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Bidentate P, N-P Ligand for Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Aryl or Benzyl Chlorides with ArMgX

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General Information:

Unless otherwise noted all starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers. Organic solvents were dried and distilled as described elsewhere.¹ All reactions were carried out in an oven-dried flask under argon atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel 230 ~ 400 meshes. All ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on in CDCl₃ or CD₂Cl₂ solution and reported in ppm (δ). X-ray single crystal data were collected using MoKα (λ = 0.7107 Å) radiation. Data collection, data reduction, structure solution/refinement were carried out using the software package of BRUKER APEX II. The single crystal structures of the free ligand (**L2**) and Ni-L complex (**1d**) were solved by direct method respectively and refined in a routine manner.

Experimental Section:

(a) Preparation of 7-bromo-3-methyl-1H-indole (1c) from 1-bromo-2-nitrobenzene (1b).² To a stirred solution of 1-bromo-2-nitrobenzene (**1b**) (2.02 g, 10 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at - 45 °C under argon atmosphere 1-propenylmagnesium bromide (**1a**), 0.5(M) in THF, (60 mL, 30 mmol) was added rapidly and stirring continued for a further 30 min. Saturated ammonium chloride solution was added to the reaction mixture (at - 45 °C) before allowing the mixture warm to room temperature. The mixture was then extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 150 mL). The combined organic layer was washed subsequently with water and brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of solvent under reduced pressure gave the crude product. Purification by flash column chromatography (silica gel, 2.7% ethyl acetate/ petroleum ether) afforded 7-bromo-3-methyl-1H-indole (**1c**) as yellowish white solid. (1.26 g, 60%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.07(brs, 1H), 7.54(d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36(d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04-6.99(m, 2H), 2.34(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 135.0, 129.6, 124.3, 122.3, 120.4, 118.2, 113.1, 104.7, 9.9.

(b) Typical procedure for Synthesis of Ni-L2 complex

A solution of **L2** (100.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and $\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2\text{Cl}_2$ (42.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was stirred for 30 min at RT under argon atmosphere. After that solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was rinsed with hexane and dried in vacuo, affording complex (**1d**) as an orange powder (107.0 mg, 85%) which was crystallized from DCM/ CH_3CN . ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , ppm): δ 7.76(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59(q, J = 7.0 Hz, 7H), 7.49-7.43(m, 4H), 7.37-7.31(m, 9H), 7.23(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82(d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42(s, 1H), 2.2(s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , ppm): δ 142.6, 139.8, 134.2, 133.8, 133.7, 132.9, 132.4, 131.8, 131.2, 130.2, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 123.6, 122.1, 118.0, 9.4; ^{31}P NMR (202.44 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , ppm): δ 60.19, 14.83 (PPh_3 as a standard); Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{27}\text{Cl}_2\text{NNiP}_2$: C, 63.00; H, 4.33; N, 2.23. Found: C, 62.98; H, 4.32; N, 2.21.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra data for all Compounds:

4-Methoxybiphenyl (3a); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 7.59-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.44(t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00(d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 159.2, 140.9, 133.9, 128.8, 128.2, 126.8, 126.7, 114.3, 55.4.

3-Methoxybiphenyl (3b); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46(t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.17 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, J = 1.8 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 160.1, 142.9, 141.2, 129.9, 128.8, 127.5, 127.3, 119.8, 113.0, 112.8, 55.4.

3-Methylbiphenyl (3c); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 7.75(d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm): δ 141.4, 141.3, 138.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 124.3, 21.6.

4-methoxy-4'-methylbiphenyl (3d);⁴ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 159.0, 138.0, 136.4, 133.8, 129.5, 128.0, 126.6, 114.2, 55.4, 21.1.

3-methoxy-3'-methylbiphenyl (3e);⁵ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.44-7.36(m, 4H), 7.23-7.16(m, 3H), 6.94(m, 1H), 3.89(s, 3H), 2.46(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 160.0, 143.0, 141.2, 138.4, 129.8, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 124.4, 119.8, 113.0, 112.7, 55.4, 21.6.

2-(4'-Methylphenyl)pyridine (3f);⁶ ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.58(d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.08 (m, 1H), 2.31(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 157.4, 149.4, 139.1, 136.9, 136.4, 129.5, 126.8, 121.8, 120.3, 21.3.

3-(4'-Methylphenyl)pyridine (3g);⁷ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.83(d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 3H), 2.39(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 148.1, 138.1, 136.6, 134.9, 134.2, 129.8, 127.0, 123.5, 21.1.

4-Methylbiphenyl (3h);¹ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.62(d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.37(d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28(d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.43(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 141.3, 138.4, 137.1, 129.6, 128.8, 127.1, 127.1, 126.9, 21.2.

4-methoxy-3'-methylbiphenyl (3i);⁴ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.53(d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.13(d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98(d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85(s, 3H), 2.42(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 159.1, 140.9, 138.3, 134.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 123.9, 114.2, 55.4, 21.6.

1-Benzyl-4-methoxybenzene (3j);⁸ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.35-7.30(m,2H), 7.24(m, 3H), 7.15(d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88(d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.97(s, 2H), 3.82(s,3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 158.1, 141.7, 133.4, 130.0, 128.9, 128.5, 126.1, 114.0, 55.3, 41.1.

1-Methoxy-4-(4-methylbenzyl)benzene (3k);⁸ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.26(m,6H), 7.00(d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.06(s, 2H), 3.93(s,3H), 2.49(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 158.0, 138.6, 135.4, 133.6, 129.9, 129.2, 128.7, 113.9, 55.2, 40.7, 21.0.

1-isopropyl-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)benzene (3l); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 7.04(m, 6H), 6.77(d, *J*= 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.83(s, 2H), 3.71(s, 3H), 2.81(m, 1H), 1.17(d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 158.1, 146.6, 139.1, 133.6, 129.9, 128.8, 126.6, 113.9, 55.3, 40.8, 33.8, 24.2.

1-(4-methoxybenzyl)naphthalene (3m);⁹ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.03(m,1H), 7.90(m,1H), 7.79(d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49(m, 3H), 7.31(d, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15(d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.85(d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.43(s, 2H), 3.81(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 158.1, 137.2, 134.1, 132.8, 132.2, 129.8, 128.8, 127.3, 126.0, 125.7, 124.4, 113.9, 55.3, 38.3.

1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-methylnaphthalene (3n); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 8.10(d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.55(m, 2H), 7.33(d, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25(d, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18(d, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88(d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.44(s, 2H), 3.83(s, 3H), 2.76(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, ppm): δ 158.0, 135.3, 133.2, 133.1, 132.3, 129.7, 127.0, 126.4, 125.7, 125.5, 125.0, 124.9, 113.9, 55.3, 38.3, 19.6.

Crystallographic information:

X-ray crystal structure of ligand (Fig.A):

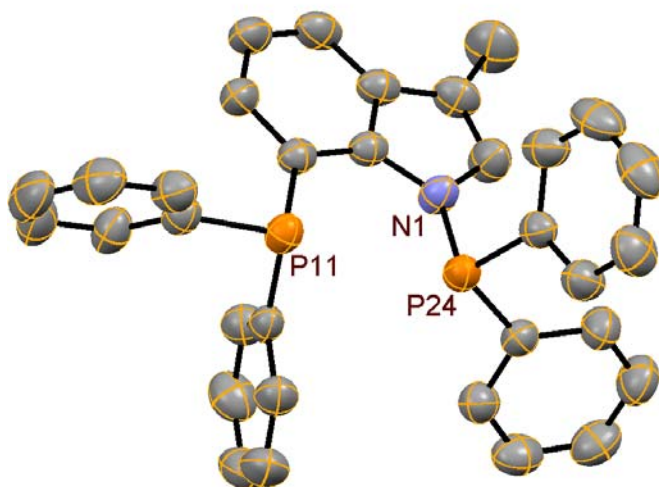


Figure A: Thermal ellipsoid plot of free ligand drawn at 50 % probability level

X-ray crystal structure of Ni-L2 complex (Fig.B):

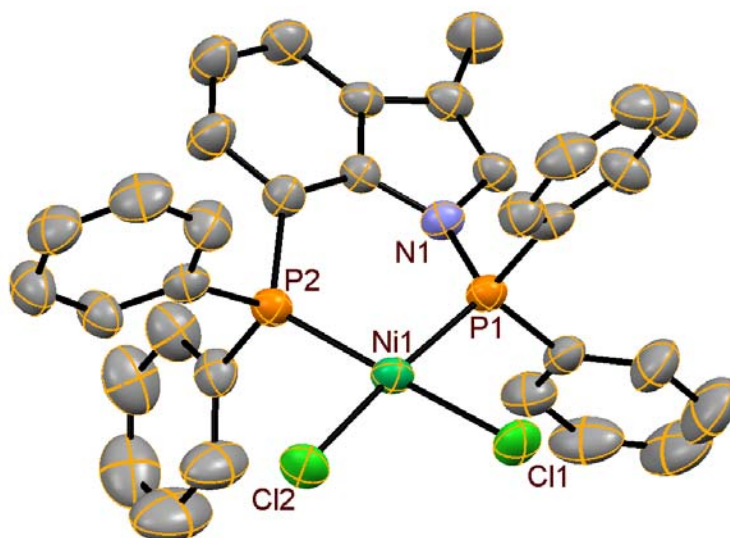


Figure B: Thermal ellipsoid plot of Ni-L2 complex drawn at 50 % probability level

Crystal data of **Ligand**: $C_{33}H_{27}NP_2$, $M = 499.50$, monoclinic, $P2_1/c$, $a = 9.4292(10)$, $b = 14.3380(15)$, $c = 19.960(2)$ Å. $\beta = 91.711(3)$. $V = 2697.3(5)$ Å³, $T = 298$ K, $Z = 4$. $F(000) = 1048$, λ (Mo–K α) = 0.71073 Å, $\mu = 0.183$ mm⁻¹, $2\theta_{\max} = 46.16^\circ$, 3784 reflections measured, 2978 observed ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) 326 parameters; $R_{\text{int}} = 0.047$, $R_1 = 0.0359$; $wR_2 = 0.0844$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $R_1 = 0.0508$; $wR_2 = 0.0910$ (all data) with GOF = 1.033; **Ni complex**: $C_{33}H_{27}Cl_2NP_2Ni$, $FW = 629.11$, monoclinic, $P2_1$, $a = 9.9428(16)$, $b = 15.399(2)$, $c = 9.9985(17)$ Å. $\beta = 109.144(4)$. $V = 1446.3(4)$ Å³, $T = 298$ K, $Z = 2$. $F(000) = 648$, λ (Mo–K α) = 0.71073 Å, $\mu = 0.990$ mm⁻¹, $2\theta_{\max} = 50.0^\circ$, 5106 reflections measured, 4528 observed [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] 356 parameters; $R_1 = 0.0379$; $wR_2 = 0.0843$ ($I > 2\sigma(I)$), $R_1 = 0.0454$; $wR_2 = 0.0881$ (all data) with GOF = 1.055

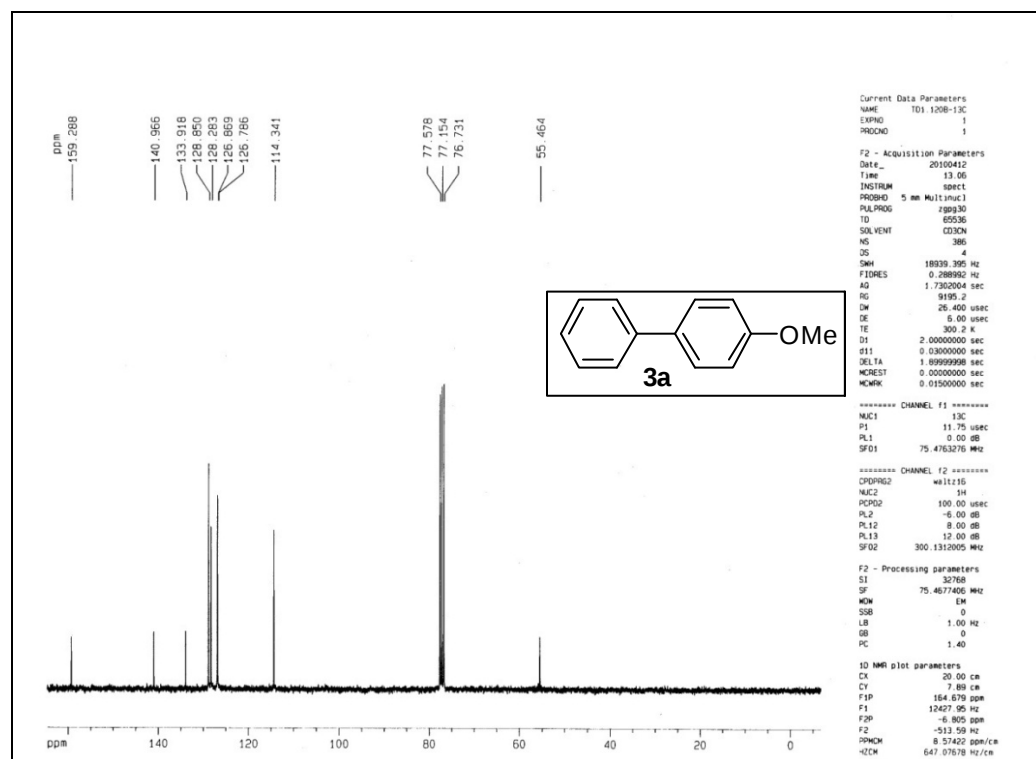
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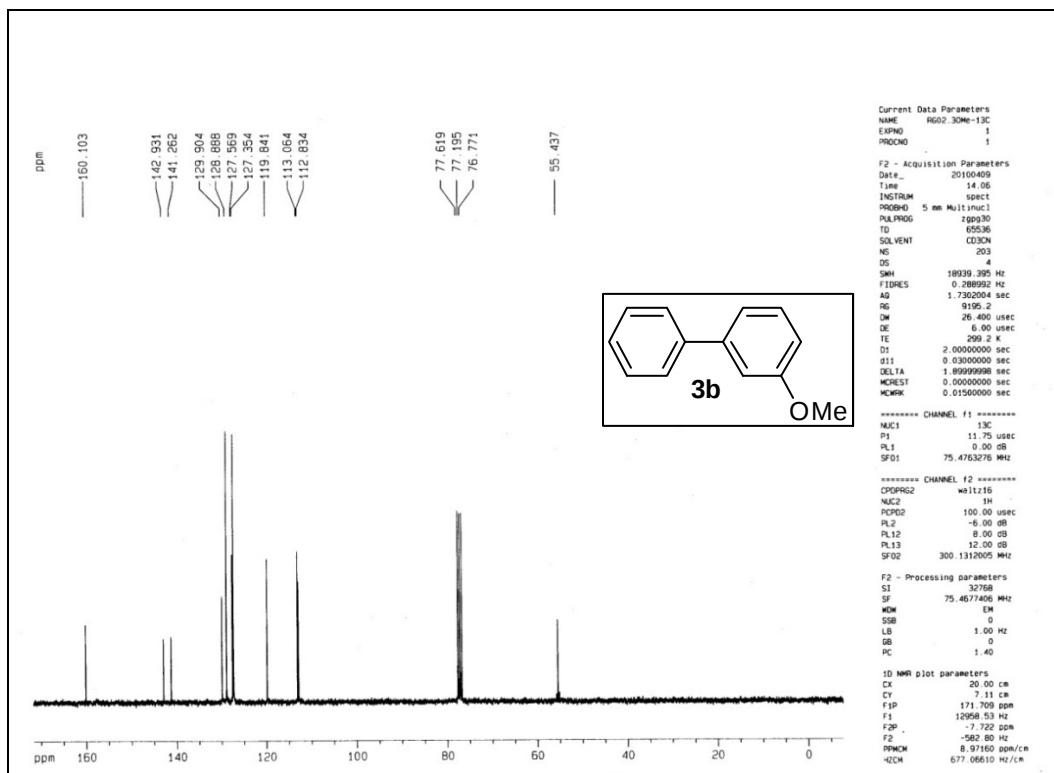
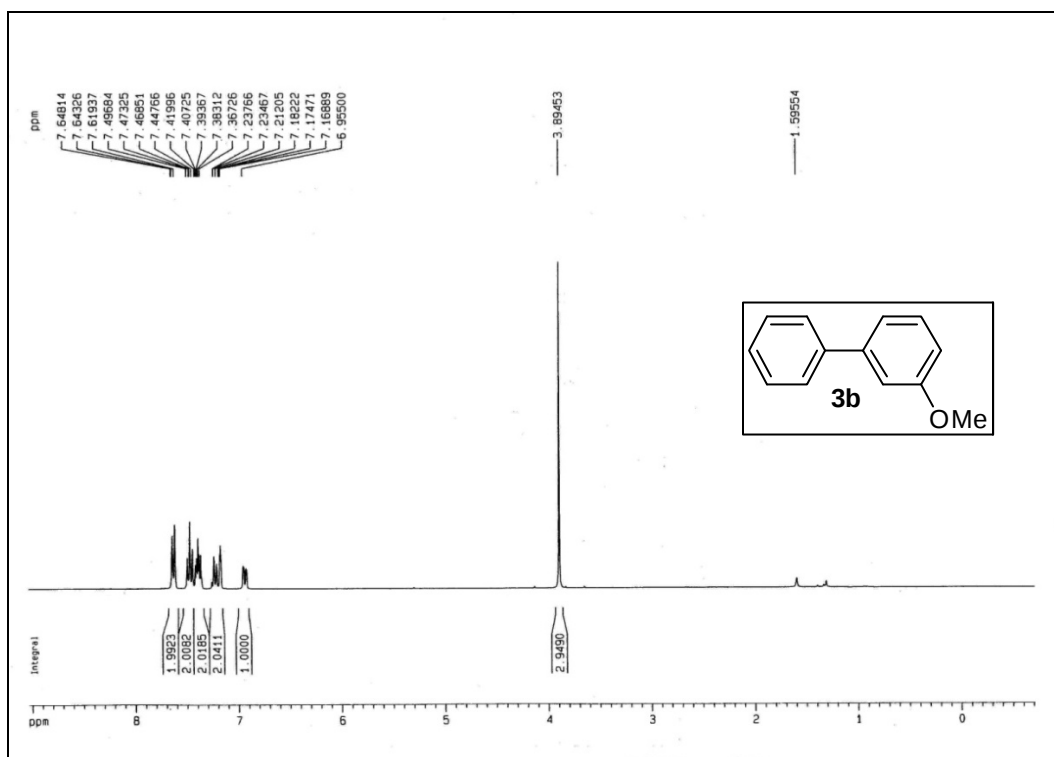
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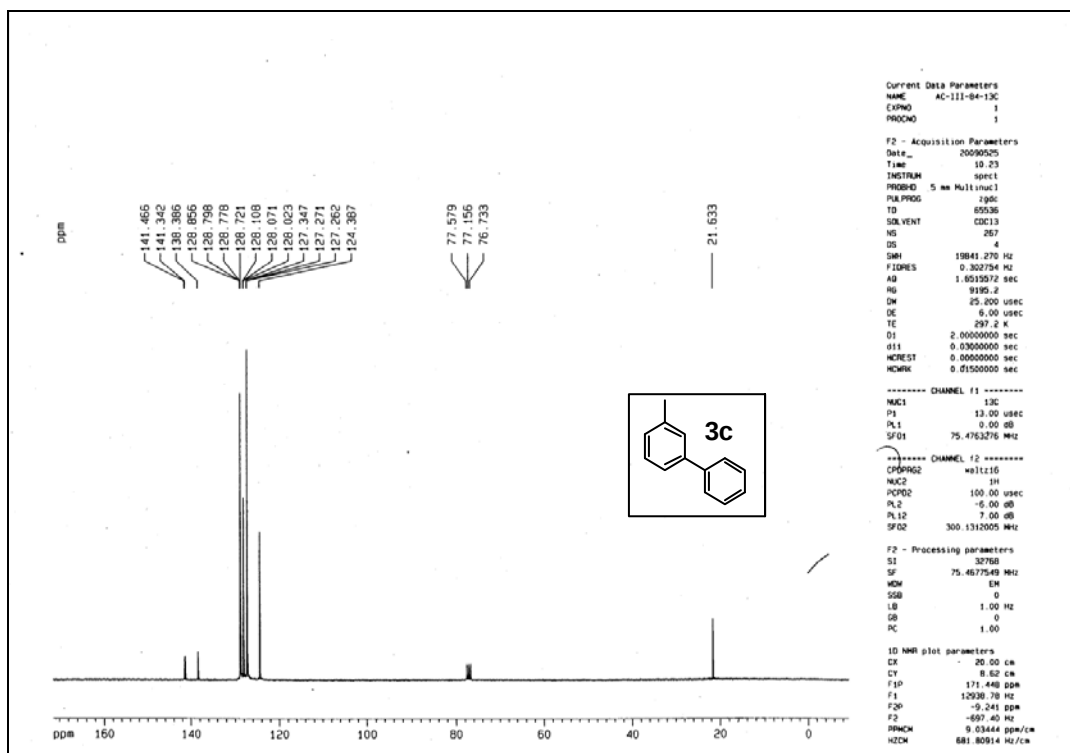
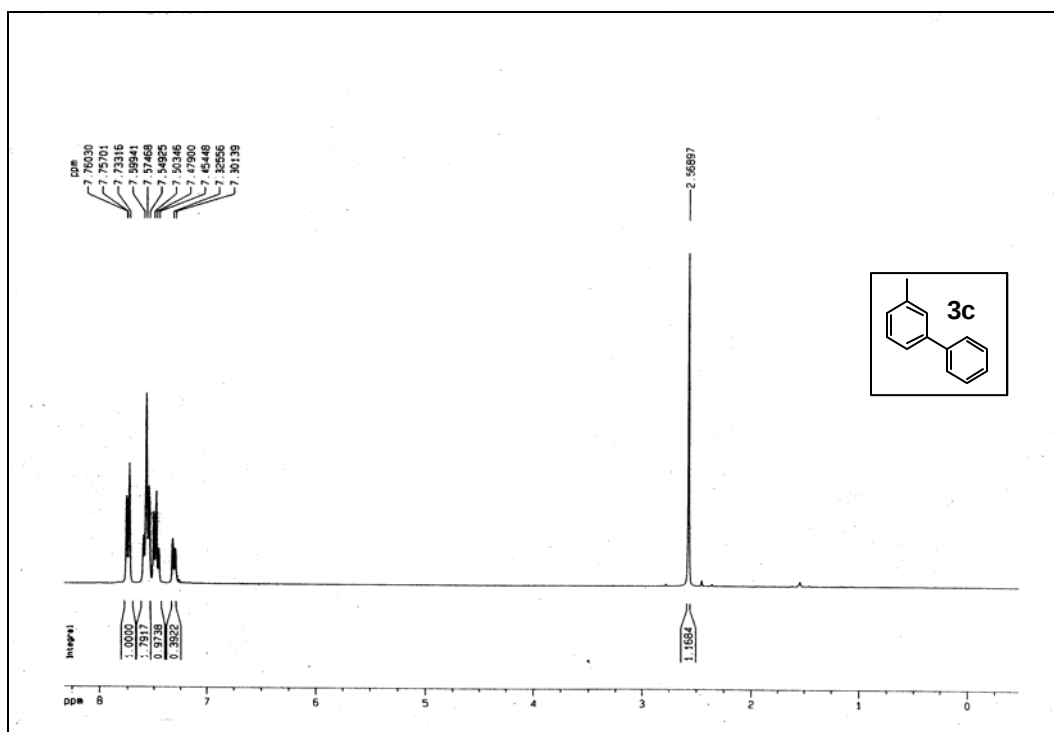
¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of compound **3a** is displayed below the structure. The x-axis represents the chemical shift in ppm, ranging from 0 to 8. The spectrum shows several peaks in the aromatic region (6.8–7.6 ppm) and a singlet for the methoxy group at 3.867 ppm. Integration values are provided for the aromatic region and the methoxy group.

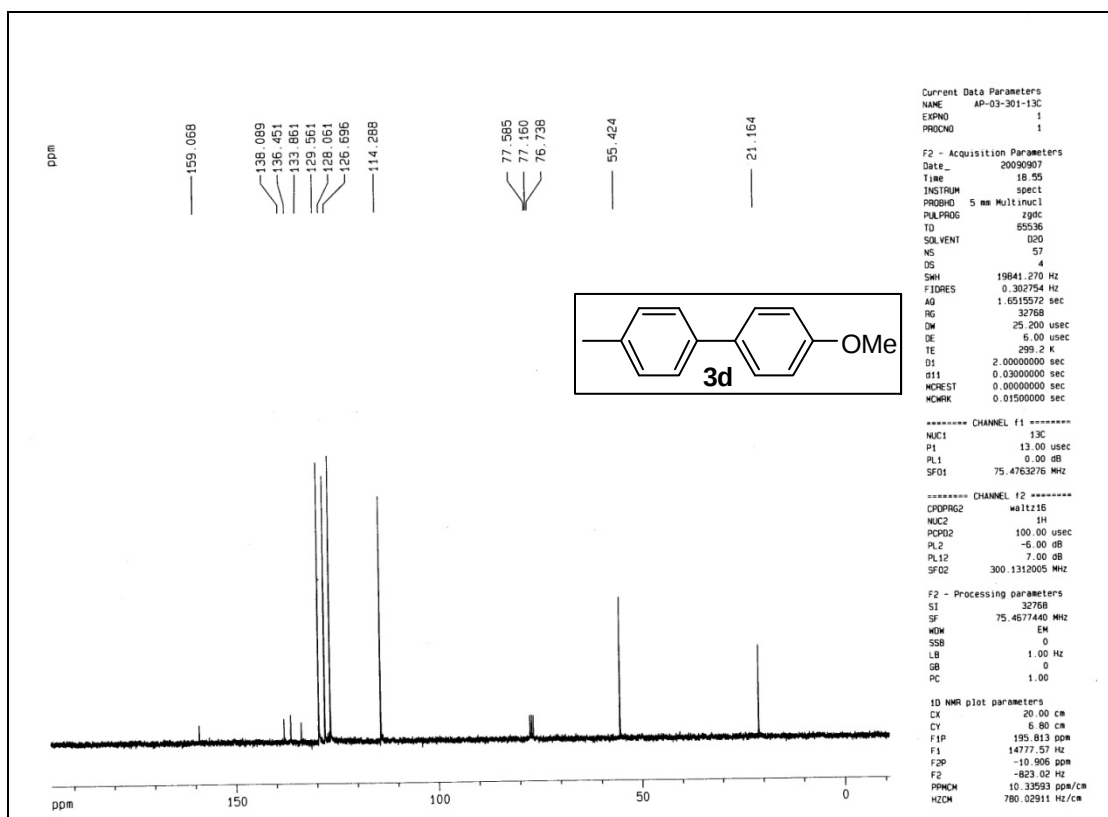
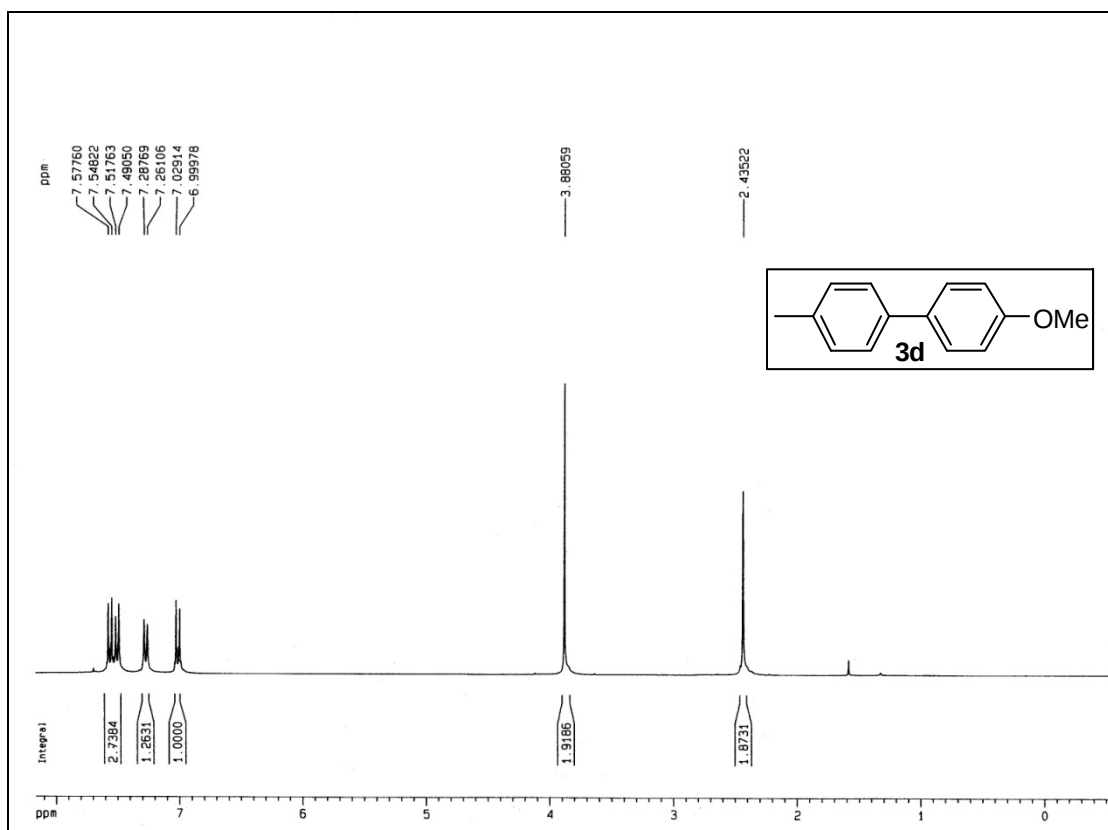
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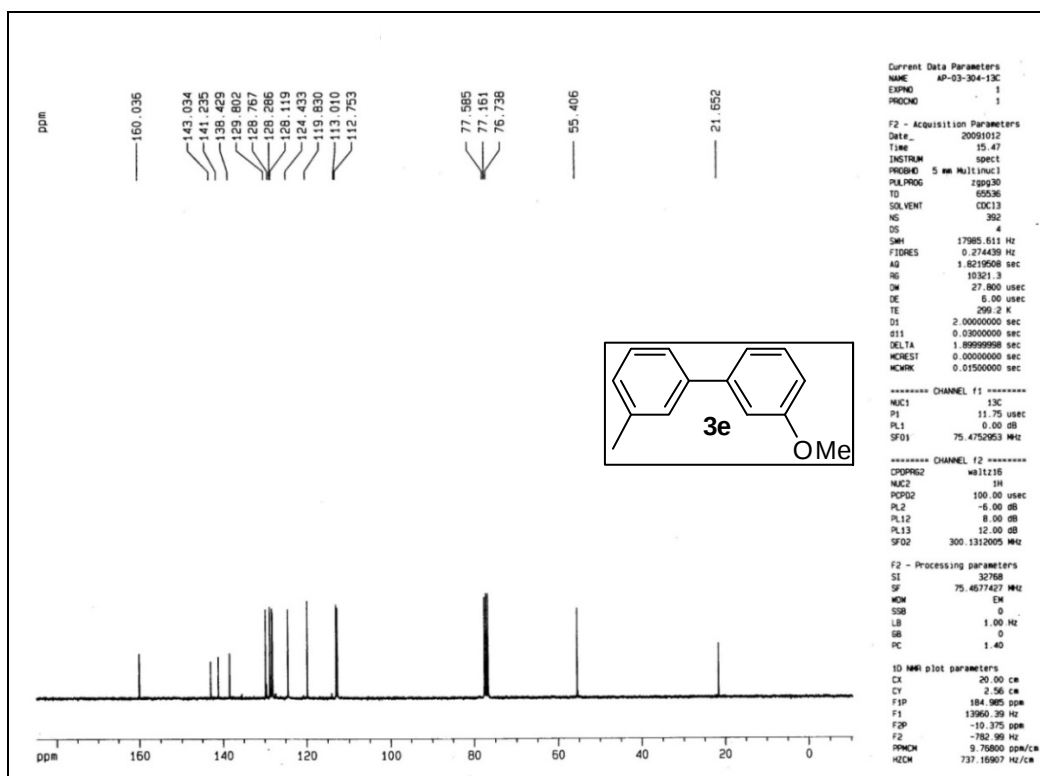
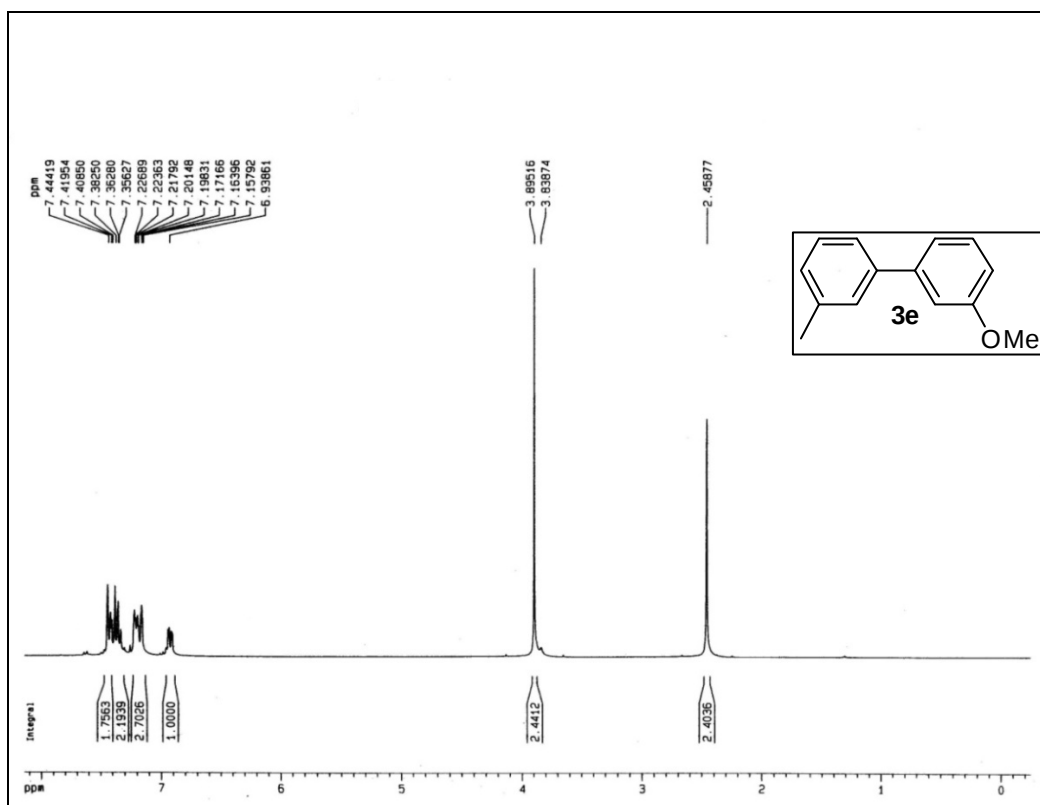
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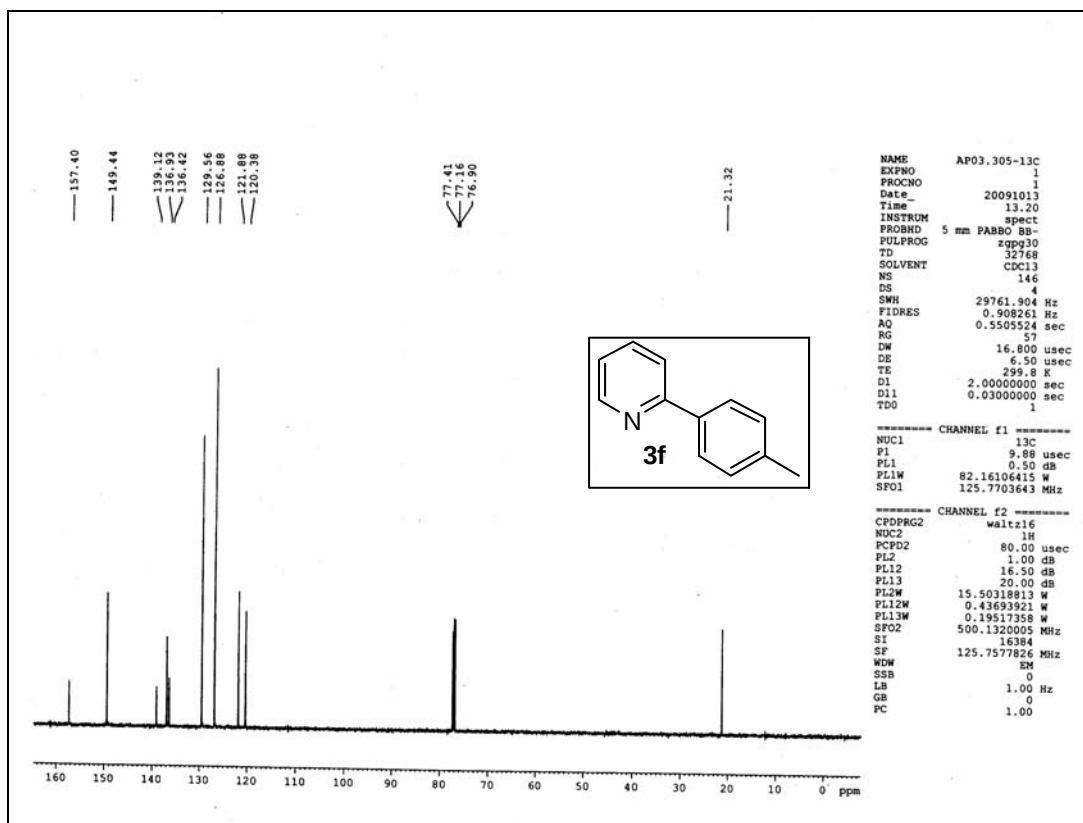
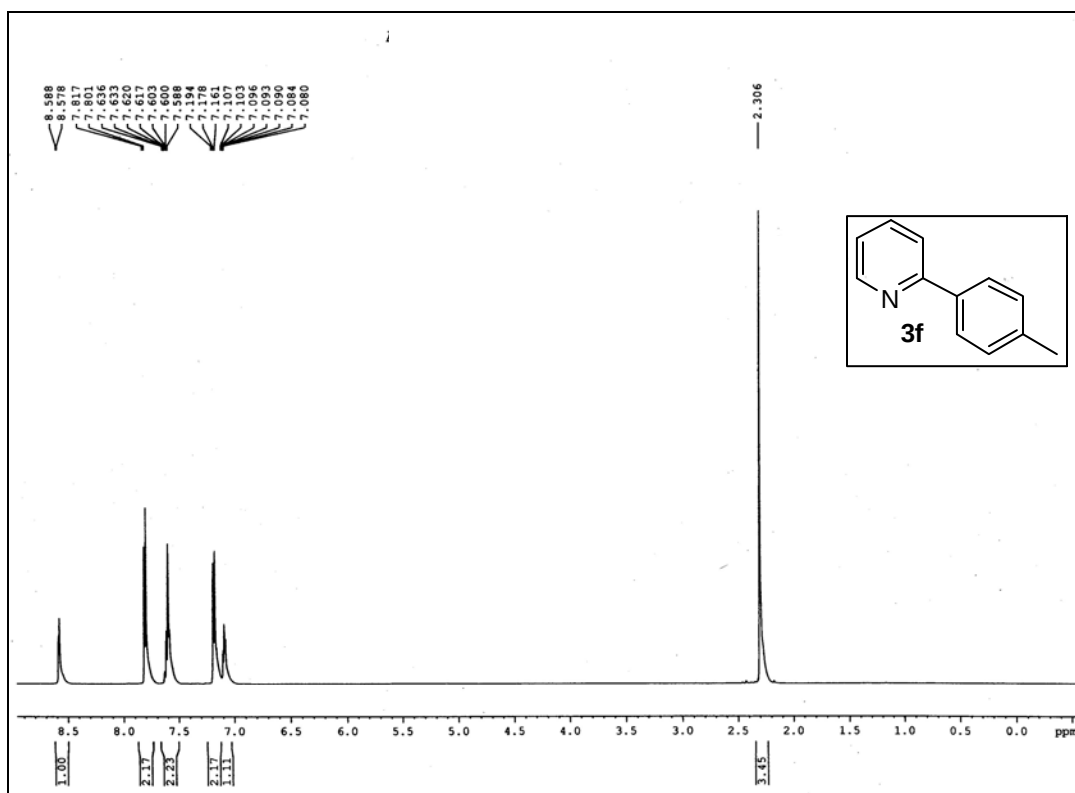


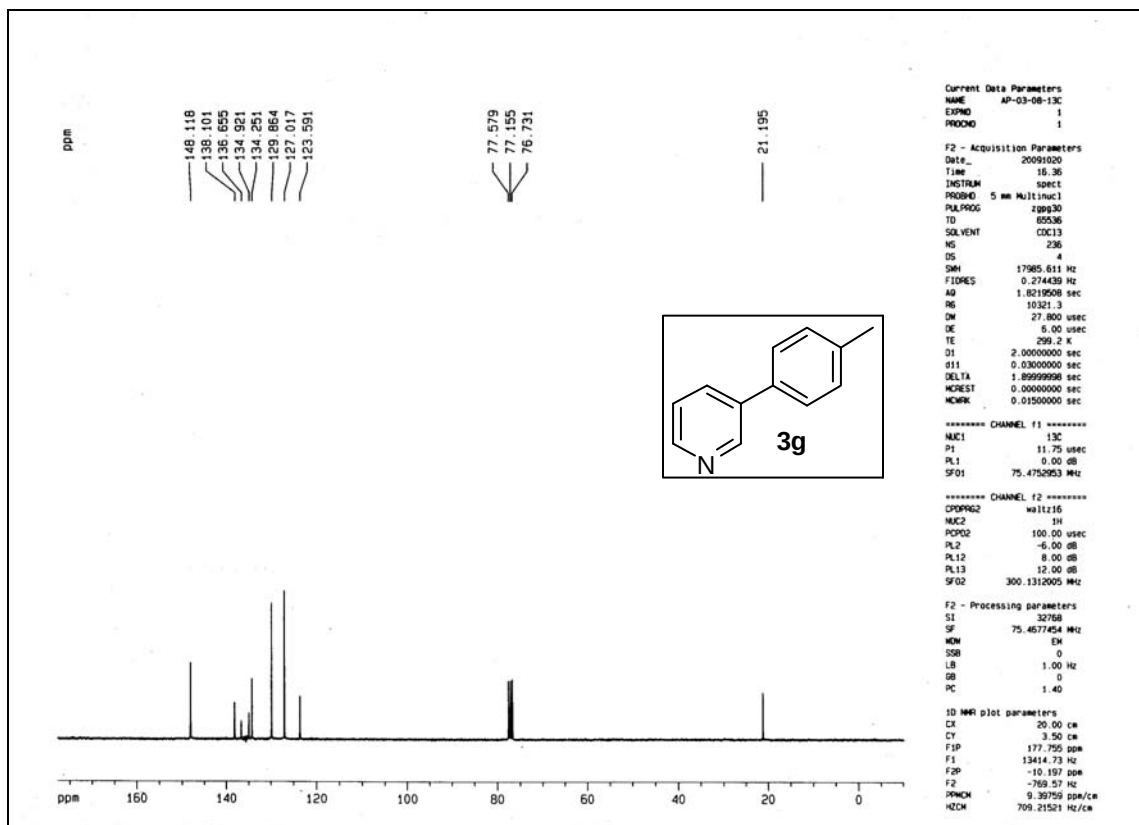
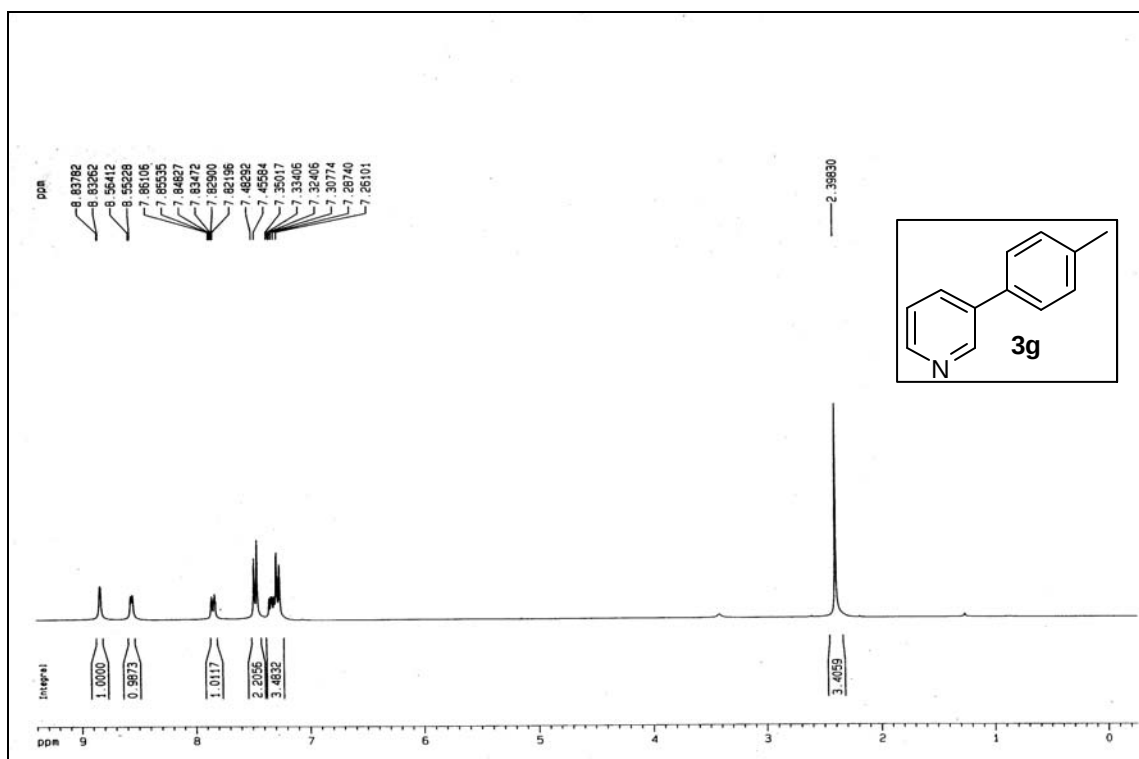


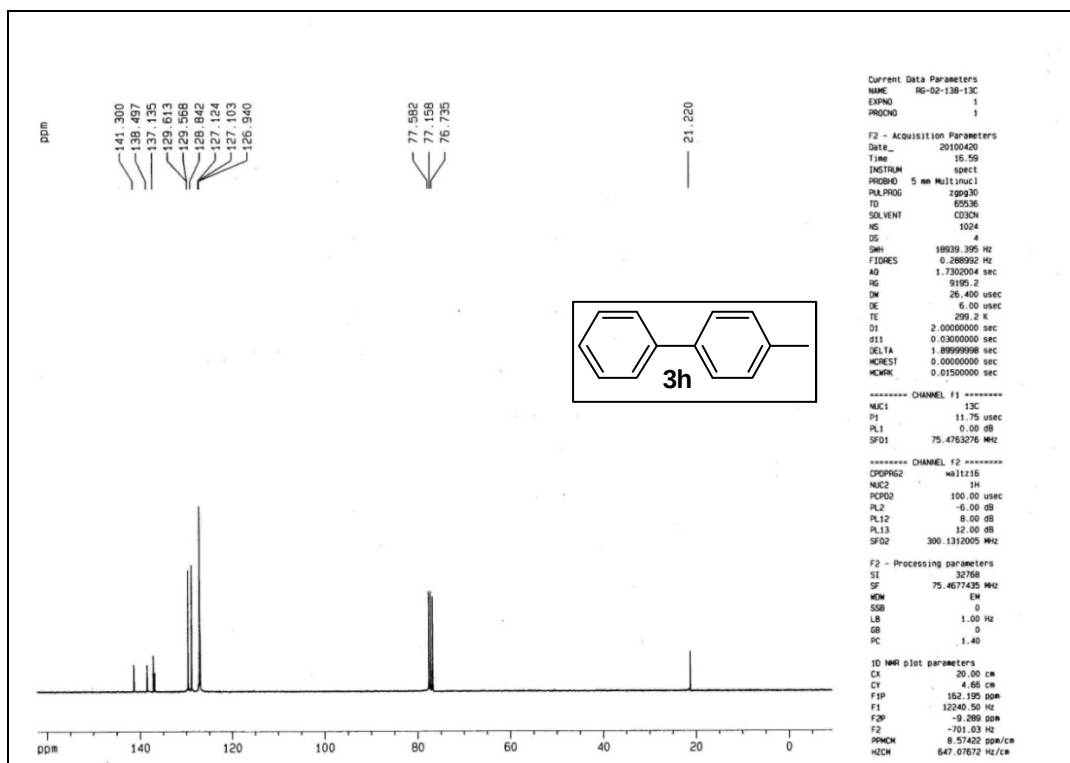
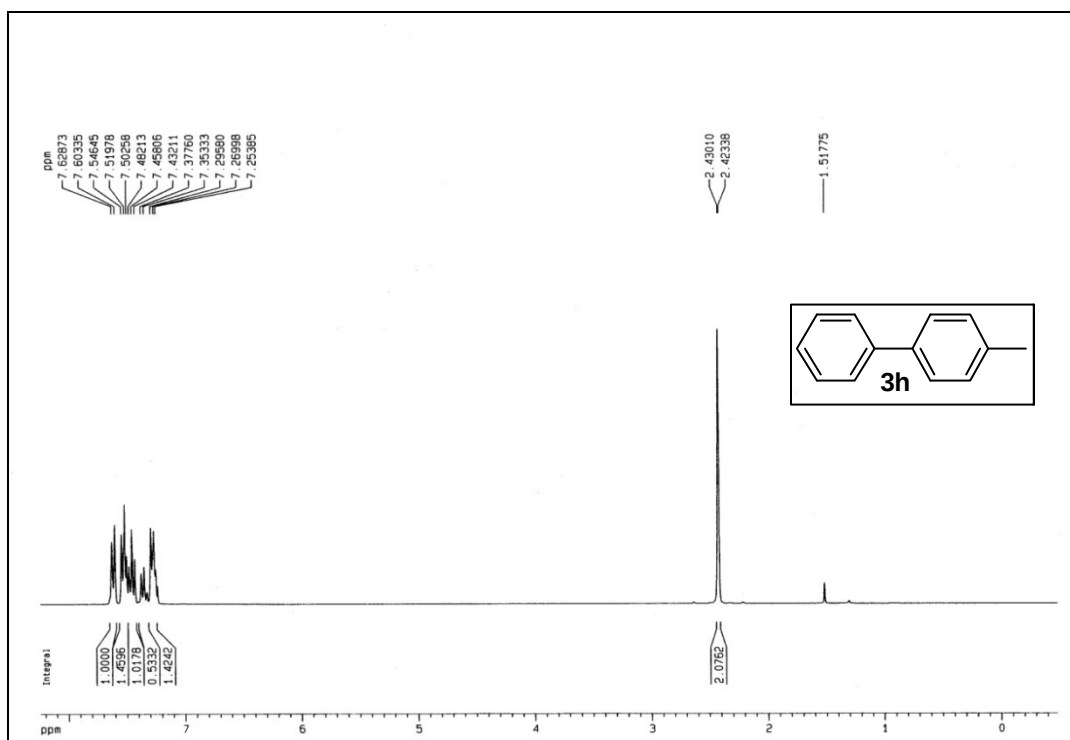


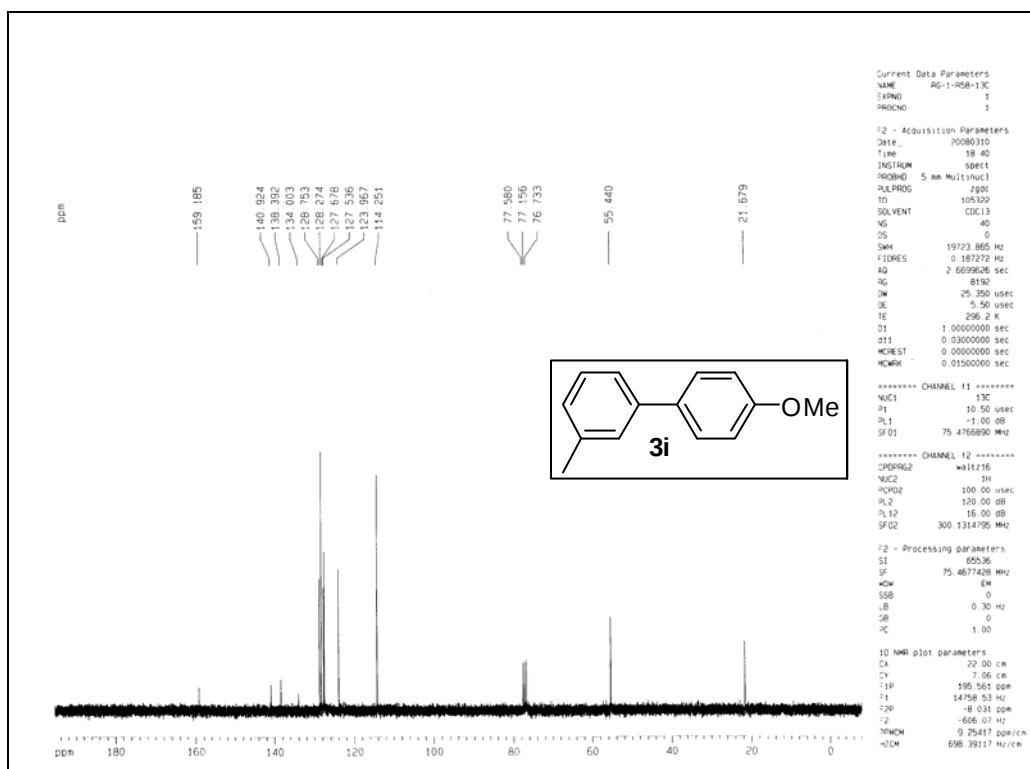
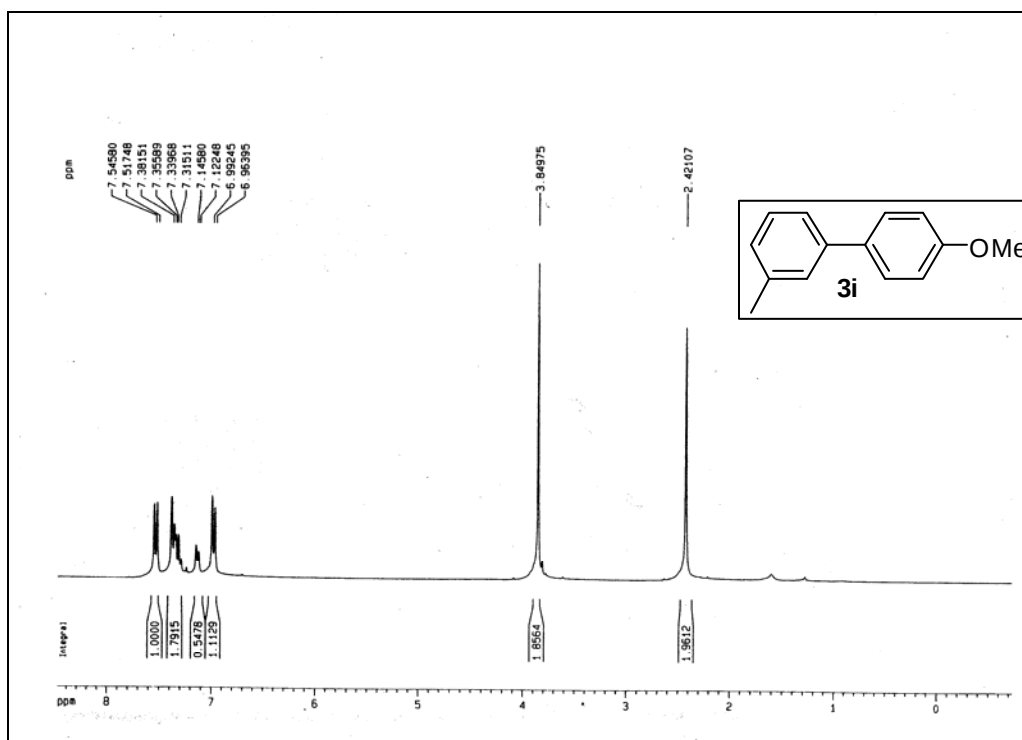


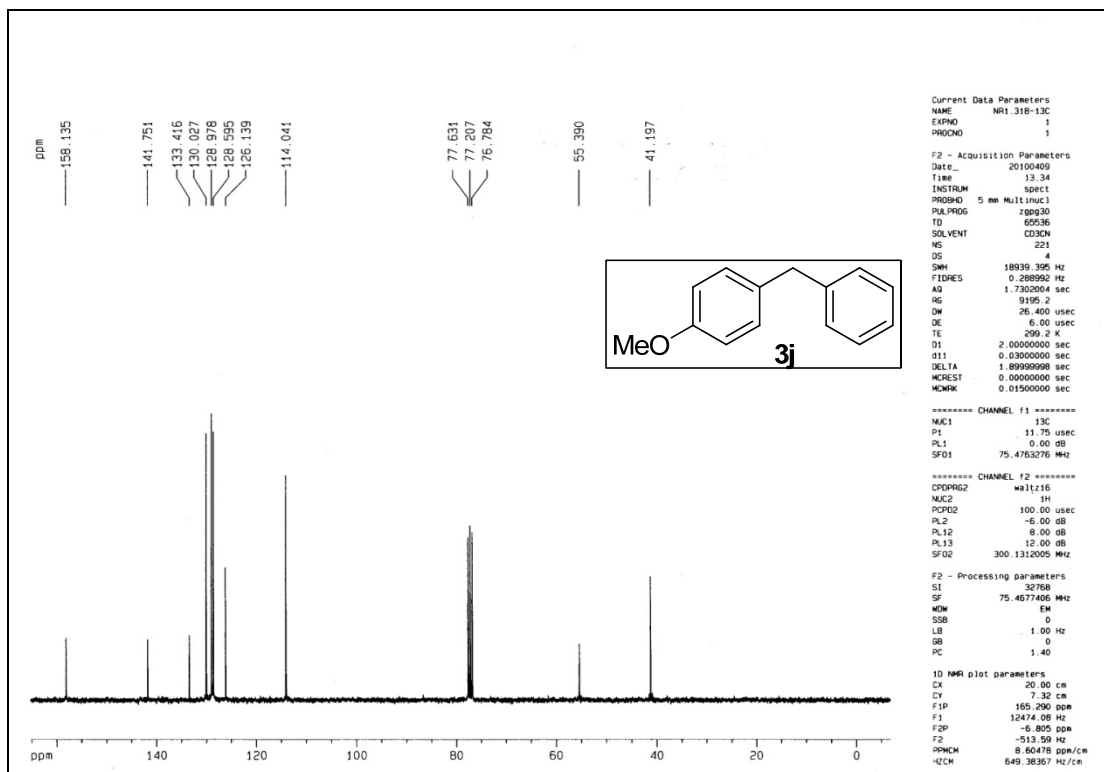
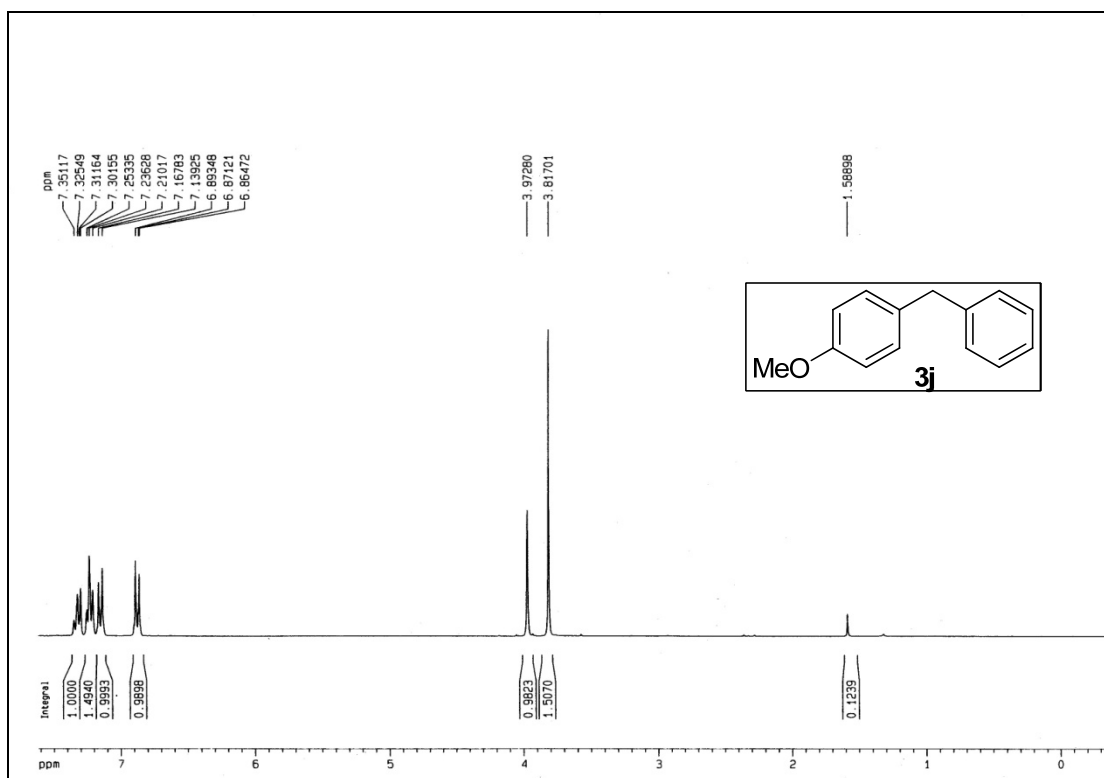


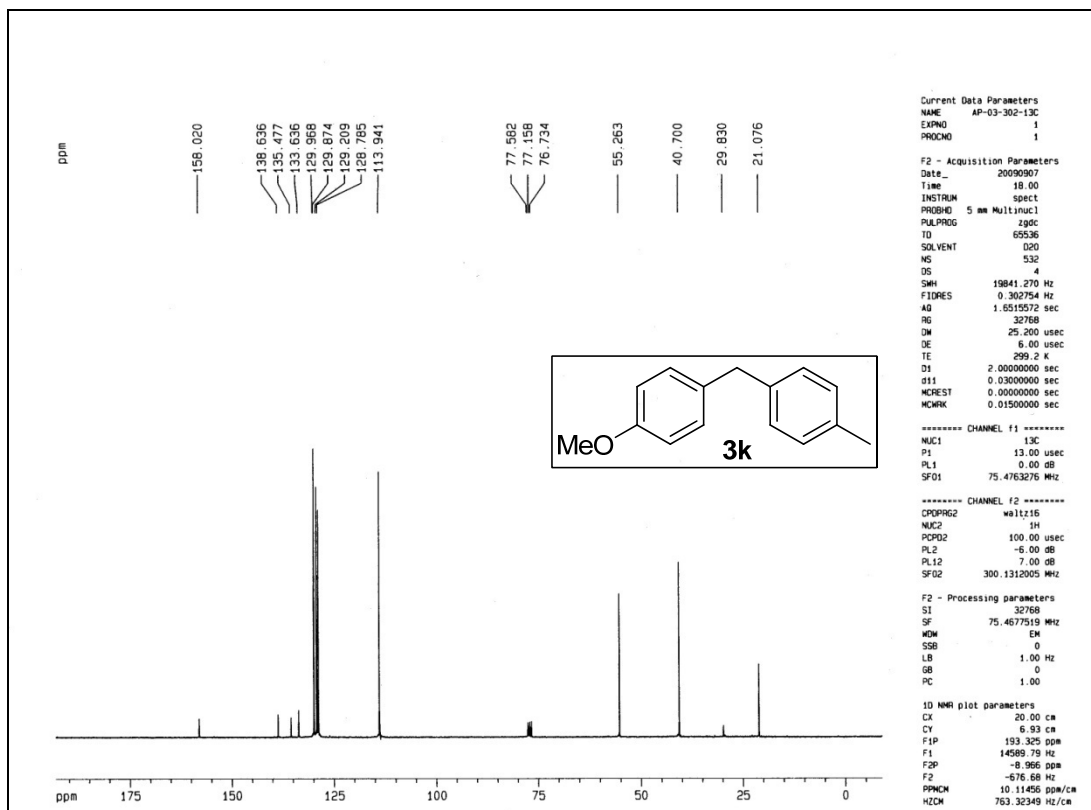
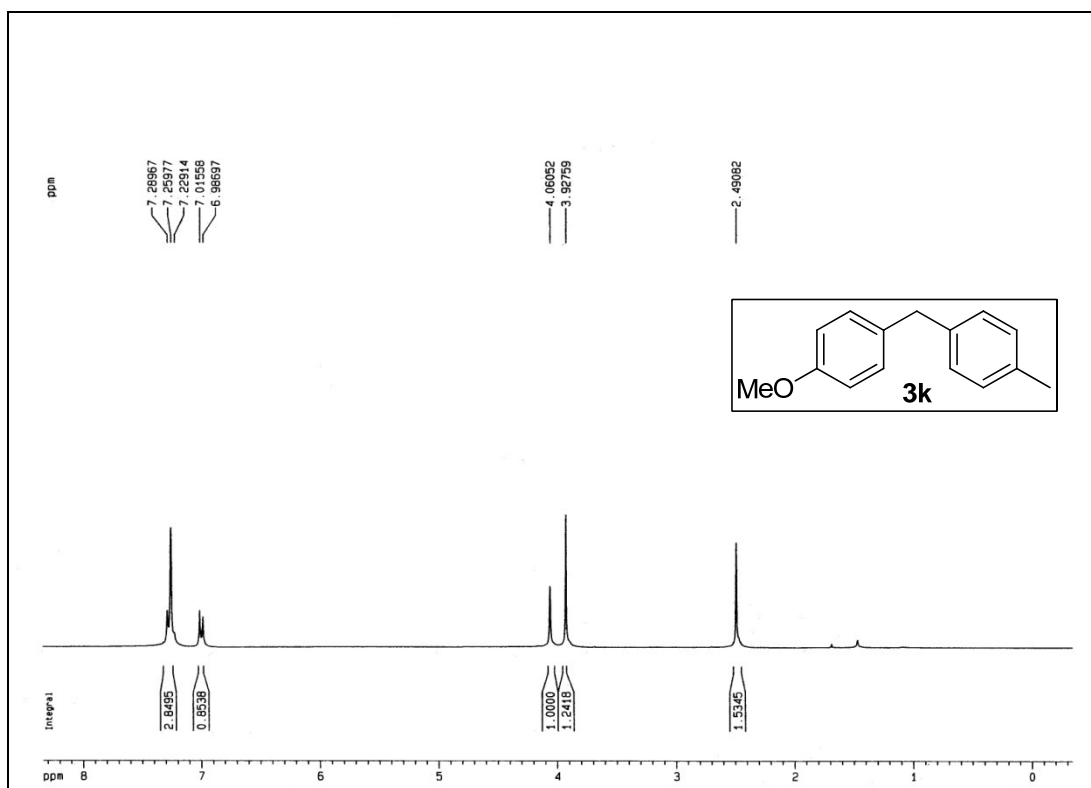


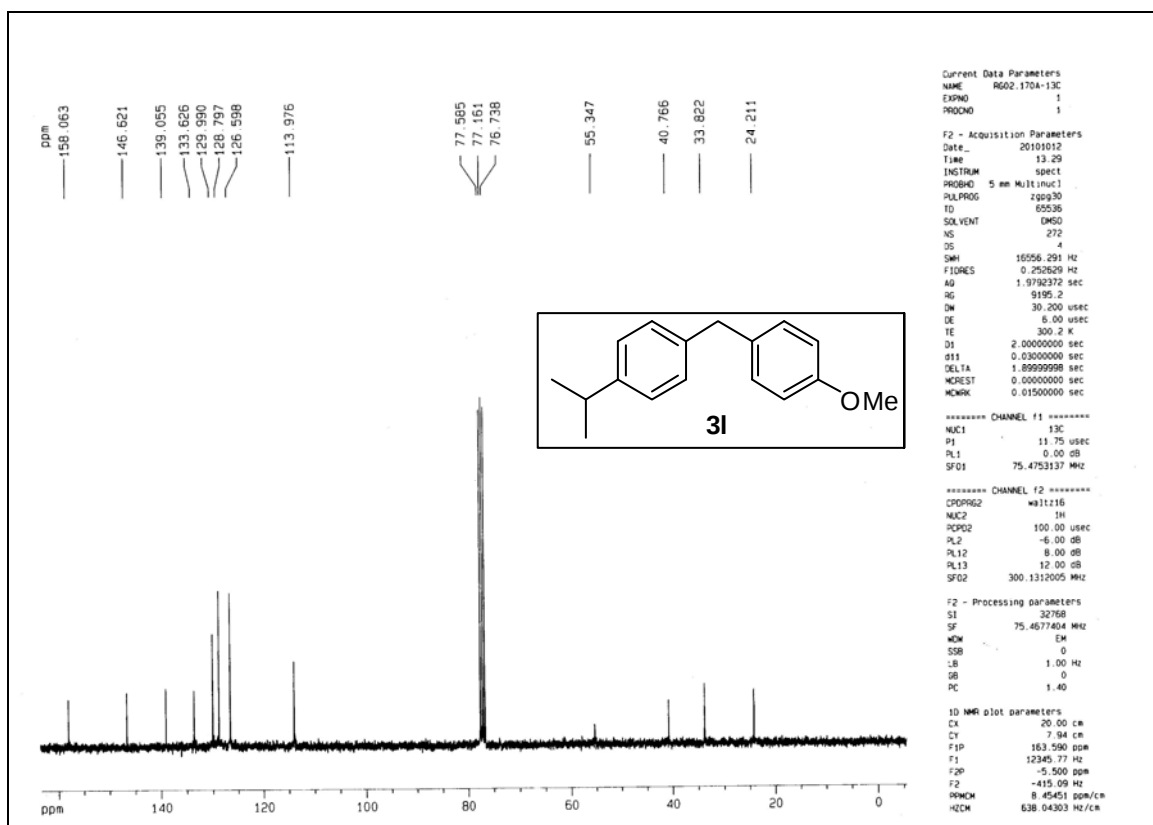
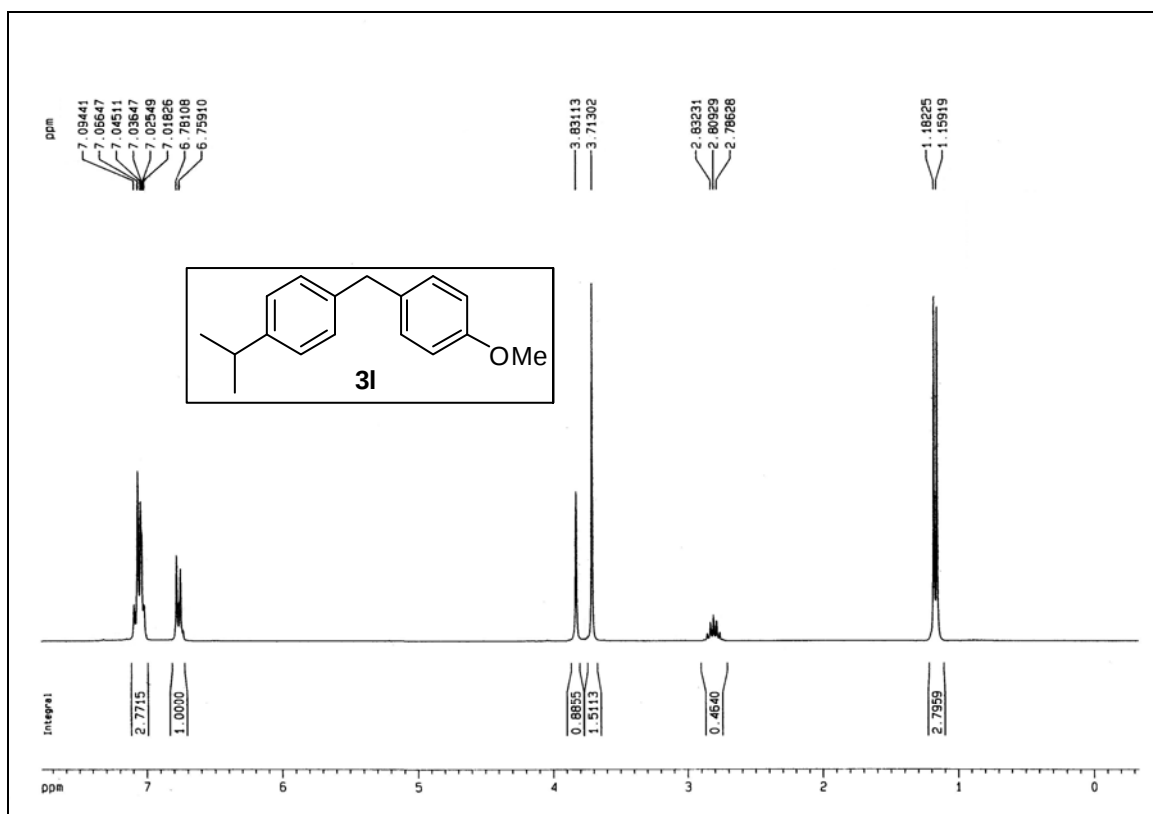


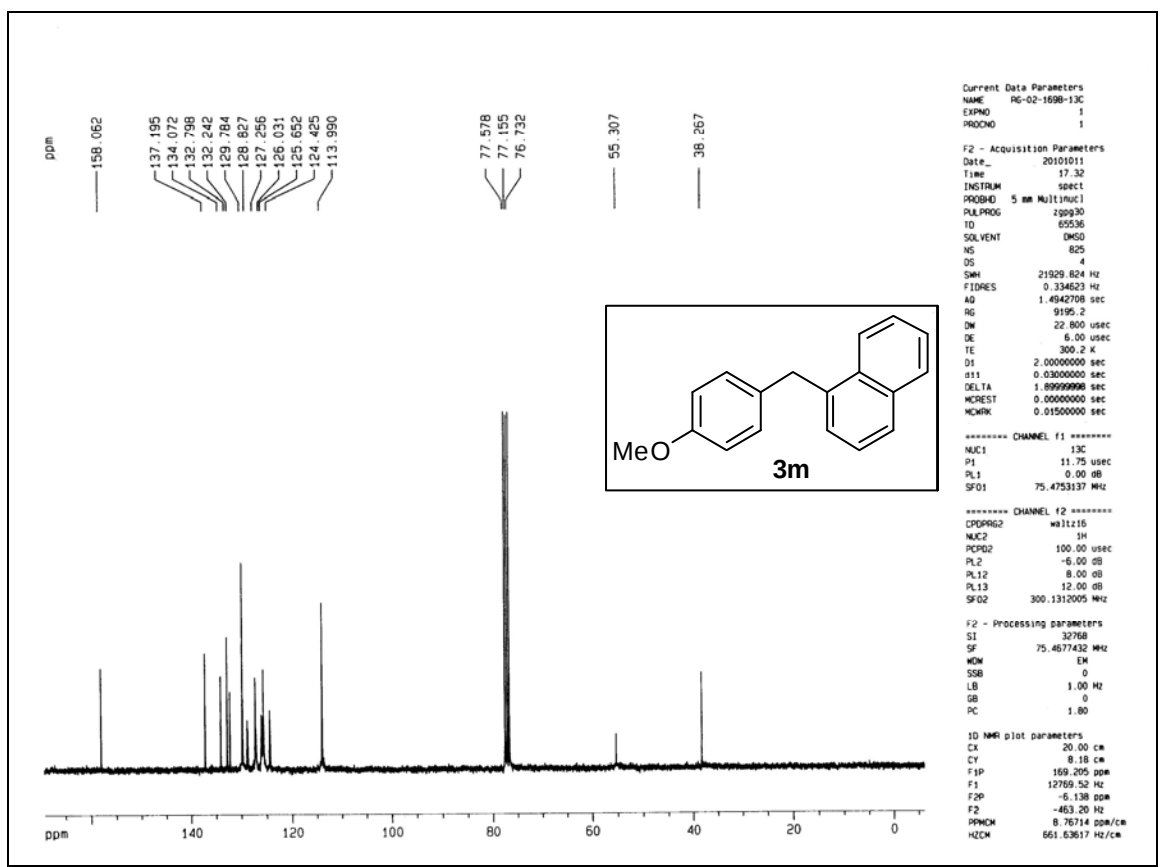
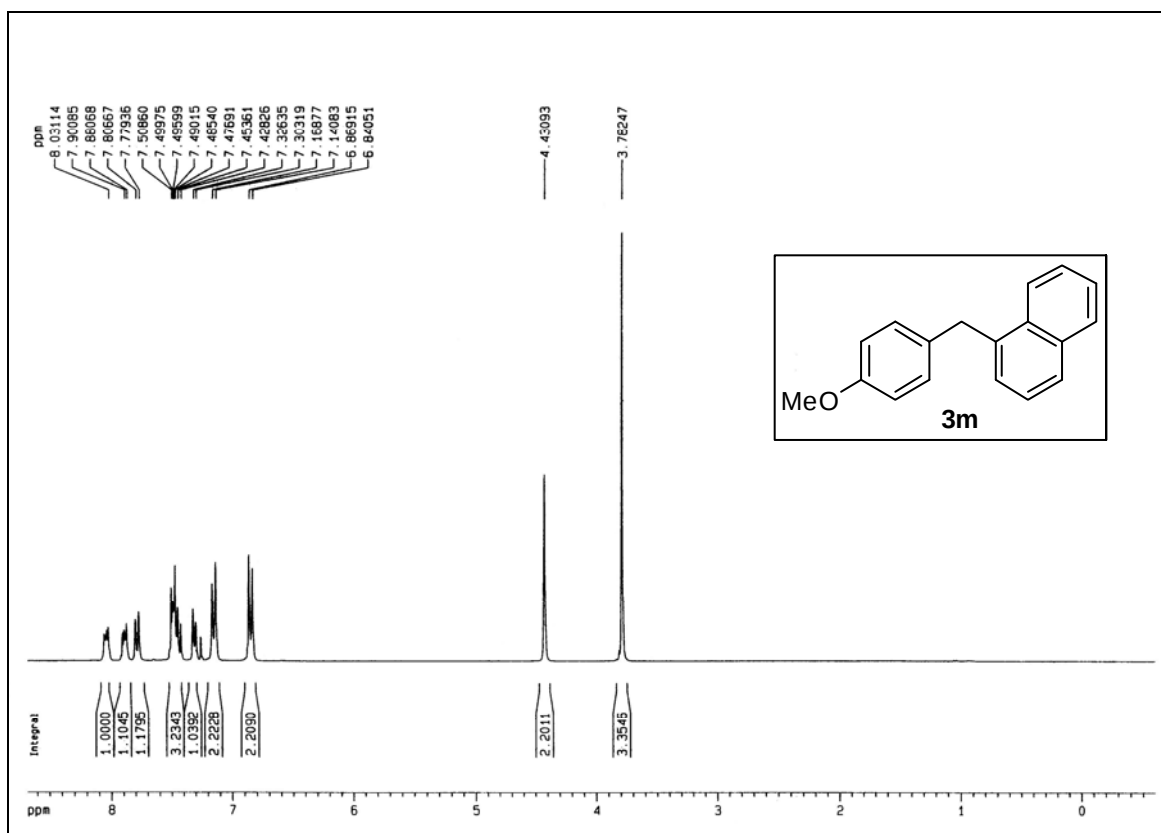


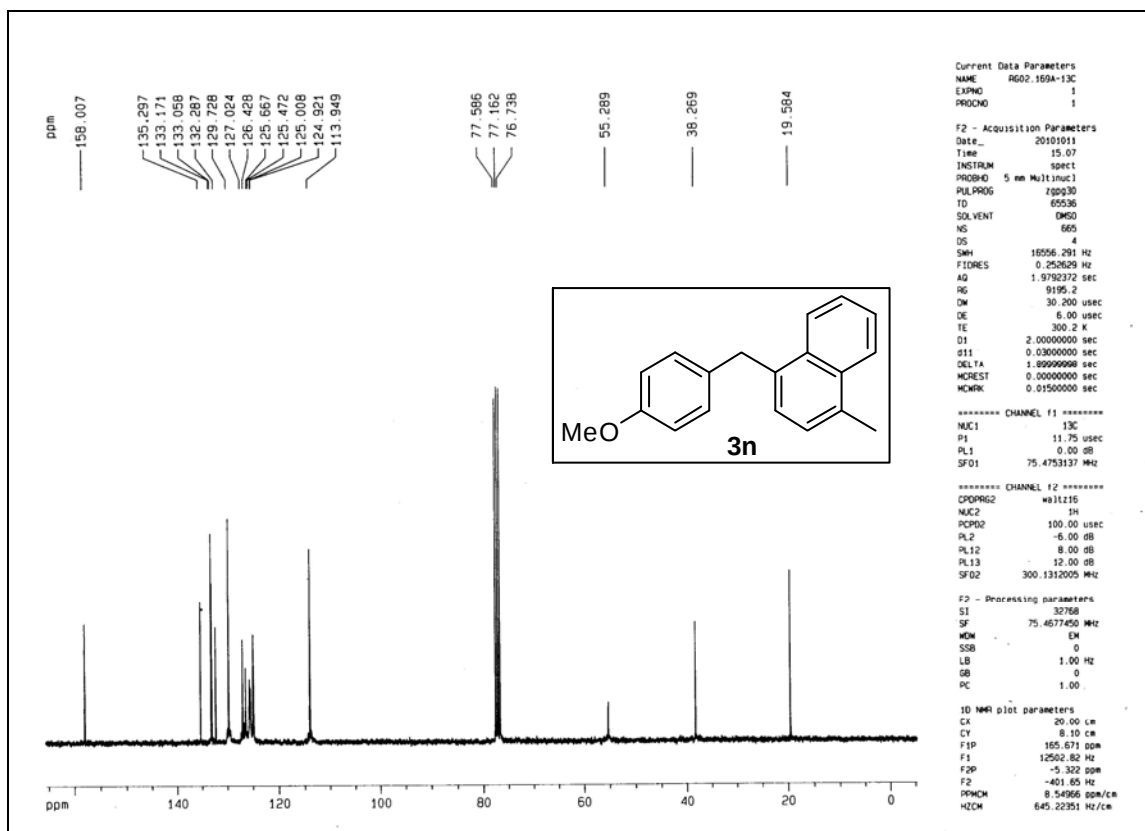
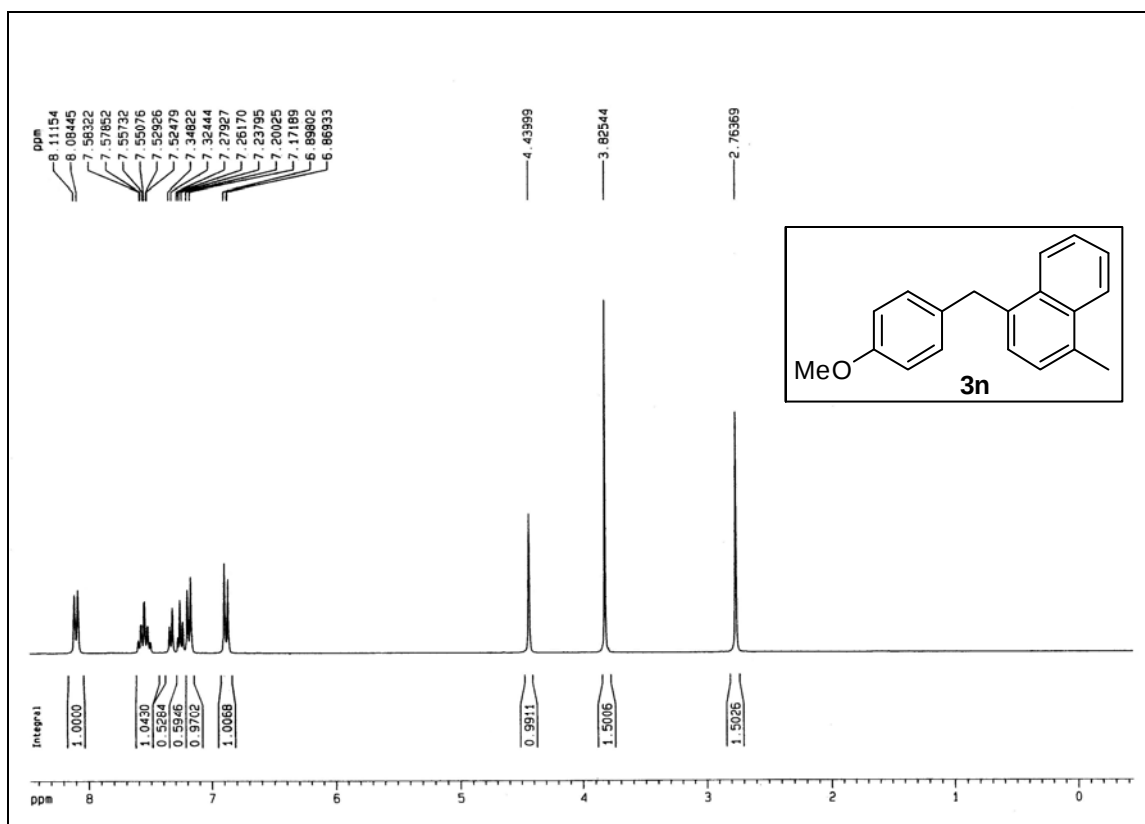


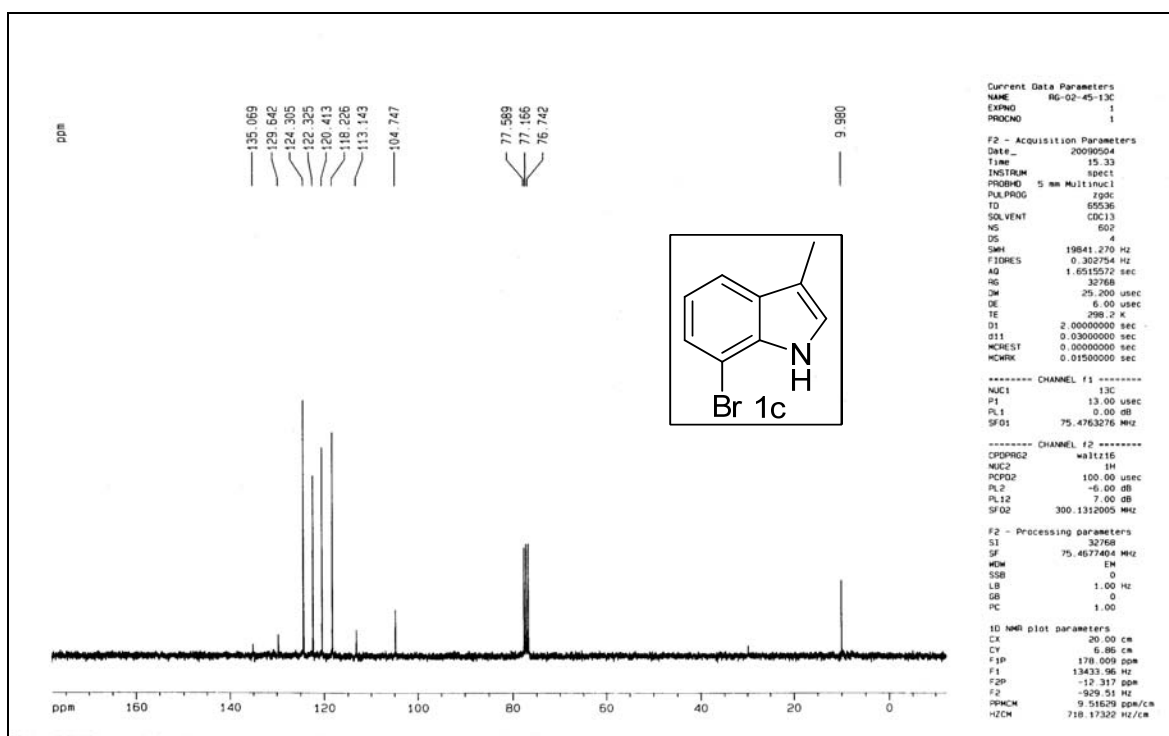
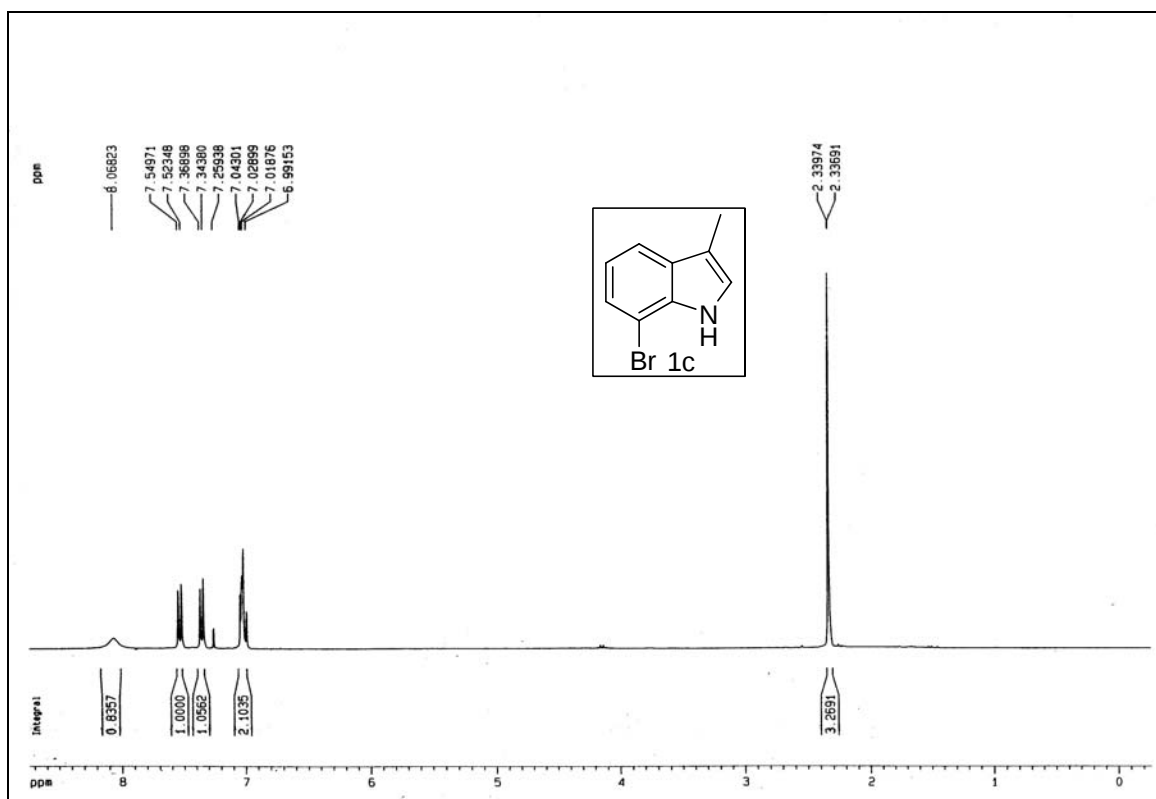


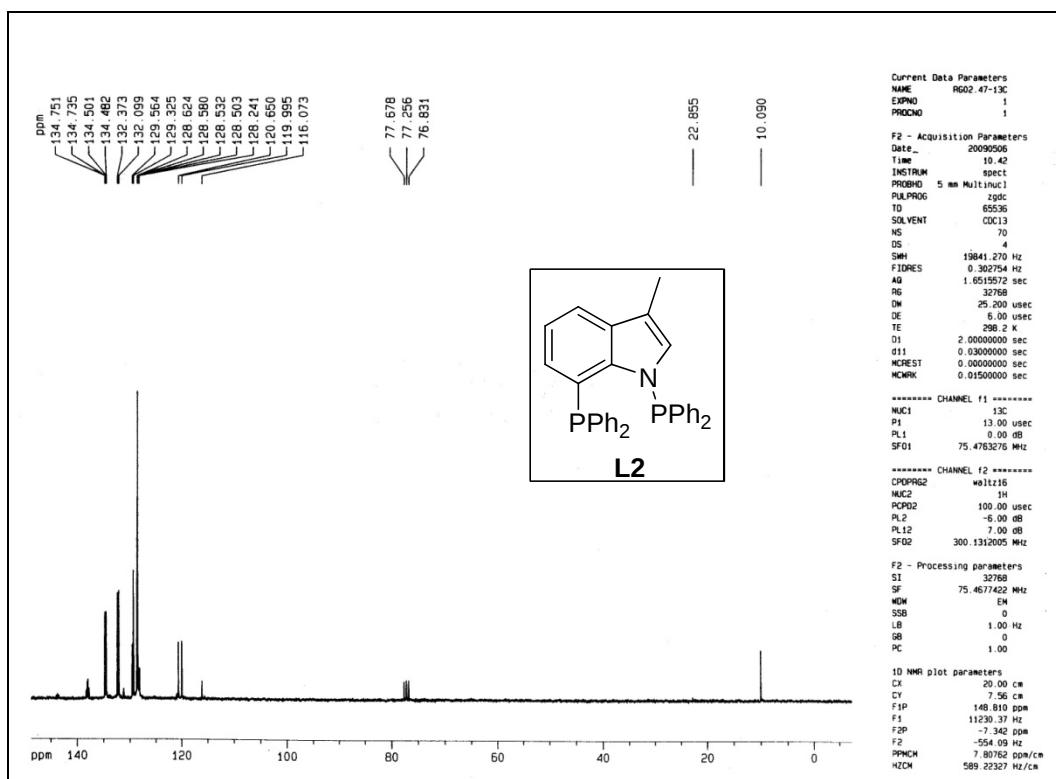
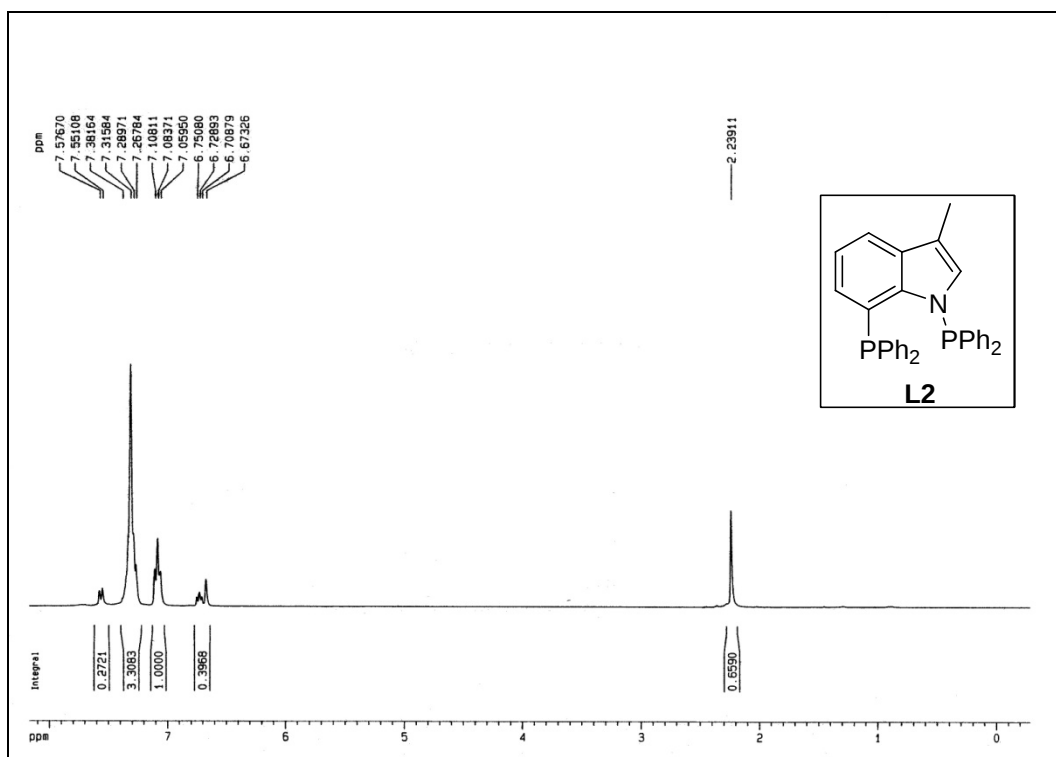


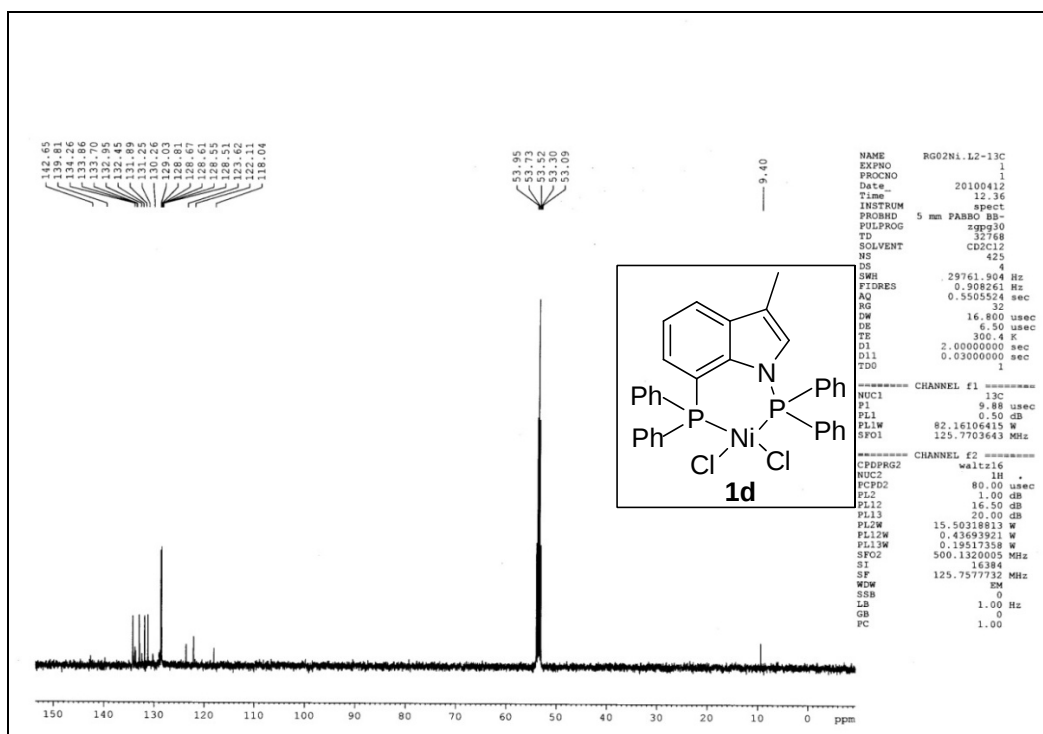
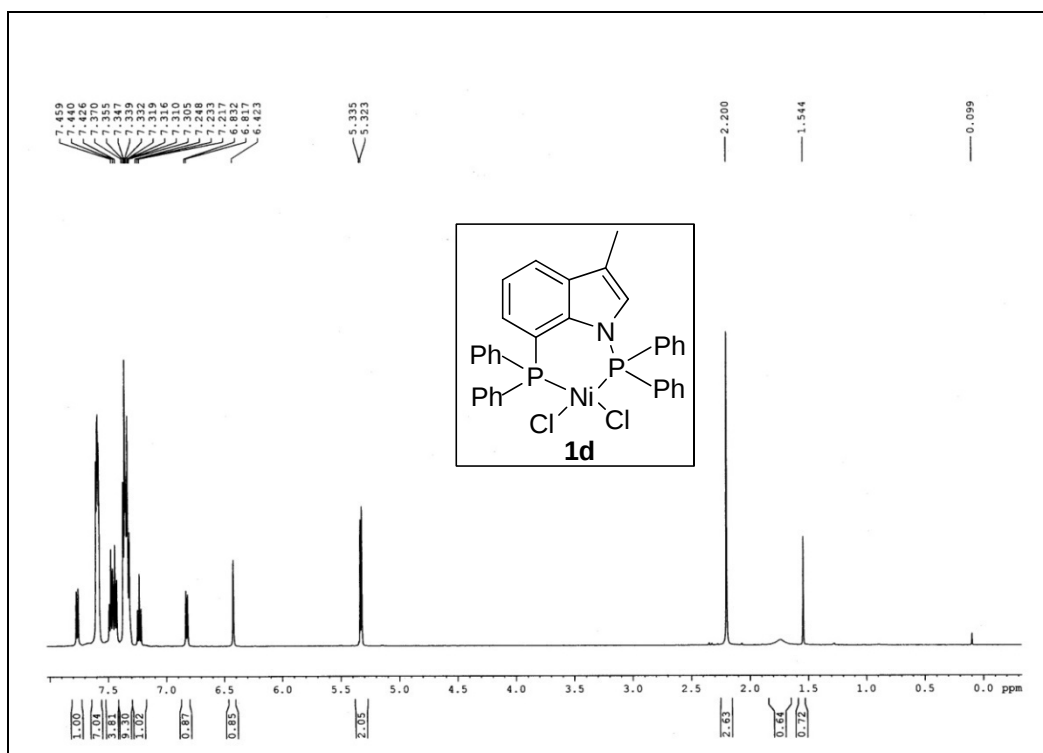




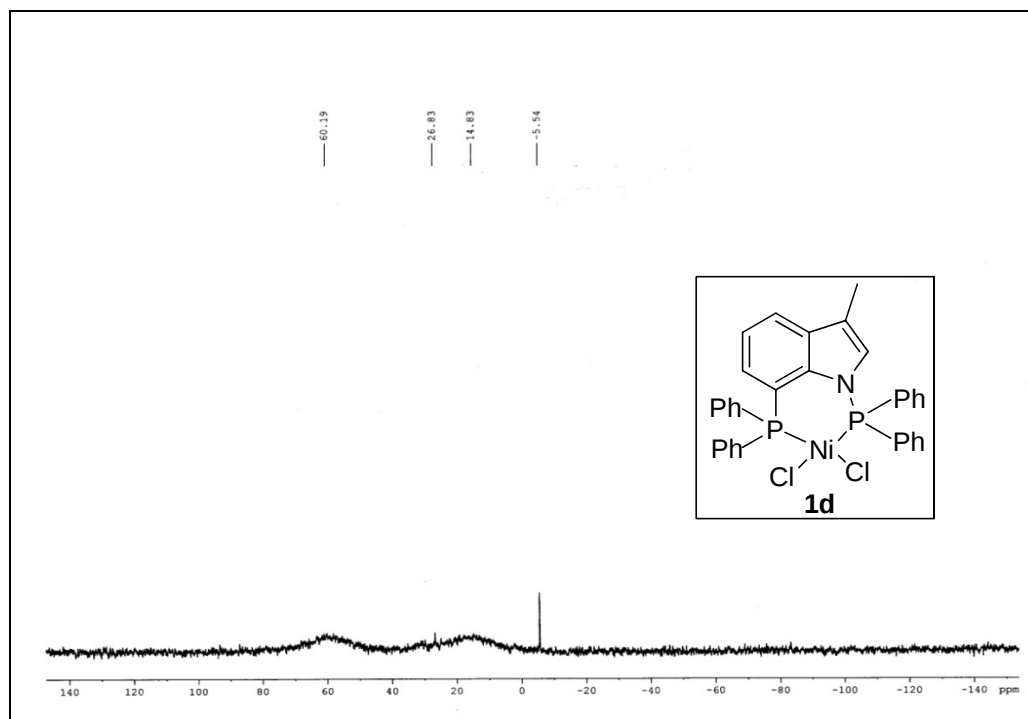
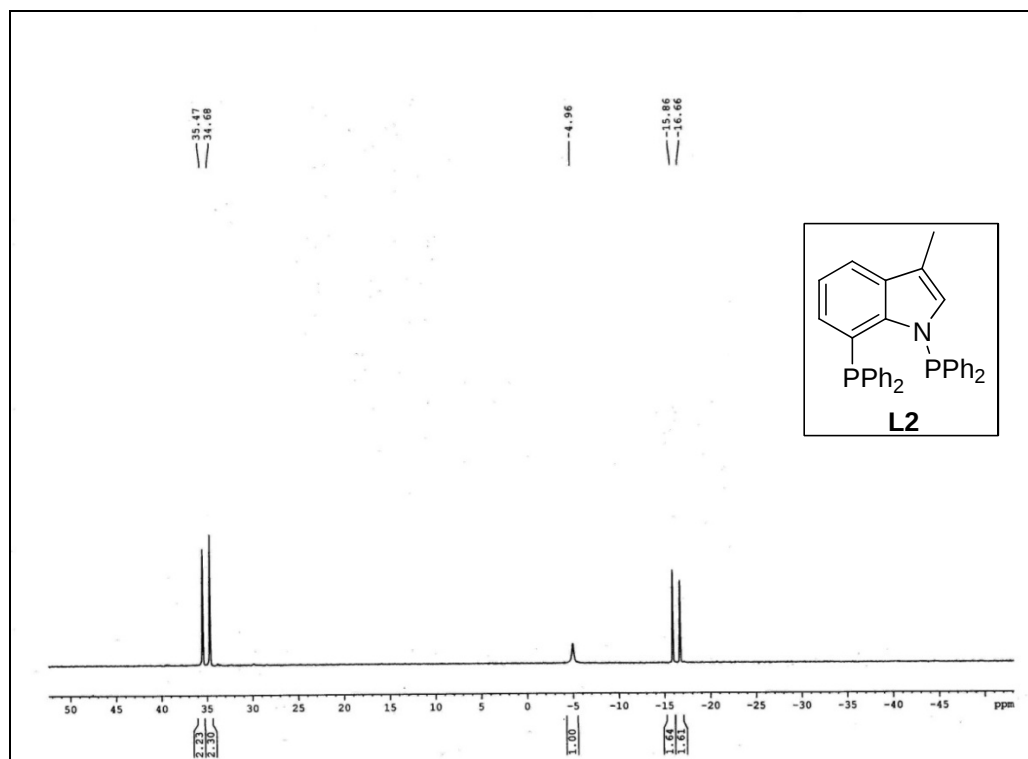








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