## **Supplementary Information**

# *Carbo*-cyclohexadienes *vs carbo*-benzenes: structure and conjugative properties

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#### 1. General remarks.

THF and diethyl ether were dried and distilled over sodium/benzophenone, pentane and dichloromethane over P2O5. All other reagents were used as commercially available. In particular, commercial solutions of n-BuLi were 2.5 M in hexane, solutions of ethylmagnesium bromide were 3 M in THF, solutions of tetrabutylammonium fluoride were 1 M in THF, solutions of HCl were 2 M in diethylether. Previously described procedures were used for the preparation of **2**,<sup>[1]</sup> **6**,<sup>[2]</sup> **9**,<sup>[2]</sup> **10d**,<sup>[3]</sup> **10g**,<sup>[4]</sup> **11d**,<sup>[3]</sup> **11g**.<sup>[4]</sup> All reactions were carried out under nitrogen or Argon using Schlenk and vacuum line techniques. Column chromatographies were carried out on silica gel (60 P, 70-200 mm). Silica gel thin-layer chromatography plates (60F254, 0.25 mm) were revealed by treatment with an ethanolic solution of phosphomolybdic acid (20 %). The following analytical instruments were used. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR: Bruker DPX 300, Avance 300, Avance 400 or Avance 500 spectrometers (most of the NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions; NMR chemical shifts  $\delta$  are in ppm, with positive values to high frequency relative to the tetramethylsilane reference for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C nuclei, and to CCl<sub>3</sub>F for <sup>19</sup>F nuclei; coupling constants *J* are in Hz). Mass spectrometry: Quadrupolar Nermag R10-10H spectrometer. UV: spectrometer Perkin-Elmer UV-Vis Win-Lab Lambda 35.

#### 2. Voltammetric measurements.

Voltammetric measurements were carried out with a potentiostat Autolab PGSTAT100 controlled by GPES 4.09 software. Experiments were performed at room temperature in a home-made airtight three-electrode cell connected to a vacuum/argon line. The reference electrode consisted of a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) separated from the solution by a

bridge compartment. The counter electrode was a platinum wire of *ca* 1 cm<sup>2</sup> apparent surface. The working electrode was a Pt microdisk (0.5 mm diameter). The supporting electrolyte [*n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>N][PF<sub>6</sub>] was used as received (Fluka, 99% electrochemical grade) and simply degassed under argon. Dichloromethane was freshly distilled prior to use. The solutions used in the electrochemical studies were typically  $10^{-3}$  M in *carbo*-cyclohexadiene and 0.1 M in supporting electrolyte. Before each measurement, the solutions were degassed by bubbling argon, and the working electrode was polished with a polishing machine (Presi P230). Typical instrumental parameters for recorded square-wave voltammograms were: SW frequency f = 20 Hz, SW amplitude Esw = 20 mV, and scan increment dE = 0.5 mV.

### 3. Crystal structure determination of 12b, 12c and 12d.

The X-ray data for compounds **12b**, **12c** and **12d** were collected at low temperature (105 K for **12b** and 193 K for **12c** and **12d**) on a GEMINI diffractometer (Oxford Diffraction) using the CuK $\alpha$  radiation (wavelength = 1.54180 Å) for **12b**, and on a Bruker-AXS APEX II Quazar diffractometer (**12c** and **12d**) using a 30 W air-cooled microfocus source with focusing multilayer optics MoK $\alpha$  radiation (wavelength = 0.71073 Å). Phi- and omega-scans were used. The structure of **12b** was solved by direct methods using SUPERFLIP,<sup>[5]</sup> and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures using the programs of CRYSTALS.<sup>[6]</sup> Atomic scattering factors were taken from the International tables for X-ray Crystallography.<sup>[7]</sup> Absorption corrections were introduced using the program MULTISCAN.<sup>[8]</sup> The data of compounds **12c** and **12d** were integrated with SAINT,<sup>[9]</sup> and an empirical absorption correction with SADABS<sup>[10]</sup> was applied. The structures were solved by direct methods, using SHELXS-97 and refined using the least–squares method on  $F^2$ .<sup>[11]</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms of

12b, 12c and 12d were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model. CCDC- 1003439 (12b), CCDC-951896 (12c) and CCDC-951897 (12d) contain the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif</u> (or from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or <u>deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk</u>).

#### Crystal data.

• 12b.  $C_{48}H_{30}F_6O_4$ , M = 784.75, Monoclinic, space group C2/c, a = 13.07527(8) Å, b = 16.18867(10) Å, c = 19.01027(12) Å,  $\beta = 100.1002(6)^\circ$ , V = 3961.57(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, crystal 0.15 x 0.15 x 0.25 mm<sup>3</sup>, 35692 reflections collected (3771 independent, R*int* = 0.0213), 262 parameters,  $R_1$  [I>2 $\sigma$ (I)] = 0.049, wR2 [all data] = 0.065, largest diff. peak and hole: 0.61 and -0.21 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>.

• 12c.  $C_{48}H_{24}F_{12}O_2$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>, M = 980.04, Monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$ , a = 12.8182(16)Å, b = 35.815(5) Å, c = 9.7626(14) Å,  $\beta = 92.841(6)^\circ$ , V = 4476.4(11) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, crystal 0.20 x 0.20 x 0.04 mm<sup>3</sup>, 59064 reflections collected (7551 independent, R*int* = 0.1994), 653 parameters, 102 restraints,  $R_1$  [I>2 $\sigma$ (I)] = 0.0829,  $wR_2$  [all data] = 0.2414, largest diff. peak and hole: 0.573 and -0.326 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>.

• 12d.  $C_{46}H_{26}F_6O_2$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , M = 809.59, Triclinic,  $P \ \overline{I}$ , a = 12.5119(17) Å, b = 12.6648(17) Å, c = 14.9565(19) Å,  $\alpha = 70.805(5)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 66.621(5)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 67.665(5)^\circ$ , V = 1967.5(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2, crystal 0.20 x 0.10 x 0.04 mm<sup>3</sup>, 28934 reflections collected (7350 independent, Rint = 0.0906), 669 parameters, 489 restraints,  $R_1 \ [I > 2\sigma(I)] = 0.0672$ ,  $wR2 \ [all data] = 0.1983$ , largest diff. peak and hole: 0.212 and -0.314 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>.

#### 4. Synthesis procedures and characterization of all new compounds

#### [3,6-dimethoxy-3,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-8-[tris(propan-2-yl)silyl]octa-1,4,7-triyn-1-yl]

**tris (propan-2-yl)silane (3).** To a solution of the triyne **2** (2.53 g, 4.34 mmol) in dry THF (40 mL) under stirring at -78 °C were added 3.82 mL (9.55 mmol) of *n*-BuLi. The stirring was maintained 15 min. at -78 °C and then 15 min. at room temperature, before cooling again at -78 °C and adding methyl triflate (1.08 mL, 9.55 mmol). The temperature was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight, before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (pentane/DCM 9:1) to give **3** as a pale yellow oil in 89 % yield (2.35 g).

 $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-CD<sub>3</sub>) 1.11-1.14 (42 H, m, Si-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.64 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-CD<sub>3</sub>) - 80.24, - 80.27 (2 s, CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{C}\{\text{H}\}}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>-C(O)-CD<sub>3</sub>) 10.74 (s, CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.87 (s, CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.34 (s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.77 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 35 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 78.78 (s, C-*C*=*C*-C), 92.72 (s, *C*=C-Si), 95.38 (s, =*C*-Si), 121.50 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 283 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/NH<sub>3</sub>): *m/z* 628.3 (M - NH<sub>4</sub>). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>45</sub>OF<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: 579.2913, found: 579.2928.

**3,6-dimethoxy-3,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)octa-1,4,7-triyne** (**1**). To a solution of the triyne **3** (1.80 g, 2.95 mmol) in THF (40 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added a TBAF solution (7.38 mL, 7.38 mmol). The stirring was maintained at the same temperature during 1.5 h before treatment with water. The organic layer was extracted with diethylether, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (DCM/pentane 5:95) to give the bis-terminal triyne **1** as a quite volatile colorless oil which crystallized at low temperature

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.78 (2 H, s, =C-*H*), 3.61 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -79.52, -79.53 (2s, C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 53.97 (s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.54 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 73.09, 78.43 (2s, C(CF<sub>3</sub>)-*C*=), 77.16 (s, =*C*-H), 121.07 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>): *m/z* 299.0 (M+H). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 299.0507, found: 299.0493.

**4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)deca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-diol (4a).** To a solution of the triyne **1** (0.720 g, 2.41 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added at -78 °C *n*-BuLi (2.2 mL, 5.50 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred 10 min at – 78 °C and 1 h at room temperature. This solution was added to a suspension of *p*-formaldehyde (0.220 g, 7.3 mmol) in THF (5 mL) under stirring at – 78 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and the stirring was maintained overnight before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (acetone/pentane 2:8) to finally give the diol **4a** in 60 % yield (0.520 g) as a brown oil.

 $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.04 (2 H, br s, O*H*), 3.58 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 4.40 (4 H, s, C*H*<sub>2</sub>-OH). (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz)  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  -79.34 (s, C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{C}\{\text{H}\}}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 50.44 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>-OH), 53.90 (s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.71 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 74.78, 78.56 (2s, C(CF<sub>3</sub>)-*C*=), 87.20 (s, =*C*-CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 121.18 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 284 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/NH<sub>3</sub>) 376.0 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub> [M-H<sub>2</sub>O+H]<sup>+</sup> 341.0612, found: 341.0610.

### 4,7-dimethoxy-1,10-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)deca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-

**diol (4b).** To a solution of the triyne **1** (0.63 g, 2.11 mmol) in dry THF (12 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.90 mL, 4.75 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred during 20 min. at -78 °C and 50 min. at room temperature, before cooling again at -78 °C and adding a solution of the *p*-anisaldehyde (0.64 mL, 5.27 mmol) in THF (2 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and the stirring was maintained overnight. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extractions of the aqueous layer with diethylether, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (diethylether/pentane 4:6 then 1:1) to finally give **4b** in 71 % yield (0.856 g) as pale yellow oil.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 2.48 (2 H, br s, O*H*), 3.57 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.80 (6 H, s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 5.48 (2 H, s, C*H*-OH), 6.90 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.6 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.42 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.6 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) 79.21 (C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 63 MHz) 53.97 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.24 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 63.79 (CH-OH), 70.81 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 75.66, 78.77, 89.07 (*C*=C), 114.09 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 121.21 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 128.05 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 131.35 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 159.87 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* 553.1 (M-OH). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M-OH): 553.1450, found: 553.1423. FT-IR: *v* 3382 (OH), 2853-2959 (Csp2-H), 2237 (C=C), 1611 (C=C), 1444-1463 (C=C), 1251 (C-OMe).

**4,7-dimethoxy-1,10-diphenyl-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)deca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-diol (4c).** To a solution of the triyne **1** (0.200 g, 0.67 mmol) in THF (5 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (0.55 mL, 1.37 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred 30 min at -78 °C, and 30 min at room temperature, before adding benzaldehyde (0.14 mL, 1.38 mmol) at -78 °C.

The temperature was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and the stirring was maintained overnight. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, the aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (pentane/acetone 9:1 to 6:4) to give the diol **4c** as a yellow oil in 93 % yield (0.32 g).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 2.37 (2 H, br d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  6.5 Hz, O*H*), 3.59 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 5.57 (2 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  6.5 Hz, C*H*-OH), 7.36-7.44 (6 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>), 7.54 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  7.2 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -79.2 (C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.07 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.38 (CH-OH), 70.88 (q,  ${}^{2}J_{\rm CF}$  36 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 76.08, 78.79, 88.72 (*C*=*C*), 121.22 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{\rm CF}$  285 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 126.60, 126.63, 128.86 (*o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 128.92 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 139.03 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).

**4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)deca-2,5,8-triynedial (5a).** To a solution of the diol **4a** (0.300 g, 0.84 mmol) in 1,2-DCE (25 mL) was added IBX (1.17 g, 4.2 mmol). The resulting mixture was refluxed during 6 h and then cooled at 0 °C before filtration over celite. Evaporation of the filtrate gave the dialdehyde **5a** in 93 % yield (0.275 g) as a pale orange-brown oil.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.64 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 9.33 (2 H, s, CHO).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -78.46 (CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.72 (s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.95 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 78.31, 81.33, 84.40 (*C*=*C*), 120.65 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 286 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 174.66 (*C*HO). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* 355.0 (M+H). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M+H): 355.0405, found: 355.0406.

### 4,7-dimethoxy-1,10-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)deca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-

dione (5b). To a solution of the diol 4b (0.66 g, 1.16 mmol) in dry DCM (90 mL), was added  $MnO_2$  (1.01 g, 11.6 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred 3h and then filtered through celite. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (diethylether/pentane 3:7 then 4:6) to finally give 5b in 84 % yield (0.550 g) as a pale yellow oil.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.72 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.91 (6 H, s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 6.99 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.7 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 8.07 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.7 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) 78.56 (C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 54.72 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 55.66 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.04 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 78.63, 79.14 (=*C*-C-*C*=), 84.25 (=*C*-C=O), 114.26 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 120.95 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 286 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 129.28 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 132.11 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 165.23 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 174.32 (*C*=O). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* 567.1 (M+H). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M+H): 567.1242, found: 567.1218. IR: *v* 2852-2923 (Csp2-H), 1649 (C=O), 1597 (C=C), 1259 (C-OMe).

## 4,7-dimethoxy-1,10-diphenyl-4,7-bis(trifluoromethyl)deca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-dione (5c).

To a solution of the diol 4c (0.320 g, 0.63 mmol) in dichloroethane (40 mL) was added IBX (0.882 g, 3.15 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred under reflux during 24 h and then cooled into an ice bath before filtration through celite. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (pentane/diethylether 8:2) to give the expected diketone **5c** as a pale solid in 94 % yield (0.30 g).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.73 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 7.52-7.56 (4 H, m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>), 7.67-7.71 (2 H, m, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>), 8.11 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 7.5 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -78.48, -78.49 (C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.81 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.11 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 78.63, 79.87, 84.03 (*C*=*C*),

120.96 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 286 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 128.99, 129.66 (*o*-, *m*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 135.11 (*p*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 135.87 (*i*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 175.95 (*C*=O). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* 507.1 (M+H). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M+H): 507.1031, found: 507.1017.

#### 4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-1,10-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis

(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7b). To a solution of triyne 6 (0.139 g, 0.442 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.35 mL, 0.875 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred 20 min at -78 °C and 30 min at room temperature (solution A). During that time, the triynedione **5b** (0.250 g, 0.442 mmol) was dissolved in THF (30 mL, solution B). The solutions A and B were simultaneously transferred into a 250 mL flask containing 90 mL THF under stirring at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and stirring was continued for 15 h. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extraction with Et<sub>2</sub>O, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (acetone/DCM/pentane 1:1:8 then 2:2:6) to finally give **7b** in 40 % yield (0.158 g) as pale brown oil.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.39-3.69 (12 H, m, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.80-3.86 (6 H, m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 6.82-7.00 (4 H, m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.33-7.50 (6 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>), 7.58-7.83 (8 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) 79.13-(-78.91) (m, C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C}$ {H} (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 53.26-53.44, 53.82-54.21, 55.34-55.38 (m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.49-64.71 (m, C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.77 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36.0 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 71.81-71.94 (m, *C*-OH), 74.61-74.82, 78.65-78.86, 82.95-83.30, 84.42-84.56, 85.90-86.32, 88.16-88.95 (m, *C*=*C*), 114.01-114.05 (m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 121.09 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 126.27-126.50 (m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 127.05-127.18 (m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 128.44-128.55 (m,

*o*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.28 (m, *o*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 128.98-129.22 (m, *p*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 132.01-132.24 (m, *i*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 139.04-139.30 (m, *i*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 160.16-160.28 (m, *p*-*C*<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* 881.2 (M+H). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>8</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M+H): 881.2549, found: 881.2552.

#### 4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-1,4,7,10-tetraphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-

**2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7c).** To a solution of the triyne **6** (0.182 g, 0.581 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (0.49 mL, 1.22 mmol) and the resulting solution was stirred during 50 min. Then, this mixture and a solution of the diketone **5c** (0.300 g, 0.593 mmol) in THF (40 mL) were simultaneously transferred into a flask containing 120 mL of THF under stirring at -78 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and the stirring was maintained overnight before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (diethylether/pentane 2:8) to give the expected pericyclyne **7c** as a white solid in 18 % yield (0.086 g).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.38-3.64 (12 H, m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.35-7.47 (12 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.66-7.82 (8 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) 79.15-(78.90) (m, CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 53.26-54.43, 53.82-54.22 (m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.81-65.04 (m, *C*-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.77 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 71.87-71.97 (m, *C*-OH), 74.80-75.04, 78.67-78.89, 83.25-83.55, 84.34-84.57, 85.76-86.21, 88.10-88.62 (m, *C*=*C*), 114.01-114.05 (m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 121.07 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.55-125.68, 126.25-126.43, 128.45-128.59, 128.75-128.82 (4 m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.12-129.22, 129.31-129.35 (2 m, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 139.74-140.05 (2 m, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>)

*m*/*z* 789.2 (M-OMe), 803.2 (M-OH), 820.2 (M). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M-OH): 803.2232, found: 803.2209.

#### 4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,10-bis[4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7d). To a solution of the triyne 1 (0.199 g, 0.668 mmol) in THF (45 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.53 mL, 1.33 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and 75 min at room temperature (solution A). During that time, the triynedione 10d (0.440 g, 0.668 mmol) was dissolved in THF (45 mL, solution B). The solutions A and B were simultaneously transferred into a 500 mL flask containing 140 mL THF under stirring at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and stirring was continued for 17 h. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extraction of the aqueous layer with Et<sub>2</sub>O, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (acetone/pentane 5:95, 1:9 then 2:8) to finally give 7d in 21 % yield (0.133 g) as a white solid.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.39-3.61 (12 H, m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.61 (6 H, br s, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.61-7.93 (12 H, m, *o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) 79.07-(78.90) (m, CF<sub>3</sub>), 62.75 (s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C}$ {H} (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 53.27, 53.35, 53.42, 54.08, 54.17 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.23, 64.21, 64.40, 64.43 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.74 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 71.74, 71.82, 71.88 (C-OH), 75.34-75.52, 78.63-78.72, 84.02-84.56, 85.01-85.36, 87.24-87.95 (m, C=C), 121.02 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 123.74 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 272 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.77-126.27 (m, *o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 128.66 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.32, 129.38 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 130.26-132.21 (m, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>) 138.67-

138.99 (m, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) 143.50-143.76 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* 979.3 (M+Na). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>8</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M+Na): 979,1905 found: 979.1969.

## 1,10-bis[4-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-13,16-diphenyl-4,7-

**bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7e).** To a solution of HMDS (0.21 mL, 1 mmol) in THF (15 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (0.39 mL, 0.98 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred 30 min at -78 °C before adding a solution of the triyne **1** (0.049 g, 0.164 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred 30 min at -78 °C and was diluted with THF to 50 mL (volume of r.m.). Then, the reaction mixture and a solution of **10e** (0.140 g, 0.164 mmol) in THF (50 mL) were transferred simultaneously into a 500 mL flask containing THF (300 mL) under stirring at -78°C. The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred during 16 h before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. It was not possible to purify this crude mixture.

HRMS-control: HRMS (MALDI-DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 1150.3417, found: 1150.3440.

#### 1,10-bis[4-(1H-indol-1-yl)phenyl]-4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis

(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7f). To a solution of HMDS (0.3 mL, 1.4 mmol) in THF (15 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (0.54 mL, 1.35 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred 30 minutes at -78 °C before adding a

solution of the triyne **1** (0.067 g, 0.226 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred 30 minutes at -78 °C and was diluted with THF to 50 mL (volume of r.m.). Then, this solution and a solution of the diketone **10f** (0.170 g, 0.226 mmol) in THF (50 mL) were transferred simultaneously into a 500 mL flask containing THF (300 mL) under stirring at -78°C. The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (Acetone/Pentane 2:8) to give the [6]pericyclynediol **7f** as a light yellow solid in 38 % yield (90 mg).

mp 84 °C.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.43-3.73 (14 H, m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>, OH), 6.72 (2 H, m, H3-indole), 7.24-7.97 (28 H, m, all the rest).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) 79.37-(-78.86) (m, CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 53.25-54.30 (m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.51-64.63 (m, C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.70 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 71.95 (*C*-OH), 75.20, 78.87, 83.65, 83.71, 84.53, 85.81 88.15, 88.39 (m, -*C*=*C*-), 104.36 (m, *C*3-indole), 110.42 (m, *C*6-indole), 120.70 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 121.11 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 282 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>) 121.29 (*C*2-indole), 122.66 (*C*9-indole), 124.11-124.23 (m, *C*7-, *C*8-indole), 126.35-126.47 (m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 127.09, 127.23, 127.64, 128.67, 129.37, 130.62 (m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 129.53 (*C*4-indole), 135.72 (*C*5-indole), 137.79 (m, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 139.12 (m, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 140.68 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* 1050.3 (M). HRMS (MALDI-DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>64</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 1050.3104, found: 1050.3180.

# 4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,10-bis({2-[tris(propan-2-yl)silyl]ethynyl})cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7g). To a solution of

the triyne **1** (0.235 g, 0.789 mmol) in THF (52 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.63 mL, 1.58 mmol) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and 75 min at room temperature (solution A). During that time, diketone **10g** (0.577 g, 0.789 mmol) was dissolved in THF (52 mL, solution B). The solutions A and B were simultaneously transferred into a 500 mL flask containing 160 mL THF under stirring at -78 °C. The resulting solution was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and stirring was continued for 17 h. After treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extraction with diethylether, the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (acetone/pentane 5:95, 1:9 then 2:8) to finally give **7g** in 21 % yield (0.175 g) as a white solid.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 1.10-1.14 (42 H, s, Si-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.49-3.68 (12 H, m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.39 (6 H, br s, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.73-7.80 (4 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) -79.24-(-78.89) (m, CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 11.01 (s, Si-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.42 (s, Si-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.21-53.56, 53.94-54.18 (m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.71 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 71.74-71.87, 72.25-72.55 (m, *C*-OH, *C*(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)), 78.36-78.67, 80.43-80.83, 83.18-83.59, 84.14-84.29, 85.51-86.22, 87.17-87.48, 101.53-101.91 (*C*=*C*), 121.00 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 283 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 126.47-126.56, 128.58 (*o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.18-129.24 (m, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 138.97-139.22 (m, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>66</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NaSi<sub>2</sub> (M+Na): 1051.4200 found: 1051.4163.

#### 4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-bis(2-phenylethynyl)-13,16-bis

(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol (7h). To a solution of HMDS (0.87 mL, 4.12 mmol), in THF (50 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 mL, 4.0

mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred 30 min before adding a solution of the diketone **10h** (0.380 g, 0.67 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at the same temperature. After stirring 30 min at – 78 °C, the solution was diluted by addition of 40 mL of THF, to have a total volume of 100 mL. This reaction mixture, and a solution of the triyne **1** (0.200 g, 0.67 mmol) in THF (100 mL) were transferred simultaneously into a 1 L flask filled with 500 mL of THF under stirring at – 78 °C. The temperature was allowed to warm slowly up to room temperature and the stirring was maintained overnight before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. After evaporation of about 500 mL of THF, the layers were separated, the aqueous one was extracted with diethylether, and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (acetone/pentane 2:8) to give the expected [6]pericyclynediol **7h** as a pale brown solid in 13 % yield (0.080 g).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.48-3.69 (14 H, m, O-CH<sub>3</sub>, OH), 7.37-7.40 (12 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C=C, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.49-7.52 (4 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 7.75-7.82 (4 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -79.06-(-78.78) (m, CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 53.34-53.56, 54.07-54.41 (2 m, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 70.85 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 71.78-71.85, 72.24-72.33 (2 m, C(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), C-OH), 78.51-78.72, 80.60-80.85, 83.73-84.91, 86.17-86.34, 86.55-86.62 (m, C=C), 121.00 (br s, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 121.08 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 126.49-126.59, 128.45, 128.59, 129.20-129.26, 129.52 (m, *o*-, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 132.02 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 138.83-139.27 (m, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m*/z 837.2 (M-OMe), 851.2 (M-OH), 869.2 (M+H). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m*/z calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> (M+H): 869.2338, found: 869.2362.

#### 1,10-bis[4-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyldeca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-

dione (10e). To a solution of 11e (0.150 g, 0.18 mmol) in DCM (50 mL) at 0°C was added  $MnO_2$  (0.450 g, 5.3 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred 1 h at 0 °C and 3 h at room temperature. Then, the reaction mixture was filtered through celite, and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the diketone 10e as a light solid in 91% yield (0.140 g).

mp 84 °C.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.73 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.34 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  7.8 Hz, *H*8-, *H*12carbazole), 7.39-7.53 (14 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>-C(OMe), *H*6-, *H*10-, *H*7-, *H*11-carbazole), 7.70 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  8.2 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-N), 7.89 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  8.0 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>-C(OMe)), 8.15 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ 7.8 Hz, *H*9-, *H*13-carbazole), 7.70 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  8.2 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-N), 8.33 7.70 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  8.2 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-N).  $\delta_{\rm C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.09 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 72.23 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 83.58, 84.57, 89.68 (C-*C*=*C*-C), 109.82 (C6-, C10-carbazole), 120.50 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 120.91 (C8-, C12carbazole), 124.05 (C3-, C4-carbazole), 126.31, 126.37, 126.53 (C9-, C13-, C7-, C11carbazole, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 128.91 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.66 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 131.39 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 134.61 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 138.37, 139.95, 143.60 (C2-, C5-carbazole, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 175.71 (C=O). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* 852.4 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 852.2988, found: 852.2997.

## 1,10-bis[4-(1H-indol-1-yl)phenyl]-4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyldeca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-

dione (10f). To a solution of diol 11f (0.210 g, 0.28 mmol) in DCM (50 mL) at 0 °C was added  $MnO_2$  (0.720 g, 8.3 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred 1 h at 0 °C and 3 h at room temperature before filtration through celite. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the diketone 10f as a light solid in 91 % yield (180 mg).

mp 87 °C.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.74 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.72 (2 H, s, H3-indole) 7.28-7.64 (20 H, m, H2-, H5-, H6-, H7-, H8-indole, m-, p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 7.73 (2 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 7.5 Hz, H9-indole), 7.91 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 6.5 Hz, o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) 8.28 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 8.2 Hz, m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N).  $\delta_{\rm C}$ (H) (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.09 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 72.26 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 83.65, 84.60, 89.55 (-C=C-), 105.72 (C3-indole), 110.73 (C6-indole), 121.37 (o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 121.56, 123.13, 123,17, 124.31 (C2-, C7-, C8-, C9-indole), 126.57 (o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 127.21 (p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 128.93 (m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.68 (C4-indole), 131.41 (m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 133.78 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 135.24 (C5-indole), 138.42 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 145.08 (p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 175.66 (C=O) . MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) m/z 752.2 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) m/z calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 752.2675, found: 752.2744.

**6,9-dimethoxy-1,6,9,14-tetraphenyltetradeca-1,4,7,10,13-pentayne-3,12-dione (10h).** To a solution of **11h** (0.450 g, 0.78 mmol) in DCM (50 mL) was added  $MnO_2$  (0.680 g, 7.82 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h and then filtered through celite and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the diketone **10h** in 96 % yield (0.430 g) as a light oil.

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.66 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.40-7.55 (12 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.62 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 6.9 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 7.81 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 6.3 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.00 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 72.05 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 84.25, 85.47, 87.42, 89.18, 93.15 (*C*=*C*), 119.08 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 126.54, 128.79 (*o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 129.62, 131.59 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 133.51 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 138.10 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 159.84 (*C*=O). MS (DCI/NH<sub>3</sub>) *m*/*z* 588.2 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M-OMe): 539.1674, found: 539.1663.

#### 1,10-bis[4-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyldeca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-

diol (11e). To a solution of 9-(4-bromophenyl)-9Hcarbazole (0.124 g, 0.385 mmol) in THF (15 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (147  $\mu$ l, 0.37 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred during 1 h at -78 °C before adding a solution of the dialdehyde **9** (0.065 g, 0.175 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to - 10 °C in 3 h before adding saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc/Pentane 2:8) to give **11e** as a yellow solid in 32 % yield (0.150 g).

mp 73 °C.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 2.69 (2 H, br s, O*H*), 3.63 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 5.72 (2 H, br s, C*H*-OH), 7.29-7.47 (18 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>, *H*6-, *H*10-, *H*7-, *H*11-, *H*8-, *H*12-carbazole), 7.56 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  7.9 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-N), 7.78 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  7.9 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-N), 7.87 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  7.5 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>), 8.18 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$  7.7 Hz, *H*9-, *H*13-carbazole).  $\delta_{C\{\rm H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 53.50 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.19 (C-OH), 72.1 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 84.46, 84.74, 86.70 (*C*=*C*), 109.73 (*C*6-, *C*10-carbazole), 120.14 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 120.38 (*C*8-, C12-carbazole), 123.49 (*C*3-, *C*4-carbazole), 126.03 (*C*9-, C13-carbazole), 126.6 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 127.2 (*C*7-, C11-carbazole), 128.33 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 128.63 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.20 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 137.99 (*C*2-, *C*5-carbazole) 138.95, 139.59, 140.71 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *i*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* 856.3 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 856.3301, found: 856.3372.

#### 1,10-bis[4-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)phenyl]-4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyldeca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-diol

(11f). To a solution of 1-(4-bromophenyl)-1H-indole (0.690 g, 2.53 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (0.92 mL, 2.3 mmol) at -78°C. The reaction mixture was stirred 1 h at -78

°C before adding a solution of the dialdehyde **9** (0.380 g, 1.03 mmol) in THF (3mL). The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to -10 °C in 3 h before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc/Pentane 2:8) to give diol **11f** as yellow solid in 27 % yield (0.210 g).

mp 76 °C.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 2.70 (2 H, br s, O*H*), 3.60 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 5.65 (2 H, s, C*H*-OH), 6.72 (2 H, s, *H*3-indole), 7.15-7.74 (24 H, m, *H*2-, *H*5-, *H*6-, *H*7-, *H*8-indole, *o*-, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*5, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*4-N), 7.84 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 7.3 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*4-N).  $\delta_{\rm C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 53.47 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 64.10 (*C*-OH), 72.08 (*C*-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 84.29, 84.71, 86.74 (*C*=C), 103.99 (*C*3-indole), 110.48 (*C*6-indole), 120.59 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 121.26 (*C*2-indole), 122.56 (*C*9-indole), 124.31 (*C*7-, *C*8-indole), 126.59 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 127.78, 128.10, 128.60 (*m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 129.17 (*C*4-indole), 135.72 (*C*5-indole), 137.73 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 139.59, 139.98 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* 756.3 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na (M+Na): 779.2886, found: 779.2939.

**6,9-dimethoxy-1,6,9,14-tetraphenyltetradeca-1,4,7,10,13-pentayne-3,12-diol (11h).** To a solution of phenylacetylene (0.30 mL, 2.73 mmol) in THF (5 mL) under stirring at -78 °C was added *n*-BuLi (1.08 mL, 2.73 mmol). After 45 min, a solution of the dialdehyde **9** (0.40 g, 1.08 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added at the same temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1.5 h before treatment with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether, and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was

purified by silicagel chromatography (acetone/DCM/Pentane 0.6:2.4:7 to 0.8:3.2:6) to finally give **11h** as a pale oil in 72 % yield (0.450 g).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.43 (2 H, br s, O*H*), 3.59 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 5.48 (2 H,d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.0 Hz, C*H*-OH), 7.30-7.48 (16 H, m, *o*-, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>-C=C, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.83 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.0 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{C{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 52.63 (*C*H-OH), 53.47 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.95 (*C*-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 81.42, 84.55, 84.63, 84.77, 85.65 (*C*=*C*), 121.88 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 126.67, 128.38, 128.56 (*o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 128.95, 129.09 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 131.90 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 139.47 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C-OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* 557.2 (M-OH). HRMS (DCI/CH<sub>4</sub>) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M-OH): 557.2117, found: 557.2124.

#### 13,16-dimethoxy-1,10-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)

cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne (12b). To a solution of 7b (0.073 g, 0.083 mmol) under stirring at -78 °C in dry diethylether (50 mL) was added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.157 g, 0.83 mmol) and then HCl·Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.83 mL, 1.66 mmol). The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to -10 °C in 3 h, thus giving a dark green mixture. Then aqueous 1 M NaOH (2.0 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethylether and the organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (DCM/pentane 1:9) to give **12b** as dark-red solid in 69 % yield (0.045 g). Few mg of one pure isomer could be isolated.

Characterization of one isolated diastereoisomer. mp (decomp) 187 °C.  $\lambda_{max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 604 ( $\epsilon$  62200 L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>), 442 (53200).  $\delta_{H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.71 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.90 (6 H, s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.00 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 8.9 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.42-7.46 (2 H, m, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.51-

7.56 (4 H, m, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>), 7.73 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  8.9 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.92 (4 H, d,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$  7.2 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) -78.77 (CF<sub>3</sub>), second diastereoisomer: -78.93 (CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 54.33 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.54 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 71.38 (q,  ${}^{2}J_{CF}$  35 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 85.62, 86.91, 100.32, 102.53, 105.58 (*C*-C=*C*-*C*), 114.59 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 121.55 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CF}$  285 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 127.46, 128.94, 128.97, 129.21, 129.47 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>, *o*-, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 130.89 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 136.67 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 145.43, 147.37 (C=*C*=*C*=C), 160.92 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OCH<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF/ DCTB) *m/z* 784.3 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 784.2048, found: 784.2076.

#### 13,16-dimethoxy-1,4,7,10-tetraphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-

**1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne (12c).** To a solution of the pericyclynediol **7c** (0.085 g, 0.103 mmol) in DCM (40 mL) under stirring at -78 °C were added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.196 g, 1.03 mmol) and HCl<sup>-</sup>Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.03 mL, 2.06 mmol). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm slowly up to -10 °C, and then it was removed from the cold bath and stirred during 10 min at room temperature before treatment with aqueous 1 M NaOH (2.06 mL). After filtration through celite, the organic layer was washed 3 times with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silicagel chromatography (pentane/diethylether 9:1) to give the expected *carbo*-cyclohexadiene **12c** as a dark violet solid in 20 % yield (0.015 g).

 $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 574 ( $\epsilon$  56700 L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>), 420 (44200).  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.70 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.36-7.56 (12 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.77 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 7.5 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.92 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 7.6 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) –78.70 (CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{C}}_{\text{H}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 54.36 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.40 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 85.43, 87.41, 100.16, 103.13, 107.36 (C-C=C-C), 121.56 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub>)

285 Hz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 127.53, 127.55 (*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.00, 129.05 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 129.52, 129.63 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>),
136.28, 136.43 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 147.94, 148.60 (C=C=C=C). MS (MALDI-TOF/ DCTB) *m/z* 724.2
(M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 724.1837, found: 724.1903.

#### 13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,10-bis[4-(trifluoromethyl)

phenyl]cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne (12d). To a solution of the 7d (0.040 g, 0.042 mmol) under stirring at -78 °C in dry DCM (20 mL) were added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.080 g, 0.42 mmol) and then HCl·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.42 mL, 0.84 mmol). The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to -5 °C, thus giving a red solution. Then aqueous 1 M NaOH (0.92 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (DCM/pentane 1:9) to give **12d** as a blue solid in 39 % yield (0.014 g). Few mg of one pure isomer could be isolated.

Characterization of one isolated diastereoisomer.  $\lambda_{max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 572 ( $\varepsilon$  78300 L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>), 420 (112900).  $\delta_{H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 3.70 (6 H, s, O-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 7.47-7.58 (6 H, m, *m*-, *p*- C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.71 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> 8.1 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 7.84-7.98 (8 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>5</sub>, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) -78.66 (C*F*<sub>3</sub>), -62.73 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-C*F*<sub>3</sub>); second diastereoisomer: -78.63 (C*F*<sub>3</sub>), -62.73 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-C*F*<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 54.42 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.38 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 36 Hz, *C*-CF<sub>3</sub>), 84.82, 88.08, 100.53, 101.64, 109.33 (*C*-C=*C*-*C*), 121.48 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 285 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>-C(OCH<sub>3</sub>)), 123.84 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 272 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 125.96 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 3.7 Hz, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 127.40, 127.77, 129.23 (*o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 130.25 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 130.87 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>CF</sub> 33 Hz, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 136.11 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 139.44 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>*H*<sub>4</sub>-CF<sub>3</sub>), 148.85, 149.25 (C=*C*=*C*=C). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* 860.3 (M).

# 9-(4-{10-[4-(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis (trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayn-1-yl}phenyl)-9Hcarbazole (12e).

To a solution of **7e** (not purified) in dry DCM (20 mL) at -78 °C were added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.125 g, 0.70 mmol) and then HCl·Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.7 mL, 0.14 mmol). The temperature of the reaction mixture was slowly increased up to -10 °C in 3 h. Then aqueous 1 M NaOH (1.6 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc/Pentane 5:95) to give **12e** (mixture of isomers) as a dark solid in 21% yield (for two steps) (0.022 g). 10 mg of one pure isomer could be separated.

Characterization of one isolated diastereoisomer: mp 92 °C.  $\lambda_{max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 243 ( $\varepsilon$  21200 L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>), 417 (9500), 616 (9300). Fluo ( $\lambda_{ex}$  243 nm),  $\lambda_{em}$  427.  $\delta_{H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.78 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.35 (4 H, m, H8-, H12-carbazole), 7.43-7.62 (14 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, H6-, H10-, H7-, H11-carbazole), 7.73 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 8.3 Hz, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 7.96-8.07 (8 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 8.19 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 7.5 Hz, H9-, H13-carbazole).  $\delta_{F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) –78.60 (CF<sub>3</sub>), second diastereoisomer: -78.72 (CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.09 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 73.33 (C-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 81.88, 85.91, 87.75 (C=C), 109.89 (C6-, C10-carbazole), 120.47, 120.51 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N, C8-, C12-carbazole), 123.79 (C3-, C4-carbazole), 125.53, 126.19, 127.14, 127.71, 128.77, 129.19, 129.87, 130.89 (C9-, C13-, C7-, C11-carbazole, *o*-, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 145.98, 147.63 (=C=C=). The very small quadruplet of C-CF<sub>3</sub> carbons was not observed. MS

(MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* 1054.3 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 1054.2994, found: 1054.3030.

### 1-(4-{10-[4-(1H-indol-1-yl)phenyl]-13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis

### (trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayn-1-yl}phenyl)-1H-

indole (12f). To a solution of 7f (0.090 g, 0.085 mmol) in dry DCM (20 mL) at -78 °C were added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.163 g, 0.85 mmol) and then HCl·Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.85 mL, 1.7 mmol). The temperature of the reaction mixture was slowly increased up to -10 °C in 3 h. Then aqueous 1 M NaOH (2.0 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc/Pentane 5:95) to give the *carbo*-cylohexadiene **12f** (mixture of isomers) as a dark solid in 44 % yield (0.036 g). 12 mg of one pure isomer could be separated.

Characterization of one isolated diastereoisomer: mp 148 °C.  $\lambda_{max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 243 ( $\epsilon$  9900 L.mol<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>), 412 (6200), 615 (7700). Fluo ( $\lambda_{ex}$  348 nm),  $\lambda_{em}$  485; ( $\lambda_{ex}$  243 nm),  $\lambda_{em}$  326, 341, 485.  $\delta_{H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) 3.76 (6 H, s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.77 (2 H, br s, H3-indole), 7.20-7.35 (4 H, m, H7-, H8-indole), 7.41 (2 H, s, H2-indole), 7.37-7.79 (14 H, m, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N, H6-, H9-indole), 7.87-8.02 (8 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 376 MHz) -78.66 (CF<sub>3</sub>), second diastereoisomer: -78.83 (CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{C}$ {H} (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) 54.44 (O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 85.26, 87.58, 100.71, 102.07, 107.46 (*C*-C=*C*-*C*), 104.81 (C3-indole), 110.67 (C6-indole), 120.92 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 121.39 (C2-indole), 122.82 (C9-indole), 124.08 (C7-, C8-indole), 127.44, 127.65, 128.63, 128.83, 129.14, 130.90 (*m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 129.75 (C4-indole), 134.26 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 135.52 (C5-indole), 136.45 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 140.68 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-N), 147.10, 147.92 (=*C*=*C*=). The small quadruplet of *C*-CF<sub>3</sub> carbons could not be detected. MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) m/z 954.2 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) m/z calcd for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 954.2681, found: 954.2658.

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## yl)silyl]ethynyl}cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayn-1-yl]ethynyl}

tris(propan-2-yl)silane (12g). To a solution of 7g (0.066 g, 0.064 mmol) under stirring at – 78 °C in dry DCM (20 mL) were added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.122 g, 0.65 mmol) and then HCl·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.62 mL, 1.28 mmol). The temperature was allowed to increase slowly up to – 20 °C, thus giving a brown solution. Then aqueous 1 M NaOH (1.40 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (DCM/pentane 5:95) to give a pure diastereoisomer of **12g** as a dark-purple solid in 2 % yield (2 mg).

 $\delta_{\rm H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 1.15 (42 H, br s, Si-CH-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62 (6 H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 7.43-7.45 (6 H, br d, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.82-7.85 (4 H, br d, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) -78.75 (CF<sub>3</sub>). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* 932.4 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: 932.3880, found: 932.3913.

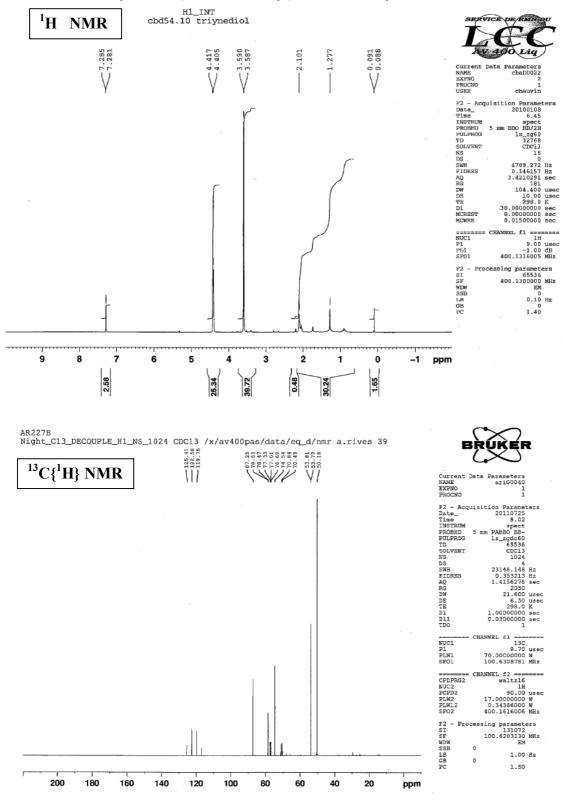
#### 13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-bis(2-phenylethynyl)-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)

cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne (12h). To a solution of the [6]pericyclynediol 7h (0.050 g, 0.06 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) under stirring at -78 °C were added SnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.115 g, 0.60 mmol) and HCl·Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.6 mL, 1.2 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred 1 h at -78 °C and then 1 h at room temperature before treatment with 1 M NaOH

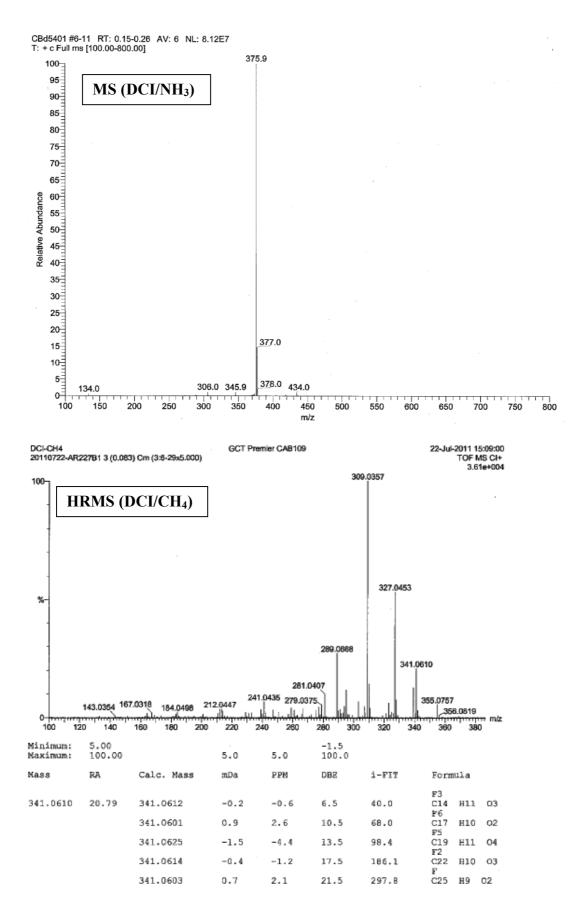
(1.2 mL). The separated organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to a 5 mL volume without going to dryness. This solution was directly deposited on a silicagel chromatography column (DCM/Pentane 2:8 to 5:5). The blue-green fraction corresponding to the two diastereoisomers (two spots on TLC) of the *carbo*-cyclohexadiene **12h** was concentrated under vacuum without going to dryness (product instable in the solid state). The NMR tube was prepared by addition of CDCl<sub>3</sub> in the DCM/pentane solution of **12h** followed by selective evaporation of the non-deuterated solvents under reduced pressure. The instability of the product did not allow determining a yield for this step.

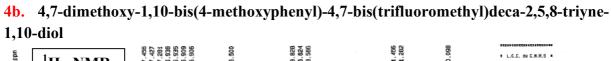
Mixture of diastereoisomers.  $\lambda_{max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 435, 594.  $\delta_{H}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.69, 3.72 (6 H, 2 s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.28-7.59 (16 H, m, *o*-, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C, *m*-, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C≤), 7.90-7.92 (4 H, m, *o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C≤).  $\delta_{F}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282 MHz) -78.78-(-78.57) (2 s, CF<sub>3</sub>).  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz) 54.34, 54.42 (2 s, O-CH<sub>3</sub>), 71.27 (q, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 35 Hz, C-CF<sub>3</sub>), 83.24-83.34, 84.13, 85.44, 85.74, 88.50-88.55, 98.42, 101.22-101.26, 108.87 (*C*-*C*=*C*-*C*, *C*=*C*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 121.36 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 284 Hz, *C*F<sub>3</sub>), 122.02 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 127.73, 128.58, 129.06 (*o*-, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>≤, *m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 129.62, 130.25 (*p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>≤, *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 131.94 (*o*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-C=C), 135.56 (*i*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>≤), 143.56, 153.36 (=*C*=*C*=). MS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* 772.2 (M). HRMS (MALDI-TOF/DCTB) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>: 772.1837, found: 772.1794.

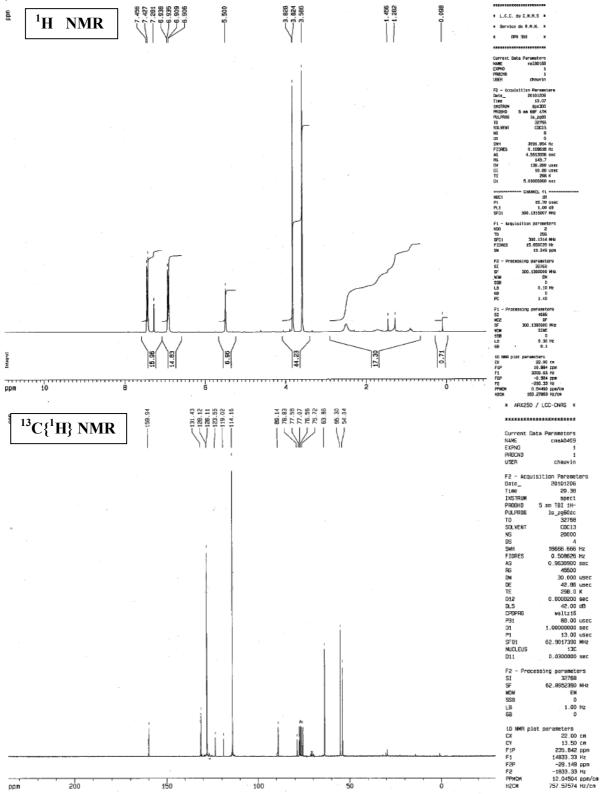
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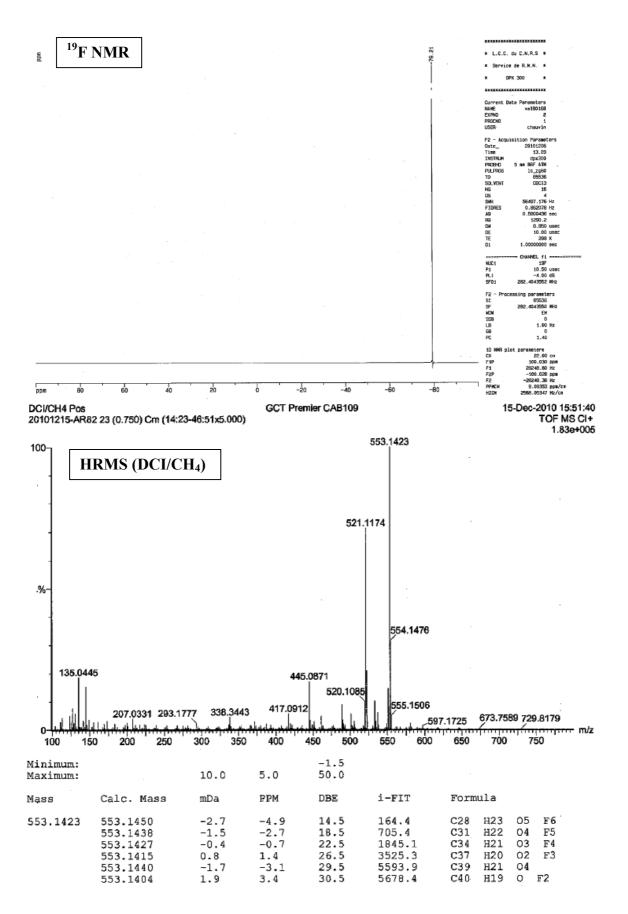


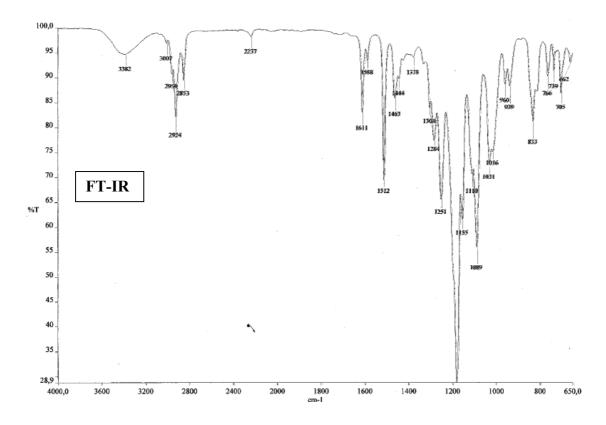
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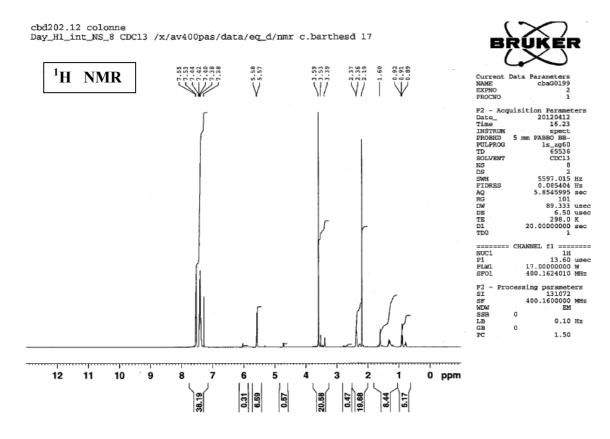


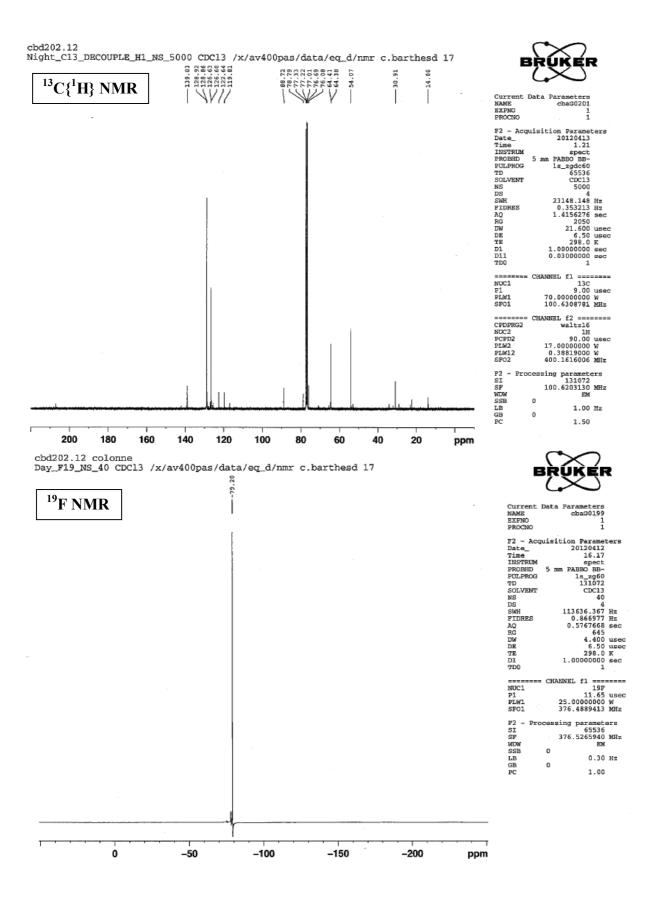


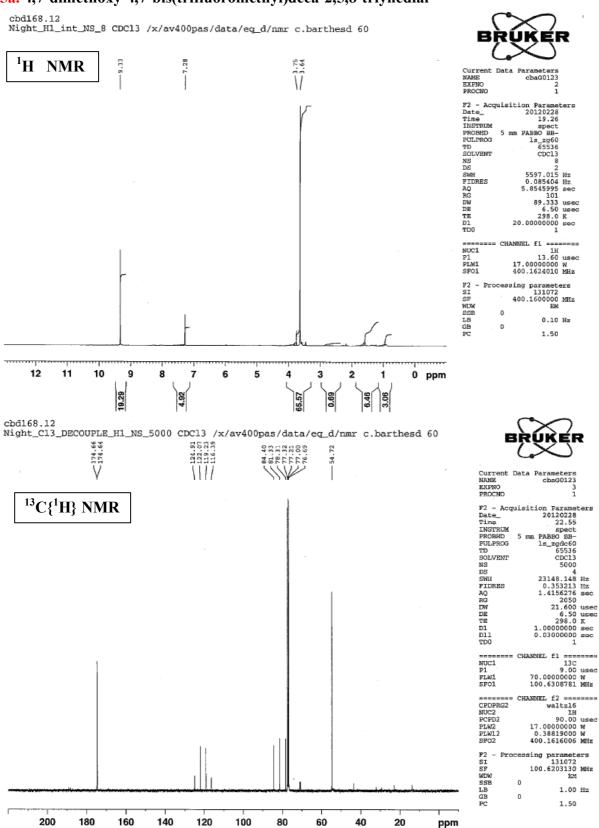






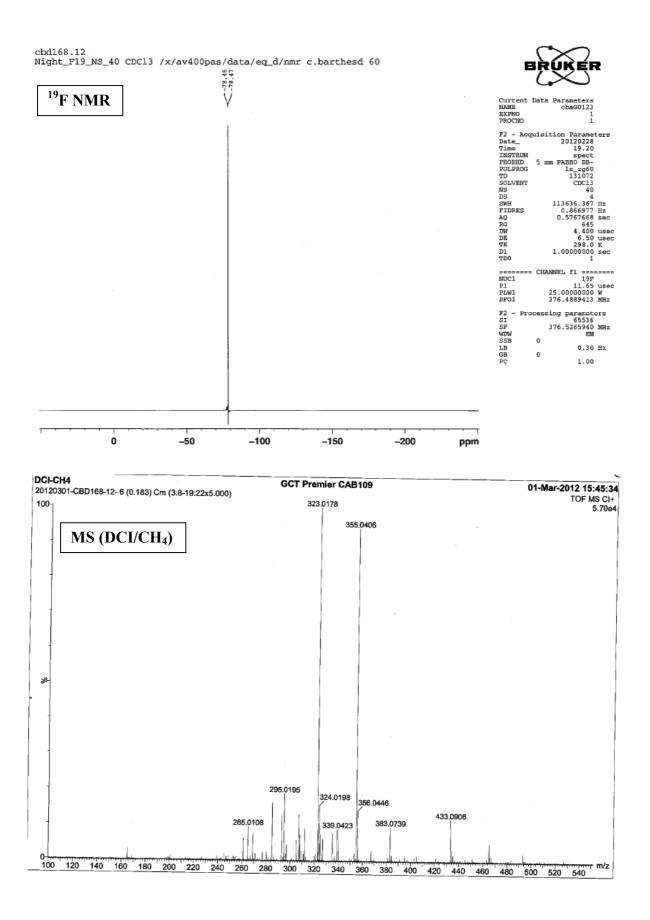


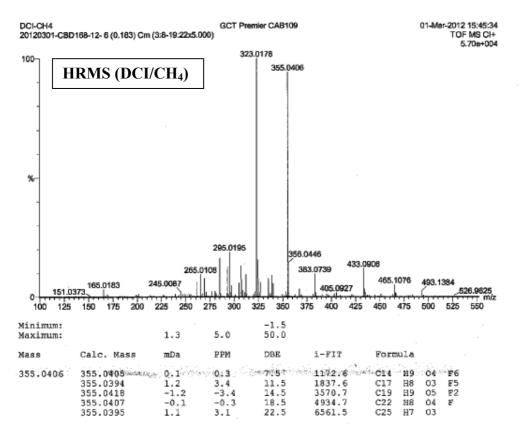


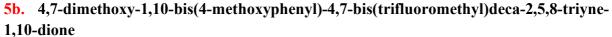


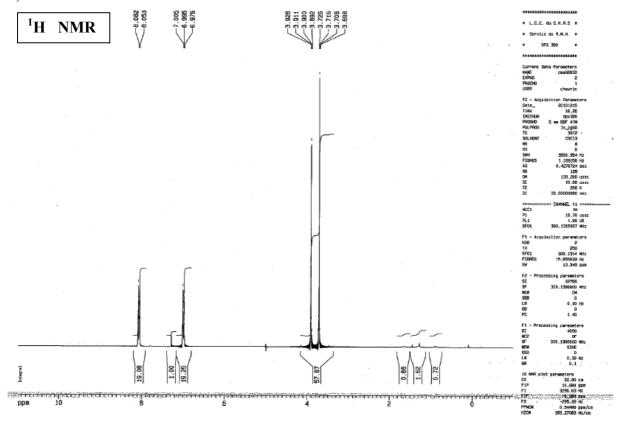
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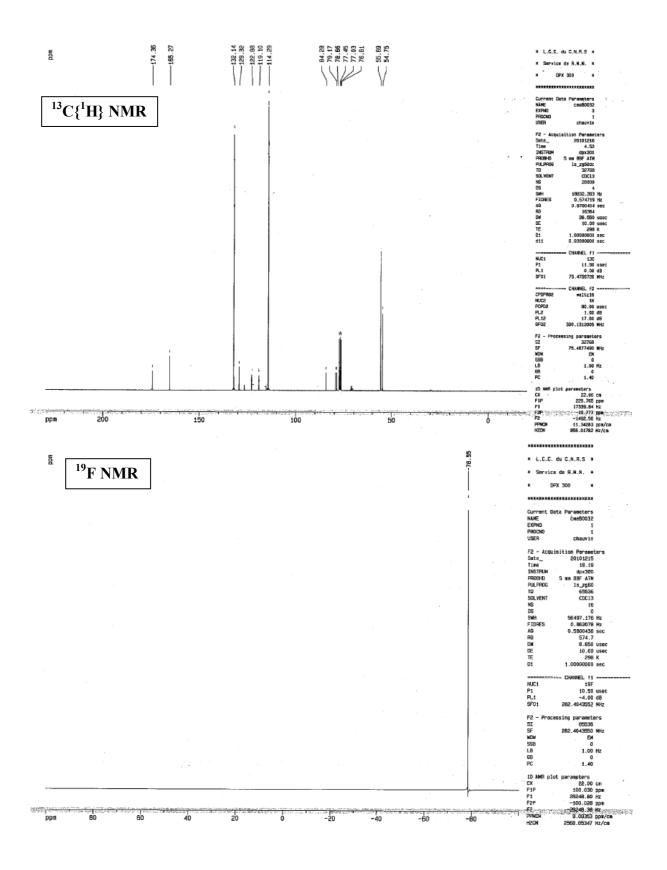
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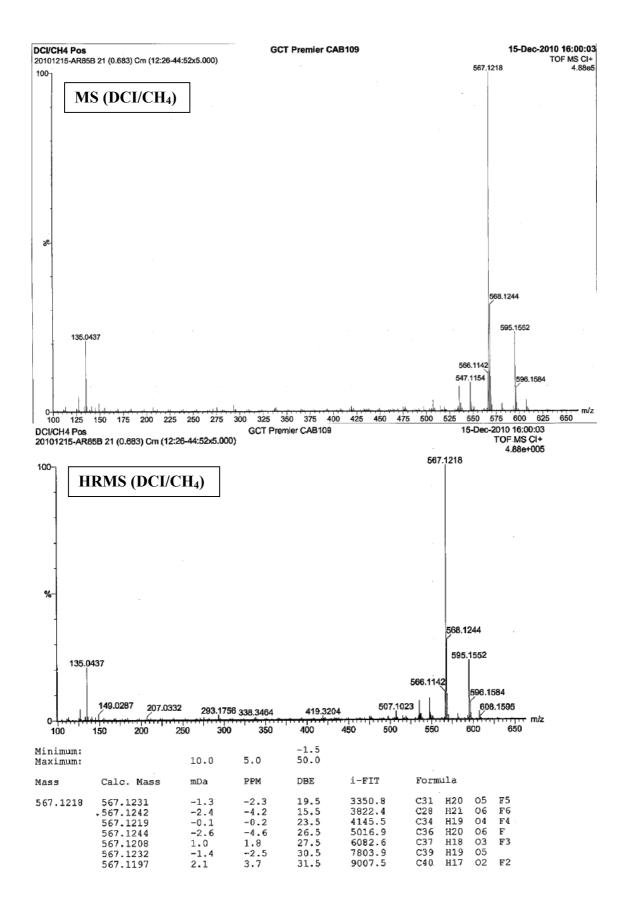


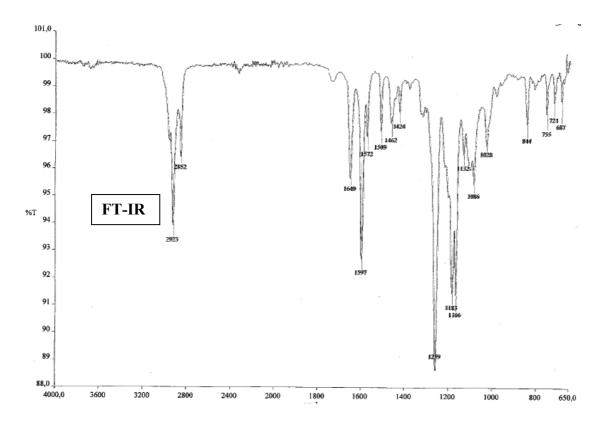




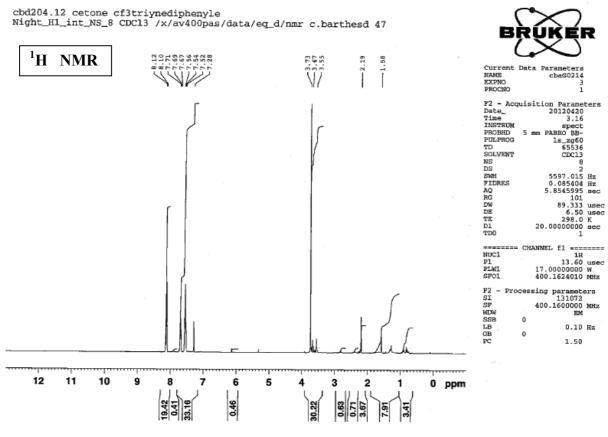


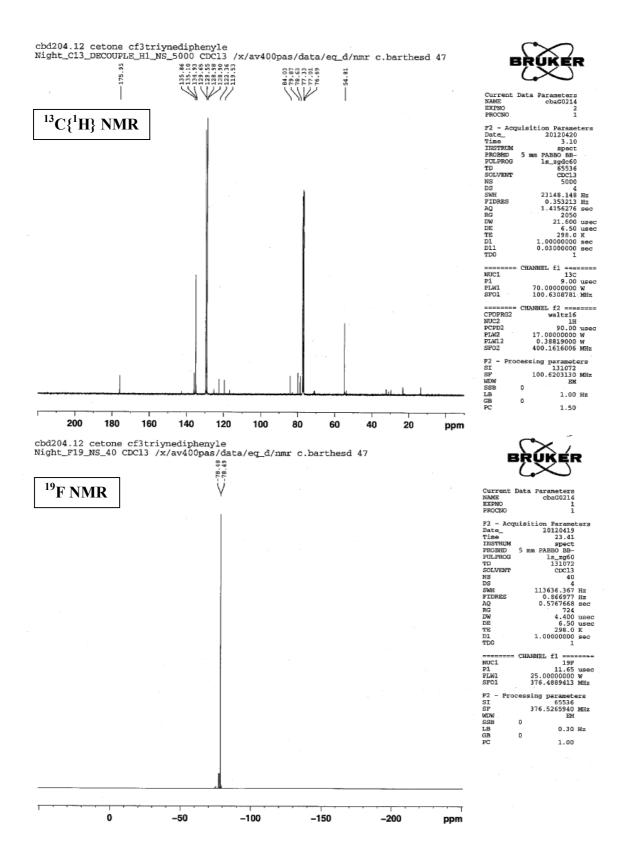


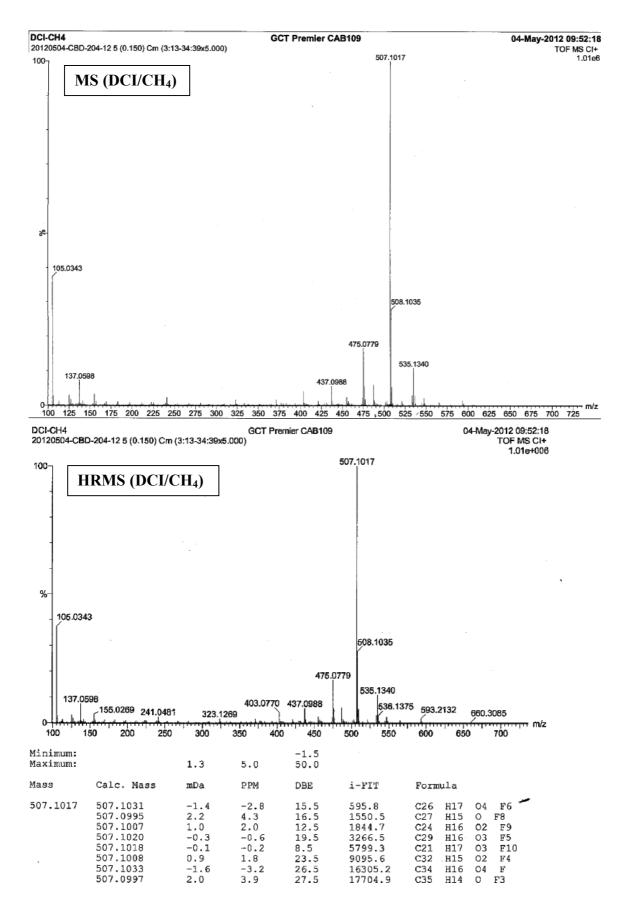


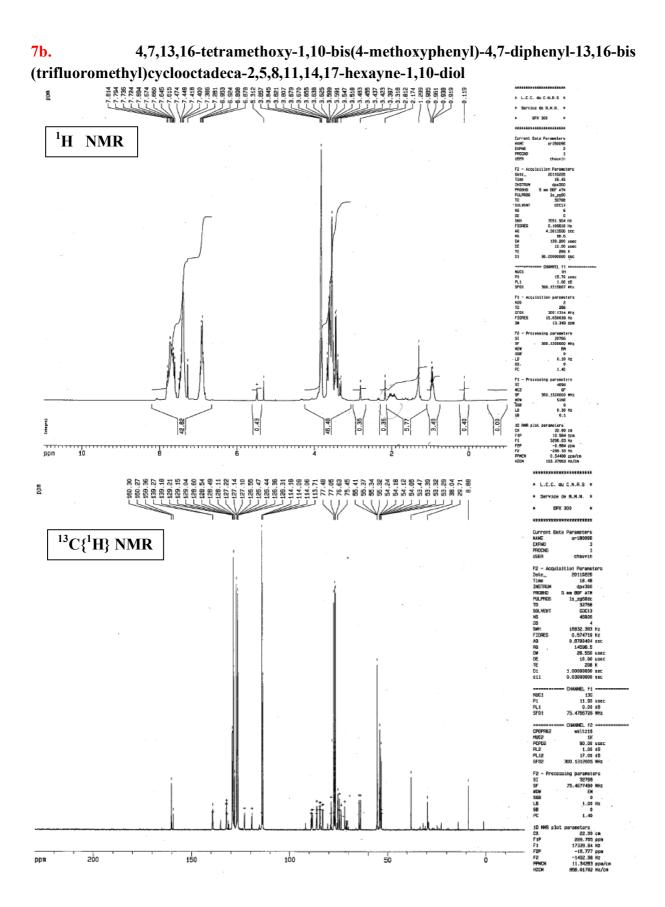


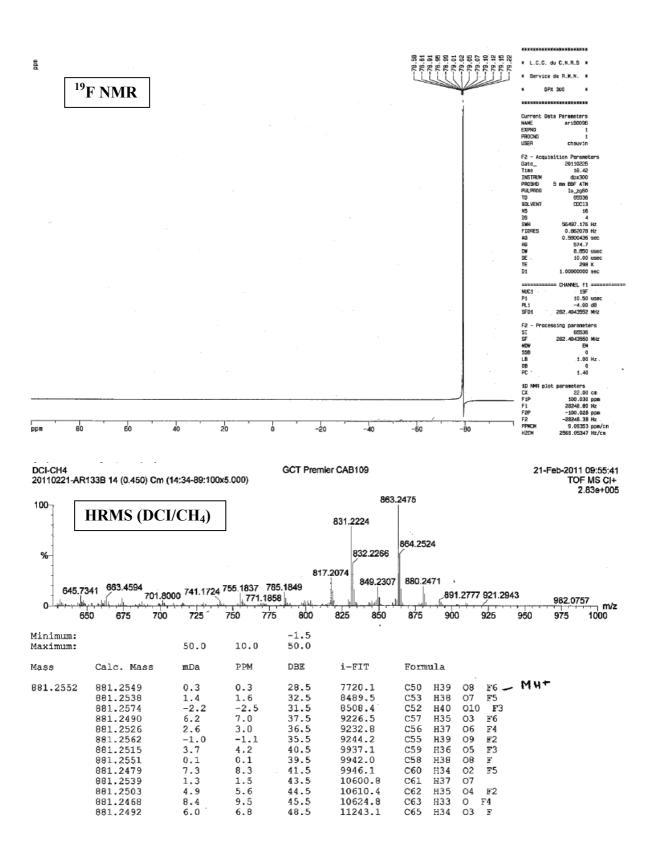


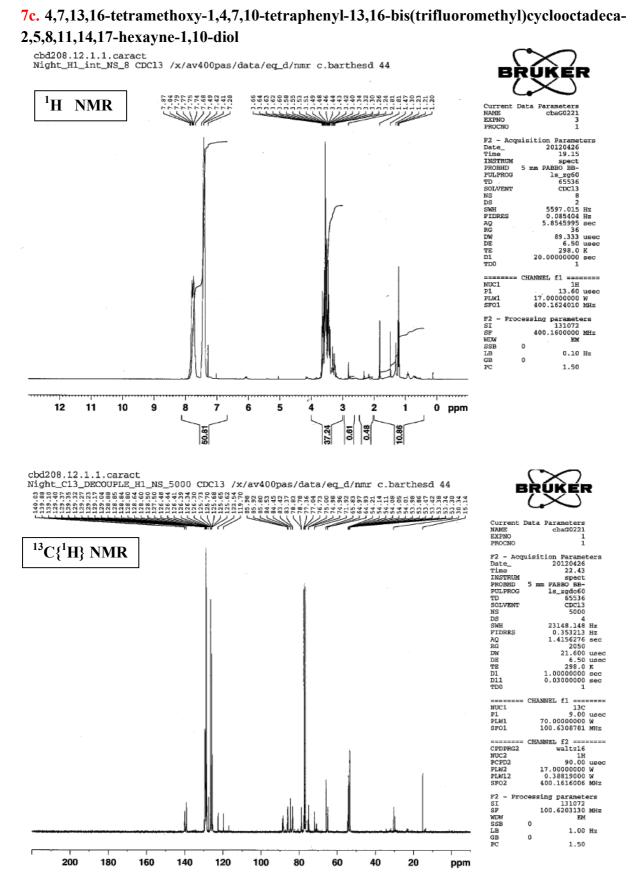




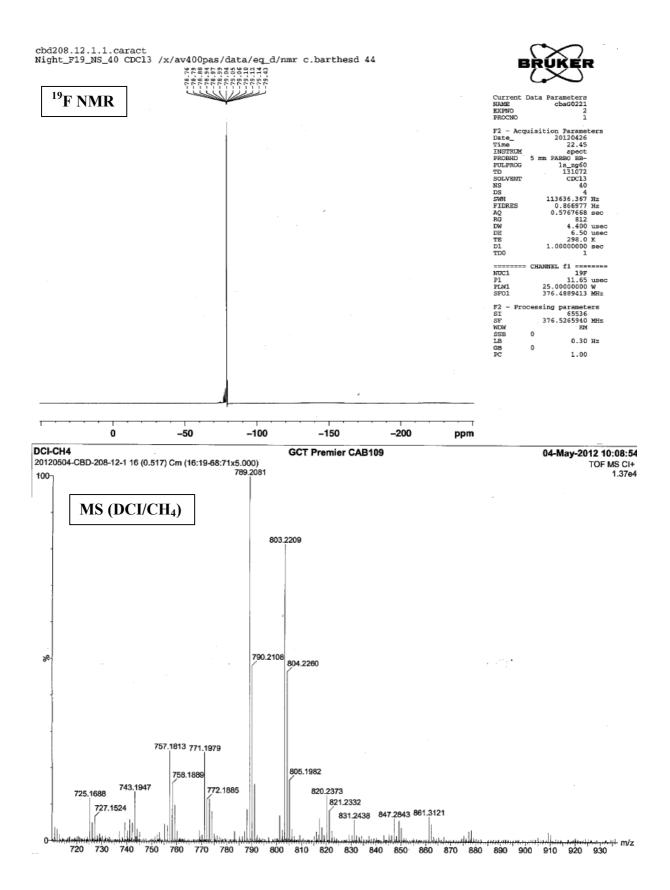


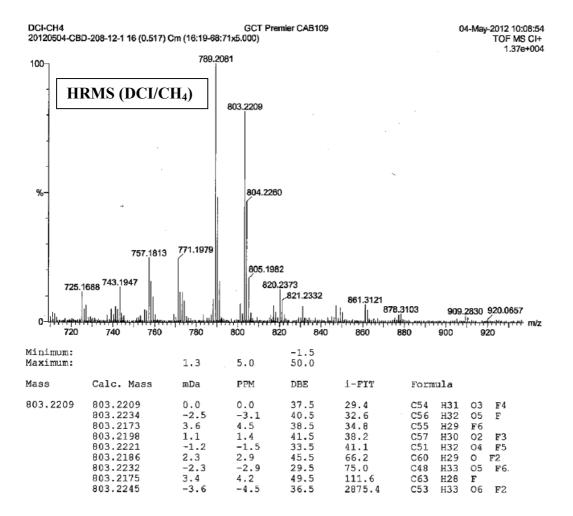






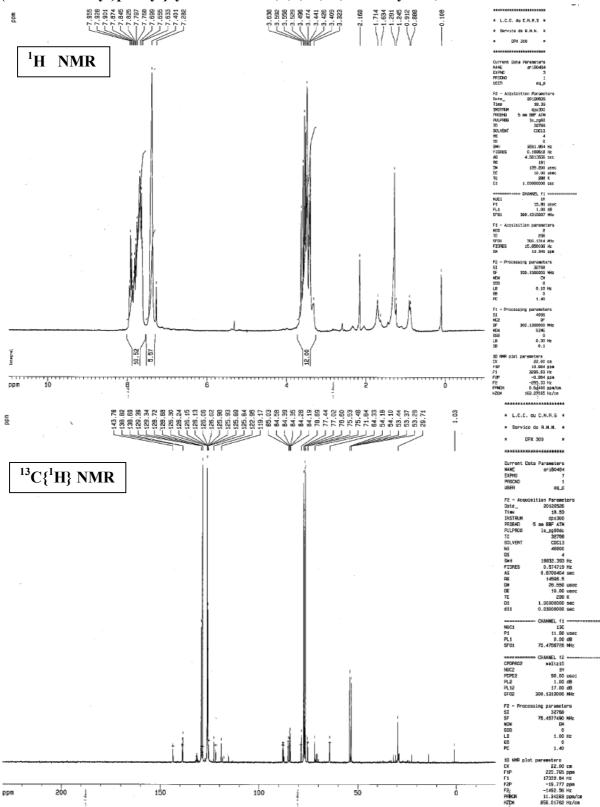


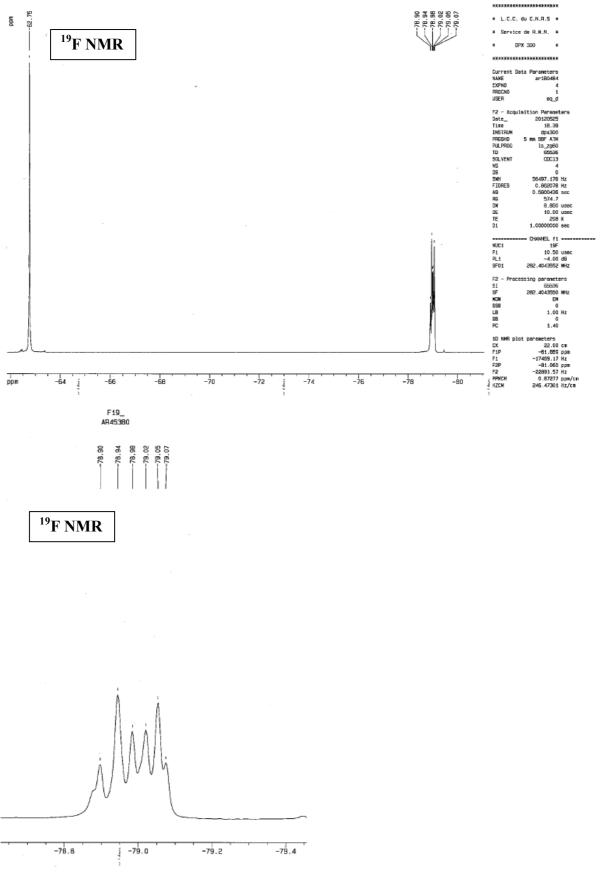




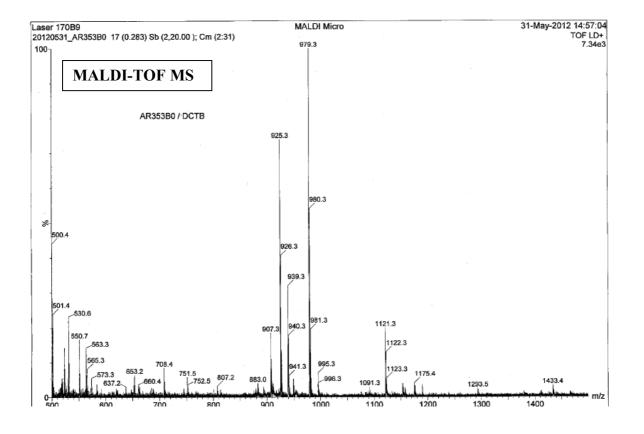
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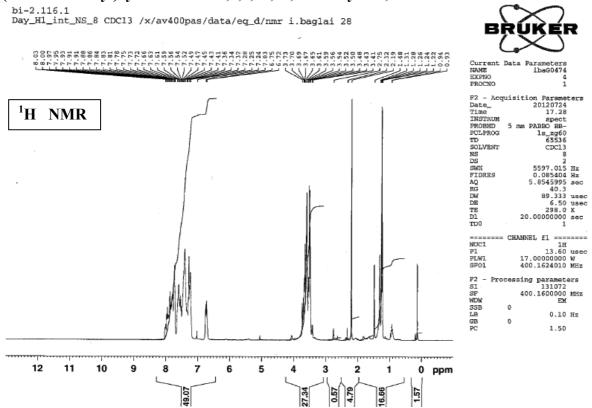
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	979.1882	8.7	8.9	36.5 36.5	13.8	C57 H31	04 F10	23Na 23Na
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	979.1907	7.4	7.6	43.5	29.4	C61 H30	05 F6	23Na
	979.2059	-9.0	-9.2	43.5	31.7	C62 H31	03 F7	23Na
	979.2048	-7,9	-8.1	47.5	43.3	C65 H30	02 F6	23Na

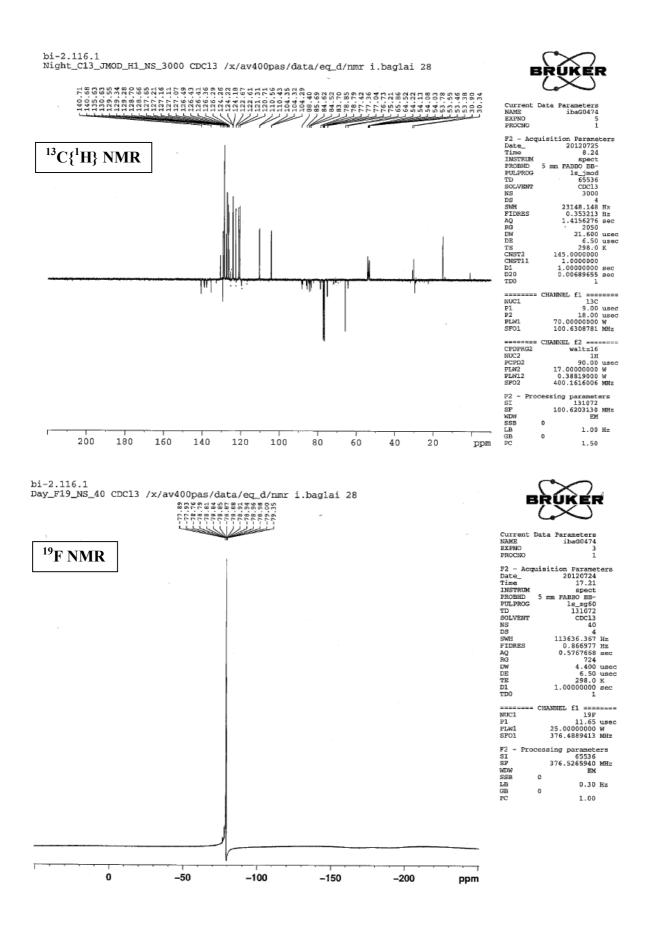
### 7e. 1,10-bis[4-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-13,16-diphenyl-4,7bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol

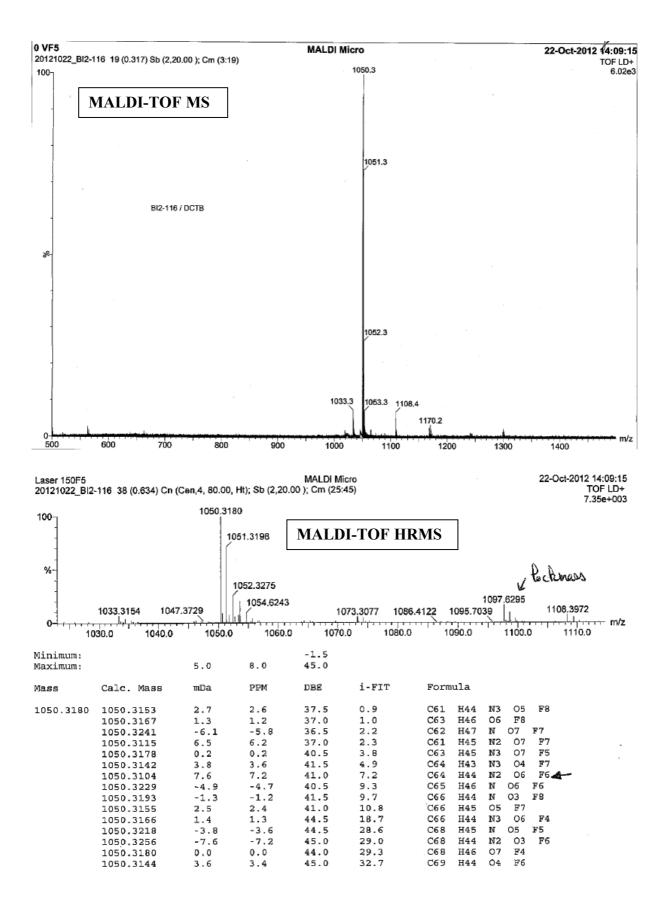
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100-			1150.3440								1.0087004
			1151.3	3462							
" "	ALDI-TOF	HRMS									
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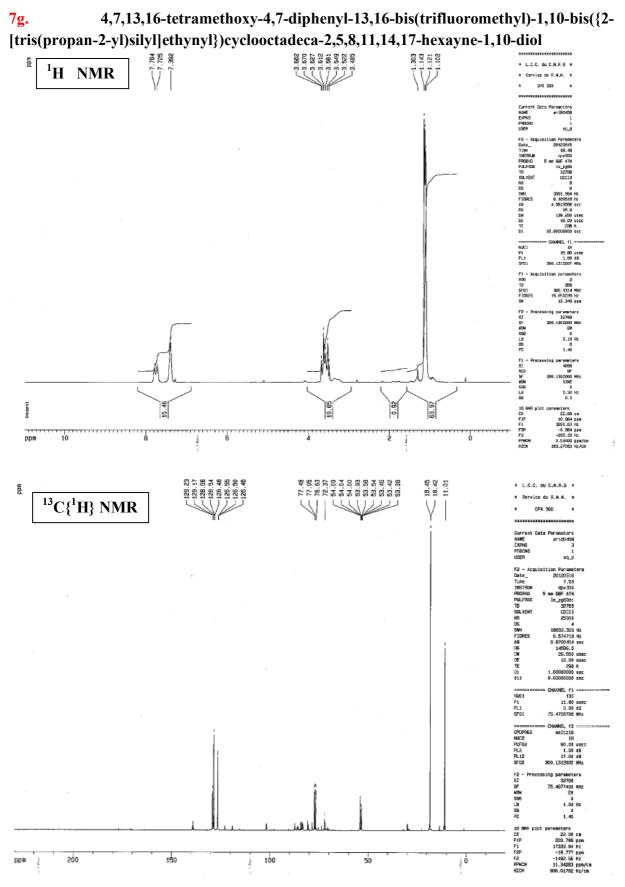
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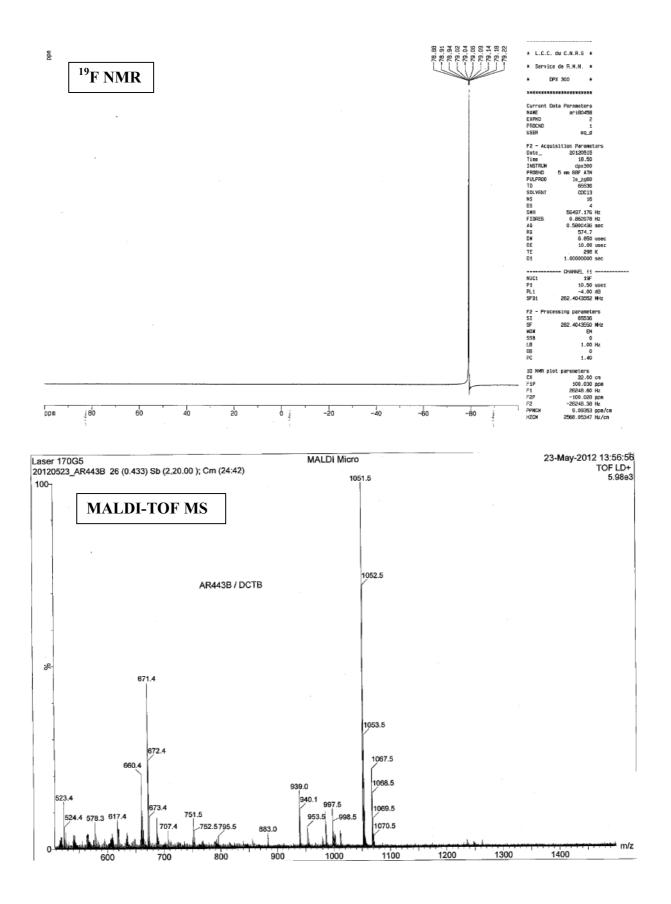


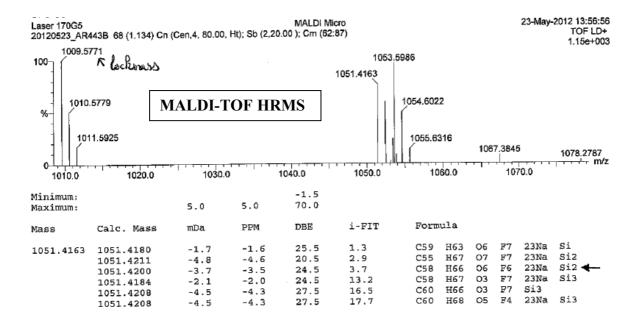
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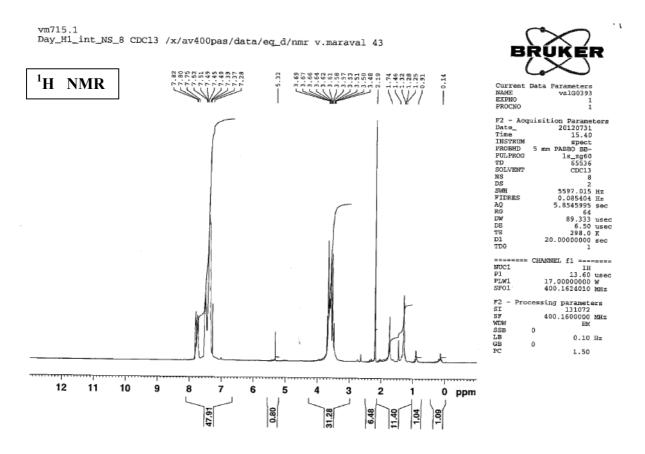


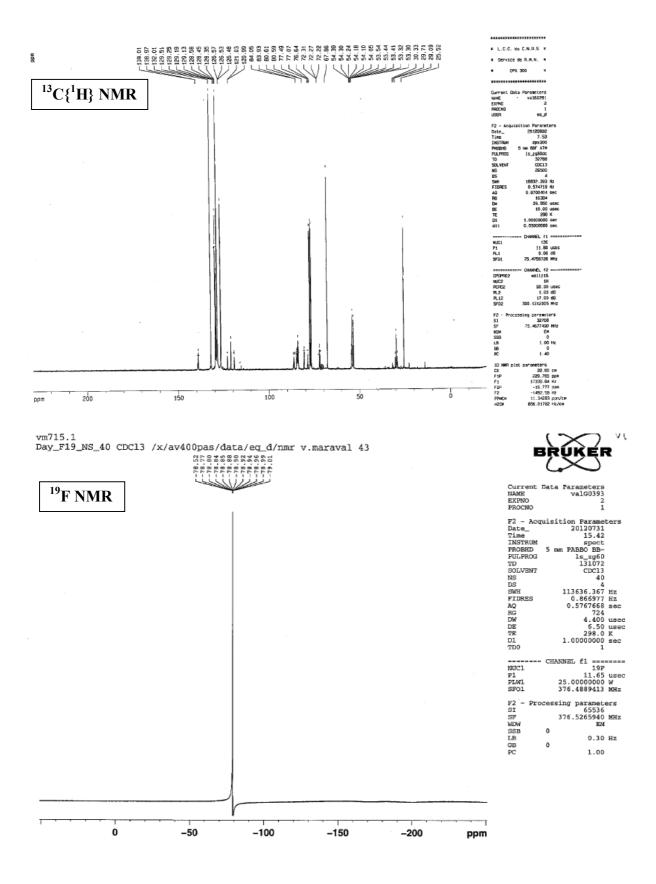


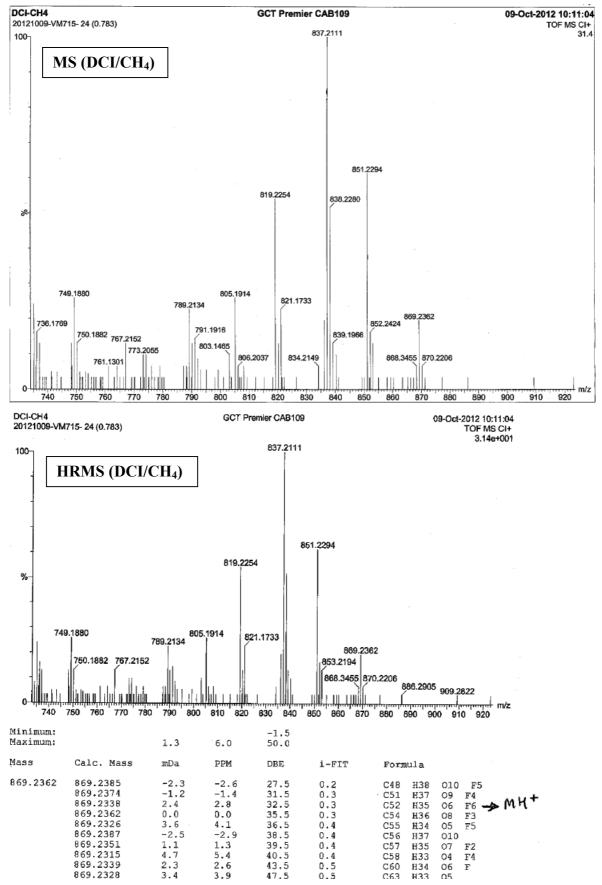




# 7h. 4,7,13,16-tetramethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-bis(2-phenylethynyl)-13,16-bis (trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-2,5,8,11,14,17-hexayne-1,10-diol

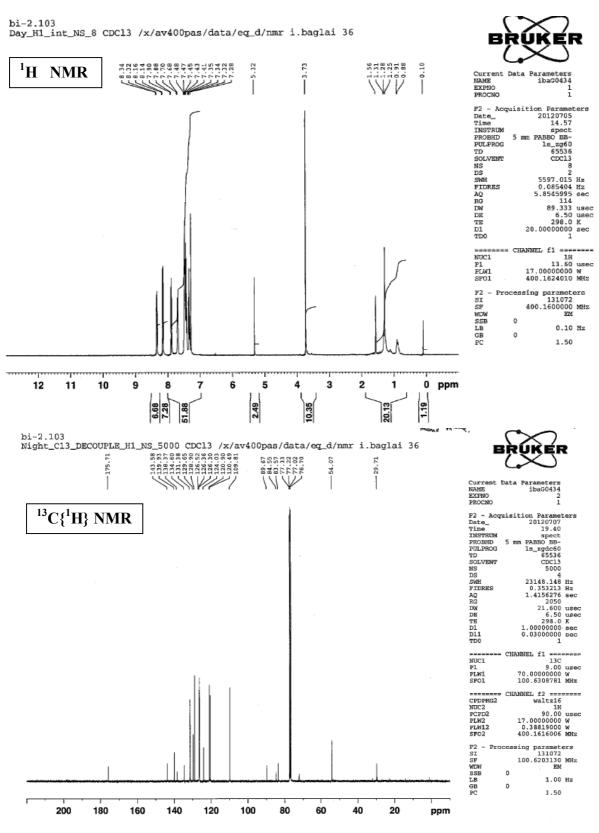


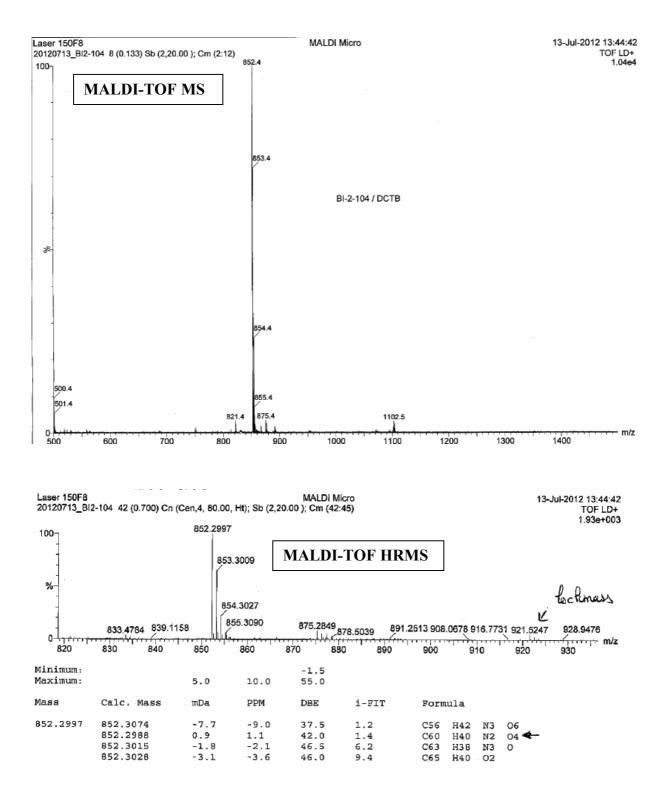




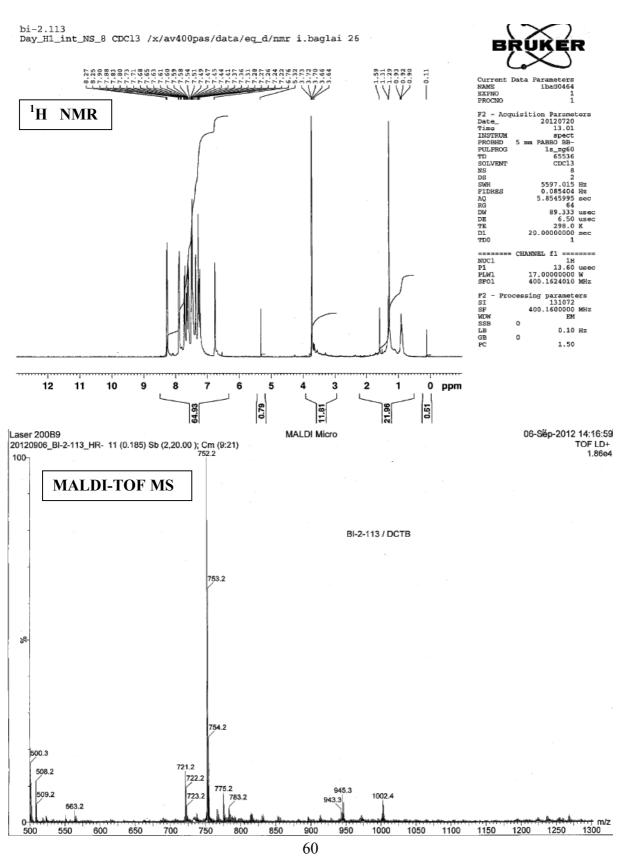


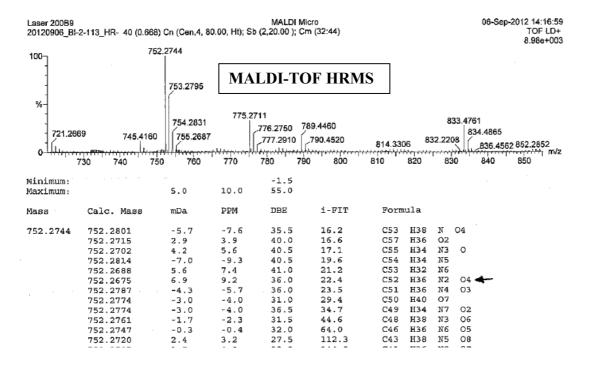
# **10e.** 1,10-bis[4-(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyldeca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-dione



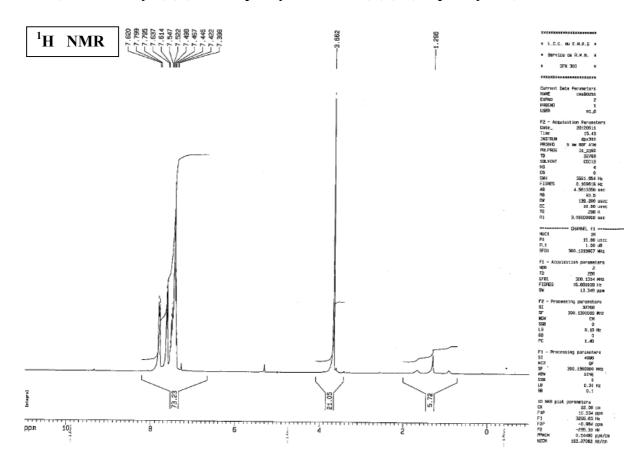


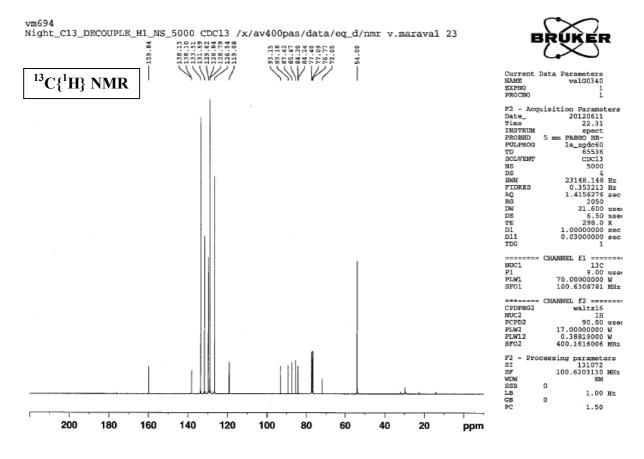
**10f.** 1,10-bis[4-(1*H*-indol-1-yl)phenyl]-4,7-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyldeca-2,5,8-triyne-1,10-dione

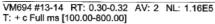


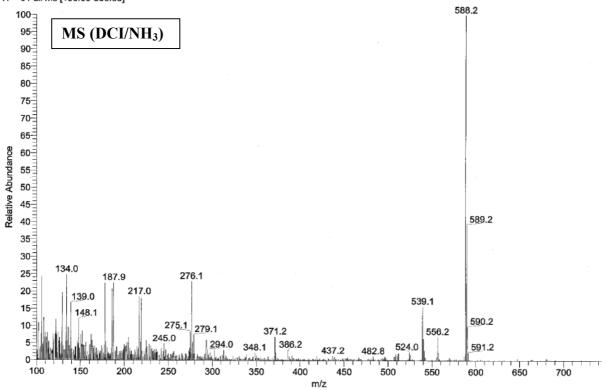


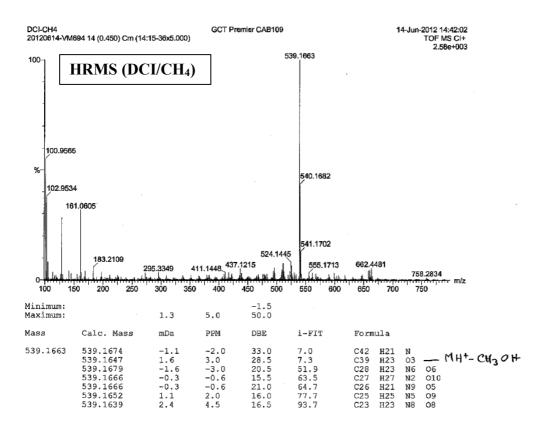
10h. 6,9-dimethoxy-1,6,9,14-tetraphenyltetradeca-1,4,7,10,13-pentayne-3,12-dione

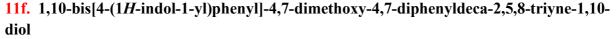


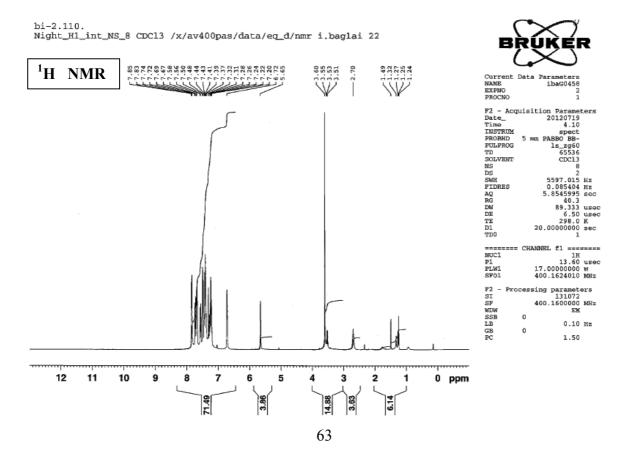


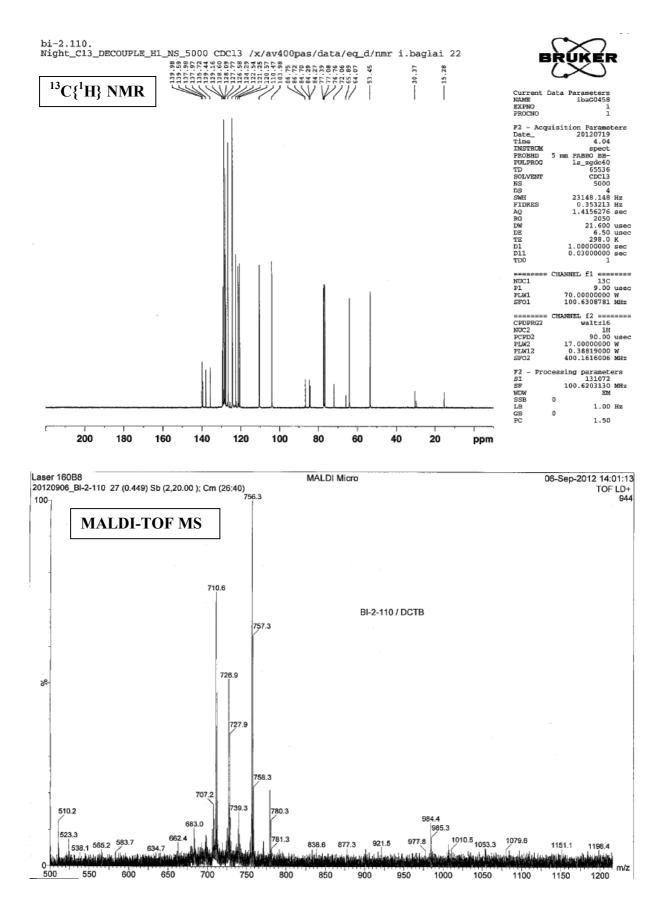






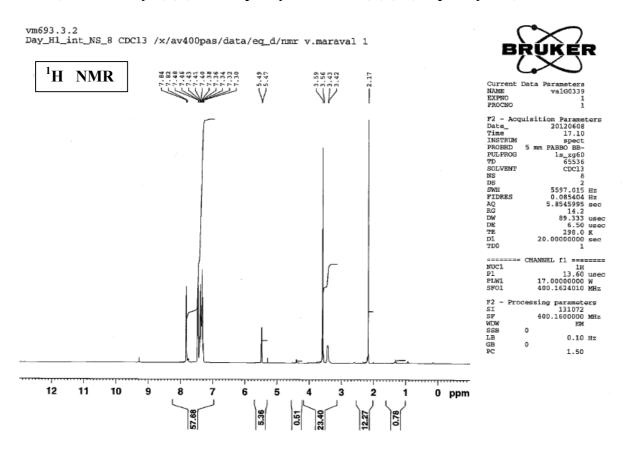


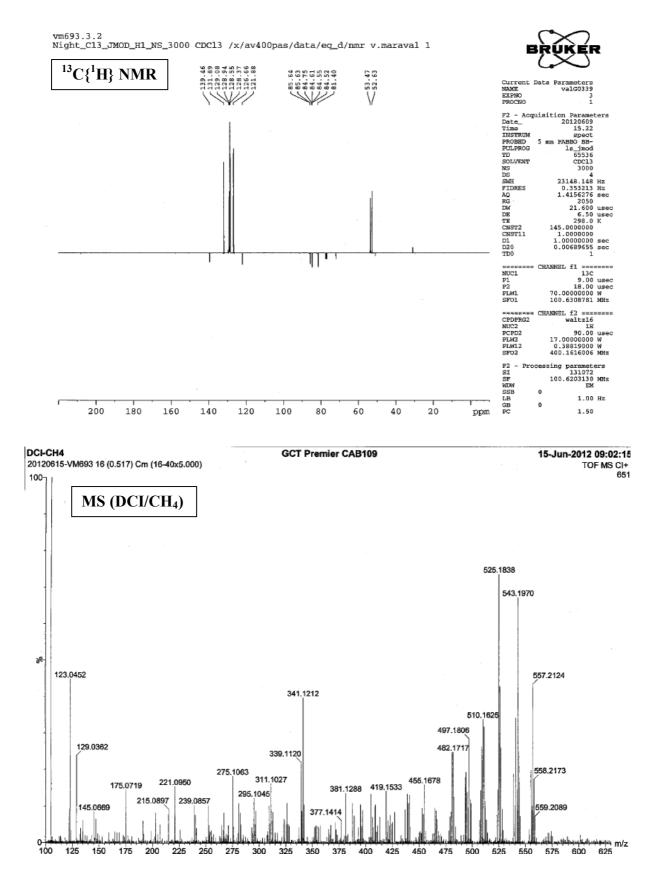




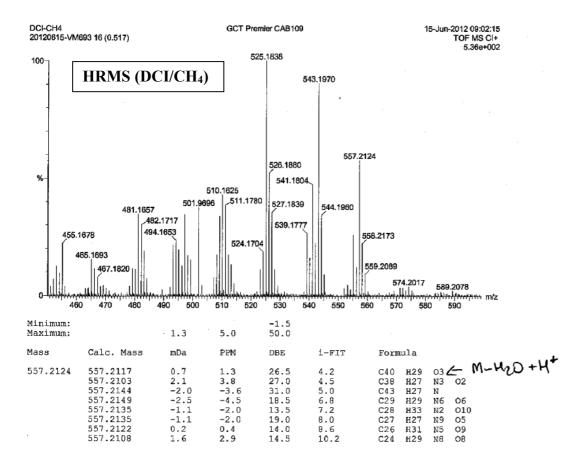
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	770.3342 771.3400 774 3389 777.2881			779.2939  780.2994   781.2985   784.60			7 792.3041 795.2575 796.2737				
770.0	772.0 774.0	776.0	778.0	780.0 782.0	784.0	786.0 788.0	790.0	792.0	794.0	796.0	
Minimum: Maximum:		3.0	10.0	-1.5 50.0							
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	i-FIT (No	rm) Form	ula			
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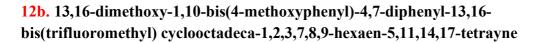
### 11h. 6,9-dimethoxy-1,6,9,14-tetraphenyltetradeca-1,4,7,10,13-pentayne-3,12-diol

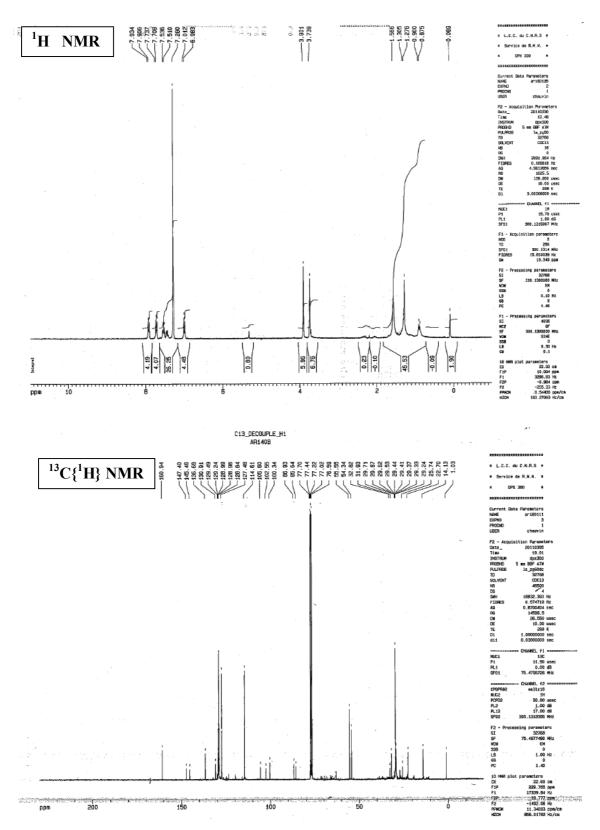


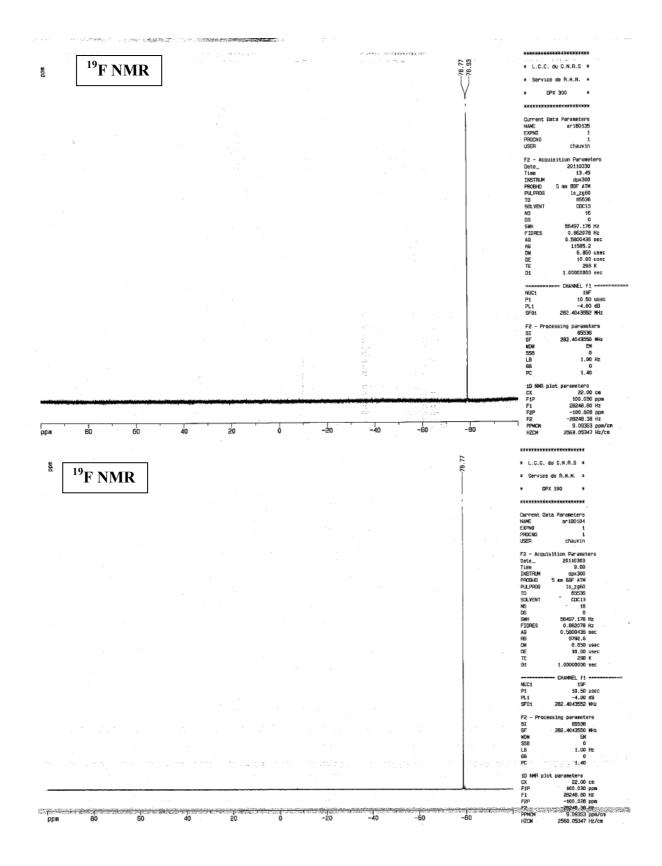




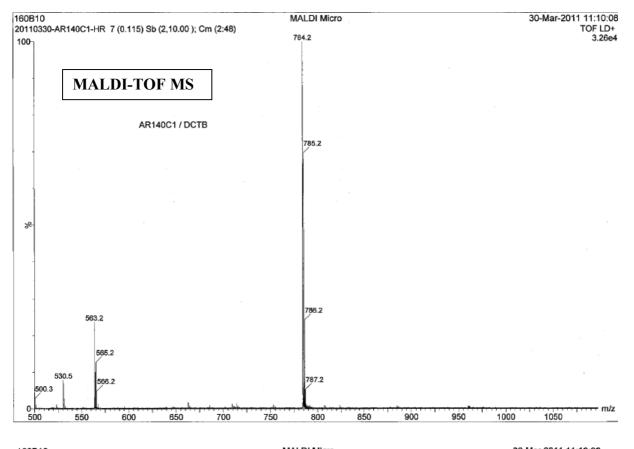






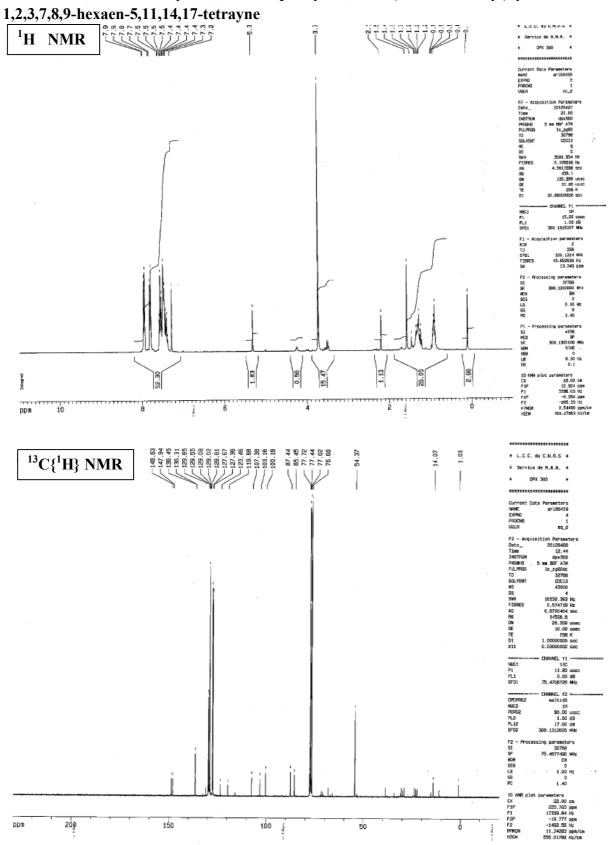




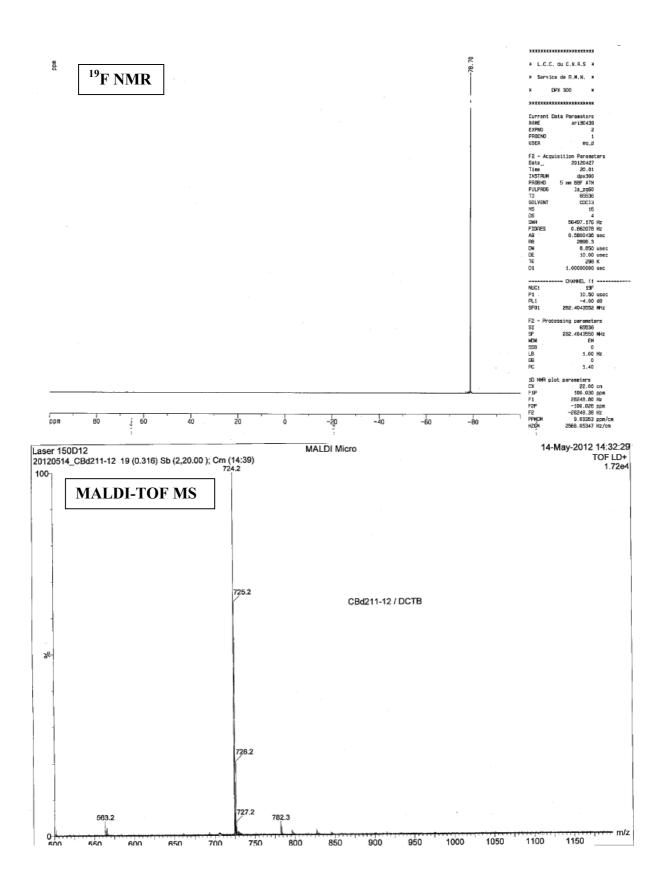


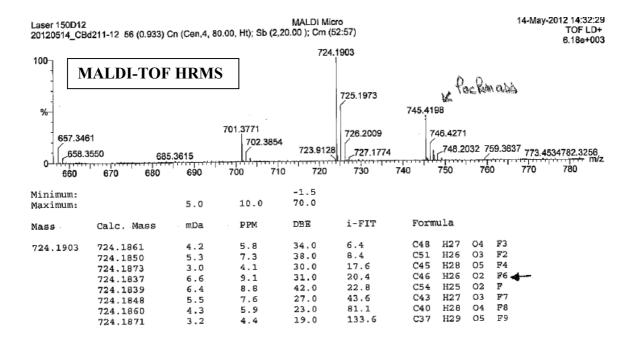
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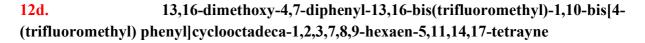
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	MALDI-TOP	FHRMS			785.2039						
%-	•				786.2111						
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Minimum: Maximum:		30.0	5.0	-1.5 50.0							
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa.	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Form	la				
784.2024	784.2025 784.2014 784.2037 784.2048 784.2050 784.2060 784.2061	-0.1 1.0 -1.3 -2.4 -2.6 -3.6 -3.7	-0.1 1.3 -1.7 -3.1 -3.3 -4.6 -4.7	39.0 43.0 35.0 31.0 42.0 27.0 38.0	250.1 152.1 374.9 525.8 162.8 703.6 264.7	C54 C57 C51 C48 C56 C45 C45 C53	H28 H27 H29 H30 H29 H31 H30	02 0 03 04 04 05 05	F4 F3 F5 F6 F7 F2		

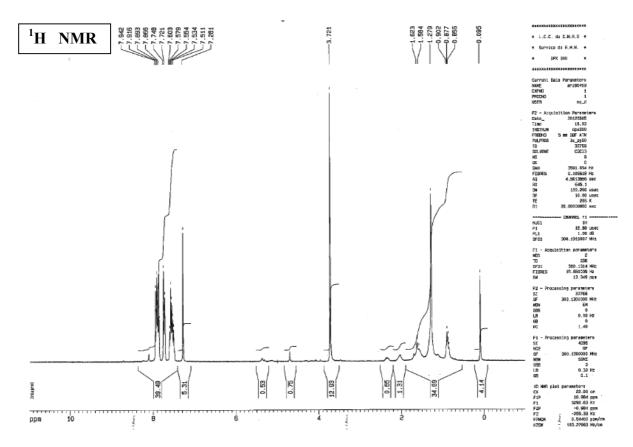


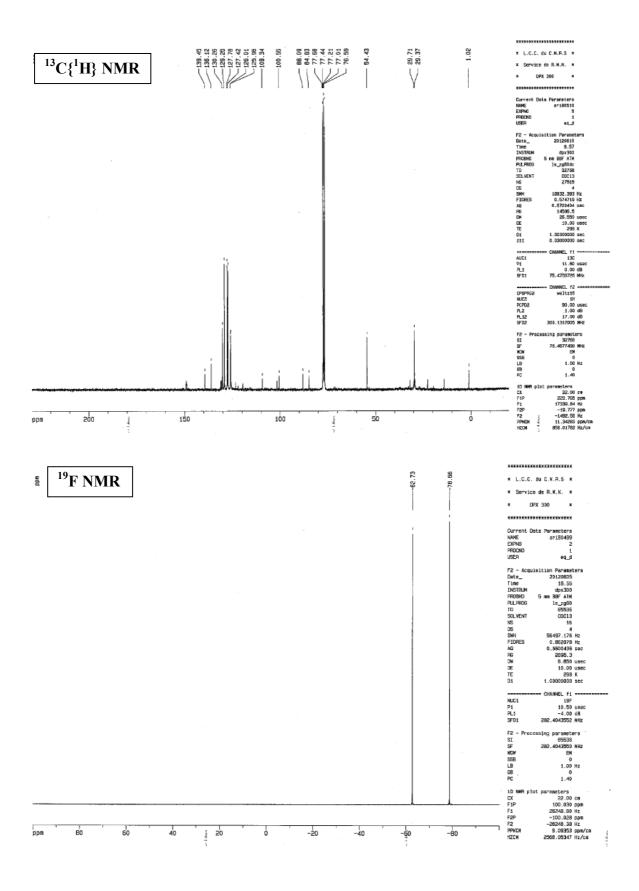
13,16-dimethoxy-1,4,7,10-tetraphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-12c.

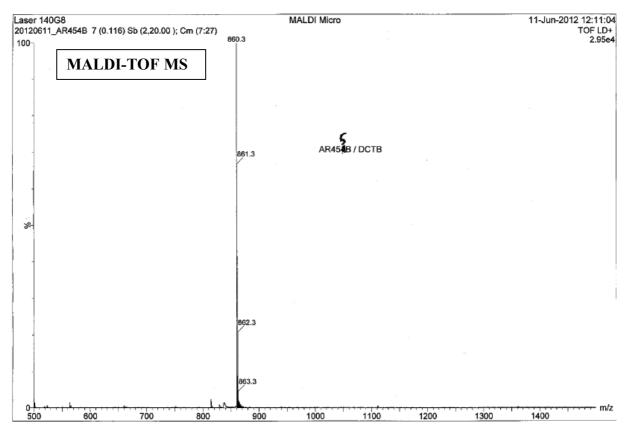


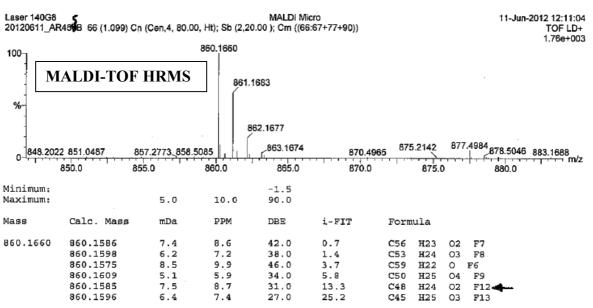


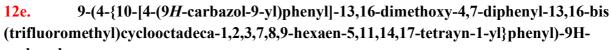




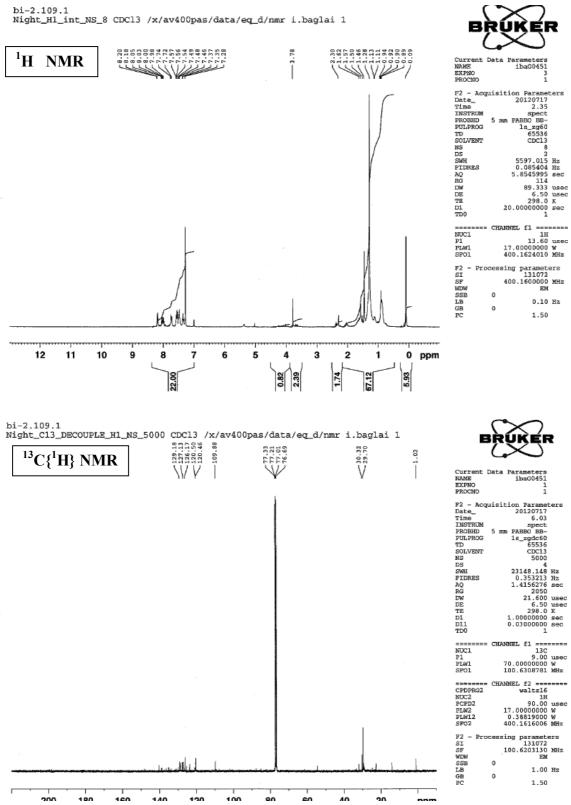


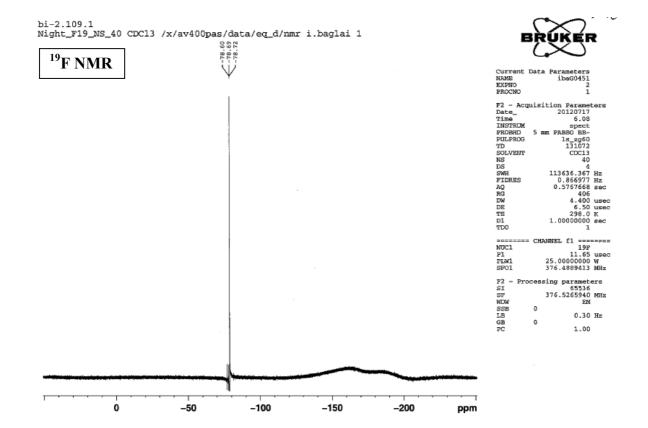


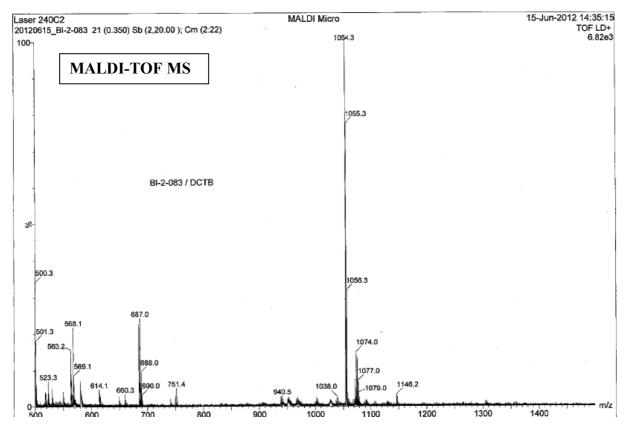


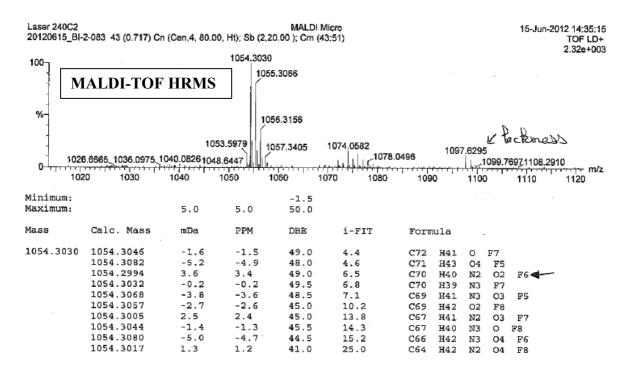


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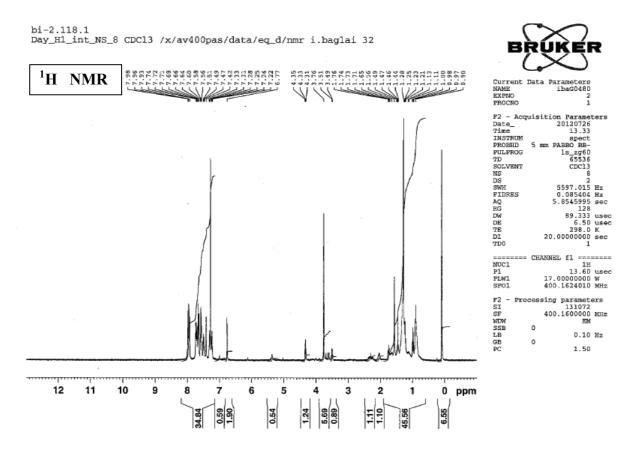


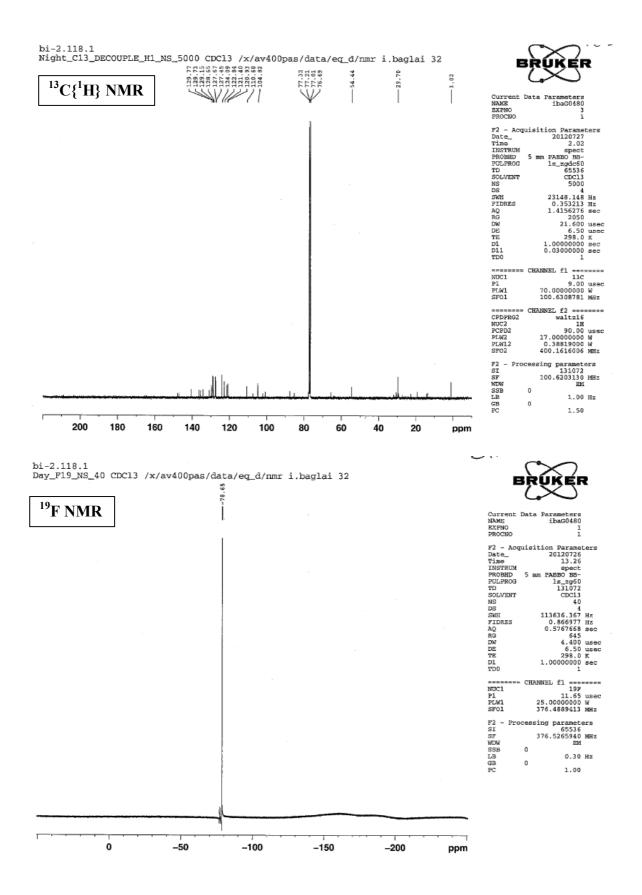


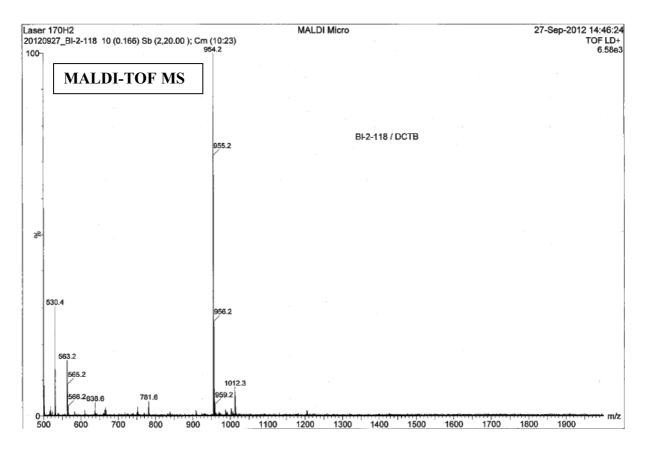




12f.1-(4-{10-[4-(1H-indol-1-yl)phenyl]-13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayn-1-yl}phenyl)-1H-indole

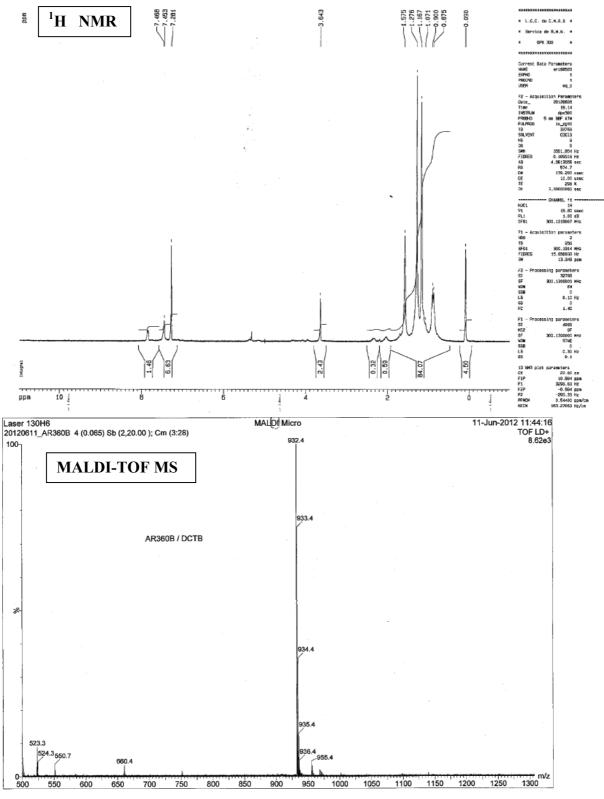






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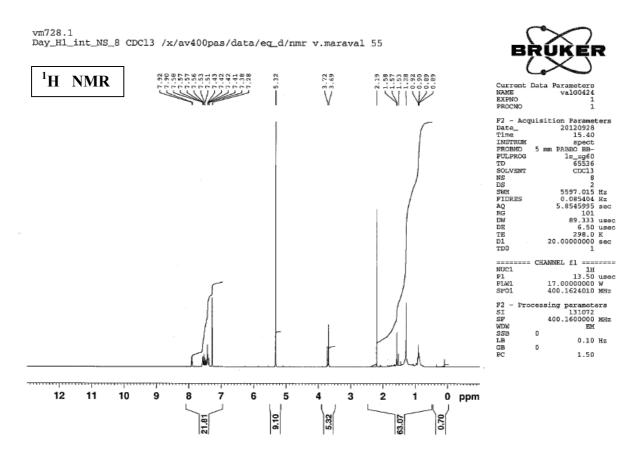
**12g.** {2-[13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)-10-{2-[tris(propan-2-yl)silyl]ethynyl}cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayn-1-yl]ethynyl} tris(propan-2-yl)silane

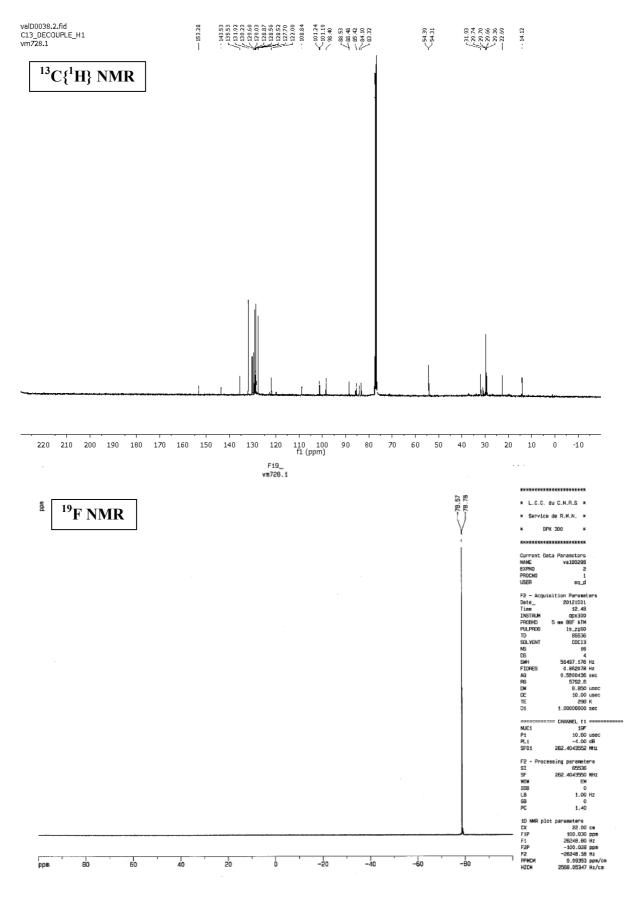


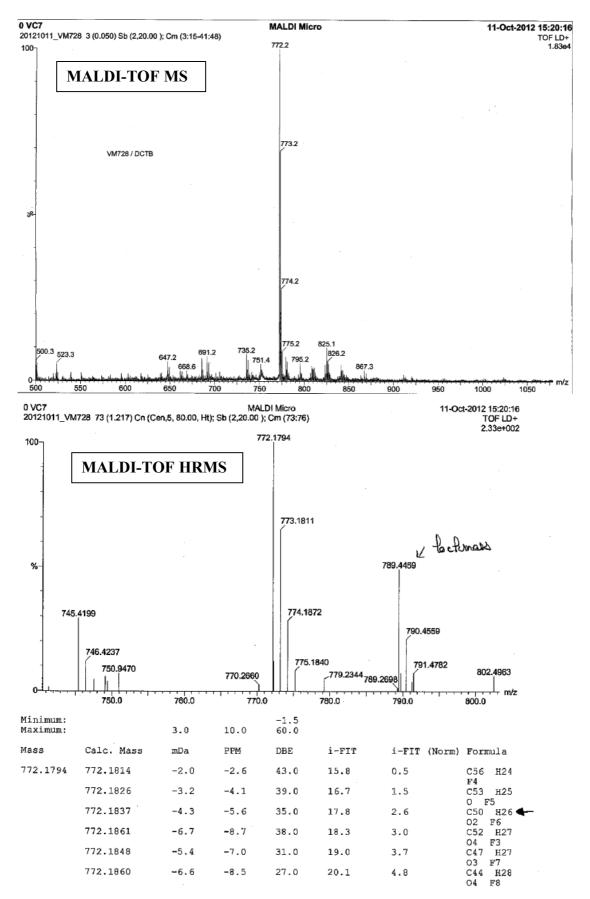
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Minimum:				-1.5					
Maximum:		5.0	5.0	90.0					
Mass	Calc. Mass	mDa	PPM	DBE	i-FIT	Formu	la		
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	932.3868	4.5	4.8	31.0	1.7	C59	H57	O FS	5 Si2
	932.3880	3.3	3.5	27.0	3.4	C56	H58	02 1	76 Si2
	932.3891	2.2	2.4	23.0	10.1	C53	H59	03 I	77 Si2
	932.3873	4.0	4.3	35.0	10.4		H55		73 S1
	932.3884	2.9	3.1	31.0	19.1		H56		74 Si
	932.3902	1.1	1.2	19.0	22.3		H60 /		78 Si2
	932.3871	4.2	4.5	24.0	51.9	C54	H56	03 I	78 Si

# **12h.** 13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-bis(2-phenylethynyl)-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl) cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne



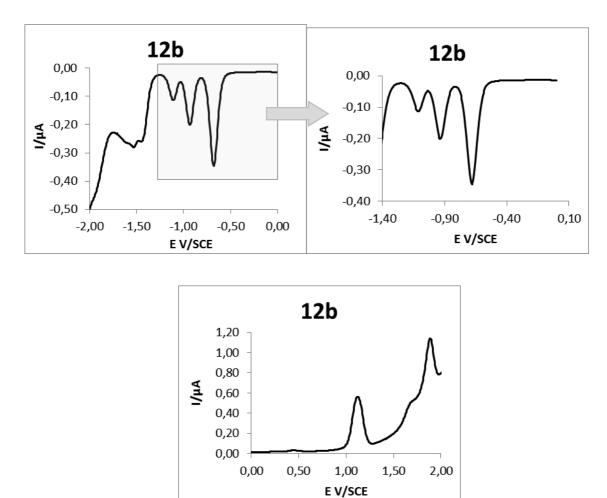




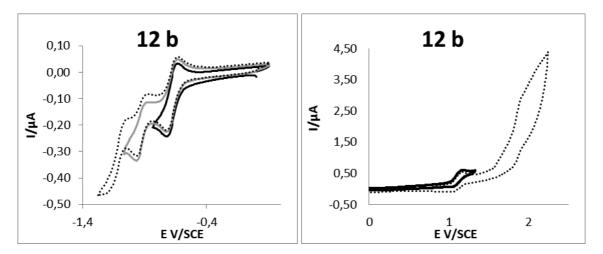
## 6. Voltammograms

# **12b.** 13,16-dimethoxy-1,10-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl) cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne

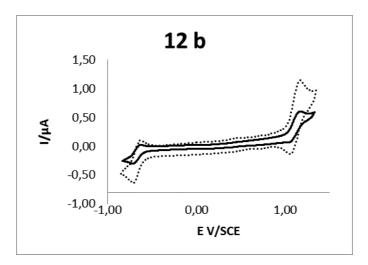
SW voltammograms for reduction and oxidation of **12b** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (containing 0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> (nBu<sub>4</sub>N)PF<sub>6</sub>) on Pt microdisk (r = 0.25 mm).



Cyclic voltammograms for reduction and oxidation of **12b** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (containing 0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> (nBu<sub>4</sub>N)PF<sub>6</sub>) on Pt microdisk (r = 0.25 mm), scan rate is 0.1 V/s.

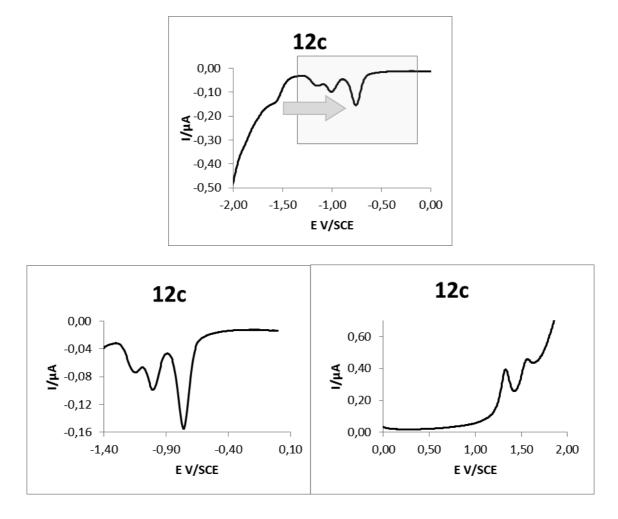


Influence of the scan rate: Cyclic voltammograms for first reduction and first oxidation of **12b** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (containing 0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> (nBu<sub>4</sub>N)PF<sub>6</sub>) on Pt microdisk (r = 0.25 mm), scan rate is 0.1 V/s (solid line) and 0.5 V/s (dotted line).

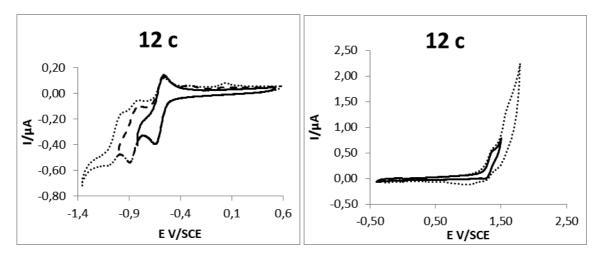


## **12c.** 13,16-dimethoxy-1,4,7,10-tetraphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne

SW voltammograms for reduction and oxidation of **12c** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (containing 0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> (nBu<sub>4</sub>N)PF<sub>6</sub>) on Pt microdisk (r = 0.25 mm).

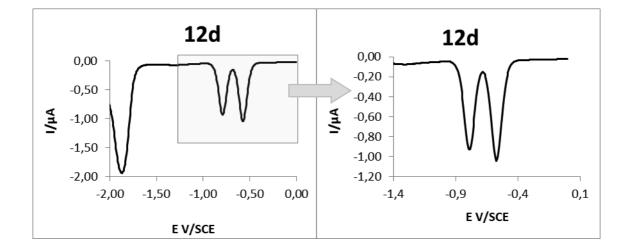


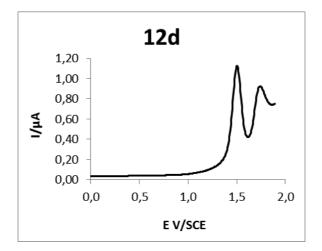
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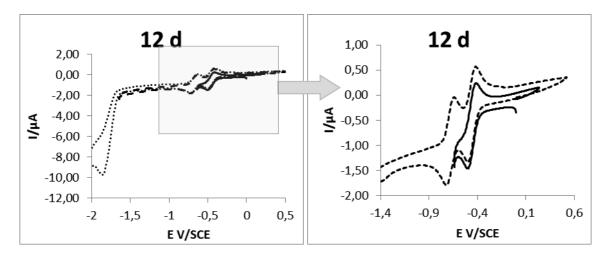
**12d.** 13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,10-bis[4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl]cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayne

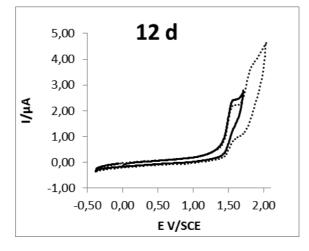
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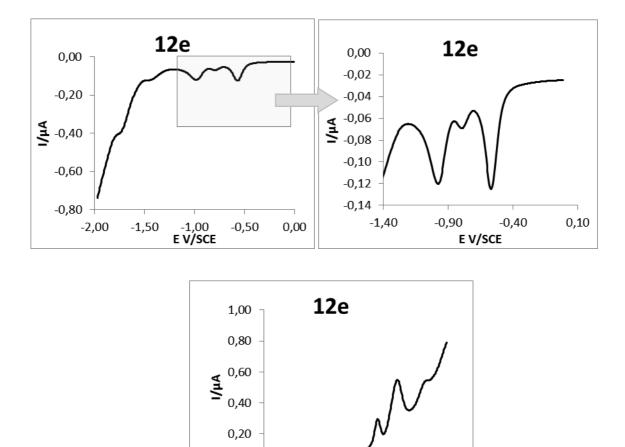
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# **12e.** 9-(4-{10-[4-(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl]-13,16-dimethoxy-4,7-diphenyl-13,16-bis (trifluoromethyl)cyclooctadeca-1,2,3,7,8,9-hexaen-5,11,14,17-tetrayn-1-yl}phenyl)-9H-carbazole

SW voltammograms for reduction and oxidation of **12e** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (containing 0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> (nBu<sub>4</sub>N)PF<sub>6</sub>) on Pt microdisk (r = 0.25 mm).



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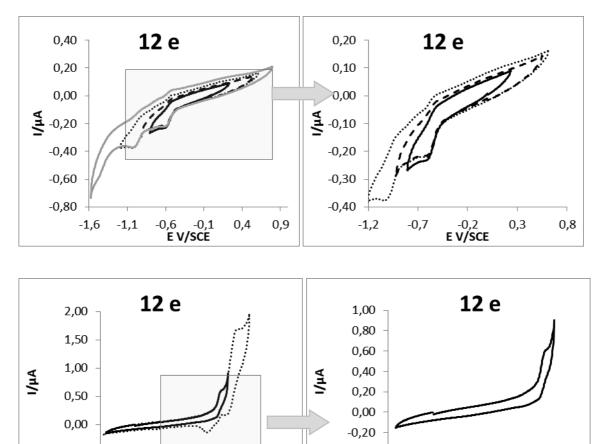
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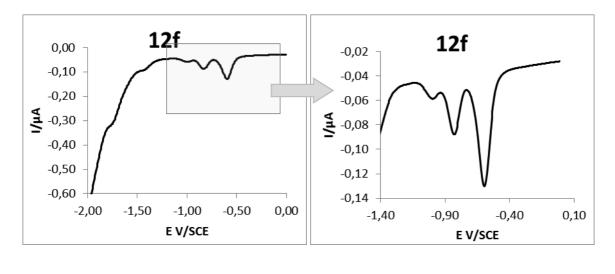
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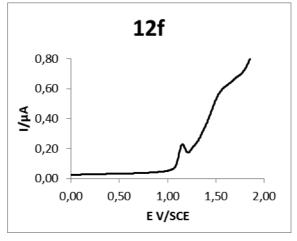
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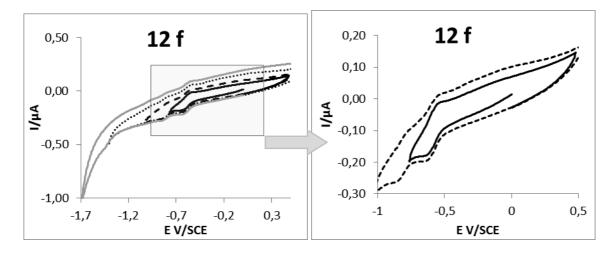
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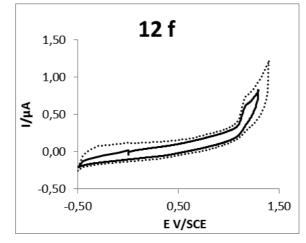
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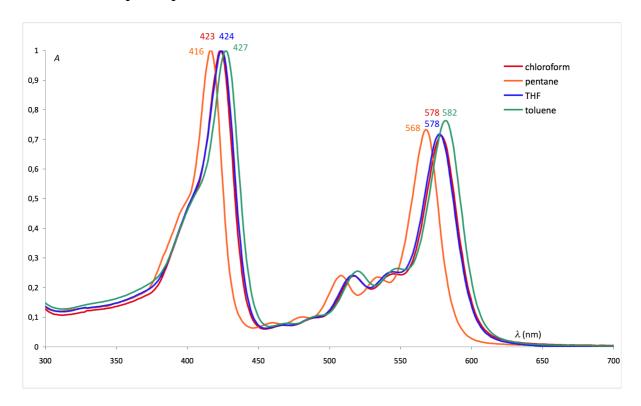


Cyclic voltammograms for reduction and oxidation of **12f** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (containing 0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup> (nBu<sub>4</sub>N)PF<sub>6</sub>) on Pt microdisk (r = 0.25 mm), scan rate is 0.2 V/s





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