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Solvent-free and Catalyst-free Direct Alkylation of Alkenes

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S1. General Information

All the solvents were dried using standard procedure and distilled before use. All commercially available chemical resources were used as received unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) supplied by Yantai Jiangyou Silicon Material Company (China). Visualization was accomplished with UV light or basic aqueous phosphomolybdic acid (PMA). Chromatography was achieved using forced flow (flash chromatography) of the indicated solvent system on 300-400 mesh silica gel unless otherwise noted. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were acquired on Agilent 400 or Bruker 400 instruments operating at 400, 100, and 376 MHz for ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in δ ppm referenced to an internal SiMe₄ standard (TMS: δ 0.000 ppm) for ¹H NMR, chloroformd (δ 77.16) for ¹³C NMR unless otherwise noted. Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quintet = quint, heptet = hept, m = multiplet, br = broad resonance. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) and Low-resolution mass spectrometry (LRMS) were acquired through the National Center for Organic Mass Spectrometry in Shanghai, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (CAS) and determined on a Waters Micromass GCT Premie spectrometer. The alkene substrates 1a, 1l and the halide substrates 2a-2f, 2h, 2k, 2m-2q, 2t, 2z, 2A were commercially available. The alkene substrates 1-5 1b-1k and the chloride substrates⁶⁻⁷ 2g, 2i, 2j, 2l, 2u-2v were prepared according to the literatures.

S2. Substrates list

Scheme S1. Alkene substrates list.

Scheme S2. Halide substrates list.

S3. General procedures for alkylation of alkenes

but-1-ene-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (3aa), white solid (90% yield), $R_f = 0.34$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 80 °C and the stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.10 (m, 13H), 6.20 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dq, J = 10.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.33, 142.51, 140.27, 140.22, 134.30, 129.96, 128.63, 128.40, 128.22, 127.40, 127.20, 127.13, 127.08, 126.14, 39.43, 22.49 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 284 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}$ [M]⁺: 284.1560, found: 284.1564.

4,4'-(3-phenylbut-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (3ab), colorless oil (85% yield), $R_f = 0.32$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1b** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 80 °C and the stir was continued

for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.13-7.02 (m, 6H), 6.14 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.59, 140.03, 139.99, 137.40, 136.80, 136.70, 133.31, 129.84, 129.03, 128.89, 128.57, 127.33, 127.10, 126.04, 39.39, 22.59, 21.40, 21.18 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 374 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₂₉H₂₆ [M]⁺: 374.2020, found: 374.2031.

4,4'-(3,3-diphenylprop-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(**methoxybenzene**) (**3ac**), colorless oil (94% yield), $R_f = 0.30$ (silica, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 v/v, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1c** (0.6 mmol) and **2n** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 8H), 7.12-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.76 (m, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.07, 158.87, 144.98, 140.77, 135.46, 132.32, 131.06, 129.31, 128.80, 128.65, 128.60, 128.50, 127.72, 126.67, 126.29, 113.74, 113.58, 77.48, 77.16, 76.84, 55.43, 55.37, 50.71 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 406 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{29}H_{26}O_2$ [M]⁺: 406.1927, found: 406.1937.

4,4'-(3-phenylbut-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis((trifluoromethyl)benzene) (3ad), white solid (69% yield), $R_f = 0.33$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1d** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 120 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.36 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.38, 145.14, 143.18, 138.15, 137.33, 130.28, 129.92 (q, J = 32.3 Hz), 129.48 (q, J = 32.2 Hz), 128.89, 127.60, 126.95, 126.57, 125.67 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 125.37 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 124.28 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 39.68, 22.48 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.54, -62.55 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 420 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{24}H_{18}F_{6}$ [M]⁺: 420.1307, found: 420.1313.

4,4'-(3-phenylbut-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) (3ae), white solid (74% yield), $R_f = 0.33$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1e** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature.

Then the temperature was increased to 120 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.02 (m, 9H), 6.99-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.15 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.28 (d, J = 245.2 Hz), 162.19 (d, J = 245.2 Hz), 146.12, 138.50 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 138.39, 135.87 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 134.52 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 131.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz), 128.73, 126.99, 126.29, 115.47 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 115.10 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 39.55, 22.61 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.99, -115.56 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 320 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}F_2$ [M]⁺: 320.1371, found: 320.1365.

4,4'-(3-phenylbut-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(bromobenzene) (3af), white solid (66% yield), $R_f = 0.31$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1f** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (1.2 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.09-6.96 (m, 4H), 6.21 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.75, 140.89, 138.51, 138.22, 135.29, 131.75, 131.58, 131.39, 128.98, 128.77, 126.95, 126.37, 121.61, 121.40, 39.59, 22.53 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 440 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}Br_2$ [M]⁺: 439.9770, found: 439.9773.

4,4'-(3-phenylbut-1-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(tert-butylbenzene) (3ag), white solid (53% yield), $R_f = 0.27$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1g** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.29 (s, 9H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.00, 149.83, 146.56, 139.92, 139.84, 137.17, 133.49, 129.53, 128.53, 127.14, 127.01, 126.00, 125.15, 125.08, 39.20, 34.70, 34.57, 31.57, 31.46, 22.47 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 396 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₃₀H₃₆ [M]⁺: 396.2812, found: 396.2818.

(3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3ah), colorless oil (97% yield), R_f = 0.23 (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection);

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1h** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued

for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure products.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.23 (m, 18.6H), 7.22-7.18 (m, 5.6H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 16.6H), 7.08-7.06 (m, 2.8H),7.06-7.03 (m, 2H) 6.51 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1.4H), 4.84 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1.4H), 4.80 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 4.2H), 2.31 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.76, 142.63, 141.69, 141.59, 139.99, 139.58, 137.19, 137.05, 136.81, 130.97, 130.31, 129.91, 129.83, 129.12, 128.97, 128.61, 128.52, 128.50, 128.39, 128.22, 127.66, 127.50, 127.35, 127.31, 126.34, 50.67, 50.63, 21.41, 21.21 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 360 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₂₈H₂₄ [M]⁺: 360.1873, found: 360.1874.

(3-(m-tolyl)prop-2-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3ai), colorless oil (83% yield), R_f = 0.23 (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection);

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1i** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure products.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.13 (m, 32H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, J = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.76, 144.70, 142.47, 142.36, 141.91, 141.84, 139.92, 139.70, 137.93, 137.82, 131.05, 131.00, 130.62, 129.91, 128.62, 128.59, 128.55, 128.51, 128.47, 128.39, 128.24, 128.19, 128.16, 127.63, 127.58, 127.56, 127.39, 127.37, 127.33, 127.00, 126.35, 124.91, 50.66, 50.64, 21.57 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 360 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{28}H_{24}$ [M]⁺: 360.1873, found: 360.1880.

(3-(o-tolyl)prop-2-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3aj), colorless oil (60% yield), R_f = 0.23 (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection);

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1j** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure products.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.17 (m, 14+3.2H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 2+0.6H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 0.2H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.2H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 0.5H), 1.92 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.85, 144.65, 144.40, 143.54, 141.83, 141.18, 140.88, 139.89, 138.83, 137.02, 136.39, 133.35, 131.04, 130.44, 130.42, 130.30, 130.20, 129.33, 128.70, 128.57, 128.56, 128.49, 128.48, 128.45, 128.22, 127.70, 127.45, 127.34, 127.20, 126.58, 126.41, 126.35, 126.33, 125.82, 125.70, 50.75, 50.29, 20.64, 19.84 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 360 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{28}H_{24}$ [M]⁺: 360.1873, found: 360.1883.

(3-(2-bromophenyl)prop-2-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3ak), white solid (65% yield), $R_f = 0.21$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1k** (0.6 mmol) and **2a** (1.2 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature.

Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure products.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.01 (m, 18H), 6.69 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 0.16H), 5.10 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 0.16H), 4.56 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.06, 142.34, 140.92, 140.17, 140.03, 133.30, 132.21, 132.01, 129.53, 129.25, 128.68, 128.65, 128.62, 128.60, 128.52, 128.48, 128.45, 128.16, 127.57, 127.51, 127.40, 127.33, 126.71, 126.48, 126.40, 124.37, 50.96 ppm.

DART-MS m/z (%): 425 (M+H)⁺; **HRMS** (DART): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{27}H_{22}Br [M+H]^+$: 425.0905, found: 425.0910.

(*Z*)-(3-bromoprop-2-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3al), white solid (66% yield), $R_f = 0.27$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **11** (0.6 mmol) and **2A** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.28 (m, 7H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 6H), 6.67 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.70, 139.67, 133.27, 128.67, 128.61, 128.32, 128.25, 127.77, 126.63, 126.18, 53.65 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 348 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{21}H_{17}Br$ [M]⁺: 348.0508, found: 348.0517.

(3-(4-fluorophenyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3ba), white solid (72% yield), $R_f = 0.34$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2b** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 120 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.19 (m, 5H), 7.19-7.08 (m, 4H), 7.01-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.16 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.37 (d, J = 244.1 Hz), 142.35, 142.00 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 140.50, 140.11, 133.99, 129.86, 128.45, 128.37, 128.26, 127.38, 127.28, 127.24, 115.31 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 38.71, 22.58 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.46 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 302 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}F$ [M]⁺: 302.1465, found: 302.1473.

(3-(4-chlorophenyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3bb), white solid (82% yield), $R_f = 0.33$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2c** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 7H), 7.18-7.07 (m, 4H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.86, 142.28, 140.81, 140.05, 133.57, 131.77, 129.84, 128.70, 128.46, 128.44, 128.27, 127.39, 127.33, 127.29, 38.90, 22.47 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 318 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}C1$ [M]⁺: 318.1170, found: 318.1174.

(3-(4-bromophenyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3bc), white solid (60% yield), $R_f = 0.31$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2d** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.18 (m, 6H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.14 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dq, J = 10.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.40, 142.26, 140.87, 140.04, 133.46, 131.65, 129.83, 128.86, 128.46, 128.27, 127.39, 127.33, 127.30, 119.84, 38.97, 22.42 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 362 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}Br$ [M]⁺: 362.0665, found: 362.0661.

(3-(p-tolyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3bd), white solid (98% yield), $R_f = 0.31$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2e** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 80 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.14 (m, 7H), 7.10 (s, 4H), 6.20 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dq, J = 10.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.17, 142.42, 140.12, 139.89, 135.47, 134.37, 129.83, 129.17, 128.23, 128.05, 127.26, 127.02, 126.94, 126.79, 38.87, 22.44, 21.00 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 298 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₂₂ [M]⁺: 298.1716, found: 298.1717.

(3-(m-tolyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3be), colorless oil (40% yield), $R_f = 0.30$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2f** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and the stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.11 (m, 8H), 7.04-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.22 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dq, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.30, 142.56, 140.24, 140.13, 138.16, 134.40, 129.99, 128.51, 128.37, 128.21, 127.80, 127.41, 127.17, 127.10, 126.90, 124.14, 39.38, 22.61, 21.68 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 298 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{23}H_{22}$ [M]⁺: 298.1716, found: 298.1713.

(3-(o-tolyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3bf), colorless oil (94% yield), $R_f = 0.31$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2g** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 80 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.24 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dq, J = 10.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.12, 142.60, 140.47, 140.29, 135.38, 134.28, 130.47, 129.87, 128.31, 128.20, 127.47, 127.21, 127.12, 126.40, 126.08, 125.87, 35.48, 22.83, 19.35 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 298 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₂₂ [M]⁺: 298.1716, found: 298.1713.

(3-(2-chlorophenyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3bg), colorless oil (40% yield), $R_f = 0.28$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and KMnO₄ detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2h** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for

5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.18 (m, 11H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 3H), 6.26 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dq, J = 9.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.27, 142.61, 141.72, 139.91, 133.27, 132.69, 129.85, 129.83, 128.26, 128.22, 128.17, 127.56, 127.26, 127.25, 127.23, 127.15, 36.41, 22.54 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 318 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{22}H_{19}Cl$ [M]⁺: 318.1170, found: 318.1166.

(3-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)but-1-ene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3bh), colorless oil (25% yield), $R_f = 0.34$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2i** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 120 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford a pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.47-7.30 (m, 7H), 7.29-7.19 (qd, J = 7.2, 6.1, 2.8 Hz, 5H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.18 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dq, J = 10.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.30, 142.11, 141.33, 139.96, 133.08, 130.86 (d, J = 31.8 Hz), 130.61 (q, J = 1.1 Hz), 129.79, 129.02, 128.53, 128.30, 127.42, 127.40, 127.38, 124.40 (q, J = 271.4 Hz), 123.75 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 123.04 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 39.37, 22.38 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.52 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 352 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{23}H_{19}F_3$ [M]⁺: 352.1443, found: 352.1431.

2-(1,3,3-triphenylallyl)naphthalene (3bi), colorless oil (89% yield), $R_f = 0.24$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2j** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.15 (m, 13H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.57, 142.36, 142.10, 141.99, 139.81, 133.69, 132.31, 130.90, 129.93, 128.69, 128.59, 128.48, 128.30, 127.94, 127.74, 127.70, 127.50, 127.45, 127.24, 126.62, 126.48, 126.15, 125.69, 50.88 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 396 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₃₁H₂₄ [M]⁺: 396.1878, found: 396.1875.

pent-1-ene-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (3bj), white solid (71% yield), $R_f = 0.32$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2k** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.10 (m, 12H), 6.23 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.48, 142.65, 141.40, 140.35, 133.19,

130.08, 128.62, 128.30, 128.21, 127.53, 127.36, 127.11, 126.11, 47.20, 30.45, 12.32 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 298 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₂₄ [M]⁺: 298.1716, found: 298.1726.

hex-1-ene-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (3bk), colorless oil (87% yield), $R_f = 0.33$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2l** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.09 (m, 15H), 6.23 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.76-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.23-1.11 (m, 1H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.69, 142.62, 141.13, 140.30, 133.38, 130.06, 128.63, 128.27, 128.20, 127.48, 127.35, 127.12, 127.09, 126.07, 45.28, 39.89, 20.86, 14.18 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 312 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{24}H_{24}$ [M]⁺: 312.1873, found: 312.1869.

(4-methylpent-1-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3bl), white solid (53% yield), $R_f = 0.32$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2m** (1.2 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature.

Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.14 (m, 8H), 7.14-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.32 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, J = 10.8, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dp, J = 9.0, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.67 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.95, 142.79, 141.48, 140.43, 132.45, 130.13, 128.54, 128.24, 128.20, 128.04, 127.31, 127.06, 127.04, 126.00, 53.18, 34.56, 21.08, 20.92 ppm.

DART-MS m/z (%): 313 (M+H) $^+$; **HRMS** (DART): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{24}H_{25}$ [M+H] $^+$: 313.1945, found: 313.1948.

prop-1-ene-1,1,3,3-tetrayltetrabenzene (3bm), white solid (99% yield), $R_f = 0.26$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2n** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 80 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.07 (m, 20H), 6.54 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.64, 142.35, 141.74, 139.79, 131.13, 129.93, 128.64, 128.50, 128.44, 128.27, 127.62, 127.43, 127.39, 126.39, 50.64 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 346 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{27}H_{22}$ [M]⁺: 346.1716, found: 346.1723.

(3-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-1-ene-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3bn), white solid 68% yield), $R_f = 0.25$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2o** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.18 (m, 10H), 7.18-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.98, 143.02, 142.02, 141.95, 139.46, 132.02, 130.31, 129.66, 129.64, 128.59, 128.33, 128.22, 128.14, 127.43, 127.38, 127.36, 126.44, 49.93 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 380 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{27}H_{21}C1$ [M]⁺: 380.1326, found: 380.1320.

4,4'-(3,3-diphenylprop-2-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(fluorobenzene) (**3bo**), colorless oil (96% yield), $R_f = 0.23$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2p** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for

5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 4H), 7.02-6.90 (m, 4H), 6.43 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.60 (d, J = 244.9 Hz), 142.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 140.17 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 139.58, 130.59, 129.85, 129.77, 129.75, 128.54, 128.35, 127.60, 127.58, 115.51 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 49.18 ppm; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -115.39 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 382 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{27}H_{20}F_2$ [M]⁺: 382.1528, found: 382.1536.

4,4'-(3,3-diphenylprop-2-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(chlorobenzene) (3bp), colorless oil (92% yield), $R_f = 0.23$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2q** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 9H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.01 (m, 4H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.68, 142.64, 141.89, 139.46, 132.44, 129.83, 129.73, 129.70, 128.89, 128.57, 128.36, 127.68, 127.59, 49.52 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 414 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{27}H_{20}Cl_2$ [M]⁺: 414.0937, found: 414.0927.

4,4'-(3,3-diphenylprop-2-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (**3bq**), white solid (98% yield), $R_f = 0.27$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2r** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.51 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.49, 141.85, 141.28, 139.90, 135.81, 131.54, 129.96, 129.30, 128.38, 128.31, 128.22, 127.62, 127.34, 127.27, 49.88, 21.17 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 374 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{29}H_{26}$ [M]⁺: 374.2029, found: 374.2039.

4,4'-(3,3-diphenylprop-2-ene-1,1-diyl)bis(methoxybenzene) (3br), white solid (81% yield), $R_f = 0.30$ (silica, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 v/v, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2s** (0.66 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it

cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.89-6.69 (m, 4H), 6.47 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.10, 142.47, 141.07, 139.89, 137.09, 131.71, 129.94, 129.34, 128.39, 128.24, 127.61, 127.36, 127.29, 113.99, 55.39, 48.99 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 406 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{29}H_{26}O_2$ [M]⁺: 406.1927, found: 406.1938.

5-(2,2-diphenylvinyl)-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[a,d][7]annulene (3bs), white solid (82% yield), $R_f = 0.26$ (silica, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 v/v, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2t** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.13 (dt, J = 5.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (dq, J = 13.7, 3.4 Hz, 8H), 6.96 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.19 (m, 2H), 3.19-2.69 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.40, 141.70, 141.28, 139.84, 139.20, 130.57, 130.35, 130.05, 128.83, 128.47, 128.25, 127.40, 127.39, 127.31, 126.68, 126.22, 50.09, 33.24 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 372 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for C₂₉H₂₄ [M]⁺: 372.1873, found: 372.1862.

3-(1,3,3-triphenylallyl)thiophene (3bt), colorless oil (68% yield), $R_f = 0.22$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection);

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2u** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.09 (m, 16H), 6.95 (dt, J = 2.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.18, 144.16, 142.28, 141.56, 139.72, 130.74, 129.91, 128.71, 128.47, 128.43, 128.28, 128.18, 128.01, 127.62, 127.57, 127.47, 127.42, 126.55, 125.74, 121.24, 46.76 ppm.

4-(1,3,3-triphenylallyl)phenyl 2-(6-methoxynaphthalen-2-yl)propanoate (3bu), colorless oil (67% yield), $R_f = 0.38$ (silica, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 15:1 v/v, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2v** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.21-6.99 (m, 16H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.60 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.40, 157.87, 149.34, 144.34, 142.22, 142.08, 141.91, 139.68, 135.30, 133.94, 130.81, 129.84, 129.46, 129.32, 129.13, 128.67, 128.45, 128.27, 127.60, 127.49, 127.47, 127.43, 126.48, 126.27, 121.43, 119.23, 105.75, 55.46, 50.07, 45.72, 18.65 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 574 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{41}H_{34}O_3$ [M]⁺: 574.2508, found: 574.2503.

4-(1,3,3-triphenylallyl)phenyl 2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (3bv), colorless oil (74% yield), $R_f = 0.22$ (silica, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1 v/v, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2w** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.03 (m, 21H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.46, 149.37, 144.37, 142.23, 142.03, 141.91, 140.94, 139.69, 137.39, 130.83, 129.85, 129.62, 129.31, 128.68, 128.46, 128.28, 127.61, 127.48, 127.44, 127.34, 126.49, 121.45, 50.08, 45.39, 45.18, 30.33, 22.53, 18.63 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 550 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{40}H_{38}O_2$ [M]⁺:

550.2872, found: 550.2869.

(*E*)-(3-methylpenta-1,4-diene-1,1,5-triyl)tribenzene (3bw) and (*E*)-hexa-1,4-diene-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (3bw'), colorless oil (87% yield, 3bw/3bw' = 1:0.6), R_f = 0.53 (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2x** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55-7.09 (m, 15+9H), 6.38 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32-6.23 (m, 1+0.6H), 6.05 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (ddd, J = 15.3, 6.3, 1.5 Hz, 0.6H), 5.62-5.50 (m, 0.6H), 4.19 (dd, J = 10.1, 6.5 Hz, 0.6H), 3.45 – 3.04 (m, 1H), 1.77 (dt, J = 6.3, 1.3 Hz, 1.8H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.32, 142.59, 142.54, 141.07, 140.99, 140.25, 140.03, 137.86, 134.90, 133.53, 132.92, 130.98, 129.92, 129.88, 128.63, 128.36, 128.25, 128.22, 127.80, 127.51, 127.43, 127.28, 127.21, 127.17, 127.13, 126.31, 126.21, 125.94, 48.13, 37.24, 21.35, 18.24 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 310 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{24}H_{22}$ [M]⁺: 310.1722, found: 310.1726.

(*E*)-penta-1,4-diene-1,1,3,5-tetrayltetrabenzene (3bx), colorless oil (88% yield), $R_f = 0.46$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2y** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 3 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.40-6.28 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 10.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.68, 142.35, 141.98, 139.89, 137.56, 132.55, 130.40, 129.99, 129.90, 128.79, 128.68, 128.47, 128.29, 127.94, 127.57, 127.45, 127.40, 126.61, 126.40, 48.43 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 372 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{29}H_{24}$ [M]⁺: 372.1878, found: 372.1870.

(2-(cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)ethene-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3by), colorless oil (66% yield), $R_f = 0.38$ (silica, petroleum ether, UV and PMA detection).

To an oven-dried, 10 mL Teflon-lined screw-capped Pyrex test tube, **1a** (0.6 mmol) and **2z** (1.8 mmol) were added without argon protection. A magnetic stir bar was added to the tube carefully and the mixture was stirred slowly for 5 min at room temperature. Then the temperature was increased to 100 °C and stir was continued for 5 h. After it cooled down to room temperature, it was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford pure product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.13 (m, 7H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.84-5.62 (m, 1H), 5.56-5.46 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.34 (m, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.70, 140.90, 140.32, 133.82, 130.17, 129.95, 128.35, 128.20, 127.83, 127.34, 127.06, 127.02, 36.12, 29.70, 24.99, 21.01 ppm.

EI-MS m/z (%): 260 (M⁺); **HRMS** (EI): m/z Exact mass calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}$ [M]⁺: 260.1560, found: 260.1552.

S4. NMR characterization of substrate interactions



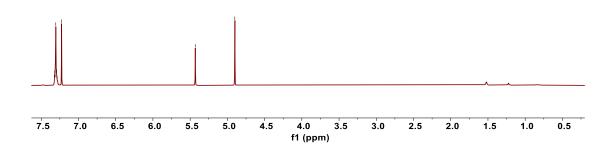


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a in the single-molecular state.



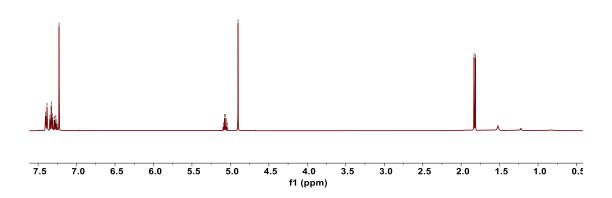


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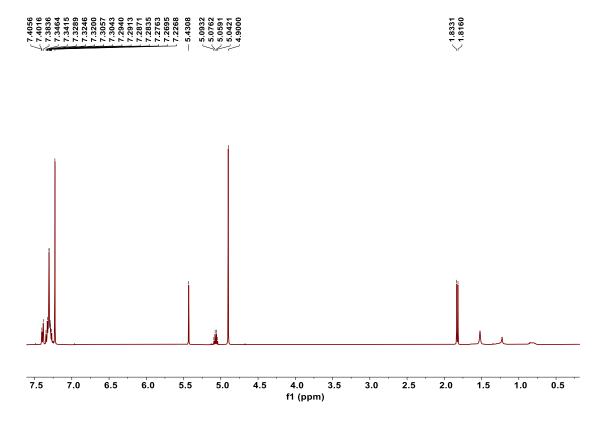


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a+2a in the single-molecular state. $(V_{1a}/V_{2a} = 1:1)$

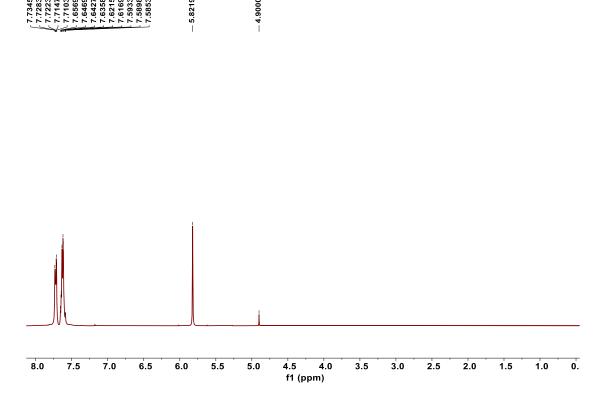


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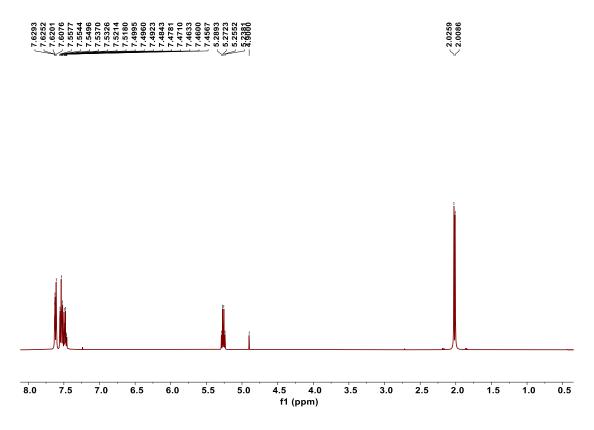


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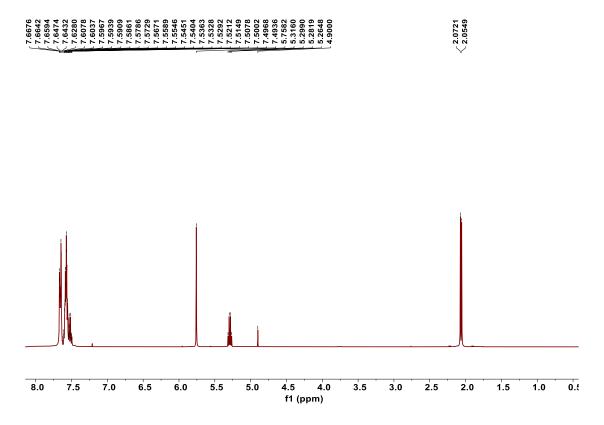


Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a+2a in the aggregate molecular state. $(V_{1a}/V_{2a} = 1:1)$

S5. Control experiments

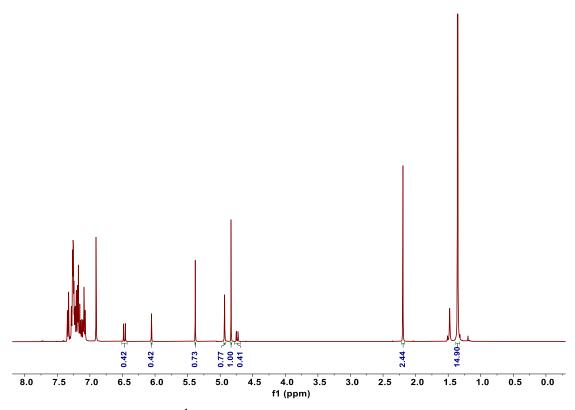


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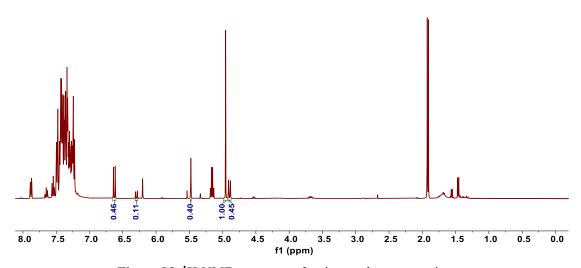
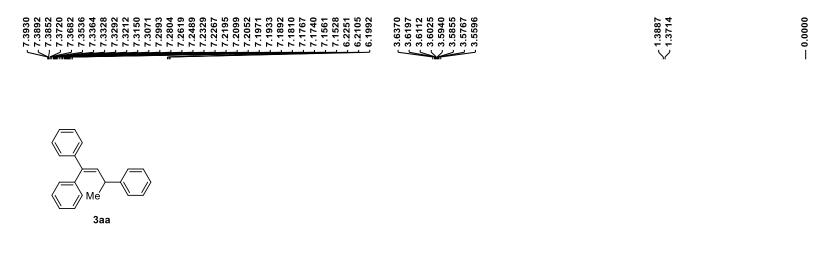
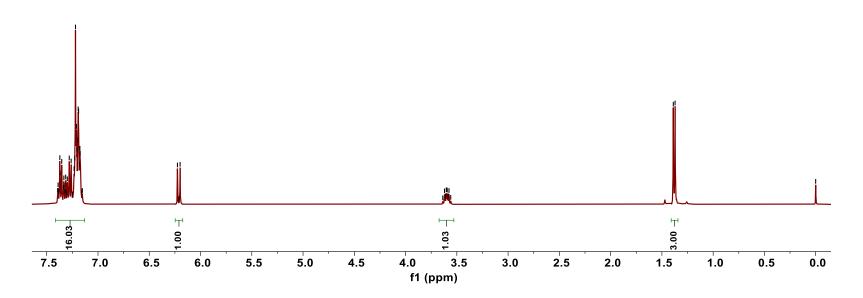
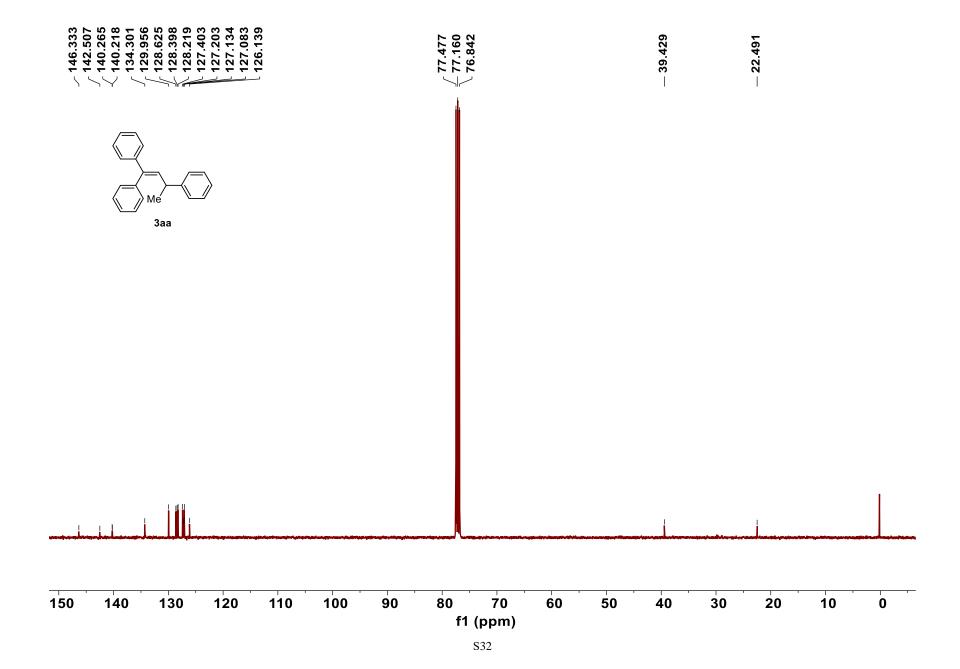


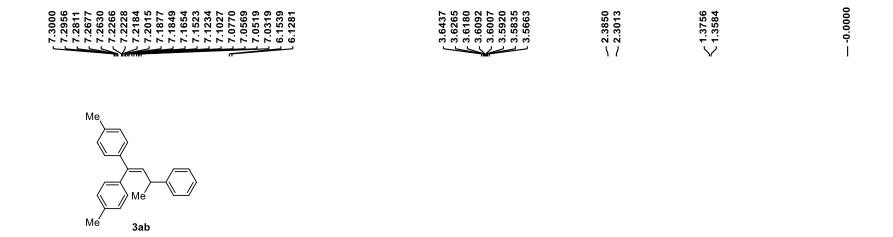
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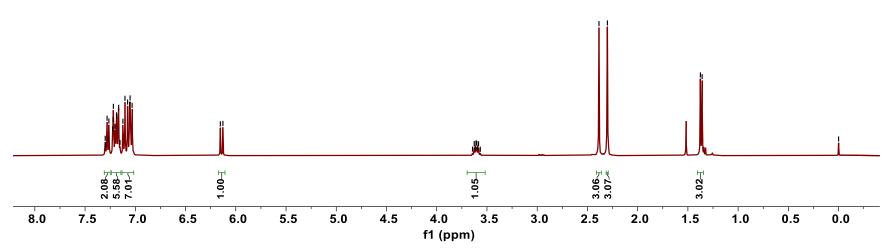
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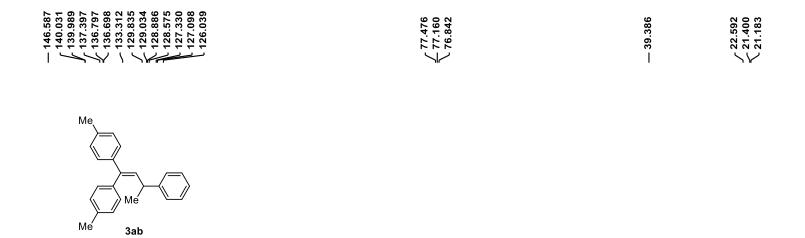


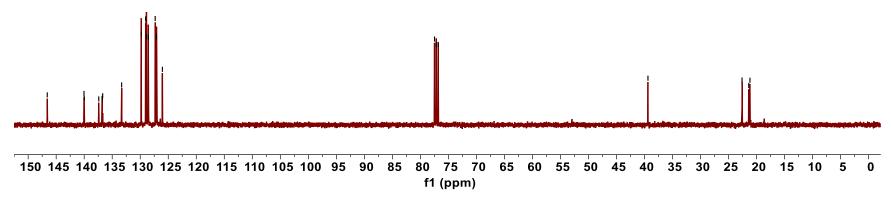


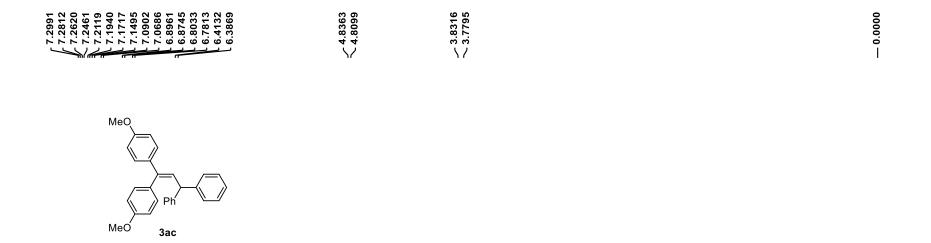


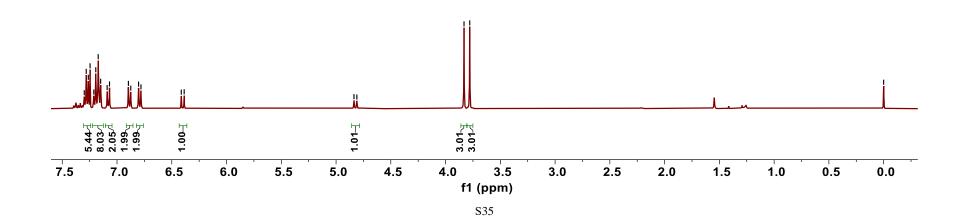


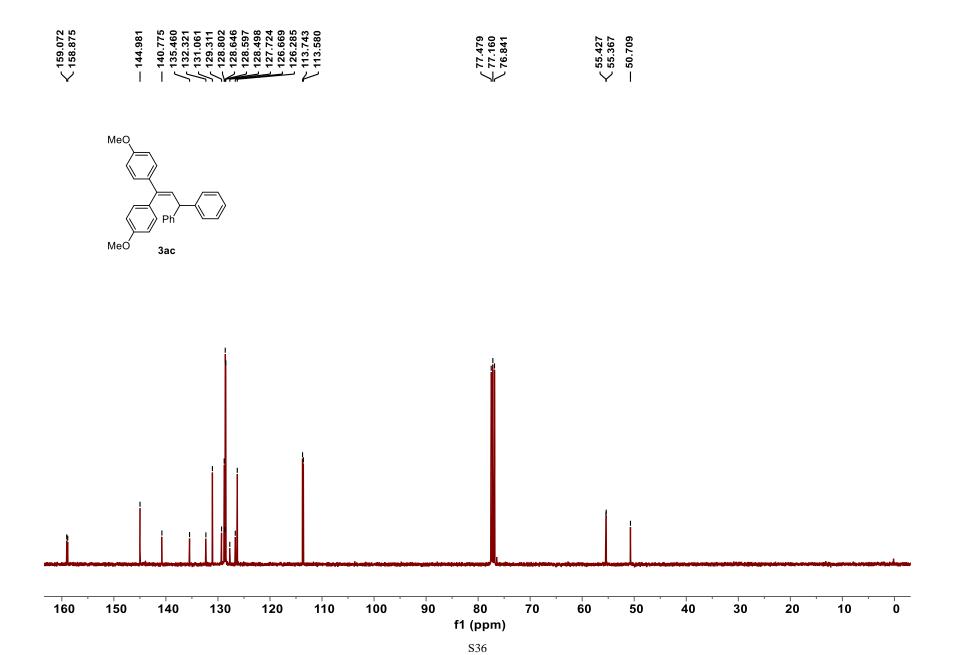


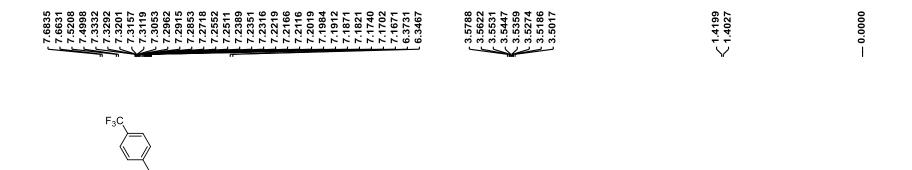




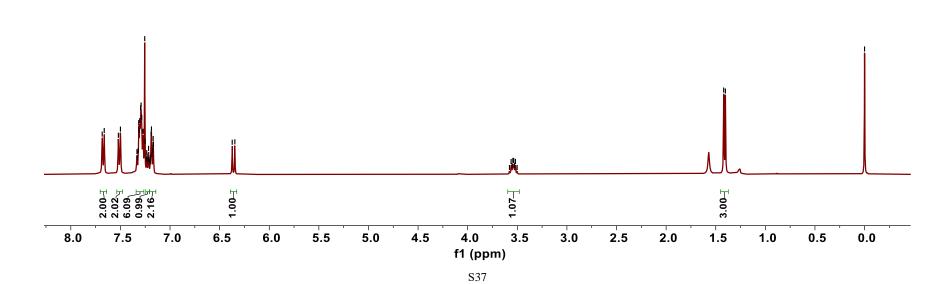


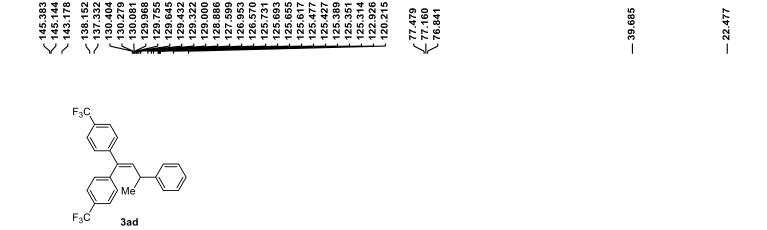


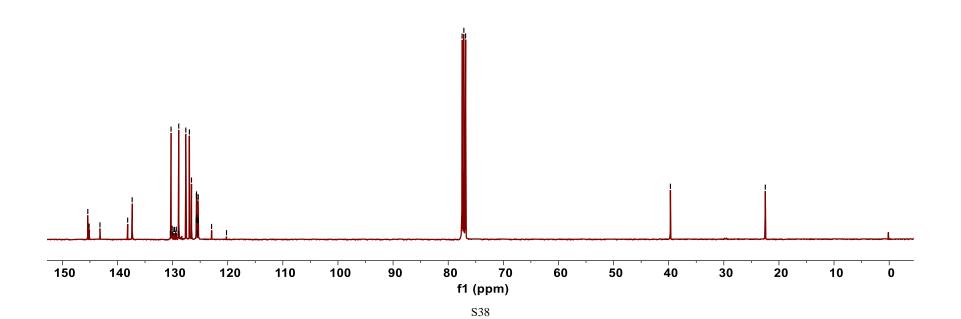




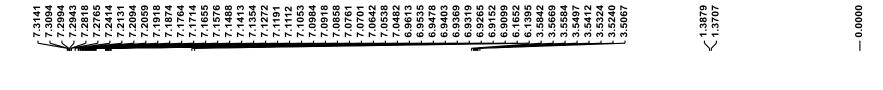
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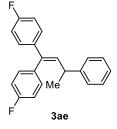


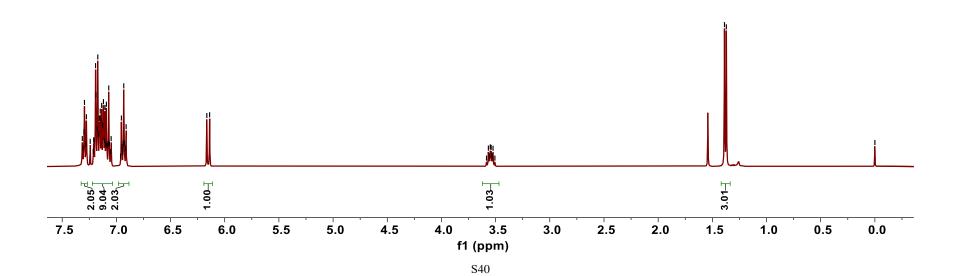


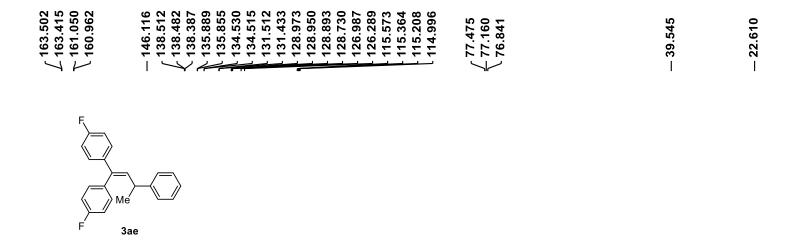


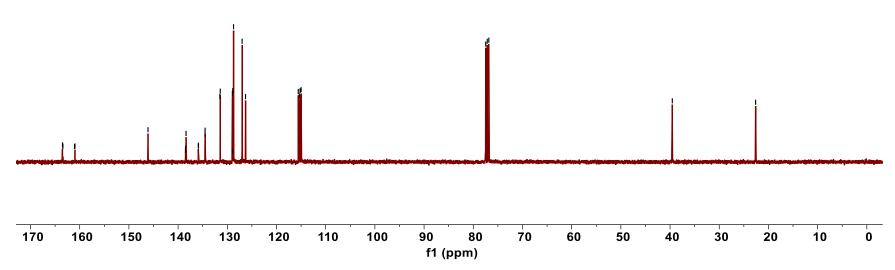
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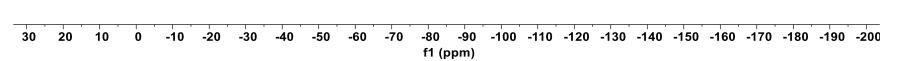


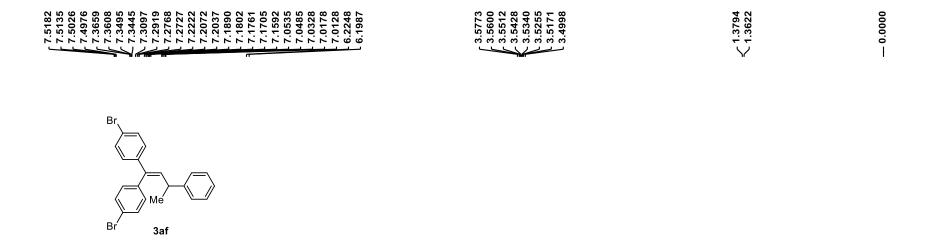


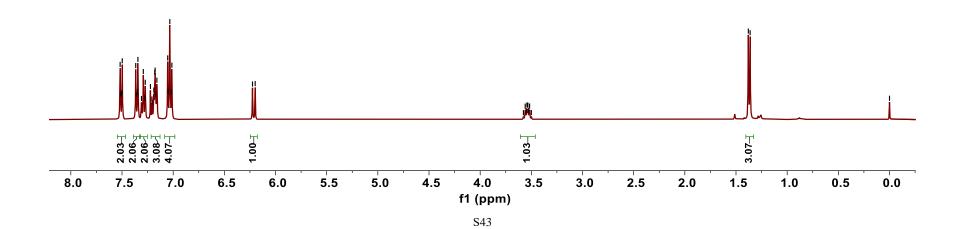


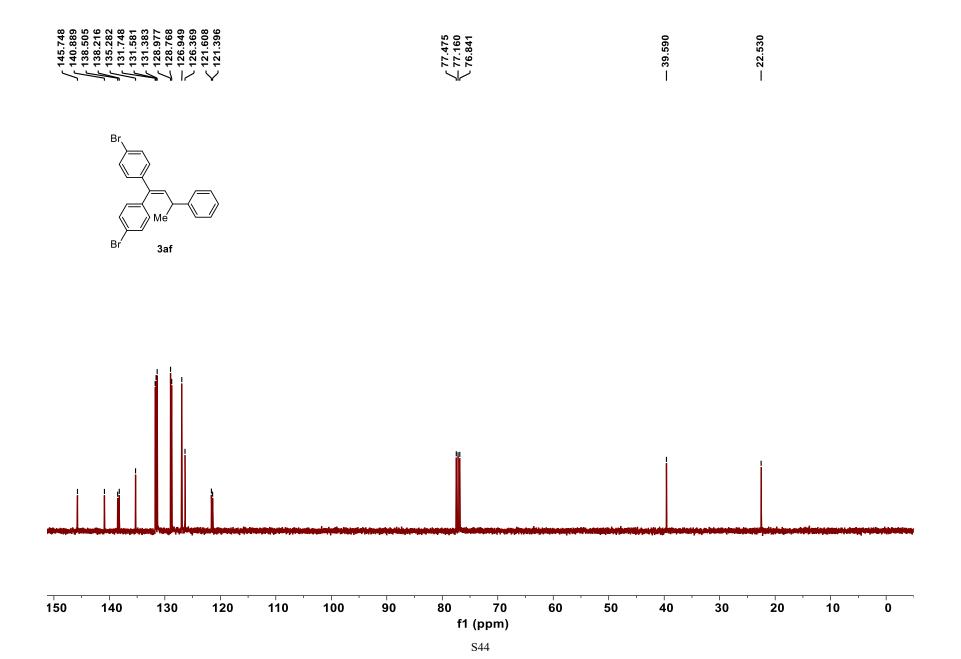






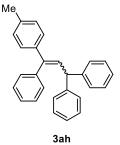


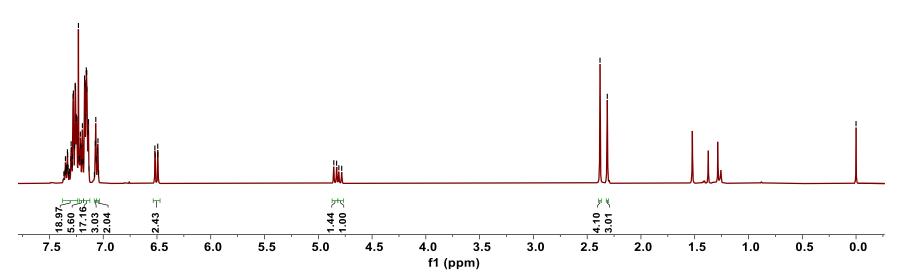




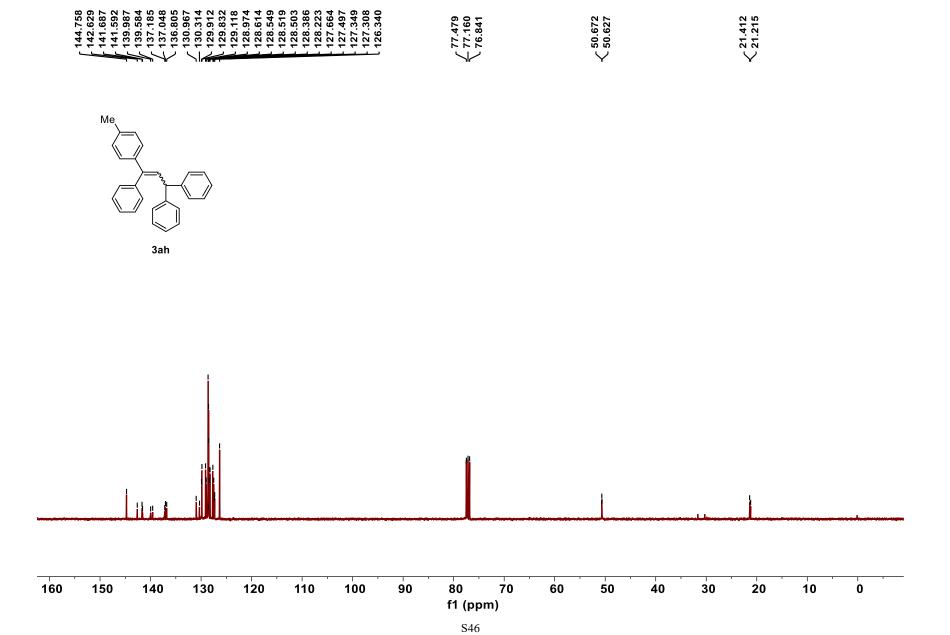


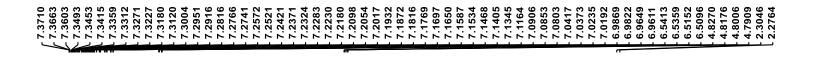




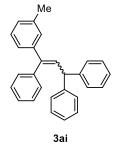


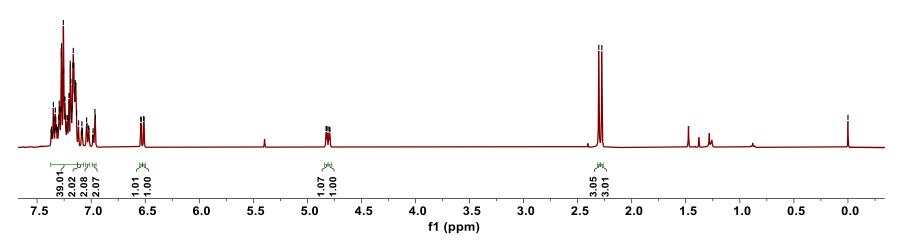
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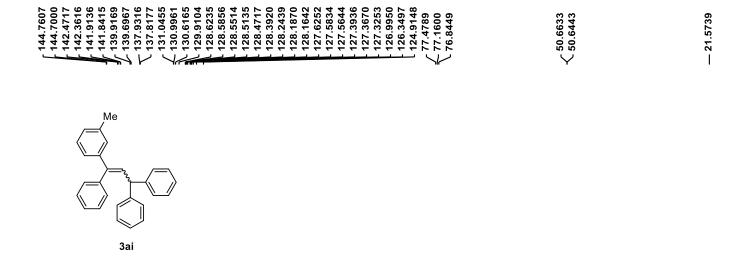


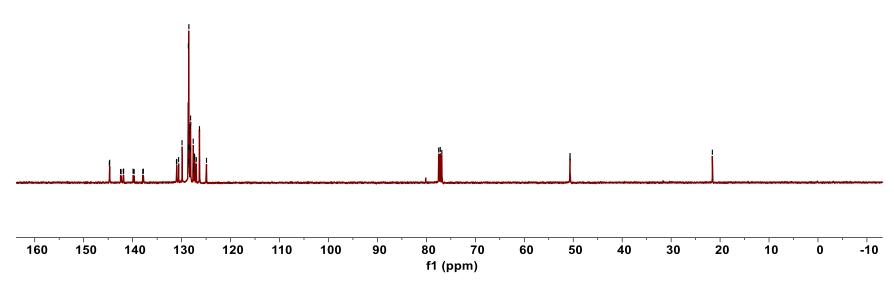






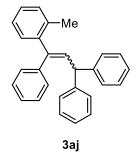


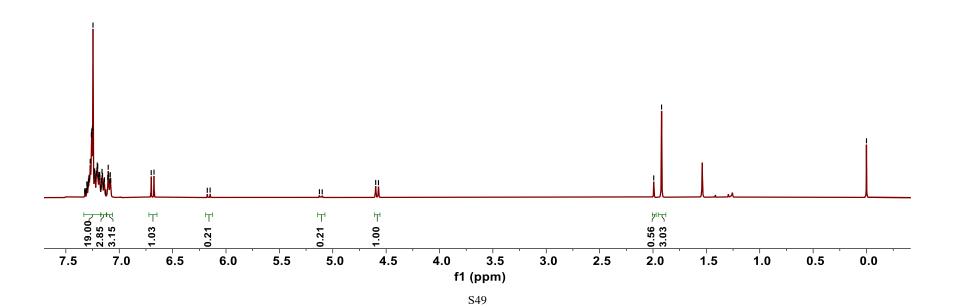


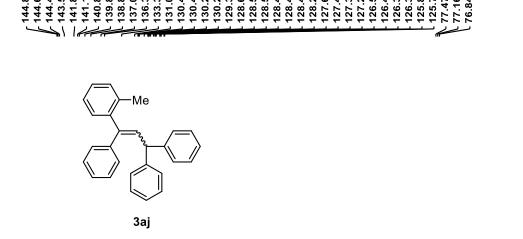


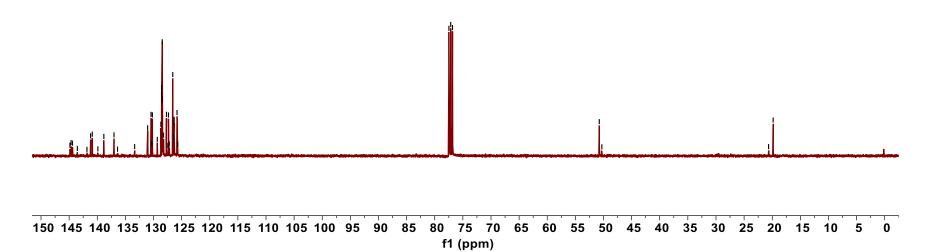






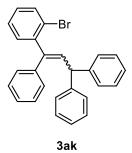


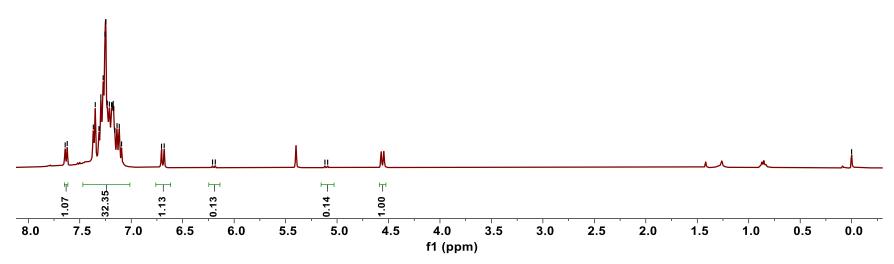


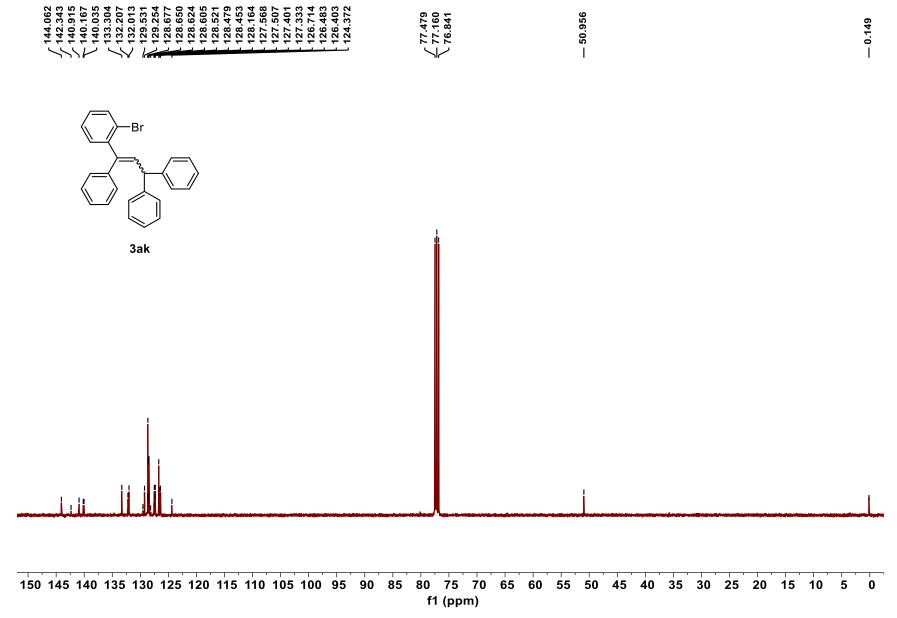




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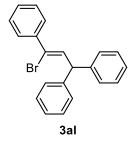


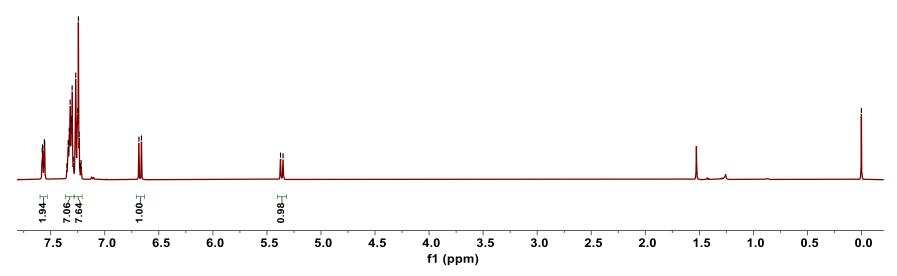


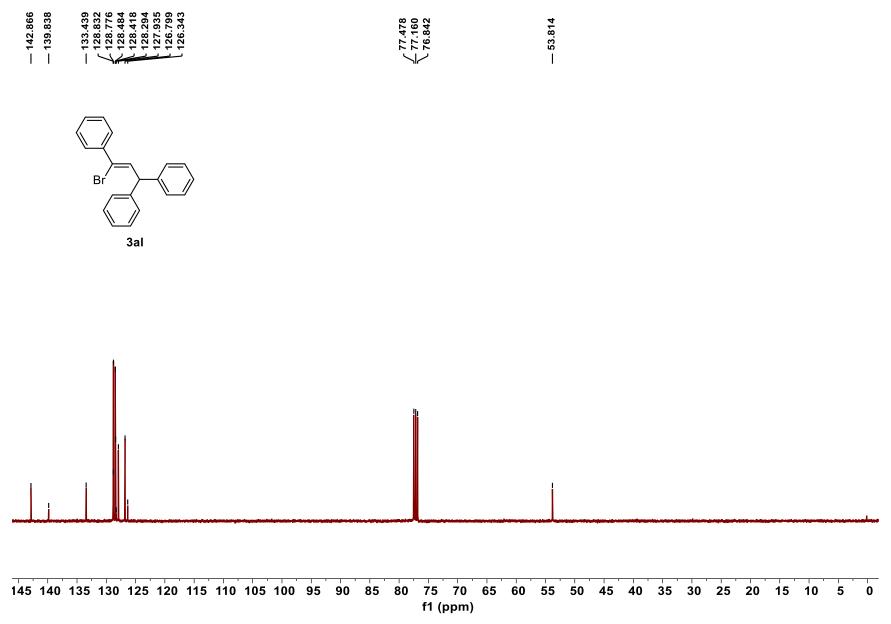


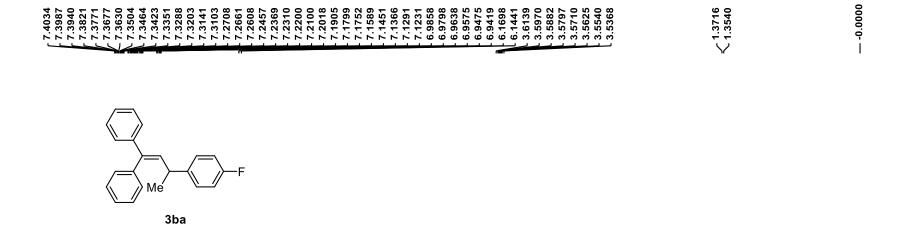


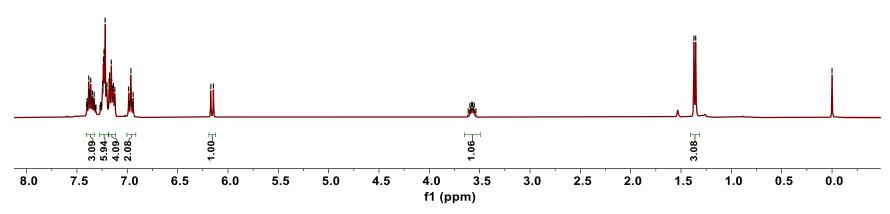


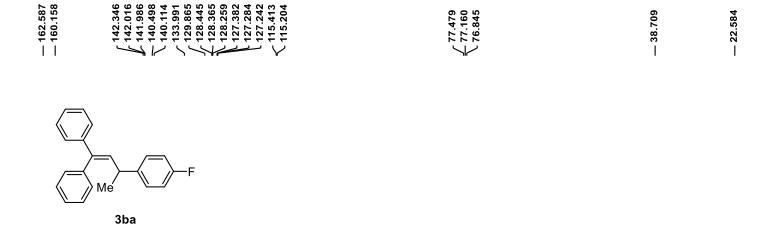


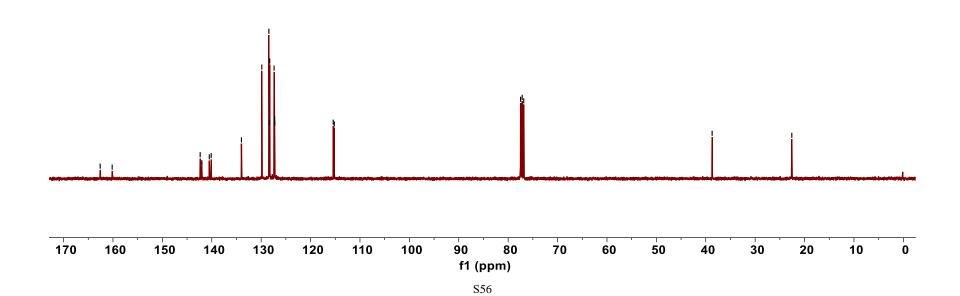




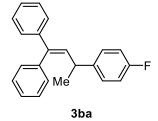


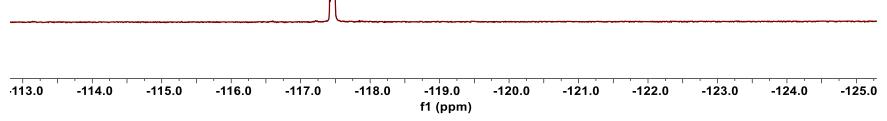


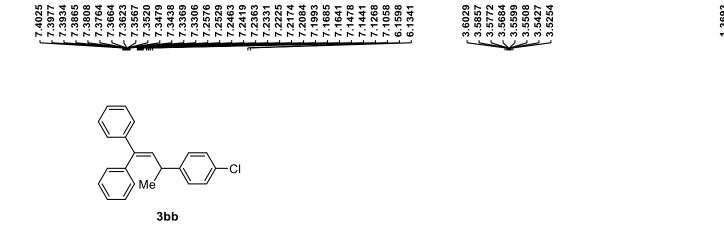


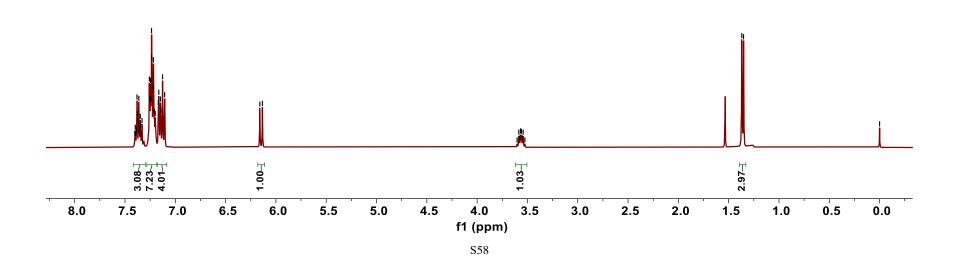




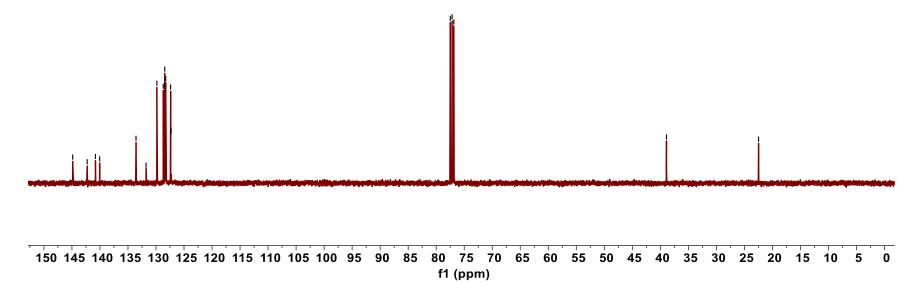


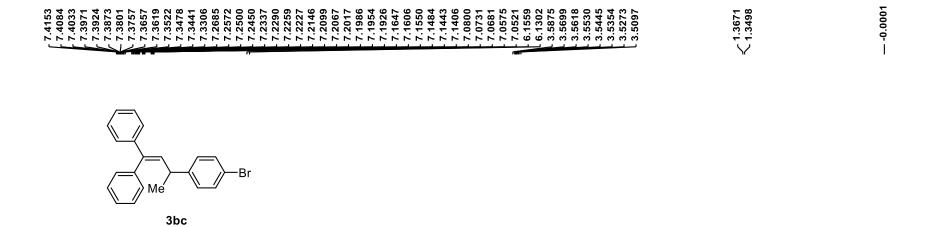


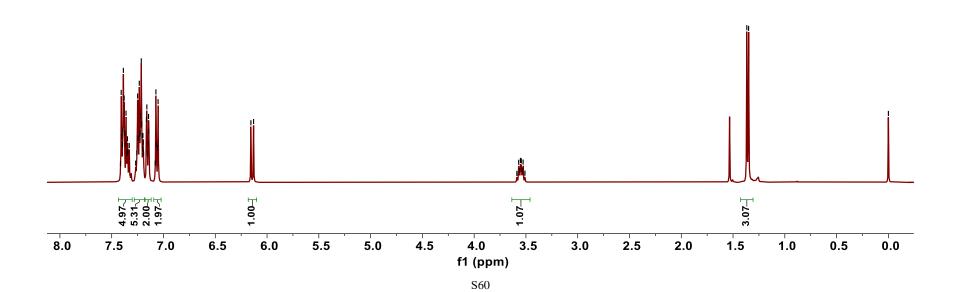


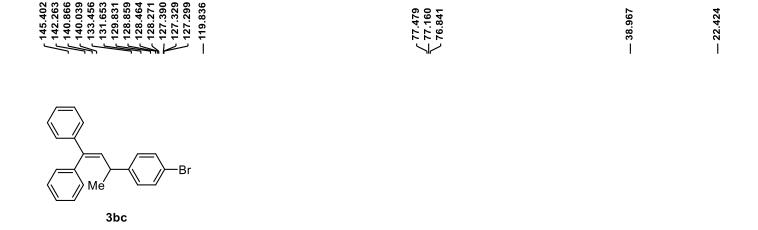


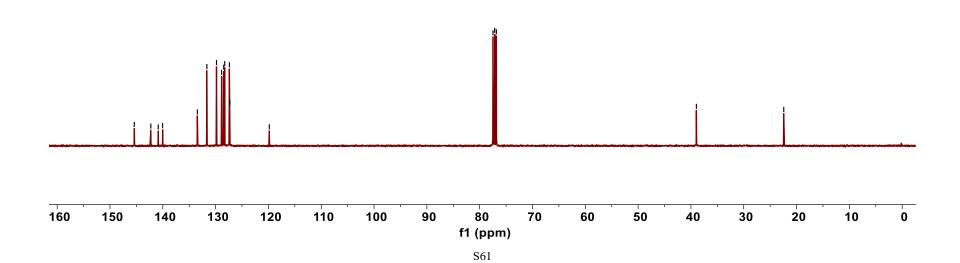


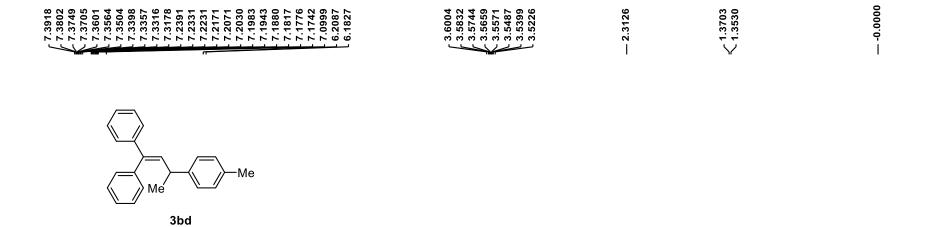


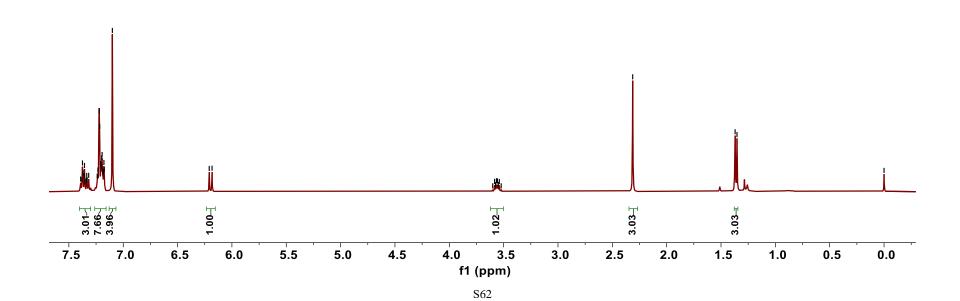


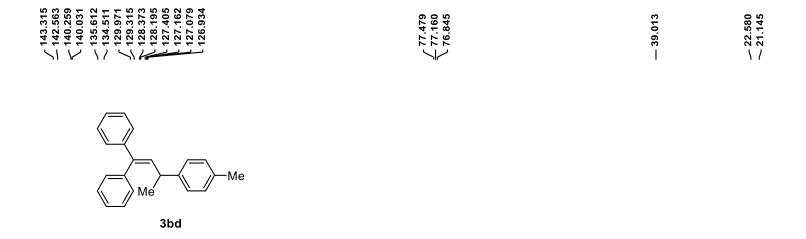


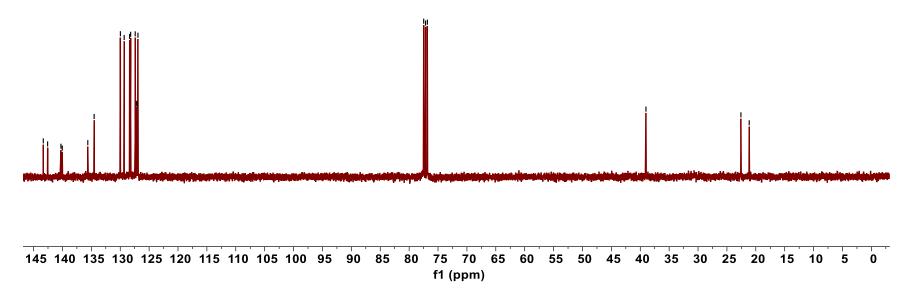


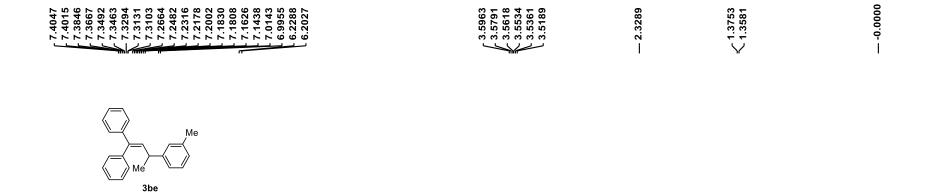


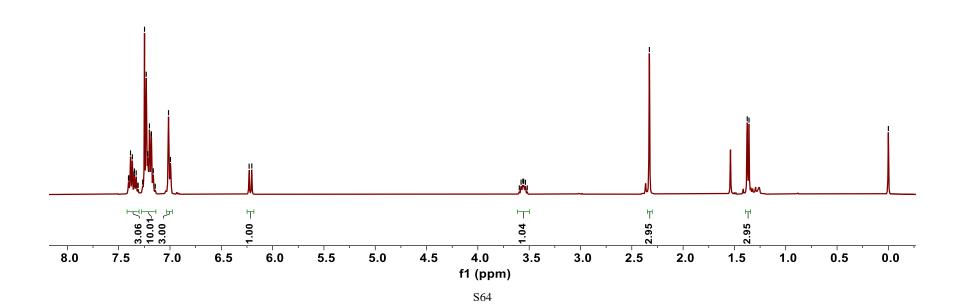


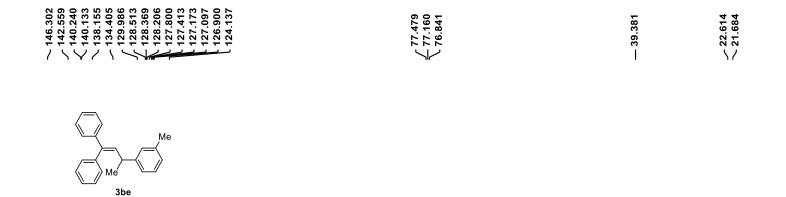


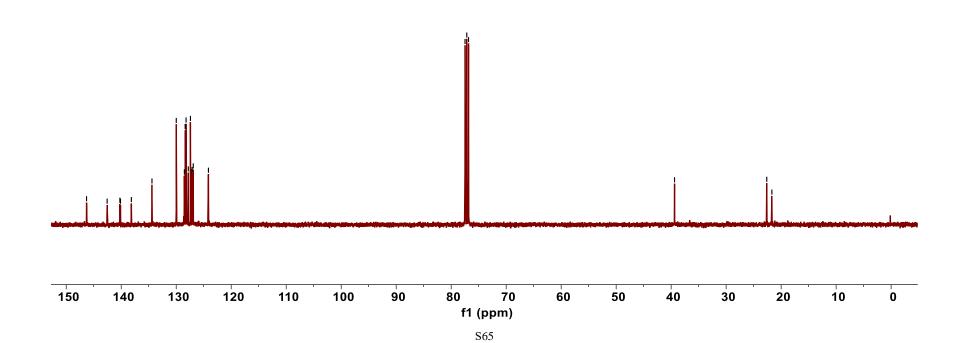


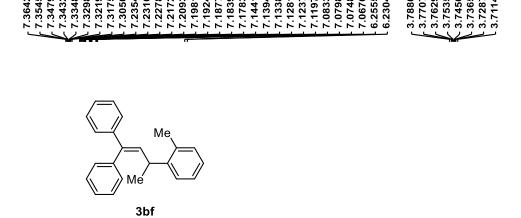


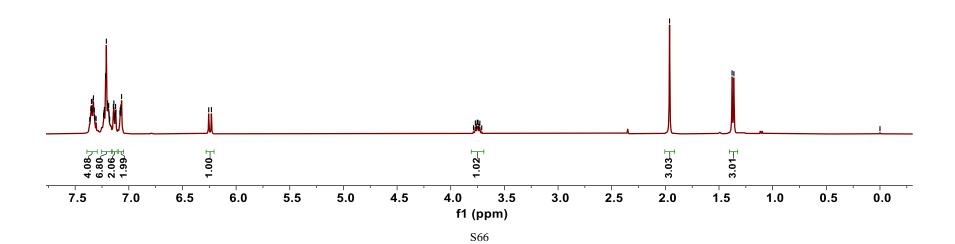


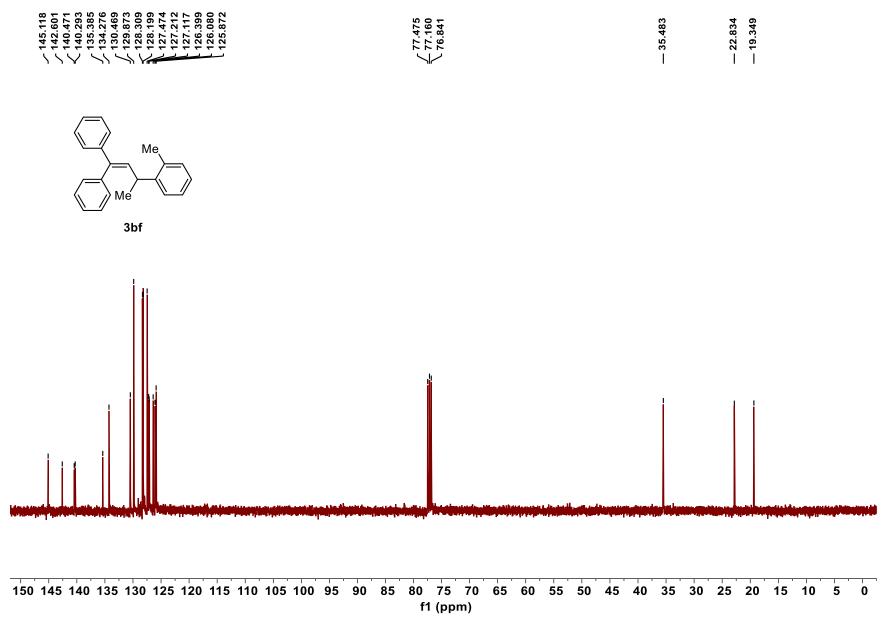


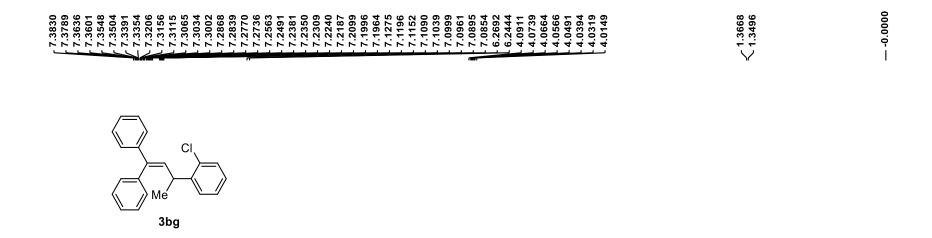


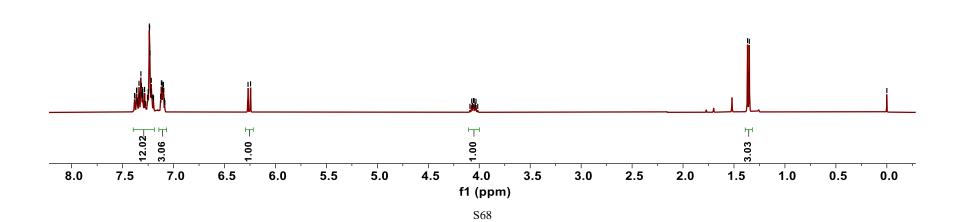


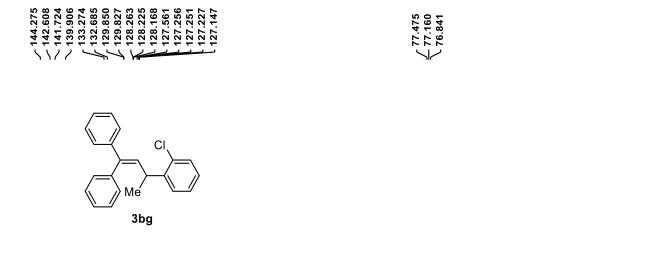


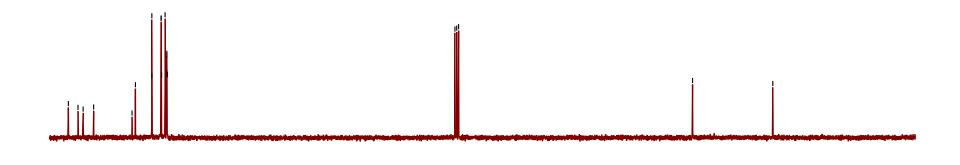




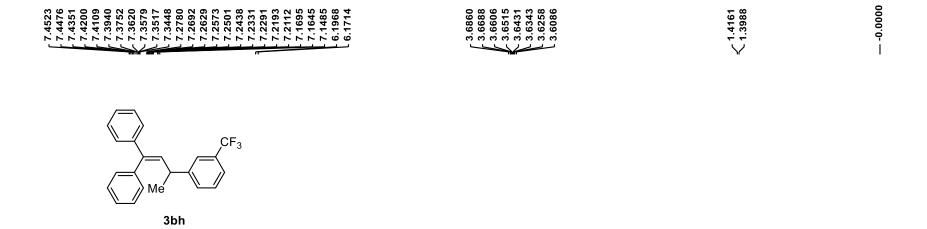


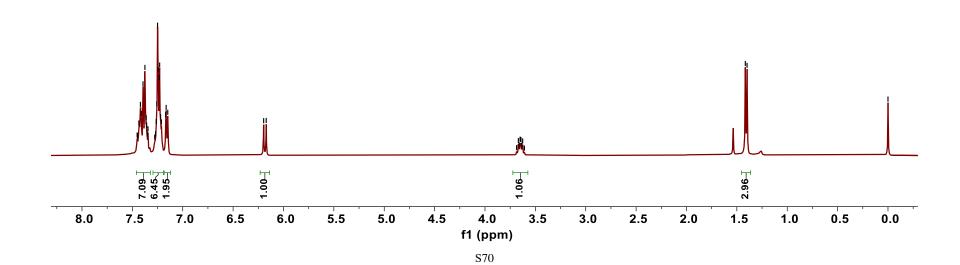


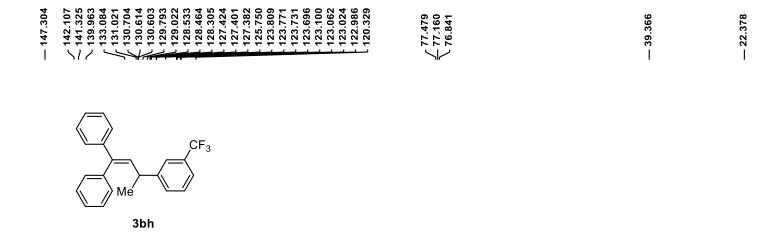


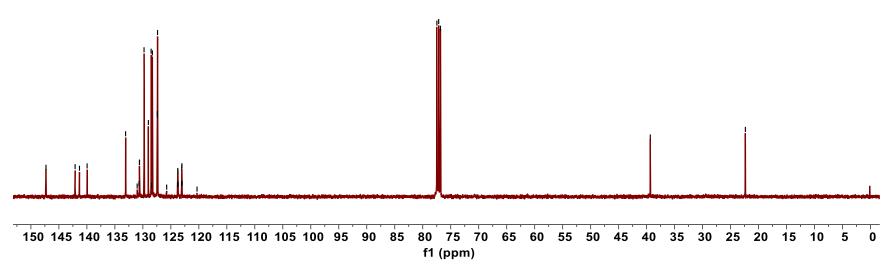


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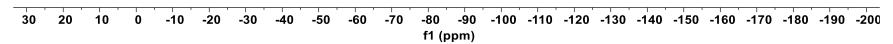






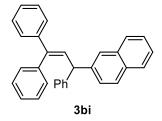


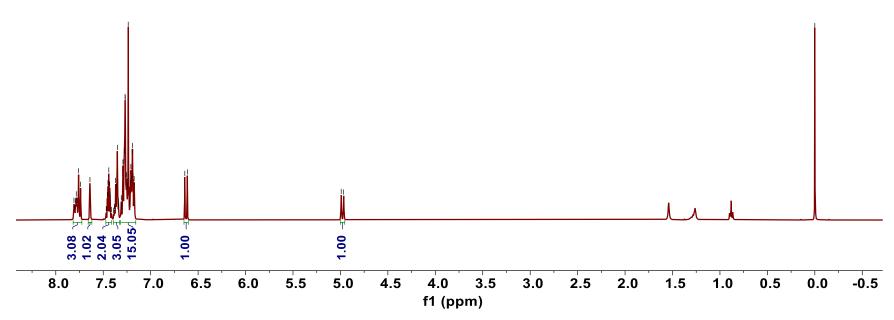


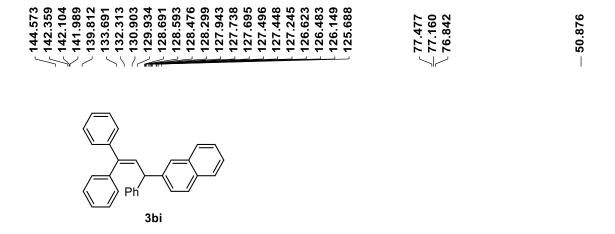


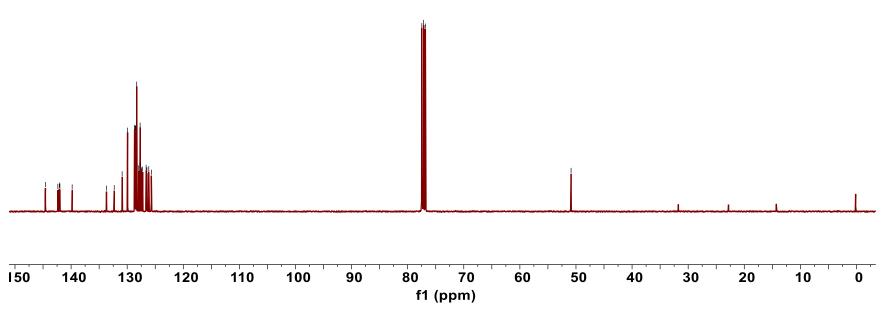


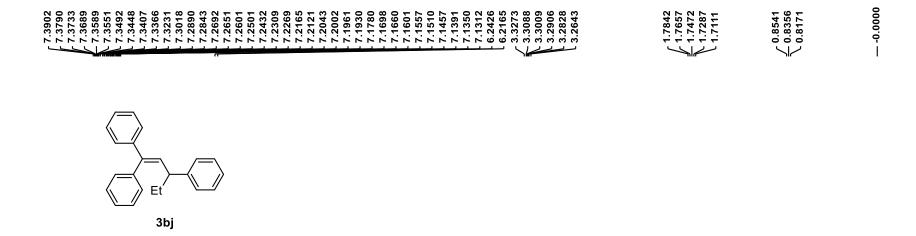


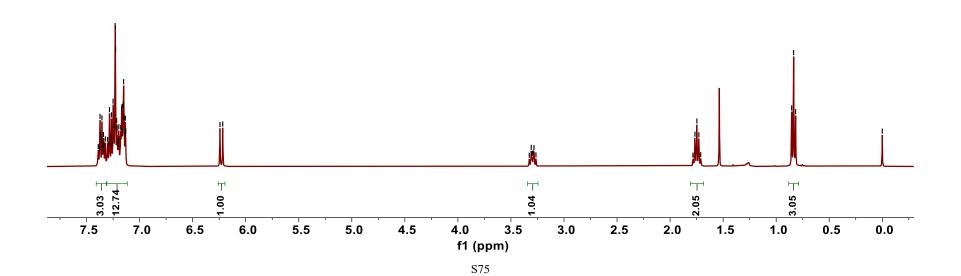


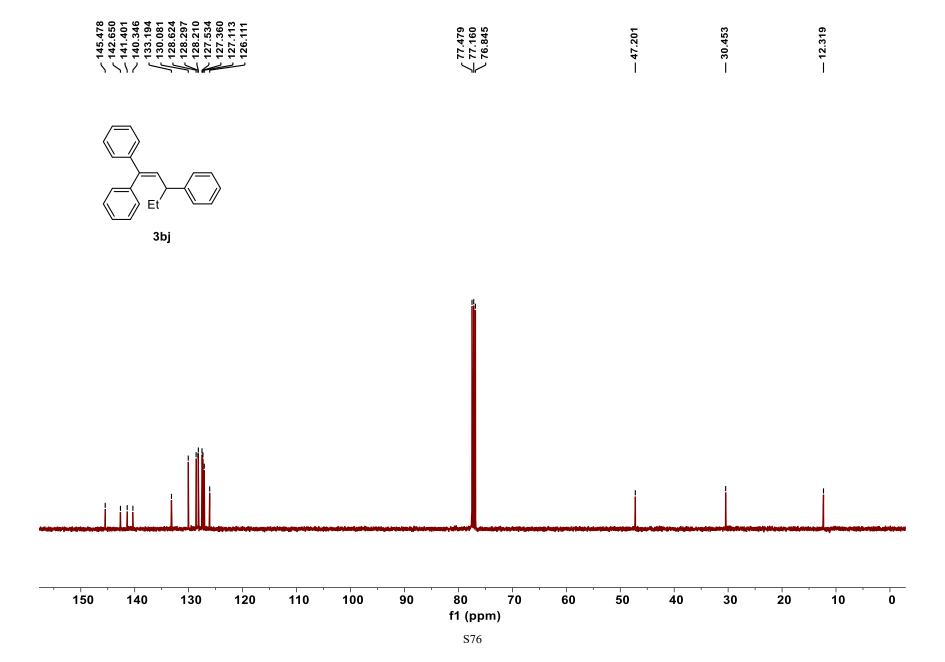


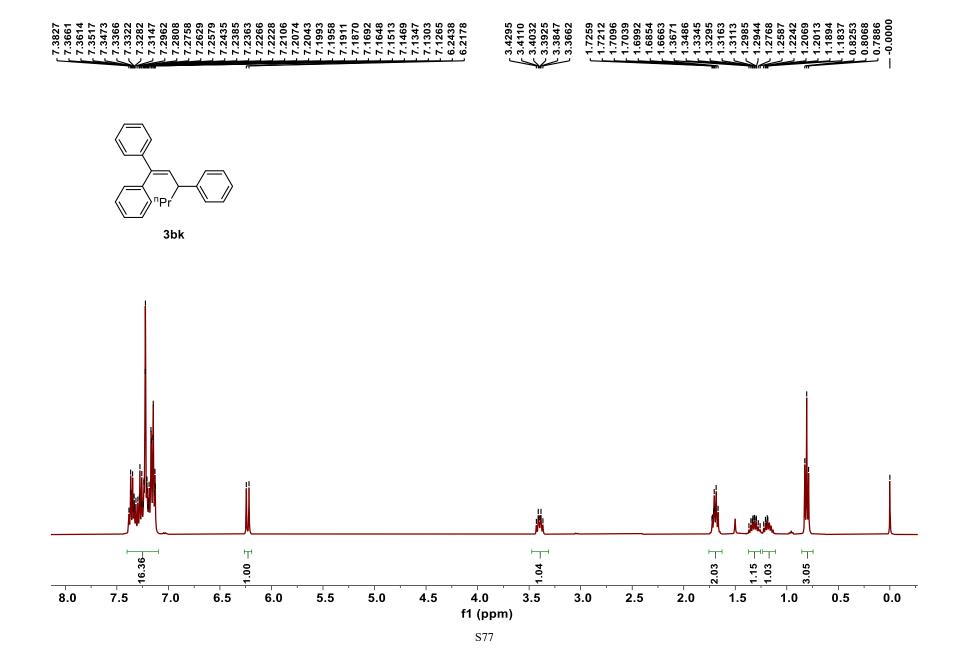


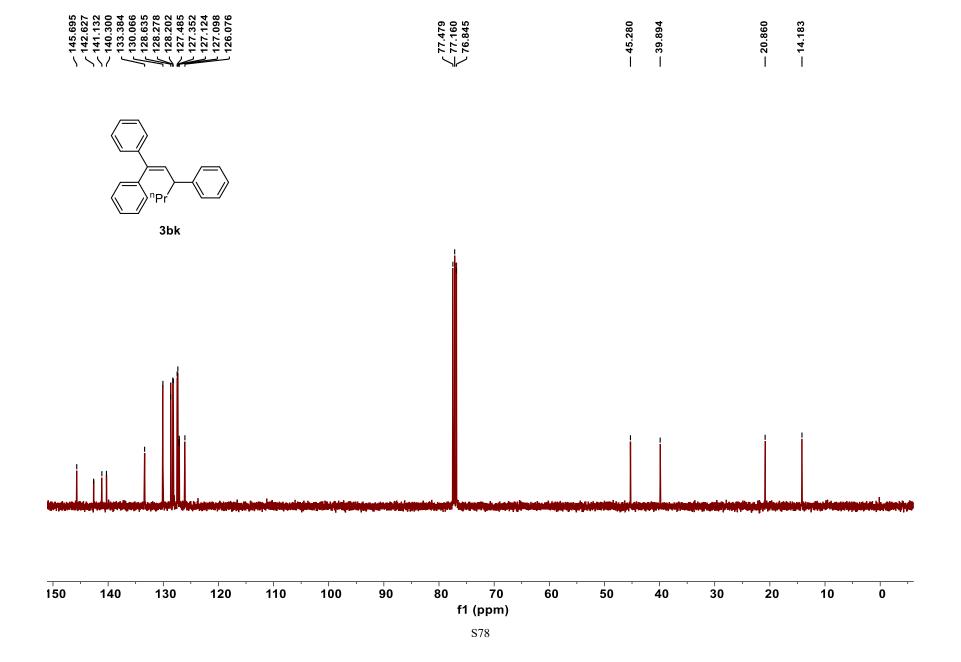


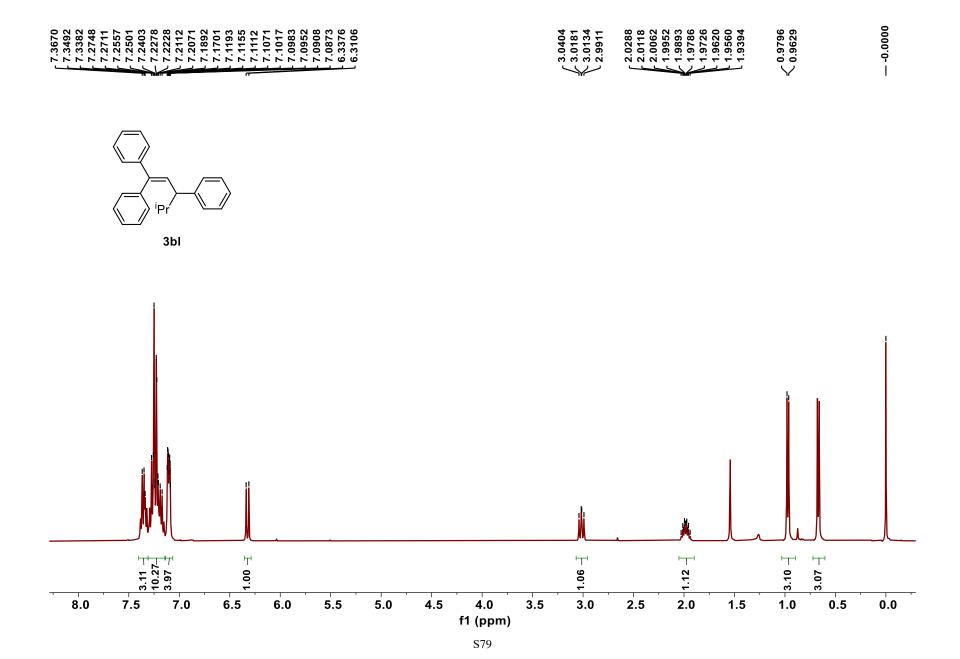


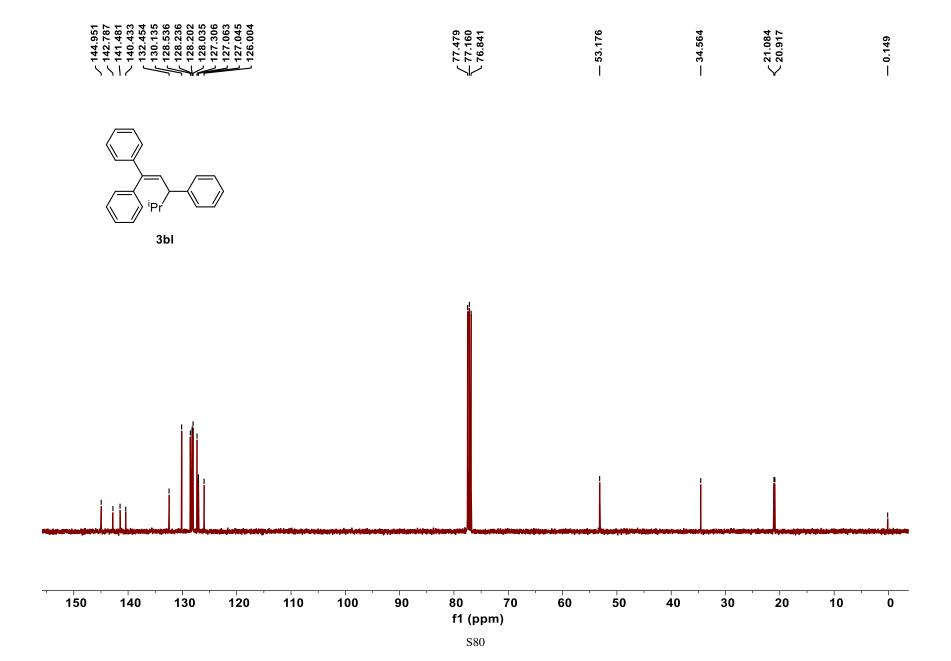




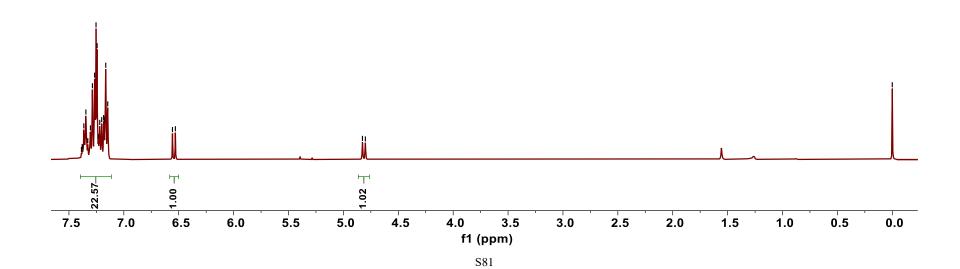


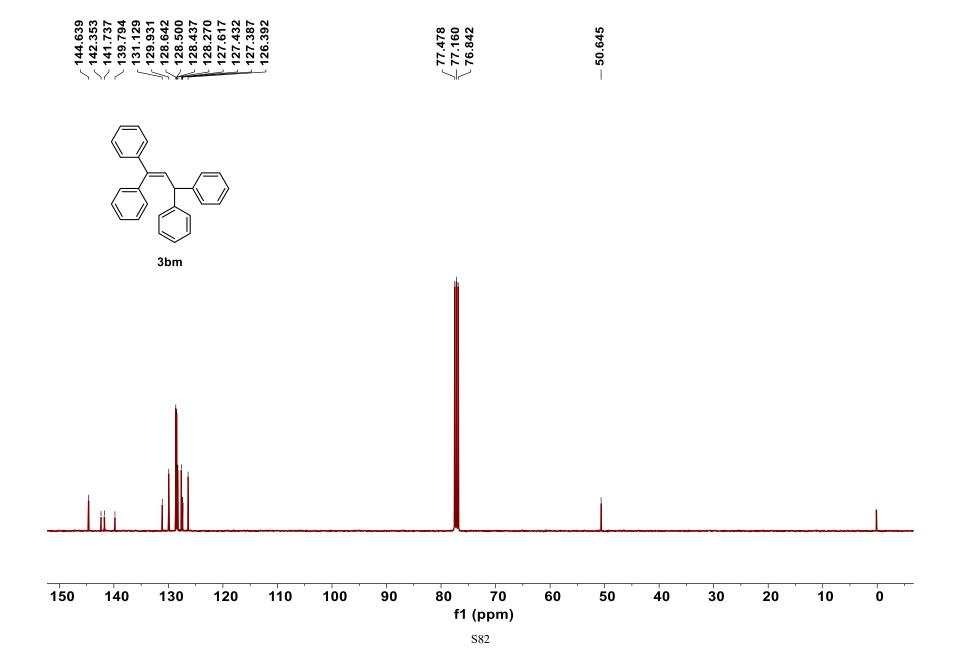


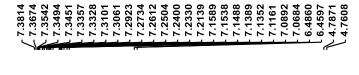




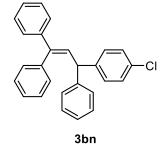


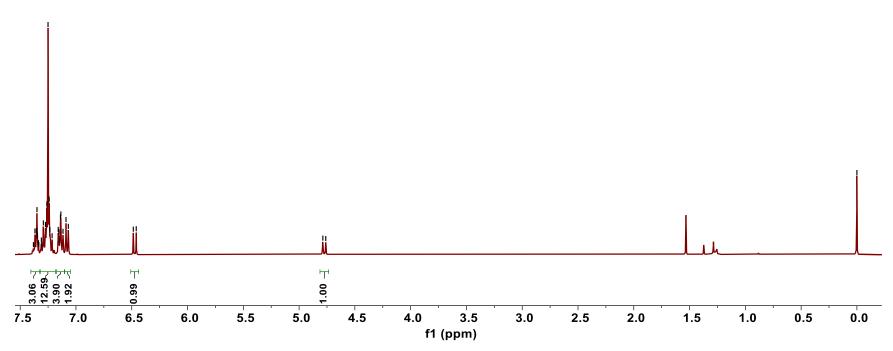


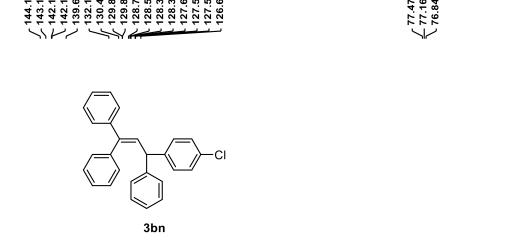


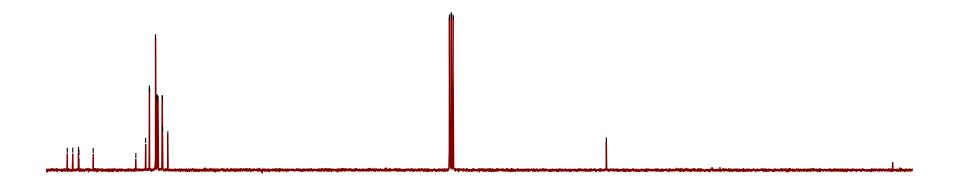




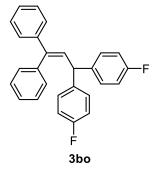


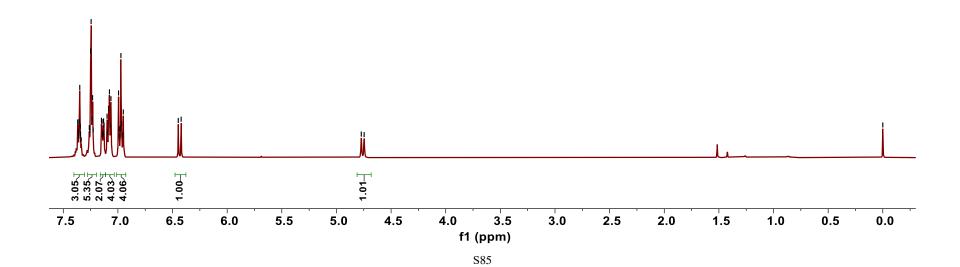


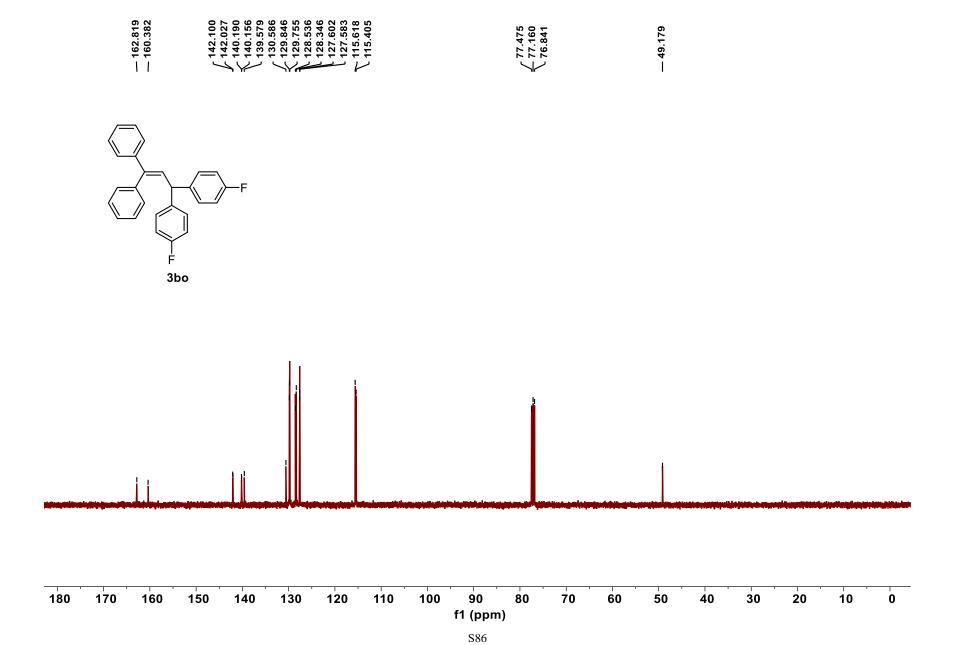


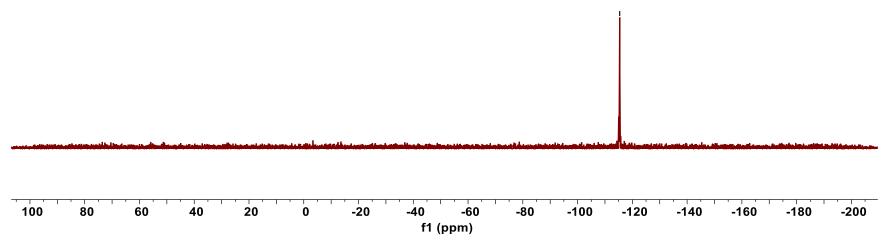




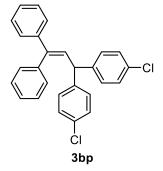


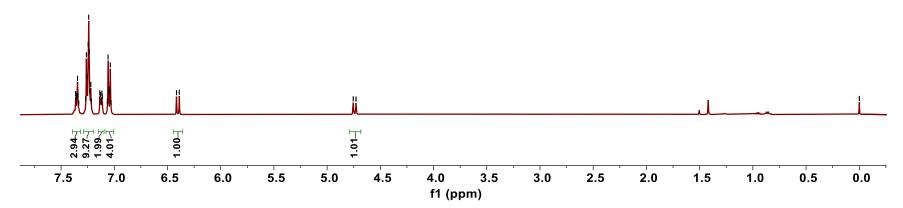


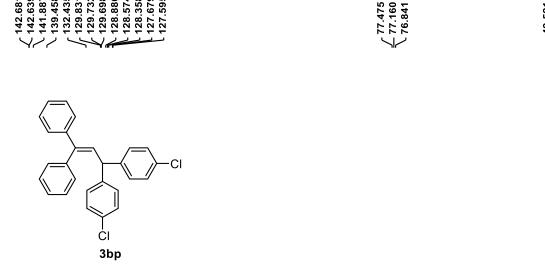


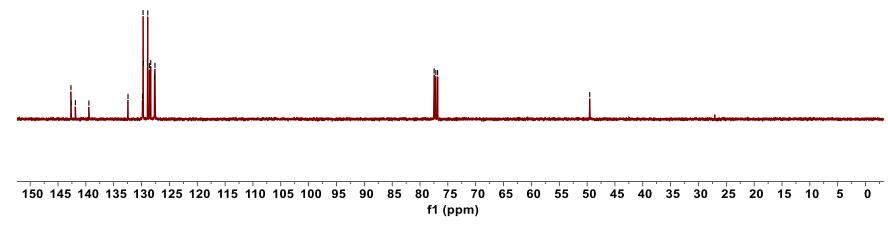




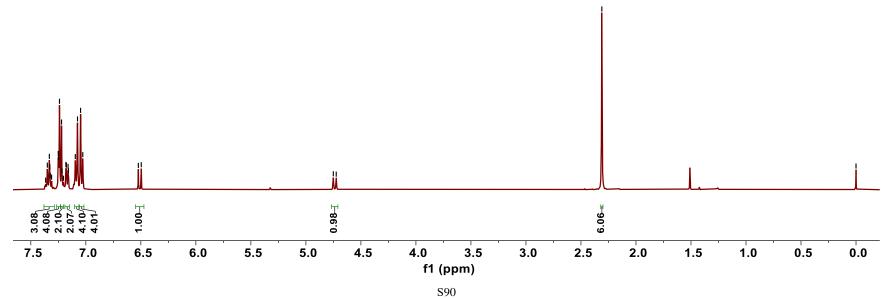


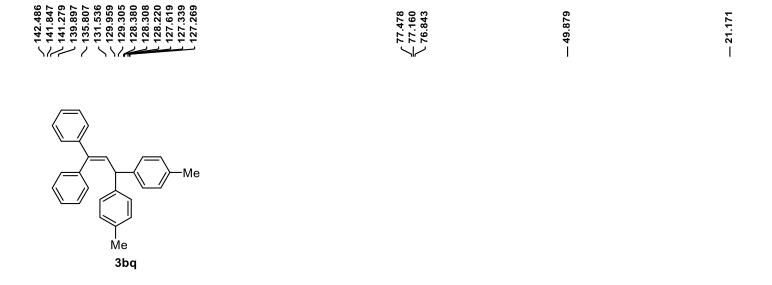


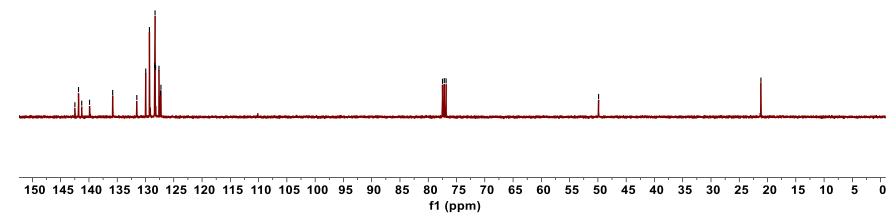


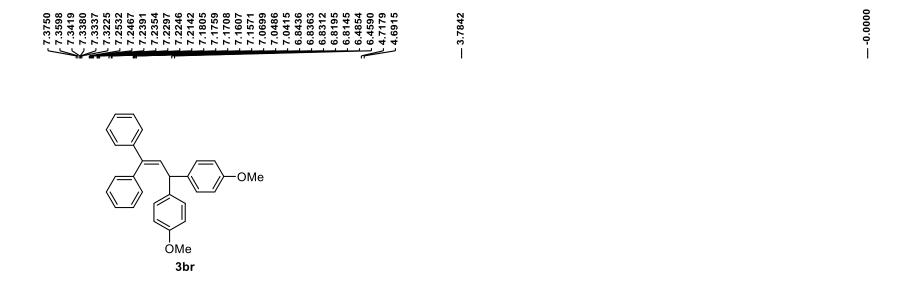


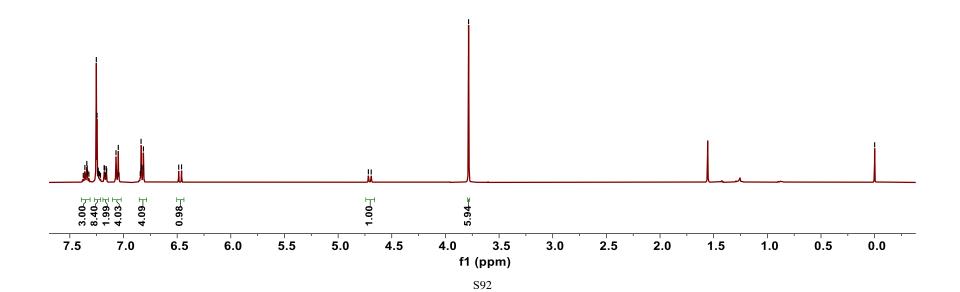


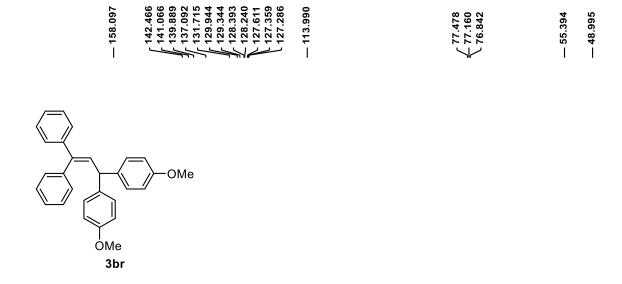


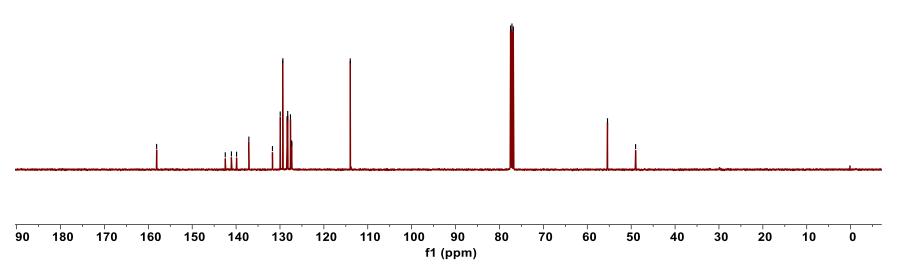






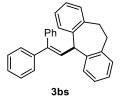


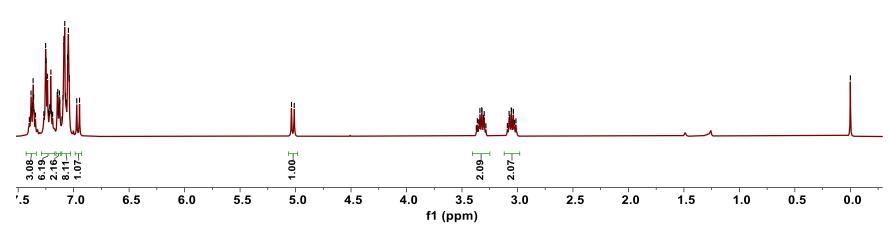




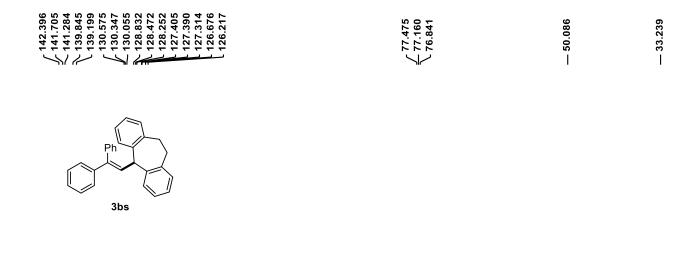


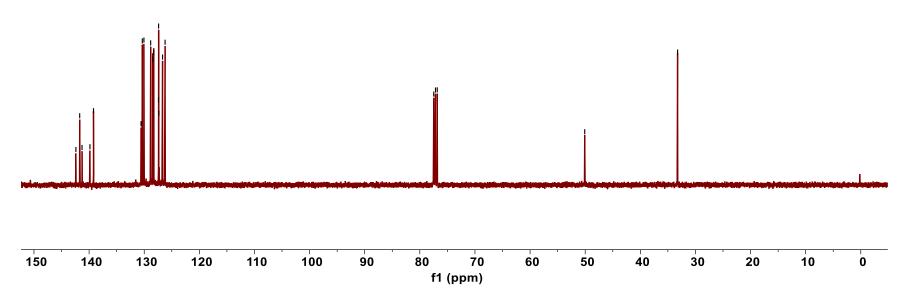






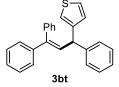
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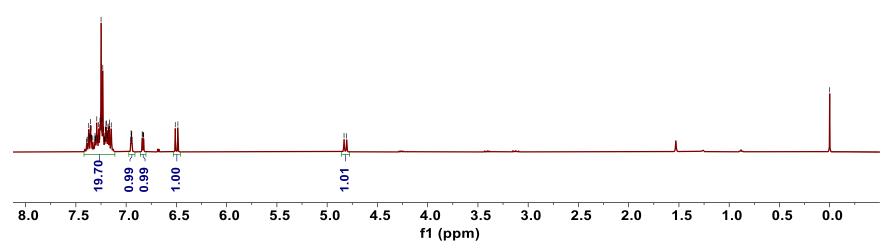




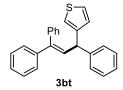


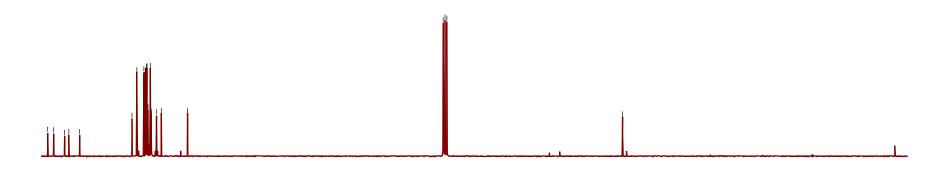




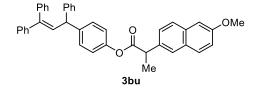


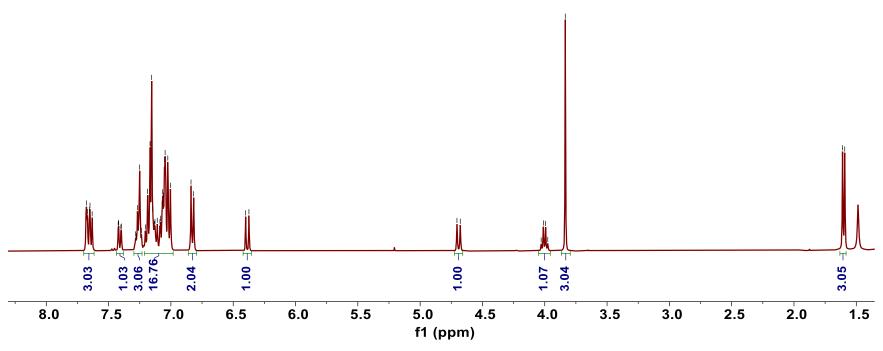


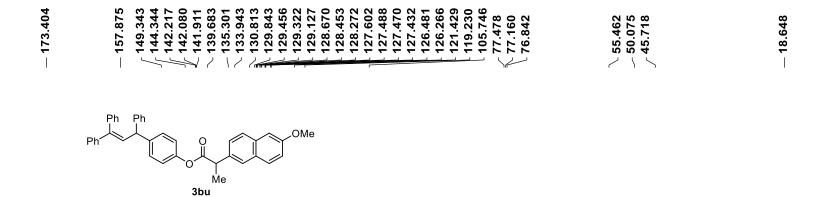


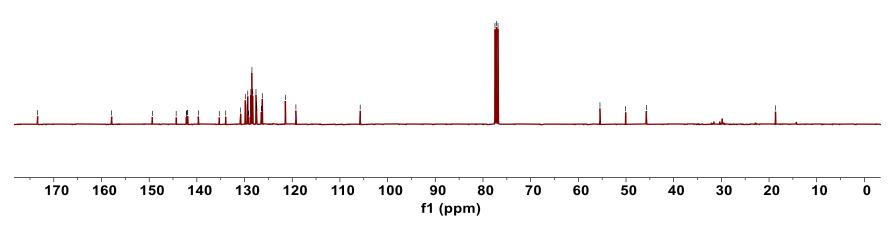


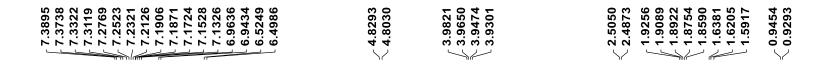


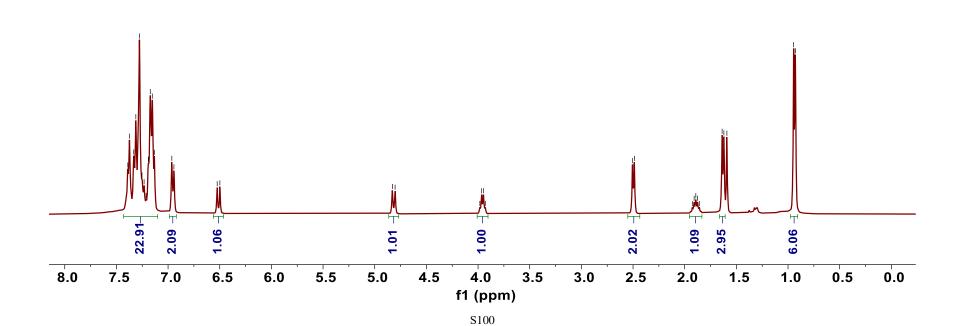




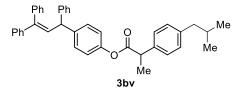


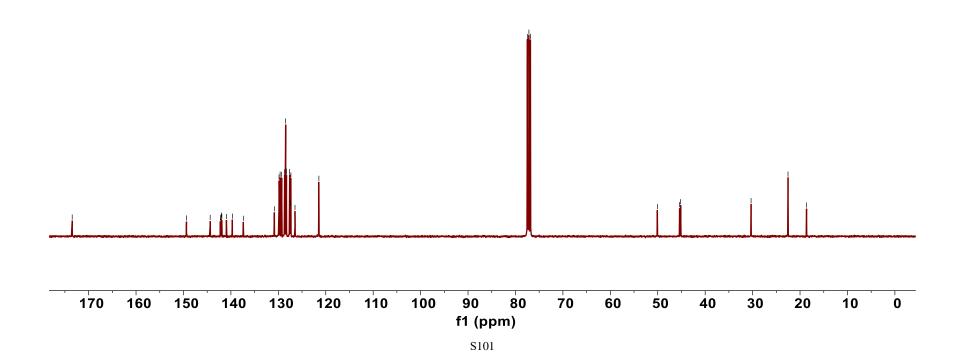


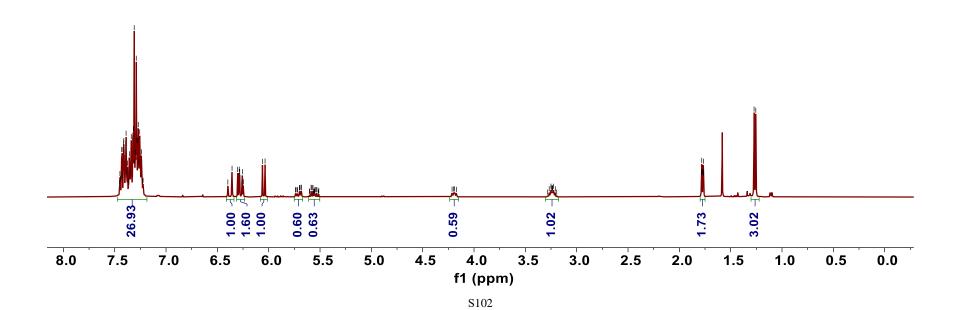


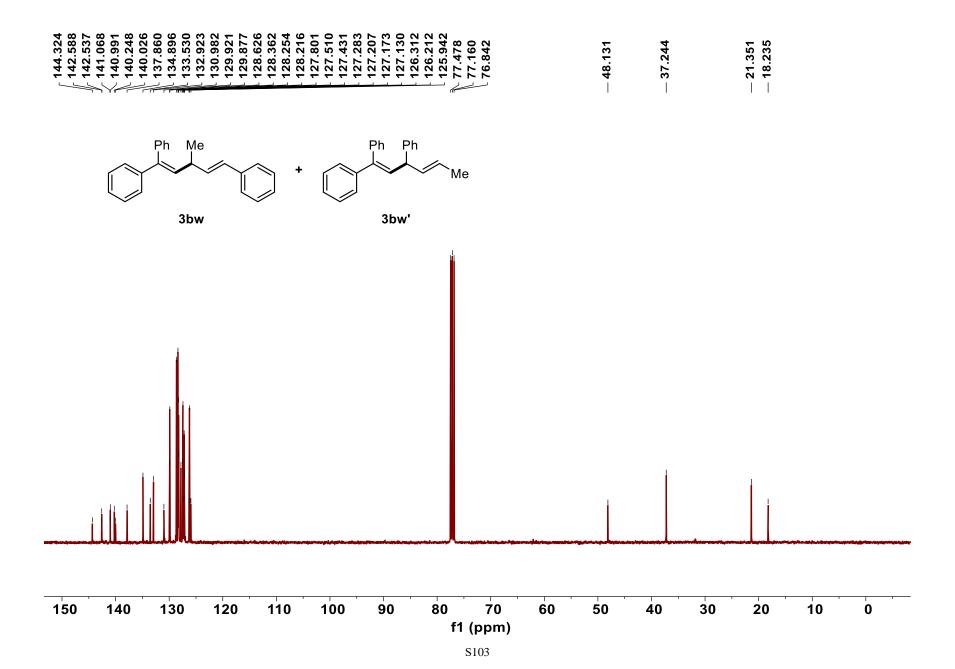




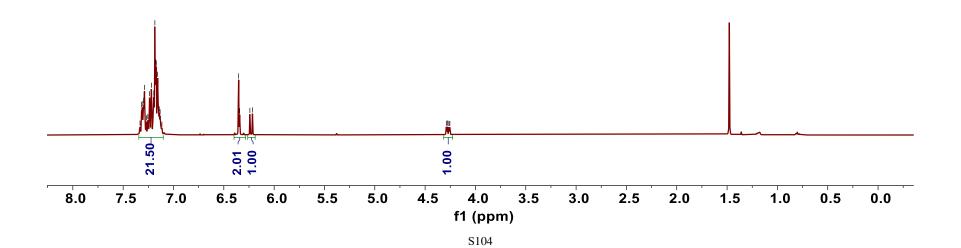


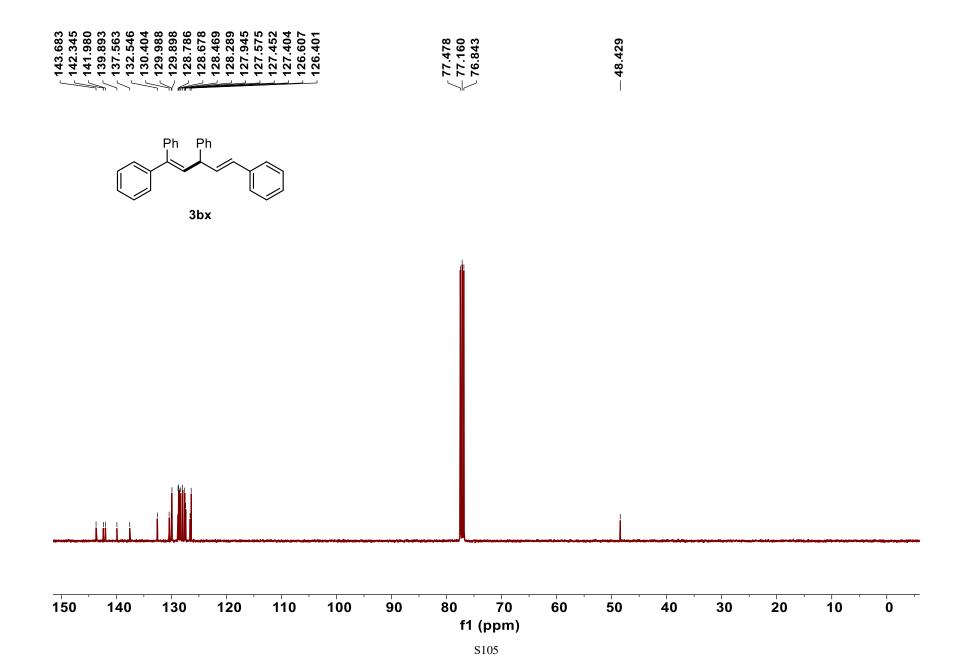


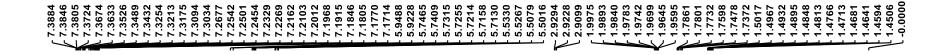


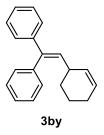


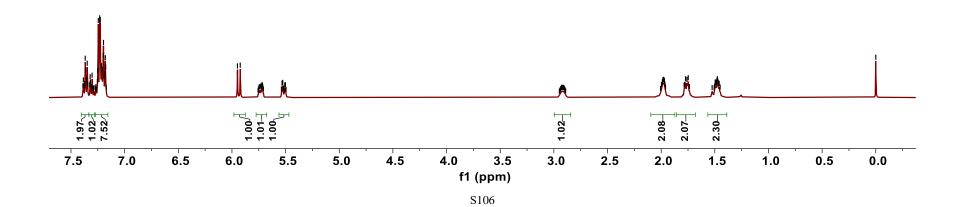


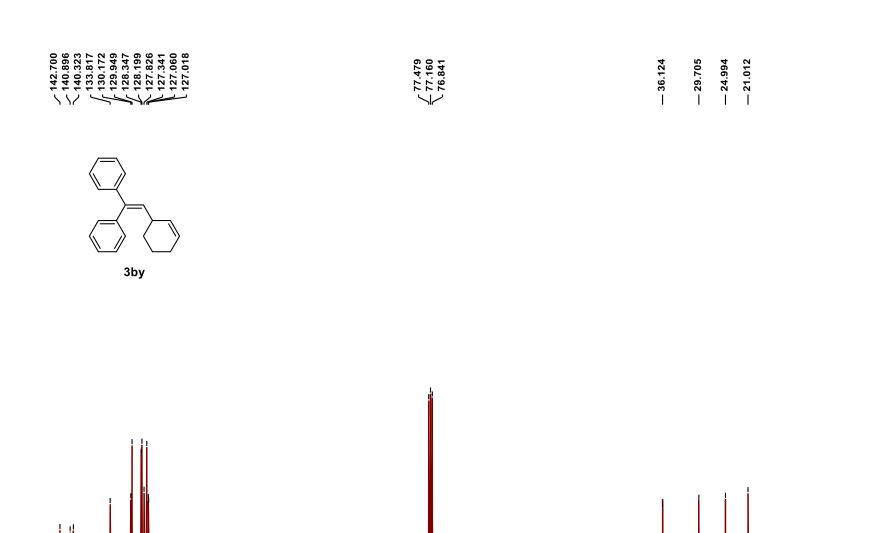












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