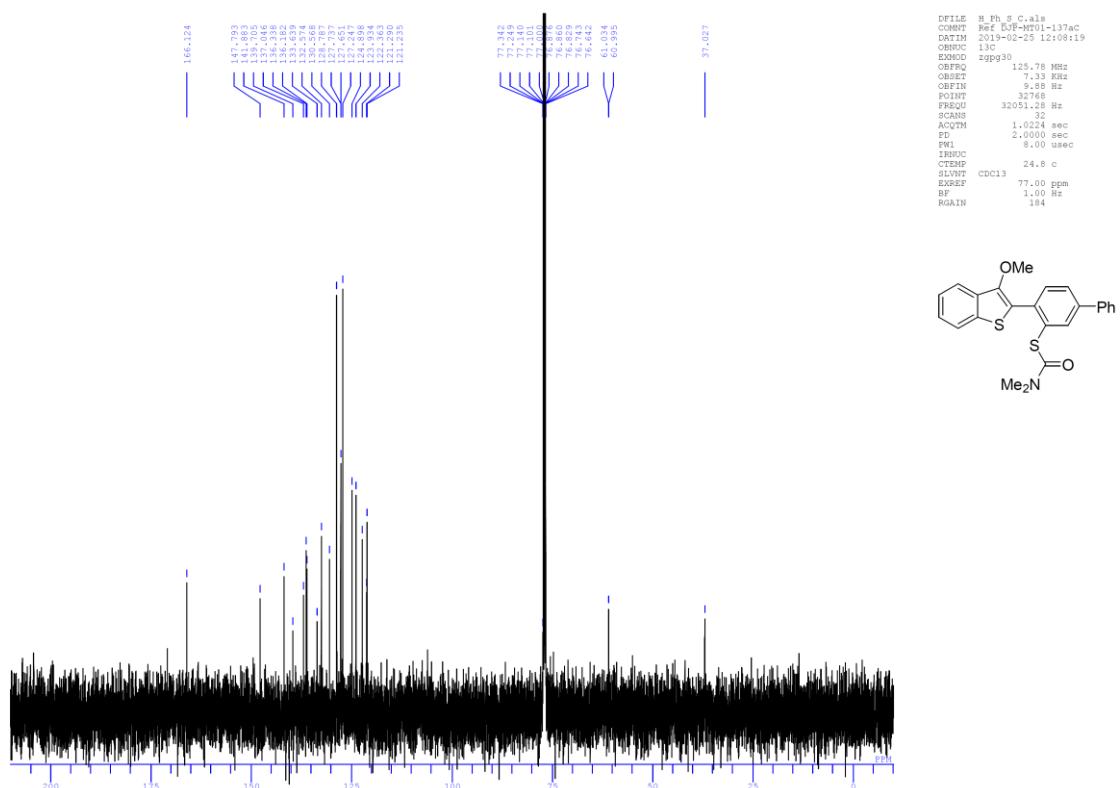
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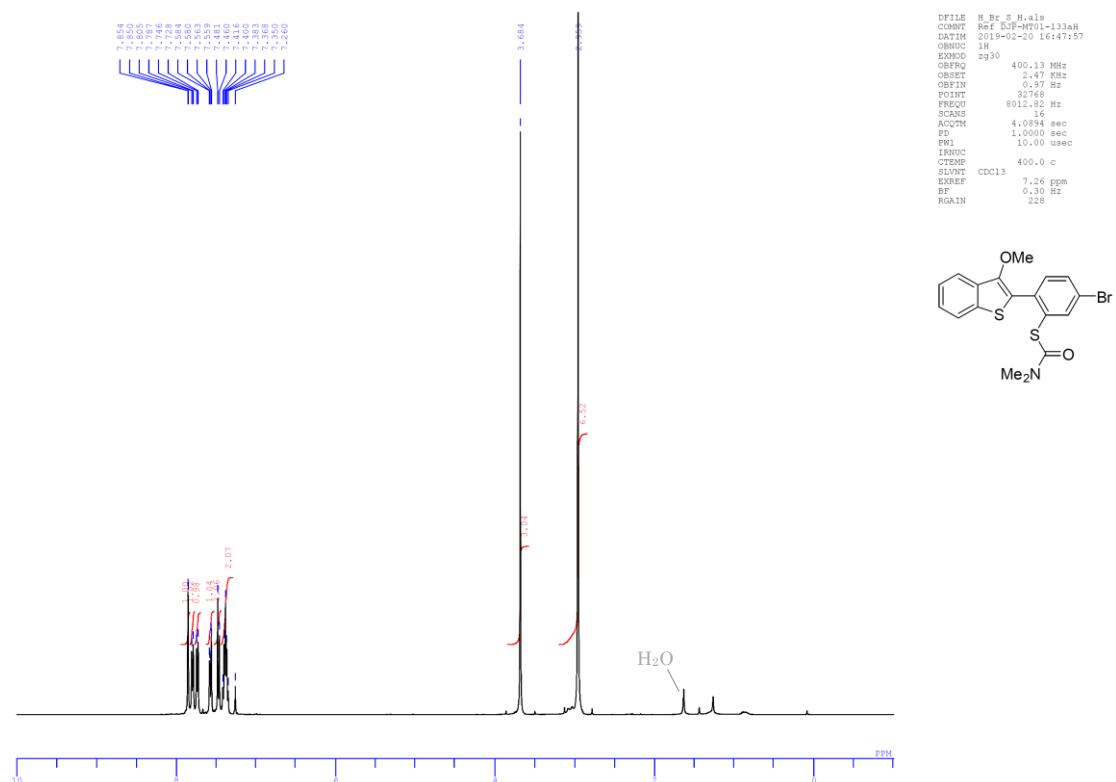
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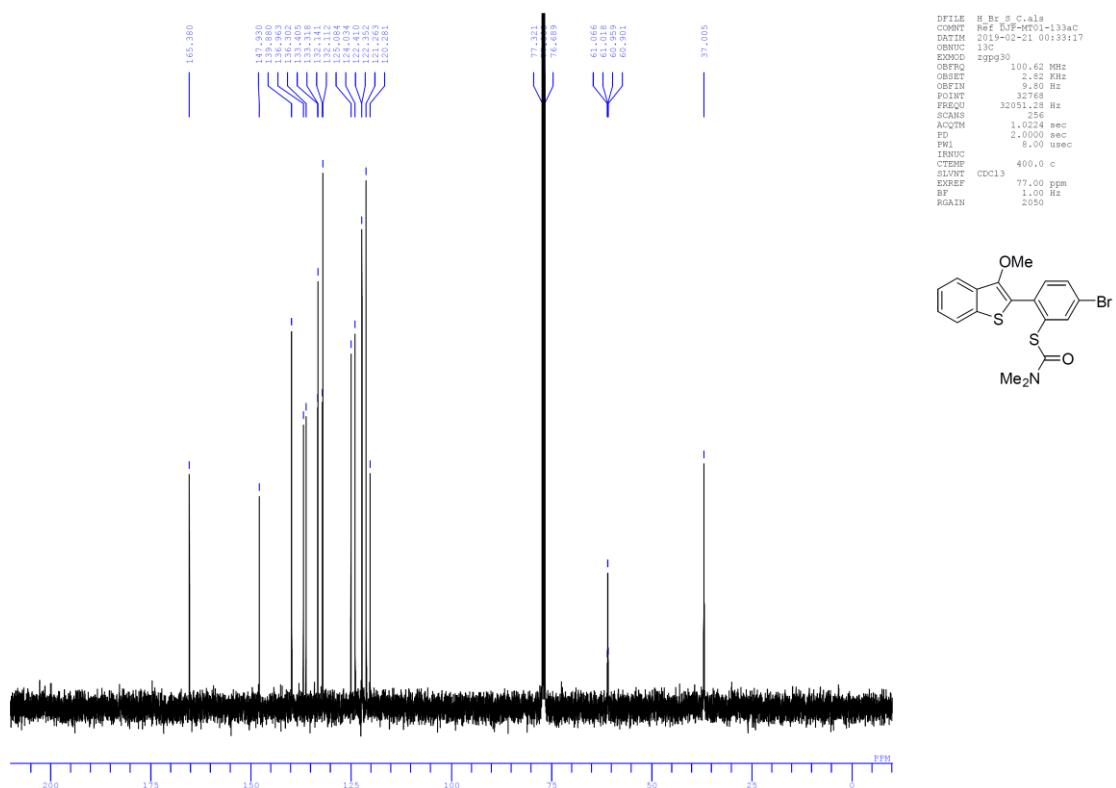
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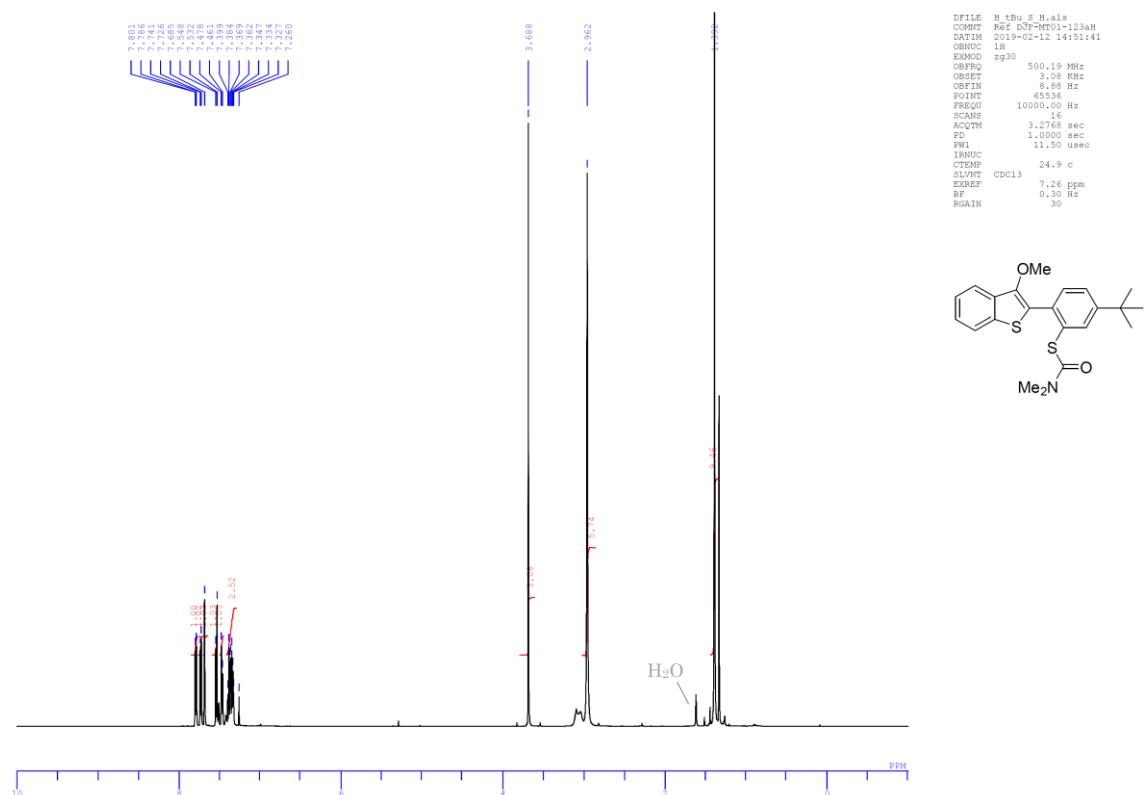
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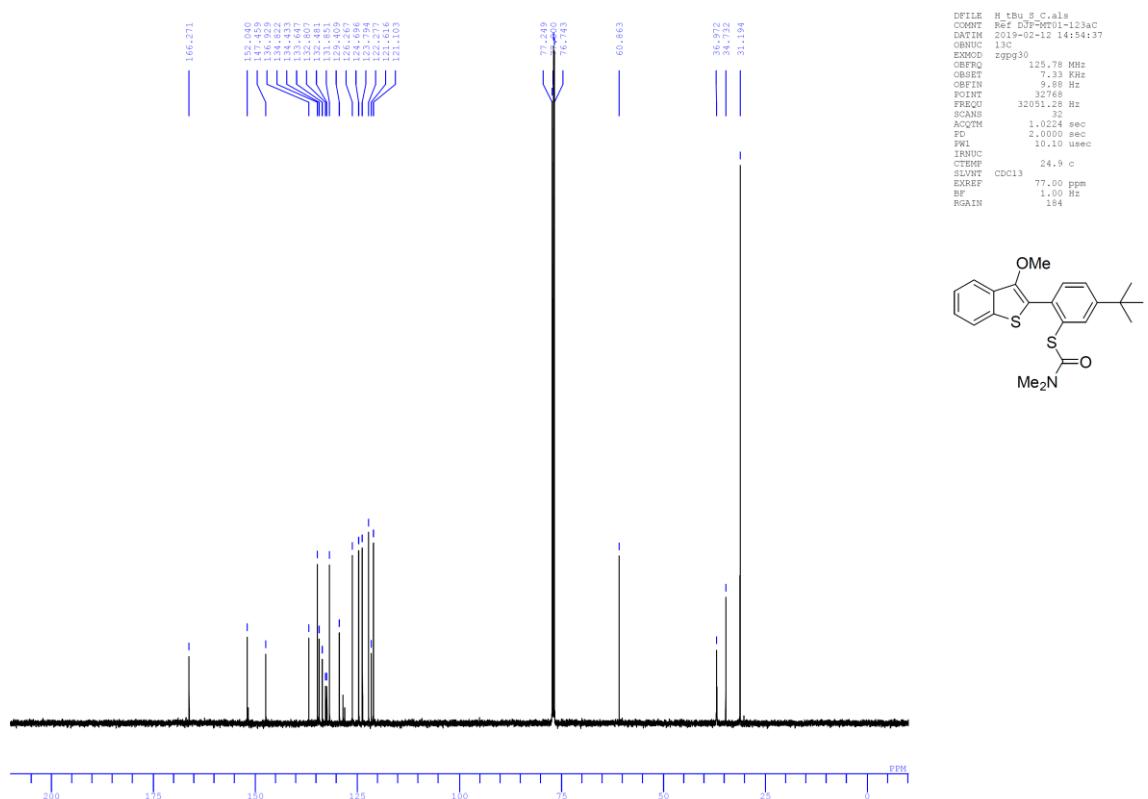
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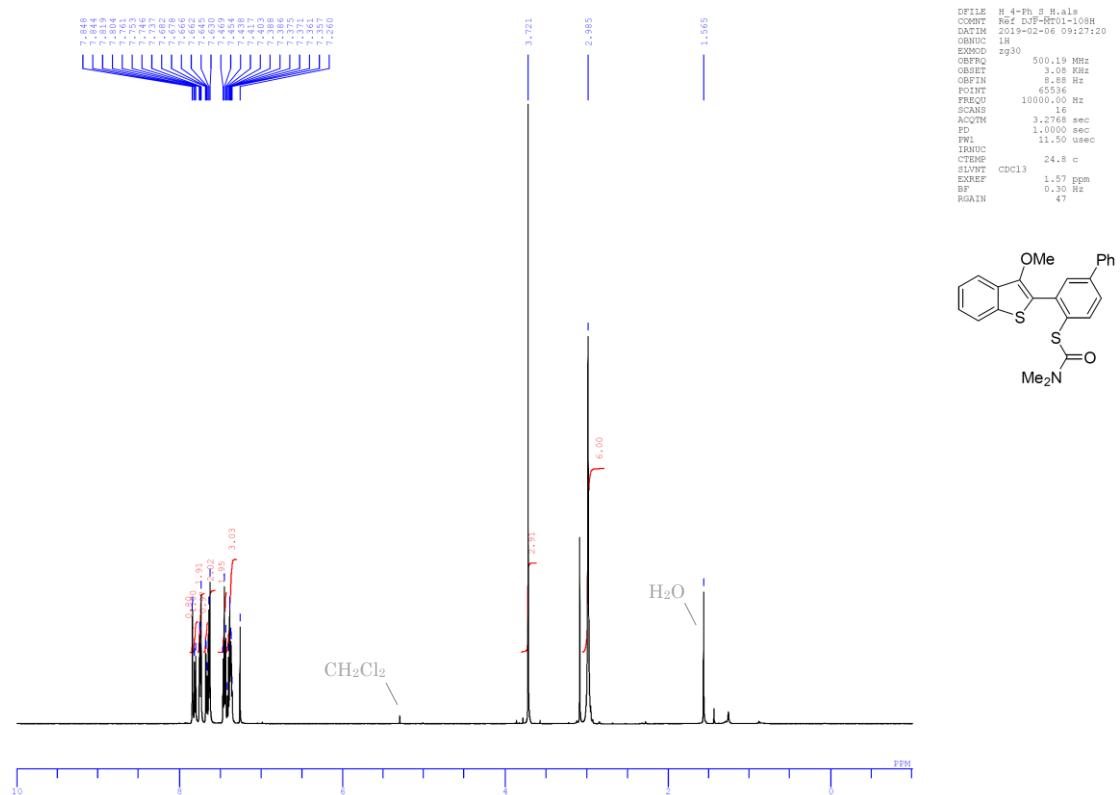
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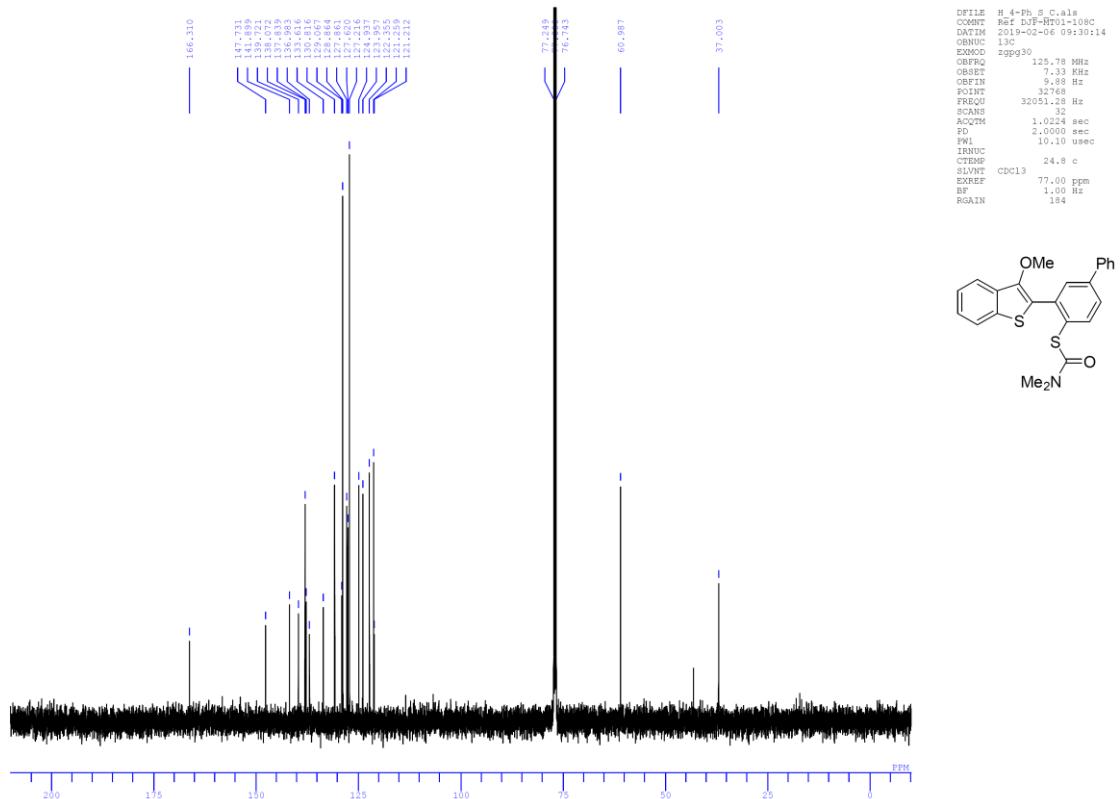
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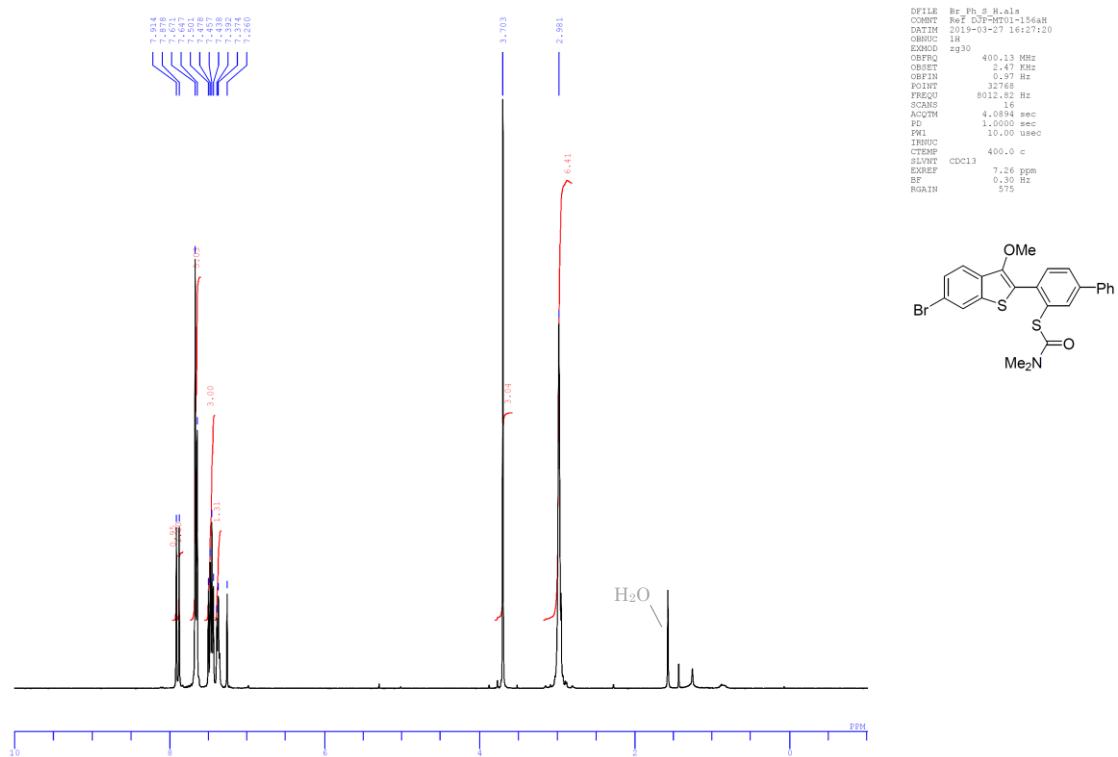
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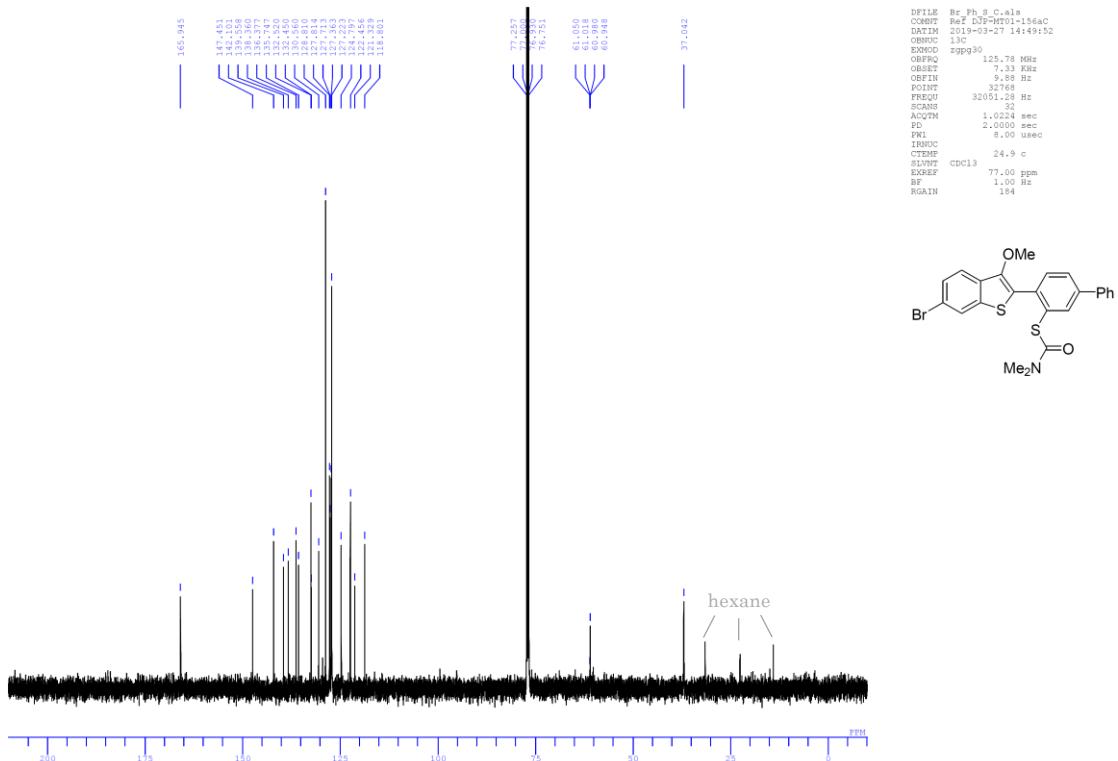
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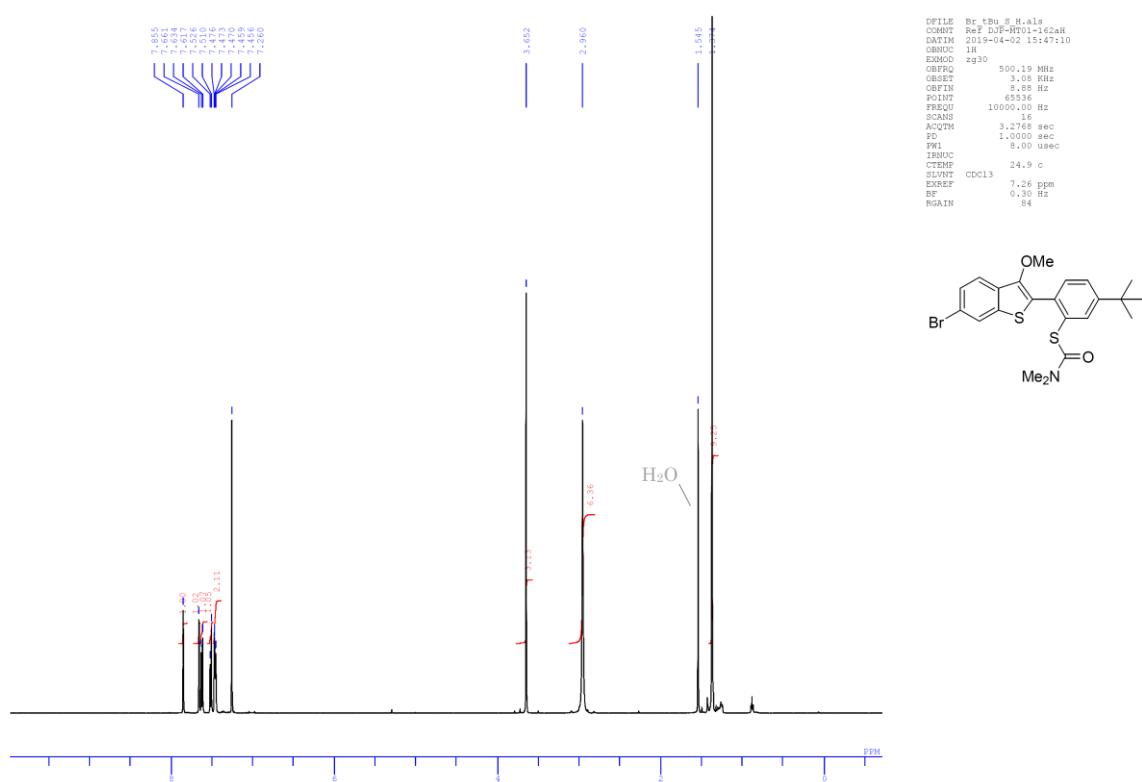
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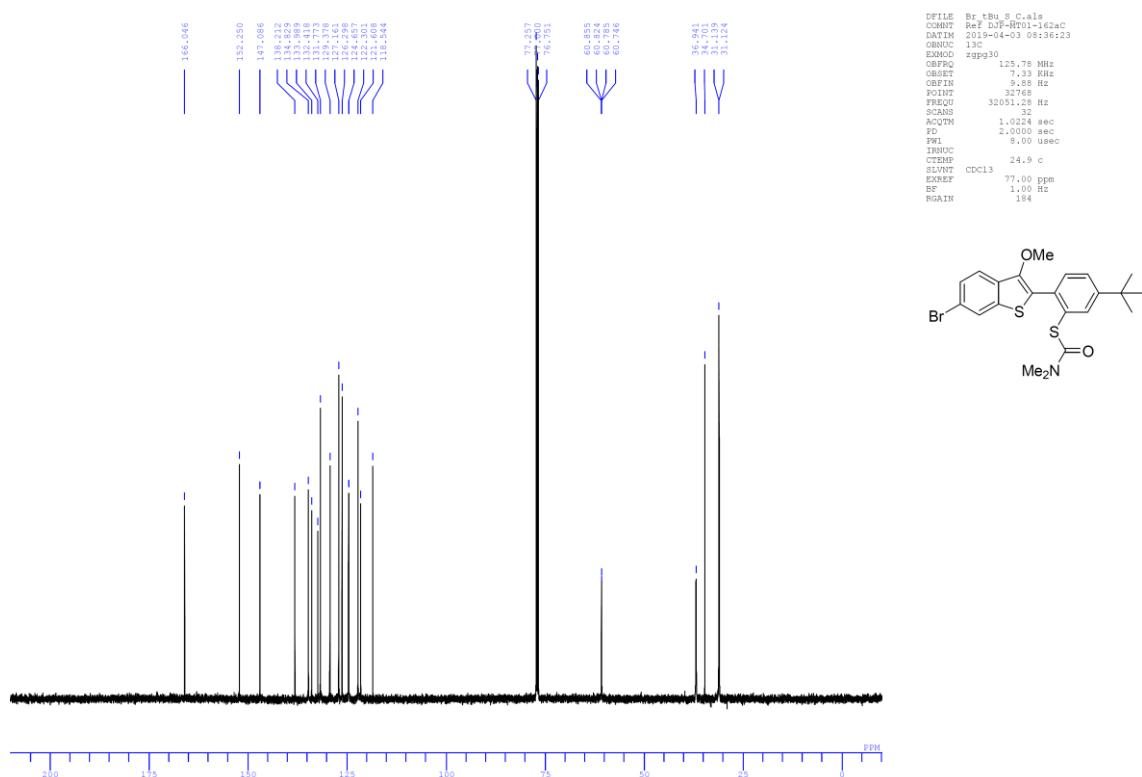
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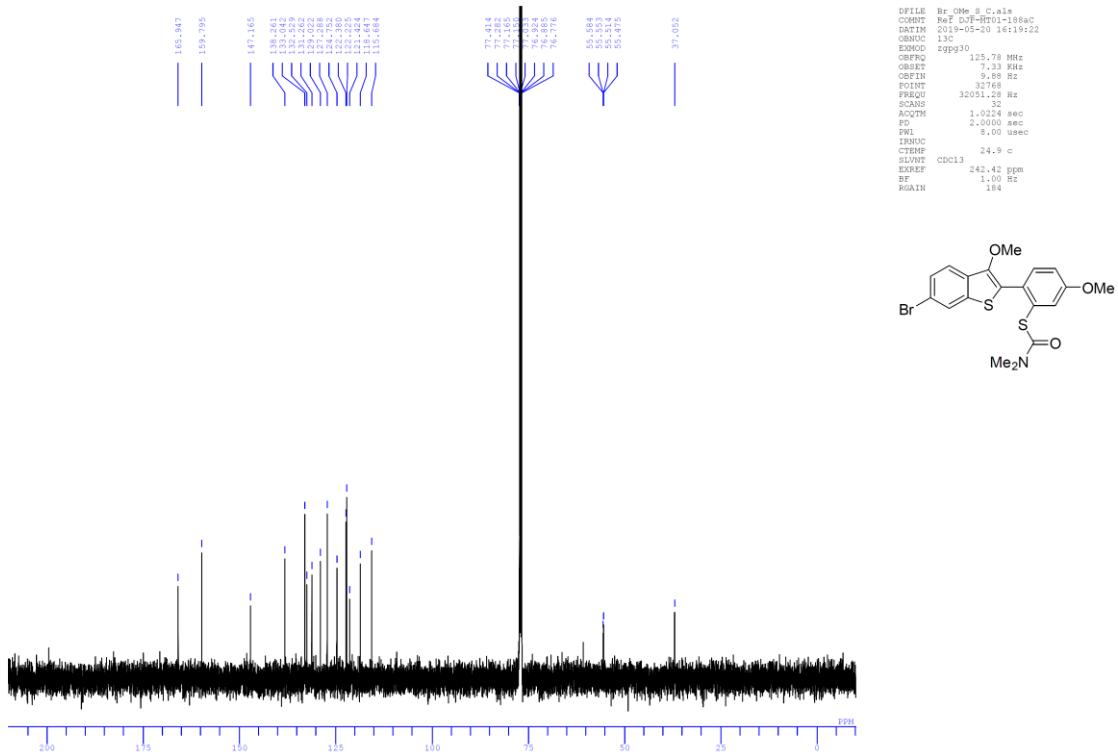
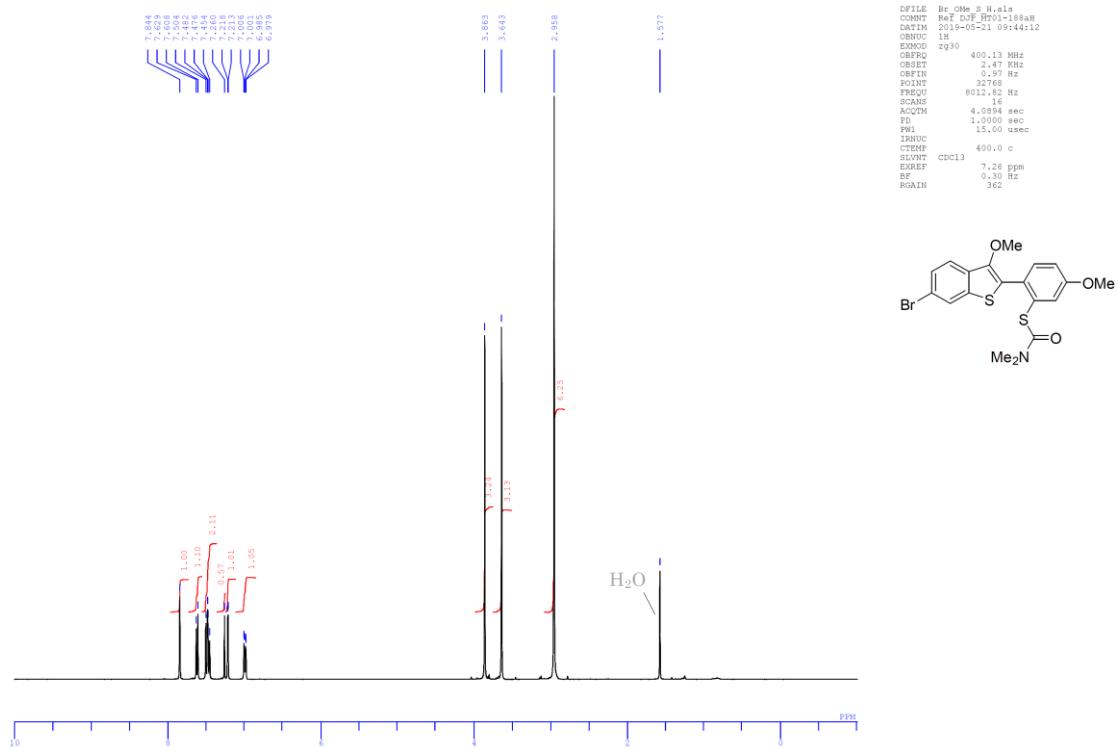
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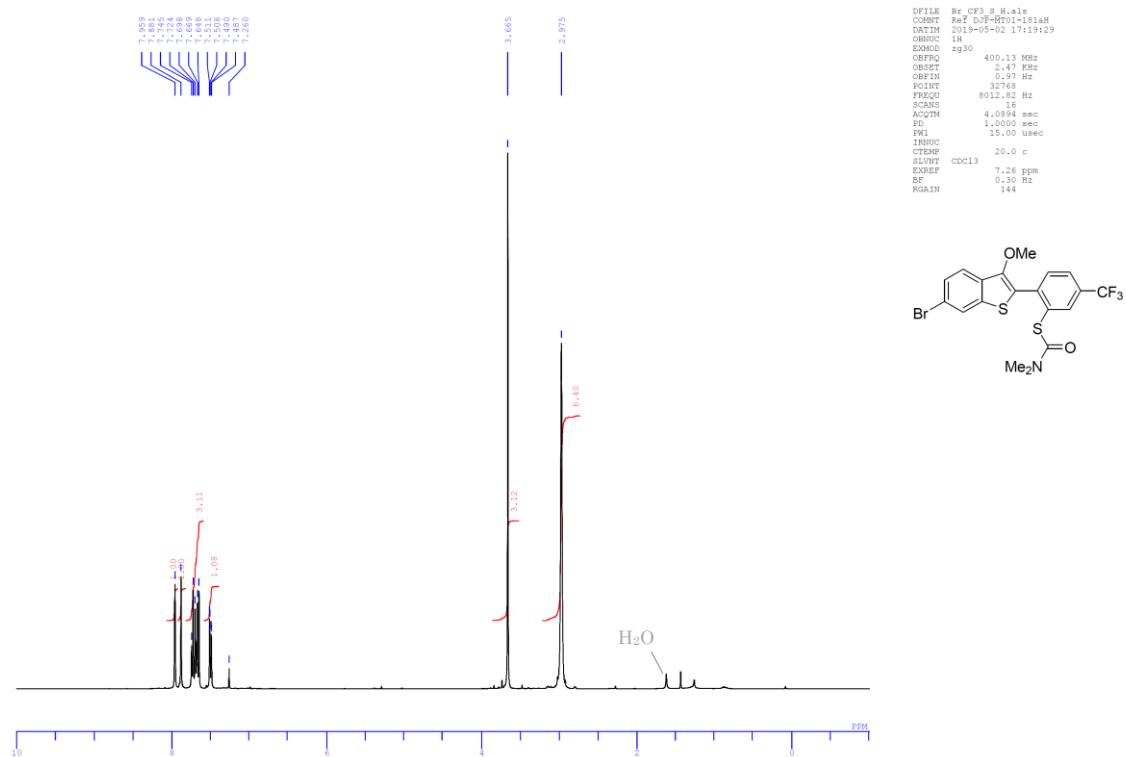
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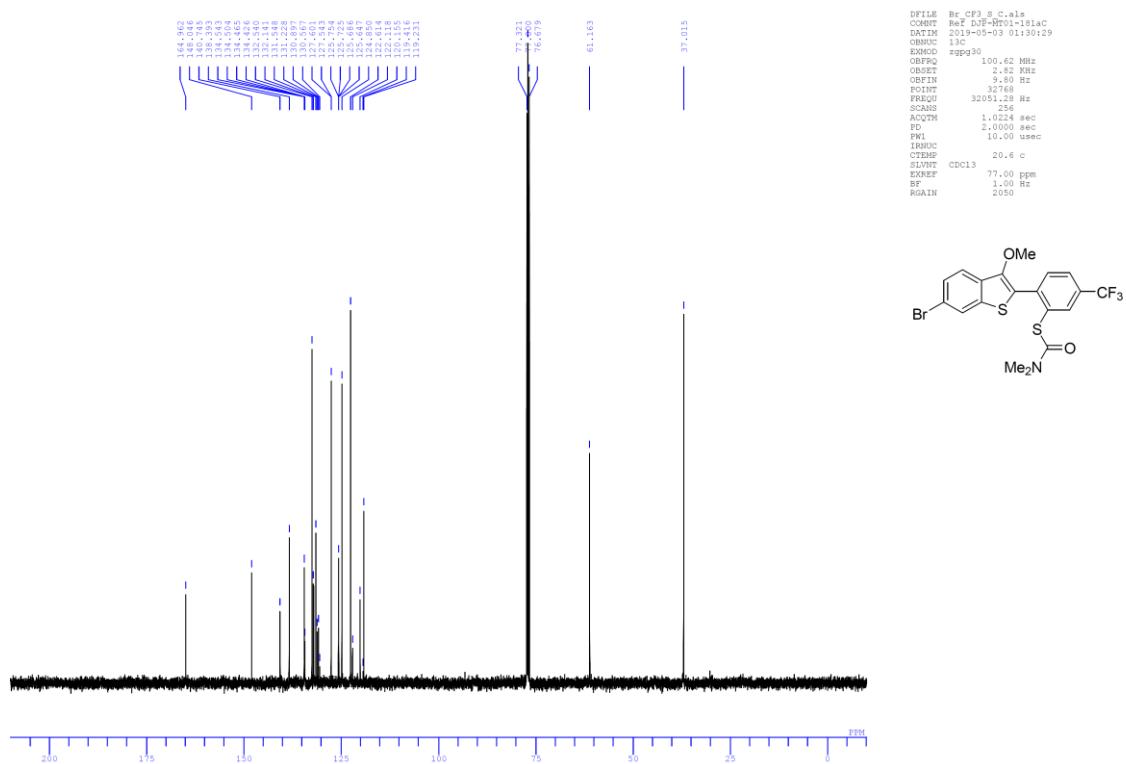
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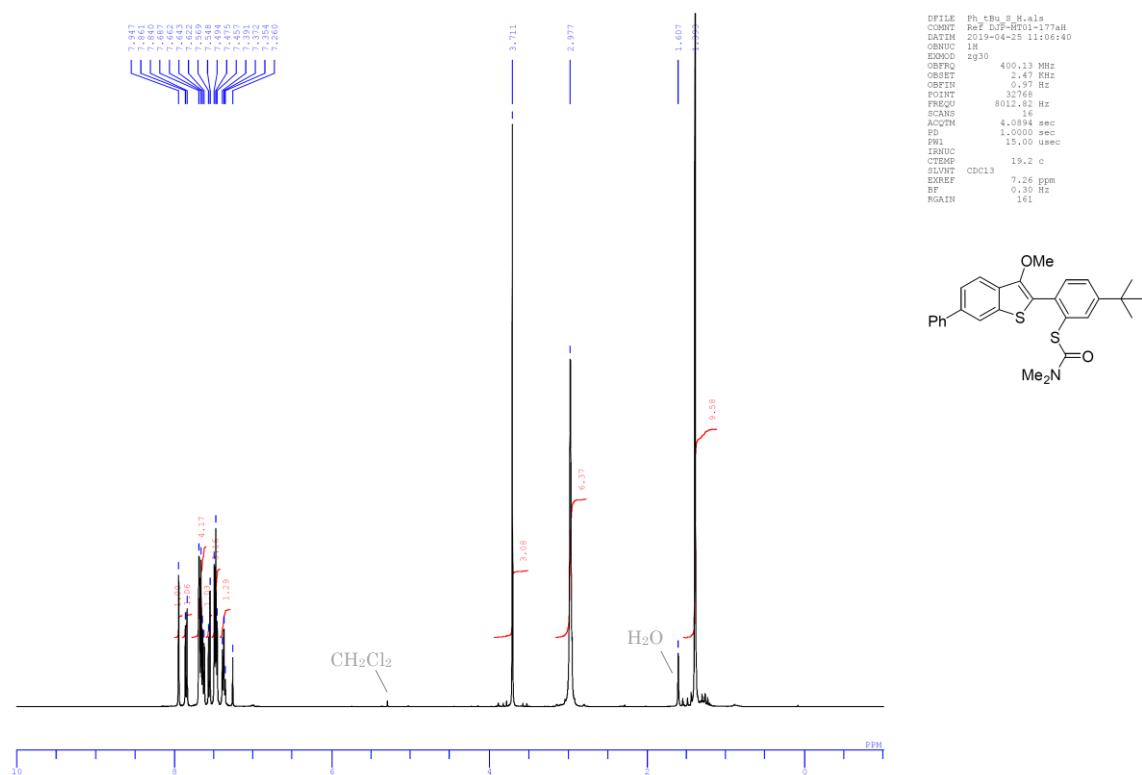
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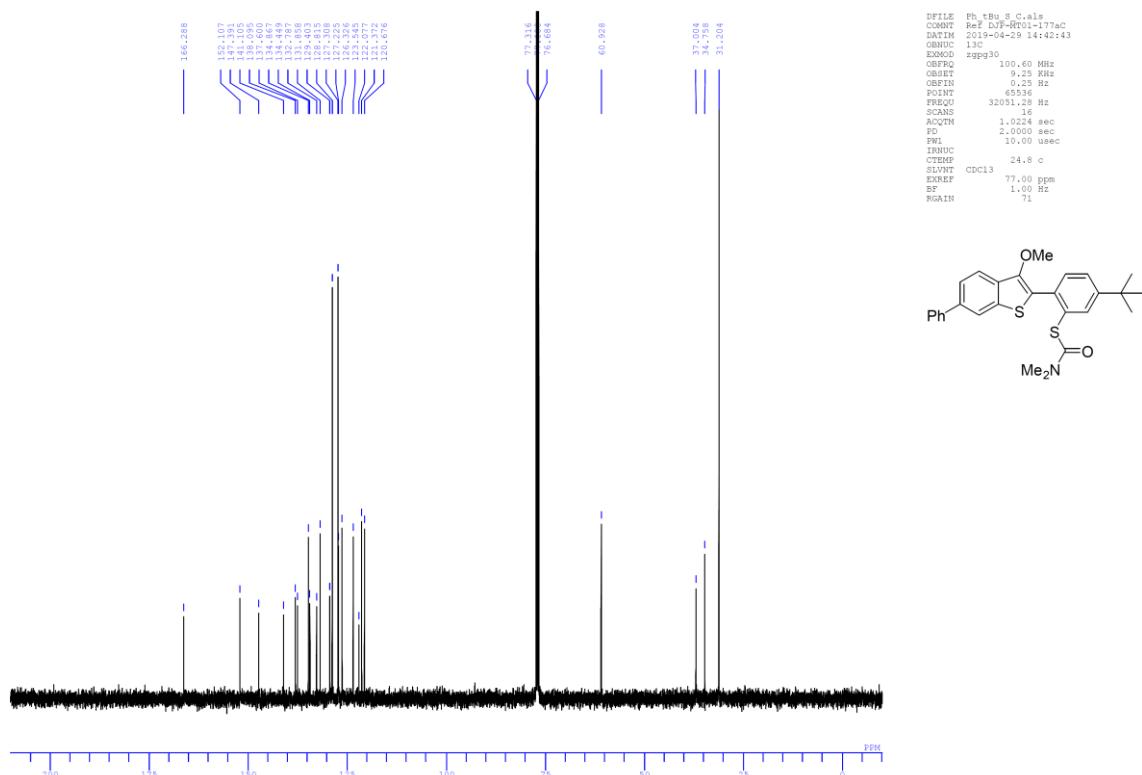
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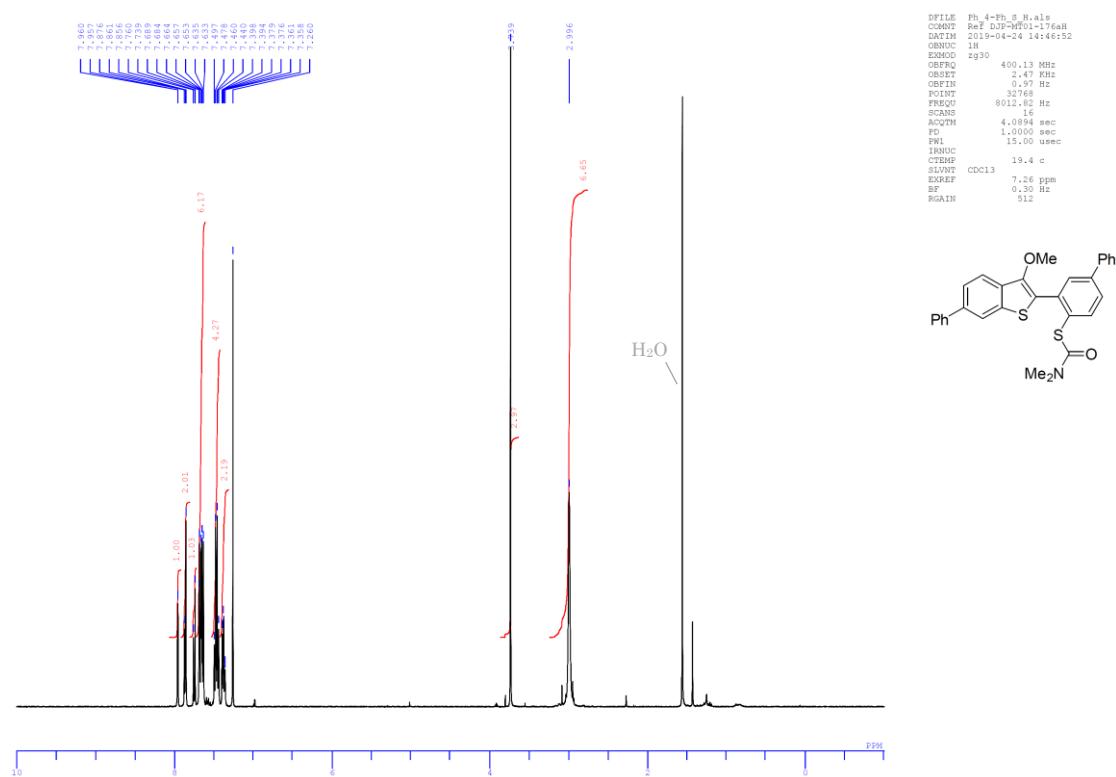
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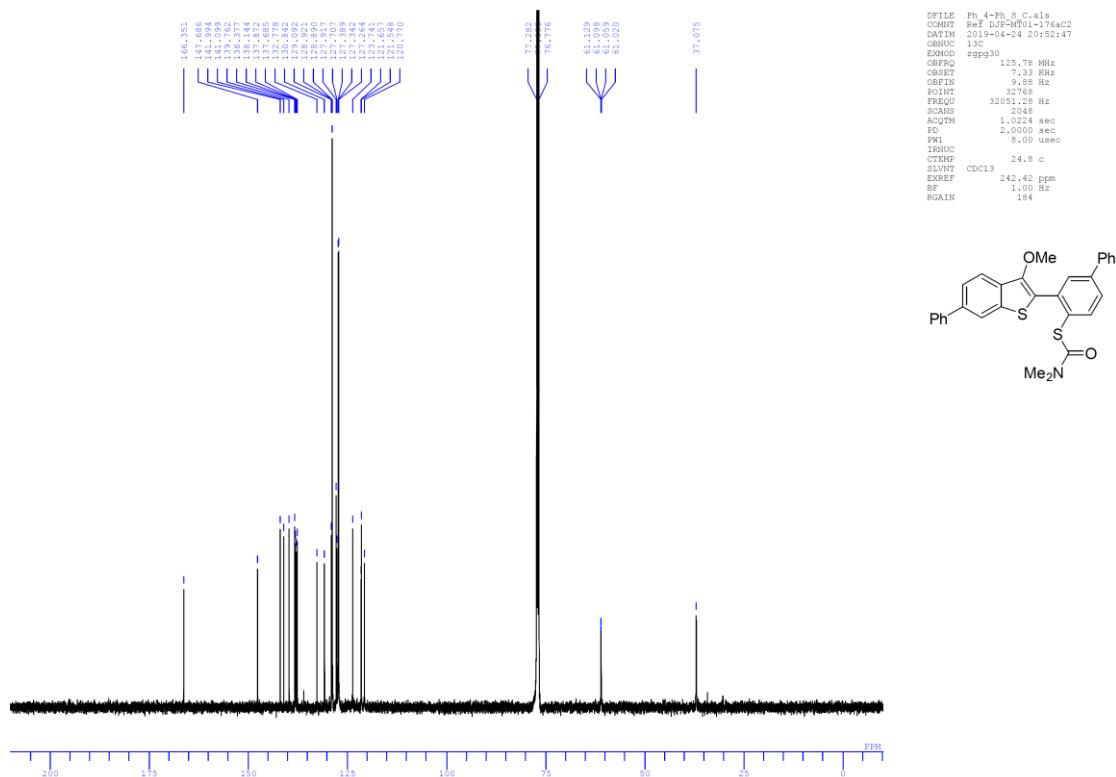
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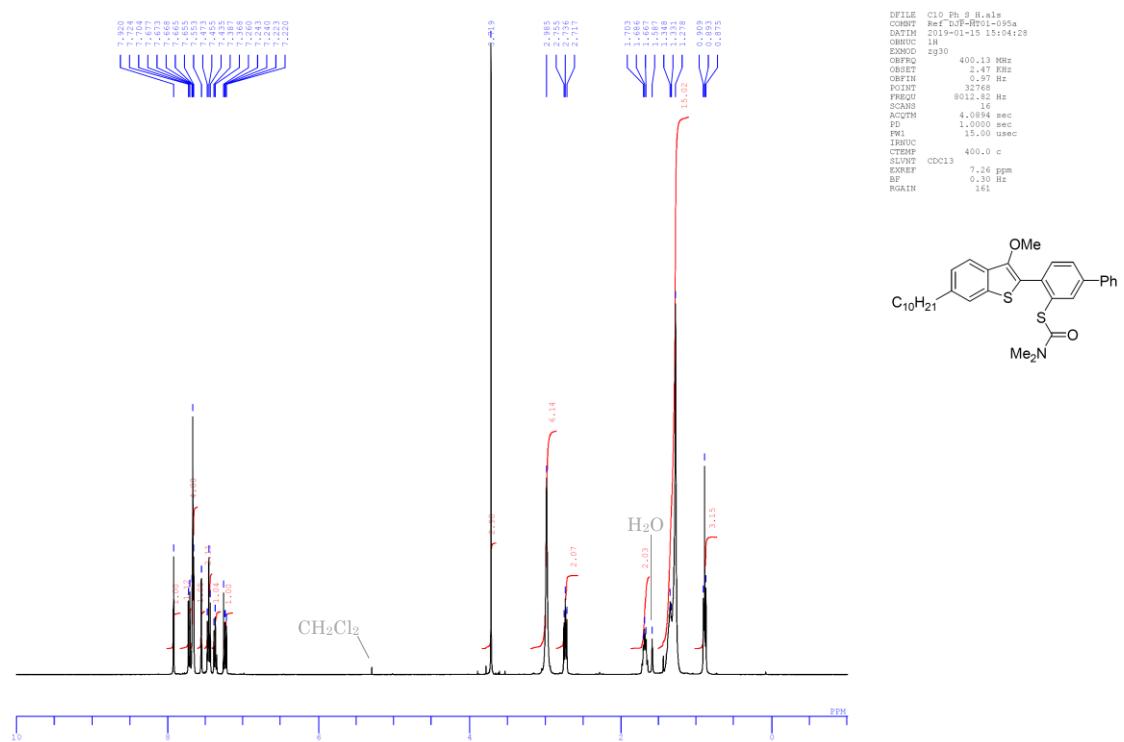
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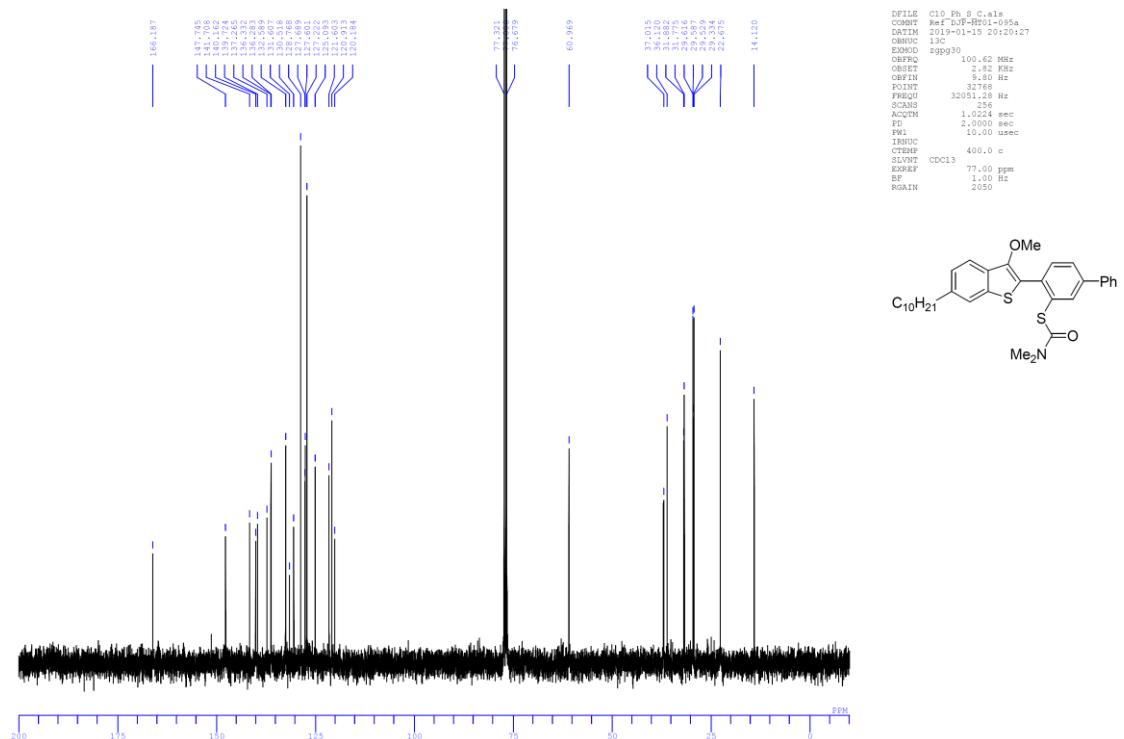
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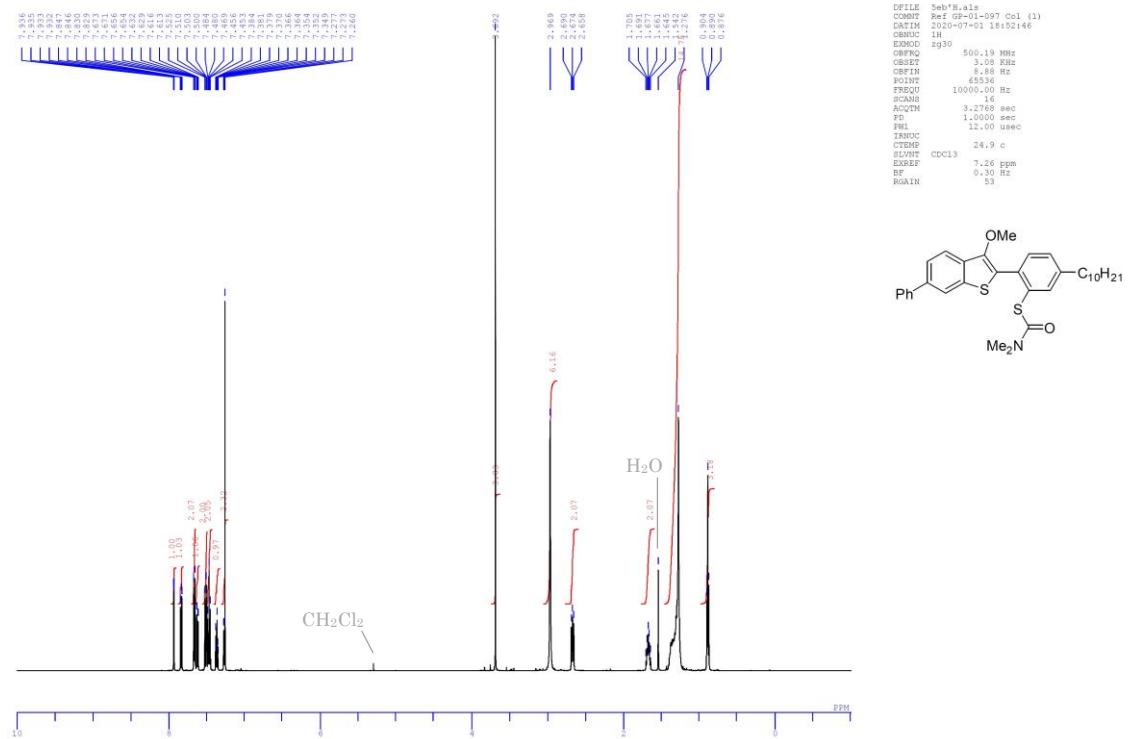
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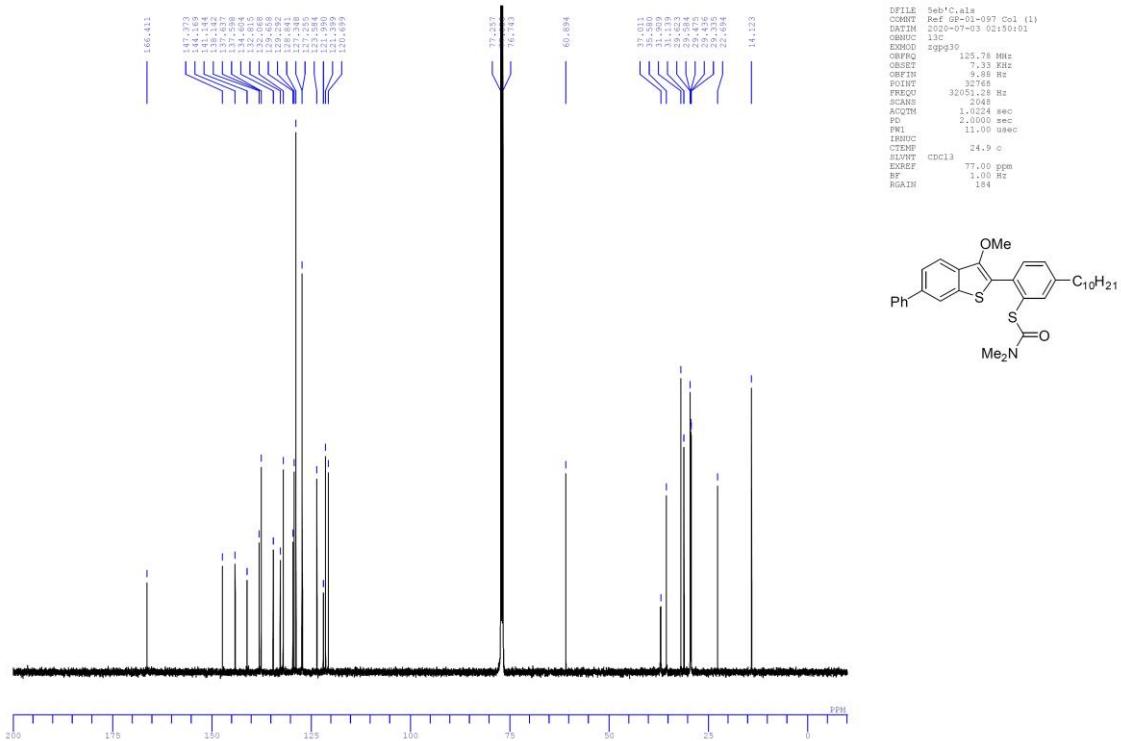
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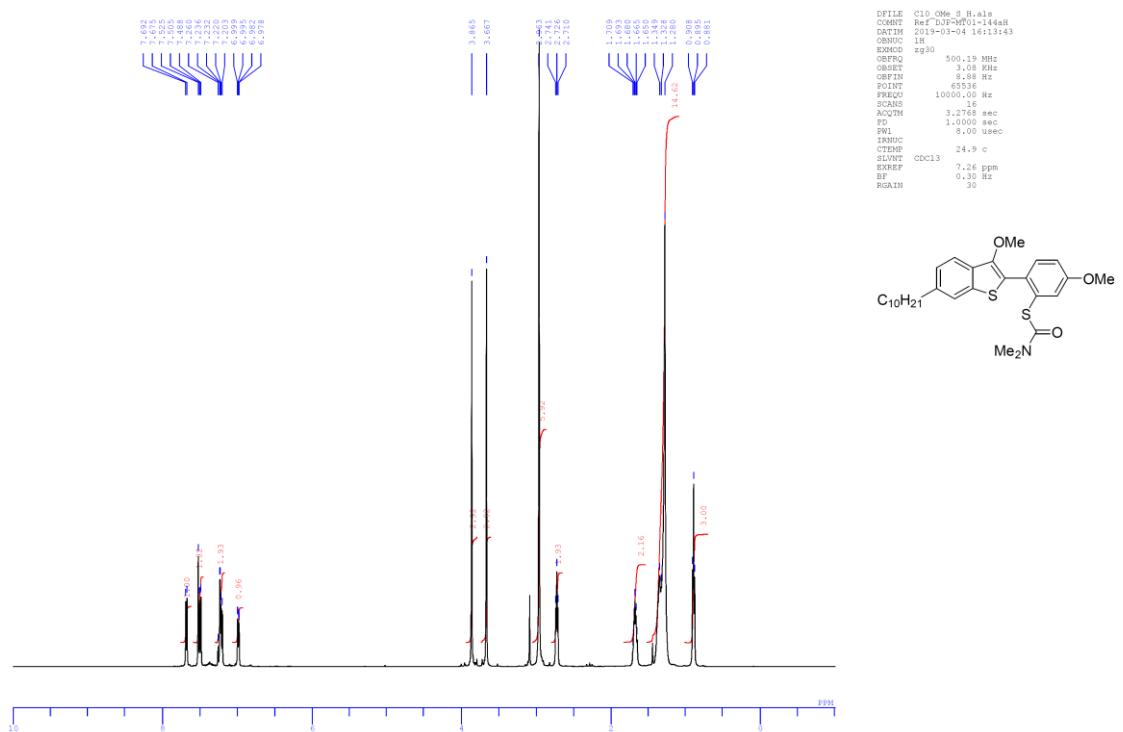
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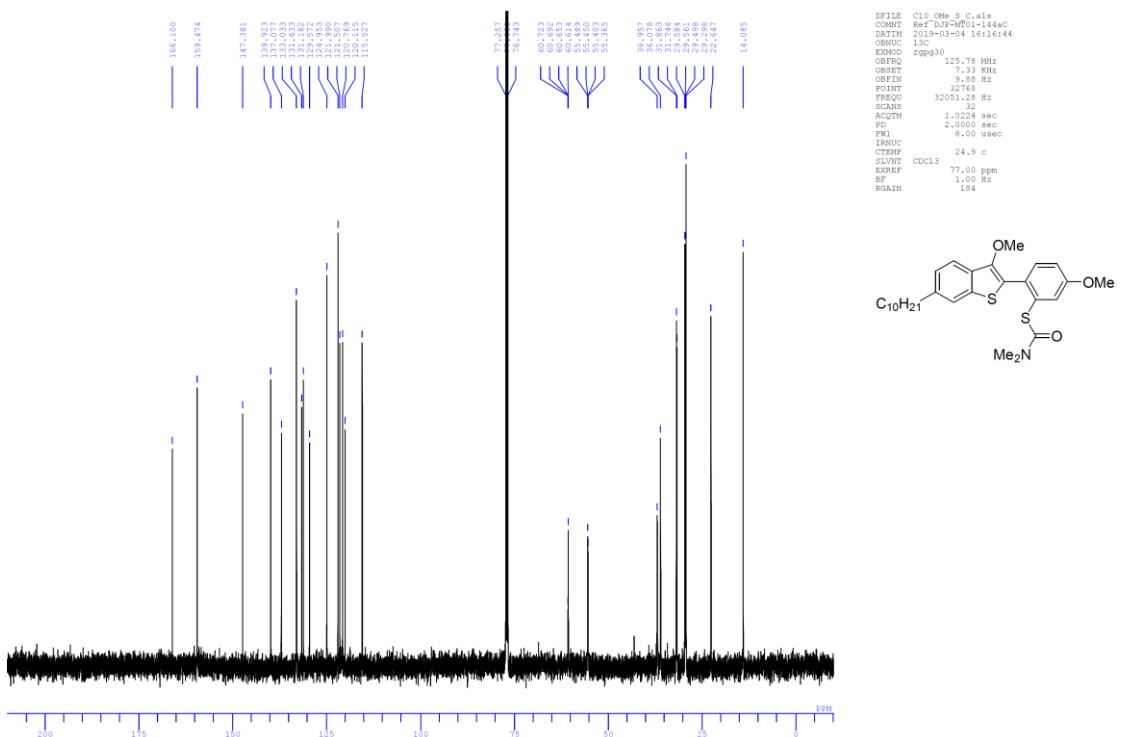
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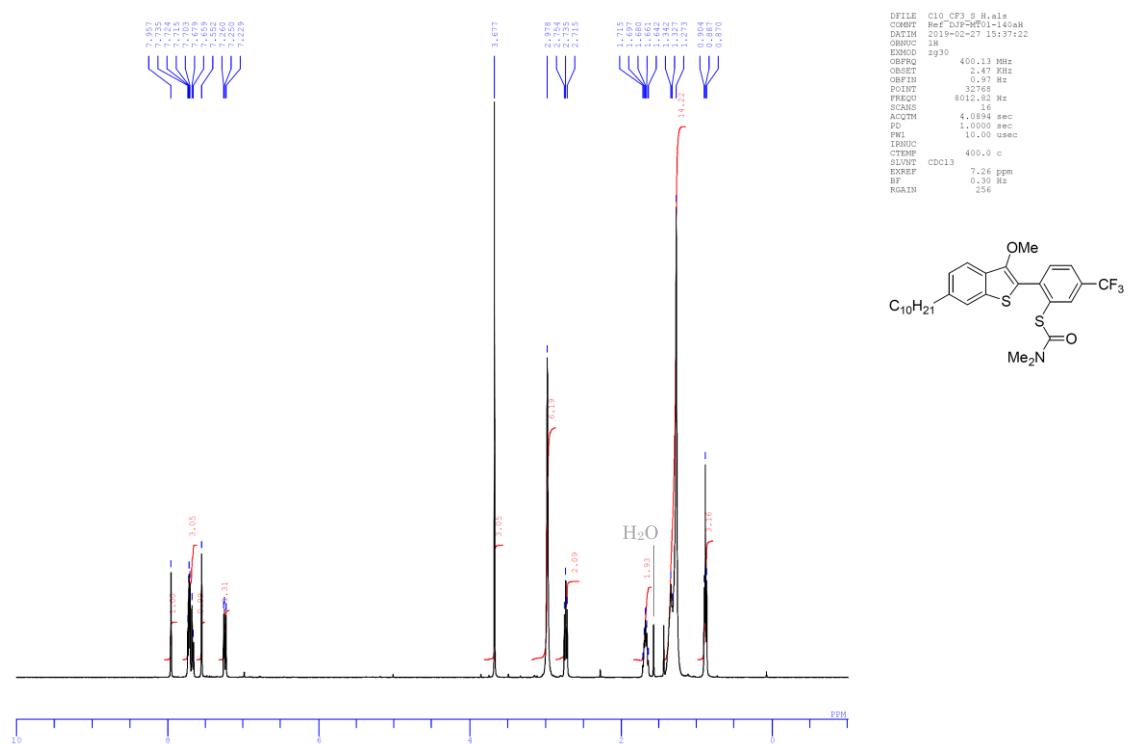
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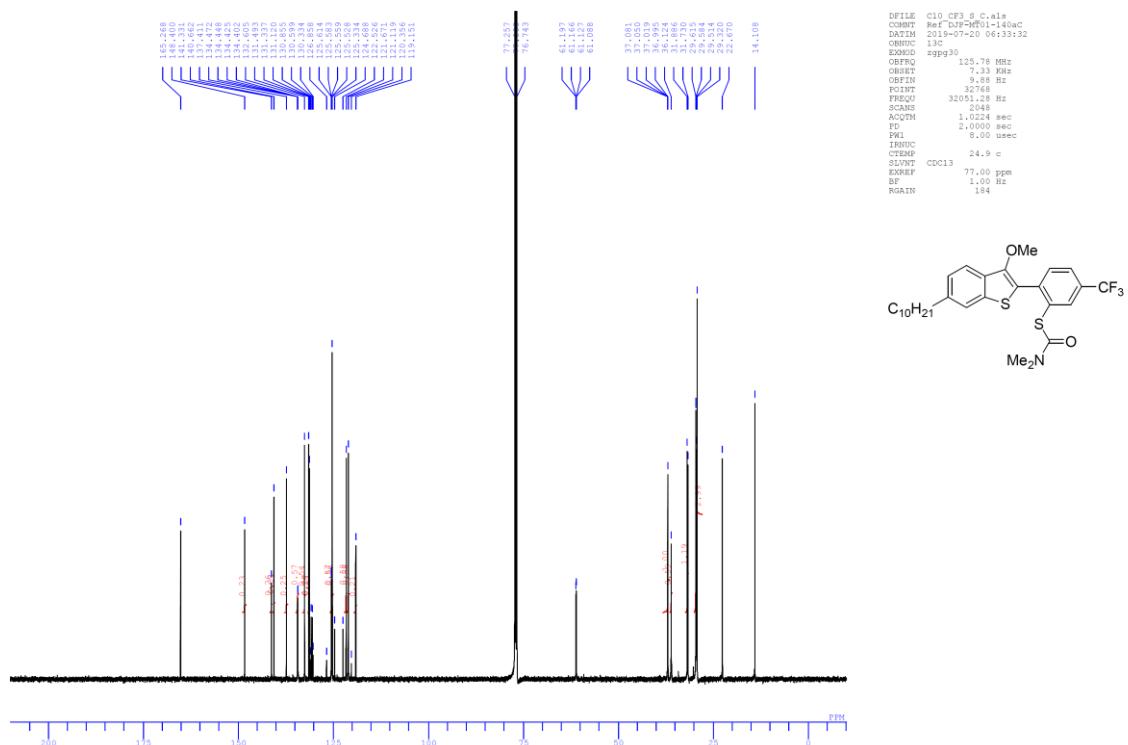
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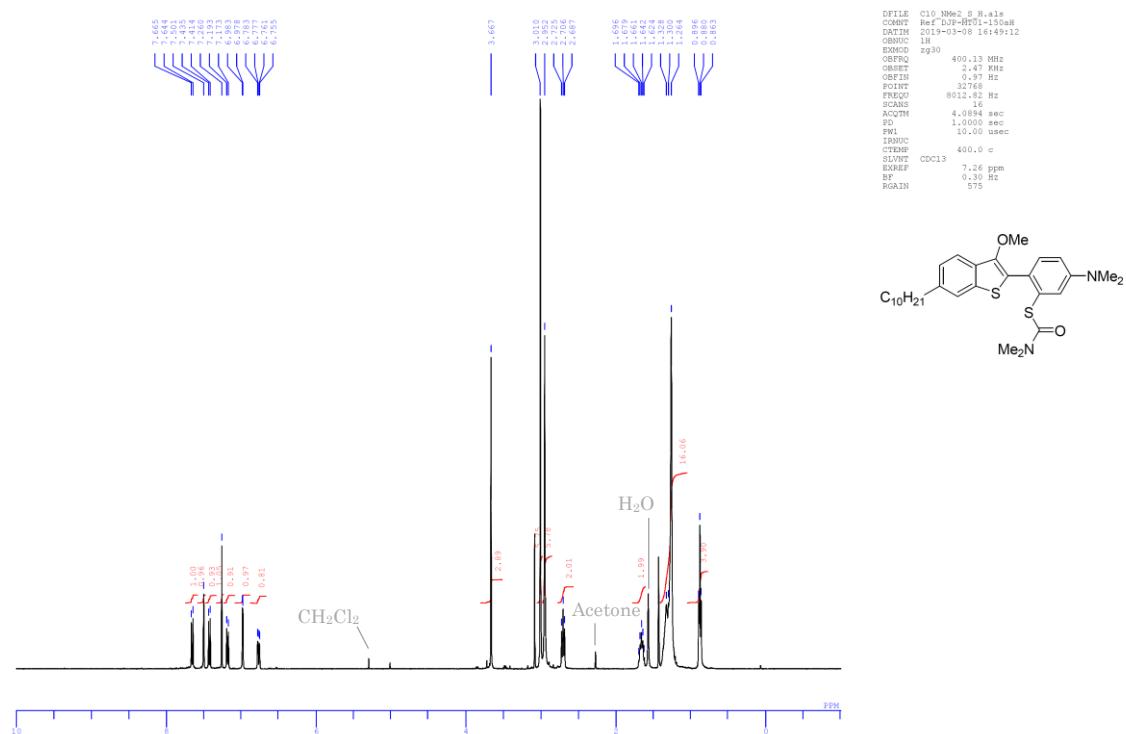
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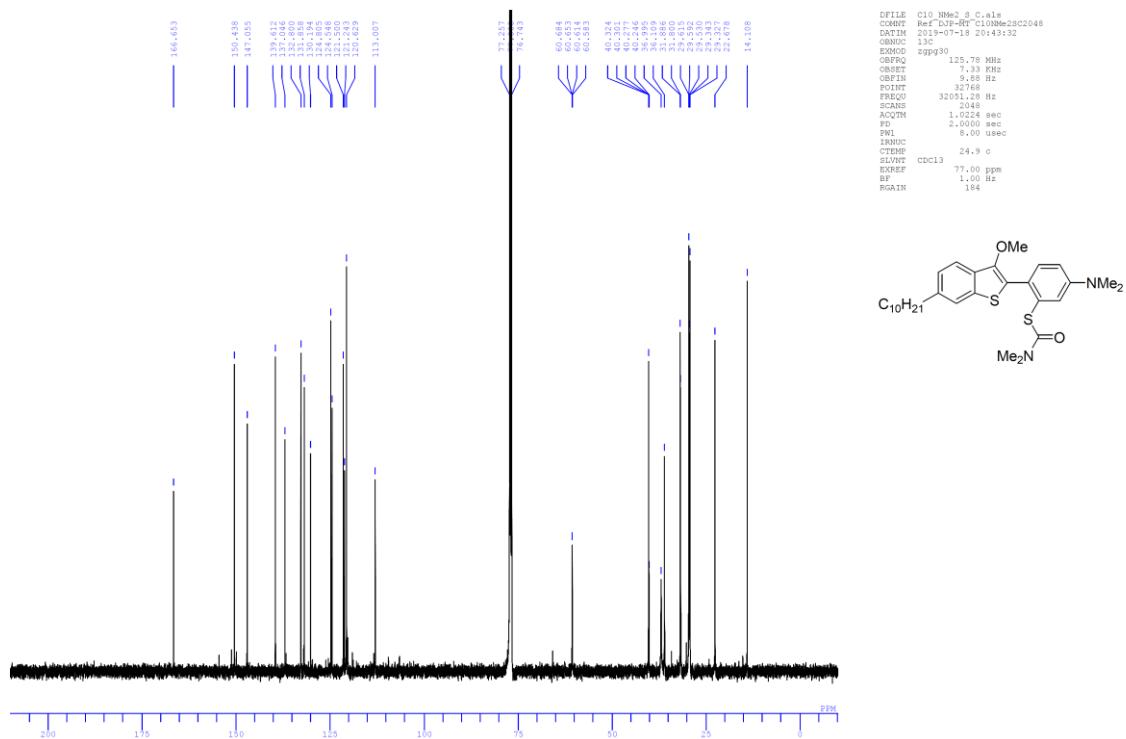
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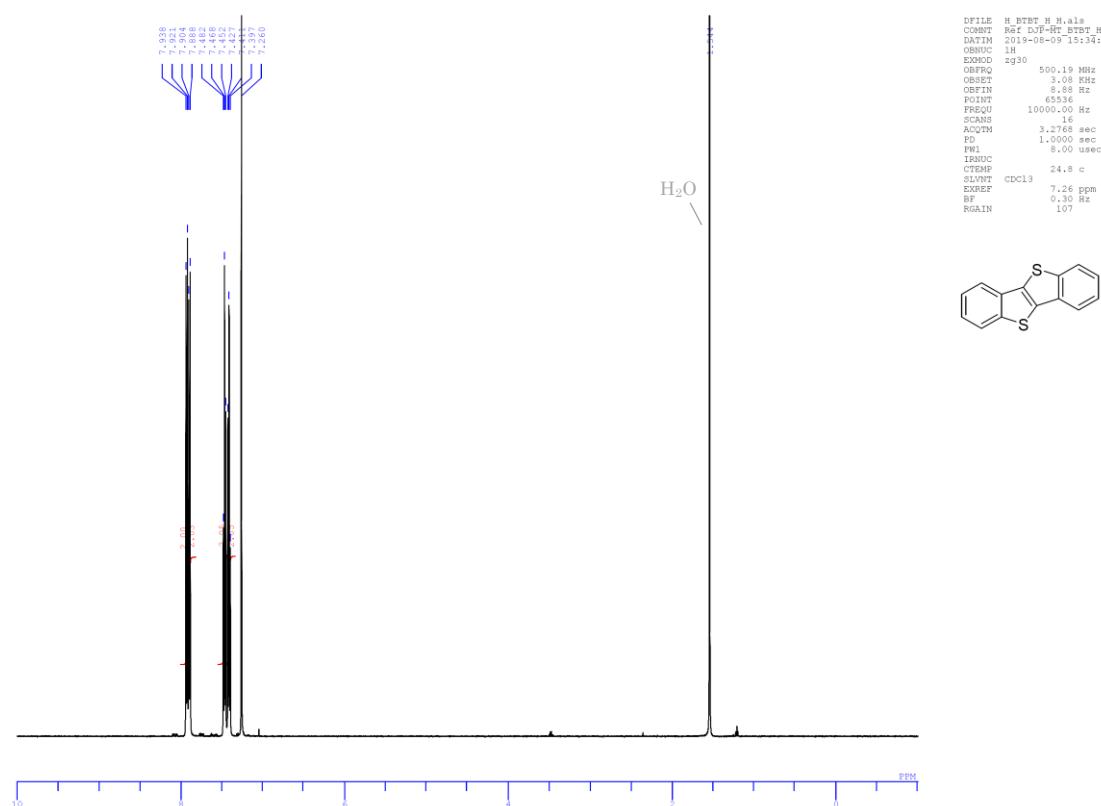
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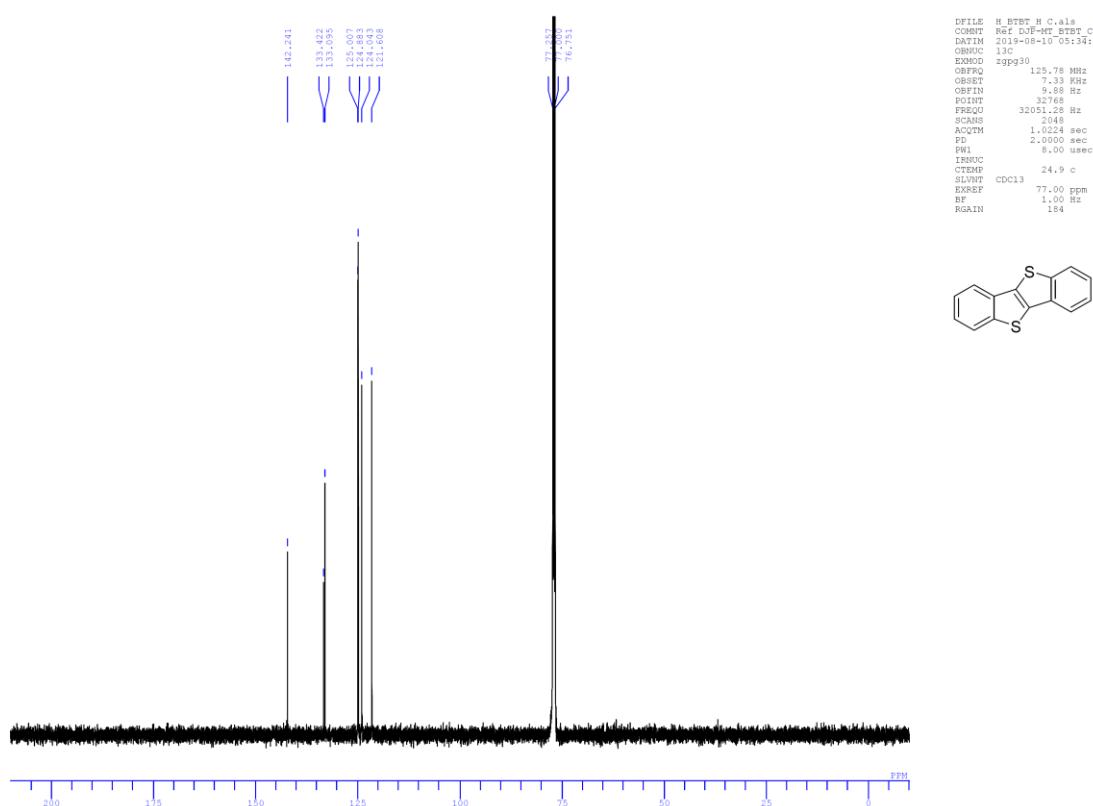
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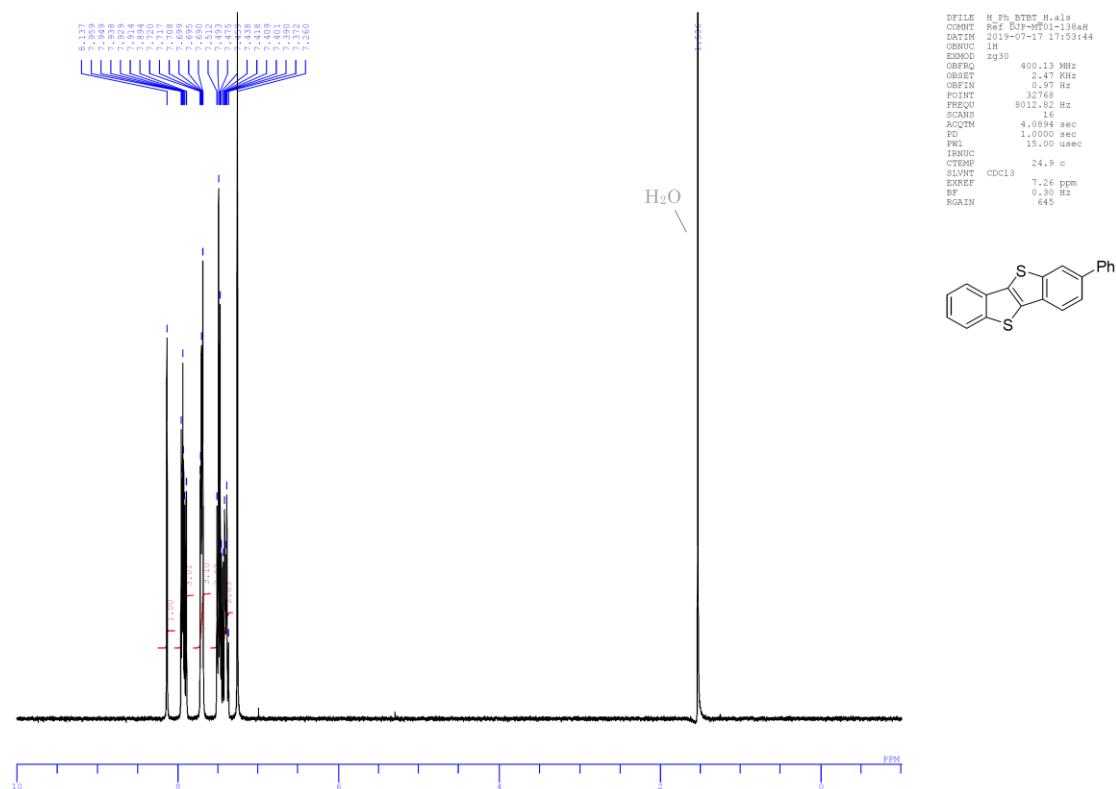
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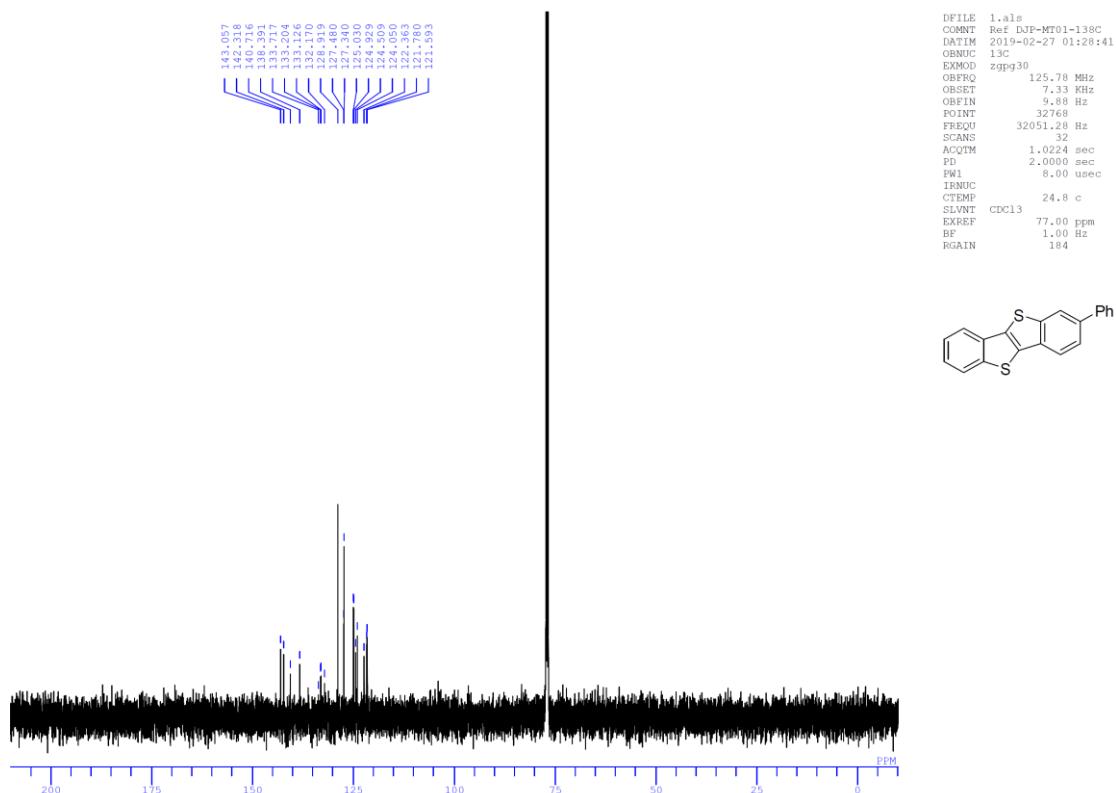
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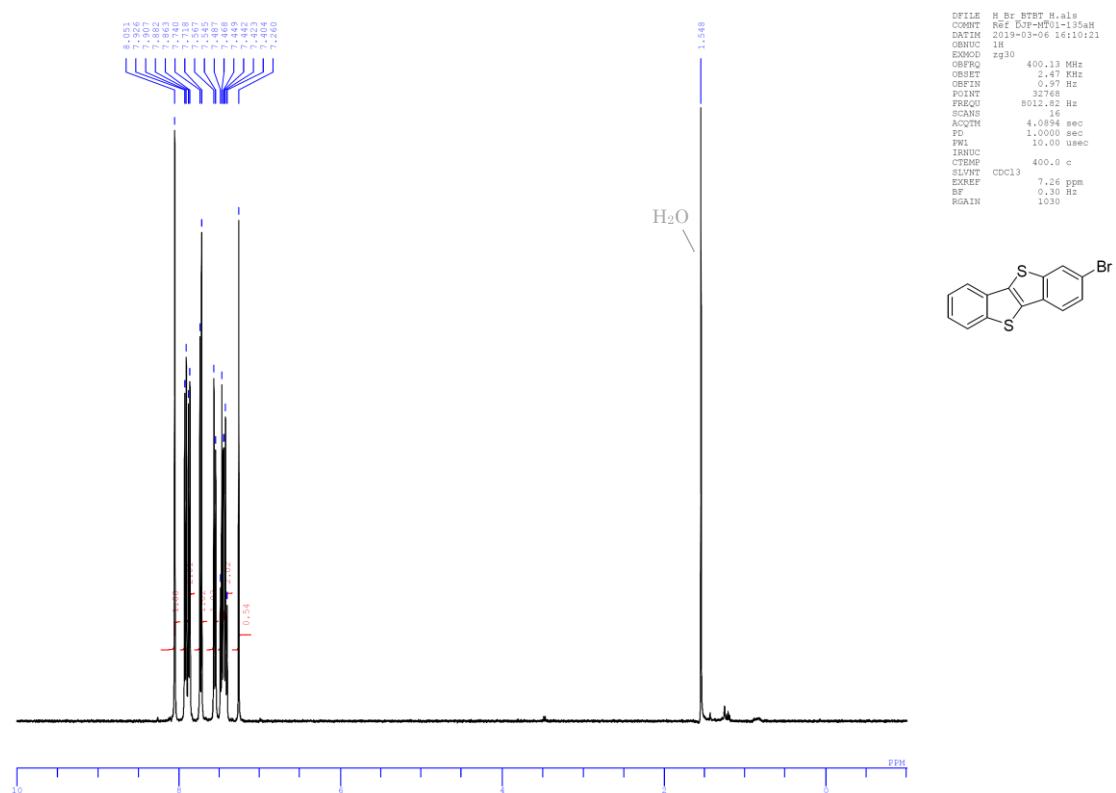
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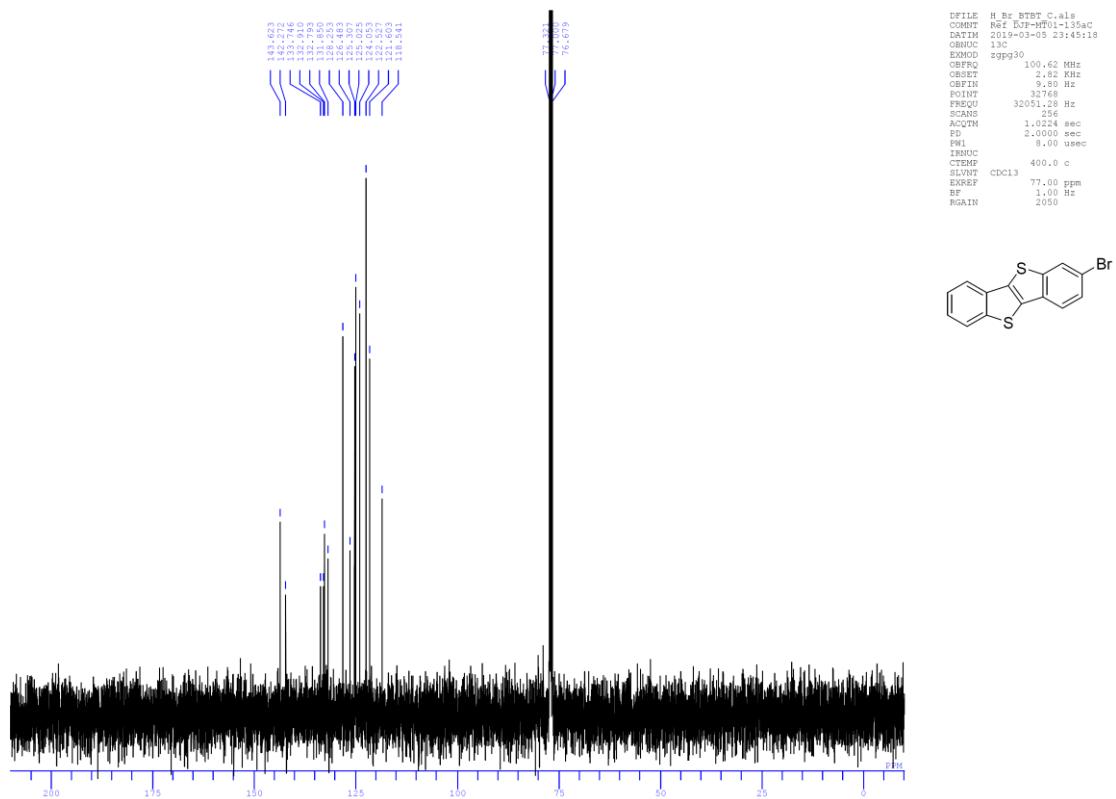
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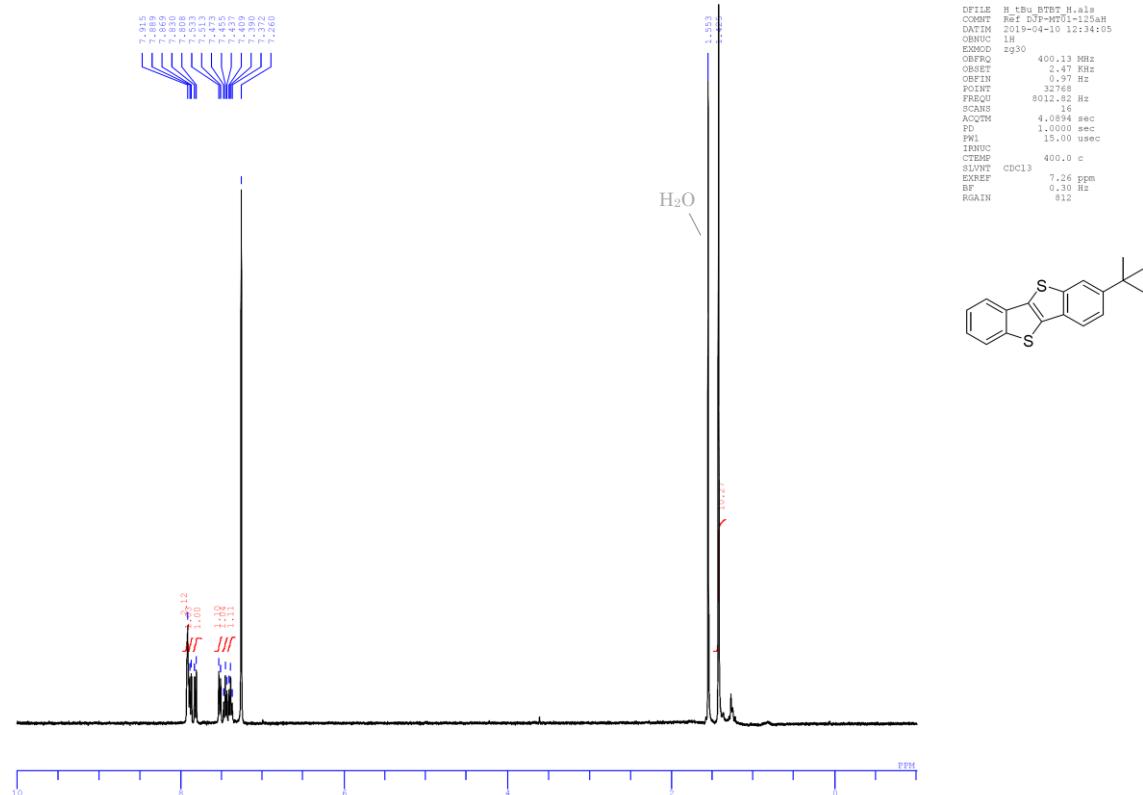
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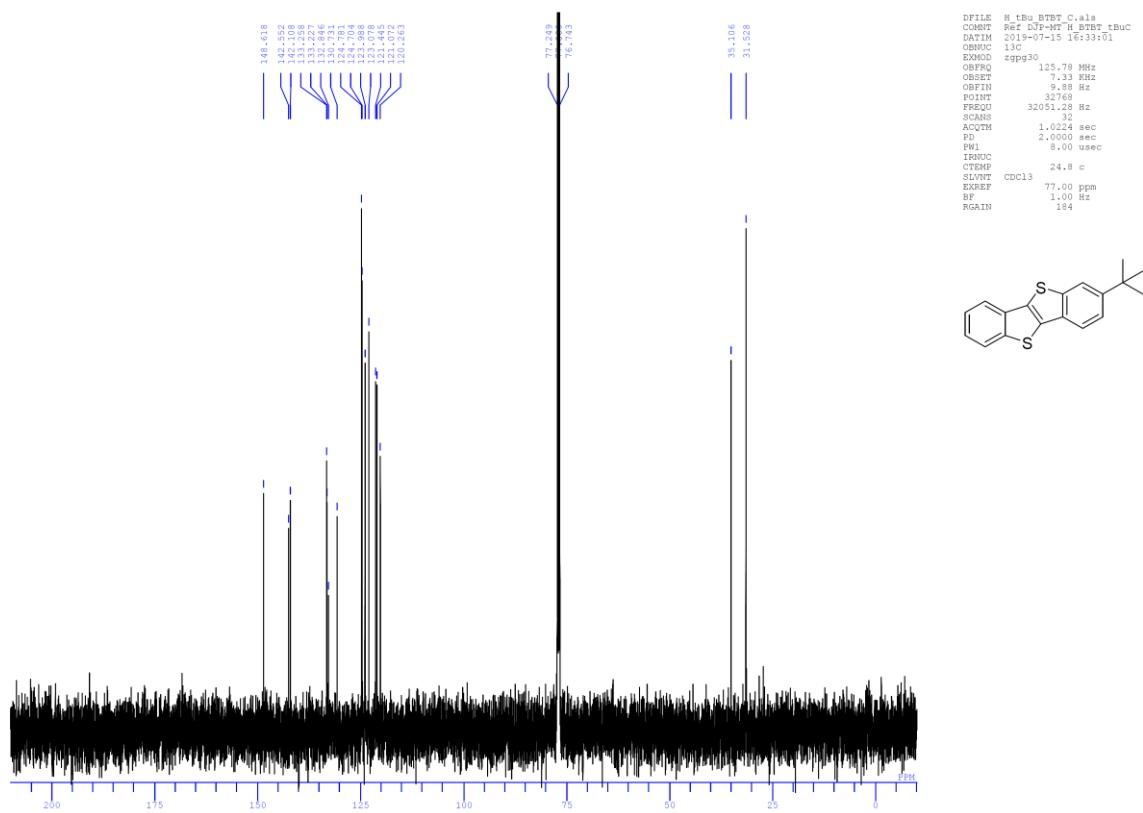
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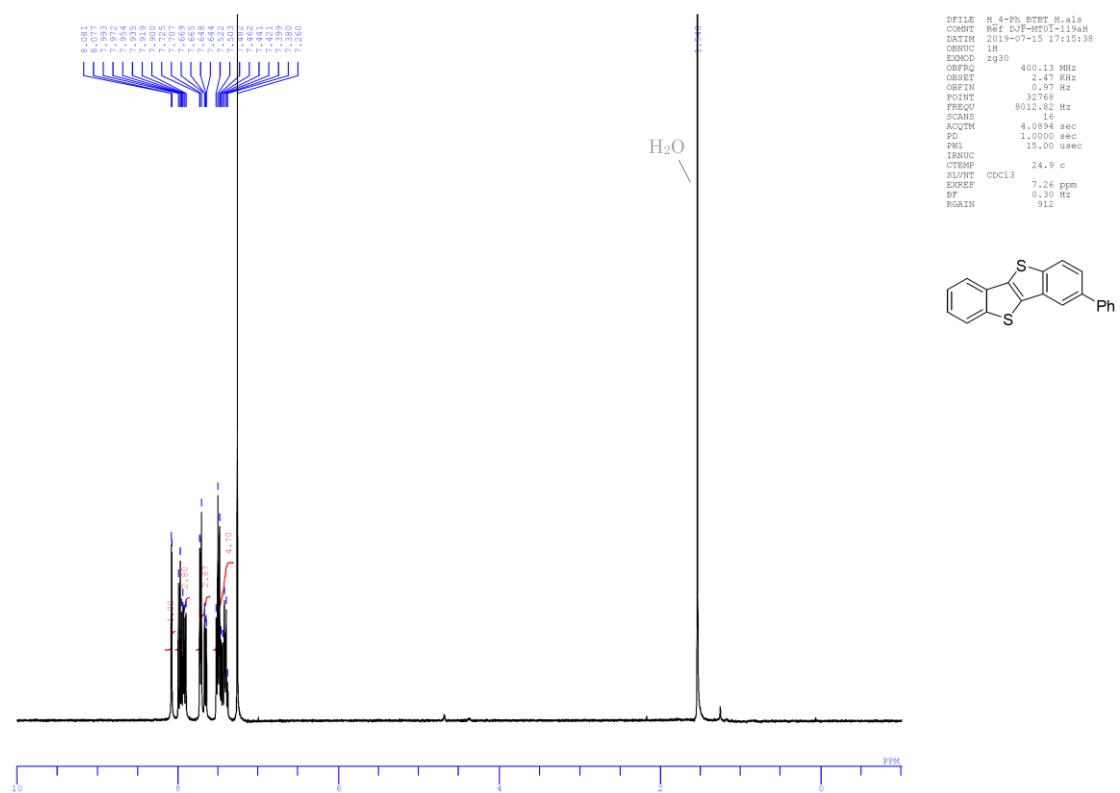
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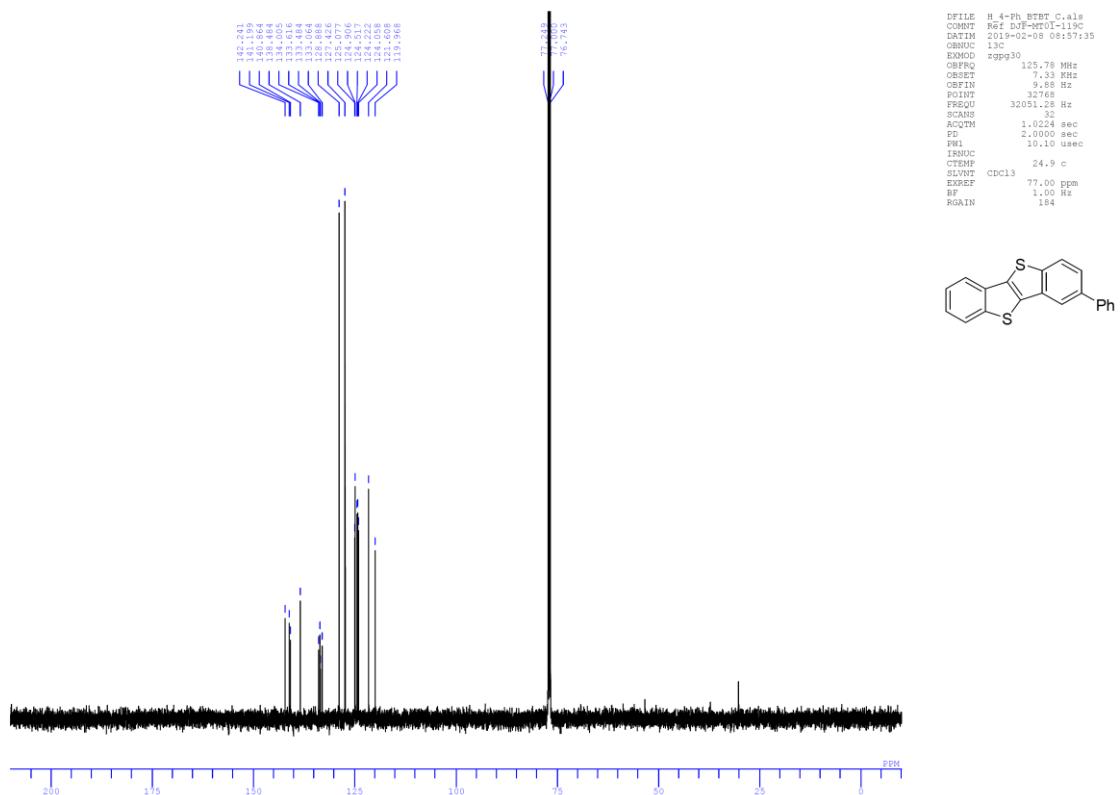
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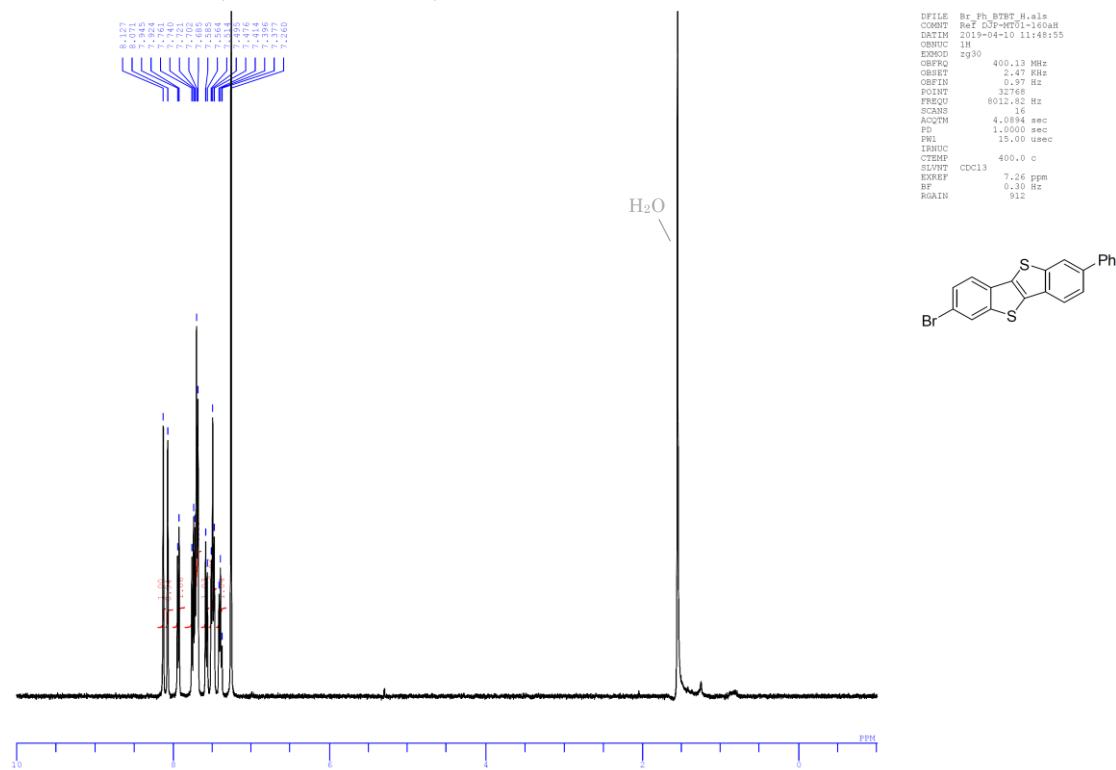
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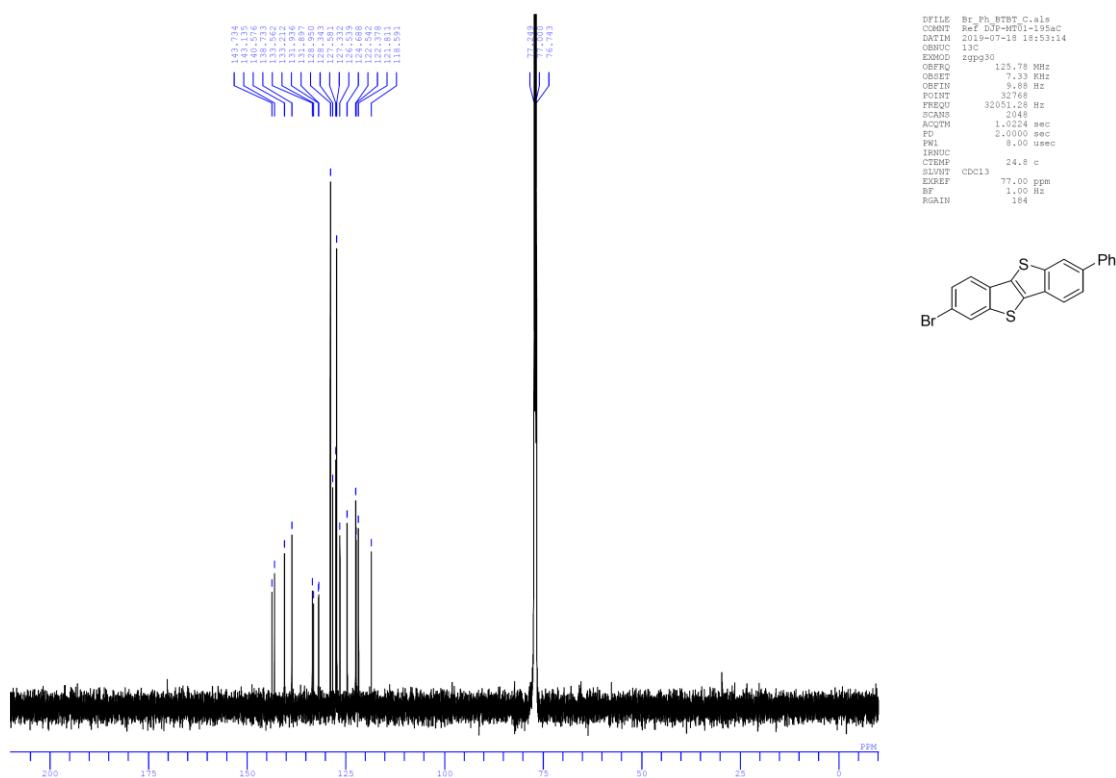
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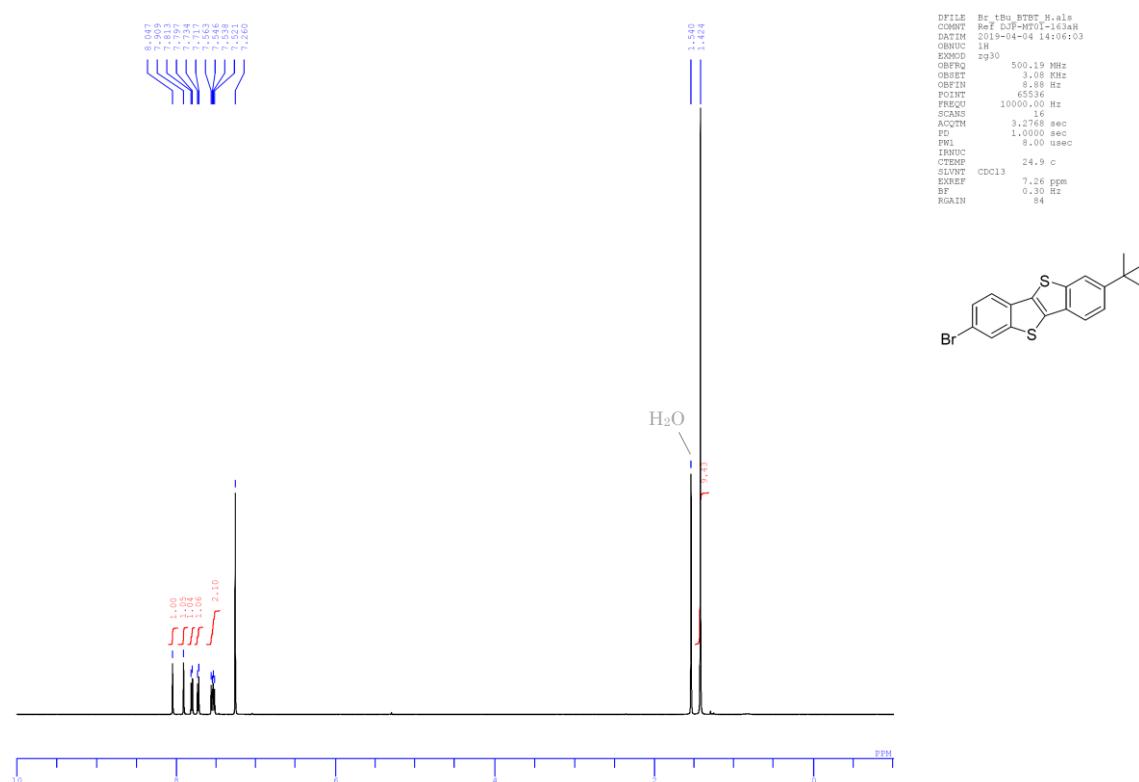
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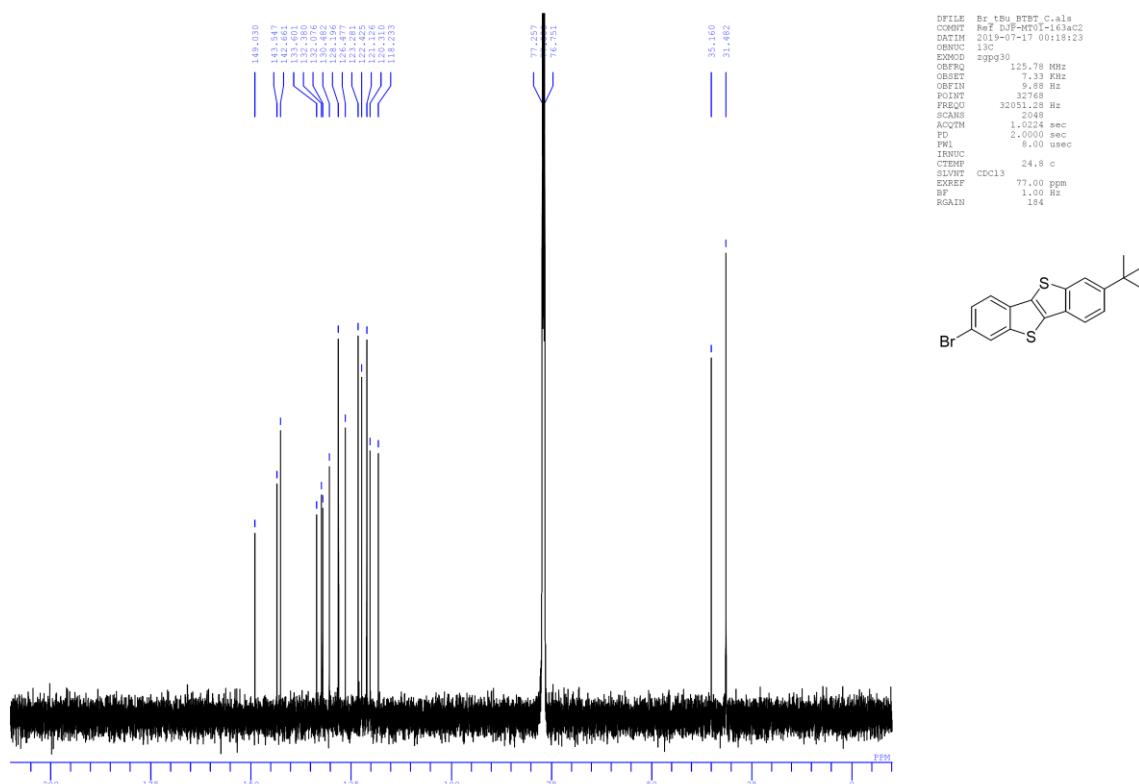
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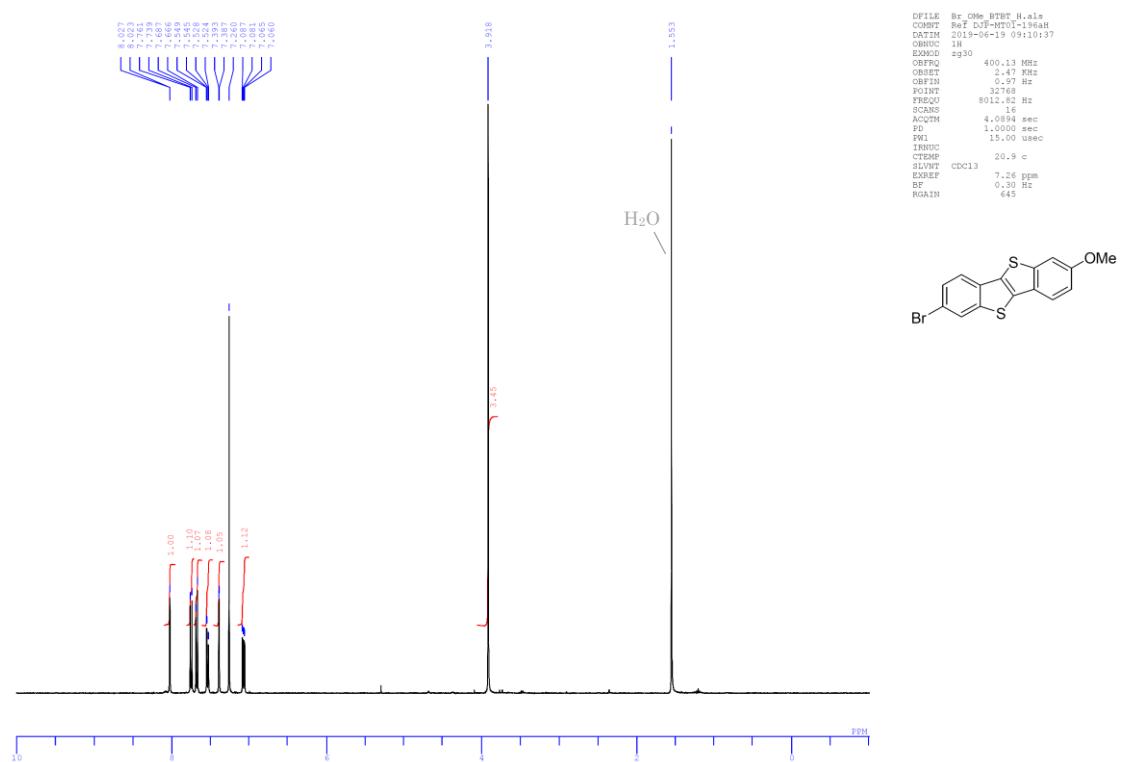
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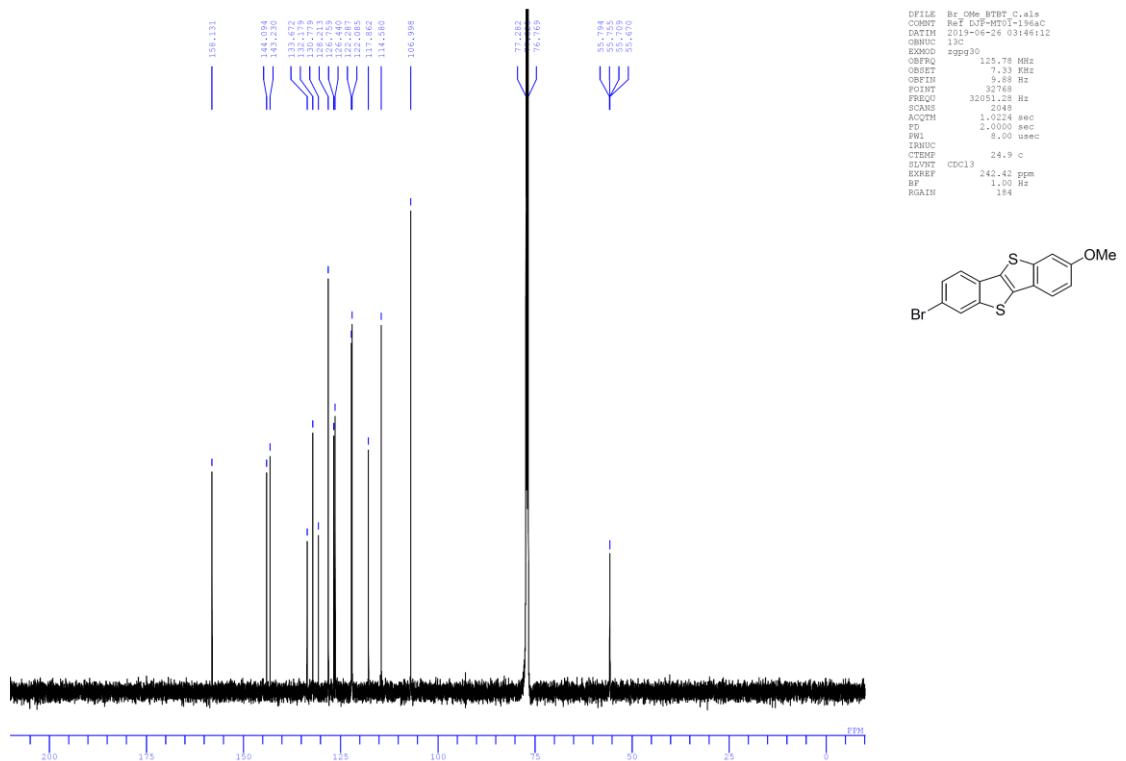
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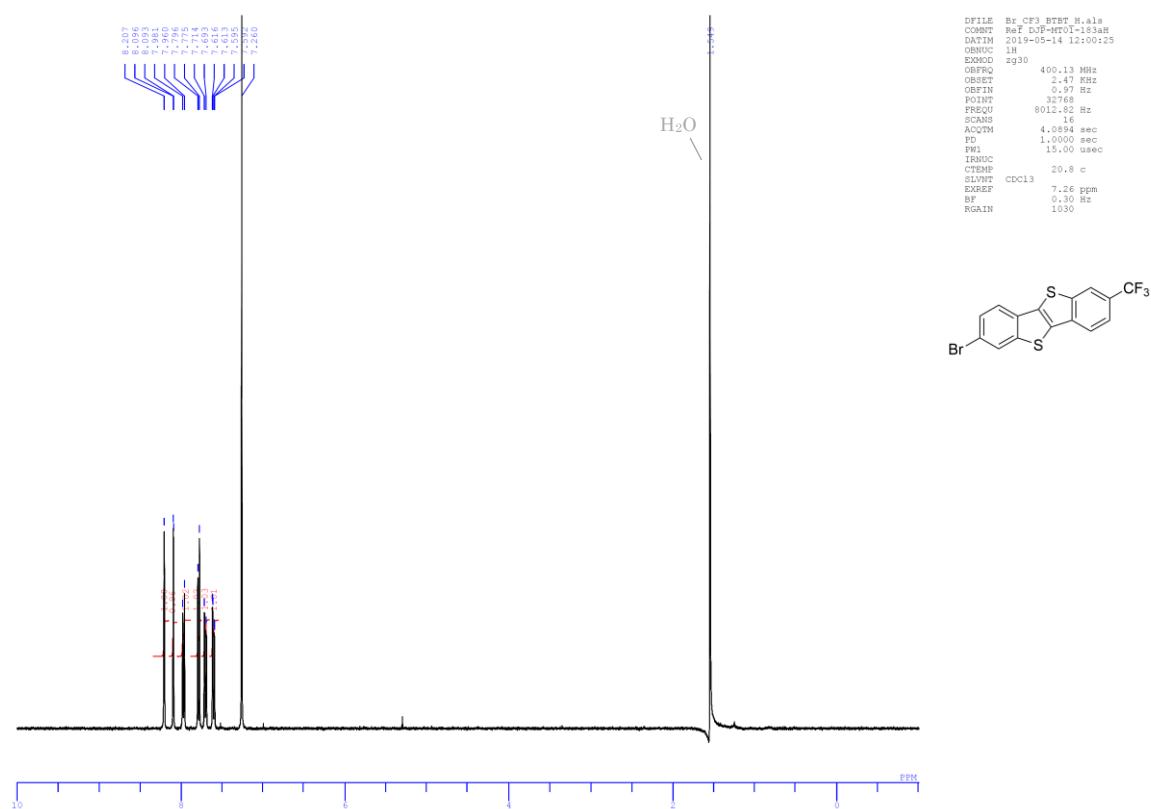
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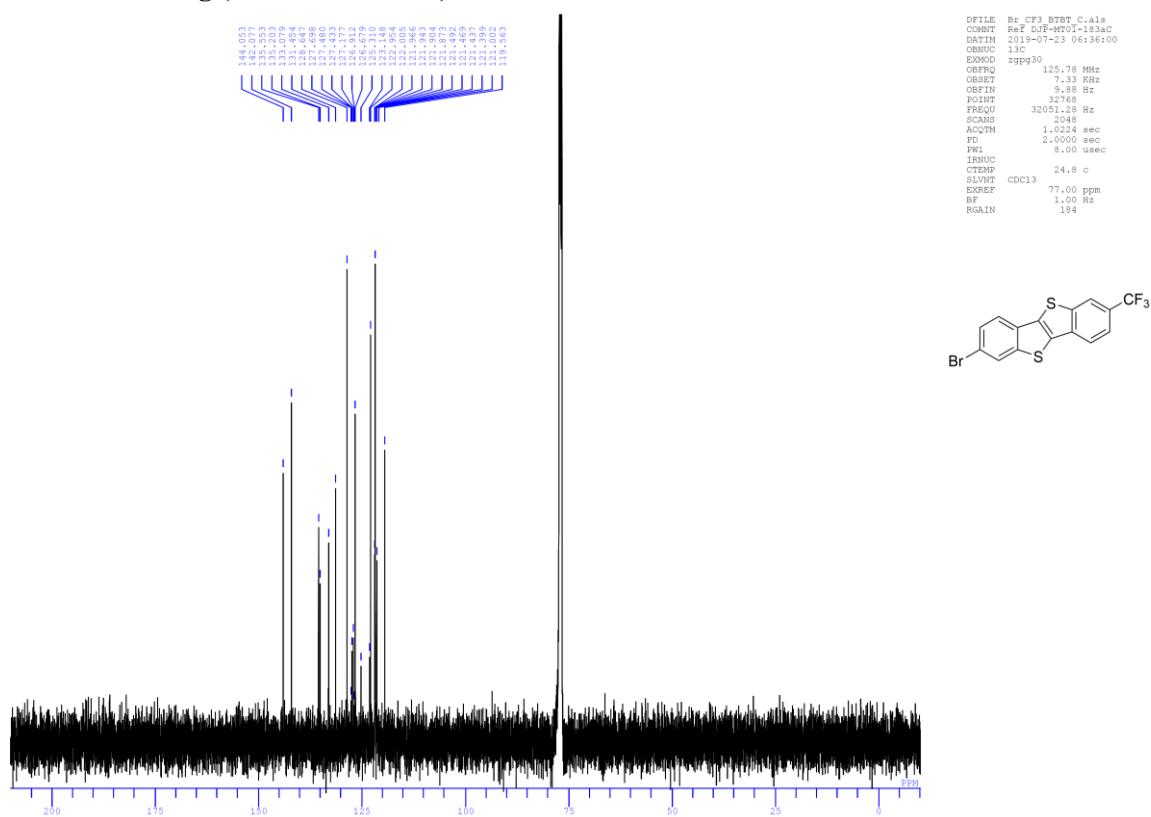
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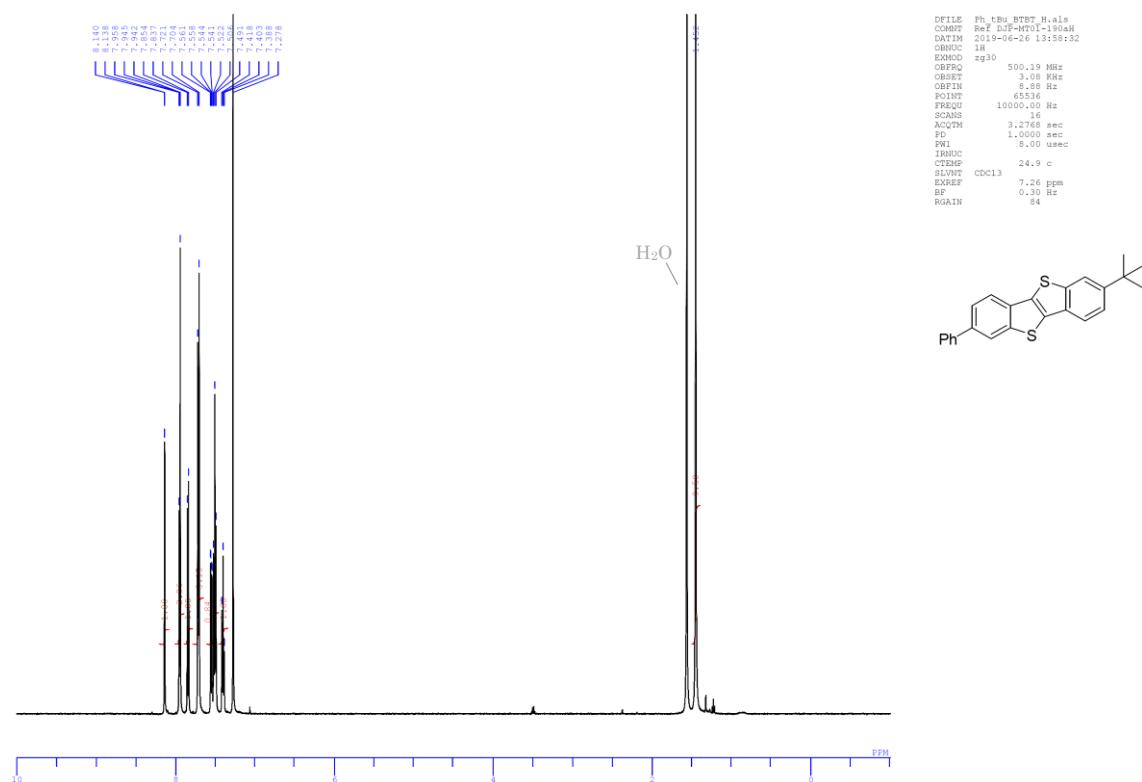
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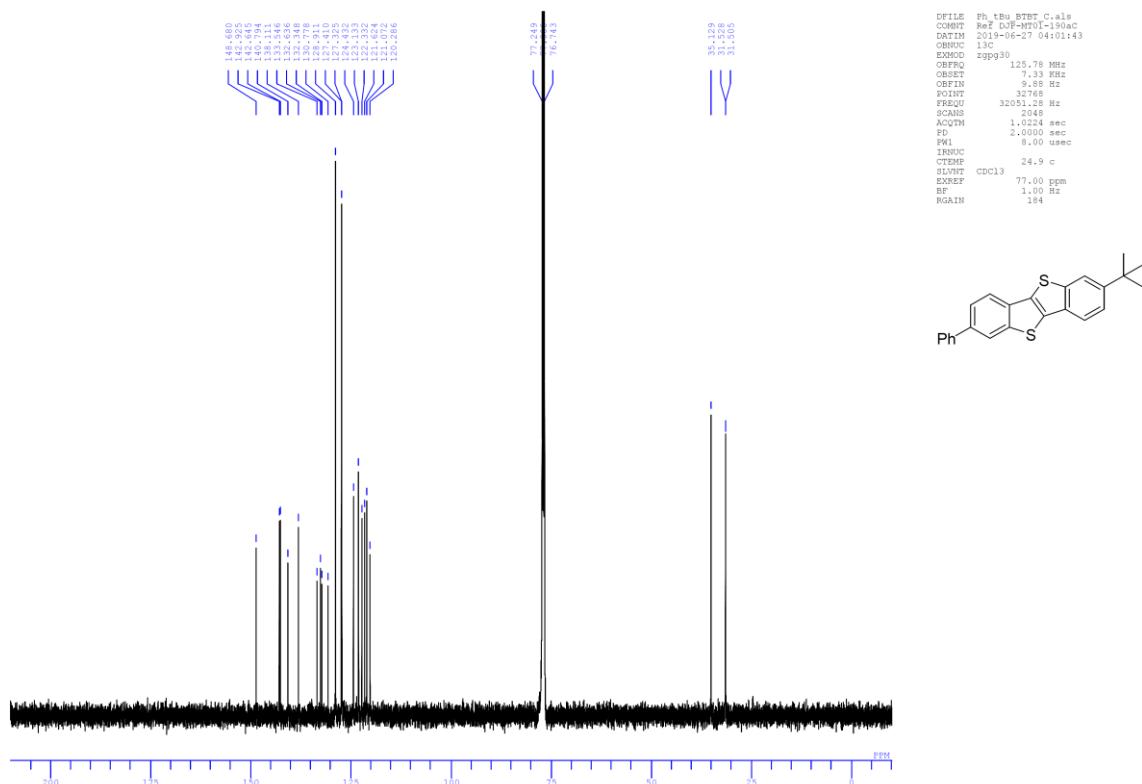
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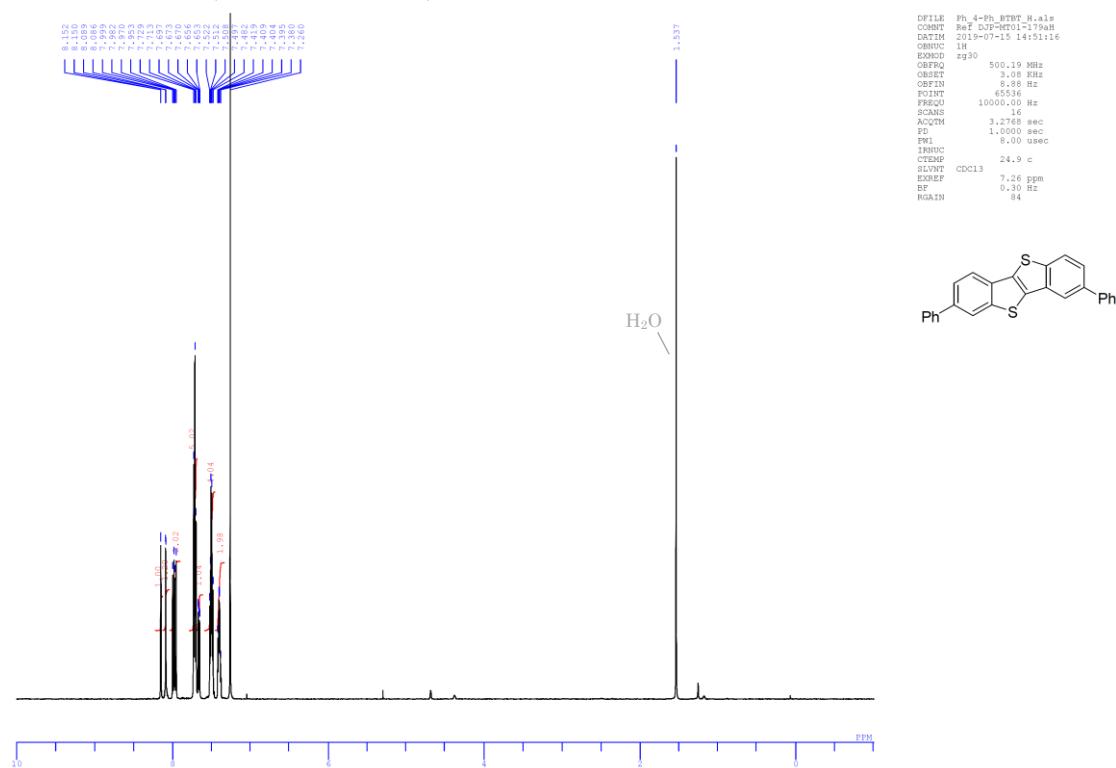
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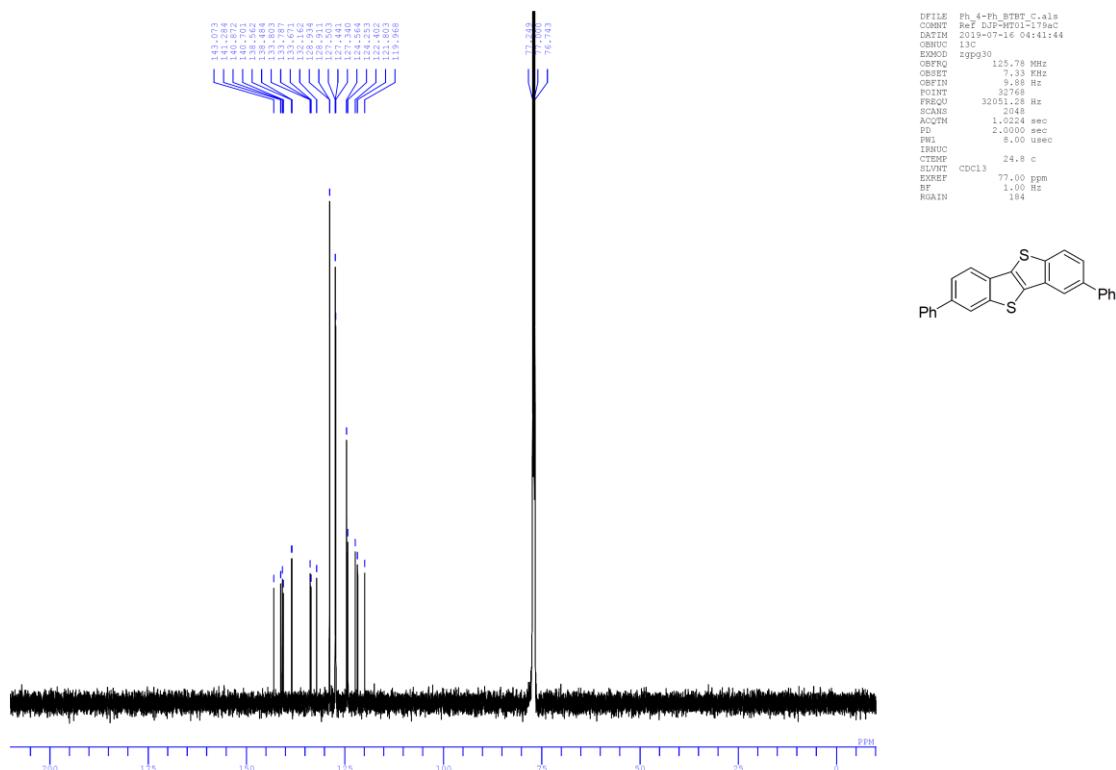
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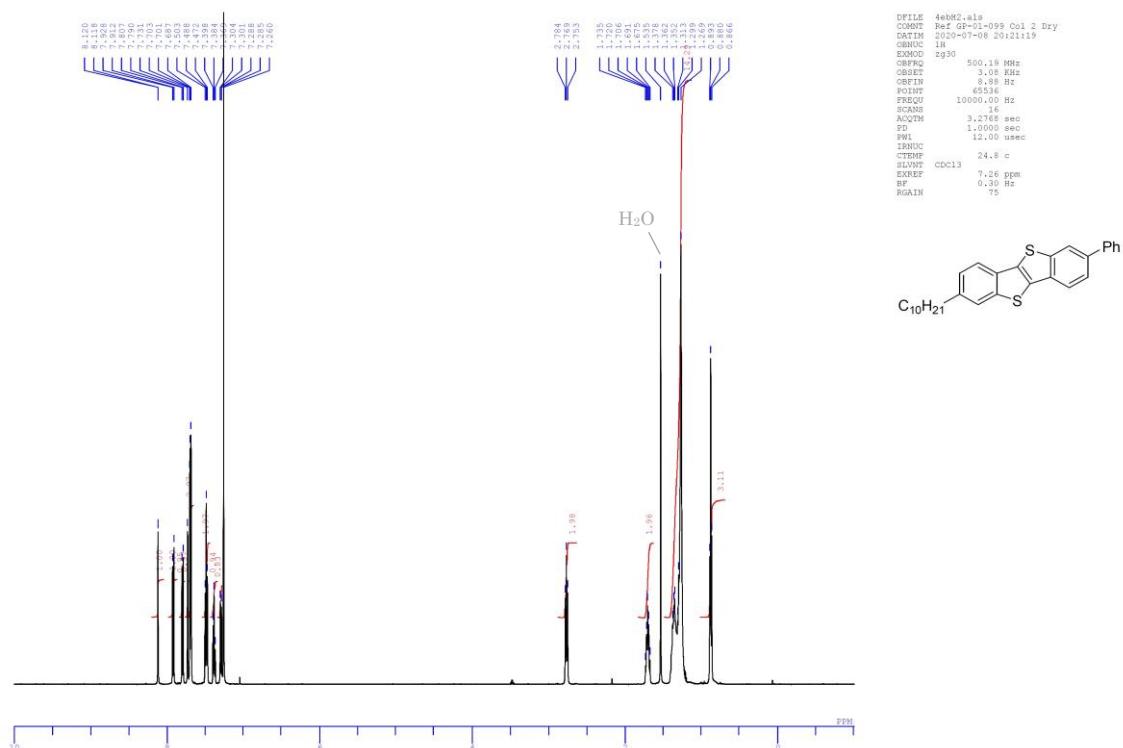
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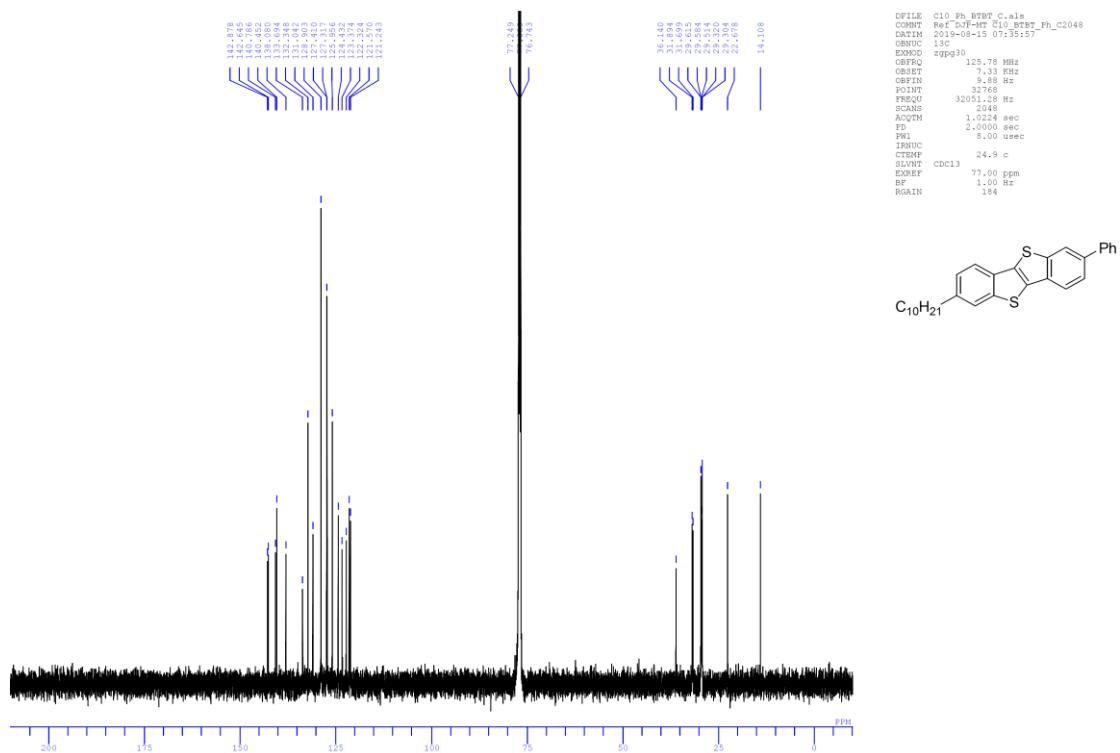
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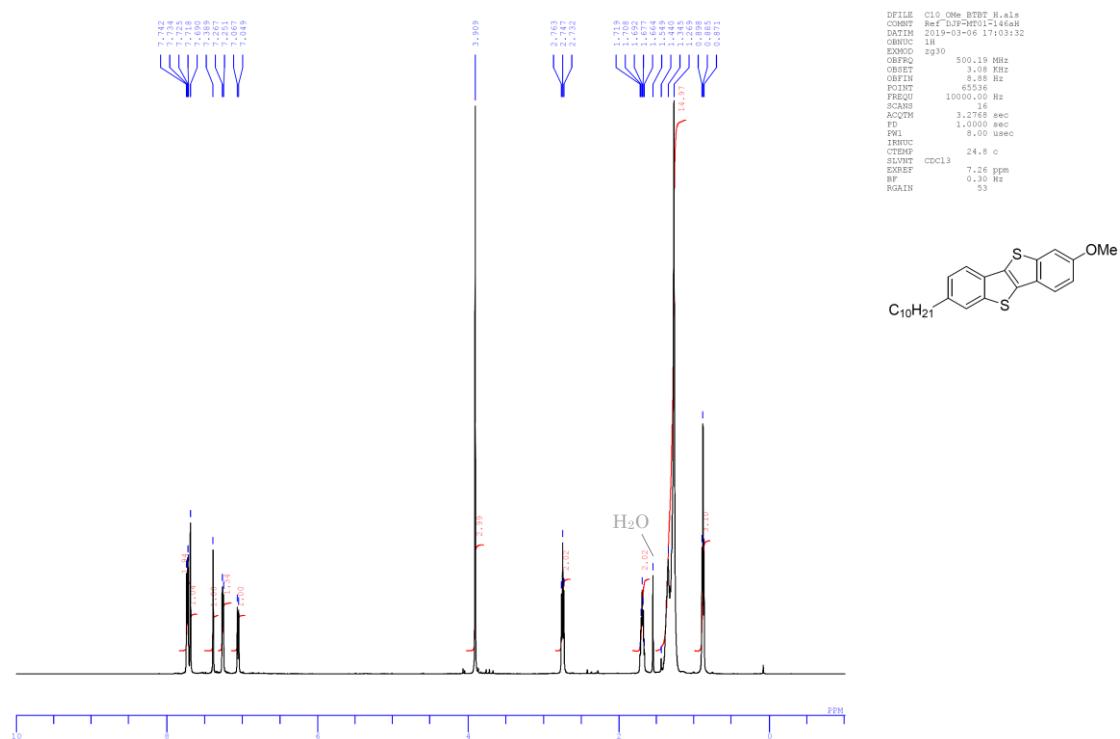
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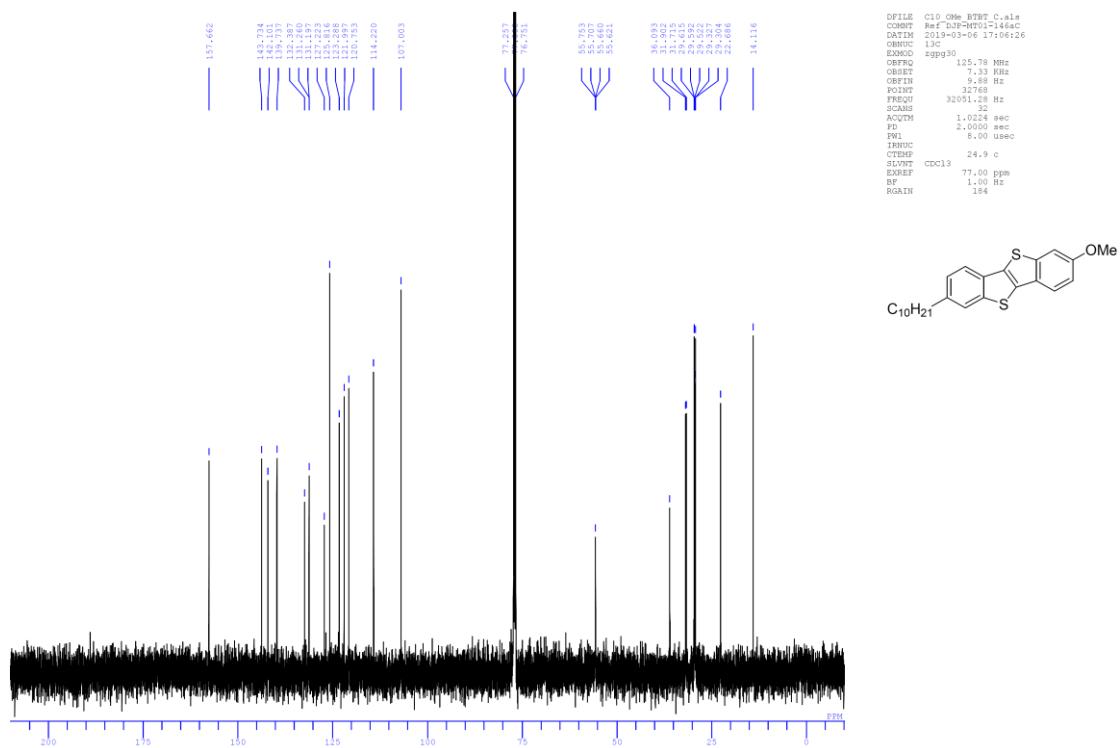
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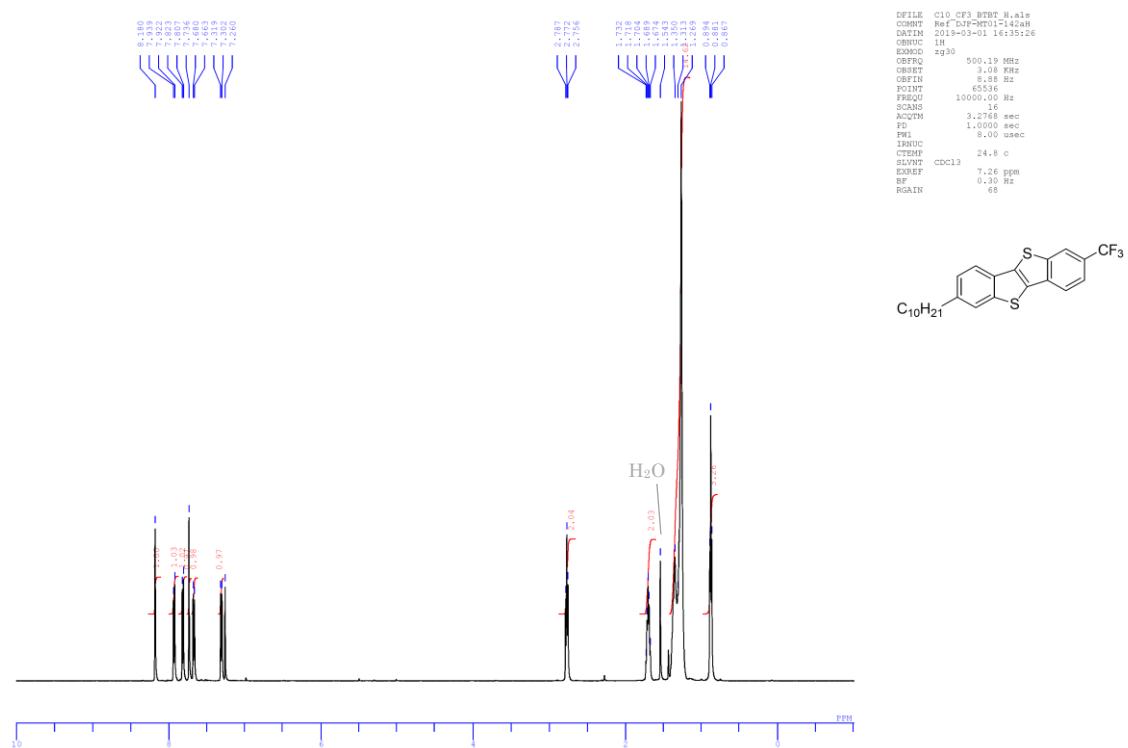
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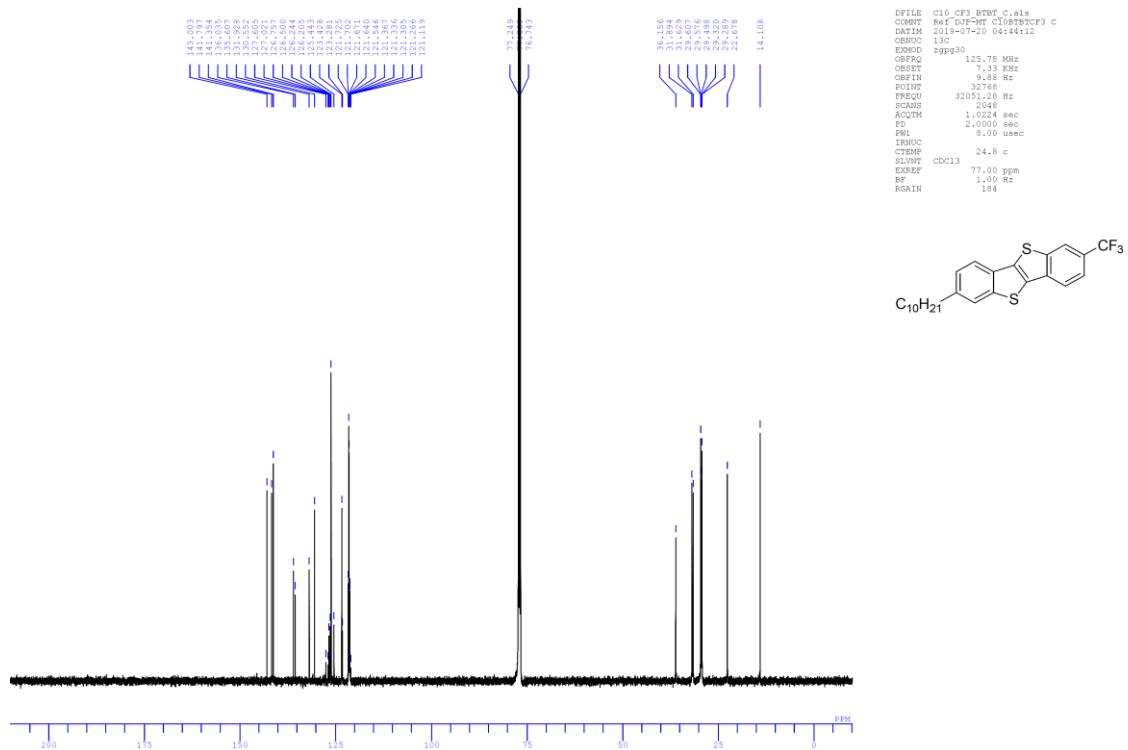
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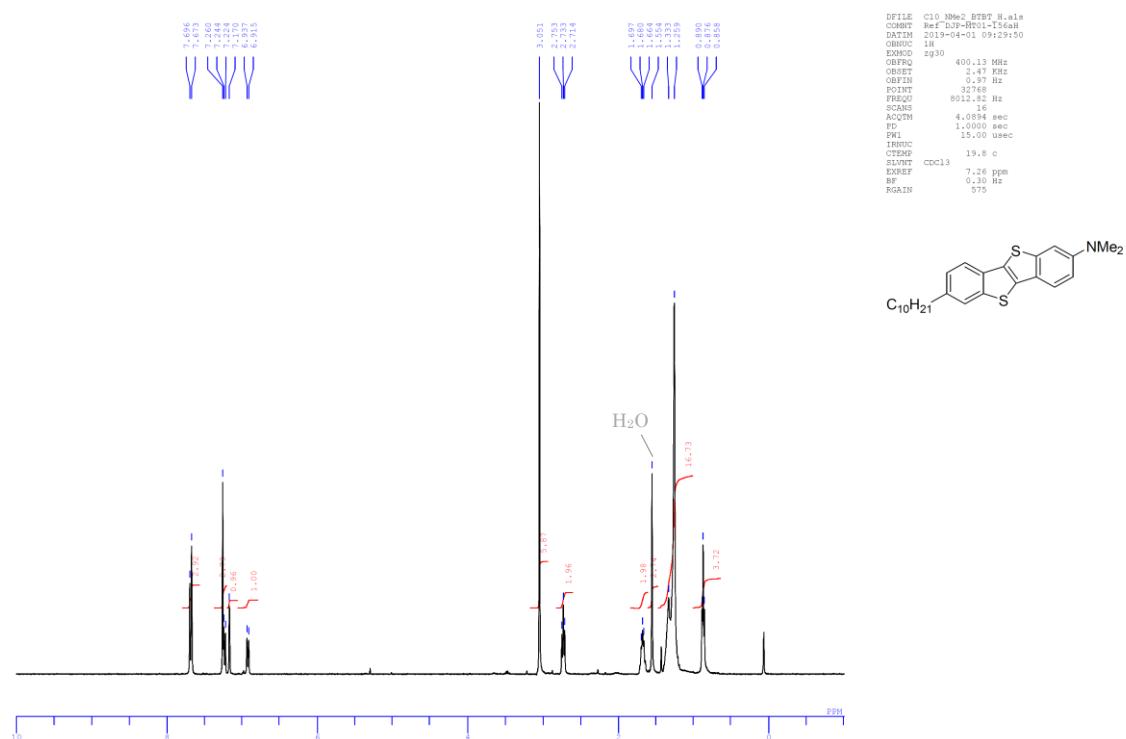
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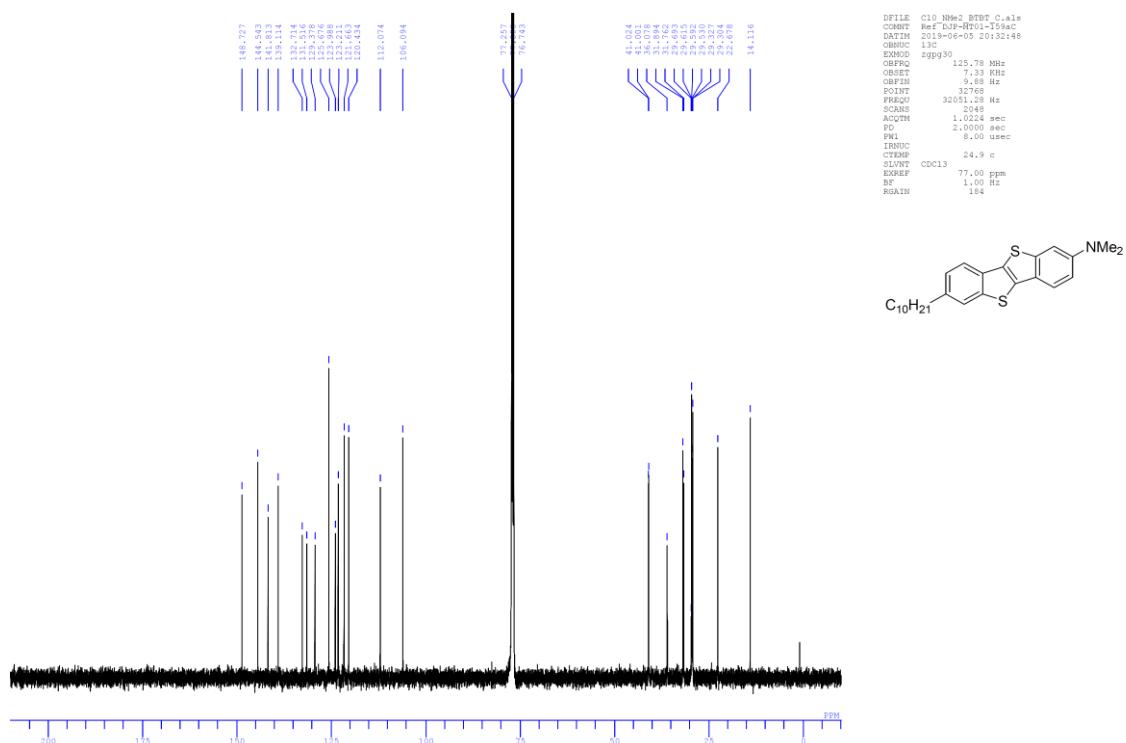
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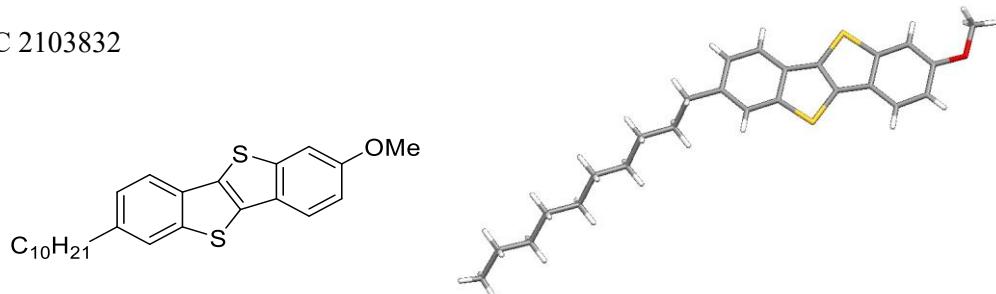
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4. X-ray structure of 4ef

2-Decyl-7-methoxy[1]benzothieno[3,2-*b*][1]benzothiophene

CCDC 2103832



Bond Precision	C–C = 0.0124 Å	Wavelength	0.71073
Cell	a = 7.6759(3)	b = 48.446(2)	c = 5.9459(3)
	alpha = 90	beta = 90	gamma = 90
Temperature	240 K		
	Calculated		Reported
Volume	2211.08(17)		2211.08(17)
Space group	P c a 21		P c a 21
Hall group	P 2c -2ac		P 2c -2ac
Moiety formula	C25 H30 O S2		C25 H30 O S2
Sum formula	C25 H30 O S2		C25 H30 O S2
Mr	410.61		410.61
Dx,g cm-3	1.234		1.233
Z	4		4
Mu (mm-1)	0.254		0.254
F000	880.0		880.0
F000'	881.28		
k,k,lmax	10,69,8		10,63,7
Nref	6746[3685]		5052
Tmin,Tmax	0.929,0.970		0.499,1.000
Tmin'	0.913		
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.499 Tmax=1.000 AbsCorr = MULTISCAN			
Data completeness	1.37/0.75	Theta(max)	30.484
R(reflections)	0.0900(4117)	wR2(reflections)	0.1988(5052)
S	1.101	Npar	255