

## Supplementary Information

# One-Step Synthesis of Diazaspiro[4.5]decane Scaffolds with Exocyclic Double Bonds

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### 1. General Experimental Procedures

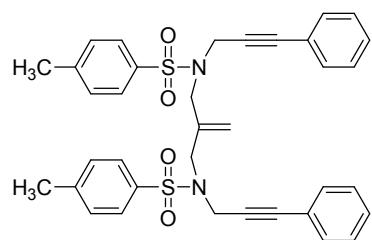
All the catalytic reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere using the oven-dried Schlenk flask. The chemicals were purchased from Alfa Aesar and Acros Chemicals. All solvents and materials were pre-dried, redistilled or recrystallized before use.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as the solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm by assigning TMS resonance in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra as 0.00 ppm and  $\text{CDCl}_3$  resonance in the  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra as 77.0 ppm. All coupling constants ( $J$  values) were reported in Hertz (Hz). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel 300–400 mesh. Melting points were determined using a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The FT-IR spectra were recorded from KBr pellets or thin film from  $\text{CHCl}_3$  on the NaCl window in the 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ranges on a Nicolet 5DX spectrometer. All HRMS spectra were record using EI or APCI at 70 eV. X-ray Crystallography diffraction data of **fa**, **ga**, and **gb** were collected at room temperature with a Bruker SMART Apex CCD diffractometer with Mo- $\text{K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) with a graphite monochromator using the  $\omega$ -scan mode. Data reductions and absorption corrections were performed with SAINT and SADABS software, respectively. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least squares using SHELXTL. All non-hydrogen atoms were treated anisotropically. The positions of hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically.

### General procedures:

Substrate yne-en-yne<sup>[1]</sup> **a-g** (1.0 mmol), aryl halide (1.1 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (2 mol%), and  $\text{PPh}_3$  (4 mol%) were added to the degassed solution of  $(n\text{-Bu})_3\text{N}$  (2 mmol) in DMF (10 mL). and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for half an hour, and then heated at 130°C for 20 h, The reaction mixture was cooled, and then quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with hydrochloric acid (5%), sodium carbonate (5%), and saturated sodium chloride solution. After separation, the organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and then concentrated. The residue was loaded onto a silica gel column and purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to give the corresponding product **aa-gd**.

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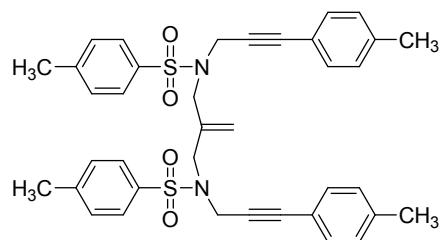
## 2. Characterization Data for the New Compounds



**N, N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diylbis(4-methyl-N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide)**

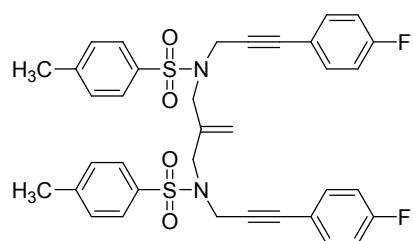
**(a)**

White solid; 82 % yield; m.p. 116-117 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.76 - 7.78 (d, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz; Ar-H), 7.23 (s, 10H, Ar-H), 7.05 - 7.07 (d, 4H, J = 6.3 Hz; Ar-H), 5.41 (s, 2H; C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.33 (s, 4H; C≡C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.92 (s, 4H; C=C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.31 (s, 6H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.7, 137.3, 135.5, 131.6, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 122.1, 117.6, 86.1, 81.4, 49.3, 37.4, 21.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat): ν 3053.3, 2993.5, 2908.7, 2862.4, 2337.4, 2198.9, 1595.1, 1442.8, 1350.2, 1329.0, 1163.1, 1089.8, 981.8, 904.6, 850.6, 758.0, 692.4, 659.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 623.2033; found: 623.2028.



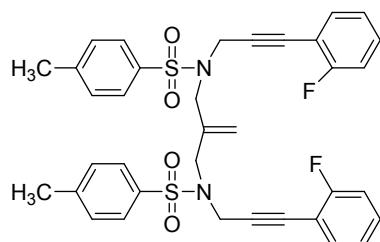
**N,N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diylbis(4-methyl-N-(3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide) (b)**

White solid; 78 % yield; m.p. 127 - 128 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.50; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.75 - 7.78 (d, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz; Ar-H), 7.23 - 7.25 (d, 4H, J = 5.7 Hz; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.05 (d, 4H, J = 7.8 Hz; Ar-H), 6.94 - 6.97 (d, 4H, J = 8.1 Hz; Ar-H), 5.39 (s, 2H; C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.32 (s, 4H; C≡C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.91 (s, 4H; C=C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.33 (s, 6H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32 (s, 6H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.6, 138.6, 137.4, 135.6, 131.5, 129.6, 128.9, 127.9, 119.0, 117.5, 86.2, 80.7, 49.3, 37.5, 21.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat): ν 3028.2, 2972.3, 2918.3, 2862.4, 2243.2, 1597.1, 1508.3, 1438.8, 1344.4, 1089.8, 902.7, 815.9, 744.5, 677.0, 657.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 651.2346; found: 651.2336.



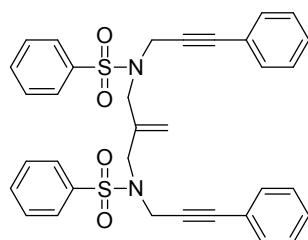
**N, N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diyI)bis(N-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (c)**

White solid; 83 % yield; m.p. 139 -140 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1):  $R_f$  = 0.48;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 - 7.77 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz; Ar-H), 7.23 (s, 4H; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.05 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 6.89 - 6.95 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 5.40 (s, 2H;  $\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.30 (s, 4H;  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.92 (s, 4H;  $\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.32 (s, 6H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.2, 143.7, 137.4, 135.6, 133.4, 129.6, 127.9, 118.0, 115.6, 115.3, 85.0, 81.1, 49.4, 37.4, 21.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3049.5, 2980.0, 2908.7, 2858.5, 2250.9, 1599.0, 1442.8, 1354.0, 1305.8, 1213.2, 1091.7, 983.7, 910.4, 837.1, 814.0, 773.5, 655.8  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ , 659.1844; found: 659.1837.



**N, N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diyI)bis(N-(3-(2-fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (d)**

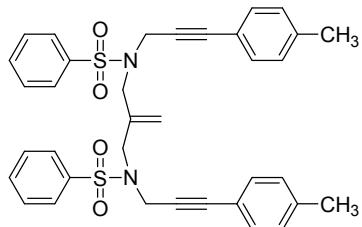
White solid; 71 % yield; m.p. 141 - 142 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1):  $R_f$  = 0.40;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75 - 7.77 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz; Ar-H), 7.21 - 7.27 (m, 7H; Ar-H), 7.00 - 7.06 (m, 5H; Ar-H), 5.43 (s, 2H;  $\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.36 (s, 4H;  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.92 (s, 4H;  $\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.26 (s, 6H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.3, 143.7, 137.1, 135.4, 133.5, 130.2, 129.6, 127.8, 123.8, 117.9, 115.5, 115.2, 86.7, 79.6, 49.3, 37.5, 21.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3043.7, 2980.0, 2914.4, 2854.7, 1595.1, 1435.0, 1346.3, 1259.5, 1215.2, 1093.6, 941.3, 908.5, 817.8, 761.9, 734.9, 696.3, 661.6  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ , 659.1844; found: 659.1839.



**N, N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diyI)bis(N-(3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (e)**

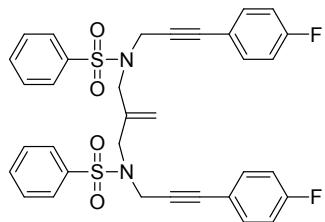
White solid; 75 % yield; m.p. 104 - 105 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1):  $R_f$  = 0.45;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.89 - 7.92 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz; Ar-H), 7.45 - 7.53 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.10 - 7.28 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.07 - 7.08 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz; Ar-H), 5.42 (s, 2H;  $\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.37 (s, 4H;  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.94 (s, 4H;  $\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{CH}_2$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  138.7, 137.2, 132.9, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8,

121.9, 117.8, 86.2, 81.3, 55.3, 49.3, 37.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3055.2, 2968.5, 2908.7, 2858.5, 2239.4, 1597.1, 1491.0, 1446.6, 1330.9, 1093.6, 979.8, 898.8, 788.9, 814.0, 758.0, 721.4, 690.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 595.1720; found: 595.1713.



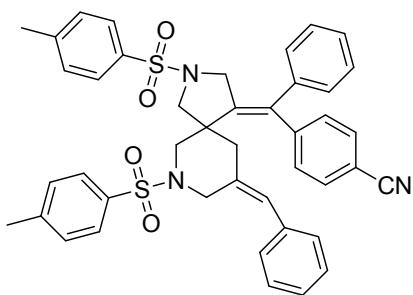
**N,N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diylbis(N-(3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (f)**

White solid; 82 % yield; m.p. 109 - 110 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1):  $R_f$  = 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.88 - 7.90 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz; Ar-H), 7.45 - 7.57 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.05 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz; Ar-H), 6.96 - 6.99 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz; Ar-H), 5.41 (s, 2H; C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.35 (s, 4H; C≡C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.93 (s, 4H; C=C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.31 (s, 6H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  138.7, 138.6, 137.2, 132.8, 131.5, 129.0, 128.9, 127.8, 118.9, 117.7, 86.3, 80.5, 49.3, 37.5, 21.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3072.6, 2974.2, 2912.5, 2862.4, 2241.3, 2206.6, 1604.8, 1508.3, 1446.6, 1334.7, 1091.7, 1062.8, 974.5, 896.9, 821.7, 814.0, 744.5, 686.7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 623.2033; found: 623.2023.



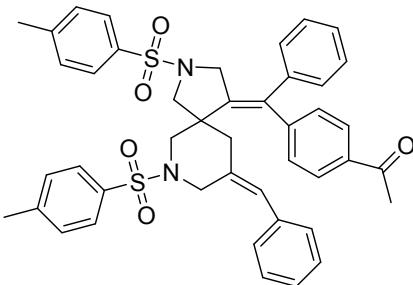
**N,N'-2-methylenepropane-1,3-diylbis(N-(3-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (g)**

White solid; 87 % yield; m.p. 83 - 84 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 5:1):  $R_f$  = 0.48; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.88 - 7.90 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz; Ar-H), 7.45 - 7.87 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.04 - 7.08 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 6.89 - 6.95 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 5.41 (s, 2H; C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.34 (s, 4H; C≡C-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.93 (s, 4H; C=C-CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.3, 138.6, 137.2, 133.6, 132.9, 129.0, 127.8, 117.8, 115.6, 115.3, 85.1, 81.0, 49.3, 37.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3064.9, 2982.0, 2914.4, 2866.2, 2250.9, 2212.4, 1599.0, 1429.3, 1334.7, 1097.5, 981.8, 896.9, 842.9, 690.5, 661.6  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [ $\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ , 631.1531; found: 631.1524.



**4-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(aa)**

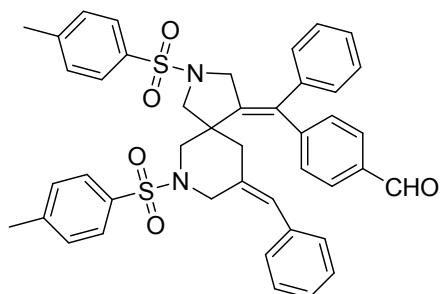
White solid; 623 mg (86 % yield); m.p. 252 - 253 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.50;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.64 - 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.45 - 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.25 - 7.35 (m, 8H; Ar-H), 7.24 - 7.25 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.04 - 7.11 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.55 - 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.02 - 4.07 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 3.66 - 3.71 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 3.57 - 3.61 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 3.38 - 3.42 (d,  $J$  = 11.7 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 2.91 - 2.94 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.53 - 2.57 (d,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 2.50 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.43 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.14 - 2.18 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 2.04 - 2.09 (d,  $J$  = 16.2 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 1.72 - 1.76 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.4, 144.4, 144.1, 140.8, 139.1, 137.1, 135.6, 132.2, 132.1, 131.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 127.1, 118.2, 111.3, 56.4, 53.0, 52.7, 48.0, 47.3, 43.5, 21.7, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3055.2, 3028.2, 2926.0, 2873.9, 2837.3, 2227.8, 1597.1, 1564.3, 1491.0, 1442.8, 1334.7, 1091.7, 1010.7, 842.9, 815.9, 758.0, 702.1, 667.4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ , 726.2455; found: 726.2443.



**1-(4-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(ab)**

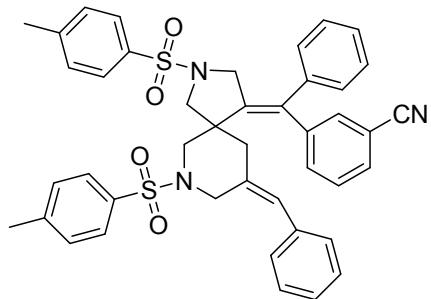
White solid; 564 mg (76 % yield); m.p. 254 - 255 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.40;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.76 - 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.64 - 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.31 - 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 8H; Ar-H), 7.20 - 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 6H; Ar-H), 7.09 - 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 4H; Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.49 - 4.53 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.01 - 4.06 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 3.65 - 3.70 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 3.53 -

3.56 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.44 - 3.48 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.92 - 2.95 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.50 - 2.54 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.50 (s, 3H; O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.43 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12 - 2.15 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.92 - 1.95 (d,  $J = 10.8$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.0, 145.5, 144.0, 143.9, 141.4, 138.2, 138.1, 135.8, 132.2, 131.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 56.6, 53.1, 52.8, 48.0, 47.2, 43.5, 26.6, 21.7, 21.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3053.3, 3028.2, 2941.4, 2877.8, 2837.3, 1685.8 (C=O), 1599.0, 1492.9, 1460.1, 1400.3, 1350.2, 1265.3, 1091.7, 1012.6, 964.4, 815.9, 756.1, 704.0, 667.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 743.2608; found: 743.2597.



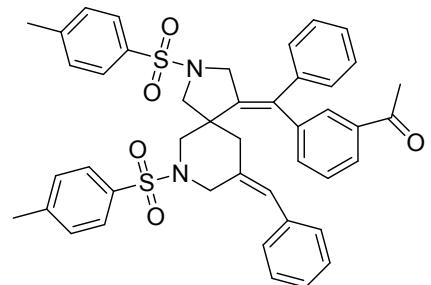
**4-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)benzaldehyde(ac)**

White solid; 568 mg (78 % yield); m.p. 249 - 250 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.88 (s, 1H; CHO), 7.65 - 7.70 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 7.30 - 7.36 (t, 9H; Ar-H), 7.23 - 7.27 (t, 2H; Ar-H), 7.17 - 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 3H; Ar-H), 7.07 - 7.12 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.51 - 4.55 (d,  $J = 11.7$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.03 - 4.08 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.65 - 3.69 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.56 - 3.60 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 3.41 - 3.45 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.89 - 2.93 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 2.53 - 2.58 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.09 - 2.19 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.82 - 1.85 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  191.1, 146.9, 143.9, 141.1, 138.6, 137.8, 135.7, 135.1, 132.4, 132.3, 131.8, 130.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 56.5, 53.0, 52.7, 48.0, 47.2, 43.5, 21.6, 21.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3053.3, 3026.3, 2962.7, 2931.8, 2873.9, 1699.3 (CHO), 1599.0, 1492.9, 1456.3, 1350.2, 1091.7, 1045.4, 815.9, 758.0, 702.1, 667.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 729.2451; found: 729.2449.



**3-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(ad)**

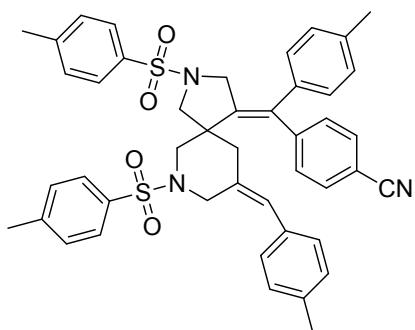
White solid; 558 mg (77 % yield); m.p. 133 - 134 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.48;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 - 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.36 - 7.41 (m, 7H; Ar-H), 7.25 - 7.34 (m, 9H; Ar-H), 7.11 - 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.03 - 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.55 - 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.00 - 4.05 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.66 - 3.71 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.52 - 3.55 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 3.45 - 3.48 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.96 - 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.50 - 2.55 (d,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.45 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.45 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.19 - 2.23 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.06 - 2.11 (d,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.82 - 1.86 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  144.1, 143.9, 141.8, 141.0, 139.5, 136.7, 135.6, 133.0, 132.2, 131.9, 130.9, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.5, 128.0, 127.4, 127.4, 127.1, 118.1, 112.7, 56.5, 52.9, 52.8, 48.1, 47.2, 43.6, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3055.2, 3026.3, 2955.0, 2924.1, 2870.1, 1597.1, 1492.9, 1462.0, 1442.8, 1348.2, 1091.7, 1043.5, 962.5, 814.0, 748.4, 706.0, 665.4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ , 726.2455; found: 726.2462.



**1-(3-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(ae)**

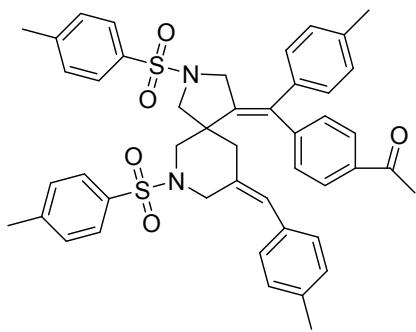
White solid; 527 mg (71 % yield); m.p. 239 - 240 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.48;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 - 7.74 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 8H; Ar-H), 7.14 - 7.20 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.05 - 7.10 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 6.32 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.50 - 4.54 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.00 - 4.05 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.68 - 3.73 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.45 - 3.55 (t, 2H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ , N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.96 - 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.51 (s, 4H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ , O=C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.43 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.15 (s, 2H;

N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.92 - 1.96 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.1, 144.0, 143.6, 141.7, 141.0, 138.3, 138.1, 136.8, 135.7, 133.2, 132.4, 132.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 56.5, 52.9, 52.8, 48.0, 47.1, 43.5, 26.7, 21.6, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3059.1, 3024.4, 2955.0, 2924.1, 2872.0, 2837.3, 1685.8 (C=O), 1597.1, 1491.0, 1423.5, 1352.1, 1249.9, 1091.7, 1043.5, 966.3, 815.9, 667.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 743.2608; found: 743.2619.



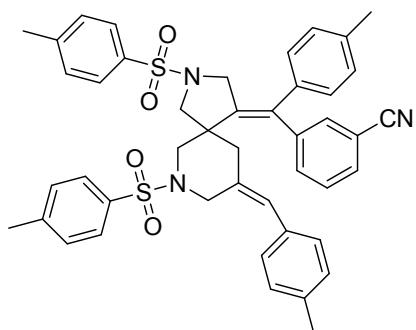
**4-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-methylbenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(p-tolyl)methyl)benzonitrile(ba)**

White solid; 572 mg (76 % yield); m.p. 267 - 268 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.50; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.65 - 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.44 - 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.27 - 7.35 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.11 - 7.22 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.00 - 7.02 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.91 - 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.31 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.55 - 4.59 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.03 - 4.08 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.66 - 3.71 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.56 - 3.59 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.35 - 3.39 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.88 - 2.91 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.50 - 2.55 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 4H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.35 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.06 - 2.16 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.70 - 1.74 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.7, 144.4, 144.0, 138.9, 137.9, 137.1, 137.0, 132.7, 132.3, 132.0, 131.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 118.2, 111.2, 56.5, 53.1, 52.7, 47.9, 47.3, 43.6, 21.7, 21.6, 21.2, 21.2 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3066.5, 3026.2, 2968.7, 2910.3, 2867.2, 2308.8, 1599.1, 1514.2, 1456.6, 1438.7, 1348.7, 1091.7, 1008.9, 850.1, 813.7, 753.7, 710.2, 665.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 754.2768; found: 754.2756.



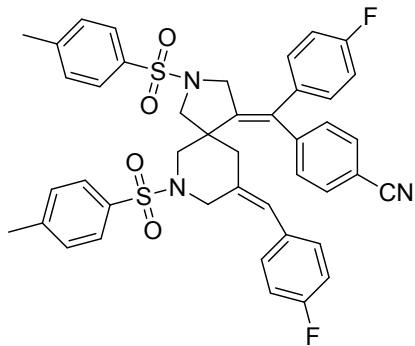
**1-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-methylbenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(p-tolyl)methyl)phenylethanone(bb)**

White solid; 570 mg (74 % yield); m.p. 142 - 143 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.41; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.74 - 7.77 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.65 - 7.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.31 - 7.36 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.10 - 7.20 (m, 8H; Ar-H), 6.93 - 7.10 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 6.30 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.50 - 4.54 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 4.02 - 4.07 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.67 - 3.71 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.52 - 3.55 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=CH), 3.42 - 3.45 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.91 - 2.95 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=CH), 2.47 - 2.50 (t, 4H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.10 - 2.17 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.90 - 1.93 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 196.9, 145.8, 143.9, 143.8, 138.5, 138.0, 137.9, 137.6, 137.0, 135.7, 132.8, 132.3, 131.9, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 127.0, 56.6, 53.0, 52.8, 47.9, 47.2, 43.4, 26.5, 21.6, 21.4, 21.2, 21.1 ppm; FT-IR (neat): ν 3066.7, 3023.6, 2957.8, 2906.2, 2865.3, 1683.9 (C=O), 1599.7, 1508.2, 1446.7, 1415.6, 1352.6, 1265.5, 1091.7, 1010.8, 959.4, 817.8, 756.5, 708.2, 669.7 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): m/z calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 771.2921; found: 771.2911.



**3-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-methylbenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(p-tolyl)methyl)benzonitrile(bc)**

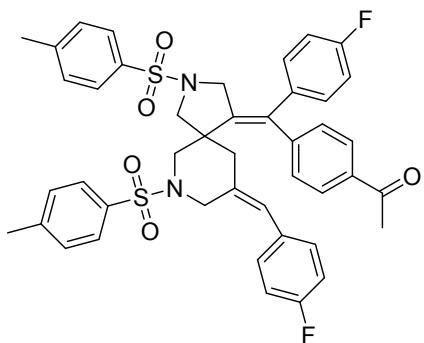
White solid; 587 mg (78 % yield); m.p. 138 - 140 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.48;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 - 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.37 - 7.38 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 7.28 - 7.35 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.12 - 7.16 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.00 - 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.91 - 6.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.31 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.55 - 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.00 - 4.05 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.67 - 3.72 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.49 - 3.54 (d,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 3.42 - 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.94 - 2.98 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.45 - 2.50 (d, 7H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ , Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.35 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.33 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.16 - 2.20 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.03 - 2.08 (d,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.79 - 1.83 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  144.0, 143.9, 142.1, 139.2, 138.2, 137.9, 137.1, 136.6, 133.0, 132.7, 132.2, 131.9, 130.8, 130.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 118.1, 112.6, 56.5, 53.0, 52.9, 47.9, 47.2, 43.6, 21.6, 21.6, 21.2, 21.2 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3055.2, 3020.5, 2953.0, 2881.7, 2310.7, 1595.1, 1535.3, 1489.1, 1456.3, 1338.6, 1159.2, 1085.9, 1014.6, 839.0, 808.2, 754.2, 688.6  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ , 754.2768; found: 754.2780.



#### **4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)benzonitrile (ca)**

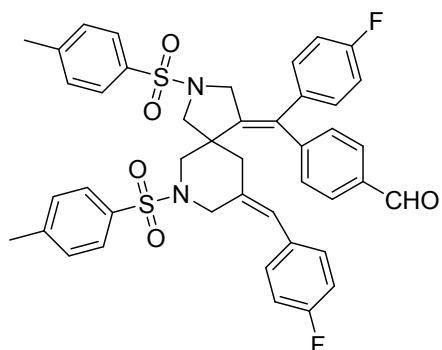
White solid; 646 mg (85 % yield); m.p. 257 - 258 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.52;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.66 - 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.47 - 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.26 - 7.36 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.20 - 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.06 - 7.12 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.33 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.48 - 4.51 (d,  $J$  = 12.4 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.03 - 4.06 (d,  $J$  = 14.8 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.59 - 3.66 (t, 2H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ , N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 3.38 - 3.41 (d,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.89 - 2.91 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.51 - 2.55 (d,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.51 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.45 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.12 - 2.17 (t, 2H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ , C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.73 - 1.76 (d,  $J$  = 11.2 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 249.2$  Hz), 163.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 247.4$  Hz), 145.2, 144.5, 144.2, 139.7, 136.7, 136.7, 136.2, 132.1, 131.7, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5, 118.1, 116.4, 116.2, 115.6, 115.4, 111.6, 56.4, 52.9, 52.6, 48.1, 47.2, 43.4, 21.6,

21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3074.5, 3045.6, 2974.2, 2937.6, 2881.7, 2308.8, 2227.8, 1600.9, 1508.3, 1338.6, 1222.9, 1161.2, 1091.7, 815.9, 667.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>37</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 762.2266; found: 762.2252.



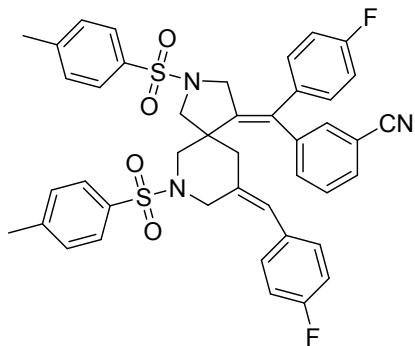
**1-((4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone (cb)**

White solid; 646 mg (83 % yield); m.p. 137 - 138 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.65 - 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.30 - 7.36 (t, 5H; Ar-H), 7.17 - 7.21 (m, 5H; Ar-H), 6.98 - 7.07 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 6.32 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.41 - 4.45 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.00 - 4.05 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.59 - 3.64 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.54 - 3.57 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.42 - 3.46 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.89 - 2.92 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=CH), 2.56 - 2.61 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.51 (s, 3H; O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 - 2.17 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.89 - 1.93 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.8, 163.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 248.3 Hz), 163.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 247.0 Hz), 145.2, 144.1, 144.0, 138.7, 137.1, 135.9, 132.1, 131.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 116.3, 116.0, 115.6, 115.3, 56.5, 52.9, 52.7, 48.0, 47.0, 43.3, 26.5, 21.6, 21.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3063.0, 3043.7, 2956.9, 2926.0, 2870.1, 2351.2, 2308.8, 1683.9 (C=O), 1600.9, 1508.3, 1350.2, 1265.3, 1226.7, 1091.7, 1041.6, 958.6, 815.9, 663.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>40</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 779.2420; found: 779.2404.



**4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)benzaldehyde(cc)**

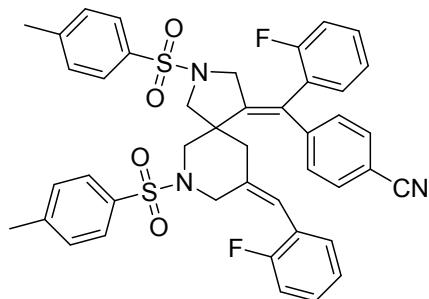
White solid; 581 mg (76 % yield); m.p. 146 - 147 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.48;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.88 (s, 1H; CHO), 7.68 - 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.65 - 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.29 - 7.36 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.17 - 7.26 (m, 2H; Ar-H), 7.01 - 7.11 (m, 8H; Ar-H), 6.33 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.43 - 4.47 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.02 - 4.06 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.56 - 3.64 (t, 2H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.39 - 3.42 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.87 - 2.90 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.53 - 2.57 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.39 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 - 2.16 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.79 - 1.83 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  190.9, 163.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$  = 248.1 Hz), 163.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$  = 247.0 Hz), 146.6, 144.0, 139.2, 136.9, 135.3, 132.3, 131.9, 131.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5, 116.4, 116.1, 115.6, 115.3, 56.5, 52.9, 52.7, 48.1, 47.1, 43.3, 21.6, 21.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3066.8, 3047.5, 2956.9, 2926.0, 2870.1, 2374.4, 1701.2(CHO), 1600.9, 1506.4, 1348.2, 1226.7, 1091.7, 815.9, 663.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>38</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 765.2263; found: 765.2256.



**3-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(cd)**

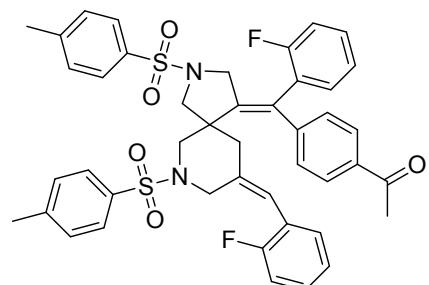
White solid; 594 mg (78 % yield); m.p. 149 - 150 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.50;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.65 - 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.36 - 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz, 4H; Ar-H), 7.29 - 7.34 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.06 - 7.09 (t, 3H; Ar-H), 7.01 - 7.04 (t, 5H; Ar-H), 6.33 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.67 - 4.51 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 3.99 - 4.04 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.61 - 3.66 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.52 - 3.55 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.43 - 3.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.94 - 2.97 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.48 - 2.54 (d,  $J$  = 18.6 Hz, 4H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.16 - 2.20 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.04 - 2.08 (d,  $J$  = 14.1 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.78 - 1.84 (d,  $J$  = 17.8 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$  = 258.8 Hz), 163.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$  = 271.0

Hz), 144.2, 144.1, 141.6, 140.0, 136.9, 135.8, 132.9, 131.9, 131.0, 130.5, 130.4, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 118.0, 116.5, 116.2, 115.7, 115.4, 112.8, 56.5, 52.8, 48.1, 47.1, 43.4, 21.6, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3064.9, 3043.7, 2956.9, 2926.0, 2872.0, 2378.2, 2308.8, 1599.0, 1508.3, 1458.2, 1350.2, 1220.9, 1153.4, 1091.7, 1043.5, 1010.7, 964.4, 815.9, 771.5, 667.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>37</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 762.2266; found: 762.2274.



**4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(2-fluorophenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(da)**

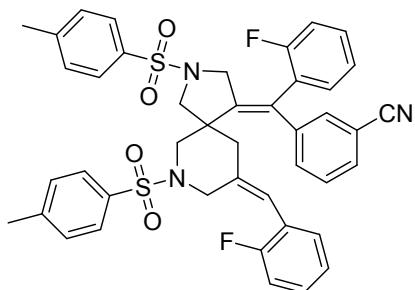
White solid; 632 mg (83 % yield); m.p. 265 - 266 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.42; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.64 - 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.45 - 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.29-7.35 (t, 6H; Ar-H), 7.27 (s, 4H; Ar-H), 7.03 - 7.15 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 6.26 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.31 - 4.35(d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 3.96 - 4.00 (d, *J* = 14.7Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.58 - 3.63 (t, 2H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.39 - 3.42 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.92 - 2.95 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.58 - 2.63(d, *J*= 13.5 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.50 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.43 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11 - 2.25 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.69 - 1.73 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =247.6 Hz), 159.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> =246.6 Hz), 144.5, 144.3, 144.1, 141.7, 132.1, 131.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 127.5, 125.1, 124.3, 124.2, 123.3, 118.2, 116.7, 116.5, 115.8, 115.5, 111.6, 56.4, 52.8, 52.6, 48.0, 47.6, 43.3, 21.7, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3061.0, 3030.2, 2926.0, 2877.8, 2833.4, 2349.3, 2306.9, 1595.1, 1487.1, 1452.4, 1340.5, 1093.6, 1012.6, 916.2, 815.9, 765.7, 707.9, 665.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>37</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 762.2266; found: 762.2257.



**1-(4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(2-**

**fluorophenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(db)**

White solid; 654 mg (84 % yield); m.p. 235 - 236 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.36;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.76 - 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.65 - 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.32 - 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 4H; Ar-H), 7.25 - 7.29 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 7.17 - 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.00 - 7.14 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 6.25 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.27 - 4.31 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.95 - 4.00 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.59 - 3.64 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.53 - 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=CH}$ ), 3.45 - 3.49 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.96 - 2.99 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=CH}$ ), 2.55 - 2.59 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.50 (s, 3H; O=C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.43 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.38 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.12 - 2.21 (t, 2H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=CH}$ , C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.89 - 1.92 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.8, 161.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 246.8 Hz), 159.7 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 245.8 Hz), 144.4, 144.1, 143.9, 140.8, 135.9, 132.2, 131.8, 131.7, 131.4, 130.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 125.0, 124.2, 122.9, 116.6, 116.4, 115.7, 115.4, 56.5, 52.8, 52.7, 48.0, 47.4, 43.2, 26.5, 21.6, 21.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3078.4, 3032.1, 2941.4, 2877.8, 2833.4, 2349.3, 2308.8, 1685.8 (C=O), 1600.9, 1487.1, 1450.5, 1400.3, 1352.1, 1265.3, 1091.7, 1010.7, 964.4, 814.0, 754.2, 667.4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{40}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}_2$  [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 779.2420; found: 779.2410.

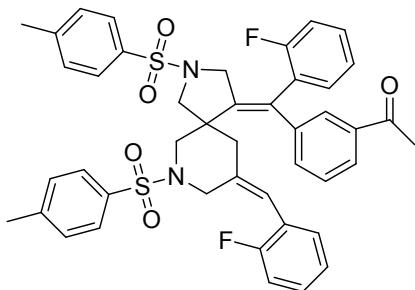


**3-((Z)-9-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(2-**

**fluorophenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(dc)**

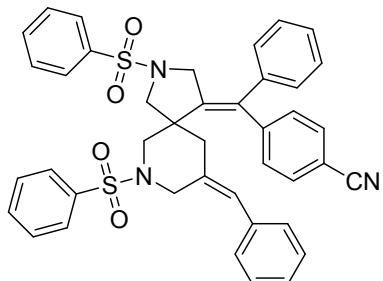
White solid; 517 mg (68 % yield); m.p. 149 - 150 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.38;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.65 - 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.40 - 7.44 (t, 3H; Ar-H), 7.36 - 7.41 (t, 3H; Ar-H), 7.28 - 7.33 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.11 - 7.17 (m, 3H; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.08 (m, 3H; Ar-H), 6.27 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.33 - 4.38 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.94 - 3.98 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.59 - 3.64 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.50 - 3.55 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=CH}$ ), 3.46 - 3.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.00 - 3.03 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=CH}$ ), 2.54 - 2.59 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.45 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.44 (s, 3H; Ar- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.20 - 2.24 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=CH}$ ), 2.08 - 2.12 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.77 - 1.83 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  161.5 (d,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 241.3

Hz), 159.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 249.7$  Hz), 144.1, 144.0, 142.1, 140.8, 133.0, 131.9, 131.5, 131.1, 130.8, 130.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 125.2, 124.2, 123.1, 118.1, 116.8, 116.5, 115.8, 115.7, 115.4, 56.5, 52.7, 48.2, 47.5, 43.3, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3063.0, 3030.2, 2955.0, 2924.1, 2873.9, 2308.8, 1597.1, 1573.9, 1487.1, 1450.5, 1340.5, 1238.3, 1163.1, 1091.7, 1045.4, 815.9, 758.0, 663.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>37</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 762.2266; found: 762.2275.



**1-(3-((Z)-((Z)-9-(2-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-ditosyl-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(2-fluorophenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(dd)**

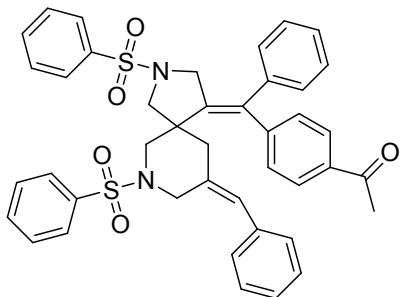
White solid; 513 mg (66 % yield); m.p. 246 - 247 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 - 7.72 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 7.30 - 7.35 (t, 8H; Ar-H), 7.13 - 7.19 (t, 6H; Ar-H), 7.04 - 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.24 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.29 - 4.34 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 3.94 - 3.99 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.62 - 3.66 (d,  $J$  = 14.1 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.50 (s, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.01 - 3.04 (d,  $J$  = 9.3 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.56 - 2.60 (d,  $J$  = 13.2 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.51 (s, 3H; O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.43 (s, 6H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.16 (s, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.90 - 1.94 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.0, 163.3 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 265.1 Hz), 161.7 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 247.3 Hz), 144.0, 143.6, 141.0, 140.0, 136.9, 133.2, 131.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.9, 129.7, 129.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.5, 127.5, 125.0, 124.2, 122.8, 116.6, 116.7, 115.7, 115.4, 56.5, 52.8, 52.7, 48.1, 47.4, 43.2, 26.6, 21.6 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3066.8, 3030.2, 2935.7, 2872.0, 2837.3, 2349.3, 2308.8, 1685.8 (C=O), 1597.1, 1575.8, 1487.1, 1452.4, 1423.5, 1346.3, 1093.6, 1010.7, 968.3, 817.8, 761.9, 704.0, 663.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>40</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 779.2420; found: 779.2433.



**4-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-**

**ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(ea)**

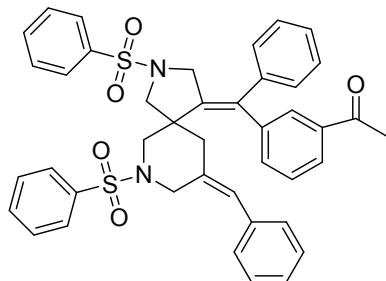
White solid; 425 mg (57 % yield); m.p. 240 - 241 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.45;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.56 - 7.68 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.43 - 7.53 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.25 - 7.35 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.20 - 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.12 - 7.14 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.03 - 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.37 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.59 - 4.63 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.04 - 4.09 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.68 - 3.73 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.59 - 3.62 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 3.39 - 3.42 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.97 - 3.00 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.51 - 2.56 (d,  $J$  = 12.9 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.19 - 2.23 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 2.09 - 2.13 (d,  $J$  = 13.5 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.73 - 1.77 (d,  $J$  = 11.7 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  145.3, 140.7, 138.9, 137.3, 135.5, 134.8, 133.3, 133.1, 132.1, 130.4, 129.3, 129.3, 129.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 118.1, 111.5, 56.4, 52.9, 52.6, 48.0, 47.3, 43.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3053.3, 3026.3, 2873.9, 2225.9, 1597.1, 1491.0, 1462.0, 1440.8, 1352.1, 1334.7, 1163.1, 1091.7, 815.9, 758.0, 702.1, 667.4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$  [M + H] $^+$ , 698.2142; found: 698.2137.



**1-(4-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(eb)**

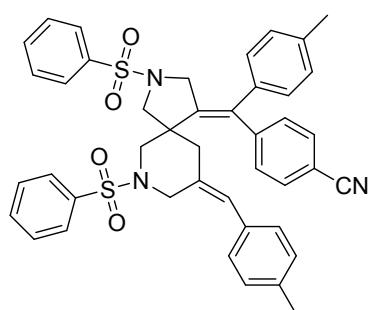
White solid; 443 mg (62 % yield); m.p. 136 - 137 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.43;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.74 - 7.80 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 7.49 - 7.67 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.40 - 7.47 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.23 - 7.37 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.18 - 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.05 - 7.13 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 6.36 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.54 - 4.58 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ ), 4.03 - 4.08 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.68 - 3.73 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-N-CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 3.56 - 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 3.44 - 3.47 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.97 - 3.01 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C-C=C}$ ), 2.54 - 2.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H; C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 2.49 (s, 3H; O=C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.16 - 2.20 (d,  $J$  = 12.3 Hz, 2H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=C}$ , C- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ ), 1.90 - 1.94 (d,  $J$  = 11.7 Hz, 1H; N- $\text{CH}_2\text{-C=CH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  197.0, 145.4, 141.3, 138.1, 135.6, 135.2, 133.1, 132.8, 130.1, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 56.5, 52.9, 52.7, 48.0, 47.2, 43.4, 26.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3057.2, 3024.4, 2956.9, 2829.9, 2850.8, 2347.4,

2308.8, 1681.9 (C=O), 1600.9, 1462.0, 1444.7, 1350.2, 1265.3, 1166.9, 1091.7, 1014.6, 960.6, 925.8, 823.6, 752.2, 690.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 715.2295; found: 715.2296.



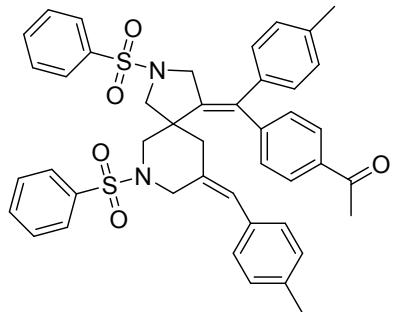
**1-(3-((E)-((Z)-9-benzylidene-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(ec)**

White solid; 364 mg (51 % yield); m.p. 204 - 205 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.45; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.77 - 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.65 - 7.68 (t, 3H; Ar-H), 7.54 - 7.59 (m, 3H; Ar-H), 7.41 - 7.47 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.24 - 7.36 (m, 8H; Ar-H), 7.08 - 7.13 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.54 - 4.58 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.03 - 4.08 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.71 - 3.76 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.48 - 3.55 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.02 - 3.06 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.46 - 2.50 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.46 (s, 3H; O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11 - 2.21 (t, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.93 - 1.97 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 197.1, 141.6, 140.9, 138.2, 136.9, 135.7, 135.6, 135.5, 133.1, 132.7, 129.9, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 56.5, 52.9, 52.7, 48.1, 47.1, 43.5, 26.7 ppm; FT-IR (neat): ν 3057.2, 3026.3, 2958.8, 2933.7, 2877.8, 2345.4, 1685.8 (C=O), 1597.1, 1491.0, 1444.7, 1346.3, 1249.9, 1168.9, 1091.7, 1014.6, 964.4, 927.8, 819.8, 754.2, 692.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 715.2295; found: 715.2304.



**4-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-methylbenzylidene)-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(p-tolyl)methyl)benzonitrile(fa)**

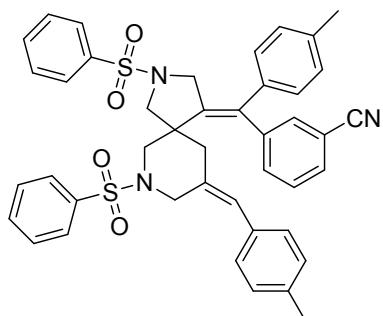
White solid; 537 mg (74 % yield); m.p. 154 - 155 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.50;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 - 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.53 - 7.68 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.42 - 7.50 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.11 - 7.19 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.01 - 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.90 - 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.32 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.59 - 4.63 (d,  $J$  = 11.4 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.04 - 4.08 (d,  $J$  = 14.1 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.69 - 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.57 - 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.35 - 3.39 (d,  $J$  = 11.7 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.95 - 2.98 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.48 - 2.52 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.35 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.32 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.16 - 2.20 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 2.04 - 2.10 (d,  $J$  = 18.9 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.70 - 1.73 (d,  $J$  = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  145.5, 138.6, 137.9, 137.9, 137.2, 137.2, 135.5, 134.8, 133.3, 132.7, 132.1, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 118.2, 111.3, 56.4, 53.0, 52.7, 48.0, 47.4, 43.6, 21.3, 21.2 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3057.2, 3022.5, 2953.0, 2922.2, 2868.2, 2380.2, 2308.8, 1602.9, 1446.6, 1350.2, 1165.0, 1091.7, 1041.6, 1012.6, 823.6, 719.5, 690.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 726.2455; found: 726.2456.



**1-(4-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-methylbenzylidene)-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(p-tolyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone (fb)**

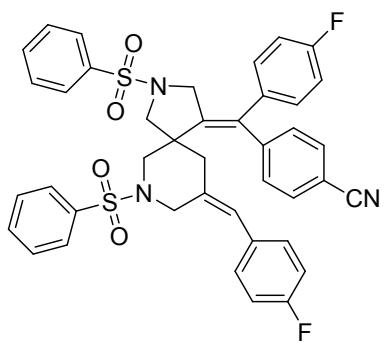
White solid; 497 mg (67 % yield); m.p. 161 - 162 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.42;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.76 - 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.72-7.75 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.51-7.65 (m, 5H; Ar-H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 3H; Ar-H), 7.10 - 7.18 (m, 5H; Ar-H), 7.00 - 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.93 - 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.31 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.53 - 4.59 (d,  $J$  = 19.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.04 - 4.09 (d,  $J$  = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.70 - 3.75 (d,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.54 - 3.57 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.41 - 3.45 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.96 - 3.00 (d,  $J$  = 10.2 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.46 - 2.49 (d,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 4H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.34 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.14 - 2.17 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.87 - 1.91 (d,  $J$  = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  197.0, 145.6, 138.4, 138.0, 137.8, 137.6, 137.1, 135.7, 135.5, 135.0, 133.1, 132.8, 130.0,

129.7, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.0, 56.5, 53.0, 52.8, 47.9, 47.2, 43.4, 26.5, 21.2, 21.1 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3061.0, 3024.4, 2953.0, 2920.2, 2868.2, 2349.3, 2306.9, 1683.9 (C=O), 1602.9, 1510.3, 1446.6, 1348.2, 1265.3, 1166.9, 1091.7, 1008.8, 964.4, 821.7, 754.2, 692.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 743.2608; found: 743.2604.



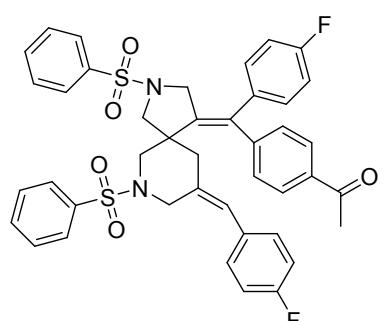
**3-((E)-9-(4-methylbenzylidene)-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(p-tolyl)methylbenzonitrile(fc)**

White solid; 500 mg (69 % yield); m.p. 141 - 142 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.50; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 - 7.80 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.51 - 7.65 (m, 8H; Ar-H), 7.27 - 7.38 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.12 - 7.17 (t, 4H; Ar-H), 7.01 - 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.91 - 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 6.33 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.59 - 4.63 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.03 - 4.08 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.70 - 3.75 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.53 - 3.56 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.44 - 3.48 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.01 - 3.04 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.45 - 2.50 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.35 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.31 (s, 3H; Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.19 - 2.23 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 2.03 - 2.08 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.80 - 1.83 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.0, 139.0, 138.1, 137.9, 137.2, 136.8, 135.2, 134.8, 133.1, 133.1, 132.9, 132.7, 131.9, 131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 118.1, 112.6, 56.5, 53.0, 52.8, 48.1, 47.3, 43.6, 21.2, 21.2 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3063.0, 3024.4, 2955.0, 2922.2, 2866.2, 2378.2, 2229.7, 1610.6, 1510.3, 1446.6, 1350.2, 1091.7, 1043.5, 1012.6, 962.5, 825.5, 804.3, 756.1, 719.5, 690.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 726.2455; found: 726.2463.



**4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(ga)**

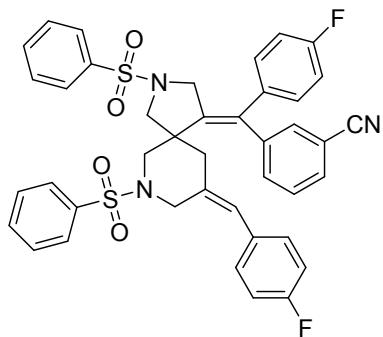
White solid; 564 mg (77 % yield); m.p. 168 - 169 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1):  $R_f$  = 0.50;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 (s, 2H; Ar-H), 7.63 - 7.67 (t, 5H; Ar-H), 7.48 - 7.57 (m, 6H; Ar-H), 7.18 - 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.20 (m, 7H; Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.52 - 4.55 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.03 - 4.08 (d,  $J$  = 14.7 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 3.60 - 3.69 (t, 2H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.37 - 3.41 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.94 - 2.97 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.52 - 2.56 (d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.17 - 2.21 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.06 - 2.11 (d,  $J$  = 13.8 Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.71 - 1.75 (d,  $J$  = 10.5 Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.8 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$  = 249.0 Hz), 163.6 (d,  $J_{\text{C}-\text{F}}$  = 247.4 Hz), 145.0, 139.4, 136.3, 135.4, 134.7, 133.4, 133.2, 131.5, 130.5, 130.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 118.0, 116.5, 116.2, 115.7, 115.4, 111.7, 56.4, 52.8, 52.6, 48.1, 47.2, 43.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3056.6, 2957.3, 2871.5, 2347.9, 2308.8, 1600.7, 1504.4, 1438.2, 1346.3, 1223.7, 1163.8, 1091.7, 1008.4, 962.6, 815.9, 742.7, 714.6, 692.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 734.1953; found: 734.1943.



**1-(4-((Z)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)phenyl)ethanone(gb)**

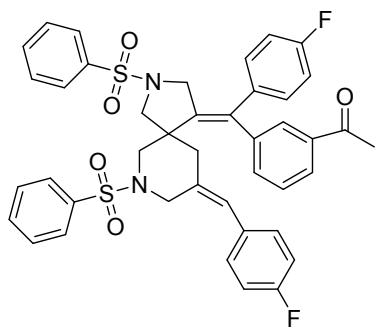
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4.50 (d,  $J = 12.3$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.02 - 4.07 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.65 - 3.70 (d,  $J = 14.7$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.56 - 3.59 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.42 - 3.46 (d,  $J = 11.7$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.97 - 3.00 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.49 - 2.53 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 4H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH, O=C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.14 - 2.18 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 2H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C, C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.88 - 1.92 (d,  $J = 14.4$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.9, 163.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 248.3$  Hz), 163.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.7$  Hz), 145.1, 138.5, 137.2, 135.9, 134.9, 133.2, 132.9, 130.5, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 116.3, 116.0, 115.7, 115.4, 56.5, 52.9, 52.6, 48.1, 47.1, 43.3, 26.5 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3064.9, 2955.0, 2872.0, 2310.7, 1687.7 (C=O), 1602.9, 1506.4, 1446.6, 1348.2, 1265.3, 1226.7, 1165.0, 1091.7, 1012.6, 960.6, 817.8, 748.4, 719.5, 690.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>36</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 751.2107; found: 751.2105.



**3-((E)-((Z)-9-(4-fluorobenzylidene)-2,7-bis(phenylsulfonyl)-2,7-diazaspiro[4.5]decan-4-ylidene)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)benzonitrile(gc)**

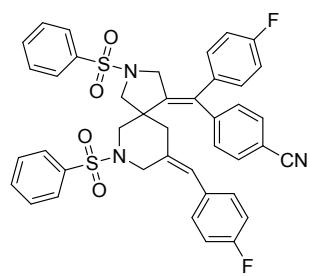
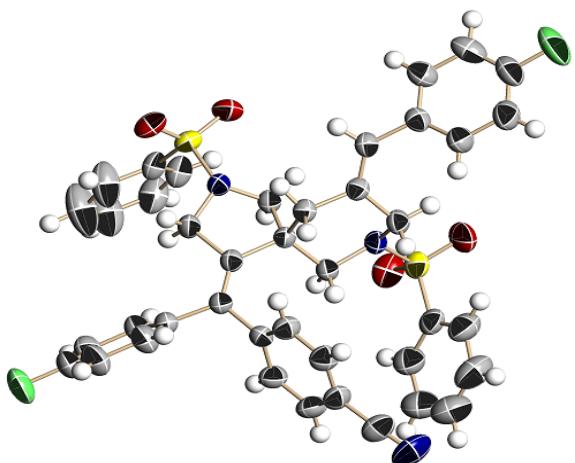
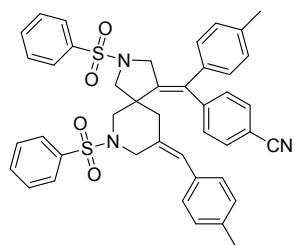
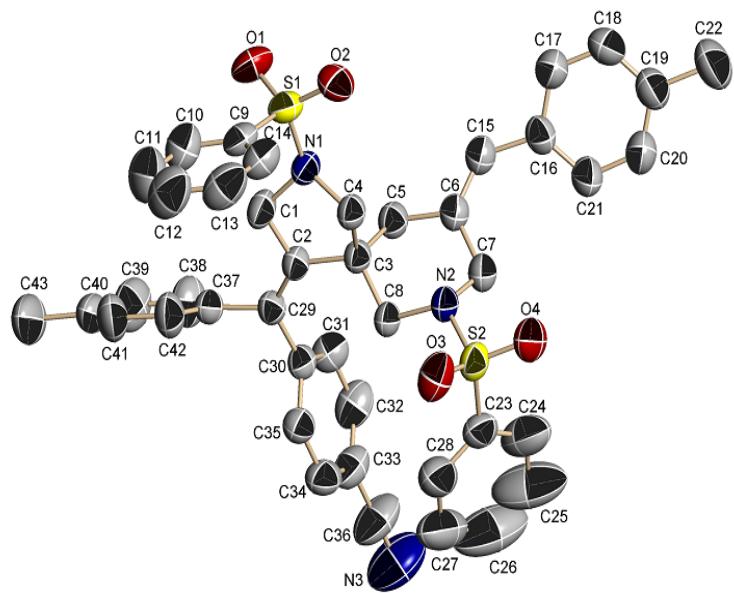
White solid; 550 mg (75 % yield); m.p. 153 - 154 °C; TLC (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1): R<sub>f</sub> = 0.50; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.78 - 7.80 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H; Ar-H), 7.58 - 7.66 (m, 5H; Ar-H), 7.51 - 7.55 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.30 - 7.38 (m, 4H; Ar-H), 7.07 - 7.11 (m, 3H; Ar-H), 7.02 - 7.04 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 4H; Ar-H), 6.34 (s, 1H; C=CH), 4.51 - 4.55 (d,  $J = 12.0$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=C), 4.01 - 4.07 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.64 - 3.69 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 3.55 - 3.59 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 3.45 - 3.49 (d,  $J = 11.4$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.99 - 3.03 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.50 - 2.54 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 2.18 - 2.22 (d,  $J = 12.6$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C-C=C), 2.04 - 2.08 (d,  $J = 13.5$  Hz, 1H; C-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH), 1.80 - 1.83 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 1H; N-CH<sub>2</sub>-C=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.1 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 273.4$  Hz), 163.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 269.9$  Hz), 141.5, 139.8, 135.9, 135.3, 135.1, 133.3, 133.2, 132.9, 131.8, 131.2, 130.5, 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 118.0, 116.5, 116.2, 115.7, 115.4, 112.8, 56.4, 52.8, 52.7, 48.2, 47.1, 43.4 ppm; FT-IR (neat):  $\nu$  3066.8, 2955.0, 2935.7, 2875.9, 2380.2, 2208.8, 1600.9, 1506.4, 1446.6, 1348.2, 1222.9, 1166.9, 1091.7, 1010.7, 964.4, 927.8, 875.7, 817.8, 756.1, 717.5, 692.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (APCI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>33</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 734.1953; found: 734.1965.

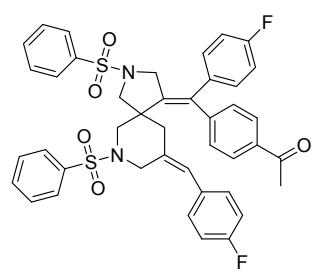
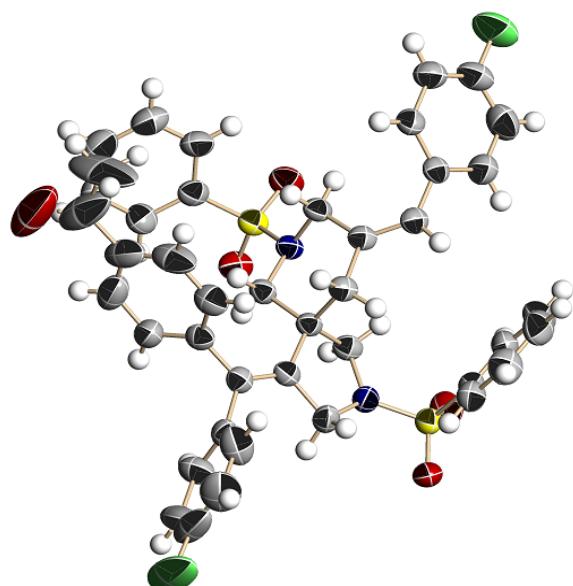


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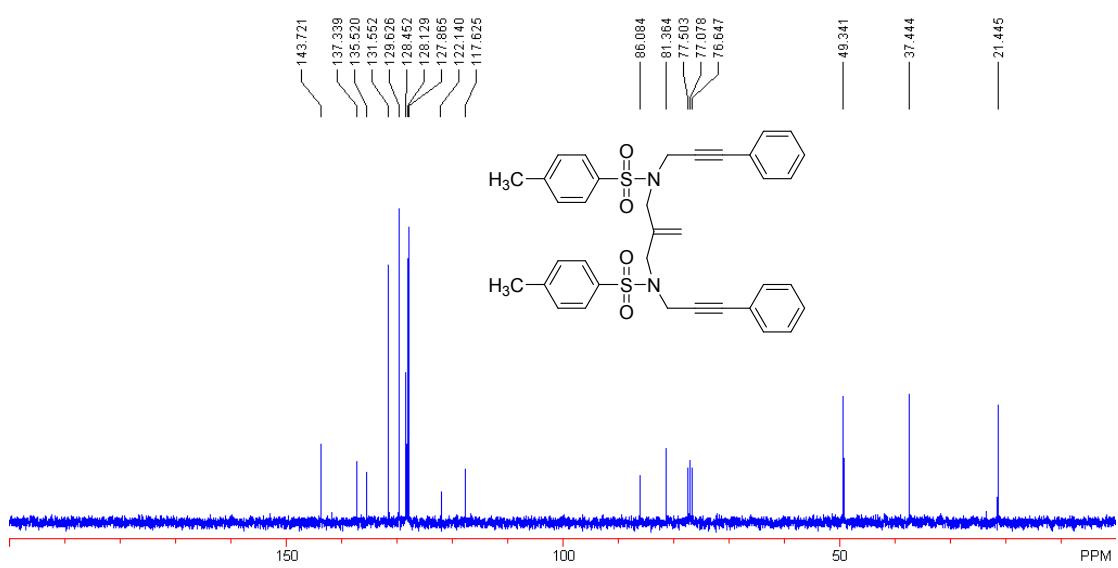
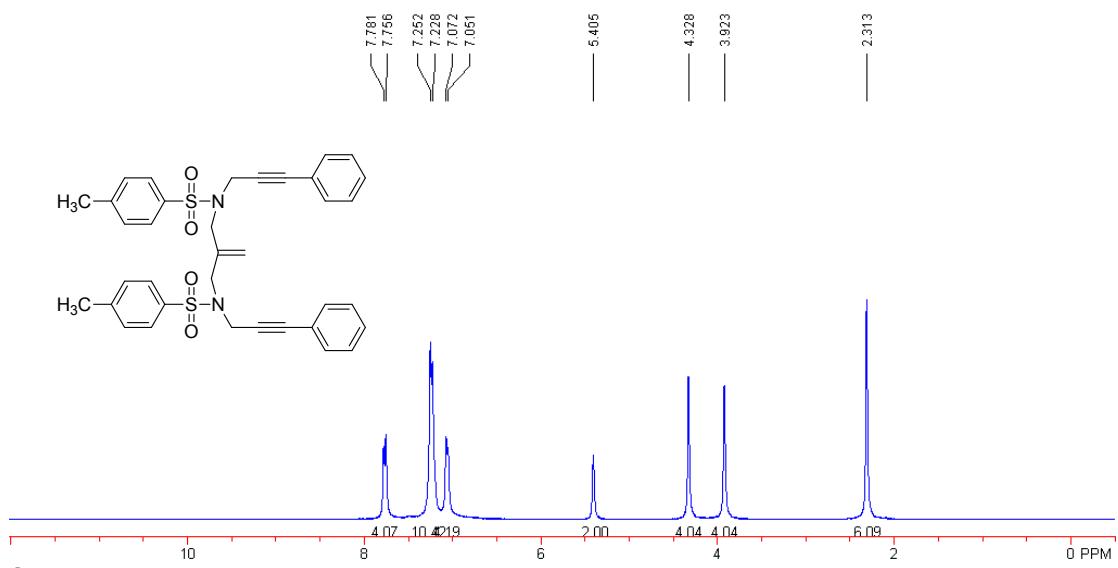
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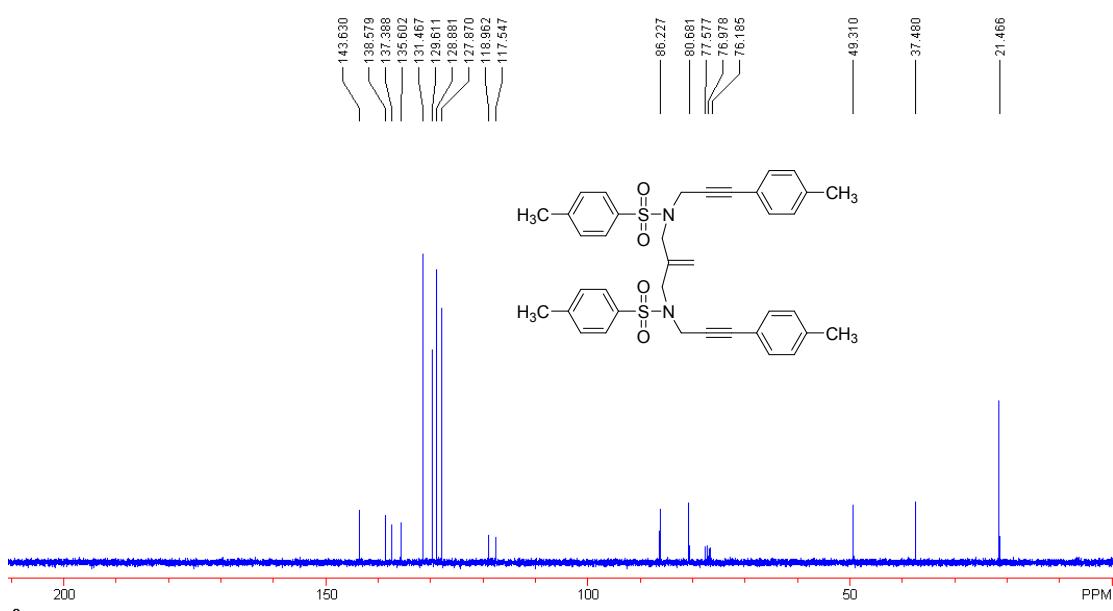
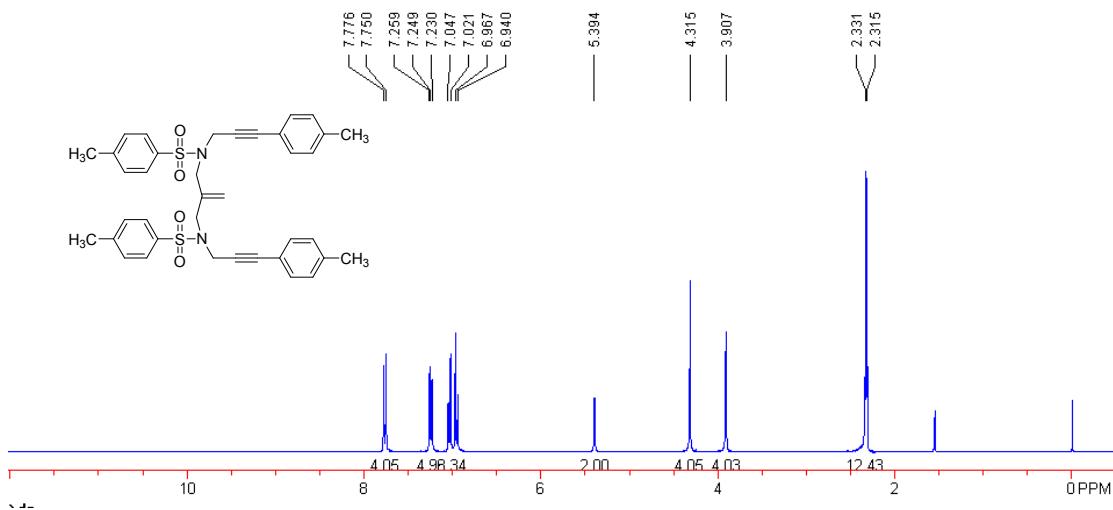
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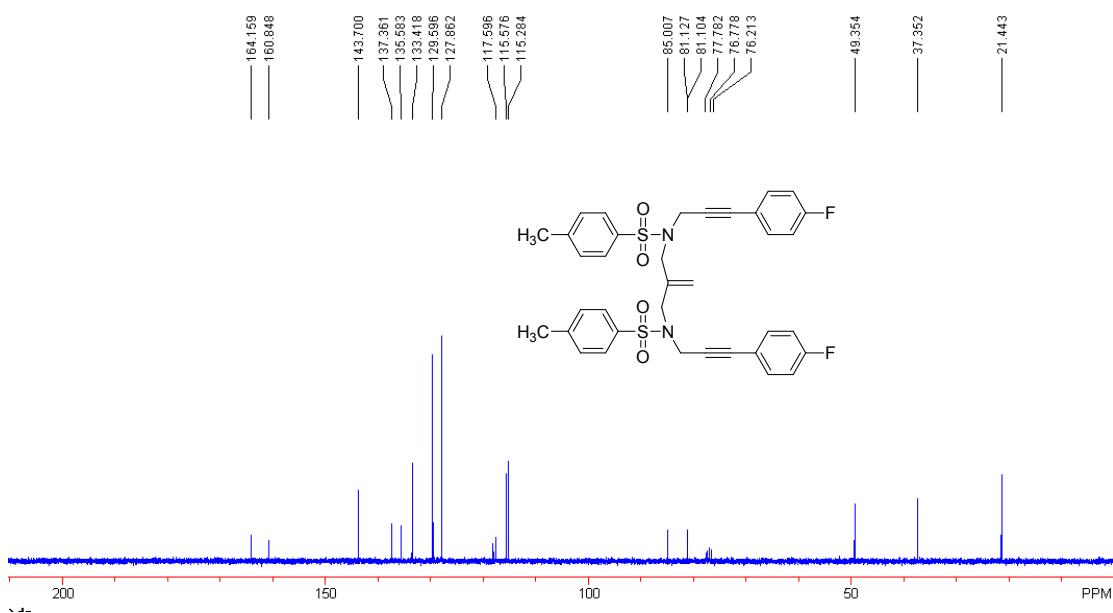
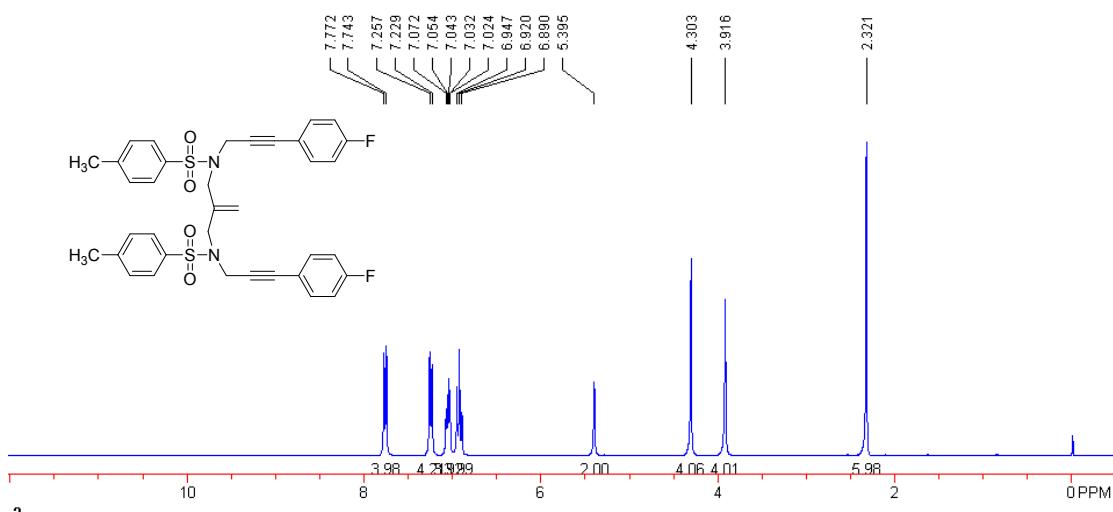


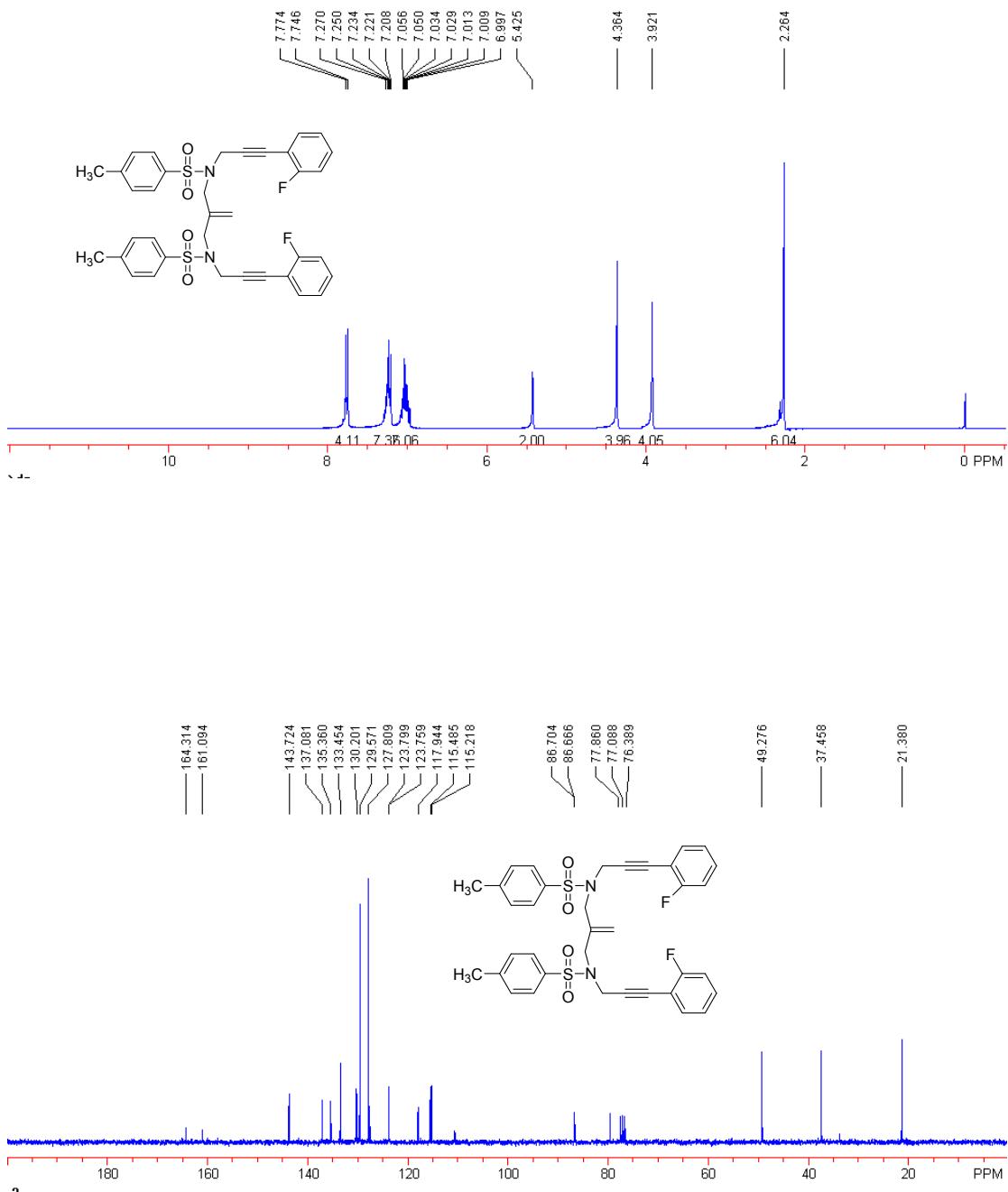


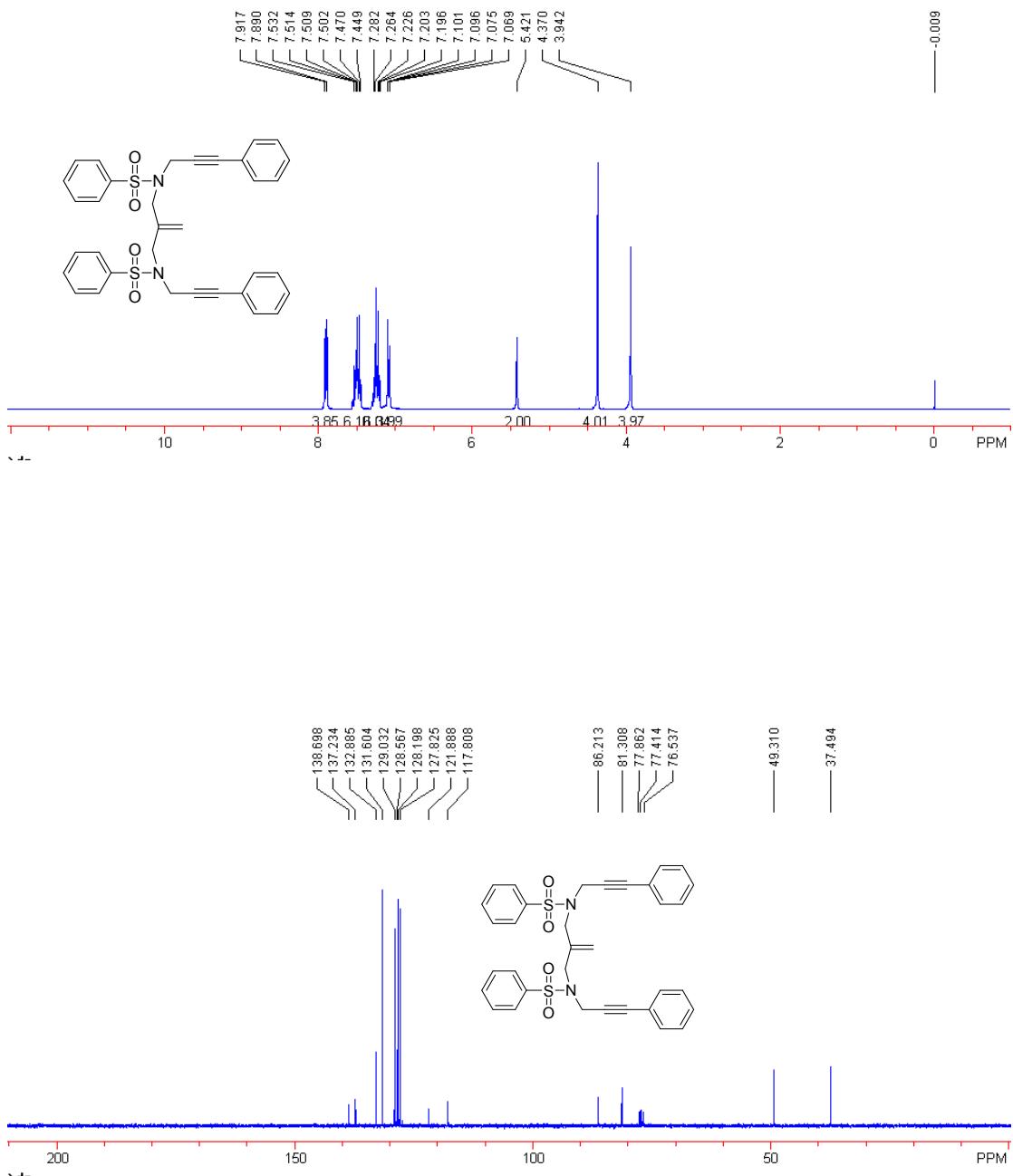
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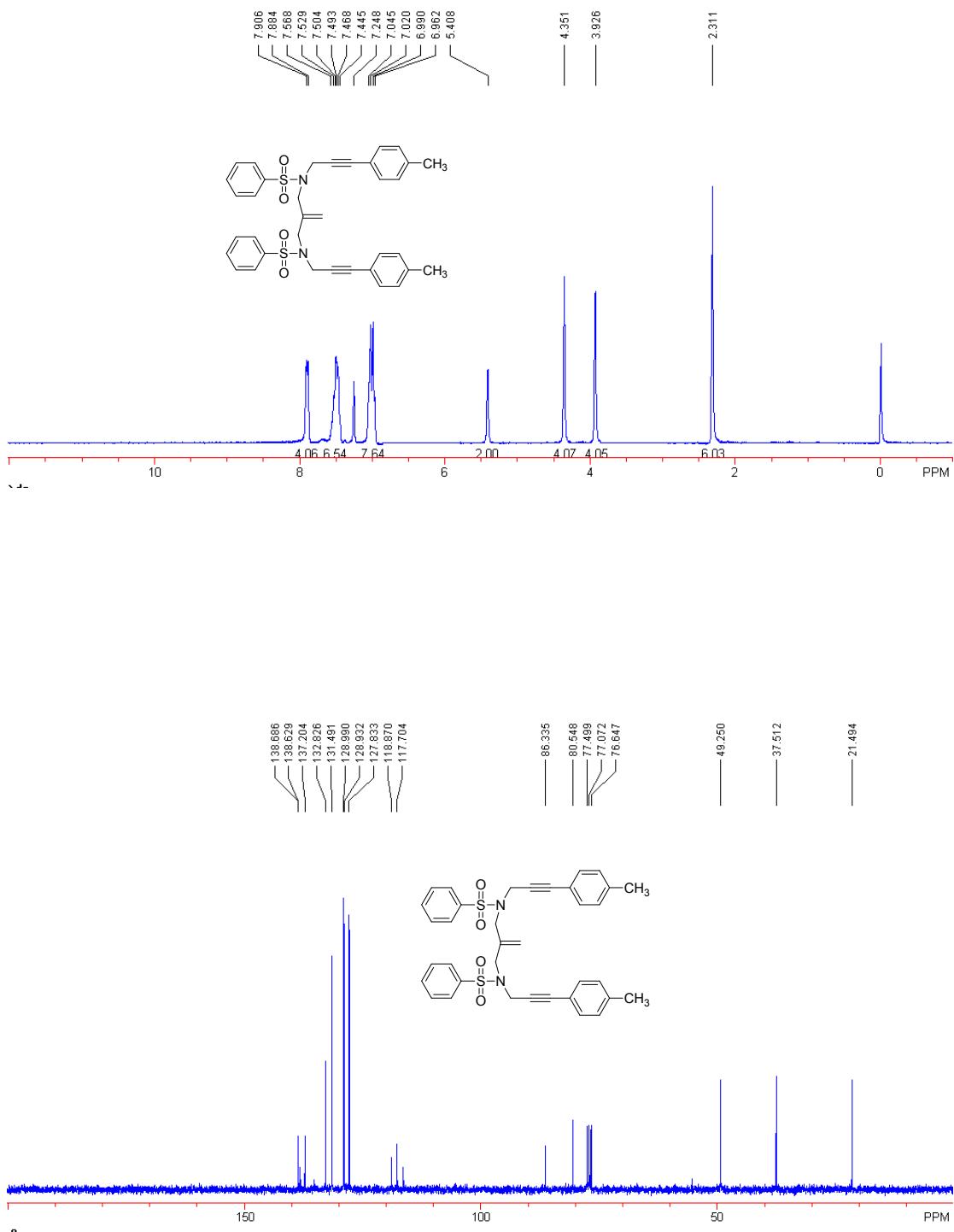


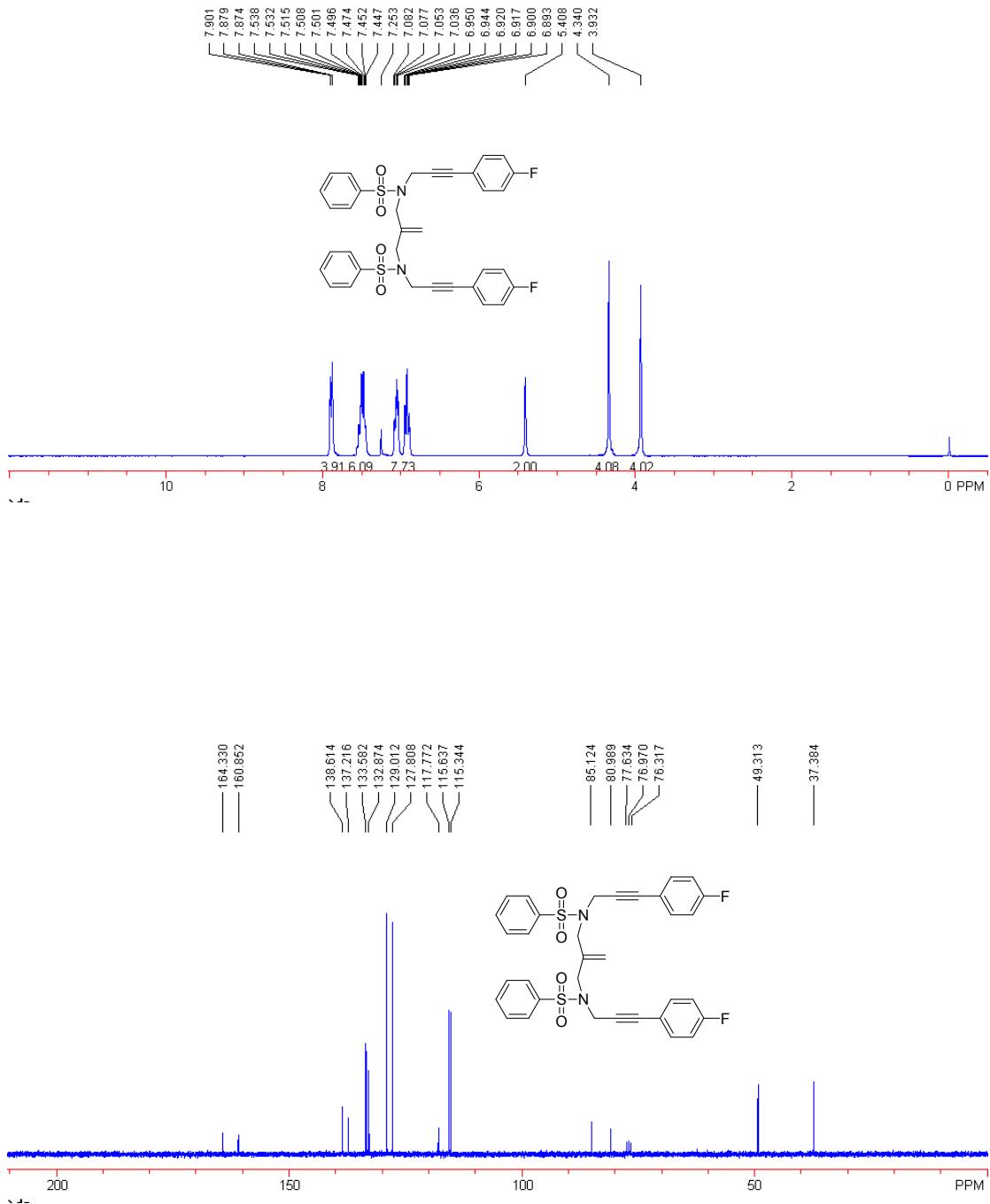


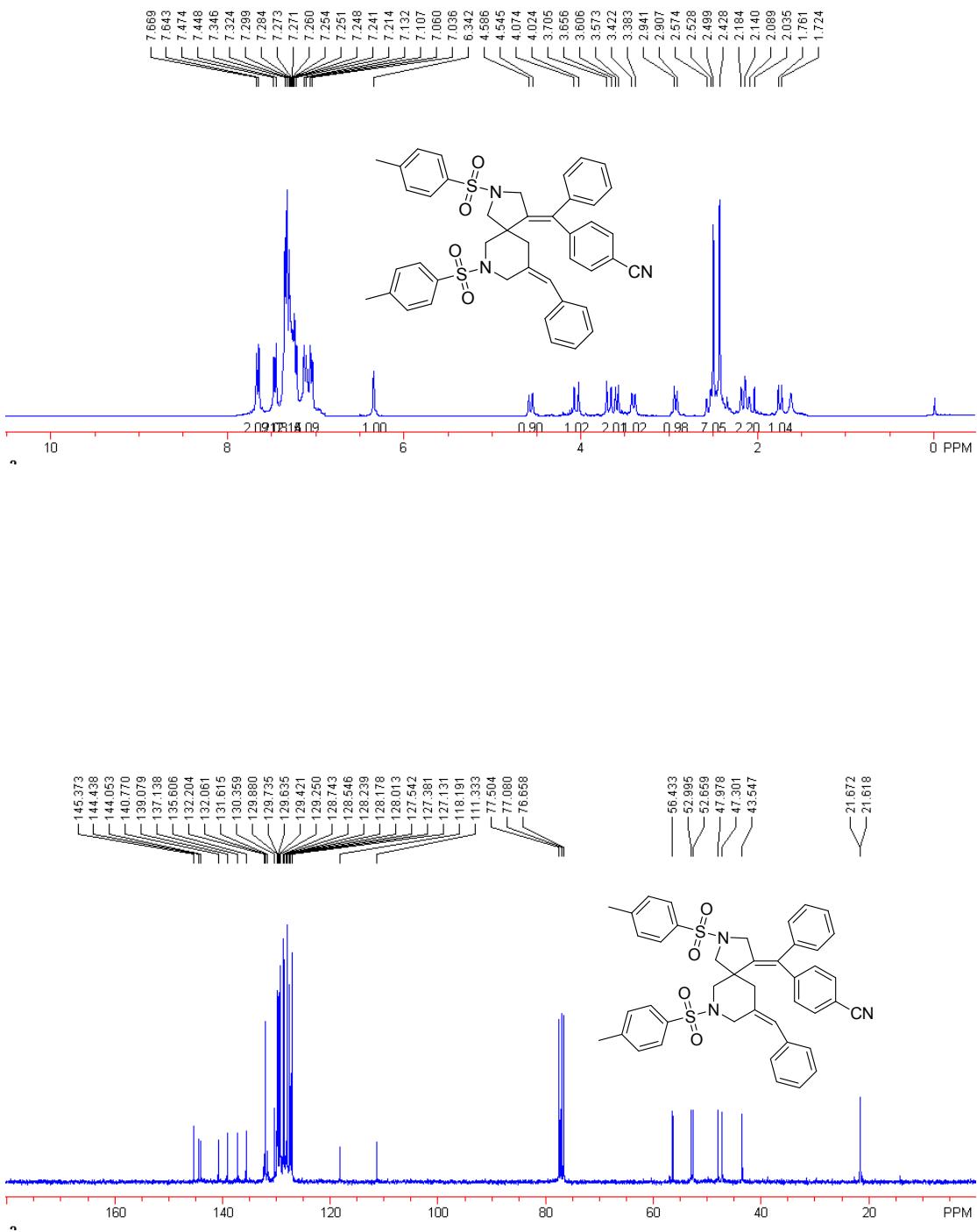


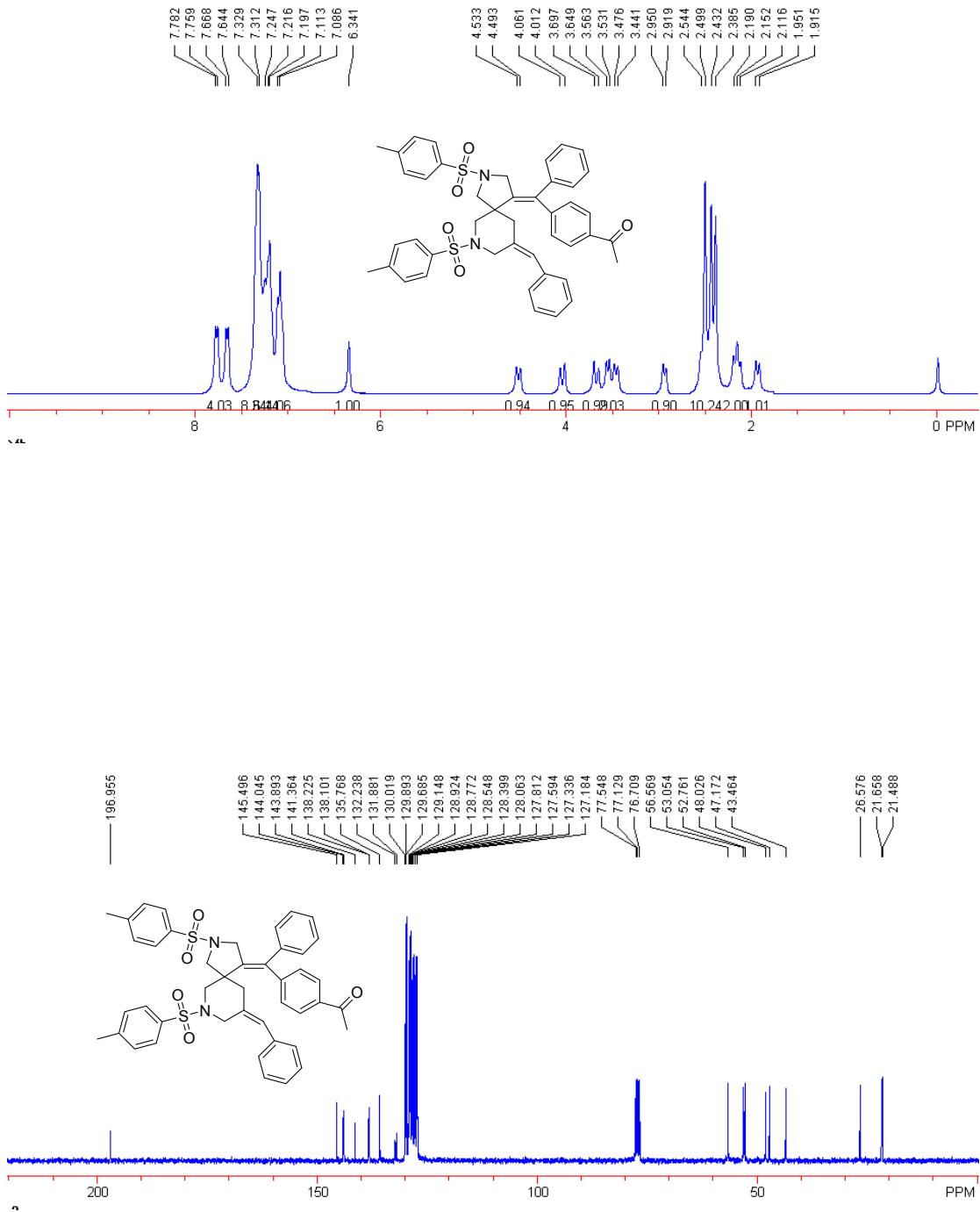


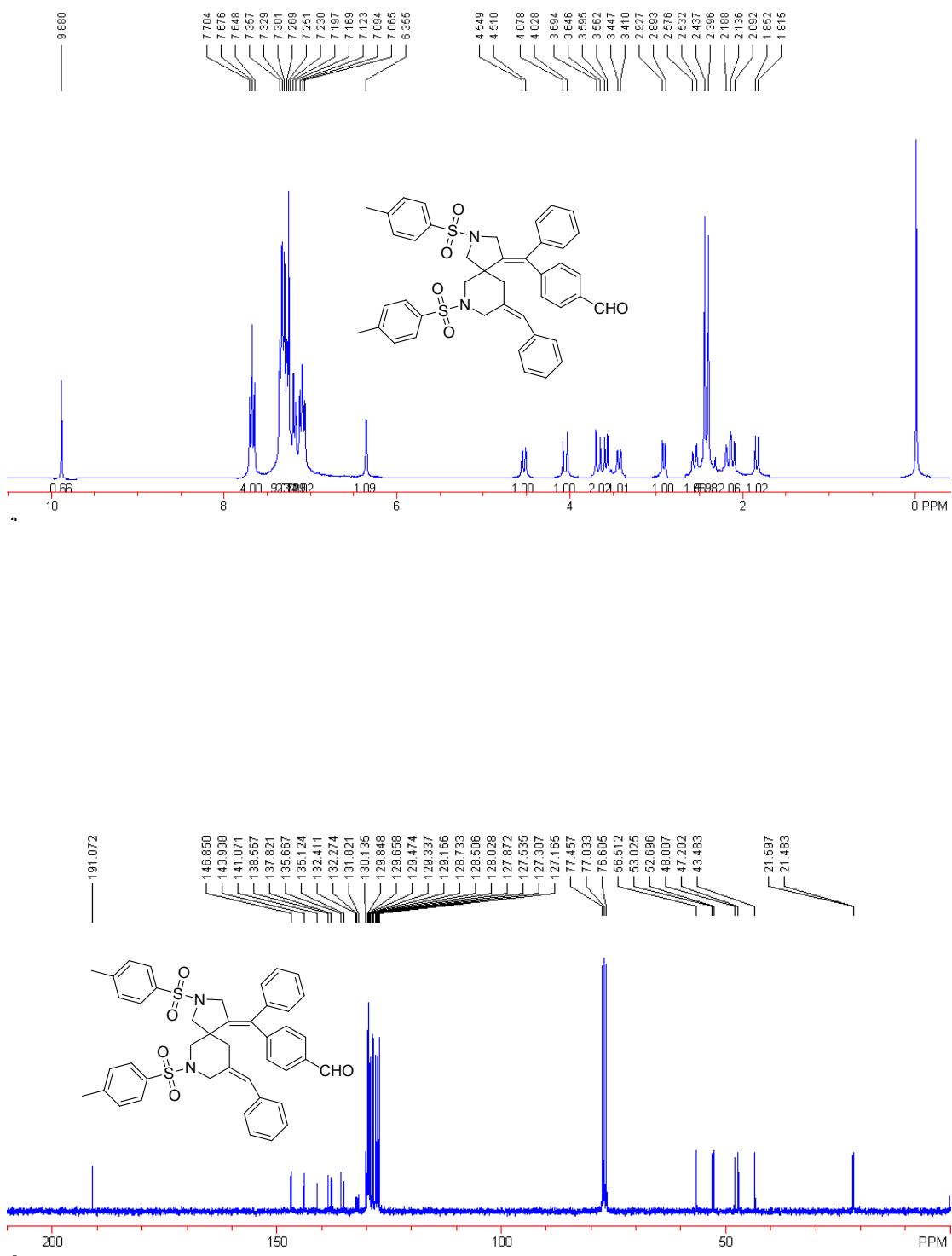


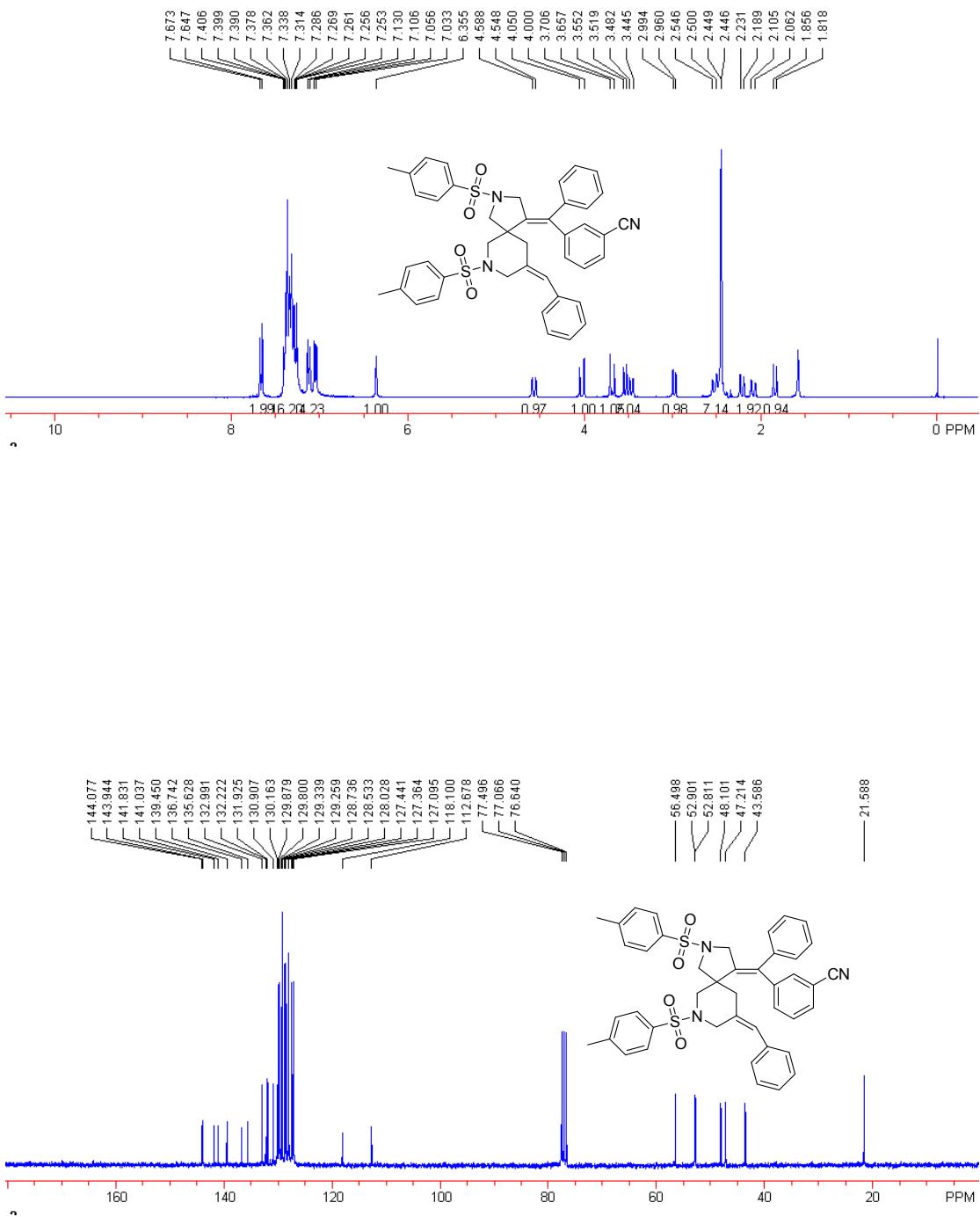


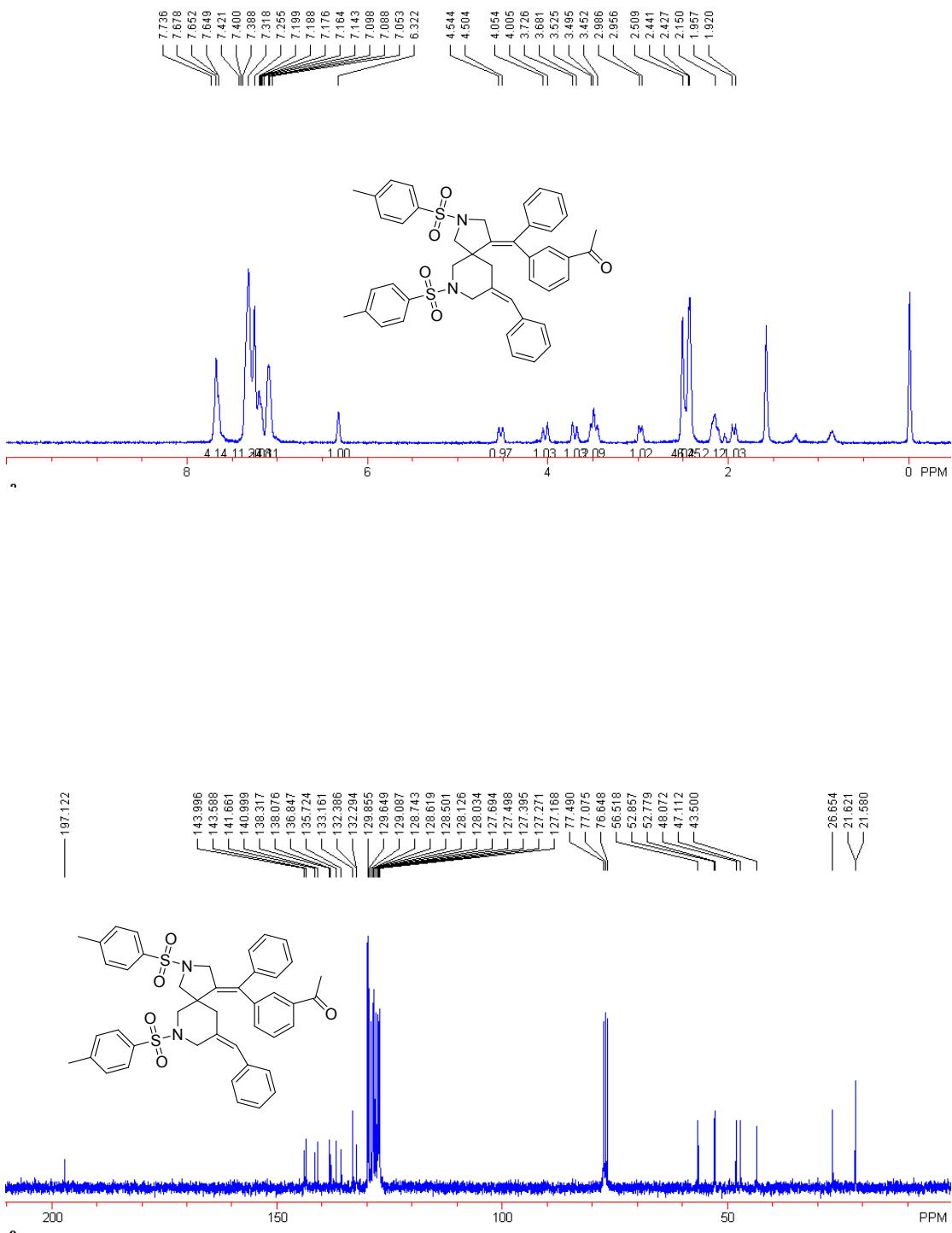


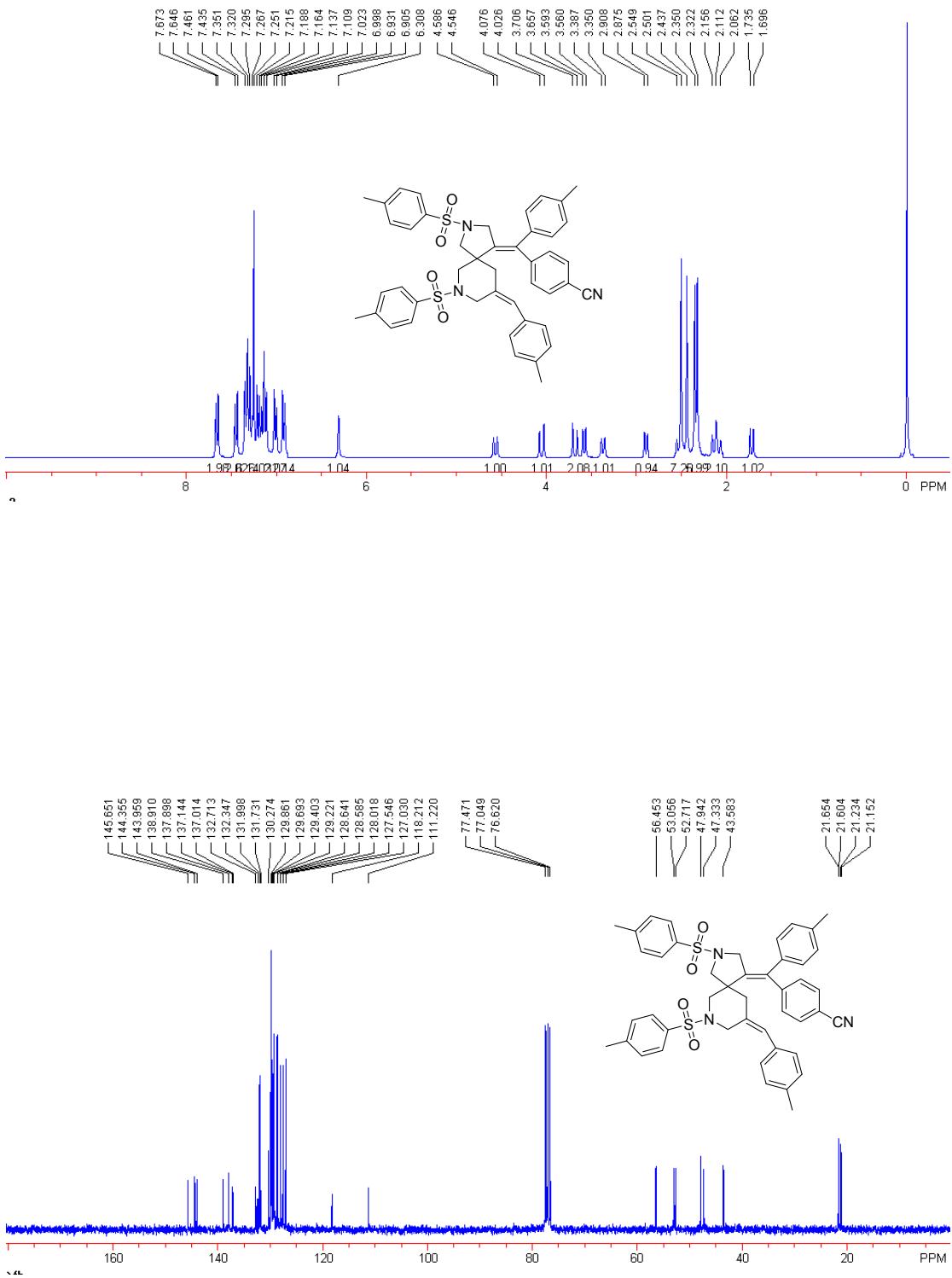


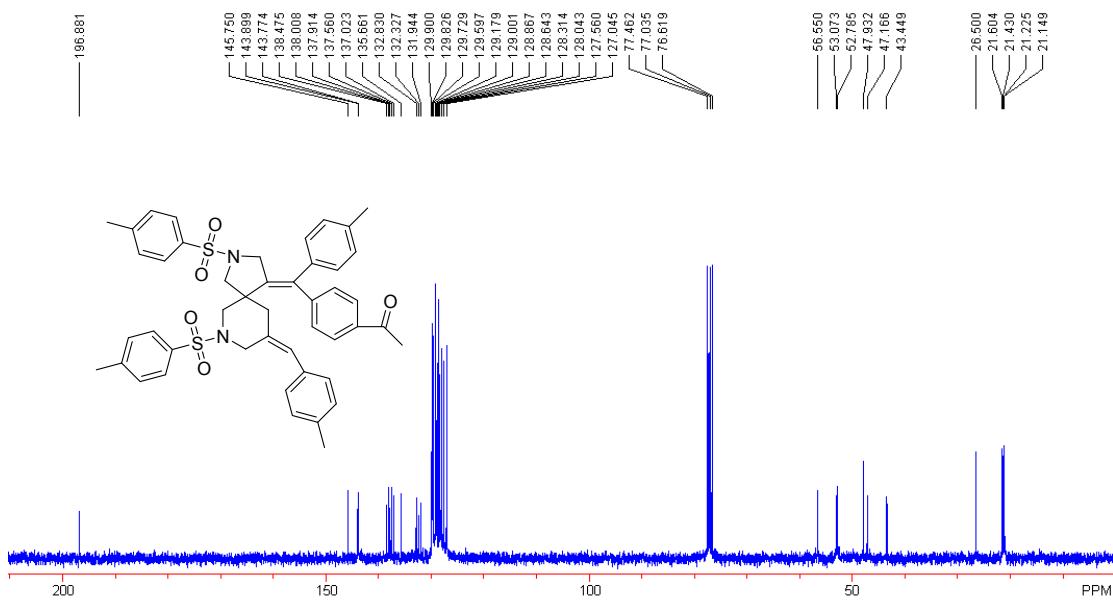
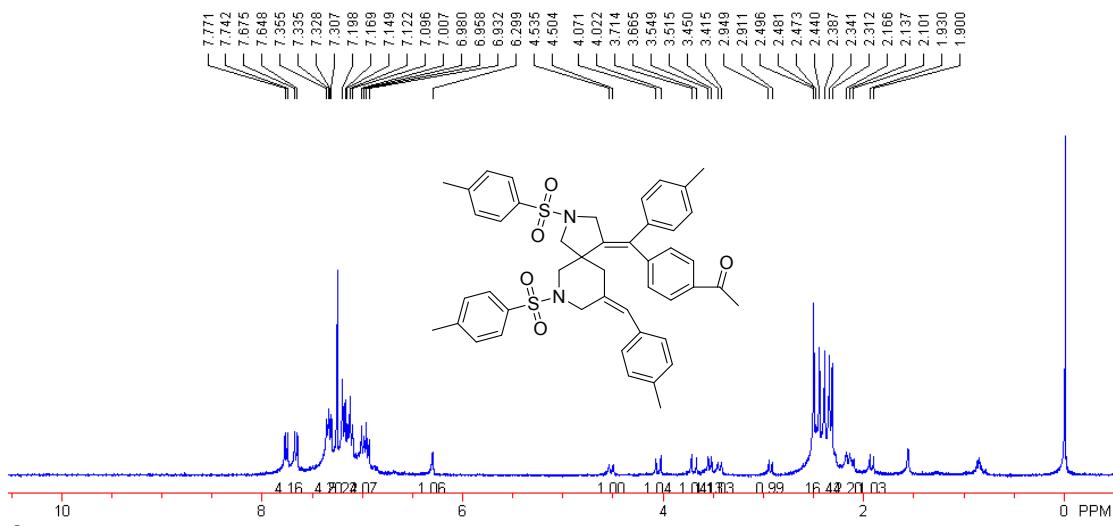


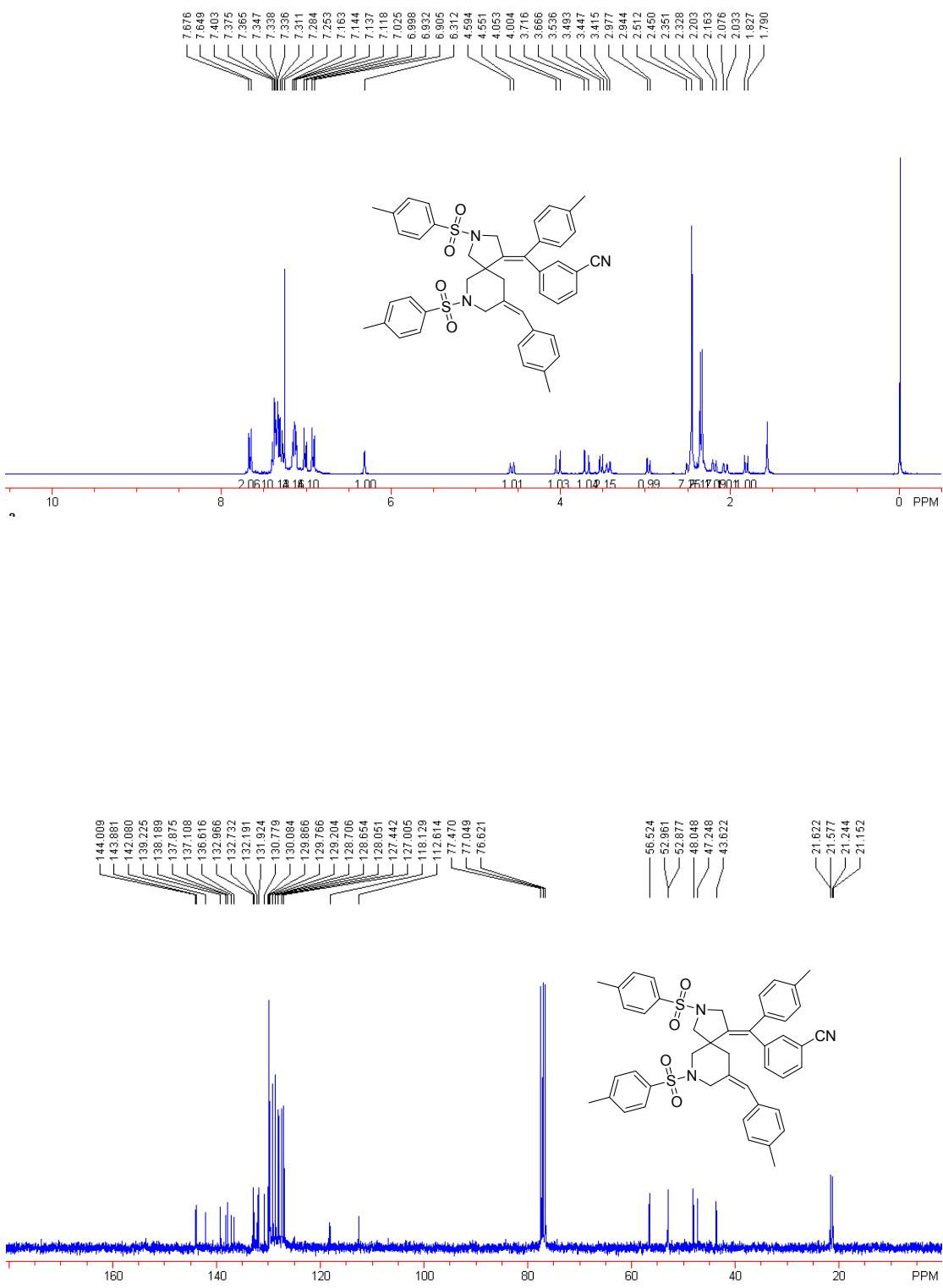


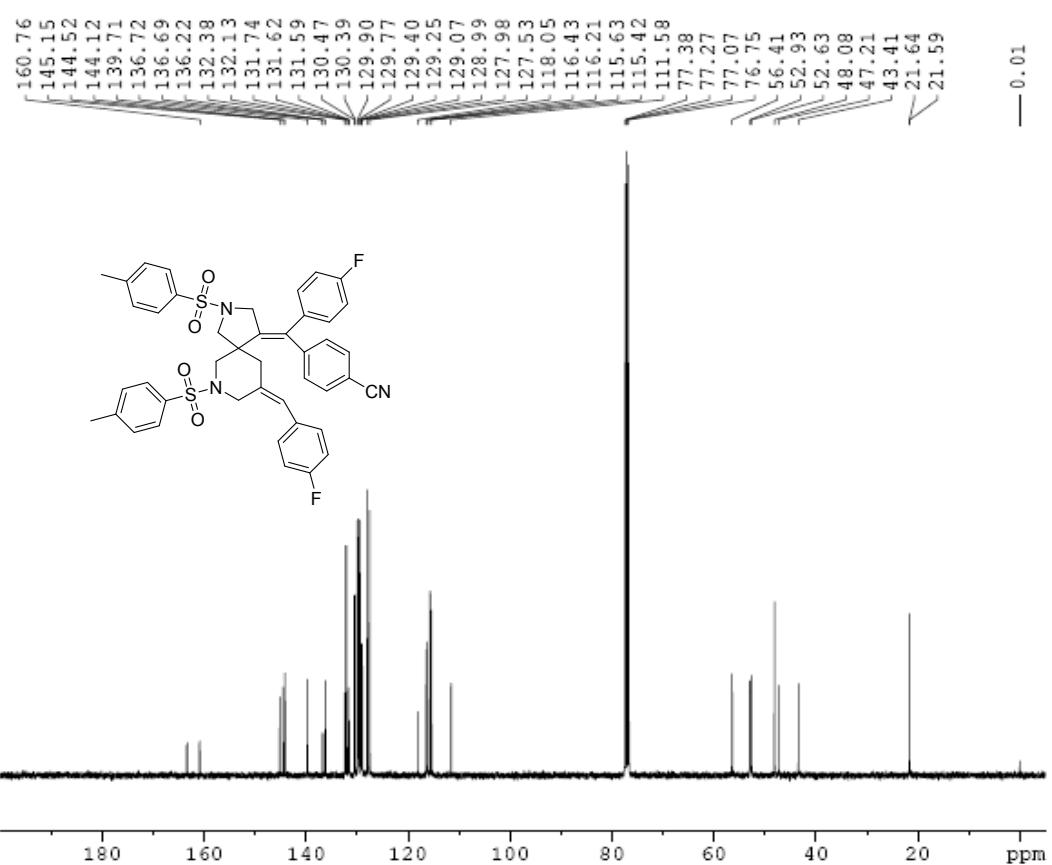
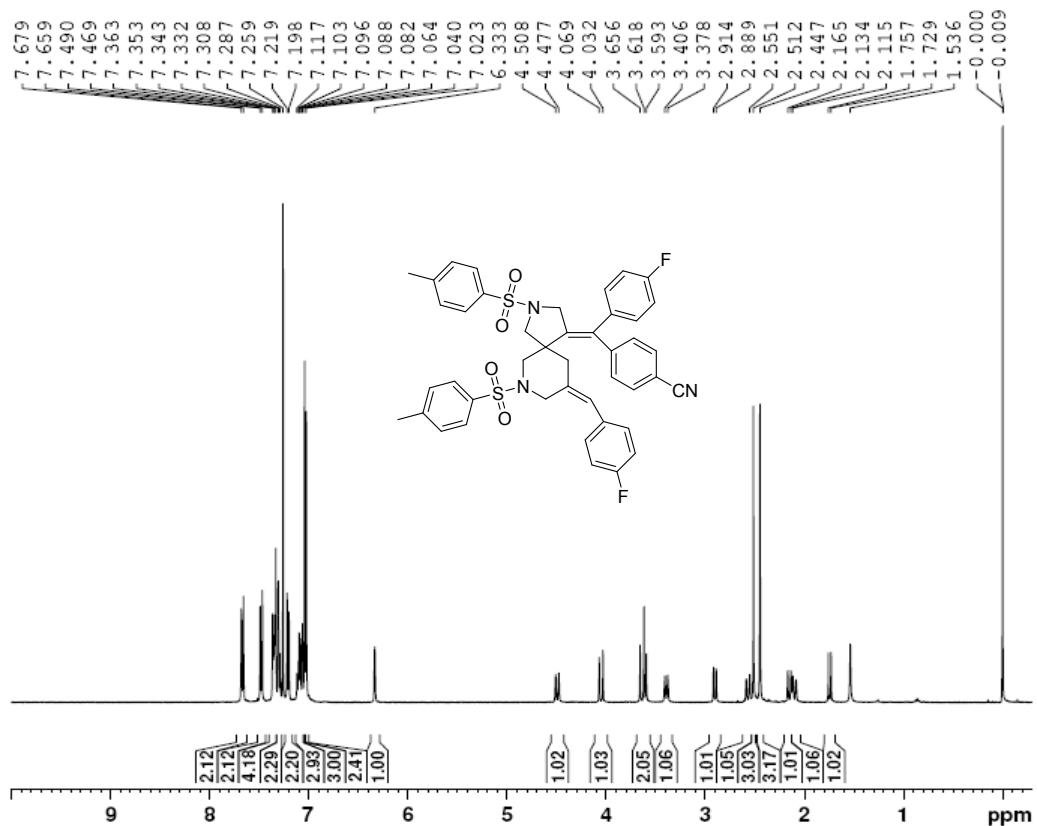


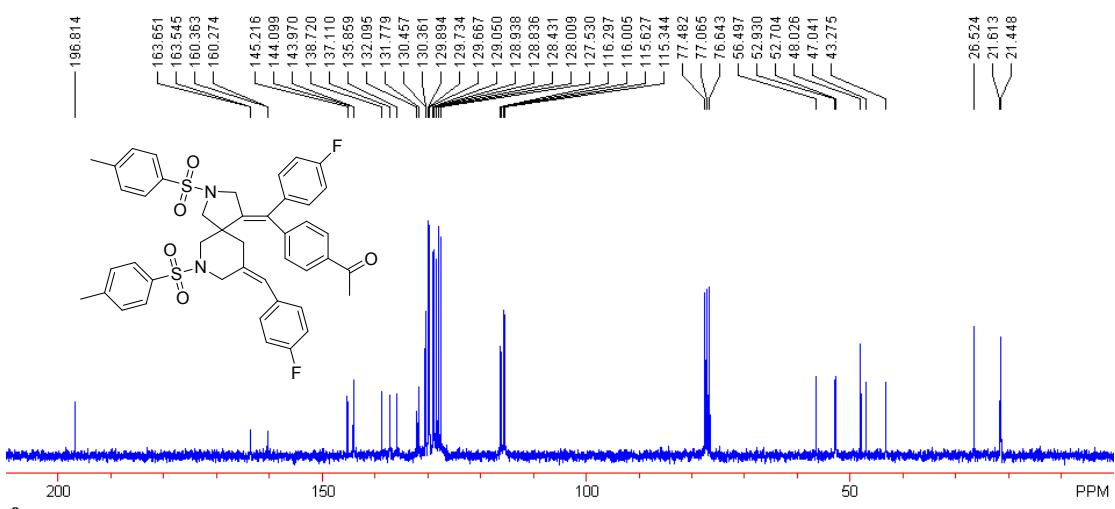
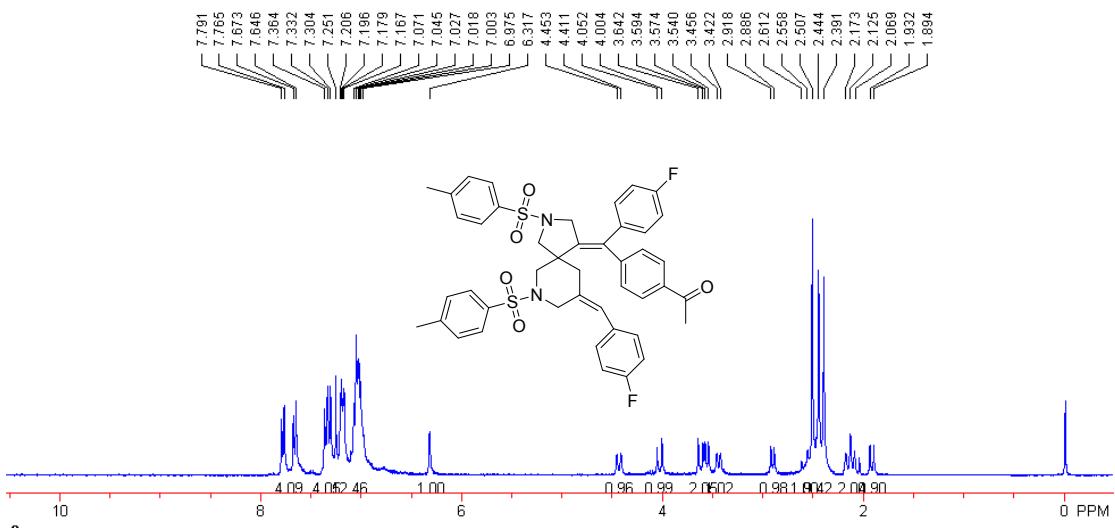


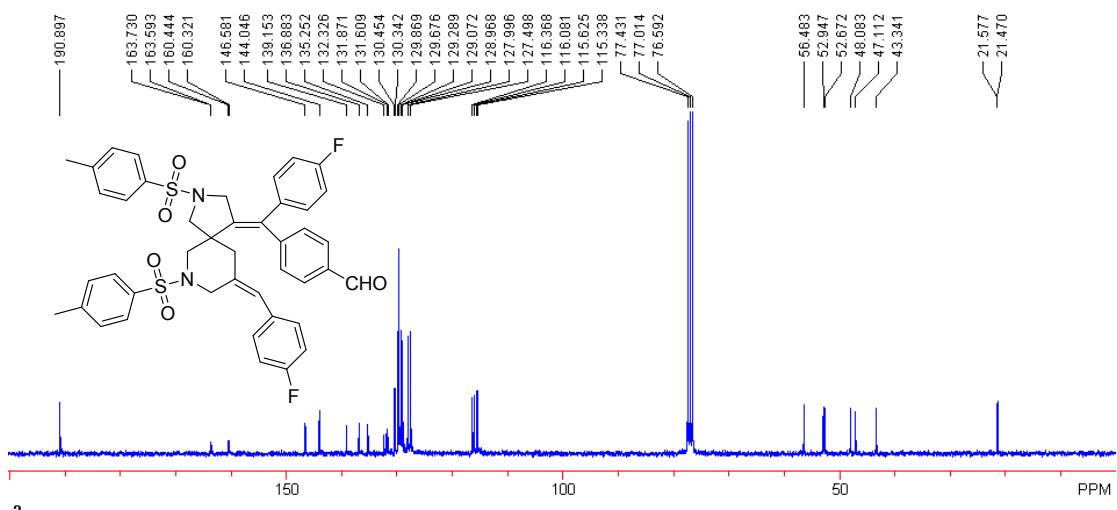
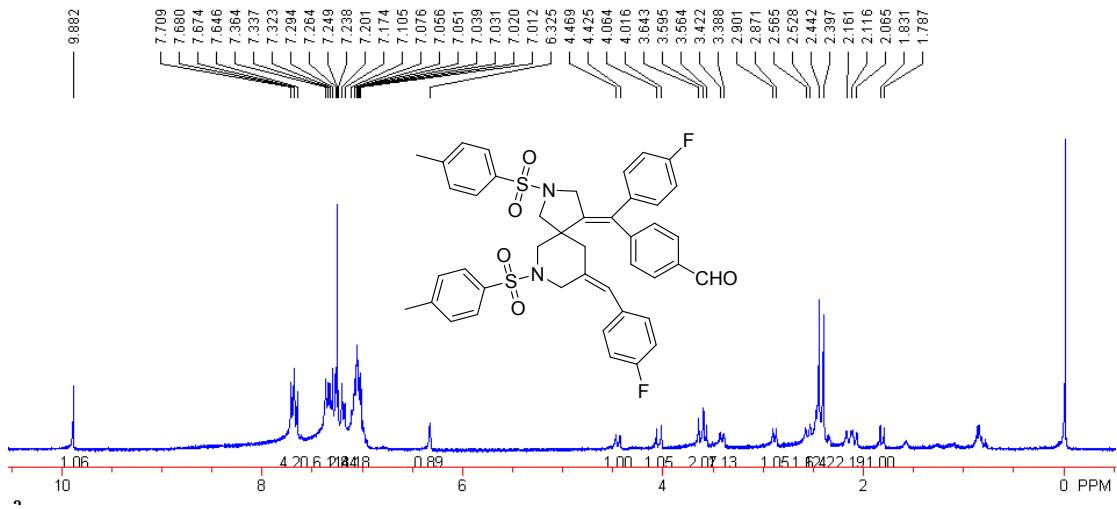


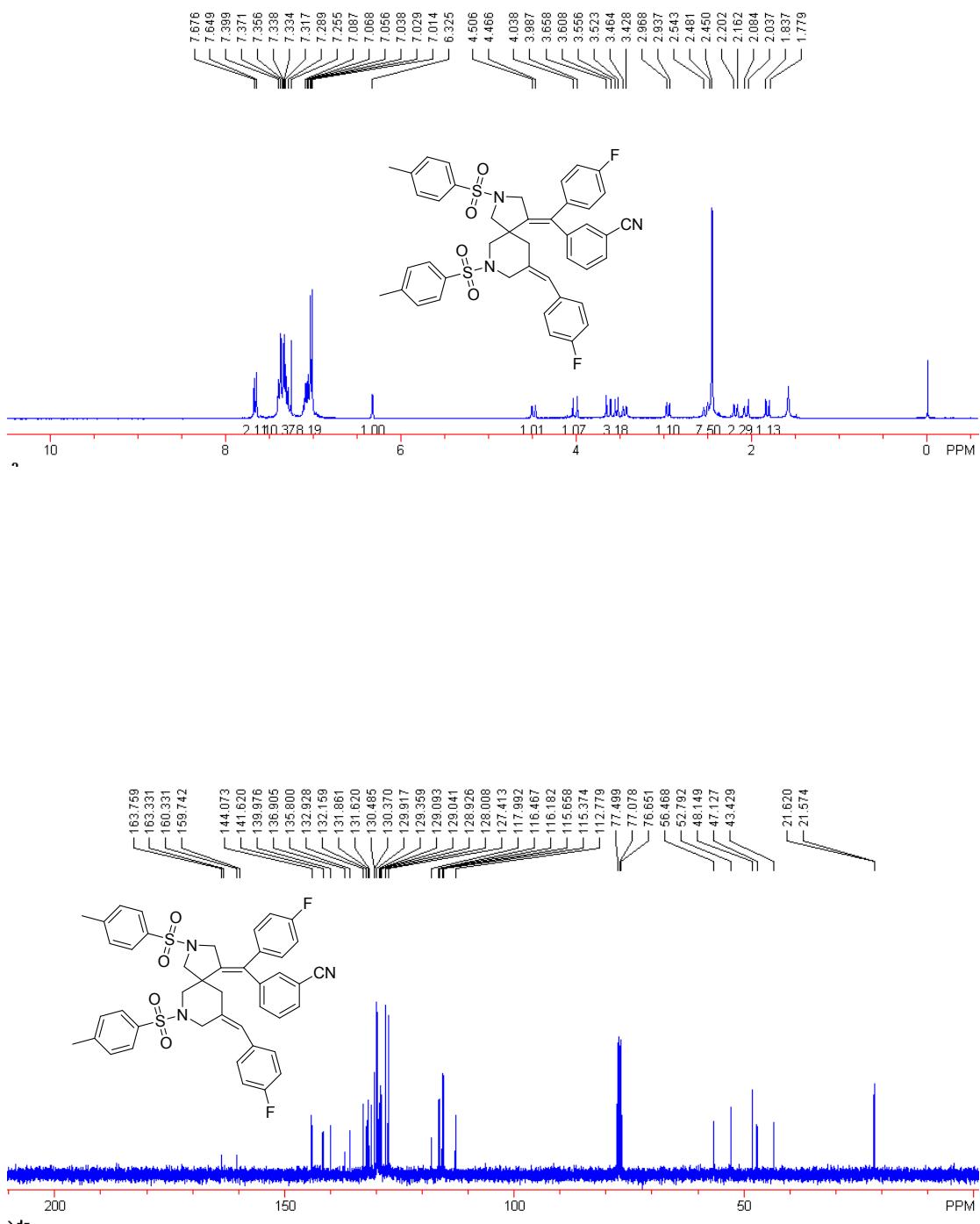


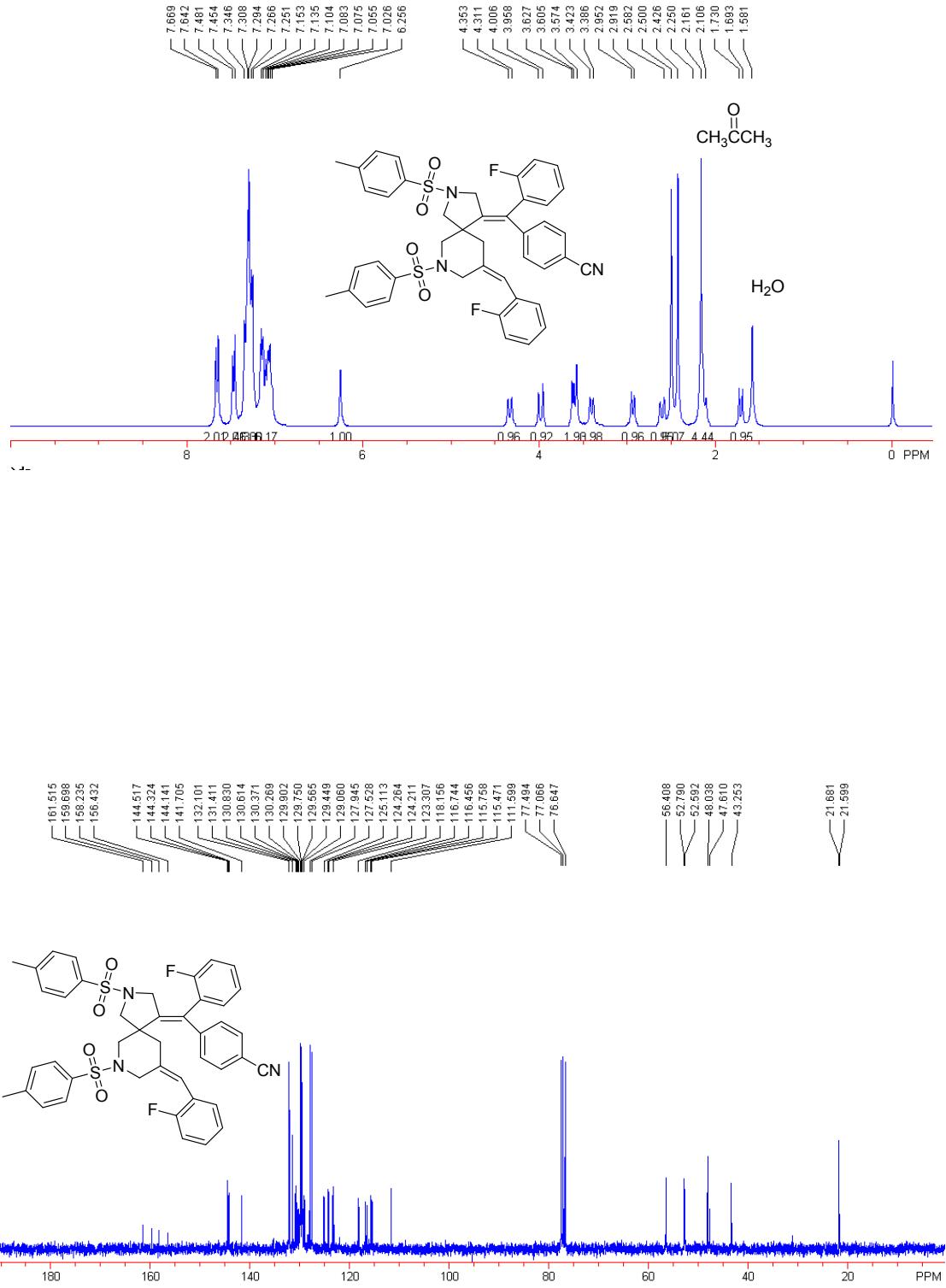


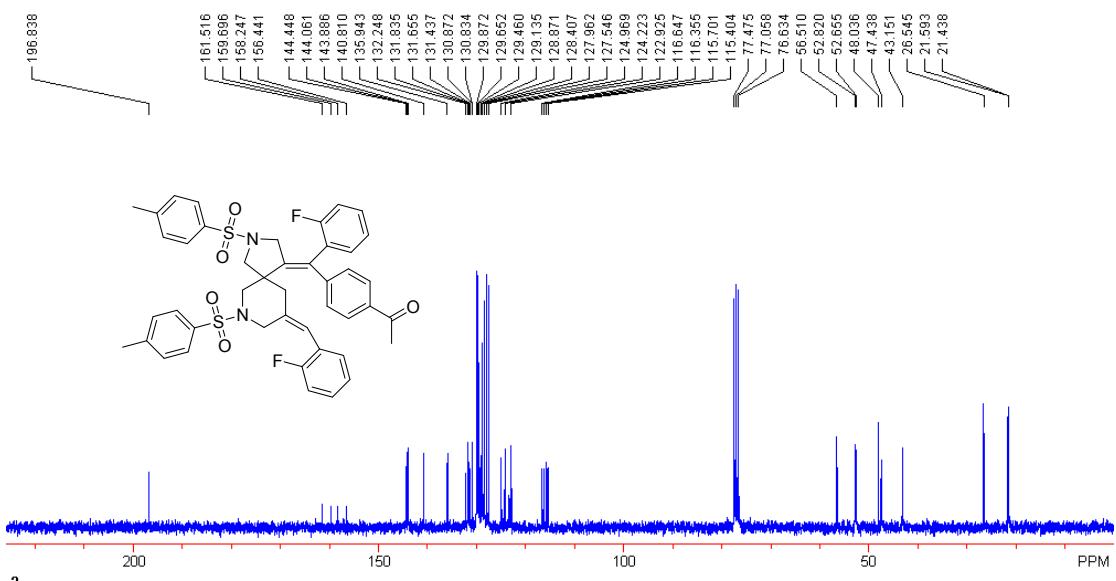
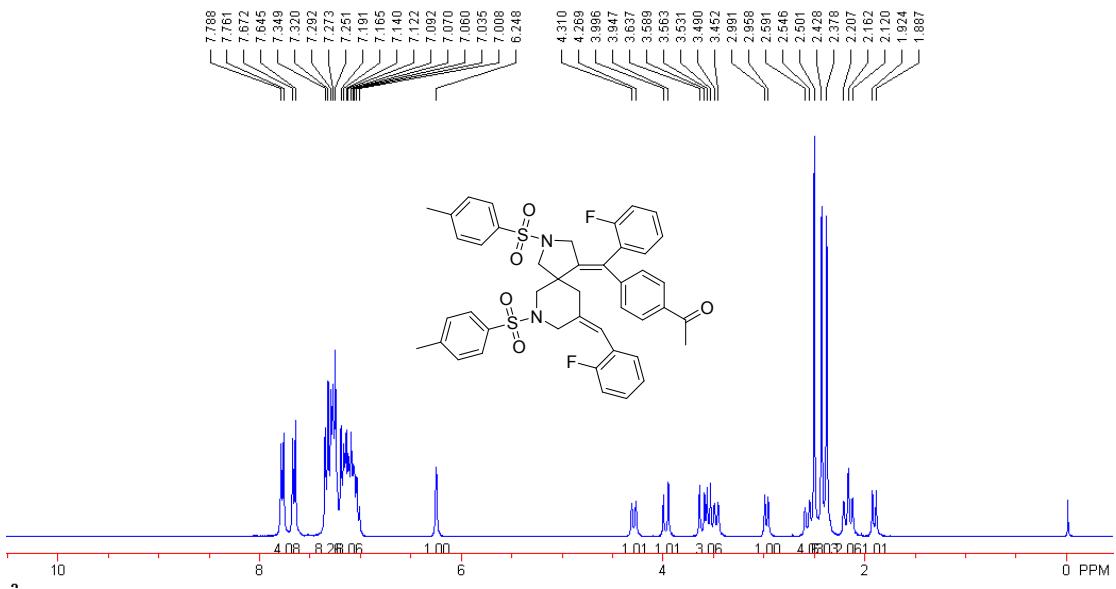


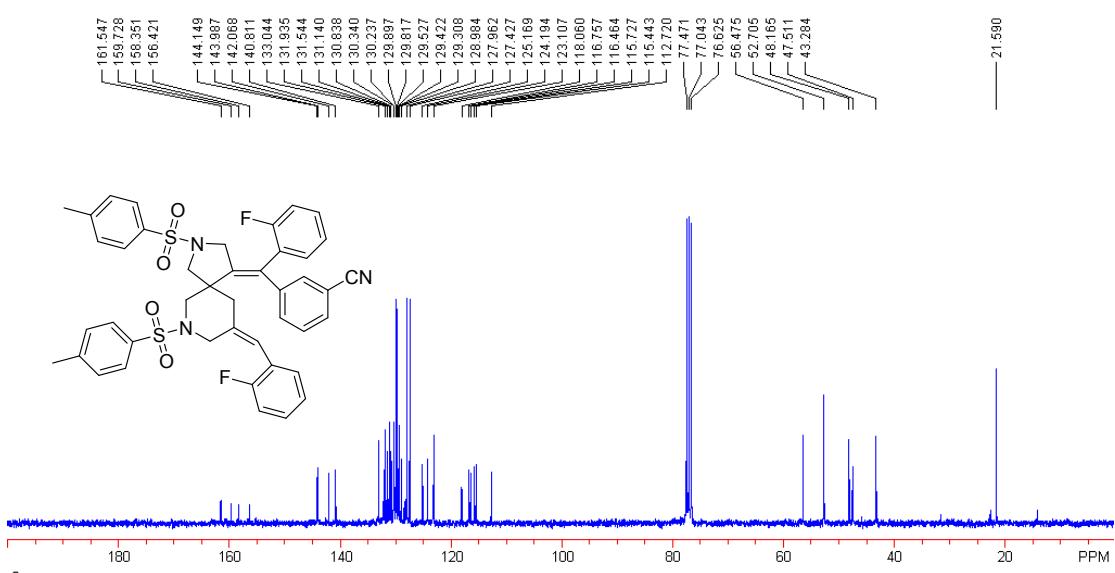
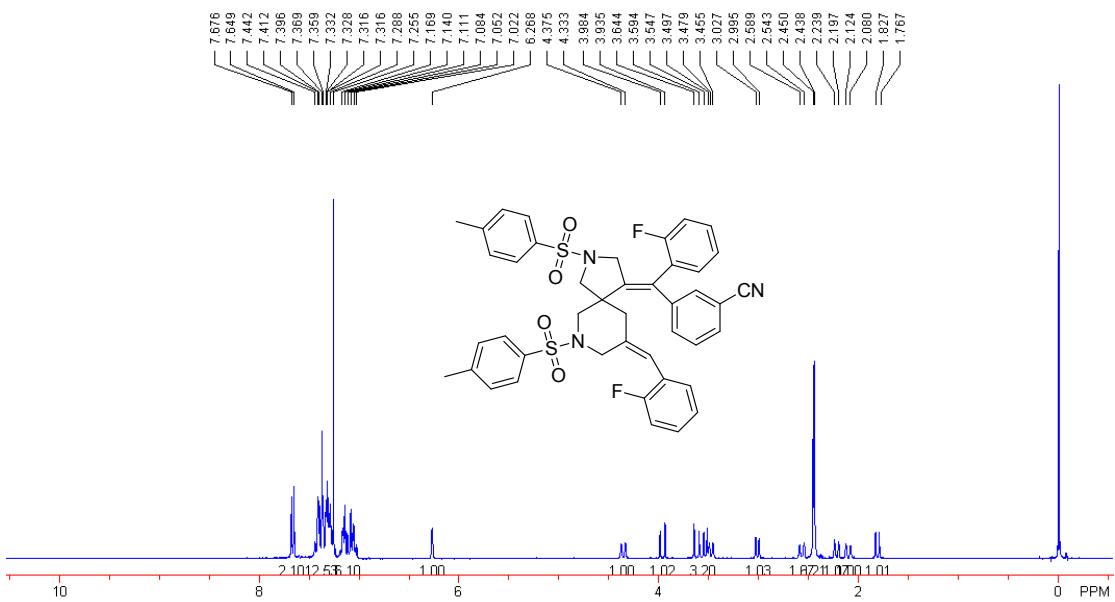


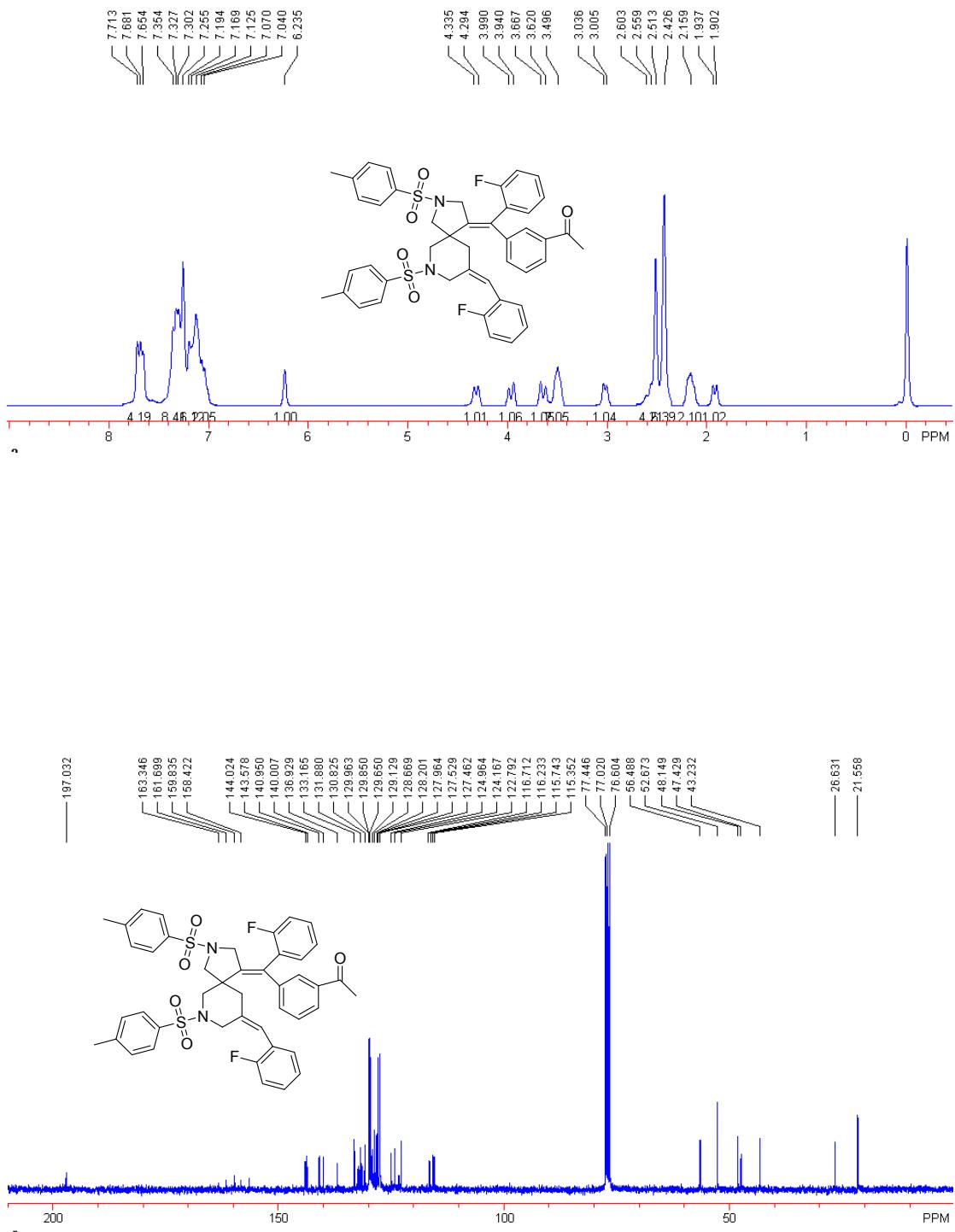


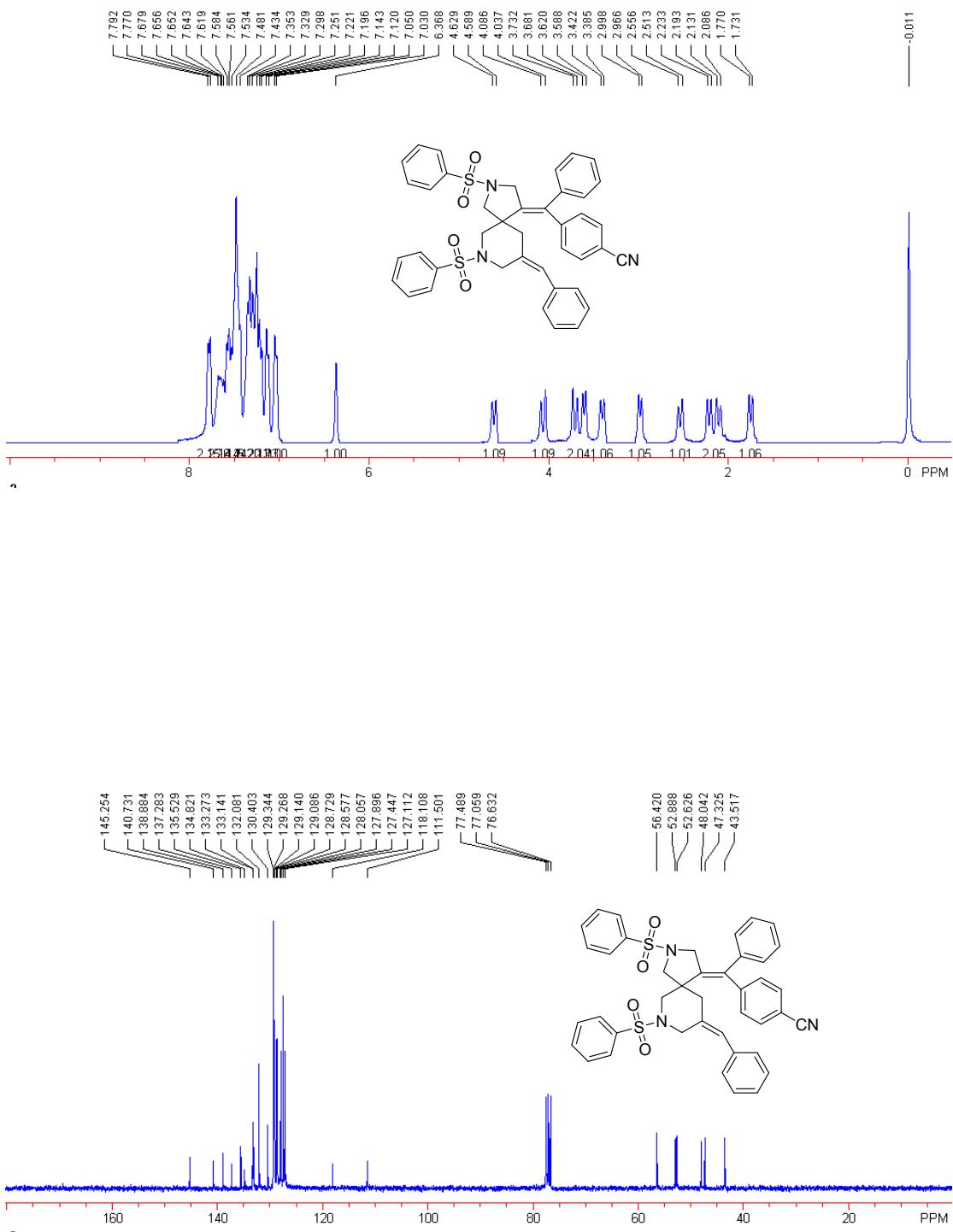


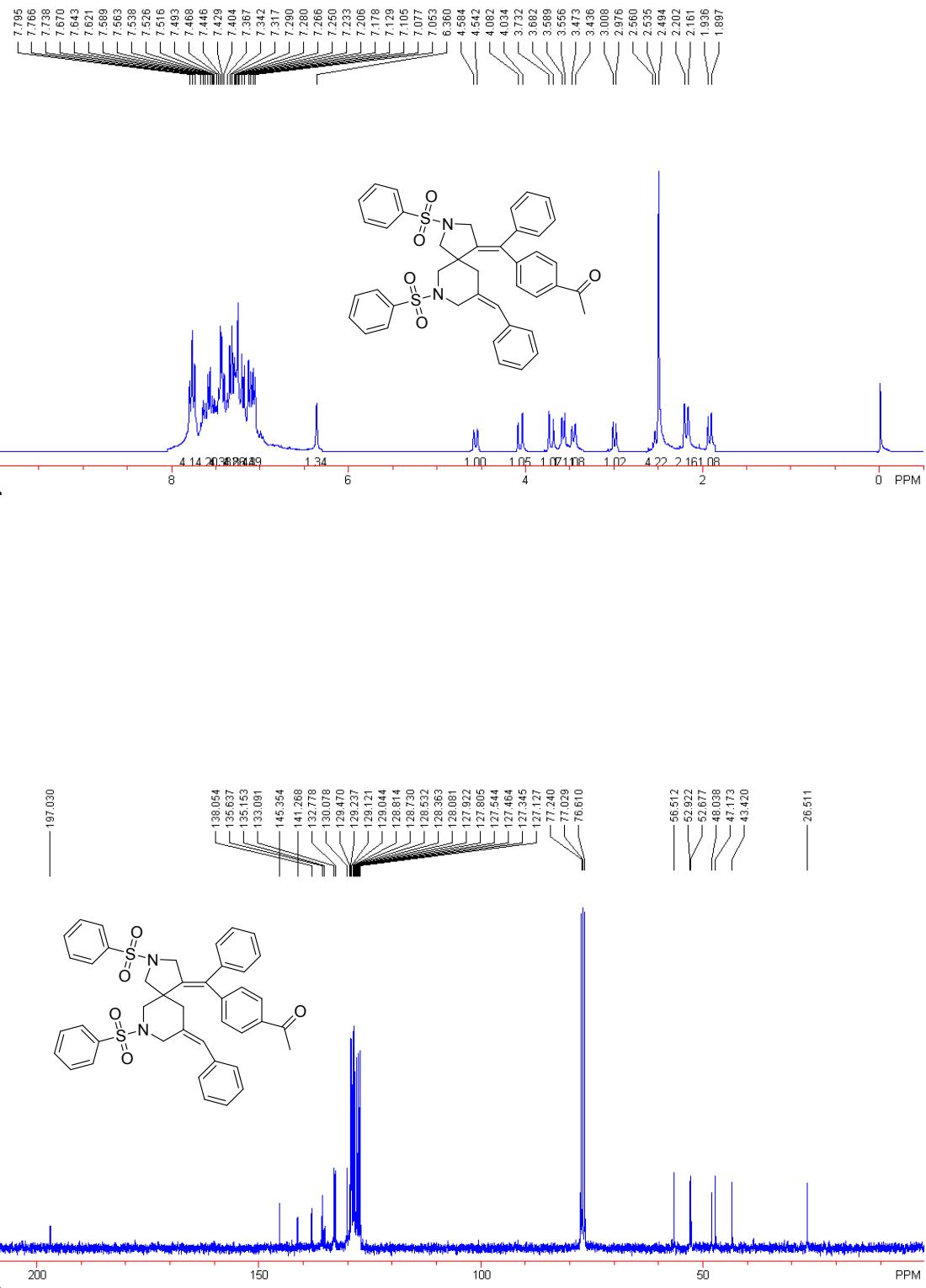


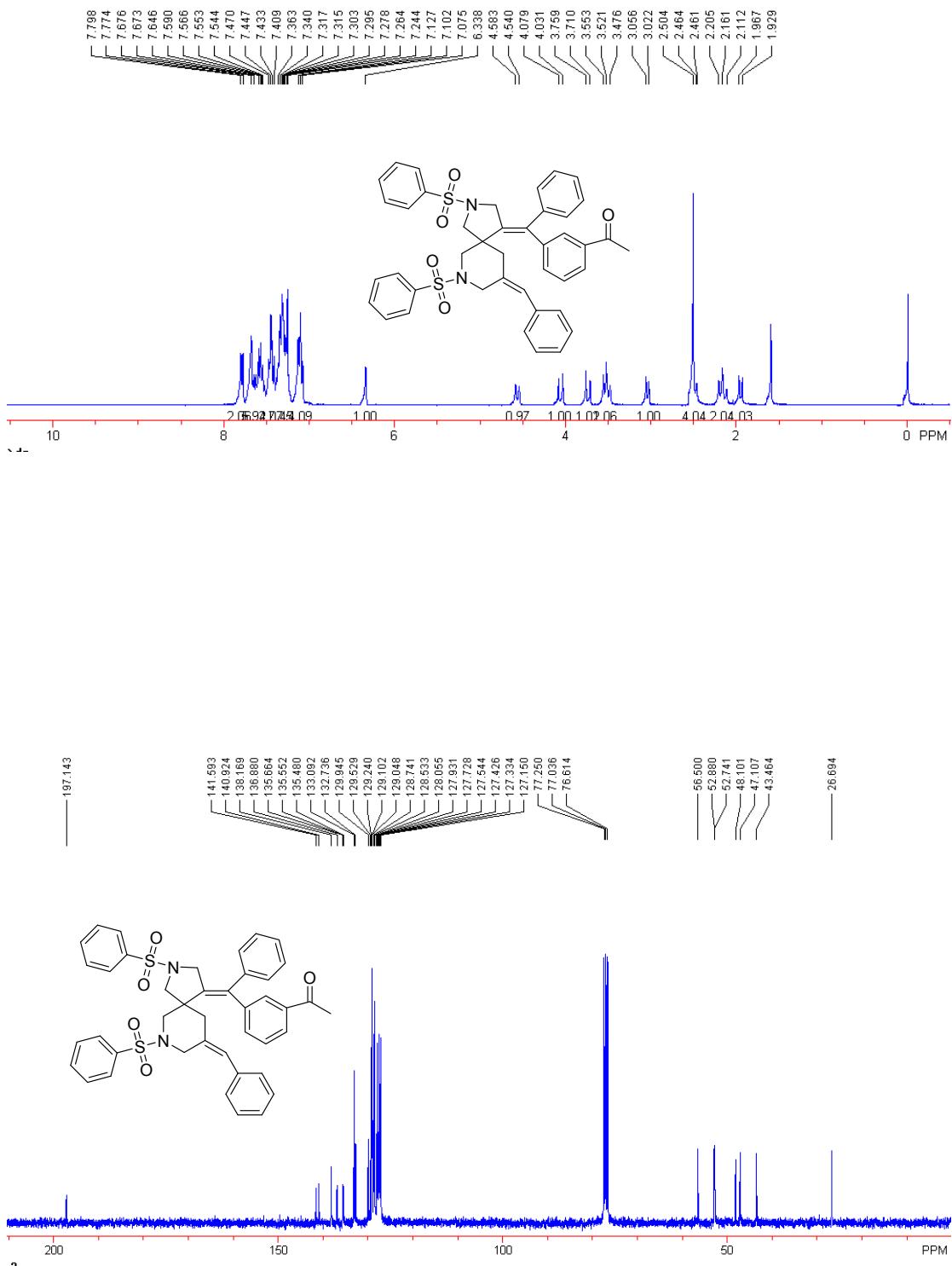


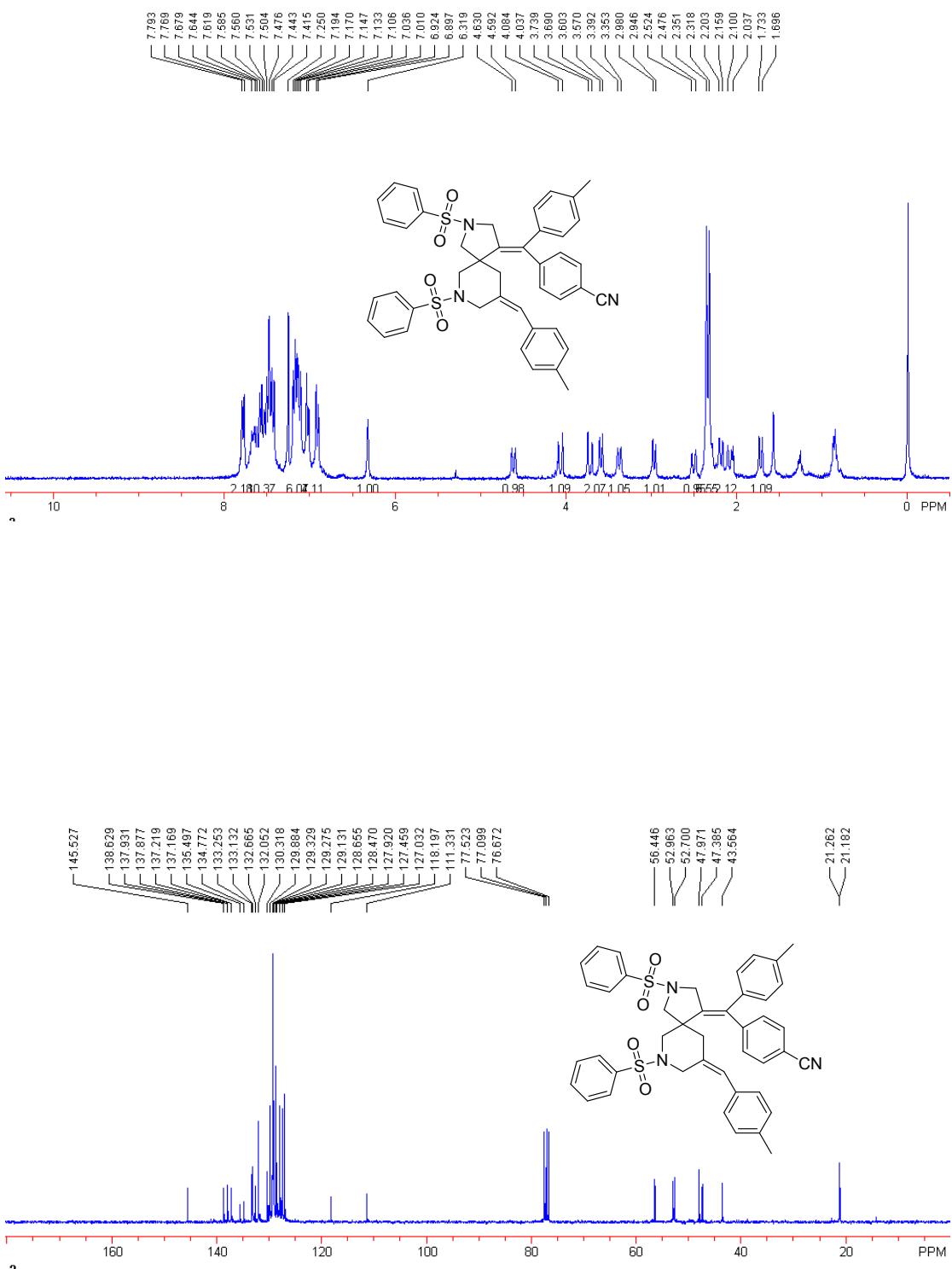


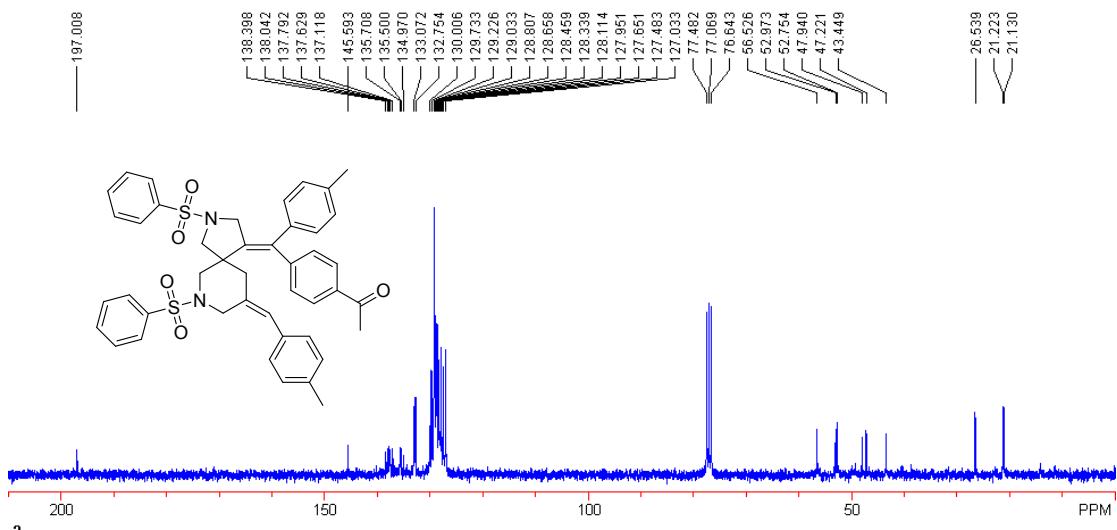
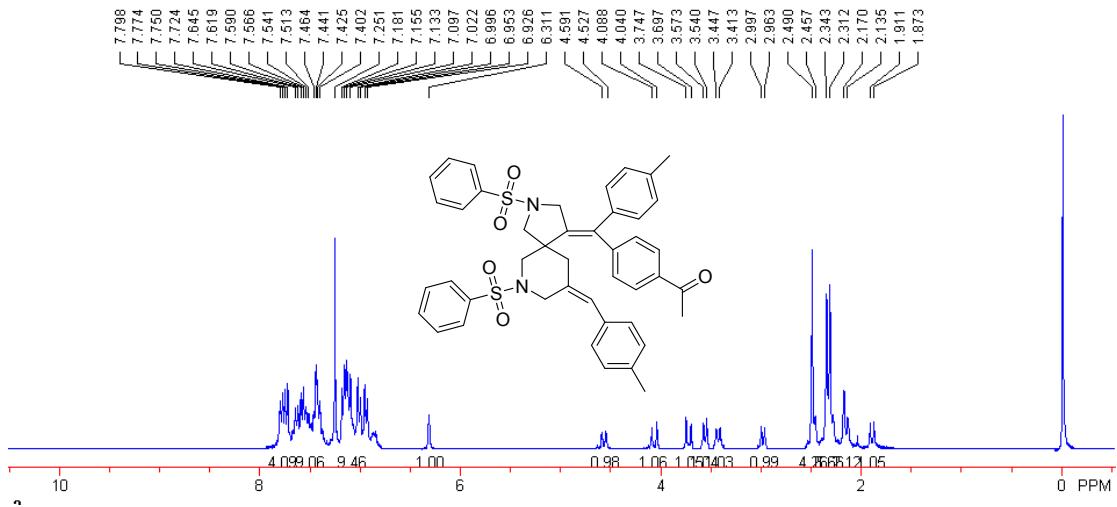


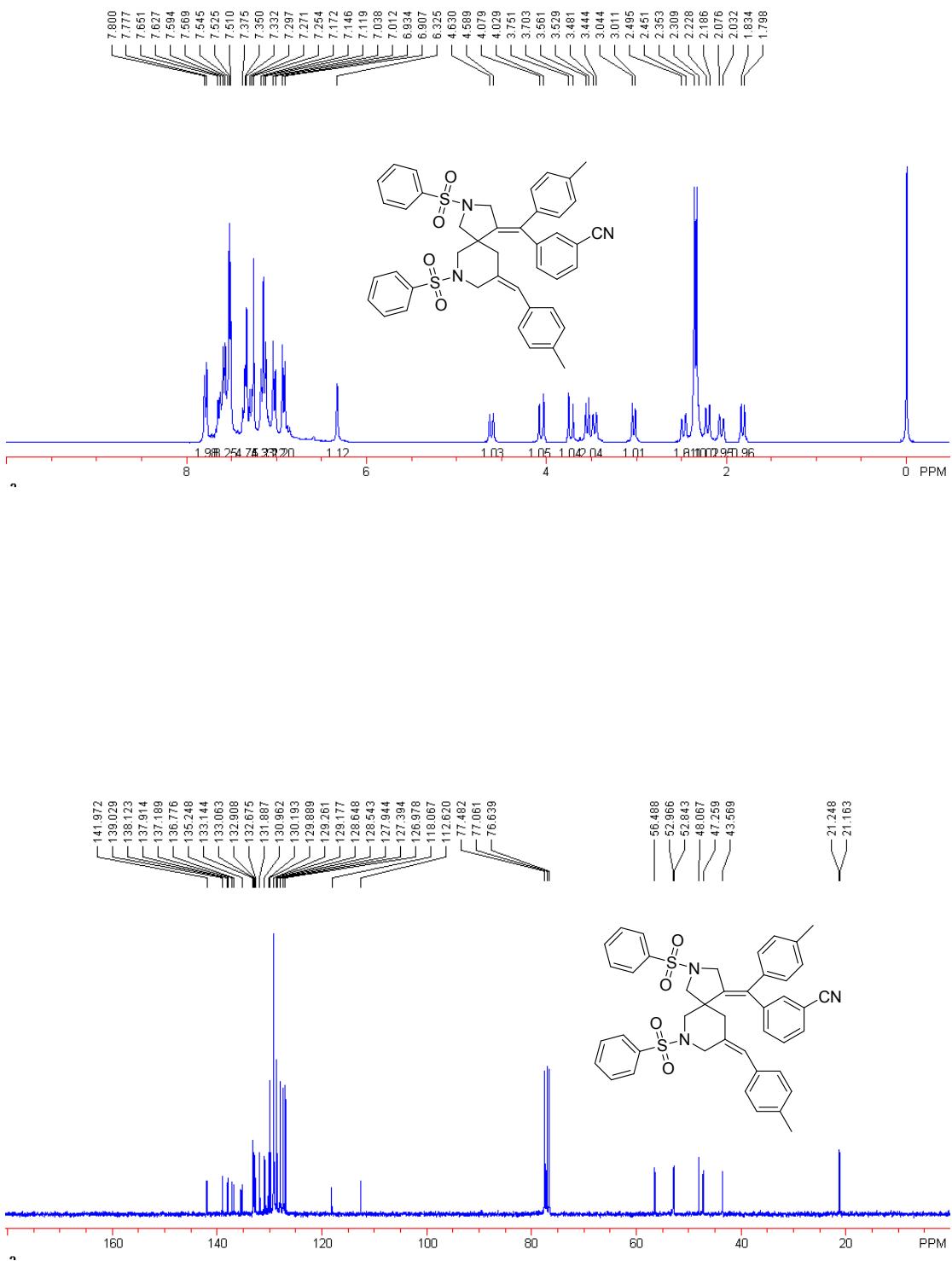


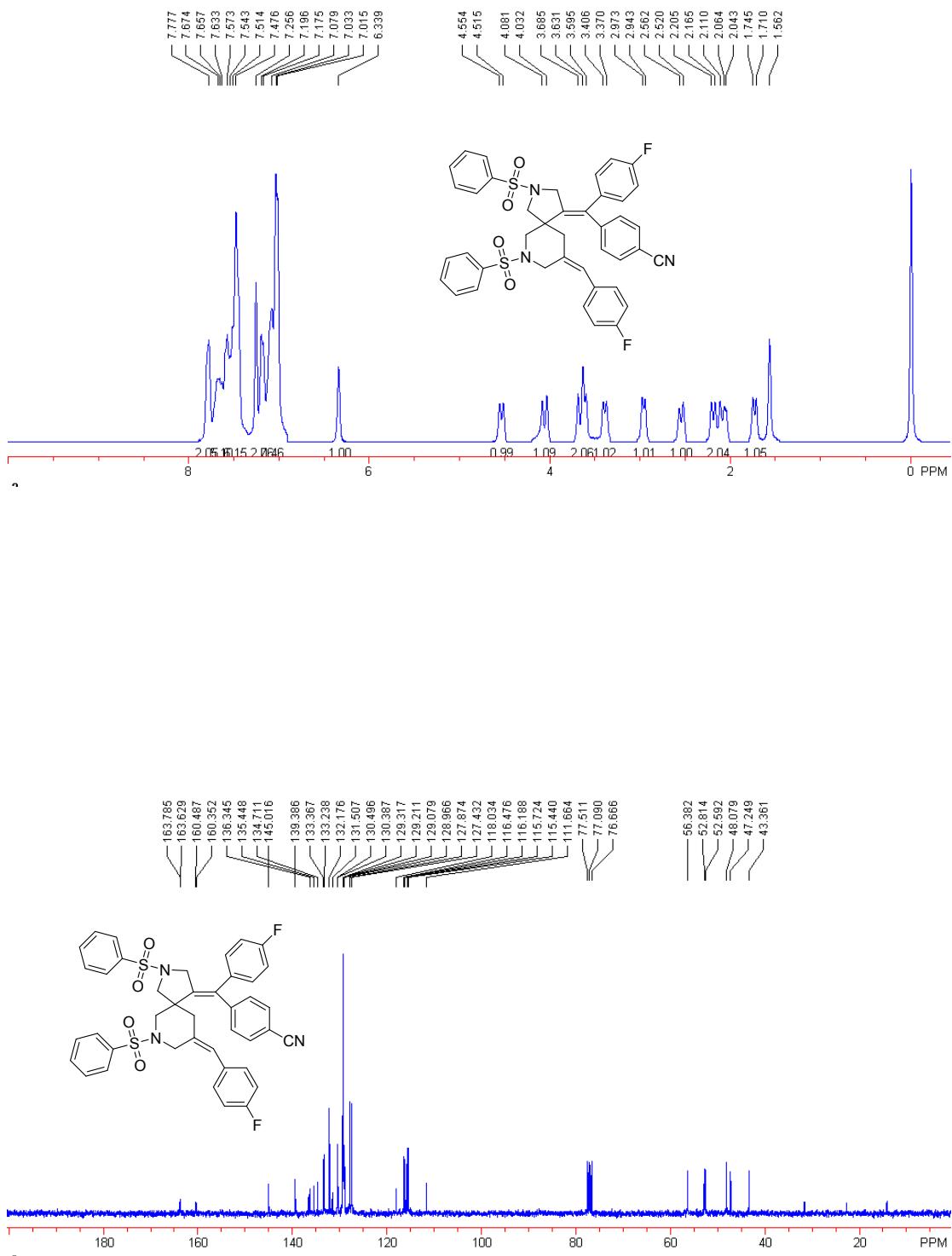


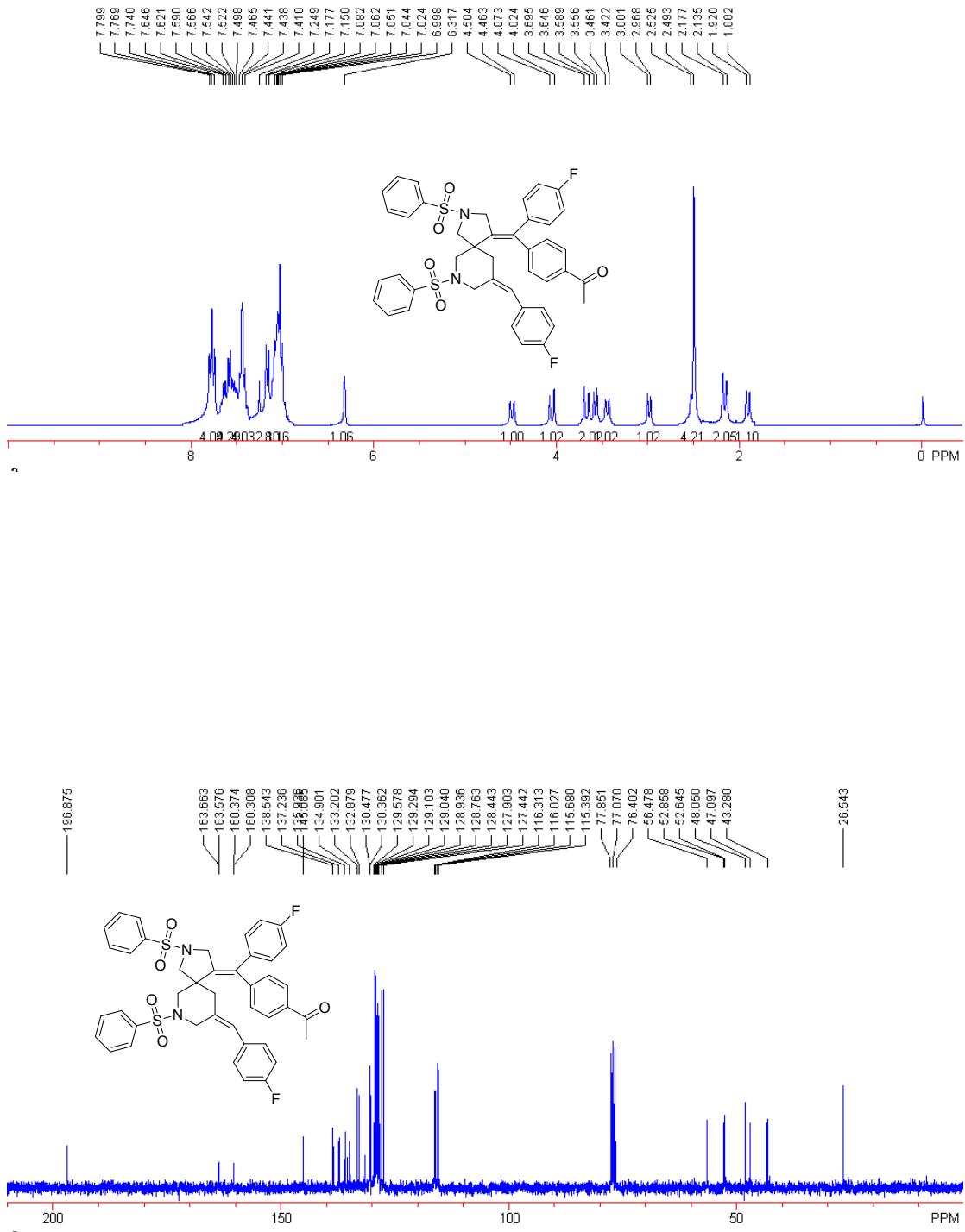


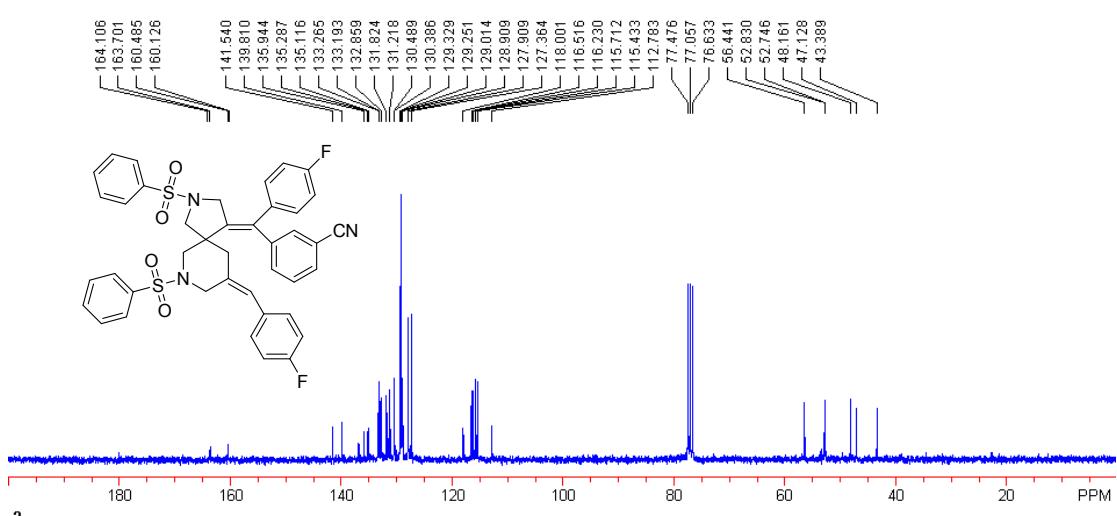
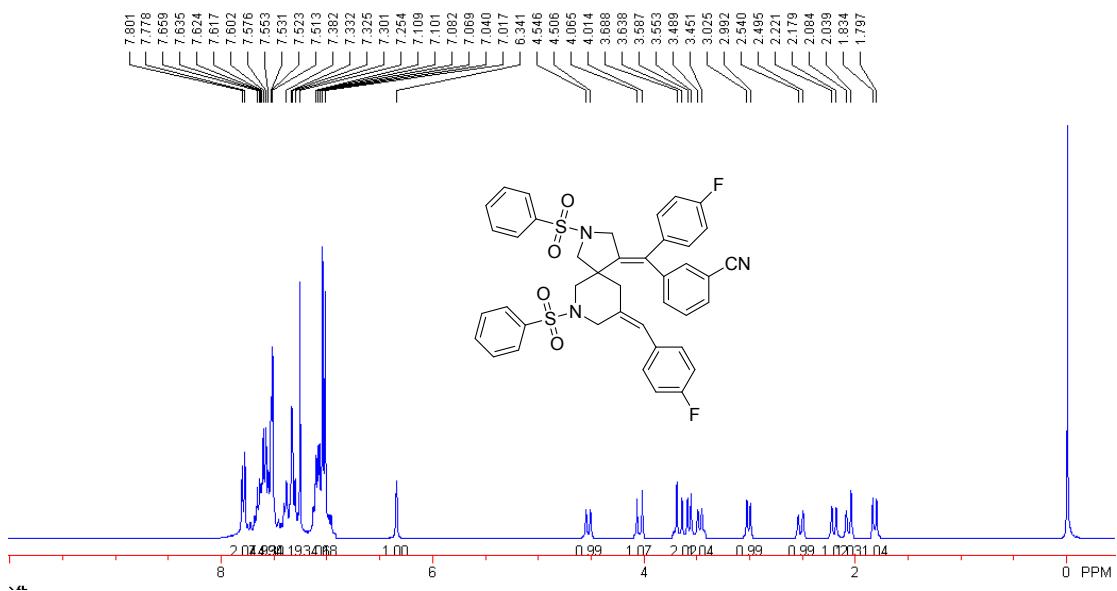


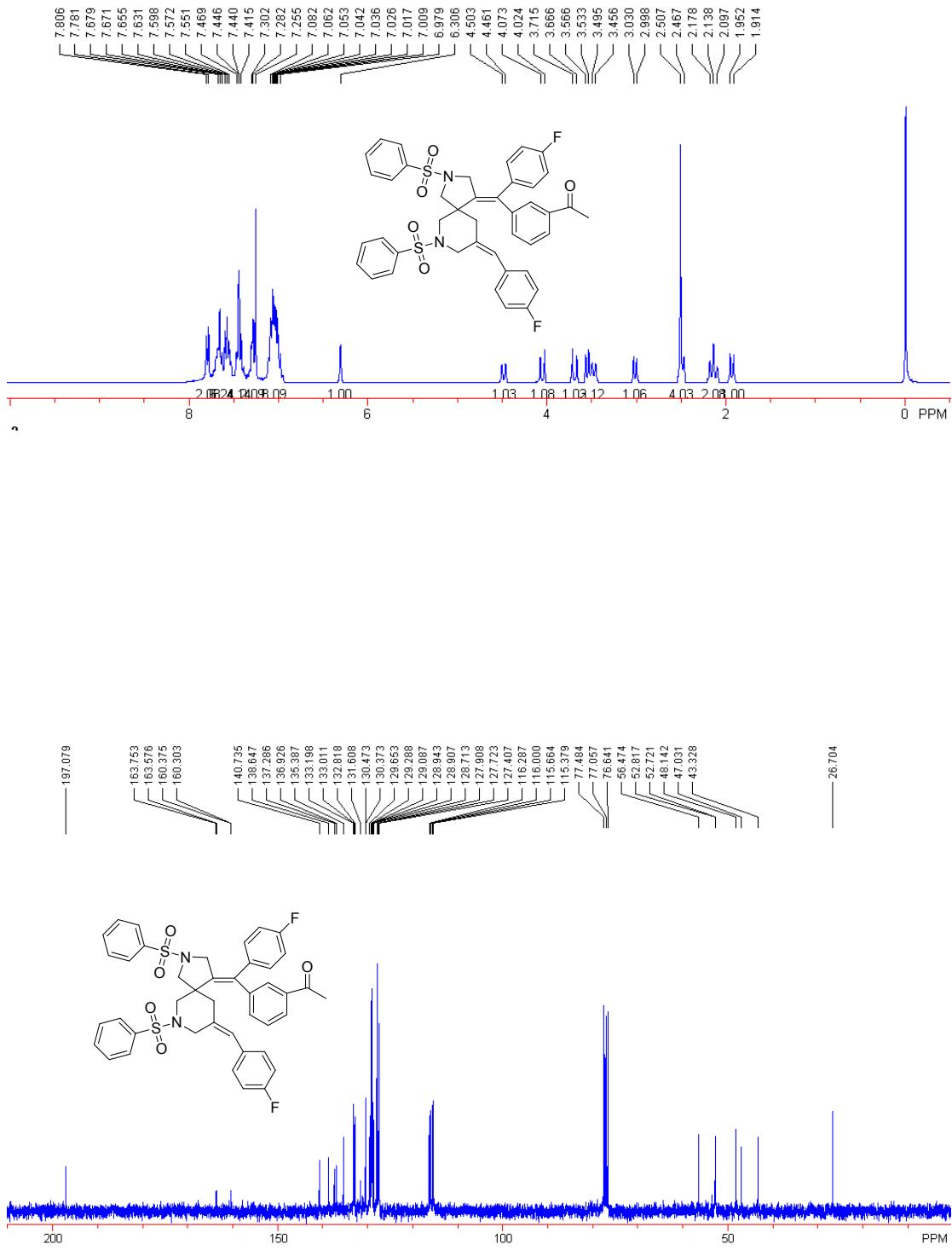












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