

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis of Oxaboranes via Nickel-Catalyzed Dearlylative Cyclocondensation

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## **General Experimental Details**

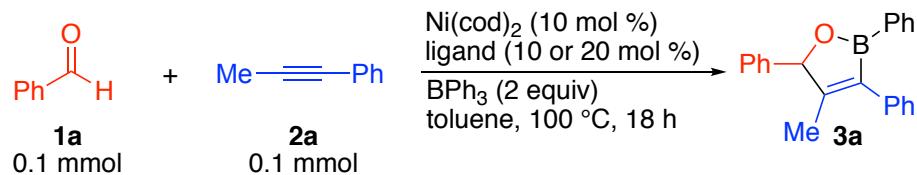
All air-sensitive procedures were conducted under inert atmosphere in a nitrogen-filled dry box or by standard Schlenk techniques. All reactions were performed under nitrogen unless otherwise stated. All glassware for moisture sensitive reactions were dried at 140 °C in an oven. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and dimethylformamide (DMF) were degassed by purging with argon for 45 minutes and dried with a solvent purification system by passing through a one-meter column of activated alumina. Anhydrous 1,4-dioxane was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Methanol was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and vacuumed distilled into a receiving flask with 4Å molecular sieves before use. Flash column chromatography was performed on SiliFlash® P60 silica gel (40-63 µm, 60Å) or using a Teledyne Isco Combiflash® Rf system with RediSep GoldTM columns using hexane/ethyl acetate. Reaction products were visualized on TLC under UV light. Prep-HPLC was performed on a Waters HPLC System. Detection was acquired on a 2998 Photodiode Array Detector and a SunFire C18 column 5 µm.

HRMS (ESI and EI) analysis was performed at the Iowa State University Chemical Instrumentation Facility on an Agilent 6540 QTOF spectrometer and an Agilent 7250 GC Q-TOF spectrometer. NMR spectra were acquired on Varian MR-400, Bruker Avance NEO 400, and Bruker Avance III 600 spectrometers at the Iowa State University Chemical Instrumentation Facility. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to a residual solvent peak ( $\text{CDCl}_3 = 7.26$  ppm for  $^1\text{H}$  and 77.16 ppm for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR shifts are reported based on indirect reference to  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .<sup>1</sup> Carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation.<sup>2</sup>

## Materials

1-Phenyl-1-propyne, 3-hexyne, 4-octyne, benzaldehyde, p-tolualdehyde, 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde, 3-methylbenzaldehyde, 3-methoxybenzaldehyde, furfural, thiophene-2-carbaldehyde, pivaldehyde, sodium perborate tetrahydrate, ethanol, copper(I) iodide, 1,10-phenanthroline, 4-iodotoluene, potassium carbonate, potassium fluoride, palladium(II) acetate, methyl 4-iodobenzoate, and bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Diphenylacetylene and 2-methoxybenzaldehyde were purchased from Alfa Aesar. 4-Methoxybenzaldehyde and 2-naphthaldehyde were purchased from AK Scientific. 4-Fluorobenzaldehyde, 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde, and 1-hexyne were purchased from Oakwood Chemical. Sodium hydroxide, silver nitrate, triethylamine, potassium iodine, and potassium hydroxide were purchased from Fischer Scientific. Palladium-tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) and tri-*tert*-butylphosphine were purchased from Strem. Methyl 4-formylbenzoate and 1-fluoro-3-iodobenzene were purchased from Combi-Blocks. 5-bromobenzofuran was purchased from Carbocore. Boric acid was purchased from Baker Chemical Company. Triphenylborane is a known compound and was synthesized according to literature procedure.<sup>3</sup> Alkynes **2b**,<sup>4</sup> **2c**,<sup>5</sup> **2d**,<sup>6</sup> **2e**,<sup>4</sup> **2g**,<sup>7</sup> **2h-2i**,<sup>8</sup> **2j**,<sup>7</sup> **2l-2m**,<sup>9</sup> and **2o**<sup>10</sup> are known compounds and were synthesized according to literature procedures. Aldehyde **1y** is a known compound and was synthesized according to literature procedure.<sup>11</sup>

**Table S1. Ligand and Solvent Screen for Ni-Catalyzed Dearlyative Cyclocondensation<sup>a</sup>**



entry	ligand	mol %	solvent	yield 3a (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	PBu <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	70
2	P <sup>t</sup> Bu <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	<5
3	P( <i>o</i> -tol) <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	<10
4	PPh <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	37
5	PCy <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	10
6	P <sup>i</sup> Pr <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	25
7	P(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl) <sub>3</sub>	20	toluene	<5
8	IPr	10	toluene	<5
9	dppp	10	toluene	<5
10	4,4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine	10	toluene	18
11	PBu <sub>3</sub>	20	THF	96
12	PBu <sub>3</sub>	20	dioxane	67
13	PBu <sub>3</sub>	20	CPME	76

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.100 mmol), **2** (0.100 mmol), BPh<sub>3</sub> (0.200 mmol), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.010 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.020 mmol), solvent (0.3 mL, 0.3 M), at 100 °C for 18 h. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with dibromomethane as an internal standard.

### Procedure for Ligand Screen for Ni-Catalyzed Dearlyative Cyclocondensation

In a glovebox atmosphere, an oven dried 1-dram vial was charged with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), benzaldehyde **1a** (10.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-propyne (11.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), ligand (0.010 or 0.020 mmol), triphenylborane (48.4 mg, 0.200 mmol), and solvent (0.3 mL, 0.3 M). The resulting solution was stirred at 100 °C in a block heater for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 70:30 hexane/EtOAc and filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with additional 70:30

hexane/EtOAc. The yield of the reaction was determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR with dibromomethane as an internal standard.

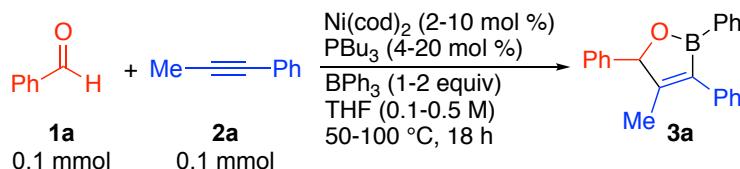
### Design of Experiment (DoE) Factor Screen for Dearylative Cyclocondensation

-Response: Percent Yield

-Factors: Catalyst loading, BPh<sub>3</sub> loading, concentration, temperature

-JMP Pro 16<sup>®</sup> software was used to generate and analyze the 14 reactions of the D-optimal design.

**Table S2. Design of Experiment Factor Screen for Dearylative Cyclocondensation<sup>a</sup>**



entry	catalyst loading (mol %)	BPh <sub>3</sub> loading (equiv)	concentration (M)	temperature (°C)	yield <b>3a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	10	2	0.1	100	99
2	2	1.5	0.1	100	63
3	10	1.5	0.5	50	71
4	6	1.5	0.3	75	88
5	2	1	0.5	50	33
6	10	2	0.5	75	83
7	2	1	0.1	75	70
8	6	2	0.1	50	97
9	2	2	0.5	100	81
10	6	1	0.5	100	60
11	6	1.5	0.3	75	80
12	10	1	0.1	50	77
13	10	1	0.3	100	44
14	2	2	0.3	50	74

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.100 mmol), **2** (0.100 mmol), BPh<sub>3</sub> (0.100-0.200 mmol), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.002-0.010 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.004-0.020 mmol), THF (0.2-1.0 mL, 0.1-0.5 M), at 50-100 °C for 18 h. <sup>b</sup>Determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR with dibromomethane as an internal standard.

### **Procedure for Design of Experiment Factor Screen**

In a glovebox atmosphere, an oven dried 1-dram vial was charged with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.002-0.010 mmol), benzaldehyde **1a** (10.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-propyne (11.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.004-0.020 mmol), triphenylborane (0.100-0.200 mmol), and THF (0.1-0.5 M). The resulting solution was stirred at the specified temperature in a block heater for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 70:30 hexane/EtOAc and filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with additional 70:30 hexane/EtOAc. The yield of the reaction was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with dibromomethane as an internal standard.

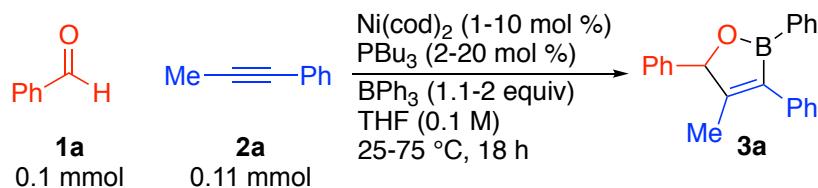
## Design of Experiment (DoE) Response Surface Optimization for Dearlyative Cyclocondensation

-Response: Percent Yield

-Factors: Catalyst loading, BPh<sub>3</sub> loading, temperature

-JMP Pro 16® software was used to generate and analyze the 15 reactions of the Box-Behnken Design.

**Table S3. Design of Experiment Response Surface Optimization for Dearlyative Cyclocondensation<sup>a</sup>**



entry	catalyst loading (mol %)	BPh <sub>3</sub> loading (equiv)	temperature (°C)	yield <b>3a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1	2	50	99
2	1	1.1	50	58
3	5	2	25	99
4	1	1.5	25	33
5	1	1.5	75	99
6	10	1.5	75	31
7	5	1.1	25	82
8	10	2	50	99
9	5	1.5	50	98
10	10	1.1	50	76
11	10	1.5	25	80
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13	5	1.1	75	55
14	5	2	75	77
15	5	1.5	50	89

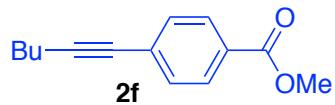
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.100 mmol), **2** (0.110 mmol), BPh<sub>3</sub> (0.110-0.200 mmol), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.001-0.010 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.002-0.020 mmol), THF (1.0 mL, 0.1 M), at 25-75 °C for 18 h.

<sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with dibromomethane as an internal standard.

## Procedure for Design of Experiment Response Surface Optimization

In a glovebox atmosphere, an oven dried 1-dram vial was charged with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.001-0.010 mmol), benzaldehyde **1a** (10.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-propyne (12.8 mg, 0.110 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.002-0.020 mmol), triphenylborane (0.110-0.200 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting solution was stirred at the specified temperature in a block heater for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 70:30 hexane/EtOAc and filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with additional 70:30 hexane/EtOAc. The yield of the reaction was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR with dibromomethane as an internal standard.

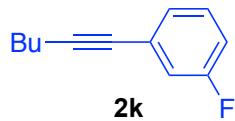
## Experimental Procedure and Characterization Data for Alkynes **2f**, **2k**, and **2n**:



**methyl 4-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate (2f):** Prepared according to a modified literature procedure.<sup>4</sup> To an oven dried 50 mL round bottom with stir bar was added methyl 4-iodobenzoate (786.1 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 1-hexyne (271.1 mg, 3.3 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (105.3 mg, 0.15 mmol), CuI (57.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), triethylamine (6.0 mL, 0.5 M). The resulting solution was sealed and stirred 60 °C in an oil bath in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O x3. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (95:5 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2f** as a dark oil in 73% yield (471.5 mg, 2.2 mmol).

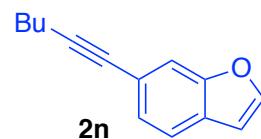
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.7, 131.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 94.0, 80.1, 52.1, 30.7, 22.0, 19.2, 13.6. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 217.1223; Found: 217.1223.



**1-fluoro-3-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (2k):** Prepared according to a modified literature procedure.<sup>4</sup> To an oven dried 50 mL round bottom with stir bar was added 1-fluoro-3-iodobenzene (599.4 mg, 2.7 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 1-hexyne (239.0 mg, 2.97 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (94.8 mg, 0.135 mmol), CuI (51.4 mg, 0.27 mmol), triethylamine (5.4 mL, 0.5 M). The resulting solution was sealed and stirred 60 °C in an oil bath in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O x3. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (100% hexanes) to give **2k** as a pale yellow oil in 62% yield (322.4 mg, 1.7 mmol).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.68 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H) **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.4 (d, *J* = 245.9 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 127.4 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.0 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 118.4 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 114.8 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 91.6, 79.5 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 30.7, 22.0, 19.1, 13.6. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.5. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F 176.1001; Found: 176.0995.

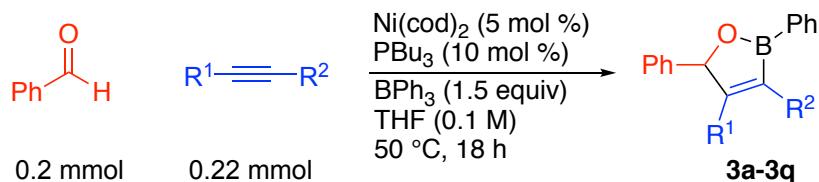


**6-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzofuran (2n):** Prepared according to a modified literature procedure.<sup>4</sup> To an oven dried 50 mL round bottom with stir bar was added 5-bromobenzofuran (591.1 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 1-hexyne (271.1 mg, 3.3 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (105.3 mg, 0.15 mmol), CuI (57.1 mg, 0.3 mmol), triethylamine (6.0 mL,

0.5 M). The resulting solution was sealed and stirred 60 °C in an oil bath in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O x3. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes) to give **2n** as a yellow oil in 35% yield (206.9 mg, 1.0 mmol).

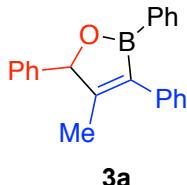
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.66 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.2, 145.6, 128.0, 127.5, 124.5, 118.7, 111.3, 106.4, 88.8, 80.7, 31.0, 22.1, 19.1, 13.7. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sup>+</sup> 199.1117; Found: 199.1116.

#### General Procedure A: Synthesis of Oxaborane Products **3a-3q**:

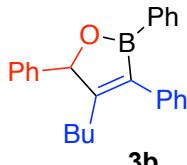


In a glovebox atmosphere, an oven dried 1-dram vial was charged with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), alkyne (0.220 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (5.0 μL, 0.020 mmol), triphenylborane (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting solution was stirred at 50 °C in a block heater for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 70:30 hexane/EtOAc and filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with additional 70:30 hexane/EtOAc. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to give oxaborane products **3a-3q**.

**Characterization Data for Oxaboranes Products 3a-3q:**

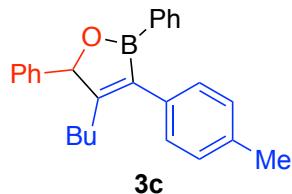


**4-methyl-2,3,5-triphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3a):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-propyne **2a** (25.6 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3a** as an off-white solid in 91% yield (62.2 mg, 0.18 mmol) and 11.1:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.62, 138.71, 138.15, 135.48, 128.74, 128.70, 128.43, 128.26, 127.70, 126.91, 126.22, 91.76, 13.26 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 45.7. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BO 310.1529; Found: 310.1529.

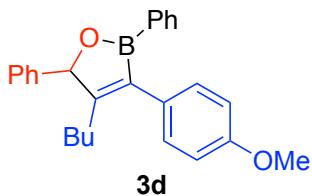


**4-butyl-2,3,5-triphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3b):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-hexyne **2b** (34.8 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3b** as a yellow oil in 81% yield (57.4 mg, 0.16 mmol) and 12.0:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.27 (m, 11H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H),

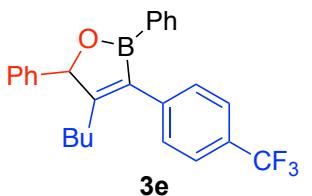
2.36 (ddd,  $J = 13.8, 9.6, 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.87 (ddd,  $J = 13.8, 9.6, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.36 – 1.10 (m, 3H), 0.76 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.1, 139.0, 138.2, 135.5, 131.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.0, 126.1, 90.2, 31.2, 27.2, 22.7, 13.8 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  45.3. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{BO}$  352.1998; Found: 352.2002.



**4-butyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3c):** Prepared according to general procedure **A** from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene **2c** (37.9 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3c** as a yellow oil in 83% yield (60.5 mg, 0.17 mmol) and 10.6:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 7.9$ , 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.40 – 2.33 (m, 1H), 1.85 (ddd,  $J = 13.9, 9.6, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.10 (m, 3H), 0.77 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.0, 158.0, 136.0, 135.7, 135.7, 131.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 90.3, 31.4, 27.3, 22.8, 21.4, 14.0 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.7. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}_2$  366.2155; Found: 366.2156.

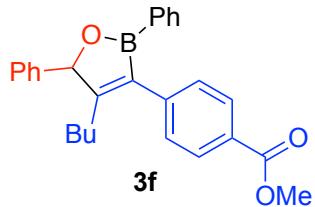


**4-butyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3d):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-4-methoxybenzene **2d** (41.4 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3d** as a yellow oil in 94% yield (69.3 mg, 0.19 mmol) and 9.4:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.28 (m, 8H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 9.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 9.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.14 (m, 4H), 0.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8, 158.0, 138.3, 135.5, 131.2, 131.1, 129.6, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.0, 113.7, 90.2, 55.3, 31.2, 27.2, 22.7, 13.8 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO 382.2104; Found: 382.2104.



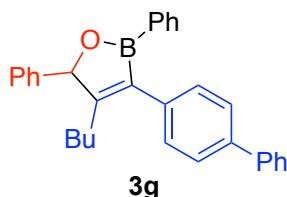
**4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3e):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene **2e** (49.8 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3e** as a clear oil in 73% yield (61.3 mg, 0.15 mmol) and 10.2:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major

regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.29 (m, 10H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.30 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.09 (m, 3H), 0.79 – 0.73 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.4, 143.1 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 137.7, 135.4, 131.5, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 127.1 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 90.3, 31.1, 27.2, 22.6, 13.7 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.2 (3F). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.9. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>O 420.1872; Found: 420.1877.

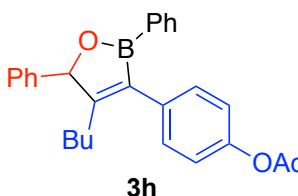


**1-(4-(4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-3-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3f):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), methyl 4-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzoate **2f** (47.6 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3f** as a yellow oil in 80% yield (65.7 mg, 0.16 mmol) and 10.8:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.27 (m, 10H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.31 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.6, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.07 (m, 4H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0, 167.3, 144.5, 137.8, 135.4, 131.5, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 90.4, 52.1, 31.1, 27.2, 22.6, 13.7 (carbons directly attached to

the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}_3$  410.2053; Found: 410.2059.

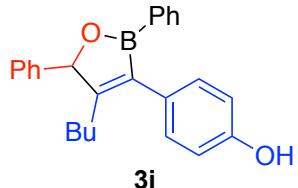


**3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3g):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl **2g** (51.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3g** as a yellow oil in 98% yield (84.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 11.3:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.65 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0, 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 11H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 2.43 (ddd,  $J = 13.8, 9.8, 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.91 (ddd,  $J = 13.8, 9.5, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.51 – 1.13 (m, 4H), 0.78 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.3, 140.9, 138.8, 138.2, 138.1, 135.5, 131.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.8, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 127.0, 126.9, 90.3, 31.2, 27.3, 22.7, 13.8 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{BO}$  428.2311; Found: 428.2328.



**4-(4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-3-yl)phenyl acetate (3h):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)phenyl acetate **2h** (47.6 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h.

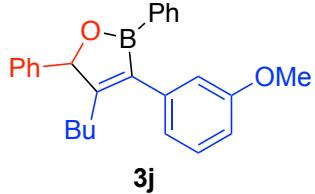
The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3h** as a yellow oil in 91% yield (74.6 mg, 0.18 mmol) and 8.7:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 2.5, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 2.42 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.87 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.48 – 1.10 (m, 4H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.6, 169.5, 149.1, 138.0, 136.5, 131.3, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 127.7, 127.0, 121.3, 90.2, 31.2, 27.2, 22.6, 21.3, 13.7 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 45.9. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> 410.2053; Found: 410.2054.



**4-(4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-3-yl)phenol (3i):**

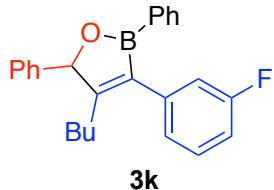
Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)phenol **2i** (52.3 mg, 0.300 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (96.8 mg, 0.400 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3i** as a red oil in 85% yield (62.5 mg, 0.17 mmol) and 9.1:1 r.r. The regioisomers were not separable by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC due to degradation. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 8.12 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 7.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, major regioisomer integral value = 2.1), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.2), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.7), 7.49 – 7.34 (m, major + minor regioisomer value =

9.6), 7.26 (dd,  $J = 7.3, 5.7$  Hz, 2H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.6), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, major regioisomer integral value = 2.3), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 6.91 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, major regioisomer integral value = 2.3), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 6.19 (s, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.1), 6.02 (s, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.0), 5.24 (bs, 1H, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 1.3), 2.64 – 2.57 (m, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.2), 2.43 (ddd,  $J = 13.9, 9.6, 6.6$  Hz, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.1), 1.92 (ddd,  $J = 13.9, 9.6, 5.3$  Hz, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.2), 1.50 – 1.17 (m, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 6.6), 0.92 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.7), 0.82 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, major regioisomer integral value = 3.5).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.9, 154.0, 138.2, 135.5, 131.3, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.7, 127.0, 115.3, 90.3, 31.2, 27.2, 22.7, 13.8 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). Peaks observed for minor regioisomer: 171.9, 166.5, 155.2, 135.7, 134.9, 132.8, 131.2, 129.8, 128.4, 128.0, 115.3, 90.9, 32.9, 27.5, 23.0, 14.0 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  45.9. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{BO}_2$  368.1948; Found: 368.1950.



**4-butyl-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3j):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-3-methoxybenzene **2j** (41.4 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100%

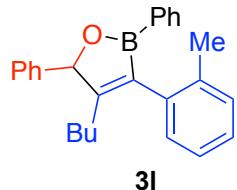
hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3j** as a yellow oil in 89% yield (68.3 mg, 0.18 mmol) and 11.3:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.25 (m, 9H), 6.86 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.3, Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.37 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.38 – 1.09 (m, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.3, 159.6, 140.7, 138.3, 135.7, 131.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.2, 121.3, 114.1, 111.9, 90.3, 55.4, 31.4, 27.4, 22.8, 14.0 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> 382.2104; Found: 382.2115.



**4-butyl-3-(3-fluorophenyl)-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole**

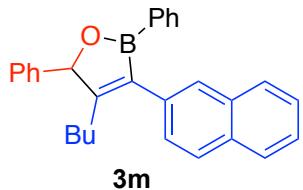
**(3k):** Prepared according to general procedure **A** from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-3-fluorobenzene **2k** (38.8 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3k** as a clear oil in 72% yield (53.7 mg, 0.14 mmol) and 11.6:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.26 (m, 9H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 2.34 (ddd, *J* = 15.3, 9.6, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.35 – 1.10 (m, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.9, 162.8 (d, *J* = 244.8 Hz),

141.5 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 137.9, 135.4, 131.4, 129.8 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz), 128.8, 128.6, 127.8, 127.0, 124.3, 115.3 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz), 113.1 (d,  $J = 21.0$ ), 90.3, 31.1, 27.2, 22.6, 13.7 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -113.6 (1F).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  44.8. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{BFO}$  370.1904; Found: 370.1913.



**4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-3-(*o*-tolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3l):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 1-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)-2-methylbenzene **2l** (37.9 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 70 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3l** as a yellow oil in 80% yield (58.6 mg, 0.16 mmol) and >20:1 r.r. as a 1.1:1 ratio of diastereomers. Attempts to isolate the two diastereomers to determine the major product were not successful. The presence of atropisomers was confirmed by protodeboronation of **3l** to generate the corresponding allylic alcohol.  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, major + minor isomer integral value = 2), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, major + minor isomer integral value = 6), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, major + minor isomer integral value = 5), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, major + minor isomer integral value = 1), 6.10 (s, 1H, minor isomer integral value = 0.4), 6.08 (s, 1H, major isomer integral value = 0.6), 2.33 (ddd,  $J = 14.0, 9.5, 6.5$  Hz, minor isomer integral value = 0.5), 2.24 (s, major isomer integral value = 1.6), 2.23 (s, minor isomer integral value = 1.2), 2.21 – 2.13 (m, major isomer integral value = 0.7), 1.96 – 1.85 (m, major + minor integral value = 1), 1.49 – 1.11 (m, major + minor integral value = 4), 0.83 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H, major isomer integral value = 2), 0.79 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H, minor isomer integral value = 1.3).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) Peaks

observed for major diastereomer:  $\delta$  171.1, 138.7, 138.3, 135.2, 135.2, 131.5, 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.0, 126.5, 125.9, 90.5, 31.0, 27.5, 22.7, 20.7, 13.8 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). Peaks observed for minor diastereomer:  $\delta$  170.97, 138.81, 135.50, 135.25, 129.96, 128.81, 128.49, 127.09, 126.52, 90.39, 30.54, 27.35, 22.66, 20.69, 13.72 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  45.9. HRMS (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}$  366.2155; Found: 366.2159.

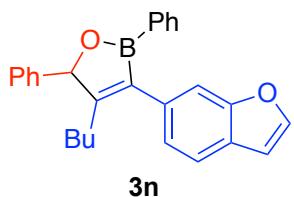


**4-butyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-**

**oxaborole (3m):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 2-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)naphthalene

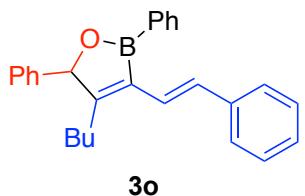
**2m** (45.8 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3m** as a yellow oil in 99% yield (79.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 11.2:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.04 (s, 1H), 2.41 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.7, 9.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.7, 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.49 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.28 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 0.75 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  171.6, 138.2, 136.7, 135.6, 133.6, 132.1, 131.3, 128.8, 128.5, 127.8, 127.8, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 126.6, 126.0, 125.5, 90.3, 31.2, 27.2, 22.6, 13.7 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar

relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 45.4. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO 402.2155; Found: 402.2165.



**3-(benzofuran-6-yl)-4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3n):**

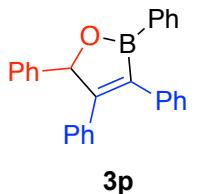
**(3n):** Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 6-(hex-1-yn-1-yl)benzofuran **2n** (43.6 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3n** as a yellow oil in 90% yield (70.4 mg, 0.18 mmol) and 9.0:1 r.r. An analytically pure sample of the major regioisomer was obtained by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC (85:15 to 95:5 acetonitrile:water). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 2.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 2.39 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.6, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.48 – 1.09 (m, 4H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.1, 153.8, 145.1, 138.3, 135.5, 133.6, 131.3, 128.7, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 125.2, 120.6, 111.1, 106.7, 90.2, 31.2, 27.2, 22.6, 13.7 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> 392.1948; Found: 392.1957.



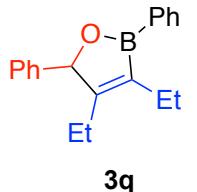
**(E)-4-butyl-2,5-diphenyl-3-styryl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3o):**

Prepared according to general procedure A from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), (*E*)-oct-1-en-3-yn-1-ylbenzene **2o** (40.5 mg, 0.220

mmol), BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3o** as a yellow oil in 40% yield (30.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and 3.3:1 r.r. The regioisomers were not separable by Reverse-Phase Prep HPLC due to degradation. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.06 – 8.03 (m, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 2.7), 7.54 – 7.25 (m, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 22.3), 7.18 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, major regioisomer), 7.16 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 2.1), 6.90 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.1), 6.50 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 6.18 (s, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 5.94 (s, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.0), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.3), 2.69 – 2.58 (m, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.2), 2.08 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H, major regioisomer integral value = 1.1), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H, minor regioisomer integral value = 0.9), 1.57 – 1.46 (m, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 2.5), 1.43 – 1.28 (m, major + minor regioisomer integral value = 4.4), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H, minor regioisomer integral value = 1.2), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H, major regioisomer integral value = 3.5). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.0, 138.1, 138.0, 134.7, 132.9, 130.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 126.3, 124.4, 90.6, 31.2, 27.3, 22.8, 13.9 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). Peaks observed for minor regioisomer: 160.8, 139.7, 137.0, 134.9, 134.0, 131.2, 128.8, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 119.6, 88.9, 33.1, 27.3, 23.0, 14.1 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.1. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO 378.2155; Found: 378.2159.



**2,3,4,5-tetraphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3p):** Prepared according to general procedure **A** from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), diphenylacetylene (39.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3p** as a yellow solid in 84% yield (62.6 mg, 0.17 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (tt, *J* = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.25 (m, 13H), 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.49 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.3, 138.7, 138.0, 135.5, 134.4, 131.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.4, 90.9 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BO 372.1685; Found: 372.1693.

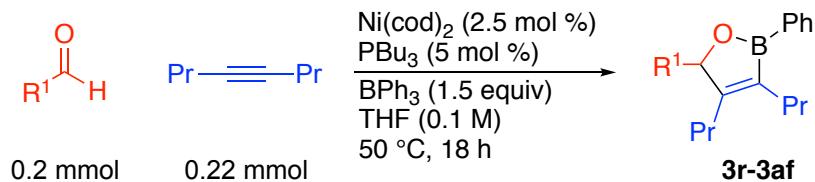


**3,4-diethyl-2,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3q):** Prepared according to general procedure **A** from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 3-hexyne (18.0 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3q** as a yellow oil in 80% yield (43.9 mg, 0.16 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 2.57 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (dq, *J* = 15.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.21, 138.63, 134.85, 131.15, 128.60, 128.25, 127.94, 126.97, 89.76, 20.29, 19.70, 15.48, 13.90 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not

detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.7.

HRMS (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{BO}$  276.1685; Found: 276.1688.

### General Procedure B: Synthesis of Oxaborane Products 3r-3af:



In a glovebox atmosphere, an oven dried 1-dram vial was charged with  $\text{Ni}(\text{cod})_2$  (1.4 mg, 0.005 mmol), aldehyde (0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol),  $\text{PBu}_3$  (2.5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.010 mmol), triphenylborane (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol), and THF (2.0 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting solution was stirred at 50 °C in a block heater for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 70:30 hexane/EtOAc and filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with additional 70:30 hexane/EtOAc. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  to give oxaborane products **3r-3af**.

### Characterization Data for Oxaborole Products 3r-3af:

**2,5-diphenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3r):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from benzaldehyde (21.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3r** as a light yellow oil in 94% yield (57.4 mg, 0.19 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.38 (ddd,  $J = 14.3, 9.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.87 (ddd,  $J = 14.3, 9.5, 7.0$  Hz, 1H).

$\delta$  = 14.3, 9.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.44 (m, 3H), 1.40 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.3, 138.9, 134.9, 131.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 90.1, 29.5, 29.0, 24.0, 22.5, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.6. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{25}\text{BO}$  304.1998; Found: 304.2005.

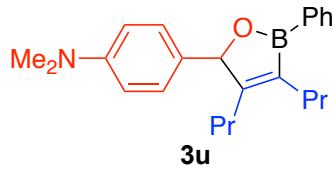
**2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3s):**

**3s** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from *p*-tolualdehyde (24.0 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$ ) to give **3s** as a light yellow oil in 89% yield (56.5 mg, 0.18 mmol).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.16 (m, 4H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 2.60 – 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.4, 9.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.45 (m, 3H), 1.37 (ddt,  $J$  = 14.4, 9.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.3, 138.0, 135.9, 134.9, 131.1, 129.4, 128.0, 127.0, 90.0, 29.5, 29.0, 24.0, 22.5, 21.3, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.8. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}$  318.2155; Found: 318.2155.

**5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3t):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 4-methoxybenzaldehyde (27.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg,

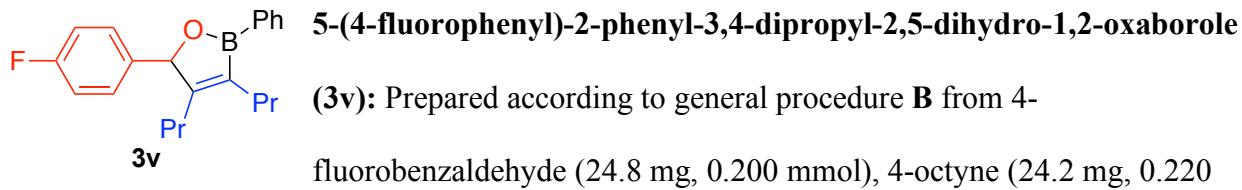
**3t**

0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3t** as a light yellow oil in 93% yield (62.5 mg, 0.19 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.03 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.59 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.45 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.89 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.43 (m, 3H), 1.35 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 159.7, 134.9, 131.1, 130.9, 128.4, 128.0, 114.1, 89.8, 55.4, 29.5, 29.0, 24.0, 22.5, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.3. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> 334.2104; Found: 334.2109.



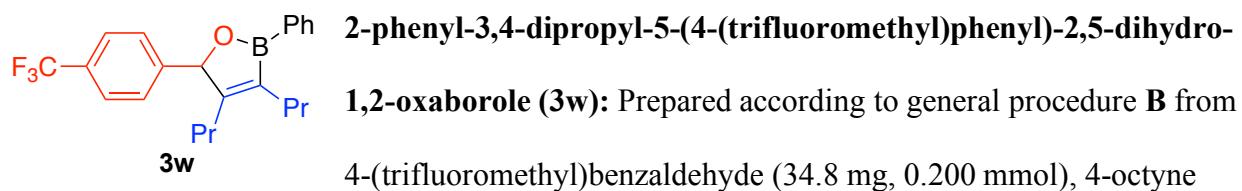
***N,N*-dimethyl-4-(2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-5-yl)aniline (3u):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (29.8 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3u** as a dark yellow oil in 69% yield (57.4 mg, 0.14 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 2.96 (s, 6H), 2.61 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.91 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 9.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.44 (m, 3H), 1.44 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.4, 150.6, 134.9, 131.0, 128.1, 127.9, 112.7, 90.1, 40.8, 29.5, 29.1, 24.1,

22.5, 14.5, 14.5 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.7. HRMS (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{30}\text{BNO}$  347.2420; Found: 347.2426.

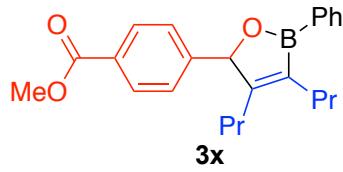


mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$ ) to give **3v** as a yellow oil in 77% yield (49.5 mg, 0.15 mmol).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 2.52 (td,  $J = 7.3, 5.5$  Hz, 2H), 2.45 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.86 (ddd,  $J = 13.7, 9.5, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.40 (m, 3H), 1.34 (ddd,  $J = 13.7, 9.5, 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.00 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.0, 162.8 (d,  $J = 246.3$  Hz), 134.9, 134.7 (d,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 131.3, 128.8 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz), 128.0, 115.6 (d,  $J = 21.6$  Hz), 89.4, 29.5, 28.9, 24.0, 22.5, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.0.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.5. HRMS (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{BFO}$  322.1904; Found: 322.1907.

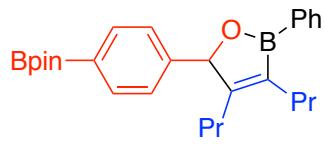


(24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 70 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3w** as a clear oil in 71% yield (52.9 mg, 0.14 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 2.58 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 9.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.46 (m, 3H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.6, 143.1, 135.0, 131.5, 130.6 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 128.1, 127.3, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.1 Hz), 89.3, 29.5, 28.8, 24.0, 22.6, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.52 (3F). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.2. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BF<sub>3</sub>O 372.1872; Found: 372.1879.

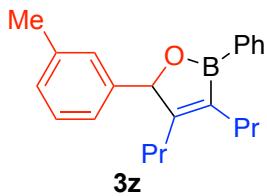


**methyl 4-(2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-5-yl)benzoate (3x):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from methyl 4-formylbenzoate (32.8 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 70 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3x** as a light yellow oil in 65% yield (47.2 mg, 0.13 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 – 8.00 (m, 4H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.37 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 9.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.41 (m, 3H), 1.37 – 1.23 (m, 1H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.2, 159.9,

140.5, 135.0, 131.2, 129.7, 128.0, 119.6, 113.7, 112.5, 90.0, 55.4, 29.4, 29.0, 24.0, 22.6, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  47.6. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}_3$  362.2053; Found: 362.2058.

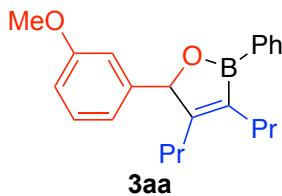


**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(4-(2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-5-yl)phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (3y):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde **1y** (46.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$ ) to give **3y** as a clear oil in 49% yield (41.9 mg, 0.10 mmol).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.43 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.8, 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 2.50 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.8, 9.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.8, 9.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.43 (m, 4H), 1.34 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 12H), 0.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.3, 142.0, 135.2, 135.0, 131.2, 128.0, 126.3, 90.1, 83.9, 29.9, 29.4, 28.9, 25.0, 24.0, 22.5, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  47.8, 30.8. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $M^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{36}\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  430.2851; Found: 430.2855.



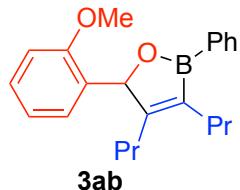
**methyl 4-(2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborol-5-yl)benzoate (3z):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 3-methylbenzaldehyde (24.0 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3z** as a clear oil in 61% yield (39.1 mg, 0.12 mmol).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.23 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.43 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.34 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.3, 138.7, 138.4, 135.0, 131.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 124.2, 90.2, 29.5, 29.0, 24.0, 22.5, 21.6, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.9. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO 318.2155; Found: 318.2157.

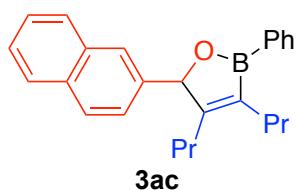


**5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3aa):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 3-methoxybenzaldehyde (27.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 70 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3aa** as a light yellow oil in 73% yield (48.6 mg, 0.15 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.01 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.89 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.78

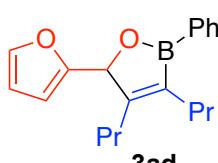
(s, 3H), 2.57 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.39 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.7, 9.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.7, 9.8, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.42 (m, 3H), 1.34 (ddt,  $J$  = 14.2, 9.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.2, 160.0, 140.5, 135.0, 131.2, 129.7, 128.0, 119.6, 113.7, 112.5, 90.0, 55.4, 29.4, 29.0, 24.0, 22.6, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  47.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}_2$  334.2104; Found: 334.2107.



**5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3ab):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 2-methoxybenzaldehyde (27.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and  $\text{BPh}_3$  (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 70 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1%  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes: $\text{EtOAc}$ ) to give **3ab** as a light yellow oil in 83% yield (55.4 mg, 0.17 mmol).  **$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.04 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.28 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 2.58 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.41 (dddd,  $J$  = 13.4, 9.6, 6.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.4, 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (ddddd,  $J$  = 16.3, 15.0, 9.5, 5.4, 3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (ddt,  $J$  = 13.2, 9.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H).  **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.2, 157.3, 134.9, 131.0, 129.1, 127.9, 127.0, 126.8, 120.9, 110.9, 82.9, 55.6, 29.4, 29.0, 24.1, 22.5, 14.5 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation).  **$^{11}\text{B}$  NMR** (193 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  46.6. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: ( $\text{M}^+$ ) Calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{27}\text{BO}_2$  334.2104; Found: 334.2108.

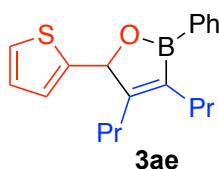


**5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3ac):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from 2-naphthaldehyde (31.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3ac** as a white solid in 70% yield (49.8 mg, 0.14 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.91 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.65 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.44 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (ddd, *J* = 13.7, 9.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.71 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.39 (ddt, *J* = 14.1, 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.2, 136.3, 135.0, 133.5, 133.5, 131.3, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.3, 126.2, 124.0, 90.3, 29.5, 29.0, 24.1, 22.6, 14.5, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.9. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BO 354.2155; Found: 354.2166.

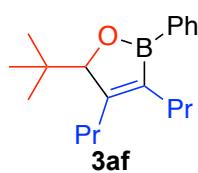


**2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3ad):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from furfural (19.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 99:1 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3ad** as a dark oil in 63% yield (37.1 mg, 0.13 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 3.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.34

(dd,  $J = 3.3, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 4H), 2.05 (ddd,  $J = 13.8, 9.5, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.62 – 1.41 (m, 3H), 1.41 – 1.29 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8, 151.9, 142.8, 134.9, 131.2, 128.0, 110.5, 108.7, 82.9, 29.5, 29.1, 23.8, 22.3, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 47.2. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BO<sub>2</sub> 294.1791; Found: 294.1791.



**2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3ae):** Prepared according to general procedure **B** from thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (22.4 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3ae** as a dark yellow oil in 47% yield (29.0 mg, 0.09 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.00 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.28 (ddd,  $J = 5.1, 1.3, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (ddd,  $J = 3.5, 1.3, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd,  $J = 5.1, 3.5, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 2.58 – 2.42 (m, 3H), 2.03 (ddd,  $J = 14.2, 9.4, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.48 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.4, 142.9, 134.9, 131.3, 128.0, 126.7, 126.3, 125.8, 85.0, 29.4, 29.0, 23.8, 22.4, 14.4, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 46.7. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BOS 310.1563; Found: 310.1568.



**5-(tert-butyl)-2-phenyl-3,4-dipropyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole (3af):**

Prepared according to general procedure **B** from pivaldehyde (17.2 mg, 0.200 mmol), 4-octyne (24.2 mg, 0.220 mmol), and BPh<sub>3</sub> (72.6 mg, 0.300 mmol) at 50 °C in a block heater in 18 h. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography treated with 1% Et<sub>3</sub>N (100% hexanes) to give **3af** as a clear oil in 47% yield (26.5 mg, 0.09 mmol). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.09 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (m, 3H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 8.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.38 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 9.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.50 (m, 3H), 1.14 (s, 9H), 1.08 (m, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.1, 134.7, 130.8, 127.9, 94.2, 35.7, 30.7, 29.4, 26.6, 24.0, 22.9, 14.4, 14.4 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 44.6. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>BO 284.2311; Found: 284.2322.

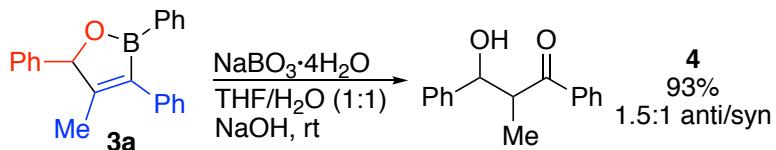
**Experimental Procedure for Ni-catalyzed Dearylative Cyclocondensation – 4 mmol Scale**



In a glovebox atmosphere, an oven dried 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (55.0 mg, 0.200 mmol), benzaldehyde **1a** (424.5 mg, 4.00 mmol), 1-phenyl-1-propyne (511.0 mg, 4.40 mmol), PBu<sub>3</sub> (98.7 μL, 0.400 mmol), triphenylborane (1.45 g, 6.00 mmol), and THF (40 mL, 0.1 M). The resulting solution was stirred at 50 °C in an oil bath for 18 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with DCM, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in 70:30 hexane/EtOAc and filtered through a short plug of silica gel, eluting with

additional 70:30 hexane/EtOAc. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by 97:3 hexanes:EtOAc) to give oxaborane product **3a** in 97% yield (1.201 g) and 11.8:1 r.r.

### **Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Beta-hydroxy Ketone **4**:**



The procedure was modified from a literature procedure.<sup>12</sup> An oven dried 1 dram vial was charged with 4-methyl-2,3,5-triphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole **3a** (31.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv), sodium perborate tetrahydrate (76.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), NaOH (8.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), THF (0.5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. After reaching completion, the reaction mixture was added to water and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O x3. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100% hexanes followed by a gradient from 100% hexanes to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **4** as a clear oil in 93% yield (22.6 mg, 0.093 mmol) and 1.5:1 d.r.

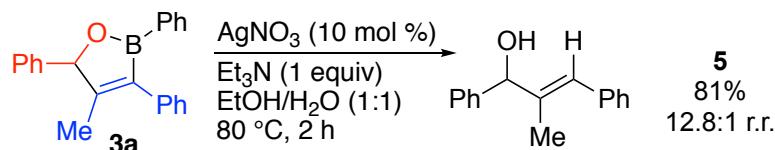
Anti- **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (appt. p, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 1H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 205.0, 142.2, 136.8, 133.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.0, 126.7, 76.9, 48.0, 15.8.

Syn- **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H),

5.25 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (qd,  $J = 7.2, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (bs, 1H), 1.20 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).  
<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 205.8, 141.8, 135.7, 133.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 126.1, 73.1, 47.1, 11.2.

**HRMS** (ESI) m/z: ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 241.1223; Found: 241.1223.

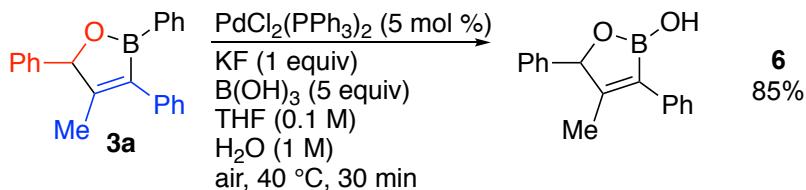
### Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Allylic Alcohol 5:



The procedure was modified from a literature procedure.<sup>13</sup> An oven dried 1 dram vial was charged with 4-methyl-2,3,5-triphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole **3a** (31.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (1.7 mmol, 0.01 mmol), EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL/1.0 mL, 0.05 M total), and Et<sub>3</sub>N (13.9 μL, 0.1 mmol) under air. The vial was sealed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C in a block heater for 2 hours. The reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature, water was added, and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O x3. The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (91:9 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **6** as a clear oil in 81% yield (18.1 mg, 0.081 mmol) and 12.8:1 r.r.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.2, 139.7, 137.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.1, 79.6, 14.2. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O 224.1201; Found: 224.1203.

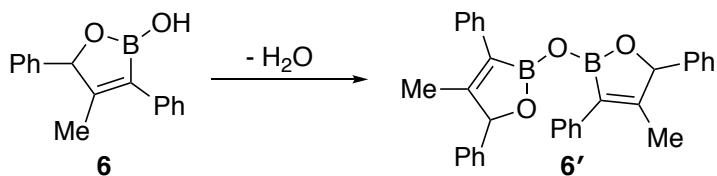
### Experimental Procedure for the Palladium Catalyzed Synthesis of Oxaborole 6:



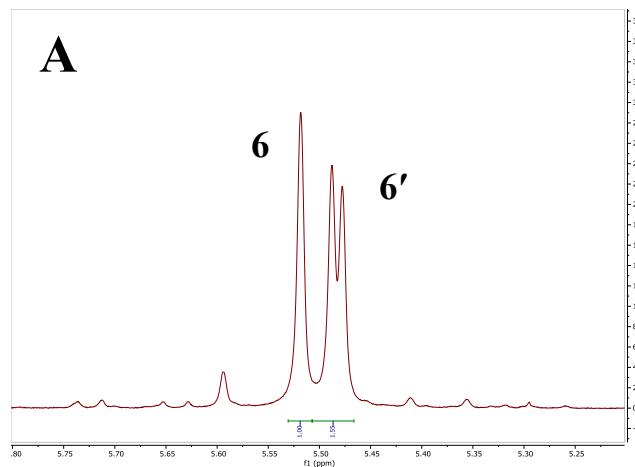
The procedure was modified from a literature procedure.<sup>14</sup> A 1 dram vial was charged with bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride (3.5 mg, 0.005 mmol), 4-methyl-2,3,5-triphenyl-2,5-dihydro-1,2-oxaborole **3a** (31.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv), boric acid (30.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), and THF (1.0 mL, 0.1 M). The reaction mixture was stirred open to air at 40 °C in a block heater for 1 minute. Potassium fluoride (5.8 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in water (0.1 mL, 1 M) and added to the reaction mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred open to air at 40 °C in a block heater for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, transferred to a round bottom flask, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (95:5 to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **6** as a yellow solid in 85% yield (21.3 mg, 0.085 mmol).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 (m, 8H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.3, 138.5, 136.6, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.0, 126.6, 86.9, 14.1 (carbons directly attached to the B atom are not detected in <sup>13</sup>C NMR due to quadrupolar relaxation). **<sup>11</sup>B NMR** (193 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 32.9. **HRMS (ESI)** m/z: ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> 251.1238; Found: 251.1243.

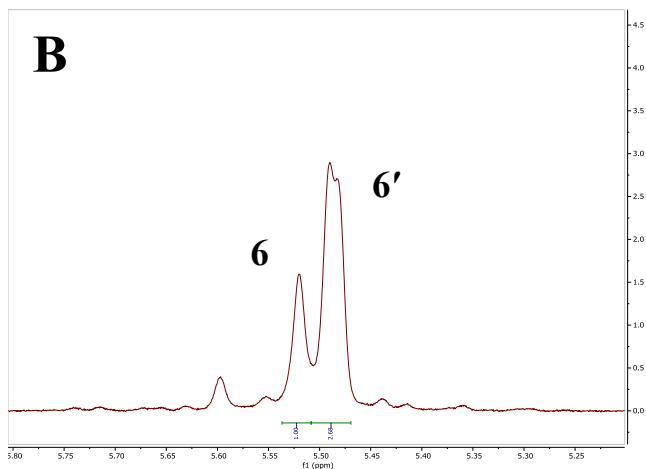
**Dimerization of Oxaborole **6**:**



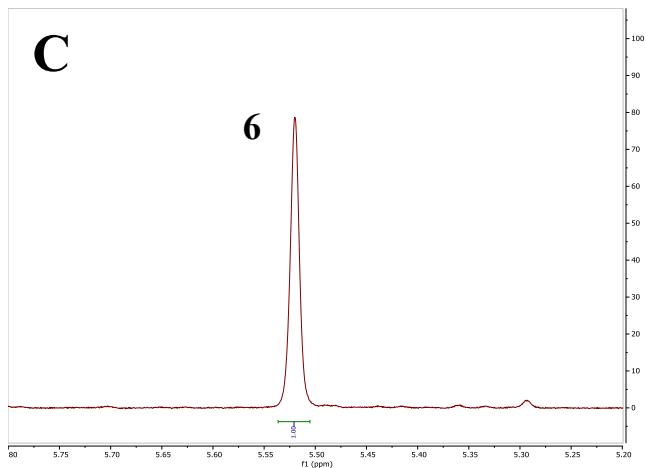
We observe dimerization of oxaborole **6** via a condensation reaction (Spectrum A). The presence of the dimer was confirmed by heating oxaborole **6** in a Kugelrohr apparatus at 100 °C for 18 hours leading to a 2.7:1 ratio of oxaborole dimer **6'** to oxaborole **6** (Spectrum B). Additionally, a mixture of oxaborole **6** with oxaborole dimer **6'** was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>O. <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed complete conversion to oxaborole **6** with no observable dimer (Spectrum C).



- a) Oxaborole **6** and dimer **6'** in 1:1.5 ratio

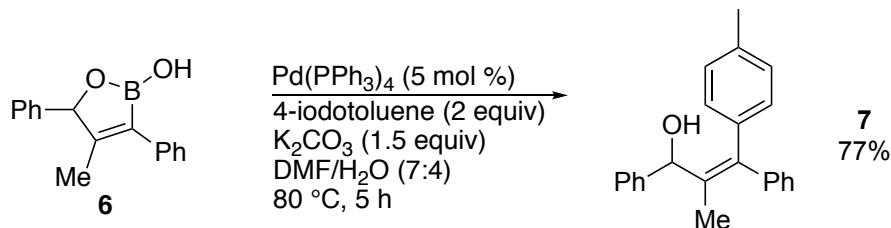


b) Oxaborole **6** and dimer **6'** in 1:2.7 ratio after heating in Kugelrohr apparatus



c) Oxaborole **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  with no observable dimer

#### Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Allylic Alcohol **7**:

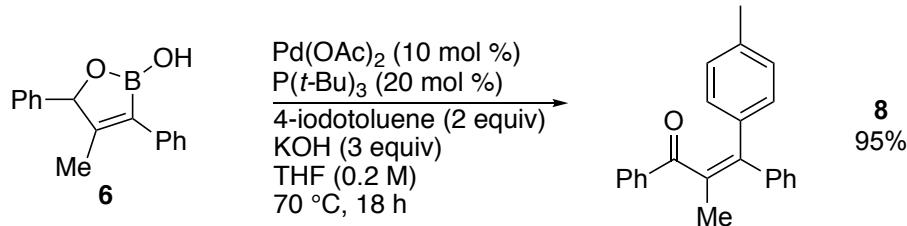


The procedure was modified from a literature procedure.<sup>15</sup> An oven dried 1 dram vial was charged with 4-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-1,2-oxaborol-2(5H)-ol **7** (25.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (5.8 mg, 0.005 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (43.6 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (20.7 mg, 0.15

mmol), DMF (1.67 mL, 0.06 M), and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O (0.25 mL, 0.4 M). The resulting solution was stirred at 80 °C in a block heater for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, after which it was diluted with a 50:50 mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was removed and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O x3. The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (95:5 hexanes:EtOAc) to (90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **8** as a clear oil in 77% yield (24.2 mg, 0.077 mmol).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 142.9, 142.6, 141.2, 139.4, 136.6, 135.2, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 126.7, 125.8, 73.6, 21.3, 14.2. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O 314.1671; Found: 314.1667.

### Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Enone **8**:



An oven dried 1 dram vial was charged with 4-methyl-3,5-diphenyl-1,2-oxaborol-2(5H)-ol **7** (25.0 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.01 mmol), P(t-Bu)<sub>3</sub> (4.0 mg, 0.02 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (43.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), KOH (16.8 mg, 0.3 mmol), and THF (0.5 mL, 0.2 M). The resulting solution was stirred at 70 °C in a block heater for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, after which it was run through a plug of silica with DCM and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash

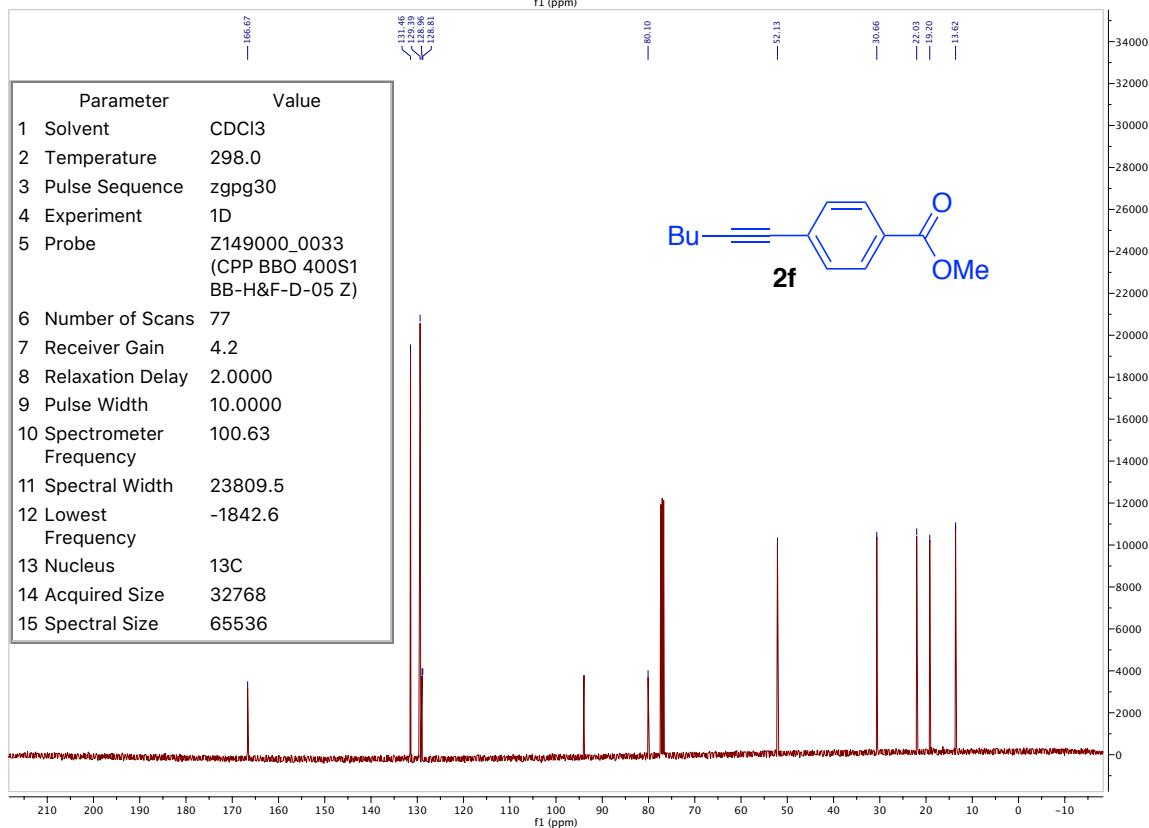
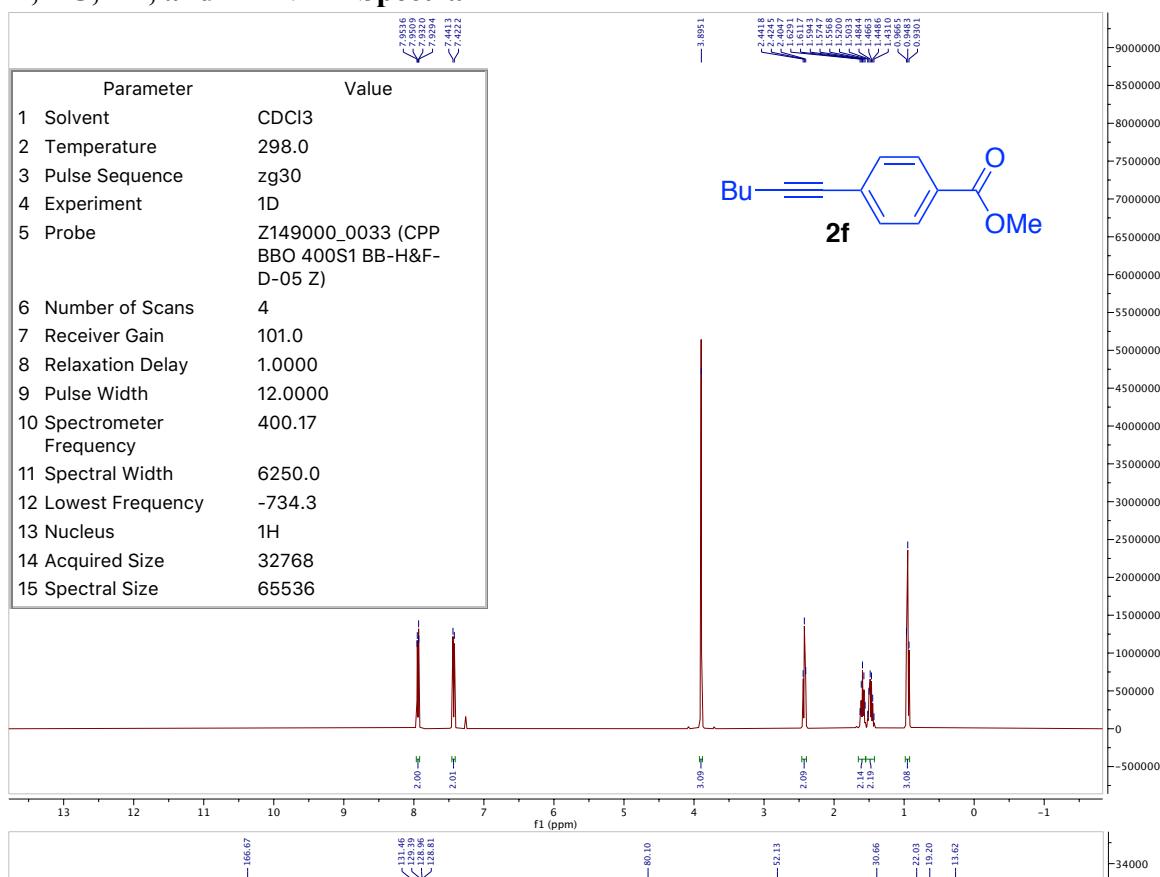
column chromatography (100% hexanes) to (90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **9** as a white solid in 95% yield (29.6 mg, 0.095 mmol).

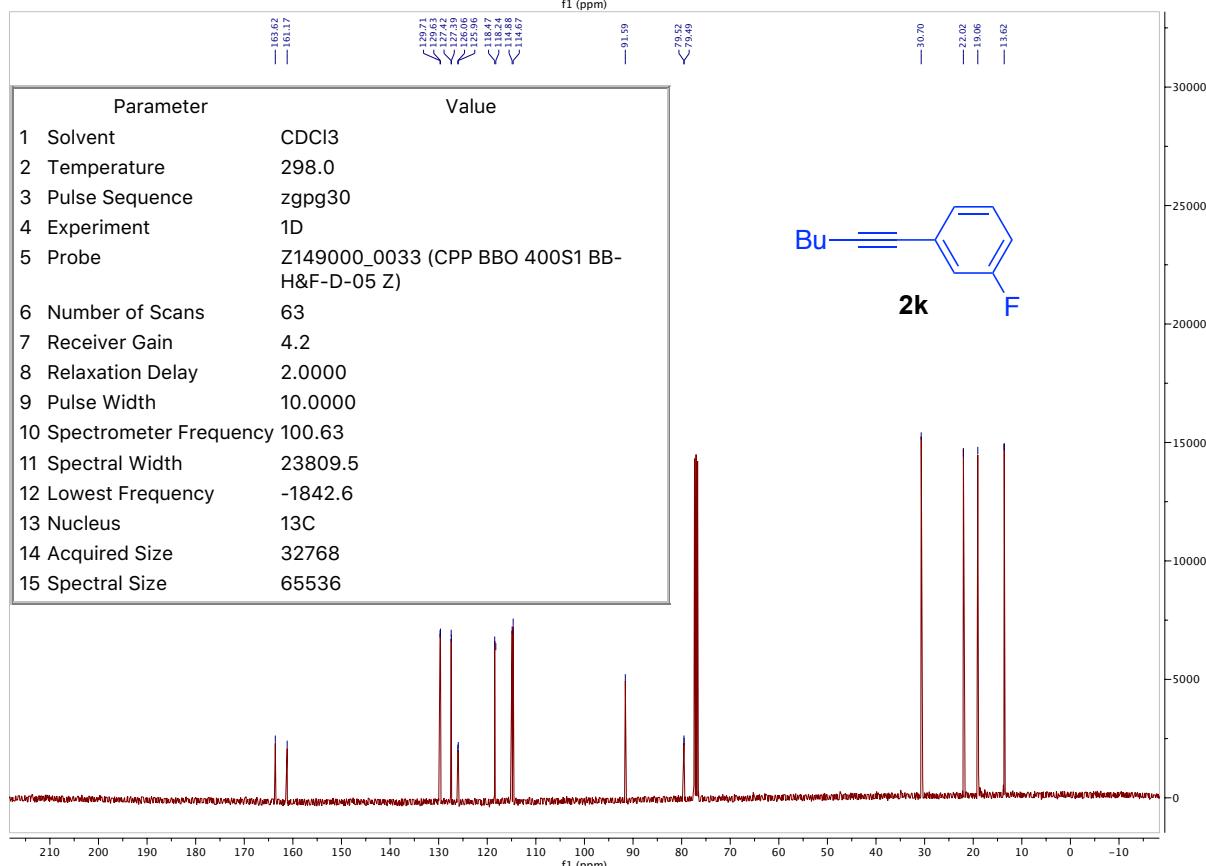
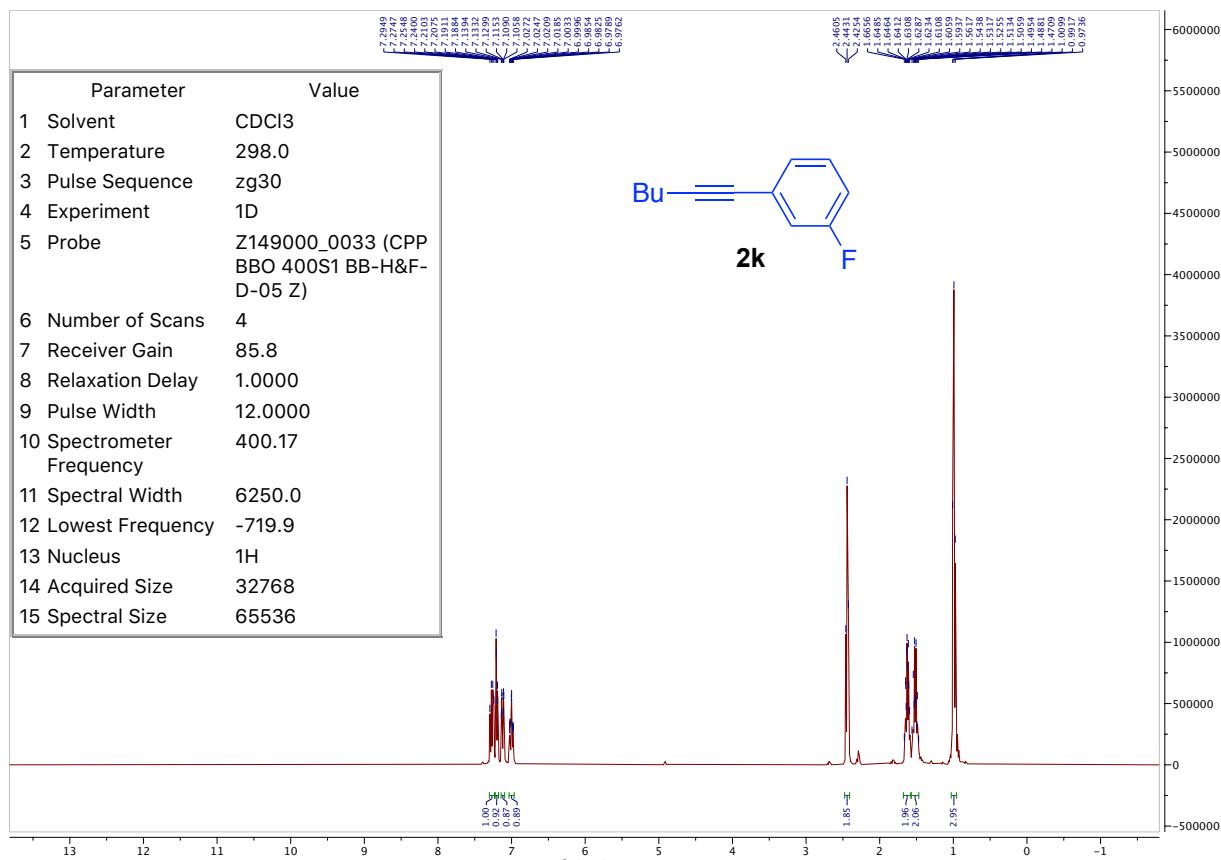
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 201.5, 143.8, 141.2, 138.5, 137.4, 136.9, 134.3, 132.6, 130.0, 129.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 21.2, 20.0. **HRMS** (EI) m/z: (M<sup>+</sup>) Calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O 312.1514; Found: 312.1509.

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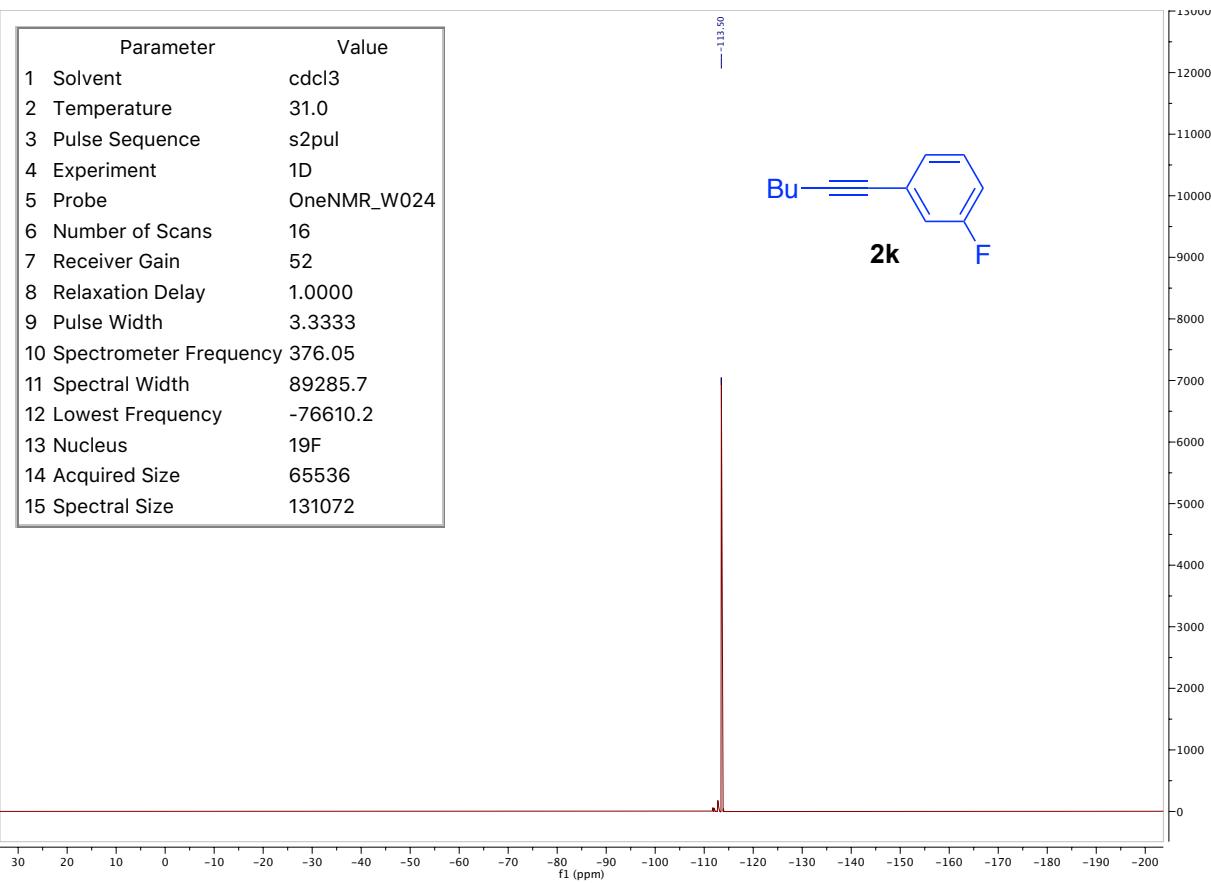
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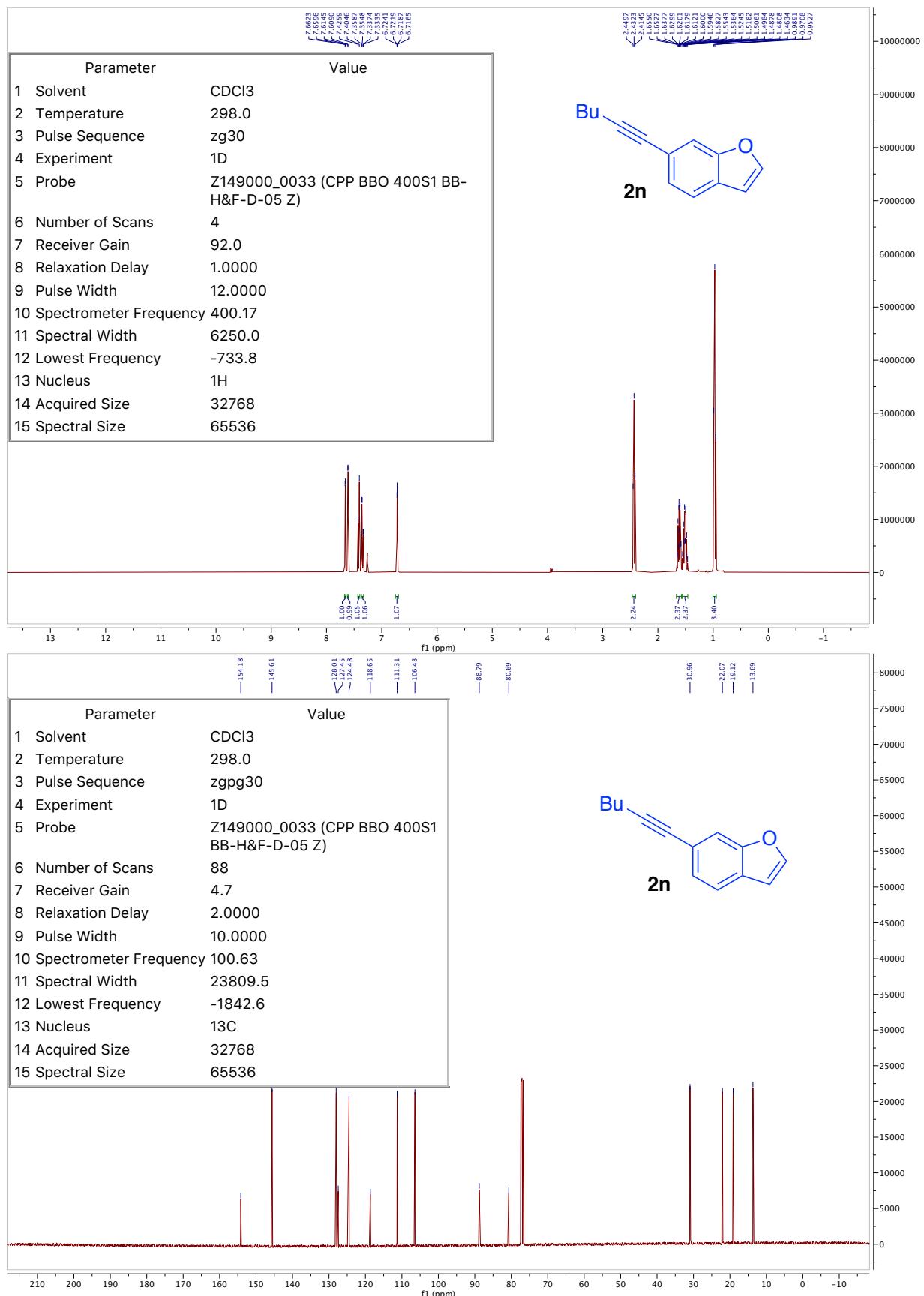
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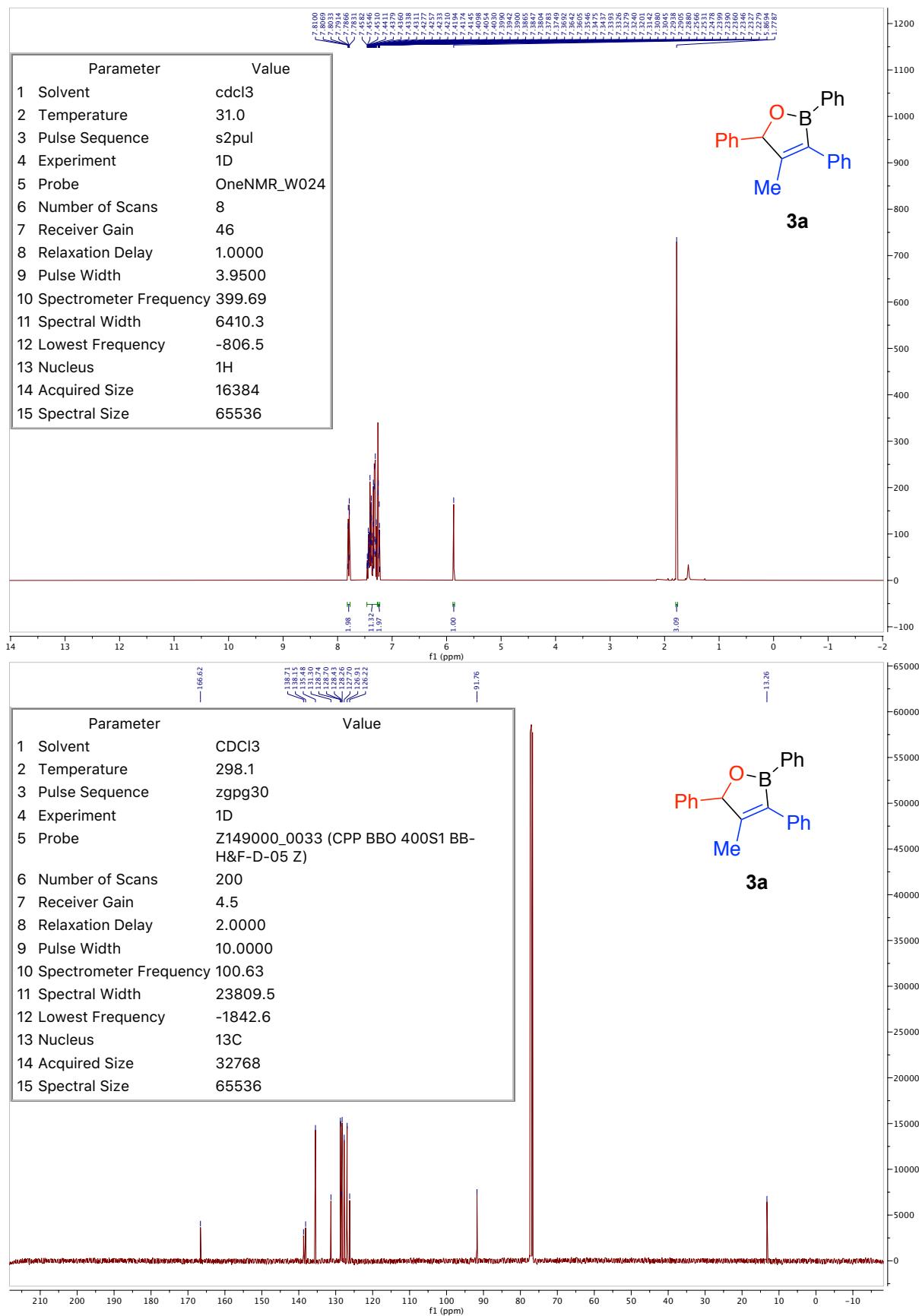


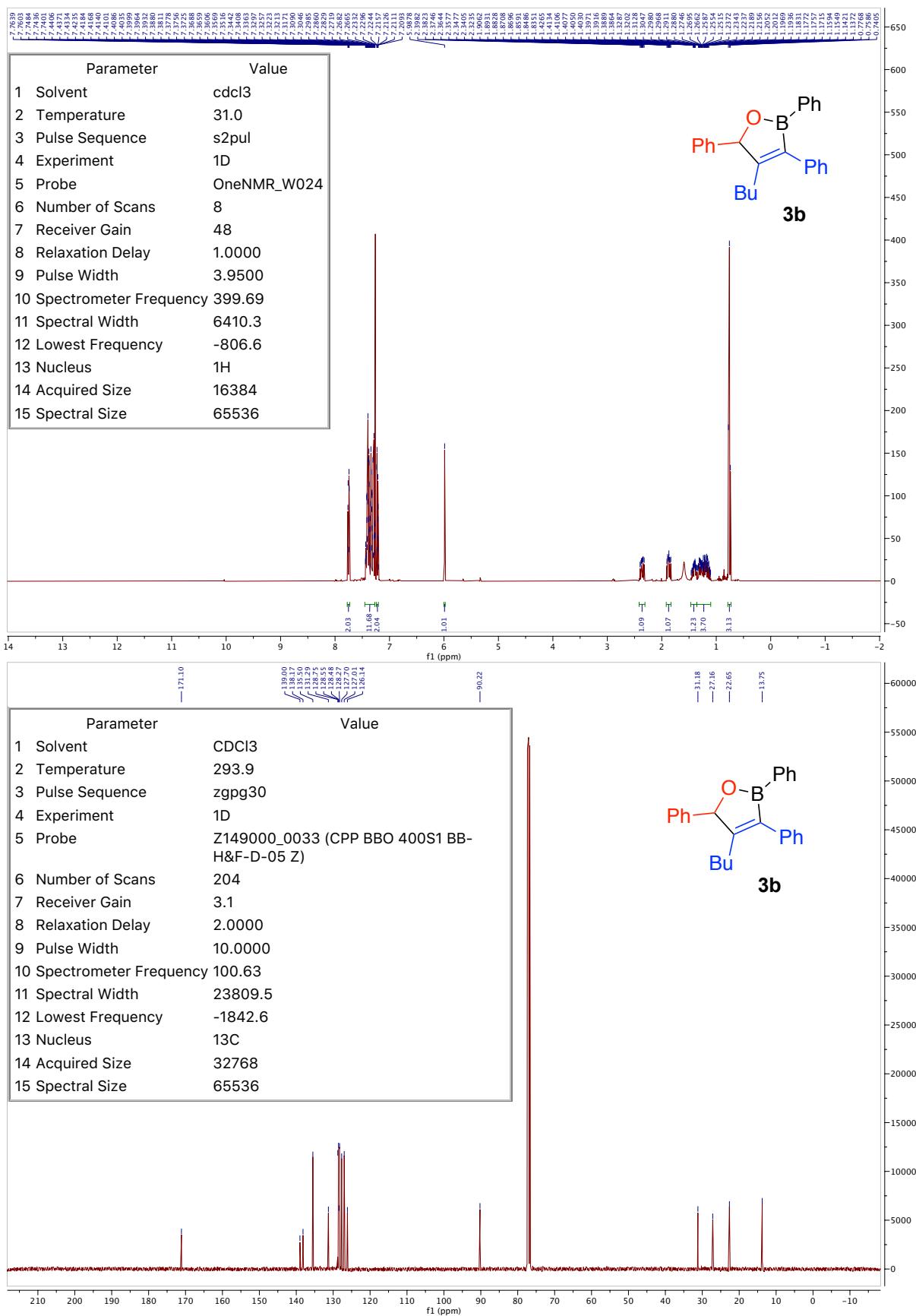


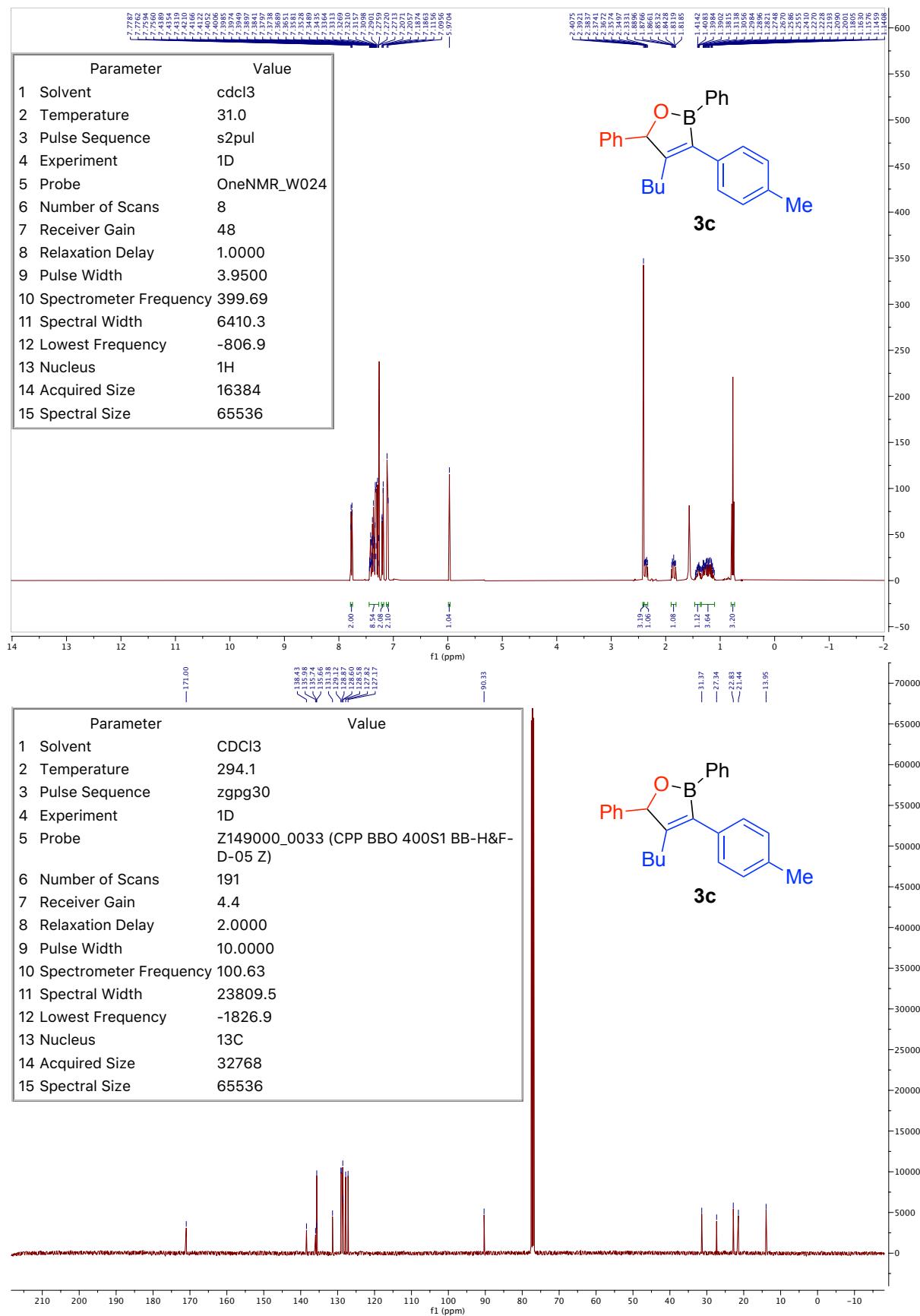
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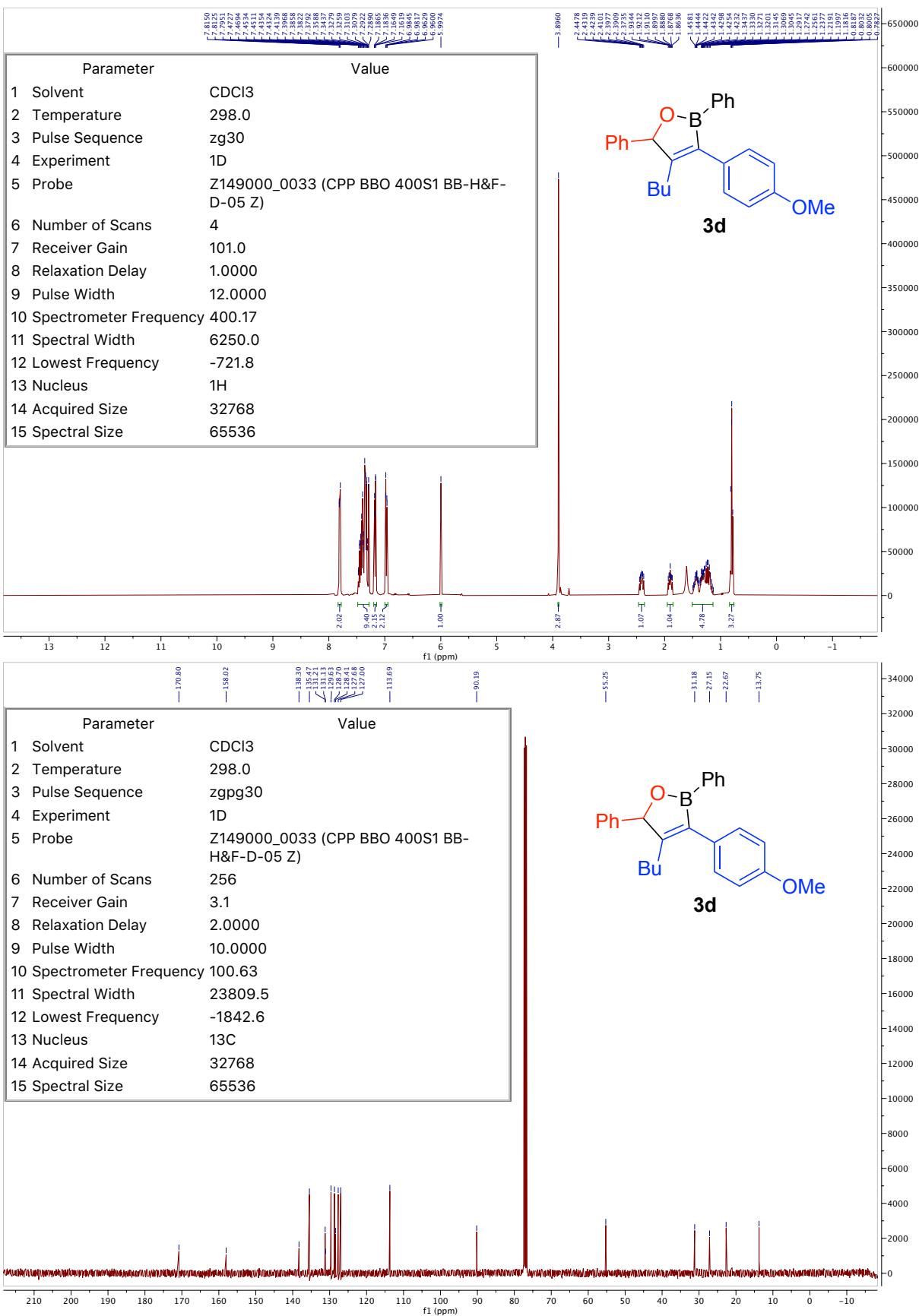


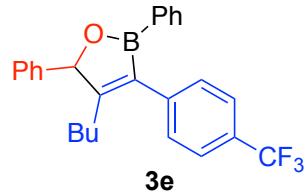
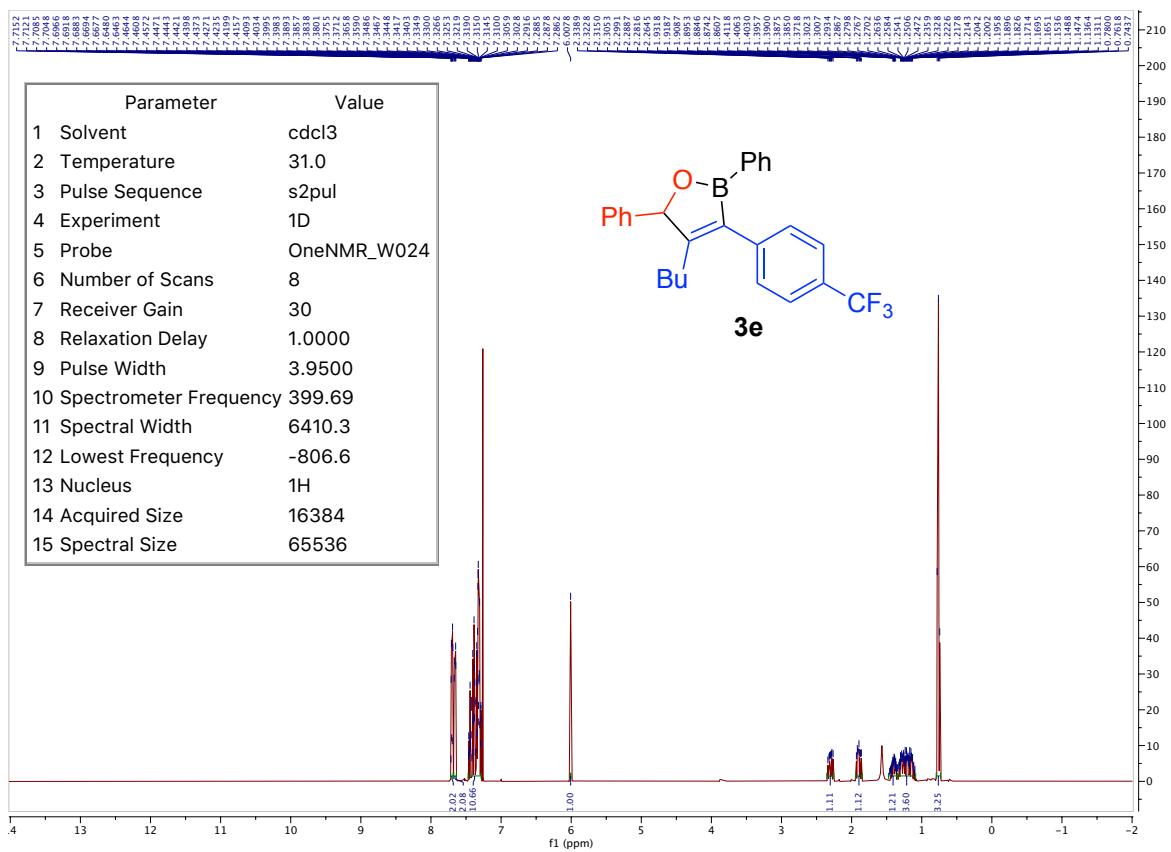




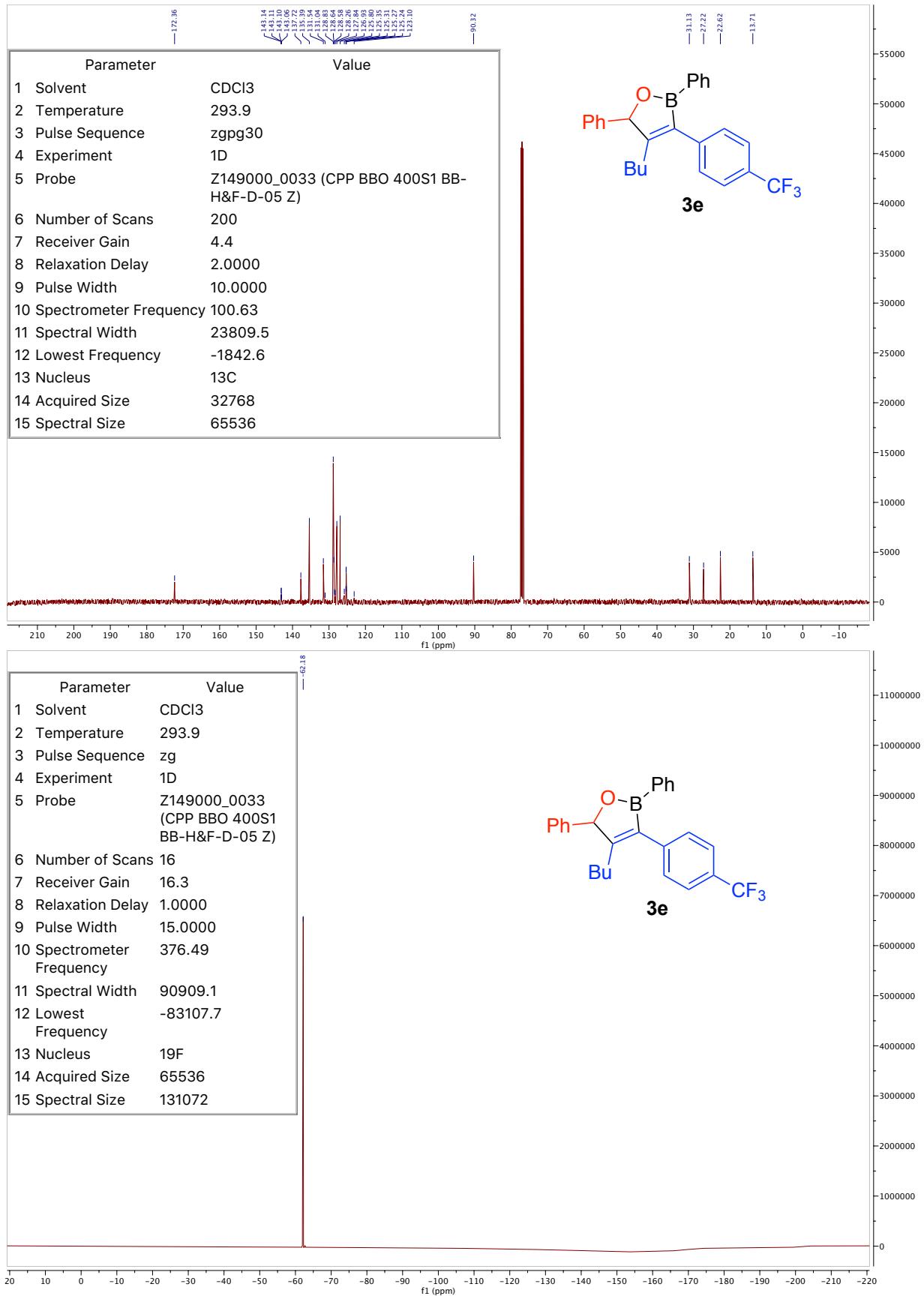


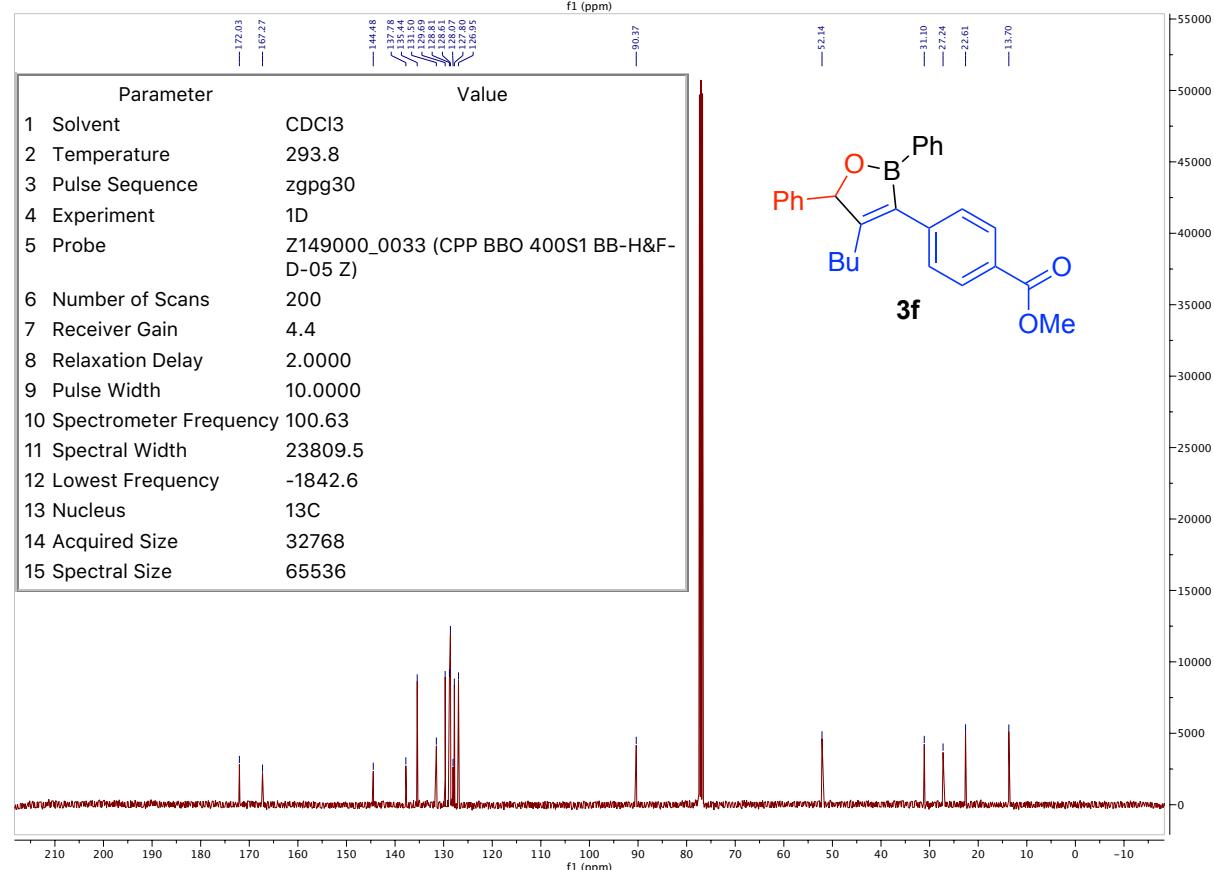
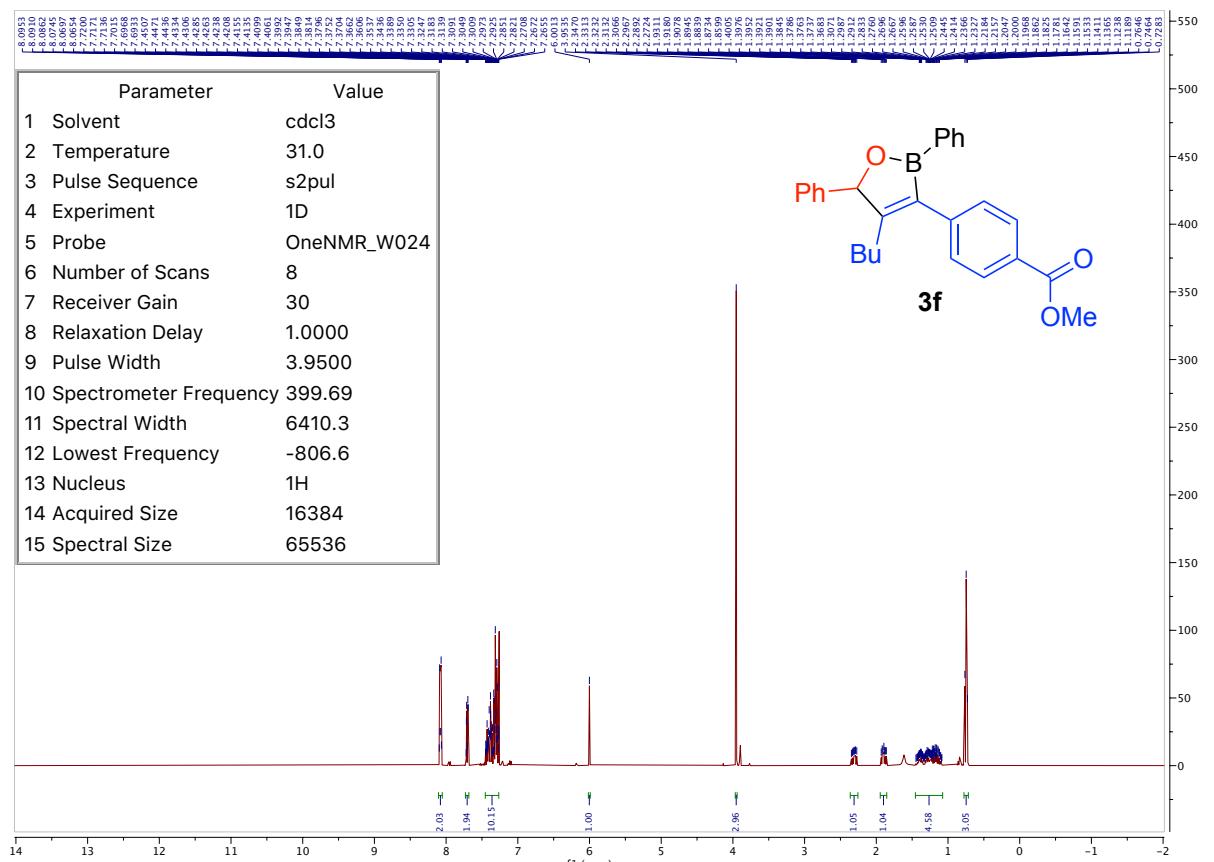


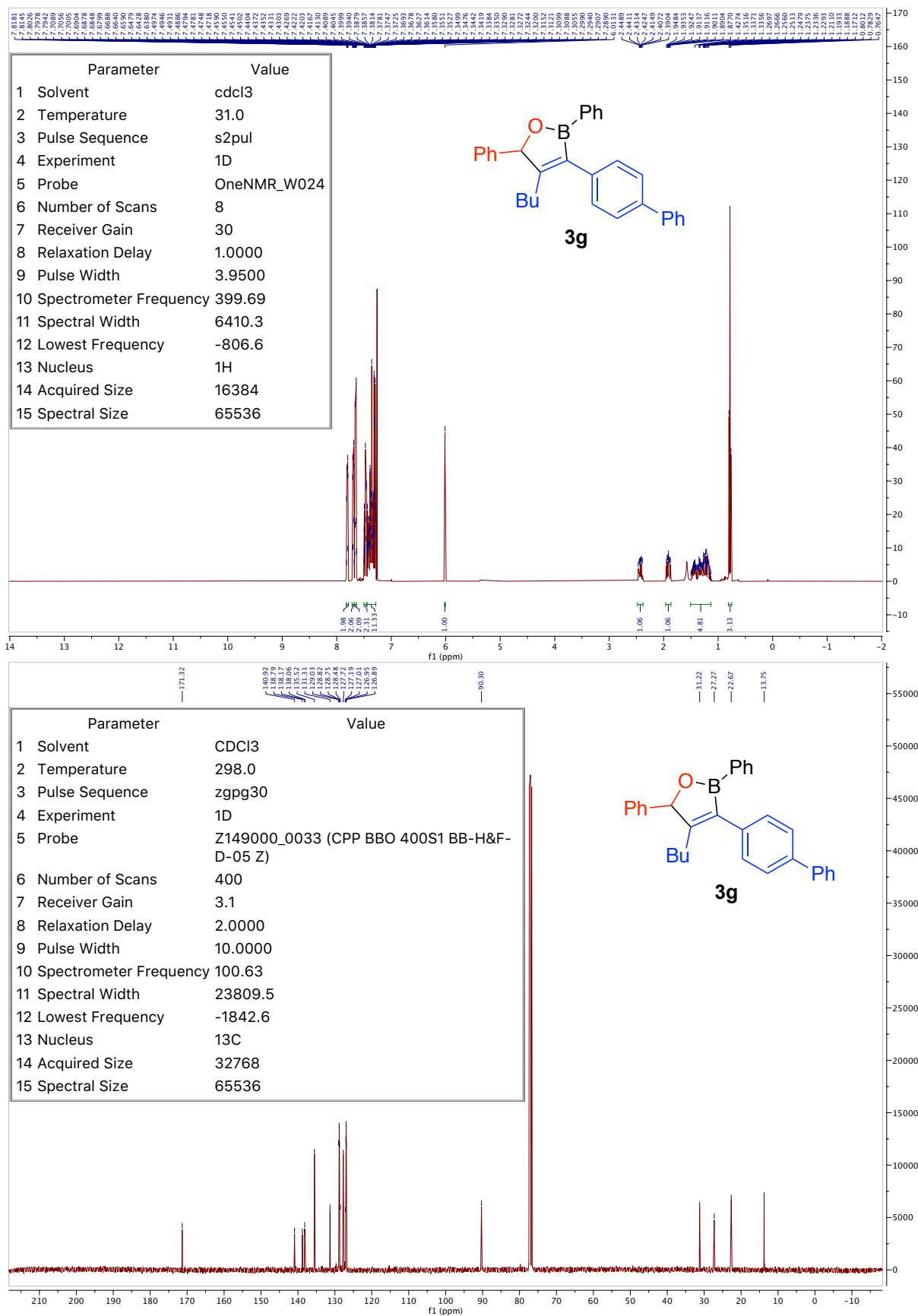


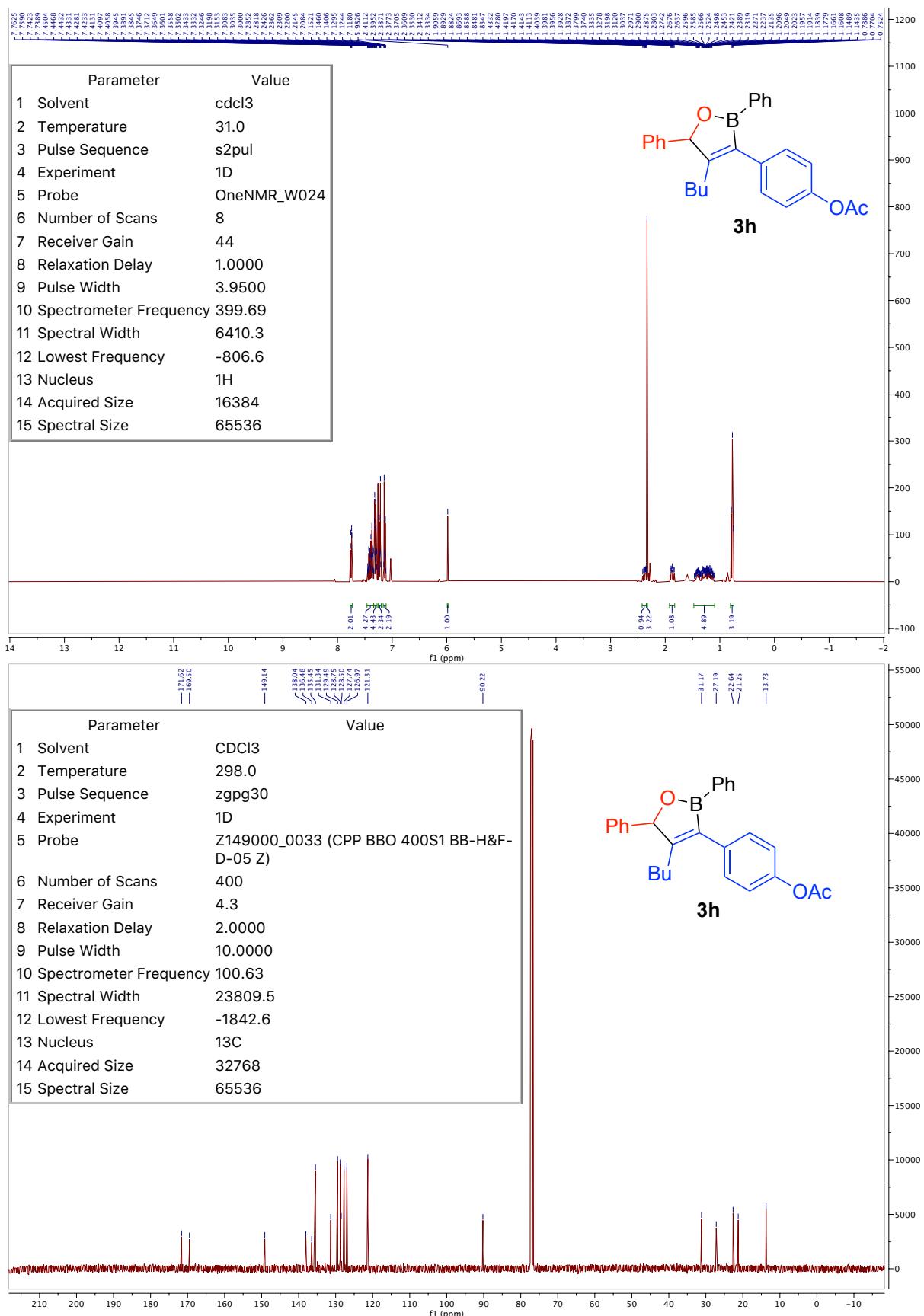


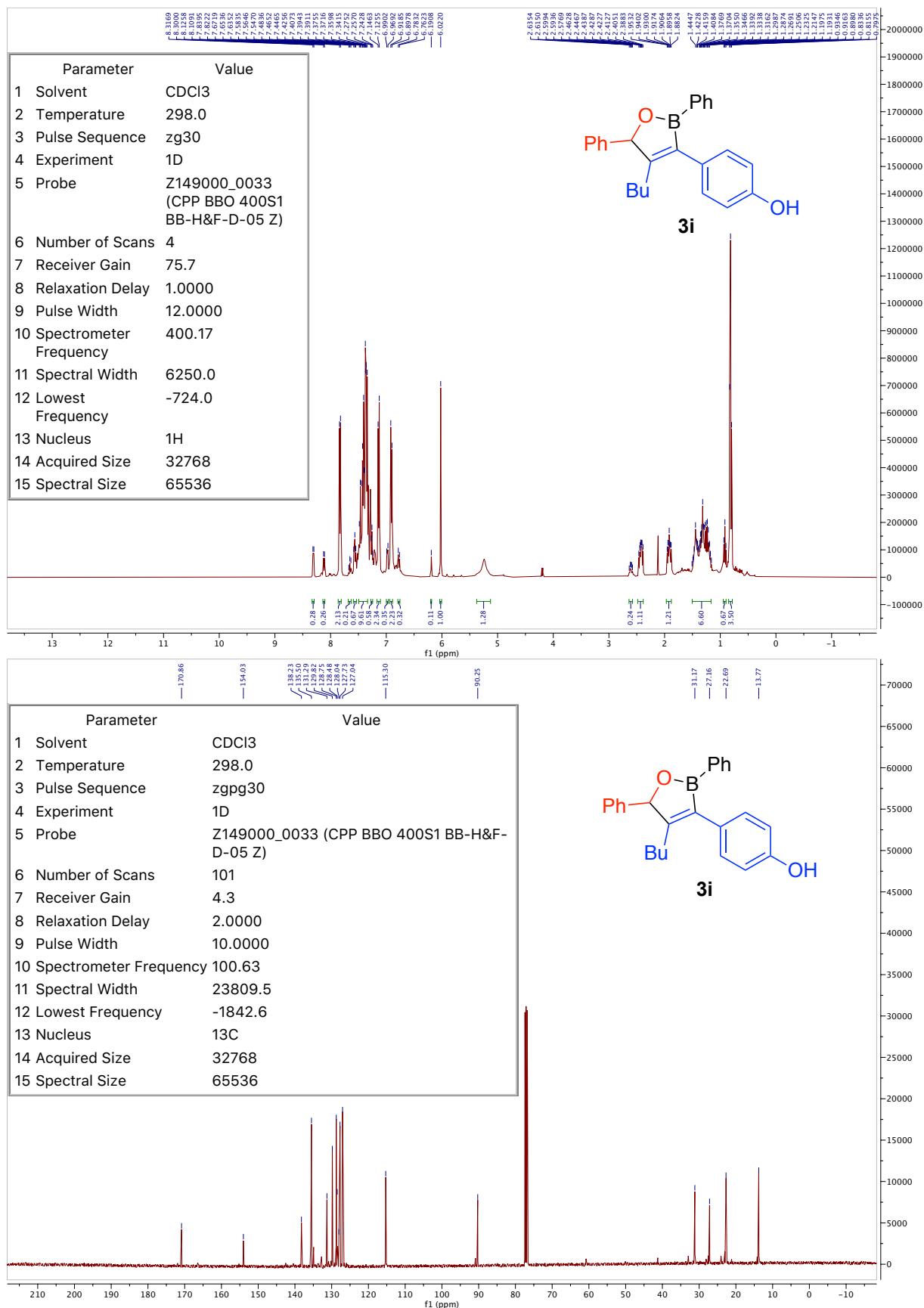
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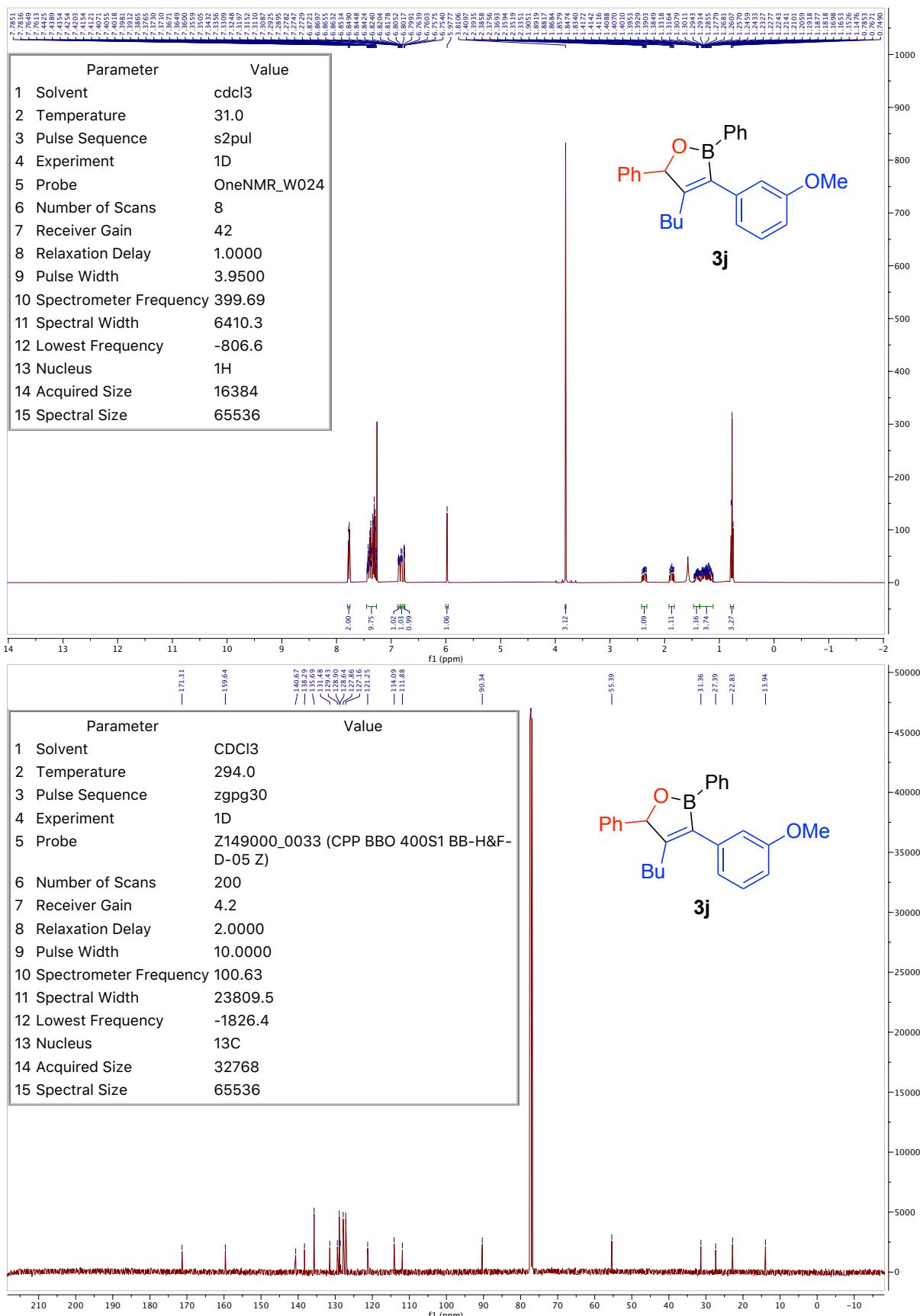


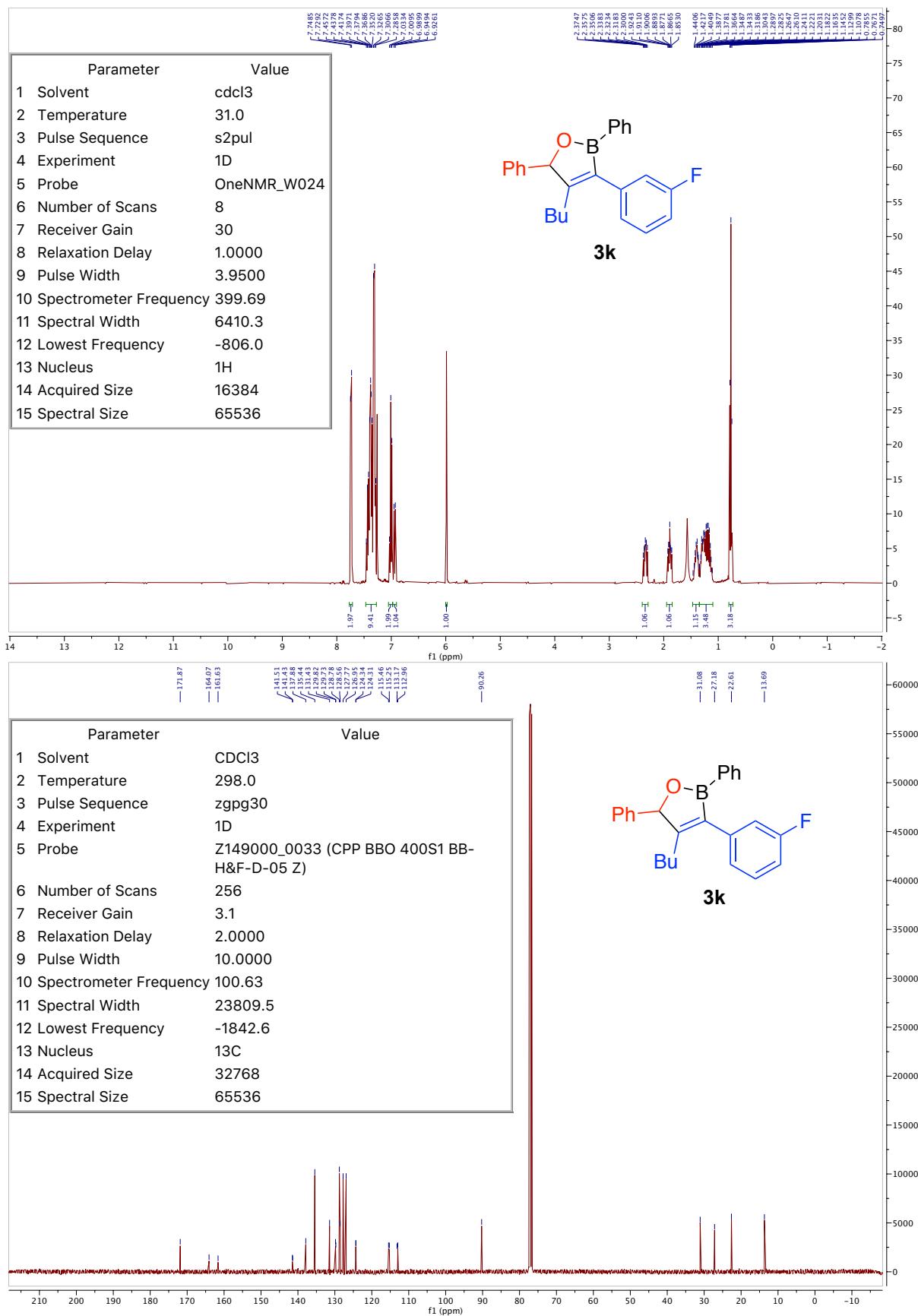




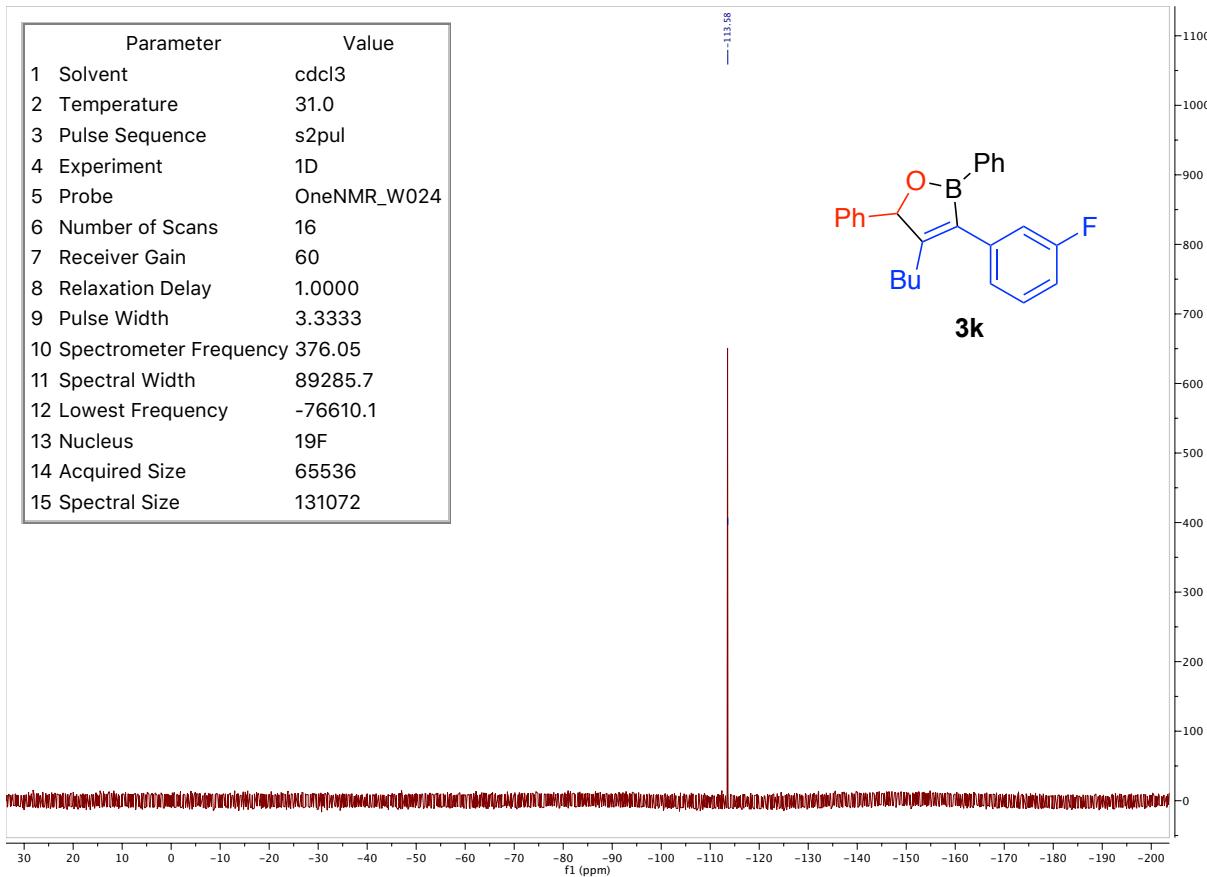


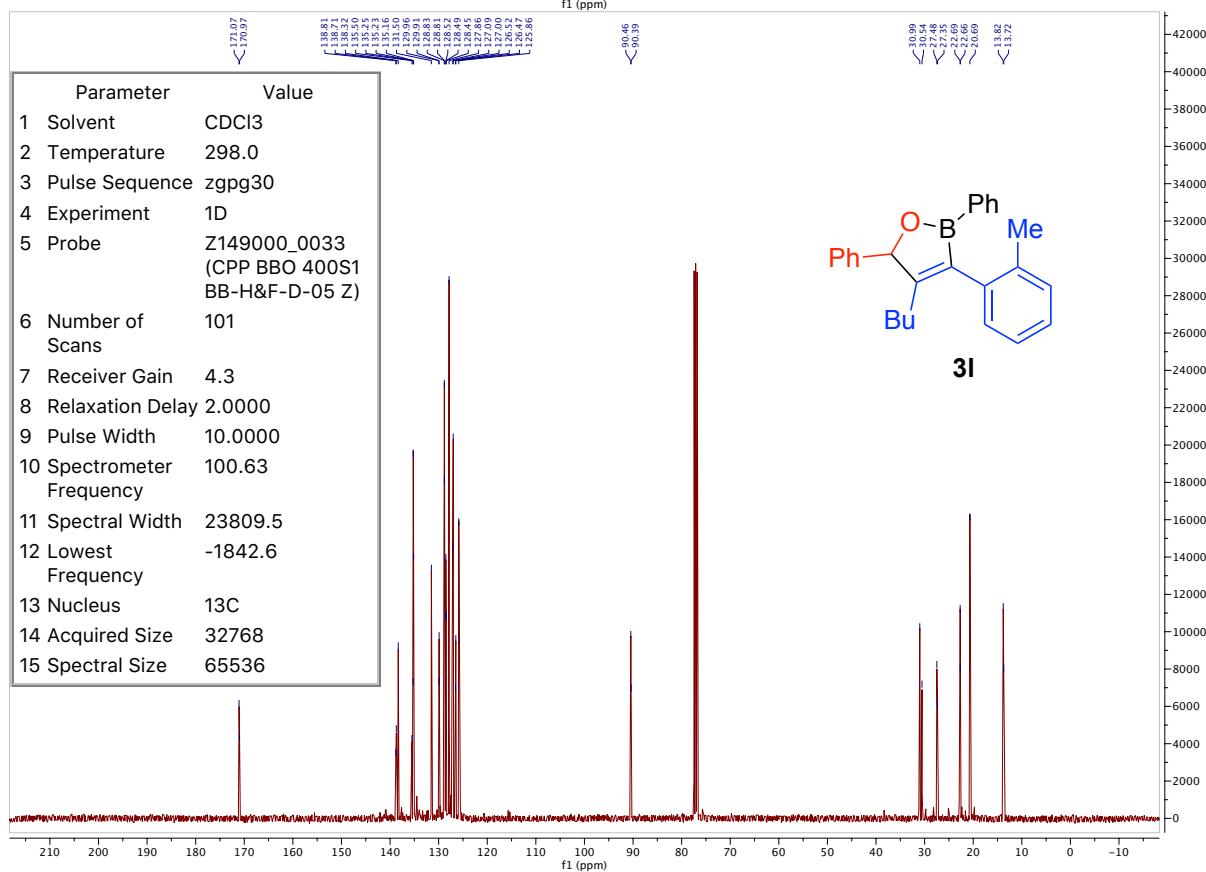
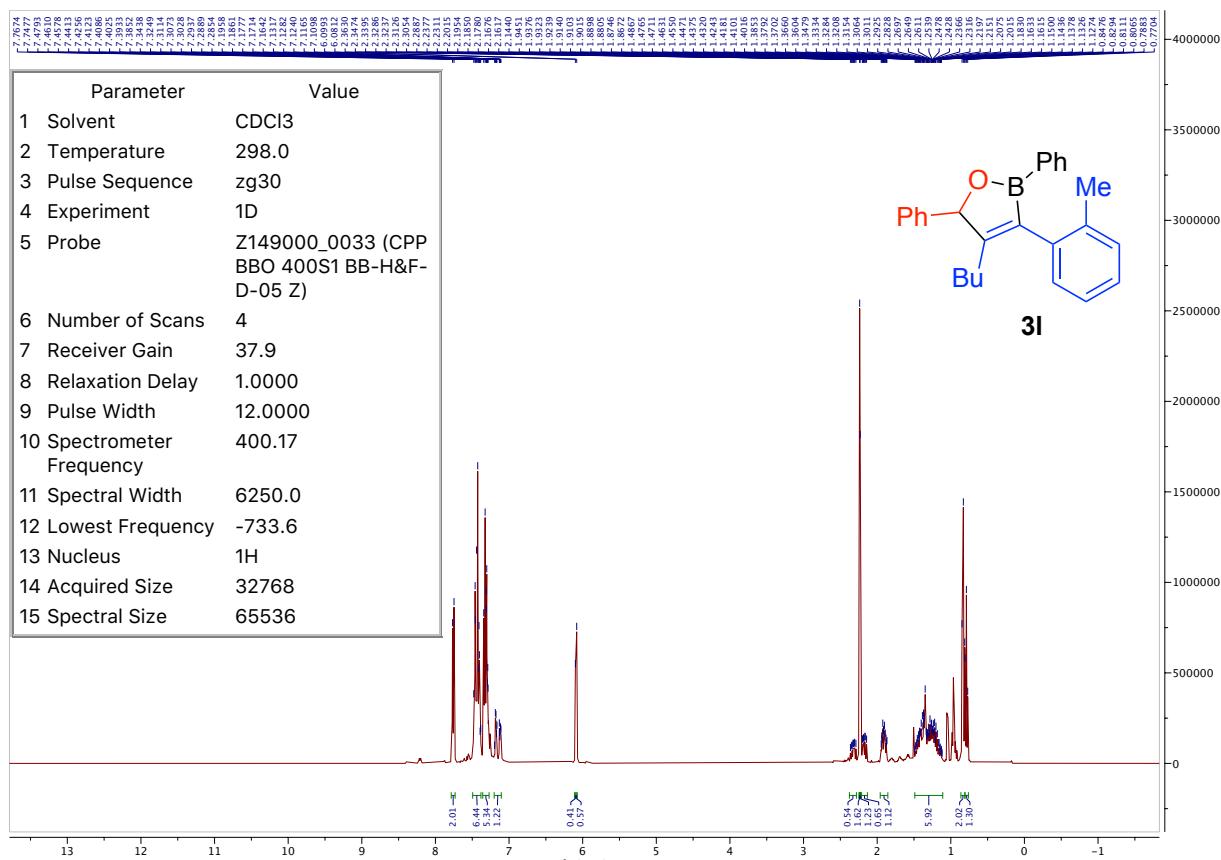


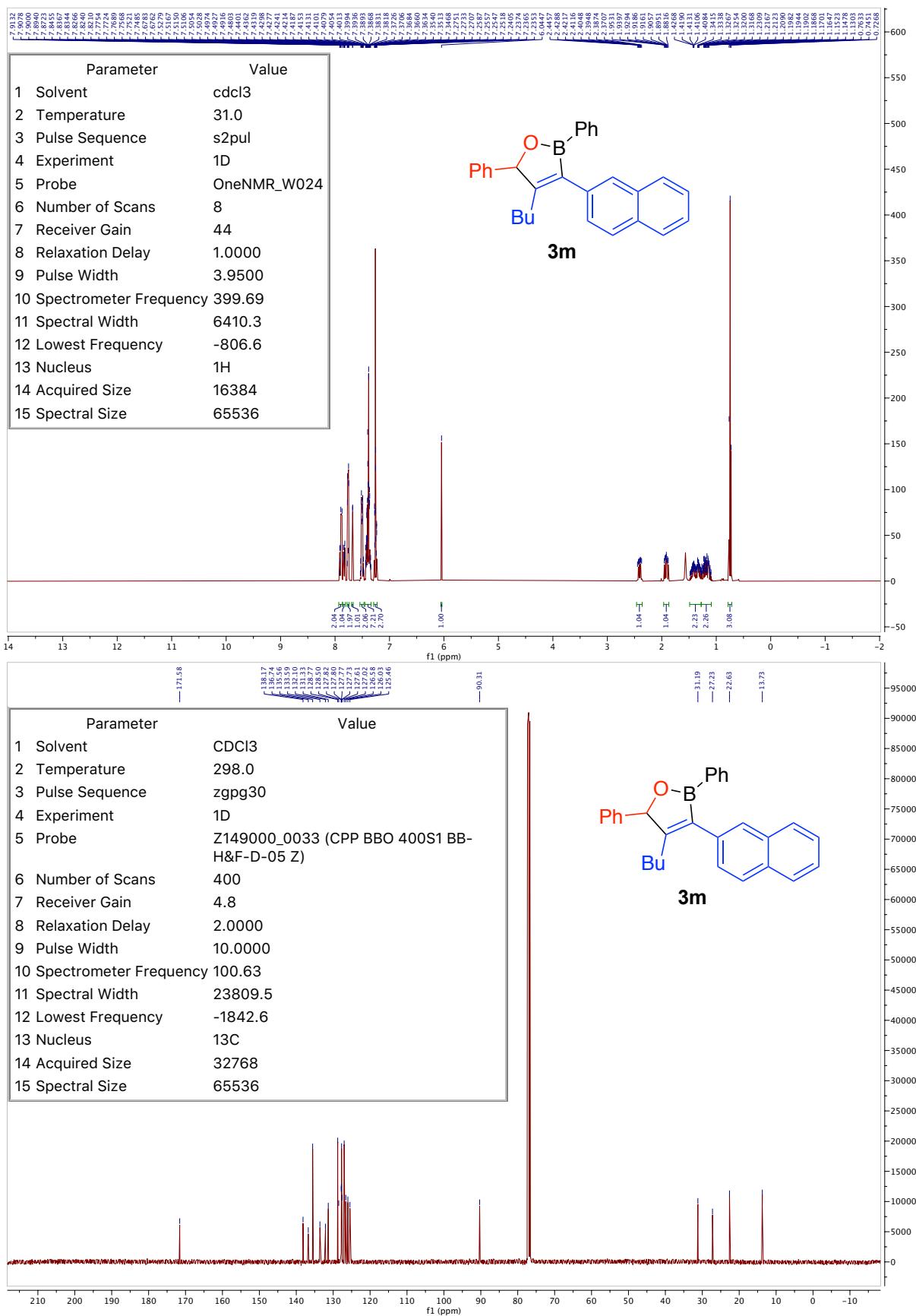


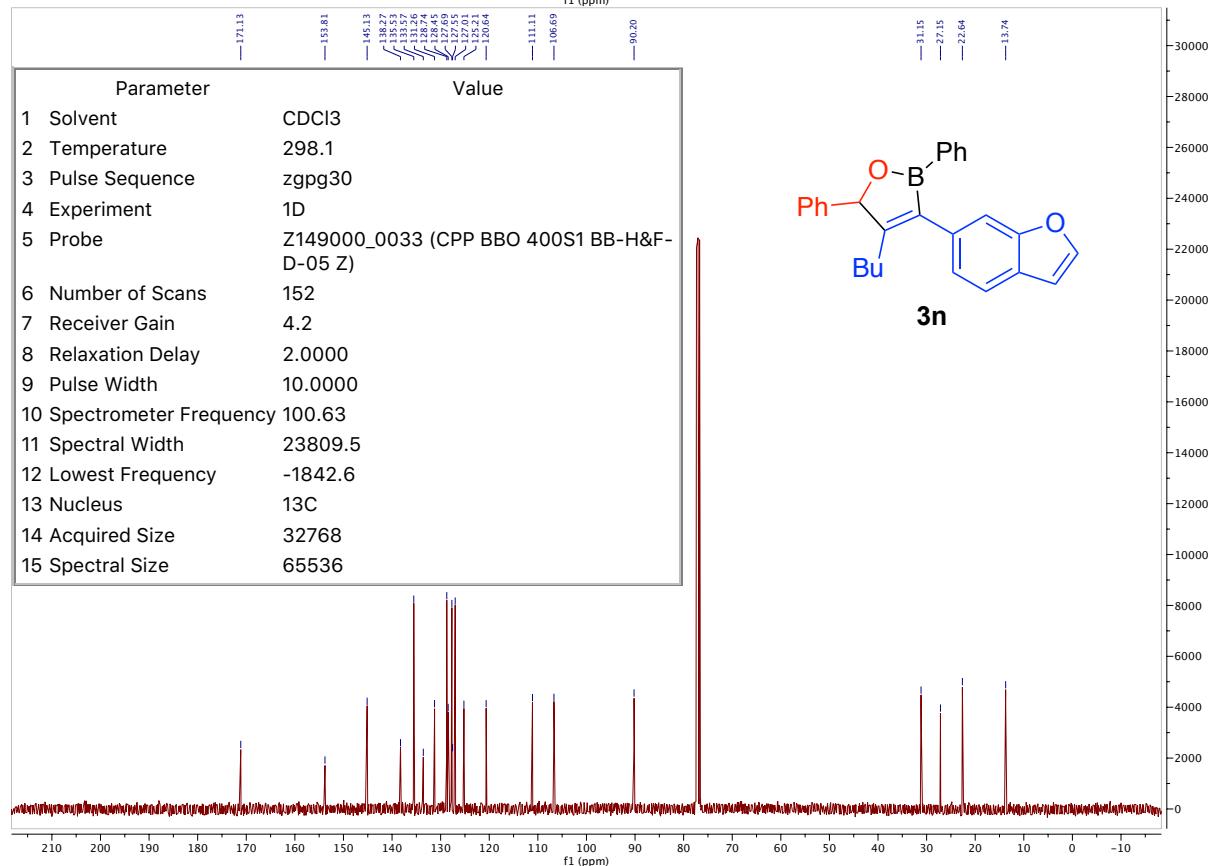
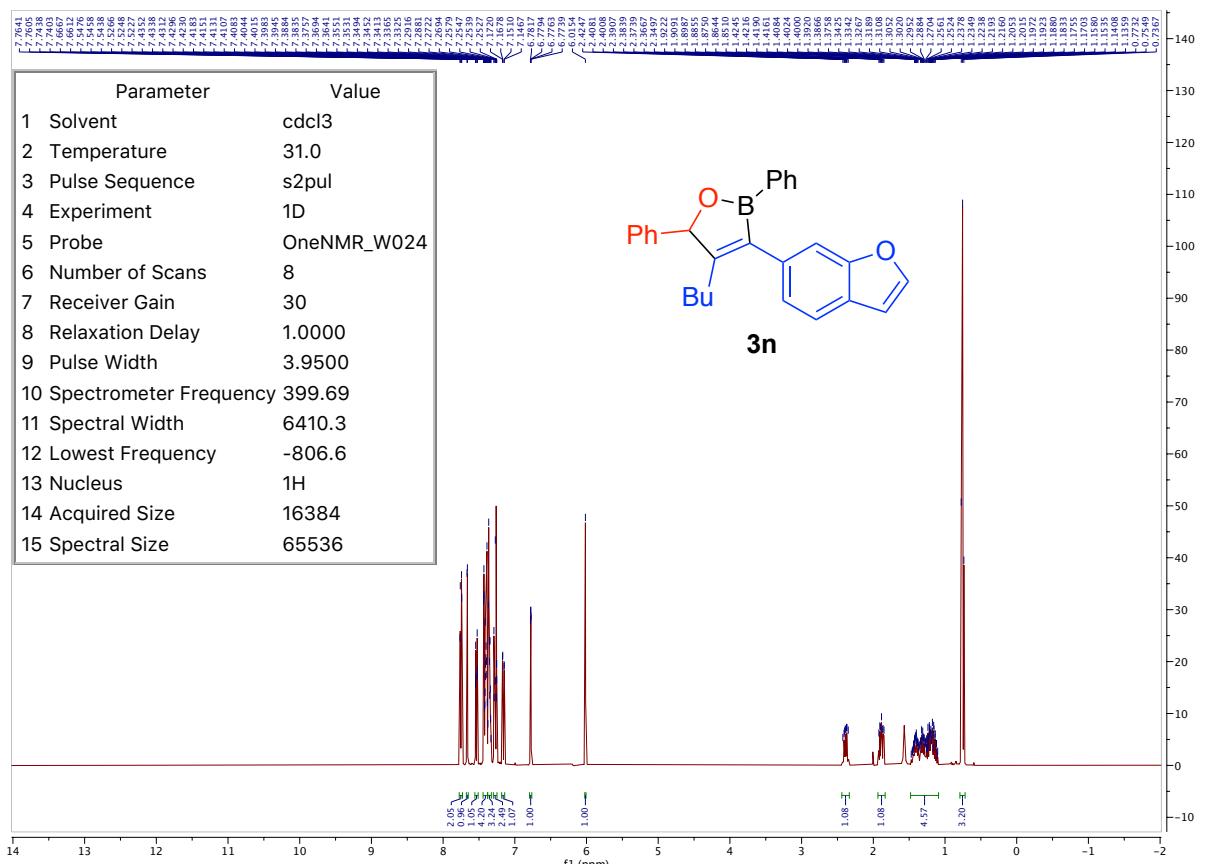


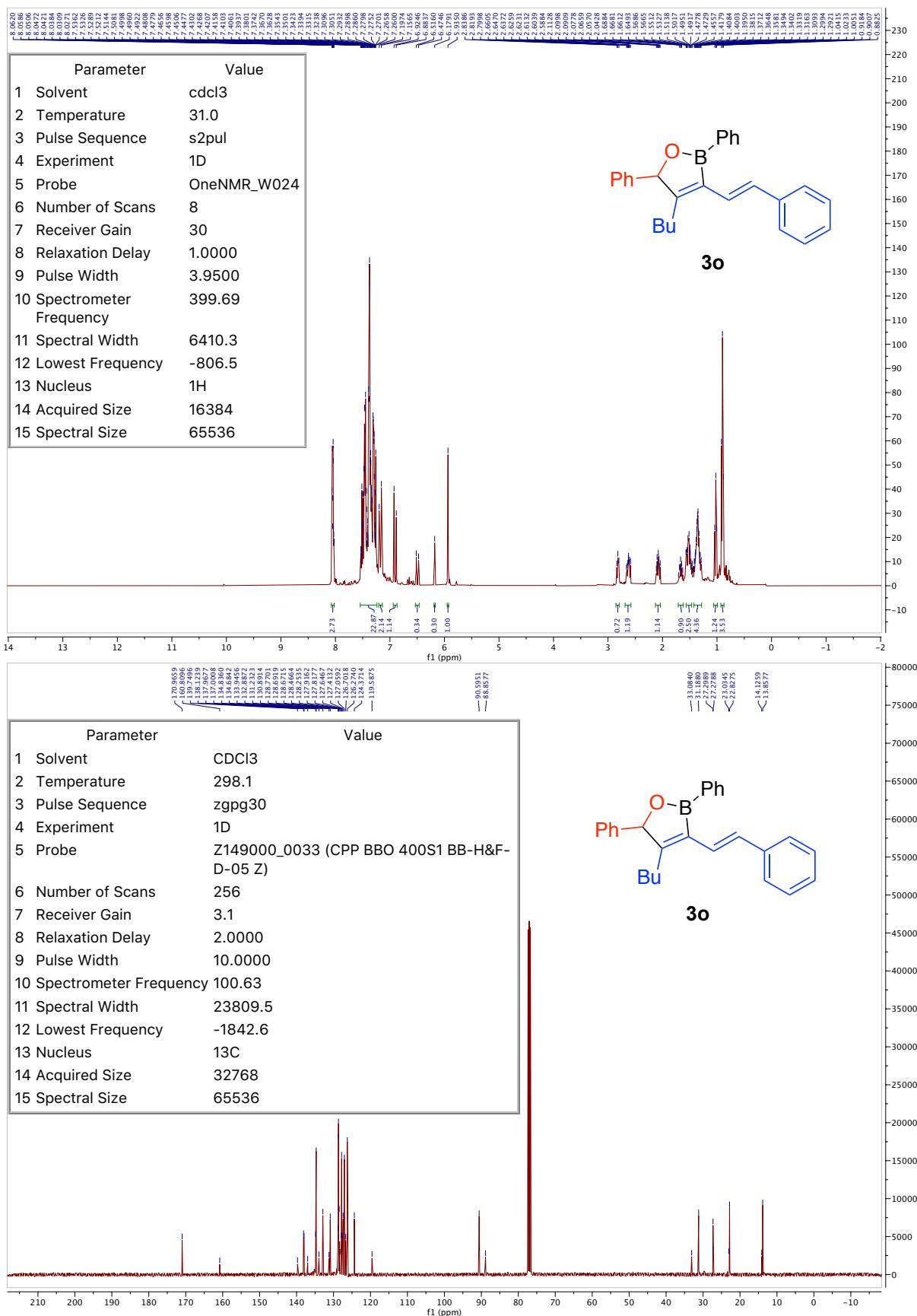
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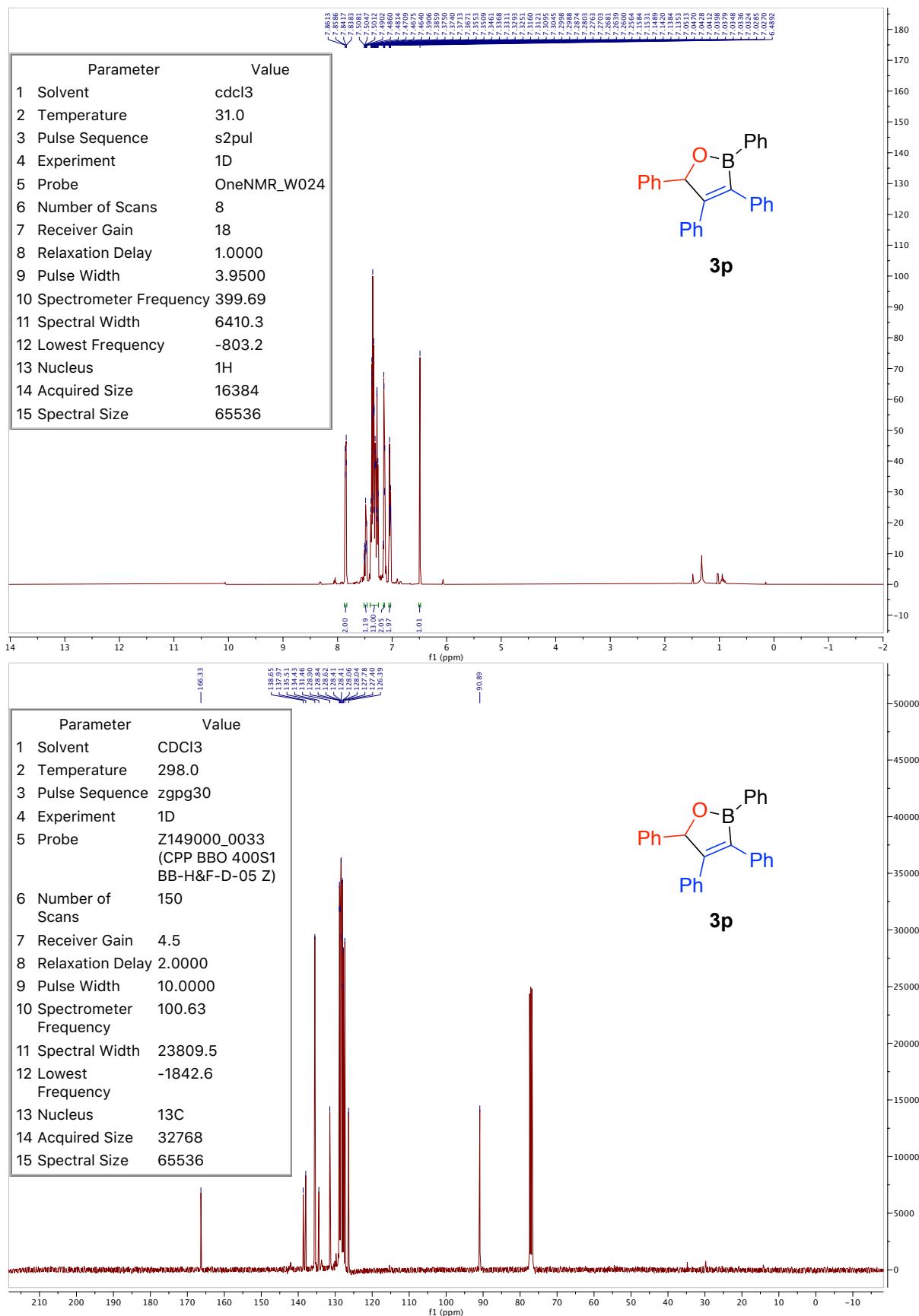


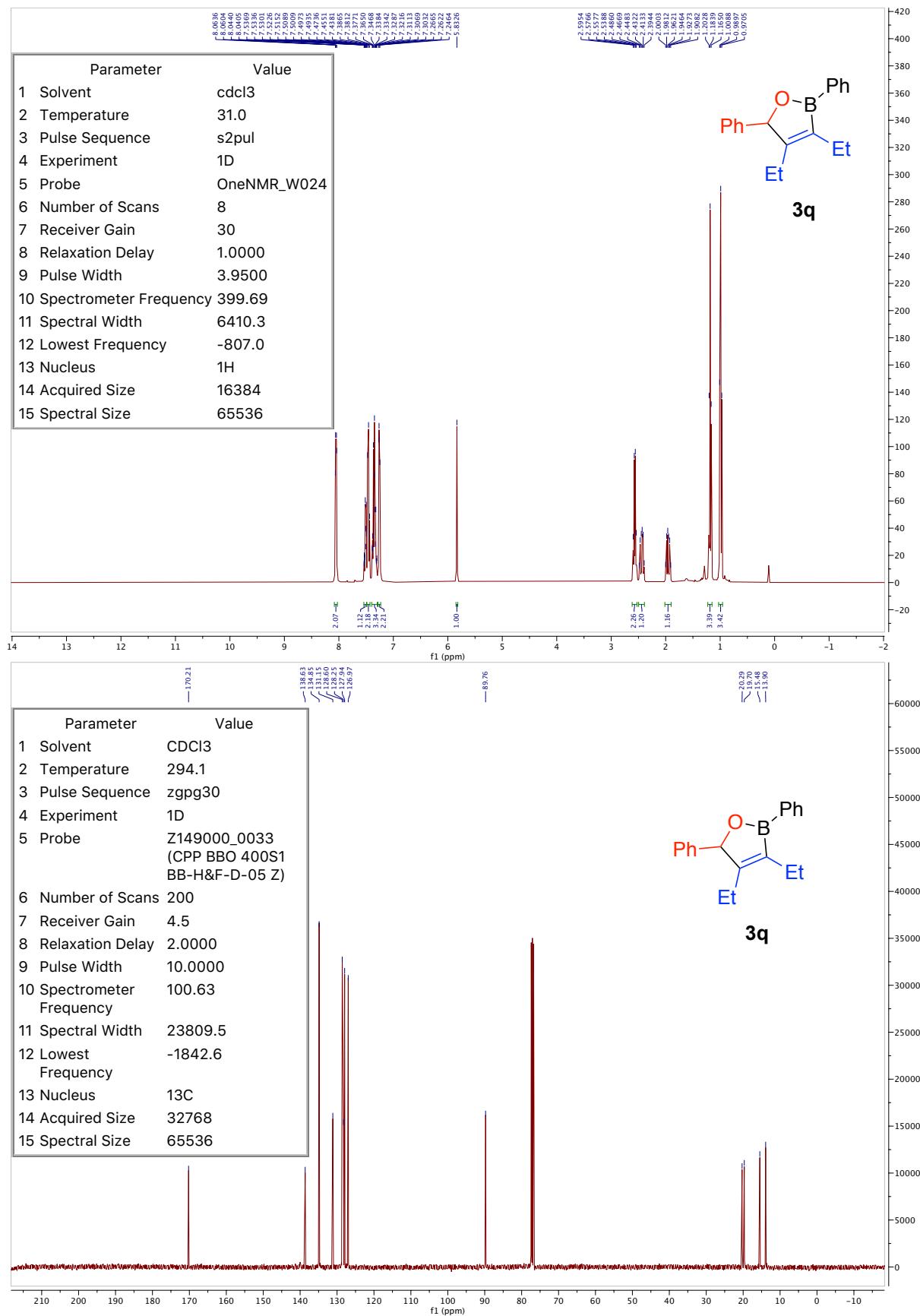


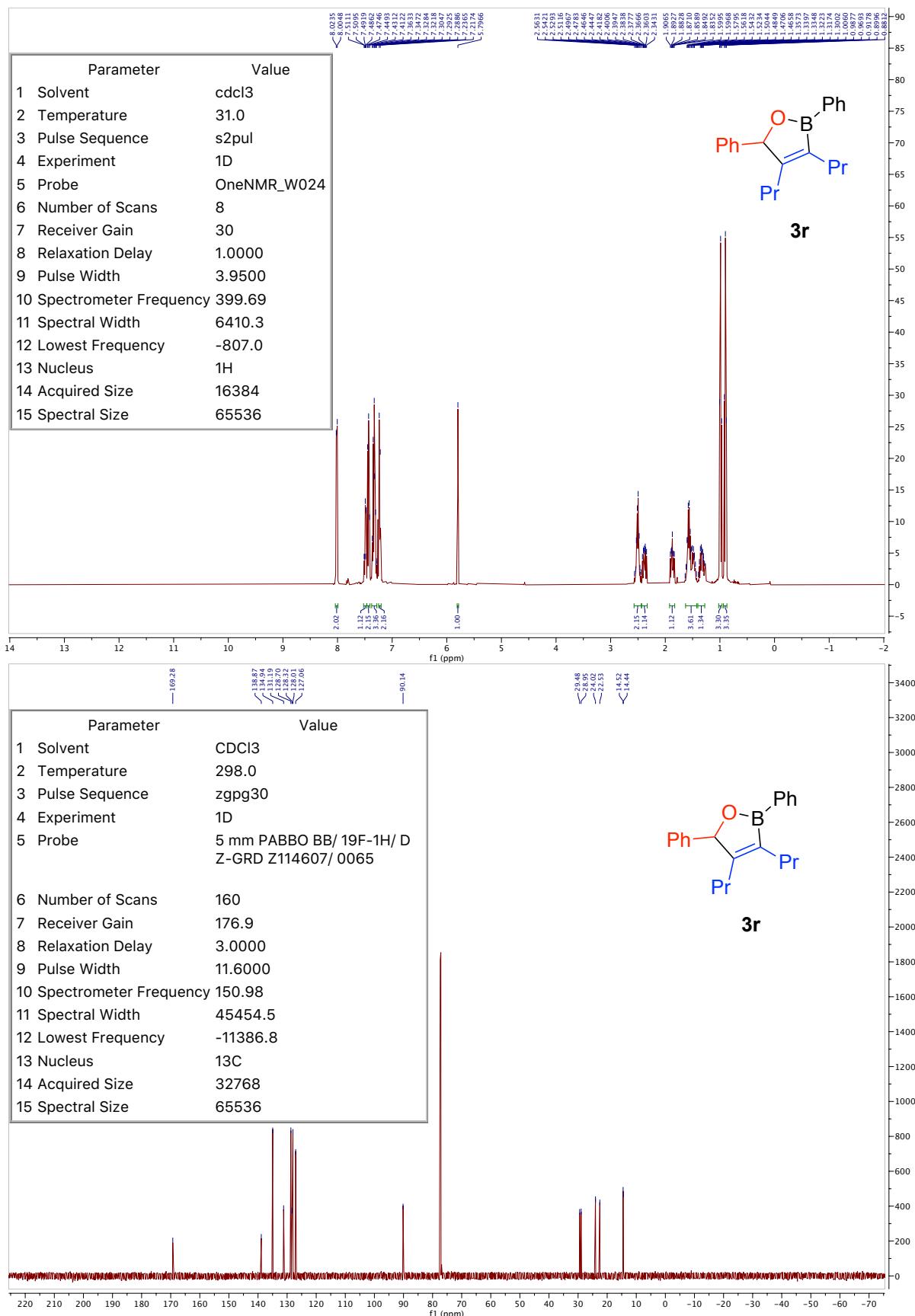


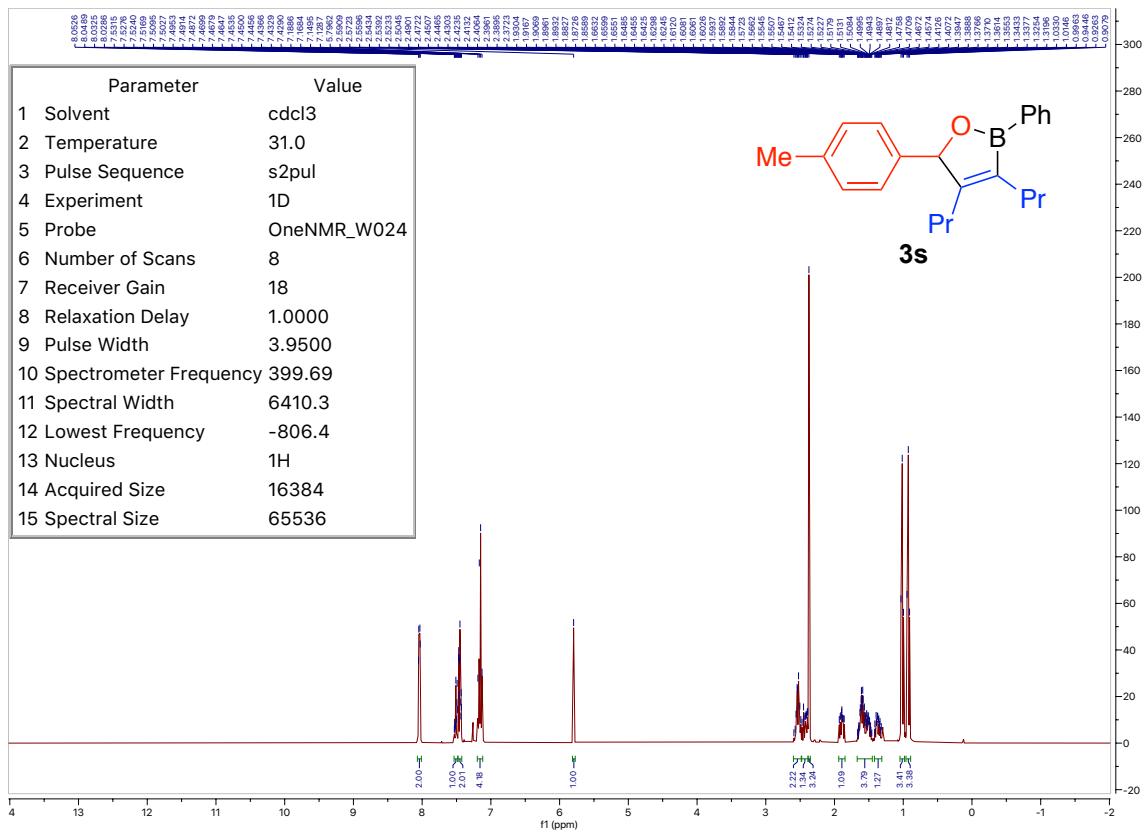
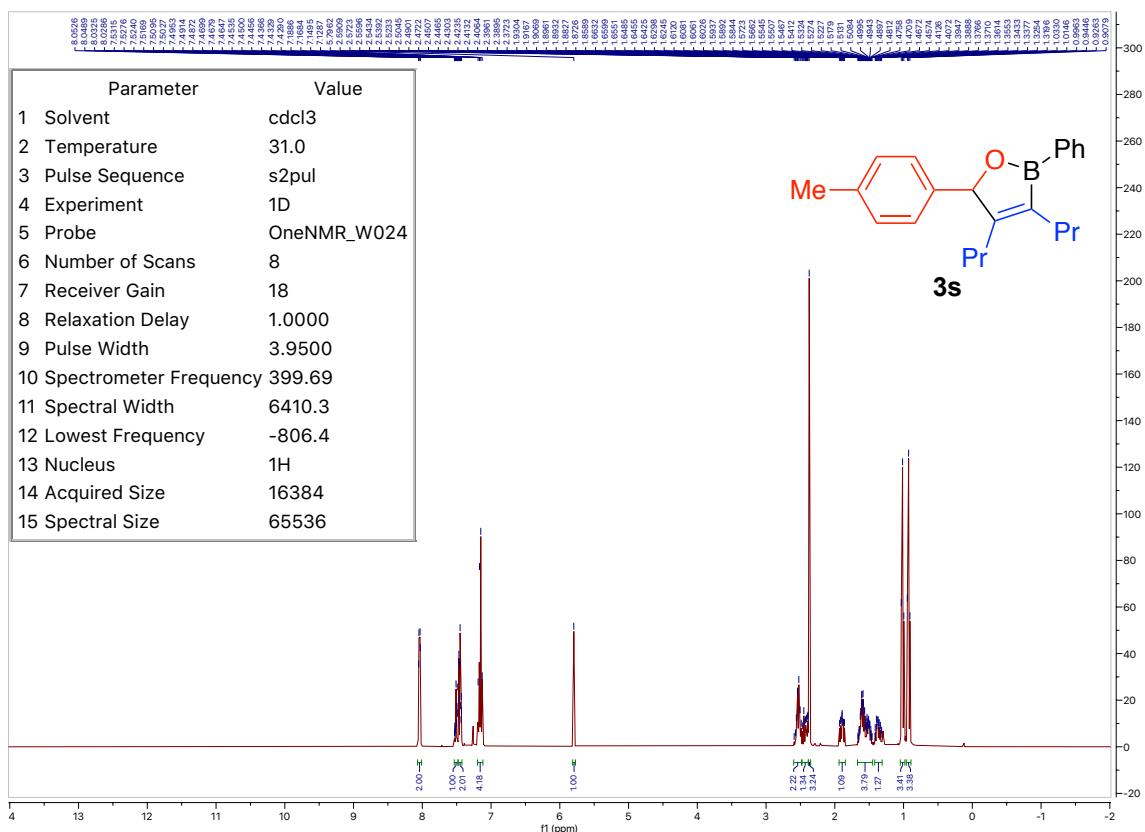


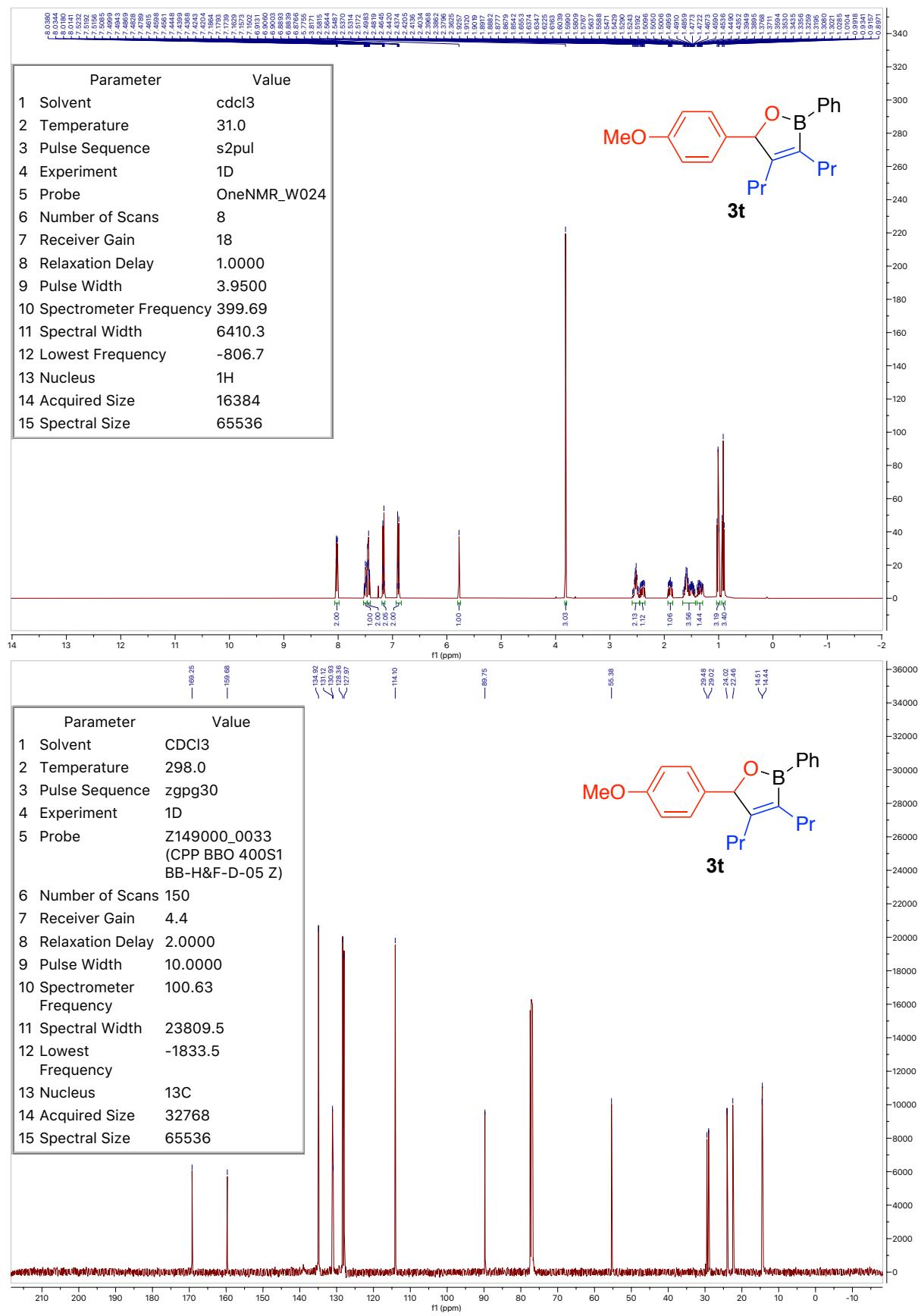


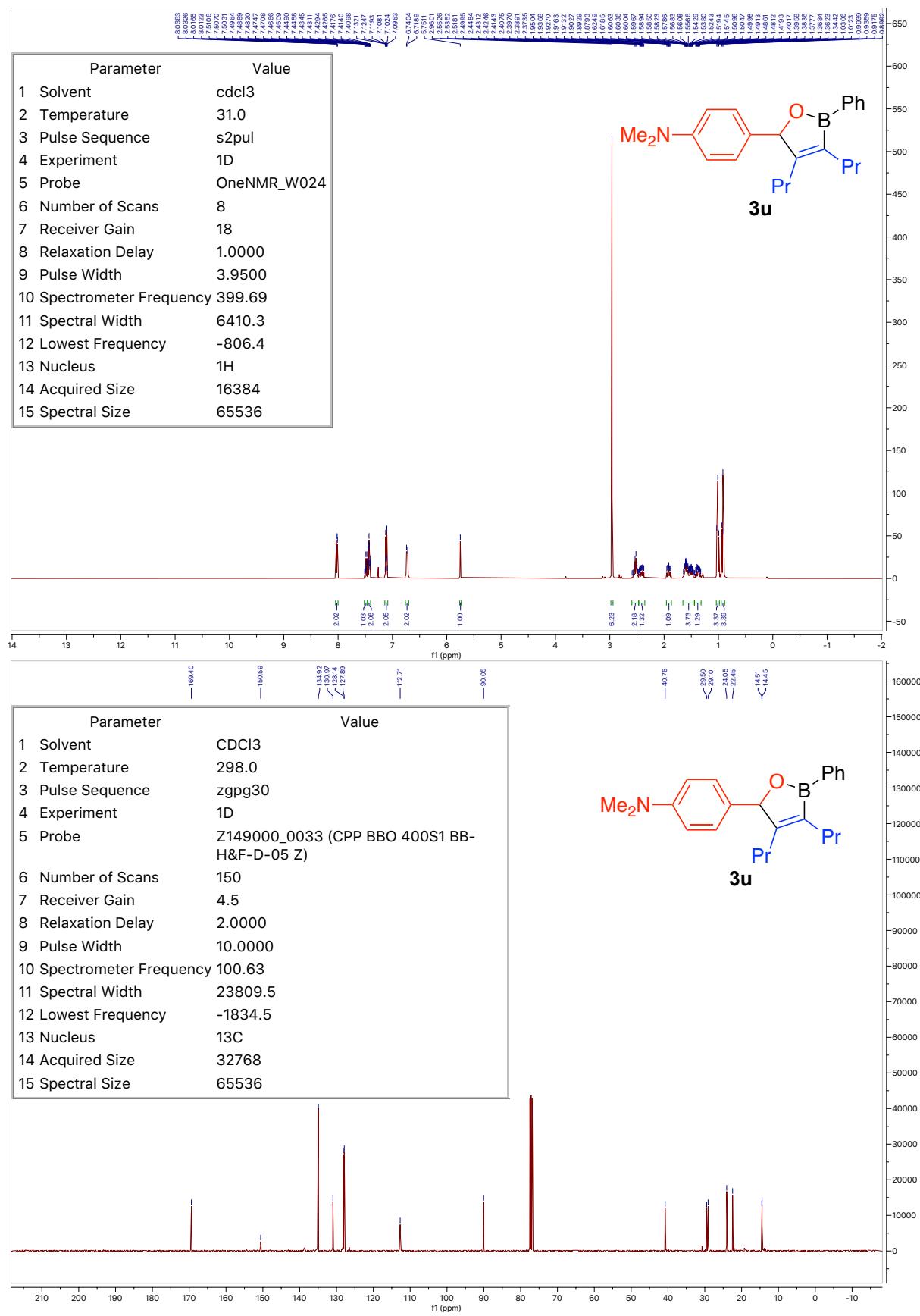


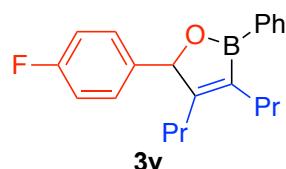
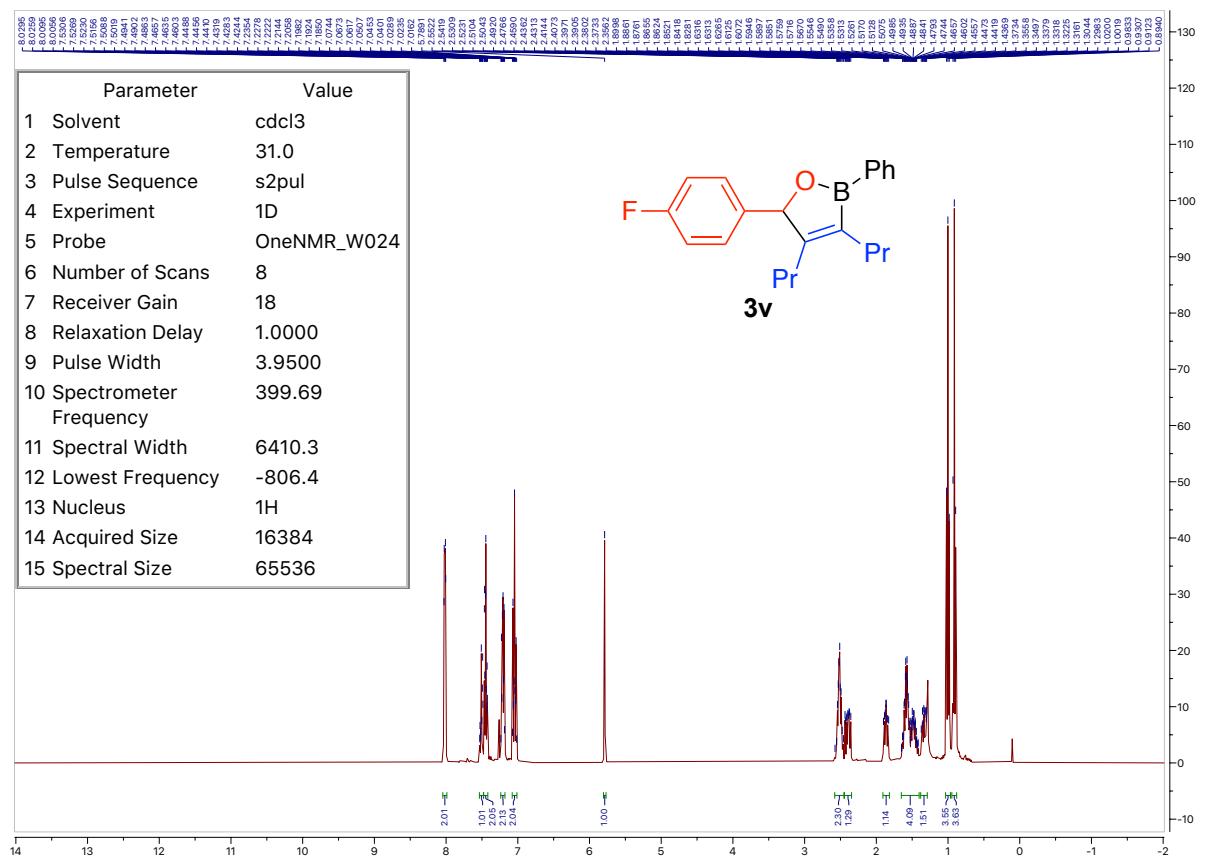




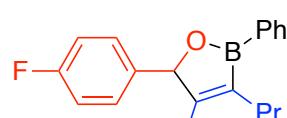
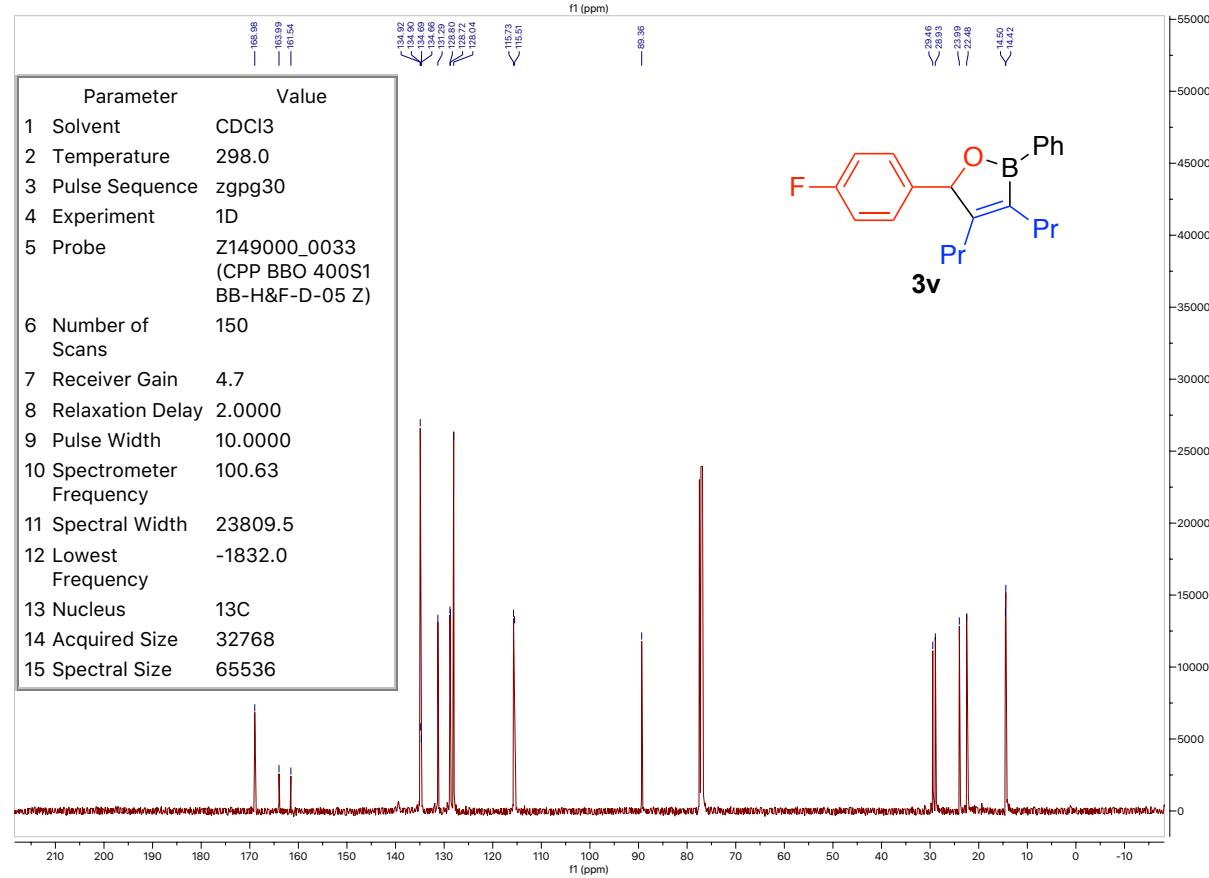




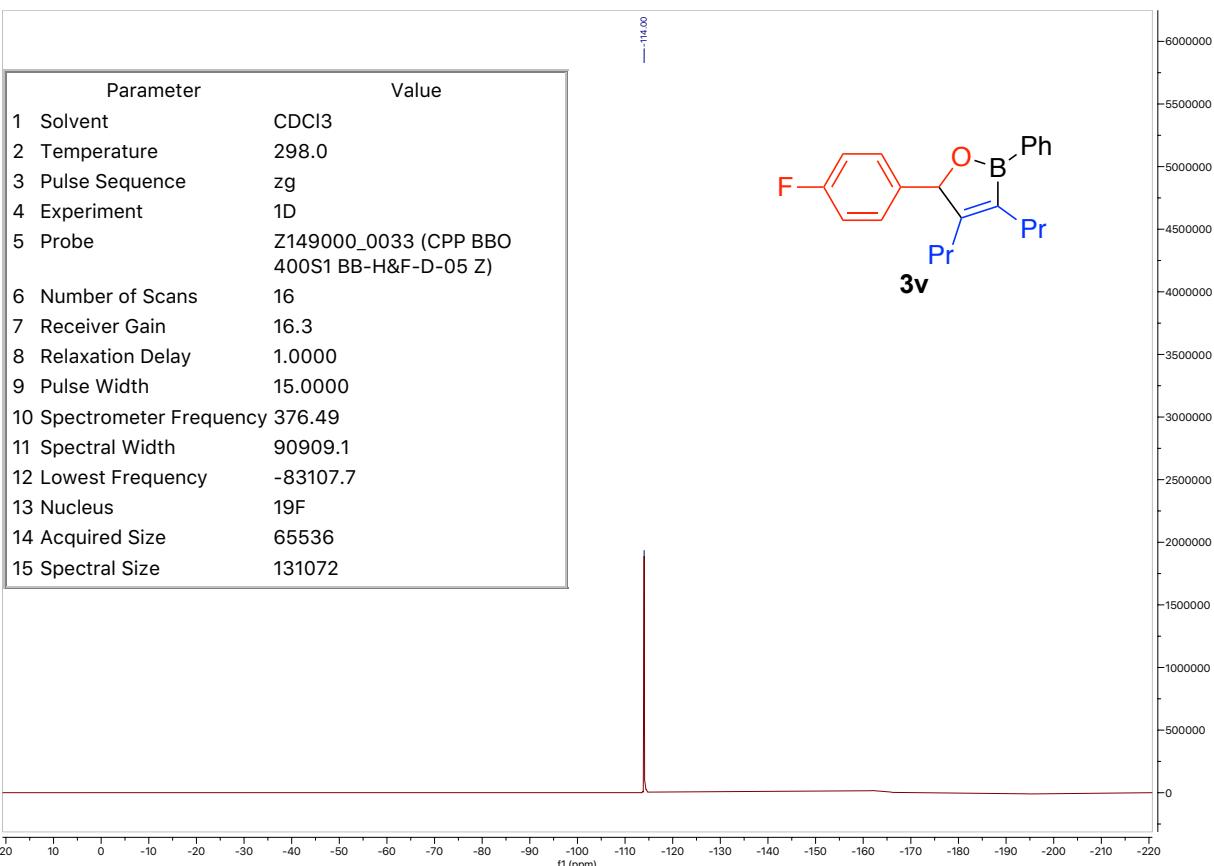


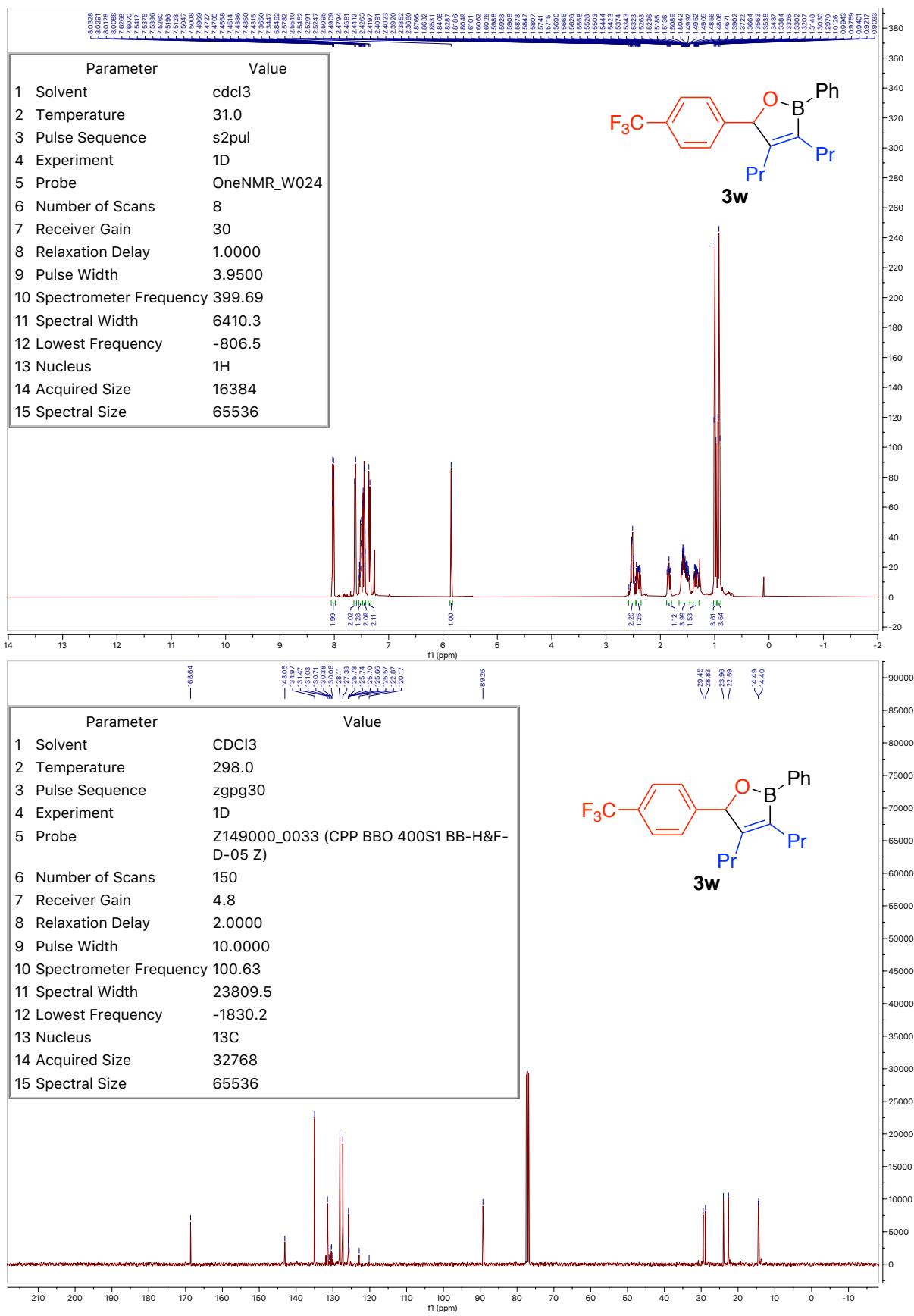


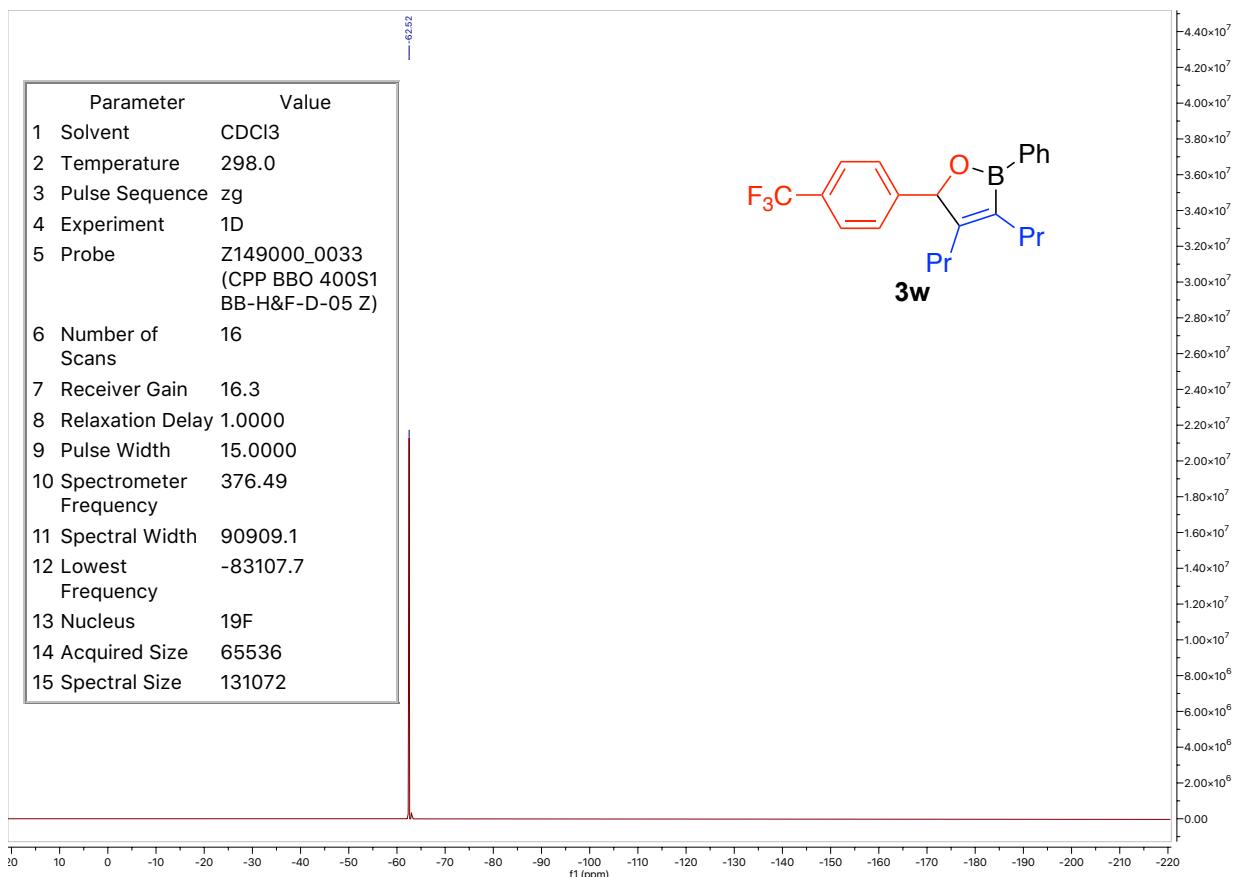
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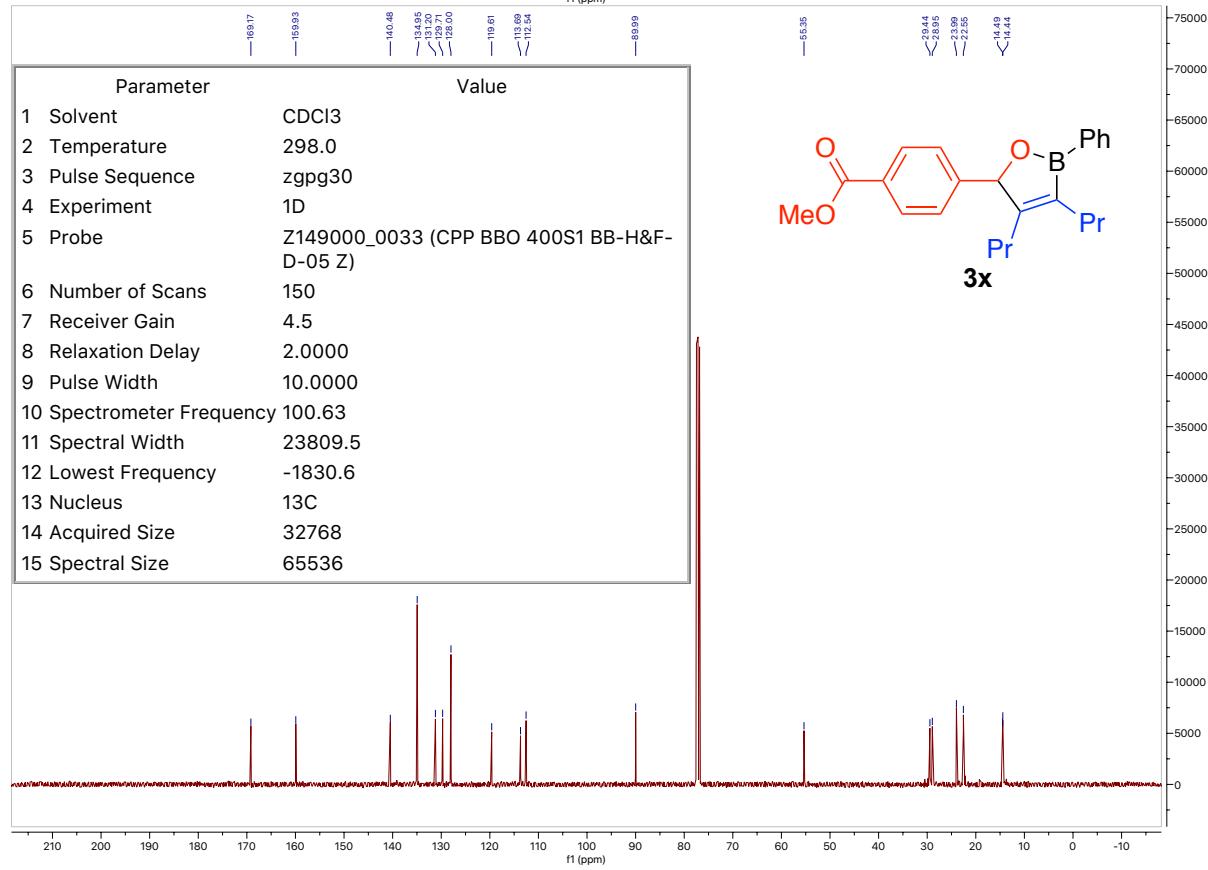
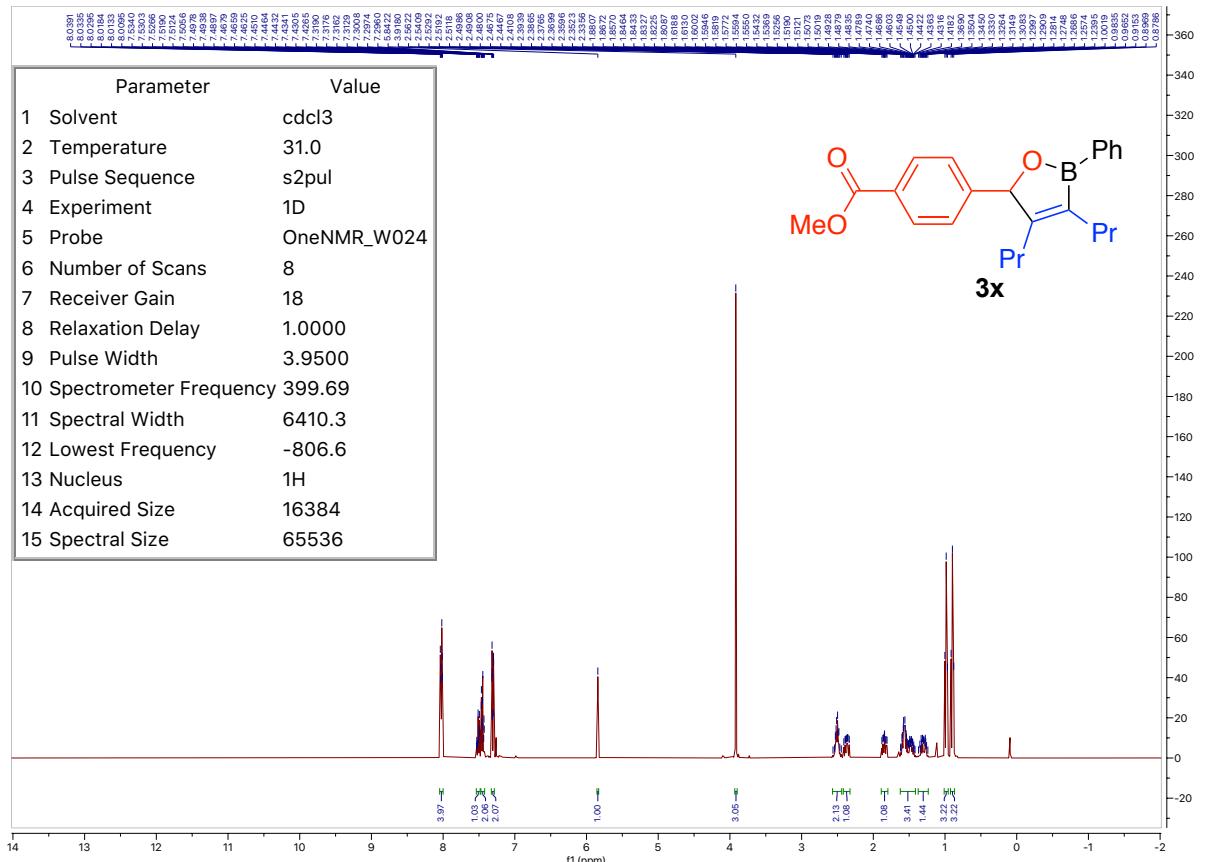


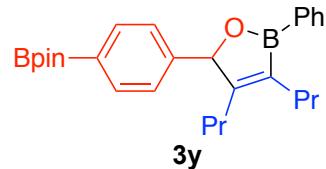
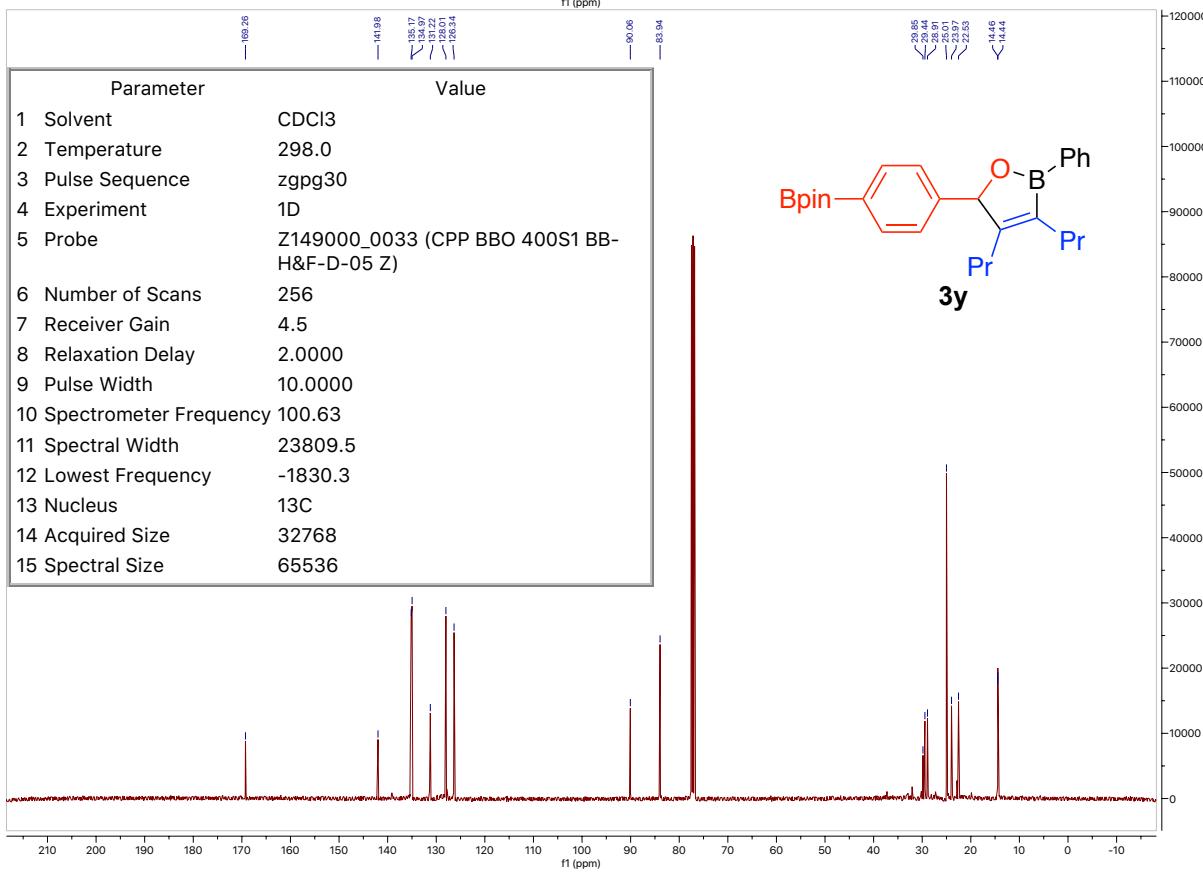
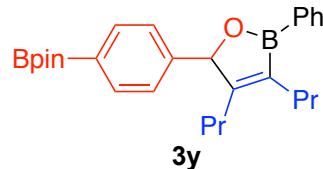
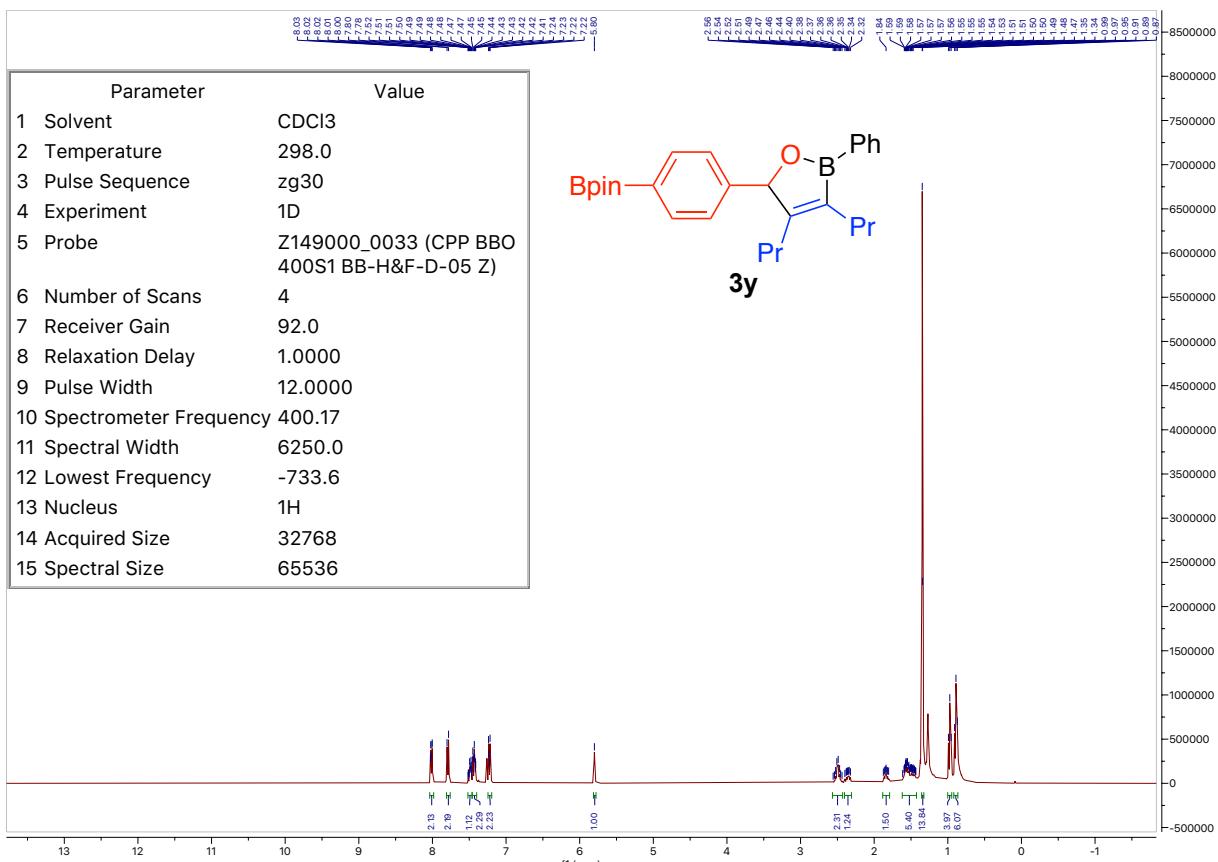
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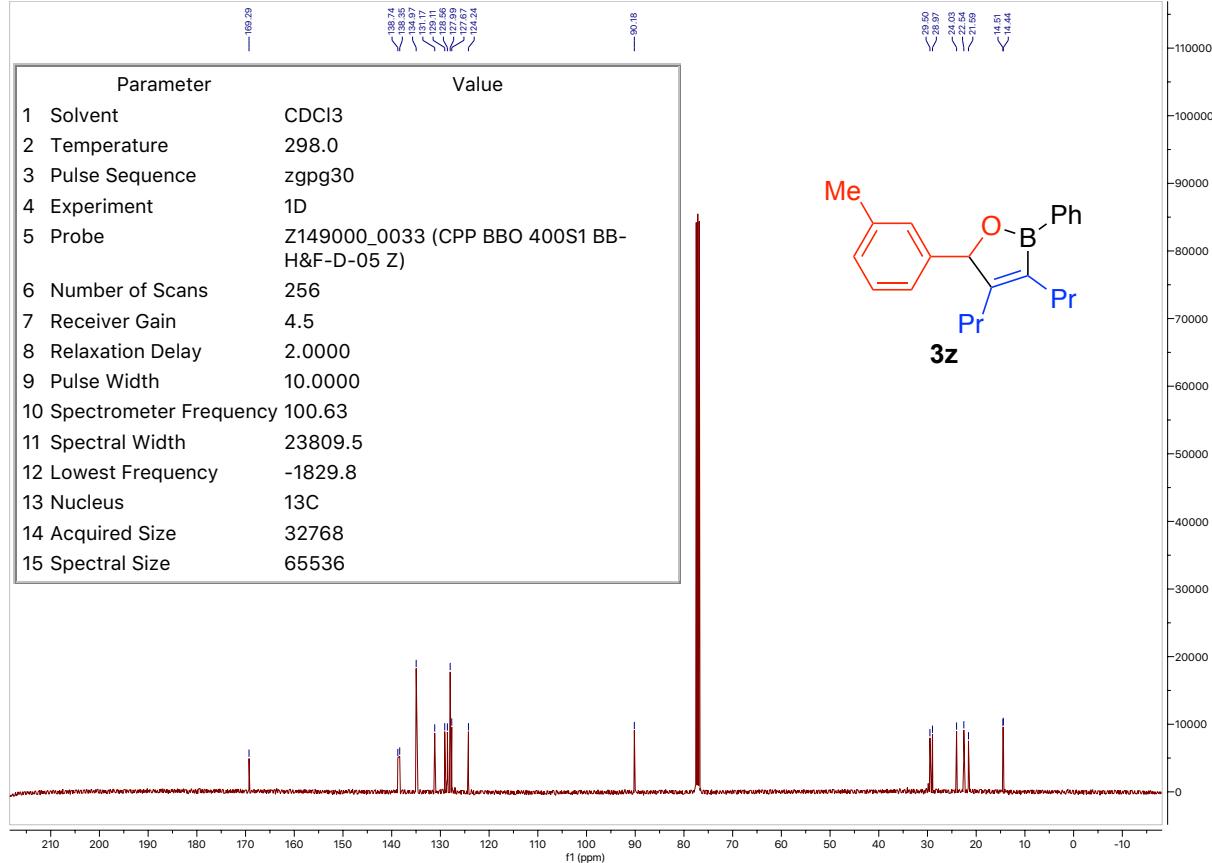
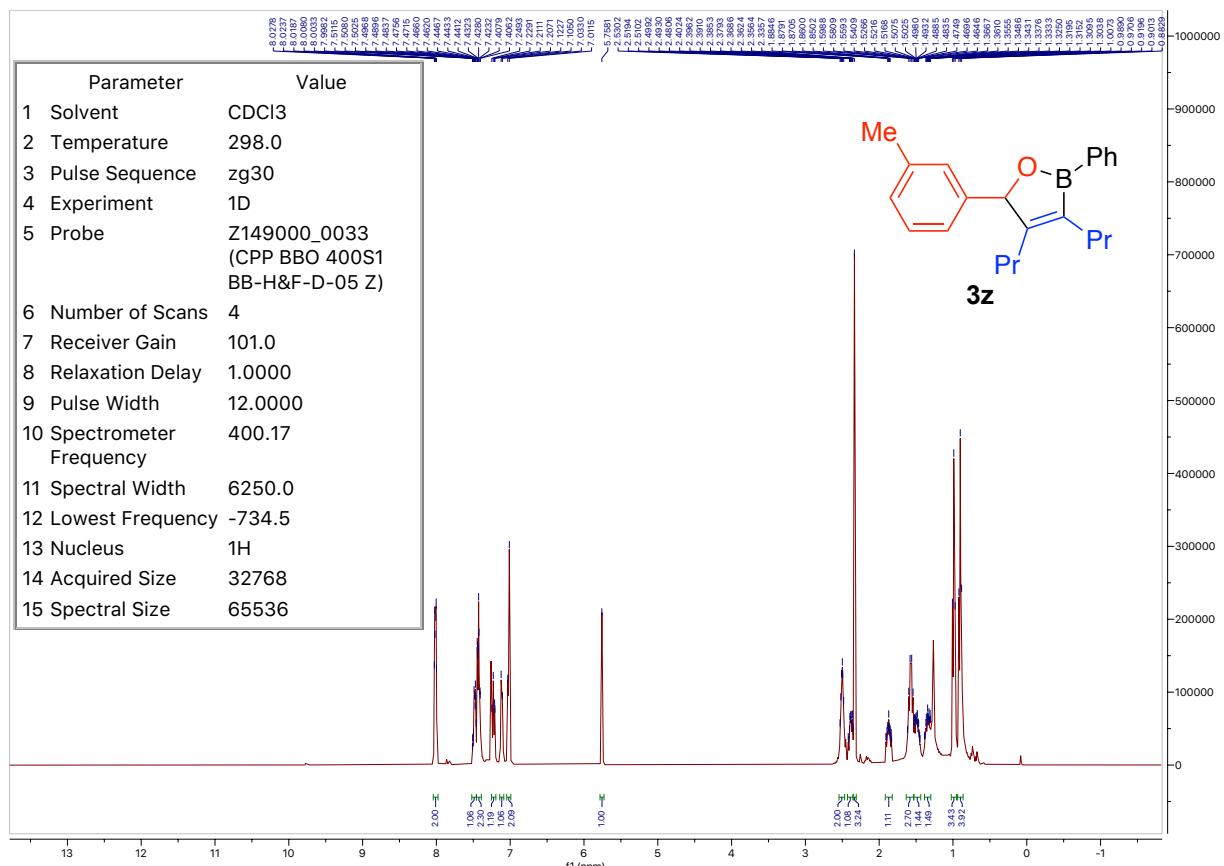


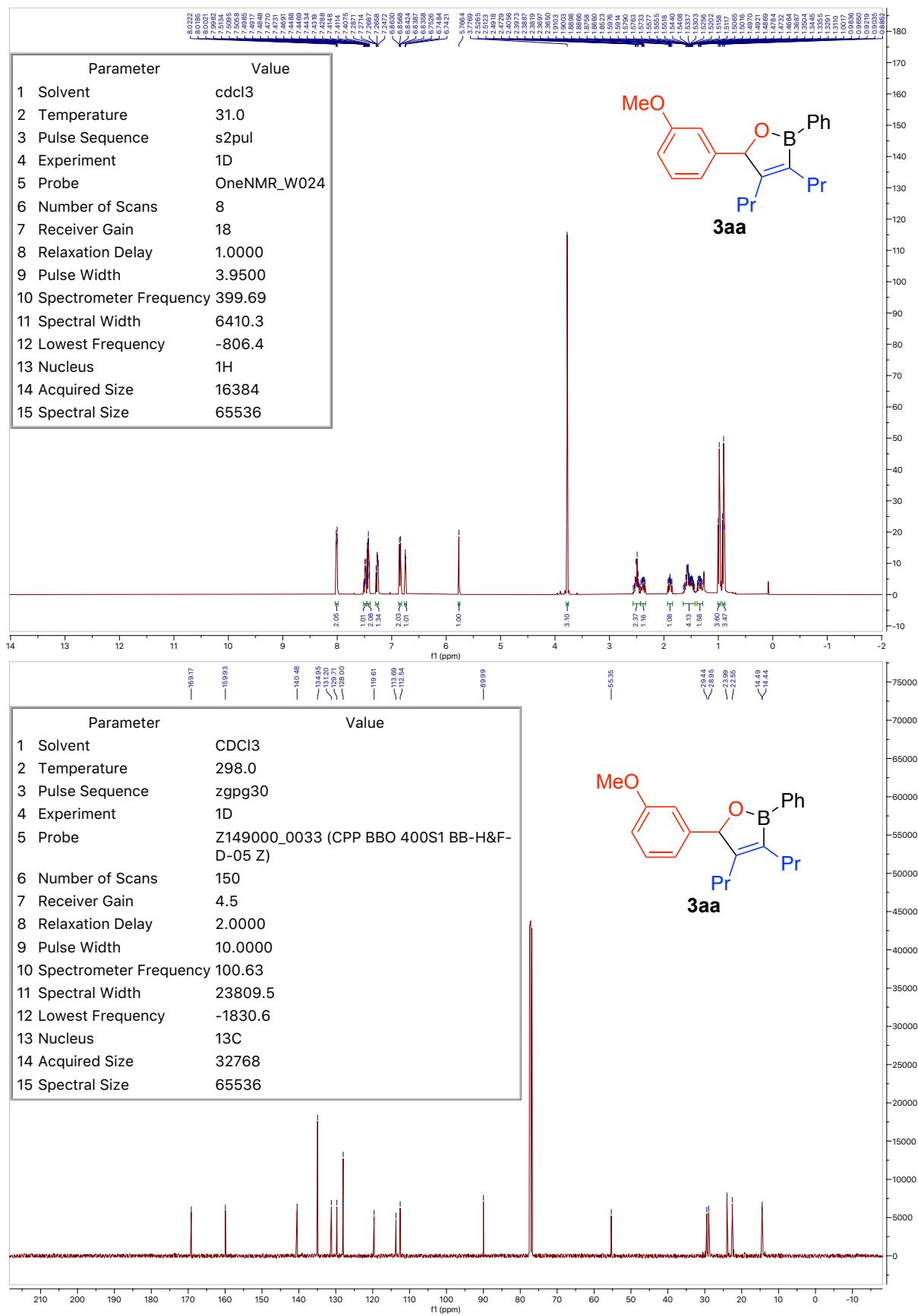


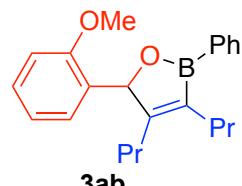
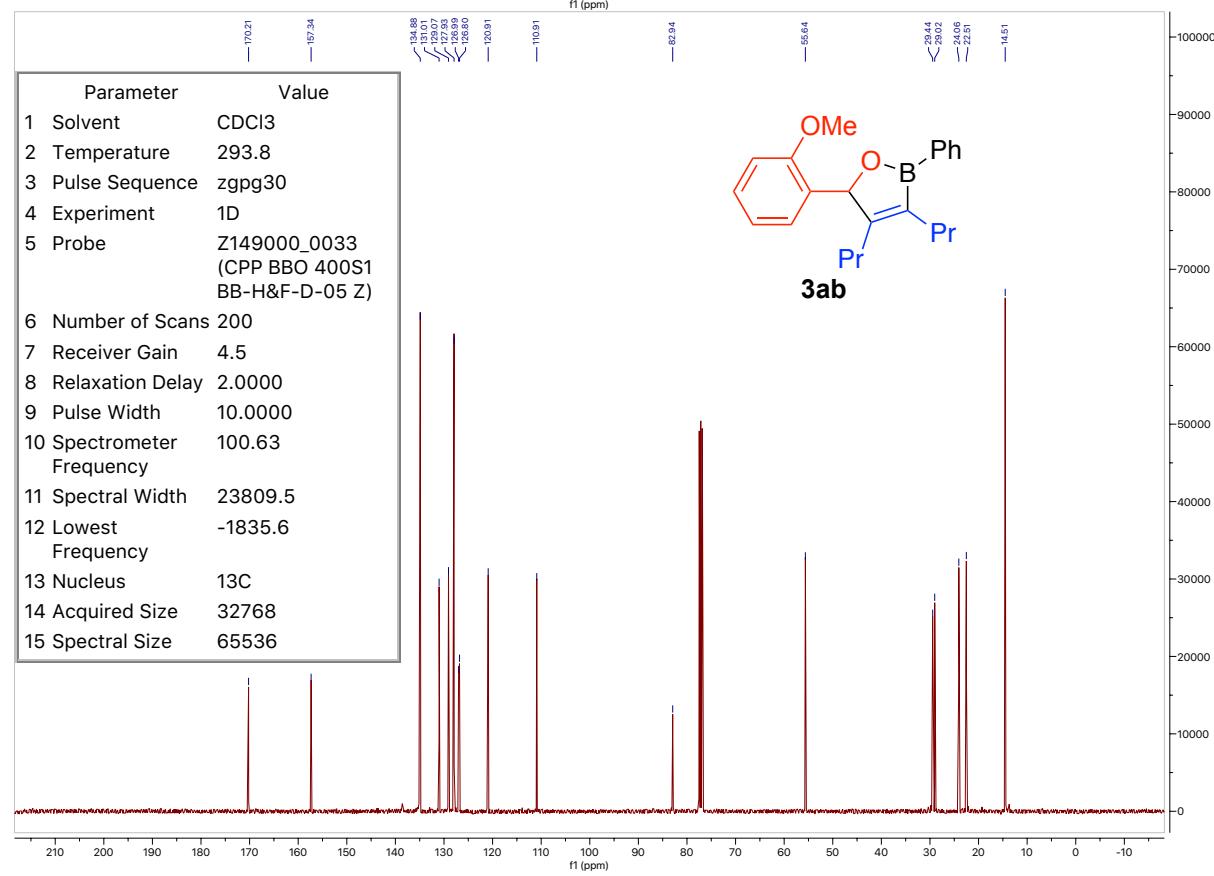
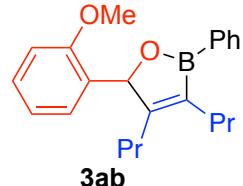
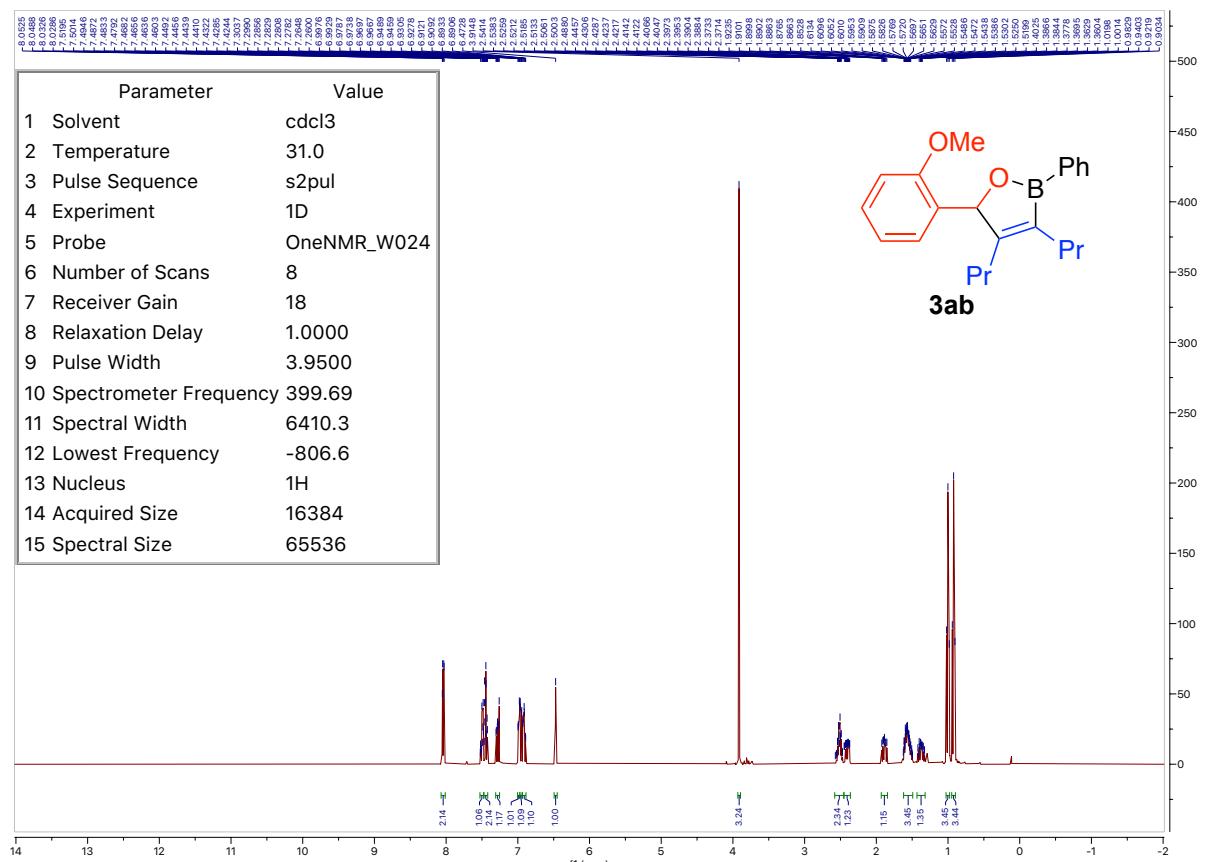


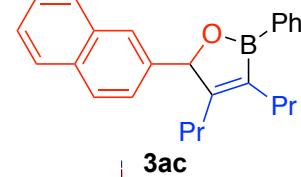
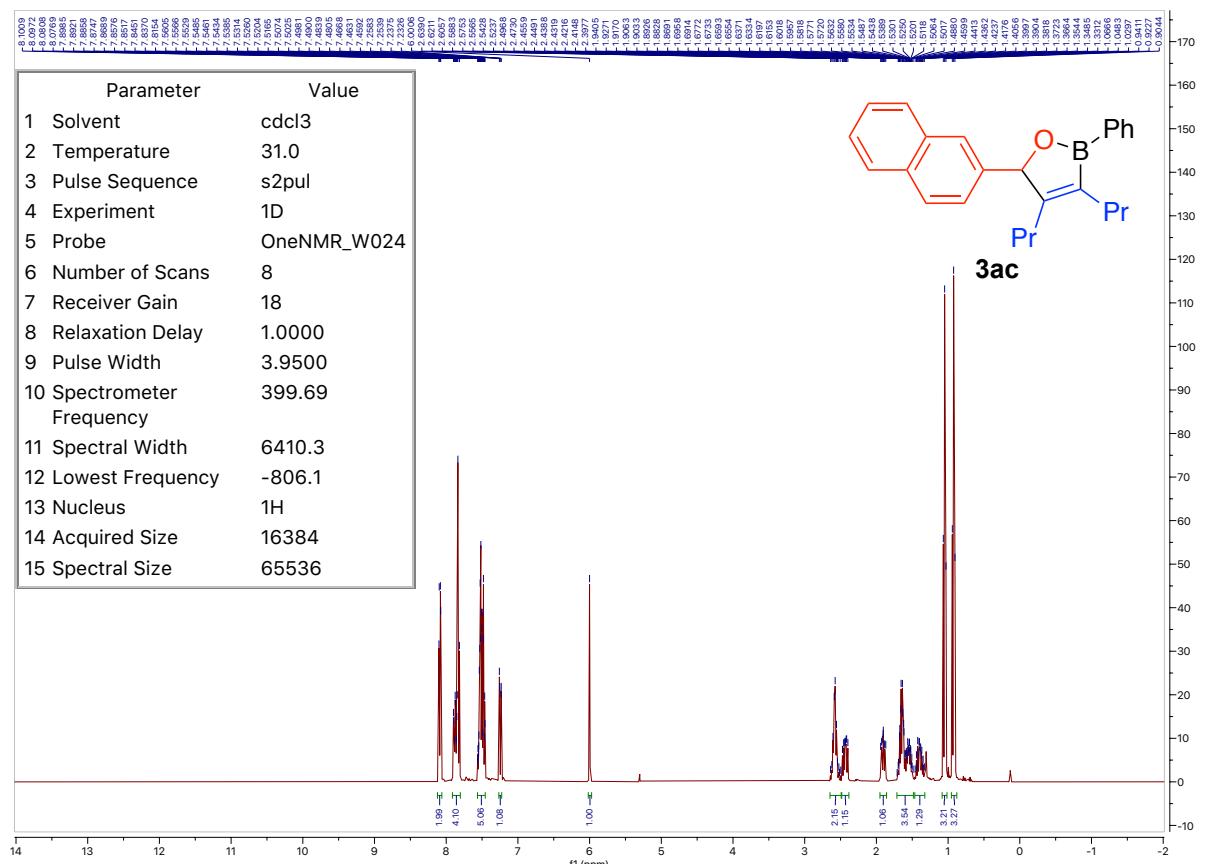




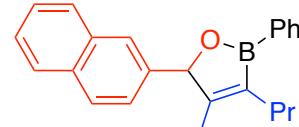
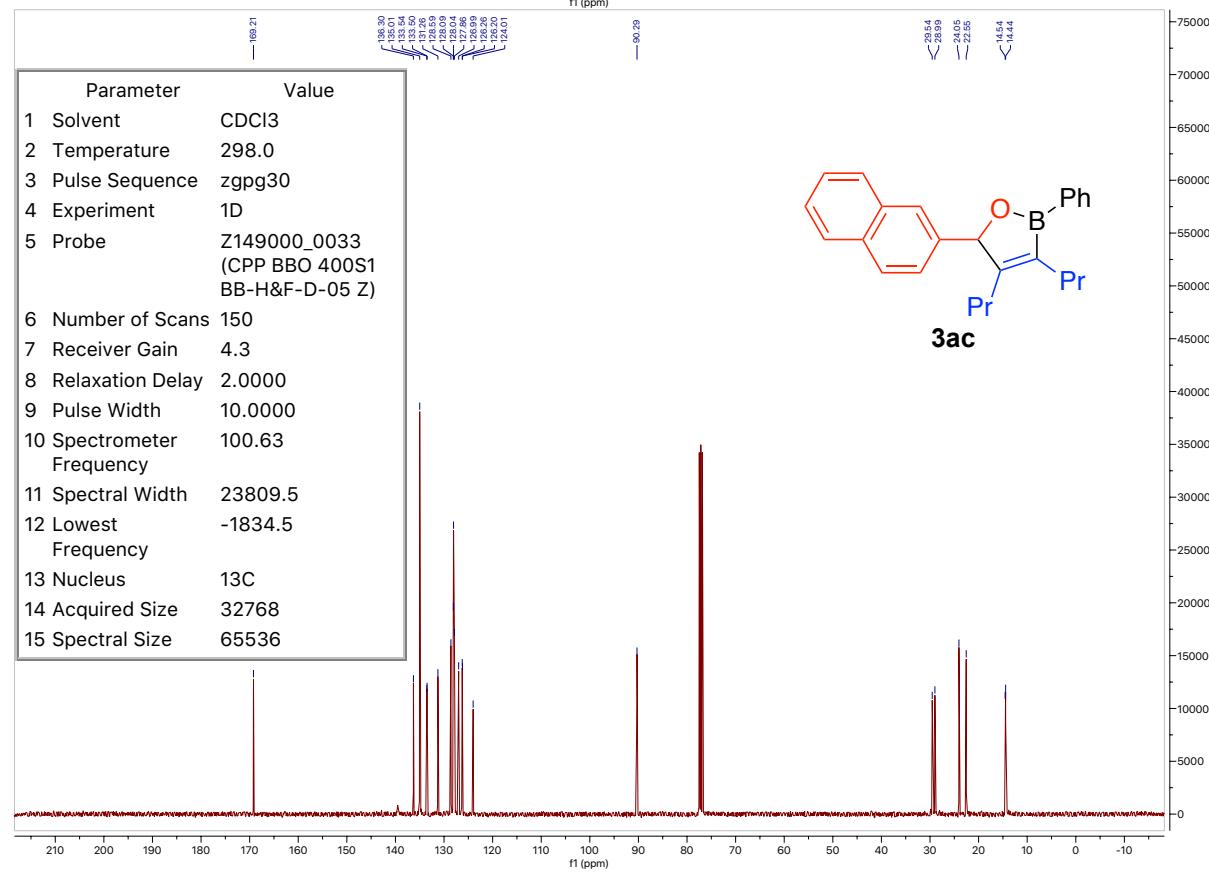




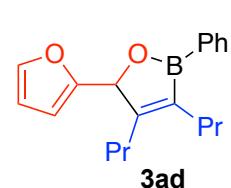
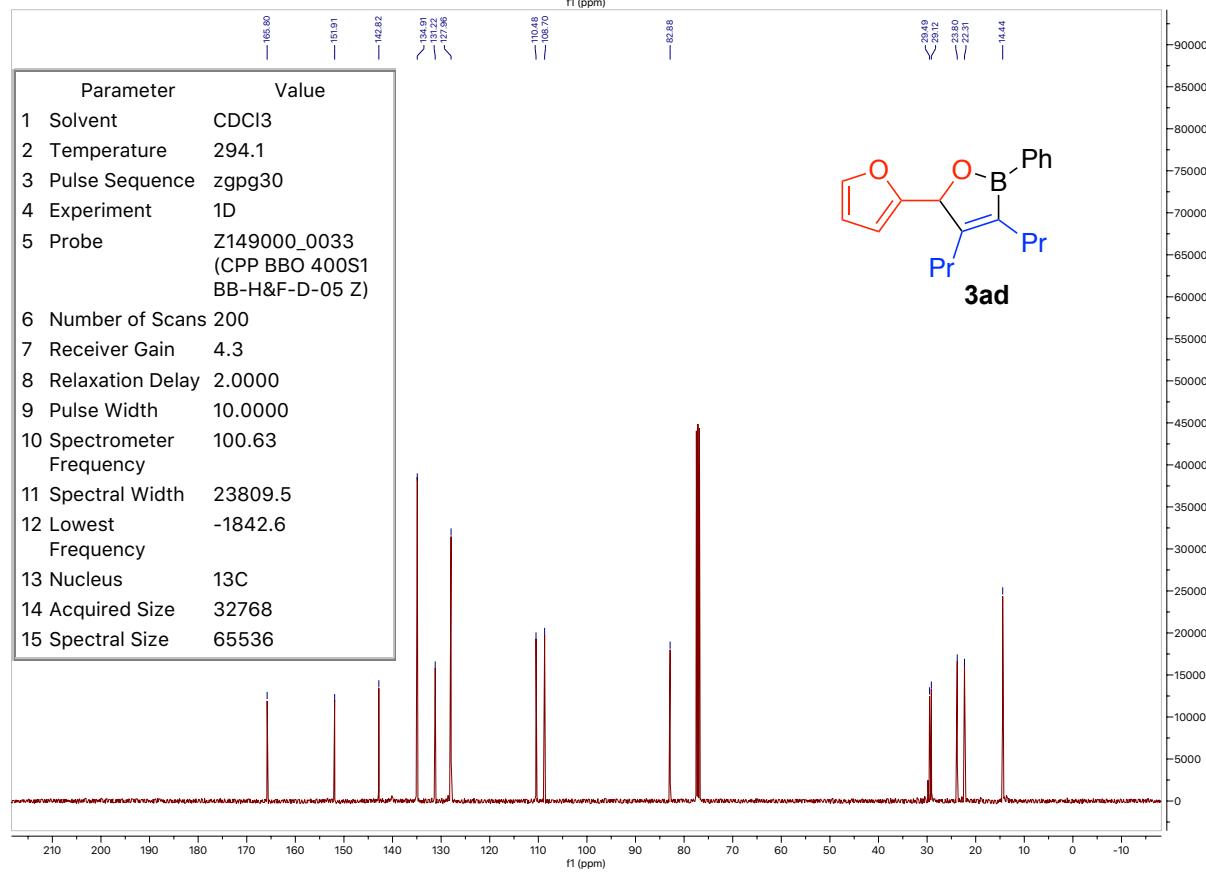
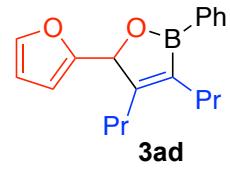
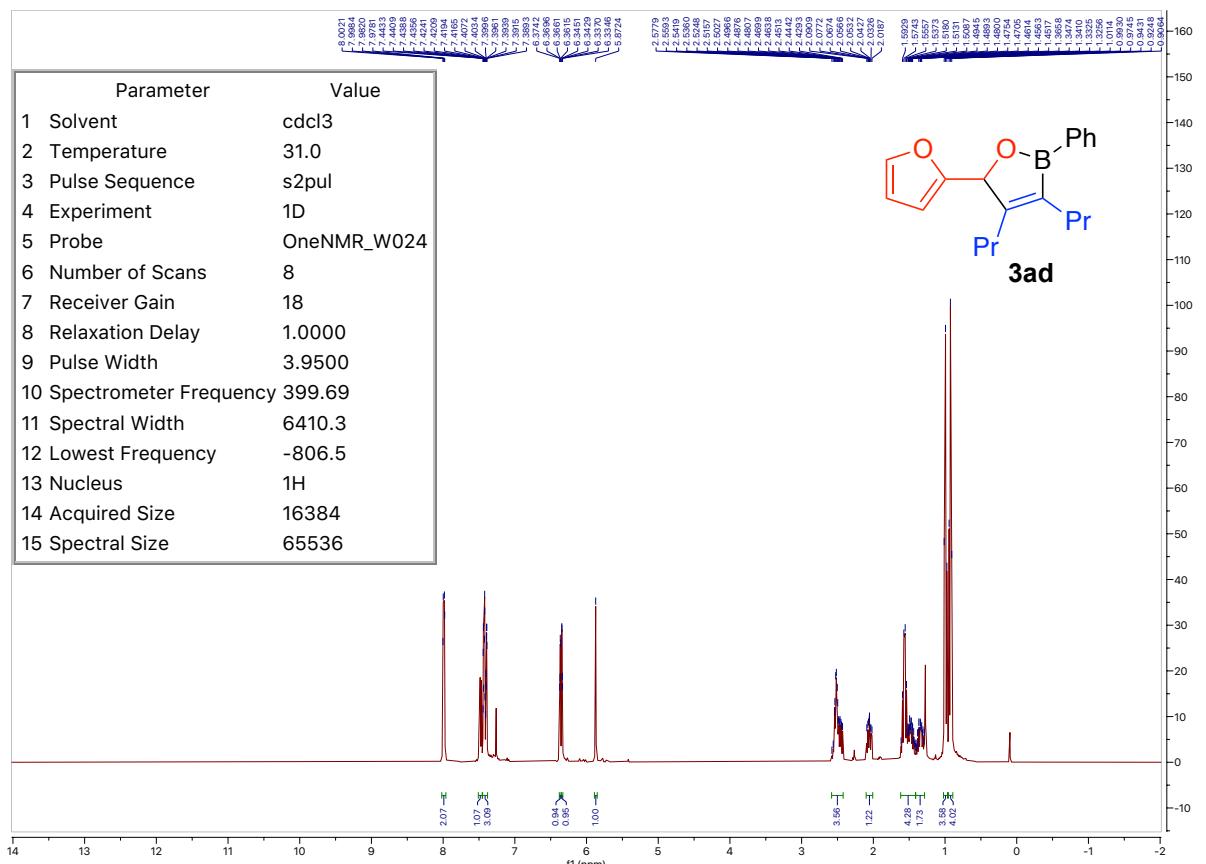


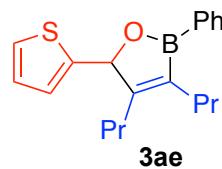
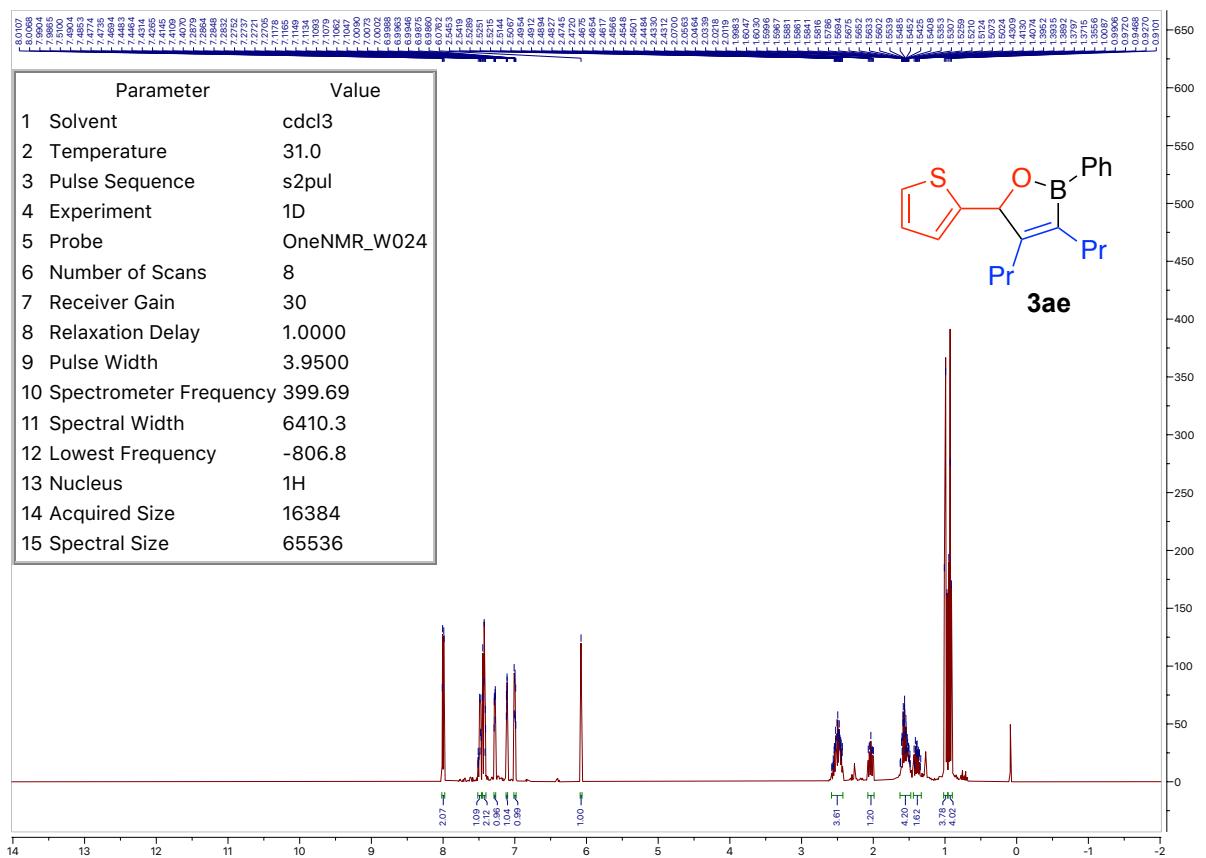


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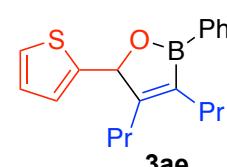
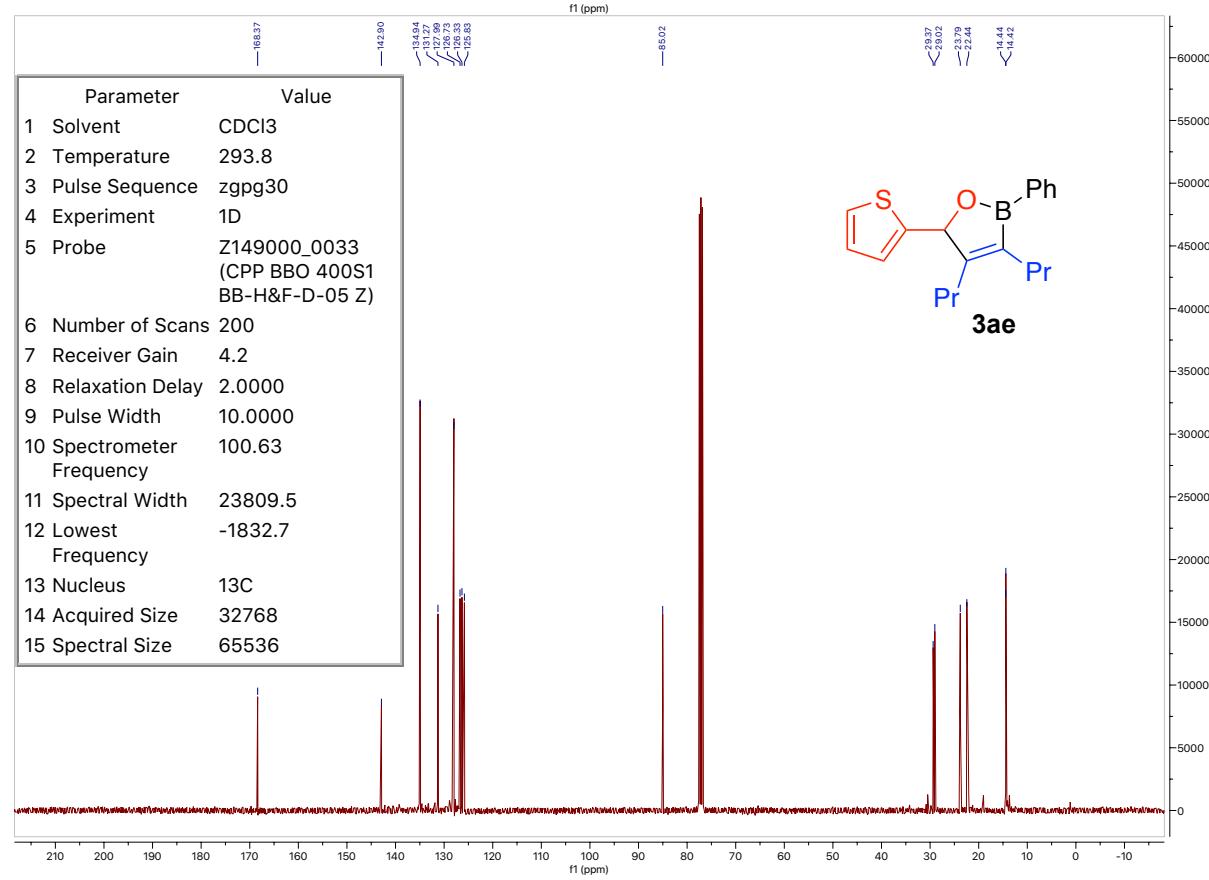


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