

**Supporting Information for
Base-Promoted Dehydrogenative Coupling of Benzene Derivatives
with Amides or Ethers**

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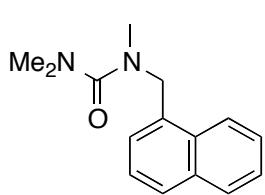
General Remarks. All manipulations of oxygen- and moisture-sensitive materials were conducted using a standard Schlenk technique or a glove box under a nitrogen atmosphere. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were taken on a JEOL JNM LA600 spectrometer (^1H , 600 MHz and ^{13}C , 150 MHz) or a JEOL JNM LA500 spectrometer (^1H , 500 MHz and ^{13}C , 125 MHz). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a Bruker Daltonics microTOF-Q spectrometer (ESI). GC spectra were taken on Shimadzu GC-2014. GC-MS spectra were taken on Shimadzu GCMS-QP5050A. GC and GC-MS were equipped with capillary column SGE BPX5. Preparative recycling gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was performed with JAI LC-908 equipped with JAIGEL-1H and -2H using chloroform as an eluent. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed with JAI LC-9204 equipped with Inertsil SIL 100A (GL Science Inc.) using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluents. Unless otherwise noted, reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. *N,N,N',N'*-Tetramethylurea (TMU, **1a**), *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (DMA, **1b**), *N*-methylacetamide (**1c**) and 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone (DMI, **1f**) were purified by distillation from CaH_2 . Tetrahydrofuran (THF, **1d**) was purified by passing through an alumina/catalyst column system (GlassContour Co.). Dibutyl ether (**1e**) was purified by distillation from sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Di-*tert*-butyl hyponitrite was prepared according to a literature procedure.¹

Dehydrogenative Coupling of Arenes with Amides or Ethers: General Procedure. To a 3 mL vial equipped with a stir bar in a glove box were added successively NaOt-Bu , an amide/ether (**1**: 17.8 mmol), an arene (**2**: 0.669 mmol), and $t\text{-BuOOt-Bu}$ (0.223 mmol). The vial was taken out of the glove box and stirred under 120 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (10 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL), and dried over MgSO_4 . After filtration and concentration, the crude mixture was subjected to silica gel chromatography on preparative TLC (hexane and ethyl acetate) to give the corresponding product (**3**). The product was further purified with GPC and/or HPLC (silica gel) if necessary.

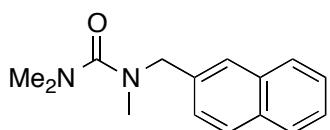
The dehydrogenative coupling can be conducted also in a Schlenk tube. To a 20 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar under a nitrogen atmosphere were added successively NaOt-Bu , **1**, **2** and $t\text{-BuOOt-Bu}$, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was treated in the same manner as described above. For example, the dehydrogenative coupling of **1a** with **2m** in a 20 mL Schlenk tube gave **3am** and **3'am** in 68% combined yield (**3am**:**3'am** = 94:6).

Refinement of the Methyl Esters Contaminated with tert-Butyl Esters: a Representative Example (Footnote 15). A crude product obtained in the coupling of methyl benzoate (**2q**) with THF using *t*-BuOO*t*-Bu (32.4 mg, 0.222 mmol) under the conditions of entry 5 of Scheme 7 was dissolved in methanol (5.4 mL) and treated with NaOMe (40.0 mg, 0.740 mmol) under reflux for 6 days. After methanol was removed in vacuo, the reaction mixture was poured into a saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (20 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 20 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. After filtration and concentration, the crude mixture was subjected to silica gel chromatography on preparative TLC (hexane/ethyl acetate = 80/20) to give the corresponding methyl esters (**3dq** and **3'dq**) in 56% yield (85:15).

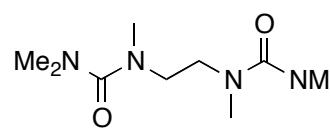
The coupling products in Table 1



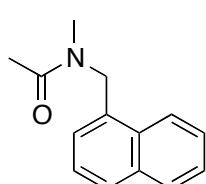
N,N,N'-Trimethyl-N'-(1-naphthylmethyl)urea (3am). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.74 (s, 3 H), 2.82 (s, 6 H), 4.84 (s, 2 H), 7.42–7.47 (m, 2 H), 7.47–7.54 (m, 2 H) 7.77–7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.85–7.90 (m, 1 H), 7.92–7.97 (m, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.1, 38.8, 52.6, 123.4, 125.5, 125.95, 126.01, 126.3, 128.2, 128.9, 131.8, 133.5, 134.0, 165.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O: [M+Na]⁺, 265.1311. Found: m/z 265.1309.



N,N,N'-Trimethyl-N'-(2-naphthylmethyl)urea (3'am). A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77 (s, 3 H), 2.87 (s, 6 H), 4.53 (s, 2 H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (td, *J* = 7.0, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.79–7.85 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 36.8, 38.9, 54.5, 125.9, 126.0, 126.3, 126.5, 127.8, 127.9, 128.5, 132.9, 133.6, 135.8, 165.8. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈N₂O: [M+Na]⁺, 265.1311. Found: m/z 265.1318.

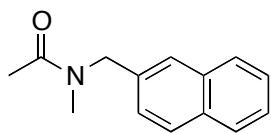


N,N'-Dimethyl-N,N'-bis(dimethylaminocarbonyl)ethylenediamine (5a).² A colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77 (s, 12 H), 2.86 (s, 6 H), 3.37 (s, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.5, 38.8, 47.7, 165.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₀H₂₂N₄O₂: [M+Na]⁺, 253.1635 Found: m/z 253.1632.

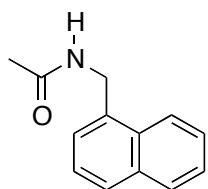


N-Methyl-N-(1-naphthylmethyl)acetamide (3bm). A colorless oil. Observed as two rotamers of 63/37 ratio in ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.18/2.13 (s, 3 H), 2.85/3.07 (s, 3 H), 5.07/5.01 (s, 2 H), 7.34/7.24 (d, *J* = 6.9/7.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.10/7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2/7.4 Hz, 1 H). The other peaks were not separated. δ 7.39–7.60 (m, 3 H) [7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H) was distinguished to belong to the major rotamer.], 7.77–7.90 (m, 2 H).

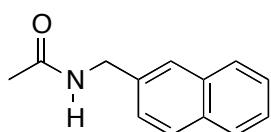
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 22.1, 34.4, 35.0, 48.5, 52.2, 122.1, 122.6, 124.1, 125.2, 125.7, 126.1, 126.2, 126.6, 126.7, 127.2, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 129.2, 130.8, 131.6, 131.9, 132.9, 133.9, 134.0, 170.6, 171.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅NO: [M+Na]⁺, 236.1046. Found: m/z 236.1046.



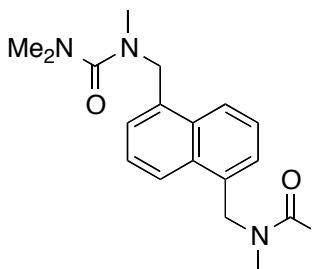
N-Methyl-N-(2-naphthylmethyl)acetamide (3'bm). A colorless oil. Observed as two rotamers of 57/43 ratio in ¹H NMR. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.19/2.20 (s, 3 H), 2.94/3.01 (s, 3 H), 4.75/4.68 (s, 2 H), 7.38/7.28 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.5/8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.67/7.59 (s, 1 H). The other peaks were not separated. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.6, 22.0, 33.9, 35.6, 50.8, 54.6, 124.5, 124.9, 125.9, 126.2, 126.3, 126.7, 126.9, 127.79, 127.80, 127.83, 127.9, 128.6, 129.0, 132.9, 133.0, 133.5, 133.6, 134.1, 135.1, 170.9, 171.2. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₄H₁₅NO: [M+Na]⁺, 236.1046. Found: m/z 236.1049.



N-(1-Naphthylmethyl)acetamide (3cm).³ A colorless solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.01 (s, 3 H), 4.90 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.64 (bs, 1 H), 7.40–7.48 (m, 2 H), 7.52 (td, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (td, J = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H).



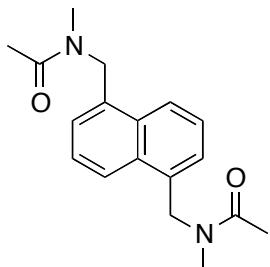
N-(2-Naphthylmethyl)acetamide (3'cm).³ A colorless solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.06 (s, 3 H), 4.60 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.78 (bs, 1 H), 7.40 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.44–7.51 (m, 2 H), 7.72 (s, 1 H), 7.78–7.85 (m, 3 H).



1,5-Bis(N-dimethylaminocarbonyl-N-methylaminomethyl)naphthalene (4am-a). A yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 2.75 (s, 6 H), 2.82 (s, 12 H), 4.84 (s, 4 H), 7.42–7.51 (m, 4 H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.2, 38.8, 52.8, 123.3, 125.8, 126.0, 132.2, 134.2, 165.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₀H₂₈N₄O₂: [M+Na]⁺, 379.2104. Found: m/z 379.2112. GC-MS (appears earlier than regioisomer **4am-b** on GC) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 356 (0.3, M), 254 (21), 197 (28), 182 (22), 72 (100).

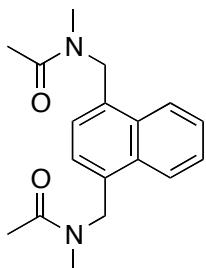
The other isomer (**4am-b**) could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **4am-a** (**4am-a:4am-b** = 79:21). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 2.74 (s, 3 H), 2.78 (s, 3 H), 2.82 (s, 6 H: overlapped with a peak of **4am-a**), 2.88 (s, 6 H), 4.53 (s, 2 H), 4.82 (s, 2 H), 7.40–7.50 (m, 3 H: overlapped with peaks of **4am-a**), 7.74 (s, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H).

Although the structure of **4am-b** could not be determined due to overlap with peaks of **4am-a** at 7.40–7.50 ppm, the existence of two different TMU units and a singlet in the aromatic region (δ 7.74) imply that these peaks belong to 1,3- or 1,6- or 1,7-bis(*N*-dimethylaminocarbonyl-*N*-methylaminomethyl)naphthalene. GC–MS (appears later than regioisomer **4am-a** on GC) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 356 (10, M), 254 (13), 182 (15), 72 (100).



1,5-Bis(*N*-acetyl-*N*-methylaminomethyl)naphthalene (4bm-a).

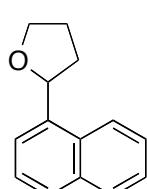
A colorless oil. Each component was observed as a set of 2–4 peaks in ^1H NMR due to existence of three rotamers. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 2.12/2.18/2.19 (s, 6 H), 2.85/2.88/3.06/3.07 (s, 6 H), 5.01/5.04/5.07/5.09 (s, 4 H), 7.27/7.31/7.36/7.40 (d, J = 7.6/6.9/7.2 Hz, the coupling constant of a rotamer (7.27 ppm) could not be read because the peak was overlapped with the solvent residual peak, 2 H), 7.48/7.52/7.54/7.58 (t, J = 8.6/8.0/8.1/8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.85/7.87/8.09/8.10 (d, J = 8.6/8.8/8.5/8.6 Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.4, 22.1, 22.2, 31.1, 34.5, 35.1, 35.2, 48.8, 48.9, 52.4, 52.5, 122.0, 122.3, 122.9, 124.1, 124.5, 126.0, 126.4, 126.5, 127.1, 127.2, 127.29, 127.34, 131.2, 131.3, 132.2, 132.3, 132.4, 132.9, 133.5, 134.1, 170.6, 170.7, 171.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 321.1573. Found: m/z 321.1566.



1,4-Bis(*N*-acetyl-*N*-methylaminomethyl)naphthalene (4bm-b).

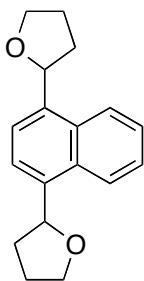
A colorless oil. Each component was observed as a set of 2–4 peaks in ^1H NMR due to existence of three rotamers. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3), δ 2.12/2.14/2.188/2.194 (s, 6 H), 2.86/2.89/3.05/3.07 (s, 6 H), 5.00/5.01/5.06/5.07 (s, 4 H), The peaks of protons (2 H) on C-2 and C-3 appear as a set of two doublets or a singlet [7.18 (d, J = 7.1 Hz) and 7.32 (d, J = 7.1 Hz); 7.24 (s); 7.27 (s)], 7.56 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.55–7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.87–7.92 (m, 1 H), 7.95 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.1 Hz, 2 H), 8.12 (dd, J = 6.6, 3.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.17–8.22 (m, 1 H). Because the amount (0.9 mg) of a sample of this compound was small, only 22 peaks were given in ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.4, 22.2, 34.6, 35.2, 35.3, 48.6, 52.3, 121.9, 122.7, 123.2, 124.7, 125.3, 126.3, 126.6, 126.8, 126.9, 131.3, 131.9, 132.3, 132.9, 133.1, 170.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 321.1573. Found: m/z 321.1569.

The coupling products in Scheme 3

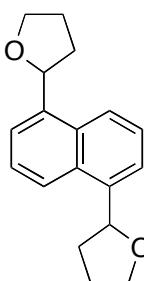


1-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (3dm). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.92 (dt, J = 18.7, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.98–2.13 (m, 2 H), 2.57 (dq, J = 12.3, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.04 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (td, J = 7.9, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.65 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.43–7.54 (m, 3 H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.2

Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 33.9, 68.9, 78.1, 122.0, 123.6, 125.5, 125.6, 125.9, 127.6, 128.9, 130.5, 133.9, 139.5. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 221.0937. Found: m/z 221.0940.

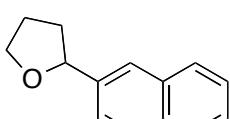


1,4-Bis(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (4dm-a). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.87–1.97 (m, 2 H), 1.97–2.13 (m, 4 H), 2.55 (dq, J = 12.1, 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 4.23 (td, J = 8.0, 5.7 Hz, 2 H), 5.62 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.48–7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.61 (s, 2 H), 7.98–8.04 (m, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 33.9, 68.8, 78.2, 121.7, 124.3, 125.4, 130.9, 138.5. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$: [M+Na] $^+$, 291.1356. Found: m/z 291.1352.



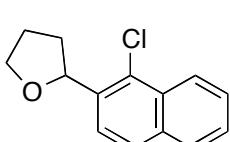
1,5-Bis(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (4dm-b). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.85–1.95 (m, 2 H), 1.96–2.12 (m, 4 H), 2.57 (dq, J = 12.3, 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.03 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.24 (td, J = 7.8, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.66 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (dd, J = 9.3, 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 34.1, 68.9, 78.2, 121.5, 122.8, 125.5, 130.7, 140.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$: [M+Na] $^+$, 291.1356. Found: m/z 291.1352.

The coupling products in Scheme 5

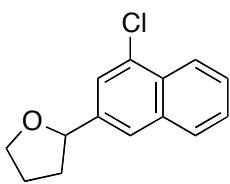


2-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (3'dm).⁴ A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.89 (dq, J = 12.3, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.00–2.12 (m, 2 H), 2.36–2.44 (m, 1 H), 4.00 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.07 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.41–7.49 (m, 3 H), 7.78–7.85 (m, 4 H).

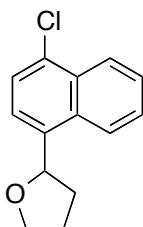
(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)-substituted 1-chloronaphthalene (7dm). This product was obtained as a mixture (2:6:48:35:7:2) of 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- and 7-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-1-chloronaphthalenes.



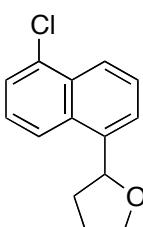
1-Chloro-2-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (7dm-a). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.10–2.40 (m, 4 H), 4.00 (dt, J = 8.1, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (dt, J = 7.6, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.78 (dd, J = 10.1, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.44–7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.44 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1 H). GC-MS (the first peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 234 (10, M+2), 232 (27, M), 197 (100, M-Cl), 189 (25), 155 (56).



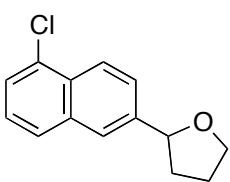
1-Chloro-3-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (7dm-b). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.83–1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.97–2.13 (m, 2 H), 2.49–2.61 (m, 1 H), 4.03 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (dt, $J = 8.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.53–7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.56 (s, 2 H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 8.32 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H). GC–MS (the fifth peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 234 (6, M+2), 232 (20, M), 197 (100, M–Cl), 189 (26) 155 (24).



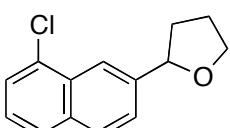
1-Chloro-4-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (7dm-c). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.75 (dq, $J = 12.6, 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.98–2.21 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (sext, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.03 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (q, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 5.48 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (td, $J = 6.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (td, $J = 6.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.30 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1 H). GC–MS (the second peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 234 (10, M+2), 232 (29, M), 197 (100, M–Cl), 189 (35), 155 (38).



1-Chloro-5-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (7dm-d). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.89 (dt, $J = 12.3, 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 1.98–2.13 (m, 2 H), 2.56 (dq, $J = 12.4, 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 4.04 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (td, $J = 8.0, 5.5$ Hz, 1 H), 5.62 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.6, 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.55–7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H). GC–MS (the fourth peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 234 (32, M+2), 232 (100, M), 197 (25, M–Cl), 189 (60), 155 (30).



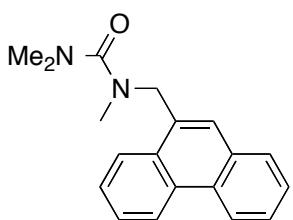
1-Chloro-6-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (7dm-e). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.88 (dq, $J = 12.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00–2.10 (m, 2 H), 2.40 (sext, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.17 (dt, $J = 8.3, 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 5.03 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50–7.60 (m, 3 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.83 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H). GC–MS (the sixth peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 234 (10, M+2), 232 (29, M), 197 (100, M–Cl), 189 (40), 155 (20).



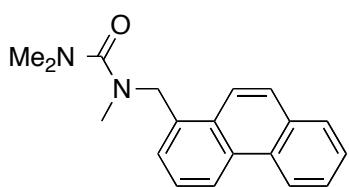
1-Chloro-7-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (7dm-f). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.90 (dq, $J = 12.4, 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00–2.13 (m, 2 H), 2.43 (sext, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.02 (dt, $J = 7.7, 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 4.19 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1 H), 5.11 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.2, 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 1

H). GC–MS (the third peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 234 (23, M+2), 232 (65, M), 197 (15, M–Cl), 189 (100), 155 (10).

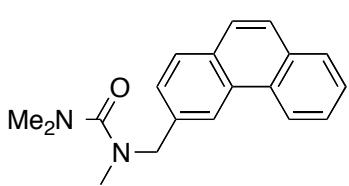
The coupling products in Scheme 6



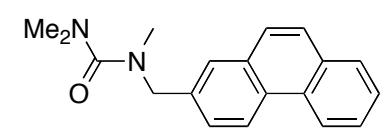
N,N,N'-Trimethyl-N''-(9-phenanthylmethyl)urea (3an). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.81 (s, 3 H), 2.84 (s, 6 H), 4.88 (s, 2 H), 7.57–7.74 (m, 4 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.75 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 37.1, 38.8, 53.2, 122.7, 123.4, 124.0, 126.7, 126.816, 126.824, 126.9, 127.0, 128.6, 130.4, 130.7, 130.9, 131.6, 131.7, 165.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 315.1468. Found: m/z 315.1466.



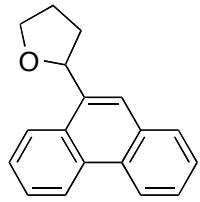
N,N,N'-Trimethyl-N''-(1-phenanthylmethyl)urea (3'an). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.74 (s, 3 H), 2.83 (s, 6 H), 4.90 (s, 2 H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.58–7.64 (m, 2 H), 7.67 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.79 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.85–7.93 (m, 2 H), 8.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 37.1, 38.8, 52.9, 122.1, 122.6, 123.1, 126.2, 126.8, 126.9, 127.2, 127.4, 128.7, 130.4, 130.8, 130.9, 131.8, 134.3, 165.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 315.1468. Found: m/z 315.1470.



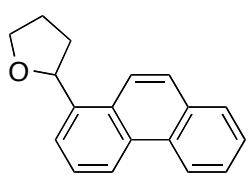
N,N,N'-Trimethyl-N''-(3-phenanthylmethyl)urea (3''an). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.81 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (s, 6 H), 4.64 (s, 2 H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (s, 2 H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.58 (s, 1 H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H). The amount (0.2 mg) of a pure sample of this compound was too small to give any peaks in ^{13}C NMR. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 315.1468. Found: m/z 315.1472.



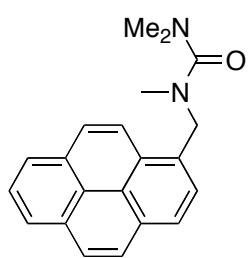
N,N,N'-Trimethyl-N''-(2-phenanthylmethyl)urea (3'''an). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.80 (s, 3 H), 2.89 (s, 6 H), 4.59 (s, 2 H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (td, J = 7.1, 1.5 Hz, 1 H) 7.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (s, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H). The amount (0.6 mg) of a pure sample of this compound was too small to give any peaks in ^{13}C NMR. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 315.1468. Found: m/z 315.1466.



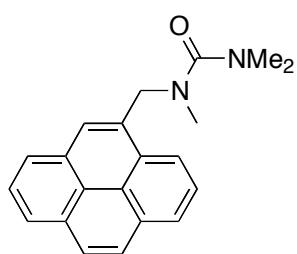
9-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)phenanthrene (3dn**).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.88–2.20 (m, 3 H), 2.62 (sext, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.32 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.68 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.55–7.70 (m, 4 H), 7.91 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.92 (s, 1 H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 8.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.75 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 33.7, 69.0, 78.1, 122.51, 122.54, 123.4, 124.2, 126.3, 126.4, 126.6, 126.8, 128.9, 129.9, 130.0, 130.9, 131.8, 137.6. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 271.1093. Found: m/z 271.1086.



1-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)phenanthrene (3'dn**).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.94 (dt, J = 19.1, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.00–2.16 (m, 2 H), 2.61 (sext, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.72 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.75–7.84 (m, 2 H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.65 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 34.2, 69.0, 78.3, 121.9, 122.2, 122.9, 123.1, 126.4, 126.7, 126.8, 127.0, 128.6, 128.8, 130.7, 130.8, 131.6, 140.2. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 271.1093. Found: m/z 271.1090.

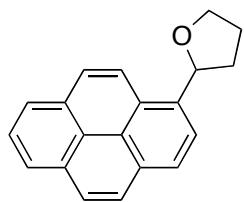


N,N,N'*-Trimethyl-*N'*-(1-pyrenylmethyl)urea (**3ao**).** This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3'a*o** (**3'a****o**:**3ao** = 93:7). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.77 (s, 3 H), 2.86 (s, 6 H), 5.12 (s, 2 H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.06 (s, 2 H), 8.13 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.18–8.23 (m, 3 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 37.2, 38.9, 52.6, 123.0, 124.8, 124.9, 125.2, 125.3, 125.36, 125.40, 126.2, 126.9, 127.4, 127.6, 127.9, 129.3, 130.97, 131.03, 131.5, 165.7. GC-MS (appears later than regioisomer **3'a****o** on GC) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 316 (34, M), 244 (16), 242 (38), 215 (100), 72 (35).

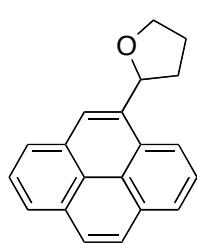


N,N,N'*-Trimethyl-*N'*-(9-pyrenylmethyl)urea (**3'a*o**).** This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3ao** (**3'a****o**:**3ao** = 91:9). ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.86 (s, 6 H), 2.87 (s, 3 H), 5.04 (s, 2 H), 8.02 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.03 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (s, 1 H), 8.09 (s, 2 H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 8.22 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C

NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.2, 38.9, 53.4, 121.0, 124.4, 125.31, 125.32, 125.5, 126.1, 126.2, 127.0, 127.4, 127.8, 130.0, 130.7, 131.2, 131.7, 132.7, 165.8. GC-MS (appears earlier than regioisomer **3ao** on GC) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 316 (57, M), 244 (94), 242 (47), 215 (100), 72 (63).

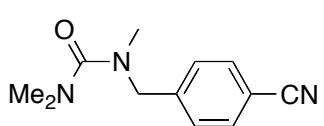


1-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)pyrene (3do**).** This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3'do** (**3do:3'do** = 93:7). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.96–2.22 (m, 3 H), 2.65–2.76 (m, 1 H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.35 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.95 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.00 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.16–8.23 (m, 4 H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.4, 34.9, 69.1, 78.5, 122.7, 123.0, 125.0, 125.08, 125.09, 125.3, 126.0, 127.1, 127.46, 127.50, 127.7, 130.6, 130.9, 131.6, 137.5. GC-MS (appears later than regioisomer **3'do** on GC) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 272 (83, M), 229 (43, M-C₃H₇), 215 (25), 202 (100).



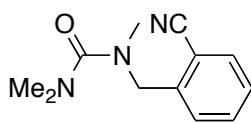
9-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)pyrene (3'do**).** This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3do** (**3'do:3do** = 89:11). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.95–2.21 (m, 3 H), 2.66–2.79 (m, 1 H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.35–4.44 (m, 1 H), 5.85 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.01 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.03 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.08 (s, 2 H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.25 (s, 1 H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.1, 33.9, 69.1, 78.3, 121.1, 122.7, 124.0, 125.0, 125.1, 125.6, 125.7, 126.2, 127.5, 127.7, 129.2, 130.9, 131.1, 131.8, 138.6. GC-MS (appears earlier than regioisomer **3do** on GC) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 272 (91, M), 229 (35, M-C₃H₇), 215 (33), 202 (100).

The coupling products in Scheme 7

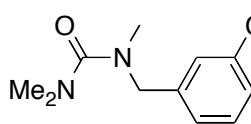


N-(4-Cyanophenylmethyl)-N,N',N'-trimethylurea (3ap**).**

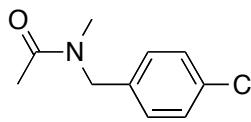
A white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77 (s, 3 H), 2.86 (s, 6 H), 4.42 (s, 2 H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 37.3, 38.8, 53.9, 111.2, 118.9, 128.5, 132.5, 144.1, 165.4. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N₃O: [M+Na]⁺, 240.1107. Found: m/z 240.1108. GC-MS (the third peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 217 (75, M), 145 (99), 116 (100), 72 (95).



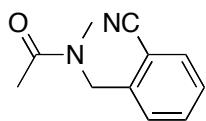
N-(2-Cyanophenylmethyl)-N,N',N'-trimethylurea (3'ap). A white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.84 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (s, 6 H), 4.53 (s, 2 H), 7.36 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 38.0, 38.7, 52.7, 112.2, 117.8, 127.8, 129.3, 133.1, 133.2, 142.6, 165.2. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 240.1107. Found: m/z 240.1105. GC-MS (the first peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 217 (10, M), 145 (84), 116 (97), 72 (100).



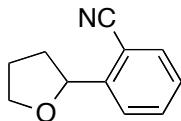
N-(3-Cyanophenylmethyl)-N,N',N'-trimethylurea (3''ap). This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with 3ap ($3\text{a''p}:3\text{ap} = 26:74$). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.76 (s, 3 H), 2.86 (s, 6 H), 4.39 (s, 2 H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (s, 1 H). The amount (1.4 mg) of a sample of this compound was too small to give any peaks belonging to 3''ap in ^{13}C NMR. GC-MS (the second peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 217 (20, M), 145 (37), 116 (60), 72 (100).



N-(4-Cyanophenylmethyl)-N-methylacetamide (3bp). A yellow oil. Observed as two rotamers of 71/29 ratio in ^1H NMR. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.17/2.12 (s, 3 H), 2.96/2.95 (s, 3 H), 4.62/4.59 (s, 2 H), 7.34/7.29 (d, $J = 8.2/8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.61/7.68 (d, $J = 8.2/8.2$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 21.8, 34.1, 36.1, 50.7, 54.1, 111.5, 112.0, 118.5, 118.8, 127.1, 128.6, 132.6, 133.0, 142.3, 143.1 171.0, 171.1. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 211.0842. Found: m/z 211.0846.

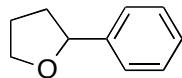


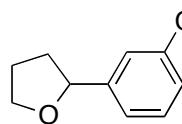
N-(2-Cyanophenylmethyl)-N-methylacetamide (3'bp). A yellow oil. Observed as two rotamers of 72/28 ratio in ^1H NMR. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.19/2.14 (s, 3 H), 3.03/2.98 (s, 3 H), 4.82/4.76 (s, 2 H), 7.43/7.29 (d, $J = 7.7/8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.37/7.43 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz for the major isomer; the coupling constant of the minor isomer could not be accurately read, 1 H), 7.56/7.63 (t, $J = 7.7/6.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.65/7.72 (d, $J = 7.7/7.7$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.5, 21.8, 34.1, 36.4, 49.1, 52.7, 111.3, 112.1, 117.0, 117.7, 126.5, 128.1, 128.4, 129.1, 133.0, 133.4, 133.6, 133.7, 140.6, 141.5, 171.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 211.0842. Found: m/z 211.0841.

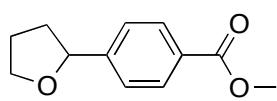


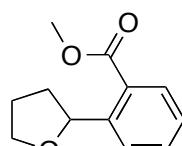
2-(2-Tetrahydrofuryl)benzonitrile (3dp). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.76 (dq, $J = 12.5, 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.06 (quint, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2 H), 2.56 (sext, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.9$

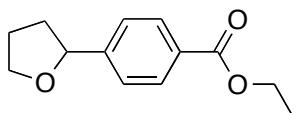
Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (td, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.4, 34.6, 69.4, 79.0, 109.9, 117.8, 126.1, 127.6, 133.06, 133.10, 148.1. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 196.0733. Found: m/z 196.0731. GC-MS (the first peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 173 (5, M), 172 (16, M-1), 145 (33), 130 (100).

 **4-(2-Tetrahydrofuranyl)benzonitrile (3'dp).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.74 (dq, J = 12.4, 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.95–2.08 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (sext, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.10 (dt, J = 8.3, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 34.8, 69.1, 80.0, 111.0, 119.1, 126.3, 132.3, 149.4. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 196.0733. Found: m/z 196.0731. GC-MS (the third peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 173 (11, M), 172 (52, M-1), 145 (34), 130 (61), 42 (100).

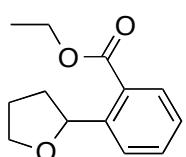
 **3-(2-Tetrahydrofuranyl)benzonitrile (3''dp).** This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3'dp** (**3''dp:3'dp** = 19:81). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.70–1.80 (m, 1 H), 1.95–2.07 (m, 2 H), 2.34–2.43 (m, 1 H), 3.93–4.00 (m, 1 H), 4.06–4.15 (m, 1 H), 4.91 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.40–7.45 (m, 1 H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (s, 1 H). The amount (1.0 mg) of a sample of this compound was too small to give any peaks belonging to **3''dp** in ^{13}C NMR. GC-MS (the second peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 173 (8, M), 172 (42, M-1), 145 (25), 130 (100).

 **Methyl 4-(2-tetrahydrofuranyl)benzoate (3dq).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.78 (dq, J = 12.4, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.01 (quint, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (sext, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.11, (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 34.8, 52.1, 69.0, 80.3, 125.6, 129.1, 129.8, 149.1, 167.2. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 229.0835. Found: m/z 229.0840.

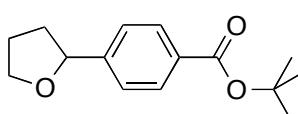
 **Methyl 2-(2-tetrahydrofuranyl)benzoate (3'dq).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.66 (sext, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.88–2.05 (m, 2 H), 2.56 (sext, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.95 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.15, (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.61 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 34.9, 52.1, 69.1, 78.4, 125.9, 126.7, 127.7, 130.5, 132.5, 146.6 167.8. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 229.0835. Found: m/z 229.0830.



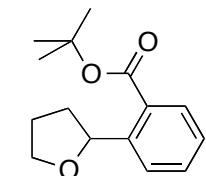
Ethyl 4-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzoate (3dr). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H), 1.77 (dq, $J = 12.4, 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 2.01 (quint, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (sext, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2 H), 4.95 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2 H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.5, 26.1, 34.9, 61.0, 69.0, 80.3, 125.5, 129.4, 129.8, 149.0, 166.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 243.0992. Found: m/z 243.0995.



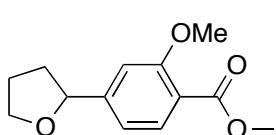
Ethyl 2-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzoate (3'dr). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H), 1.67 (sext, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 1.87–2.03 (m, 2 H), 2.56 (sext, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.35 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2 H), 5.62 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.4, 26.0, 35.0, 61.1, 69.1, 78.4, 125.9, 126.7, 128.2, 130.4, 132.3, 146.4, 167.4. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 243.0992. Found: m/z 243.0985.



tert-Butyl 4-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzoate (3ds). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.59 (s, 9 H), 1.76 (dq, $J = 12.4, 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00 (quint, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.35 (sext, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.11 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.1, 28.4, 34.9, 69.0, 80.4, 81.0, 125.4, 129.6, 131.1, 148.5, 165.8. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 271.1305. Found: m/z 271.1300.

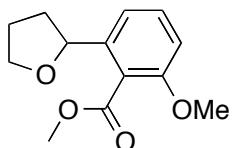


tert-Butyl 2-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzoate (3'ds). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.59 (s, 9 H), 1.68 (sext, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 1.85–2.03 (m, 2 H), 2.54 (sext, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 5.60 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 28.4, 35.1, 69.1, 78.3, 81.5, 125.8, 126.6, 130.1, 130.3, 131.7, 145.6, 167.0. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 271.1305. Found: m/z 243.1300.

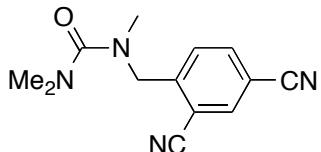


Methyl 4-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)-2-methoxybenzoate (3dt). A yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.77 (dq, $J = 12.3, 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00 (quint, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 2.36 (sext, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.95 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.10 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (s, 1 H), 7.77

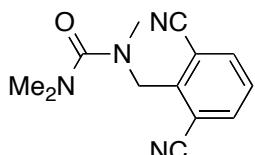
(d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 34.7, 52.0, 56.1, 68.9, 80.2, 109.1, 117.3, 118.6, 132.0, 150.2, 159.6, 166.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 259.0941. Found: m/z 259.0937.



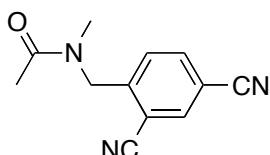
Methyl 2-methoxy-6-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzoate (3'dt). A yellow oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.81 (dq, $J = 12.2, 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 1.90–2.06 (m, 2 H), 2.29 (sext, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (q, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 4.03 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1 H), 4.91 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.2, 35.0, 52.3, 56.2, 69.1, 79.0, 109.8, 117.9, 121.6, 130.6, 142.8, 156.5, 168.8. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 259.0941. Found: m/z 259.0942.



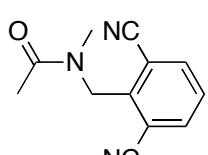
N-[2,4-Dicyanophenyl]methyl-N,N',N'-trimethylurea (3'au). A white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.86 (s, 6 H), 2.92 (s, 3 H), 4.53 (s, 2 H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.92 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 38.5, 38.8, 52.8, 112.4, 113.6, 115.7, 116.8, 130.6, 135.9, 136.3, 148.0, 164.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 265.1060. Found: m/z 265.1059.



N-[2,6-Dicyanophenyl]methyl-N,N',N'-trimethylurea (3'au). A white solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.85 (s, 6 H), 3.00 (s, 3 H), 4.58 (s, 2 H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 38.3, 40.1, 52.0, 115.0, 116.4, 128.4, 137.0, 146.9, 164.5. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 265.1060. Found: m/z 265.1067.

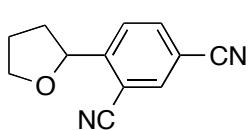


N-[2,4-Dicyanophenyl]methyl-N-methylacetamide (3bu). A yellow oil. Observed as two rotamers of 87/13 ratio in ^1H NMR. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.19/2.11 (s, 3 H), 3.09/2.98 (s, 3 H), 4.82/4.80 (s, 2 H), 7.57/7.44 (d, $J = 8.1/8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82/7.92 (d, $J = 8.1/8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.93/8.00 (s, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.4, 21.7, 34.3, 37.0, 49.7, 52.7, 112.7, 112.9, 113.3, 113.4, 114.8, 115.6, 116.3, 116.7, 127.5, 130.0, 136.2, 136.7, 136.8, 145.8, 146.7, 171.0, 171.5. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 236.0794. Found: m/z 236.0792.

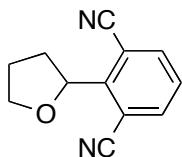


N-[2,6-Dicyanophenyl]methyl-N-methylacetamide (3'bu). A yellow oil. Observed as two rotamers of 91/9 ratio in ^1H NMR. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.16/2.36 (s, 3 H), 3.19/2.79 (s, 3 H), 4.88/4.93 (s, 2 H), 7.49/7.63 (t, $J = 8.0/7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.87/7.96 (d, $J =$

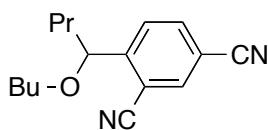
8.0/7.7 Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 21.6, 22.0, 29.8, 38.3, 50.3, 51.3, 114.0, 115.0, 115.7, 116.2, 128.4, 129.8, 137.4, 137.7, 144.1, 146.0, 172.1. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 236.0794. Found: m/z 236.0791.



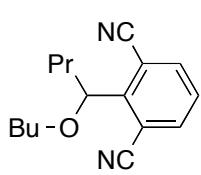
2,4-Dicyano-1-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzene (3du). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.73 (dq, $J = 12.6, 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 2.00–2.15 (m, 2 H), 2.59–2.69 (m, 1 H), 4.03 (q, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 4.18 (q, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 5.22 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.3, 34.5, 69.7, 78.5, 111.4, 112.3, 115.6, 116.9, 127.3, 136.2, 136.3, 153.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 221.0685. Found: m/z 221.0690.



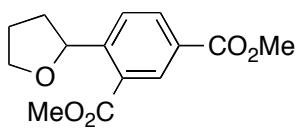
1,3-Dicyano-2-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)benzene (3'du). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.94 (dq, $J = 12.5, 9.1$ Hz, 1 H), 2.10–2.21 (m, 1 H), 2.22–2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.50–2.58 (m, 1 H), 4.08 (td, $J = 8.2, 4.8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.37 (q, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1 H), 5.39 (dd, $J = 8.9, 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 27.3, 34.9, 70.0, 78.9, 112.5, 116.2, 128.6, 137.7, 151.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 221.0685. Found: m/z 221.0689.



1-(1-Butoxybutyl)-2,4-dicyanobenzene (3eu). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3 H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3 H), 1.32–1.44 (m, 3 H), 1.45–1.67 (m, 4 H), 1.69–1.79 (m, 1 H), 3.28 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 3.34 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (dd, $J = 8.3, 4.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.8, 13.9, 19.0, 19.5, 32.0, 40.0, 70.0, 79.4, 112.5, 112.6, 115.5, 116.9, 128.1, 136.1, 136.2, 153.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 279.1468. Found: m/z 279.1463.



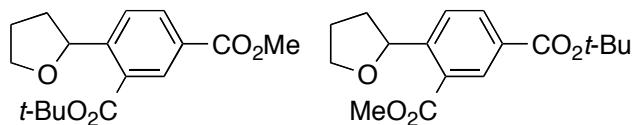
2-(1-Butoxybutyl)-1,3-dicyanobenzene (3'eu). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H), 0.97 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3 H), 1.30–1.45 (m, 3 H), 1.55–1.67 (m, 3 H), 1.68–1.78 (m, 1 H), 2.03–2.12 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (dt, $J = 9.3, 6.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.37 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.8$ Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 8.3, 5.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 19.0, 19.3, 19.5, 31.8, 38.6, 70.3, 80.0, 113.1, 116.3, 128.6, 137.8, 151.4. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 279.1468. Found: m/z 279.1464.



Dimethyl 4-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)isophthalate (3dv). A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.55–1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.85–2.16 (m, 2 H), 2.59 (sext, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3

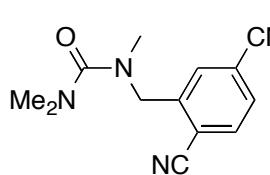
H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 3.96 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 5.65 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H), 8.15 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 8.56 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 34.9, 52.3, 52.4, 69.3, 78.3, 126.3, 127.9, 128.8, 131.9, 133.2, 151.7, 166.4, 166.9. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 287.0890. Found: m/z 287.0892.

Two isomers of *tert*-butyl methyl 4-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)isophthalates were also produced and were separated each other. However, they could not be determined to be which isomers.

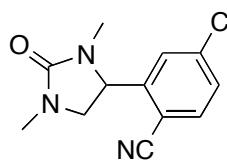


The major isomer: A colorless oil.
 ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.61 (s, 9 H), 1.62–1.70 (m, 1 H), 1.87–2.05 (m, 2 H), 2.57 (sext, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (s, 3 H), 3.97 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1 H), 5.62 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 8.43 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 28.3, 35.0, 52.3, 69.2, 78.3, 82.1, 126.1, 128.7, 130.4, 131.6, 132.5, 150.7, 166.2, 166.6. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 329.1359. Found: m/z 329.1362.

The minor isomer: A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 1.56–1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.60 (s, 9 H), 1.86–2.05 (m, 2 H), 2.58 (sext, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1 H), 3.91 (s, 3 H), 3.96 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1 H), 4.16 (q, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1 H), 5.64 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 8.49 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.0, 28.3, 34.9, 52.3, 69.3, 78.3, 81.6, 126.1, 127.7, 130.7, 131.7, 133.1, 151.1, 165.1, 167.1. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 329.1359. Found: m/z 329.1358.

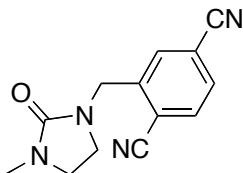


N-[(2,5-Dicyanophenyl)methyl]-*N,N',N'*-trimethylurea (**3aw**). A yellow solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.87 (s, 6 H), 2.92 (s, 3 H), 4.51 (s, 2 H), 7.64 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 38.5, 38.8, 52.3, 116.1, 116.3, 116.8, 117.3, 131.1, 133.0, 133.6, 144.4, 164.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}$: $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 265.1060. Found: m/z 265.1059.

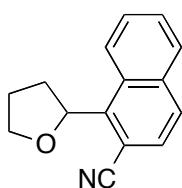


1,3-Dimethyl-4-(2,5-dicyanophenyl)-2-imidazolidinone (**3fw**). This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3'fw** (**3fw:3'fw** = 96:4). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.73 (s, 3 H), 2.85 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (dd, $J = 9.1, 7.3$ Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (t, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (dd, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, $J =$

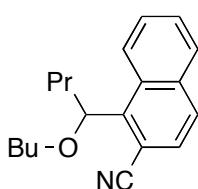
8.0 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 30.6, 31.2, 52.6, 58.0, 115.4, 115.7, 116.8, 117.8, 130.6, 132.2, 134.1, 145.8, 161.2. GC-MS (the first peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 240 (43, M), 168 (42), 113 (100), 42 (80).



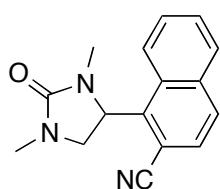
1-[2,5-Dicyanophenyl]methyl-2-imidazolidinone (3'fw**).** This product could not be isolated in a pure form. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture with **3fw** (**3'fw:3fw** = 80:20). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.86 (s, 3 H), 3.32–3.37 (m, 2 H), 3.38–3.43 (m, 2 H), 4.60 (s, 2 H), 7.66 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 31.5, 43.4, 45.1, 46.7, 115.95, 116.04, 117.2, 117.3, 131.3, 132.7, 133.5, 143.6, 161.2. GC-MS (the second peak on GC among the isomers) m/z (% relative intensity, ion) 240 (70, M), 182 (39), 141 (40), 114 (48), 99 (100), 42 (93).



2-Cyano-1-(2-tetrahydrofuryl)naphthalene (3dx**).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.06 (dq, J = 12.4, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (dtd, J = 12.5, 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.08 (td, J = 7.9, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.82 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.57–7.66 (m, 3 H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 26.9, 34.7, 69.2, 78.4, 107.7, 119.2, 124.5, 127.5, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 130.2, 135.1, 145.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 246.0889. Found: m/z 246.0889.

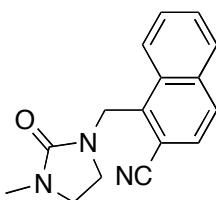


1-(1-Butoxybutyl)-2-cyanonaphthalene (3ex**).** A colorless oil. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.84 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.24–1.40 (m, 3 H), 1.50–1.68 (m, 3 H), 1.83–1.93 (m, 1 H), 2.17–2.27 (m, 1 H), 3.26 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.40 (dt, J = 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.26 (dd, J = 8.1, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.52–7.65 (m, 3 H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.84 (bs, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 13.9, 14.0, 19.5, 19.8, 32.1, 39.4, 69.7, 82.1, 109.7, 118.7, 126.7, 127.0, 127.1, 128.7, 129.0, 129.1, 130.9, 135.8, 145.9. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$: [M+Na] $^+$, 304.1672. Found: m/z 304.1669.



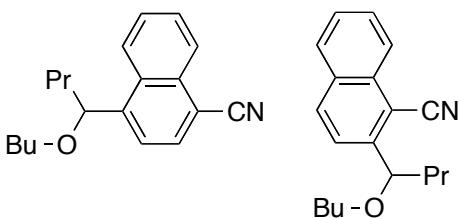
1,3-Dimethyl-4-(2-cyanonaphthyl)methyl-2-imidazolidinone (3fx**).** A white solid. Exists as two diastereomers (83/17), which could not be separated. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.65/2.72 (s, 3 H), 3.00/2.94 (s, 3 H), 3.60/3.40 (t, J = 9.3/9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.87/3.94 (t, J = 9.7/9.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.54/5.53 (t, J = 9.7/8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.55–7.75 (m, 3 H), 7.88–8.00 (m, 2 H) 8.41/8.18 (d, J = 8.7/9.1 Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 30.0, 30.5, 31.2, 31.3, 50.9, 52.8, 54.5, 60.1, 108.6, 111.7, 117.7, 118.2, 122.5, 124.6,

126.8, 128.3, 128.5, 129.1, 129.2, 129.42, 129.44, 129.5, 129.7, 130.5, 130.8, 131.4, 135.0, 135.9, 139.9, 142.1, 160.6, 161.3. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}N_3O$: $[M+Na]^+$, 288.1107. Found: m/z 288.1106.



1-(2-Cyanonaphthyl)methyl-3-methyl-2-imidazolidinone (3'fx).

A white solid. 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 2.84 (s, 3 H), 3.20–3.28 (m, 4 H), 5.08 (s, 2 H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (td, $J = 7.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (td, $J = 7.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2 H), 8.54 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1 H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 31.5, 42.6, 44.9, 45.0, 111.1, 118.7, 126.0, 126.3, 128.6, 128.7, 129.2, 129.8, 131.6, 135.3, 139.8, 160.8. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}N_3O$: $[M+Na]^+$, 288.1107. Found: m/z 288.1101.



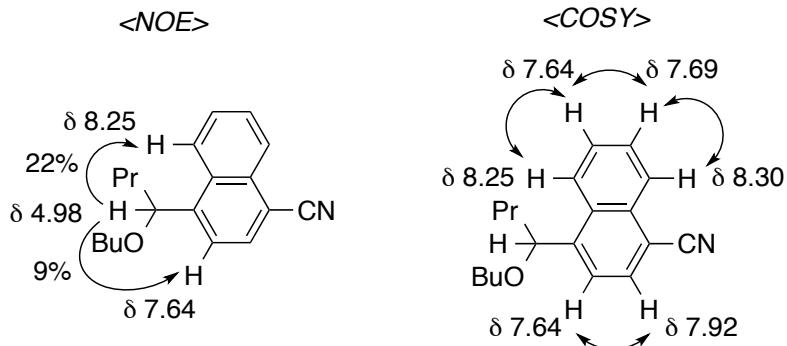
1-(1-Butoxybutyl)-4-cyanonaphthalene (3ey),

2-(1-Butoxybutyl)-1-cyanonaphthalene (3'ey).

These products could not be isolated in pure forms. The following data were obtained from a spectrum of a mixture of 3ey and 3'ey (3 ey:3'ey = 84:16). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 3ey: δ 4.98 (dd, $J = 8.4, 3.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (td $J = 8.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (td, $J = 7.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.92 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1 H), 8.25 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H), 8.30 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1 H). 3'ey: δ 4.90 (dd, $J = 8.0, 5.4$ Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (td, $J = 6.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1 H), 8.07 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1 H). The other peaks were could not be read because they are not sufficiently separated from those of another isomer.

δ 0.85–1.00 (m, 6 H), 1.32–1.49 (m, 3 H), 1.51–1.65 (m, 3 H), 1.67–1.94 (m, 2 H), 3.26–3.40 (m, 2 H), 7.57–7.72 (m, 2 H, 3'ey), 8.21–8.25 (m, 1H, 3'ey). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 13.92, 13.94, 13.98, 13.99, 19.1, 19.53, 19.58, 19.59, 32.1, 32.3, 40.12, 40.17, 69.56, 69.61, 79.7, 80.2, 108.6, 109.9, 116.3, 123.2, 123.7, 124.3, 125.5, 126.3, 127.3, 128.2, 128.6, 128.7, 131.0, 132.4, 132.55, 132.63, 133.1, 133.3, 136.1, 148.7. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $C_{19}H_{23}NO$: $[M+Na]^+$, 304.1672. Found: m/z 304.1668. GC-MS m/z (% relative intensity, ion) forward peak (3'ey): 281 (4, M), 238 (35, $M-C_3H_7$), 182 (100), 166 (19); back peak (3ey): 281 (6, M), 238 (62, $M-C_3H_7$), 182 (100), 166 (28).

Further Analysis of 3ey by NMR (NOE and 1H - 1H COSY). Upon irradiation at a methyne proton (4.98 ppm), NOE was observed with protons at 7.64 and 8.25 ppm. In a 1H - 1H COSY spectrum, the former (7.64 ppm) and the latter (8.25 ppm) belong to correlation groups consisting of two and four protons, respectively. These results shows that the 1-butoxybutyl group is introduced at 4-position in the major regioisomer (3ey).

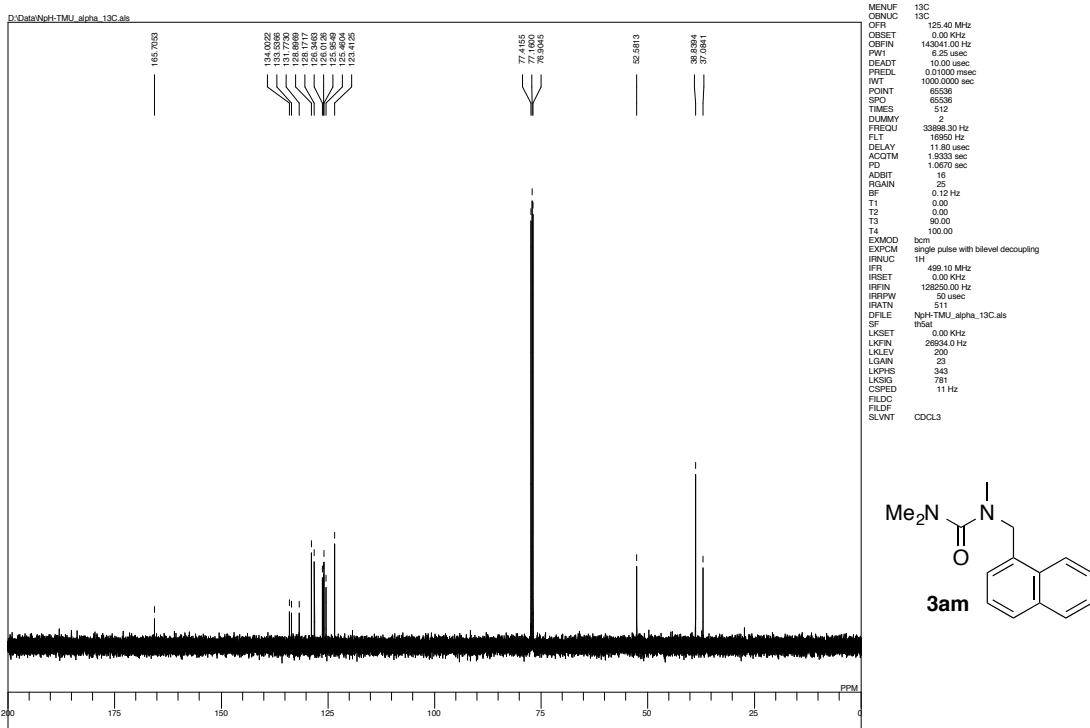
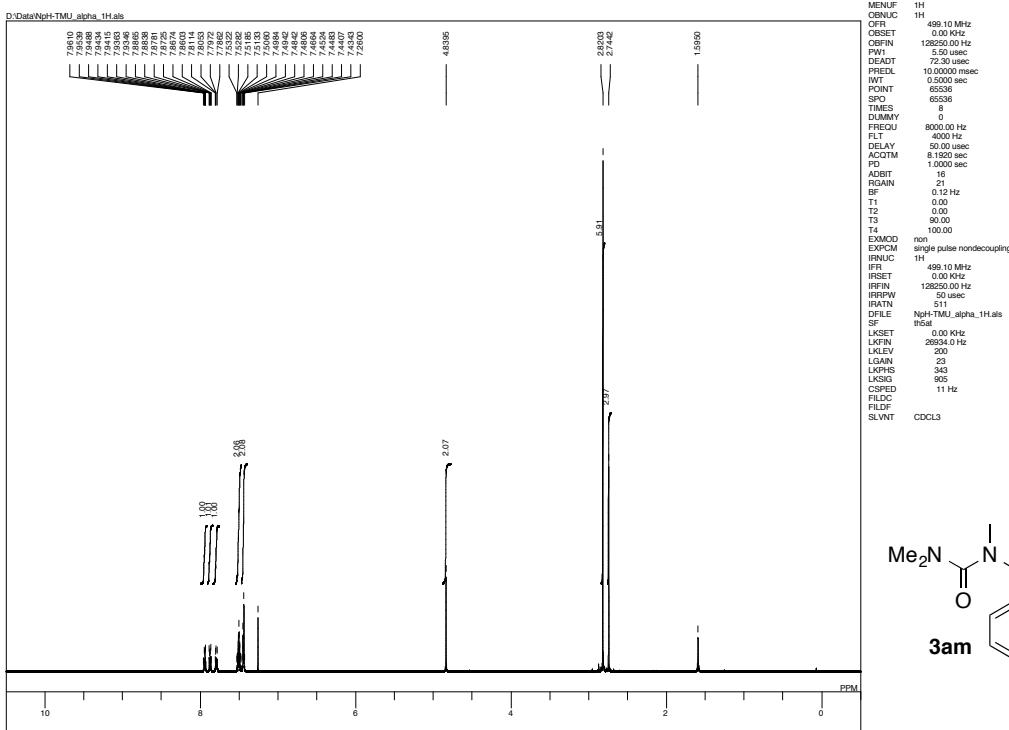


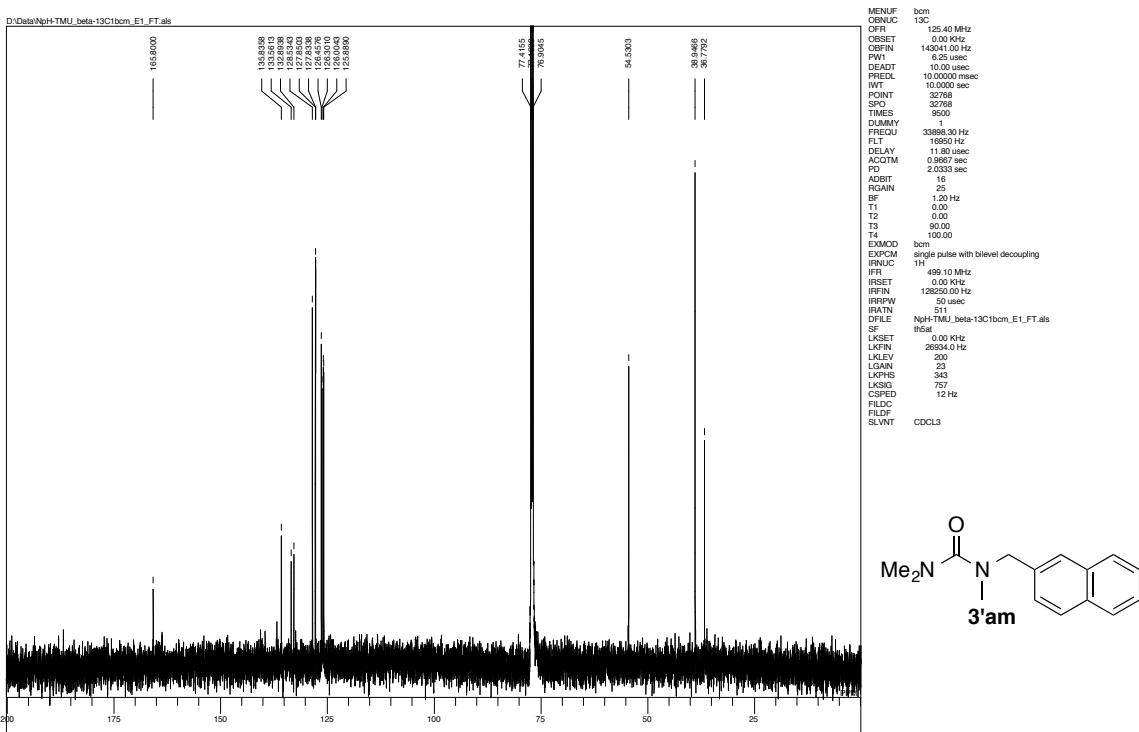
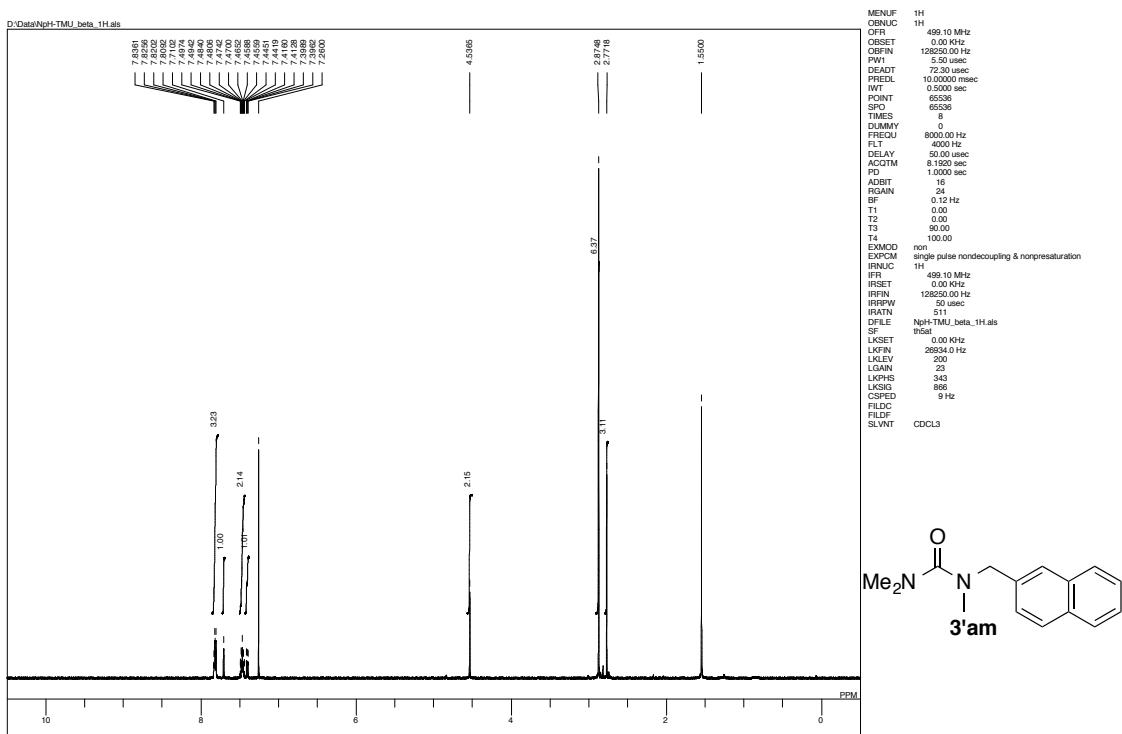
In contrast, no valuable information on structure of the minor isomer (**3'ey**) was obtained from NOE and ^1H - ^1H COSY due to overlaps of their peaks with those of the major isomer (**3ey**). Thus, its structure is unclear. However, comparing the chemical shifts of the peaks in ^1H NMR with those of 1-cyanonaphthalene, the 1-butoxybutyl group is likely to be introduced at 2-position in the minor regioisomer (**3'ey**).

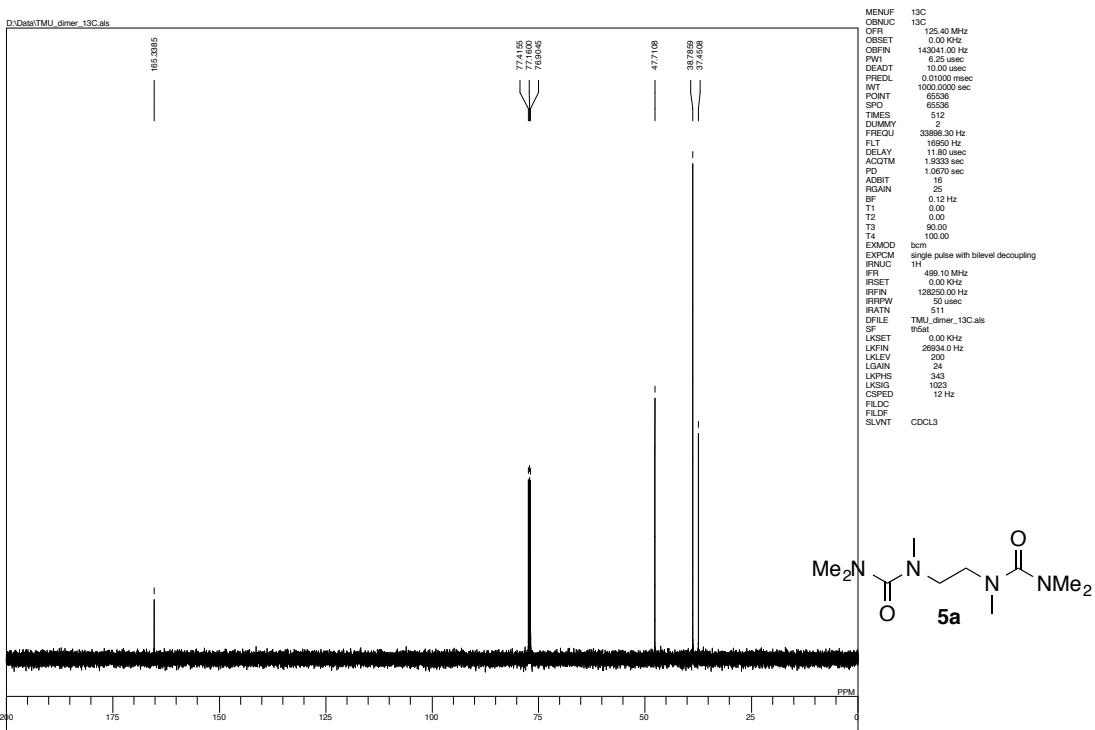
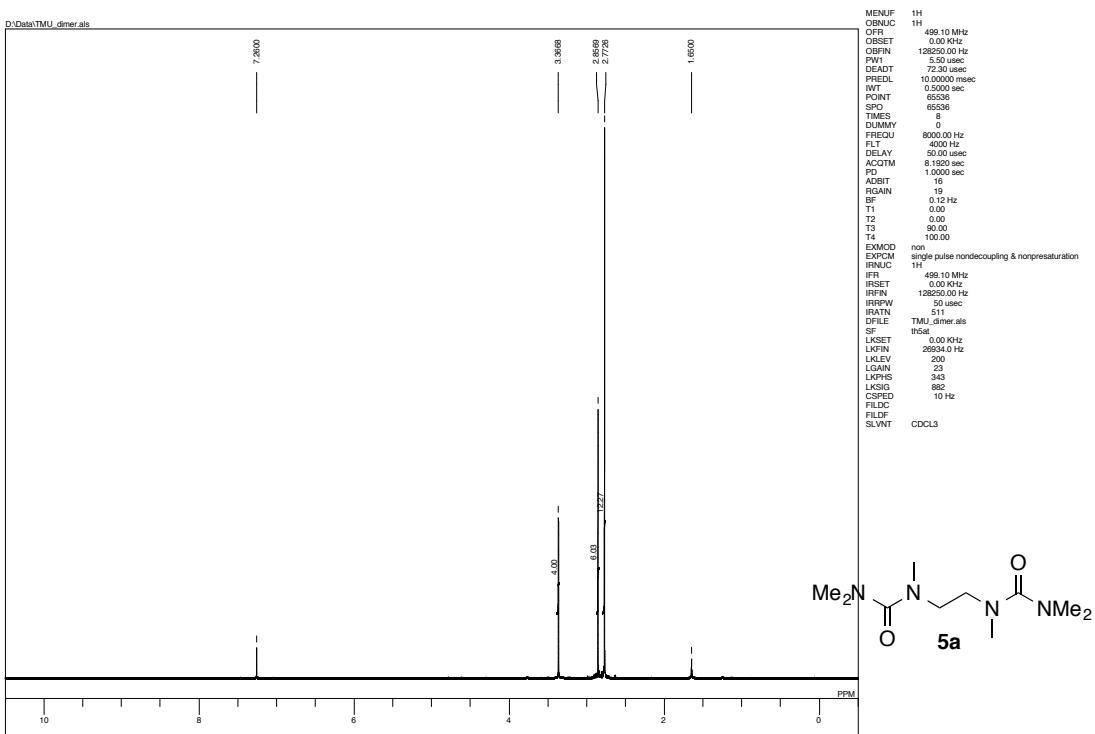
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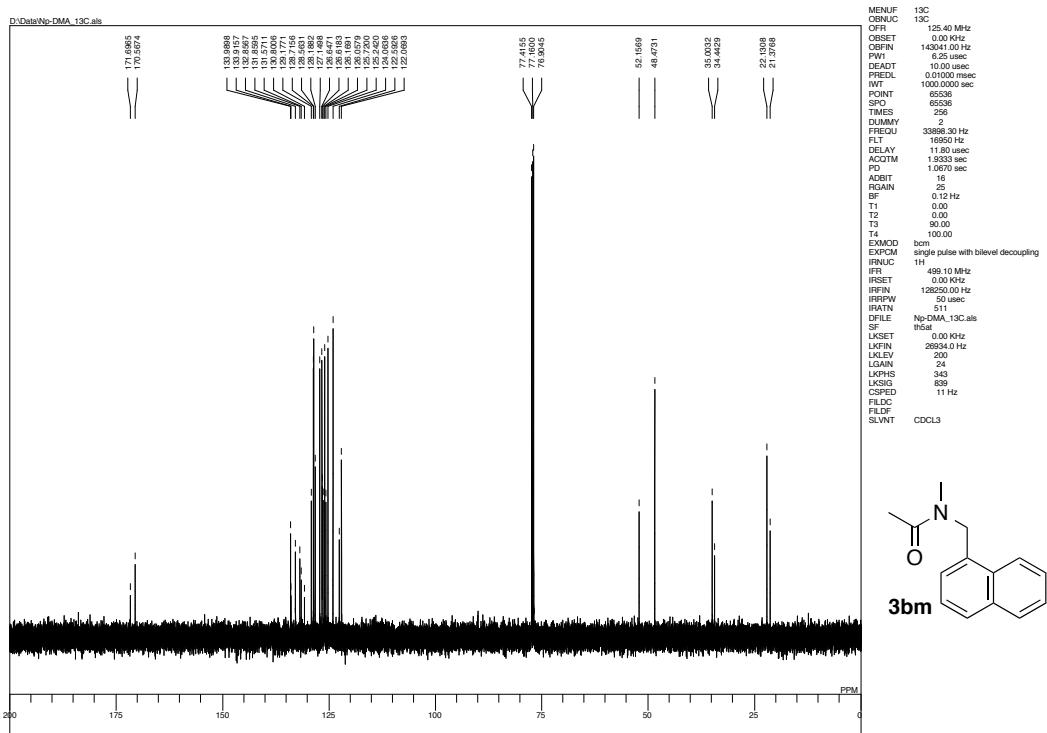
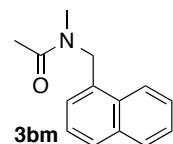
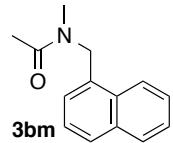
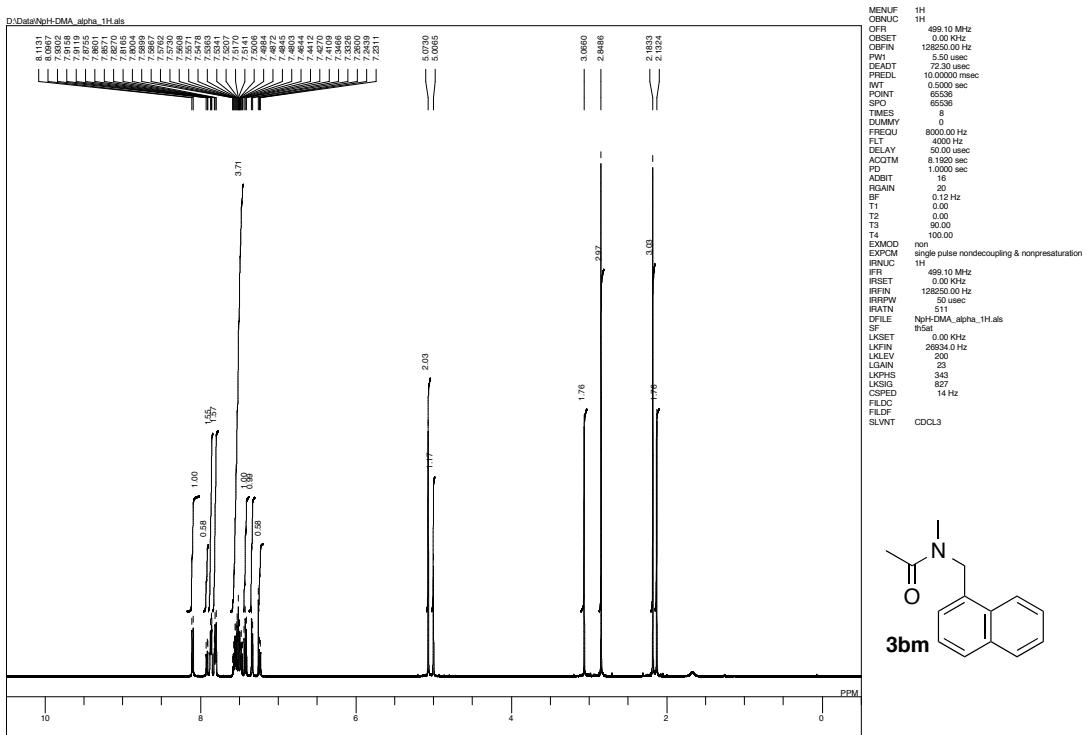
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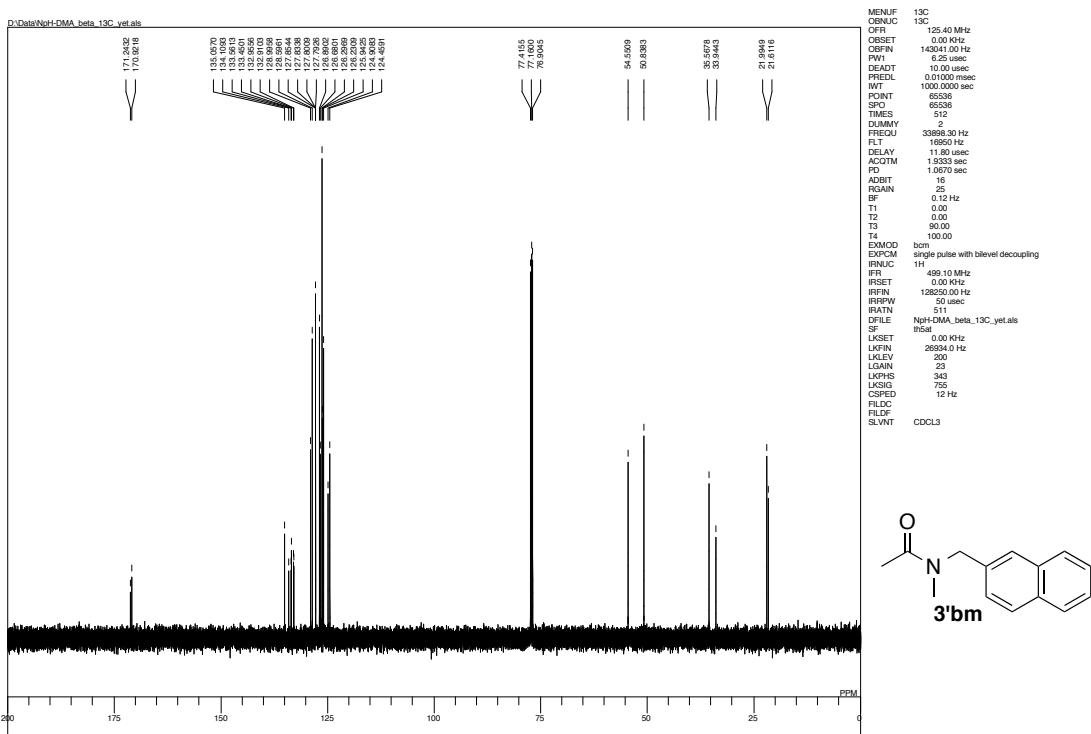
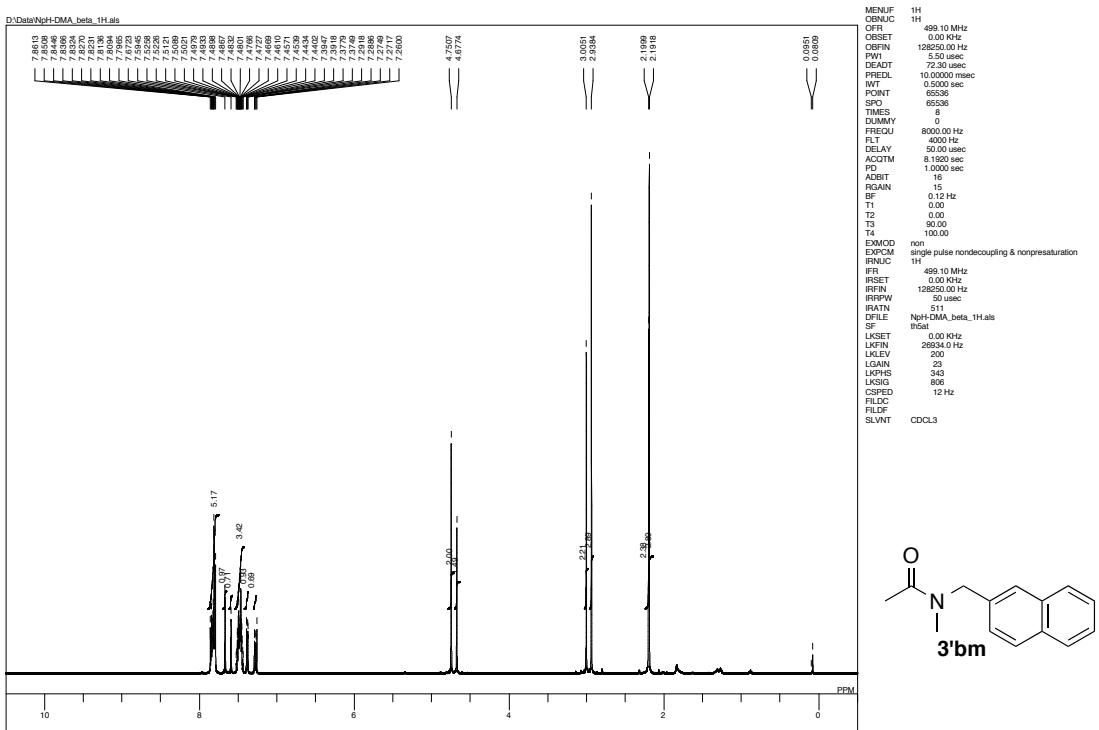
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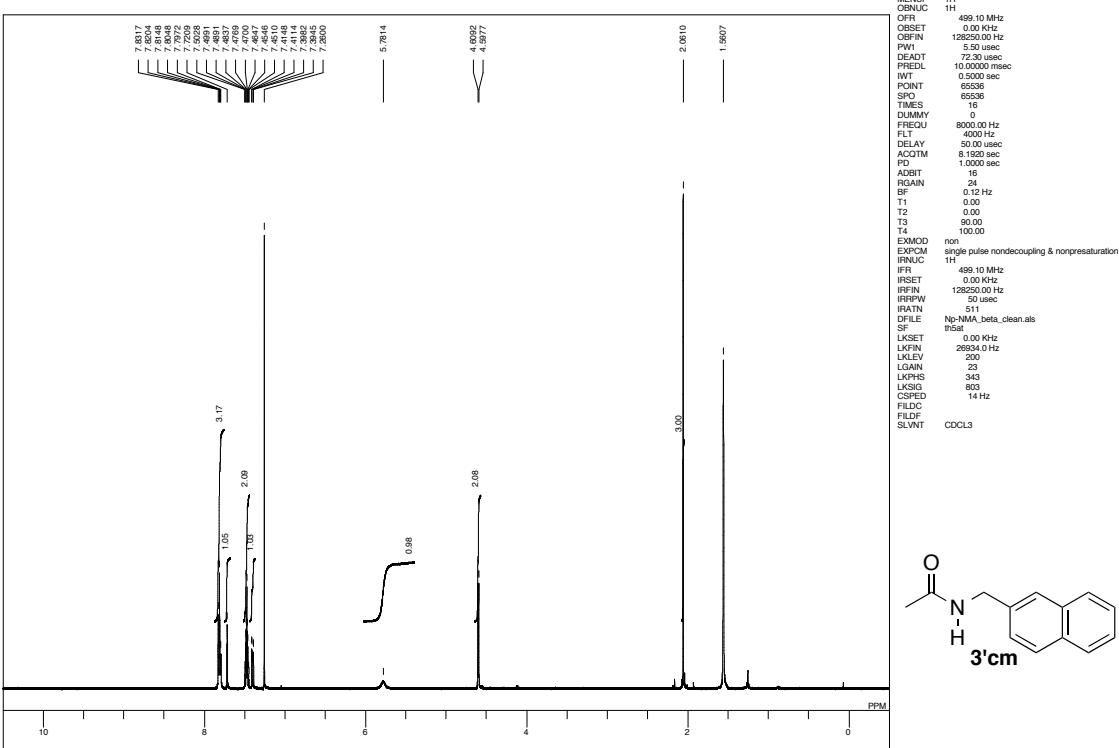
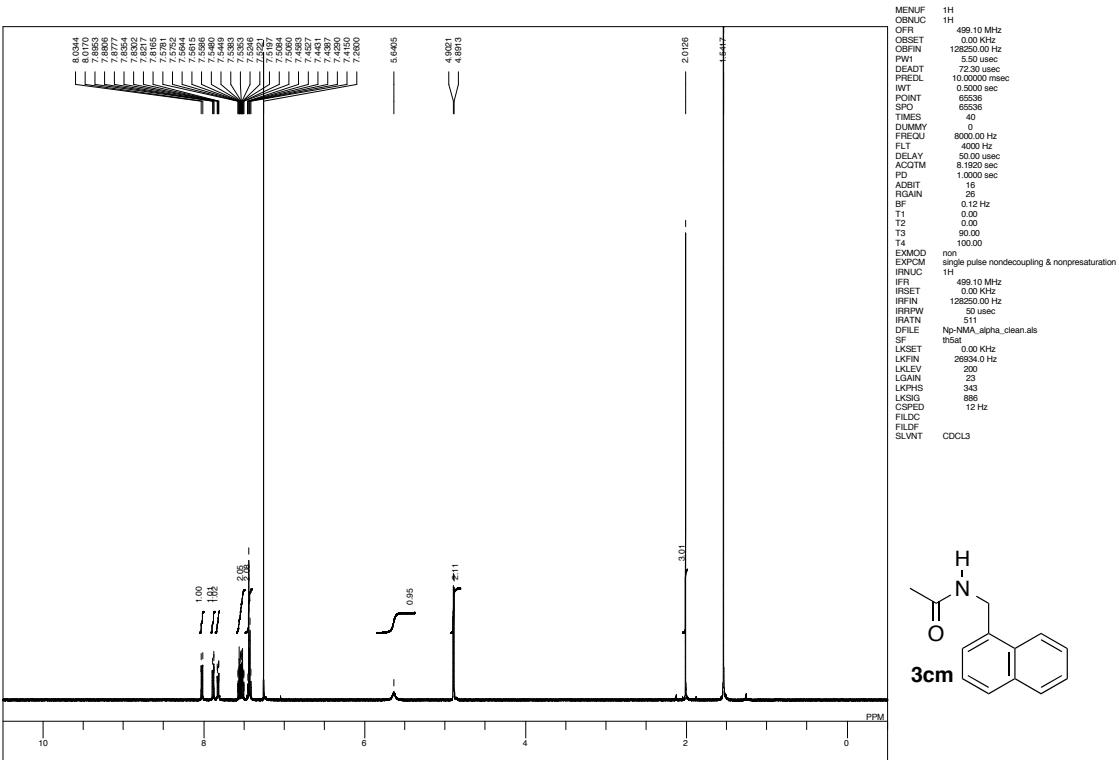


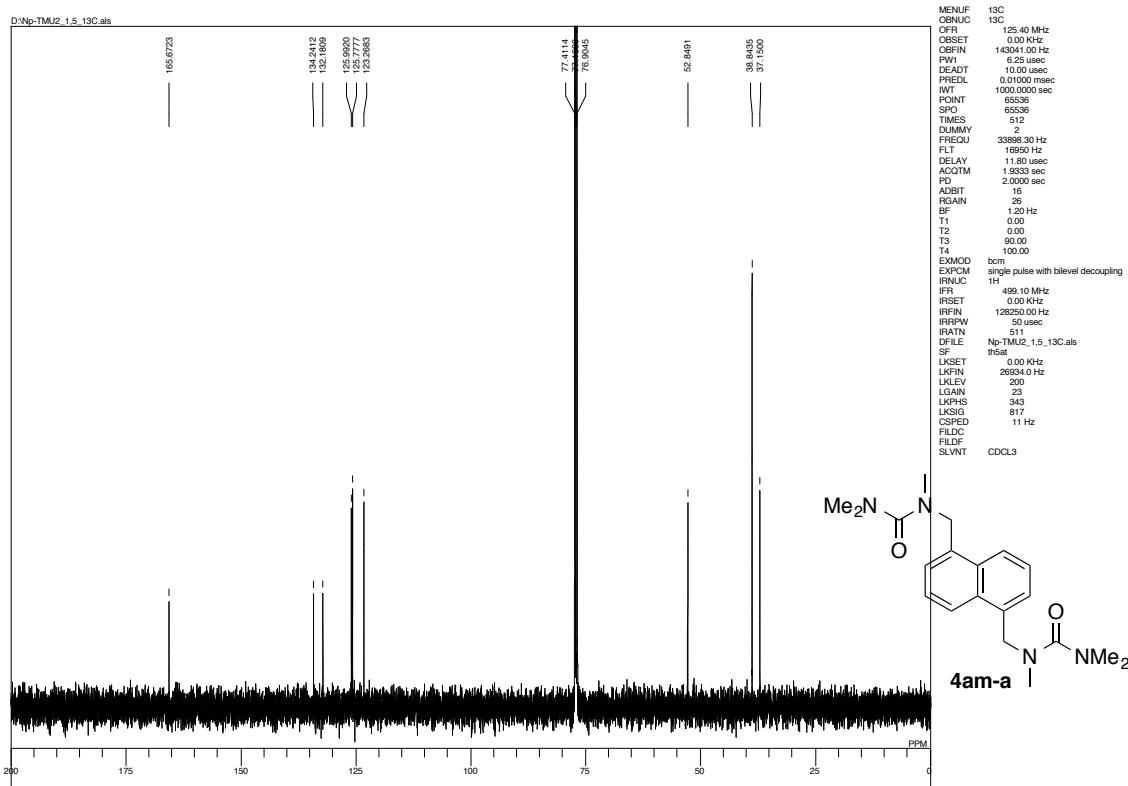
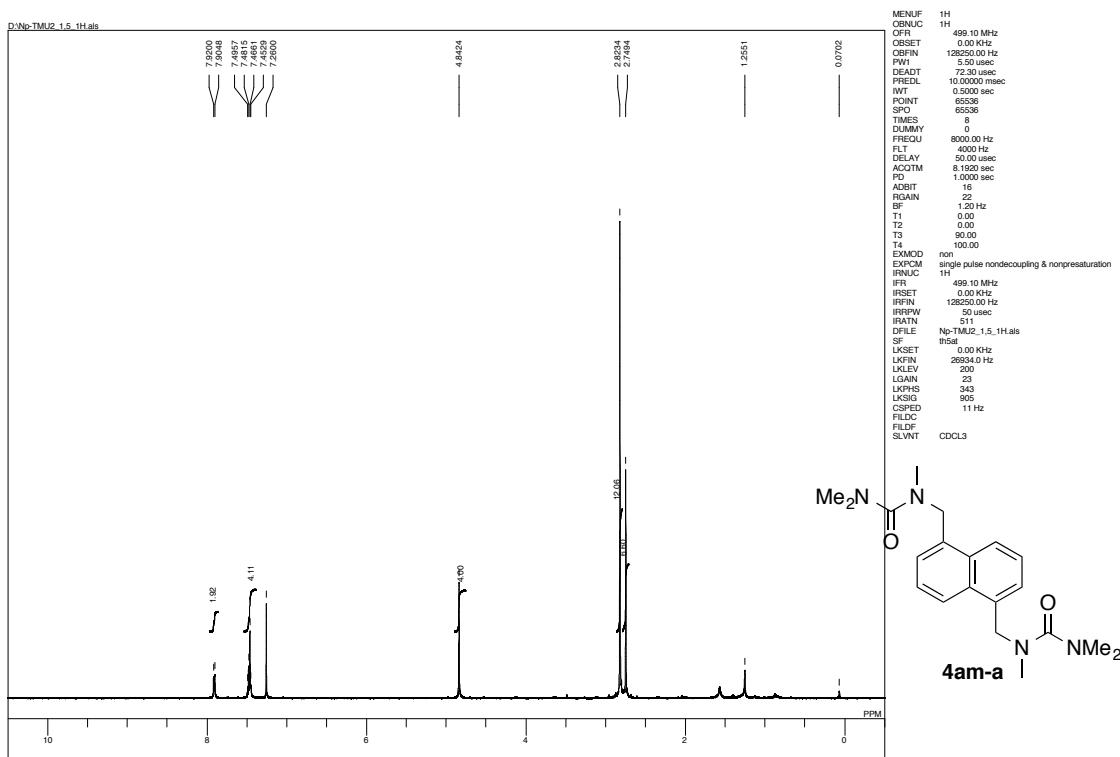


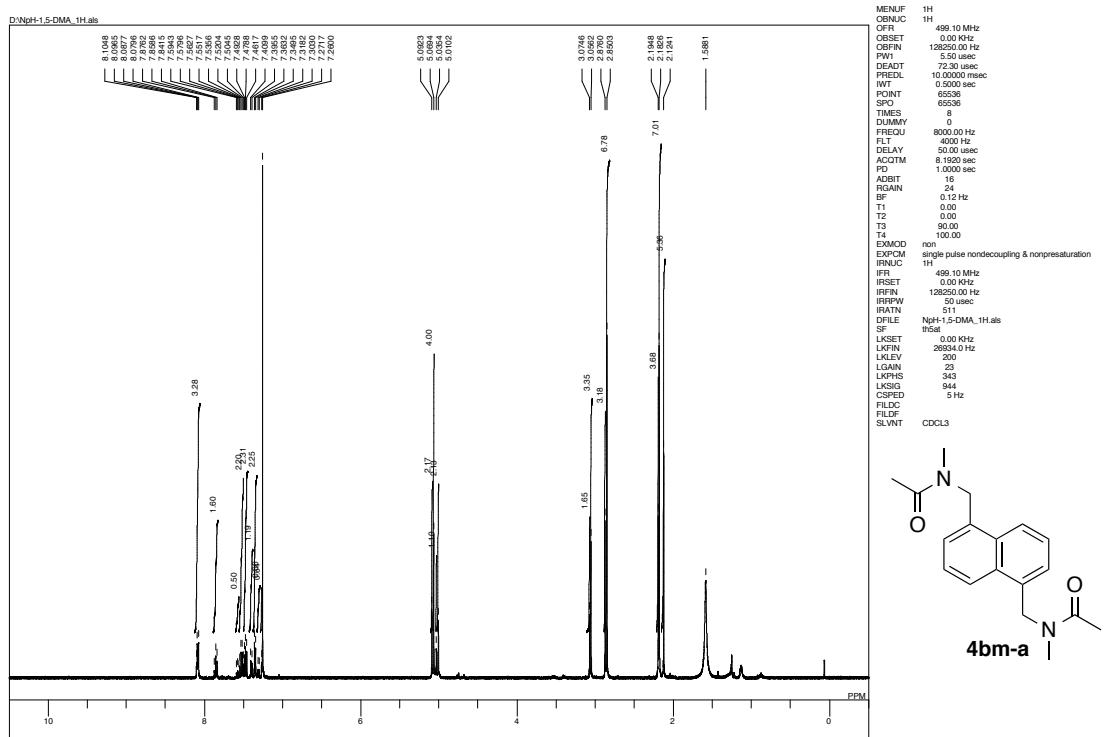
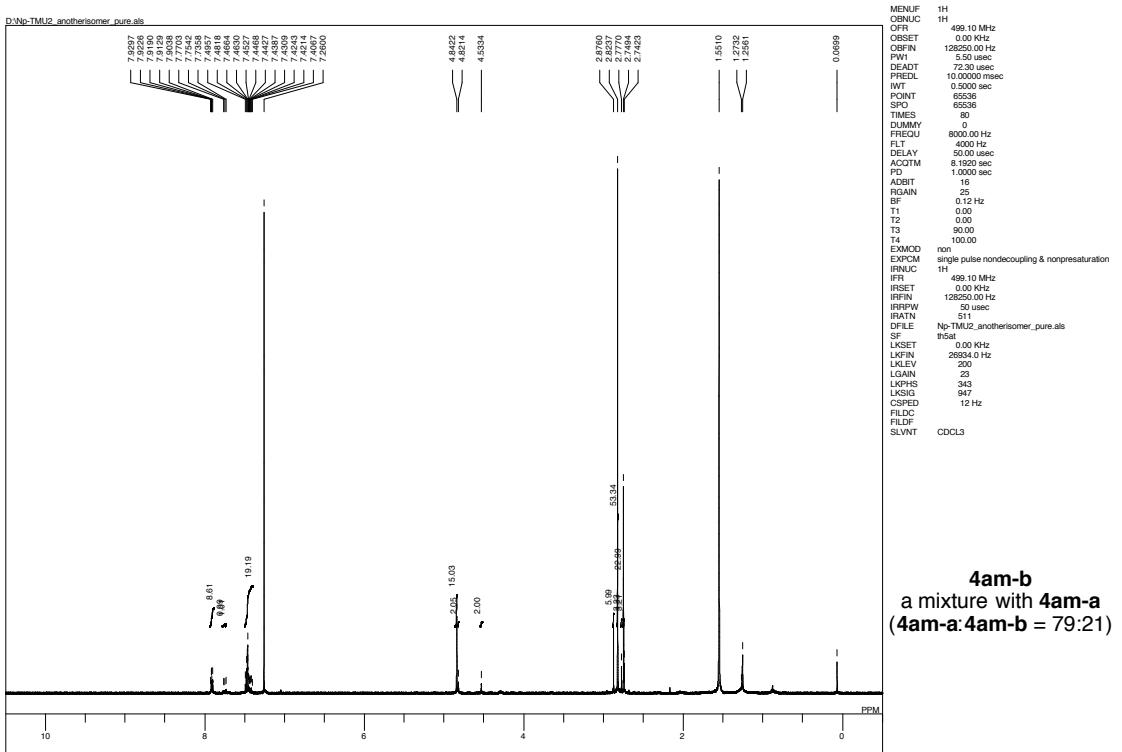


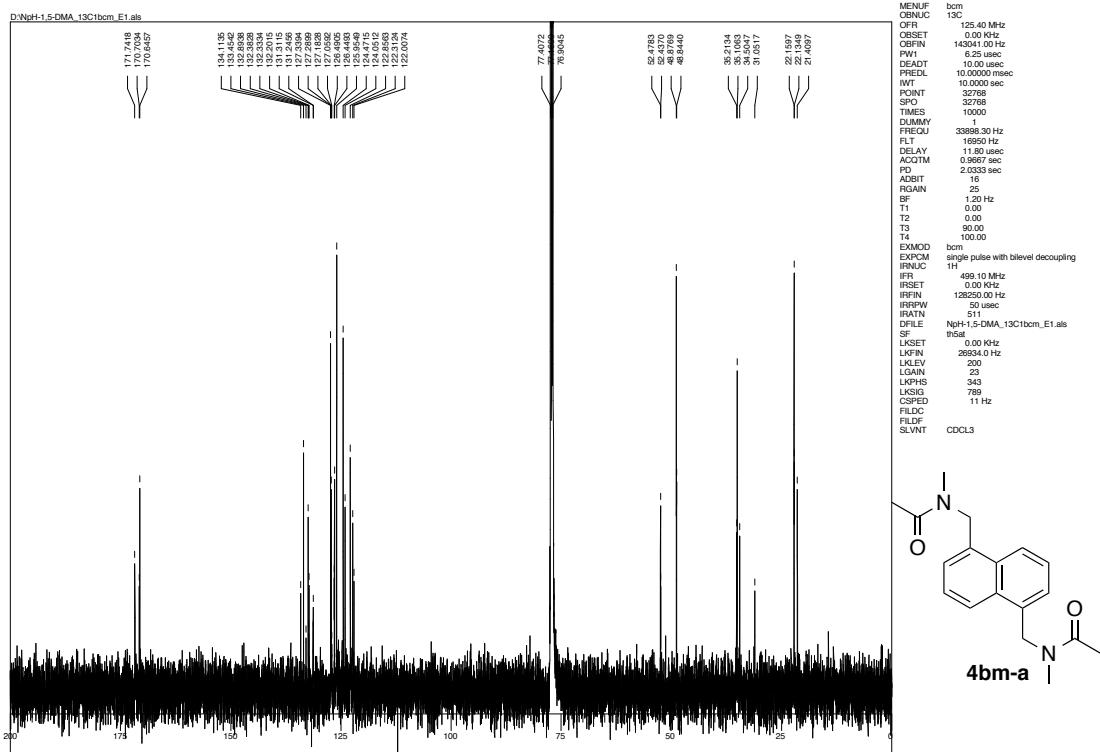


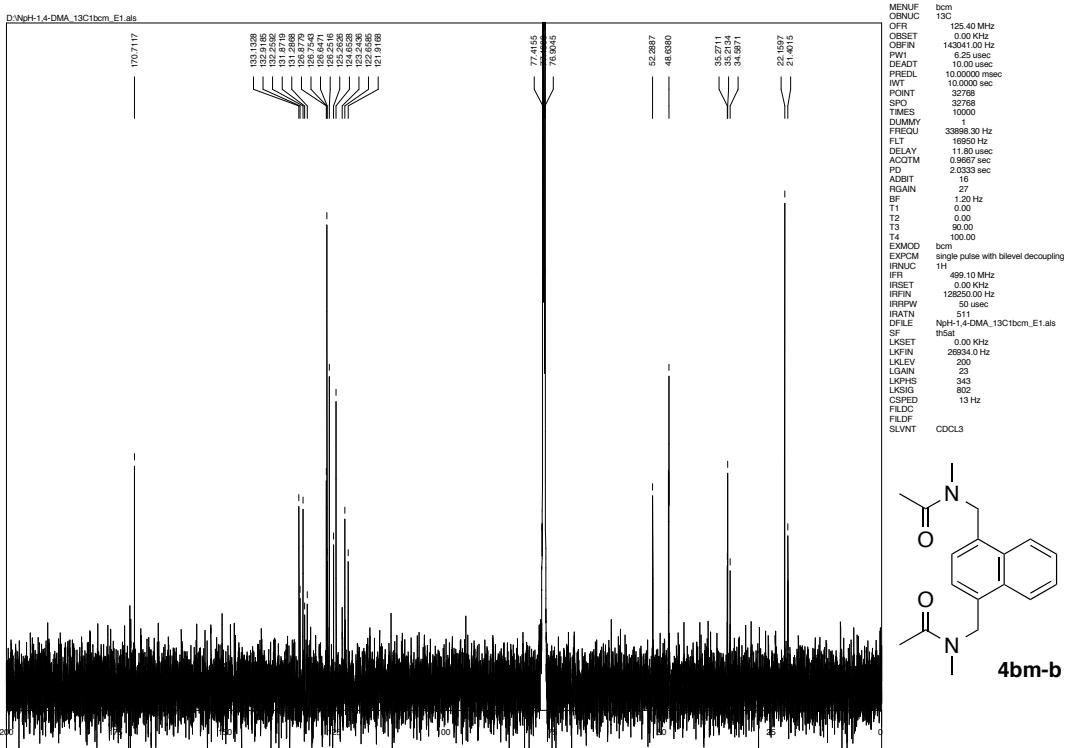


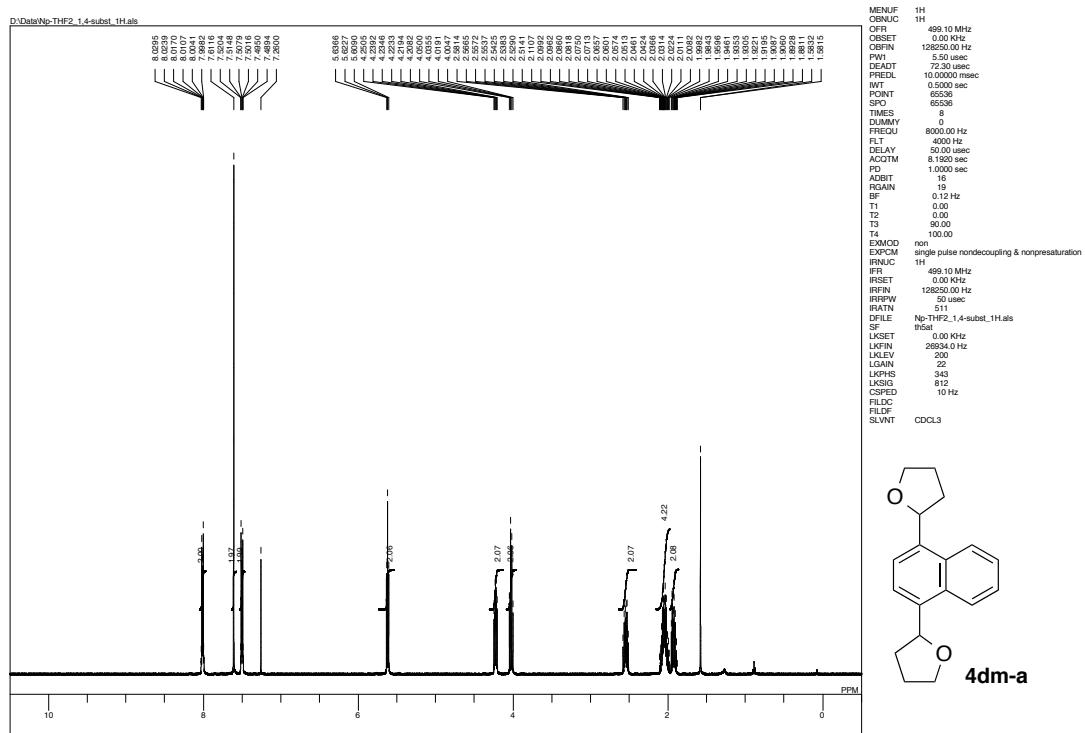
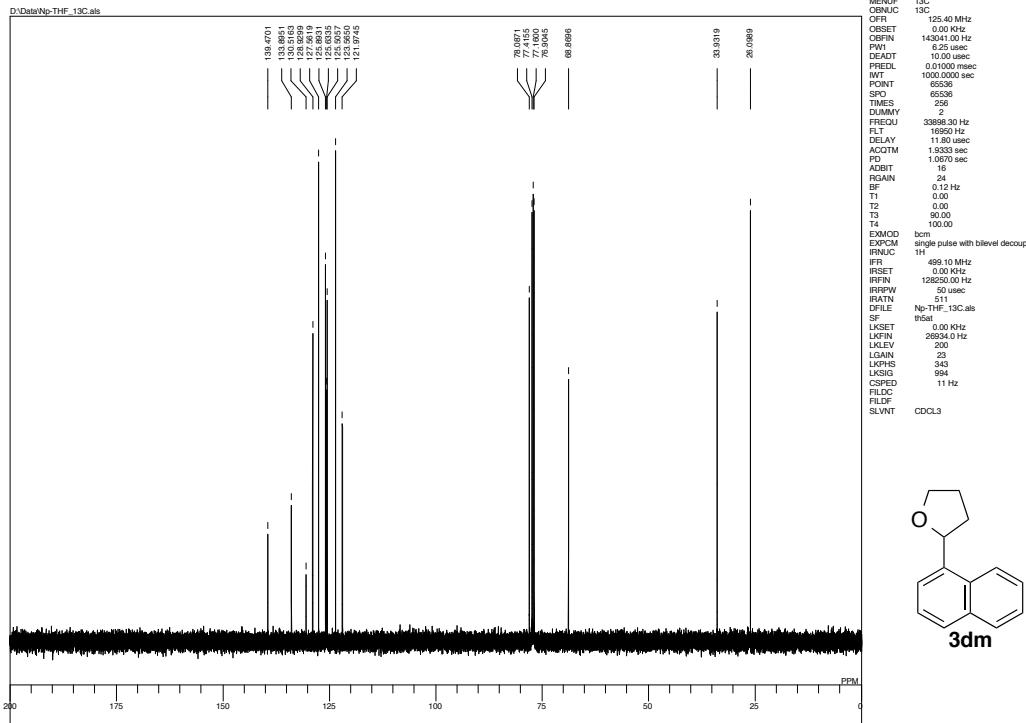


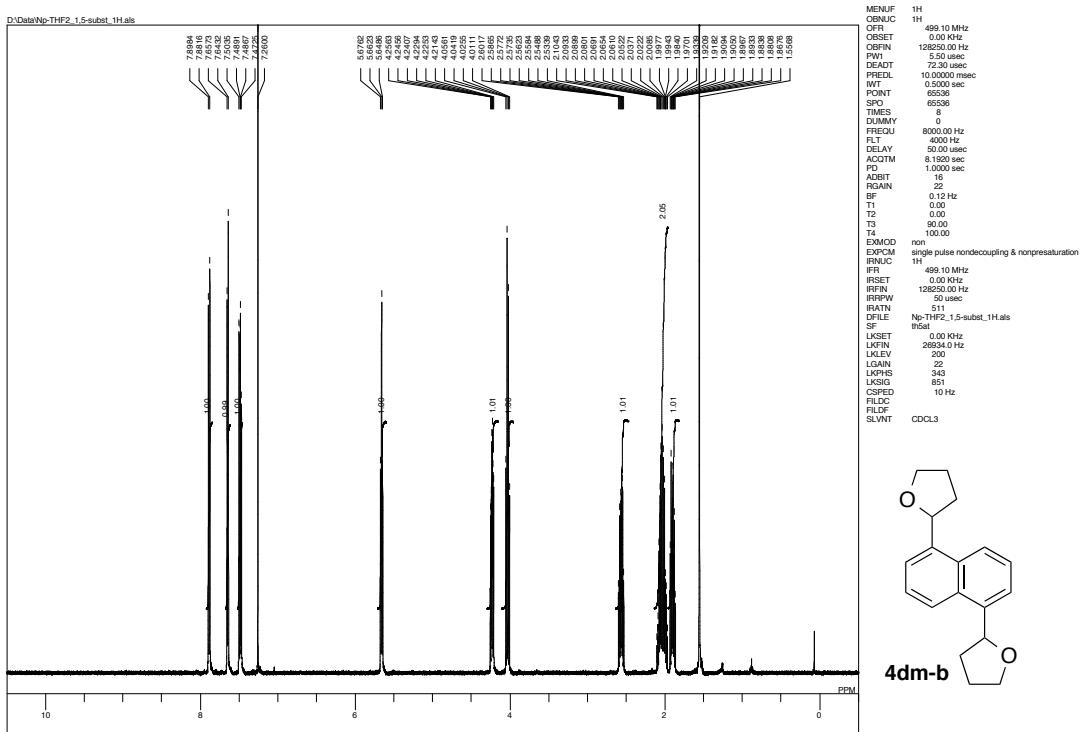
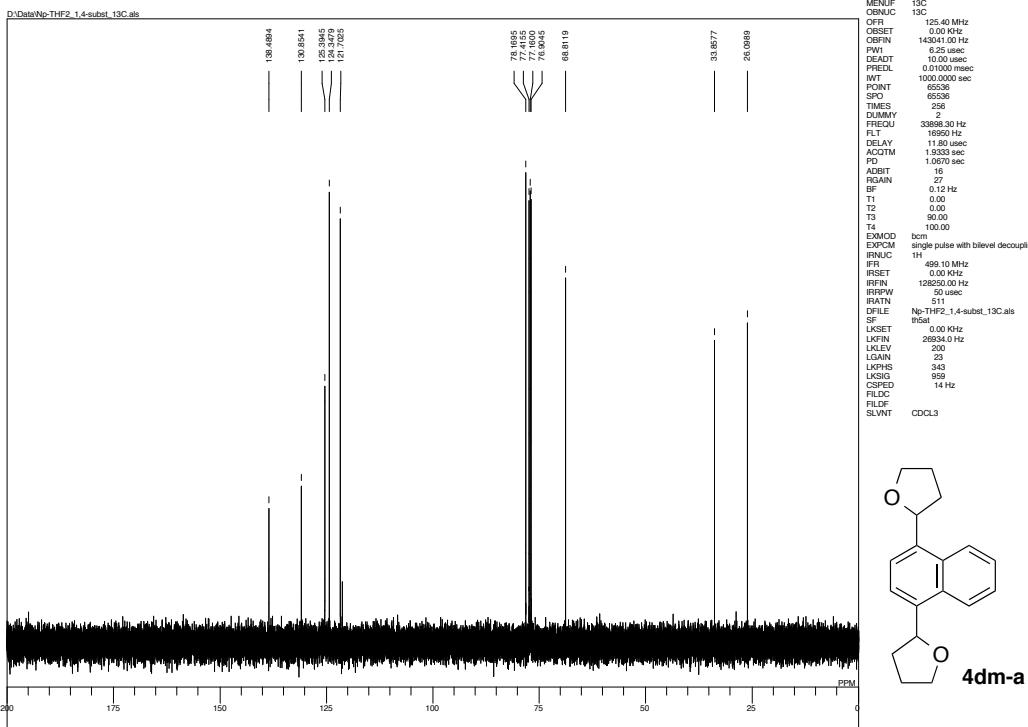


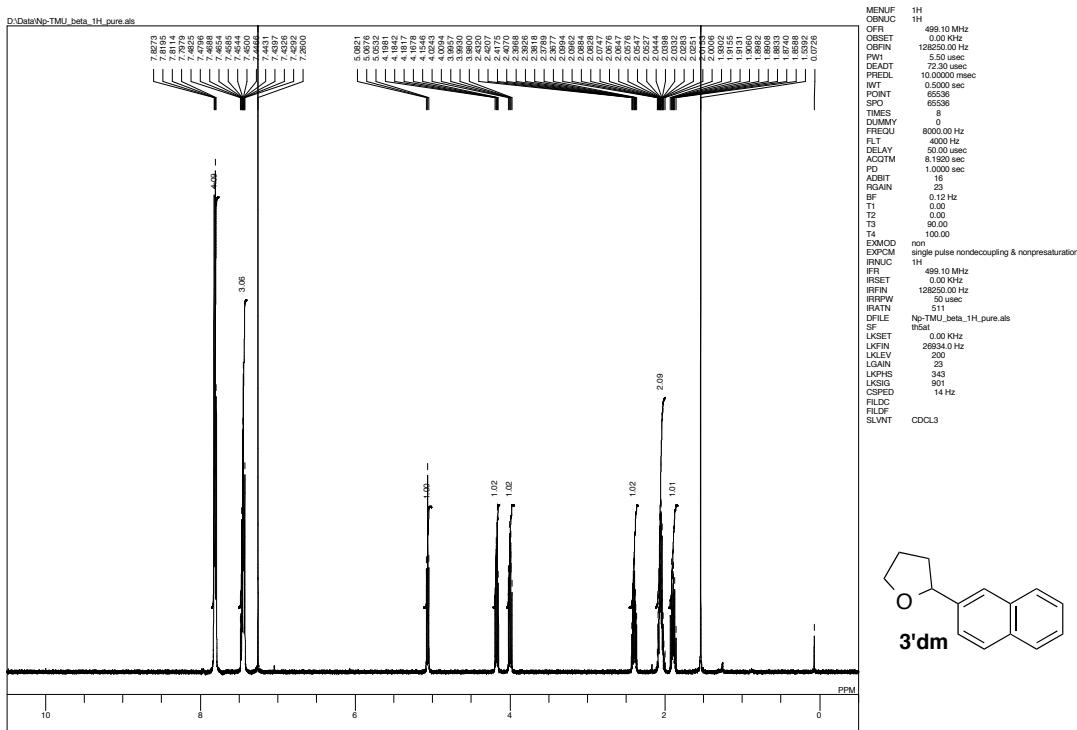
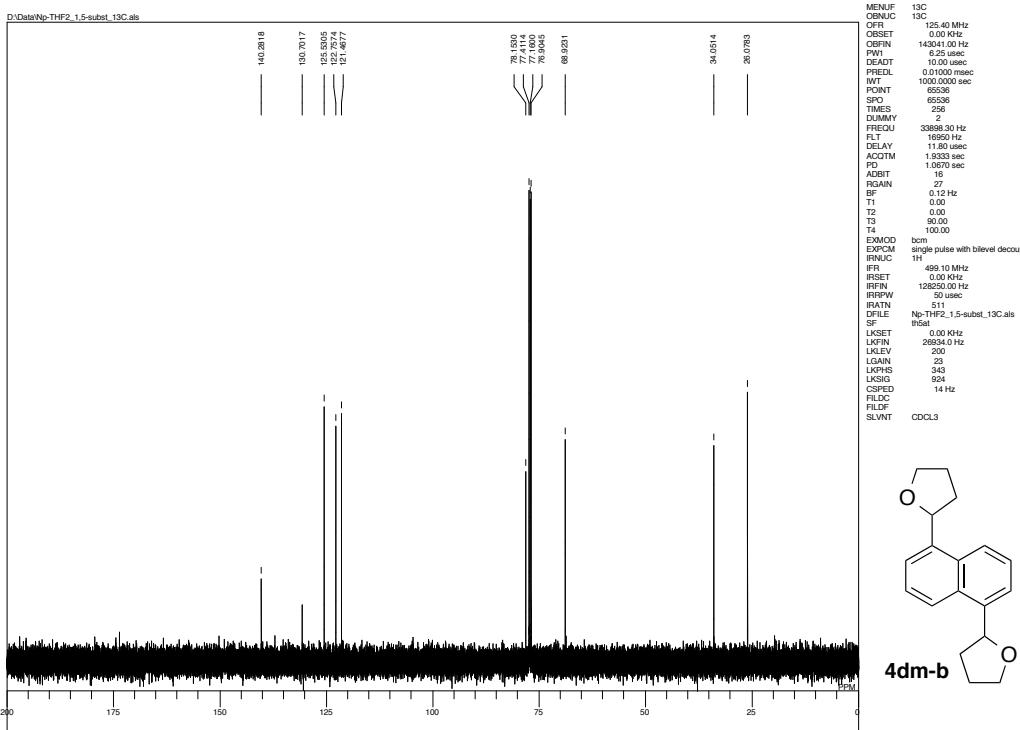


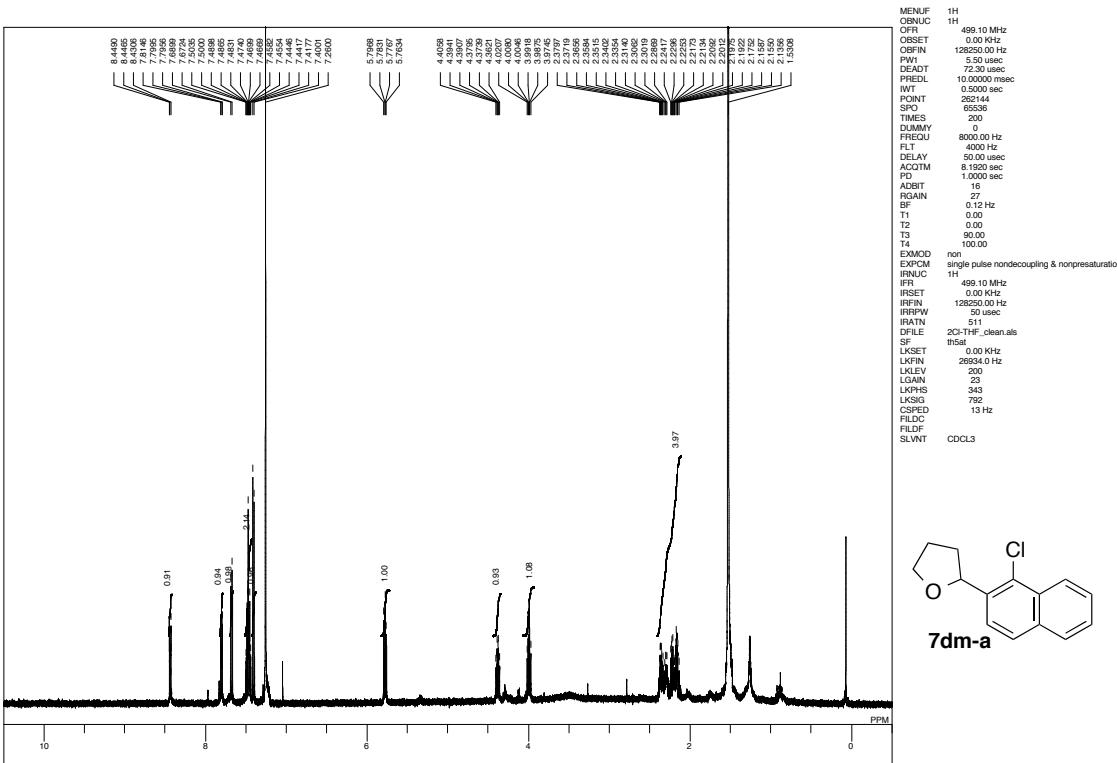


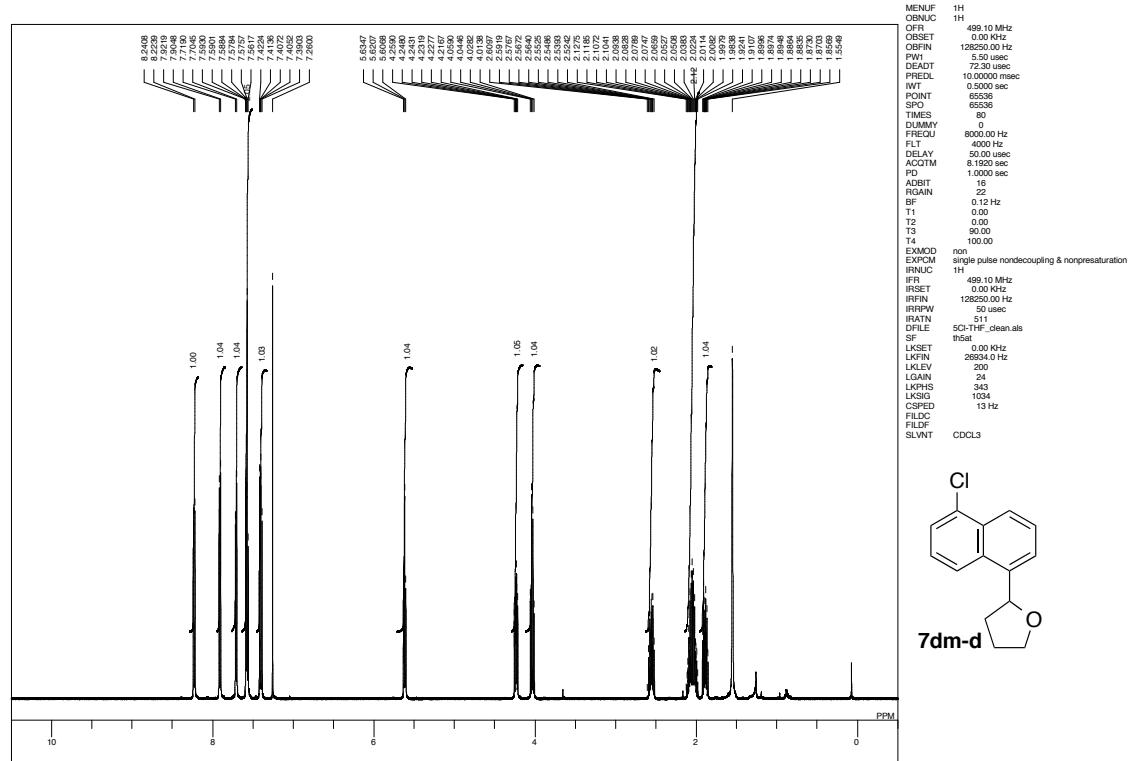
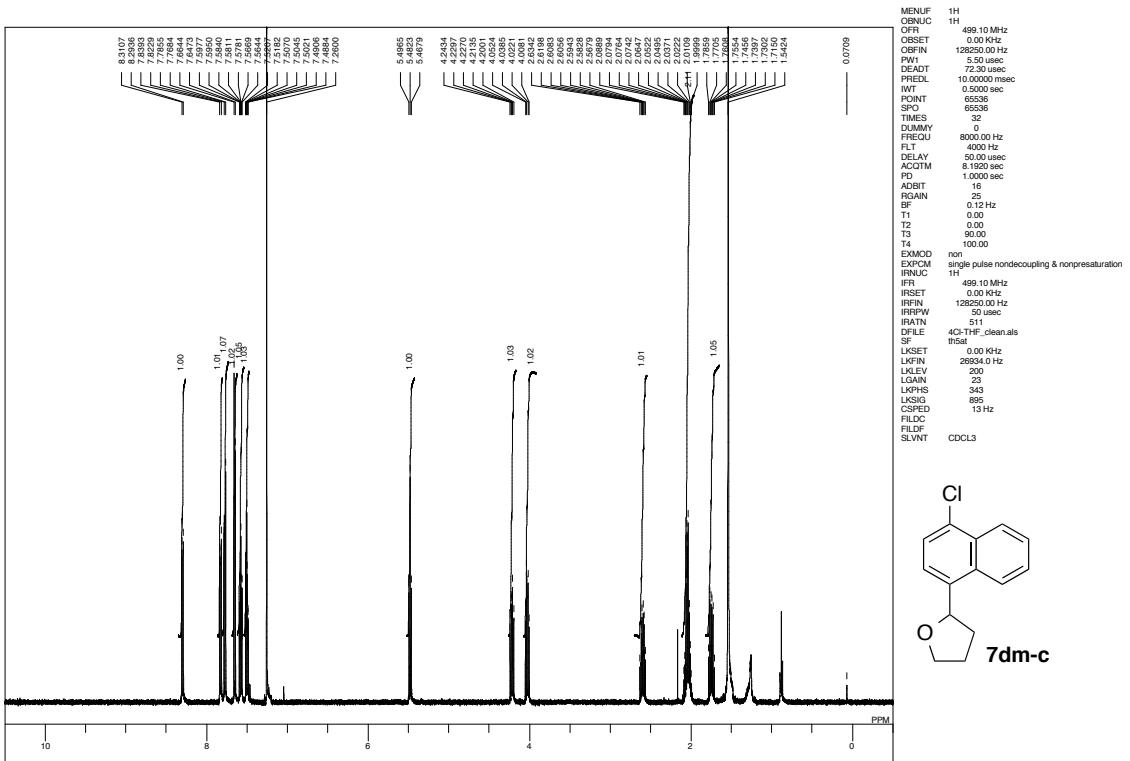


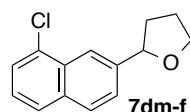
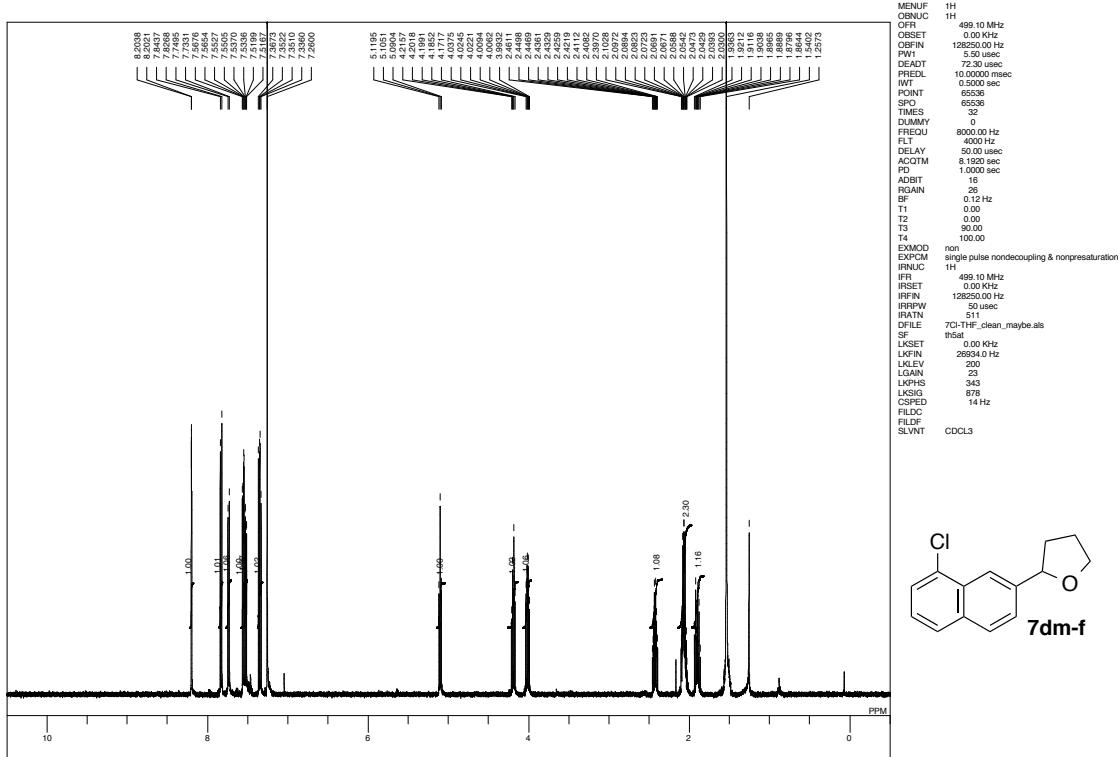
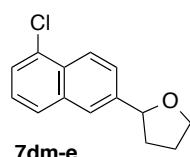
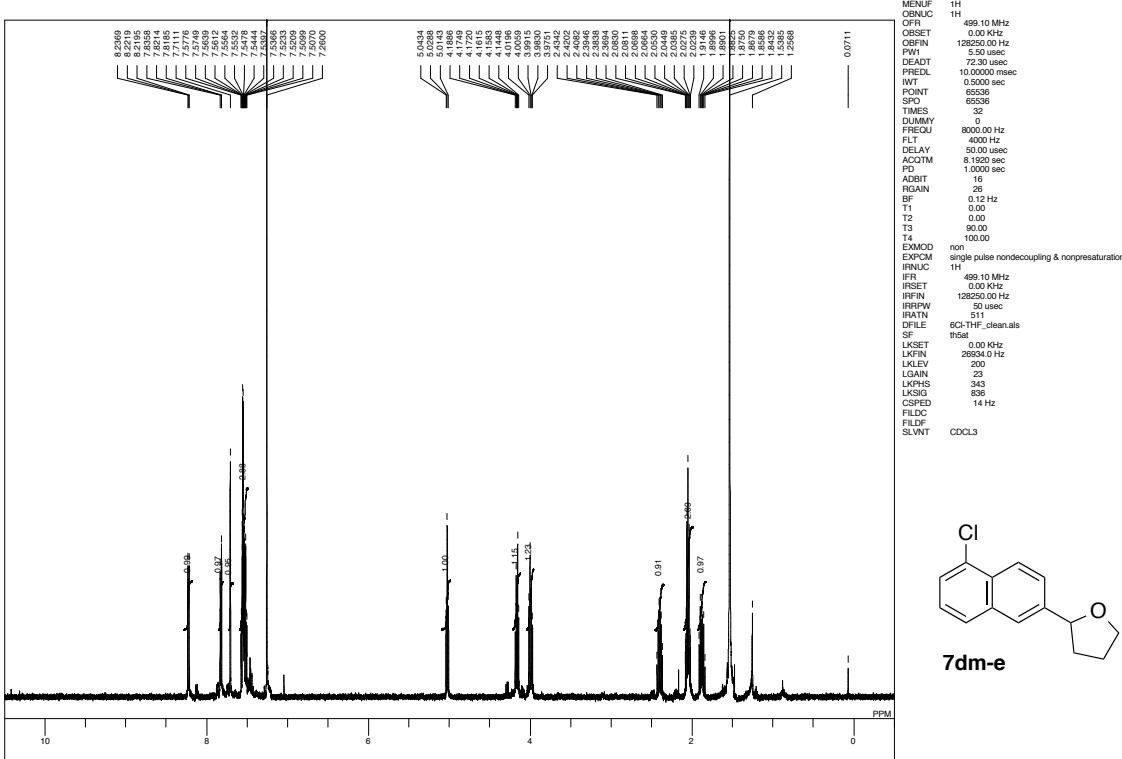


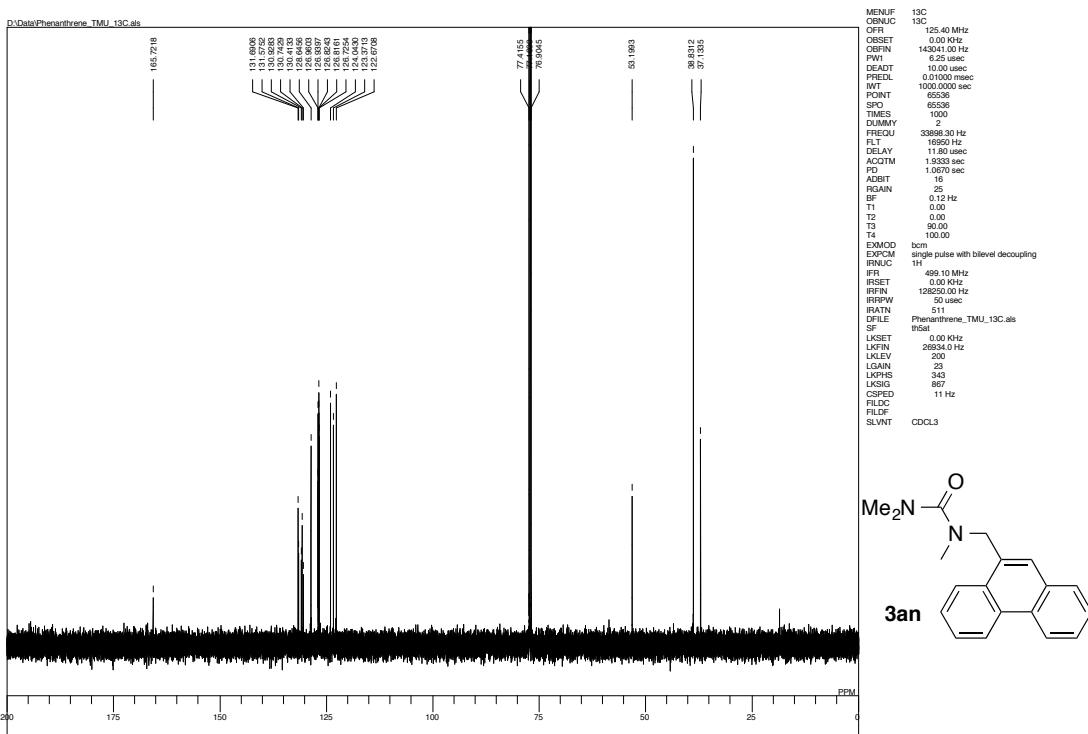
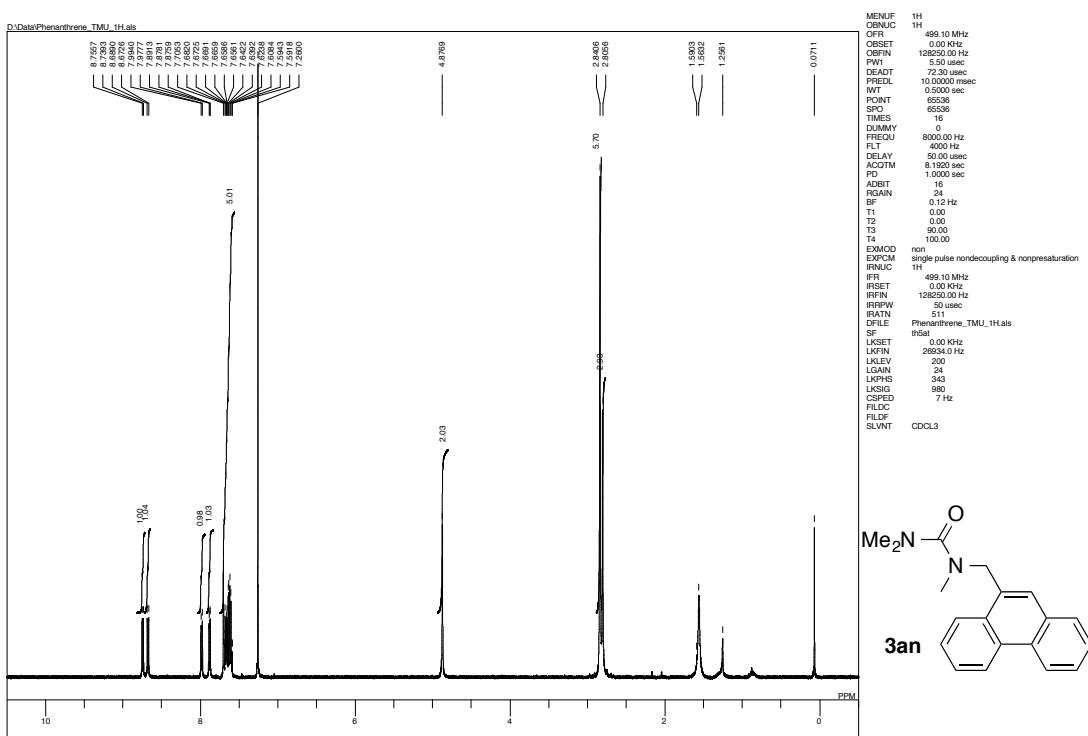


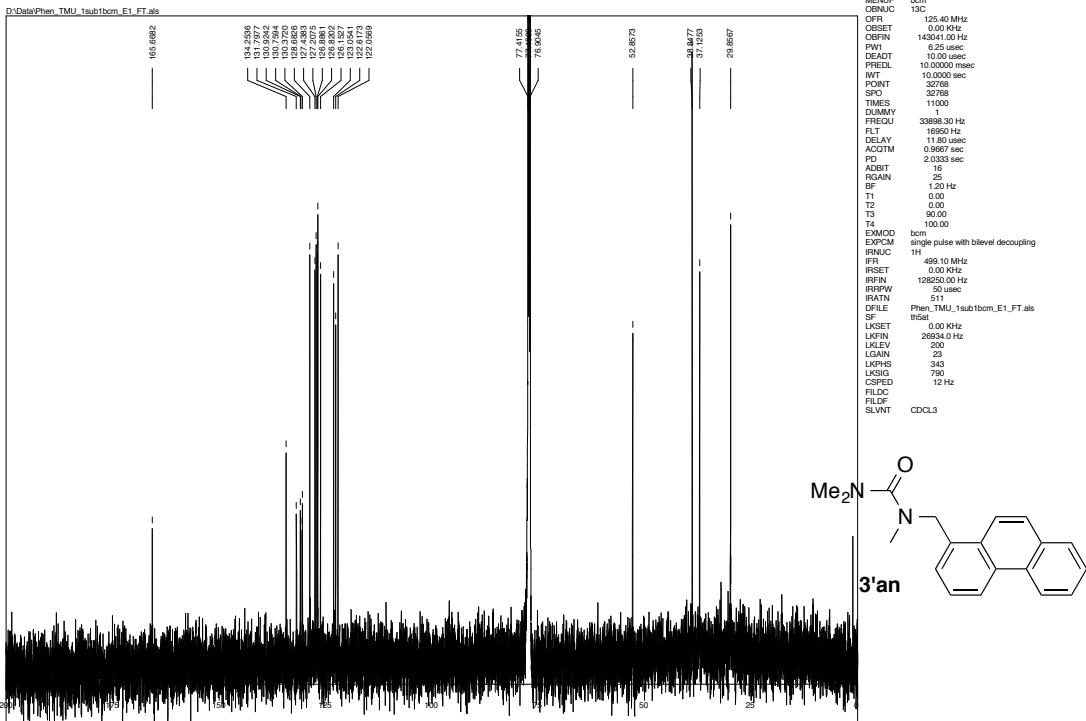
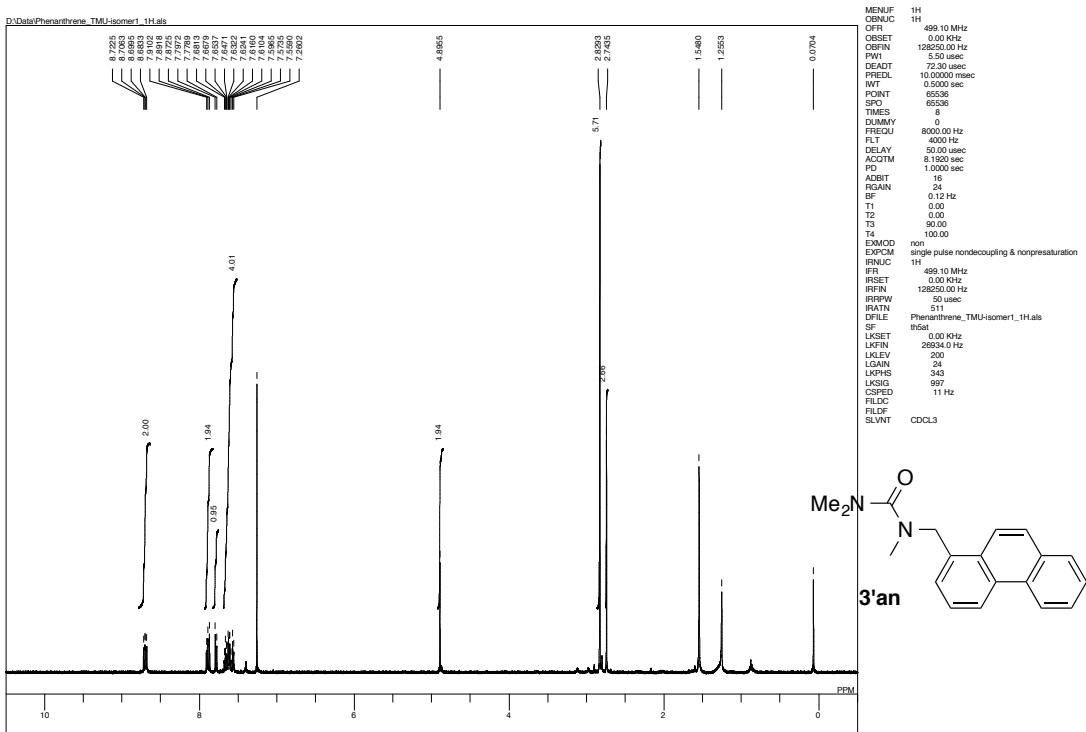


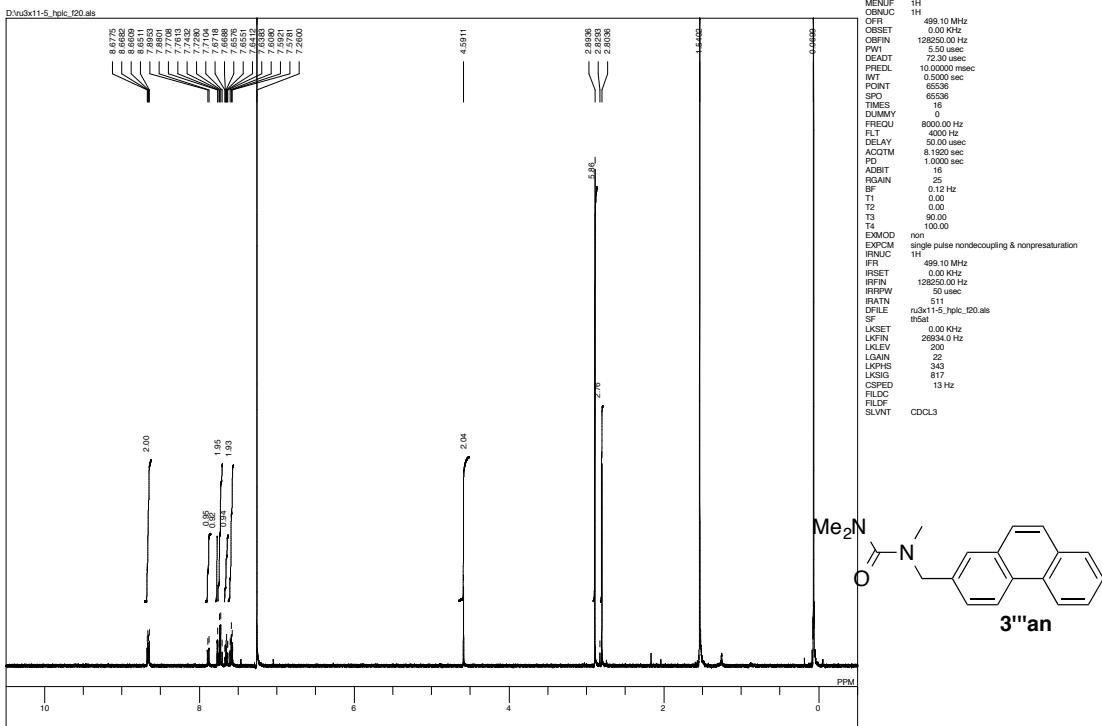
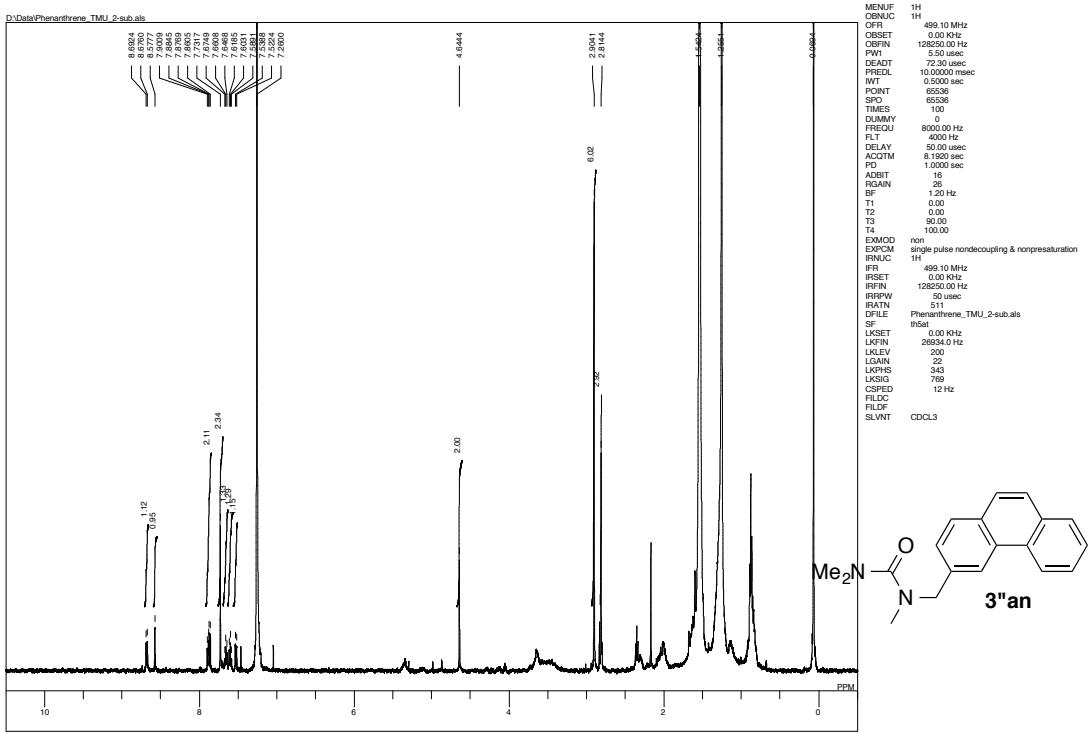


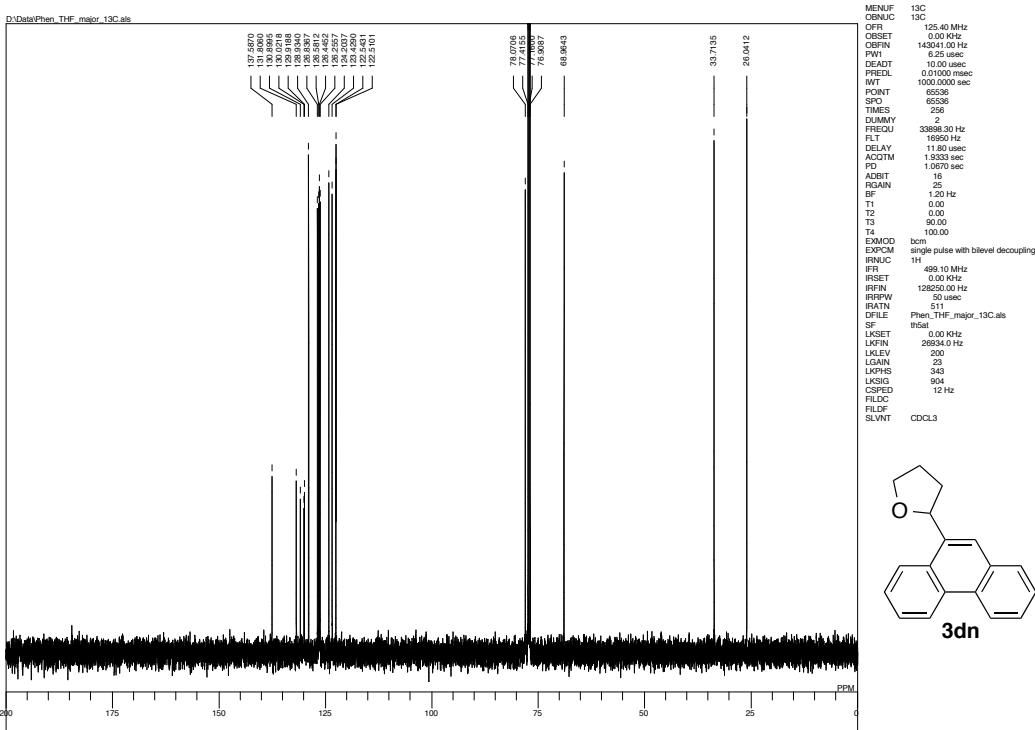
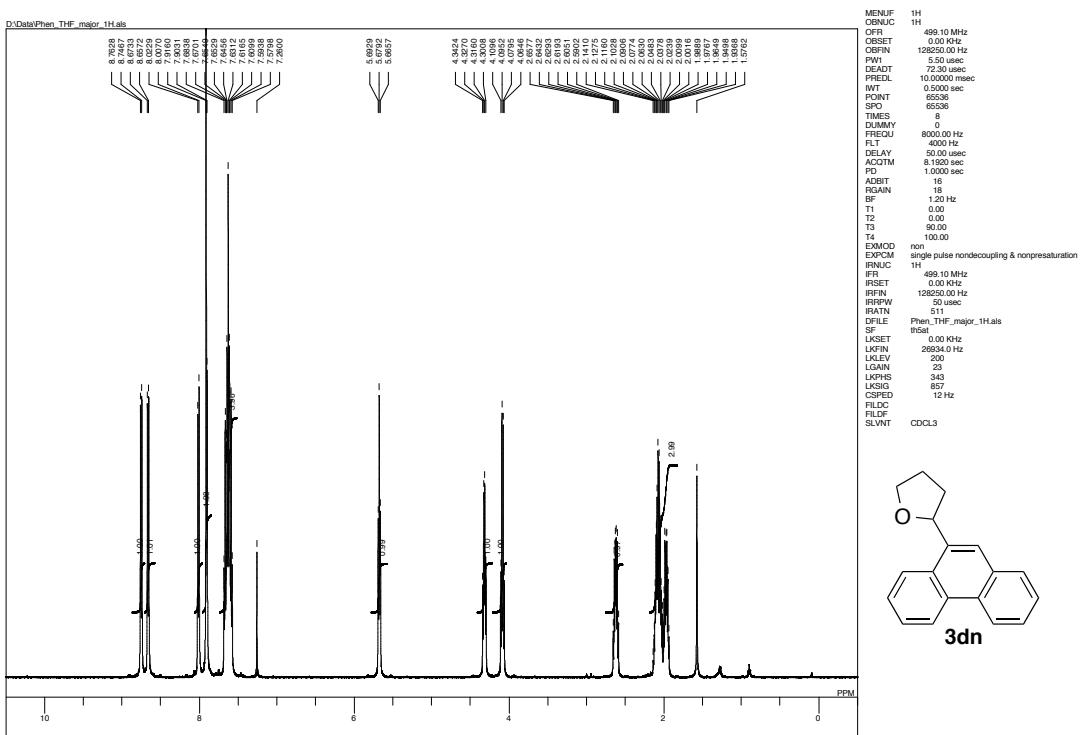


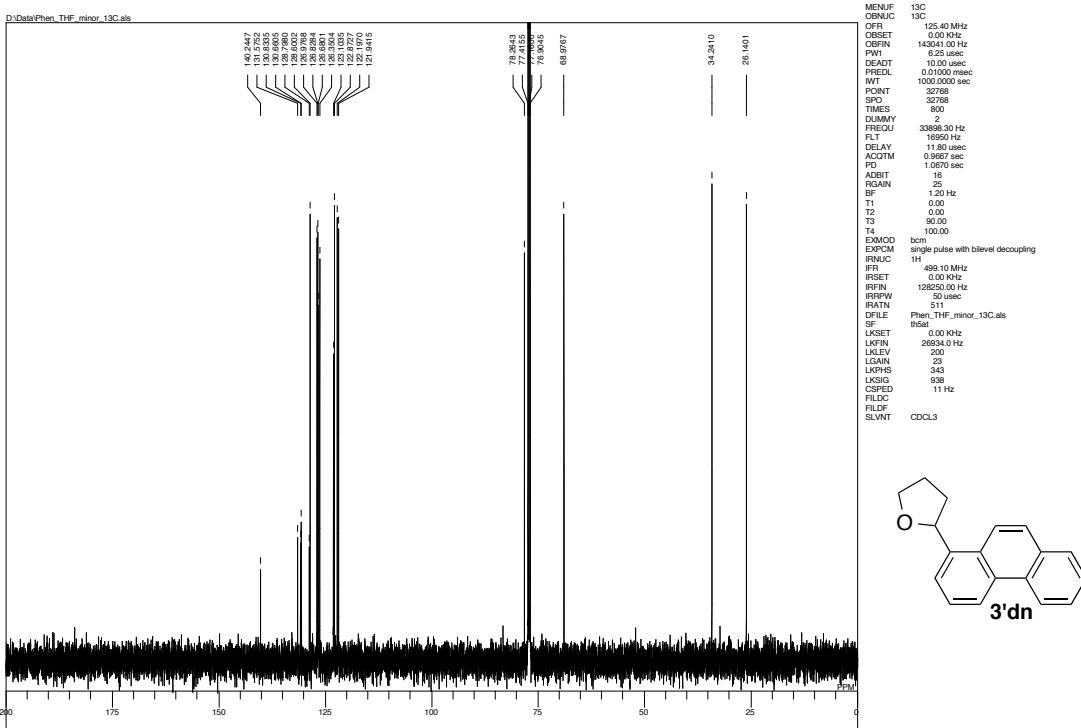
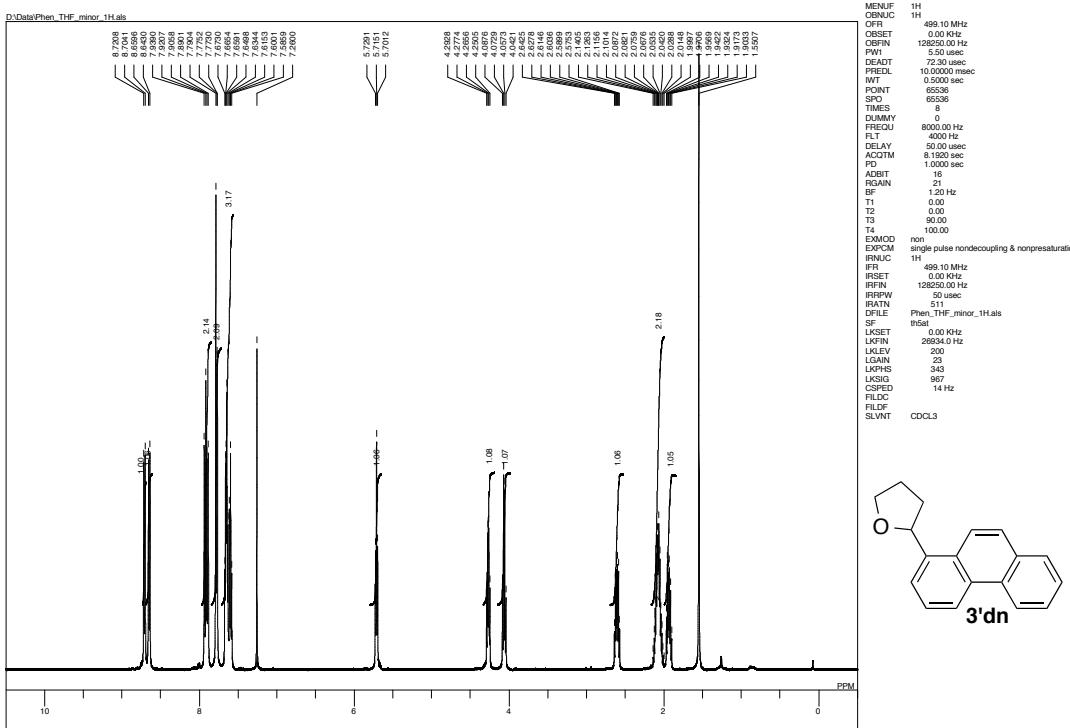


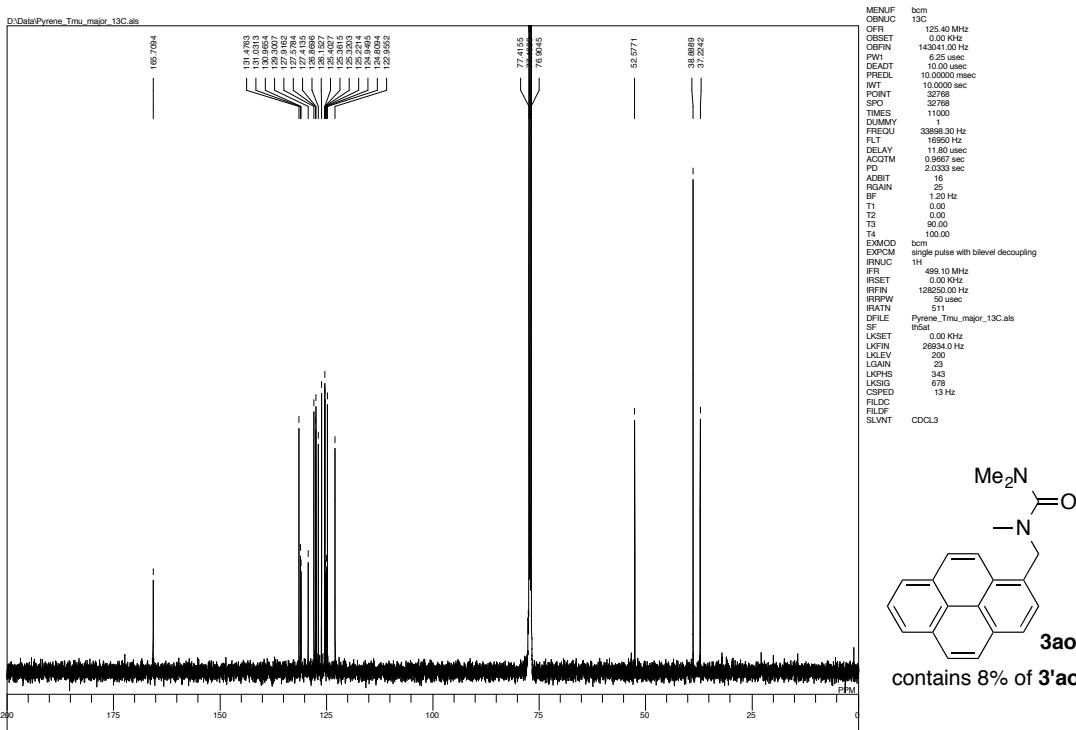
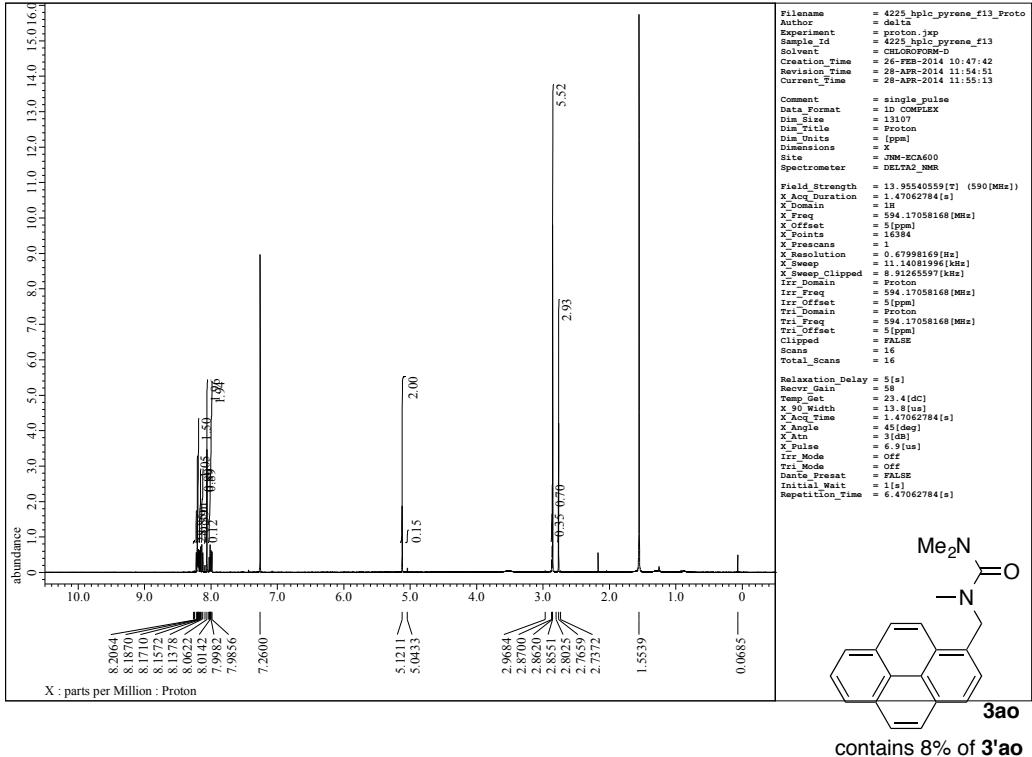


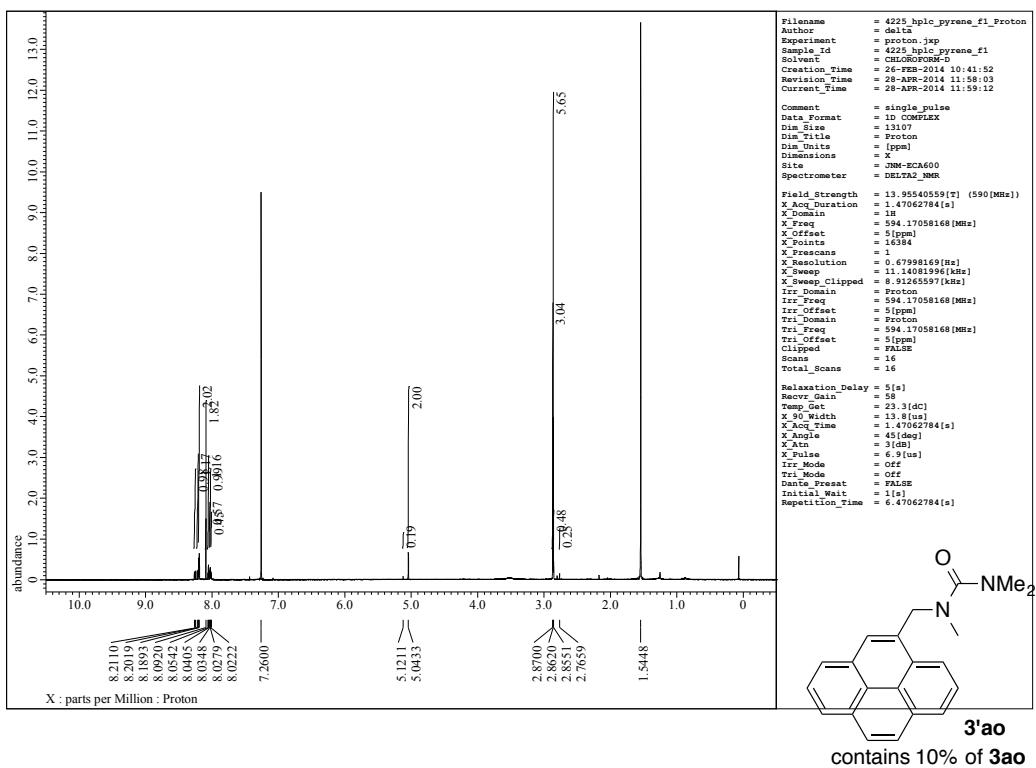


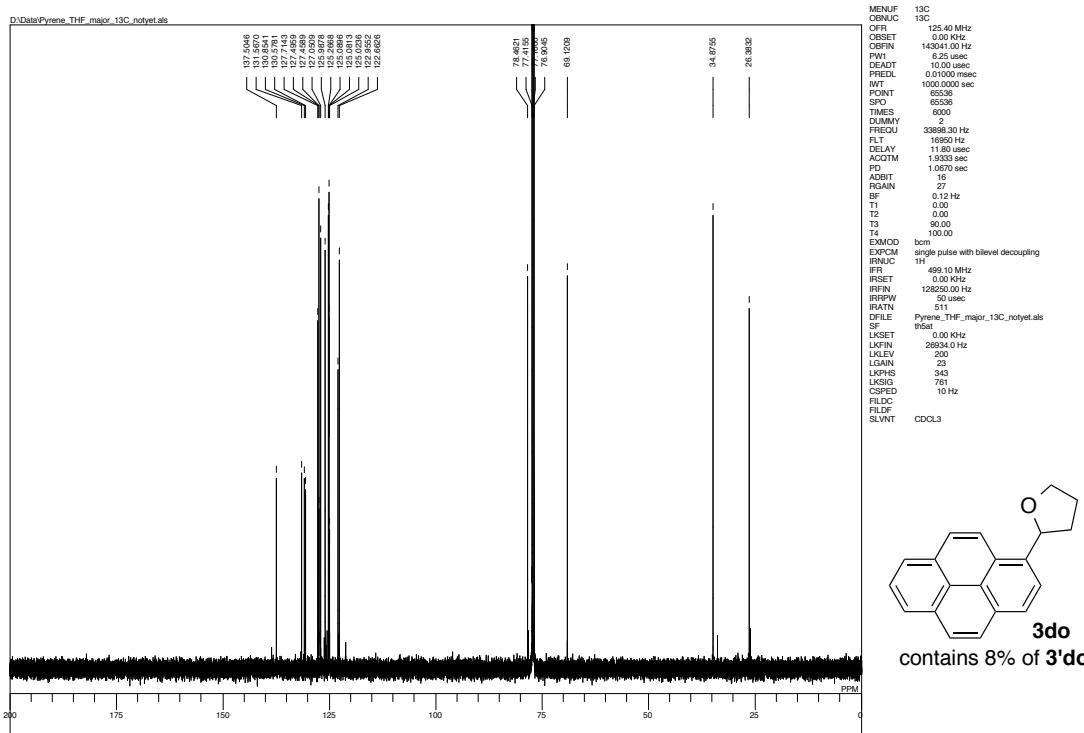
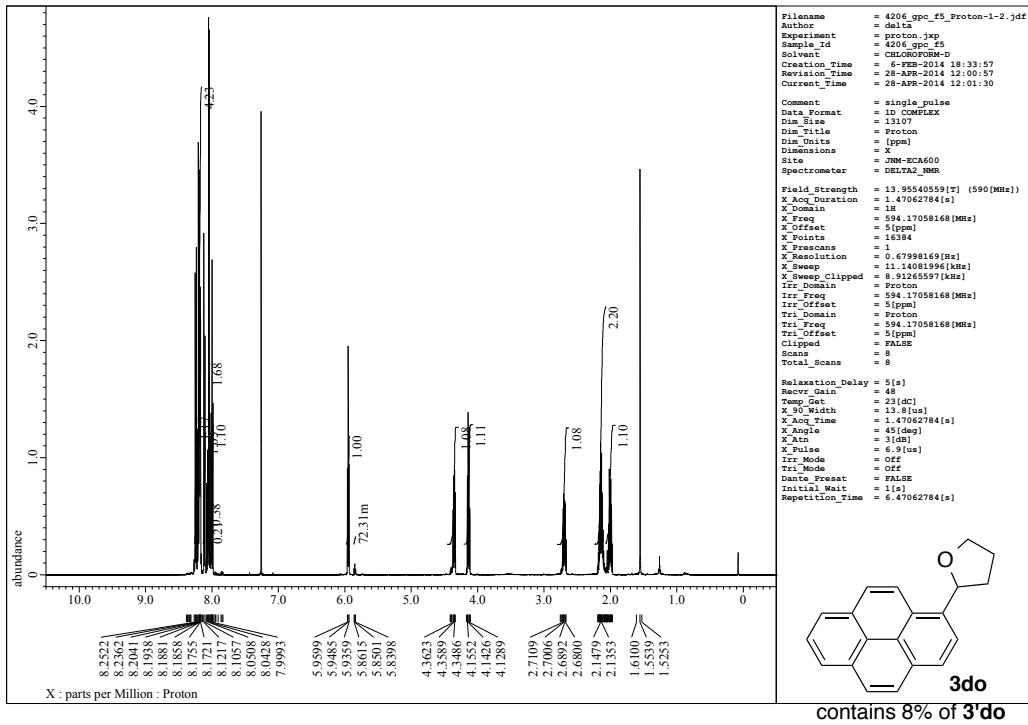


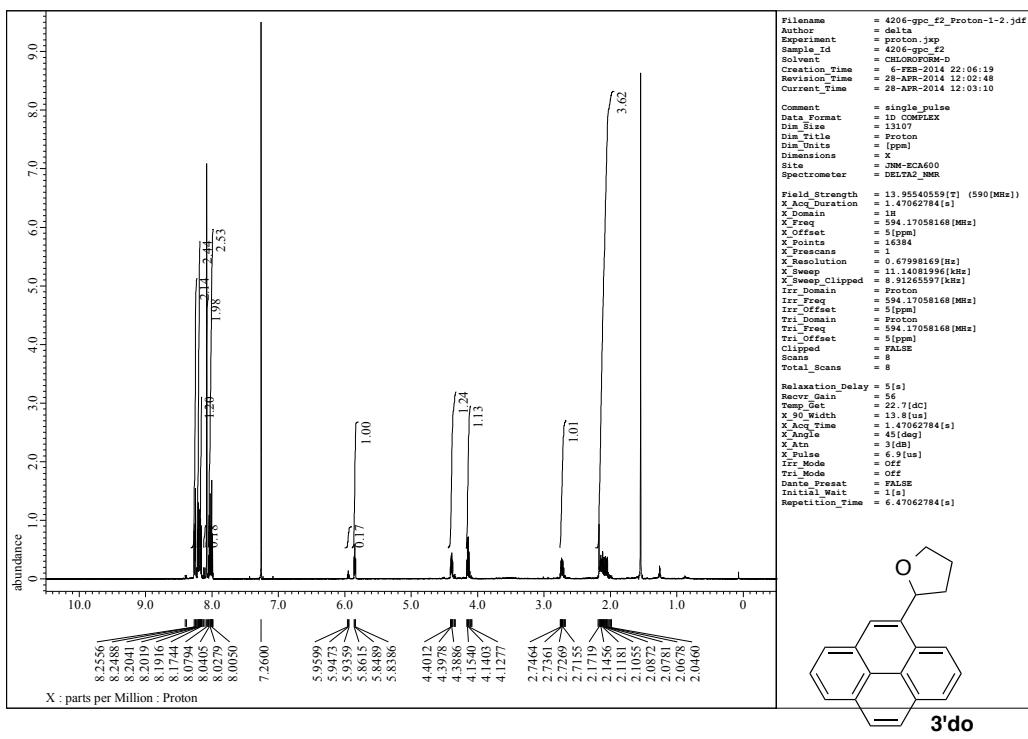












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