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Palladium-Catalyzed Intramolecular Oxidative Annulation: Synthesis of *o*-Carboranoxazole

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General Procedures.

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an atmosphere of dry N₂ with the rigid exclusion of air and moisture using standard Schlenk techniques or in a glovebox. Toluene was purified by solvent purification system prior to use. 1-Amino-*o*-carboranes were prepared according to literature procedures.¹ All other chemicals were purchased from either Aldrich or J&K Chemical Co. and used as received unless otherwise specified. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker/Agilent/Varian 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz. ¹³C{¹H}, ¹¹B and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker/Agilent/Varian 400 spectrometer at 101, 128 and 376 MHz, respectively. All signals were reported in ppm unit with references to the residual solvent resonances of the deuterated solvents for proton and carbon chemical shifts, to external BF₃·OEt₂ (0.00) for boron chemical shifts and to external CFCl₃ (0.00) for fluorine chemical shifts. Mass spectra were obtained on Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FTICR-MS spectrometer, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, CAS. The melting points of solid compounds were determined by a melting point apparatus without corrections (Shanghai INESA Physico-Optical Instrument Co., LTD).

Table S1. Optimization of Reaction Solvents and Ligands^[a]

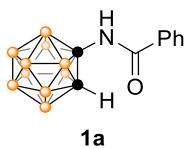
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 10 mol% PdCl₂(cod)
 10 mol% Ligand
 2 eq. K₃PO₄
 2 eq. PhCl
 Solvent, 80 °C, 12 h

Entry	Ligand	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	-	Toluene	33
2	PCy ₃	Toluene	94
3	P ⁿ Bu ₃	Toluene	93
4	P(OMe) ₃	Toluene	N.R.
5	PPh ₃	Toluene	trace
6	P(<i>o</i> -OMe-C ₆ H ₄) ₃	Toluene	N.R.
7	PCy ₃	Et ₂ O	62
8	PCy ₃	THF	35
9	PCy ₃	MeCN	N.R.
10	PCy ₃	HFIP	N.R.
11	PCy ₃	DCE	N.R.
12	PCy ₃	PhCl	trace

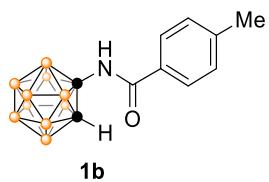
^a Reactions were conducted on 0.2 mmol scale in 4.0 mL of solvent. ^b Yield determined by ¹H NMR using 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane as the internal standard.

A Representative Procedure for the Preparation of Starting Materials 1a-z.

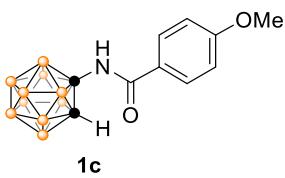
According to the literature procedure,² to a toluene solution (15 mL) of 1-amino-2-substituted-*o*-carborane (5.0 mmol) was added pyridine (1.2 mL, 15.0 mmol) and acyl chloride (15.0 mmol) successively under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen. The reaction flask was closed and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After hydrolysis with water (20 mL) and extraction with diethyl ether (20 mL x 3), the organic portions were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using *n*-hexane and ethyl acetate (3/1 in v/v) as eluent to give the products 1a-z.



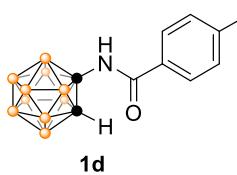
1a: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 162-163 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.30 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.88 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.28 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.1 (C=O), 133.3, 131.9, 129.2, 127.2 (aromatic C), 78.8, 59.2 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, J = 153.6 Hz, 1B), -7.0 (d, J = 142.1 Hz, 1B), -10.9 (d, J = 149.8 Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, J = 169.0 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 264.2386, Found: 264.2386.



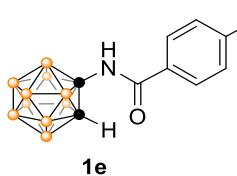
1b: White solid. 90% yield. M.p. = 156-157 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.32 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.95 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.24 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.41 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.8 (C=O), 144.1, 129.8, 129.5, 127.2 (aromatic C), 79.0, 59.8 (cage C), 21.7 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, J = 153.6 Hz, 1B), -7.0 (d, J = 140.8 Hz, 1B), -10.9 (d, J = 148.5 Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, J = 170.2 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 276.2397, Found: 276.2389.



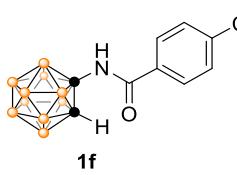
1c: White solid. 80% yield. M.p. = 150-151 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.15 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.64 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.79 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.28 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 3.86 (s, 3H) (OCH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.2 (C=O), 163.6, 129.3, 124.4, 114.4 (aromatic C), 79.1, 59.8 (cage C), 55.7 (OCH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, J = 144.6 Hz, 1B), -7.1 (d, J = 145.9 Hz, 1B), -10.9 (d, J = 148.5 Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, J = 217.6 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}_2^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 292.2355, Found: 292.2343.



1d: White solid. 50% yield. M.p. = 164-165 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.31 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.69 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.84 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.24 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 164.7 (C=O), 165.7 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 255.6$ Hz), 129.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9.1$ Hz), 128.6 (d, $^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 116.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.1$ Hz) (aromatic C), 78.7, 59.7 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.0 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -6.9 (d, J = 147.2 Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, J = 148.5 Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, J = 175.4 Hz, 2B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.6 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{FNO}^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 280.2146, Found: 280.2139.

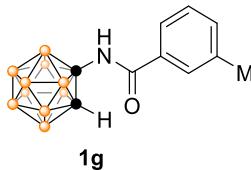


1e: White solid. 78% yield. M.p. = 184-185 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.40 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 7.78 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.97 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.22 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 164.8 (C=O), 135.7, 134.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 32.2$ Hz), 127.8, 126.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz) (aromatic C), 123.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.7$ Hz) (CF_3), 78.4, 59.8 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -3.9 (d, J = 156.2 Hz, 1B), -6.7 (d, J = 149.8 Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, J = 145.9 Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, J = 177.9 Hz, 2B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -63.2 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{F}_3\text{NO}^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 330.2114, Found: 330.2108.

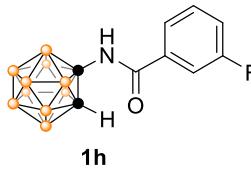


1f: White solid. 92% yield. M.p. = 159-160 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.10 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 9.50 (s, 1H) (NH), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 5.42 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (acetone- d_6 , 101 MHz): δ 165.2 (C=O), 137.2, 132.3, 128.7, 117.7, 115.6 (aromatic C and CN), 79.9, 63.8 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (THF, 128 MHz): δ -4.3 (d, J = 147.2 Hz, 1B), -6.9 (m, 1B), -11.1 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 6B), -13.8 (m, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for

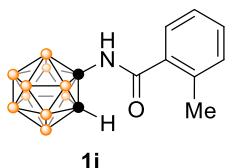
$C_{10}H_{15}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8N_2O^- [M-H^+]$: 287.2193, Found: 287.2186.



1g: White solid. 92% yield. M.p. = 157-159 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.35 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.86 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.27 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.41 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 166.1 ($C=O$), 139.2, 134.0, 132.4, 129.0, 127.9, 124.2 (aromatic C), 78.9, 59.8 (cage C), 21.4 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, J = 149.8 Hz, 1B), -7.1 (d, J = 139.5 Hz, 1B), -10.9 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, J = 171.5 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (DART) Calcd for $C_{10}H_{20}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^+ [M+H^+]$: 278.2543, Found: 278.2543.

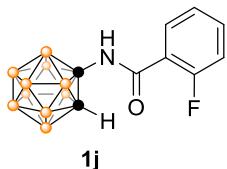


1h: White solid. 82% yield. M.p. = 147-148 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.30 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 1H) (aromatic CH), 6.91 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.22 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 164.6 (d, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 3.0 Hz) ($C=O$), 162.9 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 249.6 Hz), 134.5 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 7.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 8.1 Hz), 122.6 (d, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 3.0 Hz), 120.4 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 21.1 Hz), 114.8 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 23.1 Hz) (aromatic C) 78.5, 59.7 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ -4.0 (d, J = 142.1 Hz, 1B), -6.7 (d, J = 151.0 Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, J = 151.0 Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, J = 169.0 Hz, 2B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -110.1 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_9H_{15}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8FNO^- [M-H^+]$: 280.2146, Found: 280.2139.

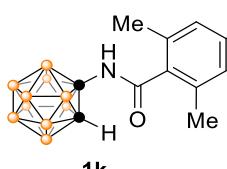


1i: White solid. 91% yield. M.p. = 157-159 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.30 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 3H) (aromatic CH), 6.74 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.32 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.44 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 168.1 ($C=O$), 136.7, 133.8, 131.7, 131.5, 126.7, 126.3 (aromatic C), 78.6, 59.4 (cage C), 19.8 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, J = 151.0

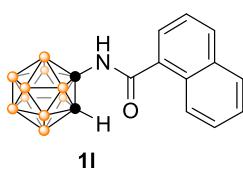
Hz, 1B), -7.0 (d, J = 143.4 Hz, 1B), -10.9 (d, J = 147.2 Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, J = 166.4 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{10}H_{18}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 276.2397, Found: 276.2389.



1j: White solid. 65% yield. M.p. = 121-122 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.30 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.01 (td, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 12.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H) (aromatic CH), 7.64 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.18 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 161.7 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.0 Hz) (C=O), 160.4 (d, $^1J_{C-F}$ = 247.6 Hz), 135.2 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 9.1 Hz), 132.1 (d, $^4J_{C-F}$ = 1.0 Hz), 125.5 (d, $^3J_{C-F}$ = 3.0 Hz), 119.0 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 10.1 Hz), 116.5 (d, $^2J_{C-F}$ = 25.2 Hz) (aromatic C), 78.4, 60.3 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ -3.9 (d, J = 149.8 Hz, 1B), -6.8 (d, J = 145.9 Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, J = 151.0 Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, J = 172.8 Hz, 2B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -112.6 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_9H_{15}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8FNO^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 280.2146, Found: 280.2139.

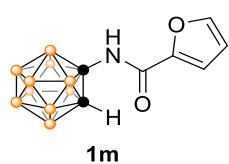


1k: White solid. 20% yield. M.p. = 231-232 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.47 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 6.85 (s, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.54 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.41 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 6H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz) δ 169.4 (C=O), 140.1, 134.1, 132.5, 128.6 (aromatic C), 78.3, 59.2 (cage C) 21.3, 18.9 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ -4.2 (d, J = 151.0 Hz, 1B), -6.9 (d, J = 134.4 Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, J = 143.4 Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, J = 203.5 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{12}H_{22}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 304.2710, Found: 304.2704.

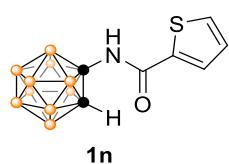


1l: White solid. 85% yield. M.p. = 188-189 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.25 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.13 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz 1H) (aromatic

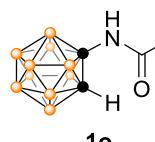
CH), 6.84 (s, 1H) (*NH*), 5.40 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 167.8 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 133.7, 132.4, 131.5, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.1, 125.7, 124.6, 124.4 (aromatic *C*), 78.6, 59.6 (cage *C*). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -5.0 (d, $J = 145.9$ Hz, 1B), -7.9 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -11.9 (d, $J = 129.3$ Hz, 6B), -14.7 (d, $J = 181.8$ Hz, 2B) (*BH*). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 312.2397, Found: 312.2395.



1m: White solid. 82% yield. M.p. = 132-133 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.10$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.50 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, $J = 3.6, 2.0$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic *CH*), 7.12 (s, 1H) (*NH*), 5.11 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 155.9 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 145.5, 145.4, 145.4, 117.4, 113.2 (aromatic *C*), 78.3, 60.1 (cage *C*). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.0 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 1B), -6.9 (d, $J = 145.9$ Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, $J = 148.5$ Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, $J = 172.8$ Hz, 2B) (*BH*). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}_2^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 252.2033, Found: 252.2025.

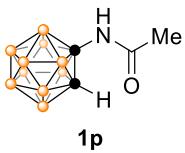


1n: White solid. 90% yield. M.p. = 151-152 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.15$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H) (aromatic *CH*), 6.79 (s, 1H) (*NH*), 5.18 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 160.0 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 136.3, 132.8, 129.8, 128.3 (aromatic *C*), 78.6, 60.0 (cage *C*). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.0 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -6.9 (d, $J = 148.5$ Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 2B) (*BH*). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{14}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NOS}^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 268.1805, Found: 268.1798.

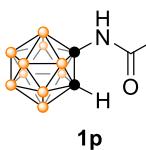


1o: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 116-117 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.23$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.67 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H) (alkenyl *CH*), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 3H) (aromatic *CH*), 6.40 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, H) (alkenyl *CH*), 5.11 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*).

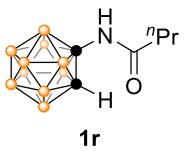
$^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 164.3 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 145.2, 133.8, 131.0, 129.2, 128.3, 118.1 (aromatic C and alkenyl C), 78.8, 59.9 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.0 (d, $J = 147.2$ Hz, 1B), -6.8 (d, $J = 138.2$ Hz, 1B), -10.8 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 6B), -13.6 (d, $J = 170.2$ Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 288.2397, Found: 288.2394.



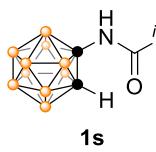
1p: is a known compound and its ^1H NMR data are the same as the reported one.² White solid. 76% yield. M.p. = 178-179 °C. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): 6.50 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.07 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 1.99 (s, 3H) (CH_3).



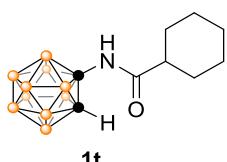
1q: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 129-131 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.10$ (n -hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 6.40 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.09 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.18 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H) (CH_2), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 172.2 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 78.5, 59.7 (cage C), 30.0 (CH_2), 9.1 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, $J = 147.2$ Hz, 1B), -7.1 (d, $J = 140.8$ Hz, 1B), -11.0 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 6B), -13.8 (d, $J = 169.0$ Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{16}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [$\text{M}-\text{H}^+$]: 214.2241, Found: 214.2230.



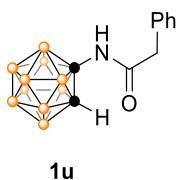
1r: White solid. 80% yield. M.p. = 116-117 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.16$ (n -hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 6.57 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.08 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) (alkyl H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 171.8 ($\text{C}=\text{O}$), 78.5, 59.8 (cage C), 38.7 (CH_2), 18.7 (CH_2), 13.5 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.2 (d, $J = 147.2$ Hz, 1B), -7.1 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -11.0 (d, $J = 147.2$ Hz, 6B), -13.8 (d, $J = 167.9$ Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{20}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 230.2543, Found: 230.2541.



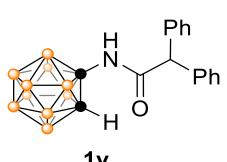
1s: White solid. 52% yield. M.p. = 151-152 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.18 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 6.31 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.14 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.26 (m, 1H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H) (alkyl H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 175.5 (C=O), 78.6, 59.5 (cage C), 36.1 (CH), 19.1 (CH₃). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.2 (d, J = 144.6 Hz, 1B), -7.1 (d, J = 142.1 Hz, 1B), -11.0 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, J = 170.2 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [M-H⁺]: 228.2397, Found: 228.2389.



1t: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 151-152 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.40 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 6.30 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.15 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 3H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.23 (m, 3H) (alkyl H). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 174.7 (C=O), 78.7, 59.6 (cage C), 45.6 (CH), 29.2, 25.5, 25.4 (CH₂). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.3 (d, J = 145.9 Hz, 1B), -7.3 (d, J = 142.1 Hz, 1B), -11.1 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 6B), -13.8 (d, J = 170.2 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{22}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [M-H⁺]: 268.2710, Found: 268.2705.

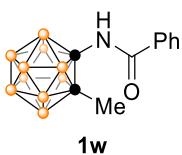


1u: White solid. 95% yield. M.p. = 153-154 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.18 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.32 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.04 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 3.53 (s, 2H) (CH₂). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 169.4 (C=O), 132.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.4 (aromatic C), 78.4, 59.4 (cage C), 43.9 (CH₂). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.2 (d, J = 147.2 Hz, 1B), -7.1 (d, J = 140.8 Hz, 1B), -11.0 (d, J = 147.2 Hz, 6B), -13.8 (d, J = 167.8 Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [M-H⁺]: 276.2397, Found: 276.2392.

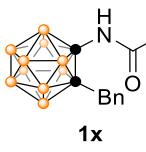


1v: White solid. 31% yield. M.p. = 126-128 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.29 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.18 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H) (aromatic CH), 6.49 (s, 1H)

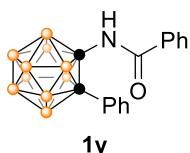
(NH), 5.13 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 4.82 (s, 1H) (CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 170.7 (C=O), 137.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.2 (aromatic C), 78.5, 59.3 (cage C), 59.1 (CH). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -4.1 (d, $J = 148.5$ Hz, 1B), -7.0 (d, $J = 137.0$ Hz, 1B), -10.9 (d, $J = 143.4$ Hz, 6B), -13.7 (d, $J = 169.0$ Hz, 2B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^- [\text{M}-\text{H}^+]$: 352.2710, Found: 352.2703.



1w: White solid. 87% yield. M.p. = 147-148 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.17$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.12 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.50 (m, 2H) (aromatic CH), 7.05 (s, 1H) (NH), 2.04 (s, 3H) (CH₃). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.5 (C=O), 133.3, 132.7, 129.3, 127.3 (aromatic C), 82.2, 78.8 (cage C), 22.5 (CH₃). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -7.1 (d, $J = 143.4$ Hz, 2B), -12.0 (m, 8B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^- [\text{M}-\text{H}^+]$: 276.2397, Found: 276.2390.

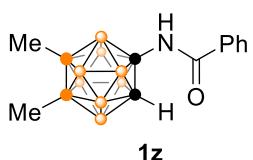


1x: White solid. 45% yield. M.p. = 149-150 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.18$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.79 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (m, 3H) (aromatic CH), 7.18 (s, 1H) (NH), 7.13 (m, 2H) (aromatic CH), 3.49 (s, 2H) (CH₂). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.5 (C=O), 134.9, 133.4, 132.6, 130.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.3 (aromatic C), 83.8, 83.4 (cage C), 40.7(CH₂). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -5.0 (d, $J = 90.9$ Hz, 1B), -5.7 (d, $J = 101.1$ Hz, 1B), -11.4 (d, $J = 134.4$ Hz, 8B) (BH). HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 354.2856, Found: 354.2855.



1y: White solid. 85% yield. M.p. = 151-152 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.18$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.91 (s, 1H) (NH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 166.1 (C=O), 133.0, 132.9, 131.4, 131.1, 130.4, 129.1, 129.0,

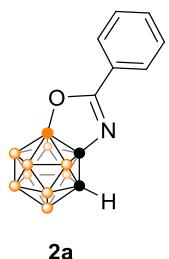
127.0 (aromatic C), 88.0, 85.5 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -3.7 (d, J = 144.6 Hz, 1B), -4.8 (d, J = 137.0 Hz, 1B), -10.8 (m, 8B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^-$ [M-H $^+$]: 338.2554, Found: 338.2548.



1z: White solid. 60% yield. M.p. = 156-157 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.29 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (m, 2H) (aromatic CH), 6.81 (s, 1H) (NH), 5.05 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 0.23 (s, 3H), 0.20 (s, 3H) (cage B-CH $_3$). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 165.9 (C=O), 133.1, 132.6, 129.2, 127.2 (aromatic C), 72.9, 52.9 (cage C), the $\text{B}_{\text{cage}}\text{-C}$ were not observed. ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ -5.0 (s, 1B) (BC), -2.3 (s, 1B) (BC), -9.9 (d, J = 151.0 Hz, 2B), -12.1 (d, J = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -14.8 (d, J = 148.5 Hz, 4B) (BH). HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{22}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 292.2699, Found: 292.2699.

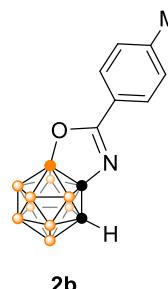
General procedure for the synthesis of 2.

To an oven-dried Schlenk flask equipped with a stir bar was sequentially added **1** (0.2 mmol), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{cod})$ (4.3 mg, 0.015 mmol), PCy_3 (4.2 mg, 0.015 mmol), K_3PO_4 (85.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), PhCl (45.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), and toluene (4 mL). The flask was closed under an atmosphere of nitrogen, then stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After hydrolysis with water (5 mL) and extraction with diethyl ether (10 mL x 3), the ether solutions were combined, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to dryness in vacuo. The residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using *n*-hexane as eluent to give product **2**.

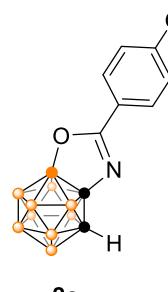


2a: White solid. 90% yield. M.p. = 126-127 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.22 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.38 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.4 (C=N), 133.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7 (aromatic C),

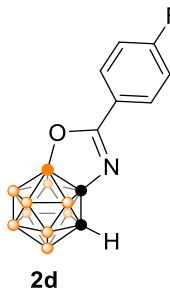
99.8, 56.8 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.9 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 1B), -10.2 (d, $J = 171.5$ Hz, 2B), -13.3 (d, $J = 143.4$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 120.3$ Hz, 1B), -15.6 (d, $J = 148.5$ Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, $J = 96.0$ Hz, 1B), -21.4 (d, $J = 166.4$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 262.2230, Found: 262.2238.



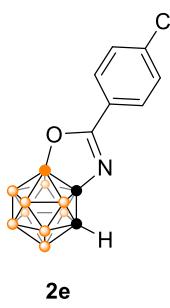
2b: White solid. 91% yield. M.p. = 182-183 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.22$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.95 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.35 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.42 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.7 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 144.2, 129.5, 128.8, 126.1 (aromatic C), 100.1, 56.9 (cage C), 21.9 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.9 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.5 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -10.1 (d, $J = 170.2$ Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, $J = 135.7$ Hz, 2B), -14.2 (d, $J = 124.2$ Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, $J = 156.2$ Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, $J = 107.5$ Hz, 1B), -21.4 (d, $J = 166.4$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 276.2386, Found: 276.2388.



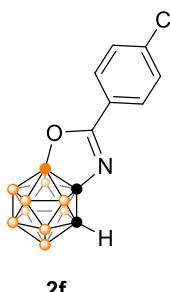
2c: White solid. 76% yield. M.p. = 188-190 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.1$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.01 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.34 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 3.87 (s, 3H) (OCH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.3 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 163.7, 130.8, 121.3, 114.1 (aromatic C), 100.3, 56.9 (cage C), 55.7 (OCH_3). ^{11}B NMR (acetone- d_6 , 128 MHz): δ 1.0 (s, 1B) (BO), -6.6, (d, $J = 158.7$ Hz, 1B), -11.0 (d, $J = 171.5$ Hz, 2B), -14.5 (d, $J = 145.9$ Hz, 2B), -15.3 (d, $J = 113.9$ Hz, 1B), -16.8 (d, $J = 140.8$ Hz, 1B), -17.6 (d, $J = 99.8$ Hz, 1B), -22.5 (d, $J = 170.2$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}_2^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 292.2335, Found: 292.2334.



2d: White solid. 90% yield. M.p. = 125-127 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.23 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.08 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.35 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 180.4 (C≡N), 165.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 254.6$ Hz), 136.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 9.1$ Hz), 125.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$ Hz), 116.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.1$ Hz) (aromatic C), 56.9 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.9 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -10.2 (d, J = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.3 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, J = 111.4 Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, J = 144.6 Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, J = 111.4 Hz, 1B), -21.4 (d, J = 166.4 Hz, 1B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.5 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{FNO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 280.2135, Found: 280.2133.

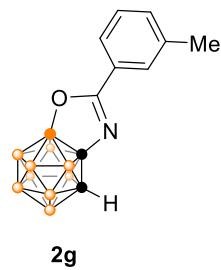


2e: White solid. 84% yield. M.p. = 109-111 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.28 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.38 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 179.9 (C≡N), 134.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 33.2$ Hz), 131.9, 129.2, 125.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 4.0$ Hz) (aromatic C), 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 272.7$ Hz) (CF_3), 99.4, 57.0 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.8 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.2 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -10.4 (d, J = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.2 (d, J = 139.5 Hz, 2B), -14.0 (d, J = 130.6 Hz, 1B), -15.5 (d, J = 157.4 Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, J = 112.6 Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, J = 167.7 Hz, 1B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -63.2 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{F}_3\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 330.2103, Found: 330.2109.

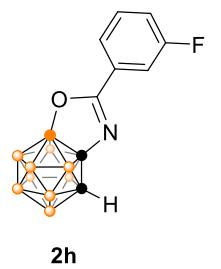


2f: White solid. 74% yield. M.p. = 179-181 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.1 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.40 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 179.4 (C≡N), 132.6, 132.4, 129.2, 117.9, 116.6 (aromatic C and CN),

99.2, 57.0 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.8 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.2 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -10.4 (d, $J = 172.8$ Hz, 2B), -13.1 (d, $J = 119.0$ Hz, 2B), -13.9 (d, $J = 148.5$ Hz, 1B), -15.5 (d, $J = 162.6$ Hz, 1B), -16.4 (d, $J = 108.8$ Hz, 1B), -21.2 (d, $J = 166.4$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (DART) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 287.2182, Found: 287.2182.

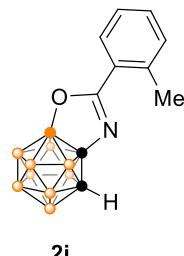


2g: White solid. 94% yield. M.p. = 117-118 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.24$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic CH), 4.36 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.41 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.7 ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 138.7, 134.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 125.9 (aromatic C), 99.9, 56.9 (cage C), 21.4 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.9 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -10.2 (d, $J = 171.5$ Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 111.4$ Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, $J = 149.8$ Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, $J = 102.4$ Hz, 1B), -21.4 (d, $J = 166.4$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [M+H $^+$]: 276.2386, Found: 276.2393.

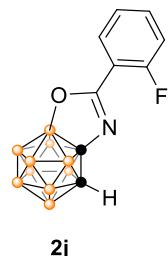


2h: White solid. 90% yield. M.p. = 119-121 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.23$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dt, $J = 9.6, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 8.0, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, $J = 8.4, 2.8$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic CH), 4.37 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 180.2 (d, ${}^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 3.0$ Hz) ($\text{C}=\text{N}$), 162.7 (d, ${}^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 247.6$ Hz), 130.7 (d, ${}^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 130.6 (d, ${}^4J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 8.1$ Hz), 124.5 (d, ${}^3J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 11.1$ Hz), 120.4 (d, ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 21.1$ Hz), 115.8 (d, ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23.1$ Hz) (aromatic C), 99.5, 56.9 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.8 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.3 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 1B), -10.3 (d, $J = 174.1$ Hz, 2B), -13.3 (d, $J = 136.9$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 133.1$ Hz, 1B), -15.6 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, $J = 115.2$ Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 1B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -111.6

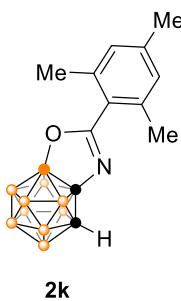
(m,1F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_9H_{15}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8FNO^+ [M+H^+]$: 280.2146, Found: 280.2139.



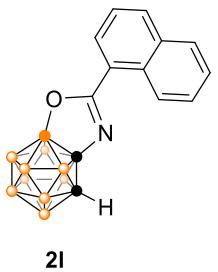
2i: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 135-137 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.32$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 2H), (aromatic CH), 4.36 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.41(s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 182.3 ($C=N$), 139.7, 132.3, 131.9, 130.5, 128.2, 126.1 (aromatic C), 99.9, 57.0 (cage C), 22.3 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ 1.5 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, $J = 147.2$ Hz, 1B) -10.3, (d, $J = 171.5$ Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, $J = 138.2$ Hz, 2B), -14.2 (d, $J = 122.9$ Hz, 1B), -15.6 (d, $J = 161.3$ Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, $J = 153.6$ Hz, 1B), -21.5 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{10}H_{18}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^+ [M+H^+]$: 276.2397, Found: 276.2390.



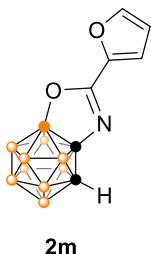
2j: White solid. 86% yield. M.p. = 90-92 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.15$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 8.05 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.23 (m, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.45 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 177.7 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 7.0$ Hz) ($C=N$), 161.6 (d, $^1J_{C-F} = 261.7$ Hz), 134.9 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 9.1$ Hz), 131.5, 124.5 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 4.0$ Hz), 117.3 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 21.1$ Hz), 117.2 (d, $^2J_{C-F} = 22.1$ Hz) (aromatic C), 99.5, 57.1 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ 1.4 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.3 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -10.4 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 2B), -13.2 (d, $J = 139.5$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 128.0$ Hz, 1B), -15.5 (d, $J = 163.8$ Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, $J = 154.88$ Hz, 1B), -21.3(d, $J = 166.4$ Hz, 1B) (BH). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -107.5 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_9H_{15}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8FNO^+ [M+H^+]$: 280.2135, Found: 280.2141.



2k: White solid. 90% yield. M.p. = 199-201 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.23 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 6.87 (s, 2H) (aromatic *CH*), 4.38 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 6H) (alkyl CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 183.6 (*C=N*), 140.7, 137.4, 128.9, 126.8 (aromatic *C*), 99.3, 56.9 (cage *C*), 21.4, 20.00 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.6 (s, 1B) (*BO*), -5.3 (d, J = 156.2 Hz, 1B), -10.6 (d, J = 172.8 Hz, 2B), -13.3 (d, J = 135.7 Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, J = 131.8 Hz, 1B), -15.6 (d, J = 169.0 Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, J = 112.6 Hz, 1B), -21.5 (d, J = 167.0 Hz, 1B) (*BH*). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 304.2699, Found: 304.2694.

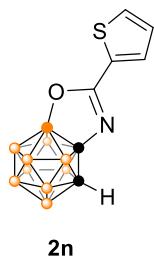


2l: White solid. 83% yield. M.p. = 145-147 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.27 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.96 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H) (aromatic *CH*), 4.46 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.6 (*C=N*), 134.0, 133.9, 130.7, 130.7, 129.0, 128.2, 126.6, 125.8, 125.4, 124.8 (aromatic *C*), 99.9, 57.1 (cage *C*). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.5 (s, 1B) (*BO*), -5.3 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -10.1 (d, J = 170.2 Hz, 2B), -13.2 (d, J = 139.5 Hz, 2B), -14.0 (d, J = 125.4 Hz, 1B), -15.4 (d, J = 163.8 Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, J = 115.2 Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, J = 166.4 Hz, 1B) (*BH*). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]: 312.2397, Found: 312.2395.

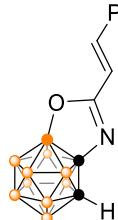


2m: White solid. 86% yield. M.p. = 184-186 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.10 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 3.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H) (aromatic *CH*), 4.37 (s, 1H) (cage *CH*). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 172.1 (*C=N*), 146.9, 144.1, 117.8, 112.4 (aromatic *C*), 99.2, 57.0 (cage *C*). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.6 (s, 1B) (*BO*), -5.5 (d, J = 152.3 Hz,

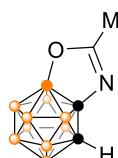
1B), -10.2 (d, $J = 171.5$ Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, $J = 142.1$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 115.2$ Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, $J = 147.2$ Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, $J = 90.9$ Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_7H_{14}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO_2^+ [M+H^+]$: 252.2022, Found: 252.2021.



2n: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 161-162 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.16$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.84 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H) (aromatic CH), 4.35 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 176.5 (C=N), 132.9, 132.5, 131.7, 128.2 (aromatic C), 99.6, 56.8 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ 1.8 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.5 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -10.0 (d, $J = 172.8$ Hz, 2B), -13.3 (d, $J = 133.1$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 131.8$ Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, $J = 139.5$ Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, $J = 98.6$ Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_7H_{14}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NOS^+ [M+H^+]$: 268.1805, Found: 268.1798.

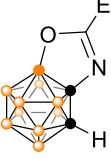


2o: White solid. 85% yield. M.p. = 152-153 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.10$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 7.75 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H) (alkenyl CH), 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 3H) (aromatic CH), 6.67 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, H) (alkenyl CH), 4.31 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 181.0 (C=N), 143.9, 134.3, 130.8, 129.2, 128.2, 116.4 (alkenyl & aromatic C), 99.7, 56.8 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ 1.8 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, $J = 151.0$ Hz, 1B), -10.2 (d, $J = 171.5$ Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, $J = 134.4$ Hz, 2B), -14.1 (d, $J = 119.0$ Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, $J = 144.6$ Hz, 1B), -16.5 (d, $J = 97.3$ Hz, 1B), -21.4 (d, $J = 162.6$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{11}H_{18}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^+ [M+H^+]$: 288.2386, Found: 288.2387.

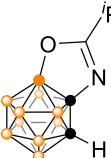


2p: White solid. 86% yield. M.p. = 82-84 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.10$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 4.25 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.25 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 184.4 (C=N), 99.0, 56.6 (cage C), 18.6 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$,

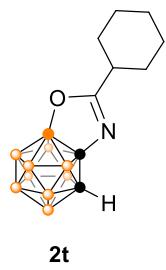
128 MHz): δ 1.7 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -10.4 (d, J = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, J = 139.5 Hz, 2B), -14.3 (d, J = 139.5 Hz, 1B), -15.8 (d, J = 144.6 Hz, 1B), -16.7 (d, J = 162.6 Hz, 1B), -21.4 (d, J = 165.1 Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_4H_{14}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^+ [M+H^+]$: 200.2073, Found: 200.2067.


2q: White solid. 80% yield. M.p. = 80-81 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.16 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 4.27 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.54 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H) (CH_2), 1.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 188.5 (C=N), 99.5, 56.6 (cage C), 26.0 (CH_2), 10.2 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$, 128 MHz): δ 1.7 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.5 (d, J = 151.0 Hz, 1B), -10.4 (d, J = 170.2 Hz, 2B), -13.5 (d, J = 138.2 Hz, 2B), -14.4 (d, J = 137.0 Hz, 1B), -15.8 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -16.8 (d, J = 110.1 Hz, 1B), -21.5 (d, J = 166.4 Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_5H_{16}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^+ [M+H^+]$: 214.2230, Found: 214.2226.

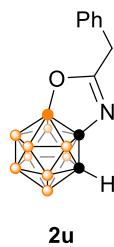

2r: White solid. 78% yield. M.p. = 128-130 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.17 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 4.27 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.49 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.71 (m, 2H) (CH_2), 0.95 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 187.7 (C=N), 99.0, 56.6 (cage C), 34.2 (CH_2), 19.6 (CH_2), 13.6 (CH_3). ^{11}B NMR (THF, 128 MHz): δ 1.3 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.8 (d, J = 153.3 Hz, 1B), -10.7 (d, J = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.8 (d, J = 137.0 Hz, 2B), -14.6 (d, J = 134.4 Hz, 1B), -16.1 (d, J = 157.4 Hz, 1B), -17.0 (d, J = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -21.8 (d, J = 167.7 Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_6H_{18}^{10}B_2^{11}B_8NO^+ [M+H^+]$: 228.2386, Found: 228.2383.


2s: White solid. 86% yield. M.p. = 71-73 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.23 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz): δ 4.28 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.77 (m, 1H) (CH), 1.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) (CH_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR ($CDCl_3$, 101 MHz): δ 191.7 (C=N), 99.1, 56.7 (cage

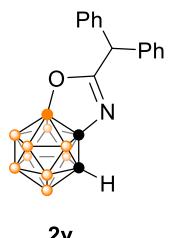
C), 32.3 (*CH*), 19.6 (*CH₃*), 19.5 (*CH₃*). ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃, 128 MHz): δ 1.7 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.4 (d, *J* = 152.3 Hz, 1B) -10.4 (d, *J* = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.4 (d, *J* = 131.8 Hz, 2B), -14.3 (d, *J* = 138.2 Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, *J* = 147.2 Hz, 1B), -16.7 (d, *J* = 117.8 Hz, 1B), -21.5 (d, *J* = 166.4 Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₆H₁₈¹⁰B₂¹¹B₈NO⁺ [M+H⁺]: 228.2397, Found: 228.2389.



2t: White solid. 88% yield. M.p. = 118-120 °C. TLC: R_f = 0.22 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 4.26 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 2.51 (m, *J* = m, 1H) (CH), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.29 (m, 3H) (CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 190.8 (C=N), 99.2, 56.7 (cage C), 41.3 (CH), 29.7, 29.6, 25.7, 25.4, 25.4 (CH₂). ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃, 128 MHz): δ 1.6 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.5 (d, *J* = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -10.4 (d, *J* = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.5 (d, *J* = 135.7 Hz, 2B), -14.4 (d, *J* = 137.0 Hz, 1B), -15.8 (d, *J* = 154.9 Hz, 1B), -16.8 (d, *J* = 103.7 Hz, 1B), -21.6 (d, *J* = 166.4 Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₉H₂₂¹⁰B₂¹¹B₈NO⁺ [M+H⁺]: 268.2699, Found: 268.2703.



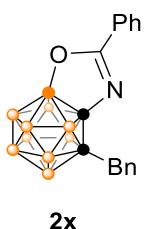
2u: Colorless oil. 76% yield. TLC: R_f = 0.1 (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.21 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 3.77 (s, 2H) (CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 101 MHz): δ 185.4 (C=N), 133.6, 129.1, 129.0, 127.7 (aromatic CH), 98.9, 56.7 (cage C), 38.8 (CH₂). ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃, 128 MHz): δ 1.7 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.3 (d, *J* = 152.3 Hz, 1B), -10.5 (d, *J* = 171.5 Hz, 2B), -13.3 (d, *J* = 140.8 Hz, 2B), -14.3 (d, *J* = 140.8 Hz, 1B), -15.7 (d, *J* = 163.8 Hz, 1B), -16.7 (d, *J* = 116.5 Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, *J* = 169.0 Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₁₈¹⁰B₂¹¹B₈NO⁺ [M+H⁺]: 276.2386, Found: 276.2392.



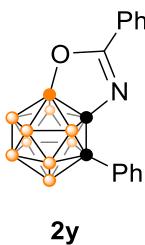
2v: White solid. 74% yield. M.p. = 128-130 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.15$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 7.26 (m, 10H) (aromatic CH), 5.25 (s, 1H) (CH), 4.25 (s, 1H) (cage CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 186.8 (C=N), 138.0, 137.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.9, 128.8, 127.8, 127.8 (aromatic C), 98.8, 56.8 (cage C), 54.5 (CH). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 1.7 (s, 1B) (BO), -5.2 (d, $J = 152.3$ Hz, 1B), -10.6 (d, $J = 144.6$ Hz, 2B), -13.2 (d, $J = 144.6$ Hz, 2B), -14.2 (d, $J = 137.0$ Hz, 1B), -15.6 (d, $J = 165.1$ Hz, 1B), -16.6 (d, $J = 113.9$ Hz, 1B), -21.3 (d, $J = 163.8$ Hz, 1B) (BH). RMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 352.2699, Found: 352.2697.



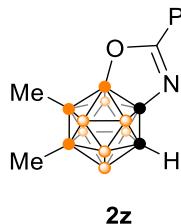
2w: White solid. 78% yield. M.p. = 75-77 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.2$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 80:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.13 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 2.26 (s, 3H) (CH₃). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.4 (C=N), 133.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.8 (aromatic C), 102.1, 72.3 (cage C), 21.0 (CH₃). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 2.5 (s, 1B) (BO), -7.7 (d, $J = 201.0$ Hz, 1B), -9.2 (d, $J = 158.7$ Hz, 2B), -15.4 (m, 5B), -18.3 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 276.2397, Found: 276.2390.



2x: White solid. 72% yield. M.p. = 71-72 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.26$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (m, 5H) (aromatic CH), 3.80 (m, 2H) (CH₂). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.4 (C=N), 135.4, 133.3, 130.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1 (aromatic C), 102.8 (cage C), 39.5 (CH₂). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 2.5 (s, 1B) (BO), -8.2 (d, $J = 167.7$ Hz, 2B), -9.9 (d, $J = 216.3$ Hz, 1B), -13.7 (m, 5B), -19.2 (d, $J = 163.8$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 352.2699, Found: 352.2707.

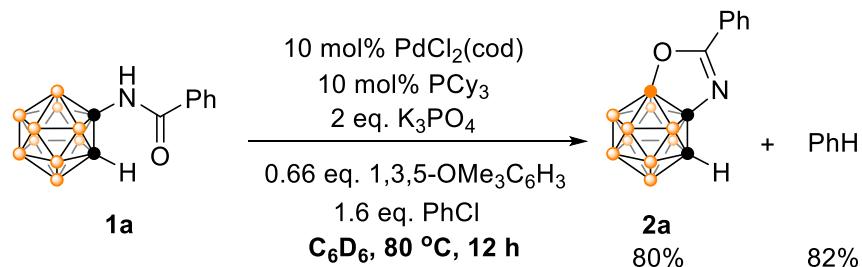


2y: Colorless oil. 64% yield. TLC: $R_f = 0.25$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.15 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 5H) (aromatic CH). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 180.9 (C=N), 133.3, 131.6, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7 (aromatic C), 103.7, 78.9 (cage C). ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 2.6 (s, 1B) (BO), -7.5 (d, $J = 176.6$ Hz, 2B), -9.3 (d, $J = 212.5$ Hz, 1B), -13.3 (m, 5B), -18.0 (d, $J = 166.4$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 338.2543, Found: 338.2548.



2z: White solid. 75% yield. M.p. = 165-166 °C. TLC: $R_f = 0.18$ (*n*-hexane:ethyl acetate = 10:1). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.08 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H) (aromatic CH), 4.19 (s, 1H) (cage CH), 0.45 (s, 3H), 0.23 (s, 3H) (CH_3). $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz): δ 181.1 (C=N), 133.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7 (aromatic C), 94.3, 50.3 (cage C), the $\text{B}_{\text{cage}}\text{-C}$ were not observed. ^{11}B NMR (CDCl_3 , 128 MHz): δ 4.8 (s, 1B) (BO), 0.9 (s, 1B) (BC), -2.9 (s, 1B) (BC), -11.5 (d, $J = 153.6$ Hz, 4B), -16.8 (d, $J = 161.3$ Hz, 2B), -20.8 (d, $J = 165.1$ Hz, 1B) (BH). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}^{10}\text{B}_2^{11}\text{B}_8\text{NO}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$: 290.2543, Found: 290.2541.

Preliminary mechanistic study.



1a (13.1 mg, 0.05 mmol), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{cod})$ (1.4 mg, 10 mol%), PCy_3 (1.4 mg, 10 mol%), K_3PO_4 (21.1 mg, 0.1 mmol), PhCl (9.0 mg, 0.8 mmol), and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (internal standard, 5.5 mg, 0.033 mmol) were mixed in C_6D_6 (2 mL) in a J. Young valve NMR tube in glovebox. The tube was closed and heated at 80 °C (bath temperature) for 12 h. The reaction was then monitored by ^1H NMR.

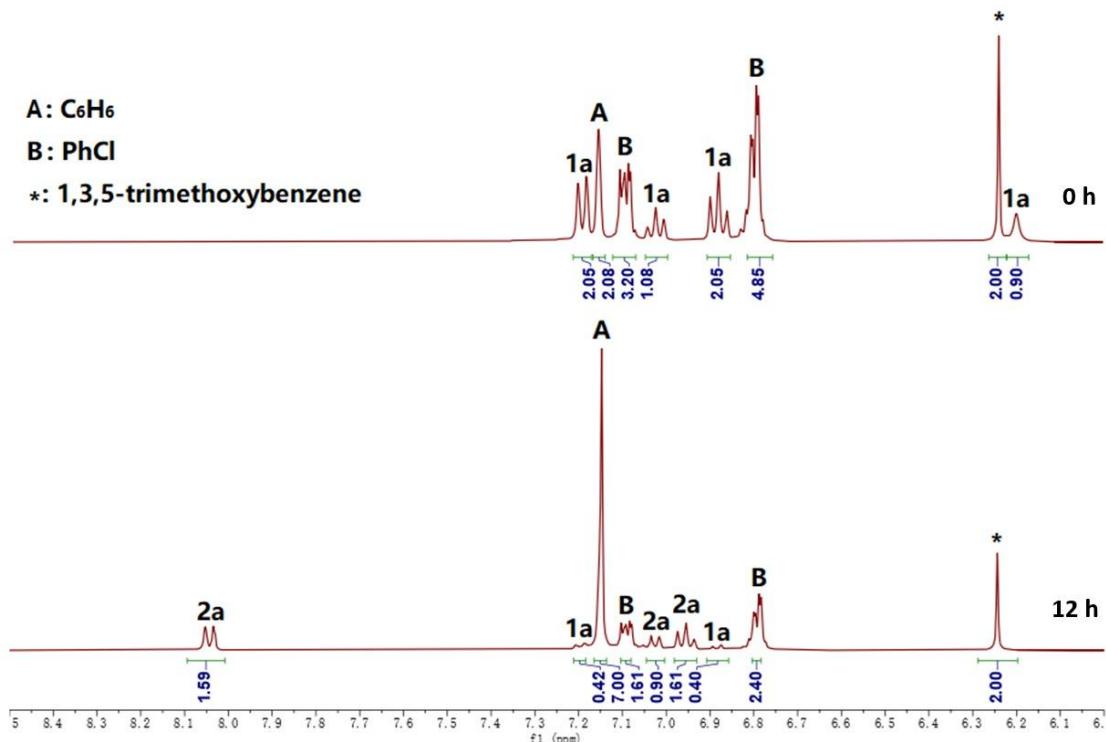


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of the control experiment

X-ray Structure Determination. The data of **2b**, **2m**, and **2t** were collected at 213 K on a Bruker APEX DUO diffractometer. An empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS program.³ All structures were solved by direct methods and subsequent Fourier difference techniques and refined anisotropically for all non-

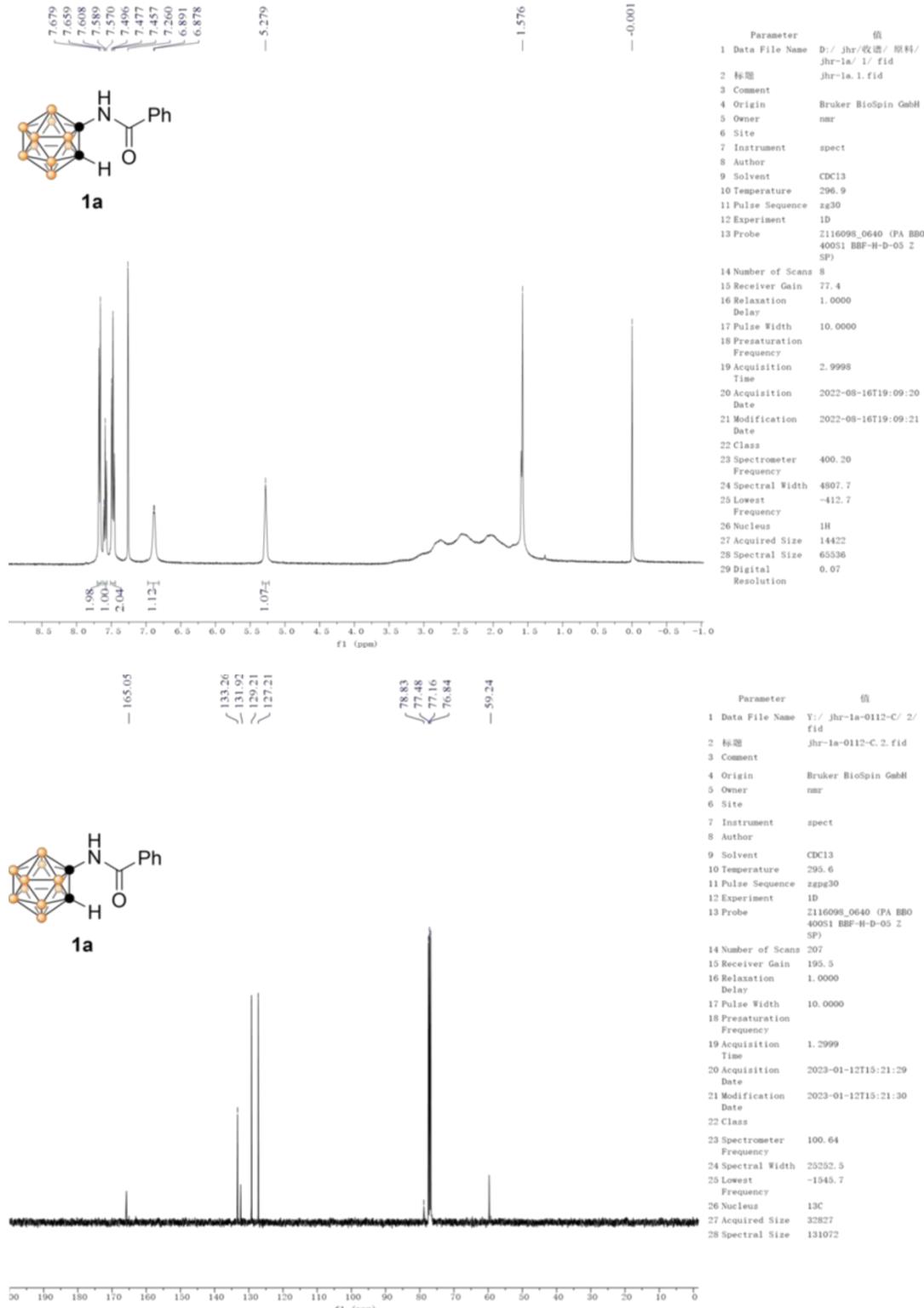
hydrogen atoms by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 using the SHELXTL program package⁴. All hydrogen atoms were geometrically fixed using the riding model. Crystal data and details of data collection and structure refinements were given in Table S2. CCDC 2417342-2417344 (**2b**, **2m** and **2t**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

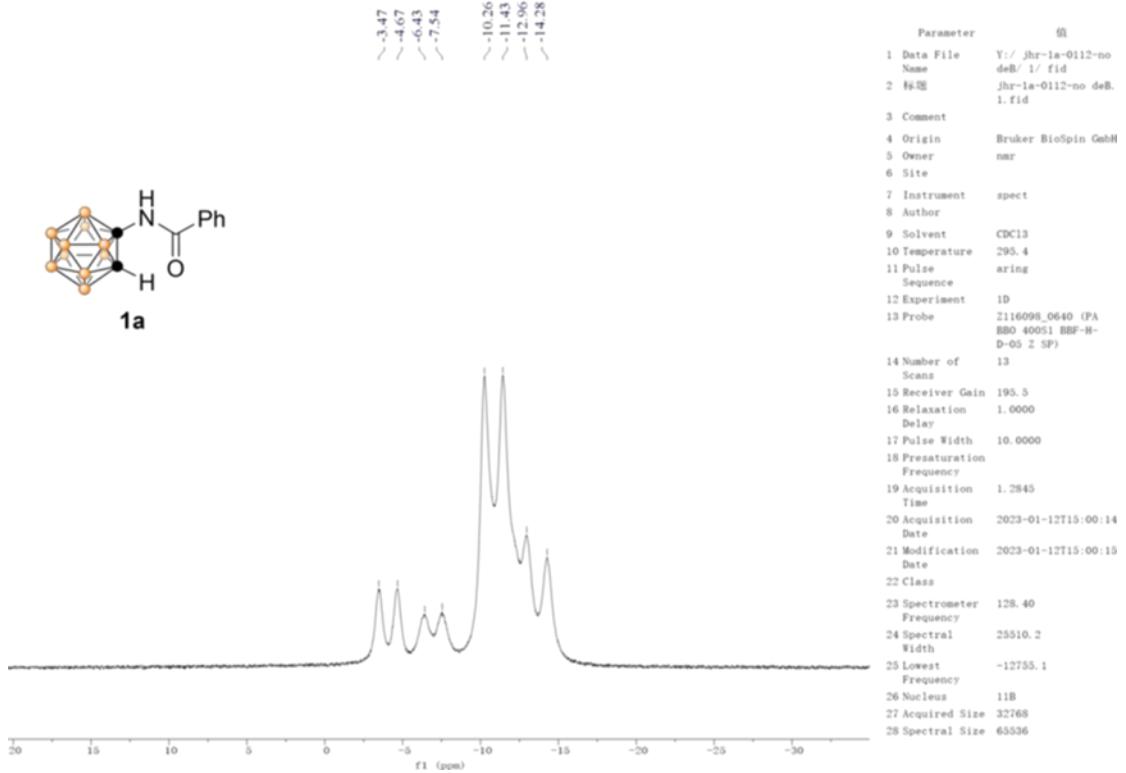
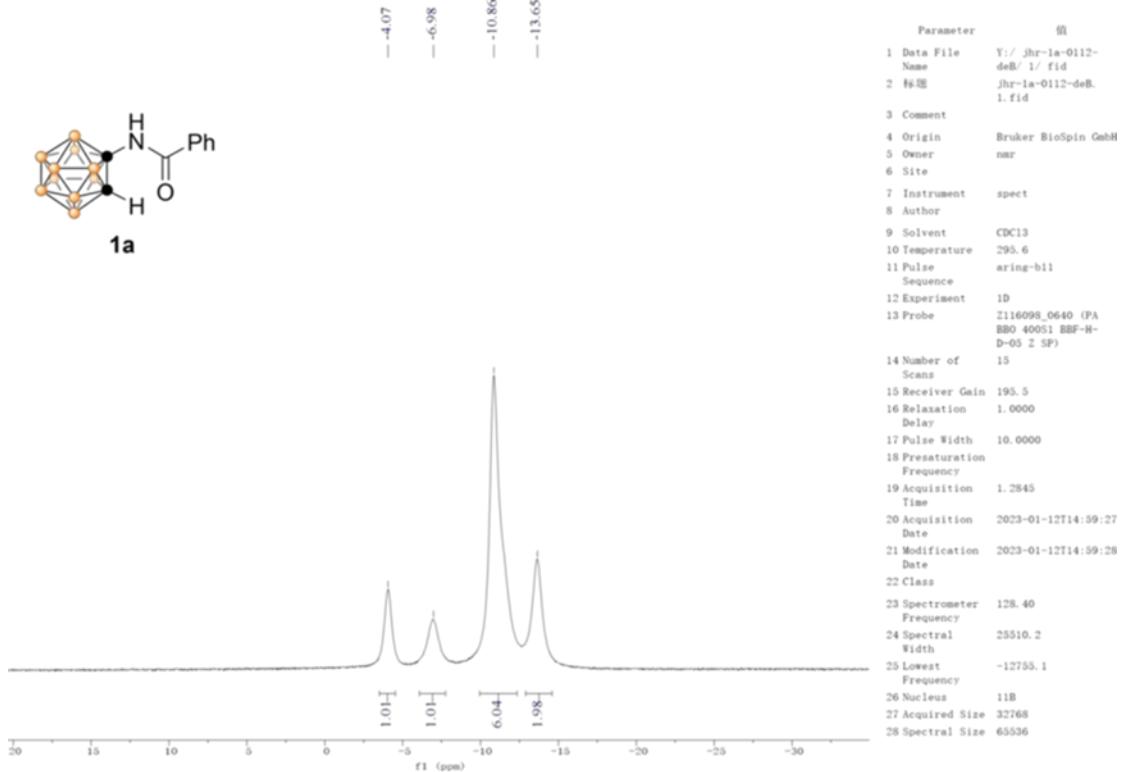
Table S2. Crystal Data and Summary of Data Collection and Refinements.

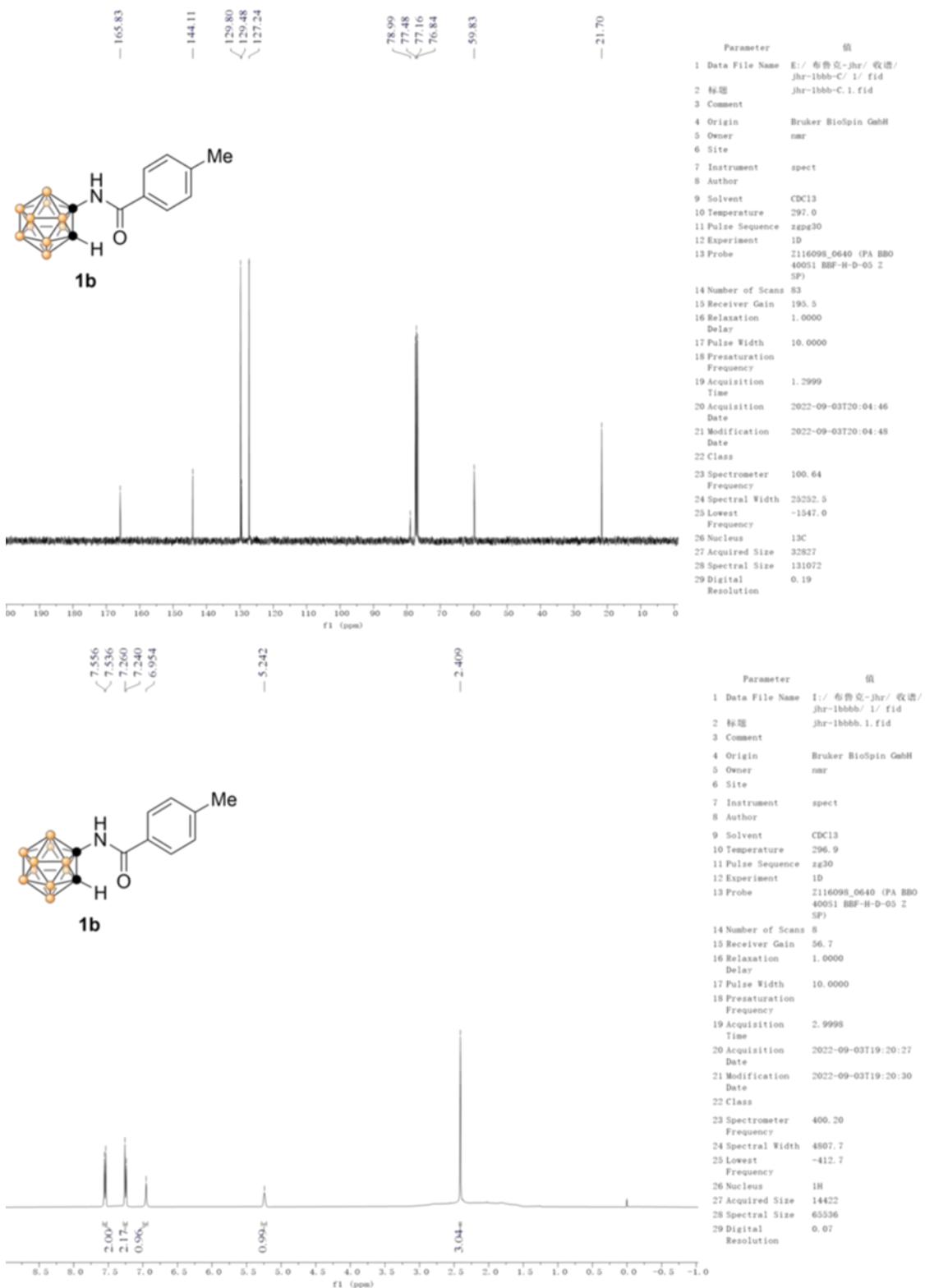
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crystal size (mm ³)	0.07x0.07x0.05	0.07x0.07x0.05	0.07x0.07x0.05
fw	275.35	252.29	267.37
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n
<i>a</i> , Å	11.486(1)	6.759(1)	11.687(1)
<i>b</i> , Å	19.564(1)	20.968(1)	11.014(1)
<i>c</i> , Å	6.782(1)	9.278(1)	12.611(1)
β , deg	95.718(2)	98.688(2)	110.678(2)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	1516.3(1)	1299.7(1)	1518.7(1)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
<i>D</i> _{calcd} , Mg/m ³	1.206	1.289	1.169
radiation (λ) Å	1.34139	1.34139	1.34139
2 θ range, deg	7.8 to 110.1	9.2 to 109.9	7.7 to 109.8
μ , mm ⁻¹	0.304	0.360	0.289
<i>F</i> (000)	568	516	560
no. of obsd reflns	2849	2458	2886
no. of params refnd	200	181	190
goodness of fit	1.081	1.047	1.060
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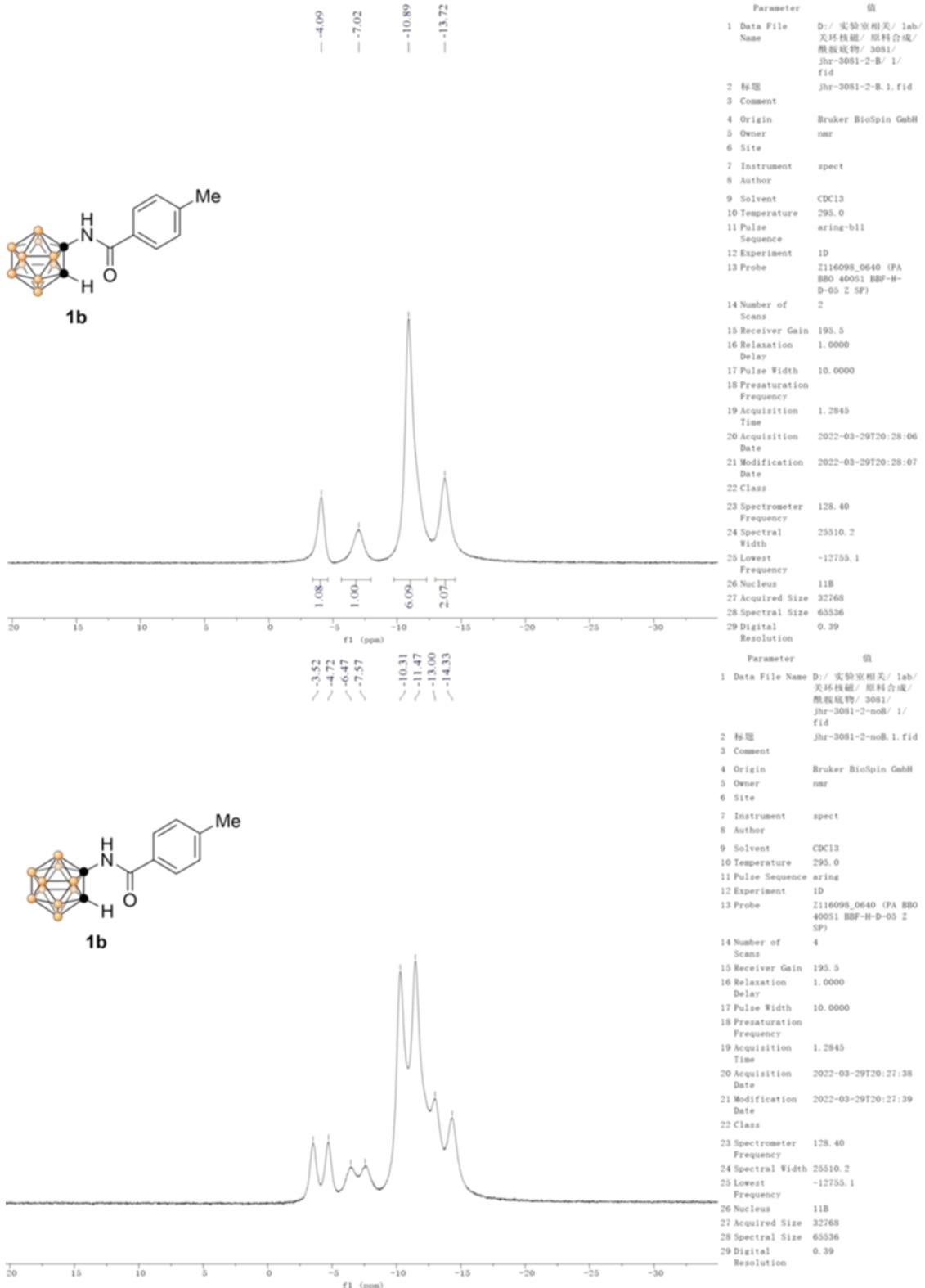
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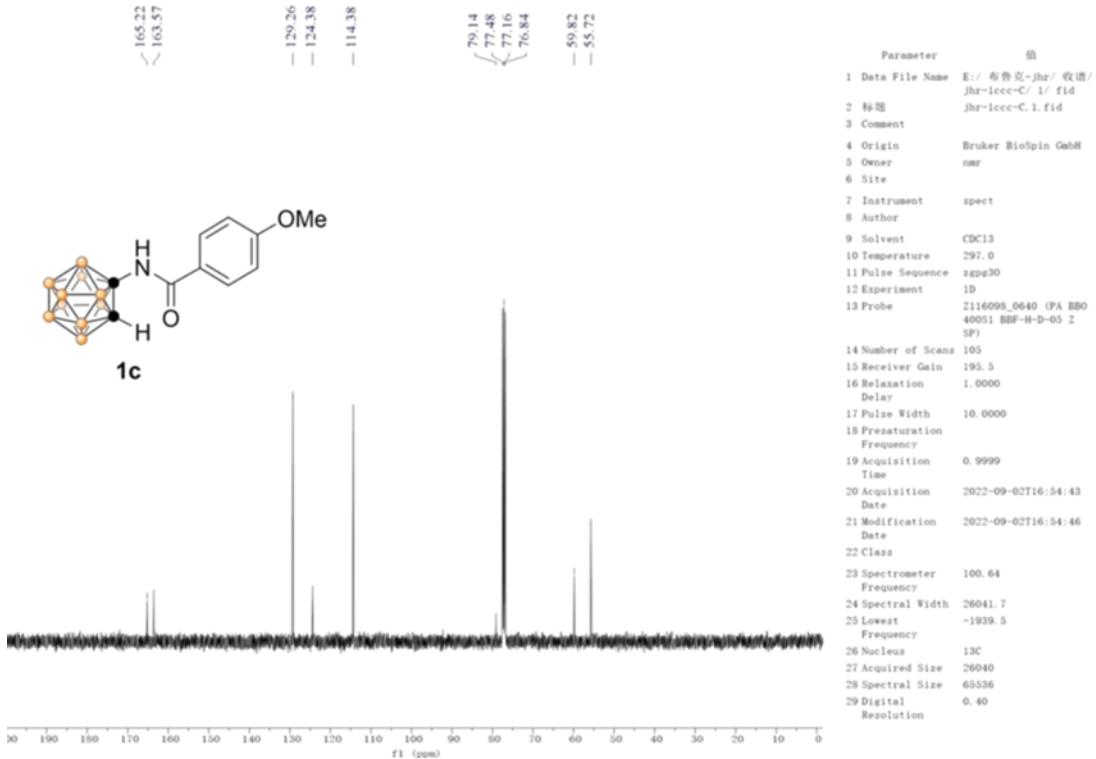
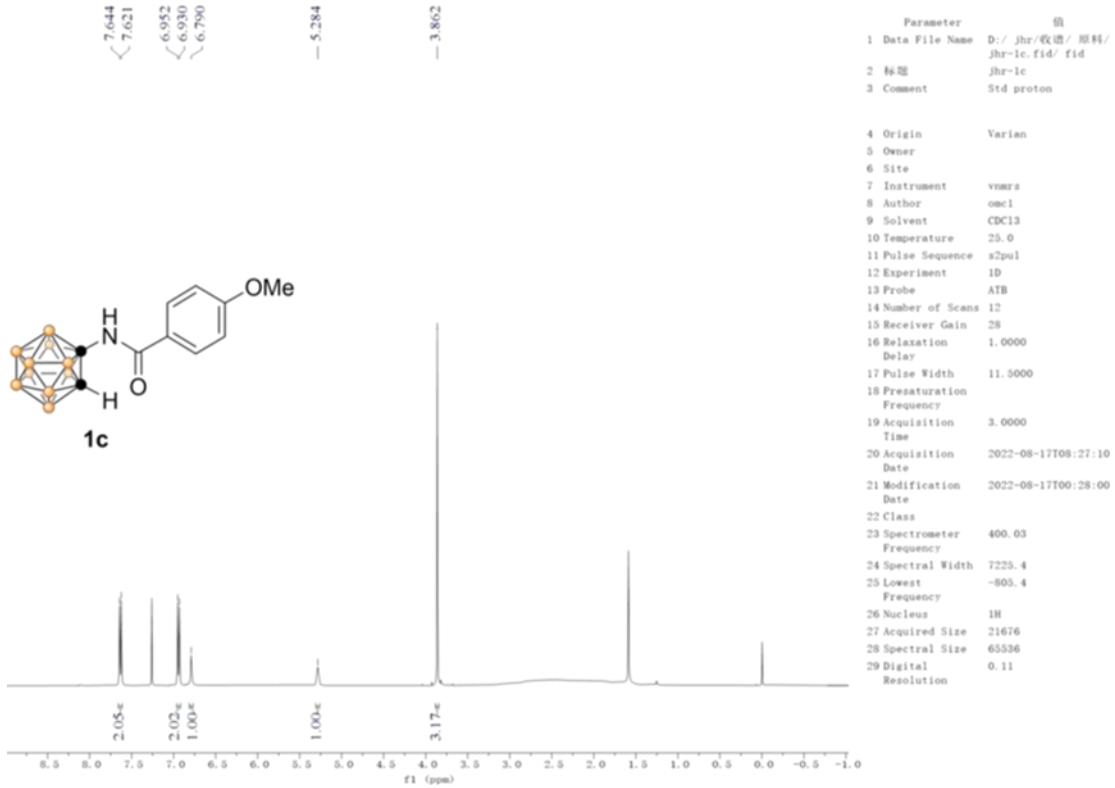
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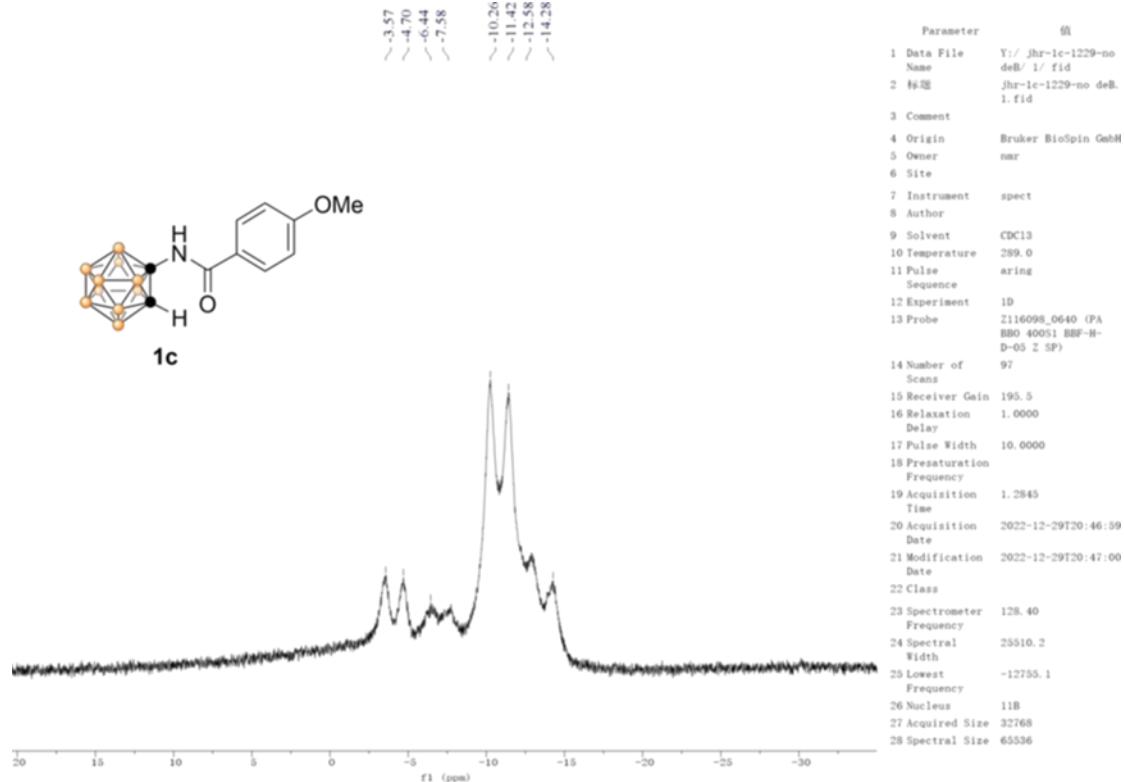
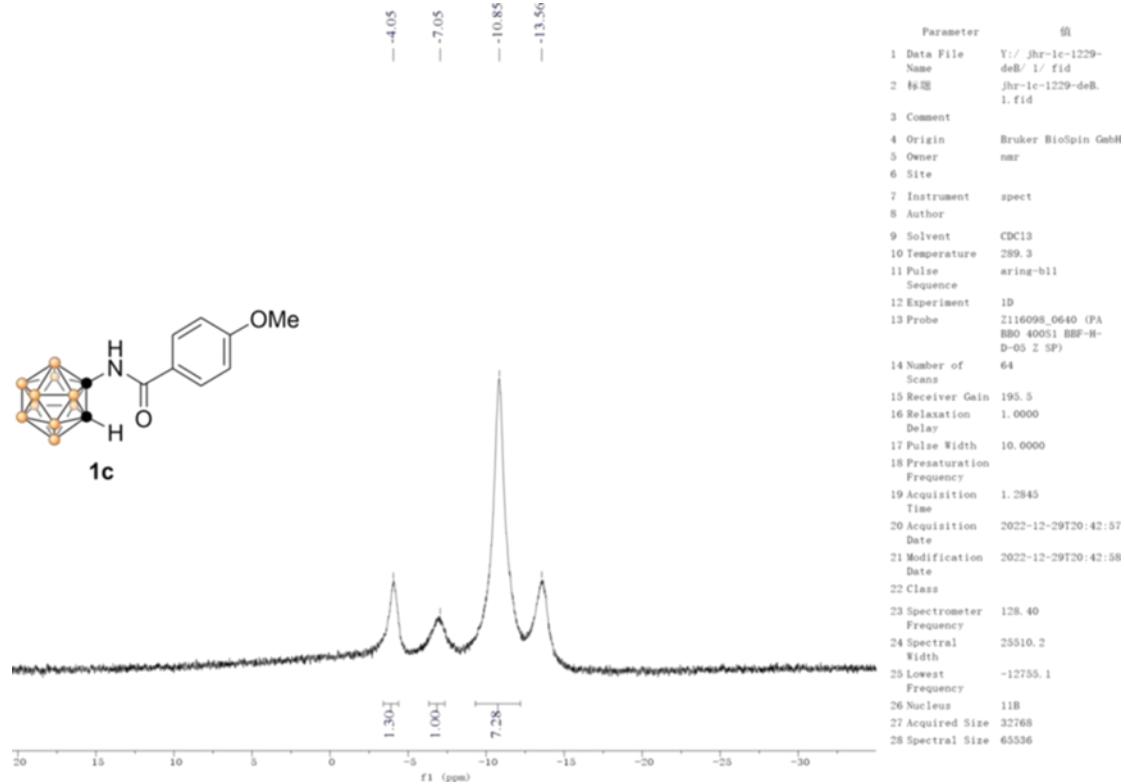


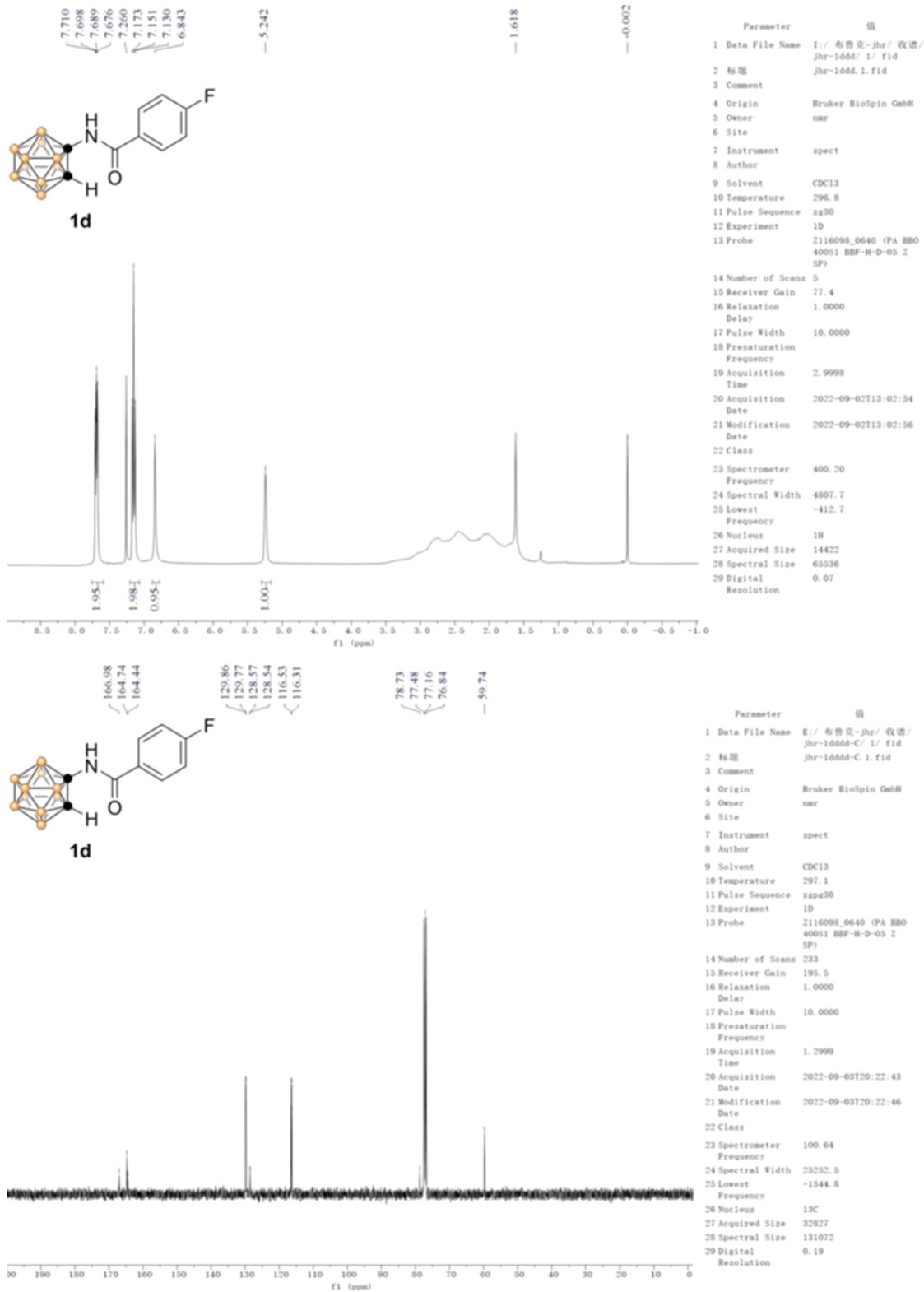


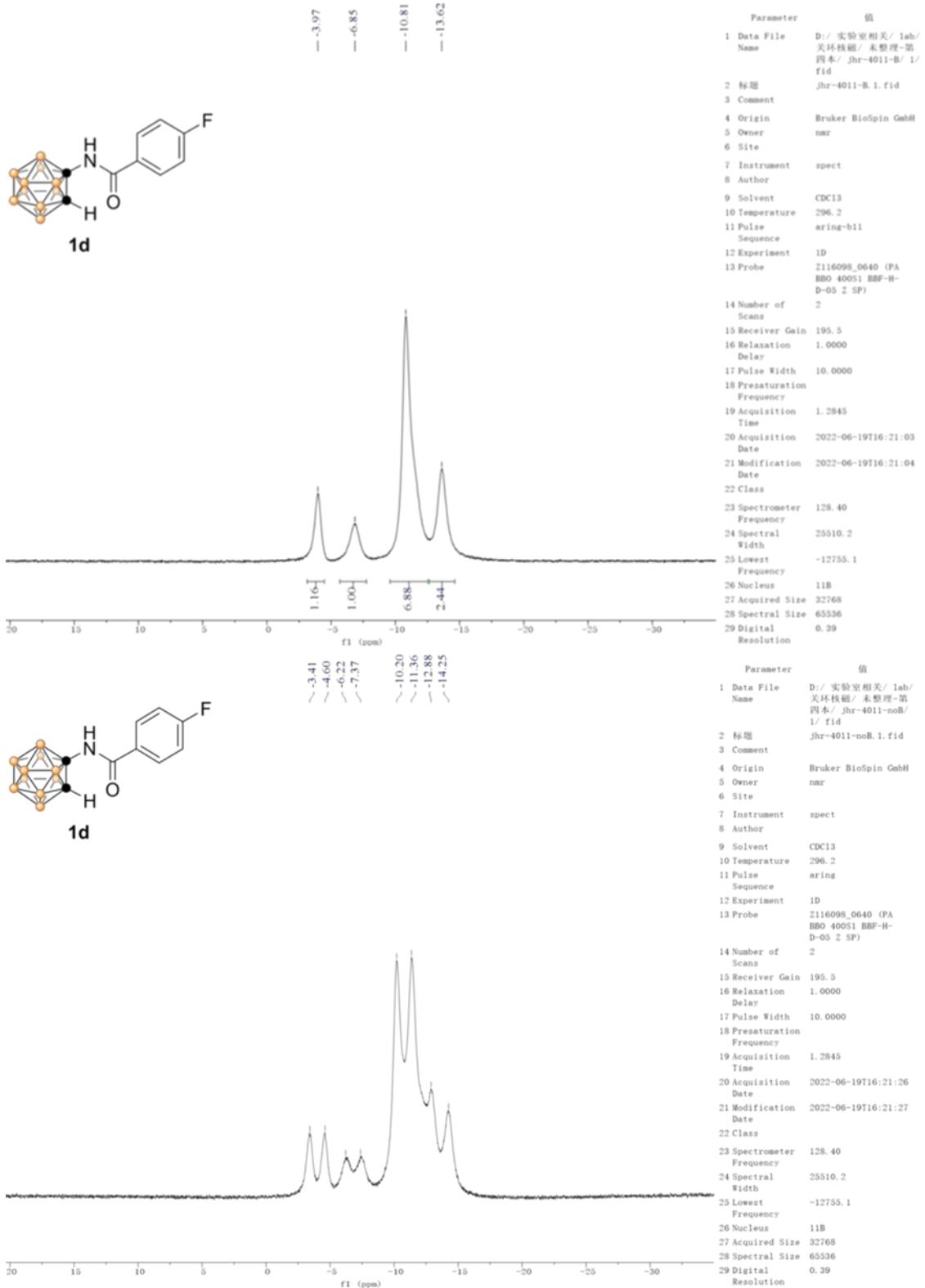


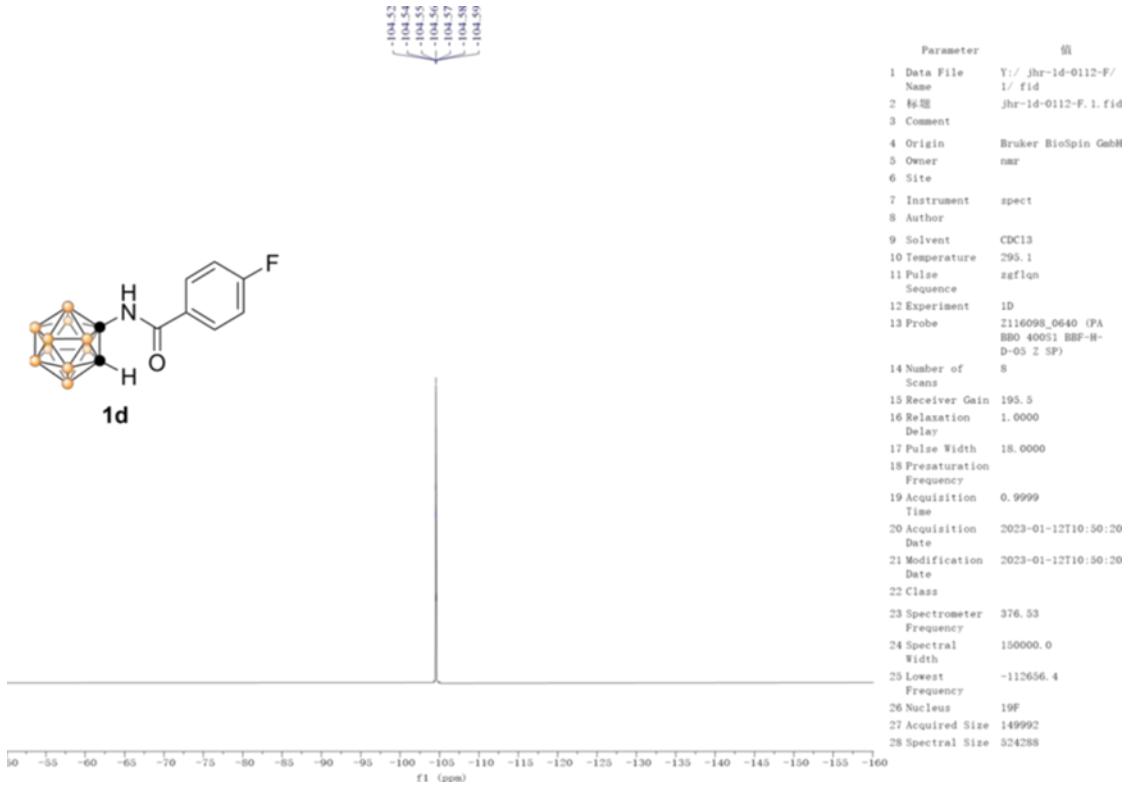


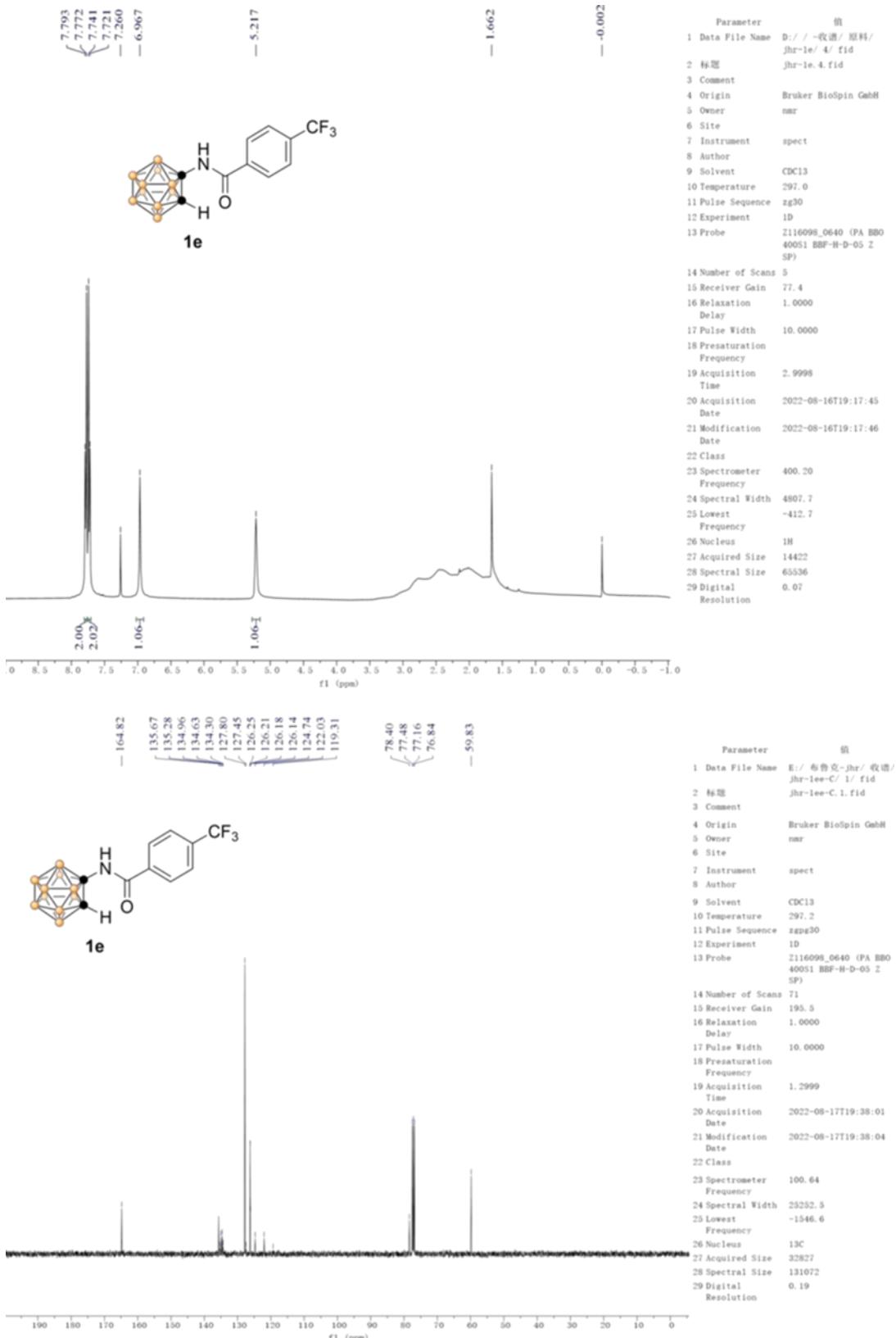


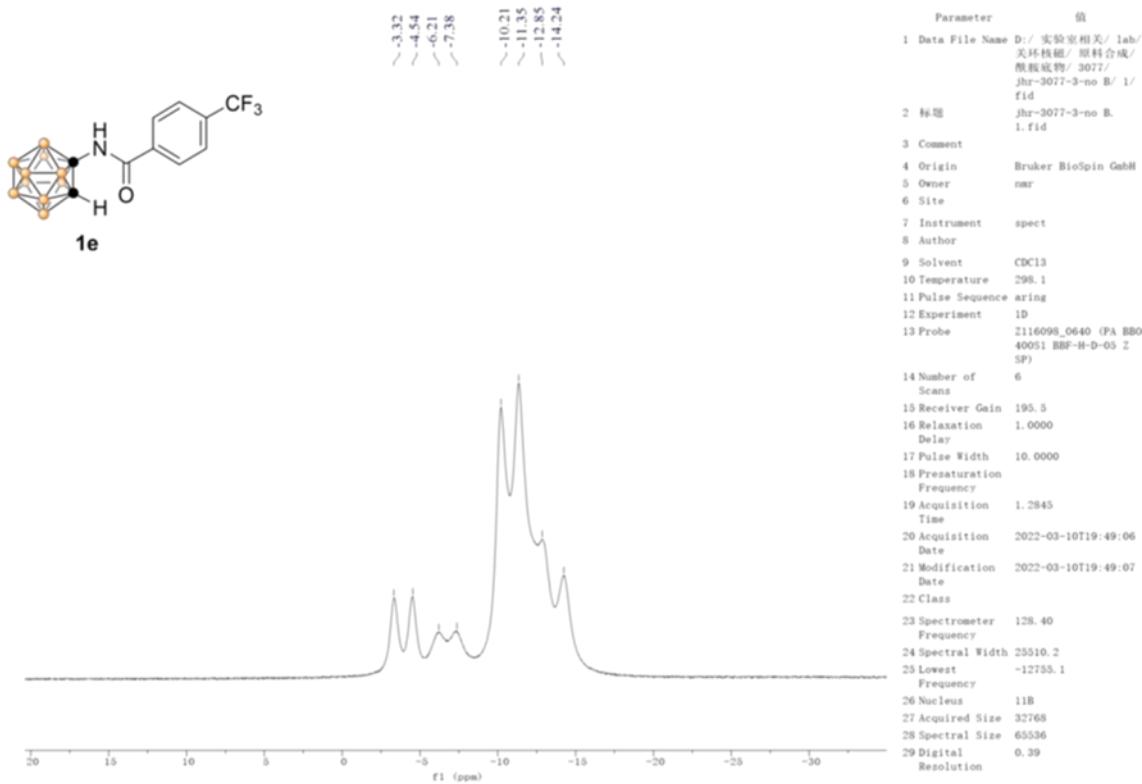
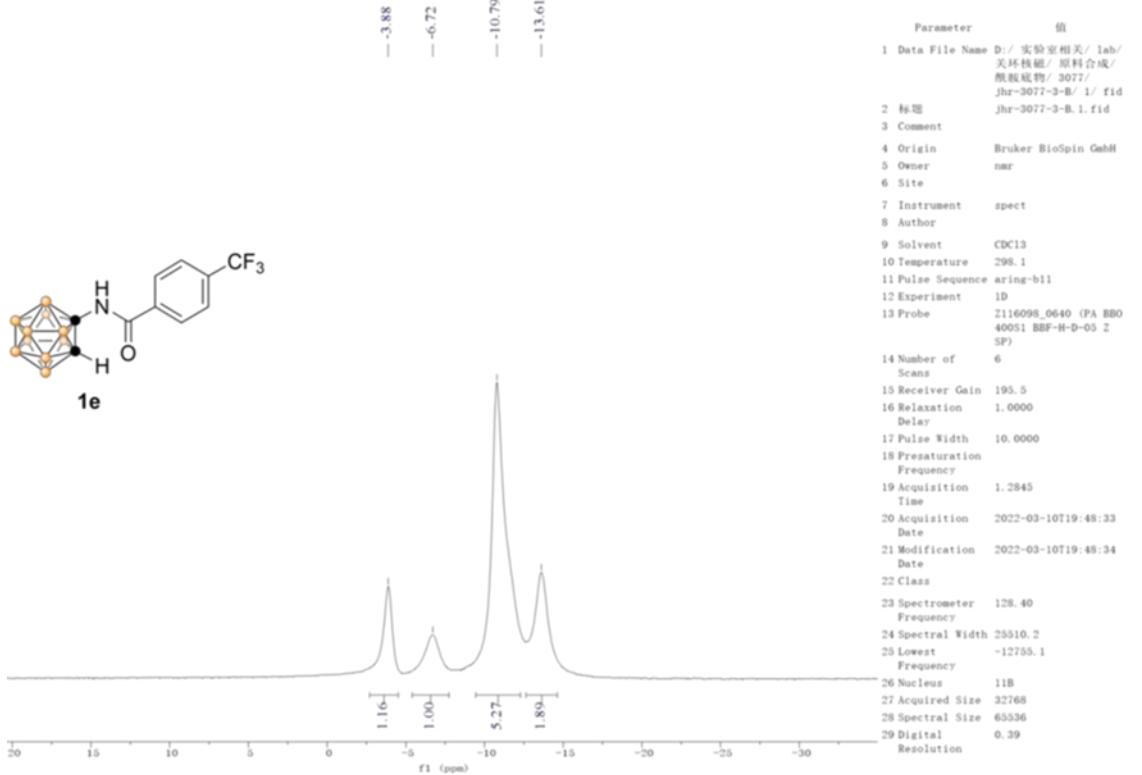


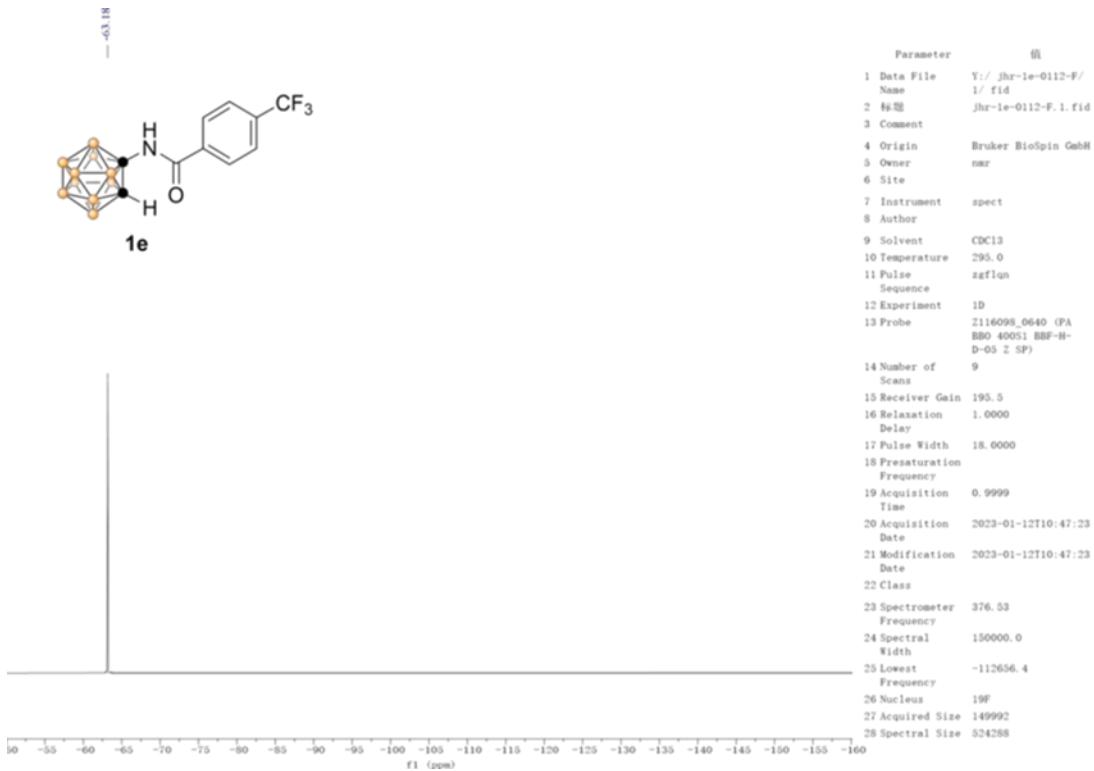


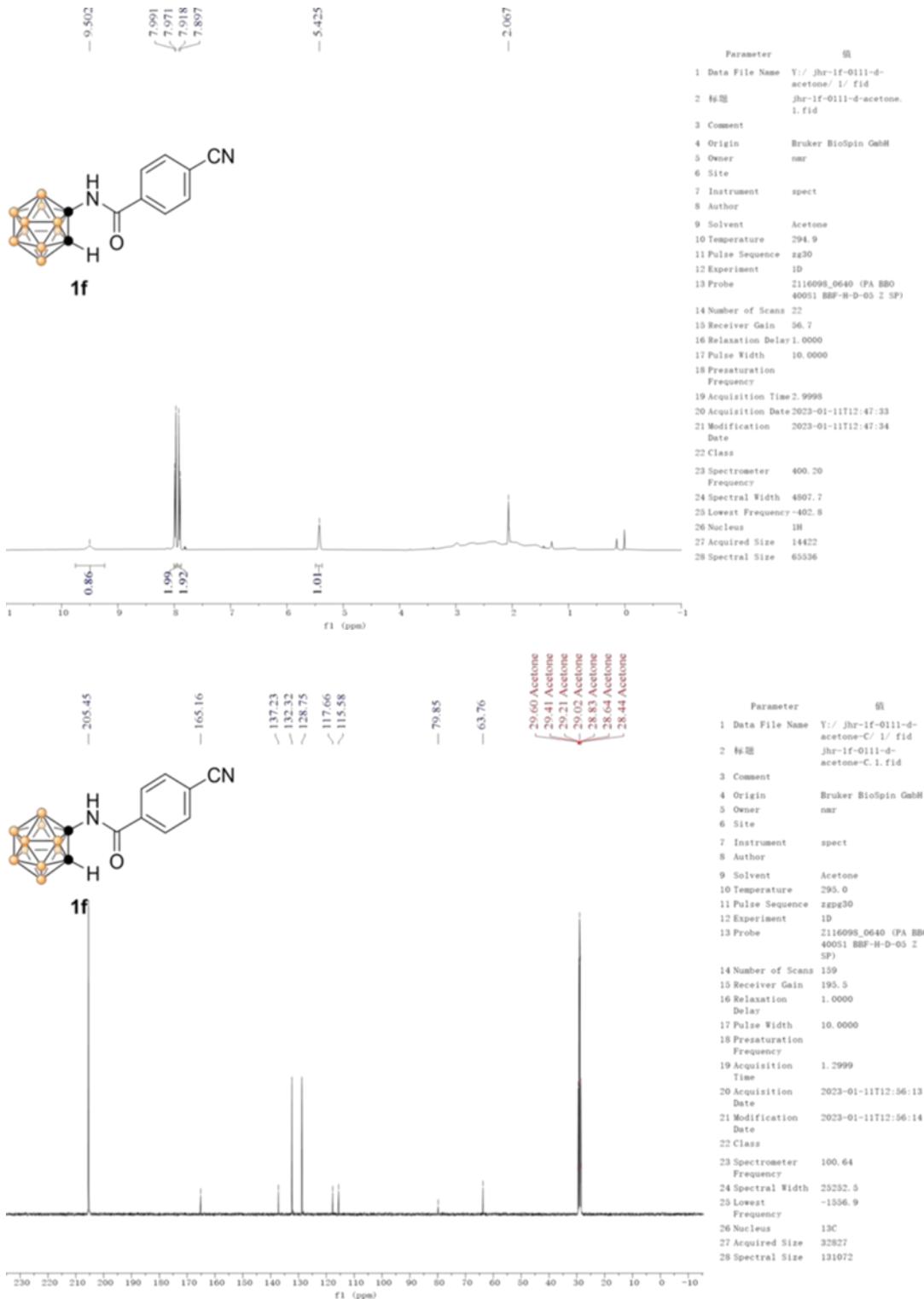


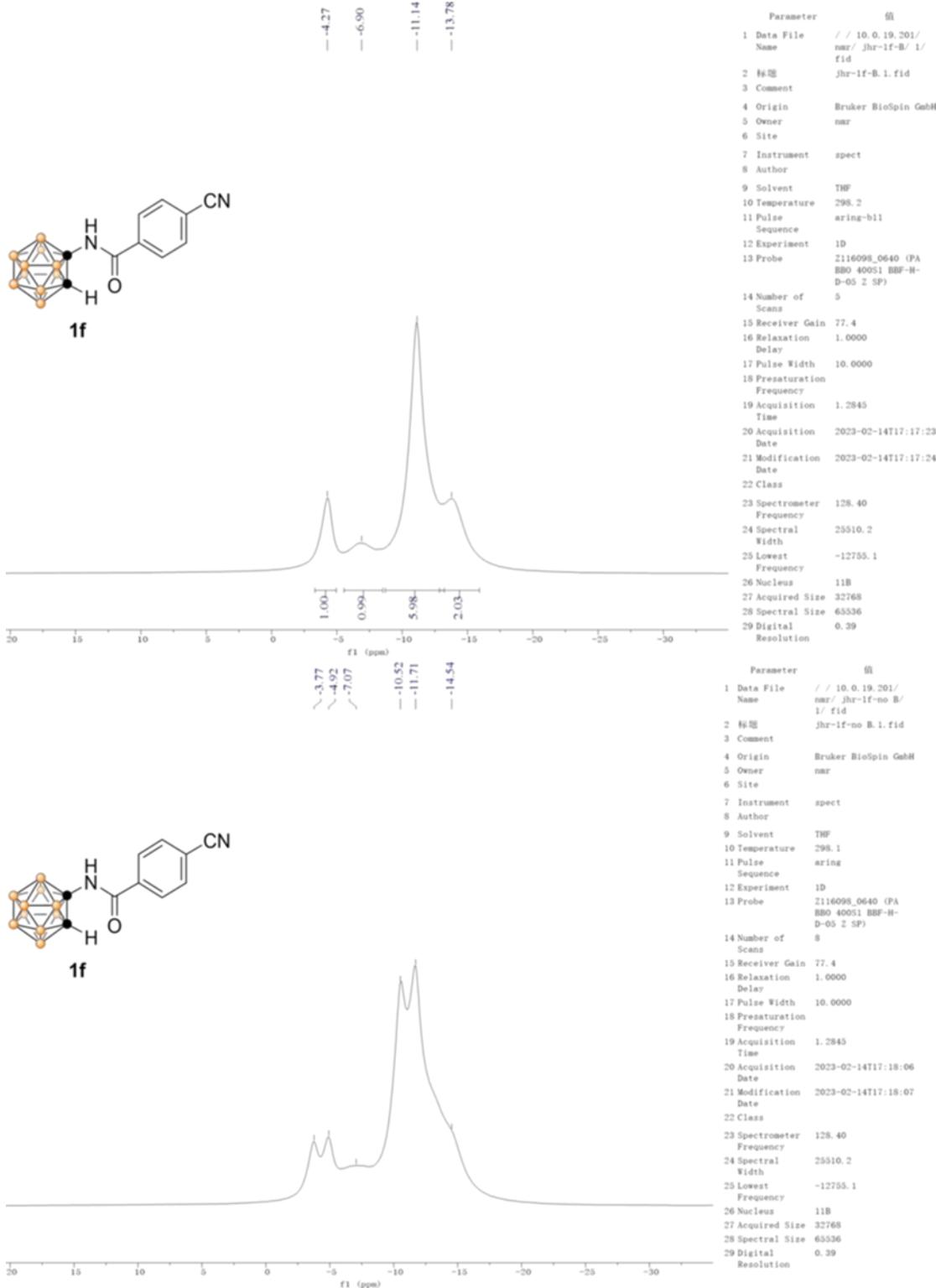


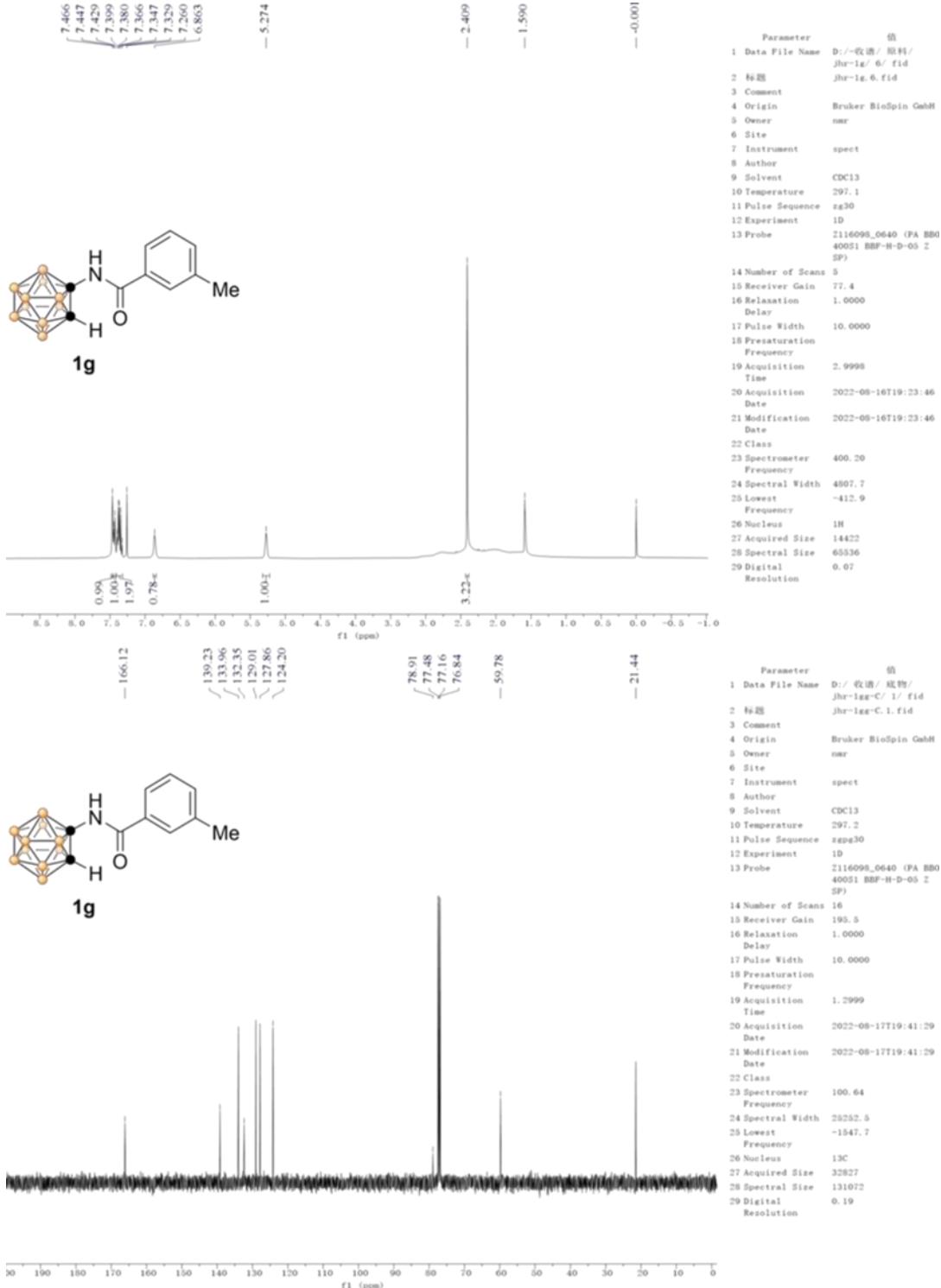


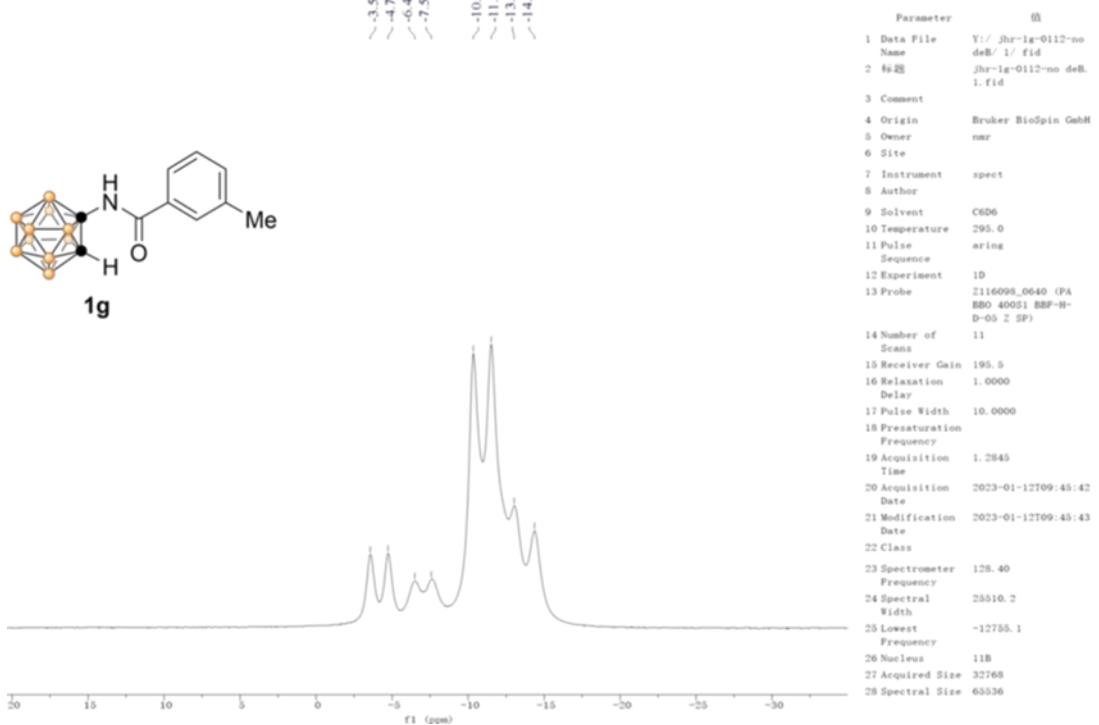
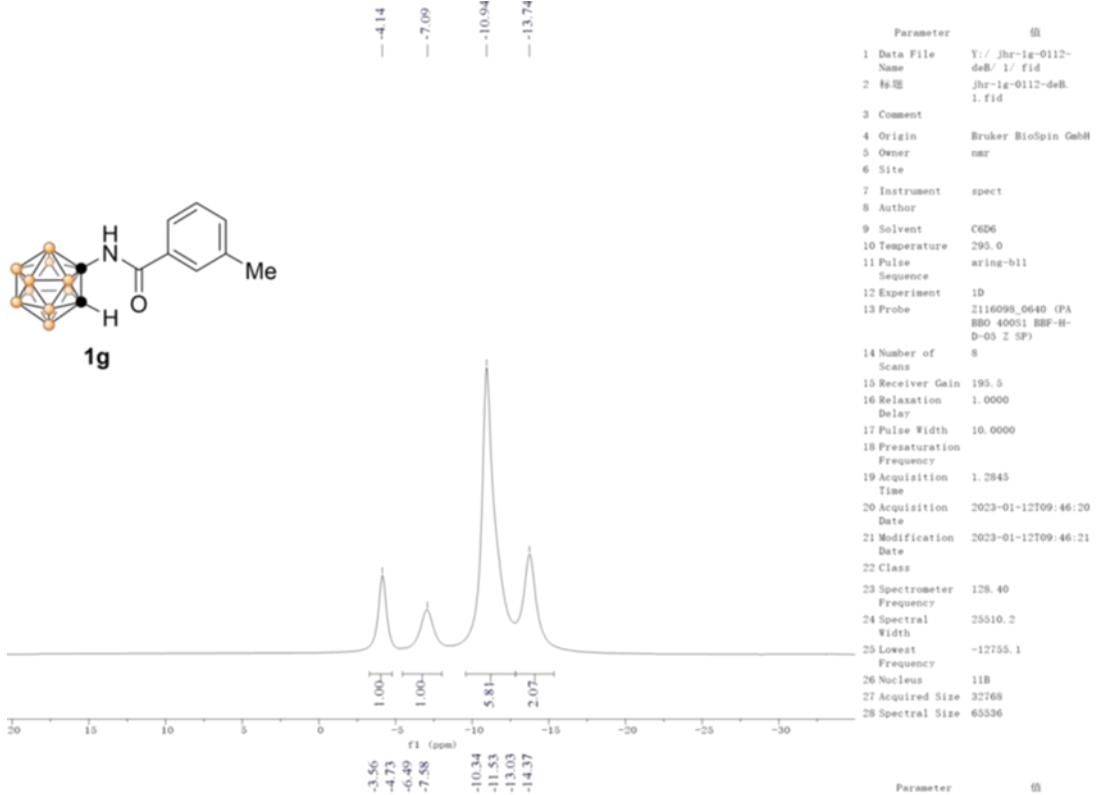


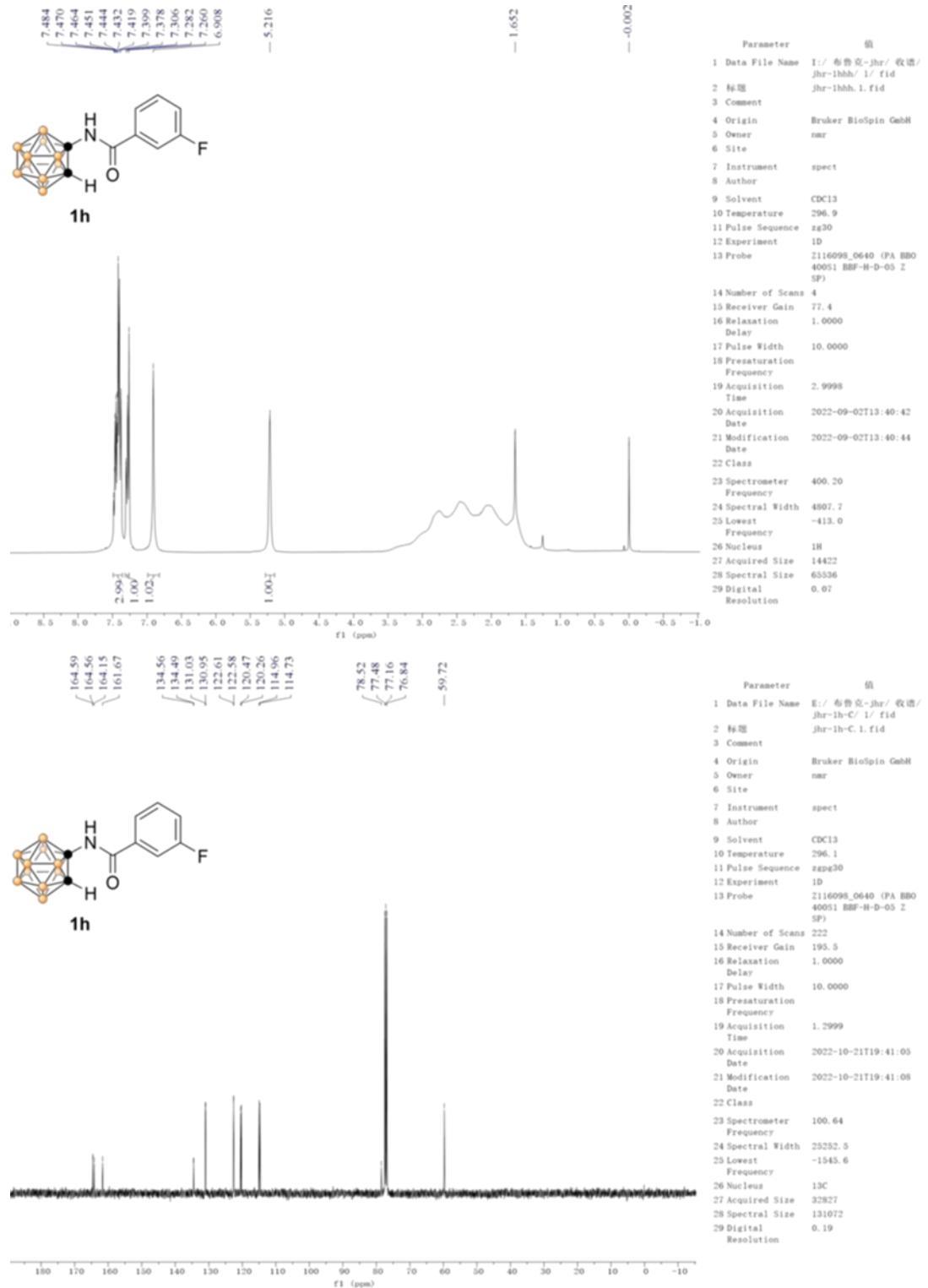


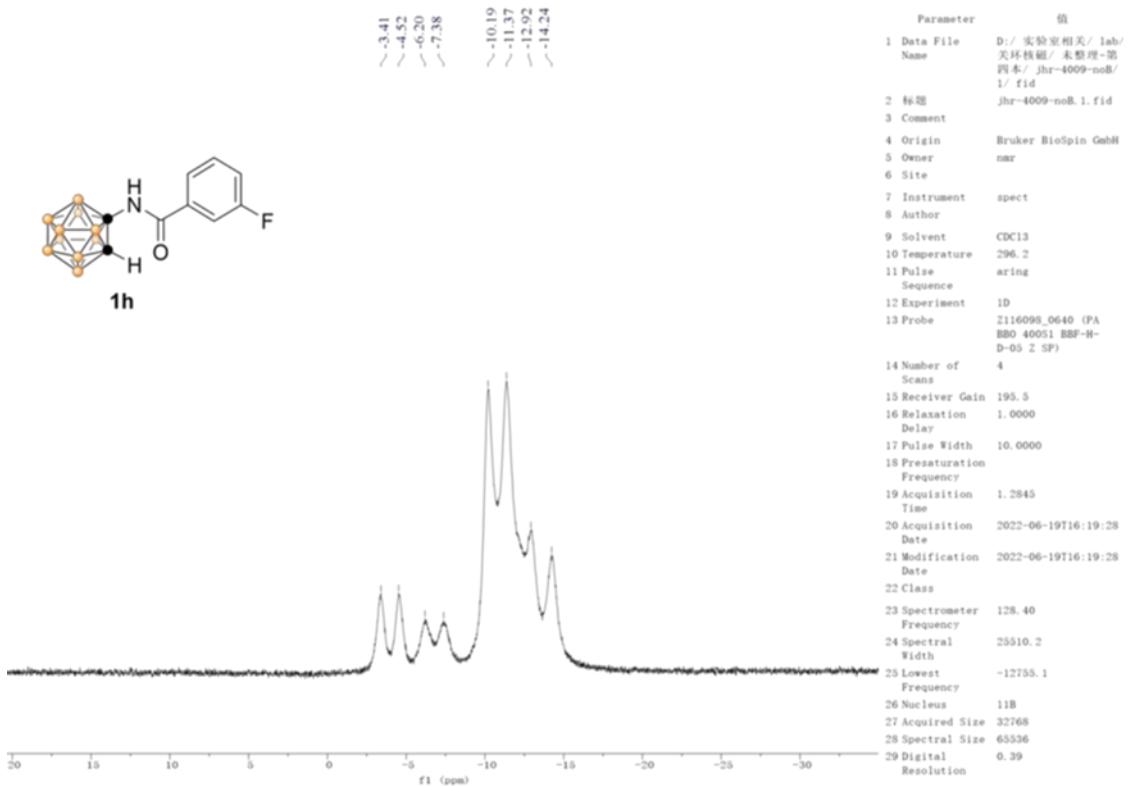
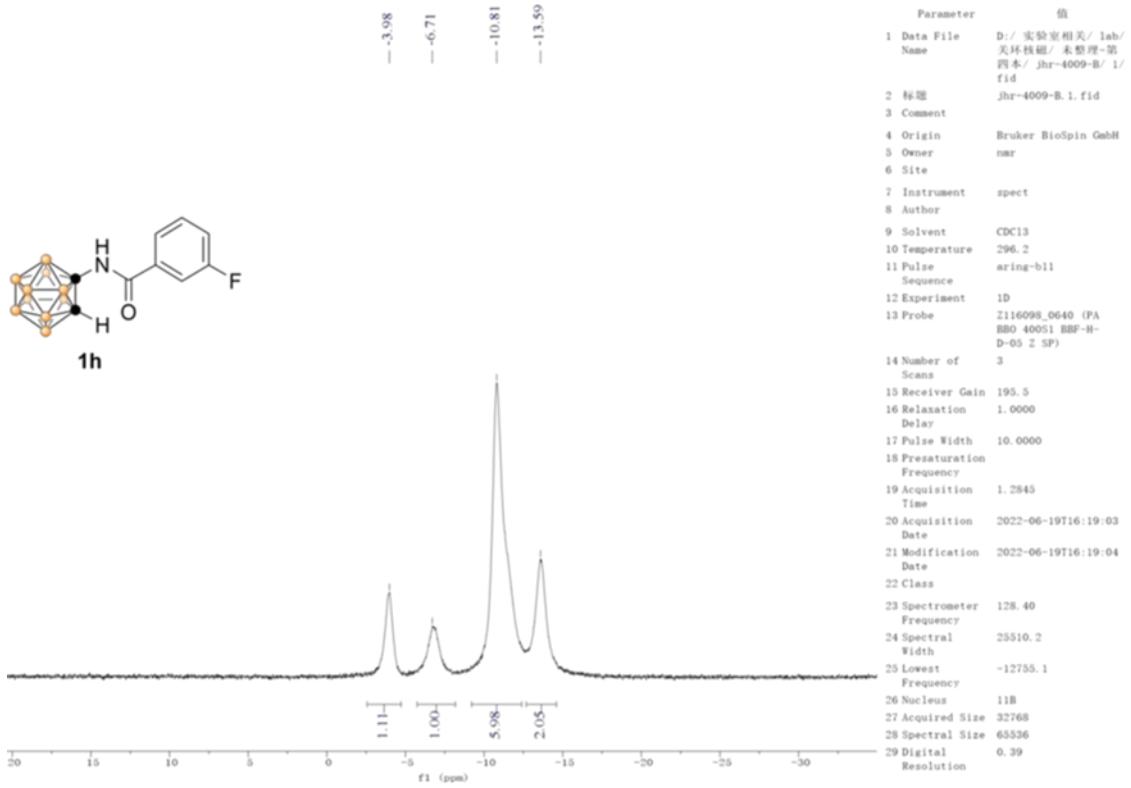


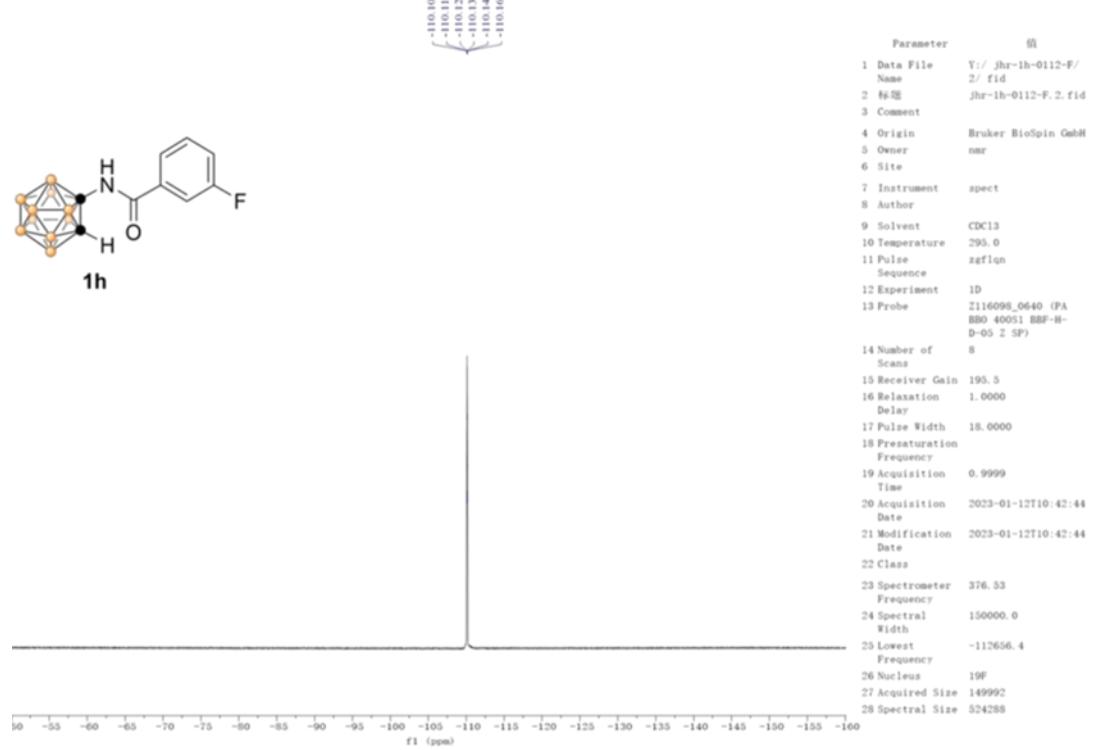


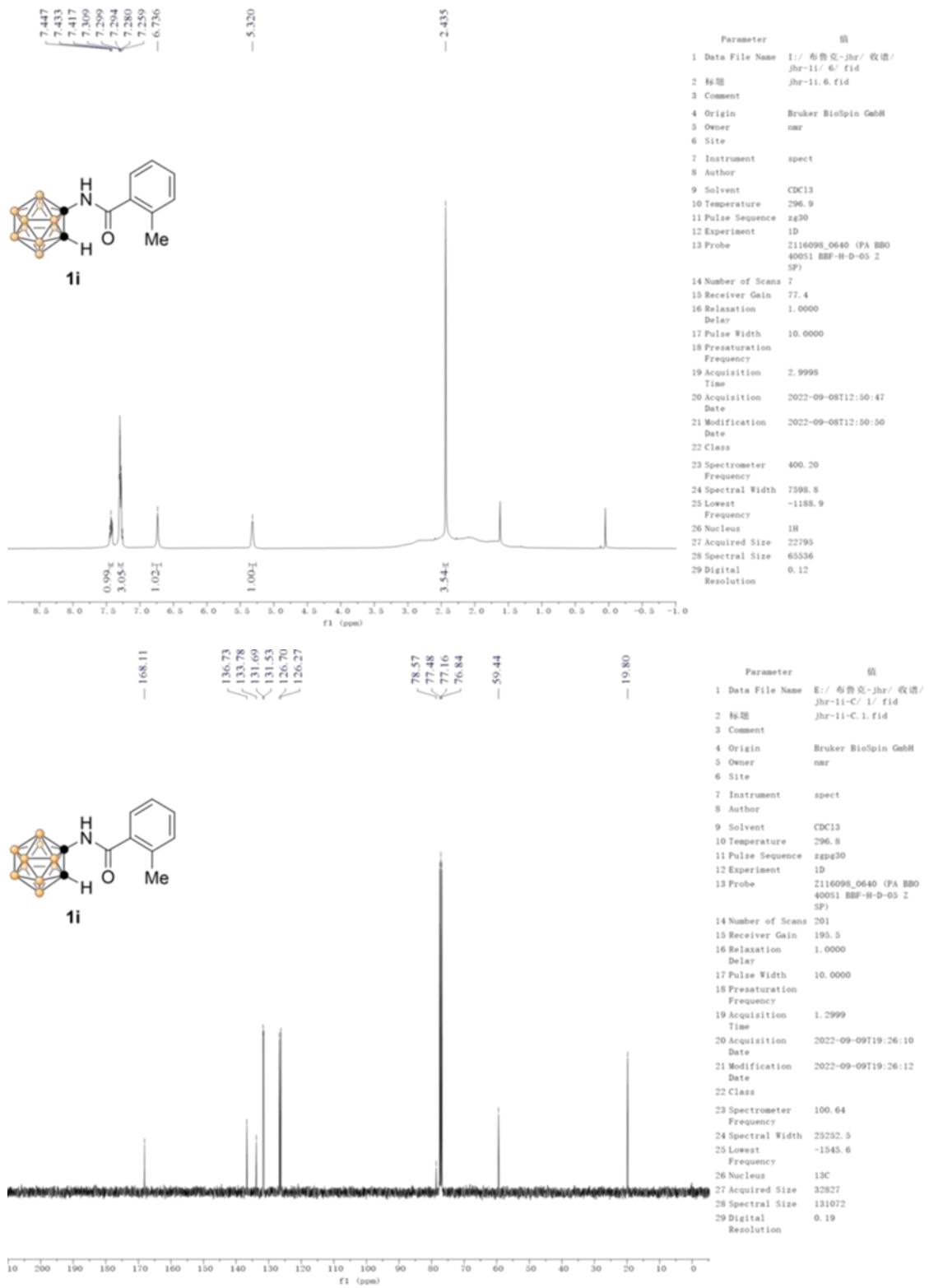


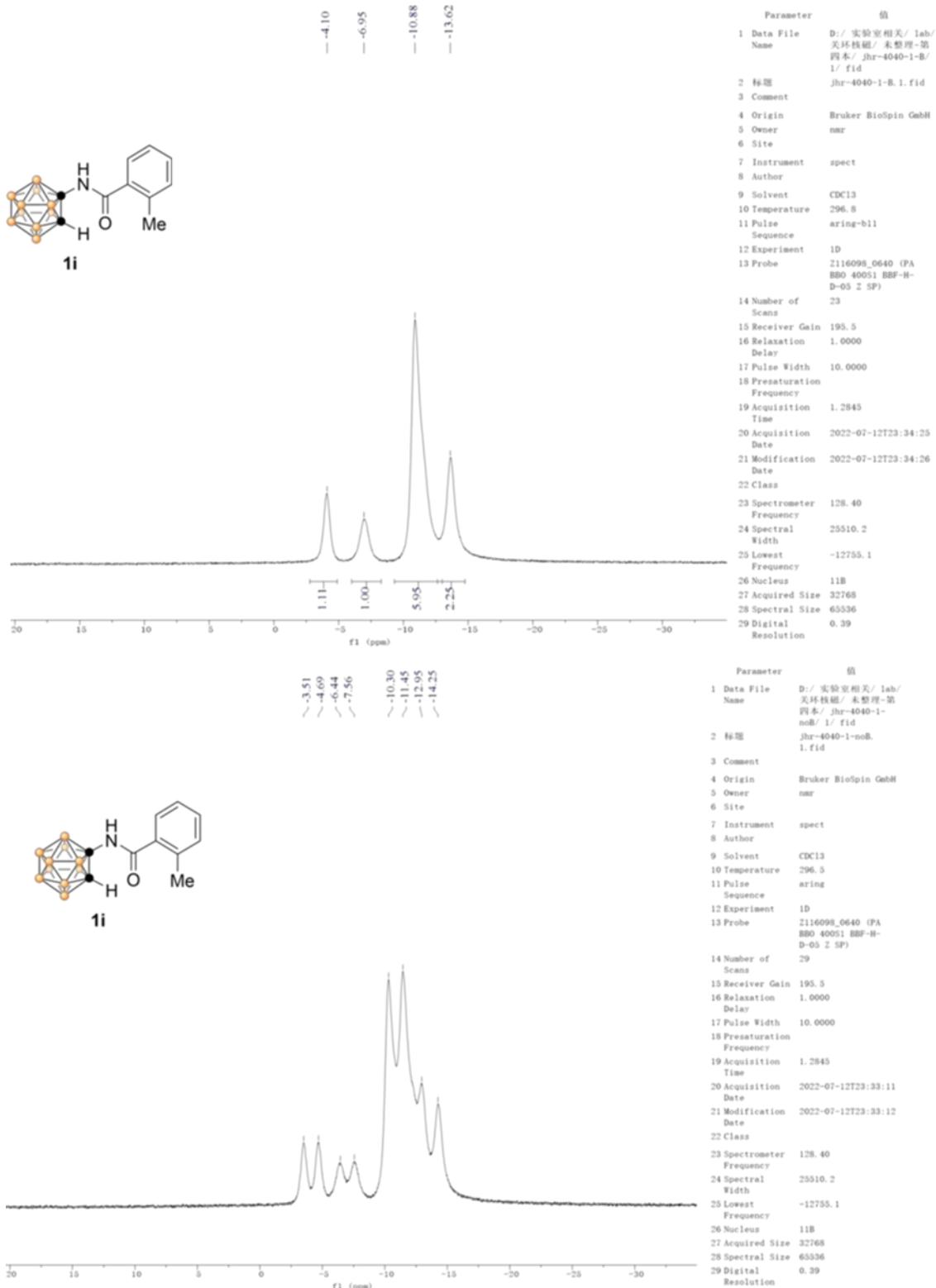


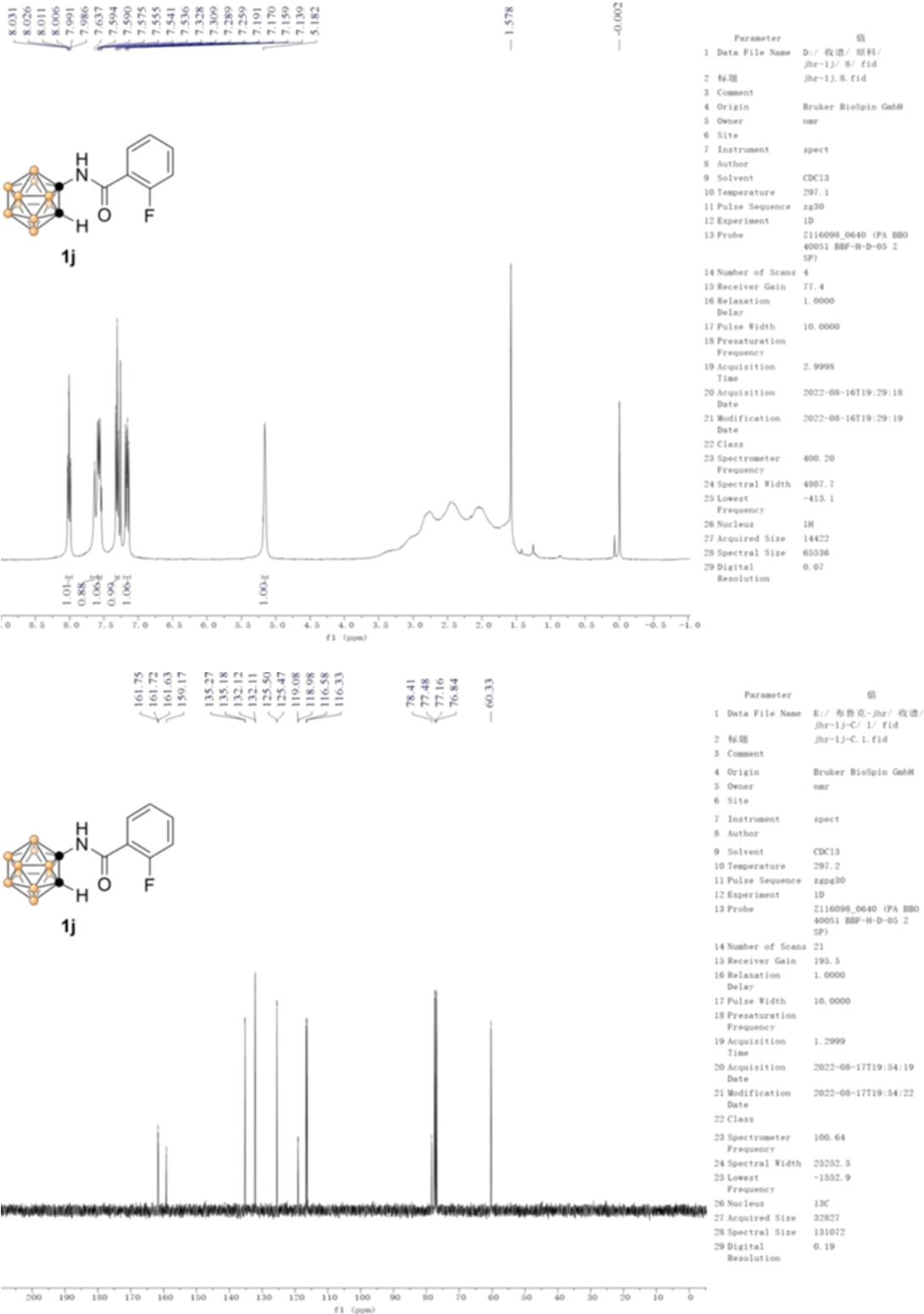


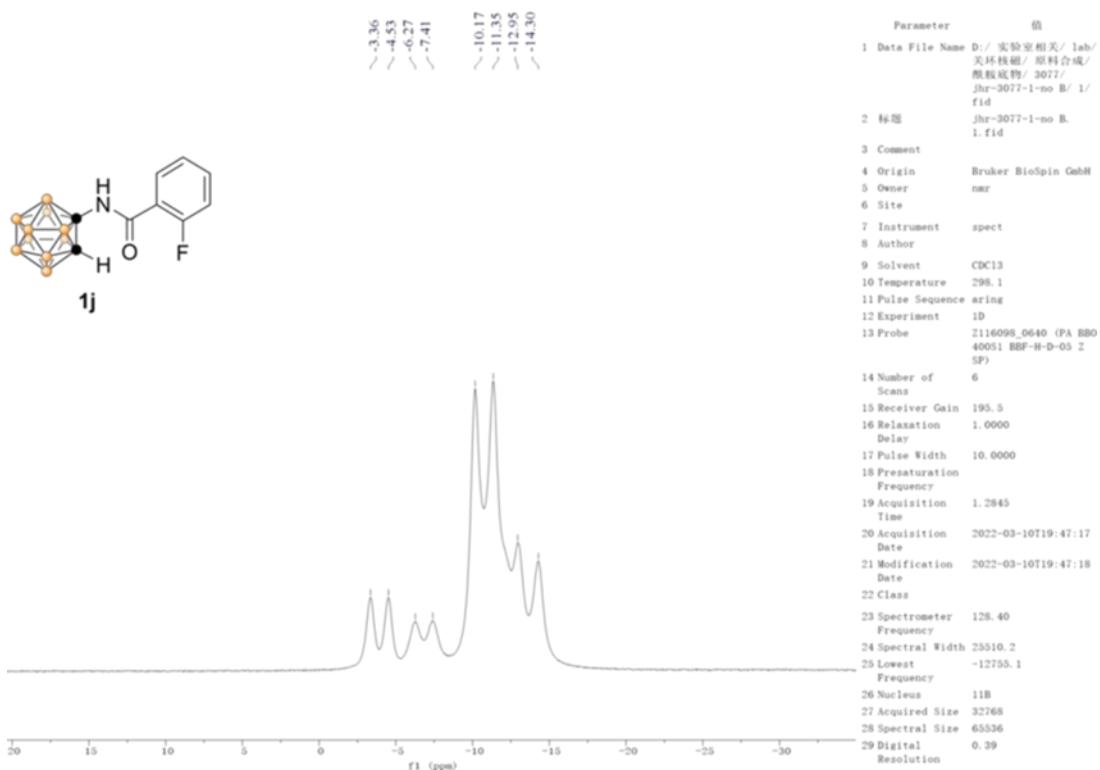
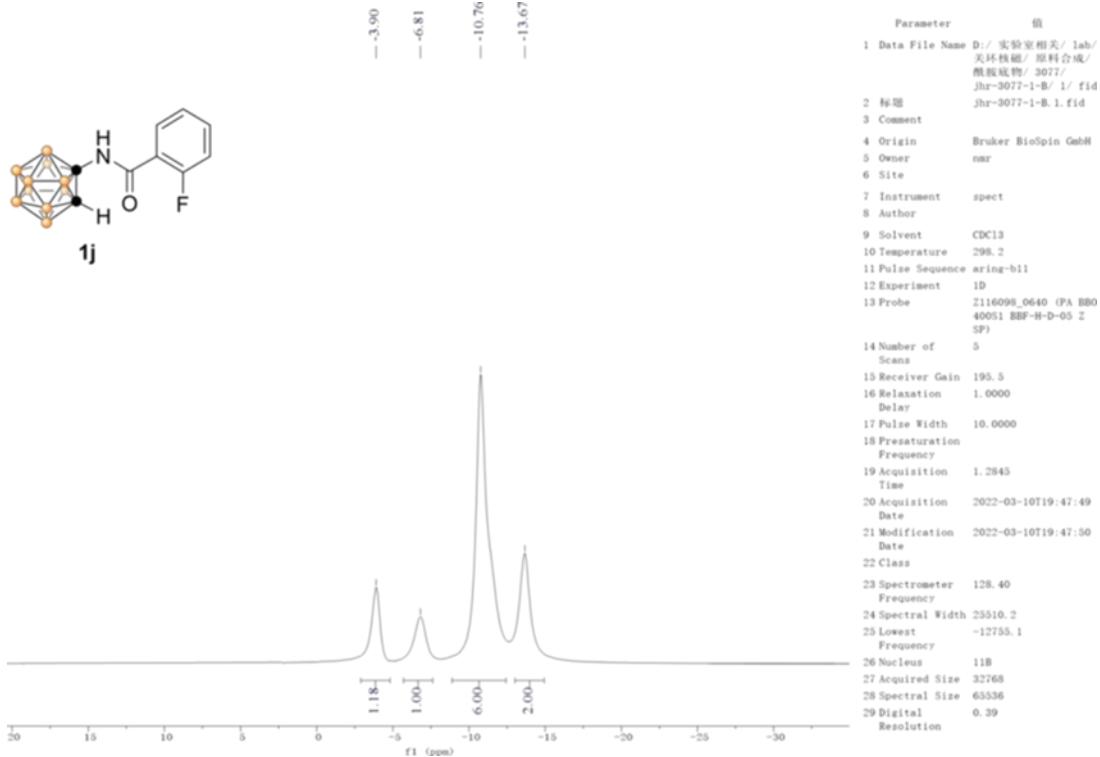


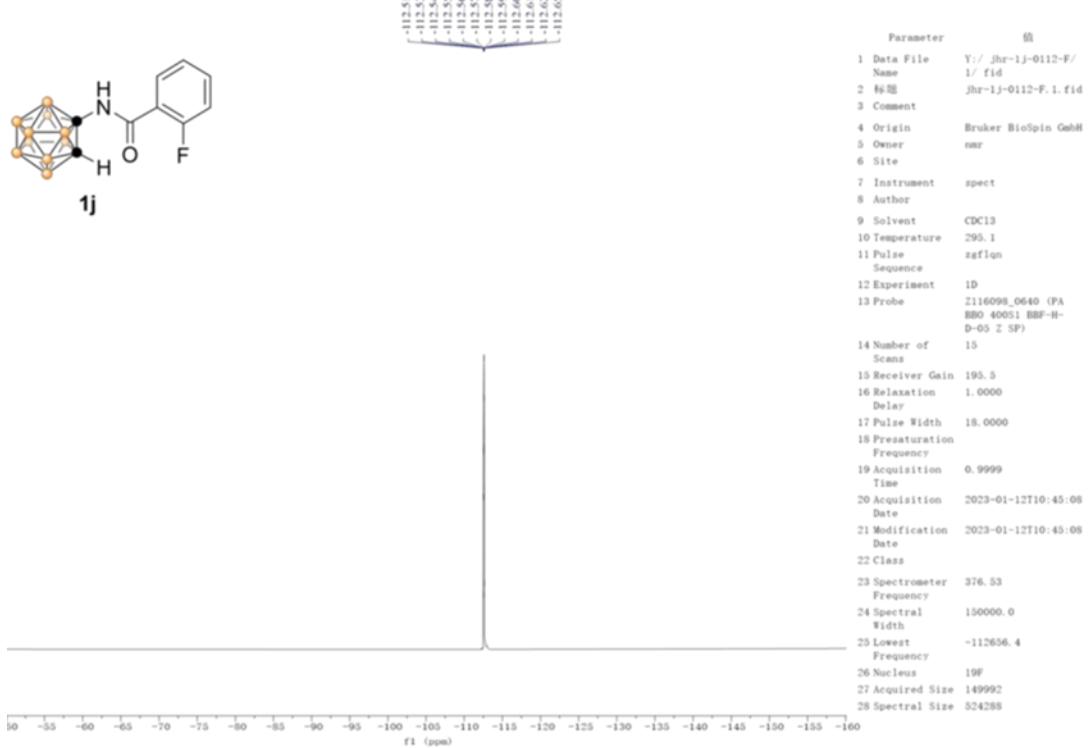


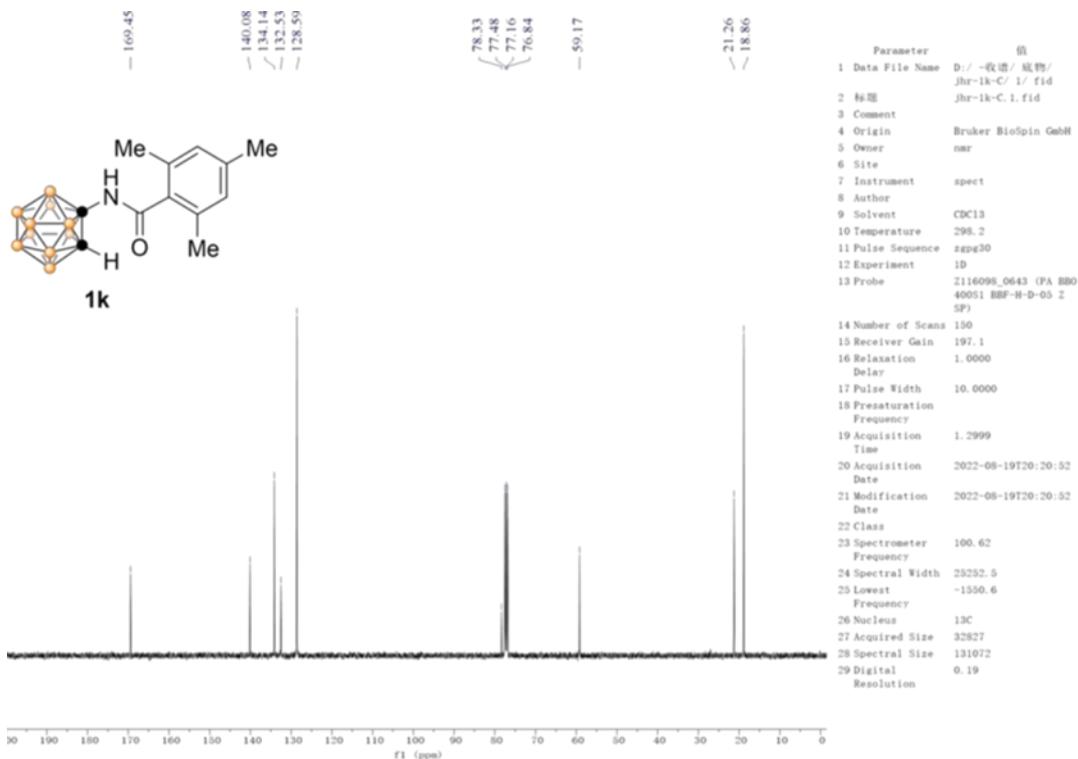
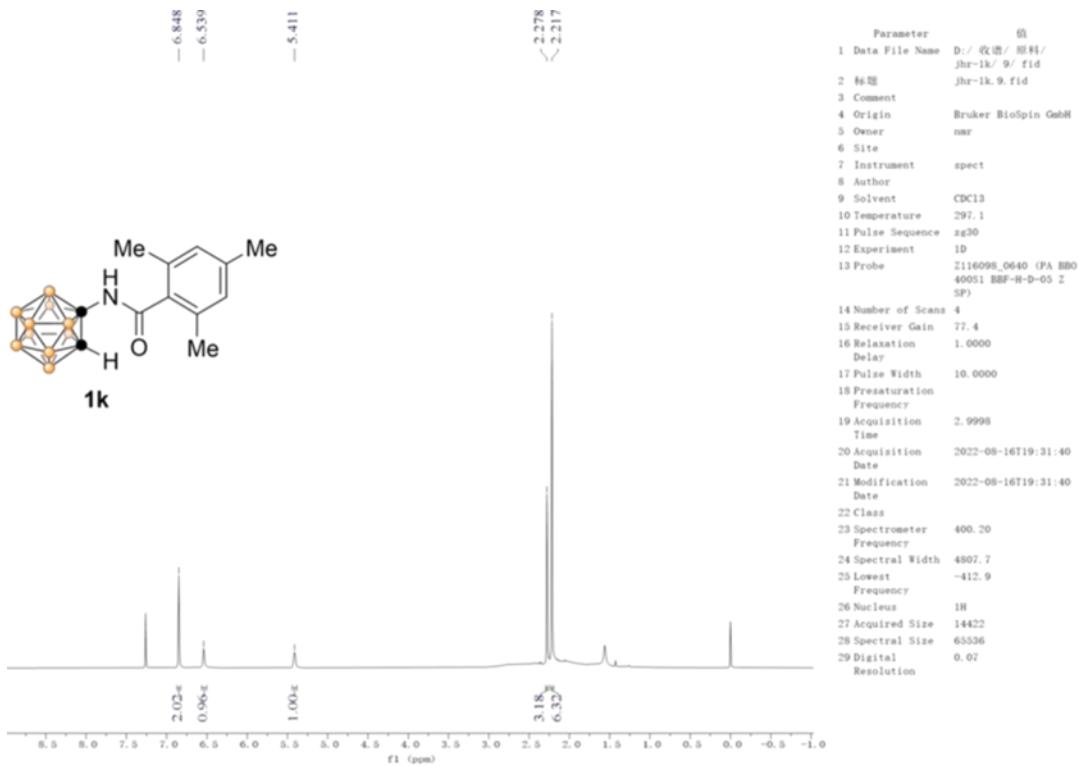


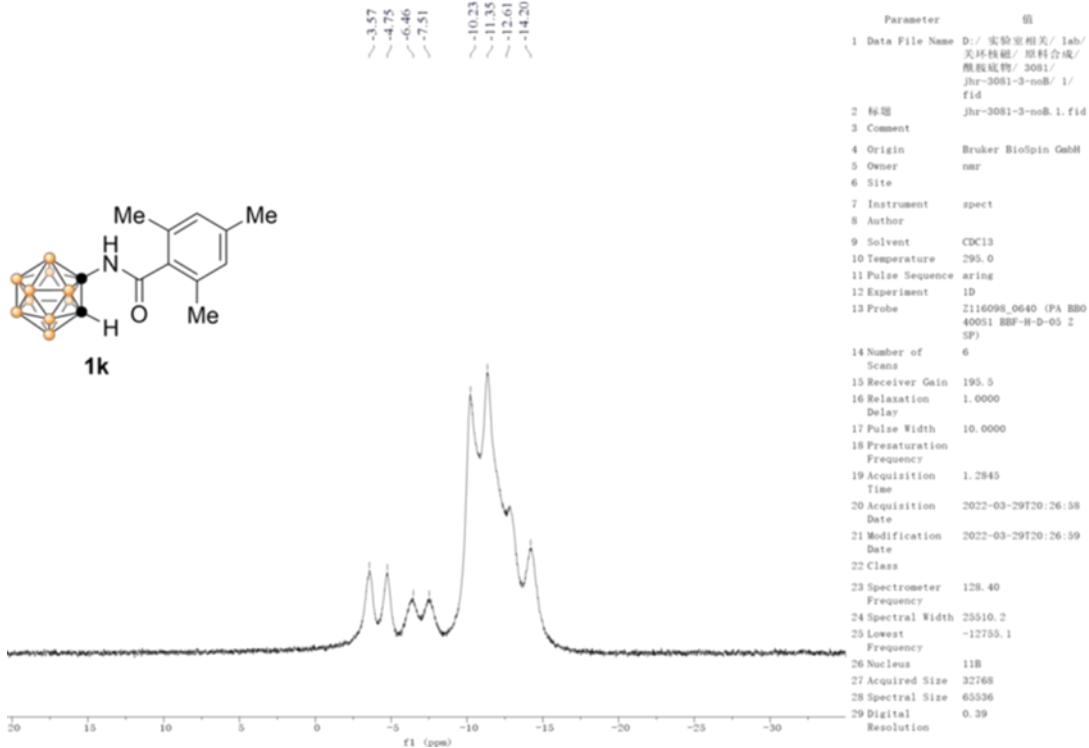
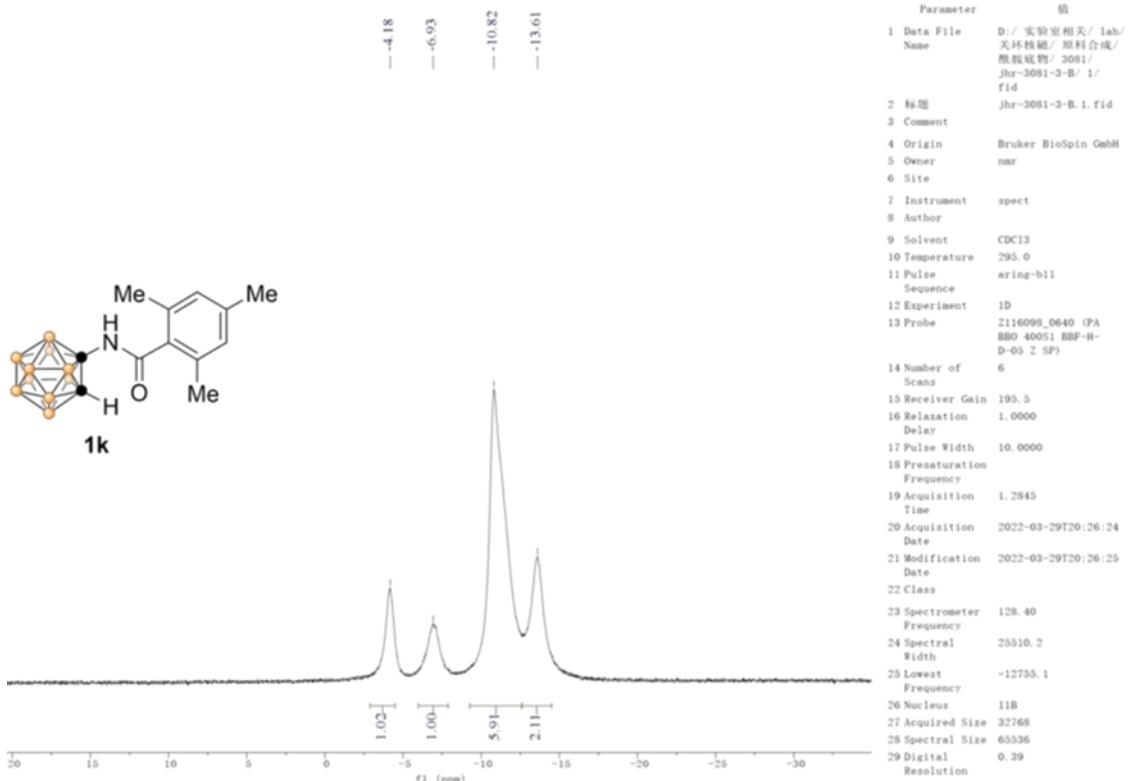


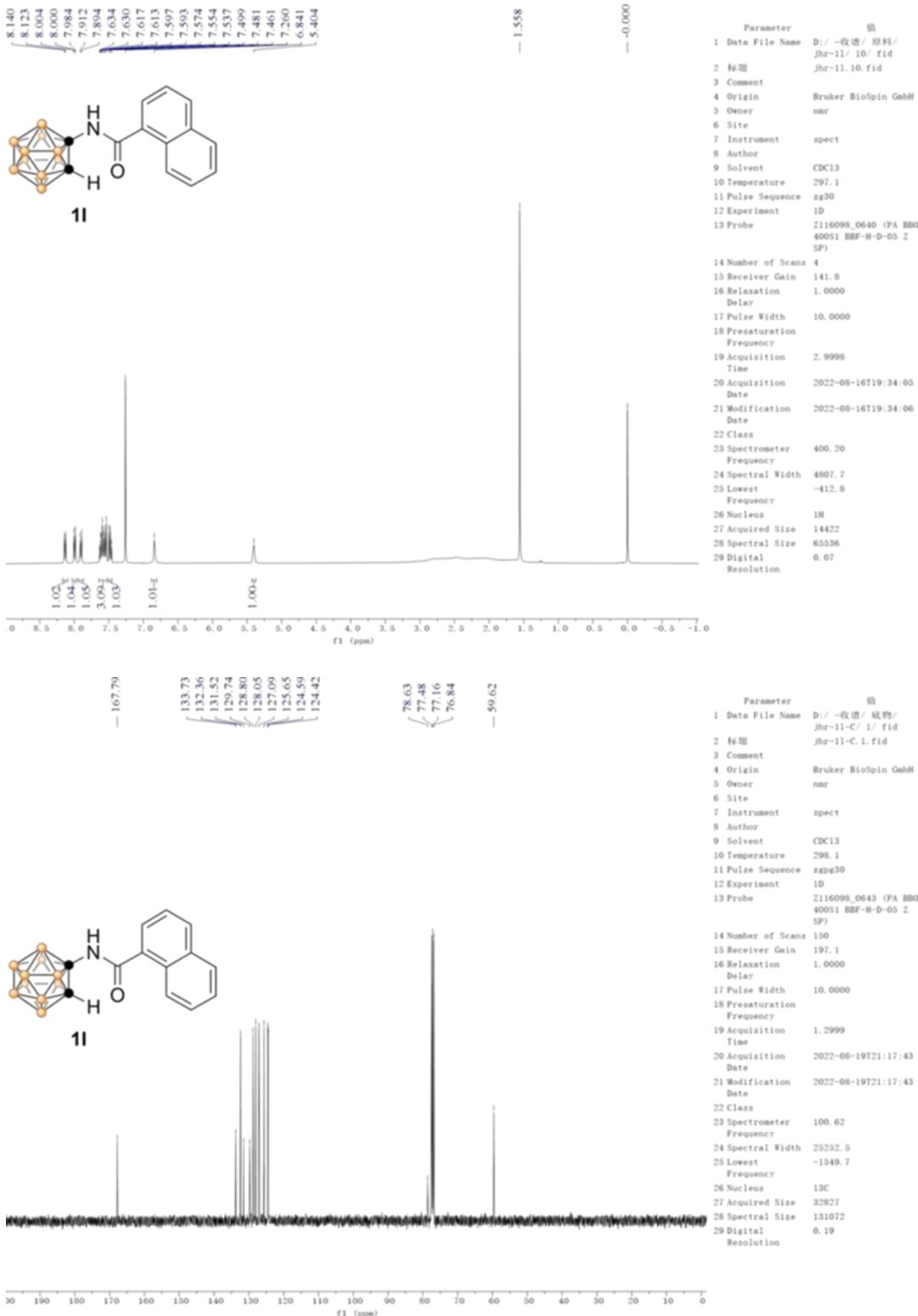


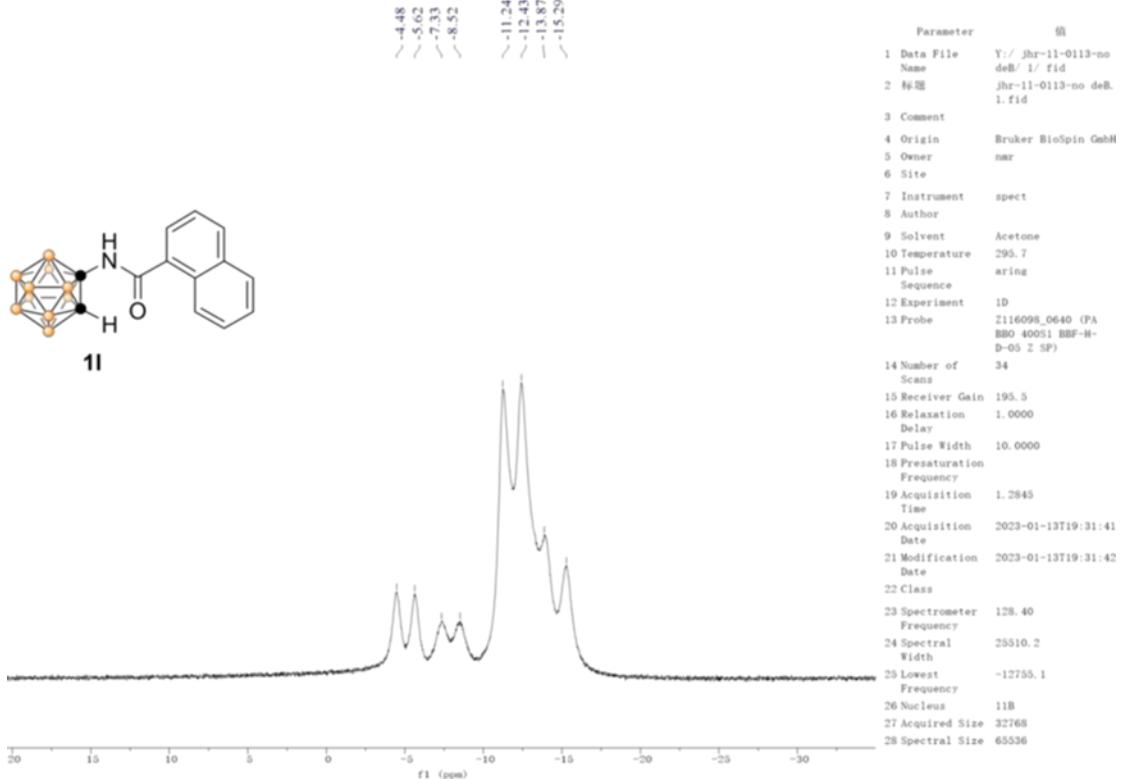
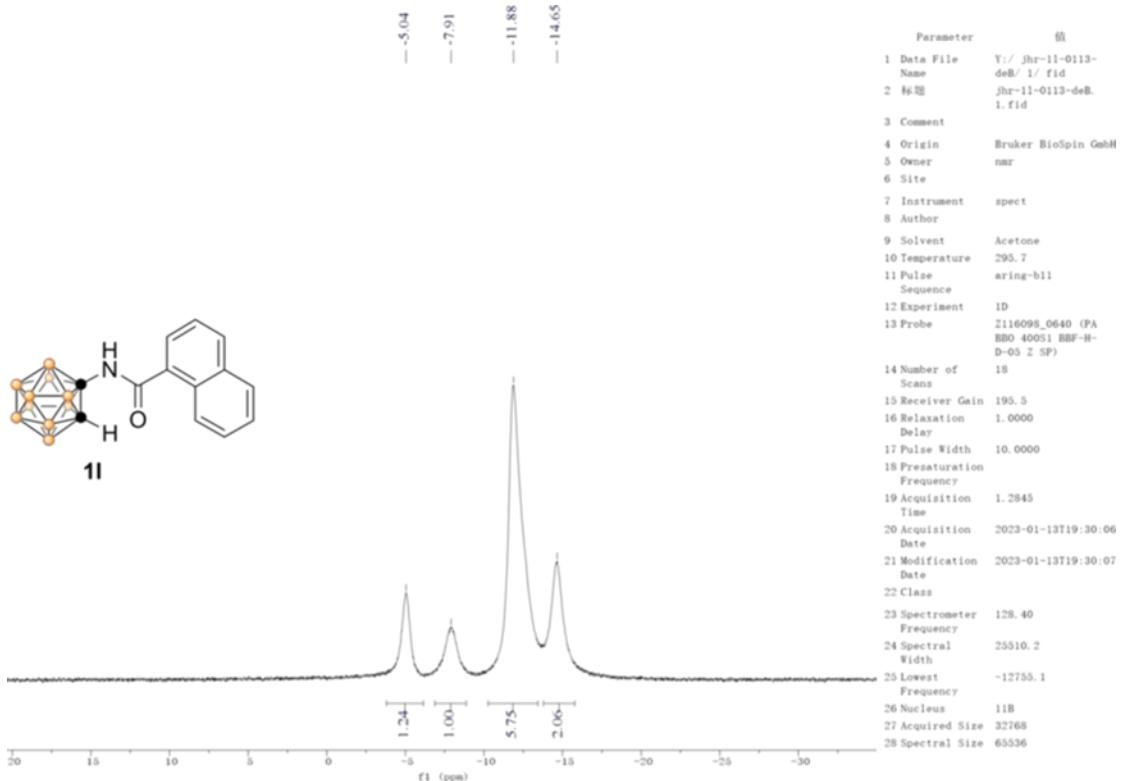


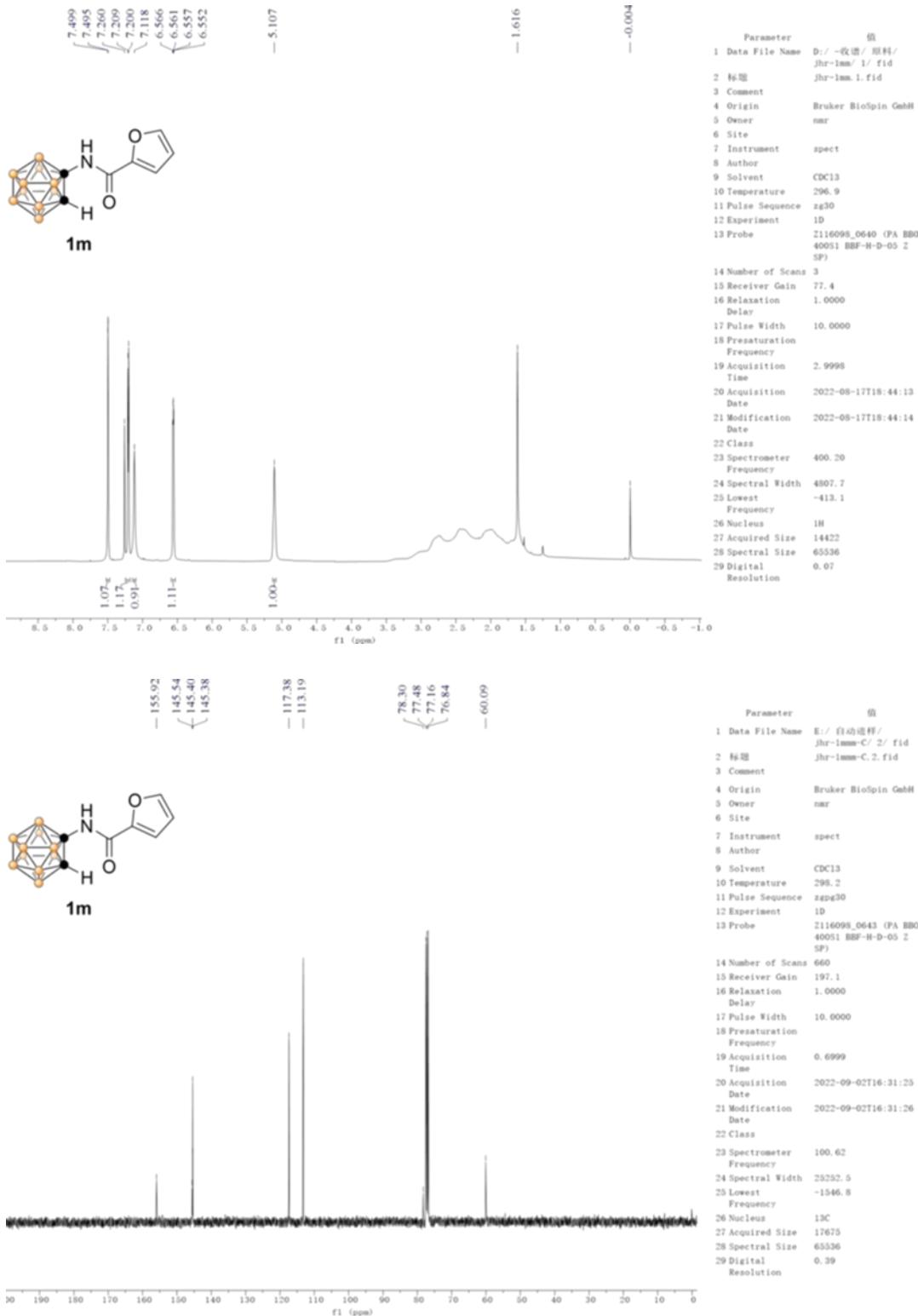


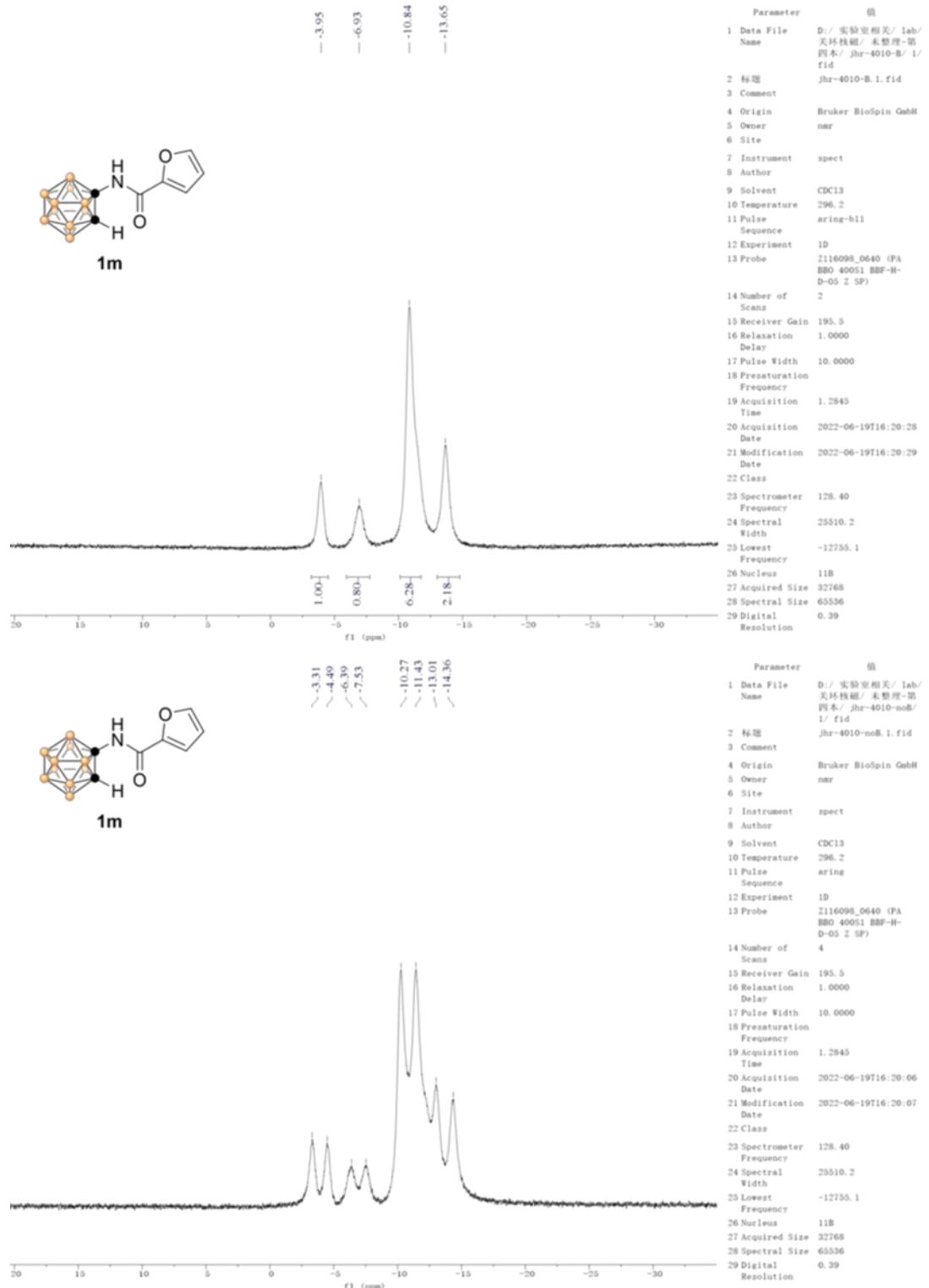


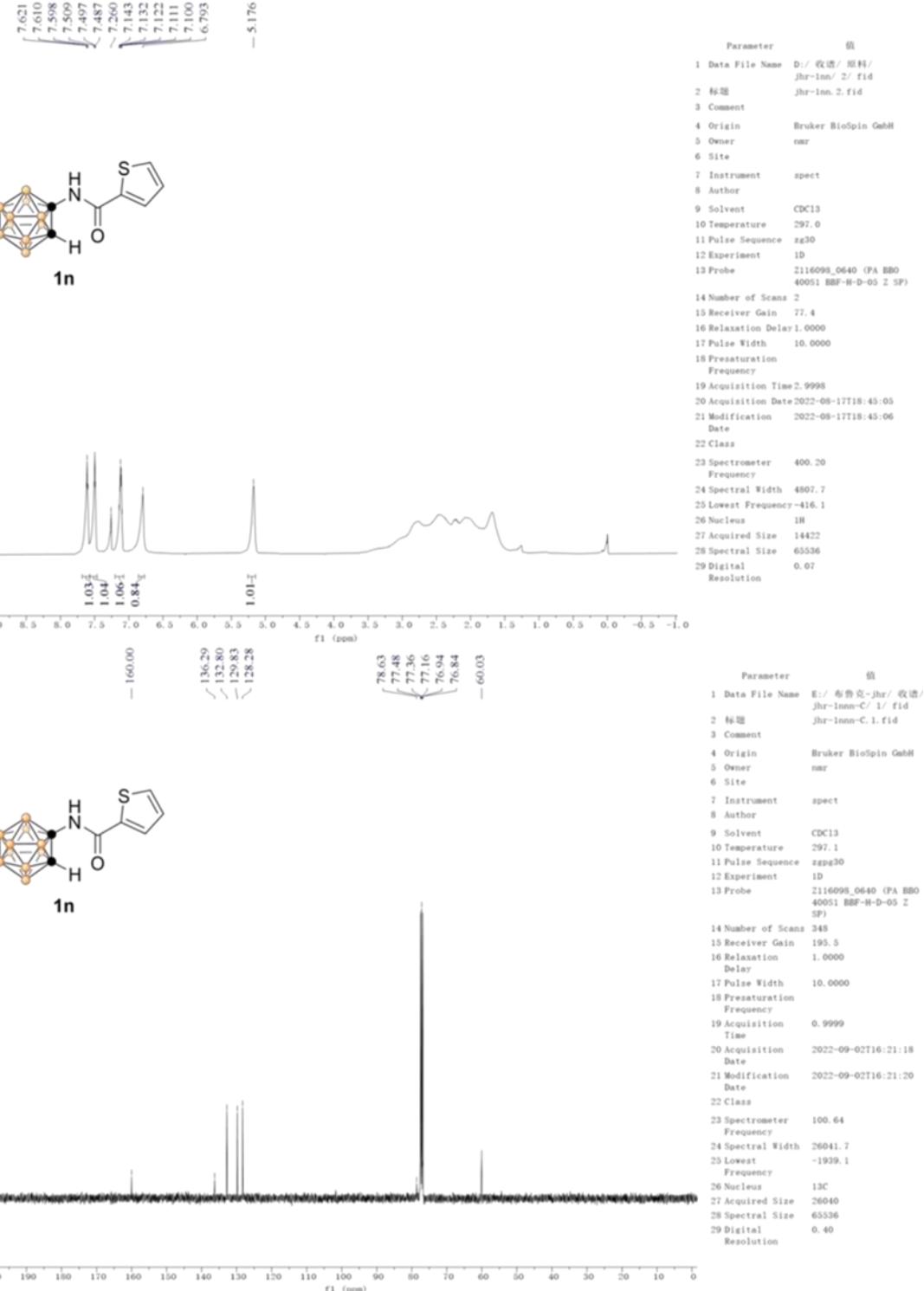


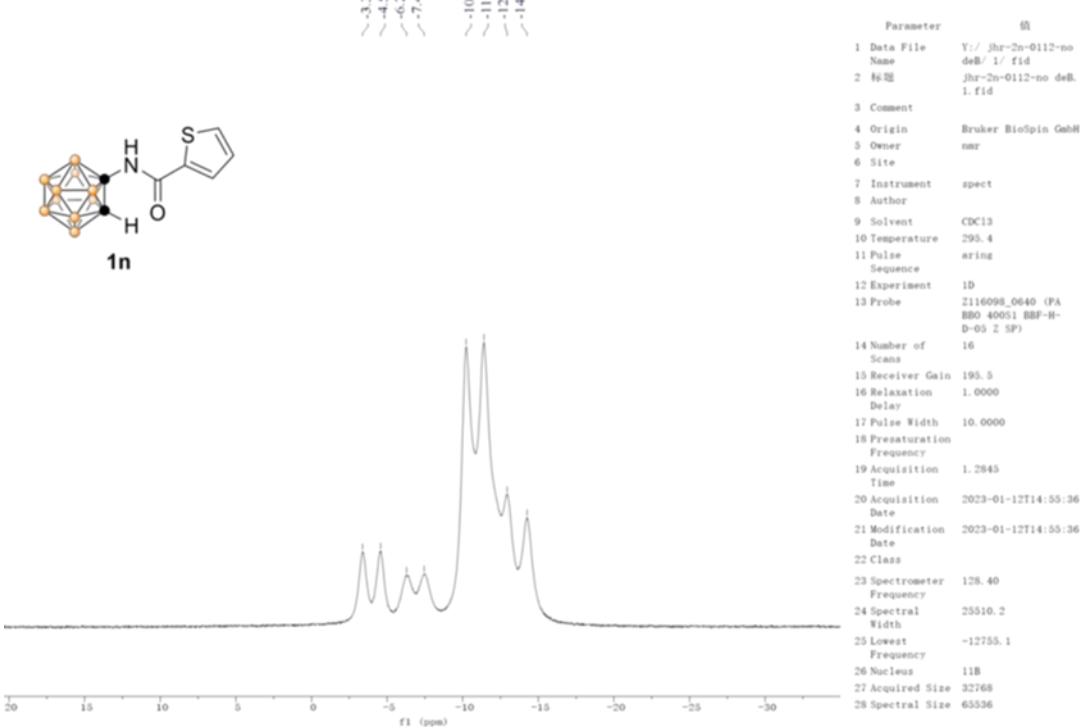
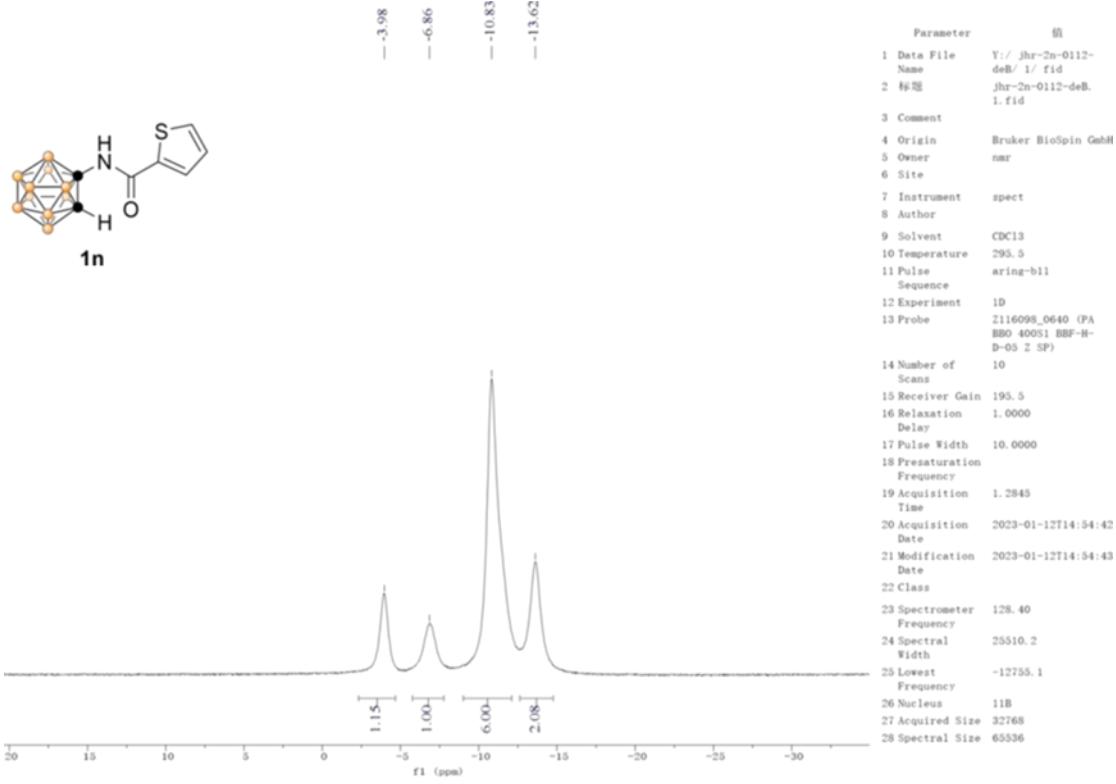


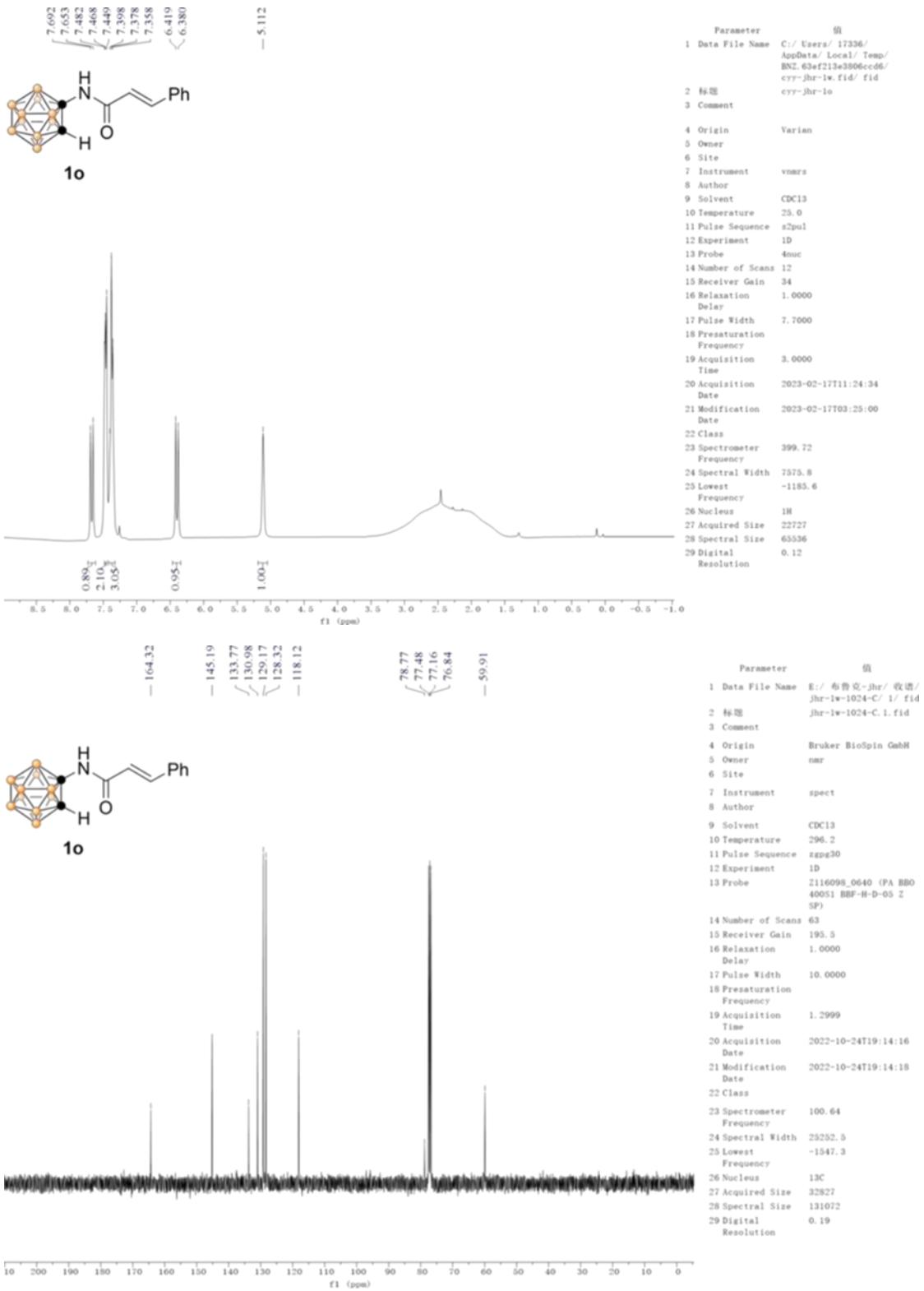


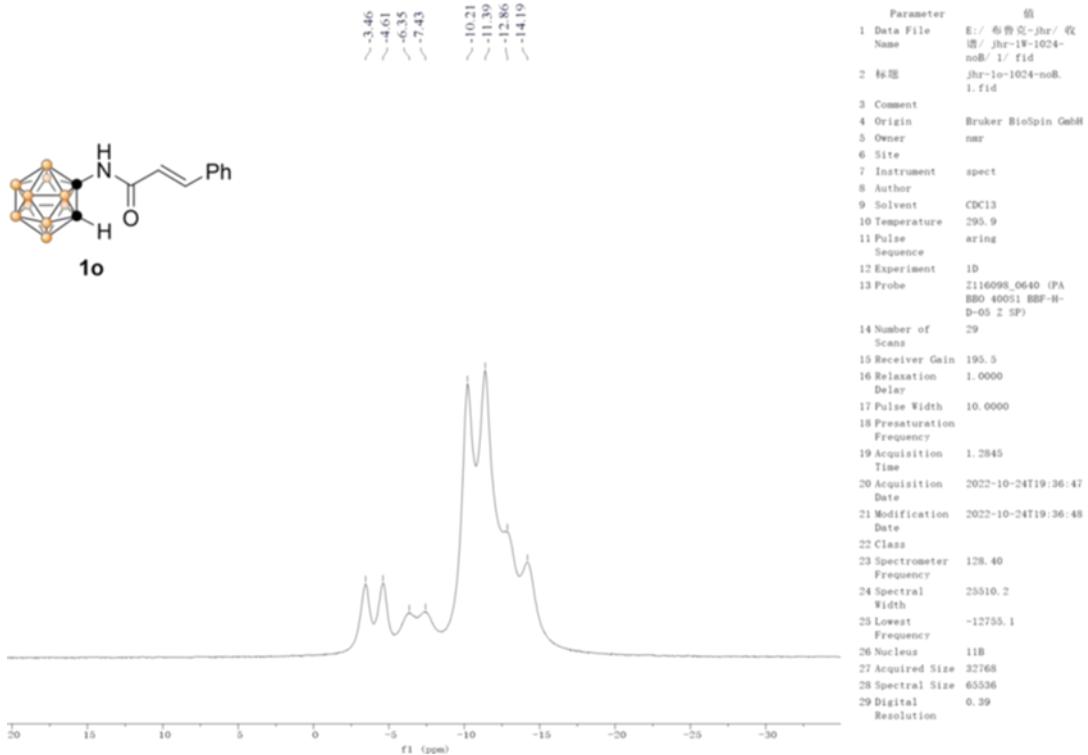
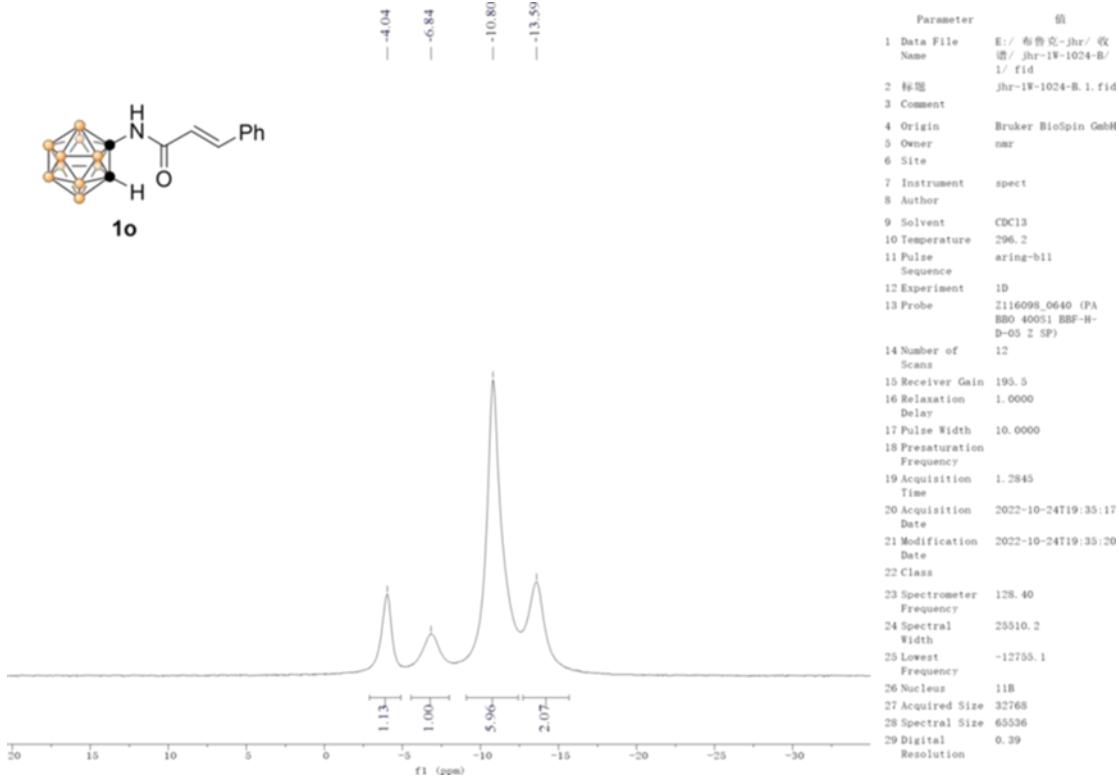


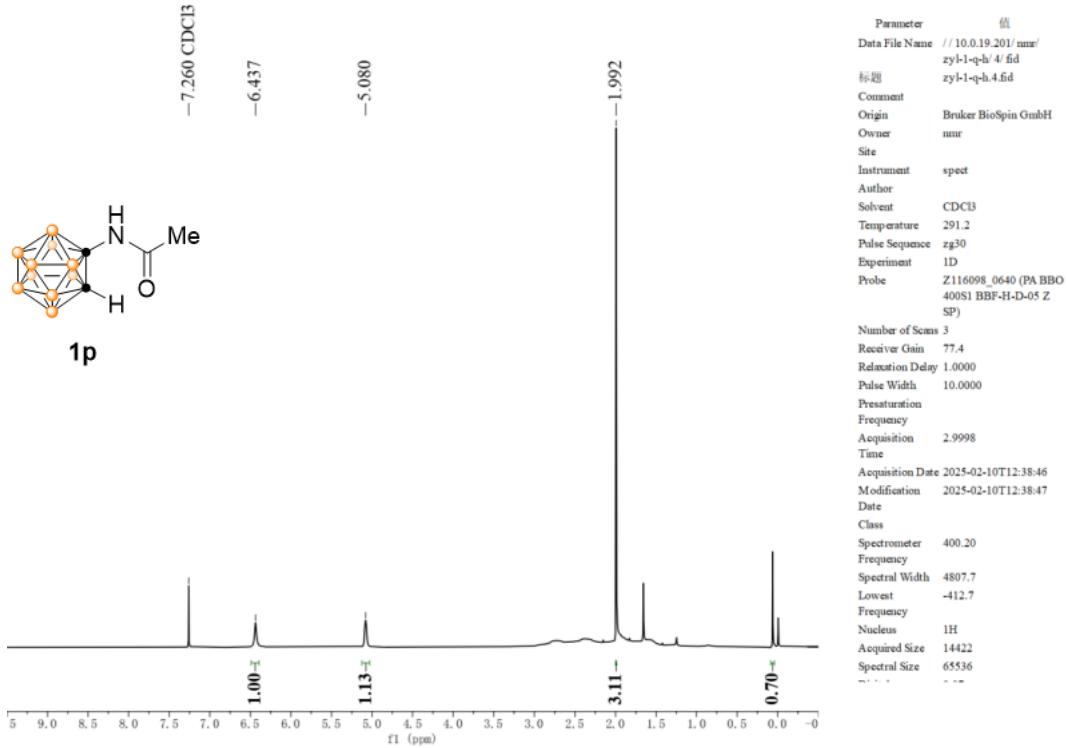


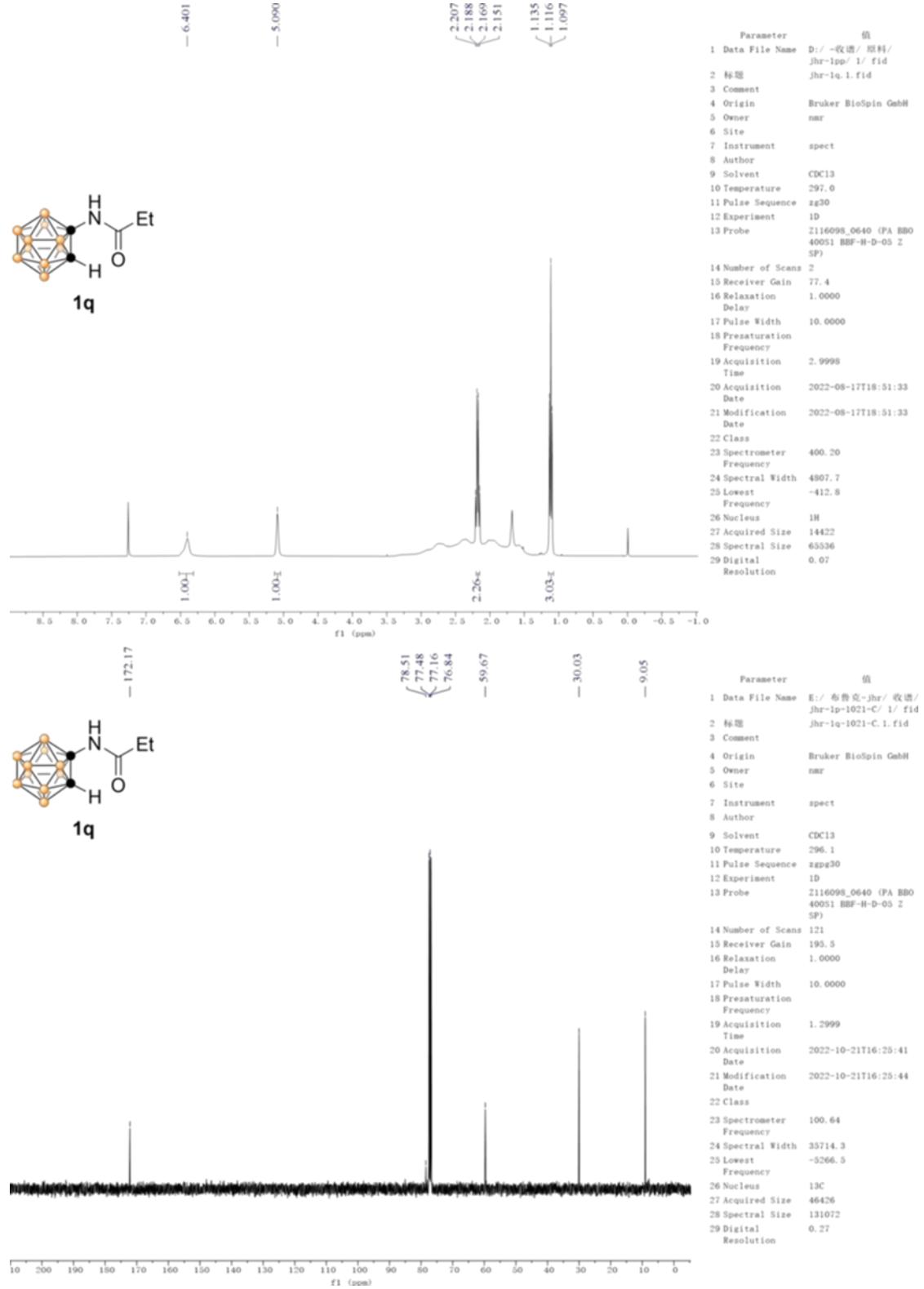


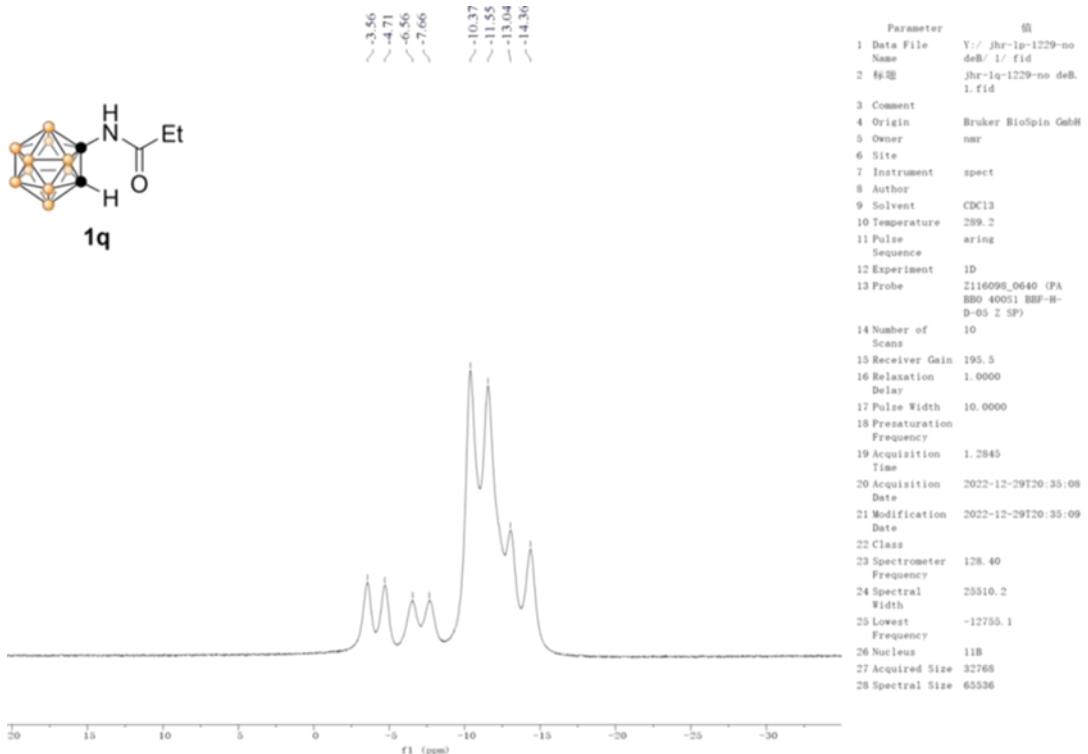
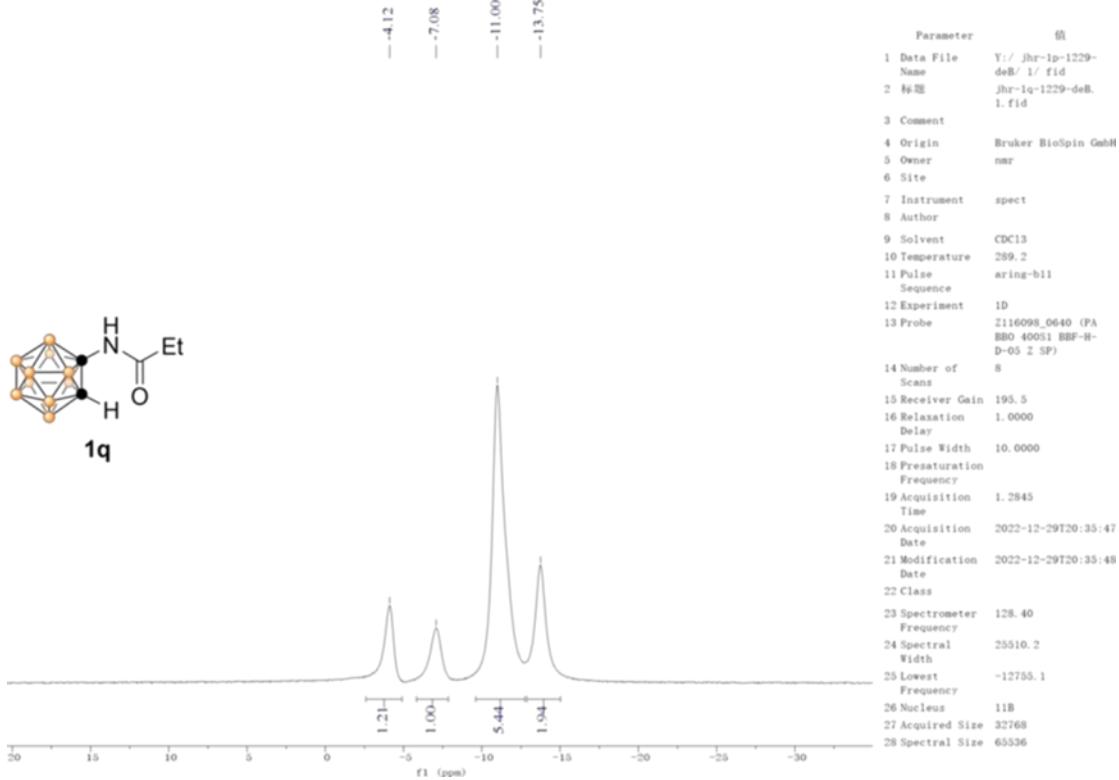


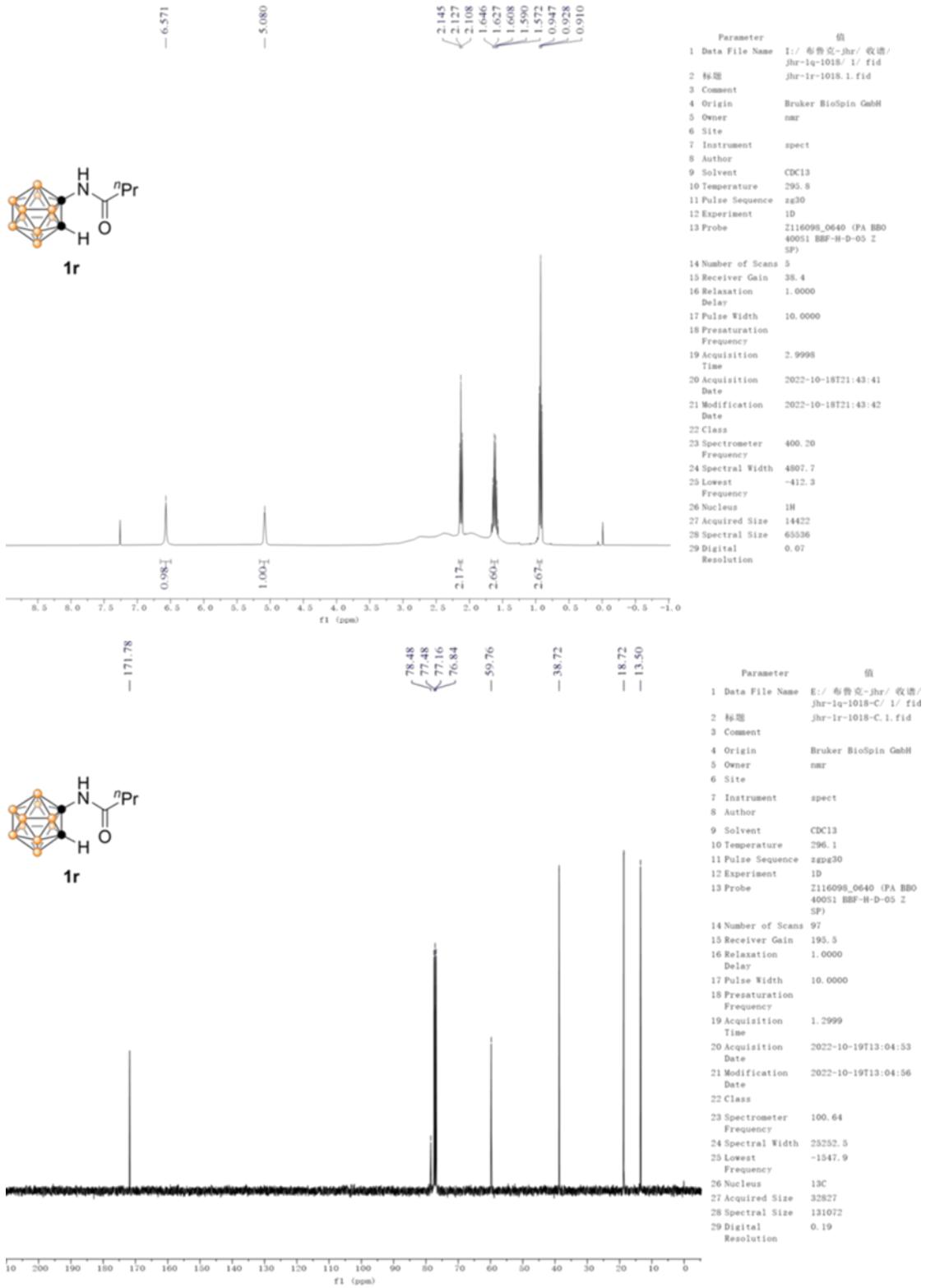


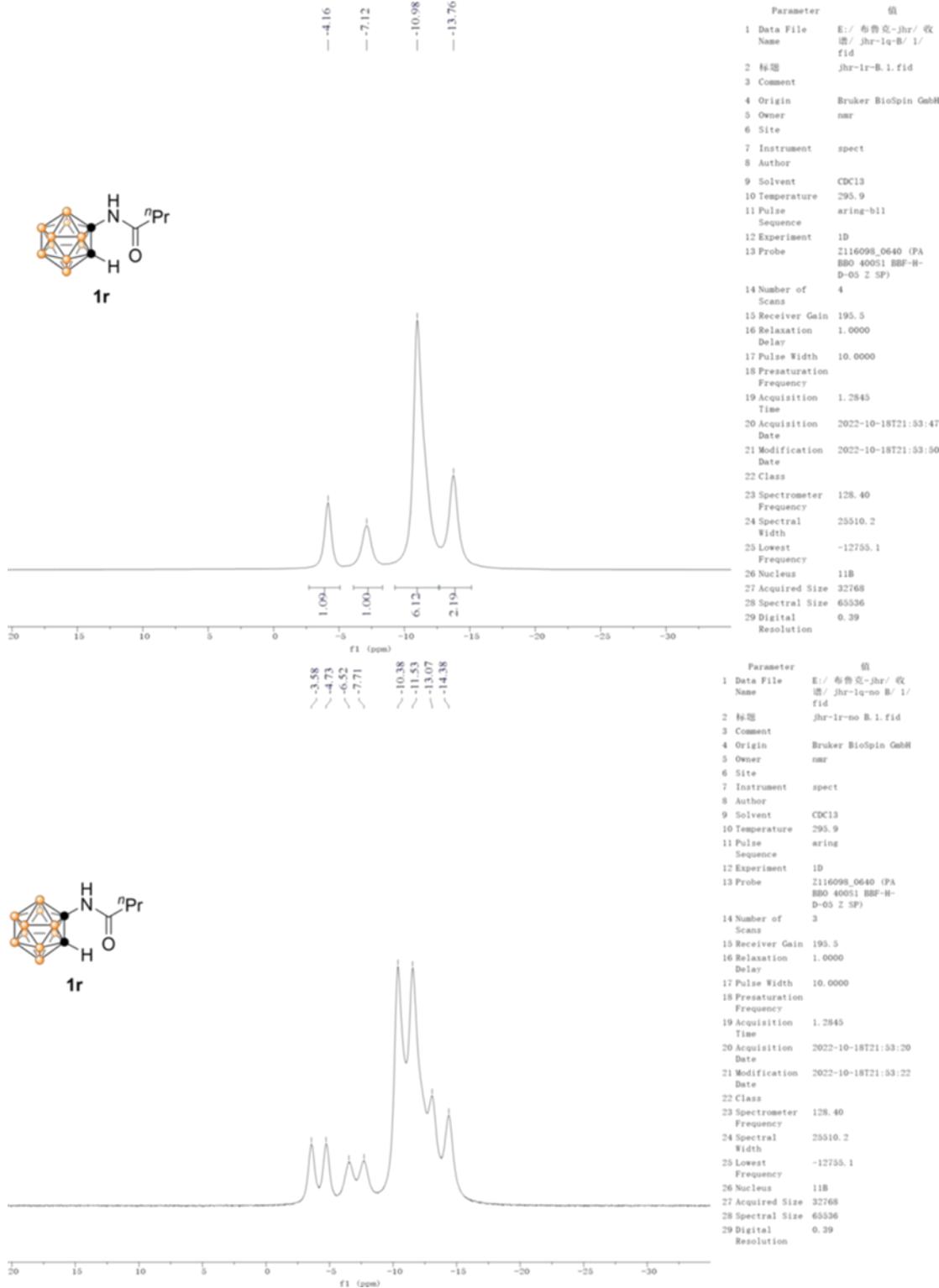


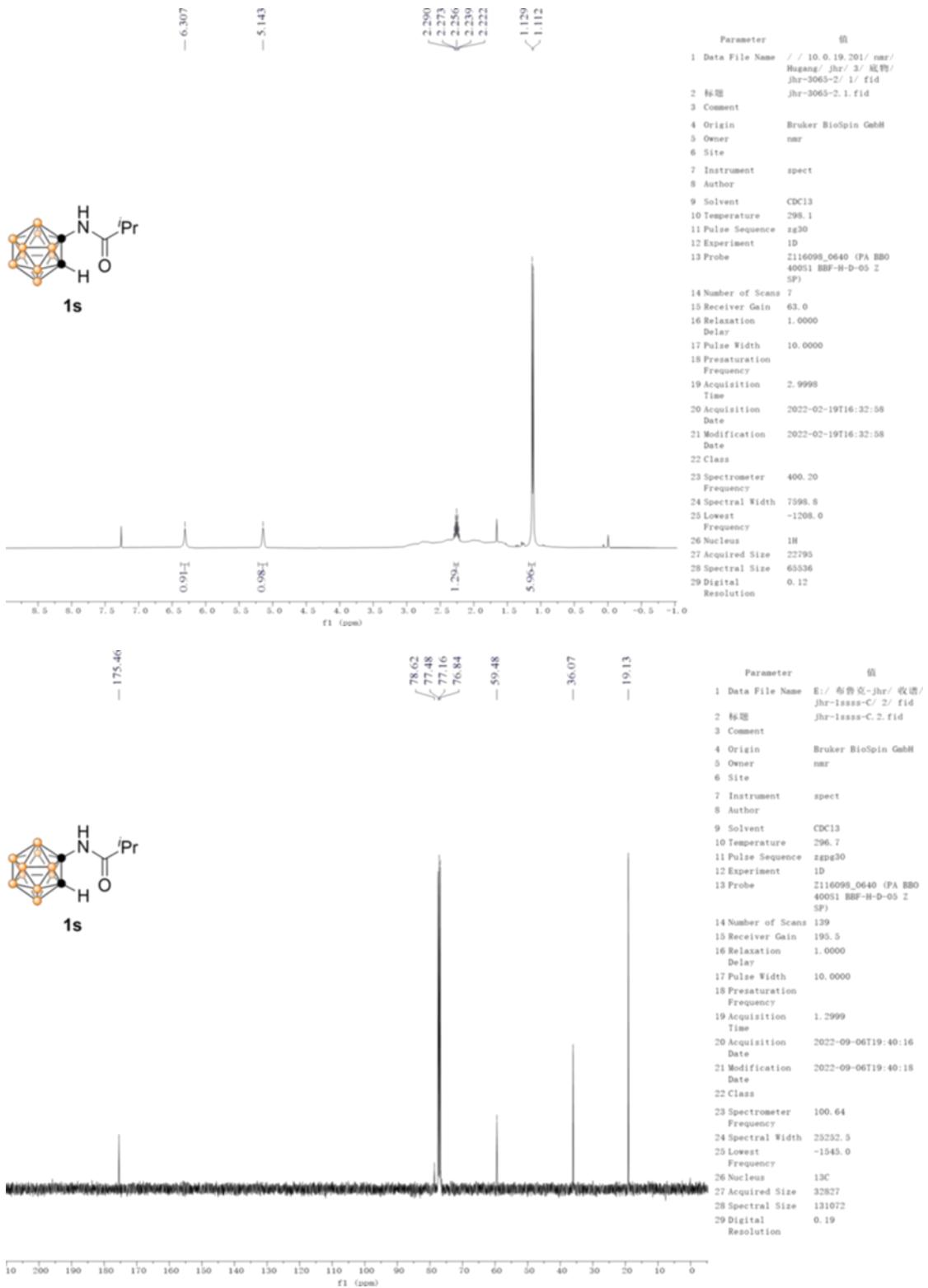


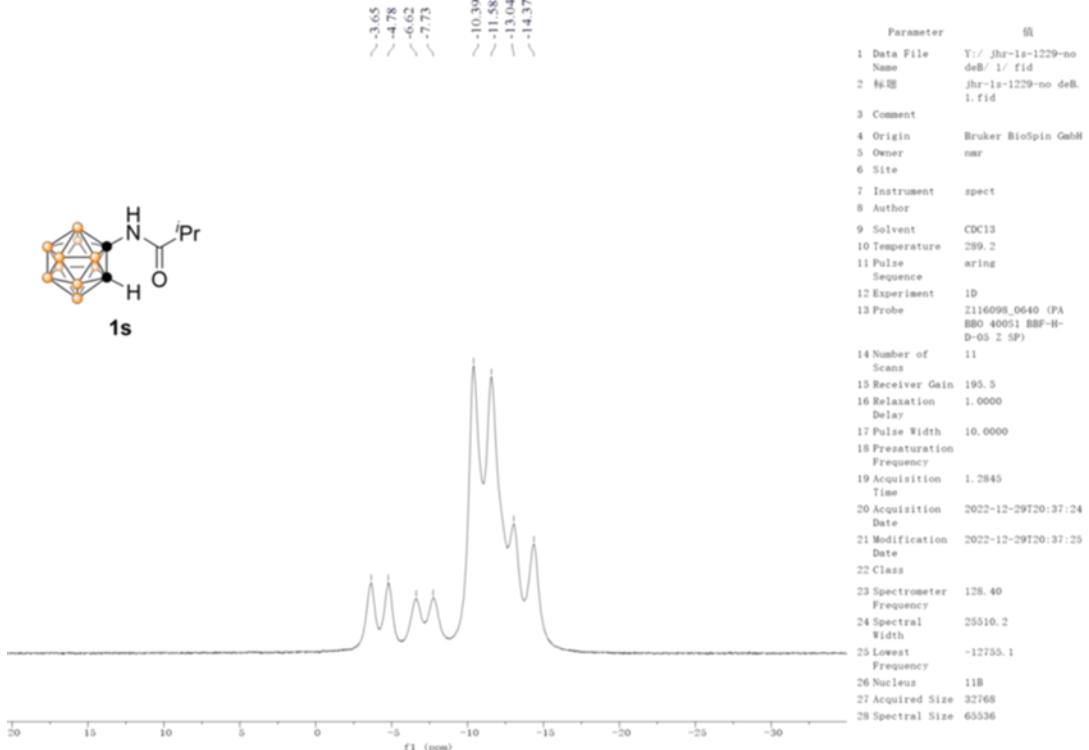
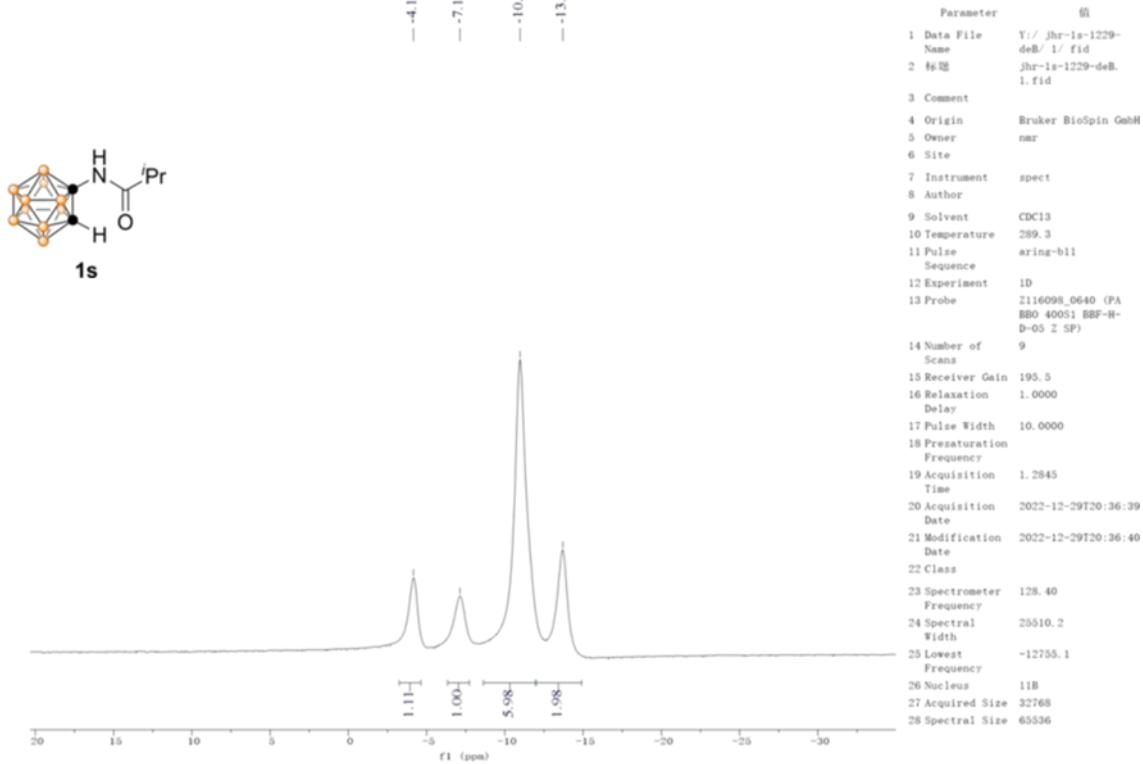


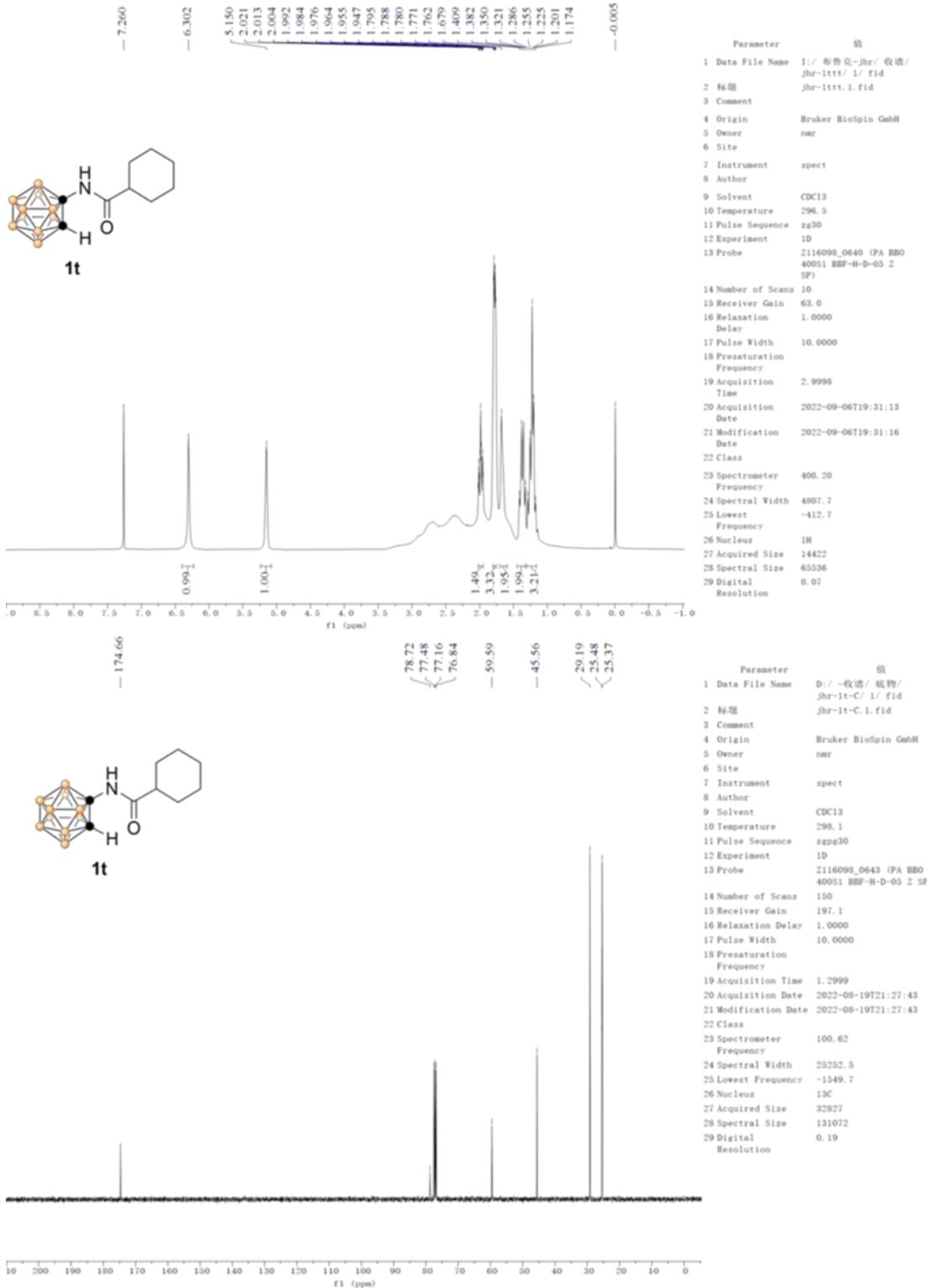


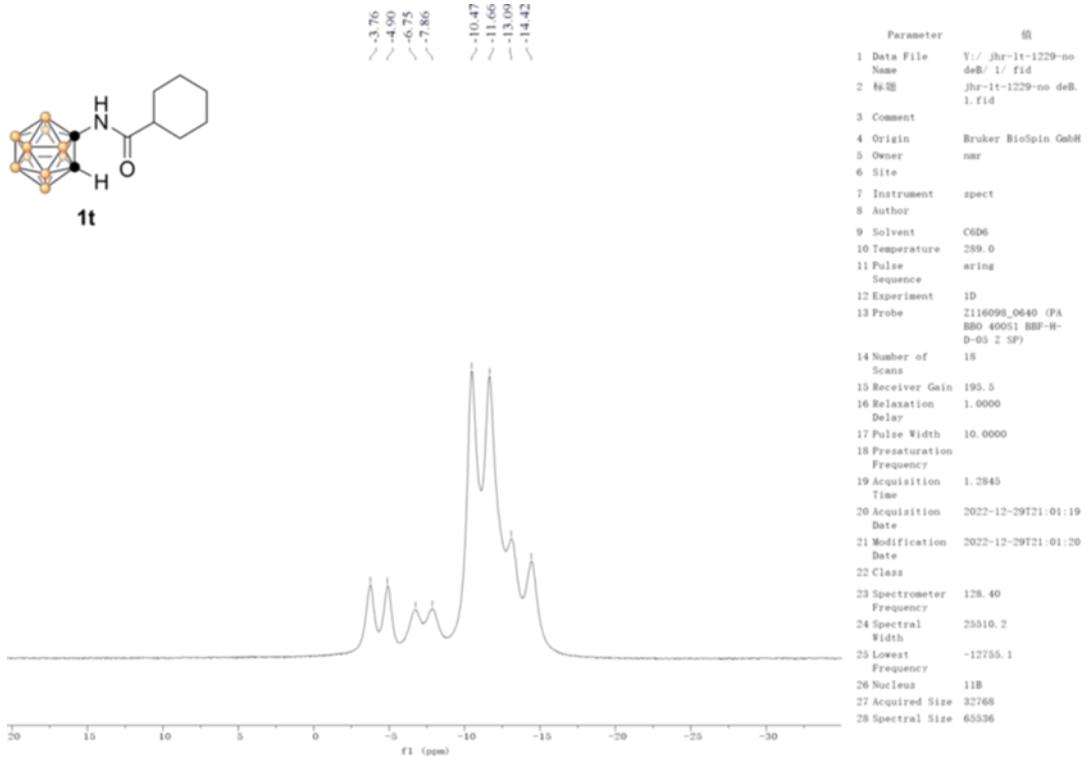
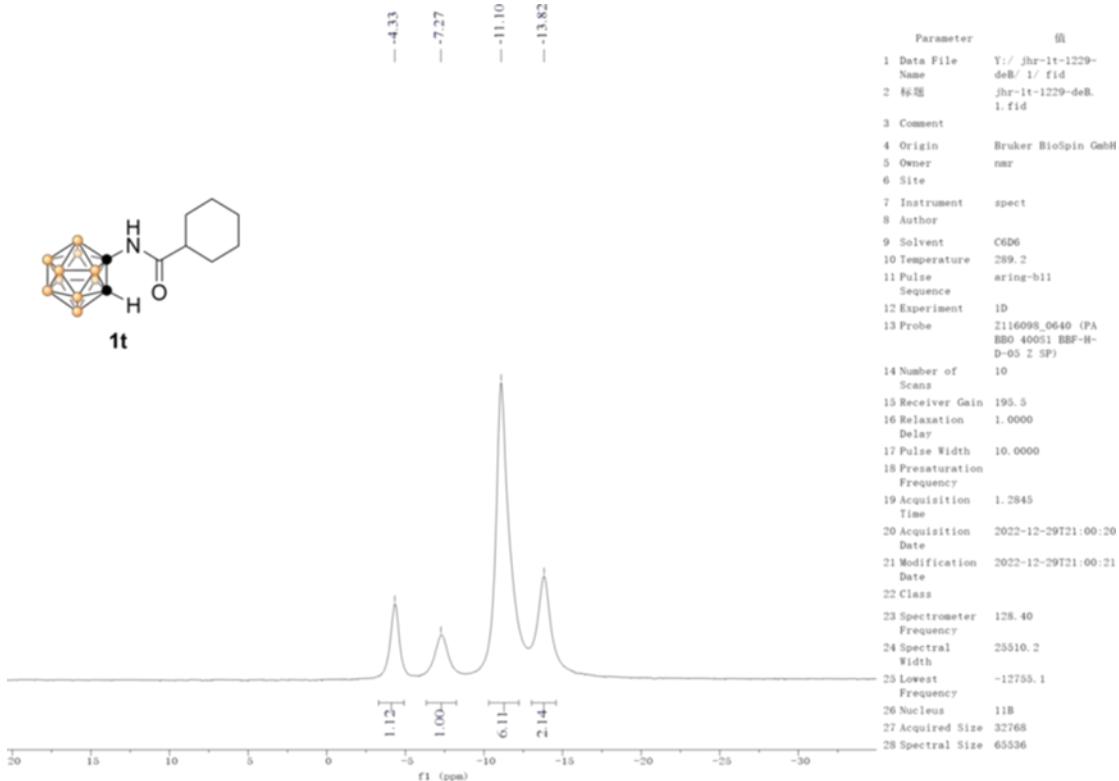


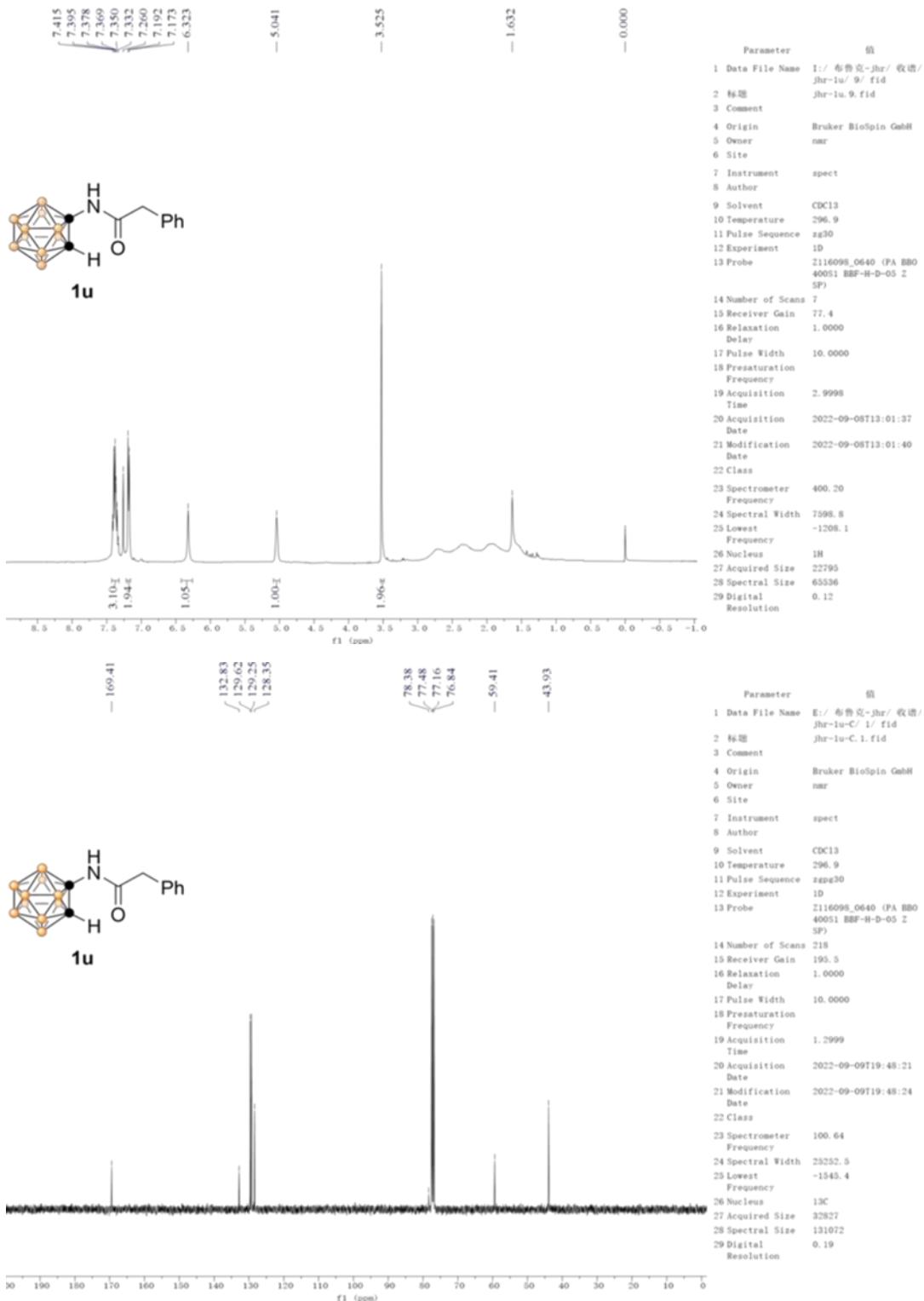


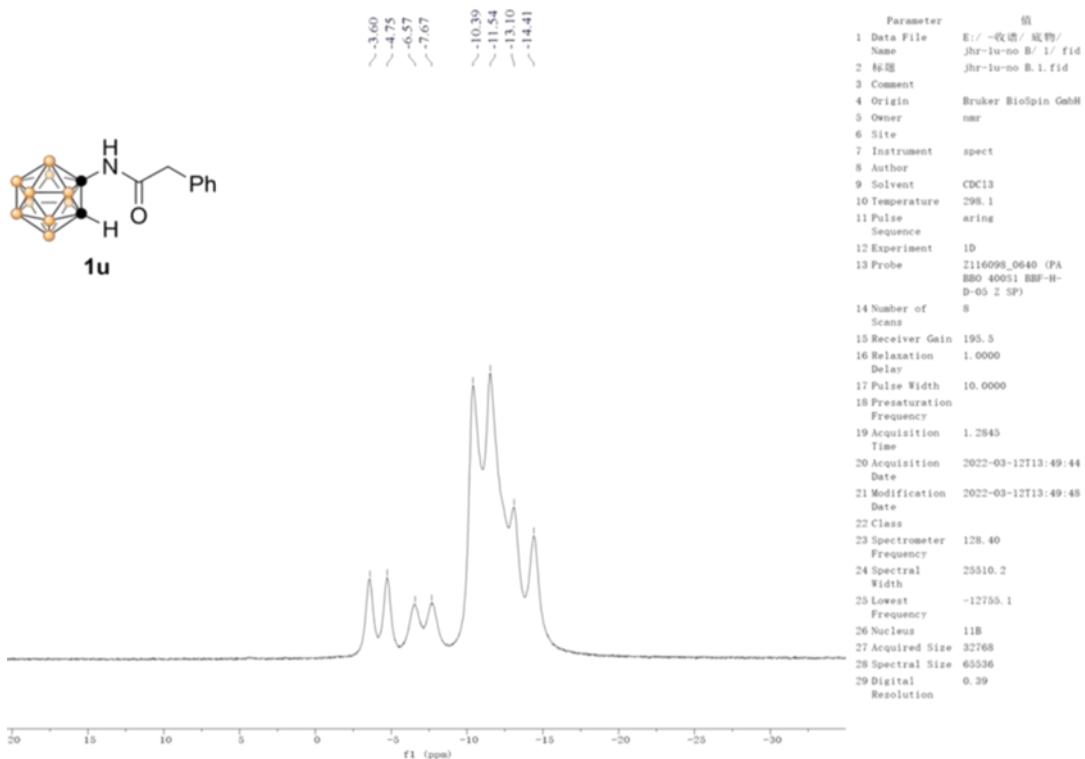
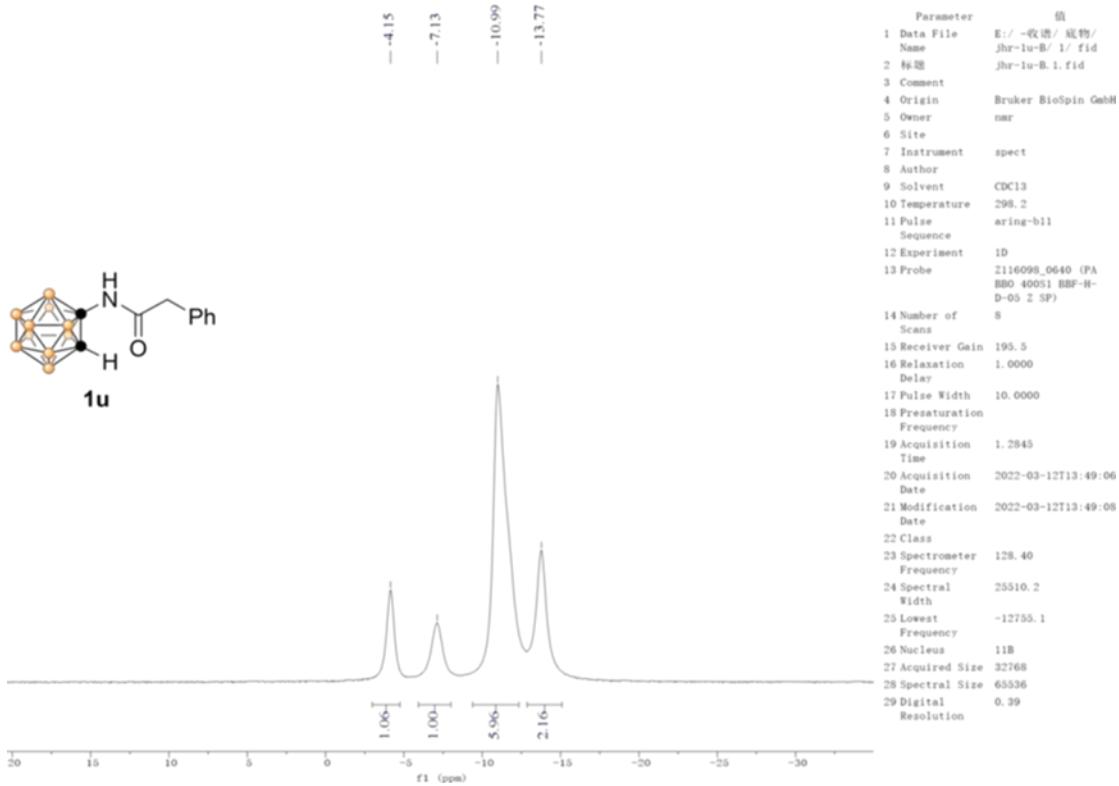








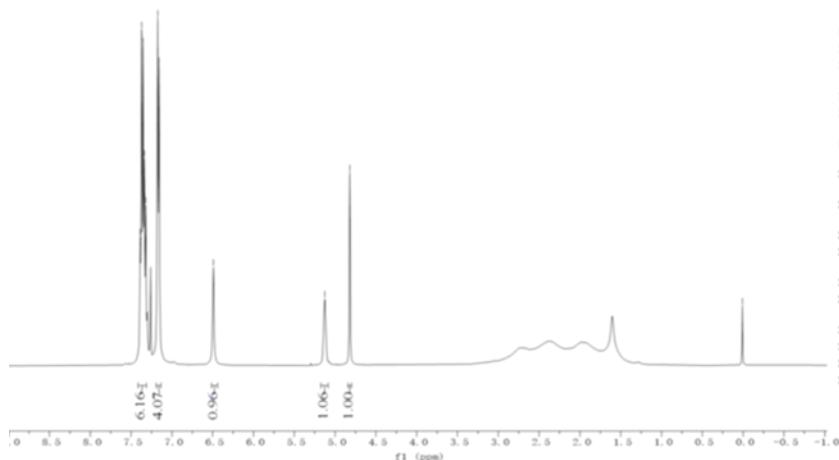
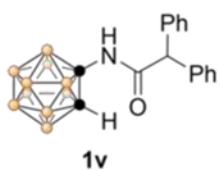




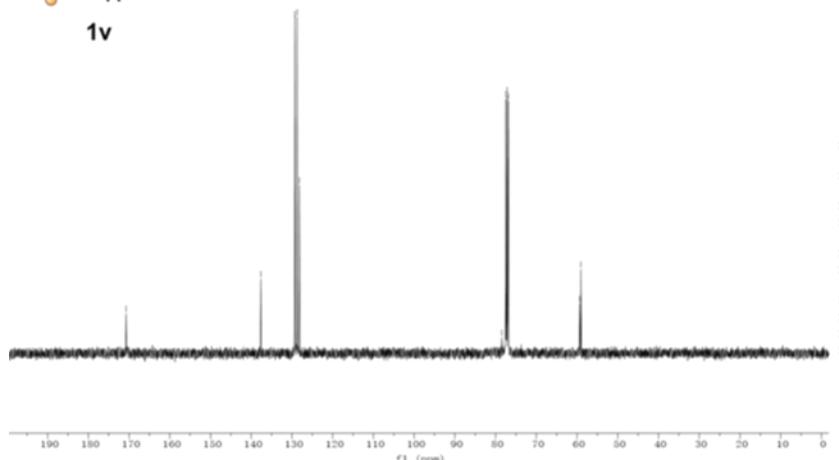
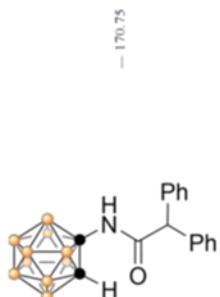
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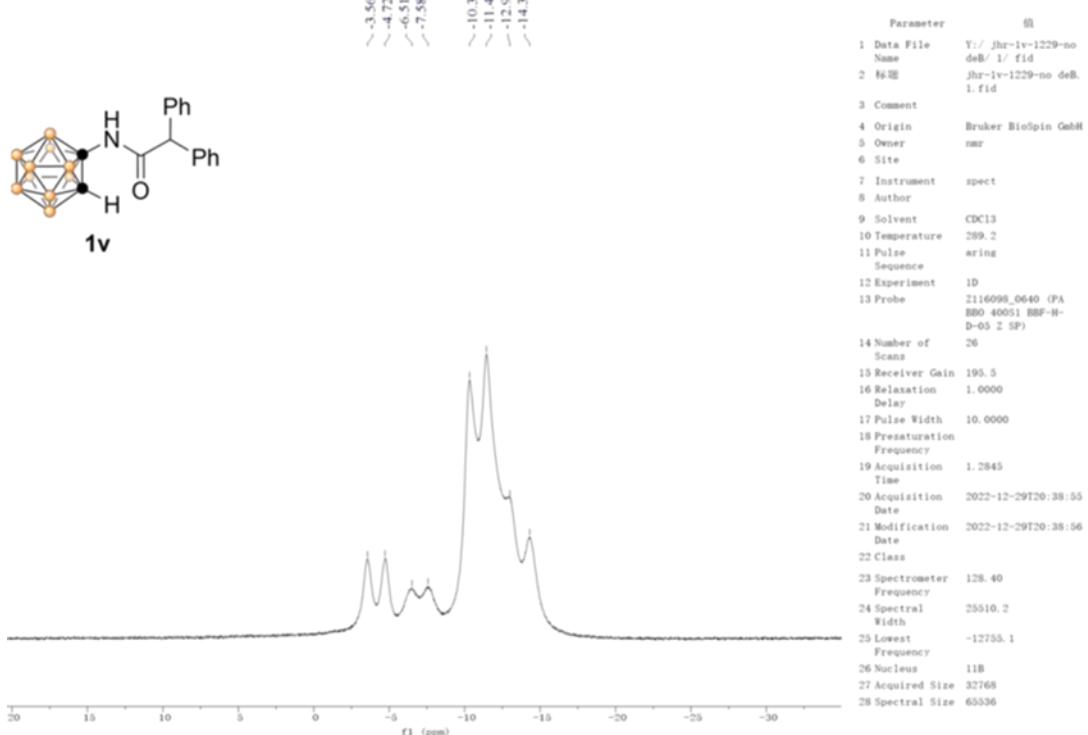
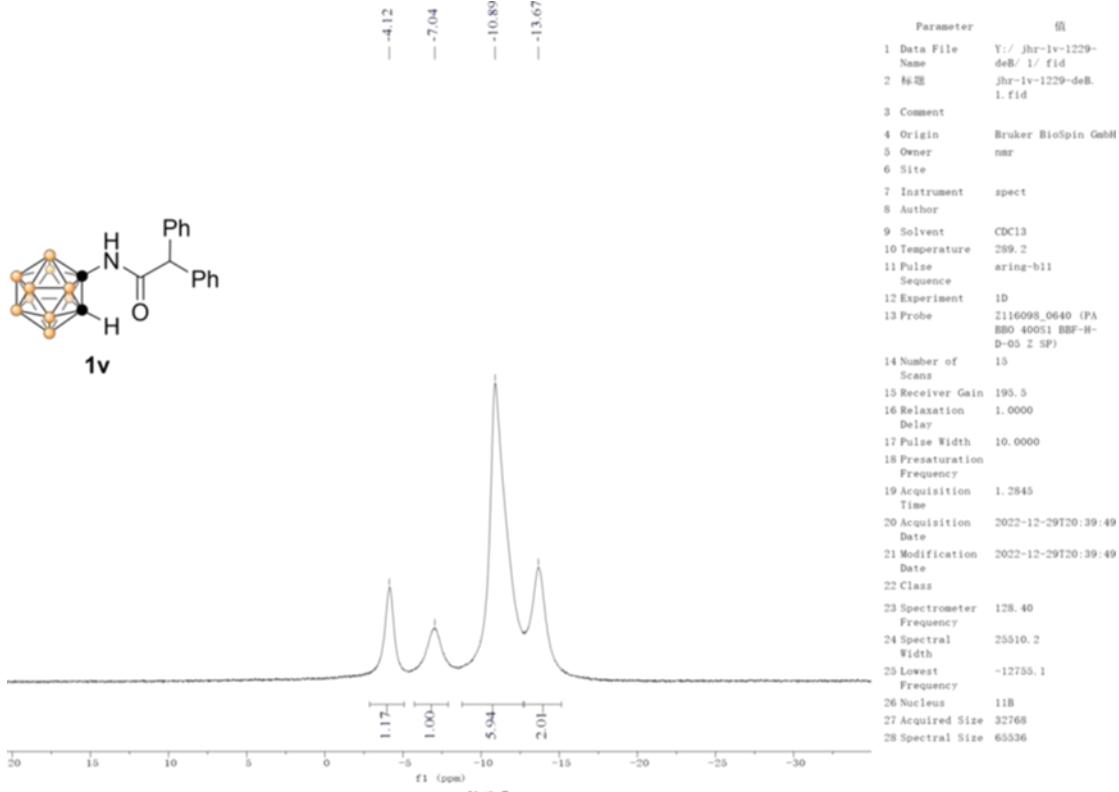
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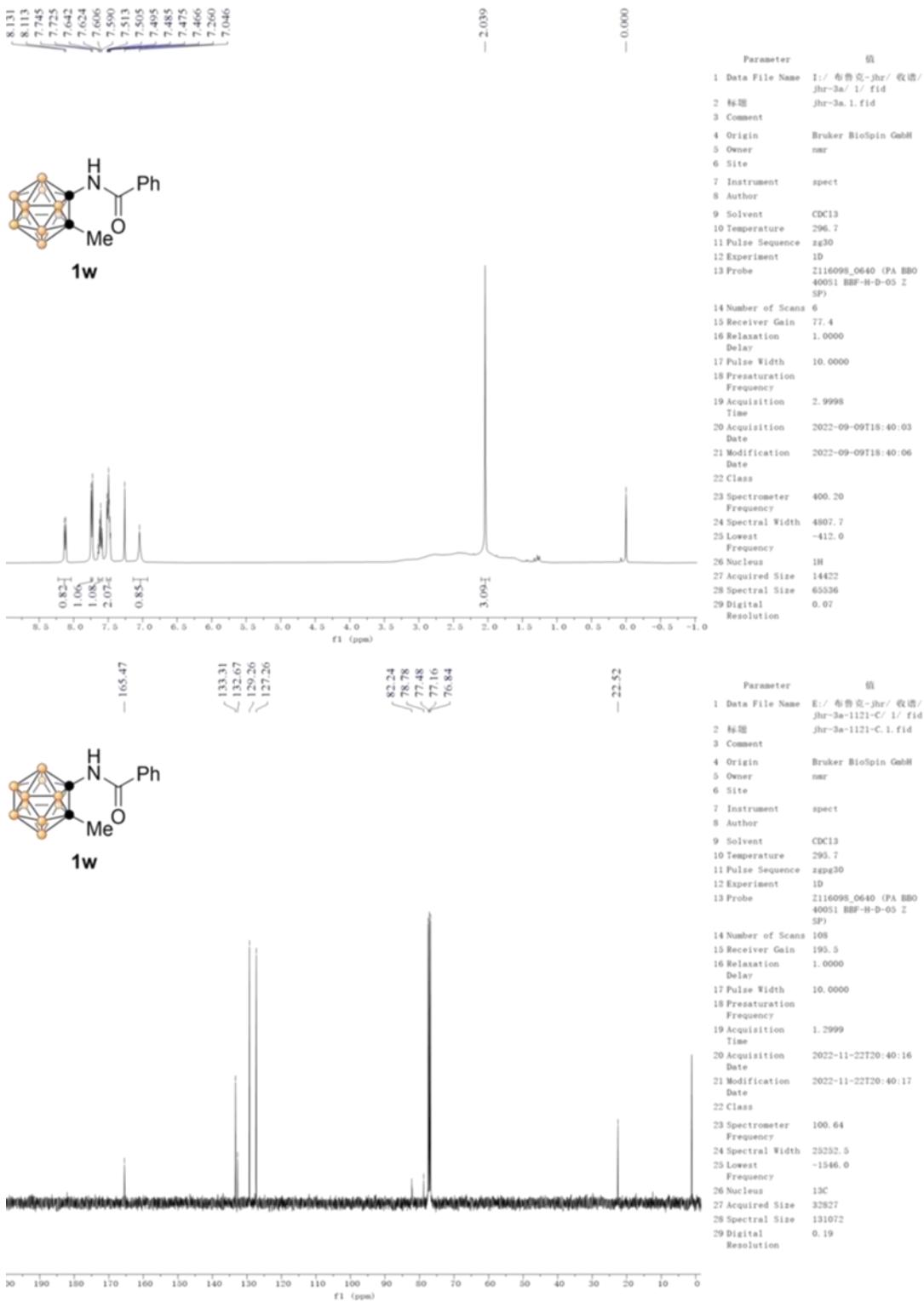


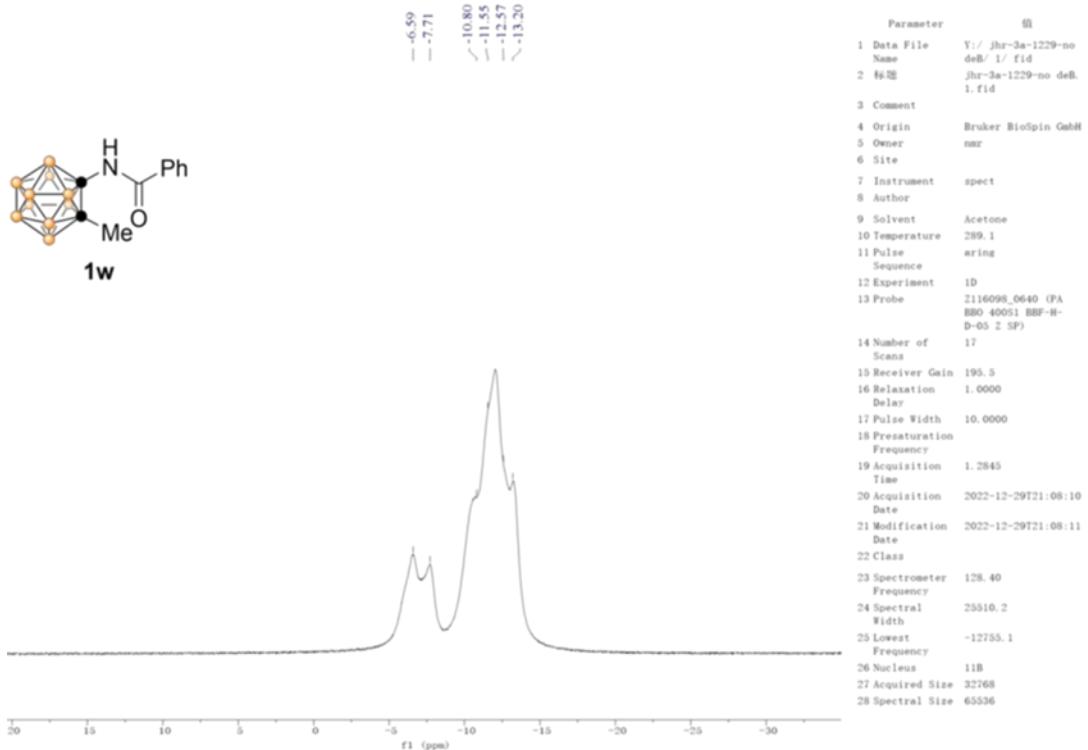
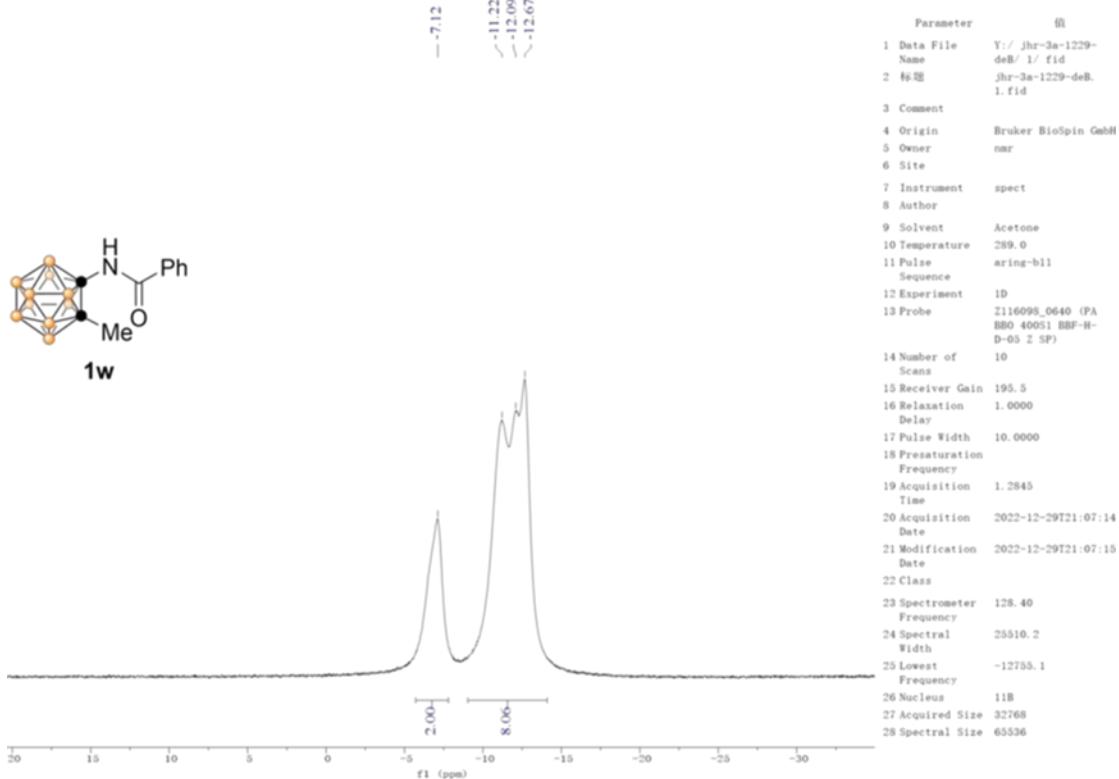
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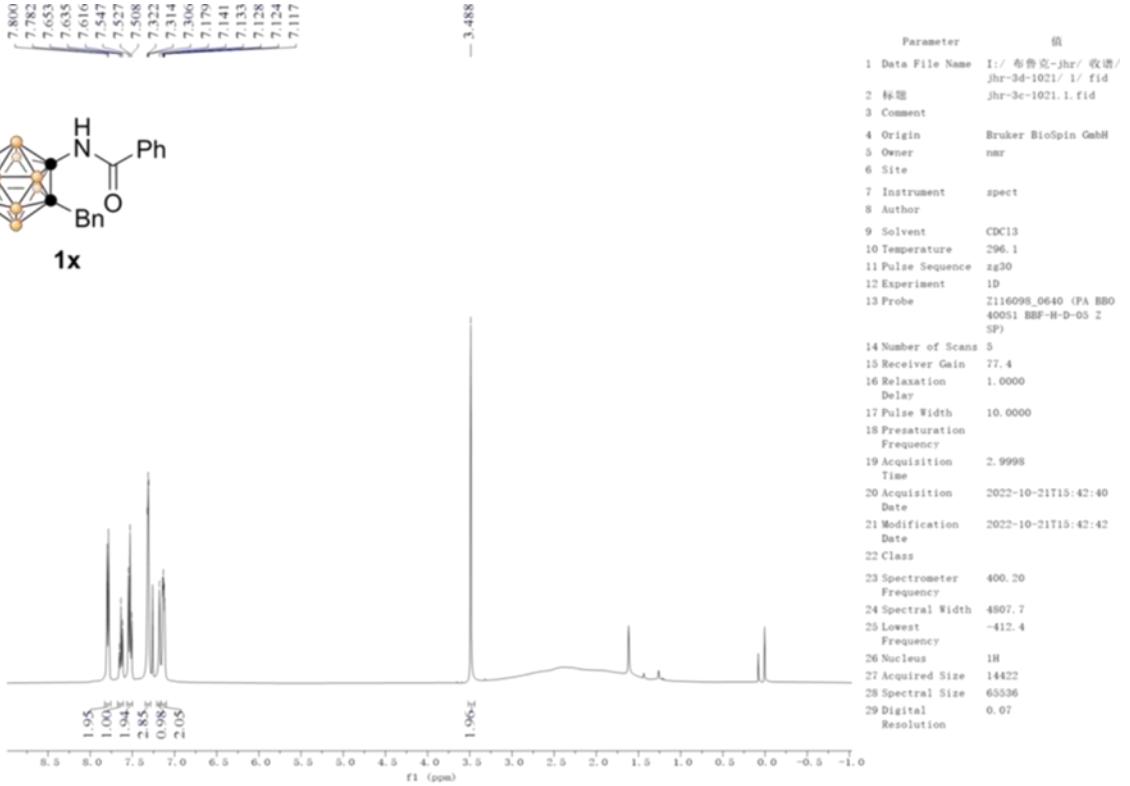


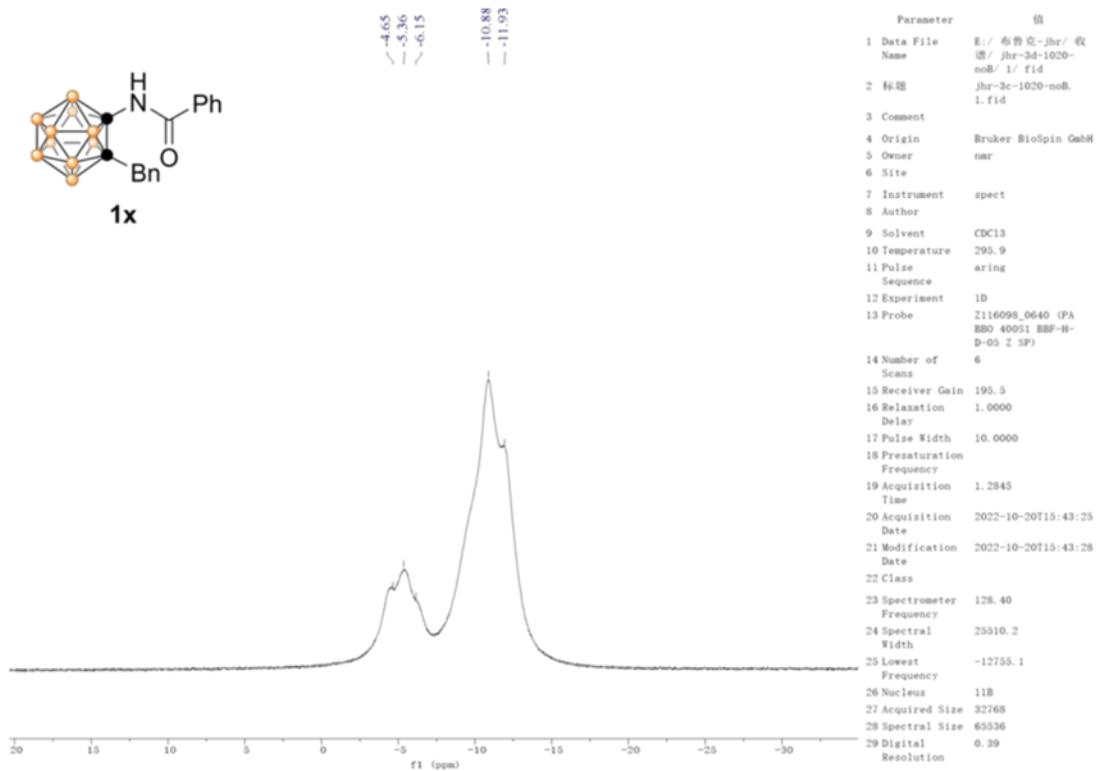
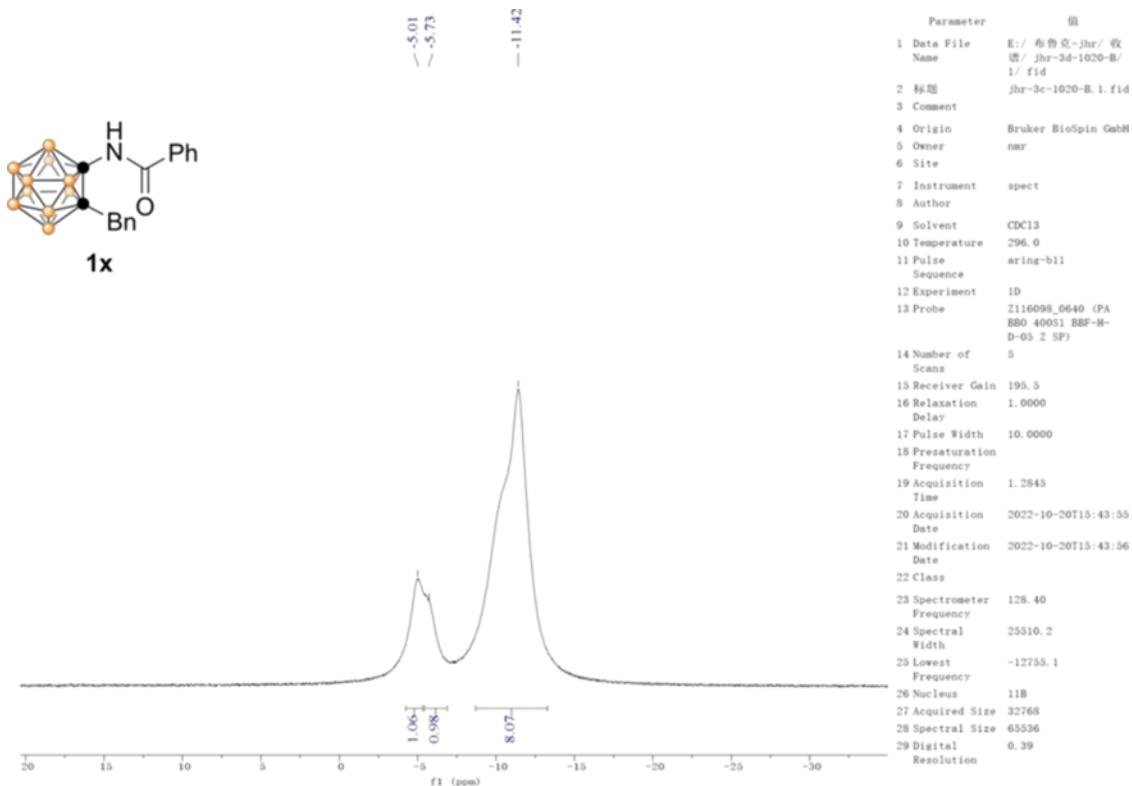
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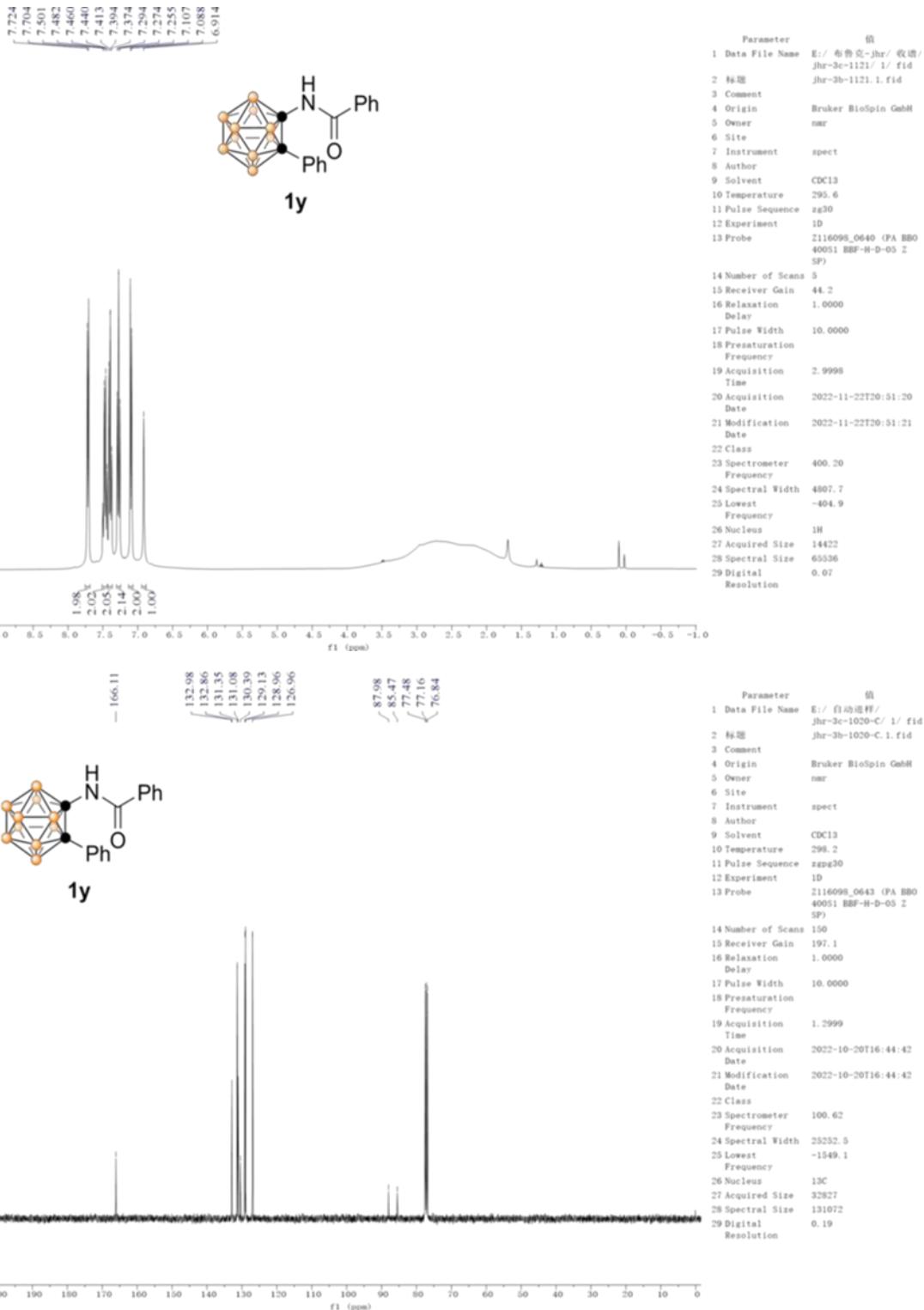


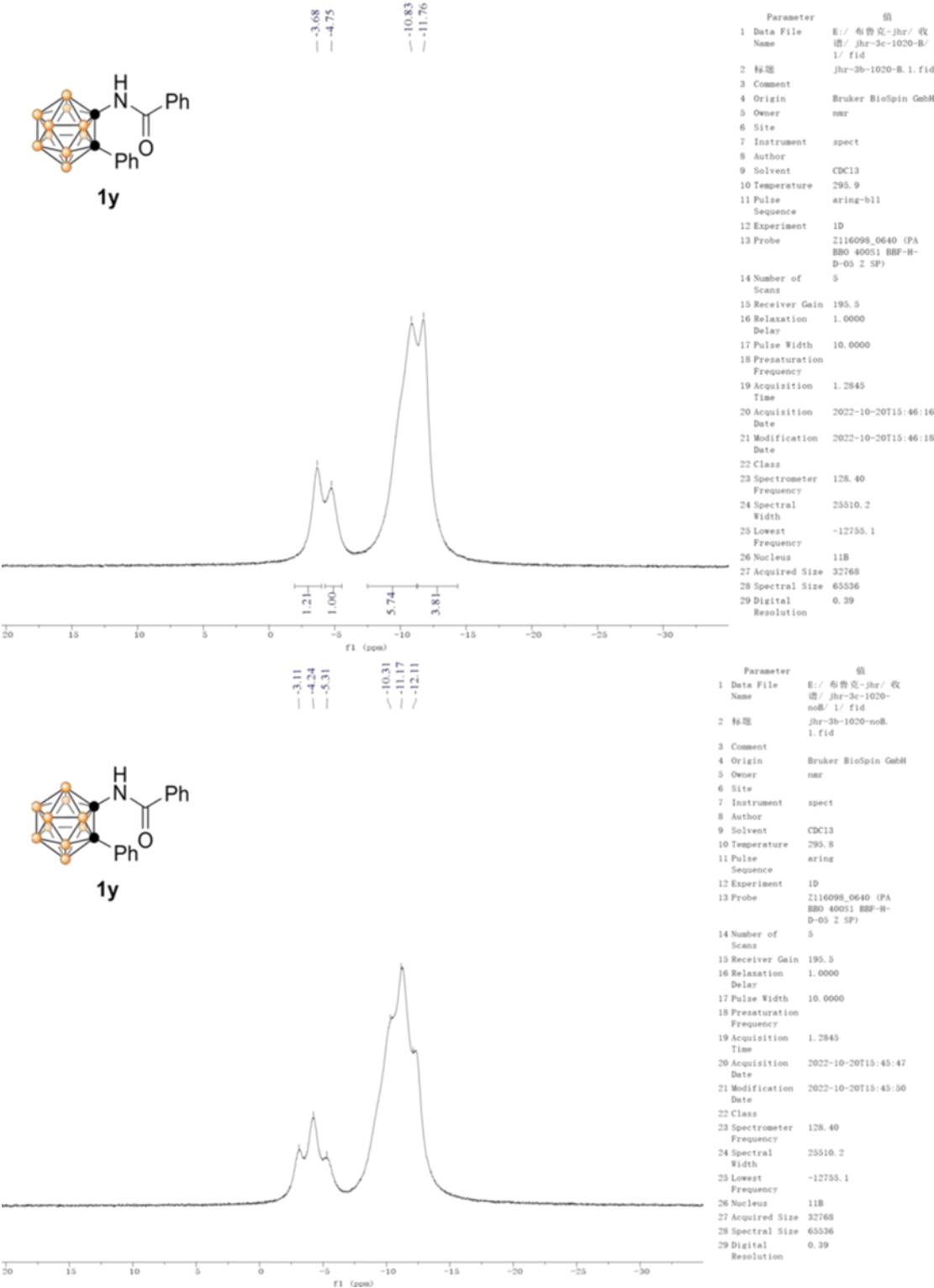


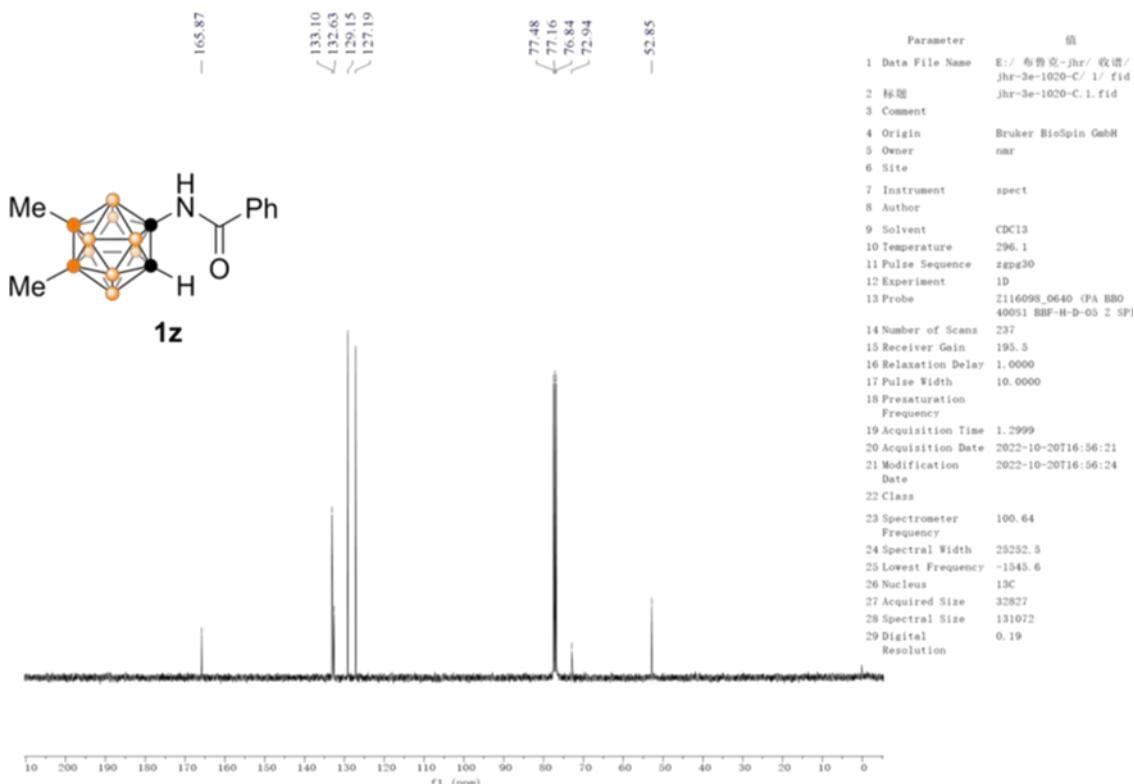
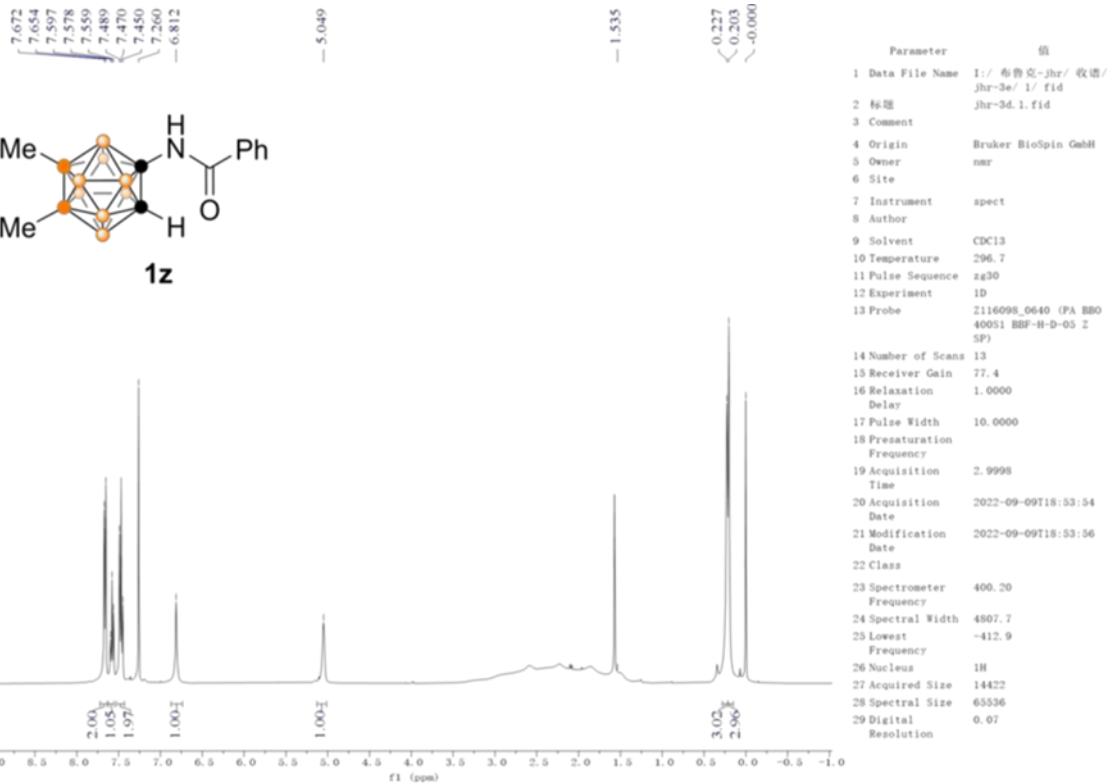


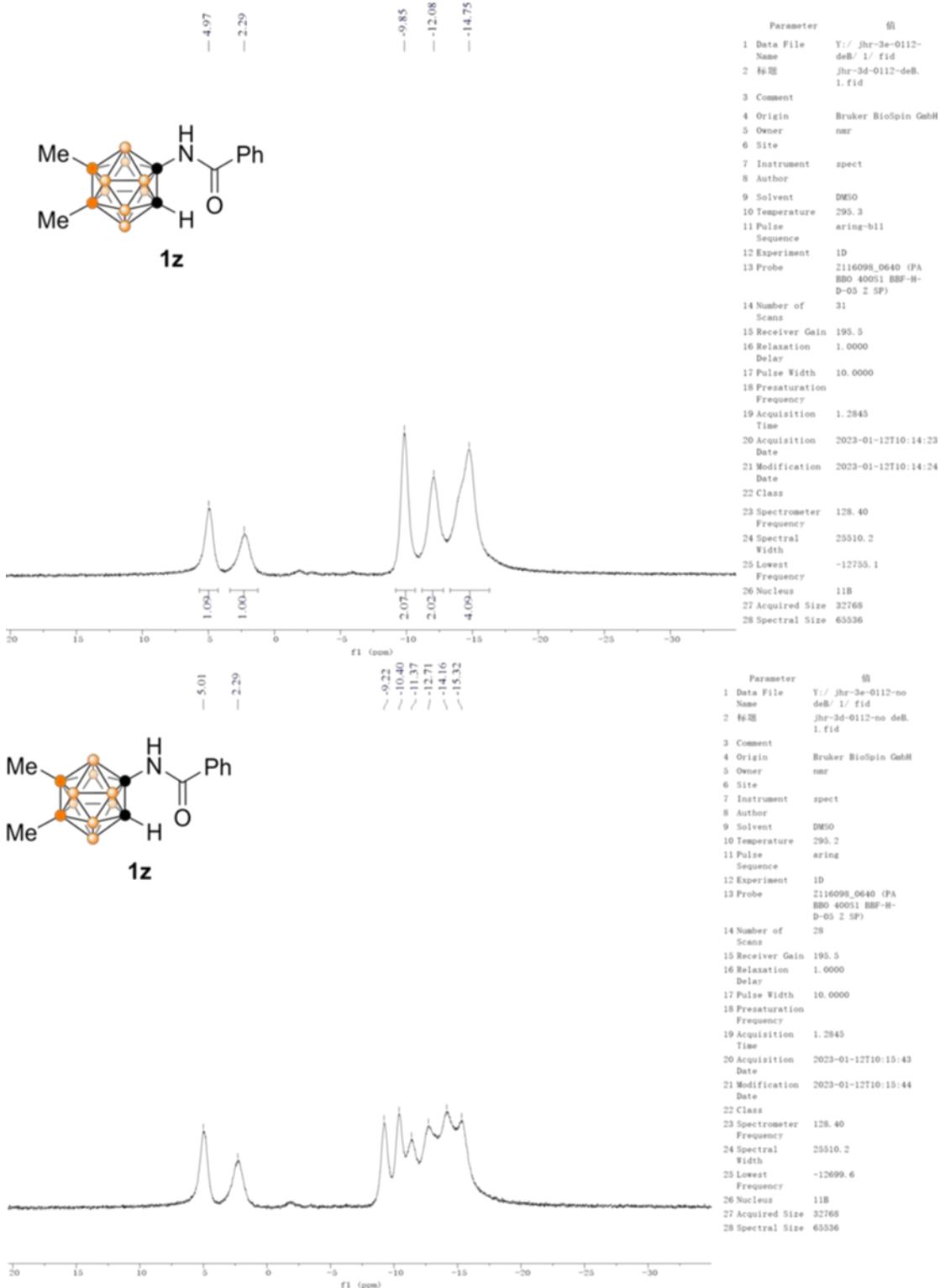


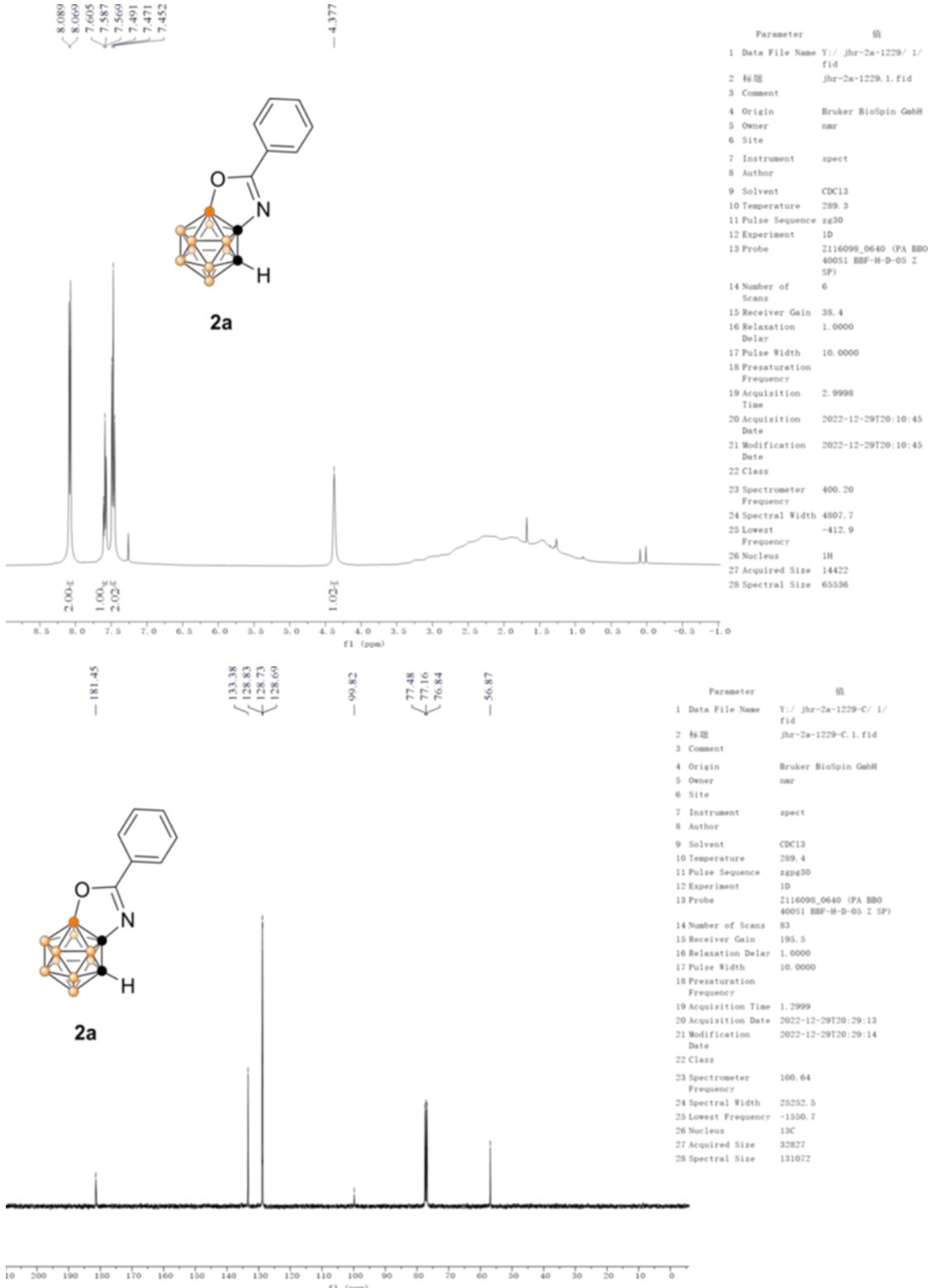


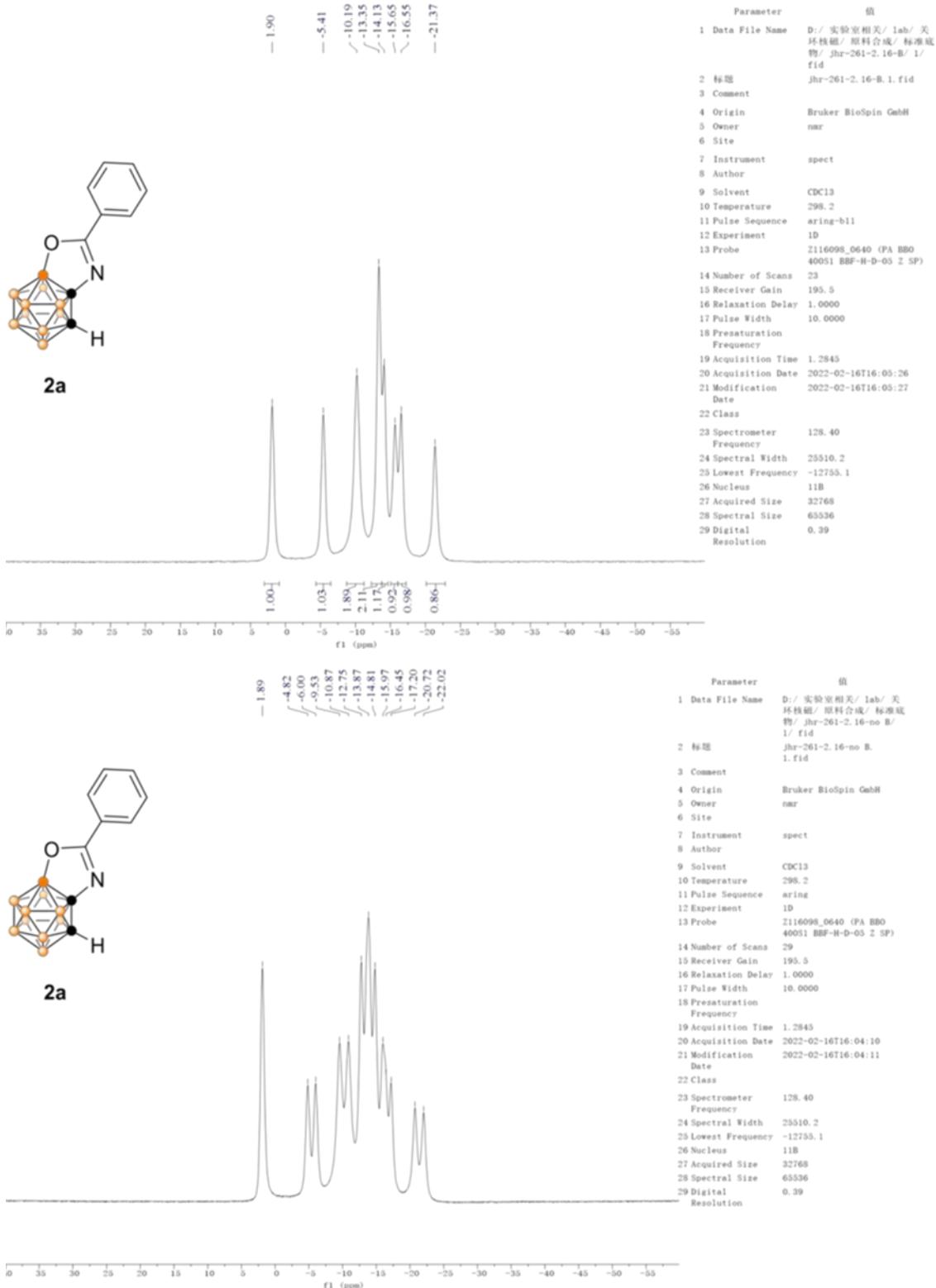


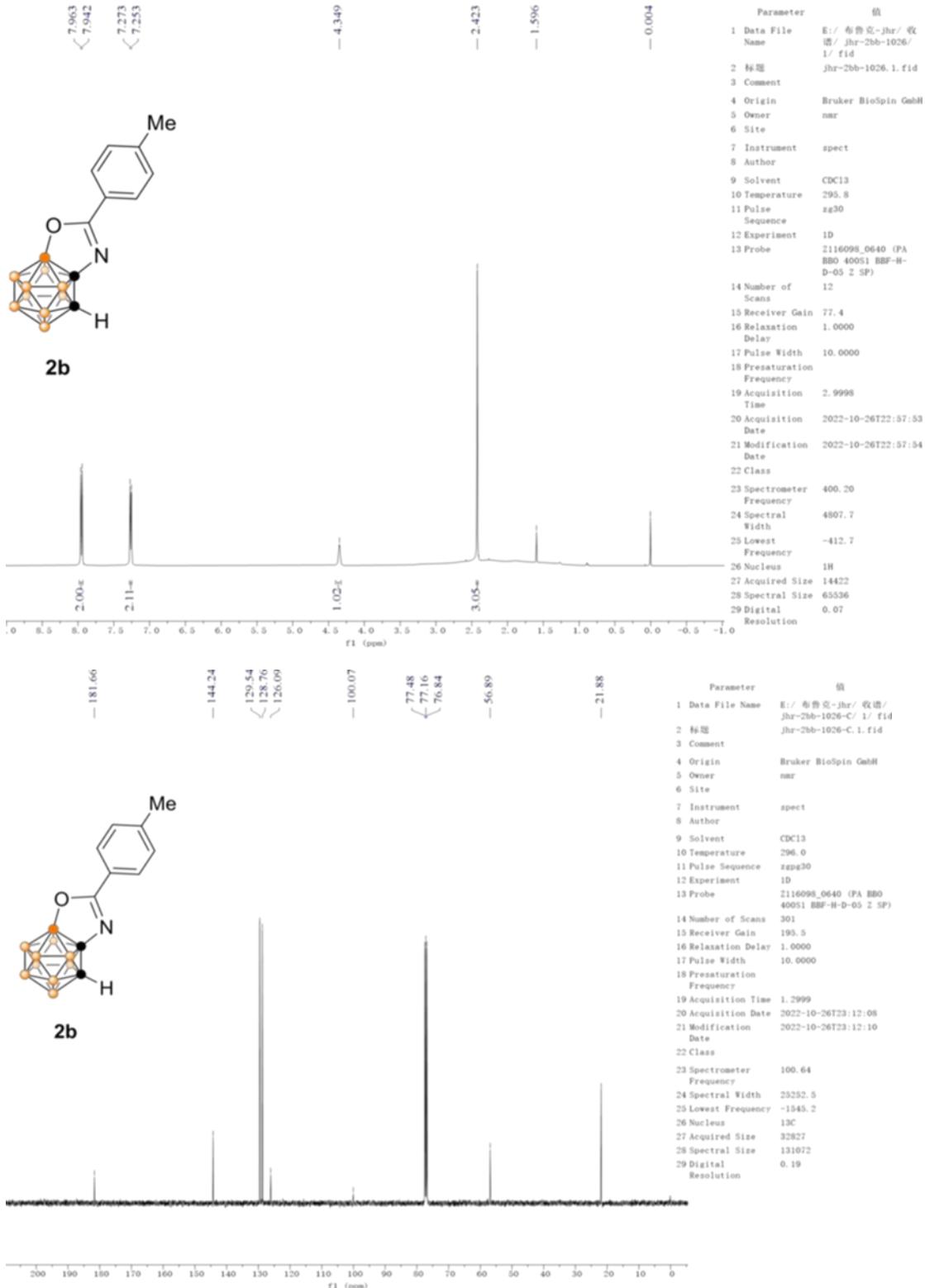


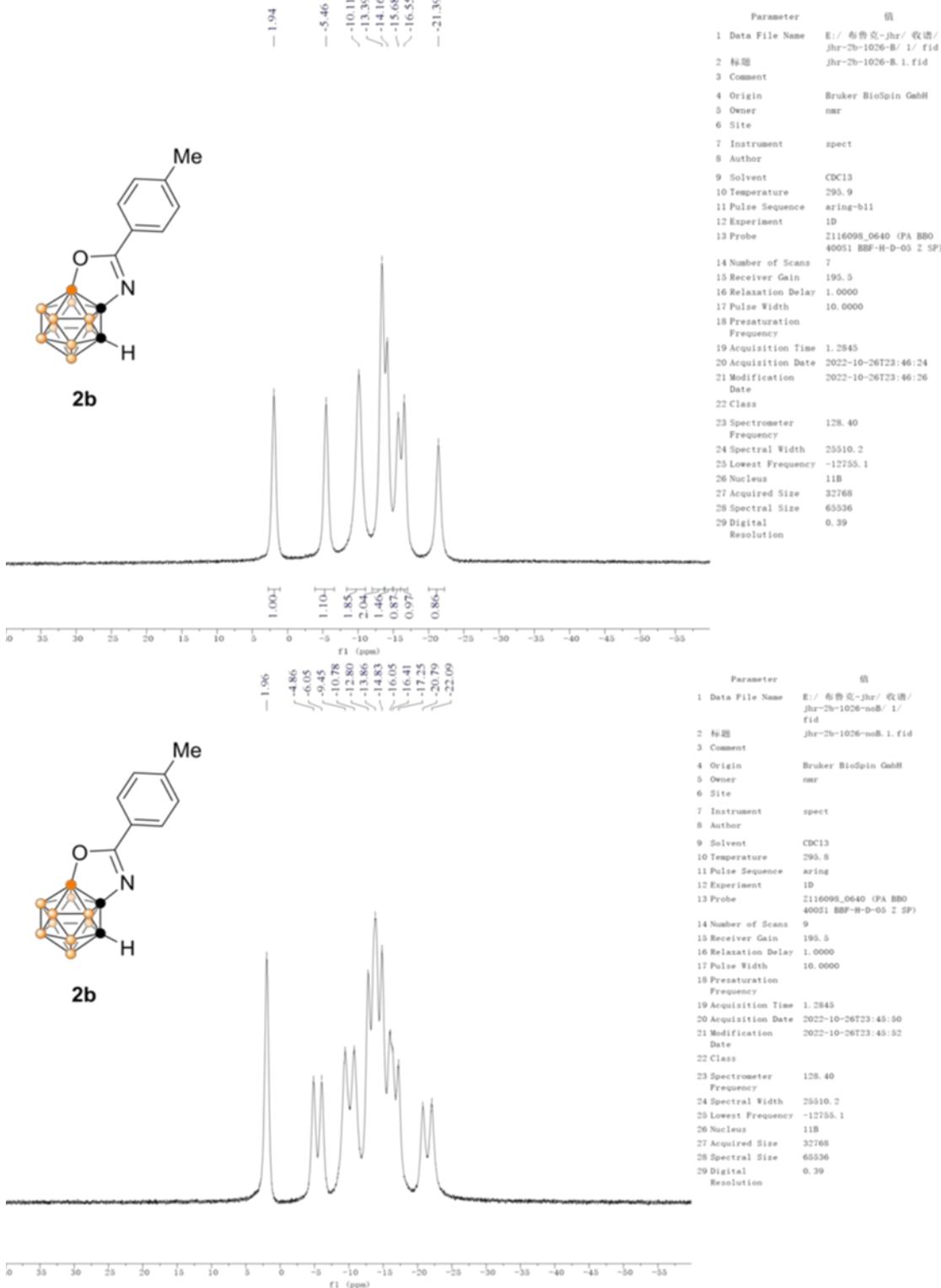


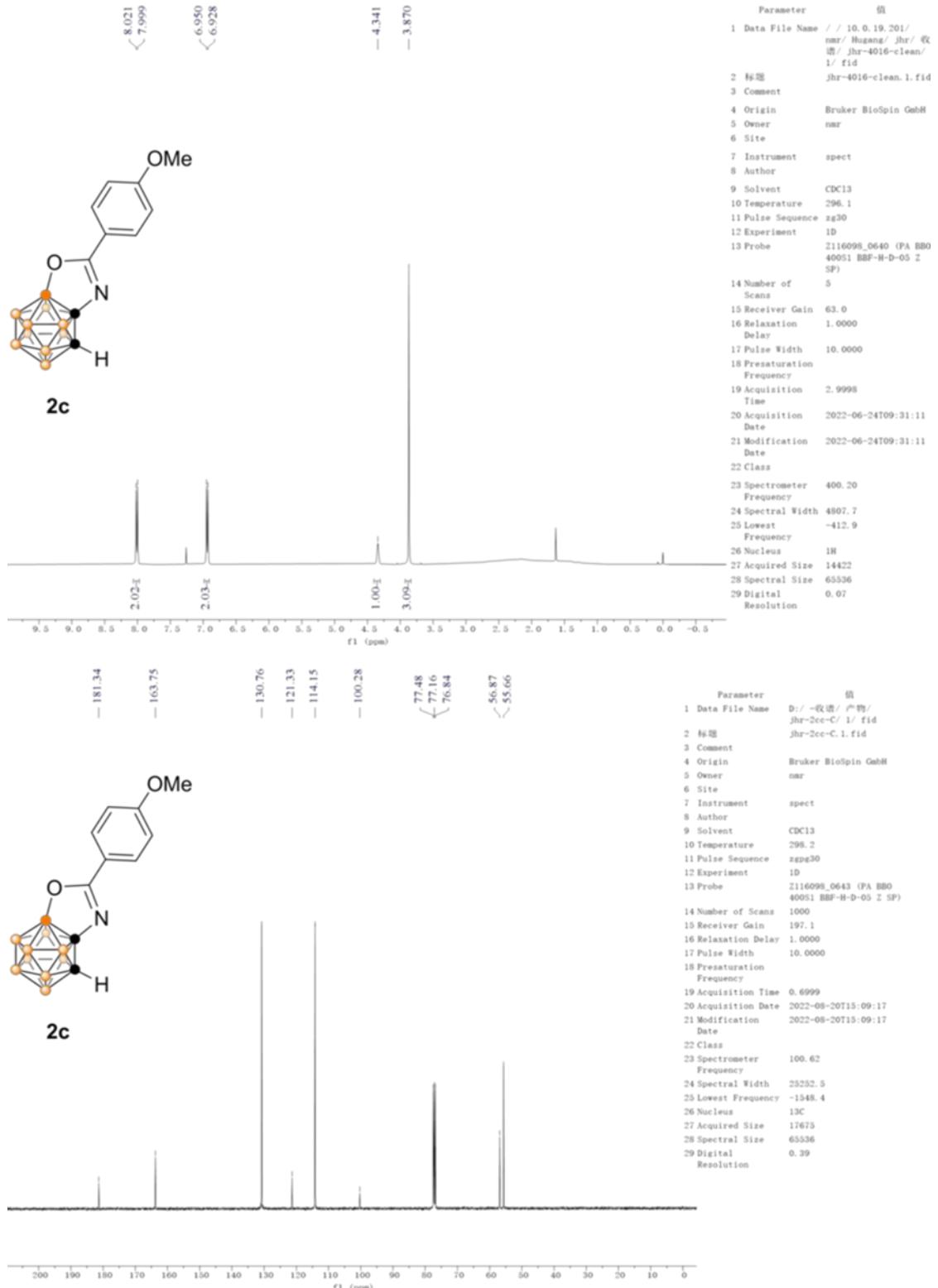


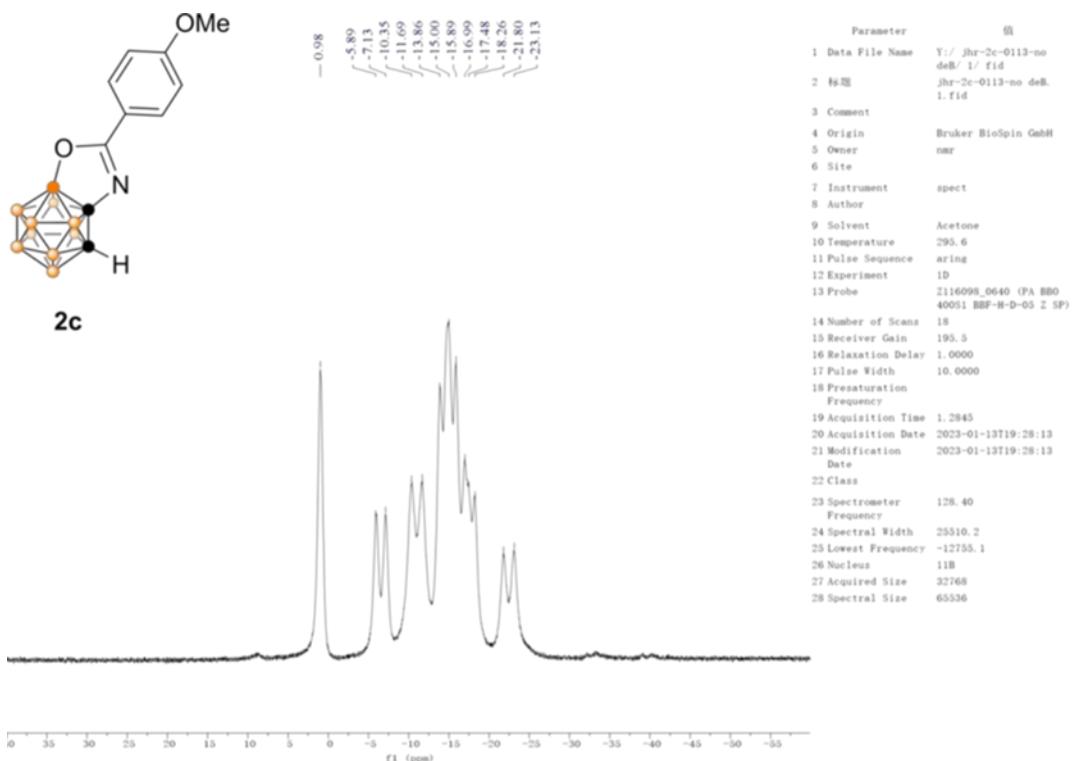
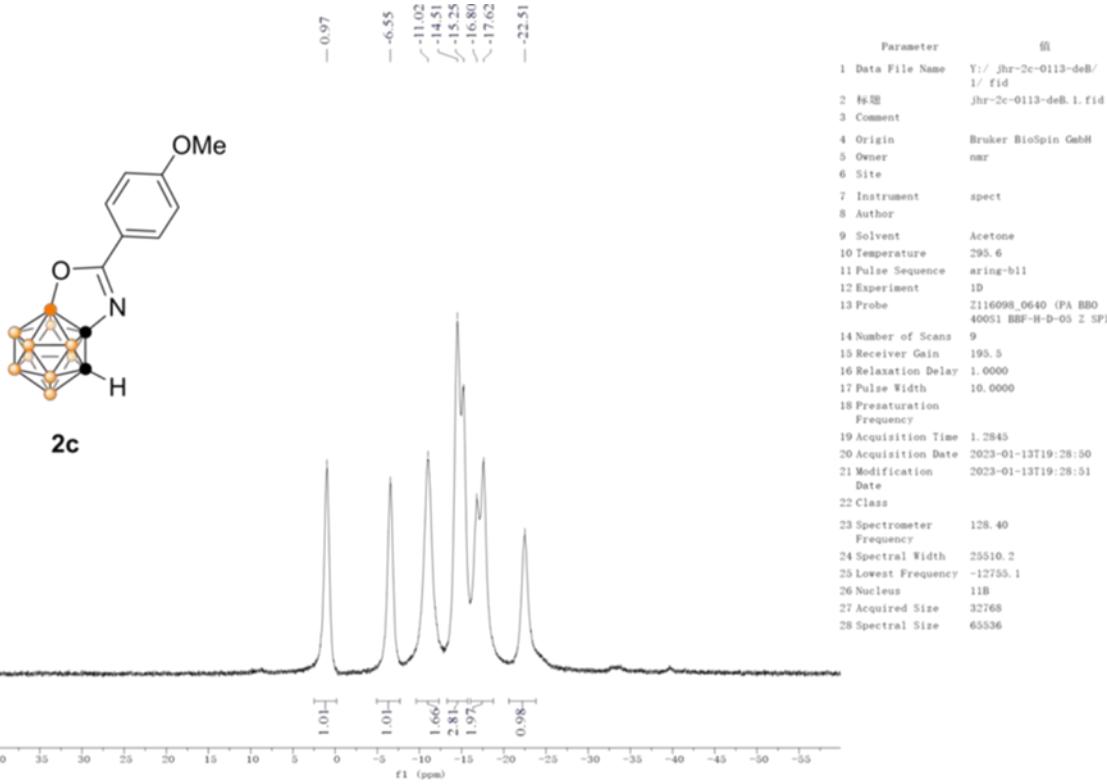


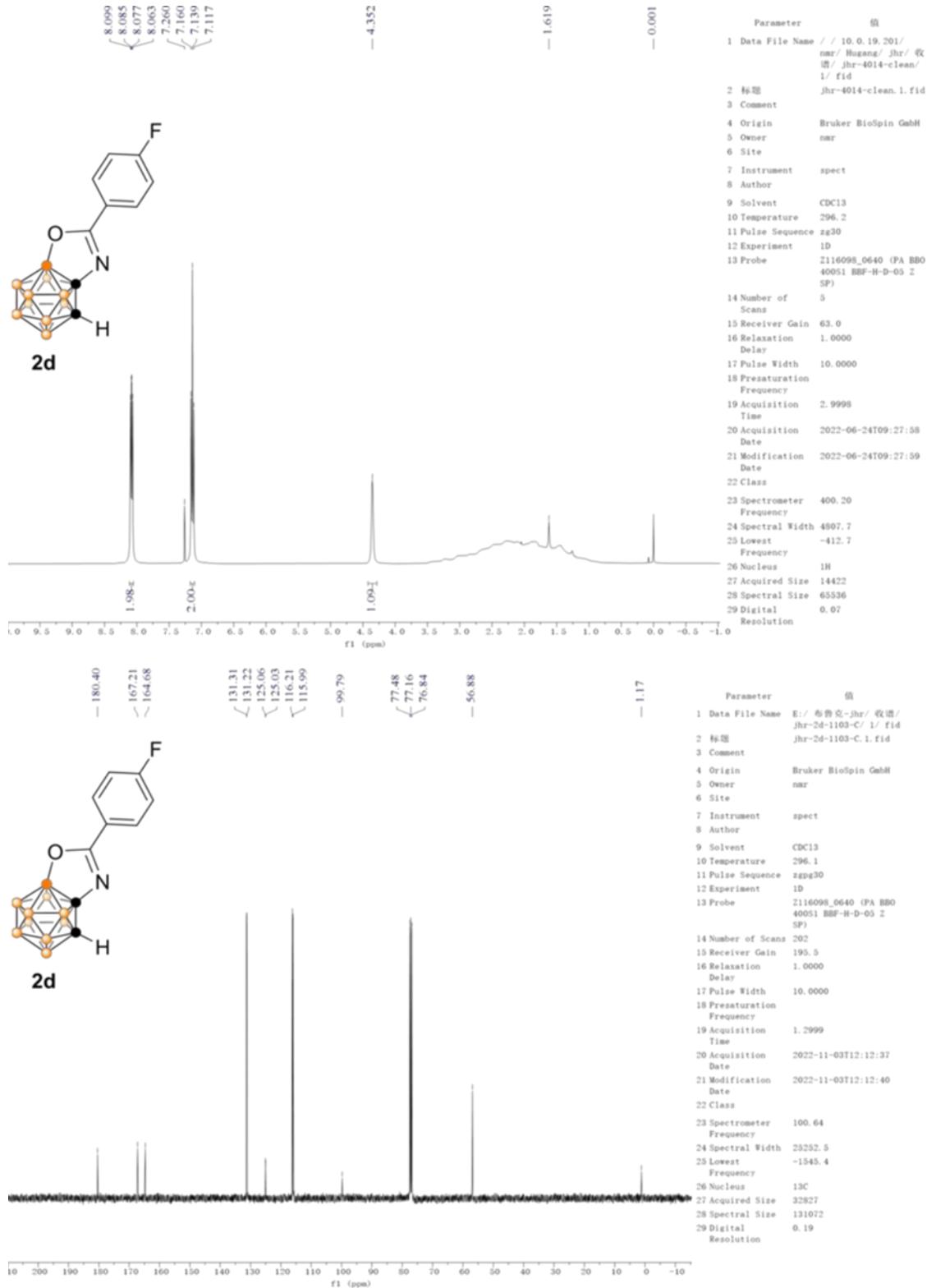


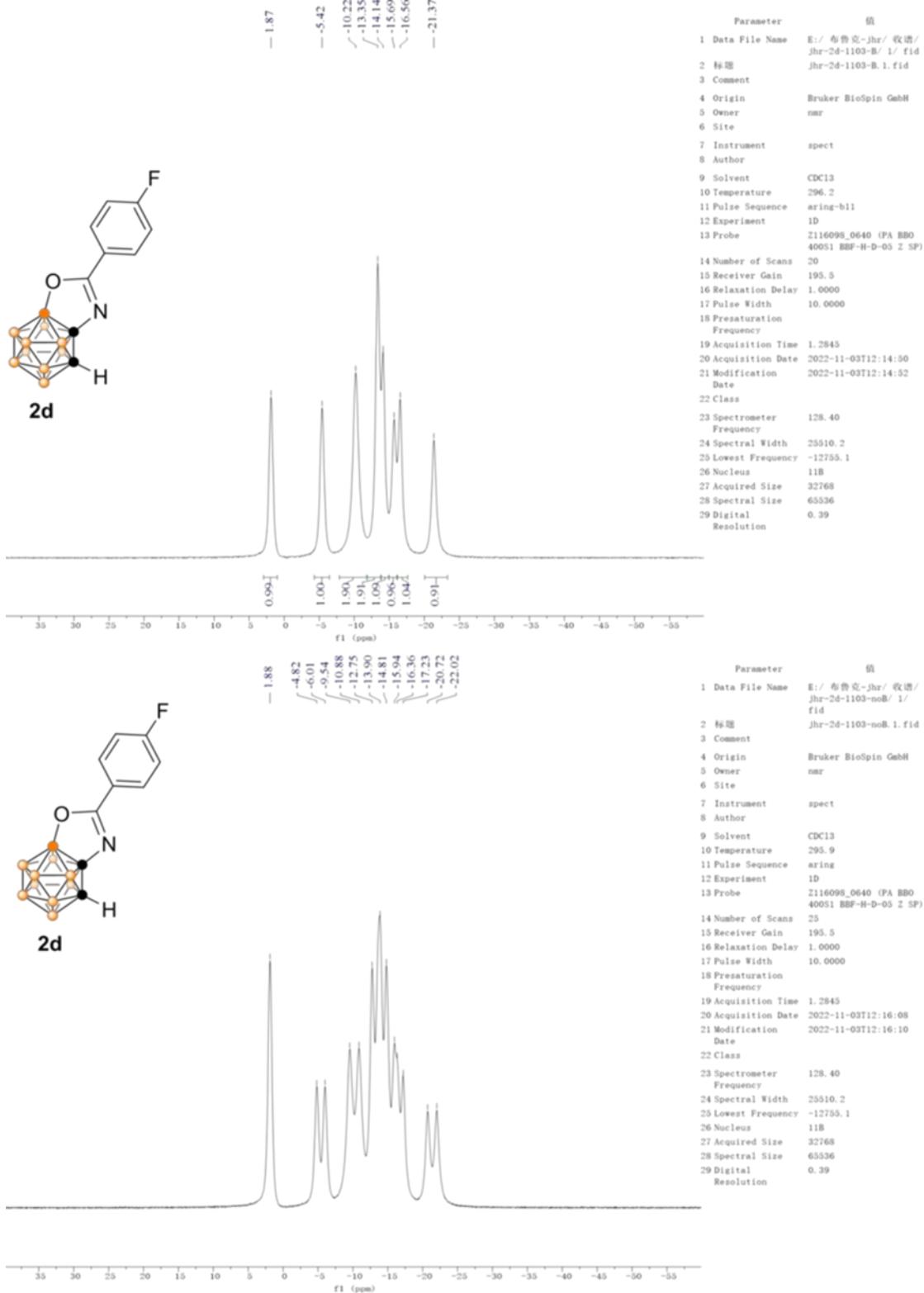


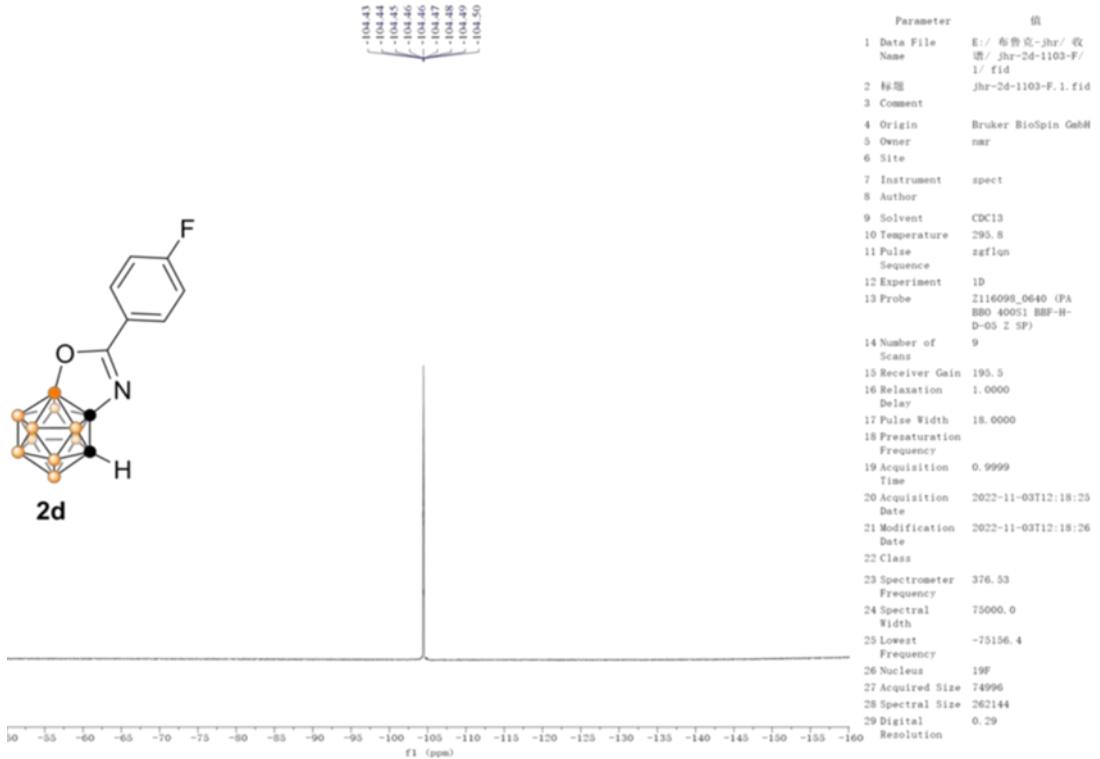


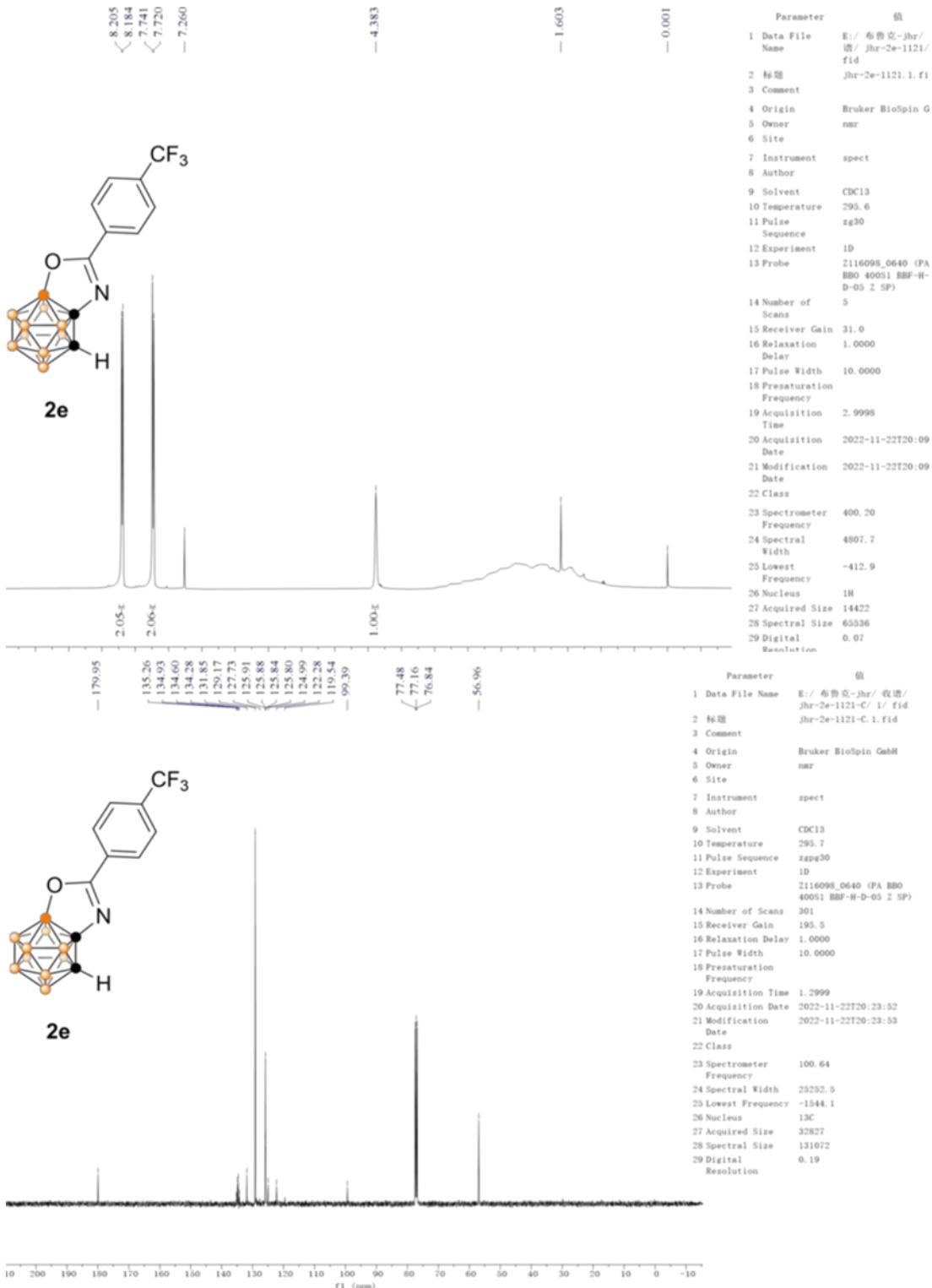


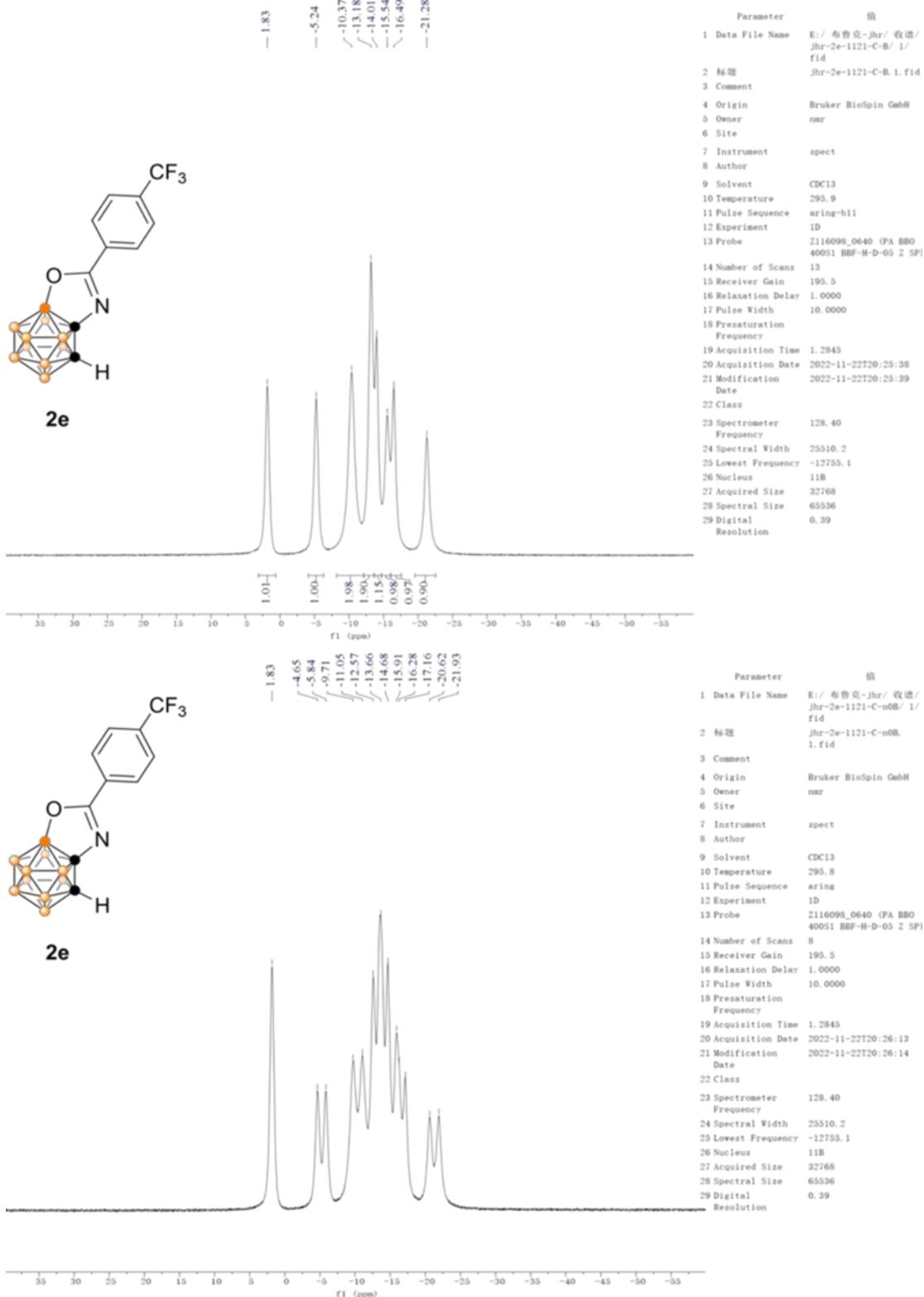


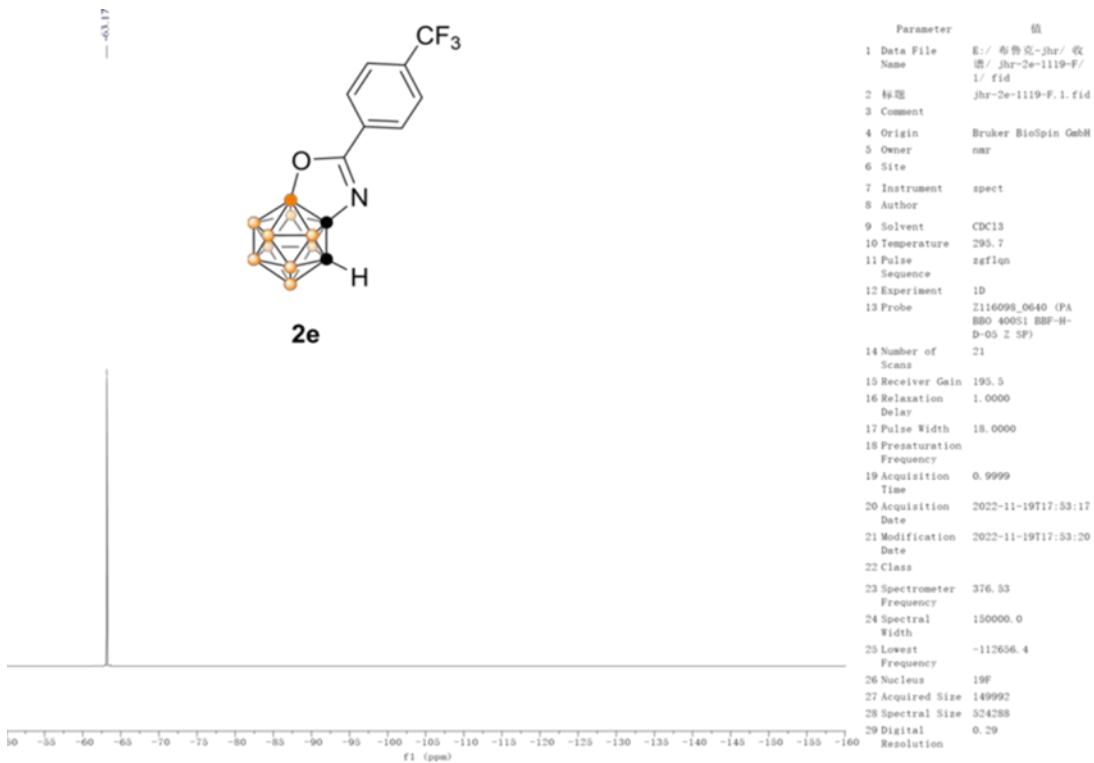


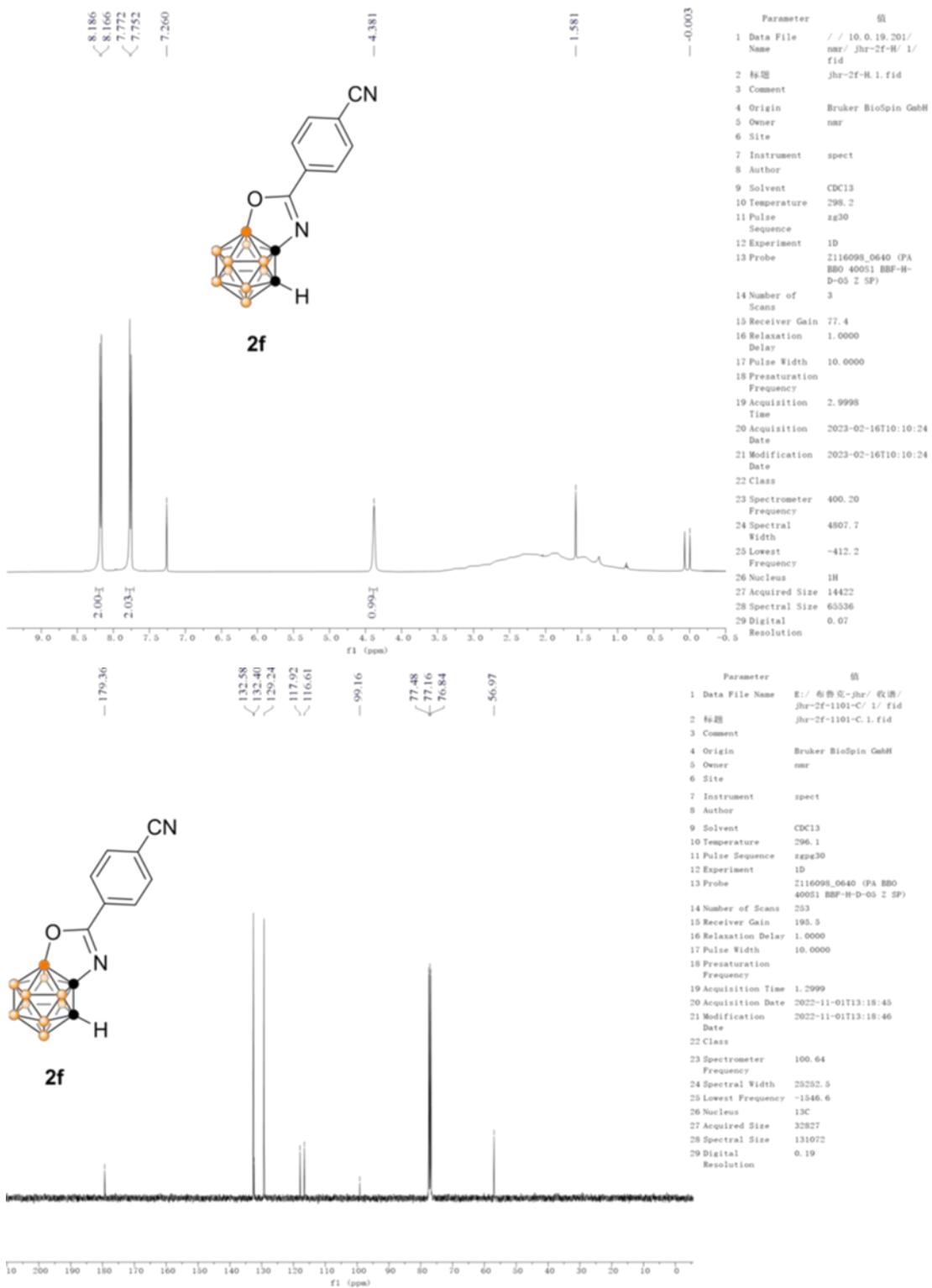


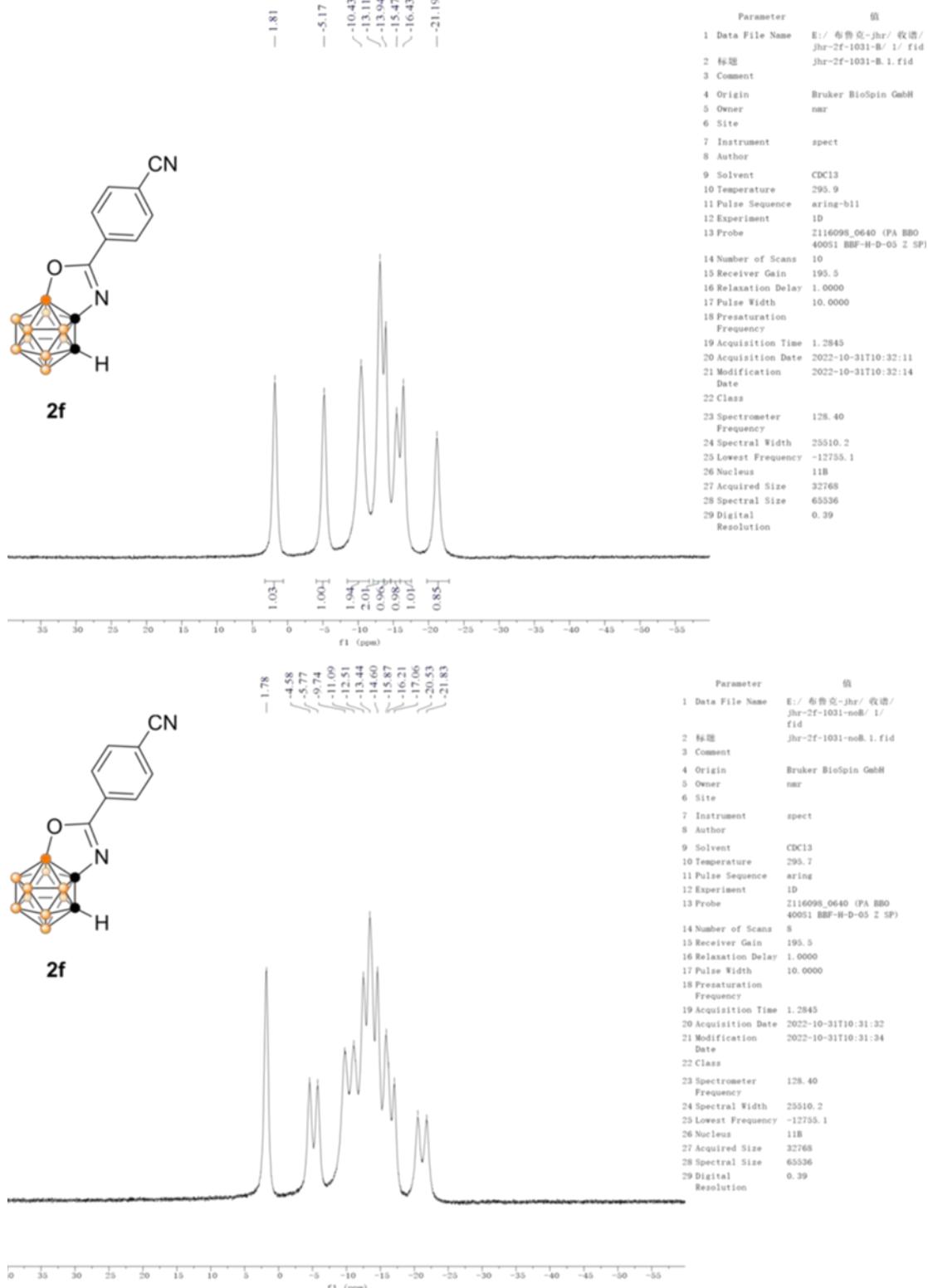


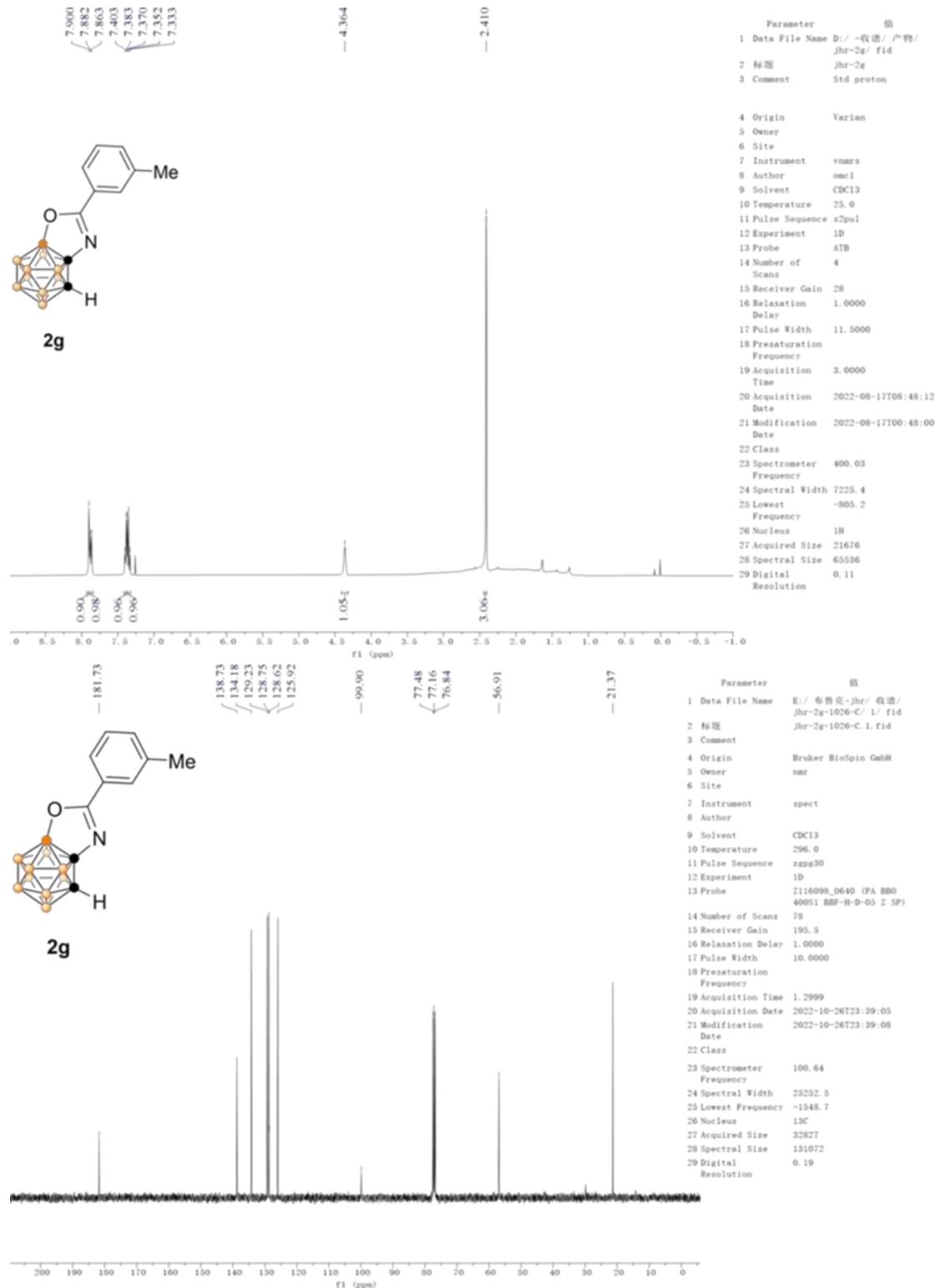


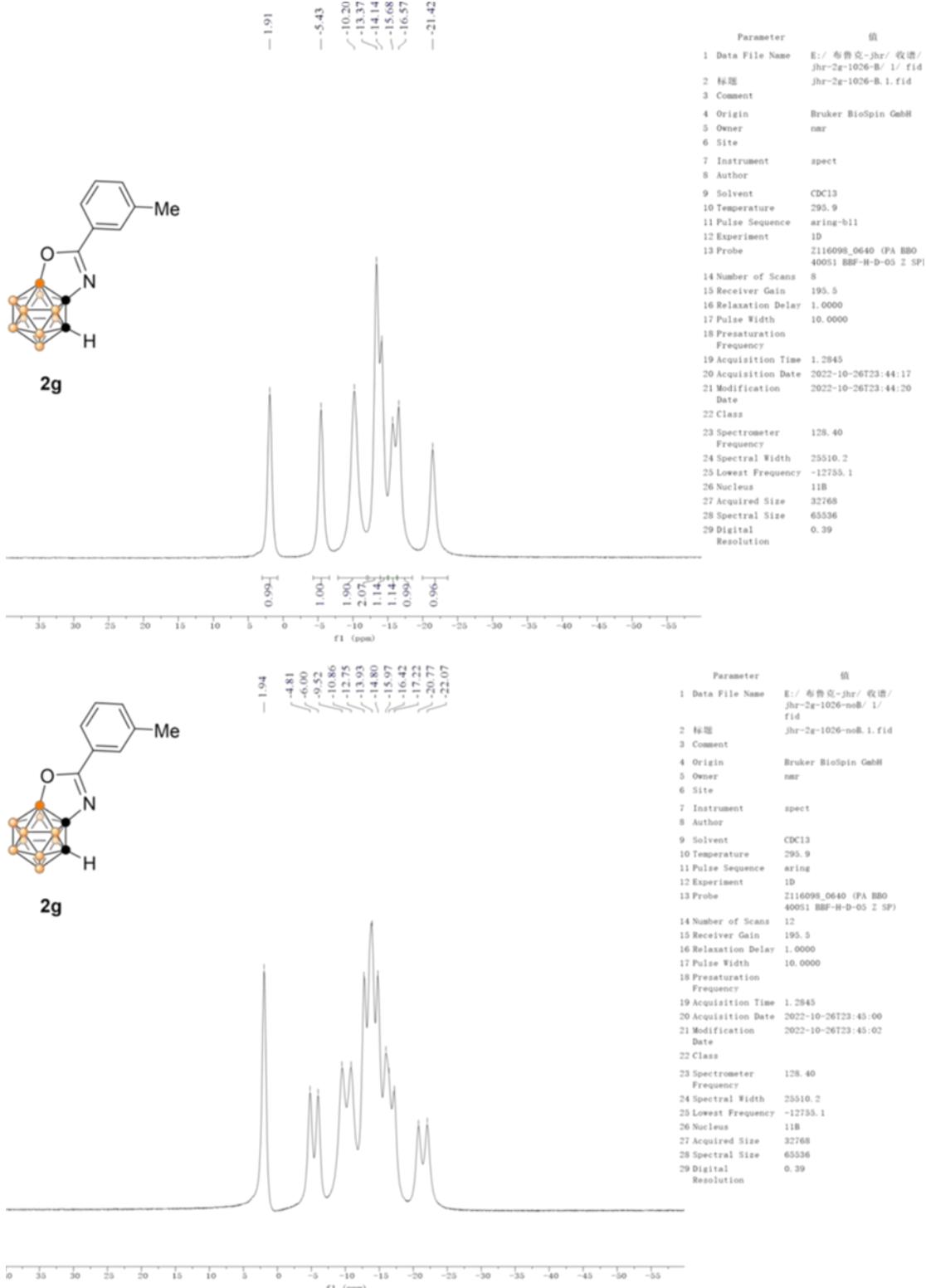


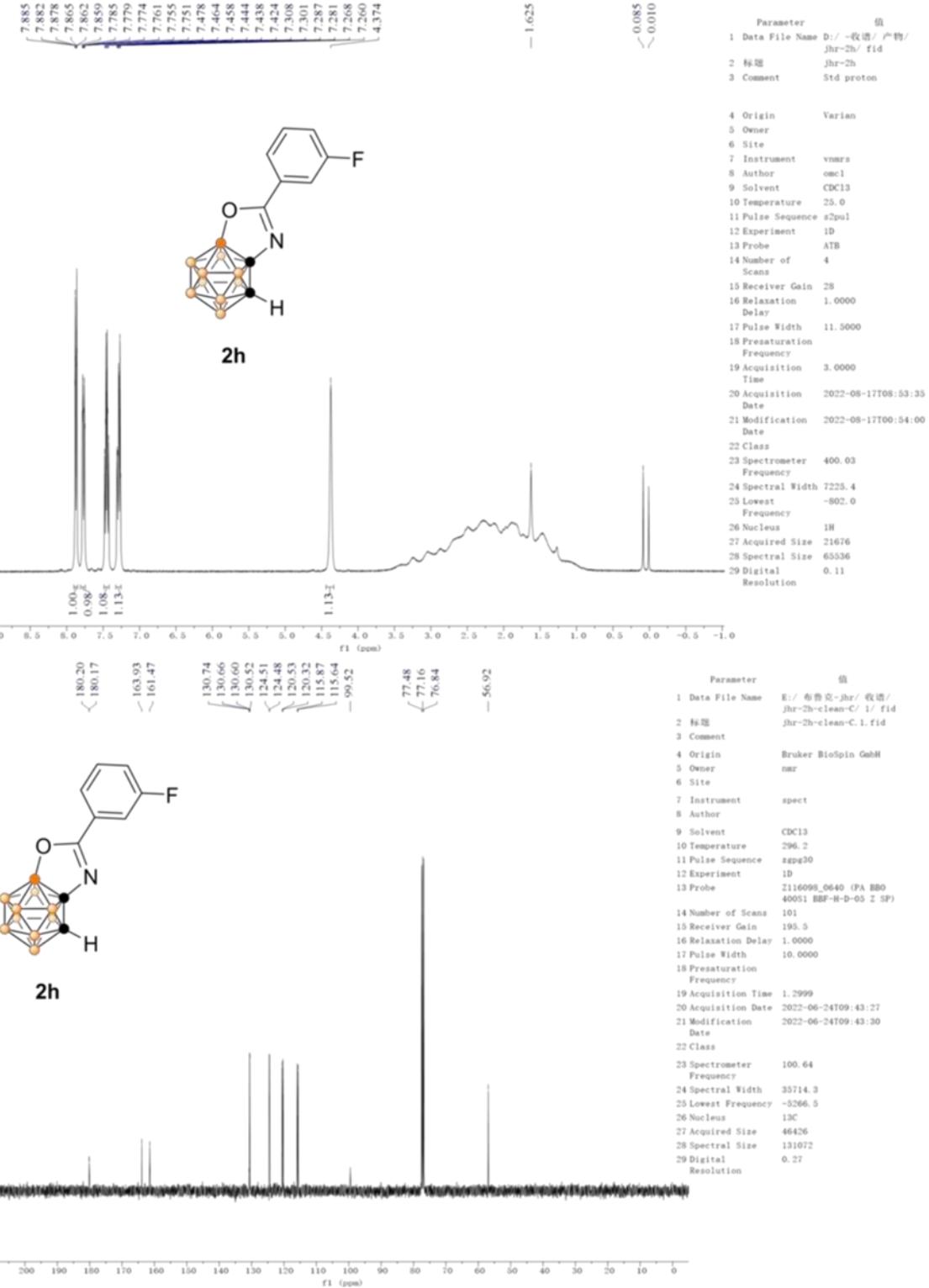


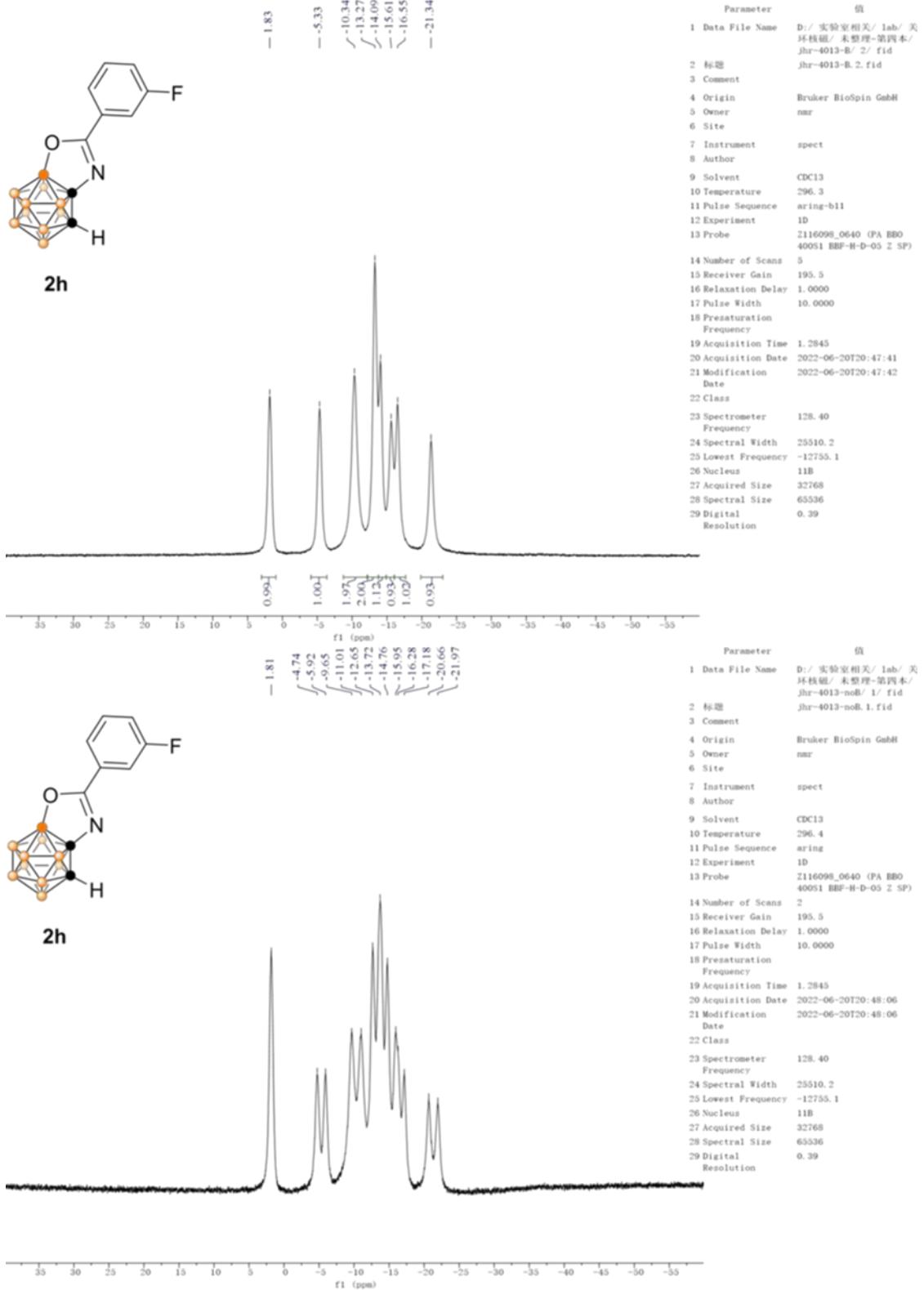


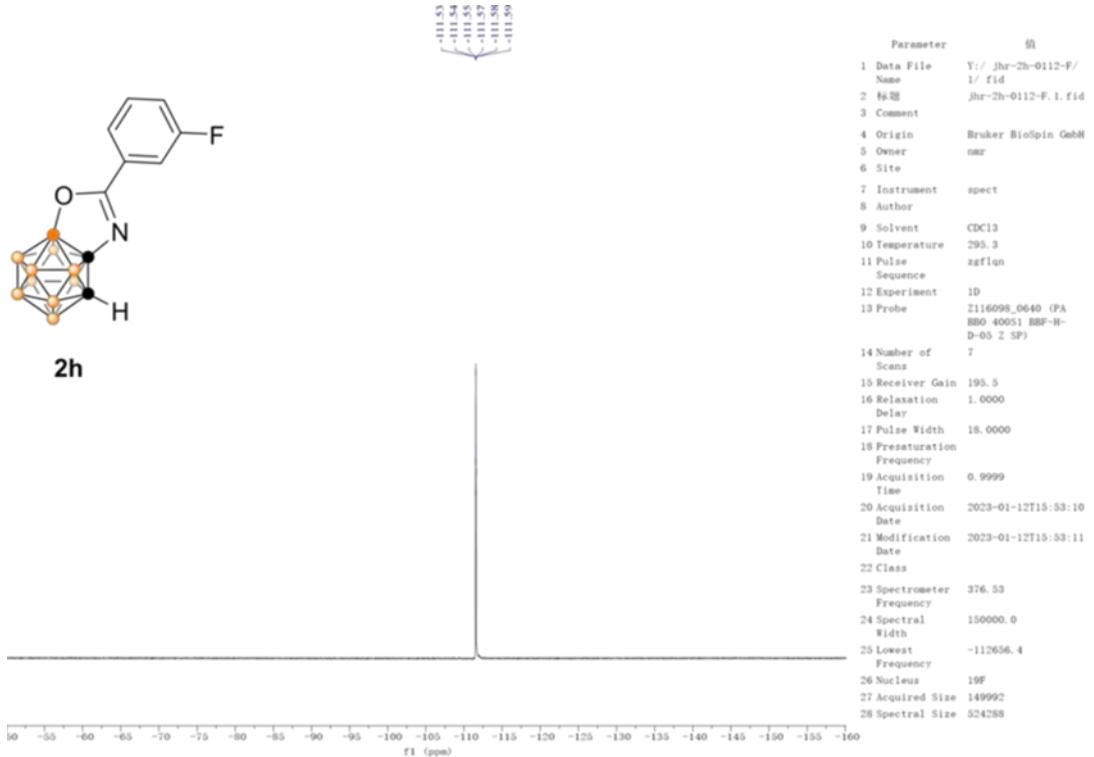


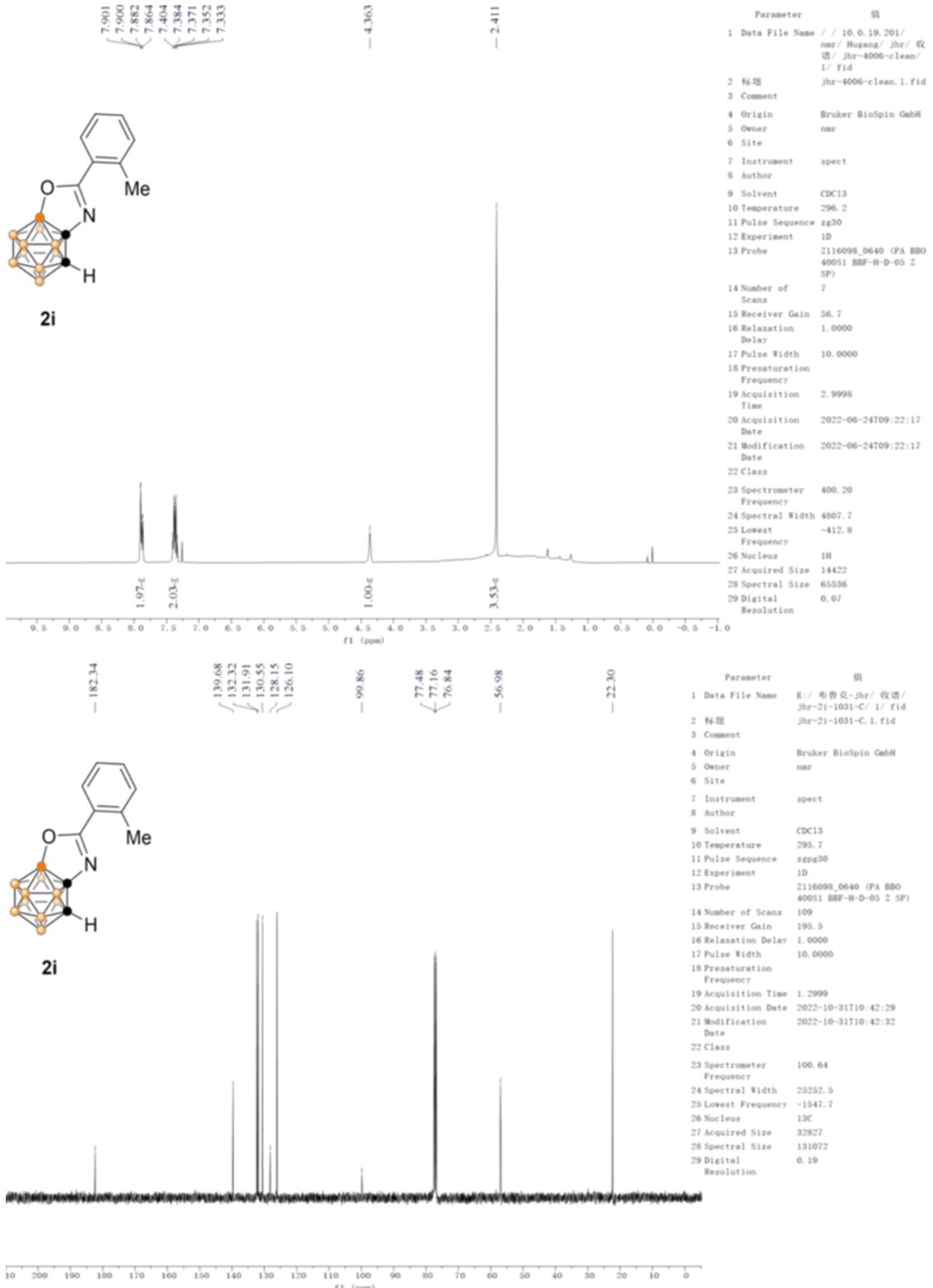


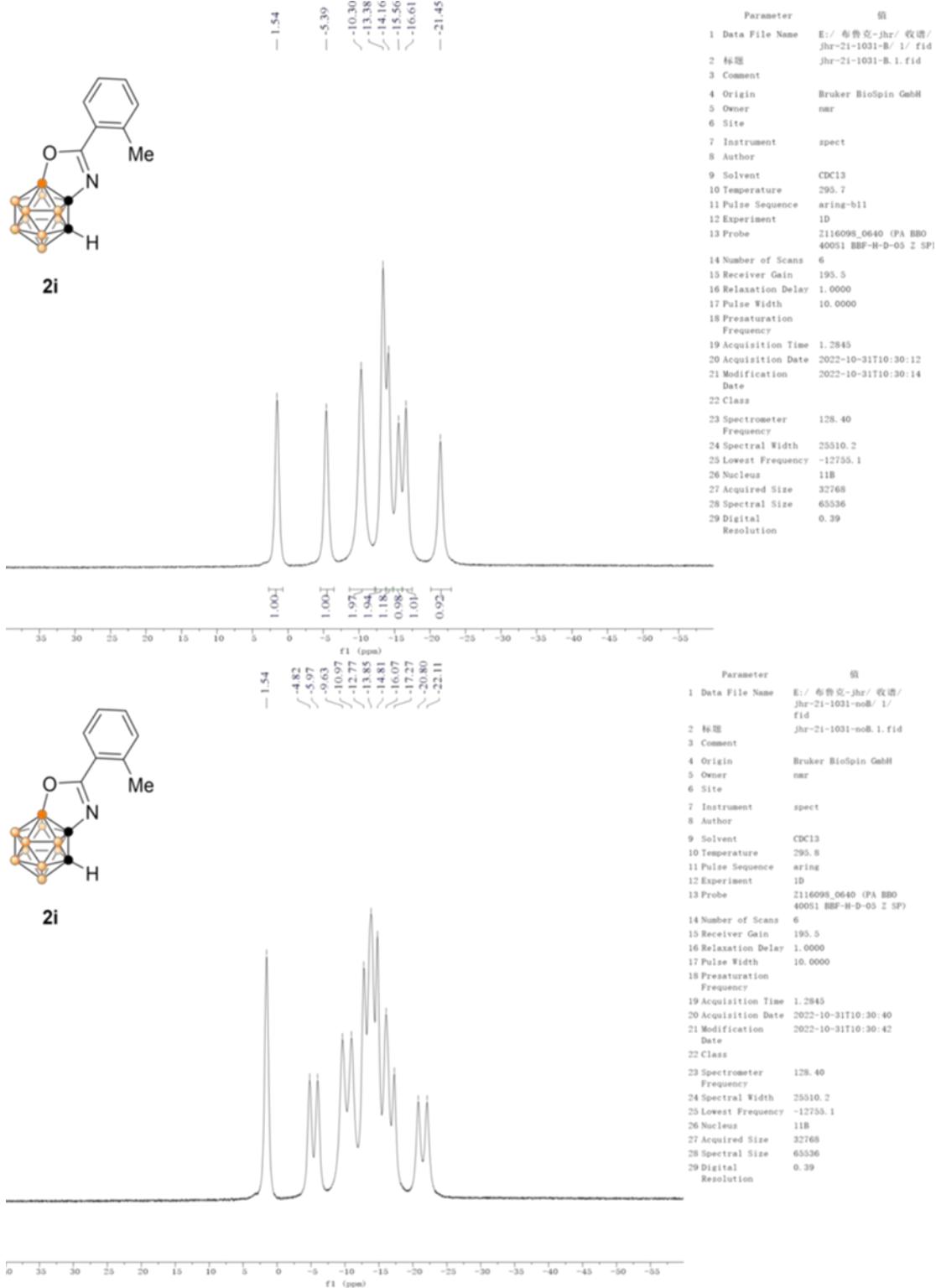


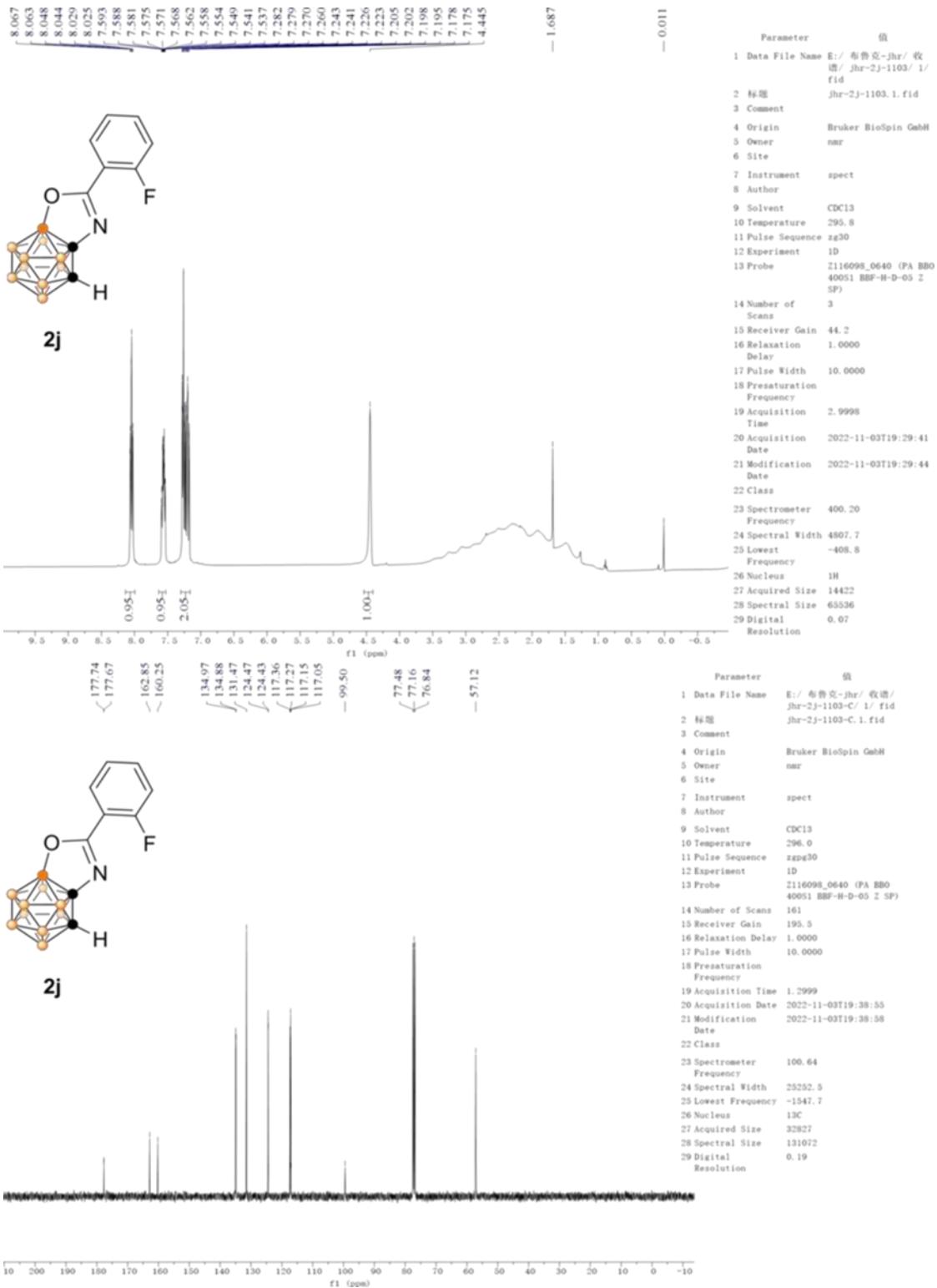


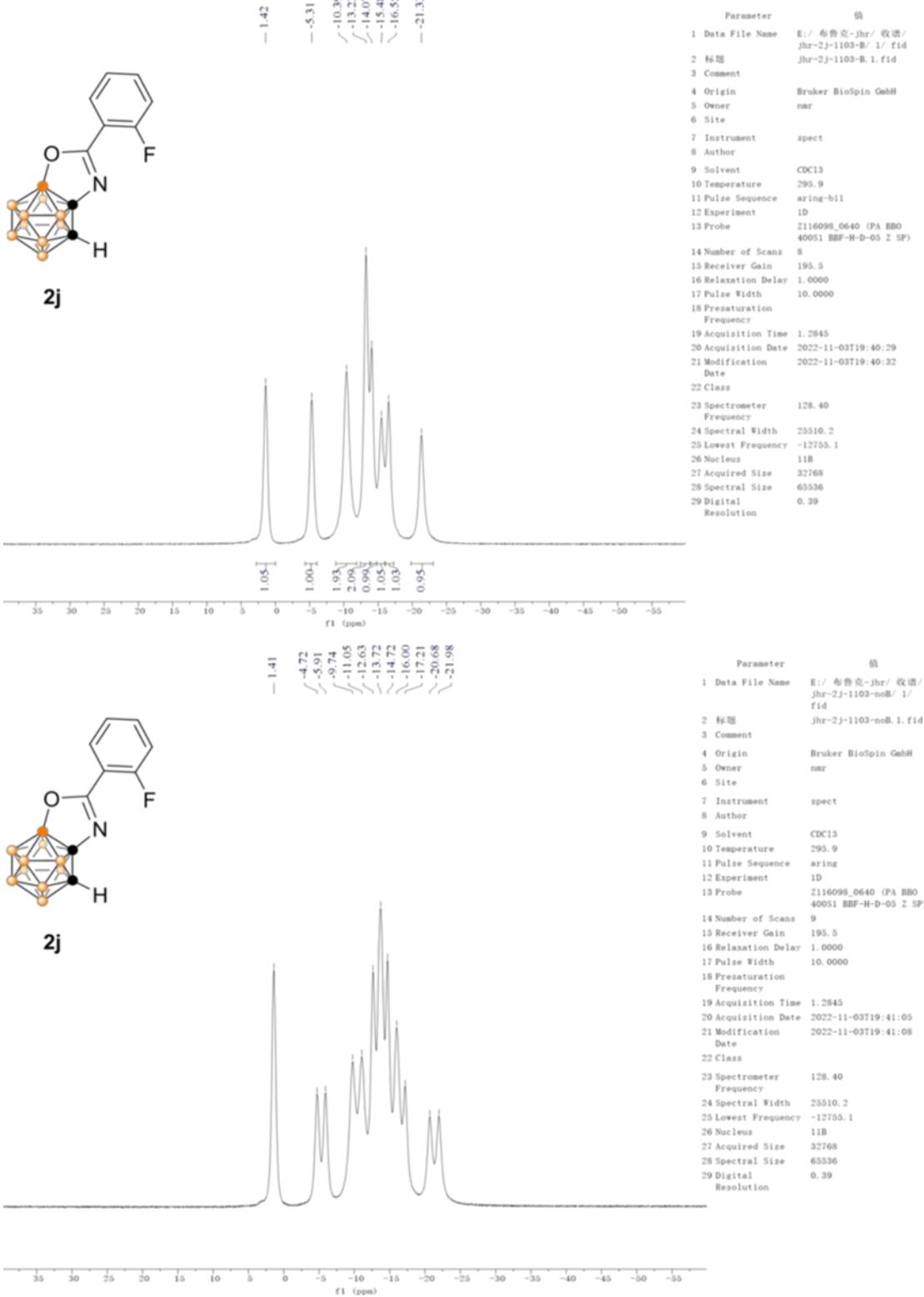


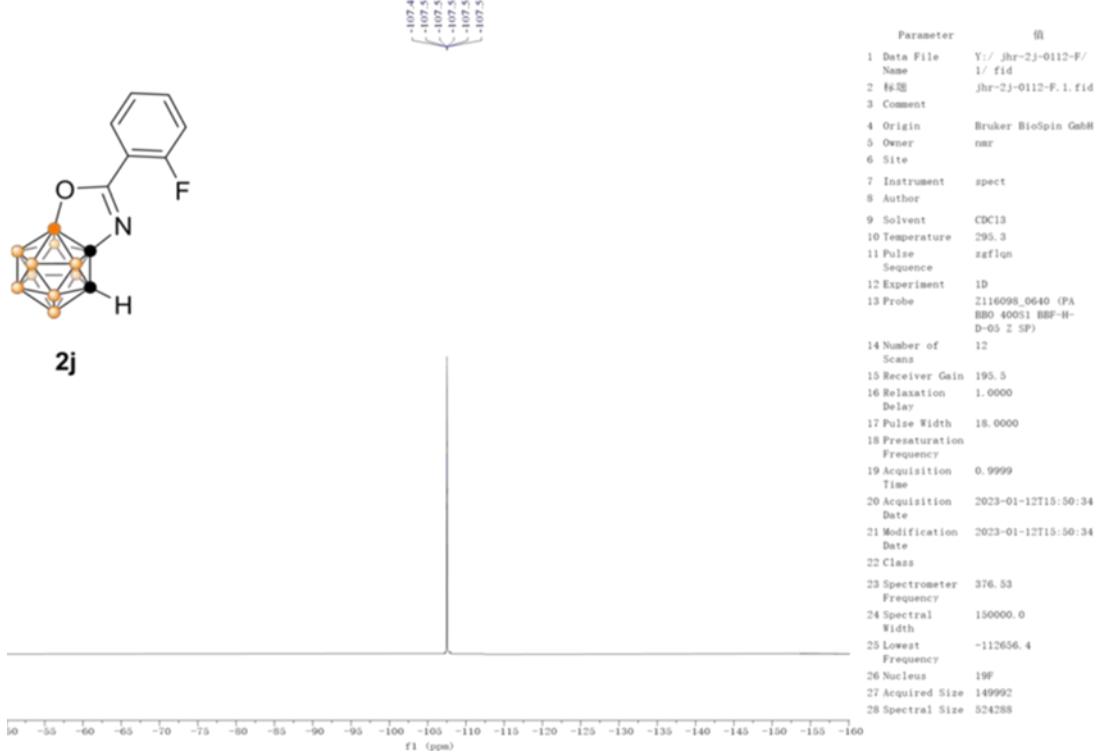


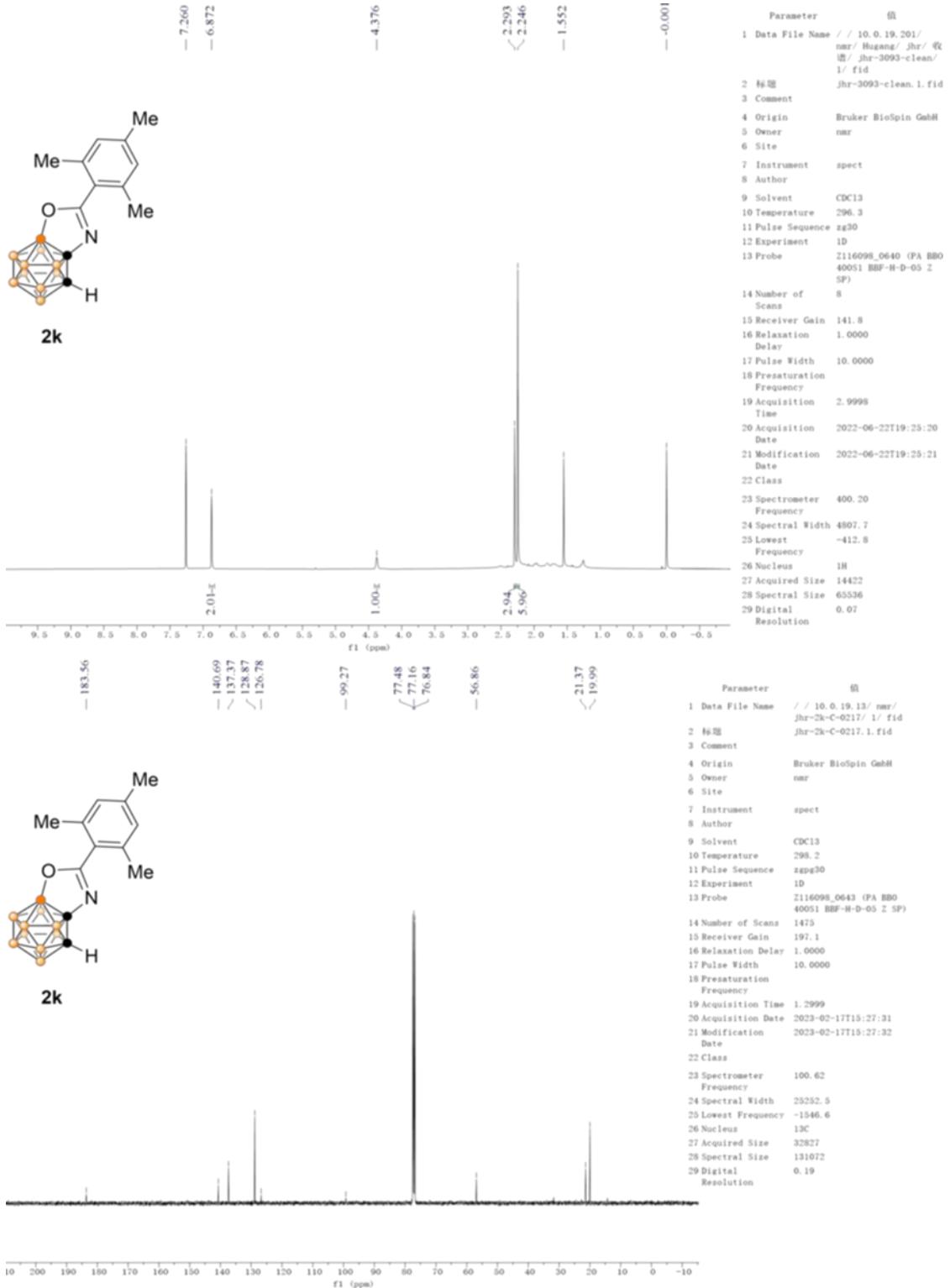


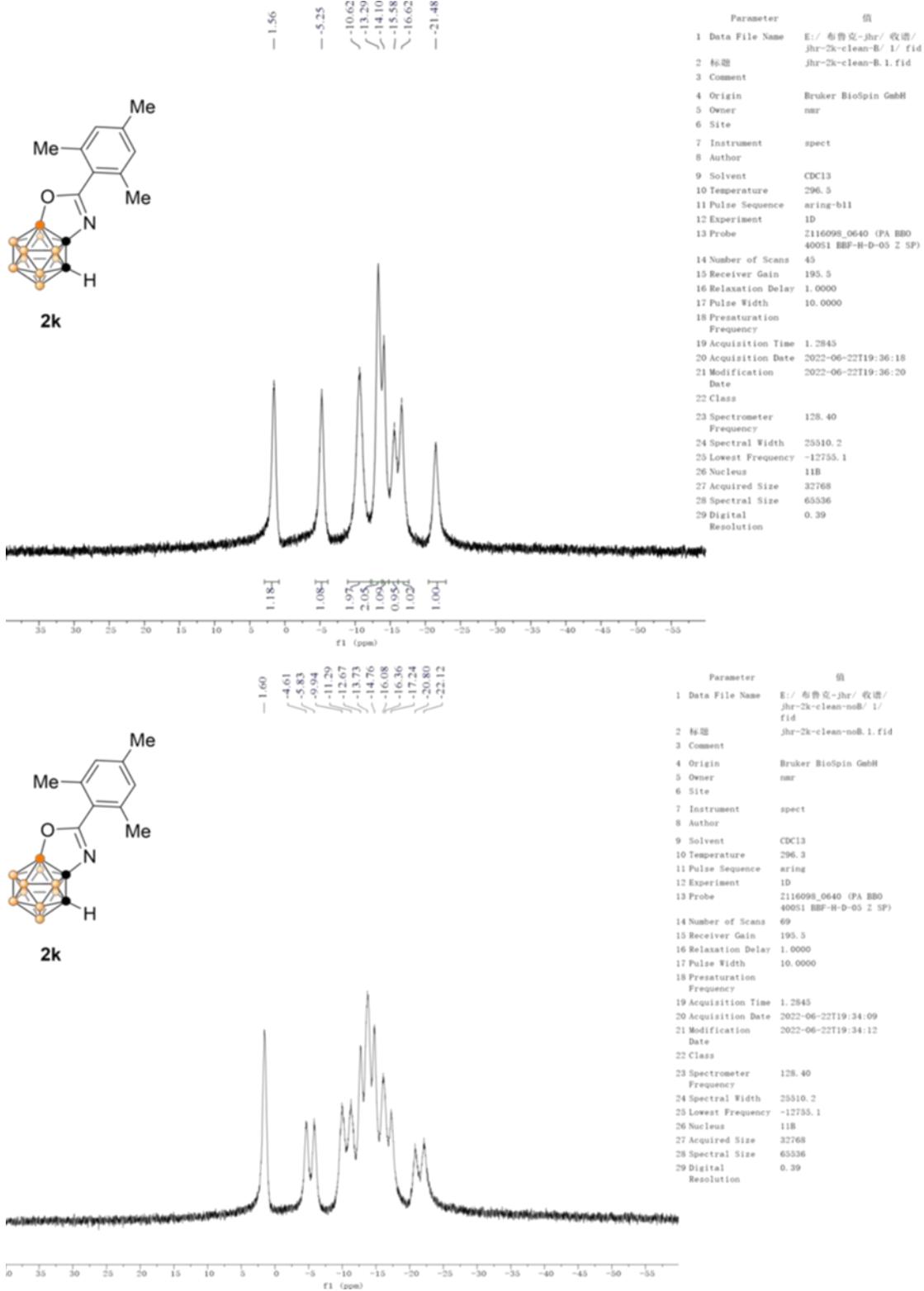


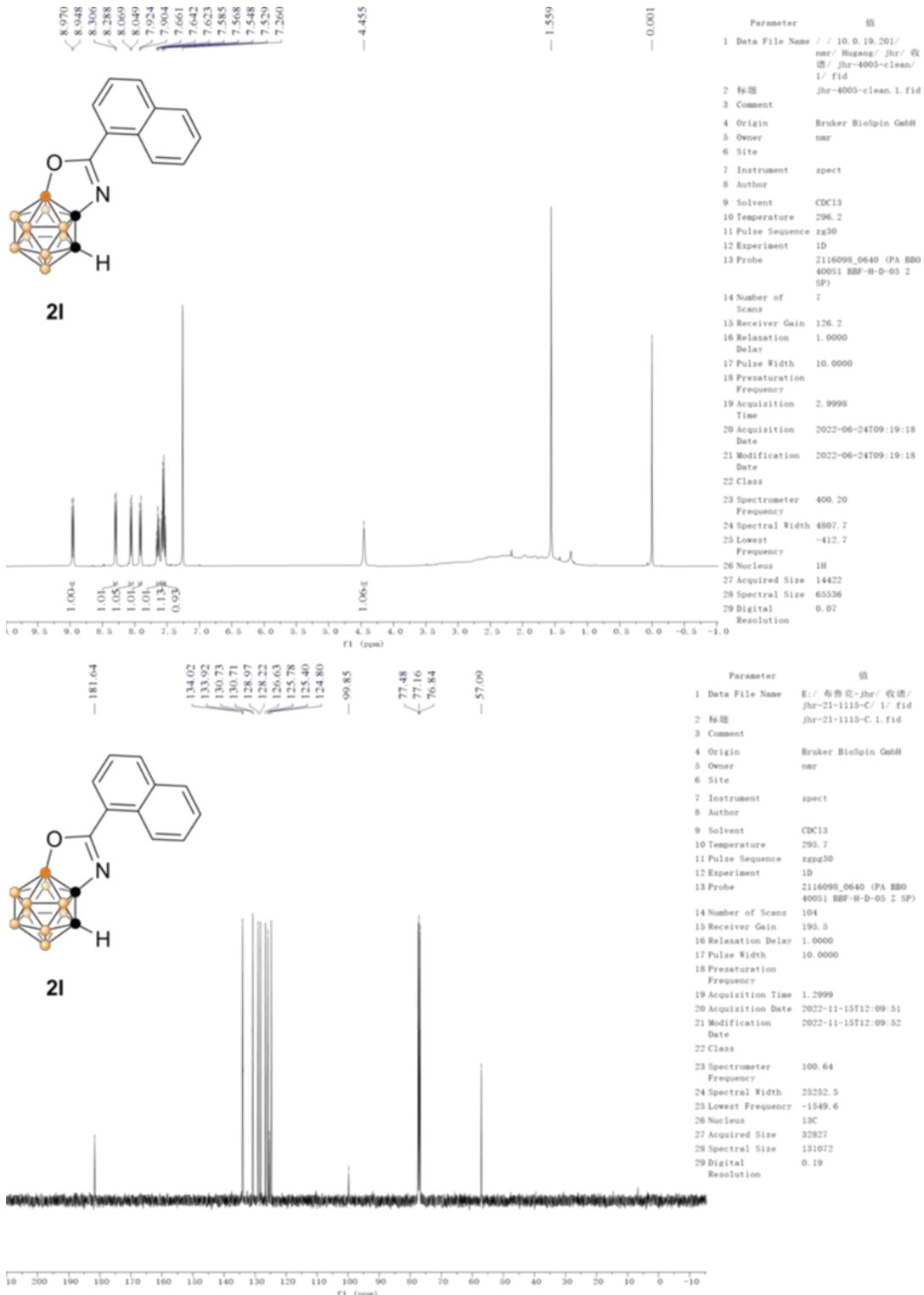


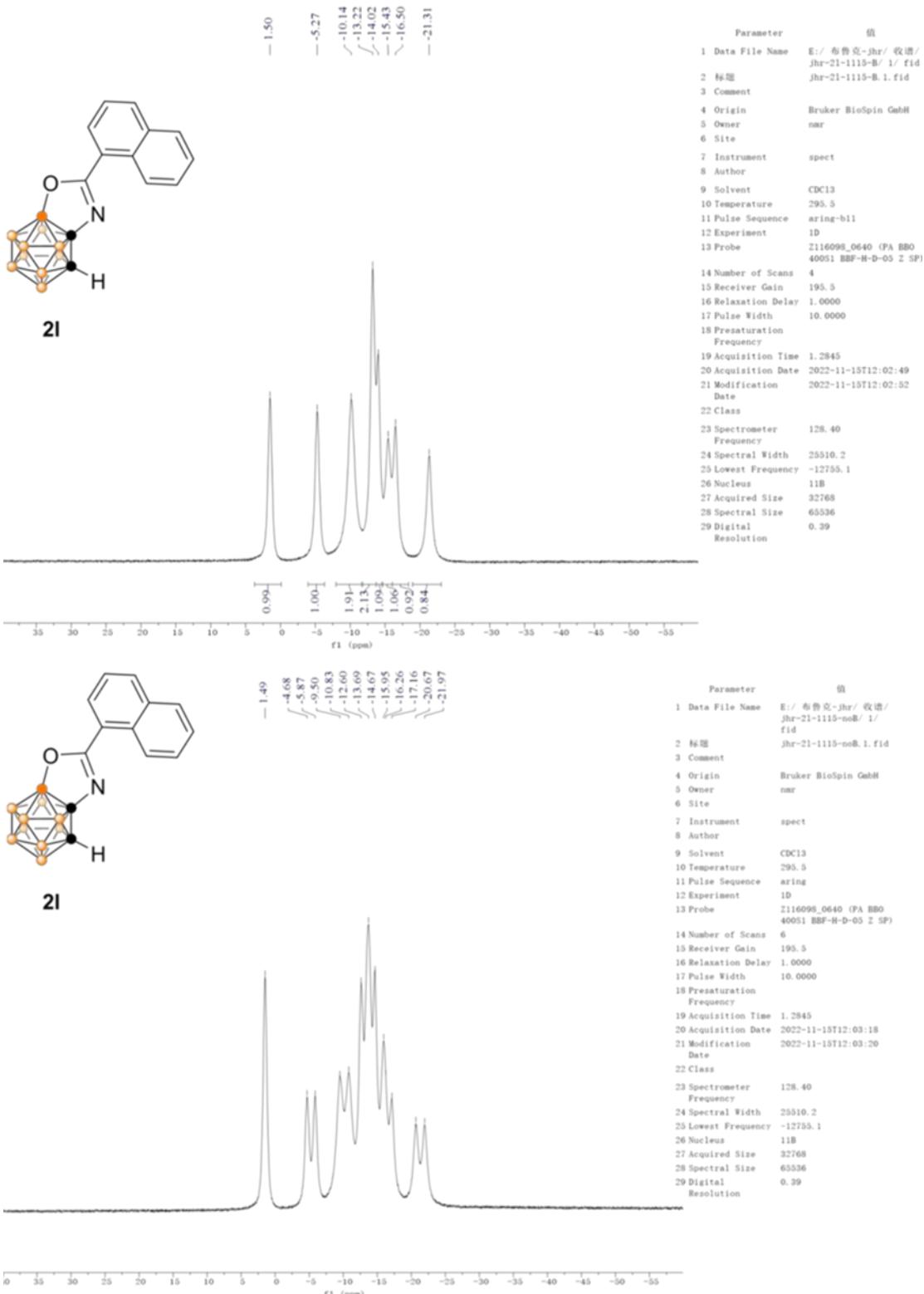


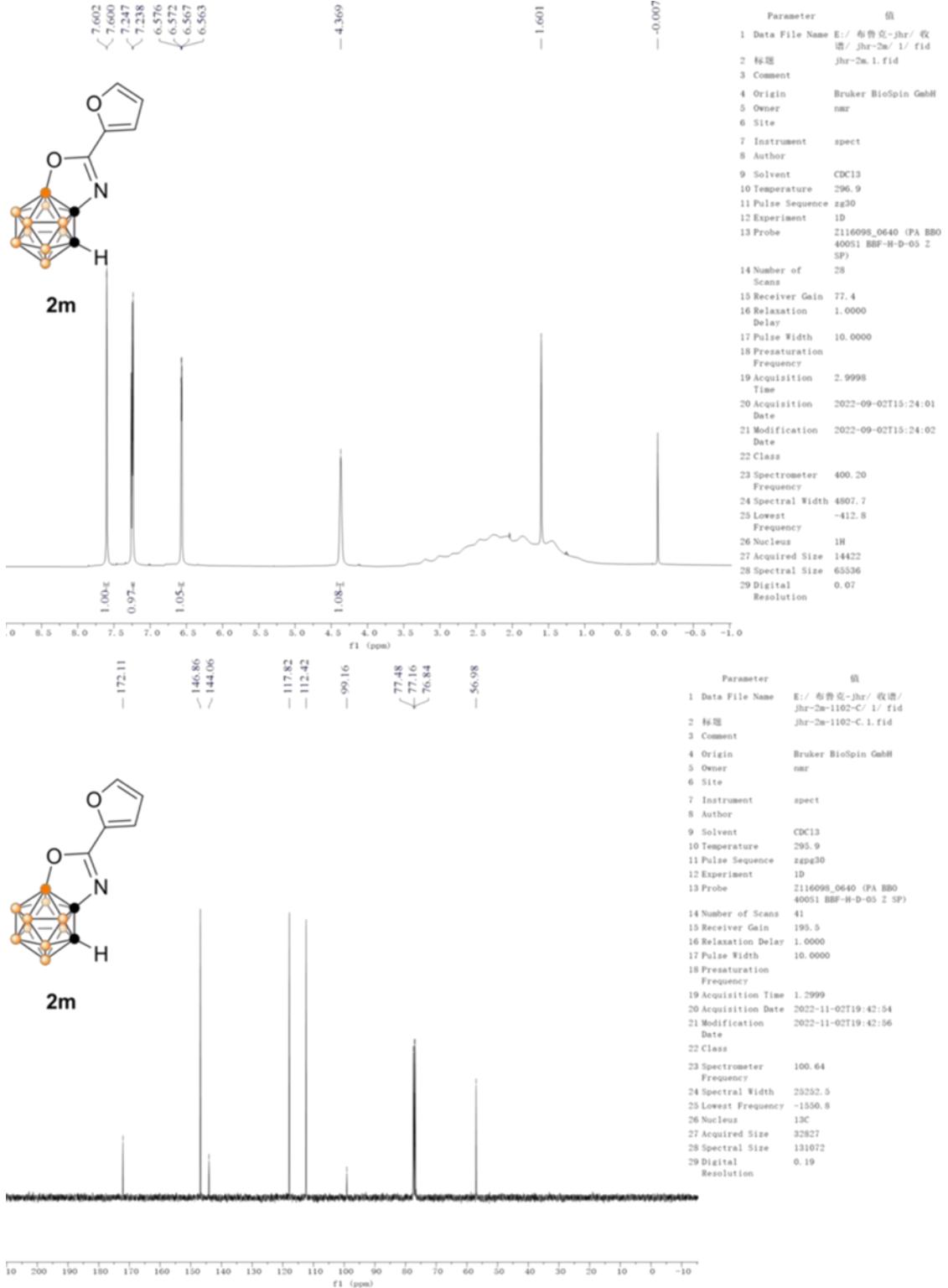


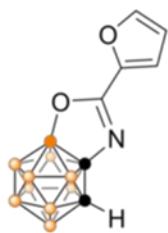




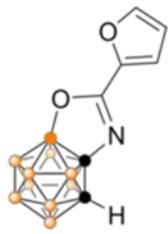
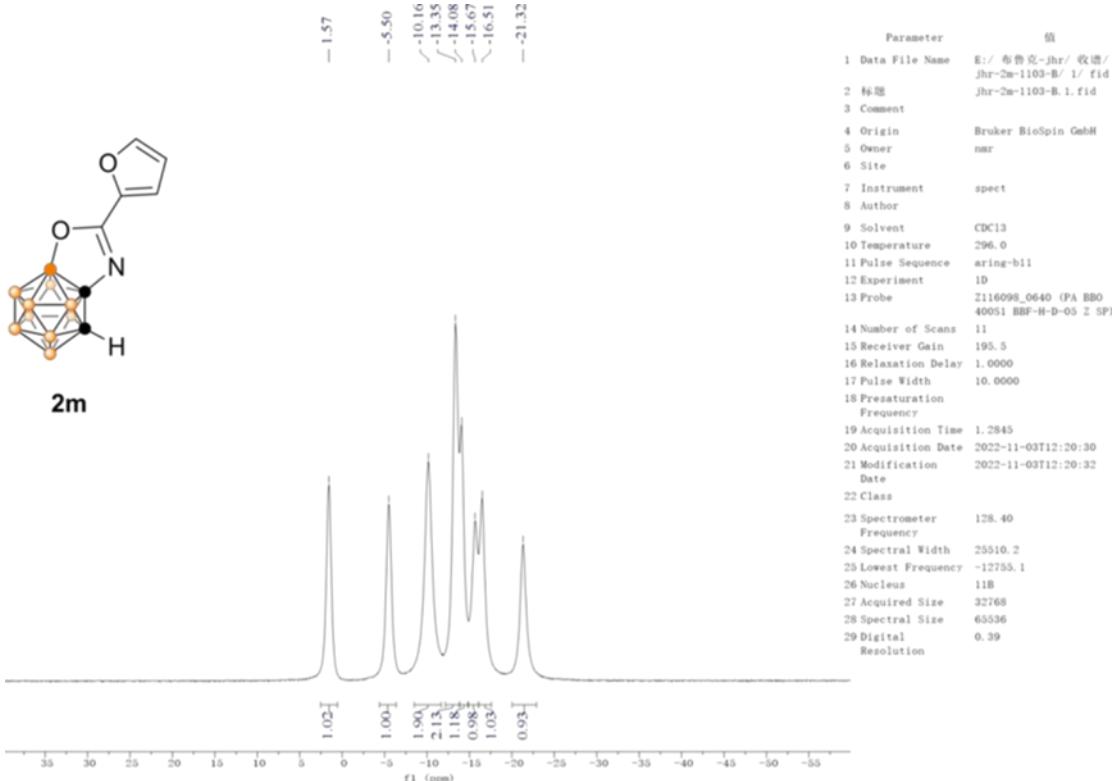




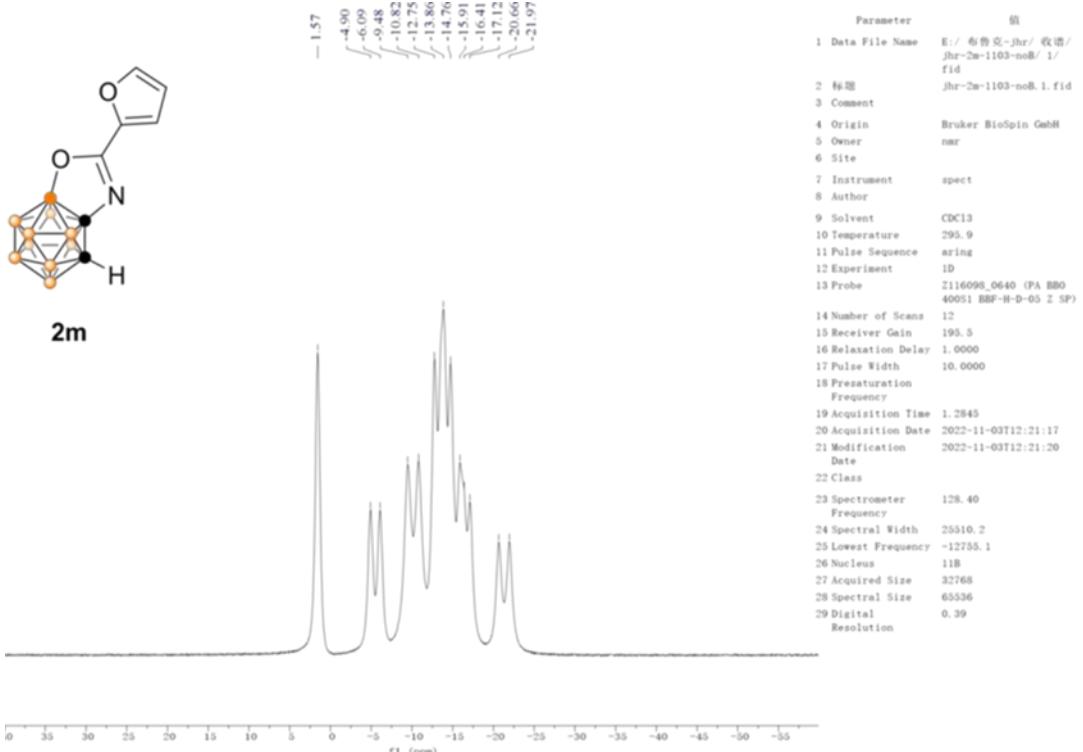


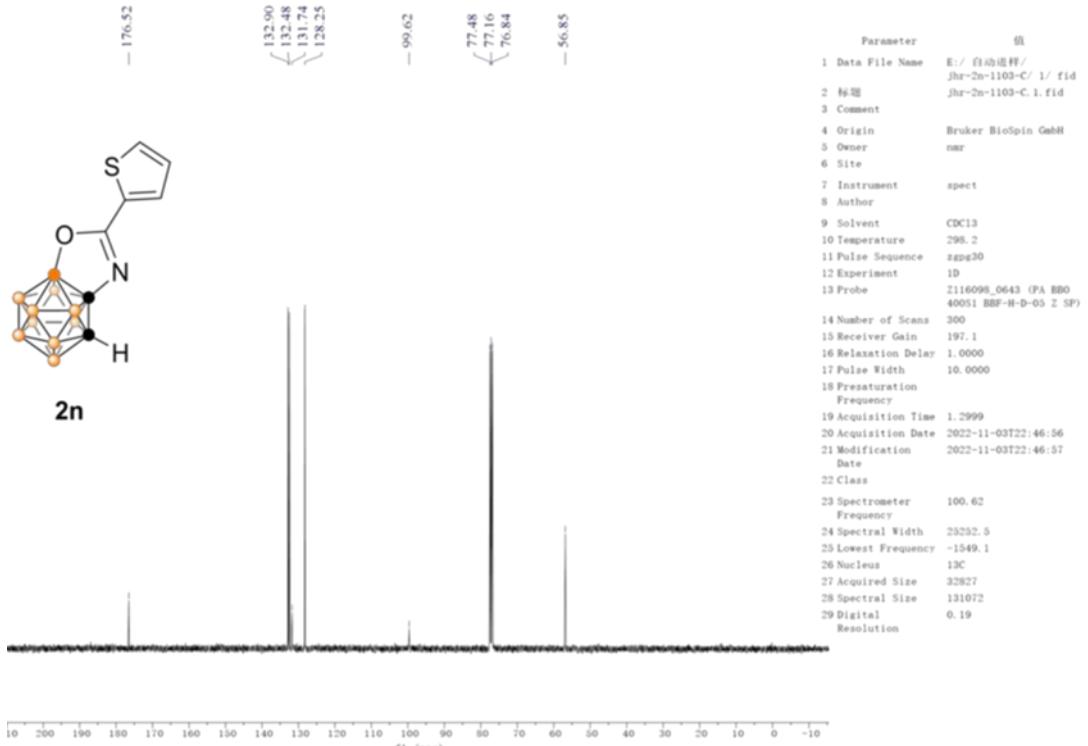
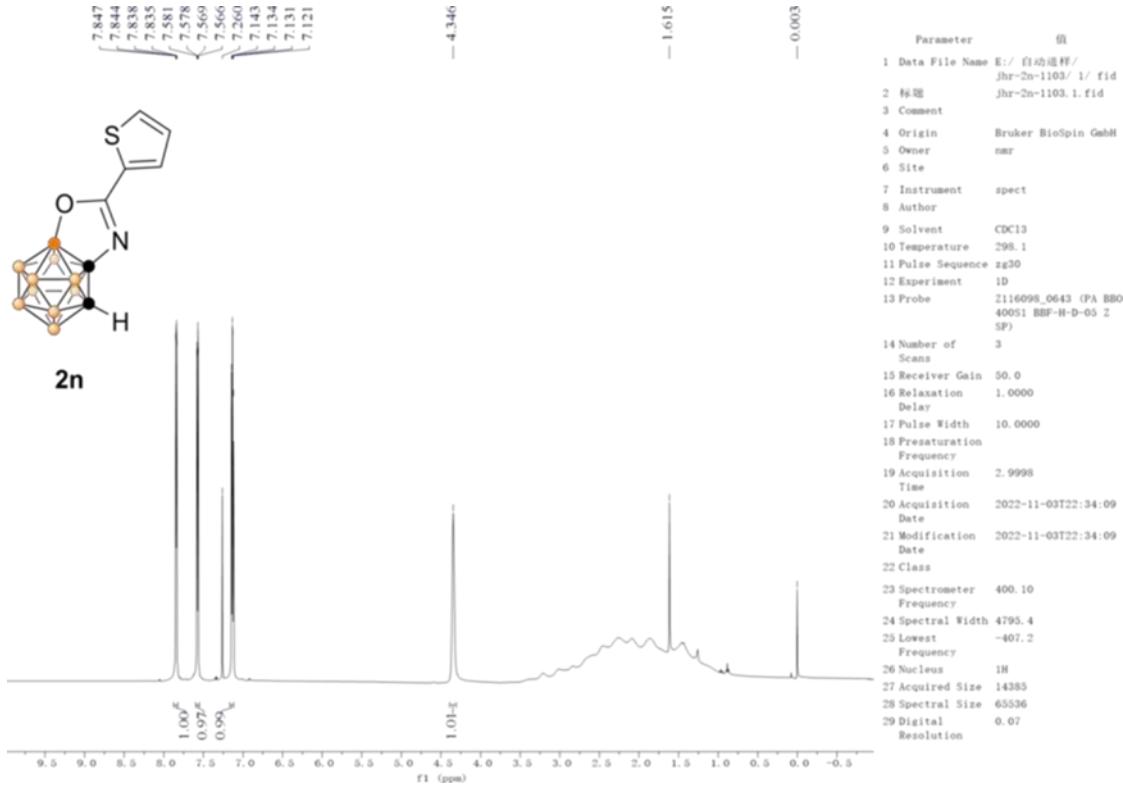


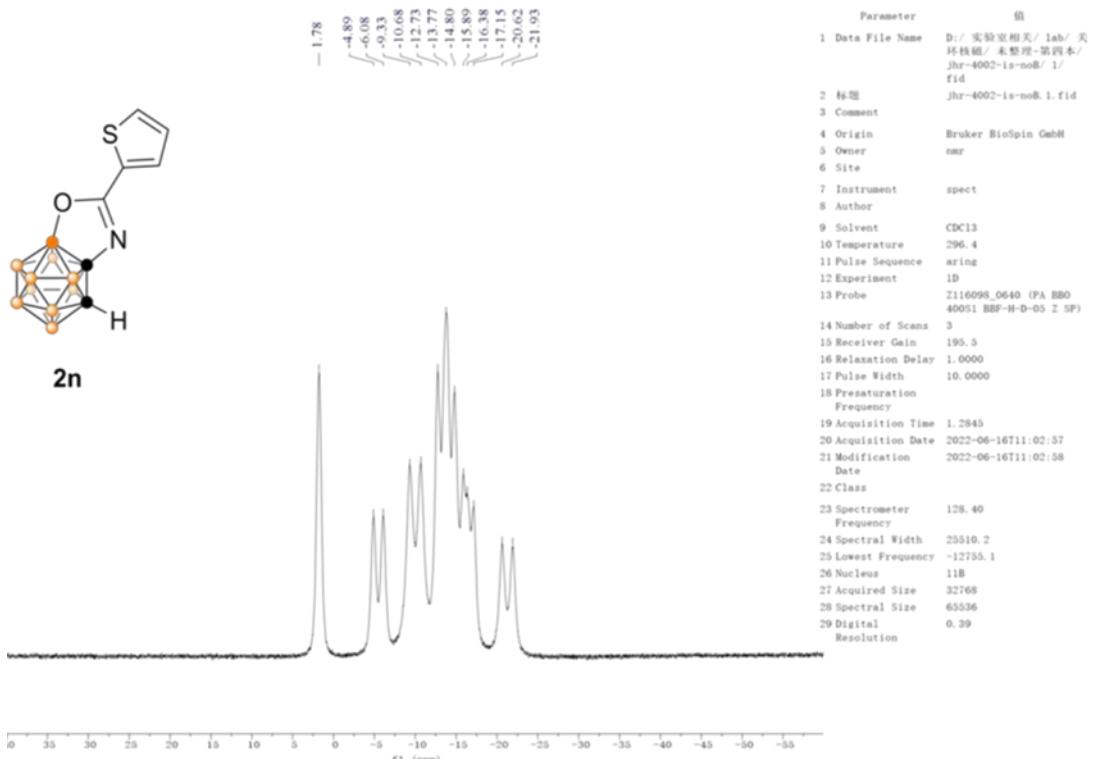
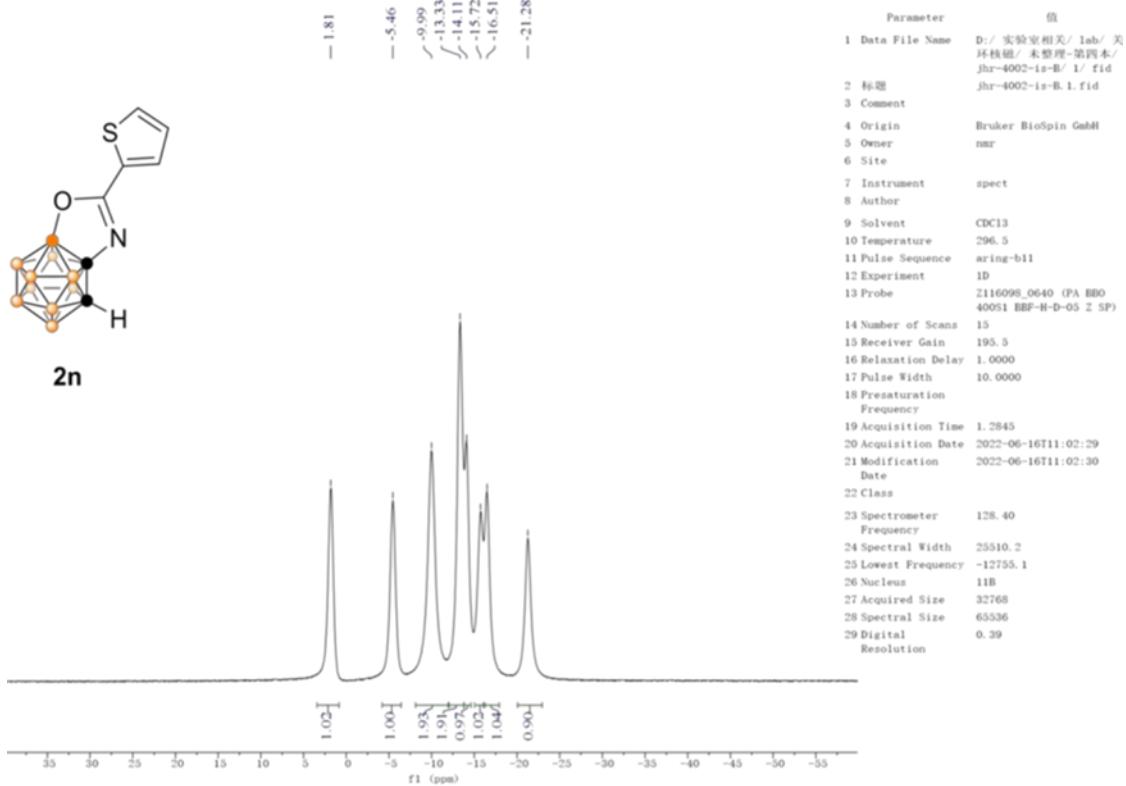
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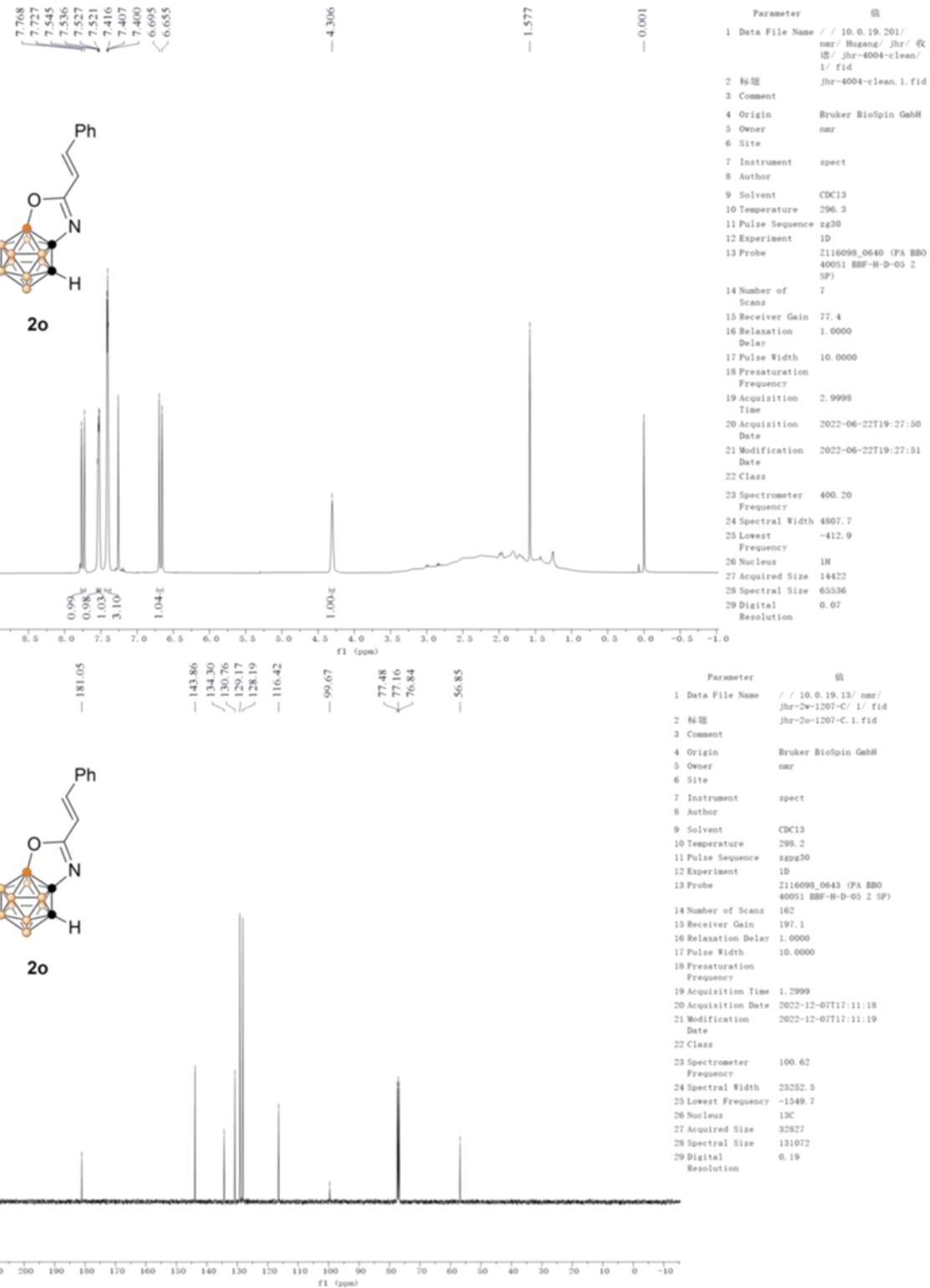


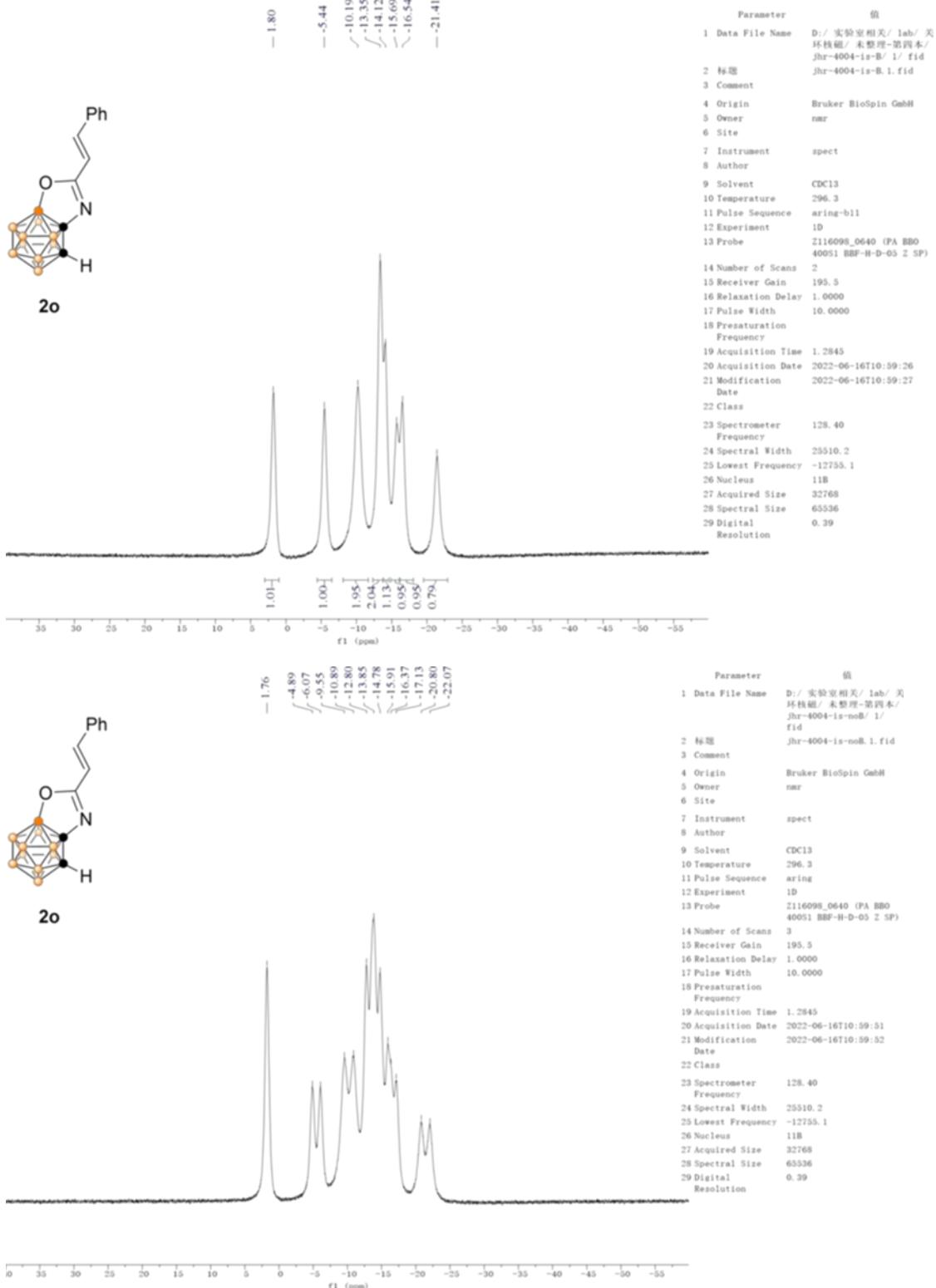
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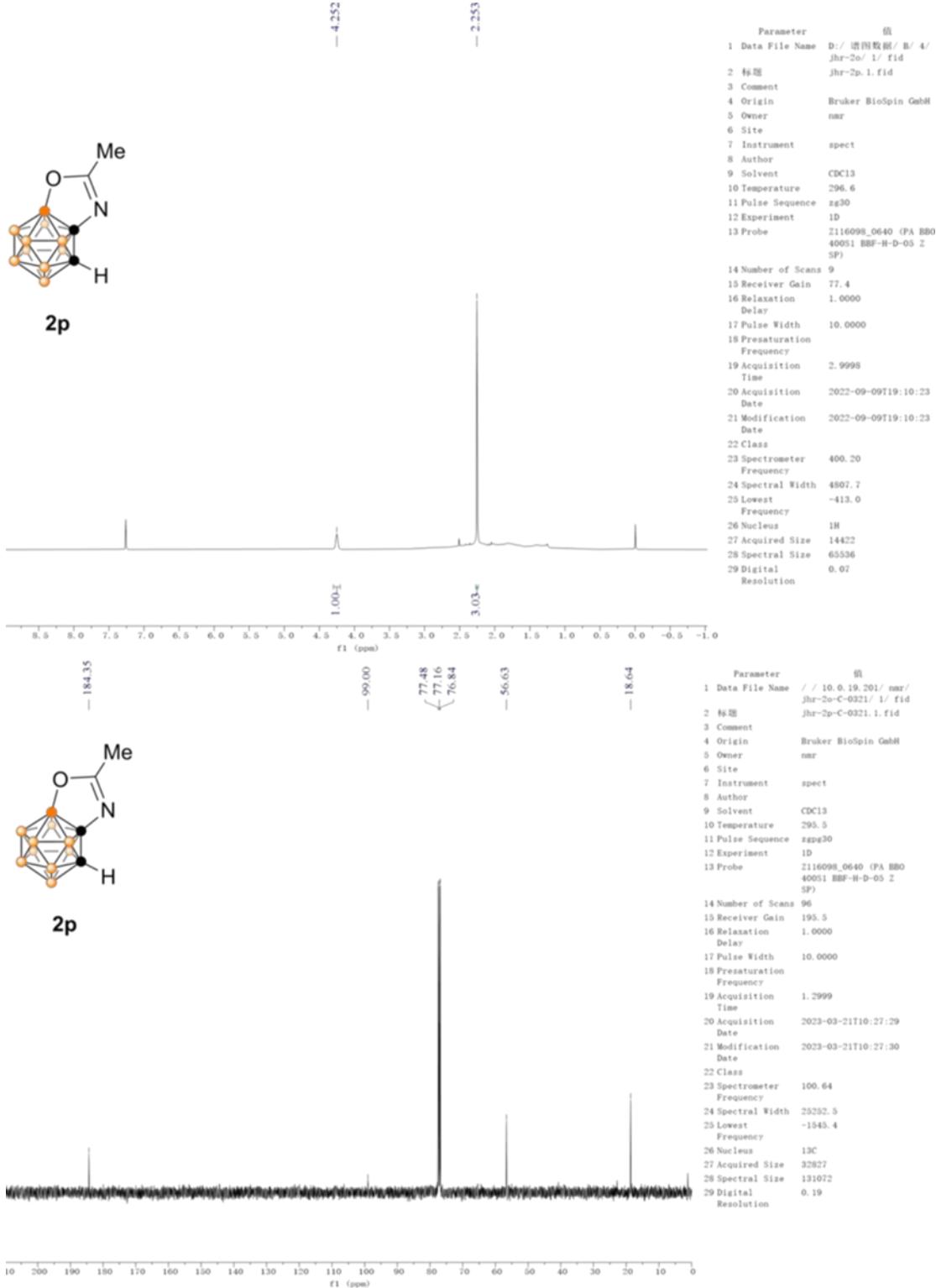


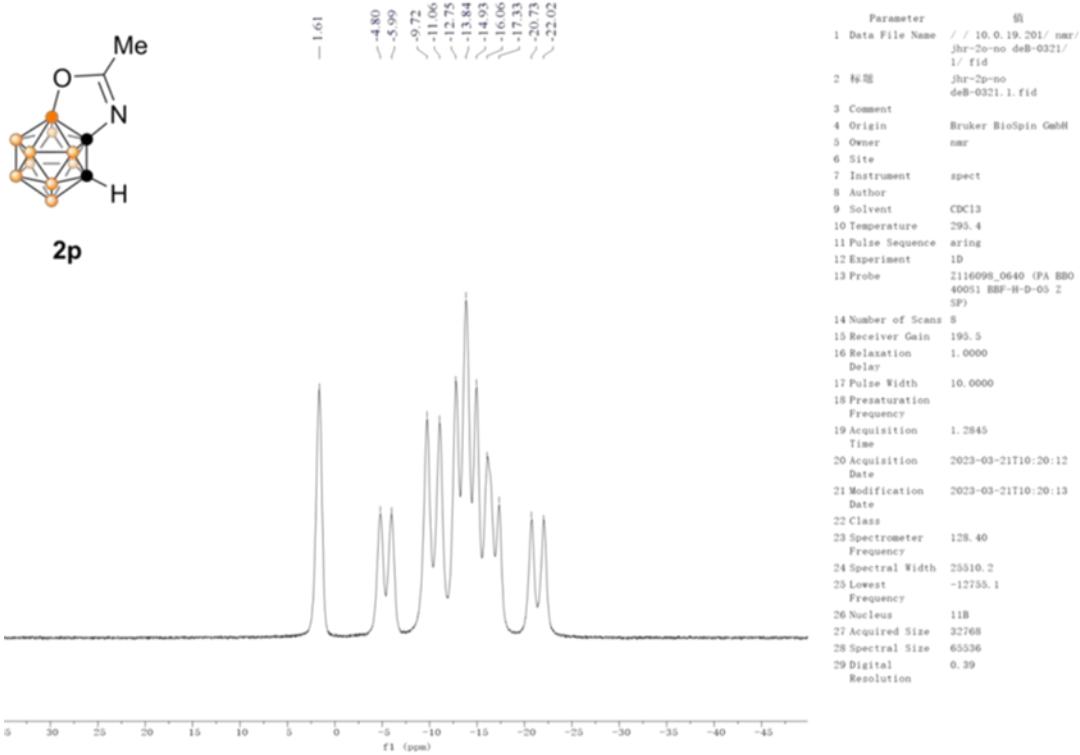
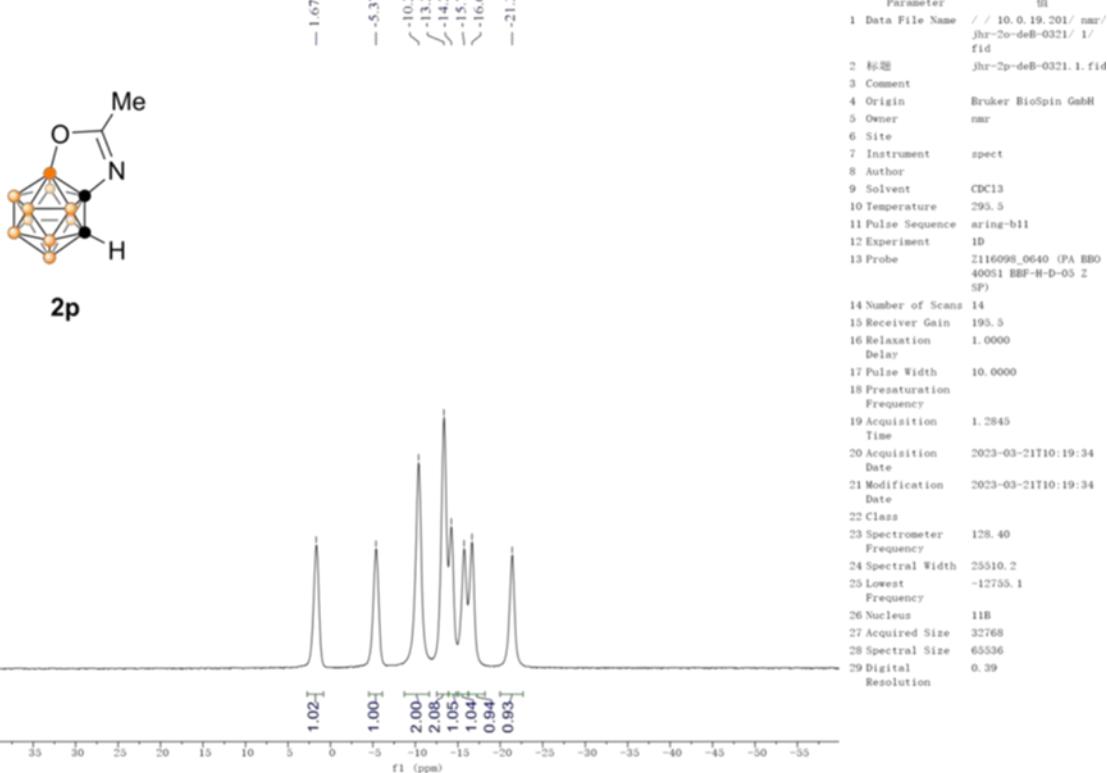


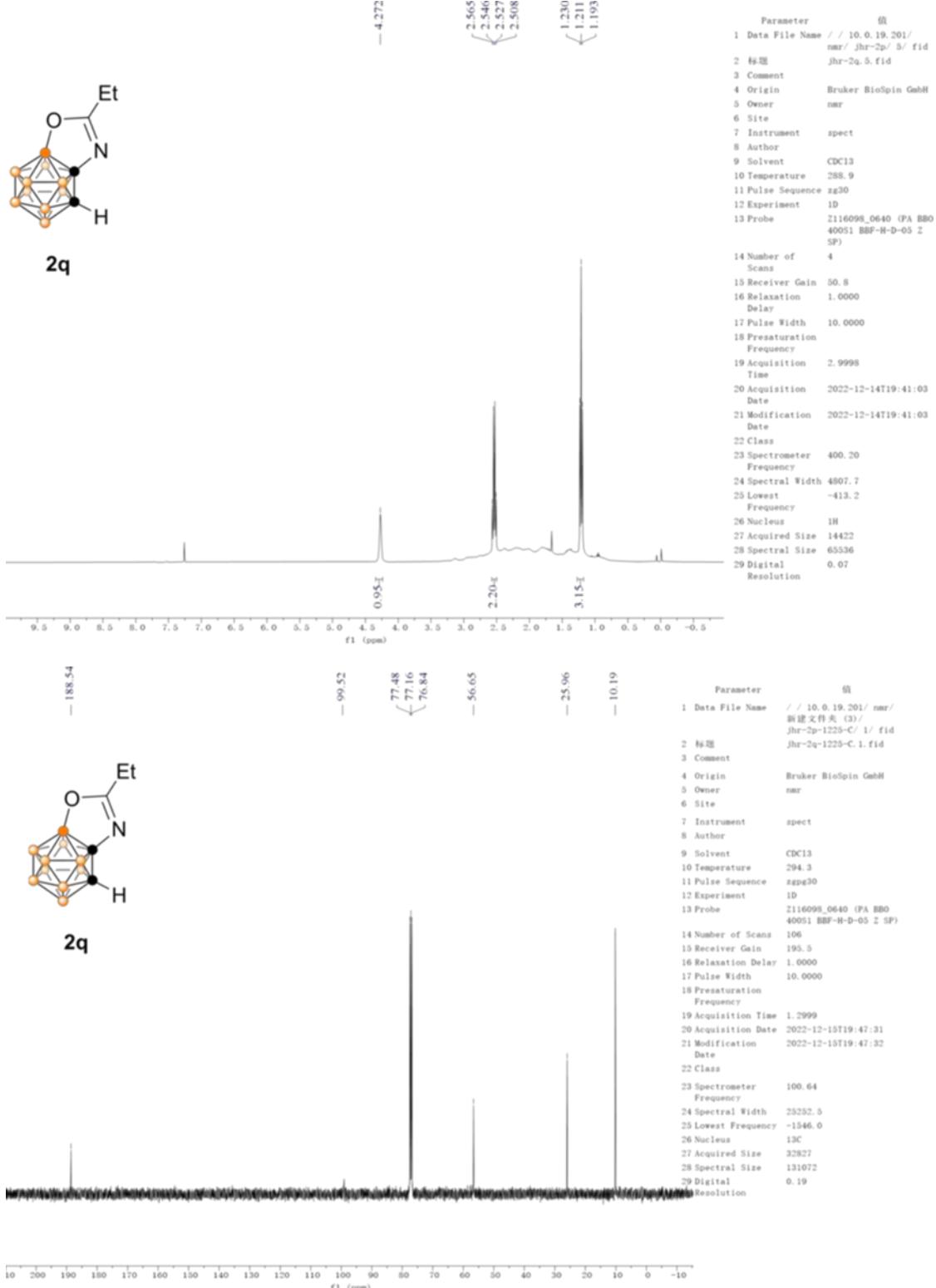


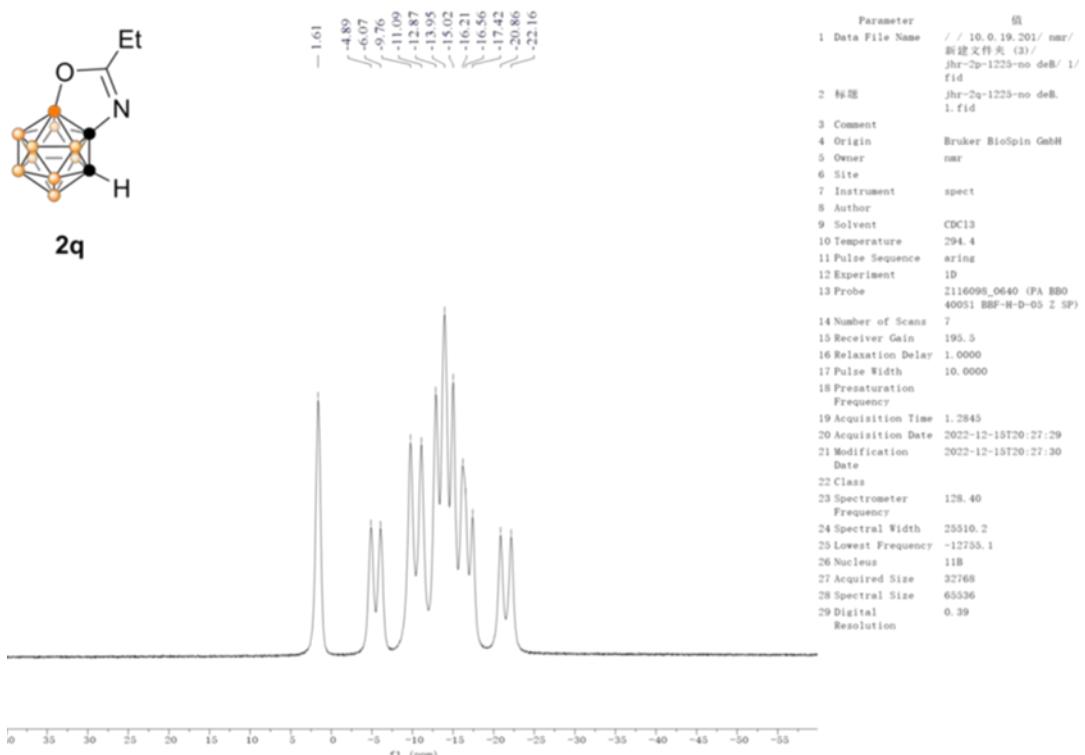
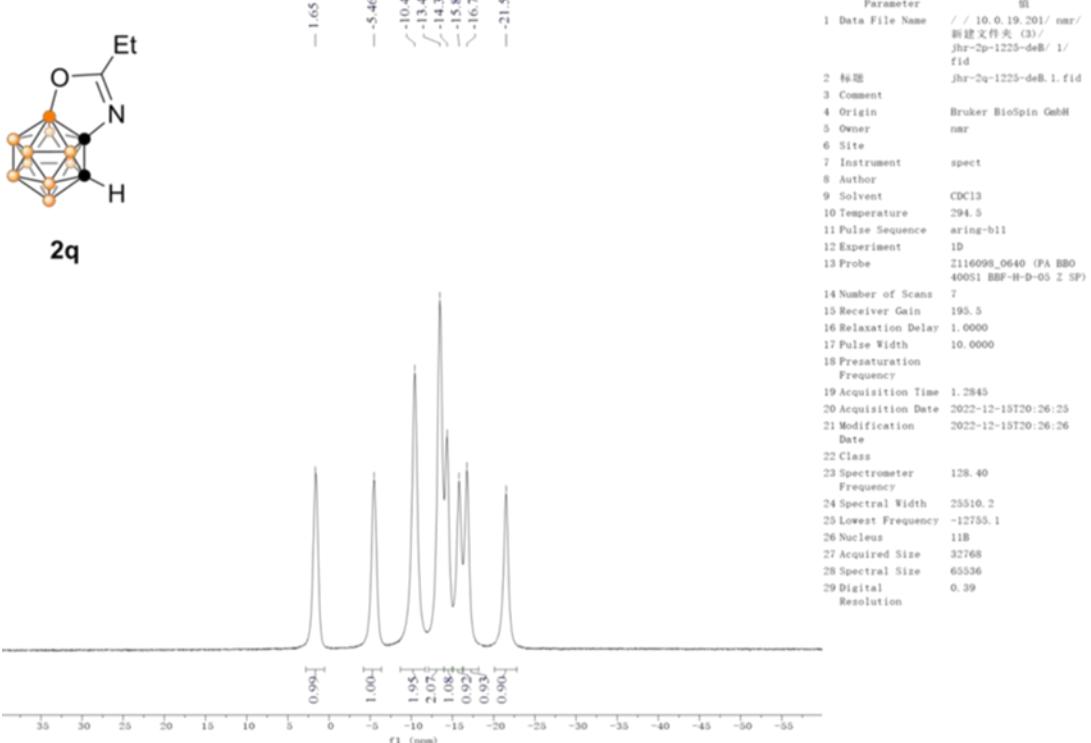


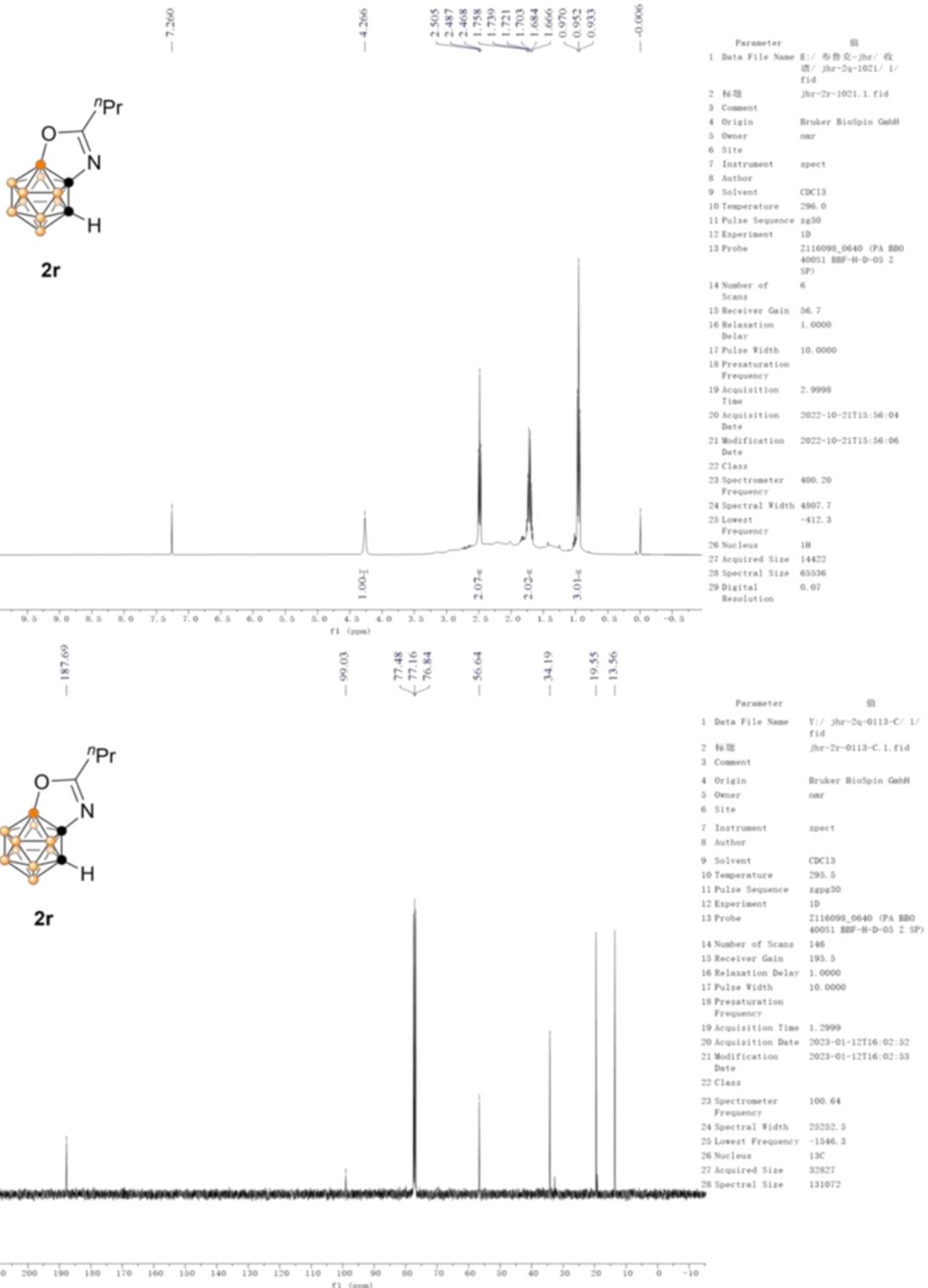


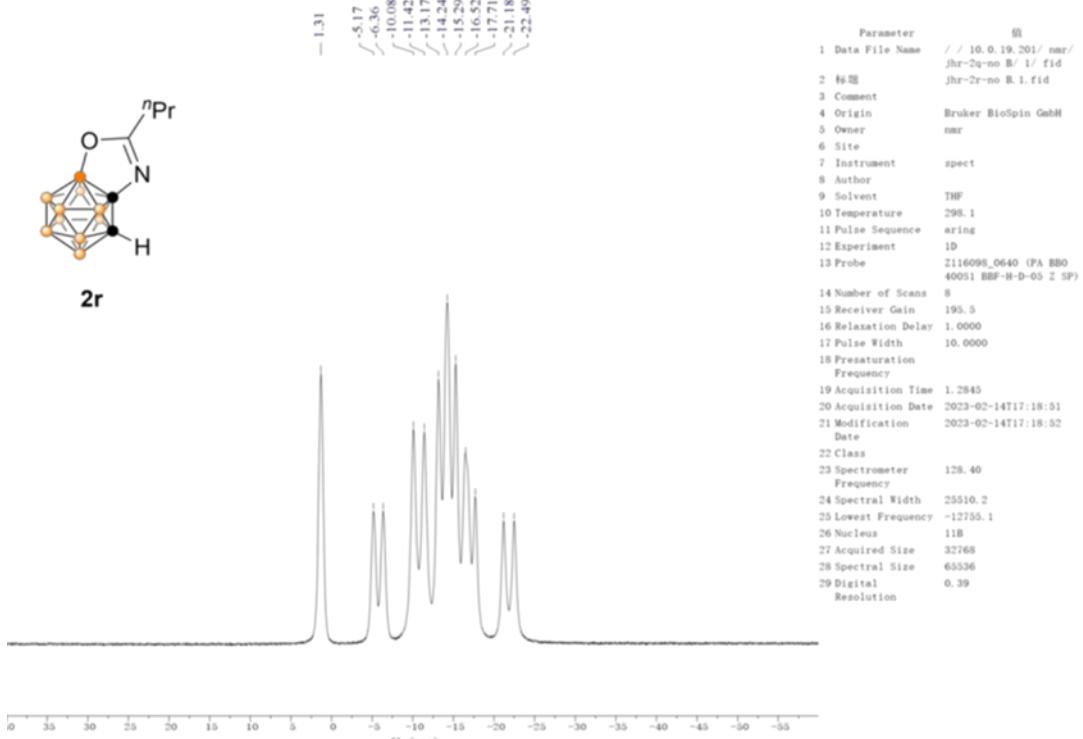
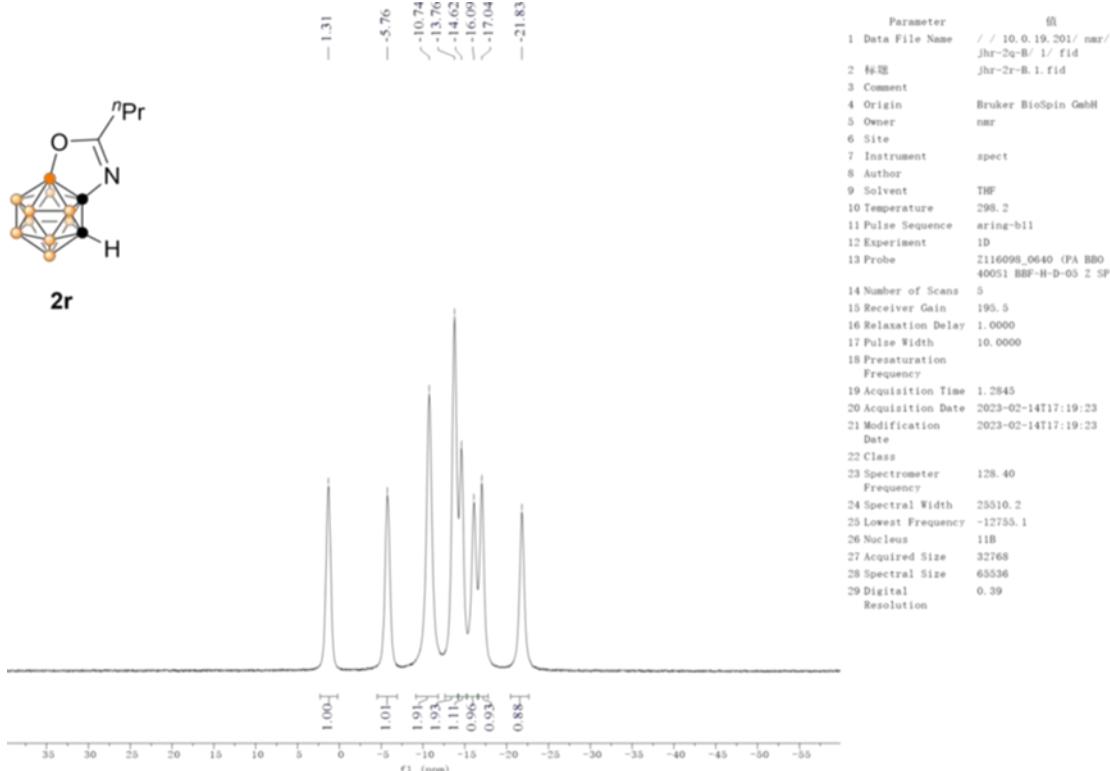


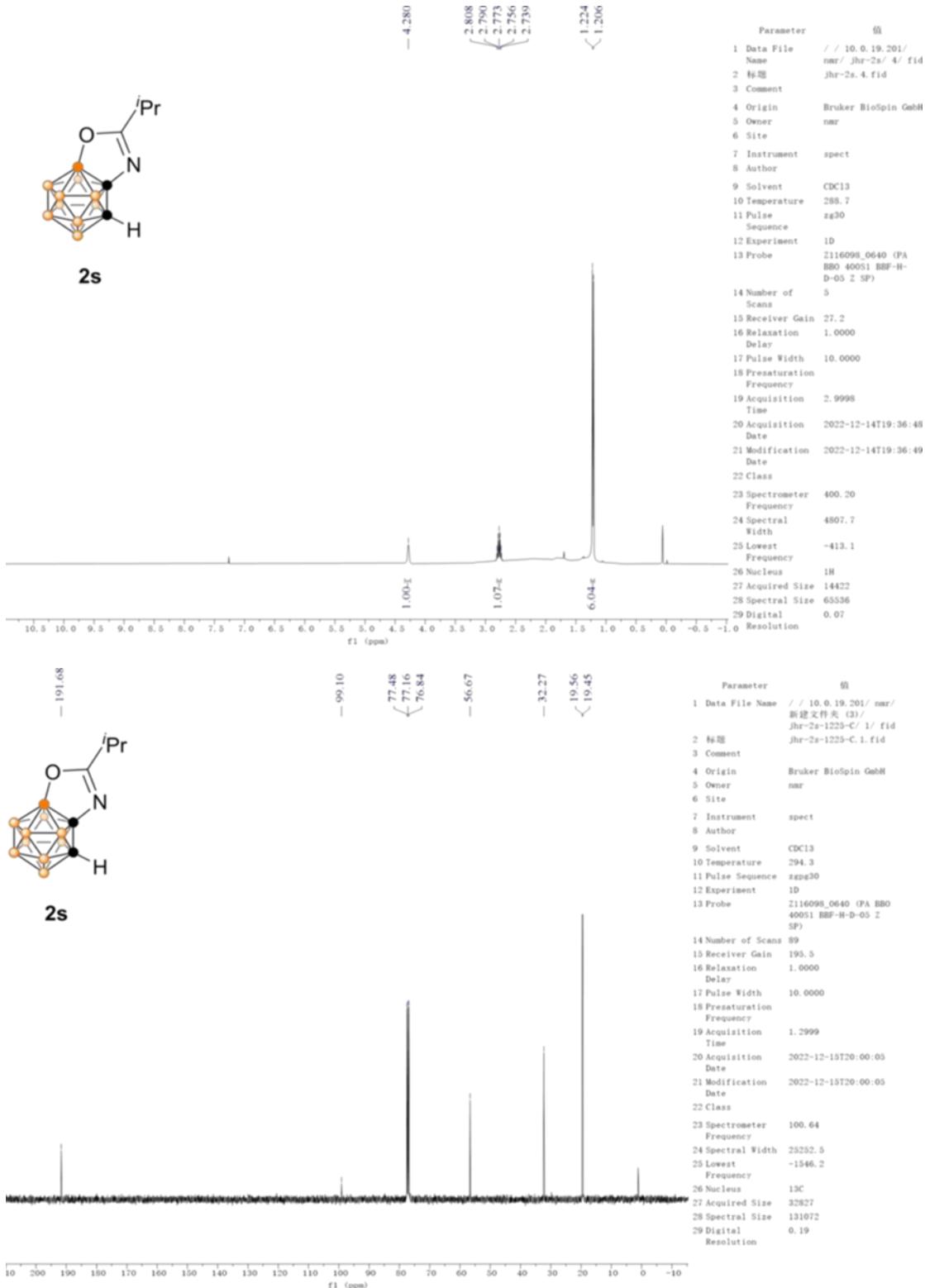


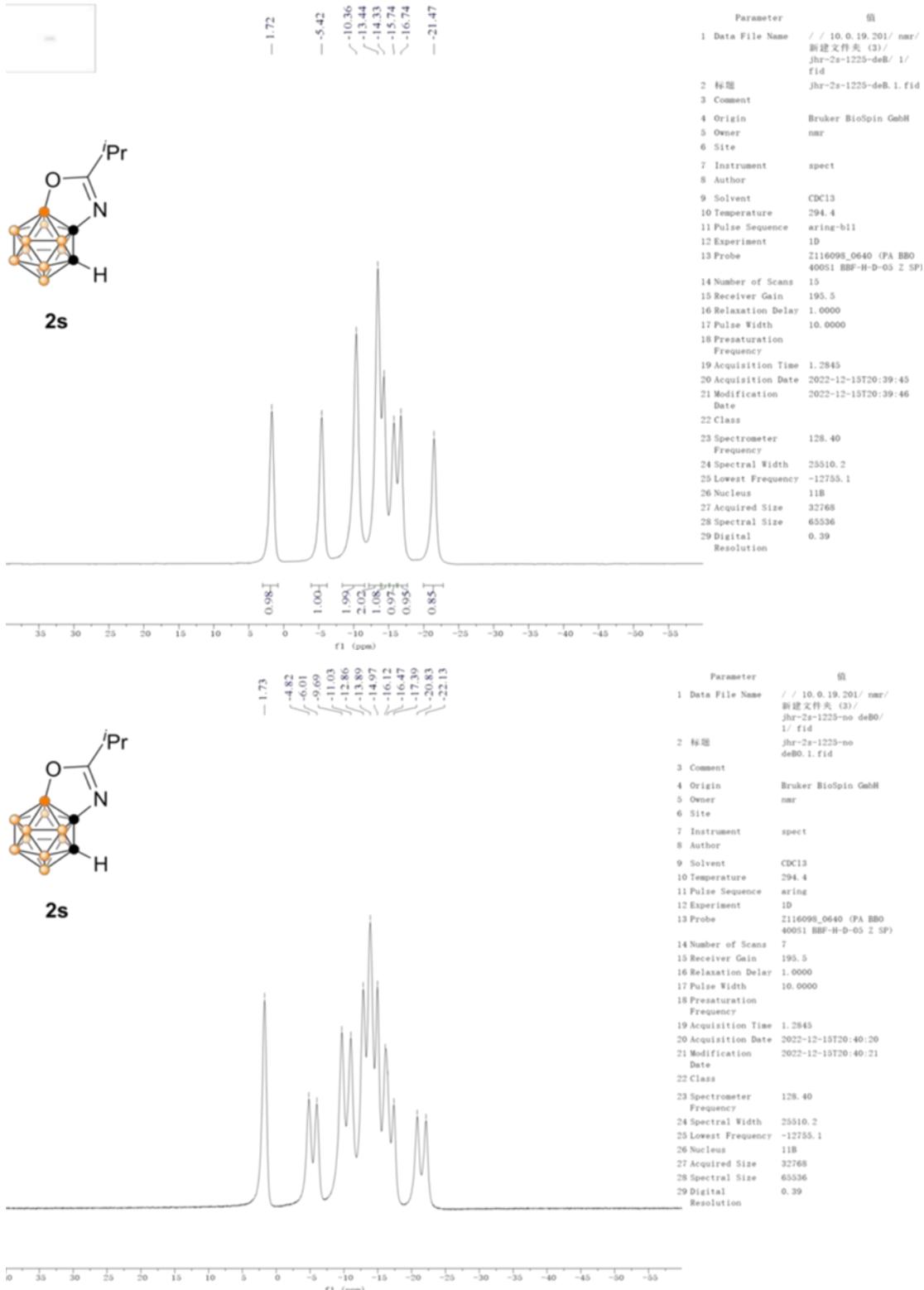


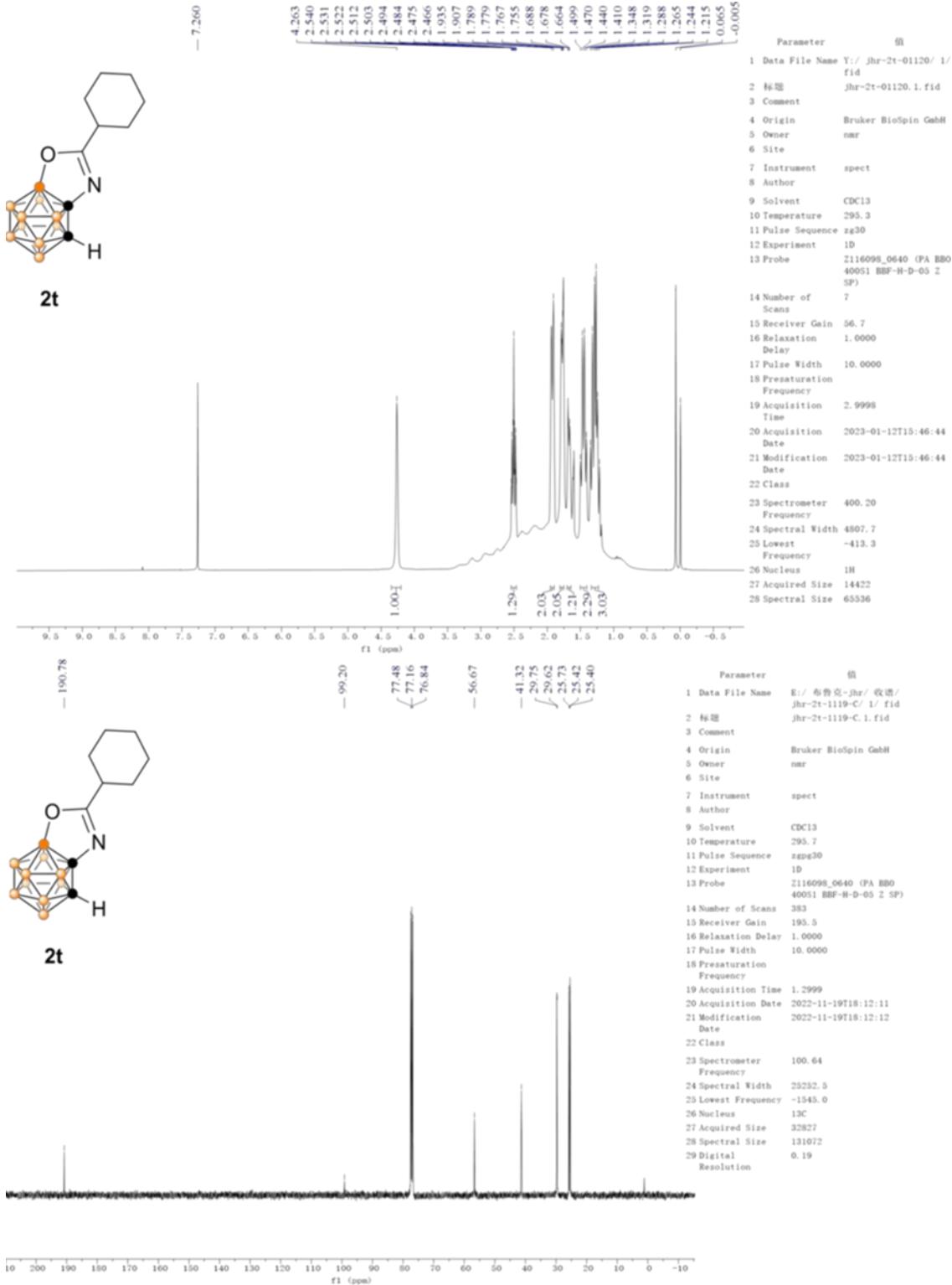


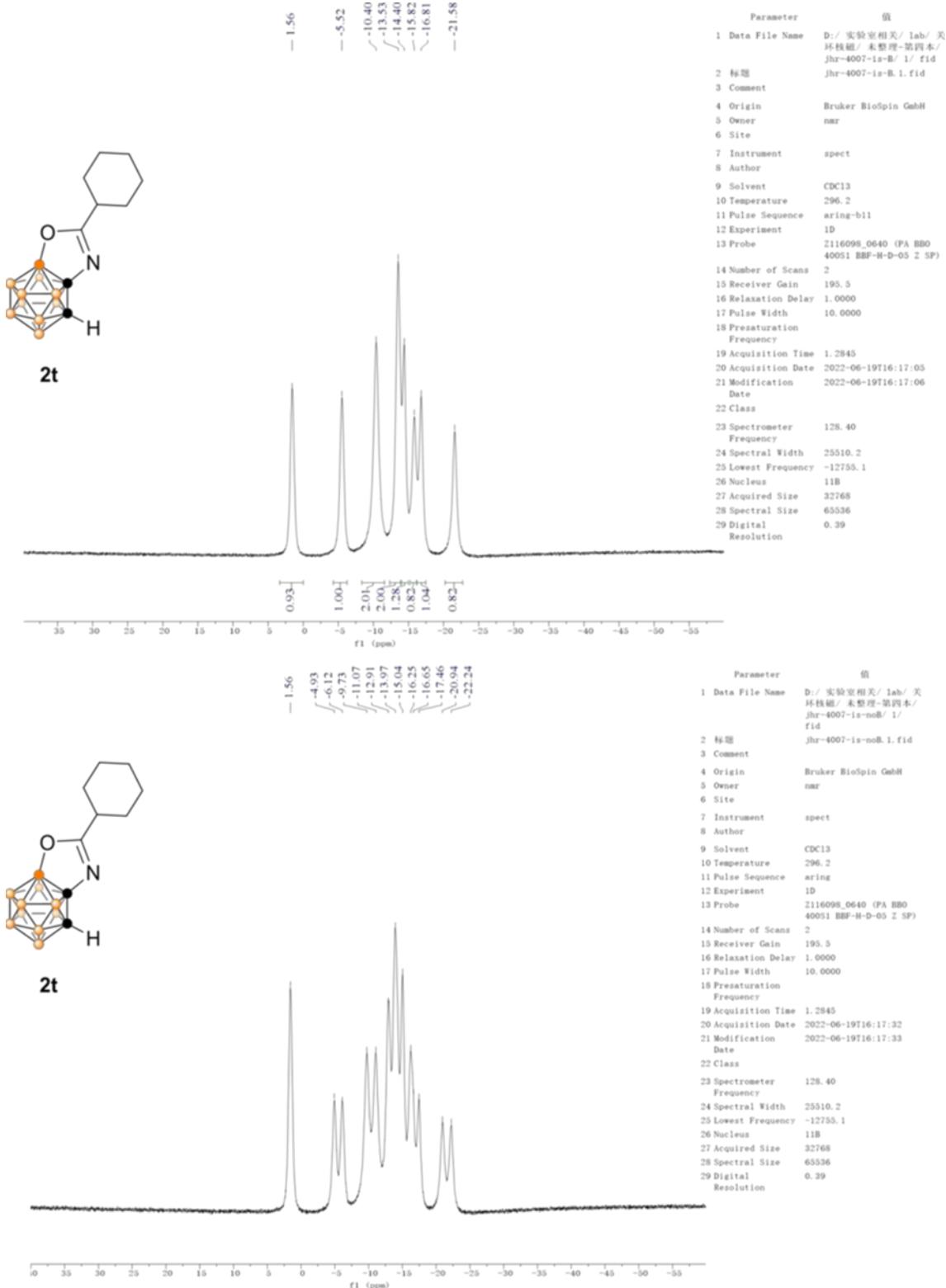


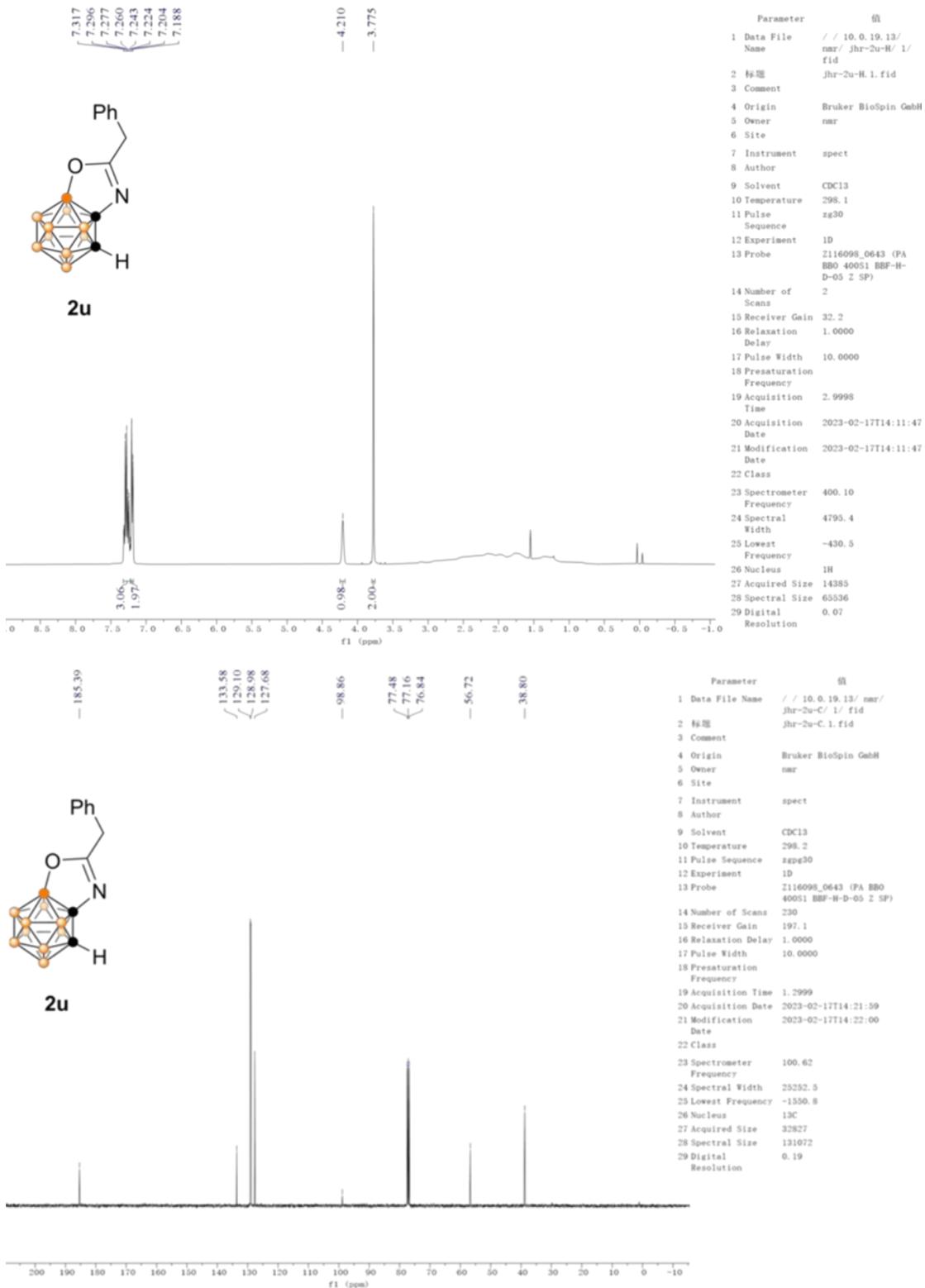


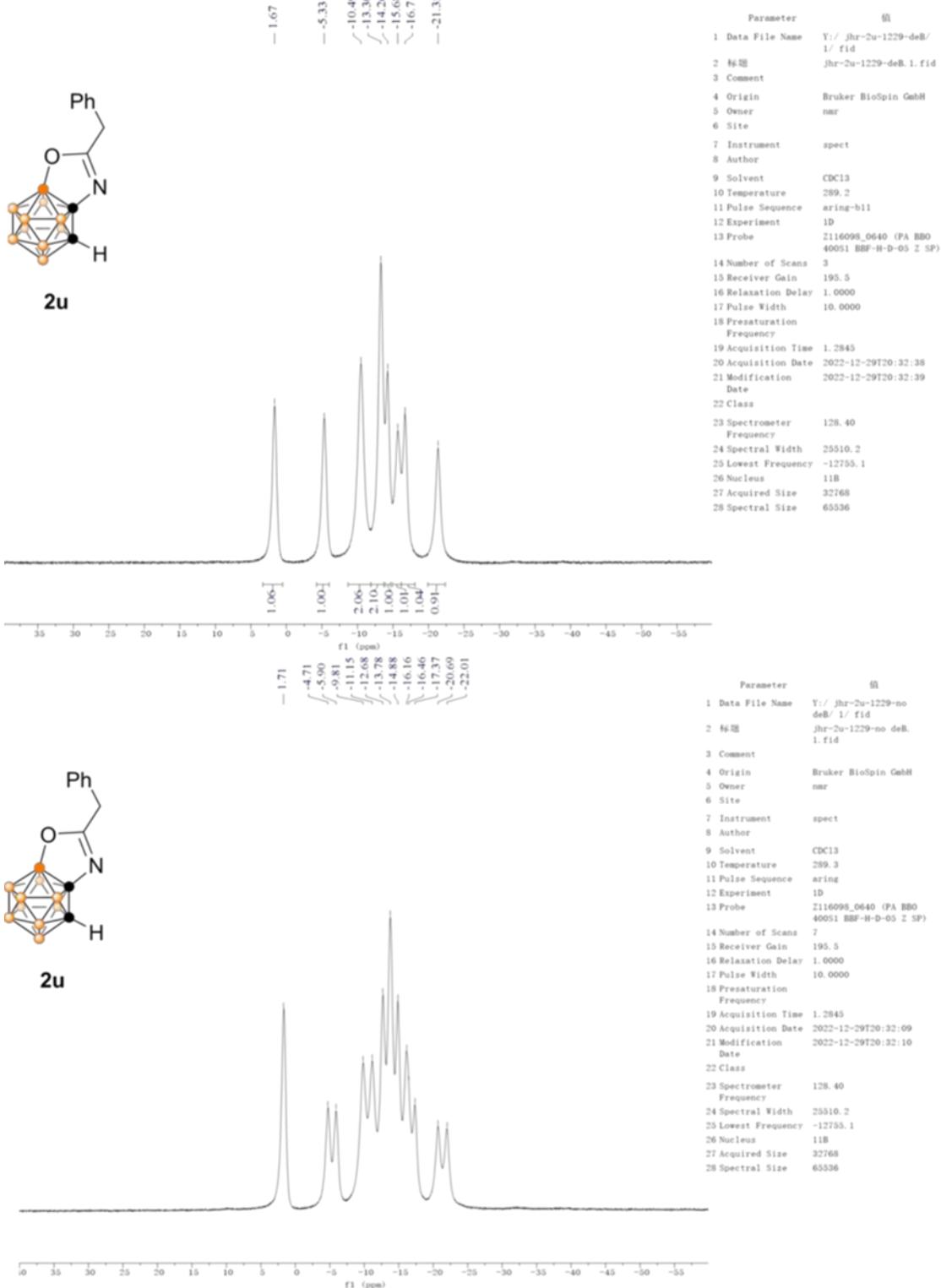


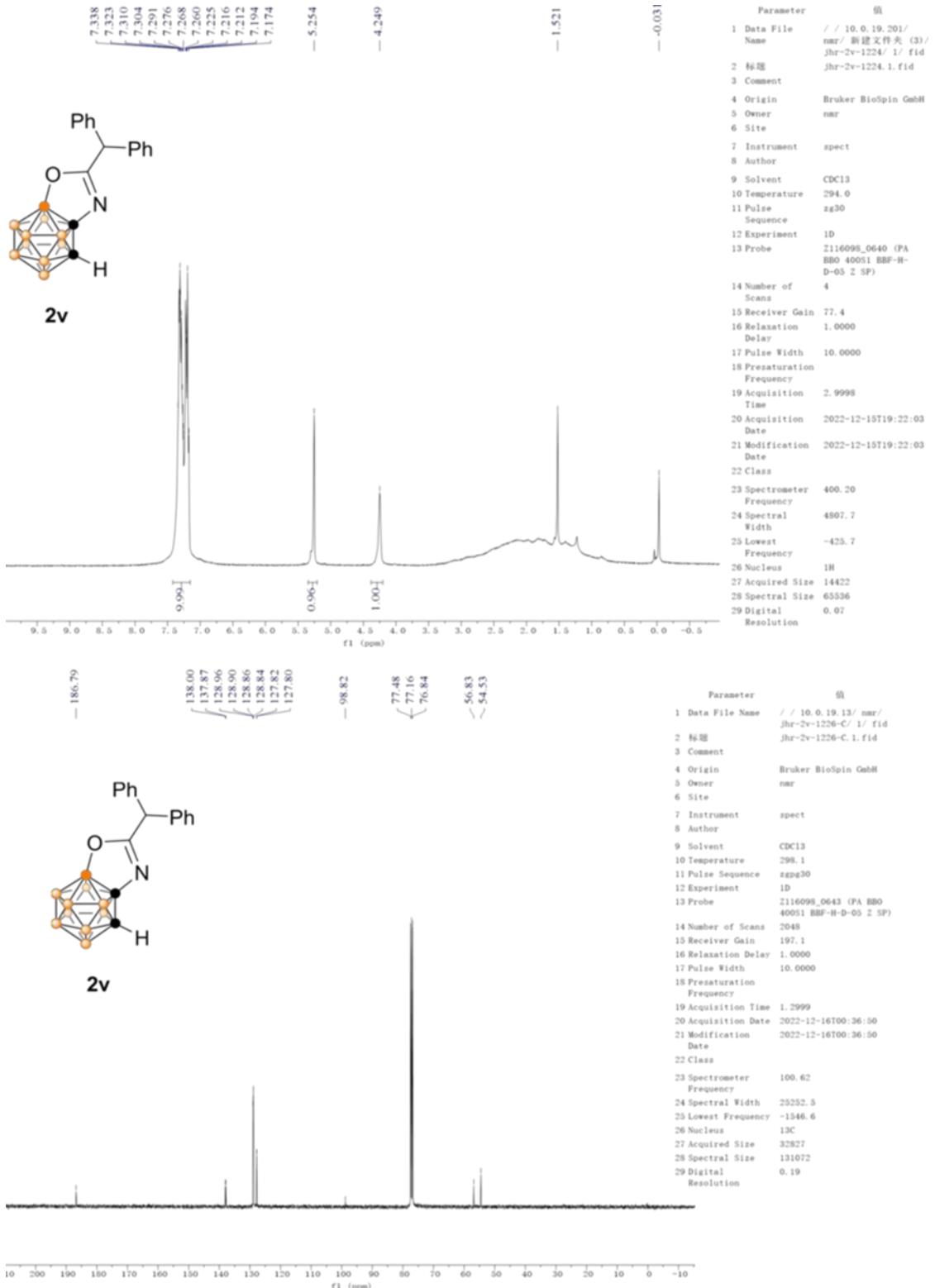


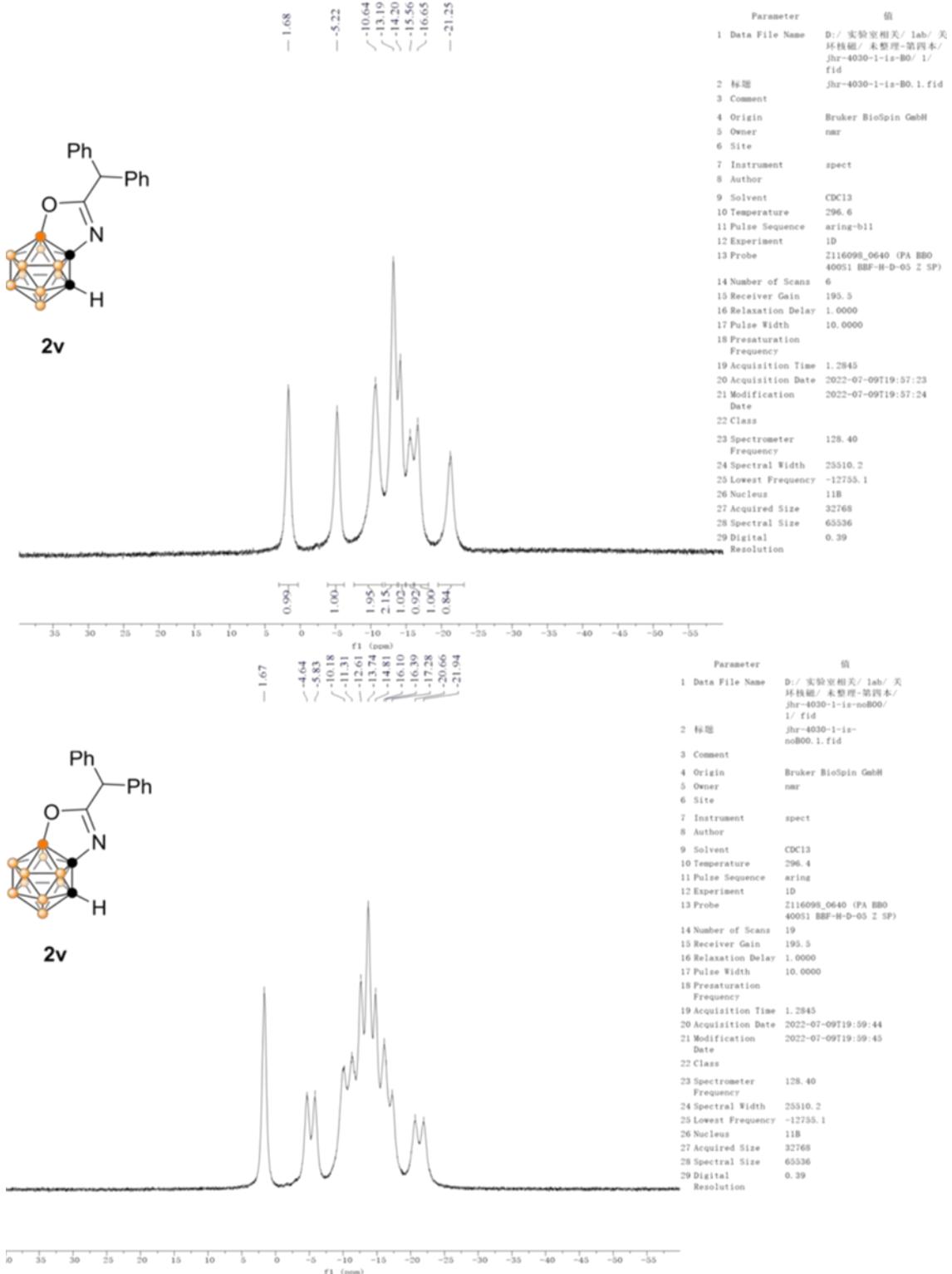


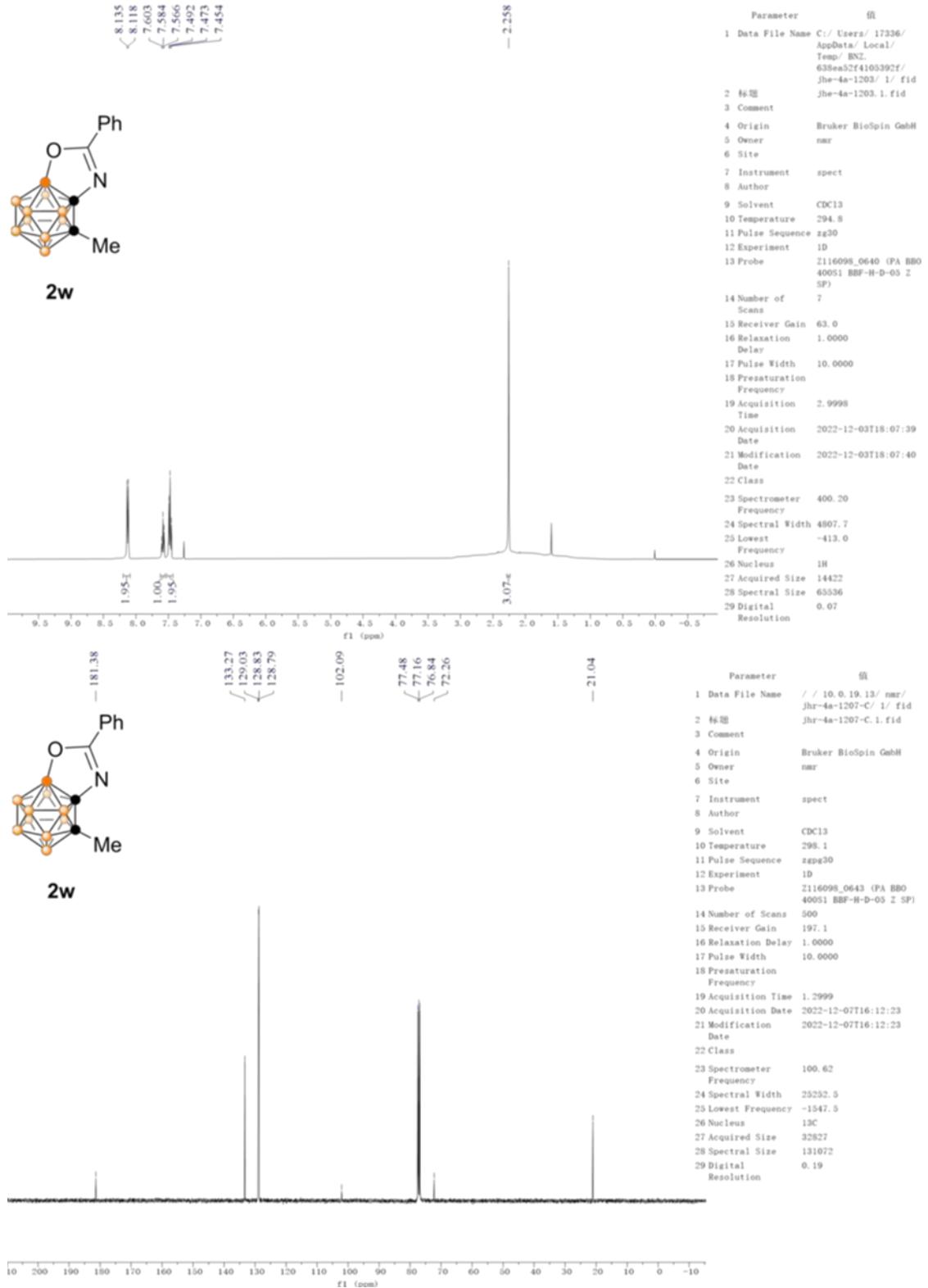


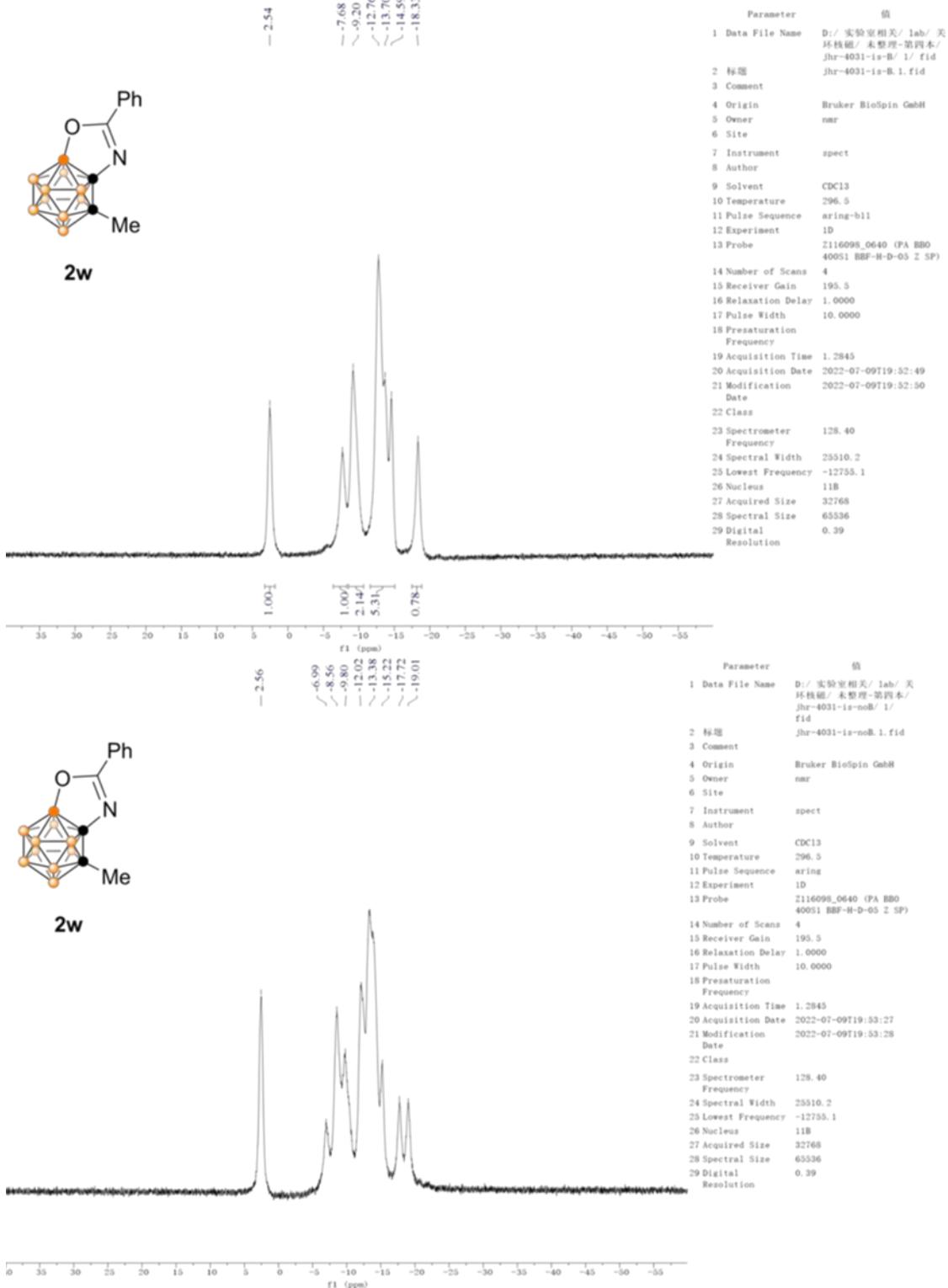


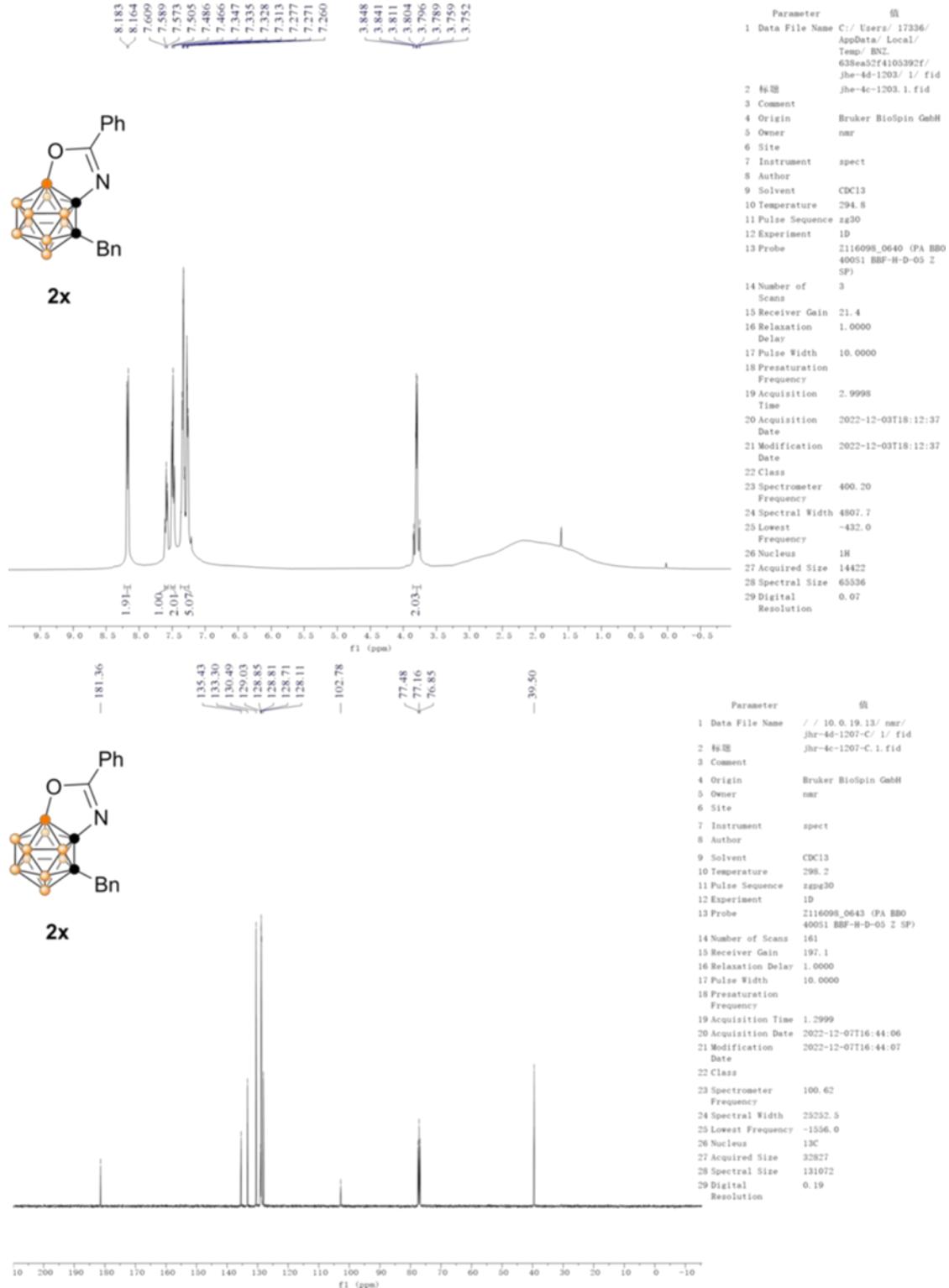


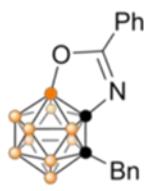












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