

Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative Cycloaddition of 1-Indanones and Internal Aryl Alkynes toward Benzo[c]fluorenone Derivatives

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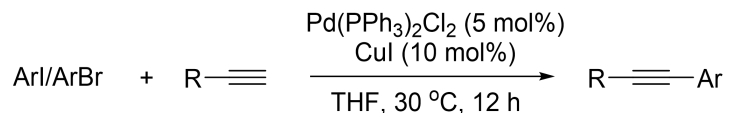
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General Methods and Materials

Pd(OAc)₂, Pd(TFA)₂, Pd(PPh₃)₄, Pd(acac)₂, Pd(dba)₂, Pd₂(dba)₃, PdCl₂, Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O, BQ, TEMPO, Ag₂CO₃, AgSbF₆, AgOTf, AgNTf₂, PPh₃, PCy₃, ^tBuXphos, Ruphos, Xphos, BINAP, Xantphos, DPPE, 1-indanones **1**, and 1-indenone were purchased from Energy Chemical and used without further purification. The synthesis of alkynes **2** used in this work were prepared according to the methods reported in literature.¹ Other chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers, further dried and purified if necessary. The water used was re-distilled and ion-free. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were achieved on a Bruker AVANCE 400 MHz spectrometer (¹H 400 MHz; ¹³C 100 MHz) in CDCl₃. Abbreviations for data quoted are *s*-singlet; *brs*-broad singlet; *d*-doublet; *t*-triplet; *dd*-doublet of doublets; *m*-multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra were measured on a Waters Micromass GCT facility. Thin-layer chromatographies were done on pre-coated silica gel 60F254 plates (Merck). Silica gel 60H (200-300 mesh) manufactured by Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Group Co. (China) was used for general chromatography. The X-ray diffraction data were collected on Xcalibur, Eos diffractometer.

Preparation of Internal Alkynes

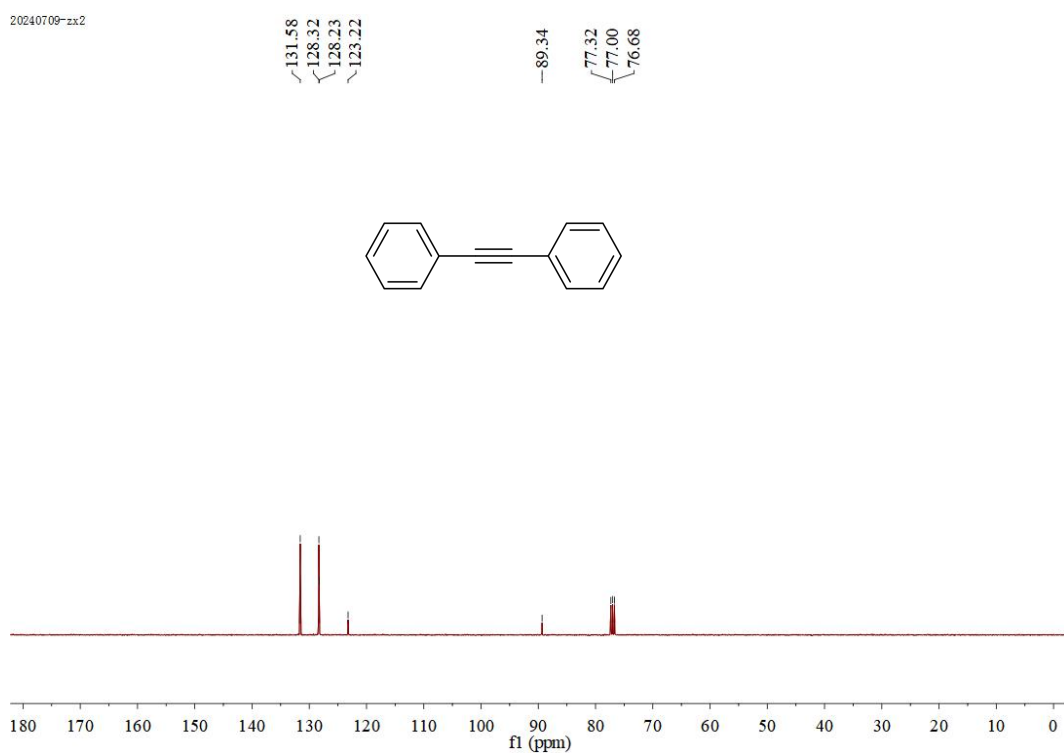
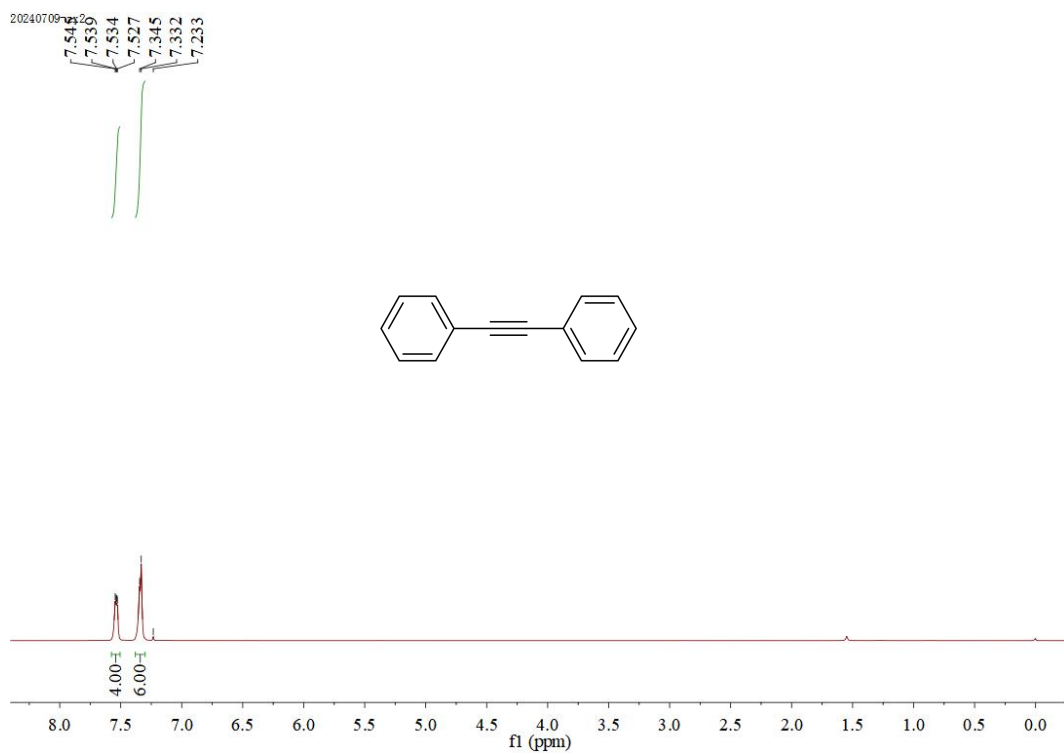
preparation of internal aryl alkynes via Sonogashira coupling.¹



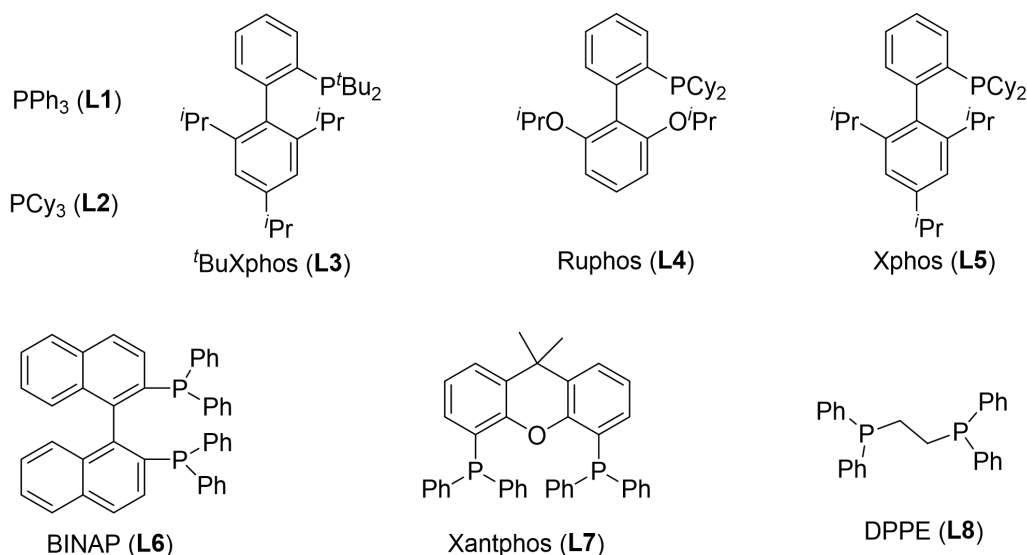
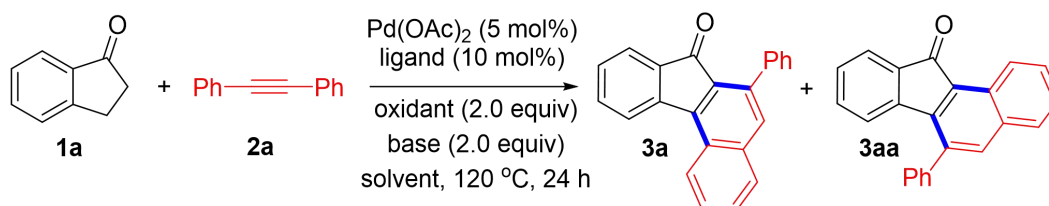
A typical operation: a dry schlenk flask was charged with aryl halide or vinyl halide (10.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (5 mol%), CuI (10 mol%). The mixture was degassed under argon for three times. Et₃N (20 mL) and the terminal alkyne (1.2 equiv) was then added. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C until all the aryl halide or vinyl halide was consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified through silica gel flash chromatography.

1,2-Diphenylethyne (**2a**)¹: a dry schlenk flask was charged with iodobenzene (10.0 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (5 mol%), CuI (10 mol%). The mixture was degassed under argon for three times. Et₃N (20 mL) and the ethynylbenzene (12.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was then added. The mixture was stirred at 30 °C until all the iodobenzene was consumed. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified through silica gel flash chromatography. Obtained as a gray solid (1673.2 mg, 94% yield), eluting with 1% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 - 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.30 - 7.37 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 131.6, 128.32, 128.23, 123.2, 89.3.

^1H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) Spectrum of **2a**



Screening of Reaction Conditions^a

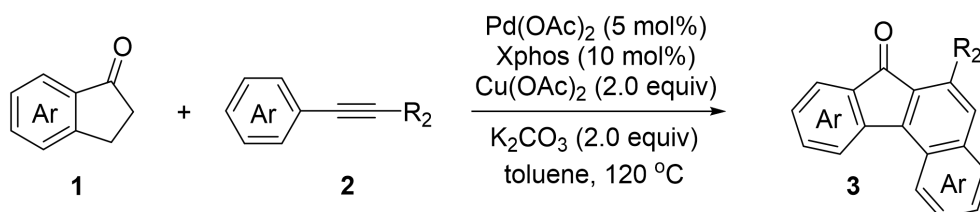


| entry | catalyst | Ligand | oxidant | base | solvent | yield(%) ^b (3a/3aa) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L1 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 41 (3/1) |
| 2 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L2 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 62 (>10/1) |
| 3 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L3 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 52 (>5/1) |
| 4 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L4 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 39 (>10/1) |
| 5 | Pd(OAc)₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc)₂ | K₂CO₃ | toluene | 71 (>20/1) |
| 6 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L6 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 7 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L7 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 8 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L8 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 9 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 70 (>20/1) |
| 10 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | BQ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 0 |
| 11 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | TEMPO | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 50 (2/1) |
| 12 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Ag ₂ CO ₃ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 13 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | AgSbF ₆ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 14 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | AgOTf | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 15 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | AgNTf ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 16 ^c | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ (1.0) | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 44 (>10/1) |
| 17 ^d | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ (3.0) | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 32 (>10/1) |
| 18 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | CS ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 61 (>20/1) |
| 19 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | Na ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 32 (>10/1) |
| 20 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | NaOAc | toluene | 37 (>10/1) |

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|----|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 21 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₃ PO ₄ | toluene | 62 (>10/1) |
| 22 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ HPO ₄ | toluene | trace |
| 23 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | NaH | toluene | trace |
| 24 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | LiO ^t Bu | toluene | trace |
| 25 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | DMF | 0 |
| 26 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | DMSO | 0 |
| 27 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | CH ₃ CN | 0 |
| 28 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | DCE | 0 |
| 29 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | THF | trace |
| 30 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | dioxane | trace |
| 31 | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | MeOH | 0 |
| 32 ^e | | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 0 |
| 33 ^f | Pd(OAc) ₂ | | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 0 |
| 34 ^g | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 0 |
| 35 ^h | Pd(OAc) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | | toluene | trace |
| 36 | Pd(TFA) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | 66 (>10/1) |
| 37 | Pd(PPh ₃) ₄ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 38 | Pd(acac) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 39 | Pd(dba) ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 40 | Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |
| 41 | PdCl ₂ | L5 | Cu(OAc) ₂ | K ₂ CO ₃ | toluene | trace |

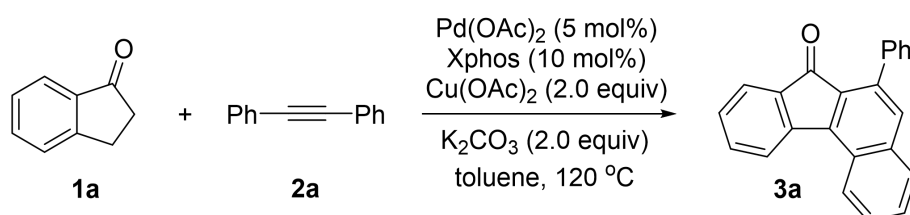
^aReaction conditions: 1-indanone **1a** (0.2 mmol), diphenylacetylene **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), palladium catalyst (5 mol%), ligand (10 mol%), oxidant (2.0 equiv), base (2.0 equiv), solvent (3 mL) at 120 °C for 24 h under air atmosphere. ^bIsolated yield. ^cReaction carried out in the presence of 1.0 equiv Cu(OAc)₂. ^dReaction carried out in the presence of 3.0 equiv Cu(OAc)₂. ^eReaction carried out in the absence of Pd(OAc)₂. ^fReaction carried out in the absence of **L5**. ^gReaction carried out in the absence of Cu(OAc)₂. ^hReaction carried out in the absence of K₂CO₃.

General Catalytic Procedure for Palladium-Catalyzed Oxidative Cycloaddition of 1-Indanones and Internal Aryl Alkynes toward Benzofluorenone Derivatives



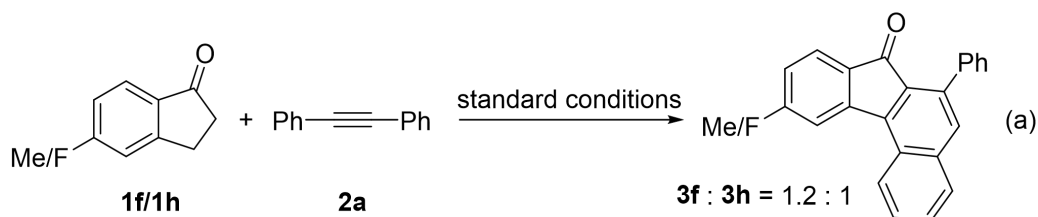
To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ones **1** (0.2 mmol), alkynes **2** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K_2CO_3 (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H_2O . The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 . After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product.

Procedure Gram-scale for the Synthesis of **3a**.

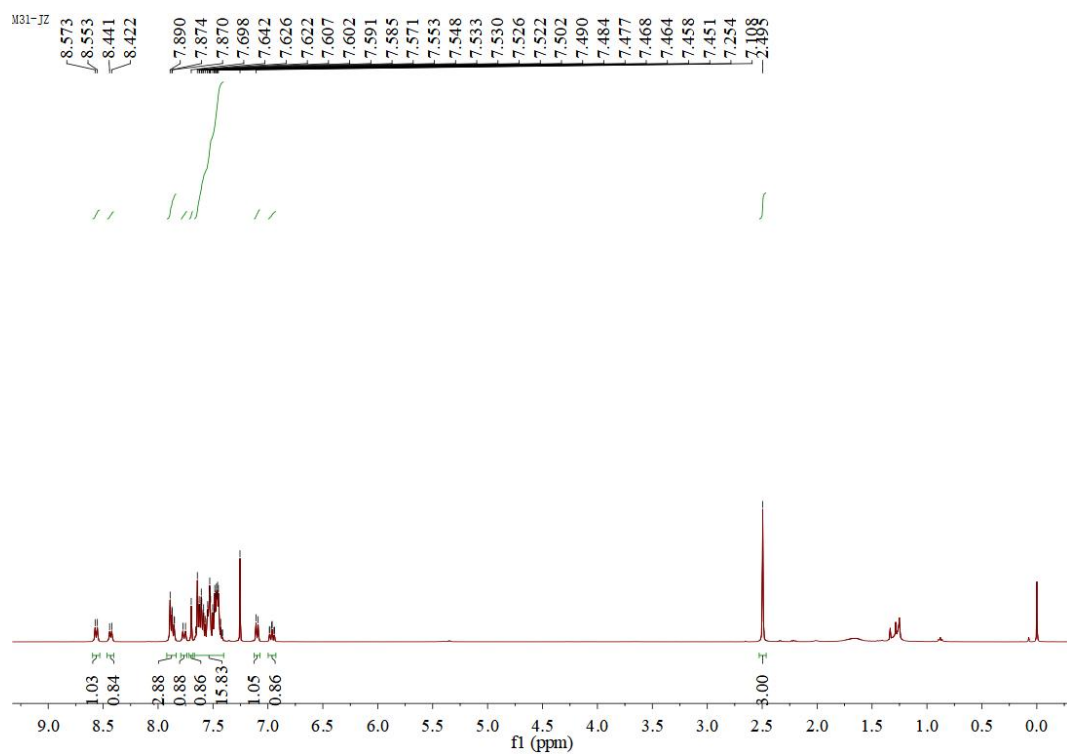


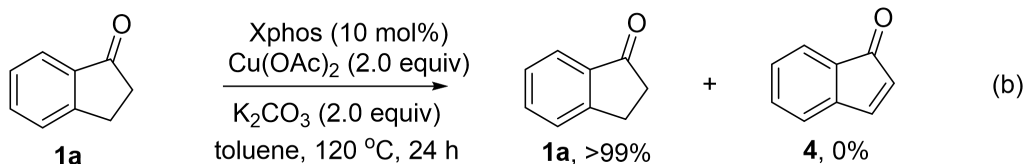
To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (250 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1a** (5 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne **2a** (7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (57.2 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 1997.5 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (238.7 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 1380.0 mg), then the toluene (50 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 200 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 200 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (100 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product **3a** (64% yield, 979.2 mg).

Mechanistic Study

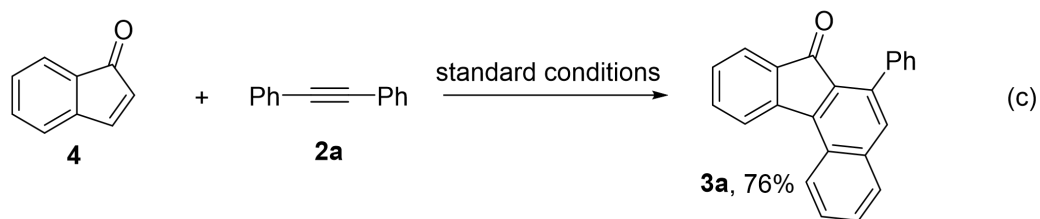


To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 5-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1b** (0.1 mmol), 5-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1d** (0.1 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne **2a** (0.3 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product.

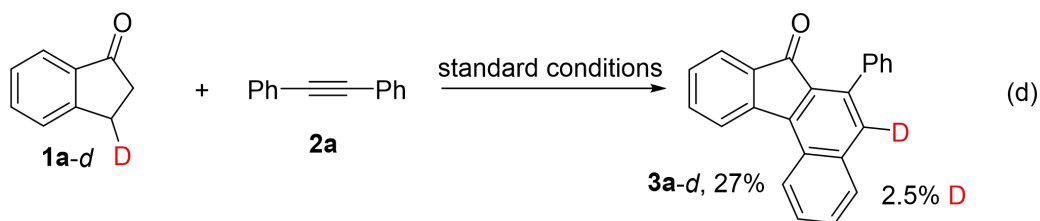




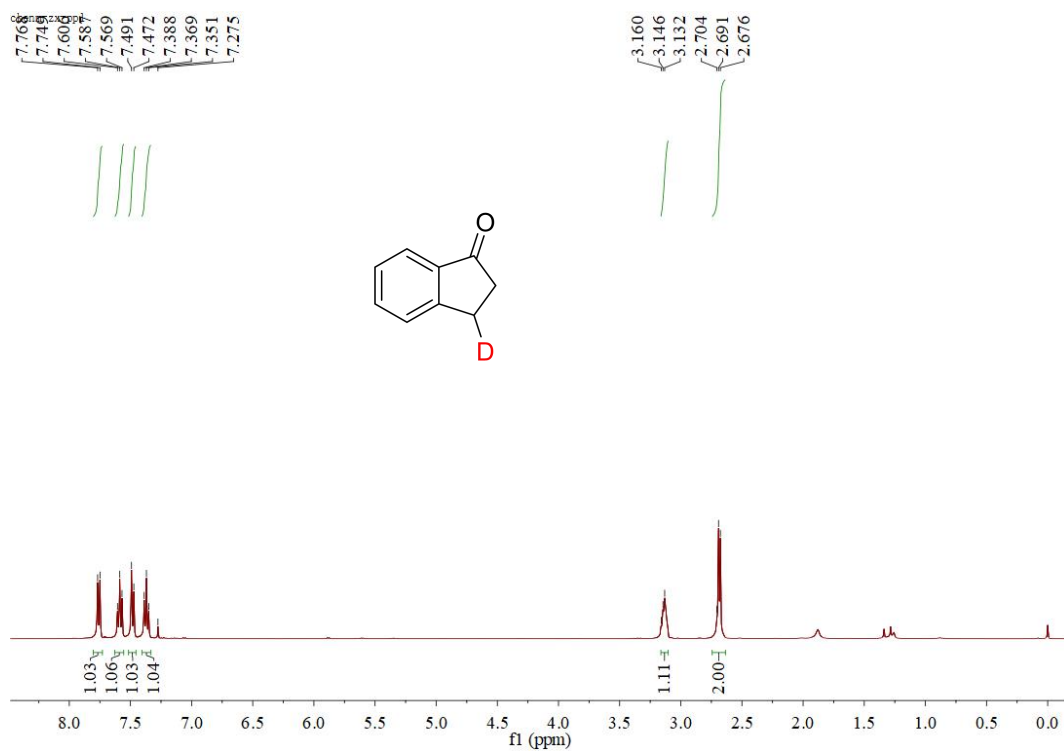
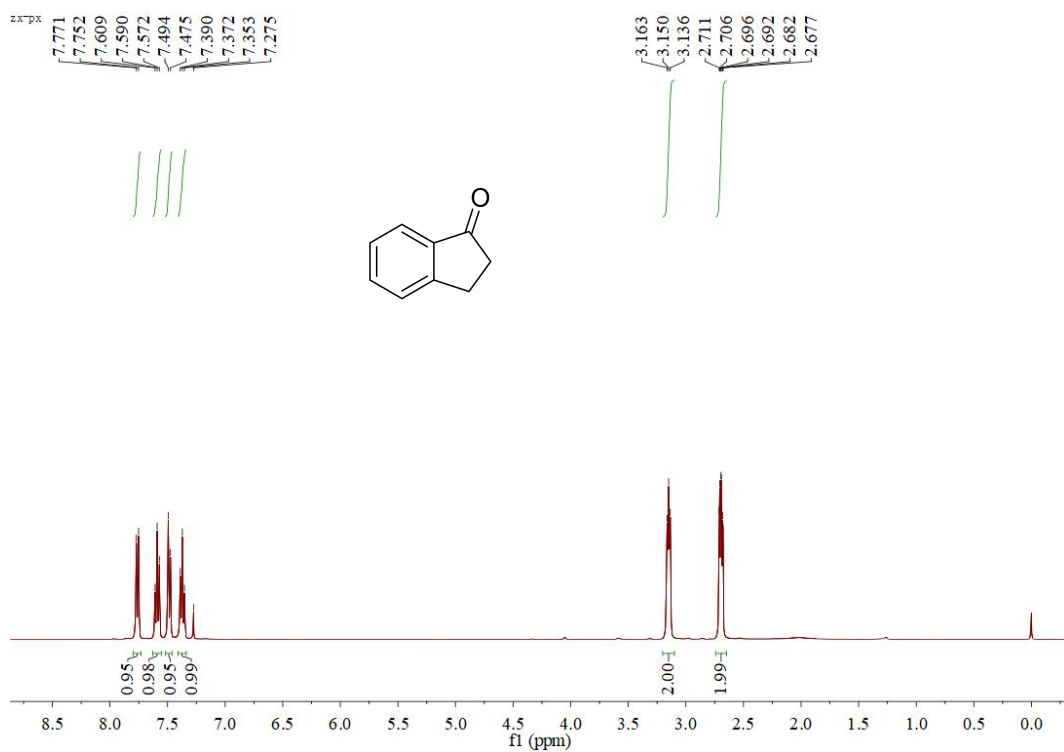
To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. No indenone **4** was found, and the recovery rate of 1-indanone **1a** was almost 100%.

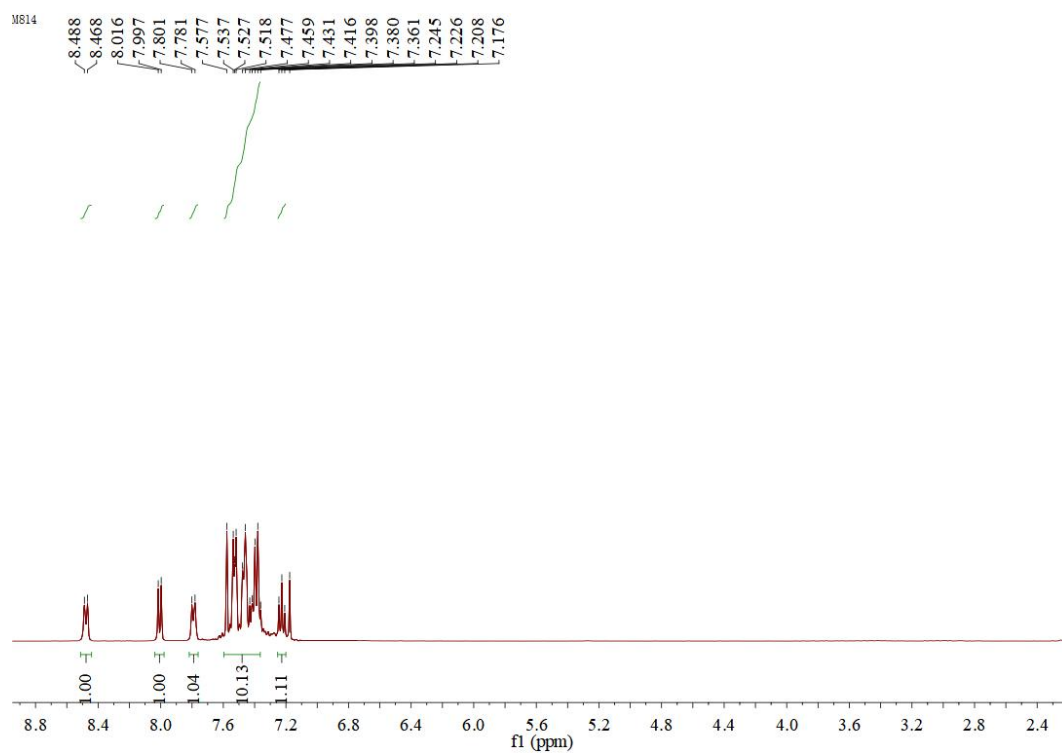
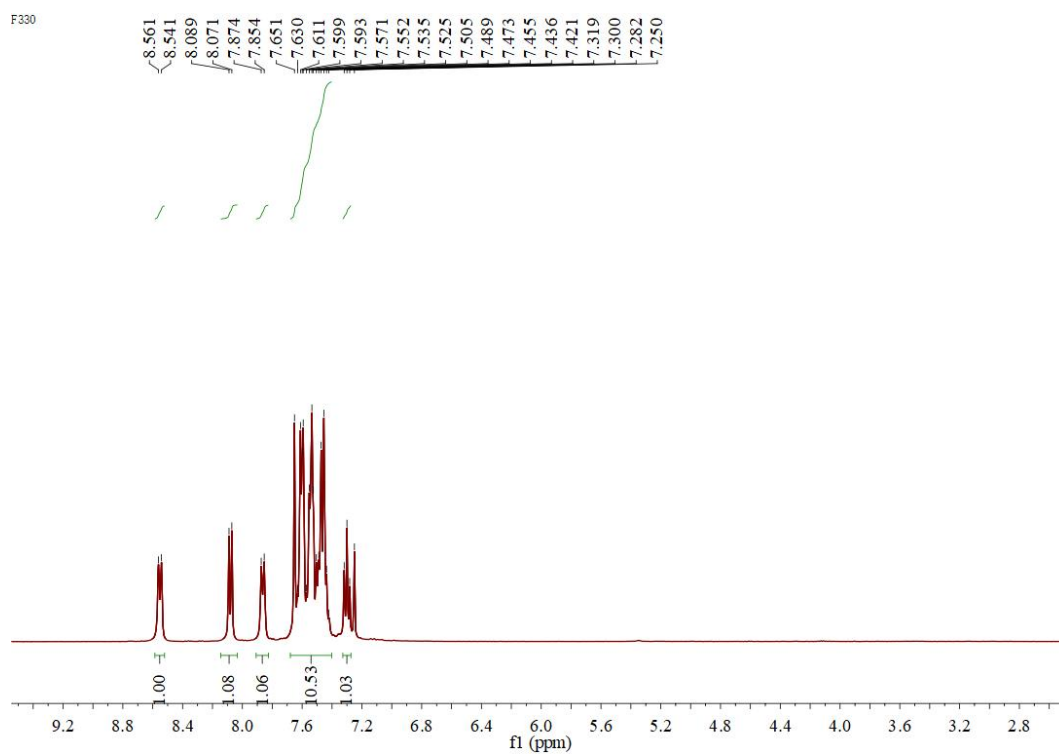


To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 1H-inden-1-one **4** (0.2 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product **3a** (76% yield, 46.5 mg).

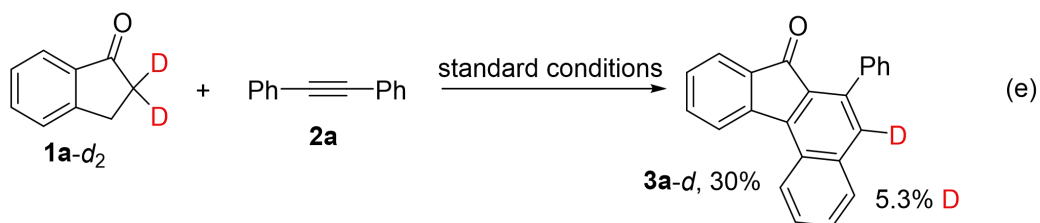


To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1a-d** (0.2 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product.

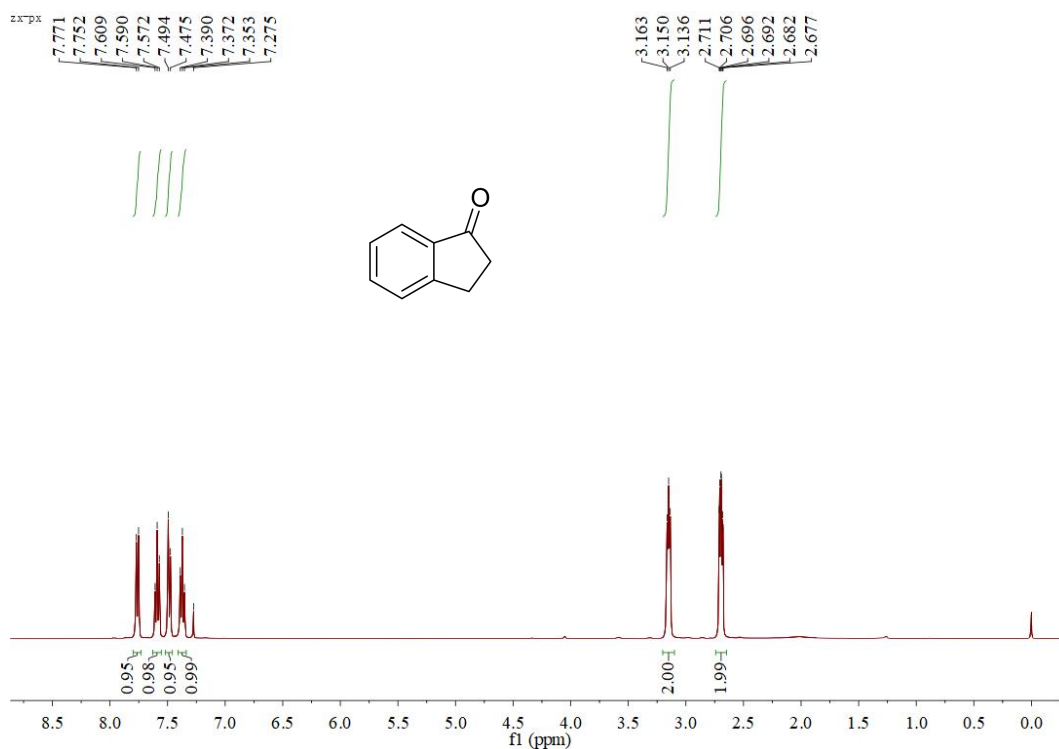


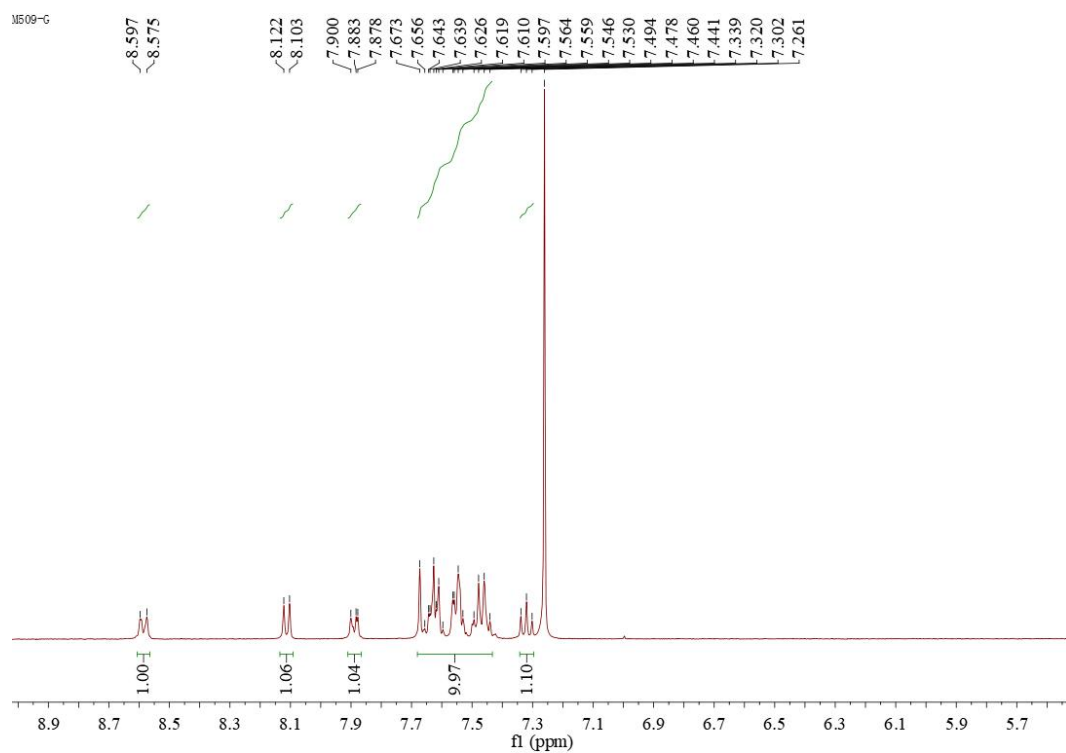
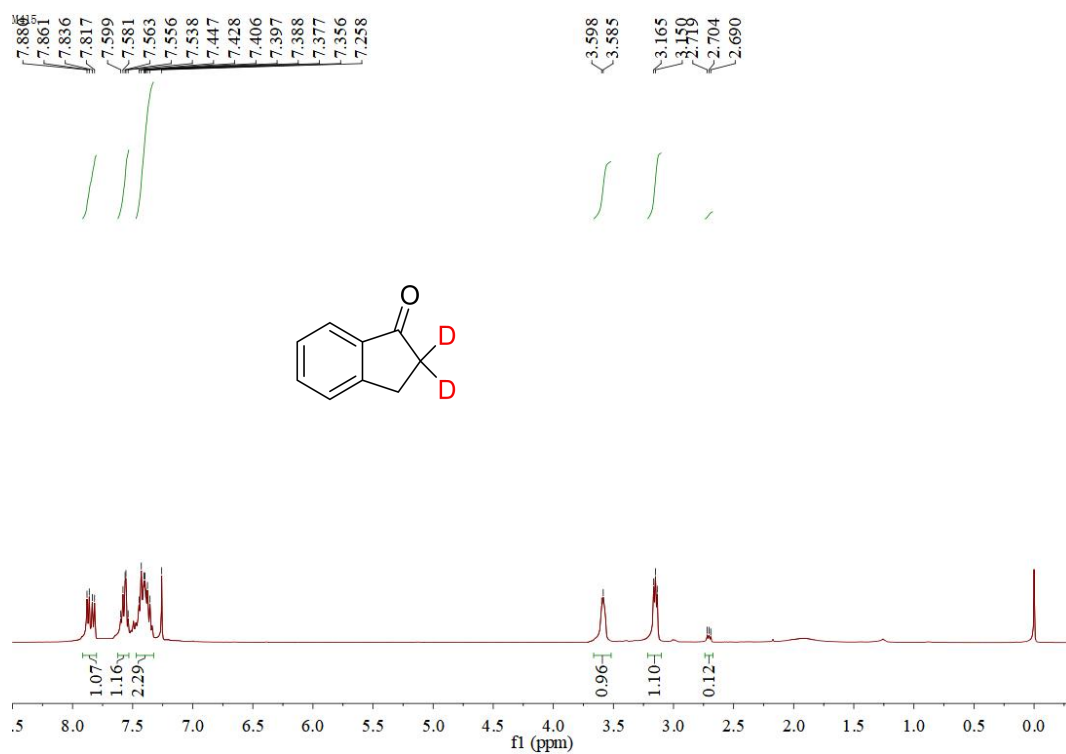


$$10.53 - 10.13 / 10.53 * 100\% = 3.8\%$$

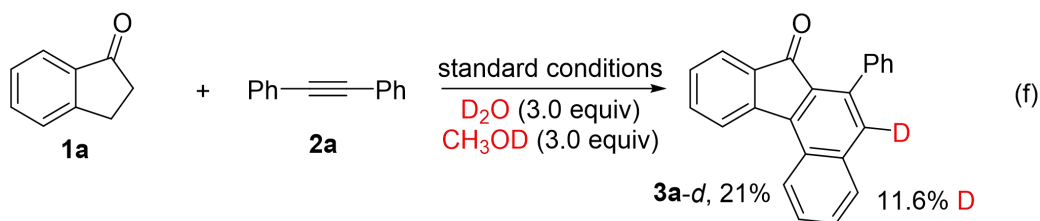


To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1a-d₂** (0.2 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne **2a** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product.

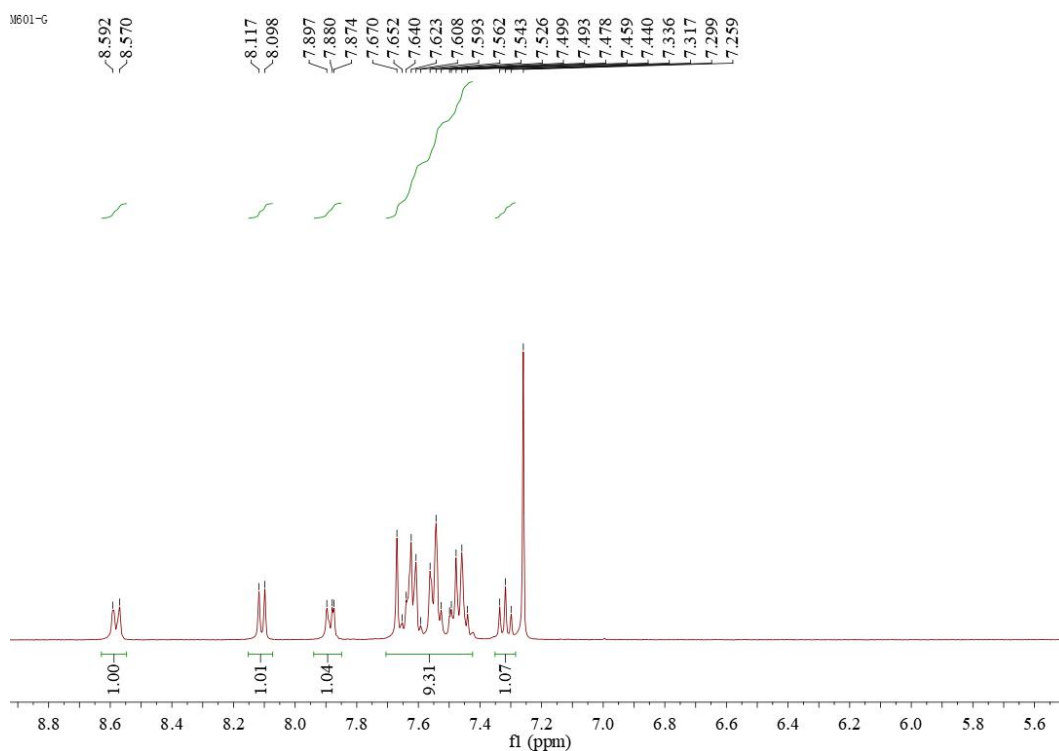




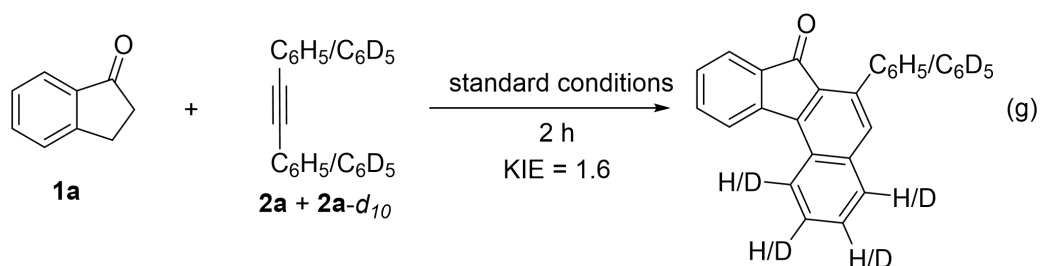
$$10.53 - 9.97 / 10.53 * 100\% = 5.3\%$$



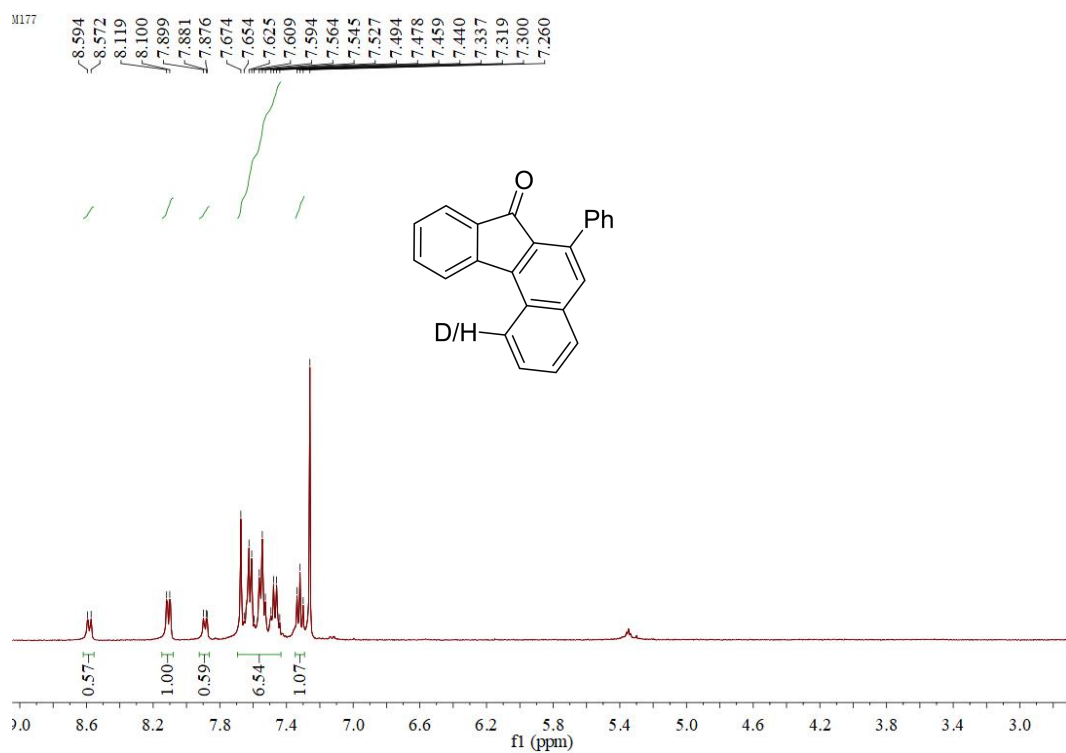
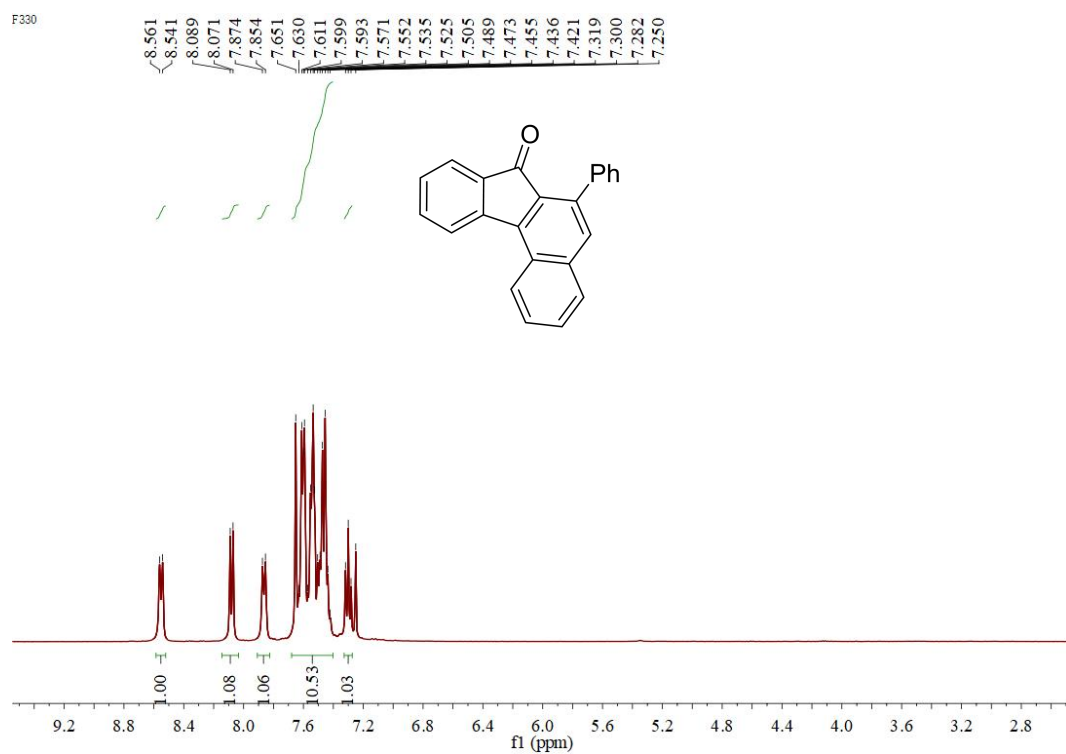
To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1a** (0.2 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), toluene (3 mL), then the D₂O (10.8 mg, 0.6 mmol), and CD₃OD (21.6 mg, 0.6 mmol) were added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 24 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product.



$$10.53-9.31/10.53*100\% = 11.6\%$$



To a dry thick walled pressure resistant tube (25 mL) was charged with 2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one **1a** (0.2 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne **2a** (0.15 mmol), 1,2-diphenylethyne-*d*₁₀ **2a-d₁₀** (0.15 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (2.3 mg, 5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.4 mmol, 79.9 mg, 2.0 equiv), Xphos (9.6 mg, 10 mol%), K₂CO₃ (0.4 mmol, 55.2 mg), then the toluene (3 mL) was added. The tube was closed with a PTFE thread sealing cap. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C in oil bath for 1 hours under an atmosphere of air. After the reaction finished, the resulted mixtures were diluted with 20 mL of dichloromethane and washed with 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (10 mL) and the combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvents, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 20 : 1) to yield product.

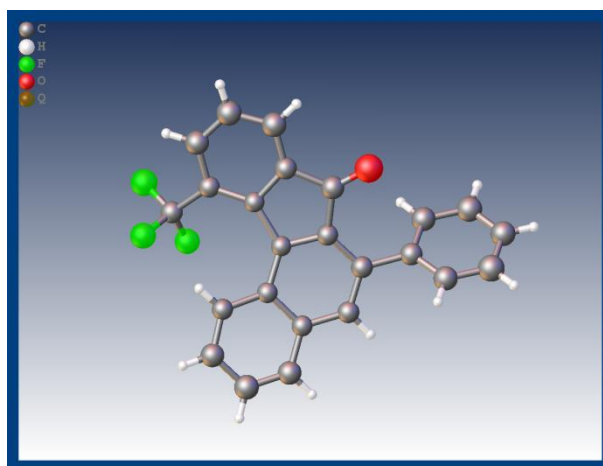


$$6.54 / (10.53 - 6.54) = 6.54 / 3.99 = 1.6$$

X-Ray Crystallographic Data

Crystal Structure Details for Product 3m (CCDC: 2312081)

A pale yellow solid crystal of **3m** ($C_{24}H_{13}F_3O$) was grown by the vapor diffusion method (hexane and EtOAc). X-Ray diffraction data of one these crystals were collected on a Xcalibur, Eos diffractometer. The measurements were performed with Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The crystal was kept at 296.15 K during data collection.



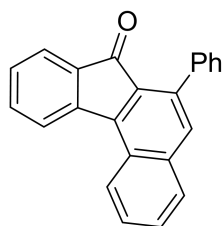
Perspective thermal ellipsoid view of the single-crystal structures at 50% probability

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 1.

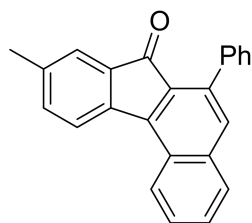
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| Identification code | 1 |
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| Temperature/K | 296.15 |
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| c/Å | 9.3217(14) |
| $\alpha/^\circ$ | 90.00 |
| $\beta/^\circ$ | 106.415(4) |
| $\gamma/^\circ$ | 90.00 |
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| Z | 4 |
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| μ/mm^{-1} | 0.105 |
| F(000) | 768.0 |

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|---|---|
| Crystal size/mm ³ | ? × ? × ? |
| Radiation | MoK α (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2 Θ range for data collection/° | 2.1 to 27.6 |
| Index ranges | -19 ≤ h ≤ 13, -15 ≤ k ≤ 16, -11 ≤ l ≤ 12 |
| Reflections collected | 9588 |
| Independent reflections | 3757 [R _{int} = 0.0520, R _{sigma} = 0.1233] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 3757/0/227 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.016 |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0523, wR ₂ = 0.1309 |
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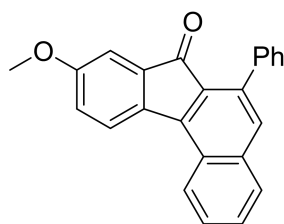
Characterization data for the products



6-Phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3a**): Obtained as a yellow solid (43.5 mg, 71% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.65 (m, 10H), 7.28 - 7.32 (t, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.5, 144.3, 144.0, 138.1, 137.7, 137.5, 134.6, 134.2, 131.4, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.8, 127.6, 124.7, 123.9, 123.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 307.1117, found 307.1115.

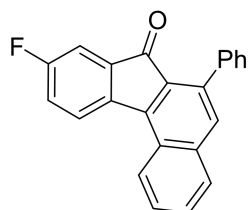


9-Methyl-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3b**): Obtained as a yellow solid (47.4 mg, 74% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 - 8.50 (t, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.82 - 7.84 (t, 1H), 7.53 - 7.60 (m, 5H), 7.41 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.7, 144.6, 141.2, 139.1, 138.1, 137.6, 137.4, 134.8, 134.5, 130.9, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 124.8, 124.6, 123.1, 21.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 321.1274, found 321.1273.

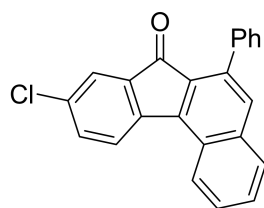


9-Methoxy-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3c**): Obtained as a yellow solid (46.4 mg, 69% yield), eluting with 7% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 - 8.49 (t, 1H), 7.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H),

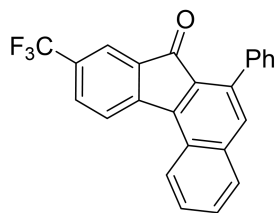
7.83 - 7.85 (t, 1H), 7.53 - 7.59 (m, 5H), 7.43 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 - 7.00 (q, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.3, 160.6, 145.1, 138.1, 137.7, 137.6, 136.7, 136.2, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 124.8, 124.3, 118.6, 109.9, 55.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 337.1223, found 337.1224.



9-Fluoro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3d**): Obtained as a yellow solid (41.5 mg, 64% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.39 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.45 - 7.60 (m, 8H), 6.92 - 6.96 (t, $J = 8.4$, 16.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.7, 166.7 (d, $J = 251.6$ Hz), 146.6 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 142.2 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 137.8, 137.6, 137.3, 132.1, 130.5 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.9, 127.8, 125.6 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 124.1, 114.8 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 111.8 (d, $J = 25.9$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 325.1023, found 325.1021.

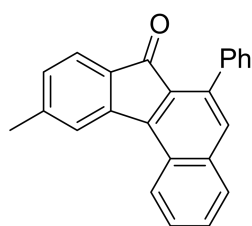


9-Chloro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3e**): Obtained as a yellow solid (44.9 mg, 66% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.06 - 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.96 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.78 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 - 7.64 (m, 1H), 6.47 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.9, 145.5, 142.3, 140.0, 138.9, 136.6, 135.9, 134.3, 133.0, 129.5, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.2, 124.4, 124.3, 123.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 341.0728, found 341.0725.



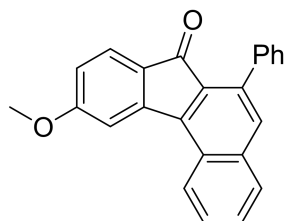
6-Phenyl-9-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3f**):

Obtained as a yellow solid (45.6 mg, 61% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.64 - 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.45 - 7.55 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.7, 147.1, 142.9, 137.8 (q, $J = 5.4, 9.9$ Hz), 137.6, 137.5, 135.0, 132.60, 131.2 (q, $J = 3.8, 7.6$ Hz), 131.1, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7 (q, $J = 6.4, 94.9$ Hz), 128.1, 127.9, 125.0, 124.4, 123.2, 122.3, 120.5 (q, $J = 3.7, 7.1$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 375.0991, found 375.0987.



10-Methyl-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3g**):

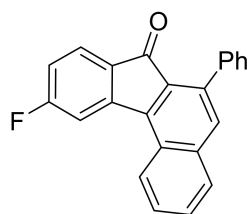
Obtained as a yellow solid (49.3 mg, 77% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.58 - 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.53 - 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.2, 145.1, 144.4, 144.0, 138.1, 137.7, 137.3, 132.3, 131.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 124.7, 124.5, 123.8, 22.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 321.1274, found 321.1277.



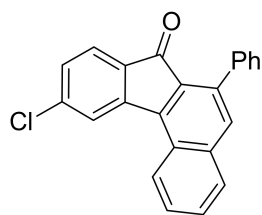
10-Methoxy-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3h**):

Obtained as a yellow solid (47.0 mg, 70% yield), eluting with 7% EtOAc in PE

(elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 - 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.53 - 7.60 (m, 6H), 7.43 - 7.49 (m, 3H), 6.70 - 6.73 (q, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.2, 164.7, 146.1, 142.7, 138.1, 137.5, 137.2, 131.6, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.6, 125.6, 124.4, 112.2, 110.7, 55.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 337.1223, found 337.1225.

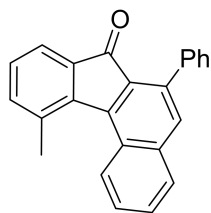


10-Fluoro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3i**): Obtained as a yellow solid (39.5 mg, 61% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 - 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.74 - 7.77 (dd, J = 2.0, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.57 - 7.66 (m, 3H), 7.52 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.50 (m, 3H), 6.94 - 6.98 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.8, 166.7 (d, J = 151.7 Hz), 146.6 (d, J = 9.6 Hz), 142.3 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 137.8, 137.6, 137.3, 132.1, 130.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 125.6, 125.5, 124.1, 114.8 (d, J = 22.8 Hz), 111.8 (d, J = 25.9 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 325.1023, found 325.1025.

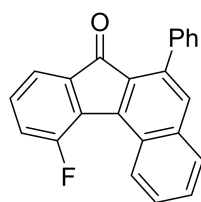


10-Chloro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3j**): Obtained as a yellow solid (42.2 mg, 62% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.59 - 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.25 - 7.29 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.0, 145.6, 142.8, 140.3, 137.7, 137.7, 137.4, 132.7, 132.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 124.7, 124.3,

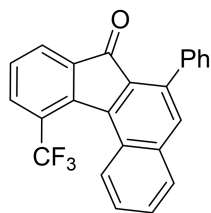
123.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{14}ClO$ $[M + H]^+$ 341.0728, found 341.0725.



11-Methyl-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3k**): Obtained as a yellow solid (41.6 mg, 65% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.52 - 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.43 - 7.51 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 - 7.24 (t, 1H), 2.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 192.6, 148.7, 143.4, 138.4, 138.1, 137.74, 137.71, 136.2, 132.7, 131.1, 130.6, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.3, 126.6, 125.9, 121.8, 24.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{17}O$ $[M + H]^+$ 321.1274, found 321.1272.

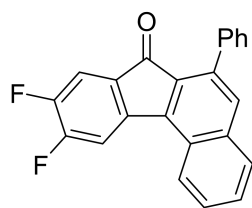


11-fluoro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3l**): Obtained as a yellow solid (33.7 mg, 52% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.34 - 8.36 (m, 1H), 7.89 - 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.75 - 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.49 - 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.34 - 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.16 - 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.07 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.9, 163.3 (d, $J = 249.7$ Hz), 143.9, 139.7, 139.6, 137.8, 137.7, 137.6, 137.1 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 131.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 124.5, 124.4 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 119.9 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 111.7 (d, $J = 23.6$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -111.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{14}FO$ $[M + H]^+$ 325.1023, found 325.1026.



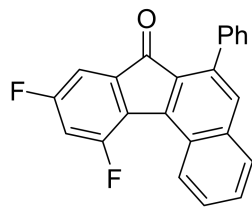
6-Phenyl-11-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3m**):

Obtained as a yellow solid (32.2 mg, 43% yield), eluting with 20% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 - 7.82 (t, 3H), 7.54 - 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.45 - 7.51 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.4, 146.9, 142.4, 137.6, 137.6, 137.5, 137.3, 132.5, 132.4 (q, J = 4.9, 9.6 Hz), 131.0, 129.5, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9 (q, J = 7.9, 267.2 Hz), 126.2, 125.7 (q, J = 7.5, 13.4 Hz), 125.5, 125.4, 122.7; ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -55.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 375.0991, found 375.0993.

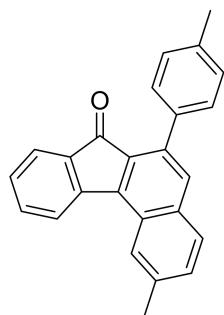


9,10-Difluoro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3n**):

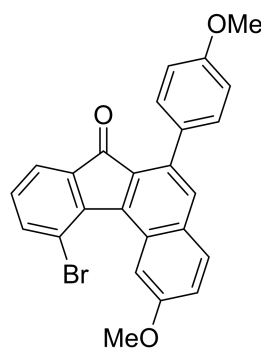
Obtained as a yellow solid (34.2 mg, 50% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.78 - 8.24 (m, 1H), 7.84 - 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.59 - 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.46 - 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.17 - 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.96 - 7.01 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.8, 153.7 (dd, J = 253.3, 13.6 Hz), 150.6 (dd, J = 251.8, 13.7 Hz), 147.7, 147.6, 147.1, 142.1 (t, J = 1.8 Hz), 140.6 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.8 Hz), 139.3, 138.5, 138.4, 137.7, 137.5 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 131.8, 131.1 (dd, J = 4.6, 3.4 Hz), 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.8 (dd, J = 3.4 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 124.4, 124.0, 123.9, 119.1 (dd, J = 1.8 Hz), 113.5 (dd, J = 18.9, 1.5 Hz), 113.3 (d, J = 21.5 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -127.9 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), -136.2 (d, J = 4.9 Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 343.0929, found 343.0927.



9,11-Difluoro-6-phenyl-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3o**): Obtained as a yellow solid (31.5 mg, 46% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.54 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.38 - 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.60 - 6.65 (t, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.7, 163.8 (d, $J = 253.6$ Hz), 163.7 (d, $J = 253.6$ Hz), 155.7 (d, $J = 254.7$ Hz), 155.6 (d, $J = 254.7$ Hz), 144.2 (dd, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 138.9 (dd, $J = 7.7, 5.1$ Hz), 137.8, 137.7, 132.0, 129.3 (dd, $J = 7.6, 11.1$ Hz), 128.7 (dd, $J = 3.1, 1.7$ Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.6 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 127.4, 127.0, 126.7, 124.3 (dd, $J = 14.8, 4.2$ Hz), 124.0, 110.2 (dd, $J = 31.7, 25.8$ Hz), 108.6 (dd, $J = 23.3, 2.7$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.2 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), -120.9 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 343.0929, found 343.0932.

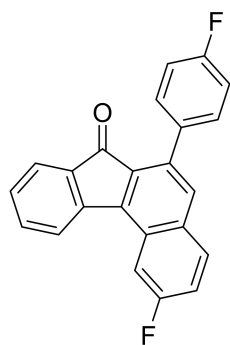


2-Methyl-6-(p-tolyl)-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3p**): Obtained as a yellow solid (50.8 mg, 76% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 - 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.50 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.25 - 7.30 (m, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.6, 144.2, 143.3, 137.5, 137.4, 136.8, 135.8, 135.2, 134.6, 134.1, 131.1, 131.0, 129.2, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 123.7, 123.5, 123.2, 22.2, 21.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 335.1430, found 335.1432.



11-Bromo-2-methoxy-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-

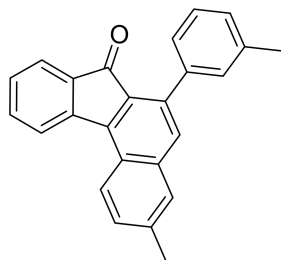
7-one (**3q**): Obtained as a yellow solid (60.4 mg, 68% yield), eluting with 10% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 - 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.24 - 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13 - 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.98 - 7.00 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.1, 159.4, 157.5, 145.4, 144.7, 140.4, 138.9, 135.3, 133.7, 132.0, 131.3, 130.6, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 127.7, 122.8, 122.5, 116.7, 113.3, 106.7, 55.7, 55.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrO}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 445.0434, found 445.0432.



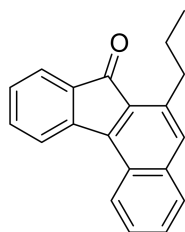
2-Fluoro-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-7H-benzo[c]fluoren-7-one (**3r**):

Obtained as a yellow solid (43.8 mg, 64% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.67 - 8.70 (dd, $J = 2.4, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.73 - 7.77 (dd, $J = 2.0, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 - 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.12 - 7.26 (m, 5H), 6.57 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.8, 163.3 (d, $J = 249.1$ Hz), 162.8 (d, $J = 246.2$ Hz), 144.5, 143.3, 136.6, 135.2, 134.8, 134.1 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 134.0, 132.8 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 131.1, 130.9 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 130.7 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 130.3 (d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 129.8, 129.2, 127.0, 123.8, 123.1, 117.7 (d, $J = 26.0$ Hz), 115.7 (d, $J = 21.3$ Hz), 108.0 (d, $J = 22.7$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -114.1, -118.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{O}$ $[\text{M} +$

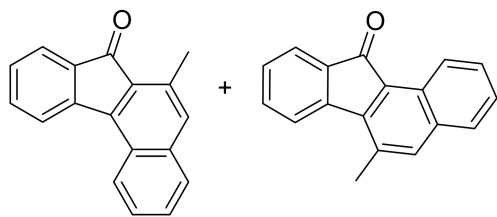
$[H]^+ 343.0929$, found 343.0932 .



3-Methyl-6-(*m*-tolyl)-7H-benzo[*c*]fluoren-7-one (**3s**): Obtained as a yellow solid (46.1 mg, 69% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 - 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.5, 144.1, 144.1, 139.0, 138.2, 138.0, 137.8, 137.3, 135.1, 134.8, 134.6, 134.1, 130.6, 130.0, 129.5, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 126.6, 124.5, 123.7, 123.2, 21.8, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}$ $[M + H]^+ 335.1430$, found 335.1431.



6-propyl-7H-benzo[*c*]fluoren-7-one (**3t**): Obtained as a yellow liquid (39.2 mg, 72% yield), eluting with 20% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.45 - 8.48 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 - 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.26 - 7.31 (m, 1H), 3.13 - 3.17 (t, 2H), 1.69 - 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.02 - 1.05 (t, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.3, 144.4, 143.8, 139.2, 137.7, 134.6, 134.2, 130.2, 129.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 126.8, 124.6, 123.6, 123.2, 33.8, 24.0, 14.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$ $[M + H]^+ 273.1279$, found 273.1276.



6-Methyl-7H-benzo[a]fluoren-7-one (**3u**),

6-Methyl-11H-benzo[c]fluoren-11-one (**3u'**). Mixture cannot separate. Obtained as a yellow liquid (37.1 mg, 76% yield), eluting with 5% EtOAc in PE (elution gradient); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.94 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1.0H), 8.40 - 8.43 (m, 2.3H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2.4H), 7.73 - 7.75 (m, 2.3H), 7.57 - 7.68 (m, 7.4H), 7.50 - 7.53 (m, 6.0H), 7.47 - 7.48 (m, 4.7H), 7.36 - 7.41 (m, 3.1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2.4H), 7.23 - 7.26 (m, 2.9H), 2.73 (s, 6.5H), 2.70 (s, 3.0H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.5, 195.4, 145.2, 144.5, 144.3, 143.4, 137.7, 136.6, 134.9, 134.6, 134.3, 134.2, 134.2, 134.1, 131.2, 130.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 124.6, 124.2, 123.7, 123.6, 123.2, 123.1, 20.9, 18.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+ 245.0961$, found 245.0963.

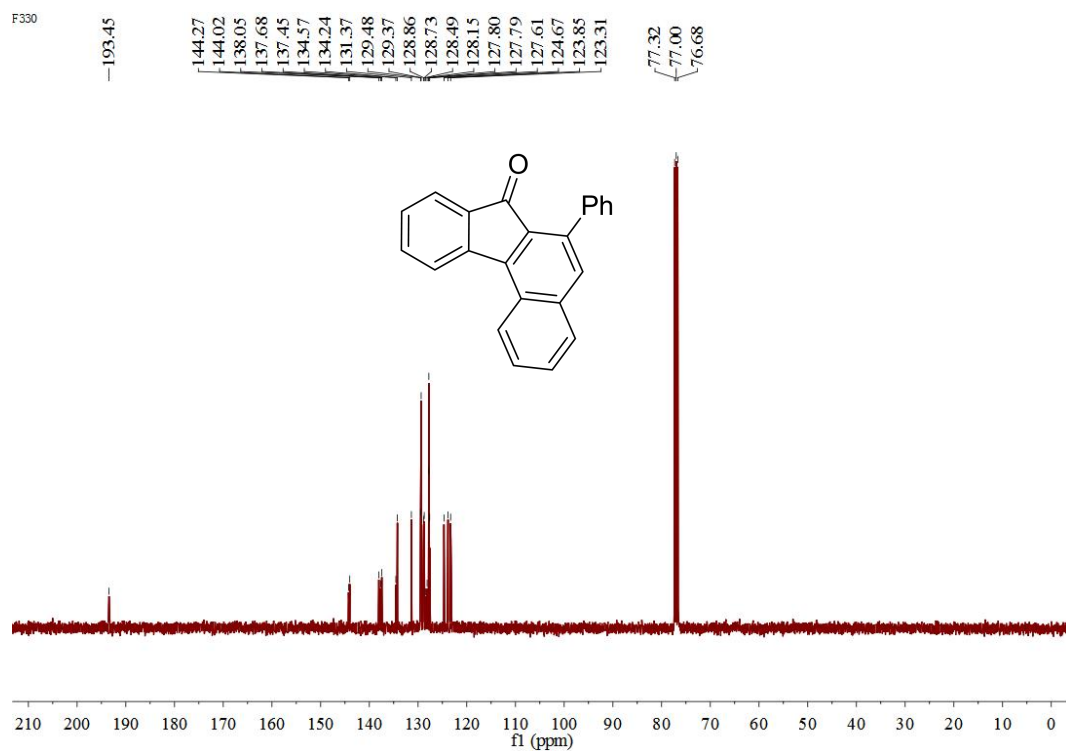
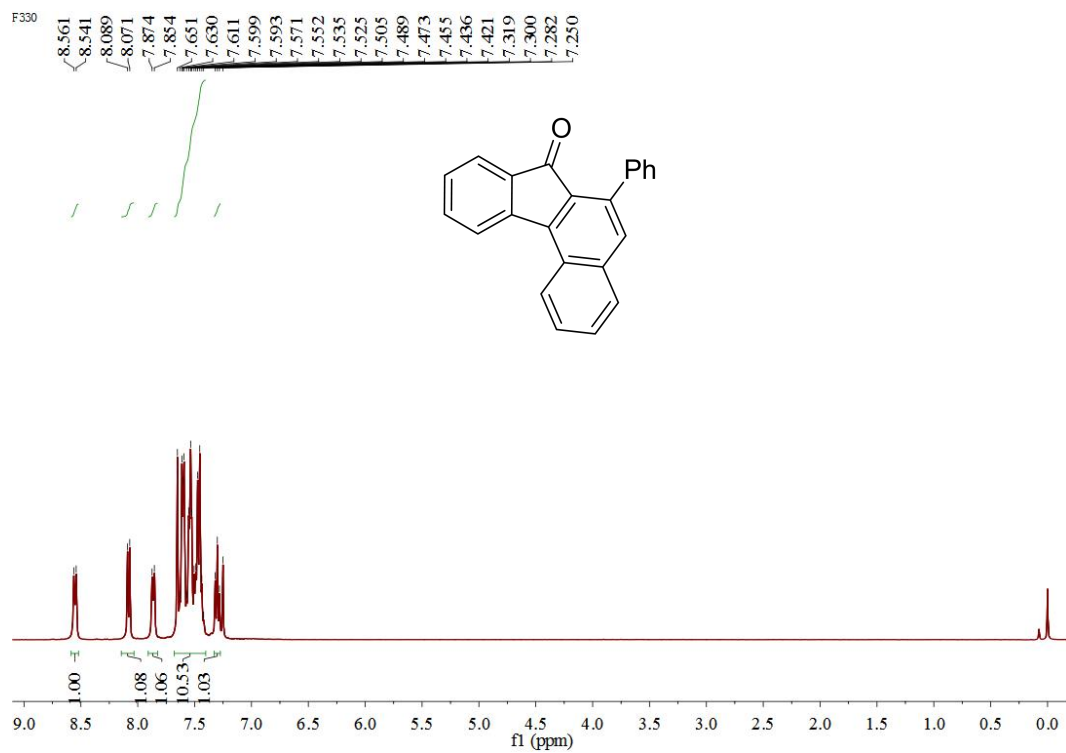
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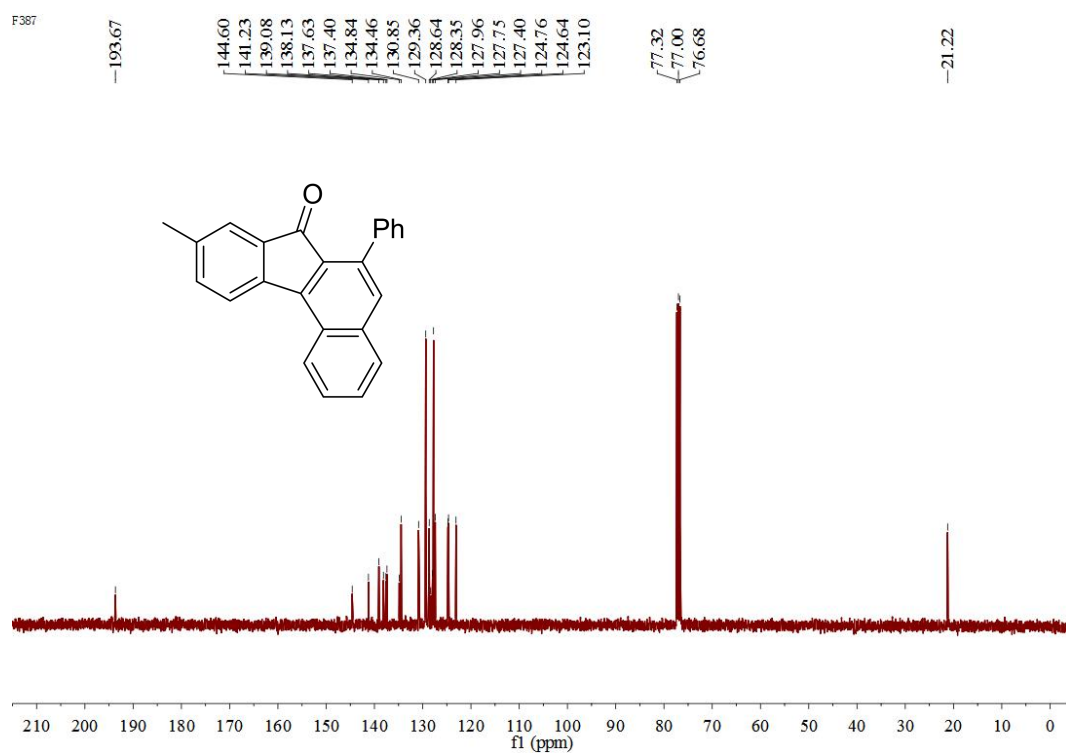
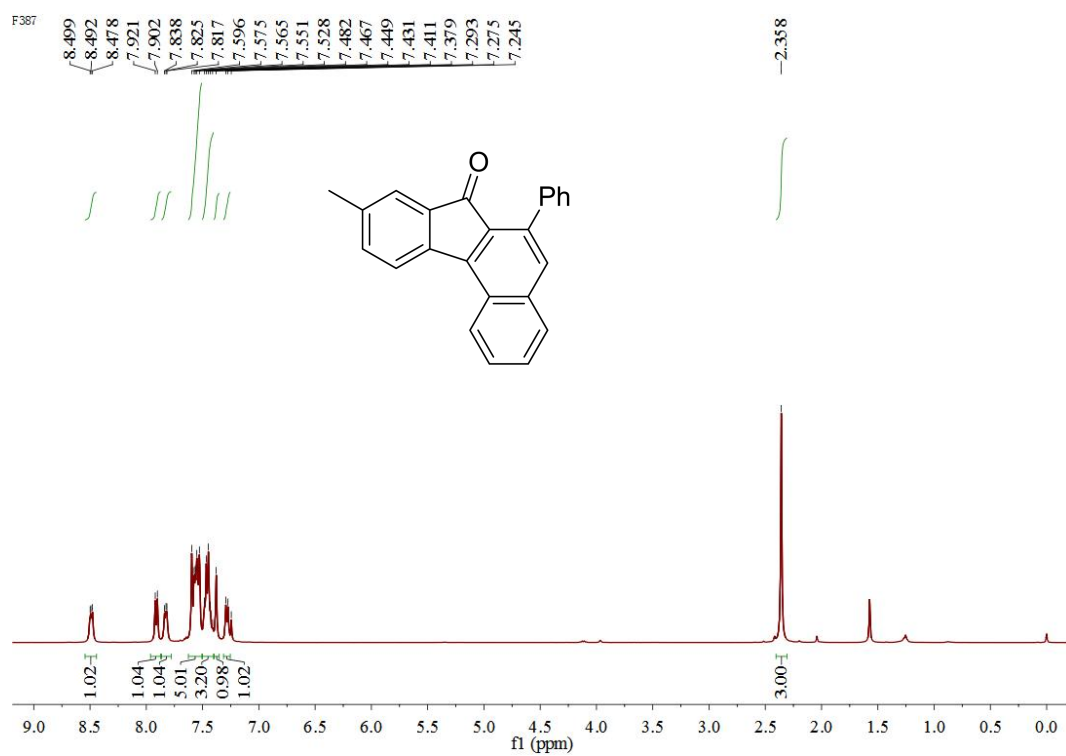
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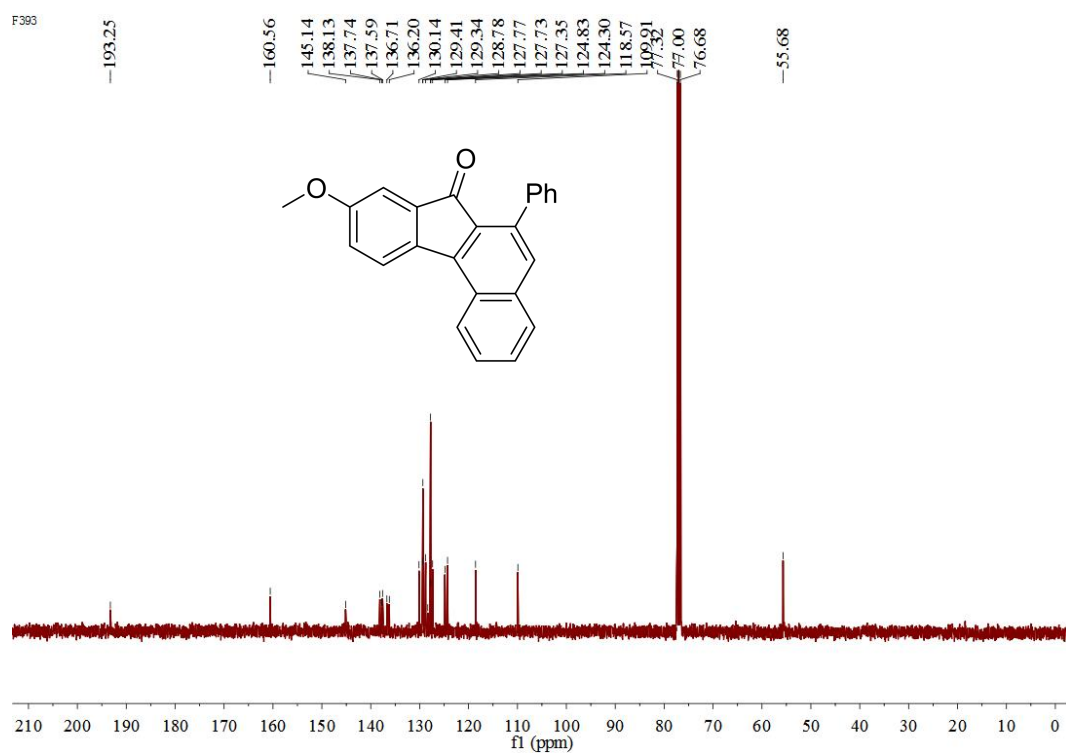
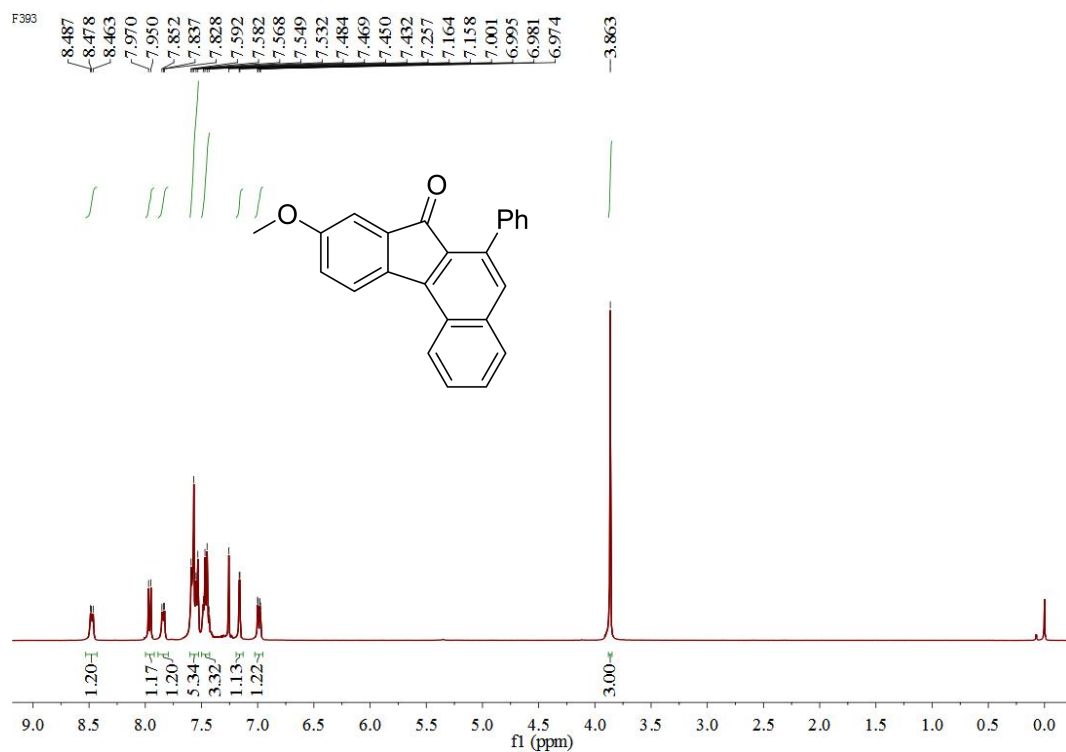
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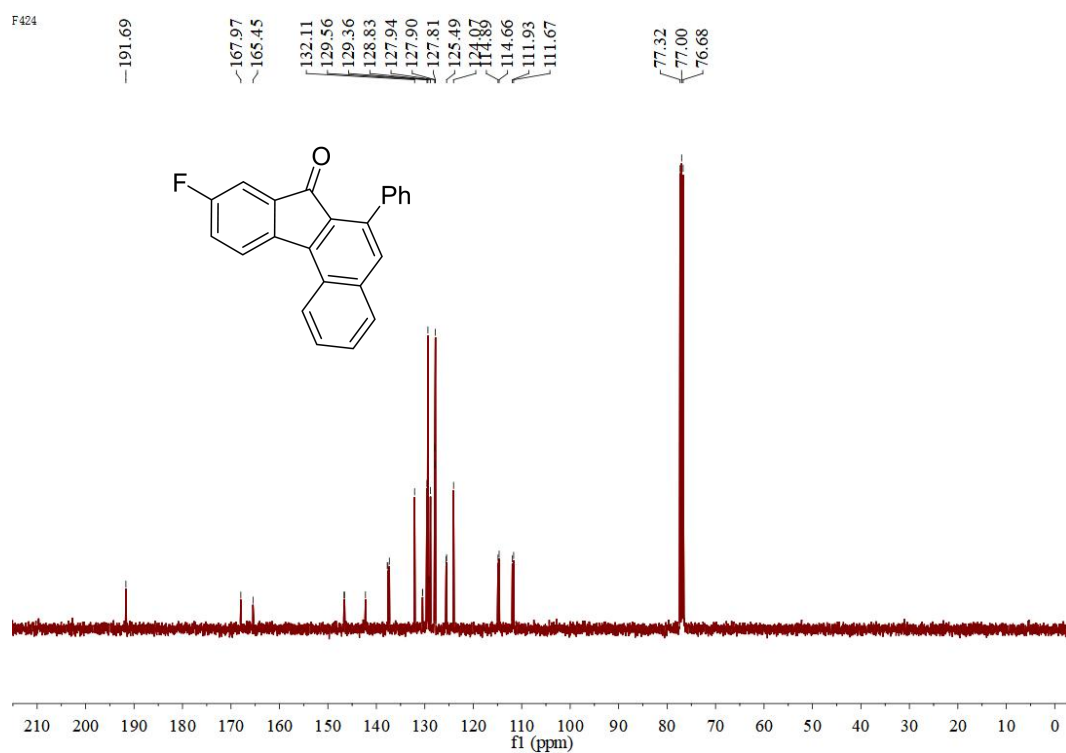
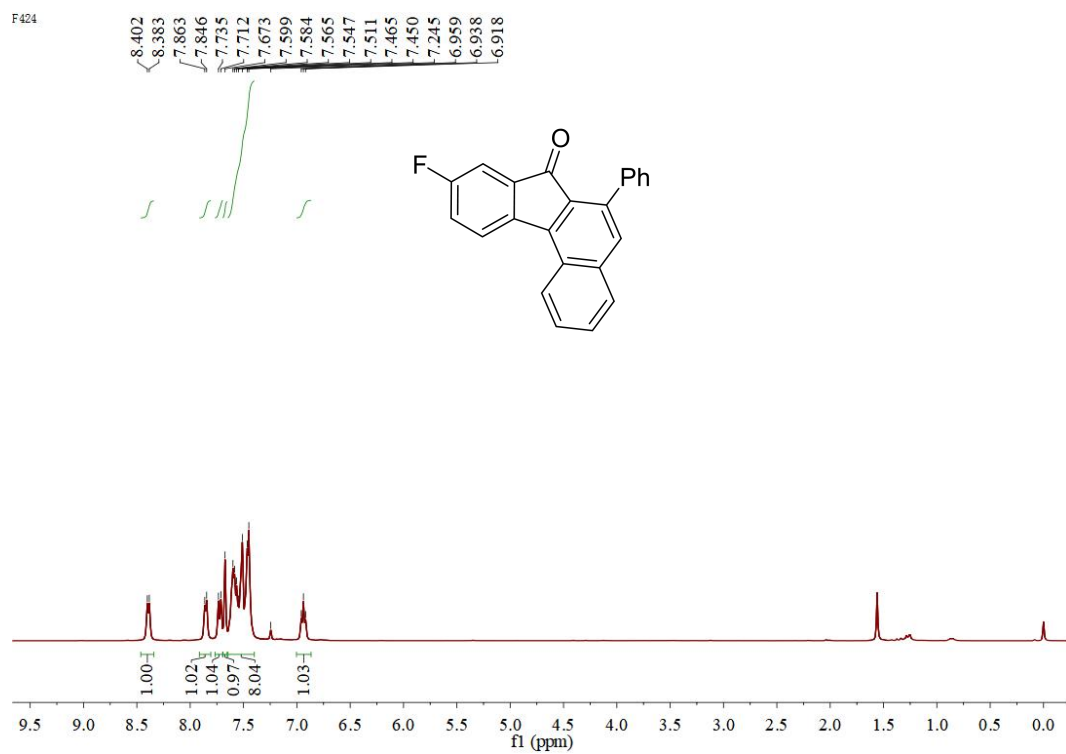
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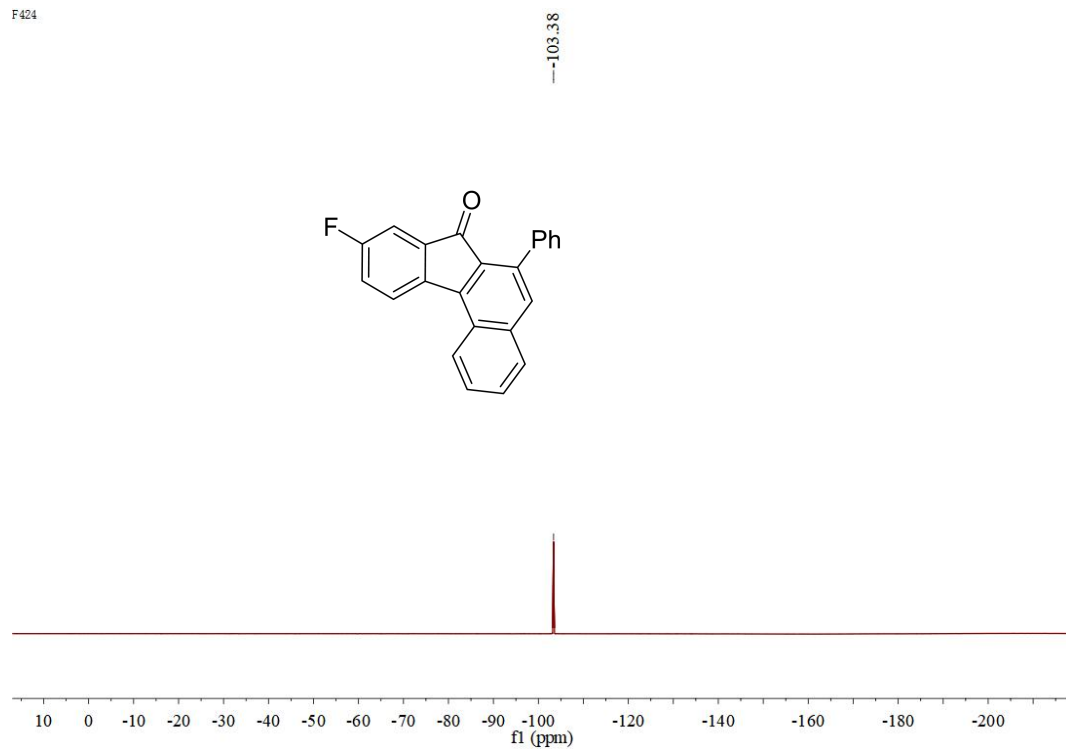
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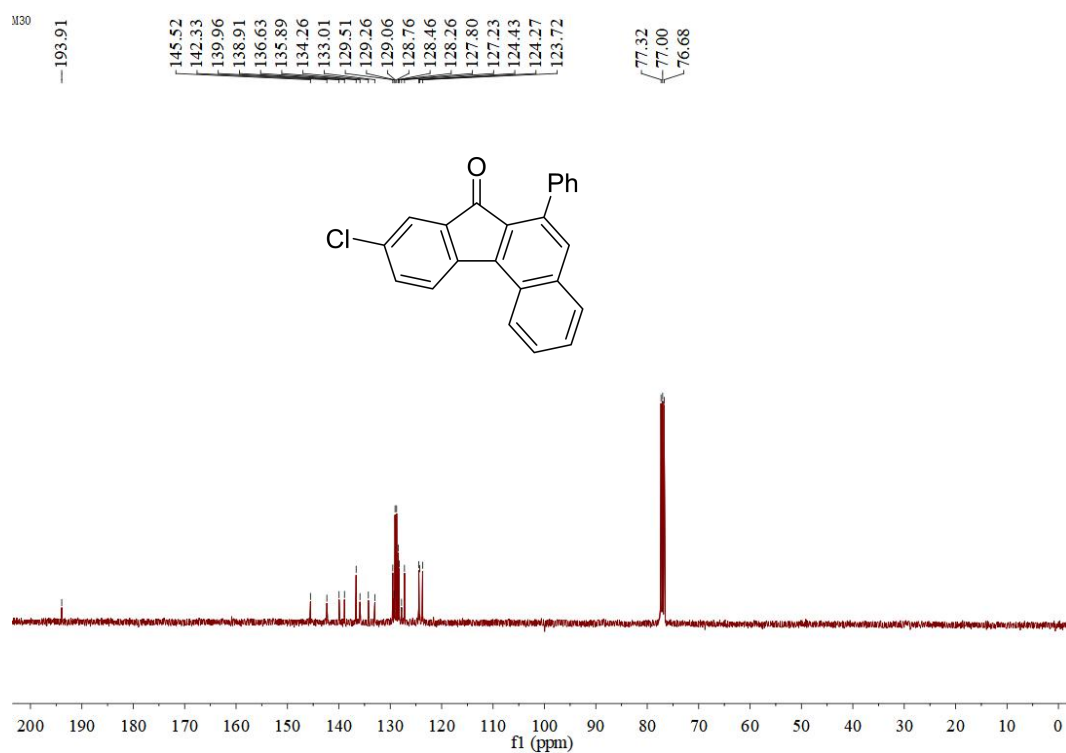
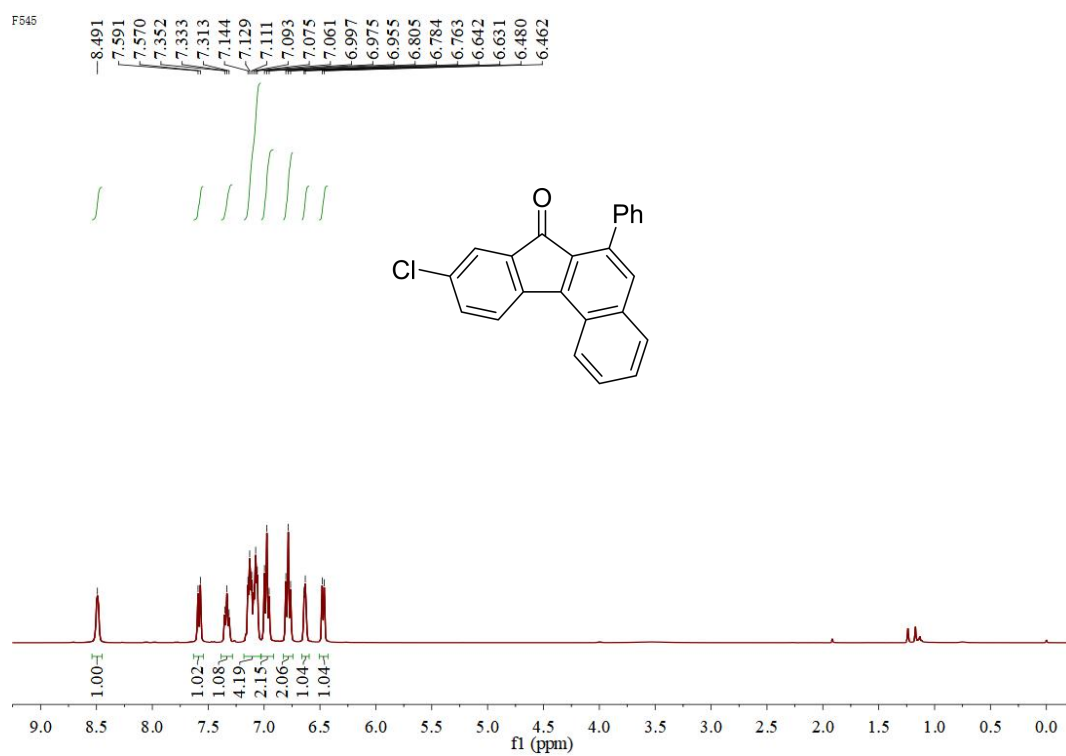
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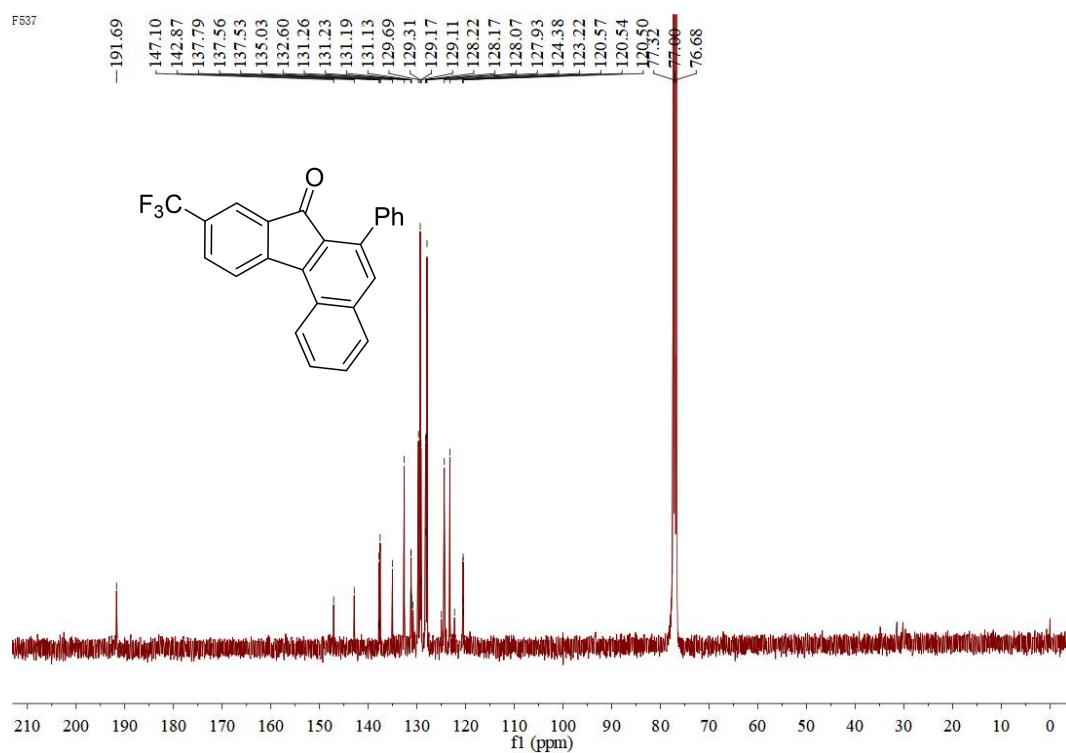
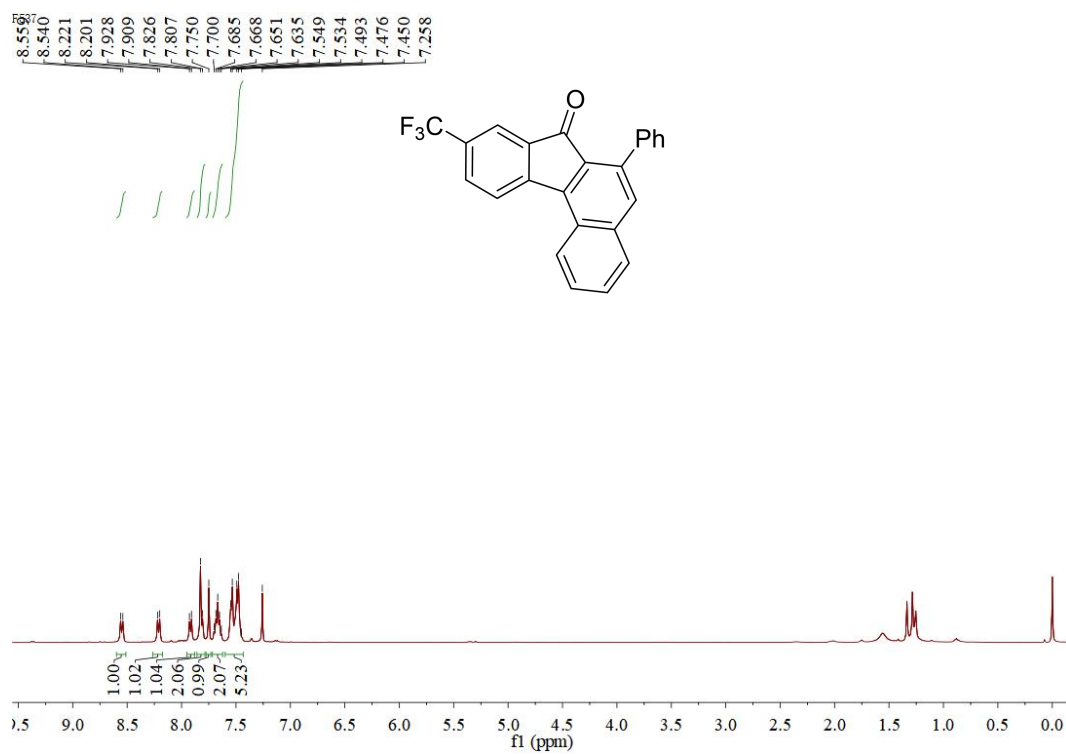
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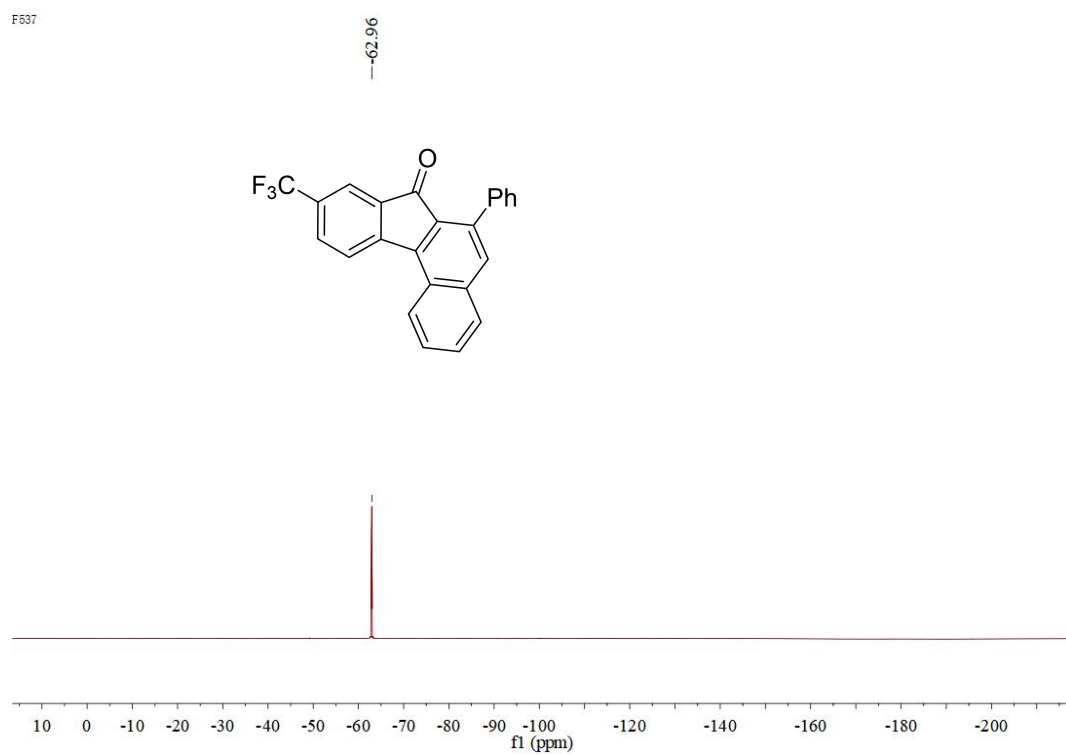
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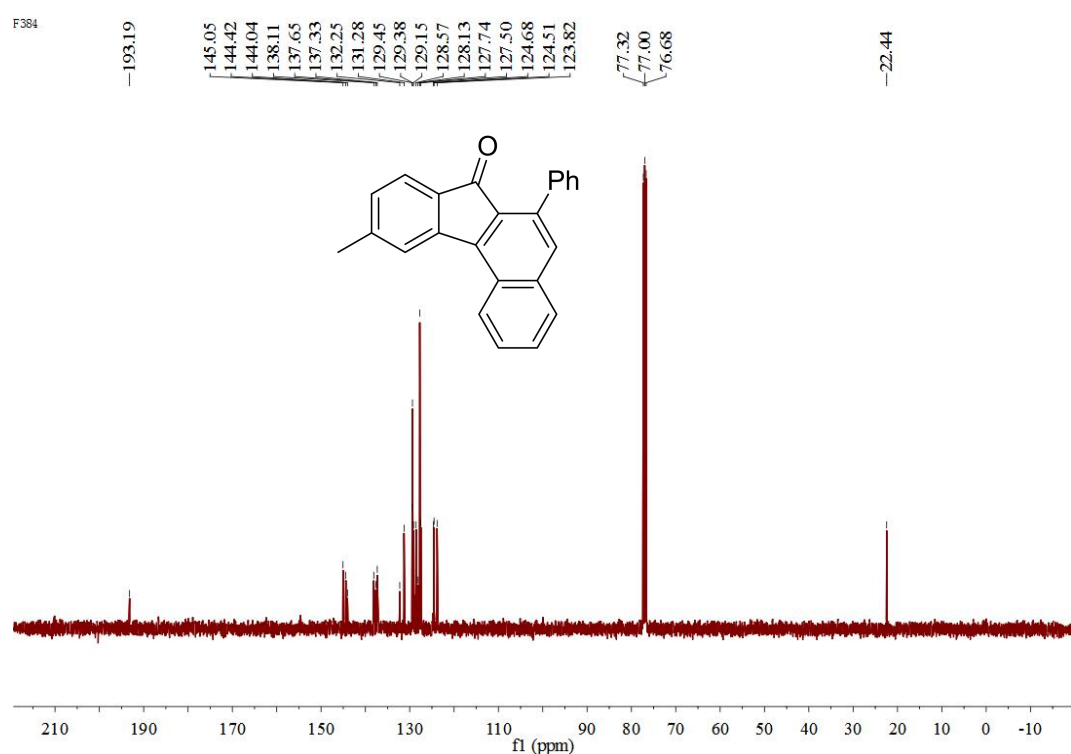
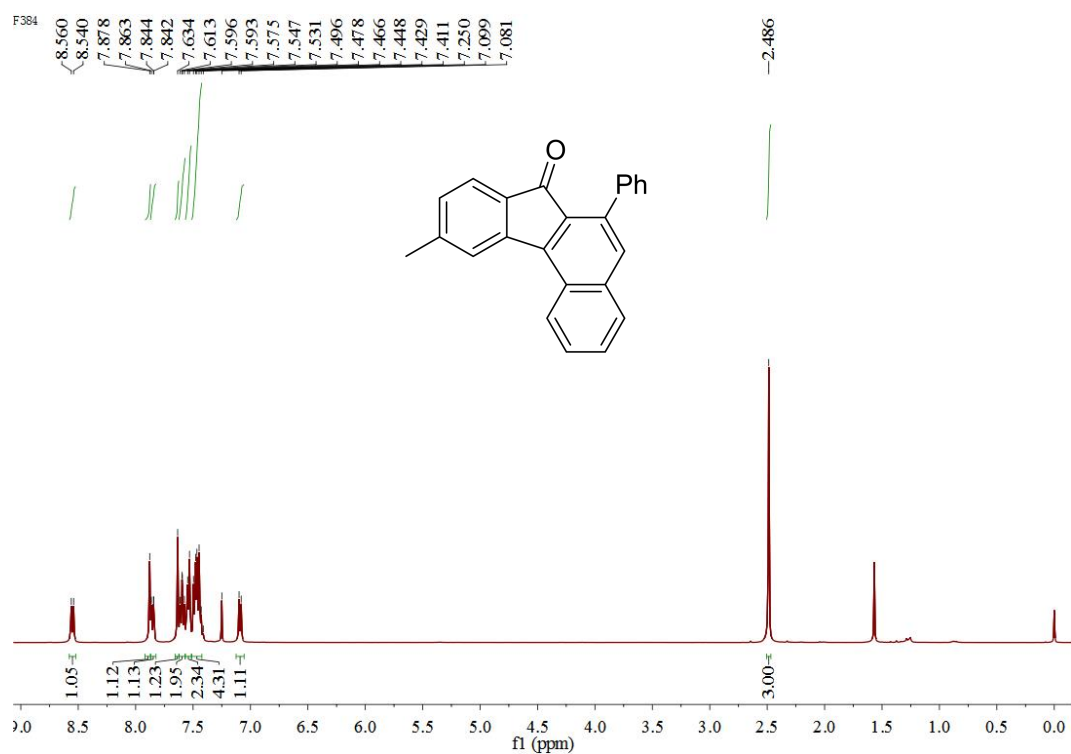
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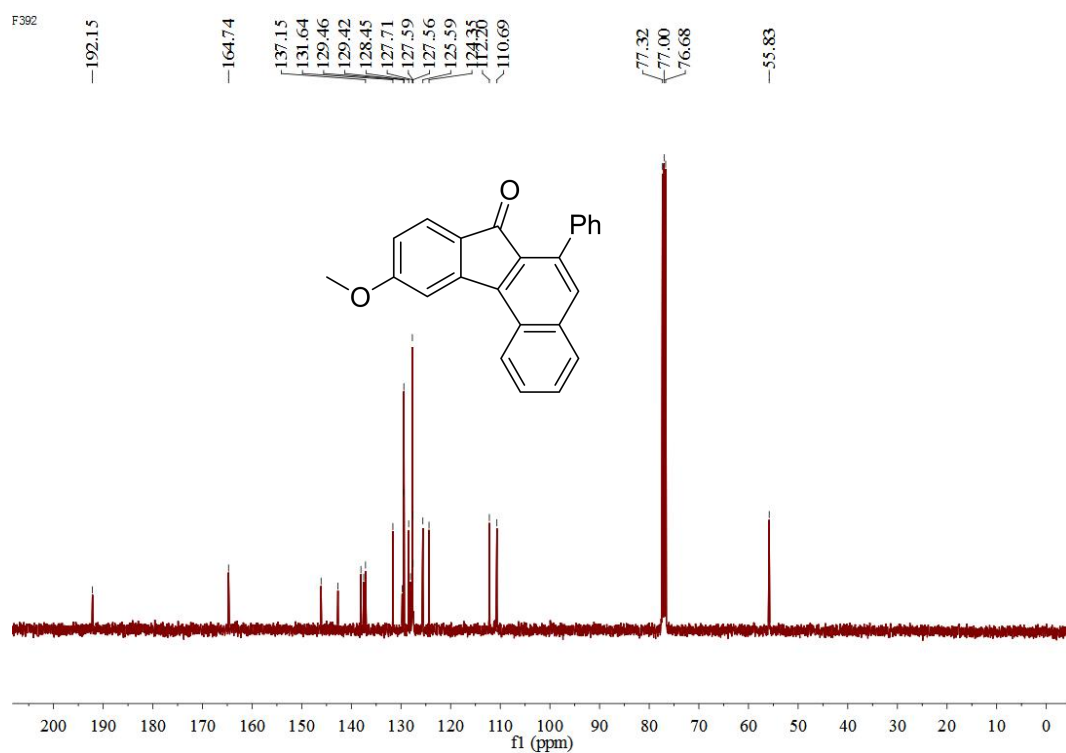
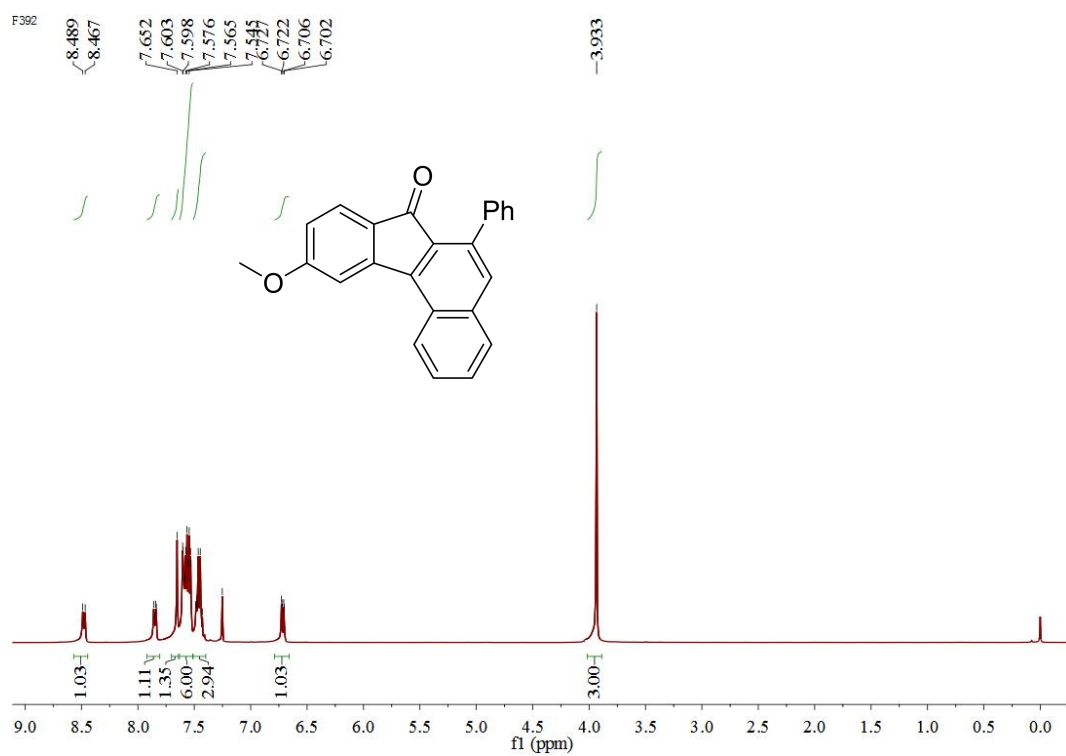
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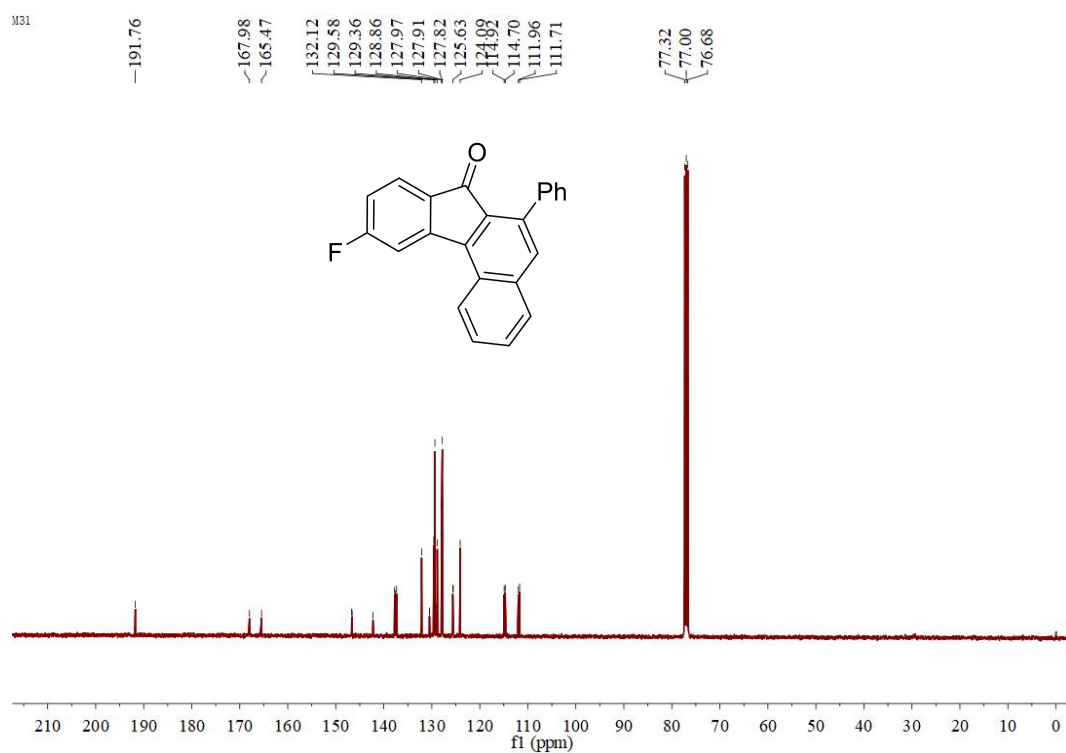
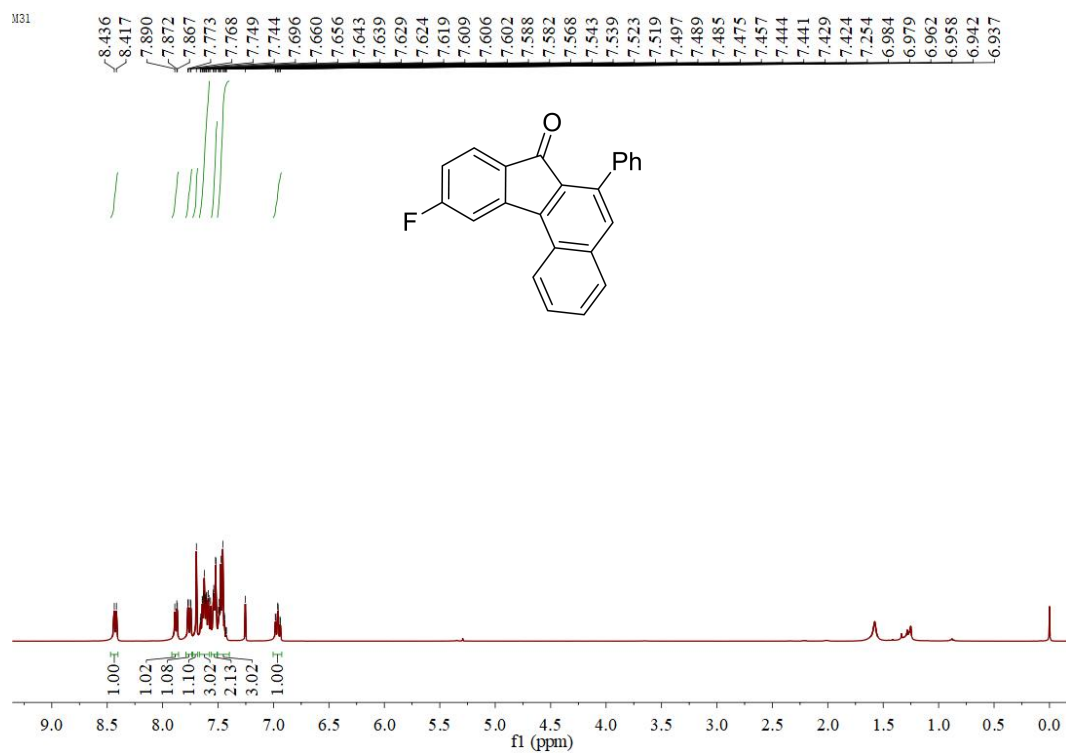
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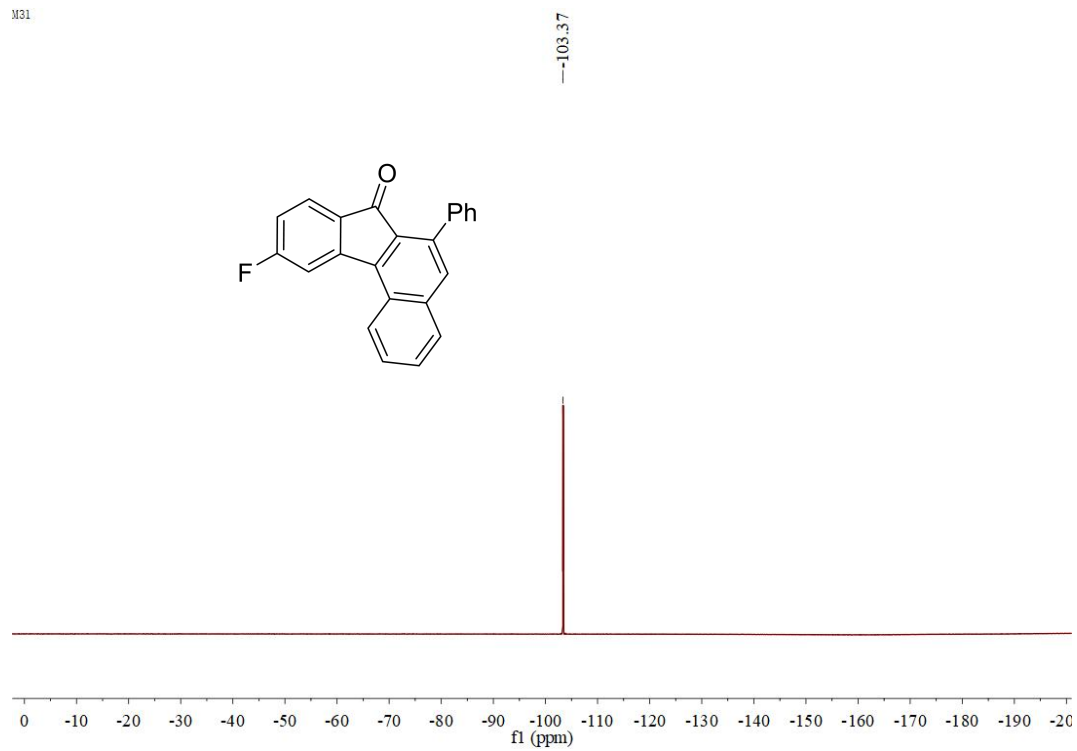
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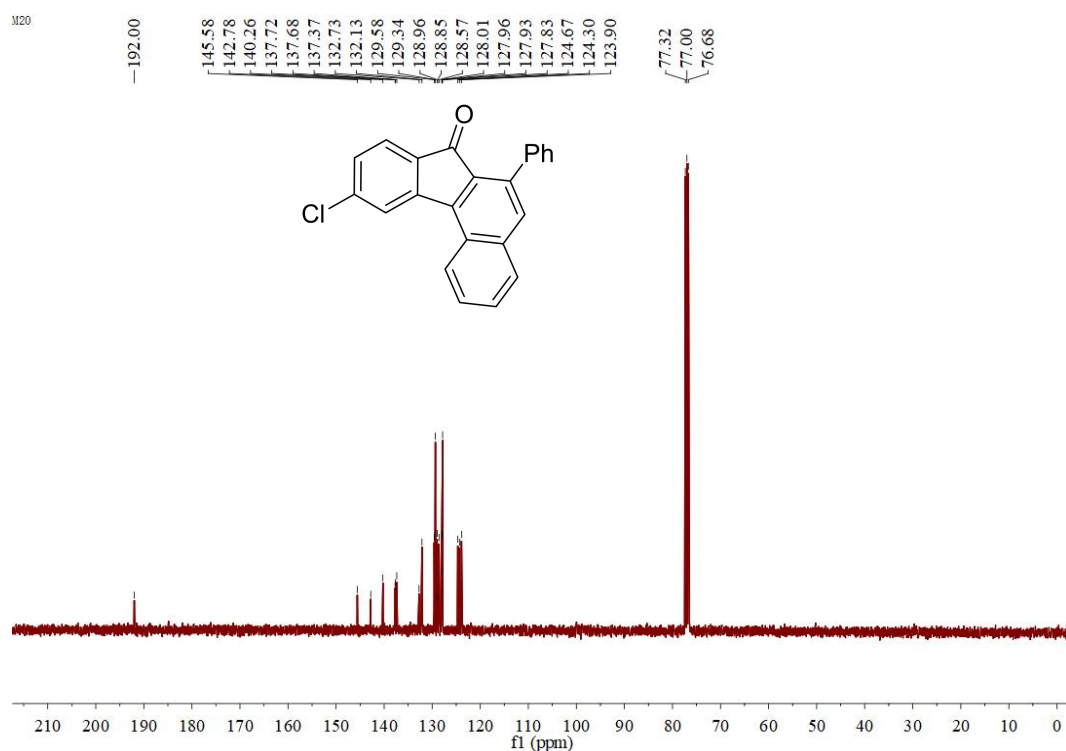
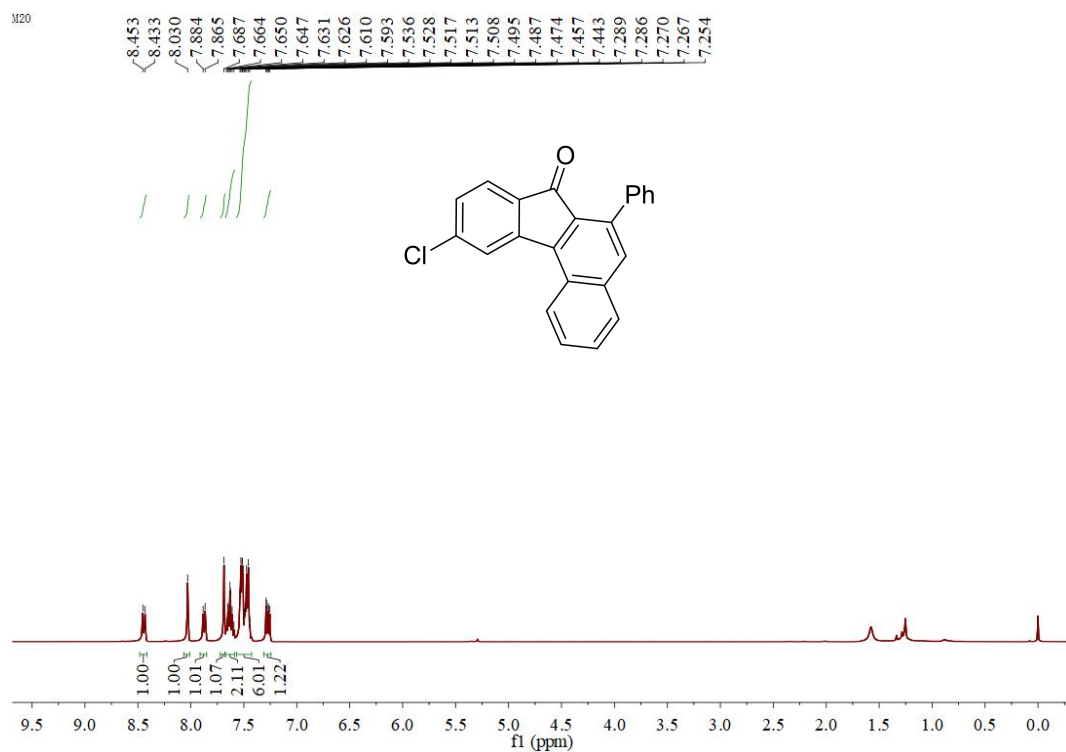
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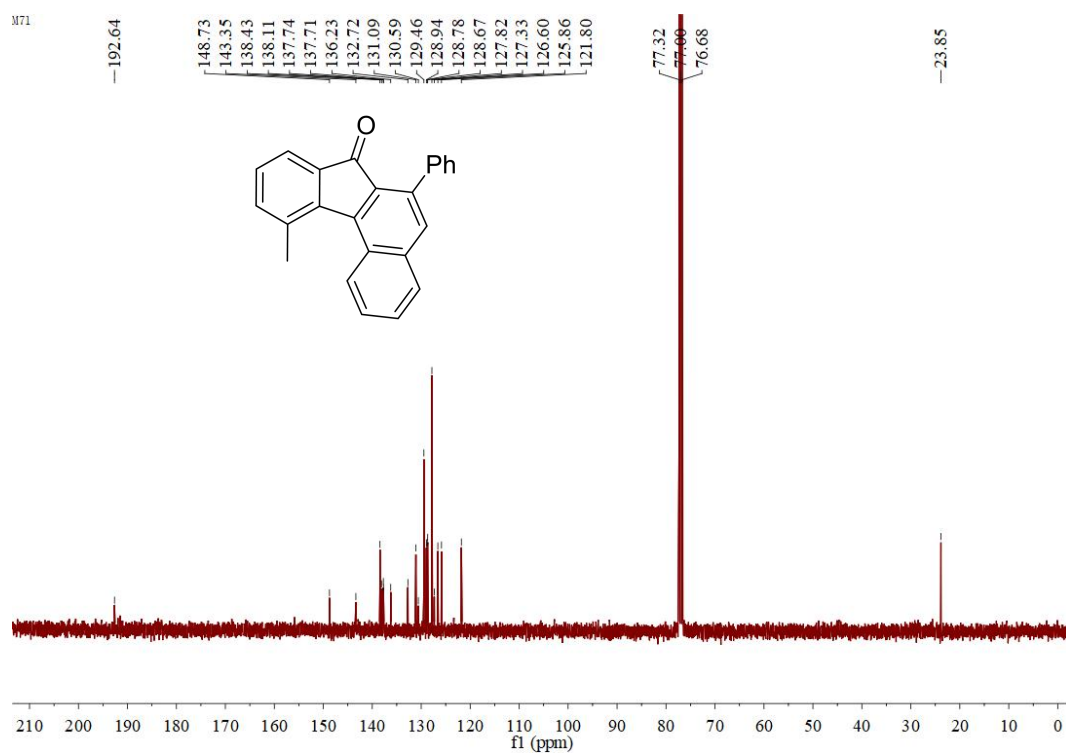
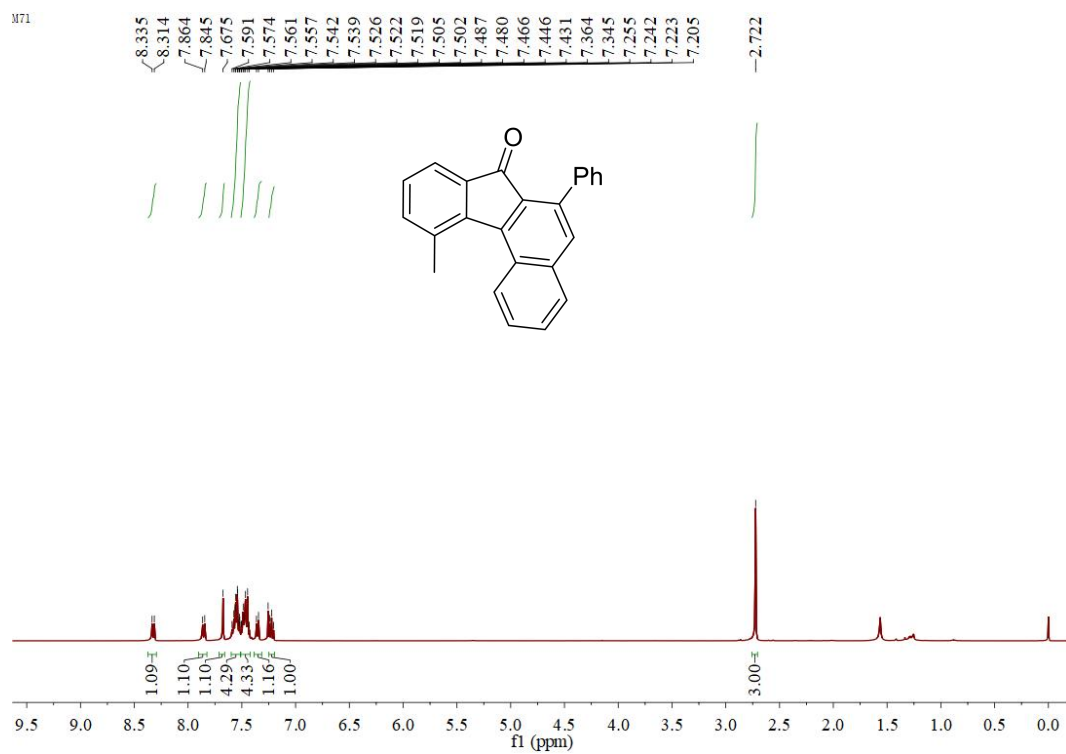
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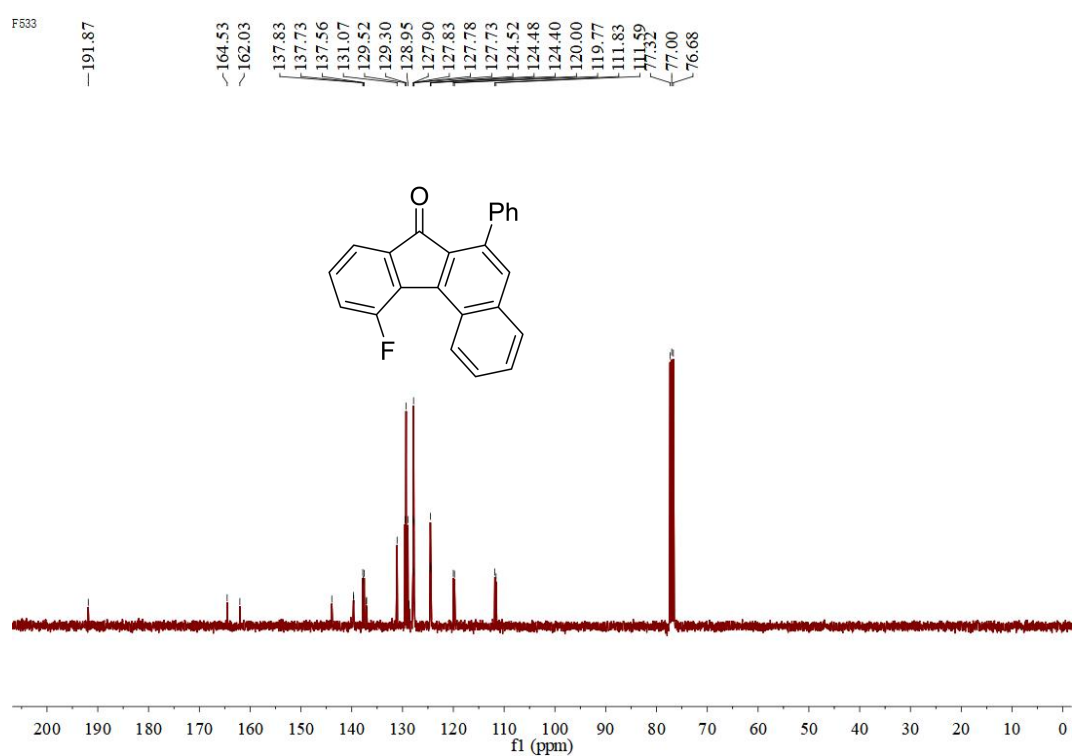
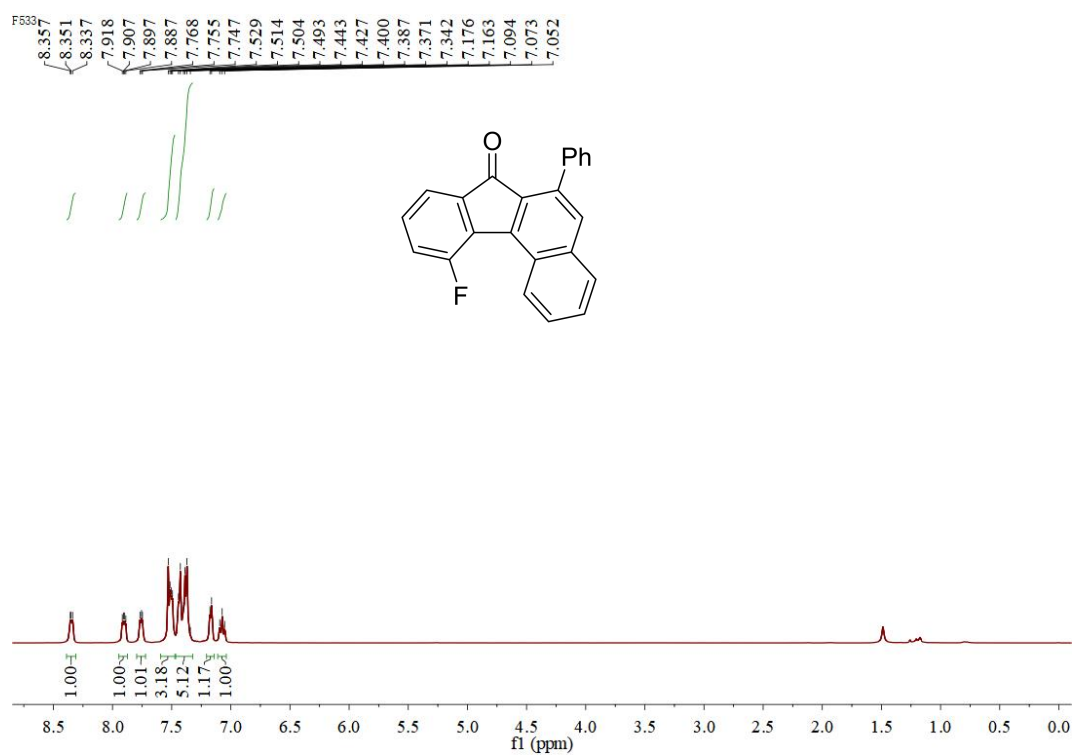
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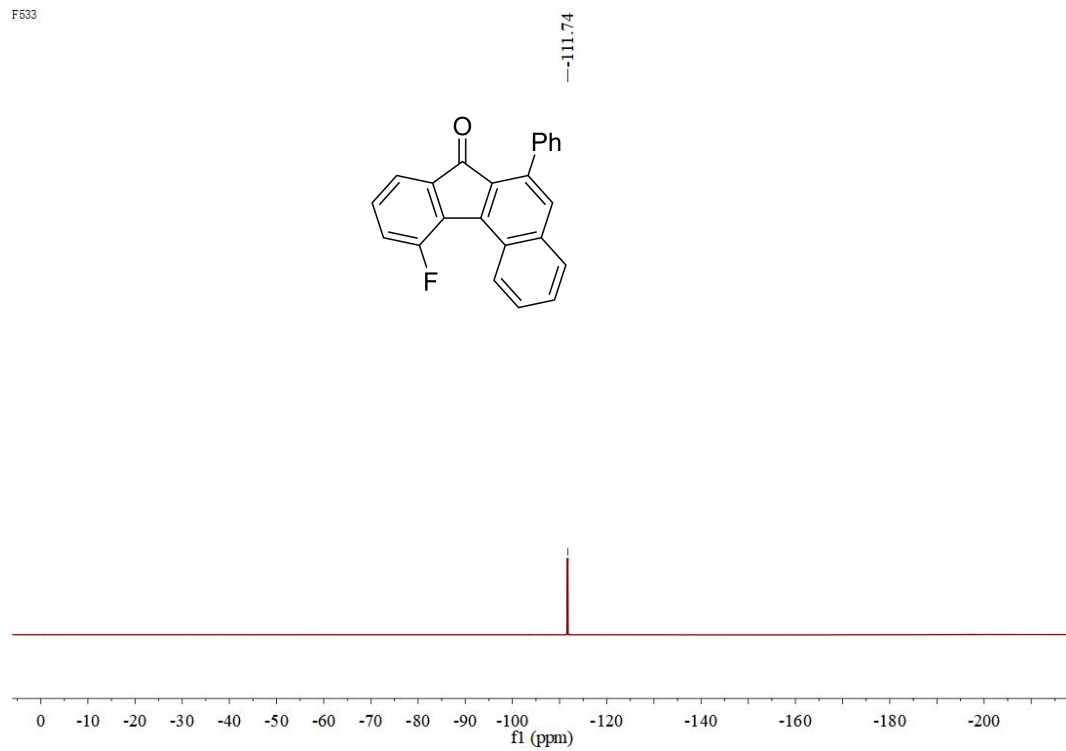
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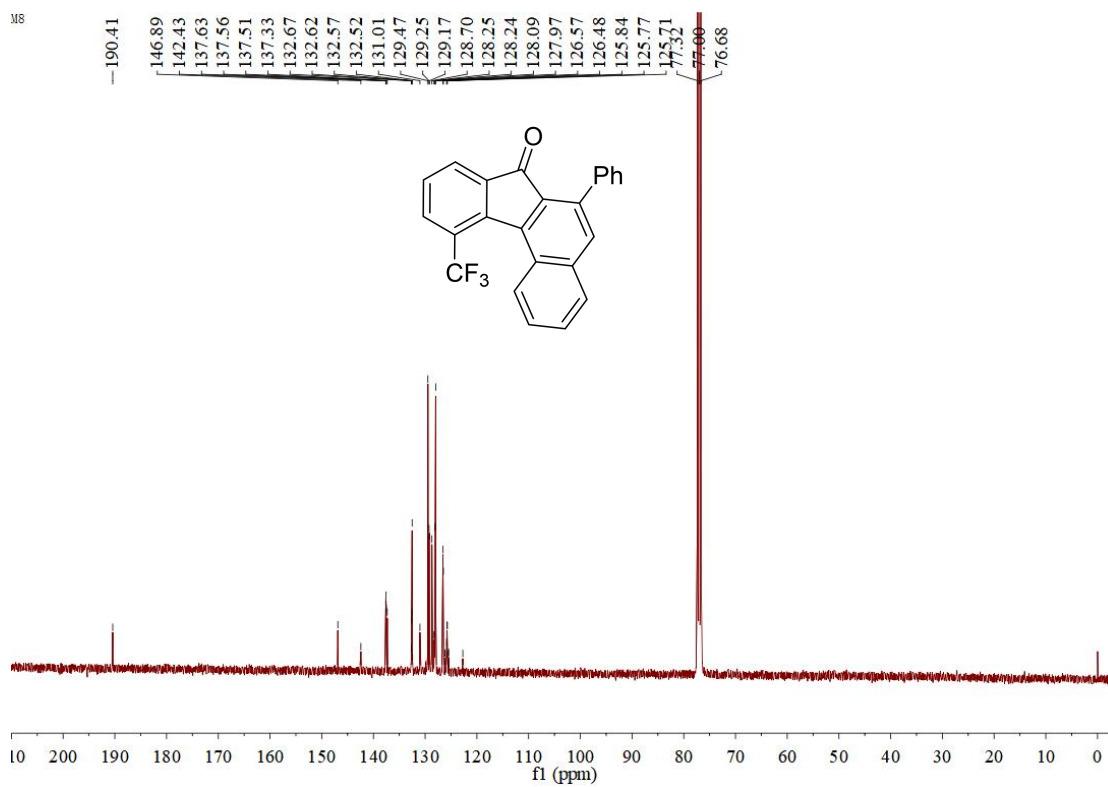
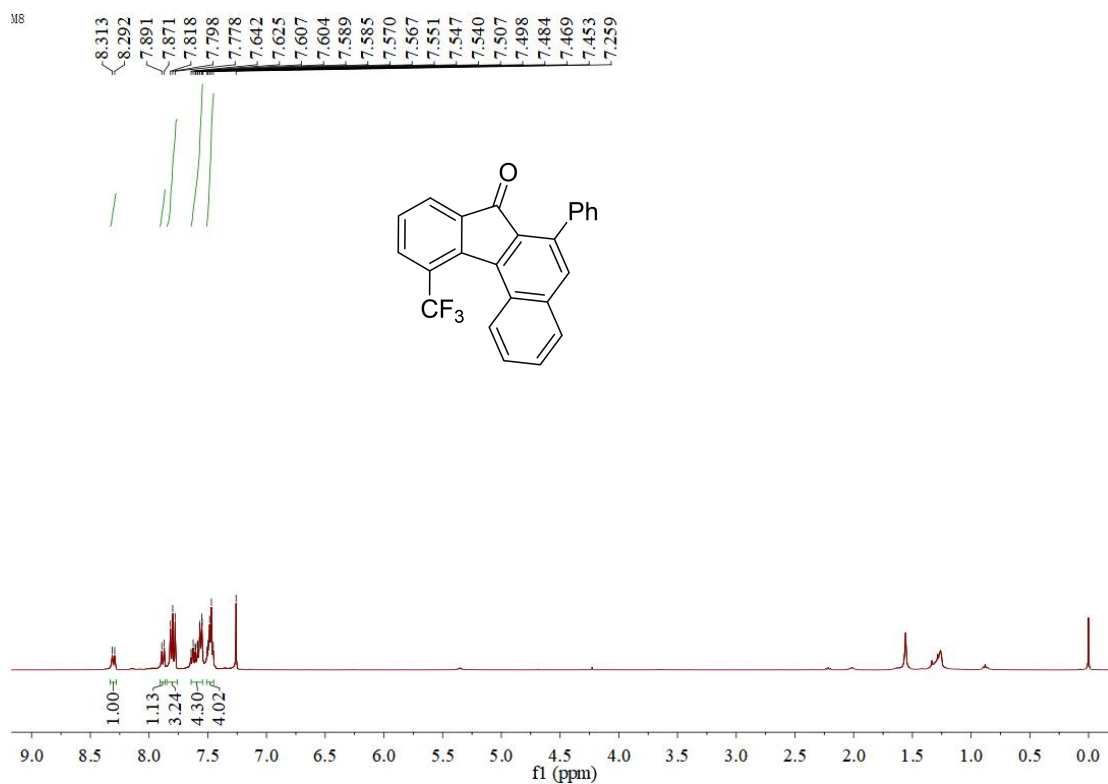
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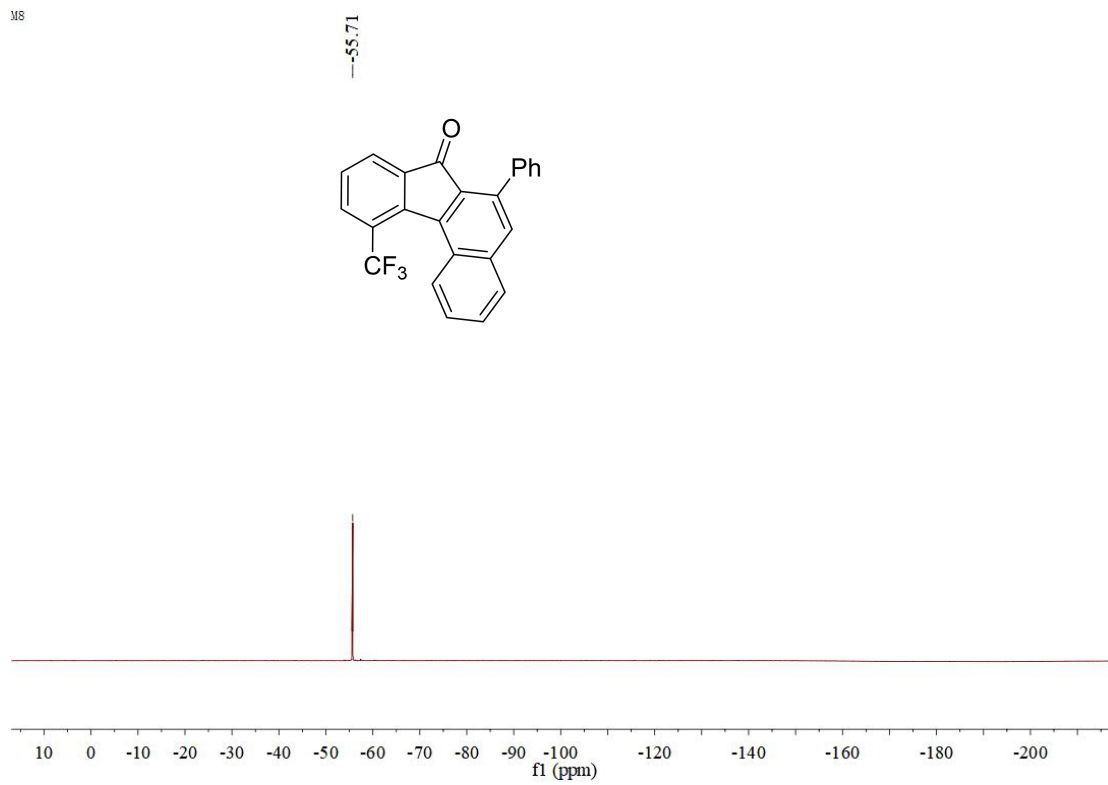
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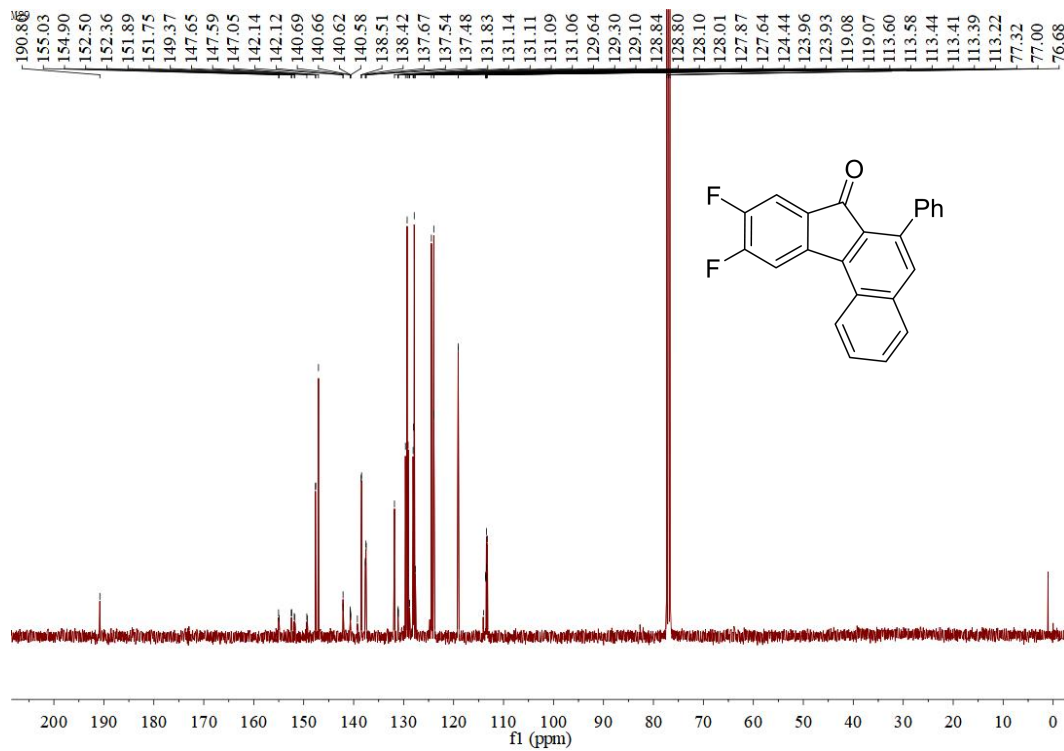
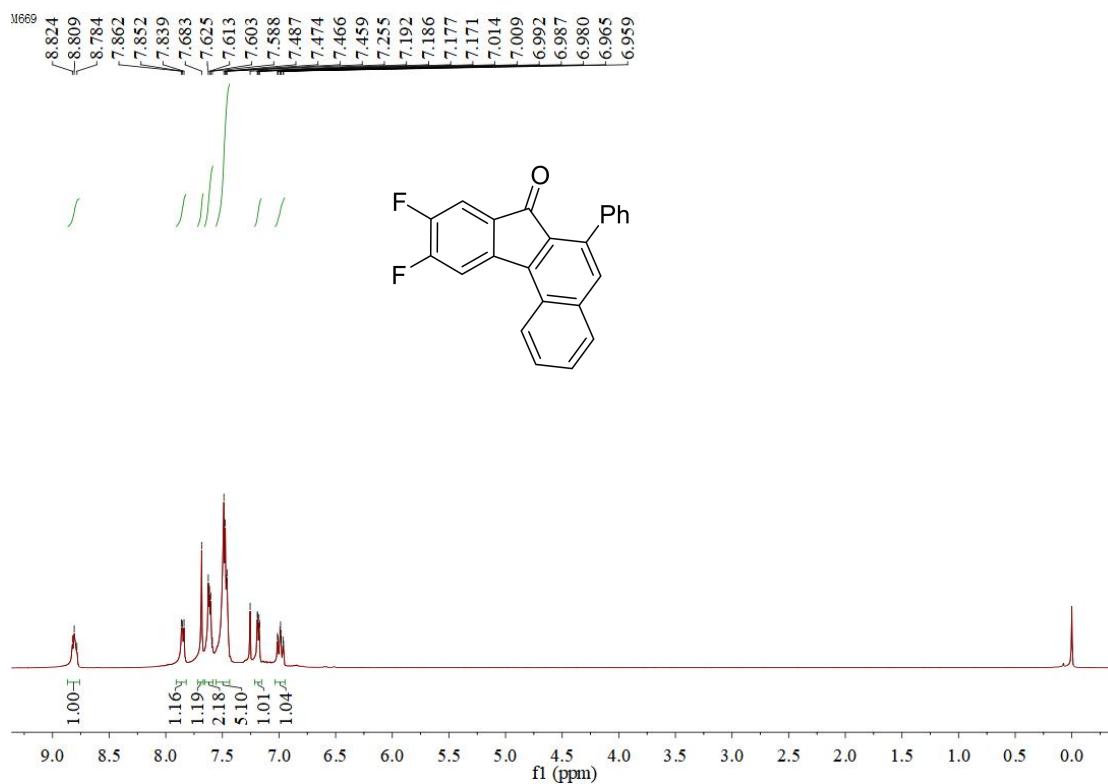
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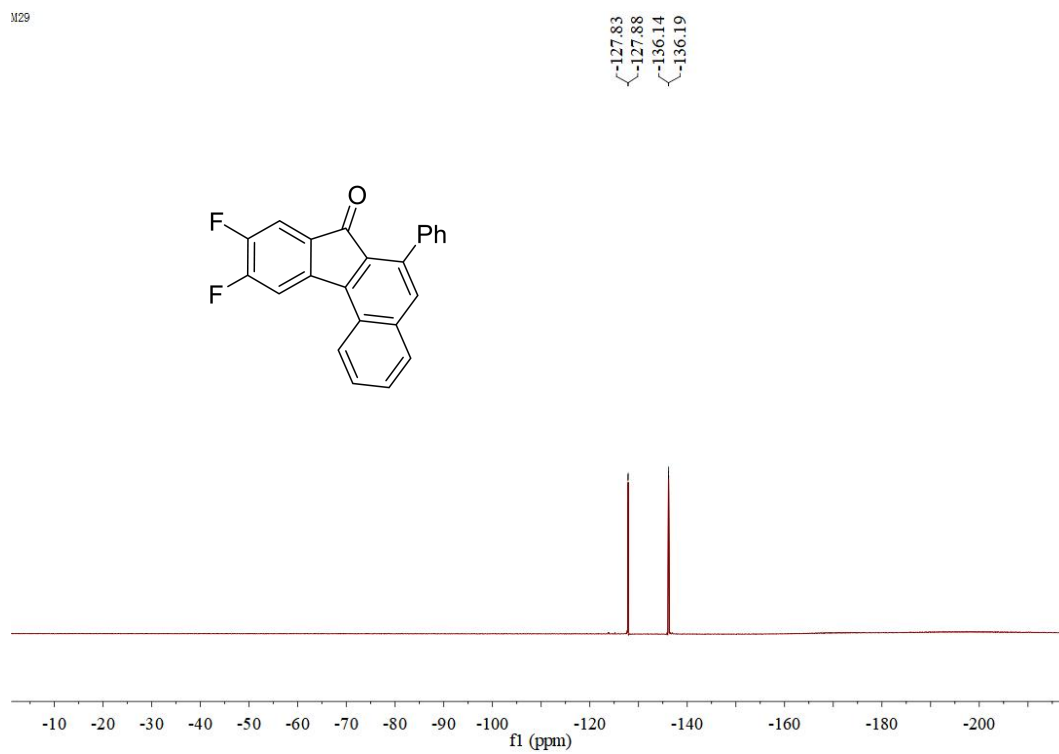


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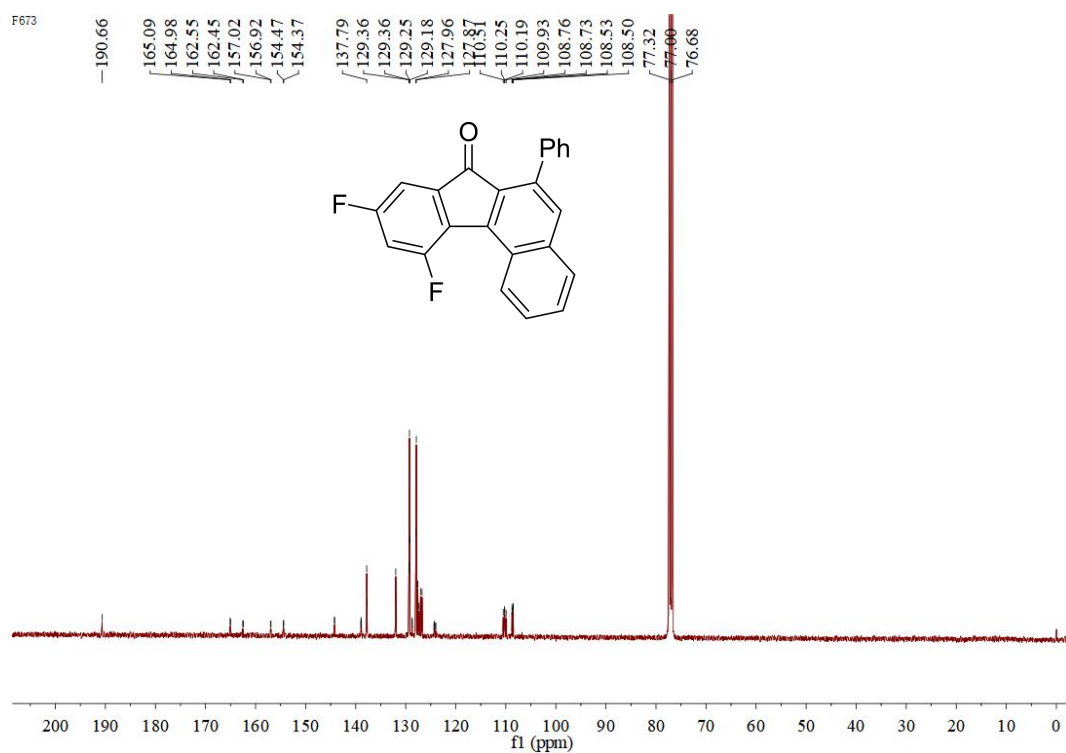
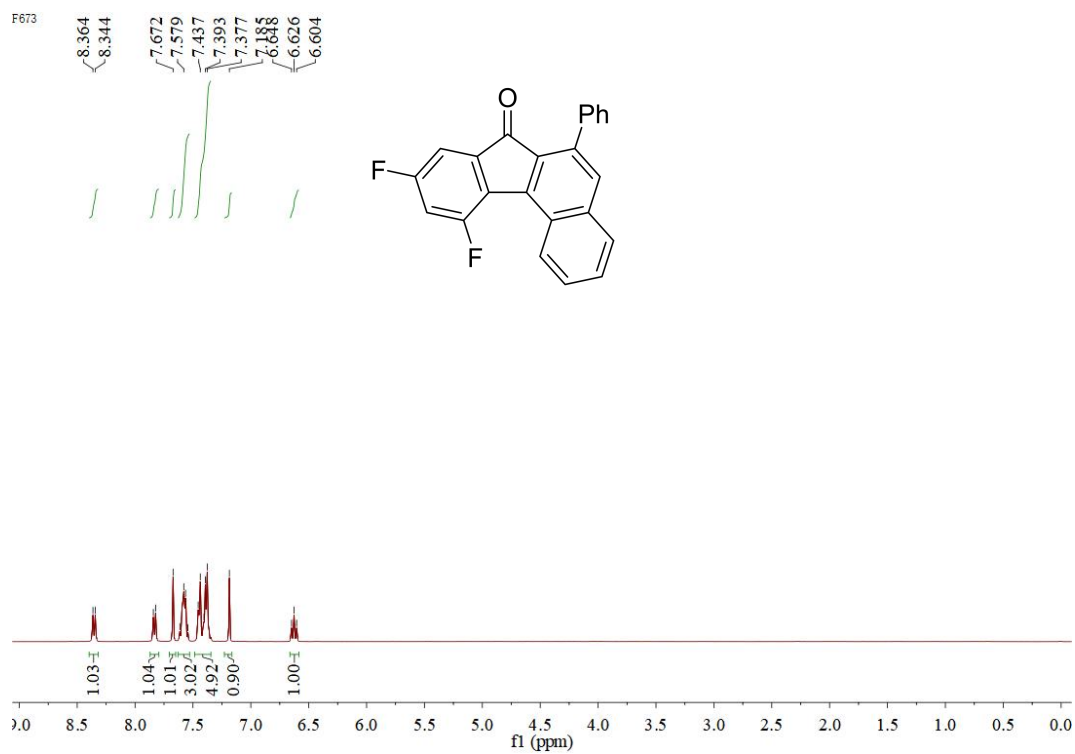


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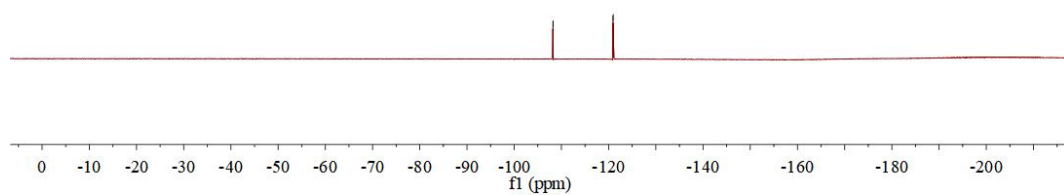
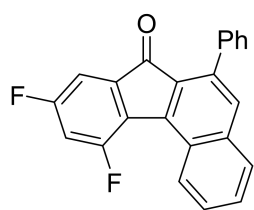


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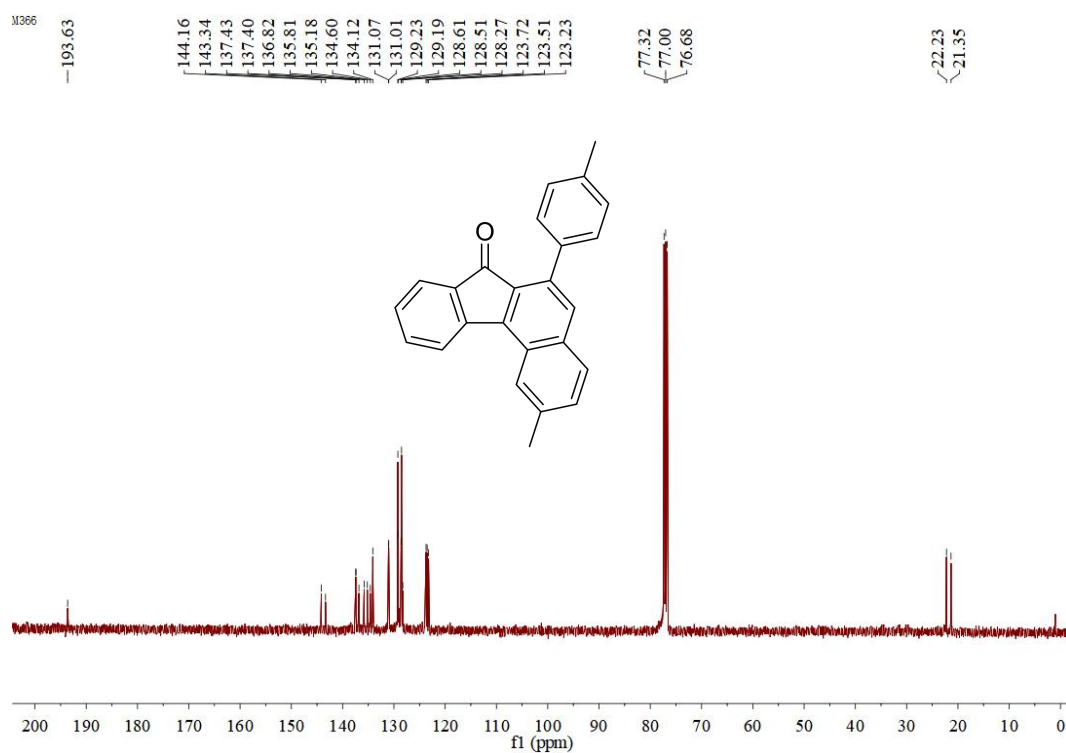
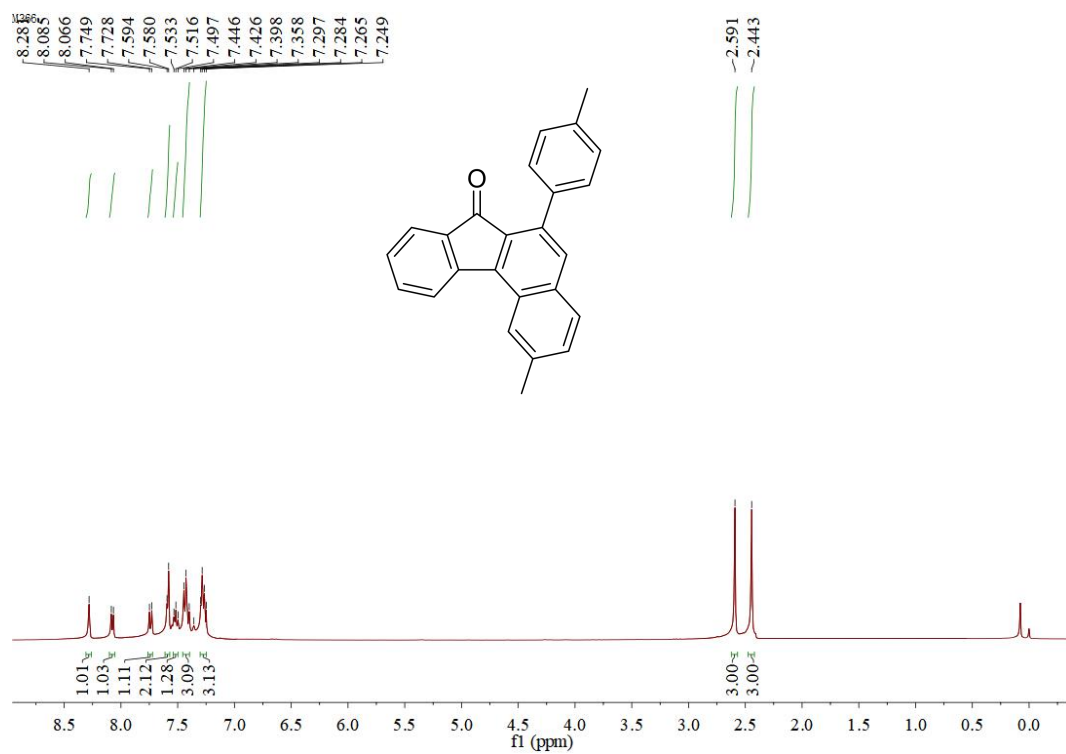


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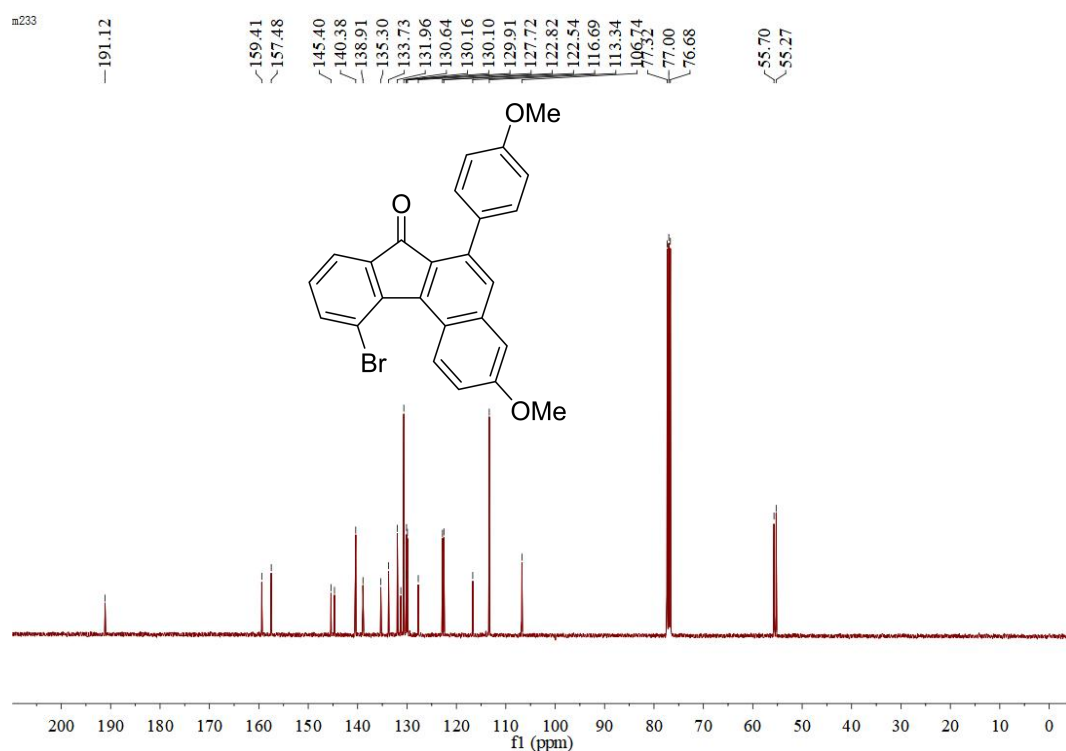
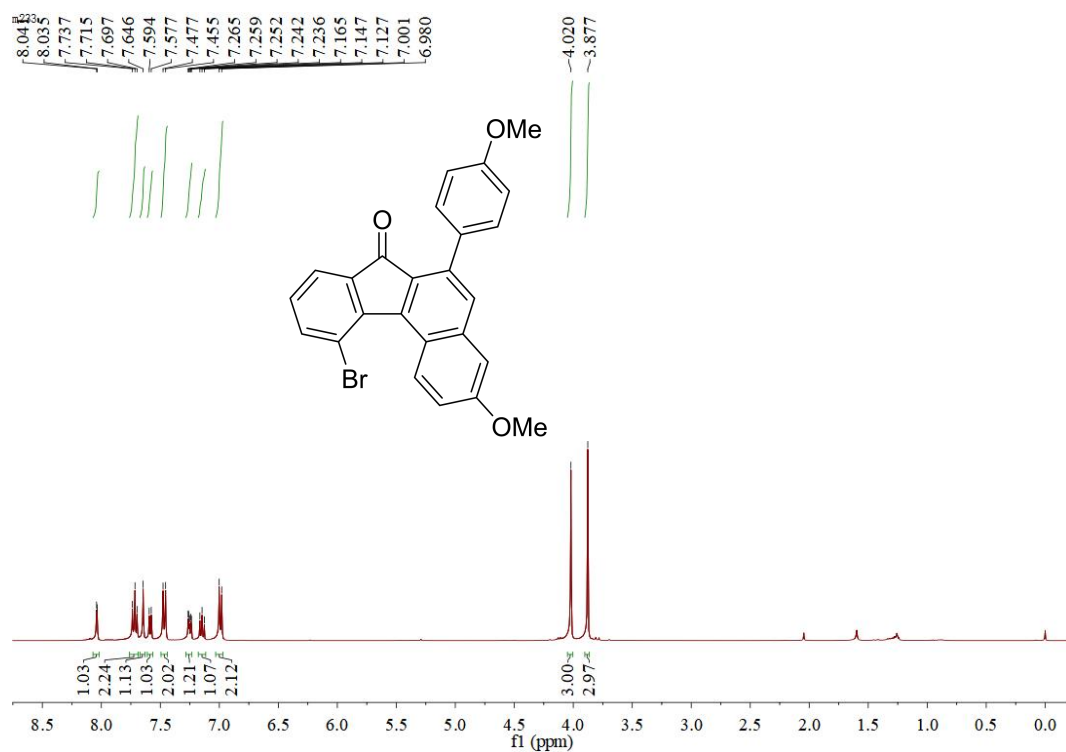
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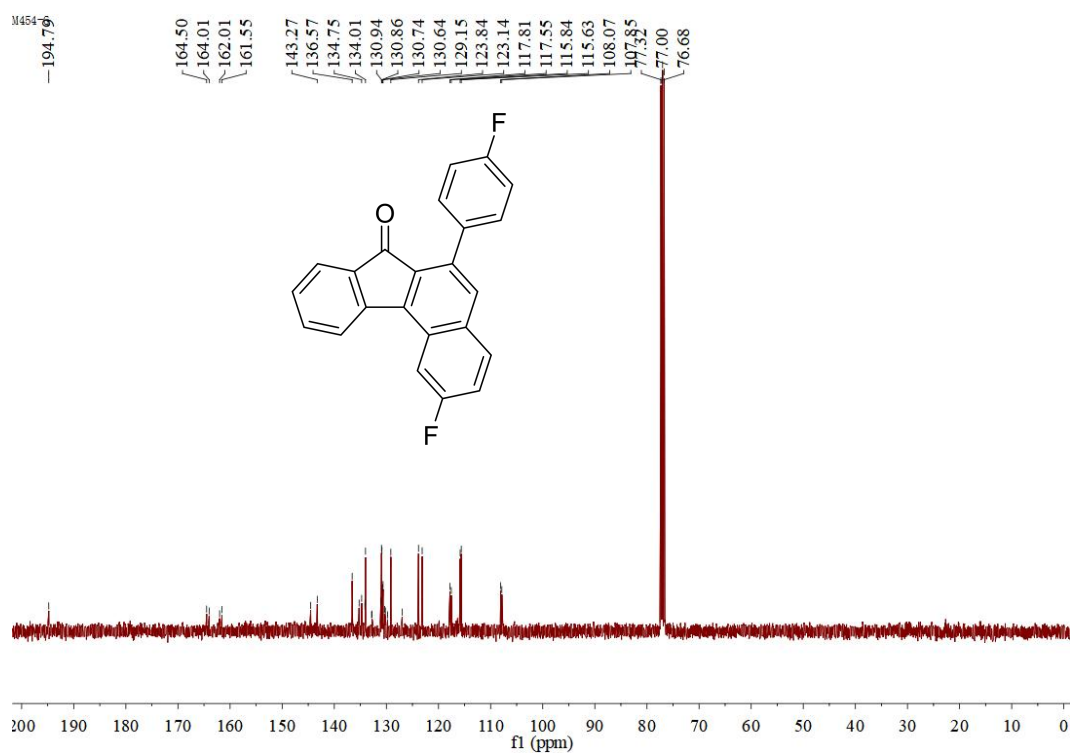
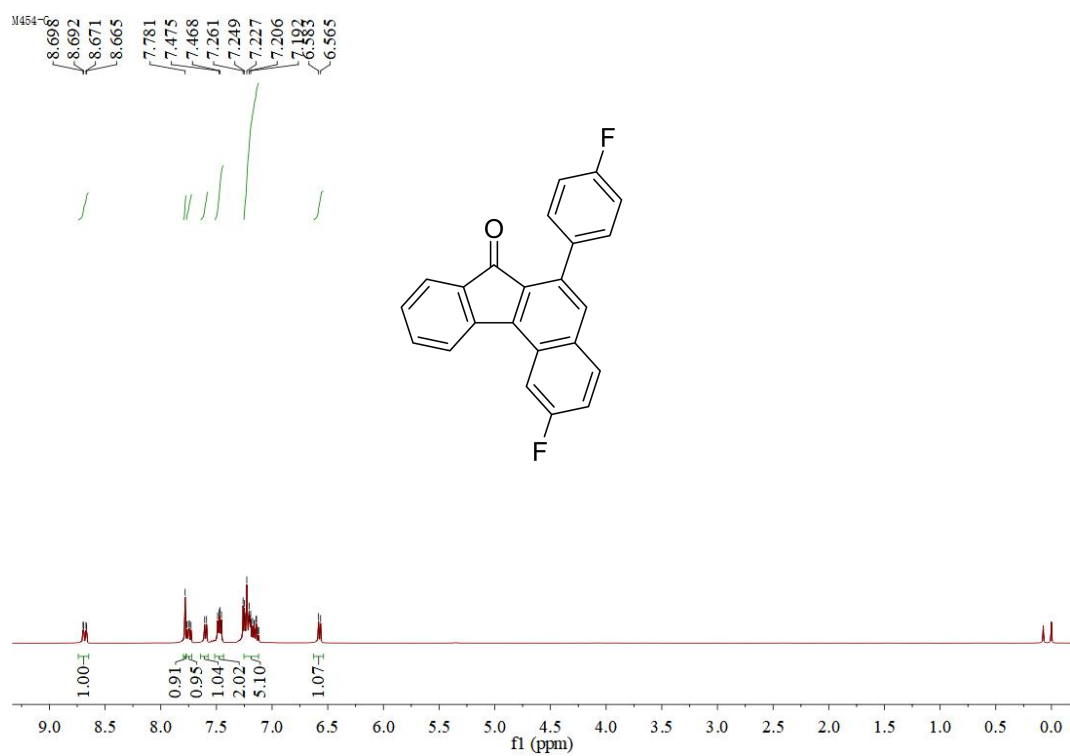
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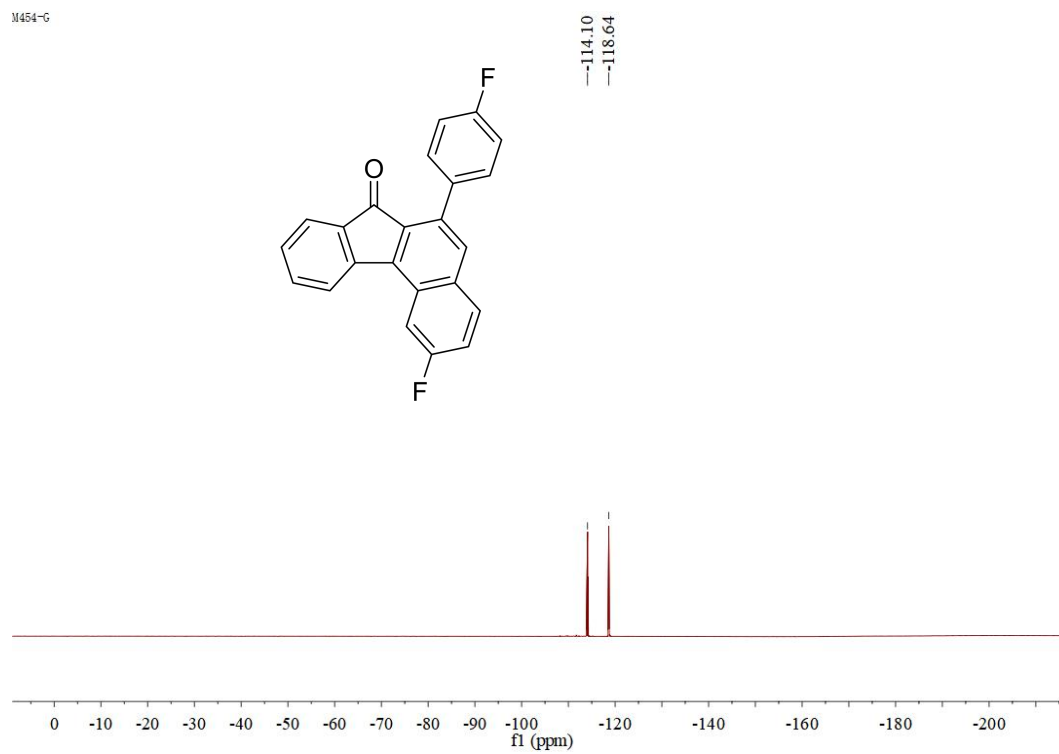
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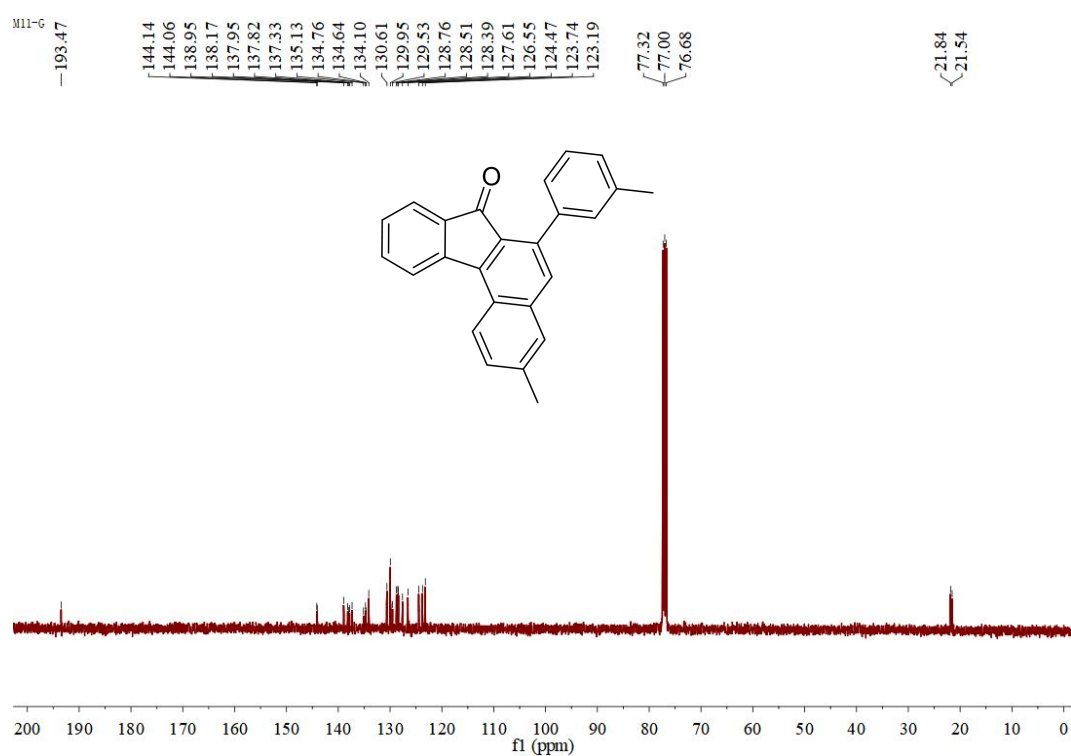
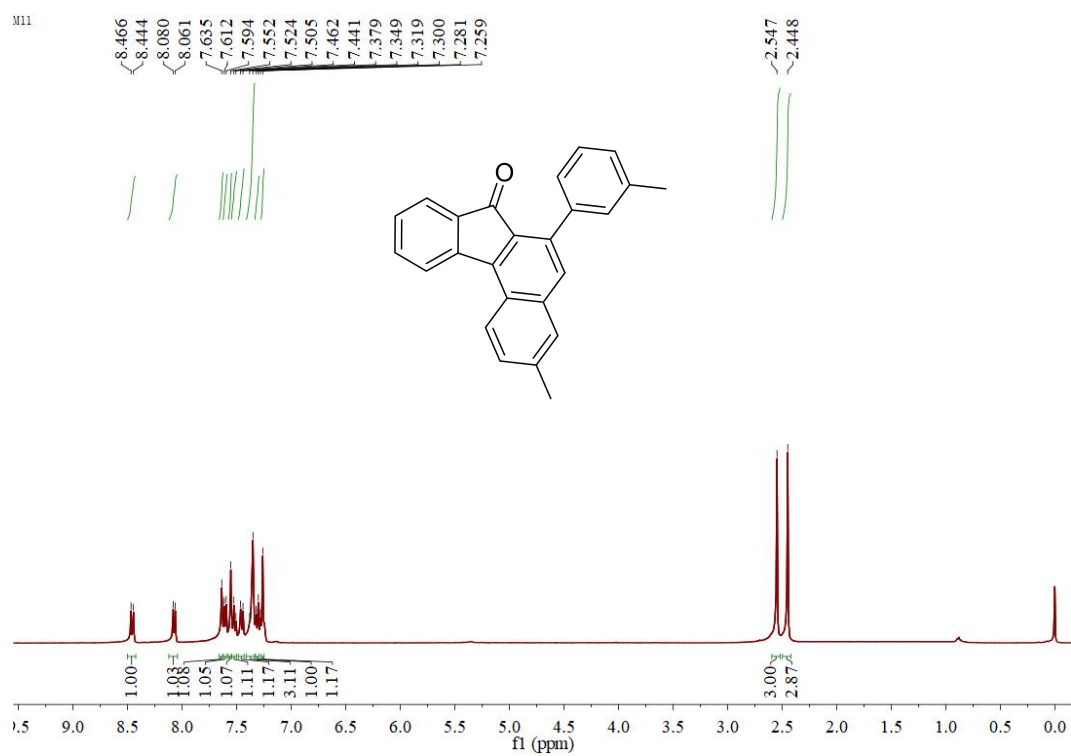
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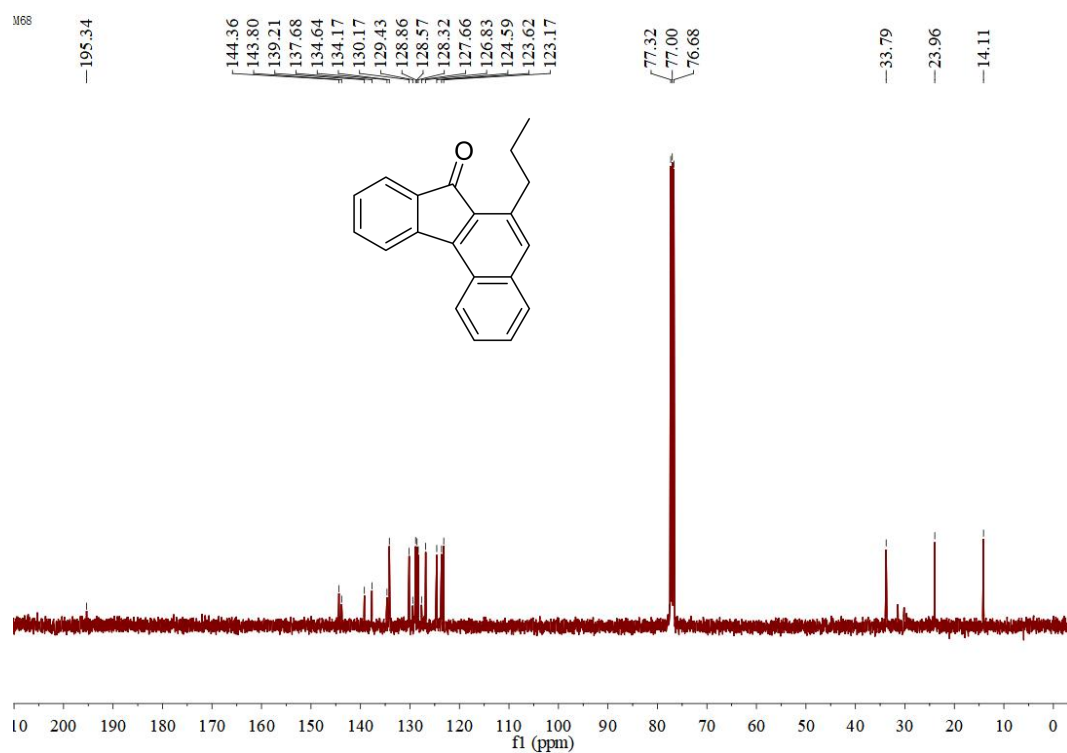
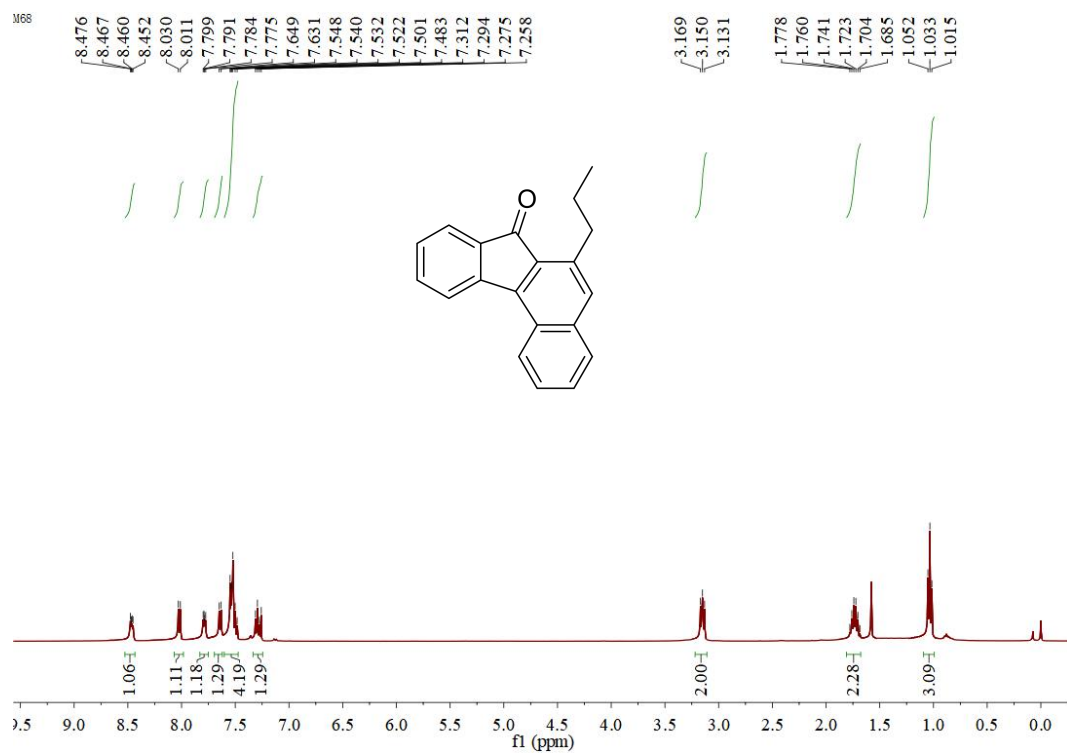
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¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of 3s



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