

## Supplementary Material

### Examining the Role of Molecular and Crystallographic Symmetry in Isomorphism: A Series of Centrosymmetric “Bridge-Flipped” Trifluoromethyl-Substituted *bis*-Benzylideneanilines

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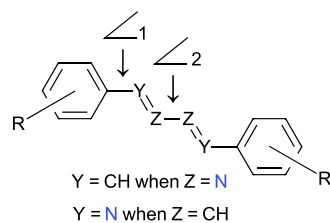
**References** for Supplementary Material

**checkCIF reports** for **2-NN**, **2-CC**, **3-NN**, **3-CC**, and **4-CC**

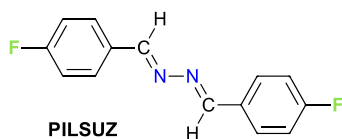
**NMR spectroscopic data** for **2-NN**, **2-CC**, **3-NN**, **3-CC**, and **4-CC** (MestReNova, version 16.0.0-39276, 2025, Mestrelab Research S. L.)

**Table S1.** Angles between least-squares planes:  
Published *hyd/gly* isomers

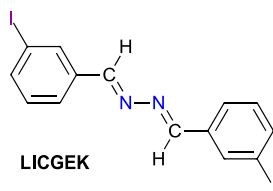
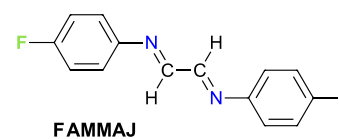
**No Isomorphous Pairs**



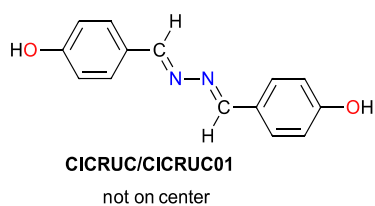
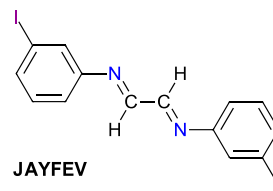
∠1 = angle (°) between ring plane and adjacent HC=N plane  
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∠3 = angle (°) between ring planes (zero for molecule on center)



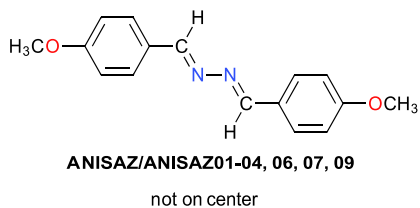
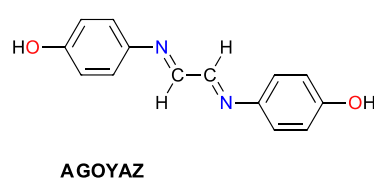
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∠2 = 0 / 0  
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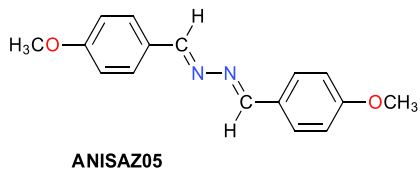
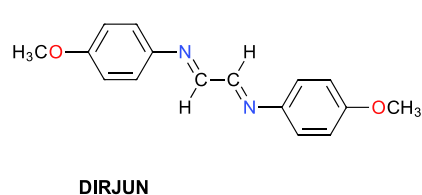
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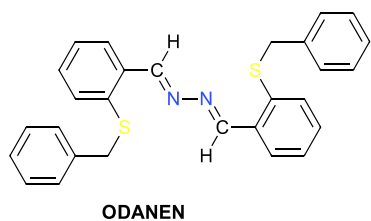
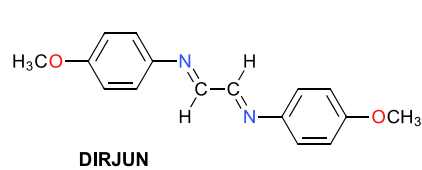
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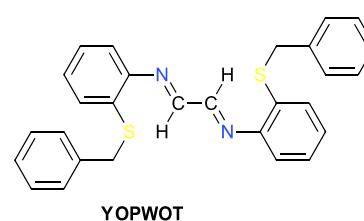
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∠2 = 4.22 / 0  
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∠3 = 0, 0 / 0

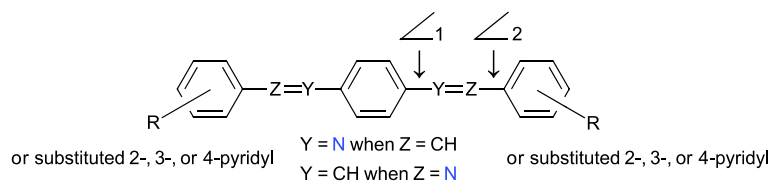


∠1 = 12.15 / 33.95  
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**Table S2.** Angles between least-squares planes:

Published *phe/ter* isomers



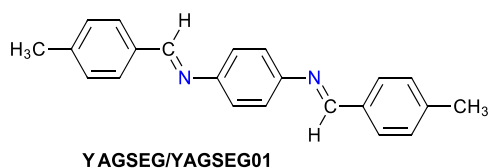
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$\angle 2$  = angle ( $^\circ$ ) between terminal ring plane and HC=N plane

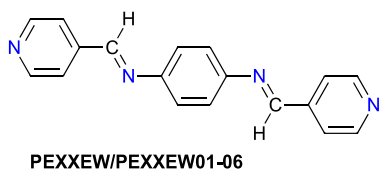
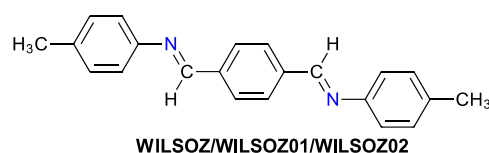
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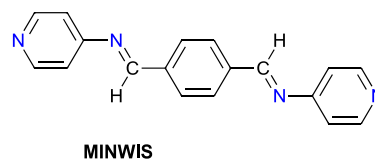
### Isomorphous Pairs



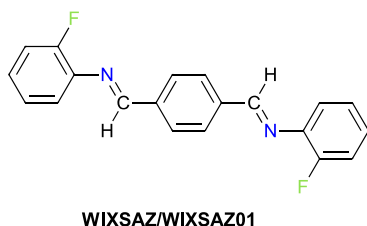
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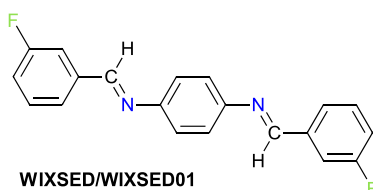
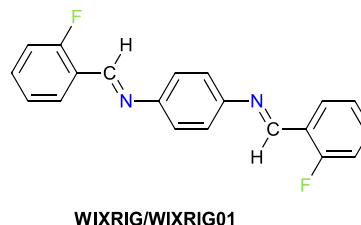
$\angle 1$  = 46.28, 48.75 / 6.36, 8.85  
 $\angle 2$  = 7.24, 9.55 / 40.26, 54.83  
 $\angle 3$  = 53.29, 58.10 / 46.62, 63.65



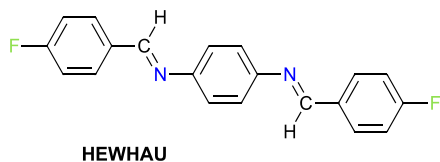
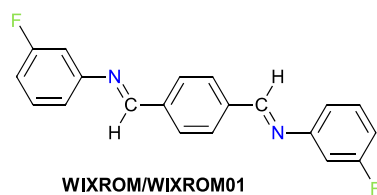
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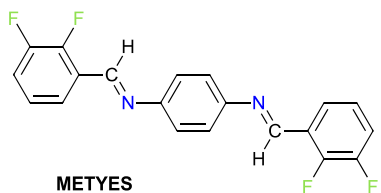
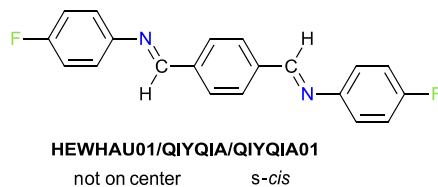
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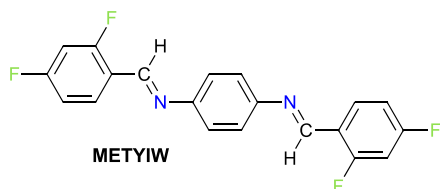
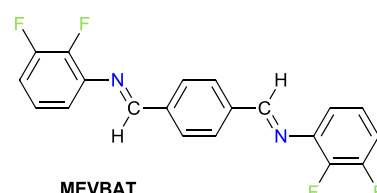
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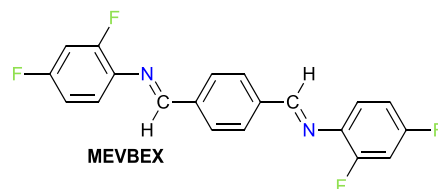
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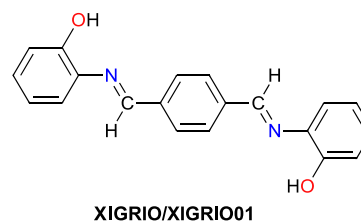
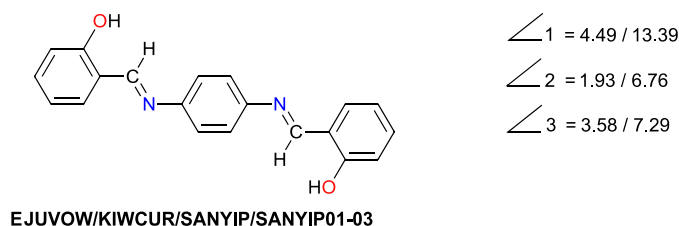
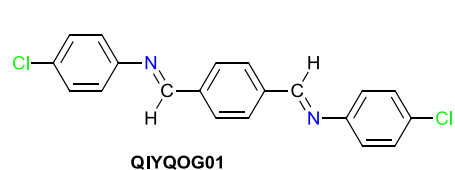
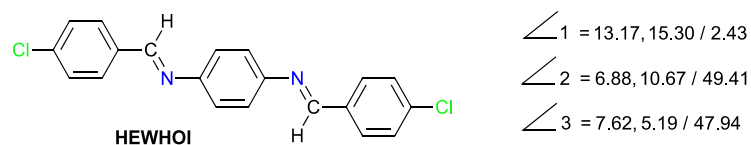
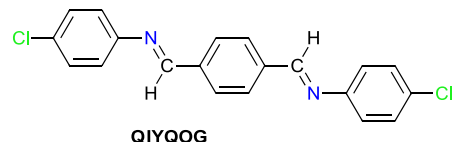
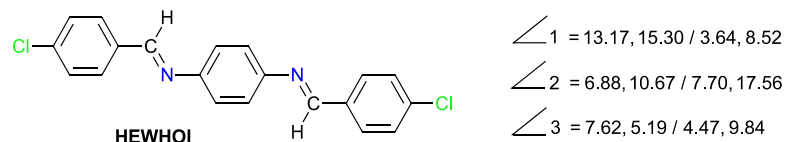
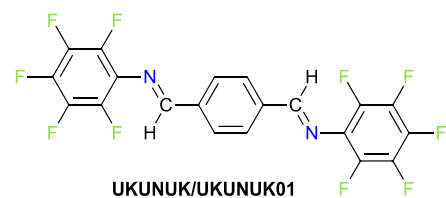
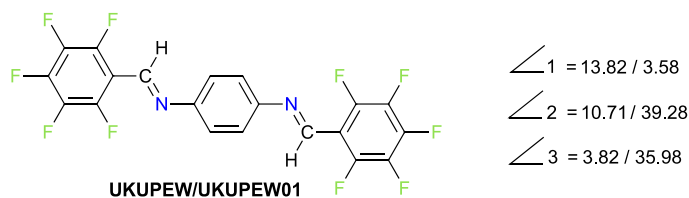
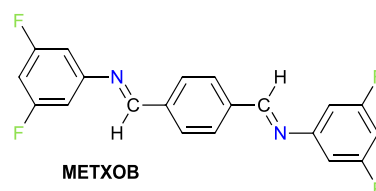
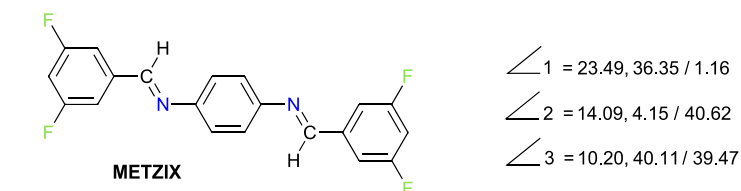
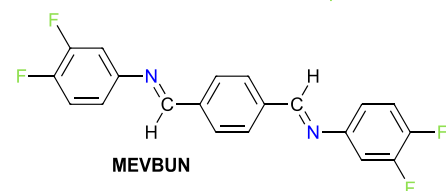
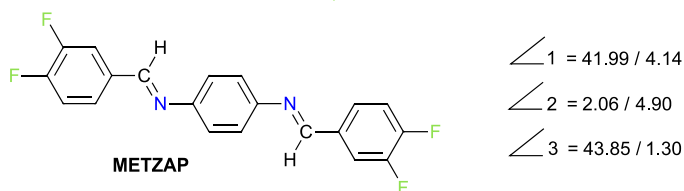
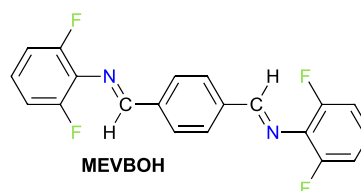
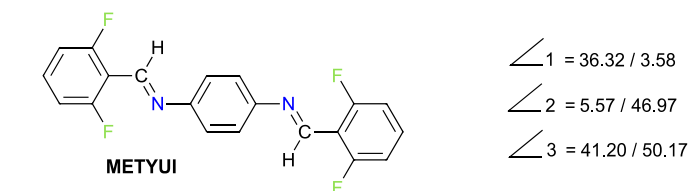
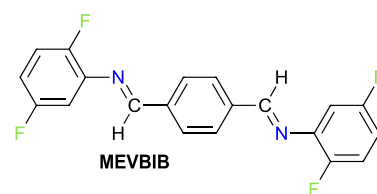
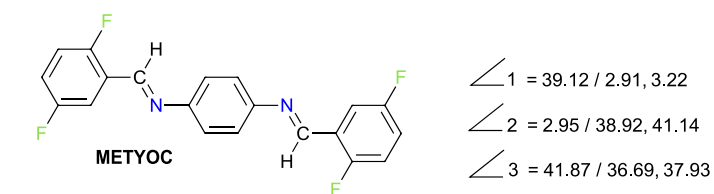
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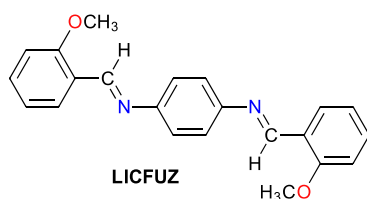
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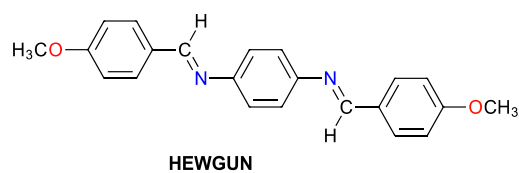
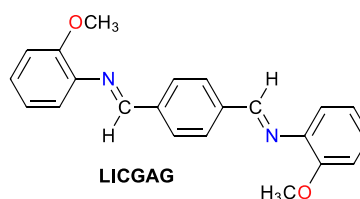
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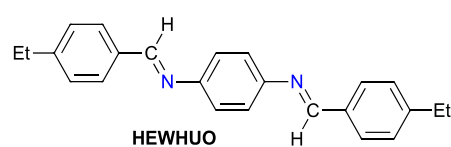
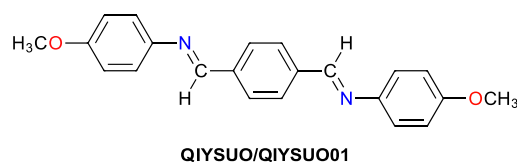


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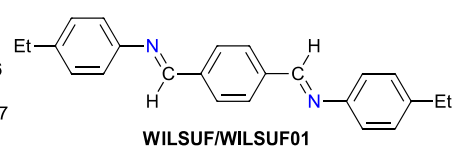
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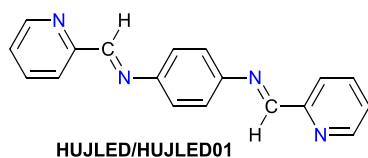


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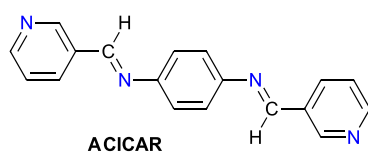
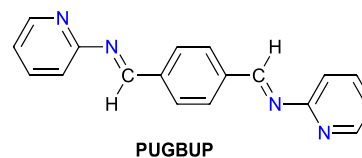
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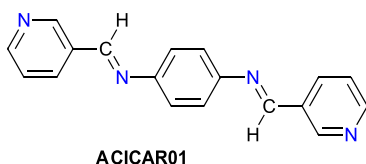
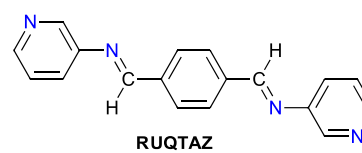


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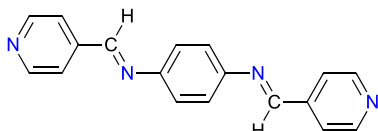
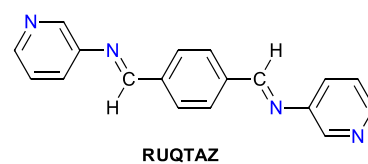


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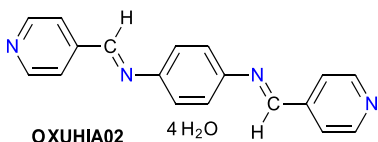
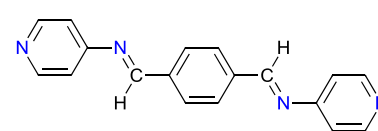
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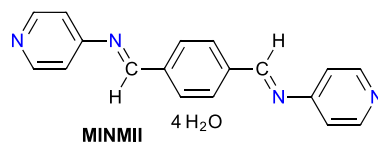
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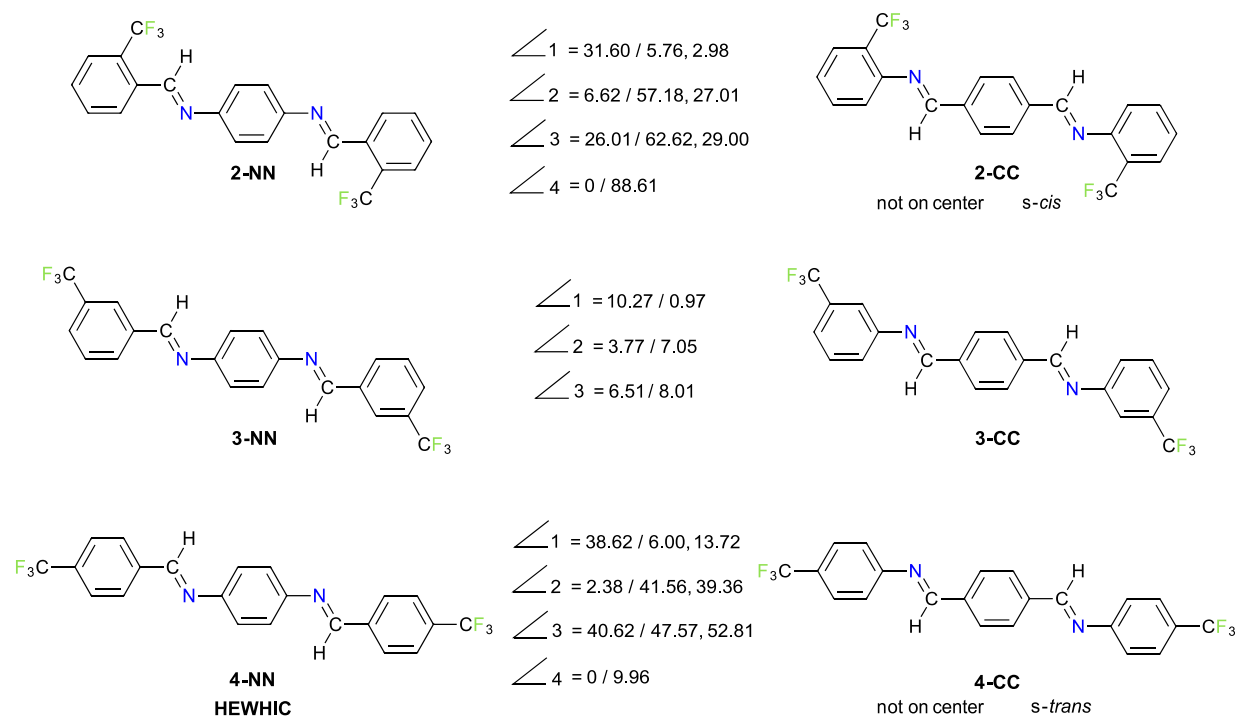


$\angle 1 = 44.23 / 3.42$   
 $\angle 2 = 8.26 / 44.89$   
 $\angle 3 = 52.49 / 41.48$



**Table S2** (continued)

*phe/ter* isomers reported in this work



**Table S3.** Intermolecular approaches involving F atoms

|              |                                  | <b>F...H (Å)</b>  | <b>C-F...H (°)</b>  | <b>F...H-C (°)</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2-NN</b>  | C11-F3...H6-C6 <sup>i</sup>      | 2.61              | 111                 | 140                |
| <b>2-CC</b>  | C22-F4...H5-C5 <sup>ii</sup>     | 2.65              | 145                 | 126                |
|              | C22-F5...H3-C3 <sup>iii</sup>    | 2.59              | 131                 | 124                |
|              |                                  | <b>F...Cg (Å)</b> | <b>C-F...Cg (°)</b> |                    |
|              | C22-F6...Cg(1) <sup>iv</sup>     | 3.4590(15)        | 144.20(10)          |                    |
| <b>3-NN</b>  | C11-F2...H4-C4 <sup>v</sup>      | 2.50              | 167                 | 171                |
|              | C11-F3...H2-C2 <sup>vi</sup>     | 2.40              | 134                 | 168                |
| <b>3-CC</b>  | C11-F1...H10-C10 <sup>vi</sup>   | 2.52              | 170                 | 155                |
|              | C11-F2...H4-C4 <sup>v</sup>      | 2.56              | 162                 | 157                |
|              | C11-F3...H2-C2 <sup>vi</sup>     | 2.62              | 130                 | 155                |
| <b>4-NN*</b> | C1-F1...H8-C8 <sup>vii</sup>     | 2.56              | 169                 | 163                |
|              | C1-F1'...H6-C6 <sup>viii</sup>   | 2.52              | 150                 | 118                |
|              | C1-F2...H7-C7 <sup>ix</sup>      | 2.49              | 169                 | 161                |
|              |                                  | <b>F...F (Å)</b>  | <b>C-F...F (°)</b>  | <b>F...F-C (°)</b> |
|              | C1-F3...F3-C1 <sup>x</sup>       | 2.800(3)          | 164.5(2)            | 164.5(2)           |
|              |                                  | <b>F...Cg (Å)</b> | <b>C-F...Cg (°)</b> |                    |
|              | C1-F3'...Cg(2) <sup>xi</sup>     | 3.033(19)         | 141.9(13)           |                    |
|              |                                  | <b>F...F (Å)</b>  | <b>C-F...F (°)</b>  | <b>F...F-C (°)</b> |
| <b>4-CC*</b> | C21-F3...F4'-C22' <sup>xii</sup> | 2.867(11)         | 100.2(3)            | 99.8(7)            |
|              | C22-F4...H5-C5 <sup>xiii</sup>   | 2.42              | 120                 | 144                |
|              | C22-F5...H16-C16 <sup>xiv</sup>  | 2.59              | 113                 | 132                |
|              |                                  | <b>F...Cg (Å)</b> | <b>C-F...Cg (°)</b> |                    |
|              | C22'-F5'...Cg(3) <sup>xv</sup>   | 3.422(13)         | 143.3(6)            |                    |

\*disordered CF<sub>3</sub> groups

Cg(1) = centroid of C1-C2-C3-C4-C5-C6

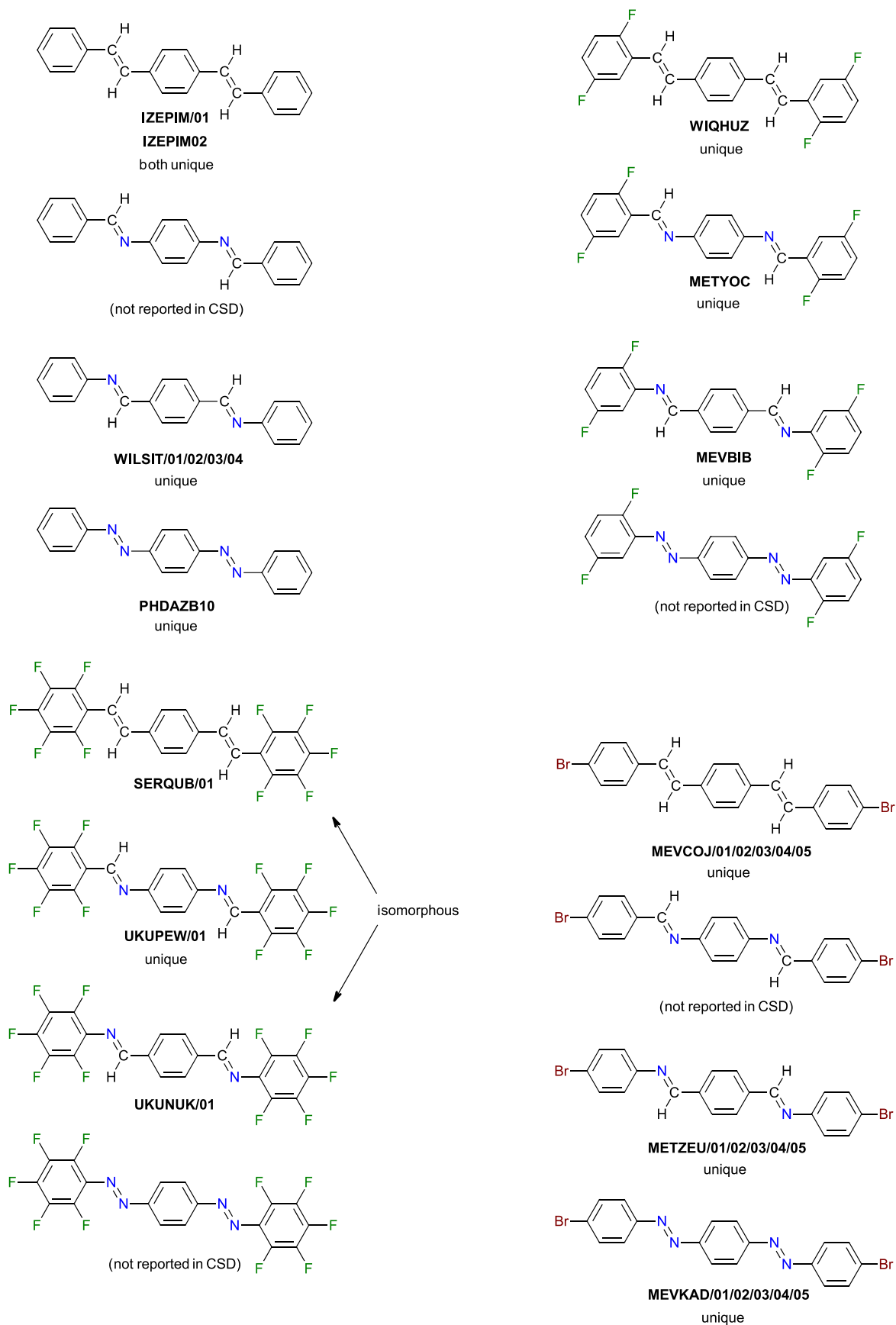
Cg(2) = centroid of C2-C3-C4-C5-C6-C7

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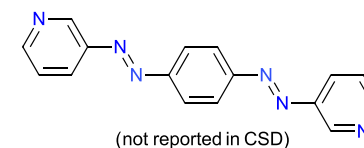
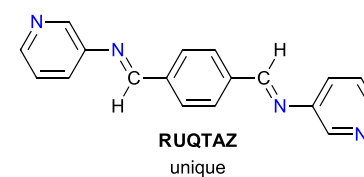
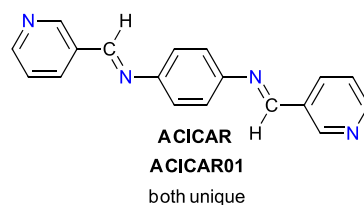
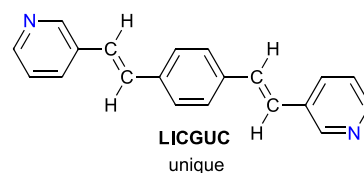
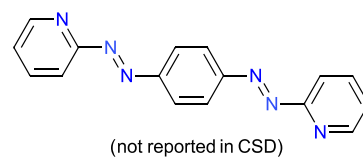
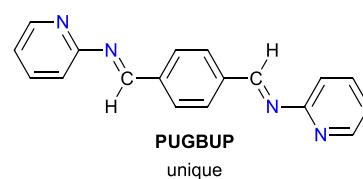
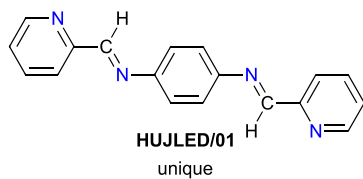
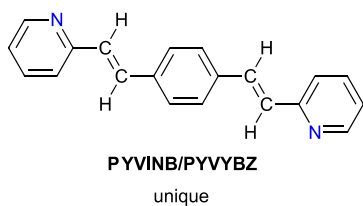
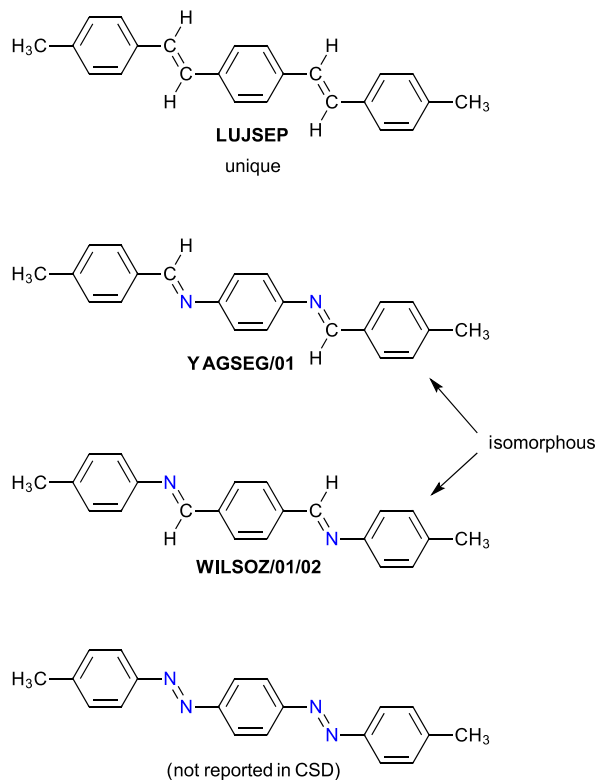
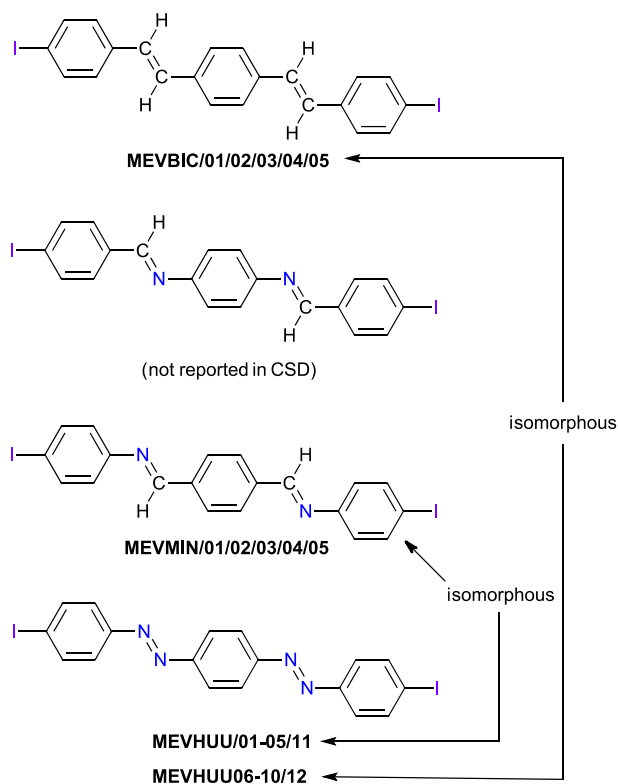
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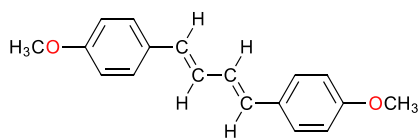
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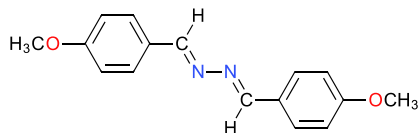


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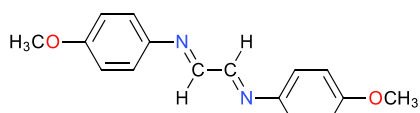
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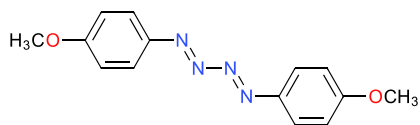
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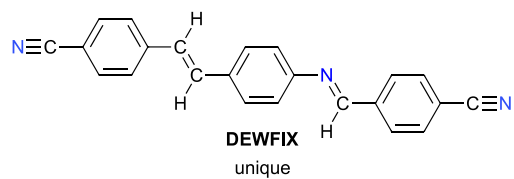
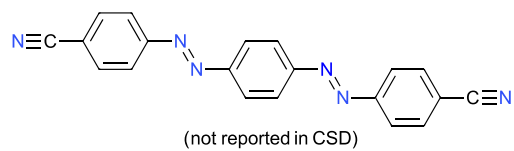
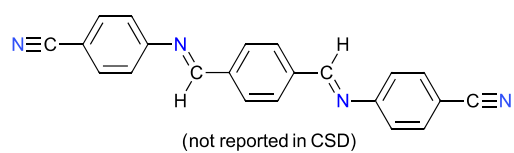
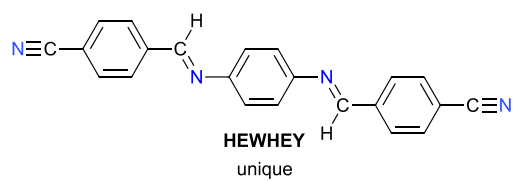
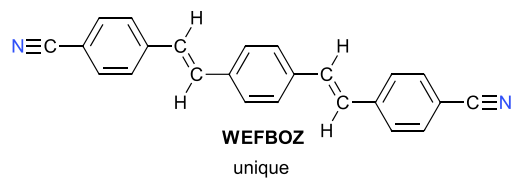
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**Table S6. Series with one unsymmetrical spacer**



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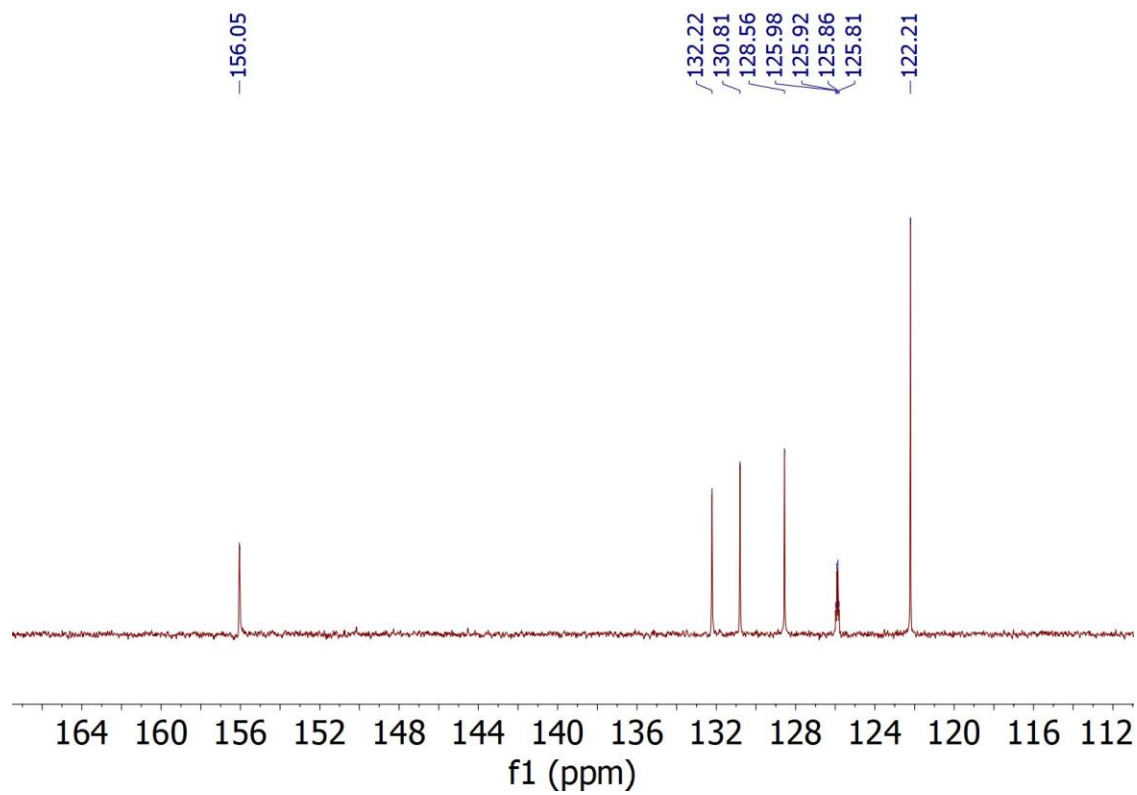
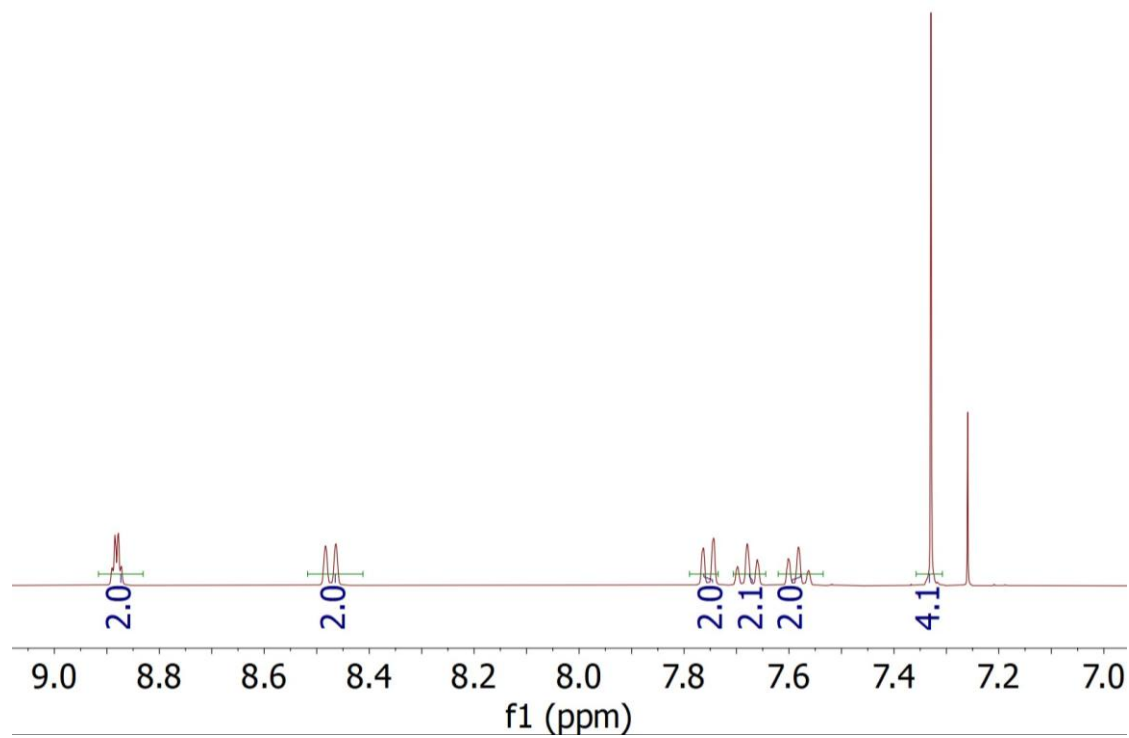
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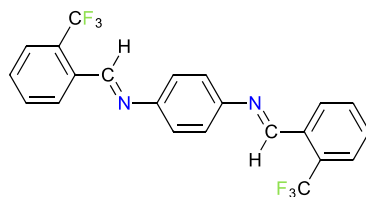
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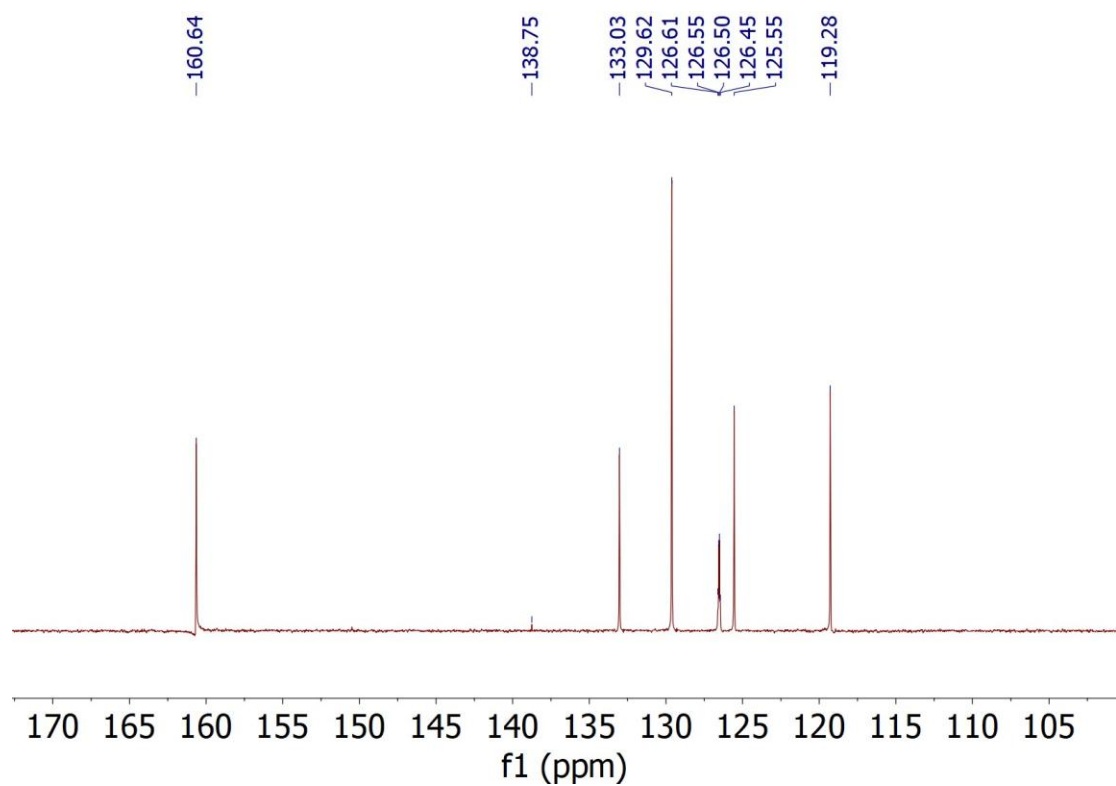
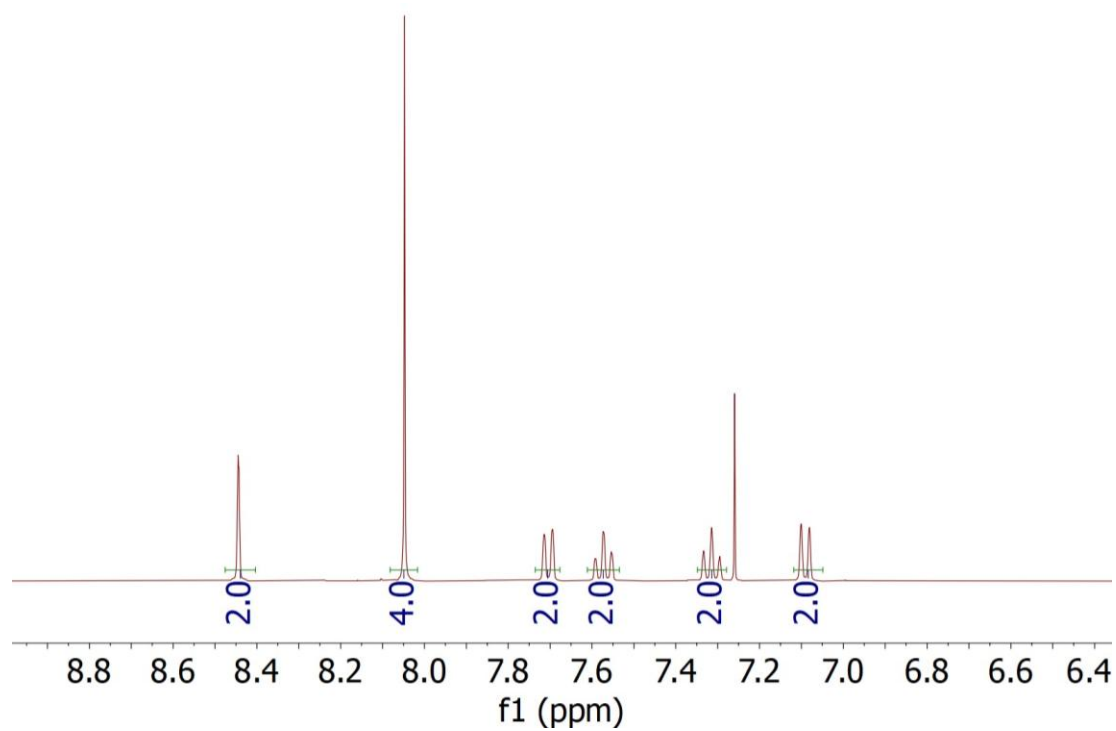
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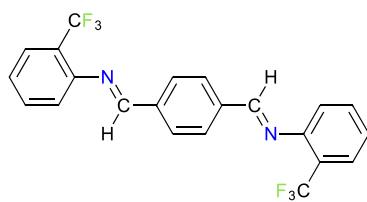


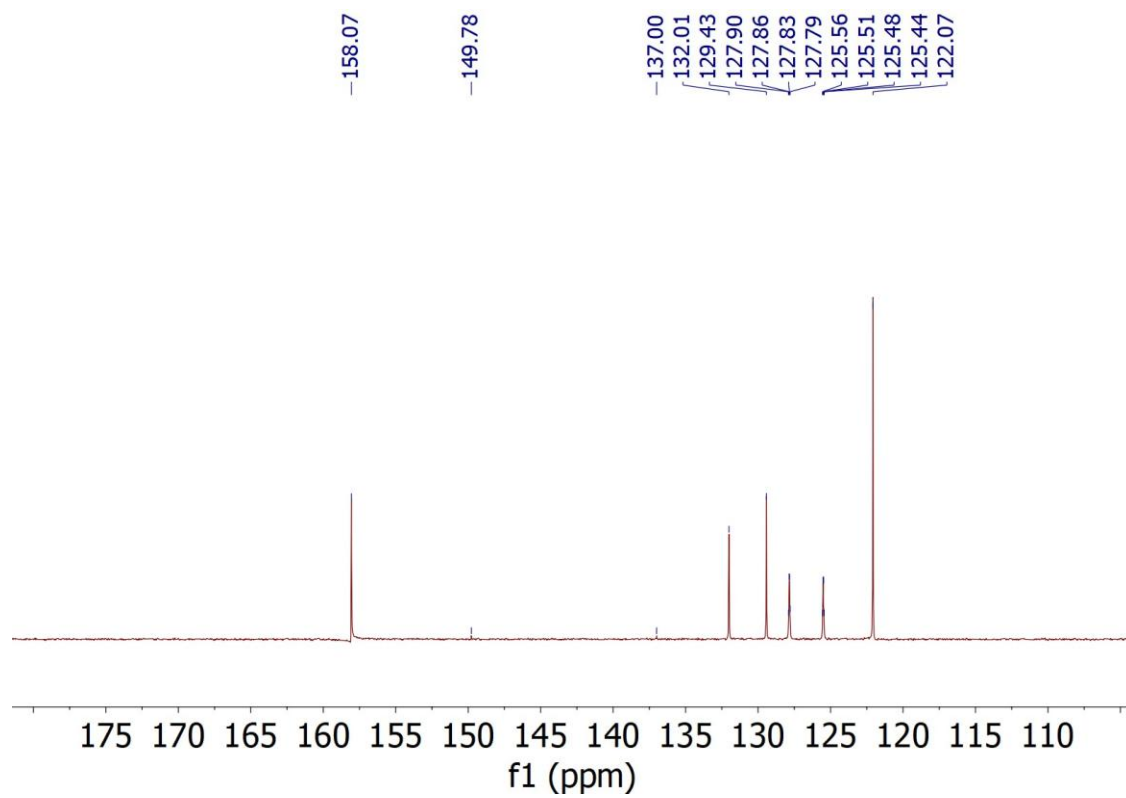
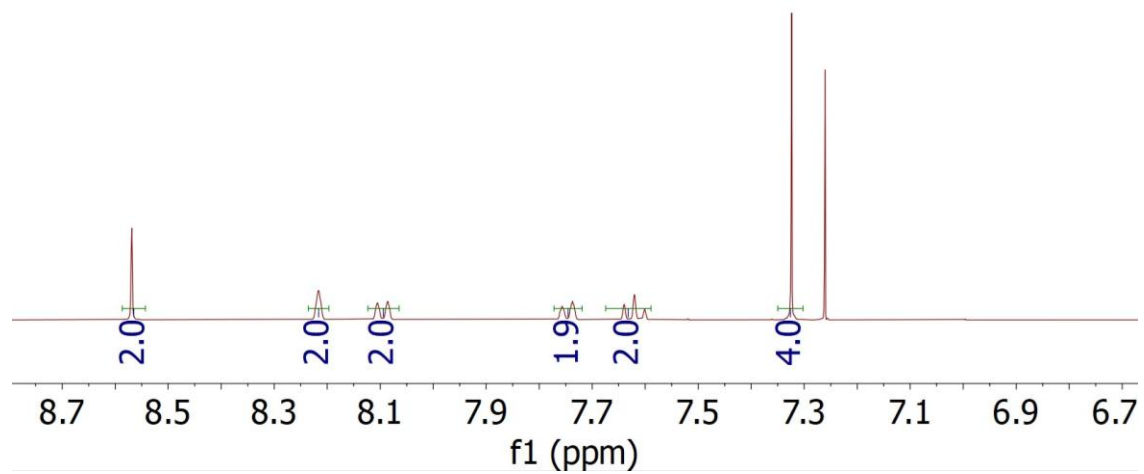
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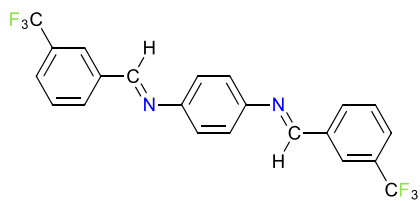


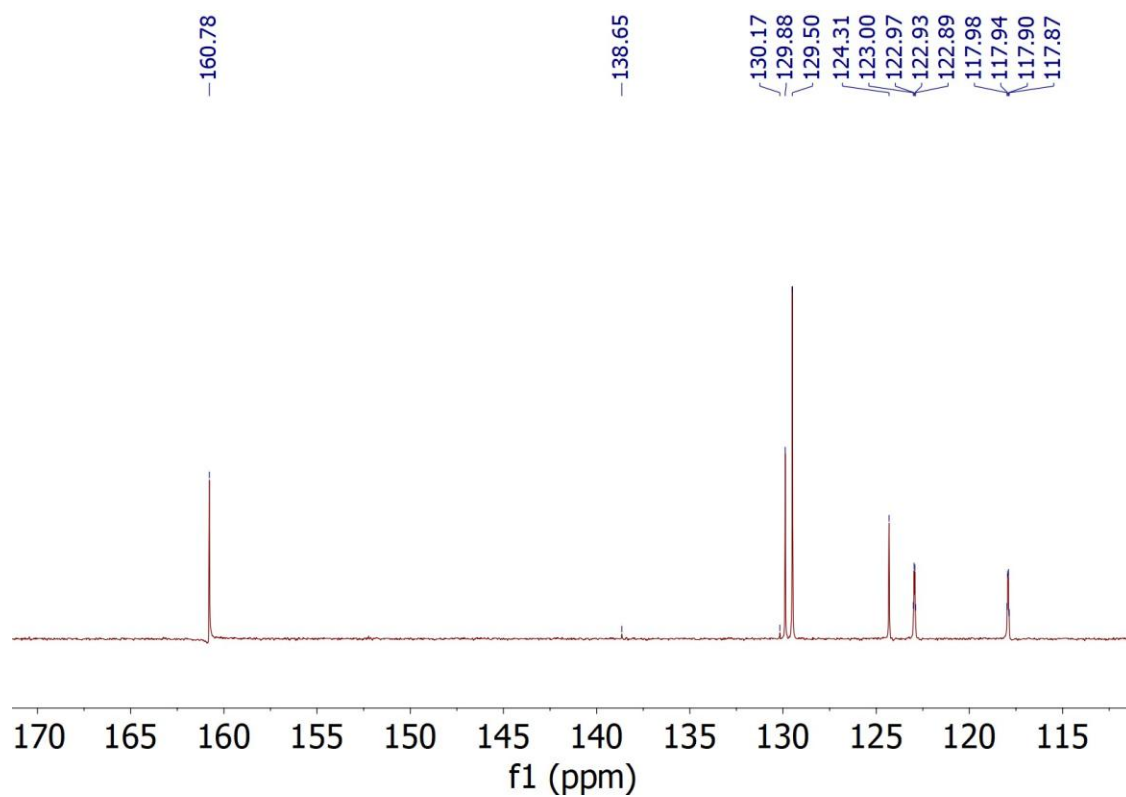
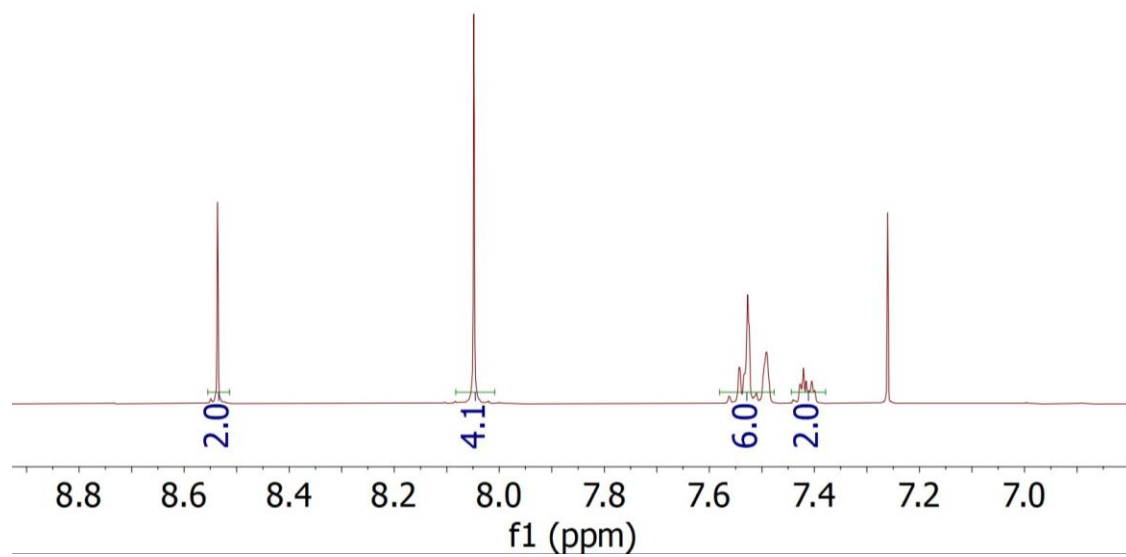
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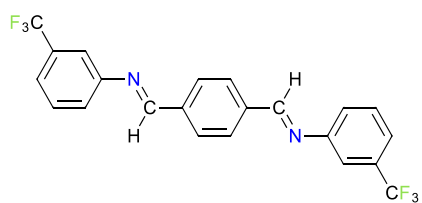


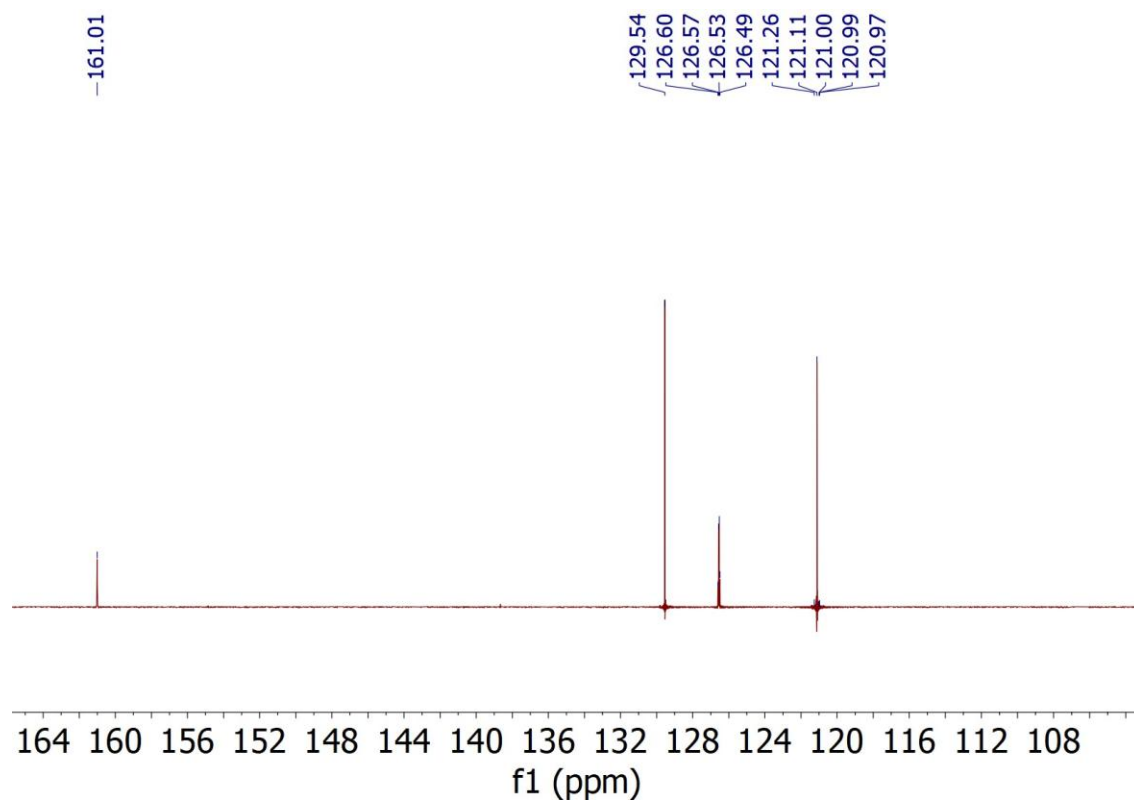
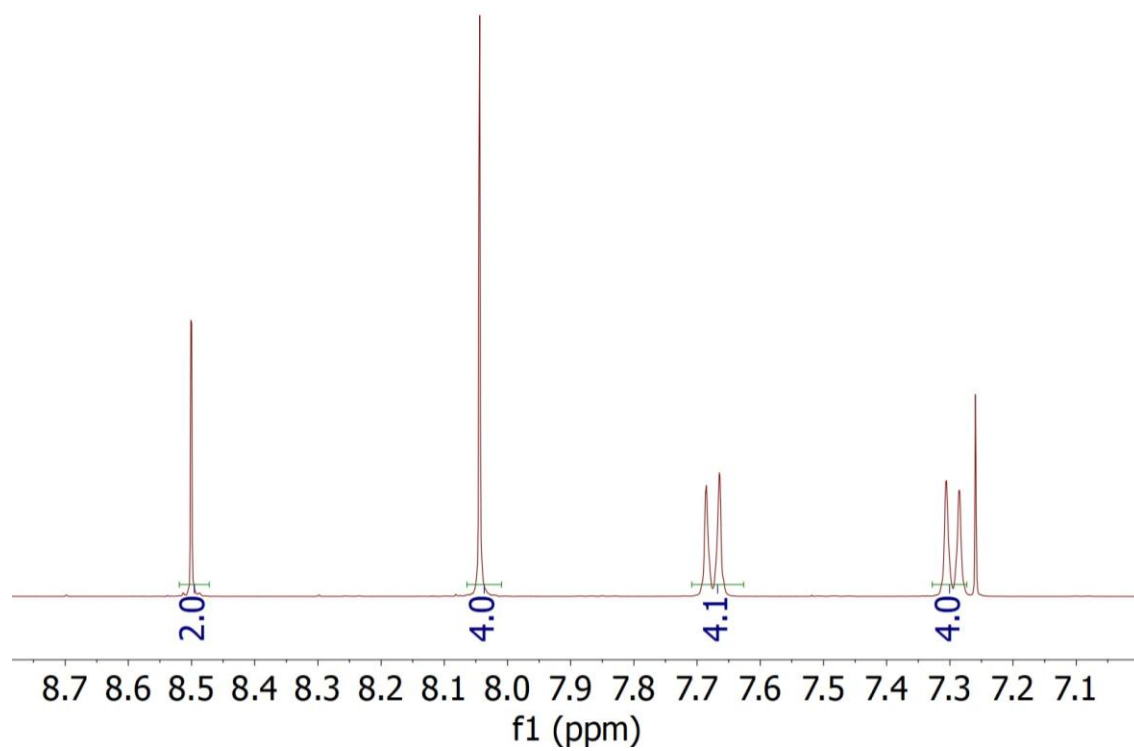
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