Supporting information for

Visible-light Excitation of BODIPYs Enables Selfpromoted Radical Arylation at their 3, 5-positions with Diazonium Salts

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1. General information

Reagents and solvents were used as received from commercial suppliers (Energy Chemicals, Shanghai, China) unless noted otherwise. The light source is optical parallel reactor (WP-TEC-1020SL, WATTCAS, Shanghai, China). All reactions were performed in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware unless stated otherwise and were monitored by TLC using 0.25 mm silica gel plates with UV indicator (60F-254). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 300, 400 or 500 MHz NMR spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to CDCl₃ (7.26 ppm for ¹H and 77 ppm for ¹³C) or to internal TMS. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained using APCI-TOF and ESI-TOF in positive mode.

UV-visible absorption and fluorescence emission spectra were recorded on commercial spectrophotometers (Shimadzu UV-2450 and Edinburgh FS5 spectrometers, 190-900 nm scan range) at room temperature (10 mm quartz cuvette). Relative fluorescence quantum efficiencies of BODIPY derivatives were obtained by comparing the areas under the corrected emission spectrum of the test sample in various solvents with Cresly Violet perchlorate ($\Phi = 0.54$ in methanol)¹ and Rhodamine B ($\Phi = 0.49$ in Ethanol)² and 1,7-diphenyl-3,5-di(4-methoxyphenyl) - azadipyrromethene ($\Phi = 0.36$ in chloroform).³ Non-degassed, spectroscopic grade solvents and a 10 mm quartz cuvette were used. Dilute solutions (0.01<A<0.05) were used to minimize the reabsorption effects. Quantum yields were determined using the following equation:

 $\Phi_{\rm X} = \Phi_{\rm S} (I_{\rm X}/I_{\rm S}) (A_{\rm S}/A_{\rm X}) (n_{\rm X}/n_{\rm S})^2$

Where Φ_S stands for the reported quantum yield of the standard, I stands for the integrated emission spectra, A stands for the absorbance at the excitation wavelength and *n* stands for the refractive index of the solvent being used. X subscript stands for the test sample, and S subscript stands for the standard.

Cyclic voltammograms of 2 mM **1a** were measured in dichloromethane solution, containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆ as the supporting electrolyte, glassy carbon electrode as a working electrode, Pt wire as a counter electrode, and saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as reference electrode at 100 mV s⁻¹ of scaning rate at room temperature.

Crystals of compounds **3n**, **4b** and **5a** suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained *via* the slow diffusion of petroleum ether into their dichloromethane solutions. The vial containing this solution was placed, loosely capped, to promote the crystallization. A suitable crystal was chosen and mounted on a glass fiber using grease. Data were collected using a diffractometer equipped with a graphite crystal monochromator situated in the incident beam for data collection at room temperature. Cell parameters were retrieved using SMART software and refined using SAINT on all observed reflections. The determination of unit cell parameters and data collections were performed with Mo Ka radiation (λ) at 0.71073 Å. Data reduction was performed using the SAINT software which corrects for Lp and decay. The structure was solved by the direct method using the SHELXS-97 program and refined by least squares method on F^2 , SHELXL-2018/3, incorporated in SHELXTL V5.10. CCDC-1907874 (3n) CCDC-1907883 (4b) and CCDC-1907884 (5a) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Centre Data via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

2. Determination of excited state reduction potential of BODIPY 1a

Excited state reduction potential of BODIPY 1a was estimated to be - 0.58 V vs. SCE according to the following equations:⁴

 $E_{1/2}(1a^{+}/1a^{*}) = E^{ox} - E_{0,0}$

where E^{ox} was obtained from its cyclic voltammetry spectrum (Figure S1); $E_{0,0}$ was caculated from its photoluminescence maximum (526 nm as shown in Figure S2) using the equation $E_{0,0} = hc / \lambda_{max} = 1240 \text{ nm} / \lambda_{max}$.

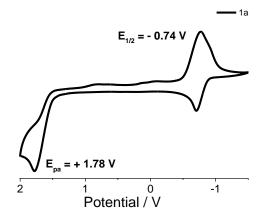


Figure S1. Cyclic voltammetry of BODIPY 1a (2 mM in dichloromethane). $E^{ox} = +1.78 \text{ V vs. SCE}$

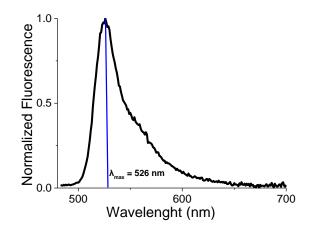
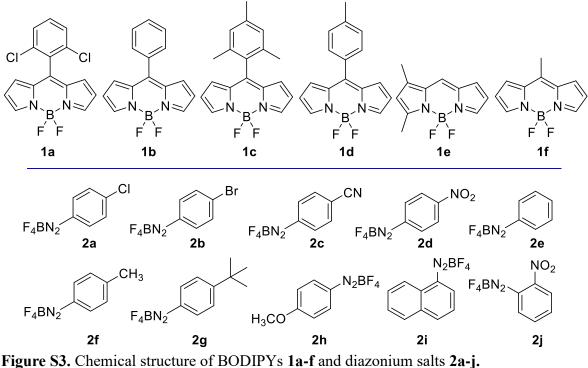


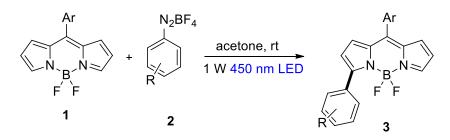
Figure S2. Fluorescence of BODIPY 1a in dichloromethane

3. Synthesis and characterization

BODIPYs 1a-f were synthesized by following the procedures described in our previous paper.⁵ Diazonium salts **2a-j** were synthesized according to literature.⁶



General radical C-H monoarylation procedure:



General radical mono-arylation procedure of BODIPYs: To 2.0 ml acetone in a 10 ml reaction tube were added BODIPY 1 (0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2 (0.12 mmol). The mixture was irradiated with 1 W blue LED at room temperature for 1 h, and TLC was used to follow the reaction. Upon the completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured into aqueous NaHCO3 and was extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL \times 3). Organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and organic solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether/dichloromethane: 2:1-1:1, v/v) on silica to afford the desired BODIPYs 3 as red solids.

BODIPY **3a:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2a** (27 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3a** in 52% (24 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.95 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.52 - 7.41 (m, 5H), 6.74 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.82, 144.07, 139.15, 137.08, 136.64, 135.45, 134.06, 131.67, 131.36, 130.99, 130.41, 128.86, 128.64, 128.38, 121.39, 119.06. HRMS calcd. For C₂₁H₁₂BCl₃FN₂ [M-F]⁺: 427.0143, found 427.0167.

Synthesis of 3a at 1 mmol scale: To 4.0 ml acetone in a 10 ml reaction tube were added BODIPY 1a (1 mmol, 340 mg) and diazonium salt 2 (1.2 mmol, 270 mg). The mixture was irradiated with 1 W blue LED at room temperature for 2 h, and TLC was used to follow the reaction. Upon the completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured into aqueous NaHCO₃ and was extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL \times 3). Organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and organic solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether/dichloromethane: 2:1, v/v) on silica to afford the desired BODIPYs **3a** in 46% (205 mg) as orange solid.

BODIPY **3b:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2b** (34 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3b** in 47% (23 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.87 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 3H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.45 - 7.42 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 - 6.64 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.83, 144.16, 139.20, 137.15, 135.51, 134.12, 131.82, 131.68, 131.36, 131.18, 130.96, 130.89, 128.72, 128.39, 125.16, 121.33, 119.09. HRMS calcd. For C₂₁H₁₃BCl₃F₂N₂ [M+H]⁺: 490.9695, found 490.9703.

BODIPY **3c:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3c** in 54% (34 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 - 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.74 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.46, 146.09, 140.32, 137.03, 136.35, 135.31, 134.92, 132.28, 131.64, 131.48, 131.13, 130.59, 130.28, 130.22, 130.17, 128.54, 121.12, 120.12, 118.83, 113.39. HRMS calcd. For C₂₂H₁₂BCl₂FN₃ [M-F] ⁺: 418.0485 found 418.0509.

BODIPY **3d:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2d** (29 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3d** in 42% (19 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ: 8.34 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 - 7.46 (m, 1H), 6.75 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 156.73, 148.32, 146.42, 140.40, 138.27, 137.05, 135.39, 134.97, 131.59, 131.33, 130.48, 130.37, 128.46, 123.70, 121.08, 120.26, 105.12. HRMS calcd. For C₂₁H₁₂BCl₂FN₃O₂ [M-F] ⁺: 483.0384, found 483.0382.

BODIPY **3e:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2e** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 12 h affords **3e** in 40% (16 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :161.76, 143.35, 138.85, 137.15, 135.55, 133.77, 131.95, 131.78, 131.28, 131.13, 130.47, 129.69, 128.53, 128.36, 128.07, 121.83, 118.66. HRMS calcd. For C₂₁H₁₃BCl₂FN₂ [M-F] ⁺: 393.0533, found 393.0552.

BODIPY **3f:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2f** (26 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3f** in 45% (20 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.43 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.20, 142.63, 141.07, 138.25, 137.27, 135.56, 133.55, 131.84, 131.22, 129.70, 129.35, 129.03, 128.33, 127.49, 121.91, 118.30 21.72. HRMS calcd. For C₂₂H₁₅BCl₂FN₂[M-F] ⁺: 407.0689, found 407.0672.

BODIPY **3g:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2g** (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3c** in 49% (28 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.97 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.53 - 7.48 (m, 4H), 744 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :162.40, 154.21, 142.75, 138.86, 137.61, 135.86, 133.77, 132.11, 131.53, 129.83, 129.19, 128.61, 127.71, 125.89, 122.25, 118.57, 35.36, 31.58. HRMS calcd. For C₂₅H₂₁BCl₂FN₂ [M-F] ⁺:449.1159, found 449.1142.

BODIPY **3h:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2h** (27 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3h** in 30% (14 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.04 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.49 - 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.03

(d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.08, 161.75, 141.83, 137.49, 135.61, 133.31, 131.92, 131.7, 131.42, 131.17, 128.32, 126.85, 124.20, 121.92, 117.98, 114.14, 55.53. HRMS calcd. For C₂₂H₁₅BCl₂FN₂O [M-F] ⁺: 423.0639, found 423.0663.

BODIPY 3i: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2i (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3i** in 35% (16 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.11 - 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.98 - 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.89 - 7.86 (m, 2H), 7.57 - 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.43 - 7.41 (m, 1H) 6.81 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.64, 143.32, 138.64, 137.39, 135.57, 134.13, 133.85, 133.07, 131.82, 131.28, 131.13, 130.32, 129.31, 128.36, 128.14, 128.00, 127.84, 127.64, 126.68, 126.53, 126.48, 126.42, 122.18, 118.64. HRMS C₂₅H₁₅BCl₂FN₂ [M-F] ⁺: 443.0689, found 443.0705. BODIPY 3j: BODIPY 1b (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2c (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3j** in 41% (15 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 - 7.55 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.31, 147.07, 144.76, 137.35, 136.79, 134.97, 133.90, 132.31, 132.18, 131.71, 130.95, 130.69, 130.10, 130.07, 130.04, 128.65, 120.43, 119.47, 118.81, 113.08. HRMS C22H14BFN3 [M-F] +: 350.1265, found 350.1269.

BODIPY **3k:** BODIPY **1c** (31 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3k** in 50% (21 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 6.72 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.25, 147.31, 144.87, 139.16, 137.68, 136.71, 136.56, 135.40, 132.17, 130.73, 130.36, 130.04, 129.77, 128.39, 120.41, 119.51, 118.82, 113.03, 21.29, 20.18. HRMS C₂₅H₂₀BFN₃ [M-F] ⁺: 392.1734, found 392.1730.

BODIPY **31:** BODIPY **1d** (30 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **31** in 37% (15 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.04 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J

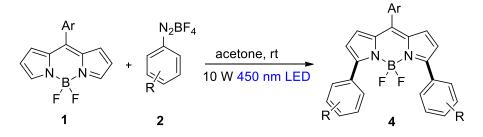
= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.27, 155.57, 147.15, 144.07, 137.26, 136.94, 134.82, 132.63, 132.15, 131.45, 130.04, 126.39, 120.18, 119.22, 118.85, 114.26, 112.92, 55.71. HRMS C₂₃H₁₆BFN₂O [M-F] ⁺: 380.1370, found 380.1360.

BODIPY **3m:** BODIPY **1e** (22 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (26 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3m** in 48% (16 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 164.06, 151.79, 145.80, 137.64, 136.67, 135.16, 132.07, 129.81, 129.78, 129.75, 127.22, 124.42, 122.24, 119.06, 118.52, 112.10, 15.48, 11.56. HRMS C₁₈H₁₄BFN₃ [M-F] ⁺: 302.1265, found 302.1270.

BODIPY **3n**: BODIPY **1c** (31 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2j** (29 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **3n** in 38% (17 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75 - 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.66 - 7.63 (m, 1H), 6.98 (s, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 154.41, 148.60, 147.30, 144.09, 139.03, 136.64, 136.26, 135.31, 132.85, 132.13, 130.48, 129.94, 129.87, 128.34, 128.04, 124.67, 119.94, 118.75, 21.28, 20.17. HRMS C₂₄H₂₀BFN₃O₂ [M-F] ⁺: 412.1633, found 412.1630.

BODIPY **30:** BODIPY **1f** (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2a** (27 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 1 h affords **30** in 42% (13 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.88 - 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.47 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.99, 144.28, 142.55, 137.68, 136.22, 135.13, 130.96, 130.92, 130.89, 129.07, 128.83, 127.14, 120.23, 118.16, 16.32. HRMS C₁₆H₁₃BClF₂N₂ [M+H] ⁺: 317.0828, found 317.08255.

General radical C–H diarylation procedure:



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General radical dis-arylation procedure of BODIPYs: To 2.0 ml acetone in a 10 ml reaction tube were added BODIPY 1 (0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2 (0.4 mmol). The mixture was irradiated with 10 W blue LED at room temperature around 3h, and TLC was used to follow the reaction. Upon the completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured into aqueous NaHCO₃ and was extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL \times 3). Organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and organic solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether/dichloromethane: 2:1-1:1, v/v) on silica to afford the desired BODIPYs 4 as dark red solids.

BODIPY **4a:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2a** (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords **4a** in 68% (38mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.53 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.47 - 7.40 (m, 5H), 6.68 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 158.67, 136.28, 135.76, 131.32, 131.02, 130.96, 130.91, 130.80, 129.49, 128.79, 128.40, 127.91, 127.58, 121.46. HRMS calcd. For C₂₇H₁₅BCl₄FN₂ [M-F] ⁺: 537.0066, found 537.0052.

Synthesis of 4a at 1 mmol scale: To 4.0 ml acetone in a 10 ml reaction tube were added BODIPY 1a (1 mmol, 340 mg) and diazonium salt 2 (4 mmol, 900 mg). The mixture was irradiated with 10 W blue LED at room temperature for 6 h, and TLC was used to follow the reaction. Upon the completion of the reaction, the mixture was poured into aqueous NaHCO₃ and was extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL \times 3). Organic layers were combined, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and organic solvent was removed under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent, petroleum ether/dichloromethane: 2:1, v/v) on silica to afford the desired BODIPYs 4a in 52% (289 mg) as red solid.

BODIPY **4b:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2b** (136 mg, 0.6 mmol) for 24 h affords **4b** in 68% (44 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.78 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46 - 7.43 (m, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 158.70, 137.74, 136.33, 135.71, 131.86, 131.74, 131.33, 131.23, 131.1, 129.54, 128.40, 124.79, 121.49. HRMS calcd. For C₂₇H₁₅BBr₂Cl₂F₂N₂Na [M+Na] ⁺: 666.8932, found 666.8939.

BODIPY 4c: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2c (93 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords 4a in 67% (36 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) s10/s119

 δ : 8.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.56 - 7.48 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.94, 139.53, 136.90, 136.36, 135.59, 132.20, 131.65, 131.44, 130.32, 130.17, 128.52, 121.99, 118.61, 113.46.HRMS calcd. For C₂₉H₁₅BCl₂FN₄ [M-F] ⁺: 519.0751, found 519.0763.

BODIPY 4d: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2d (95 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords 4d in 61% (35 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.56 - 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.49 - 7.48 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 157.61, 148.39, 139.87, 138.12, 137.03, 135.51, 131.74, 131.28, 130.54, 130.50, 128.54, 123.69, 122.18. HRMS calcd. For C₂₇H₁₅BCl₂FN₄O₄ [M-F] ⁺: 559.0547, found 559.0547.

BODIPY 4e: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2e (84 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 36h affords 4e in 65% (26 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.91 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 7.53 - 7.42 (m, 9H), 6.66 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J =4.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 159.92, 137.29, 136.08, 135.82, 132.50, 132.12, 131.15, 129.86, 129.65, 129.16, 128.39, 128.34, 121.54. HRMS calcd. For C₂₇H₁₇BCl₂FN₂ [M-F] ⁺: 469.0846, found 469.0863.

BODIPY 4f: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2f (84 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords 4f in 58% (30 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.50 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.43 - 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 6.62 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 159.82, 140.12, 136.44, 135.97, 135.86, 132.24, 131.08, 129.74, 129.61, 129.21, 128.87, 128.30, 121.34, 21.66. HRMS calcd. For C₂₉H₂₁BCl₂FN₂ [M-F] ⁺: 497.1159, found 497.1159.

BODIPY 4g: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2g (124 mg, 0.5 mmol) for 3 h affords 4g in 42% (25 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.51 - 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.43 - 7.40 (m, 1H), 6.63 - 6.61 (m, 4H), 1.35 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 159.73, 153.01, 136.33, 136.04, 135.88, 132.29, 131.07, 129.66, 129.43, 128.79, 128.30, 125.49, 121.52, 34.98, 31.36. HRMS calcd. For C₃₅H₃₃BCl₂FN₂[M-F] ⁺: 581.2098, found 581.2070.

BODIPY 4h: BODIPY 1a (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt 2h (89 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3h affords **4h** in 41% (22 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.93 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 - 7.39 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 6.61-6.59 (m, 4H), 3.86 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 161.04, 159.19, 135.94, 135.48, 132.30, 131.39, 131.34, 131.01, 128.60, 128.29, 125.13, 121.06, 113.98, 55.09. HRMS calcd. For C₂₉H₂₁BCl₂FN₂O₂ [M-F] ⁺: 529.1057, found 529.1080.

BODIPY**4i:** BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2i** (250 mg, 1 mmol) for 24 h affords **4i** in 49% (28 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.43 (s, 2H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 - 7.47 (m, 7H), 6.75 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.84, 136.38, 135.87, 138.88, 133.06, 132.21, 131.20, 129.98, 129.89, 129.16, 128.37, 127.98, 127.78, 127.25, 126.78, 126.74, 126.43, 121.96. HRMS calcd. For C₃₅H₂₁BCl₂FN₂ [M-F] ⁺: 569.1159, found 569.1181.

BODIPY **4j:** BODIPY **1b** (28 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (93 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords **4j** in 45% (21 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.96 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.65 - 7.56 (m, 5H), 6.70 (d, J = 4.2Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.96, 146.46, 137.20, 136.71, 133.89, 132.18, 132.12, 130.95, 130.74, 130.12, 128.68, 121.42, 118.68, 113.24. HRMS calcd. For C₂₉H₁₇BFN₄ [M-F] ⁺: 451.1530, found 451.1533.

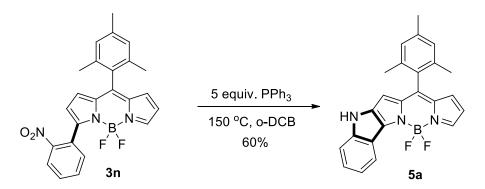
BODIPY **4k:** BODIPY **1c** (31 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (93 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords **4k** in 36% (18 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.98 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.87, 146.61, 139.29, 137.50, 136.68, 136.64, 132.17, 130.65, 130.08, 129.75, 128.46, 121.42, 118.70, 113.16, 21.30, 20.25. HRMS calcd. For C₃₂H₂₃BFN₄ [M-F] ⁺: 493.2000, found 493.2008.

BODIPY **4I:** BODIPY **1d** (30 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2c** (93 mg, 0.4mmol) for 3 h affords **4I** in 28% (14 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.4Hz, 4H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.26, 156.26, 146.59, 137.08, 136.75, 132.69, 132.16, 131.95, 130.09, 126.33, 121.22, 118.59, 114.29, 113.04, 55.83. HRMS calcd. For C₃₀H₁₉BFN₄O [M-F] ⁺: 481.1636, found 481.1631.

BODIPY **4n:** BODIPY **1c** (31 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2j** (94 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords **4n** in 41% (23 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.07 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63 - 7.59 (m, 4H), 7.54 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.00 (s, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 154.12, 148.31, 146.61, 139.02, 136.84, 136.08, 132.81, 132.23, 130.24, 129.89, 128.34, 127.96, 124.55, 120.22, 21.32, 20.27. HRMS calcd. For C₃₀H₂₃BFN₄O₄ [M-F] ⁺: 533.1796, found 533.1795.

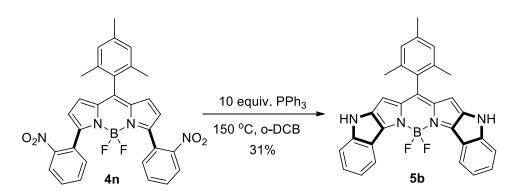
BODIPY **40:** BODIPY **1f** (21 mg, 0.1 mmol) and diazonium salt **2a** (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) for 3 h affords **40** in 51% (22 mg) isolated yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 7.79 - 7.74 (m, 4H), 7.41 - 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 157.19, 142.55, 137.01, 135.96, 131.19, 130.95, 130.91, 130.87, 128.78, 127.88, 120.51, 16.27. HRMS C₂₂H₁₆BCl₂F₂N₂ [M+H] ⁺: 427.0752, found 427.07405.

Indole-Fused BODIPY 5a:



BODIPY **5a**: In the experimental procedure in the reference. BODIPY **3n** (0.15 mmol, 65 mg), PPh₃ (0.75 mmol, 197 mg), 2.0 mL ortho-dichlorobenzene (o-DCB) were added as solvent in a 10 mL Schlenk reaction tube, and heated at 150 °C under argon gas protection for 24 h, **5a** was isolated with 60% (36 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.36 - 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.13 - 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (brs, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 150.76, 150.33, 144.12, 140.56, 140.06, 139.80, 138.58, 136.89, 135.36, 130.98, 130.49, 128.18, 126.24, 125.08, 121.18, 116.66, 114.63, 114.60, 112.22, 103.77, 21.27, 20.15. HRMS calcd. For C₂₄H₂₀BFN₃ [M-F] ⁺: 380.1734, found 380.1726.

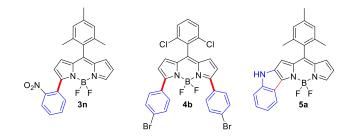
Indole-Fused BODIPY 5b:



BODIPY **5b:** BODIPY **4n** (0.1 mmol, 55 mg), PPh₃ (1.0 mmol, 262 mg), 2.0 mL o-DCB were added as solvent in a 10 mL Schlenk reaction tube, and heated at 150 °C under argon gas protection for 36 h, **5b** was isolated with 31% (15 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, *d6*-DMSO) δ : 10.59 (s, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 - 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H) 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO) δ : 149.09, 145.56, 141.07, 139.73, 139.34, 137.92, 136.20, 130.28, 129.09, 128.01, 122.71, 119.66, 113.56, 112.64, 101.74, 20.7, 19.69. HRMS calcd. For C₃₀H₂₃BFN₄ [M-F] ⁺: 469.2000, found 469.1992.

4. Crystal data

Table S1. Selected Geometrical Parameters of 3n, 4b and 5a obtained fromcrystallography



	3n	4b	5a
B-N bond length (Å)	1.5459 (26)	1.5596 (63)	1.5166 (41)
	1.5581 (26)	1.5643 (62)	1.5354 (40)
dihedral angles between <i>meso</i> - mesityl group and dipyyrin core (deg)	83.919 (42)	82.906 (145)	86.766 (72)
dihedral angles of two pyrrole rings in dipyyrin core (deg)	5.936 (53)	5.169 (136)	10.658 (122)
dihedral angles between α -aryl	58.937 (62)	36.828 (169)	4.038 (77)
group and dipyyrin core (deg)	/	41.219 (169)	/
the average and maximum deviations of the eleven atoms from the mean plane of dipyrrin (C ₉ N ₂) core and indole(Å)	/	/	0.113/0.2838
the interplanar distance of two adjacent molecules(Å)	6.1417	2.1049	5.6697

Crystal data Chemical formula M_r Crystal system, space group Temperature (K) a, b, c (Å) α, β, γ (°)	C ₂₄ H ₂₀ BF ₂ N ₂ O ₃ 431.24 Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> 300(2) 12.9718(5), 14.7930(6),	C ₂₇ H ₁₅ BBr ₂ Cl ₂ F ₂ N ₂ 646.94 Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> 300(2)	$C_{24}H_{20}BF_2N_3$ 339.27 Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
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Crystal system, space group Temperature (K) <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	Monoclinic, P2 ₁ /c 300(2) 12.9718(5),	Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Orthorhombic,
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Temperature (K) <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	12.9718(5),	300(2)	* <u>~ ~ ~ ~ ~ </u>
a, b, c (Å)	12.9718(5),		298.15
		12.998(2),	10.0602(6),
α, β, γ (°)	11.7250(0),	11.2288(14),	11.9480(8),
α, β, γ (°)	12.7375(18)	18.281(3)	17.5342(11)
	90, 117.8580(10), 90	90, 104.899(5), 90	90, 90, 90
$V(Å^3)$	2160.96(14)	2578.4(6)	2107.6(2)
Z	4	4	4
$D_{cale.}$ (Mg·m ⁻³)	1.326	1.667	1.258
Radiation type	Μο Κα	Μο Κα	Μο Κα
$\mu ~(\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$	0.097	3.386	0.087
Crystal size (mm)	$0.20 \times 0.21 \times 0.20$	$0.21\times0.21\times0.2$	$0.22\times0.21\times0.21$
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX-II	Bruker APEX-II	Bruker APEX-II
	CCD	CCD	CCD
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.097	3.386	0.087
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	42127, 4966, 3824	66241, 5909, 3916	52266, 4827, 3428
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0725	0.1528	0.0632
θ_{\max} [°]	27.528	27.495	27.57
$\theta_{\min}[\circ]$	3.277	2.866	2.88
$R_1[I \ge \sigma(I)]$	0.0528	0.0947	0.0599
wR_2	0.1534	0.2282	0.1525
No. of reflections	3824	3916	5041
No. of parameters	292	325	281
Wavelength	0.71073	0.710760	0.71073
Largest diff. peak/hole (eA ⁻³)	0.254, -0.241	0.883, -0.728	0.1756, -0.1693
- \ /	292	325	274

Table S2. Crystal experimental details.

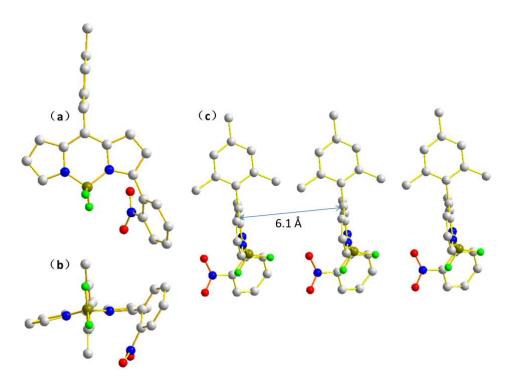


Figure S4. Top (a) and front (b) views of X-Ray structures of BODIPY **3n**, and Crystal packing (c).C, light gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, bright green; O, red. Hydrogen atoms have removed for clarity.

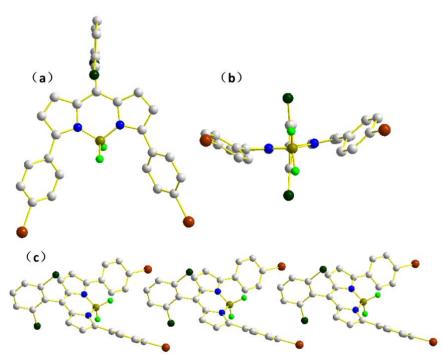


Figure S5. Top (a) and front (b) views of X-Ray structures of BODIPY **4b**, and Crystal packing (c).C, light gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, bright green; O, red; Cl, dark green; Br, Green. Hydrogen atoms have removed for clarity.

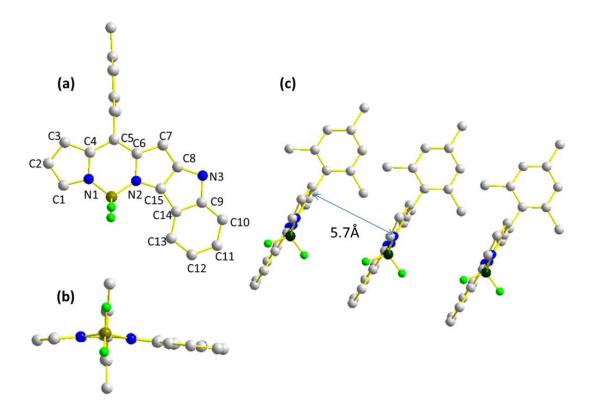


Figure S6. Top (a) and front (b) views of X-Ray structures of BODIPY **5a**, and Crystal packing (c).C, light gray; N, blue; B, dark yellow; F, bright green. Hydrogen atoms have removed for clarity.

5. Mechanism studies

5.1 Stern-Volmer emission quenching

Steady-state emission spectra were recorded using Edinburgh FS5 spectrometers. To a degassed acetonitrile solution of BODIPY **1a** (9×10^{-6} M) was added various amount of 4-chlorophenyl diazonium salt **2a**. The emission spectra of **1a** was then collected under excitation at 480 nm as shown in Figure S7a.

The emission intensity of **1a** at 526 nm was used to determine the Stern-Volmer quenching values (Figure S7b). The Stern-Volmer plot, as shown in Figure S5b, shows a linear correlation between the amounts of **2a** and the ratio I_0/I .^{7,8}

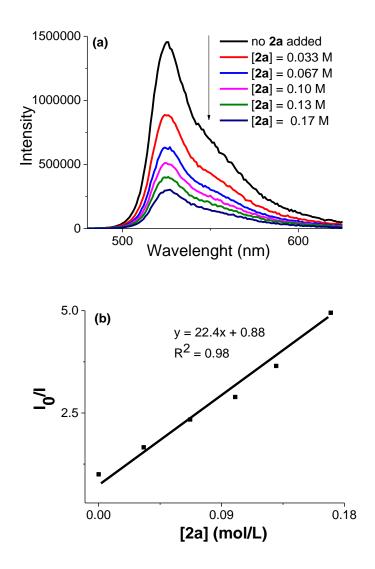
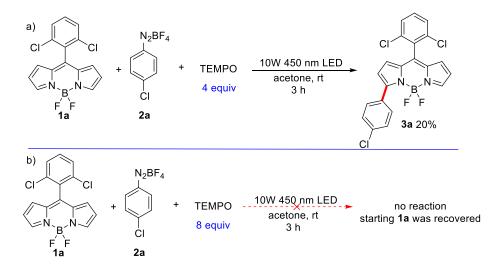


Figure S7. (a) The emission spectra of BODIPY 1a (9×10^{-6} M) in acetonitrile at 25 °C with increasing amounts of 4-chlorophenyl diazonium salt 2a (0 - 0.17 M) under excitation at 480 nm. (b) The Stern–Volmer plot of 1a vs. [2a].

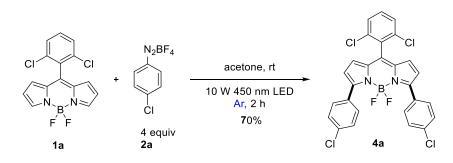
5.2 The influence of TEMPO to radical arylation reaction

When the radical scavenger TEMPO were added into the standard reaction between the aryl diazonium salt **2a** and BODIPY **1a**, the reaction was significantly inhibited. As shown in Scheme S1a, 4.0 equiv of TEMPO (62 mg, 0.4 mmol) were combined with the diazonium salt **2a** (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) in 2.0 mL acetone, followed by addition of BODIPY **1a** (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) under standard diarylation reaction condition, this reaction only gave **3a** in 20% yield with no formation of diarylated **4a**. Increasing the amount of TEMPO to 8 equiv (Scheme S1b), no desired arylated BODIPYs were dectected and most of BODIPY **1a** was recovered.



Scheme S1. The influence of TEMPO to this radical arylation reaction

5.3 Synthesis of 4a under Ar



Scheme S2. Synthesis of 4a under Ar

The reaction between 1a and 2a under Ar was studied (Scheme S1). This reaction gave similar result to the standard reaction under air, indicating that O_2 is not involved in this arylation reaction.

6. Photophysical data

dyes	$\lambda_{abs}{}^{max}\!(nm)$	$\lambda_{em}^{max}(nm)$	$\epsilon \left(cm^{-1}M^{-1} \right)$	Φ^{a}	Stokes-shift (cm ⁻¹)
1c ^b	500	515	77300	0.99	480
3a	544	567	51400	0.66	750
3b	544	568	59170	0.99	764
3c	543	567	56200	0.67	800
3d	546	570	50883	0.71	770
3 e	540	565	52600	0.68	820
3f	546	567	47864	0.72	650
3g	547	566	50403	0.67	630
3h	557	584	74300	0.53	850
3i	553	582	67100	0.56	920
3j	529	555	55200	0.08	890
3k	529	555	72800	0.77	890
31	527	548	45751	0.21	770
3m	523	551	57200	0.82	990
3n	511	526	80500	0.01	560
30	522	544	67000	0.87	775
4 a	575	613	59100	0.99	1120
4b	575	610	49878	0.99	1000
4c	569	611	42200	0.99	1210
4d	578	619	43451	0.99	1180
4e	568	604	48800	0.99	1050
4 f	577	613	47622	0.86	1010
4g	580	615	46154	0.81	990
4h	596	637	73500	0.85	1080
4i	590	633	51900	0.84	1170
4j	557	597	58100	0.99	1200
4k	559	595	49696	0.99	1100

 Table S3. Photophysical properties of BODIPYs 3 and 4 at room temperature in dichloromethane

41	552	590	34091	0.99	1190
4n	523	554	82400	< 0.01	1090
40	548	586	56400	0.89	1180
5a	596	628	31100	0.17	860
5b	680	698	59850	0.31	380
6 °	607	622	145500	0.71	394

^a The fluorescence quantum yields of **4a-1** and **5a** were calculated using Cresyl Violet perchlorate ($\phi = 0.54$ in methanol) as the reference. The fluorescence quantum yields of **3a-n** were calculated using Rhodamine B ($\phi = 0.49$ in ethanol) as the reference. The fluorescence quantum yields of **5b** were calculated using 1, 7-diphenyl-3, 5-di(4-methoxyphenyl)-azadipyrromethene ($\phi = 0.36$ in chloroform) as the reference. The standard errors are less than 10%.^b Date from ref 9. ^c Date from ref 10

7. Absorption and emission spectra of all BODIPYs recorded in dichloromethane at room temperature

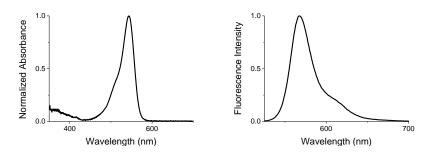


Figure S8: Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of compound **3a** recorded in dichloromethane (Excited at 520 nm)

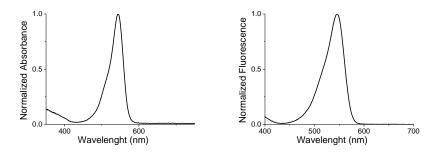


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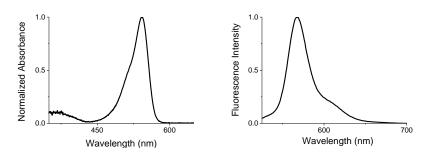


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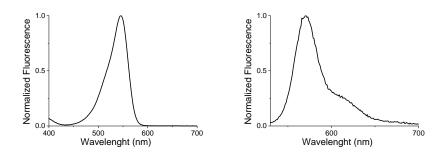


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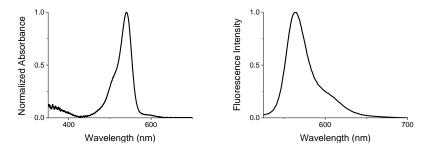


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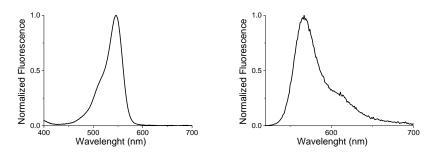


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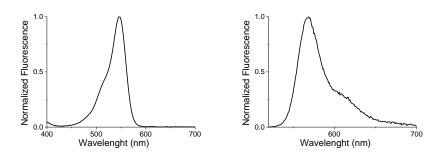


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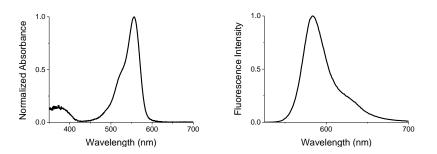


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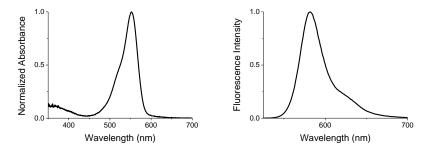


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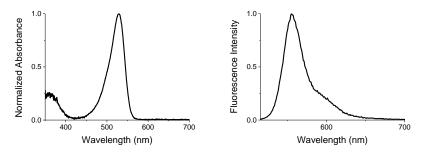


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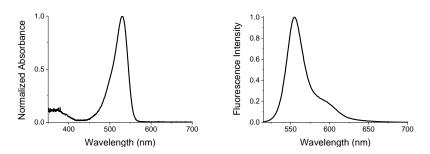


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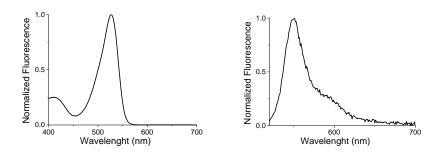


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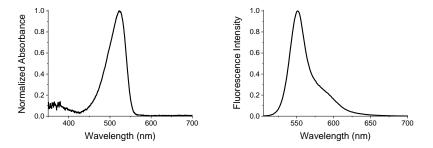


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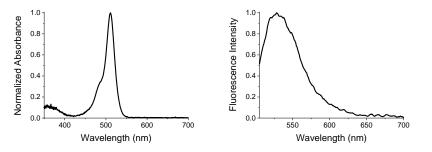


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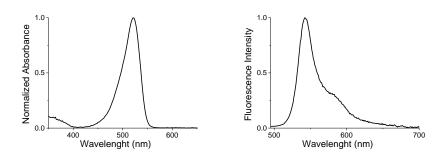


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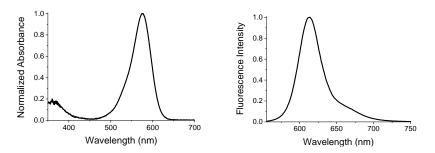


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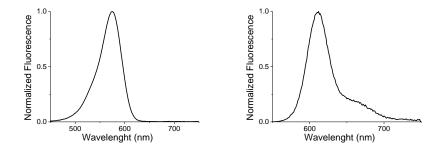


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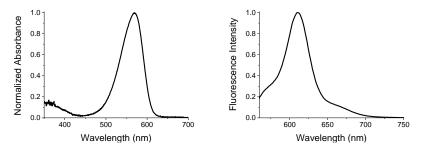


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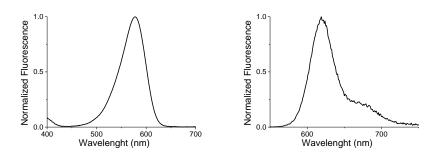


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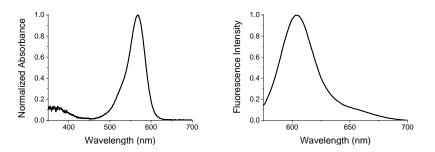


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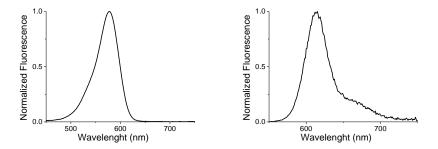


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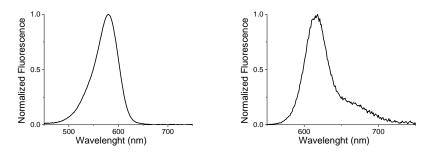


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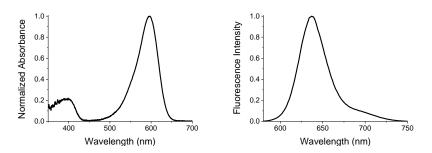


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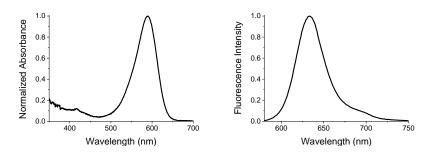


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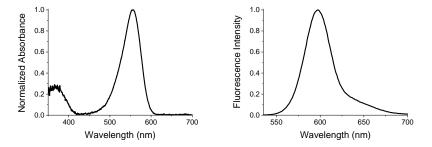


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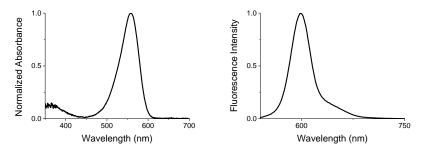


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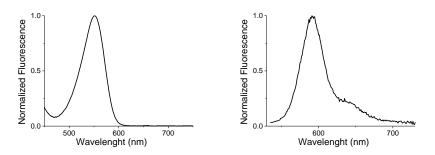


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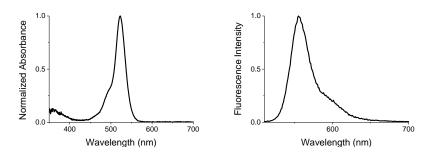


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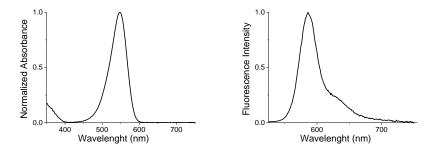


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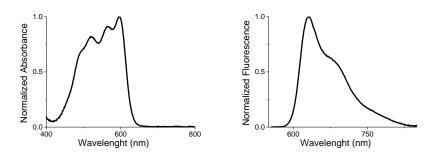


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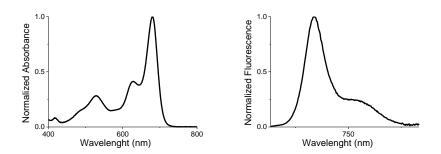


Figure S38: Absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of compound **5b** recorded in dichloromethane (Excited at 635 nm)

8. Cellular studies

Cell Culture

The HeLa cells were cultured in a Roswell Park Memorial Institute 1640 medium (RPMI-1640, Gibco, America) with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS, Lonsera, Shanghai, China) at 37 °C with 5% CO₂.

Cytotoxicity Determined by the CCK-8 Method

The HeLa cells were plated at 5000 cells per well in a 96-well plate in a 1640 medium and allowed to grow for 24 h. A gradient concentration of **5b** from 1 to 100 μ M in a fresh medium was added as a replacement, and the cells were incubated for 24 h at 37 °C with 5% CO₂. The working solutions were then removed, and the cells were washed with PBS buffer two times. A total of 10 μ L of CCK-8 (Cell Counting Kit-8, BIOMIKY) was added into each well, and the cells were further incubated at 37 °C for 1 h in a 10% CO₂ humidified atmosphere. The plate was then shaken for 5 min, and the absorbance was measured at 450 nm using a microplate reader.

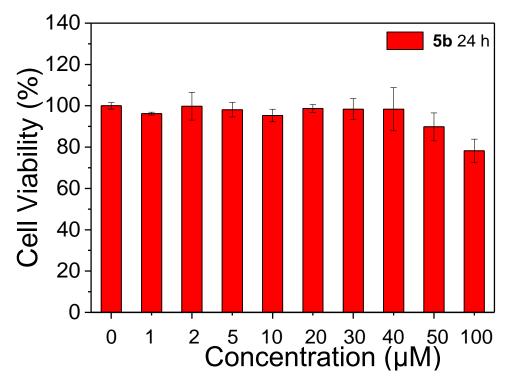


Figure S39. Viability of HeLa cells treated with 0, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 100 μ M 5b for 24 h.

Cell Incubation and Imaging

A total of 30000 HeLa cells were seeded into a glass bottom dish with the same procedure above. A solution of **5b** solution in RPMI-1640 medium (containing 1% DMSO, 5 μ M) was added to the above cells and incubated for another 15 min at 37 °C with 5% CO₂. The working solutions were then removed, and the cells were then washed with PBS two times and fixed by 4% formaldehyde for 20 min. The organelle tracer DAPI (1.67 μ g/mL) was added subsequently and incubated for 20 min to stain the nucleus. The above solution in dish was removed, and the cells were washed with PBS buffer two times before imaging using a confocal fluorescence microscope (Leica Microsystems SP8 MP).

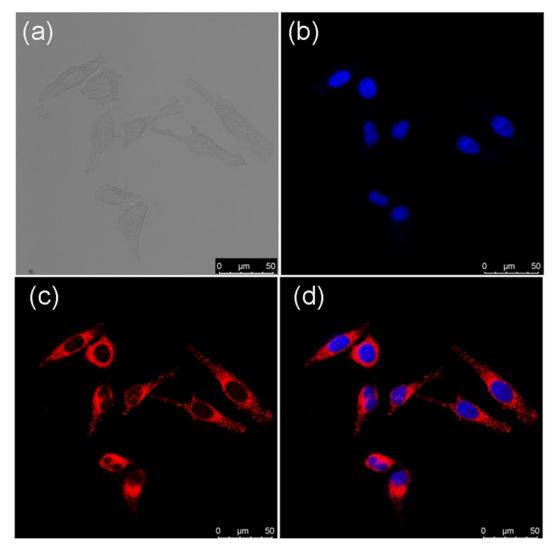


Figure S40. Confocal fluorescence images of HeLa cells stained with **5b** (5 uM) and DAPI. (a) Bright field. (b) DAPI fluorescence. (c) **5b** fluorescence after incubation for 15 min, using excitation wavelengths of 638 nm, and recording over the 650-760 nm spectral regions. (d) merged images of parts b and c.

9. DFT caclulations

The ground state geometry was optimized by using DFT method at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The same method was used for vibrational analysis to verify that the optimized structures correspond to local minima on the energy surface. TD-DFT computations were used the optimized ground state geometries under the B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p) theoretical level. NICS(0) values were calculated at the GIAO-B3lyp/6-31+G(d,p) level. The calculated molecules in dichloromethane were done using the Self-Consistent Reaction Field (SCRF) method and Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM). All of the calculations were carried out by the methods implemented in Gaussian 09 package.¹¹

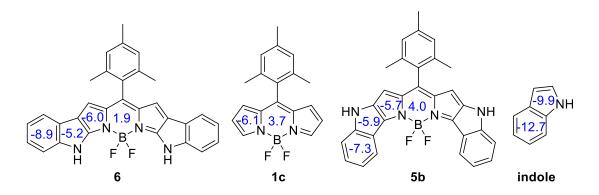


Figure S41. NICS(0) values (ppm) for BODIPY **1c**, **5b**, **6** and indole, calculated at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6- 31G(d) level.

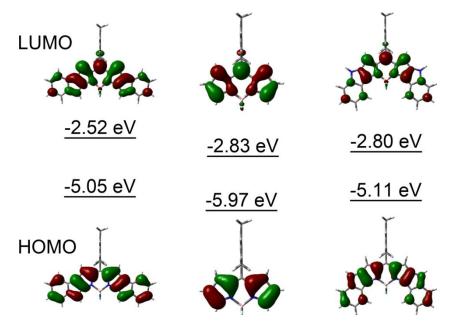


Figure S42. HOMO-LUMO energy levels and the interfacial plots of the orbitals for BODIPYs 6, 1c and 5b.

Table S4. Selected electronic excitation energies (eV) and oscillator strengths (*f*), configurations of the low-lying excited states of the BODIPYs **5a**, **5b** and **6** calculated by TDDFT/B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p), based on the optimized ground state geometries. The TDDFT of all the molecules in dichloromethane were using the Self Consistent Reaction Field (SCRF) method and the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM).

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	Electronic					
	transition —	Energy/ eV ^[a]	$f^{[b]}$	Composition ^[c]	CI ^[d]	
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				HOMO -1 \rightarrow LUMO	0.4770	
	S0→S2	2.5938 eV 478.00 nm	0.7752	HOMO -1 \rightarrow LUMO	0.5197	
				$HOMO \rightarrow LUMO$	0.4791	
	S0→S3	2.8954 eV 428.21 nm	0.0008	HOMO $-2 \rightarrow LUMO$	0.7044	
5b	S0→S1	2.0450 eV 606.28 nm	0.3906	$HOMO \rightarrow LUMO$	0.6334	
				HOMO -1 \rightarrow LUMO	0.3196	
	S0→S2	2.3642 eV 524.43 nm	0.6487	HOMO -1 \rightarrow LUMO	0.6293	
				$HOMO \rightarrow LUMO$	0.3231	
	S0→S3	2.3733 eV 522.40 nm	0.0165	HOMO $-2 \rightarrow LUMO$	0.7044	
6	S0→S1	2.3550 eV 526.47 nm	1.3813	$HOMO \rightarrow LUMO$	0.7048	
	S0→S2	2.7635 eV 448.65 nm	0.0136	HOMO -1 \rightarrow LUMO	0.7008	
	S0→S3	2.9071 eV 426.49 nm	0.0121	HOMO $-2 \rightarrow$ LUMO	0.7032	

[a] Only the selected low-lying excited states are presented. [b] Oscillator strength. [c] Only the main configurations are presented. [d] The CI coefficients are in absolute values.

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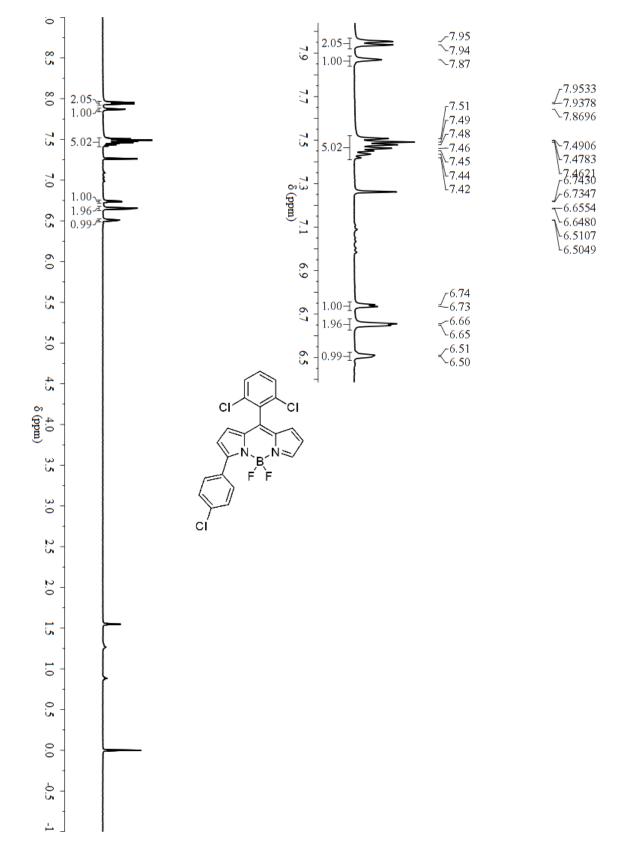
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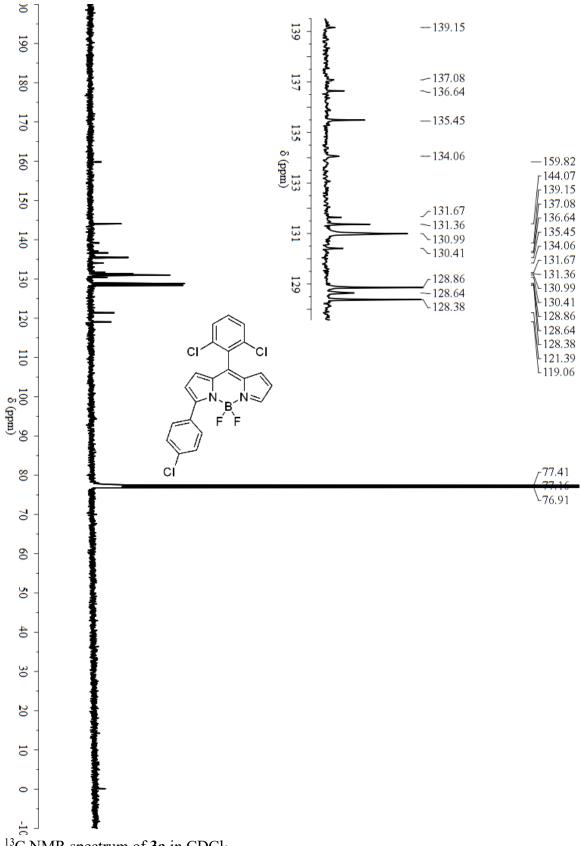
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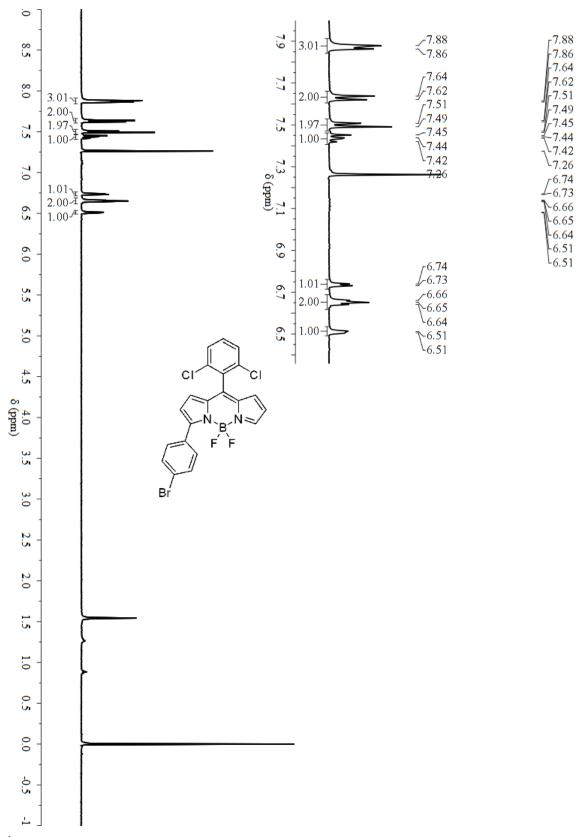


10. ¹H, ¹³C NMR and HRMS spectra for all new compounds

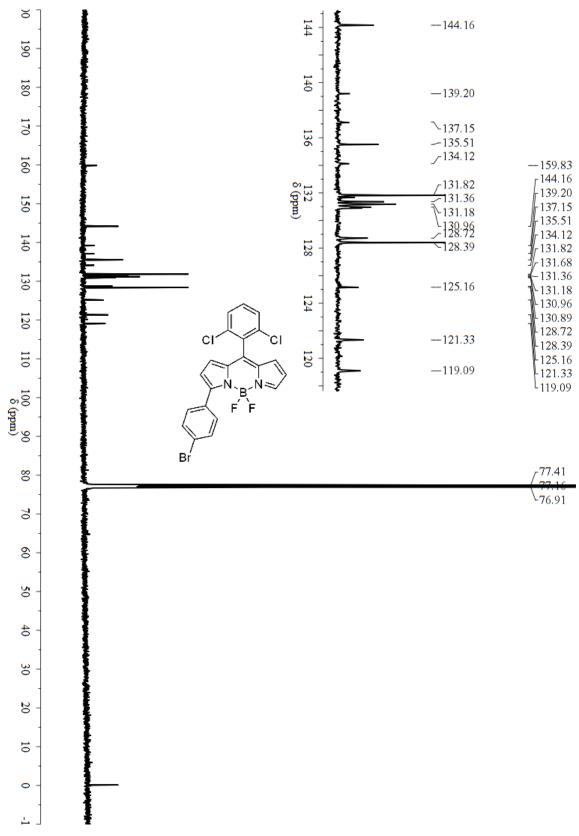
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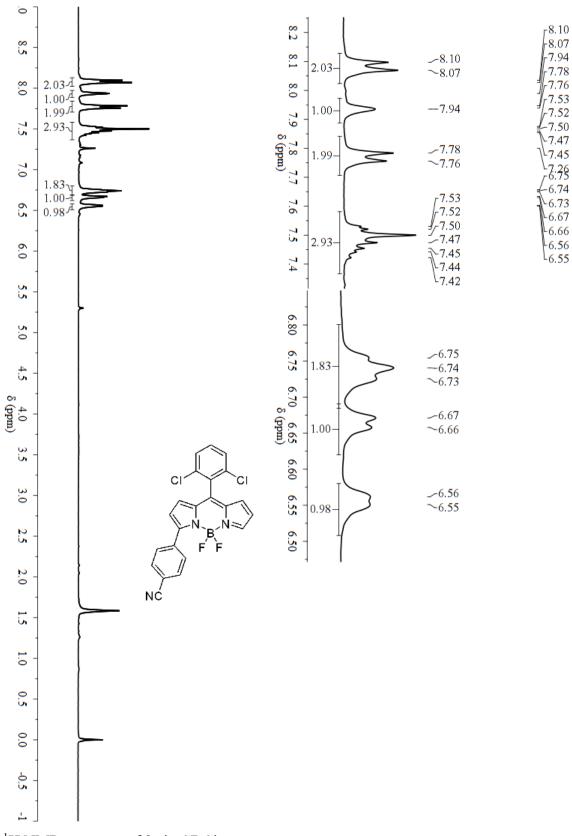
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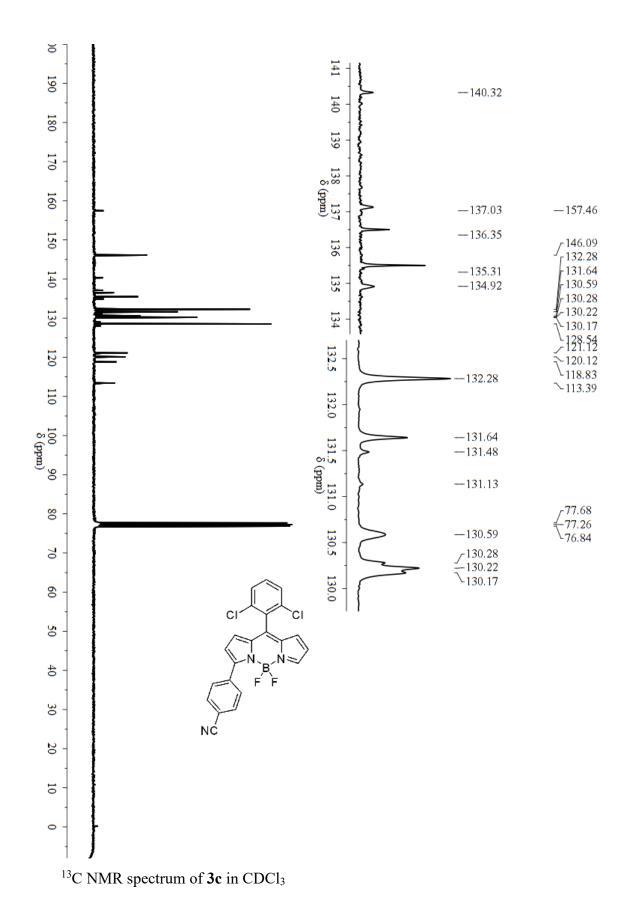
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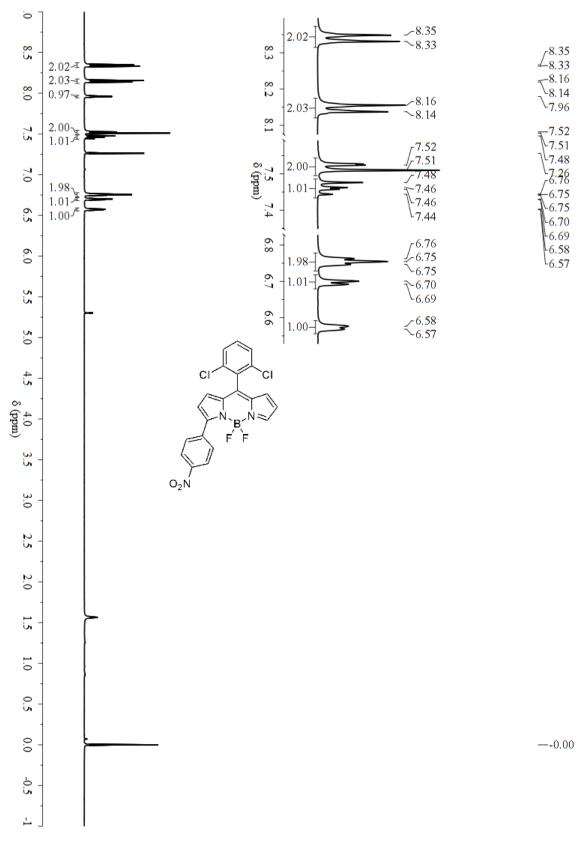


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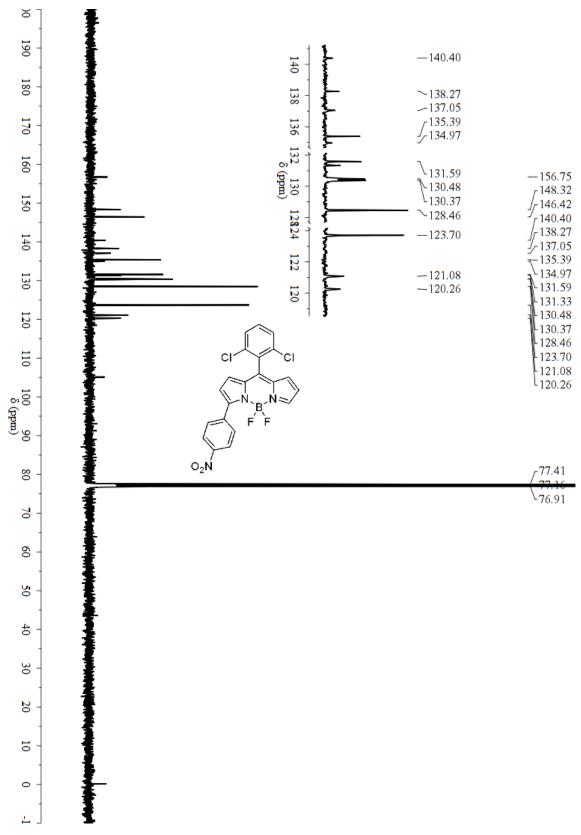


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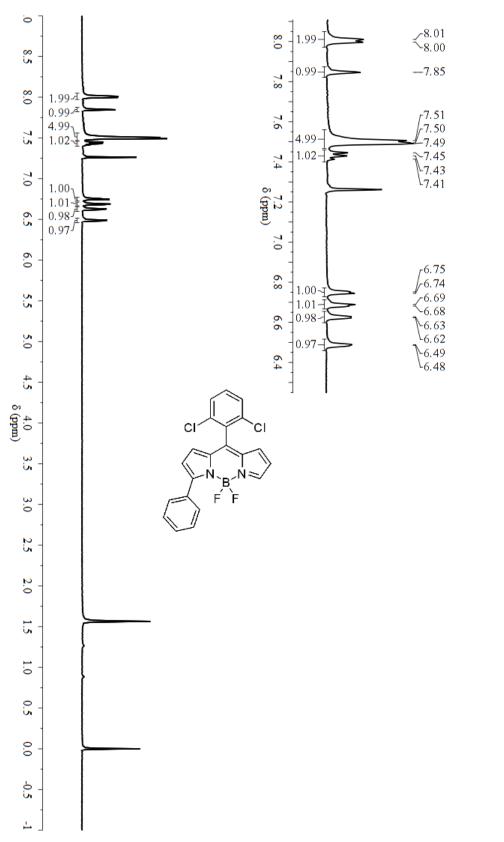




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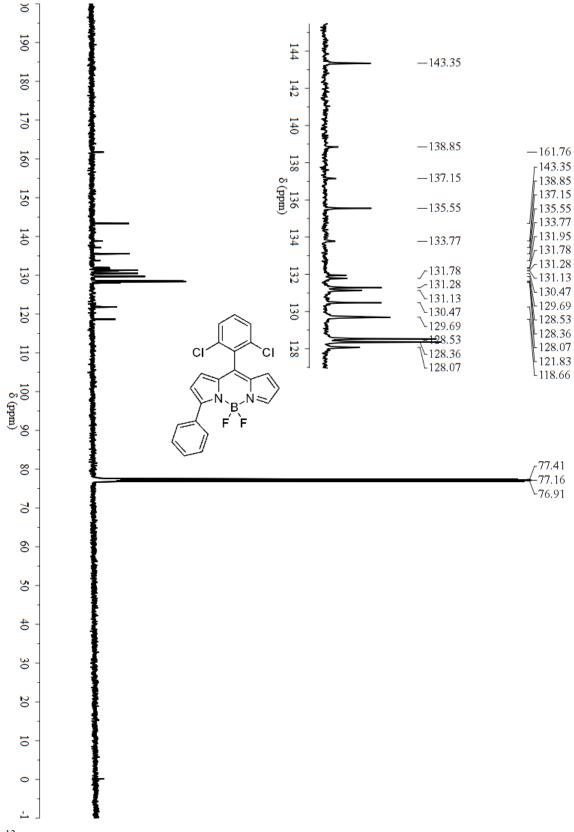
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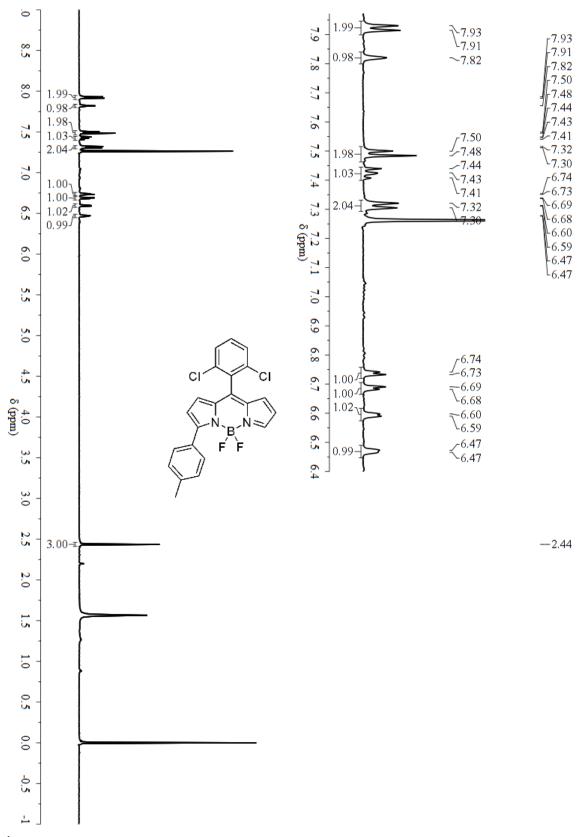
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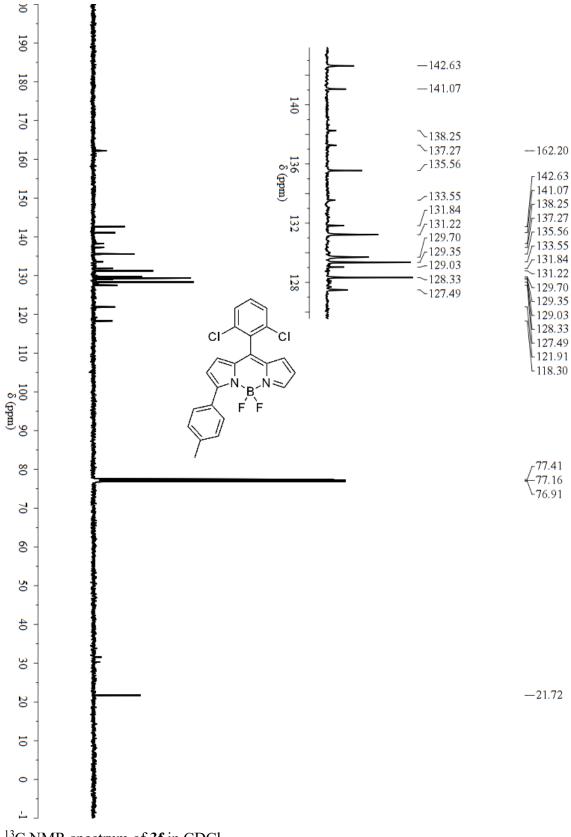
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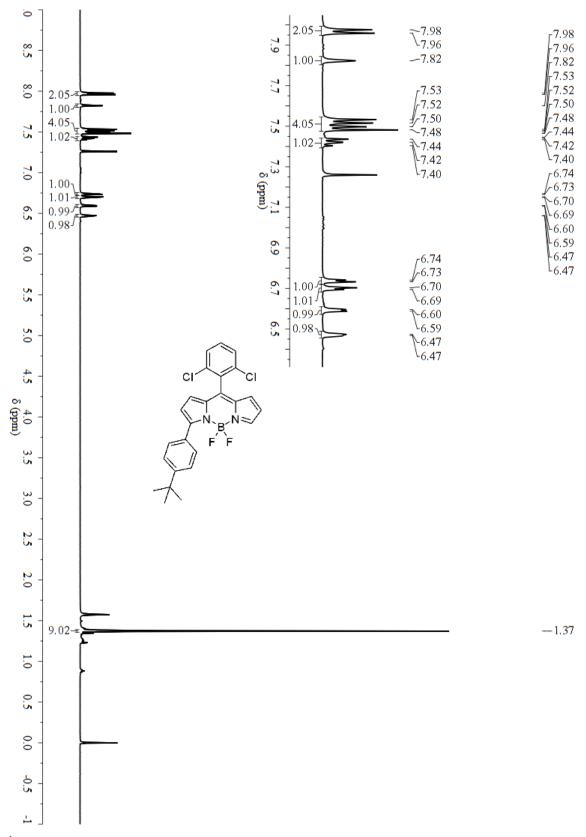
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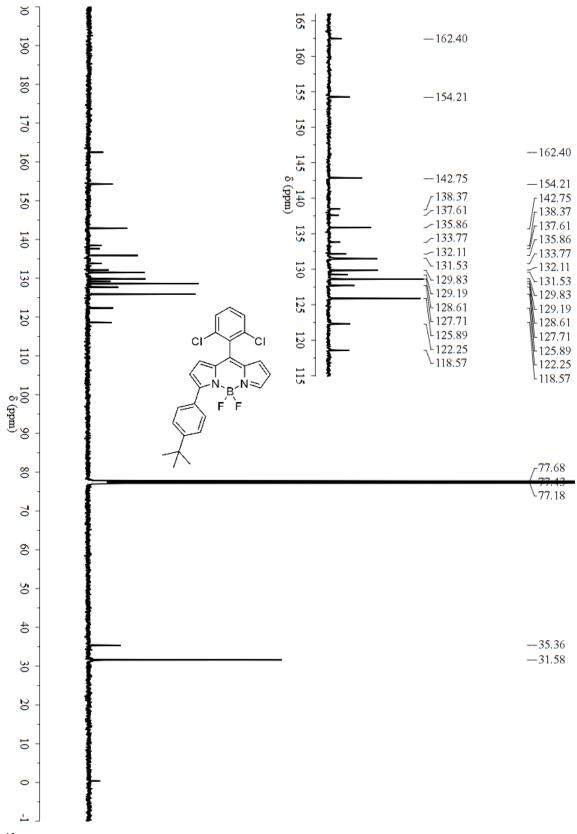
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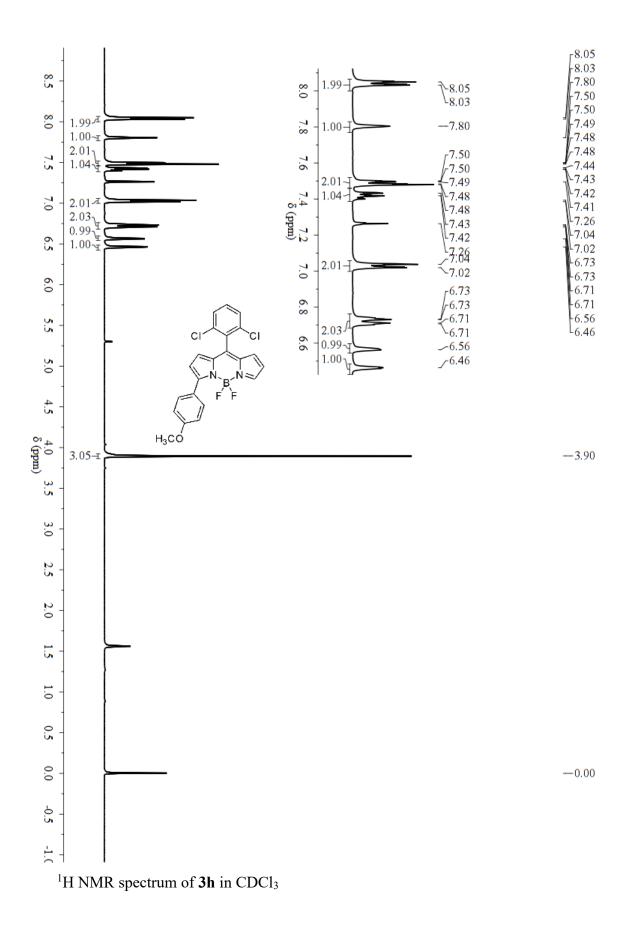
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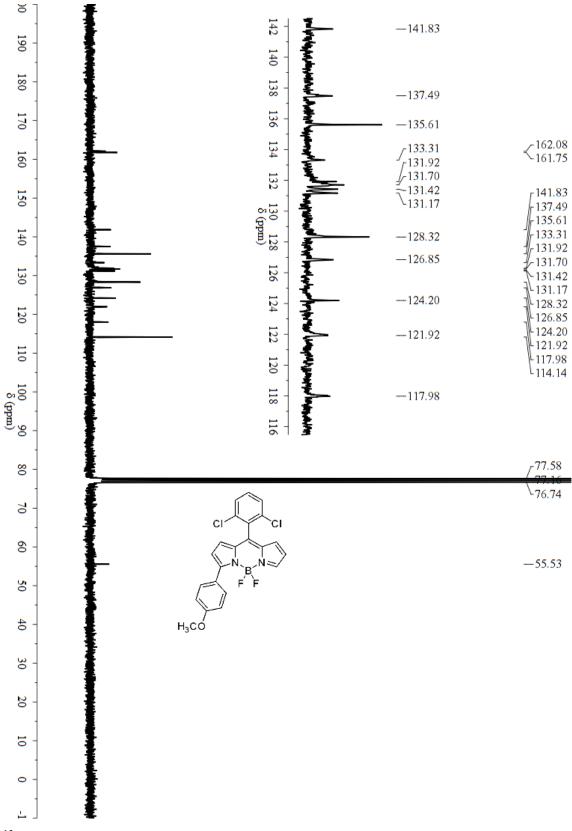


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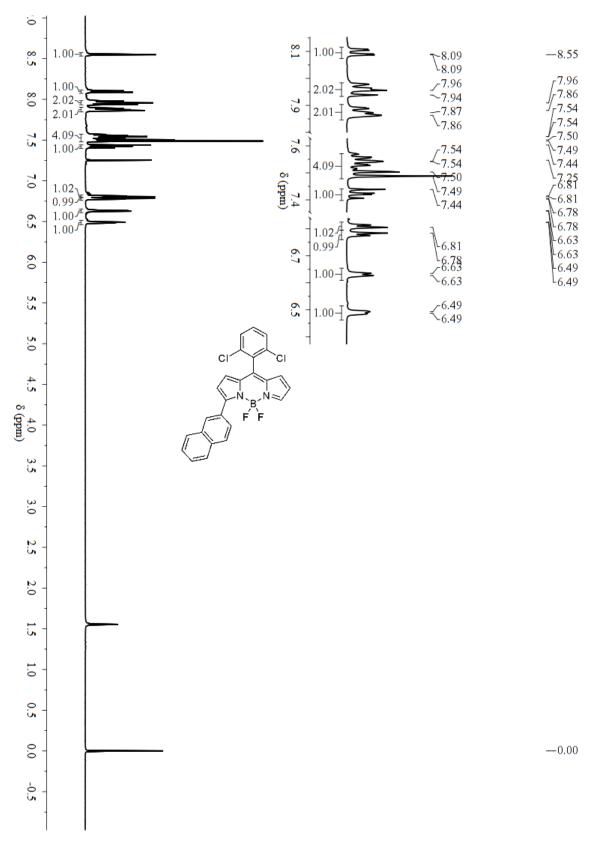


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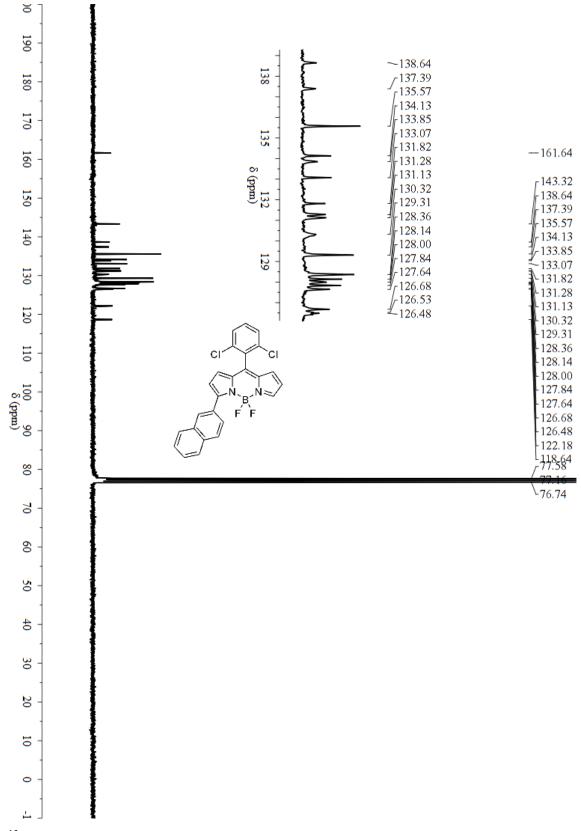




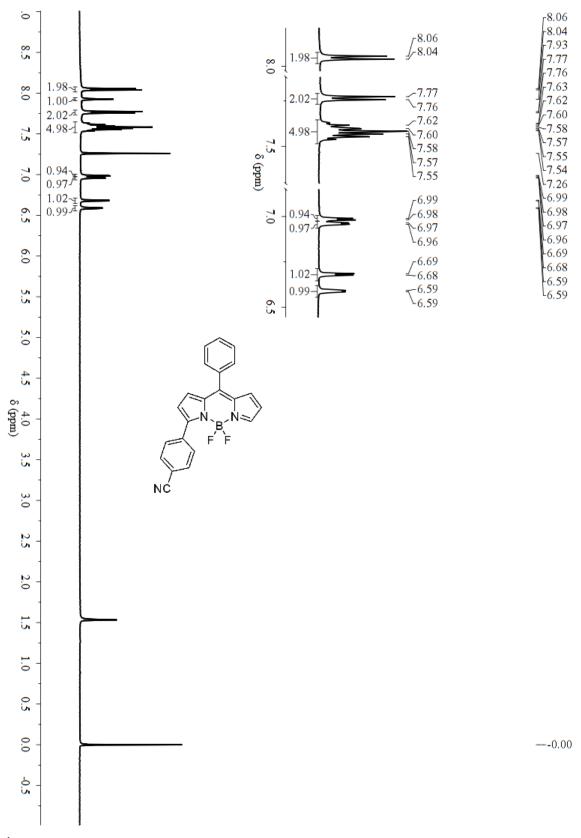
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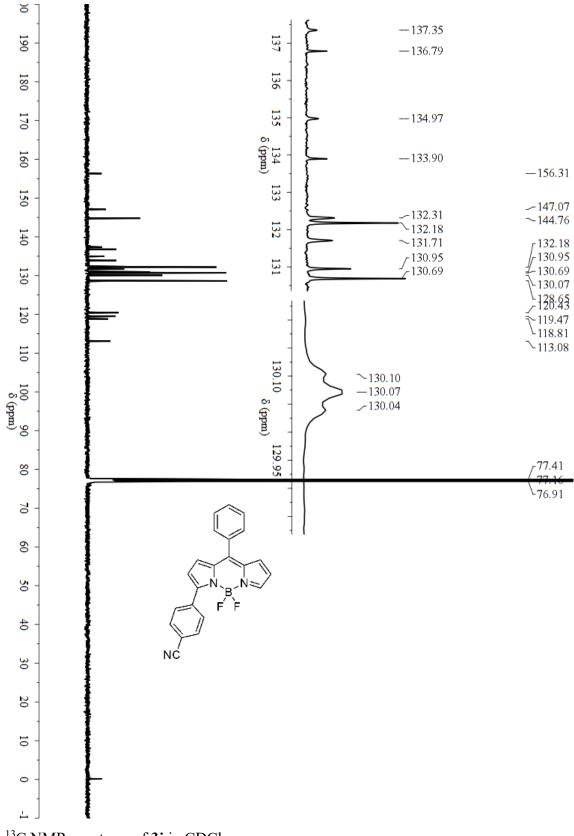
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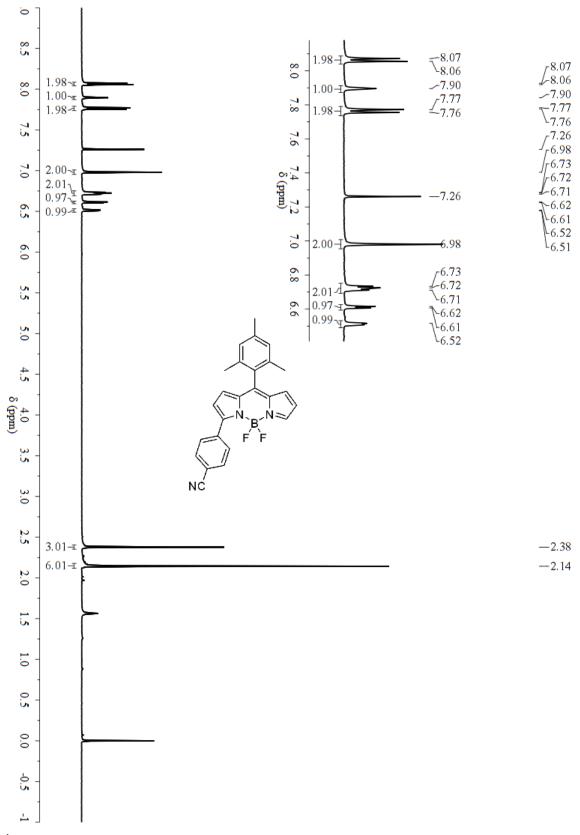
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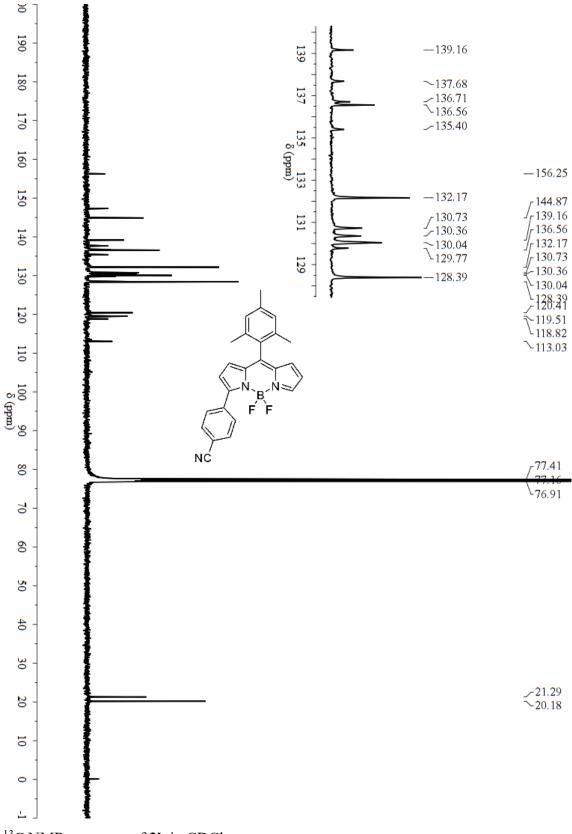
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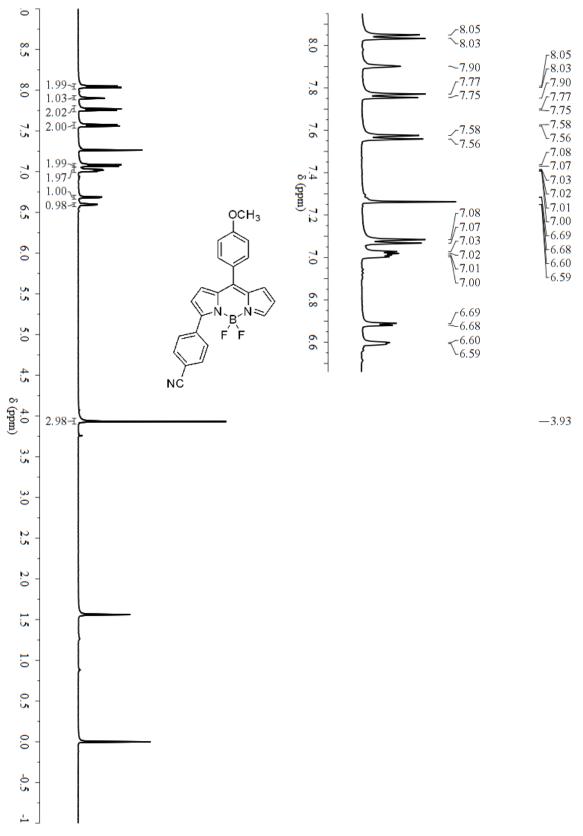
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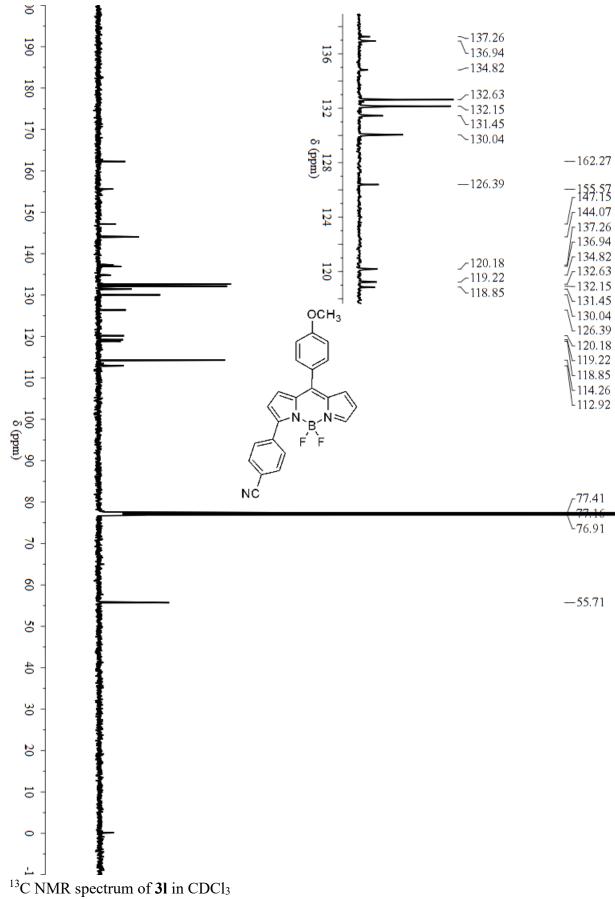
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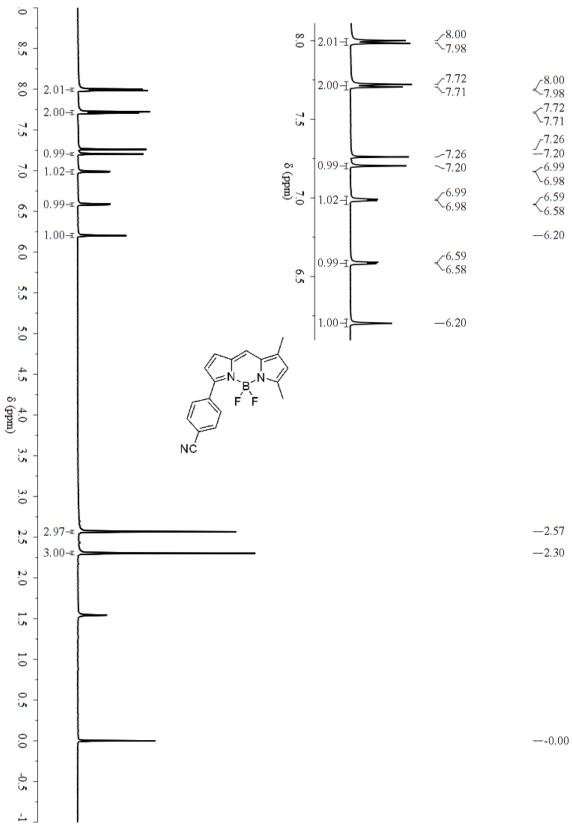
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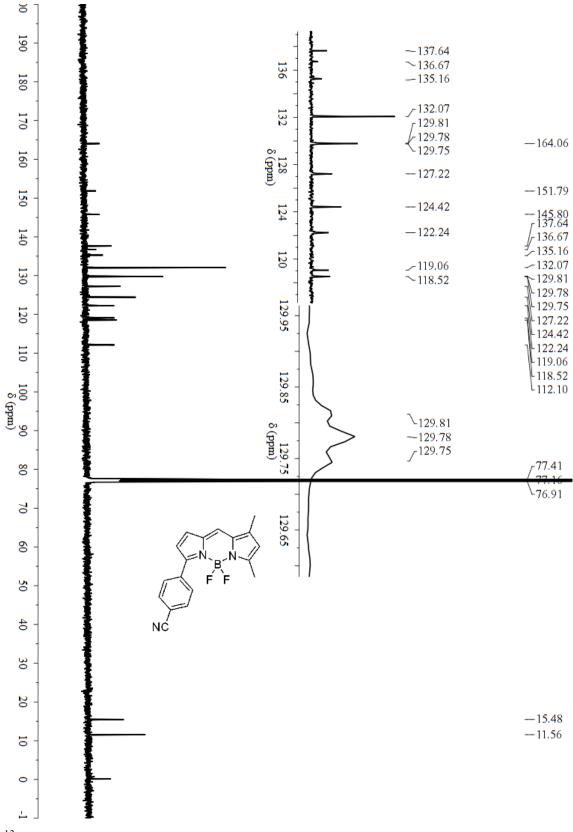
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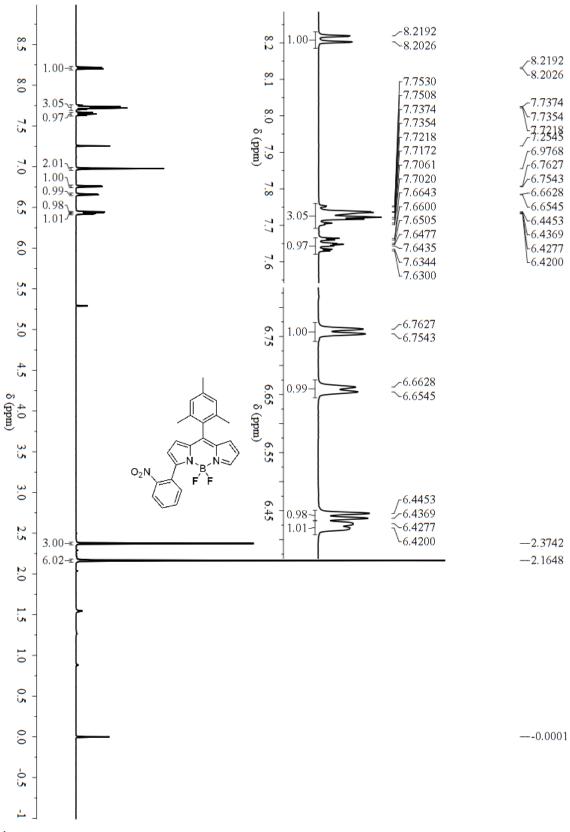
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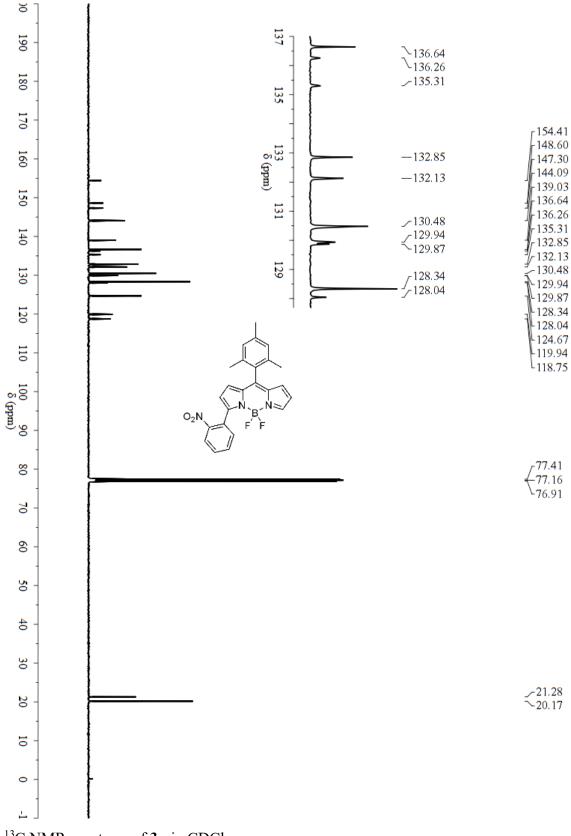
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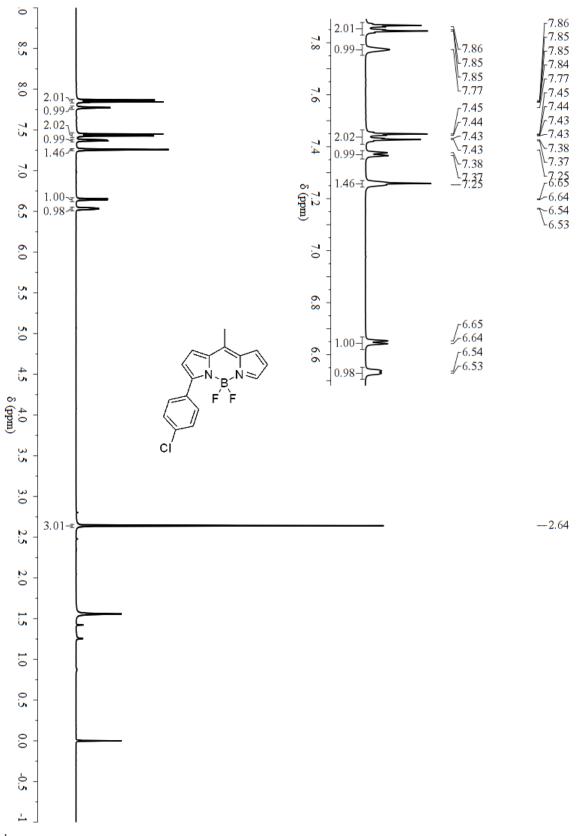
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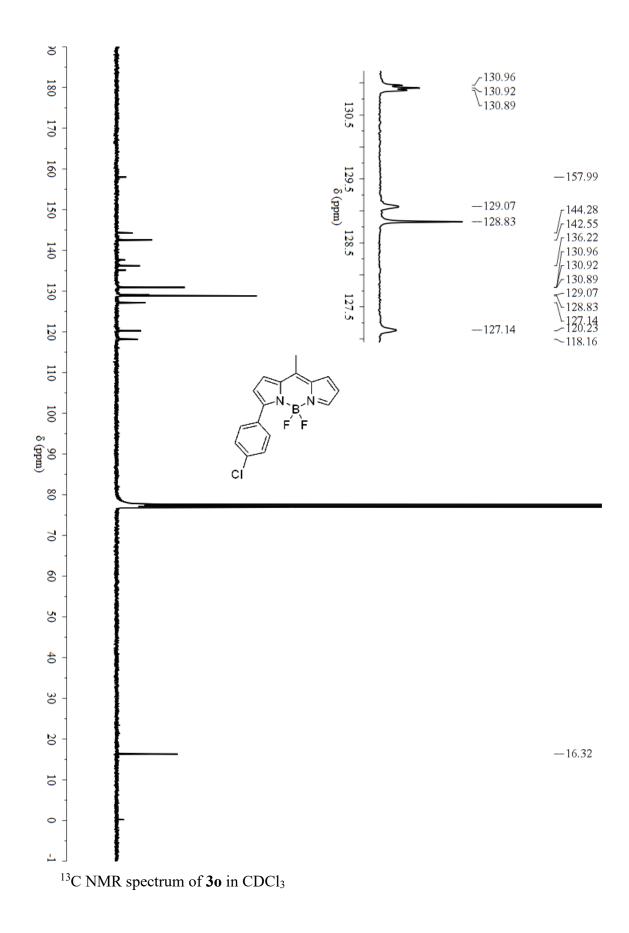
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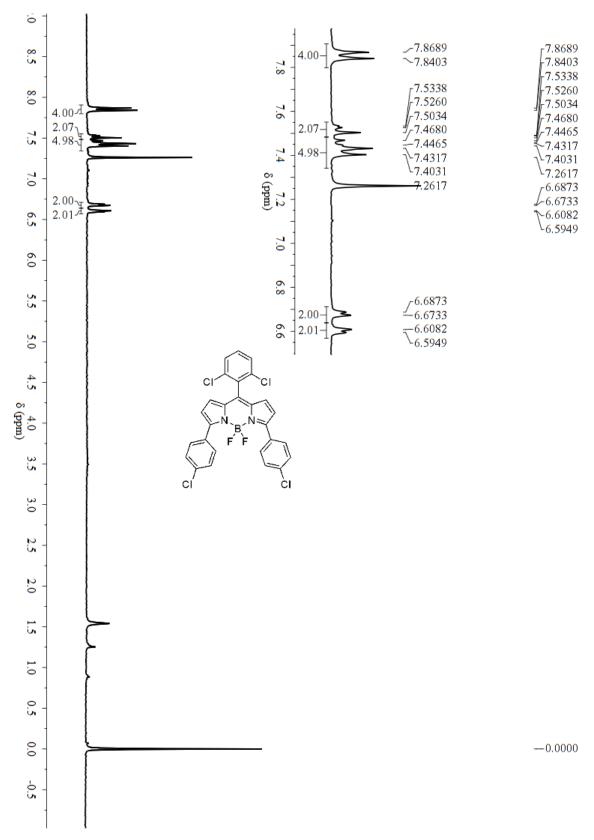


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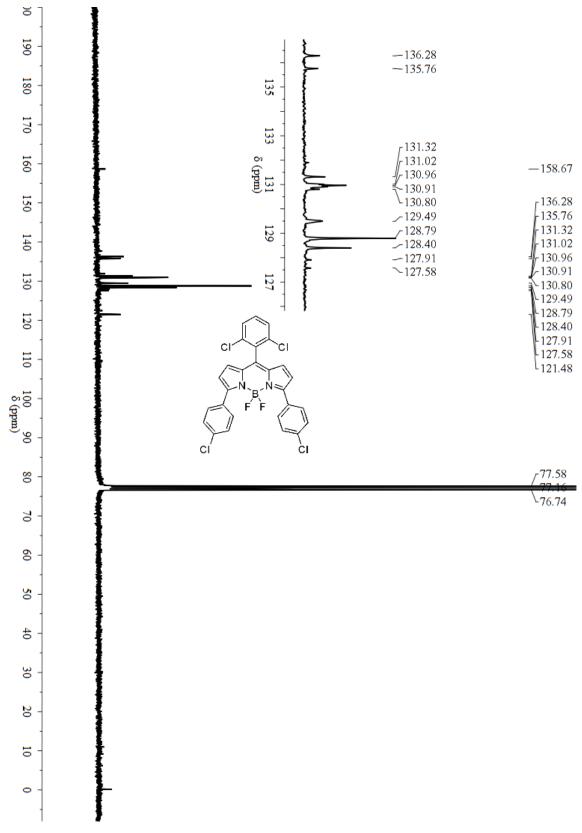


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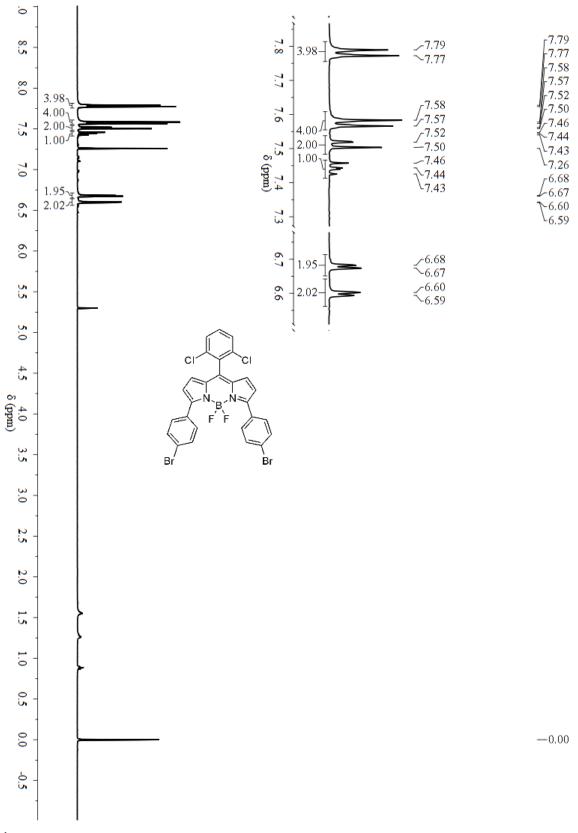




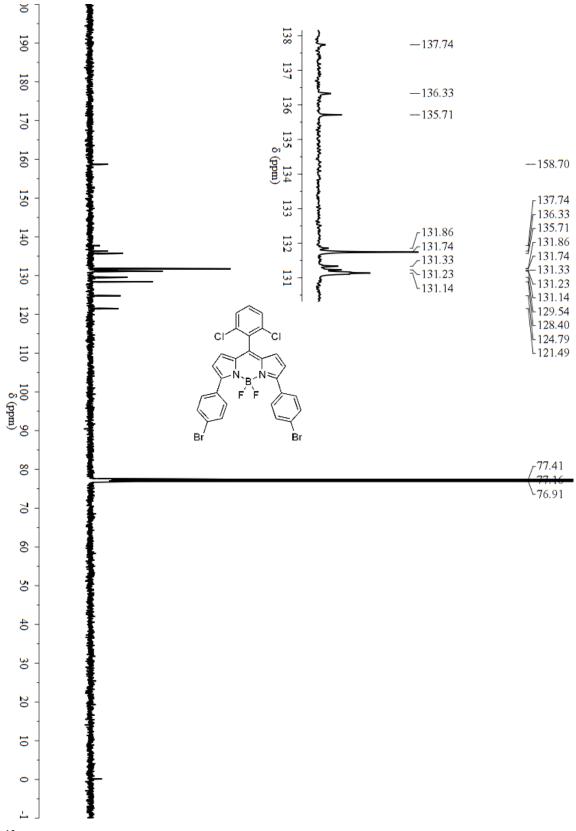
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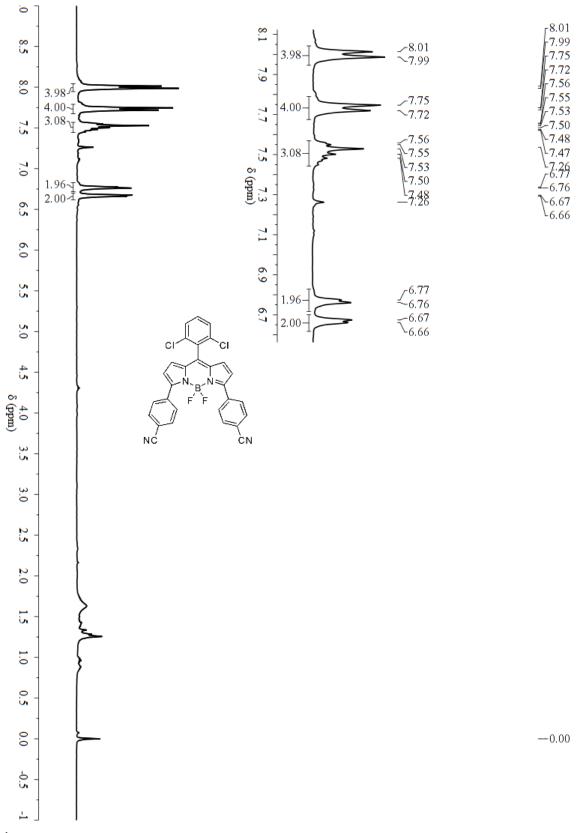
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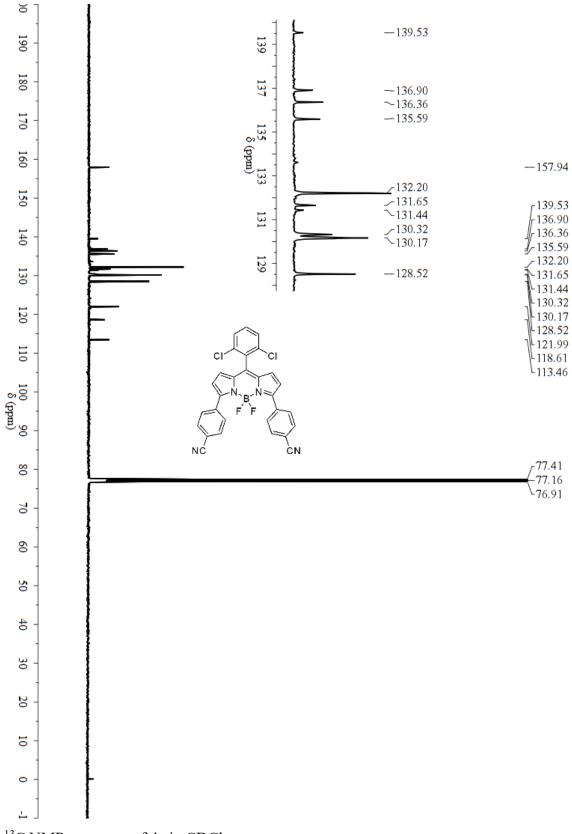
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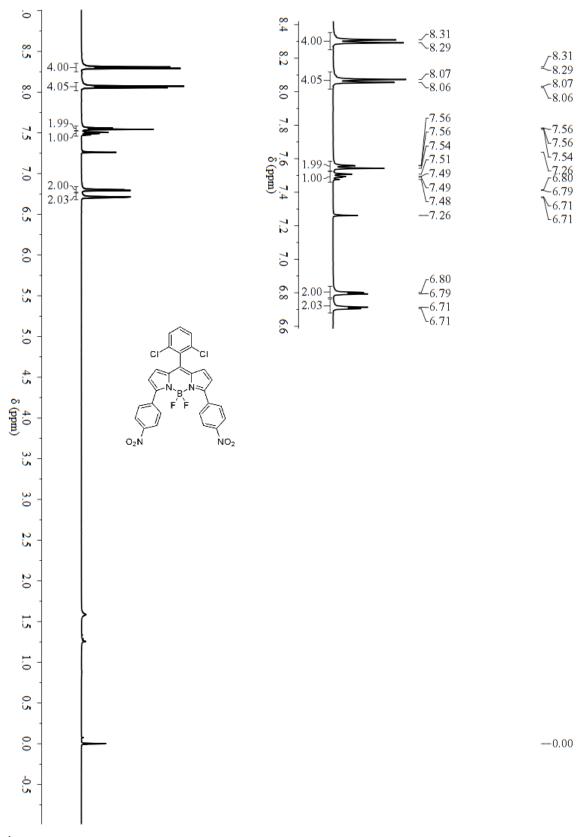
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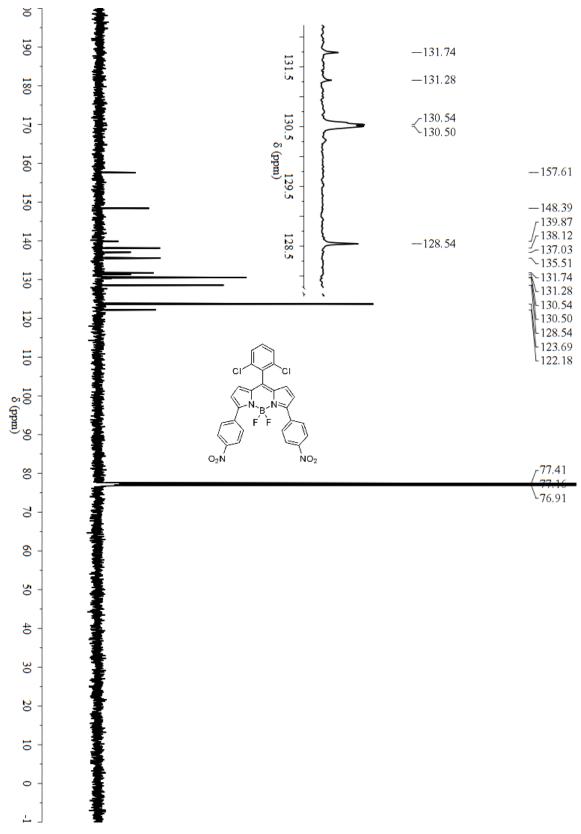
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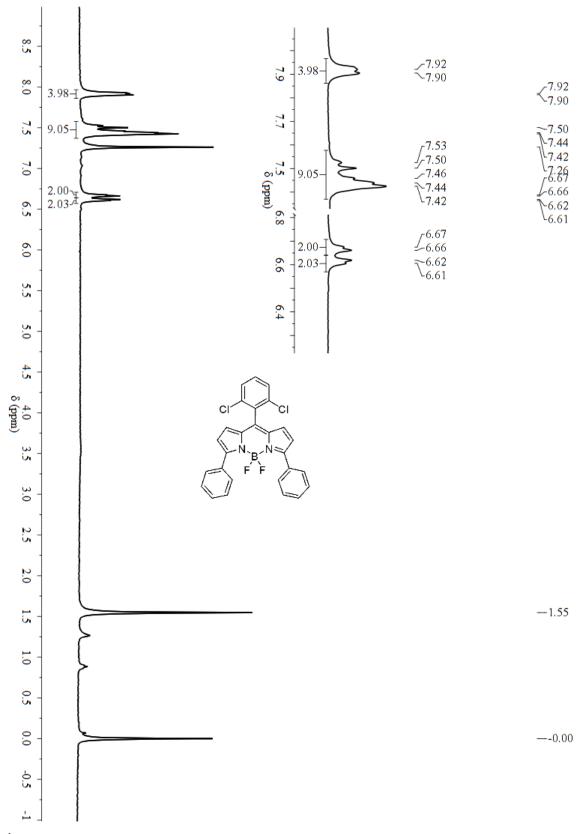
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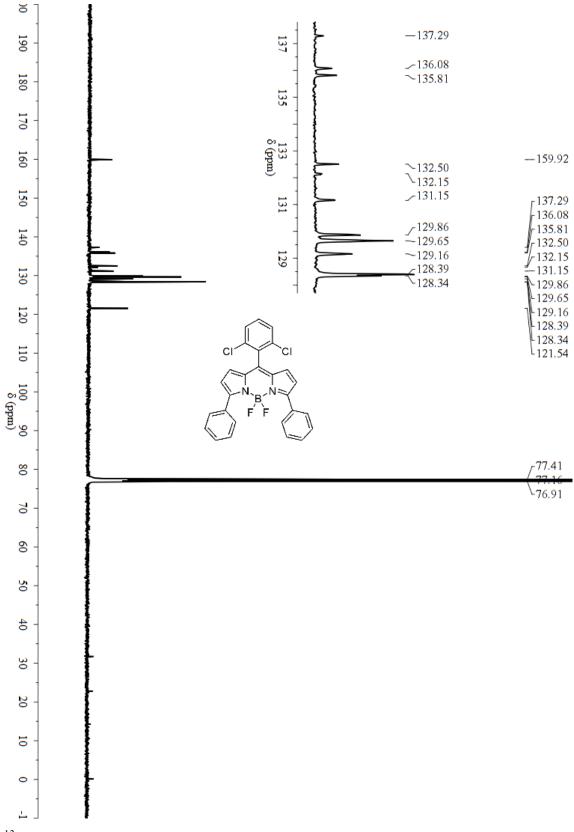
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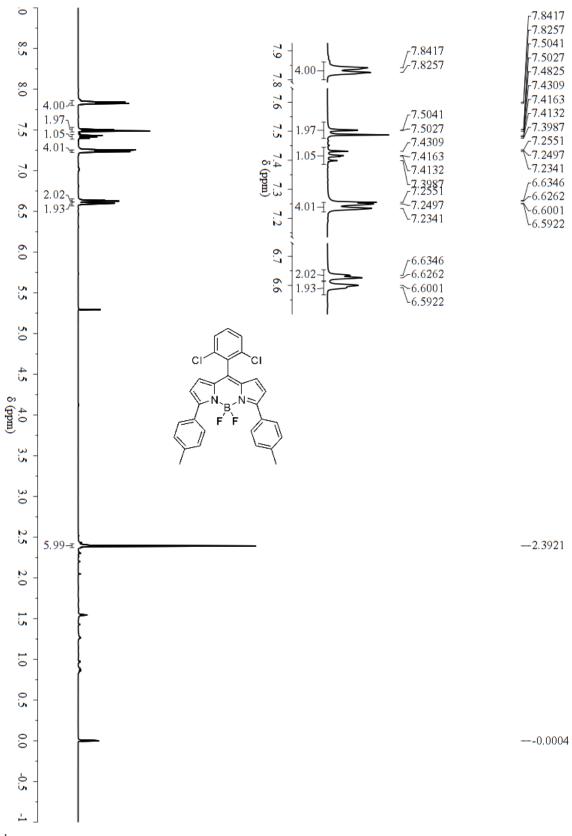
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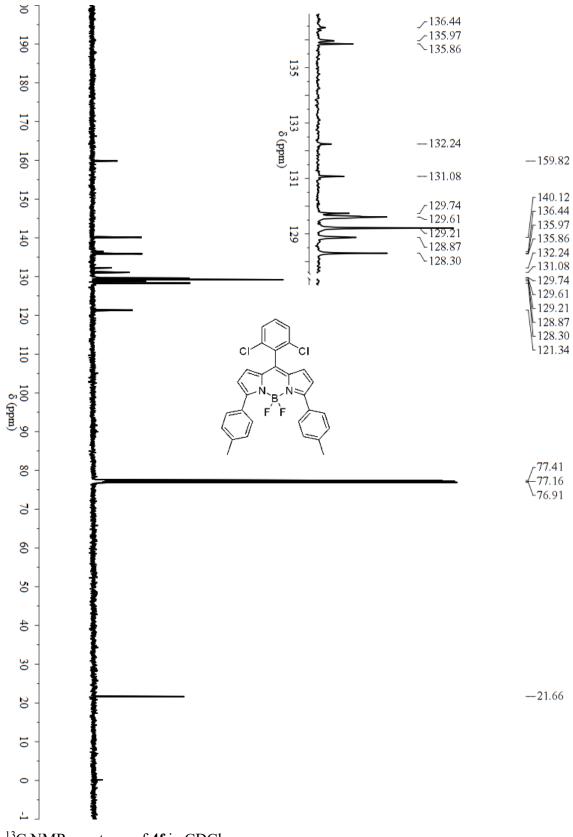
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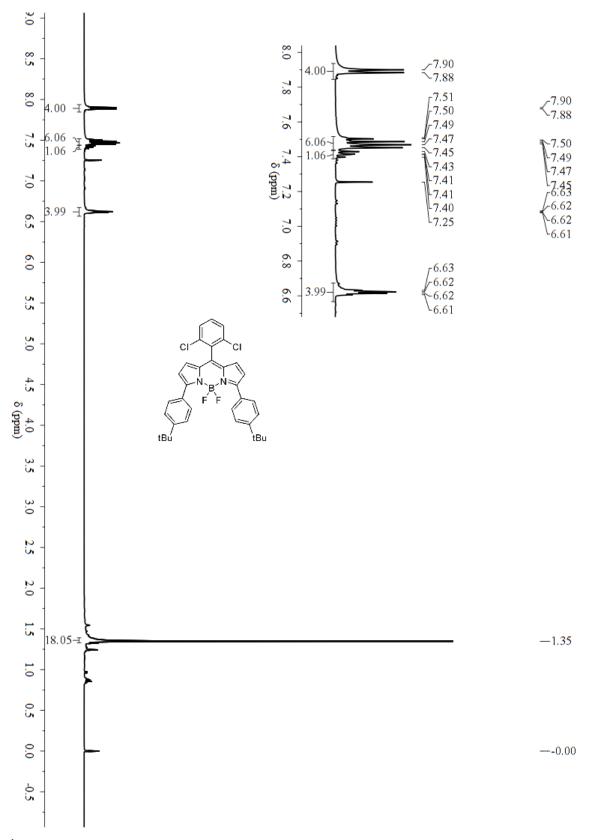
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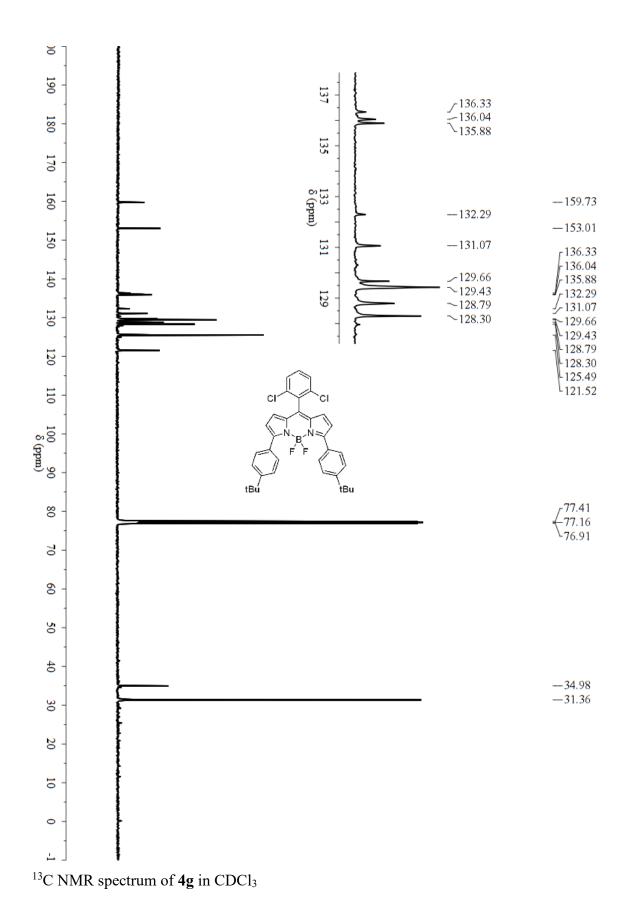
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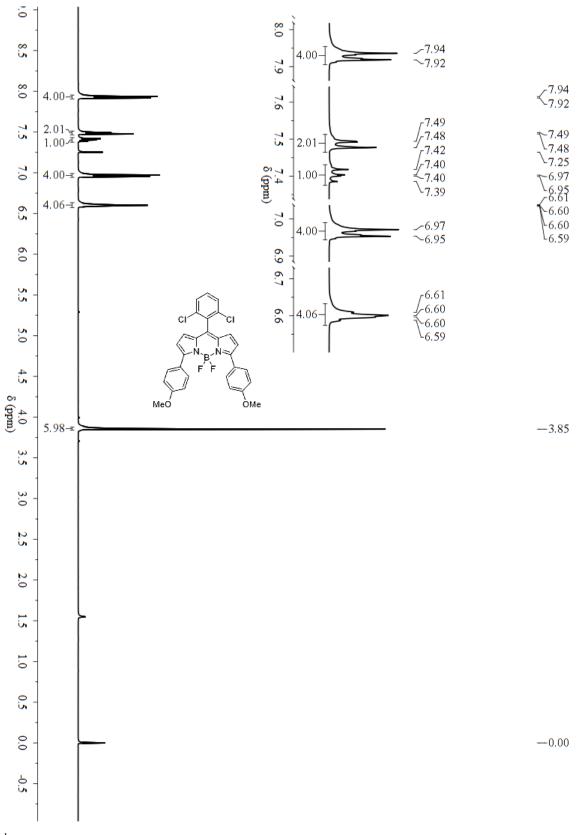


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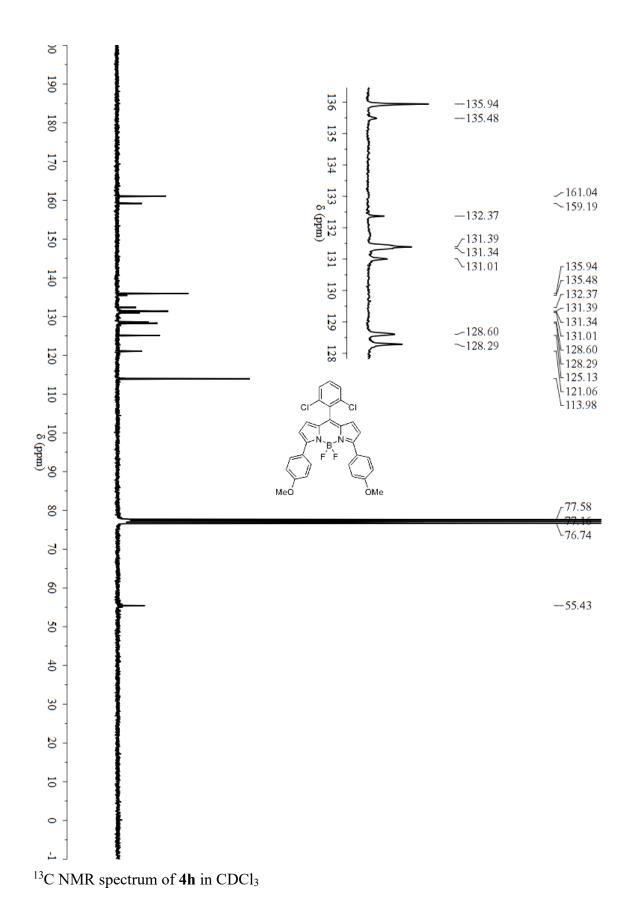


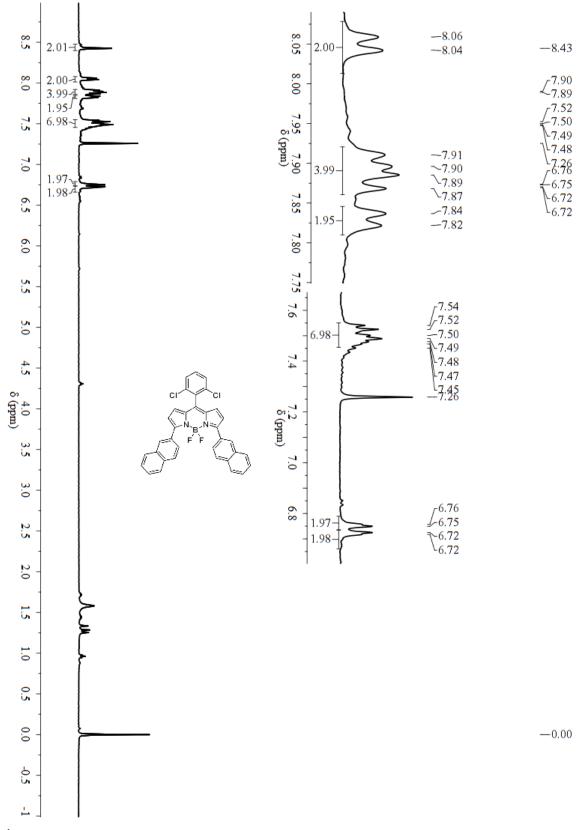
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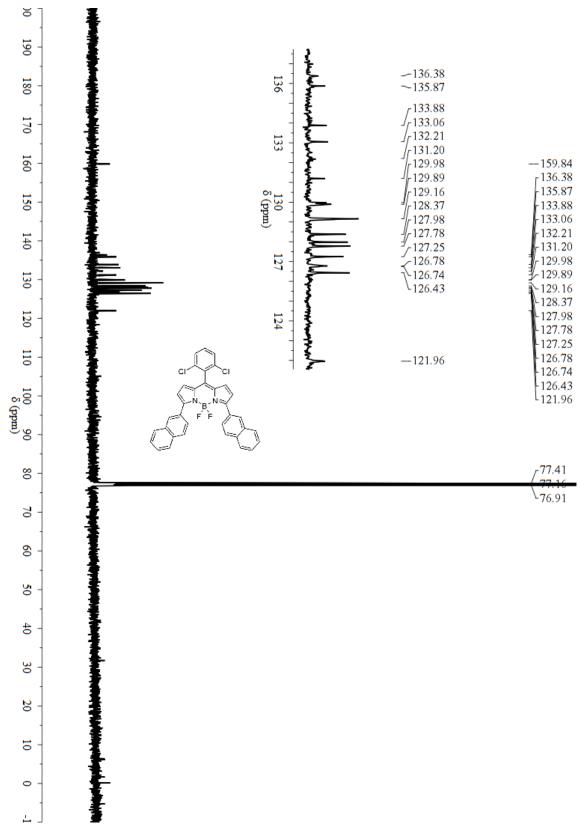


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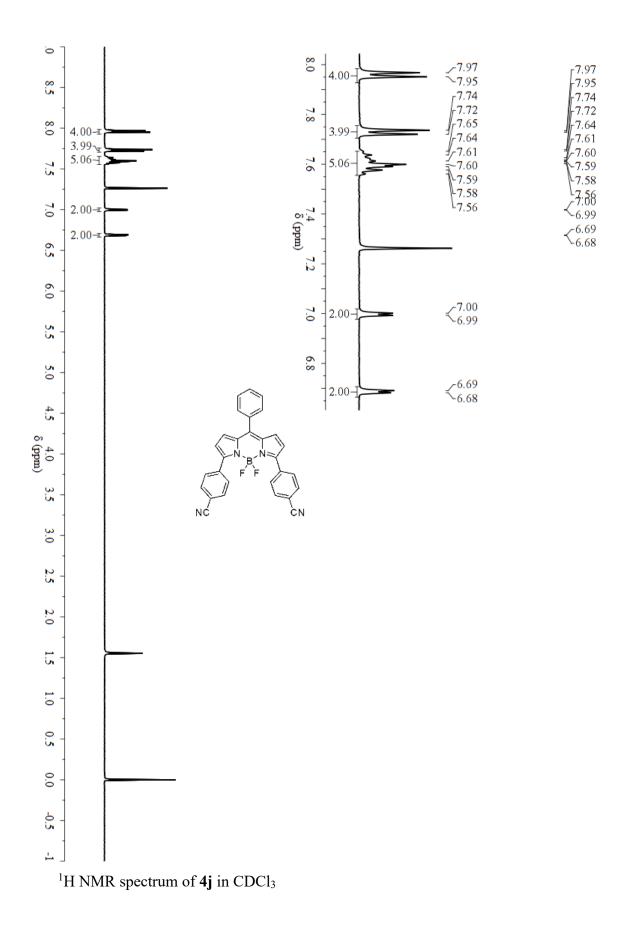


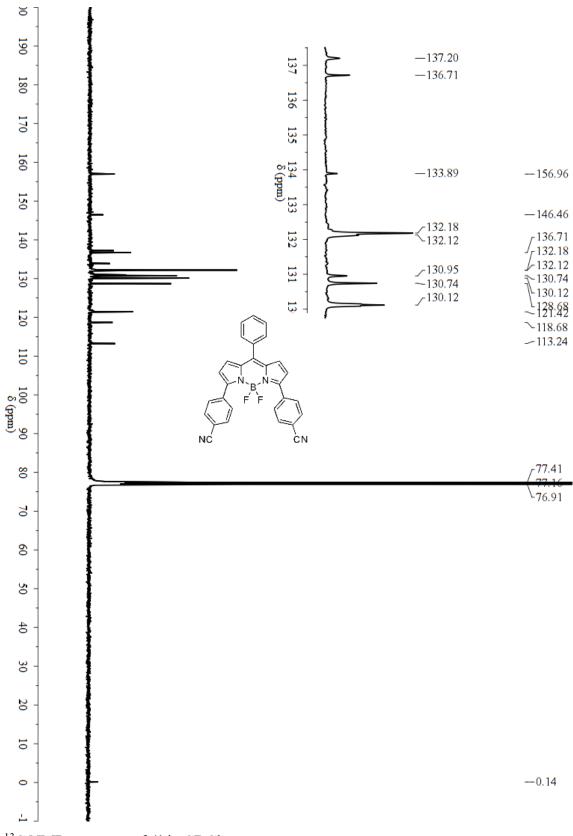


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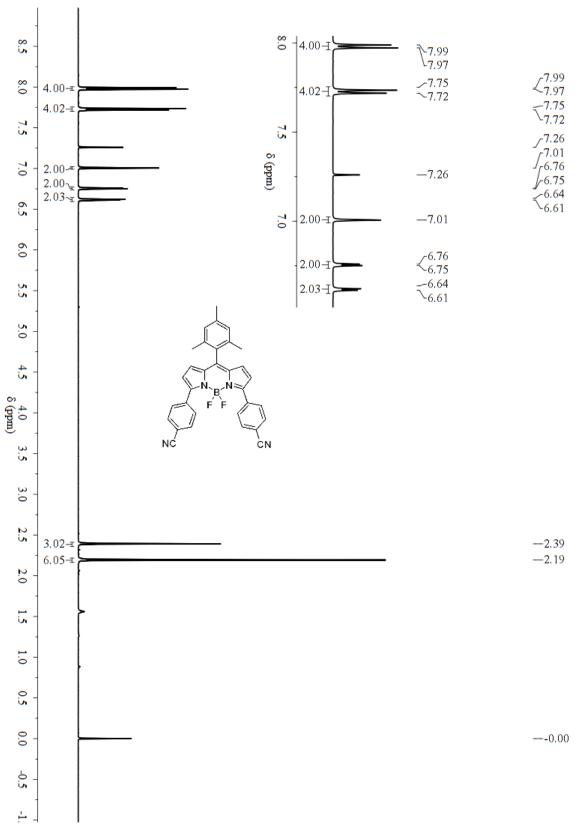


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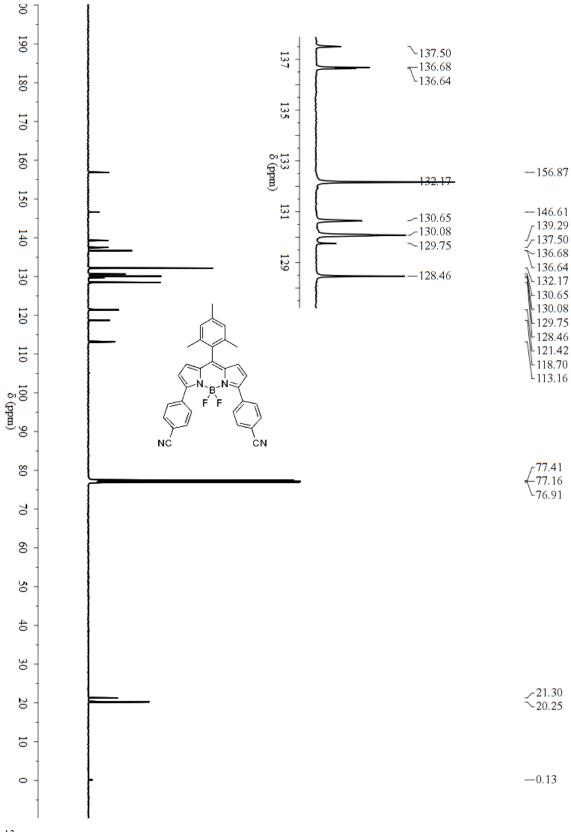




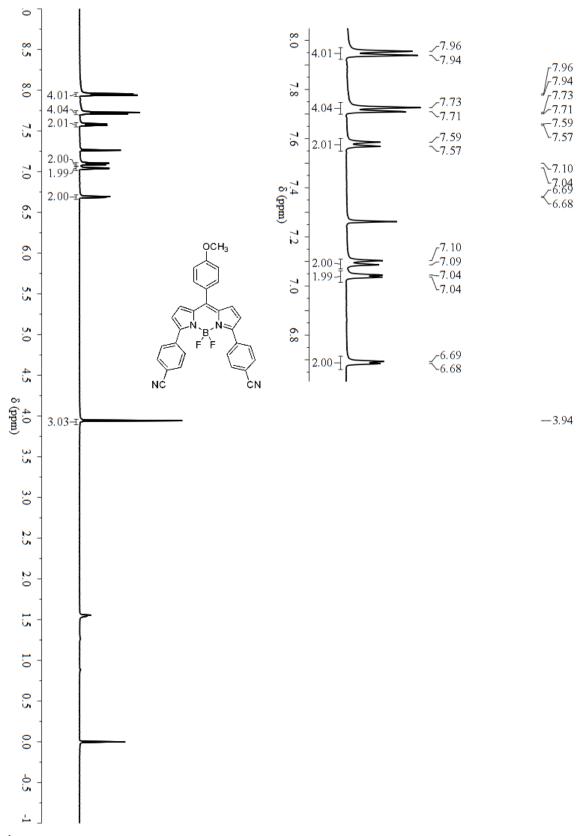
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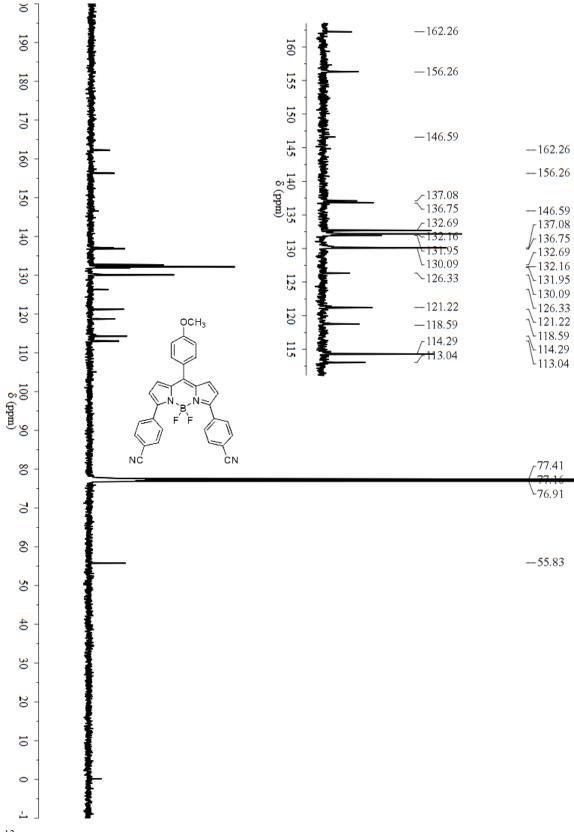
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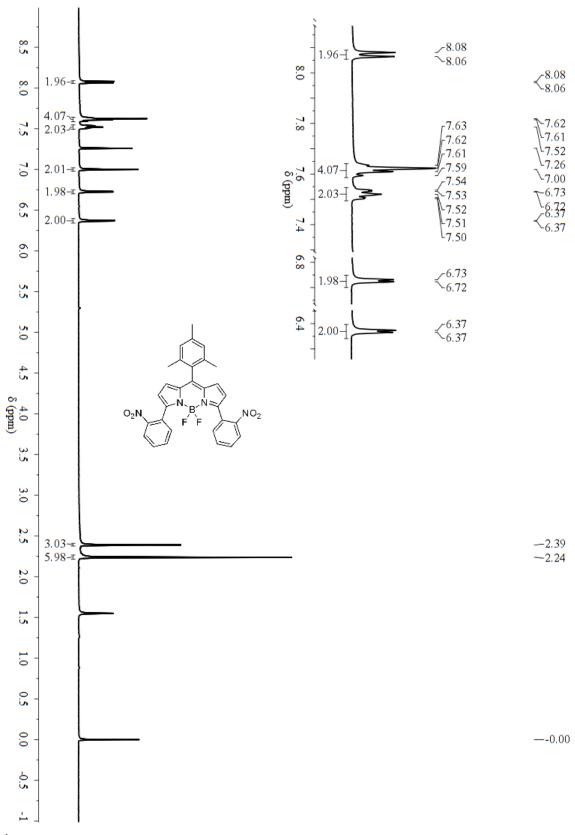
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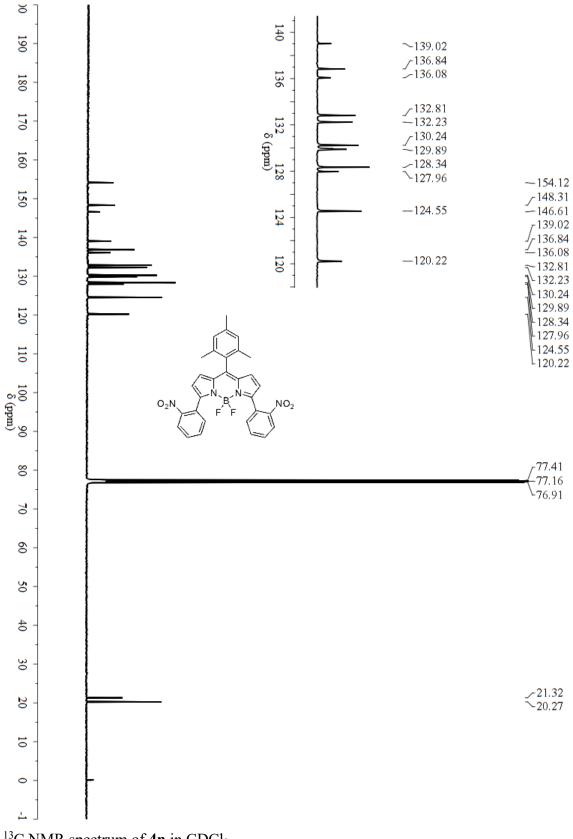
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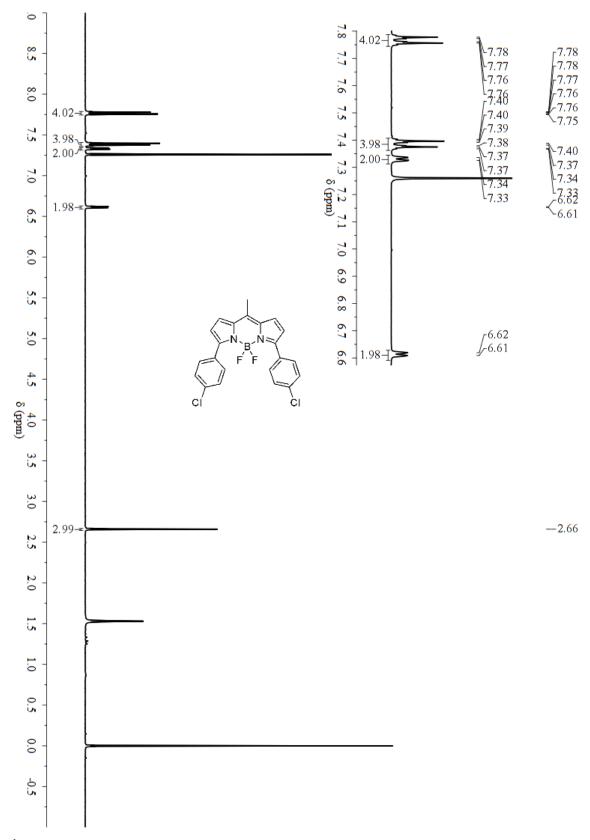
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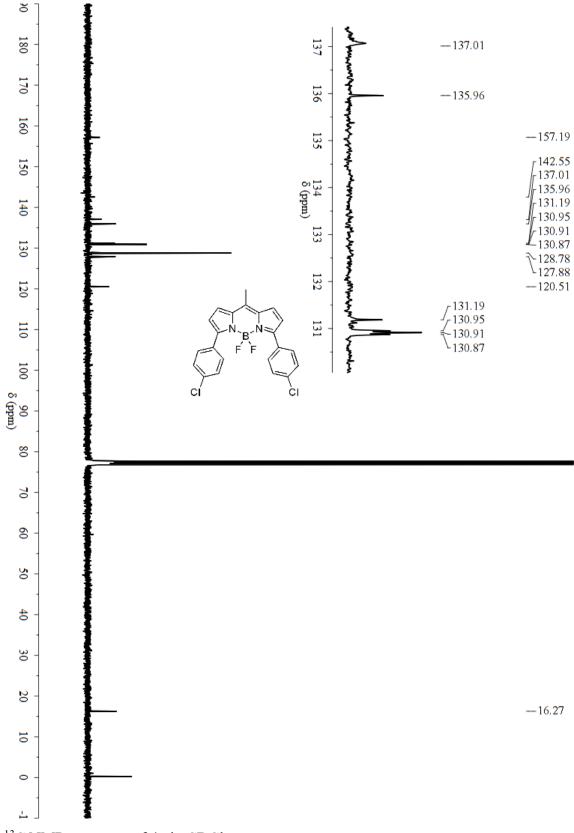
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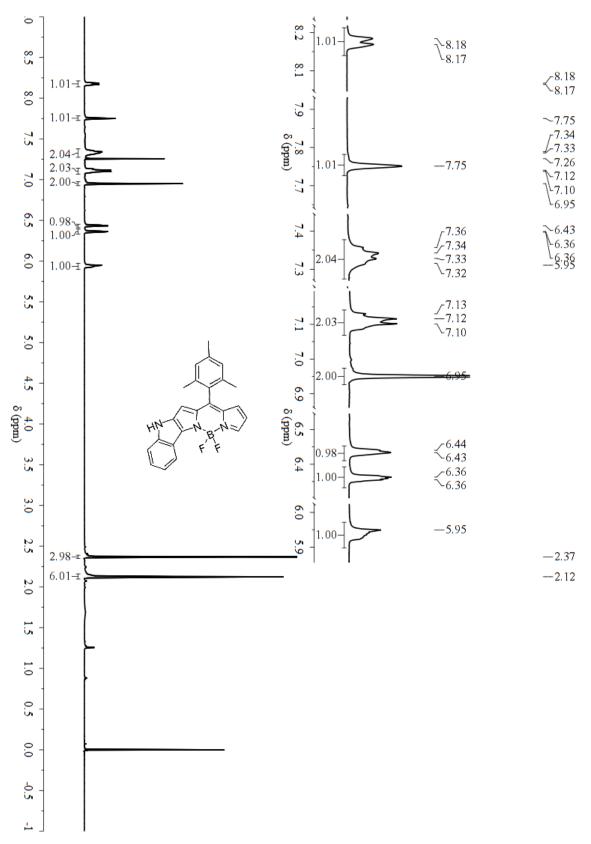
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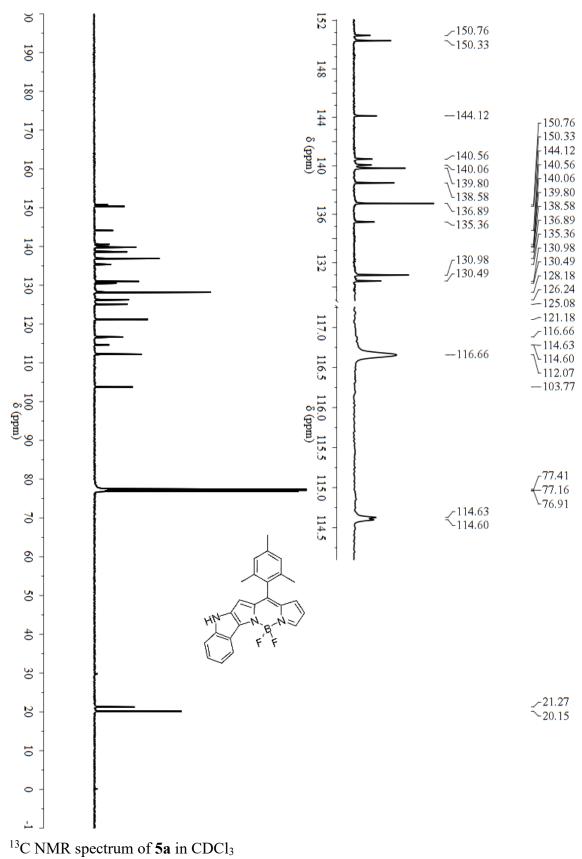
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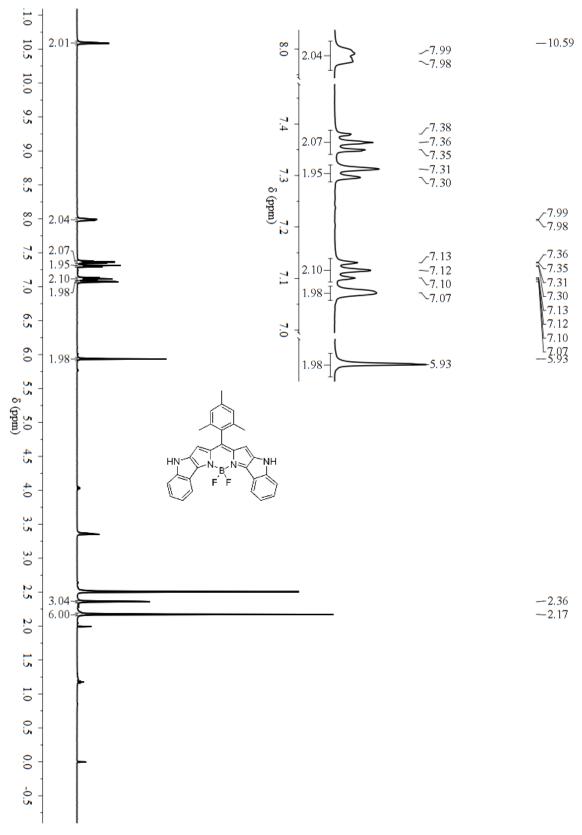


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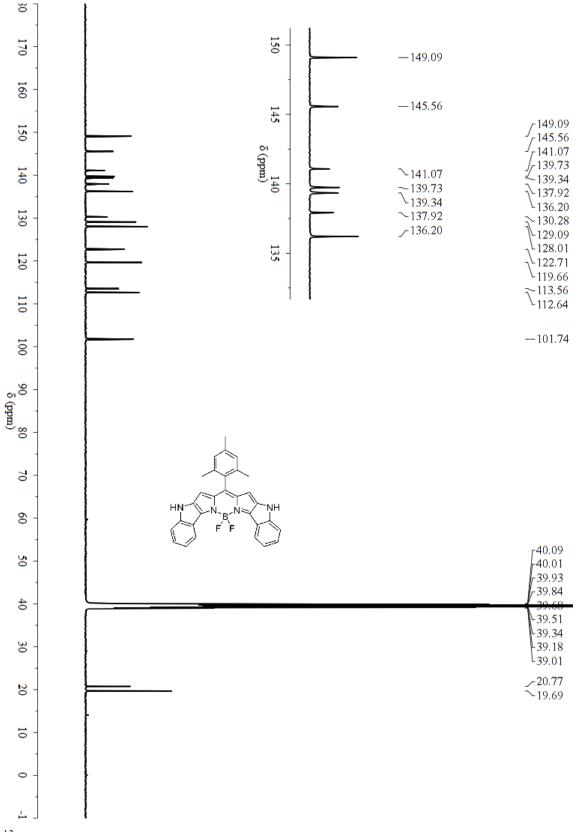


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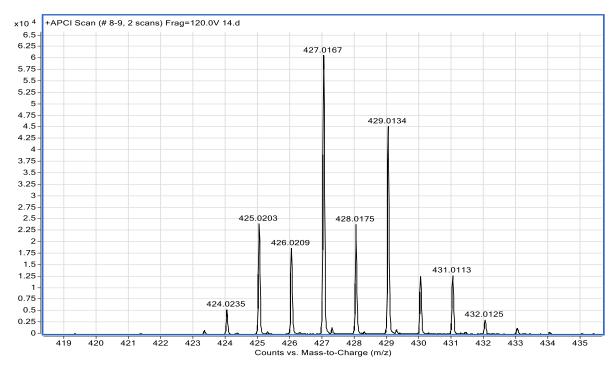




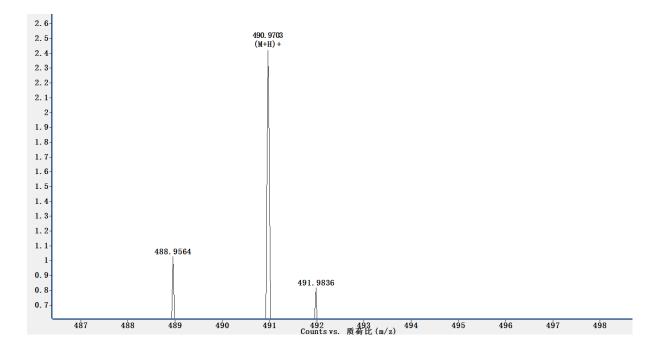
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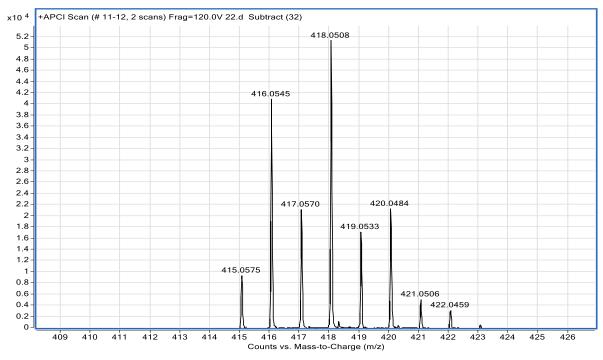
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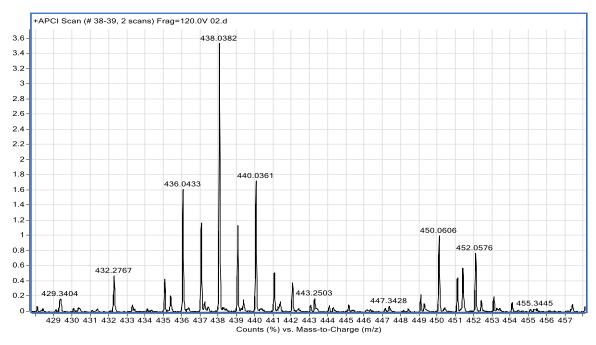




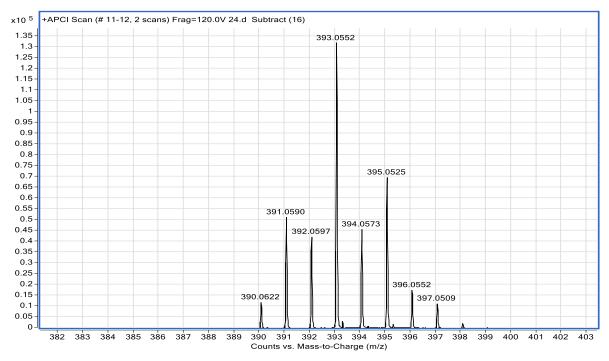
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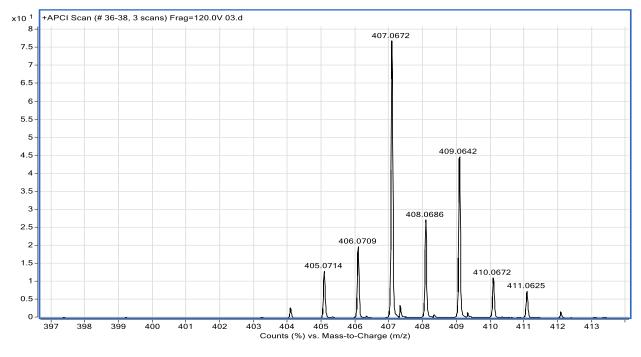




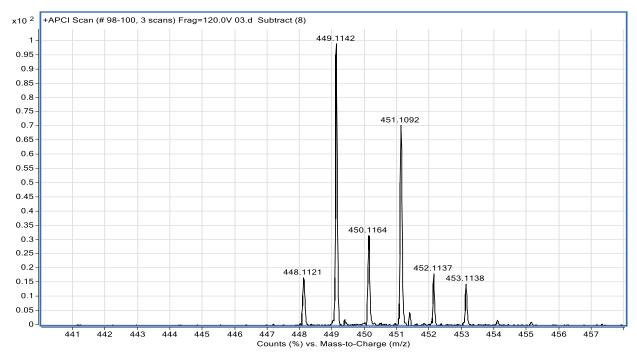




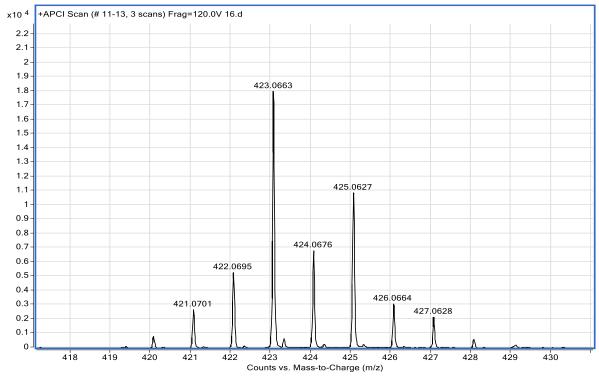




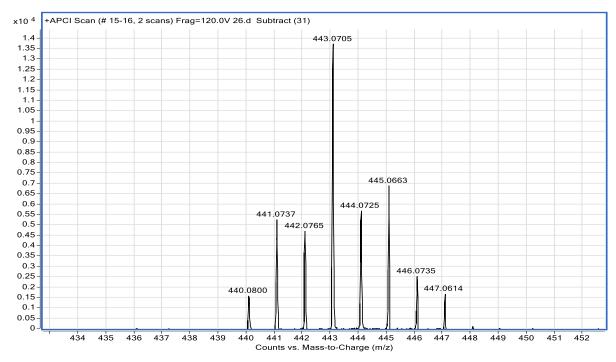
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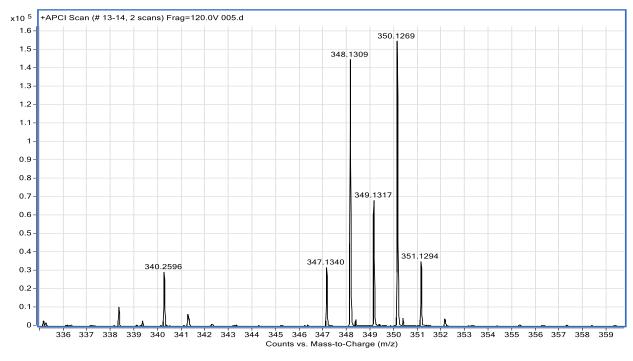




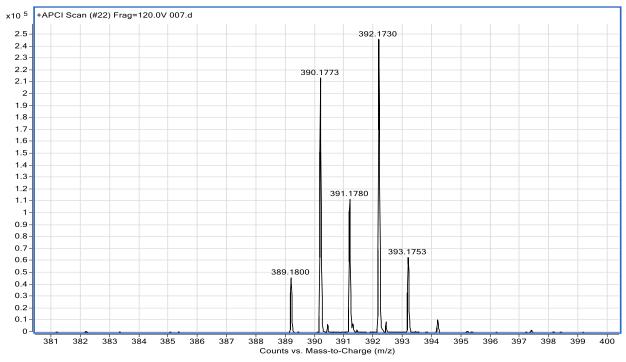
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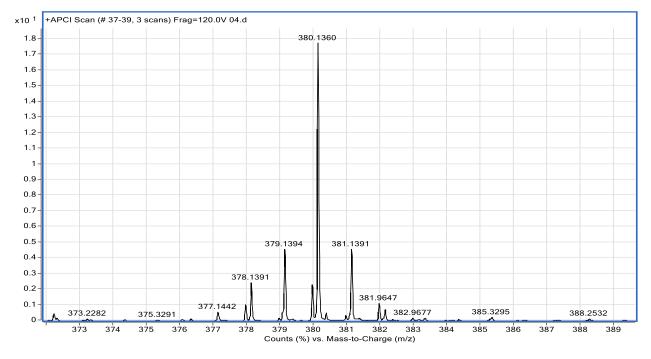




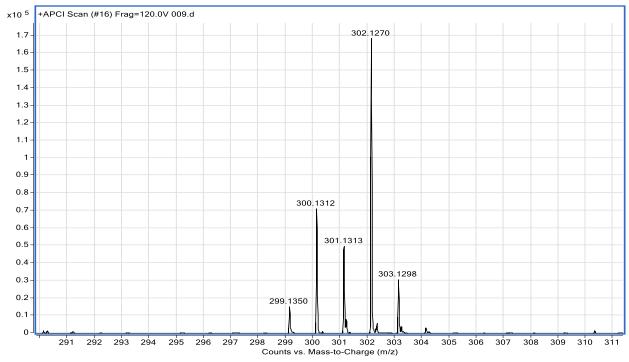
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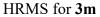


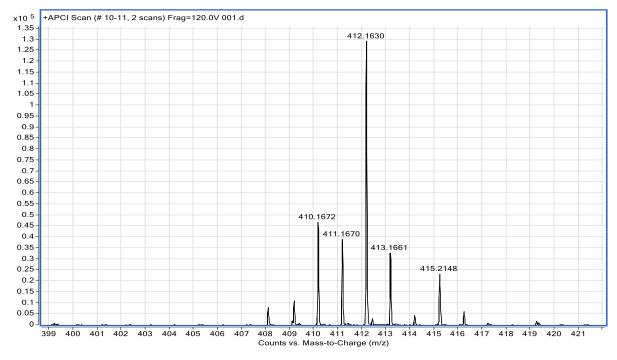




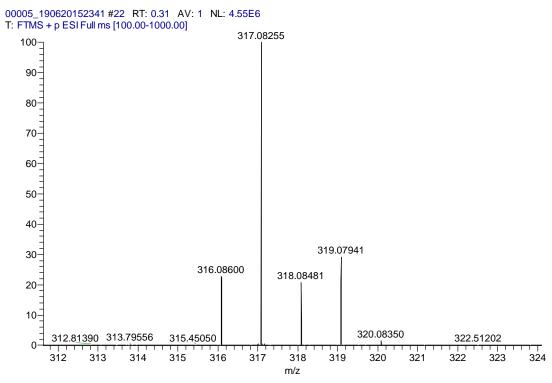
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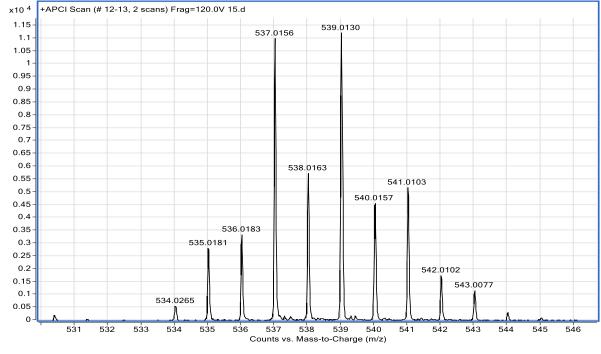




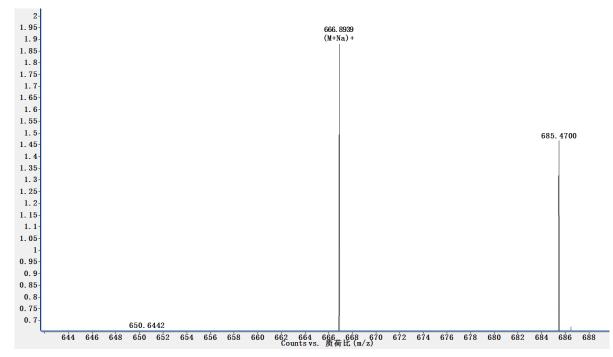
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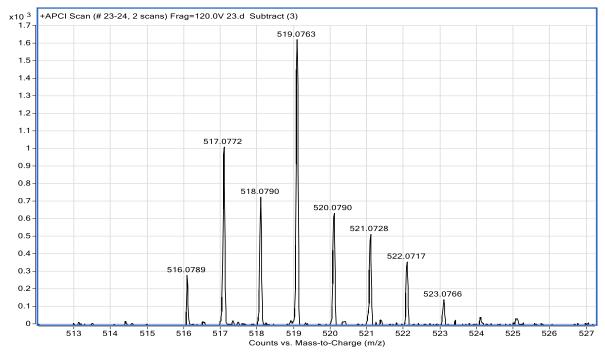




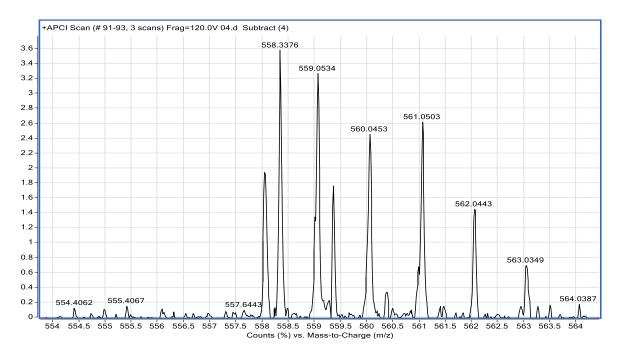




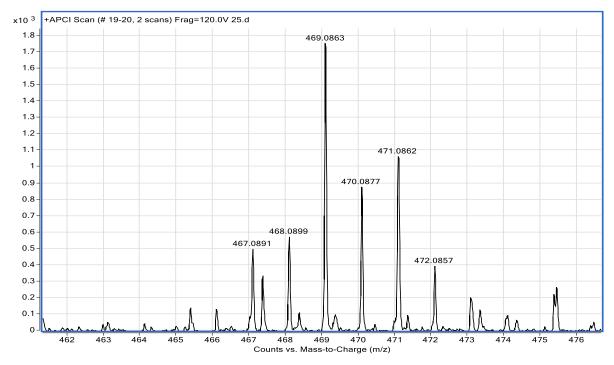
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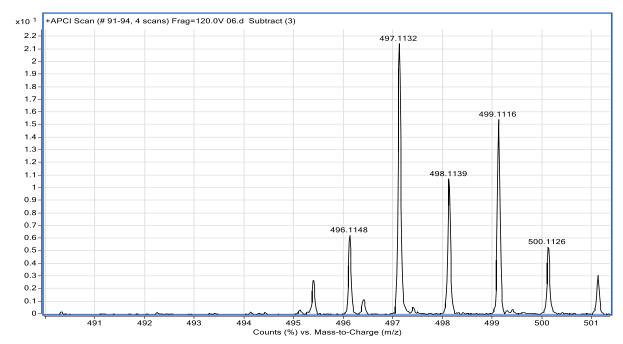
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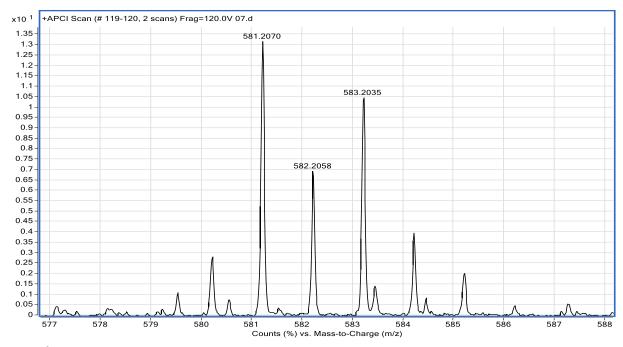




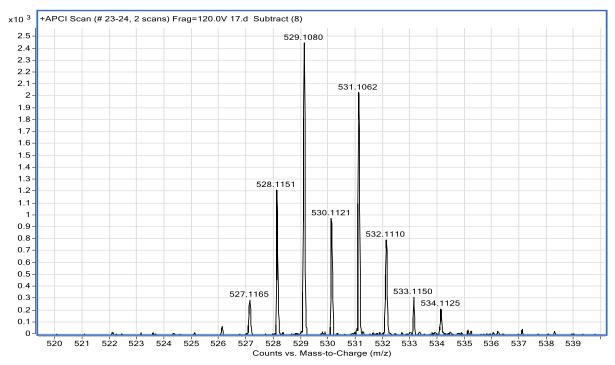
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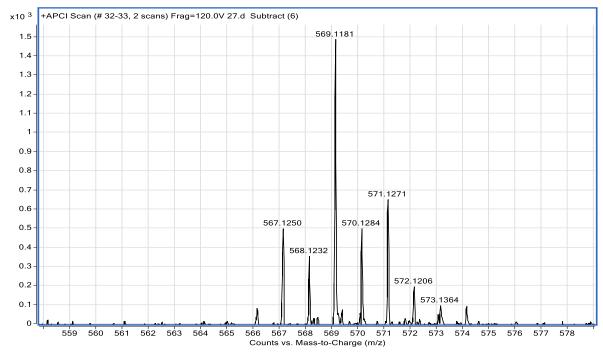




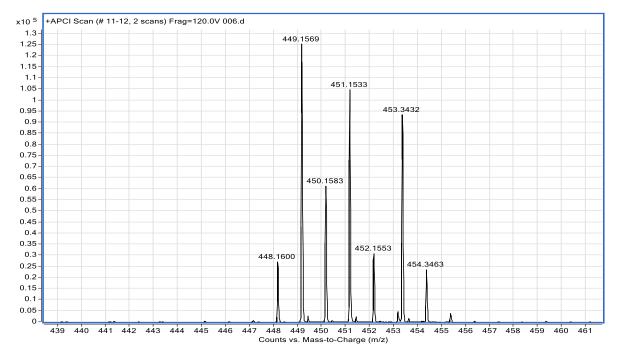
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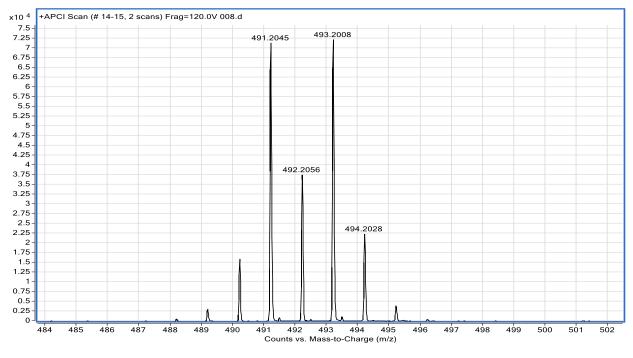
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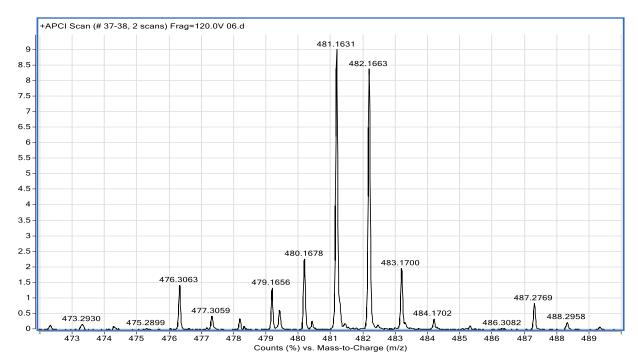
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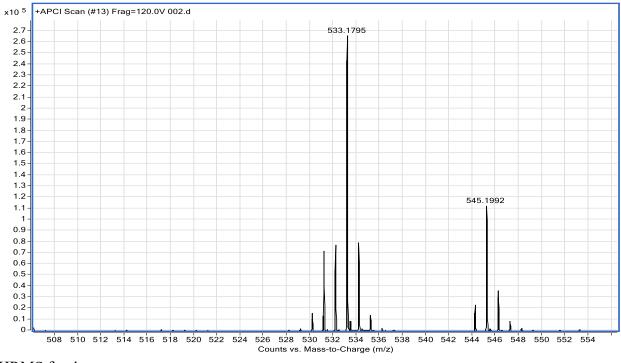




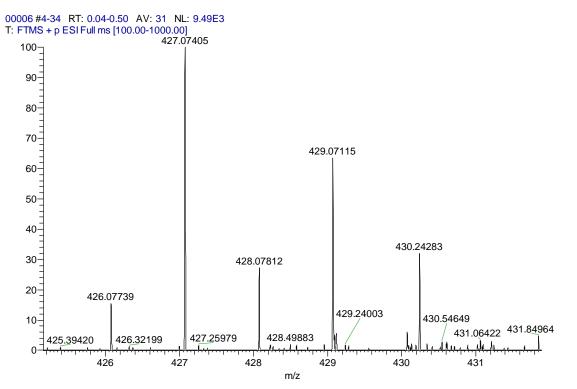
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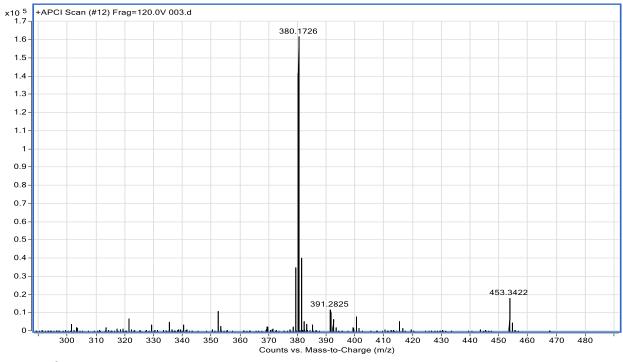




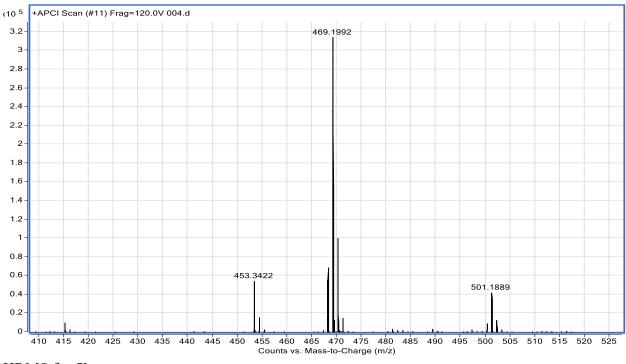
HRMS for 4n







HRMS for 5a



HRMS for **5b**

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