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Rhodium(III)-Catalyzed C-H Alkynylation of Azomethine Imines at Mild Conditions

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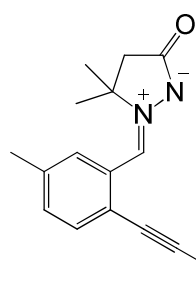
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I. General Remarks

All chemicals were obtained from commercial sources and were used as received unless otherwise noted. All syntheses were conducted under ambient atmosphere unless otherwise stated. NMR Spectra were obtained on a Bruker 400 MHz or 500 MHz NMR spectrometer in the deuterated solvents indicated. ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to TMS, with the residual solvent peak used as an internal reference. HRMS data were obtained on a Thermo Scientific LTQ Orbitrap Discovery (Bremen, Germany). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (300-400 mesh) using methanol (MeOH)/ethyl acetate (EA). azomethine imine¹ and ethynyl benziodoxolones² were prepared according to the literature.

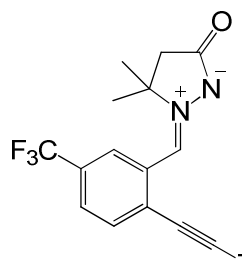
II. General procedures for the synthesis of alkyne compounds 3

Azomethine imine derivative **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), alkyne **2a** (1.1 equiv, 0.22 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (0.006 mol, 3 mol%), $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.024 mmol, 12 mol%), and dichloroethane (2 mL) were charged into a pressure tube under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using MeOH / EA to afford the alkynylation product **3**.



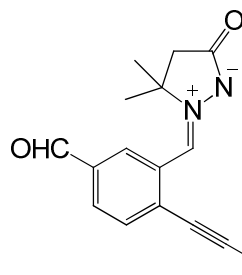
3aa, White solid, 75 mg, 95% yield, mp: 139 – 140 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 6H), 1.17 – 1.09 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.9, 139.7, 133.2, 132.0, 131.4, 129.9, 127.9, 122.2, 104.0, 97.6, 74.2, 44.3, 29.0, 21.8, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 397.2675, found 397.2687.



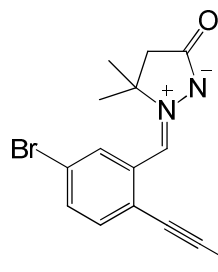
3ba, Yellow solid, 68 mg, 76% yield, mp: 142 – 143 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.62 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 1.74 (s, 6H), 1.21 – 1.15 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.9, 133.6, 131.0 ($J = 32.8$ Hz), 130.9, 127.8 ($J = 3.9$ Hz), 127.7 ($J = 1.1$ Hz), 127.0 ($J = 3.7$ Hz), 125.2, 123.4 ($J = 271.4$ Hz), 102.6, 101.8, 74.9, 44.1, 29.0, 18.7, 11.2. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{34}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 451.2392, found 451.2388.



3ca, Yellow solid, 38 mg, 46% yield, mp: 179 – 180 °C

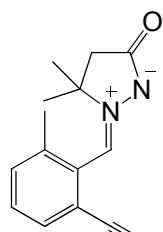
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 9.82 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.21 – 1.15 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.5, 182.0, 136.2, 134.6, 133.9, 131.1, 129.7, 128.5, 125.5, 103.4, 103.1, 74.9, 44.1, 29.1, 18.7, 11.2. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$: 411.2468, found 411.2462. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3070, 2941, 2864, 2149, 1705, 1671, 1575, 1463, 1413, 1306, 1158, 1108, 1091, 1020, 994, 881, 837, 788, 669.



3da, Yellow solid, 64.5mg, 70% yield, mp: 164 – 165 °C

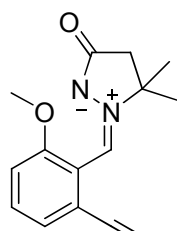
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.48 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 1.19 – 1.10 (m, 21H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.9, 134.2, 134.1, 133.3, 131.6, 125.6, 123.5, 123.4, 102.9, 100.0, 74.7, 44.1, 29.0, 18.7, 11.2. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{BrN}_2\text{OSi}$: 461.1624, found 461.1631.



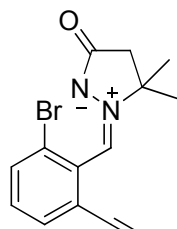
TIPS **3ea**, White solid, 56.4 mg, 71% yield, mp: 179 – 180 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 6H), 1.12 (s, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.1, 138.7, 131.1, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 122.9, 104.6, 97.0, 73.4, 45.1, 29.1, 20.6, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 397.2675, found 397.2677.



TIPS **3fa**, Yellow solid, 60.3 mg, 73% yield, mp: 201 – 203 °C

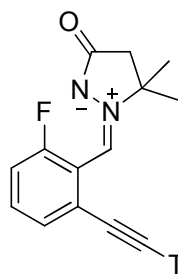
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 1.71 (s, 6H), 1.10 (s, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.8, 157.4, 131.4, 127.1, 125.4, 124.1, 120.7, 112.4, 104.1, 97.0, 72.9, 56.2, 45.3, 29.1, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}$: 413.2624, found 413.2627.



TIPS **3ga**, Yellow solid, 80.2 mg, 87% yield, mp: 209 – 210 °C

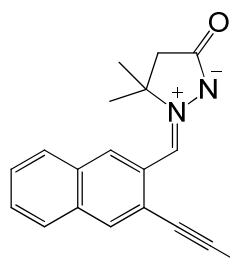
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (dd, $J = 8.1, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 7.8, 0.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 1.77 (s, 6H), 1.09 (s,

21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.0, 133.0, 132.5, 132.3, 130.6, 126.9, 125.2, 123.1, 103.3, 98.0, 73.6, 45.1, 28.9, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{BrN}_2\text{OSi}$: 461.1624, found 461.1618.



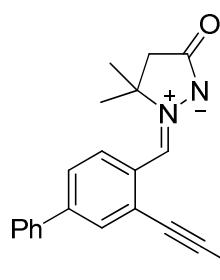
3ha, White solid, 62.9 mg, 79% yield, mp: 180 – 181 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 1.76 (s, 6H), 1.13 (s, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.1, 159.5 ($J = 256.7\text{Hz}$), 131.9 ($J = 9.7\text{Hz}$), 128.9 ($J = 3.1\text{Hz}$), 124.5 ($J = 4.8\text{Hz}$), 123.4, 119.9 ($J = 15.4\text{Hz}$), 117.0 ($J = 21.3\text{Hz}$), 103.0, 98.6, 73.8, 45.1, 29.1, 18.7, 11.2. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{FN}_2\text{OSi}$: 401.2424, found 401.2418.



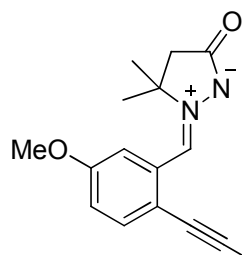
3ia, Yellow solid, 69.2 mg, 80% yield, mp: 162 – 163 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 8.08 – 7.99 (m, 3H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 2.80 (s, 2H), 1.76 (s, 6H), 1.23 – 1.14 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.2, 133.6, 133.5, 133.1, 132.7, 130.3, 129.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 125.8, 120.7, 104.3, 97.3, 74.3, 44.4, 29.1, 18.8, 11.4. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 433.2675, found 433.2658. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3055, 2938, 2864, 2146, 1673, 1571, 1463, 1303, 1110, 1085, 884, 740, 674, 598.



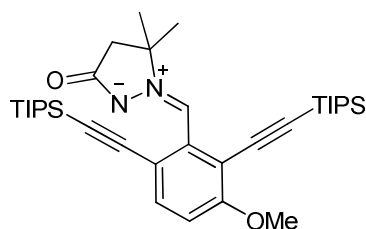
3ja, Yellow solid, 39.7 mg, 39% yield

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.37 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (s, 2H), 1.71 (s, 6H), 1.20 – 1.14 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.7, 144.1, 138.9, 132.1, 131.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 127.2, 125.6, 103.8, 98.7, 74.5, 44.4, 29.0, 18.8, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 459.2832, found 459.2852.



TIPS **3ka**, Yellow solid, 30 mg, 33% yield, mp: 109 – 110 °C

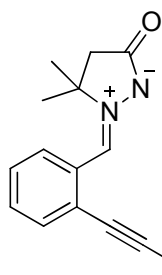
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3kaa, Yellow solid, 50.4 mg, 38% yield, mp: 218 –

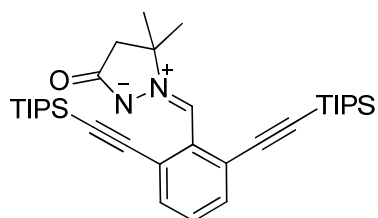
220 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 42H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.8, 161.4, 135.0, 134.3, 127.2, 115.5, 113.0, 111.9, 104.0, 102.3, 99.7, 94.9, 73.2, 56.1, 45.2, 29.1, 18.7, 18.6, 11.3, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{57}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$: 593.3959, found 593.3953. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3028, 2943, 2865, 2142, 1672, 1586, 1464, 1295, 1100, 1076, 997, 882, 822, 738, 676, 620.



3la, White solid, 28.2 mg, 34% yield, mp: 103 – 104 °C

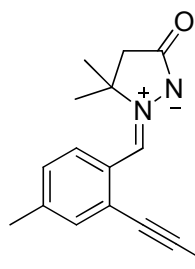
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3laa, White solid, 35.7 mg, 29%, yield, mp: 185 –

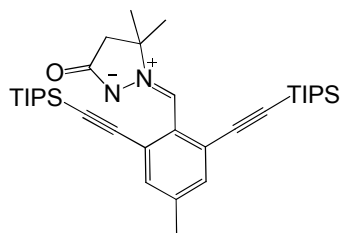
187 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 2H), 1.76 (s, 6H), 1.11 (s, 42H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.7, 133.7, 132.7, 129.4, 127.0, 123.7, 104.0, 97.6, 73.2, 45.2, 29.1, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{55}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}_2$: 563.3853, found 563.3855.



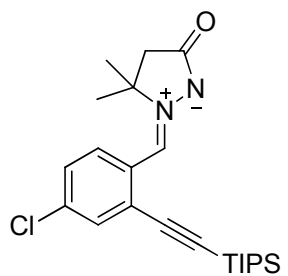
3ma, Yellow solid, 27.9 mg, 32% yield, mp: 157 – 158 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.92 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 8.6$, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 1.71 (s, 6H), 1.15 - 1.12 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.9, 134.4, 131.4, 128.4, 118.9, 117.6, 114.8, 103.9, 96.8, 74.5, 55.9, 44.3, 29.0, 18.8, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 397.2675, found 397.2679.



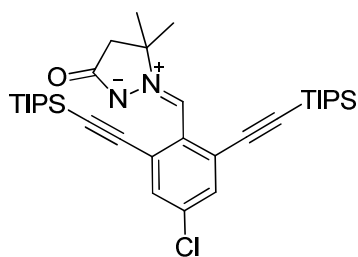
3maa, White solid, 45.7 mg, 36% yield, mp: 205 – 206 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.11 (s, 42H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.8, 139.8, 134.4, 130.0, 127.6, 123.5, 104.2, 97.0, 73.1, 45.2, 29.1, 20.9, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{57}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}_2$: 577.4009, found 577.4010.



3na, Yellow solid, 37.9 mg, 41% yield, mp: 162 – 164 °C

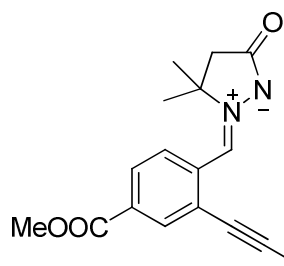
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.34 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.19 – 1.14 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.9, 136.9, 132.9, 132.6, 129.4, 128.7, 126.2, 126.1, 102.4, 100.2, 74.6, 44.2, 29.1, 18.8, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{34}\text{ClN}_2\text{OSi}$: 417.2129, found 417.2125.



3naa, Yellow solid, 38.9 mg, 29% yield, mp: 165 –

166 °C

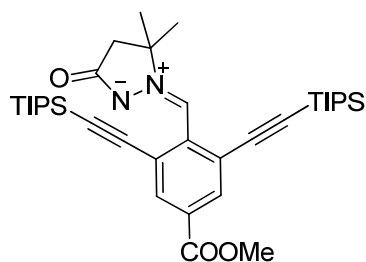
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 (s, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 2.72 (s, 2H), 1.74 (s, 6H), 1.09 (s, 42H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 180.7, 135.3, 133.4, 131.2, 126.0, 125.1, 102.6, 99.4, 73.5, 45.1, 29.1, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{54}\text{ClN}_2\text{OSi}_2$: 597.3463, found 597.3465.



30a, Yellow solid, 44.7 mg, 46% yield, mp: 166 –

167 °C

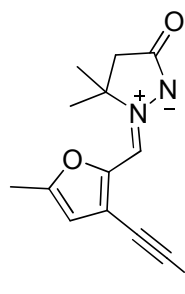
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.41 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 6H), 1.20 – 1.15 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.2, 165.6, 134.1, 133.6, 131.6, 131.1, 129.7, 125.8, 124.8, 103.0, 99.7, 75.1, 52.5, 44.1, 29.1, 18.8, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Si}$: 441.2573, found 441.2576. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3071, 2942, 2866, 2150, 1731, 1685, 1571, 1464, 1434, 1288, 1262, 1212, 1106, 996, 920, 883, 862, 833, 790, 761, 681, 666, 641.



30aa, Yellow solid, 37.2 mg, 27% yield, mp: 164 –

165 °C

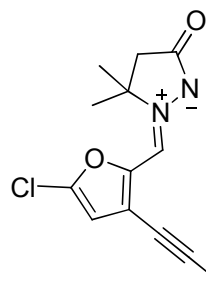
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (s, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 1.78 (s, 6H), 1.12 (s, 42H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.0, 165.2, 136.3, 134.3, 131.25, 126.0, 124.2, 103.1, 99.0, 73.7, 52.6, 45.0, 29.0, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{57}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Si}_2$: 621.3908, found 621.3947.



3pa, Yellow solid, 68.9 mg, 89% yield, mp: 174 – 175 °C

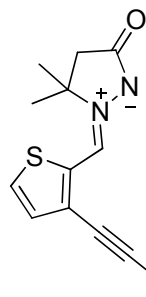
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 2.72 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.12 – 1.10 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.4, 158.8, 147.3,

118.2, 115.1, 111.4, 100.9, 96.6, 72.9, 44.6, 28.8, 18.7, 14.3, 11.2. HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{35}N_2O_2Si$: 387.2468, found 387.2470. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3079, 2941, 2865, 2144, 1659, 1595, 1497, 1417, 1290, 1101, 993, 882, 735, 671, 647.



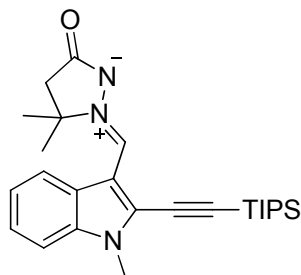
TIPS **3qa**, Gray solid, 65.9 mg, 81% yield, mp: 150 – 152 °C

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.14 – 1.09 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 182.2, 147.7, 142.8, 117.9, 114.1, 111.4, 102.7, 95.0, 73.8, 44.3, 28.8, 18.6, 11.1. HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{32}ClN_2O_2Si$: 407.1922, found 407.1924.



TIPS **3ra**, Yellow solid, 58.3 mg, 75% yield, mp: 98 – 100 °C

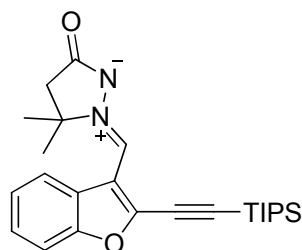
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.51 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.17 -1.05 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 135.5, 129.5, 129.1, 126.4, 123.7, 104.3, 97.0, 73.0, 44.8, 28.9, 18.7, 11.2. HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{33}N_2OSSi$: 389.2083, found 389.2088.



3sa, Yellow solid, 80.9 mg, 93% yield, mp: 192 – 193 °C

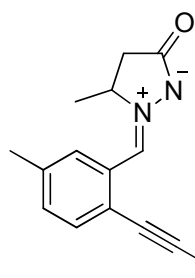
1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.26 – 1.15 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 179.9, 138.3, 129.3, 128.0, 127.7, 125.4, 123.5, 122.7, 113.1, 109.2,

107.2, 94.9, 71.6, 45.8, 31.6, 28.9, 18.7, 11.2. HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{38}N_3OSi$: 436.2784, found 436.2786. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3071, 2941, 2864, 2359, 2152, 1659, 1610, 1463, 1305, 1137, 1083, 1017, 881, 794, 749, 729, 681, 675, 652.



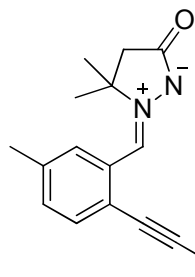
3ta, Yellow solid, 39.8 mg, 47% yield, mp: 146 – 147 °C

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.08 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 2.85 (s, 2H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.23 – 1.13 (m, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 180.8, 155.3, 143.2, 128.1, 127.5, 124.5, 123.6, 122.7, 119.2, 110.9, 107.8, 94.2, 77.4, 77.0, 76.7, 73.2, 45.2, 29.0, 18.7, 11.1. HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{35}N_2O_2Si$: 423.2468, found 423.2468.



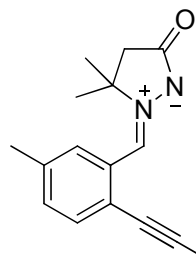
3ua, White solid, 31.4 mg, 41% yield, mp: 162 – 164 °C

1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.68 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, $J = 3.1$ Hz, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 183.6, 139.7, 132.9, 132.1, 131.6, 130.0, 129.8, 122.1, 103.9, 97.8, 66.8, 37.3, 22.6, 21.8, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[M + H]^+$ calculated for $C_{23}H_{35}N_2OSi$: 383.2519, found 383.2513.



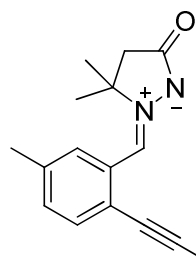
3ab, Yellow solid, 68.9 mg, 90% yield, mp: 125 – 126 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.2, 138.5, 132.2, 132.0, 131.3, 129.4, 129.2, 123.0, 105.3, 76.3, 74.1, 44.2, 31.0, 29.2, 28.3, 21.6. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 297.1967, found 297.1960.



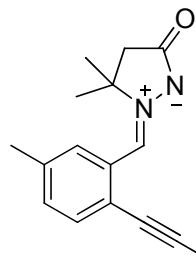
TMS **3ac**, Yellow solid, 55.7 mg, 89% yield, mp: 196 - 197°C

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.02 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 6H), 0.27 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.3, 140.0, 132.5, 132.3, 131.6, 130.2, 128.5, 122.1, 102.2, 101.5, 74.5, 44.3, 29.4, 21.9, 0.1. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 313.1736, found 313.1736.



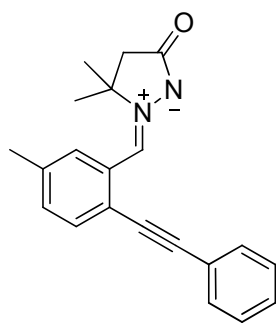
TES **3ad**, Yellow solid, 64.6 mg, 91% yield, mp: 139 – 140 °C

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.78 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 6H), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 9H), 0.72 (q, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.3, 139.9, 133.0, 132.3, 131.6, 130.2, 128.5, 122.3, 103.3, 99.0, 74.4, 44.4, 29.3, 23.0, 7.8, 4.6. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 355.2206, found 355.2205.



TBDPS **3ae**, Yellow solid, 92.9 mg, 97% yield, mp: 161 – 162 °C

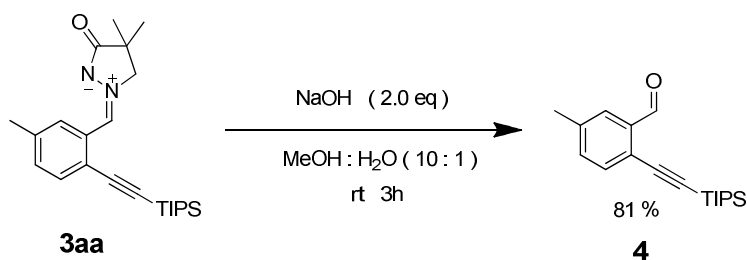
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.83 – 7.80 (m, 5H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.18 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.6, 140.4, 135.6, 133.0, 132.9, 132.2, 131.8, 130.4, 129.9, 128.5, 128.0, 121.7, 105.9, 97.0, 74.5, 44.2, 28.8, 27.3, 21.9, 18.7. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2\text{OSi}$: 479.2519, found 479.2516. IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3069, 2930, 2856, 2146, 1662, 1570, 1471, 1428, 1287, 1157, 1093, 1031, 920, 821, 700, 611.



3af, Yellow solid, 50.6 mg, 80% yield, mp: 101 – 103 °C

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.04 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.6, 132.4, 132.2, 131.5, 131.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 122.4, 122.2, 95.9, 86.2, 74.4, 44.1, 29.2, 21.7. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}$: 317.1654, found 317.1658.

III. Derivatization

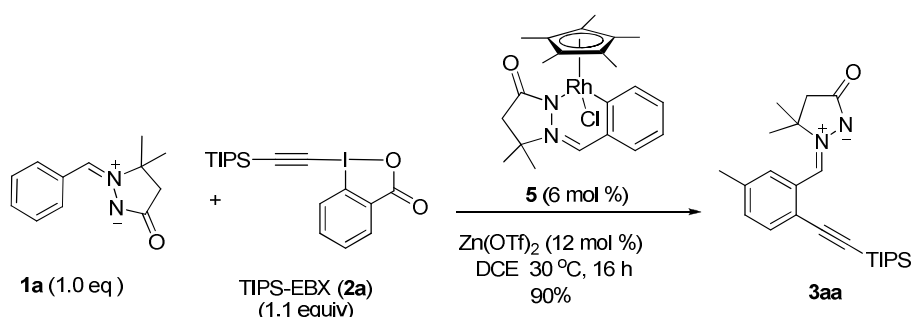


3aa (79.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and NaOH (16 mg, 0.4 mmol) were stirred in MeOH/ H_2O (10: 1, 2.2 ml) at room temperature for 3h, After the removal of the solvents, the residue was absorbed to small amounts of silica. The purification was performed by

flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford compound **4** (48.6 mg, 0.16 mmol, 81%).

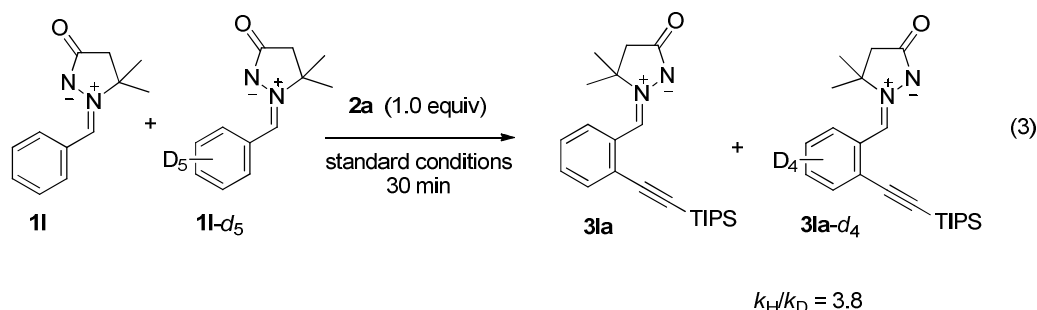
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.58 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.14 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 21H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.9, 139.1, 136.1, 134.6, 133.8, 127.1, 124.4, 102.2, 98.1, 21.3, 18.7, 11.3. HRMS: $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{OSi}$: 301.1988, found 301.1986.

IV. Mechanistic Studies



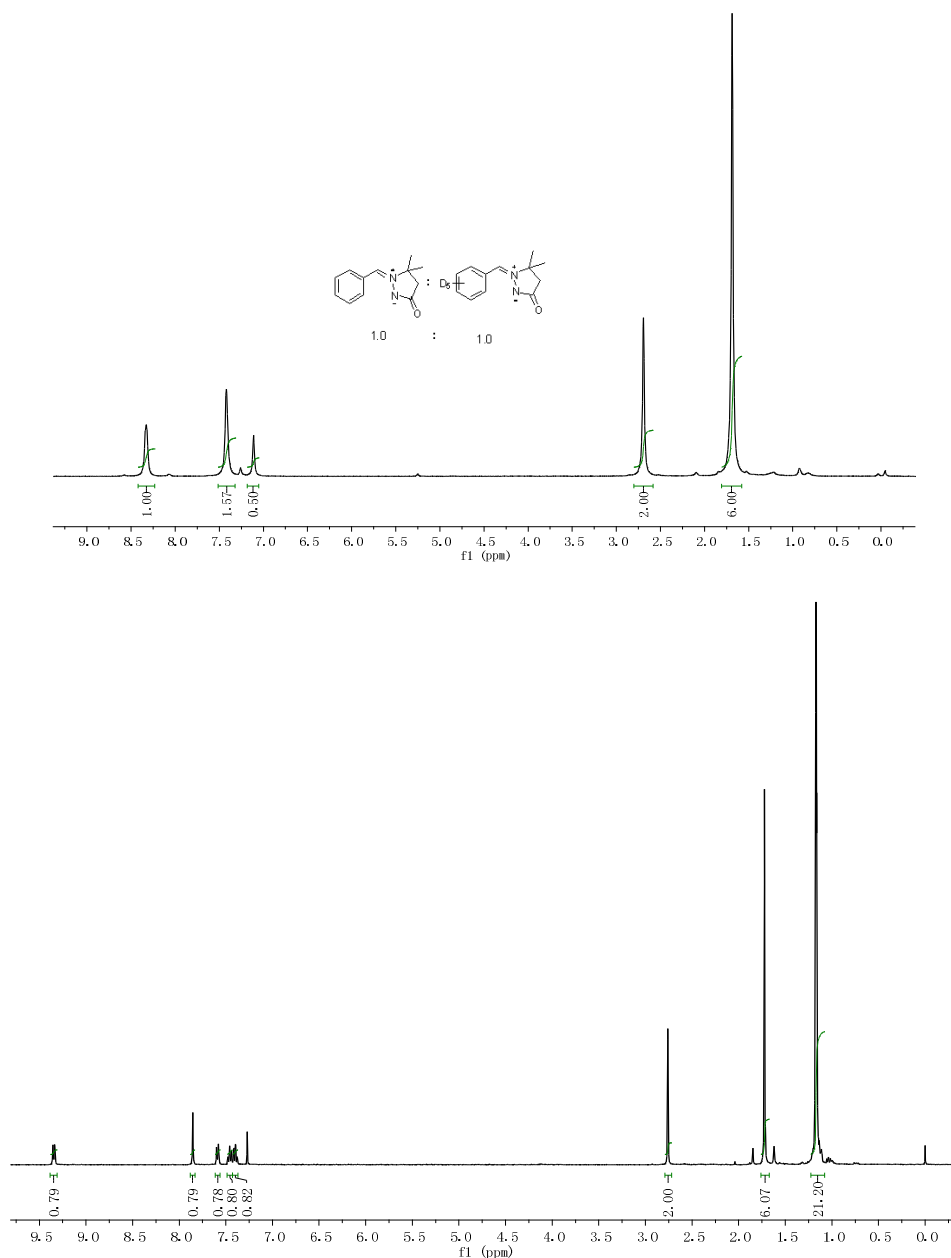
Procedures for the reaction: **1a** (1.0 equiv, 0.2 mmol), alkyne **2a** (1.1 equiv, 0.22 mmol), complex **5** (0.012 mol, 6 mol%), $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.024 mmol, 12 mol%), and DCE (2 mL) were charged into a pressure tube under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 16 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using MeOH/EA to afford the alkynylation product **3aa**.

KIE Studies



Procedures for the reaction: **2a** (0.2 mmol), azomethine imine (**1a**/**1a-d₅** = 1/1, 0.4 mmol), $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ (3 mol %), $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (12 mol %), and DCE (2 mL) were charged

into a pressure tube under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 30 min. After cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using MeOH / EA to afford the mixed product. KIE value ($k_H/k_D = 3.8$) was determined on the basis of ^1H NMR analysis.



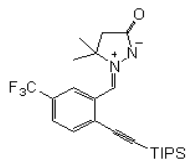
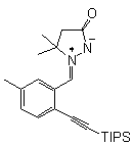
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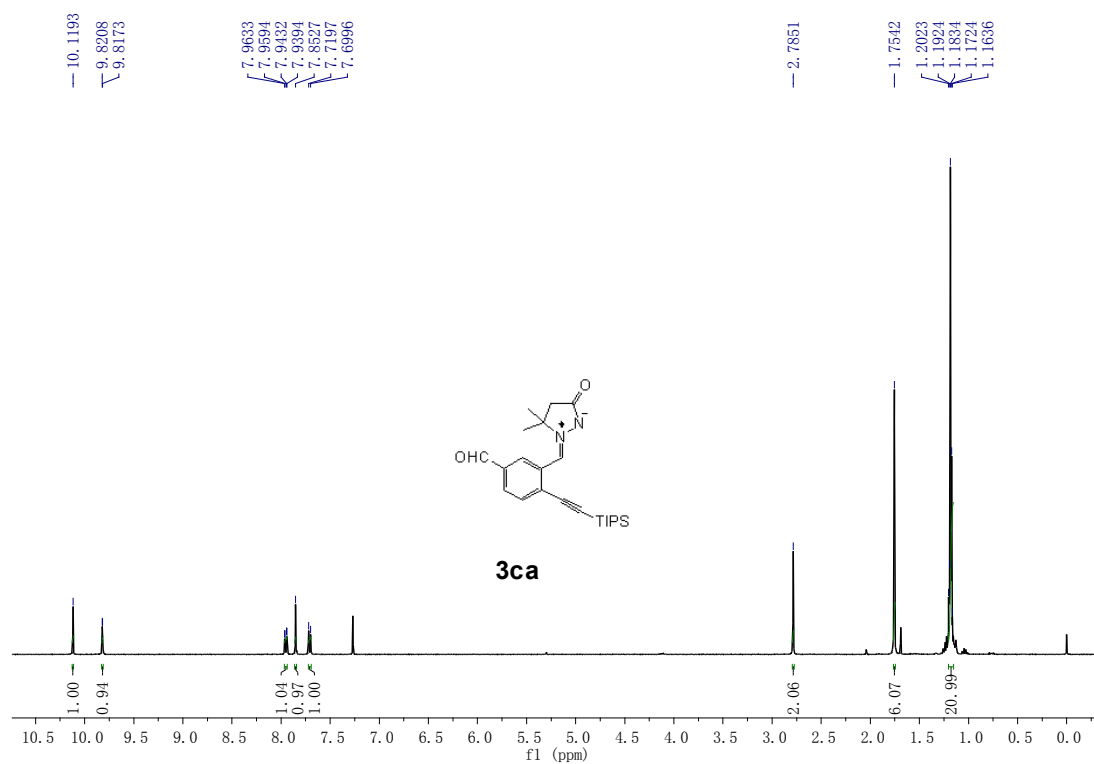
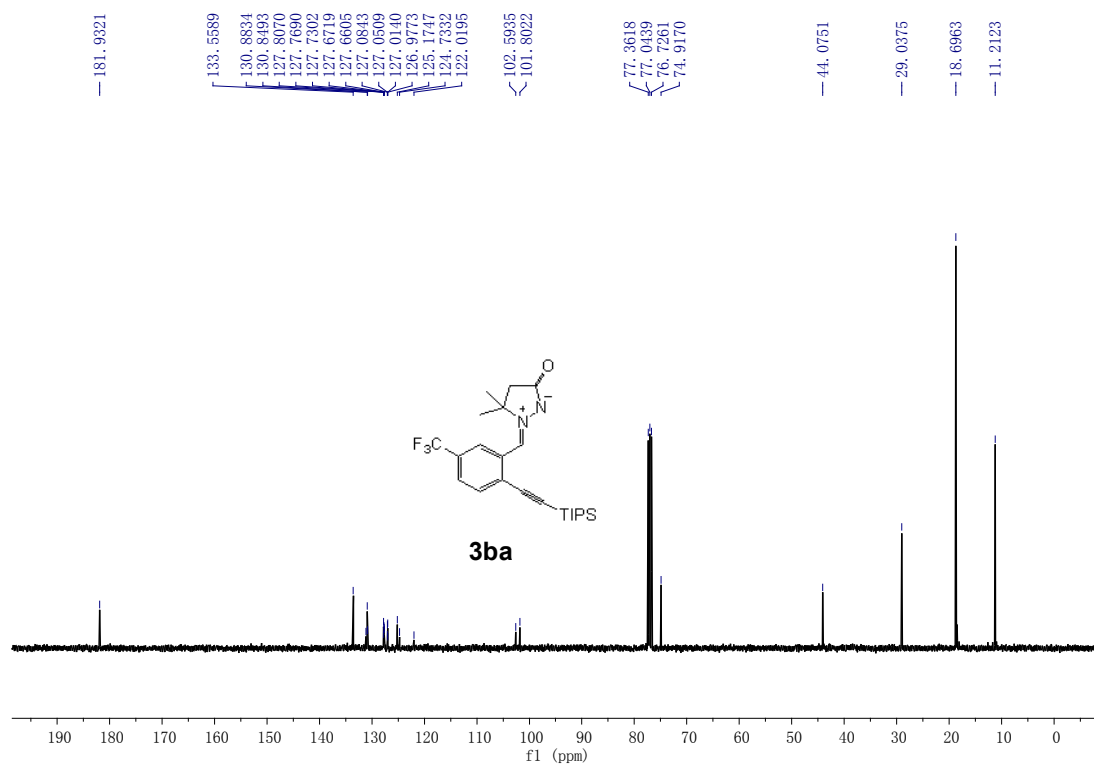
Chemical structure of **3aa** is shown above the spectrum.

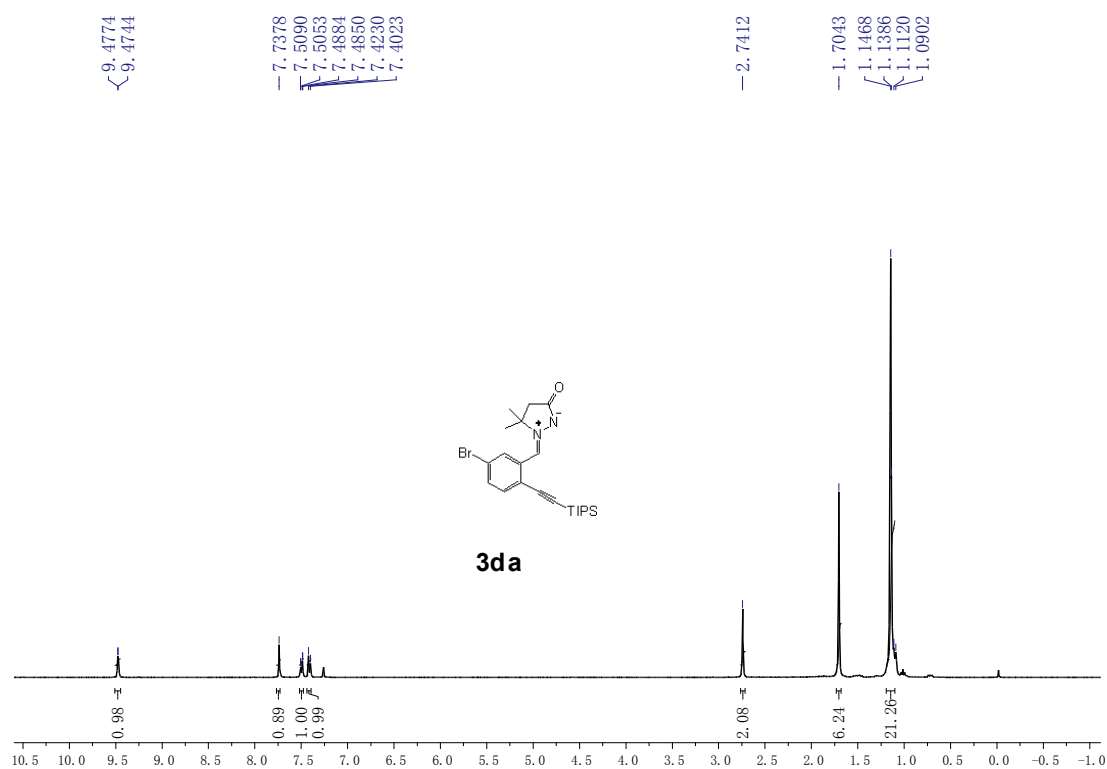
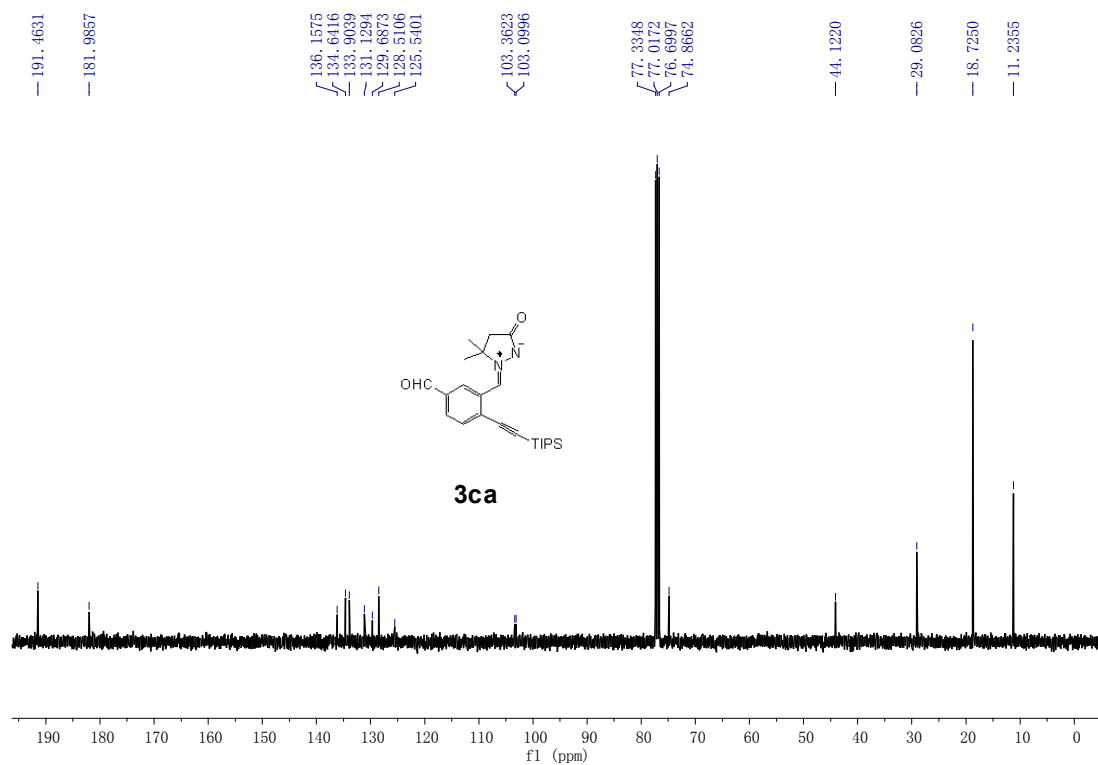
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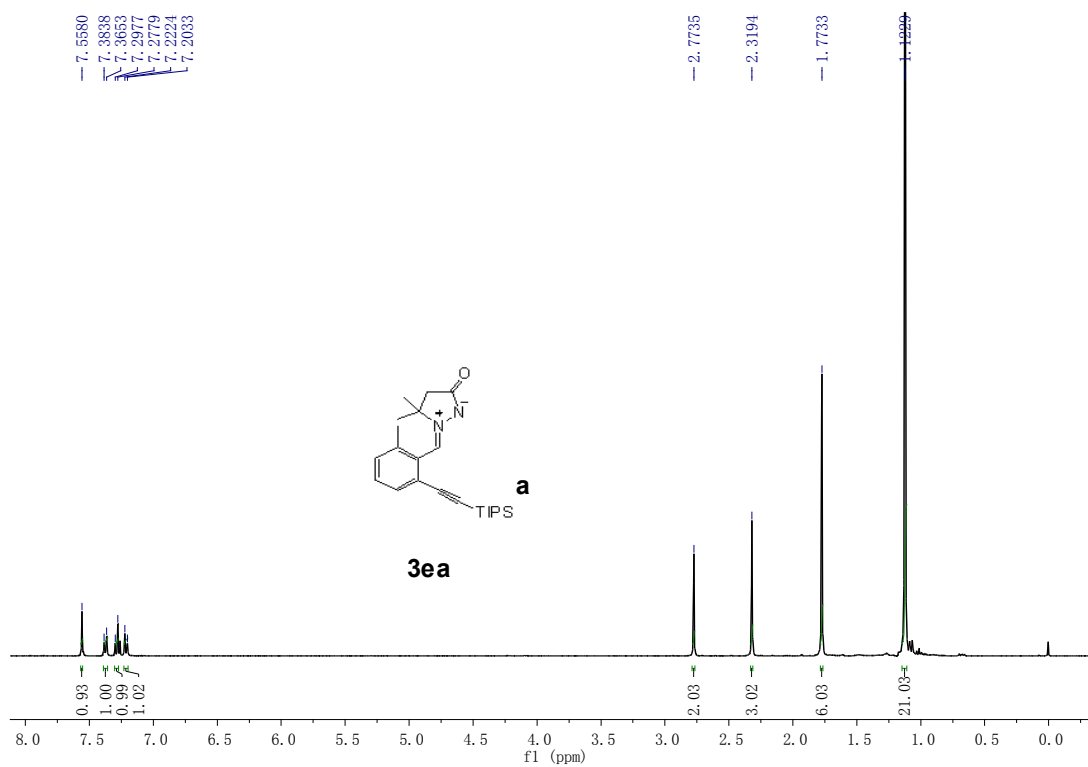
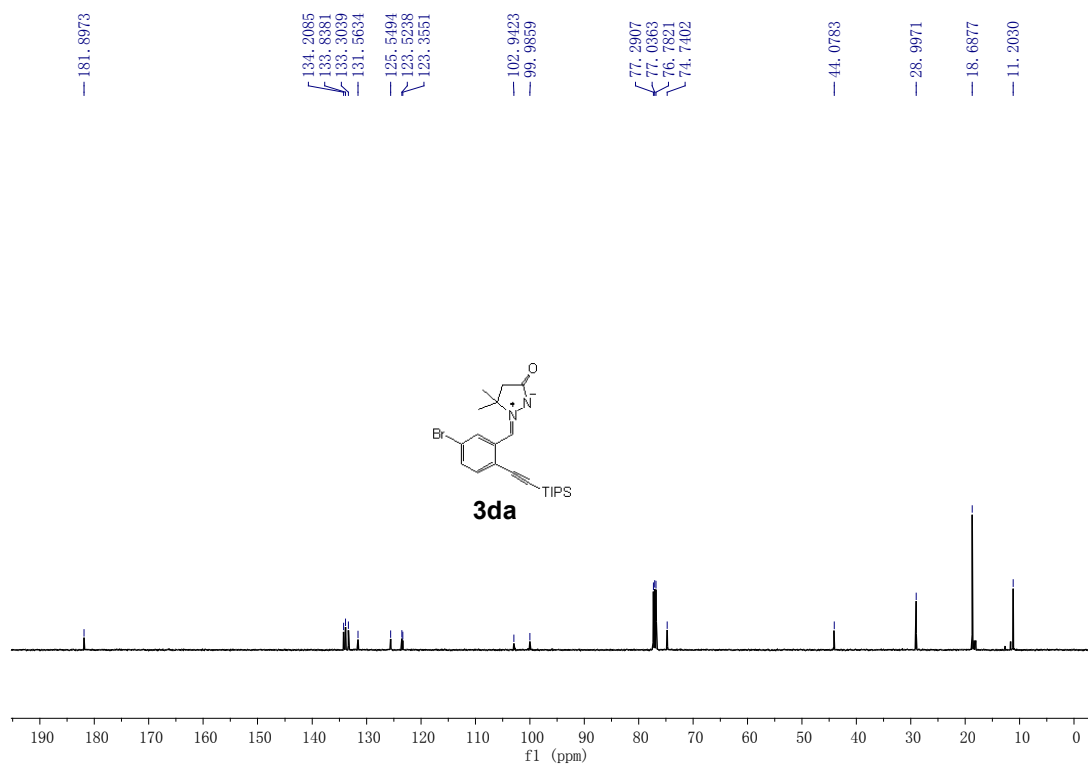
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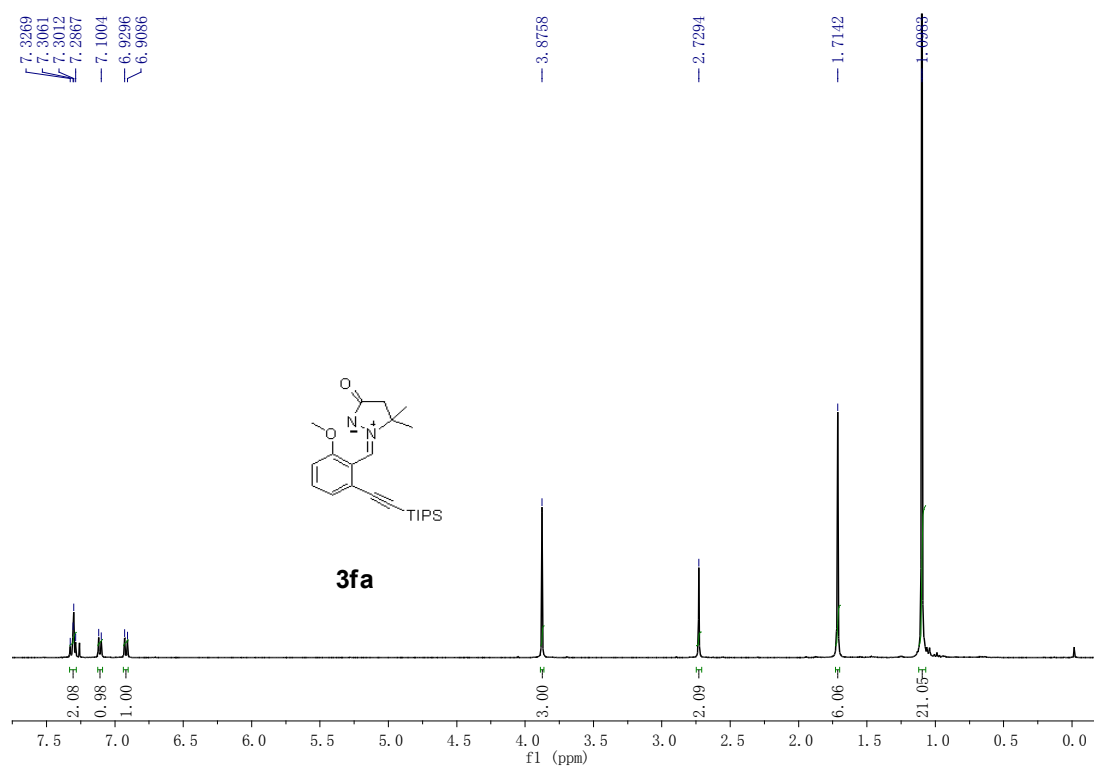
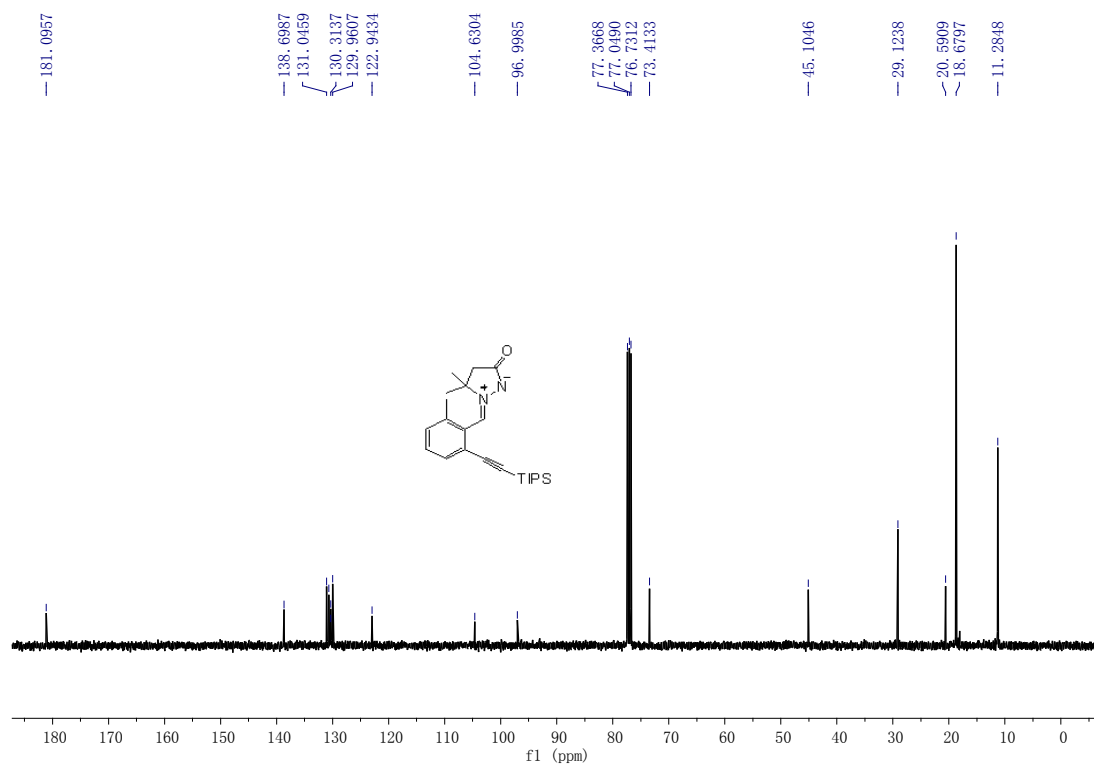


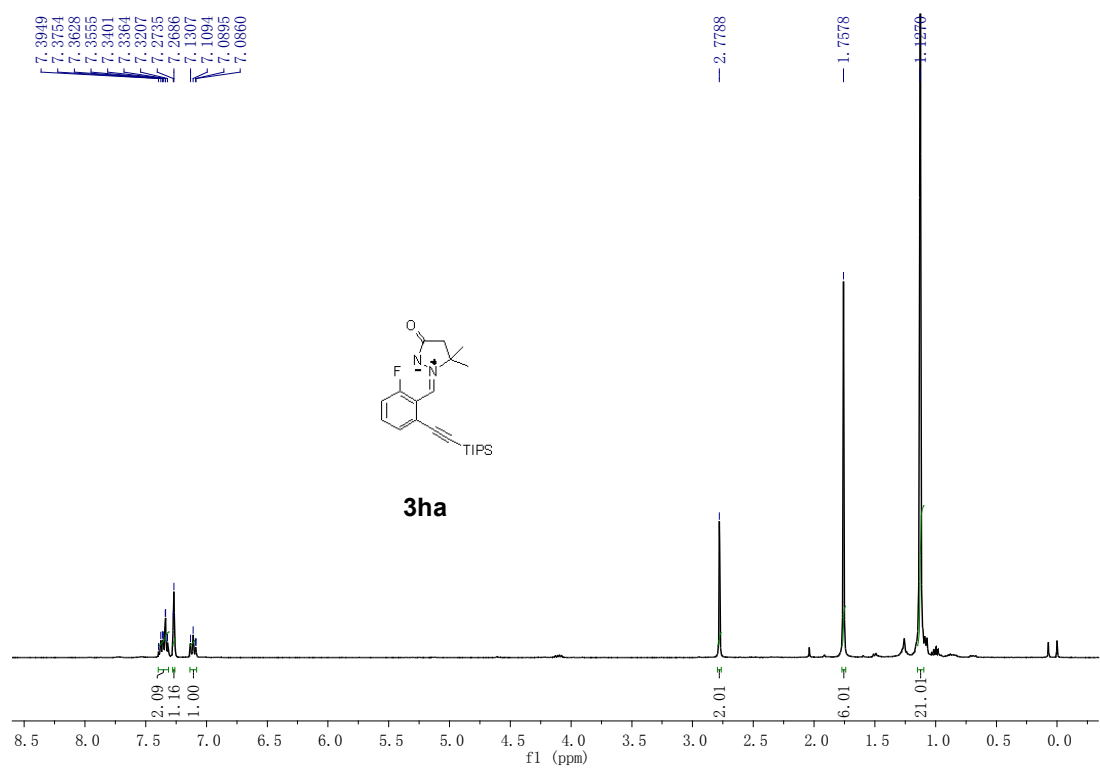
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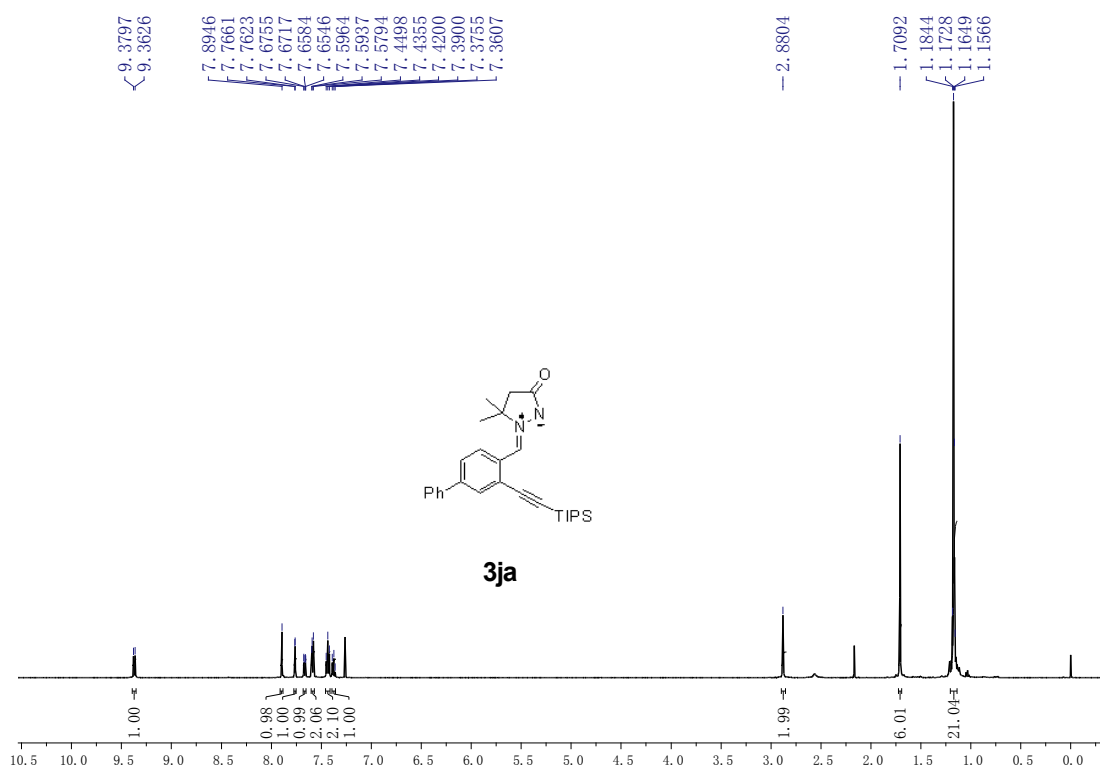
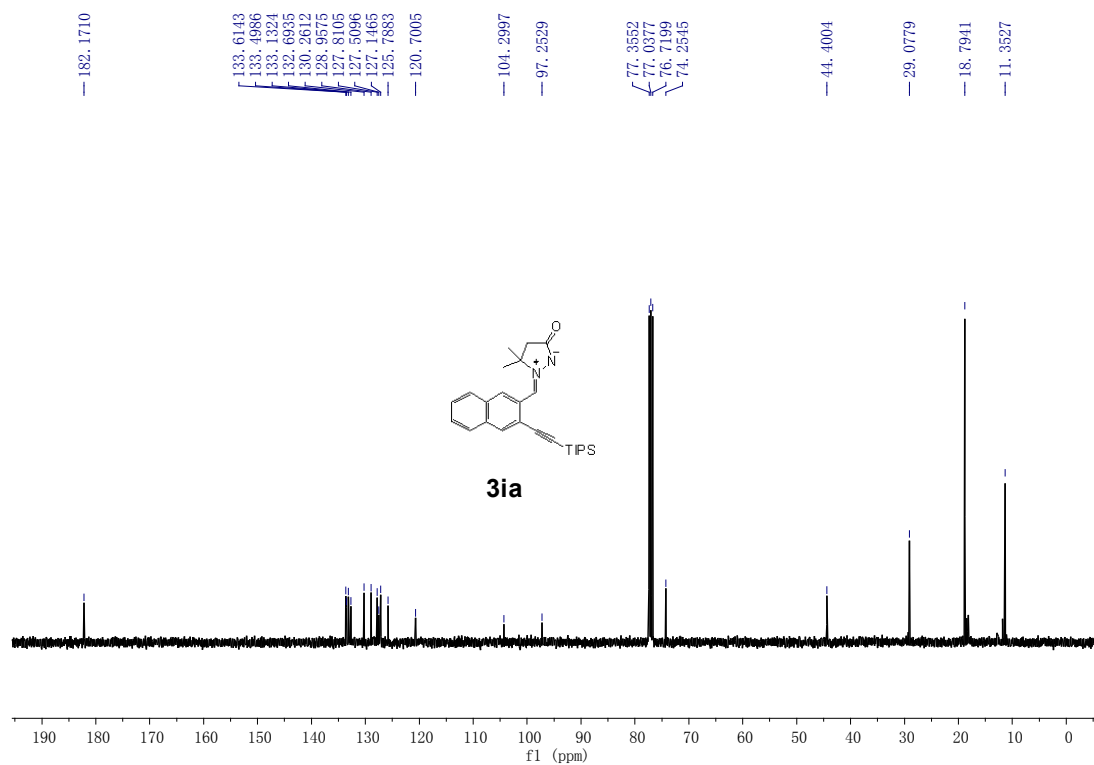


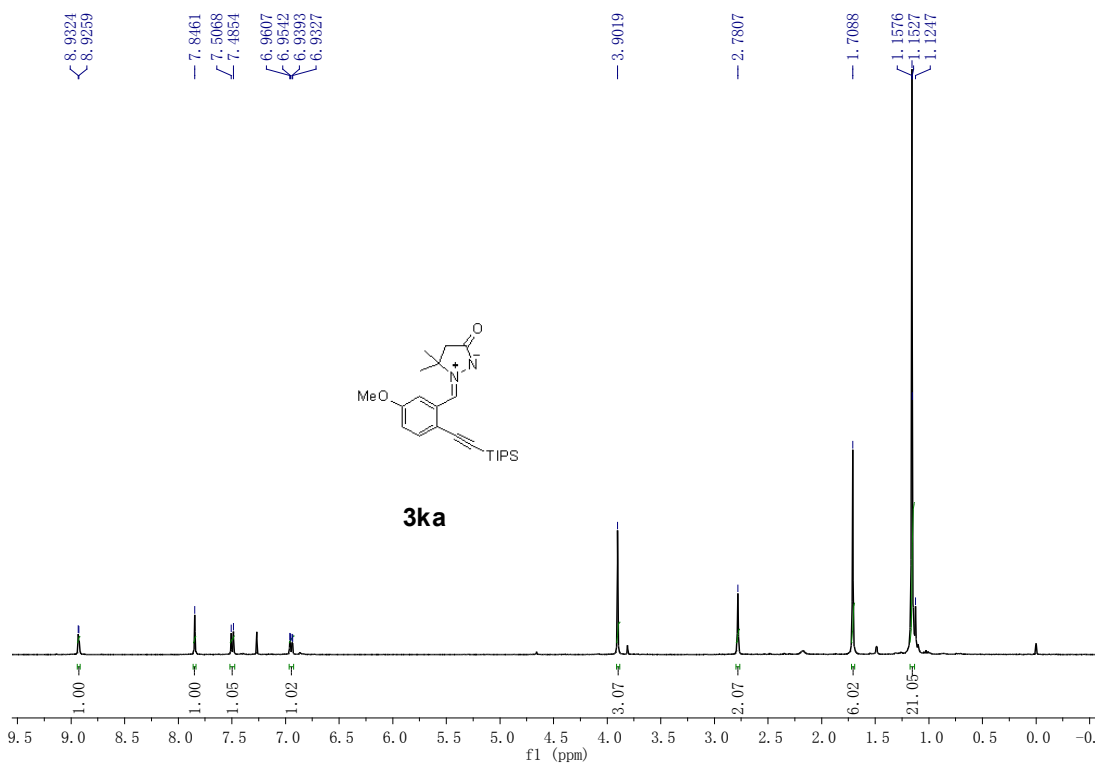


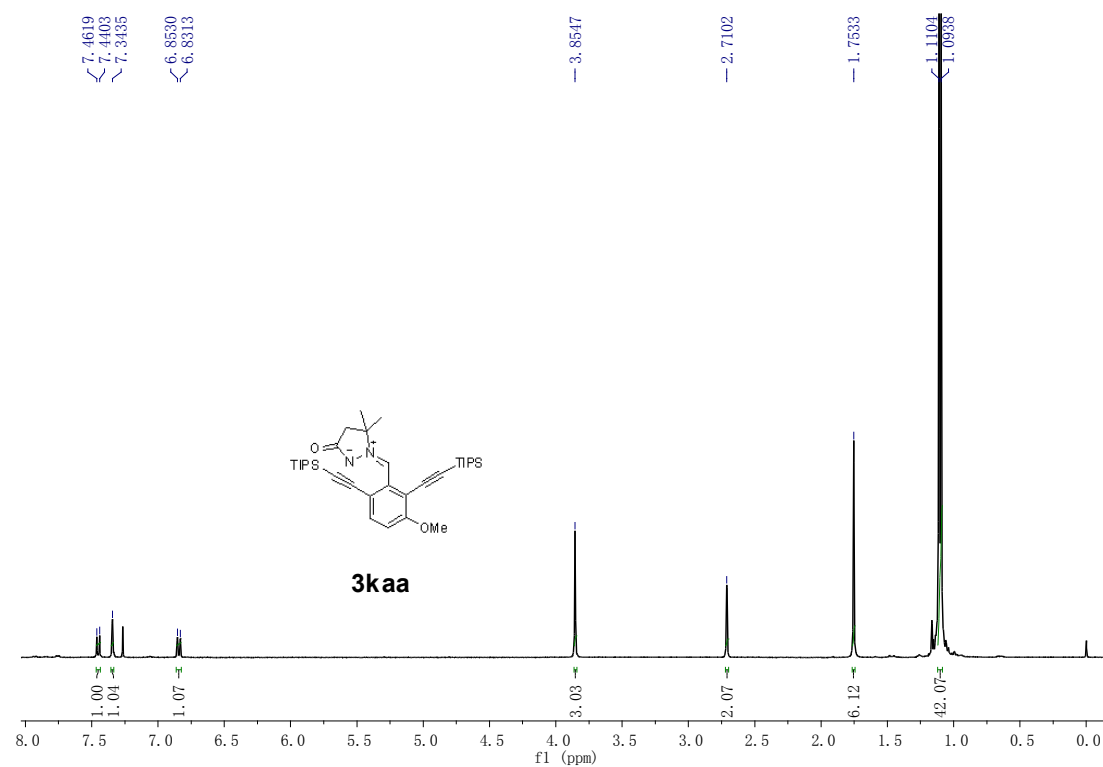
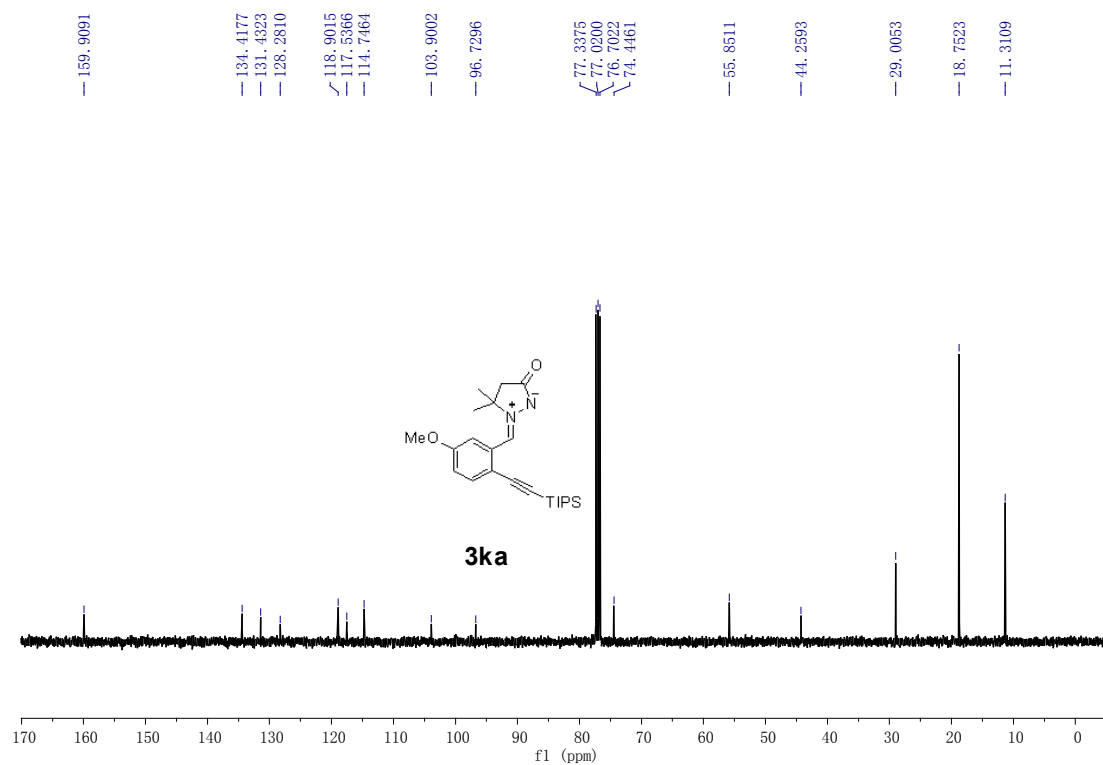


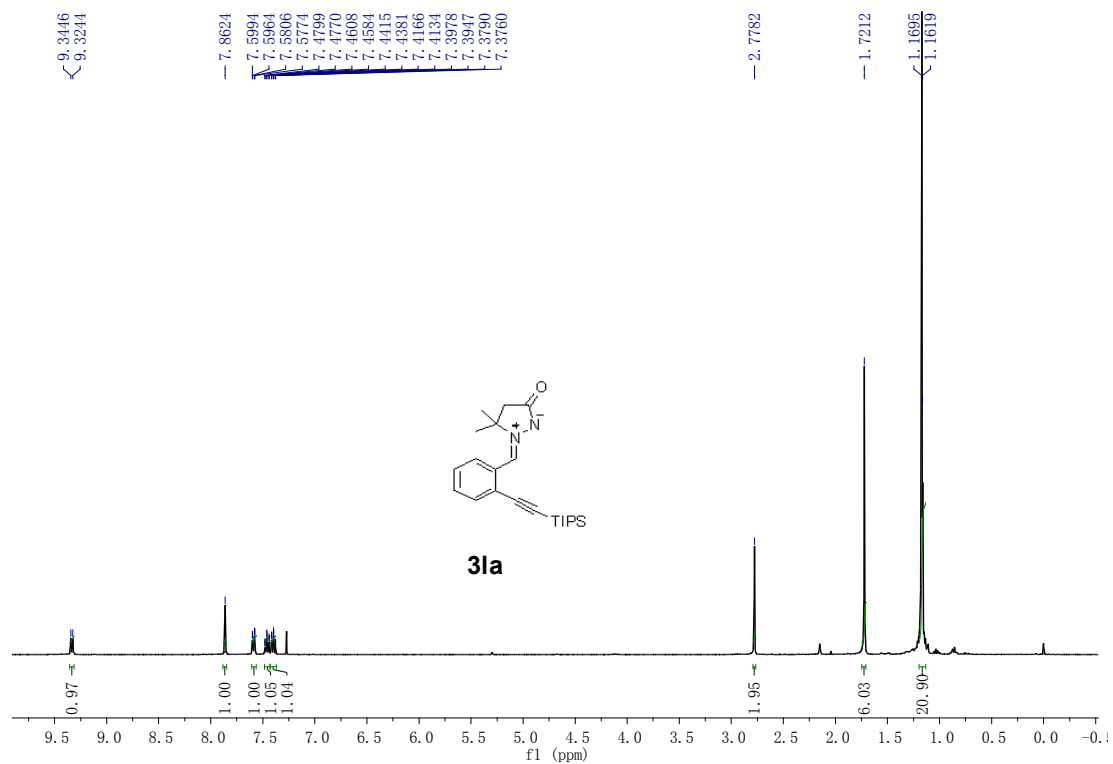
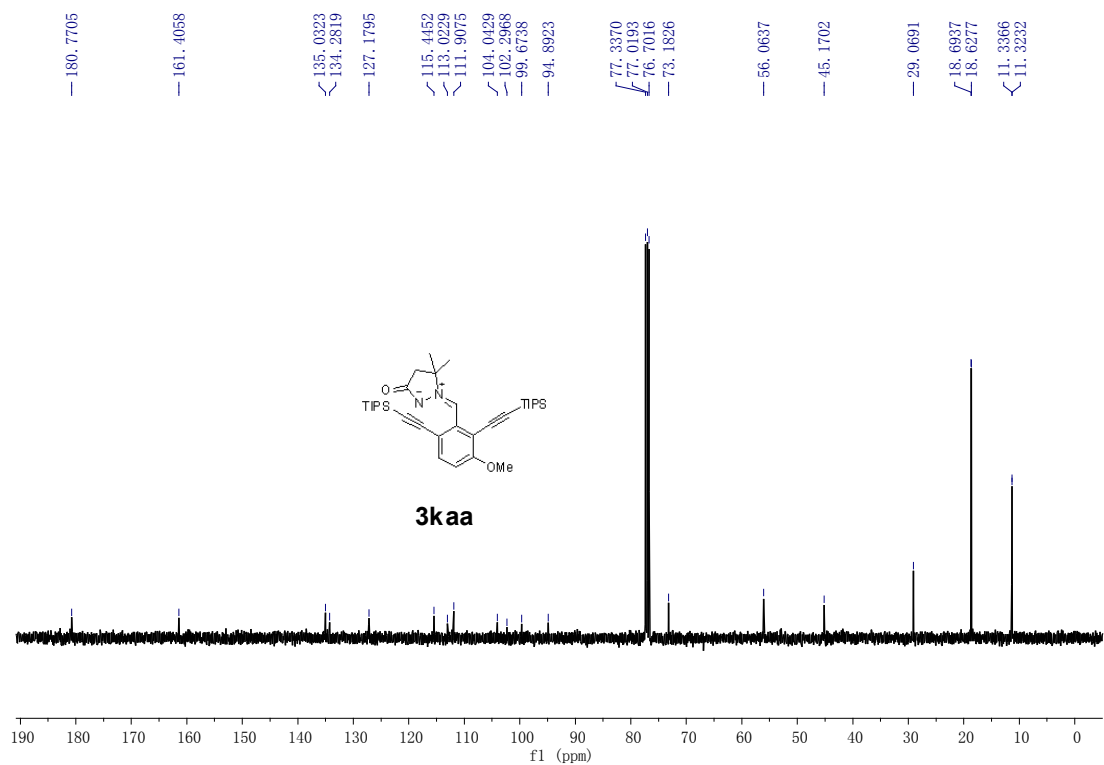


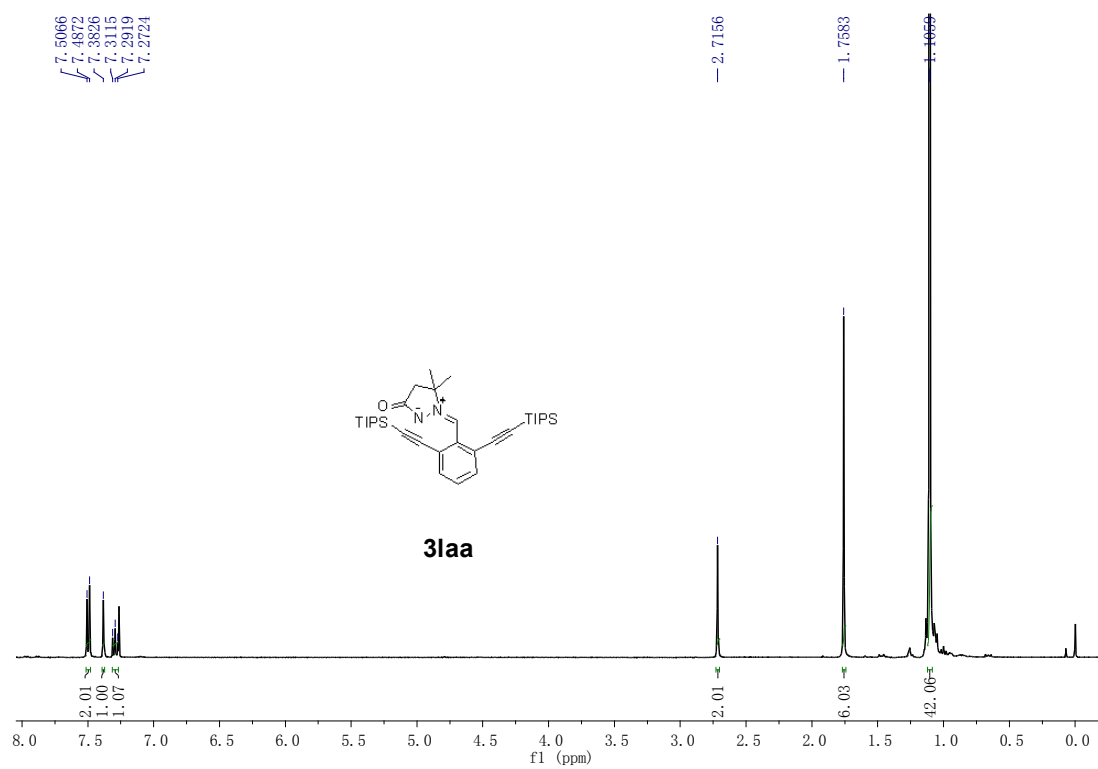
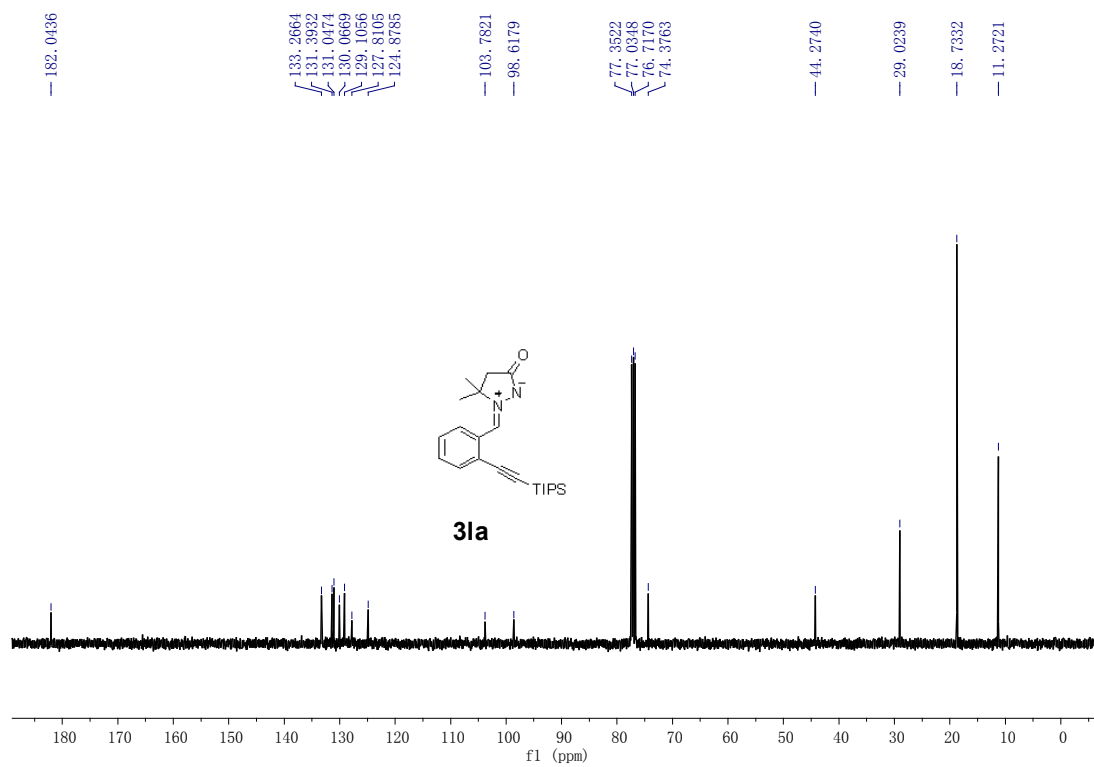


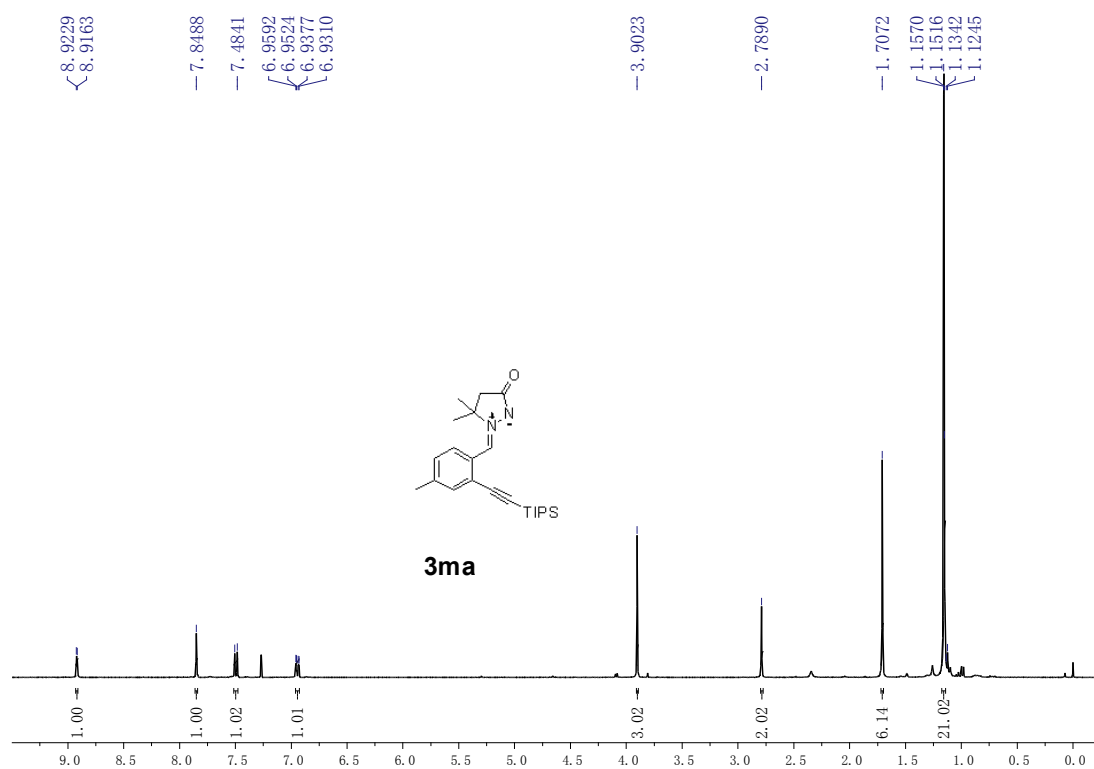
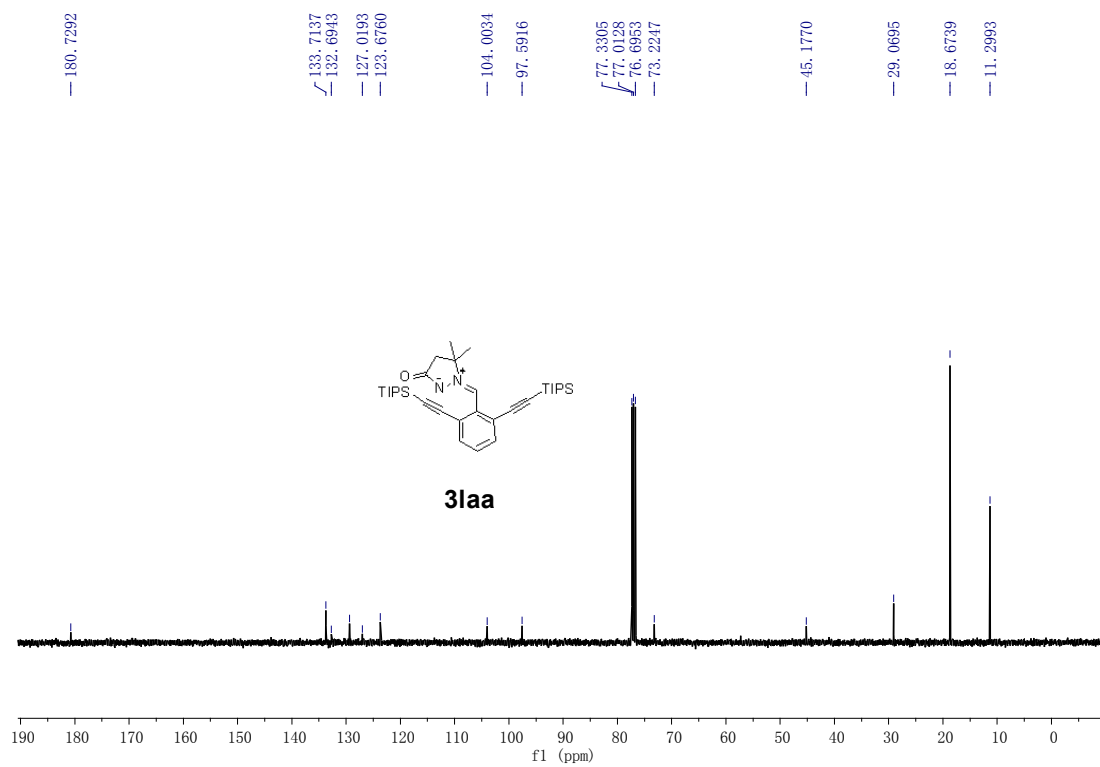


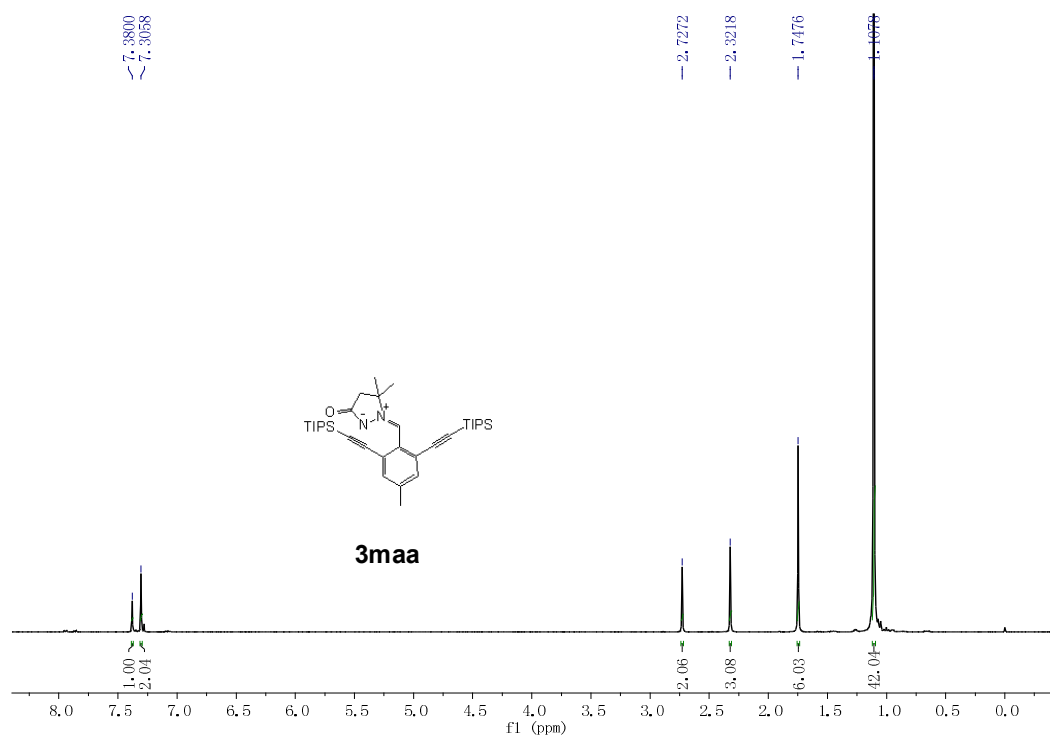
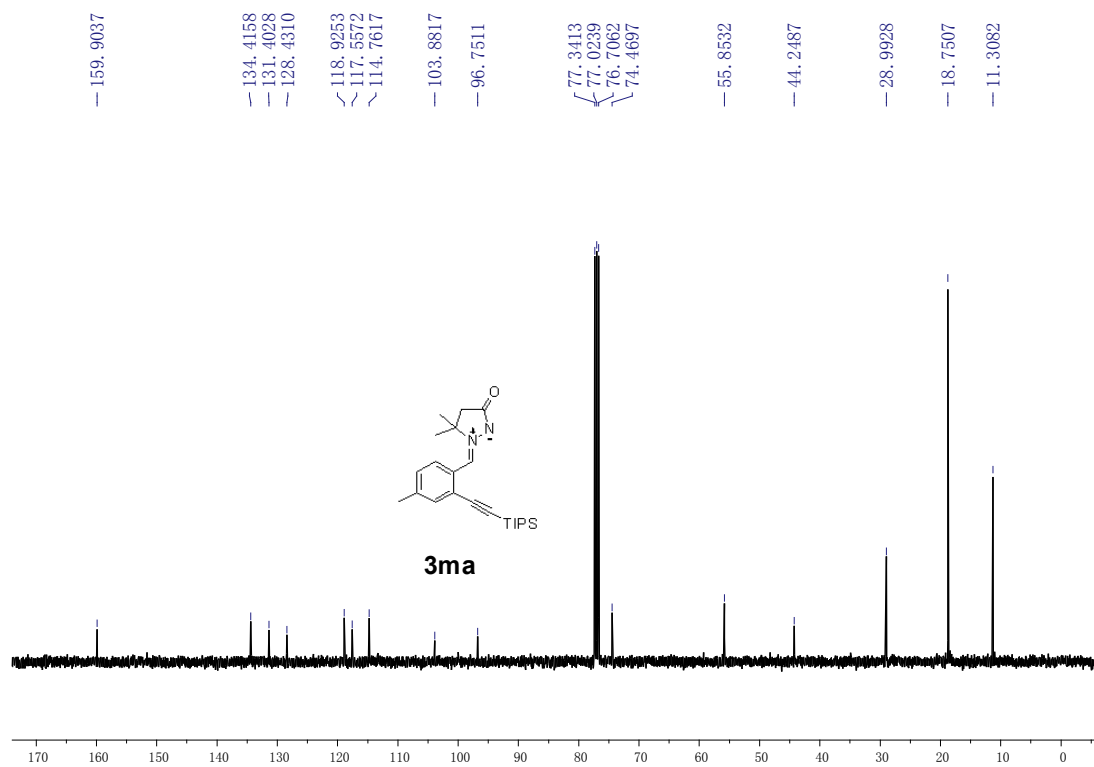


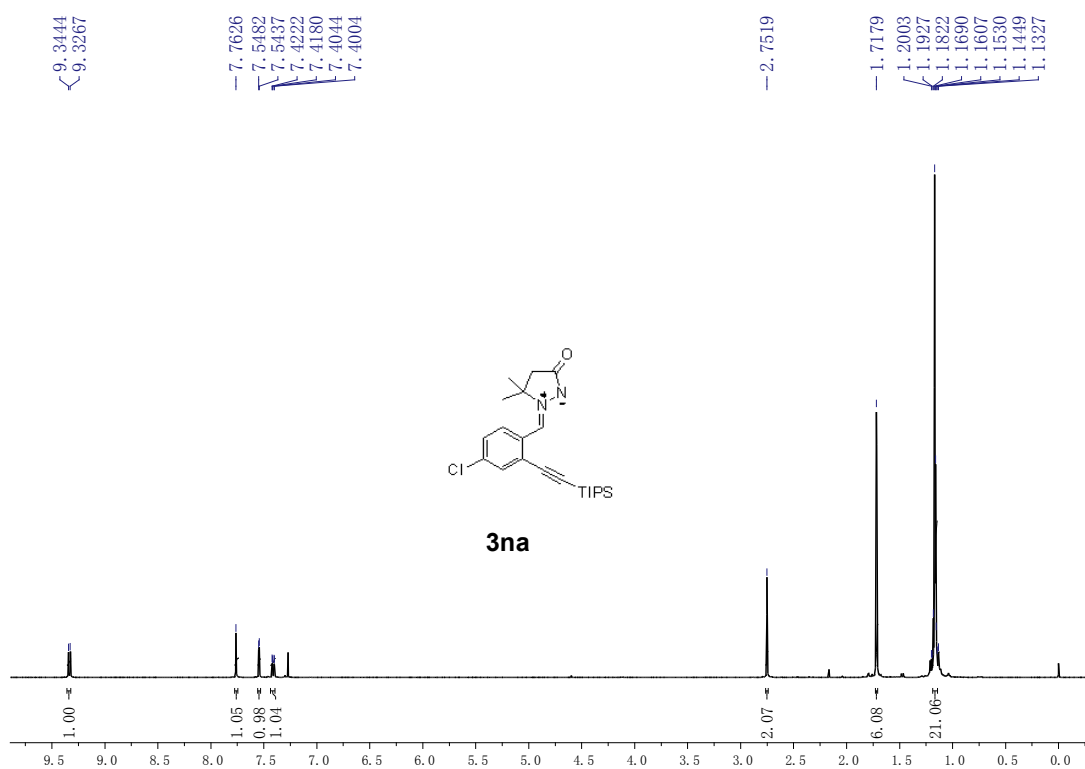
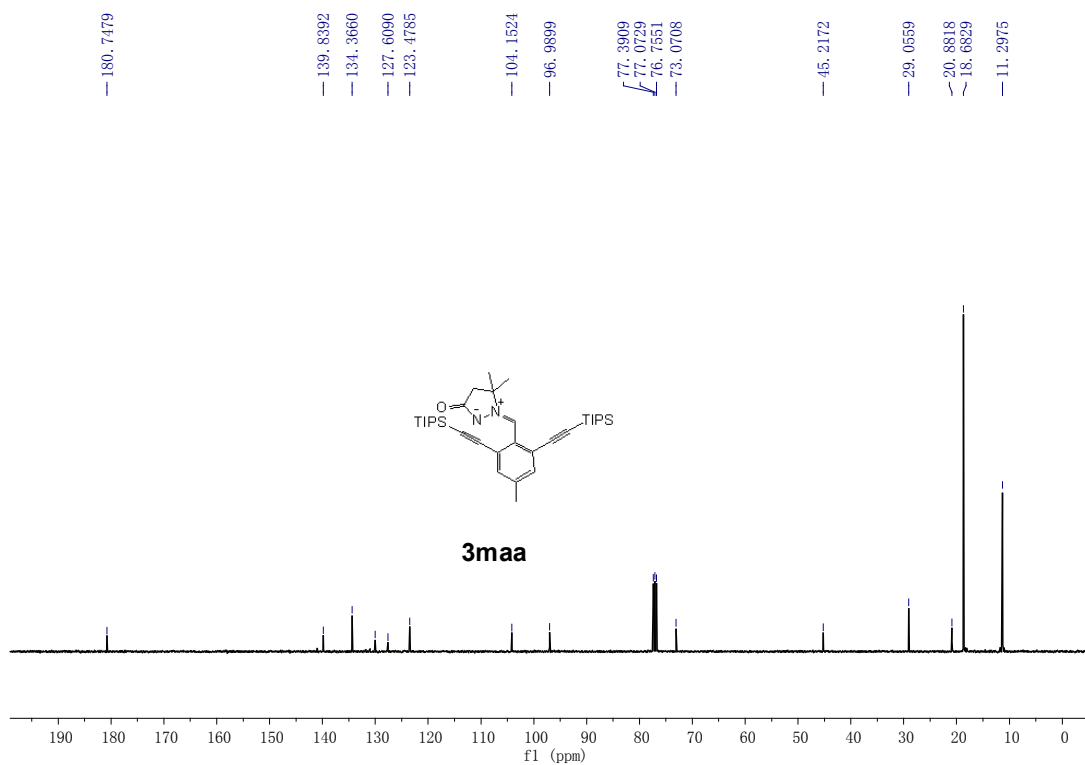


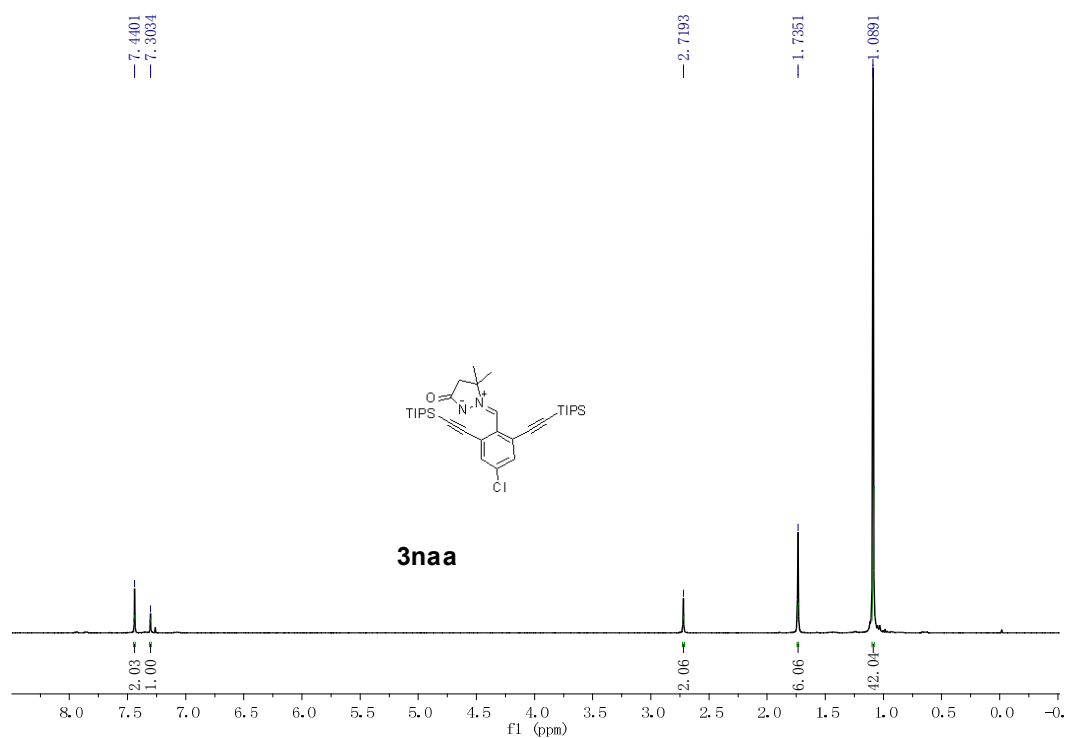


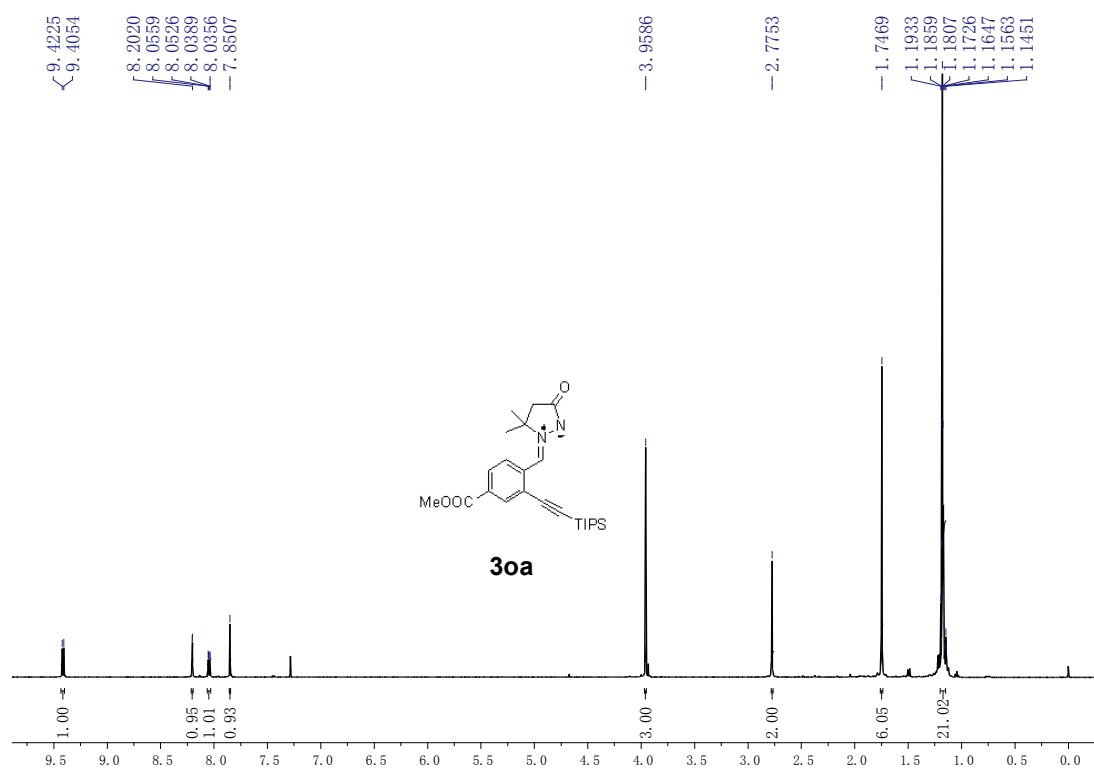
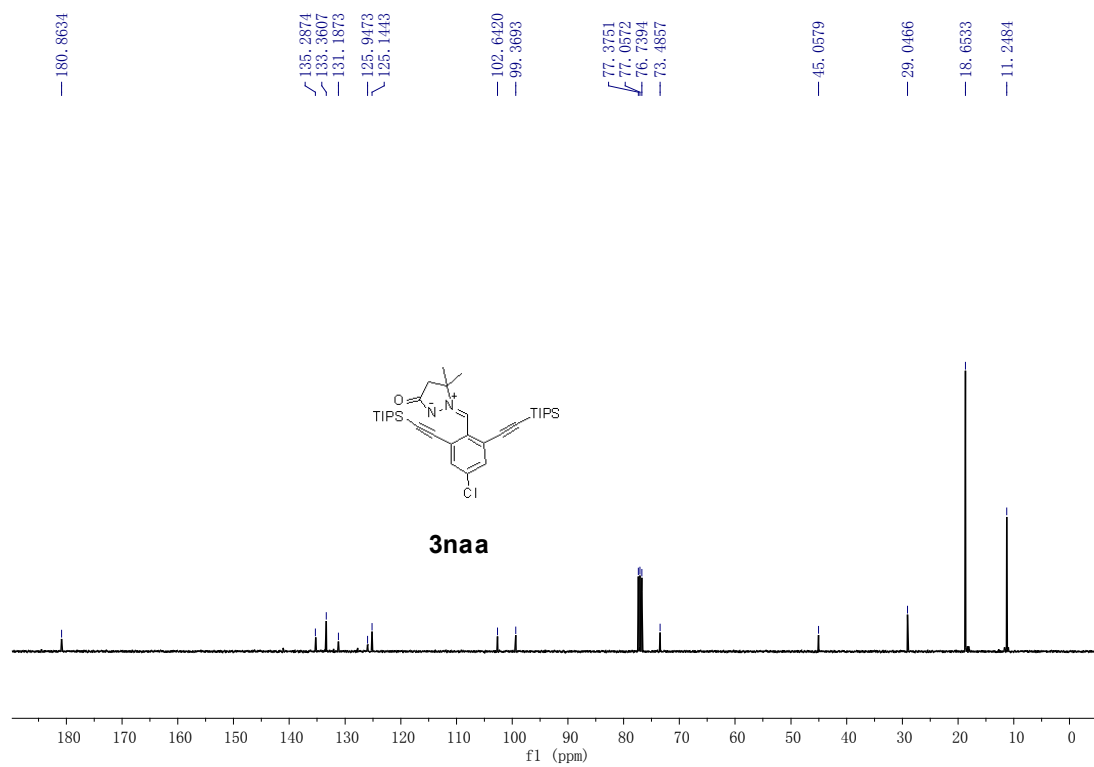


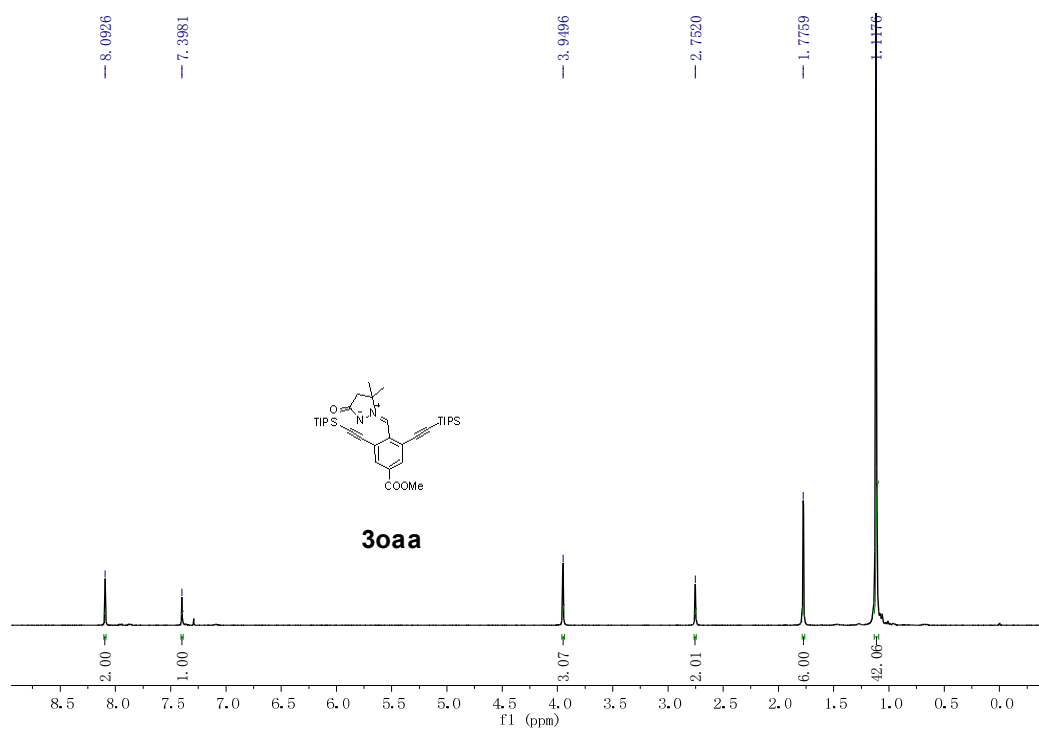
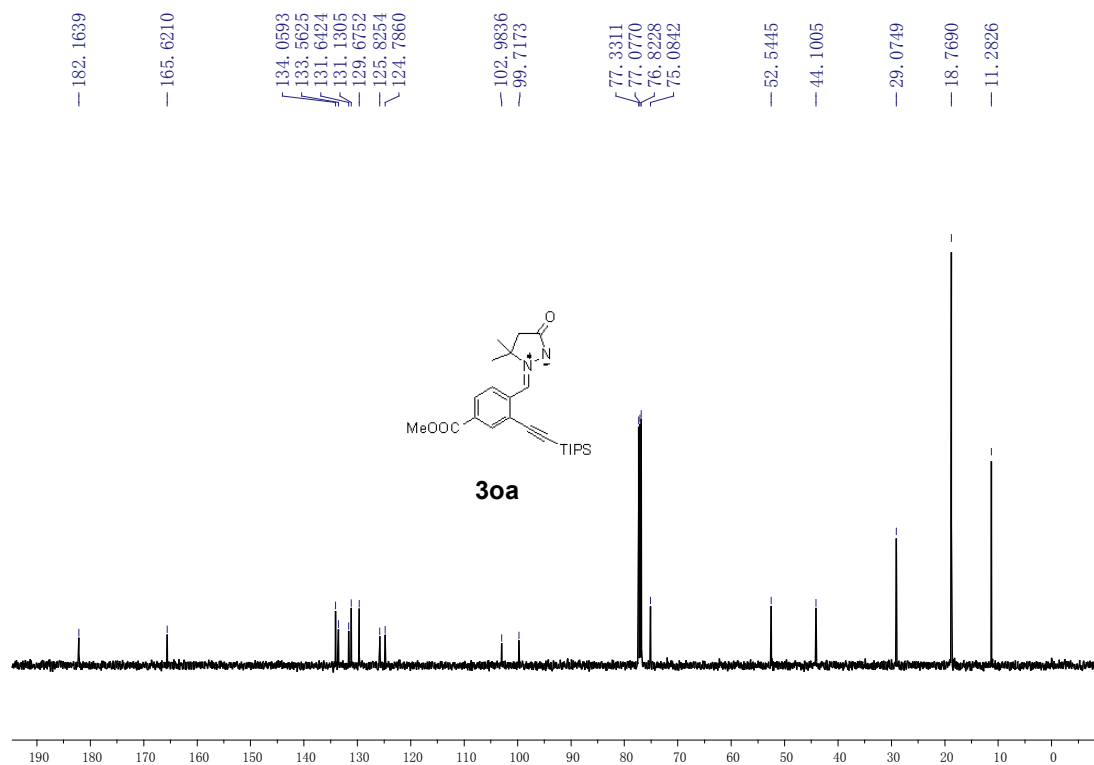


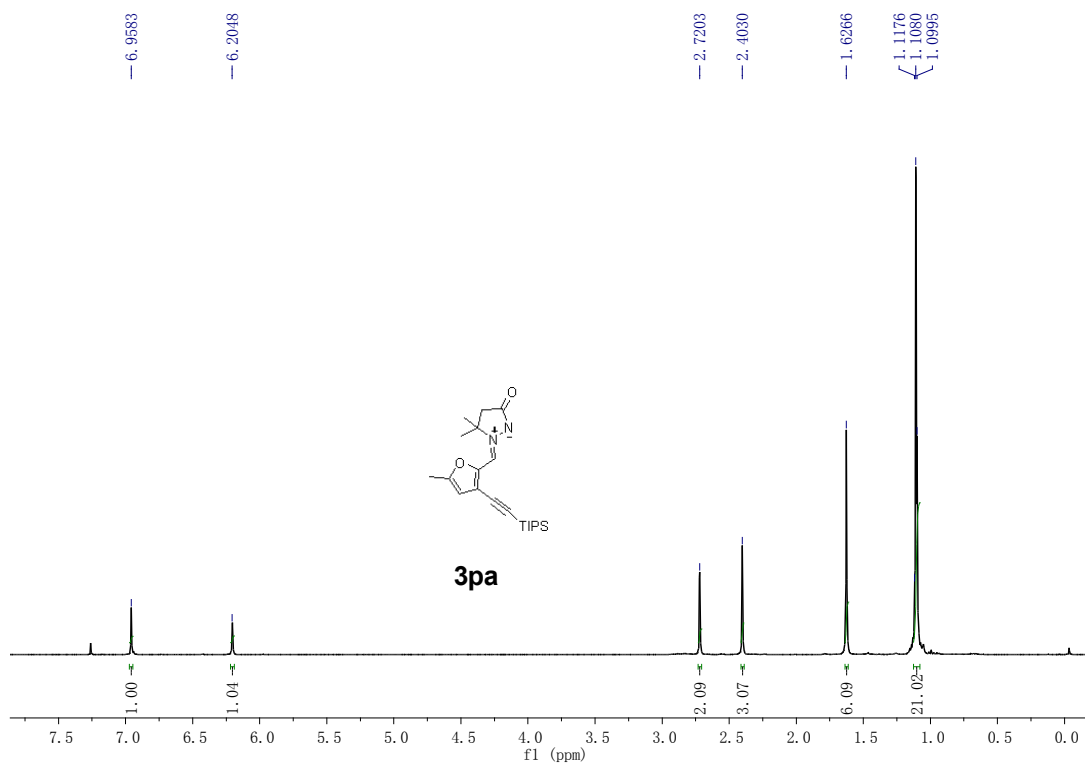
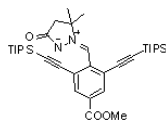












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