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Brönsted acid-promoted dimerization of *o*-alkynylbenzaldehydes: a one-step synthesis of functionalized Kagan's ether analogues

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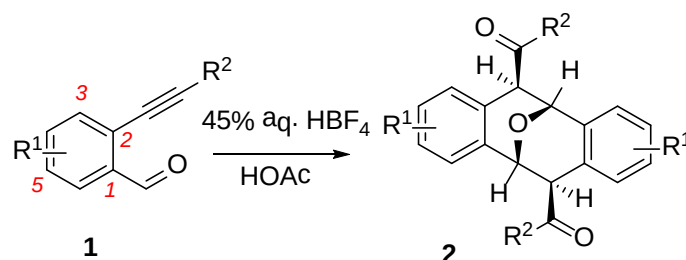
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1. General methods

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without further purification. All solvents and triethylamine were dried and distilled according to standard procedures. All reactions were performed under nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Petroleum ether and ethyl acetate were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further distillations. All melting points were uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR instrument. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz or 400 MHz and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 75 or 100 MHz, respectively, and assigned in parts per million (δ). Flash column chromatographies were performed on 300-400 mesh silica gel. X-ray crystallographic structure was determined on a Bruker SMART 1000 diffractometer, MoKa radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$), at 120 K.

2. Representative procedure for the dimerization and characterizations of products 2b-2p.



To a solution of **1b** (3.10 g, 15.0 mmol) in acetic acid (40 mL) was added tetrafluoroboric acid (14 mL, 45% in water) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction was heated to 90 °C and continued stirring for 3 hrs until the starting material was consumed by TLC monitoring. The mixture was cooled down to room temperature, and diluted with dichloromethane (200 mL) and water (100 mL). The whole mixture was stirred for 30 mins and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (100 mL x 3). The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:30) to afford **2b** as a white solid (2.45 g, 76% yield).

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-5,6,11,12-Tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2b).** Yield: 76%; white solid; m.p. 177-180 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz):

δ 8.07-8.09 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.64 (m, 6H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (s, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 198.2, 136.7, 136.2, 133.1, 130.4, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 127.7, 127.7, 124.5, 71.4, 54.2; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 1686, 1447, 1202, 1085, 1005, 753, 687 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 453.1467; Found: 453.1462.

(5R*,6R*,11R*,12R*)-3,9-Dichloro-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2c). Yield: 73%; white solid; m.p. 218-220 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): δ 8.02-8.06 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.66 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.36 (d, 2H, J = 2.1 Hz), 7.17-7.21 (dd, 2H, J_1 = 8.1 Hz, J_2 = 2.1 Hz), 6.89-8.92 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 5.55 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 197.2, 137.9, 135.7, 133.4, 133.3, 131.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 124.5, 70.9, 53.4 ppm; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3057, 2951, 1684, 1260, 1021, 1094, 969, 774, 691 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 521.0687, found: 521.0677.

(5R*,6R*,11R*,12R*)-4,10-Difluoro-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2d). Yield: 65%; yellow solid; m.p. 180-182 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.17 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 2H), 4.91 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 197.5, 159.5, 157.1, 135.5, 133.5, 133.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 126.1, 123.4, 114.4, 114.2, 67.8, 51.1; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 1687, 1463, 1263, 1205, 1024, 794, 773, 693, 532 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS (m/z): 467 [$\text{M}+\text{H}^+$]; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_3\text{F}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 489.1278; Found: 489.1279.

(5R*,6R*,11R*,12R*)-Dimethyl-6,12-dibenzoyl-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-3,9-dicarboxylate (2e). Yield: 63%; white solid; m.p. 189-193 °C; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz): δ 8.08-8.10 (m, 6H), 7.85 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 2H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz): δ 197.2, 166.6, 136.7, 135.7, 135.4, 133.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 125.8, 71.2, 54.3, 52.3; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 1710, 1438, 1295, 1203, 1083, 760, 695 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 569.1576; Found: 569.1596.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-3,9-Dinitro-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2f).** Yield: 67%; white solid; m.p. 190-192 °C; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 8.27 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 8.09(d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 196.0, 147.4, 137.5, 137.4, 135.2,134.1, 132.0, 129.5, 128.5, 123.0, 119.8, 71.0, 54.0; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 1683, 1523, 1350, 1261,1205, 1083, 1004, 690 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₂₀O₇N₂Na [M+Na⁺] 543.1168; Found: 543.1155.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-2,4,8,10-Tetrachloro-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2g).** Yield: 70%; white solid; m.p. 293-297°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07-8.10 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.68 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.29 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.92 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 195.6, 139.5, 135.8, 135.4, 134.0, 133.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 123.3, 70.5, 51.8; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3085, 2937, 1689, 1264, 1092, 839, 777, 687 cm⁻¹. HRMS calculated for C₃₀H₁₈Cl₄O₃Na [M+Na⁺]: 590.9878, found: 590.9889.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-6,12-Dibenzoyl-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-3,9-dicarbonitrile (2h).** Yield: 63%; white solid; m.p. 293-297°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03-8.06 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.52 (dd, 2H, *J*₁ = 8.1 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.5 Hz), 7.11 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 5.63 (s, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.1, 137.5, 135.4, 135.2, 133.9, 131.6, 131.3, 129.4, 128.4, 128.3, 118.1, 112.0, 70.6, 54.0; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3052, 2923, 2853, 2361, 2229, 1685, 1266, 1082, 1004, 974, 829, 783, 691 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₃₂H₂₀N₂O₃Na [M+Na⁺] 503.1366, found: 503.1360.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-3,9-Bis(trifluoromethyl)-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2i).** Yield: 72%; white solid; m.p. 246-249 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04-8.07 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.68 (m, 8H), 7.48 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.11 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.66 (s, 2H), 4.82 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.8, 137.0, 135.5, 134.0, 133.6, 131.2, 130.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.4, 125.4, 124.8, 124.7, 124.7, 124.6, 121.8, 121.4, 121.3, 121.2, 70.9, 53.8; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3084, 3059, 2942, 2932, 1688, 1344, 1240, 1121, 1104, 830, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₃₂H₂₀F₆O₃Na [M+Na⁺] 589.1214, found:

589.1218.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-3,9-Dimethoxy-2,8-dinitro-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2j).** Yield: 20%; white solid; m.p. 342 °C (dec.); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17-8.14 (m, 4H), 7.76-7.63 (m, 6H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 7.38 (s, 2H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 5.27 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.9, 151.0, 142.4, 138.3, 135.5, 133.5, 129.2, 128.8, 126.4, 122.7, 111.0, 70.7, 56.8; IR (KBr) ν_{max}: 3055, 2937, 2361, 1676, 1521, 1278, 1064, 1010, 860, 787, 685 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₂₄N₂O₉ [M-H]⁻: 579.1409; Found: 579.1426.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-3,9-Di-*tert*-butyl-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone) (2k).** Yield: 84%; white solid; m.p. 250-253 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06-8.10 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.66 (m, 6H), 7.35 (d, 2H, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.20-7.24 (dd, 2H, *J*₁ = 8.1 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.8 Hz), 6.88-6.90 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 1.34 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.7, 156.8, 136.9, 133.5, 130.3, 130.2, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 125.8, 124.5, 54.1, 35.1, 31.0; IR (KBr) ν_{max}: 3054, 2962, 2869, 1680, 1237, 1071, 938, 824, 688 cm⁻¹. HRMS calculated for C₃₈H₃₈O₃Na [M+Na⁺] 565.2719, found: 565.2724.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-5,6,11,12-Tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(4-chlorophenyl)methanone (2l).** Yield: 80%; white solid; m.p. 223-225 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97-8.01 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.21 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 6.91-6.93 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 5.54 (s, 2H), 4.69 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 197.0, 139.6, 136.4, 134.5, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 127.8, 127.7, 124.5, 71.2, 54.2; IR (KBr) ν_{max}: 3062, 2926, 1685, 1231, 1084, 1005, 960, 831, 761, 617 cm⁻¹; HRMS calculated for C₃₀H₂₀Cl₂O₃Na [M+Na⁺]: 521.0682, found: 521.0682.

(5*R,6*R**,11*R**,12*R**)-5,6,11,12-Tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(4-fluorophenyl)methanone (2m).** Yield: 82%; white solid; m.p. 236-239 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 8.08-8.12 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.16-7.25 (m, 6H), 7.61-7.64 (m, 2H), 5.56 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.6, 167.3, 163.9, 136.4, 132.5, 132.5, 131.2, 131.1, 130.3, 129.7, 127.8, 127.7, 124.5, 116.1, 115.9, 71.3, 54.1; IR (KBr) ν_{max}:

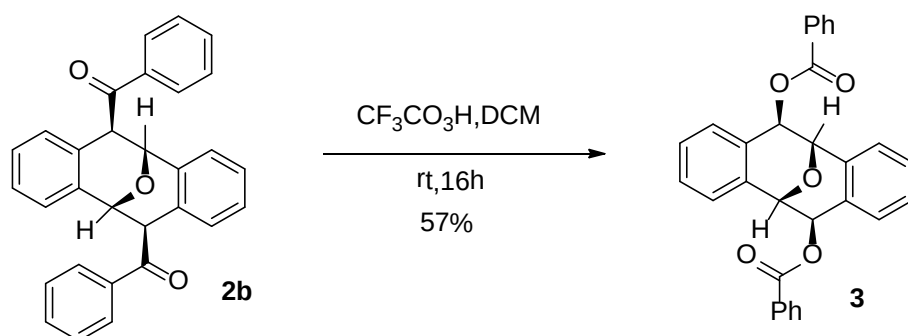
3068, 2927, 1680, 1230, 1079, 1007, 970, 840, 744, 605 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$: 489.1273, found: 489.1268.

(5R*,6R*,11R*,12R*)-5,6,11,12-Tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)methanone) (2n). Yield: 67%; white solid; m.p. 292-298 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.05-8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.57-7.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.43-7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.27 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.18-7.13 (t, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.93-6.90 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 5.59 (s, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 1.37 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.7, 156.8, 136.9, 133.5, 130.4, 130.2, 128.5, 127.6, 127.4, 125.8, 124.5, 54.1, 35.1, 31.0; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3026, 2959, 2867, 1687, 1262, 1080, 968, 828, 748, 619 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$ 565.2713, found: 565.2714.

(5R*,6R*,11R*,12R*)-5,6,11,12-Tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-6,12-diyl)bis(*p*-tolylmethanone) (2o). Yield: 87%; white solid; m.p. 180-182 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00-7.97 (d, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.30-7.38 (m, 8H), 7.17-7.22 (dt, 2H, J_1 = 7.8 Hz, J_2 = 1.5 Hz), 6.91-6.94 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 5.57 (s, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.7, 143.9, 136.8, 133.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.5, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 124.5, 71.4, 53.9, 21.6; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3027, 2961, 2919, 1676, 1257, 1084, 970, 822, 727, 608 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$: 481.1774, found: 481.1767.

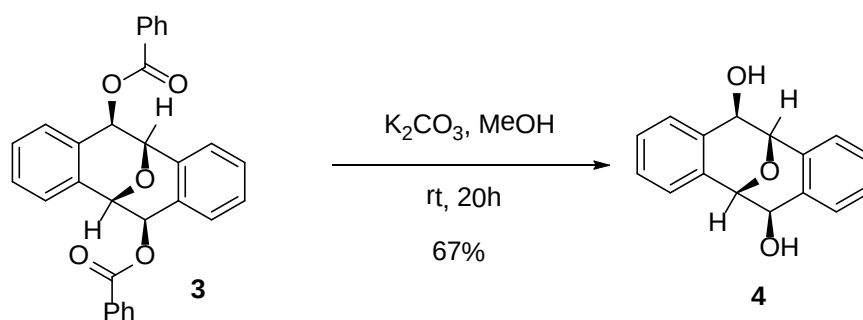
(5R*,6R*,11R*,12R*)-Dimethyl 6,12-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)benzoyl)-5,6,11,12-tetrahydro-5,11-epoxydibenzo[*a,e*][8]annulene-3,9-dicarboxylate (2p). Yield: 65%; white solid; m.p.: 292-298 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3CN): δ 8.09-8.03 (m, 6H), 7.84-7.84 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 4H), 7.03-7.01 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 5.68 (s, 2H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 1.38 (s, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.7, 134.7, 133.2, 131.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 73.4, 71.1; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3036, 2959, 2870, 1717, 1228, 1104, 995, 845, 617 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$ 681.2823, found: 681.2818.

3. Experimental procedure for transformations of Kagan's Ethers



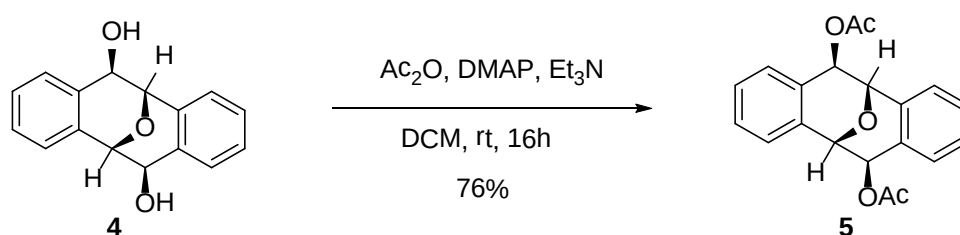
To a solution of trifluoroacetic anhydride (TFAA) (0.96 mL, 6.8 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL) was added 30% hydrogen peroxide (0.15 mL, 1.4 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The resultant solution was directly used as 0.33 mol/L TFPA solution of dichloromethane.

To the above solution of trifluoroperoxyacetic acid (TFPA) in dichloromethane (0.33 M, 8 mL) was added the solution of **2b** (0.21 g, 0.5 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 4 h at the room temperature, the second batch of TFPA solution in dichloromethane (0.33 M, 8 mL) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 4 h. The reaction was quenched by adding saturated aq. sodium hydrogen sulfite, diluted with water and extracted with dichloromethane (15 mL x 3). The combined organic phases were washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) afforded **3** (0.12 g, 57%) as a pale yellow solid. m.p. 199-201 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.10-8.13 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.46 (m, 6H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 4H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 5.53 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.7, 134.7, 133.2, 131.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 125.7, 73.4, 71.1; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3061, 3032, 2965, 2930, 1707, 1270, 1094, 940, 709 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 485.1360, found: 485.1367.

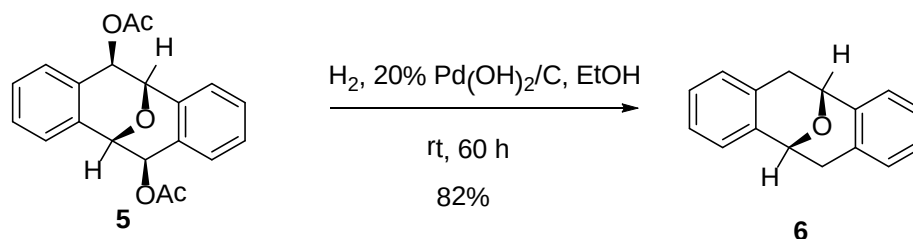


To the solution of **3** (4.6g, 10 mmol) in methanol (50mL) was added potassium carbonate (1.2 g)

at the room temperature. After stirring for 24 h, the mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. Purification by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1) afforded **4** (1.7 g, 67%) as a white solid. m.p. 253-256 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD): δ 7.18-7.30 (m, 8H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD): δ 134.5, 132.6, 130.2, 127.7, 127.4, 124.8, 76.0, 69.7; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3385, 3032, 3006, 2916, 2893, 1491, 1242, 1040, 902, 761, 609 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$ 277.0835, found: 277.0842.



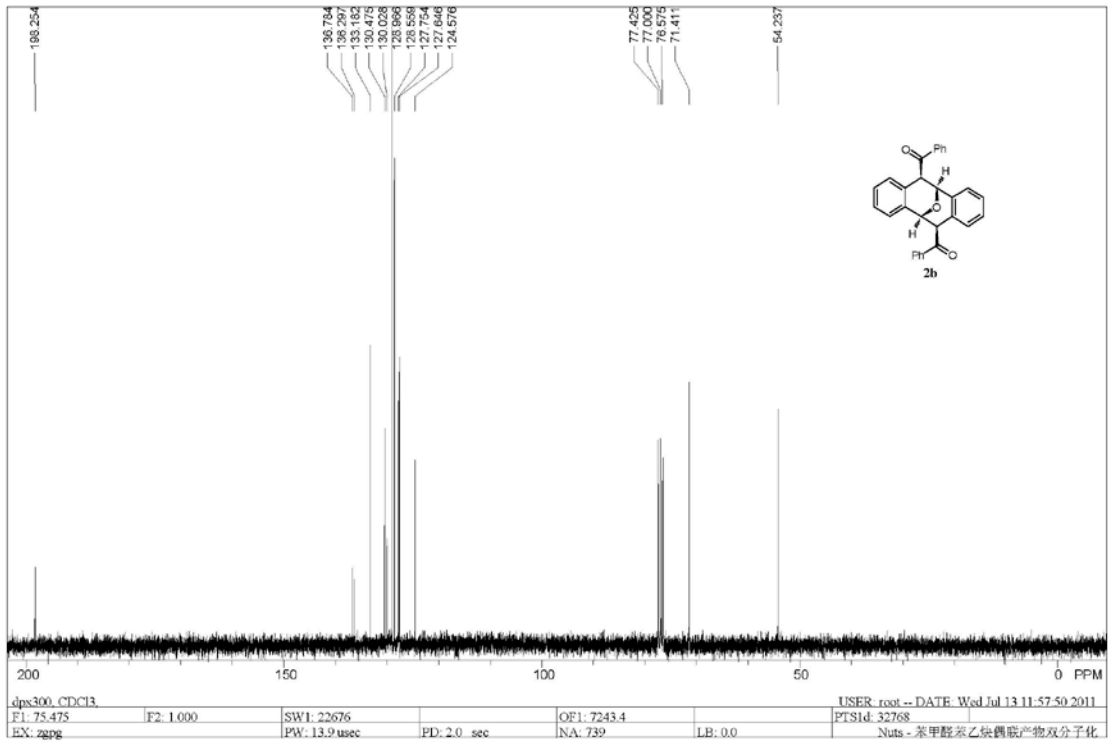
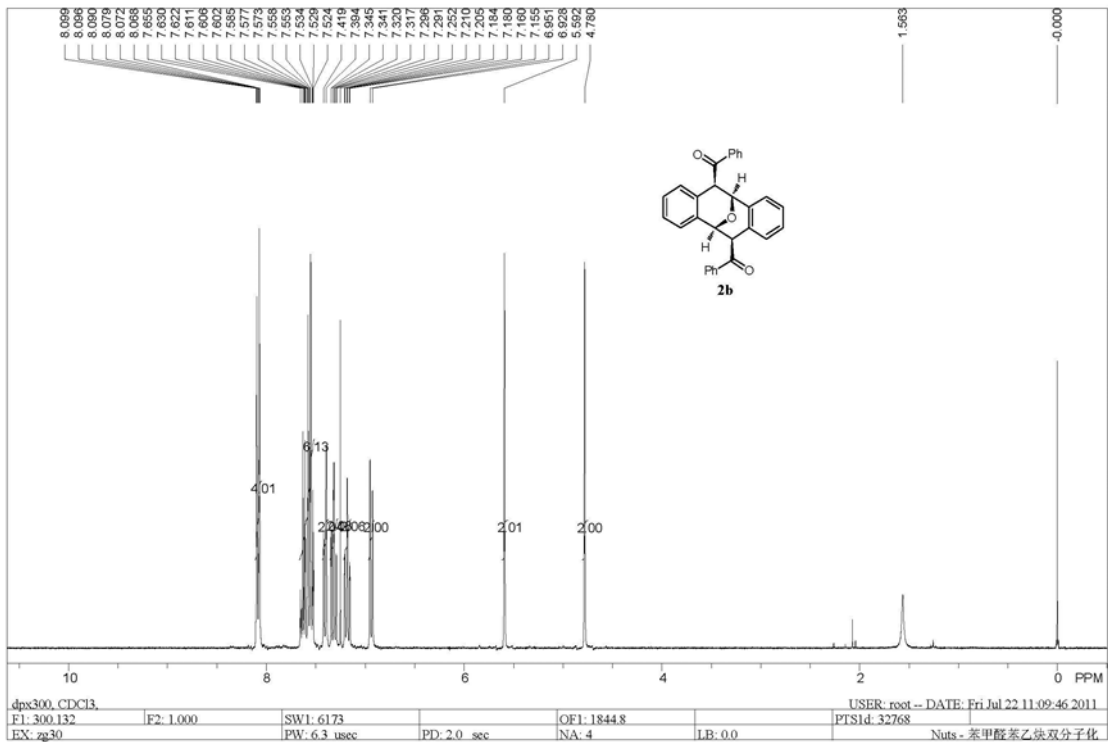
A solution of **4** (0.89 g, 5.0 mmol), DMAP (6 mg, 1 mol%) and triethylamine (2.2 mL, 8.97 mmol) in 50 mL dichloromethane was cooled down to -5°C and treated with acetic anhydride (0.91 g, 9 mmol). After stirring for 12 h, the reaction was quenched by adding 20 mL water and diluted with dichloromethane. The mixture was washed successively with sat. aq. sodium bicarbonate and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford **5** (1.28 g, 76%) as a white solid. m.p. 253-256 °C; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3Cl): δ 7.30-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.27 (m, 4H), 5.70 (s, 2H), 5.34 (s, 2H), 2.18 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 171.0, 134.3, 130.7, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 125.5, 73.1, 70.5, 21.2; IR (KBr) ν_{max} : 3067, 3031, 3010, 2975, 2947, 2848, 2361, 1726, 1242, 1024, 971, 765 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}^+]$ 361.1046, found: 361.1043.

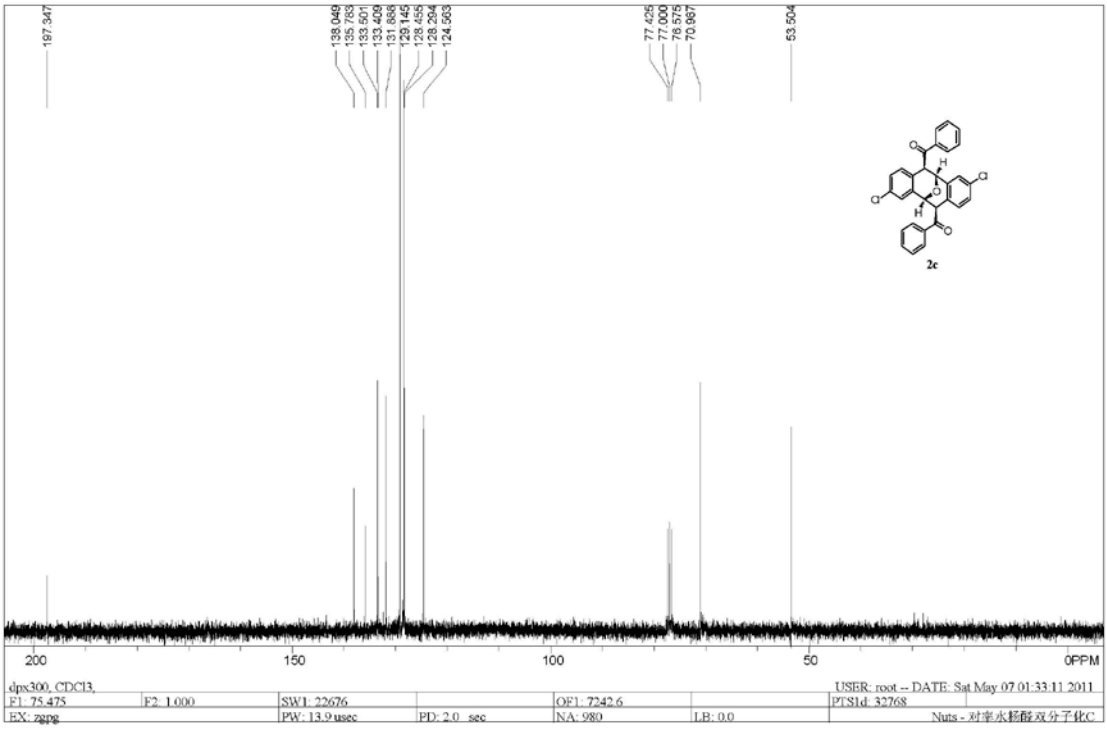
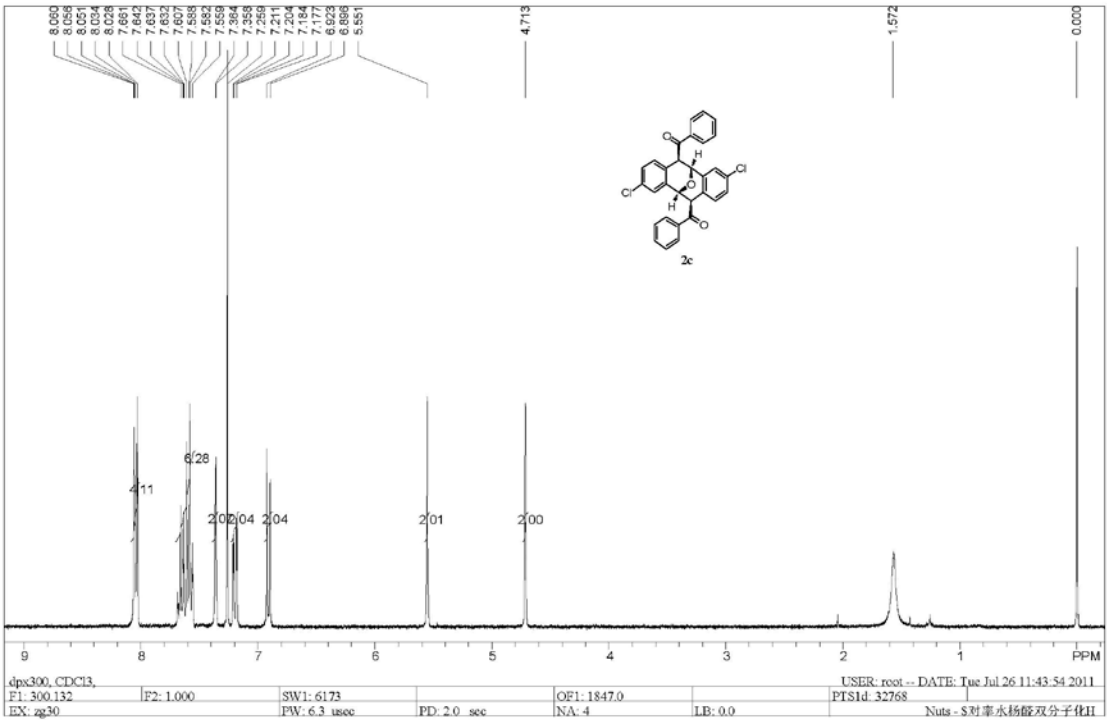


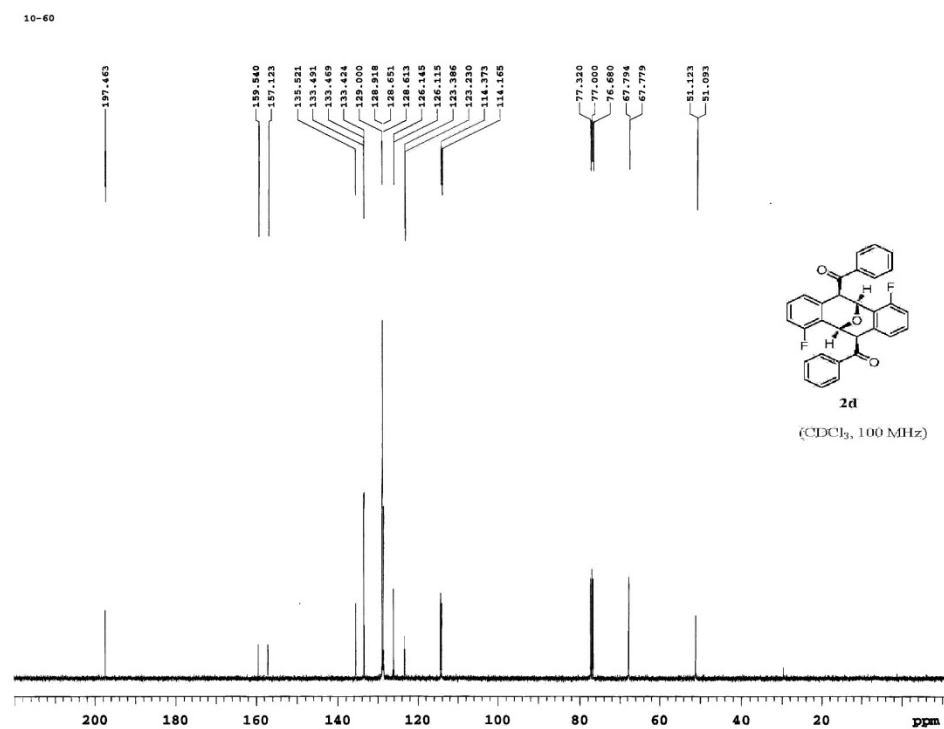
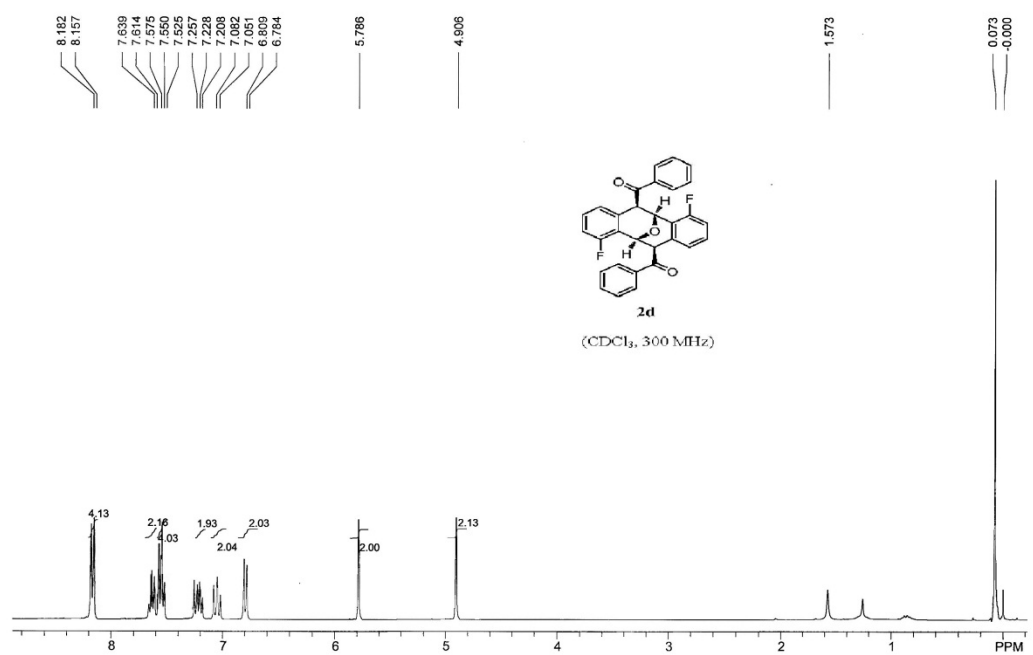
A mixture of diacetate **5** (1 g, 3 mmol) and 20% palladiumhydroxide on charcoal (200 mg) in ethanol (50 mL) was stirred under hydrogen at 40 psi (1 psi = 6.9 Kpa) at room temperature for 40 h. After removal of the catalyst by filtration, the solution was concentrated. The residue was

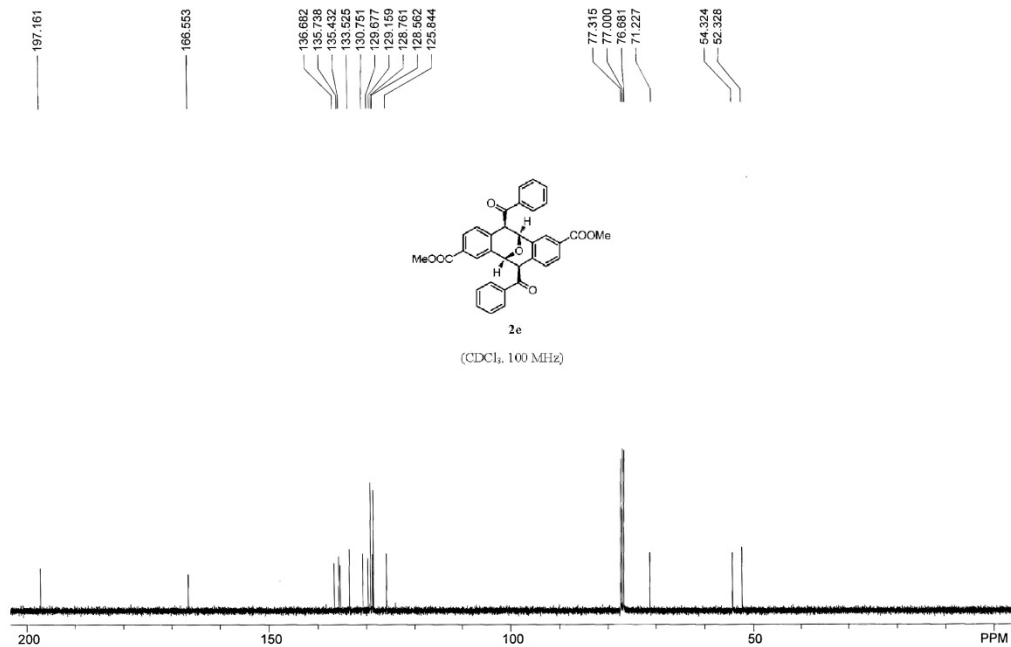
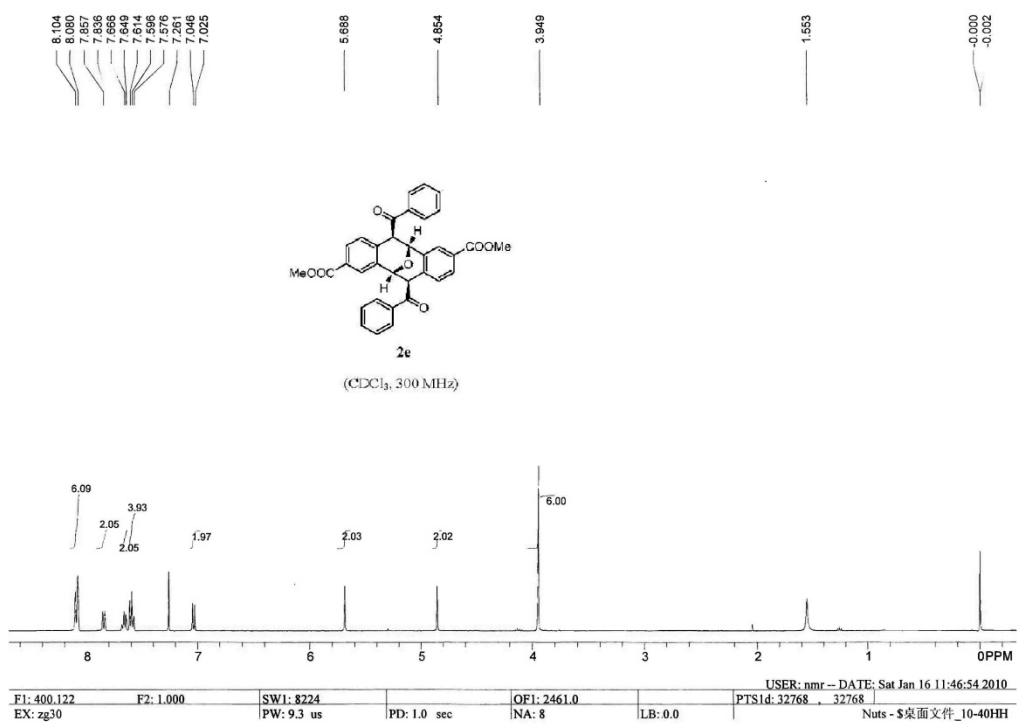
purified by silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **6** (0.54 g, 82%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.08-7.18 (m, 6H), 6.99-7.02 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.33 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.54-5.62 (dd, J_1 = 16.2 Hz, J_2 = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.77-2.83 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. EI-MS (m/z): 222 (M^+).

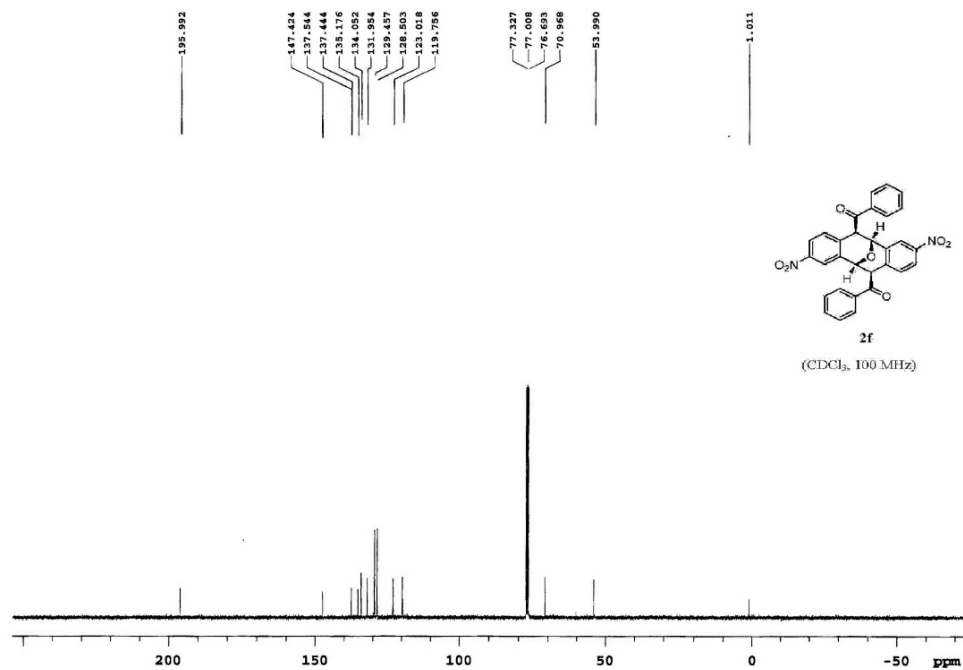
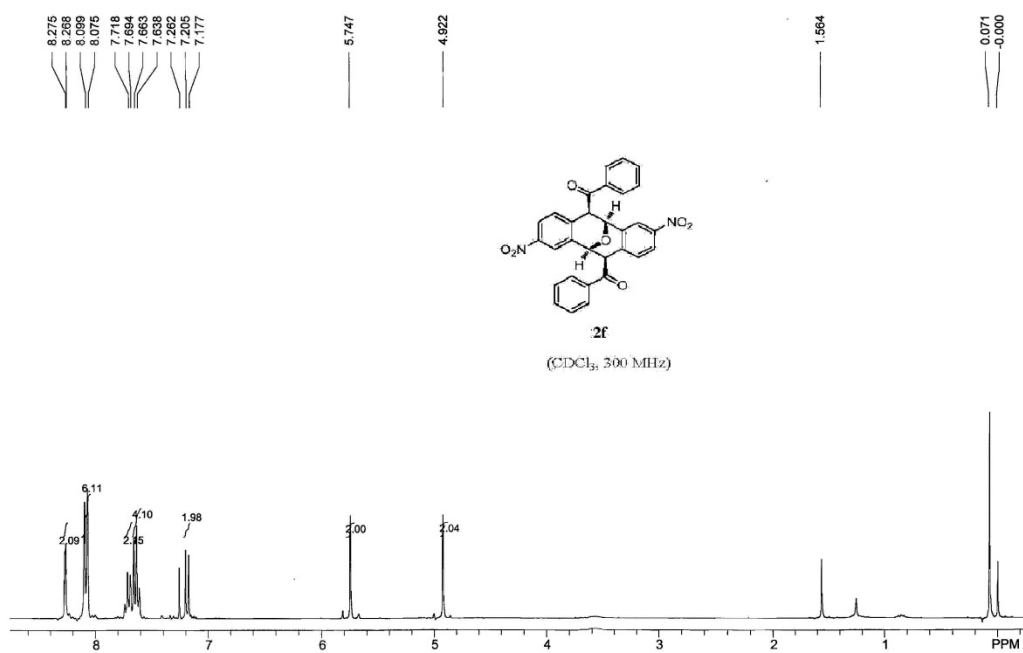
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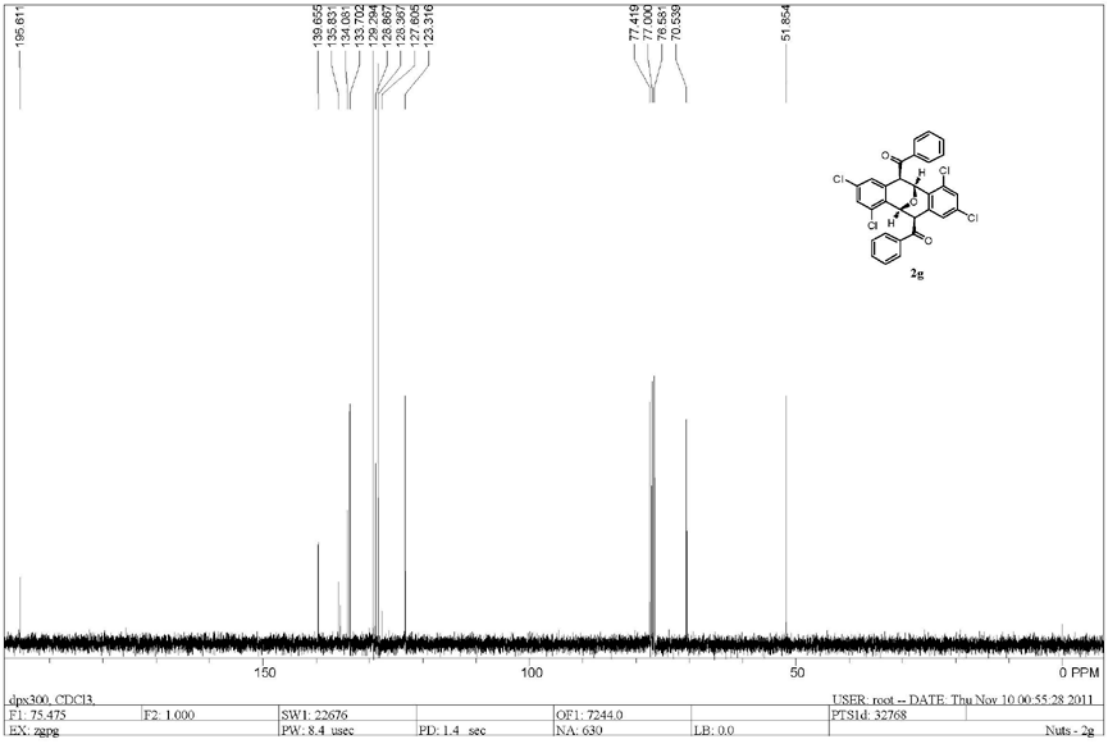
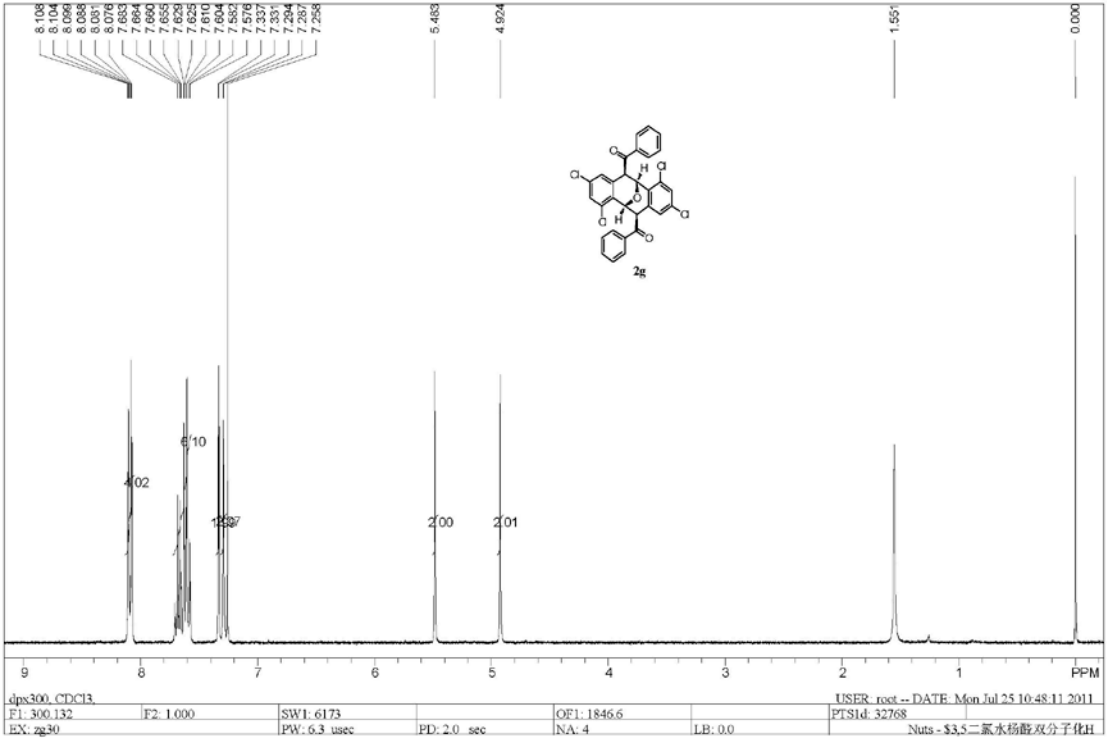


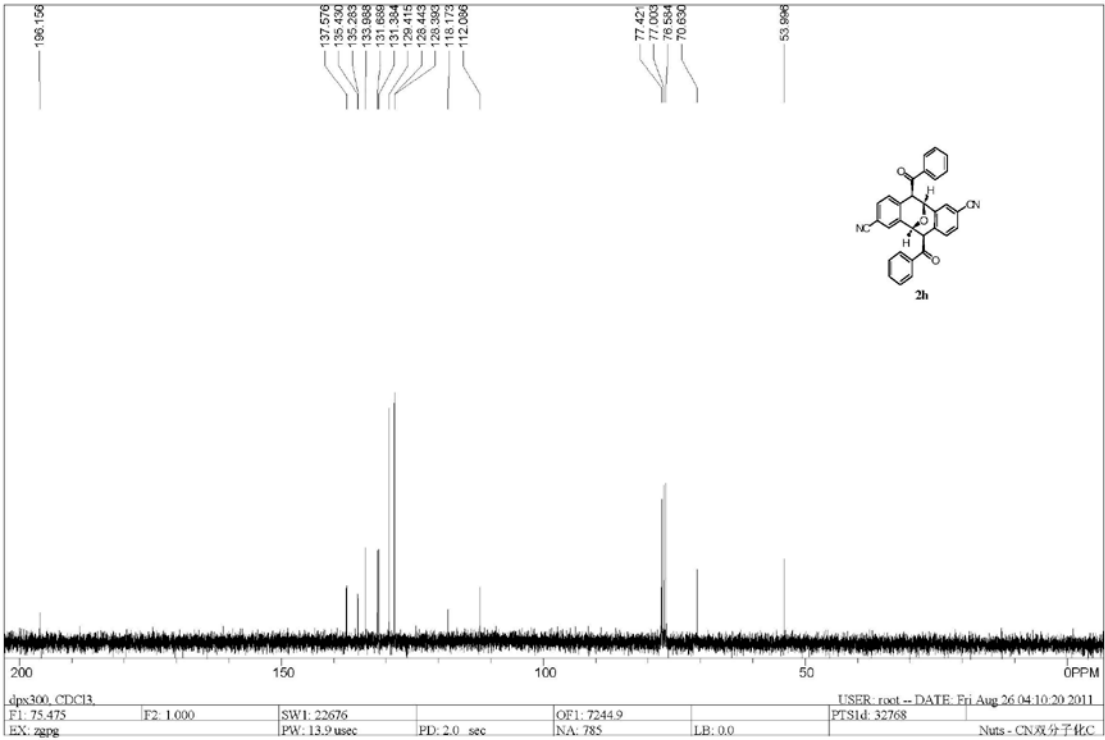
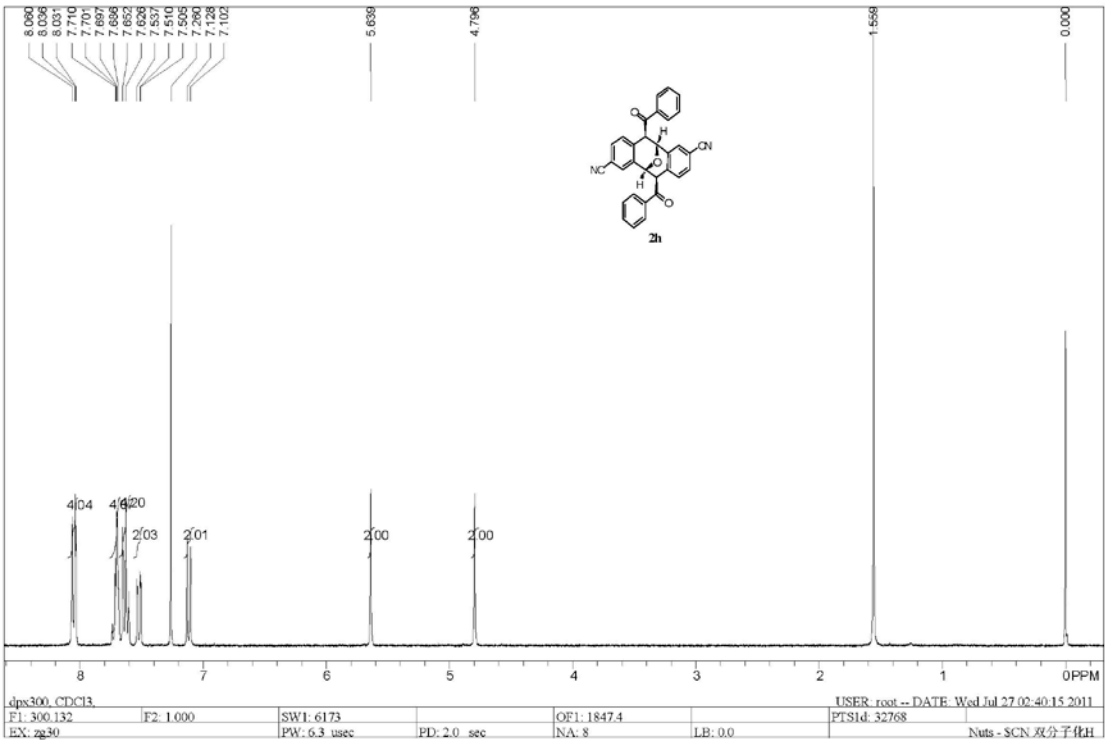


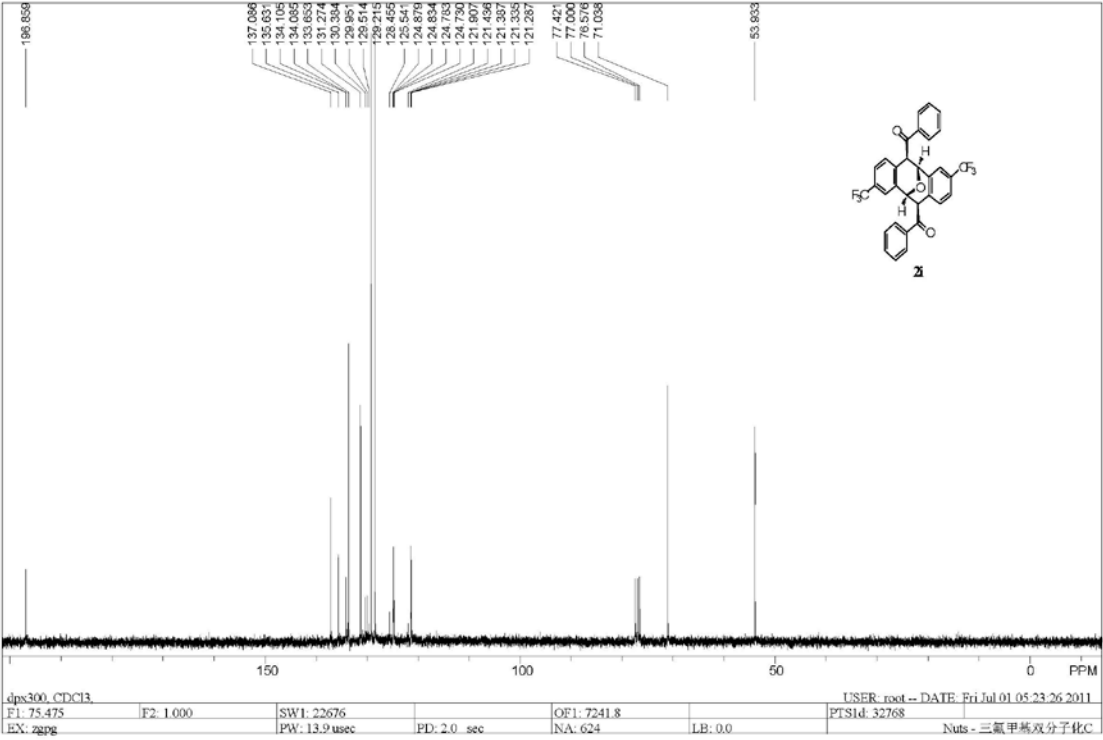
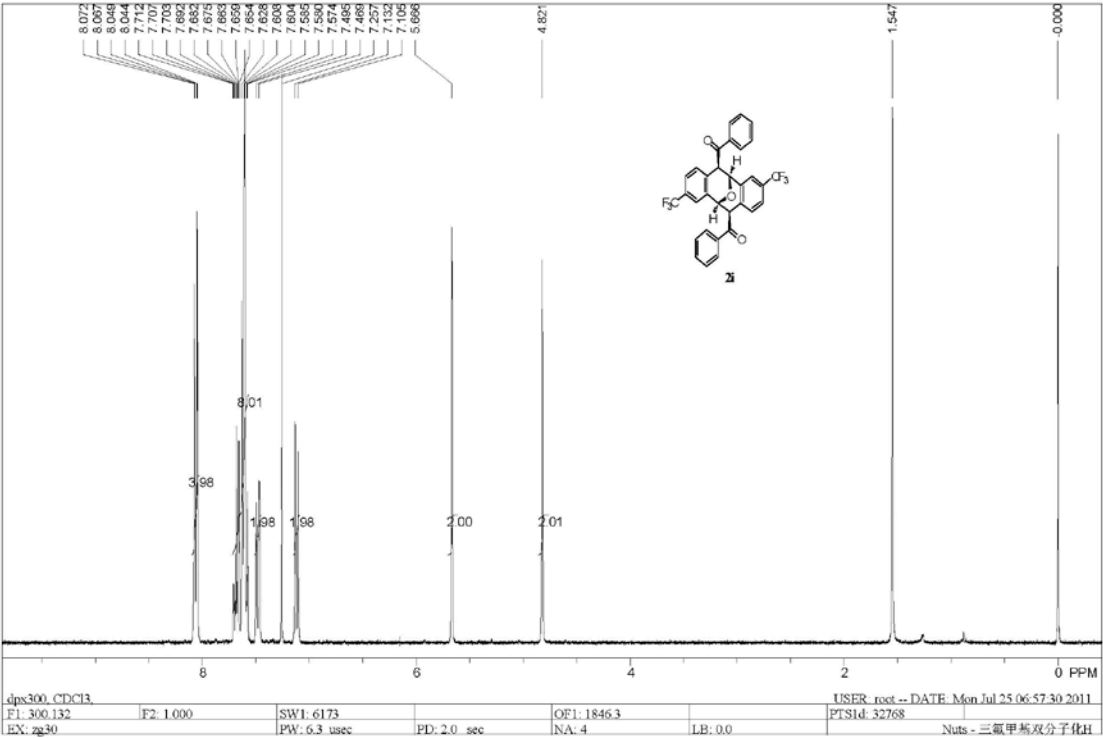


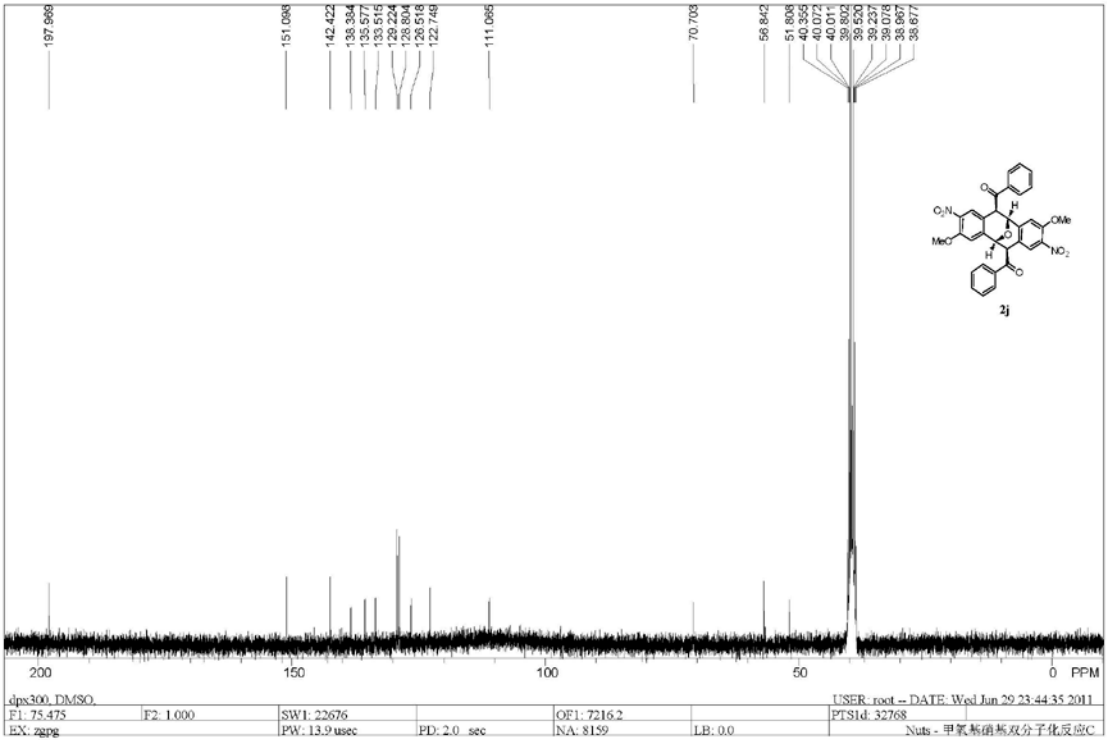
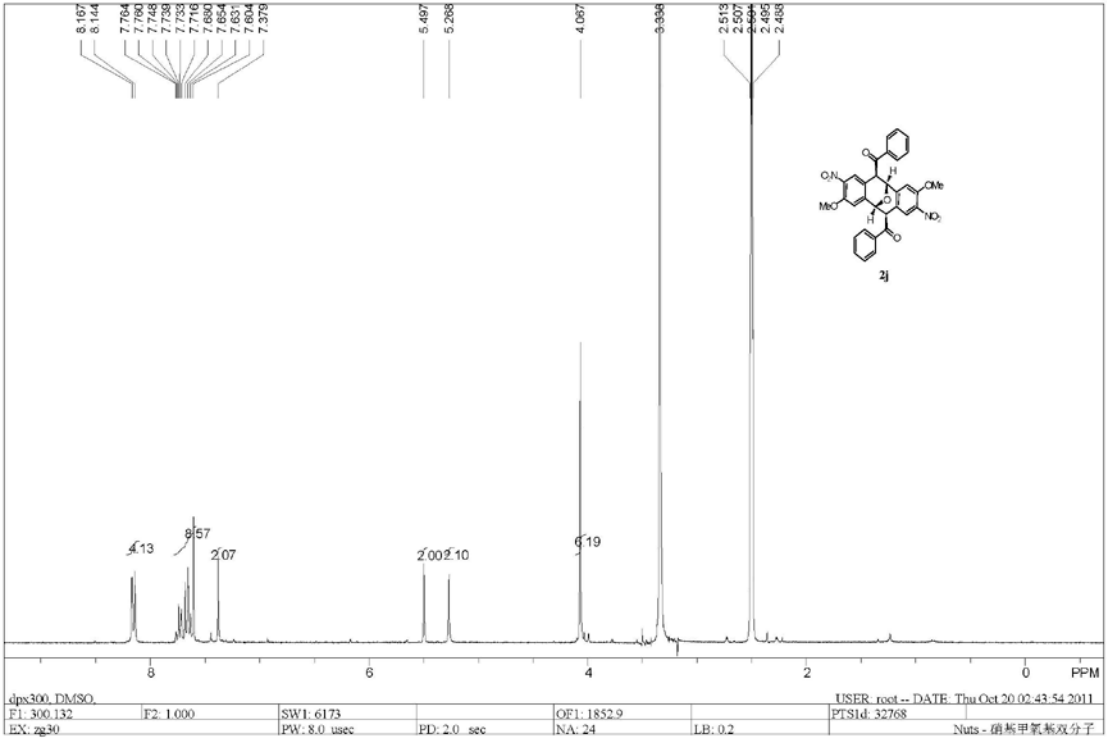


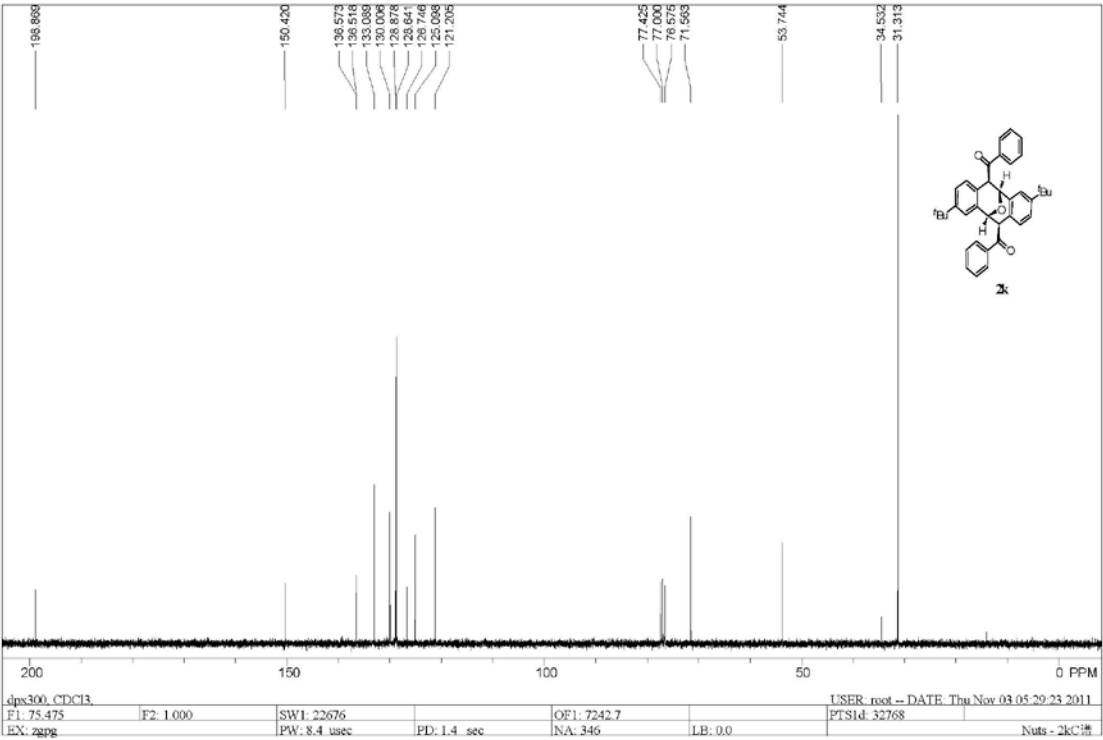
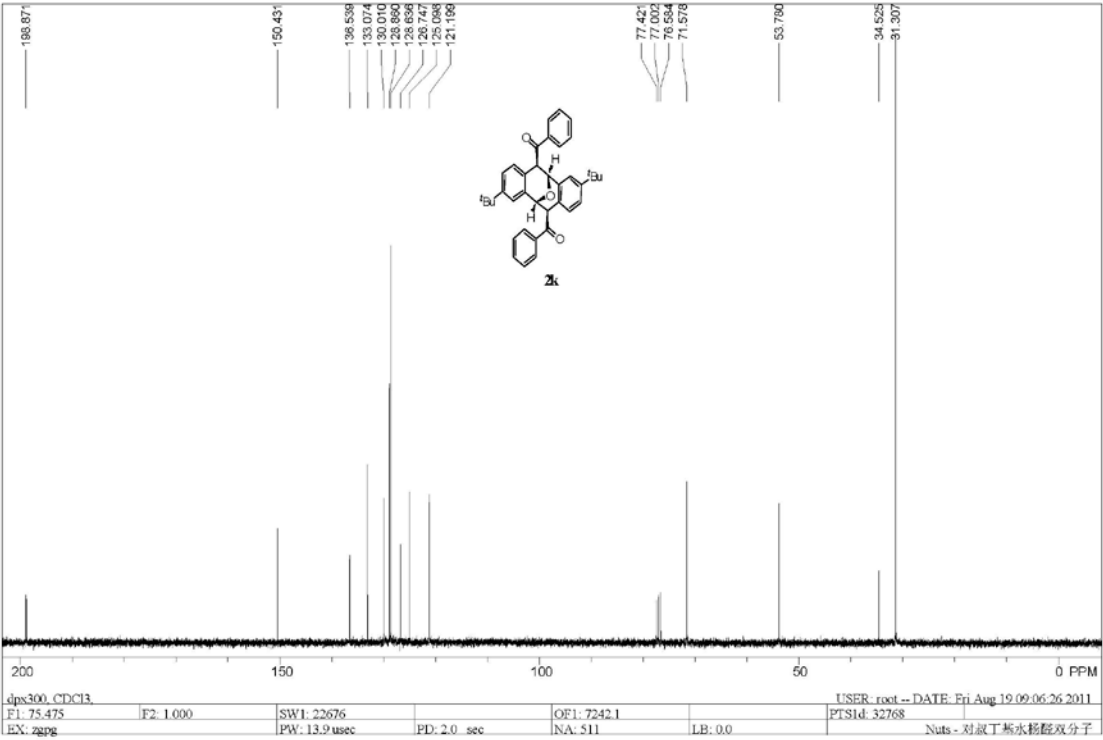


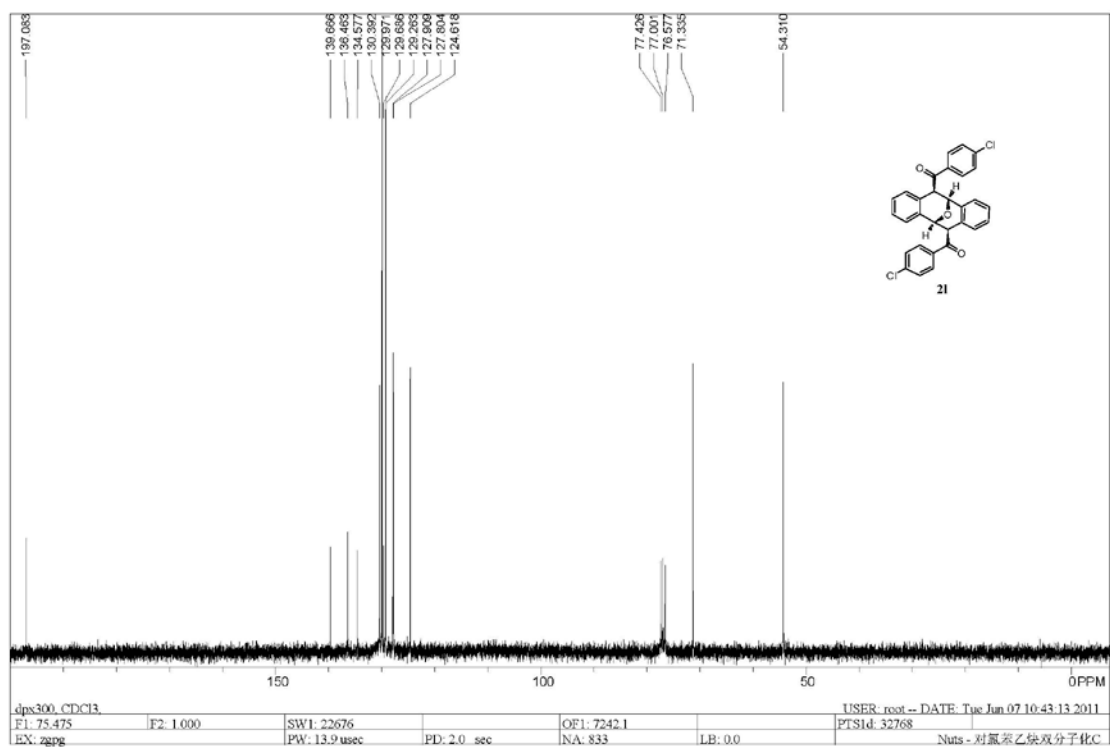
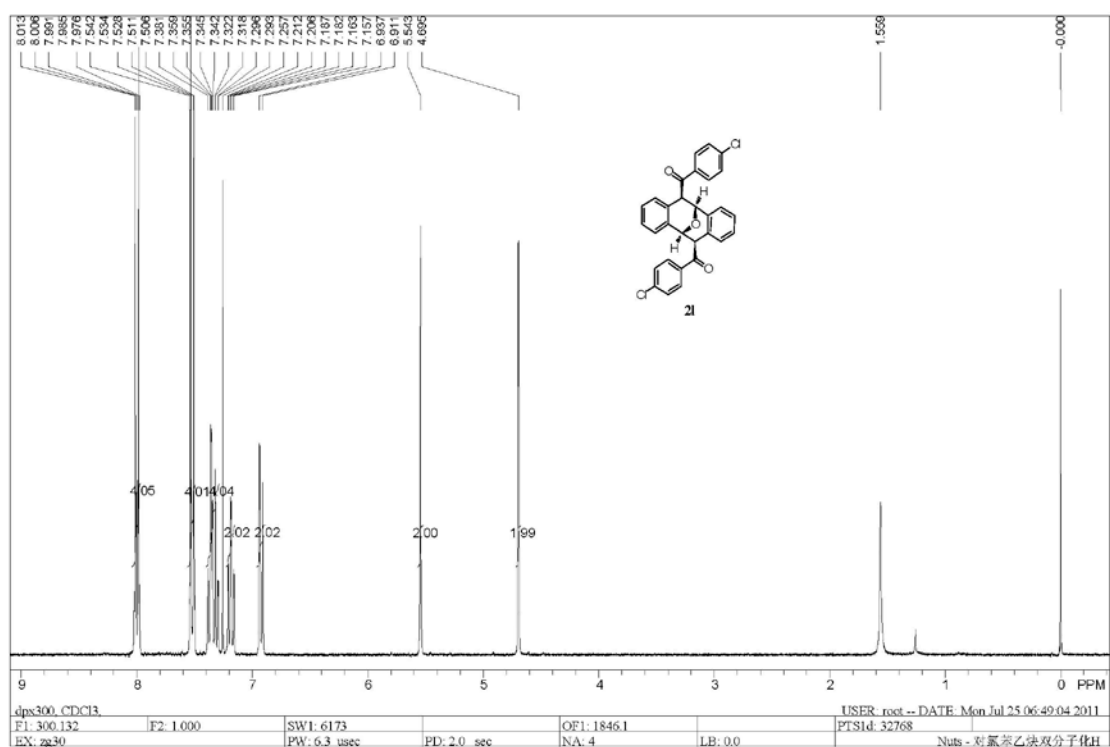


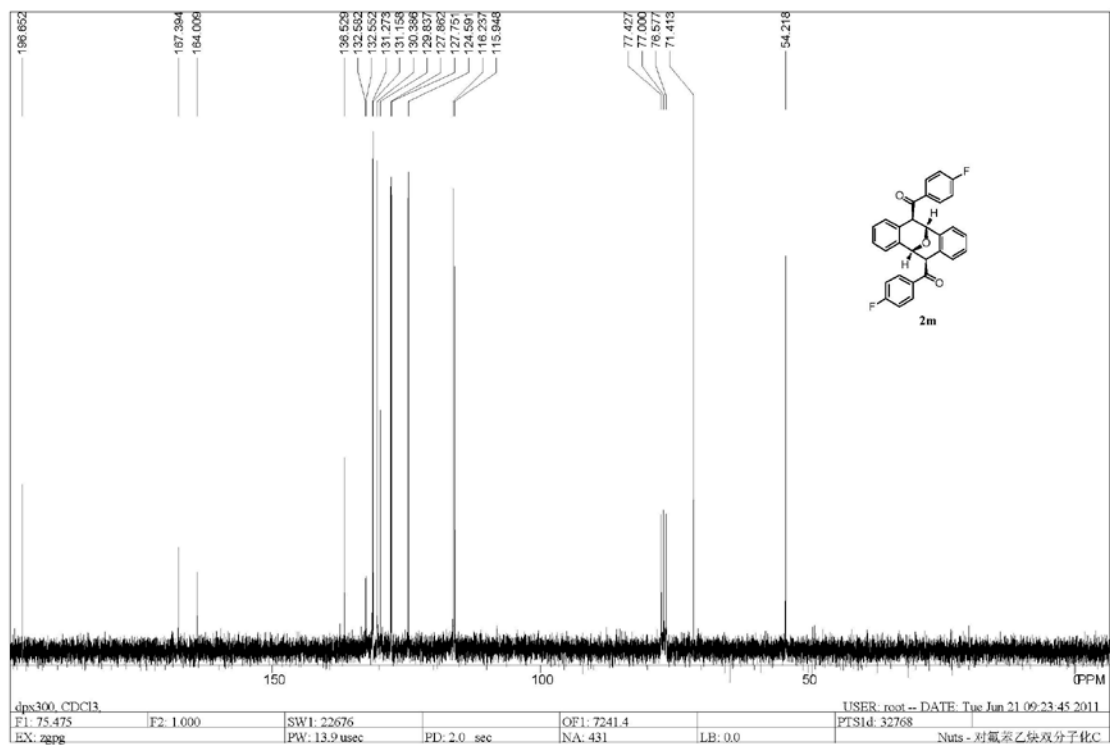
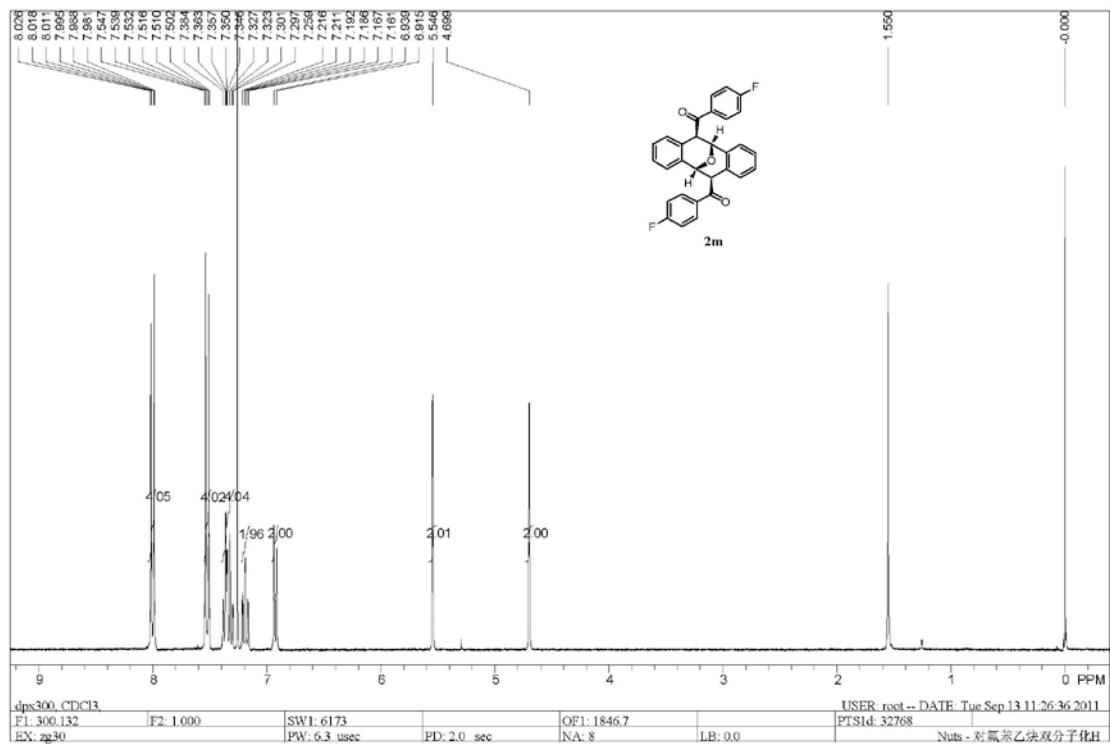


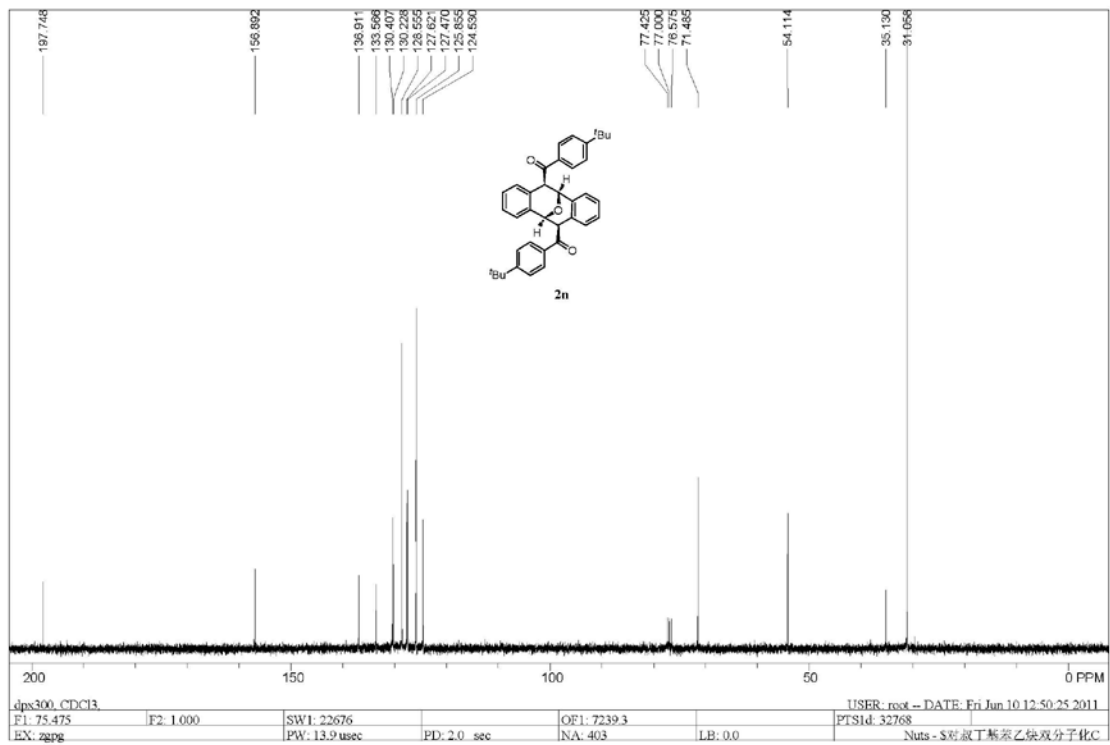
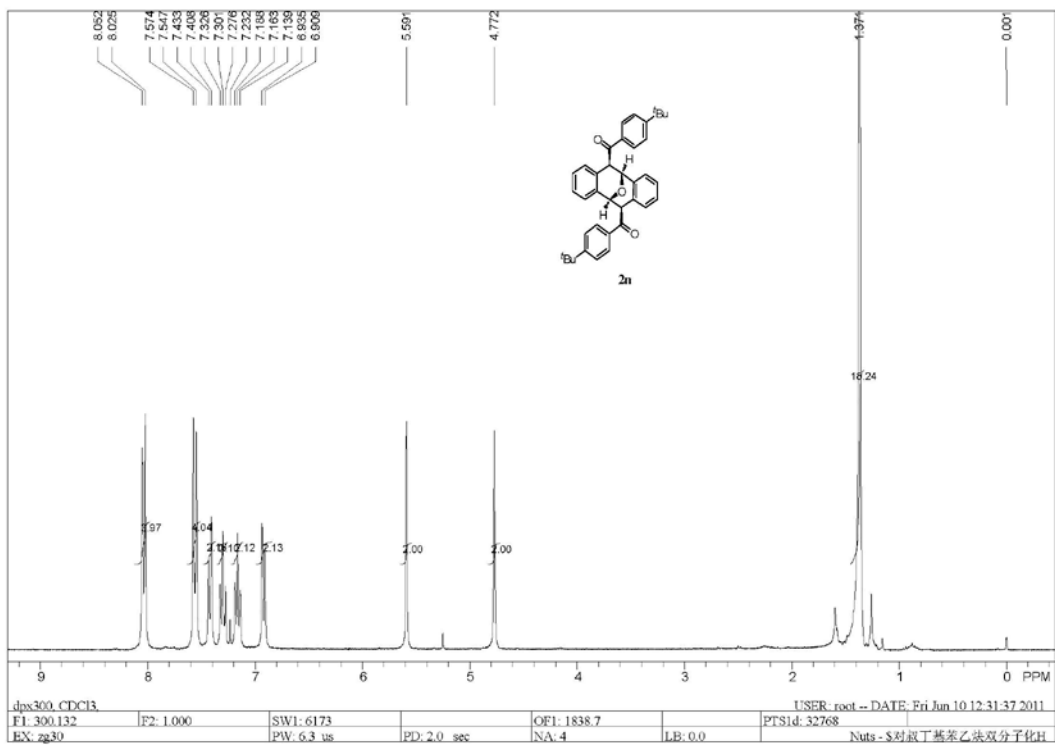


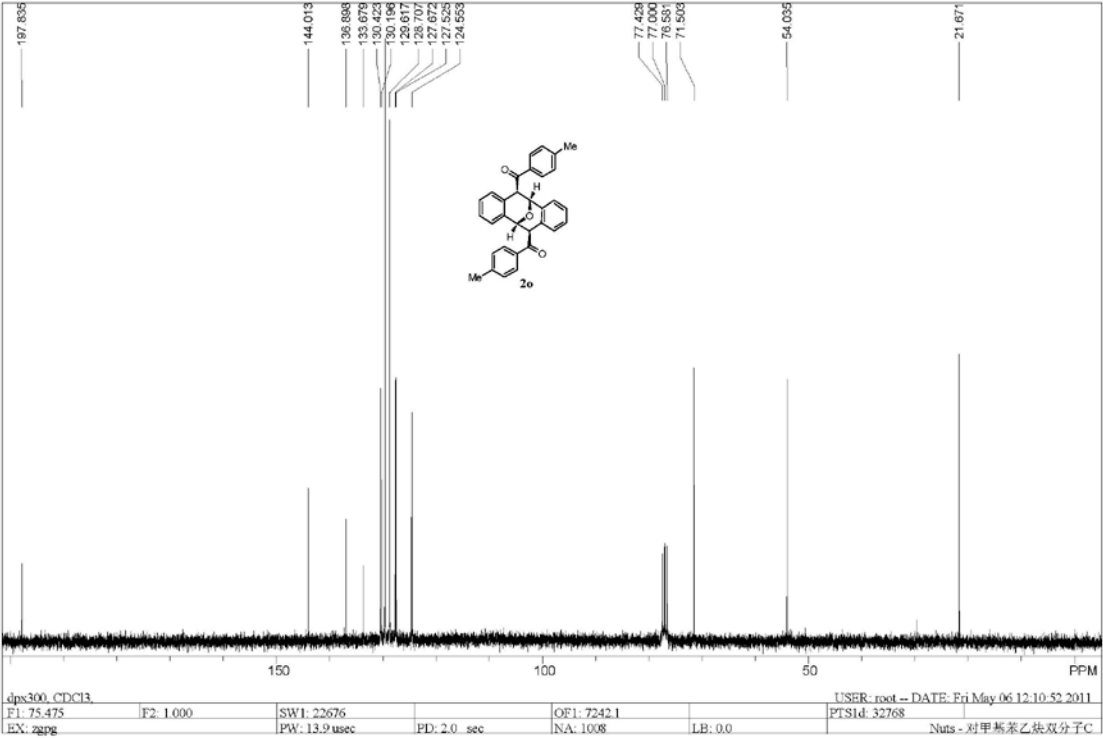
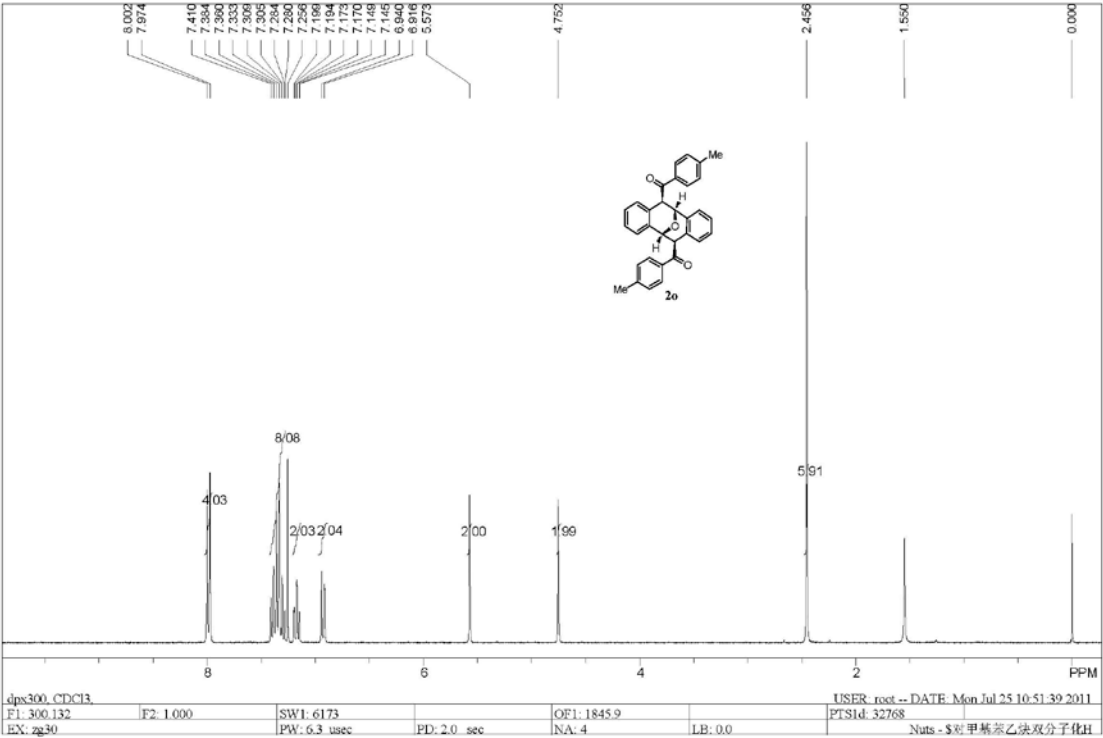


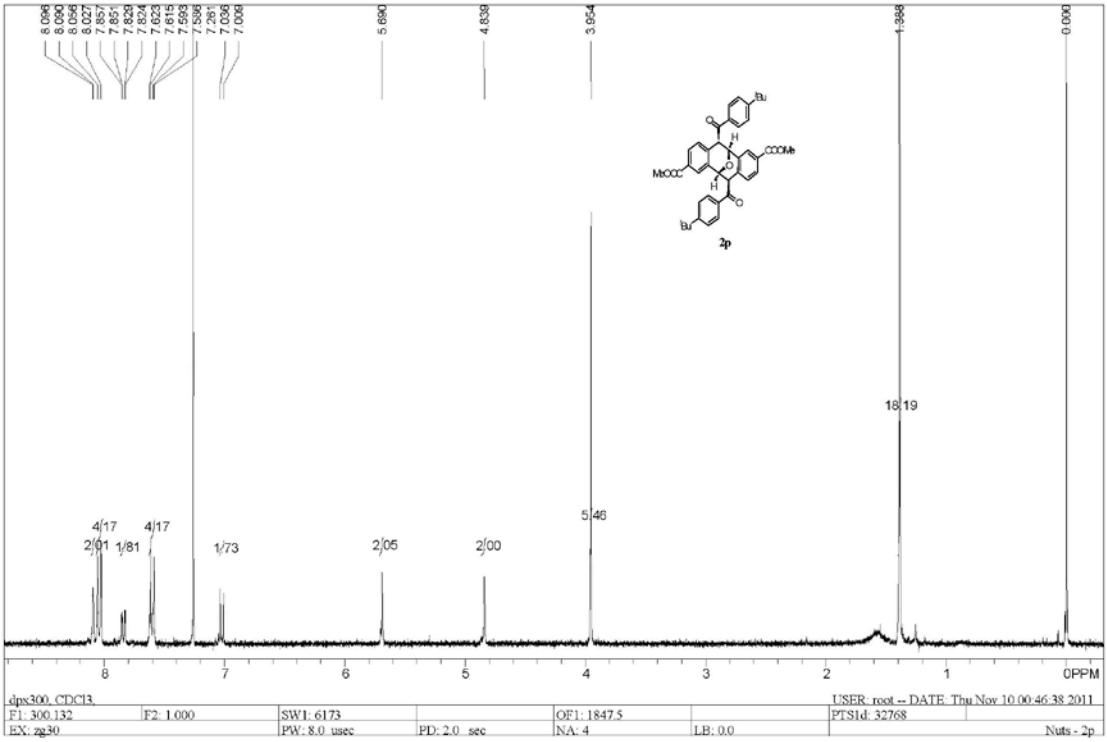
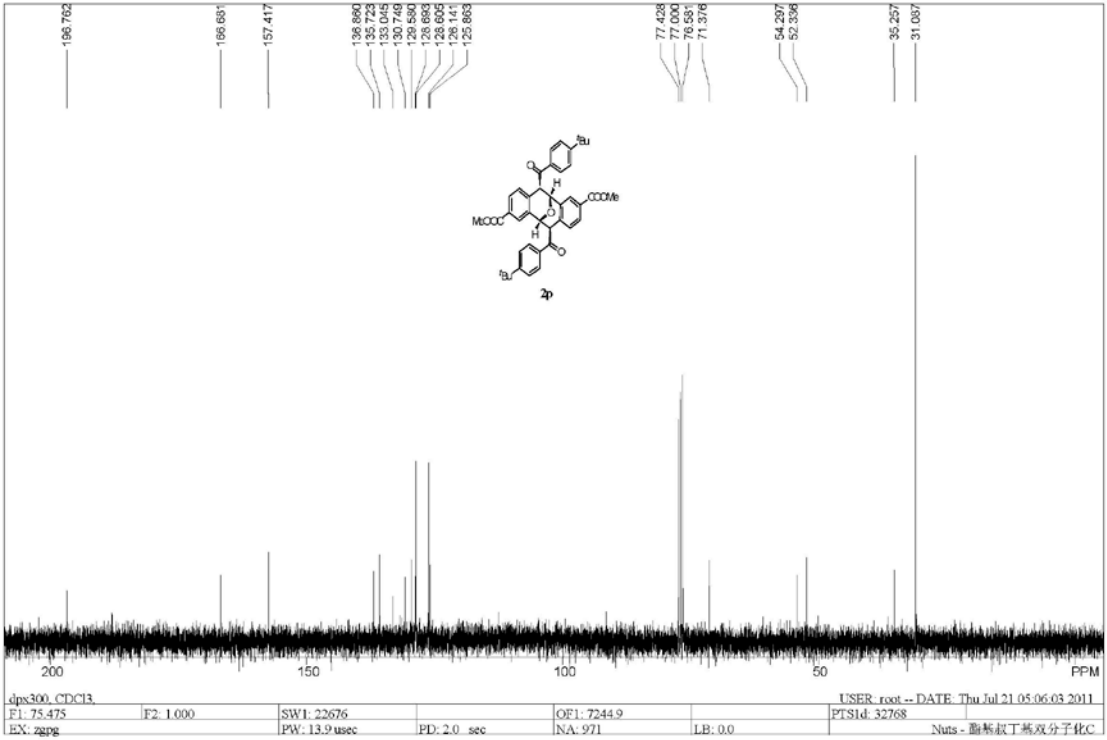


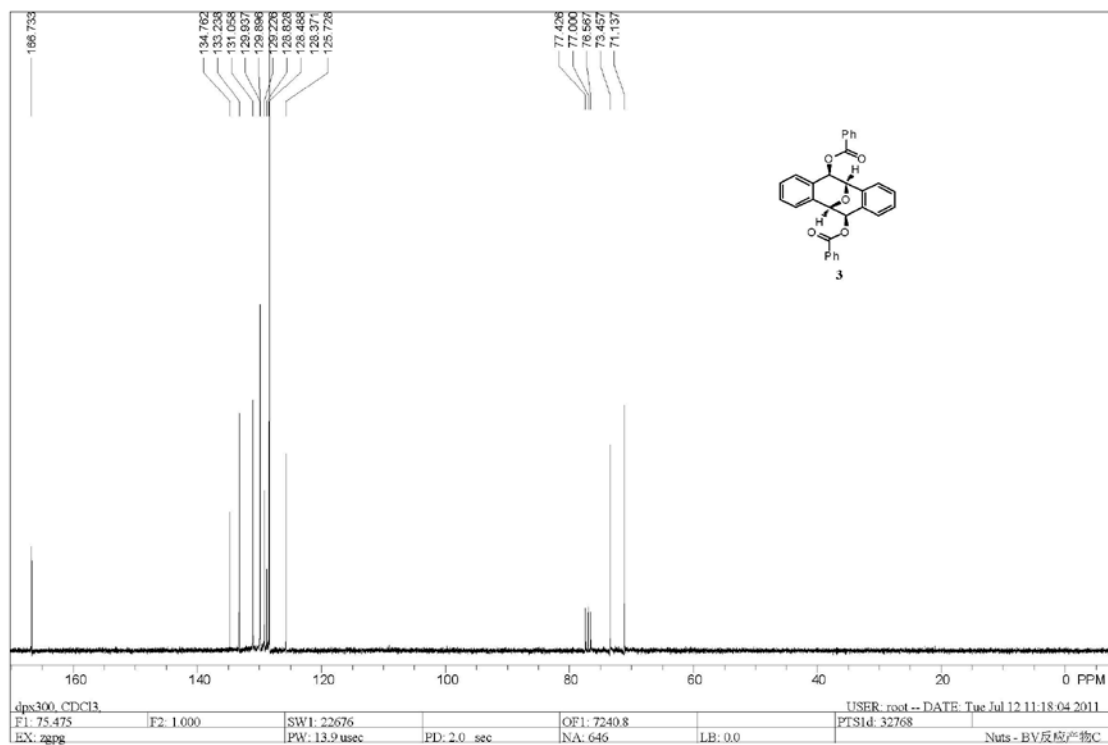
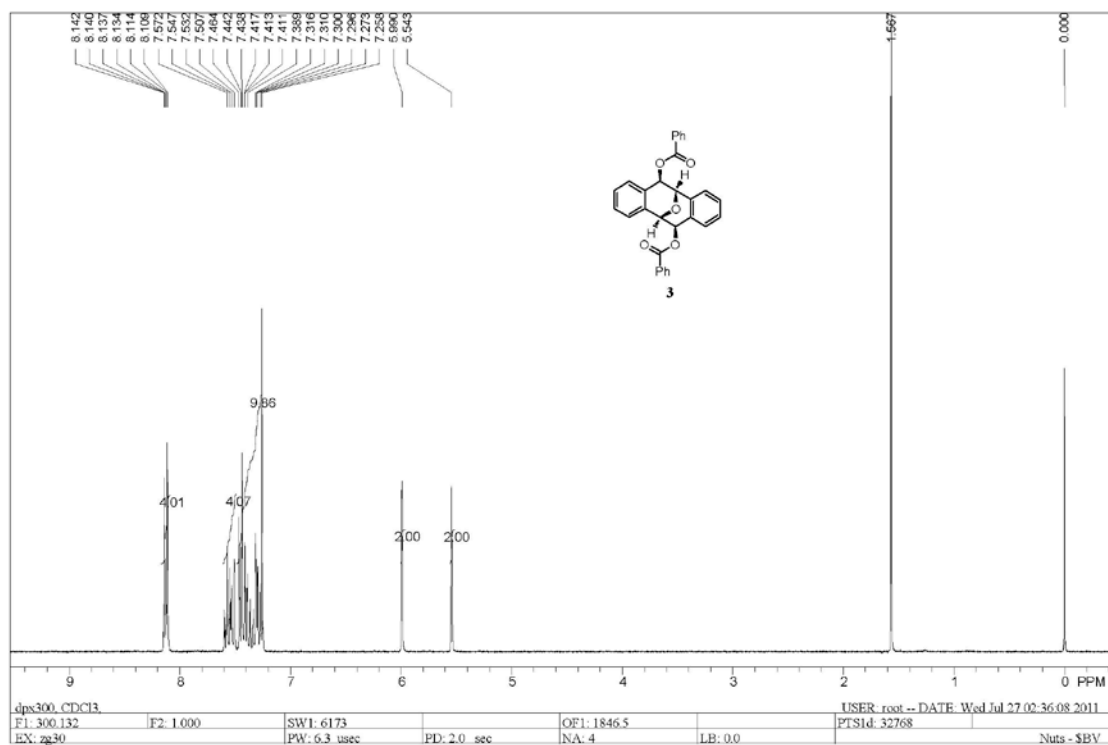


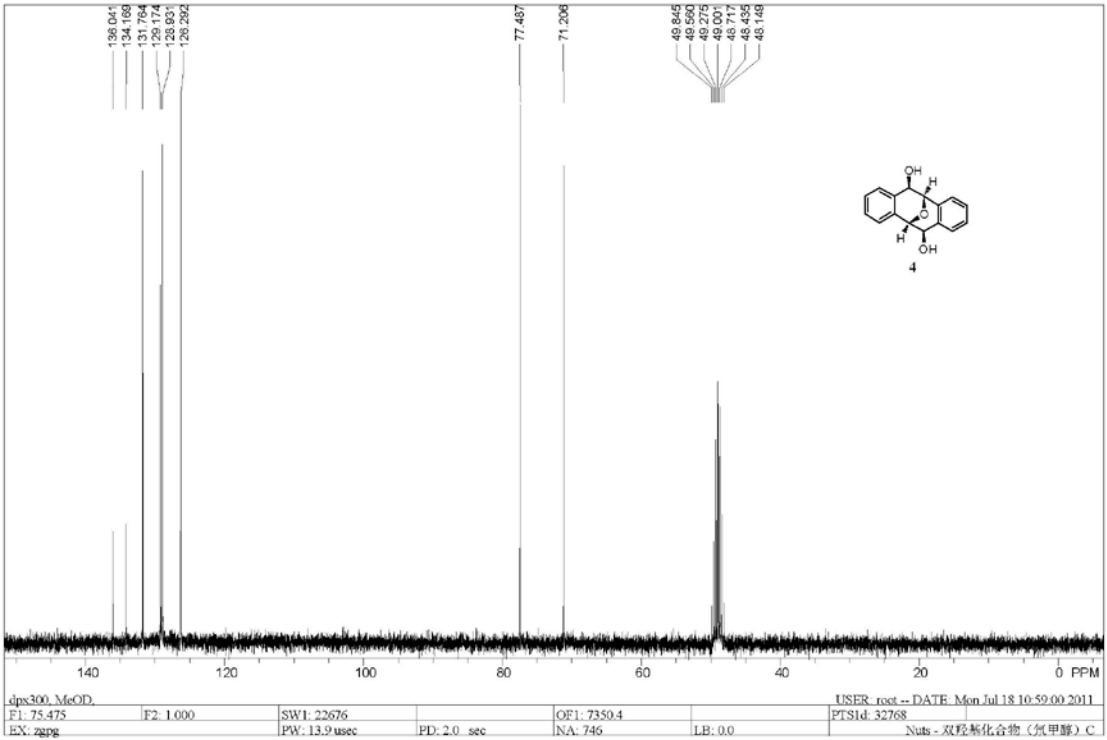
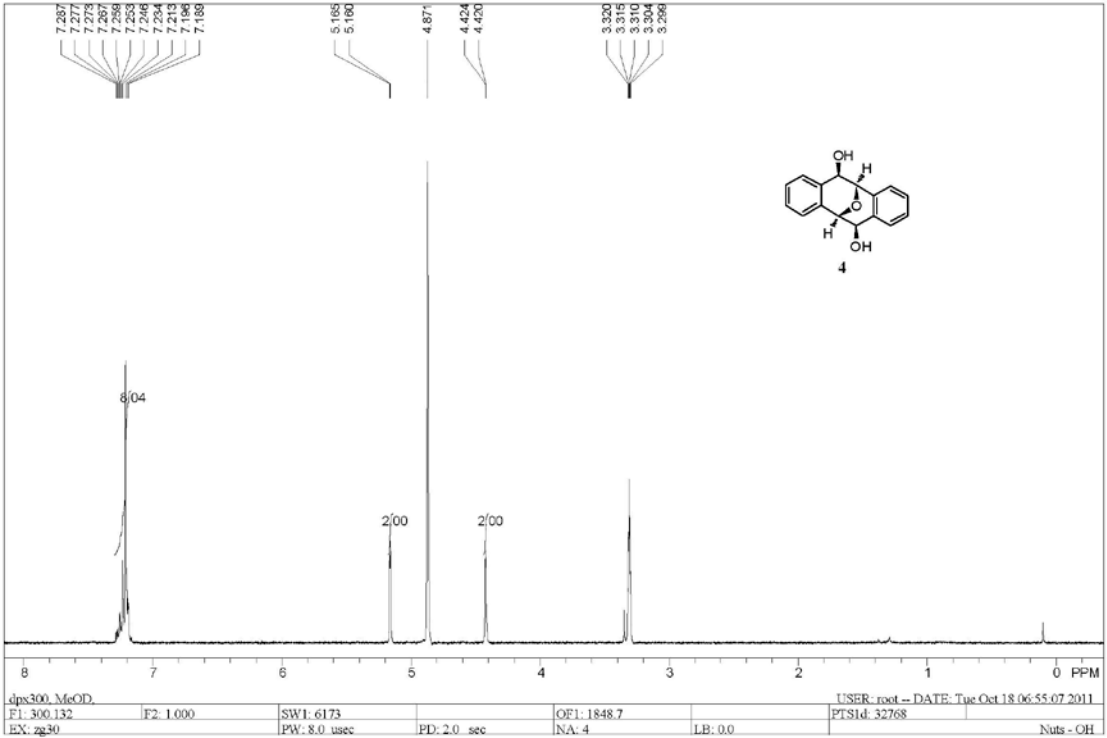


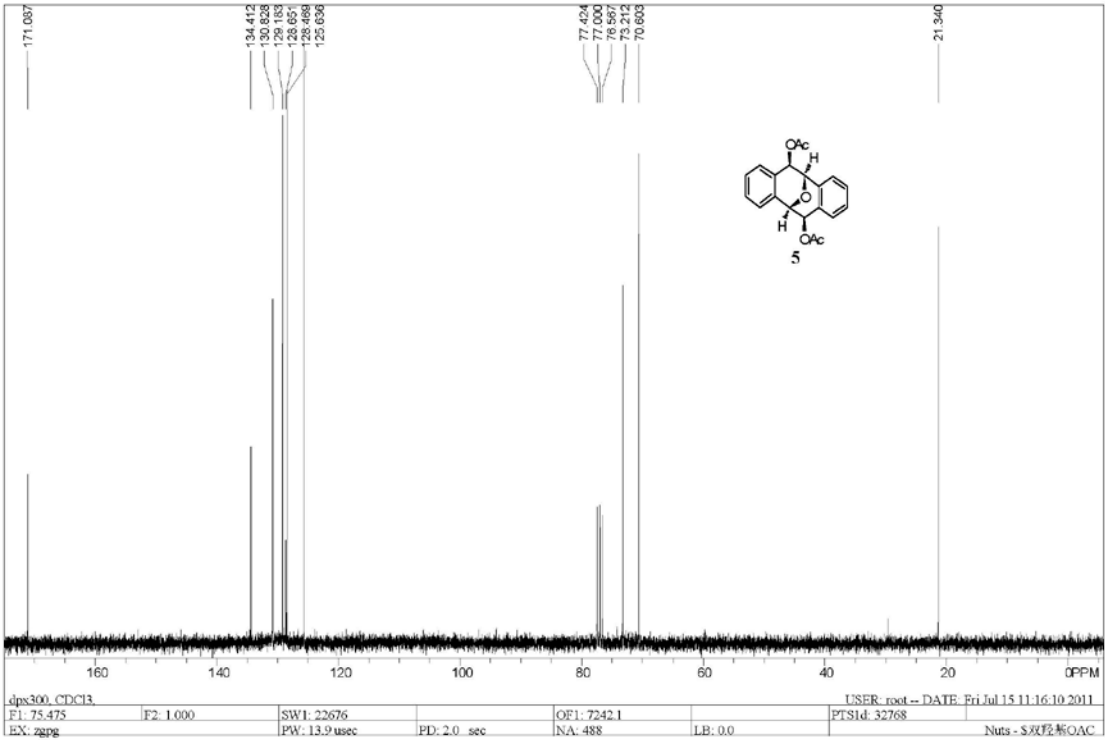
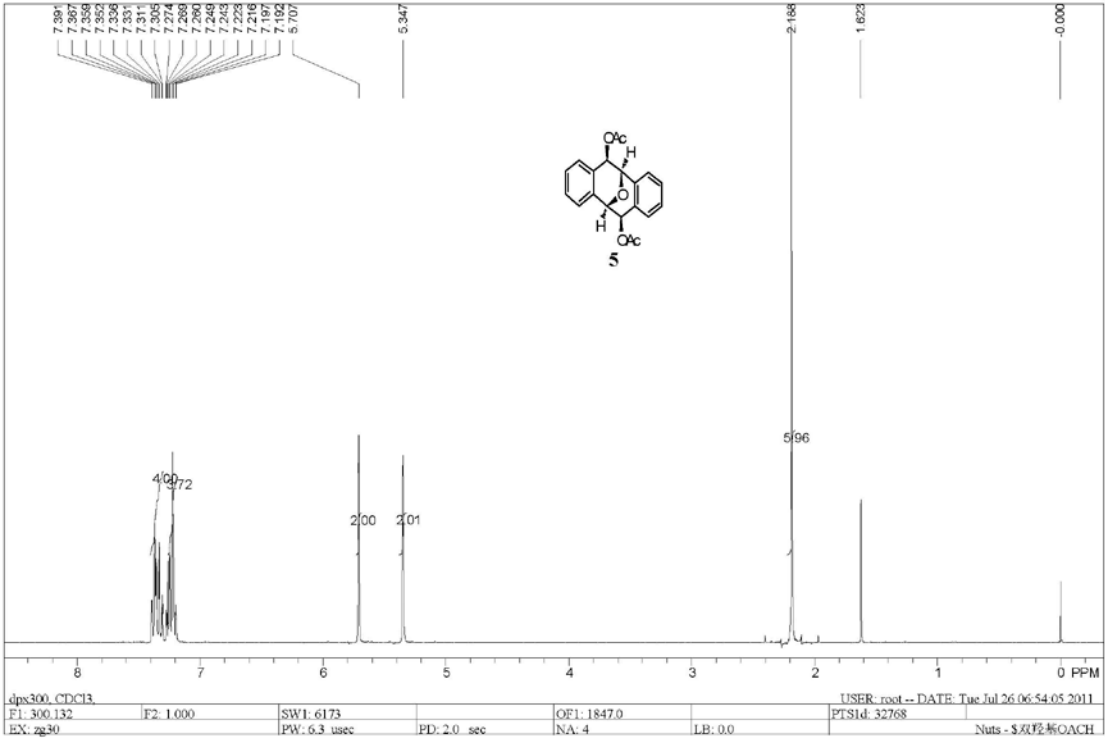




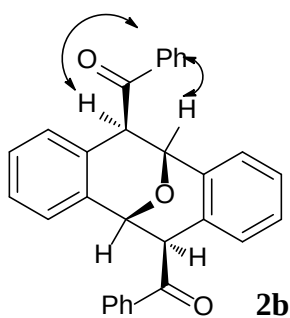
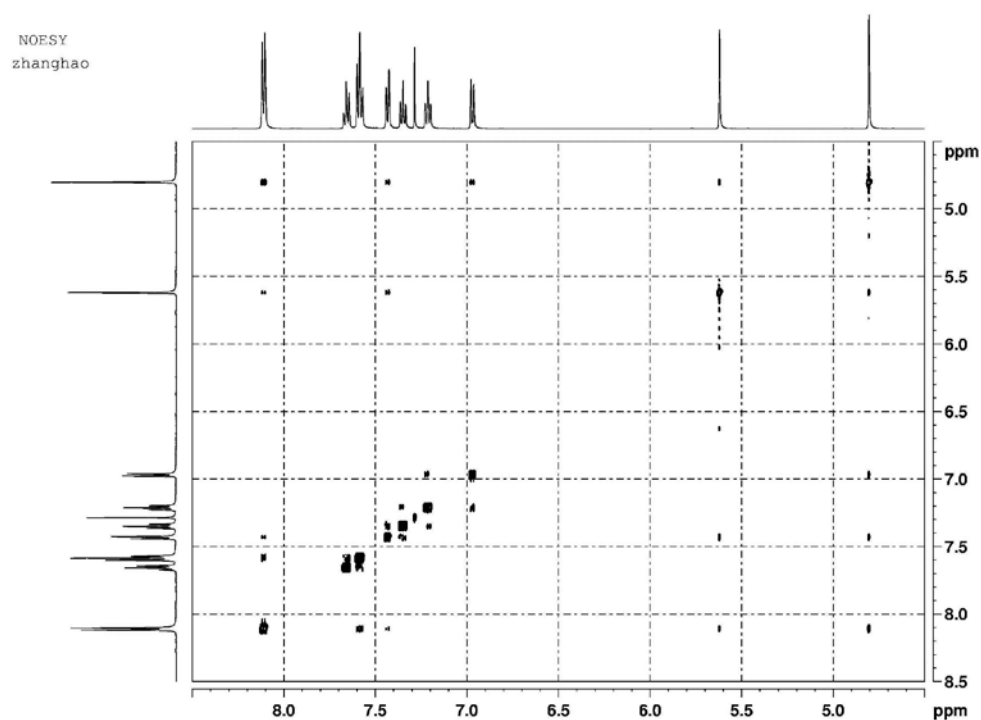








5. NOESY spectrum of compound 2b



6. Crystallographic structure of 2b

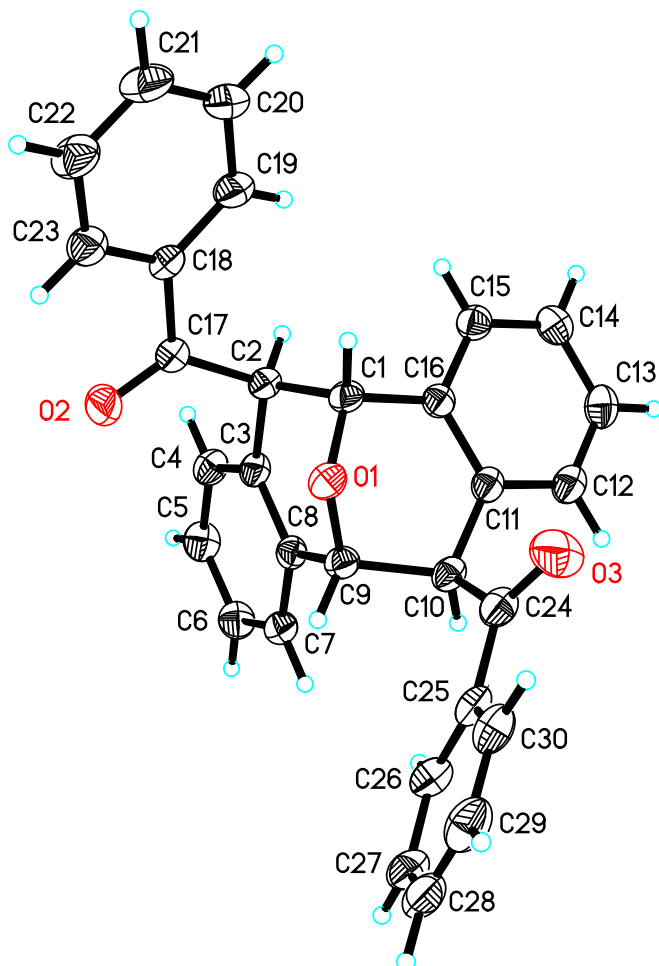


Fig. S1 X-ray structure of **2b**.

Empirical formula: $C_{30}H_{22}O_3$; Formula weight: 330.48; Temperature: 293(2) K; Wavelength: 0.71073 Å; Crystal system, space group: monoclinic, P2(1)/c, Unit cell dimensions: $a = 13.7985(14)$ Å, $\alpha = 90$ deg., $b = 16.0801(16)$ Å, $\beta = 101.502(2)$ deg., $c = 9.8741(10)$ Å, $\gamma = 90$ deg., Volume: $2145.5(4)$ Å³; $Z = 4$, Calculated density: 1.333 Mg/m³; F(000): 904; Crystal size: 0.45x 0.40 x 0.28 mm; final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $R1 = 0.0514$, $wR2 = 0.1072$; R indices (all data): $R1 = 0.0889$, $wR2 = 0.1194$; reflections collected/unique: 12516 / 4679 ($R_{int} = 0.0920$); number of observations [$>2\sigma(I)$] 4679, Parameters: 298.

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