

**Pd(II)-Catalyzed Denitrative Alkyne Annulation Reaction for the Synthesis of
Cyclopenta[*b*]chromanes**

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Supporting Information

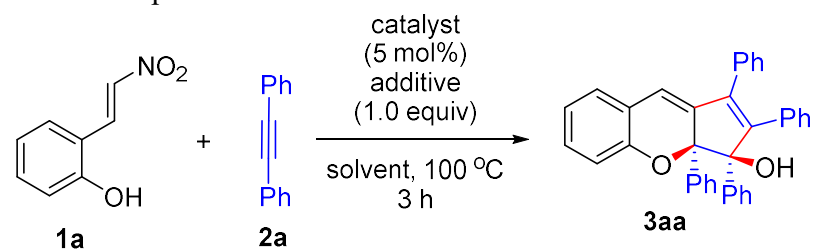
1. General Information

All the commercially available reagents were used as received. Melting points were measured with a Buchi B-540 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. All experiments were monitored by thin layer chromatography. TLC was performed on Merck TLC Silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ precoated plates. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh, Merck). All the heating reactions were performed on oil bath. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 500 or 400 MHz FTNMR spectrometer using tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. HRMS data were recorded by mass analyzer of model - Xevo G2-XS Q-TOF, Make-Waters, Software-MassLynx V 4.1.

2. Reaction Procedure

2.1. General procedure for the synthesis of 2-hydroxy nitrostyrenes: A solution of nitromethane (5 mL), NH₄OAc (1.0 mmol) and acetic acid (2.0 mL) was stirred at 90 °C for 15 minutes. Then, salicylaldehyde (5 mmol) was added into this mixture. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 3 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (25 mL × 2). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the obtained crude product was purified by silica gel (100–200 mesh) column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexane (1: 10) as the eluant.

Table SI-1. Optimization of the reaction conditions for **3aa**^a



entry	catalyst	additive	solvent	3aa ^b (%)
1	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	0
2	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	0
3	[{RuCl ₂ (<i>p</i> -cymene)} ₂]	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	0
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	85
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	AgOAc	xylene	0
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	NaOAc	xylene	49
7	Pd(OAc) ₂	CsOAc	xylene	34
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	dioxane	0
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	DMF	0
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	DMSO	0
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	^t AmOH	60
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	toluene	76
13	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	PhCl	68
14	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	DCE	19
15	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	MeCN	11
16 ^c	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	81
17 ^d	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	60
18 ^e	Pd(OAc) ₂	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O	xylene	82

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.25 mmol), **2a** (0.50 mmol), catalyst (5.0 mol%), additive (0.25 mmol) and solvent (3.0 mL) at 100 °C under air for 3 h; unless otherwise mentioned. ^bIsolated yields. ^cTemperature 120 °C. ^dTemperature 80 °C. ^eTime 10 h.

2.2. General procedure for the synthesis of cyclopenta[*b*]chromanes: A mixture of 2-hydroxy nitrostyrene (0.25 mmol), diphenyl acetylene (0.50 mmol, 2.0 equiv.), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), Cu(OAc)₂.H₂O (0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 3 hours. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (25 mL × 2). Then the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the obtained crude product was purified by silica gel (100–200 mesh) column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexane as the eluant to afford cyclopenta[*b*]chromane derivatives.

2.3. General procedure for the synthesis of cyclopentenones: A mixture of cyclopenta[*b*]chromane (0.1 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) was stirred at 50 °C for 2 hours. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (25 mL × 2). Then the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the obtained crude product was purified by silica gel (100–200 mesh) column chromatography using EtOAc/Hexane as the eluant to afford the cyclopentenones.

3. Measurement of fluorescence quantum yield (Φ_F):

Fluorescence quantum yields (Φ_F) of the compounds were calculated using quinine sulfate (in 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution) as a standard ($\Phi_F = 0.54$). Emission spectra of these compounds were recorded from 370 to 680 nm with excitation at 350 nm. Absorbance (optical density, OD) of all these samples were recorded at 350 nm and quantum yields were calculated according to equation (1), in which Φ_{ref} is the quantum yield of the reference, A_{sample} and A_{ref} are the areas under the emission spectra of the samples and the reference, OD_{ref} and OD_{sample} are the absorbances of the reference and the sample which were measured at the excitation wavelength; n_{sample} and n_{ref} are the refractive indices of the sample and the reference in solution.

$$\Phi_F = \Phi_{ref} (A_{sample}/ A_{ref}) \times (OD_{ref}/ OD_{sample}) \times (n_{ref}/ n_{sample})^2 \quad (1)$$

Sl. No	Compound	λ_{max} (nm)	λ_{em} (nm)	Φ_F
1	3aa	350	441	0.16
2	3ad	350	452	0.14
3	3af	355	452	0.20
4	3ca	355	442	0.36
5	3da	352	450	0.12

6	3ea	333	452	0.12
7	3ha	357	442	0.17
8	3ka	357	441	0.17

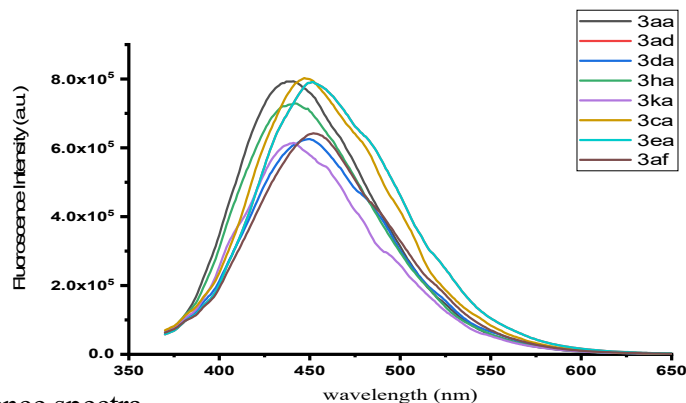
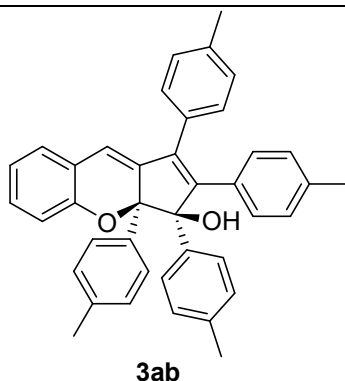


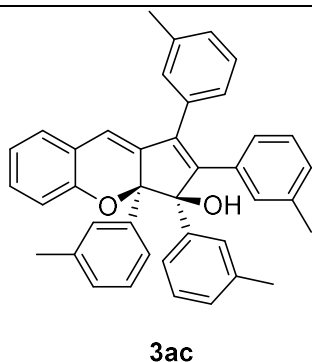
Figure 1. Fluorescence spectra

4. Spectral and Analytical Data:

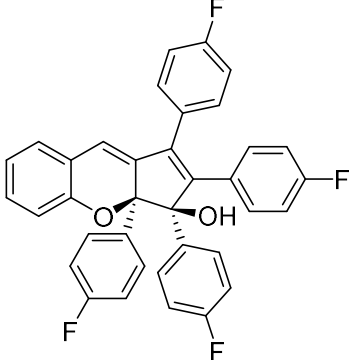
<p style="text-align: center;">3aa</p>	<p>1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[<i>b</i>]chromen-3-ol (3aa): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1a (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 81% yield (pale yellow solid, 99 mg); mp 176-178 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 3H), 7.15–6.92 (m, 11H), 6.87–6.80 (m, 5H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 148.0, 144.5, 142.2, 139.9, 139.7, 134.6, 134.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.3, 124.0, 122.6, 117.7, 117.6, 90.1, 87.5. HRMS Calcd (ESI) <i>m/z</i> for C₃₆H₂₆O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 473.1905, found: 473.1902.</p>
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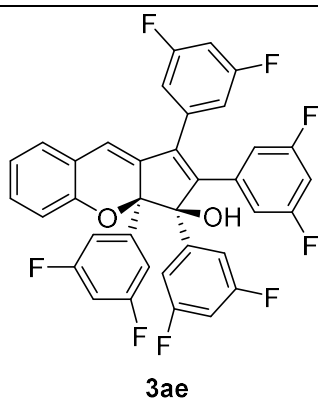


1,2,3,3a-tetra-*p*-tolyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]chromen-3-ol (3ab): Following the general procedure **2.2**, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1a** (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2b** (103 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 83% yield (pale yellow solid, 113 mg); mp 133-135 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06–6.94 (m, 5H), 6.83–6.79 (m, 3H), 6.75–6.64 (m, 6H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 147.9, 145.1, 141.4, 138.1, 137.0, 136.9, 136.7, 135.5, 131.9, 131.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 124.2, 122.4, 117.7, 116.9, 89.9, 87.6, 21.6, 21.4, 21.1, 21.0. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C₄₀H₃₄O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 529.2531, found: 529.2528.



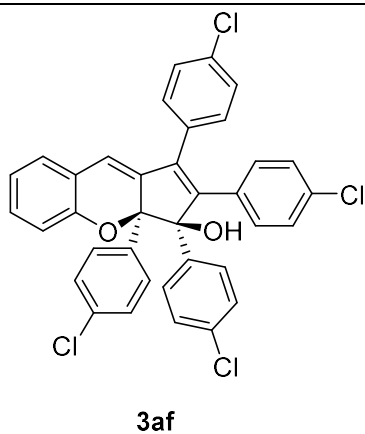
1,2,3,3a-tetra-*m*-tolyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[*b*]chromen-3-ol (3ac): Following the general procedure **2.2**, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1a** (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2c** (103 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 71% yield (pale yellow solid, 97 mg); mp 98-100 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.07–6.96 (m, 6H), 6.90–6.80 (m, 5H), 6.75–6.57 (m, 5H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 148.0, 144.7,

	<p>142.1, 139.8, 138.3, 136.9, 136.4, 135.9, 134.7, 134.2, 130.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.2, 124.6, 124.2, 122.5, 117.7, 117.2, 90.1, 87.5, 21.7, 21.5, 21.3. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $C_{40}H_{34}O_2$: $[M-OH]^+$ 529.2531, found: 529.2529.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ad</p>	<p>1,2,3,3a-tetrakis(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ad): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1a (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2d (107 mg, 0.50 mmol), $[Pd(OAc)_2]$ (3 mg, 5 mol%) and $Cu(OAc)_2 \cdot H_2O$ (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 79% yield (white solid, 111 mg); mp 211–213 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.07 (m, 7H), 7.01–6.98 (m, 3H), 6.89–6.85 (m, 1H), 6.75–6.59 (m, 7H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 162.9 (d, $J = 248$), 162.2 (d, $J = 247$), 162.1 (d, $J = 246$), 161.6 (d, $J = 245$), 152.6, 146.9, 143.7, 140.9, 135.4, 135.3, 135.3, 131.6, 131.6, 131.5, 130.2 (d, $J = 4$), 129.4 (d, $J = 4$), 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 127.6, 123.7, 122.9, 118.0, 117.9 (d, $J = 29$), 116.2 (d, $J = 22$), 115.1 (d, $J = 21$), 114.4 (d, $J = 22$), 113.9 (d, $J = 21$), 89.6, 86.8. ^{19}F NMR ($CDCl_3$, 376 MHz): –111.9, –112.6, –114.1, –115.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $C_{36}H_{22}F_4O_2$: $[M-OH]^+$ 545.1527, found: 545.1526.</p>



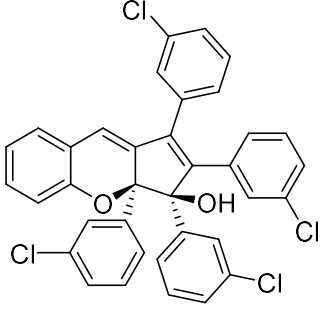
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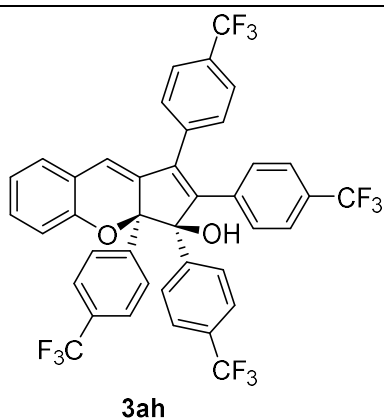
dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ae): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1a** (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2e** (125 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 73% yield (pale yellow sticky solid, 115 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20–7.17 (m, 1H), 7.08–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.97–6.75 (m, 7H), 6.63–6.48 (m, 7H), 4.98 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6 (d, *J* = 249 Hz), 163.5 (d, *J* = 250 Hz), 162.8 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 162.7 (d, *J* = 248 Hz), 162.5 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 162.4 (d, *J* = 247 Hz), 152.2, 145.5, 143.2, 143.1, 141.7, 140.8, 136.3, 135.5, 130.4, 128.3, 123.6, 122.8, 120.3, 117.9, 112.6 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 112.5 (d, *J* = 12 Hz), 112.3 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 112.2 (d, *J* = 12 Hz), 111.1 (d, *J* = 23 Hz), 110.8 (d, *J* = 28 Hz), 105.2 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 105.0 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 104.5 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 104.2 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 104.0 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 103.8 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 103.2 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 102.9 (d, *J* = 25 Hz), 89.4, 86.1. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): –107.3, –108.6, –109.0. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C₃₆H₁₈F₈O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 617.1152, found: 617.1148.



1,2,3,3a-tetrakis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]

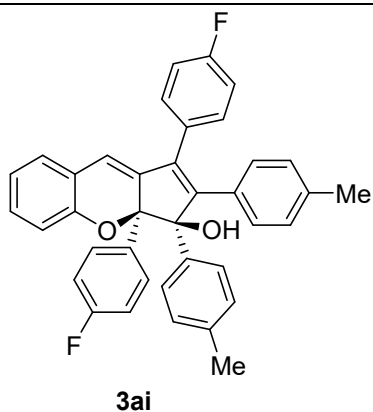
chromen-3-ol (3af): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1a** (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2f** (123 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3%

	<p>EtOAc in hexane); 85% yield (white solid, 133 mg); mp 183–185 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44–7.39 (m, 4H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 3H), 7.02–6.96 (m, 8H), 6.90–6.74 (m, 5H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5, 146.8, 143.1, 141.3, 137.9, 137.8, 134.9, 133.8, 133.7, 132.8, 132.4, 131.7, 131.1, 130.9, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 123.5, 123.1, 118.6, 117.7, 89.5, 86.8.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ag</p>	<p>1,2,3,3a-tetrakis(3-chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ag): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1a (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2g (123 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 61% yield (yellow sticky, 95 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (t, <i>J</i> = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.21 (t, <i>J</i> = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.03 (m, 7H), 7.01–6.88 (m, 6H), 6.78–7.74 (m, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 146.5, 142.4, 141.8, 141.4, 135.6, 134.9, 133.9, 133.5, 130.5, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 123.4, 123.2, 119.1, 117.9, 89.6, 86.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI) <i>m/z</i> for C₃₆H₂₂Cl₄O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 609.0347, found: 609.0345.</p>



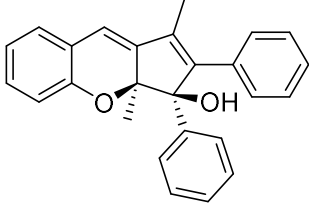
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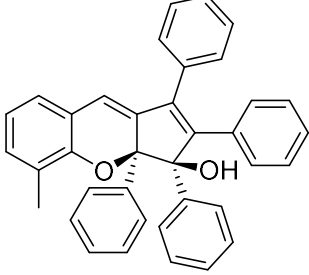
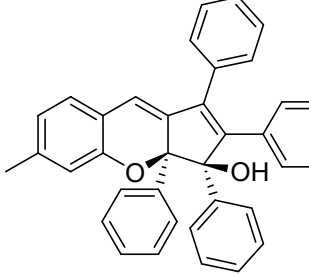
dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ah): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1a** (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2h** (157 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 56% yield (pale yellow sticky solid, 106 mg). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.11 (m, 7H), 7.06–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.94–6.90 (m, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3, 146.5, 143.3, 142.9, 142.6, 142.1, 137.2, 136.7, 130.1, 129.4 (d, *J* = 32 Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 126.3 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 125.3 (d, *J* = 4 Hz), 124.5 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 124.1, 123.5, 123.2, 123.0 (d, *J* = 272 Hz) 119.8, 117.8, 89.9, 86.9.

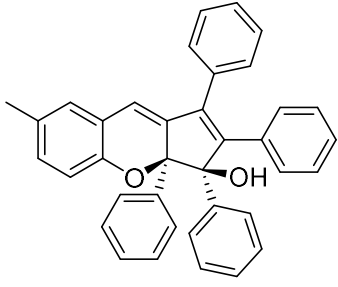
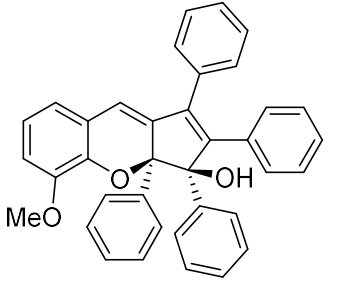


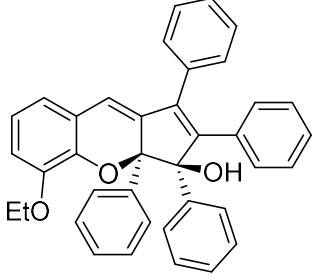
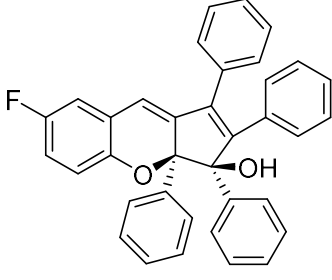
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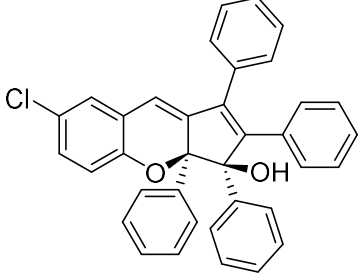
Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1a** (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2i** (105 mg, 0.25 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.50 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 54% yield (yellow solid, 76 mg); mp 97-99 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.25–6.96 (m, 9H), 6.87–6.63 (m, 8H), 6.56–6.52 (m, 2H), 4.99–4.80 (bs, 1H), 2.43 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 1H), 2.12 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0 (d, *J* = 246 Hz), 152.9, 152.7, 144.3, 142.1,

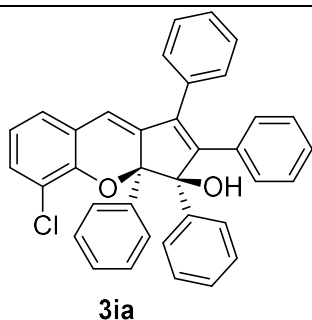
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 <p style="text-align: center;">3aj</p>	<p>1,3-dimethyl-2,3a-diphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3aj, mixture 4.9:1): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1a (41 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2j (58 mg, 0.50 mmol), $[\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2]$ (3 mg, 5 mol%) and $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100°C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (2 % EtOAc in hexane) 71% yield (pale yellow liquid, 65 mg). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52–7.41 (m, 8H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.96–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.25 (s, 0.17H), 6.23 (s, 0.83H), 4.56–4.53 (m, 0.17H), 4.43 (s, 0.83H), 1.93 (s, 2.5H), 1.64 (s, 0.5H), 1.28 (s, 0.5H), 0.99 (s, 2.5H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.7, 146.5, 144.9, 139.8, 139.5, 134.0, 132.5, 130.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.2, 126.5, 124.9, 124.2, 123.5, 122.3, 119.3, 117.5, 112.9, 111.2, 87.2, 83.5, 83.2, 73.6, 42.0, 29.8, 21.6, 12.6. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2$: $[\text{M}-\text{OH}]^+$ 349.1592, found: 349.1587.</p>
	<p>5-methyl-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ba): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1b (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg,</p>

 <p style="text-align: center;">3ba</p>	<p>0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 73% yield (white solid, 92 mg); mp 194-196 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.16–7.04 (m, 4H), 6.93–6.73 (m, 13H), 6.67–6.64 (m, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.9, 147.7, 143.9, 142.1, 140.1, 140.0, 134.7, 134.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 125.3, 123.5, 122.1, 117.9, 90.2, 87.7, 15.9. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₃₇H₂₈O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 487.2062, found: 487.2060.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ca</p>	<p>6-methyl-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ca): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1c (45 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 80% yield (pale yellow solid, 101 mg); mp 196-198 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.01–6.84 (m, 12H), 6.67–6.65 (m, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 147.3, 143.4, 142.2, 140.0, 139.8, 139.3, 134.7, 134.1, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 123.4, 121.3, 118.3, 117.7, 90.1, 87.6, 21.6. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₃₇H₂₈O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 487.2062, found: 487.2058.</p>

 <p style="text-align: center;">3da</p>	<p>7-methyl-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3da): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1d (45 mg, 0.50 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.25 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 83% yield (pale yellow solid, 104 mg); mp 186-188 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55–7.53 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.03–6.79 (m, 15H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.7, 147.8, 144.6, 142.2, 139.9, 139.8, 134.7, 134.0, 131.7, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 123.7, 117.7, 117.4, 90.0, 87.5, 20.7. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₃₇H₂₈O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 487.2062, found: 487.2061.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ea</p>	<p>5-methoxy-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ea): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1e (48 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (4% EtOAc in hexane); 75% yield (pale yellow solid, 98 mg); mp 216-218 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.02–6.84 (m, 11H), 6.80–6.75 (m, 1H), 6.72–6.69 (m, 1H), 6.62–6.59 (m, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 5.12 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 148.1, 145.1, 142.1, 141.8, 139.9, 139.8, 134.7, 134.0,</p>

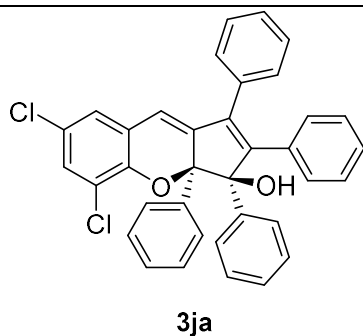
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 <p style="text-align: center;">3fa</p>	<p>5-ethoxy-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3fa): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1f (52 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (4% EtOAc in hexane); 60% yield (yellow solid, 80 mg); mp 182-184 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.03–6.84 (m, 12H), 6.78–6.70 (m, 2H), 6.62–6.59 (m, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.23–4.02 (m, 2H), 1.49 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.4, 148.0, 145.0, 142.2, 140.0, 139.9, 138.8, 135.3, 134.7, 134.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 126.1, 125.0, 123.7, 122.2, 120.3, 119.7, 117.6, 114.4, 114.0, 90.1, 87.6, 65.1, 64.9, 15.2, 14.9. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₃₈H₃₀O₃: [M-OH]⁺ 517.2168, found: 517.2165.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ga</p>	<p>7-fluoro-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ga): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1g (46 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in</p>

	<p>hexane); 70% yield (yellow solid, 89 mg); mp 107-109 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.23–7.21 (m, 3H), 7.13–6.94 (m, 8H), 6.90–6.72 (m, 6H), 6.69–6.67 (m, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2 (d, <i>J</i> = 238 Hz), 148.9, 148.7, 146.1, 141.8, 139.5, 139.4, 134.4, 133.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.7, 126.4, 125.0 (d, <i>J</i> = 8 Hz), 118.3 (d, <i>J</i> = 8 Hz), 116.8, 114.9 (d, <i>J</i> = 24 Hz), 113.4 (d, <i>J</i> = 23 Hz), 90.0, 87.7. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): –121.3. HRMS Calcd (ESI) <i>m/z</i> for C₃₆H₂₅FO₂: [M–OH]⁺ 491.1811, found: 491.1815.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ha</p>	<p>7-chloro-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[<i>b</i>]chromen-3-ol (3ha): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1h (50 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 79% yield (pale yellow solid, 104 mg); mp 204-206 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13–6.93 (m, 12H), 6.90–6.88 (m, 1H), 6.86–6.82 (m, 3H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.4, 148.9, 145.9, 141.9, 139.4, 134.4, 133.7, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.4, 125.5, 118.9, 116.6, 90.0, 87.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI) <i>m/z</i> for C₃₆H₂₅ClO₂: [M–OH]⁺ 507.1516, found: 507.1514.</p>



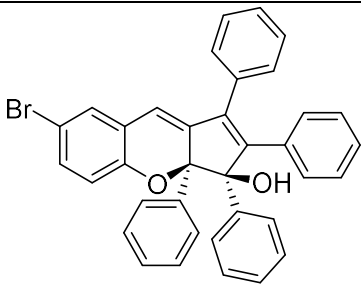
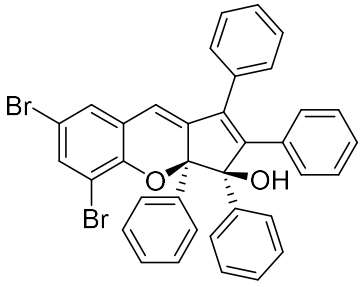
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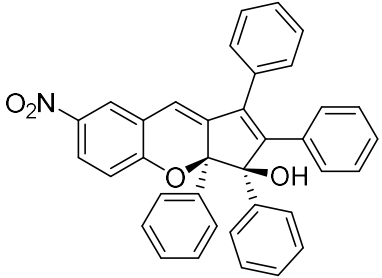
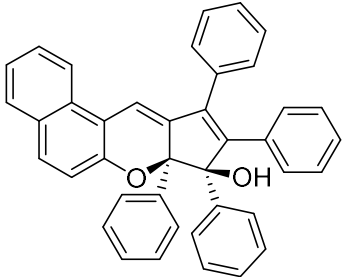
chromen-3-ol (3ia): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1i** (50 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2a** (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 69% yield (pale yellow solid, 91 mg); mp 173-175 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.04–6.75 (m, 13H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 145.5, 141.9, 139.5, 139.4, 134.4, 133.8, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 126.4, 125.8, 125.6, 122.9, 116.9, 90.1, 88.4. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C₃₆H₂₅ClO₂: [M–OH]⁺ 507.1516, found: 507.1513.

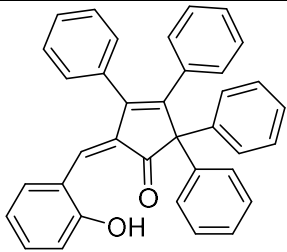


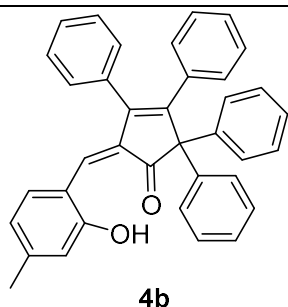
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[b]chromen-3-ol (3ja): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene **1j** (58 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne **2a** (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 66% yield (yellow solid, 92 mg); mp 99-101 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.09 (m, 7H), 7.05–6.95 (m, 6H), 6.92–6.90 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.85 (m, 3H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.6, 147.3, 146.9, 141.7, 139.2, 138.9, 134.2, 133.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8,

	127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 126.6, 126.5, 125.4, 123.4, 115.9, 90.0, 88.6. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C ₃₆ H ₂₄ Cl ₂ O ₂ : [M-OH] ⁺ 541.1126, found: 541.1125.
 <p style="text-align: center;">3ka</p>	<p>7-bromo-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3ka): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1k (61 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 70% yield (yellow solid, 100 mg); mp 237-239 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.09 (m, 4H), 7.04–6.92 (m, 7H), 6.90 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86–6.83 (m, 3H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.9, 148.9, 145.9, 141.8, 139.4, 139.4, 134.4, 133.7, 131.3, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 126.4, 125.9, 119.4, 116.5, 114.8, 90.0, 87.8.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">3la</p>	<p>5,7-dibromo-1,2,3,3a-tetraphenyl-3,3a-dihydrocyclopenta[b]chromen-3-ol (3la): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1l (80 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkyne 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 69% yield (yellow solid, 112 mg); mp 191-194 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, <i>J</i> = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.17 (m, 5H), 7.05–6.97 (m, 7H), 6.91–6.89 (m, 1H), 6.87–6.83 (m, 3H), 6.47 (s, 1H),</p>

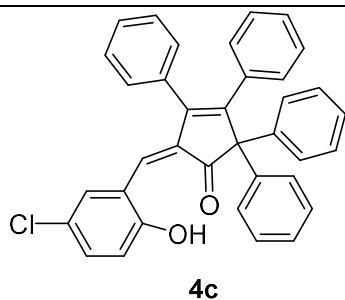
	<p>4.83 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.6, 148.9, 146.7, 141.6, 139.2, 138.9, 134.2, 133.8, 133.5, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0, 126.8, 126.5, 115.9, 114.8, 112.5, 90.1, 88.9. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₃₆H₂₄Br₂O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 629.0116, found: 629.0110.</p>
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 <p style="text-align: center;">3na</p>	<p>7a,8,9,10-tetraphenyl-7a,8-dihydrobenzo[f]cyclopenta[b]chromen-8-ol (3na): Following the general procedure 2.2, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of 2-hydroxynitrostyrene 1n (54 mg, 0.25 mmol), alkynes 2a (89 mg, 0.50 mmol), [Pd(OAc)₂] (3 mg, 5 mol%) and Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in xylene (3.0 mL) at 100 °C for 3 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (3% EtOAc in hexane); 74% yield (pale yellow solid,</p>

	<p>99 mg); mp 240-243 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.75–7.57 (m, 5H), 7.51–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.18 (m, 7H), 7.02–6.84 (m, 10H), 5.06 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.1, 147.9, 143.8, 142.5, 139.9, 139.8, 134.7, 134.2, 130.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 124.3, 122.4, 121.8, 118.8, 117.7, 113.7, 90.4, 87.8. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₄₀H₂₈O₂: [M–OH]⁺ 523.2062, found: 523.2061.</p>
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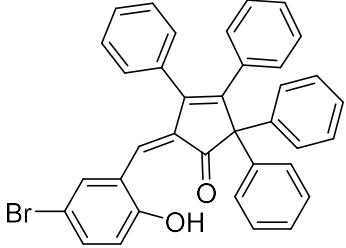
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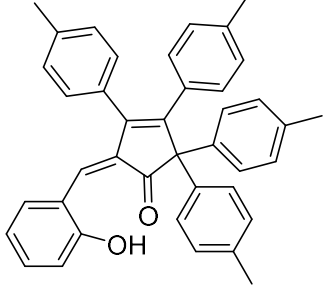
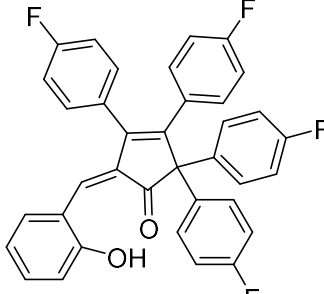
tetraphenylcyclopent-3-en-1-one (4b, *E:Z* = 1:4): Following the general procedure **2.3**, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of chromene derivative **3ca** (50 mg, 0.1 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (6 mg, 10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) at 50 °C for 2 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% EtOAc in hexane); 85% yield (yellow solid, 43 mg); mp 120-125 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.48 (s, 0.25H), 7.45–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 8H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.91 (m, 3H), 6.87–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (s, 0.25H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 0.25H), 6.31 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 0.25H), 2.28 (s, 2.25H), 2.12 (s, 0.75H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 155.9, 145.9, 145.8, 143.8, 142.8, 140.2, 140.0, 139.9, 135.8, 135.1, 134.9, 134.8, 133.4, 133.2, 130.7, 130.4, 130.4, 130.2, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 121.8, 121.6, 119.9, 119.7, 119.5, 118.6, 115.6, 71.4, 71.3, 21.4. HRMS Calcd (ESI) *m/z* for C₃₇H₂₈O₂: [M+H]⁺ 505.2168, found: 505.2166.

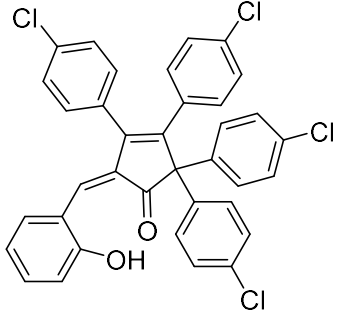
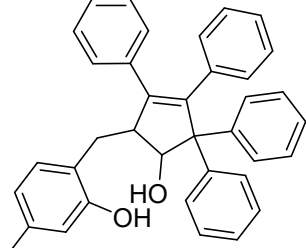


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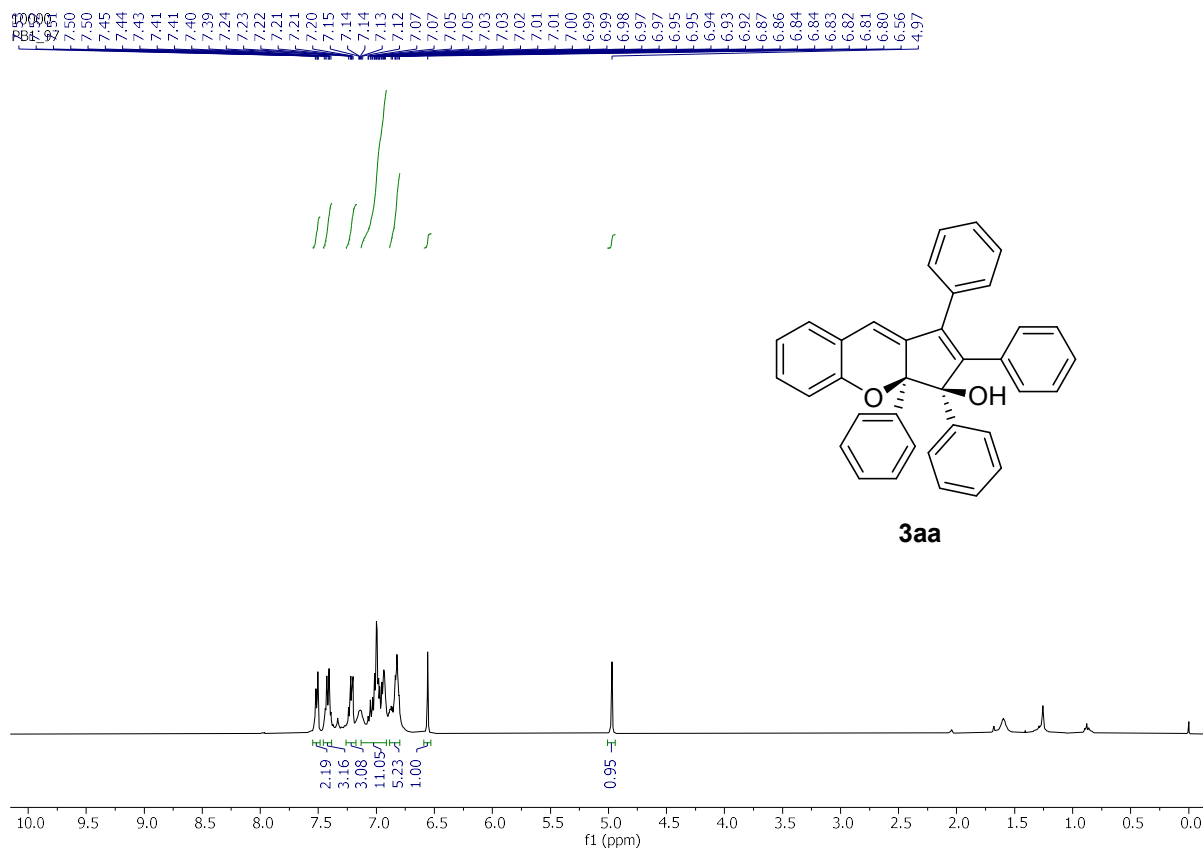
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 <p style="text-align: center;">4d</p>	<p>5-(5-bromo-2-hydroxybenzylidene)-2,2,3,4-tetraphenylcyclopent-3-en-1-one (4d, <i>E:Z</i> = 1:3): Following the general procedure 2.3, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of chromene derivative 3ka (56 mg, 0.1 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (6 mg, 10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) at 50 °C for 2 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% EtOAc in hexane); 75% yield (yellow solid, 43 mg); mp 160-163 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (s, 0.25H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 5H), 7.40–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.08–6.93 (m, 4H), 6.92–6.84 (m, 3H), 6.78–6.76 (m, 1H), 6.46–6.43 (m, 0.75H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 205.4, 154.8, 153.4, 149.3, 145.4, 145.3, 141.9, 139.9, 139.5, 138.0, 137.3, 135.1, 134.7, 134.6, 134.5, 133.9, 133.7, 132.5, 130.7, 130.6, 130.5, 130.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.4, 123.3, 121.1, 116.6, 112.8, 111.4, 71.5, 71.4. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for C₃₆H₂₅BrO₂: [M+H]⁺ 569.1116, found: 569.1111.</p>

 <p style="text-align: center;">4e</p>	<p>5-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)-2,2,3,4-tetra-<i>p</i>-tolylcyclopent-3-en-1-one (4e, <i>E:Z</i> = 1:4): Following the general procedure 2.3, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of chromene derivative 3ab (55 mg, 0.1 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (6 mg, 10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) at 50 °C for 2 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% EtOAc in hexane); 69% yield (sticky yellow solid, 38 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (s, 0.8H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 0.40H), 7.33 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 5.2H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.71 (m, 7H), 6.52 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 0.20H), 6.43 (d, <i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz, 0.20H), 6.30 (t, <i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz, 0.20H) 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.7, 156.0, 144.8, 144.2, 137.9, 137.3, 137.1, 136.9, 133.6, 132.3, 132.2, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 130.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 125.1, 120.8, 120.0, 70.6, 21.5, 21.3, 21.2. HRMS Calcd (ESI) <i>m/z</i> for C₄₀H₃₄O₂: [M+H]⁺ 547.2637, found: 547.2623.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">4f</p>	<p>2,2,3,4-tetrakis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)cyclopent-3-en-1-one (4f, <i>E:Z</i> = 1:2): Following the general procedure 2.3, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of chromene derivative 3ad (56 mg, 0.1 mmol), In(OTf)₃ (6 mg, 10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) at 50 °C for 2 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% EtOAc in hexane); 86% yield (sticky yellow solid, 48 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60–7.56 (m, 0.35H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 0.7H), 7.36–7.33 (m, 4.2H), 7.24–7.21 (m, 0.7H), 7.13–7.08 (m, 1H), 7.03–6.84 (m, 8H), 6.84–6.61 (m, 5H), 6.57 (d, <i>J</i> = 8.2 Hz, 0.35H), 6.43–6.34 (m, 0.7H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.9, 162.6 (d, <i>J</i> = 247 Hz), 162.2</p>

	<p>(d, $J = 246$ Hz), 162.1 (d, $J = 246$ Hz), 159.0 (d, $J = 246$ Hz), 155.7, 145.0, 143.2, 141.6, 135.9, 135.5, 135.3, 133.3, 133.2, 132.9, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 132.0, 131.9, 131.7, 131.3, 131.2, 131.0, 130.4, 130.1, 127.8, 123.7, 121.2, 120.9, 119.5, 118.8, 116.4, 116.2, 115.6 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 115.5 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 115.0 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 114.9 (d, $J = 21$ Hz), 70.1. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $C_{36}H_{22}F_4O_2$: $[M+H]^+$ 563.1634, found: 563.1630.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">4g</p>	<p>2,2,3,4-tetrakis(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)cyclopent-3-en-1-one (4g, $E:Z = 1:2.3$): Following the general procedure 2.3, the reaction was carried out by heating a mixture of chromene derivative 3af (63 mg, 0.1 mmol), $In(OTf)_3$ (6 mg, 10 mol%) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) at 50 °C for 2 h under air to afford the title compound. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (6% EtOAc in hexane); 79% yield (sticky yellow solid, 50 mg). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.55 (s, 0.30H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 0.60H), 7.39–7.09 (m, 12H), 7.00–6.83 (m, 5.2H), 6.74–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.57–6.53 (m, 0.30H), 6.39–6.32 (m, 0.60H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 205.8, 155.7, 153.8, 145.5, 142.5, 137.9, 137.8, 135.6, 134.6, 133.9, 133.8, 133.6, 133.1, 132.7, 132.6, 132.3, 131.7, 131.4, 130.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 123.5, 121.2, 120.9, 119.6, 118.5, 115.1, 70.3. HRMS Calcd (ESI) m/z for $C_{36}H_{22}Cl_4O_2$: $[M+H]^+$ 627.0452, found: 627.0449.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">4h</p>	<p>2-((5-hydroxy-2,3,4-tetraphenylcyclopent-2-en-1-yl)methyl)phenol (4h): The reaction was carried out by reacting 4b (50 mg, 0.1 mmol) with $NaBH_4$ (6 mg, 1.5 equiv.) and cerium(III)chloride (5 mg, 20 mol%) in methanol (3.0 mL) at room temperature for 4 hours under air. The product was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc in hexane); 90% yield (yellow liquid, 46 mg). 1H NMR</p>

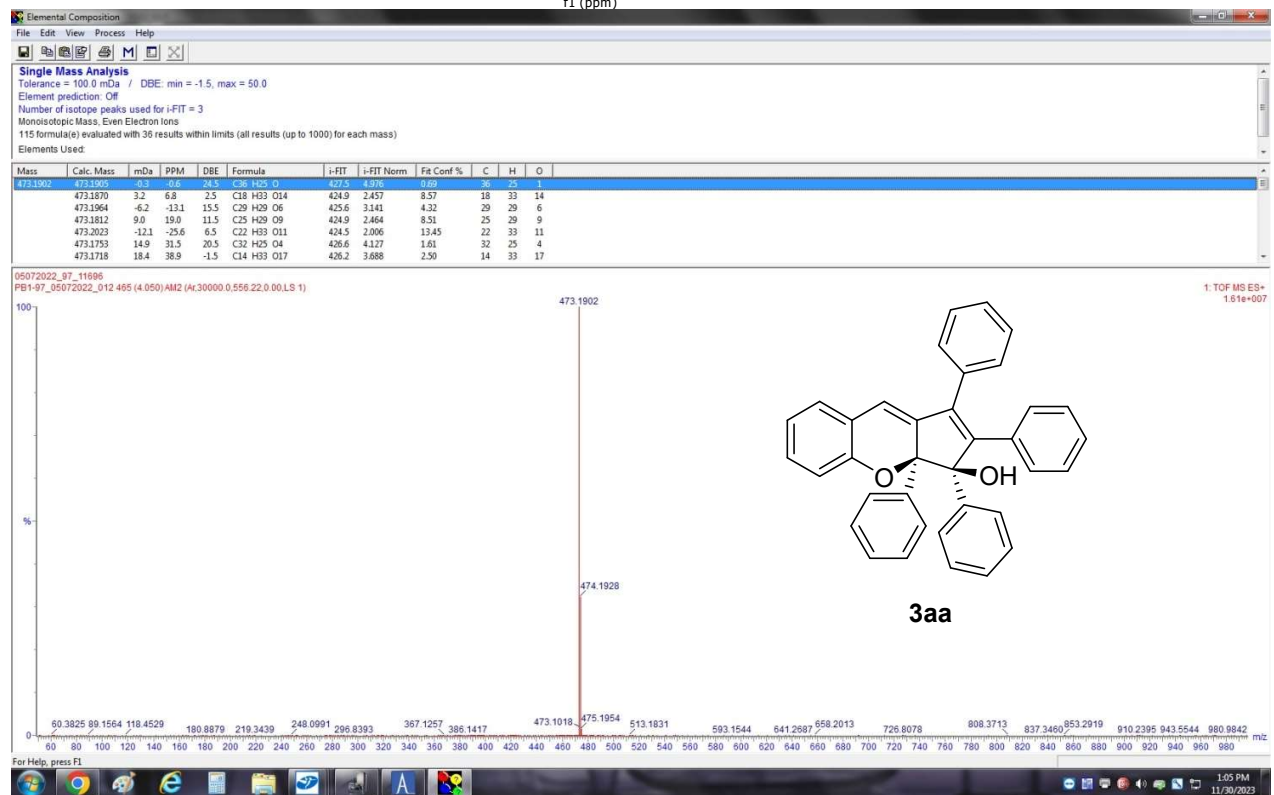
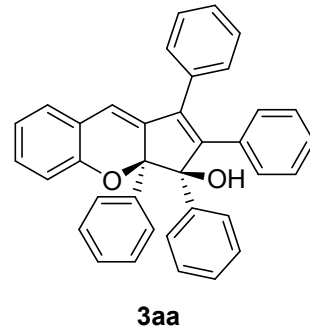
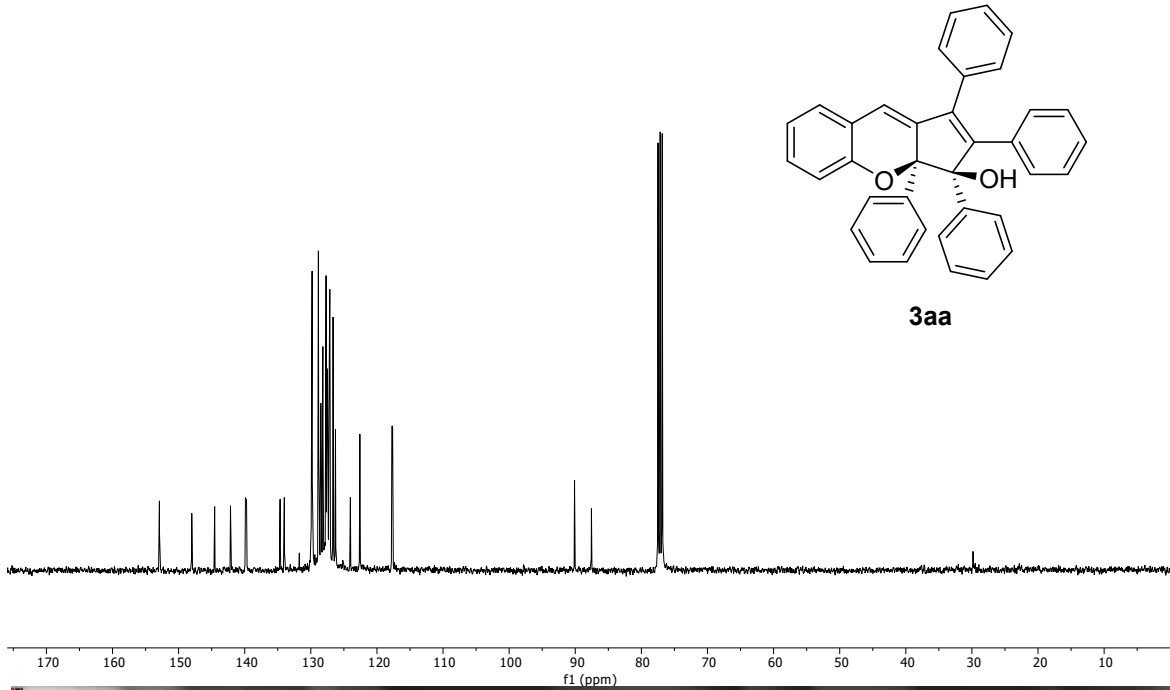
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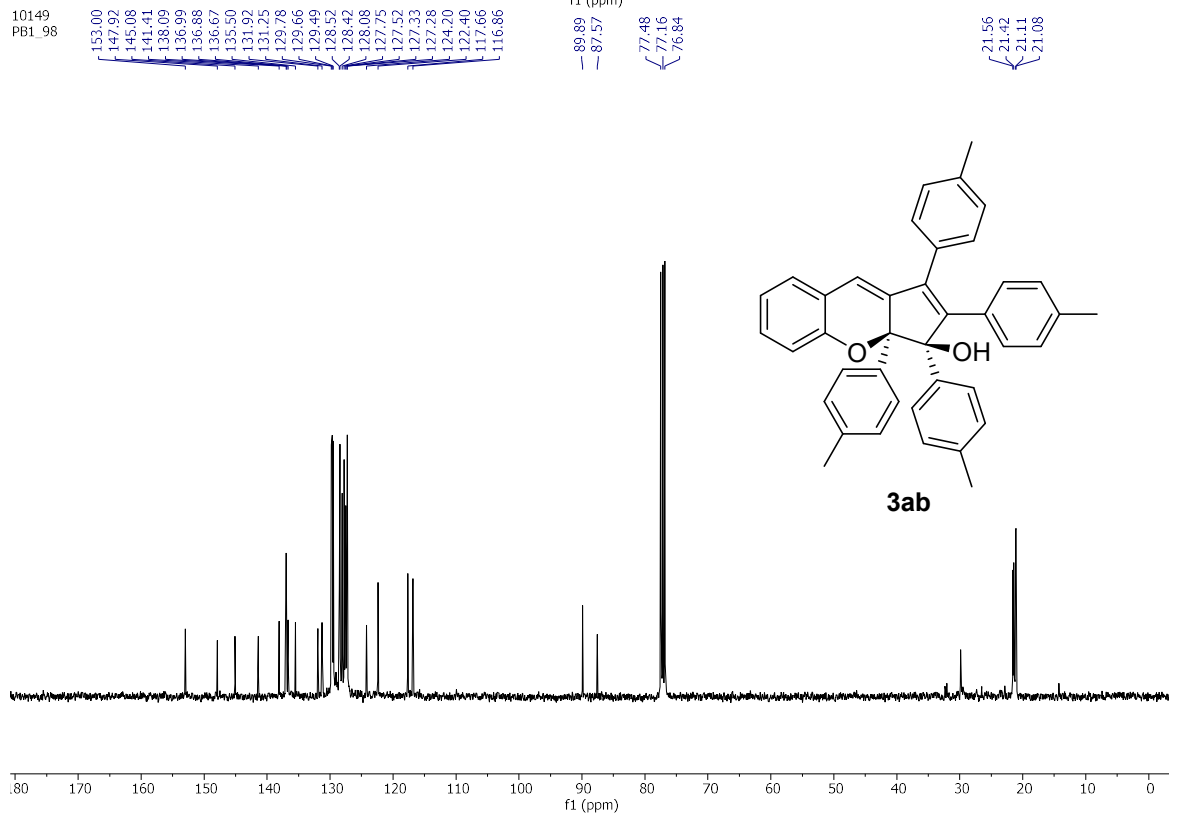
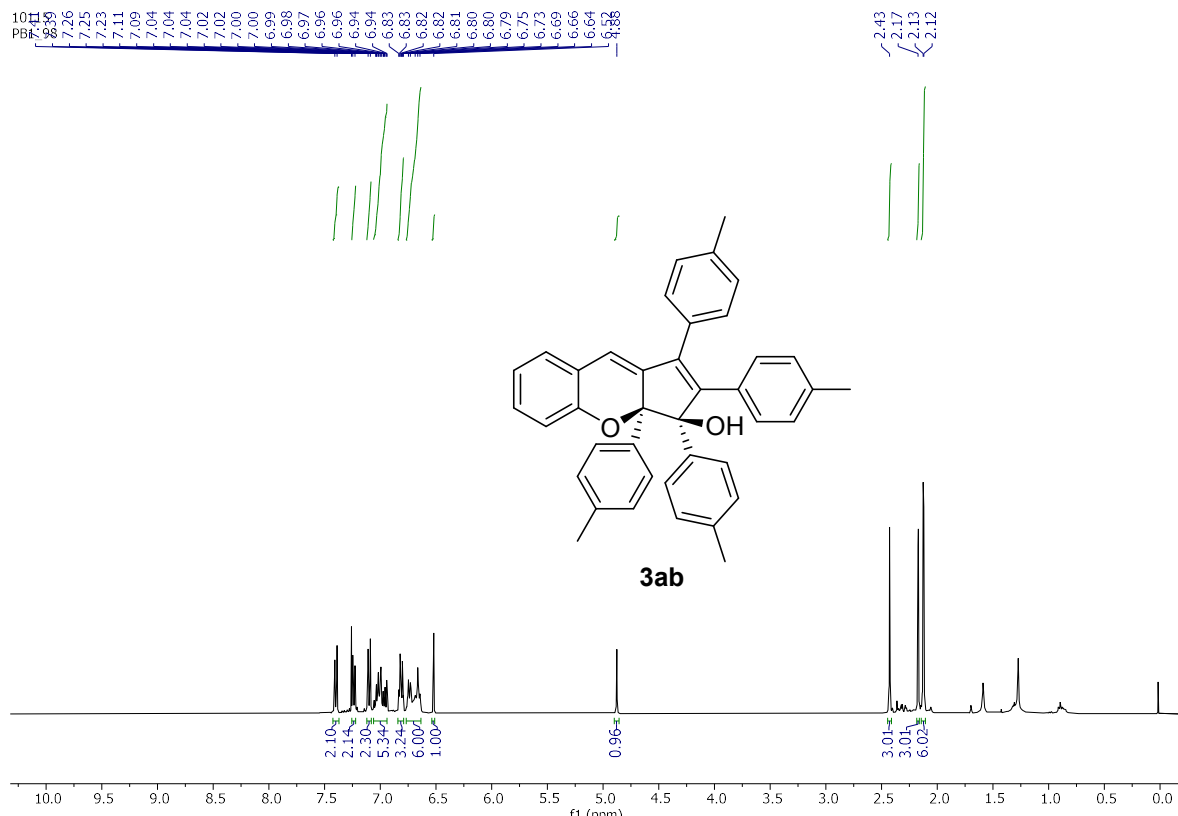
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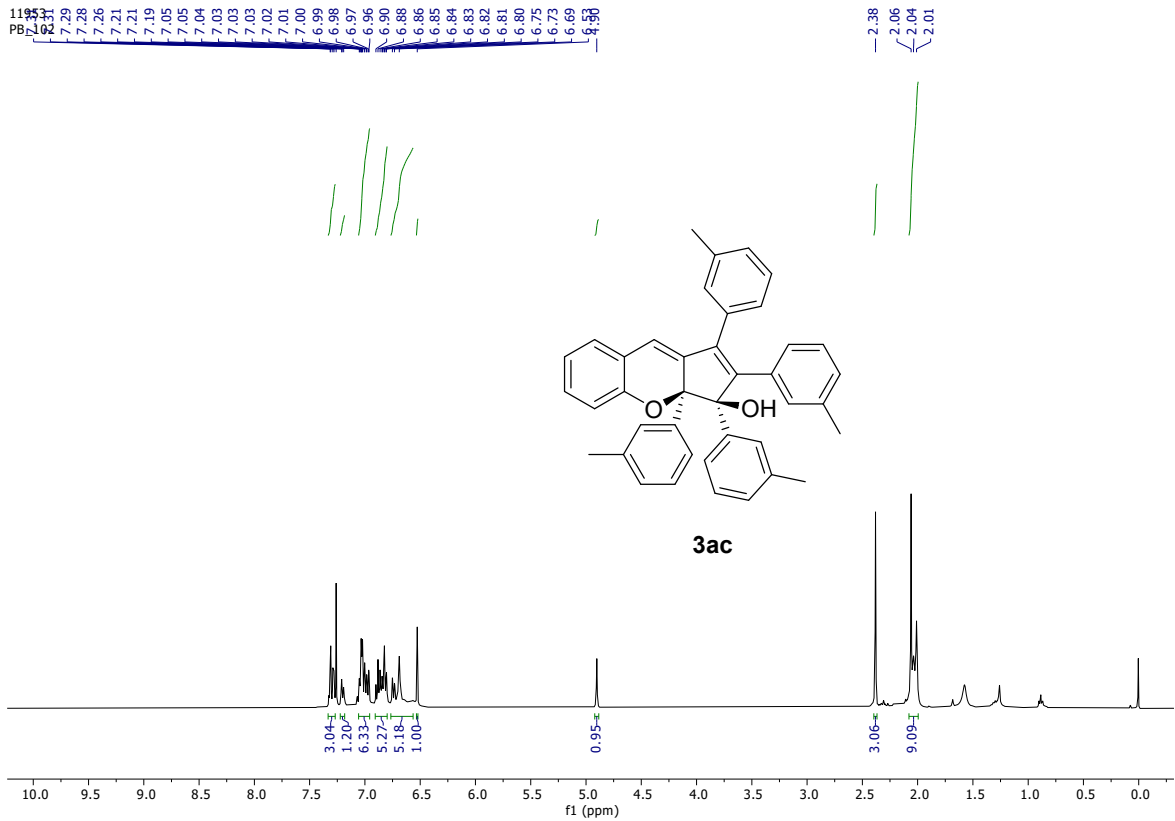
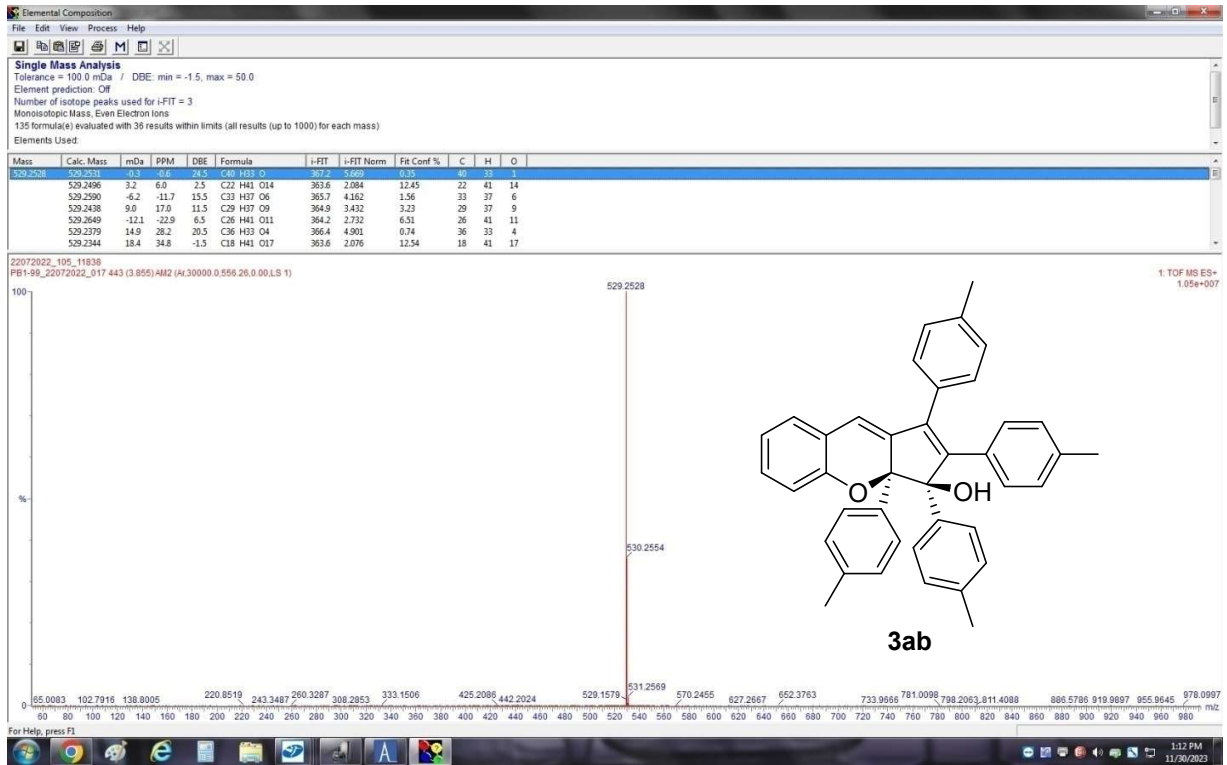


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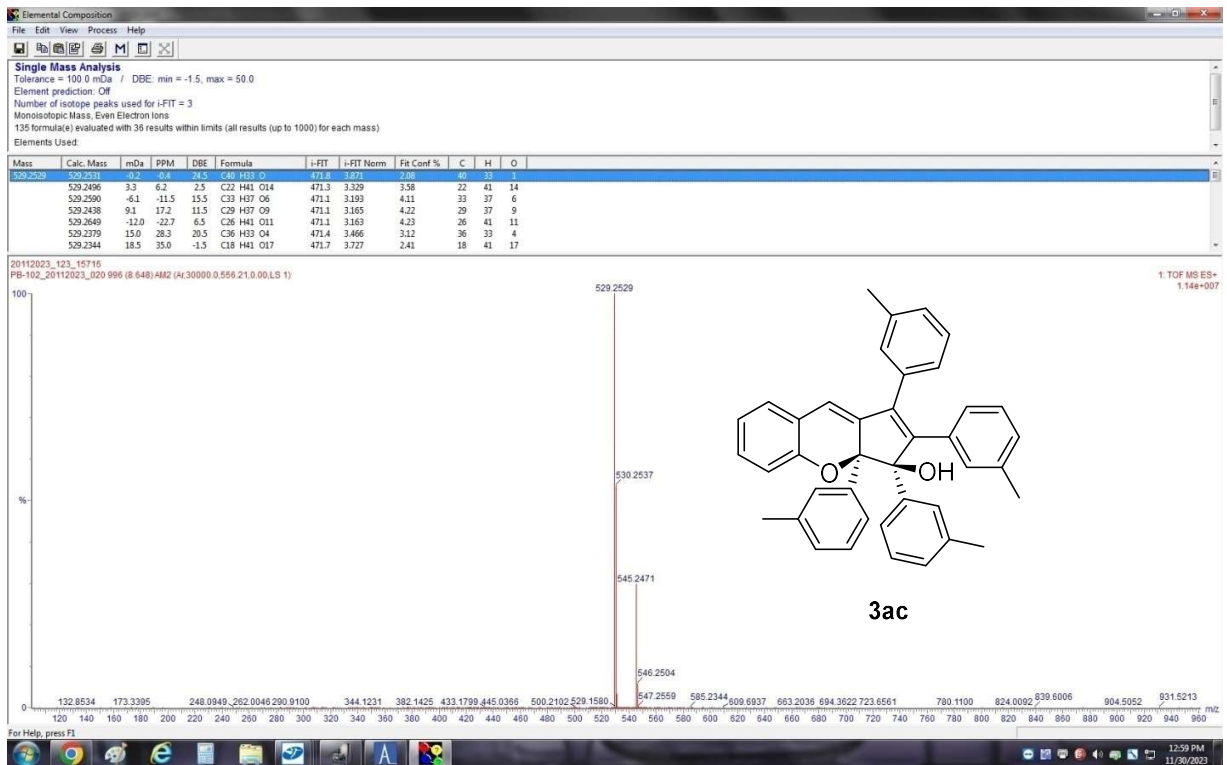
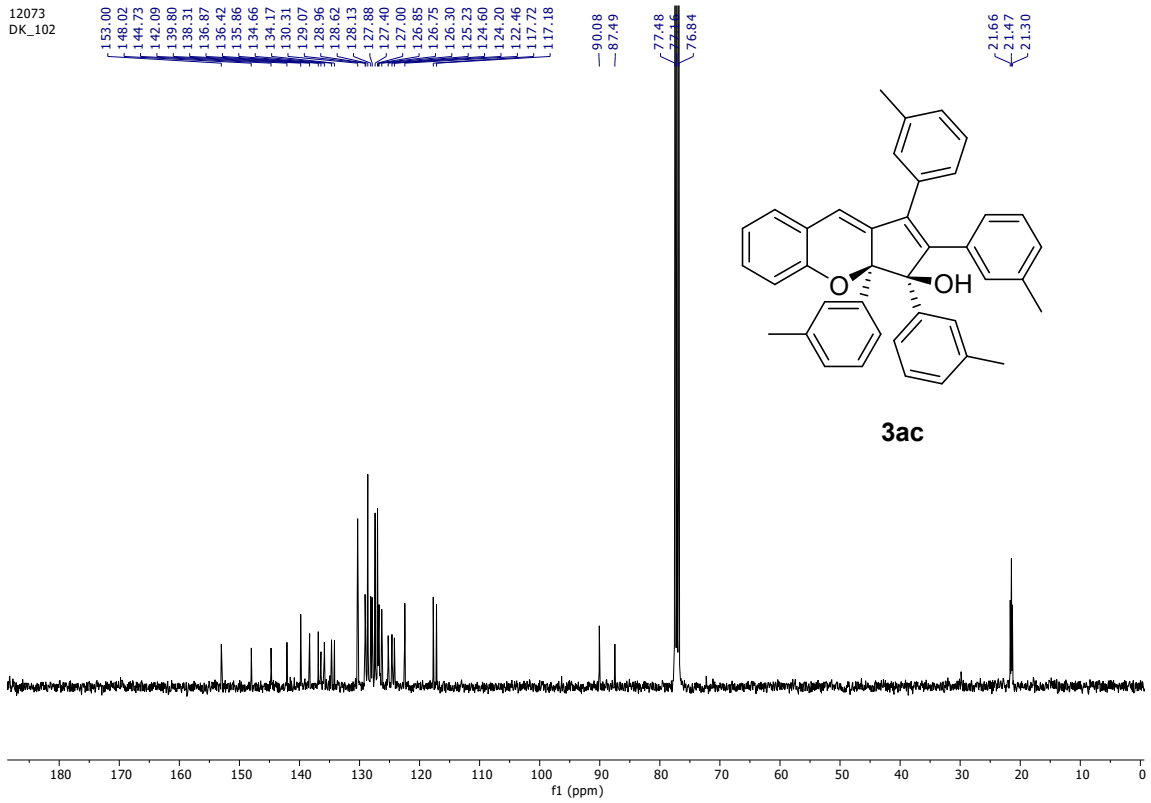
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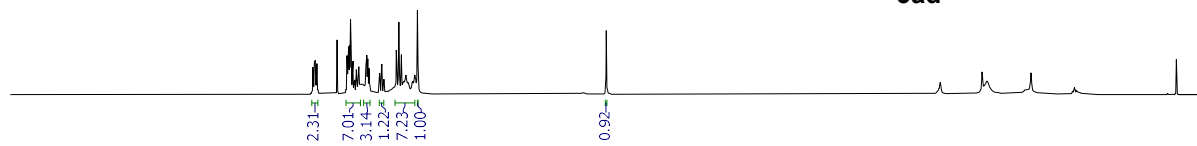
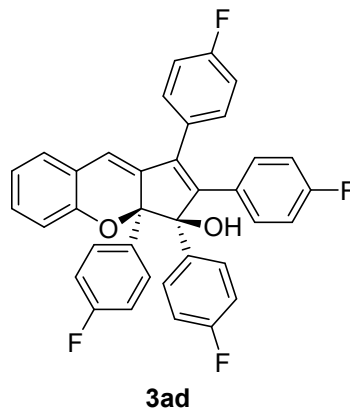
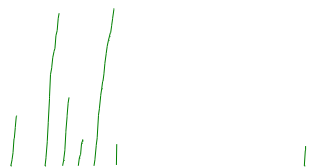




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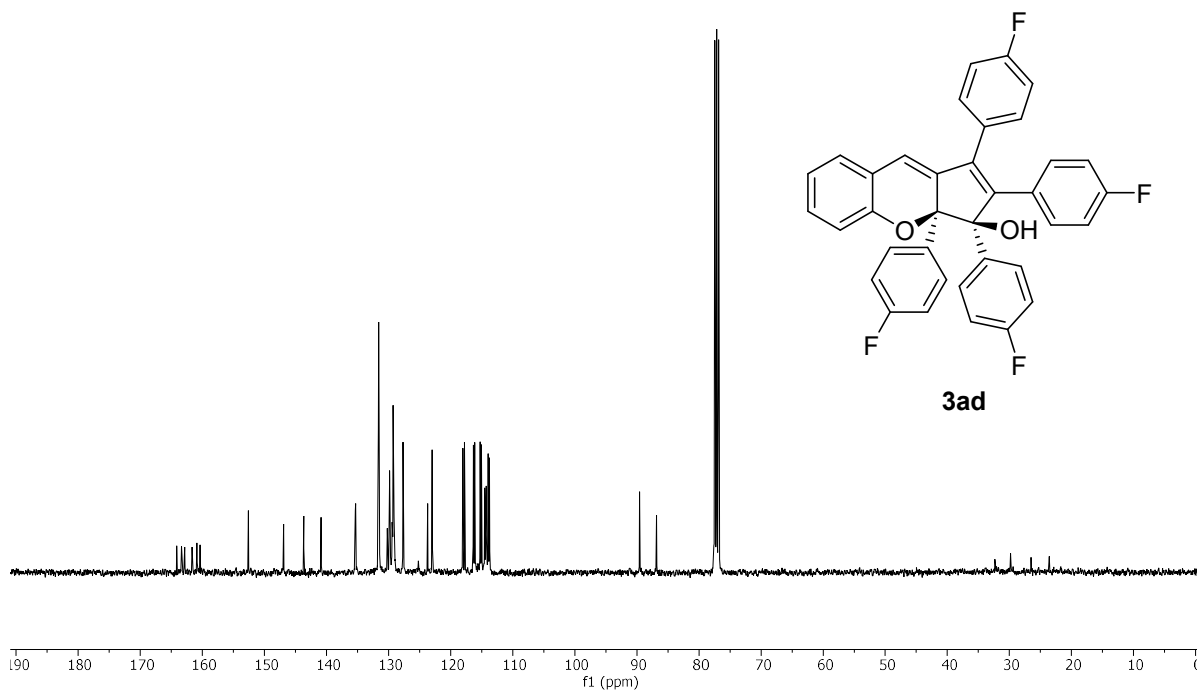


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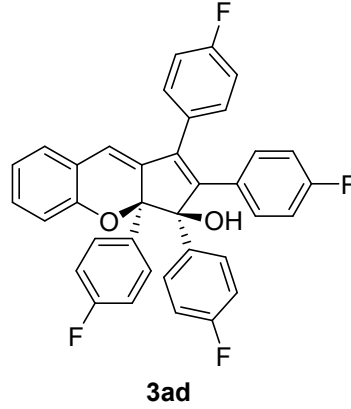
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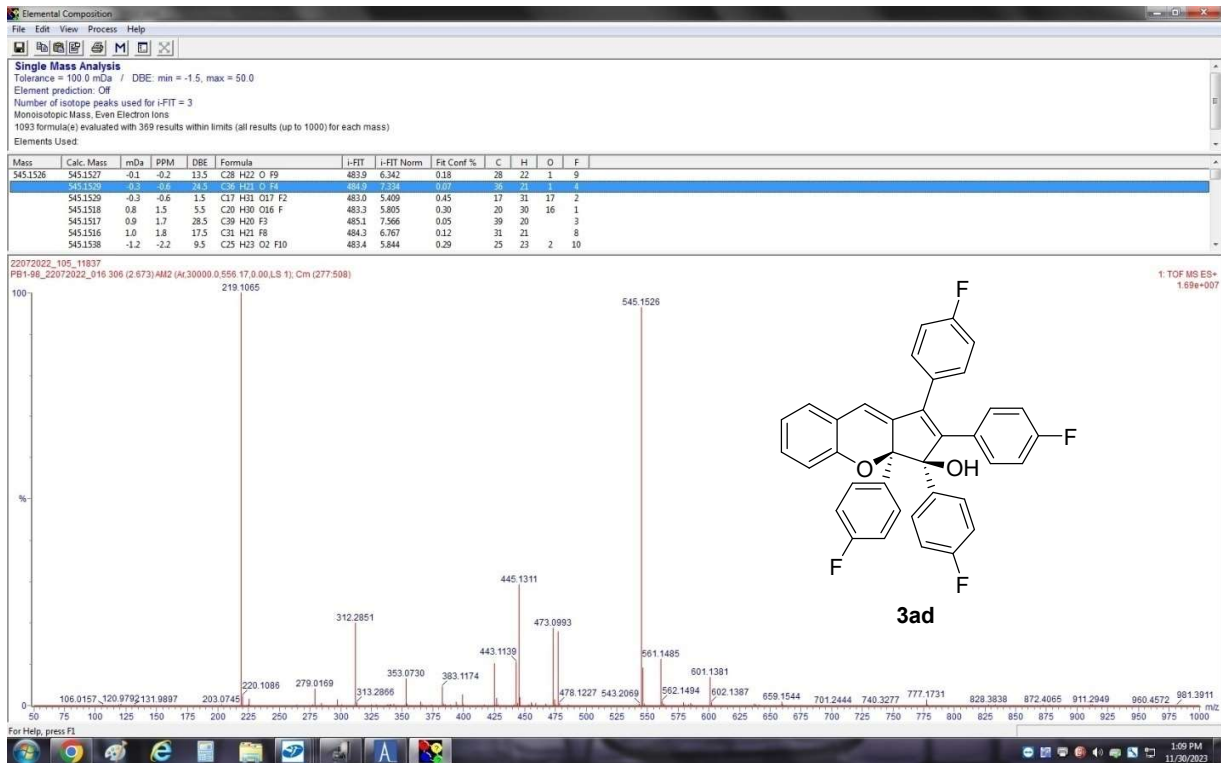


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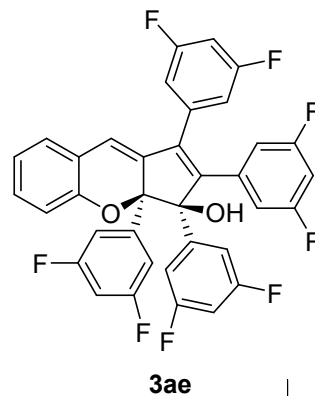
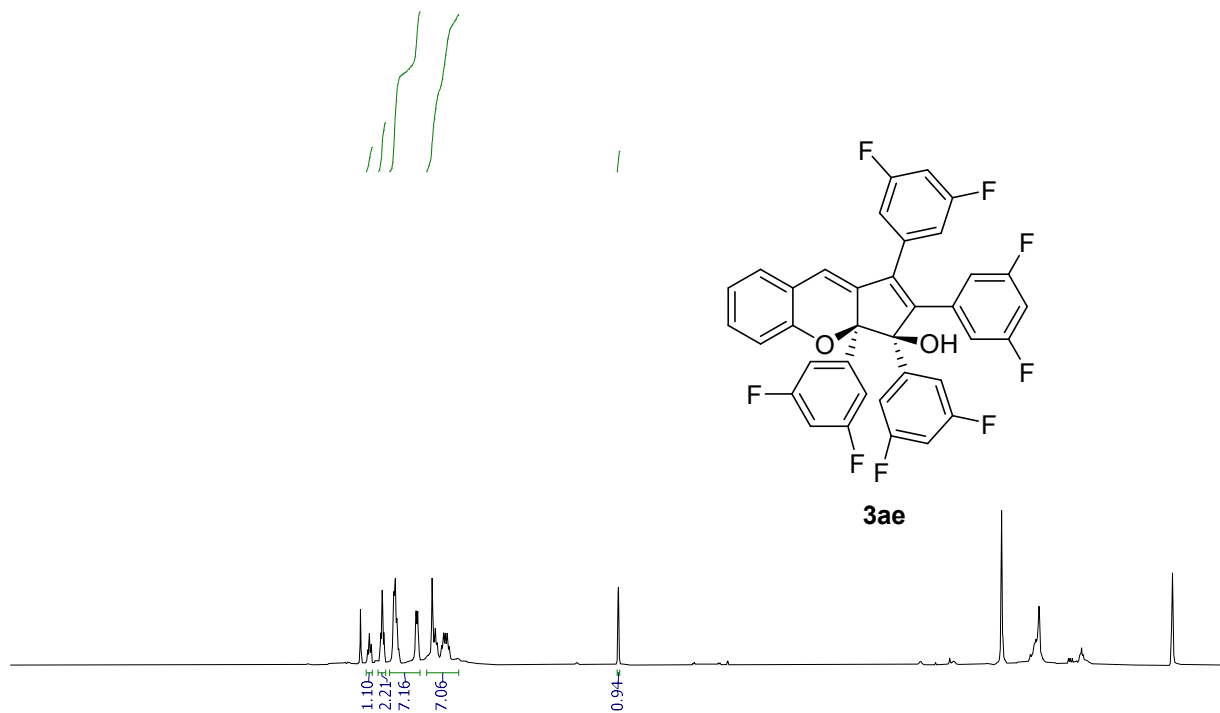
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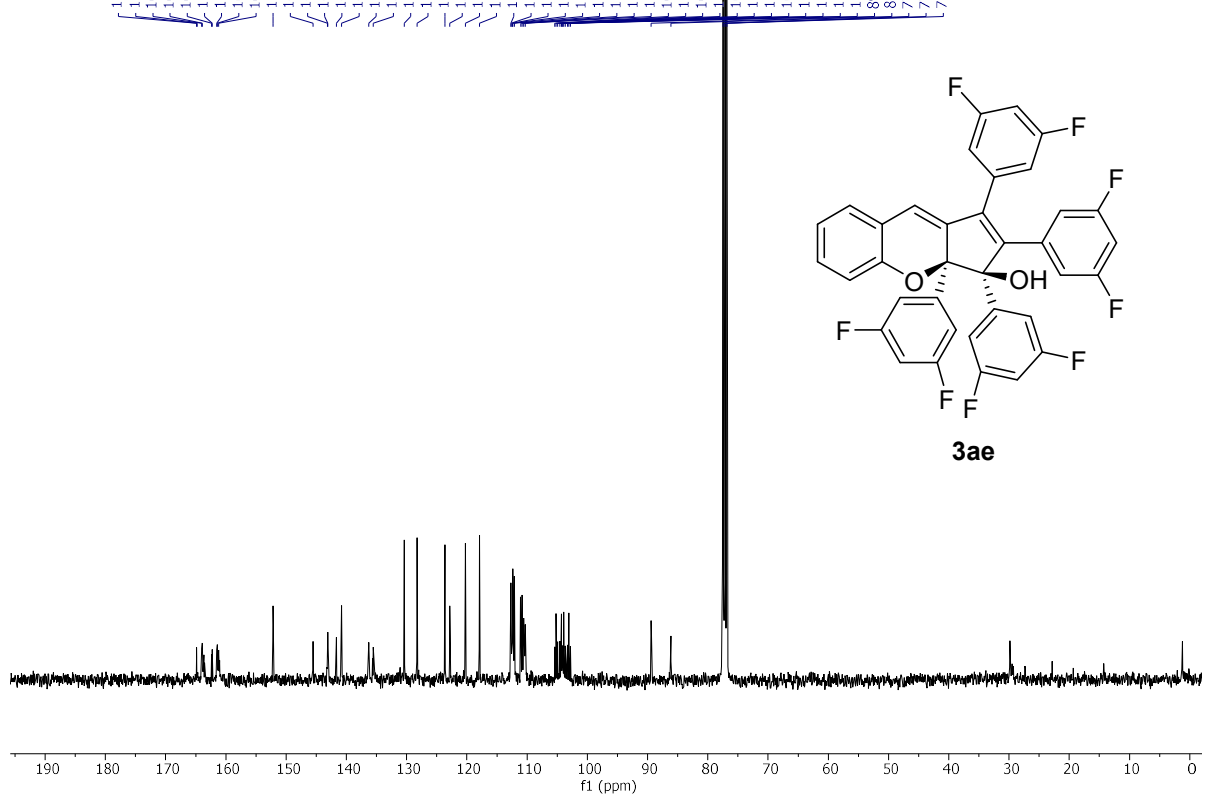


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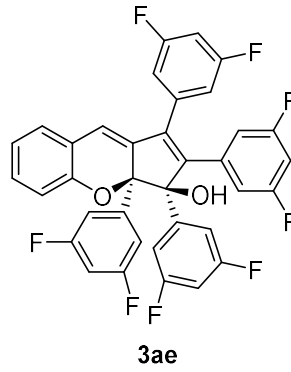
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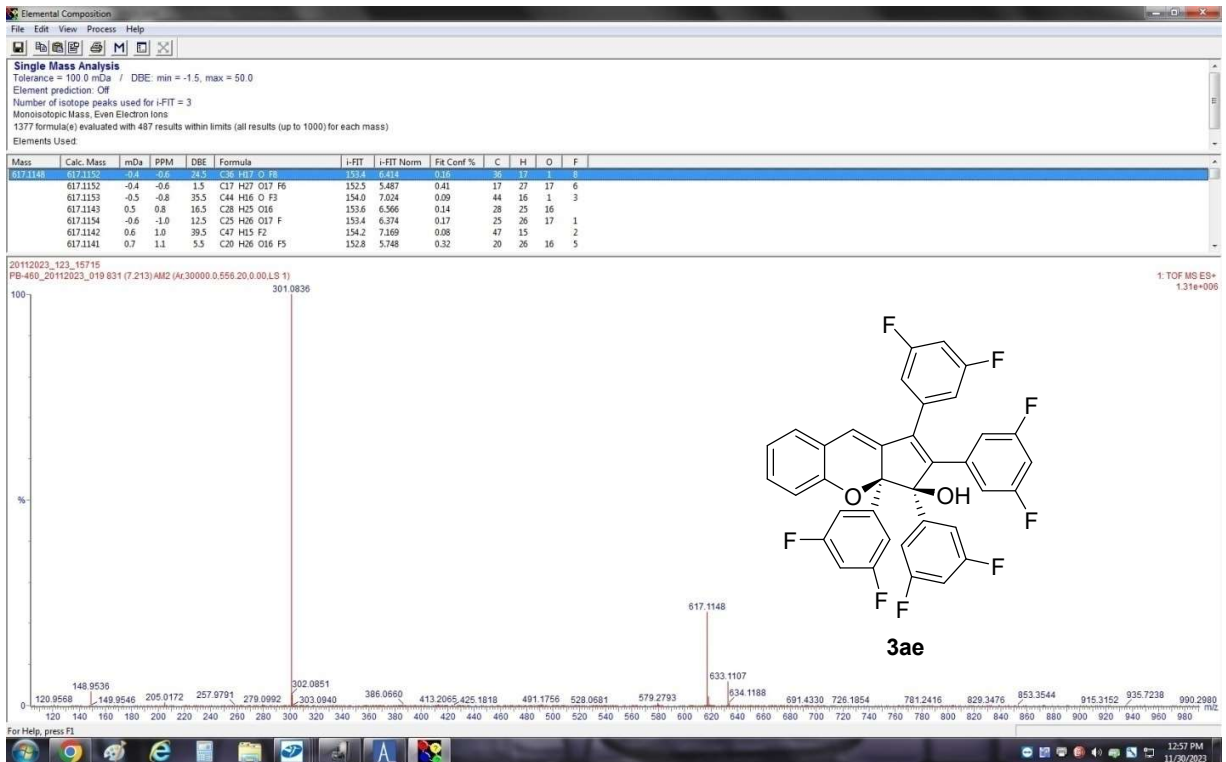


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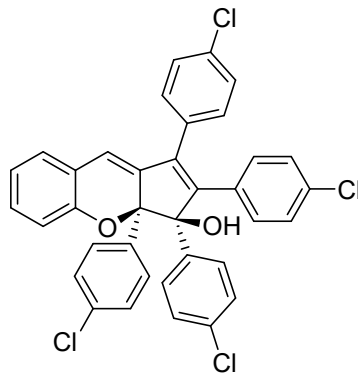


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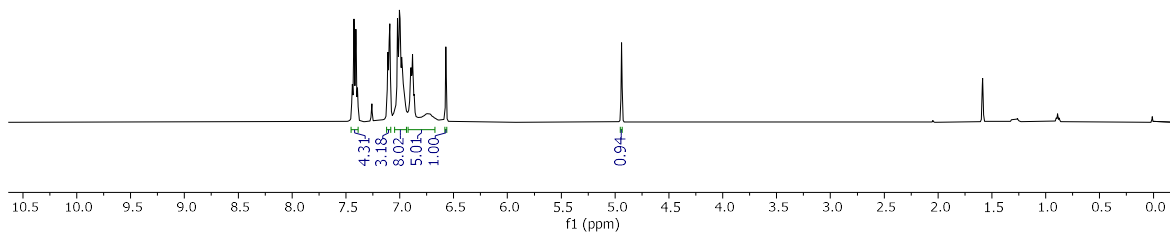


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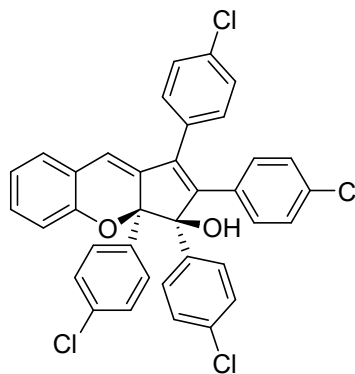


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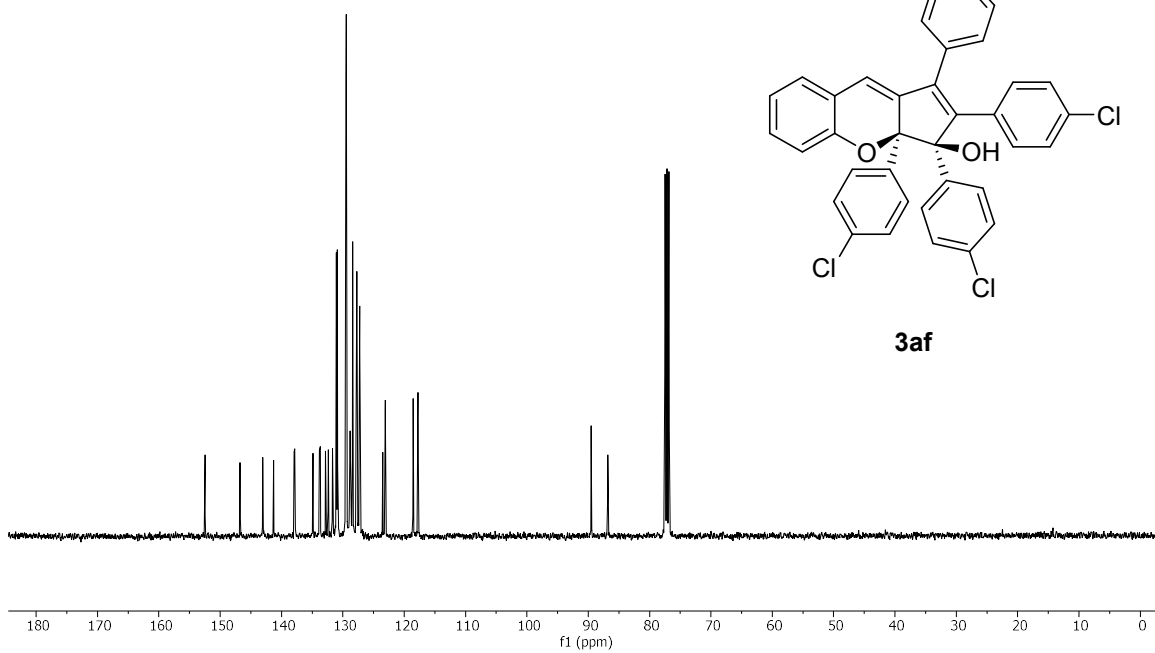


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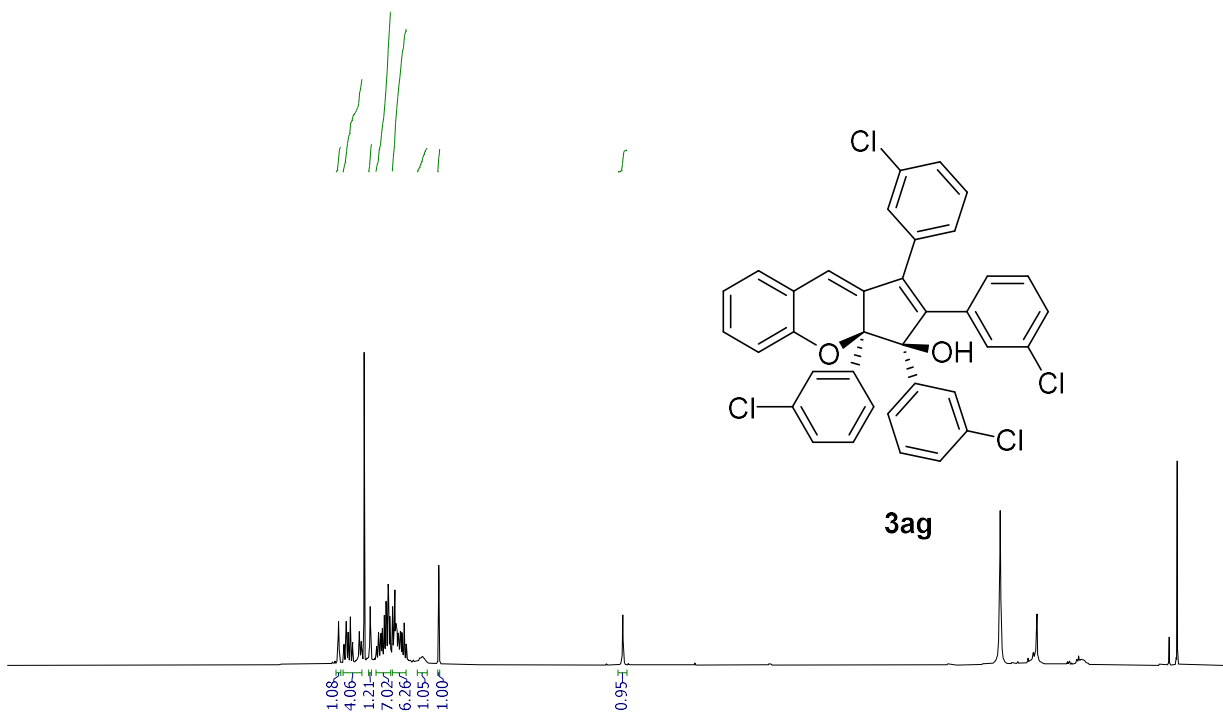
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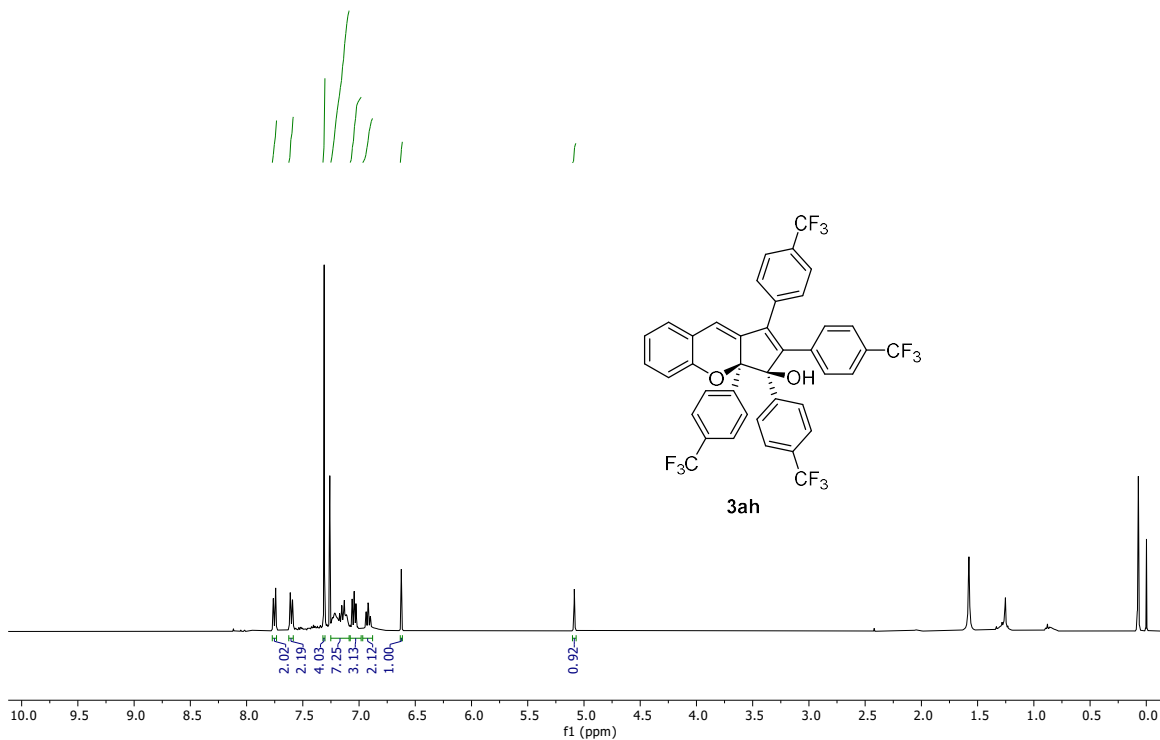
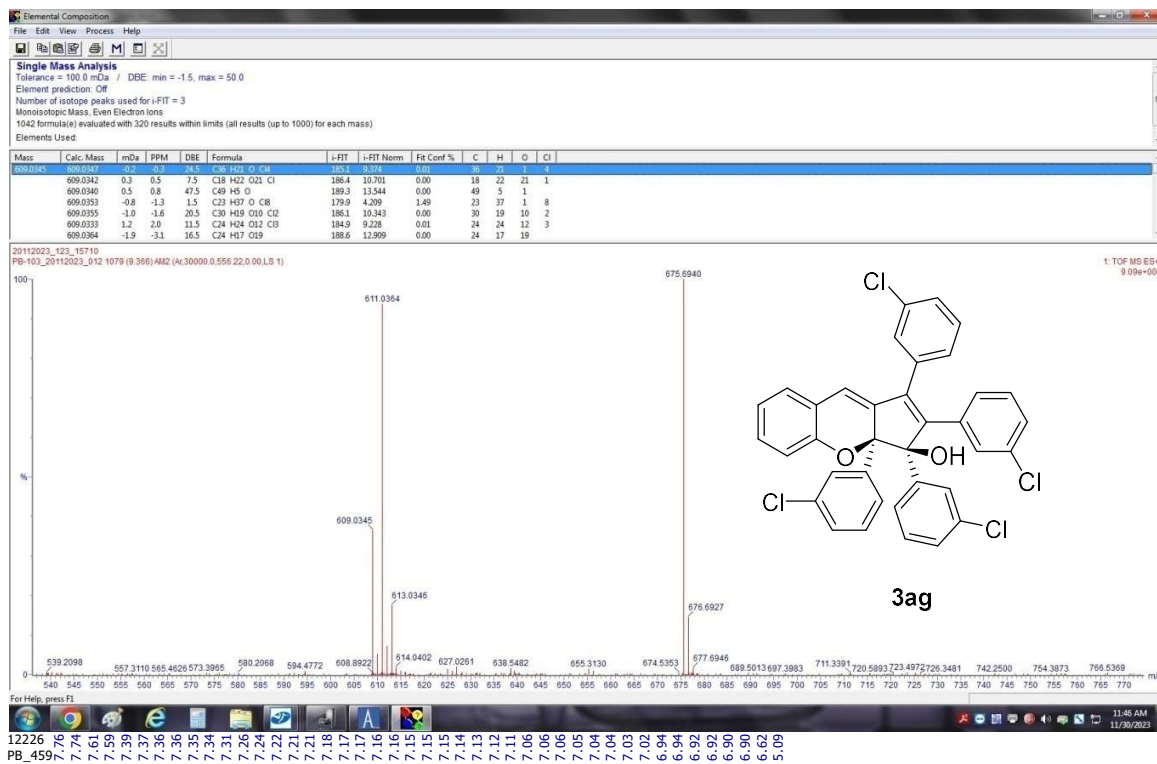
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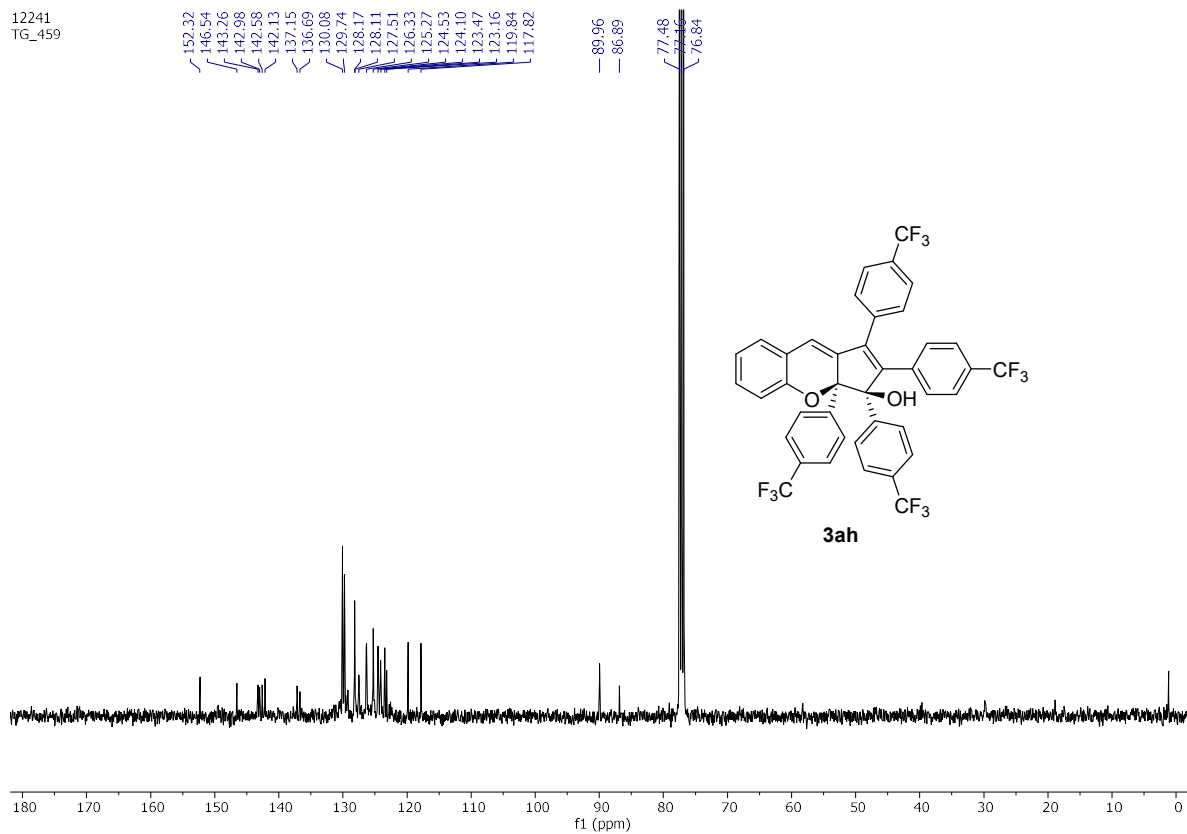
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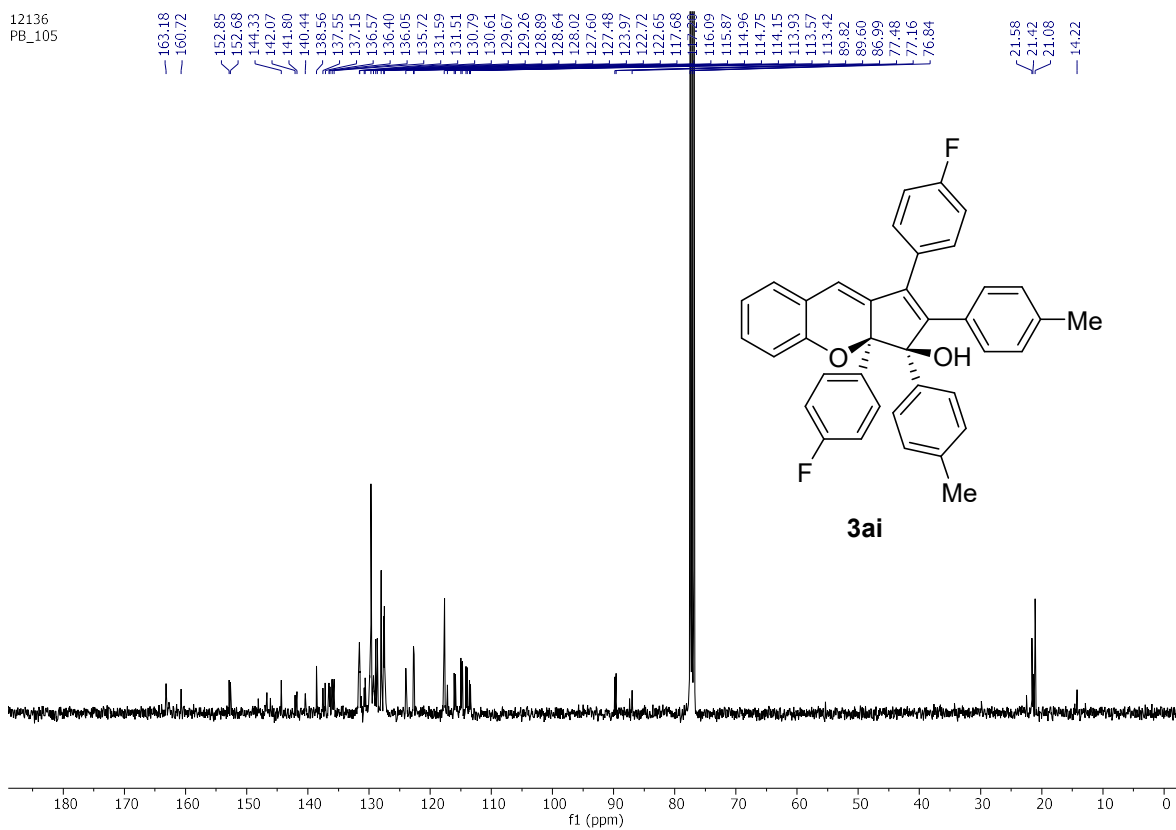
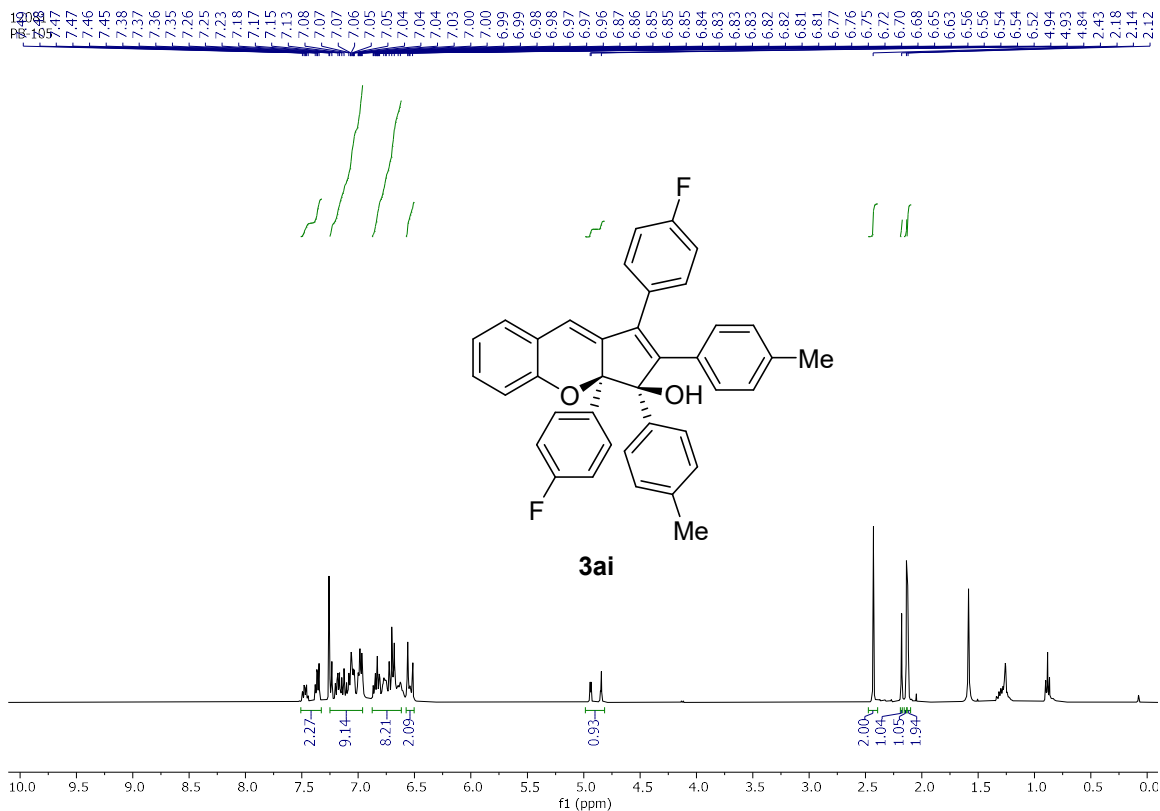


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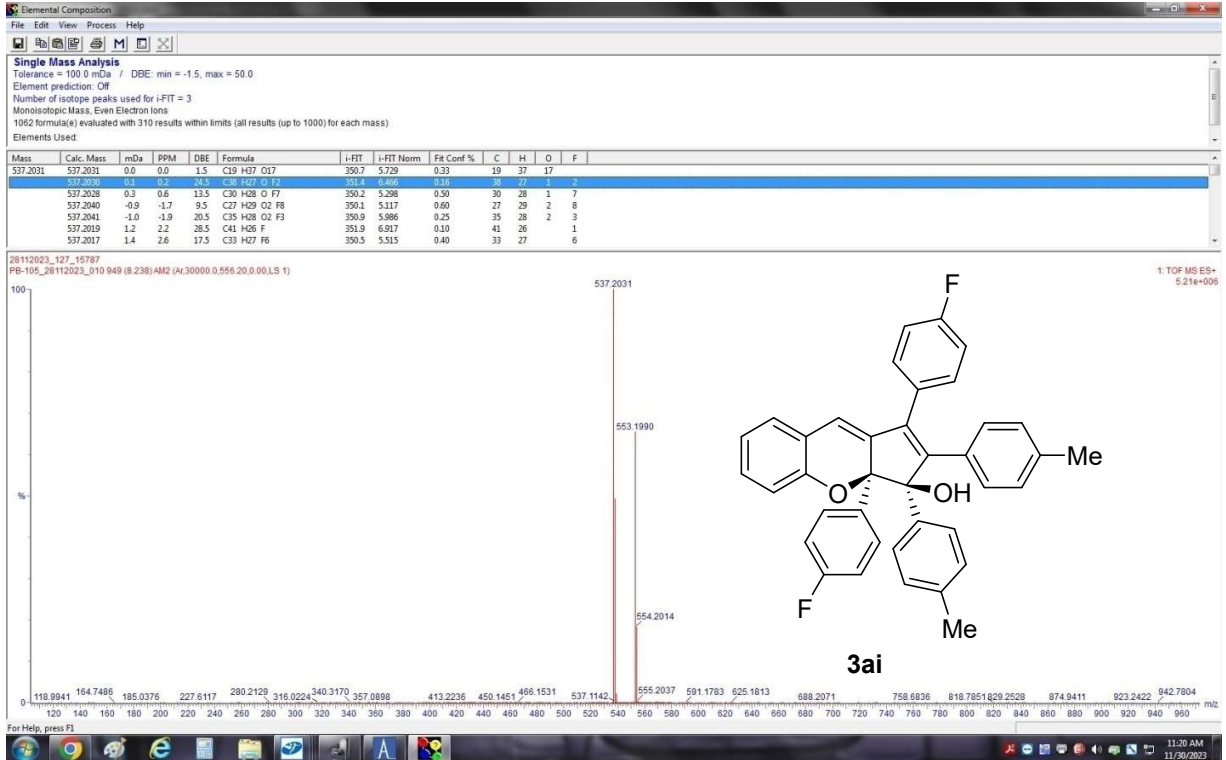
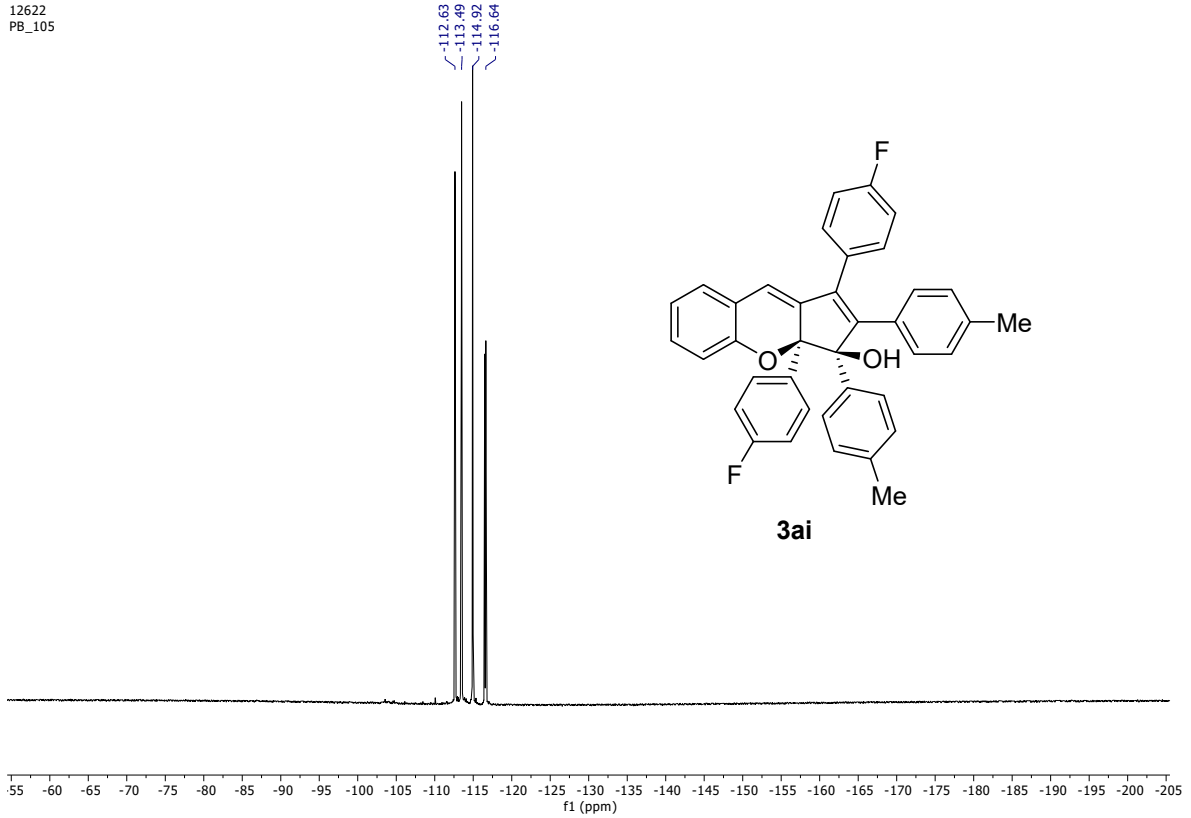


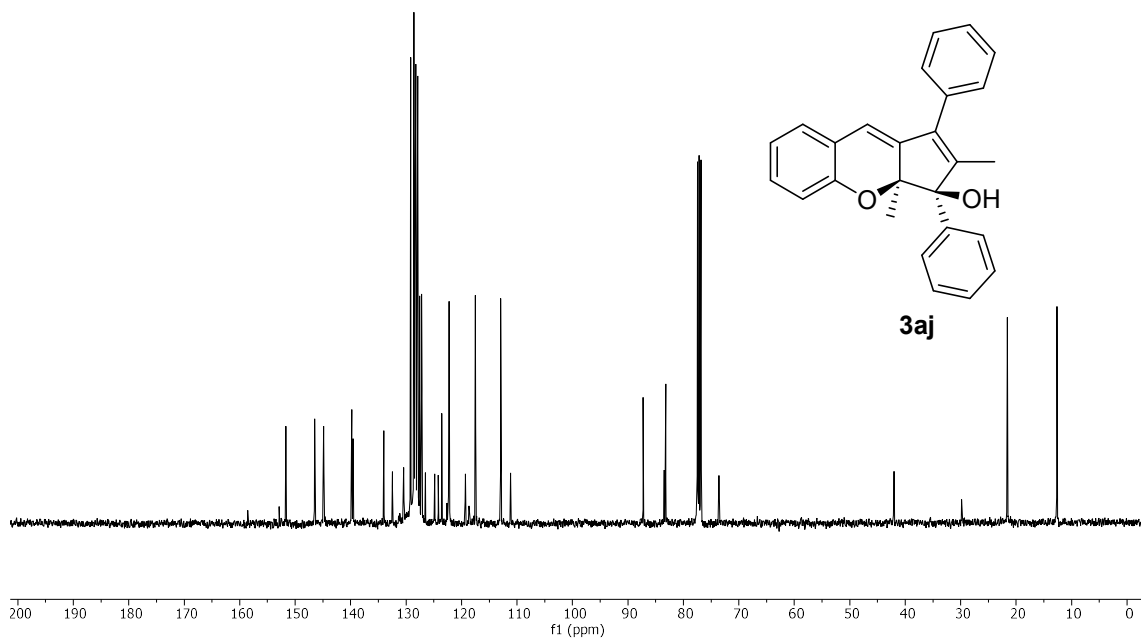
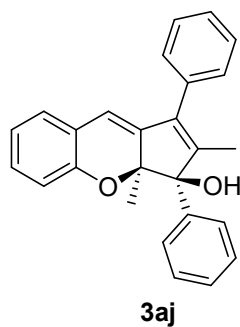
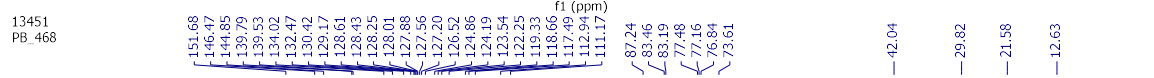
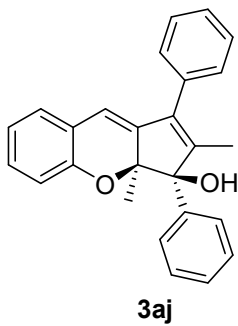
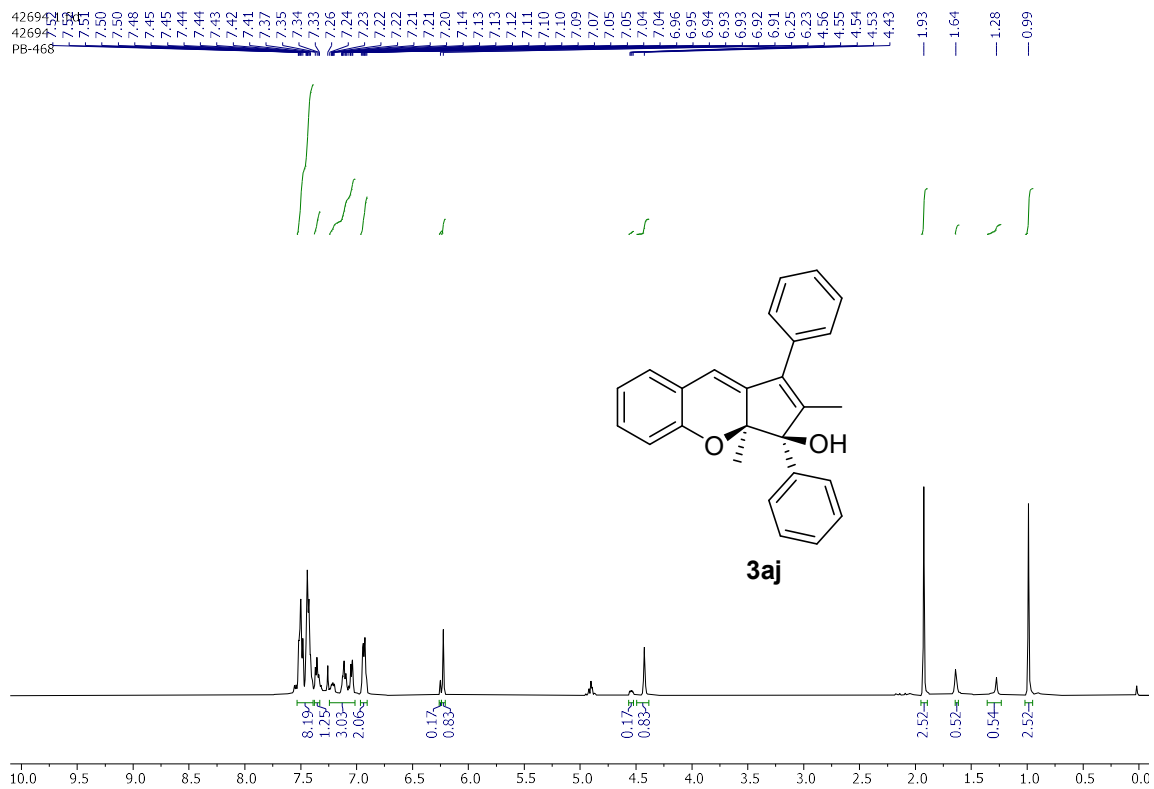
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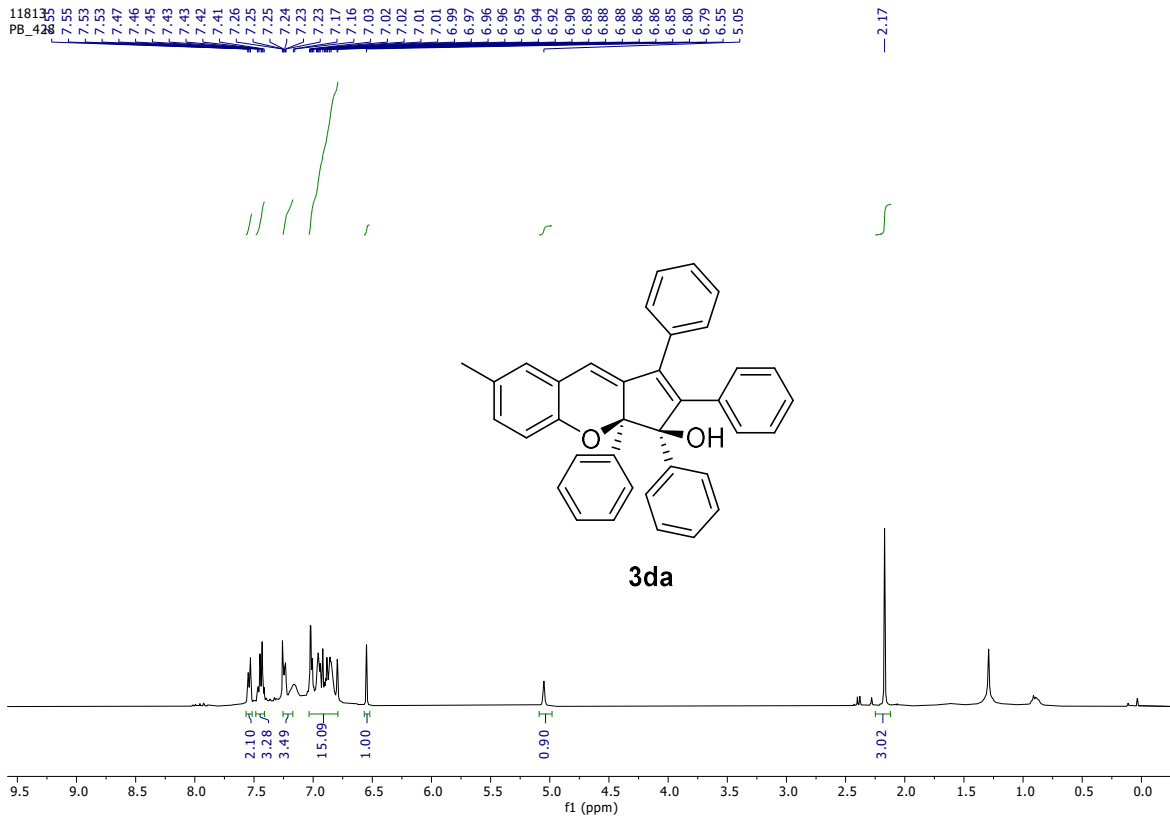
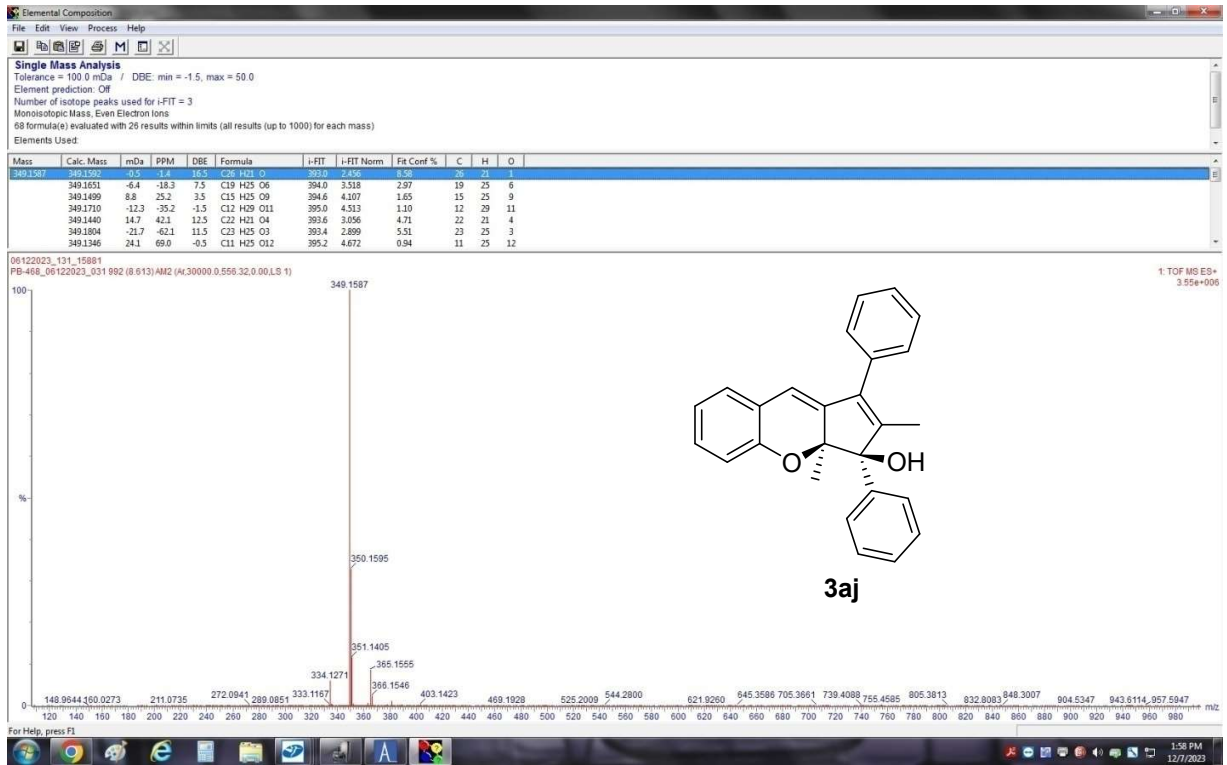


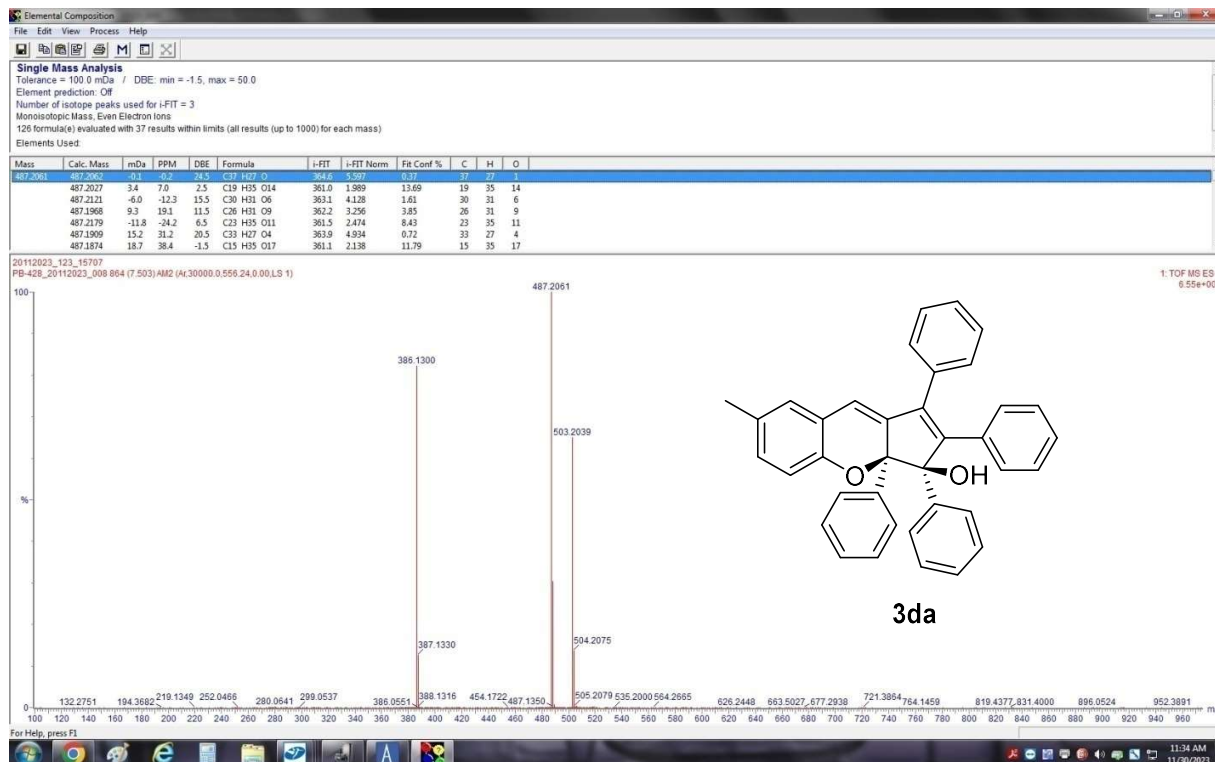
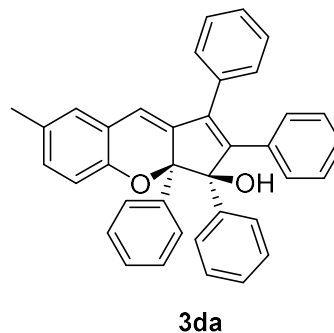
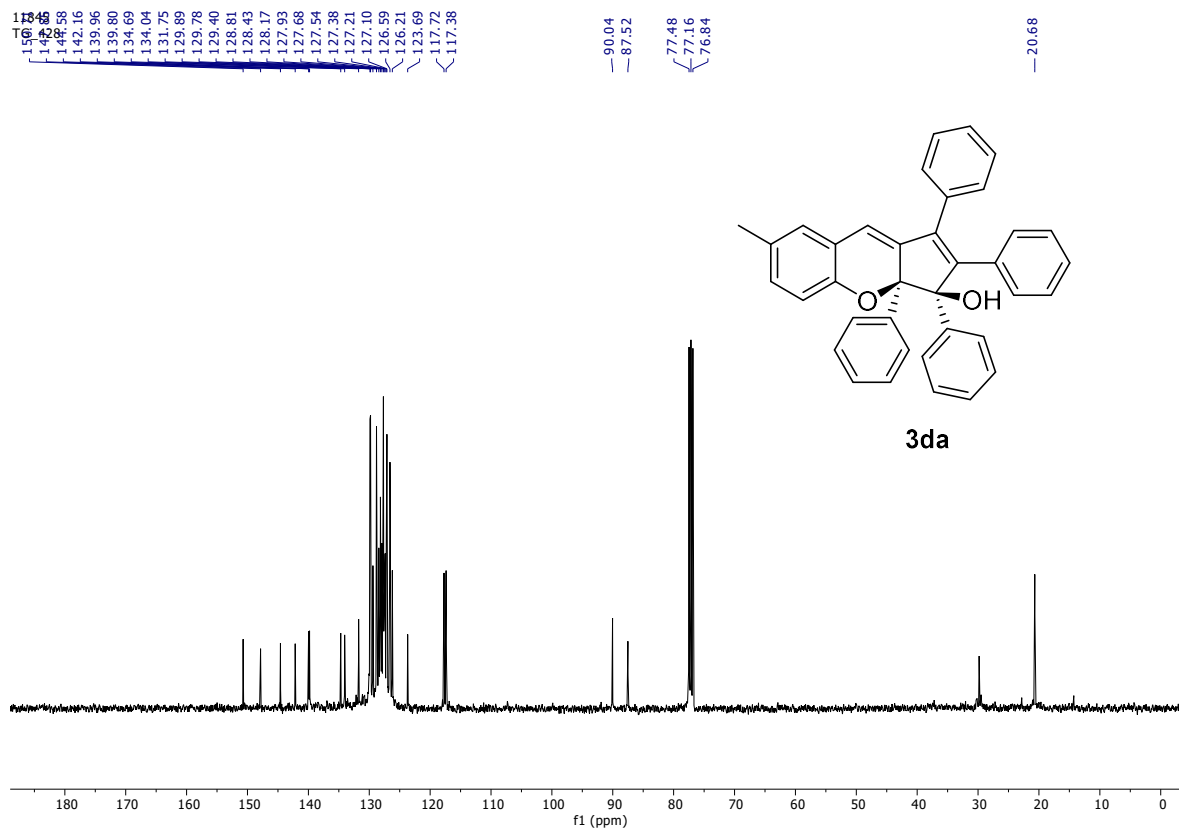


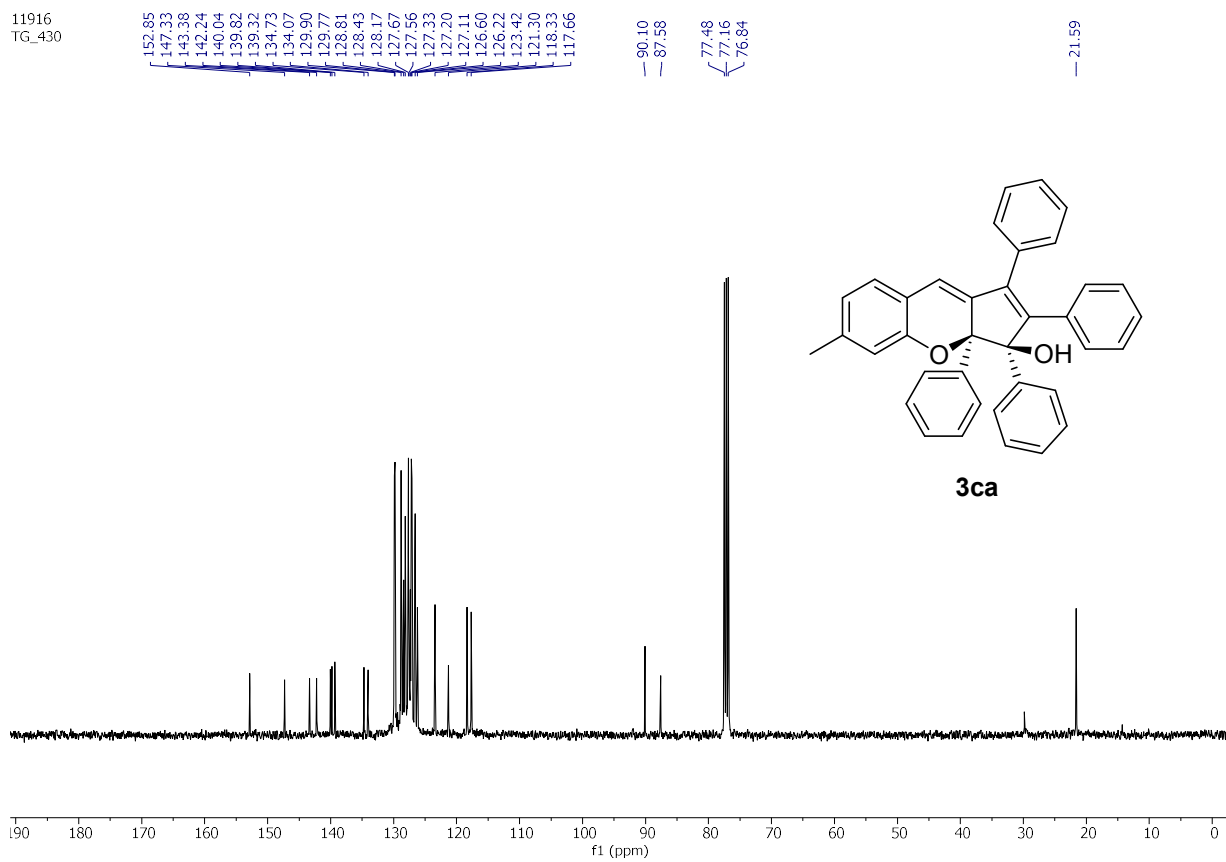
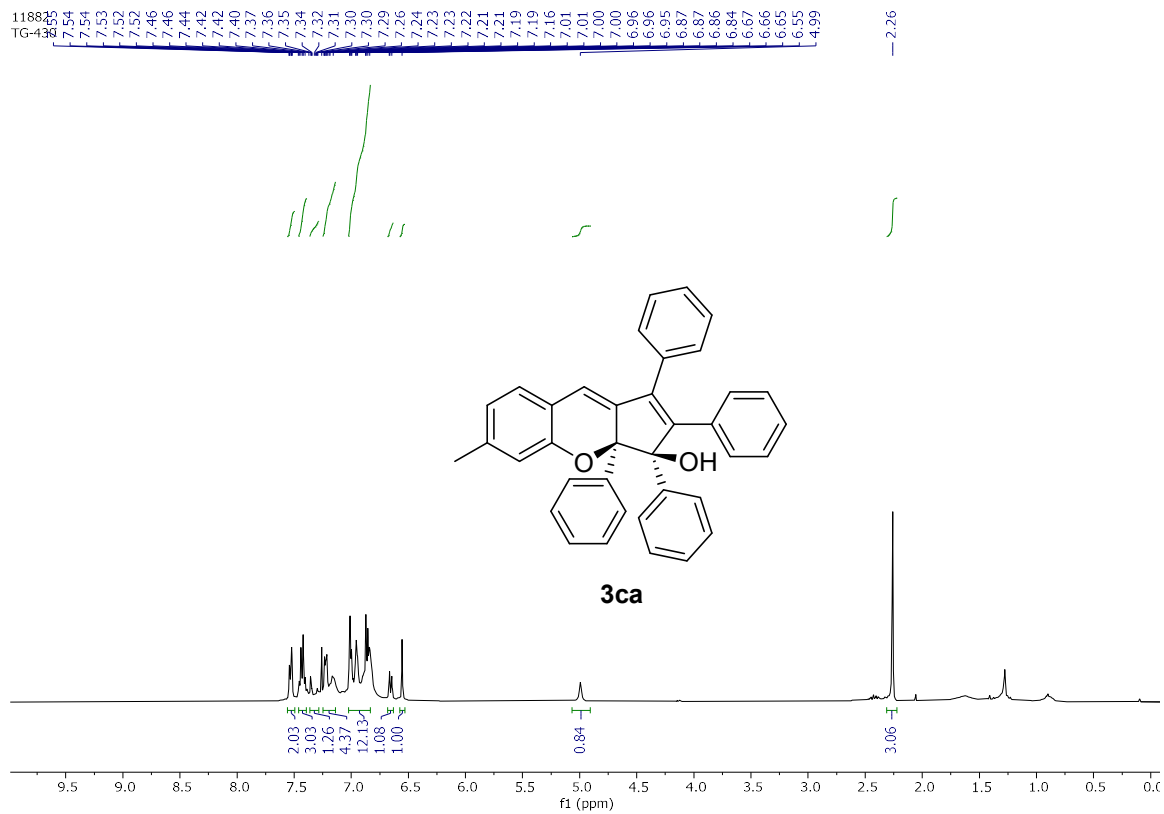
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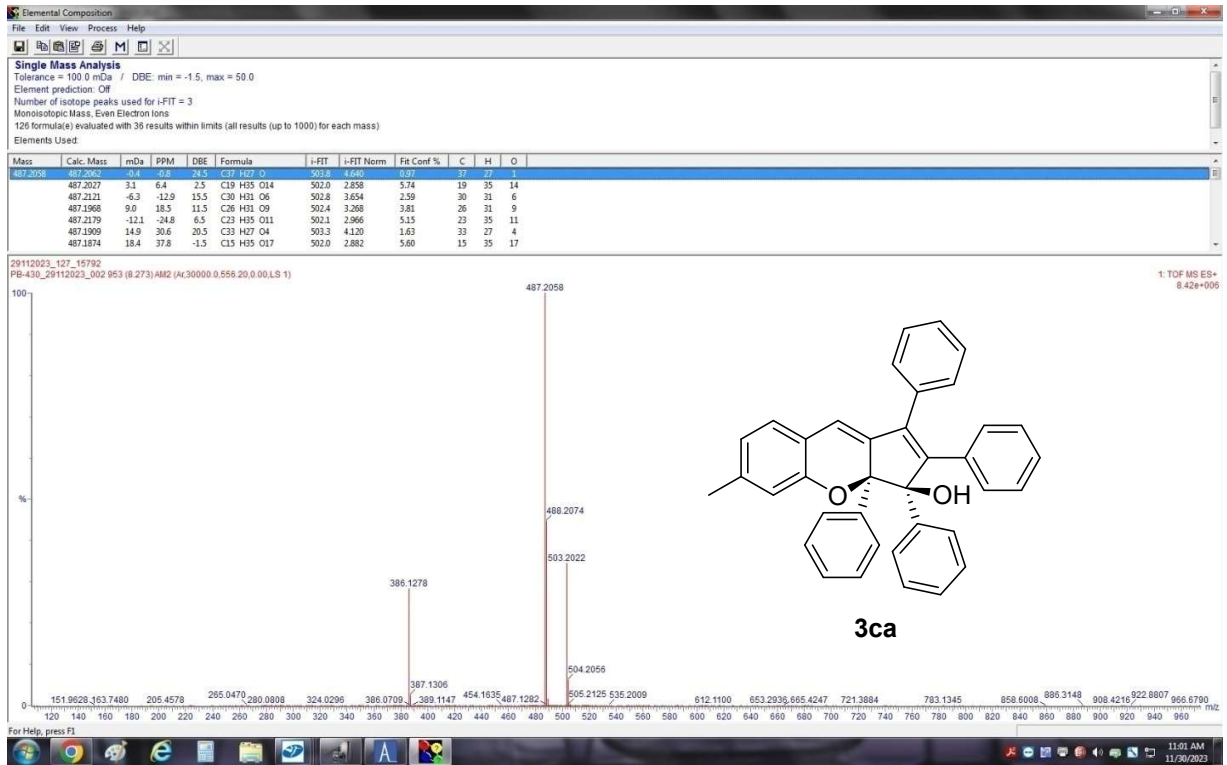






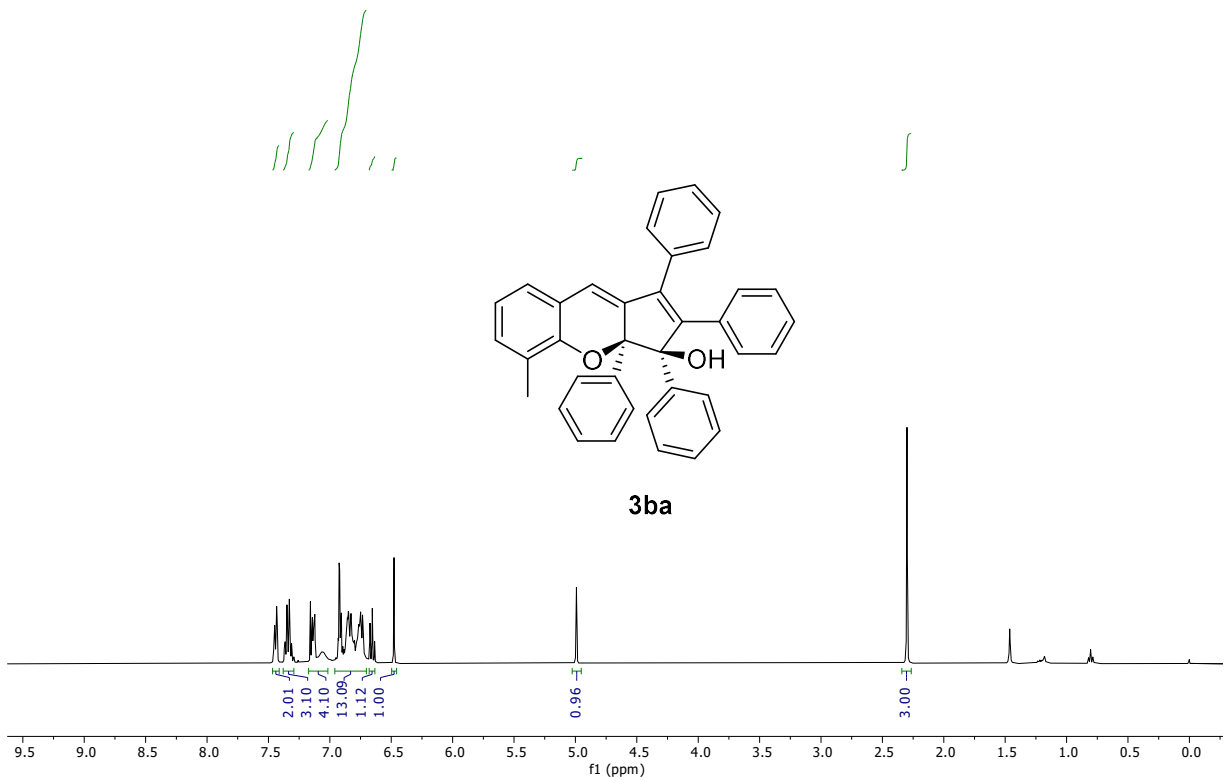






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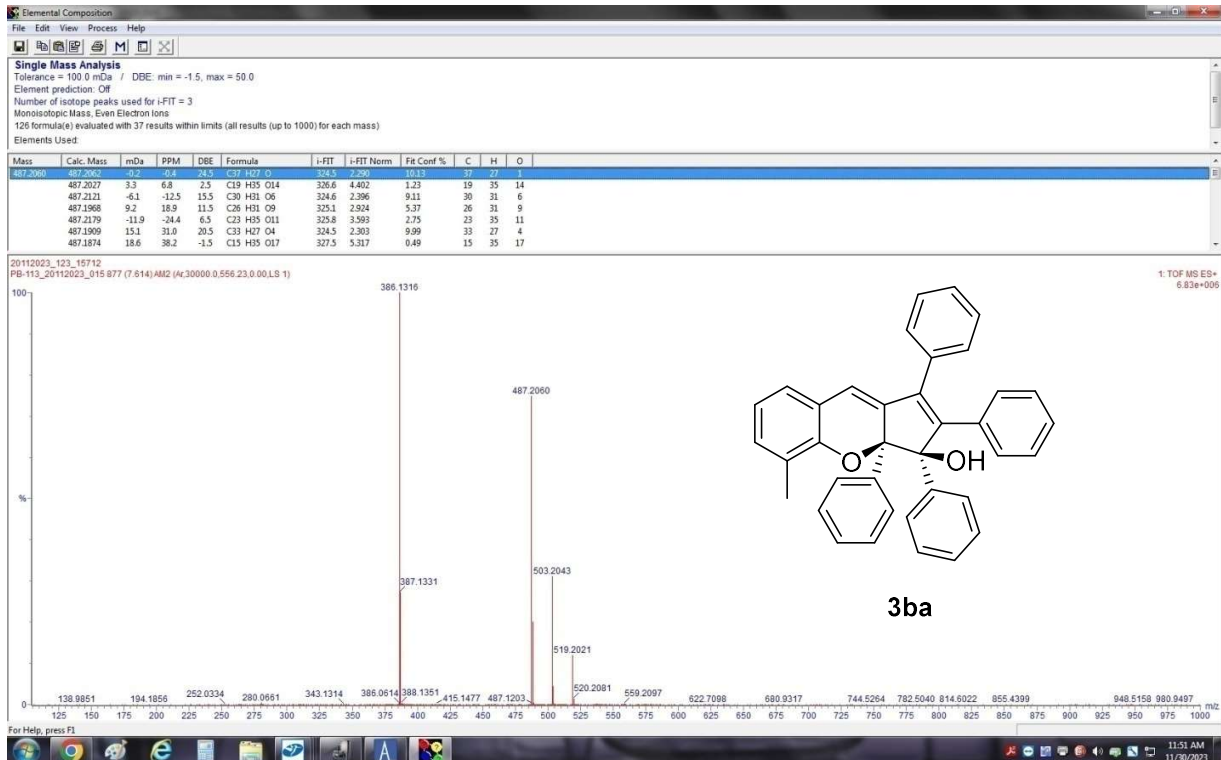
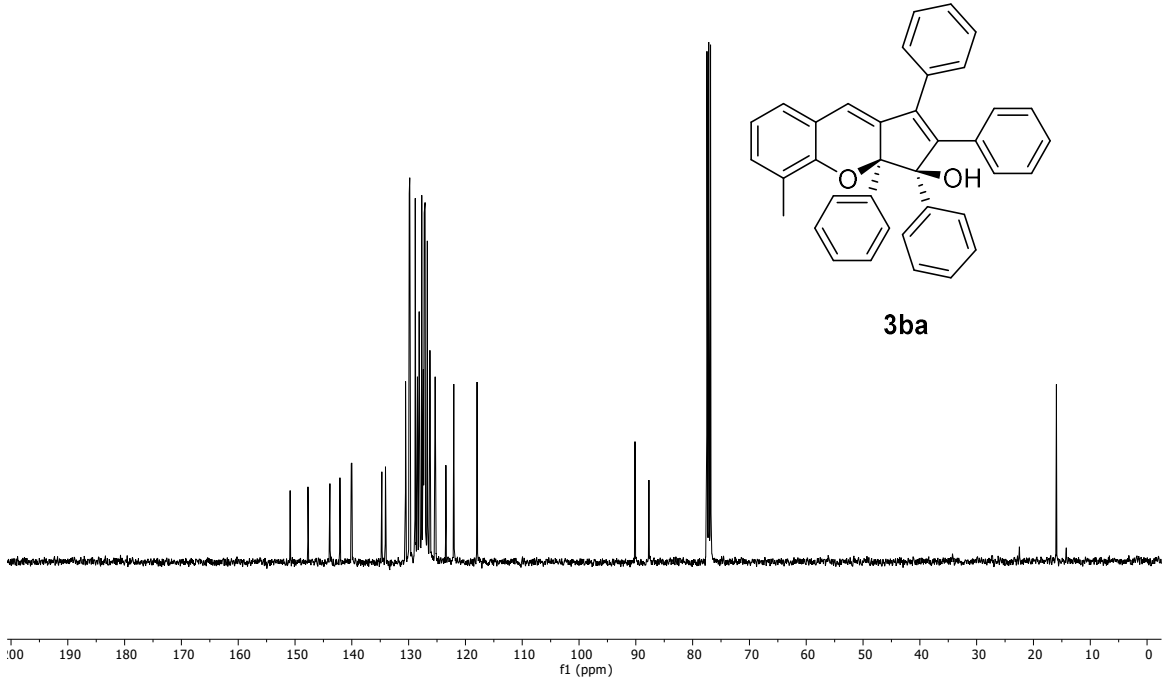


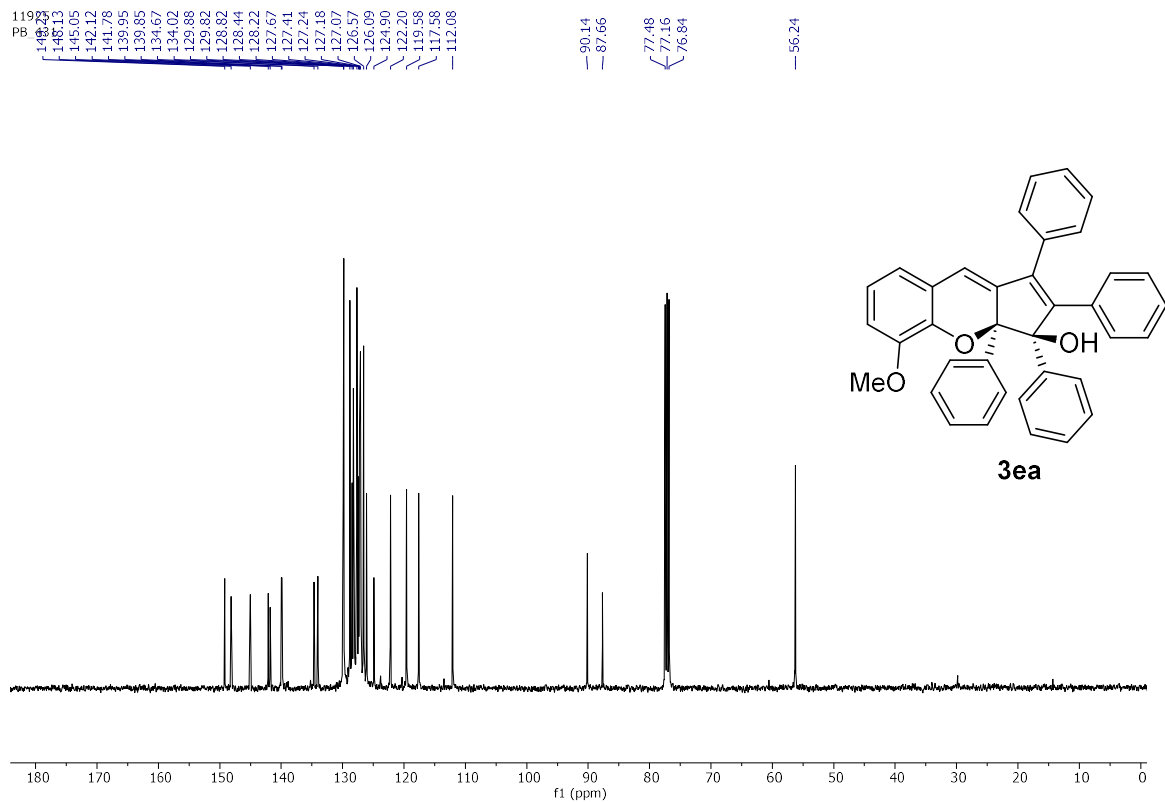
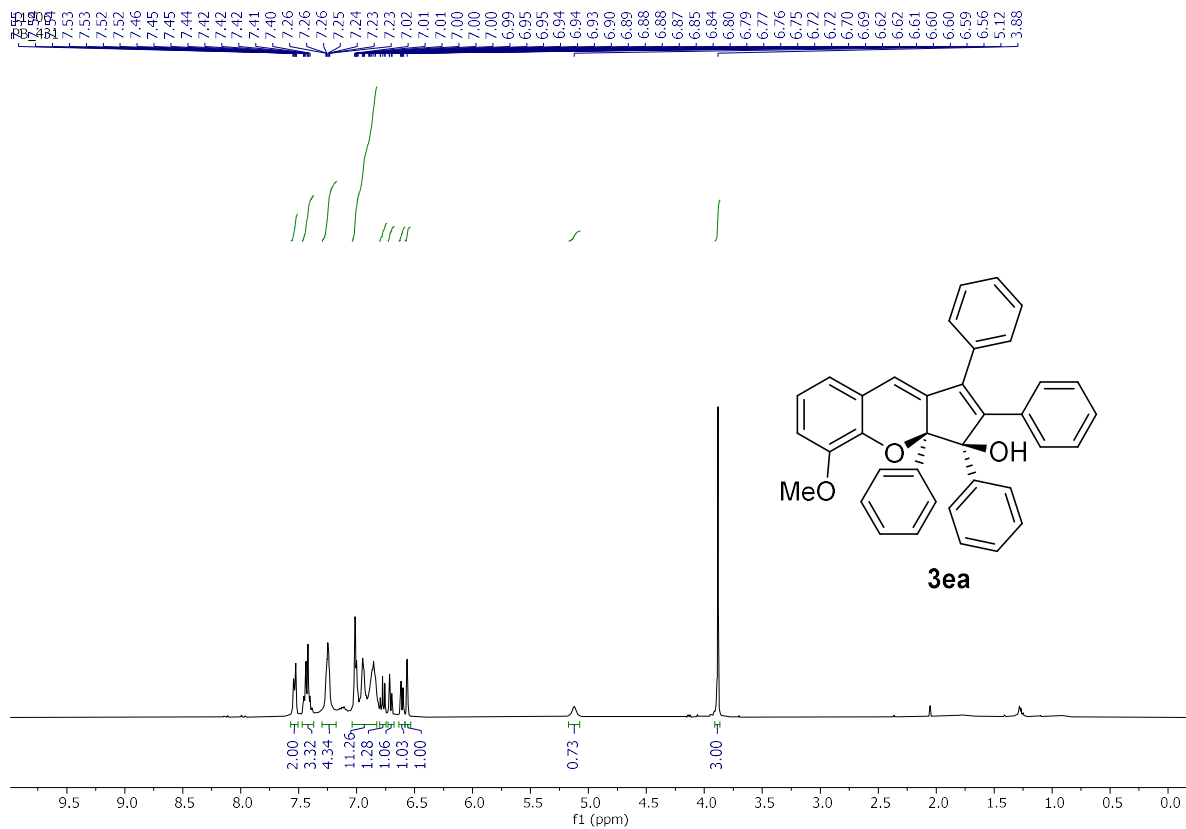
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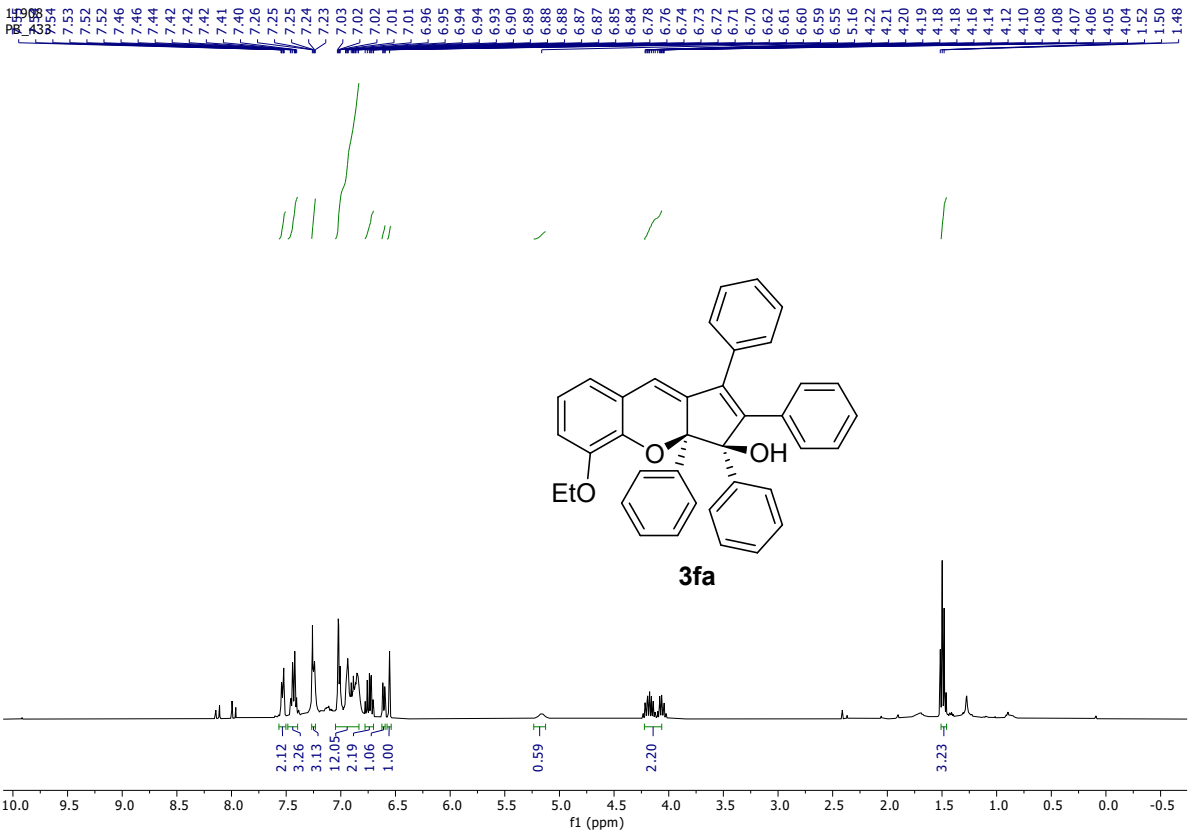
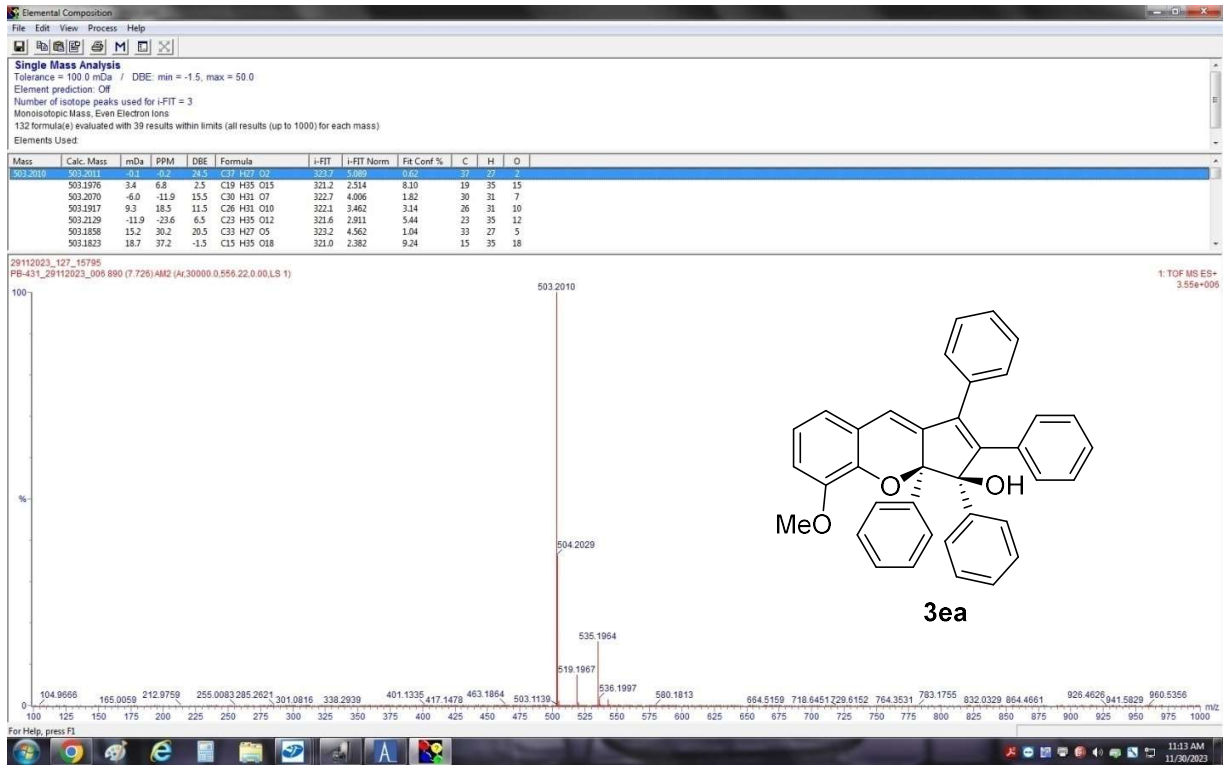
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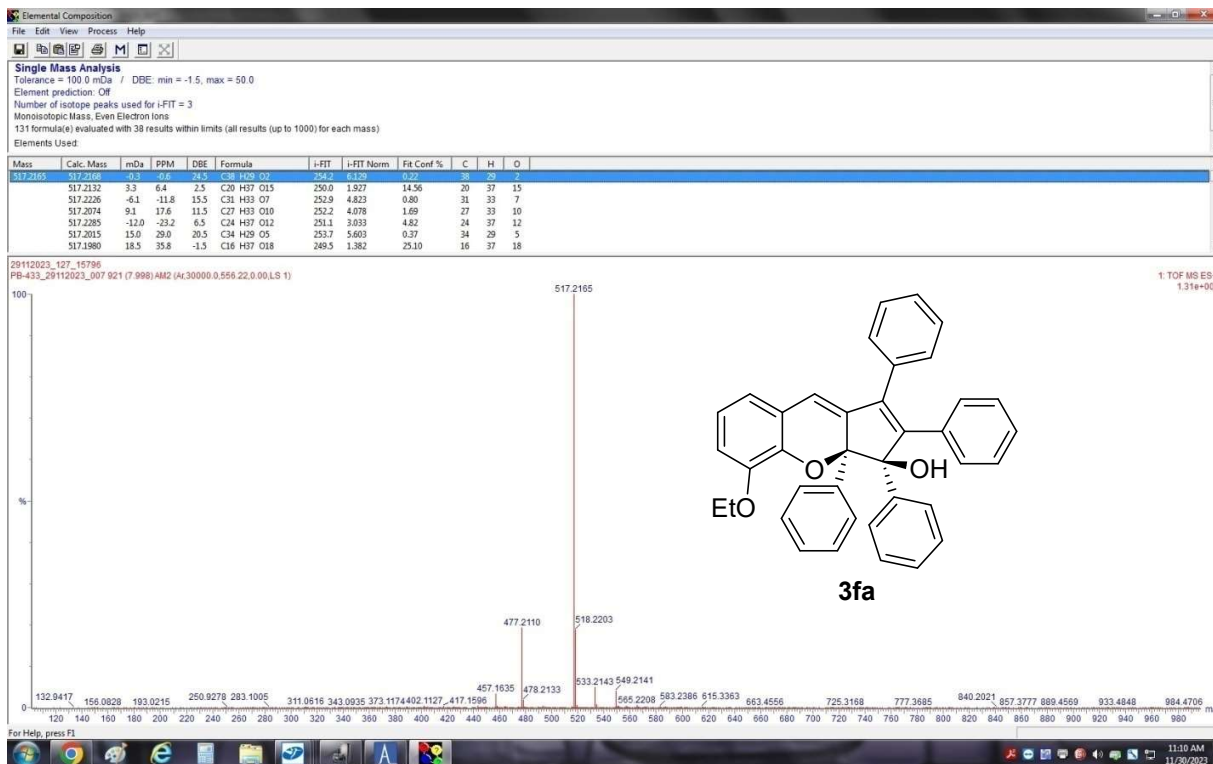
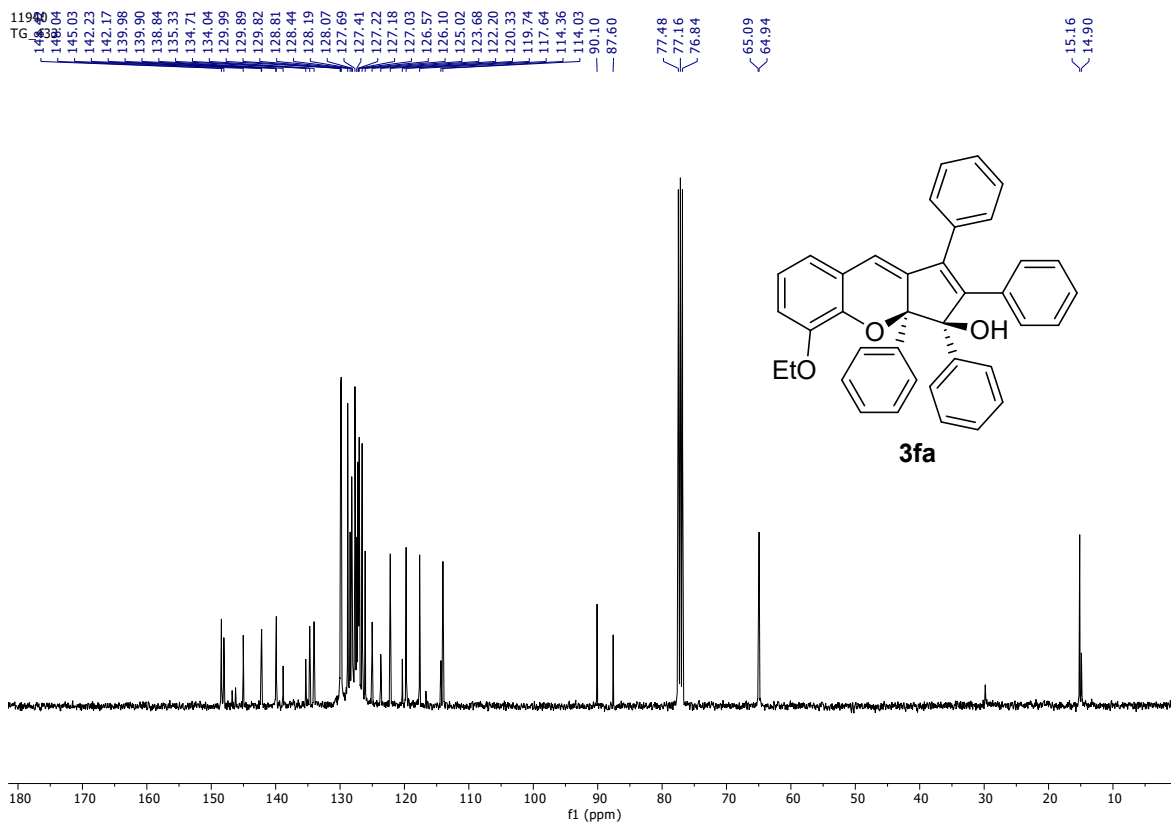
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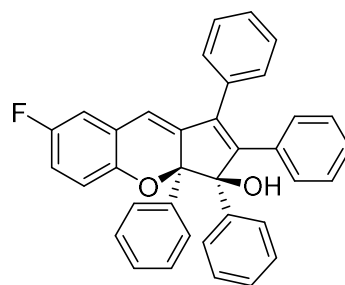
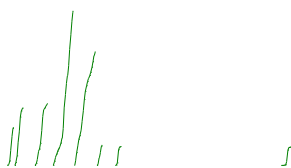




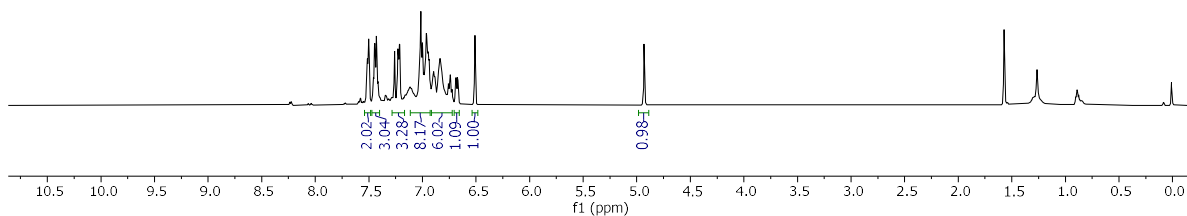




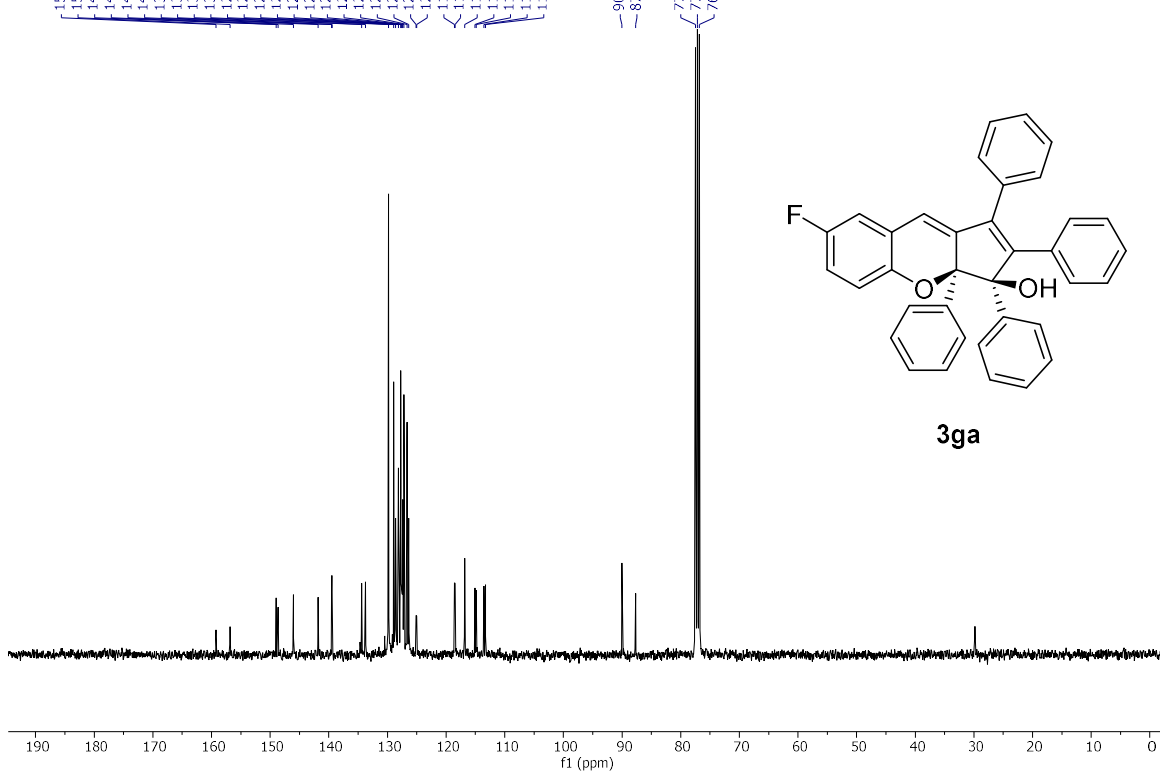
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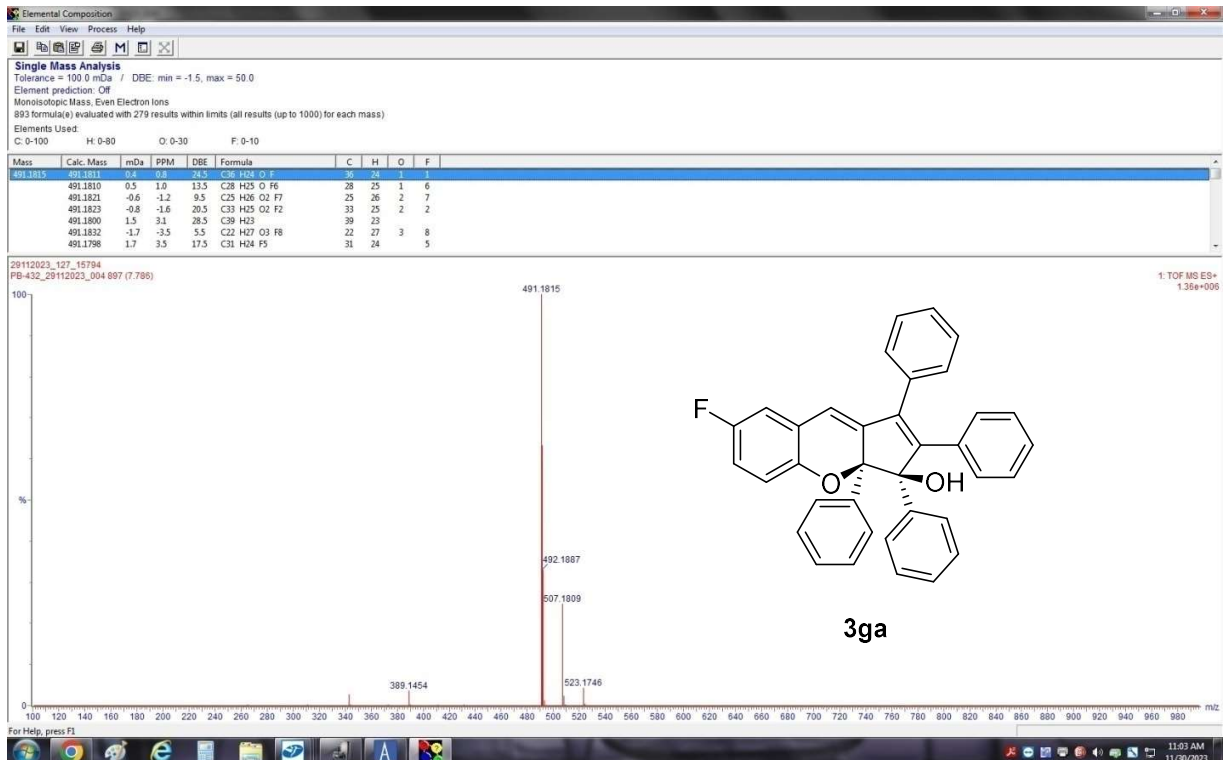
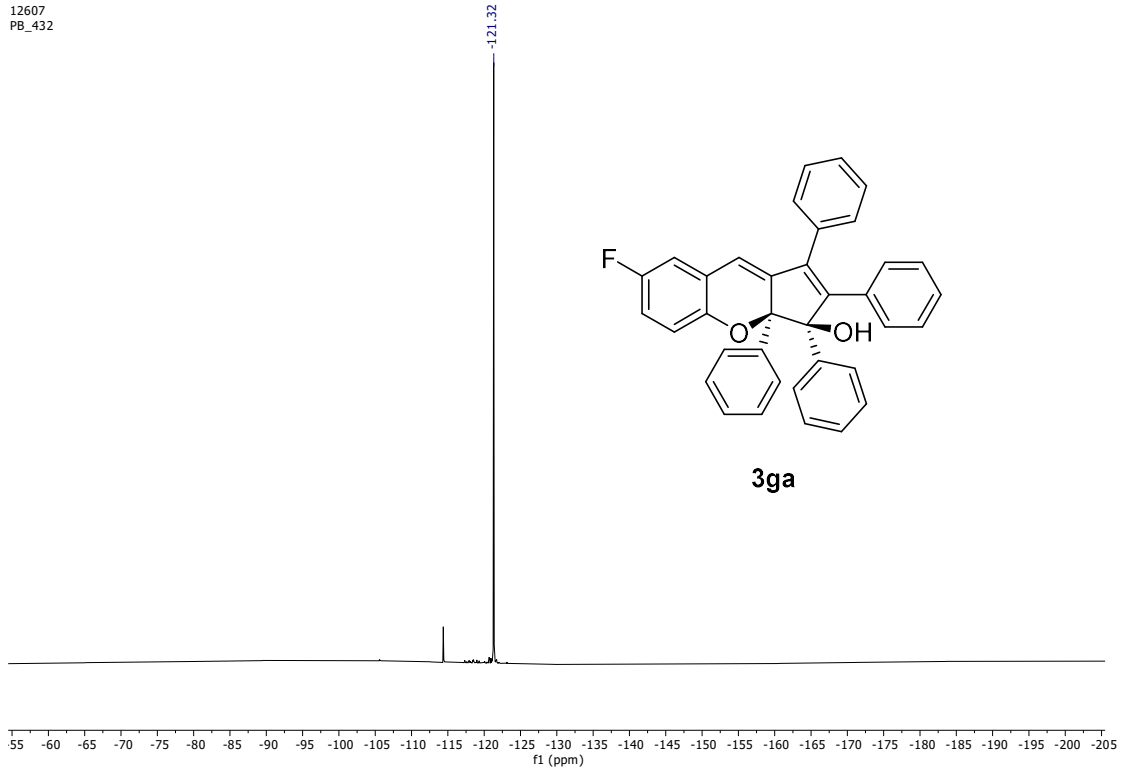


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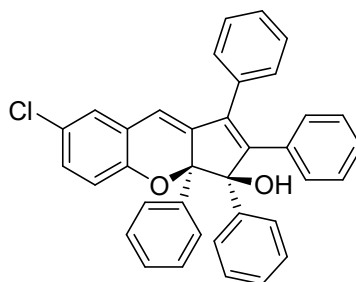
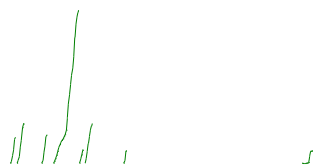


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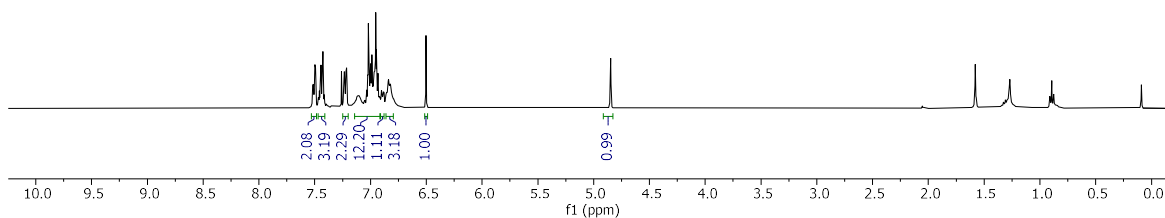
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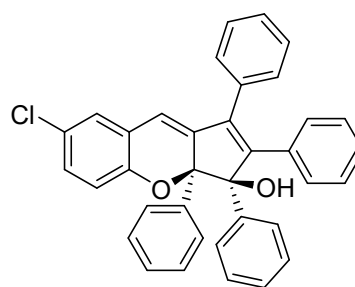


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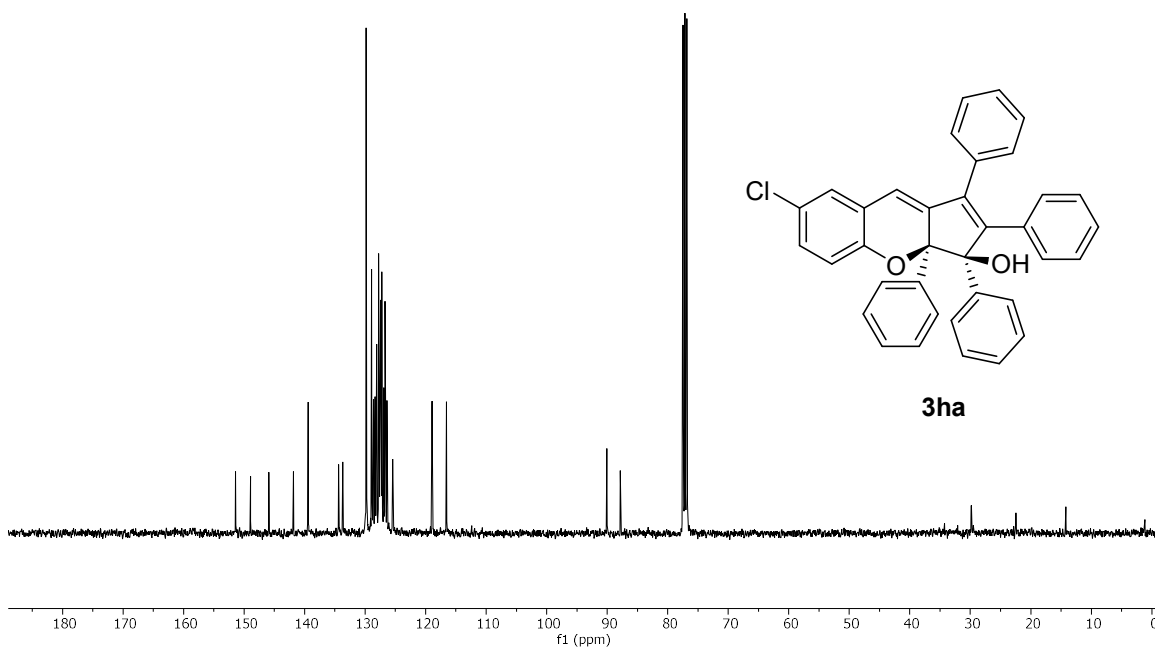


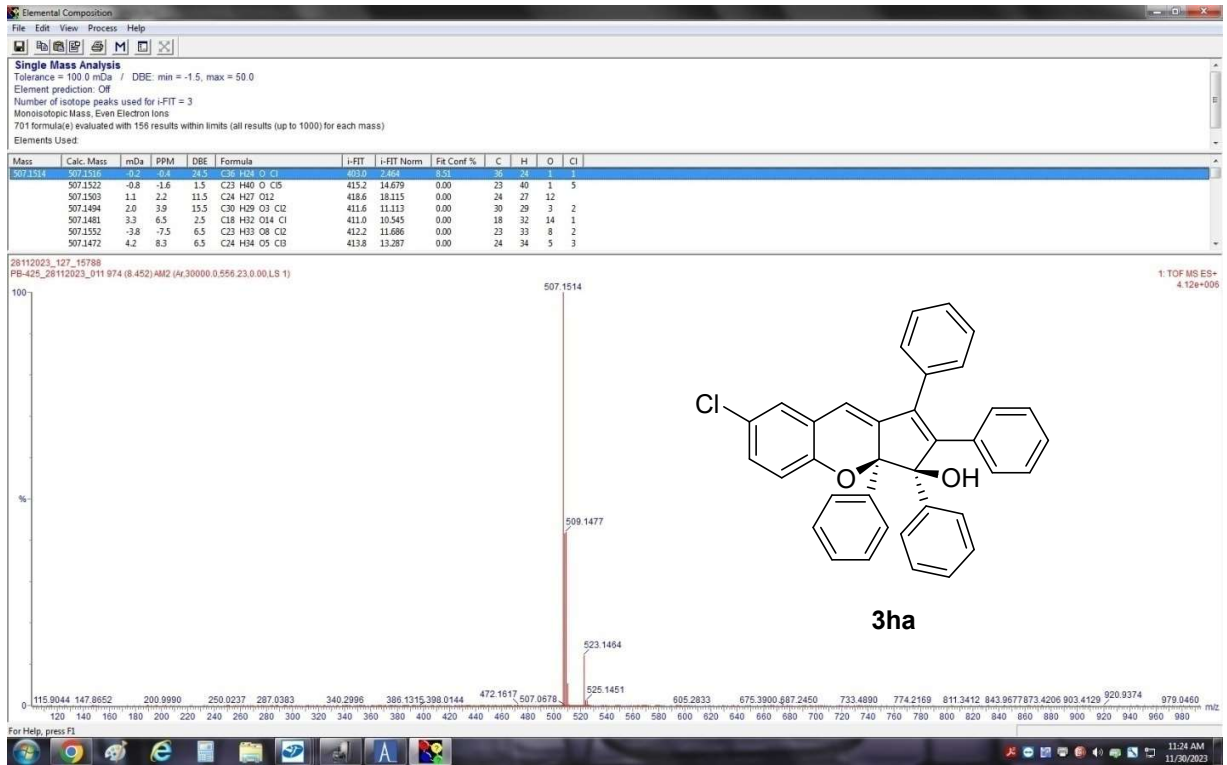
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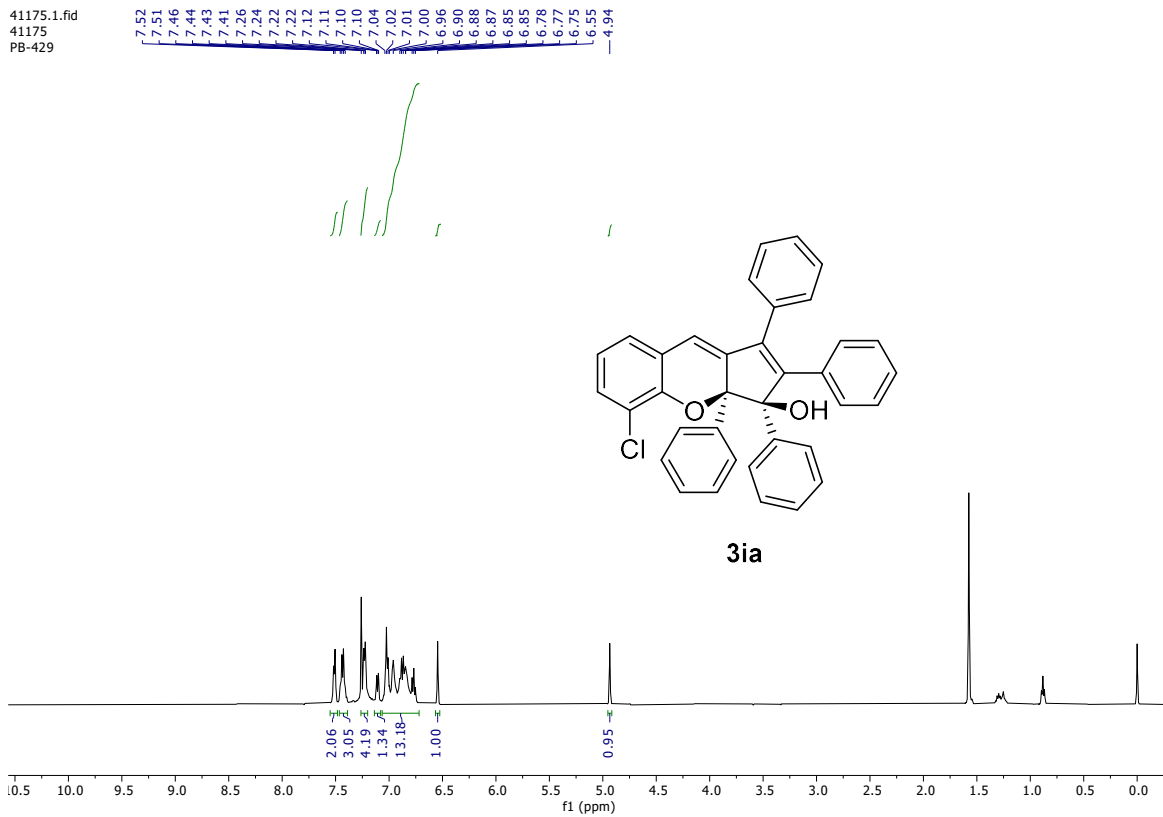


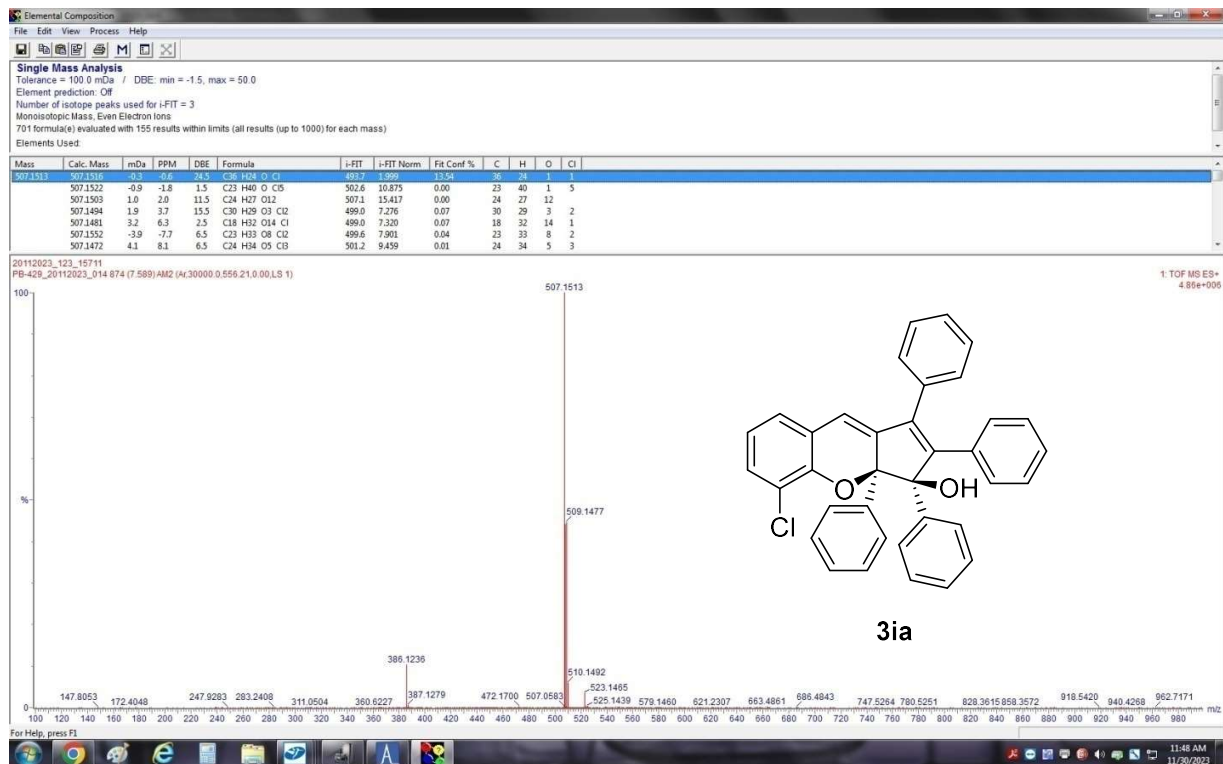
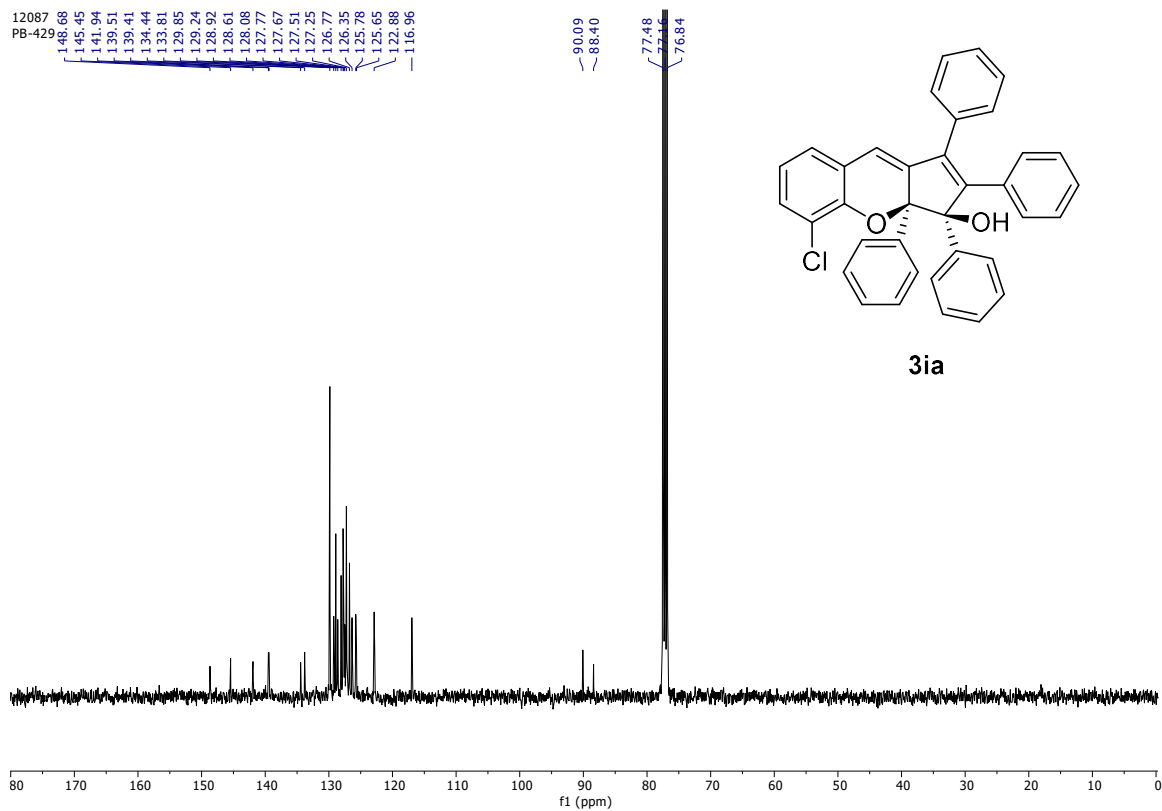
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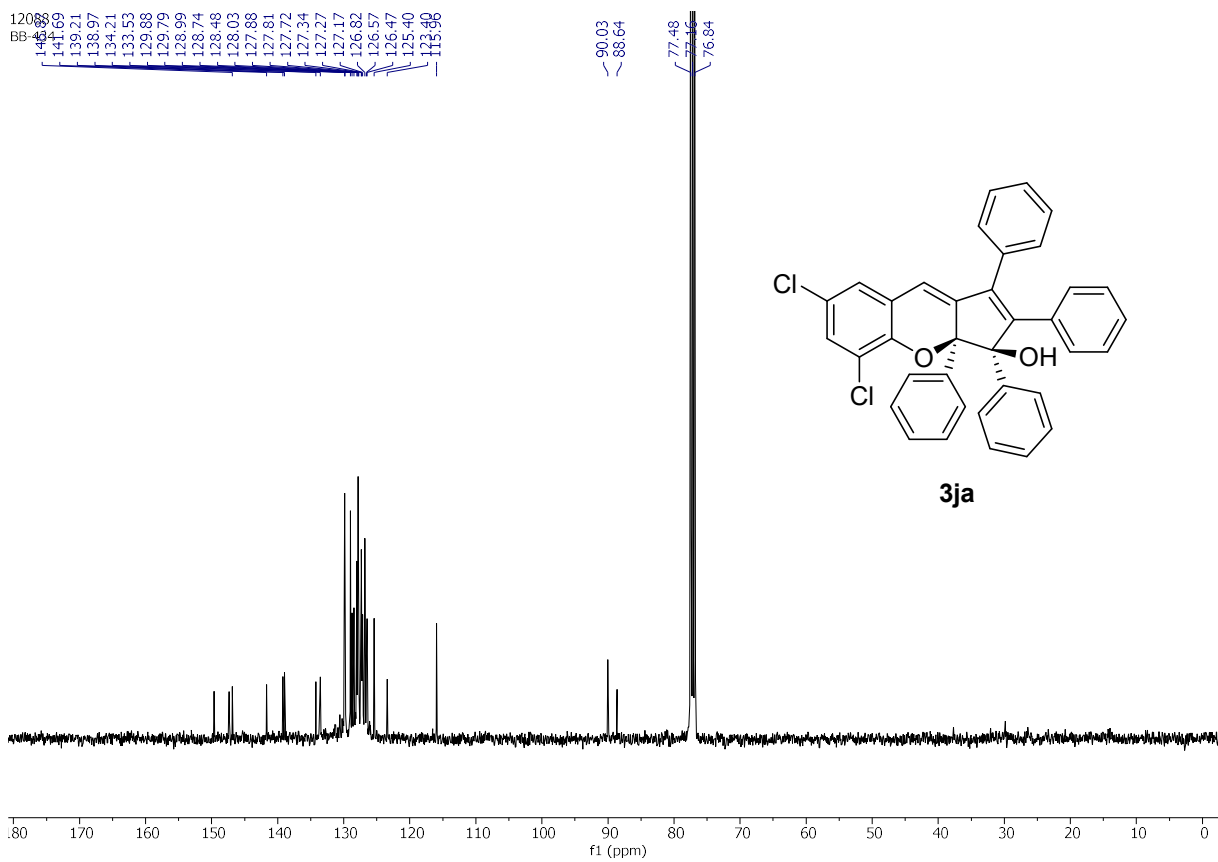
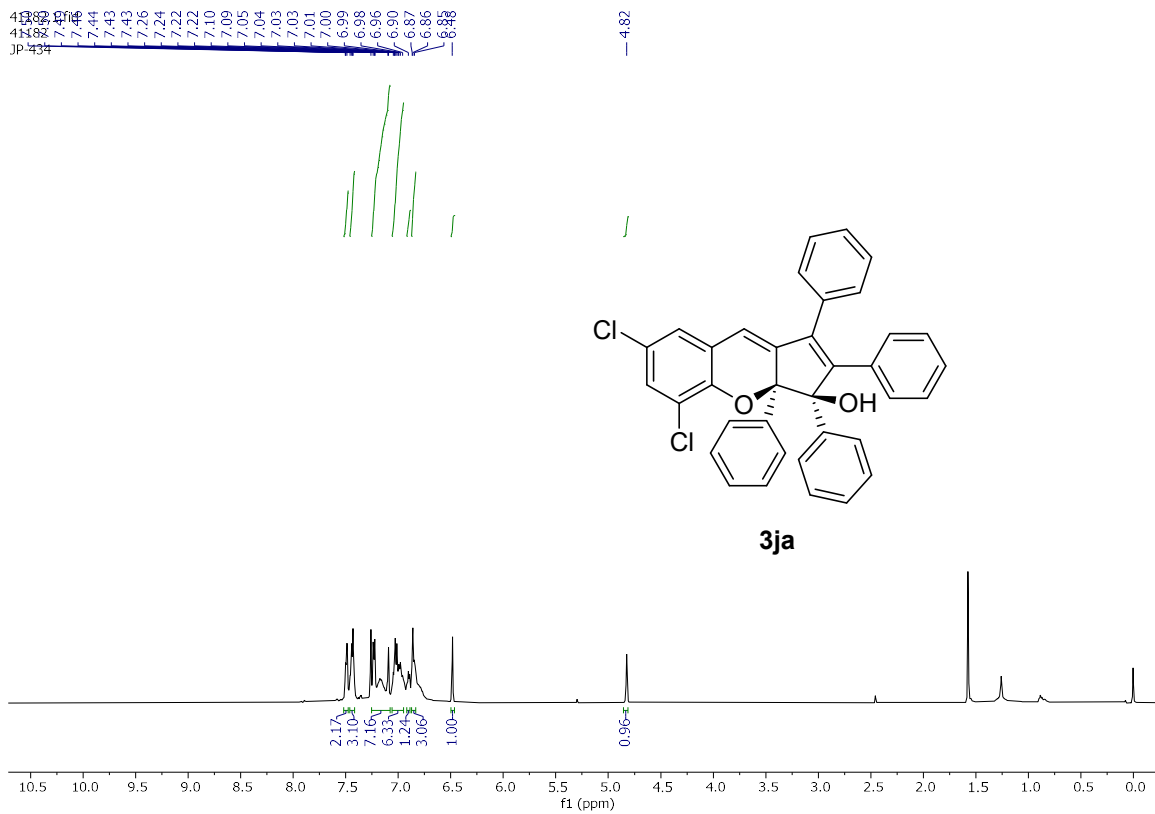


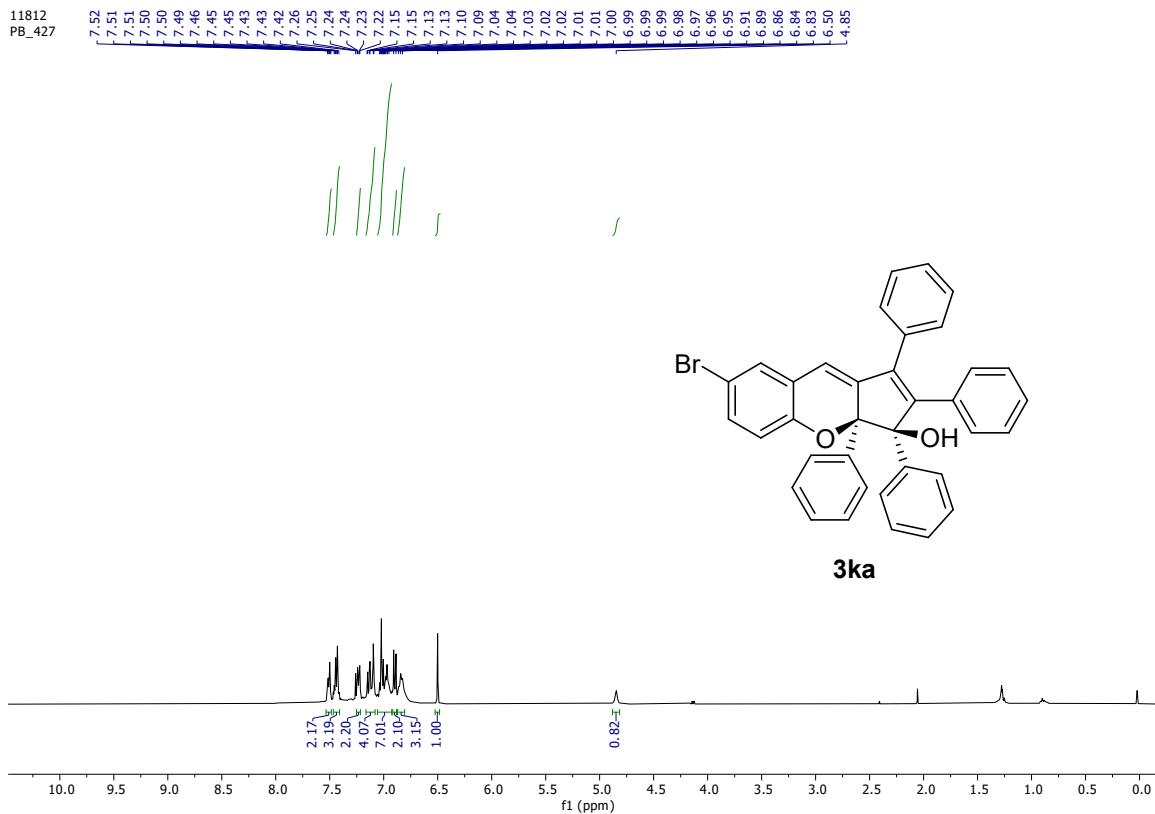
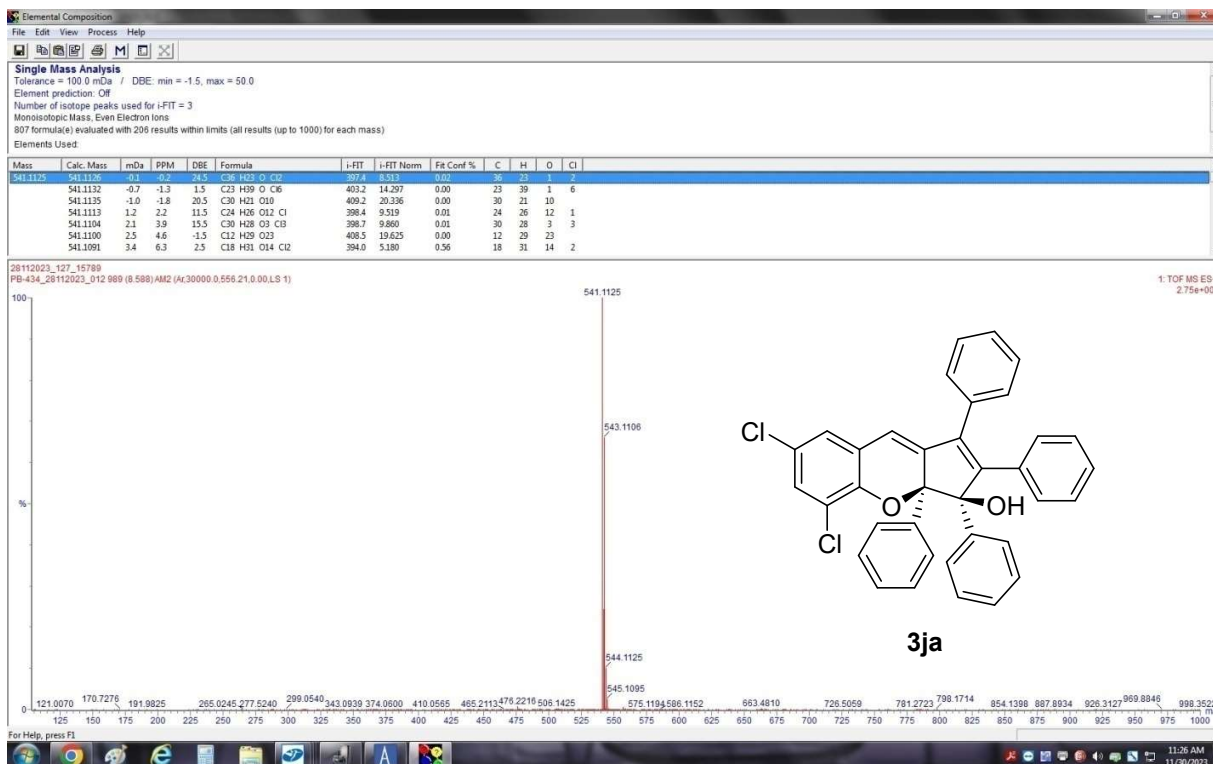


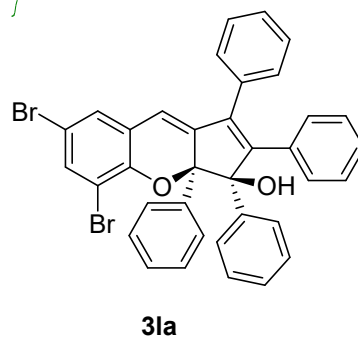
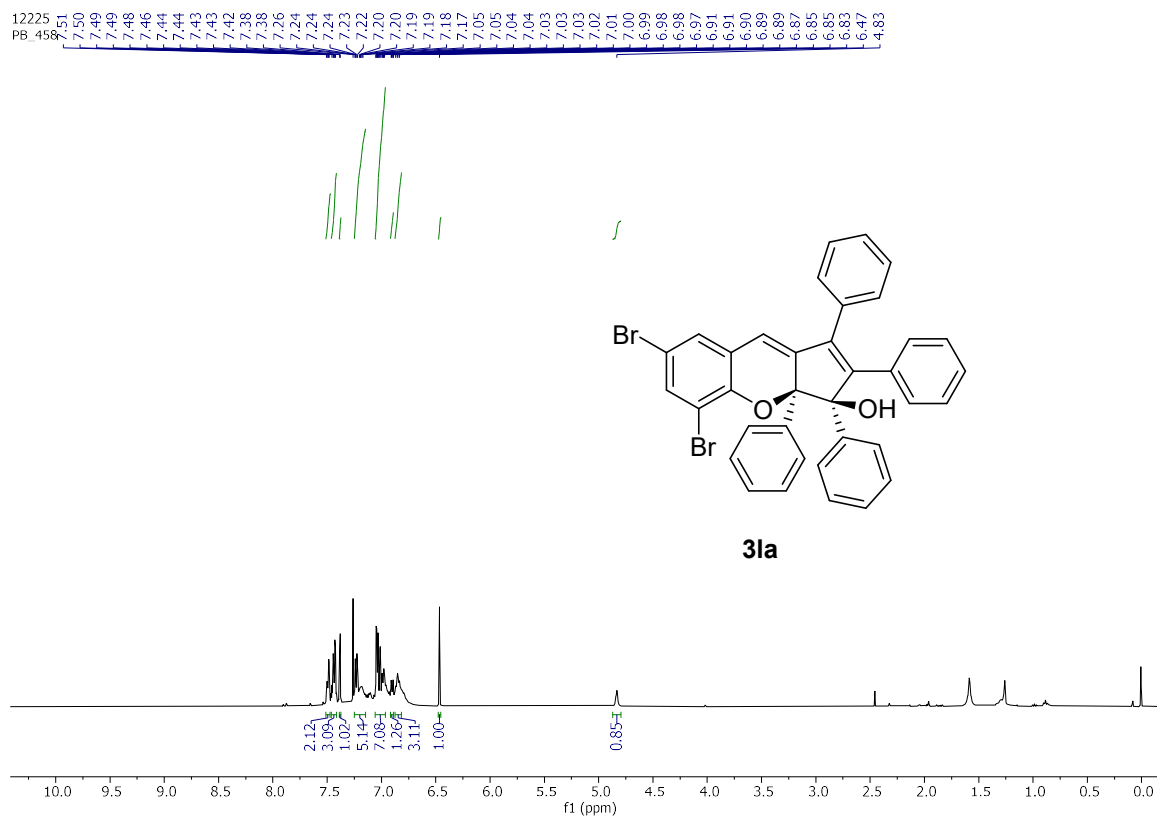
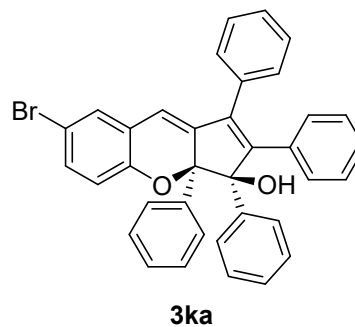
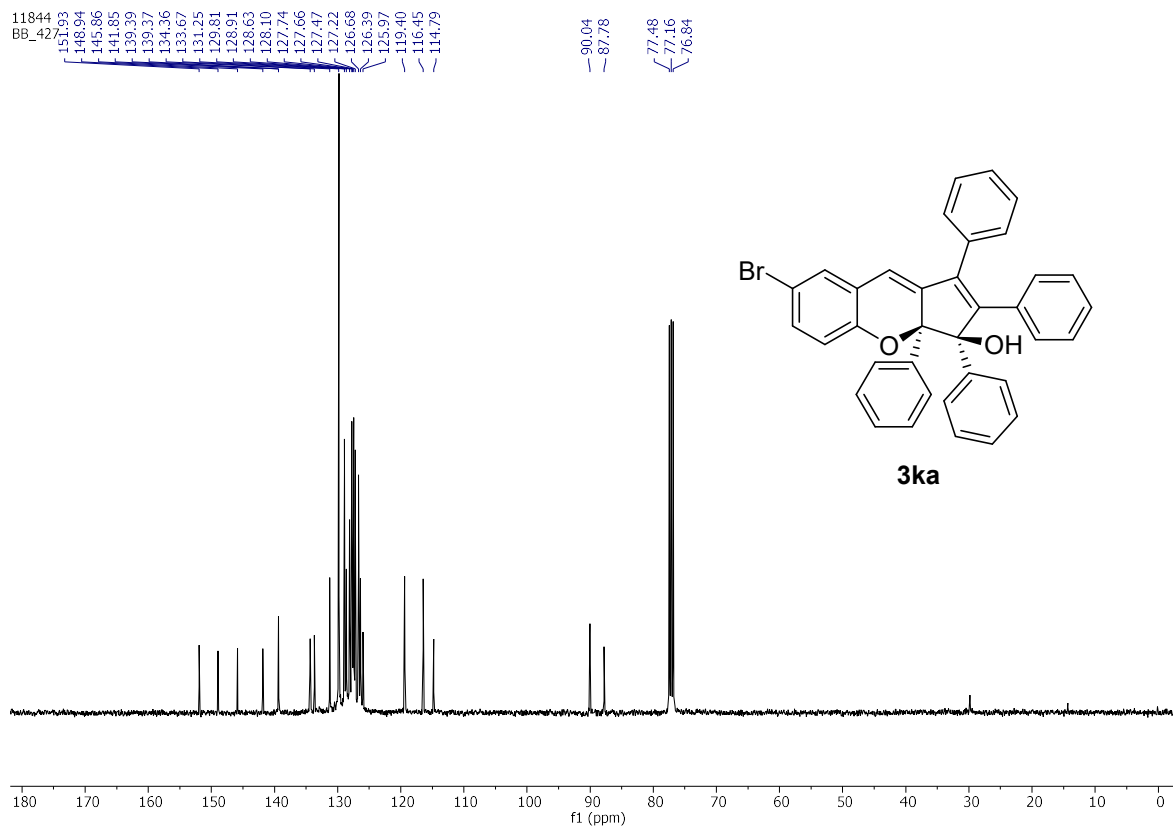
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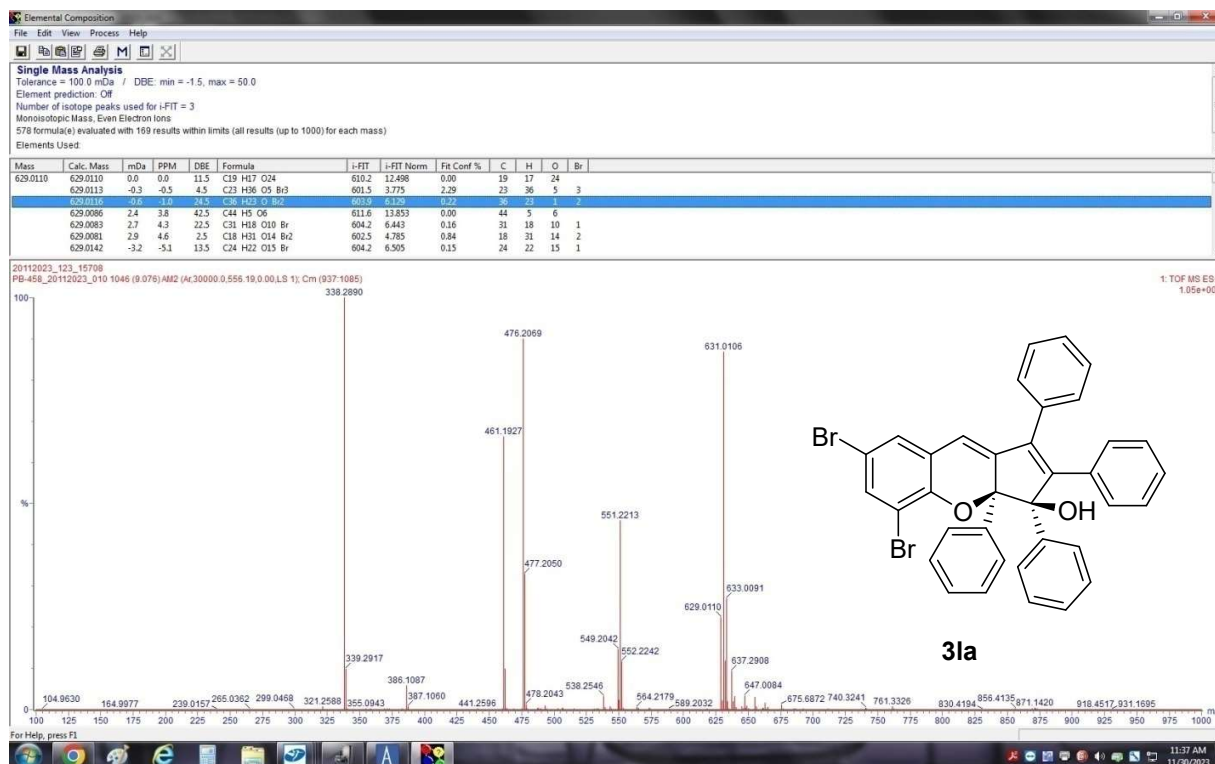
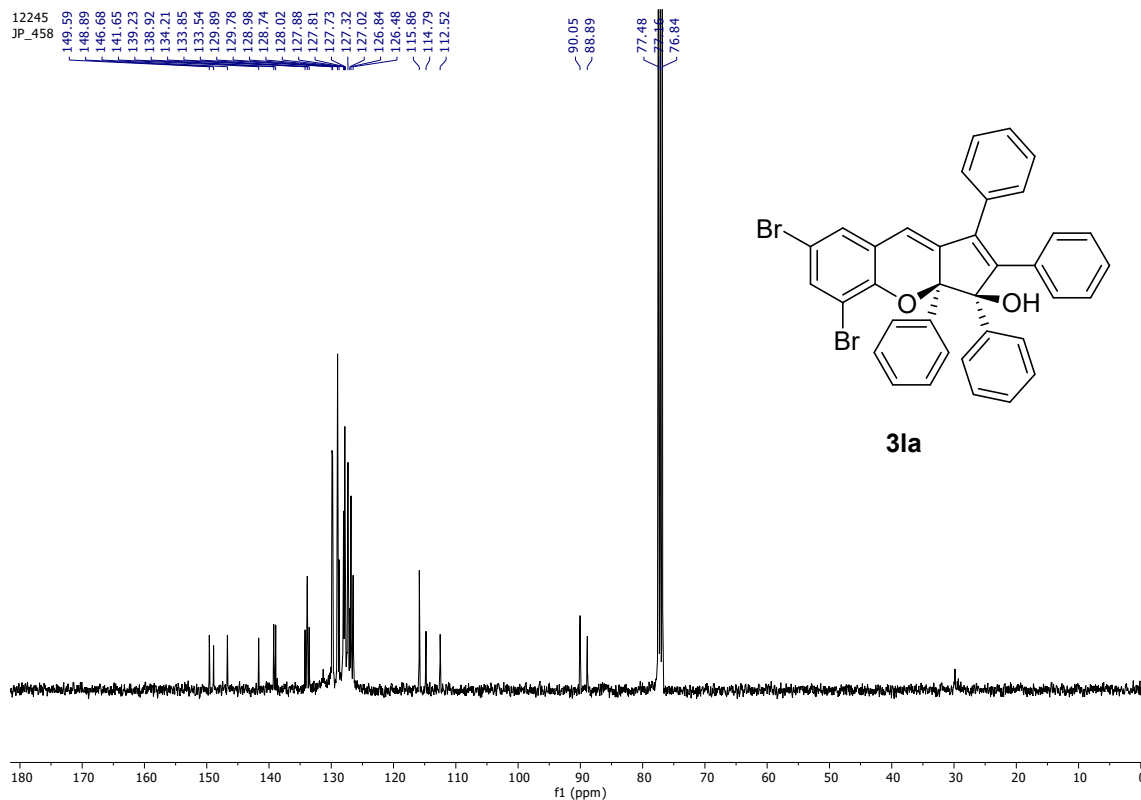




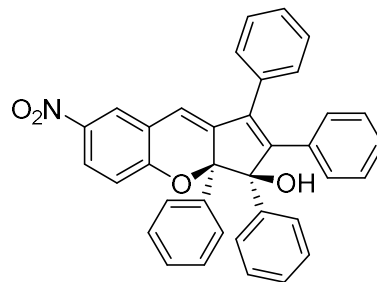
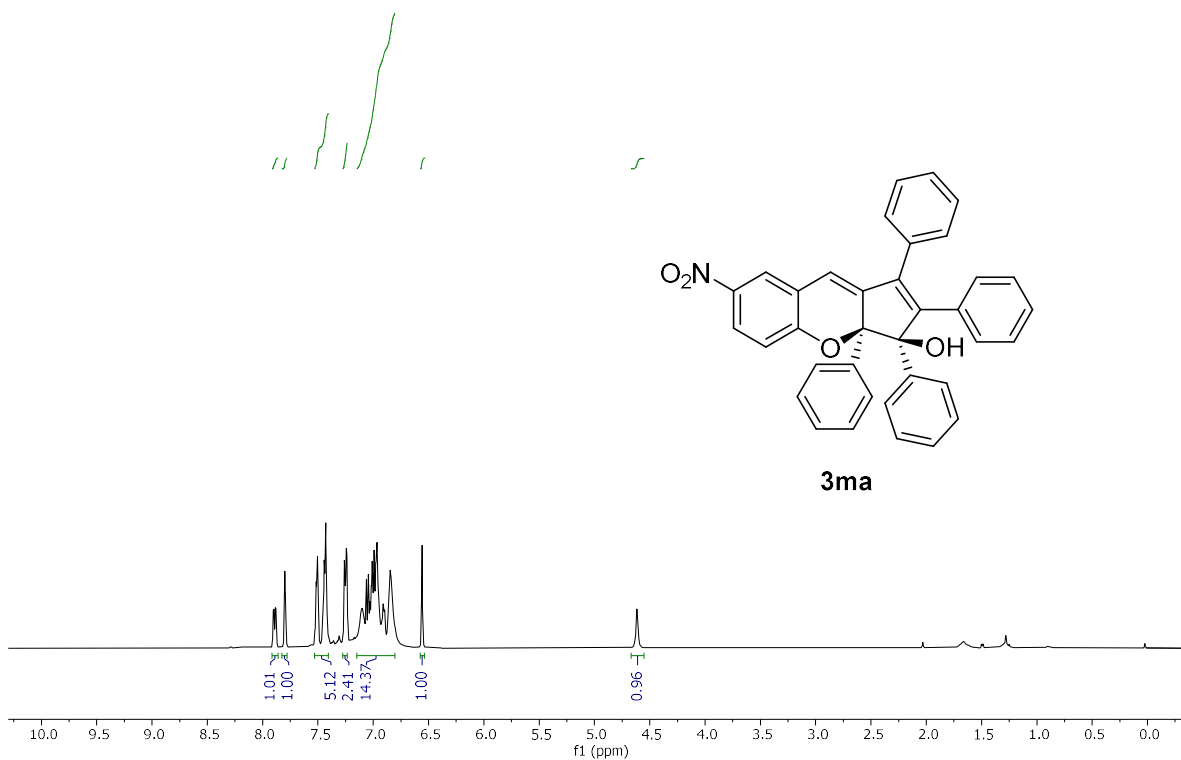






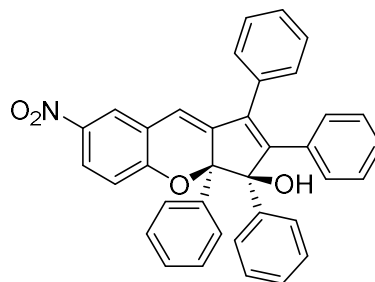
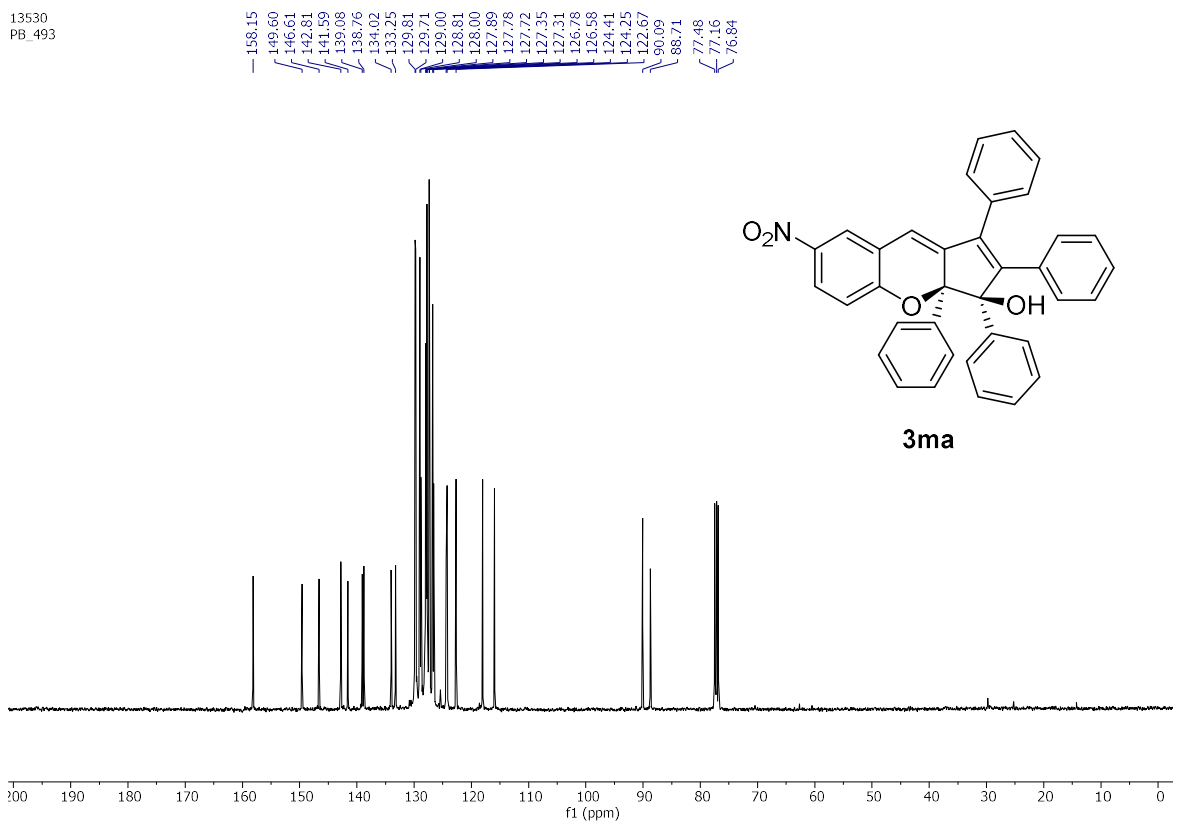


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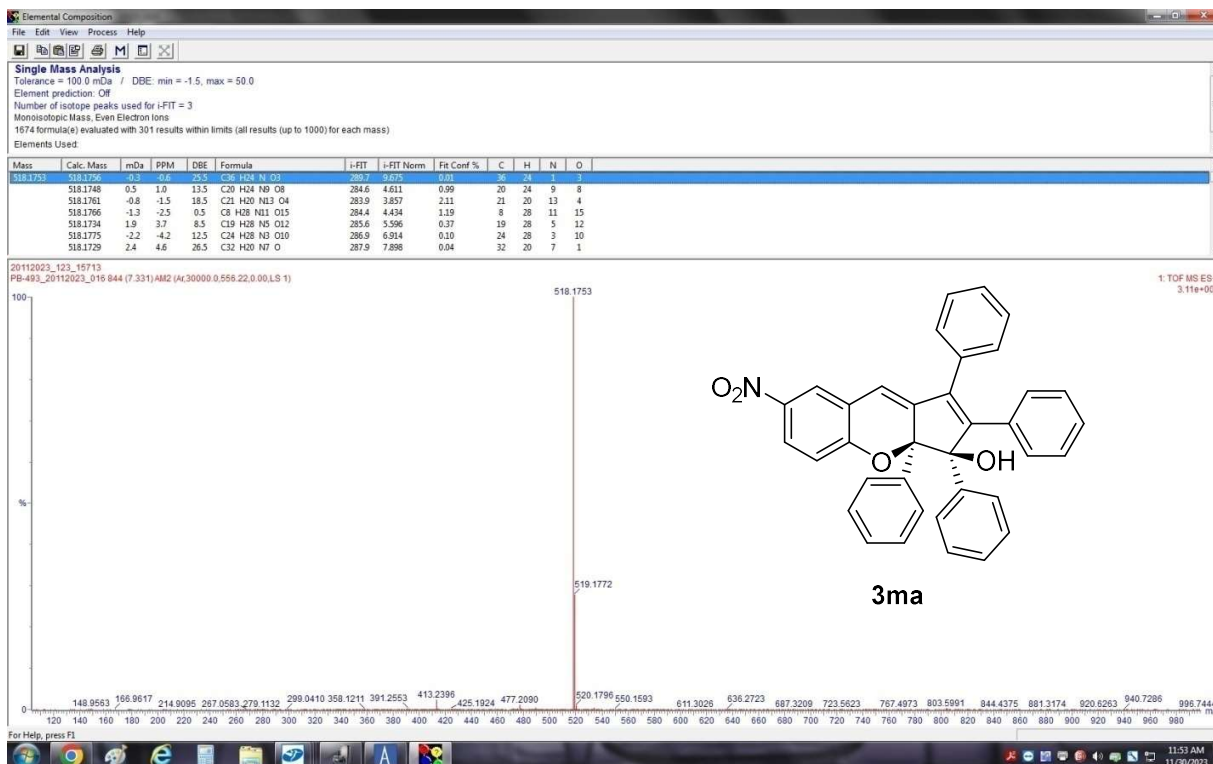


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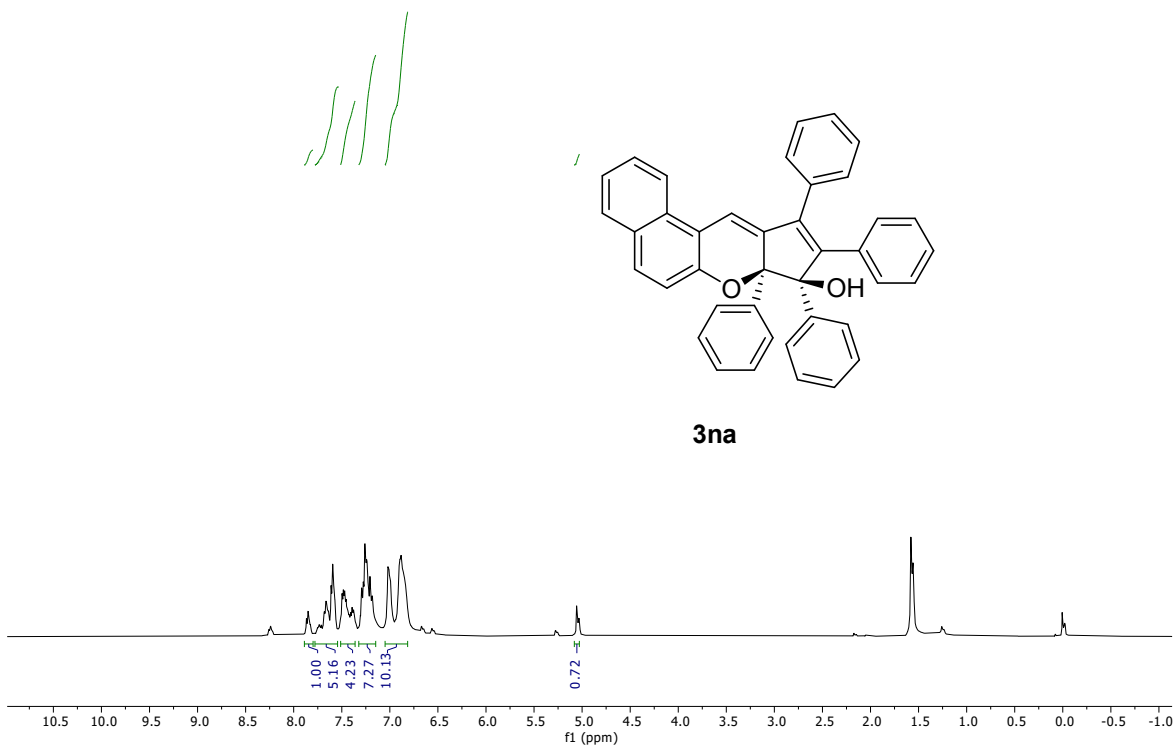


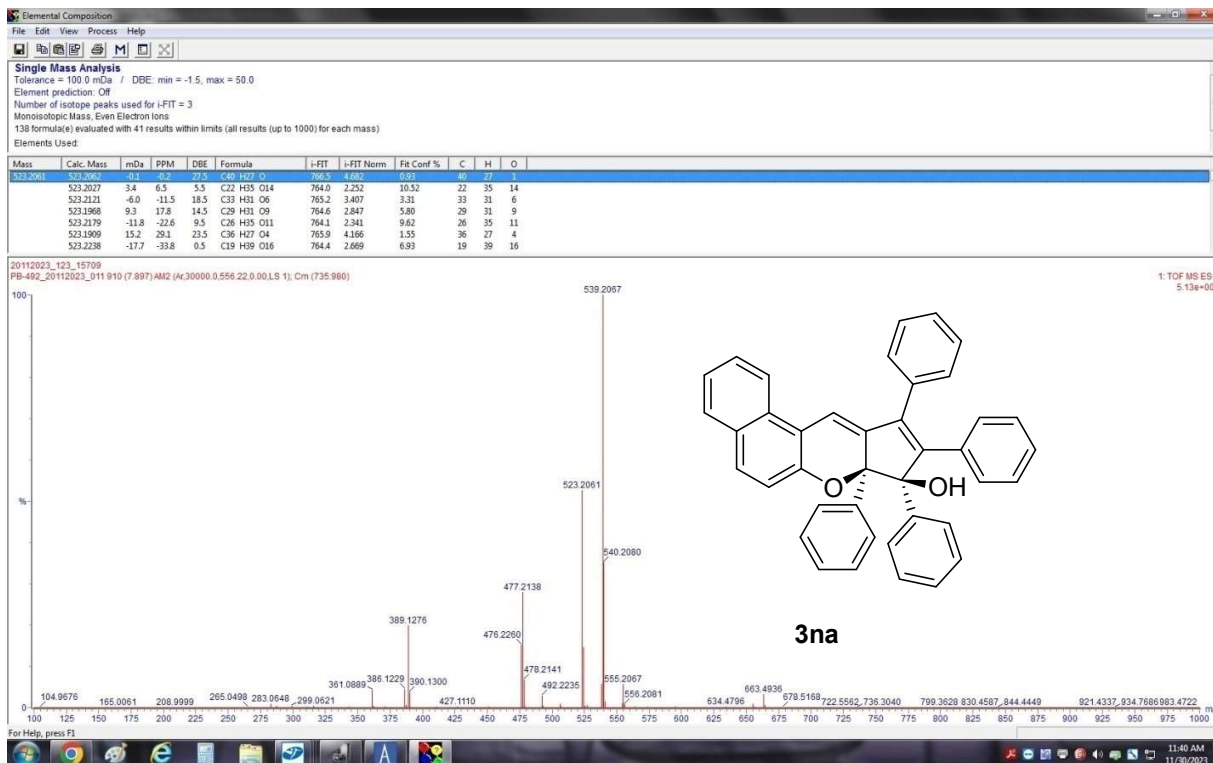
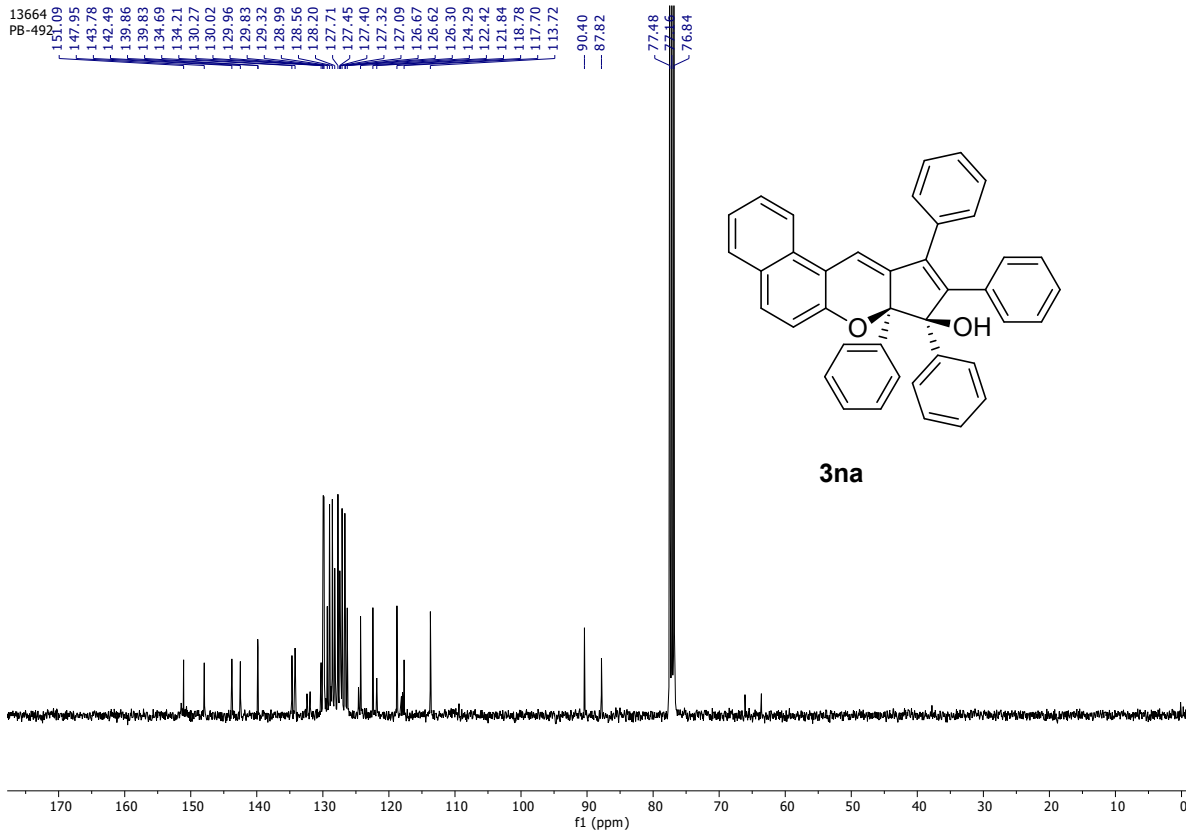
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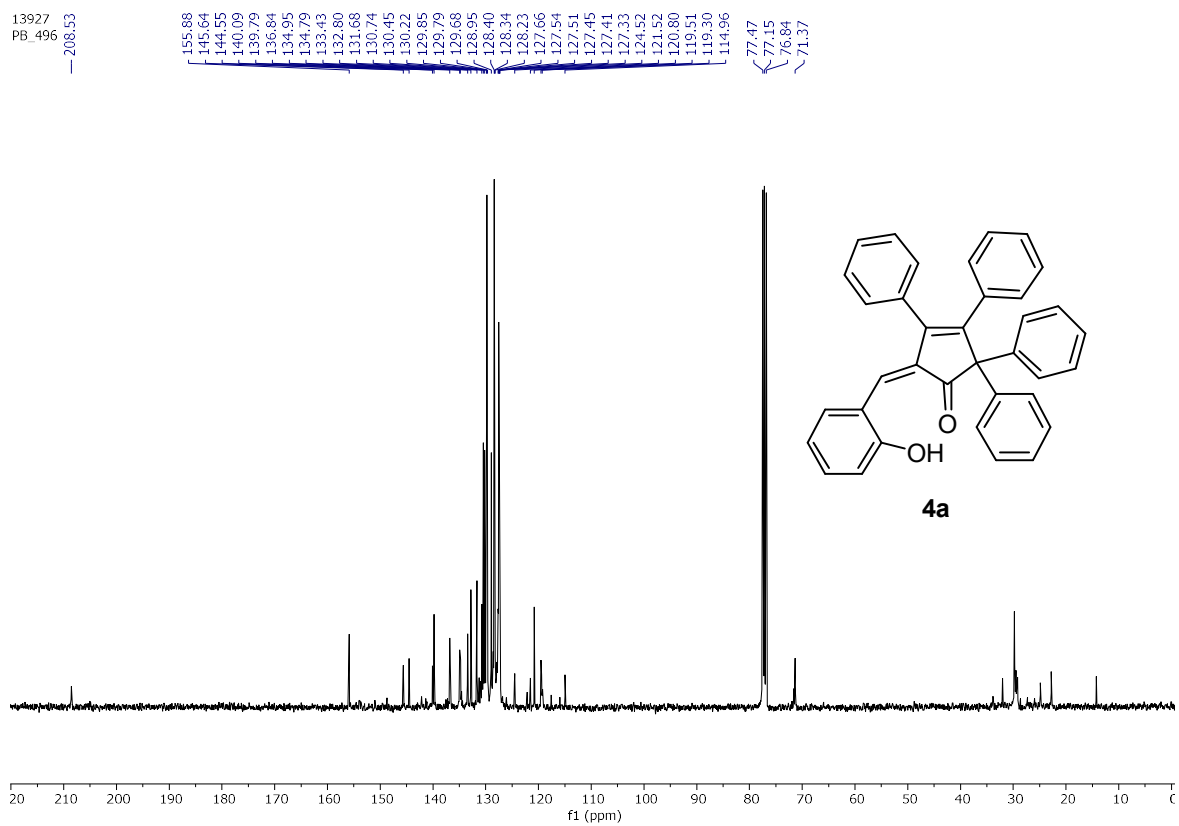
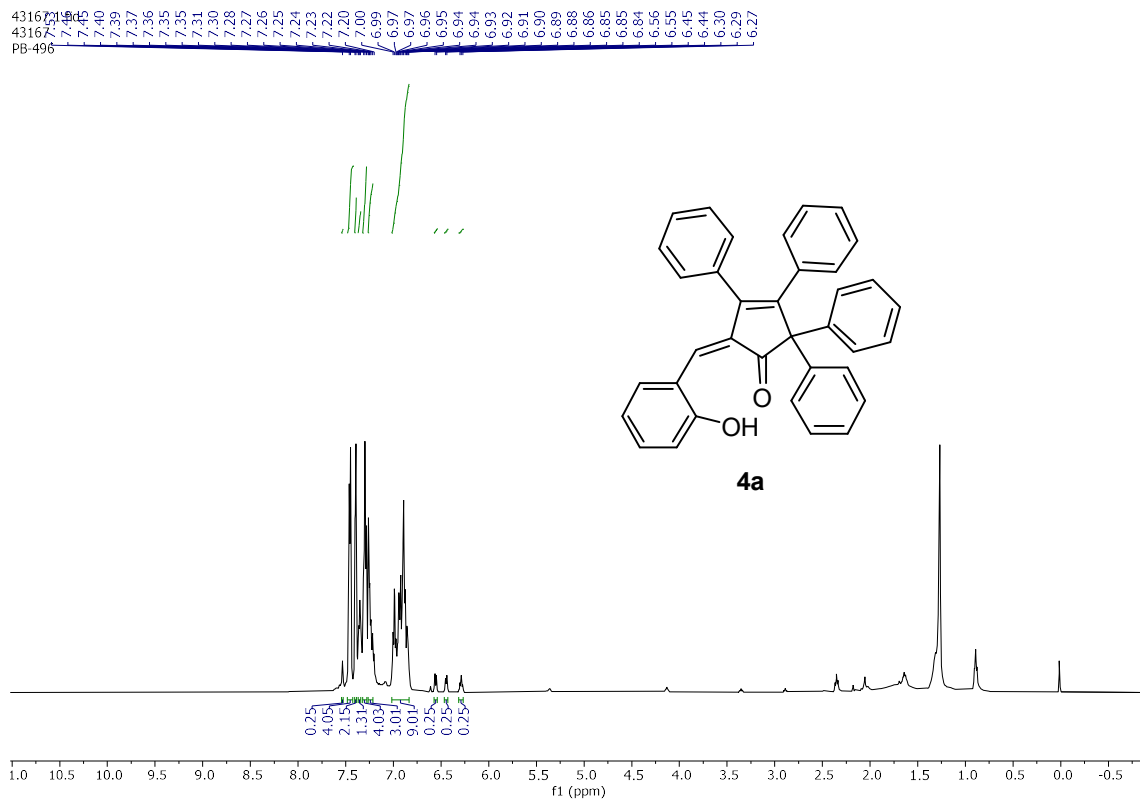


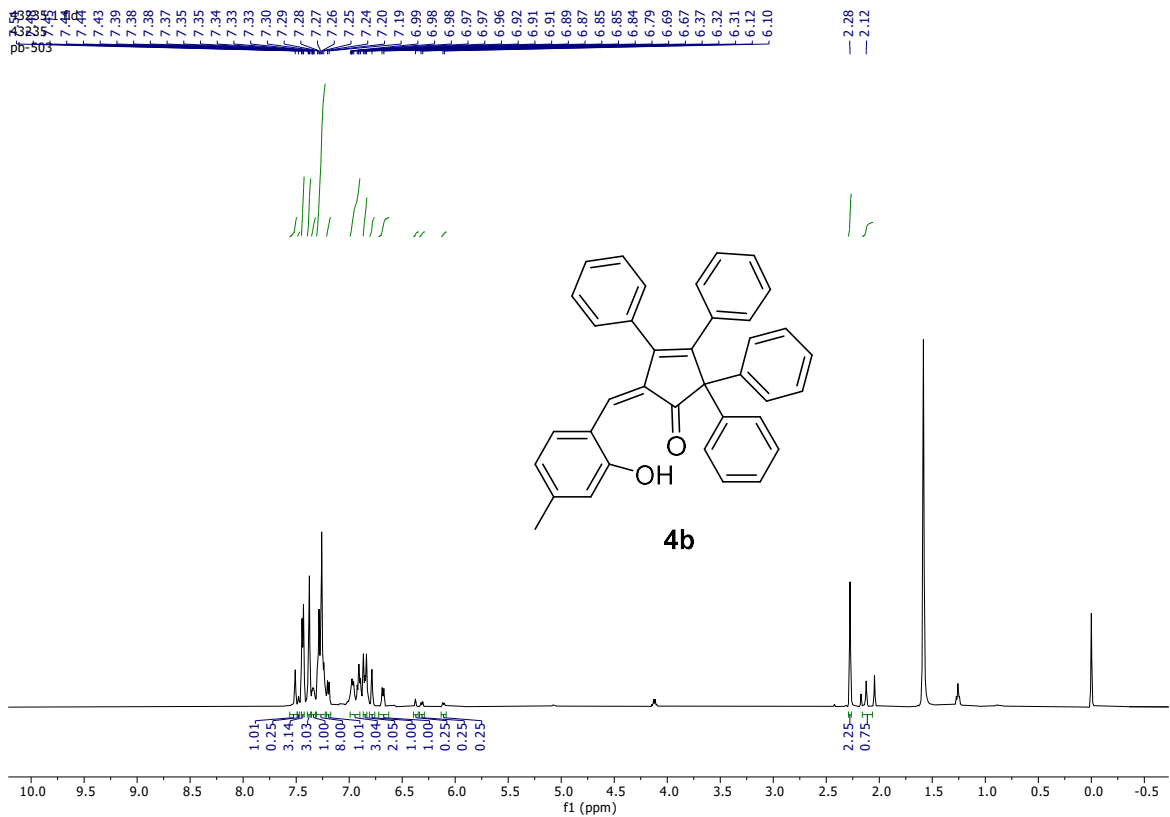
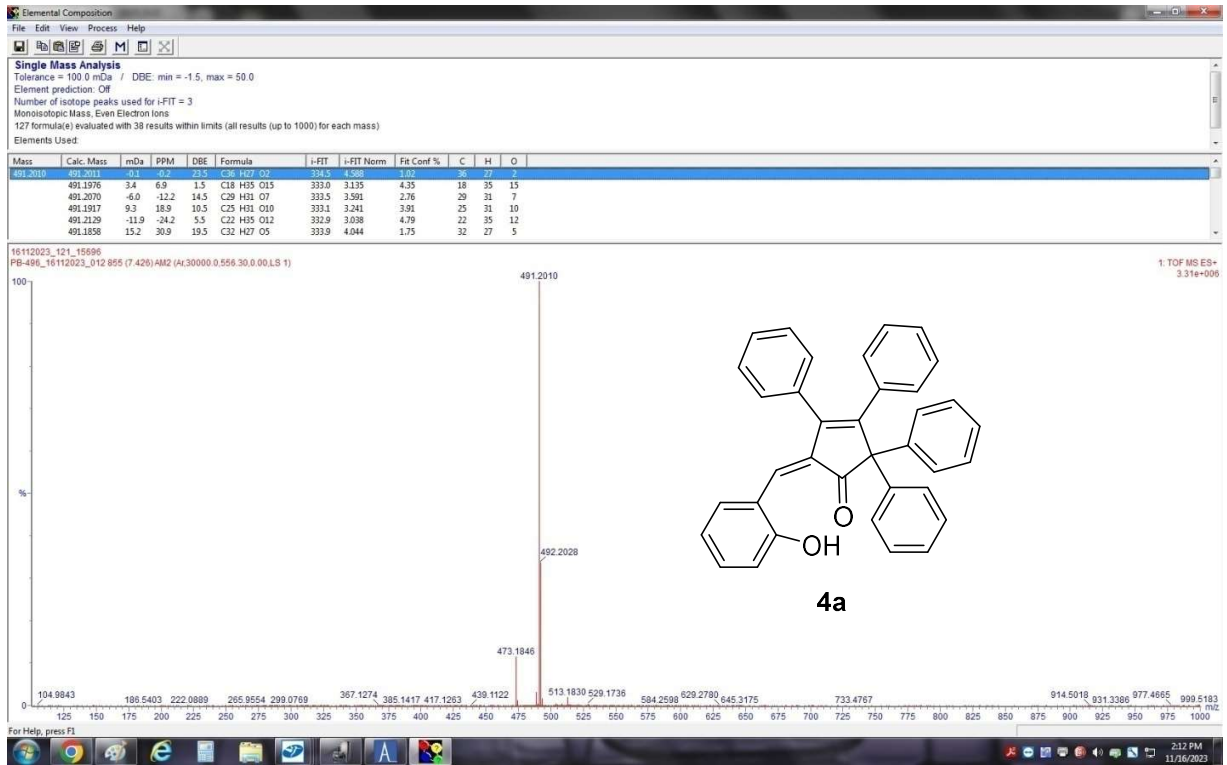
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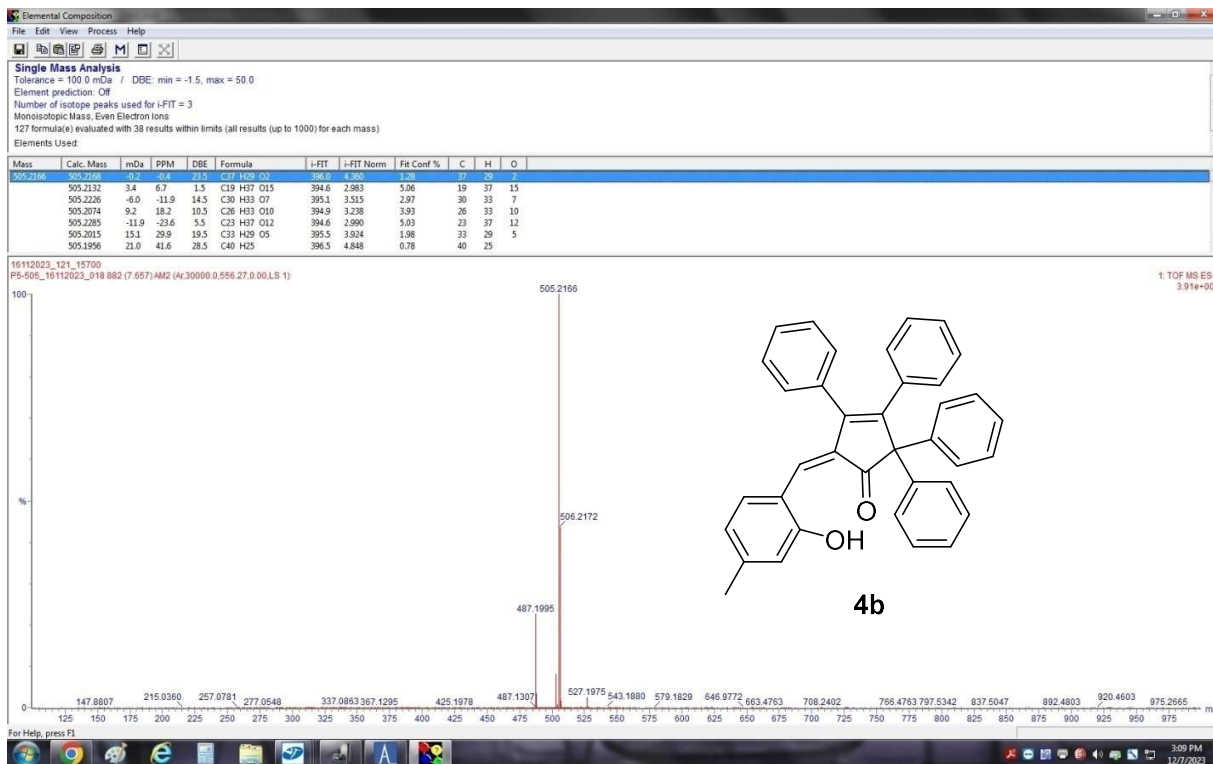
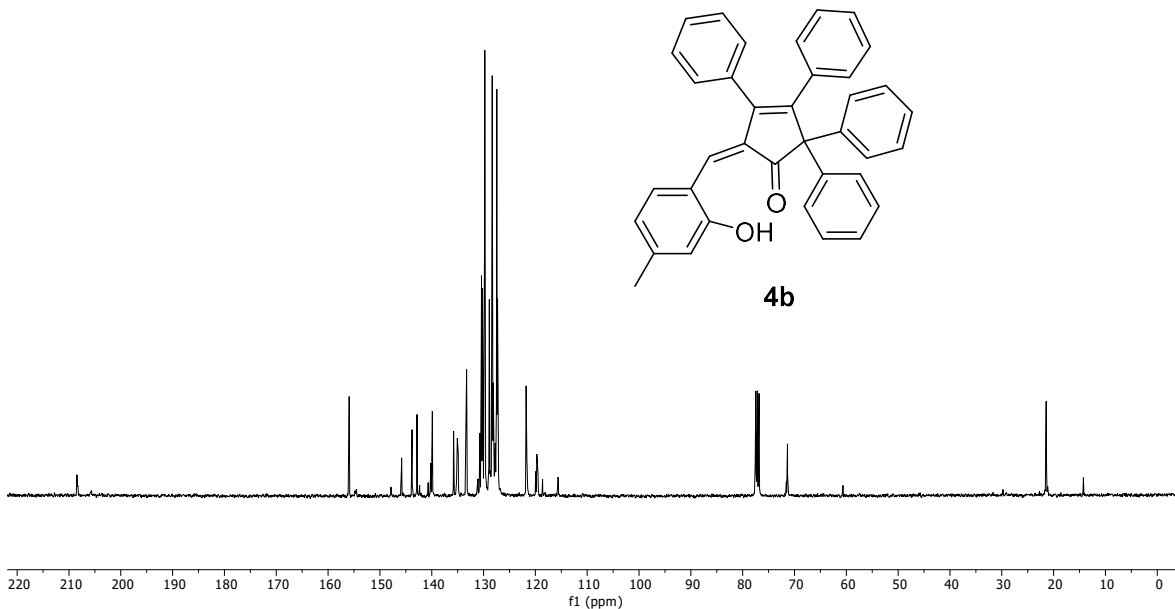




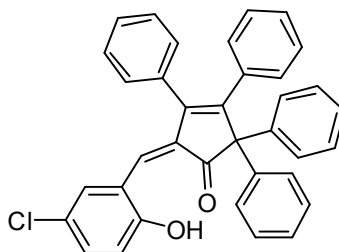
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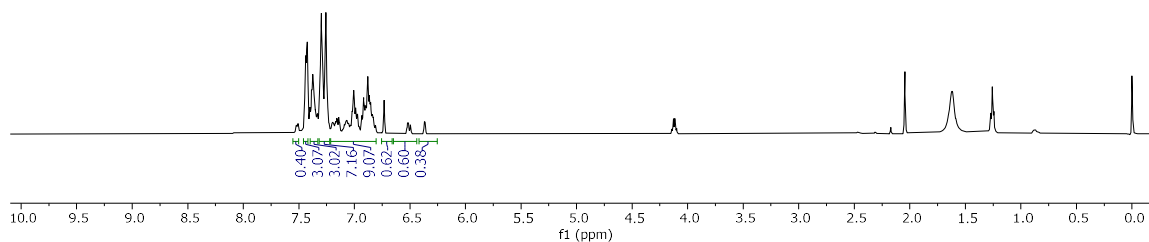
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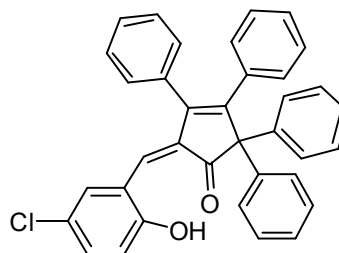


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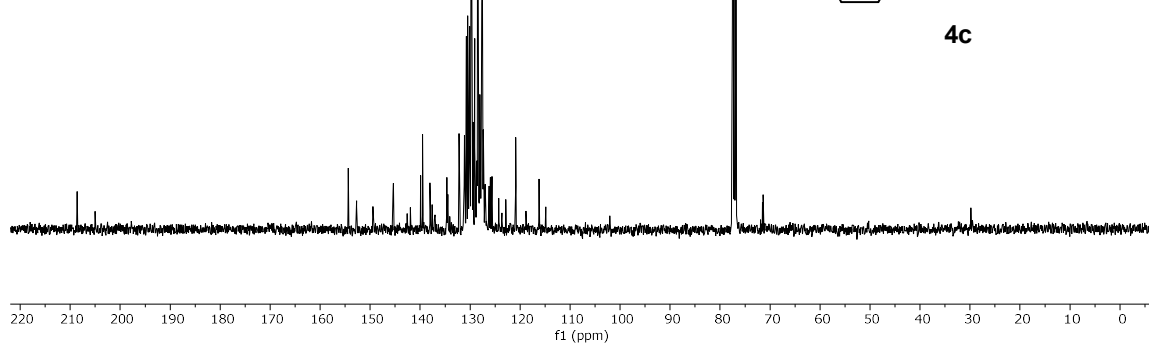


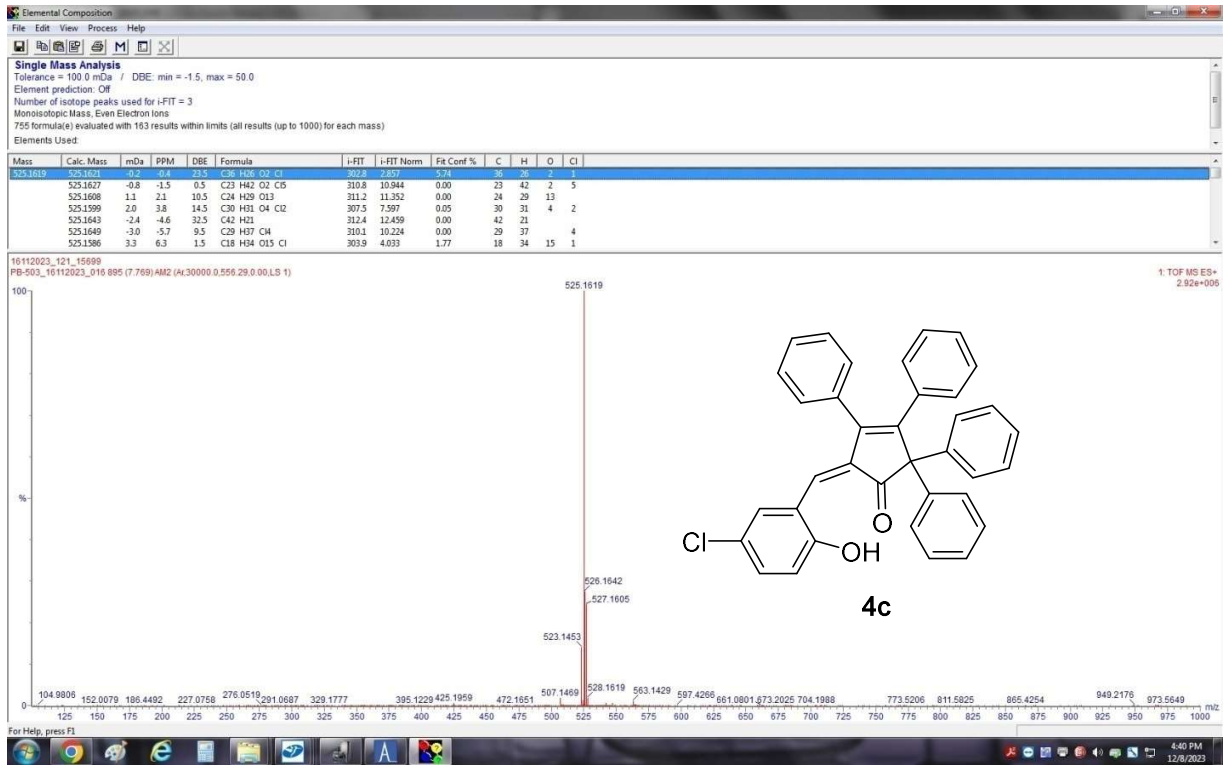
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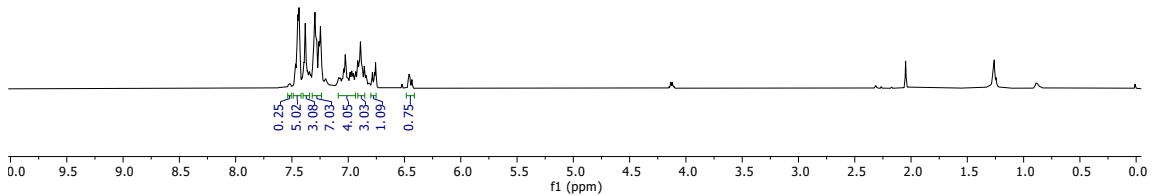
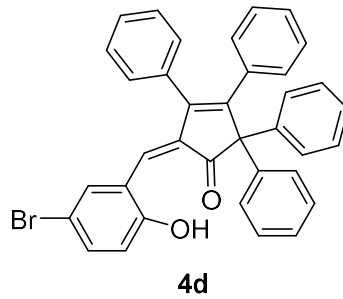
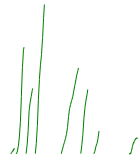
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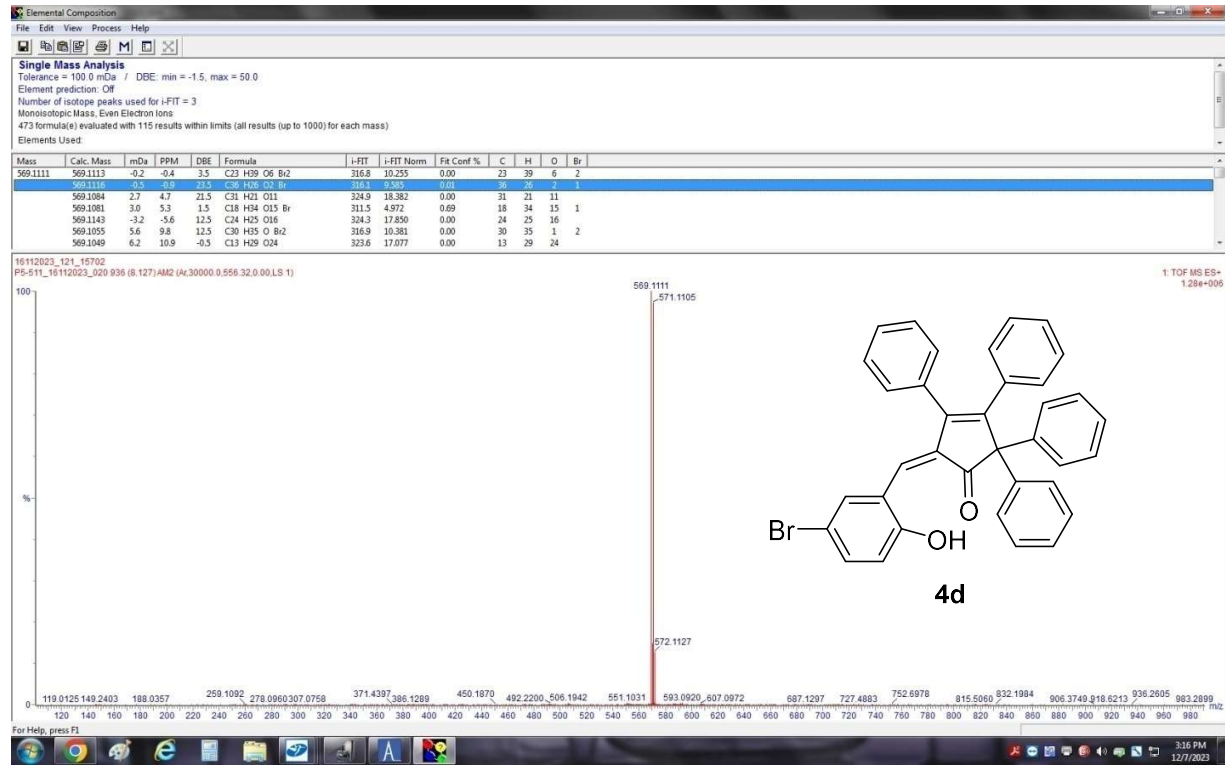
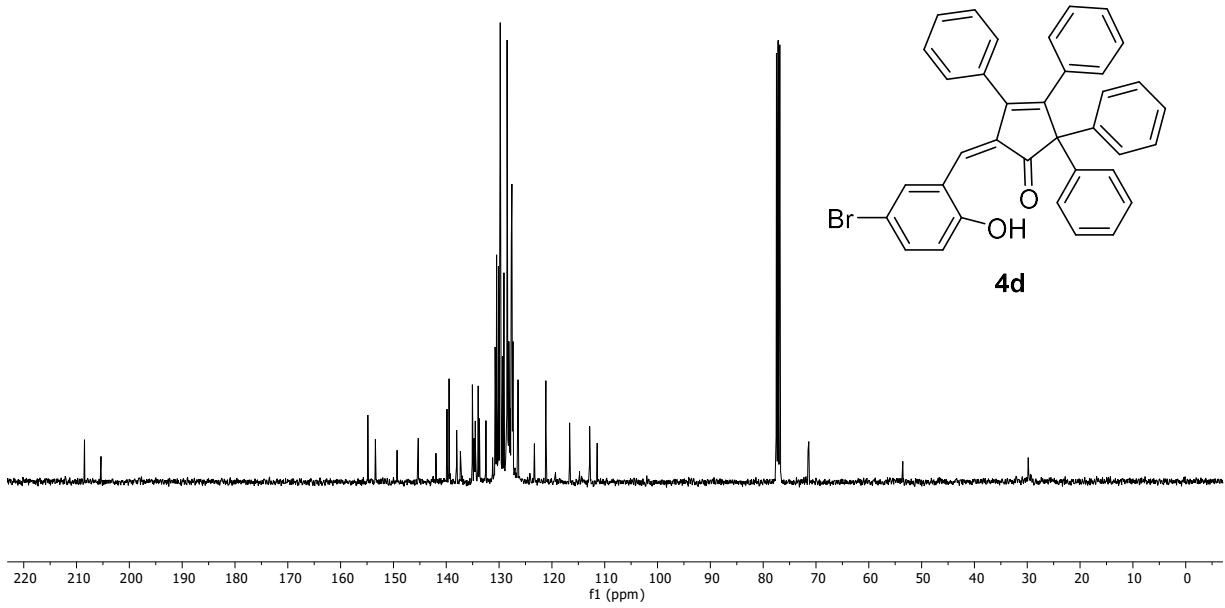
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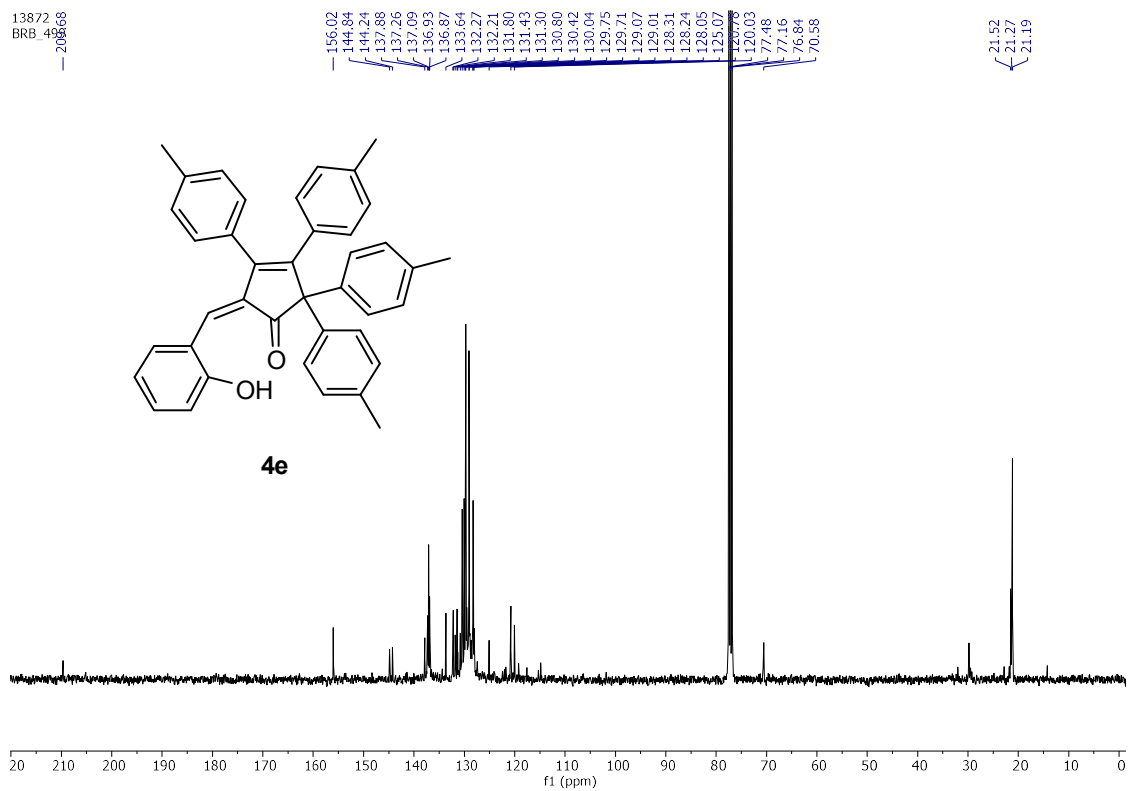
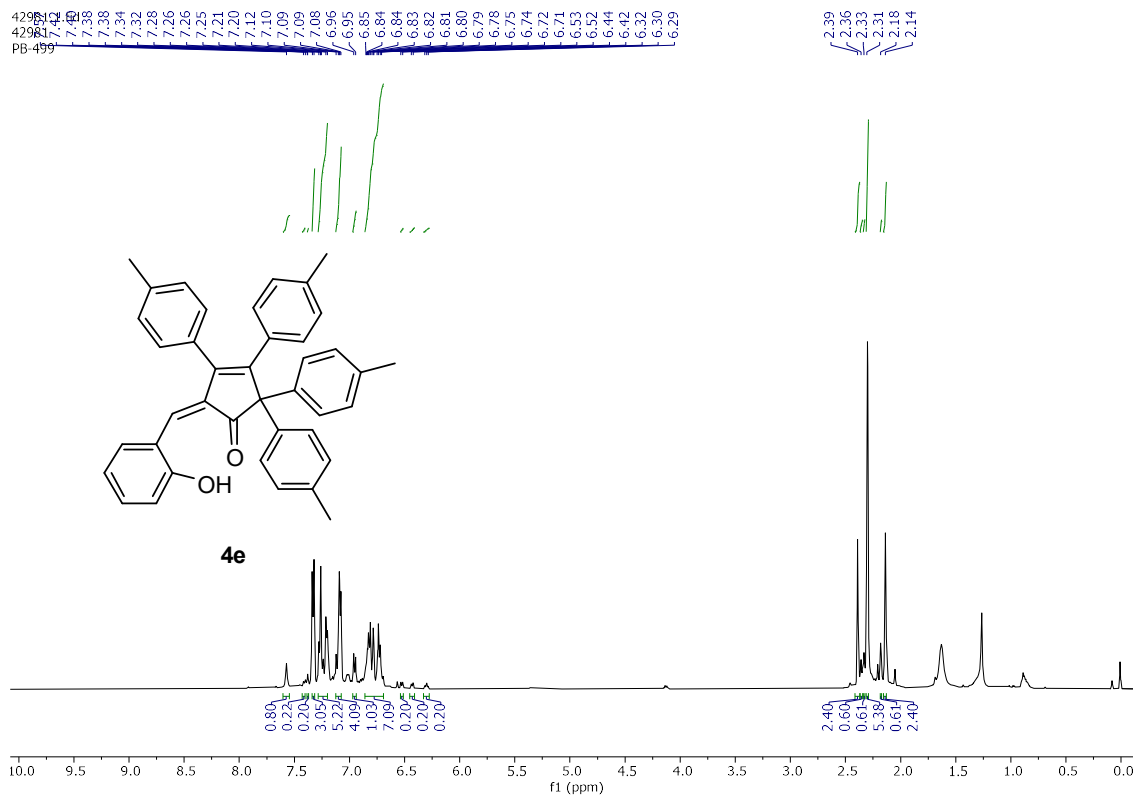
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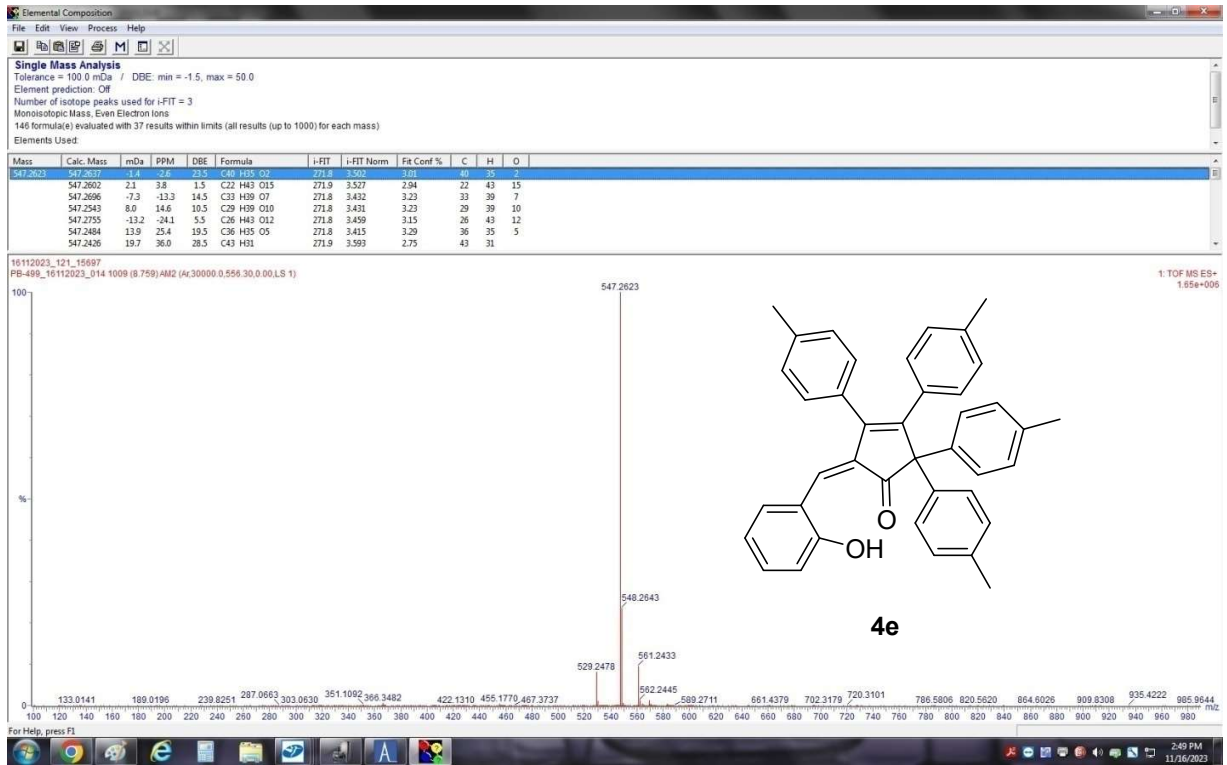


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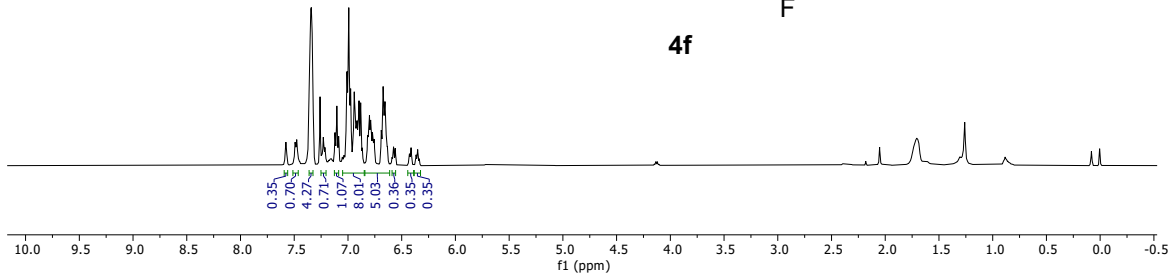
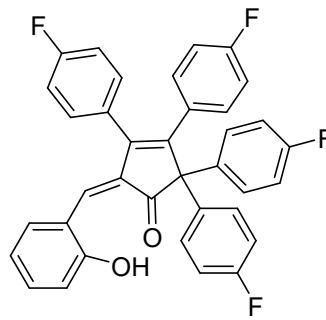
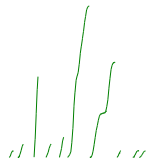




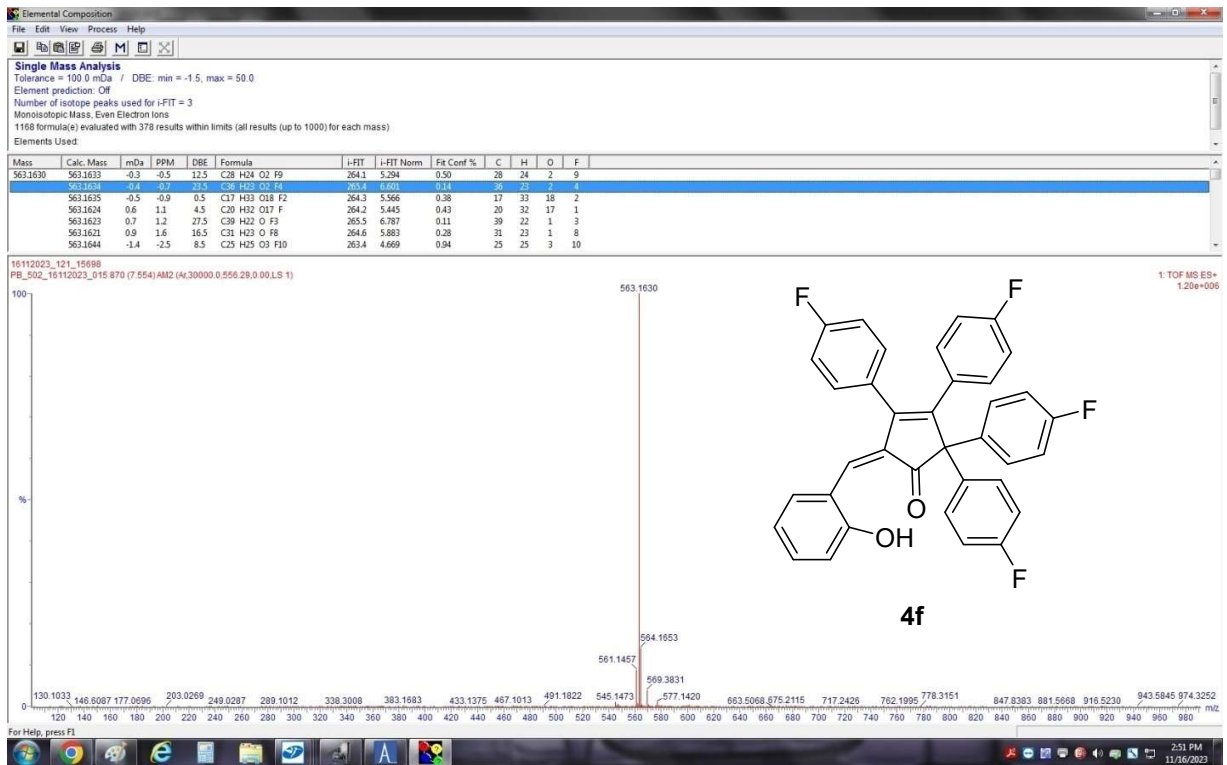
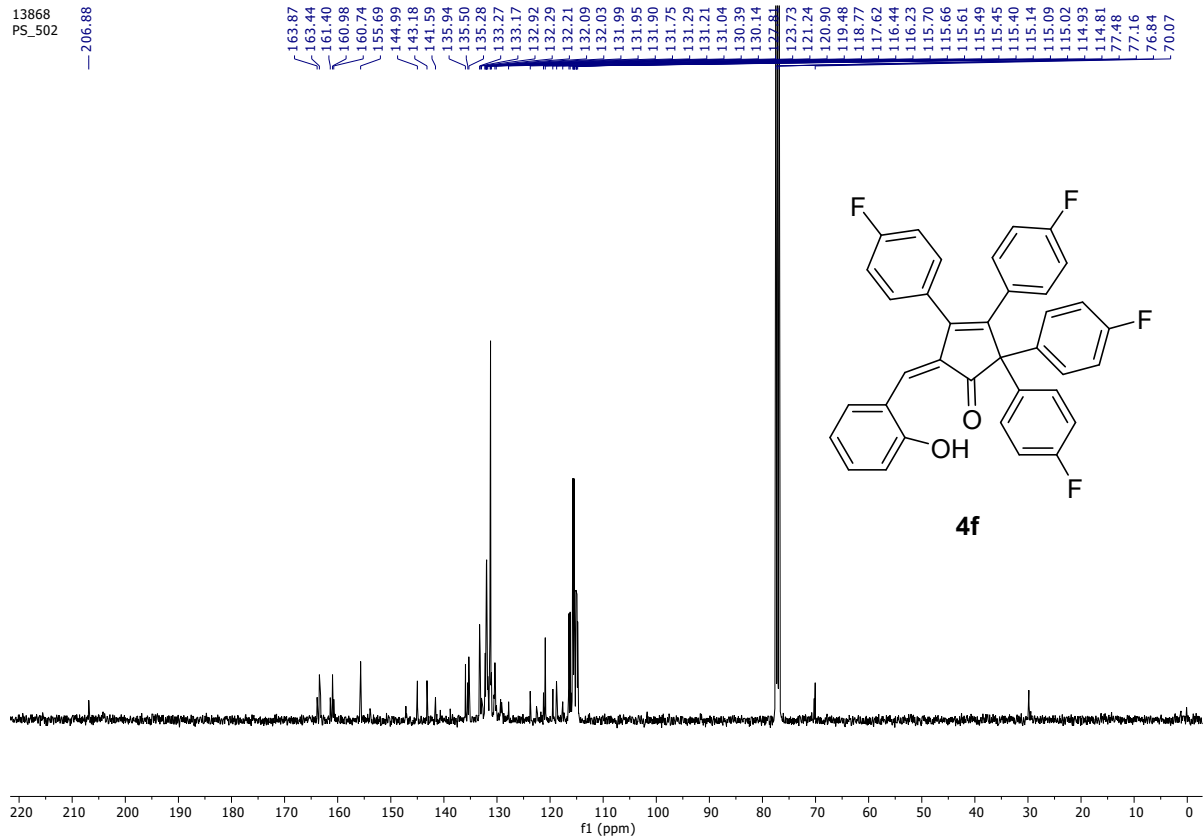


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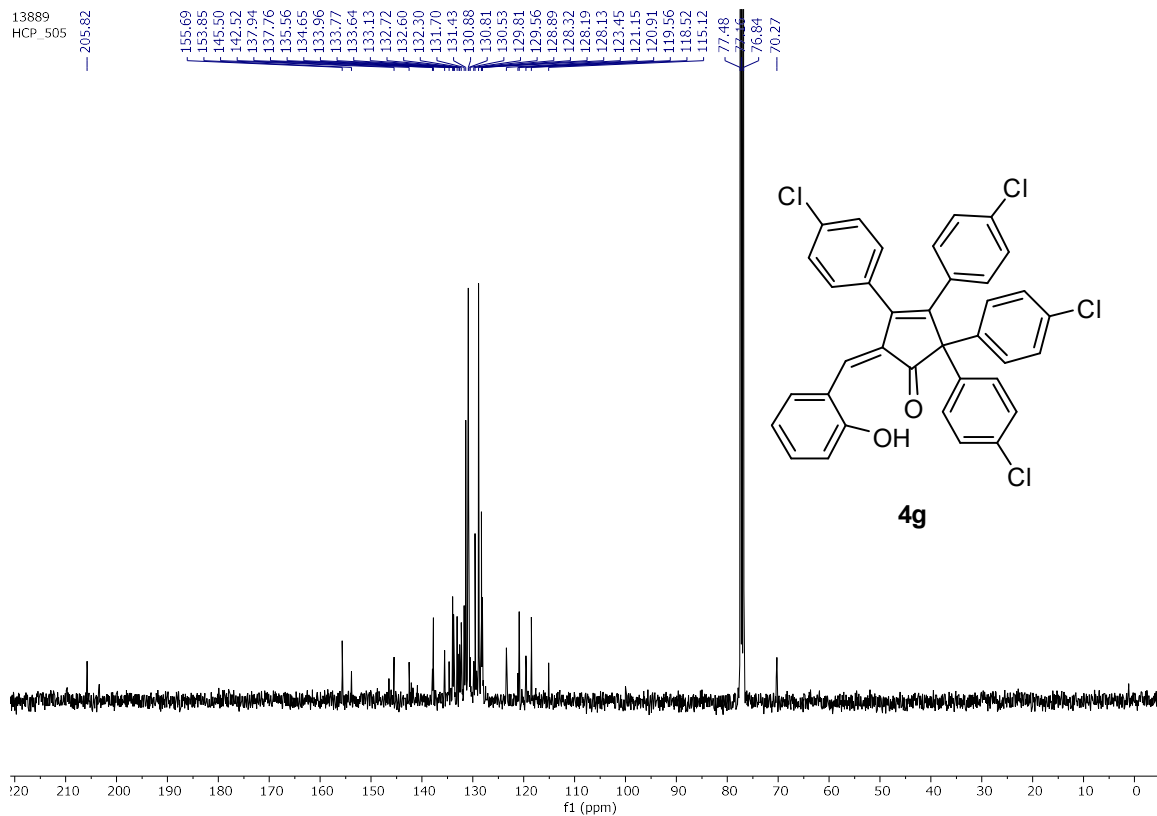
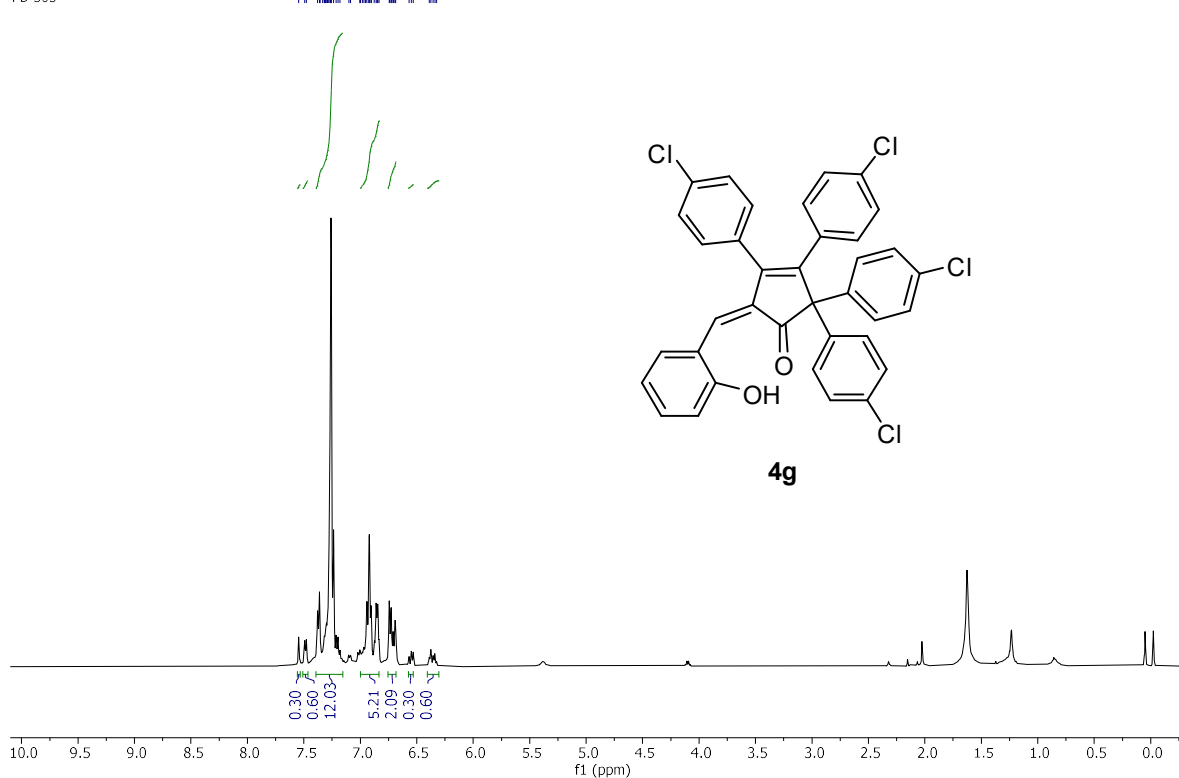
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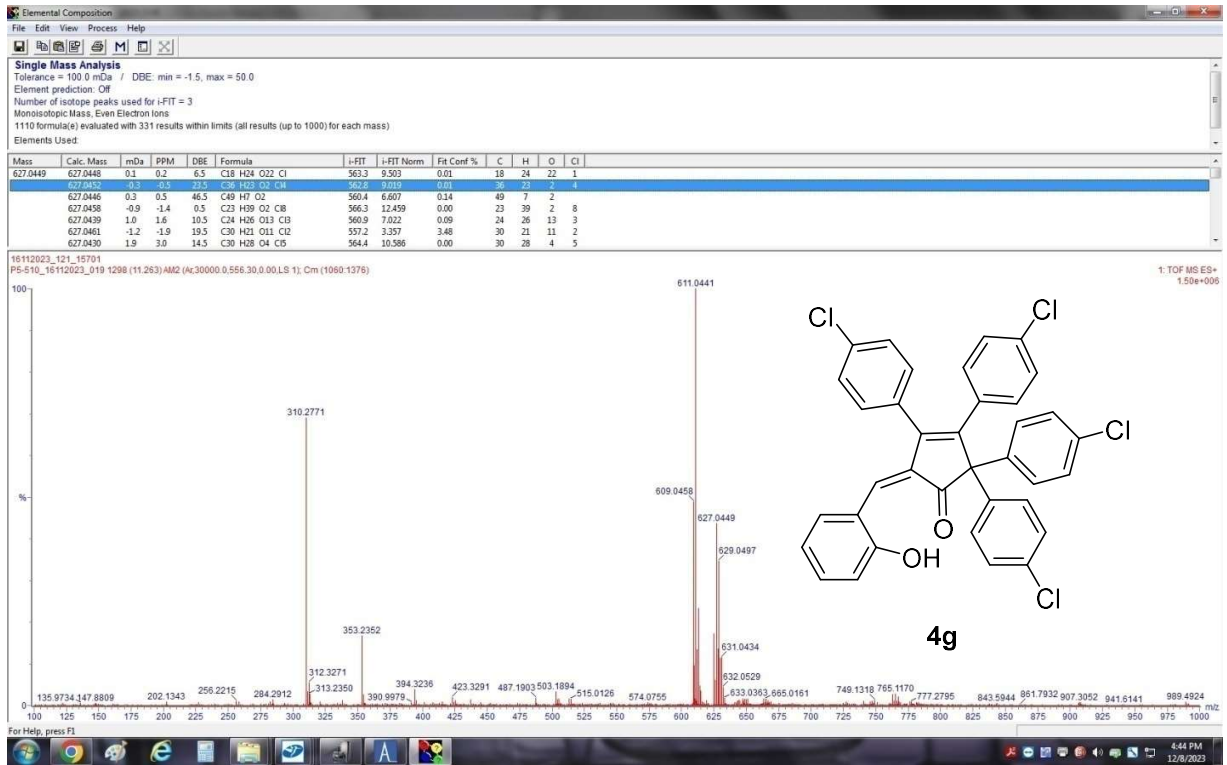


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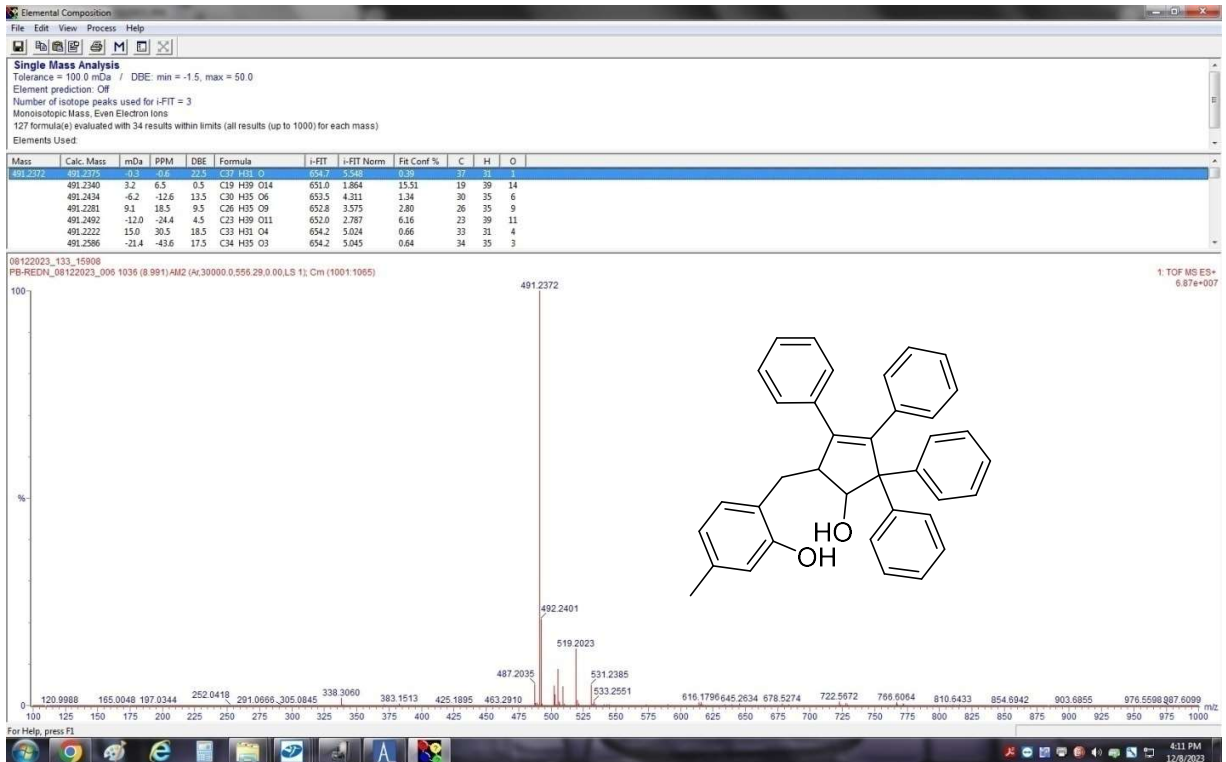
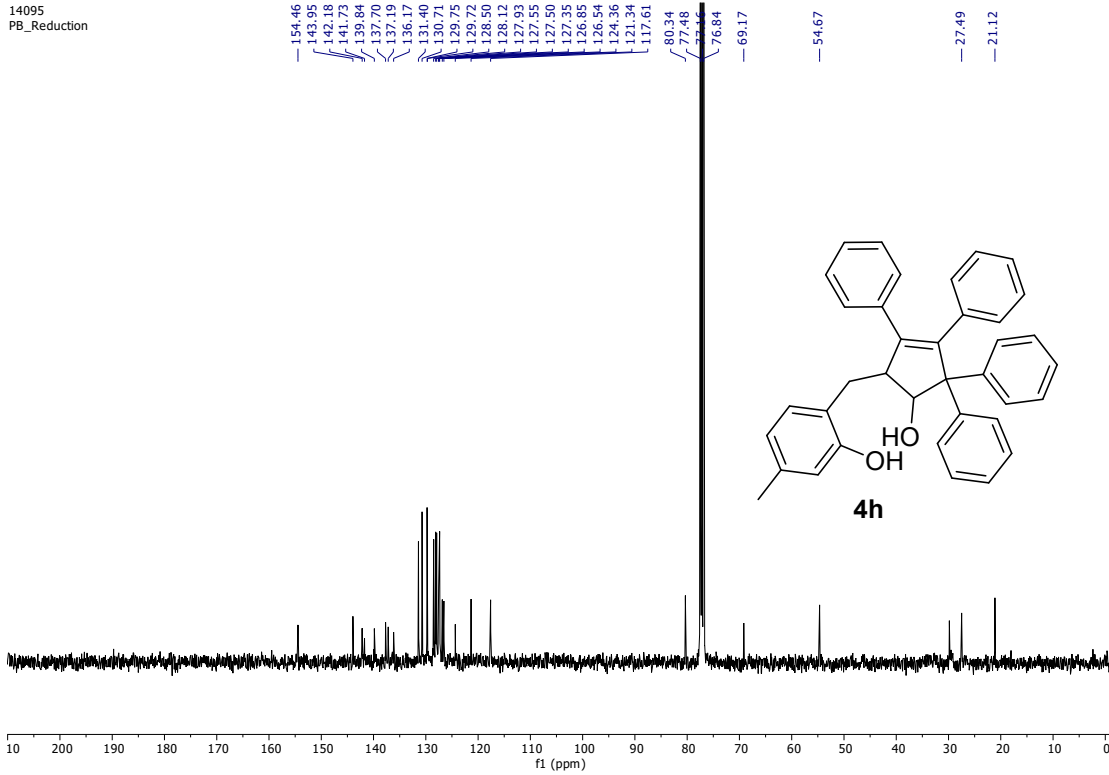
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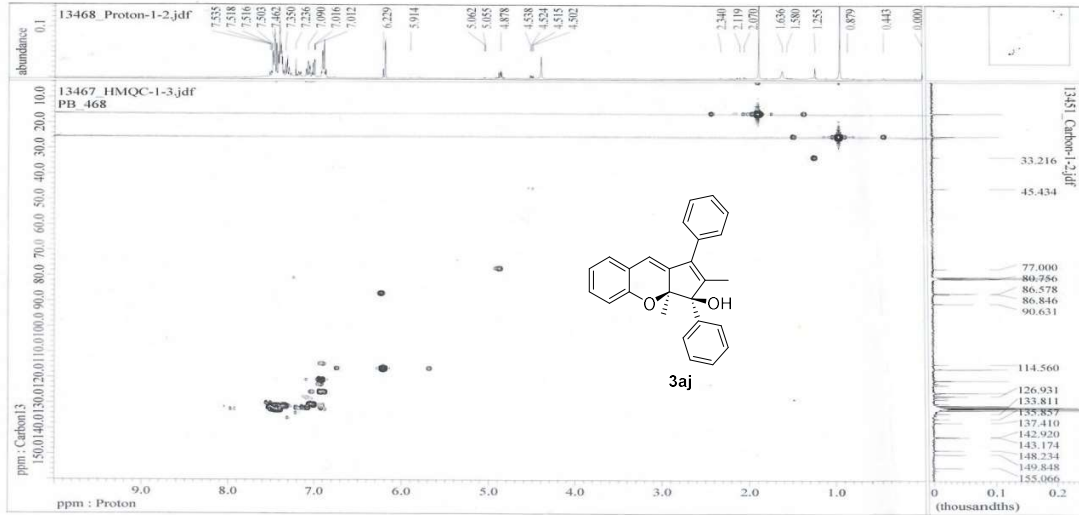
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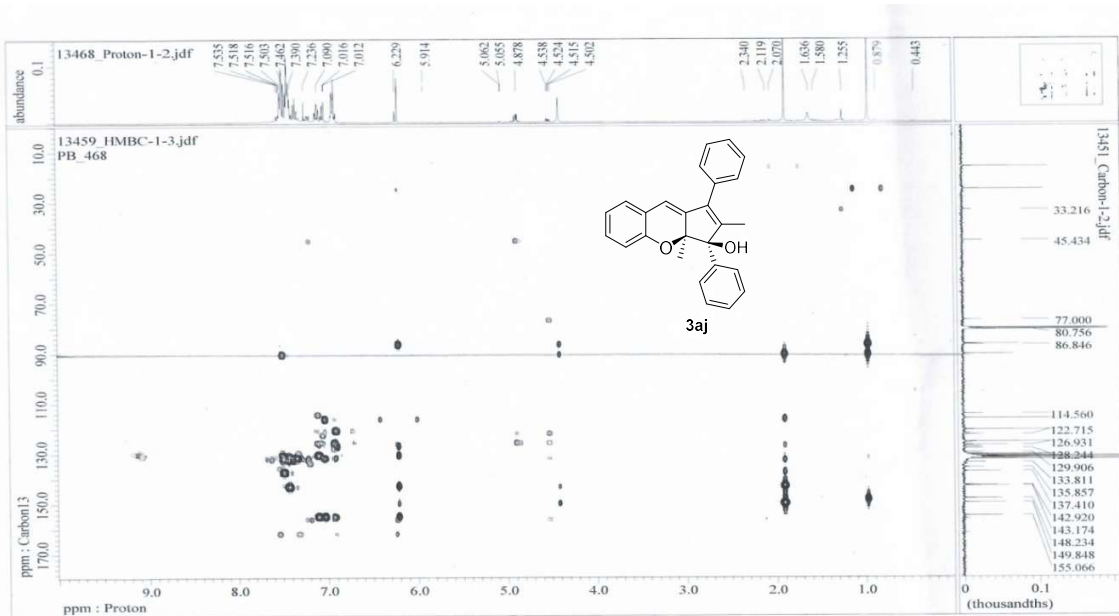


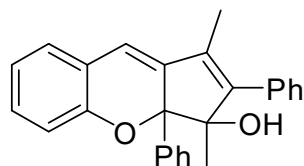
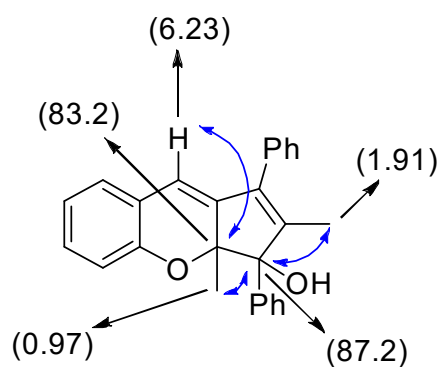
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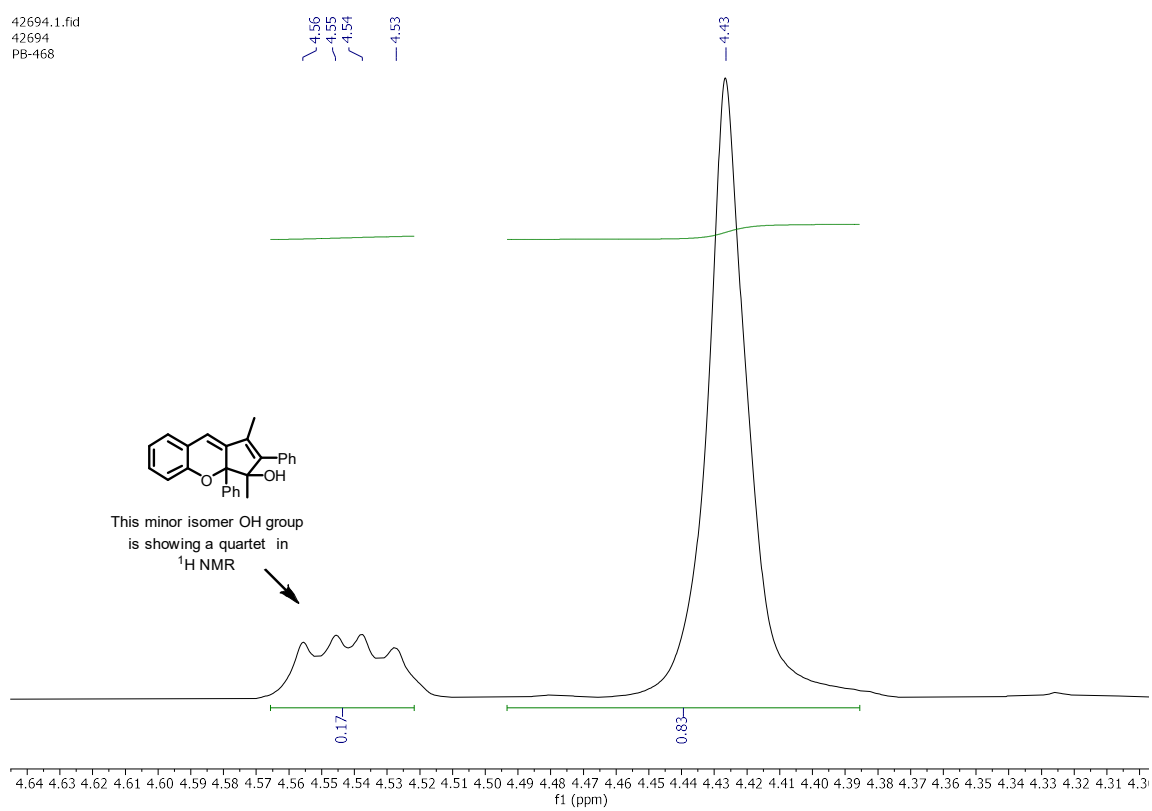
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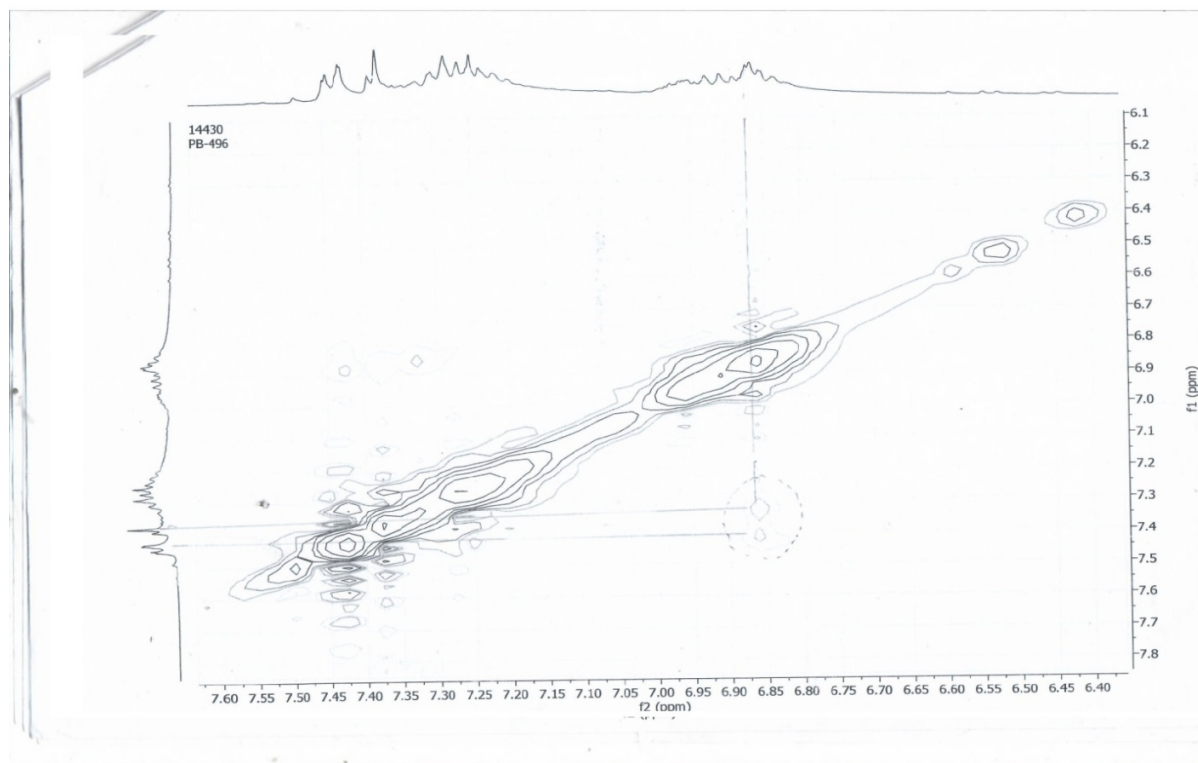
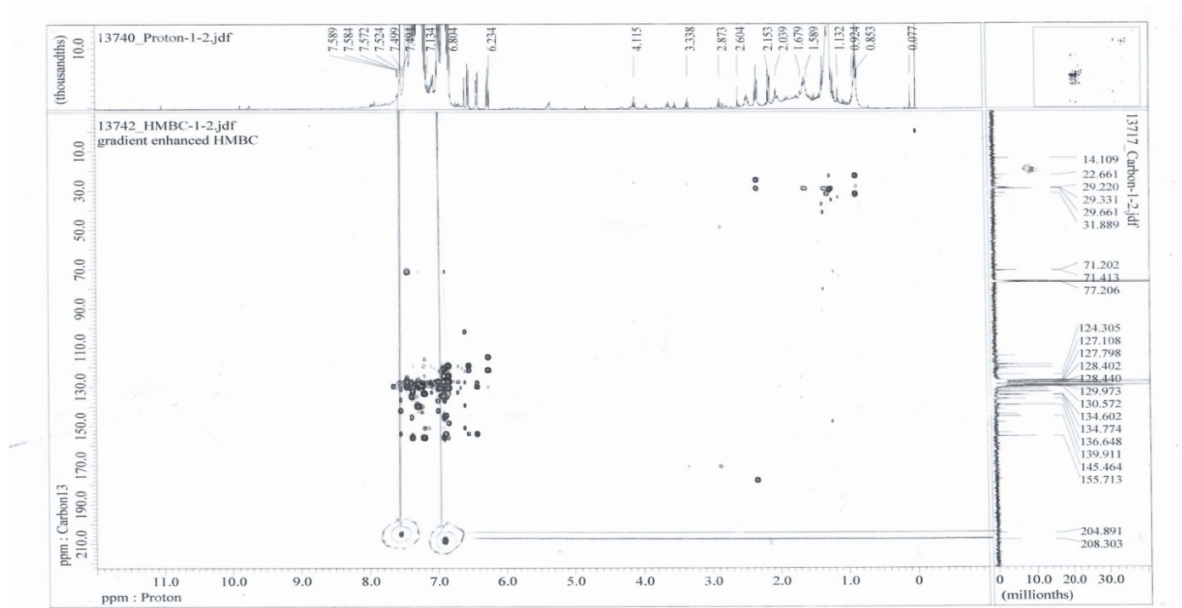
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Figure 2. Major correlations in HMBC of **3aj**



Structure determination of 4a

HMBC and NOE spectra of 4a



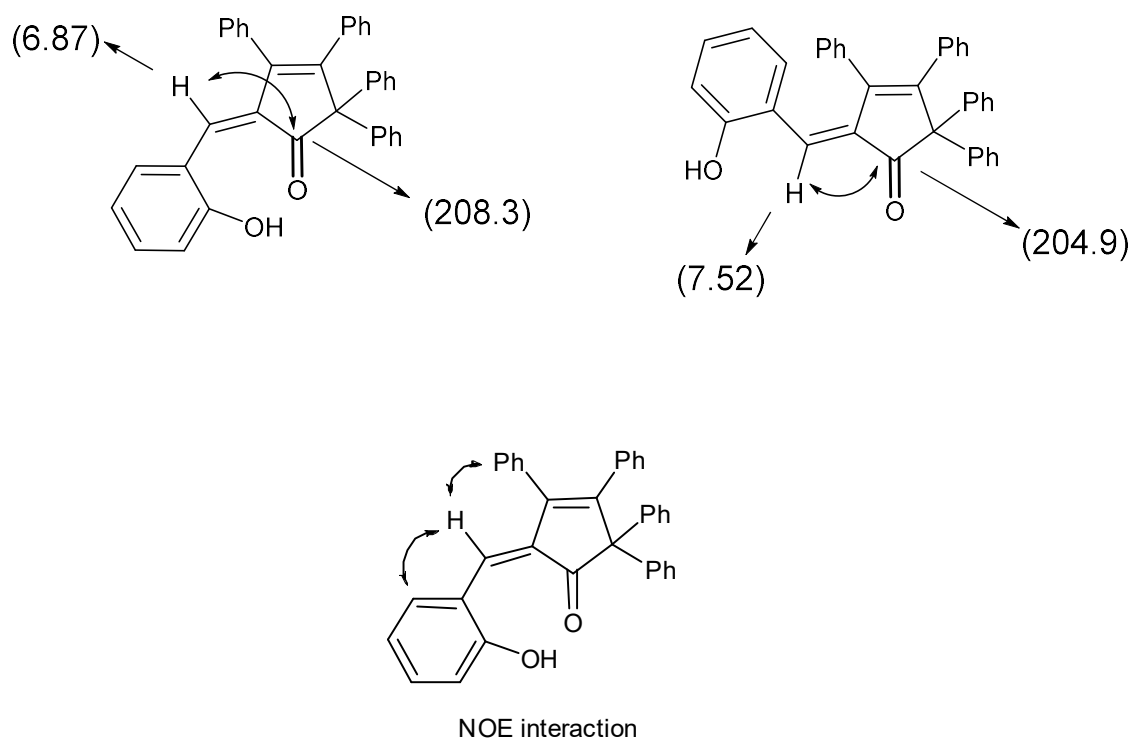
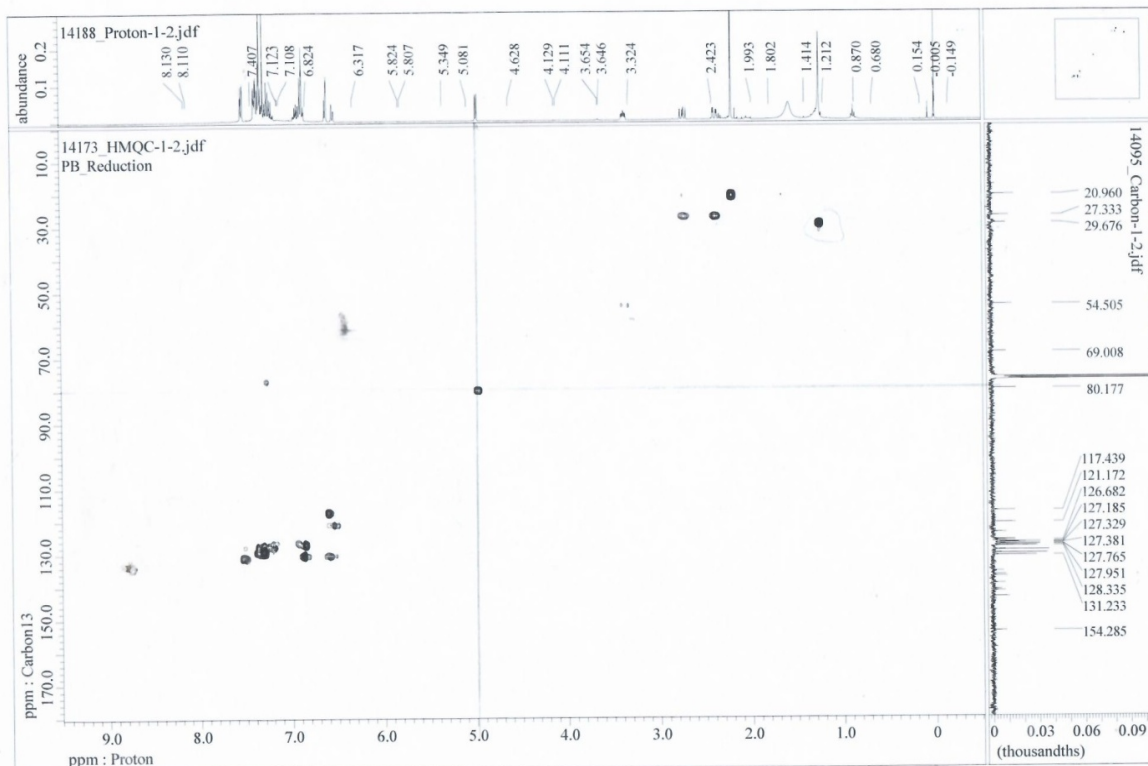
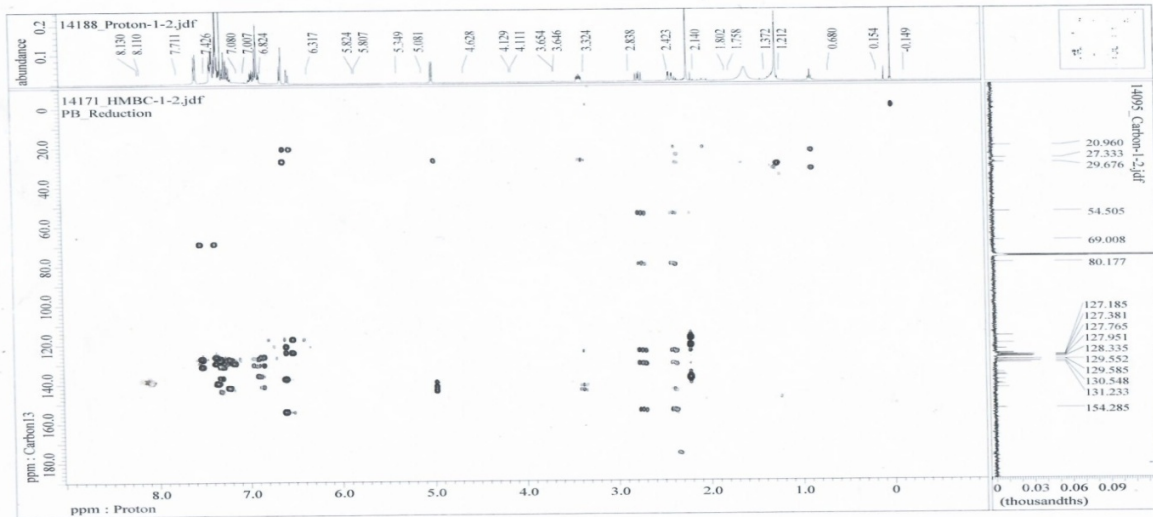


Figure 3. Major HMBC and NOE interactions of **4a**

HMBC and HMQC spectra of 4h



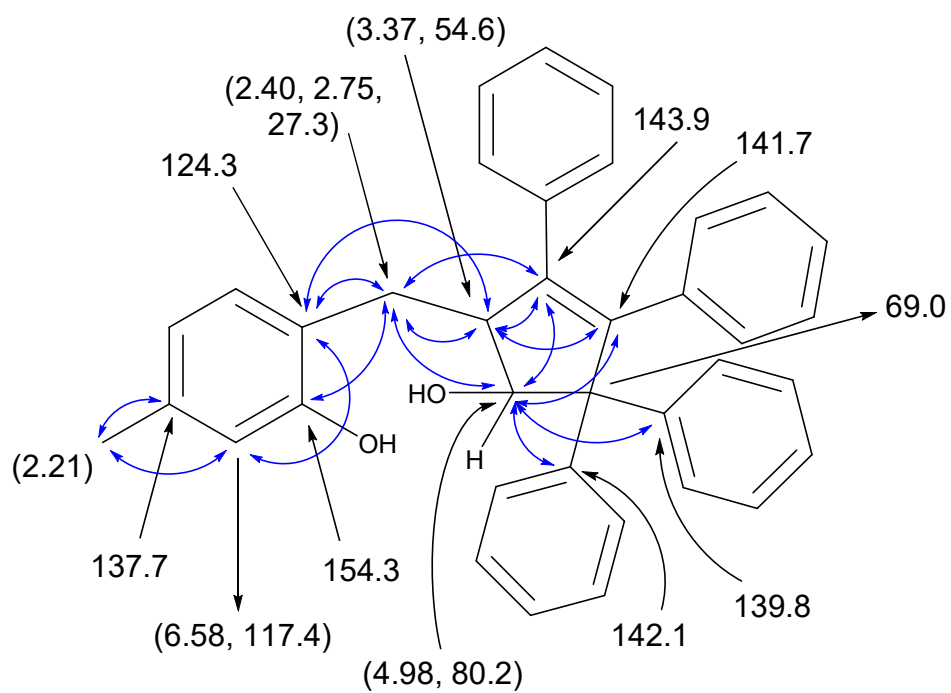


Figure 4. Significant correlations in HMBC of **4h**

