

Iron-catalyzed Ene-type Propargylation of Diarylethylenes with Propargyl Alcohols

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1. General Information

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 (300 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.0) or tetramethylsilane (TMS δ 0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), bs (broad singlet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT LCQ spectrometer in EI mode and API 3000TM in APCI (Heated Nebulizer) mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin layer chromatography (TLC), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F254) were used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with iodine. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040-0.063 mm) mesh silica gel.

2. Preparation of Starting Materials

Compounds **1a** and **2a** were commercially available. Compounds **1b-1d**^[1], **2b-2s**^[2] and **2t-2y**^[3] were prepared according to literature, respectively.

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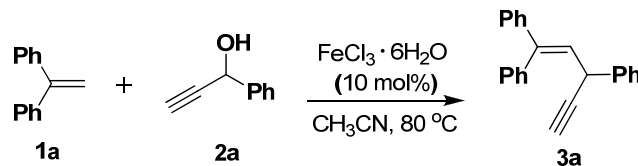
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[2] Casey, Charles P.; Dzwiniel, Trevor L.; Kraft, Stefan; Guzei, Iliia A. *Organometallics*, **2003**, 22(19), 3915-3920.

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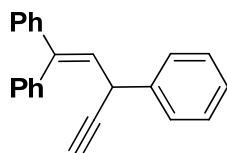
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3. Representative Procedure for Iron-catalyzed Reaction

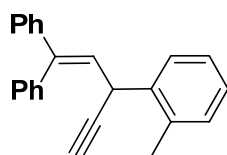


To a solution of **1a** (0.2 mmol) and **2a** (0.24 mmol) in 1 ml acetonitrile, Iron (III) chloride hexahydrate (0.02 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°C for 2h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, eluted by hexane to afford the desired product **3a** as oil liquid (77% yield).

4. Analytical Data of the Products

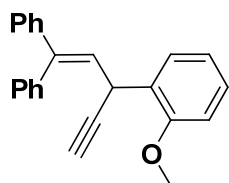


Pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1,3-triyltribenzene (3a): 77% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.46\text{--}7.22$ (m, 15H), 6.16 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.52 (dd, $J = 10.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 142.09, 141.57, 139.97, 139.04, 129.83, 128.61, 128.51, 128.14, 128.05, 127.60, 127.52, 127.28, 126.95, 84.35, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.76, 37.04$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 294.1409. found 294.1407.

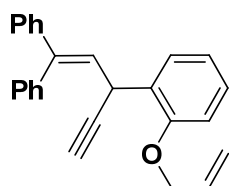


(3-*o*-Tolylpent-1-en-4-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3b): 72% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.72$

(d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.12 (m, 14H), 6.14 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dd, $J = 9.9, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 142.30, 141.80, 139.12, 138.61, 135.66, 130.49, 129.91, 128.31, 128.10, 127.67, 127.50, 127.46, 127.28, 127.01, 126.43, 85.11, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.28, 34.84, 19.05$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 308.1565, found 308.1578.

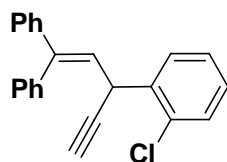


(3-(2-Ethoxyphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3c): 74% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.58$ (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.15 (m, 12H), 6.97 (td, $J = 7.5, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, $J = 9.8, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (m, 3H), 2.31 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 155.75, 142.23, 141.84, 139.36, 130.03, 128.98, 128.46, 128.13, 128.07, 128.00, 127.66, 127.29, 127.24, 120.65, 111.70, 85.56, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 70.21, 63.66, 31.60, 14.69$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 338.1671, found 338.1682.

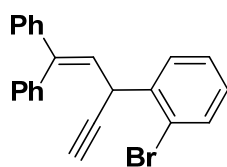


(3-(2-Allyloxyphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3d): 84% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.60$ (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.18 (m, 12H), 7.00 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.85–6.78 (m, 1H), 6.16 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt, $J = 17.3, 10.4, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.27–5.11 (m, 2H), 4.90 (dd, $J = 9.9, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.52–4.34 (m, 2H), 2.32 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz,

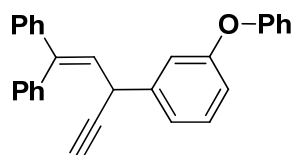
CDCl₃): δ = 155.37, 142.14, 141.96, 139.33, 133.27, 130.01, 129.06, 128.49, 128.10, 128.00, 127.84, 127.62, 127.30, 127.26, 120.97, 117.06, 112.10, 85.35, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 70.32, 68.89, 31.79;
HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₂O [M+H]⁺ 350.1671, found 350.1683.



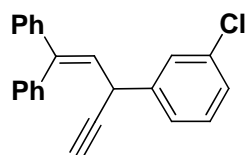
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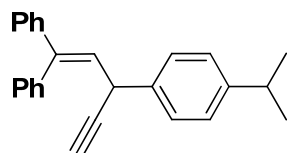
(3-(2-Bromophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3f): 73% yield; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.05 (m, 12H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H).
¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 143.54, 141.90, 139.88, 139.10, 133.07, 130.03, 129.30, 128.60, 128.18, 128.08, 127.83, 127.77, 127.63, 127.57, 126.42, 123.50, 84.45, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.76, 37.54; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₃H₁₇Br [M+H]⁺ 372.0514, found 372.0522.



(3-(3-Phenoxyphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3g): 73% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.44–7.19 (m, 13H), 7.15–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 (ddd, J = 6.4, 3.1, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 157.60, 156.98, 142.46, 141.98, 141.47, 138.93, 129.81, 129.76, 128.52, 128.15, 127.68, 127.61, 127.51, 123.34, 122.01, 119.03, 117.82, 117.10, 83.92, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.98, 36.89; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 386.1671, found 386.1672.

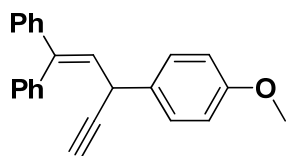


(3-(3-Chlorophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3h): 50% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.58–7.06 (m, 15H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.76, 142.03, 141.32, 138.83, 134.45, 129.81, 129.74, 128.60, 128.20, 127.75, 127.71, 127.52, 127.49, 127.21, 127.19, 125.55, 83.57, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.33, 36.79; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 328.1019, found 328.1019.

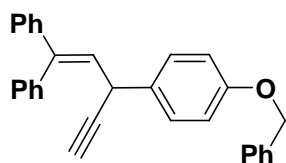


(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3i): 85% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.48–7.18 (m, 15H), 6.18 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.01–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.39 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 147.56,

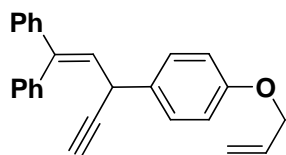
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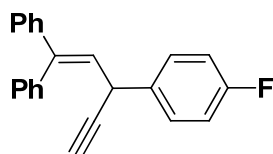
(3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3j): 85% yield; 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 7.44–7.21 (m, 12H), 6.90–6.83 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.39 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 158.57, 141.75, 141.64, 139.09, 132.11, 129.84, 128.48, 128.35, 128.28, 128.12, 127.56, 127.52, 114.00, 84.69, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.53, 55.29, 36.26; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{24}H_{20}O$ $[M+H]^+$ 324.1514, found 324.1517.



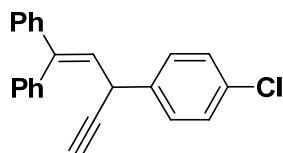
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(3-(4-(Allyloxy)phenyl)pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3l): 76% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.47\text{--}7.21$ (m, 12H), 6.91–6.84 (m, 2H), 6.13 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.10–5.98 (m, 1H), 5.41 (dd, $J = 17.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, $J = 10.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 (dt, $J = 5.3, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 10.2, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 157.60, 141.77, 141.64, 139.08, 133.31, 132.27, 129.84, 128.48, 128.33, 128.26, 128.12, 127.56, 127.52, 127.47, 117.63, 114.85, 84.66, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.55, 68.87, 36.26$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 350.1671, found 350.1681

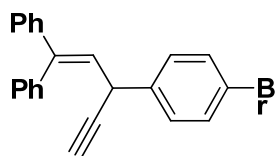


(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3m): 75% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.48\text{--}7.20$ (m, 12H), 7.05–6.96 (m, 2H), 6.11 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, $J = 10.1, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 142.26, 141.43, 138.92, 129.77, 128.87, 128.76, 128.56, 128.18, 127.81, 127.69, 127.63, 127.51, 115.52, 115.24, 84.16, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.98, 36.36$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 312.1314, found 312.1329

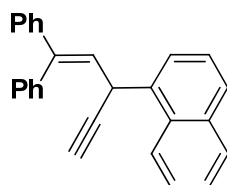


(3-(4-Chlorophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3n): 44% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.44\text{--}7.16$ (m, 14H), 6.07 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, $J = 10.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, $J =$

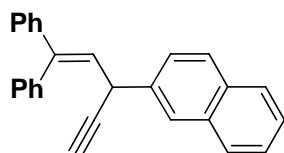
2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.53, 141.36, 138.87, 138.53, 132.78, 129.74, 128.70, 128.66, 128.57, 128.18, 127.72, 127.67, 127.51, 127.45, 83.84, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.15, 36.52; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 328.1019, found 328.1033.



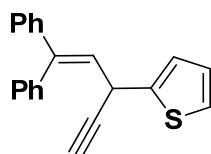
(3-(4-Bromophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-1,1-diyl)dibenzene (3o): 78% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.49–7.16 (m, 14H), 6.09 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.59, 141.36, 139.10, 138.87, 131.67, 129.74, 129.05, 128.58, 128.19, 127.73, 127.68, 127.52, 127.37, 120.89, 83.77, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.16, 36.60; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 372.0514, found 372.0517.



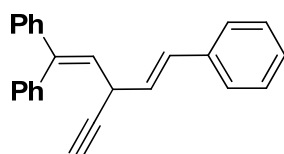
1-(1,1-Diphenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)naphthalene (3p): 90% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.92–7.84 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.42 (m, 7H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.13 (m, 5H), 6.24 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.27, 141.79, 139.10, 136.13, 133.93, 130.73, 130.02, 128.71, 128.50, 128.16, 128.05, 127.93, 127.88, 127.73, 127.50, 125.85, 125.60, 125.57, 124.97, 123.61, 84.93, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.26, 34.84; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 344.1565, found 344.1565.



2-(1,1-Diphenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)naphthalene (3q): 79% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.87 (dd, J = 7.3, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.41 (m, 7H), 7.36 (ddd, J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.14 (m, 5H), 6.23 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 142.28, 141.80, 139.11, 136.14, 133.95, 130.74, 130.03, 128.72, 128.50, 128.17, 128.06, 127.94, 127.88, 127.74, 127.50, 125.85, 125.60, 125.58, 124.97, 123.62, 84.94, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.25, 34.84; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 344.1565, found 344.1568.

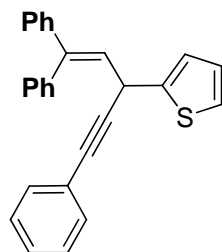


2-(1,1-Diphenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)thiophene (3r): 73% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.44–7.23 (m, 10H), 7.19 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.98 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J = 5.1, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71–4.64 (m, 1H), 2.40 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.83, 142.62, 141.36, 138.66, 129.73, 128.52, 128.19, 127.73, 127.70, 127.62, 127.08, 126.87, 124.63, 124.57, 83.62, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.33, 32.79; HRMS (EI): calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 300.0973, found 300.0974.

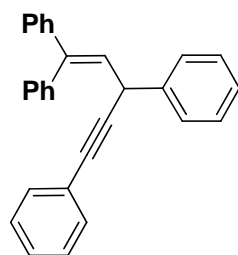


(3-Ethynylpenta-1,4-diene-1,1,5-triyl)tribenzene (3s): 76% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ =

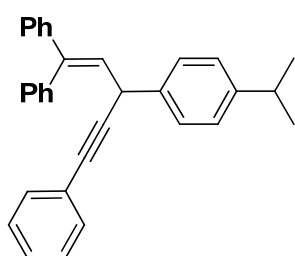
7.53–7.21 (m, 30H), 6.73 (dd, $J = 15.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, $J = 16.0, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, $J = 8.9, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.12 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (ddd, $J = 14.1, 3.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 9.5, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.20–4.07 (m, 1H), 2.94 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 147.60, 145.70, 142.85, 142.75, 142.19, 141.84, 141.58, 139.42, 138.99, 136.86, 130.63, 130.16, 129.67, 129.55, 128.72, 128.51, 128.46, 128.38, 128.16, 128.14, 127.59, 127.56, 127.52, 127.49, 127.42, 127.41, 127.35, 126.71, 126.42, 109.32, 108.07, 83.63, 82.19, 81.76, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.89, 48.32, 45.81, 34.56$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 320.1565, found 320.1558.



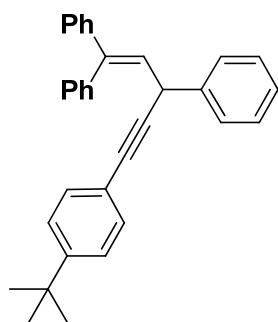
2-(1,1,5-Triphenylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)thiophene (3t): 41% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.39\text{--}7.12$ (m, 15H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.96–6.92 (m, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 144.74, 142.26, 141.53, 138.79, 131.73, 129.84, 128.51, 128.22, 128.19, 128.07, 127.68, 127.64, 127.49, 126.88, 124.52, 124.47, 123.27, 89.08, 83.36, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 33.60$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 376.1286, found 376.1290.



Pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1,3,5-tetrayltetrabenzene (3u): 81% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.38–7.07 (m, 20H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 141.72, 140.64, 139.16, 131.70, 129.93, 128.59, 128.50, 128.46, 128.20, 128.14, 127.90, 127.54, 127.46, 127.40, 126.86, 123.58, 89.75, 83.95, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 37.85. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{22}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.1722, found 370.1729.

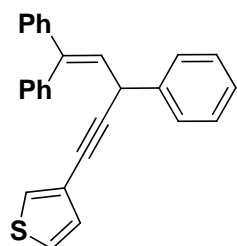


(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1,5-triyl)tribenzene (3v): 60% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.51–7.42 (m, 4H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.34–7.19 (m, 10H), 6.25 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (hept, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 147.47, 141.83, 141.54, 139.25, 137.96, 131.72, 129.97, 128.69, 128.48, 128.19, 128.13, 127.83, 127.55, 127.50, 127.41, 127.32, 126.65, 123.73, 90.06, 83.76, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 37.48, 33.74, 24.00; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 412.2191, found 412.2196.

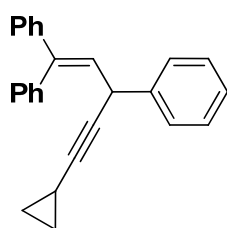


(5-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)pent-1-en-4-yne-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3w): 60% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.45 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.5 Hz, 6H), 7.41–7.33 (m, 7H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 6H), 6.25 (d, J = 10.1 Hz,

1H), 4.75 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 151.13, 141.81, 141.60, 140.81, 139.24, 131.43, 129.97, 128.70, 128.56, 128.49, 128.14, 127.56, 127.53, 127.43, 126.81, 125.20, 120.61, 89.02, 84.04, 77.25, 77.00, 76.75, 37.90, 34.70, 31.18$. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{30}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 426.2348, found 426.2346.

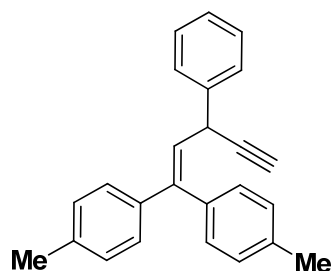


3-(3,5,5-Triphenylpent-4-en-1-ynyl)thiophene (3x): 43% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.49\text{--}7.30$ (m, 10H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 7H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 141.73, 140.61, 139.15, 130.08, 129.93, 128.60, 128.50, 128.39, 128.22, 128.14, 127.54, 127.48, 127.40, 126.87, 125.07, 122.56, 89.26, 78.96, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 37.86$; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 376.1289, found 376.1289.



(5-Cyclopropylpent-1-en-4-yn-1,1,3-triyl)tribenzene (3y): 53% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.41$ (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 7H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 6H), 6.10 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, $J = 10.1, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (dddd, $J = 8.0, 7.0, 5.0, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 0.79–0.74 (m, 2H), 0.72–0.67 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 141.88, 141.23, 140.99, 139.25, 129.93, 129.31, 128.44, 128.40, 128.08, 127.51, 127.41, 127.31, 126.63, 87.10, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 75.33, 37.21, 8.26, 0.20$; HRMS

(EI) calcd for $C_{26}H_{22}$ $[M+H]^+$ 334.1727, found 334.1727.



4,4'-(3-Phenylpent-1-en-4-yne-1,1-diyl)bis(methylbenzene) (3z): 98% yield; 1H NMR (300 MHz,

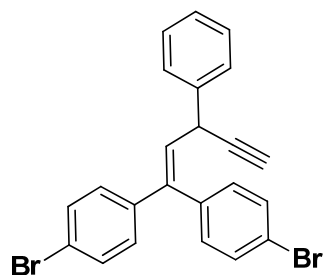
$CDCl_3$): δ = 7.32–7.20 (m, 4H), 7.19–7.09 (m, 5H), 7.08–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.01

(d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 141.94, 140.21, 139.01, 137.27, 137.19, 136.23, 129.72, 129.14,

128.80, 128.55, 127.45, 127.29, 127.02, 126.85, 84.60, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.58, 37.02, 21.25, 21.06;

HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{25}H_{22}$ $[M+H]^+$ 322.1722, found 322.1727.



4,4'-(3-Phenylpent-1-en-4-yne-1,1-diyl)bis(bromobenzene) (3a'): 85% yield; 1H NMR (300 MHz,

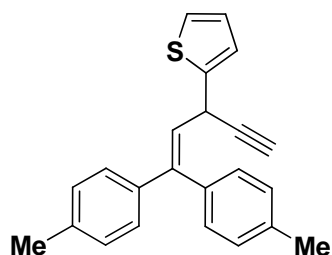
$CDCl_3$): δ = 7.50–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.13 (m, 8H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.98–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.03 (d, J =

10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ

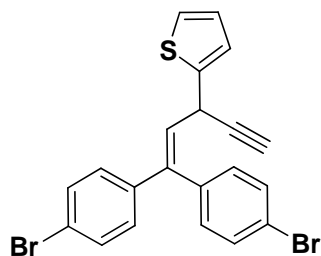
= 140.03, 139.96, 139.43, 137.38, 131.91, 131.47, 131.38, 129.09, 128.76, 127.20, 122.11, 121.91,

83.76, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.19, 37.13; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{16}Br_2$ $[M+H]^+$ 451.9619, found

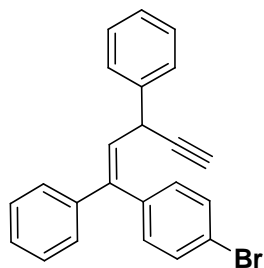
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2-(1,1-Dip-tolylpent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)thiophene (3b'): 73% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.28–7.11 (m, 9H), 7.06 (dd, J = 2.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 5.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, J = 10.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 4H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 144.14, 142.49, 138.78, 137.47, 137.34, 135.84, 129.61, 129.15, 128.85, 127.54, 126.82, 126.06, 124.53, 124.48, 83.86, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.15, 32.78, 21.24, 21.08; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 328.1286, found 328.1281.



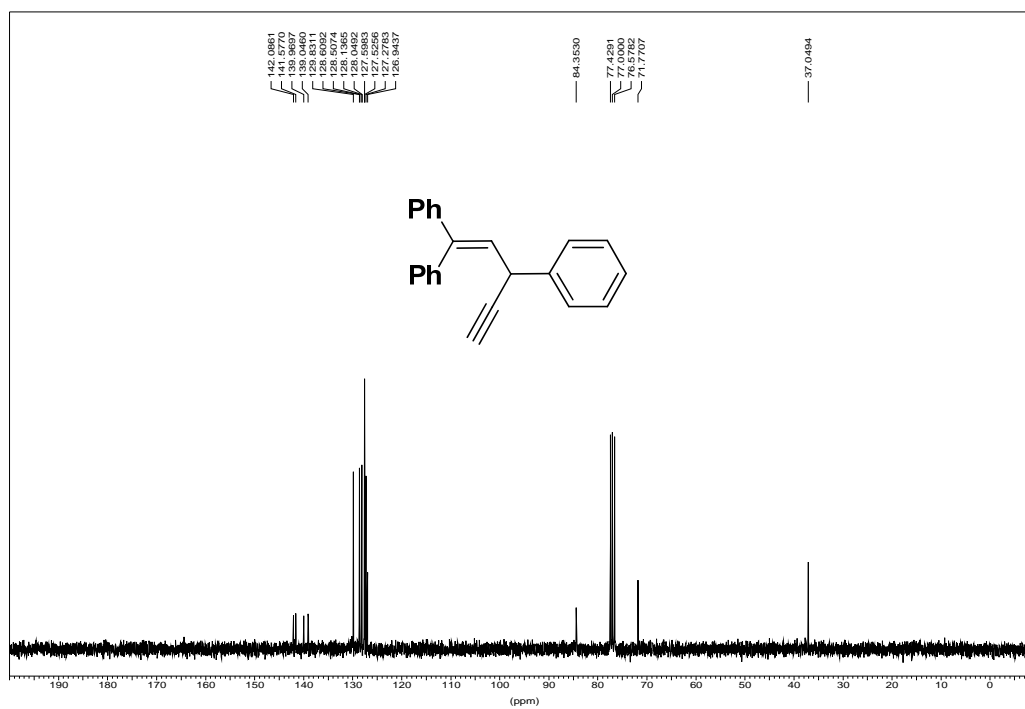
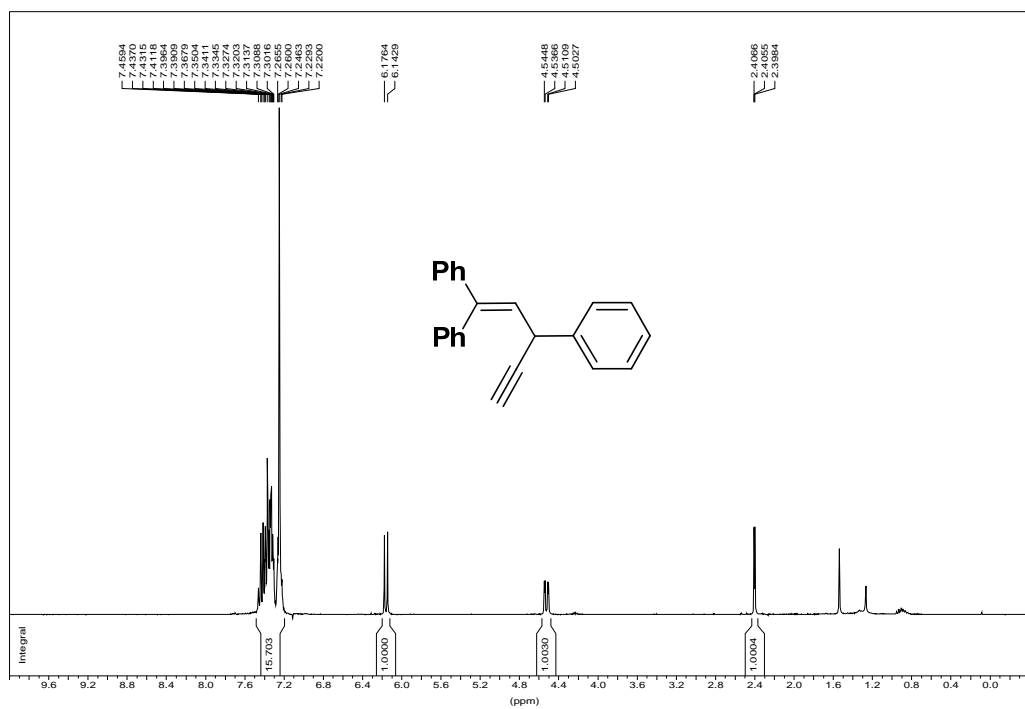
2-(1,1-Bis(4-bromophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yn-3-yl)thiophene (3c'): 57% yield; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.63–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (ddd, J = 10.1, 2.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 143.08, 140.48, 139.80, 136.98, 131.93, 131.45, 131.36, 129.18, 128.09, 126.99, 124.85, 124.72, 122.27, 122.13, 83.00, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 71.78, 32.79. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{Br}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 455.9183, found 457.9165.



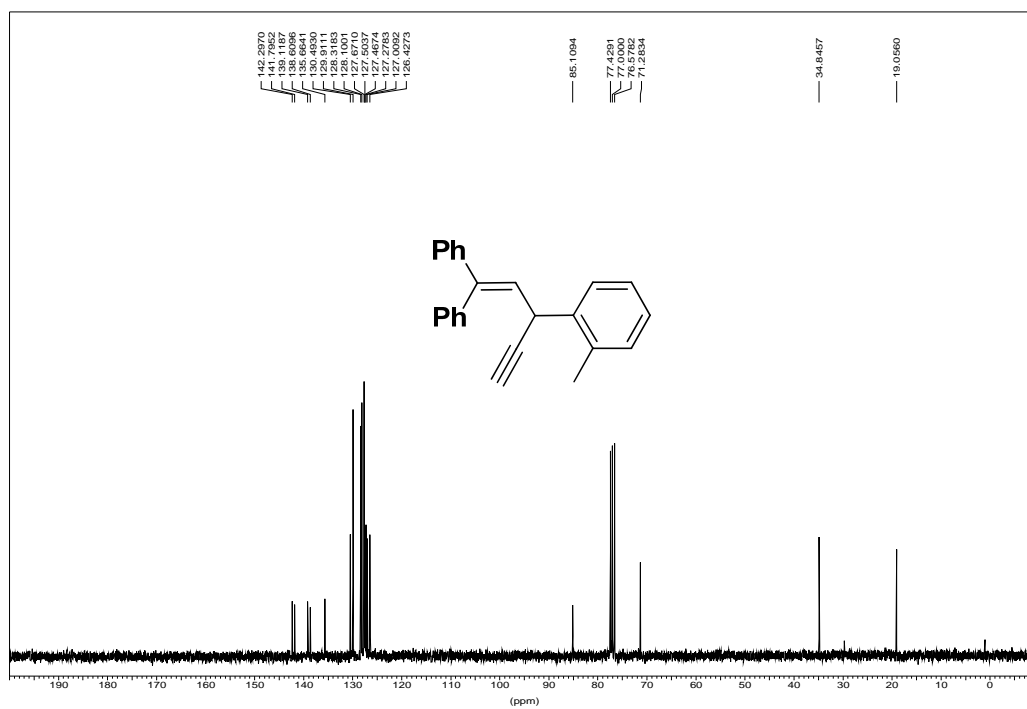
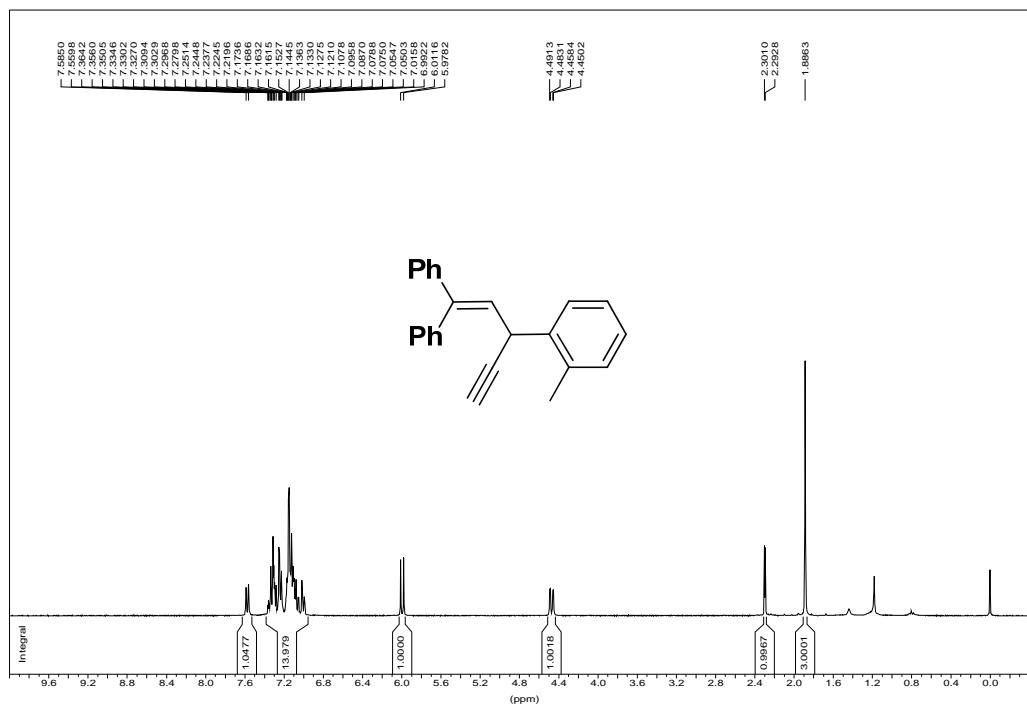
(1-(4-bromophenyl)pent-1-en-4-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (3d'): 75% yield (Z/E~1:1); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.61–7.55 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.18 (m, 12H), 7.14–7.04 (m, 1H), 6.16 (dd, J = 10.1, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.58–4.38 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dd, J = 2.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 141.07, 140.99, 140.55, 139.71, 138.48, 137.96, 131.75, 131.56, 131.25, 129.76, 129.14, 128.70, 128.67, 128.66, 128.57, 128.25, 127.85, 127.77, 127.50, 127.25, 127.23, 127.08, 127.05, 121.83, 121.63, 84.07, 84.04, 77.42, 77.00, 76.58, 72.00, 71.94, 37.09. HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{Br}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 372.0514, found 372.0522.

5. NMR Spectra of the Products

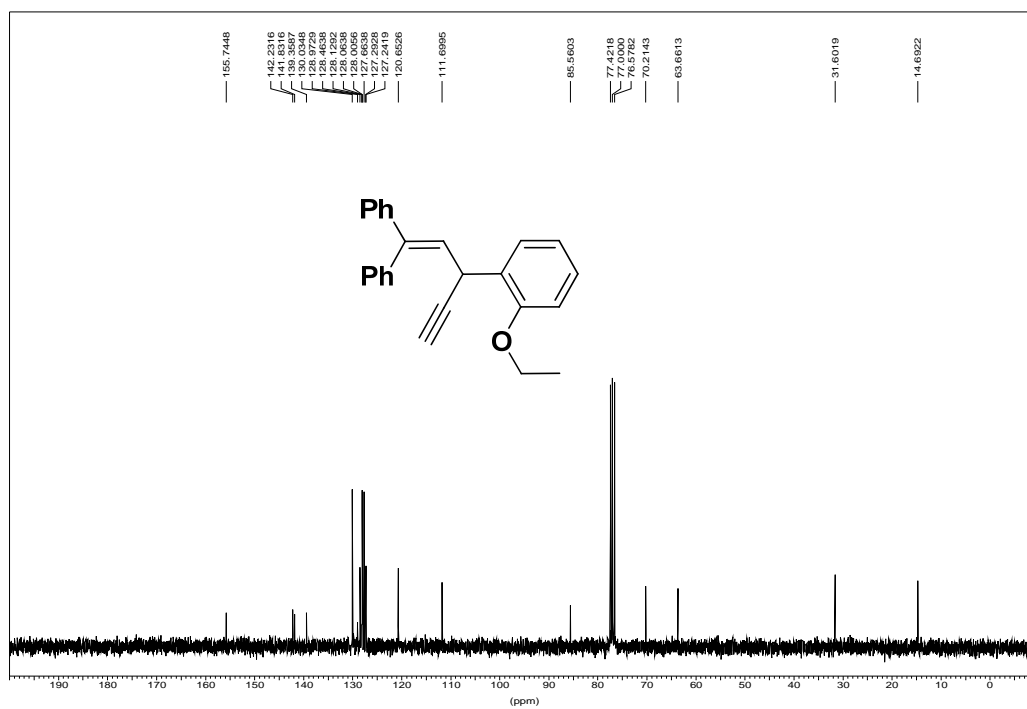
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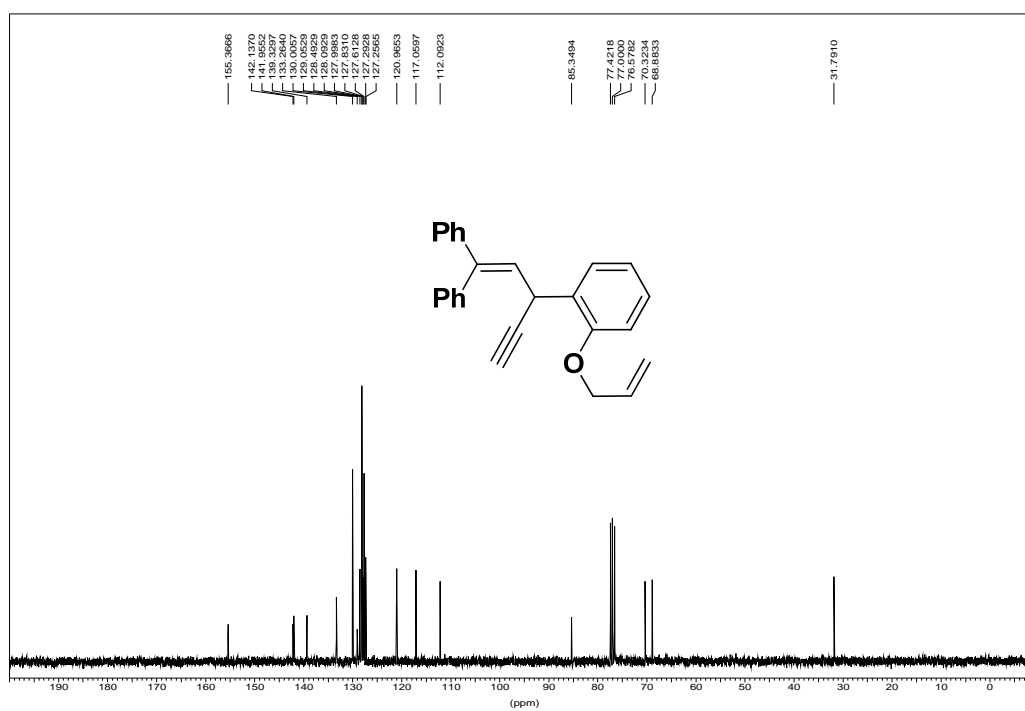
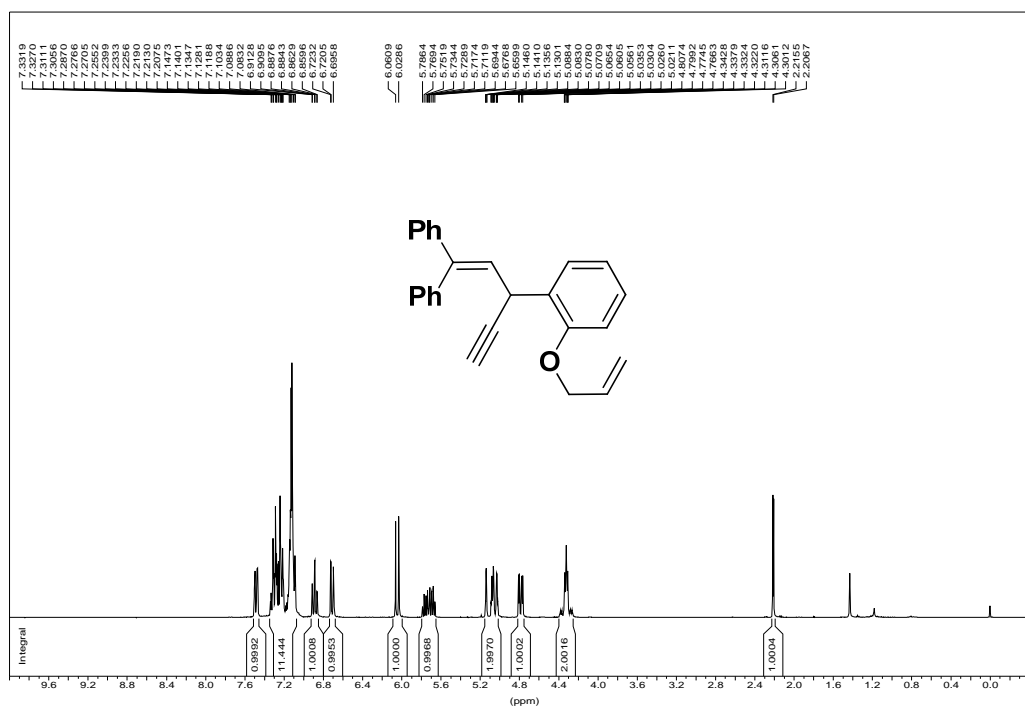
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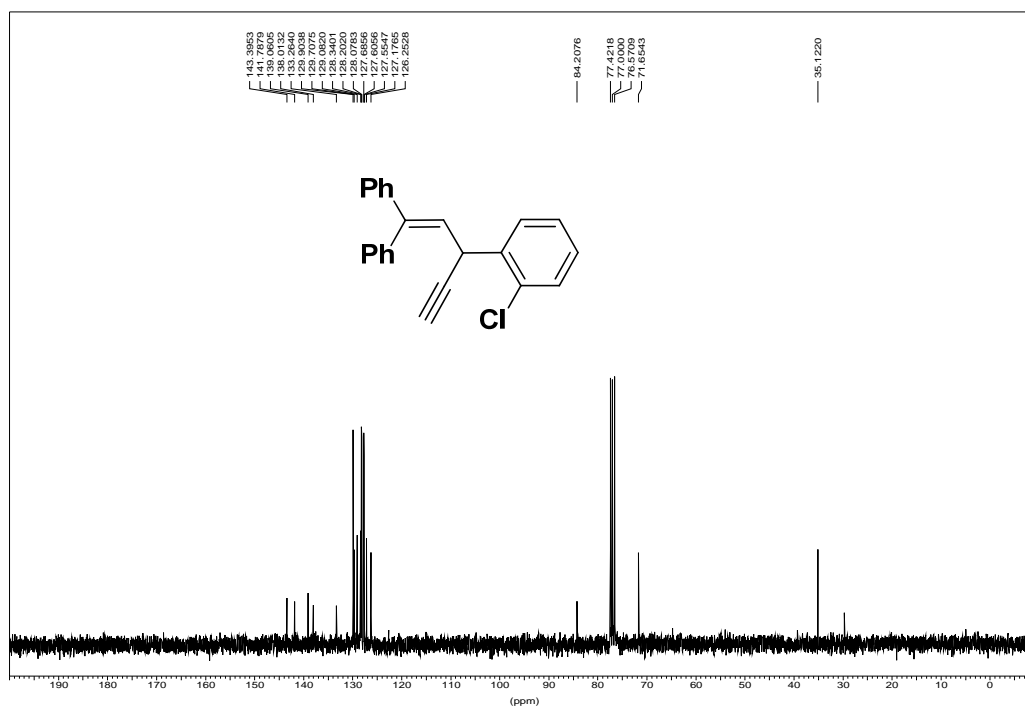
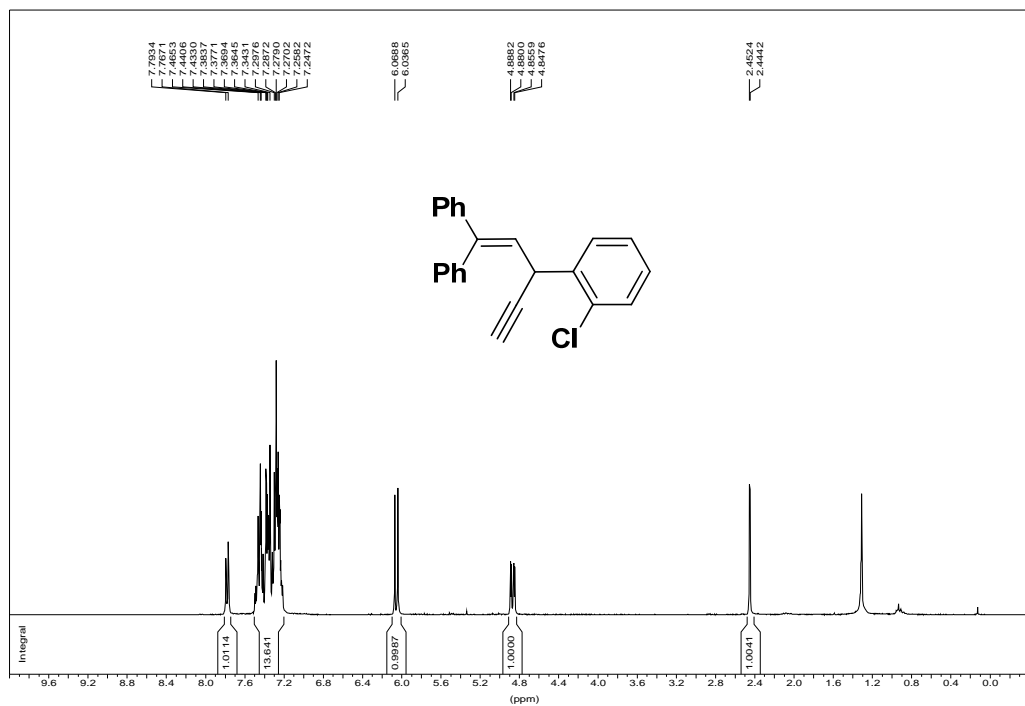
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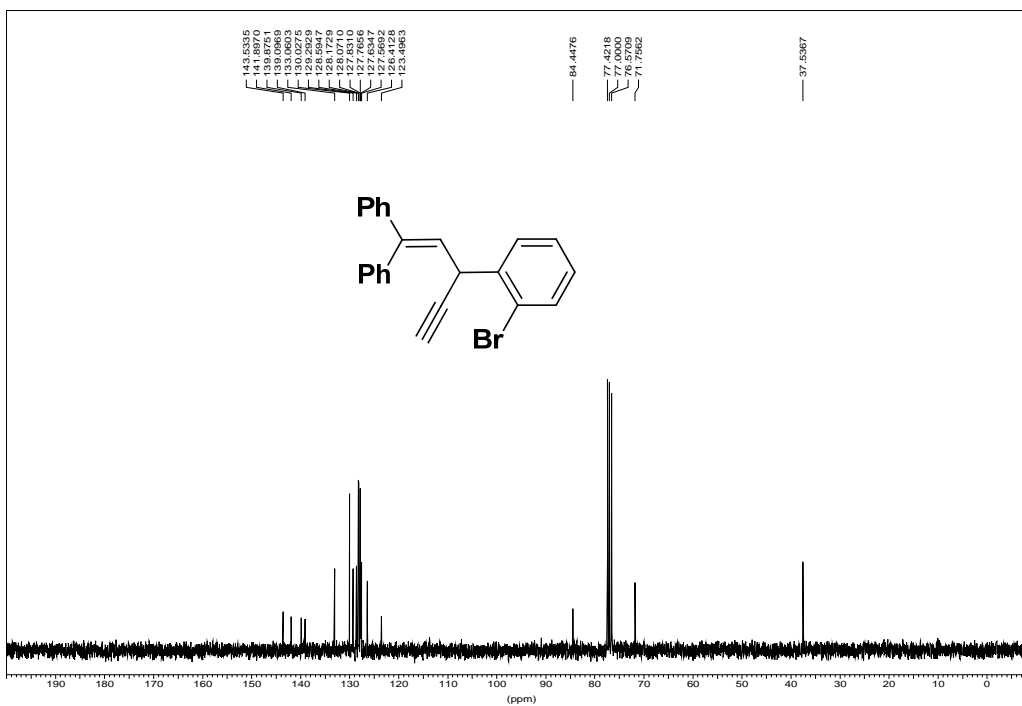
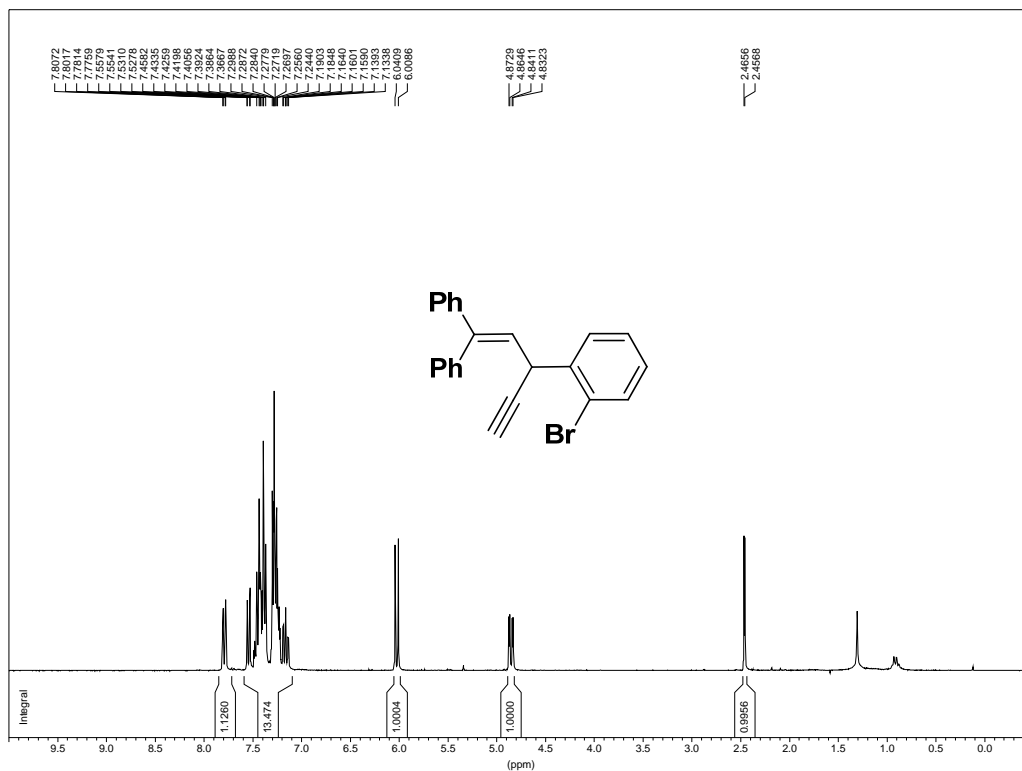
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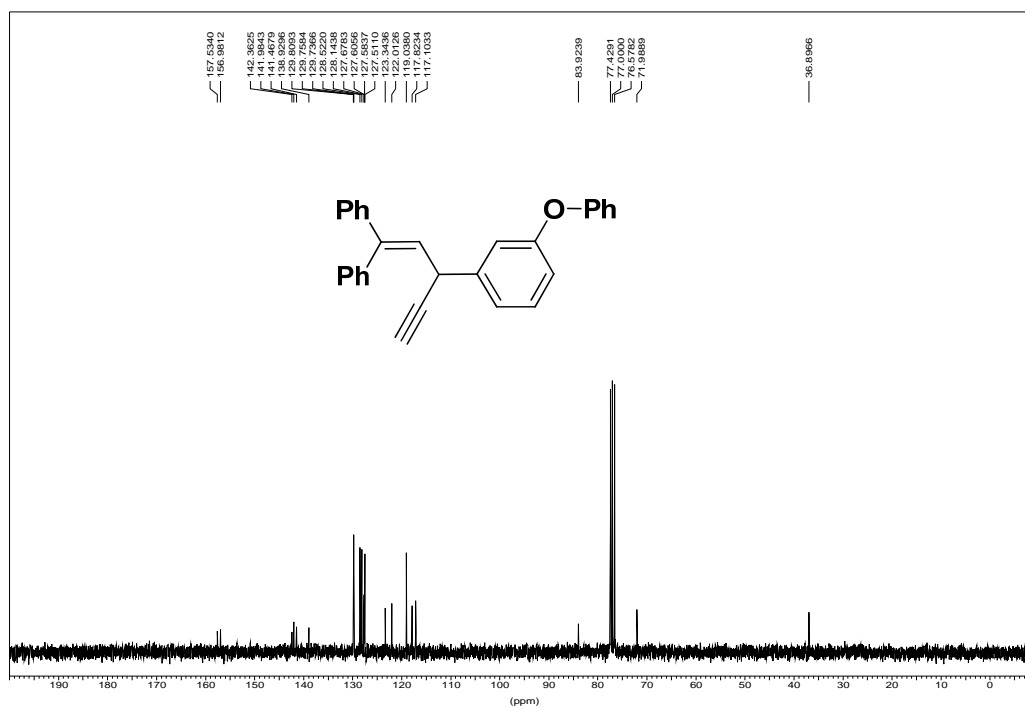
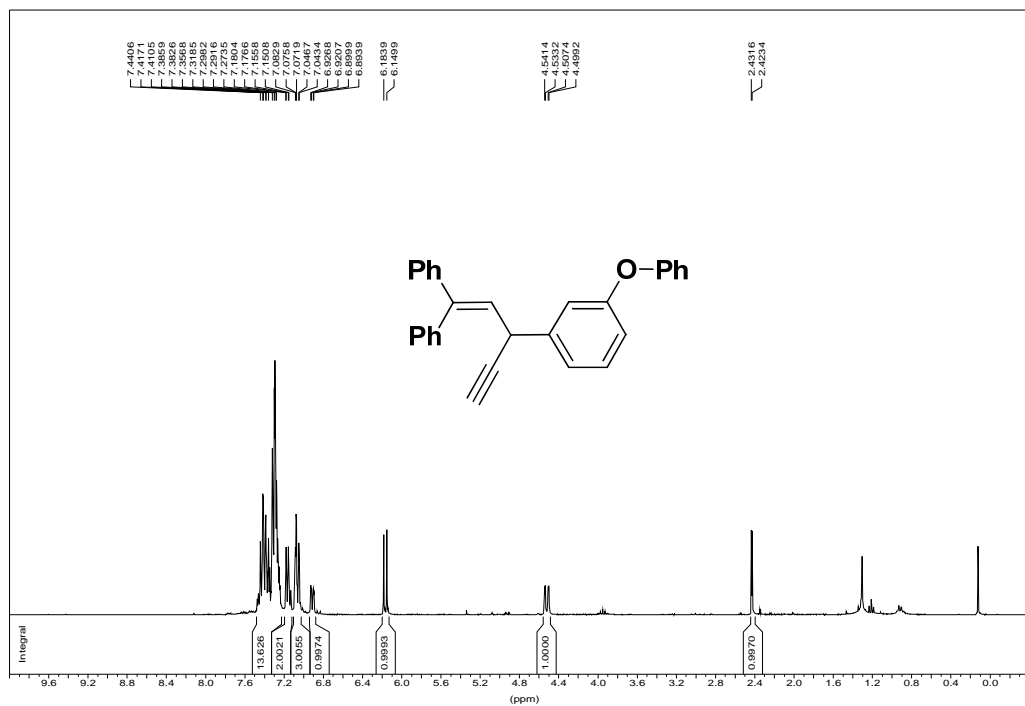
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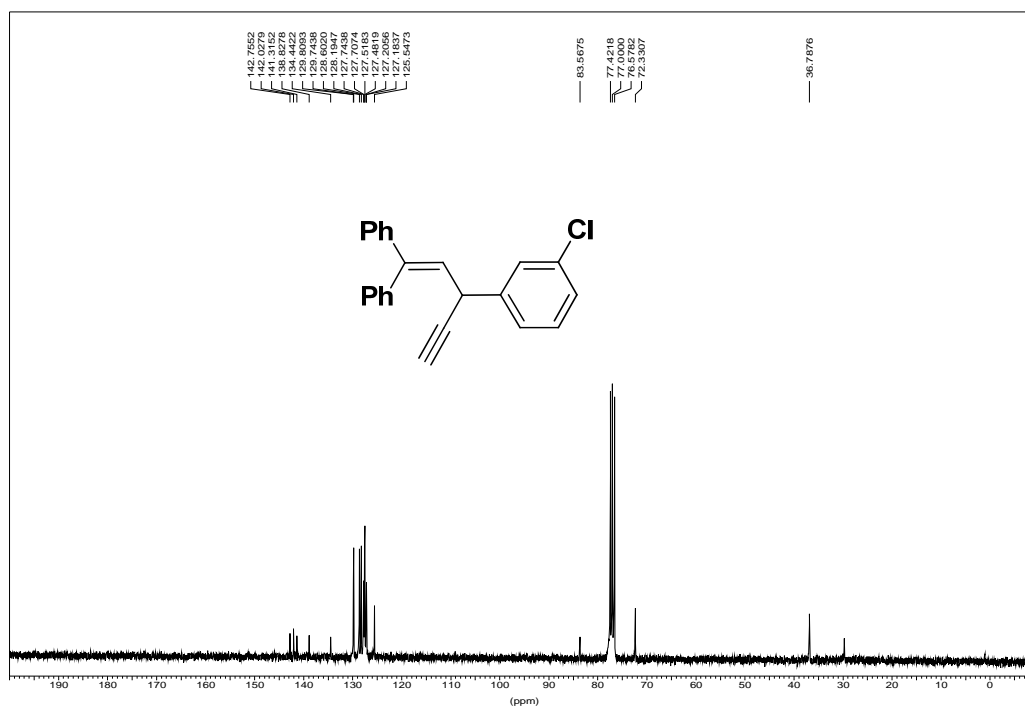
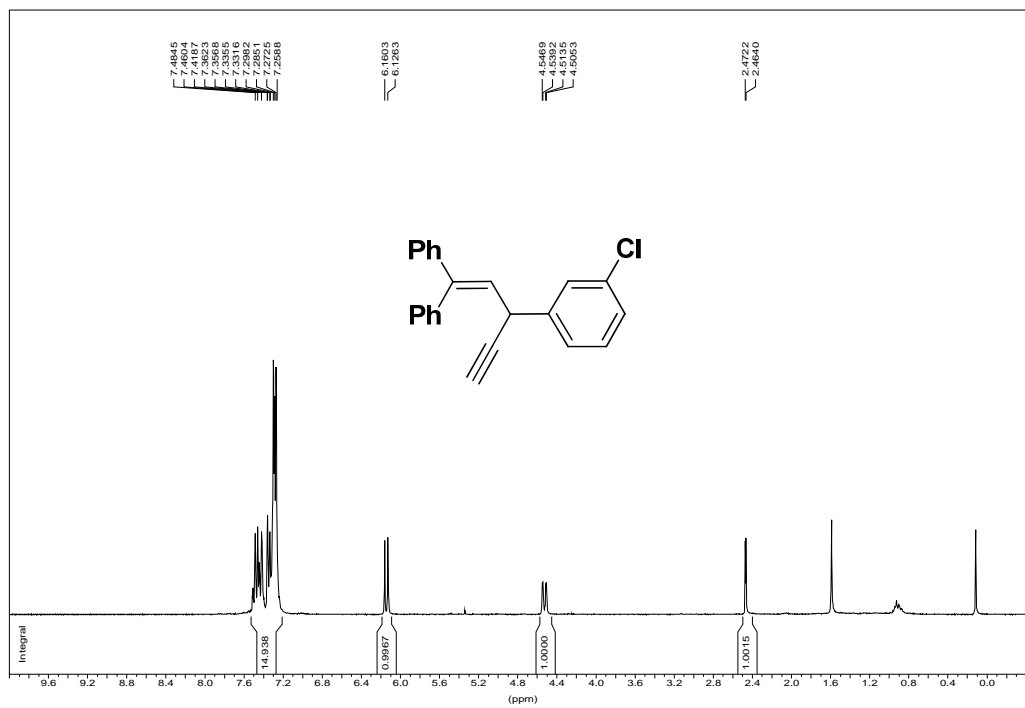
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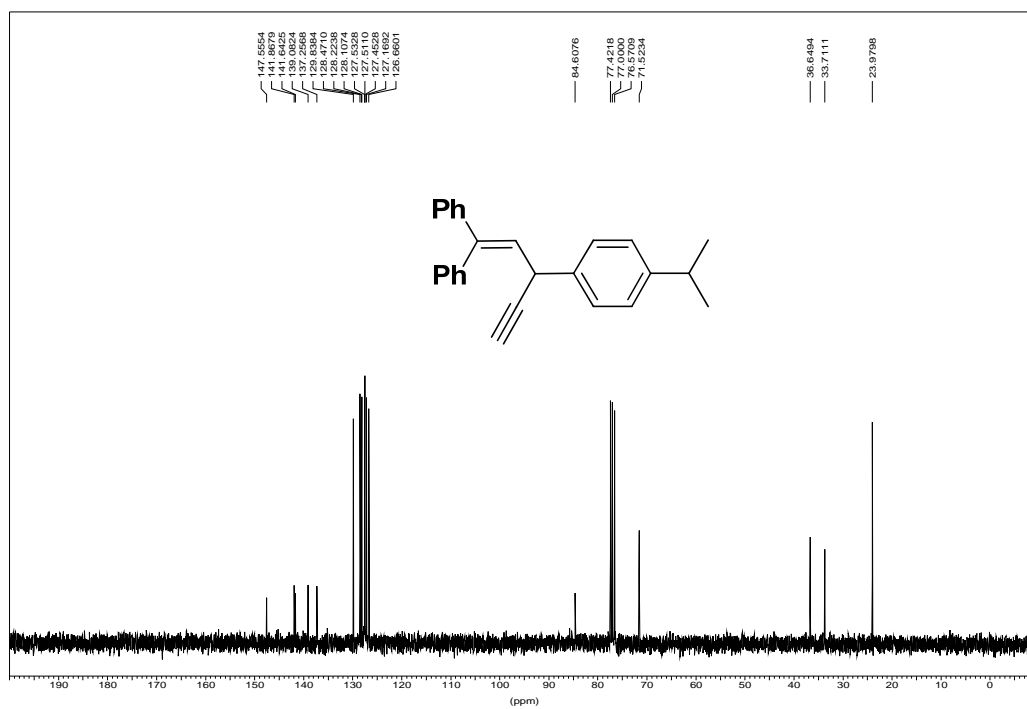
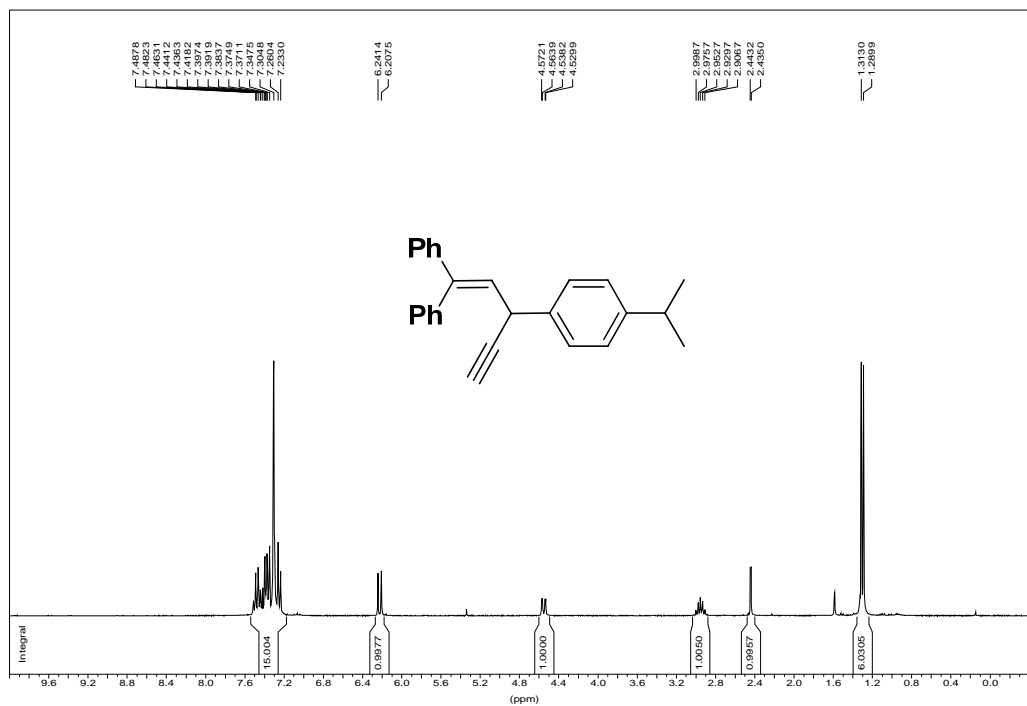
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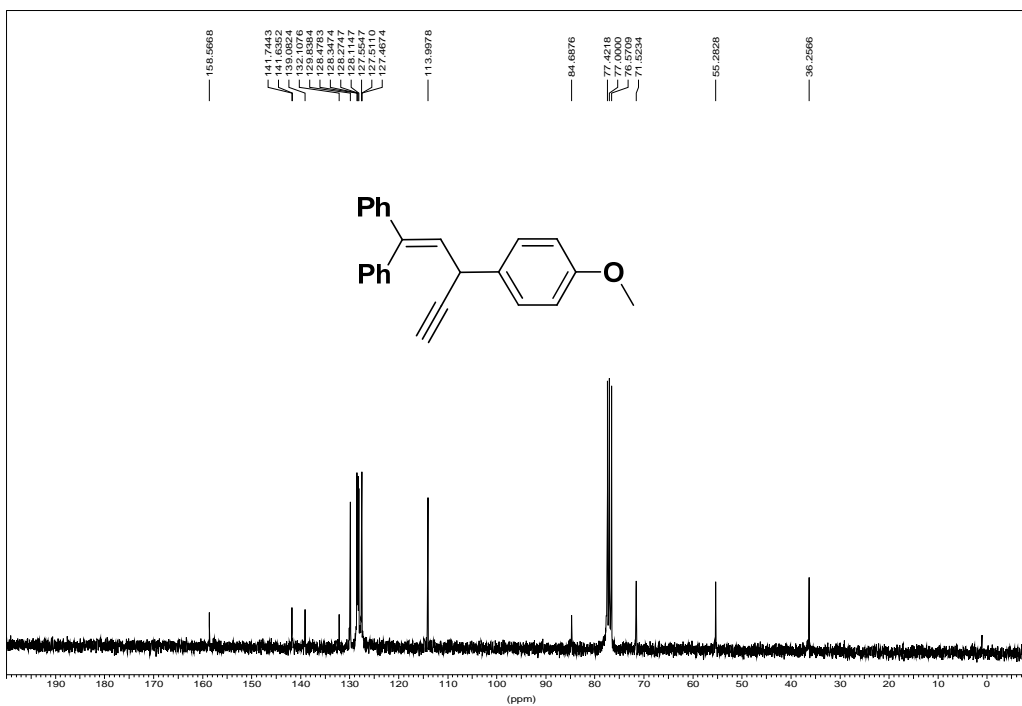
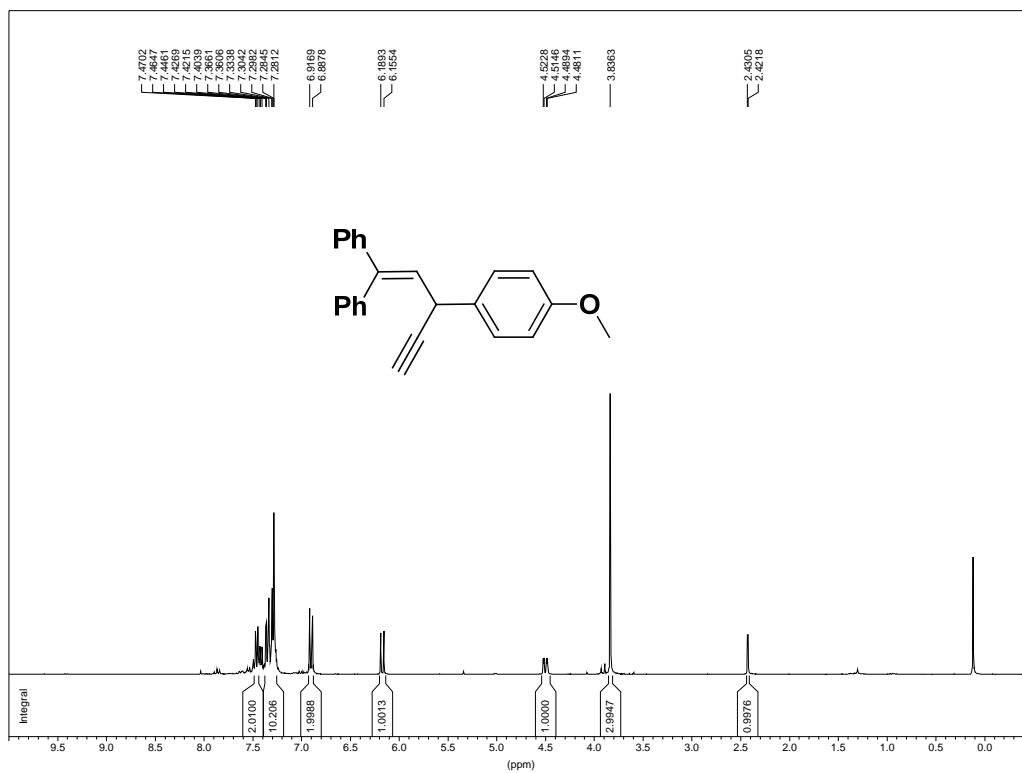
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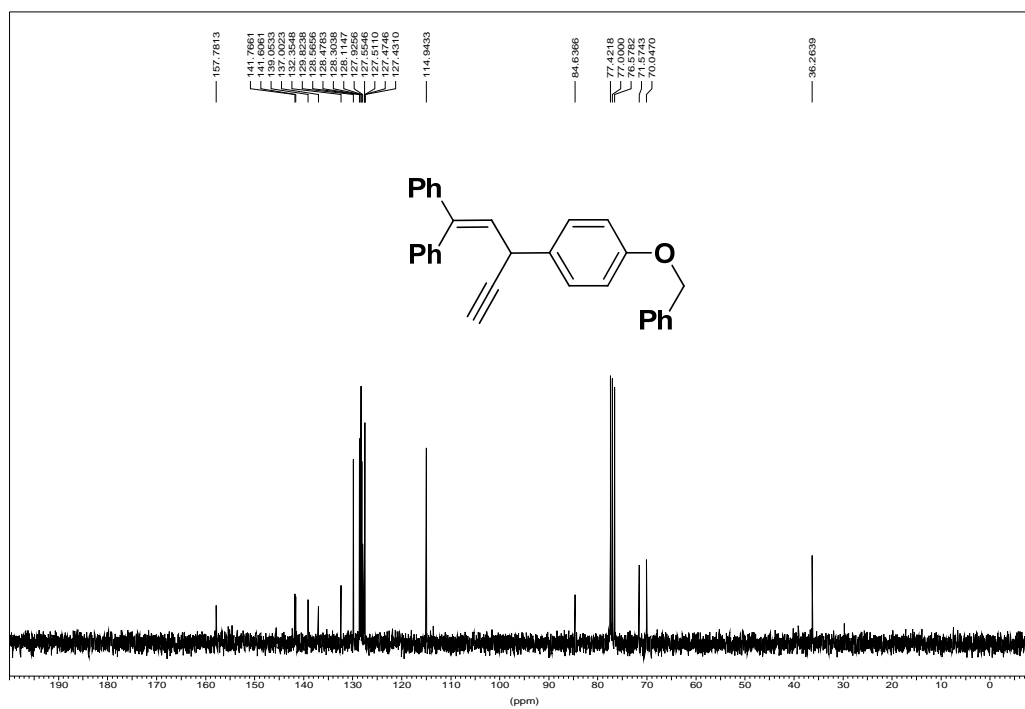
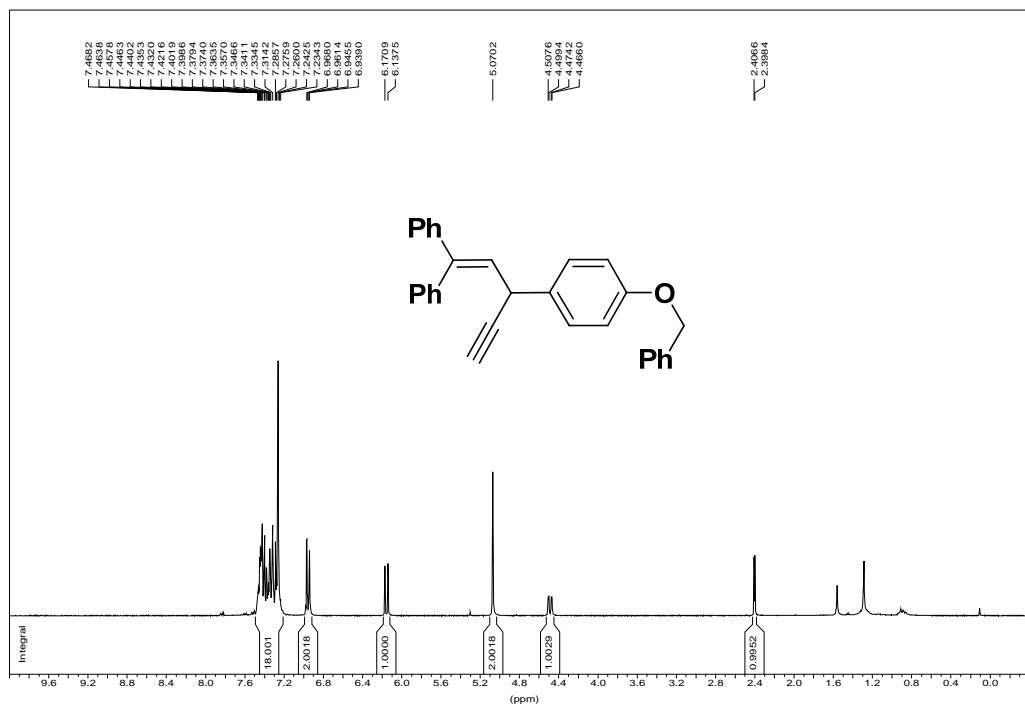
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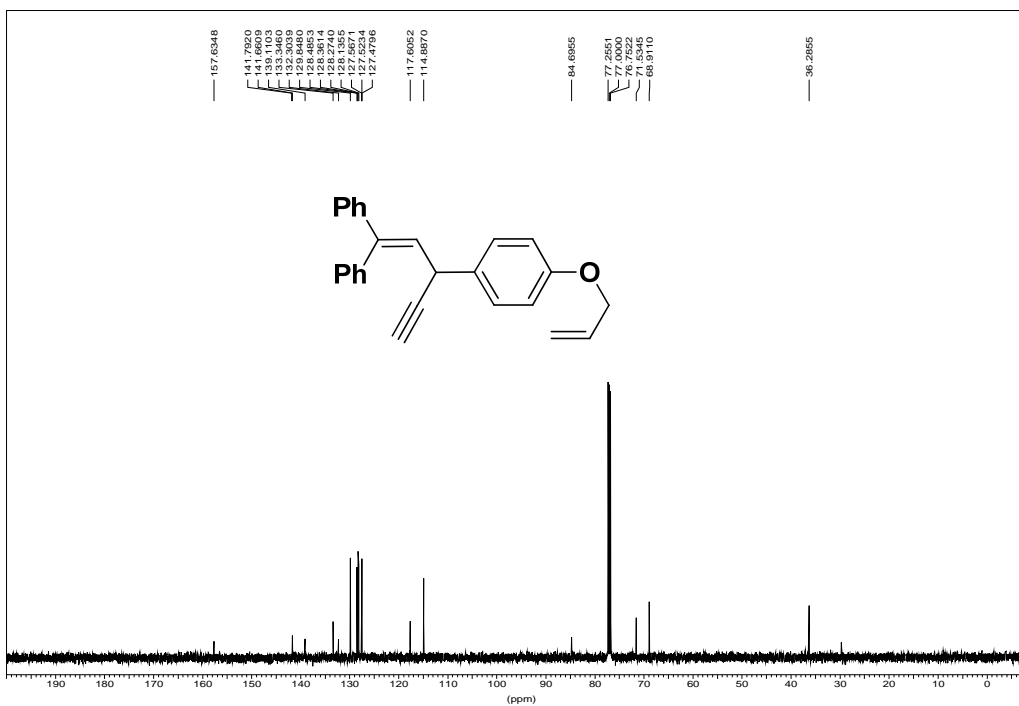
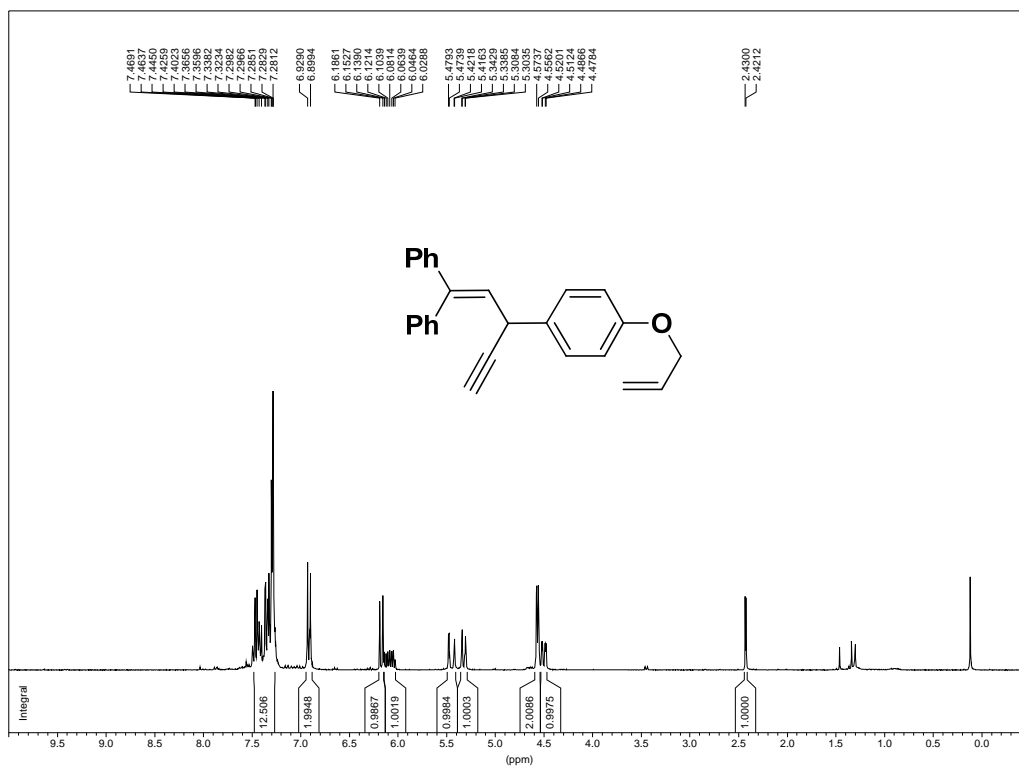
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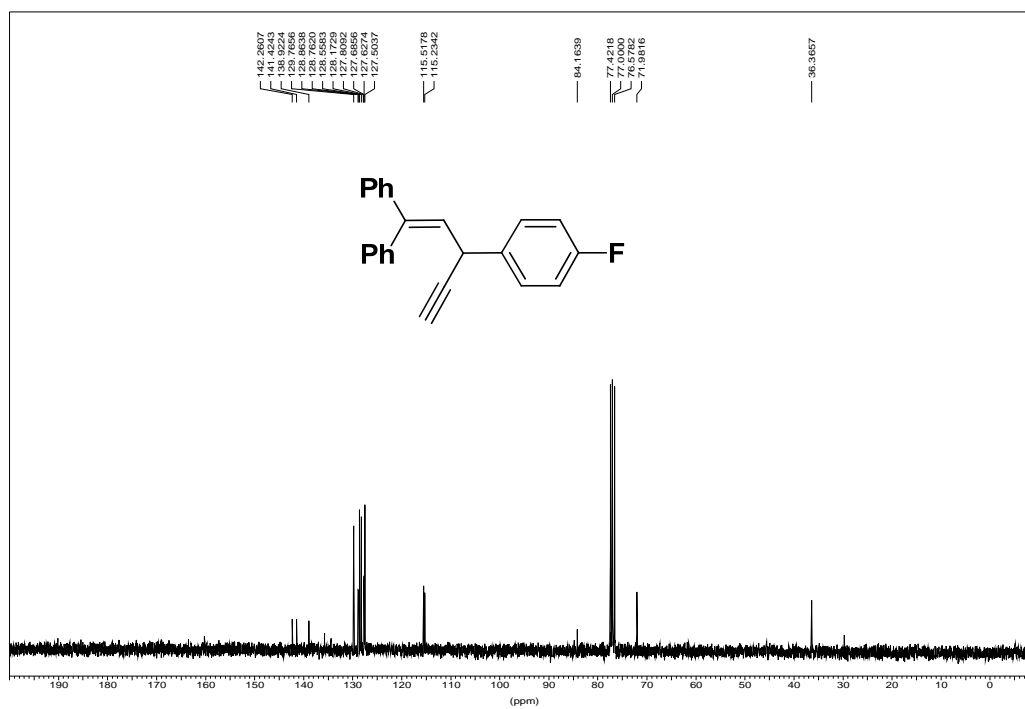
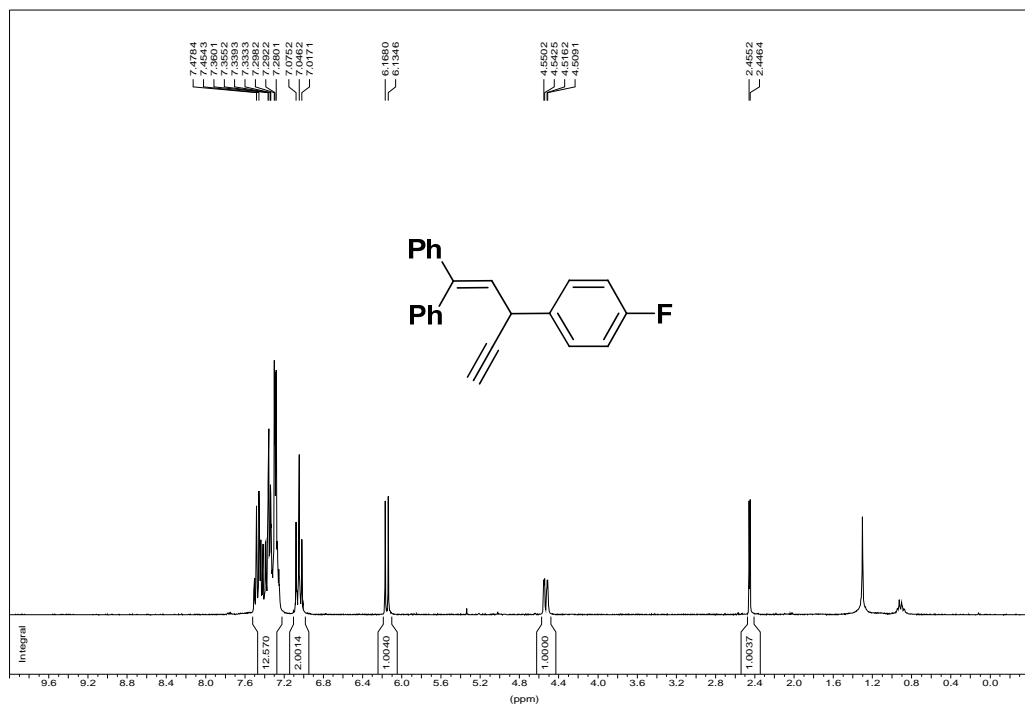
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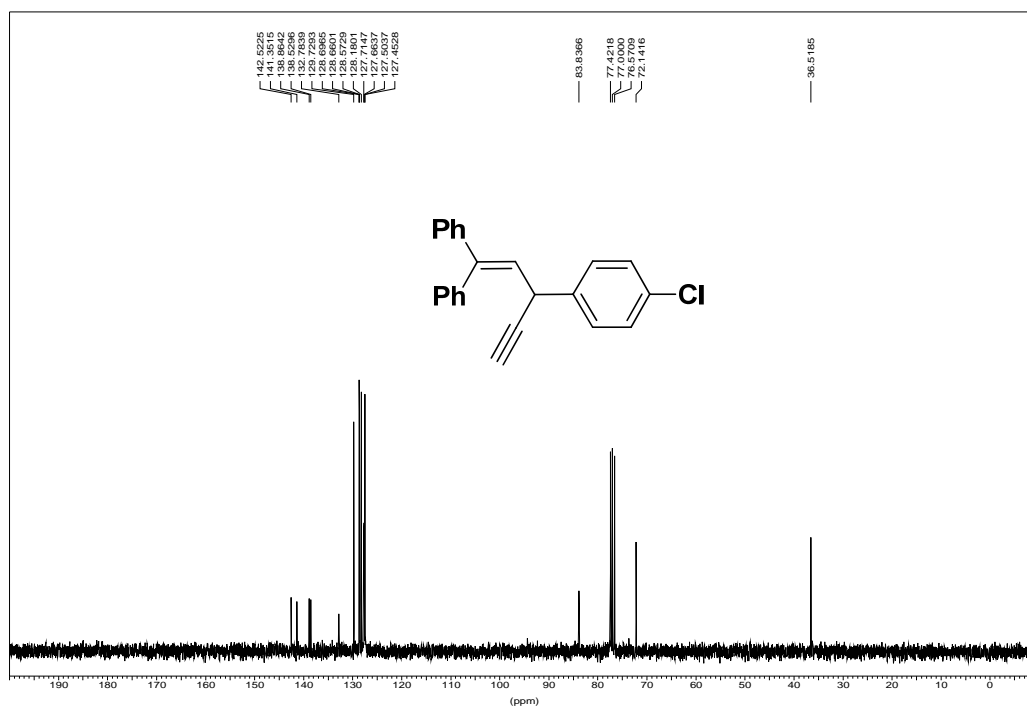
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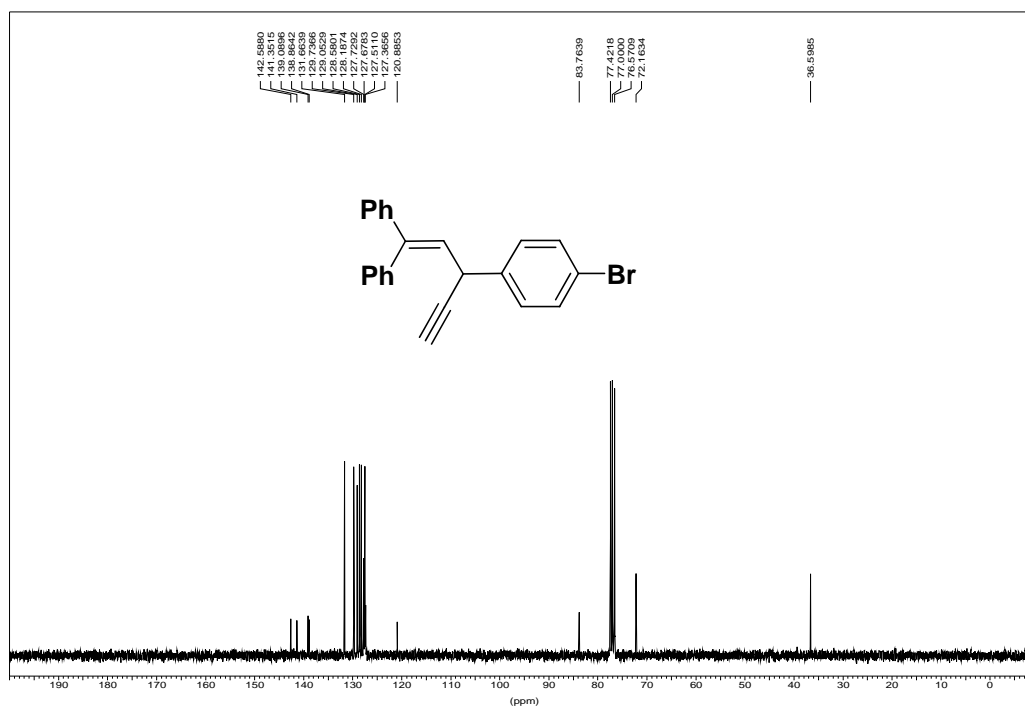
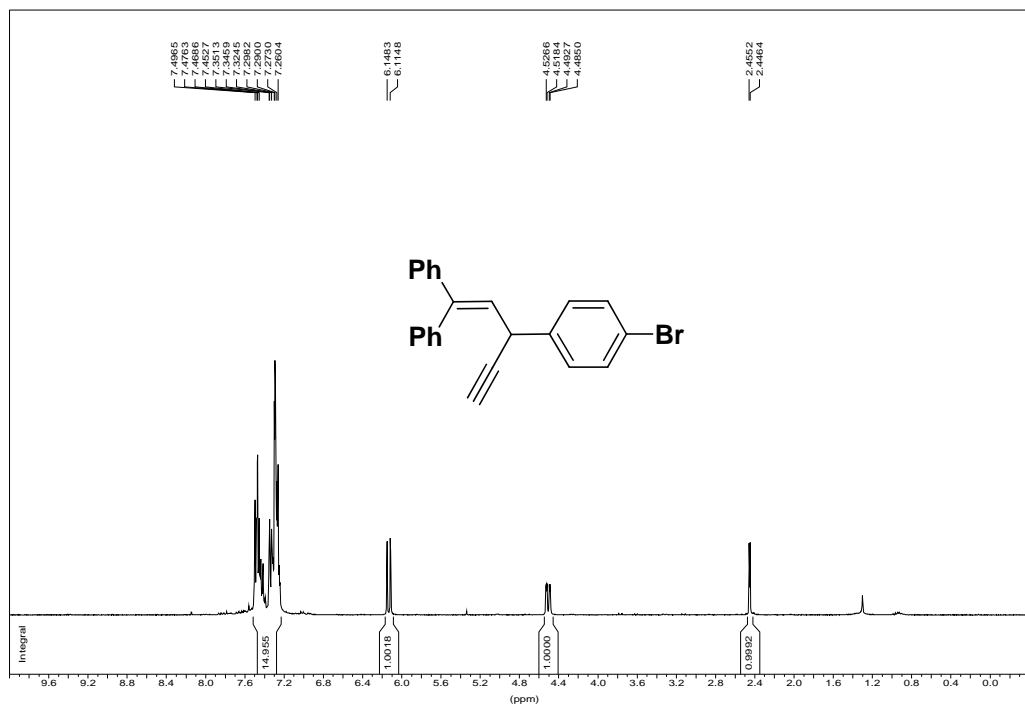
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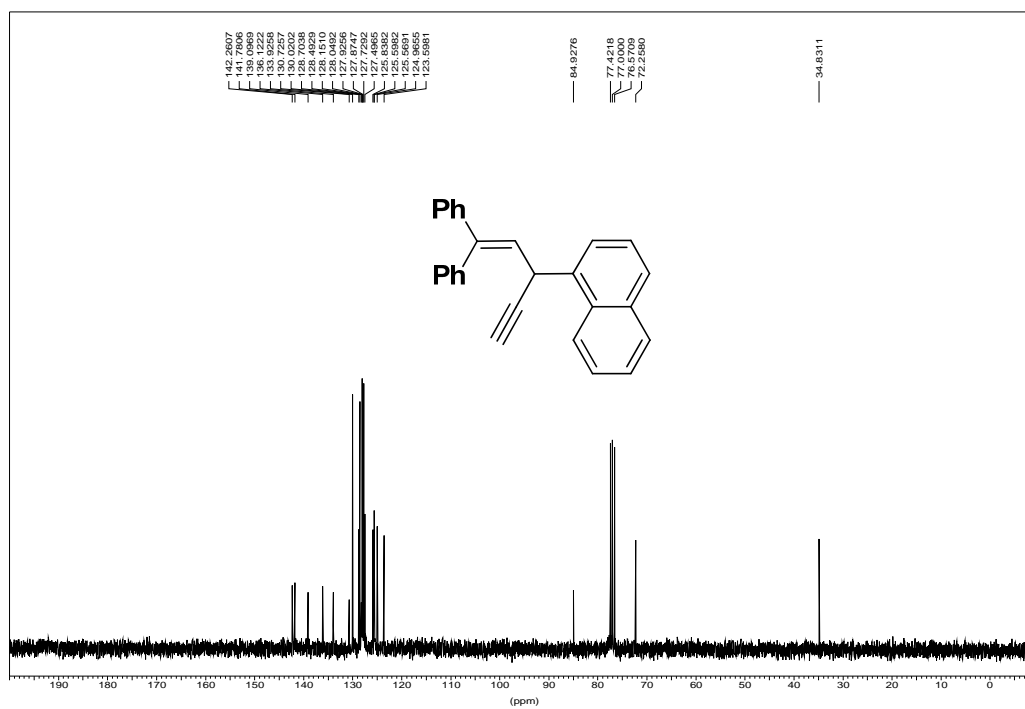
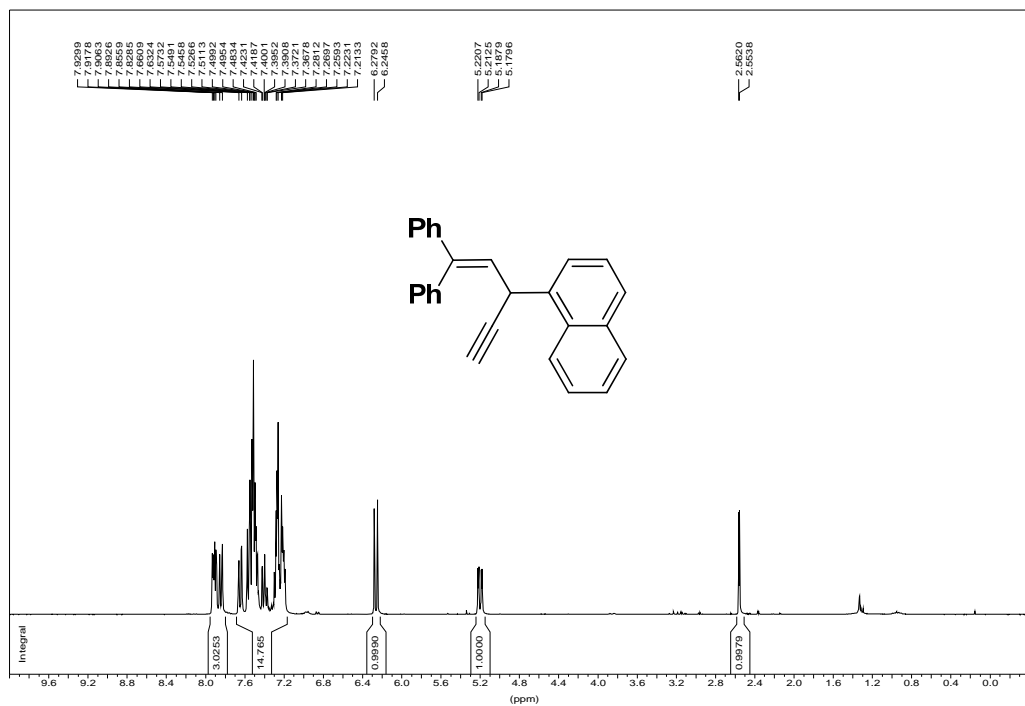
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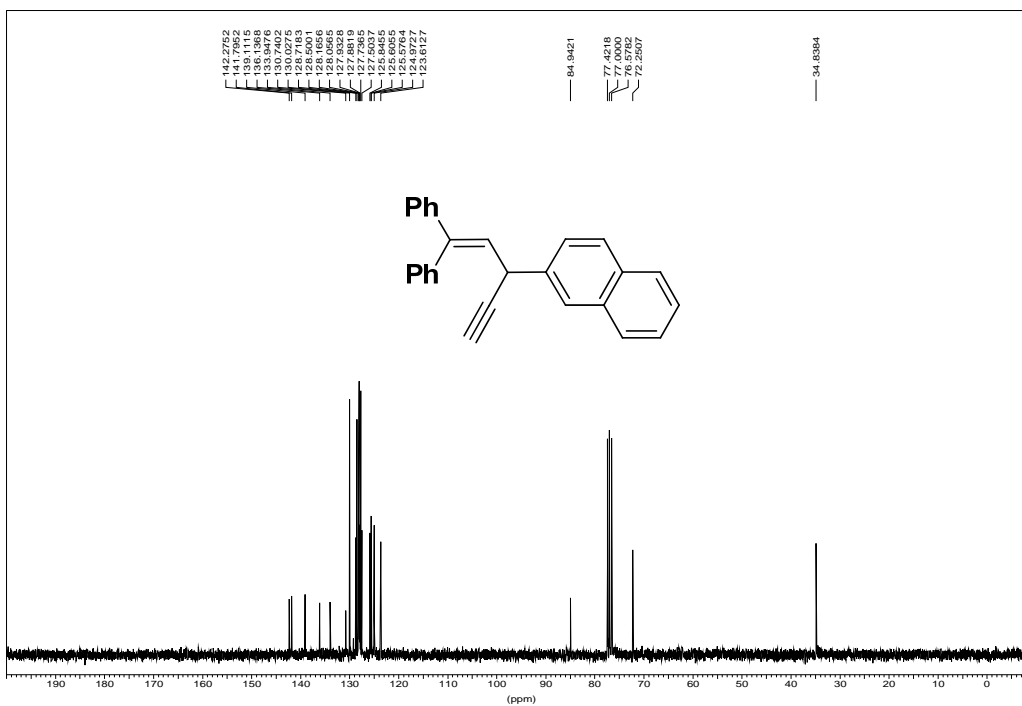
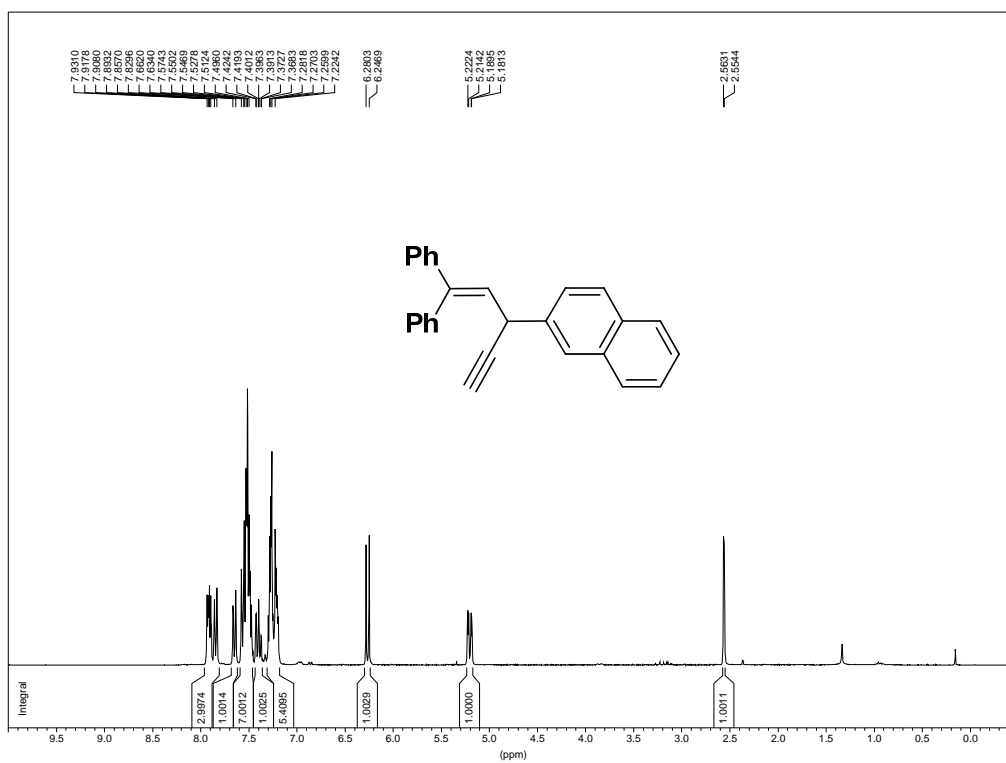
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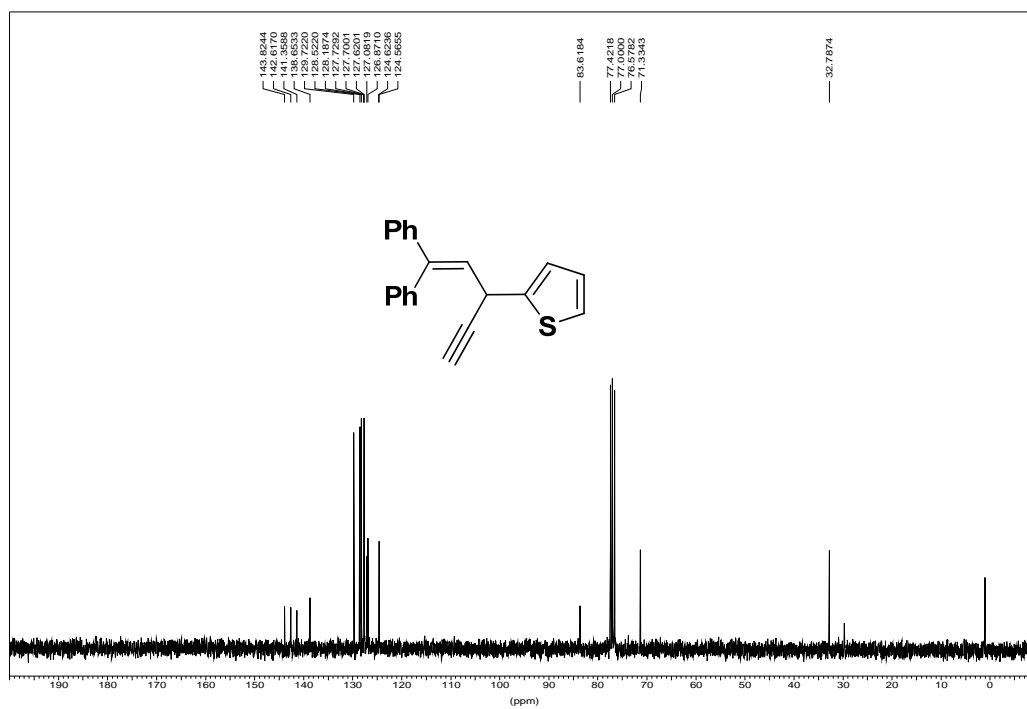
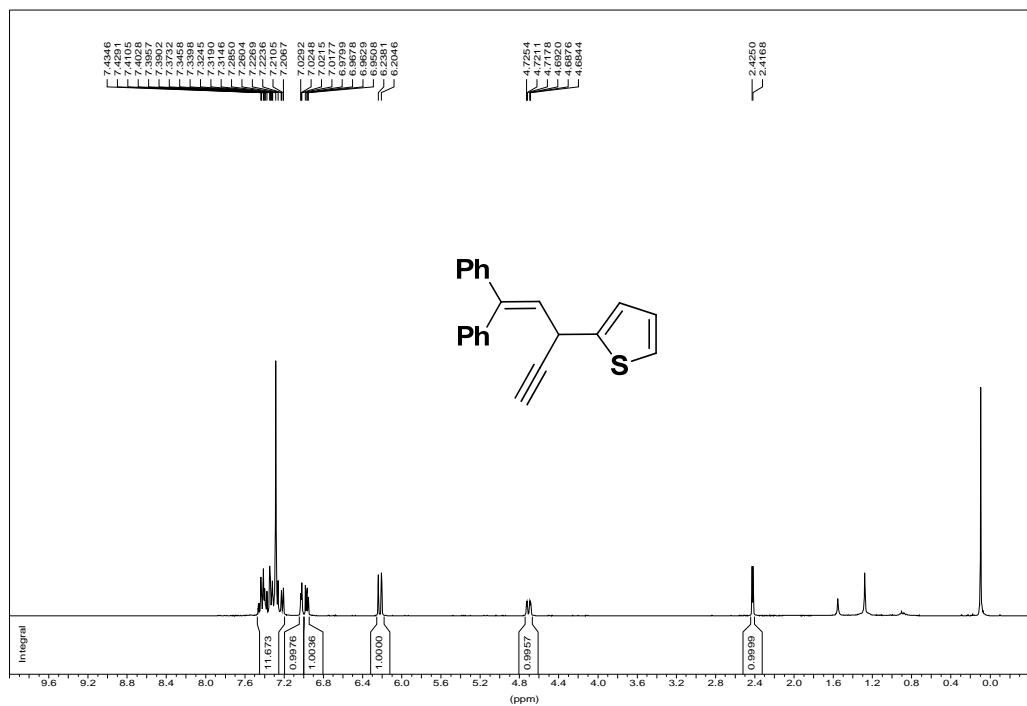
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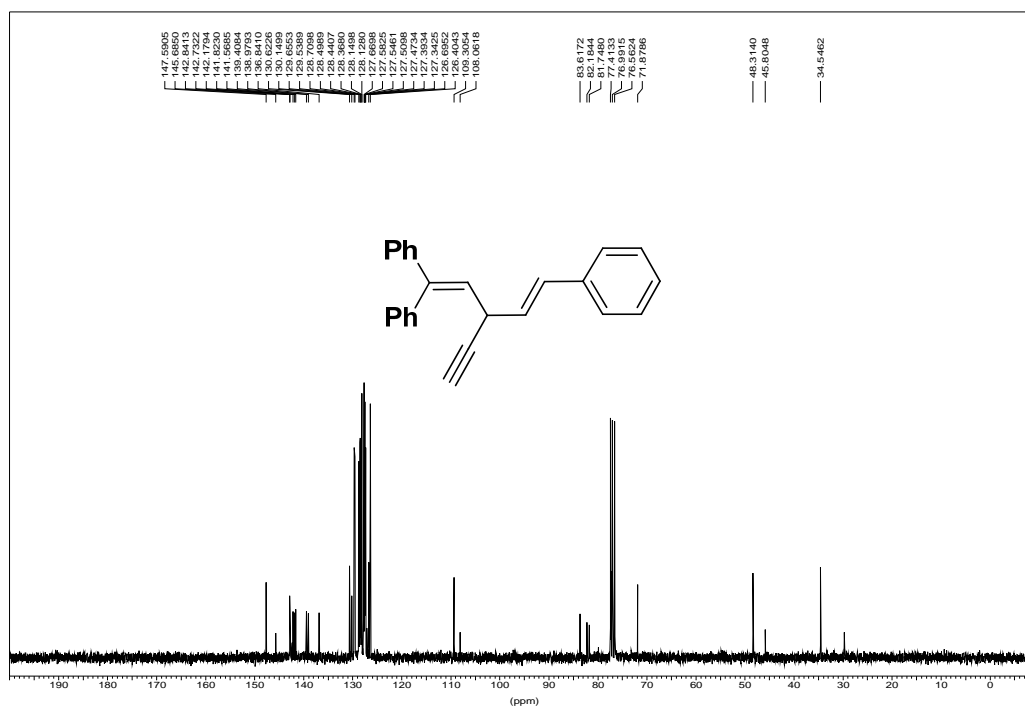
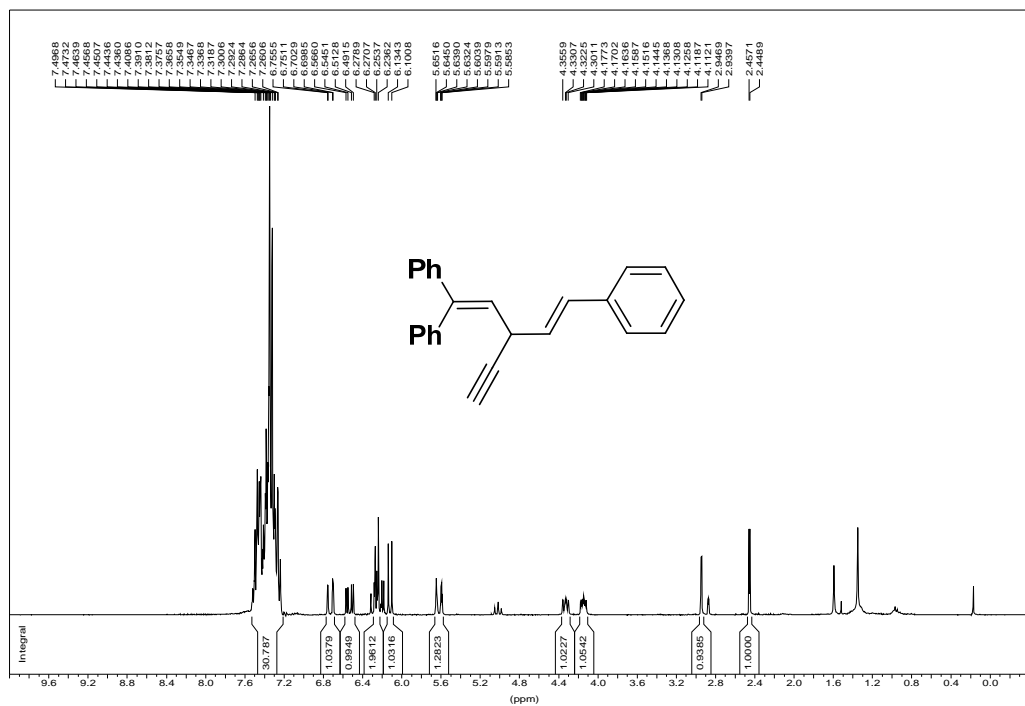
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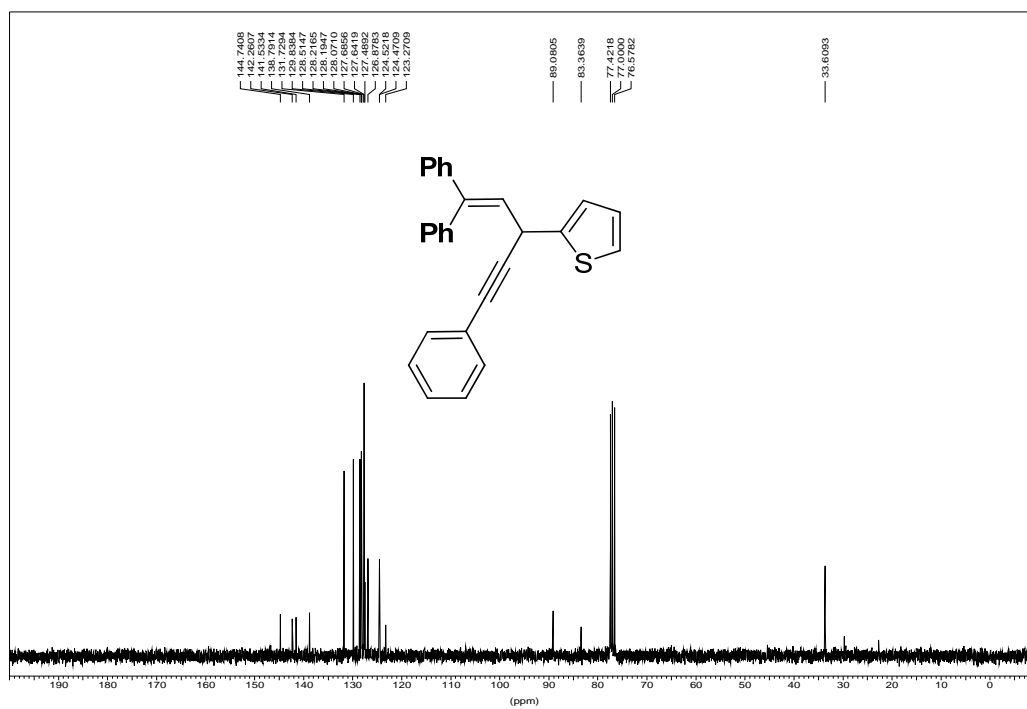
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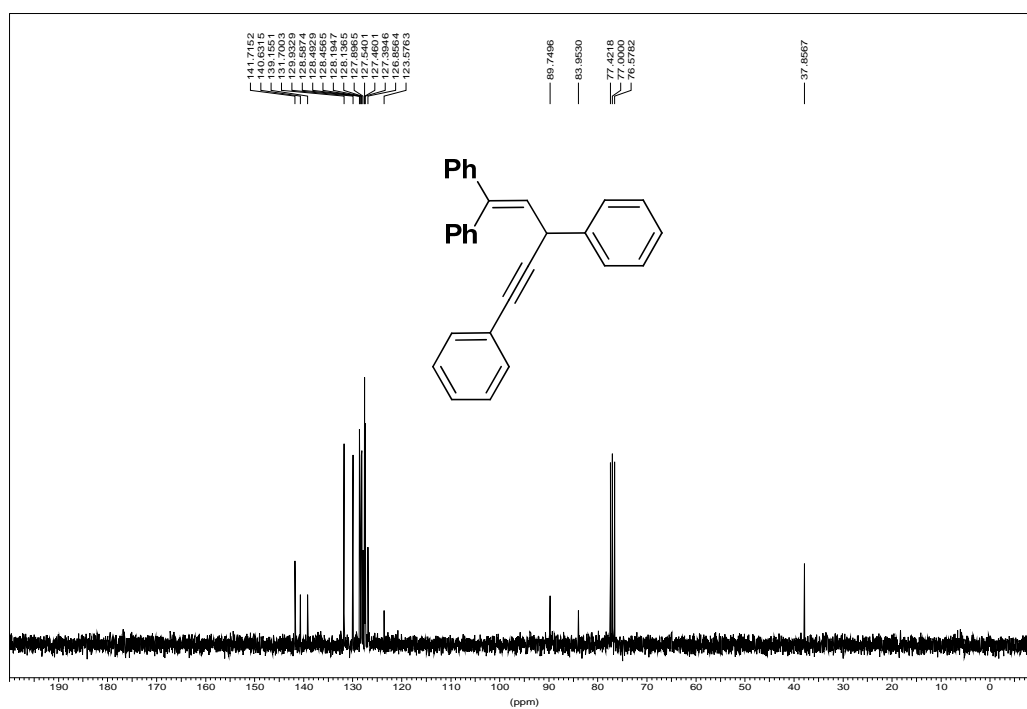
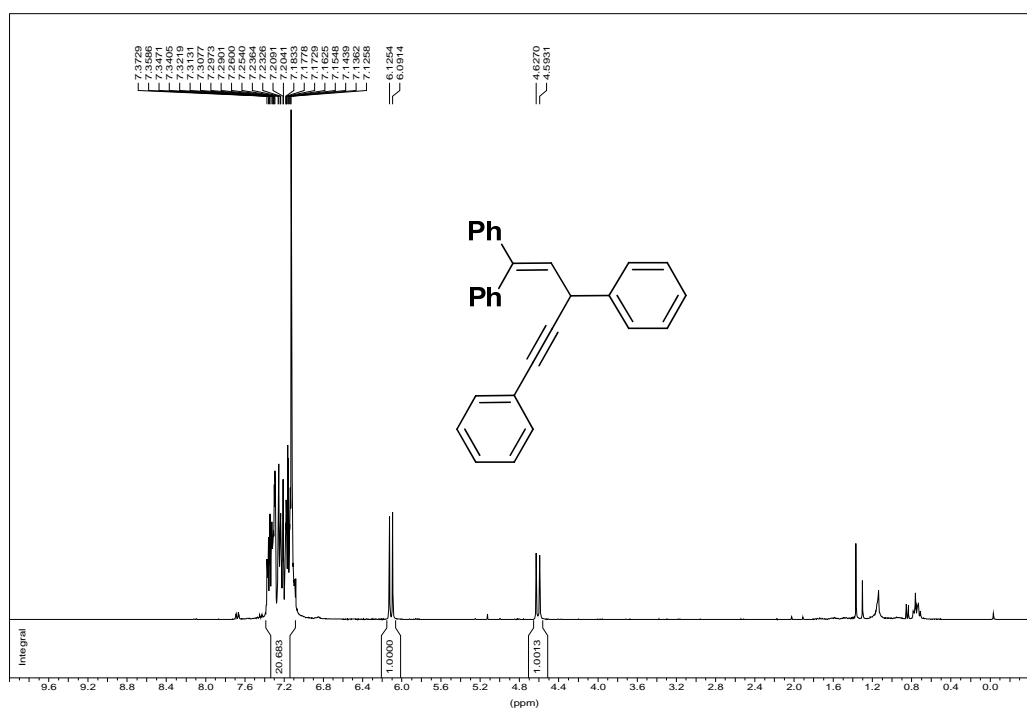
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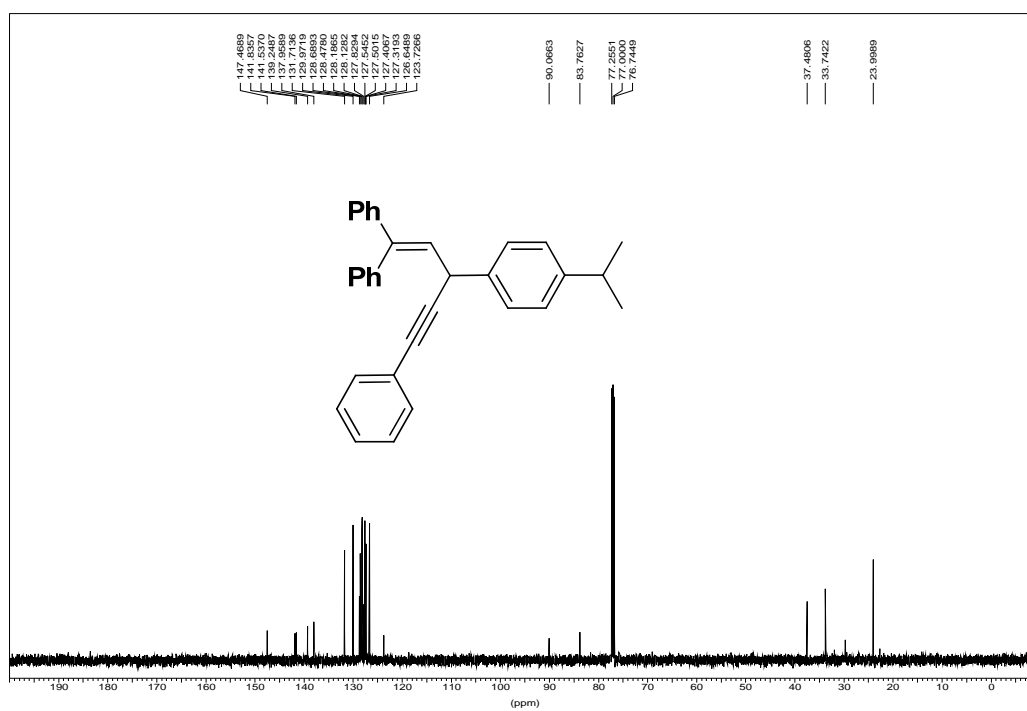
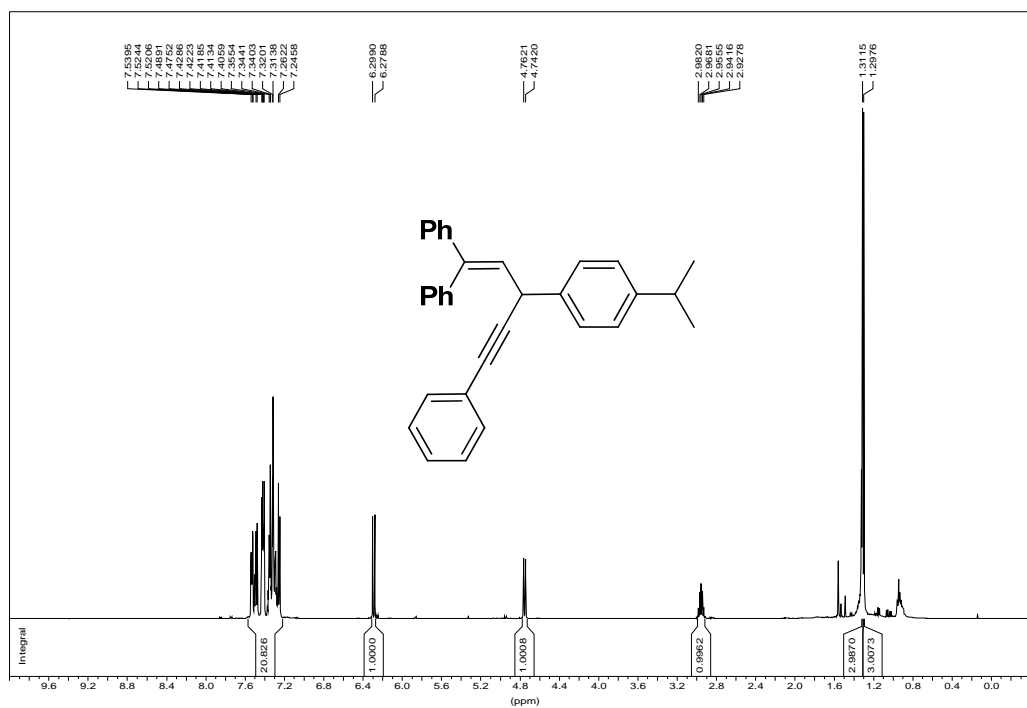
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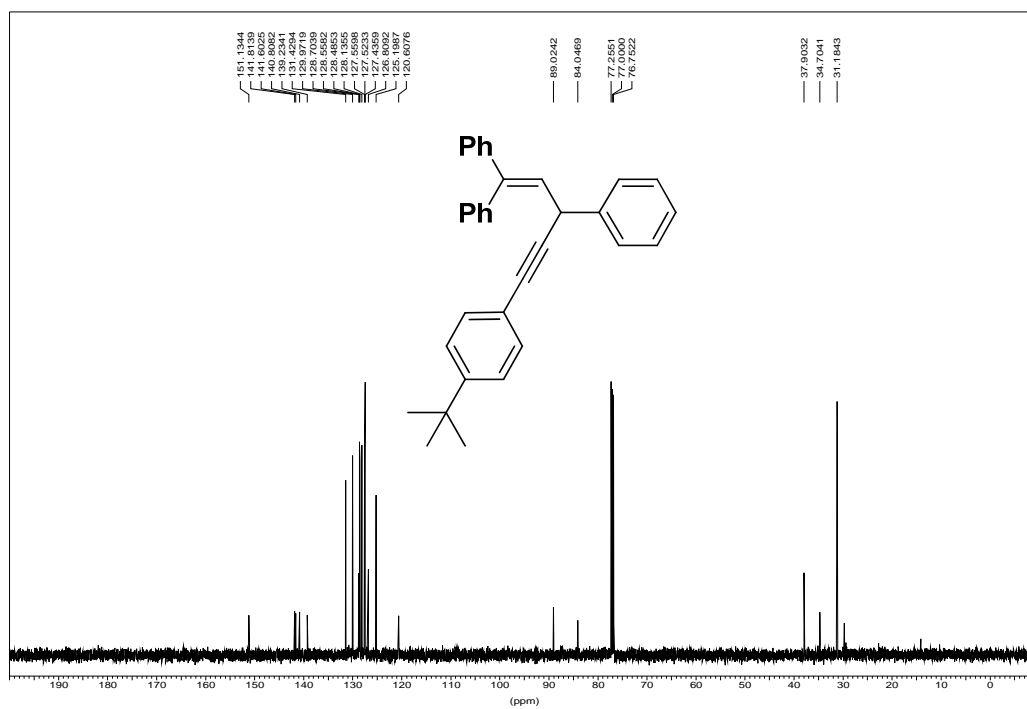
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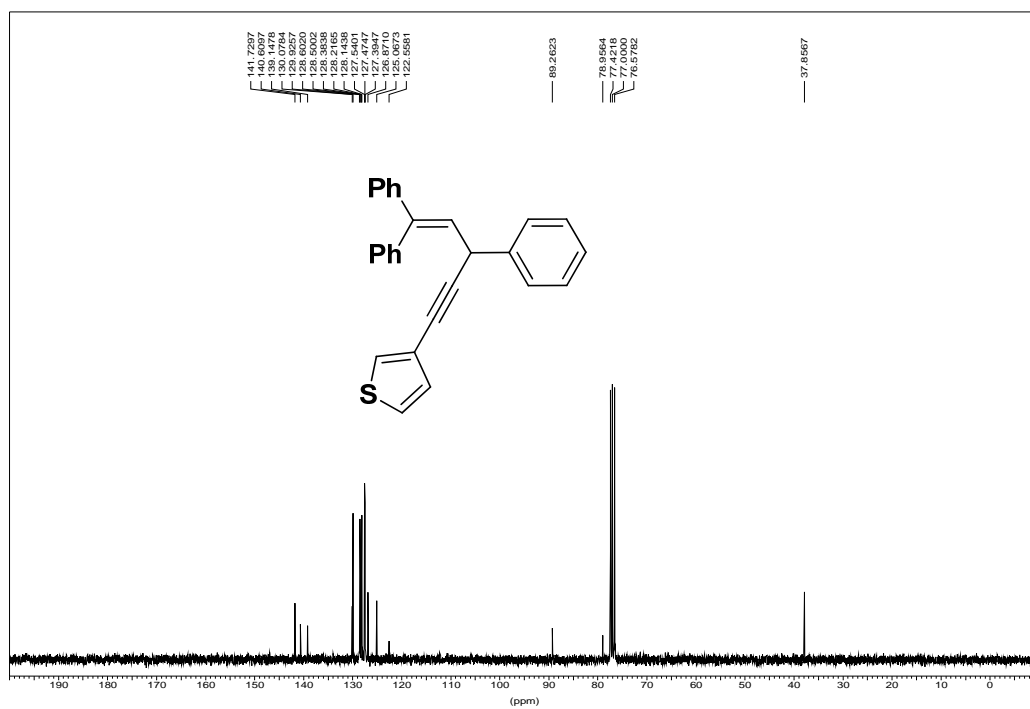
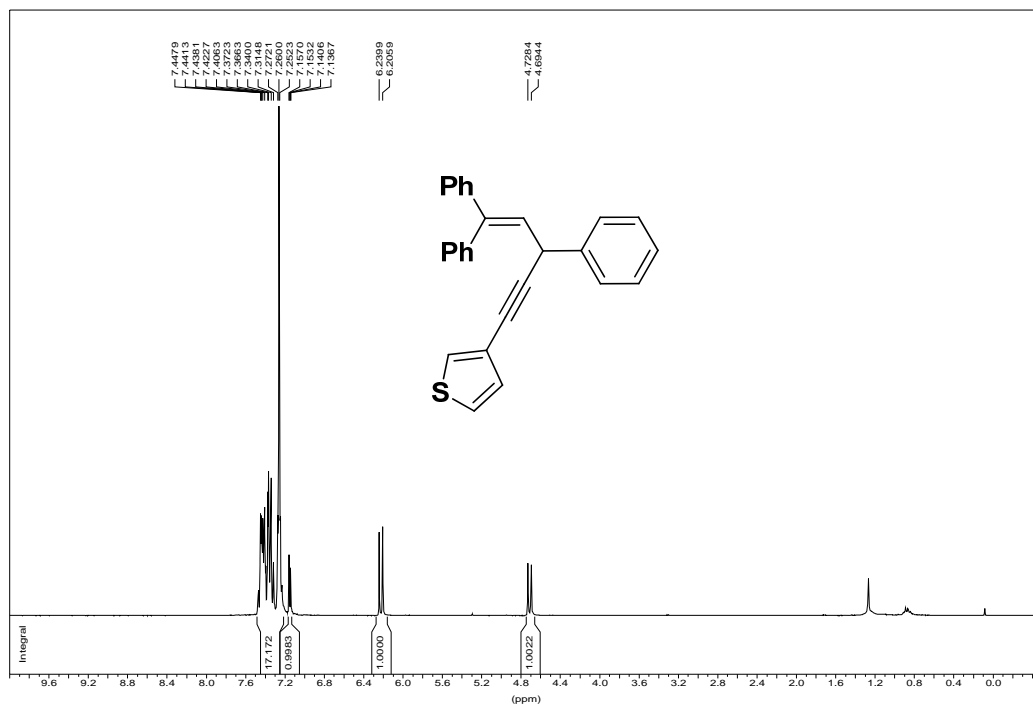
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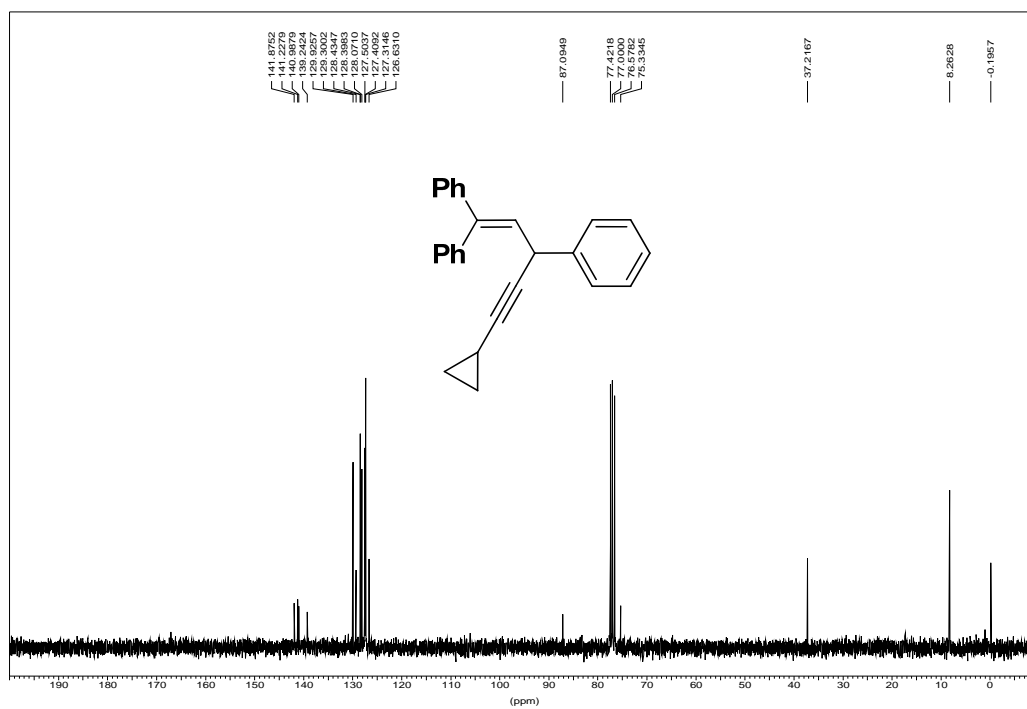
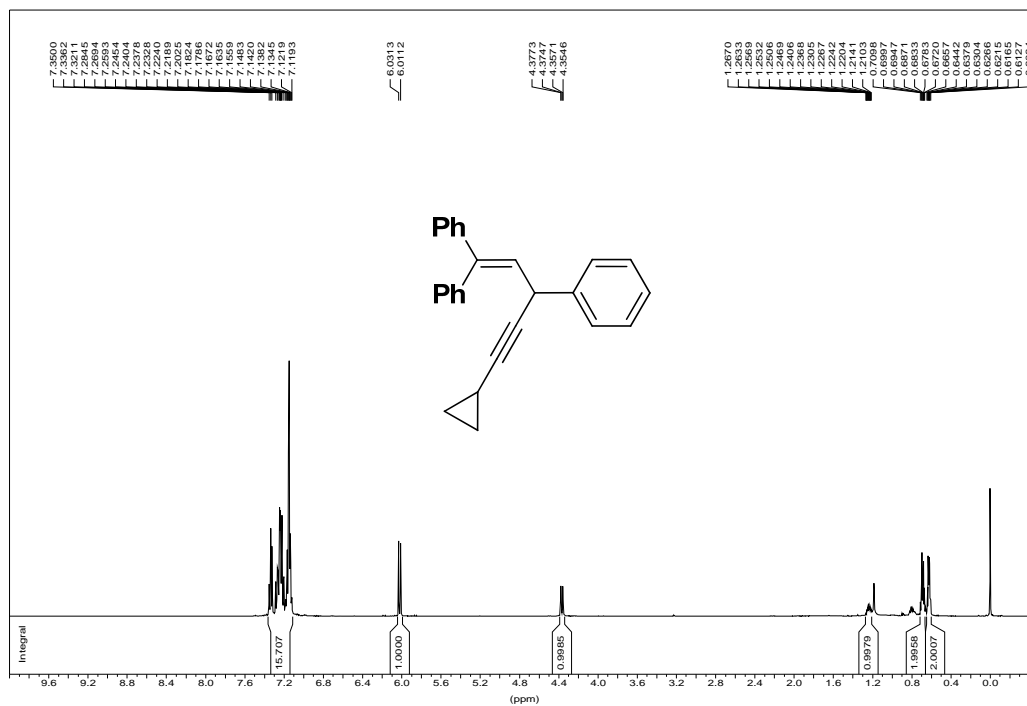
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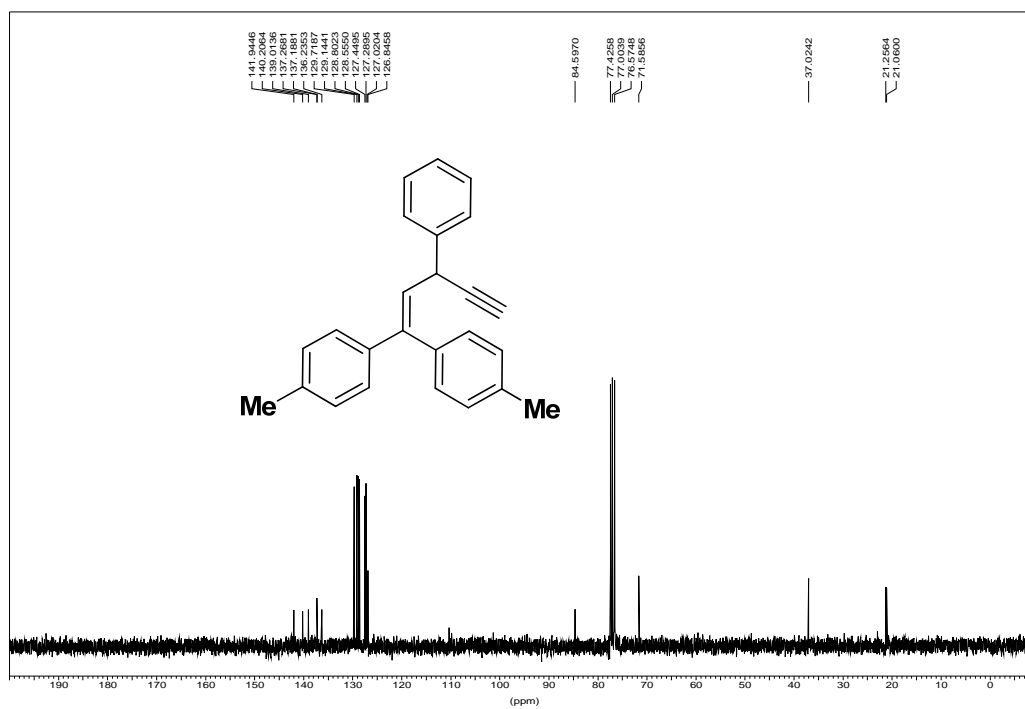
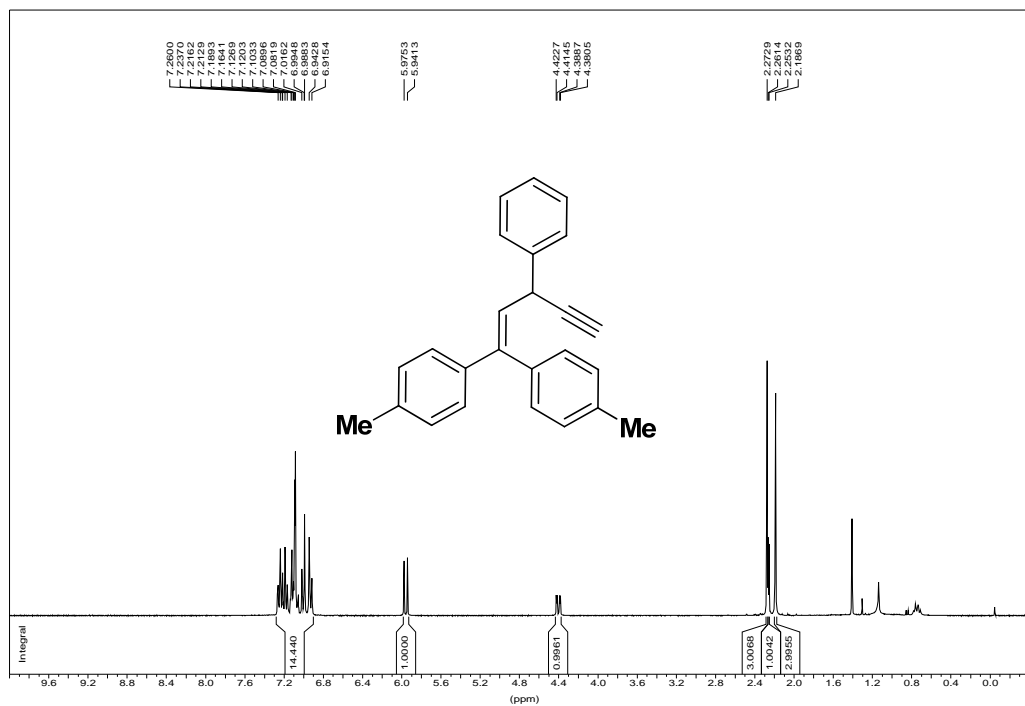
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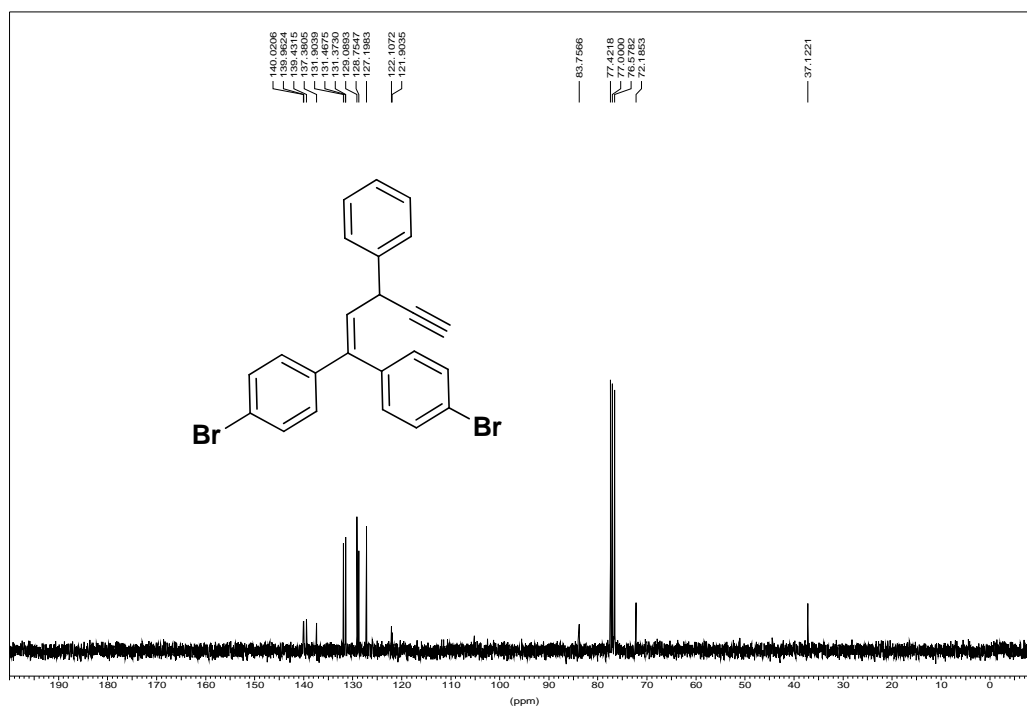
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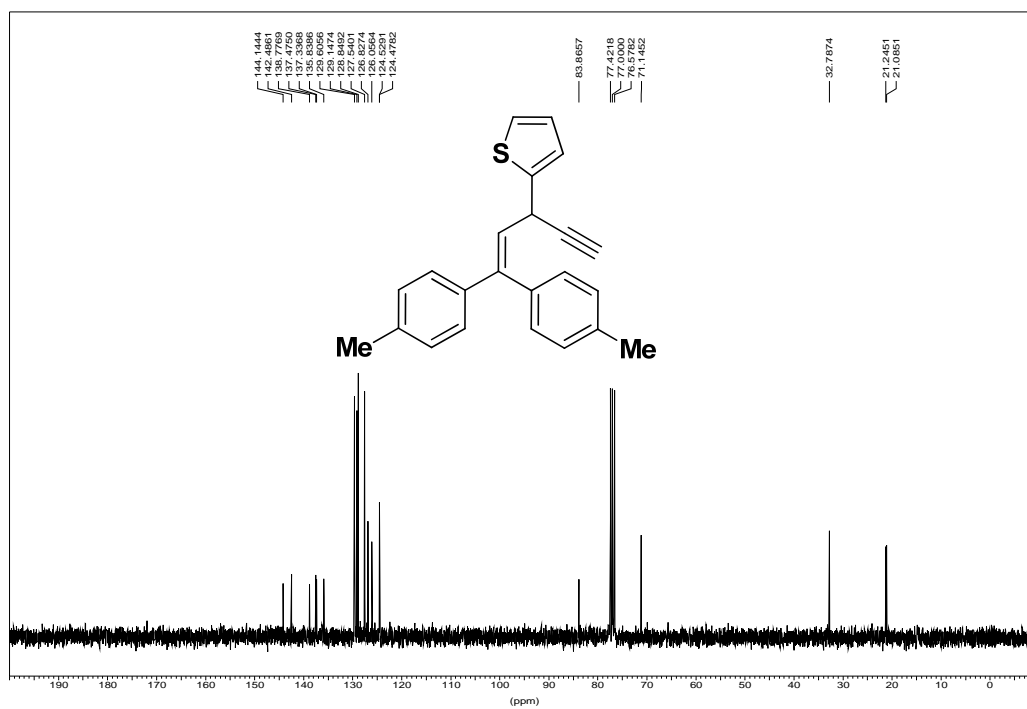
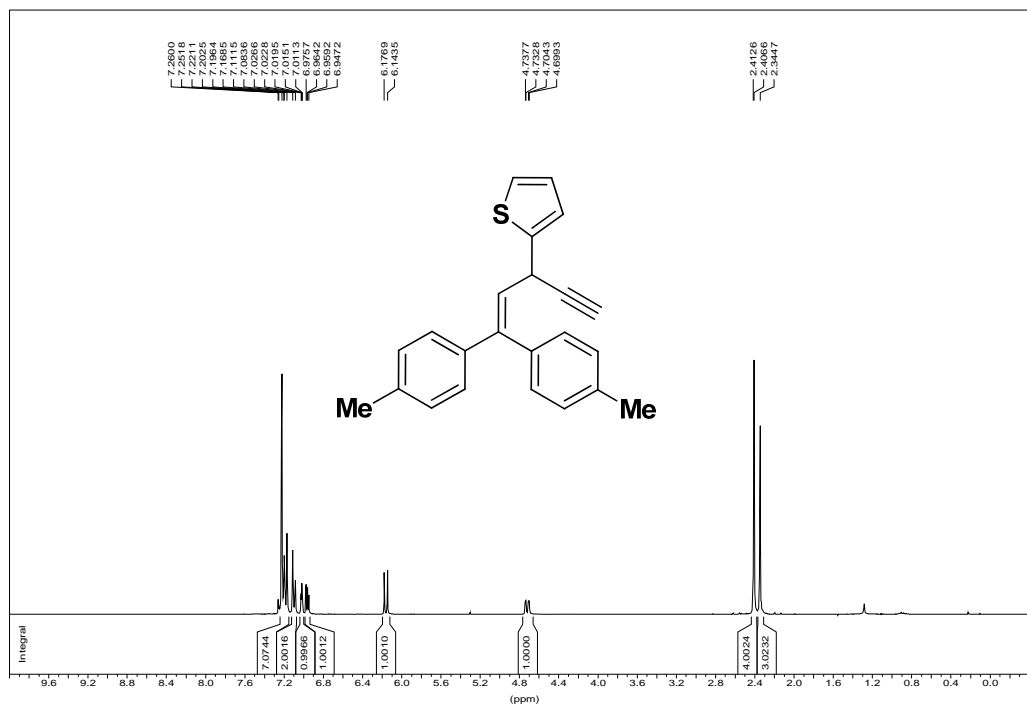
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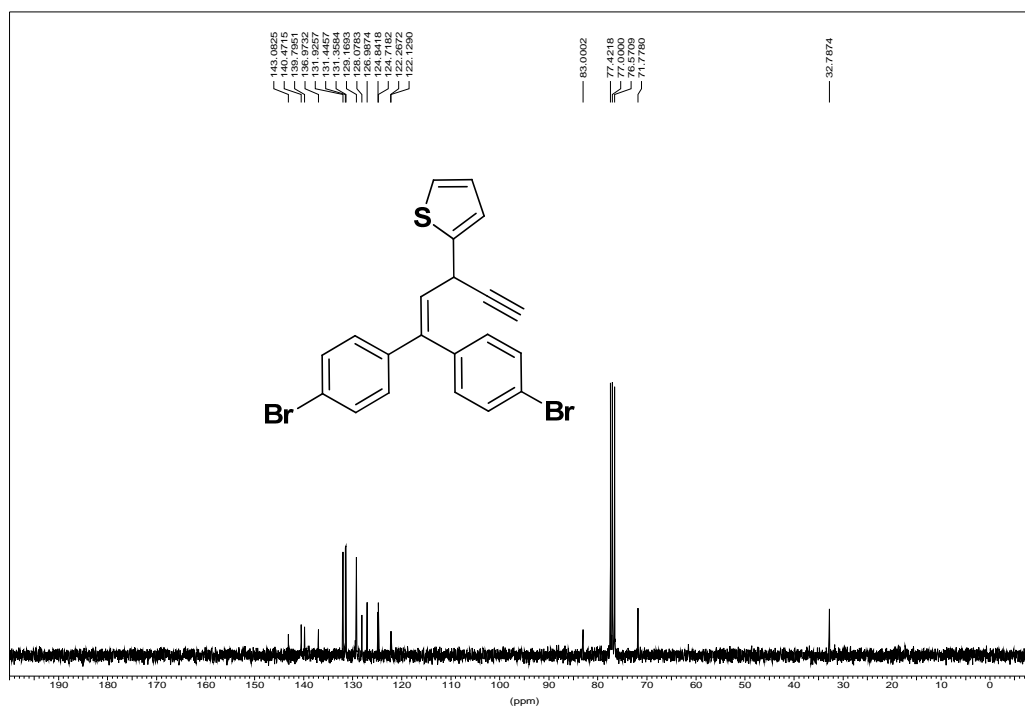
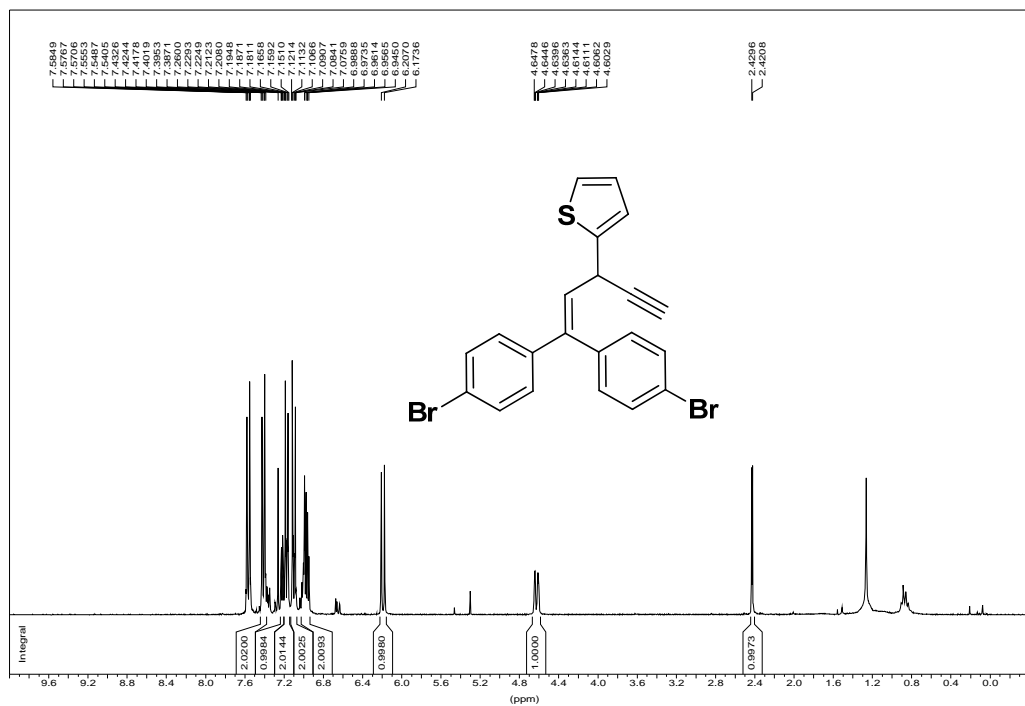
Compound 3a'



Compound **3b'**



Compound 3c'



Compound 3d'

