

Phosphazene Base-Mediated Azide-Alkyne Click Polymerization toward 1,5-Regioregular Polytriazoles

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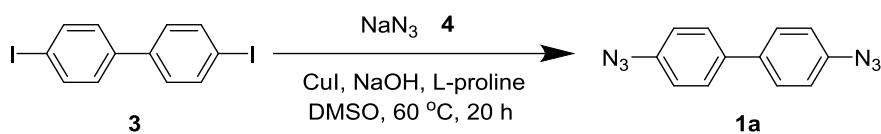
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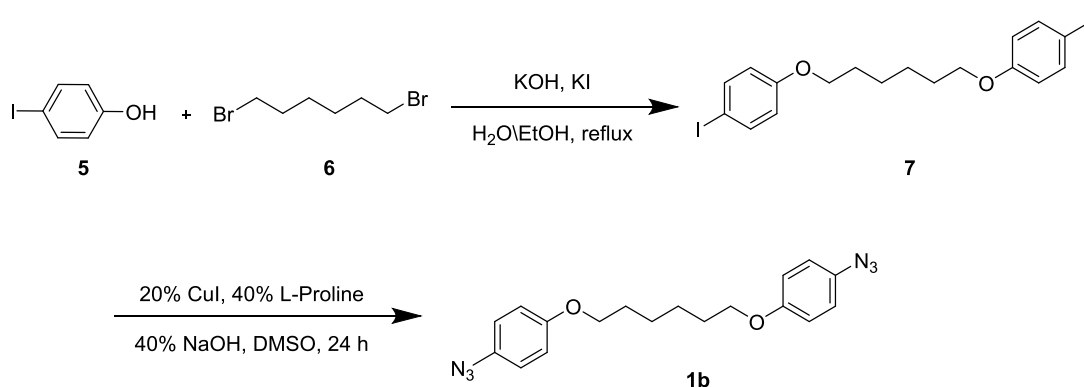
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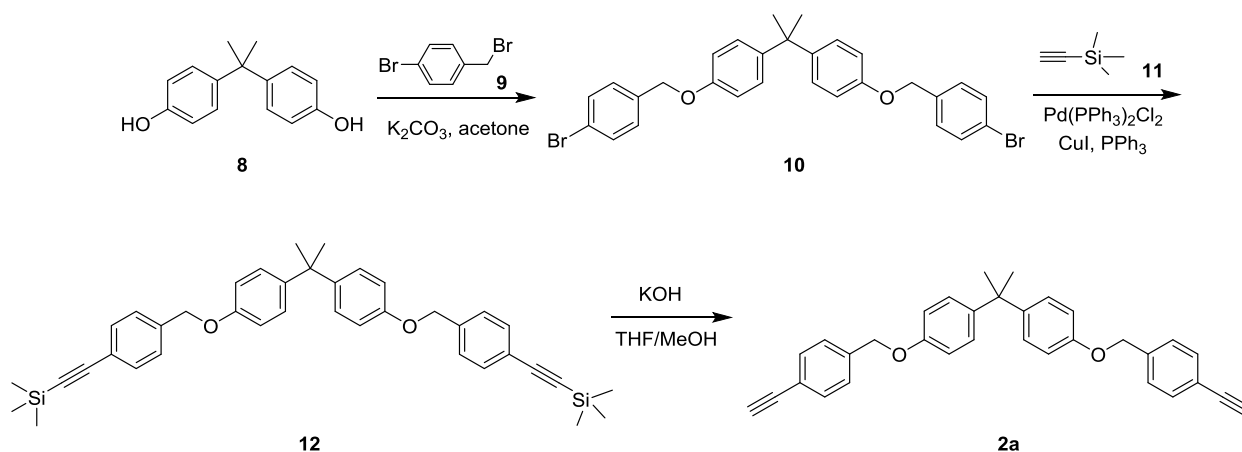
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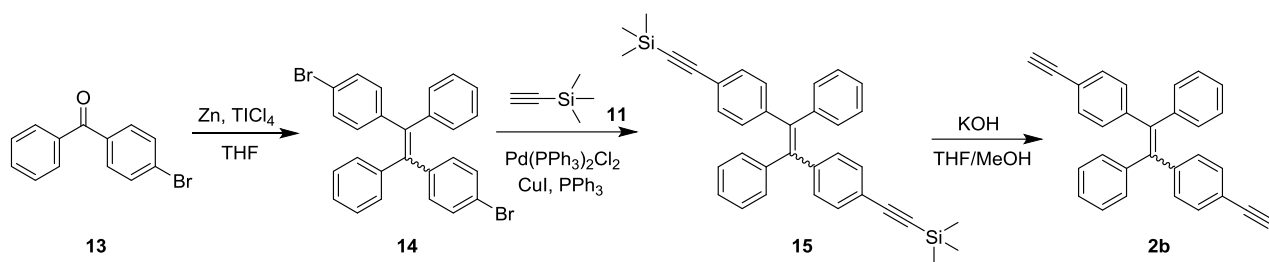
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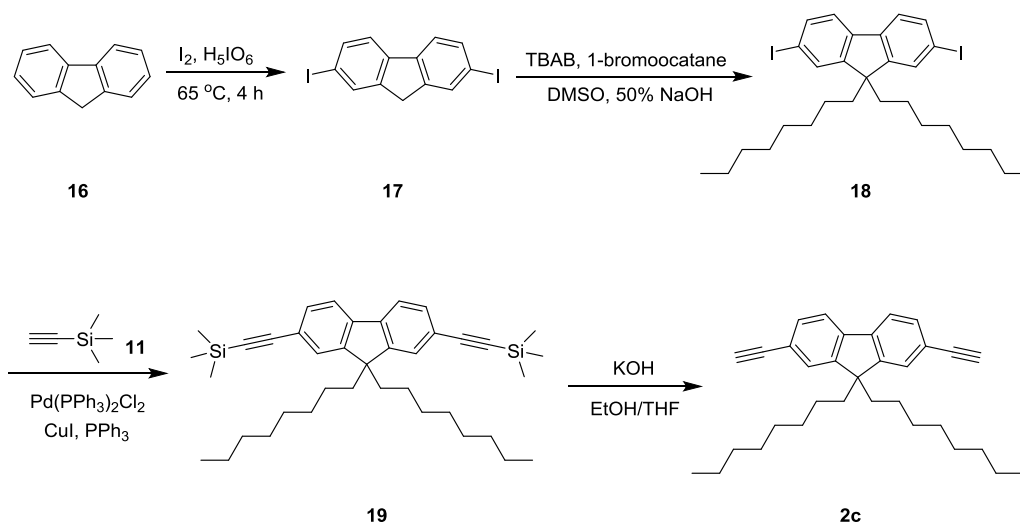


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Synthesis of 1,2-bis(4-ethynylphenyl)-1,2-diphenylethene (2b)



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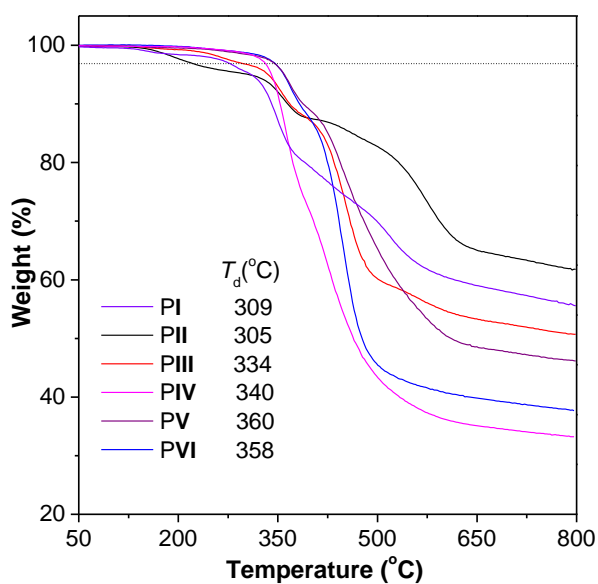


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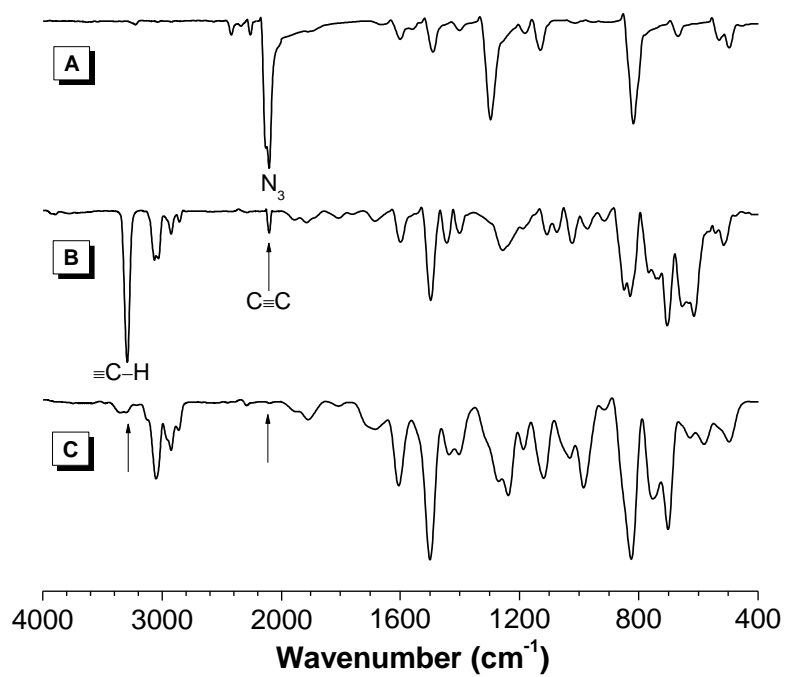


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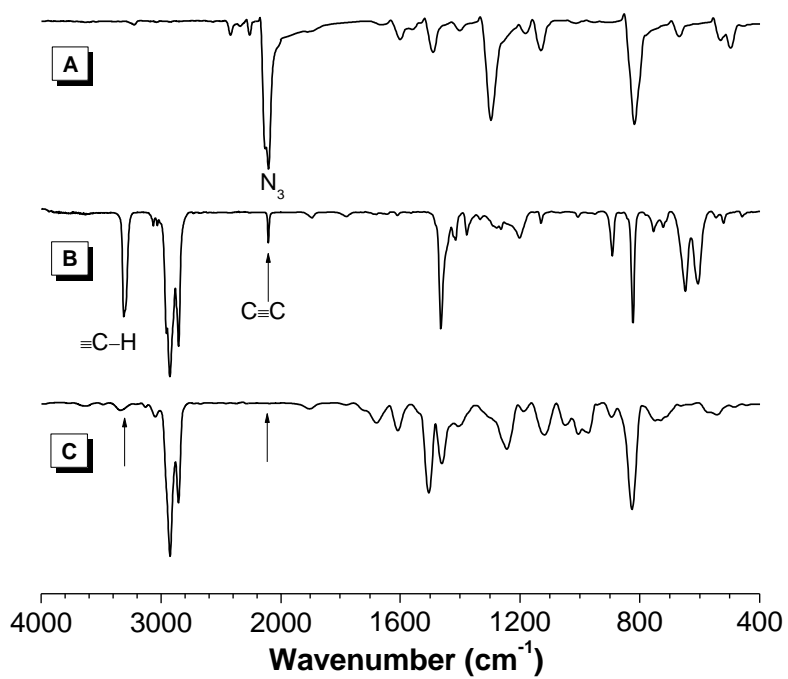


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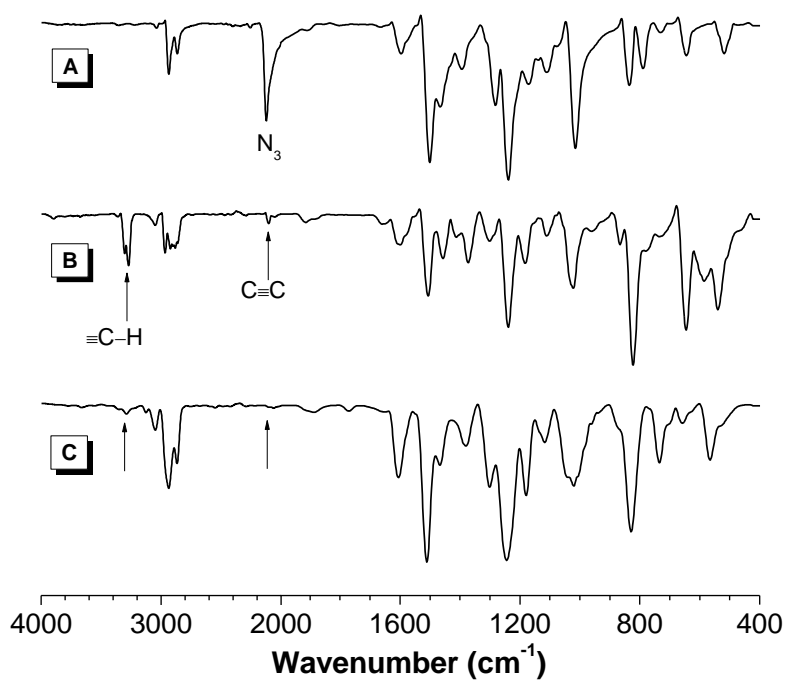


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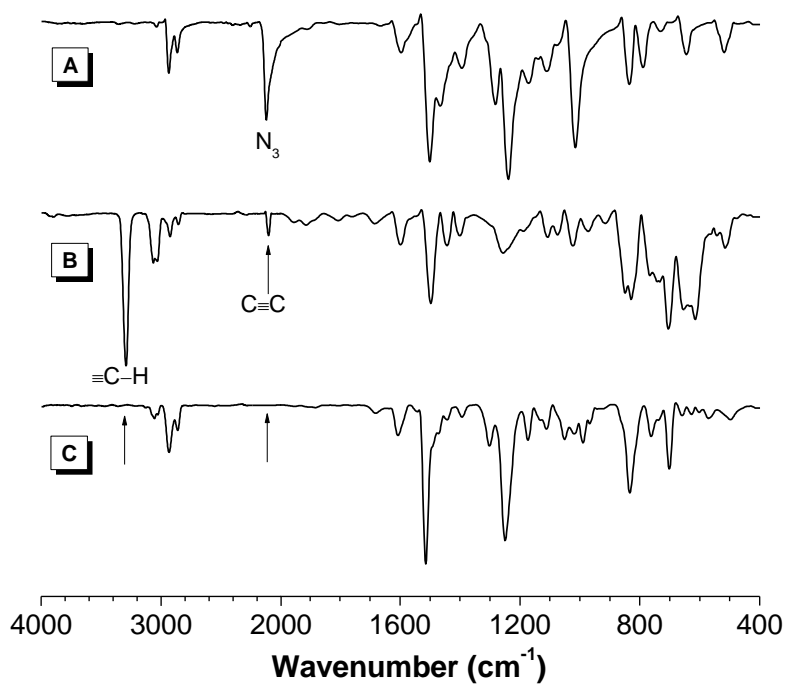


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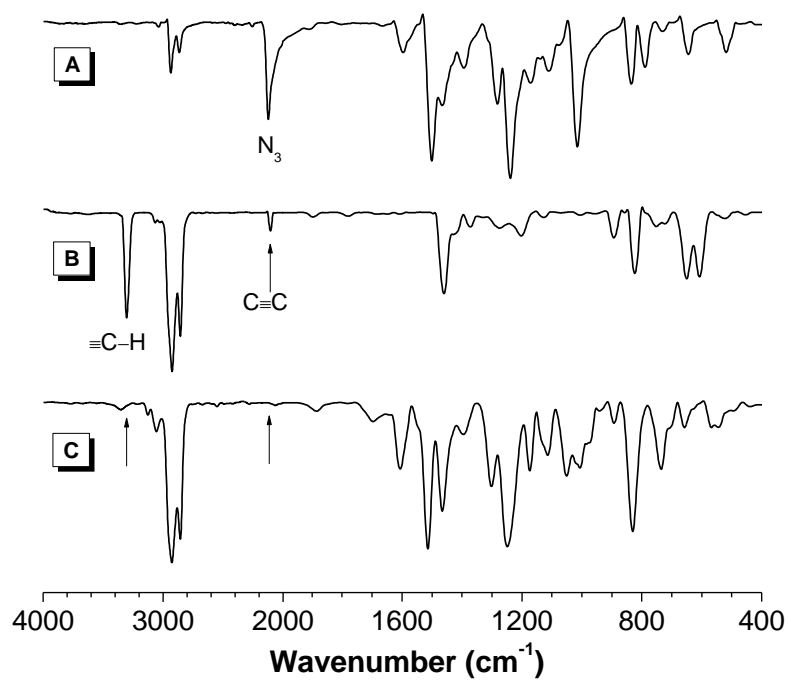


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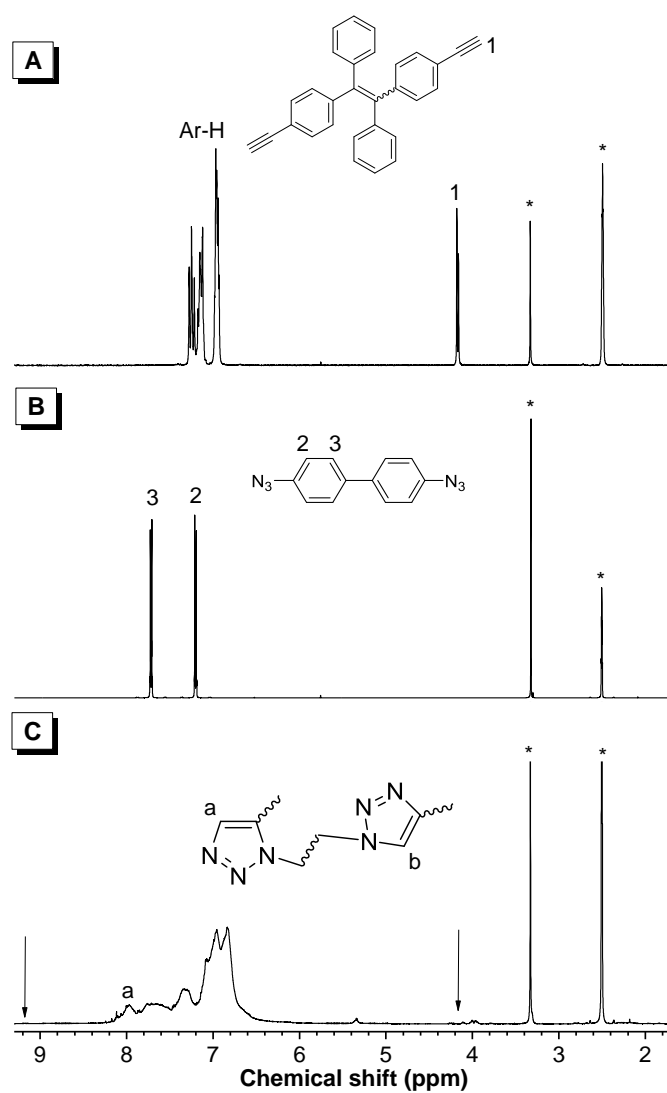


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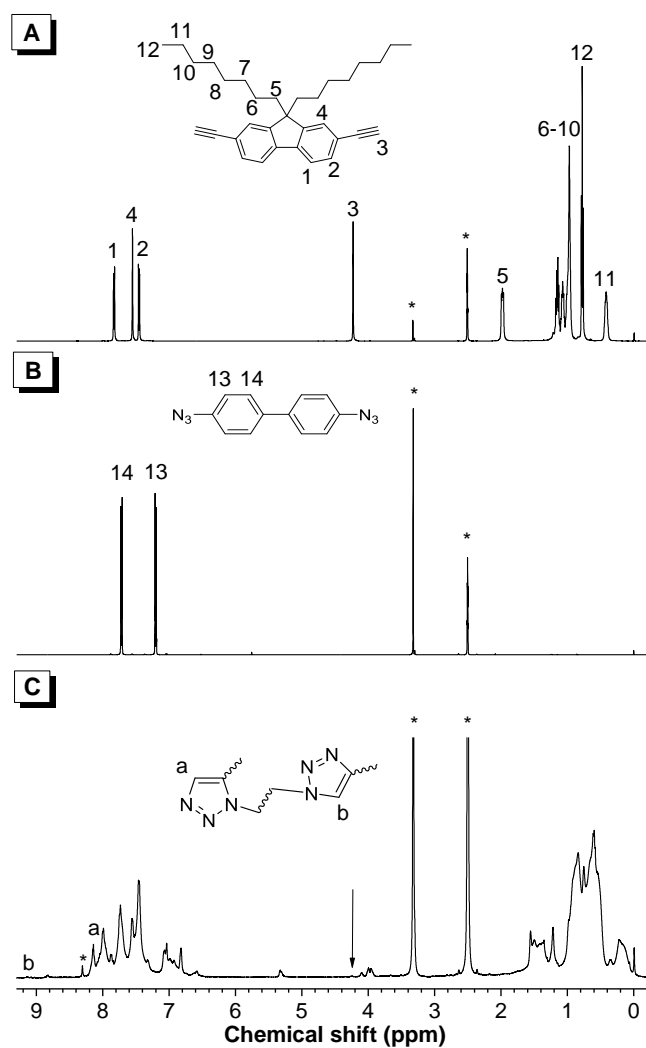


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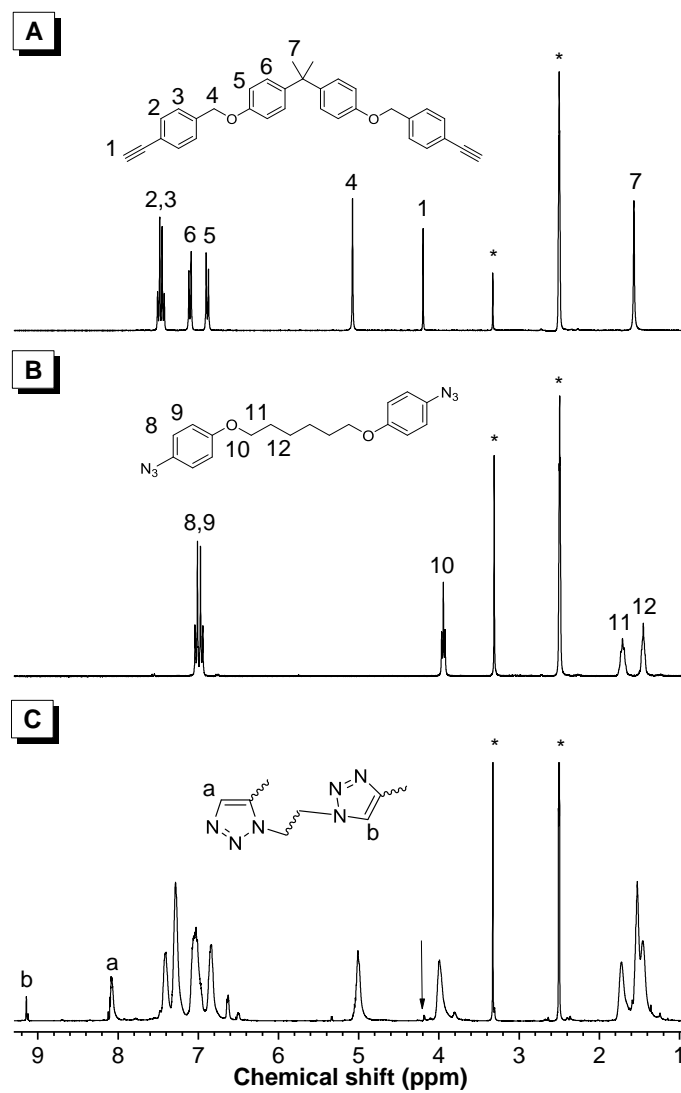


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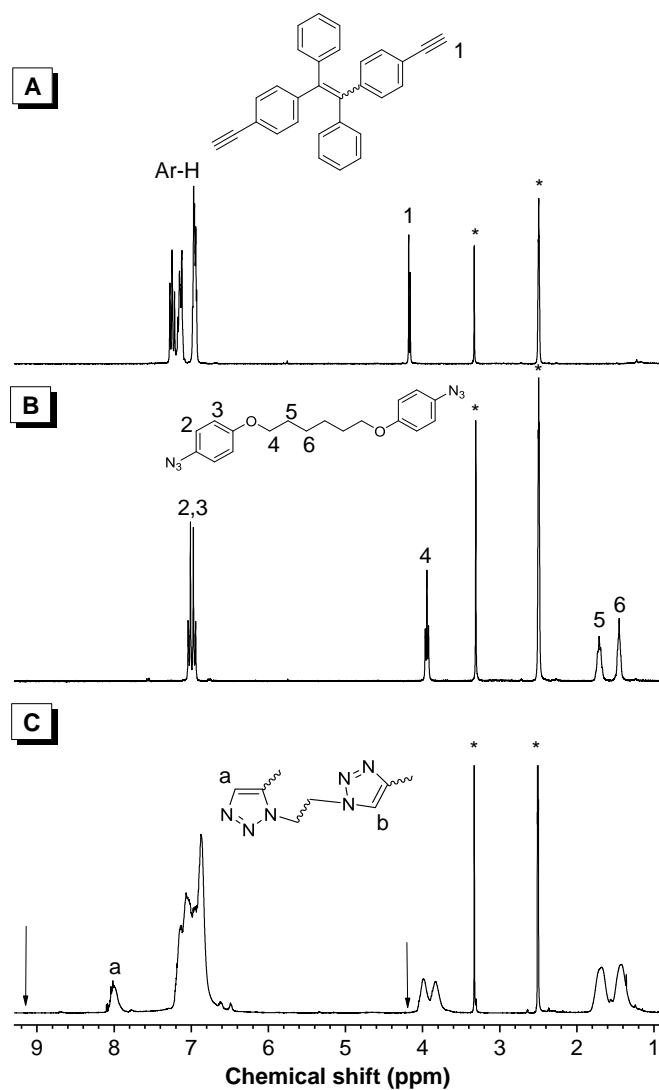


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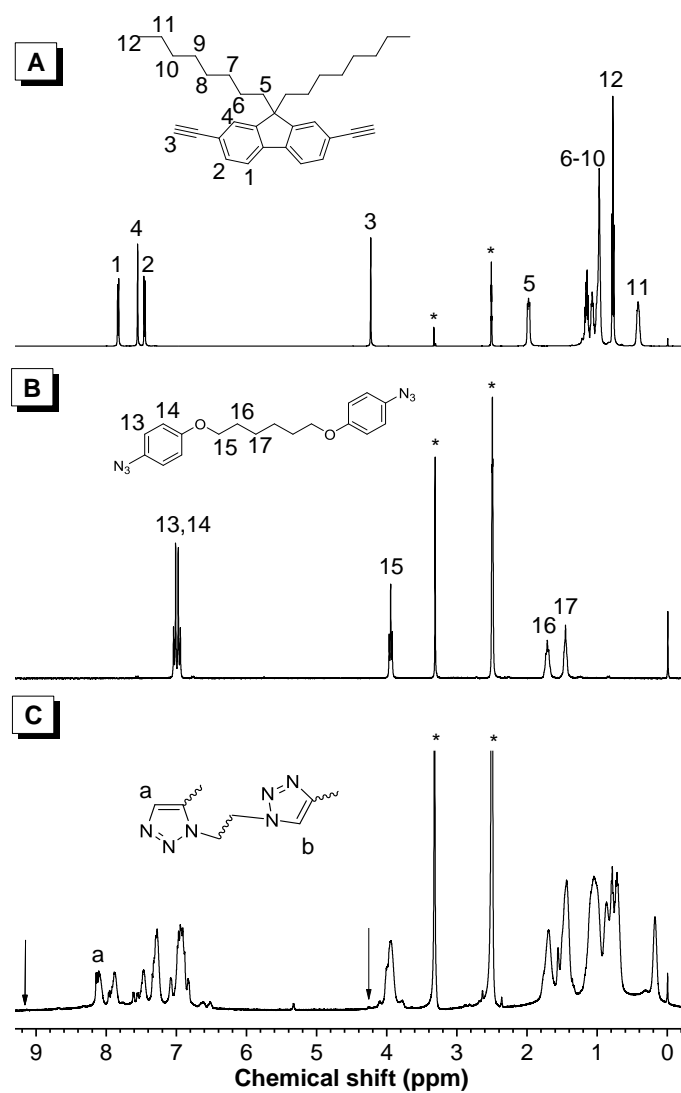


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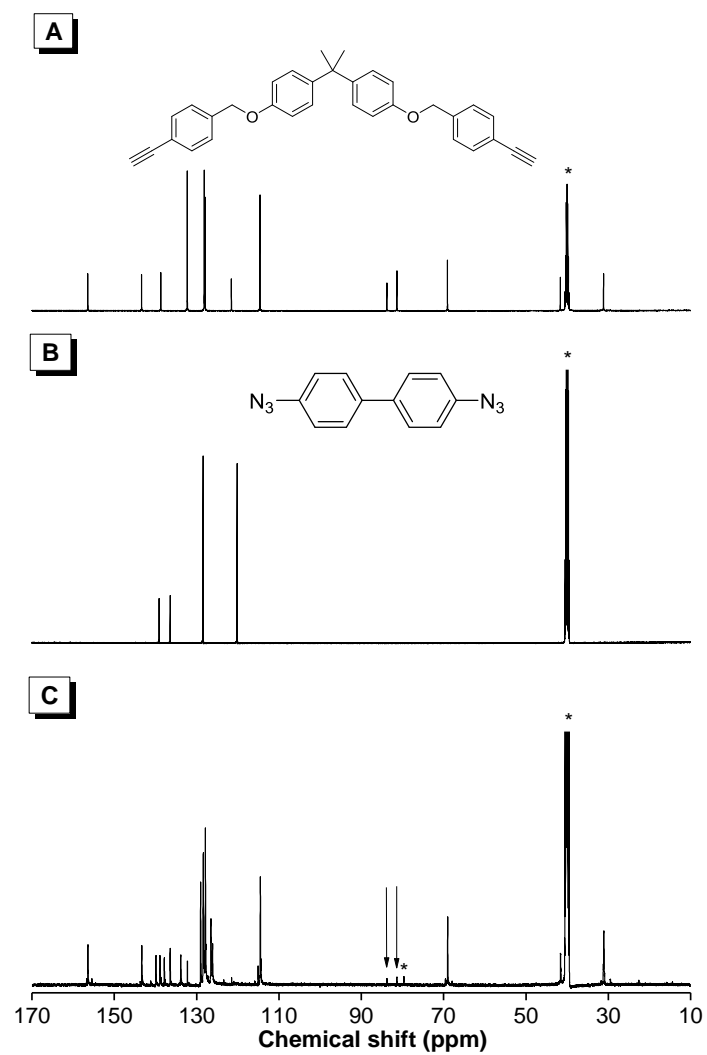


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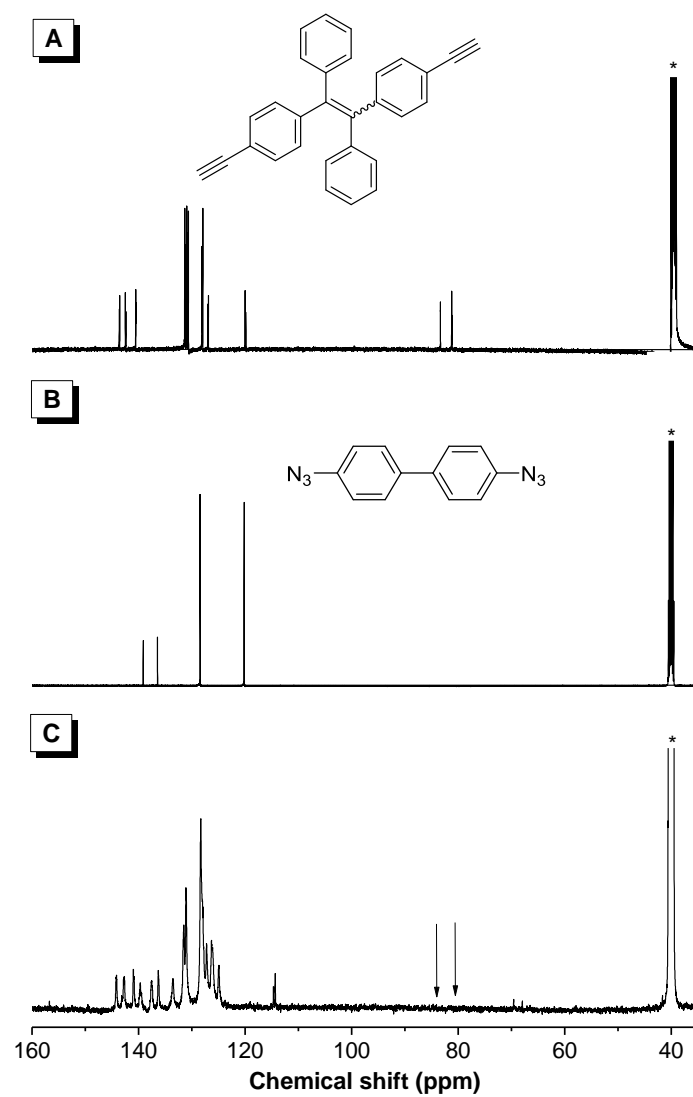


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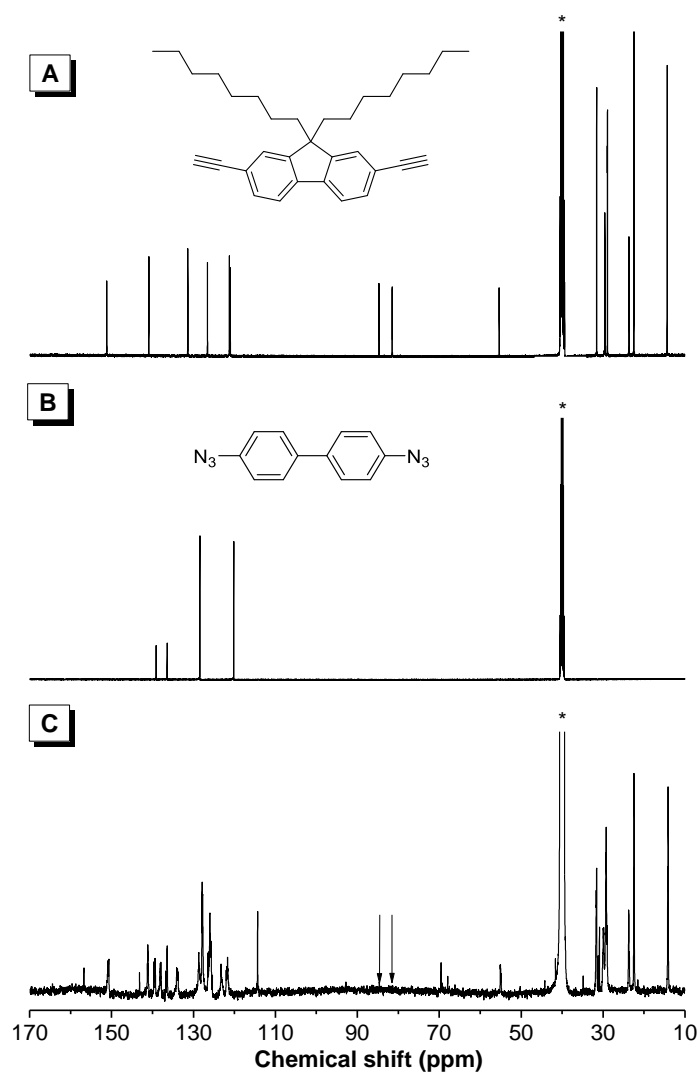


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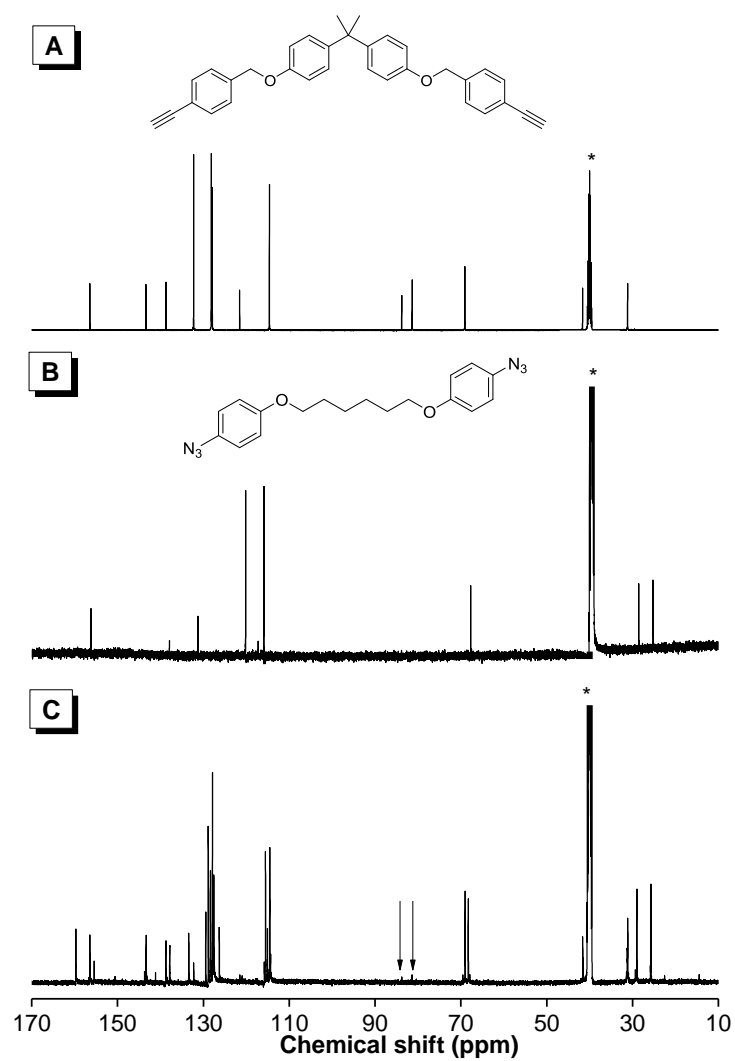


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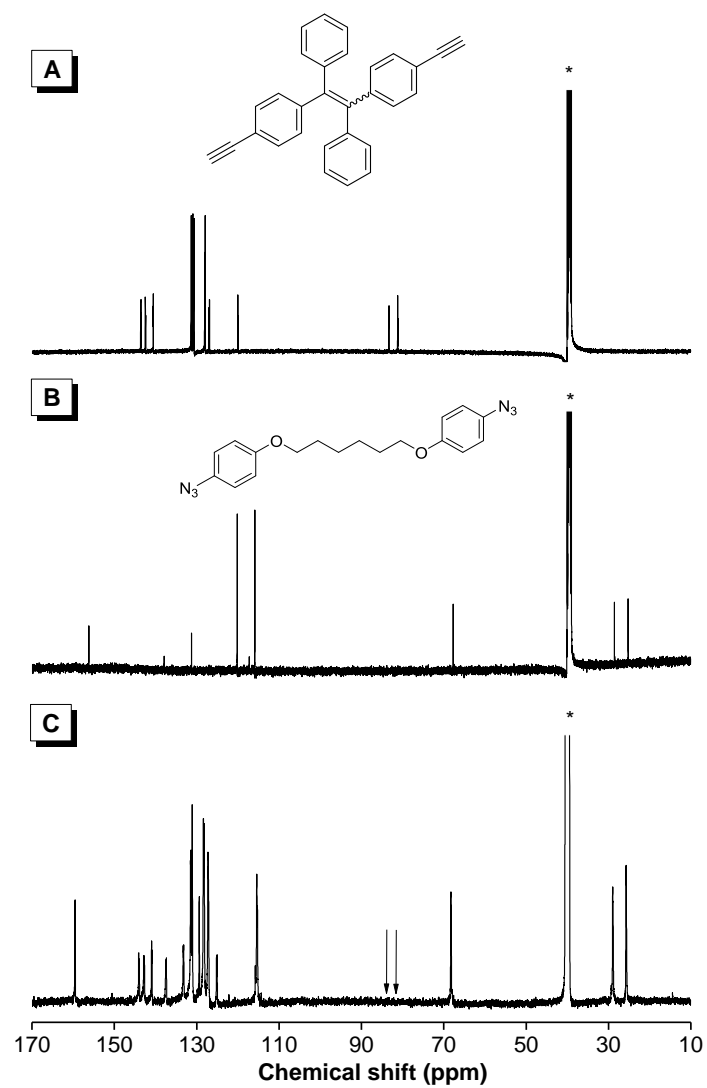


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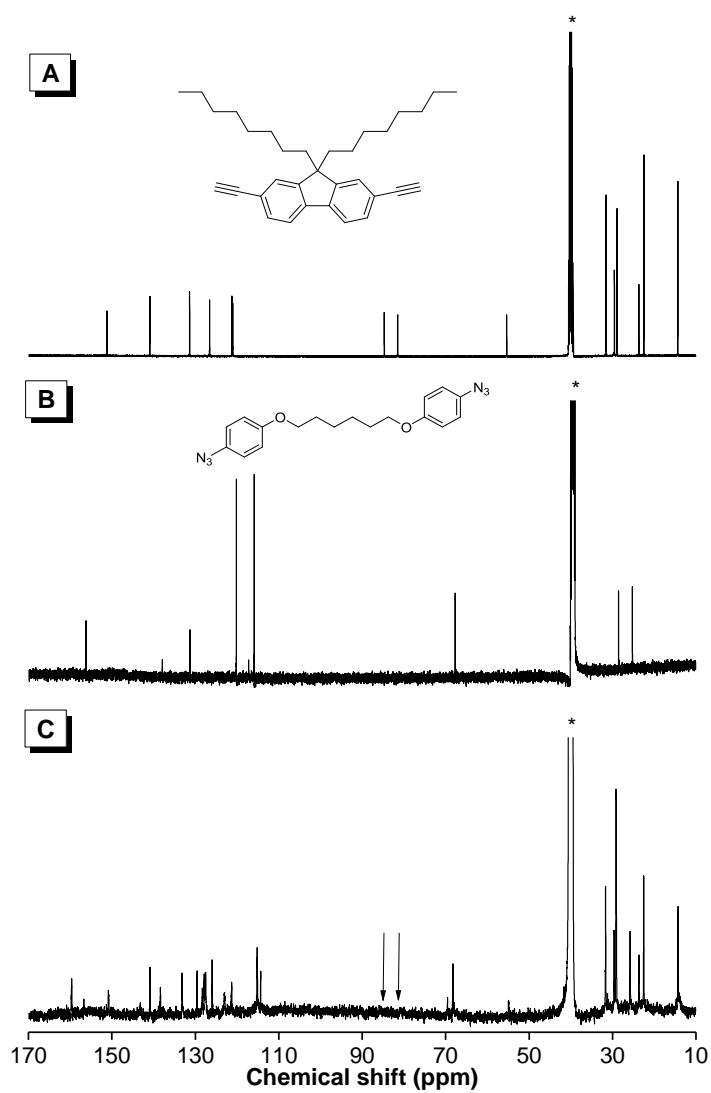


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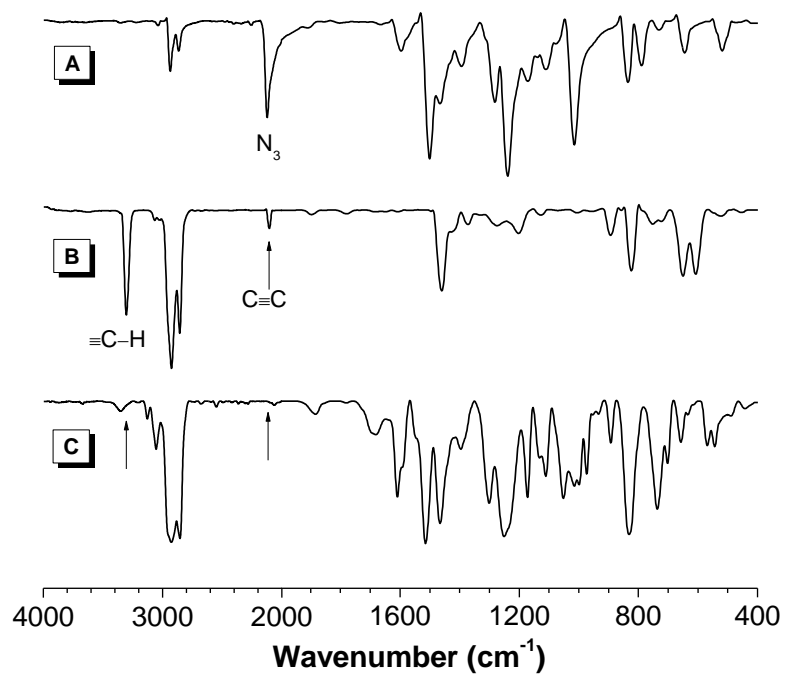


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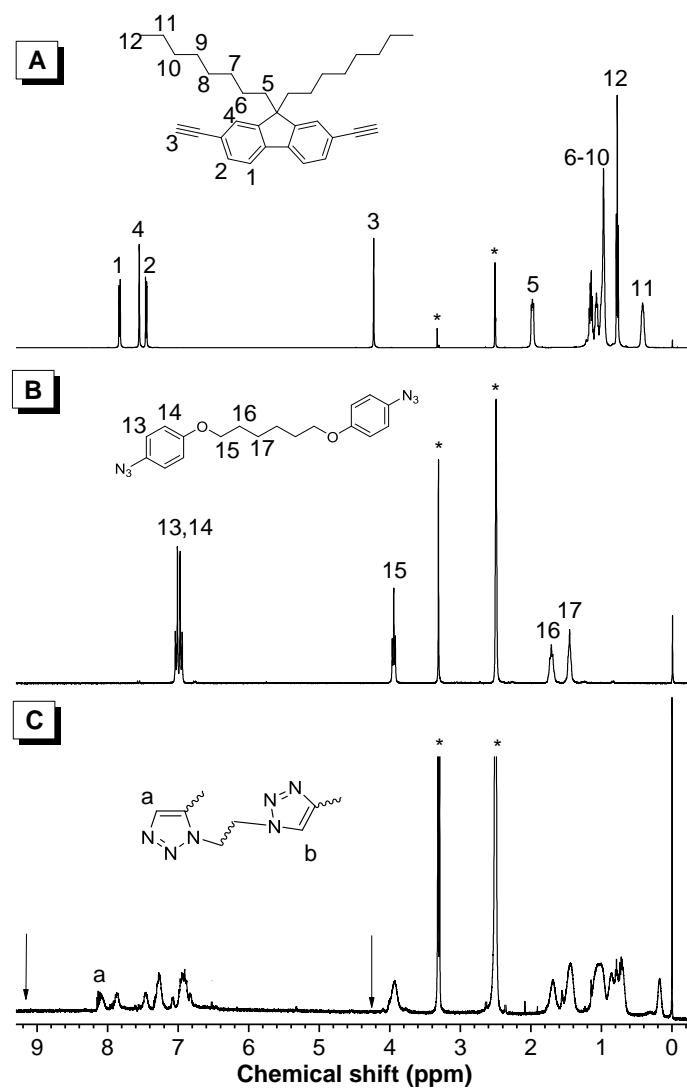


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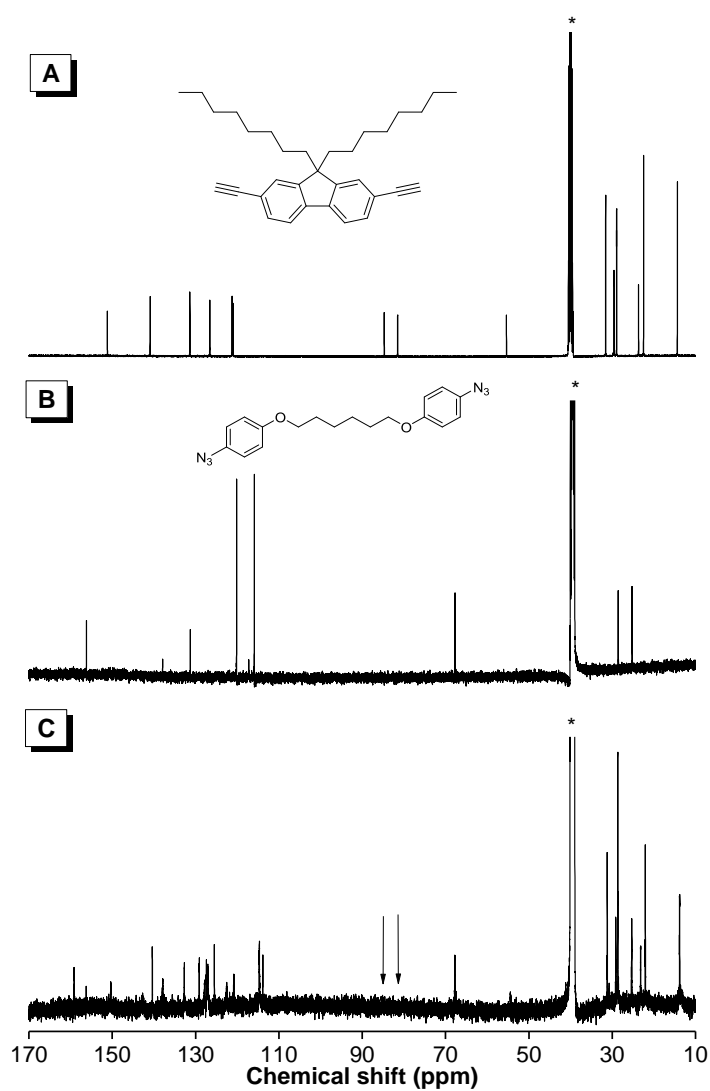


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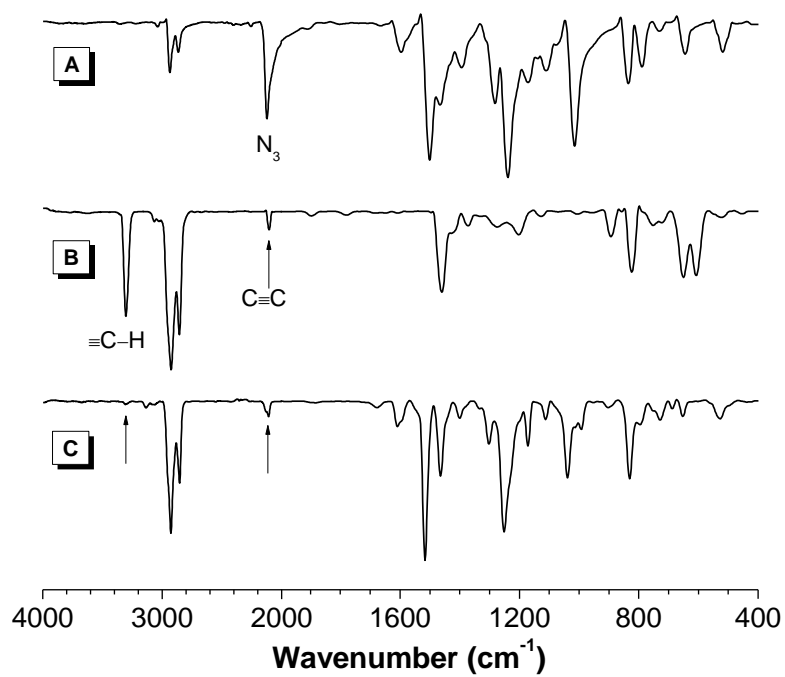


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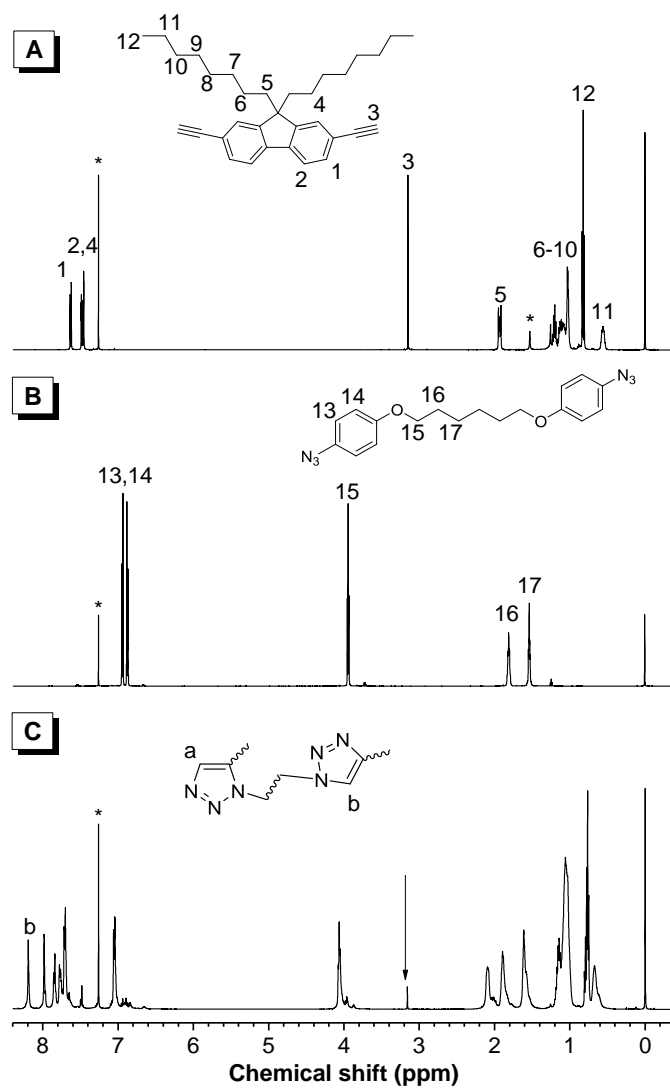


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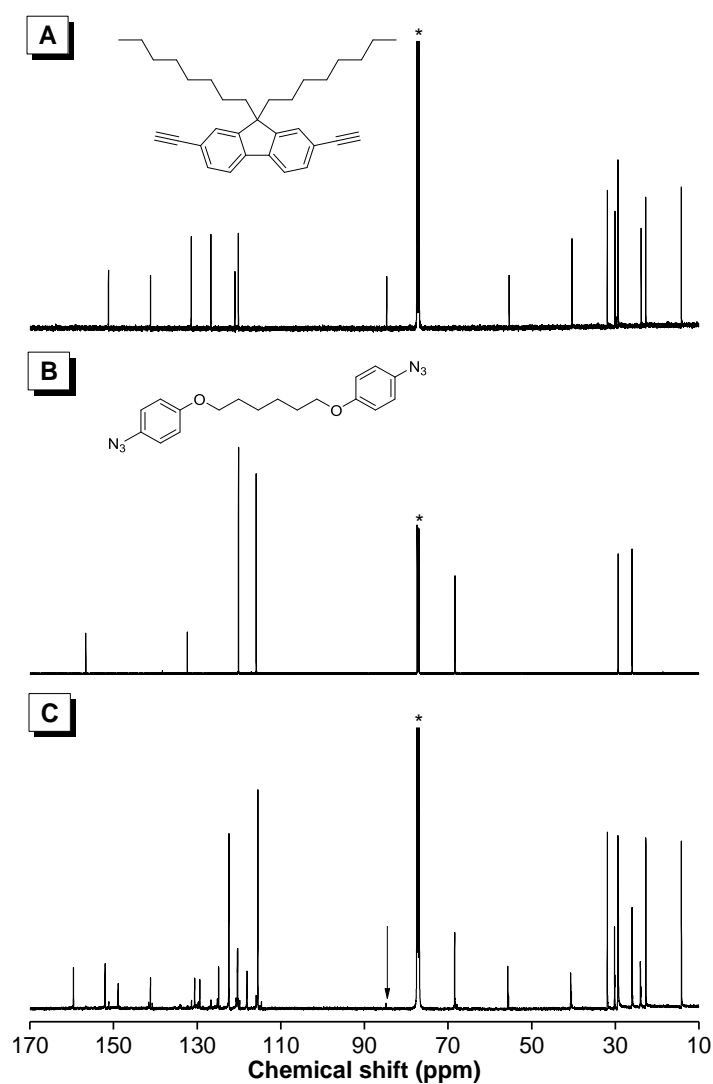


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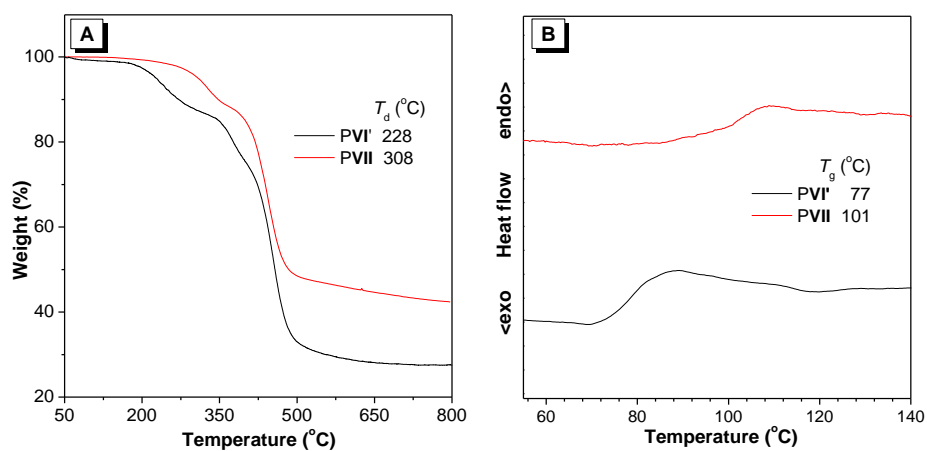


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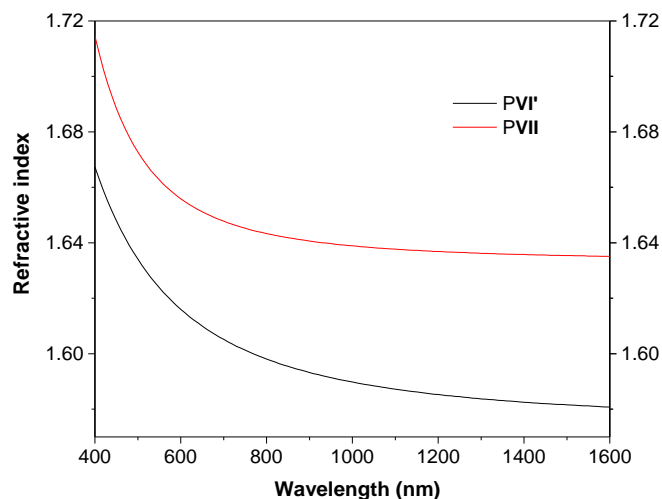


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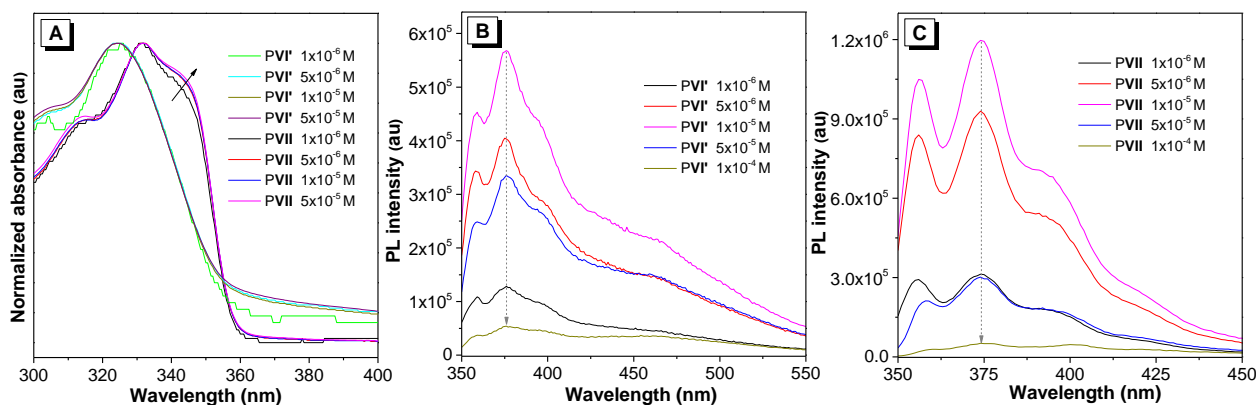


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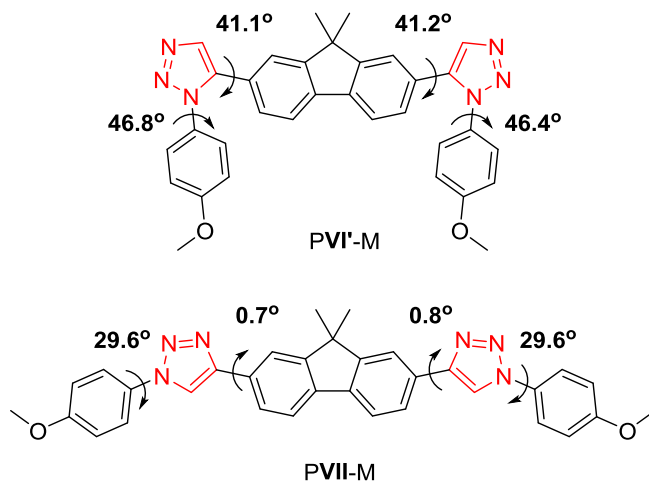


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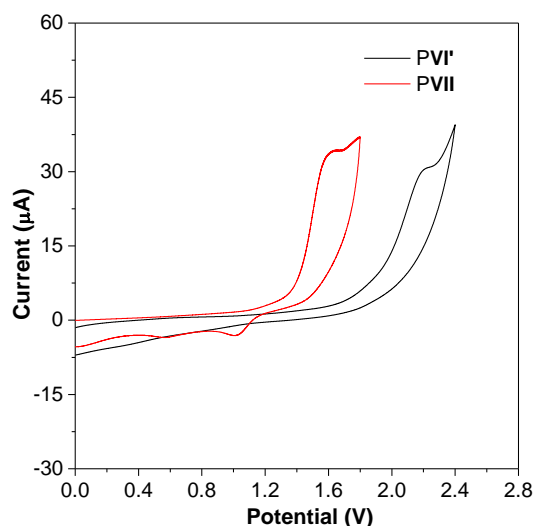


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entry	M_w^a	\bar{D}^a	λ_{abs}^b (nm)	Φ_F^c (%)	τ (ns)	E_g^d (eV)	T_g/T_d (°C)
PVI'	13 800	1.95	324	12.6	1.48	3.52	77/228
PVII	10 500	1.29	332	41.6	1.30	3.47	101/308

^aEstimated by APC using THF as an eluant on the basis of a PS calibration; M_w = weight-average molecular weight; polydispersity index (\bar{D}) = M_w/M_n ; M_n = number-average molecular weight. ^bIn THF solutions (10^{-5} M). ^cAbsolute fluorescence quantum yield in THF solutions (10^{-5} M). ^dEstimated by optical band gap calculated from the onset of absorption spectra.

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