

## Electronic Supporting Information

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### Efficient synthesis of small-sized phosphonated dendrons: potential organic coatings of iron oxide nanoparticles

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## I.Synthetic Part

### 1.Part I: PEGylated dendrons

**Compound 5:** A solution of *para*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (22.3 g, 105 mM) in THF (35 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of tetraethyleneglycol monomethyl ether (20.0 g, 96 mM) and NaOH (6.7 g, 166 mM) in a mixture of THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (135 mL/45 mL) kept at 0°C. After 1 hr stirring at 0°C, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 20 additional hours. The solution was then poured into 200 mL of brine and the volatiles were evaporated. The resulting mixture was extracted several times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 98:2) to yield **5** (90.2 mmol., 94%). Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 7.28 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-3,5-*H*), 4.11-4.08 (m, 2H, ArSO<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.64-3.47 (m, 14H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.31 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.9 (Ar-S), 133.2 (Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 130.0 (Ar), 72.1 (PEG), 70.9 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.5 (PEG), 68.8 (PEG), 59.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>S: 385.14, obtained: 385.13.

**Compound 6:** A solution of methyl gallate (20.0 g, 108.6 mmol), benzyl bromide (14.2 mL, 119.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), KHCO<sub>3</sub> (32.4 g, 324.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and KI (0.1 g, 0.60 mmol) in DMF (100 mL) was stirred for 4 days at 30°C. The reaction mixture was then poured into 1 L of water and sulfuric acid was added until neutral pH was reached. The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 mL). The combined organic layers were washed three times with brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 98:2) to provide a yellow oil, which was further washed with petroleum ether and afforded **6** (76.0 mmol, 70%). White foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD-*d*) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.31 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,4,5-*H*), 7.13 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 5.18 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD-*d*) δ 167.1 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 150.5 (Ar-OH), 138.2 (Ar-O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 137.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.5 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.0 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 127.8 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 125.0 (Ar-COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 108.8 (Ar), 73.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.2 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 225.20, obtained: 225.09.

**Compound 7:** A solution of **5** (26.9 g, 74.3 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), **6** (9.2 g, 33.4 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (28.0 g, 200 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) and KI (0.6 g, 3.3 mM, 0.1 equiv.) in acetone (600 mL) was stirred 30 hrs at 65°C. The reaction mixture was filtered over Celite and the solvent was evaporated. The resulting crude product was diluted in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) and washed twice with an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and with brine. After drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to afford **7** (25.1 mmol, 75%). Colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.28 (m, 5H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,4,5-*H* and Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 5.12 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20-4.17 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.90 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.88-3.85 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.74-3.69 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.67-3.60 (m, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.54-3.50 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.9 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 152.5 (Ar), 142.2 (Ar), 138.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.2 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.0 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 127.8 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 125.3 (Ar-COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 109.1 (Ar), 74.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 72.3 (PEG), 71.2 (PEG), 71.0 (PEG), 70.9 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.0 (PEG), 69.2 (PEG), 59.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 52.5 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NaO<sub>13</sub>: 677.33, obtained: 677.03.

**Compound 8:** Sodium hydroxide (2.6 g, 63.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added to a solution of **7** (8.3 g, 12.7 mmol) in a mixture of MeOH/water 4/1 (150 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred 2 hrs at 70°C,

concentrated *in vacuo* and hydrolyzed (200 mL). The pH was adjusted to 3 by addition of HCl 12 N and the aqueous solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine and water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to afford **8** (11.4 mM, 90%). Colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.38 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,4,5-*H*), 5.13 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20-4.16 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87-3.82 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.74-3.69 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.67-3.61 (m, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.54-3.50 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.37 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.6 (COOH), 152.8 (Ar), 142.4 (Ar), 137.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.2 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.0 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 127.8 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 124.8 (Ar-COOH), 109.2 (Ar), 74.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 72.3 (PEG), 71.2 (PEG), 71.0 (PEG), 70.9 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.0 (PEG), 69.2 (PEG), 59.1 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>48</sub>O<sub>13</sub>: 640.31, obtained: 640.24; calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NaO<sub>13</sub>: 627.30, obtained: 627.13; calculated for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>48</sub>KO<sub>13</sub>: 643.27, obtained: 643.09.

**Compound 9**: 13.5 mL LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.0 M in THF) were slowly added to a solution of **7** (5.9 g, 9.0 mmol) in THF (100 mL) kept at 0°C. After 1 hr stirring at room temperature, the unreacted metal hydride was neutralized with ethyl acetate, MeOH and water and the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL). The organic phase was washed with a solution of HCl 1 N and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **9** (8.1 mM, 90%) which was used without further purification. Colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,4,5-*H*), 6.62 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 5.02 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.18-4.14 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.86-3.81 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.71-3.68 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.65-3.58 (m, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.50 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.8 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 137.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 136.9 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.1 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 127.7 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 105.3 (Ar), 74.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 71.8 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 68.7 (PEG), 64.9 (HOCH<sub>2</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>50</sub>KO<sub>12</sub>: 665.23, obtained: 665.06.

**Compound 10**: Thionyl chloride (0.5 mL, 6.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was slowly added to a solution of **9** (2.7 g, 4.3 mmol) in 50 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After 2 hrs stirring under reflux, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was added and the organic phase was washed with brine and water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude oily mixture obtained was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 98:2) to afford **10** (3.0 mmol, 70%). Colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.36-7.28 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,4,5-*H*), 6.62 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 5.01 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.50 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 4.18-4.13 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.88-3.82 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.73-3.68 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.65-3.58 (m, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.56-3.51 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.8 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 138.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 132.8 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.2 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 127.8 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 108.0 (Ar), 74.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 71.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 68.9 (PEG), 59.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 46.8 (ClCH<sub>2</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>49</sub>ClO<sub>11</sub>: 640.30, obtained: 640.24; calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>47</sub>BrNaO<sub>11</sub>: 661.22, obtained: 661.00; calculated for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>49</sub>BrNaO<sub>11</sub>: 663.23, obtained: 663.00.

**Compound 11**: A solution of **10** (2.1 g, 3.3 mmol) in triethyl phosphite (3.0 mL) was stirred at 160°C for 2 hrs. The excess of solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure at 70°C. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to afford **11** (2.8 mmol, 85%). Pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,4,5-*H*), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 5.01 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15-4.10 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.10-3.92 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.87-3.80 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.73-3.68 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.66-3.59 (m, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.50 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.36 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.05 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.7 (*J* = 3.2 Hz) (Ar), 138.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 137.0 (*J* = 3.8 Hz) (Ar), 128.2 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.0 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 126.9 (*J* = 8.8 Hz) (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 109.1 (*J* = 6.5 Hz) (Ar), 74.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 71.9 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 68.8 (PEG), 62.1 (*J* = 6.8 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>),

59.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 33.8 ( $J = 138.9$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.32. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>59</sub>O<sub>14</sub>P: 746.36, obtained: 746.31; calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>57</sub>NaO<sub>14</sub>P: 719.34, obtained: 719.07; calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>57</sub>KO<sub>14</sub>P: 735.31, obtained: 735.02.

**Compound 13:** A solution of 1-(benzyloxy)-4-(chloromethyl)benzene (2.0 g, 8.6 mmol) in P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) was stirred for 2 hrs at 160°C. The excess of P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> was evaporated under reduced pressure at 70°C. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to afford **13** (7.9 mmol, 92%). White foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50-7.35 (m, 5H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-3,5-H), 5.07 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.02 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.12 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.7 ( $J = 3.8$  Hz) (Ar), 137.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 130.8 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (Ar), 128.6 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 128.0 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 127.5 (Ar<sup>Bz</sup>), 123.7 ( $J = 9.3$  Hz) (Ar), 115.0 ( $J = 2.7$  Hz) (Ar), 70.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 62.1 ( $J = 6.5$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.7 ( $J = 139.4$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.79. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P: 335.13, obtained: 335.16.

**Compound 14:** Palladium activated on carbon 10% (0.5 equiv.) was added to a solution of **13** (2.0 g, 6.0 mmol) in ethanol absolute (60 mL). The mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere at room temperature for 16 hrs. The crude mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite before being concentrated under reduced pressure. Phenol **14** (5.3 mmol, 89%) was used without further purification. White solid. Melting point: 93°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.05 (dd,  $J = 2.8$  and 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz 2H, Ar-3,5-H), 4.02 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.08 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  156.1 ( $J = 3.8$  Hz) (Ar), 130.6 ( $J = 6.6$  Hz) (Ar), 121.0 ( $J = 9.3$  Hz) (Ar), 116.0 ( $J = 3.2$  Hz) (Ar), 62.4 ( $J = 7.1$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.3 ( $J = 139.4$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  27.58. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub>P: 245.09, obtained: 245.13.

**Compound 16:** CBr<sub>4</sub> (14.2 g, 42.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added to a solution of 5-(hydroxymethyl)benzene-1,3-diol (5.0 g, 35.7 mmol) in THF (50 mL). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0°C and a solution of PPh<sub>3</sub> (11.2 g, 42.8 mM, 1.2 equiv.) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 hrs of stirring, water (100 mL) was added and THF was evaporated under reduced pressure. The aqueous phase was extracted three times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phases were washed with brine and water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, cyclohexane/EtOAc 70:30) to afford **16** (31.4 mmol, 88%). White foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.34 (br s, 2H, OH), 6.27 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2H, Ar-2,4-H), 6.14 (t,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H, Ar-6-H), 4.49 (s, 2H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>Br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  158.4 (Ar), 139.5 (Ar), 107.2 (Ar), 102.5 (Ar), 35.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>Br).

**Compound 17:** A solution of **16** (1.00 g, 5.00 mM) in P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (2.6 mL, 3.0 equiv.) was stirred for 2 hrs at 160°C. The excess of P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> was evaporated under reduced pressure at 70°C. The crude product was purified by recrystallization (EtOAc/cyclohexane) to afford **17** (3.75 mmol, 75%). White solid. Melting point: 145°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  6.74-6.68 (m, 3H, Ar-2,4,6-H), 4.05 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.17 (d,  $J = 21.9$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.28 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  157.3 (Ar), 132.8 (Ar), 121.8 (Ar), 115.2 (Ar), 62.2 ( $J = 7.2$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.2 ( $J = 138.3$  Hz) (CH-P), 15.3 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  27.81. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>P: 283.08, obtained: 283.07; calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>10</sub>P: 543.16, obtained: 543.15.

**Compound 19:** LiAlH<sub>4</sub> 0.5 M in THF (36.0 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0°C to a solution of dimethyl 5-hydroxyisophthalate (4.20 g, 20.0 mmol) in anhydrous THF (21 mL). After 3 hrs stirring under reflux, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and acidified with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (30 mL, 10%). The THF was evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting aqueous phase was extracted several times (at least 6 times, TLC control) with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over

MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **19** (18.8 mmol, 94%). White foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD-*d*) δ 6.82 (s, 1H, Ar-4-*H*), 6.71 (s, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 4.52 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD-*d*) δ 157.2 (Ar), 143.7 (Ar), 115.1 (Ar), 112.1 (Ar), 63.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>OH). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: 225.20, obtained: 225.09.

**Compound 20**: A solution of HBr 30% in acetic acid (36.0 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0°C to a solution of **19** (2.00 g, 13.0 mmol) in acetic acid (21 mL). The mixture was stirred 24 hrs at room temperature, and then 80 mL of distilled water were added. A white precipitate was formed and the mixture was stirred for additional 10 minutes. The resulting aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) and the organic layer was washed with distilled water (2 x 120 mL), a saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate (2 x 120 mL), and with brine (80 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **20** (12.5 mmol, 96%). White solid. Melting point: 93°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.99 (t, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-4-*H*), 6.04 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 5.38 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.40 (s, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>Br); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.8 (Ar), 140.0 (Ar), 122.2 (Ar), 116.2 (Ar), 32.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>Br).

**Compound 21**: A solution of **20** (2.24 g, 8.0 mmol) in P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (4.0 equiv., 5.0 mL) was stirred 2 hrs at 160°C. The excess of P(OEt)<sub>3</sub> was evaporated under reduced pressure at 70°C. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to afford **21** (7.6 mmol, 95%). White foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.82 (bs, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 6.62 (bs, 1H, Ar-4-*H*), 3.99 (m, 8H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.49 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz, 4H, ArCH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 157.9 (Ar), 132.6 (*J* = 10.6 Hz) (Ar), 122.4 (*J* = 6.7 Hz) (Ar), 115.8 (Ar), 62.5 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.6 (*J* = 138.8 Hz) (CH-P), 16.5 (*J* = 5.2 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.72. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>7</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 395.14, obtained: 394.96.

**Compound 23**: was obtained following the same procedure as described for **18**. Starting from 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic methyl ester (0.7 g, 4.3 mmol), a white foam (2.8 mmol, 65%) was obtained after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.18 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 6.65 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-4-*H*), 4.98 (m, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.04 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.91 (s, 3H, COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.56 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 1.45 (s, 18H, COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.4 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 159.5 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 155.8 (Ar), 132.1 (Ar), 108.1 (Ar), 106.4 (Ar), 79.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 67.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 52.1 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 477.23, obtained: 477.22; C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>68</sub>NaN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>: 931.46, obtained: 931.44.

**Compound 24**: was obtained following the same procedure as described for **8**. Starting from **23** (0.75 g, 1.7 mmol), a white foam (1.5 mmol, 86%) was obtained and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.22 (s, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 6.62 (s, 1H, Ar-4-*H*), 5.02 (m, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.03 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.52 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 1.48 (s, 18H, COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.5 (COOH), 159.4 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 156.1 (Ar), 136.1 (Ar), 108.2 (Ar), 106.4 (Ar), 79.7 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 67.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 39.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 28.5 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: 463.22, obtained: 463.20; C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>64</sub>NaN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>: 903.44, obtained: 903.41.

**Compound 25**: BOP (0.5 g, 1.2 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was added to an equimolar solution of **24** (0.4 g, 0.9 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) under argon. **22** (0.4 g, 0.9 mM) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.45 mL, 2.7 mM, 3 equiv.) were then added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with a solution of NaOH 1 N (2 x 20 mL), HCl 1 N (2 x 20 mL), brine (2 x 20 mL) and water (2 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to afford **25** (0.6 mmol, 65%). Colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.85-6.78 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,4,6-*H*), 6.69 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-*H*), 6.57 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 5.02 (m, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.13 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.07-3.97 (m, 12H,

Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 3.82 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.55-3.50 (m, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.08 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.42 (s, 18H, COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)); 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2 (CONH), 159.8 (Ar), 158.5 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 155.8 (Ar), 136.8 (Ar), 133.1 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 124.0 (Ar), 114.8 (*J* = 4.5 Hz) (Ar), 106.0 (Ar), 104.7 (Ar), 79.8 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 67.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.3 (*J* = 3.4 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHBoc), 36.8 (*J* = 4.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.4 (*J* = 138.0 Hz) (CH-P), 28.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.10. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>63</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>14</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 882.38, obtained: 882.36.

### 1.1. General procedure for Steglich-type reaction with carboxylic acid **8** (**27**, **29**, **31**, **33**)

BOP coupling reagent (1.3 equiv. per acid function) was added under argon to a solution **8** (1.0 equiv. per amine function) in distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After 5 min of stirring, *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (3 equiv. per amine function) and amine derivative (1.0 equiv.) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with a solution of sodium hydroxide 1 N (2 x 20 mL), HCl 1 N (2 x 20 mL), brine (2 x 20 mL) and water (2 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure.

**Compound 27**: Starting from **15** (0.30 g, 0.45 mmol), **27** was obtained (0.31 mmol, 68%) as colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2,6-H</sup>), 7.35-7.25(m, 3H, Ar<sup>3,4,5-H</sup>), 7.20 (dd, 2H, *J* = 2.4 and 8.5 Hz, Ar<sup>3,2,6-H</sup>), 7.08 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2,2,6-H</sup>), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H, Ar<sup>3,5-H</sup> and Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 5.08 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>3</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.18 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.8 Hz, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.11 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.3 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.08-3.96 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.78 (m, 6H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.70-3.50 (m, 24H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.08 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2 (NHCO), 157.5 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 152.6 (Ar), 140.7 (Ar), 137.6 (Ar), 130.8 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.1 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 123.9 (*J* = 8.7 Hz) (Ar), 114.6 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 107.0 (Ar), 74.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 71.8 (PEG), 70.65 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.45 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.35 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 68.8 (PEG), 66.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.0 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 32.8 (*J* = 138.9 Hz) (CH-P), 16.3 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.63. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>69</sub>NO<sub>16</sub>P: 910.43, obtained: 910.34; calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>68</sub>NaNO<sub>16</sub>P: 932.43, obtained: 932.35; calculated for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>68</sub>KNO<sub>16</sub>P: 948.40, obtained: 948.30.

**Compound 29**: Starting from **22** (0.6 g, 1.4 mmol), **29** was obtained (1.2 mmol, 87%) as colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>3,2,6-H</sup>), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>3,4,5-H</sup>), 7.07 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2,2,6-H</sup>), 6.88 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.85-6.78 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>1,2,4,6-H</sup>), 5.07 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>3</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20-4.17 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15-4.11 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.08-3.96 (m, 8H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.88-3.78 (m, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.71-3.68 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.65-3.58 (m, 16H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.49 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.08 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2 (NHCO), 158.6 (*J* = 2.8 Hz) (Ar), 152.8 (Ar), 141.0 (Ar), 137.8 (Ar), 133.1 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 124.0 (*J* = 6.8 Hz) (Ar), 114.6 (*J* = 4.8 Hz) (Ar), 107.0 (Ar), 74.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 72.0 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 (*J* = 3.4 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.5 (*J* = 138.3 Hz) (CH-P), 16.5 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.08. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>79</sub>NaNO<sub>19</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1082.87, obtained: 1082.51.

**Compound 31**: Starting from **18** (0.9 g, 1.8 mmol), **31** was obtained (1.3 mmol, 70%) as colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>3,2,6-H</sup>), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>3,4,5-H</sup>), 7.08 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>2,2,6-H</sup>), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCO), 6.48 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1,2,4-H</sup>), 6.42 (m, 1H, Ar<sup>1,6-H</sup>), 5.08 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>3</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20-4.15 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 8H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.14-4.10 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H,

OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.08-3.93 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.87-3.77 (m, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.71-3.67 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.65-3.56 (m, 32H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.50 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.05 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.1 (NHCO), 159.5 (Ar), 146.6 (Ar), 141.2 (Ar), 133.9 (*J* = 5.8 Hz) (Ar), 128.4 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 108.7 (Ar), 101.1 (Ar), 74.7 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 71.9 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.5 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.3 (*J* = 7.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.4 (*J* = 137.5 Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.12. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>120</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>29</sub>P: 1591.76, obtained: 1591.74; calculated for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>119</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>29</sub>P: 1623.76, obtained: 1623.76.

**Compound 33:** Starting from **26** (0.40 g, 0.45 mmol), **33** was obtained (0.32 mmol, 70%) as colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>3</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.35-7.28 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>3</sup>-3,4,5-*H*), 7.11 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.05 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.69 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-*H*), 6.82-6.78 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,4,6-*H*), 6.64 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 5.07 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>3</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20-4.17 (m, 14H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.08-3.96 (m, 8H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.83-3.78 (m, 14H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.65-3.55 (m, 34H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.48 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.34 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.08 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2 (NHCO), 159.8 (Ar), 152.5 (Ar), 141.0 (Ar), 137.8 (Ar), 136.5 (Ar), 133.1 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 128.2 (Ar), 128.0 (Ar), 127.8 (Ar), 124.0 (Ar), 114.8 (*J* = 4.8 Hz) (Ar), 107.8 (Ar), 107.0 (Ar), 106.0 (Ar), 74.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 72.0 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 (*J* = 3.4 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.3 (*J* = 138.0 Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.18. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>93</sub>H<sub>169</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>34</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1926.87, obtained: 1926.81.

## 1.2. General procedure for hydrogenation with palladium on carbon (**28**, **30**, **32**, **34**)

Benzylated compound (**27**, **29**, **31** or **33**) was dissolved in ethanol absolute (20 mL) and palladium activated on carbon 10% (0.5 equiv.) was added. The mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere at room temperature for 16 hrs. The crude mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, concentrated and purified by column chromatography.

**Compound 28:** Starting from **27** (0.6 g, 0.65 mmol), **28** was obtained (0.54 mmol, 83%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21 (dd, *J* = 2.5 and 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>2,6-*H*), 7.15 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>3,5-*H*), 6.78 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.21 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.8 Hz, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.11 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.2 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.95 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.88-3.80 (m, 6H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.72-3.50 (m, 24H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.34 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.07 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 168.1 (CONH), 157.3 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 146.8 (Ar), 141.3 (Ar), 130.6 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (Ar), 124.6 (Ar), 123.9 (*J* = 9.3 Hz) (Ar), 114.6 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 108.6 (Ar), 71.8 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.6 (*J* = 7.1 Hz) (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 61.9 (*J* = 7.1 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 32.8 (*J* = 139.5 Hz) (CH-P), 16.3 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.64. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>63</sub>NO<sub>16</sub>P: 820.38, obtained: 820.41; calculated for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaNO<sub>16</sub>P: 842.38, obtained: 842.40.

**Compound 30:** Starting from **29** (0.8 g, 0.8 mmol), **30** was obtained (0.64 mmol, 80%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.85-6.78 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,4,6-*H*), 6.65 (m, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.27-4.21 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15-4.10 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.08-3.98 (m, 8H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.88-3.78 (m, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.75-3.60 (m, 20H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.56-3.51 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.09 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P),

1.26 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.3 (NHCO), 158.7 ( $J = 2.8$  Hz) (Ar), 146.8 (Ar), 141.0 (Ar), 133.1 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (Ar), 124.0 (Ar), 114.6 (Ar), 108.4 (Ar), 72.0 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 ( $J = 3.4$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.4 ( $J = 138.1$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 2.7$  Hz); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.10. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>74</sub>NO<sub>19</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 970.43, obtained: 970.44; calculated for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>73</sub>NaNO<sub>19</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 992.43, obtained: 992.44.

**Compound 32:** Starting from **31** (1.85 g, 1.2 mmol), **32** was obtained (1.0 mmol, 86%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.25 (br s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-OH), 7.16 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-H), 6.85 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCO), 6.47 (t,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,4-H), 6.40 (m, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-6-H), 4.22-4.17 (t,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 8H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.12-4.08 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.07-3.96 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.84-3.75 (m, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.71-3.67 (m, 40H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.50 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.2, 159.7 (Ar), 146.6 (Ar), 141.2 (Ar), 133.9 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 108.7 (Ar), 101.1 (Ar), 71.9 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.5 (PEG), 66.7 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.3 ( $J = 7.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2, 39.5, 35.2, 33.4 ( $J = 137.5$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 2.7$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.10. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>65</sub>H<sub>107</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>29</sub>P: 1411.56, obtained: 1411.55; calculated for C<sub>65</sub>H<sub>107</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>29</sub>P: 1433.67, obtained: 1433.56.

**Compound 34:** Starting from **33** (0.65 g, 0.34 mmol), **34** was obtained (0.26 mmol, 76%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (br s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OH), 7.20 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-H), 7.11 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.96 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,4,6-H), 6.55 (t,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-H), 6.44 (t,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.17 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 8H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.11 (t,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 6H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.93 (m, 8H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.83-3.75 (m, 14H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.70-3.60 (m, 34H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.52-3.48 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.34 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (d,  $J = 22.0$  Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.21 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.2 (NHCO), 159.8 (Ar), 152.5 (Ar), 140.8 (Ar), 136.5 (Ar), 133.1 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 124.5 (Ar), 114.8 ( $J = 4.8$  Hz) (Ar), 108.7 (Ar), 106.0 (Ar), 104.8 (Ar), 71.9 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 ( $J = 7.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.4 ( $J = 137.5$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.3 ( $J = 2.7$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.12. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>127</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>34</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1746.78, obtained: 1746.79; calculated for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>126</sub>NaKN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>34</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1786.78, obtained: 1786.75.

### 1.3. General procedure for the Williamson [36] etherification with tosylated hydroxy-dPEG<sup>TM</sup><sub>8</sub>-t-butyl ester **35** (**36-39**)

**Compound 35:** The synthesis and spectroscopic data of **35** are the same as those reported in the literature. [29].

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv. per phenol) and KI (0.3 equiv. per tosyl) were added to an equimolar solution of phenol (**28**, **30**, **32** or **34**) and **35** in acetone (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60°C during 24 hrs, filtered over Celite, evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude was diluted in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). The organic layer was washed twice with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, then with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.

**Compound 36:** Starting from compound **28** (0.12 g, 0.15 mmol), compound **36** was obtained (0.13 mmol, 87%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20 (dd,  $J = 2.5$  and 8.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-H), 7.11 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-H), 6.91 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-3,5-H), 4.20-4.15 (m,

6H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.11 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.95 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.77 (m, 8H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.70-3.50 (m, 54H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.07 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.49 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.43 (s, 9H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.0 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 167.1 (NHCO), 157.6 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 152.5 (Ar), 141.6 (Ar), 130.8 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (Ar), 129.5 (Ar), 124.1 (*J* = 9.3 Hz) (Ar), 114.6 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (Ar), 107.4 (Ar), 80.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 72.2 (PEG), 71.9 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 66.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 62.0 (*J* = 7.1 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 35.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 32.8 (*J* = 138.9 Hz) (CH-P), 28.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 16.3 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.65. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>61</sub>H<sub>106</sub>NaNO<sub>26</sub>P: 1322.60, obtained: 1322.58; calculated for calculated for C<sub>61</sub>H<sub>106</sub>KNO<sub>26</sub>P: 1338.60, obtained: 1338.55.

**Compound 37:** Starting from **32** (0.3 g, 0.22 mmol), compound **37** was obtained (0.18 mmol, 82%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.13 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.02 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.47 (t, 2H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.41 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-*H*), 4.22-4.17 (m, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 12H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.11 (t, 4H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.95 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.75 (m, 16H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.70-3.50 (m, 108H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.48 (t, 4H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.41 (s, 9H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.8 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 167.1 (NHCO), 159.6 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 152.5 (Ar), 141.3 (Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 108.8 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 107.2 (Ar), 80.3 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 72.2 (PEG), 71.9 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.6 (PEG), 69.0 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 66.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 62.2 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 36.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 32.3 (*J* = 138.9 Hz) (CH-P), 28.2 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 16.3 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.08. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>111</sub>H<sub>195</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>49</sub>P: 2394.26 obtained: 2394.06.

**Compound 38:** Starting from compound **30** (0.3 g, 0.31 mmol), compound **38** was obtained (0.28 mmol, 90%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.10 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.87 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.80 (t, 1H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2-*H*), 6.76 (q, 2H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4,6-*H*), 4.22-4.15 (m, 6H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.12 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.1 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.95 (m, 8H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.75 (m, 8H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.70-3.50 (m, 54H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.07 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.42 (s, 9H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.9 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 167.1 (NHCO), 157.5 (Ar), 152.4 (Ar), 141.6 (Ar), 133.2 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 124.1 (Ar), 114.6 (*J* = 5.0 Hz) (Ar), 107.3 (Ar), 80.4 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 72.2 (PEG), 71.9 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 66.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 62.1 (*J* = 7.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 35.2, (CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 33.8 (*J* = 137.8 Hz) (CH-P), 27.9 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.06. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>117</sub>NaNO<sub>29</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1472.72, obtained: 1472.65.

**Compound 39:** Starting from **34** (0.11 g, 0.07 mmol), compound **39** was obtained (0.05 mmol, 70%) as a colourless oil after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.23 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 7.17-7.10 (m, 5H, Ar<sup>3</sup>-2,6-*H* and Ar<sup>2</sup>-4-*H*), 7.02 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.80-6.75 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,4,6-*H*), 6.64 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.22-4.10 (m, 18H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and Ar<sup>3</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.05-3.95 (m, 8H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.75 (m, 18H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.70-3.38 (m, 108H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.48 (t, 4H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, Ar<sup>3</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.43 (s, 18H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.9 (COO(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 167.1 (NHCO), 159.8 (Ar),

152.4 (Ar), 141.2 (Ar), 136.3 (Ar), 133.0 (Ar), 129.3 (Ar), 114.7 (Ar), 107.8 (Ar), 106.0 (Ar), 104.8 (Ar), 80.5 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 72.2 (PEG), 72.0 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.6 (PEG), 69.0 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 66.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 62.1 (*J* = 6.5 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO), 33.8 (*J* = 137.2 Hz) (CH-P), 28.1 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.08. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>125</sub>H<sub>215</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>54</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 2707.36, obtained: 2707.14.

#### 1.4. General procedure for the Williamson<sup>[33]</sup> etherification with propargyl bromide (44-48)

A solution of phenolic (**12**, **28**, **30**, **32**, **34**), propargyl bromide (80% in xylene) (1.2 equiv. per phenol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 equiv. per phenol) in acetone (10 mL) was stirred during 2 hrs at 65°C. The reaction mixture was filtered over Celite and the solvent was evaporated. The resulting crude product was diluted in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL), washed twice with an aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5).

**Compound 44:** Starting from **12** (0.30 g, 0.46 mmol), **44** was obtained (0.36 mmol, 79%) as a pale yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.54 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-*H*), 4.68 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 4.16 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, ArOCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.04-3.93 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.75-3.62 (m, 20H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.52 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.04 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.43 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 152.6 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 135.8 (*J* = 3.8 Hz) (Ar), 128.4 (*J* = 8.8 Hz) (Ar), 109.0 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (Ar), 79.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 74.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 71.8 (PEG), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 69.5 (PEG), 68.9 (PEG), 62.2 (*J* = 7.1 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 59.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 59.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 33.7 (*J* = 139.8 Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.22. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>55</sub>O<sub>14</sub>P: 695.33, obtained: 695.23, calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>54</sub>NaO<sub>14</sub>P: 717.33 obtained: 717.22, calculated for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>53</sub>NaKO<sub>14</sub>P: 757.33 obtained: 757.27.

**Compound 45:** Starting from **28** (0.15 g, 0.18 mmol), **45** was obtained (0.16 mmol, 89%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20 (dd, *J* = 2.6 and 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.11 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.88-6.83 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and Ar<sup>1</sup>-3,5-*H*), 4.78 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 4.22 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.7 Hz Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.12 (t, 2H, *J* = 5.2 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.95 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.78-3.88 (m, 6H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.72-3.50 (m, 24H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.34 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.43 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.1 (NHCO), 157.4 (*J* = 3.7 Hz) (Ar), 152.5 (Ar), 139.4 (Ar), 130.8 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (Ar), 130.0 (Ar), 123.8 (*J* = 9.3 Hz) (Ar), 114.5 (*J* = 3.3 Hz) (Ar), 107.1 (Ar), 79.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 74.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 71.9 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.45 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.6 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 (*J* = 7.1 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 59.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 58.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 32.9 (*J* = 139.4 Hz) (CH-P), 16.3 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.58. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>65</sub>NO<sub>16</sub>P: 858.40, obtained: 858.32; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>64</sub>NaNO<sub>16</sub>P: 880.40, obtained: 880.30.

**Compound 46:** Starting from **32** (0.2 g, 0.14 mmol), **46** was obtained (0.12 mmol, 85%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.09 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.93 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.51 (m, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.41 (m, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4-*H*), 4.78 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 4.22-4.18 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 8H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.11 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.95 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.88-3.84 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 8H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78 (q, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.68-3.52 (m, 40H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.50-3.45 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.33 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.05 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.46 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2 (NHCO), 159.7 (Ar), 152.6 (Ar), 139.5 (Ar), 133.9 (*J* = 8.2 Hz) (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 108.7 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (Ar), 106.9 (Ar), 101.1 (Ar), 79.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 75.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 71.7 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.45 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.6 (PEG), 69.2 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.3 (*J* = 7.1 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 60.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH),

58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.4 (*J* = 138.3 Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.12. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>112</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>29</sub>P: 1487.70, obtained: 1487.70; calculated for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>112</sub>NaN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>29</sub>P: 1509.70, obtained: 1509.68.

**Compound 47:** Starting from **30** (0.37 g, 0.38 mmol), **47** was obtained (0.35 mmol, 91%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.08 (s, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.02 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.78 (m, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2-*H*), 6.72 (m, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-4,6-*H*), 4.78 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 4.25-4.20 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15-4.10 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.10-3.95 (m, 8H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.82 (t, 4H, *J* = 4.7 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.78 (q, 2H, *J* = 5.3 Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.68-3.50 (m, 20H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.55-3.51 (m, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.35 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.08 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.44 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.1 (NHCO), 158.5 (*J* = 2.8 Hz) (Ar), 152.7 (Ar), 139.5 (Ar), 133.1 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 130.2 (Ar), 124.0 (*J* = 6.8 Hz) (Ar), 114.6 (*J* = 5.0 Hz) (Ar), 107.0 (Ar), 79.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 74.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 71.8 (PEG), 70.65 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.35 (PEG), 69.6 (PEG), 69.0 (PEG), 66.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 (*J* = 6.6 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 59.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.8 (*J* = 137.8 Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.08. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>75</sub>NaNO<sub>19</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1030.44, obtained: 1030.41.

**Compound 48:** Starting from **34** (0.29 g, 0.17 mmol), **48** was obtained (0.15 mmol, 86%) as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.18 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 7.11 (s, 4H, Ar<sup>3</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.02 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 6.95 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.78-6.71 (m, 3H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,4,6-*H*), 6.58 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-4-*H*), 4.78 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 4H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 4.17 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 8H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15-4.10 (m, 6H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.05-3.93 (m, 8H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.75 (m, 14H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 3.70-3.60 (m, 34H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.53-3.48 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.34 (s, 12H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.06 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 2.45 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 12H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.2 (NHCO), 159.8 (Ar), 158.5 (Ar), 152.6 (Ar), 139.8 (Ar), 136.6 (Ar), 133.1 (*J* = 6.0 Hz) (Ar), 130.1 (Ar), 124.2 (Ar), 114.8 (*J* = 4.8 Hz) (Ar), 107.2 (Ar), 106.1 (Ar), 104.8 (Ar), 79.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 75.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 71.9 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.45 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.1 (*J* = 7.0 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 60.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 39.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.5 (*J* = 137.5 Hz) (CH-P), 16.3 (*J* = 2.7 Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.18. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>85</sub>H<sub>132</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>34</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1800.81, obtained: 1800.68; calculated for C<sub>85</sub>H<sub>131</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>34</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 1822.81, obtained: 1822.67.

**Compound 49:** A solution of Patent Blue VF (5.7 g, 10.0 mmol) in POCl<sub>3</sub> (19 ml, 200 mmol, 20.0 equiv.) was cooled at 0°C. After 1 hr of stirring, the solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature and was further stirred for 3 days. The reaction mixture was then added dropwise to an ice bath. The obtained aqueous phase was extracted three times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (200 mL) and the resulting organic phase was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Sulfonylchloride derivative **49** was obtained as a dark green foam (9.0 mmol, 90%) and was directly used without further purification.

**Compound 50:** Azido-dPEG<sup>TM</sup><sub>7</sub>-amine (0.7 g, 1.77 mmol) was dissolved, under an argon atmosphere, in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) followed by the addition of NEt<sub>3</sub> (718 μL, 5.32 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and 4-DMAP (22 mg, 0.1 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 15 min. Patent Blue VF sulfonyl chloride **49** (1.5 g, 2.66 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) dissolved in a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/DMF (10 mL / 1.5 mL) was then added dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred overnight. The crude reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10) to afford **50** (0.89 mmol, 50%) as a dark blue foam. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 8.57 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2-*H*), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 1.9 and 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-6-*H*), 7.45 (m, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-5-*H*), 6.80 (m, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>-3,5-*H*), 5.98 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 3.66-3.55 (m, 36H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O and N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.37 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H,

CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (q,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 1.29 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 12H, N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  176.4 (Ar), 155.7 (Ar=N), 149.4 (Ar), 142.3 (Ar), 141.3 (Ar), 141.0 (Ar), 132.0 (Ar), 127.5 (Ar), 126.9 (Ar), 113.5 (Ar), 71.1 (PEG), 70.9 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.0 (PEG), 51.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>), 46.4 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 13.1 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>65</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 921.41, obtained: 921.37; calculated for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>64</sub>N<sub>6</sub>NaO<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 943.39, obtained: 943.35; calculated for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>64</sub>KN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub>: 959.36, obtained: 959.33.

### 1.5. General procedure for the "Click chemistry" reaction with azide derivative **50** (**51**, **53**, **55**, **57**, **59**)

A 0.1 M aqueous solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.05 equiv. per azide) and a 0.1 M aqueous solution of sodium ascorbate (0.1 equiv. per azide) were added at room temperature to an equimolar solution of propargyl derivative (**44-48**) and azide **50** in a mixture of DMSO:H<sub>2</sub>O 4:1 (8 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. 20 mL of brine were then added to quench the reaction and the resulting aqueous phase was extracted several times with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.

**Compound 51:** Starting from **44** (0.19 g, 0.27 mmol), **51** was obtained (0.14 mmol, 52%) as a dark blue foam after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.69 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-2-*H*), 7.92 (s, 1H, Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-*H*), 7.81 (dd,  $J = 1.9$  and 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-6-*H*), 7.40 (d, 4H,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-AA'-*H*), 7.08 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-5-*H*), 6.71 (d, 4H,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-BB'-*H*), 6.49 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H*), 5.82 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 5.12 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.48 (t,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.10 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00-3.92 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.82-3.75 (m, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 3.70-3.45 (m, 58H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O and N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.31 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.18 (q,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 3.01 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.22 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 18H, N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.2 (Ar), 155.1 (Ar<sup>dye</sup>=N), 152.5 (Ar), 148.7 (Ar), 144.9 (Ar), 141.8 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 141.1 (Ar), 140.6 (Ar), 136.6 (Ar), 131.2 (Ar), 127.3 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 127.2 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar), 126.3 (Ar), 124.2 (Ar), 113.0 (Ar), 109.1 (Ar), 71.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 70.8 (PEG), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 68.6 (PEG), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.1 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.8 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 42.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHSO<sub>2</sub>), 33.8 ( $J = 138.5$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 5.5$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.8 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.23. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>75</sub>H<sub>120</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>26</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>: 1615.74, obtained: 1615.59; calculated for C<sub>75</sub>H<sub>119</sub>NaN<sub>6</sub>O<sub>26</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>: 1637.74, obtained: 1637.59.

**Compound 53:** Starting from **45** (0.12 g, 0.14 mmol), **53** was obtained (0.1 mmol, 68%) as a dark blue foam after purification by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.74 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-2-*H*), 7.94 (s, 1H, Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-*H*), 7.89 (dd,  $J = 1.8$  and 7.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-6-*H*), 7.58 (t, 1H,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 7.41 (d, 4H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-AA'-*H*), 7.19-7.08 (m, 6H, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-5-*H*, Ar<sup>1</sup>-2,6-*H* and Ar<sup>2</sup>-2,6-*H*), 6.83 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>-3,5-*H*), 6.70 (d, 4H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, Ar<sup>dye</sup>-BB'-*H*), 6.38 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 5.22 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (t,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.17 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz, 4H, Ar<sup>2</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.06 (t, 2H,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 4.00-3.92 (m, 4H, PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.85-3.78 (m, 8H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O, Ar<sup>1</sup>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 3.70-3.45 (m, 58H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O and N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (s, 6H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.22 (q,  $J = 5.5$  Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHO<sub>2</sub>), 3.05 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz, 2H, Ar<sup>1</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>P), 1.23 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 18H, N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and PO(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.1 (Ar), 166.8 (NHCO), 157.9 (Ar), 155.0 (Ar<sup>dye</sup>=N), 152.1 (Ar), 148.2 (Ar), 144.7 (Ar), 141.8 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 141.0 (Ar), 140.6 (Ar), 139.5 (Ar), 138.2 (Ar), 131.1 (Ar), 130.5 ( $J = 6.6$  Hz) (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 126.8 (Ar), 126.4 (Ar), 124.7 (Ar), 122.3 (Ar), 114.8 (Ar), 113.2 (Ar), 106.7 (Ar), 72.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.4 (PEG), 69.2 (PEG), 68.8 (PEG), 66.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.0 ( $J = 7.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.3 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.6 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 42.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHSO<sub>2</sub>), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 32.6 ( $J = 138.9$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.5 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.8 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.72. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$

calculated for  $C_{84}H_{128}N_7O_{28}PS_2$ : 1778.80, obtained: 1778.69; calculated for  $C_{84}H_{128}NaN_7O_{28}PS_2$ : 1800.80, obtained: 1800.65; calculated for  $C_{84}H_{128}Na_2N_7O_{28}PS_2$ : 1823.80, obtained: 1823.64.

**Compound 55:** Starting from **46** (0.1 g, 0.07 mmol), **55** was obtained (0.035 mmol, 50%) as a dark blue foam after purification by column chromatography ( $SiO_2$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  85:15).  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 2H,  $Ar^{dye-2-H}$ ), 7.97 (s, 2H,  $Ar^{Triazole-H}$ ), 7.90 (dd,  $J = 1.6$  and 8.1 Hz, 2H,  $Ar^{dye-6-H}$ ), 7.78 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2H,  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 7.40-7.34 (d, 8H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-AA'-H}$ ), 7.17 (s, 4H,  $Ar^2-2,6-H$ ), 7.11 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-5-H}$ ), 6.65 (d, 8H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-BB'-H}$ ), 6.40-6.35 (m, 3H,  $Ar^1-2,4,6-H$ ), 6.25 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_2NHO_2$ ), 5.22 (s, 4H,  $OCH_2Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 4.51 (t,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 4H,  $OCH_2Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 4.17 (t,  $J = 4.7$  Hz, 8H,  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2$ ), 4.05-3.95 (m, 8H,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$ , and  $PO(OCH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 3.88-3.80 (m, 14H,  $OCH_2CH_2O$ ,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$  and  $CH_2CH_2NHO_2$ ), 3.72-3.40 (m, 116H,  $OCH_2CH_2O$  and  $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 3.35 (s, 12H,  $OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$ ), 3.20 (m, 4H,  $CH_2CH_2NHO_2$ ), 3.02 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz, 2H,  $Ar^1CH_2P$ ), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 30H,  $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$  and  $PO(OCH_2CH_3)_2$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  175.3 (Ar), 166.8 (NHCO), 159.9 (Ar), 155.0 ( $Ar^{dye=N}$ ), 152.3 (Ar), 148.2 (Ar), 144.5 (Ar), 142.1 ( $Ar^{Triazole}$ ), 140.8 (Ar), 140.3 (Ar), 139.6 (Ar), 133.2 (Ar), 131.4 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 127.1 ( $Ar^{Triazole}$ ), 126.9 (Ar), 126.6 (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 113.2 (Ar), 109.1 (Ar), 106.8 (Ar), 71.8 ( $OCH_2-Ar^{Triazole}$ ), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.45 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.5 (PEG), 69.3 (PEG), 68.6 (PEG), 66.3 ( $OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 62.2 ( $J = 7.1$  Hz) ( $CH_2CH_3$ ), 58.9 ( $OCH_3$ ), 50.2 ( $Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 45.8 ( $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 43.1 ( $CH_2NHSO_2$ ), 39.3 ( $CH_2NHCOAr$ ), 33.4 ( $J = 137.5$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.3 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) ( $CH_2CH_3$ ), 12.8 ( $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ );  $^{31}P$  NMR (81 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  26.24. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{157}H_{239}N_{14}O_{53}PS_4$ : 3329.87, obtained: 3329.28.

**Compound 57:** Starting from **47** (0.29 g, 0.29 mmol), **57** was obtained (0.26 mmol, 88%) as a dark blue foam after purification by column chromatography ( $SiO_2$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  85:15).  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.73 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H,  $Ar^{dye-2-H}$ ), 7.95 (s, 1H,  $Ar^{Triazole-H}$ ), 7.89 (dd,  $J = 1.8$  and 7.9 Hz, 1H,  $Ar^{dye-6-H}$ ), 7.42 (d, 4H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-AA'-H}$ ), 7.15 (s, 2H,  $Ar^2-2,6-H$ ), 7.11 (d, 1H,  $J = 8.1$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-5-H}$ ), 6.80 (m, 1H,  $Ar^1-2-H$ ), 6.76 (m, 2H,  $Ar^1-4,6-H$ ), 6.70 (d, 4H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-BB'-H}$ ), 6.18 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H,  $CH_2NHO_2$ ), 5.22 (s, 2H,  $OCH_2Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 4.52 (t,  $J = 5.2$  Hz, 2H,  $OCH_2Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 4.19 (t,  $J = 5$  Hz, 4H,  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2$ ), 4.08 (t, 2H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 4.05-3.95 (m, 8H,  $PO(OCH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 3.88-3.82 (m, 8H,  $OCH_2CH_2O$ ,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$  and  $CH_2CH_2NHO_2$ ), 3.70-3.45 (m, 58H,  $OCH_2CH_2O$  and  $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 3.34 (s, 6H,  $OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$ ), 3.22 (q,  $J = 5.3$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_2CH_2NHO_2$ ), 3.07 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz, 4H,  $Ar^1CH_2P$ ), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 24H,  $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$  and  $PO(OCH_2CH_3)_2$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  176.1 (Ar), 166.8 (NHCO), 158.9 (Ar), 155.1 ( $Ar^{dye=N}$ ), 152.3 (Ar), 148.9 (Ar), 142.1 ( $Ar^{Triazole}$ ), 140.9 (Ar), 140.5 (Ar), 133.2 (Ar), 131.4 (Ar), 129.8 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 127.4 ( $Ar^{Triazole}$ ), 126.3 (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 123.8 (Ar), 114.6 (Ar), 113.1 (Ar), 106.9 (Ar), 72.0 ( $OCH_2-Ar^{Triazole}$ ), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.4 (PEG), 68.9 (PEG), 66.3 ( $OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 62.2 ( $CH_2CH_3$ ), 58.8 ( $OCH_3$ ), 50.4 ( $Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 46.1 ( $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 43.2 ( $CH_2NHSO_2$ ), 39.4 ( $CH_2NHCOAr$ ), 33.3 ( $J = 137.5$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $CH_2CH_3$ ), 12.8 ( $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ );  $^{31}P$  NMR (81 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  26.60. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{89}H_{140}N_7O_{31}P_2S_2$ : 1928.84, obtained: 1928.70; calculated for  $C_{89}H_{139}NaN_7O_{31}P_2S_2$ : 1950.84, obtained: 1950.71.

**Compound 59:** Starting from **48** (0.25 g, 0.14 mmol), **59** was obtained (0.07 mmol, 50%) as a dark blue foam after purification by column chromatography ( $SiO_2$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  85:15).  $^1H$  NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.68 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 2H,  $Ar^{dye-2-H}$ ), 7.95 (s, 2H,  $Ar^{Triazole-H}$ ), 7.88 (dd,  $J = 1.7$  and 8.1 Hz, 2H,  $Ar^{dye-6-H}$ ), 7.82 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2H,  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 7.30-7.22 (d, 8H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-AA'-H}$ ), 7.14 (s, 4H,  $Ar^3-2,6-H$ ), 7.07 (d, 2H,  $J = 8.0$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-5-H}$ ), 6.97 (m, 2H,  $Ar^2-2,6-H$ ), 6.58 (m, 1H,  $Ar^2-4-H$ ), 6.64 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 2H,  $CH_2NHO_2$ ), 6.62-6.55 (m, 3H,  $Ar^1-2,4,6-H$ ), 6.52 (d, 8H,  $J = 9.2$  Hz,  $Ar^{dye-BB'-H}$ ), 6.43 (m, 1H,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 5.18 (s, 4H,  $OCH_2Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 4.47 (t,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 4H,  $OCH_2Ar^{Triazole-CH_2}$ ), 4.12 (m, 8H,  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2$ ), 4.05-3.87 (m, 14H,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$ ,  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2NH$  and  $PO(OCH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 3.80-3.73 (m, 14H,  $OCH_2CH_2O$ ,  $Ar^1OCH_2CH_2NH$  and  $Ar^2OCH_2CH_2NH$ ), 3.68-3.33 (m, 120H,  $OCH_2CH_2O$ ,  $CH_2CH_2NHO_2$  and  $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$ ), 3.28 (s, 12H,  $OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$ ), 3.12 (q,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 4H,  $CH_2CH_2NHO_2$ ), 2.98 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz, 4H,  $Ar^1CH_2P$ ), 1.13 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 36H,  $N(CH_2CH_3)_2$  and  $PO(OCH_2CH_3)_2$ );  $^{13}C$  NMR (75 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  174.2 (Ar),

166.8 ( $J = 7.7$  Hz) (NHCO), 159.6 (Ar), 158.8 (Ar), 154.8 (Ar<sup>dye=N</sup>), 152.3 (Ar), 147.9 (Ar), 144.6 (Ar), 142.2 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 140.6 (Ar), 139.4 (Ar), 136.1 (Ar), 133.2 ( $J = 12$  Hz) (Ar), 131.6 (Ar), 129.4 (Ar), 127.1 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 126.9 (Ar), 124.8 (Ar), 123.8 (Ar), 114.7 (Ar), 113.2 (Ar), 106.6 (Ar), 105.9 (Ar), 105.2 (Ar), 71.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>-Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.55 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.45 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 69.5 (PEG), 68.7 (PEG), 66.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 62.2 ( $J = 7.1$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 50.2 (Ar<sup>Triazole</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.8 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHSO<sub>2</sub>), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCOAr), 33.4 ( $J = 137.5$  Hz) (CH-P), 16.4 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz) (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.7 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.08. MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>171</sub>H<sub>259</sub>N<sub>15</sub>O<sub>58</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>: 3643.16, obtained: 3643.78.

## 2.Part II: PAMAM-PEG dendrons

**Compound 61:** A solution of sodium trimethylsilylanolate (TMSONa, 1 M) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (66 mL, 66 mmol) was added to a solution of G0.5 PAMAM dendron (5 g, 22 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (90 mL). The mixture was stirred for 16 hrs at room temperature. The solvent was then evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was precipitated in EtOAc. The solid was filtered and **61** was obtained (22 mmol, quant). Yellow solid. Melting point: 250°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  3.36 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> alkyne), 2.38 (dd, 4H,  $J = 10.6$  Hz and 11.9 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.63 (dd, 4H,  $J = 12.2$  Hz and 10.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>COONa), 0.84 (s, 1H, CH alkyne); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  181.1 (COO), 77.9 (C alkyne), 74.5 (CH alkyne), 49.7 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 41.1 (alkyne-CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>COONa). MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NNa<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 243.05, obtained  $[M-H]^- = 242.28$ .

**Compound 62:** TBDPSCI (1.6 mL, 6.27 mmol) was added to a solution of amino-dPEG<sup>®</sup><sub>4</sub>-alcohol (1.05 g, 5.45 mmol) and imidazole (0.85 g, 12.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35 mL). The mixture was stirred for 3 hrs at room temperature and then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The resulting mixture was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH 80:20:0.25) to yield **62** (4.3 mmol, 80%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (m, 4H, Ar), 7.40 (m, 6H, Ar), 3.83 (dd, 2H,  $J = 4.2$  Hz and 4.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OSi), 3.68-3.60 (m, 10H, PEG), 3.51 (dd, 2H,  $J = 4.2$  Hz,  $J = 4.4$  Hz, H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.83 (dd, 2H,  $J = 4.4$  Hz and 4.2 Hz, NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.06 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  135.5 (Ar), 133.6 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 127.6 (Ar), 72.5 and 72.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi, H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 70.7 (PEG), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 63.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>OSi), 41.4 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 26.8 (CH<sub>3</sub> *t*Bu), 19.1 (H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si 431.25, obtained  $[M+H]^+ = 432.21$ .

**Compound 63:** N,N'-Diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC, 1.2 mL, 7.54 mmol) and HOBt (1.02 g, 7.54 mmol) were added to a solution of **61** (0.46 g, 1.88 mmol) and **62** (1.63 g, 3.77 mmol) in DMF (7 mL). The mixture was stirred at 60°C for 24 hrs then quenched at room temperature with an ammonium chloride aqueous saturated solution. The aqueous phase was extracted with ether and the organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5) to yield **63** (1.33 mmol, 70%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, 8H, Ar), 7.40 (m, 12H, Ar), 3.80 (dd, 4H,  $J = 2.49$  Hz and 2.46 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OSi), 3.66-3.39 (m, 30H, PEG, CH<sub>2</sub> alkyne), 2.80 (dd, 4H,  $J = 6.36$  Hz and 6.12 Hz, CONHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30 (dd, 4H,  $J = 6.36$  Hz and 6.36 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 2.17 (dd, 1H,  $J = 2$  Hz and 1.8 Hz, H alkyne), 1.04 (s, 18H, *t*Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.1 (CONH), 135.4 (Ar TBDPS), 133.4 (Ar TBDPS), 129.5 (Ar TBDPS), 127.5 (Ar TBDPS), 77.2 (C alkyne), 73.4 (CH alkyne), 71.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBDPS), 70.2 (PEG), 70.0 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 69.3 (PEG), 69.2 (PEG), 62.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OTBDPS), 48.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub> PAMAM), 40.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>N next to alkyne), 38.6 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 38.4 (CONHCH<sub>2</sub>), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 26.1 (*t*Bu); MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>57</sub>H<sub>83</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> 1025.56, obtained  $[M+H]^+ = 1026.52$ .

**Compound 64:** amino-dPEG<sup>®</sup><sub>3</sub>-*tert*butylester is a commercially available product purchased from Quanta Design.

**Compound 65:** N-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 0.38 g, 1.97 mmol), HOBt (0.05 g, 0.33 mmol) and DIPEA (0.31 mL, 1.8 mmol) were added to a suspension of **61** (0.2 g, 0.82 mmol) and **64** (0.58 g, 1.8 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9 mL). The mixture was stirred at room

temperature for 16 h and then the solvent was evaporated. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10) to yield **65** (1.05 mmol, 67%) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 (m, 2H, NH), 3.70-3.42 (m, 34H, CH<sub>2</sub>O PEG, CH<sub>2</sub> alkyne), 3.39 (m, 4H, NCH<sub>2</sub> PAMAM), 2.81 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.36 Hz and 6.36 Hz, CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.48 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.57 Hz and 6.57 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CONH PAMAM), 2.36 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.12 and 6.36 Hz, 2 CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 2.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.2 Hz and 2.4 Hz, H alkyne), 1.45 (s, 18H, 2 *t*Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 171.9 (CONH), 170.8 (COO*t*Bu), 80.5 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 77.8 (C Alkyne), 73.6 (CH Alkyne), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 69.9 (PEG), 66.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 49.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.5 (Alkyne-CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.1 (CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 36.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 27.9 (CH<sub>3</sub> *t*Bu). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>71</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>14</sub> 805.49, obtained [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 806.55.

**Compound 66** <sup>[37]</sup>: 1,4-Bis(chloromethyl)benzene (5 g, 28.6 mmol) was heated at 120°C until its total dissolution. After dropwise addition of triethylphosphite (2.5 mL, 14.3 mmol), the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. The excess of triethylphosphite was then removed *in vacuo*, and the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc/CH 80:20) to yield **66** (6.94 mmol, 48%) as a viscous colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.70 (m, 4H, H Ar), 4.58 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 4.07 (qt, 2H, *J* = 7.02 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.18 (d, 2H, *J* = 21.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 1.33 (dd, 3H, *J* = 7.02 and 7.23 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>).

**Compounds 68-69**: The preparation procedures and analytical data similar to those reported in the literature. <sup>[29a]</sup>.

**Compound 70**: The preparation procedure and analytical data similar to those reported in the literature. <sup>[29b]</sup>.

**Compounds 71-72**: The preparation procedures and analytical data similar to those reported in the literature. <sup>[22c]</sup>

## 2.1. General procedure for the "Click chemistry" reaction with azide derivatives **63** or **65** (**73**, **74** and **75**)

A mixture of azide (**67** or **72**) (1.1 equiv.) and propargyl derivative (**63** or **65**) (1 equiv.) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (4/1, v/v, in mL) in the presence of 5% mol of CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O and 10% mol of sodium ascorbate was stirred at room temperature for 16 hrs. The reaction mixture was then quenched with brine and the aqueous phase extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 90:10).

**Compound 73**: Starting from **65** (0.070 g, 0.25 mmol) and **67** (0.2 g, 0.27 mmol), **73** was obtained (0.15 mmol, 60%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 (s, 1H, CH triazole), 7.35 (bs, 2H, NH), 7.15-7.04 (m, 3H, H Ar), 5.34 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N next to triazole), 3.86 (qt, 4H, *J* = 7.23 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.64 (bs, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N PAMAM next to triazole), 3.53 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.36 and 6.57 Hz, CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.46-3.19 (m, 32H, PEG, NCH<sub>2</sub> PAMAM), 3.01 (d, 2H, *J* = 21.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (bs, 4H, CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.32 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.36 and 6.57 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 2.24 (bs, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 1.28 (s, 18H, *t*Bu), 1.09 (dd, 3H, *J* = 6.99 and 7.23 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0 (CONH), 170.6 (COO*t*Bu), 143.9 (C triazole), 133.5 (*J* = 3.82 Hz, C Ar next to triazole), 132.2 (*J* = 9.27 Hz, C Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 130.3 (*J* = 6.54 Hz, CH Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 (*J* = 2.73 Hz, CH Ar next to triazole), 122.8 (CH triazole), 80.5 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.1 (PEG), 70.0 (PEG), 69.9 (PEG), 66.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 62.0 (*J* = 6.54 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>N next to triazole), 49.3 (NCH<sub>2</sub> PAMAM), 47.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>N PAMAM next to triazole), 38.9 (CONHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 34.1, 32.3 (d, *J* = 137.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 33.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 27.9 (*t*Bu), 16.2 (*J* = 6.00 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 25.87; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>89</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>17</sub>P 1088.60, obtained [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 1089.62.

**Compound 74:** The preparation procedure and analytical data are reported in the literature.<sup>[22c]</sup>

**Compound 75:** Starting from **63** (1.3 g, 1.28 mmol) and **72** (0.55 g, 1.30 mmol), **75** was obtained (0.79 mmol, 62%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.69 (m, 8H, Ar TBDPS), 7.67 (s, 1H, H triazole), 7.66 to 7.28 (m, 12H, Ar TBDPS), 7.21-7.10 (m, 3H, Ar), 5.45 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub> next to triazole), 4.00 (quint, 8H, *J* = 7.23 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.81-3.49 (m, 30H, PEG), 3.38 (q, 4H, *J* = 5.04 and 10.53 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> PAMAM), 3.14, 3.07 (d, 4H, *J* = 21.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 2.73 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.12 and 6.15 Hz, NHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 2.37 (dd, 4H, *J* = 6.12 and 6.36 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 1.23 (t, 12H, *J* = 7.02 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.03 (s, 18H, *t*Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 172.0 (CONH), 144.0 (C Ar next to triazole), 135.4 (Ar TBDPS), 133.5 (Ar TBDPS), 133.0 (C triazole, *J* = 6.00 Hz Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 131.3 (*J* = 6.54 Hz, C Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 129.5 (Ar TBDPS), 127.8 (*J* = 4.91 Hz, CH Ar next to triazole), 127.5 (Ar TBDPS), 122.8 (CH triazole), 72.3 (PEG CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OSi), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.0 (PEG), 69.7 (PEG), 63.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>OSi), 62.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.4 (CH<sub>2</sub> triazole), 49.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 47.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>N triazole), 38.9 (CONHCH<sub>2</sub>), 34.2, 32.4 (*J* = 136.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>CONH), 26.7 (*t*Bu), 19.0 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 16.15 (*J* = 6.00 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 26.32; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>74</sub>H<sub>112</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>16</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> 1458.71, obtained [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 1459.57.

### 3.Part III: linear phosphonates

**Compound 77** <sup>[31]</sup>: A solution of dPEG<sub>4</sub>-di-alcohol (21.4 g, 76.0 mmol) and KOH (1.2 g, 20.9 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was refluxed until KOH was dissolved. The solution was cooled to room temperature and TsO-PEG<sub>3</sub>-Me <sup>[25]</sup> (6 g, 19.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 18 hrs then CHCl<sub>3</sub> was added. The organic layer was washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo* to yield **77** (12.3 mmol, 65%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.37-3.73 (m, 36H, PEG), 3.36 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### 3.1.General procedure for the "Click chemistry" reaction with propargyl bromide (**76,78**) <sup>[32]</sup>

A suspension of potassium tert-butoxide (1.14 equiv.) in THF (25 mL) was added to a solution of PEG-alcohol (1 equiv.) dissolved in THF (3 mL) and cooled to 0°C. Propargyl bromide (2 equiv.) in THF (50 mL) was then added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hr at 0°C and for one week at room temperature. EtOAc (200 mL) was added and the organic layer was washed with brine (3 x 75 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated *in vacuo*. No further purification was necessary to yield the desired compound.

**Compound 76** <sup>[33]</sup>: Starting from triethyleneglycol monomethyl ether (2 g, 12.2 mmol), **76** was obtained (12.1 mmol, 99%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.21 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> alkyne), 3.71-3.53 (m, 12H, PEG), 3.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.43 and 2.19 Hz, H alkyne).

**Compound 78:** Starting from **77** (5.26 g, 12.3 mmol), **78** was obtained (4.15 mmol, 34%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.66 (m, 8H), 4.20 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.53 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub> alkyne), 3.80-3.55 (m, 37H, PEG, 1H alkyne), 3.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 79.5 (CH alkyne), 74.8 (C alkyne), 71.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.2 (PEG), 70.1 (PEG), 69.9 (PEG), 68.6 (alkyne-CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O) 58.4 (alkyne-CH<sub>2</sub>), 57.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>10</sub> 466.27, obtained [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 489.21, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> = 505.17.

**Compound 79:** Same procedure as described for **73-75**. After column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5), **79** was obtained (0.31 mmol, 65%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 (s, 1H, H triazole), 7.10 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.01 (s, 2H, Ar), 5.36 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N next to triazole), 4.53 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O next to triazole), 3.88 (qt, 2H, *J* = 7.02 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.58-3.40 (m, 12H, PEG), 3.24 (s,

3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.03, 2.95 (d, 4H,  $J = 21.93$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 1.11 (dd, 3H,  $J = 7.02$  and  $7.23$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.5 (C triazole), 135.1 (C Ar next to triazole), 133.1 ( $J = 5.45$  Hz, C Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 131.5 ( $J = 7.08$  Hz, CH Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 ( $J = 4.36$  Hz, CH Ar next to triazole), 122.4 (CH triazole), 71.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 69.6 (PEG), 64.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>O next to triazole), 62.0 ( $J = 7.09$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>N next to triazole), 34.2, 32.4 (d,  $J = 137.46$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 16.2 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.26; MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>P<sub>2</sub> 635.27, obtained [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 636.06, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 650.02, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> = 673.98.

**Compound 80:** Same procedure as described for **73-75**. After column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 95:5), compound **80** was obtained (0.57 mmol, 61%). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 (s, 1H, H triazole), 7.10 (s, 1H, Ar), 7.01 (s, 2H, Ar), 5.35 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>N next to triazole), 4.51 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O next to triazole), 3.87 (qt, 2H,  $J = 7.02$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.59-3.40 (m, 36H, PEG), 3.24 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.02, 2.95 (d, 4H,  $J = 21.9$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 1.10 (dd, 3H,  $J = 6.99$  and  $7.23$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.6 (C triazole), 135.3 ( $J = 6.03$  Hz, C Ar next to triazole), 133.2 ( $J = 12.06$  Hz, C Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 131.5 ( $J = 6.58$  Hz, CH Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 128.0 ( $J = 10.42$  Hz, CH Ar next to triazole), 122.4 (CH triazole), 71.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.2 (PEG), 70.1 (PEG), 69.4 (PEG), 64.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>O next to triazole), 61.7 ( $J = 6.58$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.5 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 53.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>N next to triazole), 33.7, 31.9 (d,  $J = 137.46$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 15.7 ( $J = 6.0$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.25; MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>71</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>16</sub>P<sub>2</sub> 899.43, obtained [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 900.43, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 922.43, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> = 938.40.

**Compound 82:** The preparation procedure and analytical data similar to those reported in the literature<sup>[31a]</sup>.

**Compound 83:** The preparation procedure and analytical data similar to those reported in the literature<sup>[31b]</sup>.

**Compound 84:** The preparation procedure and analytical data similar to those reported in the literature<sup>[31a]</sup>.

**Compound 85:** Same procedure as described for **72**. Starting from **83** (0.7 g, 1.07 mmol), **85** was obtained (1.07 mmol, quant). Yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.73-3.59 (m, 32H, PEG), 3.38 (dd, 2H,  $J = 4.80$  and  $5.28$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 2.50 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.57$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>), 1.45 (s, 9H, *t*Bu); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.0 (COO*t*Bu), 80.1 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 69.8 (PEG), 66.7 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>), 50.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 27.9 (*t*Bu). MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> 523.31, obtained [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 546.28.

**Compound 86:** Same procedure as described for **73-75**. Starting from **81** (1.18 g, 2.74 mmol) and **84** (1 g, 2.88 mmol), **86** was obtained (0.87 mmol, 32%). Burgundy oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H, CH triazole), 6.78 (m, 3H, Ar), 5.16 (s, 2H, OCH<sub>2</sub> triazole), 4.55 (dd, 2H,  $J = 5.04$  and  $5.28$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub> triazole), 4.02 (qt, 8H,  $J = 7.02$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.89 (dd,  $J = 5.04$  and  $5.25$  Hz, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.72-3.59 (m, 14H, PEG), 3.13, 3.06 (d, 4H,  $J = 21.93$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 2.48 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.57$  and  $6.57$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 1.43 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), 1.22 (t, 12H,  $J = 7.02$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.5 (COO*t*Bu), 158.3 (C Ar next to triazole), 143.3 (C triazole), 133.1 ( $J = 9.27$  Hz, C Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 124.3 ( $J = 7.08$  Hz, CH Ar next to CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 123.9 (CH triazole), 115.4 (CH Ar next to triazole), 80.1 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 70.1 (PEG), 69.1 (PEG), 68.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O next to triazole), 66.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub> next to triazole), 61.9 ( $J = 6.54$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 61.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O), 50.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 36.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 34.3, 32.5 ( $J = 137.46$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (*t*Bu), 16.2 ( $J = 6$  Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.78; MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>59</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>13</sub>P<sub>2</sub> 779.35, obtained [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 780.19, [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 802.15, [M-*t*Bu]<sup>+</sup> = 724.18.

**Compound 87:** Same procedure as described for **73-75**. Starting from **81** (0.35 g, 0.82 mmol) and **85** (0.45 g, 0.86 mmol), **87** was obtained (0.57 mmol, 69%). Burgundy oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1H, CH triazole), 6.85 (bs, 3H, Ar), 5.16 (s, 2H,  $\text{OCH}_2$  triazole), 4.55 (dd, 2H,  $J = 5.04$  and 5.25 Hz,  $\text{NCH}_2$  triazole), 4.02 (qt, 8H,  $J = 7.23$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.89 (dd, 2H,  $J = 5.04$  and 5.25 Hz,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 3.70 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.36$  and 6.78 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 3.63-3.59 (m, 28H, PEG), 3.13, 3.06 (d, 4H,  $J = 21.9$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 2.49 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.57$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.44 (s, 9H,  $t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.02$  Hz, 12H,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ . 170.5 ( $\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 158.2 (C Ar next to triazole), 143.0 (C triazole), 133.1 ( $J = 9.27$  Hz, C Ar next to  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 124.1 (CH triazole), 123.8 ( $J = 6.54$  Hz, CH Ar next to  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 114.7 ( $J = 9.27$  Hz, CH Ar next to triazole), 80.1 ( $\text{C}^{\text{IV}} t\text{Bu}$ ), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 70.1 (PEG), 69.1 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  next to triazole), 66.6 ( $\text{OCH}_2$  next to triazole), 61.9 ( $J = 6.54$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 61.6 ( $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 50.0 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 36.0 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 34.3, 32.5 ( $J = 136.91$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 27.8 ( $t\text{Bu}$ ), 16.2 ( $J = 6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (81 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.74; MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{75}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{17}\text{P}_2$  955.45, obtained  $[\text{M}-t\text{Bu}]^+ = 900.43$ .

### 3.2. General procedure for bromination of **88** and **89**

To obtain compound **88** or **89**, compound **82** or **83** respectively (1 equiv.) was dissolved in acetone (5 mL). After addition of lithium bromide (2 equiv.), the solution was stirred at reflux for 16 hrs. After addition of water (20 mL) and EtOAc (10 mL), the organic layer was washed, dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and evaporated *in vacuo*.

**Compound 88:** Starting from **82** (0.5 g, 1.25 mmol) and after purification by column chromatography ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$  96:4), compound **88** was obtained (0.9 mmol, 72%). Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.81 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.39$  and 6.42 Hz,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 3.71 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.57$  and 6.6 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 3.68-3.58 (m, 12H, PEG), 3.47 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.21$  and 6.42 Hz,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 2.50 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.6$  and 6.6 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.44 (s, 9H,  $t\text{Bu}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.8 ( $\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 80.4 ( $\text{C}^{\text{IV}} t\text{Bu}$ ), 71.1 ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 70.6 (PEG), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2$ ), 66.8 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 36.2 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 30.2 ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 28.0 ( $t\text{Bu}$ ). MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{BrO}_6$  384.11, obtained  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 407.11$ .

**Compound 89:** Starting from **83** (0.2 g, 0.31 mmol), **89** was obtained and used in the next step without further purification (0.21 mmol, 70%). Yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.81 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.36$  and 6.36 Hz,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 3.71 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.57$  and 6.6 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 3.68-3.59 (m, 28H, PEG), 3.47 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.36$  and 6.36 Hz,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 2.50 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.57$  and 6.57 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.45 (s, 9H,  $t\text{Bu}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.7 ( $\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 80.2 ( $\text{C}^{\text{IV}} t\text{Bu}$ ), 71.0 ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2$ ), 66.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 36.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 30.2 ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ), 27.9 ( $t\text{Bu}$ ). MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{45}\text{BrO}_{10}$  560.22, obtained  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 583.12$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+ = 599.08$ .

Compounds **90** and **91** were prepared following the same procedure as described for **70**.

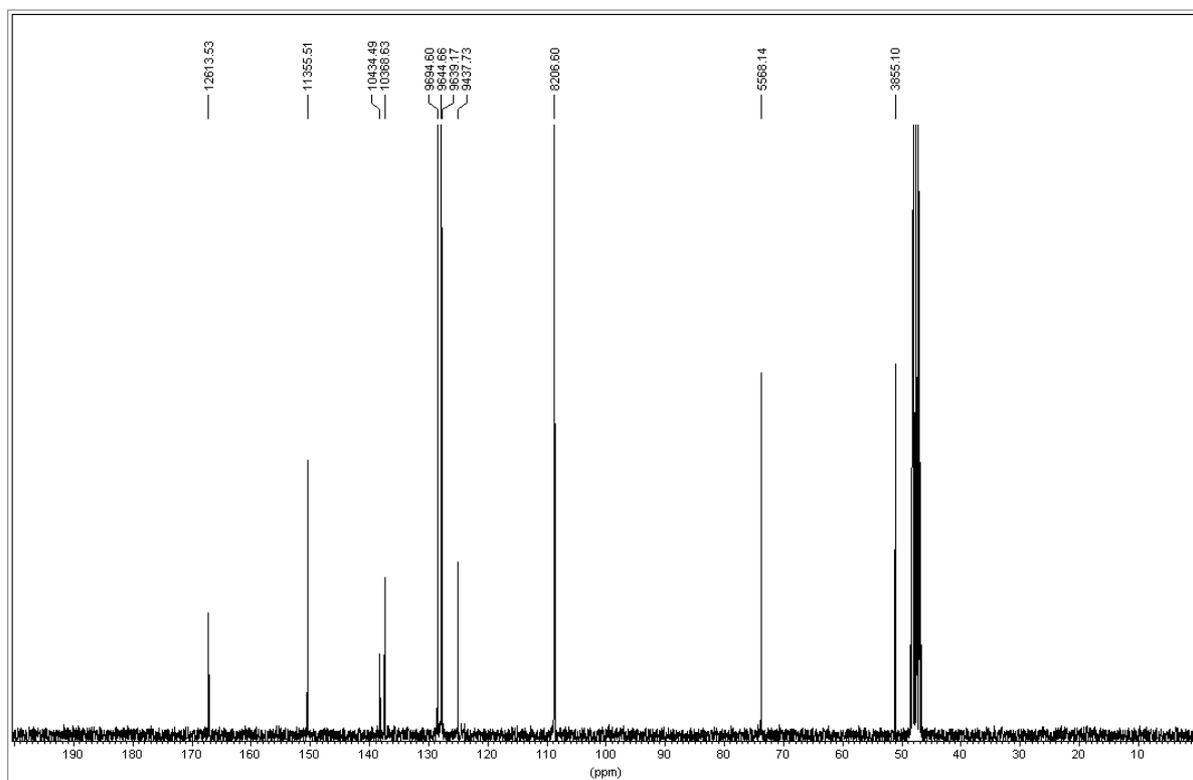
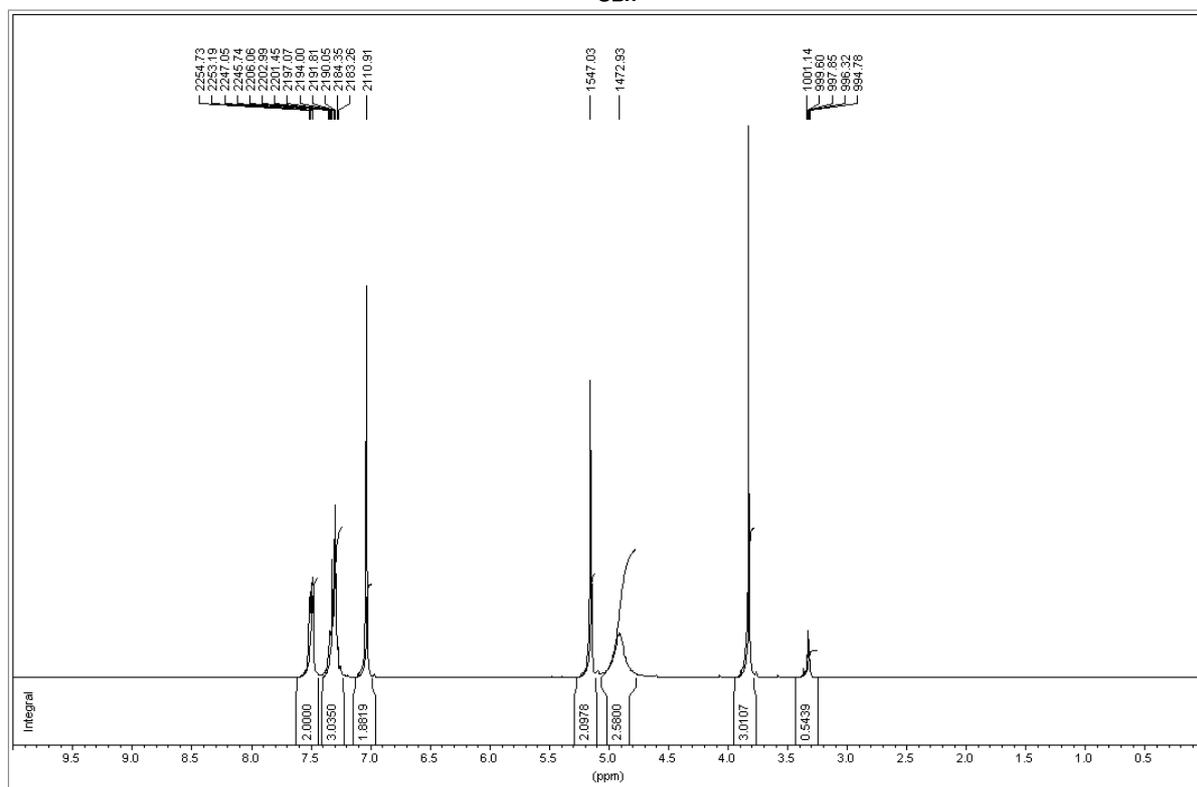
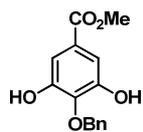
**Compound 90:** Starting from **88** (0.31 g, 0.82 mmol), **90** was obtained (0.82 mmol, quant). Colourless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.94 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.65-3.43 (m, 16H, PEG), 2.33 (dd, 2H,  $J = 6.36$  and 6.57 Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.95 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 1.28 (s, 9H,  $t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.16 (dd, 6H,  $J = 7.02$  and 7.02 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  170.6 ( $\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 80.2 ( $\text{C}^{\text{IV}} t\text{Bu}$ ), 70.5 (PEG), 70.4 (PEG), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 70.0 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 66.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 64.9 ( $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 61.4 ( $J = 6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 36.1 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 27.7 ( $t\text{Bu}$ ), 16.3 ( $J = 6.54$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR (81 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.29; MS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{39}\text{O}_9\text{P}$  442.23, obtained  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+ = 465.19$ ,  $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+ = 481.15$ .

**Compound 91:** Starting from **89** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol), compound **91** was obtained (0.16 mmol, 92%). Colourless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.10 (m, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.72-3.57 (m, 32H, PEG), 2.49 (t, 2H,  $J = 6.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COO}t\text{Bu}$ ), 2.11 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}(\text{OEt})_2$ ), 1.43 (s, 9H,  $t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.31 (dd, 6H,  $J =$

6.96 and 7.20 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.4 (COO*t*Bu), 79.9 (C<sup>IV</sup> *t*Bu), 70.3 (PEG), 70.2 (PEG), 70.1 (PEG), 69.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 66.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.8 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 61.2 (*J* = 6.54 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>PO(OEt)<sub>2</sub>), 35.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>COO*t*Bu), 27.8 (*t*Bu), 16.2 (*J* = 6 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>31</sup>P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.35; MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z* calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>55</sub>O<sub>13</sub>P 618.33, obtained [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> = 641.10, [M+K]<sup>+</sup> = 657.08.



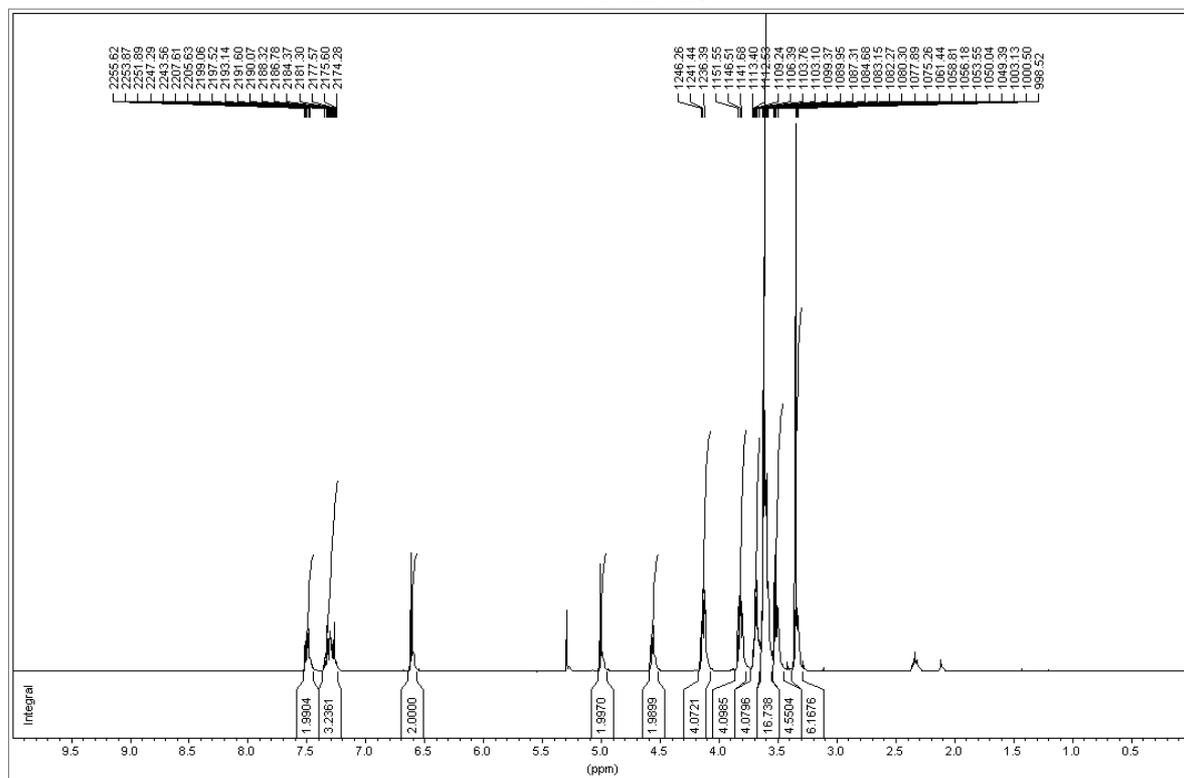
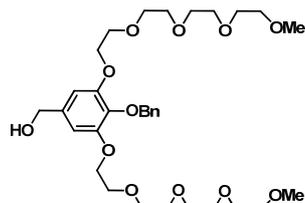
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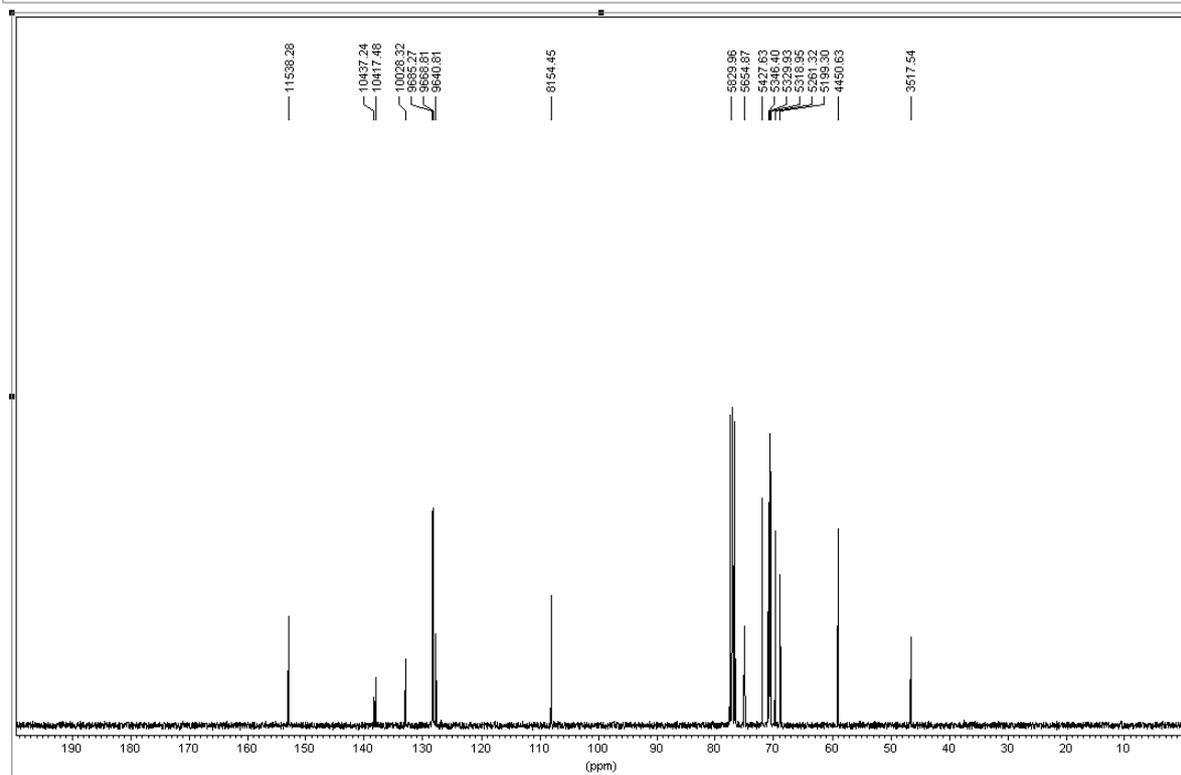
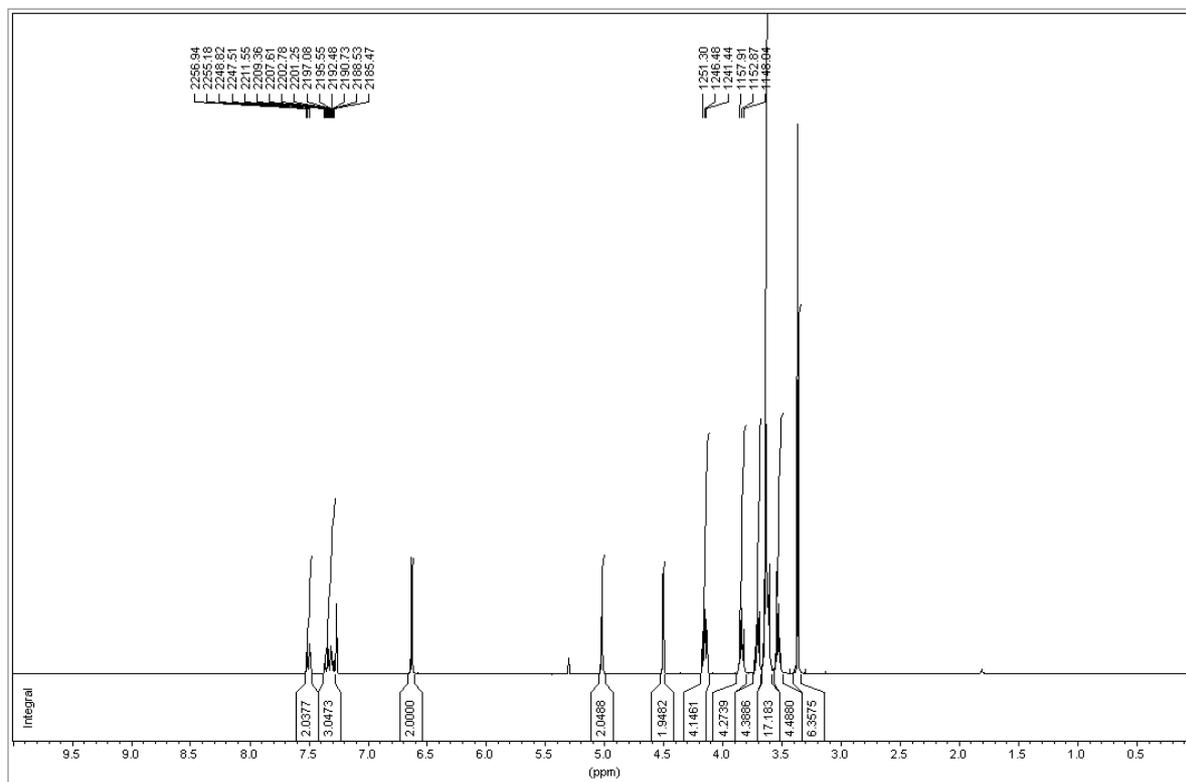
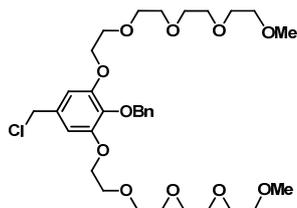




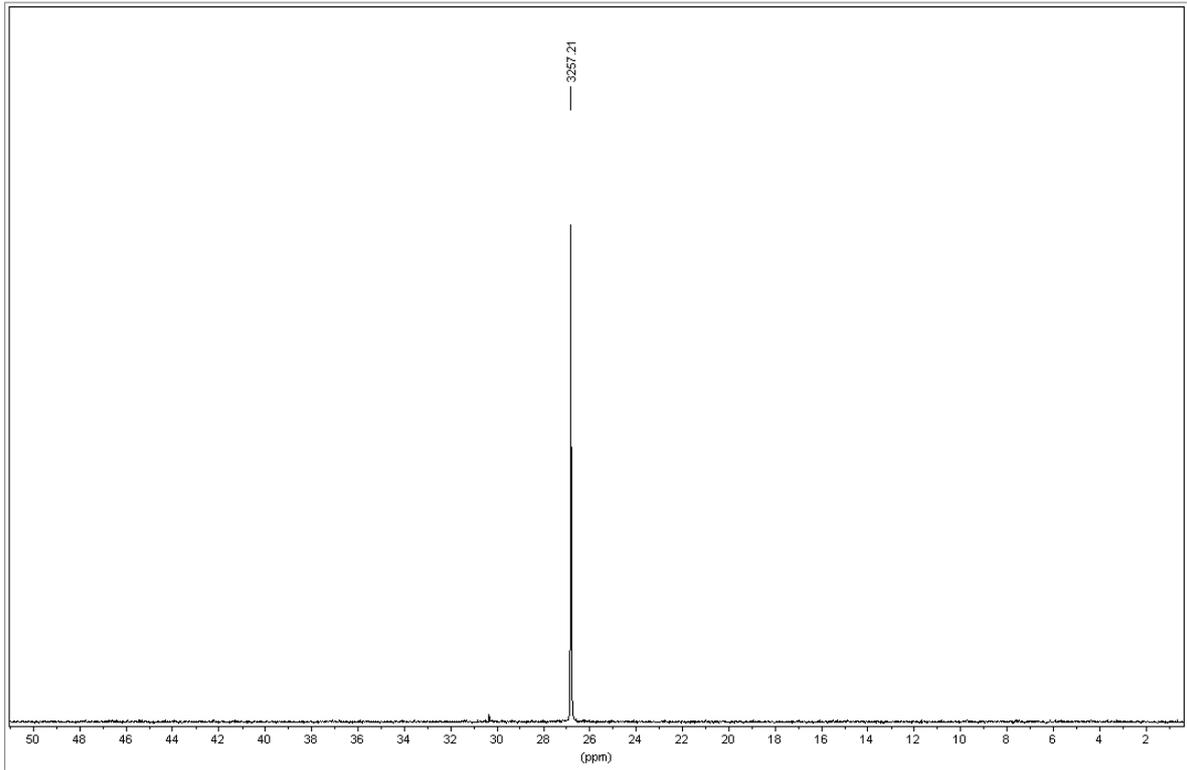
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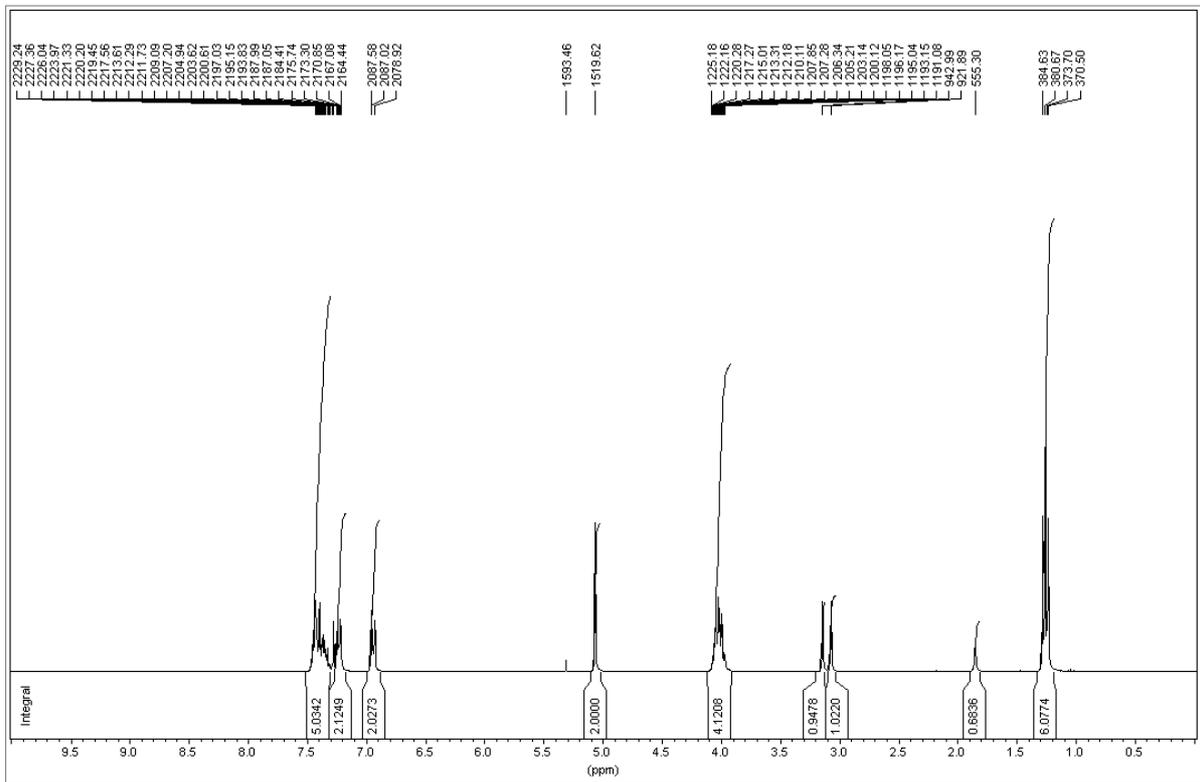
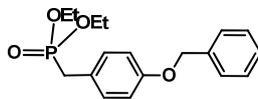
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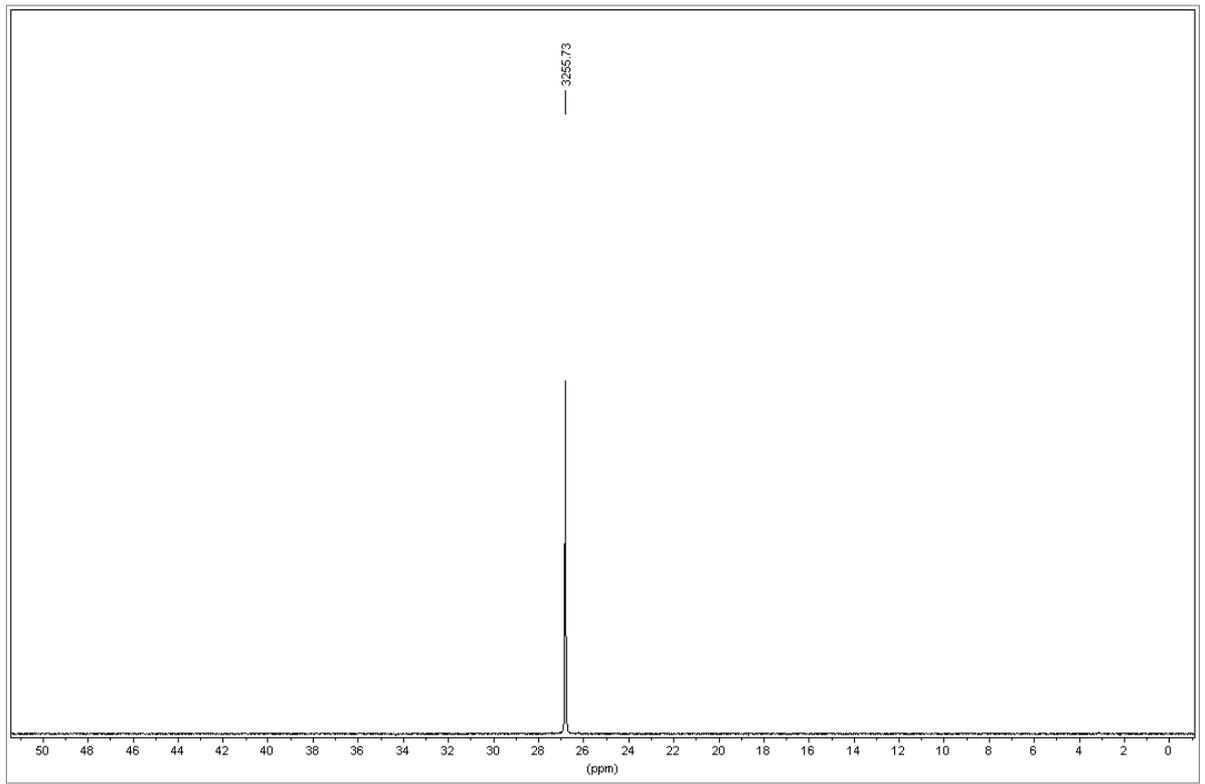
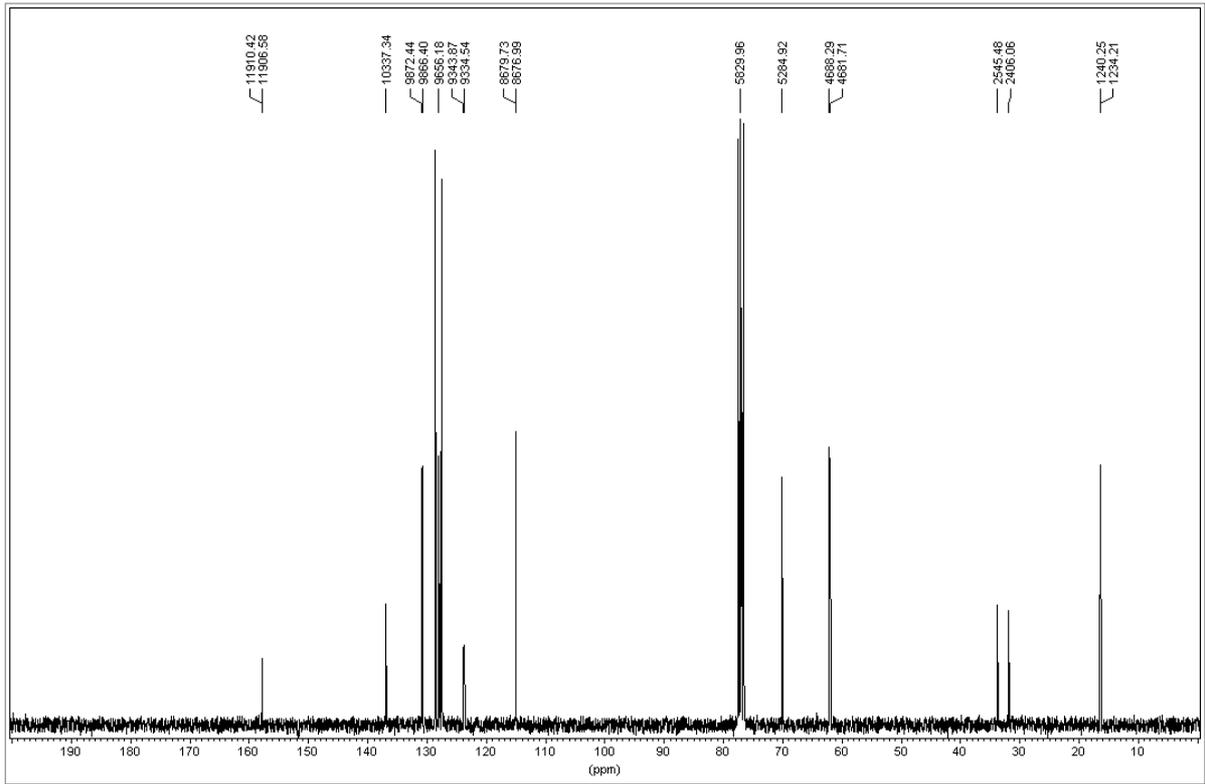




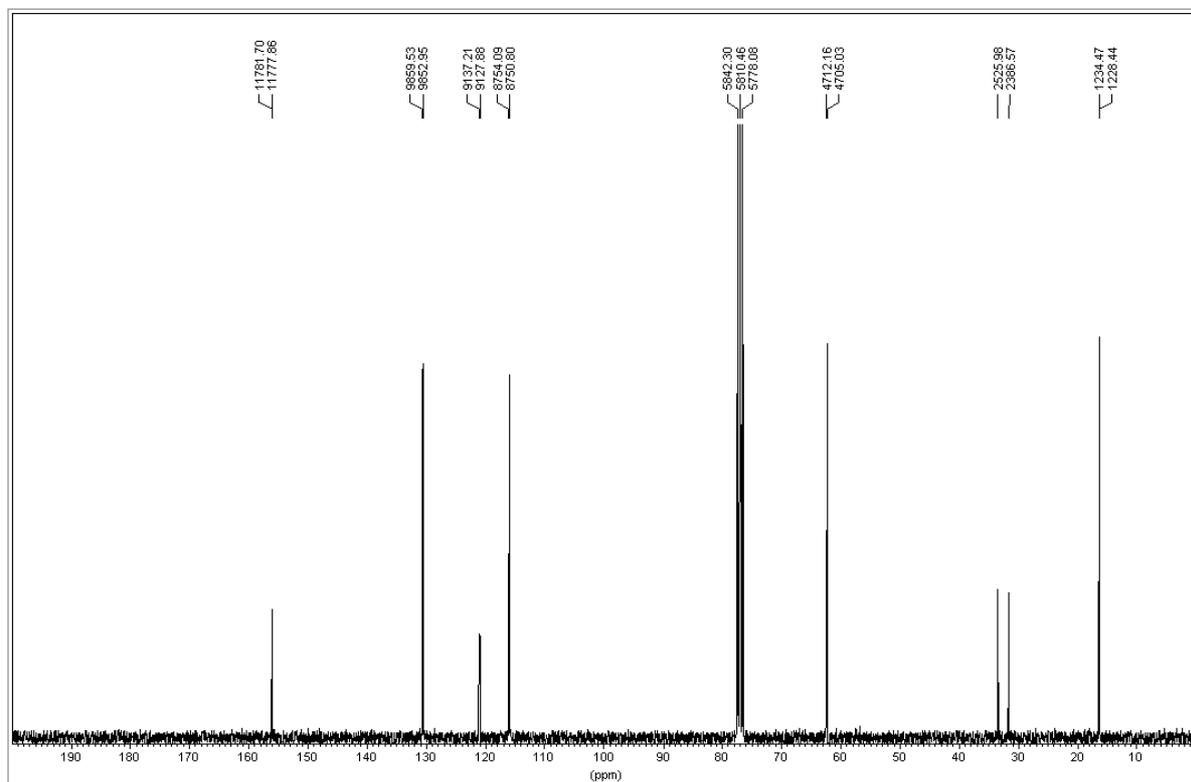
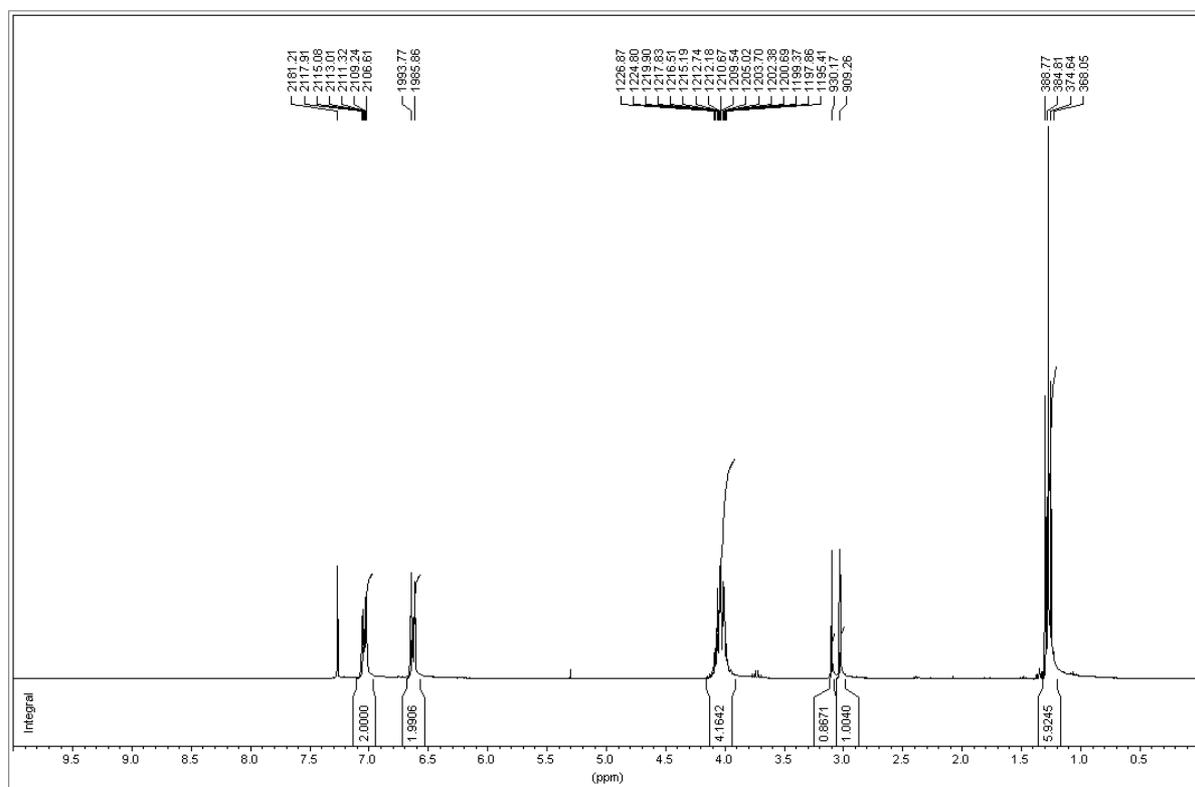
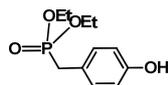


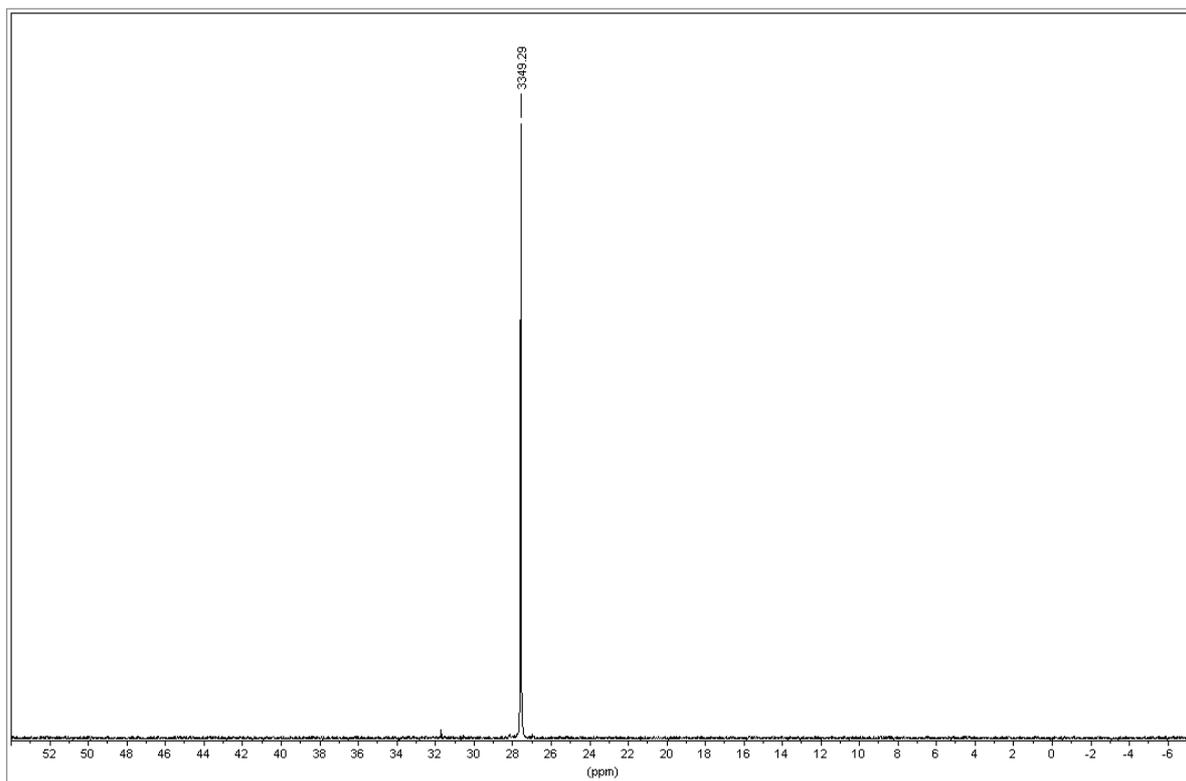
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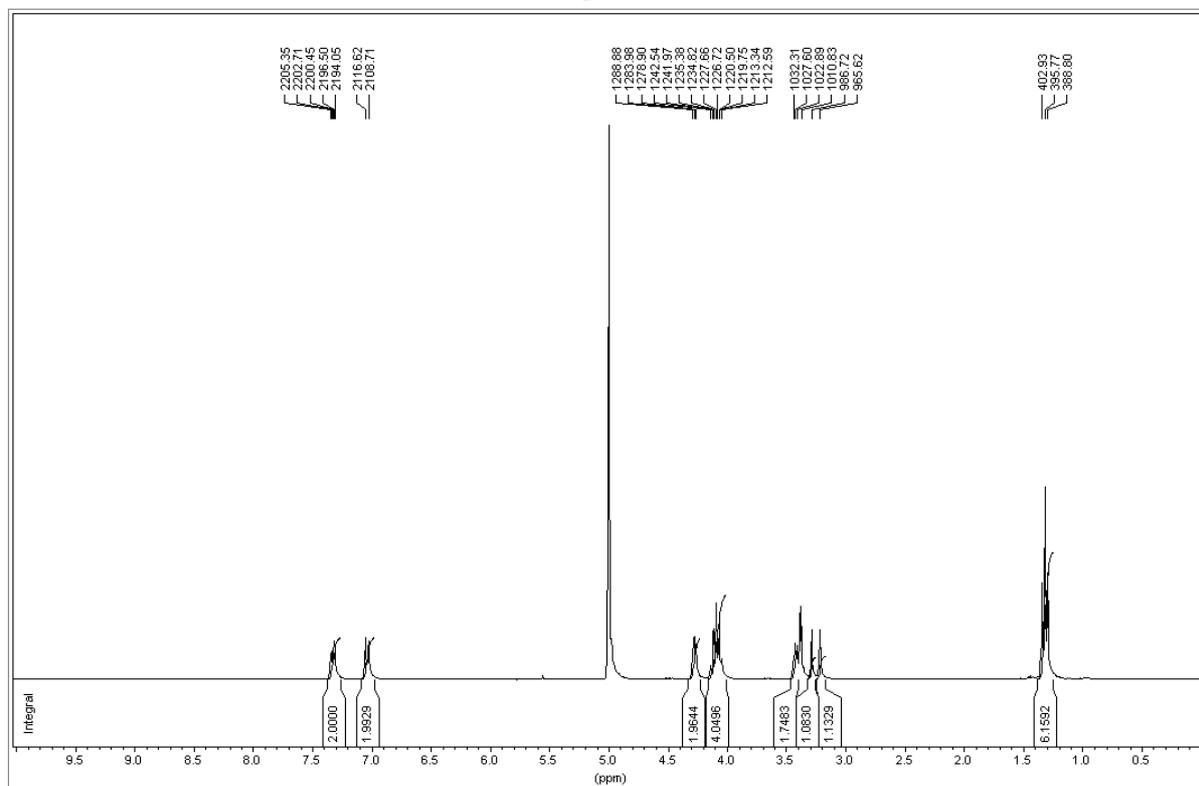
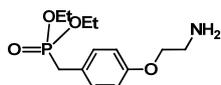


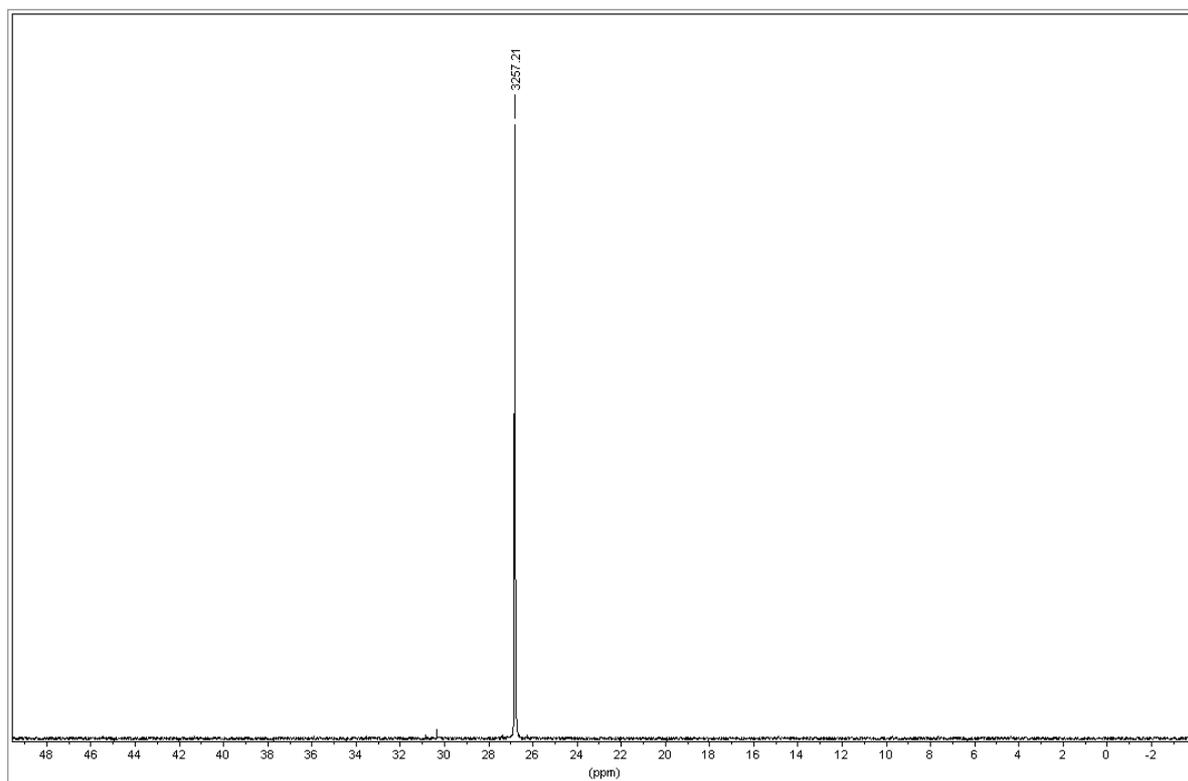
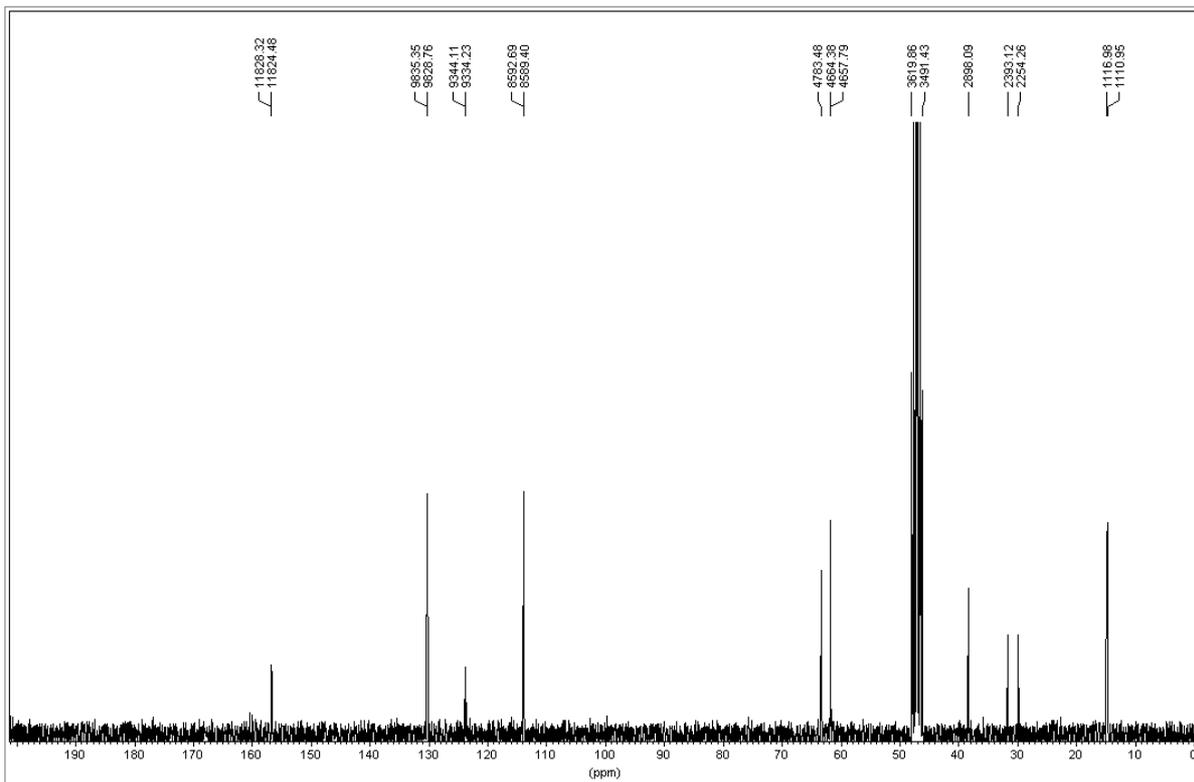
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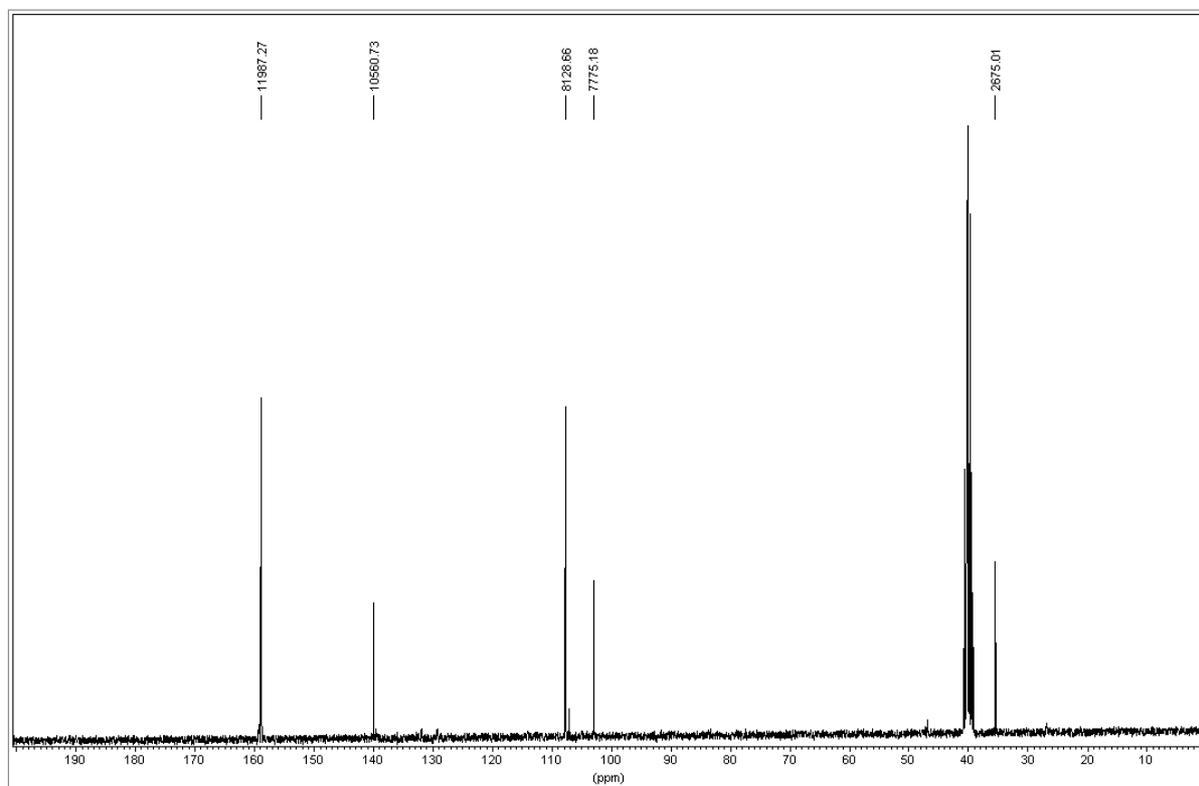
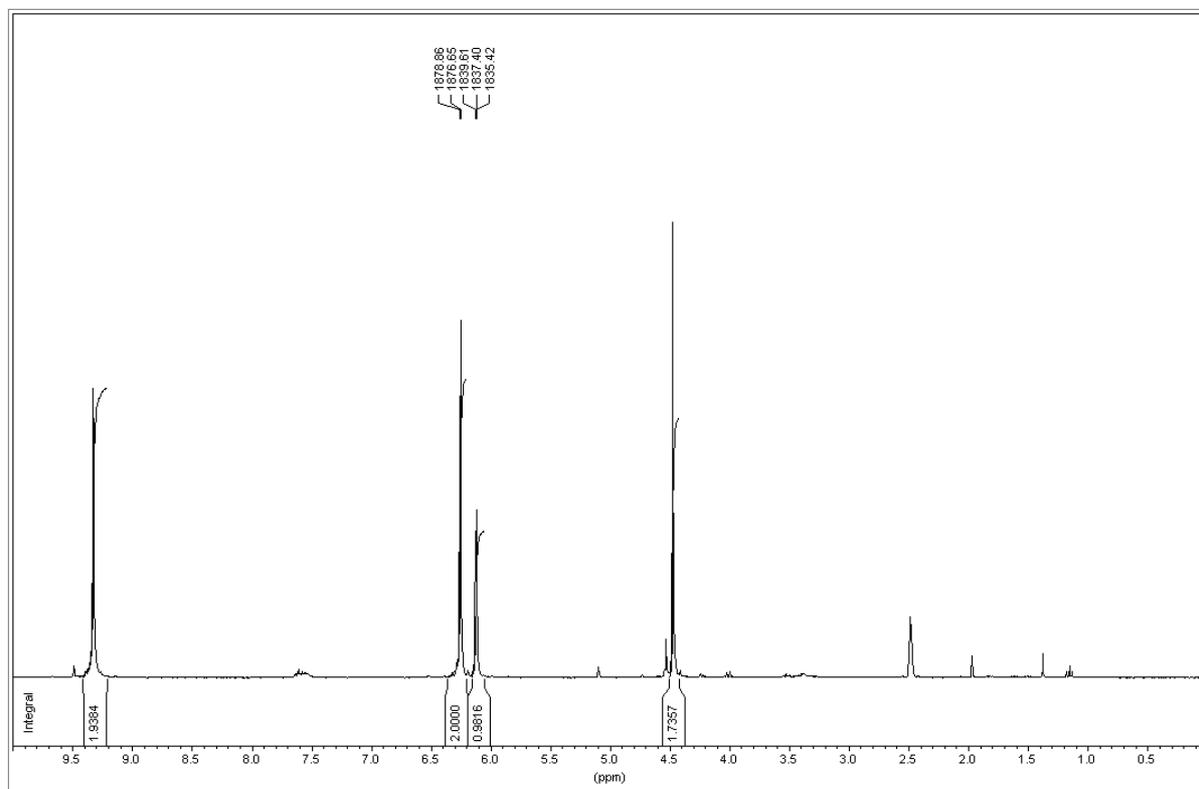
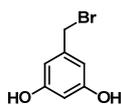


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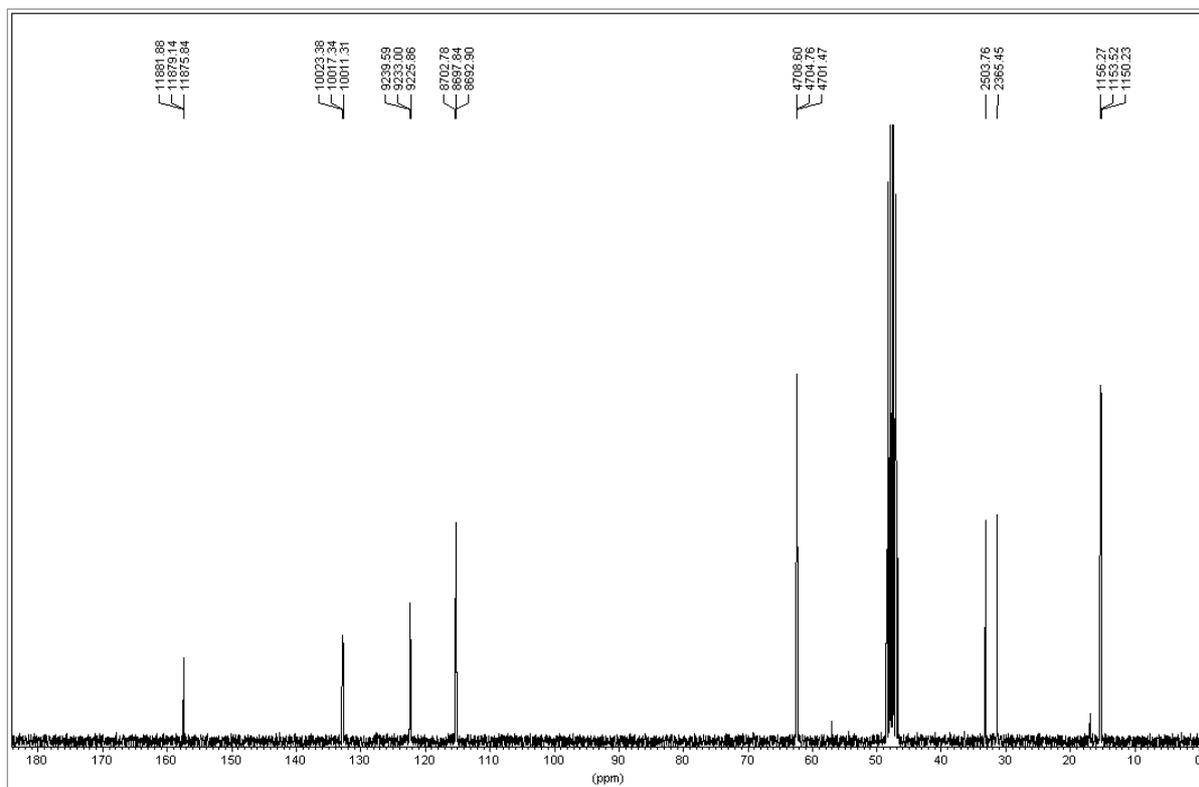
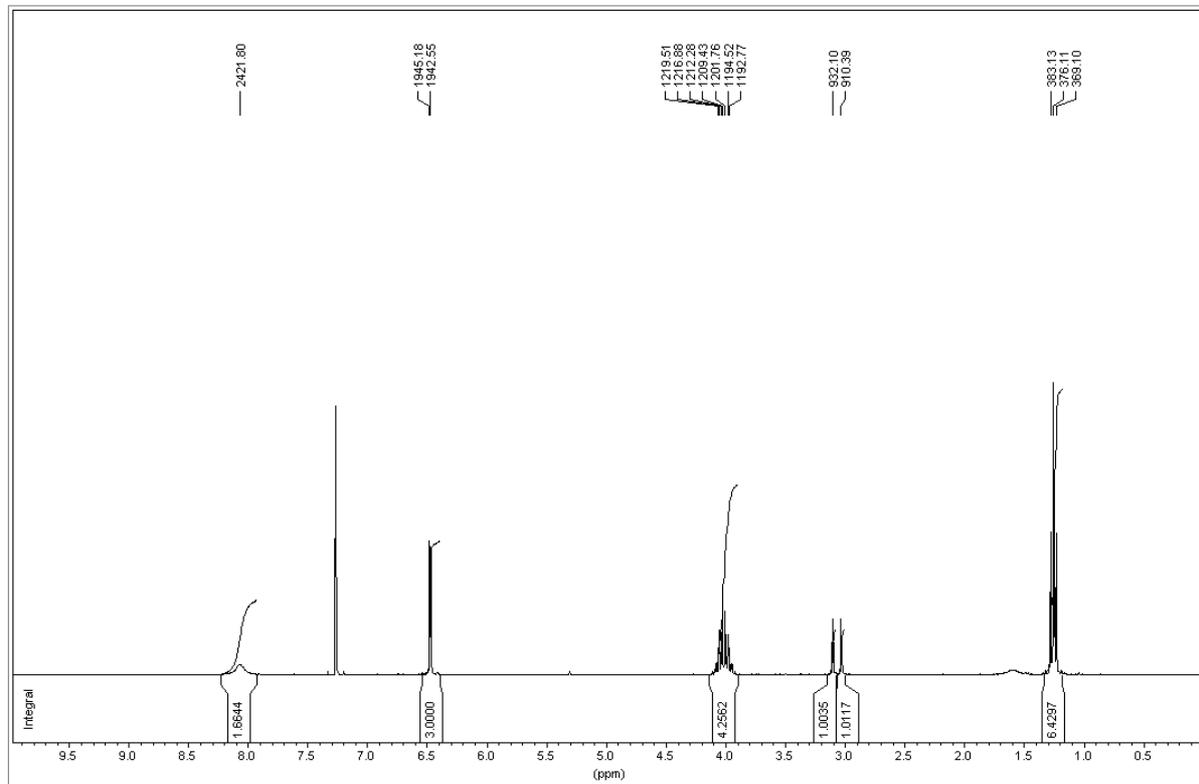
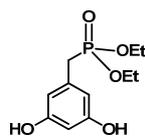


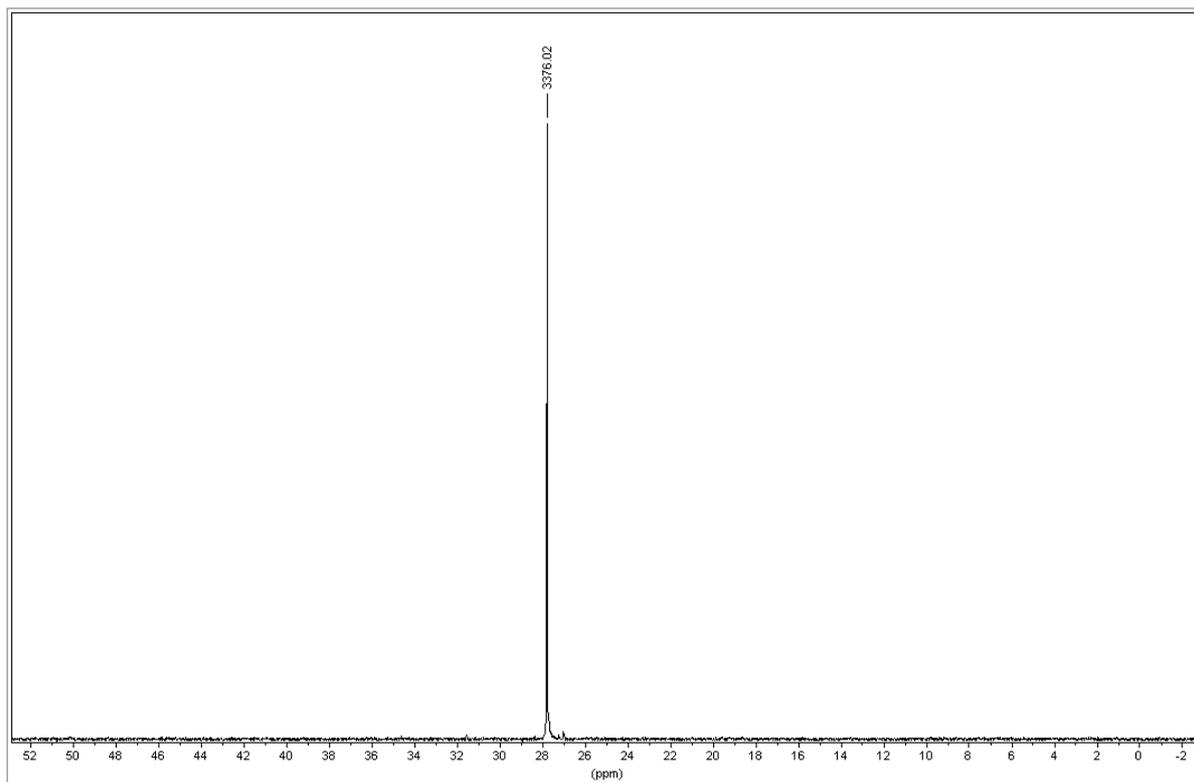


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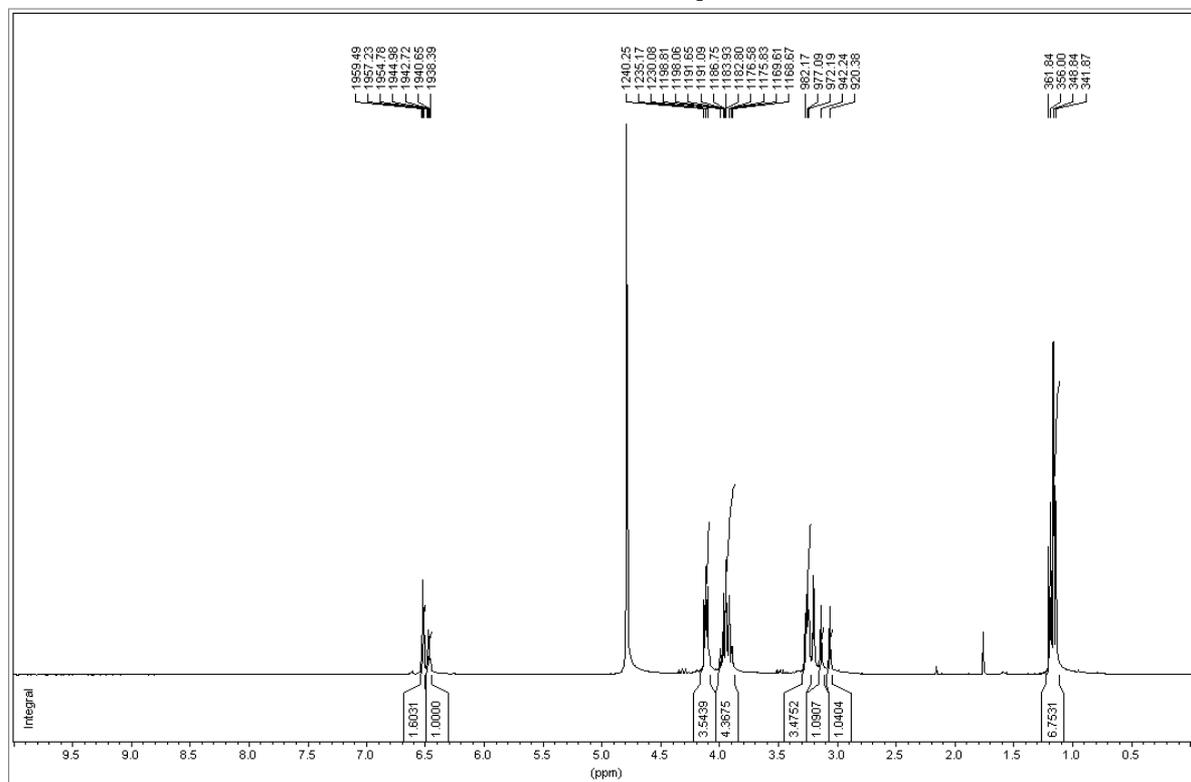
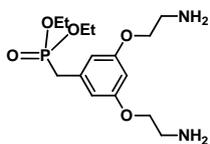


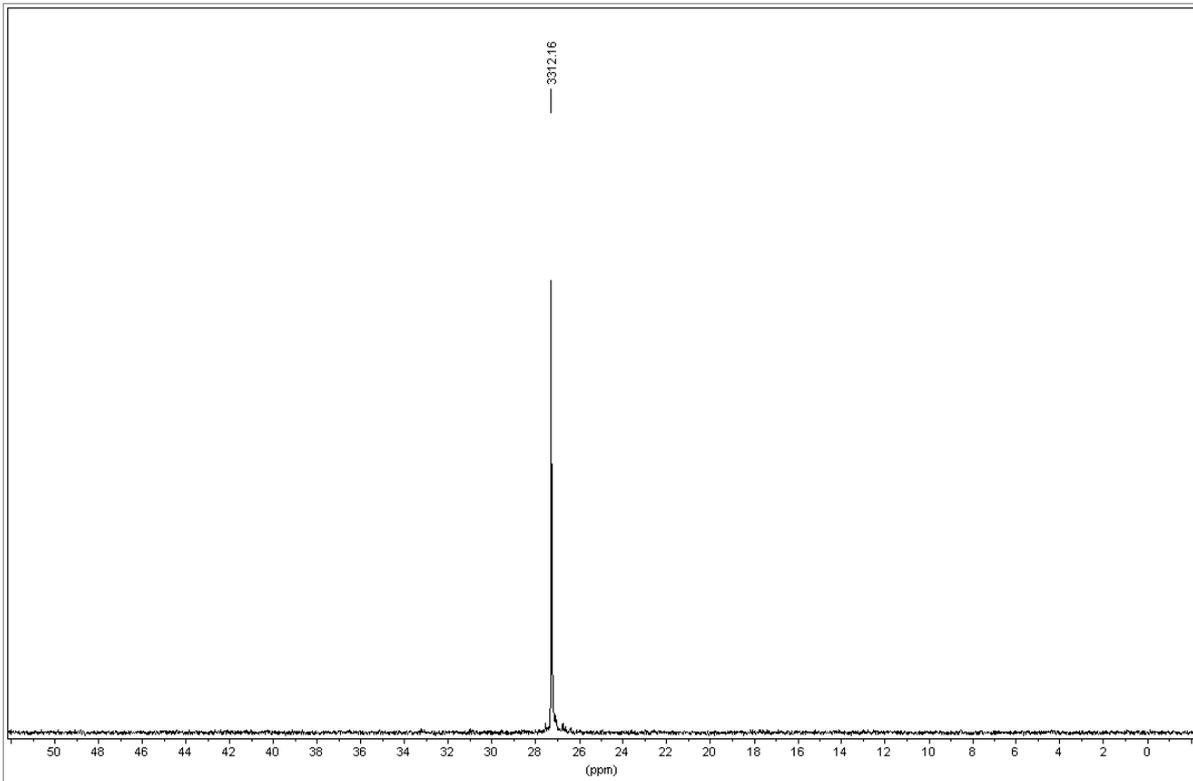
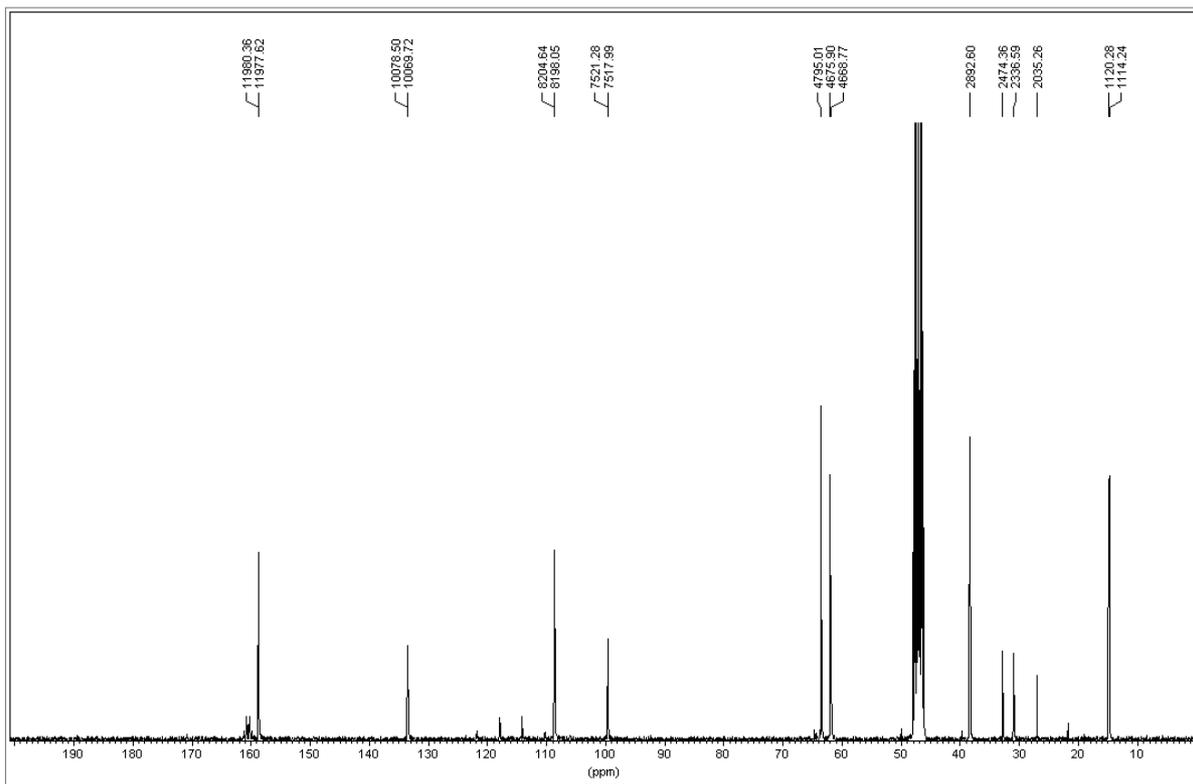
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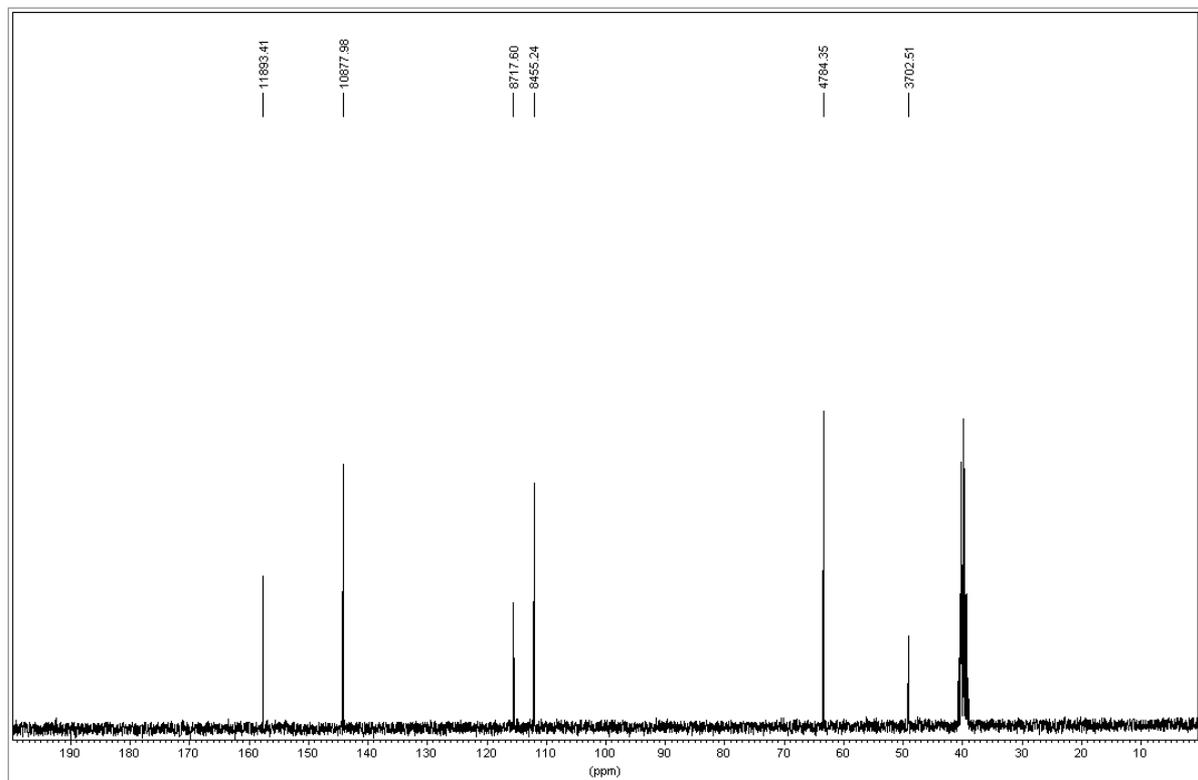
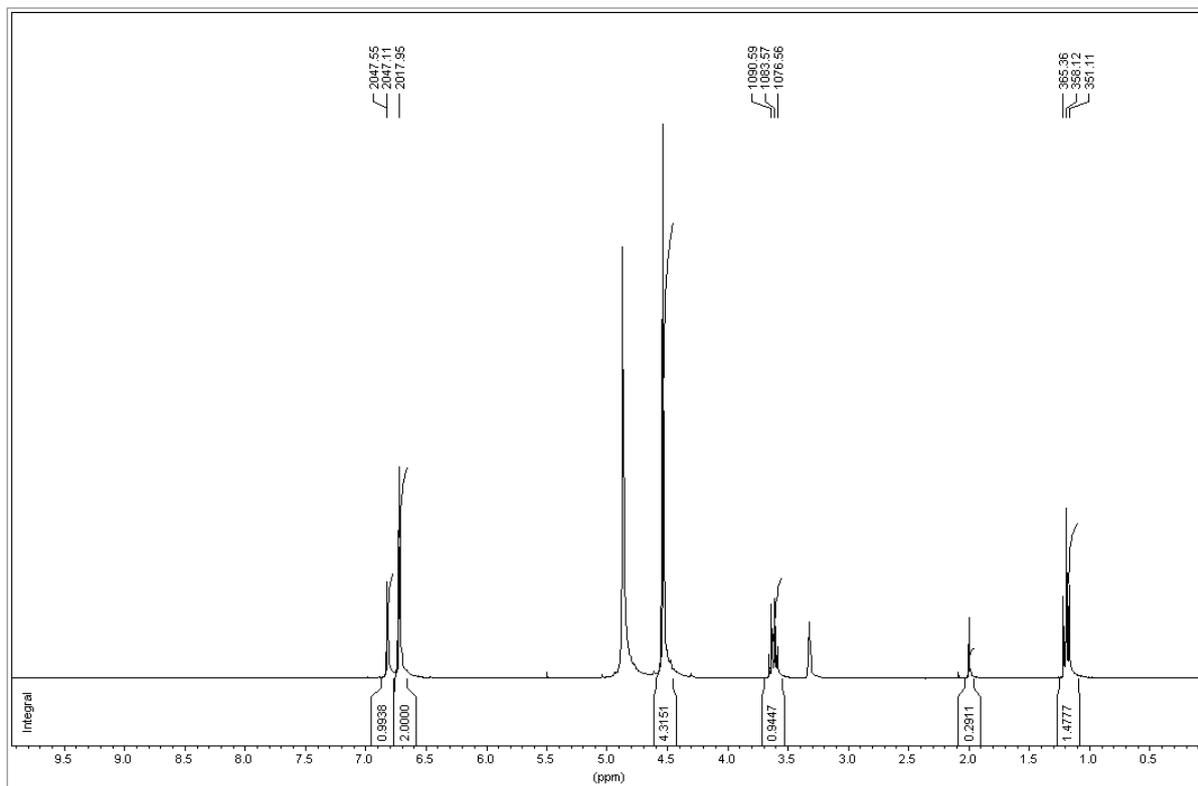
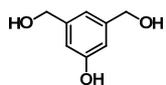


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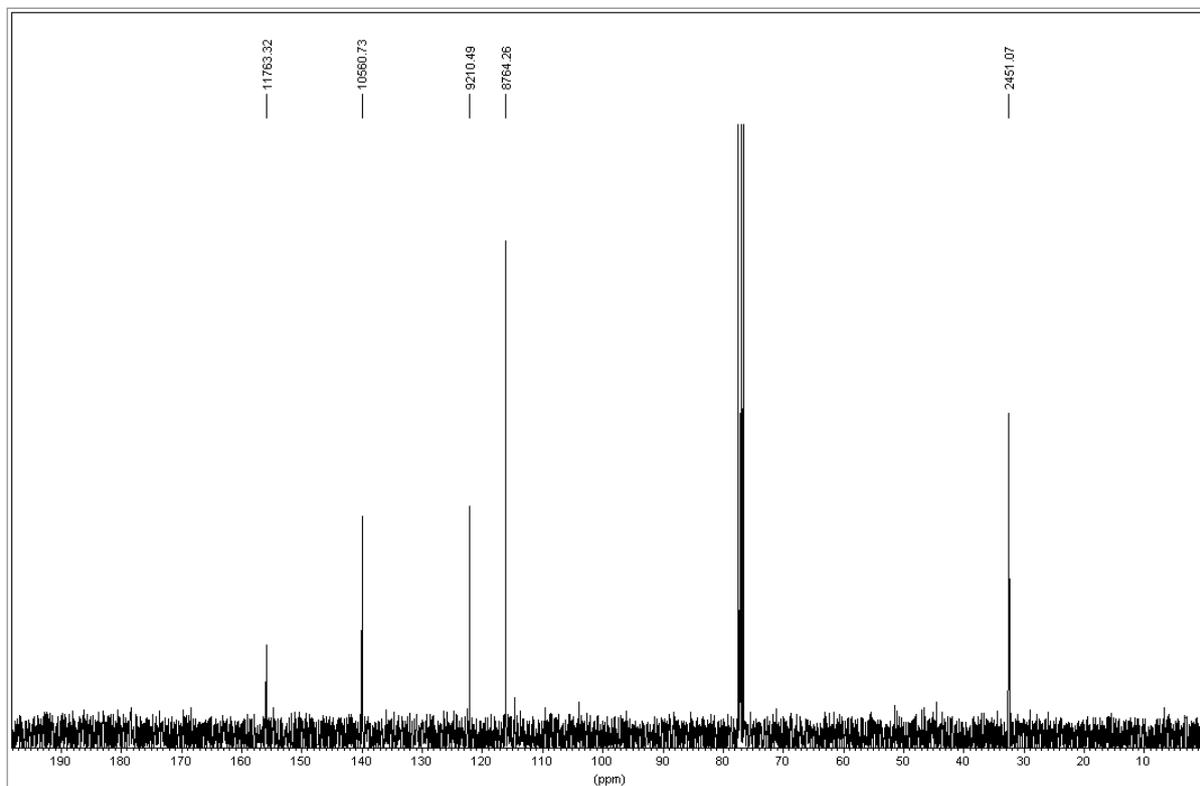
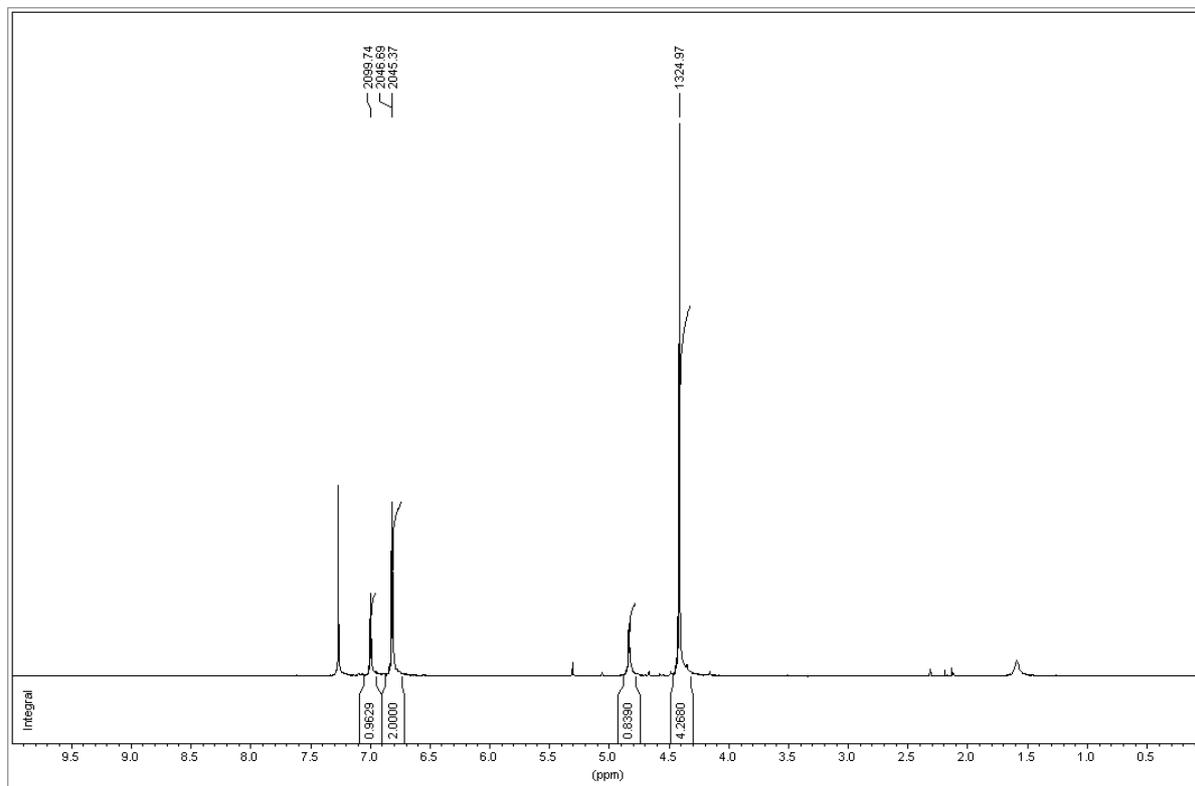
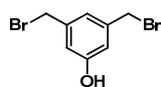




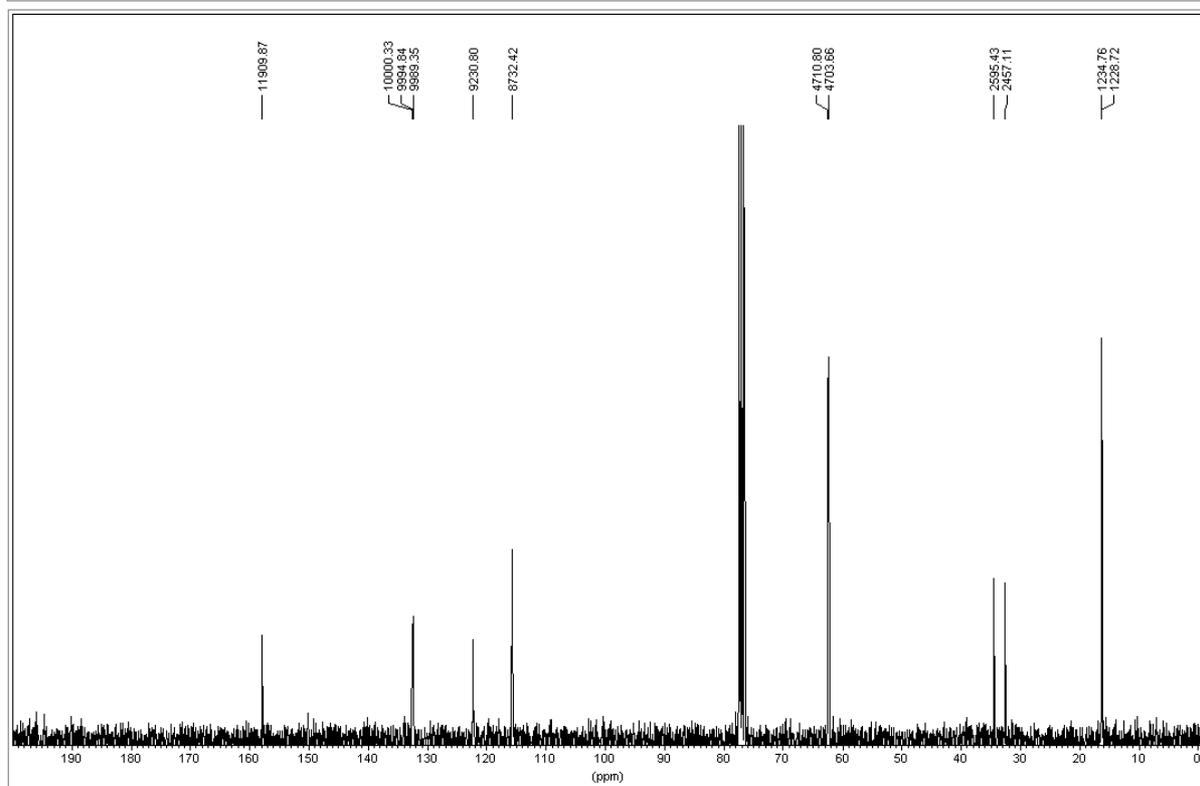
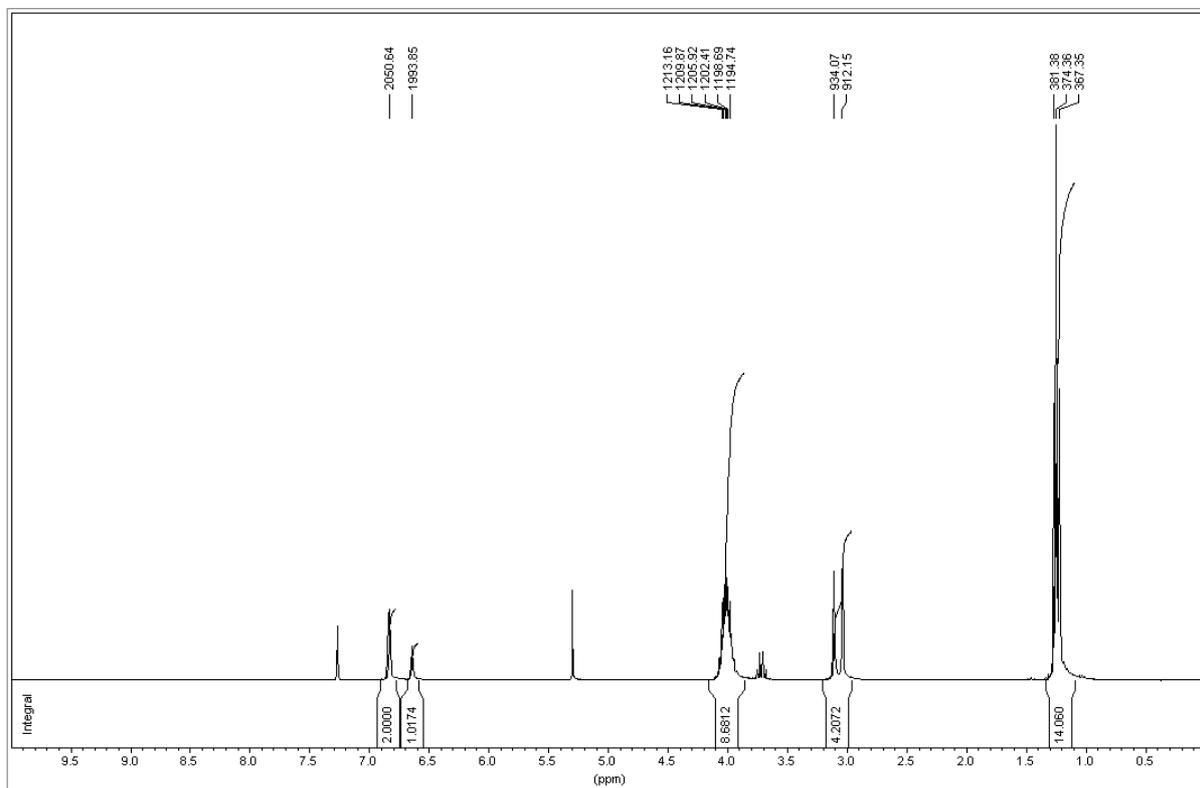
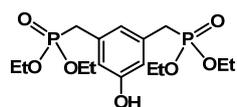
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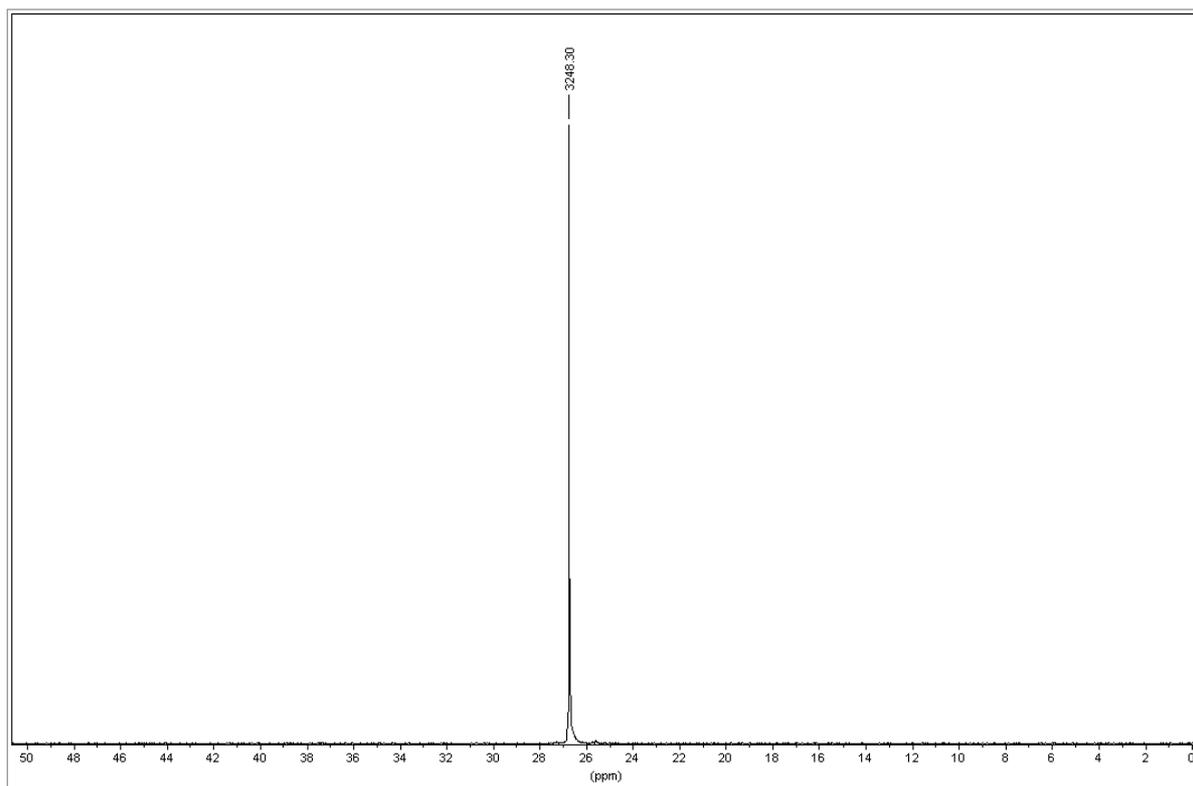


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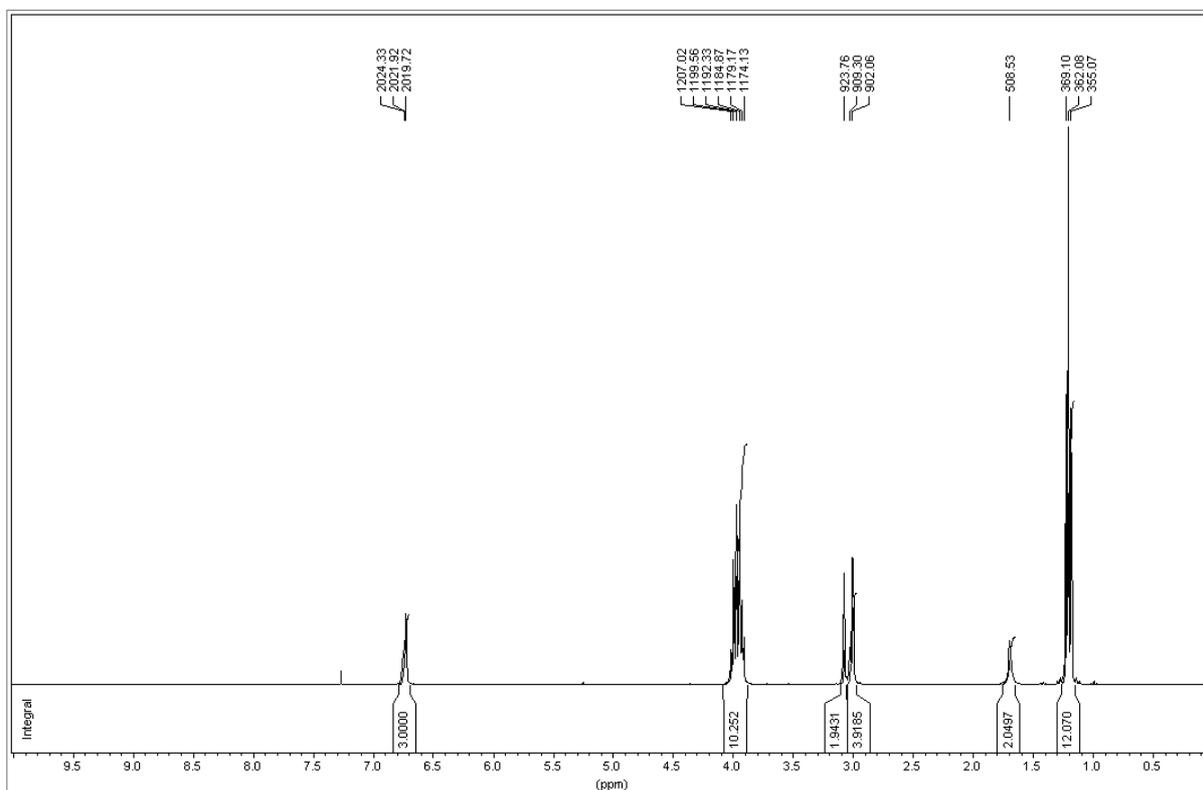
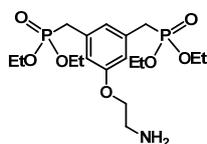


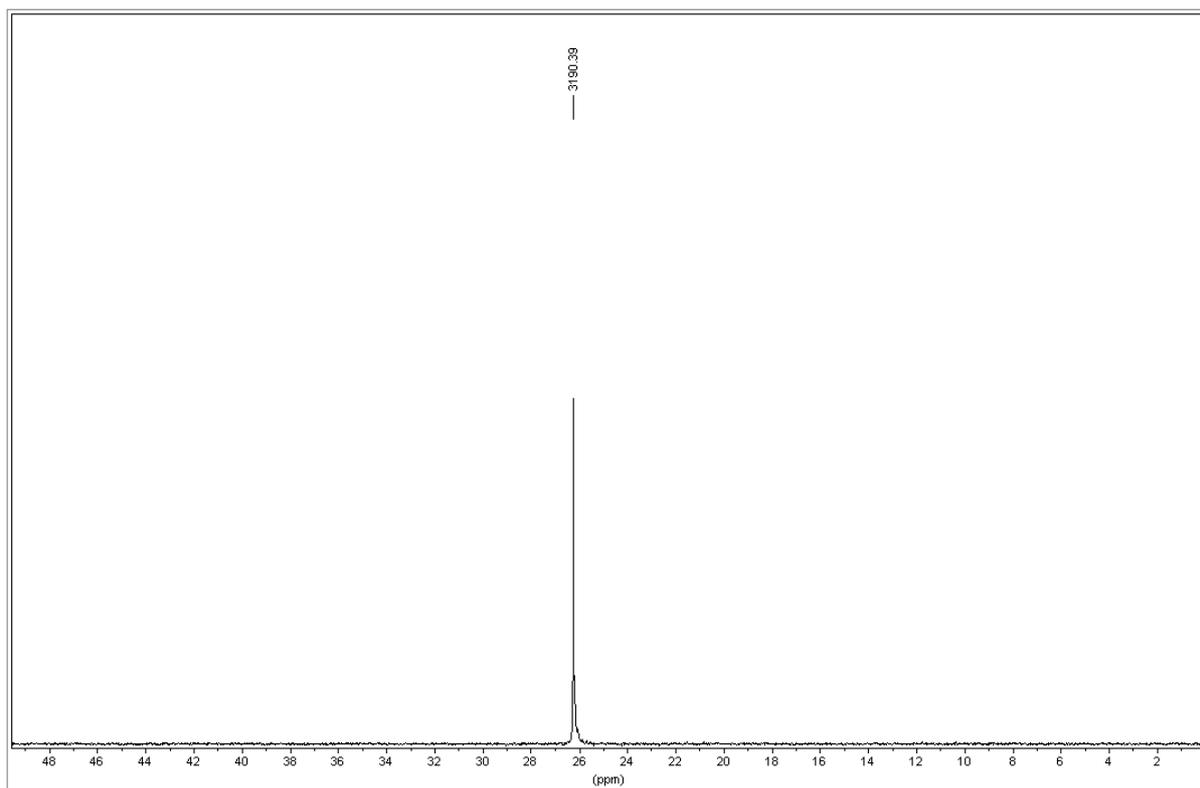
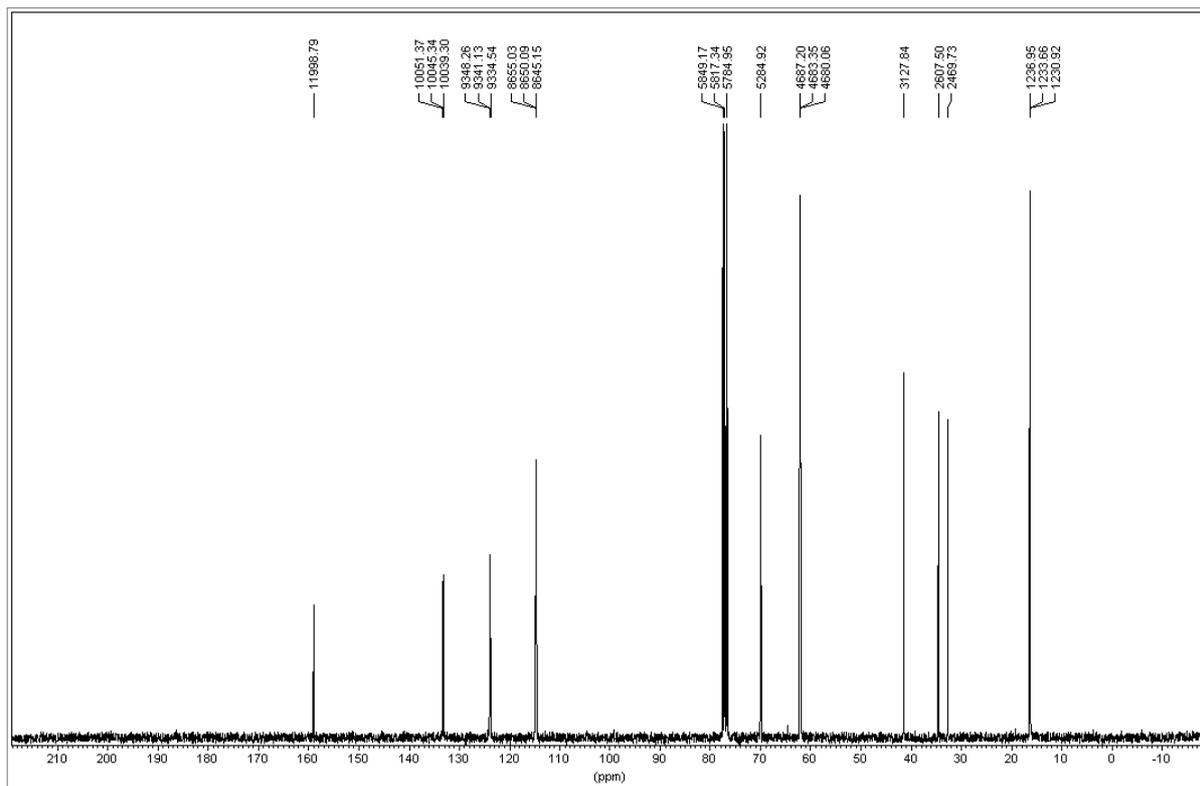
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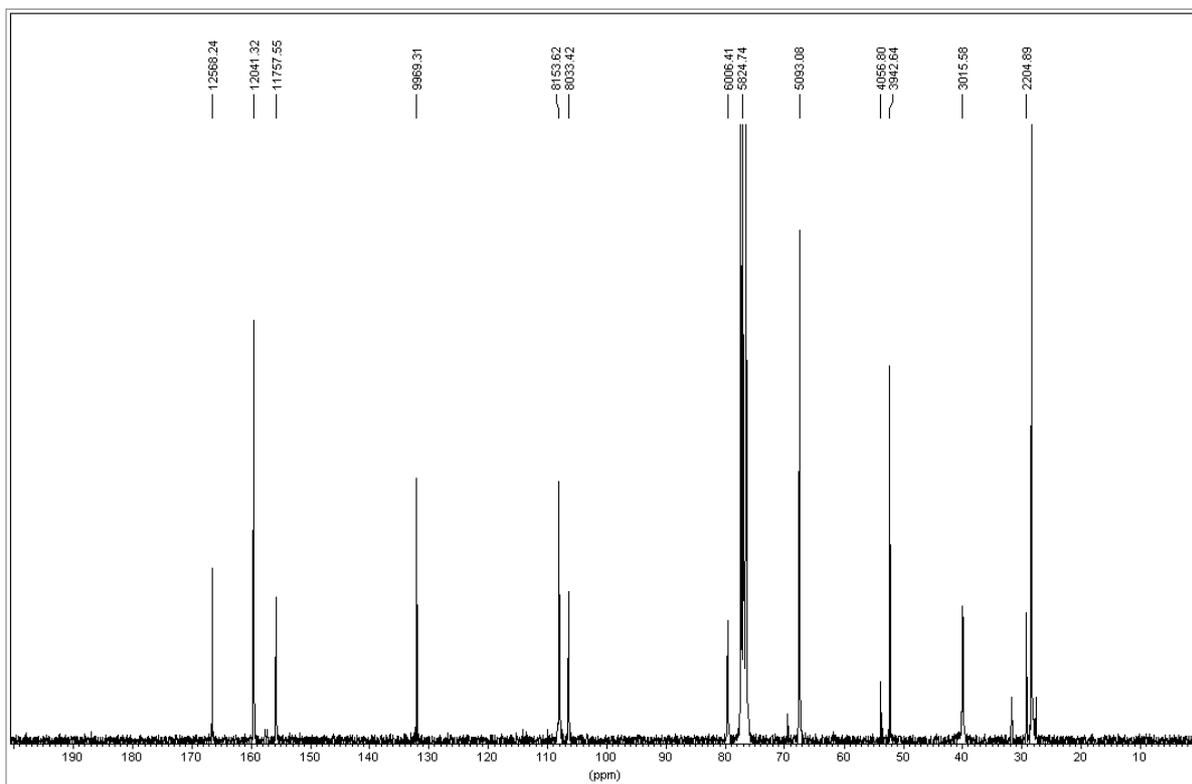
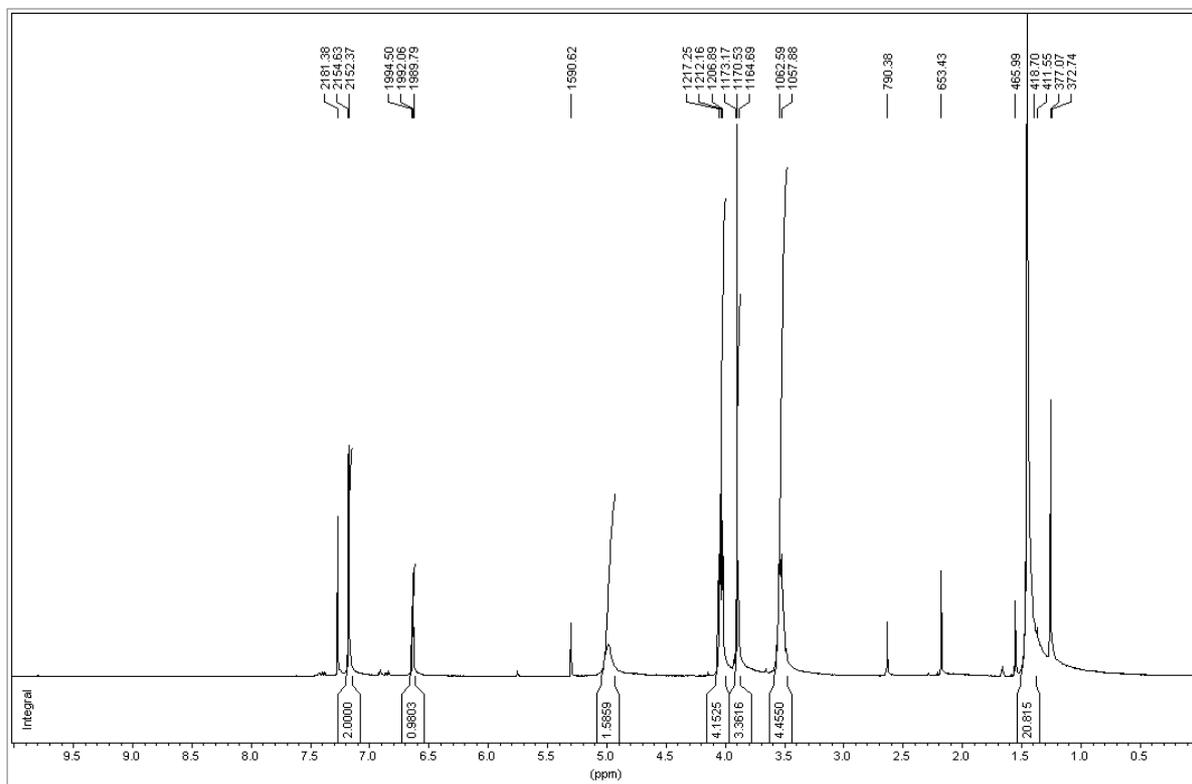
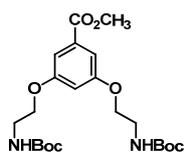


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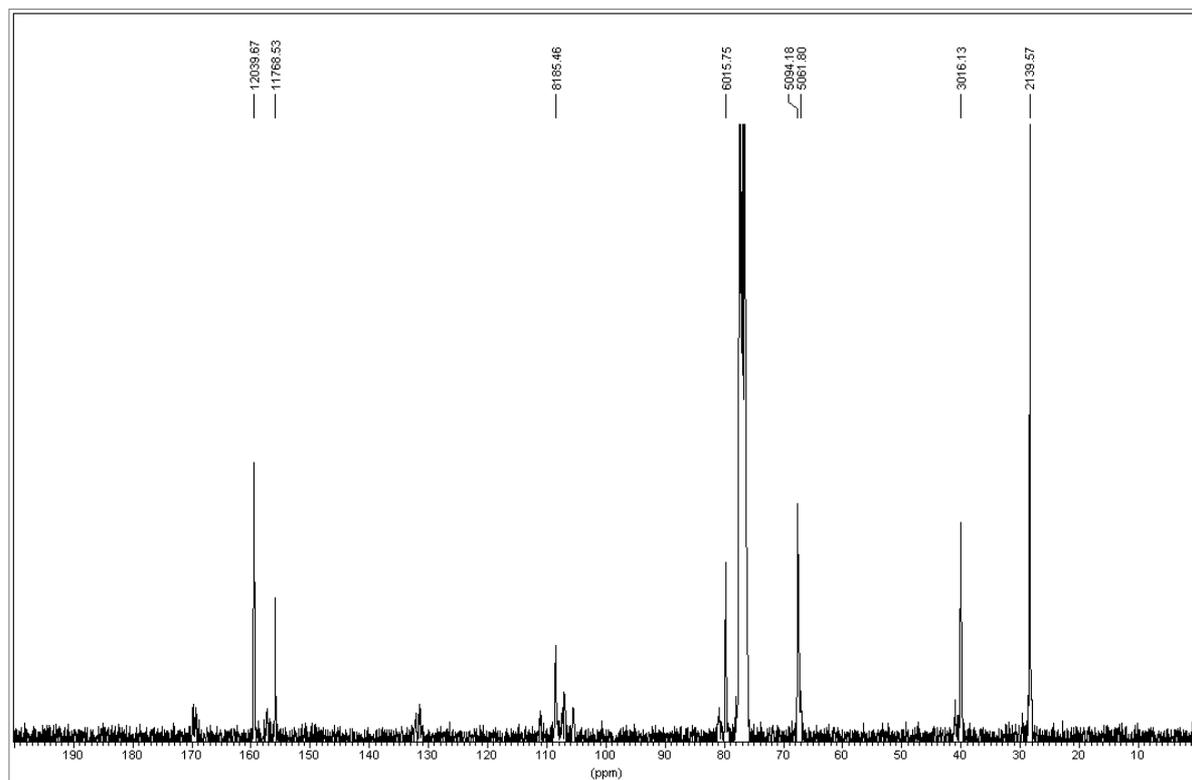
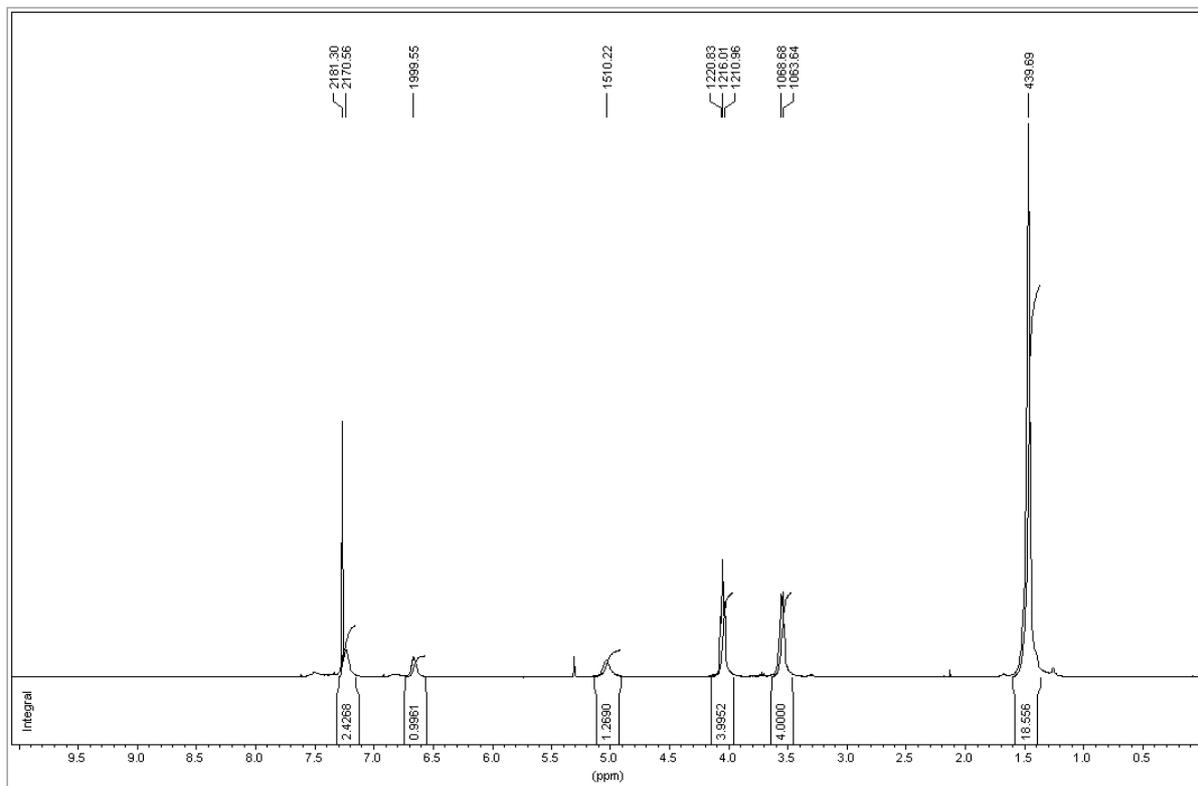
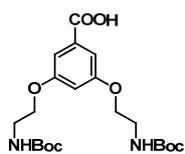




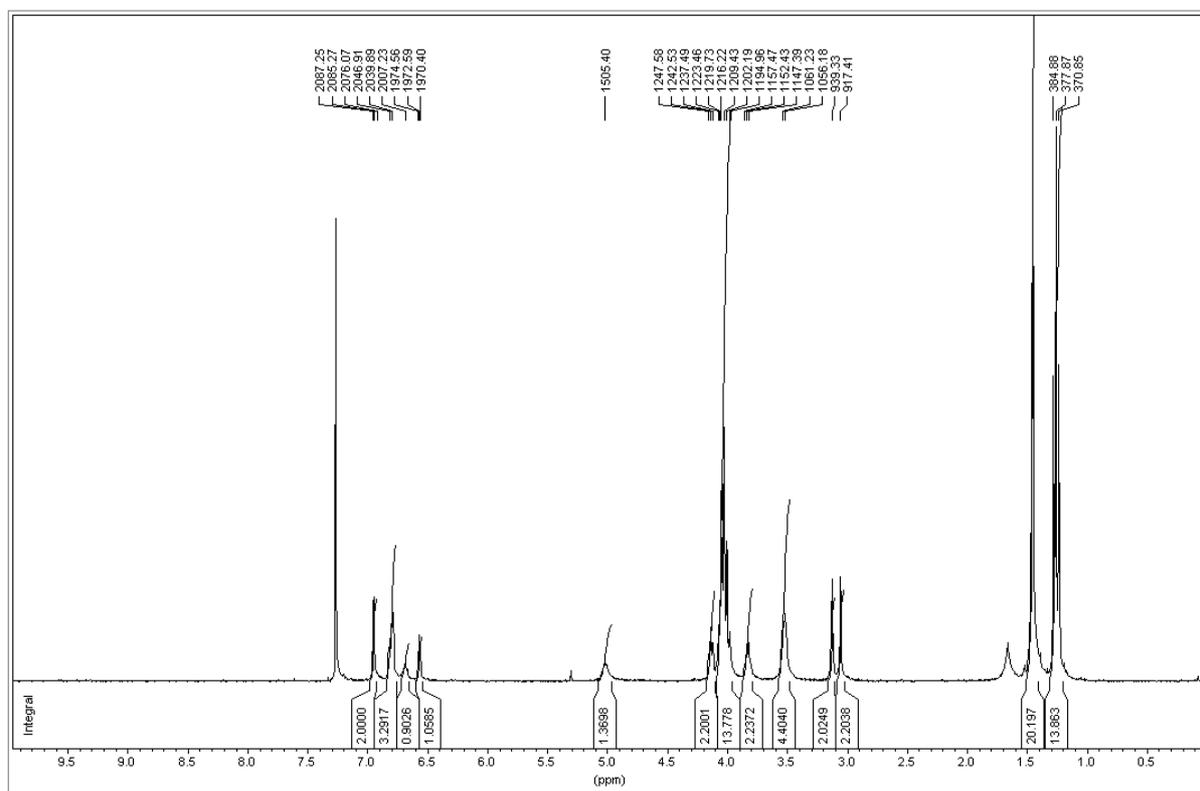
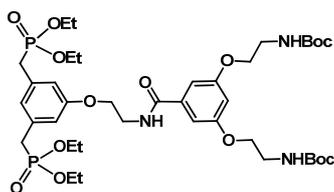
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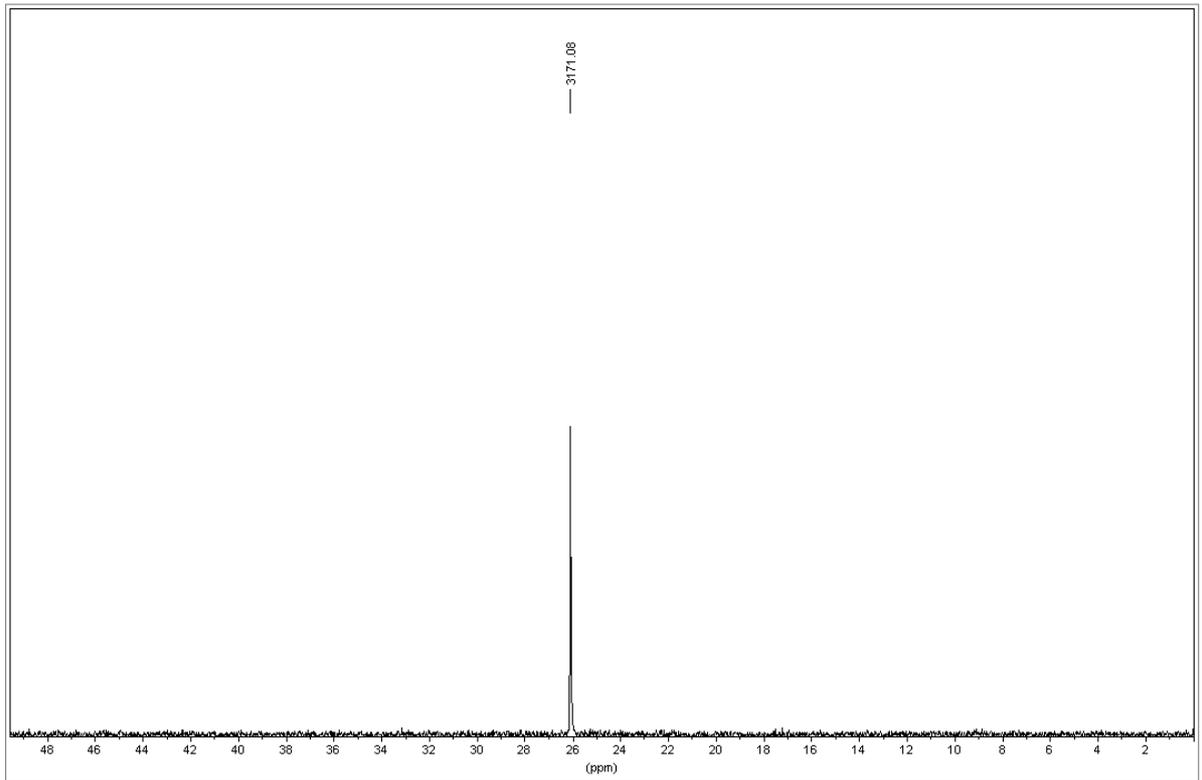
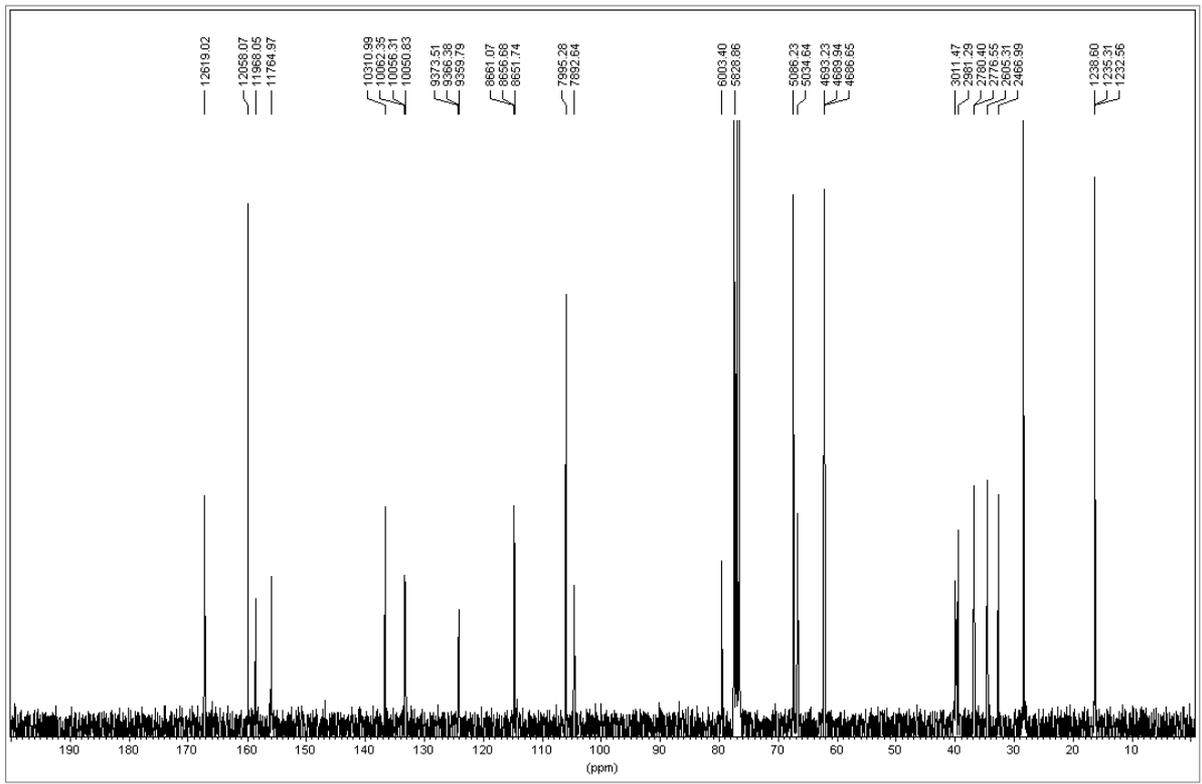


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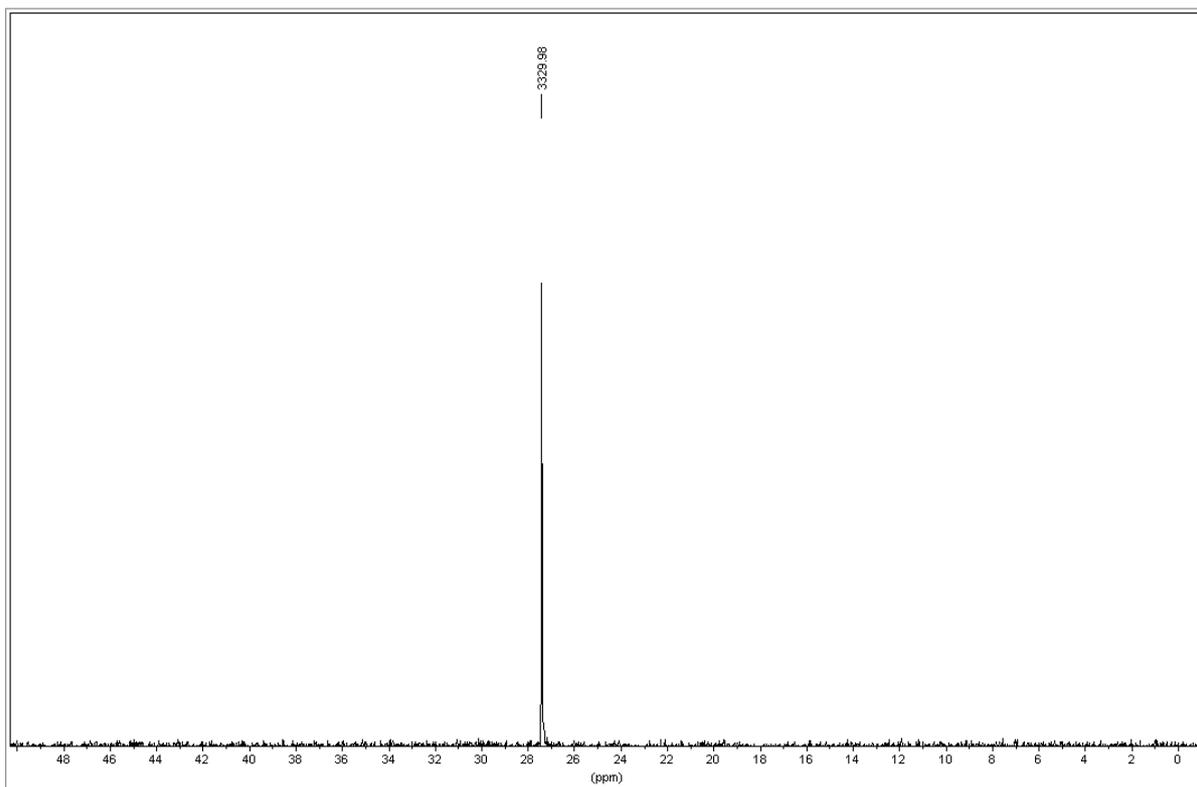


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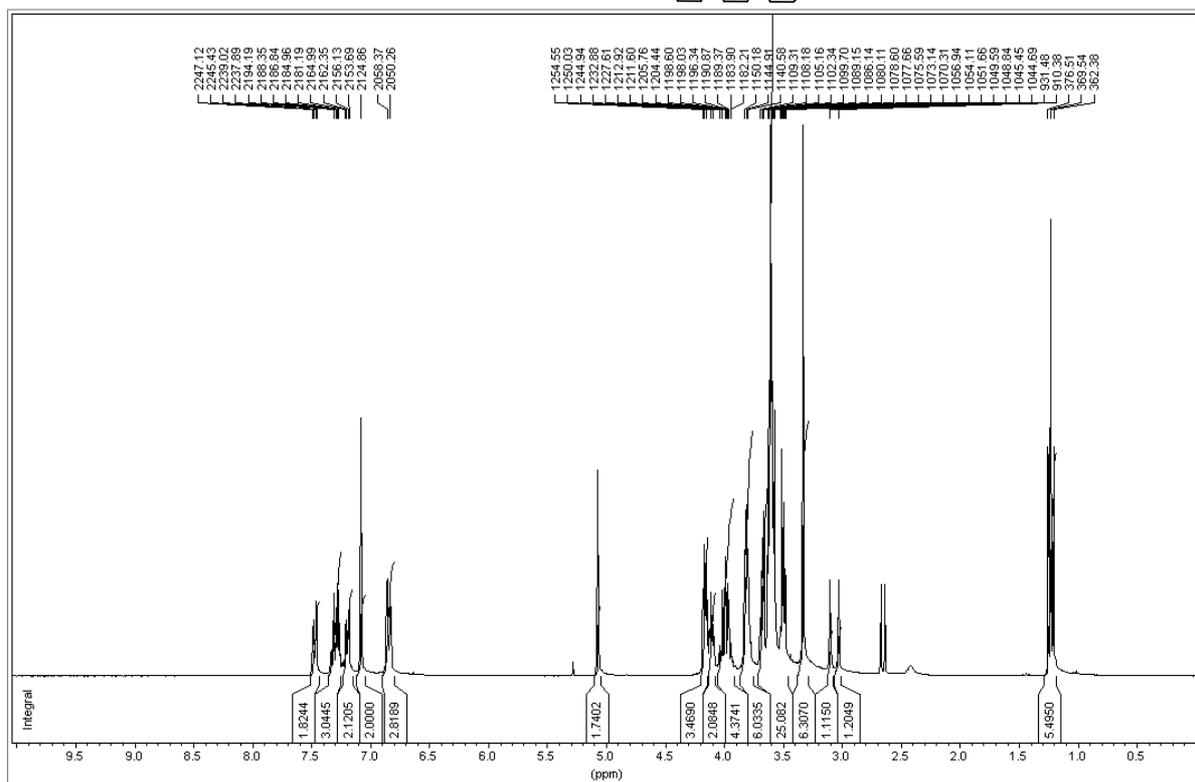
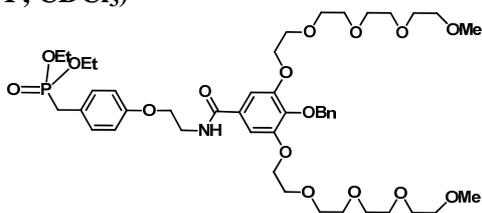


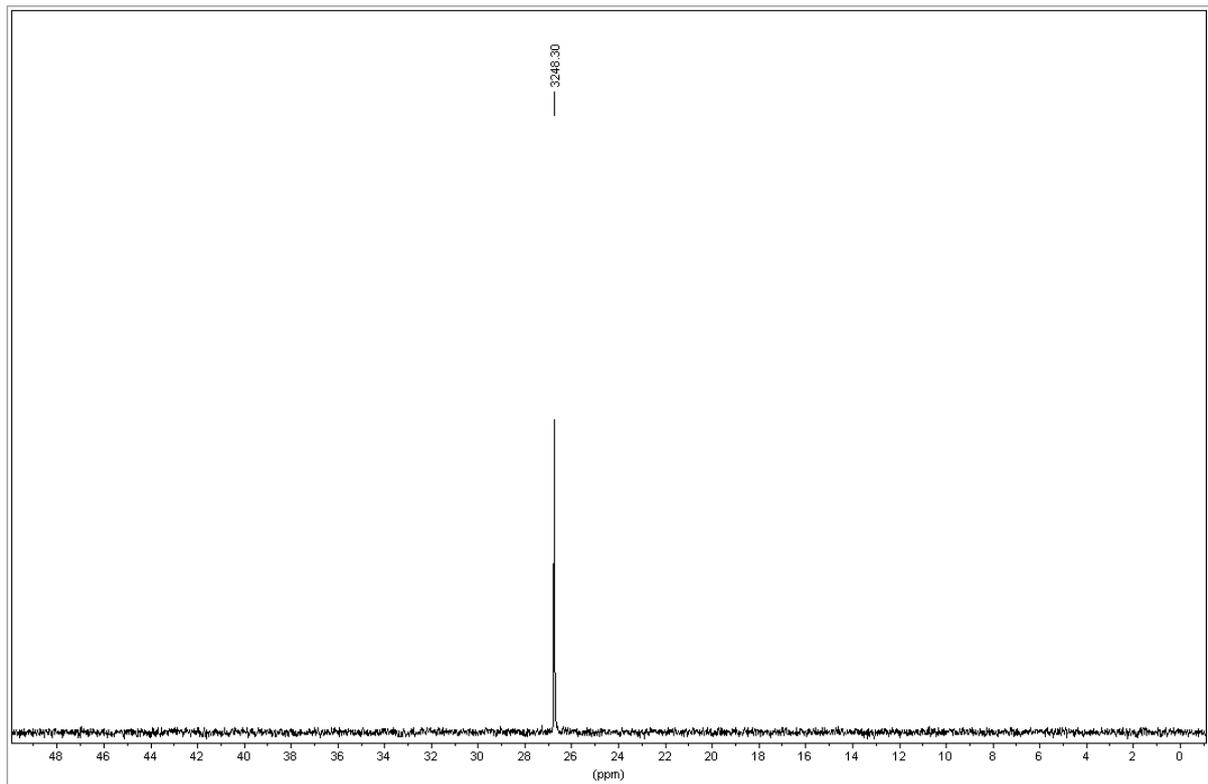
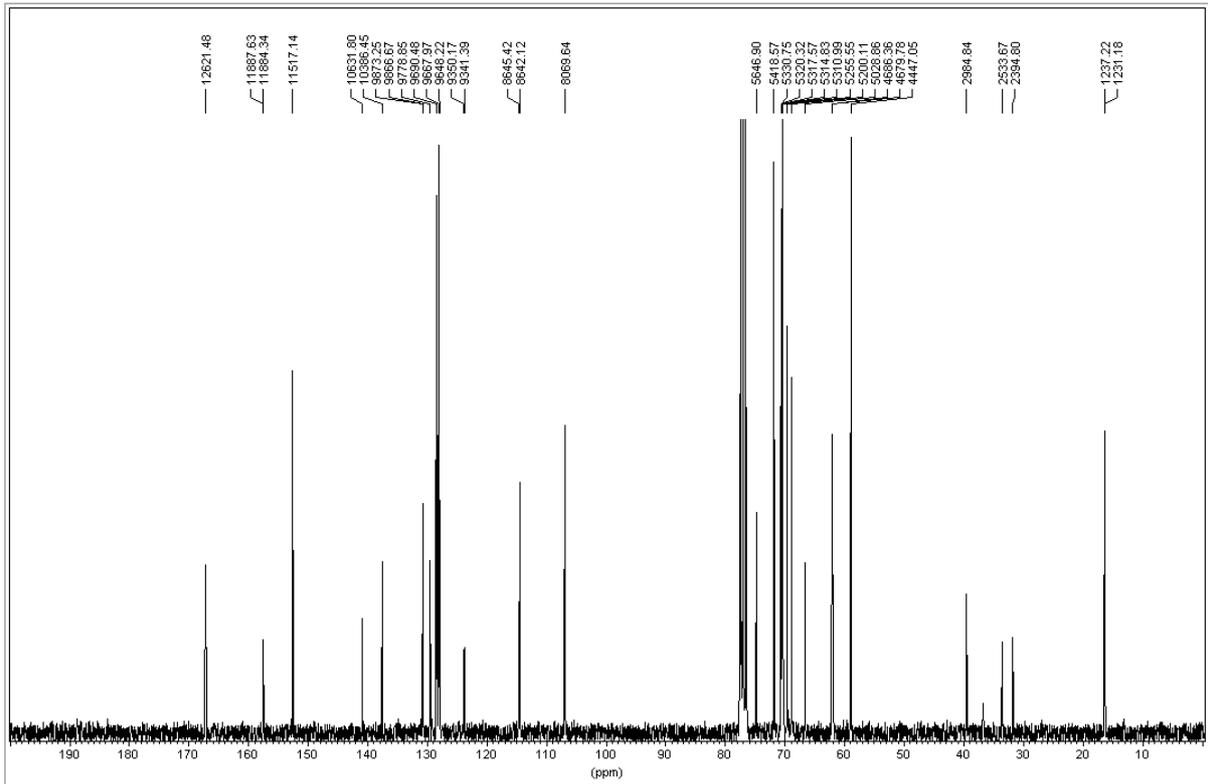




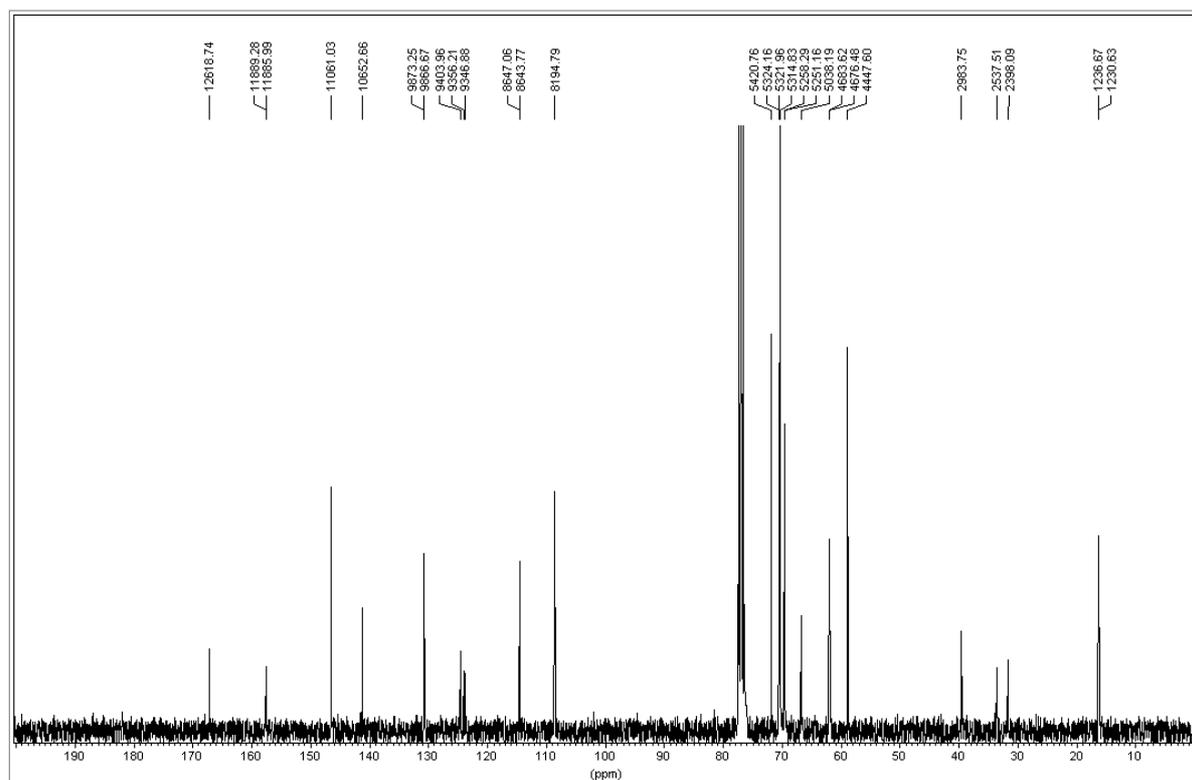
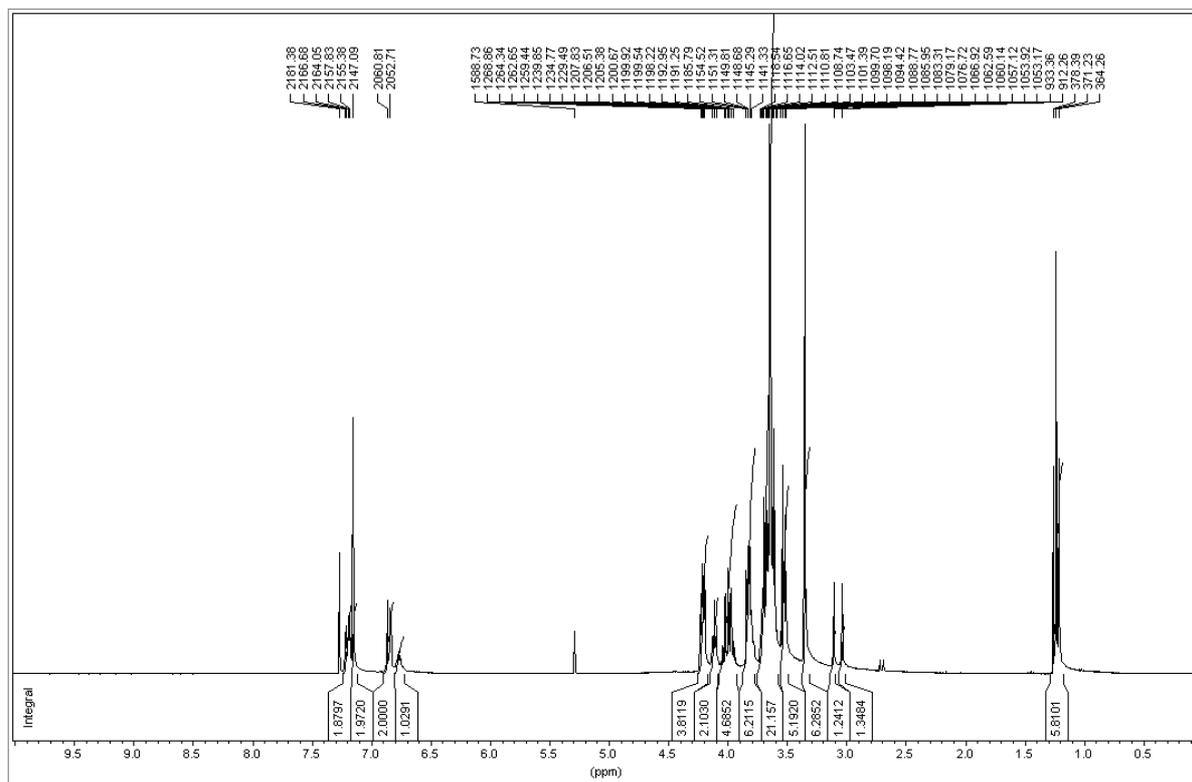
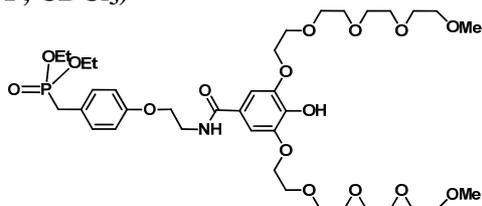


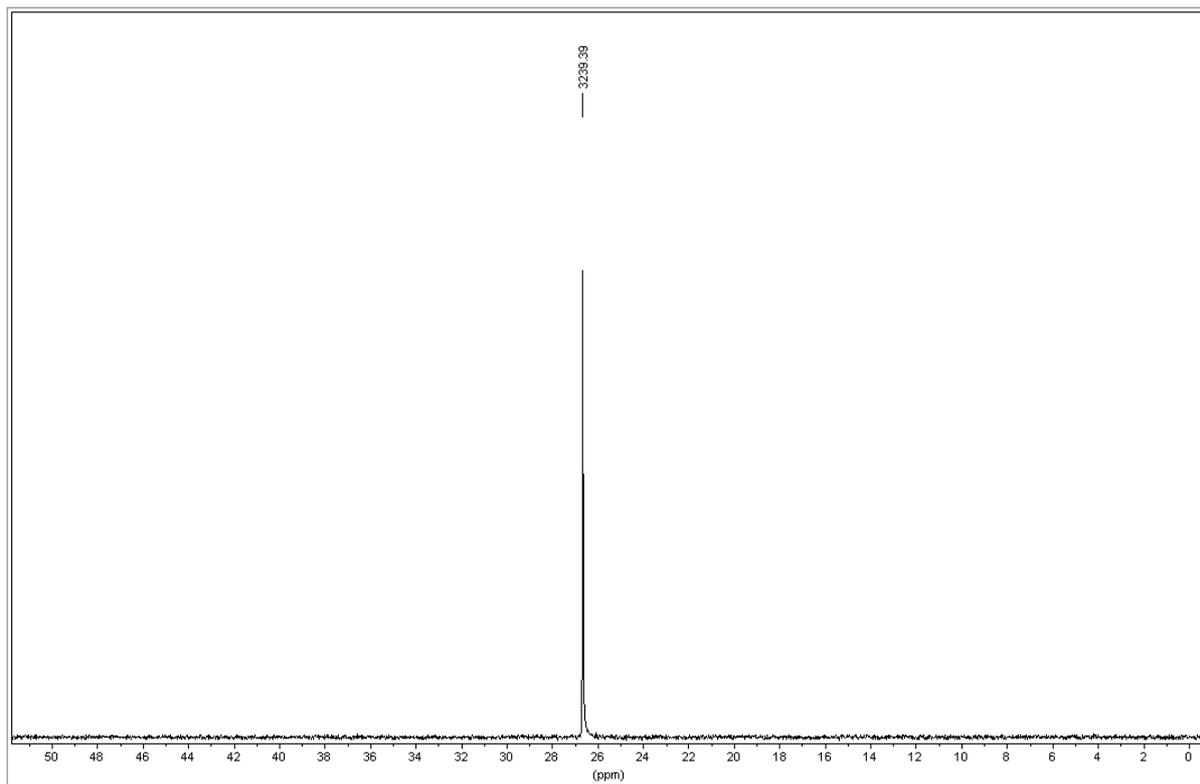
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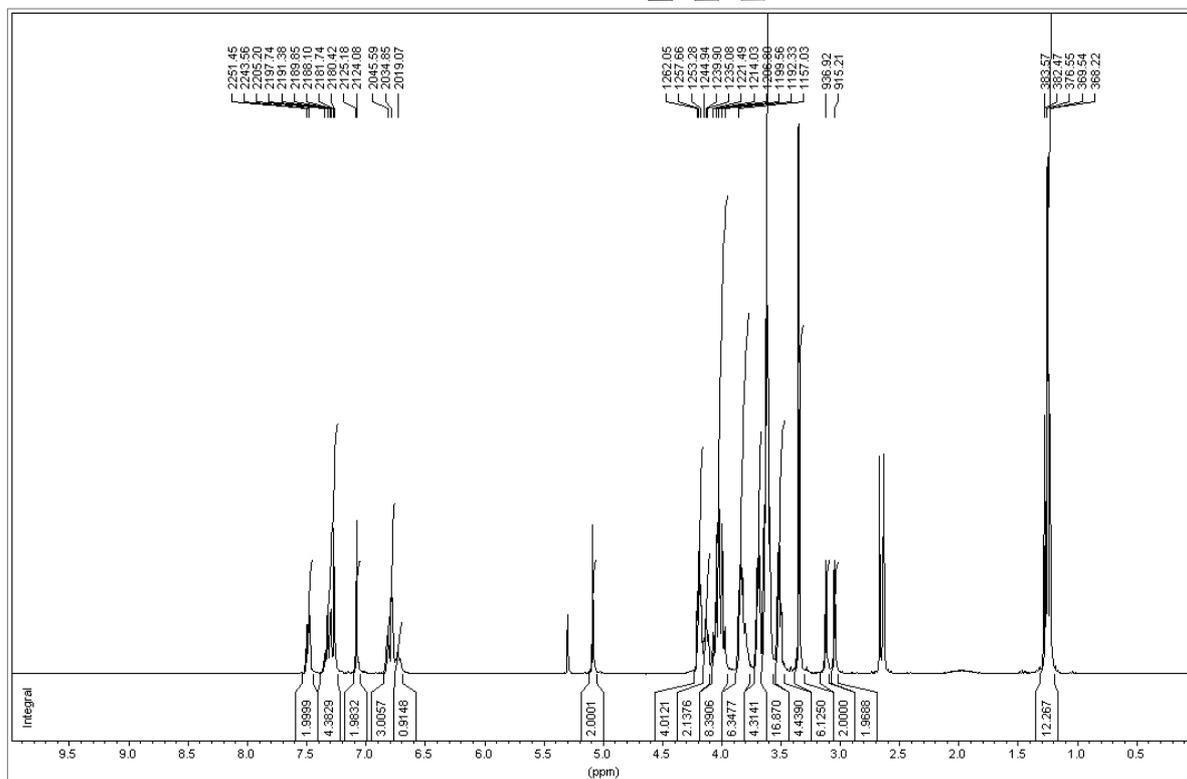
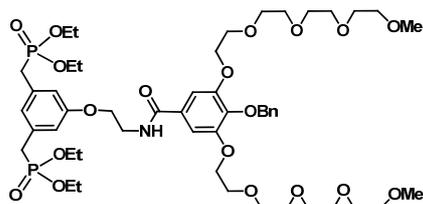


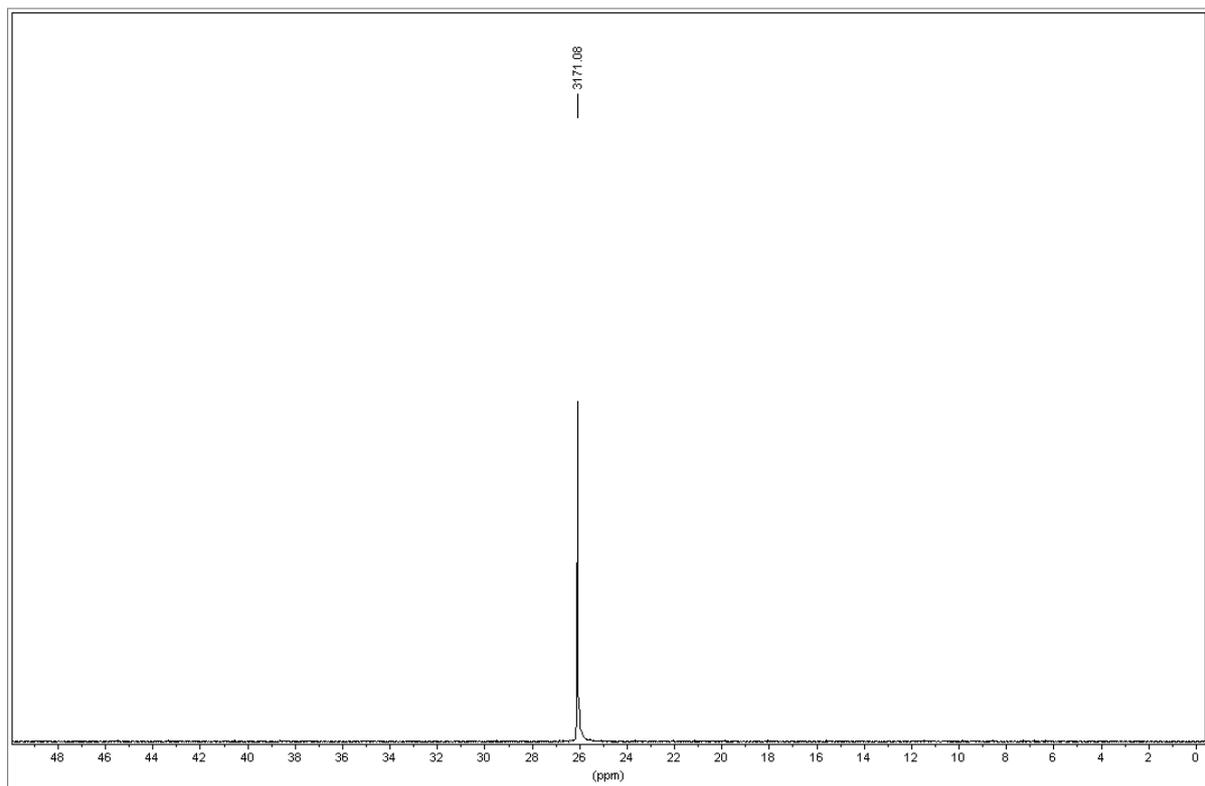
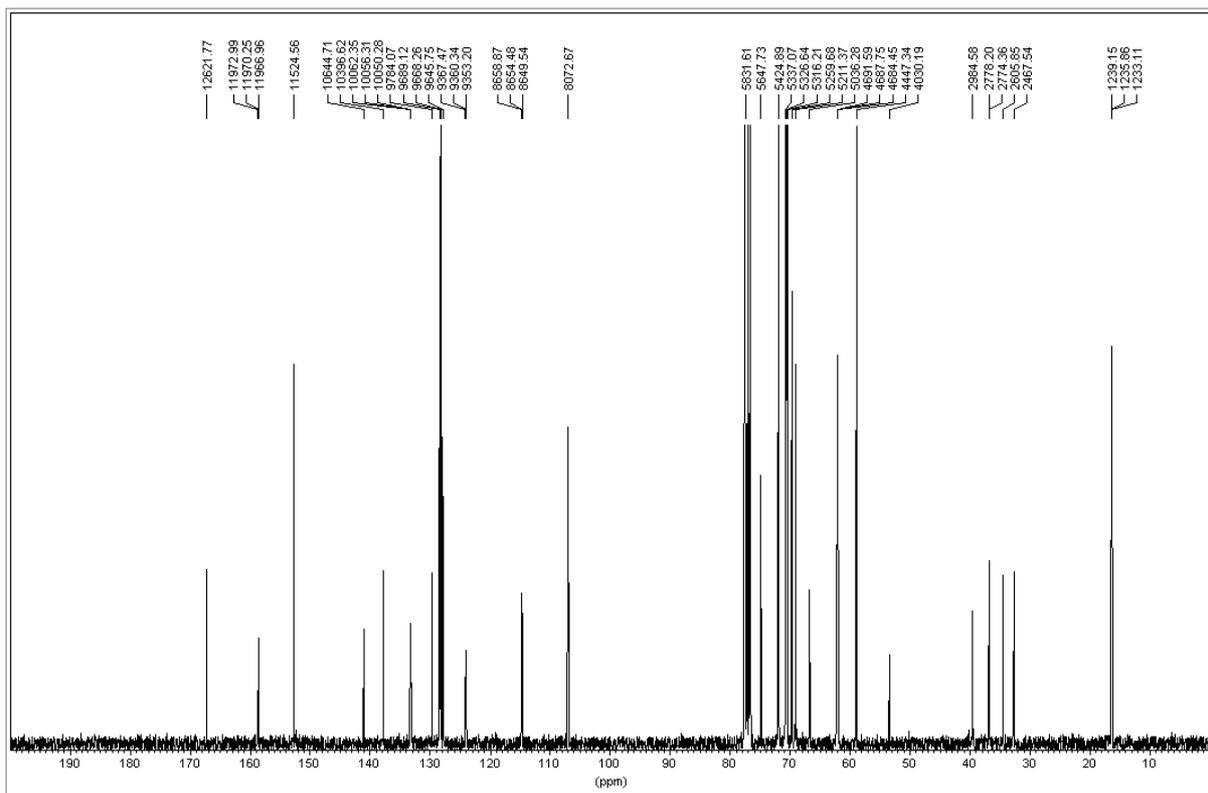
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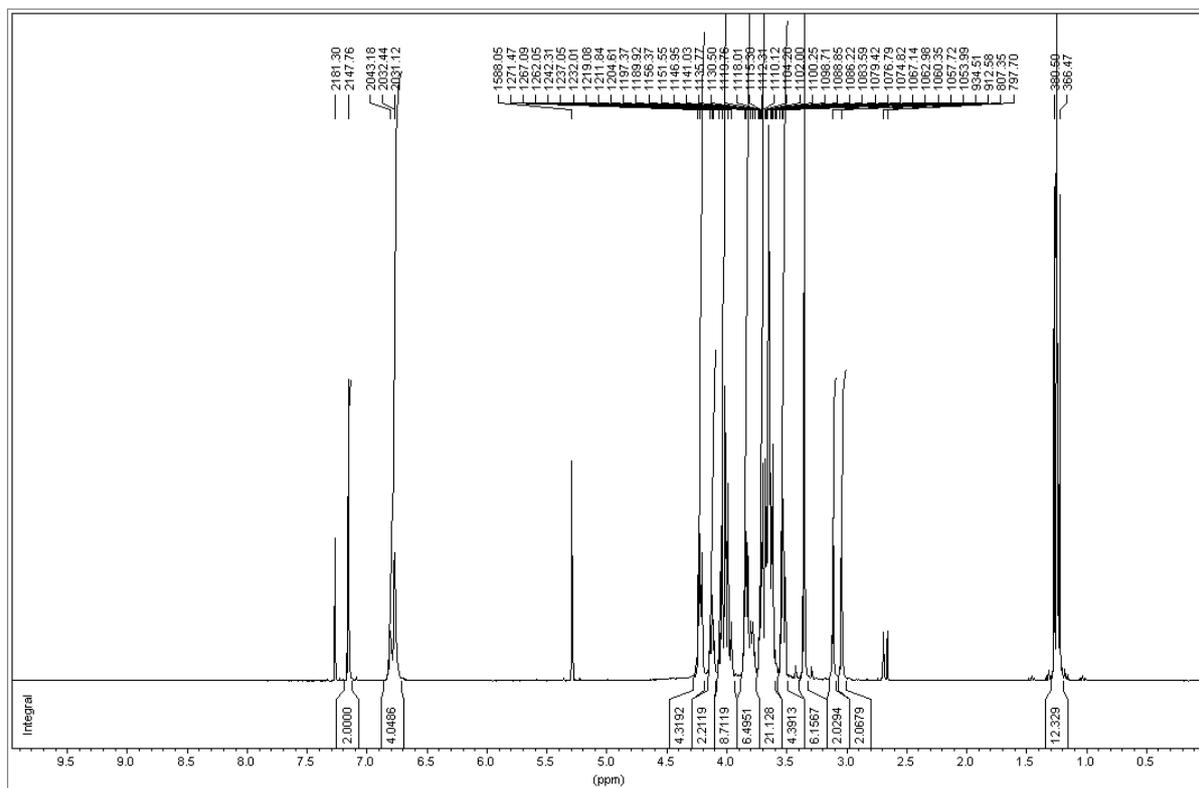
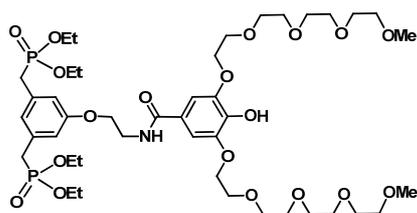


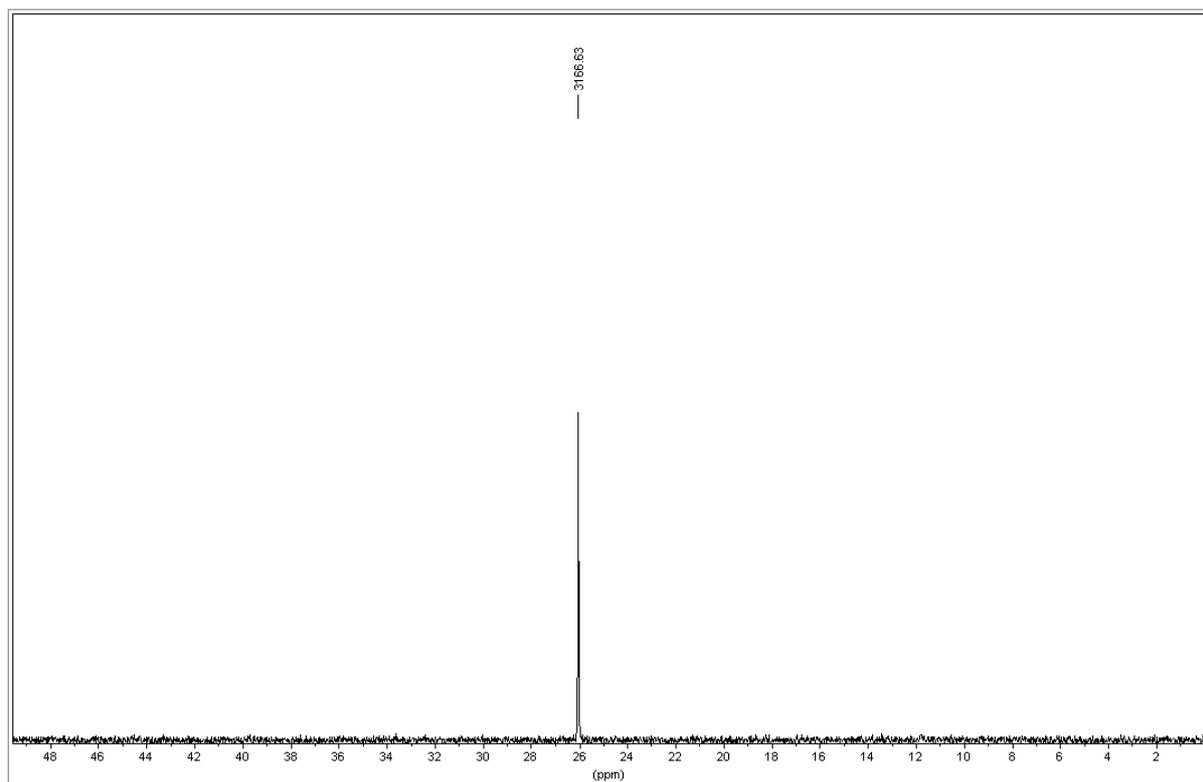
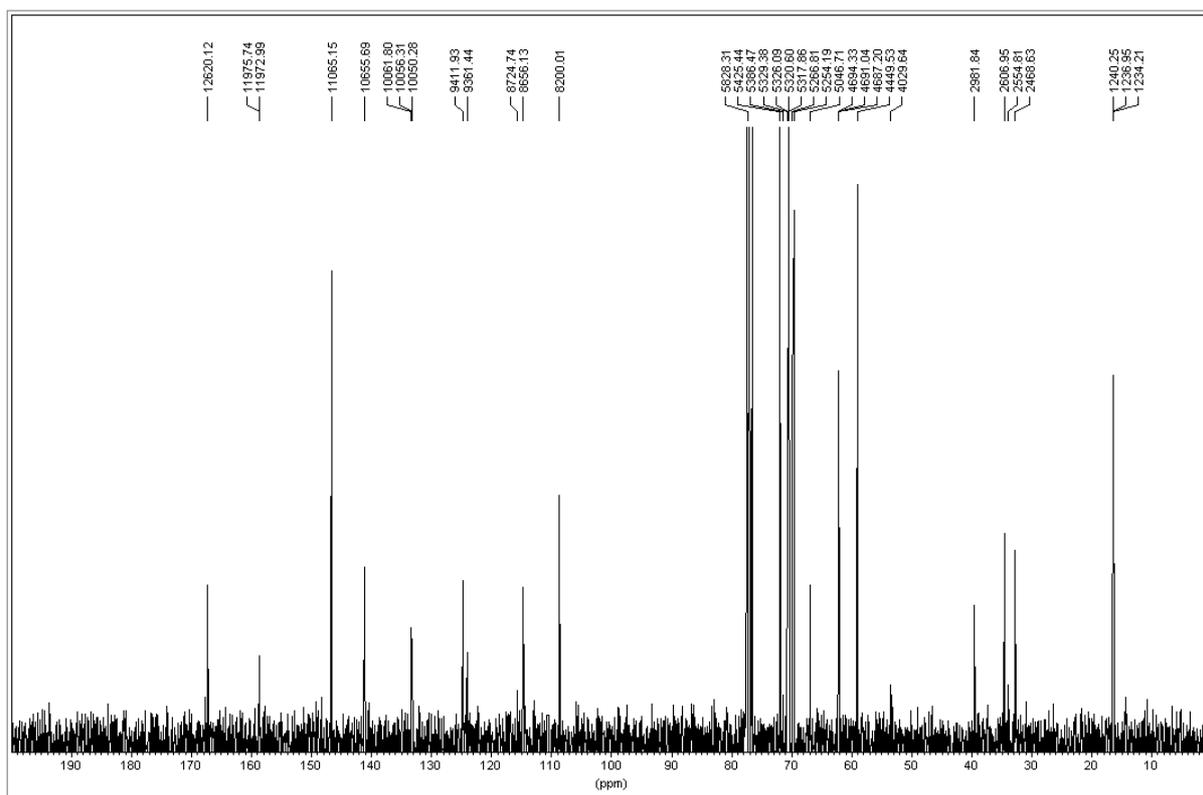
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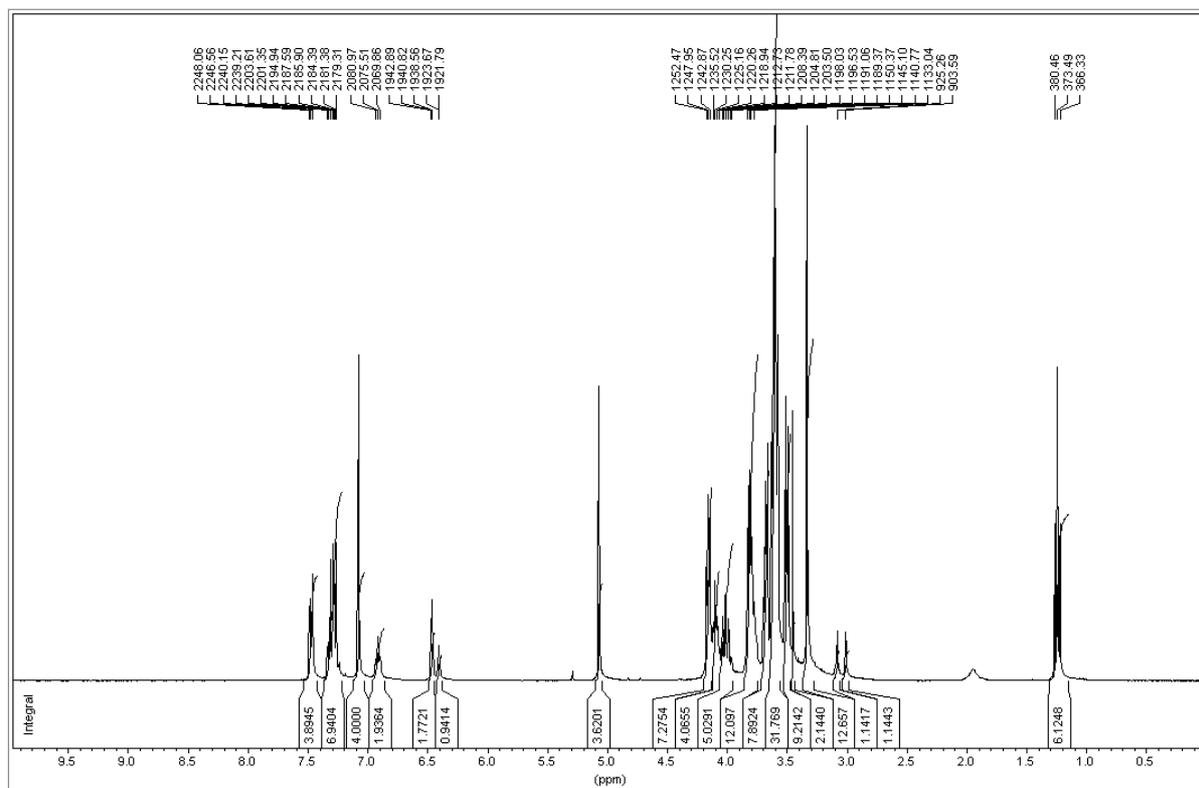
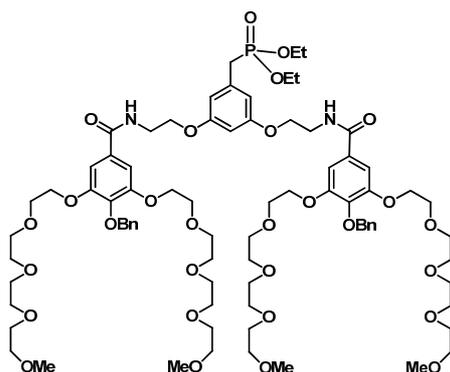


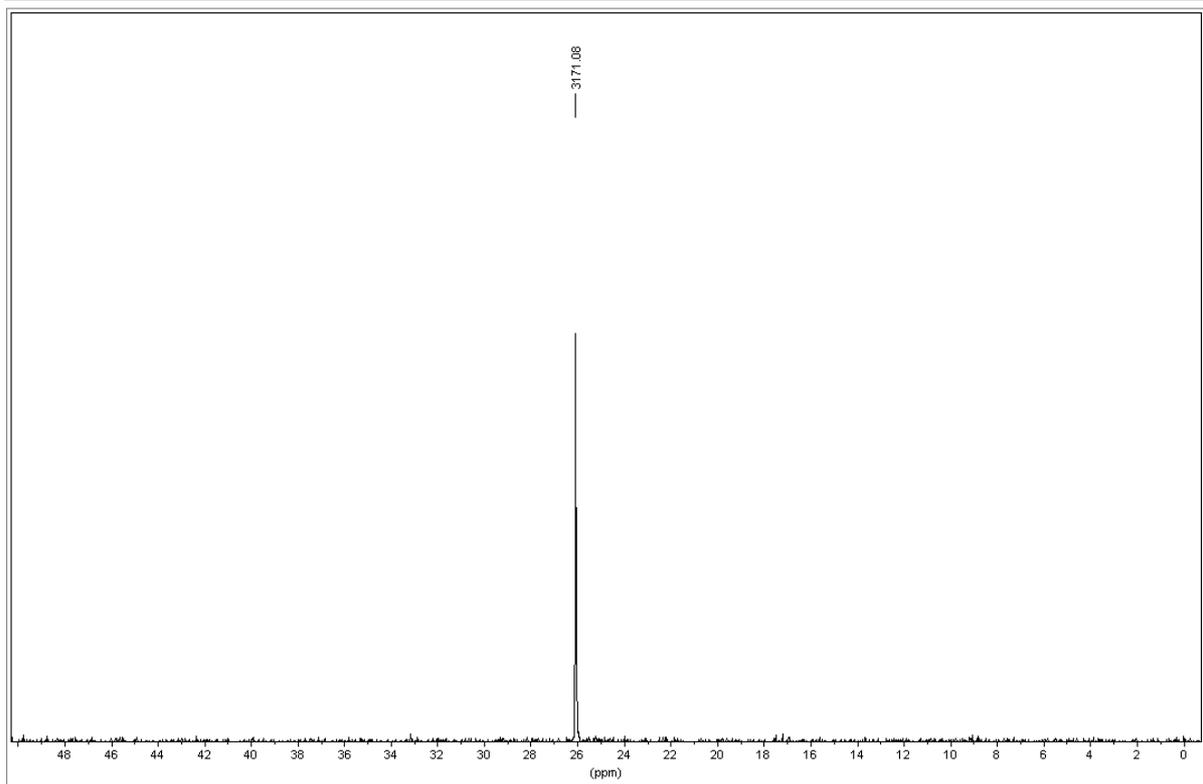
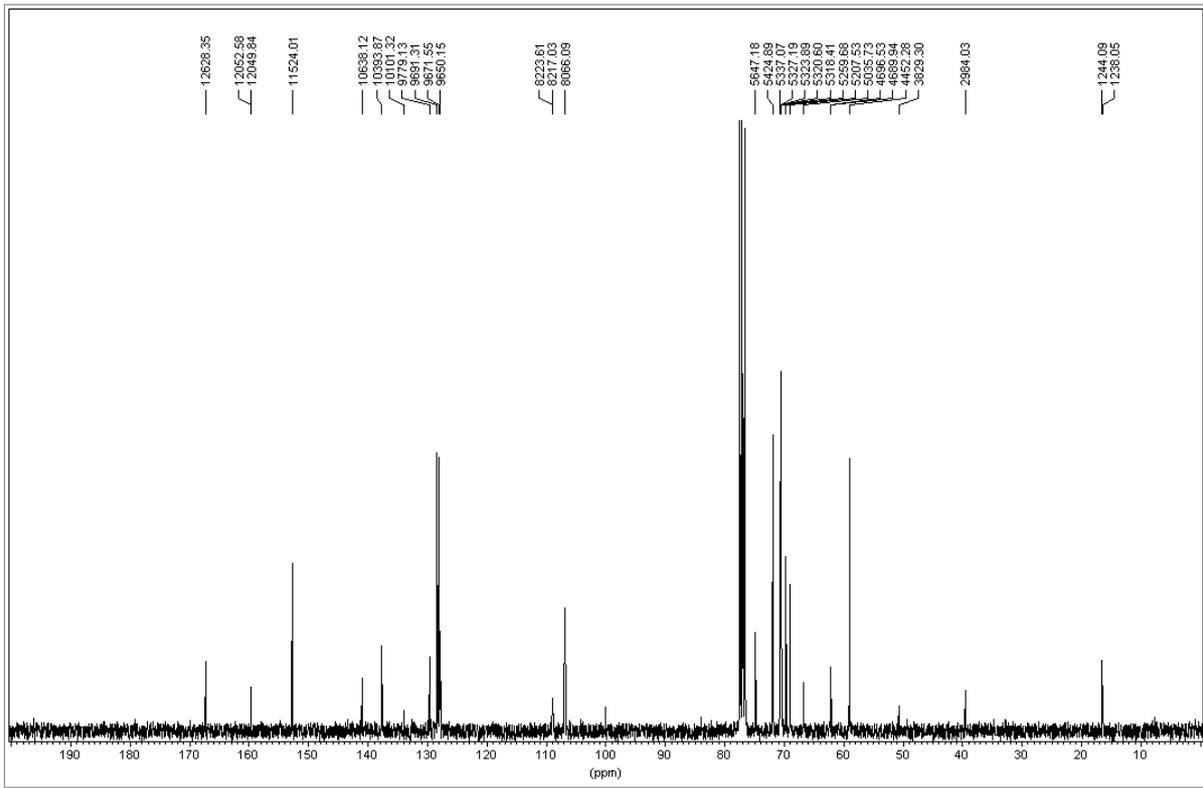
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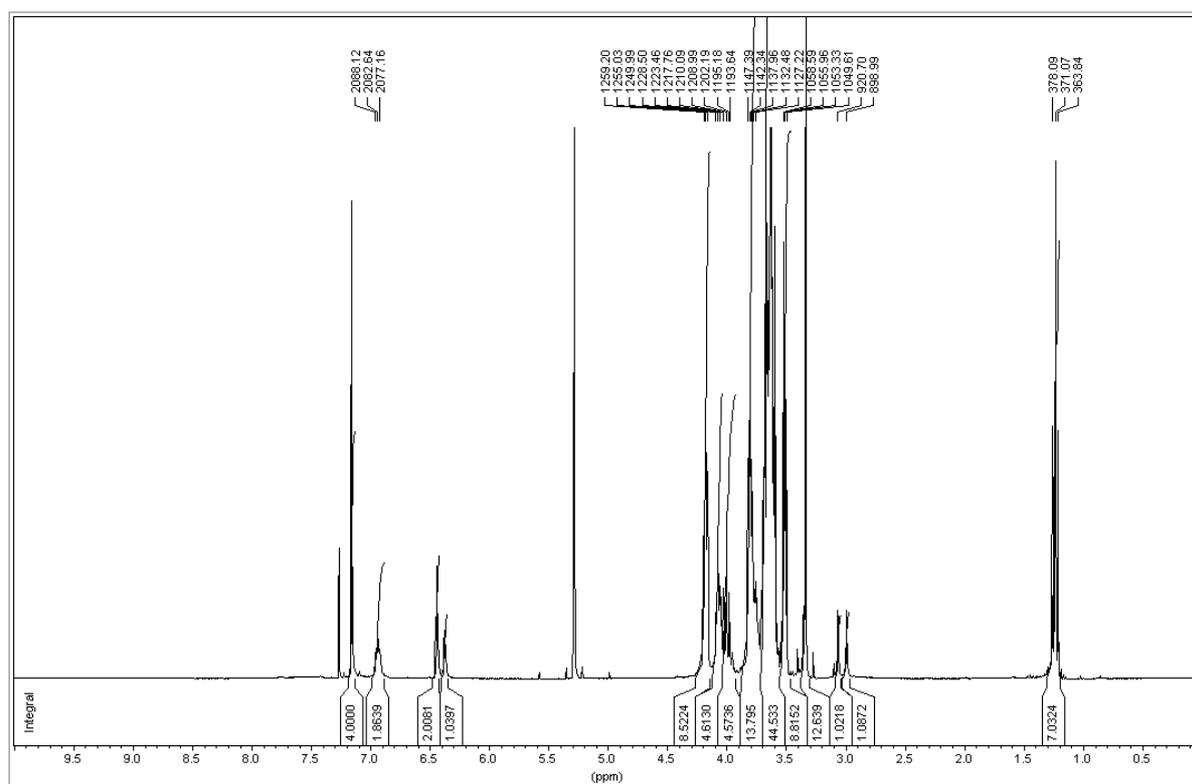
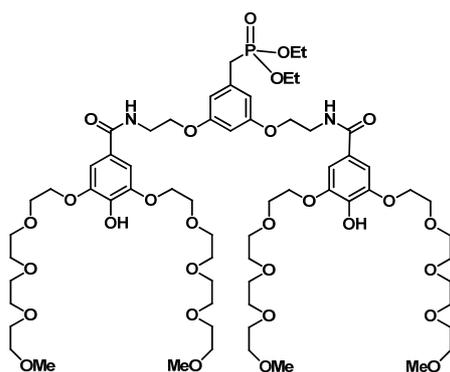


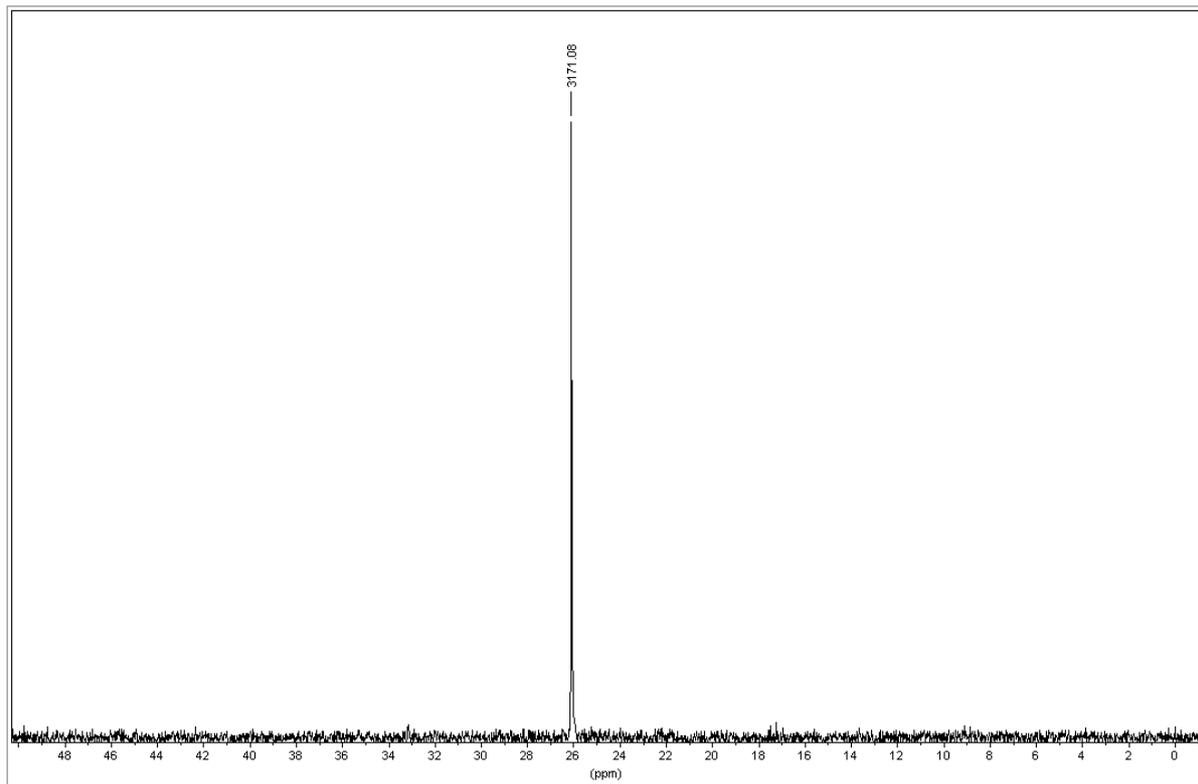
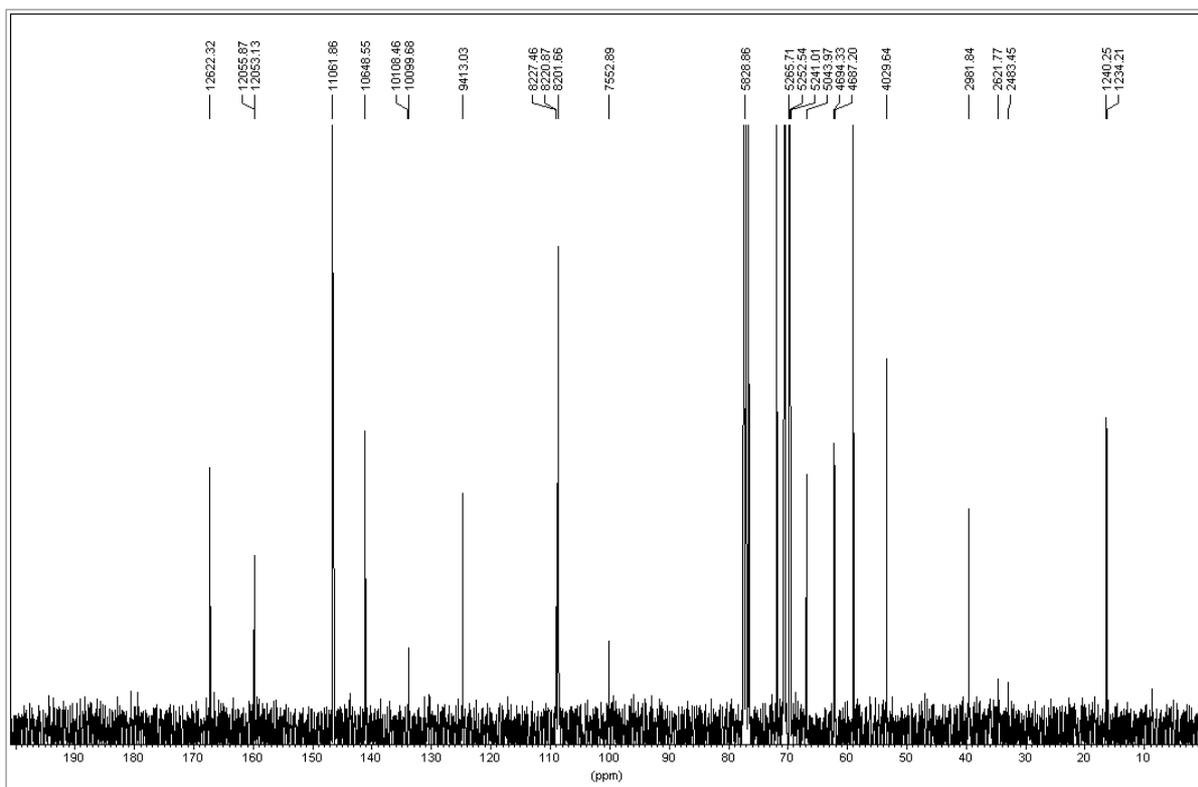
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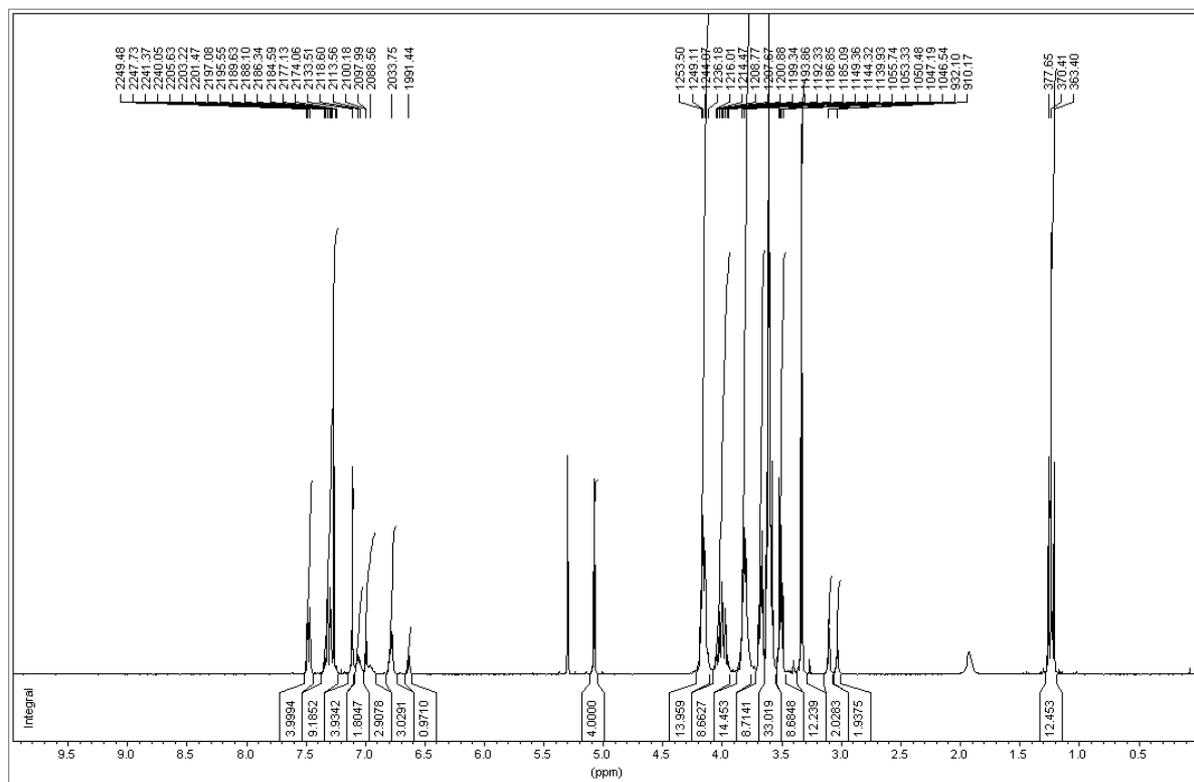
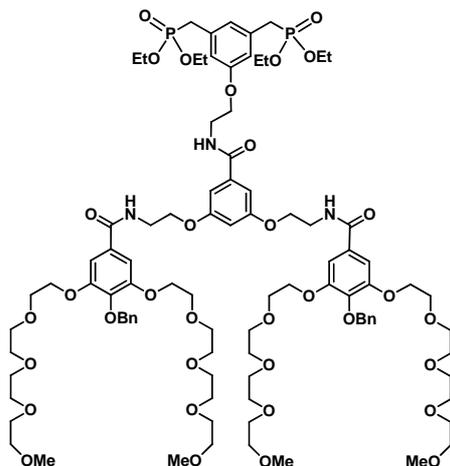


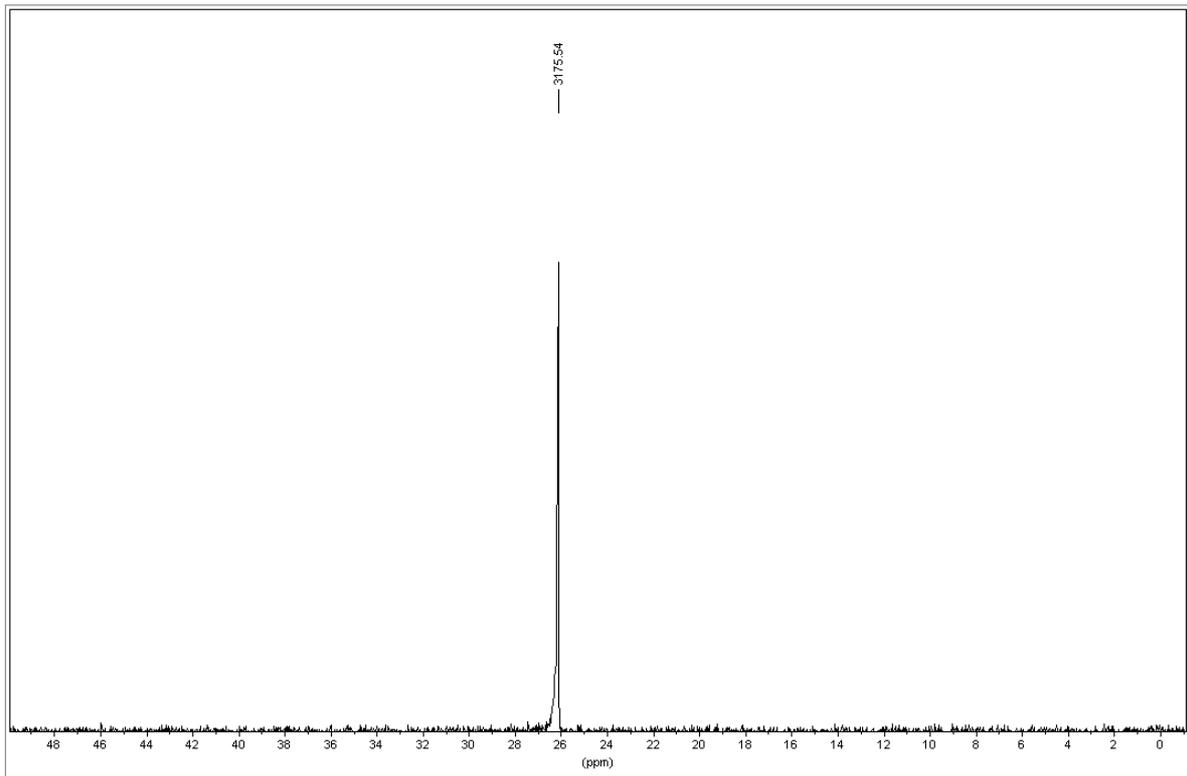
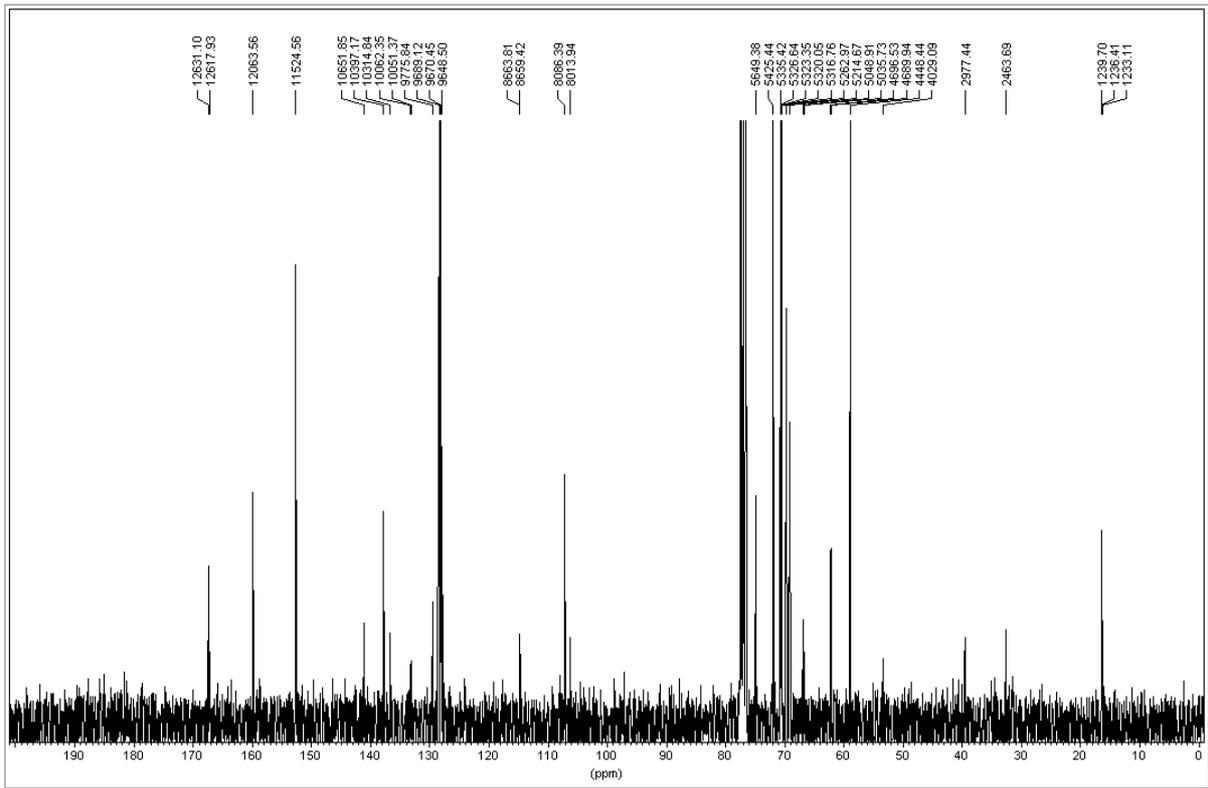
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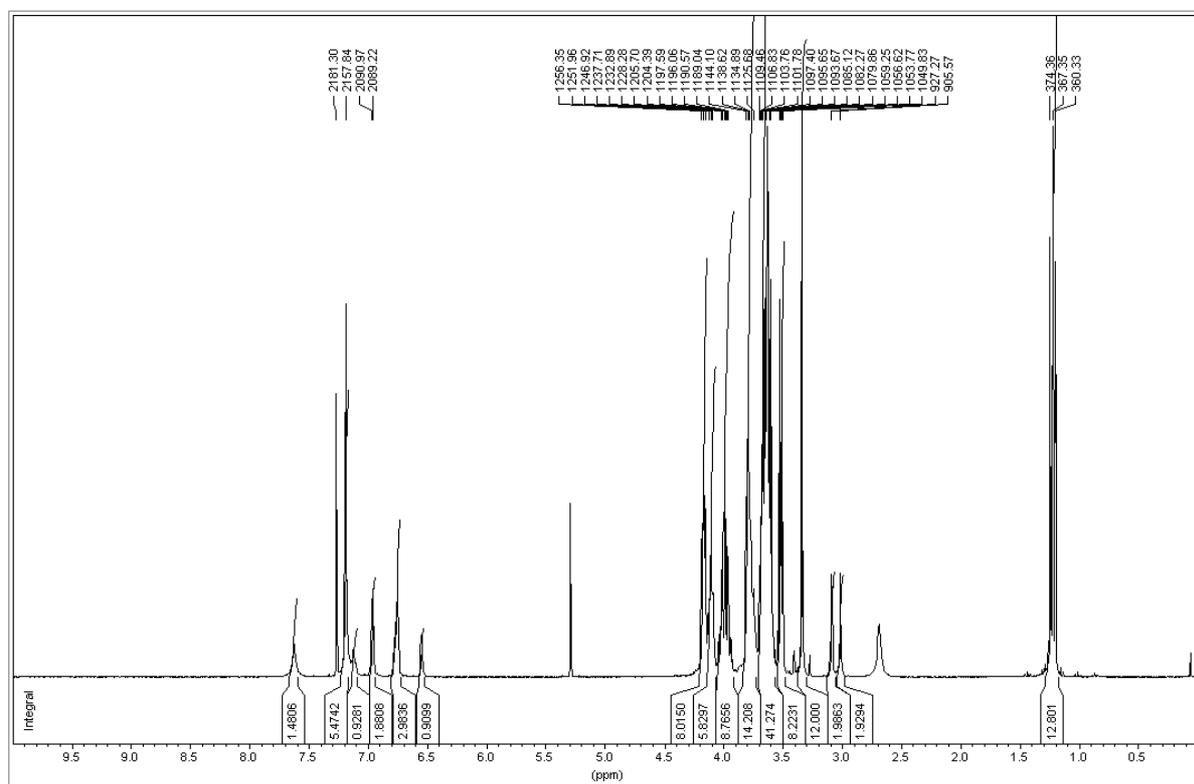
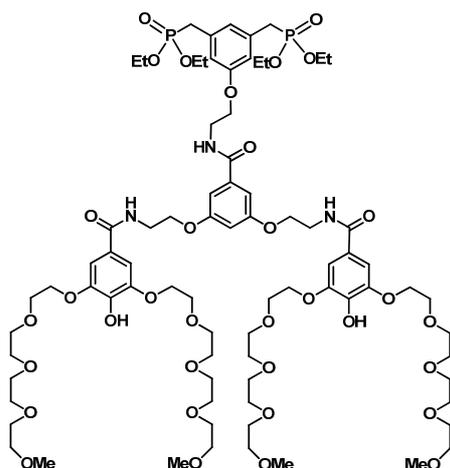


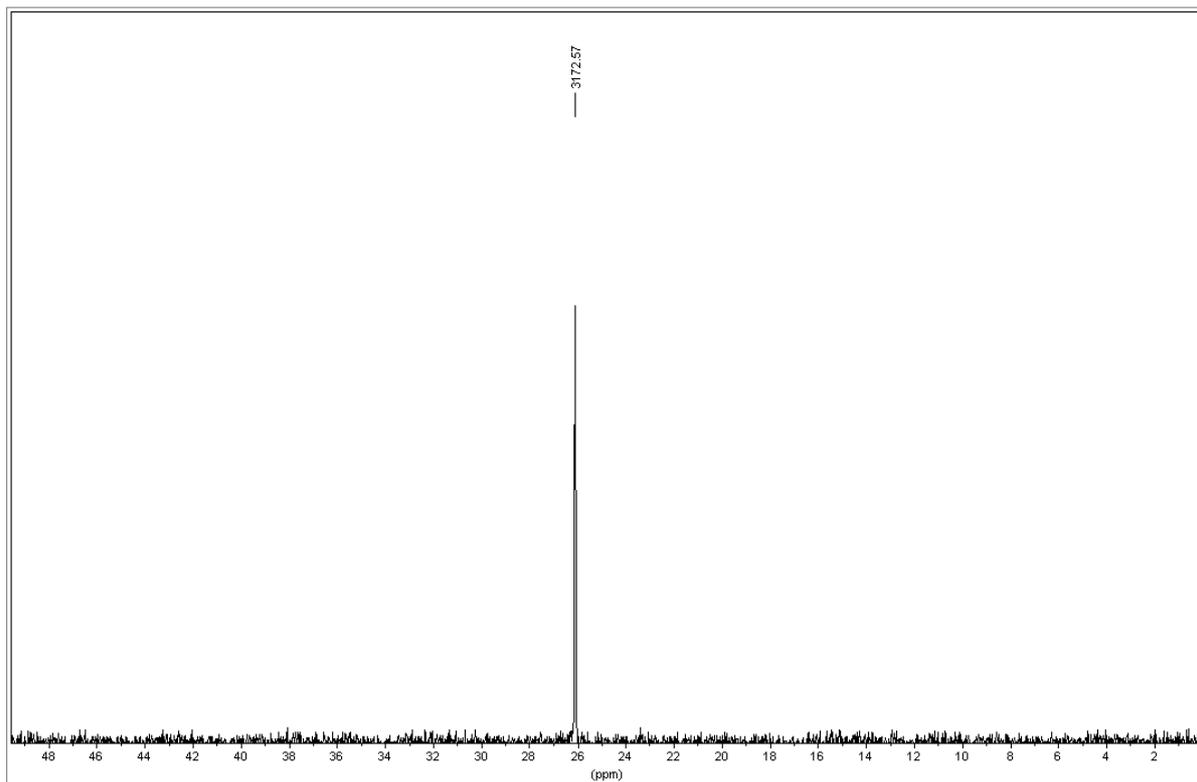
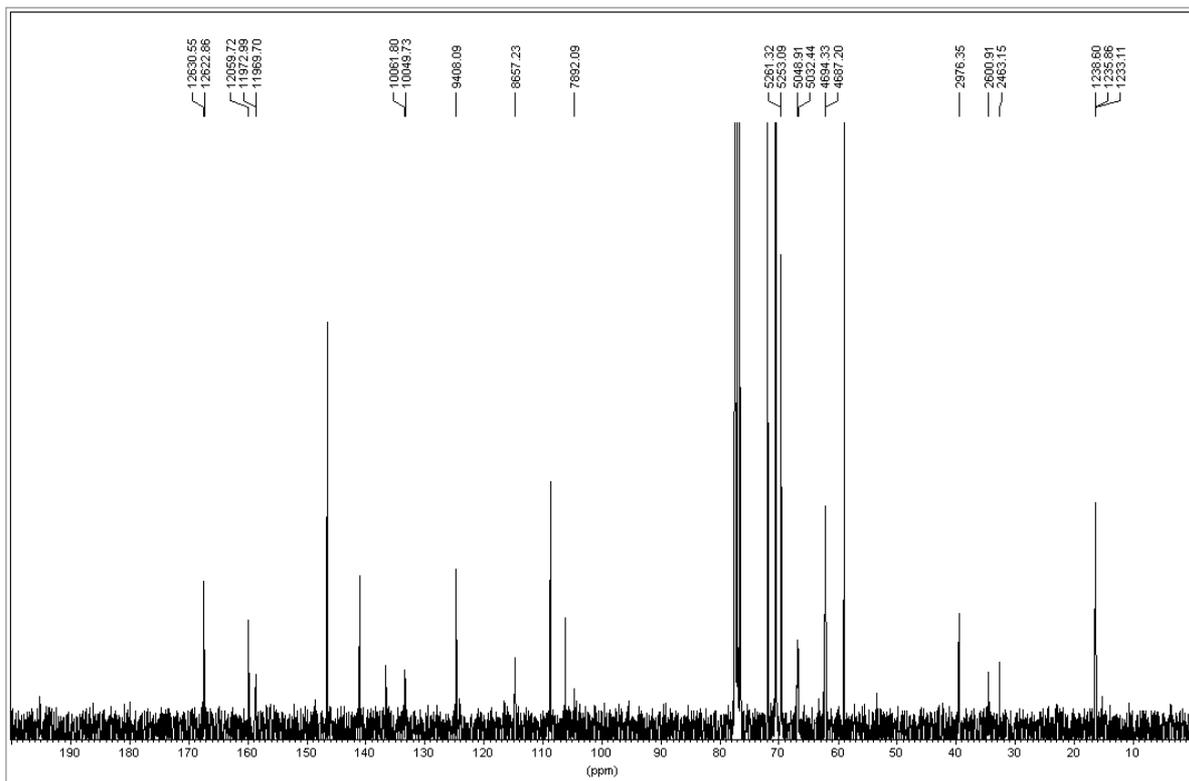
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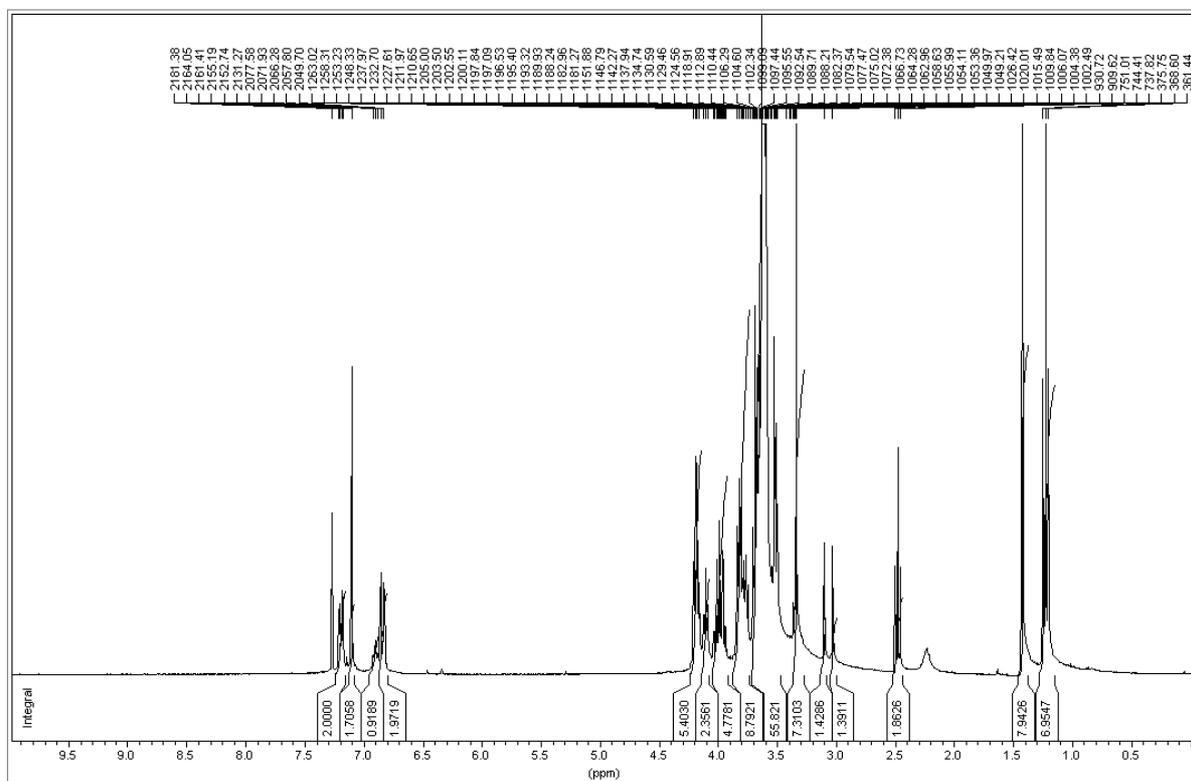
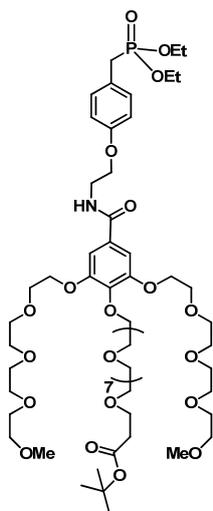


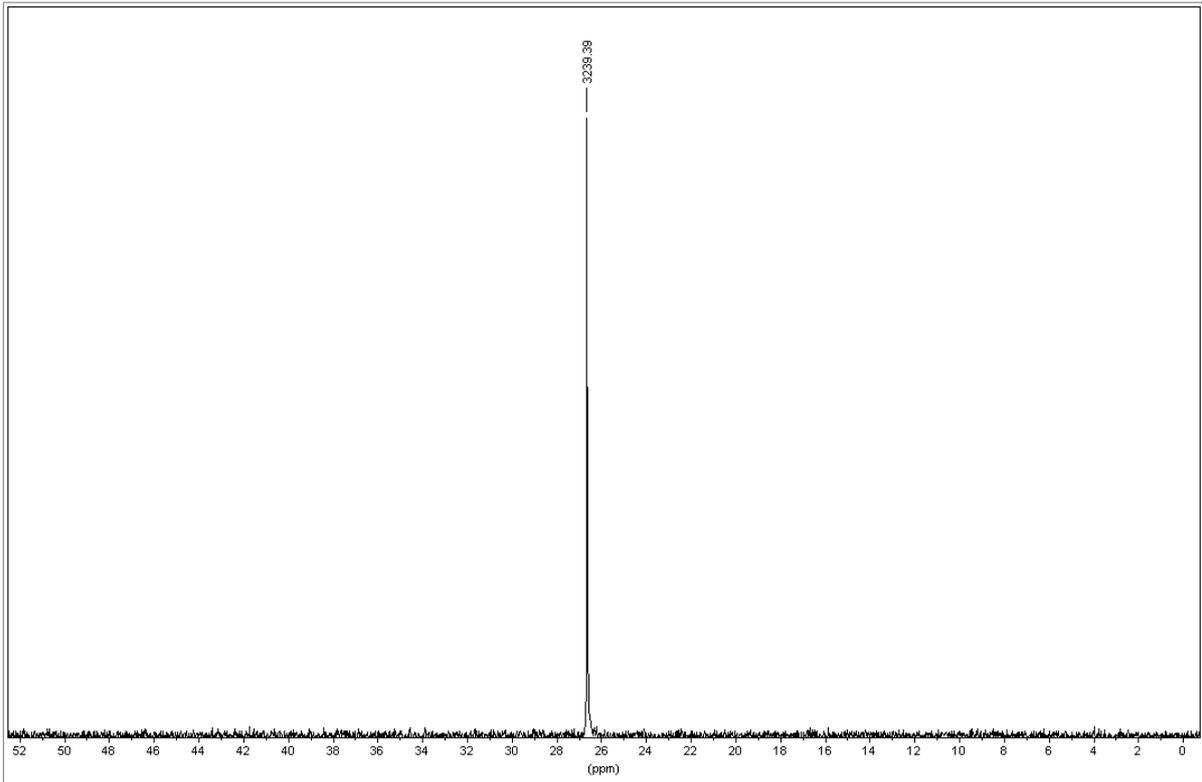
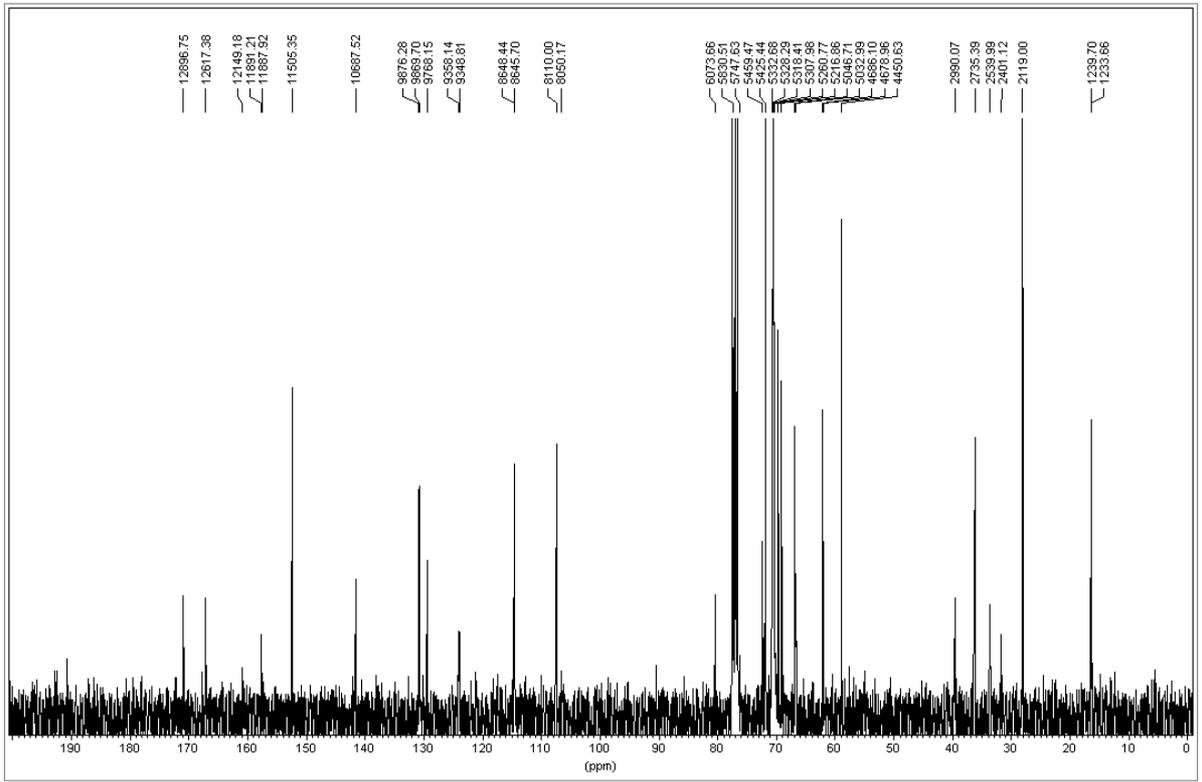
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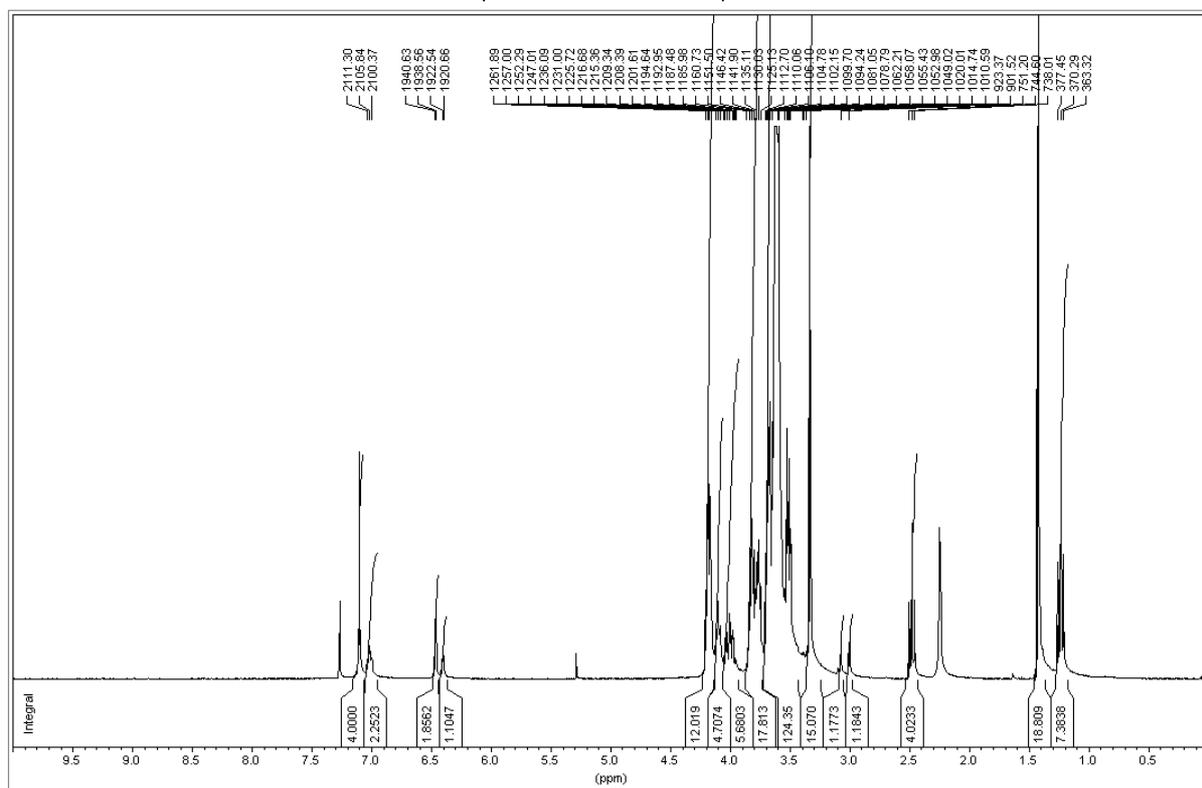
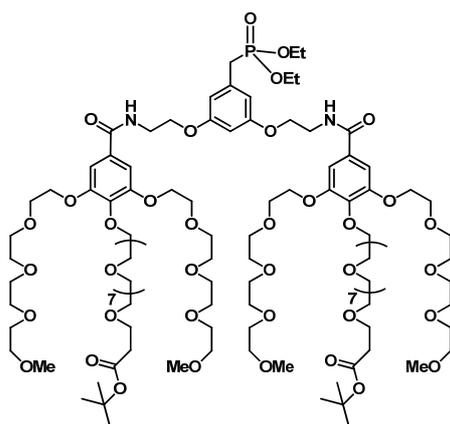


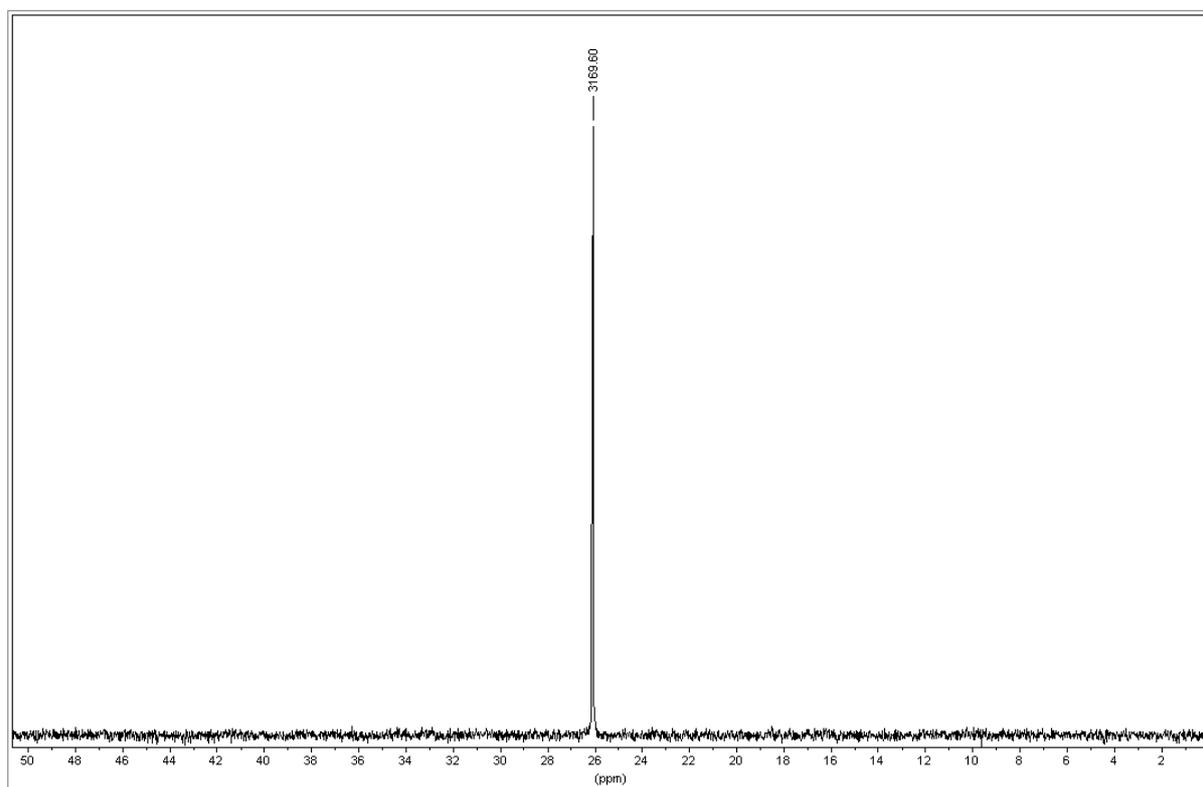
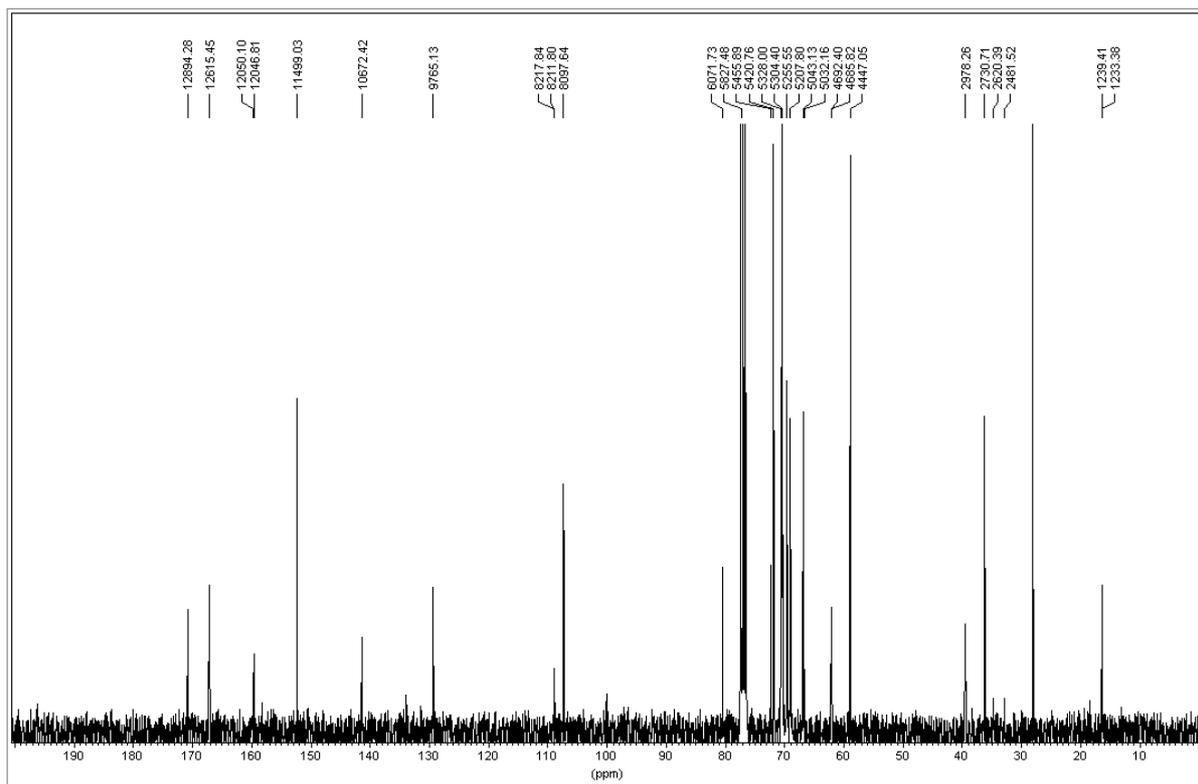
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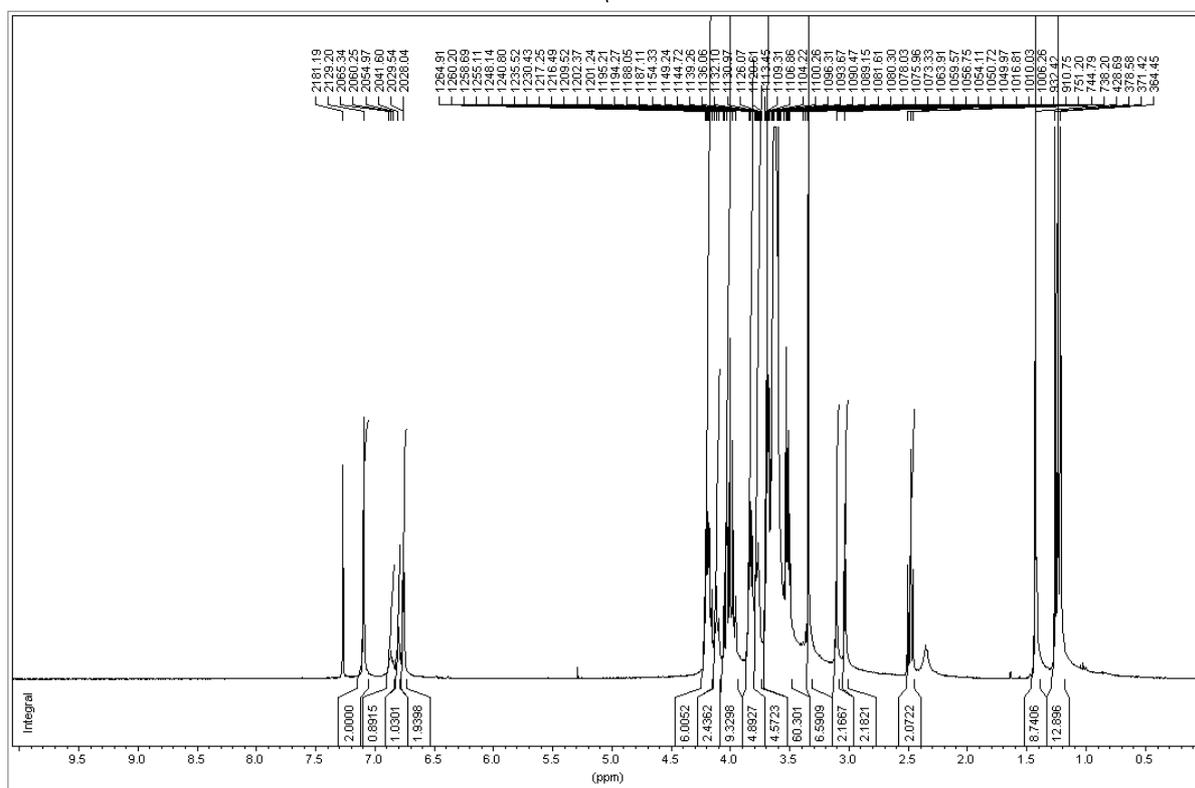
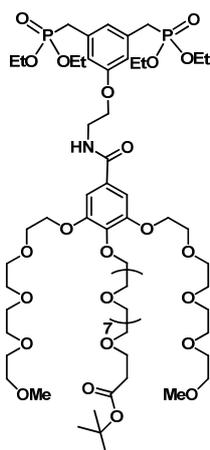


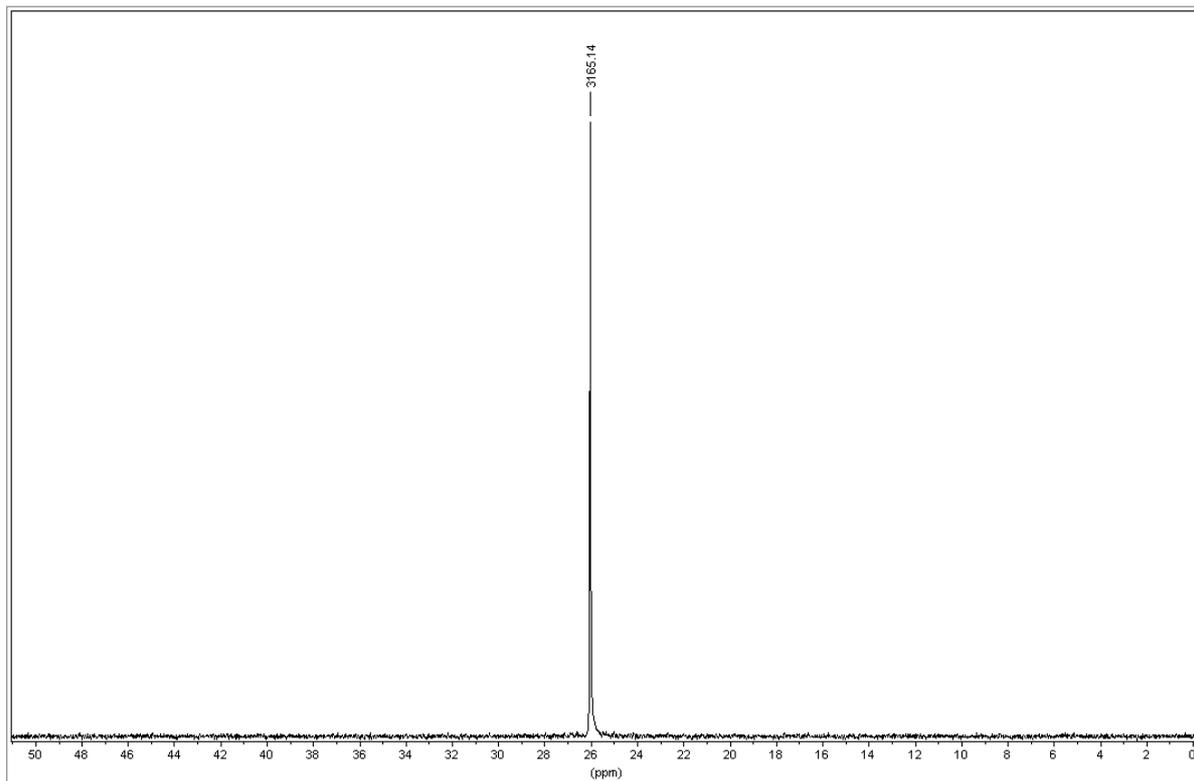
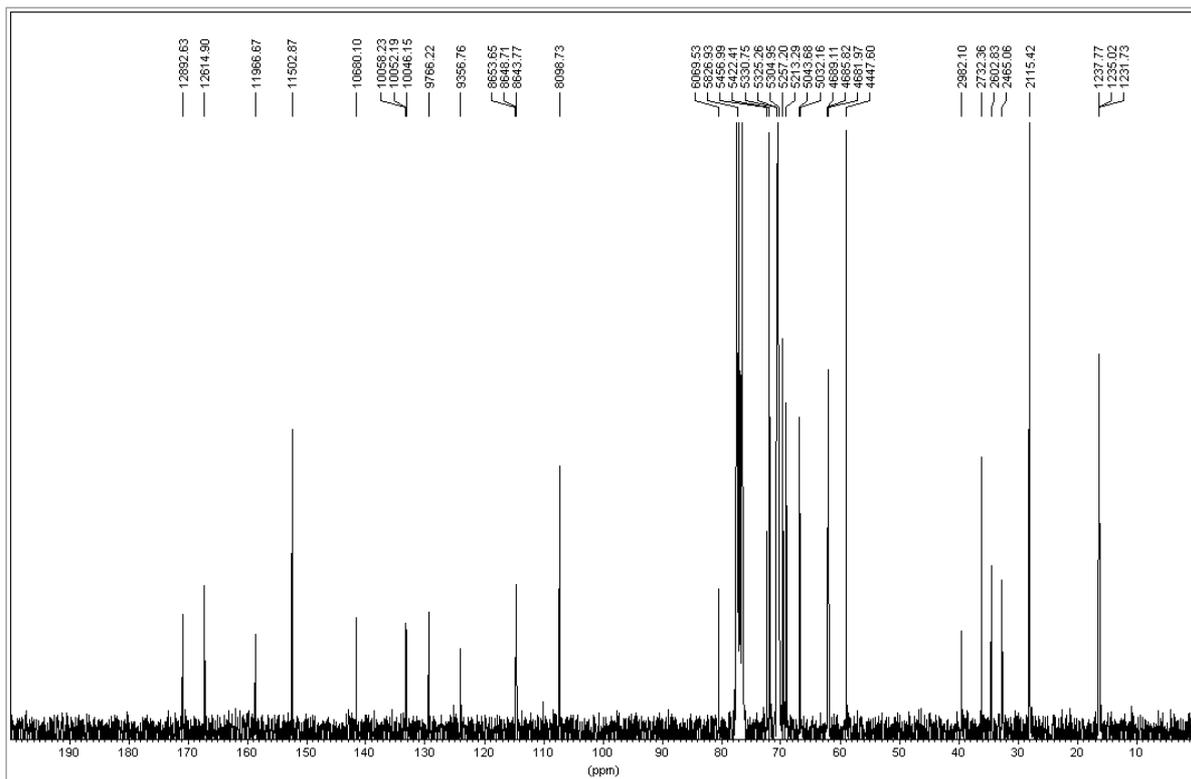
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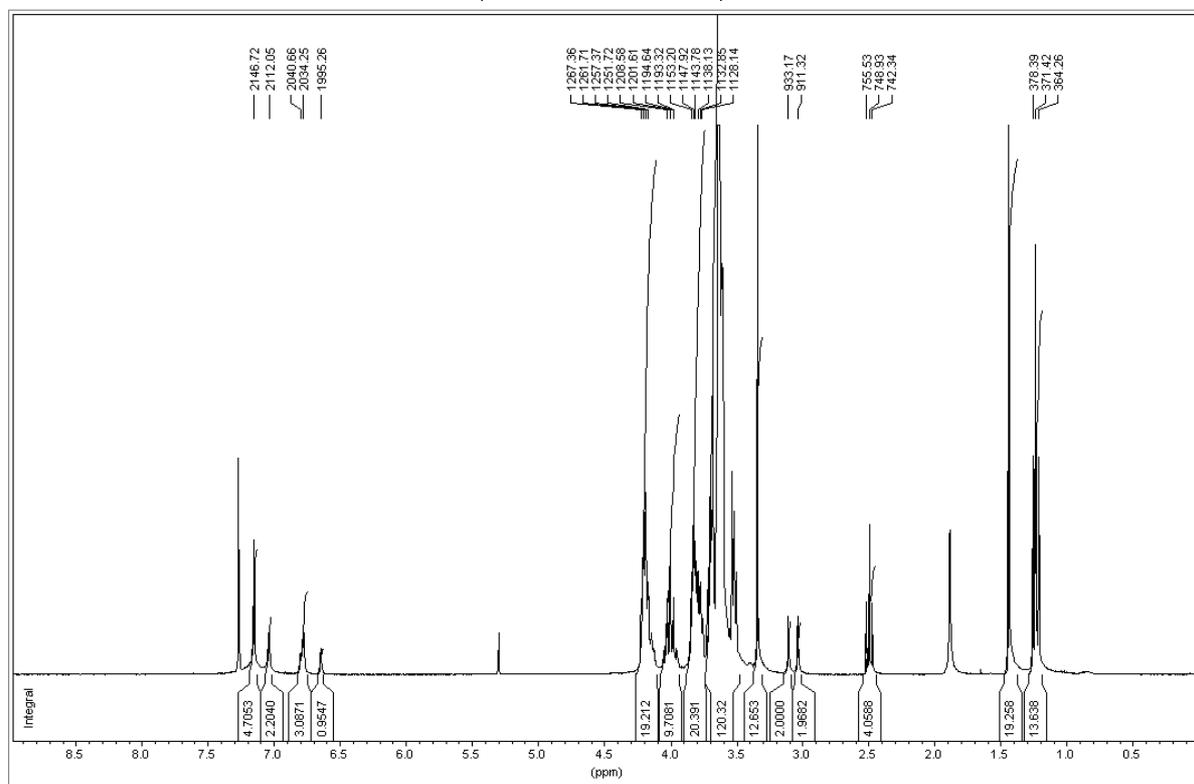
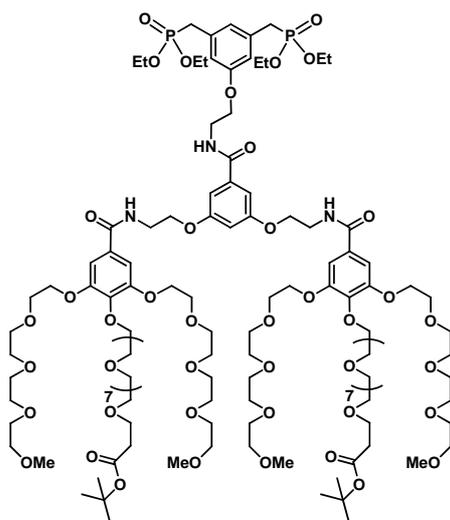


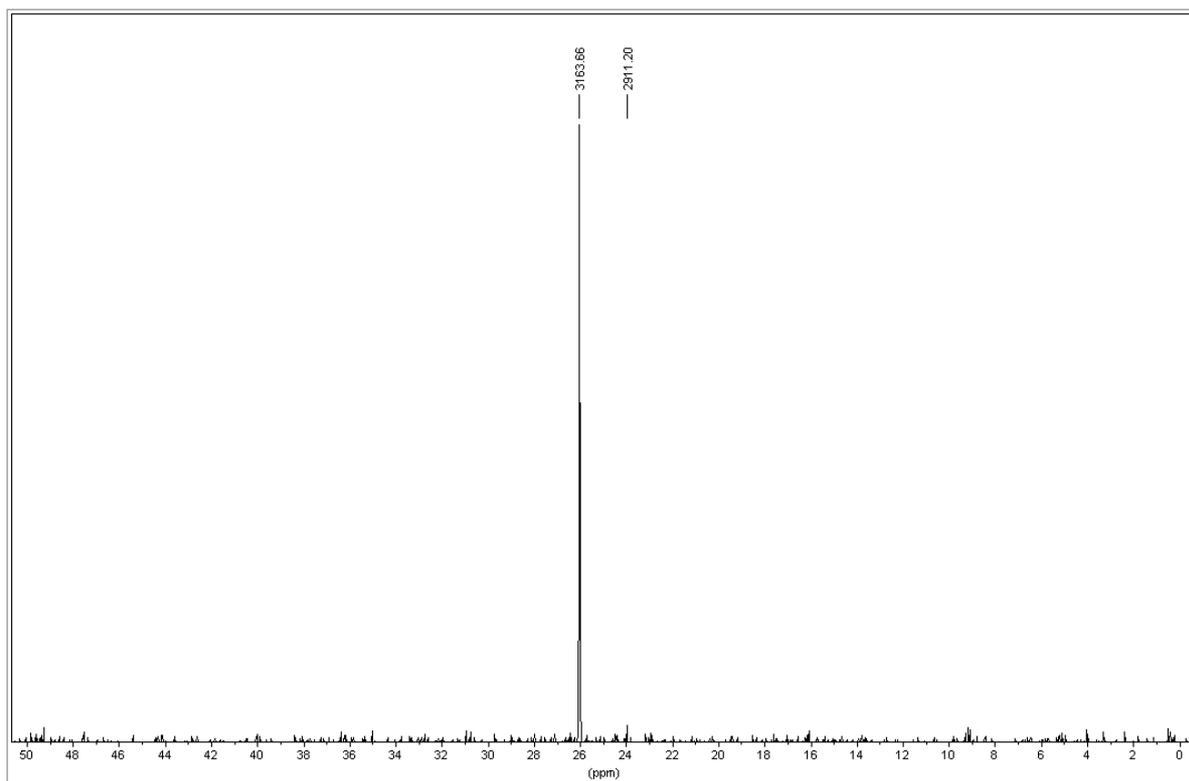
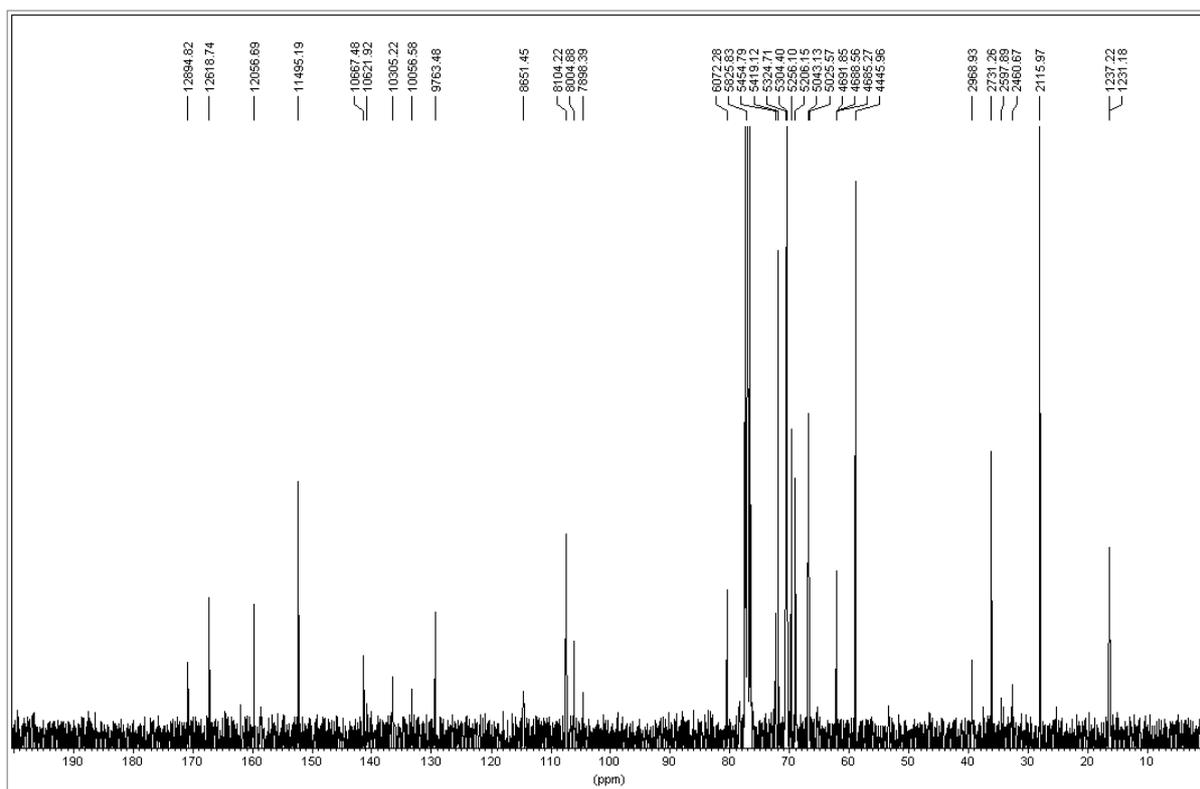
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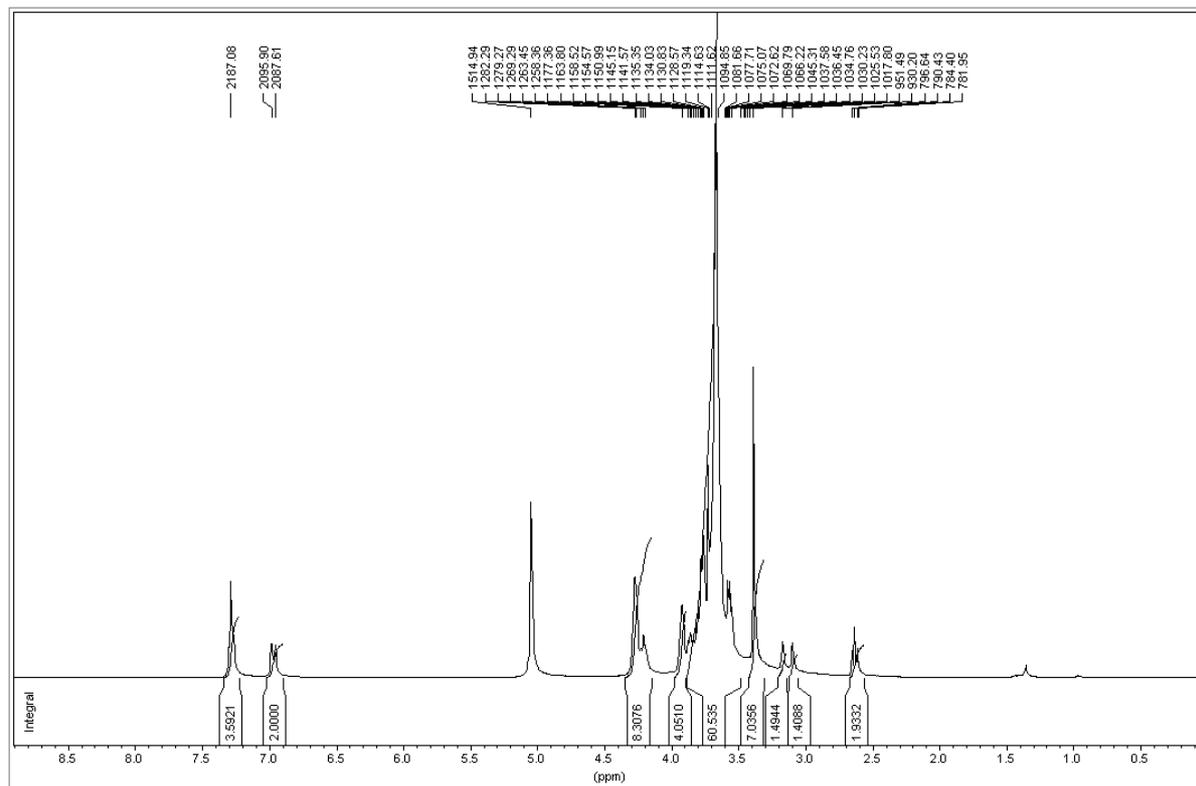
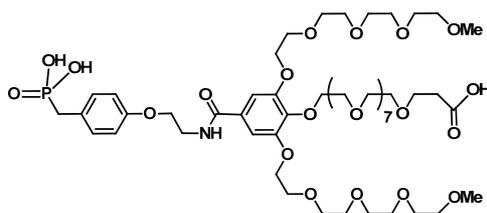


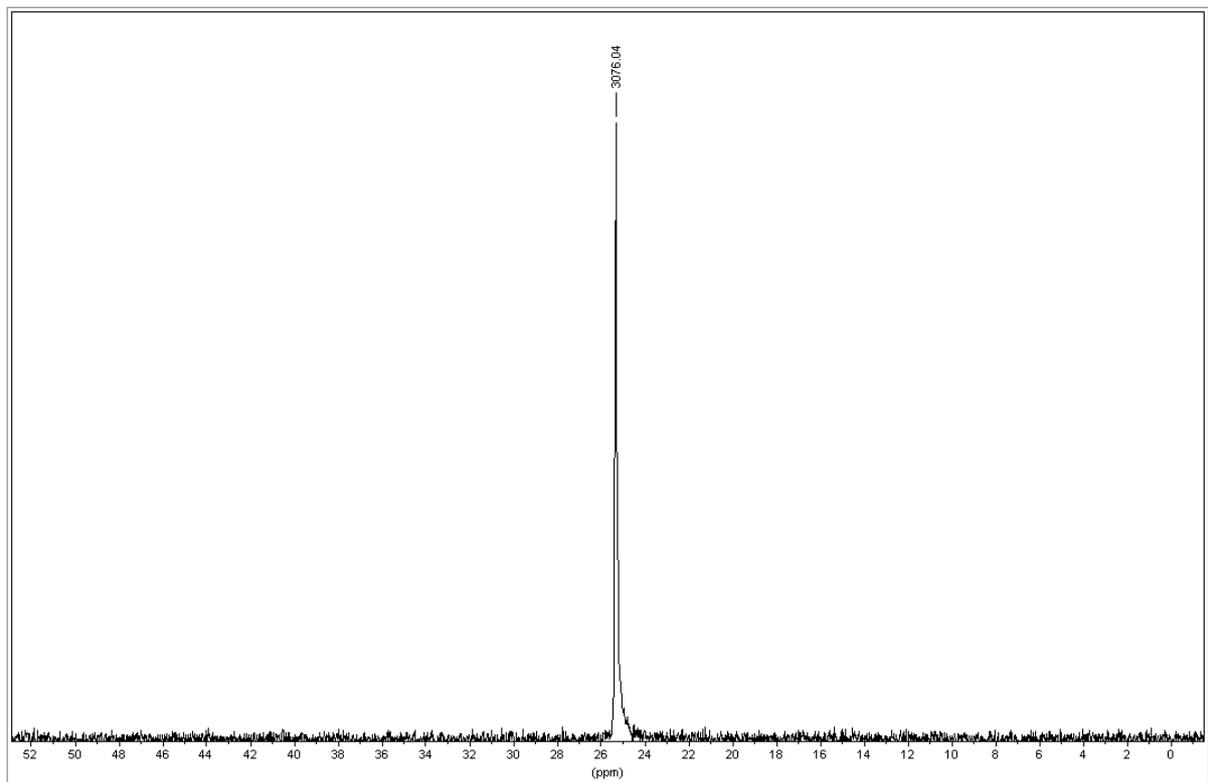
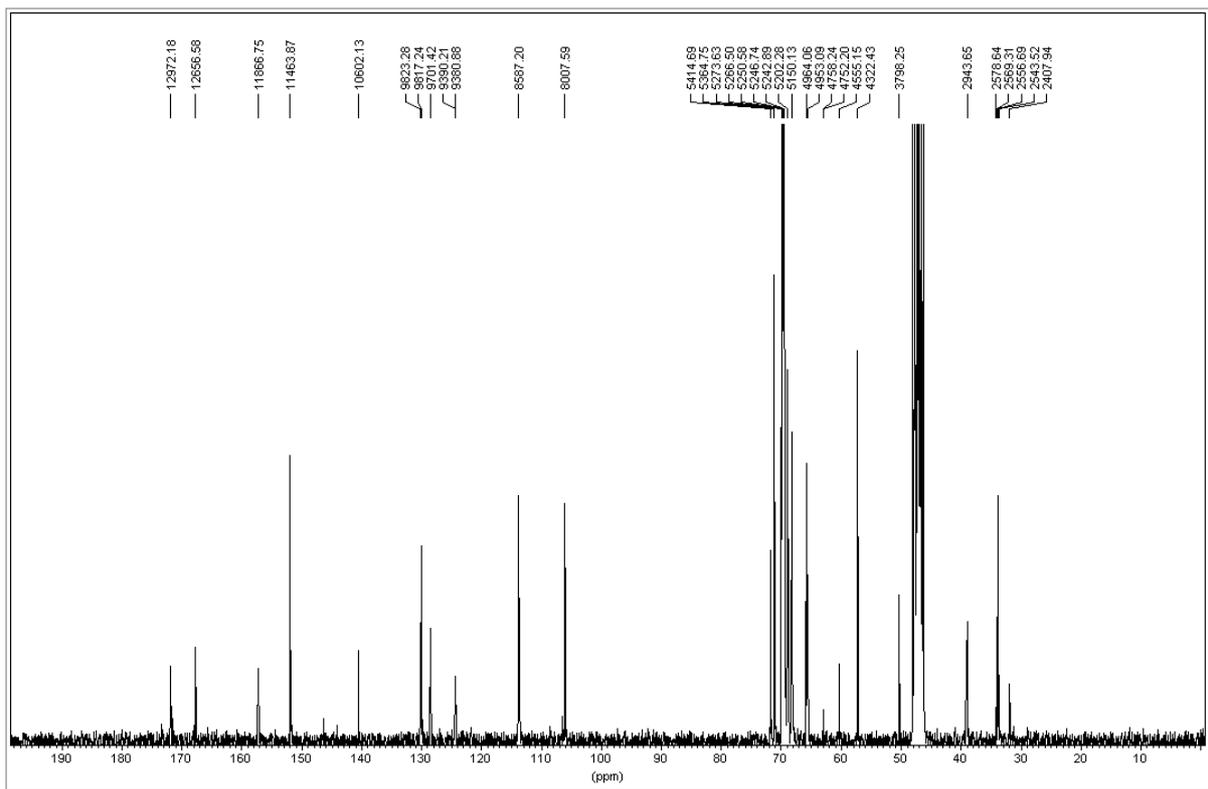
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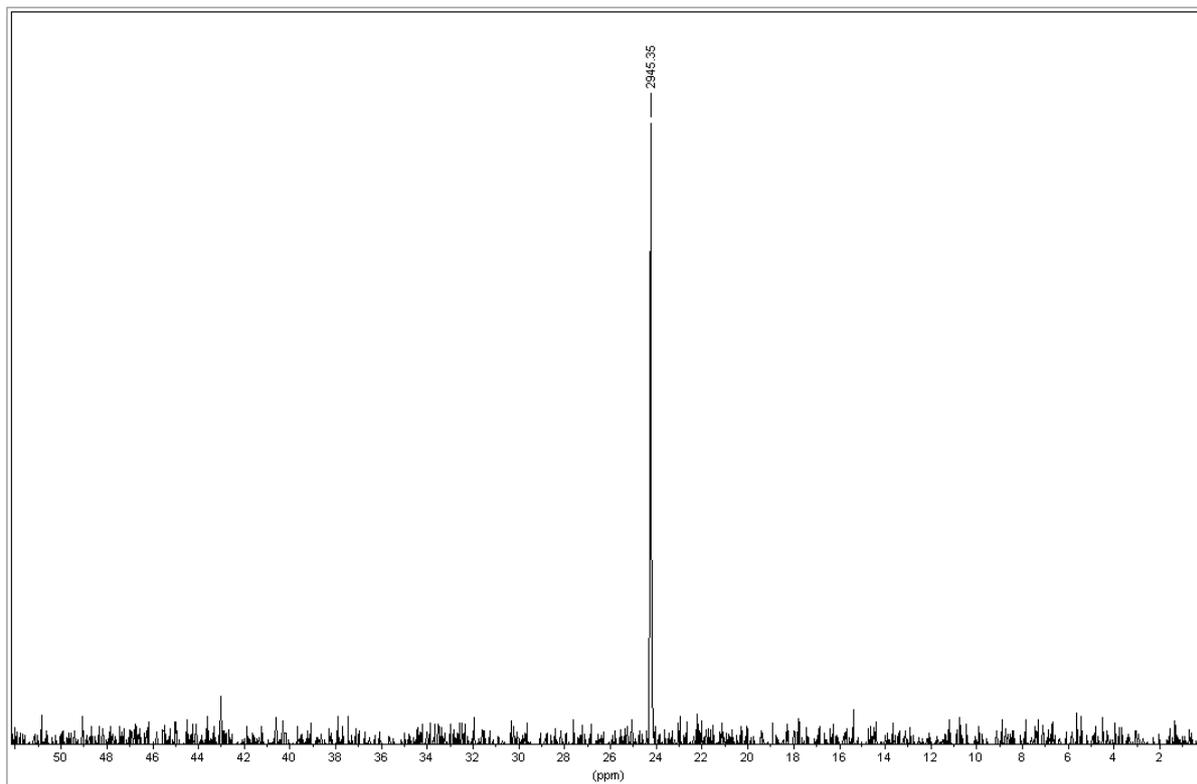
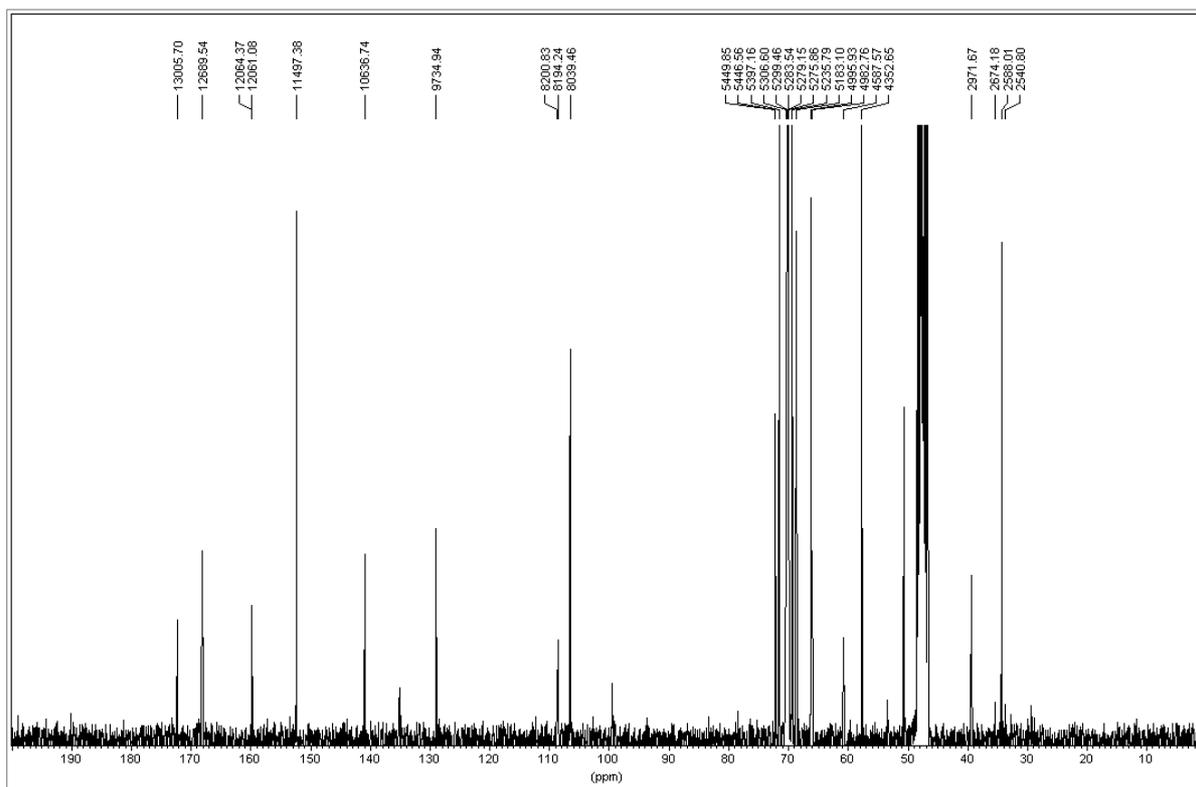


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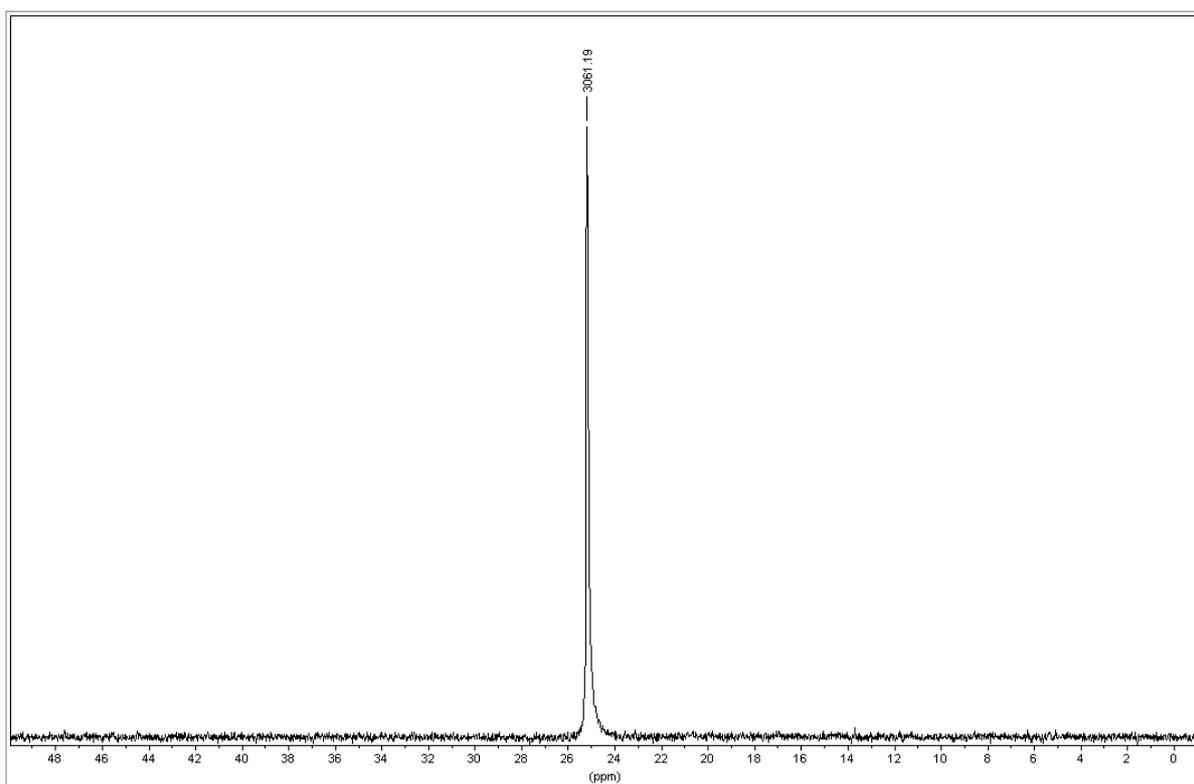
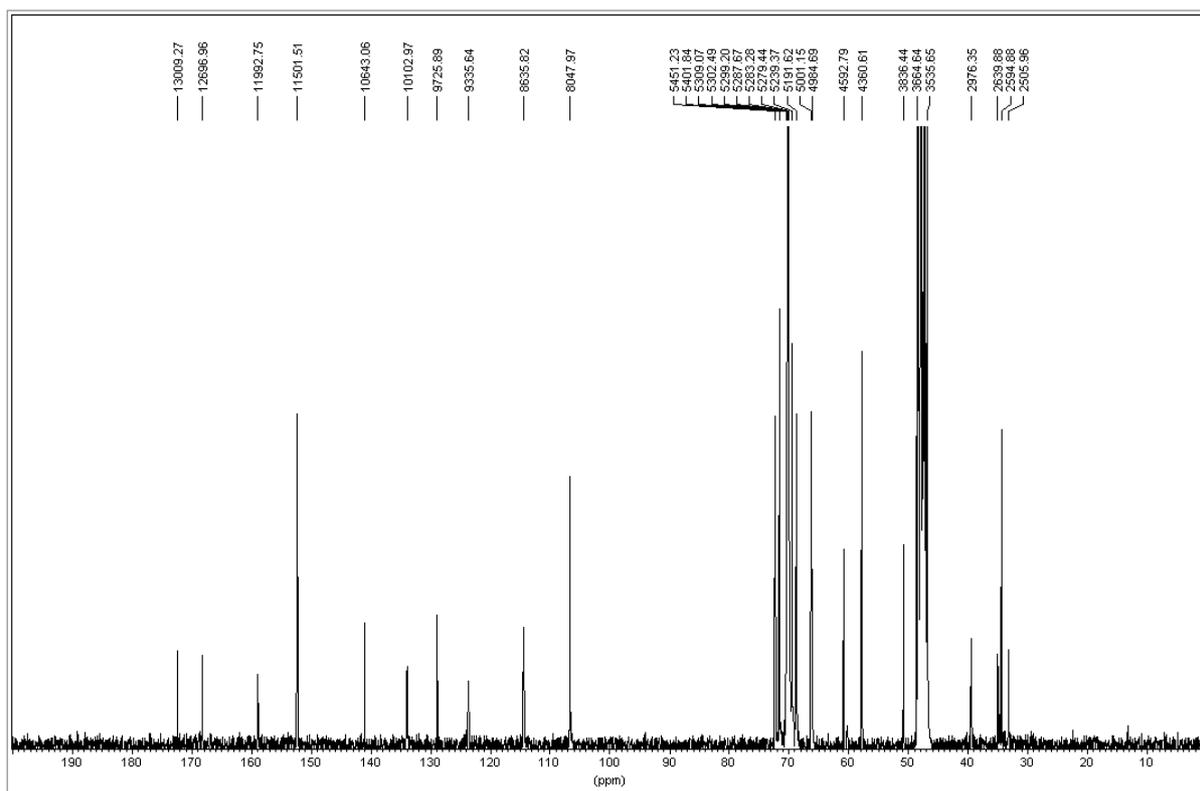




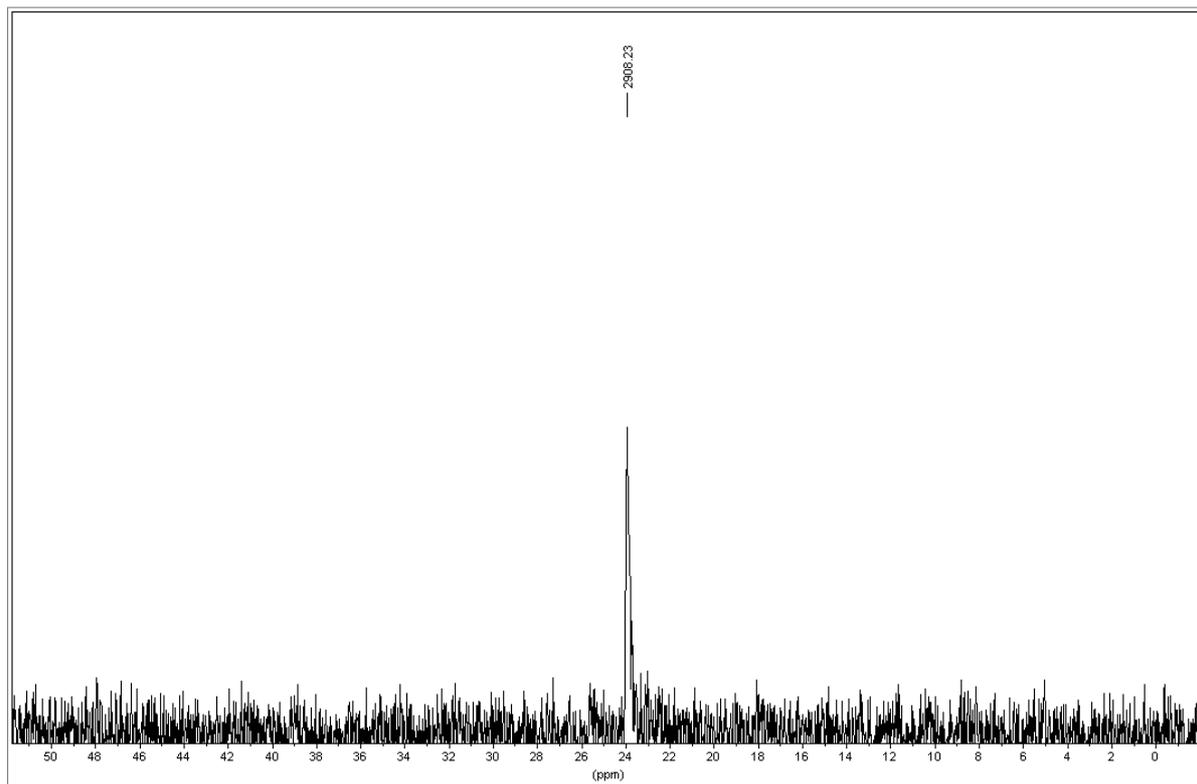
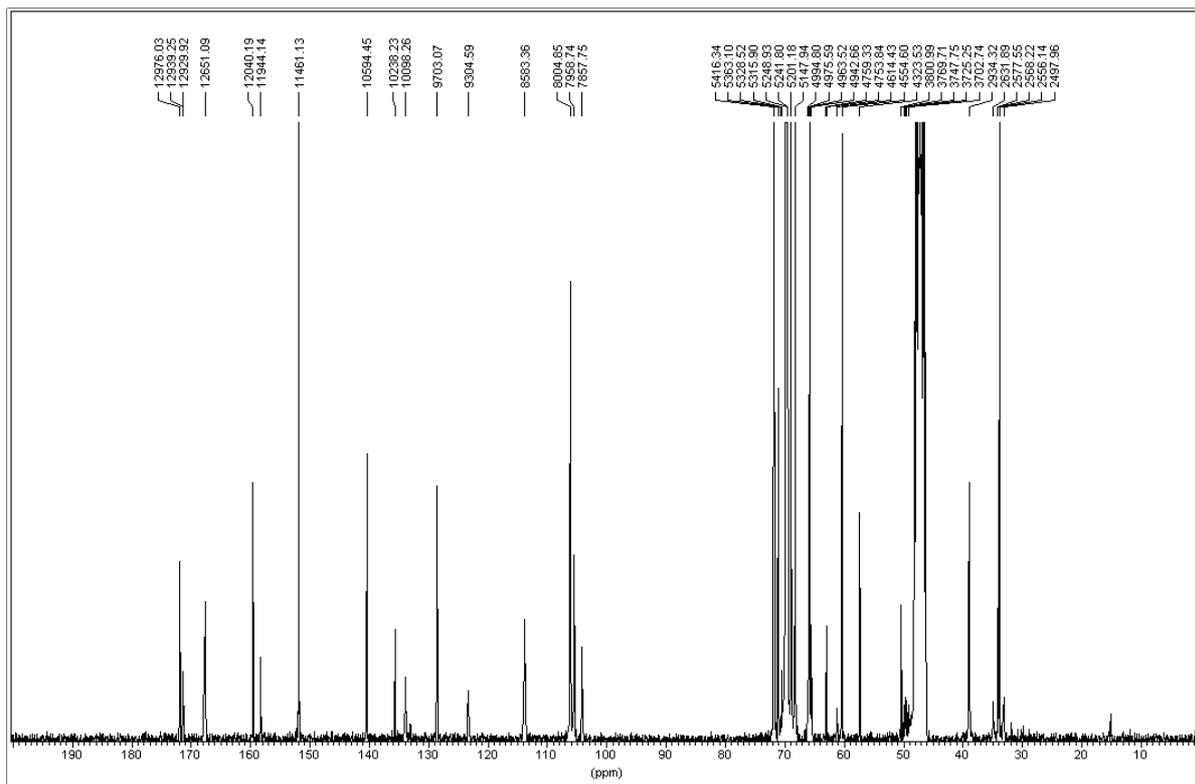




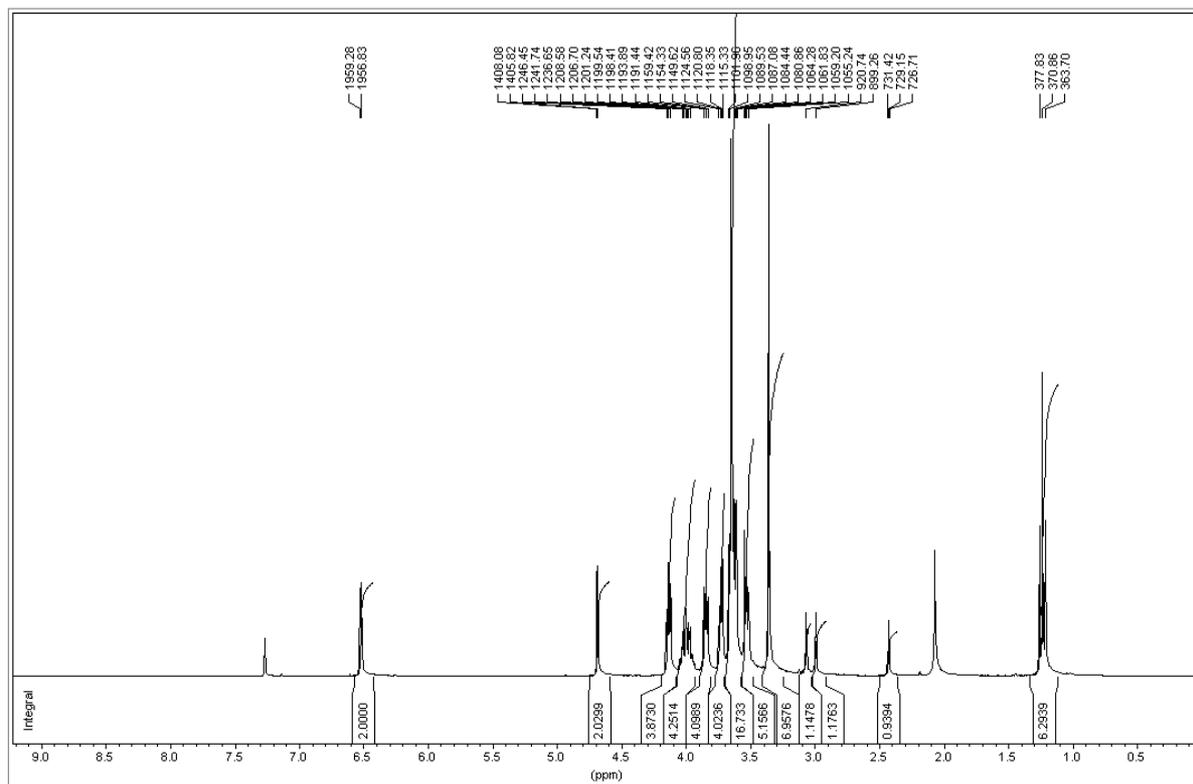
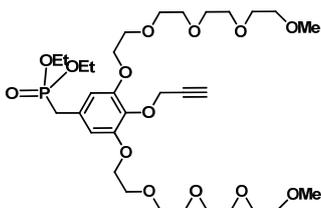


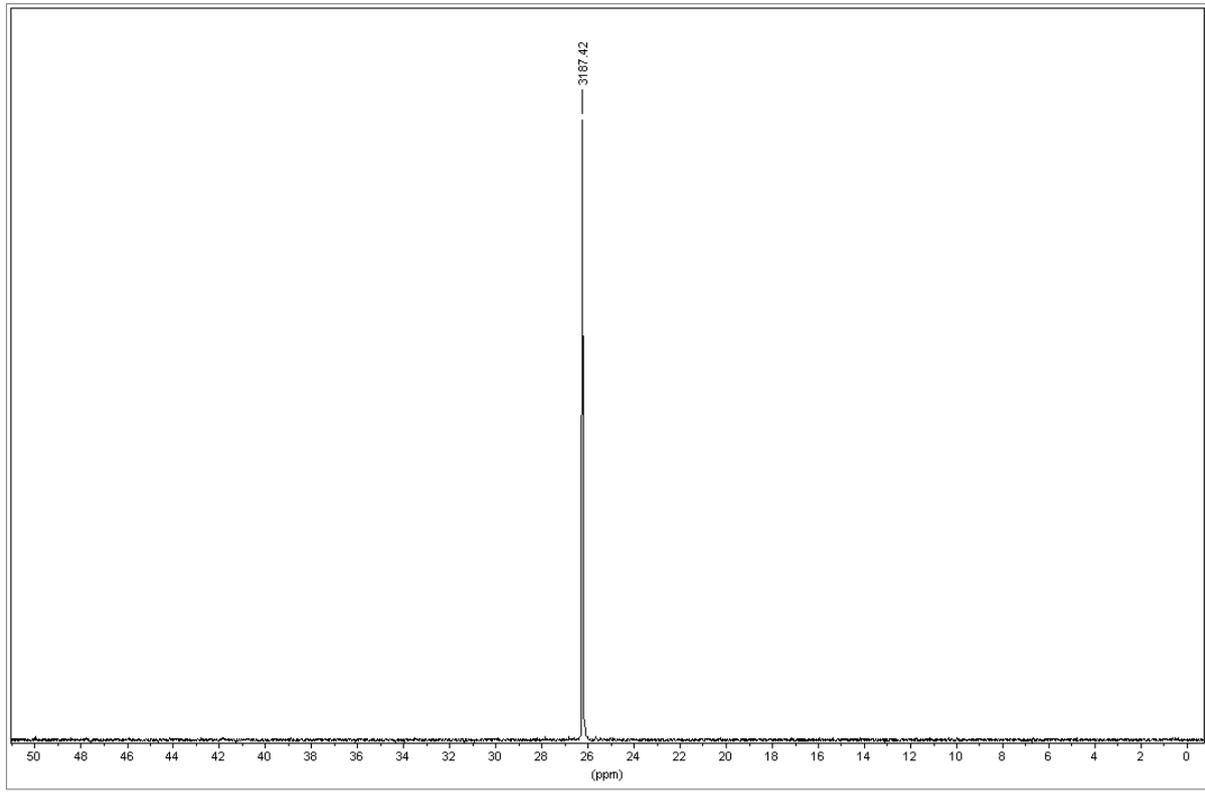
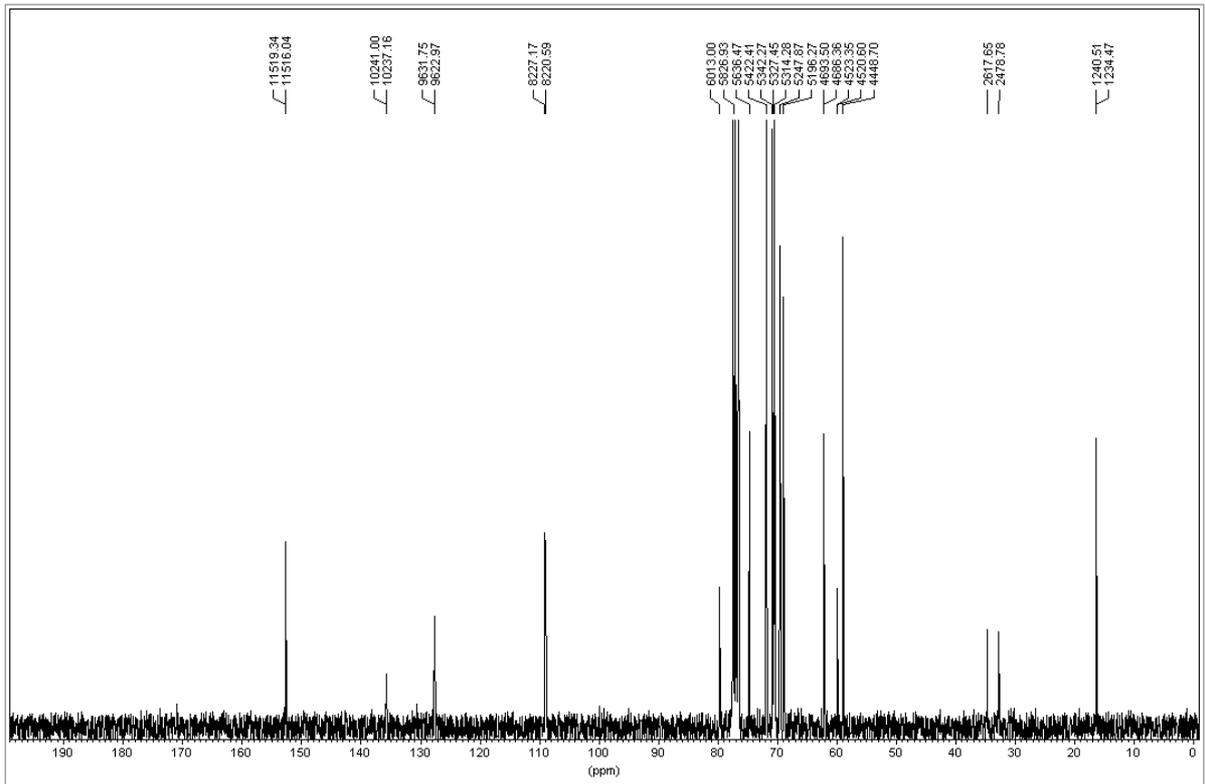




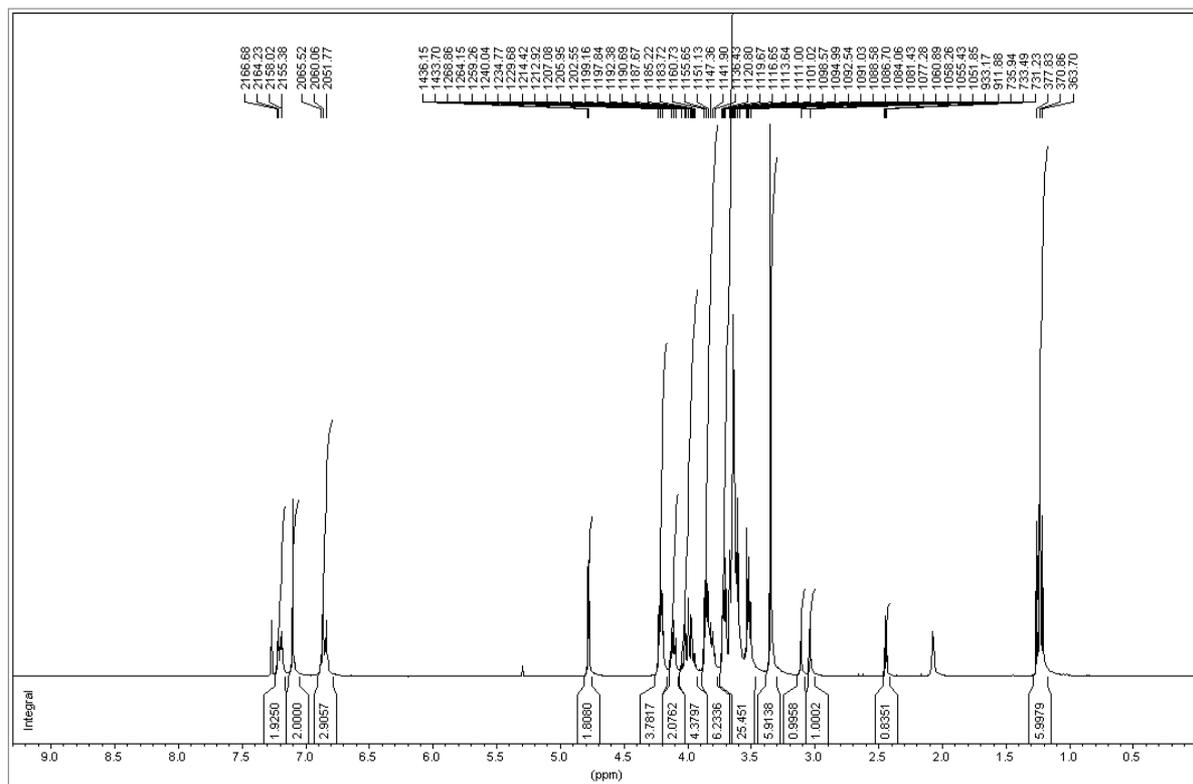
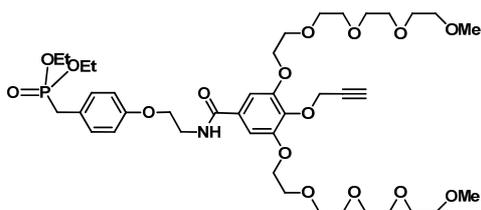


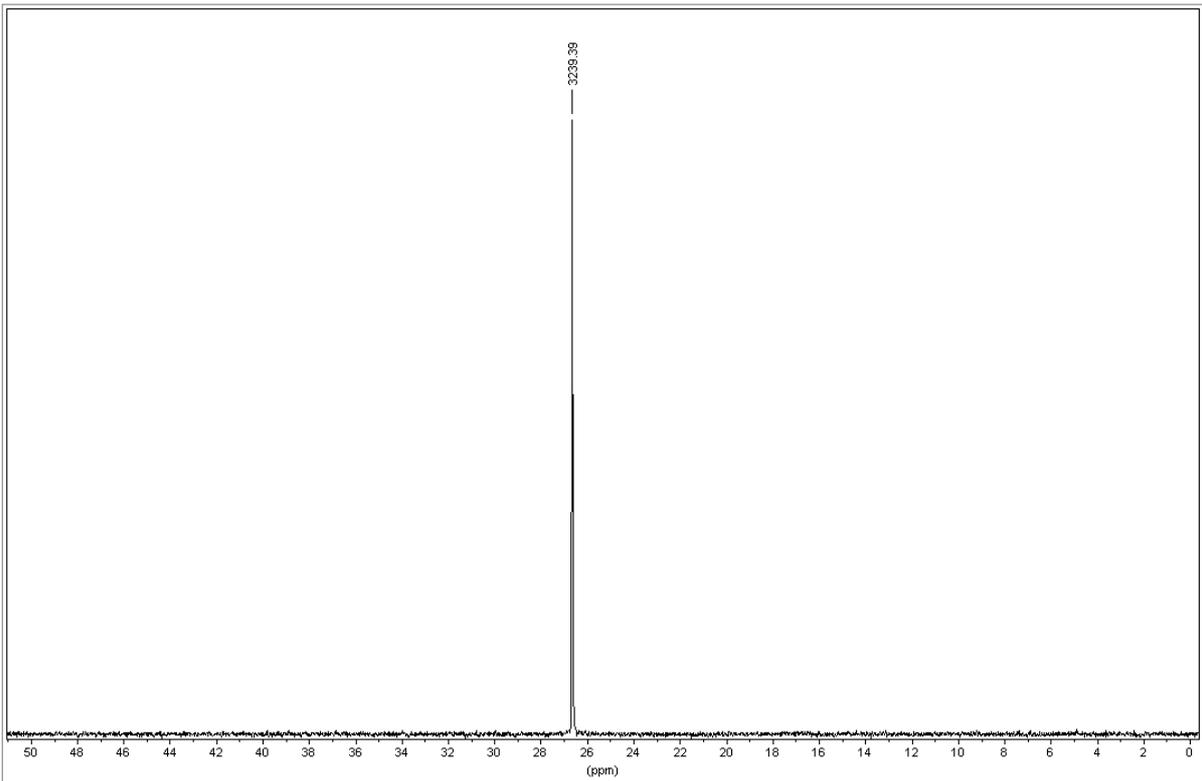
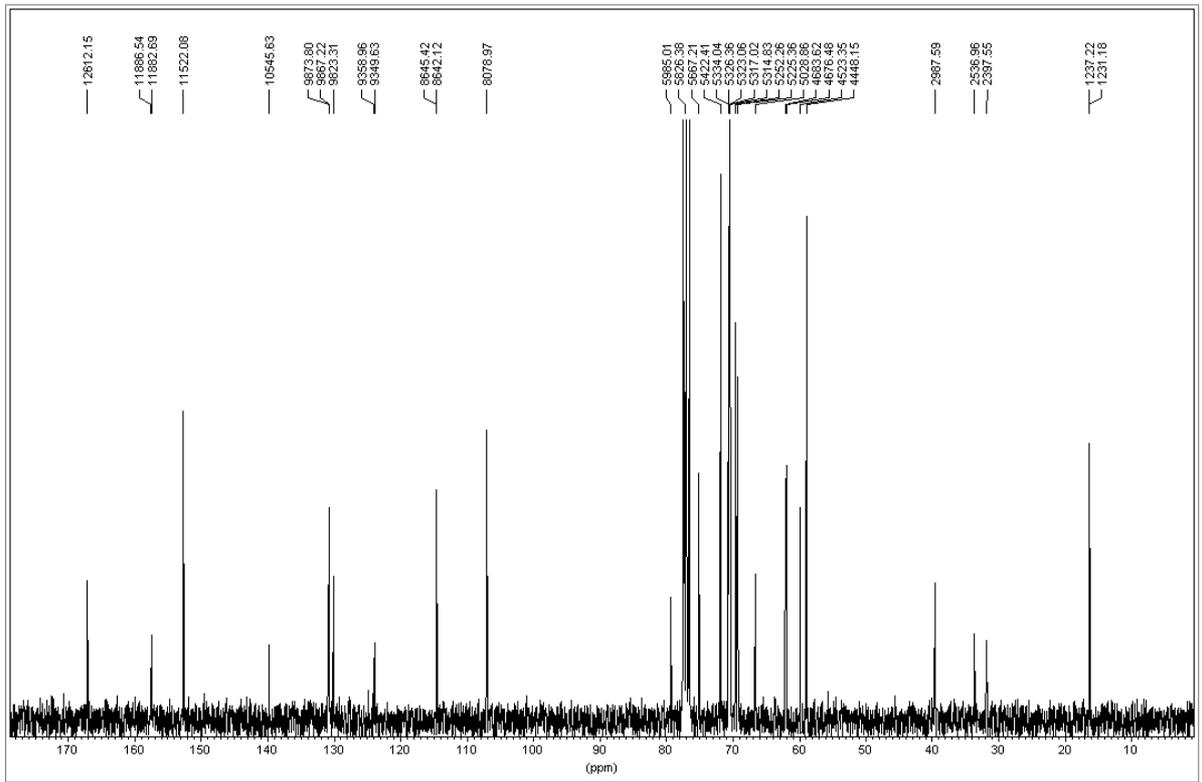
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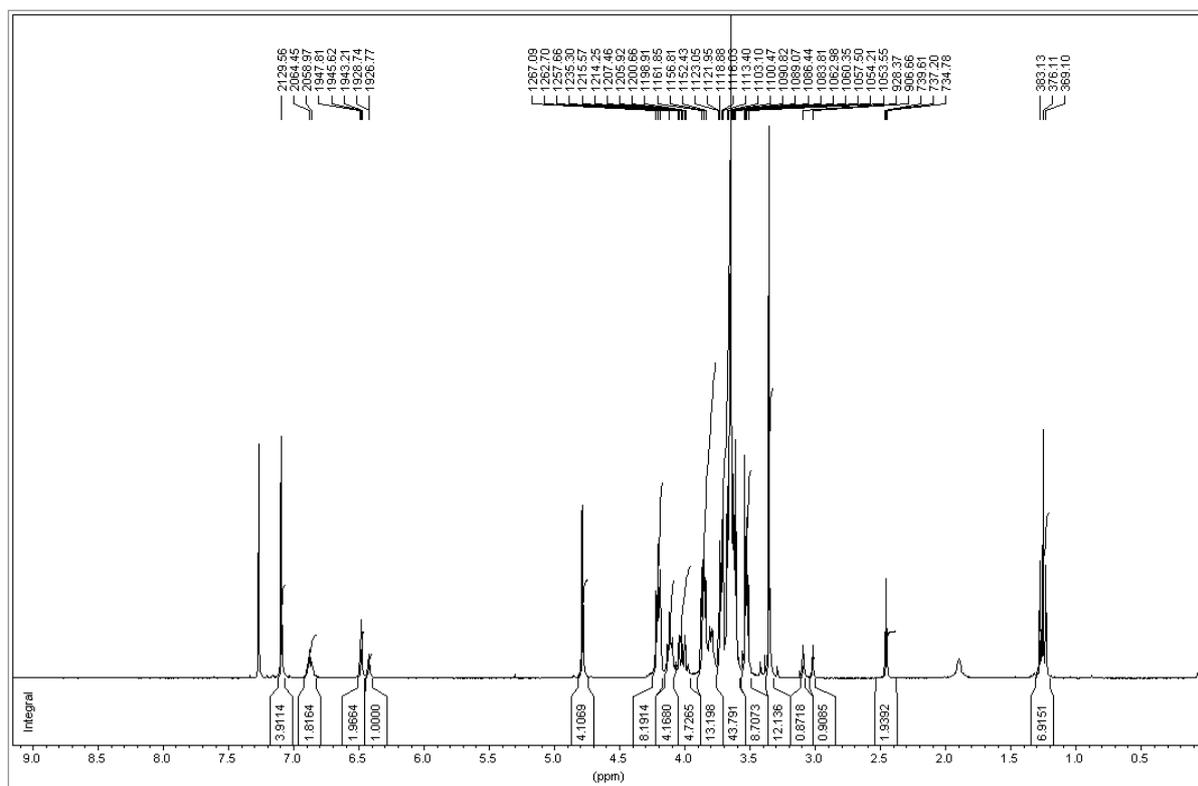
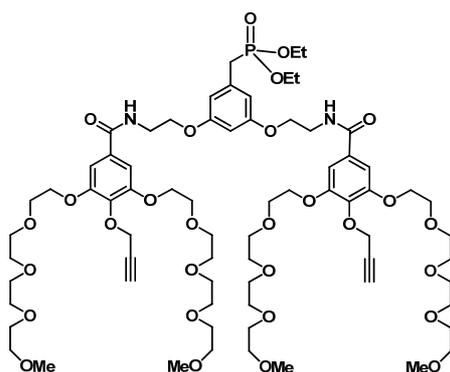


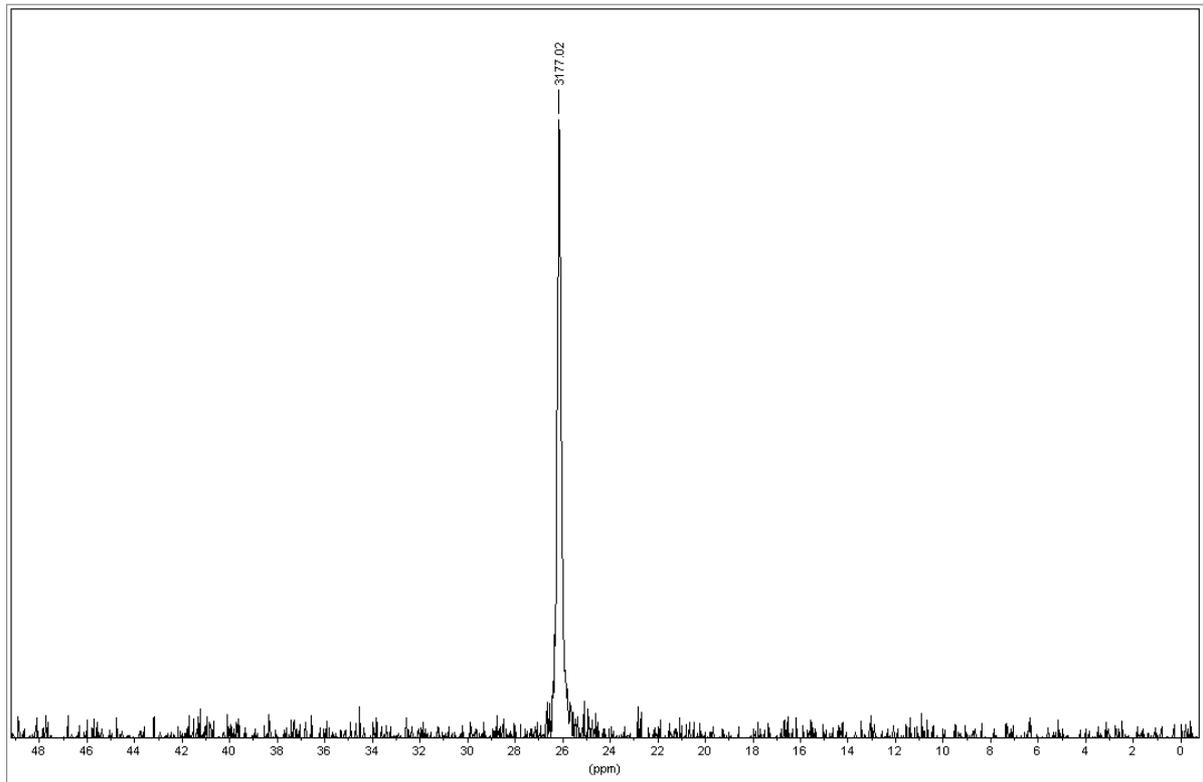
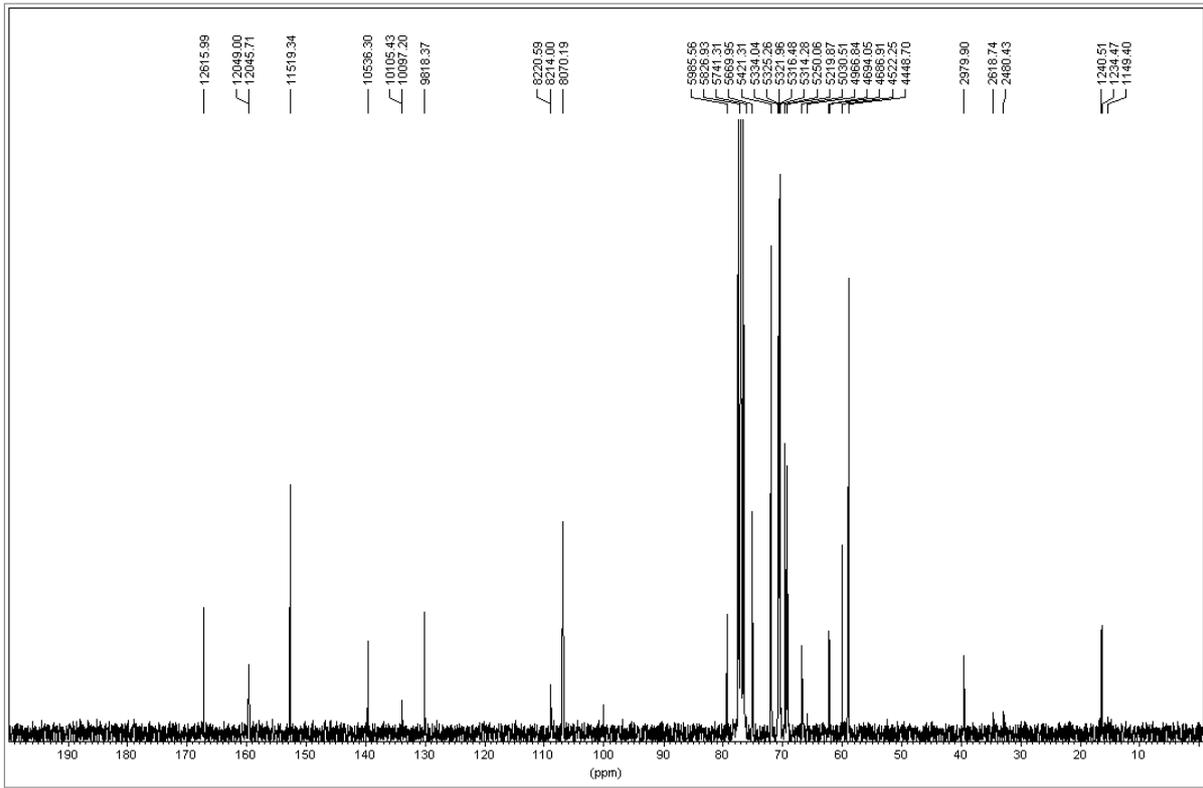
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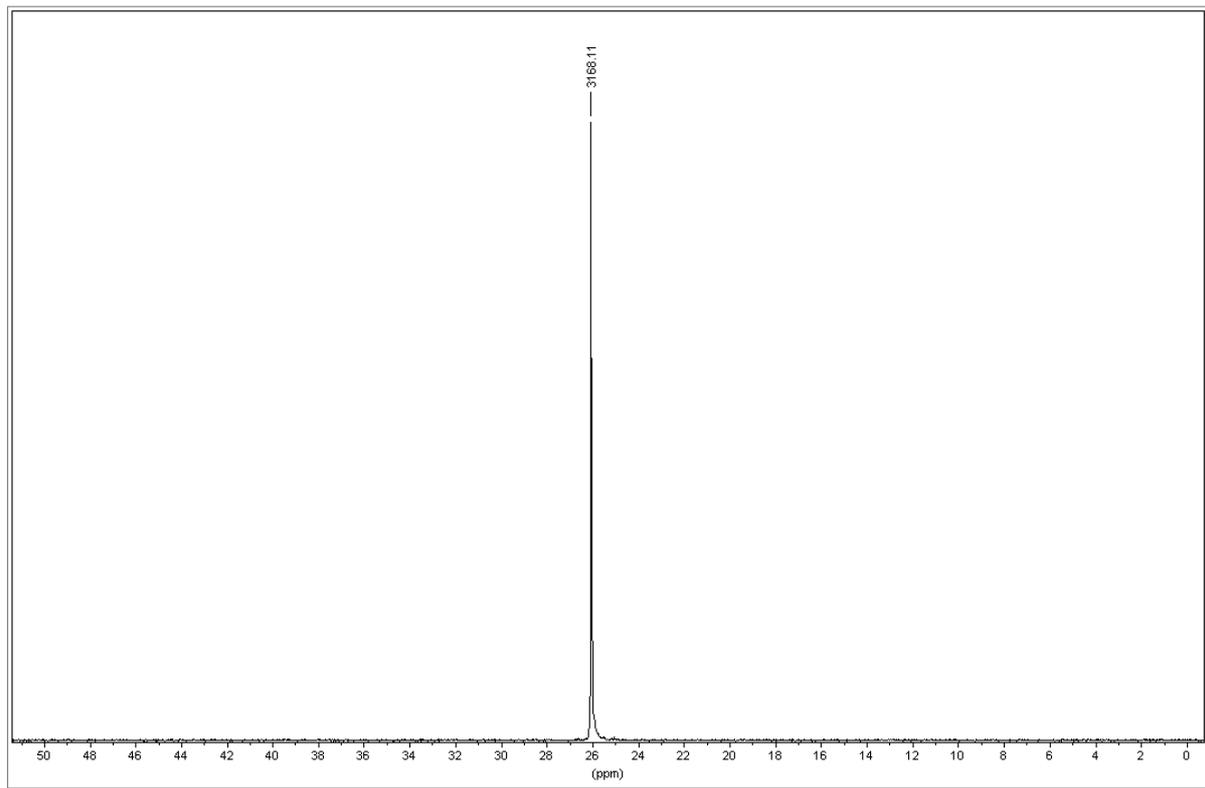
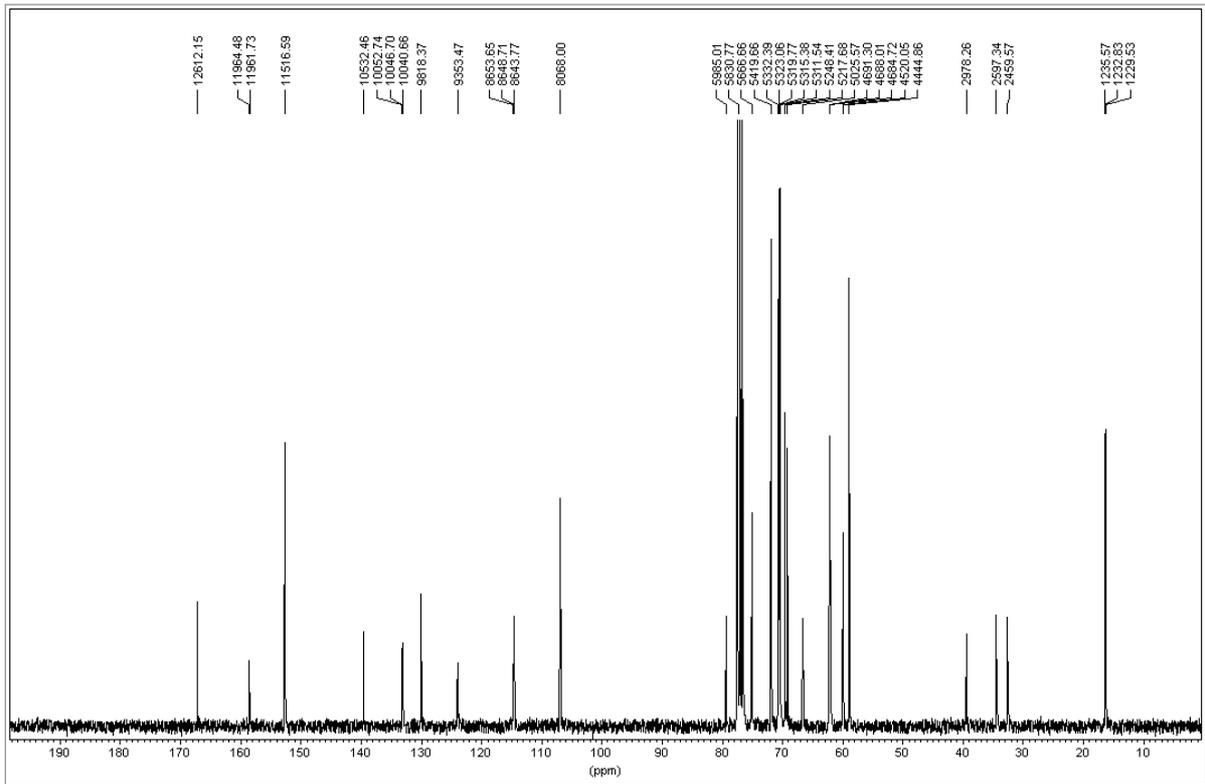


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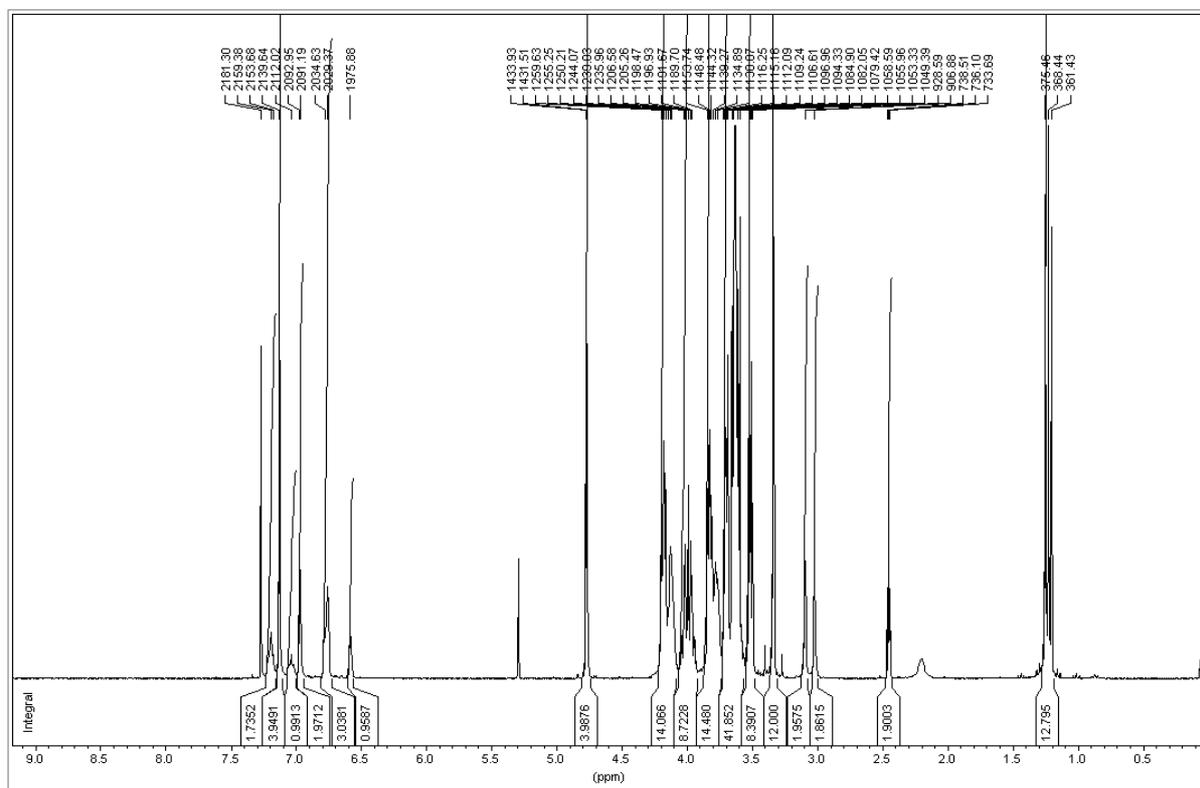
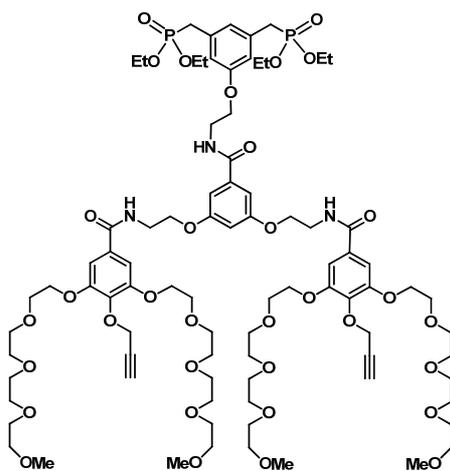


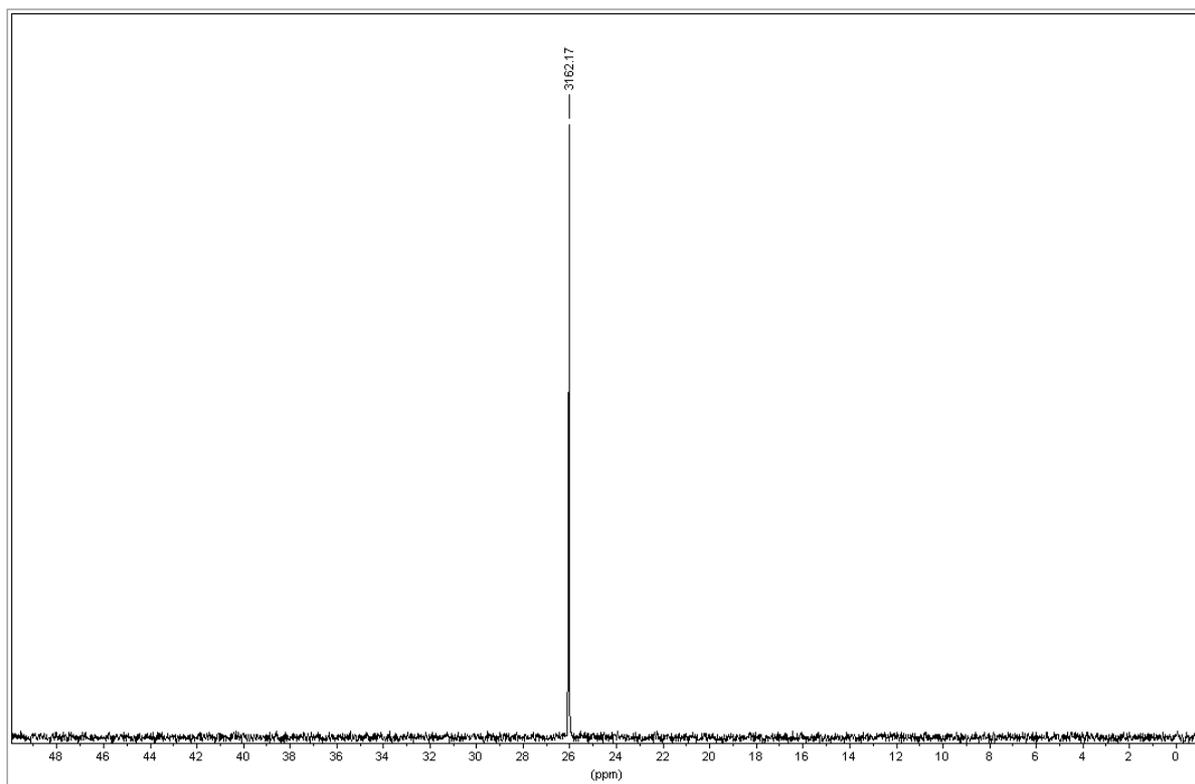
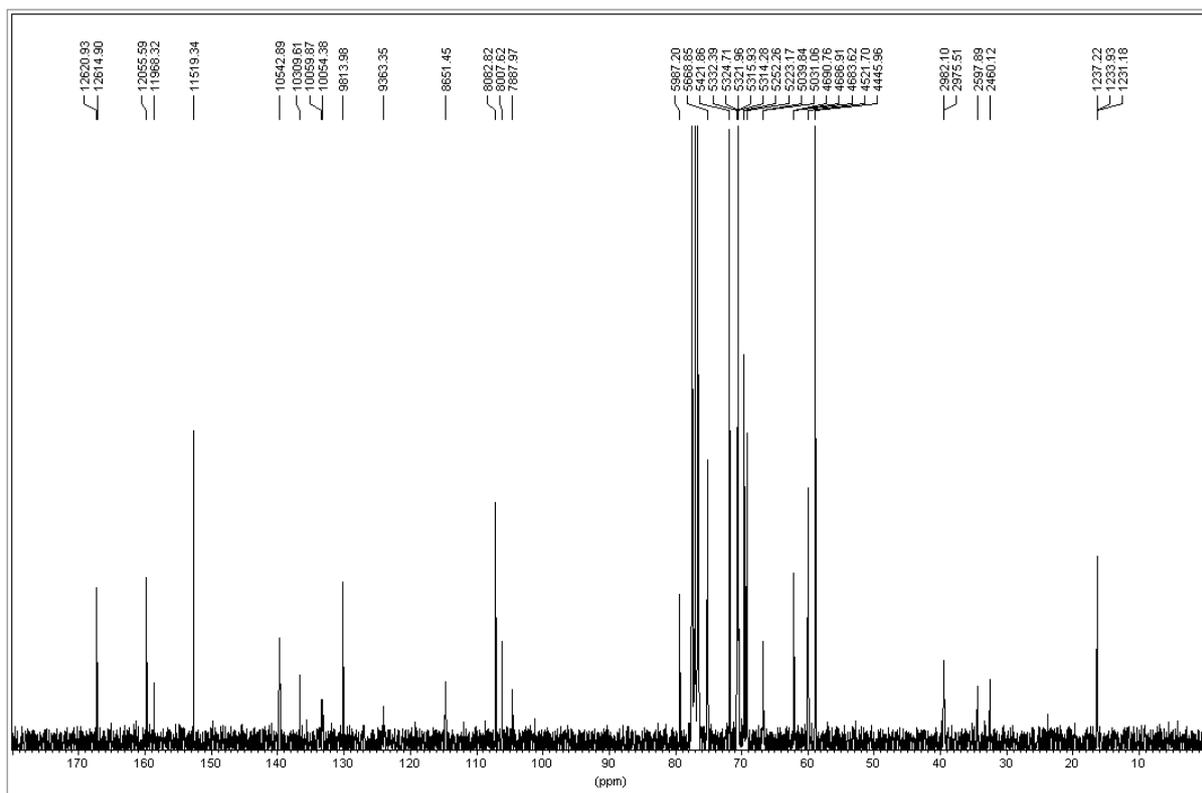




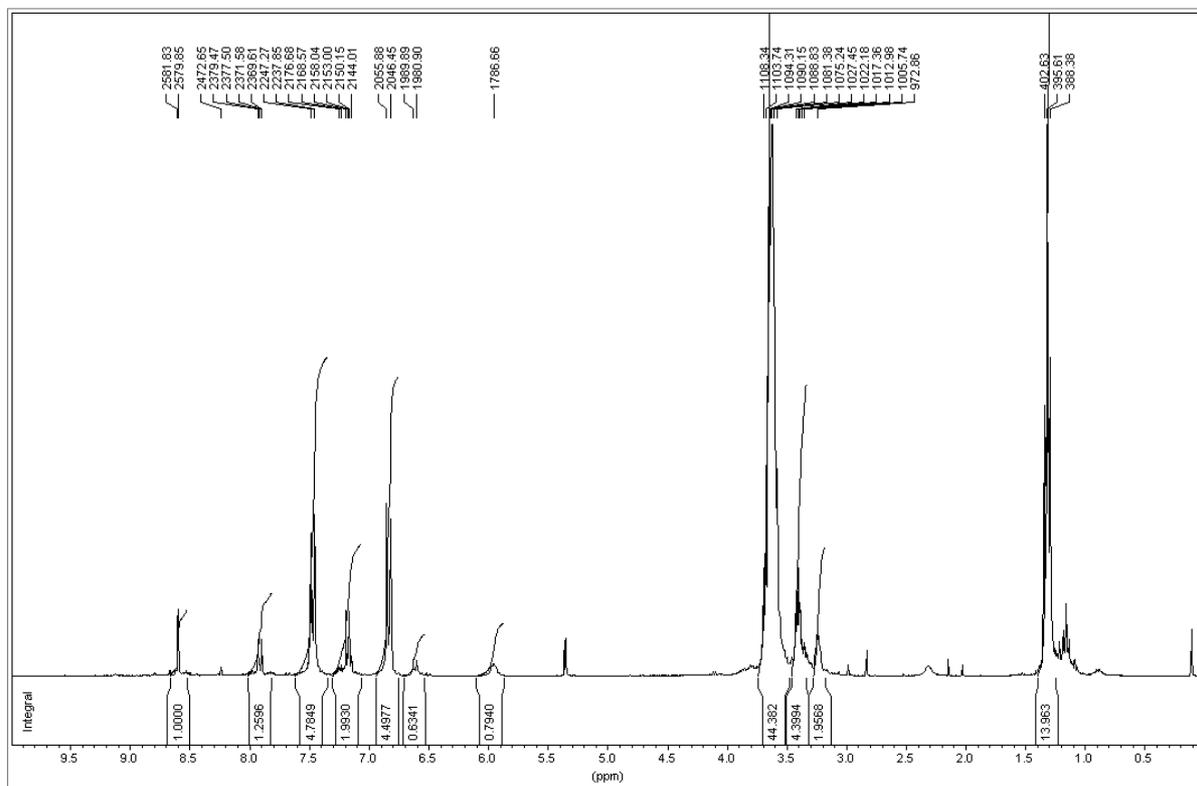
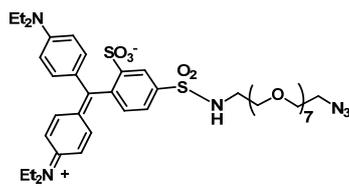


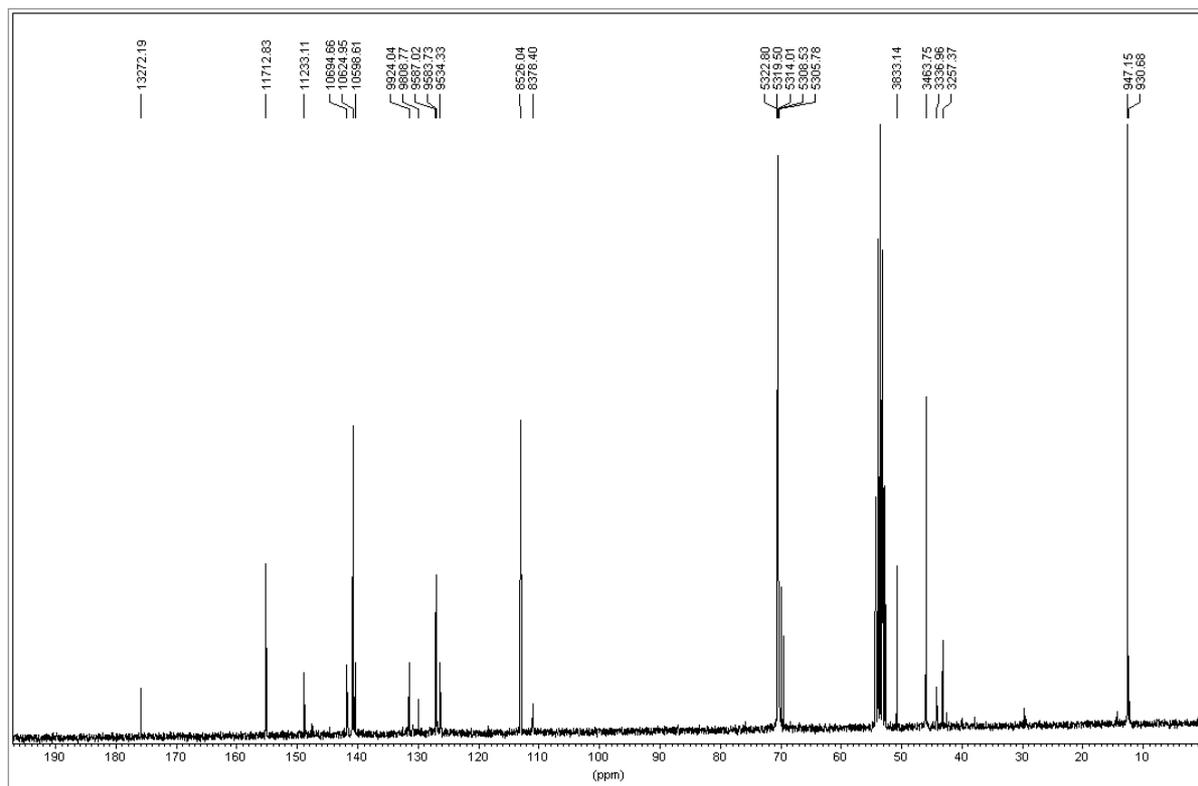
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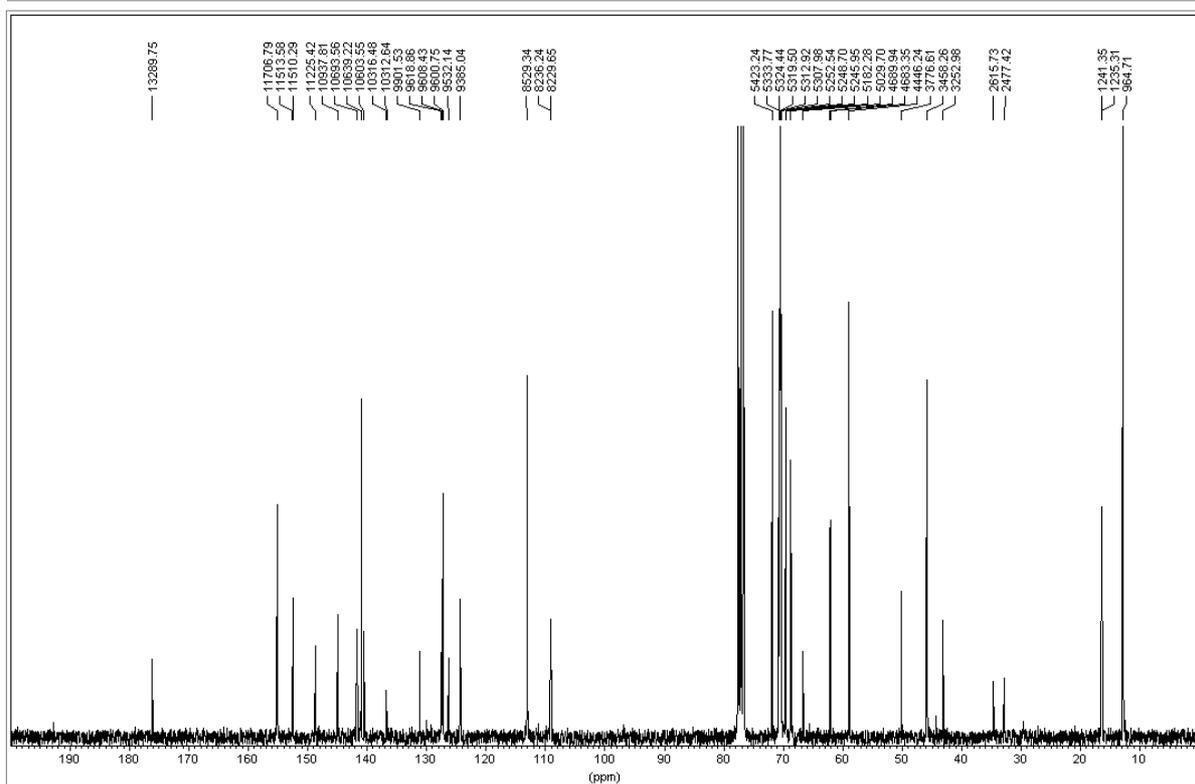
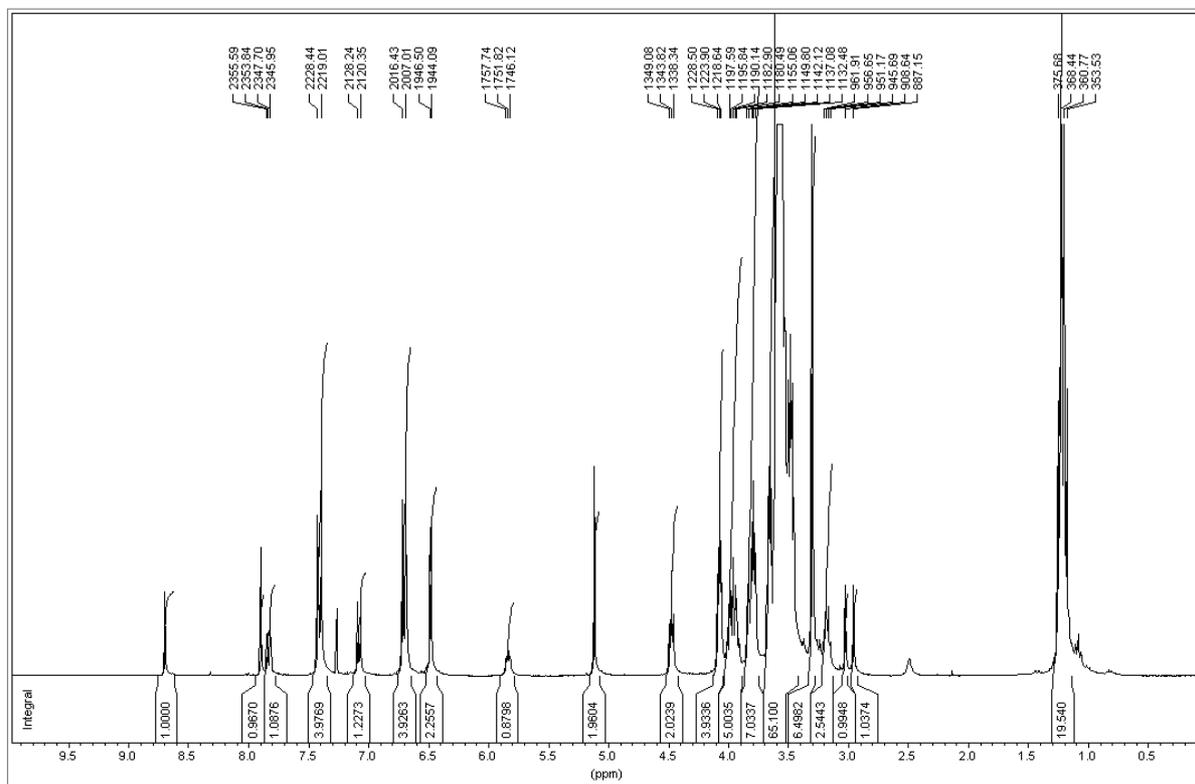
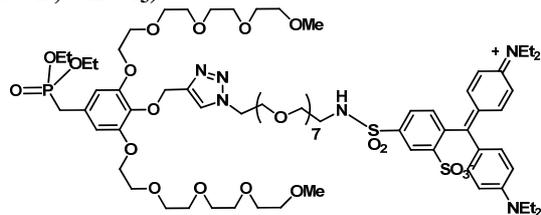


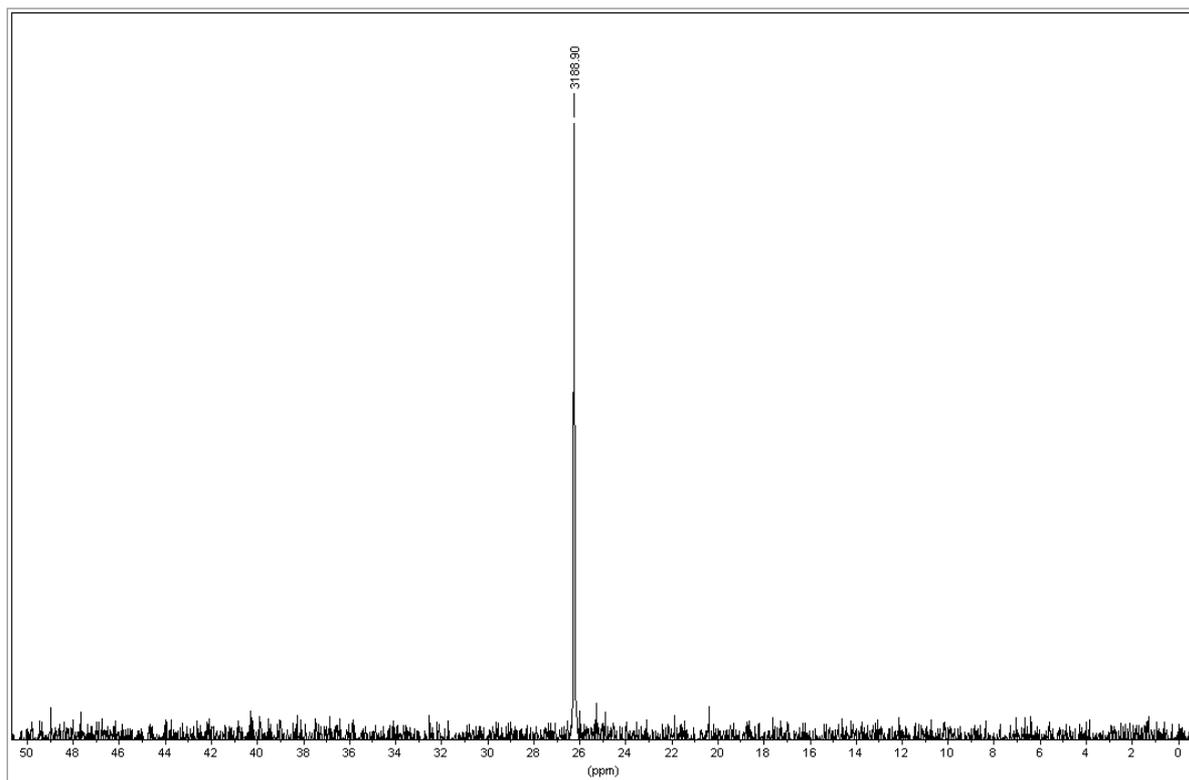
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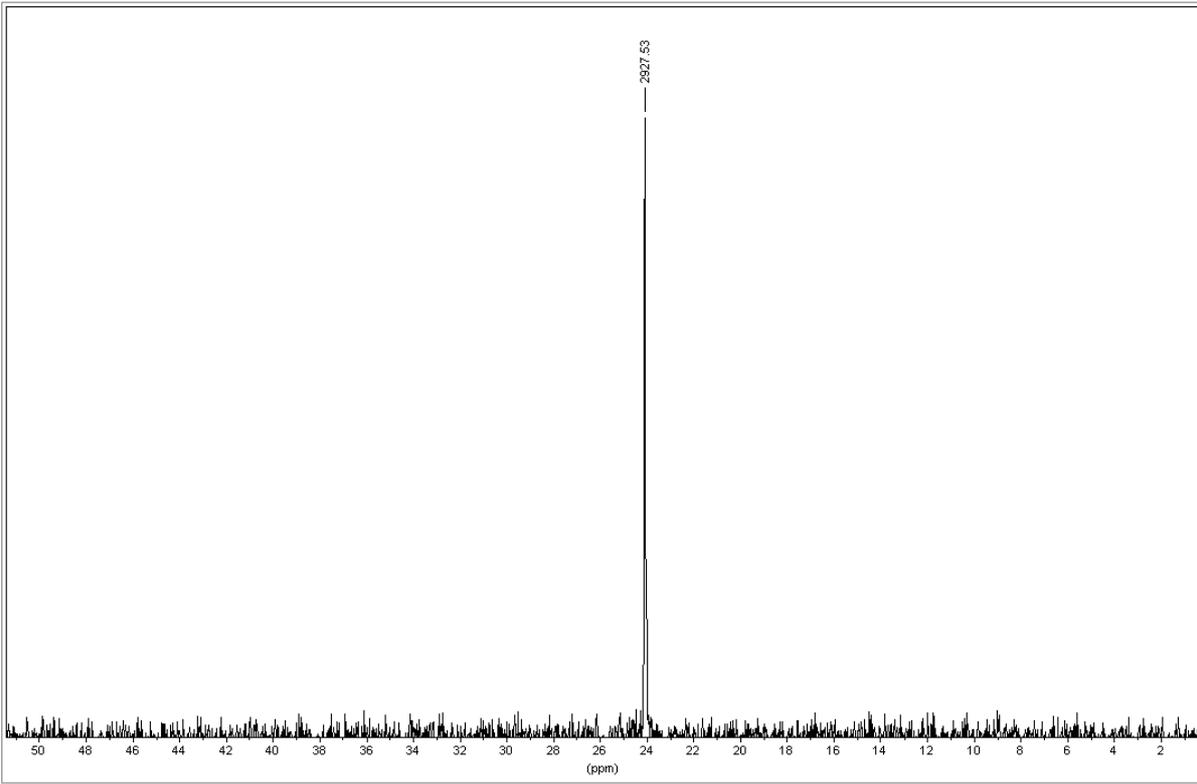
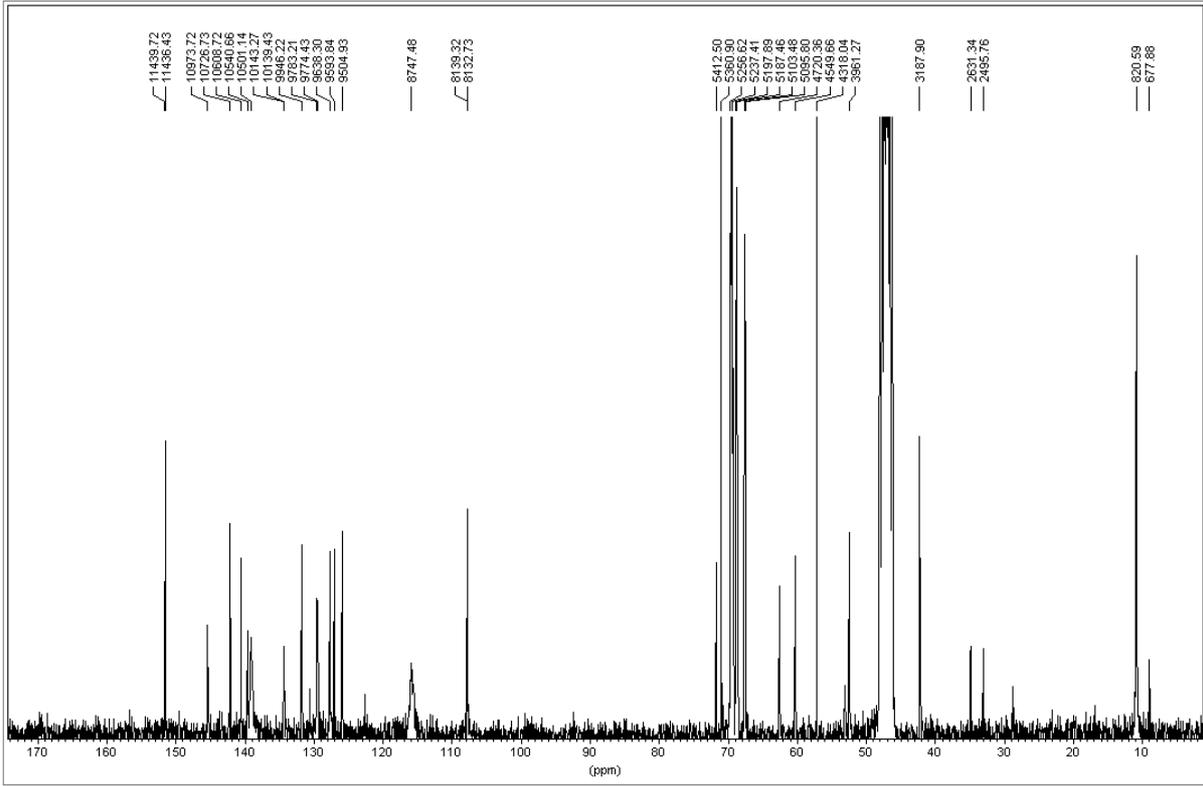


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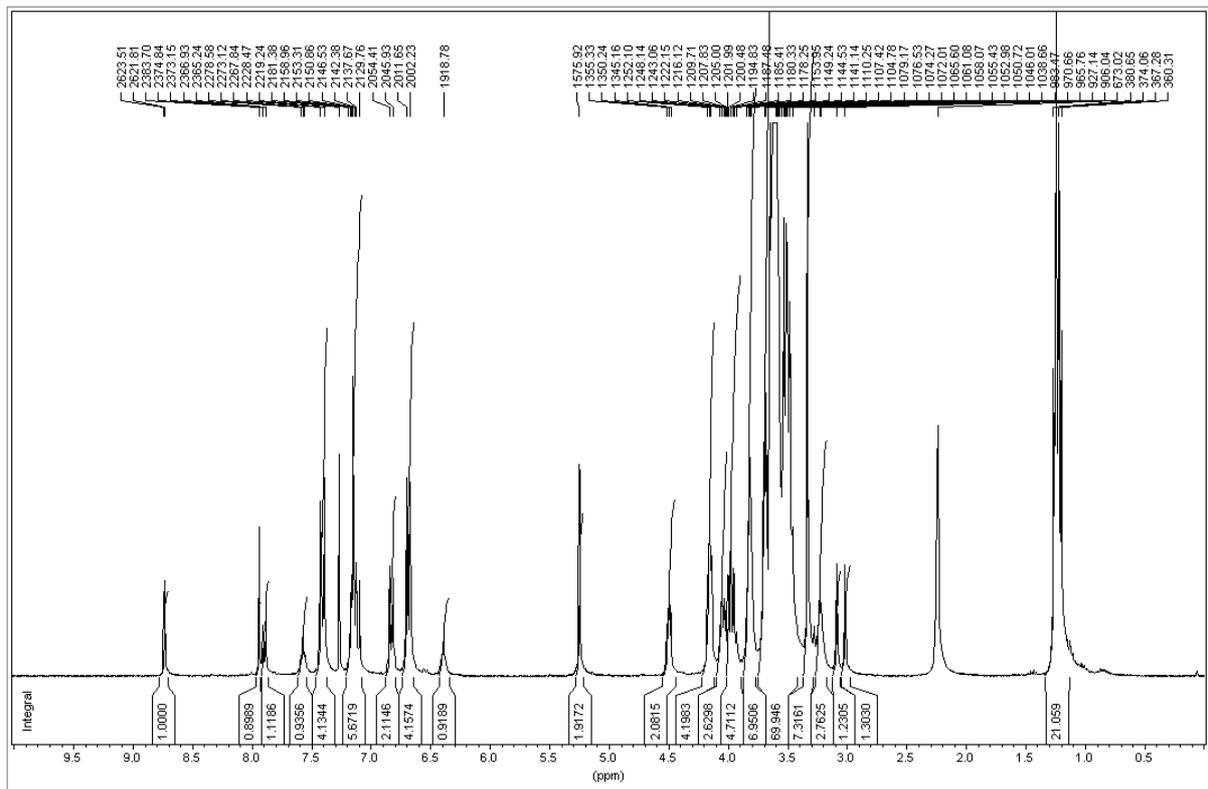
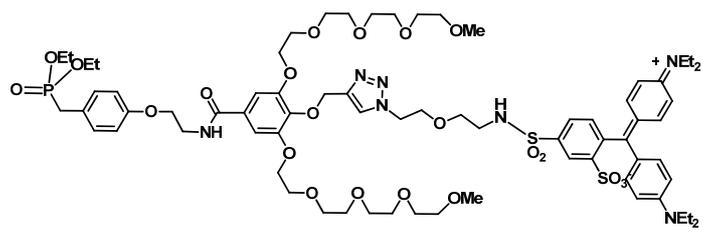


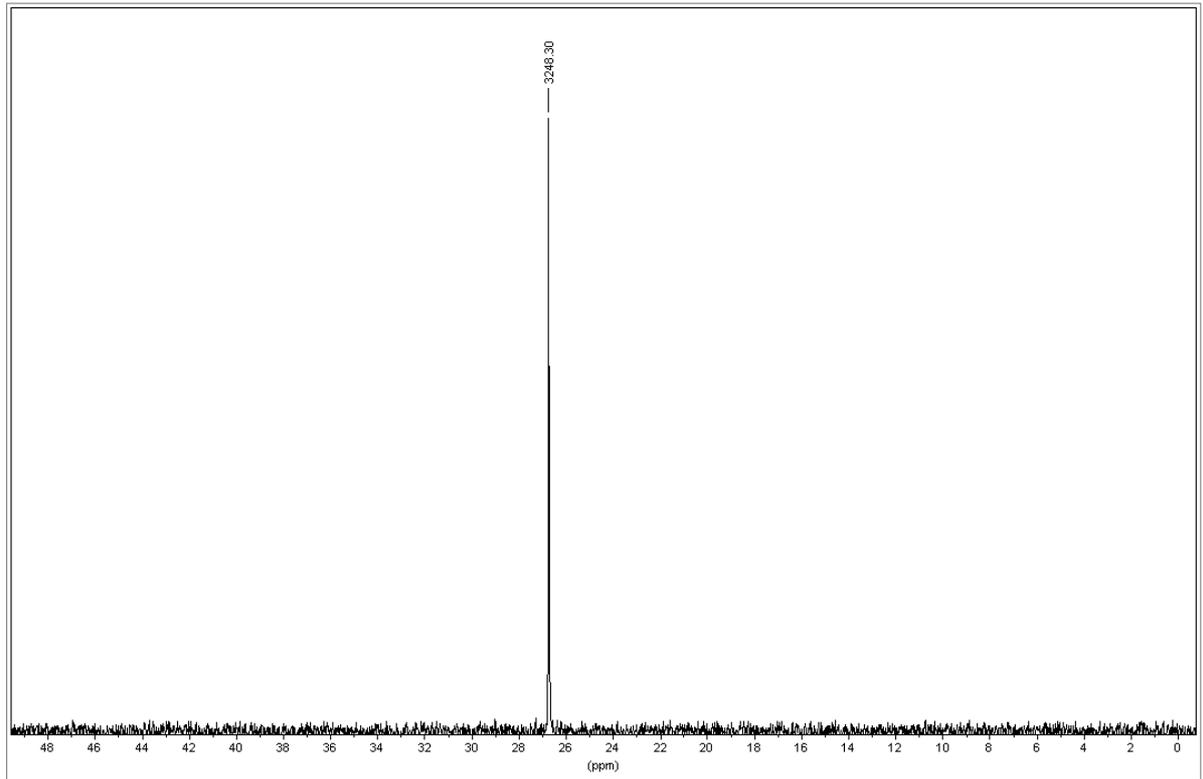
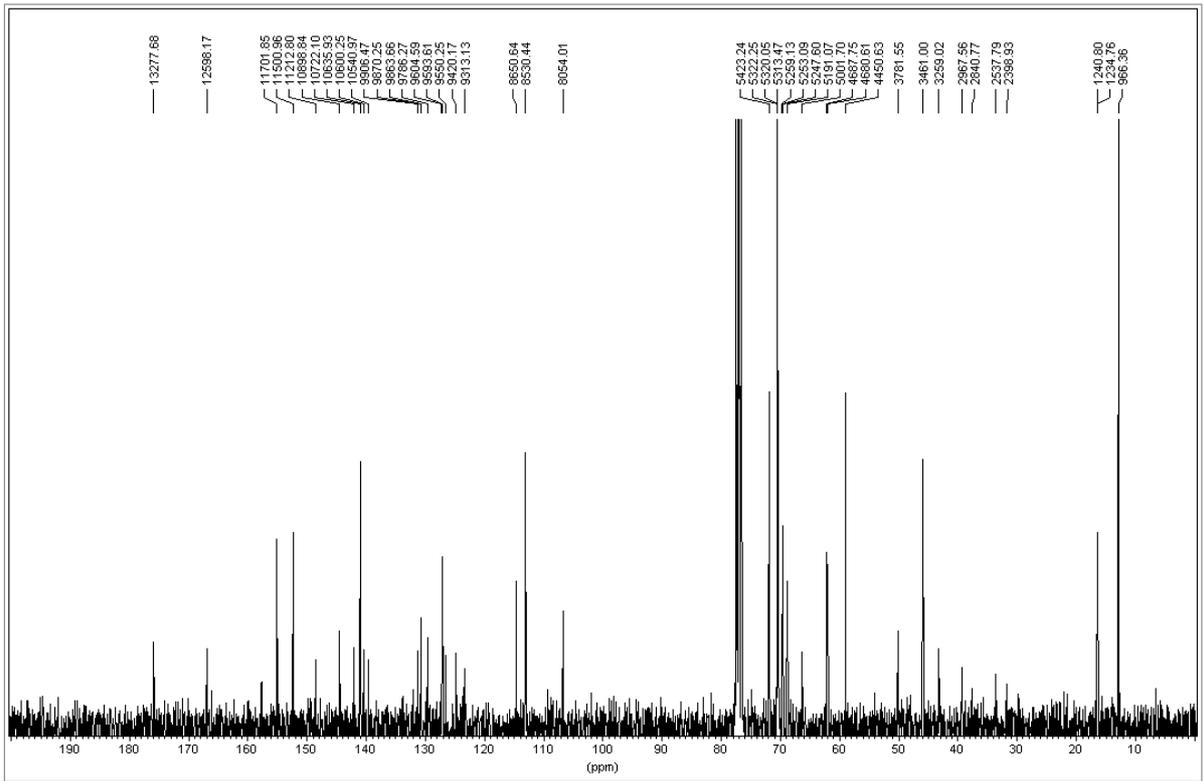




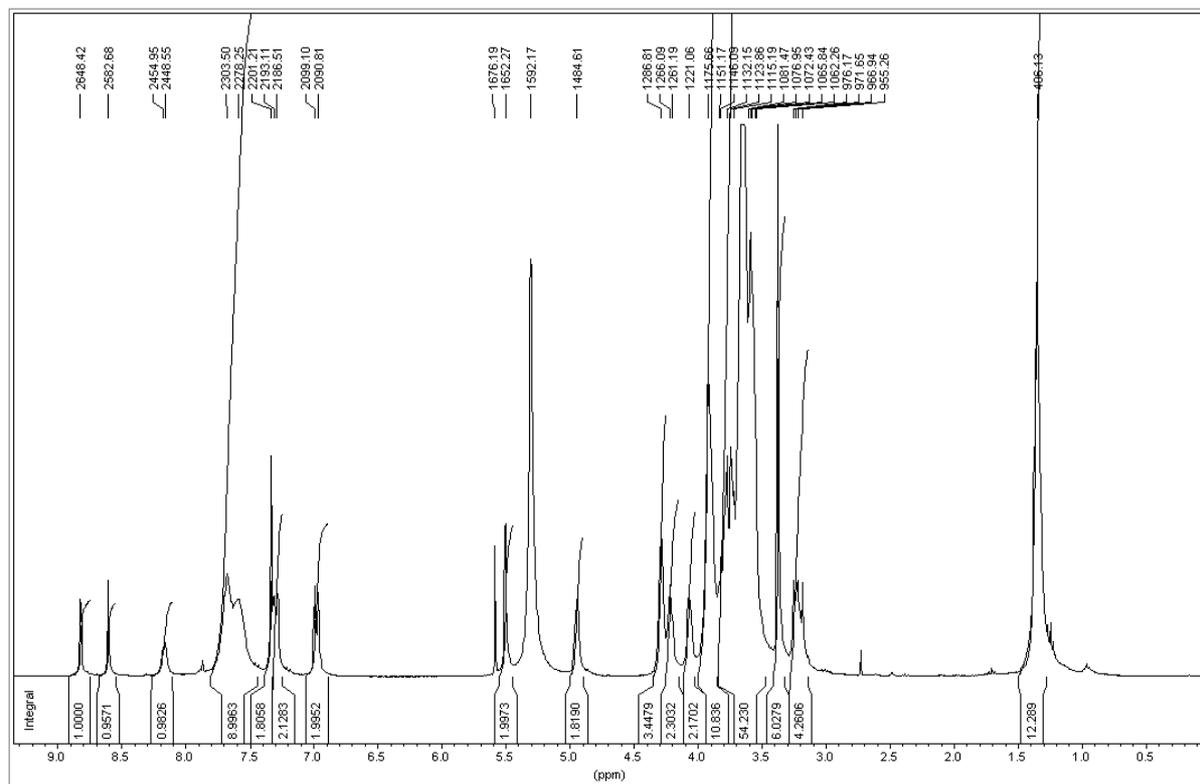
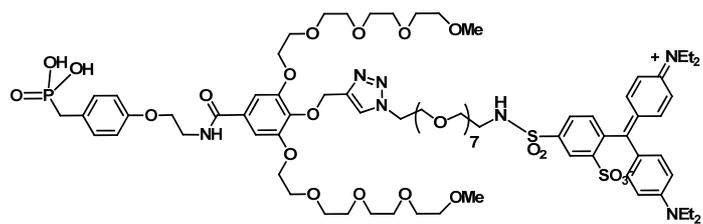


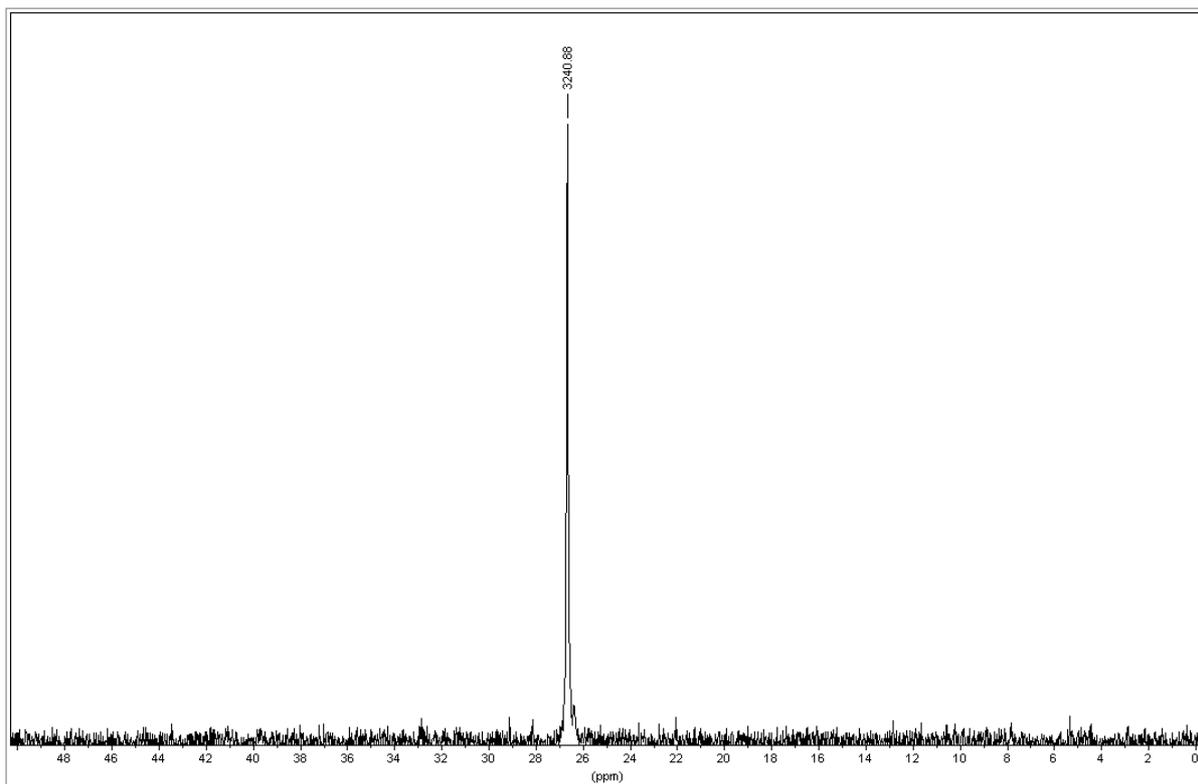
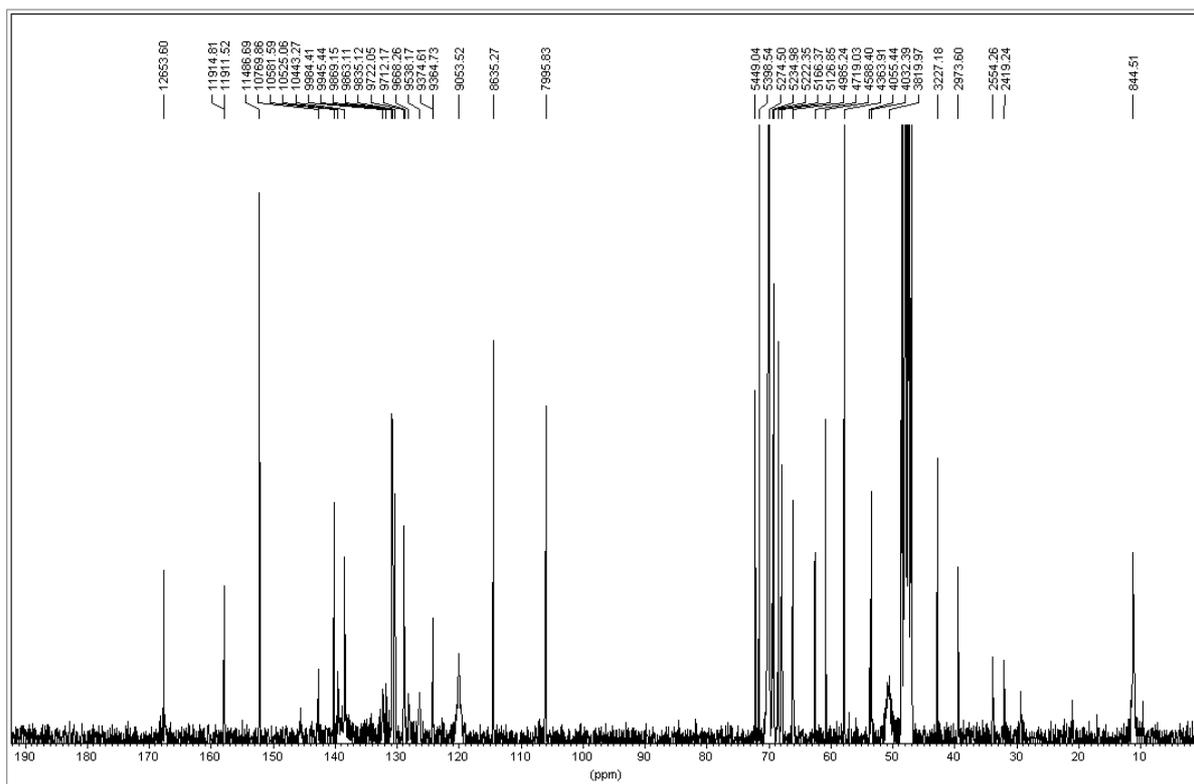
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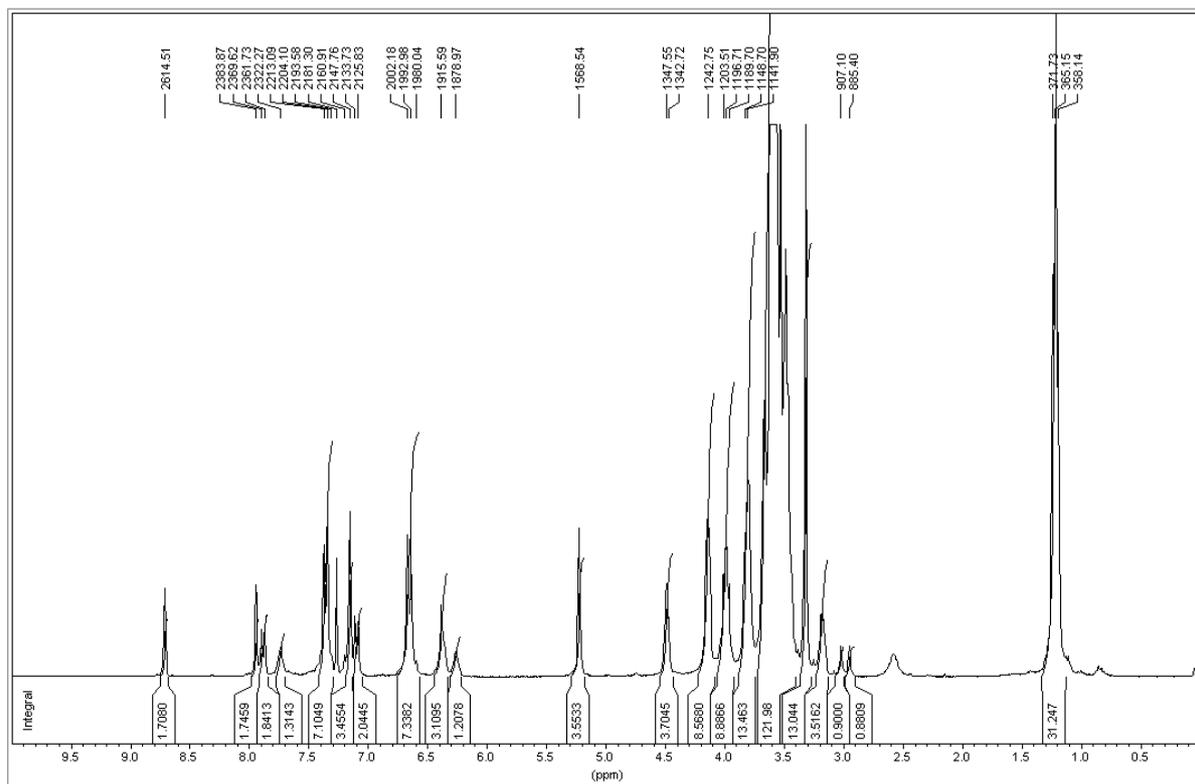
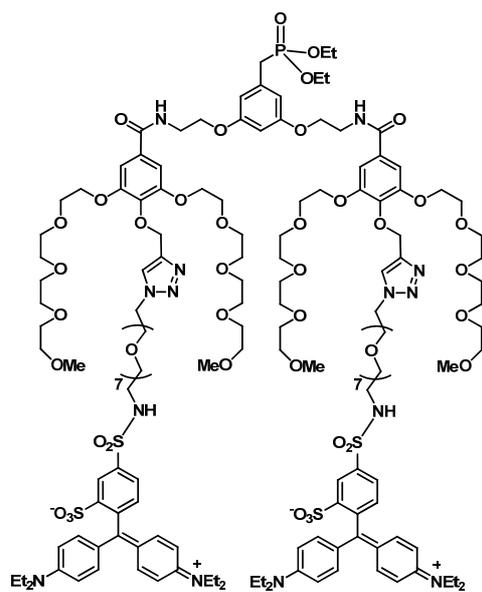


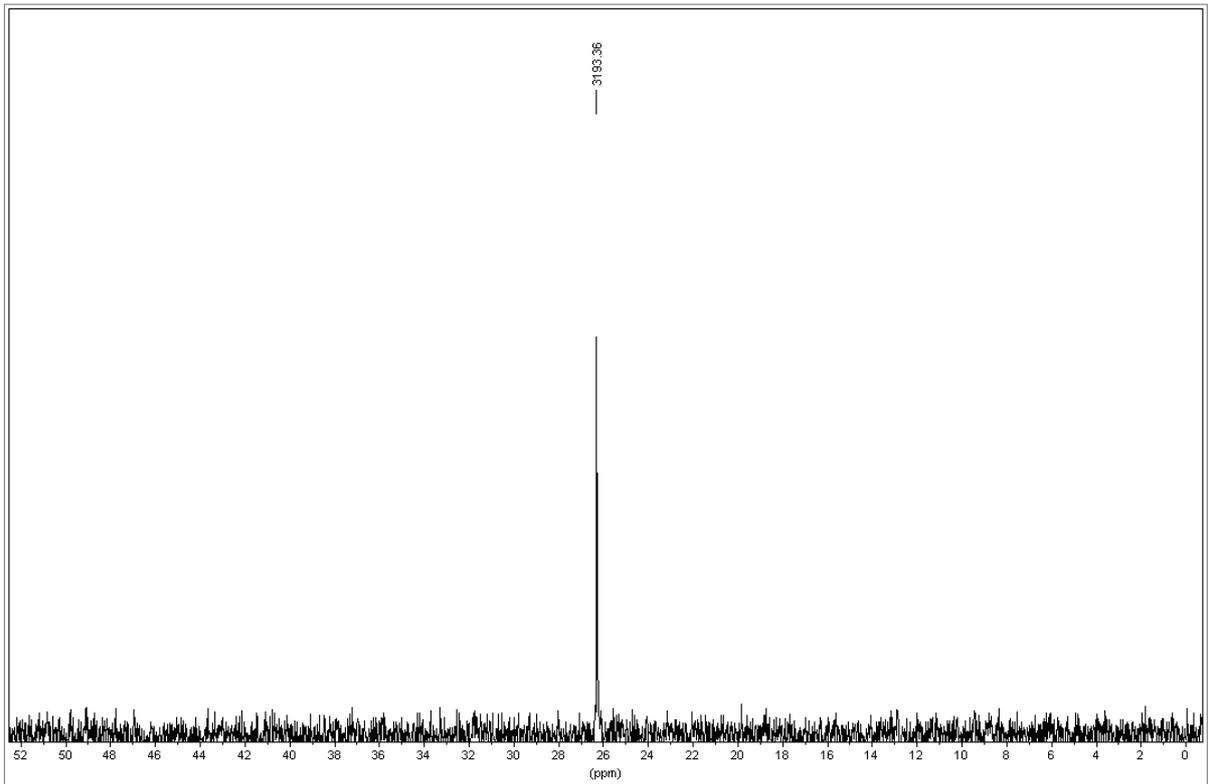
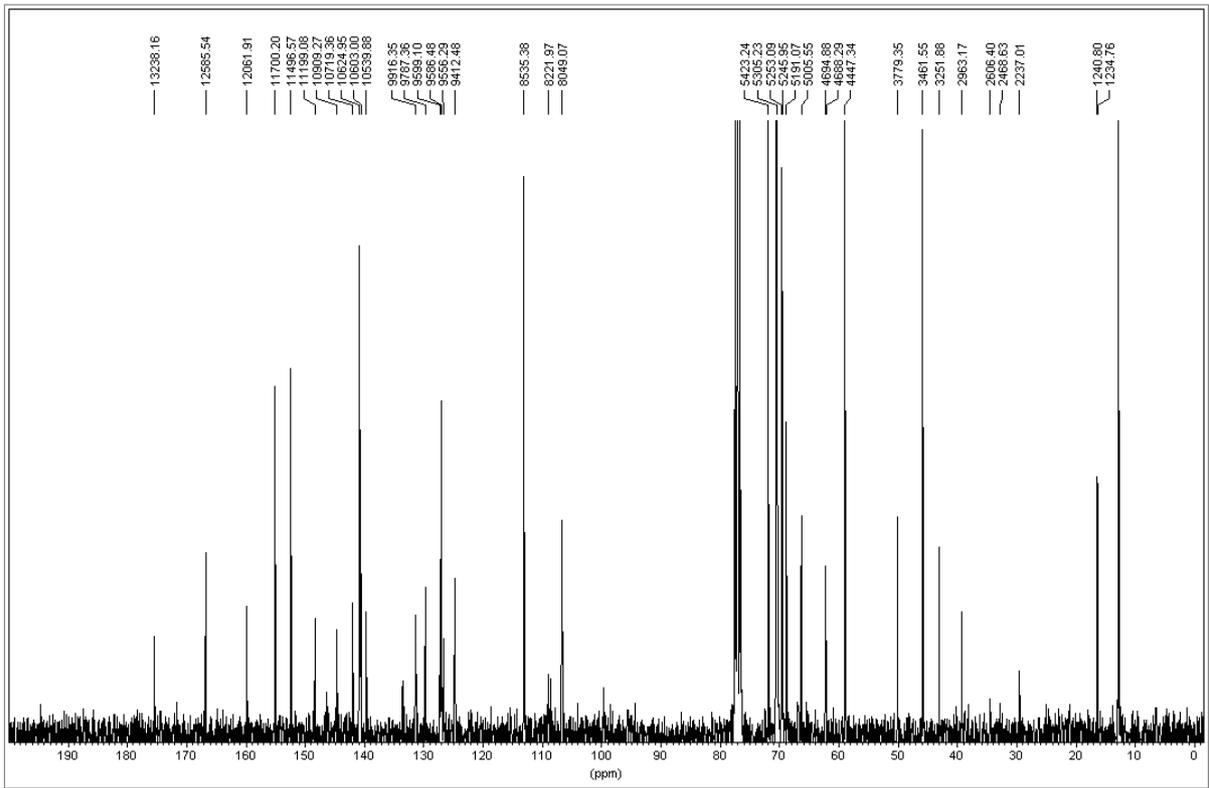
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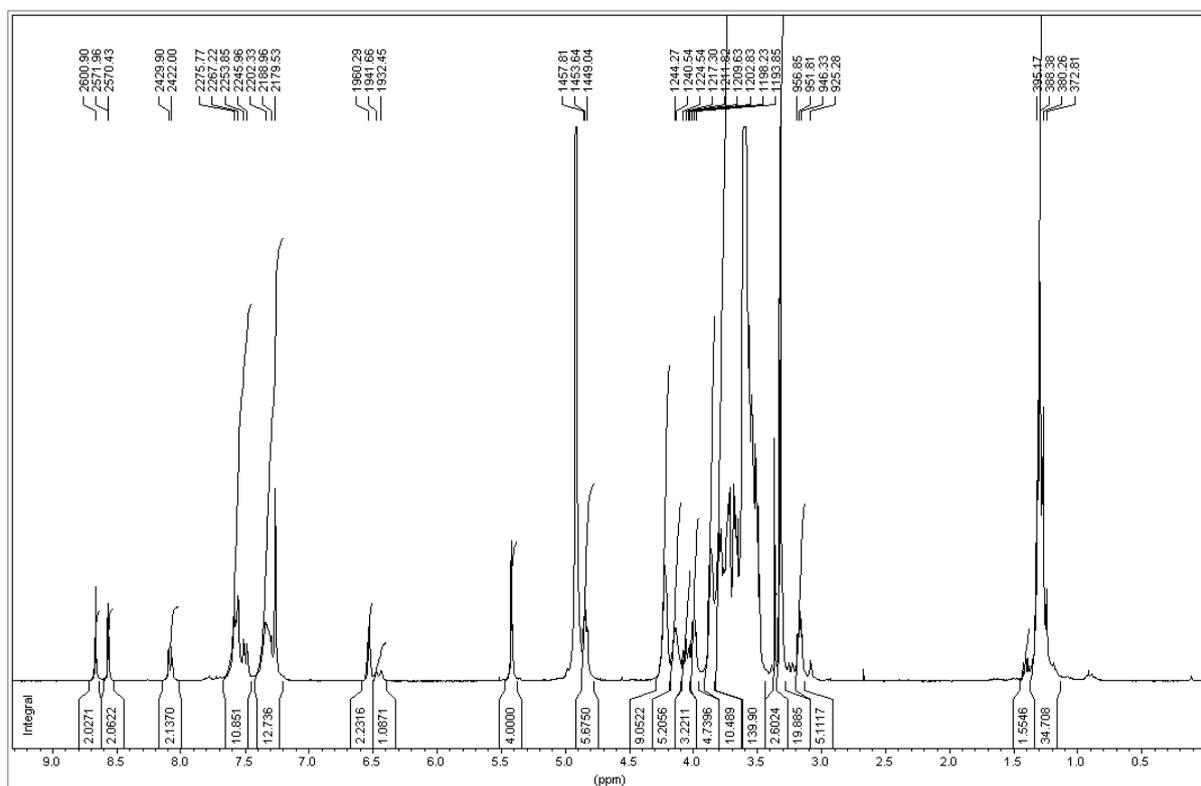
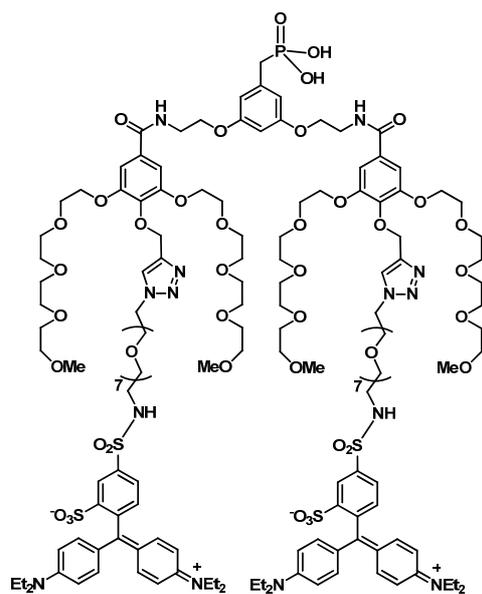


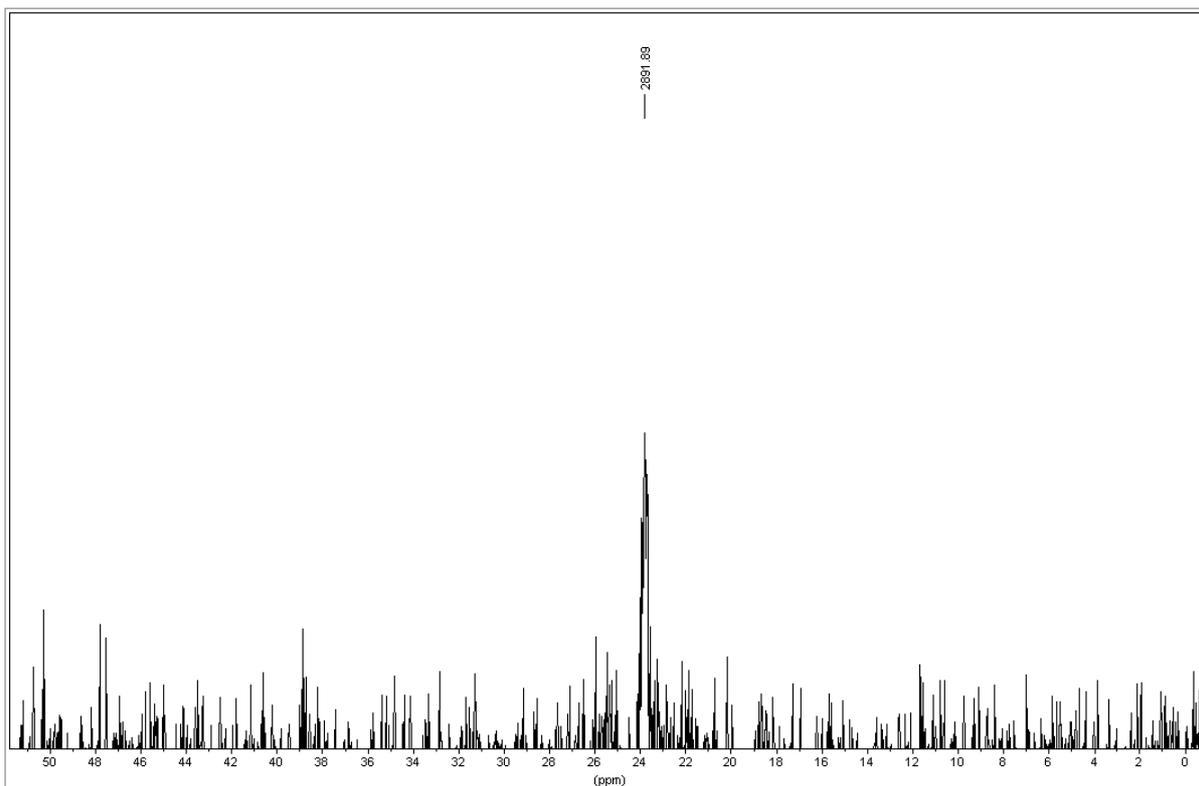
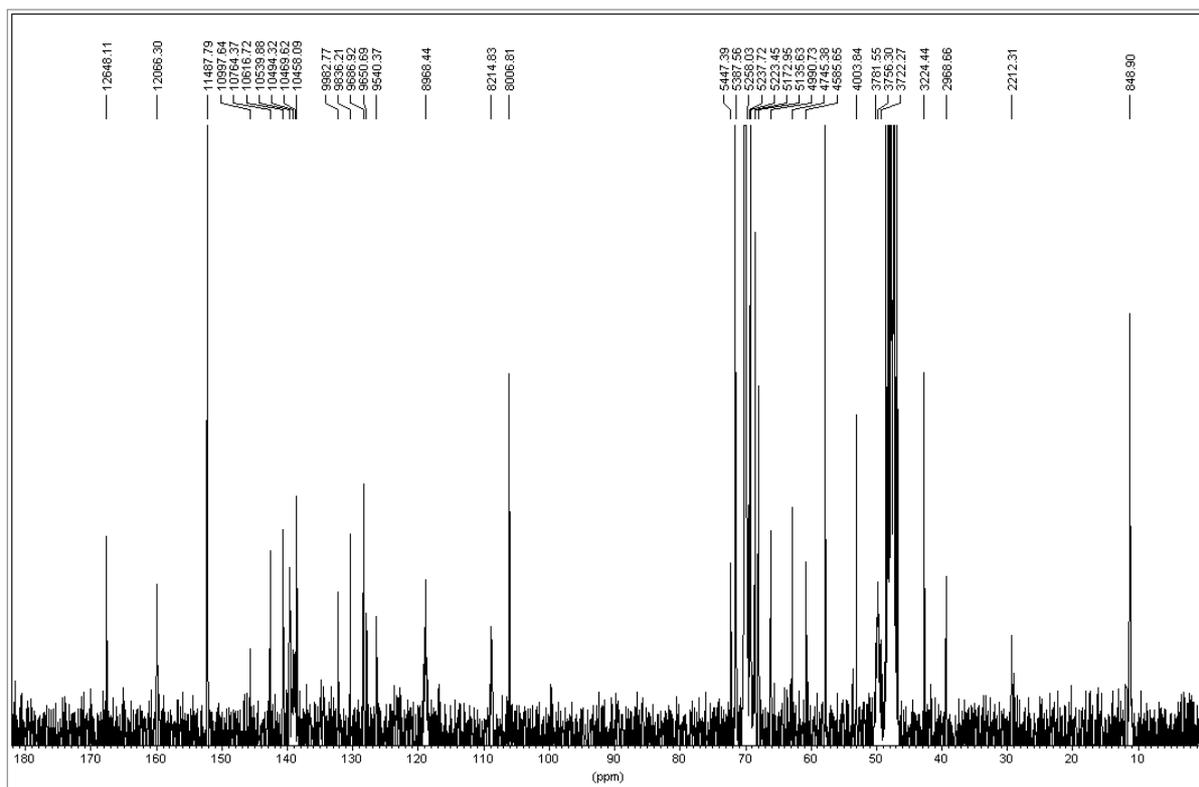
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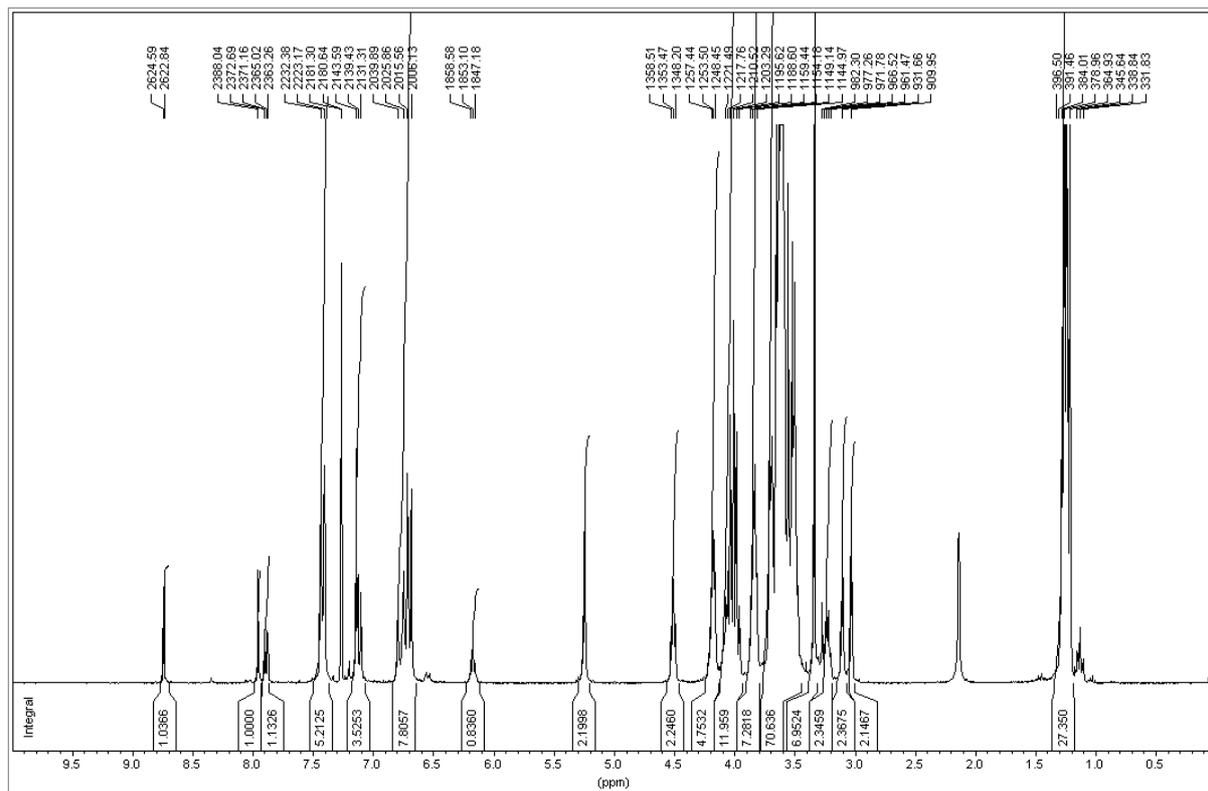
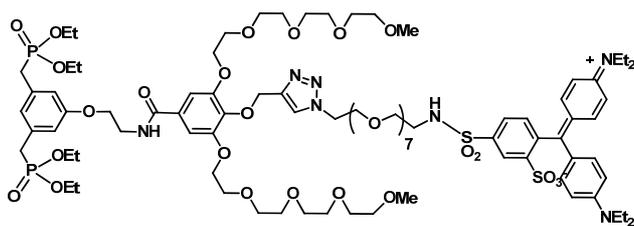


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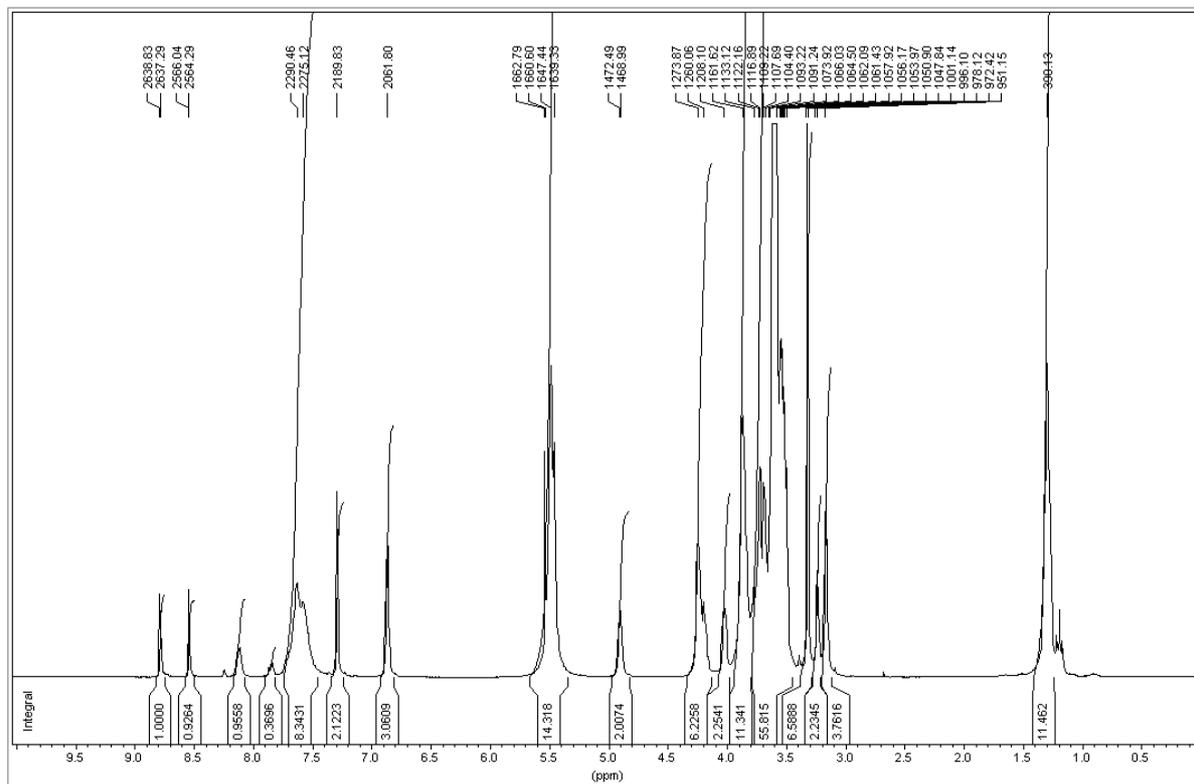
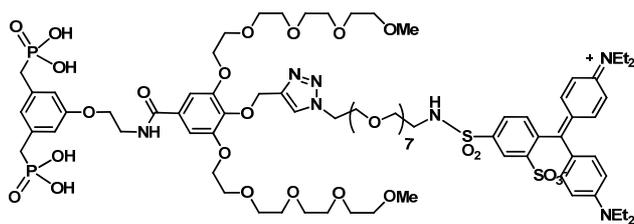


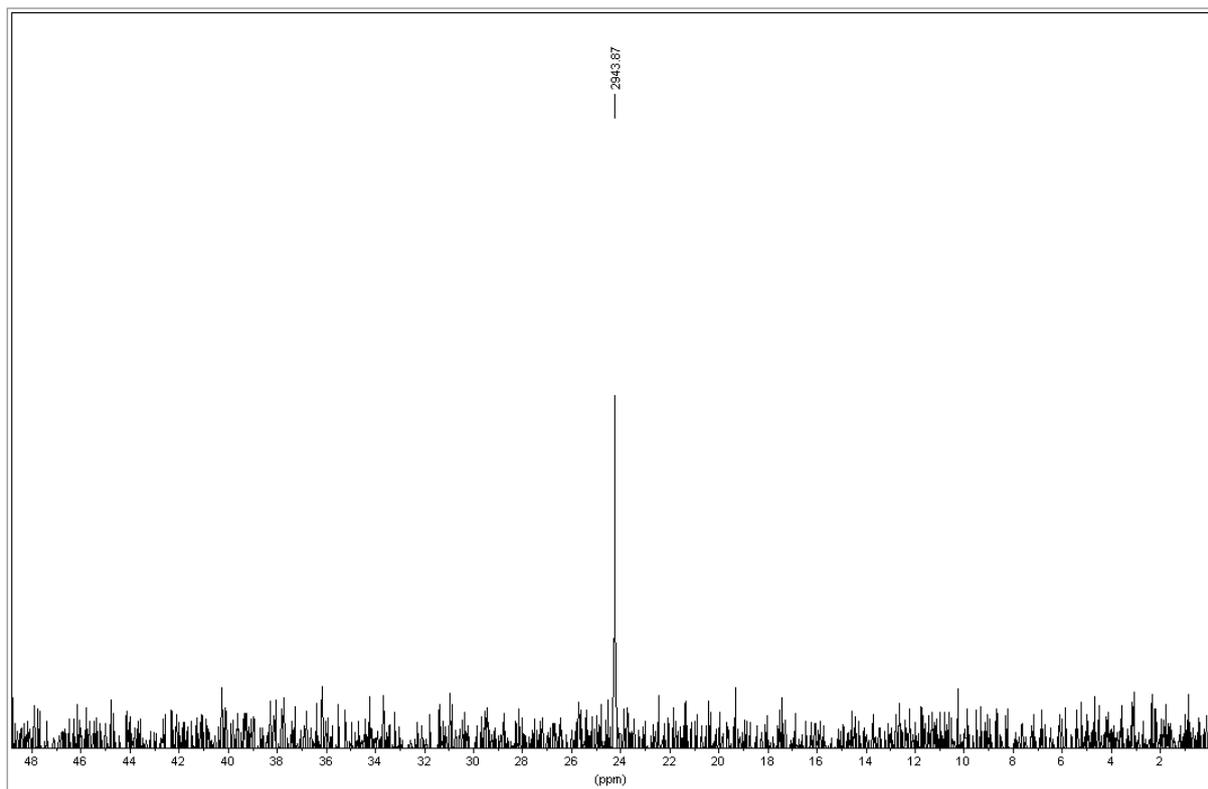
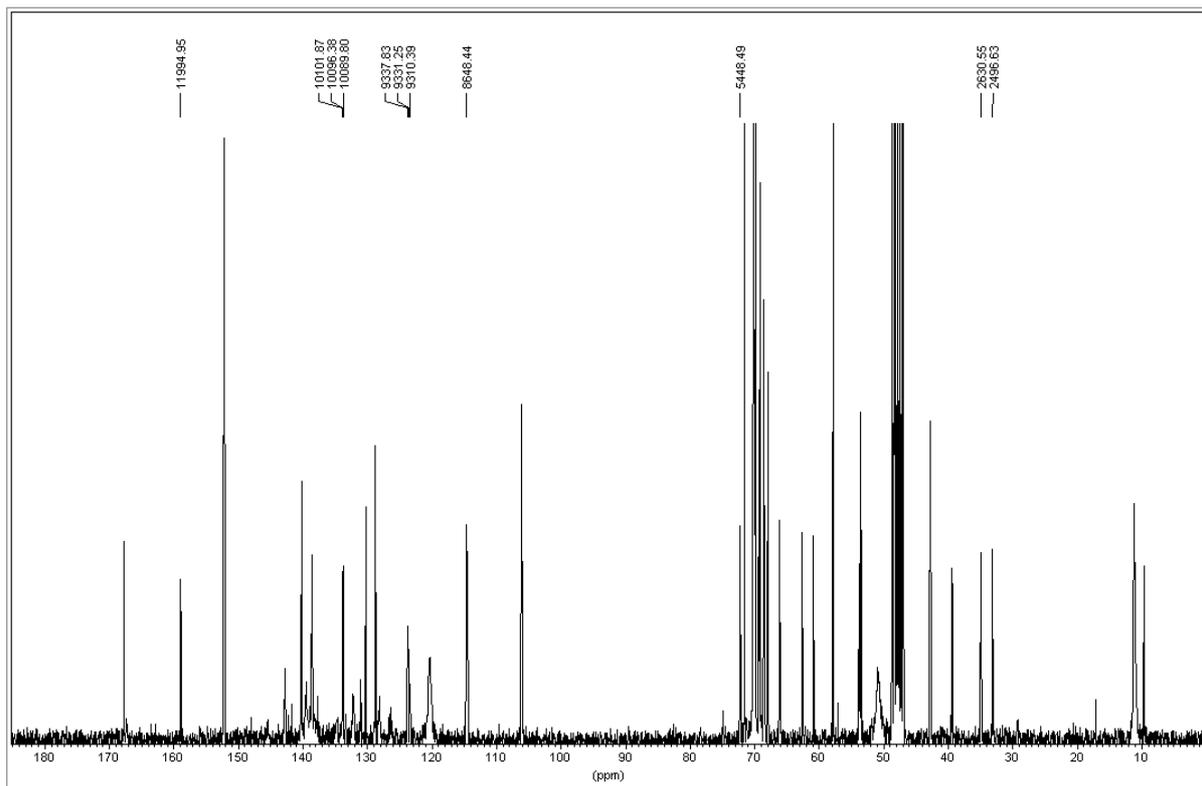
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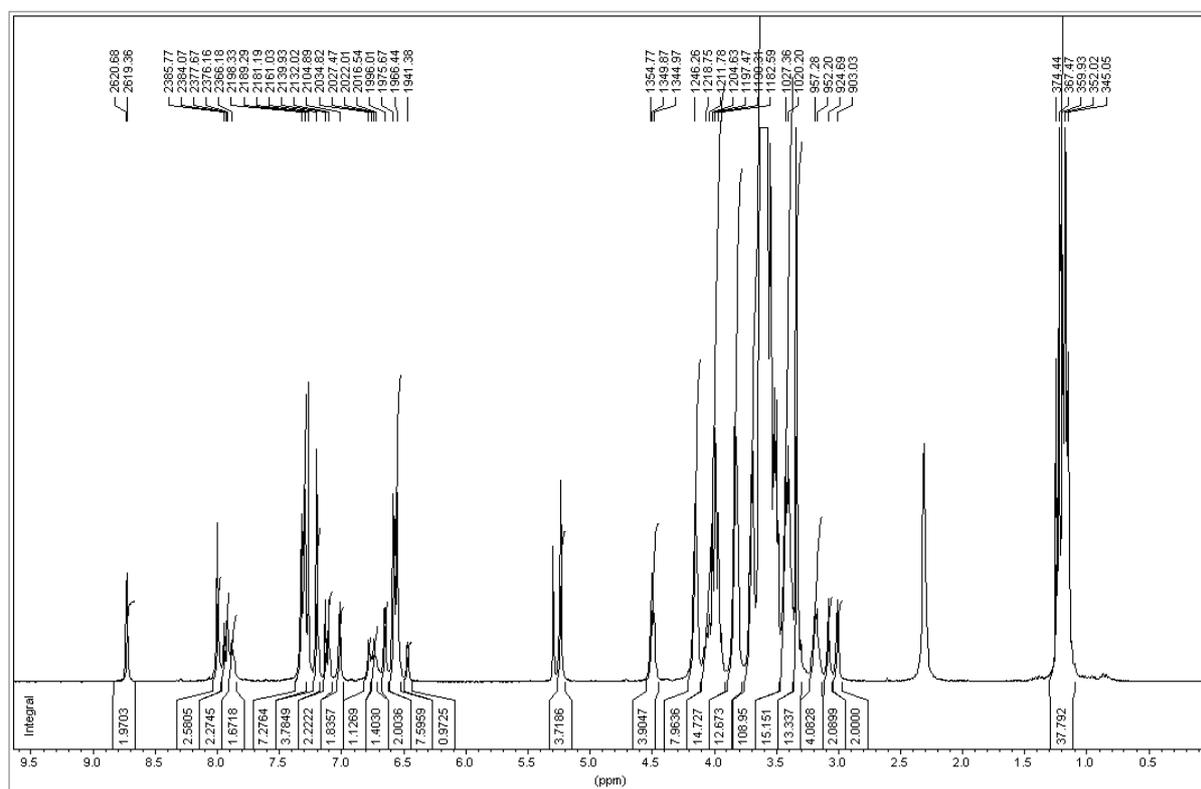
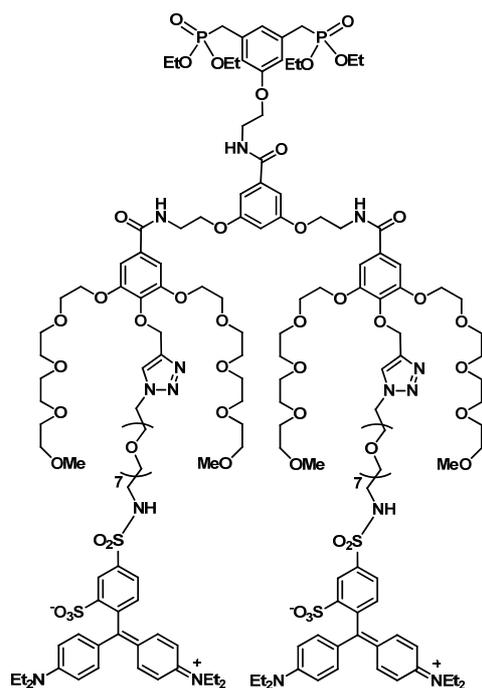


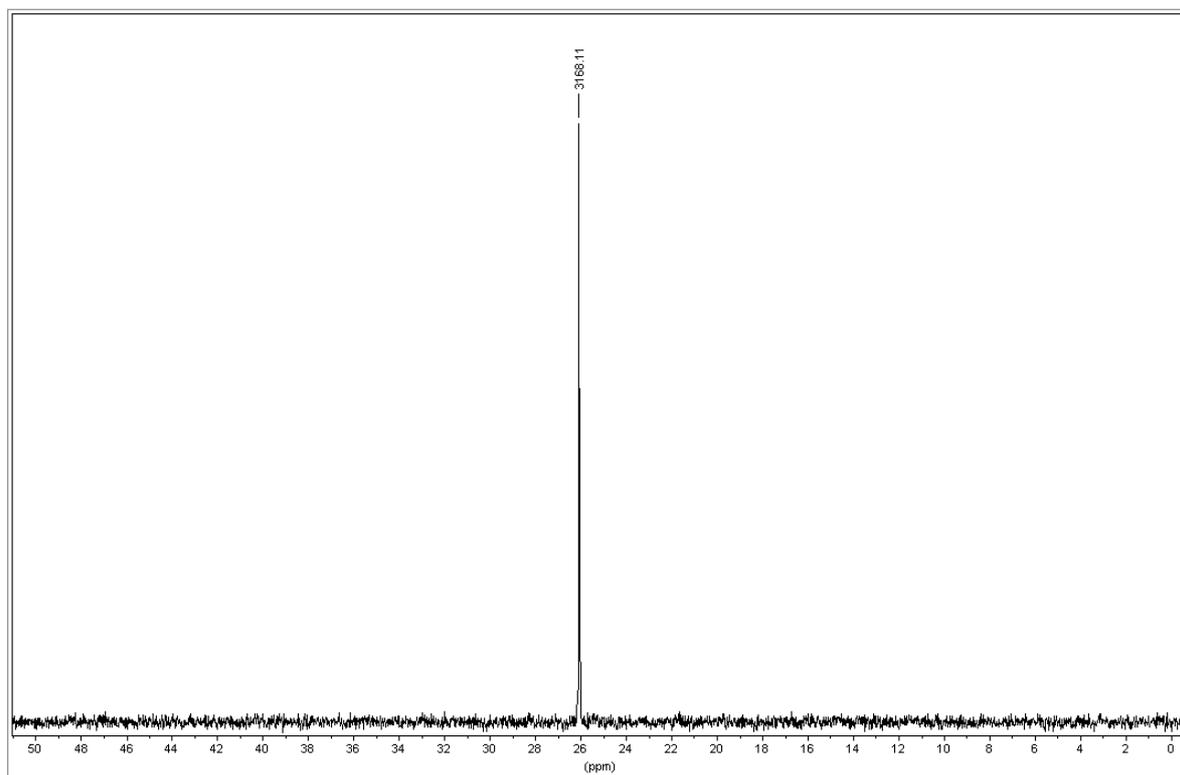
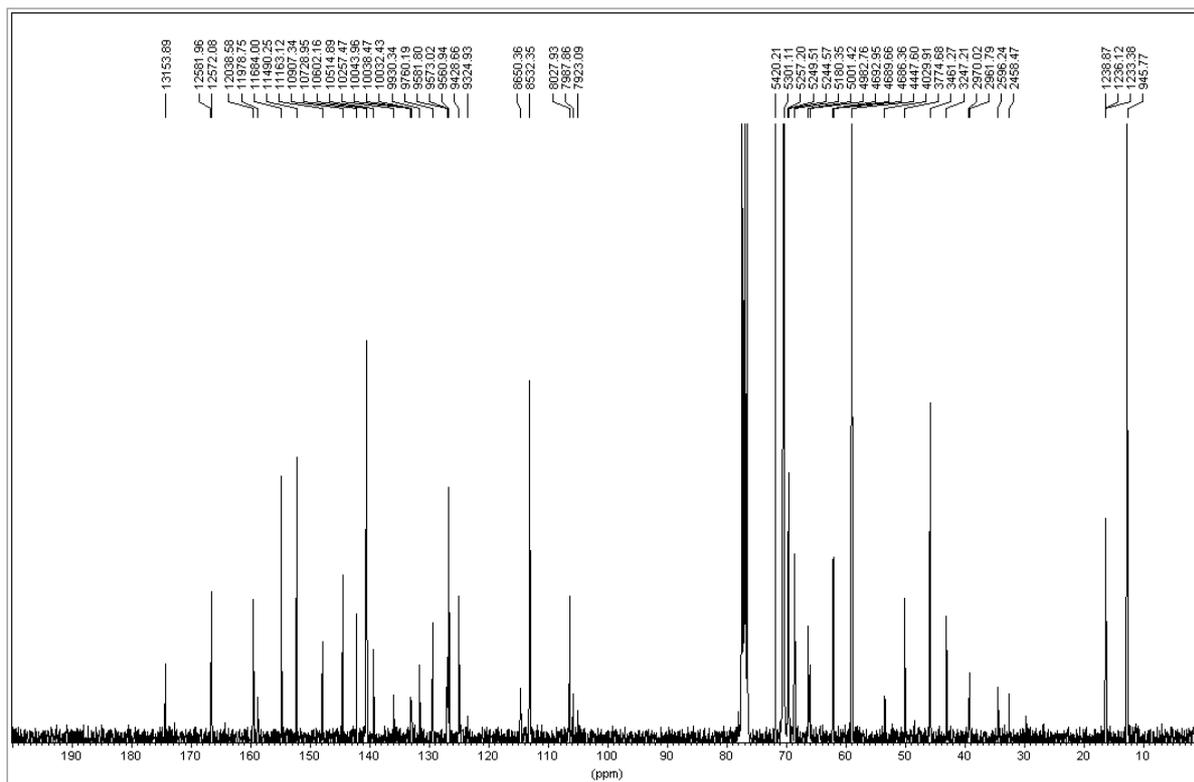
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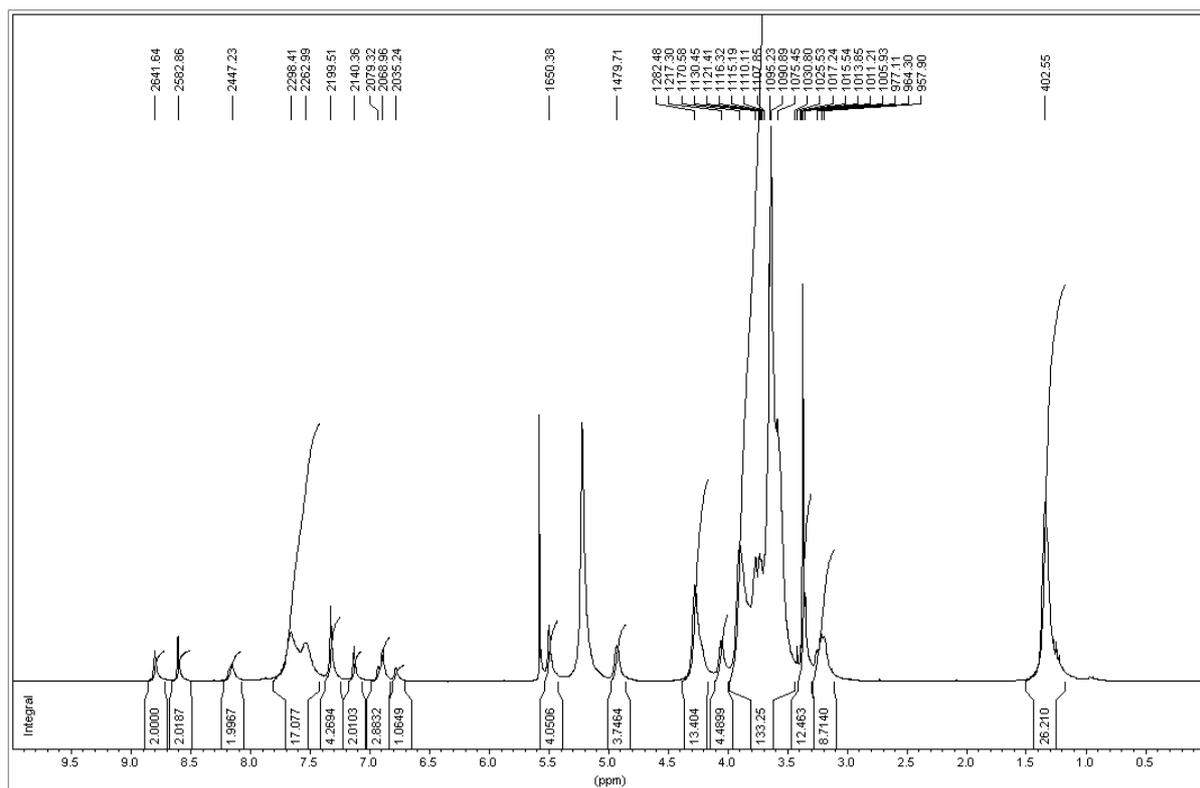
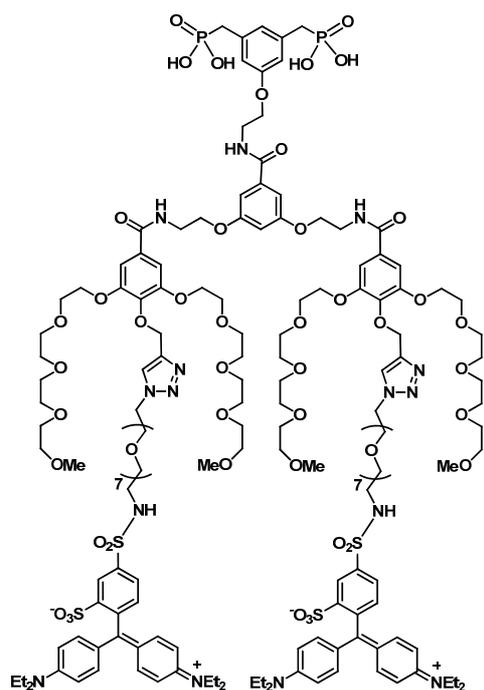


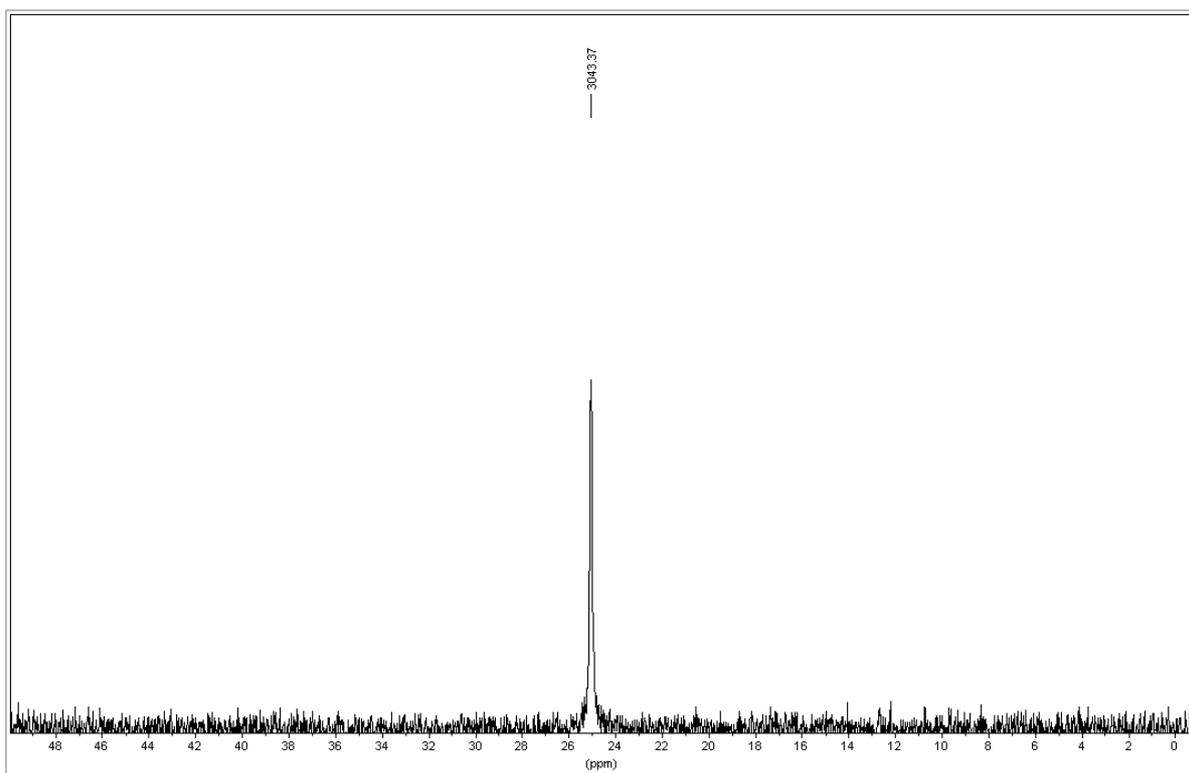
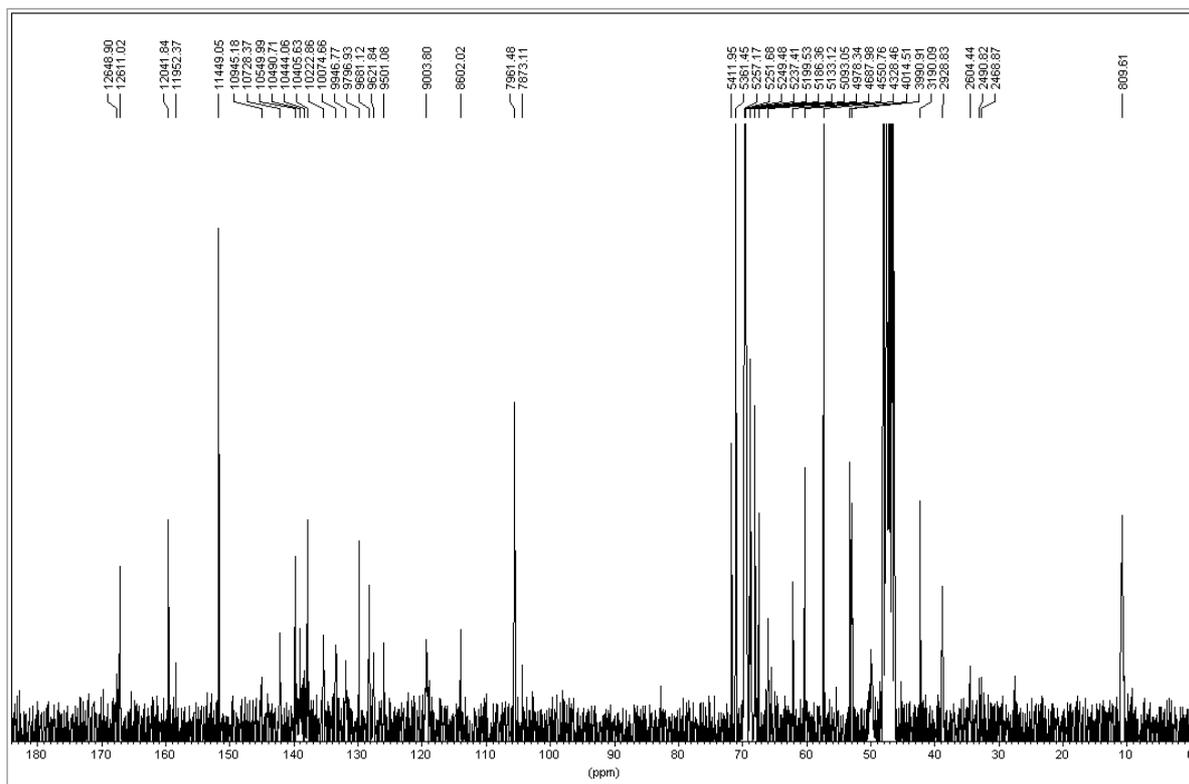
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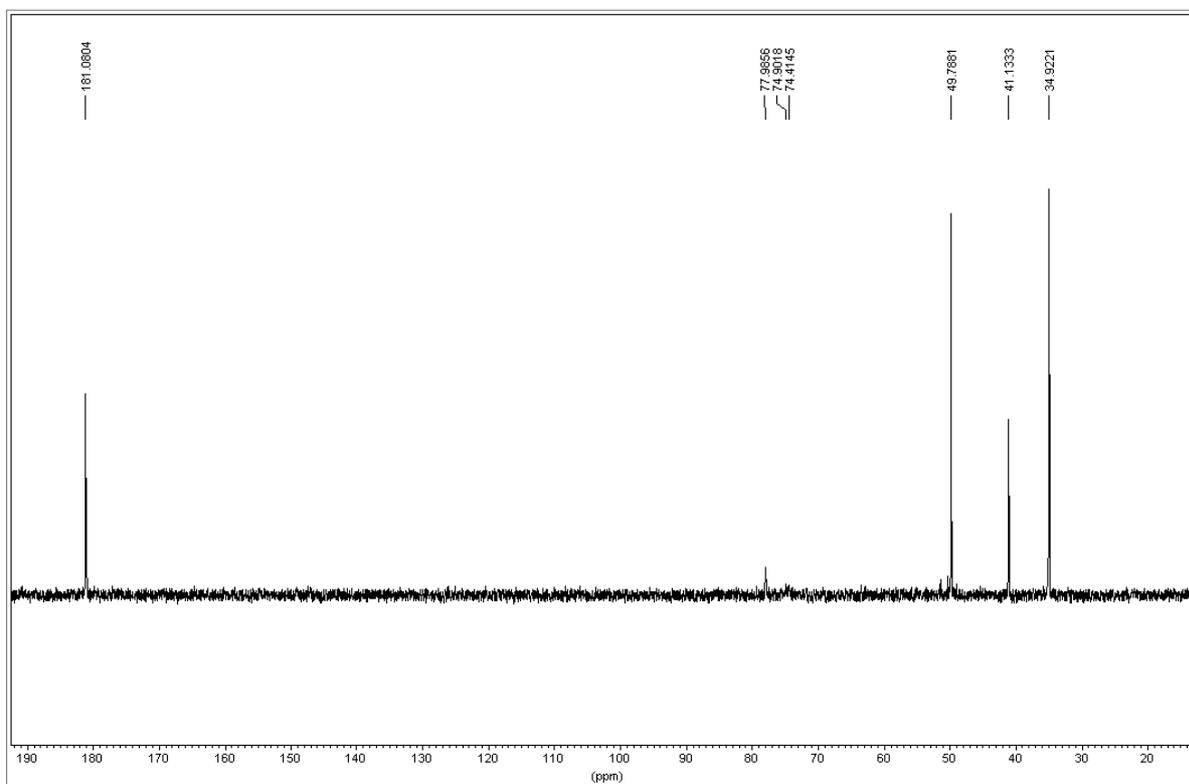
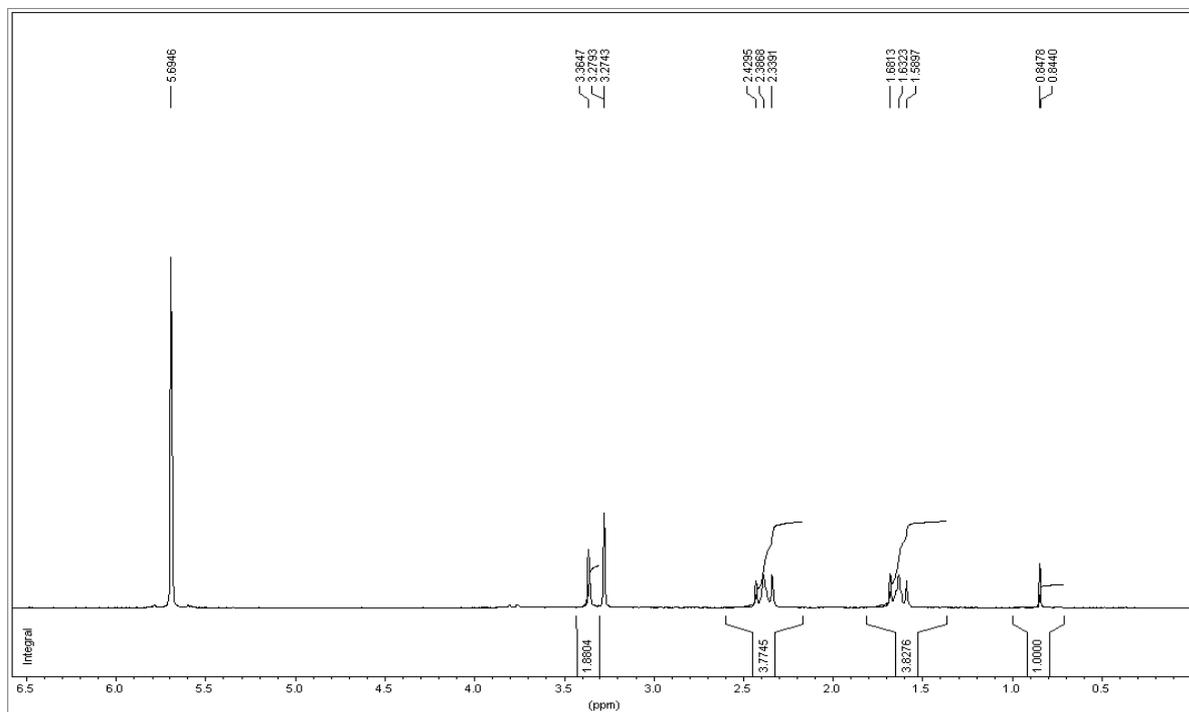
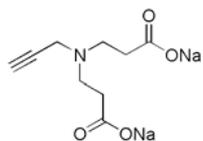


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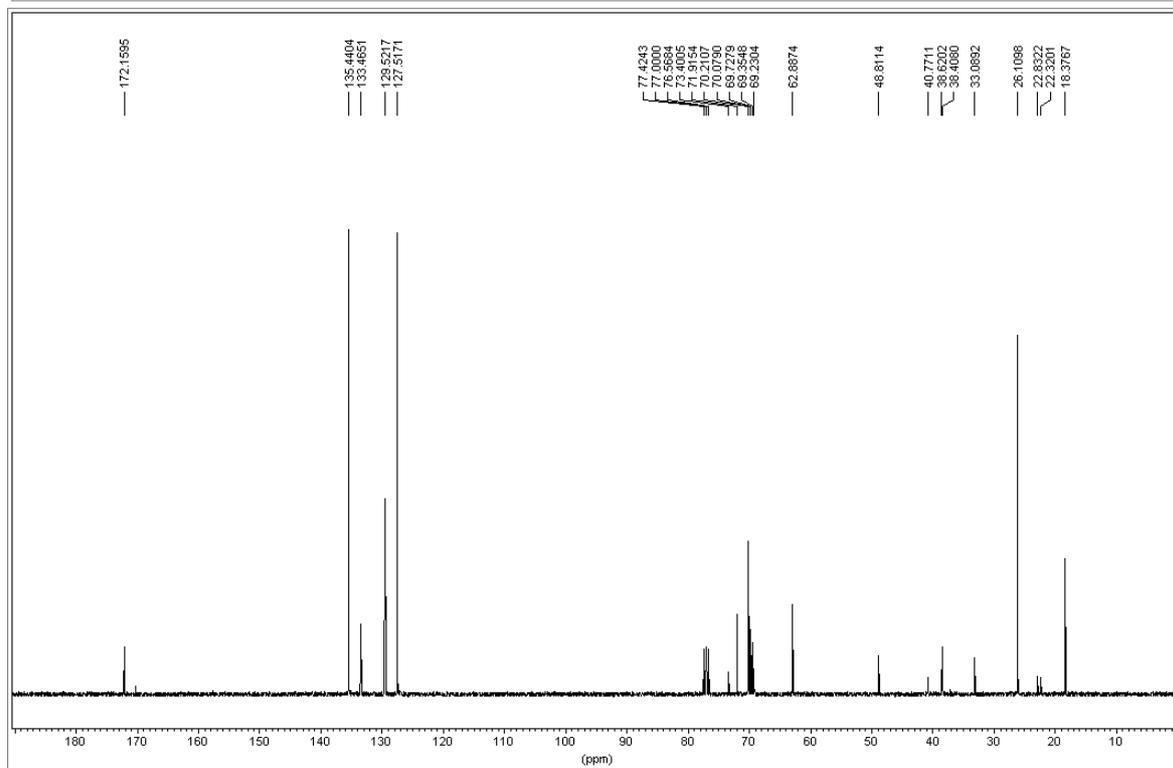
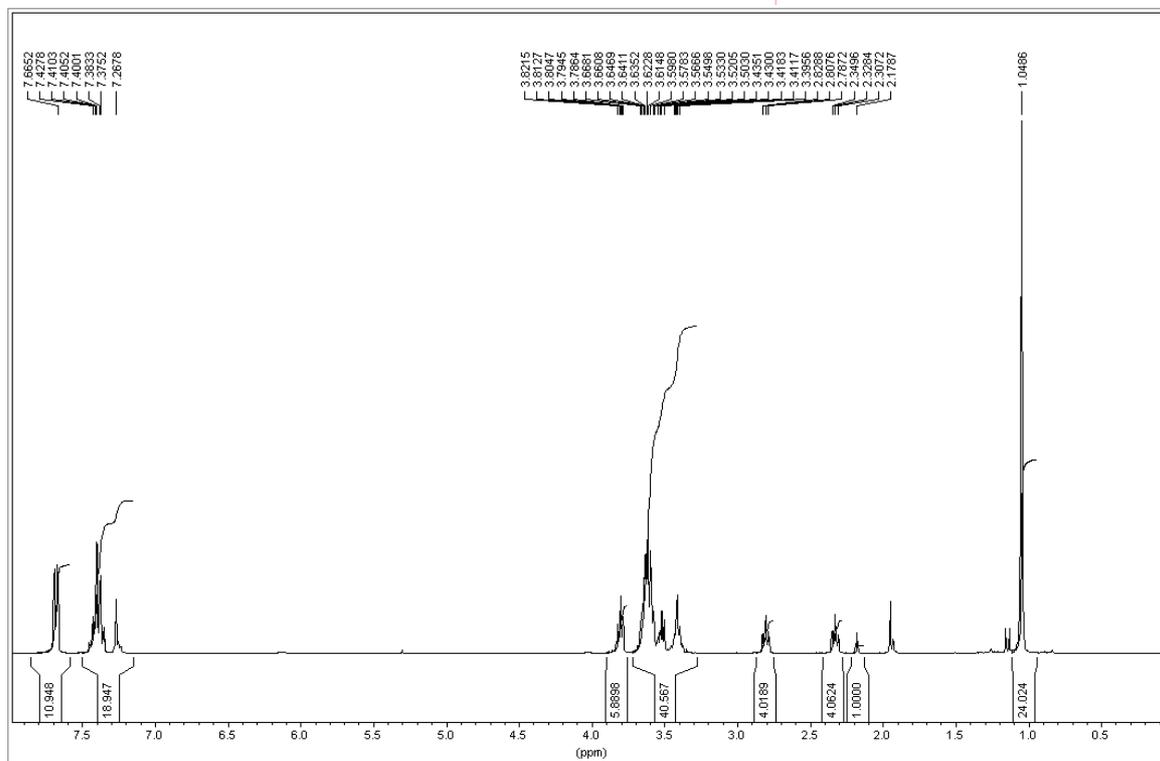
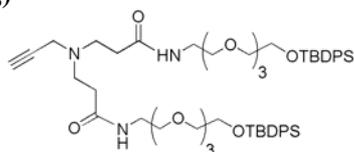


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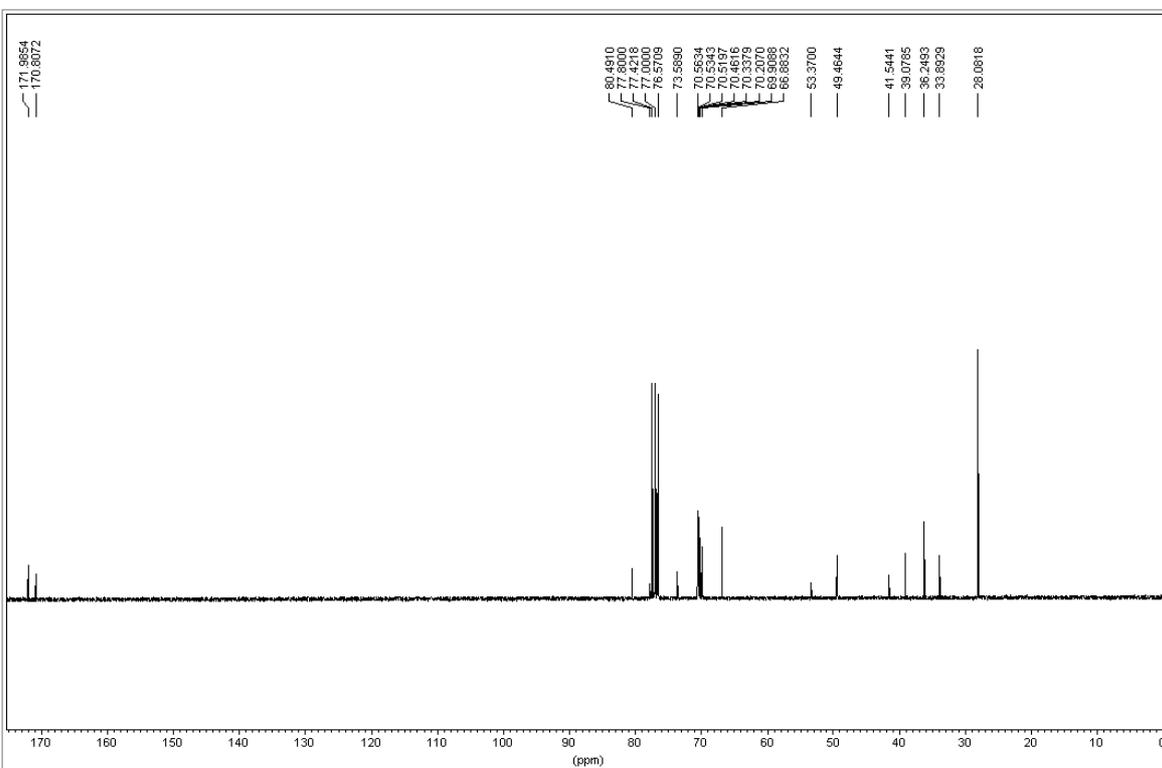
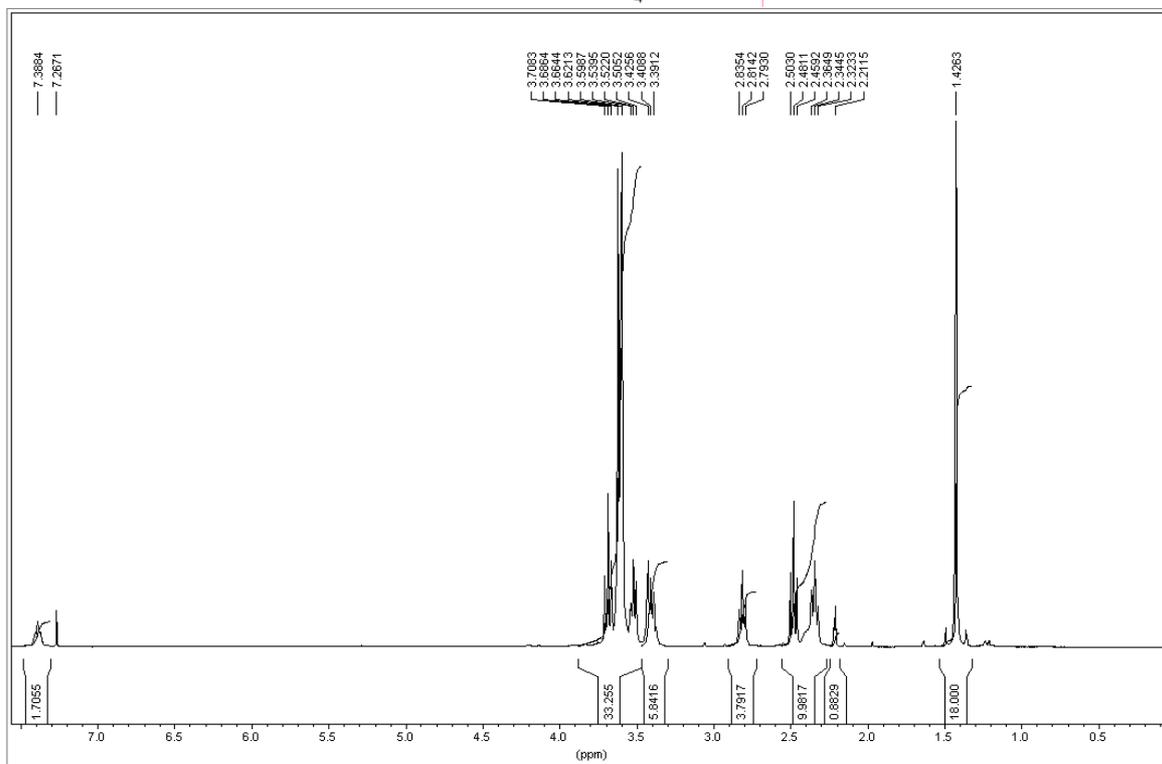
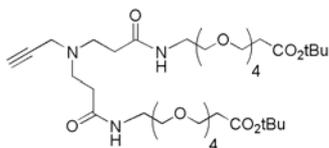




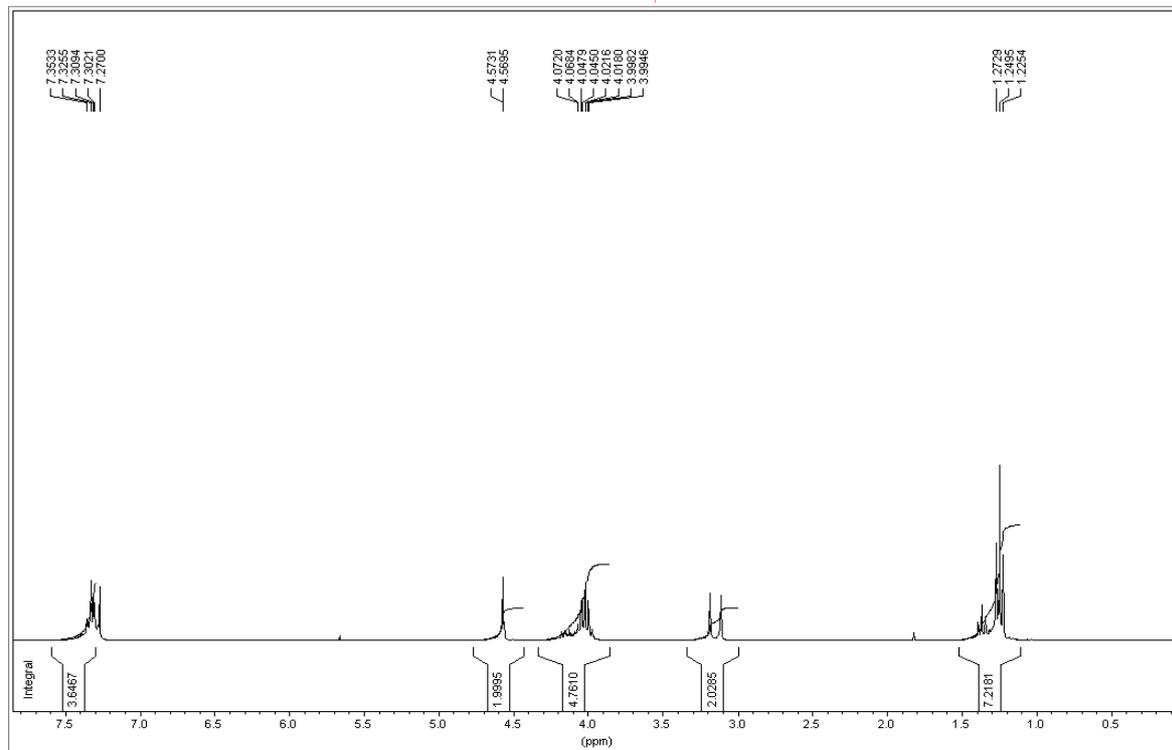
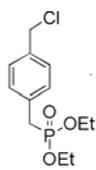
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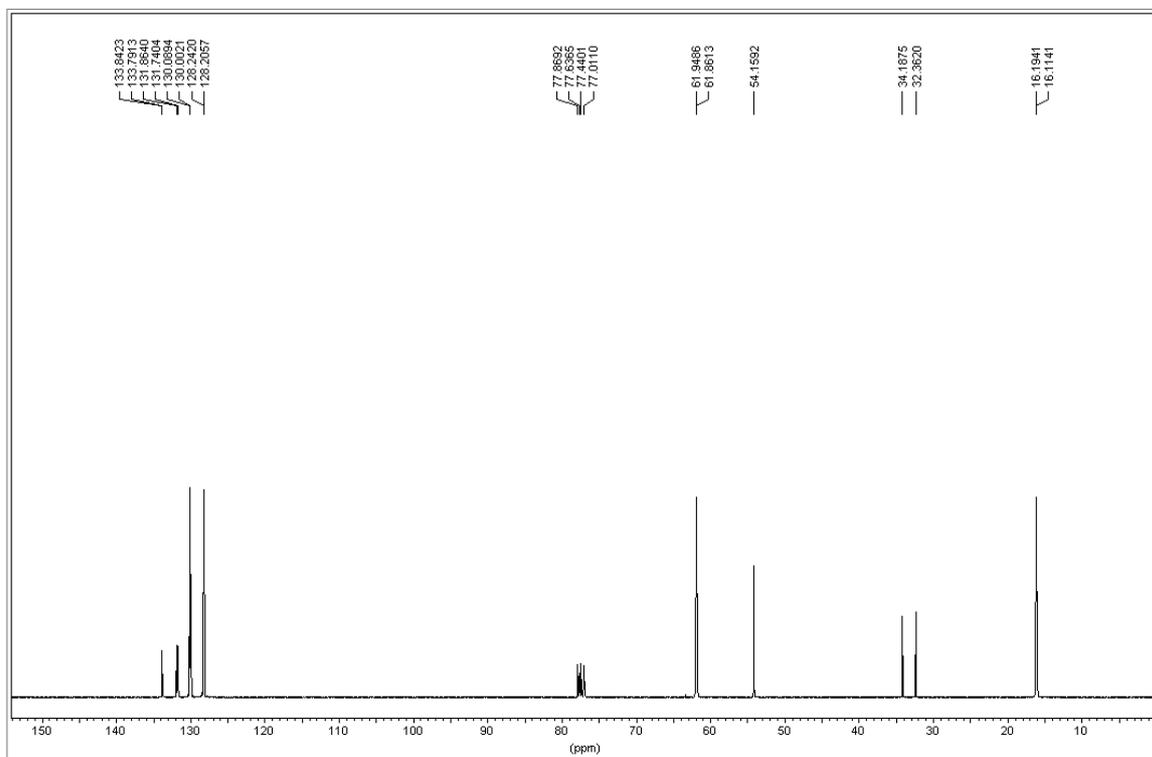
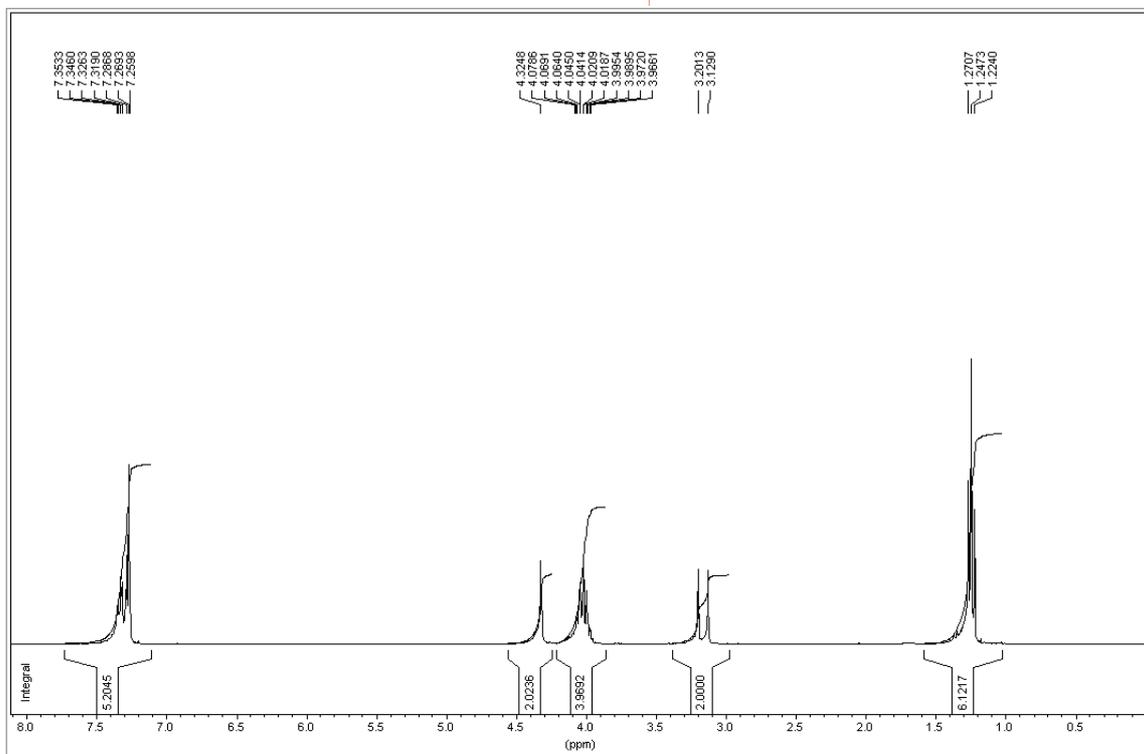
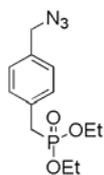
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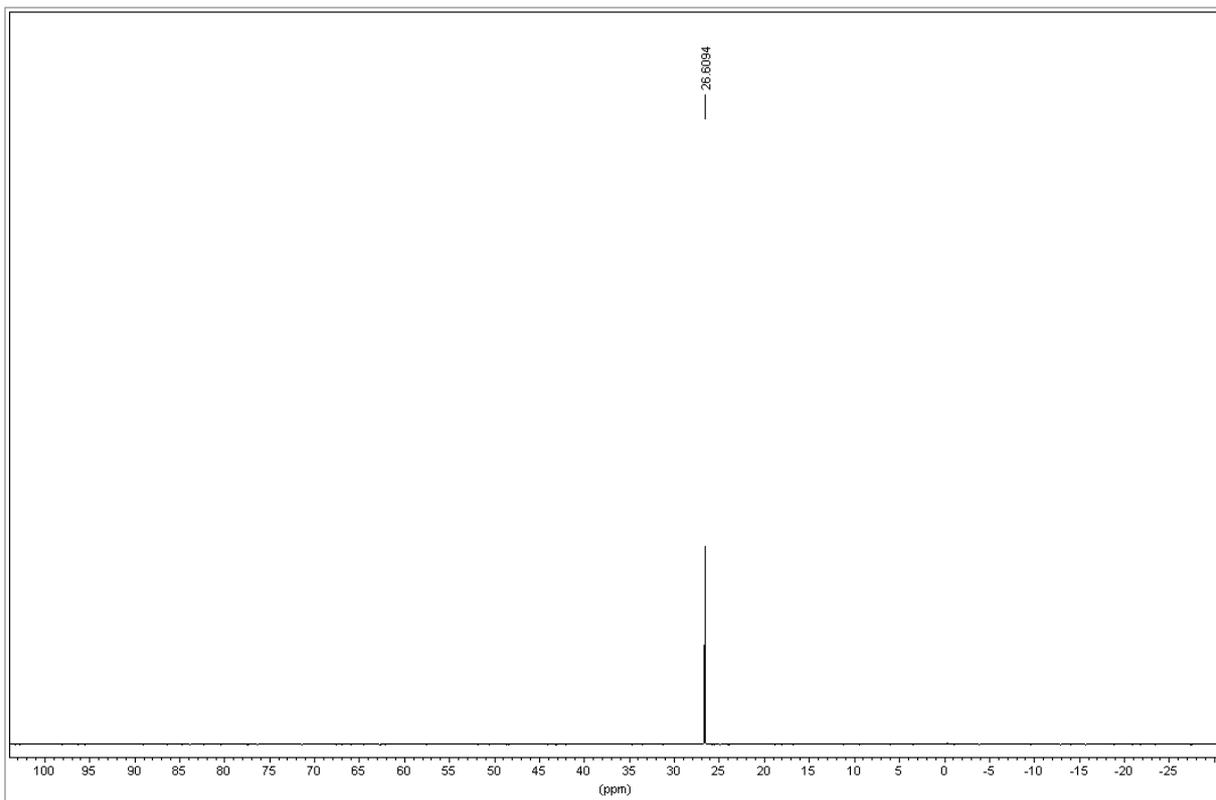


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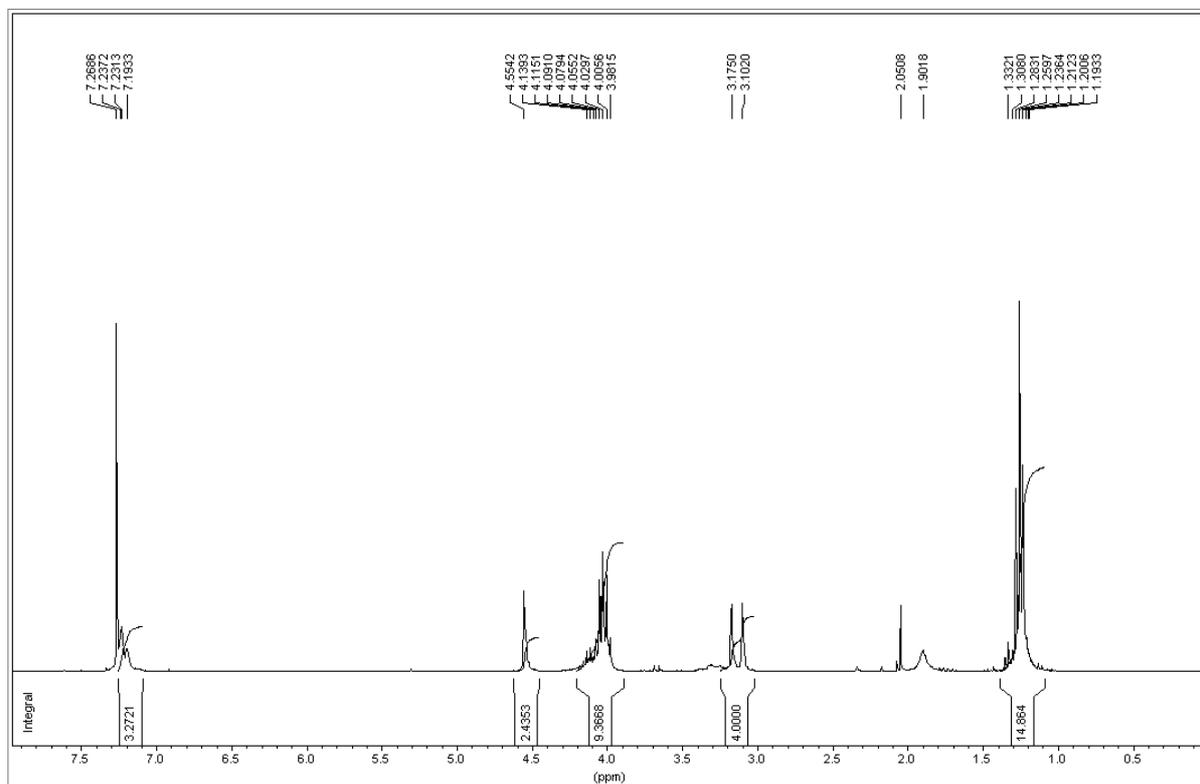
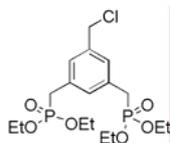


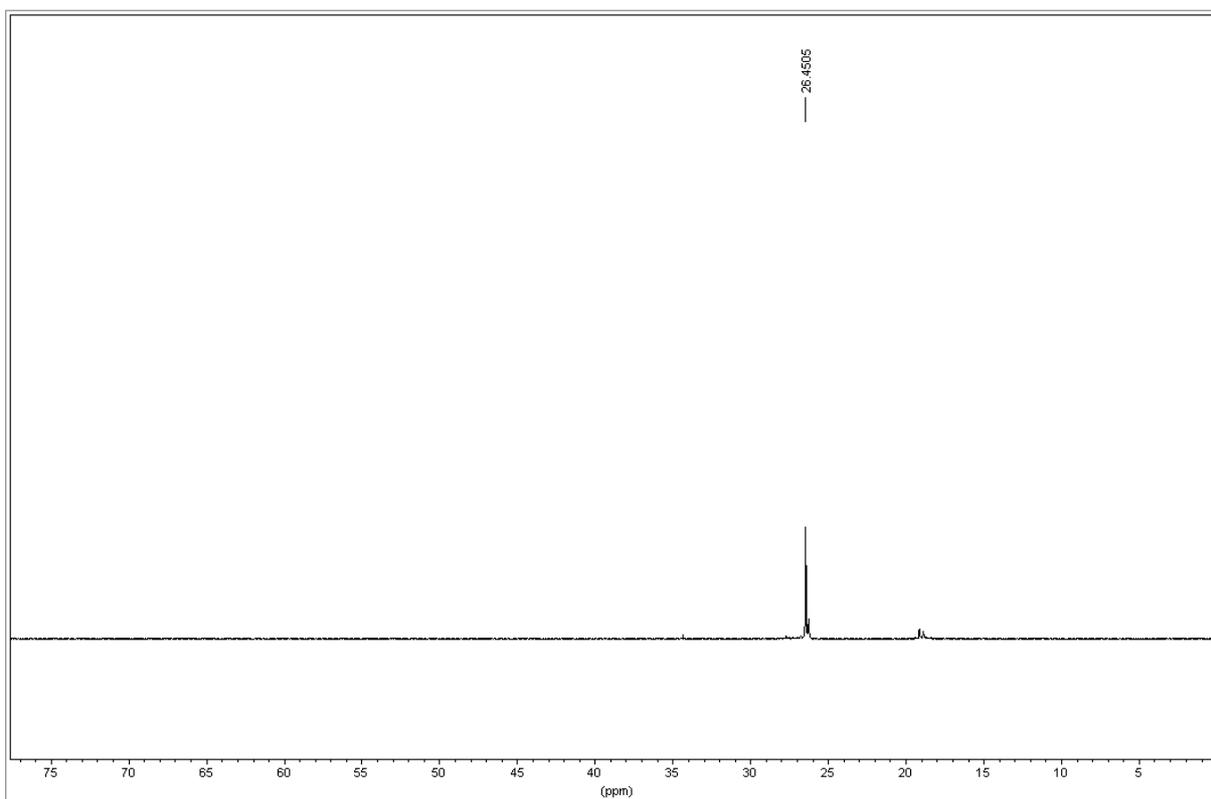
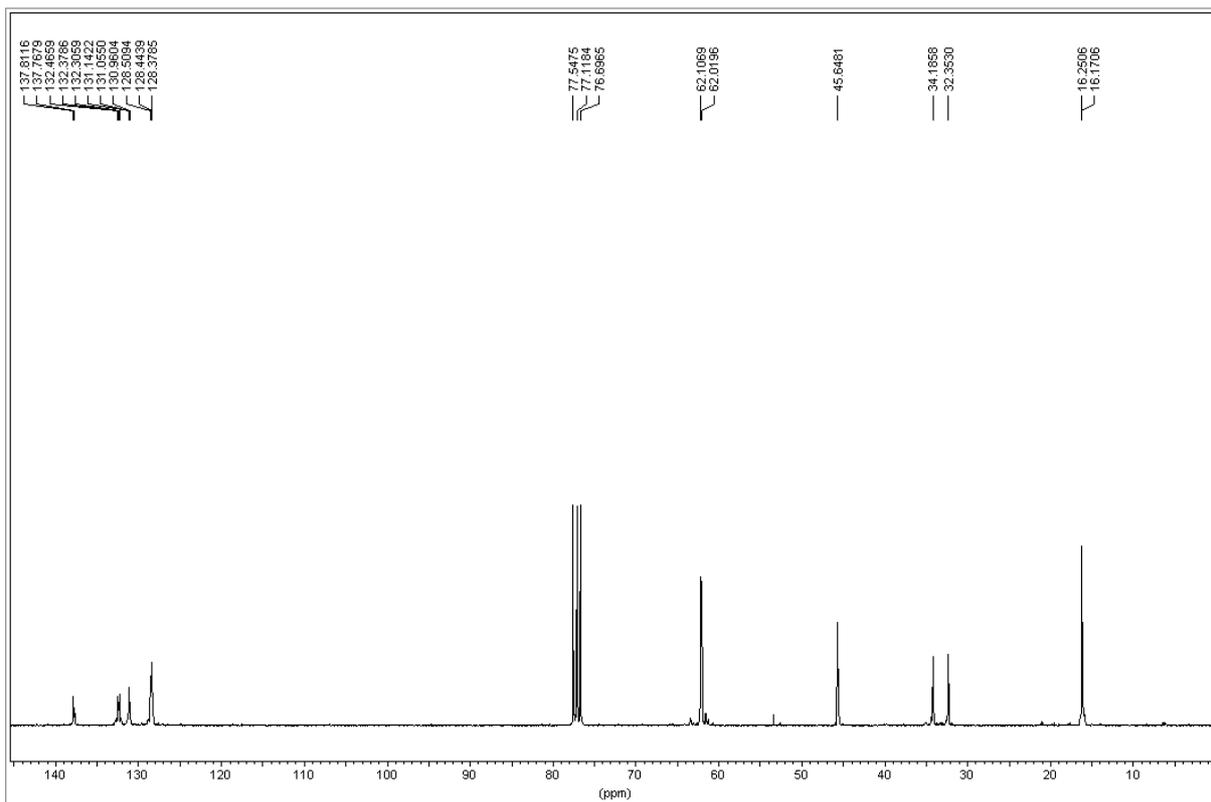
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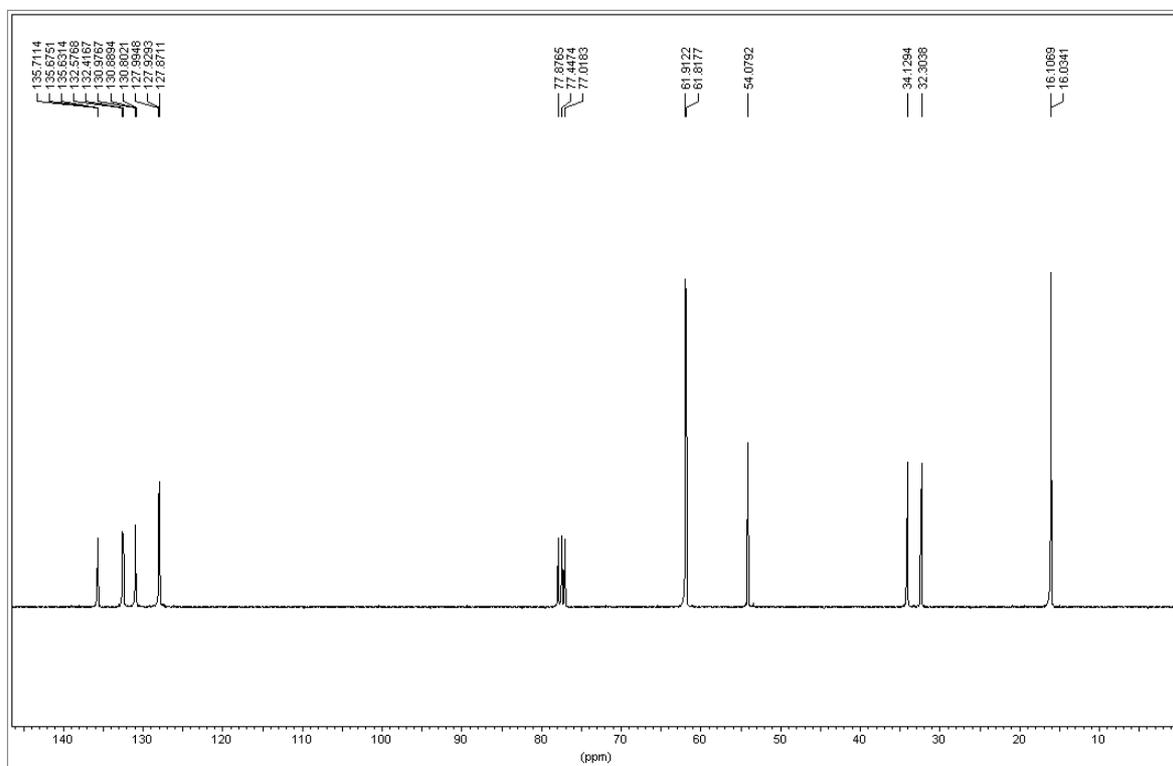
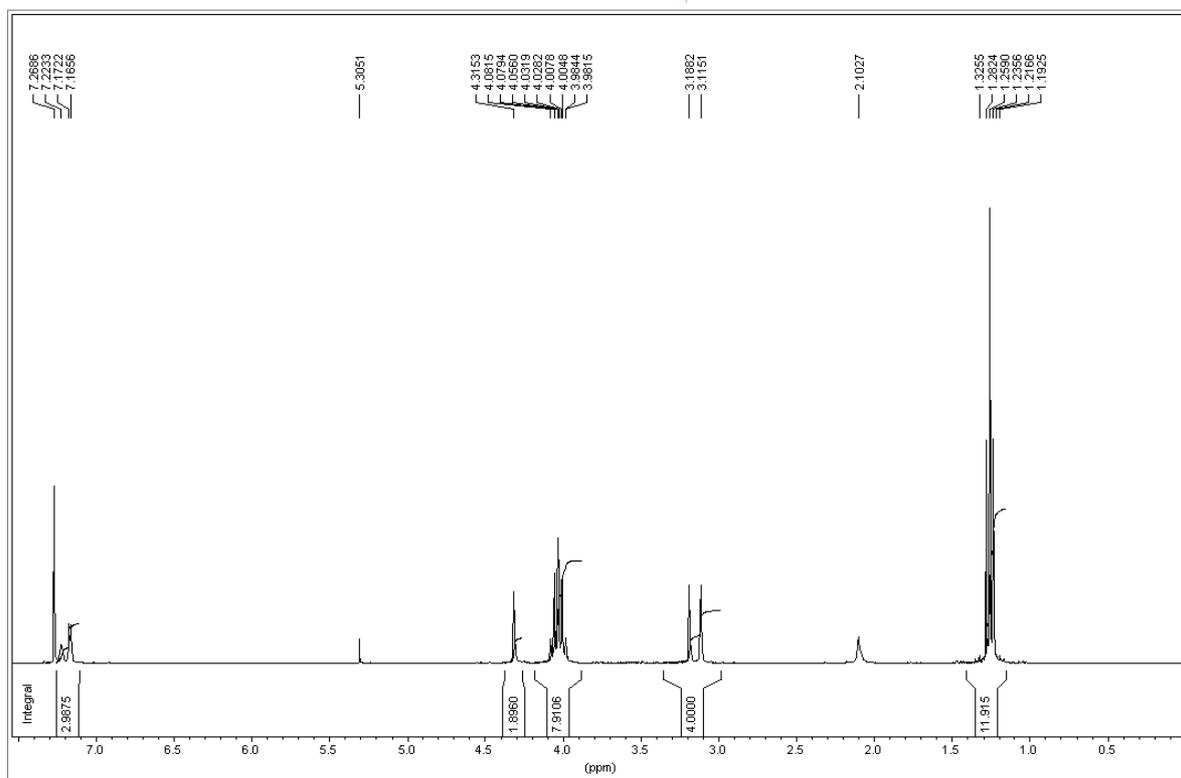
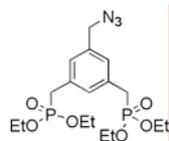


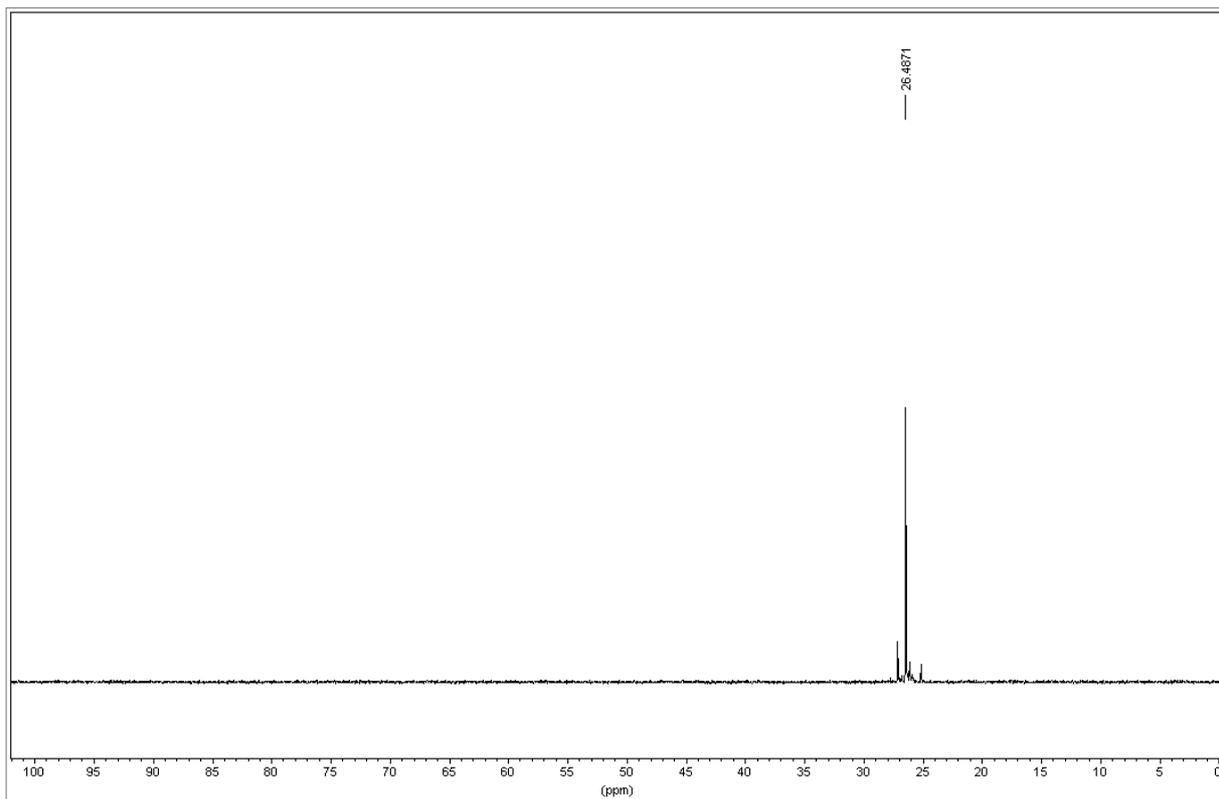
Compound 71 (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



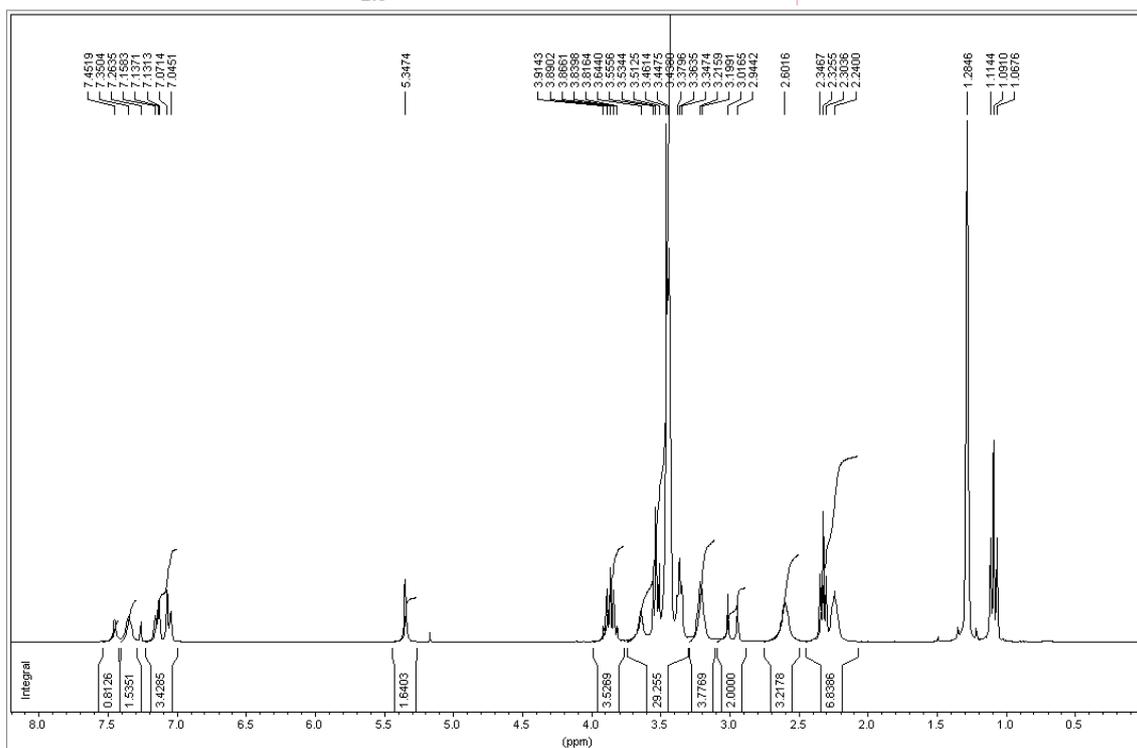
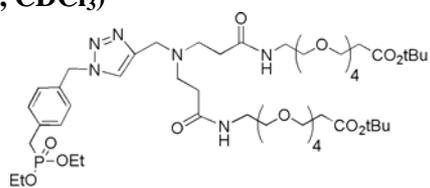


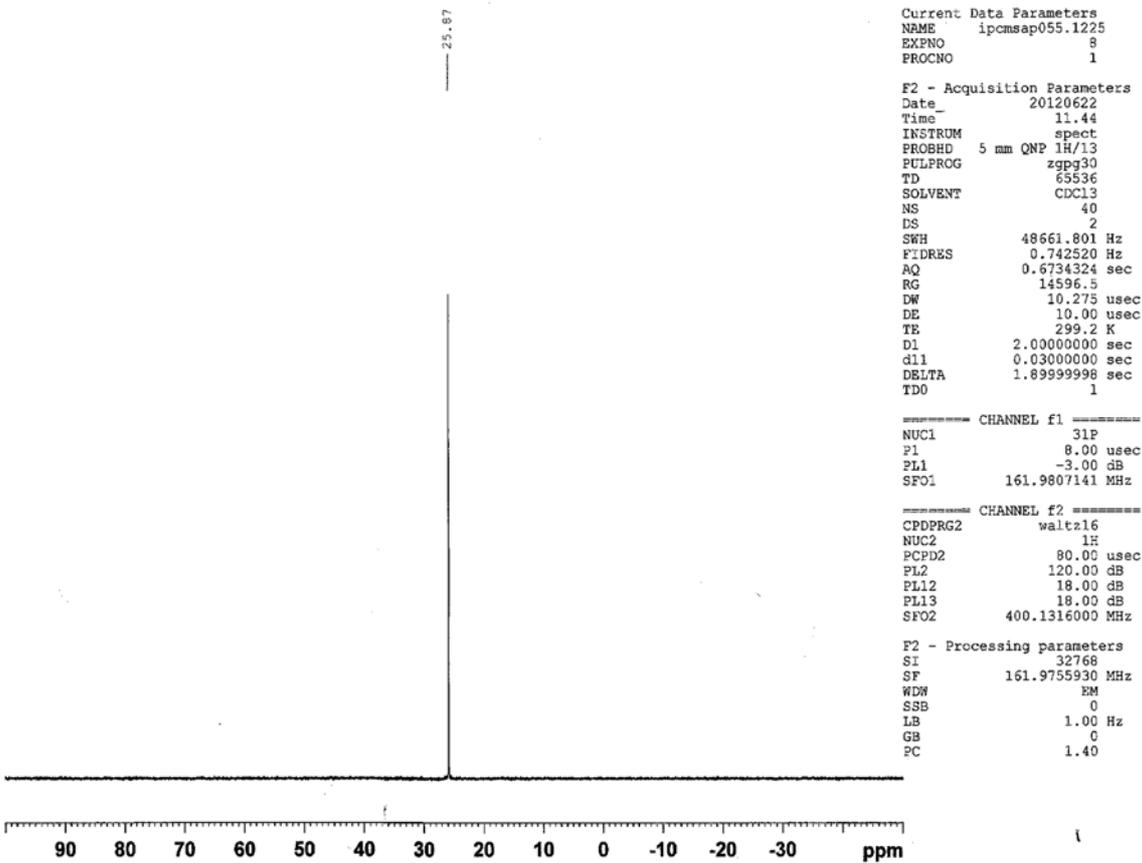
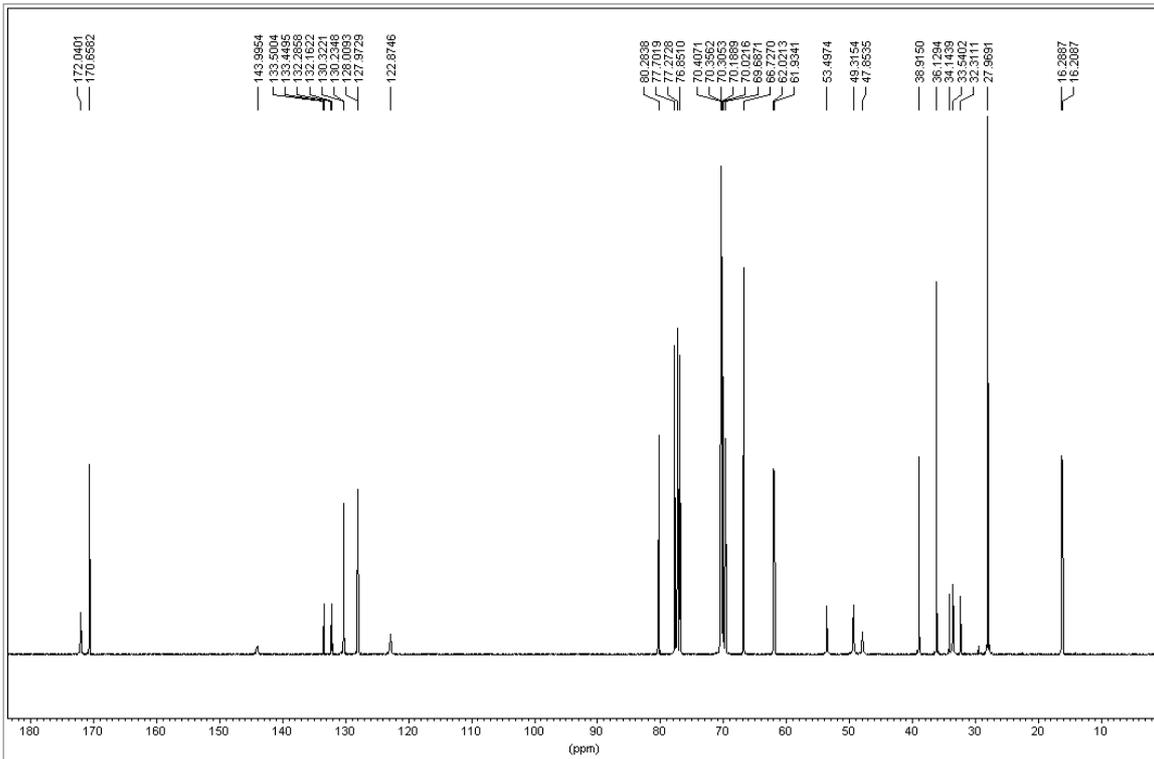
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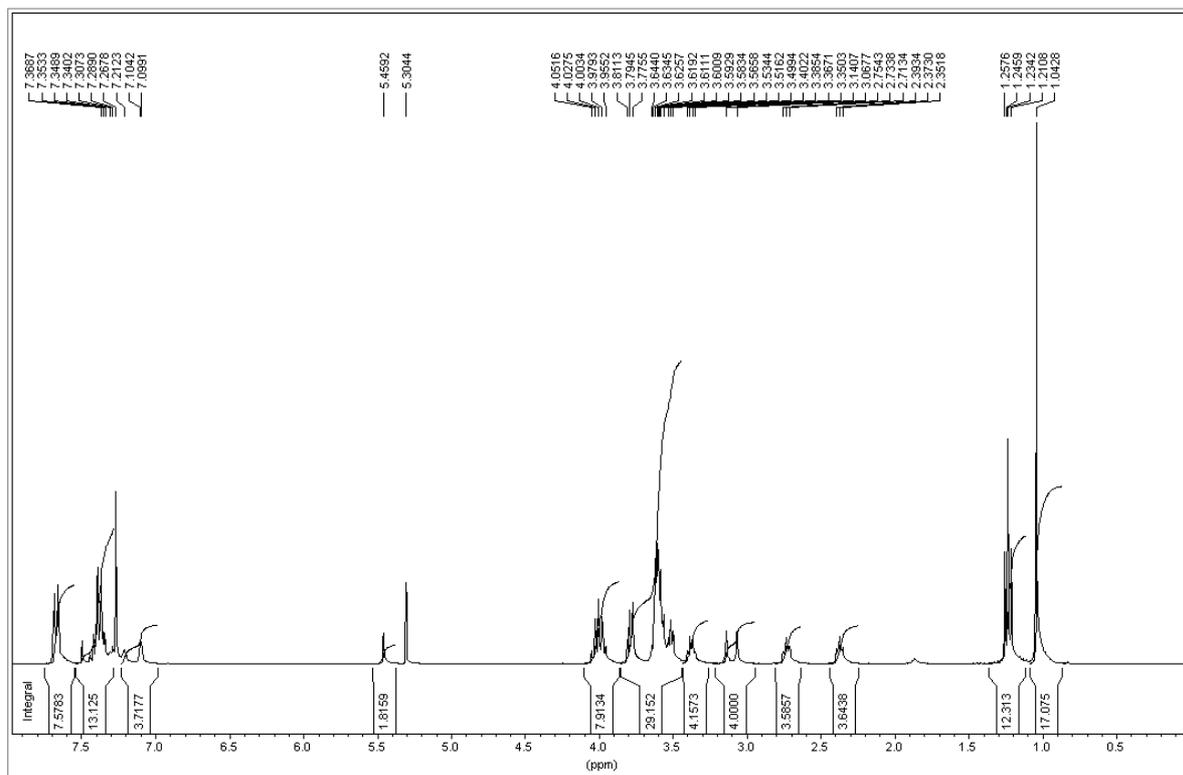
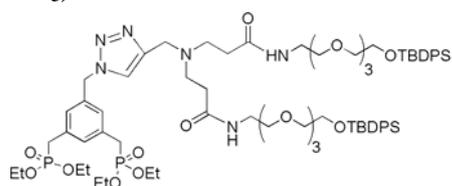
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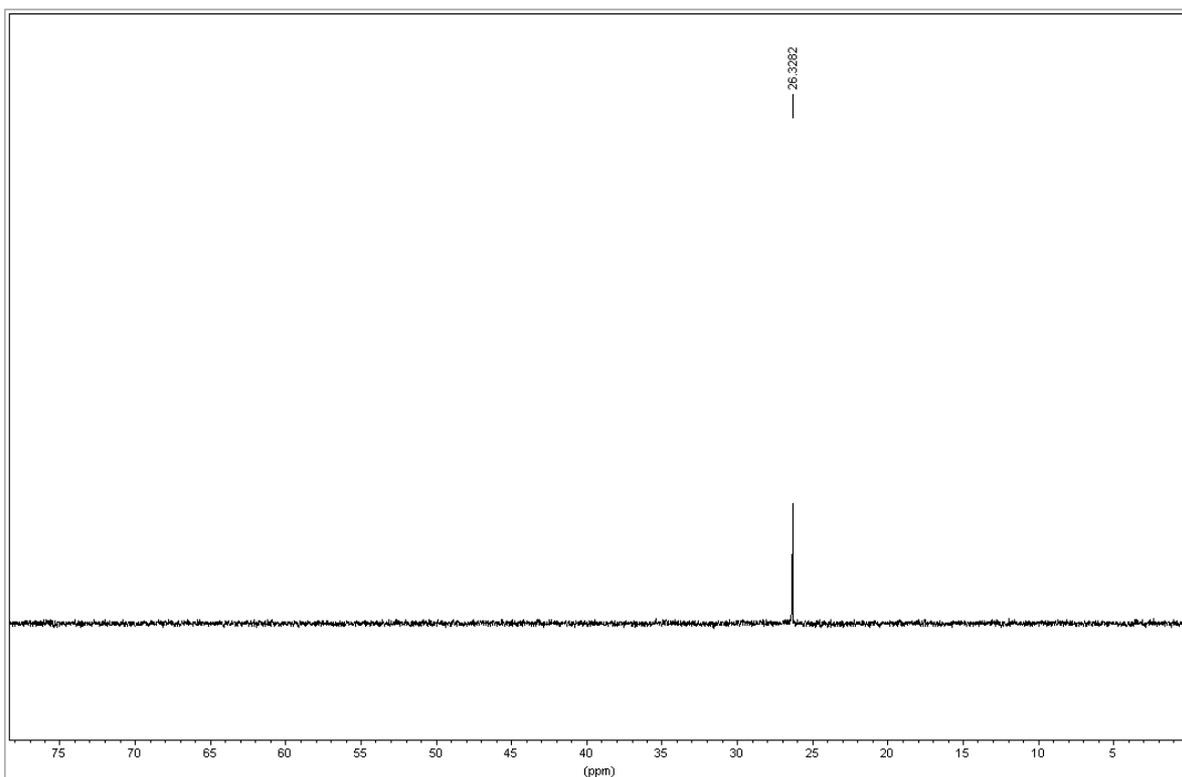
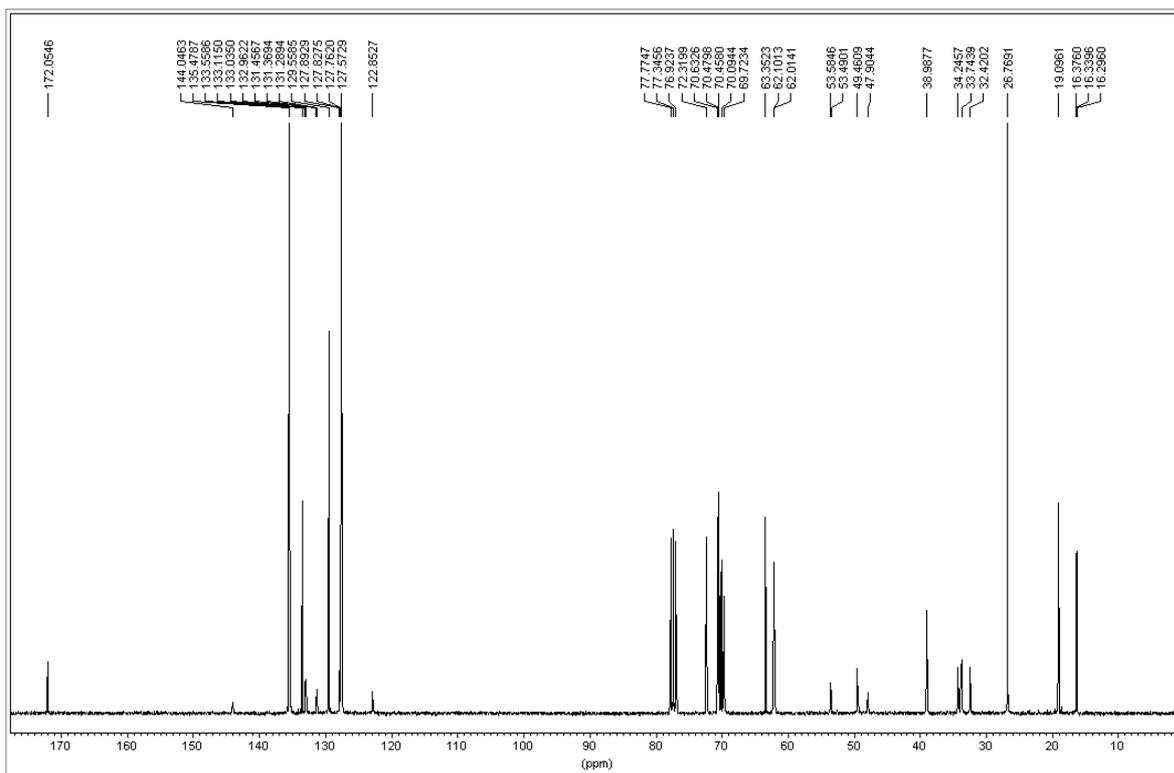




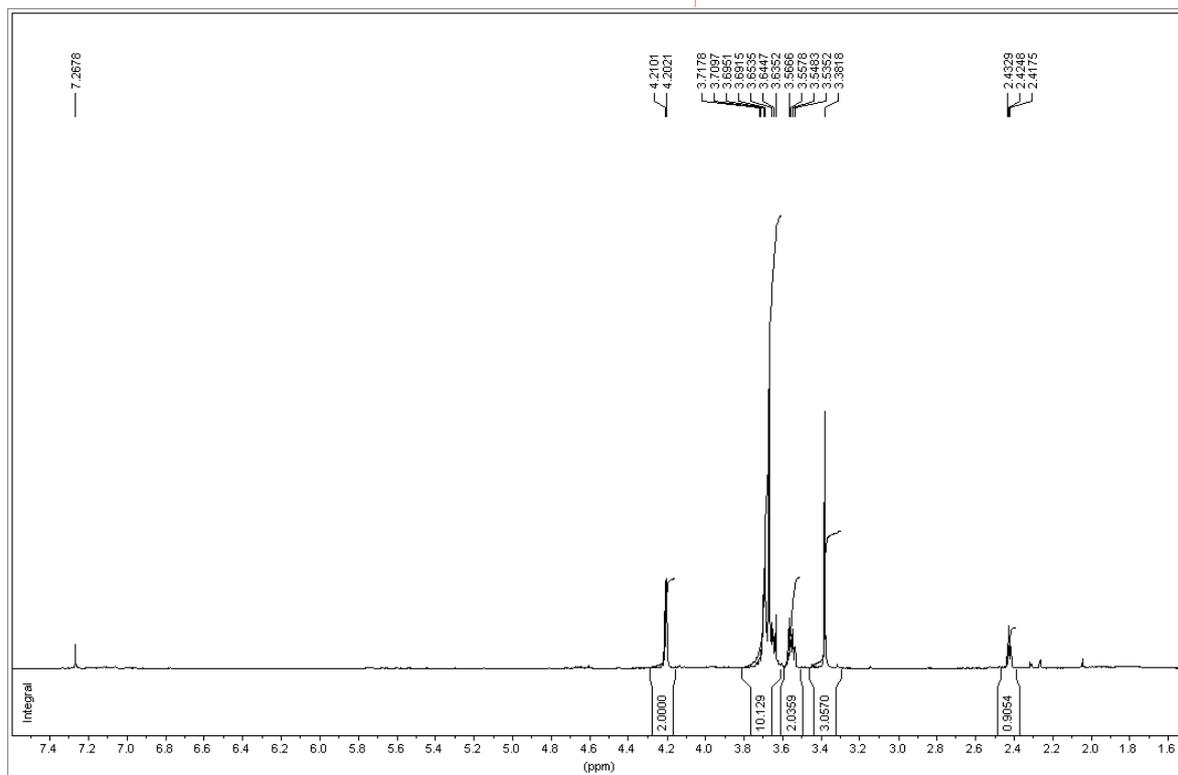
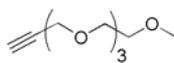
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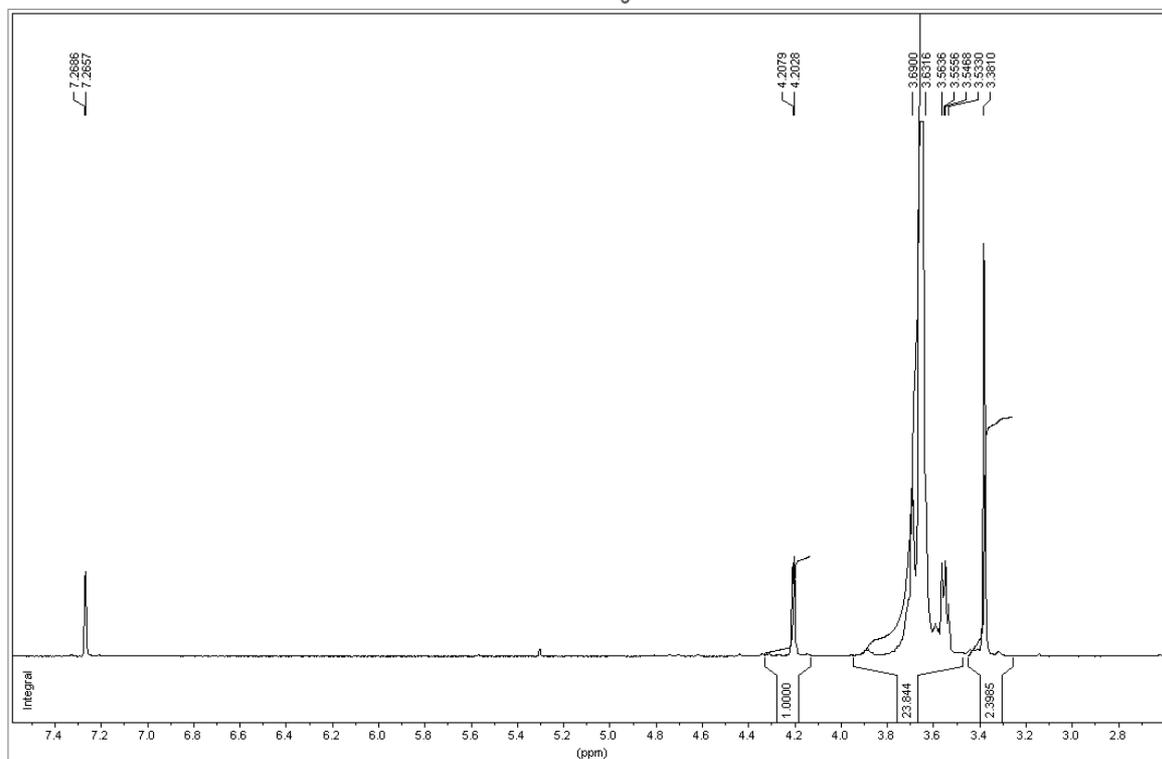
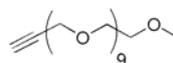


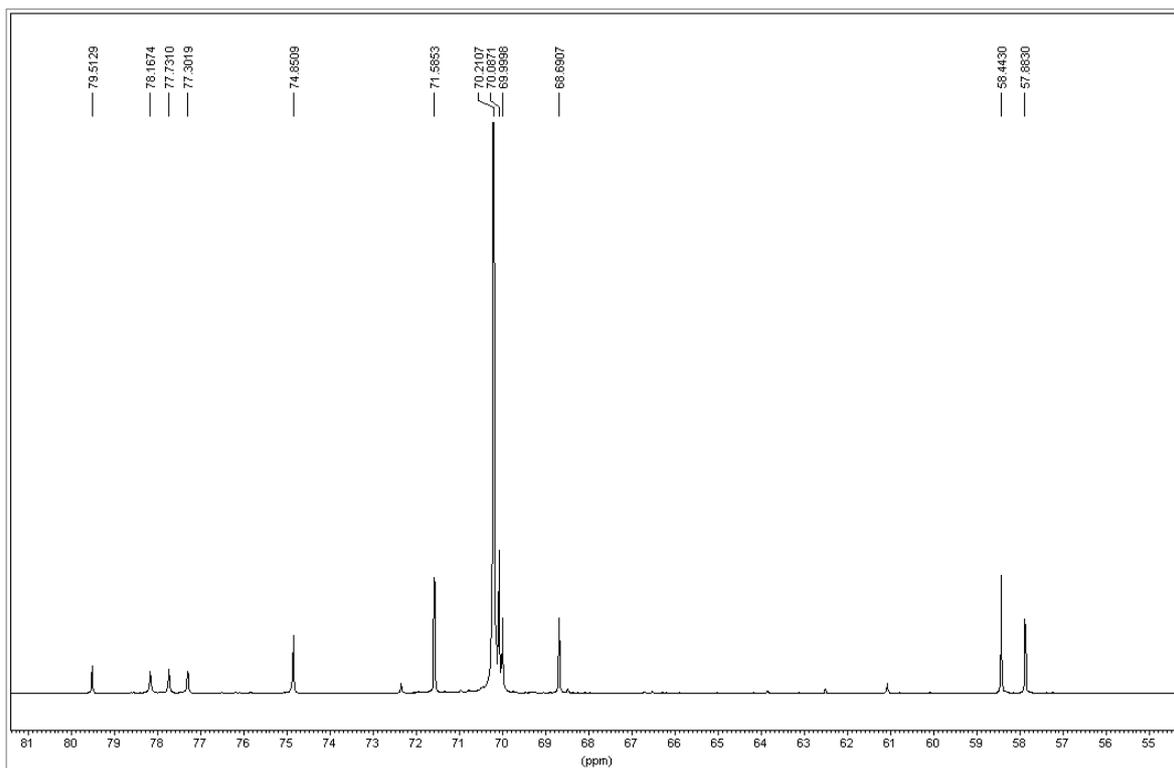


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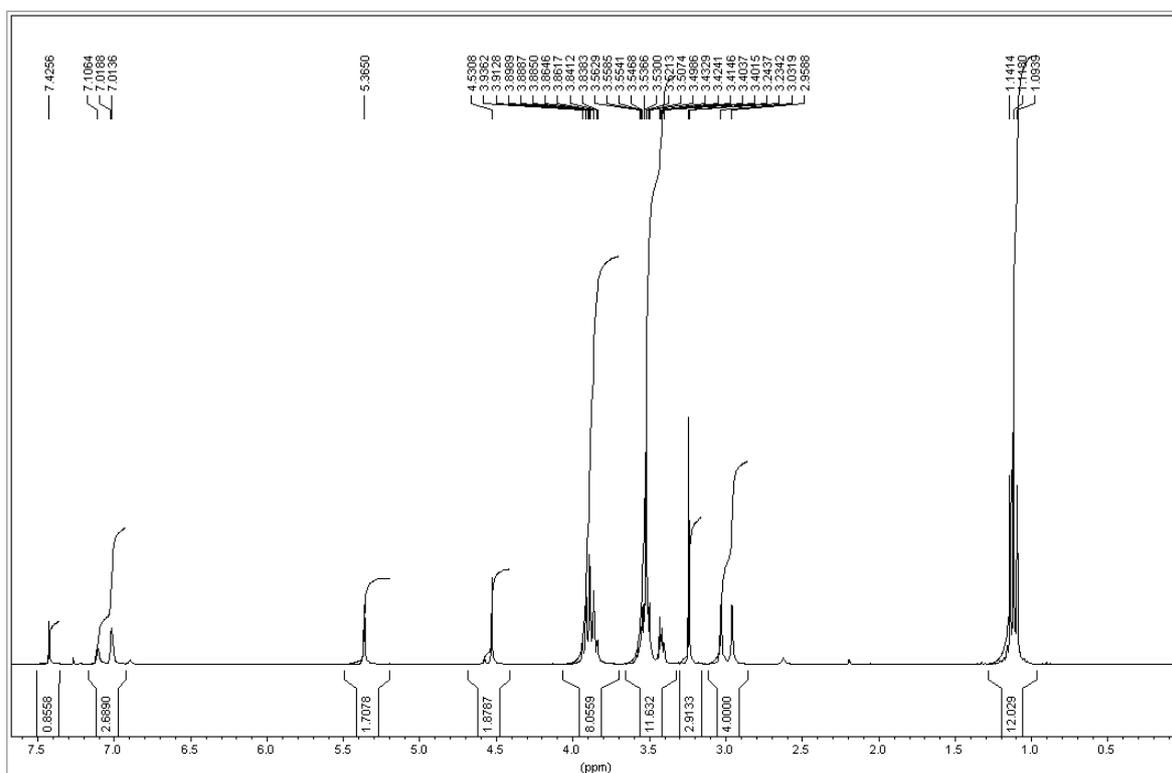
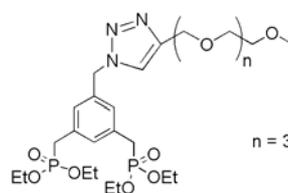


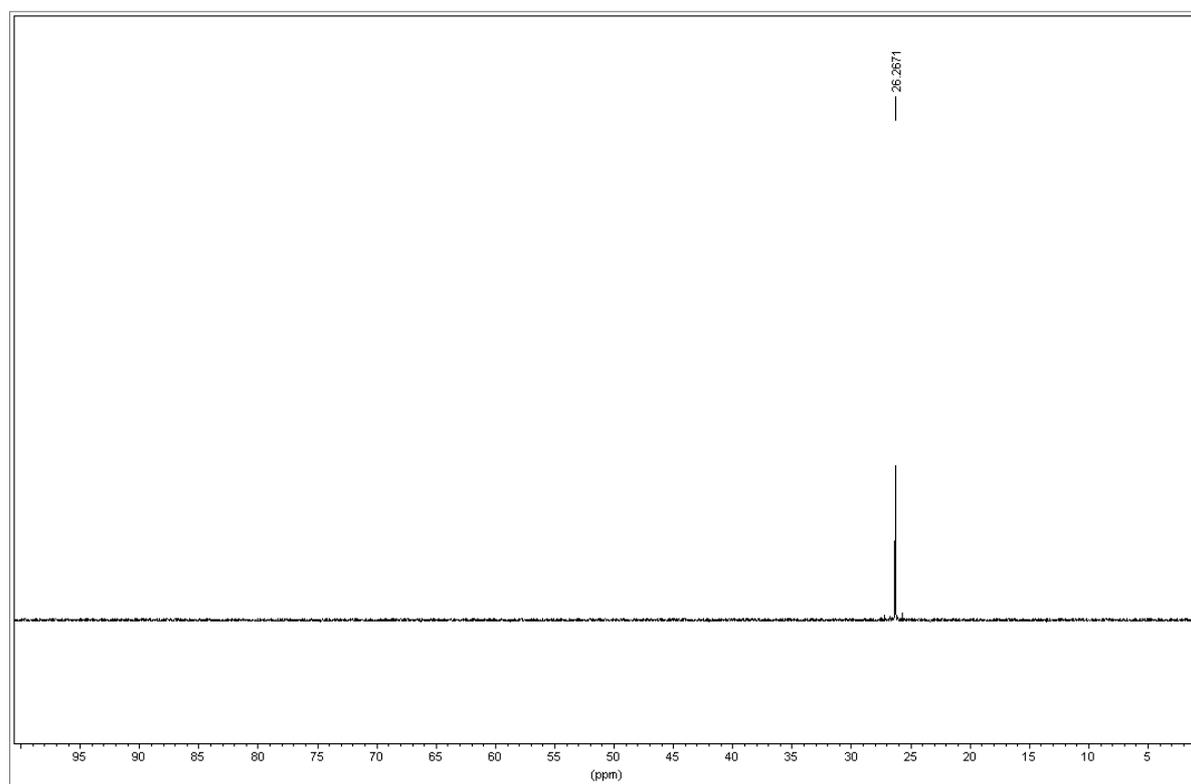
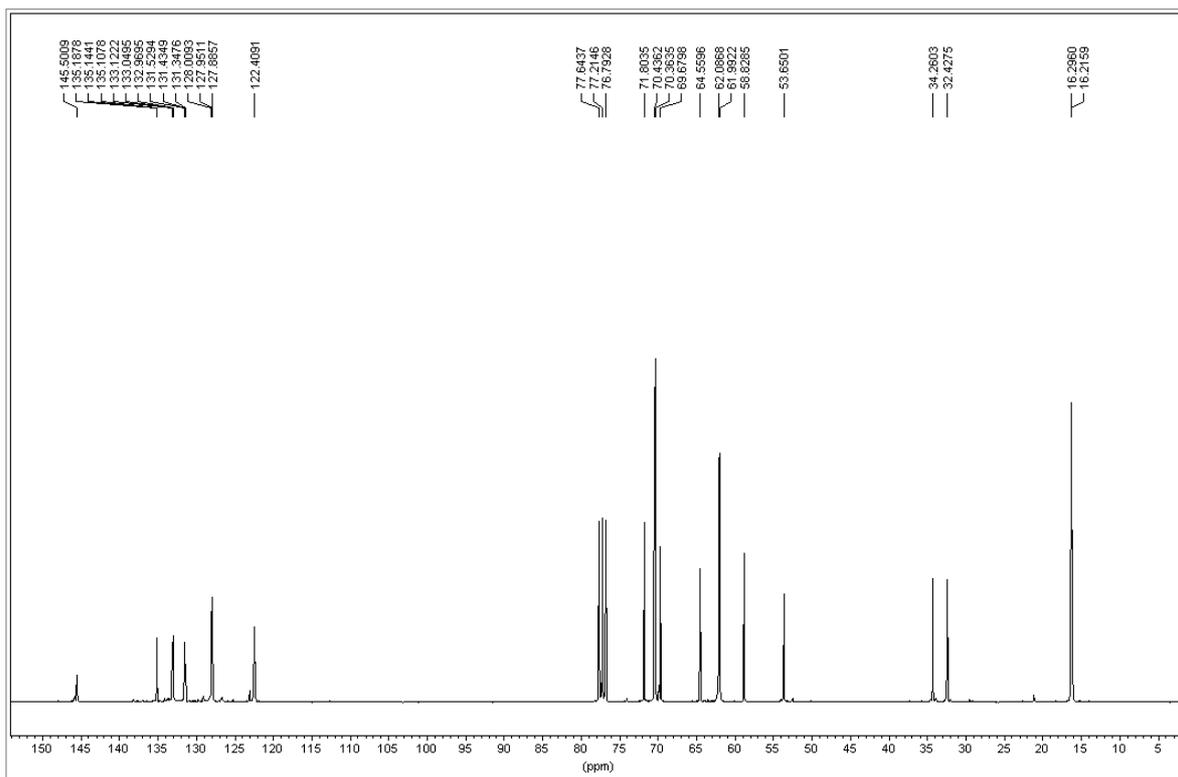
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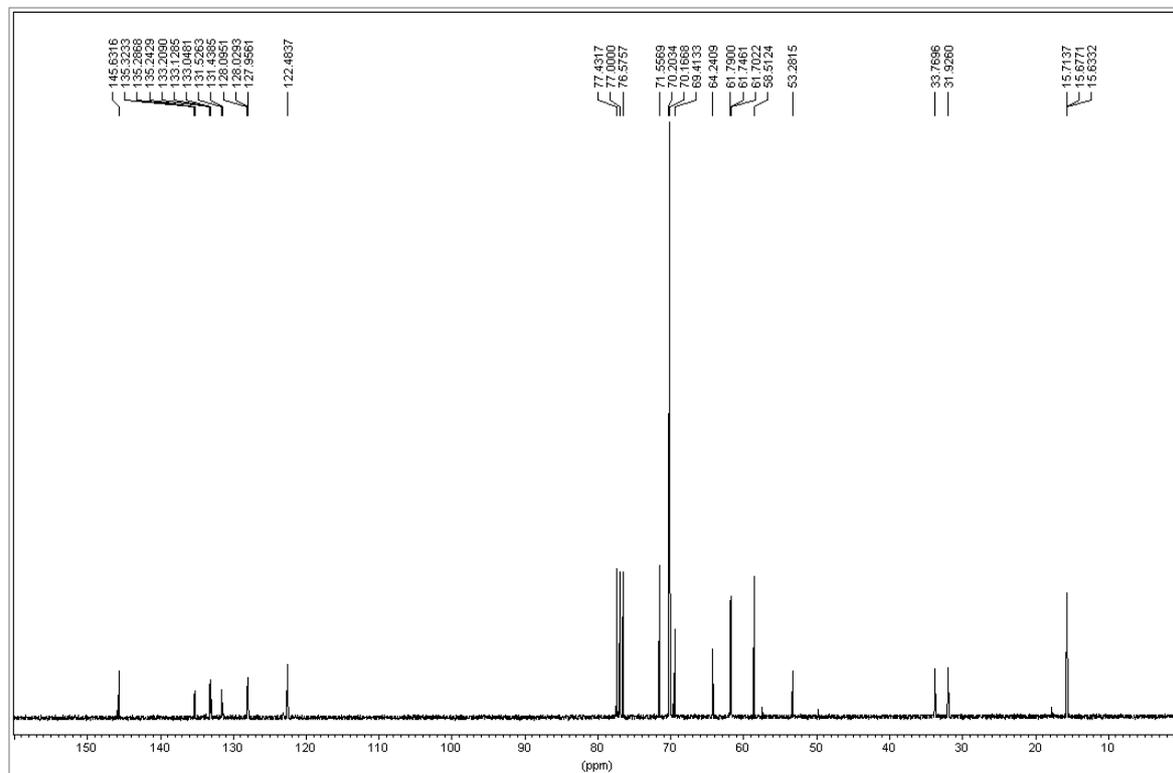
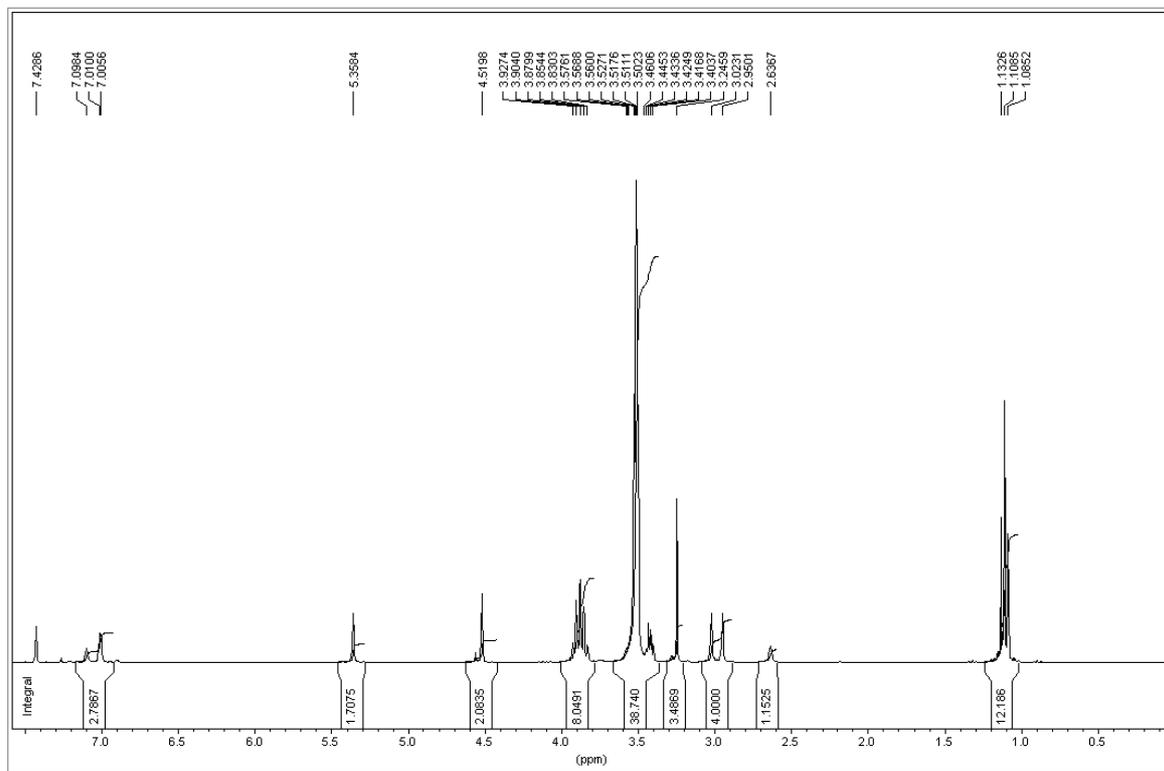
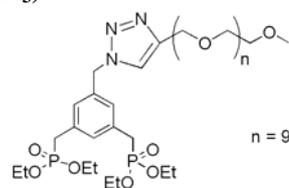


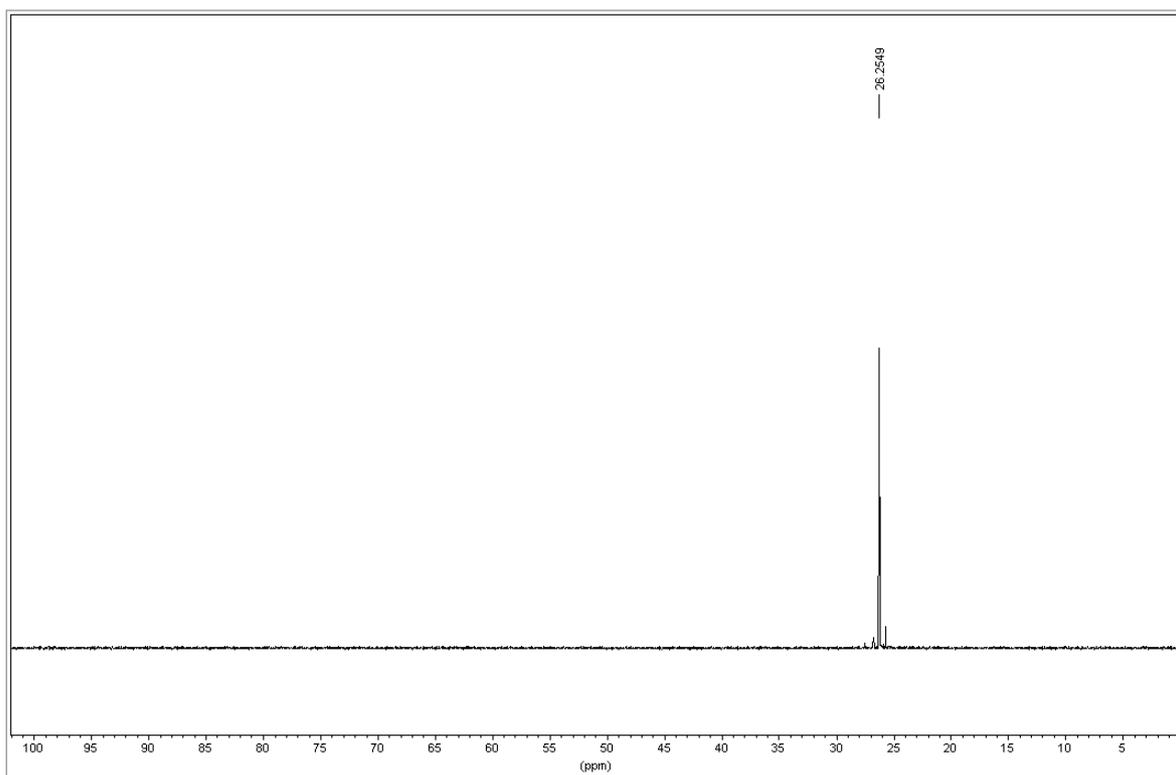
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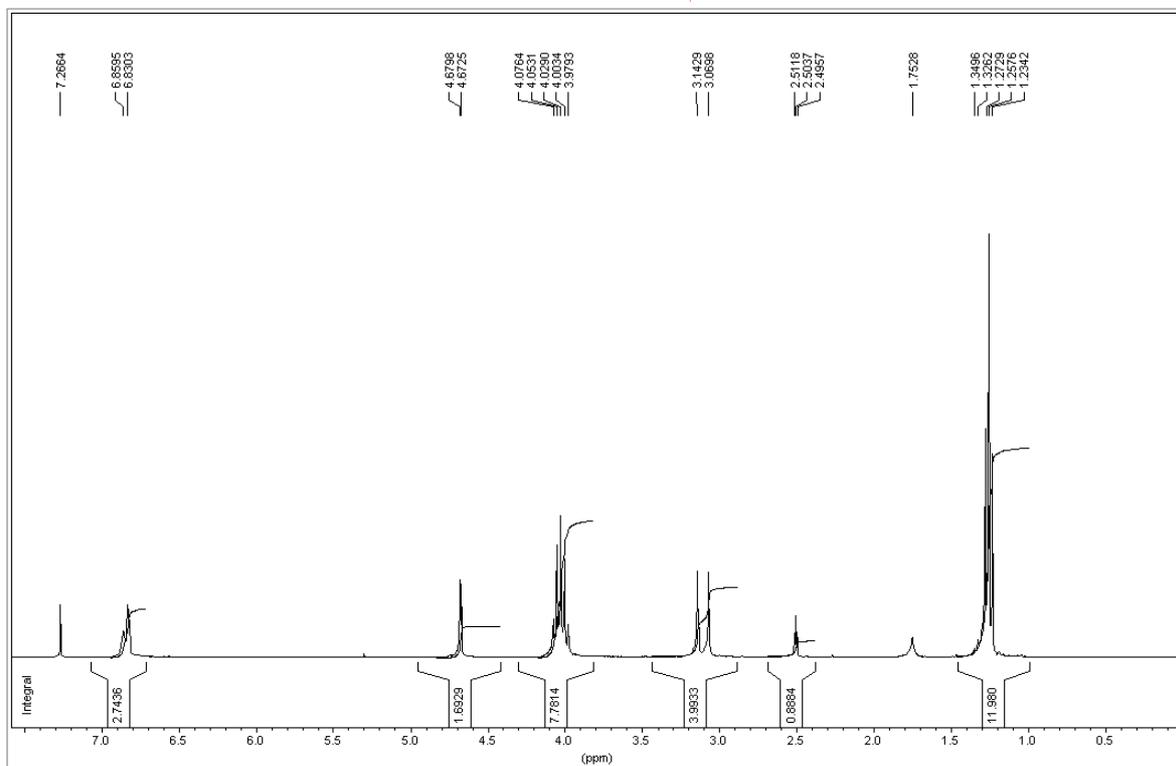
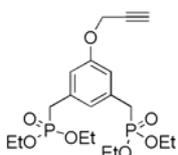


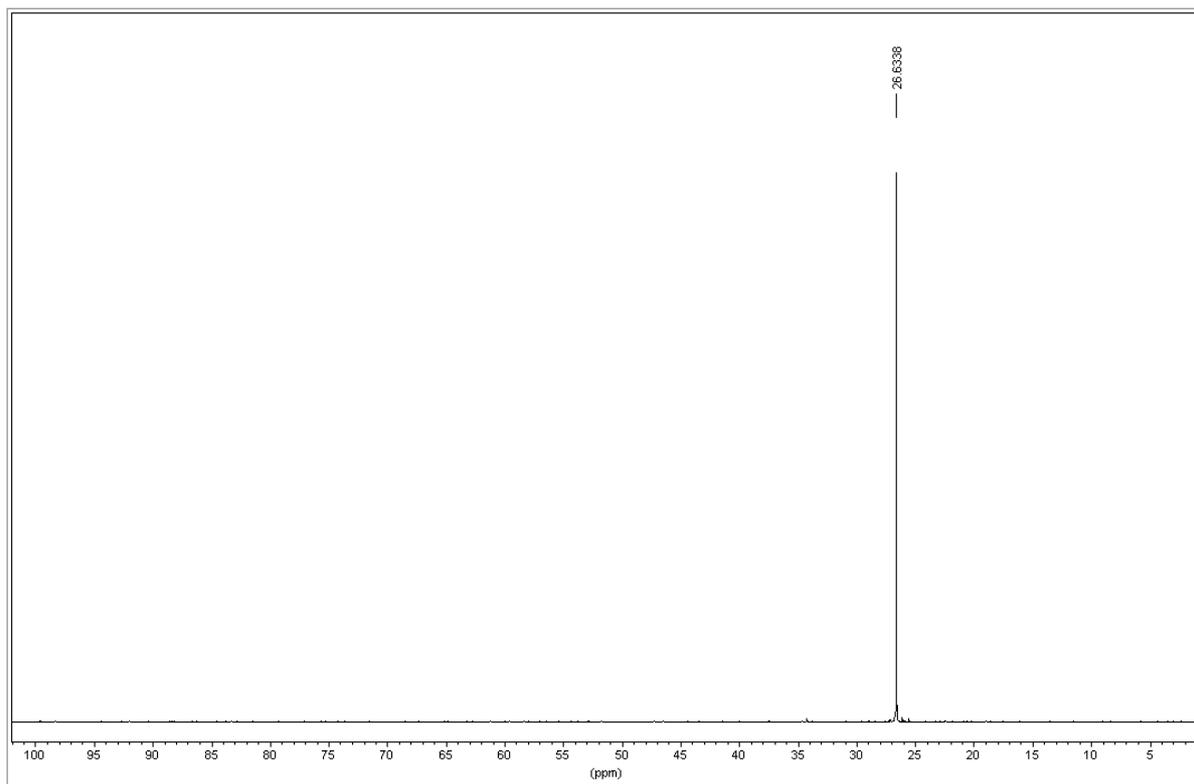
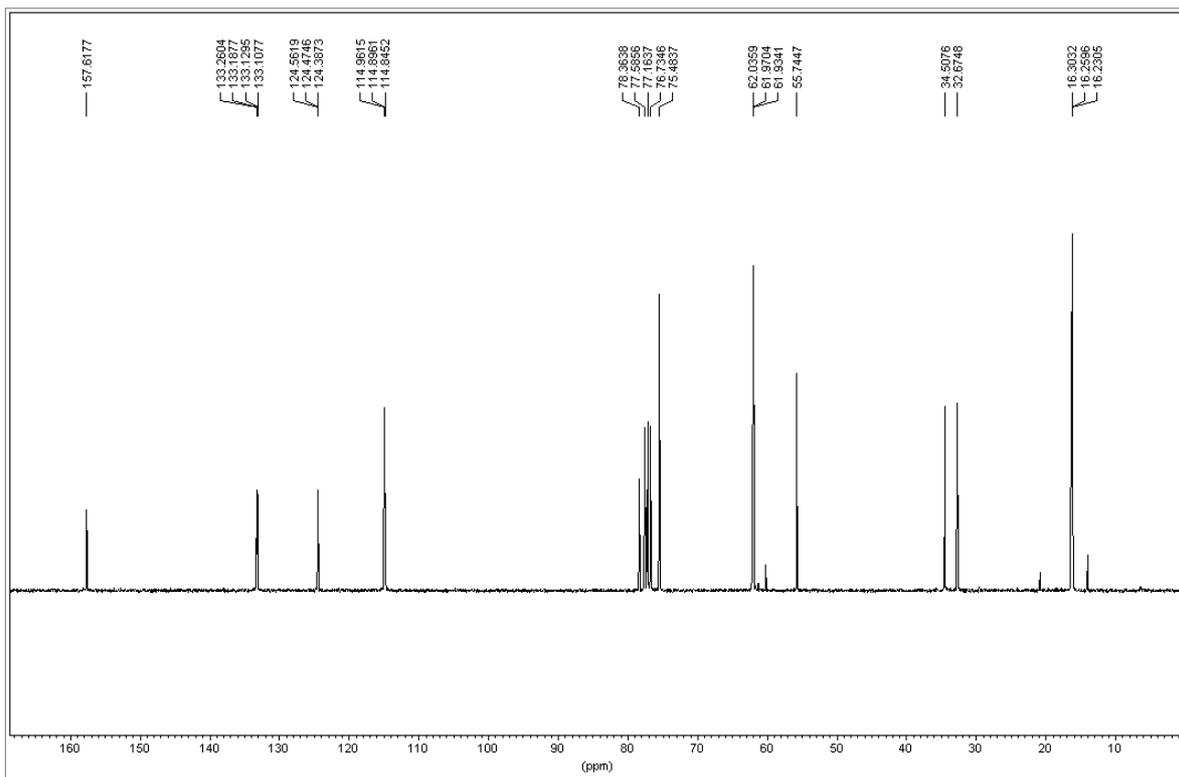
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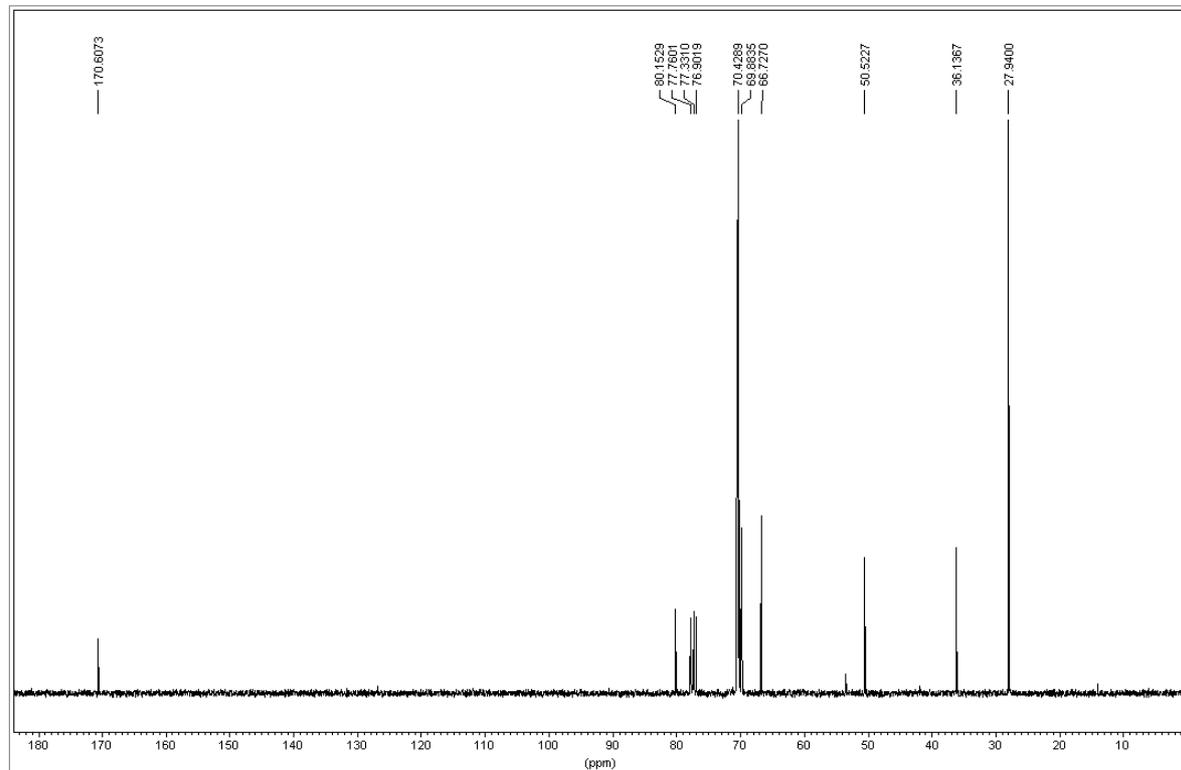
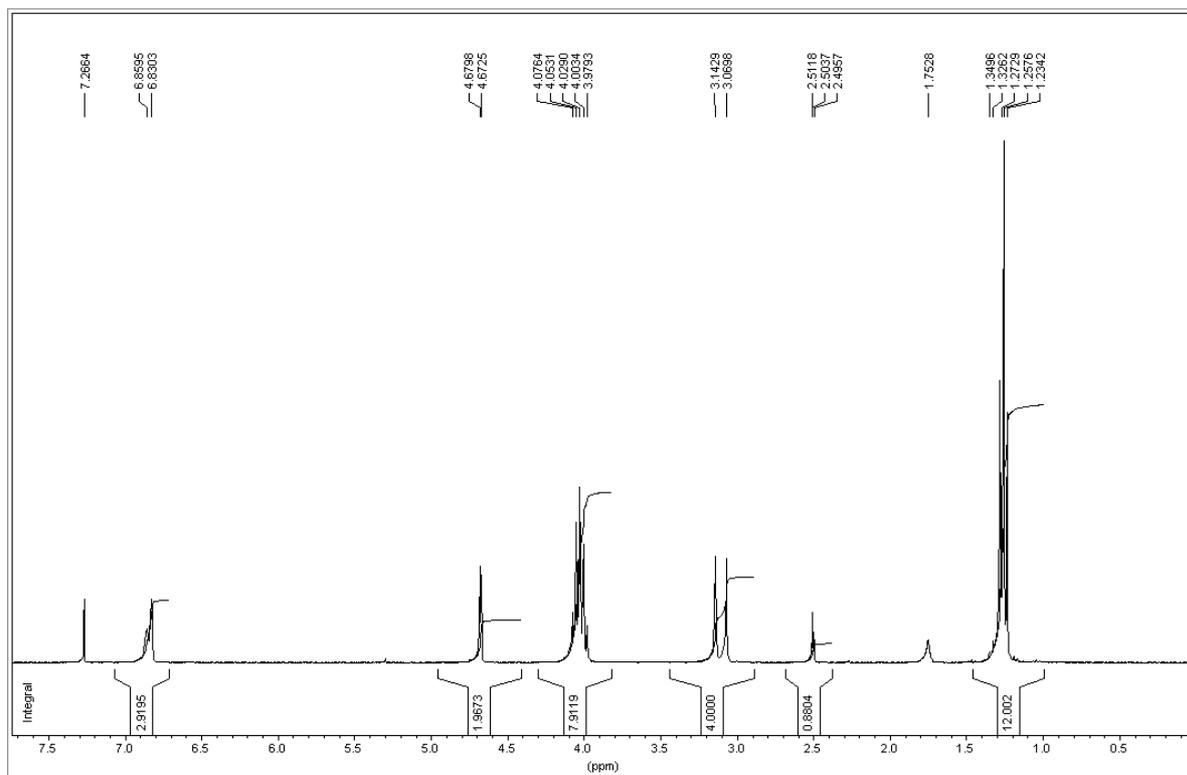
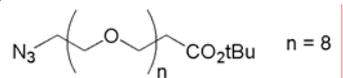


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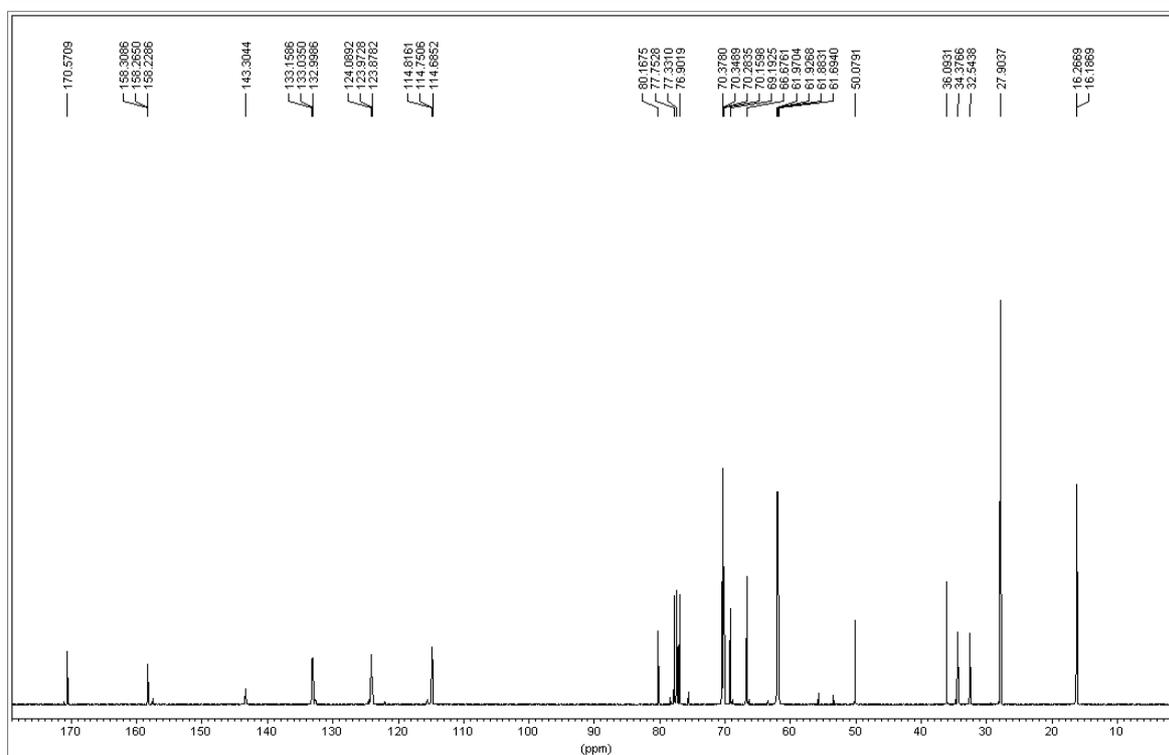
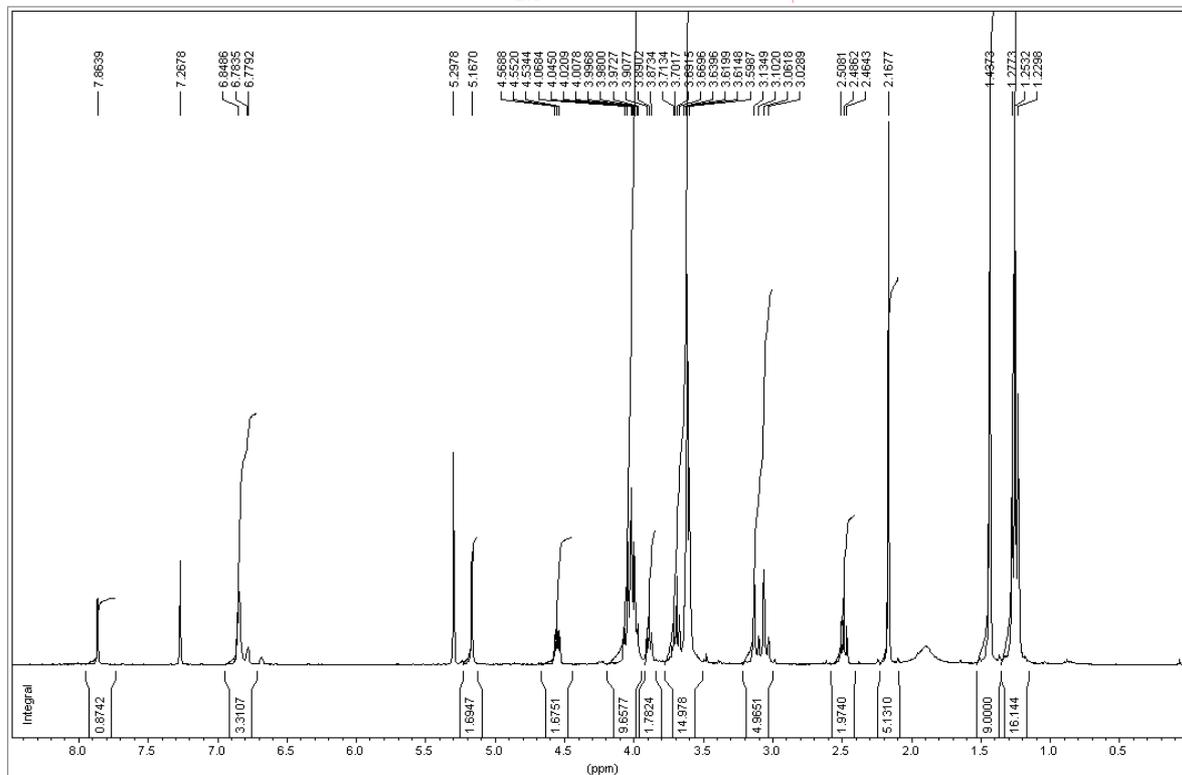
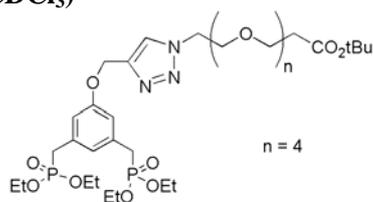


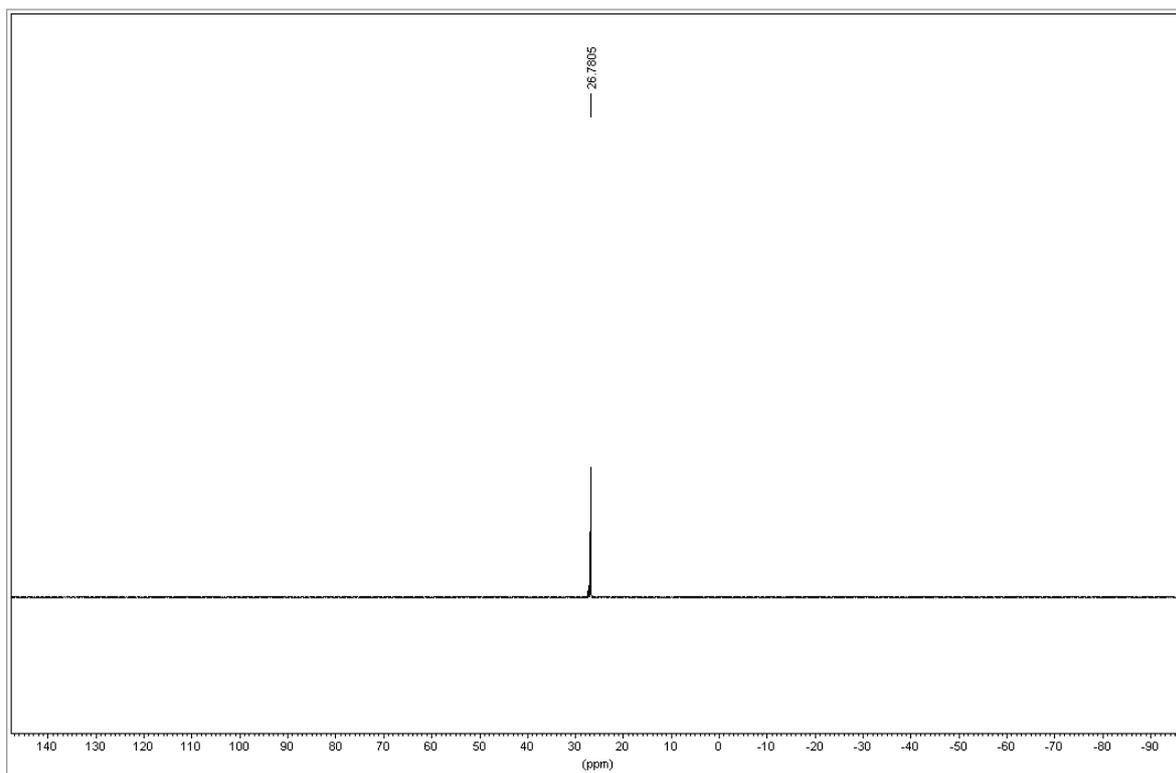


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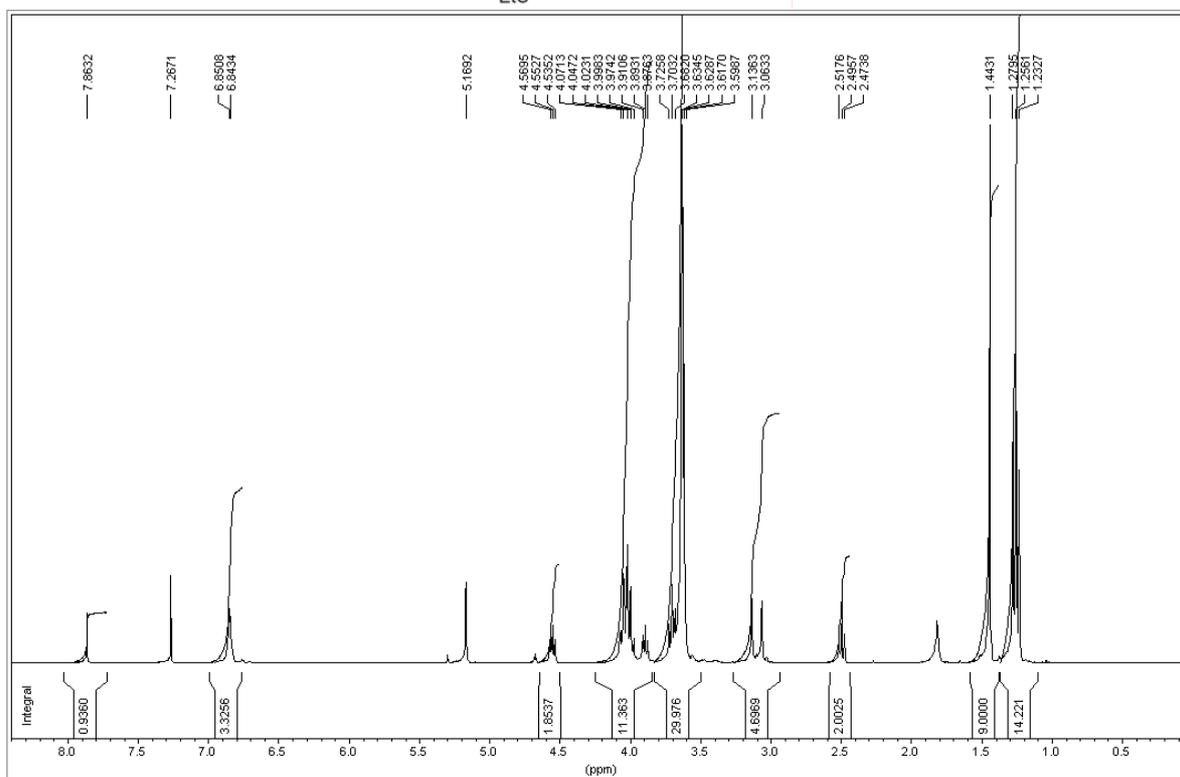
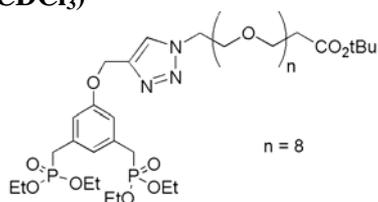


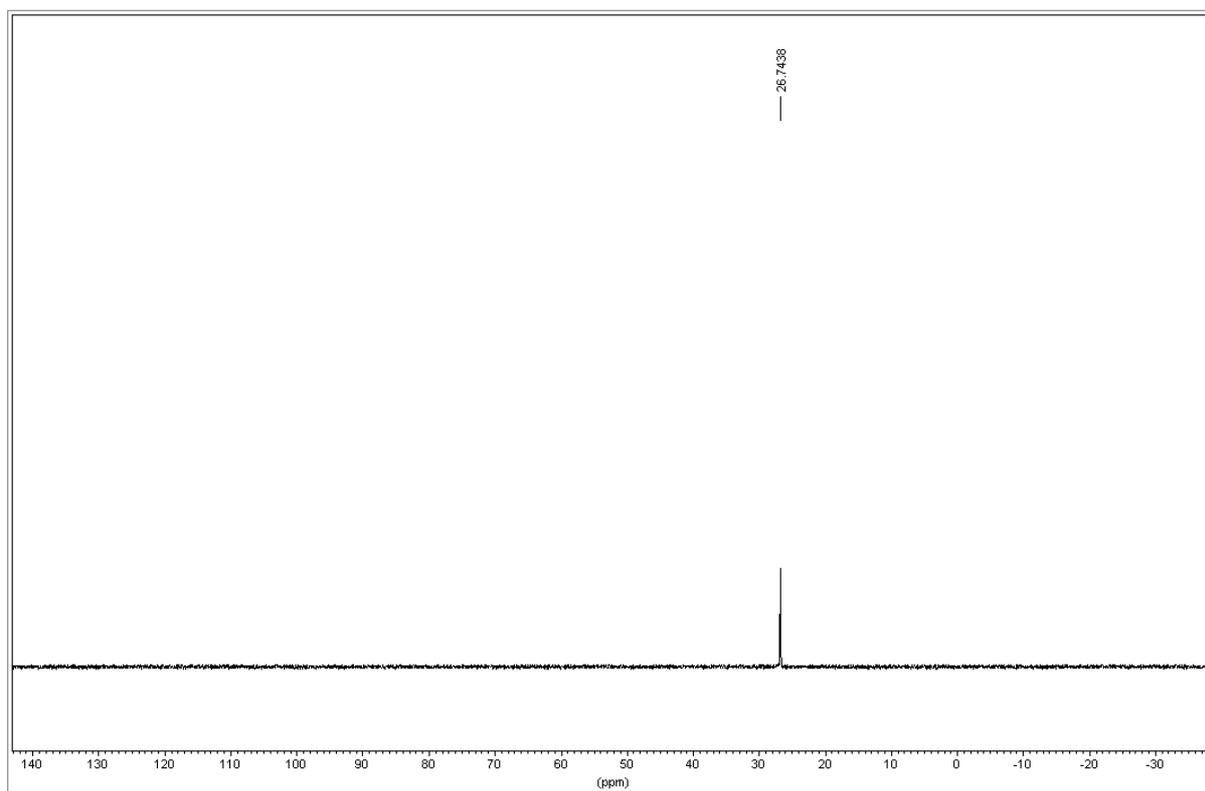
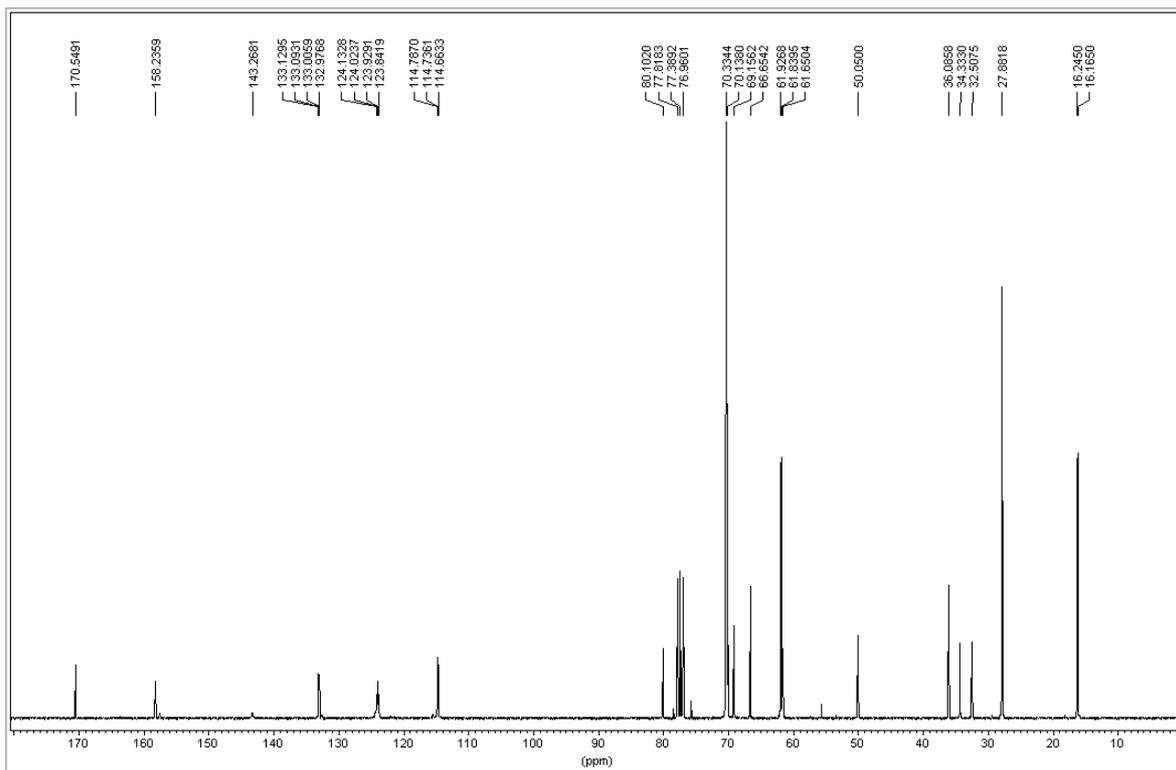
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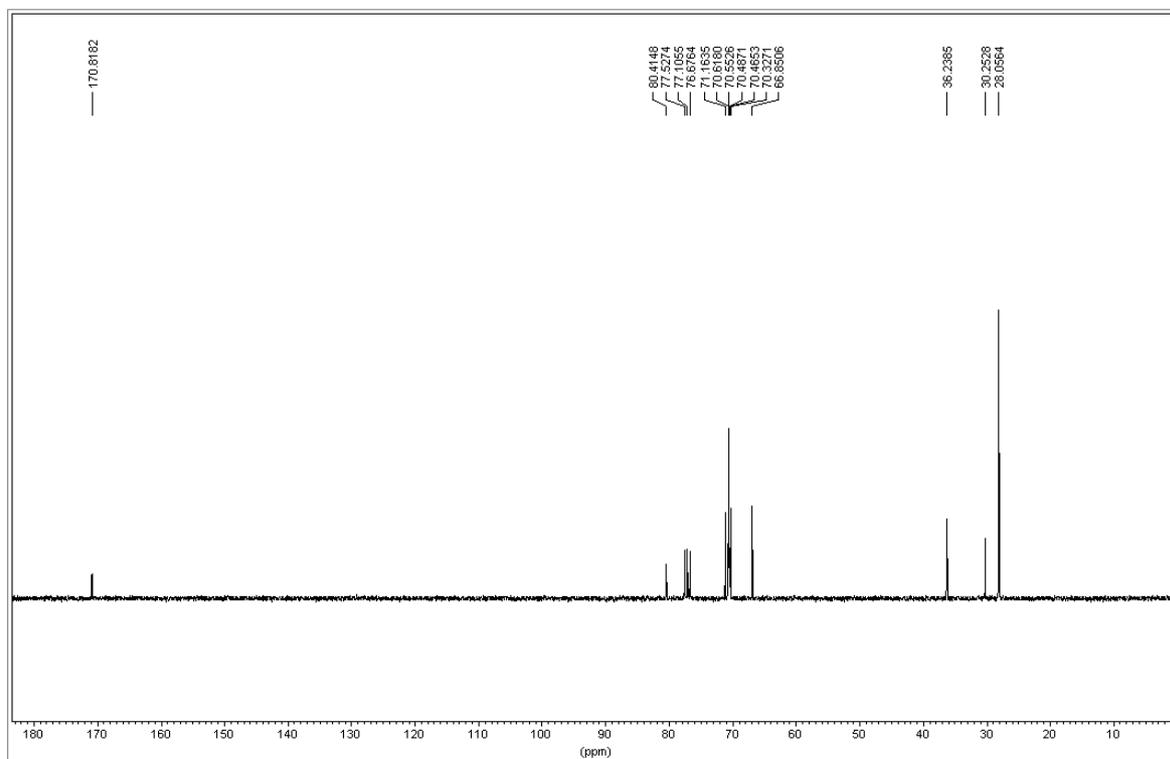
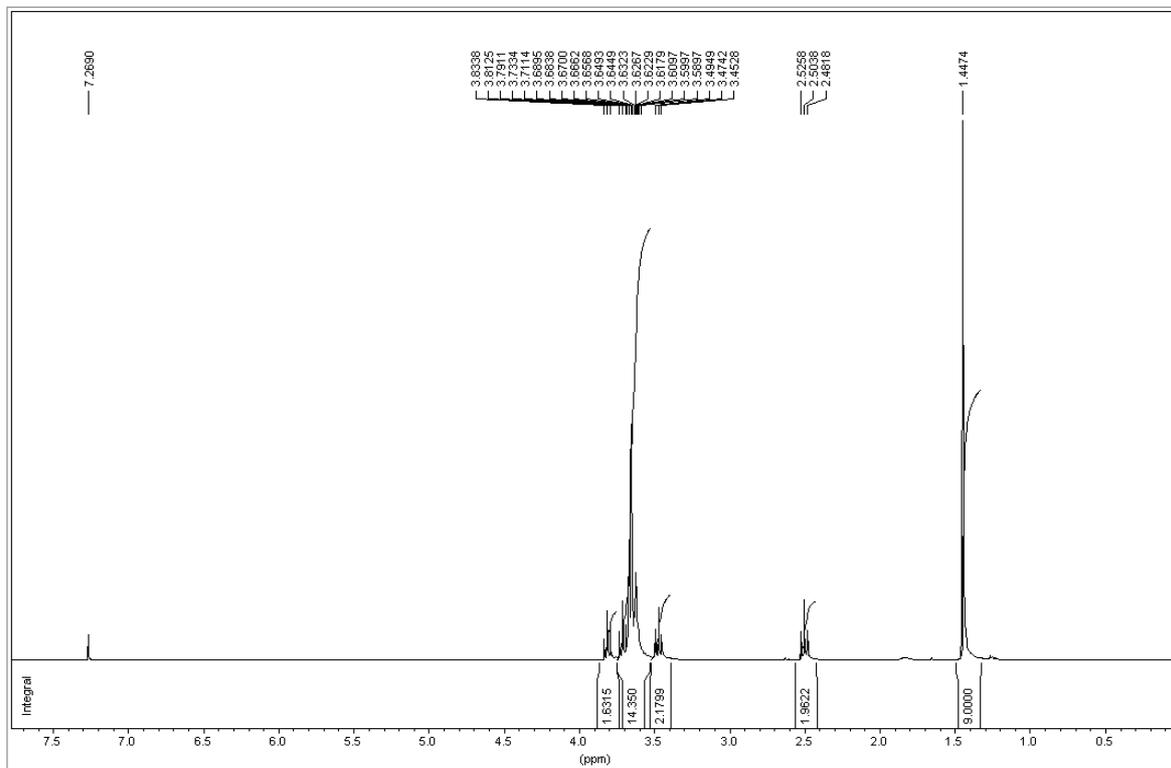
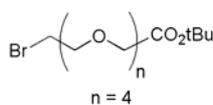


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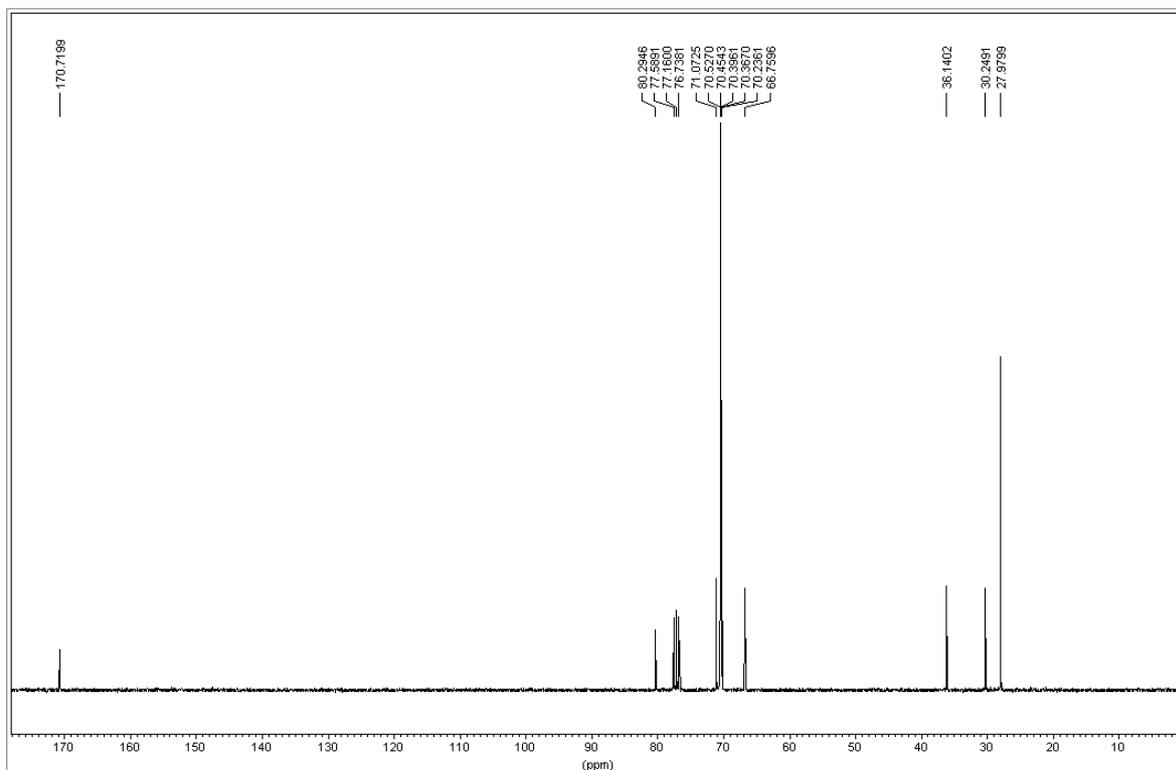
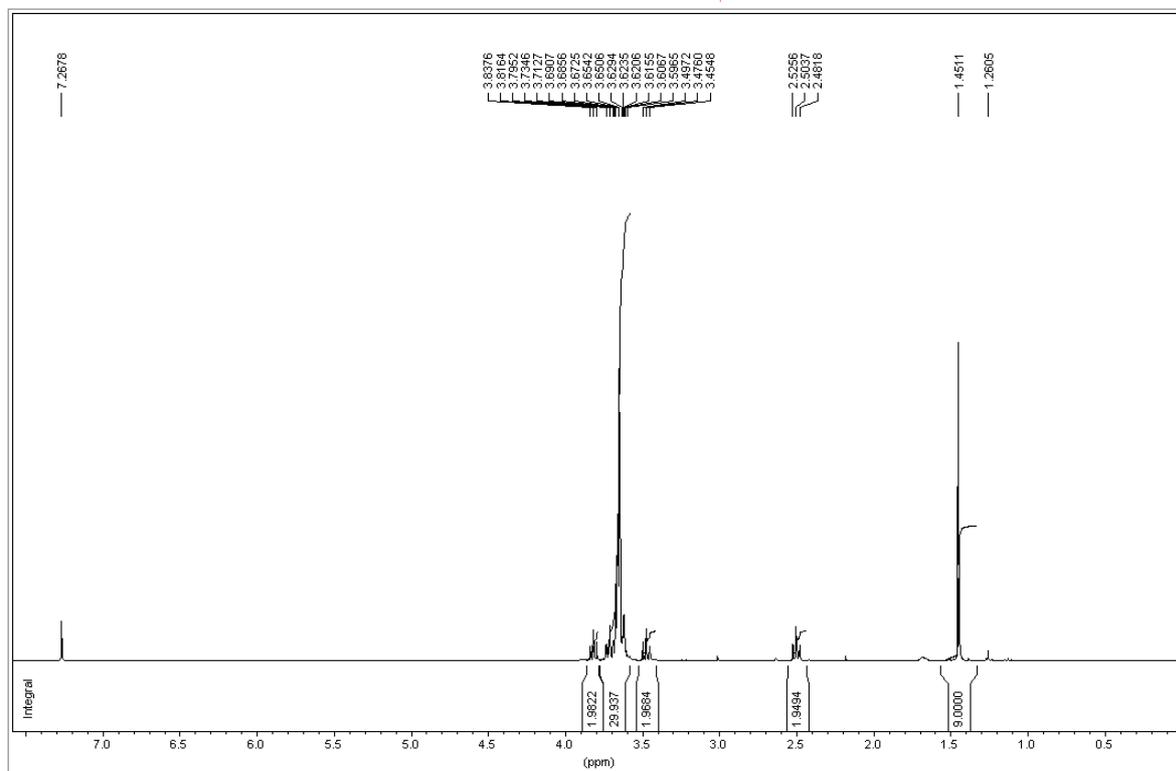
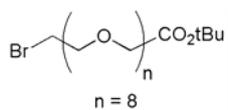




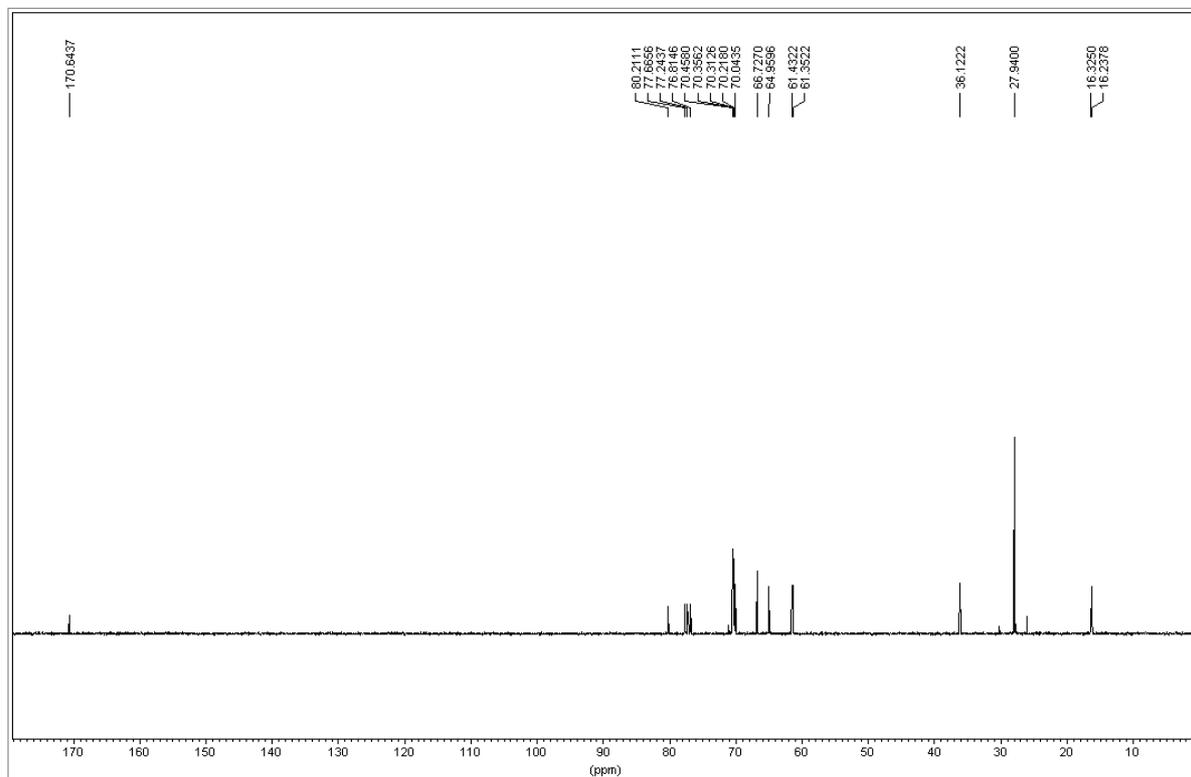
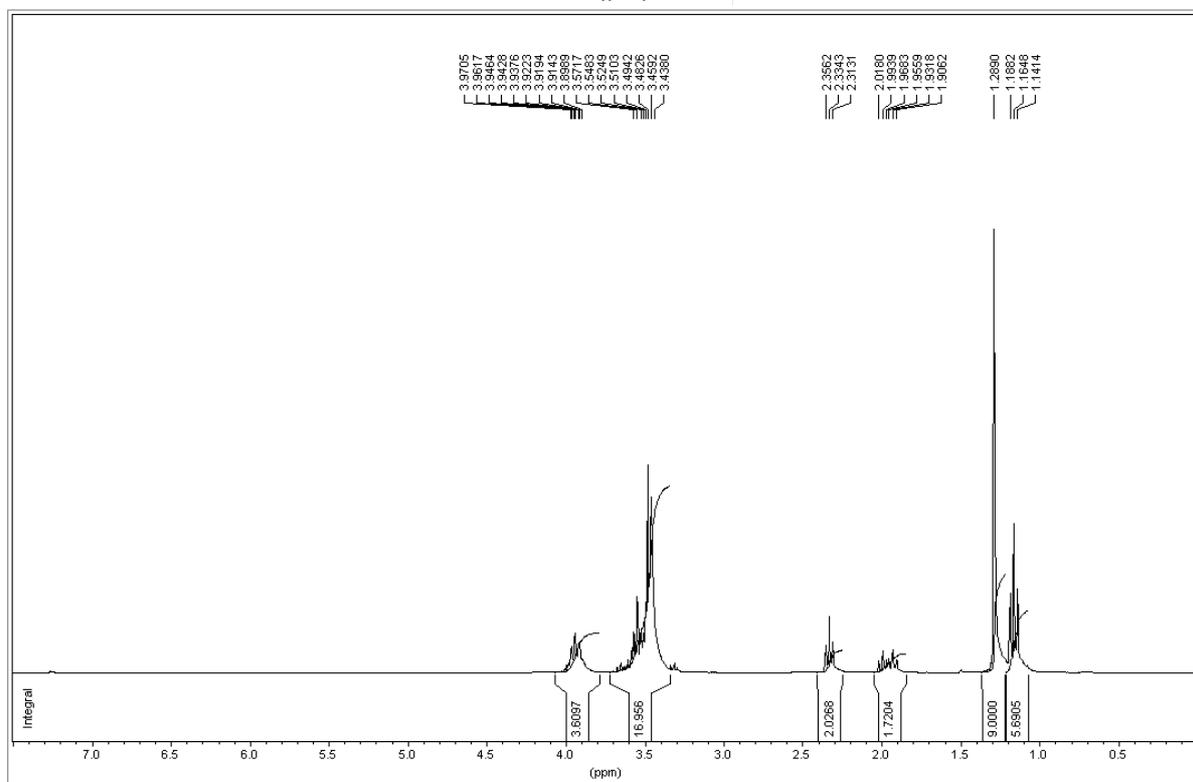
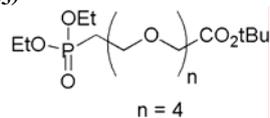
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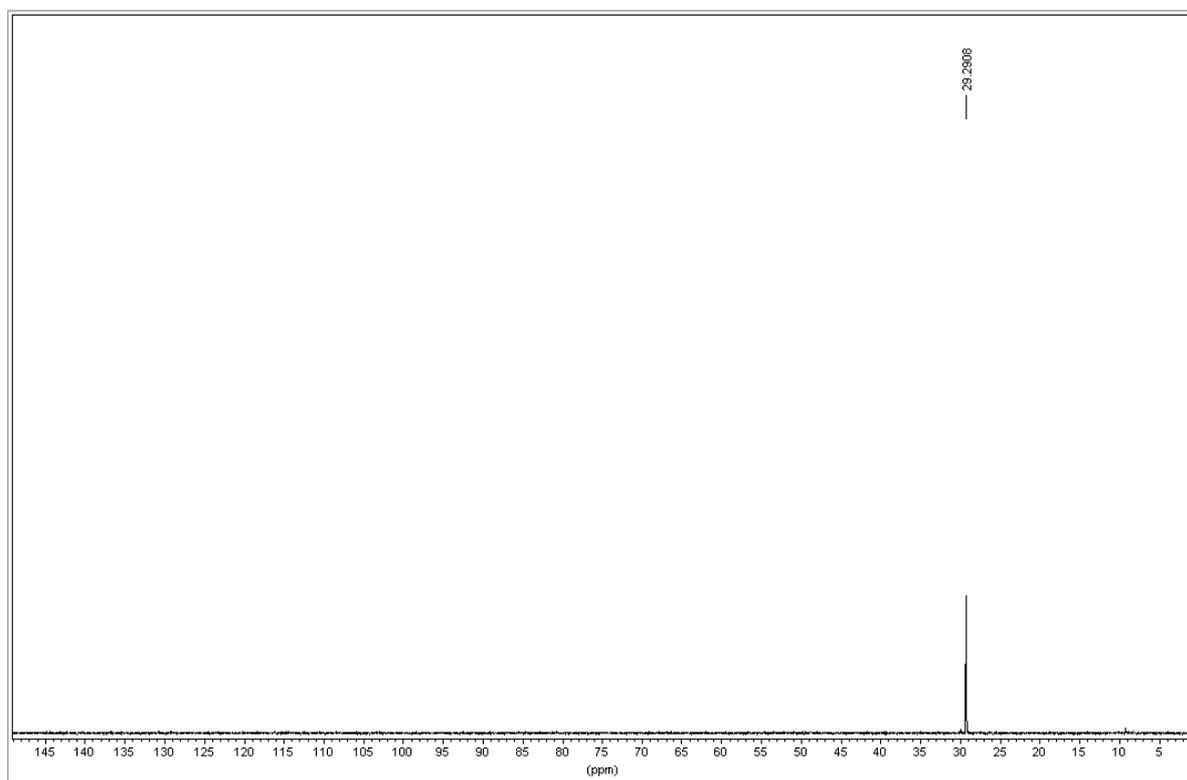


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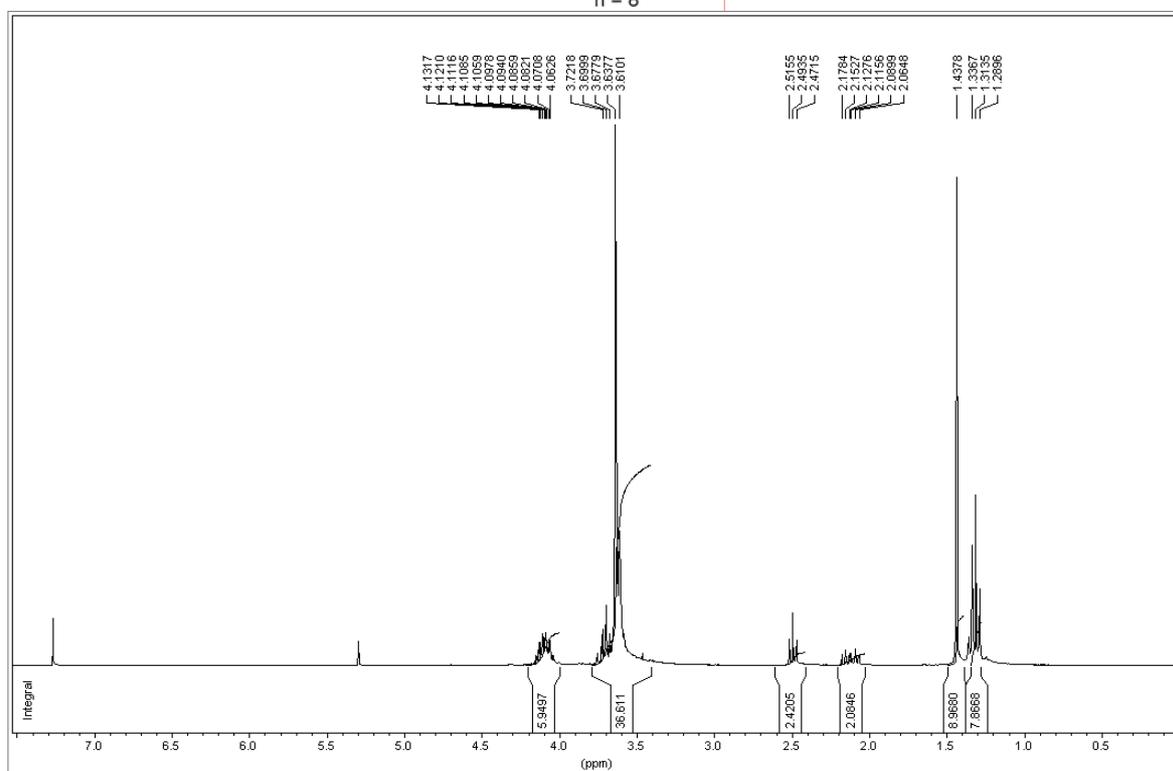
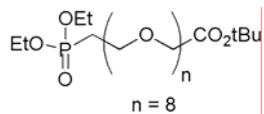


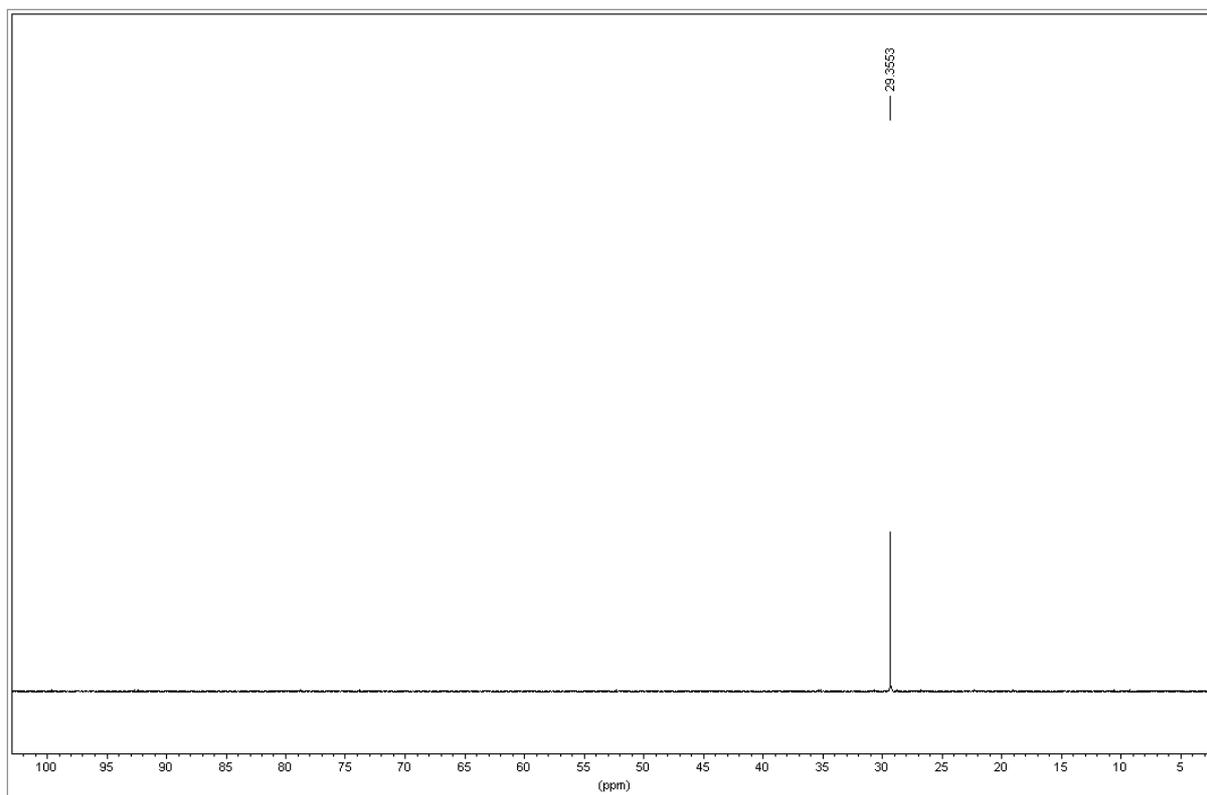
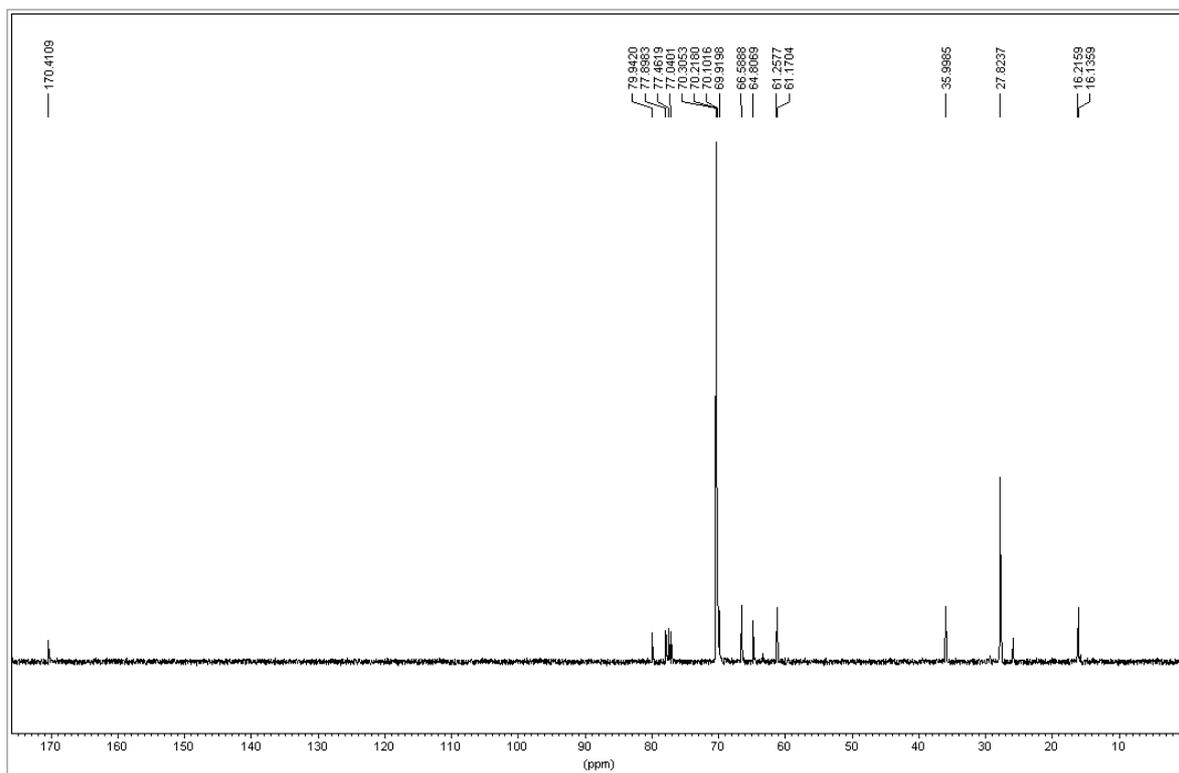
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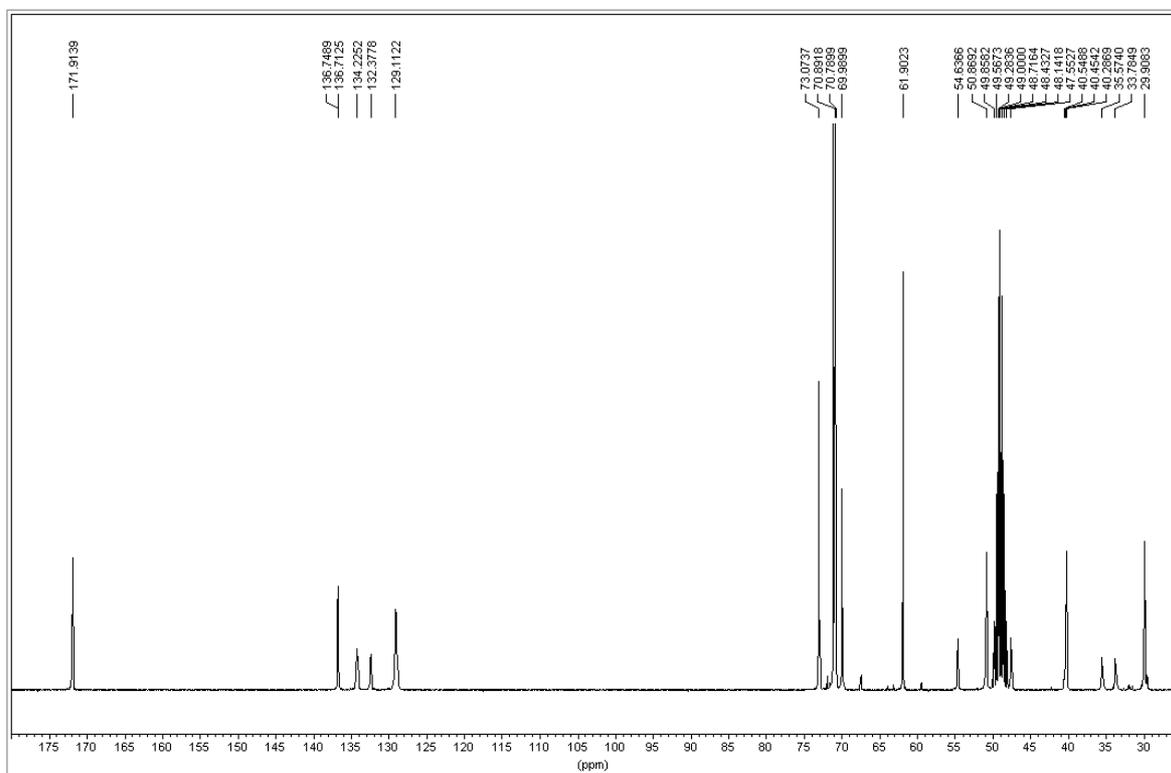
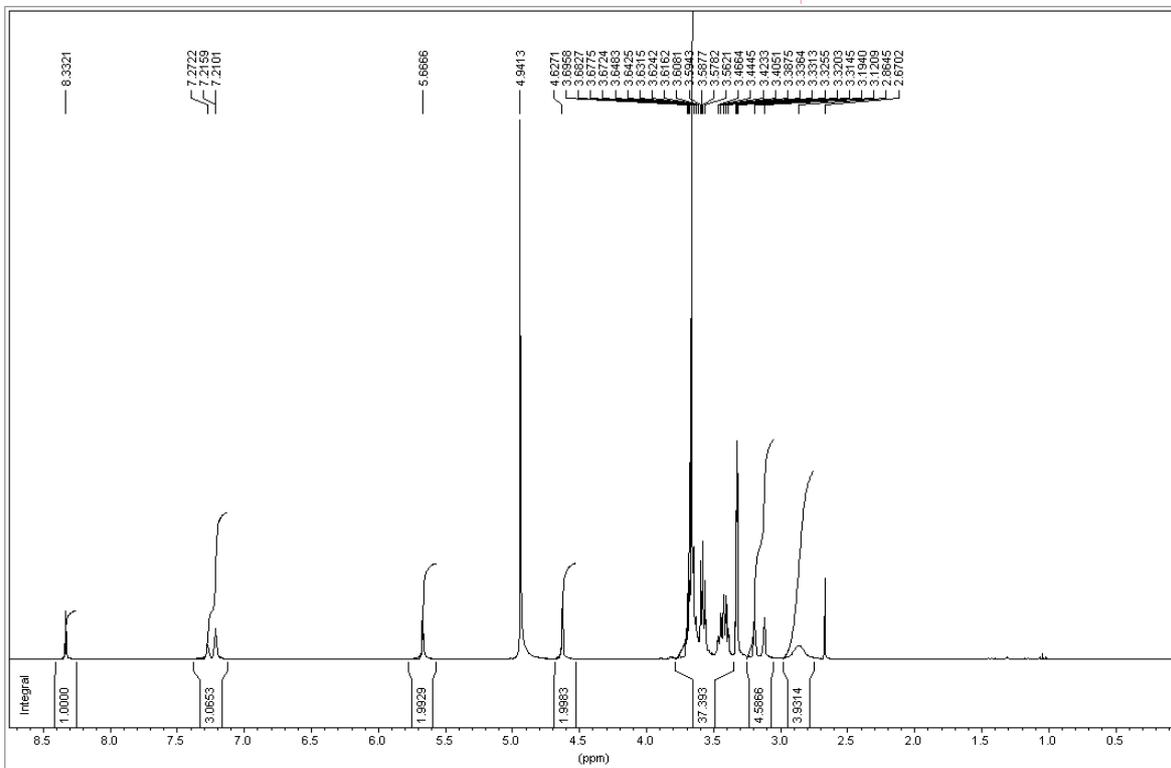
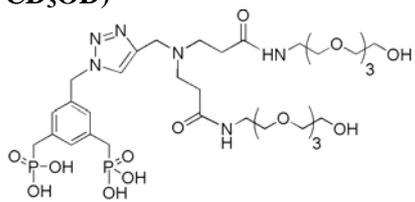


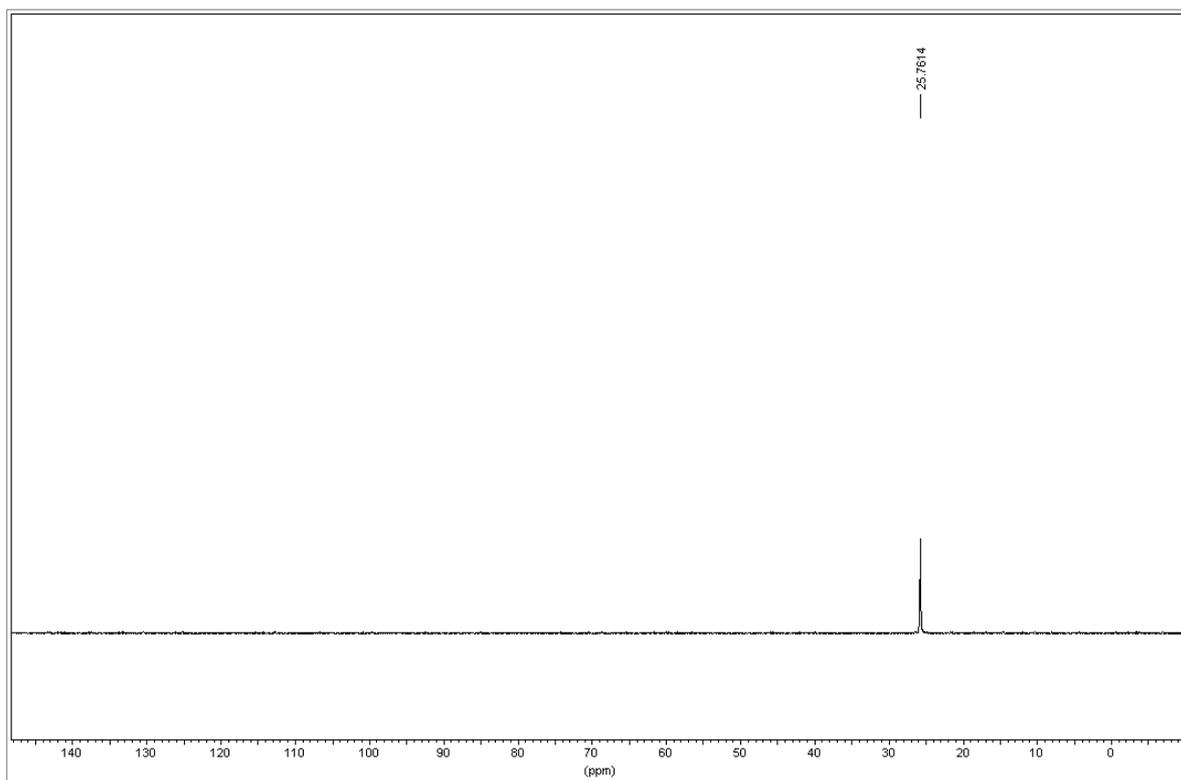
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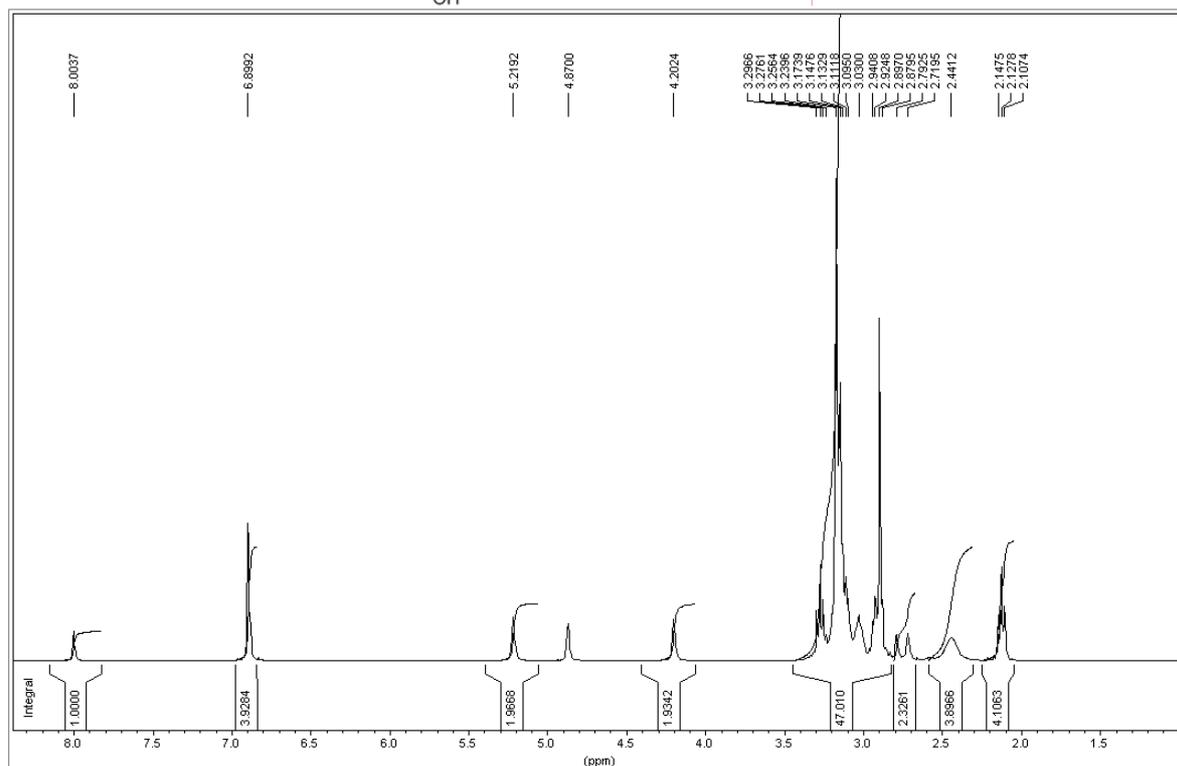
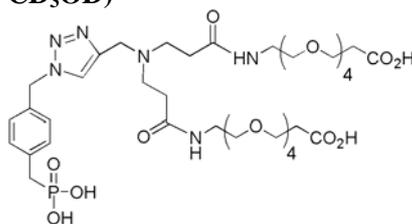


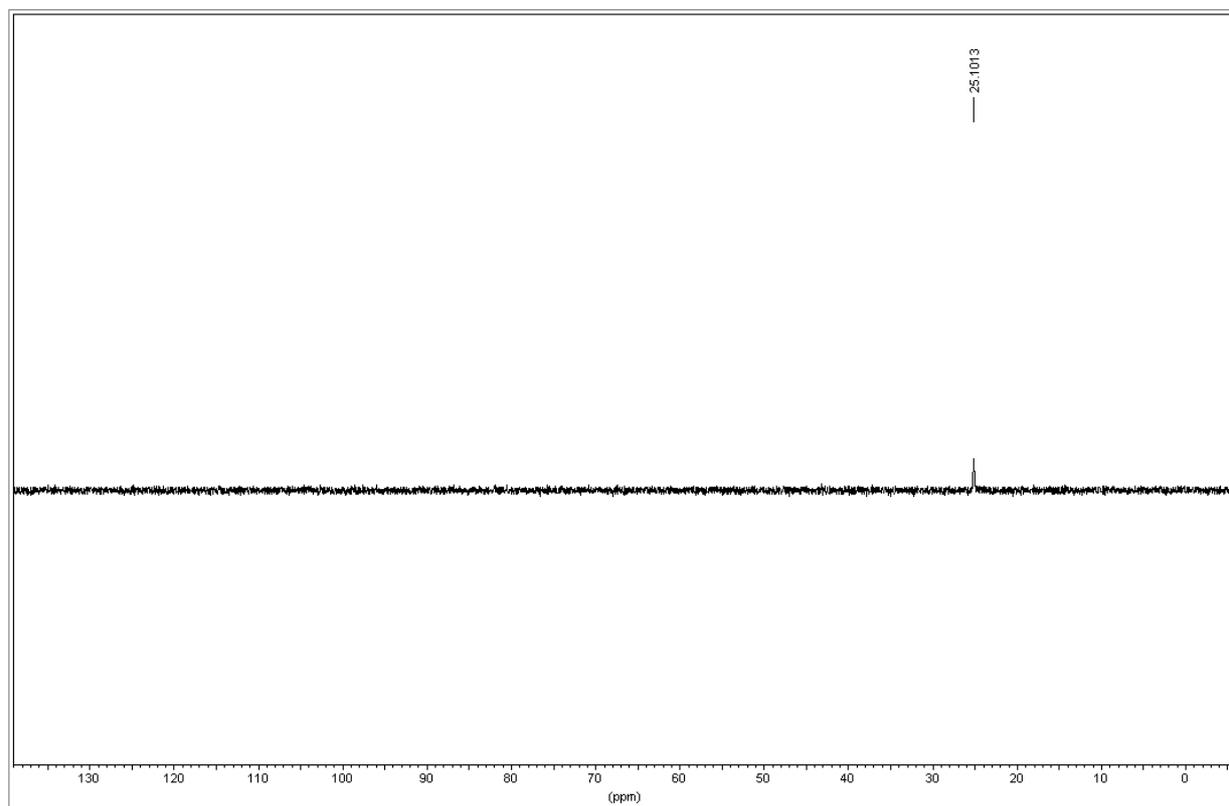
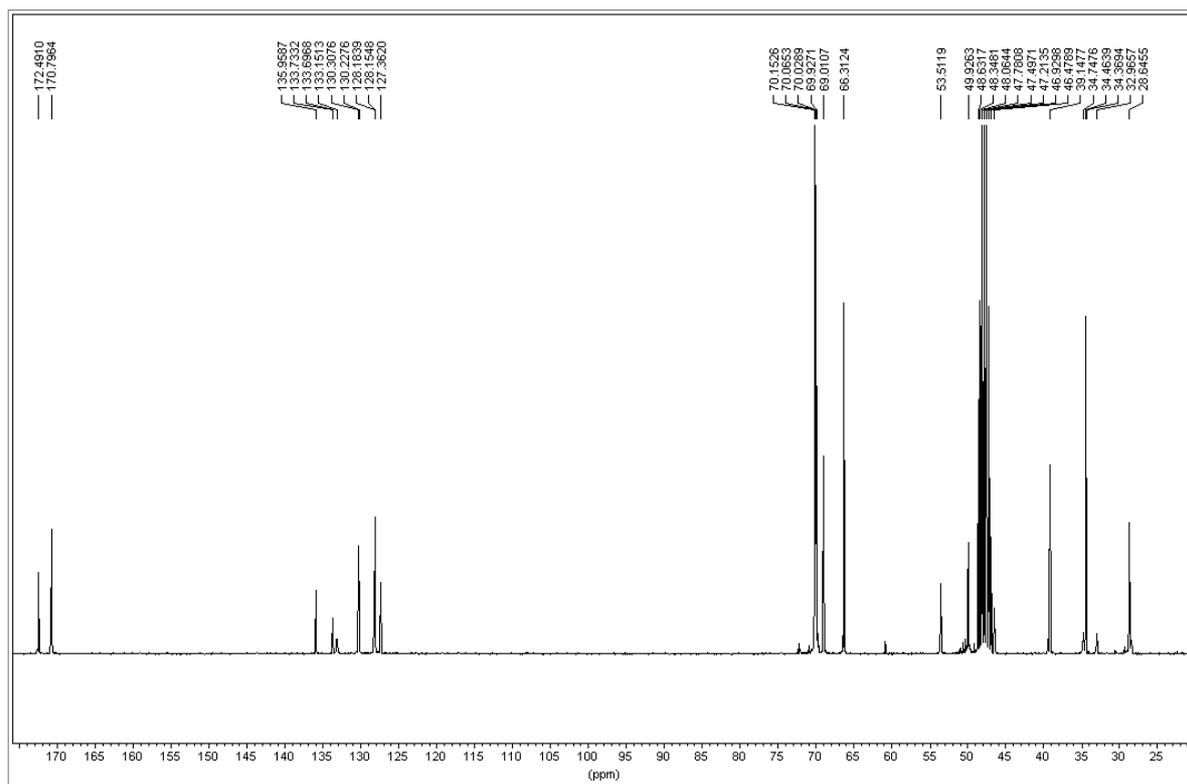
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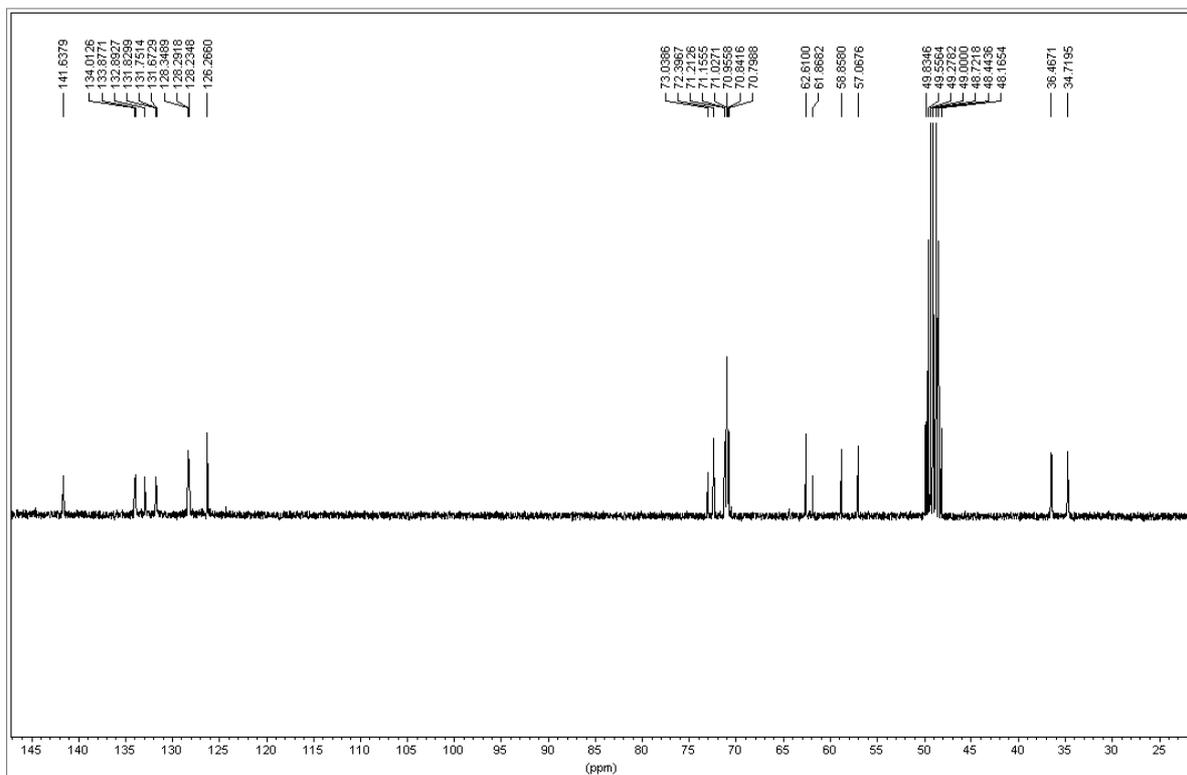
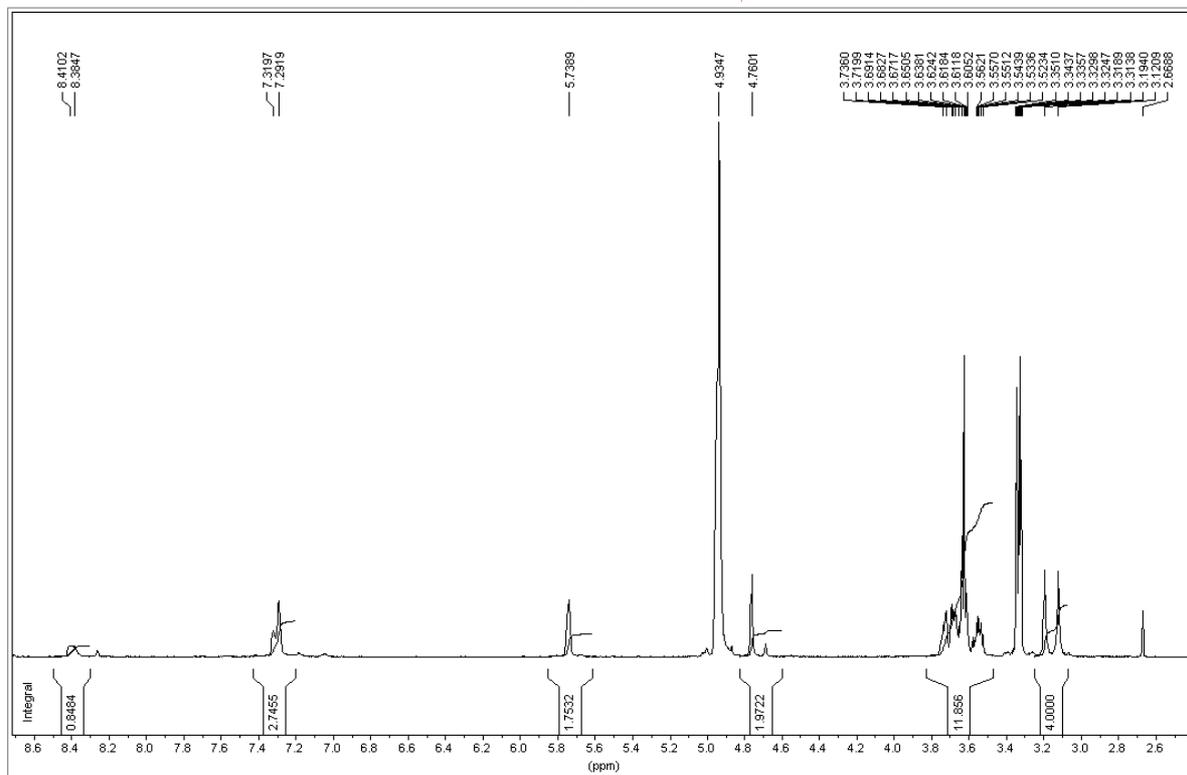
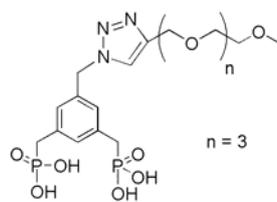
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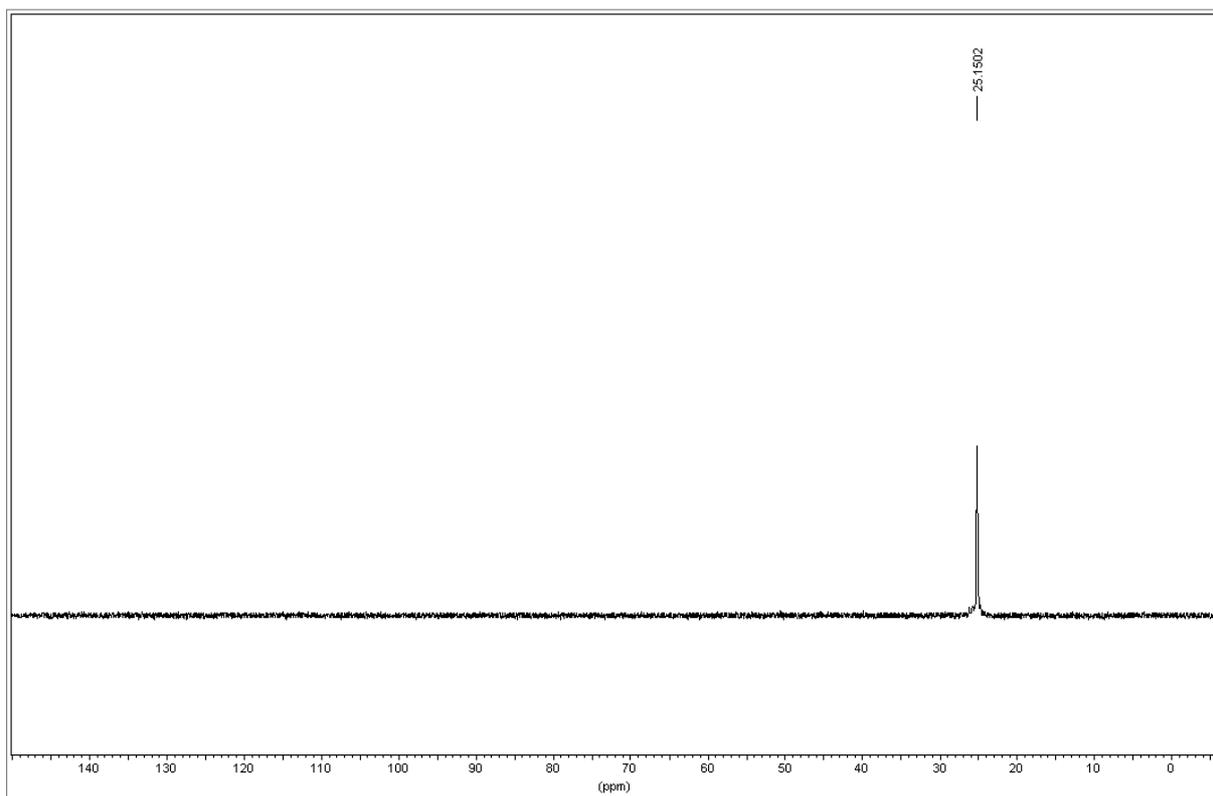




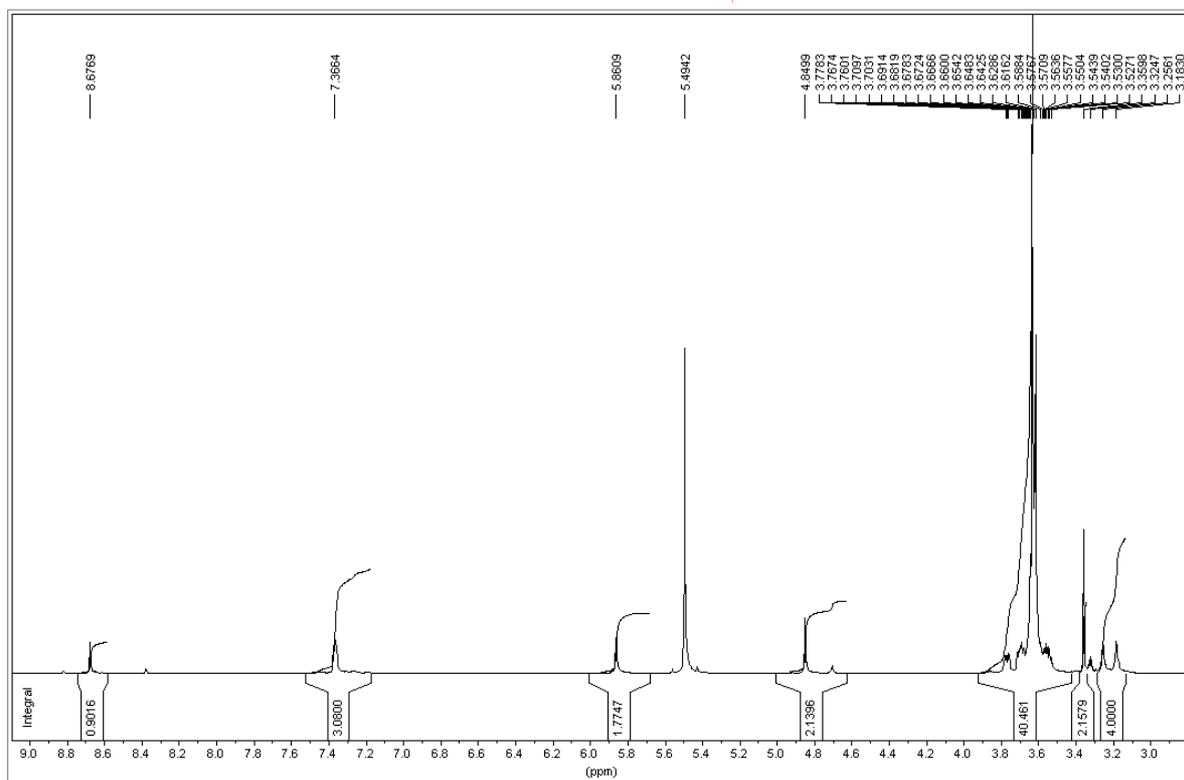
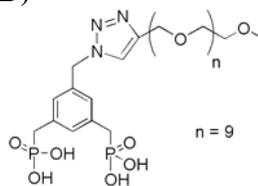
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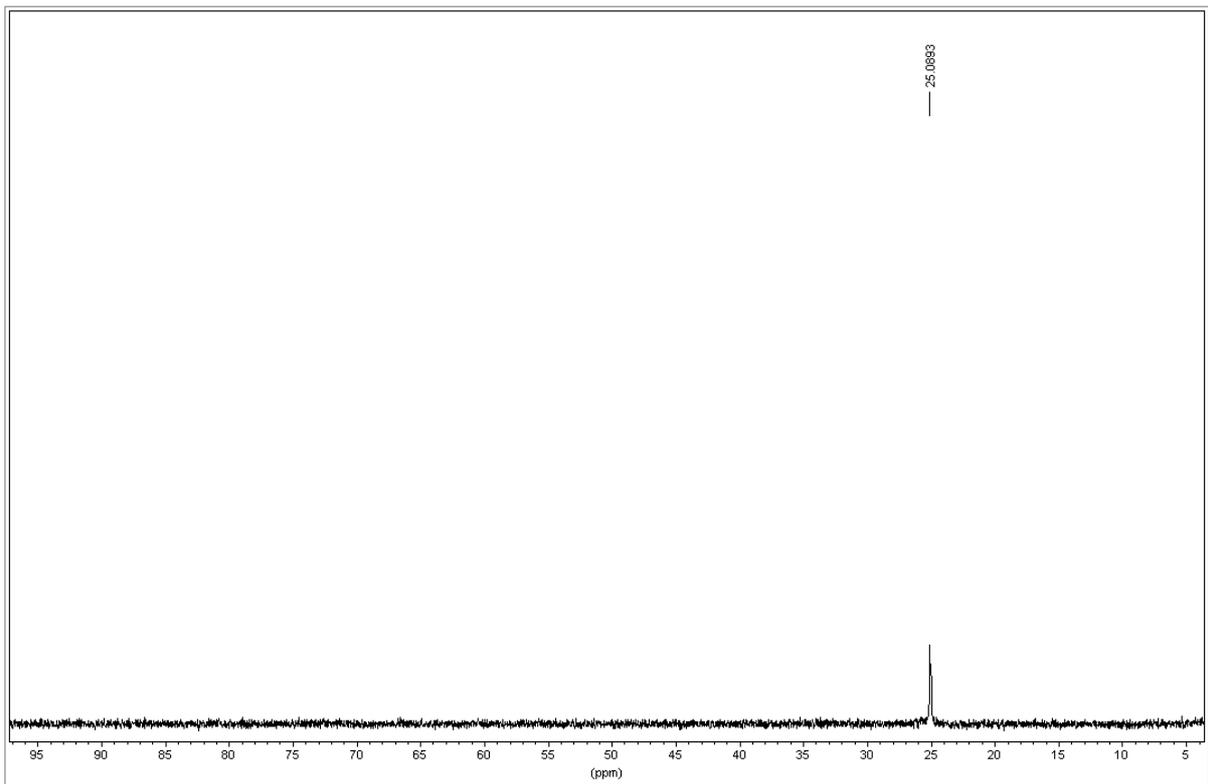
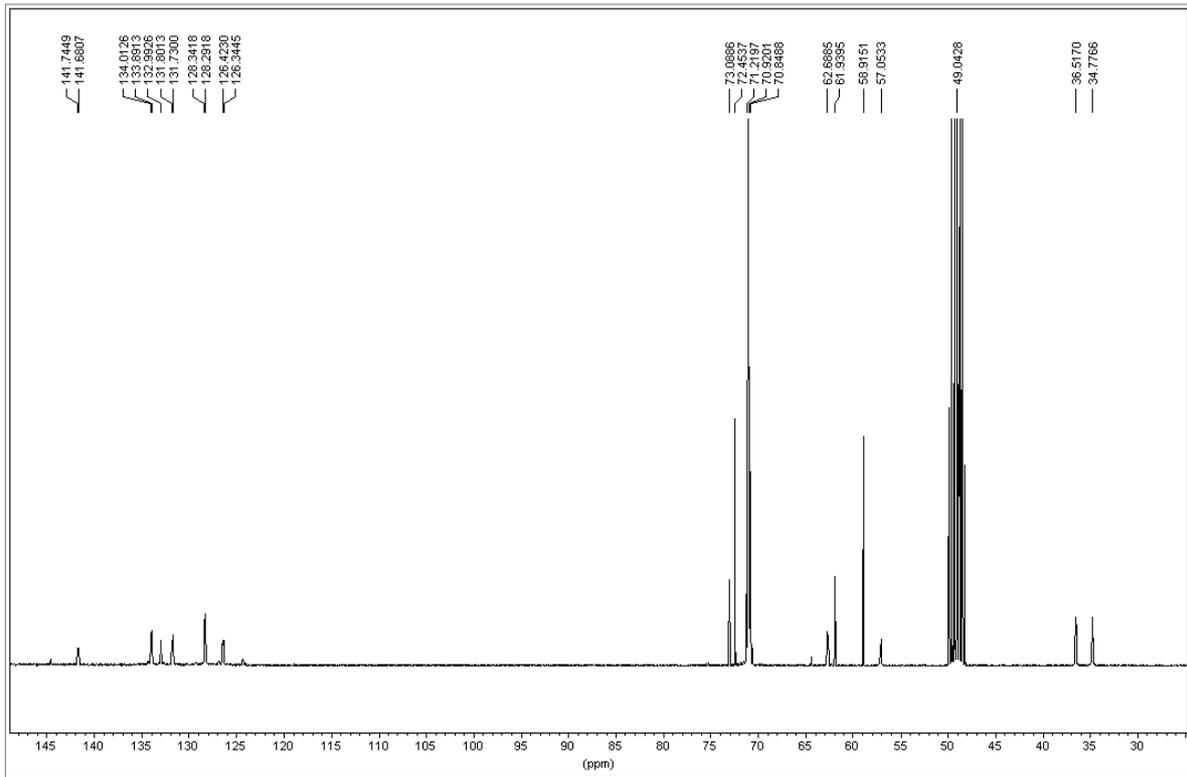
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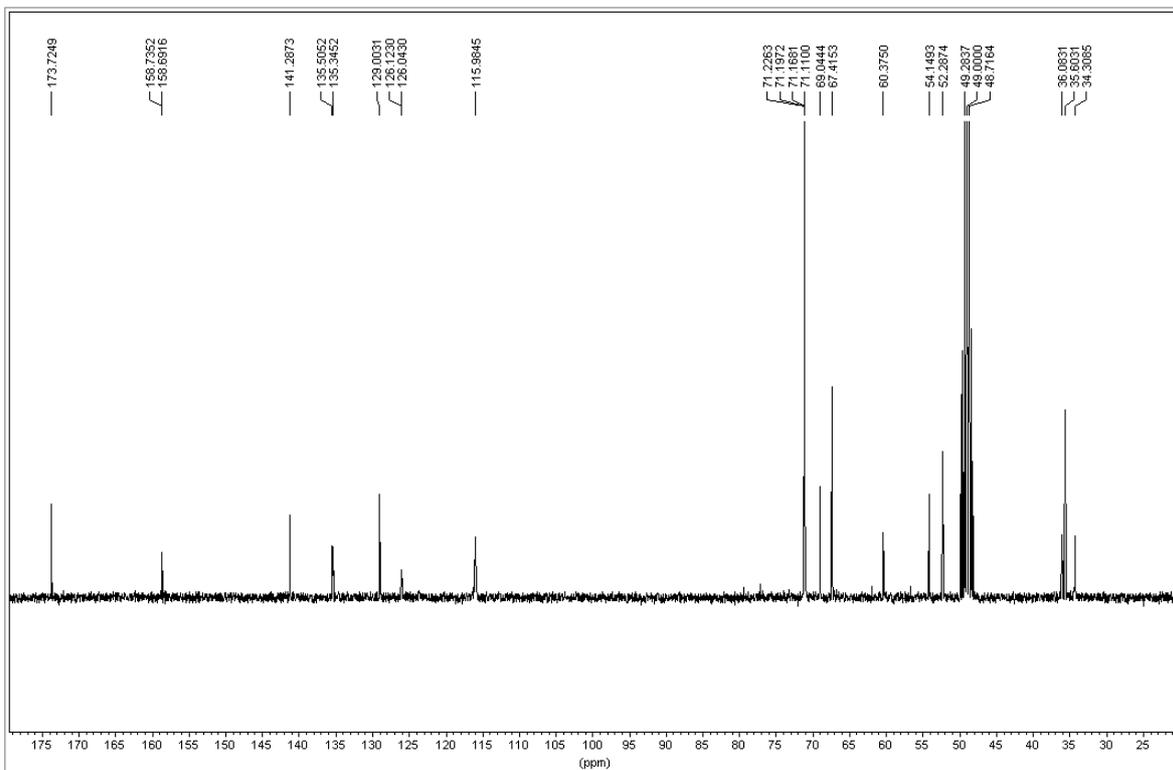
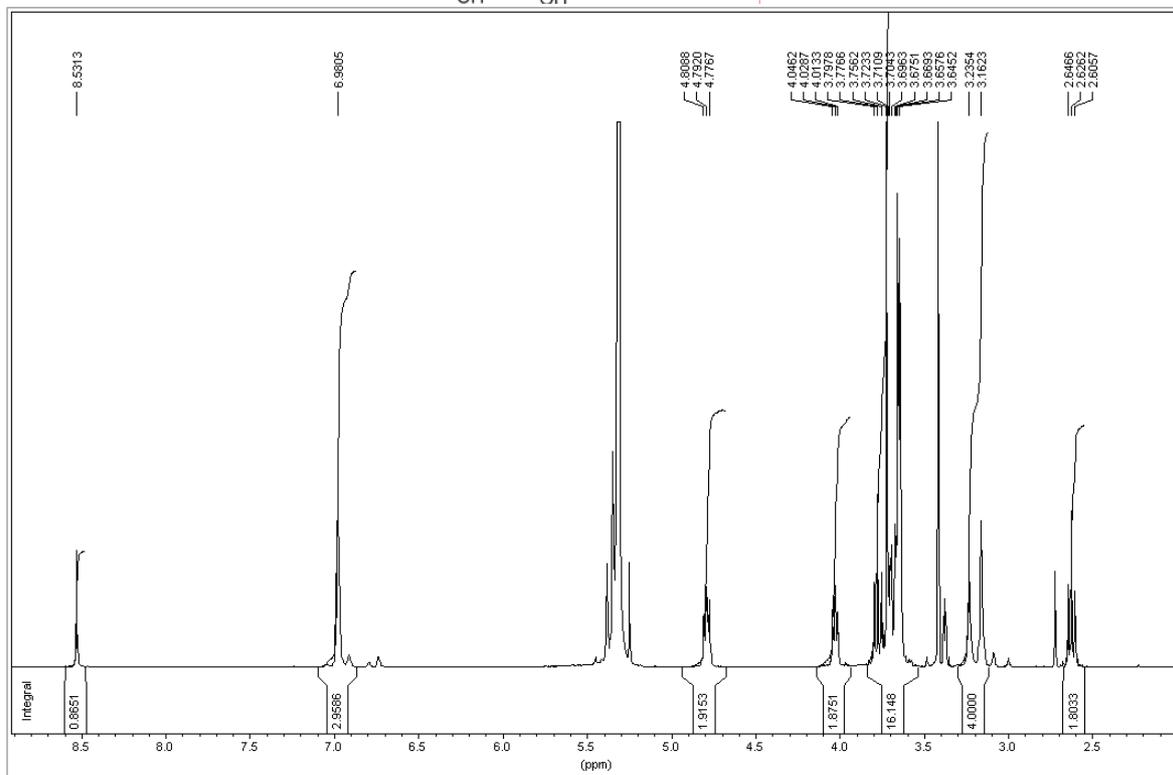
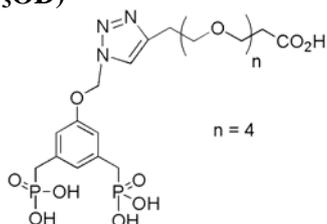


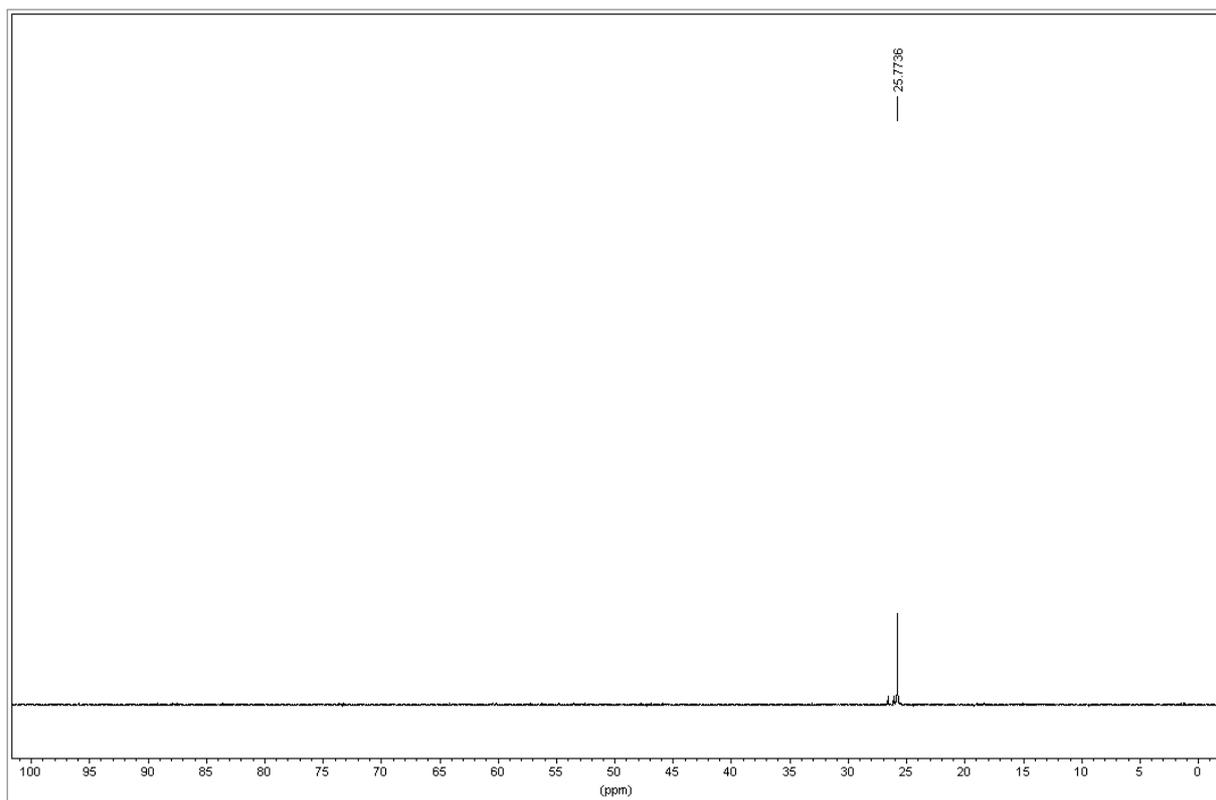
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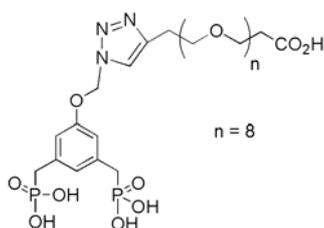


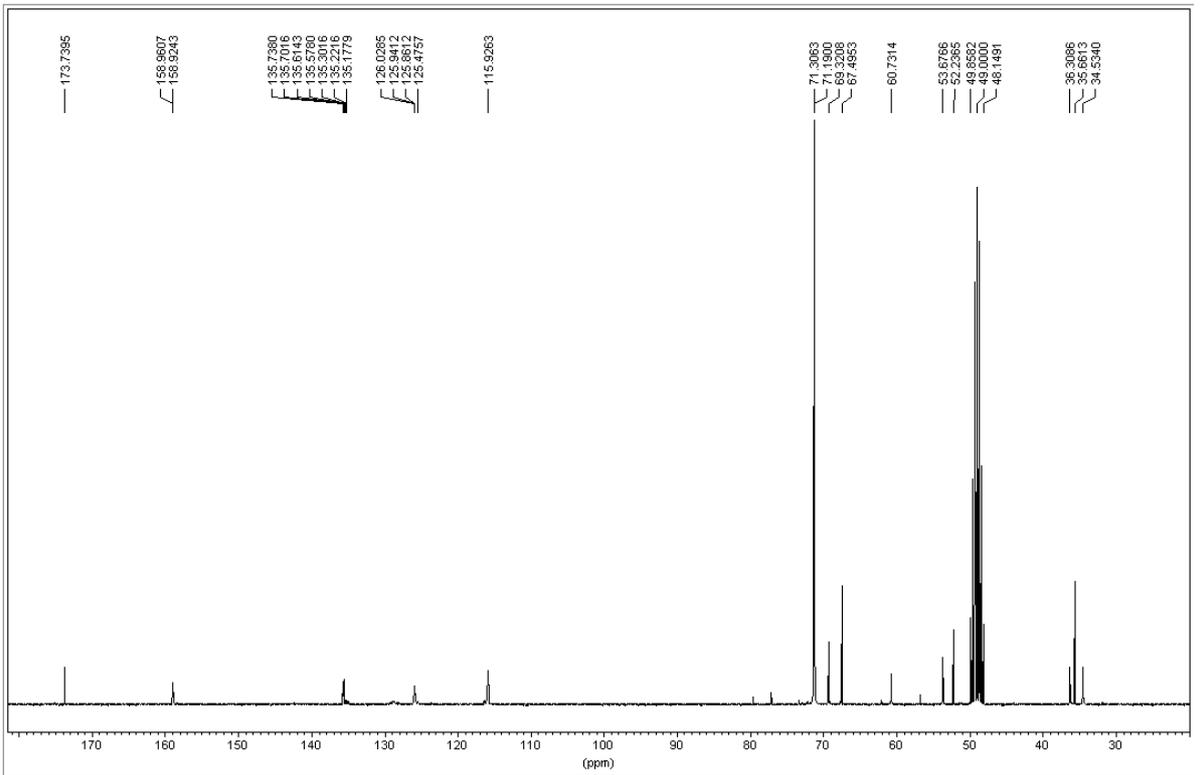
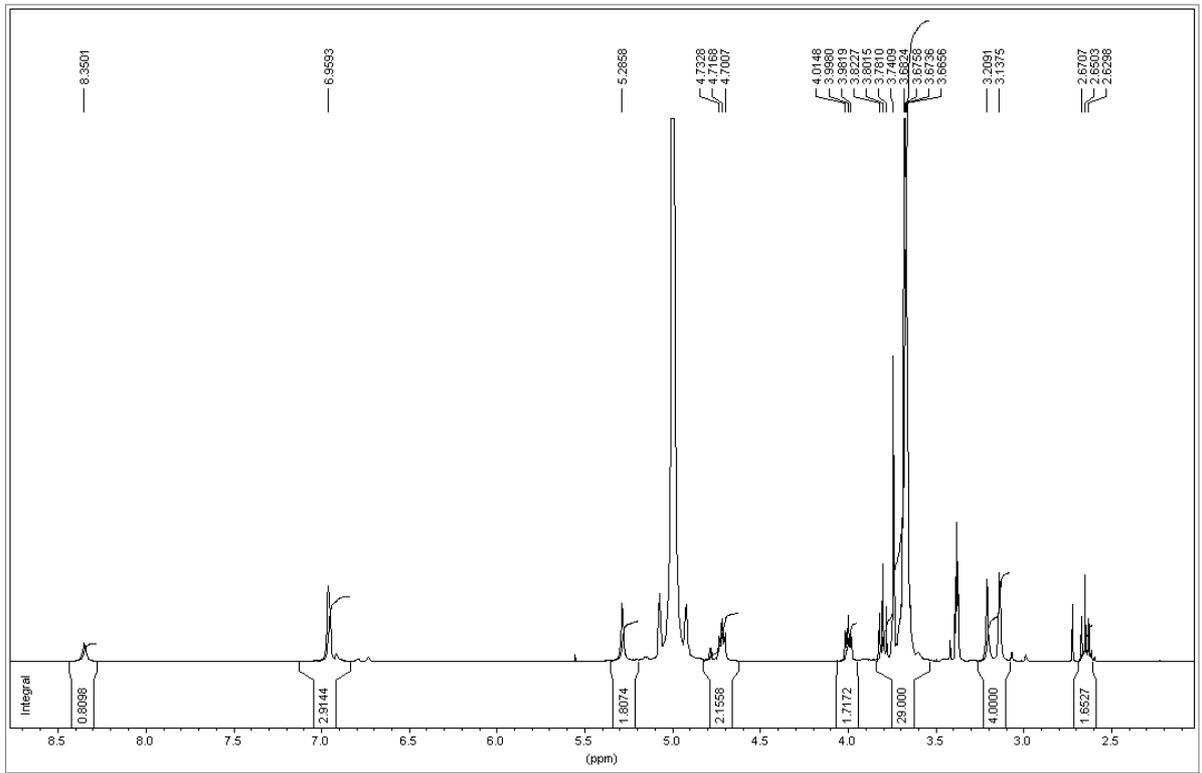
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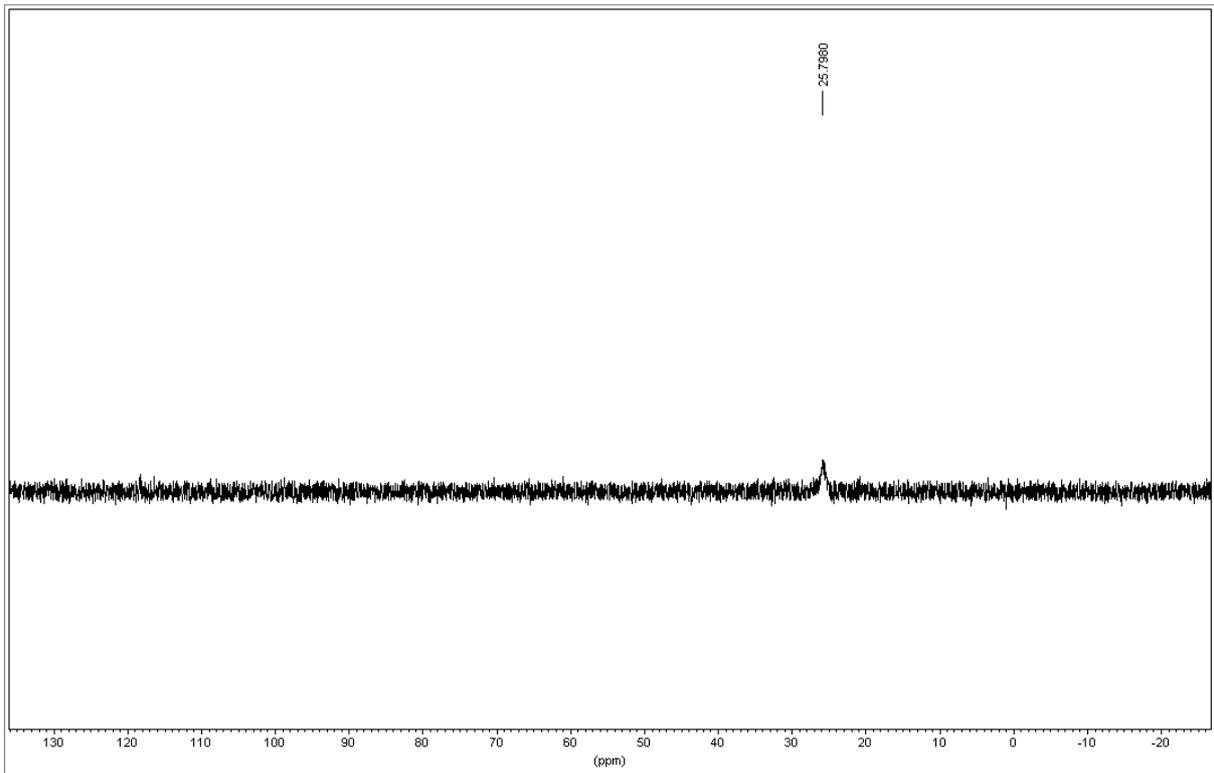




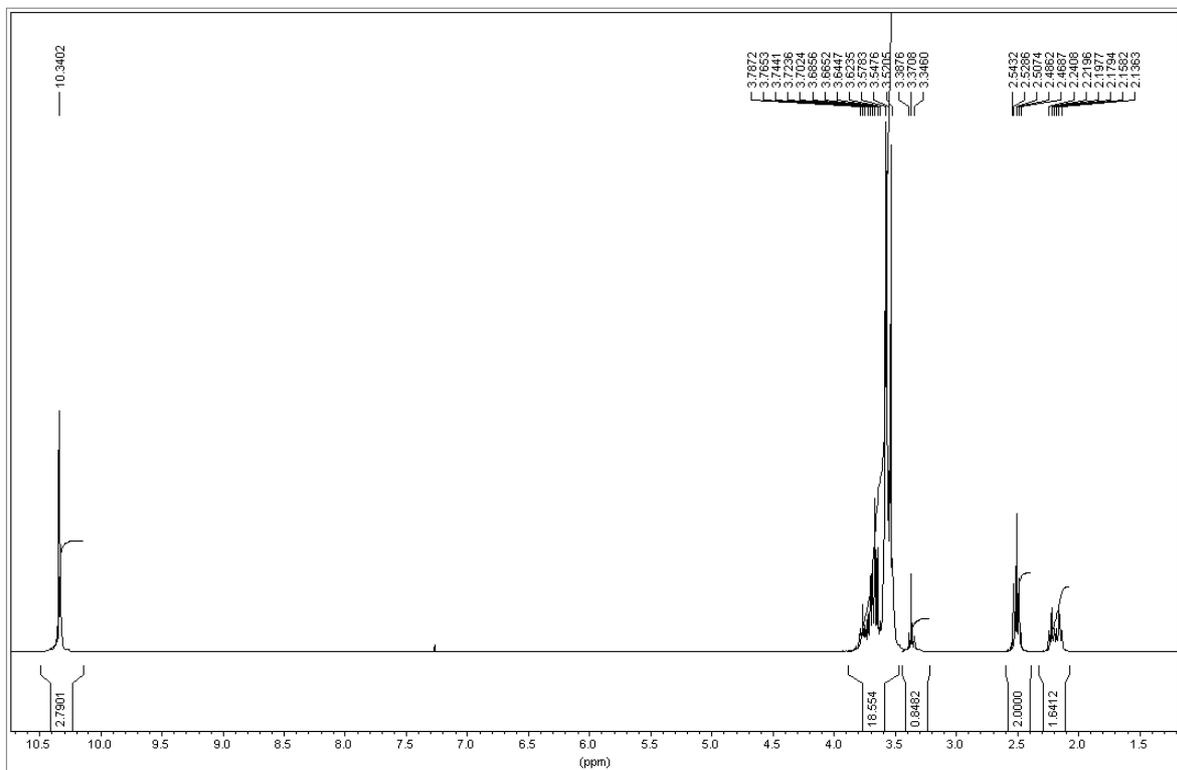
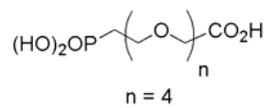
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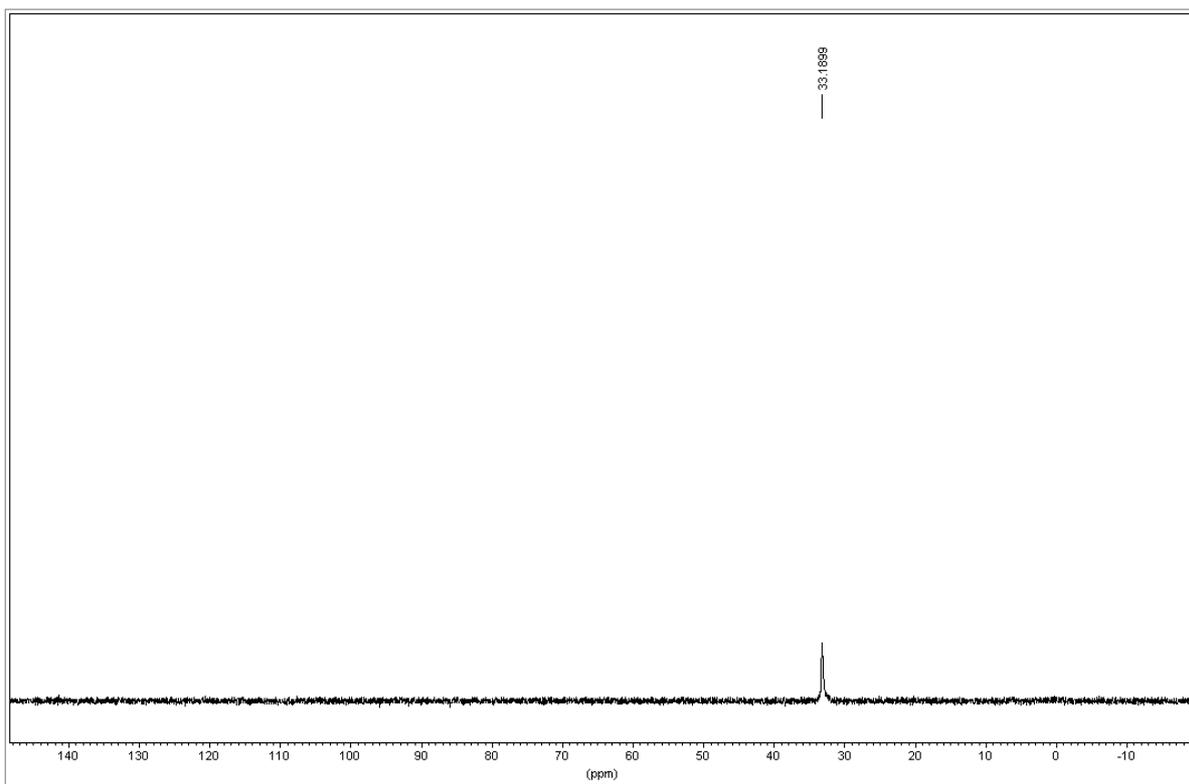
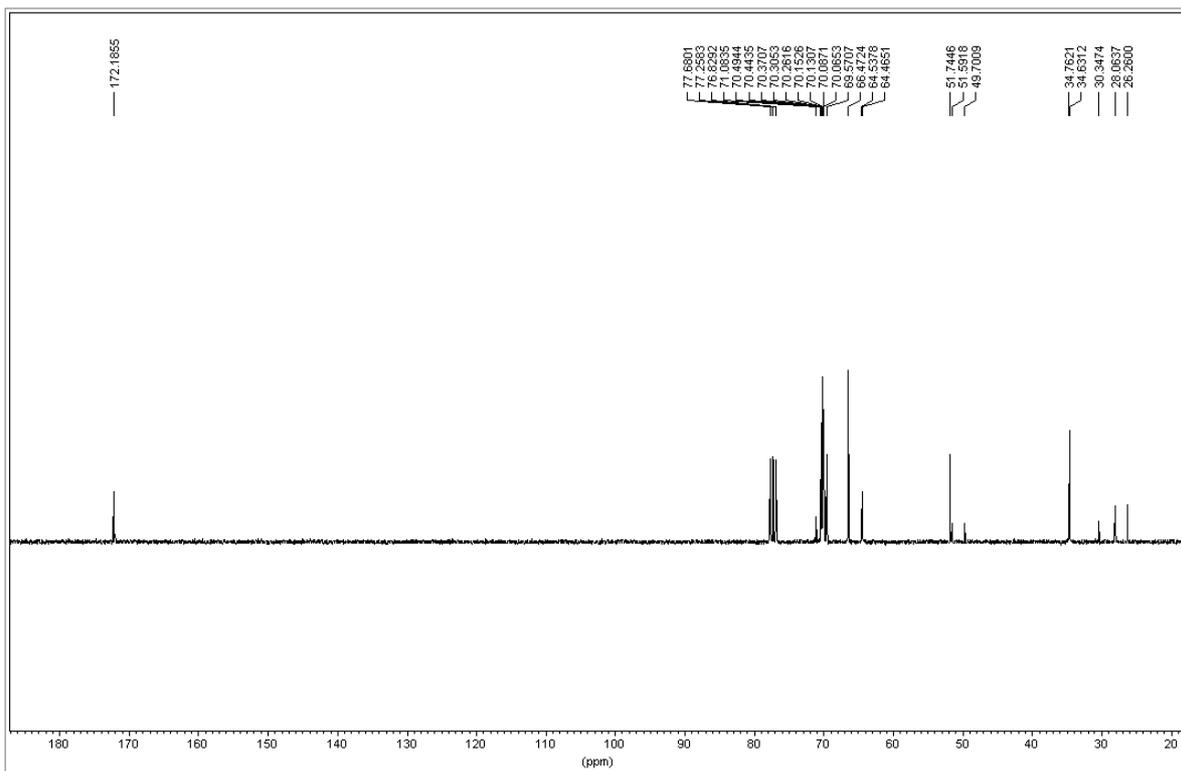




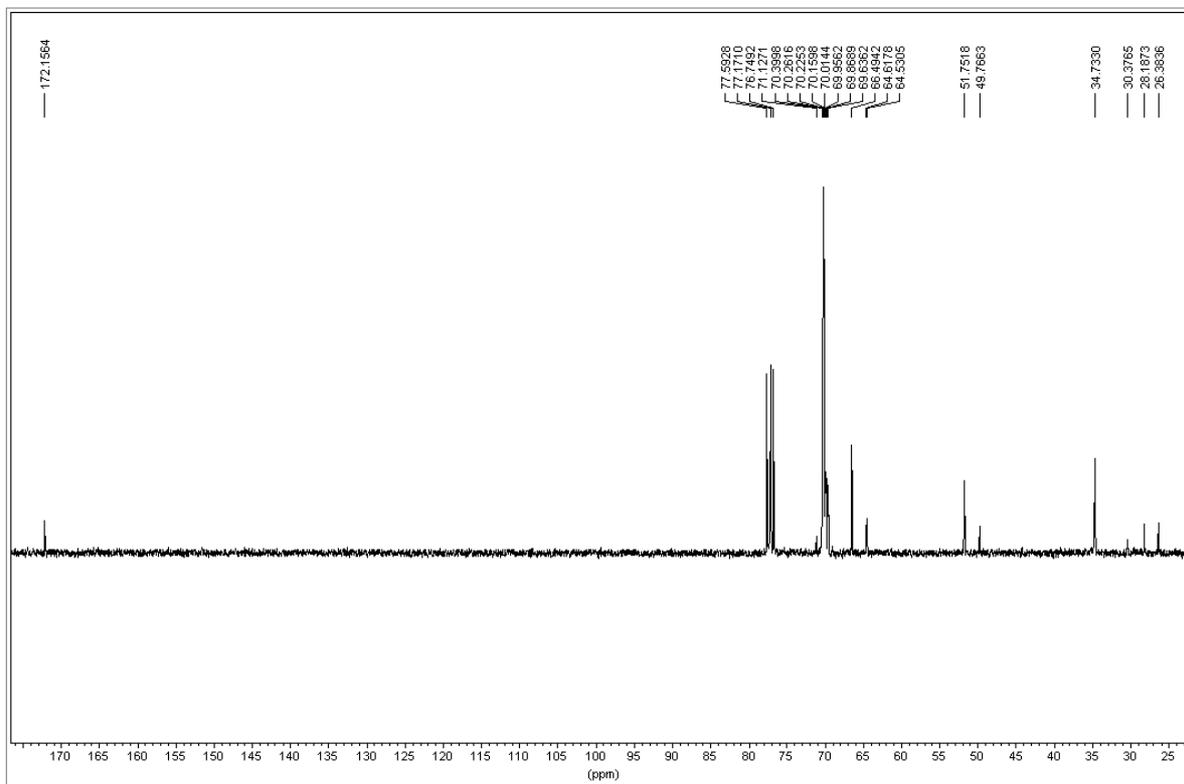
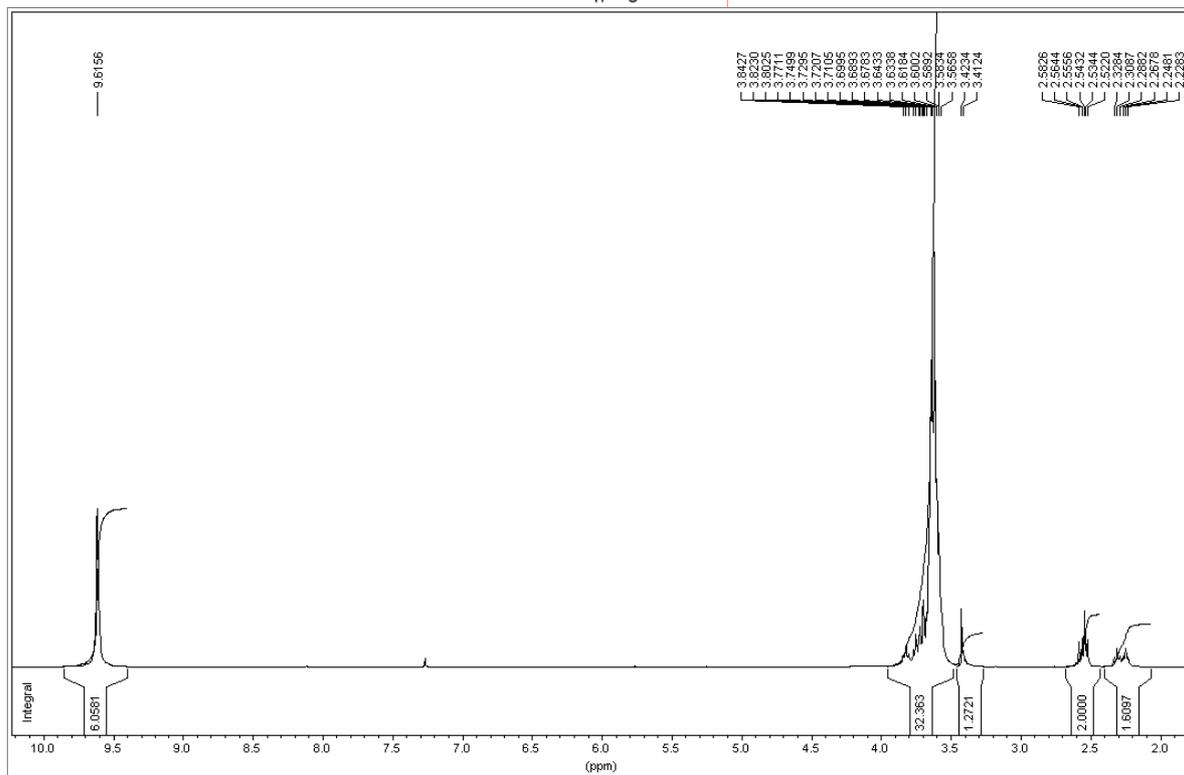
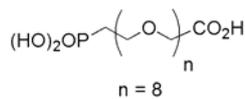


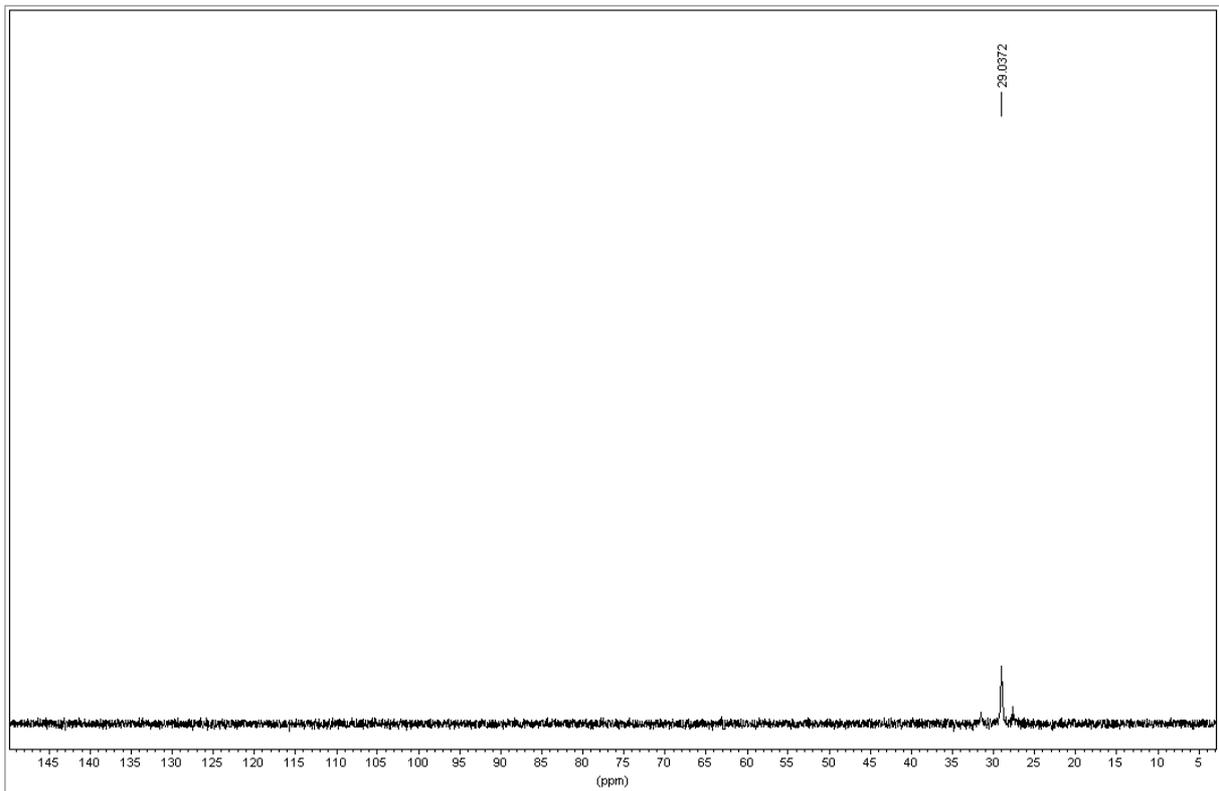
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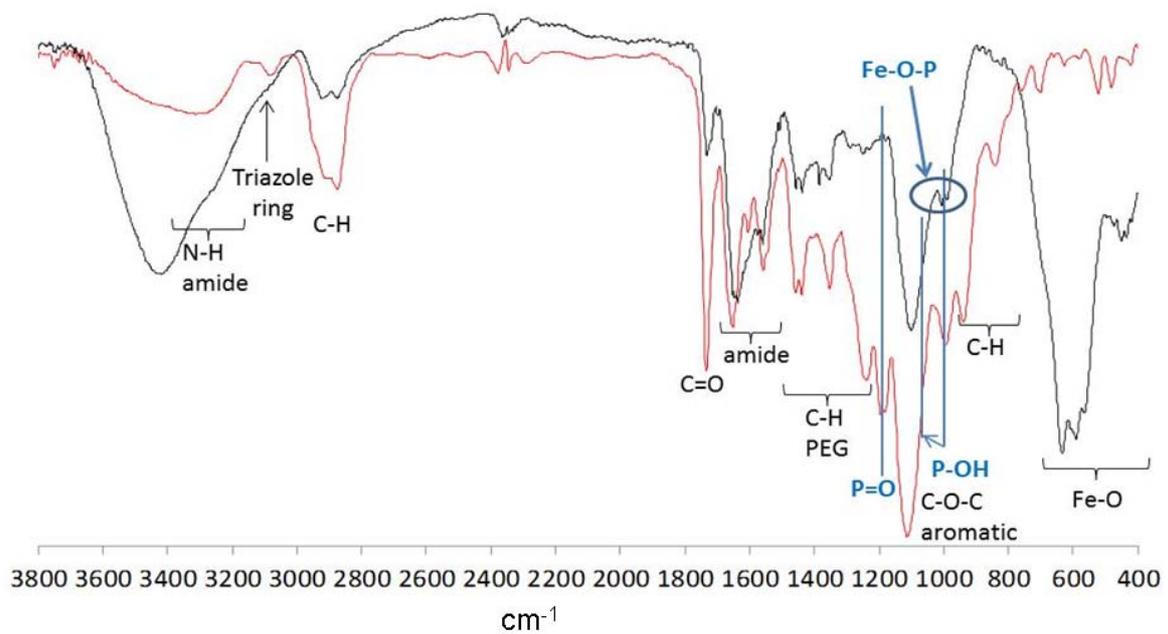


Compound 100 ( $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$ ,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )





## II. IR Spectra of dendronized NPs



IR spectra of 94 (red line), NP@94 (black line).

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