

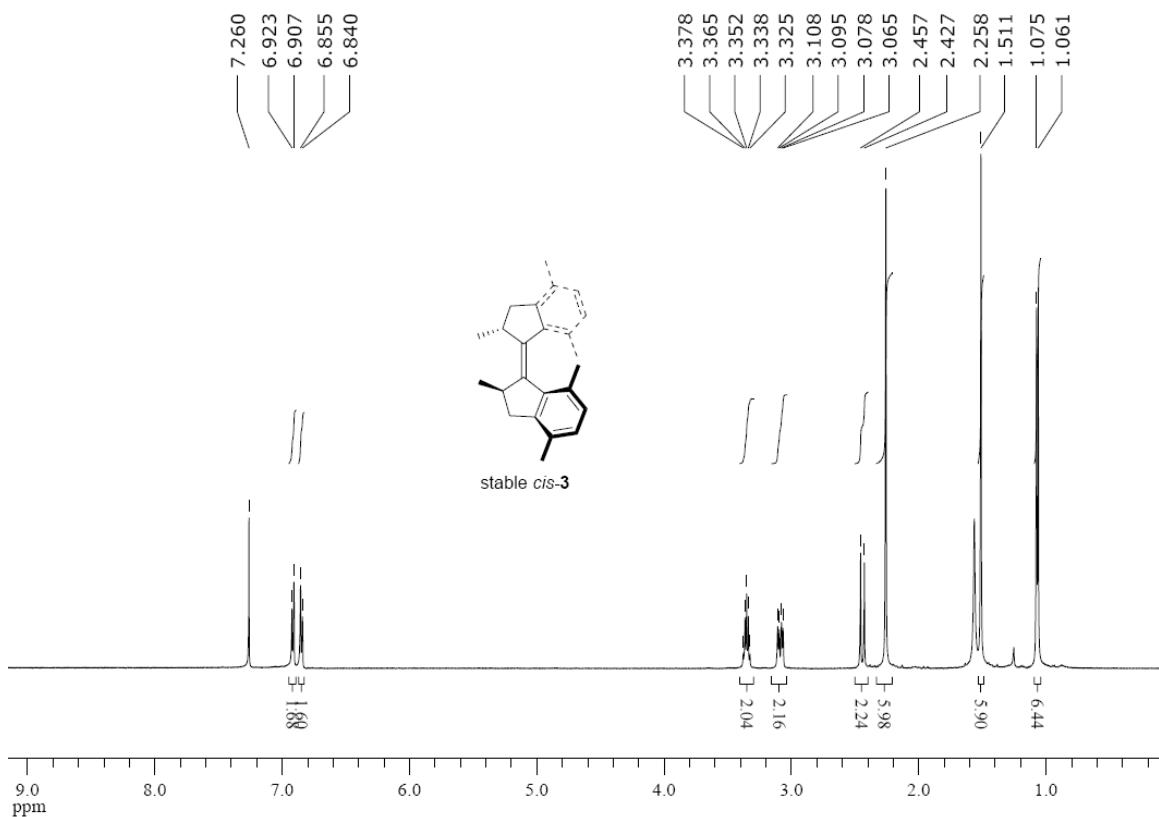
# A redesign of light-driven rotary molecular motors

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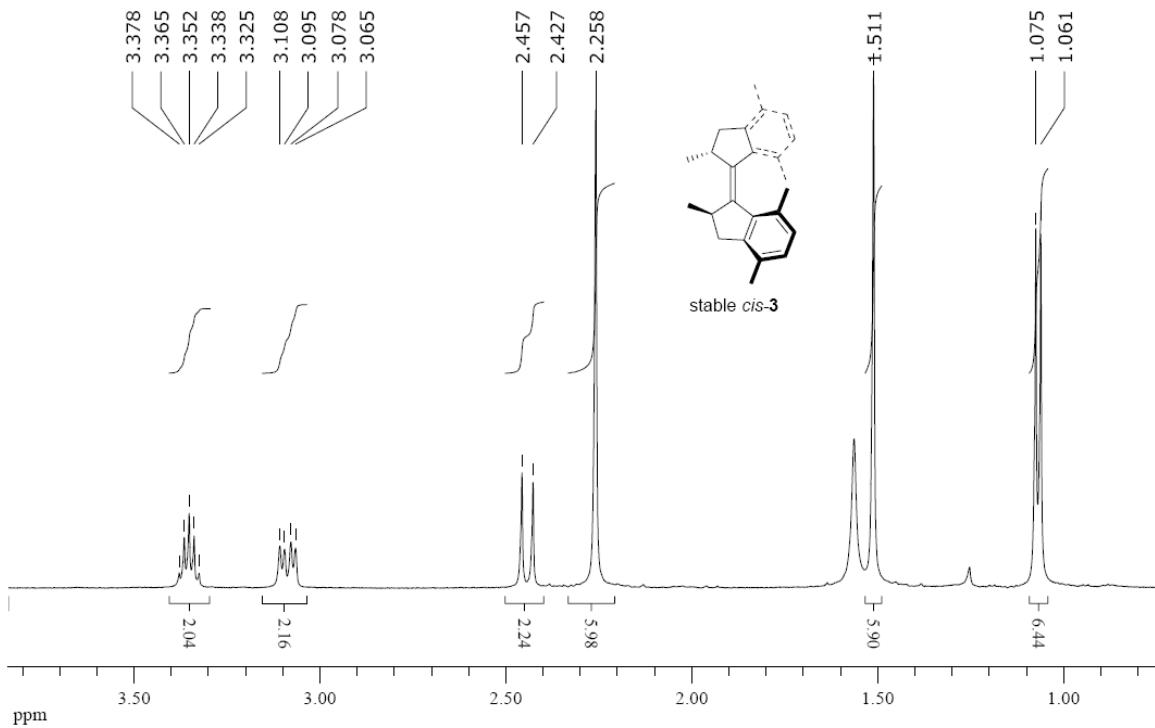
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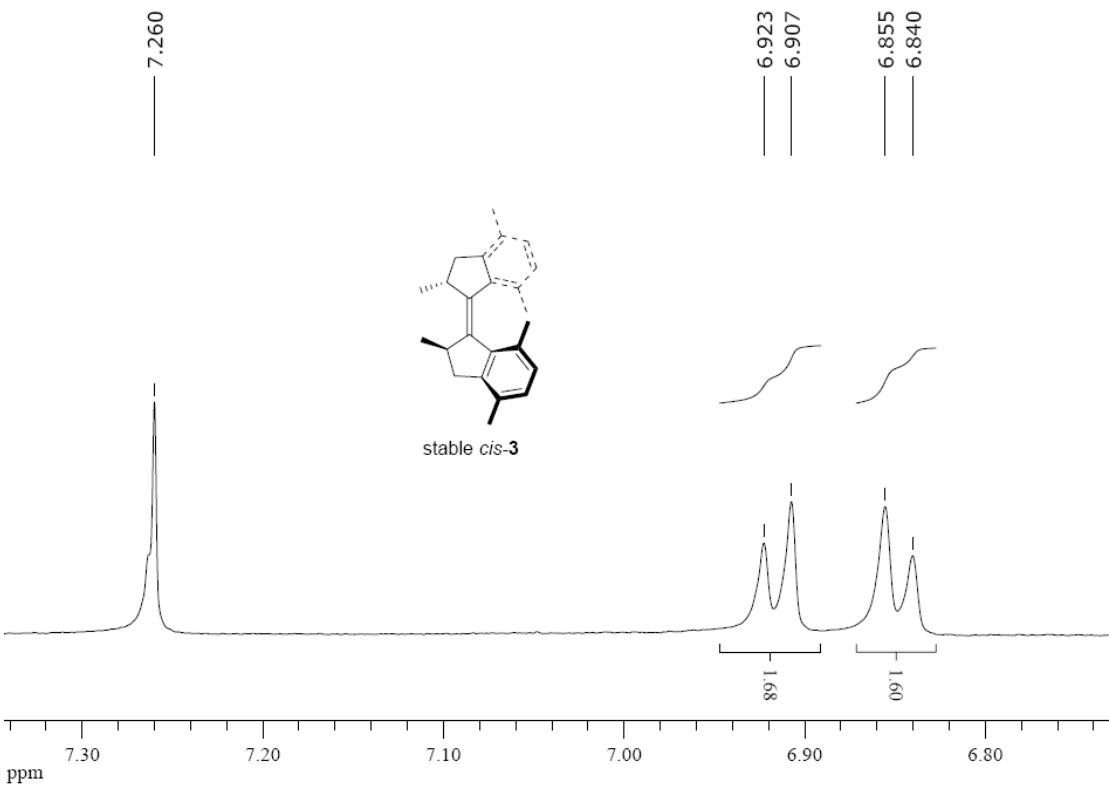
### <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for stable *cis*-3



**Figure 1.** 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of stable *cis*-3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure 2.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (expansion) of stable *cis*-3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure 3.** 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (expansion) of stable *cis*-3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

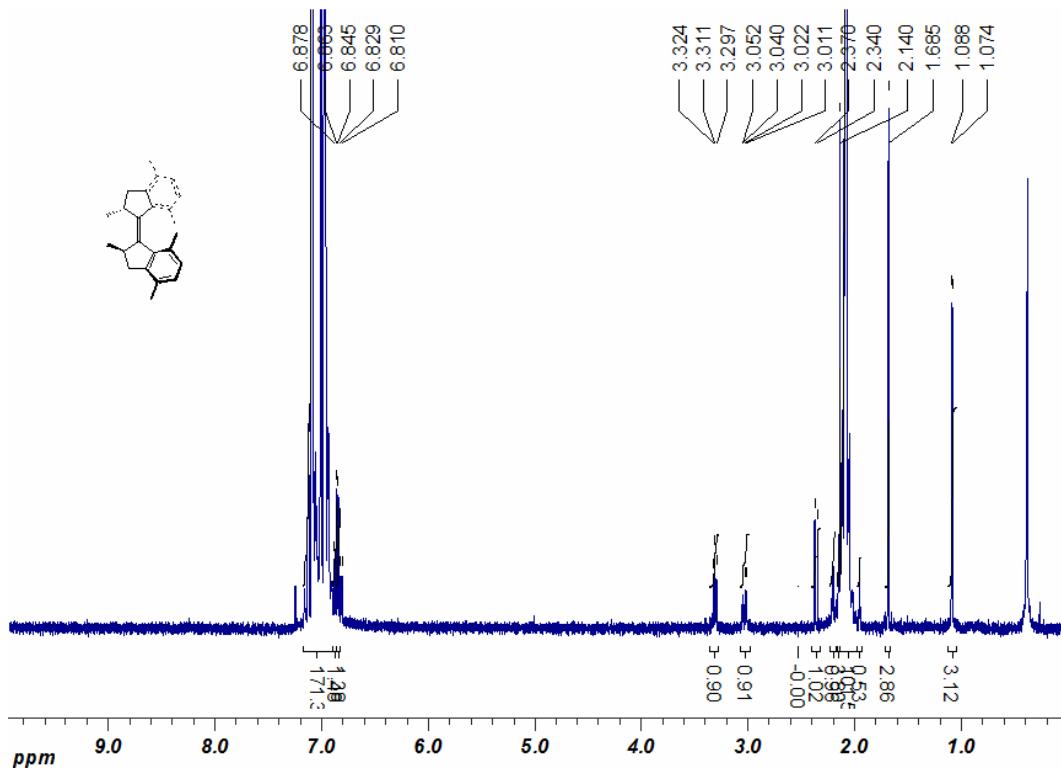


Figure 4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *cis*-3 in toluene-D<sub>8</sub>.

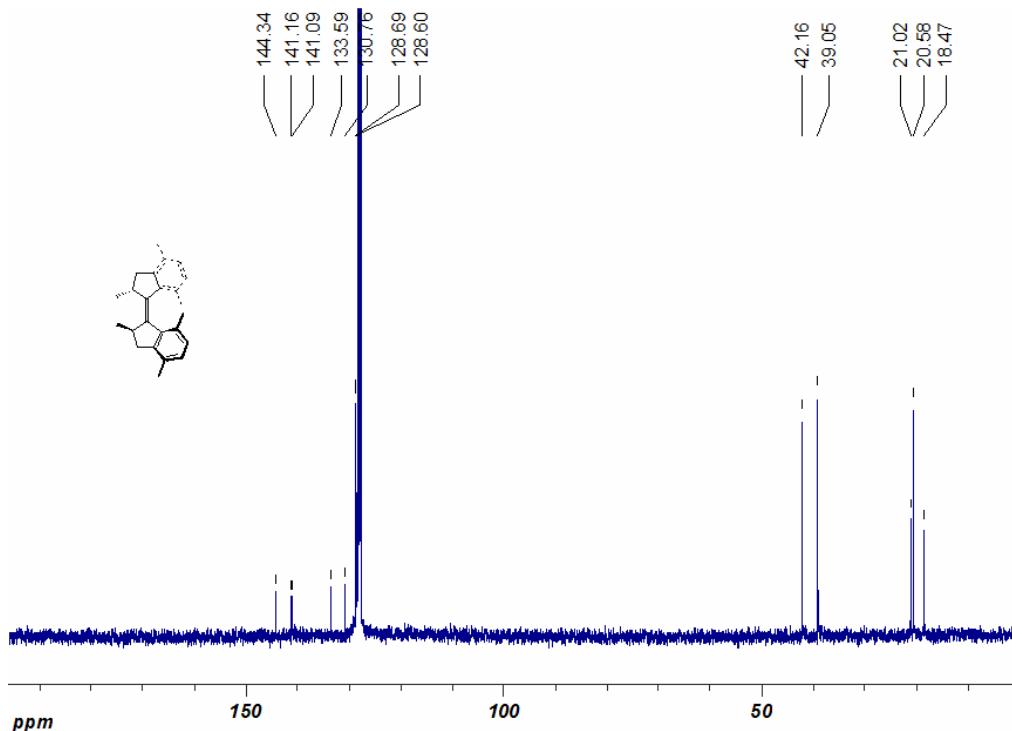


Figure 5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of *cis*-3 in benzene-D<sub>6</sub>.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for stable *trans*-3

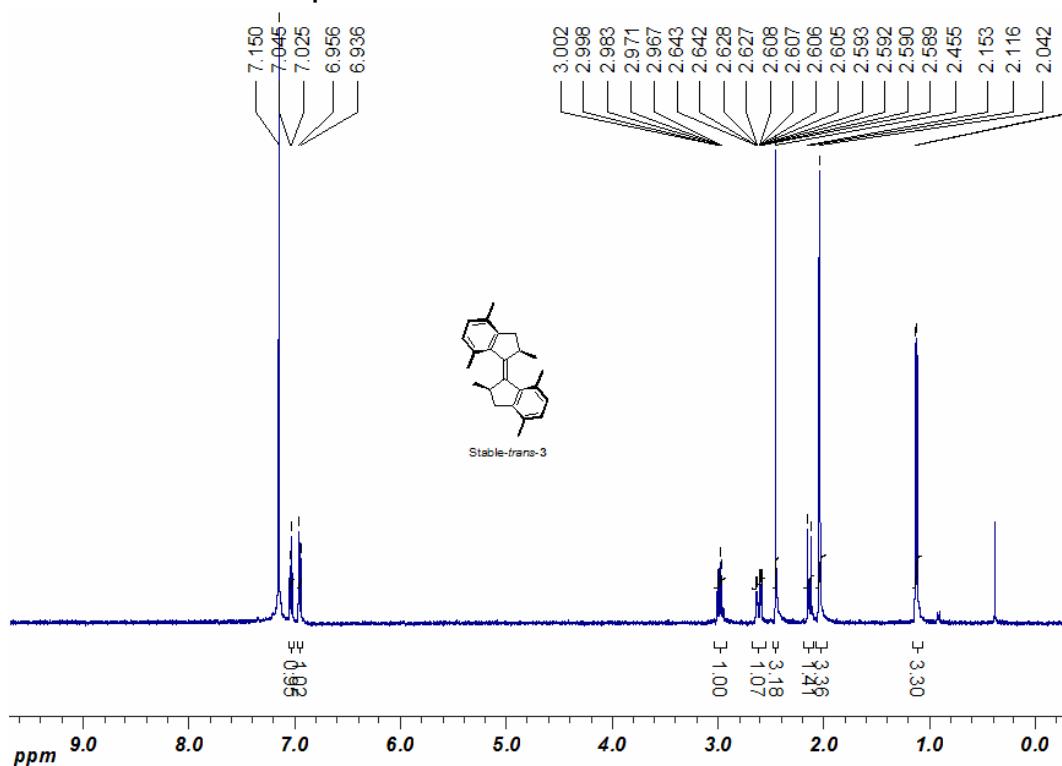


Figure 6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *trans*-3 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.

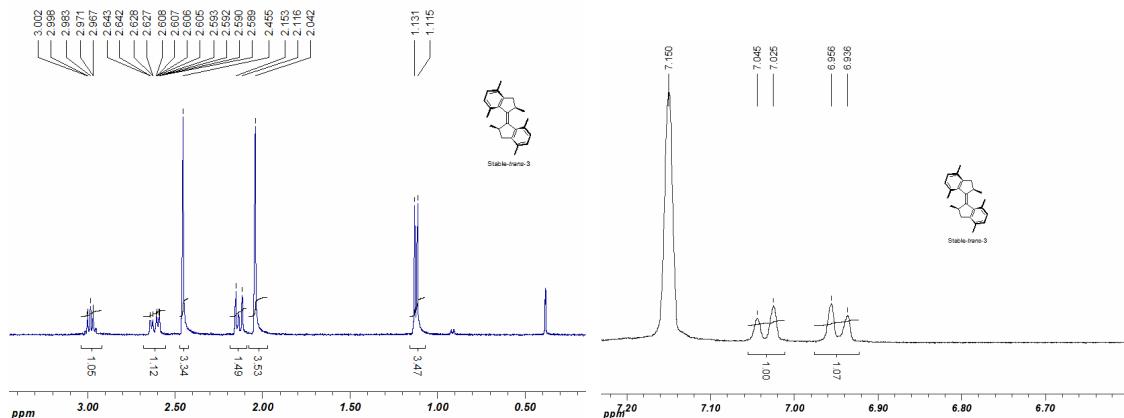
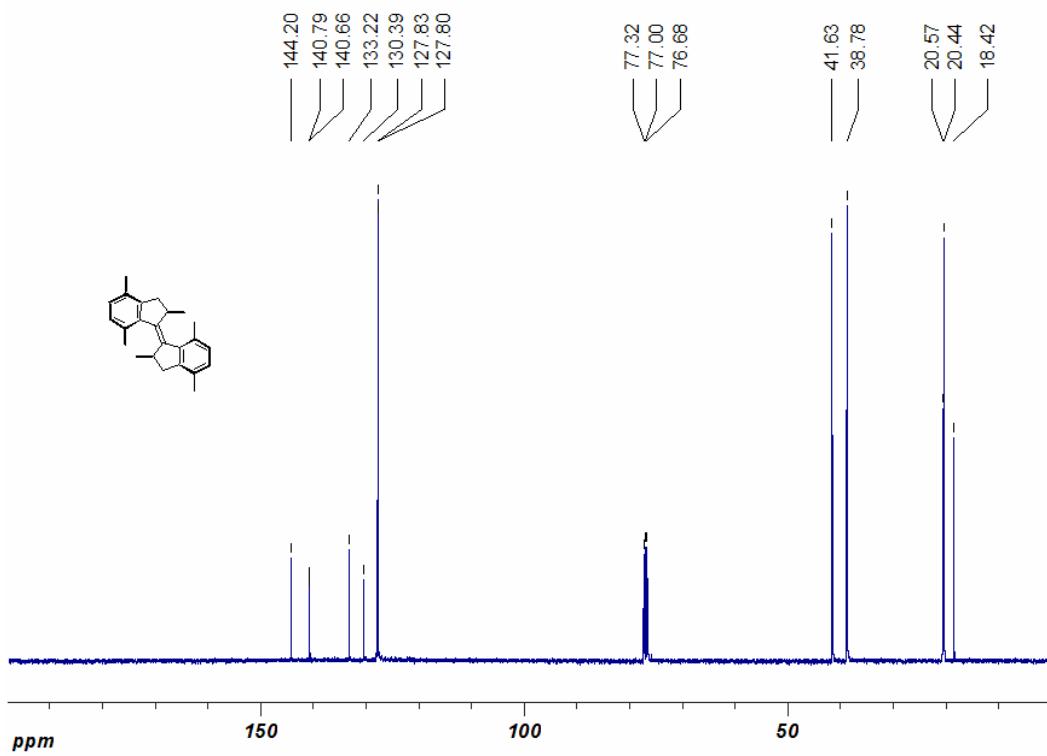
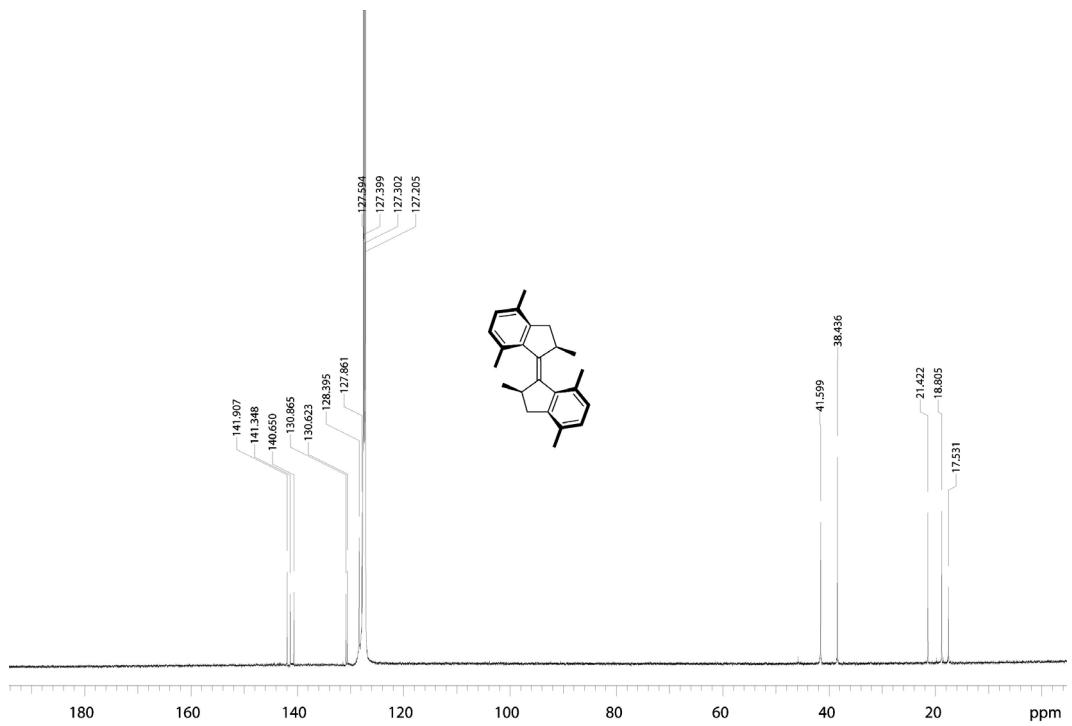


Figure 7. Expansions of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of *trans*-3 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure 8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *trans*-3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure 9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of *trans*-3 in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for stable 6

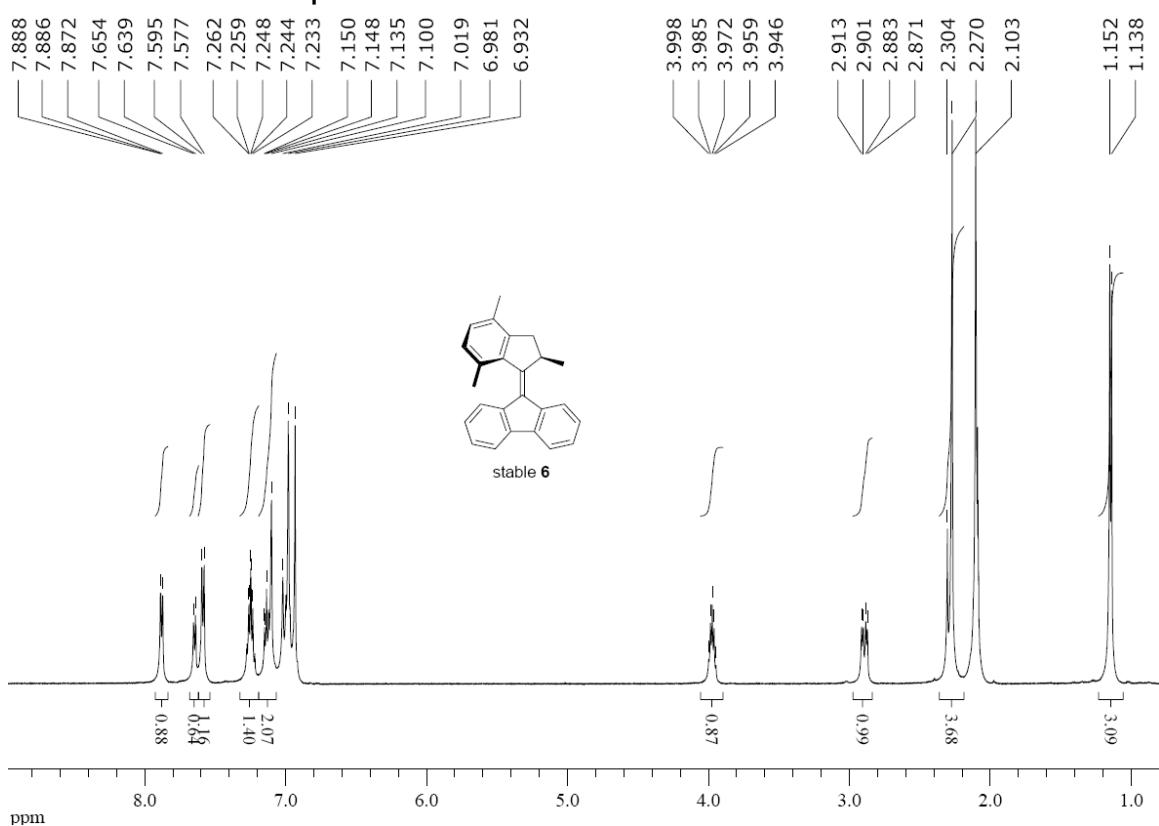


Figure 10. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of stable 6 in toluene-D<sub>8</sub>.

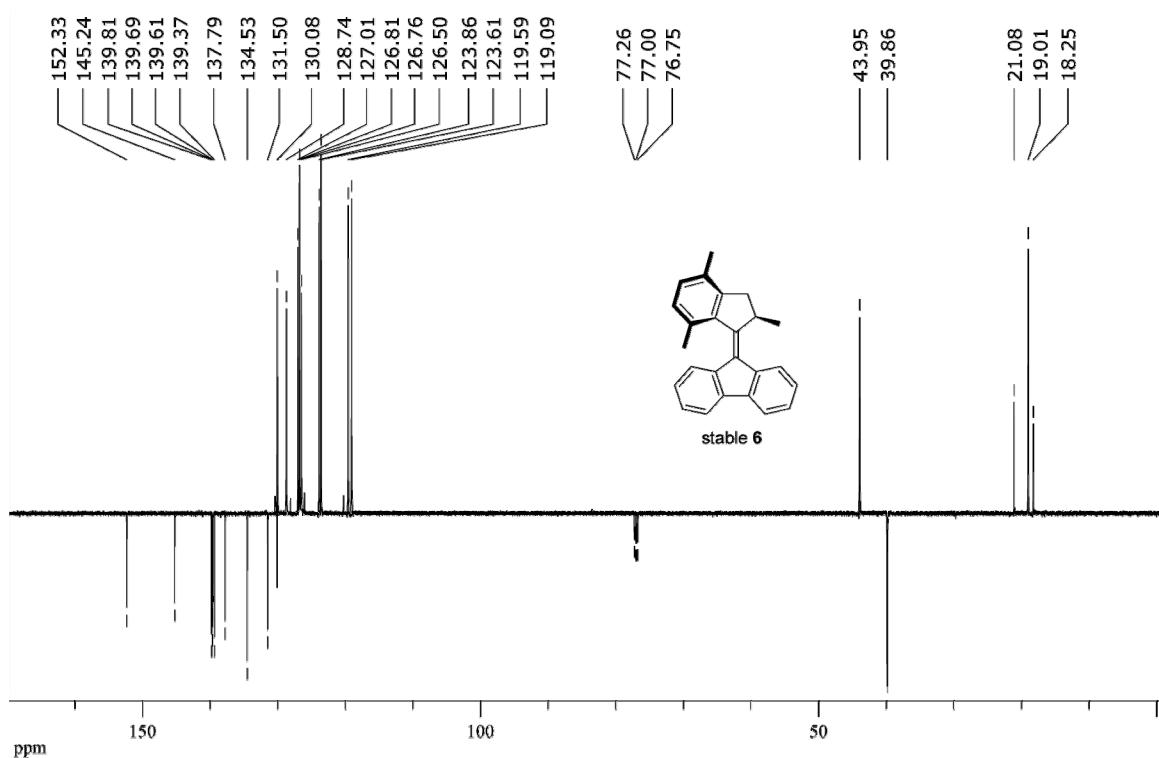
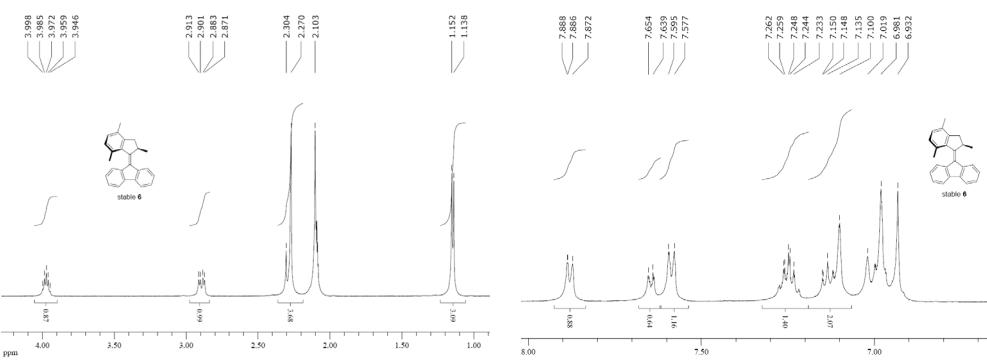
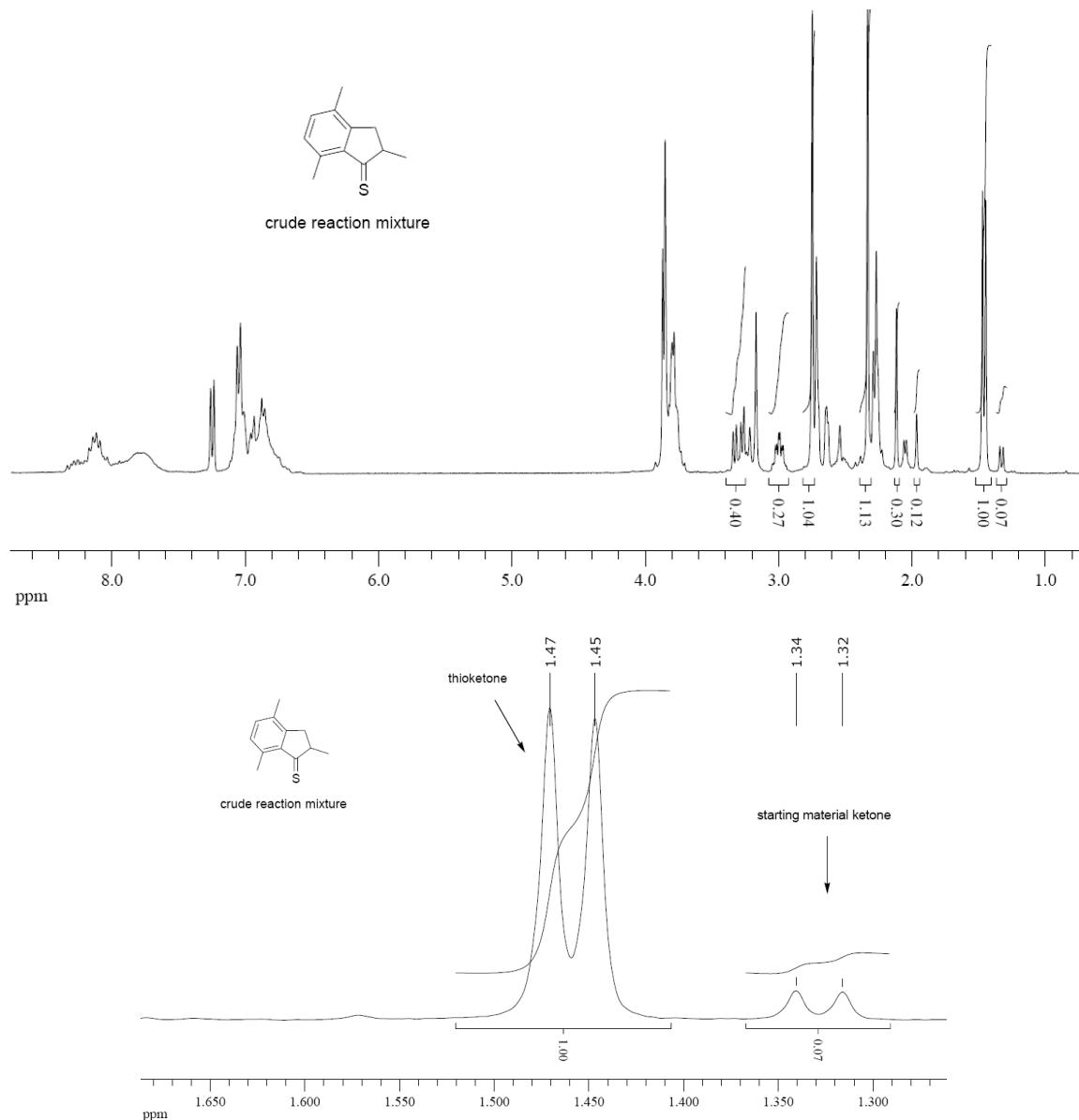


Figure 11. 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of stable 6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

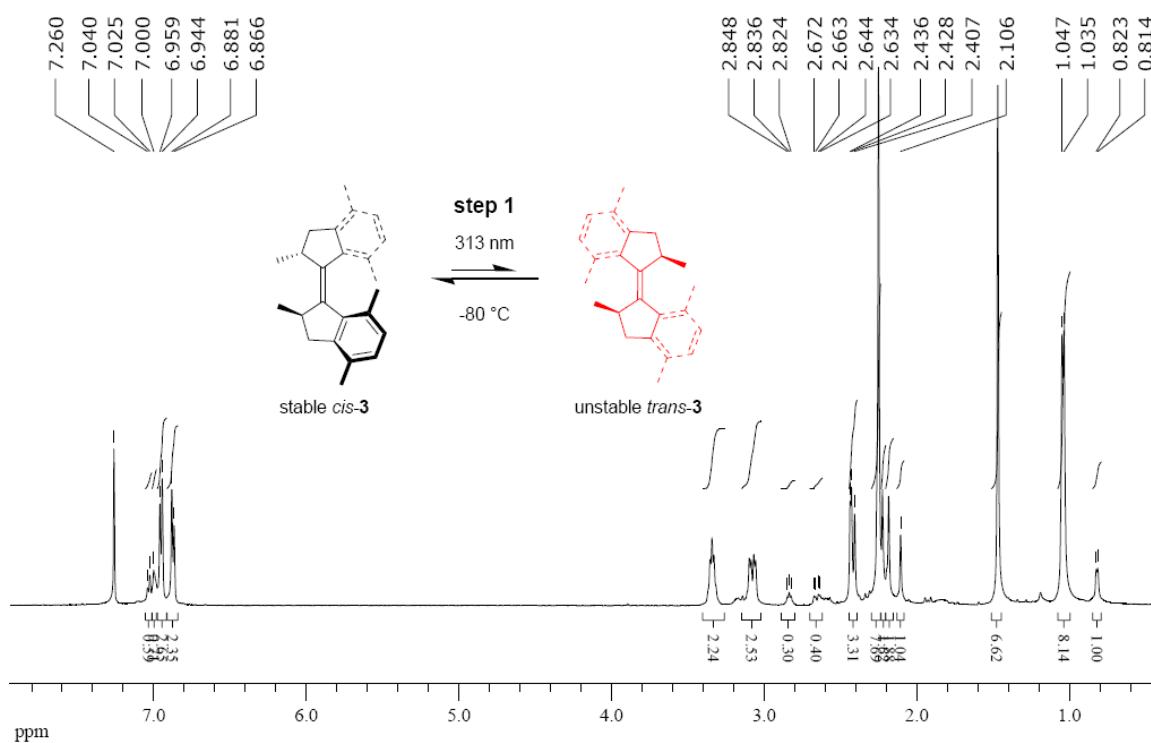


**Figure 12.** Expansion of 500 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of stable **6** in toluene-d8.

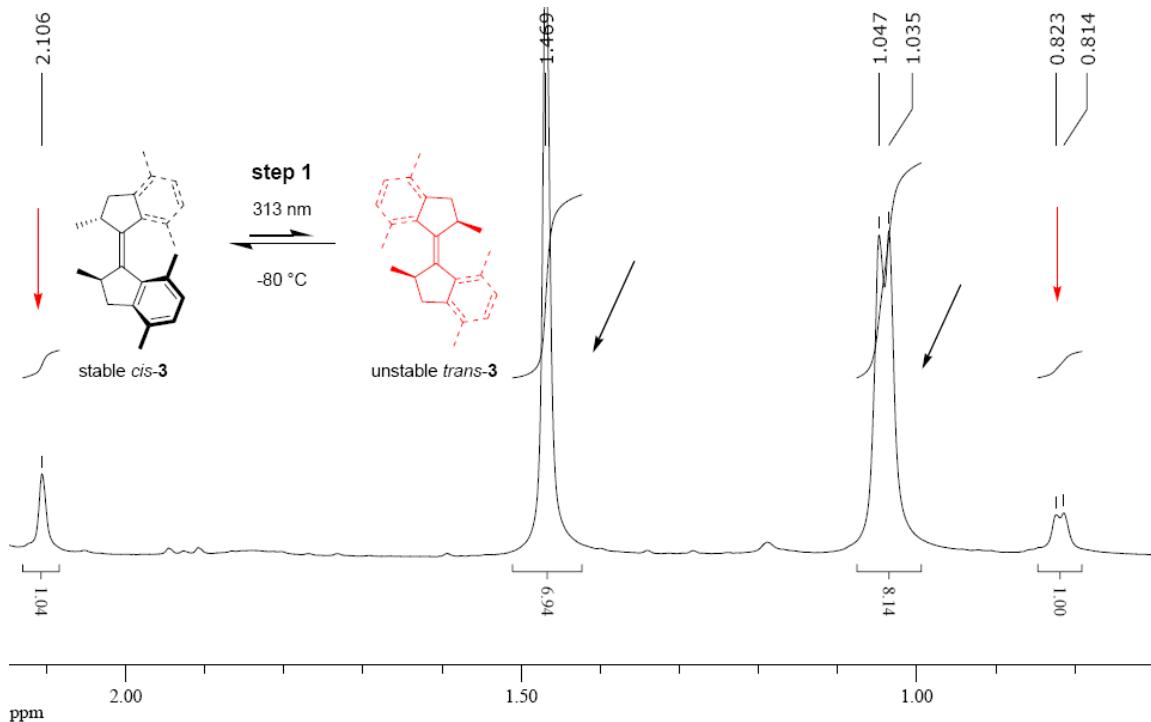


**Figure 13.** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of crude thiolate **7** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (top) and expansion of the absorption from the stereogenic methyl groups of the starting material and product (bottom).

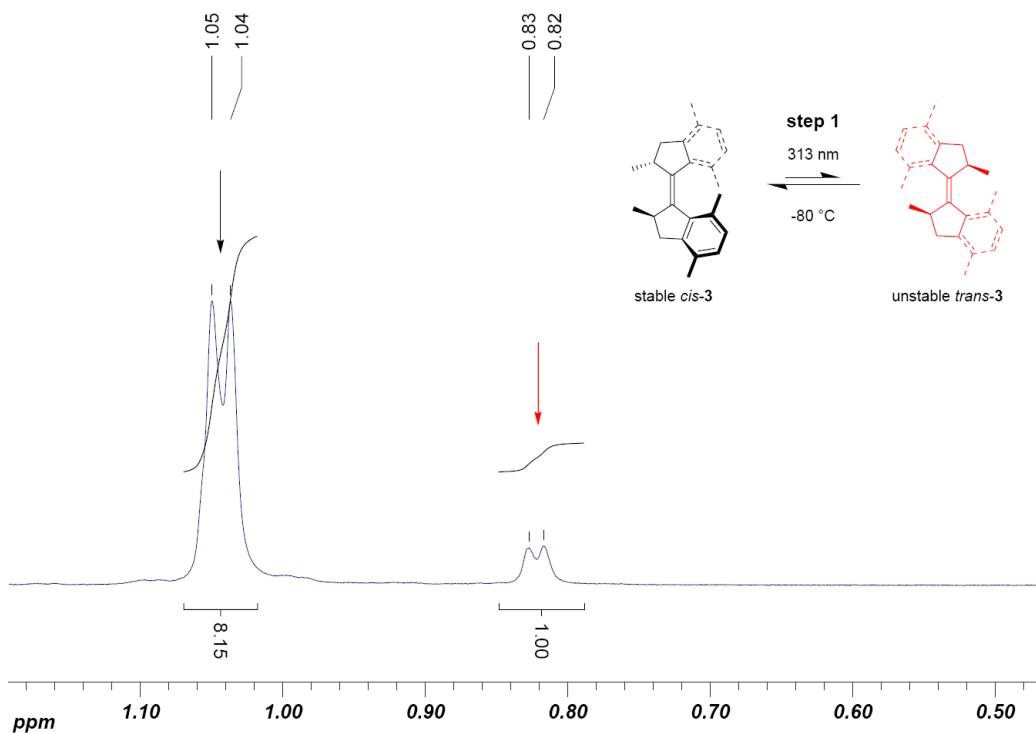
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for PSS<sub>313nm</sub> of stable *cis*-3 and unstable *trans*-3



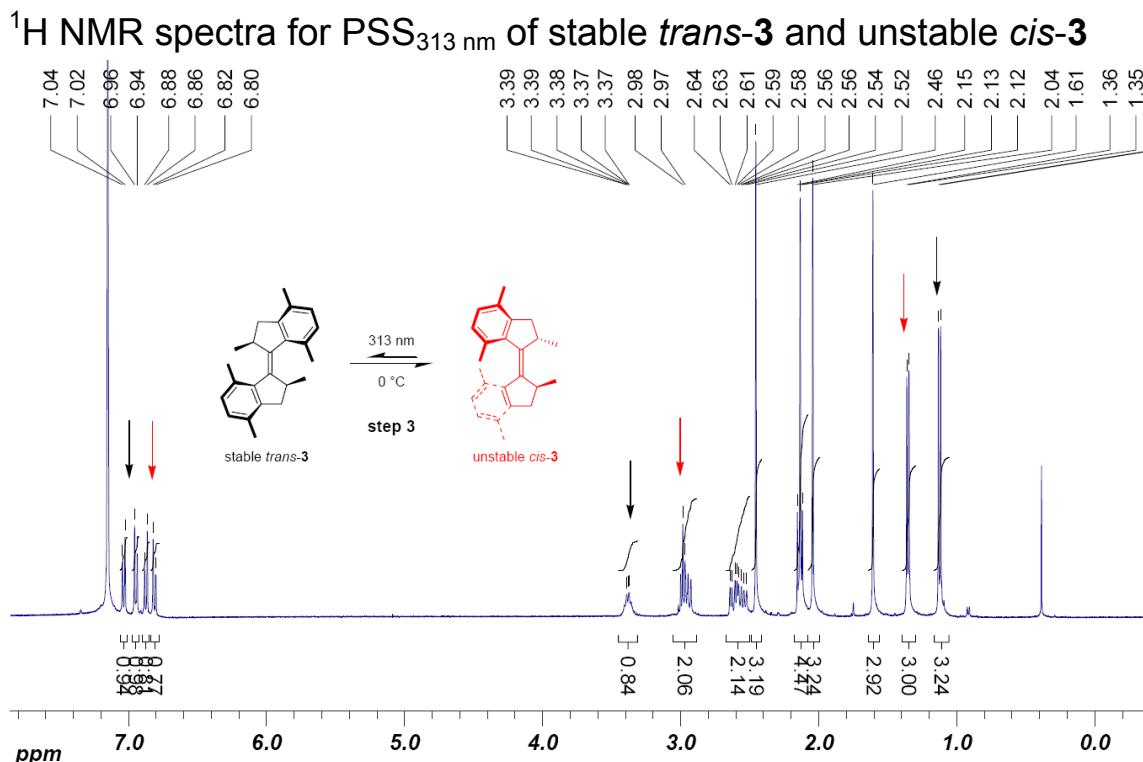
**Figure 14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (-80°C) of PSS<sub>313</sub> of stable *cis*-3 and unstable *trans*-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Some peaks have shifted slightly compared too the corresponding spectrum at rt.



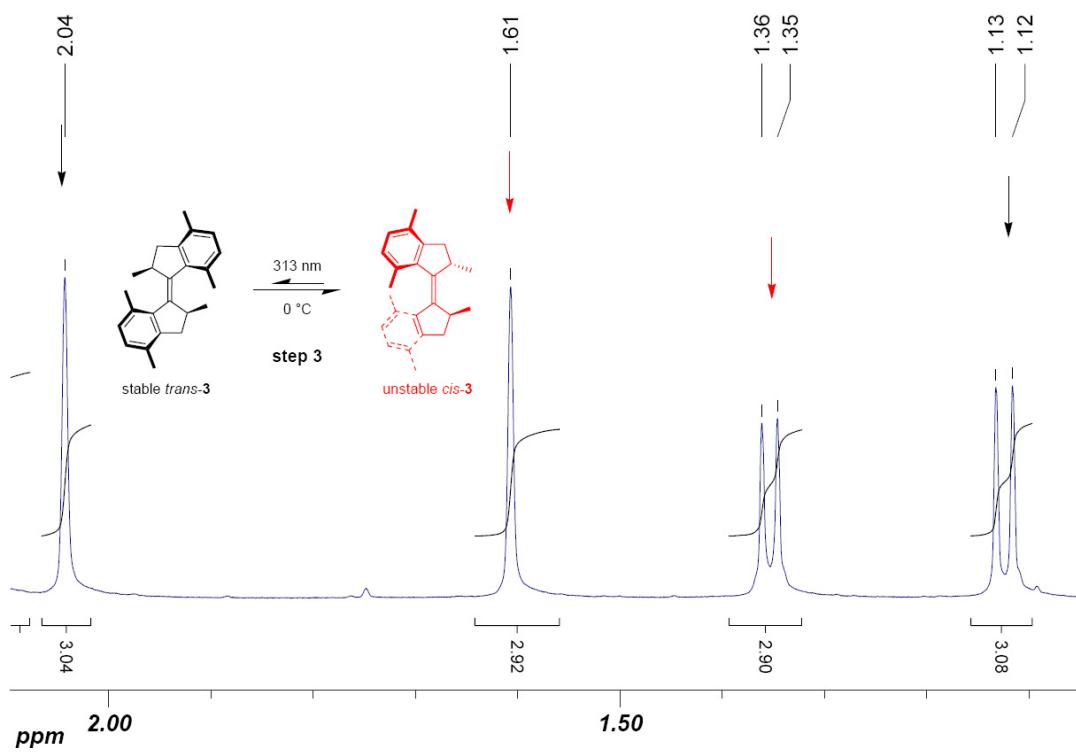
**Figure 15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (-80°C) of PSS<sub>313</sub> of stable *cis*-3 and unstable *trans*-3 (expansion) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



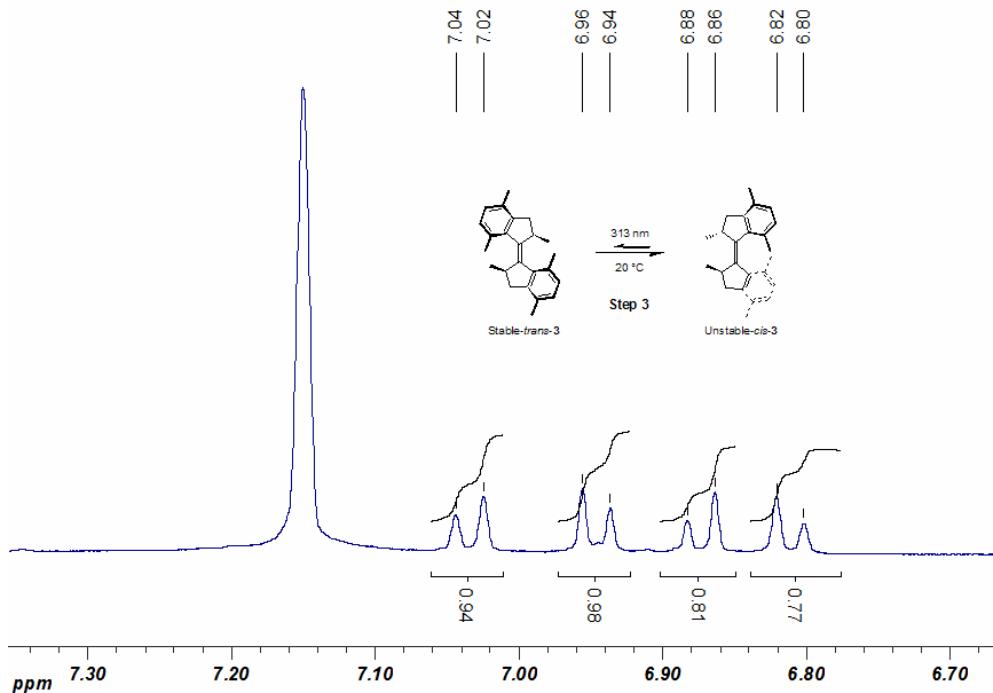
**Figure 16.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum ( $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) of PSS<sub>313</sub> of stable *cis*-3 and unstable *trans*-3 (expansion).



**Figure 17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400MHz, rt, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of PSS<sub>313</sub> of stable *trans*-3 and unstable *cis*-3.

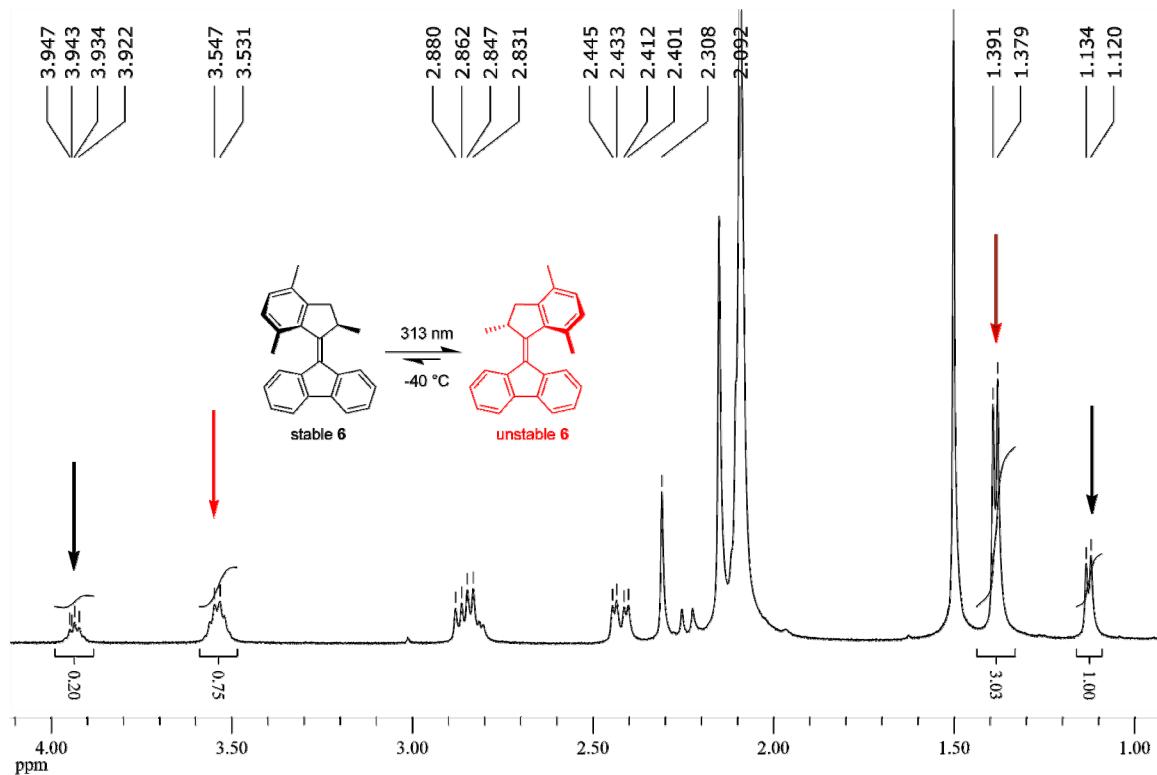


**Figure 18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (rt,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of PSS<sub>313</sub> of stable *trans*-3 and unstable *cis*-3 (expansion).



**Figure 19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (rt,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) of PSS<sub>313</sub> of stable *trans*-3 and unstable *cis*-3 (expansion).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectrum for PSS<sub>365nm</sub> containing stable **6** and unstable **6**



**Figure 20.** 500MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (toluene-D8) of PSS (313 nm) of **6**, with black and red arrows indicating key absorptions of stable-**6** and unstable-**6**, respectively.