

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

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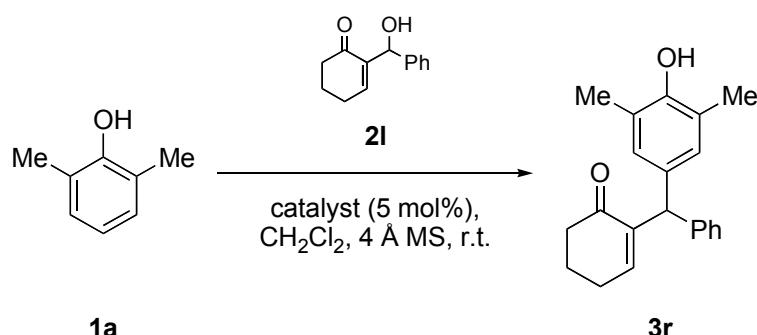
**Gold-Catalysed Allylic Alkylation of Aromatic and Heteroaromatic Compounds  
with Allylic Alcohols**

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**General procedure for comparing the catalytic activity of a series of Lewis and Brønsted acid catalysts for the allylation of **1a** with **2l**:** To a round bottom flask containing **1a** (0.3 mmol), **2l** (1.2 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves (50 mg) in 2 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, was added 5 mol% of Lewis or Brønsted acid catalyst under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC analysis. On completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite® and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was subjected to purification by flash column chromatography to give **3r** with the yields reported in Table S1.

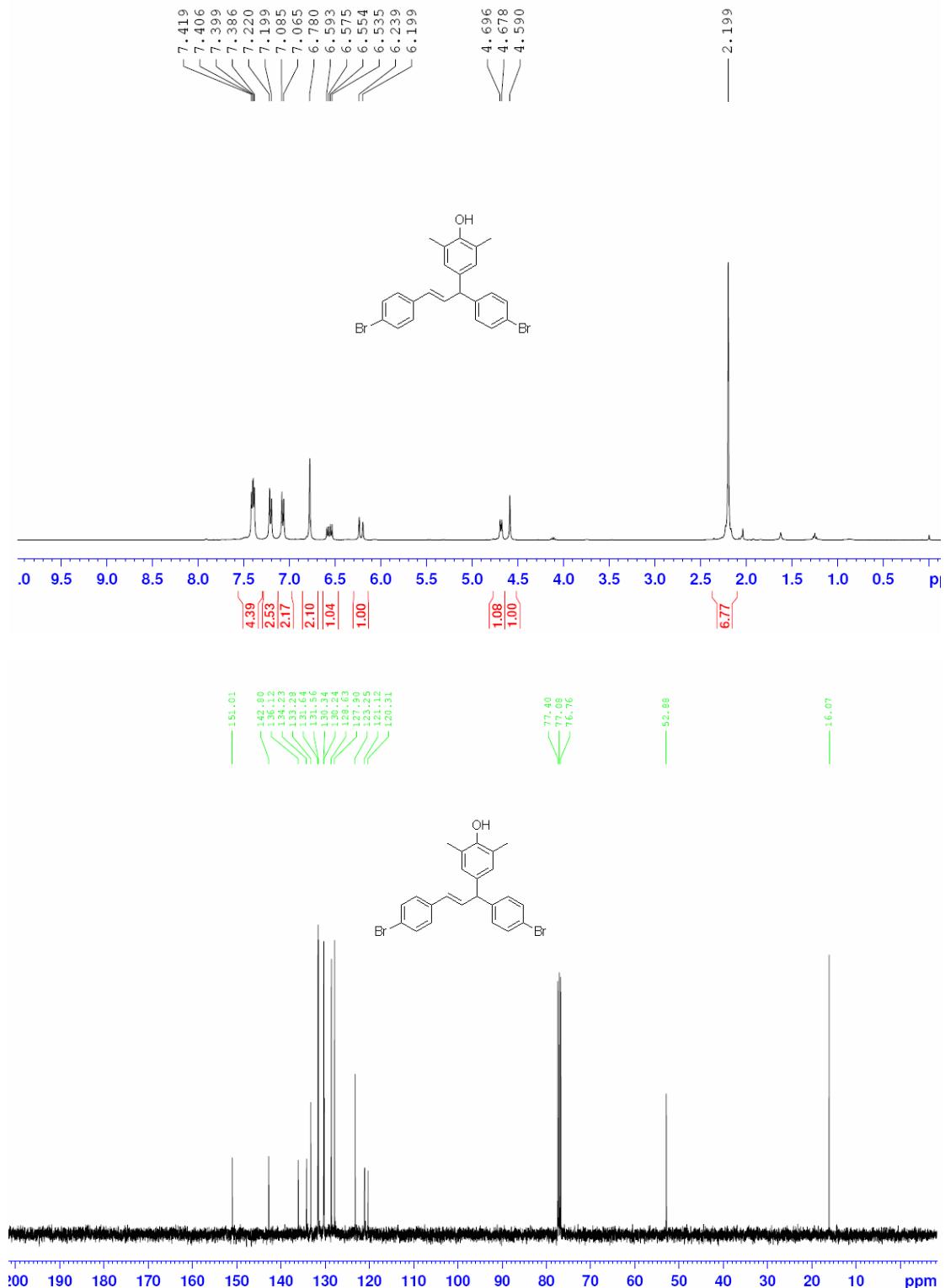
**Table S1.** Comparison of Lewis and Brønsted acid catalysts for the allylation of **1a** with **2l**<sup>a</sup>



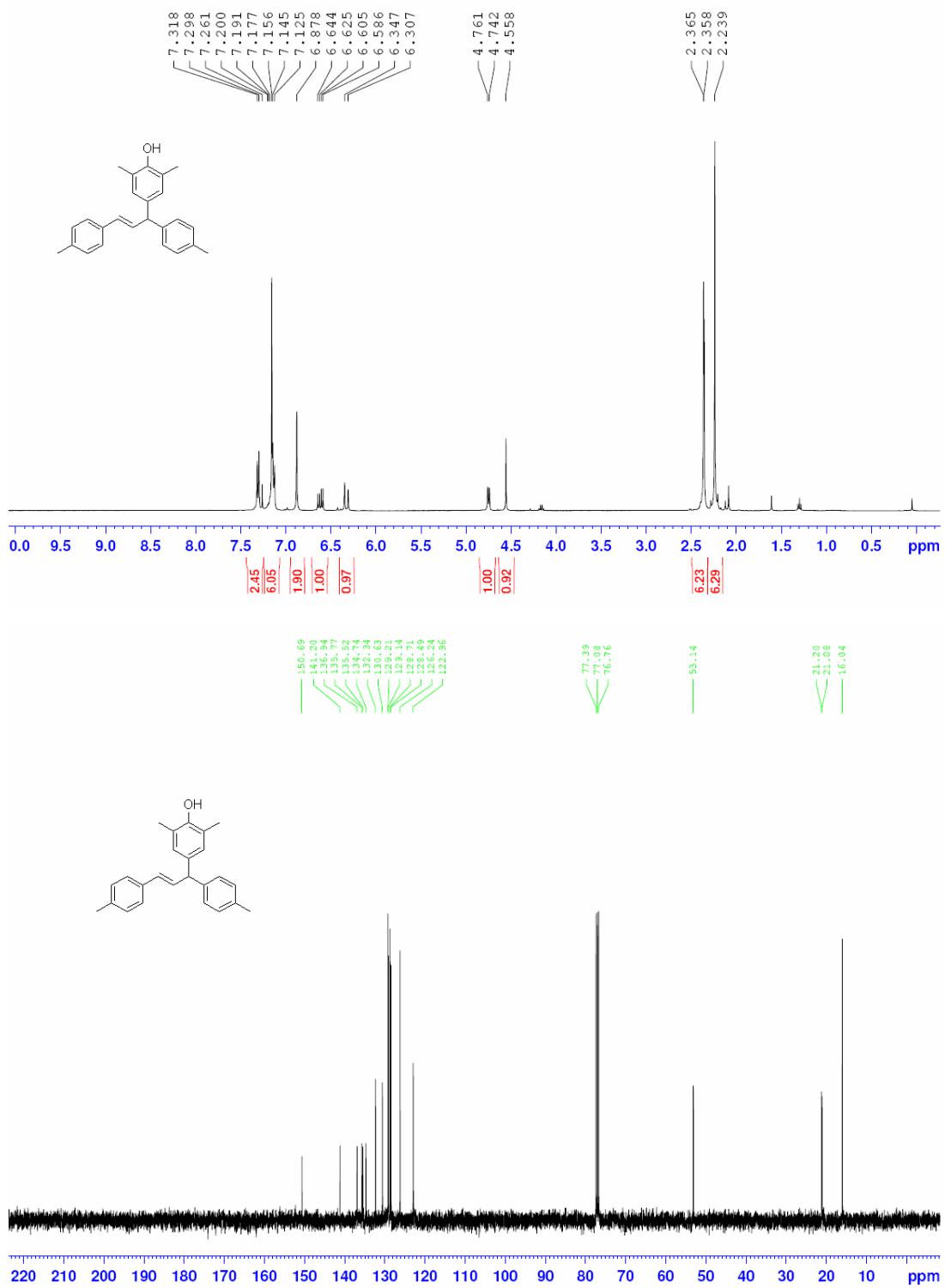
entry	catalyst	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	AuCl <sub>3</sub>	98
2	InCl <sub>3</sub>	- <sup>c</sup>
3	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	- <sup>c</sup>
4	NaAlCl <sub>4</sub>	- <sup>c</sup>
5	ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	- <sup>c</sup>
6	BF <sub>3</sub> .Et <sub>2</sub> O	65
7	TfOH	88
8	p-TsOH.H <sub>2</sub> O	40

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed at r.t. for 1.5 h and 4 Å MS with a catalyst: **1a**: **2l** ratio = 1: 20: 80. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> No reaction.

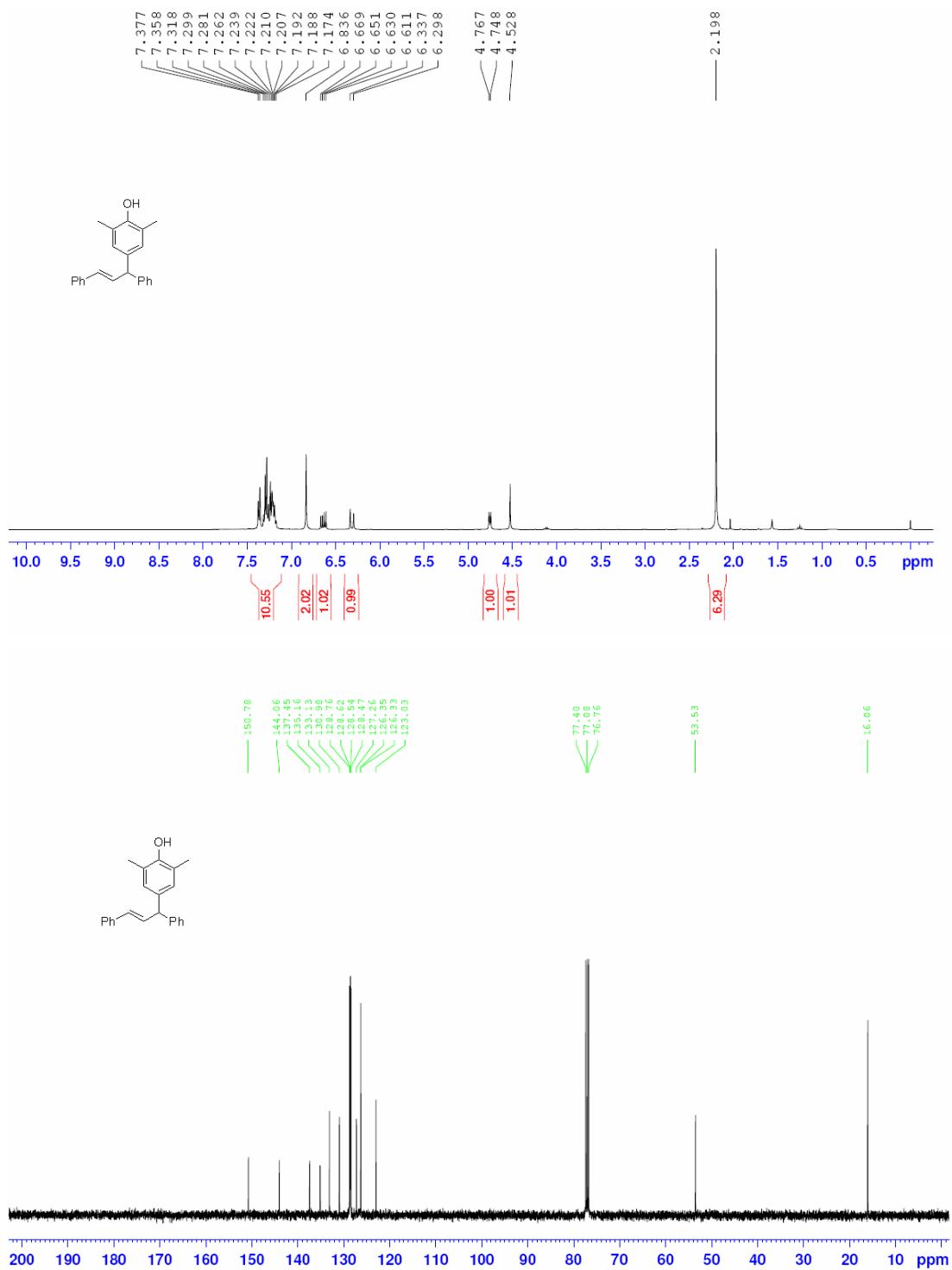
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (**3a**)



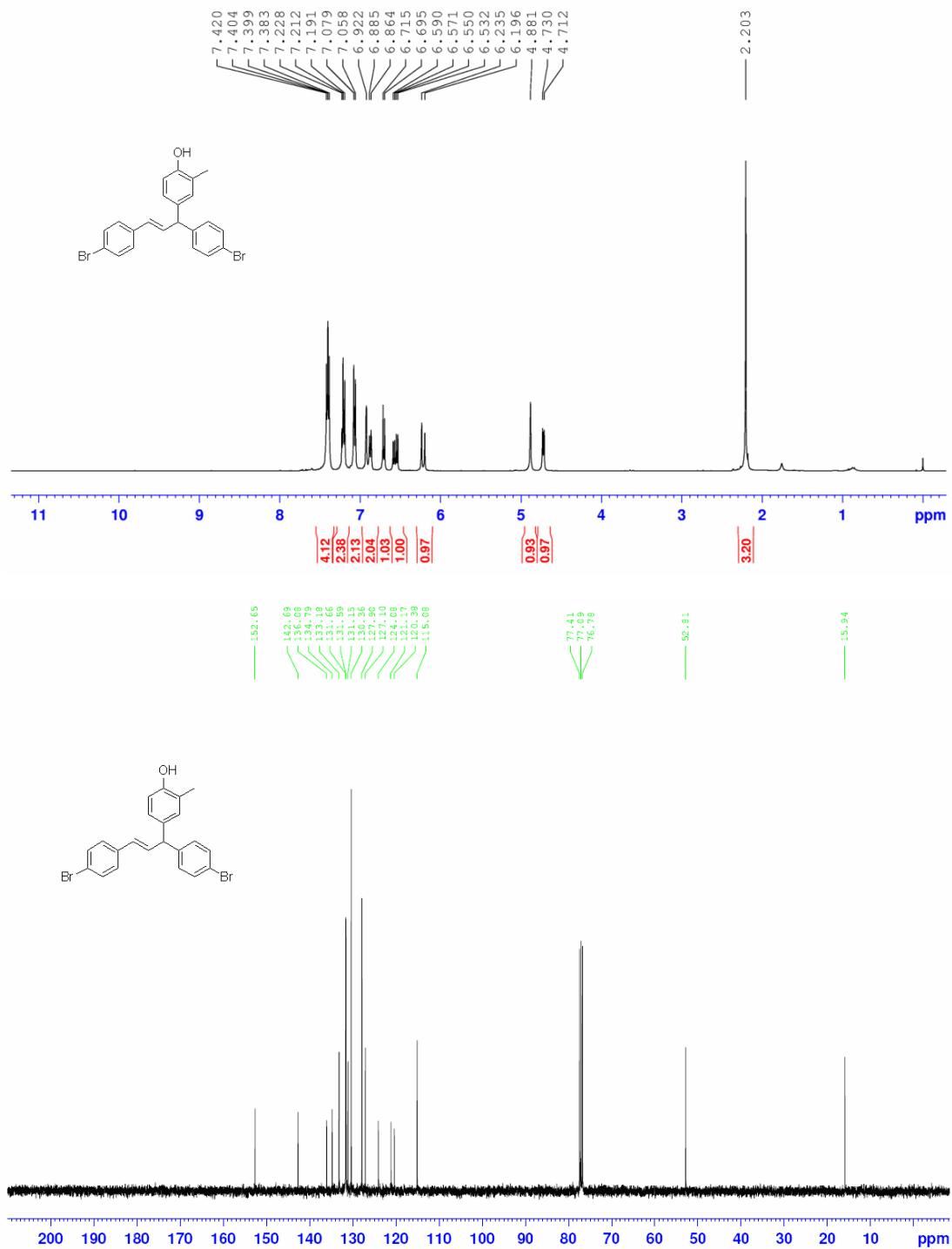
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(1,3-di-*p*-tolylallyl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (3b)



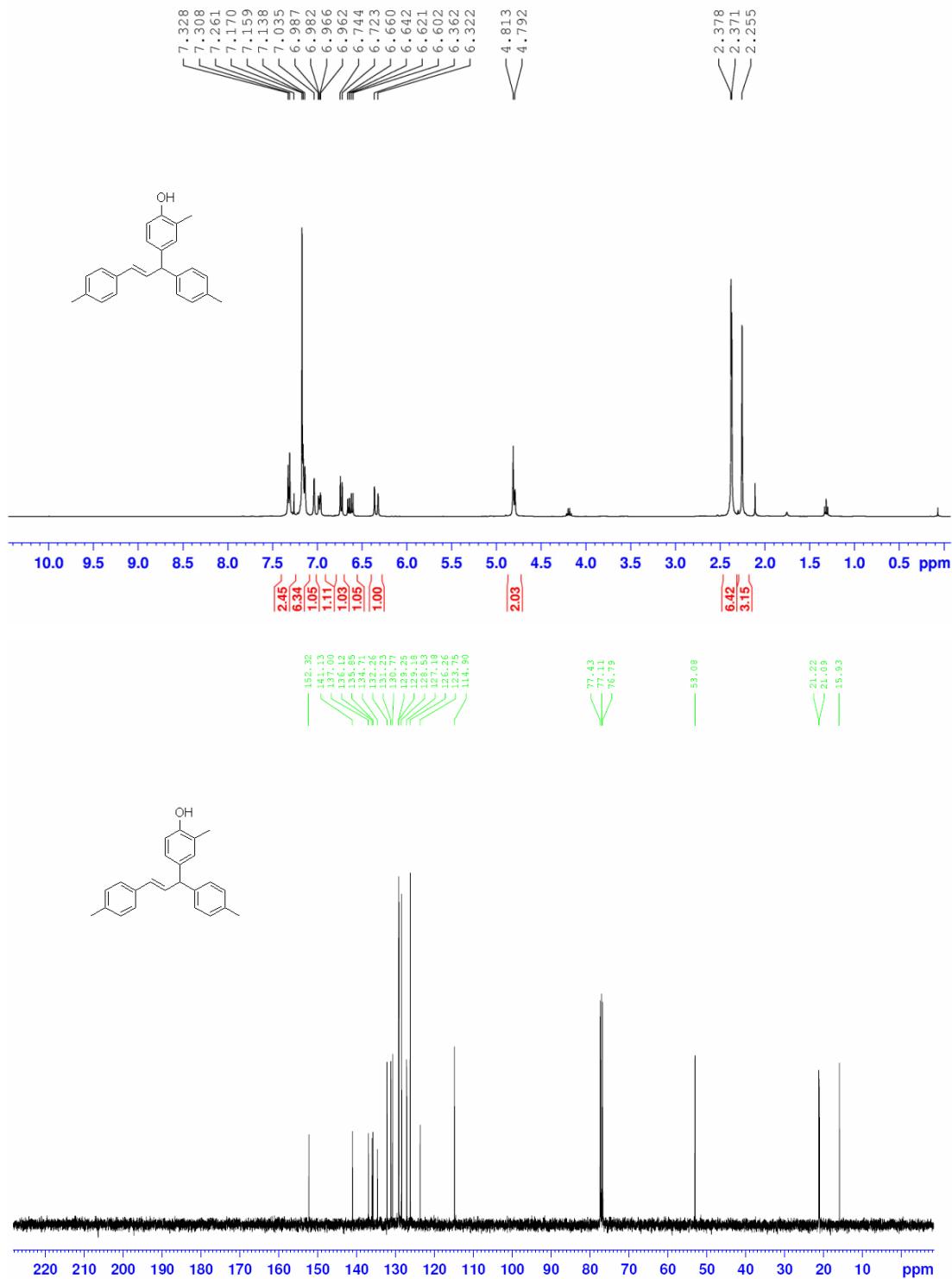
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(1,3-diphenylallyl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (3c)



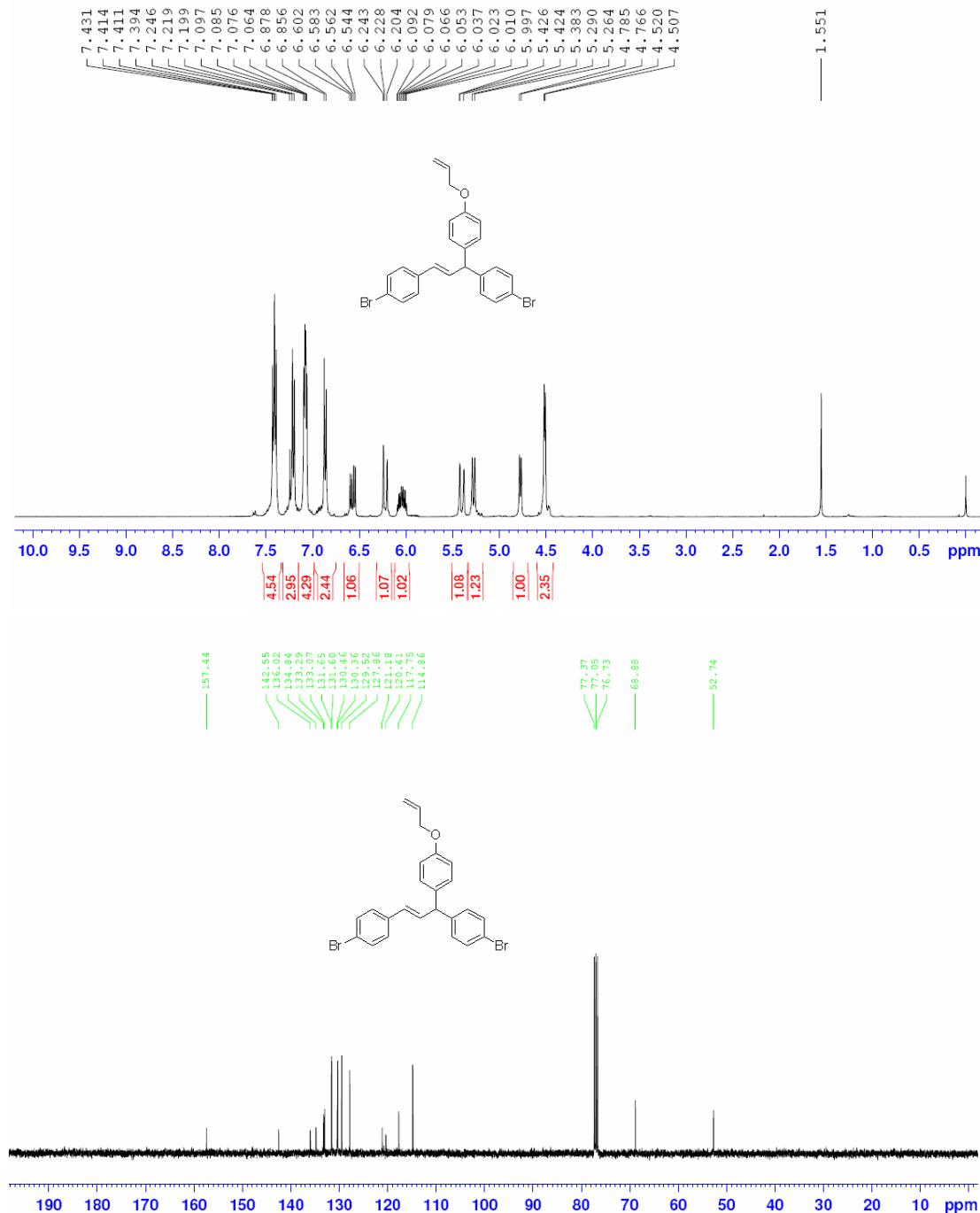
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-2-methylphenol (**3d**)



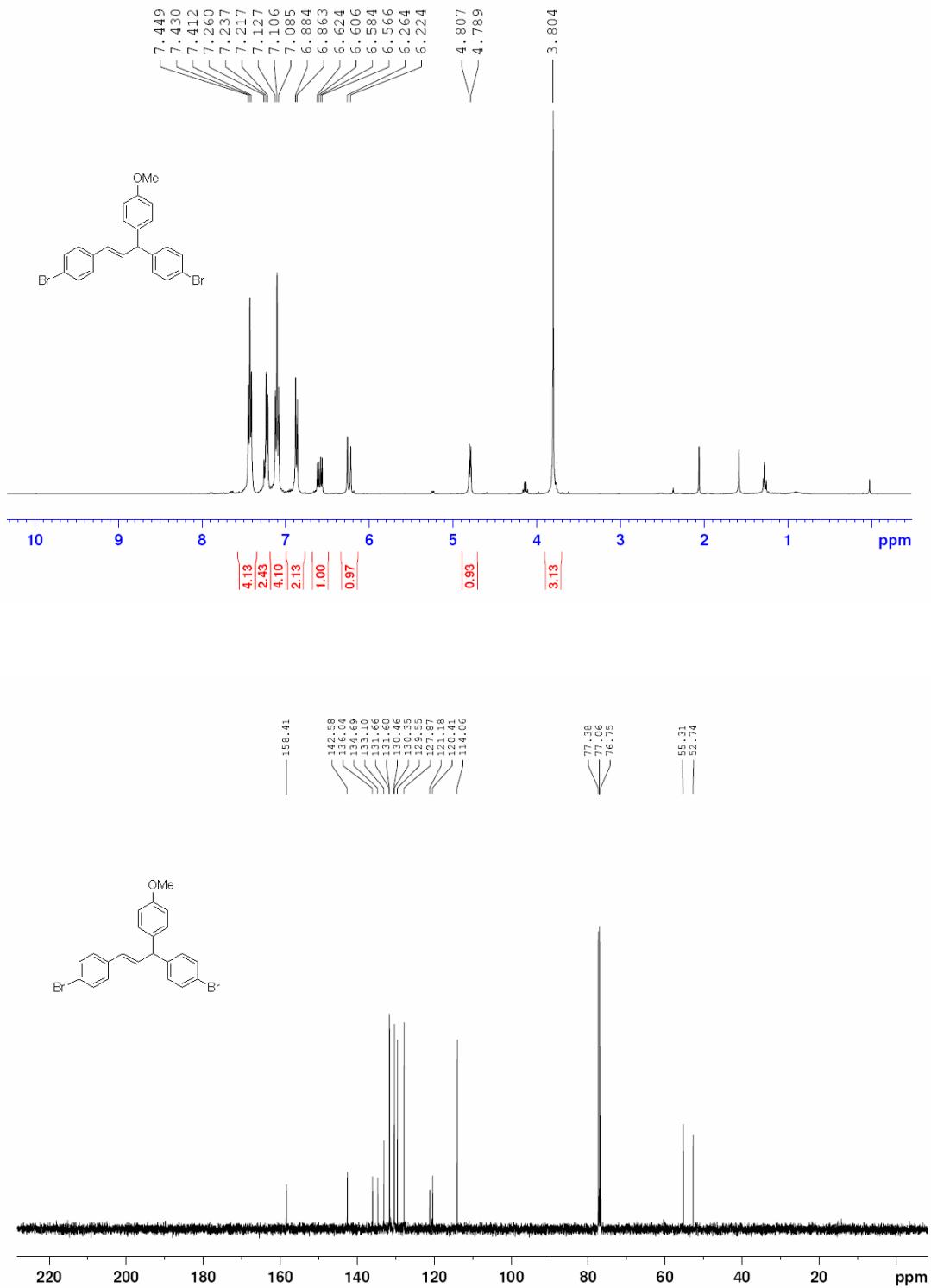
**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(1,3-di-*p*-tolylallyl)-2-methylphenol (**3e**)



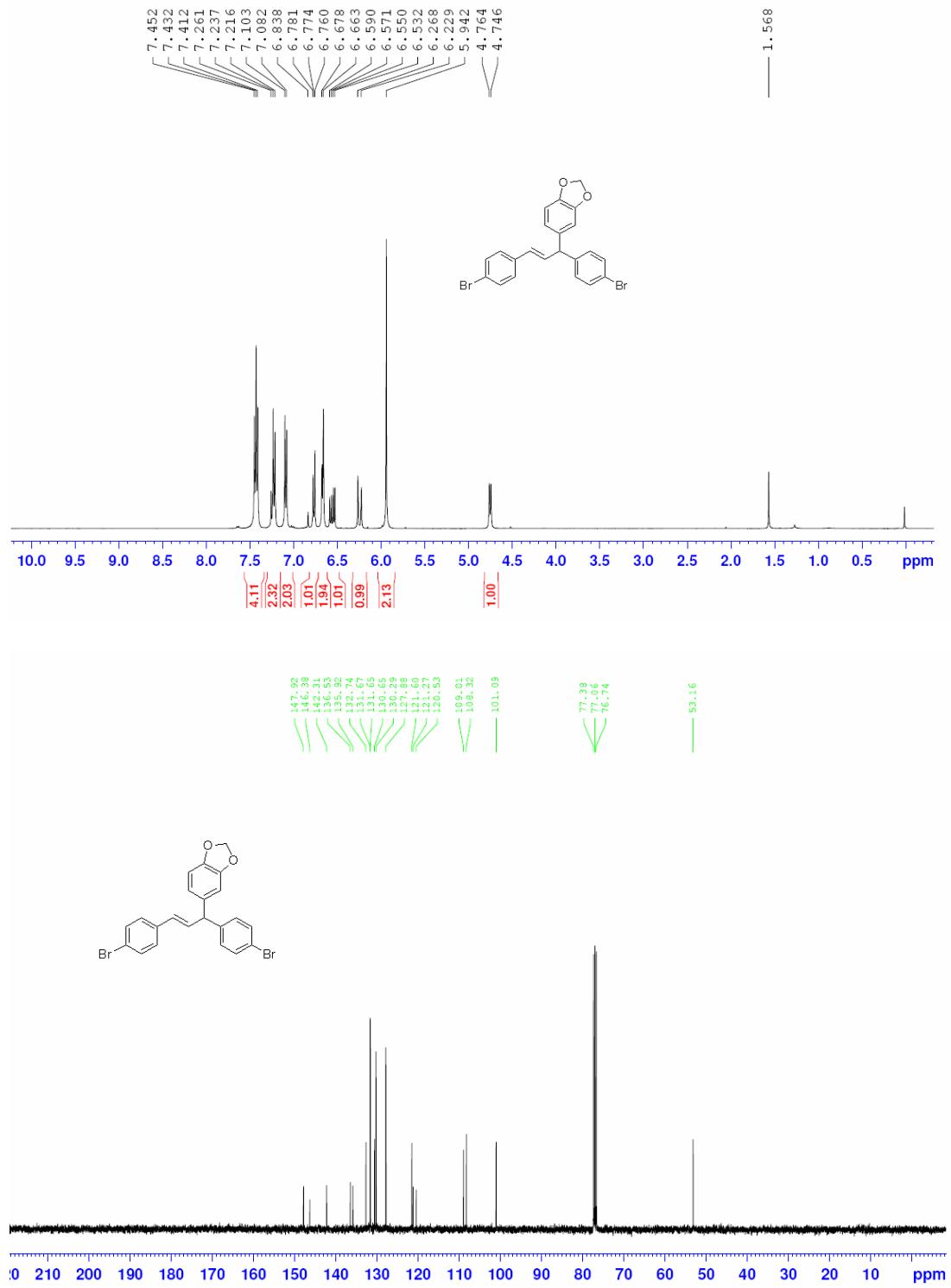
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4,4'-(3-(4-(allyloxy)phenyl)prop-1-ene-1,3-diyl)bis(bromobenzene) (**3f**)



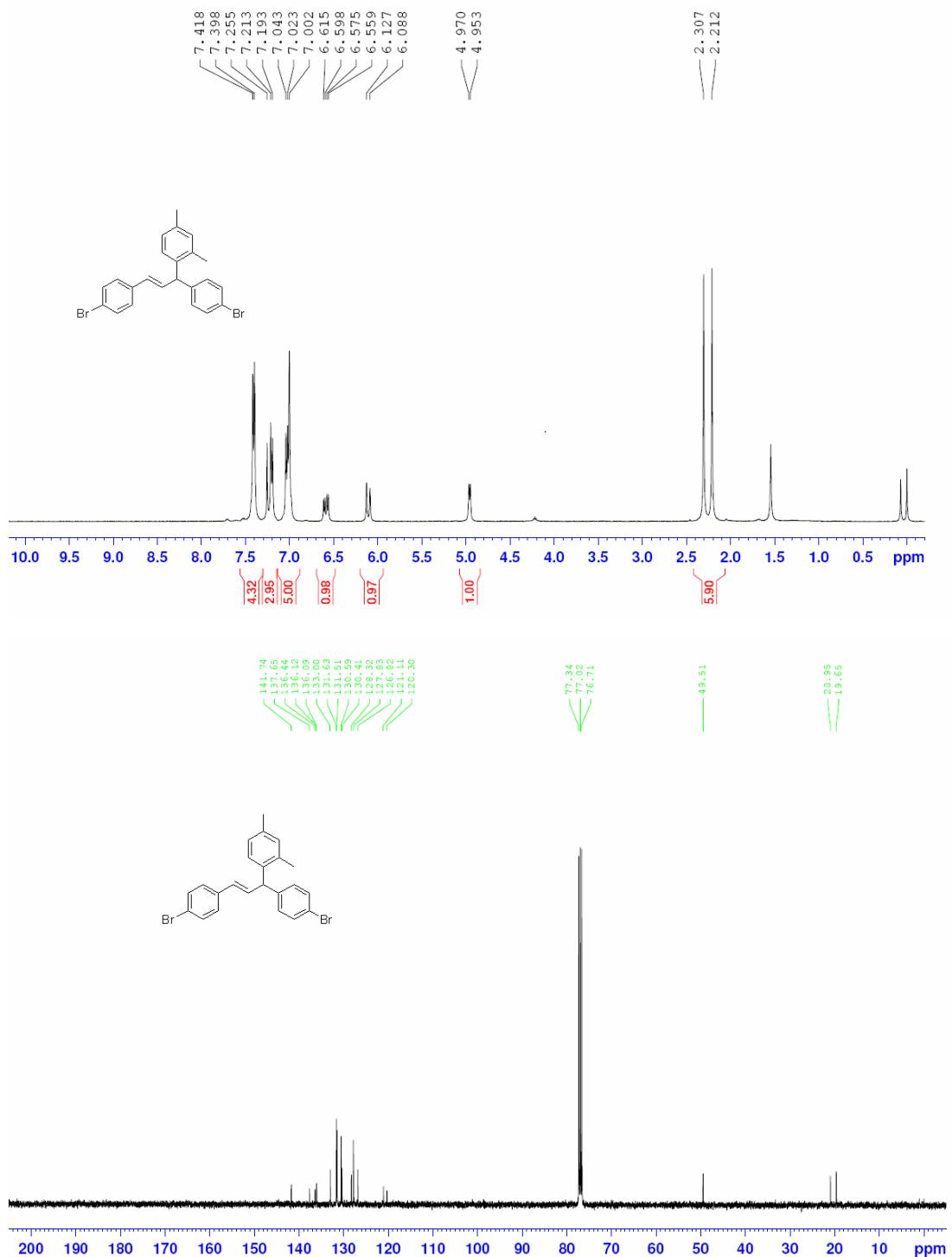
**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4,4'-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-1-ene-1,3-diyl)bis(bromobenzene) (**3g**)



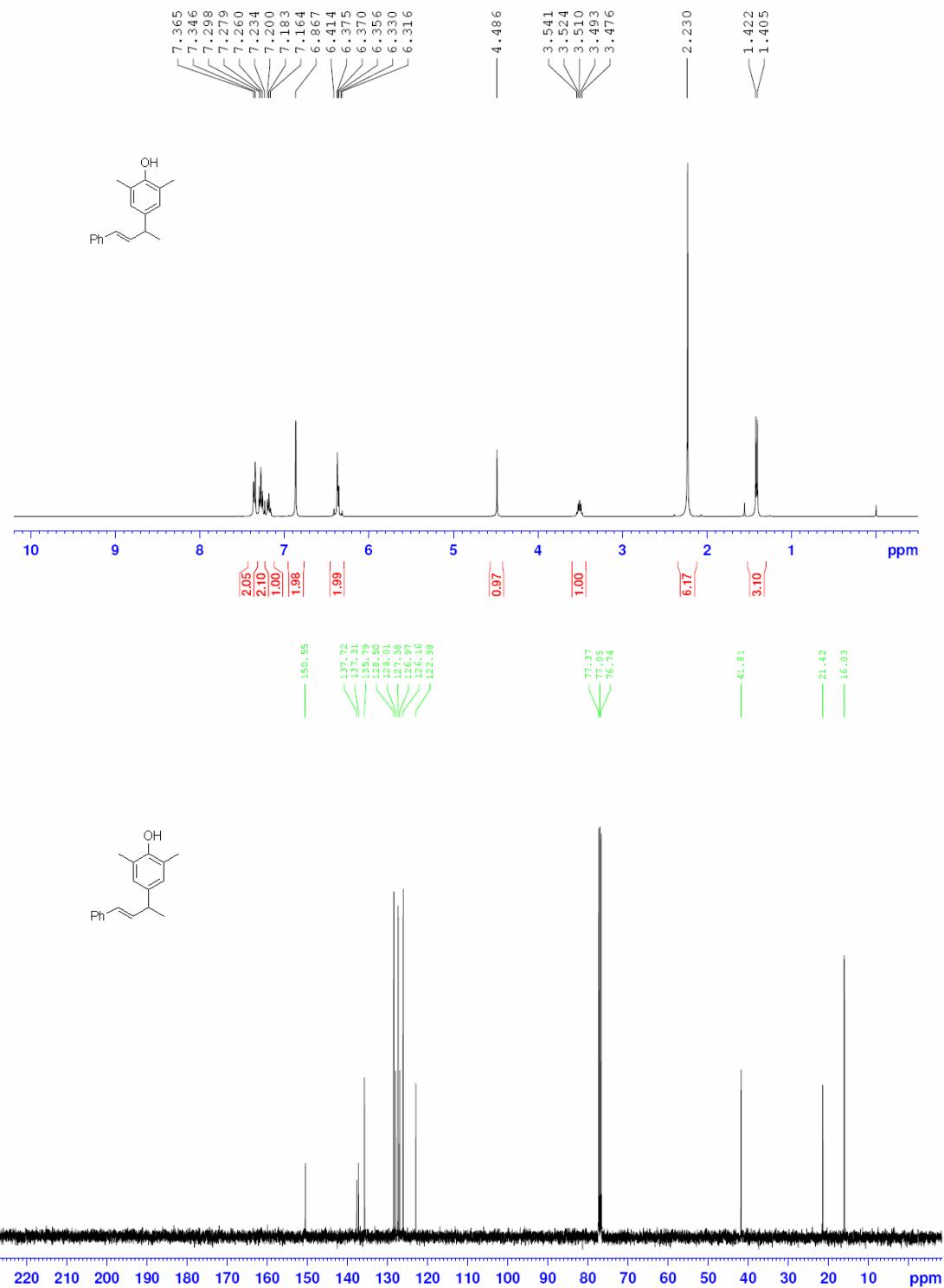
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-5-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)benzo[d] [1,3]dioxole (**3h**)



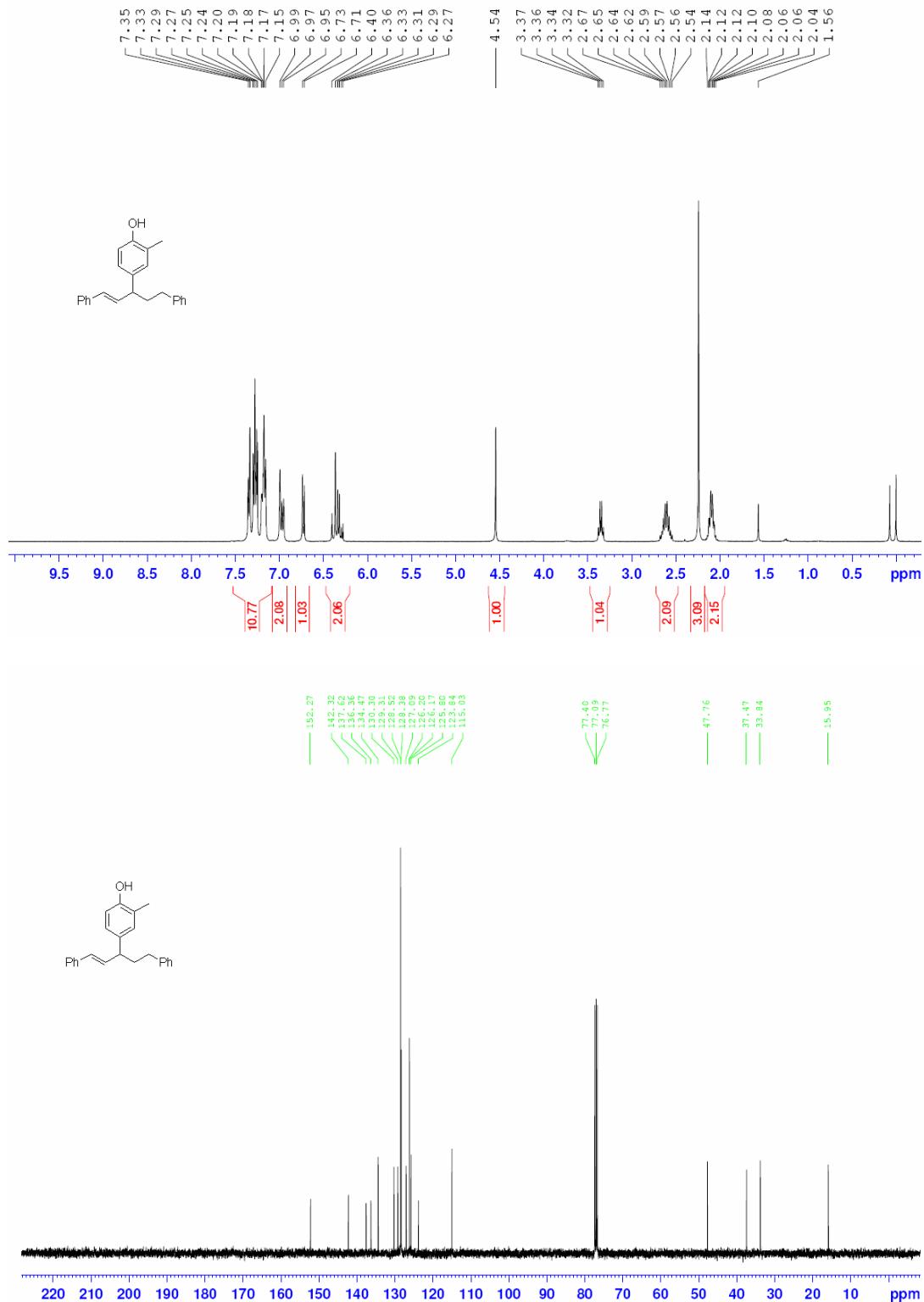
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-1-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-2,4-dimethylbenzene (**3i**)



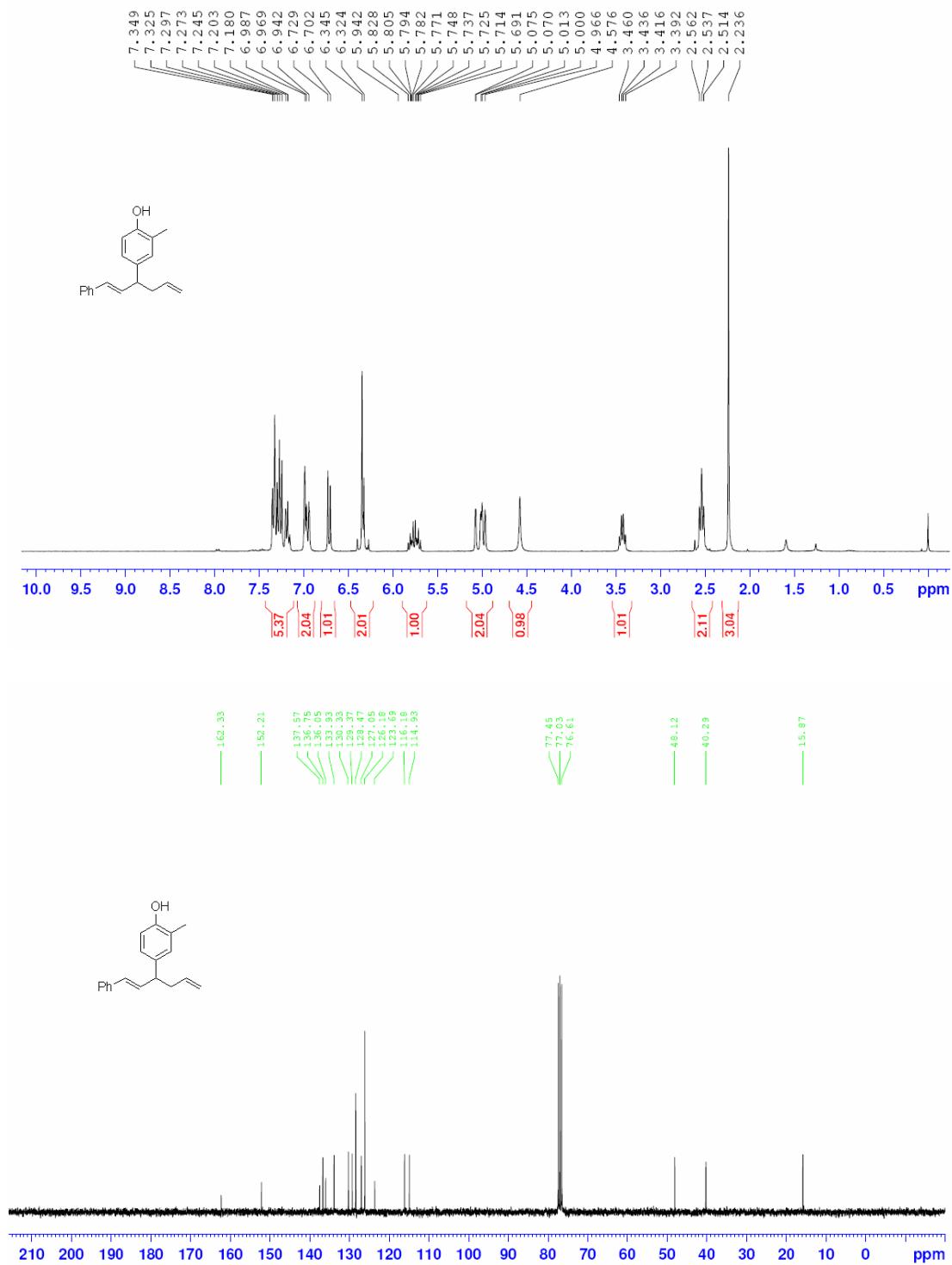
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2,6-dimethyl-4-(4-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)phenol (**3j**)



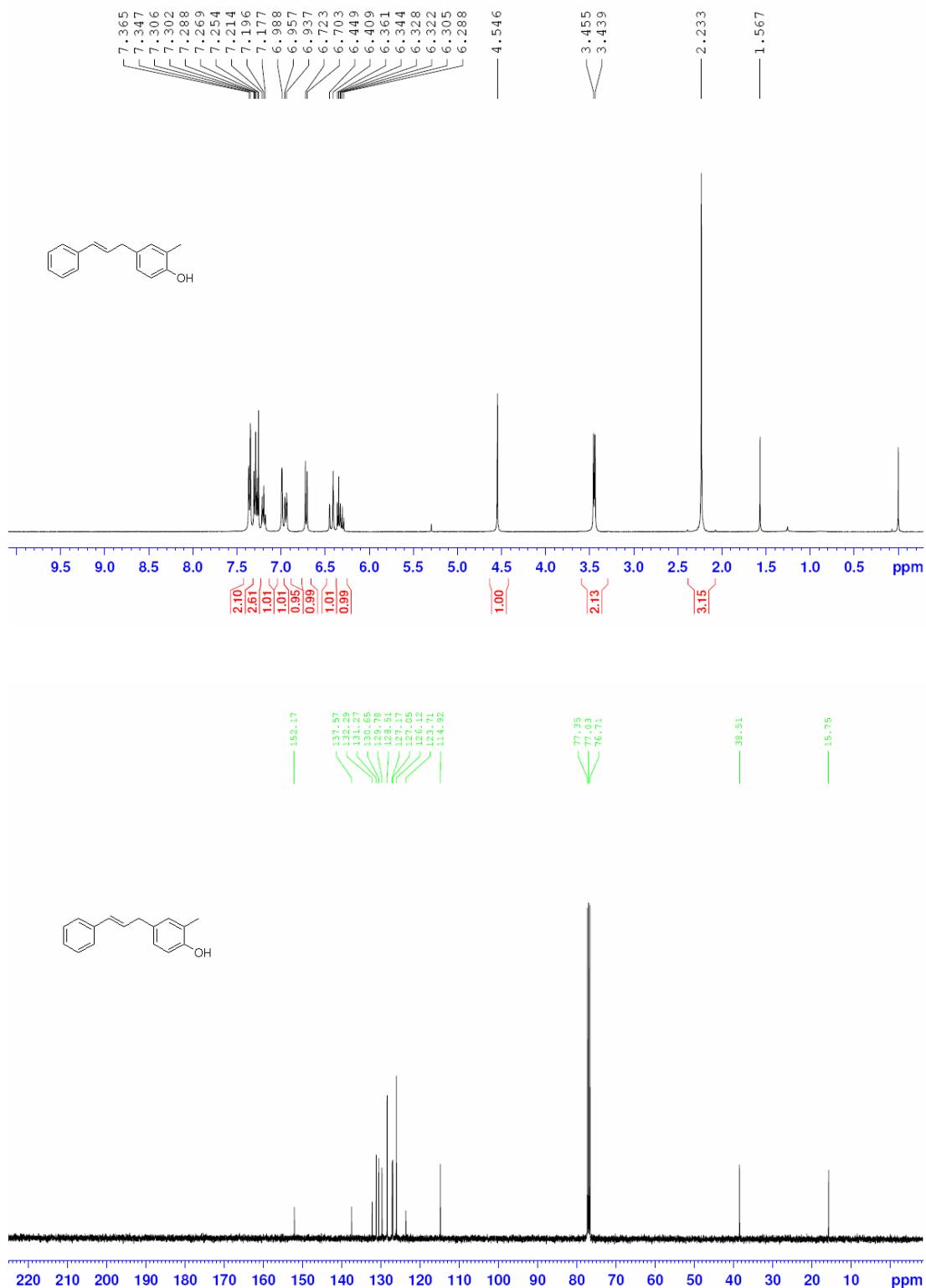
**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(1,5-diphenylpent-1-en-3-yl)-2-methylphenol (**3k**)



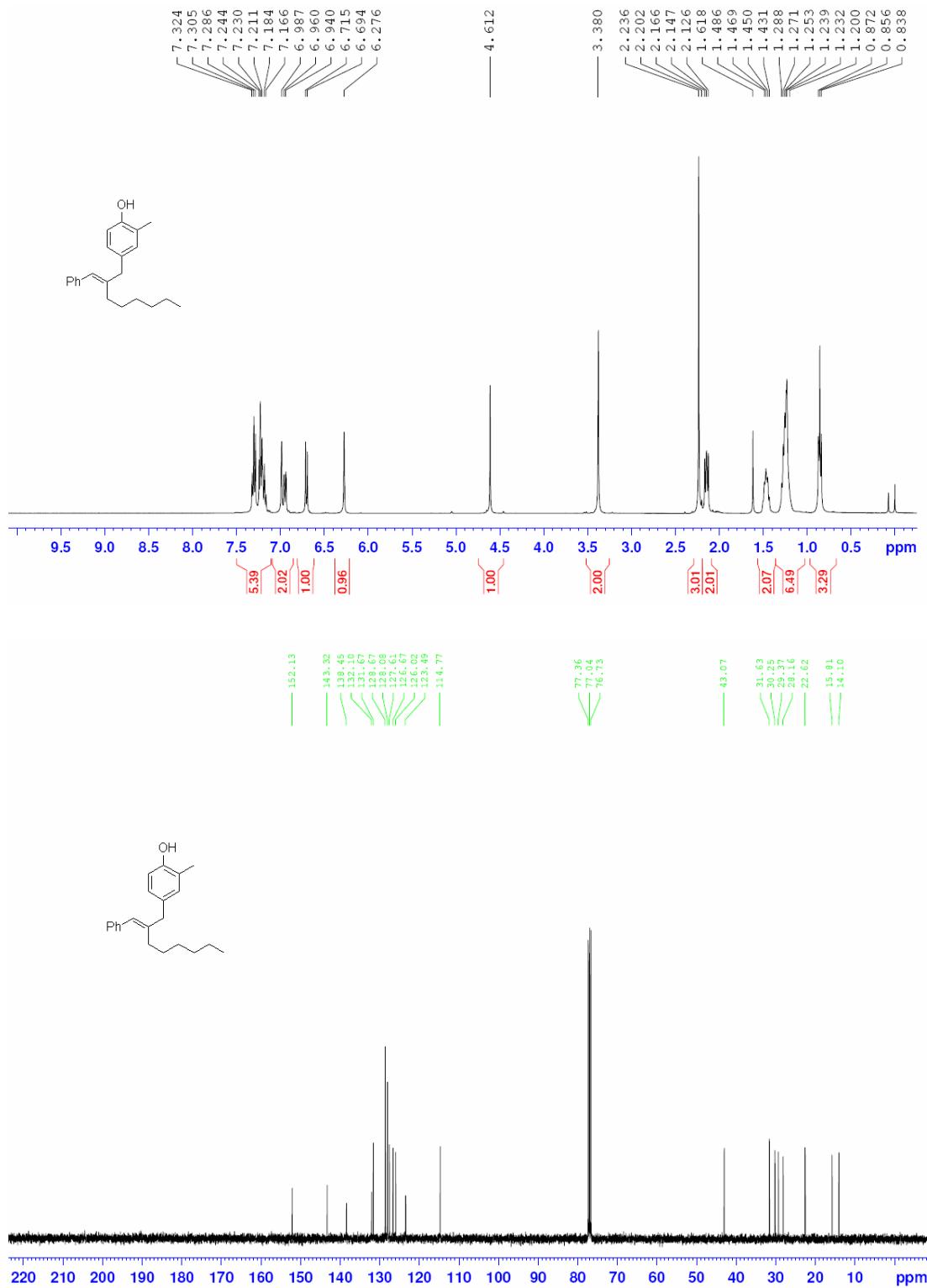
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2-methyl-4-(1-phenylhexa-1,5-dien-3-yl)phenol (**3l**)



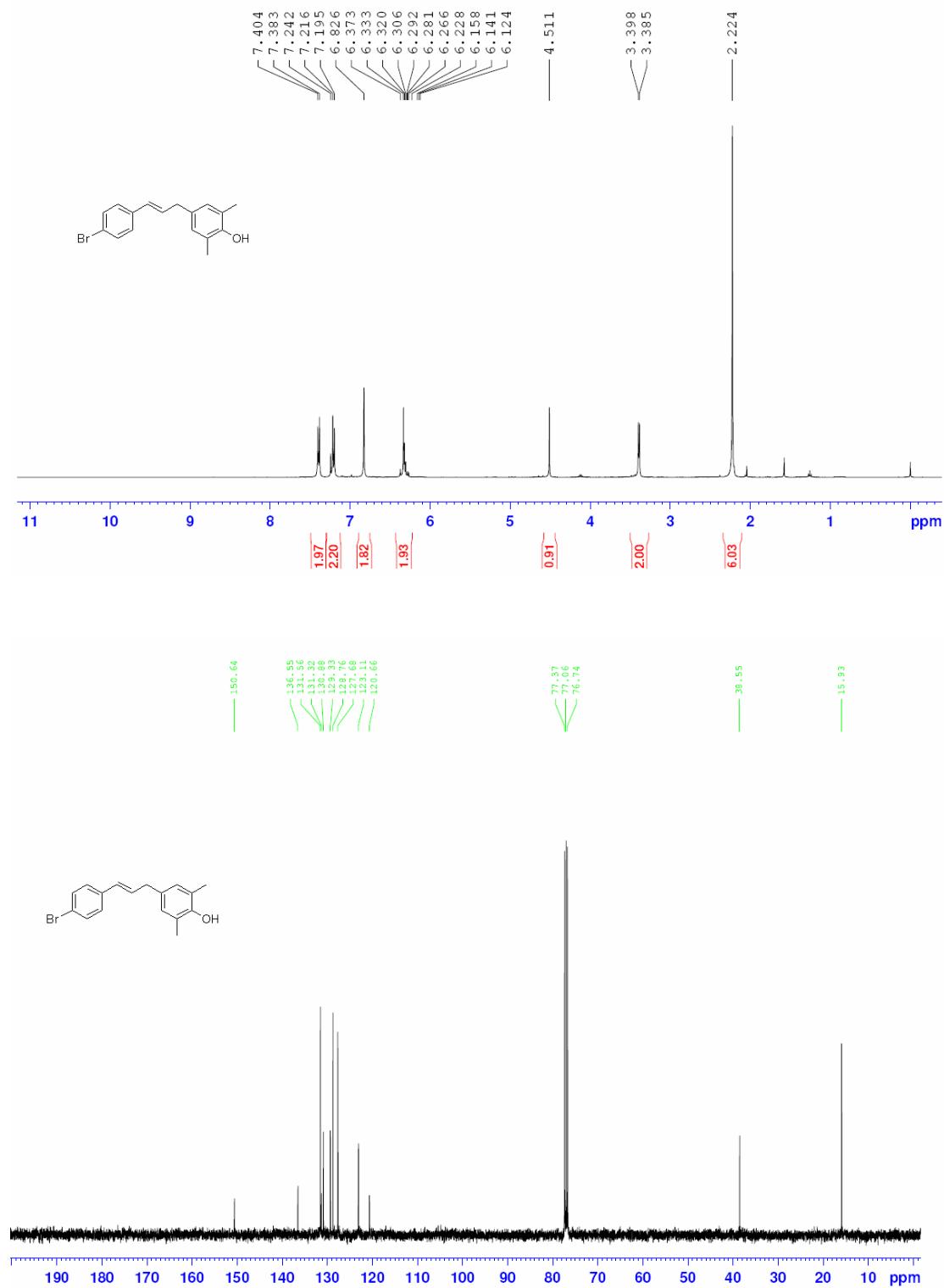
**Figure S13.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 4-cinnamyl-2-methylphenol (**3m**)



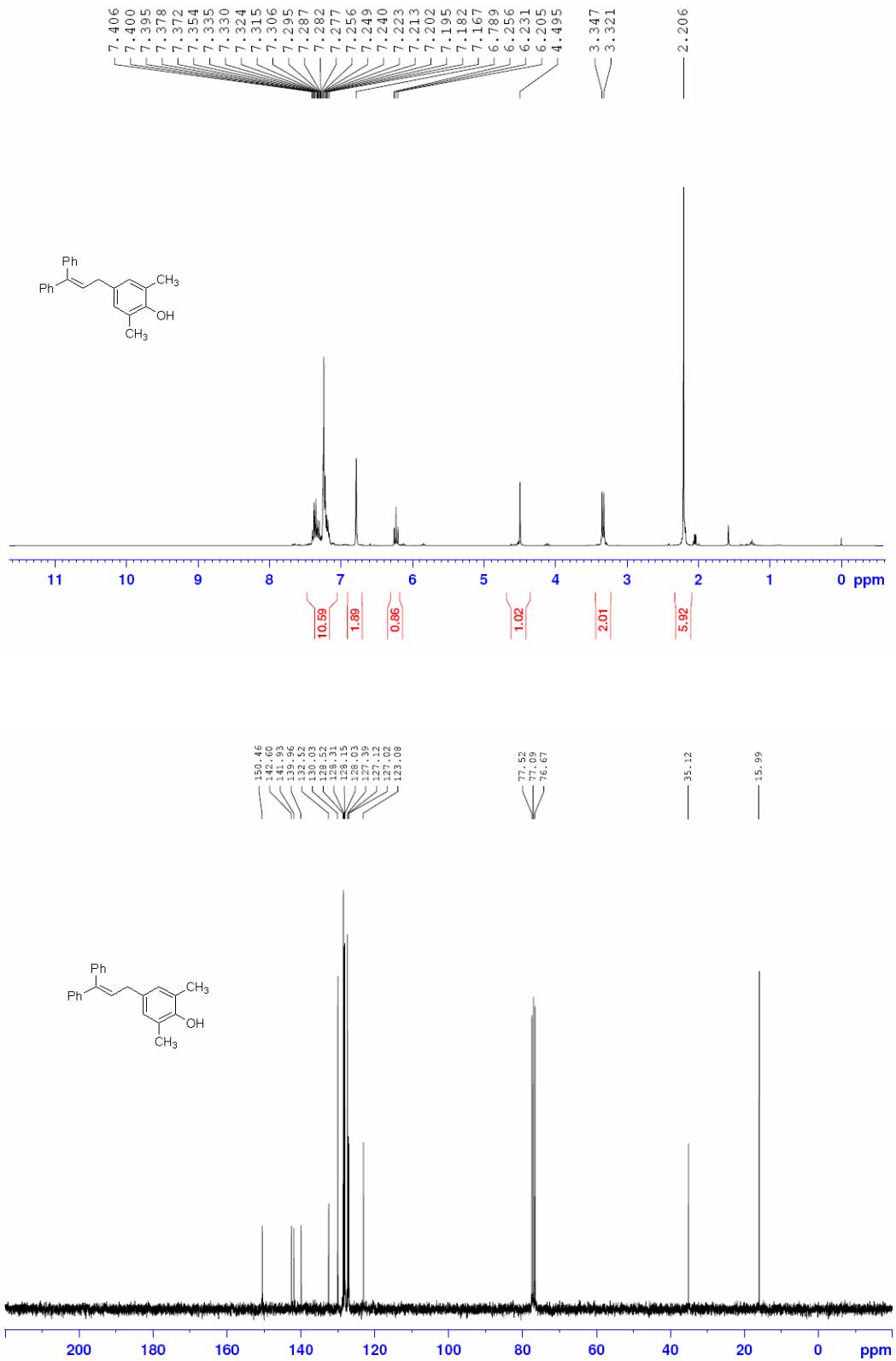
**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(2-benzylideneoctyl)-2-methylphenol (**3n**)



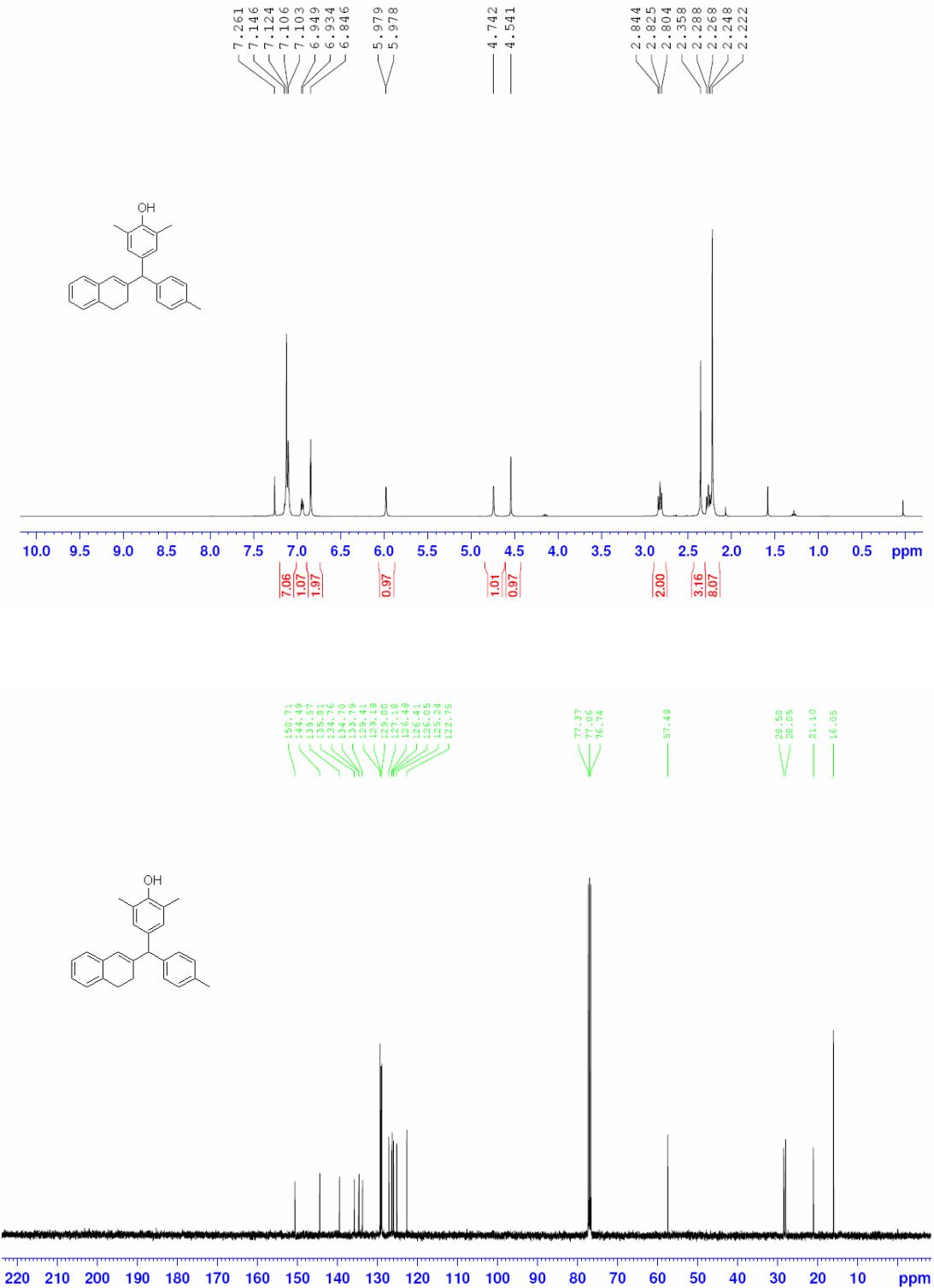
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-4-(3-(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (**3o**)



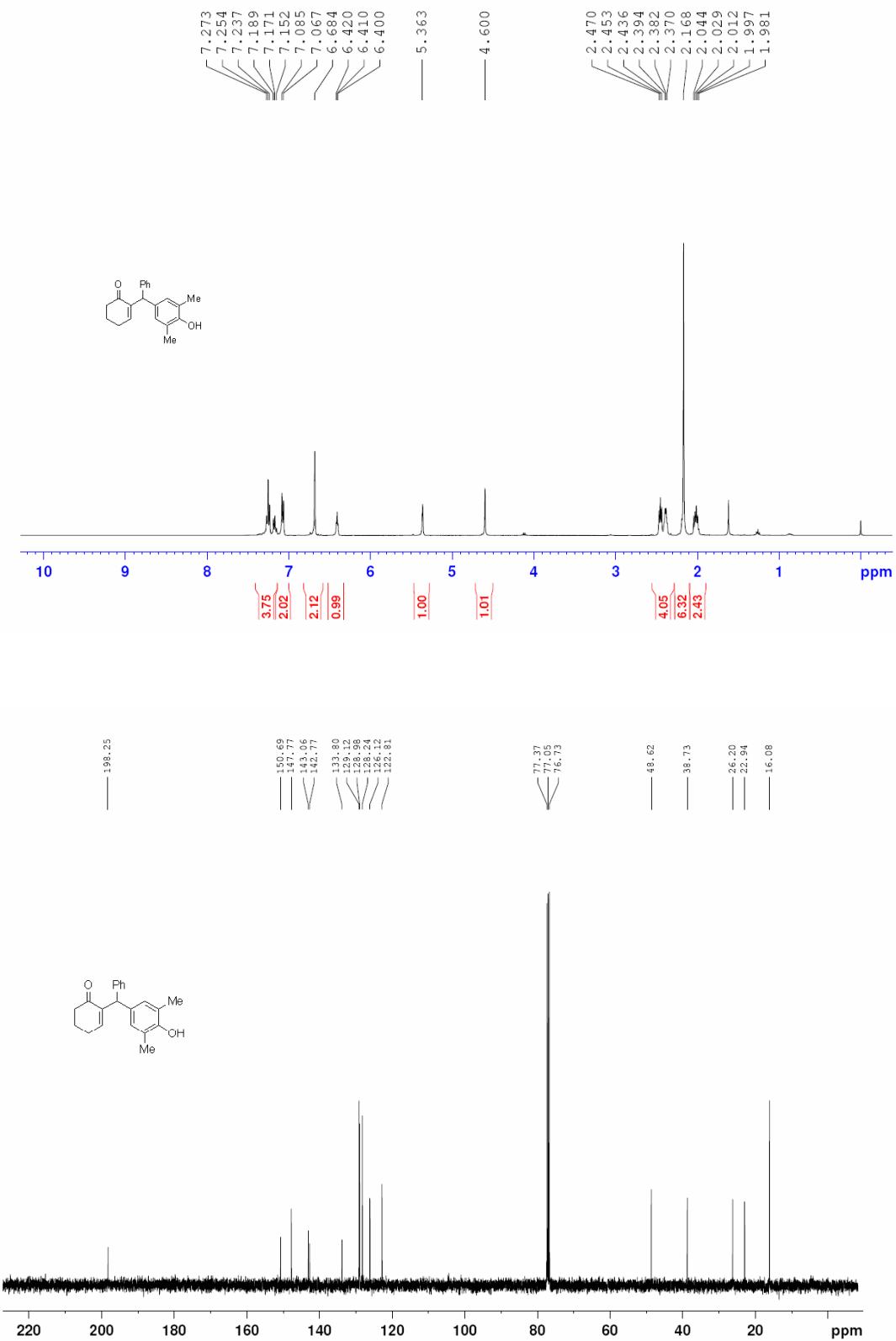
**Figure S16.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 4-(3,3-diphenylallyl)-2,6-dimethylphenol (3p)



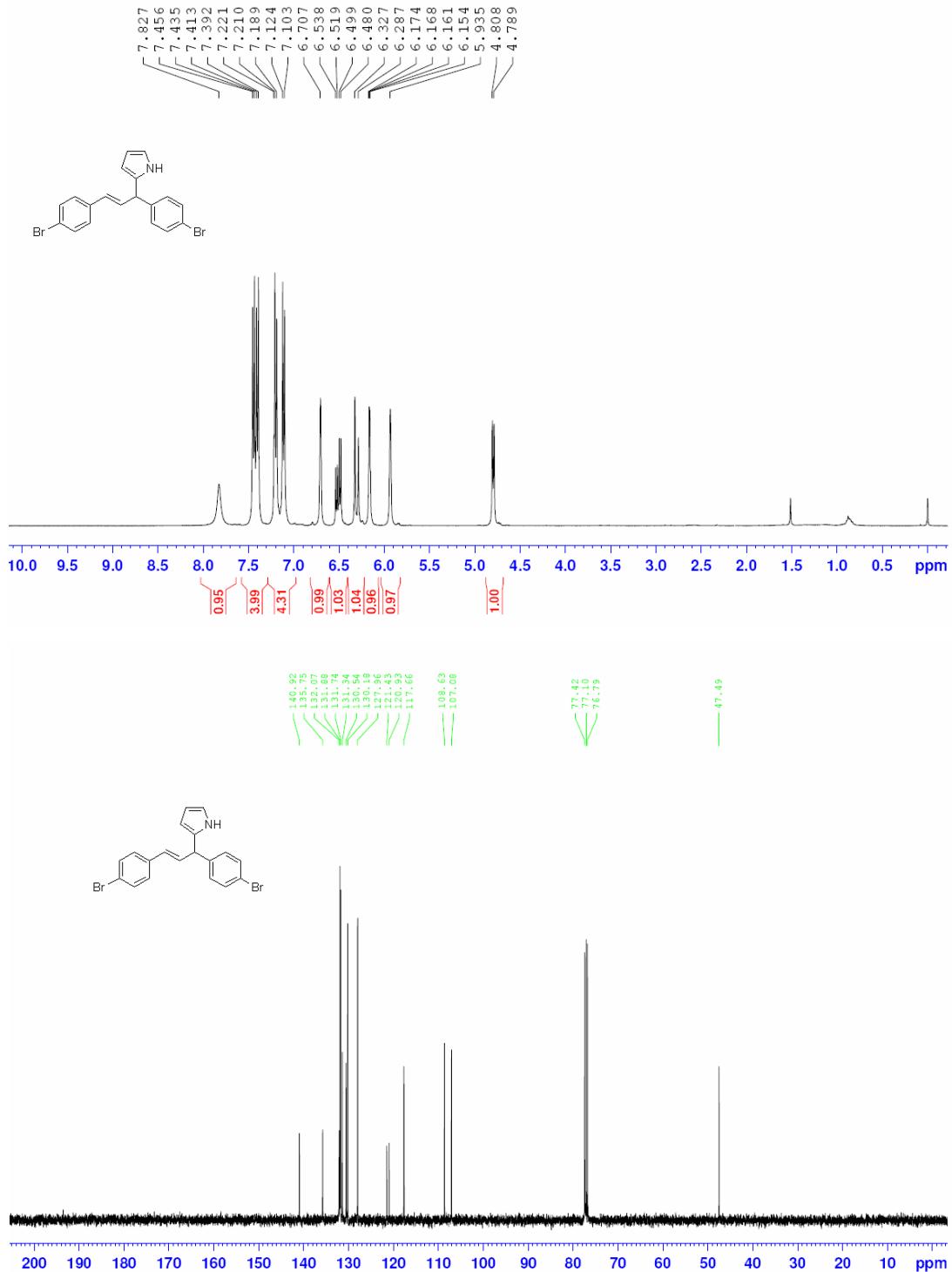
**Figure S17.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 4-{(3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methyl}-2,6-dimethylphenol (**3q**)



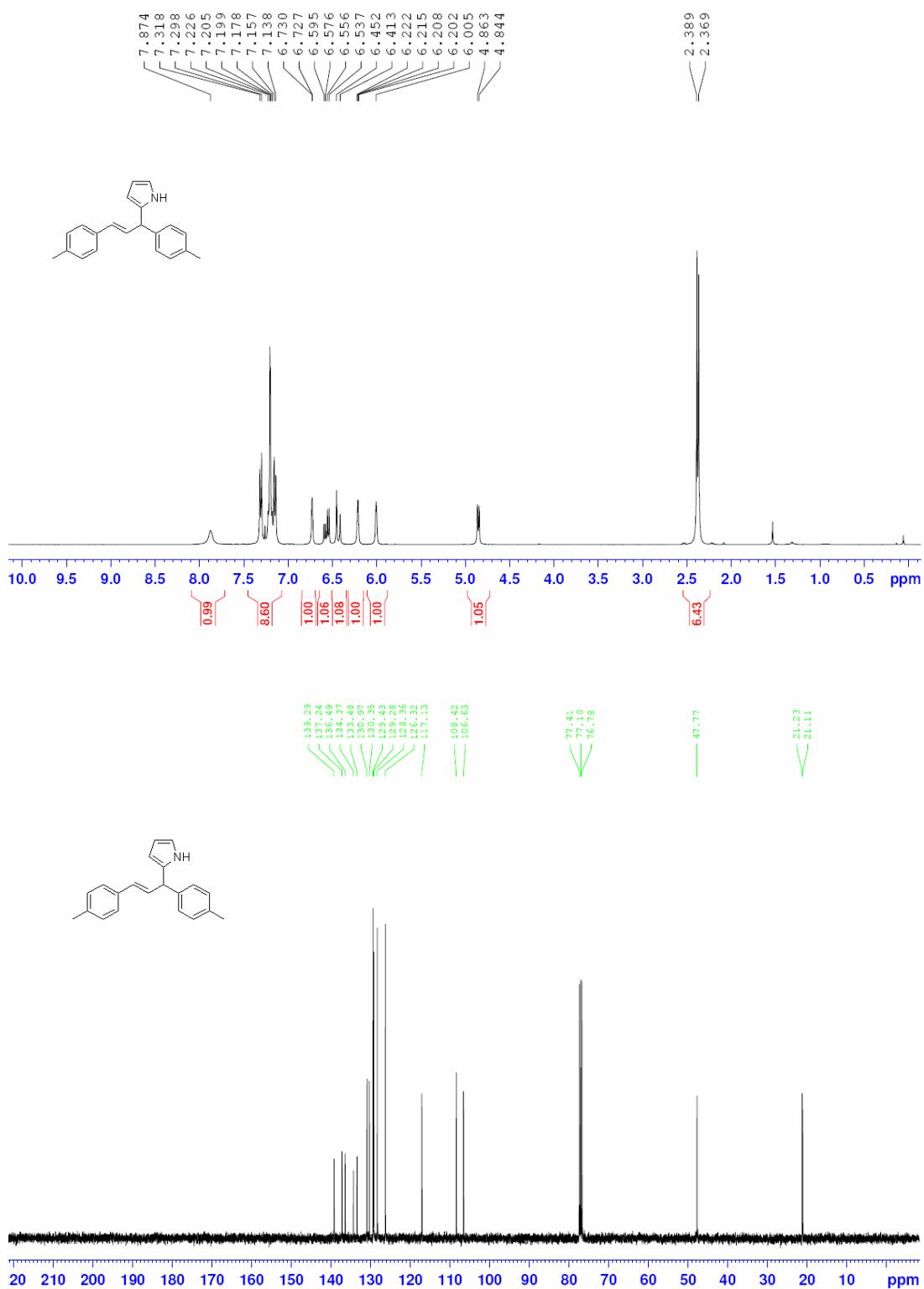
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 2-(4-Hydroxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)cyclohex-2-enone (**3r**)



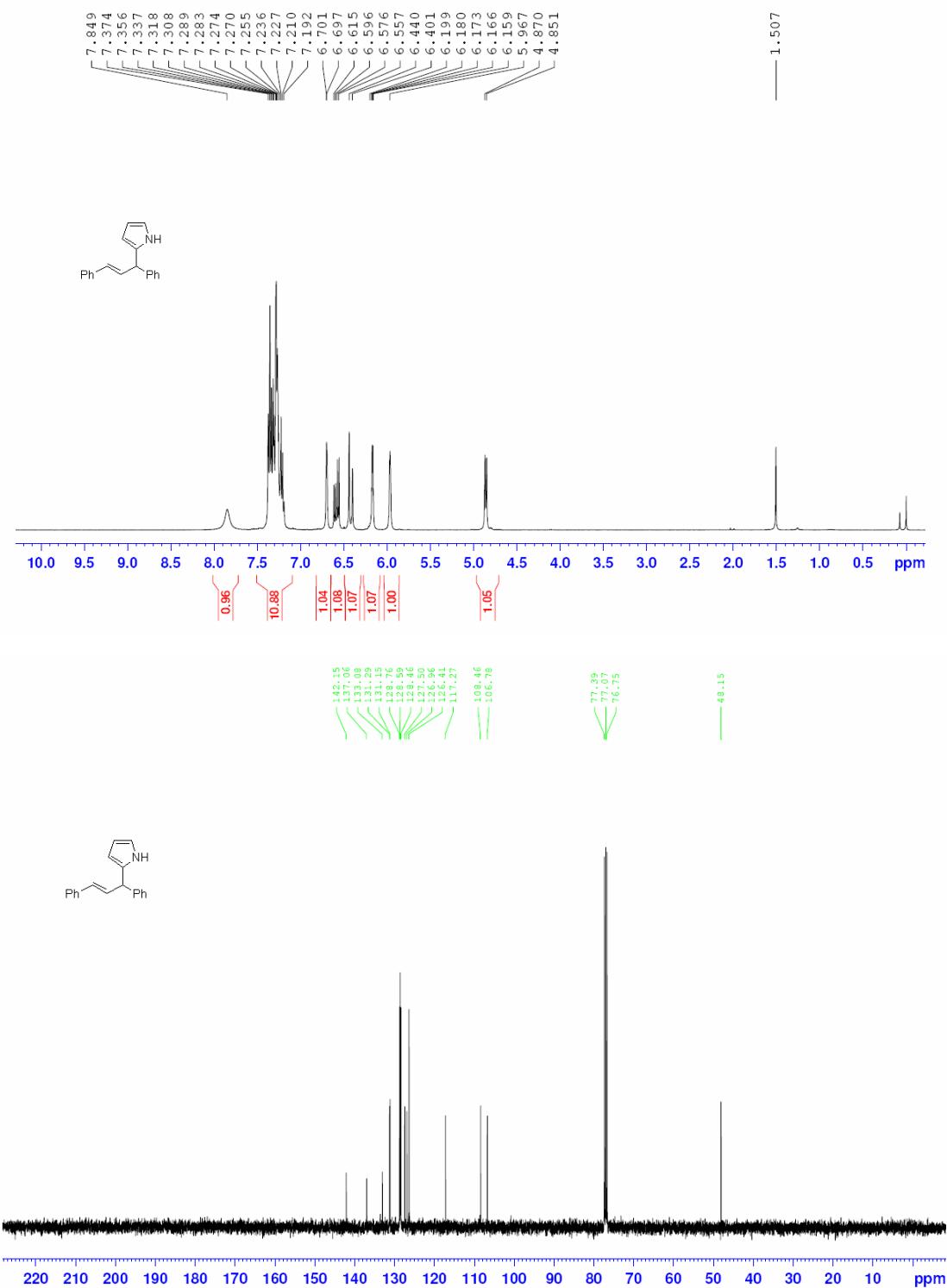
**Figure S19.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-1H-pyrrole (**3s**)



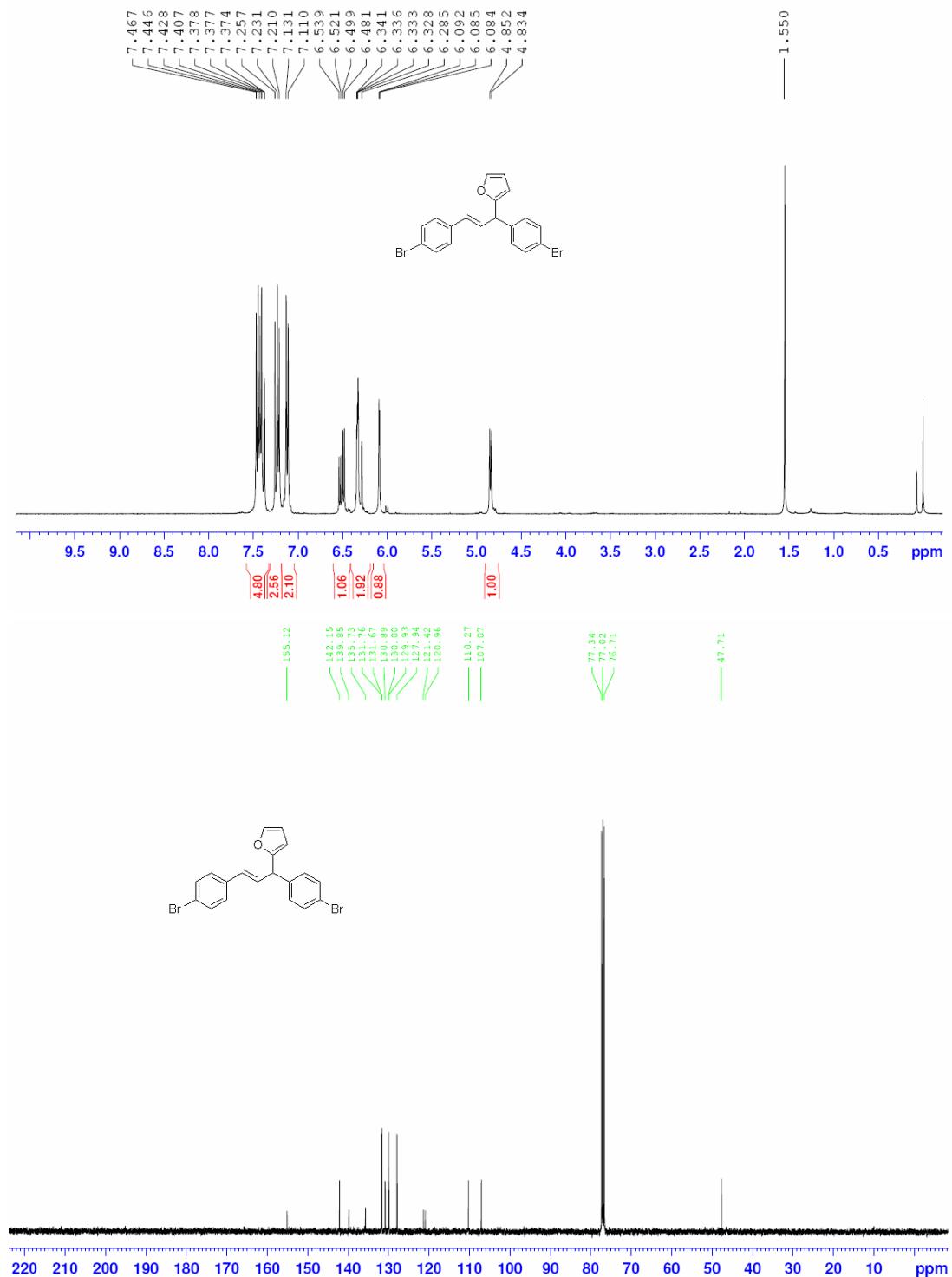
**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2-(1,3-di-*p*-tolylallyl)-1*H*-pyrrole (**3t**)



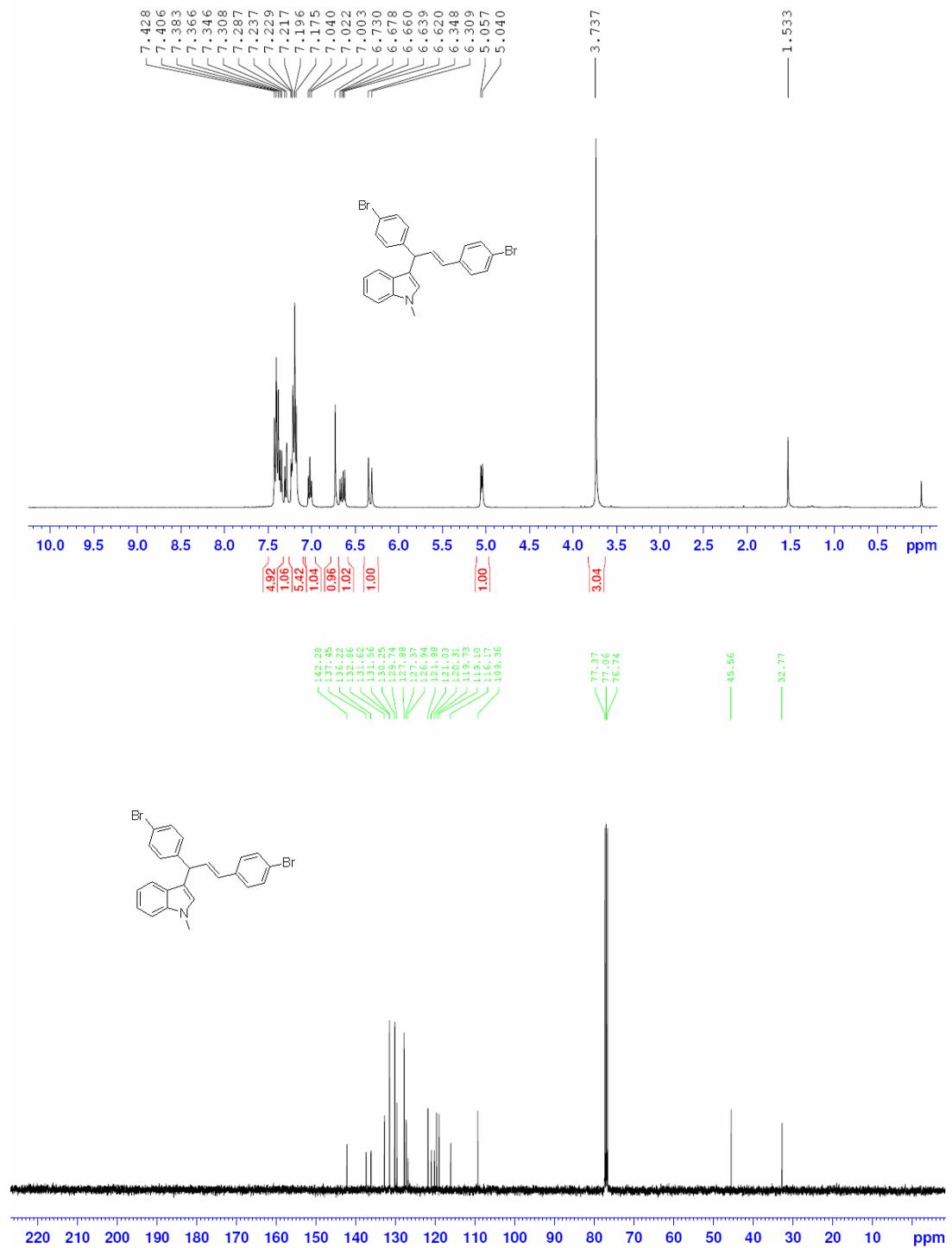
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2-(1,3-diphenylallyl)-1H-pyrrole (**3u**)



**Figure S22.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)furan (3v)



**Figure S23.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-3-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (**3w**)



**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (*E*)-2-(1,3-bis(4-bromophenyl)allyl)-4-methylphenol (**3x**)

