

Catalytic Enantioselective Tautomerization of Metastable Enamines

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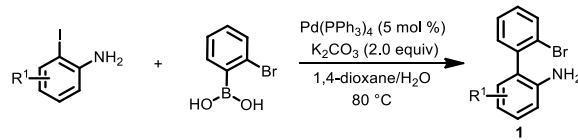
A. General information:

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using Standard Schlenk-Lines or a glovebox (Innovative Technology). All reagents were used as received unless otherwise noted. DMF, DCM, DCE, CHCl₃ and DMSO were dried over CaH₂. Toluene, (trifluoromethyl)benzene, *m*-xylene, *o*-xylene, *n*-hexane and THF were dried over sodium. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed with 0.25 mm coated commercial silica gel plates (TLC Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄); visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence. Flash Chromatography was performed with silica gel (300-400 mesh) or basic alumina (200-300 mesh, pH ≈ 9.0). Proton nuclear magnetic

resonance (^1H NMR) data were acquired on a Varian Unity Inova-400 (400 MHz) or Bruker Ascend 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported in delta (δ) units, in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane. Splitting patterns are designated as s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q = quartet; m, multiplet, coupling constants J are quoted in Hz. Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance (^{13}C NMR) data were acquired at 100 MHz on a Varian Unity Inova-400 or Bruker Ascend 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the center line of a triplet at 77.0 ppm for chloroform-*d*. Fluorine nuclear magnetic resonance (^{19}F NMR) data were acquired at 376 MHz on a Bruker Ascend 400 (400 MHz) spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported relative to inter standard CFCl_3 at 0.0 ppm. Infrared spectra were recorded on a TENSOR 27 FT-IR spectrophotometer and reported in wave numbers (cm^{-1}). High resolution mass spectra were acquired on a Bruker Daltonics MicroTof-Q II mass spectrometer. HPLC analyses were performed on an Agilent Technologies 1260. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol II automatic polarimeter. **1a**¹ and **2b-I**²⁻⁵ were prepared according to literature methods.

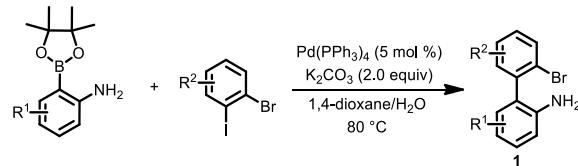
B. Preparation of the biaryl coupling partner **1b-u**:

(I) General method A:



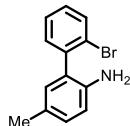
A 50 mL round bottom flask with a stir bar was fitted with a rubber septum and flame dried under high vacuum. The flask was purged with argon and charged with $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.15 g, 0.13 mmol), K_2CO_3 (0.69 g, 5.0 mmol), (2-bromophenyl)boronic acid (0.60 g, 3.0 mmol), *ortho*-iodoaniline derivatives (2.5 mmol), deoxygenated 1,4-dioxane (13.0 mL) and deoxygenated water (2.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the reaction was judged to be completed by TLC analysis. Water was added and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then chromatographed on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the 2'-bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine derivative **1**.

(II) General method B:



A 50 mL round bottom flask with a stir bar was fitted with a rubber septum and flame dried under high vacuum. The flask was purged with argon and charged with $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (0.17 g, 0.15 mmol), K_2CO_3 (0.83 g, 6.0 mmol), 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxabolan-2-yl)aniline derivative (3.0 mmol), the corresponding dihalogenated aryl derivatives (3.6 mmol), deoxygenated 1,4-dioxane (15.0 mL) and deoxygenated water (3.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the reaction was judged to be

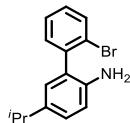
completed by TLC analysis. Water was added and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then chromatographed on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the 2'-bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine derivative **1**.



2'-Bromo-5-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1b)

Compound **1b** was prepared from 2-iodo-4-methylaniline by using Method A.

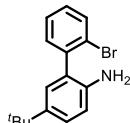
1b (Red solid, 0.56 g, 85% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.0, 140.2, 133.0, 131.9, 130.6, 129.7, 129.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 124.2, 115.8, 20.5. IR (KBr): 3457, 3371, 3017, 2919, 1618, 1432, 1257, 751 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₃BrN [M+H]⁺ 262.0231, found 262.0231.



2'-Bromo-5-isopropyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1c)

Compound **1c** was prepared from 2-iodo-4-isopropylaniline by using Method A.

1c (Red solid, 0.50 g, 69% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 2.93 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.4, 140.4, 138.8, 133.1, 131.9, 129.2, 128.3, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 124.4, 115.6, 33.2, 24.3, 24.2. IR (KBr): 3450, 3054, 2957, 1617, 1463, 1420, 1260, 746 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₇BrN [M+H]⁺ 290.0544, found 290.0544.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1d)

Compound **1d** was prepared from 2-iodo-4-(*tert*-butyl)aniline by using Method A.

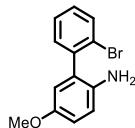
1d (Red solid, 0.57 g, 75% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.0, 139.9, 139.4, 132.1, 130.8, 128.0, 126.7, 126.4, 125.6, 124.8, 123.3, 114.2, 32.9, 30.5. IR (KBr): 3460, 3375, 3055, 2958, 1618, 1467, 1363, 1261, 753 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₁₆H₁₈BrNNa [M+Na]⁺ 326.0520, found 326.0508.



2''-Bromo-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-amine (1e)

Compound **1e** was prepared from 3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-amine by using Method B.

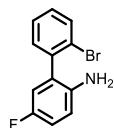
1e (White solid, 0.75 g, 77% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.1, 140.9, 139.9, 133.3, 132.0, 131.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 126.4, 124.3, 116.0. IR (KBr): 3468, 3379, 3033, 2923, 1615, 1478, 1263, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrNNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 346.0207, found 346.0222.



2'-Bromo-5-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1f)

Compound **1f** was prepared from 2-methoxy-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) aniline by using Method B.

1f (Yellow solid, 0.50 g, 60% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (td, J = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.4, 140.0, 137.3, 133.1, 131.7, 129.3, 128.3, 127.9, 124.0, 117.0, 115.4, 115.1, 55.8. IR (KBr): 3443, 3361, 3052, 2939, 1611, 1503, 1273, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrNO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 278.0181, found 278.0174.



2'-Bromo-5-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1g)

Compound **1g** was prepared from 4-fluoro-2-iodoaniline by using Method A.

1g (Red oil, 0.47 g, 70% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.90 (td, J = 8.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.4 (d, J = 236.3 Hz), 139.6 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 138.6 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 132.9, 131.3, 129.4, 127.7, 127.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 123.6, 116.3 (d, J = 29.8 Hz), 116.2, 115.4 (d, J = 22.1 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -126.86. IR (KBr): 3459, 3375, 3059, 2922, 1617, 1500, 1423, 1265, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{BrFNNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 287.9800, found 287.9796.



2'-Bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1h)

Compound **1h** was prepared from 2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline by using Method A.

1h (Red oil, 0.62 g, 78% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, $J = 15.2, 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 6.77 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.7, 138.5, 133.4, 131.8, 129.9, 128.1, 127.7 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 126.3 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 126.2, 124.8 (q, $J = 270.5$ Hz) 124.1, 119.9 (q, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 114.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -60.94. IR (KBr): 3484, 3398, 3060, 2924, 1623, 1512, 1331, 1270, 751 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{BrF}_3\text{NNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 337.9768, found 337.9754.

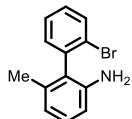


2'-Bromo-5-(trifluoromethoxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1i)

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2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethoxy)aniline by using Method B.

1i (Colorless oil, 0.55 g, 55% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.70 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.6, 140.9, 140.8, 138.6, 133.3, 131.6, 129.8, 128.0, 127.4, 124.0, 123.4, 120.7 (q, $J = 255.9$ Hz), 115.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -58.35. IR (KBr): 3475, 3388, 3060, 2924, 1619, 1471, 1256, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{BrF}_3\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 331.9898, found 331.9892.



2'-Bromo-6-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1j)

Compound **1j** was prepared from 3-methyl-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) aniline by using Method B.

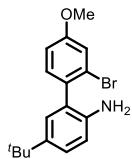
1j (White solid, 0.64 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.34 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.4, 139.0, 137.0, 133.3, 131.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.1, 124.9, 120.0, 113.0, 20.2. IR (KBr): 3465, 3375, 3056, 2960, 1613, 1462, 1301, 767 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrNNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 284.0051, found 284.0048.



2'-Bromo-3,5-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1k)

Compound **1k** was prepared from 2-iodo-4,6-dimethylaniline by using Method A.

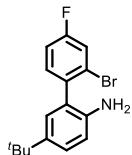
1k (White solid, 0.46 g, 66% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.66 (dd, $J = 8.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.5, 139.3, 133.1, 132.0, 131.1, 129.2, 128.4, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 124.3, 122.7, 20.5, 17.9. IR (KBr): 3463, 3379, 3009, 2918, 1615, 1475, 1260, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{BrN}$ [M+H] $^+$ 276.0388, found 276.0381.



2'-Bromo-5-(tert-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1l)

Compound **1l** was prepared from 2-bromo-1-iodo-4-methoxybenzene by using Method B.

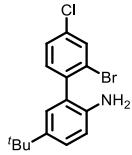
1l (Red solid, 0.49 g, 49% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.26 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.5, 141.3, 141.1, 132.5, 132.2, 127.9, 126.4, 125.7, 124.6, 118.2, 115.1, 113.9, 55.6, 34.0, 31.6. IR (KBr): 3454, 3377, 3009, 2956, 1606, 1491, 1221, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNNaO}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 356.0626, found 356.0624.



2'-Bromo-5-(tert-butyl)-4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1m)

Compound **1m** was prepared from 2-bromo-4-fluoro-1-iodobenzene by using Method B.

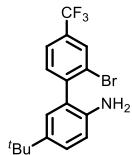
1m (Red oil, 0.56 g, 58% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.45 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.5, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, $J = 8.3, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.8 (d, $J = 250.8$ Hz), 141.2, 141.1, 136.5 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 132.7 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 127.6, 126.1, 125.7, 124.6 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 120.3 (d, $J = 24.2$ Hz), 115.3, 115.0 (d, $J = 20.9$ Hz), 34.0, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.76. IR (KBr): 3455, 3062, 2958, 1609, 1480, 1259, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrFNNa}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 344.0426, found 344.0416.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (**1n**)

Compound **1n** was prepared from 2-bromo-4-chloro-1-iodobenzene by using Method B.

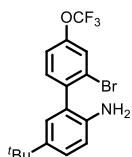
1n (Red oil, 0.65 g, 64% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.71 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.1, 140.8, 138.9, 133.9, 132.7, 132.5, 127.9, 127.2, 126.1, 125.3, 124.7, 115.3, 33.9, 31.4. IR (KBr): 3460, 3374, 2961, 1620, 1502, 1468, 872, 819, 766 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrClNNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 360.0131, found 360.0120.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (**1o**)

Compound **1o** was prepared from 2-bromo-1-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene by using Method B.

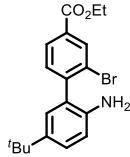
1o (White solid, 0.64 g, 57% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 144.5, 141.4, 140.7, 132.3, 131.3 (q, $J = 33.1$ Hz), 130.2 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 127.0, 126.5, 125.3, 124.8, 124.6 (q, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 120.5 (q, $J = 272.6$ Hz), 115.6, 34.0, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.65. IR (KBr): 3462, 3383, 3053, 2959, 1618, 1383, 1264, 743 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrF}_3\text{NNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 394.0394, found 394.0394.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-(trifluoromethoxy)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (**1p**)

Compound **1p** was prepared from 2-bromo-1-iodo-4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzene by using Method B.

1p (White solid, 0.80 g, 69% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.59 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.6, 141.3, 140.9, 139.4, 132.7, 127.4, 126.3, 125.7, 125.3, 124.7, 120.4 (q, $J = 258.5$ Hz), 120.3, 115.5, 34.0, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -57.84. IR (KBr): 3461, 3375, 3058, 2960, 1618, 1478, 1399, 1370, 1265, 744 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrF}_3\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 388.0524, found 388.0524.



Ethyl 2'-amino-2-bromo-5'-(*tert*-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate (1q)

Compound **1q** was prepared from ethyl 3-bromo-4-iodobenzoate by using Method B.

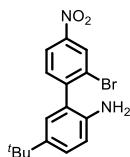
1q (Brown solid, 0.50 g, 44% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.37 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, $J = 7.9, 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.2, 145.2, 141.2, 140.7, 134.3, 131.9, 131.3, 128.8, 127.0, 126.4, 125.8, 124.4, 115.5, 61.5, 34.0, 31.5, 14.4. IR (KBr): 3462, 3376, 2959, 1717, 1619, 1472, 1373, 1267, 869 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNNaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$ 398.0732, found 398.0714.



2'-Amino-2-bromo-5'-(*tert*-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (1r)

Compound **1r** was prepared from 3-bromo-4-iodobenzonitrile by using Method B.

1r (White solid, 0.52 g, 53% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 145.9, 141.5, 140.5, 136.5, 132.6, 131.2, 126.9, 126.8, 125.0, 124.9, 117.3, 115.8, 112.9, 38.3, 31.8. IR (KBr): 3456, 3377, 3054, 2959, 2232, 1623, 1501, 1437, 1264, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{Na}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 351.0473, found 351.0461.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-nitro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1s)

Compound **1s** was prepared from 2-bromo-1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene by using Method B.

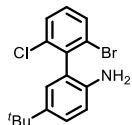
1s (Yellow solid, 0.62 g, 59% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.58 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.6, 147.5, 141.5, 140.5, 132.5, 128.4, 127.0, 126.8, 124.9, 124.6, 122.6, 115.8, 34.1, 31.5. IR (KBr): 3446, 3367, 3105, 2954, 1626, 1512, 1349, 1267, 751 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrN}_2\text{NaO}_2$ [M+Na] $^+$ 371.0371, found 371.0361.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-5'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1t**)**

Compound **1t** was prepared from 1-bromo-4-fluoro-2-iodobenzene by using Method B.

1t (Red oil, 0.77 g, 80% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.64 (dd, $J = 8.8, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 8.9, 3.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.0 (d, $J = 248.4$ Hz), 142.4 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 141.3, 140.7, 134.4 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 127.1, 126.3, 125.7 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 118.9 (d, $J = 22.1$ Hz), 118.6 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 22.3$ Hz), 115.5, 34.0, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -114.48. IR (KBr): 3446, 3051, 2970, 1617, 1461, 1266, 760 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrFN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.0607, found 322.0606.



2'-Bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-6'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (1u**)**

Compound **1u** was prepared from 2-bromo-3-chlore-2-iodobenzene by using Method B.

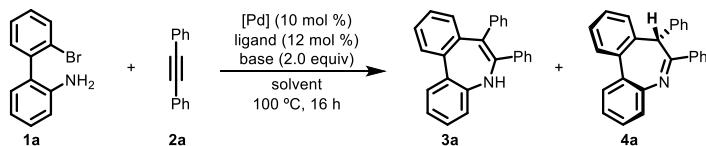
1u (Red oil, 0.63 g, 62% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.58 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 141.4, 140.9, 139.2, 135.9, 131.7, 130.0, 129.1, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 124.8, 115.6, 34.2, 31.7. IR (KBr): 3460, 3375, 3037, 2960, 1621, 1425, 1291, 765 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{BrClN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 338.0311, found 338.0310.

C. Preparation of the enamines **3**:

(I) Optimization of the reaction conditions for the preparation of **3a**:

2'-Bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine (**1a**) and diphenylacetylene (**2a**) were chosen as the model substrates to optimize the reaction conditions for the synthesis of enamine **3a**. Several solvents, ligands, palladium sources and bases were surveyed. The optimization details are shown in Table S1, and the optimized reaction conditions were obtained as the following: 10 mol % of $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$, 12 mol % of DPPM and 2.0 equivalents of K_2CO_3 in THF at 100 °C for 16 h.

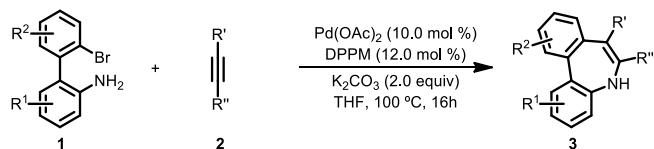
Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the synthesis of enamine **3a**.^a



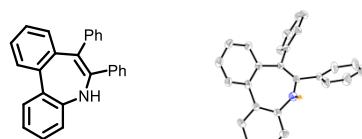
entry	[Pd]	ligand	base	solvent	yield (%) ^b	
					3a	4a
1	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	DMF	61	19
2	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	DMSO	0	13
3	Pd(OAc) ₂	PPh ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	74	trace
4	Pd(OAc) ₂	—	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	0	0
5	Pd(OAc) ₂	PCy ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	0	0
6	Pd(OAc) ₂	Xphos	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	45	trace
7	Pd(OAc)₂	DPPM	K₂CO₃	THF	92	trace
8	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPE	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	42	trace
9	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPP	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	86	trace
10	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPF	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	71	trace
11	Pd(OAc) ₂	BINAP	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	68	trace
12	Pd(OAc) ₂	Xantphos	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	84	trace
13	PdCl ₂	DPPM	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	8	0
14	[Pd(allyl)Cl] ₂	DPPM	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	0	0
15	Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	DPPM	K ₂ CO ₃	THF	0	0
16	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPM	Na ₂ CO ₃	THF	59	trace
17	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPM	Cs ₂ CO ₃	THF	0	13
18	Pd(OAc) ₂	DPPM	K ₃ PO ₄	THF	0	30

^a0.2 mmol scale. ^bIsolated yield.

(II) General procedure for the preparation of enamines **3**:



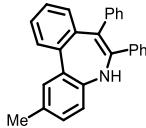
In a glovebox, a 25.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with Pd(OAc)₂ (22.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), DPPM (46.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) and THF (5.0 mL) was then added. After the catalyst mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min, **1** (1.0 mmol), **2** (1.5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (276.4 mg, 2.0 mmol) were sequentially added. The vial was sealed with a Teflon screw cap and the reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 16 h. After the reaction vessel was cooled to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then quickly chromatographed on basic alumina (petroleum ether/THF) to afford the desired product **3**.



6,7-Diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (**3a**)

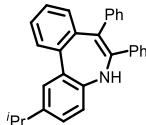
Yellow solid (317.4 mg, 92% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 8H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.03 – 7.98 (m,

2H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.9$, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 5.7$, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 152.3, 148.0, 141.1, 140.9, 140.7, 140.0, 133.3, 131.7, 130.4, 130.2, 129.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.1, 125.8, 124.2, 119.8. IR (KBr): 3366, 3055, 1641, 1593, 1477, 1261, 739 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 346.1596, found 346.1596.



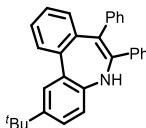
2-Methyl-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3b)

Yellow solid (266.0 mg, 74% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.29 (dd, $J = 9.6$, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 5.1$, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.8, 148.3, 141.2, 140.9, 140.7, 140.0, 133.5, 133.1, 131.7, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 126.1, 125.6, 119.6, 20.9. IR (KBr): 3373, 3053, 2924, 1604, 1456, 1264, 739 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 360.1752, found 360.1758.



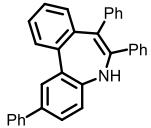
2-Isopropyl-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3c)

Yellow solid (243.8 mg, 63% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 7.11 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.03 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 3H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 2.96 (dt, $J = 13.6$, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.9, 148.3, 144.5, 141.2, 140.9, 140.8, 140.3, 133.0, 131.8, 130.4, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 126.1, 126.0, 125.4, 119.6, 33.6, 24.2. IR (KBr): 3437, 3058, 2959, 1635, 1431, 1325, 1255, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 388.2065, found 388.2065.



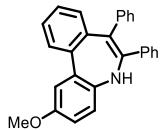
2-(Tert -butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3d)

Yellow solid (337.7 mg, 84% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 7H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.7, 148.2, 146.7, 141.2, 141.0, 140.7, 140.5, 132.5, 131.7, 130.3, 129.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 126.0, 125.3, 124.9, 119.2, 34.4, 31.5. IR (KBr): 3372, 3055, 2960, 1601, 1494, 1263, 737 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{NNa}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 424.2041, found 424.2020.



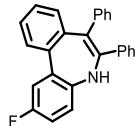
2,6,7-Triphenyl-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3e)

Yellow solid (227.3 mg, 54% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 7H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR: (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.7, 148.0, 141.1, 141.0, 140.8, 140.7, 139.9, 137.2, 133.5, 131.7, 130.4, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 125.7, 120.1. IR (KBr): 3370, 3023, 2970, 1603, 1265, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 422.1909, found 422.1900.



2-Methoxy-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3f)

Yellow solid (228.8 mg, 61% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.3$ Hz, 4H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 7.0, 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 156.6, 148.6, 145.5, 141.1, 141.0, 140.6, 139.8, 134.4, 131.7, 130.5, 129.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.1, 125.6, 120.5, 115.3, 113.3, 55.7. IR (KBr): 3444, 3031, 2924, 2856, 1622, 1459, 1263, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 376.1701, found 376.1669.



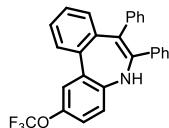
2-Fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3g)

Yellow solid (250.5 mg, 69% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.8, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.09 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.8$ Hz, 3H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (td, $J = 8.3, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (dd, $J = 8.6, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.0 (d, $J = 240.7$ Hz), 148.1, 148.0, 147.9, 140.9 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 140.4, 138.9, 134.9 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 131.7, 130.5, 129.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 120.6 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 116.3 (d, $J = 23.2$ Hz), 114.4 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -120.43. IR (KBr): 3369, 3057, 2923, 1638, 1599, 1258, 766 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 364.1502, found 364.1500.



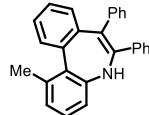
6,7-Diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3h)

Yellow solid (335.3 mg, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 7.04 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 155.5, 147.2, 140.9, 140.6, 140.3, 138.7, 133.5, 131.6, 130.6, 129.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 126.4, 126.3, 126.2 (q, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 125.1 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 124.5 (q, $J = 271.7$ Hz), 119.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -61.69. IR (KBr): 3366, 3059, 2925, 1606, 1484, 1260, 737 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 436.1289, found 436.1274.



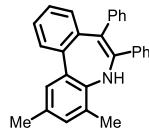
6,7-Diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3i)

Yellow solid (343.6 mg, 80% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.07 (m, 9H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 7.8, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.8, 147.8, 145.9, 145.8, 140.9, 140.7, 140.3, 138.6, 134.6, 131.6, 130.5, 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 126.3, 126.0, 122.7, 120.7 (q, $J = 256.8$ Hz), 120.6, 120.4. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -57.96. IR (KBr): 3436, 3064, 2960, 1637, 1474, 1256, 743 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 452.1238, found 452.1210.



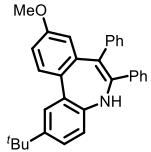
1-Methyl-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3j)

Yellow solid (212.2 mg, 59% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 154.5, 148.2, 141.9, 140.6, 140.4, 138.9, 137.5, 132.2, 131.6, 131.2, 129.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.7, 117.5, 21.6. IR (KBr): 3361, 3056, 2923, 1656, 1463, 1265, 735 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 360.1752, found 360.1752.



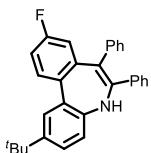
2,4-Dimethyl-6,7-diphenyl-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3k)

Yellow solid (340.0 mg, 91% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 7H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.5, 147.8, 141.2, 141.0, 140.9, 140.6, 133.5, 132.8, 131.7, 130.3, 130.2, 129.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 127.2, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.1, 20.8, 17.4. IR (KBr): 3438, 3059, 2924, 1615, 1429, 1256, 737 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 374.1909, found 374.1905.



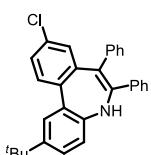
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-methoxy-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3l)

Yellow solid (207.2 mg, 48% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 6H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.3, 148.9, 148.2, 146.7, 142.2, 141.0, 140.8, 133.2, 132.3, 131.7, 130.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.3, 126.8, 126.1, 125.1, 124.4, 119.1, 115.7, 113.0, 55.2, 34.4, 31.6. IR (KBr): 3434, 3053, 2925, 1615, 1455, 1398, 1267, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}$ [M+Na] $^+$ 454.2147, found 454.2140.



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3m)

Yellow solid (310.2 mg, 74% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.63 (dd, J = 10.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.8 (d, J = 244.0 Hz), 149.3, 149.2, 147.0, 143.2 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 140.6, 140.5, 136.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 131.7, 131.4, 131.3, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 126.4, 125.1, 124.4, 119.4, 116.7 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 114.1 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 34.5, 31.6. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -116.13. IR (KBr): 3370, 3054, 2960, 1491, 1261, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN}$ [M+H] $^+$ 420.2128, found 420.2120.



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3n)

Yellow solid (292.2 mg, 67% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.46 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 7.00 (dd, J = 6.7, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.5, 147.1, 142.8, 140.5, 140.4, 139.0, 132.9, 131.7, 131.6, 131.0, 130.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 126.4, 125.4, 124.2, 119.4, 34.4, 31.6. IR (KBr): 3372, 3056, 2960, 1640, 1593, 1482, 1261, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN}$ [M+H] $^+$ 436.1832, found 436.1813.



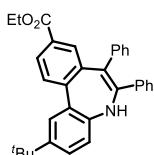
2-(*Tert*-butyl-6,7-diphenyl-9-(trifluoromethyl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3o)

Yellow solid (249.1 mg, 53% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 3.6 Hz, 3H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 150.1, 149.9, 147.3, 144.1, 141.8, 140.5, 140.2, 131.7, 131.4, 130.1, 128.8 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 126.6, 126.0, 124.4, 124.2 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 119.6, 34.5, 31.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -62.69. IR (KBr): 3367, 3056, 2961, 1605, 1495, 1331, 1260, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₁H₂₆F₃NNa [M+Na]⁺ 492.1915, found 492.1912.



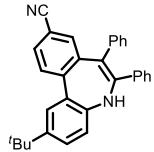
2-(*Tert*-butyl-6,7-diphenyl-9-(trifluoromethoxy)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3p)

Yellow solid (329.8 mg, 68% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 149.6, 149.5, 148.1, 147.1, 143.0, 140.5, 140.3, 139.2, 131.6, 131.4, 131.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.5, 125.5, 124.3, 122.5, 120.4 (q, *J* = 257.0 Hz), 119.5, 119.0, 34.4, 31.5. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -57.69. IR (KBr): 3433, 3057, 2964, 1663, 1363, 1262, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₁H₂₇F₃NO [M+H]⁺ 486.2045, found 486.2043.



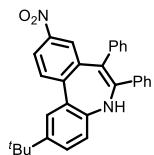
Ethyl 2-(*tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine-9-carboxylate (3q)

Yellow solid (407.6 mg, 86% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.28 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.5, 150.1, 149.1, 147.0, 145.1, 141.3, 140.6, 140.5, 131.7, 131.5, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.4, 125.9, 124.8, 119.5, 60.8, 34.4, 31.5, 14.3. IR (KBr): 3360, 3056, 2962, 1713, 1602, 1459, 1390, 1255, 745 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₃H₃₁NNaO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 496.2252, found 496.2247.



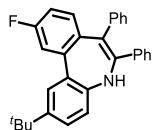
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine-9-carbonitrile (3r)

Yellow solid (269.0 mg, 63% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.51 (s, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.5, 150.1, 147.4, 145.3, 142.5, 140.2, 139.9, 133.9, 131.6, 130.9, 130.4, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 126.8, 126.4, 123.5, 119.7, 119.1, 110.4, 34.5, 31.5. IR (KBr): 3368, 3055, 2961, 2228, 1601, 1265, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{Na} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 449.1994, found 449.1994.



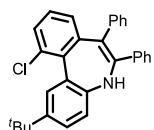
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-nitro-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3s)

Yellow solid (307.7 mg, 69% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.08 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.56 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.6, 150.2, 147.5, 147.2, 146.6, 142.7, 140.2, 139.8, 131.6, 130.6, 130.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 125.0, 123.7, 121.2, 119.8, 34.5, 31.5. IR (KBr): 3368, 3059, 2961, 1640, 1515, 1344, 1260, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2 [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 469.1892, found 469.1896.



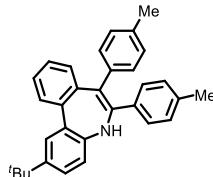
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-10-fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3t)

Yellow solid (301.7 mg, 72% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.49 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 7H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.89 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.4 (d, $J = 246.1$ Hz), 149.4, 147.8, 147.0, 142.6 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 141.1, 140.6, 137.0 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 132.3 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 131.7, 128.6 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.0, 126.2, 125.7, 124.7, 119.5, 115.7 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 113.7 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 34.5, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -115.86. IR (KBr): 3435, 3050, 2958, 1604, 1491, 1265, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 420.2128, found 420.2125.



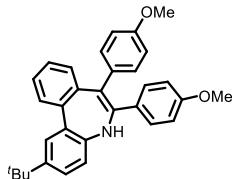
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-11-chloro-6,7-diphenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3u)

Yellow solid (392.4 mg, 90% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.74 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 6.5, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 150.3, 150.0, 145.5, 143.8, 140.6, 140.3, 138.1, 132.4, 131.6, 130.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.2, 125.0, 124.5, 119.5, 34.4, 31.4. IR (KBr): 3362, 3055, 2961, 1420, 1387, 1262, 738 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{ClINa} [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 458.1651, found 458.1651.



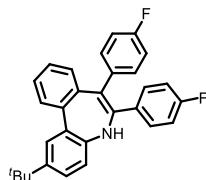
2-(*Tert*-butyl-6,7-di-*p*-toyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3a'))

Yellow solid (364.7 mg, 85% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 5H), 6.54 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.8, 148.0, 146.7, 141.3, 140.5, 138.4, 138.1, 136.9, 135.5, 132.6, 131.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 125.1, 125.0, 119.2, 34.5, 31.6, 21.3, 21.2. IR (KBr): 3455, 3020, 2958, 1641, 1501, 1461, 1394, 1265, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{32}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 430.2535, found 430.2526.



2-(*Tert*-butyl-6,7-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3b'))

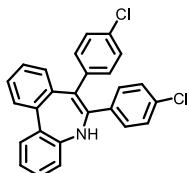
Yellow solid (382.6 mg, 83% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.90 (m, 3H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.4, 157.7, 149.9, 147.6, 146.7, 141.4, 140.4, 133.9, 133.6, 132.8, 132.6, 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 127.2, 126.8, 126.7, 125.0, 124.8, 119.2, 113.6, 113.0, 55.2, 55.1, 34.5, 31.6. IR (KBr): 3374, 3055, 2959, 1639, 1504, 1460, 1226, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_2 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 462.2433, found 462.2427.



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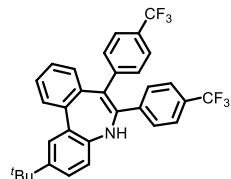
Yellow solid (402.0 mg, 92% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.14

(dd, $J = 8.5, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, $J = 8.4, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.82 (t, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.7 (d, $J = 247.4$ Hz), 161.3 (d, $J = 245.7$ Hz), 149.6, 147.5, 147.1, 140.7, 140.5, 137.1 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 136.8 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 133.3 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 132.5, 130.3, 130.0 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 129.9, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 125.2, 124.8, 119.4, 115.5 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 114.7 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 34.5, 31.6. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -113.28, -115.81. IR (KBr): 3433, 3016, 2960, 1603, 1502, 1395, 1266, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 438.2033, found 438.2032.



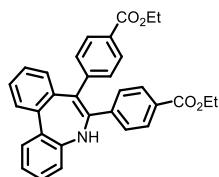
6,7-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3d')

Yellow solid (272.6 mg, 66% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.56 (m, 1H), 4.66 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.9, 147.1, 140.2, 140.0, 139.3, 138.7, 133.5, 133.1, 132.9, 132.3, 130.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 125.2, 124.5, 119.8. IR (KBr): 3366, 2918, 1588, 1478, 1262, 827, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 414.0816, found 414.0814.



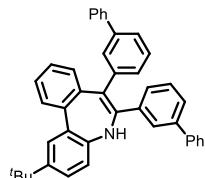
2-(Tert-butyl-6,7-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (3e')

Yellow solid (424.2 mg, 79% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 147.9, 146.5, 146.4, 143.5, 142.3, 139.6, 138.7, 131.2, 130.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6 (q, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 127.5 (q, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 127.3, 126.5, 126.3, 125.9, 124.6 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 124.3, 124.0, 123.7 (q, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 123.0 (q, $J = 271.9$ Hz), 122.8 (q, $J = 272.2$ Hz), 118.4, 33.4, 30.4. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.35, -62.60. IR (KBr): 3364, 3059, 2962, 1613, 1325, 1260, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_6\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 538.1969, found 538.1969.



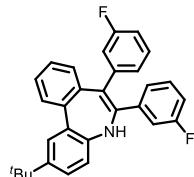
Diethyl 4,4'-(5H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine-6,7-diyl)dibenzoate (3f')

Yellow solid (410.8 mg, 84% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.88 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 – 6.56 (m, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.33 (dq, $J = 12.3, 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.36 (dt, $J = 8.9, 7.2$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.4, 166.0, 151.7, 147.7, 145.7, 144.3, 140.2, 139.9, 133.1, 131.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 125.8, 124.6, 119.9, 61.1, 60.9, 14.3. IR (KBr): 3346, 3057, 2982, 1715, 1606, 1275, 761, 709 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4$ [M+H] $^+$ 490.2018, found 490.2009.



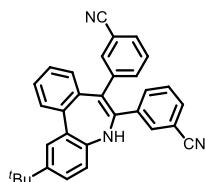
6,7-Di([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2-(*tert*-butyl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3g')

Yellow solid (431.3 mg, 78% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 14H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.7, 148.5, 147.0, 141.8, 141.2, 141.1, 140.9, 140.7, 140.6, 132.6, 131.1, 130.8, 130.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 126.1, 126.0, 125.6, 125.5, 125.4, 125.1, 125.0, 119.4, 34.5, 31.6. IR (KBr): 3436, 3032, 2958, 1632, 1470, 1313, 1267, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 554.2848, found 554.2836.



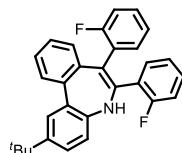
2-(*tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3h')

Yellow solid (380.2 mg, 87% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 7.8, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 14.0, 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.4 (d, $J = 247.3$ Hz), 162.3 (d, $J = 245.8$ Hz), 149.2, 147.3 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 147.1, 143.0 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 142.1 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 140.5, 140.0, 132.3, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.1 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 127.5 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 127.3, 126.9, 125.2, 124.7 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz), 123.8 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 119.3, 118.4 (d, $J = 21.1$ Hz), 115.1 (d, $J = 21.8$ Hz), 114.6 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 113.4 (d, $J = 20.9$ Hz), 34.4, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -111.96, -113.81. IR (KBr): 3373, 3059, 2961, 1643, 1476, 1393, 1265, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 438.2033, found 438.2033.



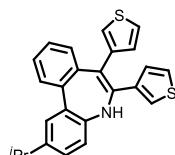
3,3'-(2-(*Tert*-butyl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine-6,7-diy) dibenzonitrile (3i')

Yellow solid (207.5 mg, 46% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.24 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 148.7, 147.6, 146.9, 141.8, 140.8, 140.6, 139.0, 136.0, 134.9, 132.6, 132.1, 131.6, 131.5, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 127.1, 125.5, 124.8, 119.5, 118.4, 118.0, 112.9, 112.1, 34.5, 31.4. IR (KBr): 3354, 3061, 2959, 2230, 1606, 1475, 1264, 752 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_3$ [M+H] $^+$ 452.2127, found 452.2126.



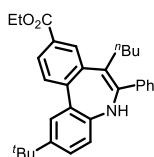
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3j')

Yellow solid (384.6 mg, 88% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 1.38 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.5 (d, J = 245.8 Hz), 159.2 (d, J = 247.0 Hz), 149.5, 146.9, 144.4, 140.4, 139.6, 133.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 132.4, 130.4 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.9, 129.7 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 129.2, 128.8 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 128.4 (d, J = 16.2 Hz), 127.5 (d, J = 17.1 Hz), 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 125.0, 123.8 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 123.5 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 121.3, 119.3, 115.6 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 115.2 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 34.4, 31.5. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -112.72, -112.83. IR (KBr): 3435, 3062, 2959, 1615, 1486, 1394, 1265, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 438.2033, found 438.2032.



2-Isopropyl-6,7-di(thiophen-3-yl)-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (3k')

Yellow solid (259.4 mg, 65% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (td, J = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 – 6.62 (m, 3H), 6.62 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 6.55 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 2.75 (dt, J = 13.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 149.9, 144.7, 143.6, 141.1, 141.0, 140.6, 139.9, 133.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 126.1, 125.3, 124.6, 124.1, 123.4, 120.8, 119.6, 33.6, 24.2. IR (KBr): 3366, 3101, 2958, 1638, 1462, 1263, 735 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NS}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 400.1194, found 400.1206.



Ethyl 2-(*tert*-butyl)-7-butyl-6-phenyl-5*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine-9-carboxylate (3l')

One regioisomer was isolated, and the other possible isomer was not found in the crude ^1H NMR. Yellow solid (263.1 mg, 58% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz,

1H), 7.53 – 7.34 (m, 7H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.43 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.15 – 1.09 (m, 2H), 1.03 – 0.92 (m, 2H), 0.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.8, 151.5, 147.6, 146.6, 145.9, 141.2, 141.1, 132.1, 130.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 126.9, 125.5, 122.2, 118.6, 60.9, 34.4, 31.5, 31.4, 31.3, 21.8, 14.4, 13.7. IR (KBr): 3449, 3059, 2960, 1709, 1630, 1461, 1389, 1288, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 454.2746, found 454.2757.

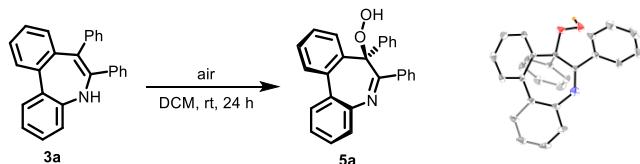
D. Preliminary studies on the stability of enamine 3a:

(I) Stability of enamine 3a towards silica gel:



To a solution of **3a** (103.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) in DCM (3.0 mL), silica gel (518 mg) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by basic alumina chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the imine product **4a** in 14% yield (14.6 mg). The spectral data of **4a** are in accordance with the literature values.⁶

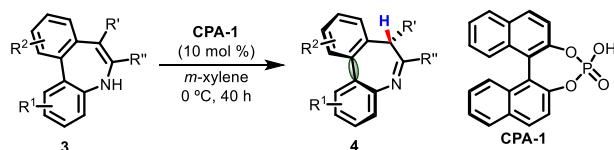
(II) Stability of enamine 3a towards the air:



The solution of **3a** (103.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) in DCM (3.0 mL) was stirred under the air at room temperature for 24 h. The mixture was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford peroxide **5a** in 22% yield (24.9 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.18 – 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.55 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.13 (qd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.81 (m, 5H), 6.79 – 6.49 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.7, 145.3, 139.5, 138.9, 135.6, 134.6, 131.0, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 125.3, 124.3, 123.9, 91.7. IR (KBr): 3059, 2851, 1620, 1475, 1265, 733 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 378.1494, found 378.1490.

E. Catalytic results:

The chiral phosphoric acids catalyzed enantioselective tautomerization of enamines 3:



In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with **CPA-1** (7.2 mg, 0.02 mmol)

and *m*-xylene (0.34 mL), stirred for 10 min, and a *m*-xylene (0.34 mL) solution of enamine **3** (0.2 mmol) was added. The vial was immediately sealed with a Teflon screw cap and stirred at 0 °C for 40 h. The mixture was then directly chromatographed on basic (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product **4**.



6,7-Diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4a**)

White solid (61.4 mg, 89% yield). 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 474.00$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 7H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.79 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 6.03 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 146.2, 140.4, 138.9, 137.4, 136.8, 130.9, 130.4, 129.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 124.2, 53.8. The ee of **4a** was determined by HPLC using an IB column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 12.6 min, t_{major} = 16.8 min). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶



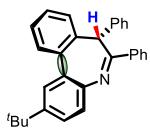
2-Methyl-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4b**)

White solid (68.2 mg, 95% yield). 87% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 436.86$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.82 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.86 (m, 4H), 6.83 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.3, 144.1, 140.6, 138.8, 137.6, 136.9, 133.6, 130.6, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.7, 126.4, 126.2, 53.8, 21.1. The ee of compound **4b** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 9.1 min, t_{major} = 10.8 min). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶



2-Isopropyl-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4c**)

White solid (74.4 mg, 96% yield). 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 475.66$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.80 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 2.90 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.8, 144.7, 144.5, 140.5, 138.9, 137.5, 137.3, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.6, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 126.7, 126.4, 126.2, 125.9, 125.7, 53.7, 33.8, 24.2, 23.8. IR (KBr): 3056, 2923, 1615, 1450, 1333, 1267, 747 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₉H₂₆N [M+H]⁺ 388.2065, found 388.2047. The ee of compound **4c** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 9.6 min, t_{major} = 12.8 min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4d**)

White solid (76.2 mg, 95% yield). 97% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 842.86$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.30 (m, 7H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 3H), 6.72 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 5.92 (s, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.9, 145.8, 143.0, 139.4, 137.9, 136.4, 136.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.6, 124.8, 124.7, 124.3, 123.5, 52.6, 33.3, 30.2. The ee of compound **4d** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 9.4 min, t_{major} = 11.3 min). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶



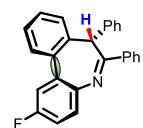
2,6,7-Triphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4e**)

White solid (79.2 mg, 94% yield). 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 523.80$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.09 (dd, J = 3.7, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.83 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 6.05 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.3, 145.6, 140.8, 140.4, 138.9, 137.4, 136.9, 136.7, 131.3, 130.5, 129.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.2, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 53.9. The ee of compound **4e** was determined by HPLC using an IB column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{major} = 16.2 min, t_{minor} = 18.8 min). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶



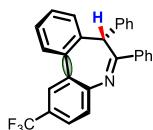
2-Methoxy-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4f**)

White solid (69.8 mg, 93% yield). 80% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 481.74$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.84 (dd, J = 6.1, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.77 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 6.95 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.80 (m, 2H), 6.69 – 6.58 (m, 3H). 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.9, 155.6, 140.7, 140.3, 138.7, 138.5, 137.4, 137.3, 137.1, 132.8, 130.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9, 126.7, 126.3, 115.6, 112.4, 55.6, 52.7. IR (KBr): 3058, 3019, 2926, 1614, 1269, 755. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₇H₂₁NO [M+H]⁺ 376.1701, found 376.1695. The ee of compound **4f** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 12.6 min, t_{major} = 17.5 min).



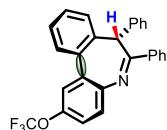
2-Fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4g**)

White solid (68.2 mg, 94% yield). 78% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 146.34$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.01 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.05 (dd, $J = 10.0, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, $J = 4.3, 2.3$ Hz, 3H), 6.79 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.69 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 5.95 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.1, 158.8 (d, $J = 244.1$ Hz), 142.8 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 140.2, 138.8, 137.2, 135.9 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 132.4 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 130.5, 130.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 126.3, 114.9 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 114.2 (d, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 53.6. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -118.07. IR (KBr): 3059, 3023, 2925, 1615, 1265, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 364.1502, found 364.1495. The ee of compound **4g** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{major}} = 9.5$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.7$ min).



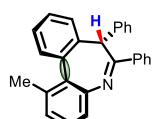
6,7-Diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4h)

White solid (43.0 mg, 52% yield). 72% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 127.46$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.13 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 5.8, 3.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.27 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.6$ Hz, 3H), 6.70 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 6.02 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.2, 147.5, 138.6, 138.0, 135.7, 134.7, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7 (q, $J = 268.0$ Hz), 125.5, 125.4, 124.8 (q, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 124.4, 122.8 (q, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 52.7. The ee of compound **4h** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.9$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 8.5$ min). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶



6,7-Diphenyl-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4i)

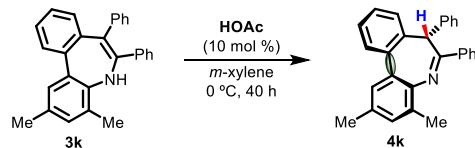
White solid (79.0 mg, 92% yield). 81% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 615.20$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.14 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz, 3H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 6.08 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.3, 145.0, 144.8, 139.9, 139.0, 137.0, 135.7, 132.3, 130.7, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.3, 120.8, 120.5 (q, $J = 256.8$ Hz), 120.2, 53.6. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -58.01. IR (KBr): 3061, 3028, 1619, 1444, 1254, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 430.1419, found 430.1419. The ee of compound **4i** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{major}} = 17.0$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 18.0$ min).



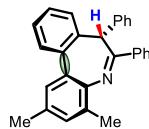
1-Methyl-6,7-diphenyl-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4j)

White solid (36.0 mg, 50% yield). 72% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 423.60$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 10.9, 4.6$ Hz, 3H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 167.4, 146.9, 140.8, 140.4, 137.4, 135.1, 134.3, 132.3, 130.9, 130.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.6, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 123.0, 53.8, 22.1. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$]⁺ 360.1752, found 360.1752. The ee of compound **4j** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.5$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 12.0$ min). The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶

Tautomerization of enamines **3k** by using catalytic amount of HOAc:

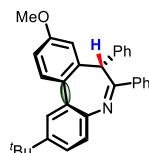


A 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with HOAc (1.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and *m*-xylene (0.34 mL), stirred for 10 min, and a *m*-xylene (0.34 mL) solution of enamine **3k** (74.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added. The vial was immediately sealed with a Teflon screw cap and stirred at 0 °C for 40 h. The mixture was then directly chromatographed on basic (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the desired product **4k**.



2,4-Dimethyl-6,7-diphenyl-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4k)

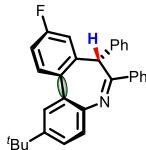
Colorless solid (70.9 mg, 95% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.18 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.95 – 6.79 (m, 3H), 6.66 (dd, $J = 14.9, 11.7$ Hz, 3H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 162.1, 141.4, 139.1, 137.6, 136.7, 136.1, 132.0, 131.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 125.5, 125.0, 124.9, 52.0, 20.0, 17.7. The spectral data are in accordance with the literature values.⁶



2-(*Tertert*-butyl)-9-methoxy-6,7-diphenyl-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4l)

White solid (82.0 mg, 95% yield). 90% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 411.80$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.06 (dd, $J = 6.5, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 2H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 8.6, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 5.93 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.3, 159.9, 146.9, 143.8, 140.6, 140.1, 137.3, 130.8, 130.4, 130.3, 130.2, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 126.7, 125.9, 125.8, 125.1, 124.0, 114.7, 113.3, 55.5, 53.8, 34.4, 31.3. IR (KBr): 3006, 2955, 1609, 1456, 1322, 813, 753

cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 432.2327, found 432.2321. IR (KBr): 3059, 2955, 1615, 1456, 1265, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 432.2327, found 432.2321. The ee of compound **4l** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 14.3$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 25.6$ min).



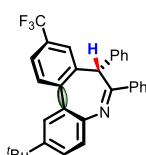
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4m)

White solid (72.2 mg, 86% yield). 90% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 722.26$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07 (dd, $J = 3.7, 2.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.10 (m, 4H), 6.89 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 3H), 6.80 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.3, 163.0 (d, $J = 248.0$ Hz), 147.0, 143.9, 140.6 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 140.2, 136.7, 133.7 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 131.3 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 130.4, 129.6, 128.8, 127.9, 127.5, 126.6, 126.1, 125.9, 125.2, 124.7, 116.0 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 114.9 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz), 53.5, 34.4, 31.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -115.52. IR (KBr): 3058, 2958, 1607, 1492, 1353, 1265, 753 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{FN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 420.2128, found 420.2115. The ee of compound **4m** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.2$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 13.2$ min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-chloro-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4n)

White solid (75.8 mg, 87% yield). 92% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 577.80$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07 (dd, $J = 6.4, 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 3H), 6.77 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.5, 147.1, 144.1, 140.2, 140.7, 136.6, 136.0, 134.1, 130.9, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 126.6, 126.1, 126.0, 125.2, 125.0, 53.3, 34.4, 31.2. IR (KBr): 3058, 2924, 1616, 1475, 1397, 1267, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClN} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 436.1832, found 436.1822. The ee of compound **4n** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.0$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 11.0$ min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-9-(trifluoromethyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4o)

White solid (77.0 mg, 82% yield). 87% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 428.80$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.09 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.56

– 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.86 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.8, 147.3, 144.4, 140.9, 140.0, 139.3, 136.5, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 129.3, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 126.6, 126.2 (q, J = 2.6 Hz), 126.0, 125.6, 125.5, 124.6 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 124.3 (q, J = 272.5 Hz), 53.5, 34.5, 31.2. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -61.90. IR (KBr): 3019, 2957, 1617, 1480, 1321, 1266, 747 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{NNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$ 492.1915, found 492.1910. The ee of compound **4o** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.8$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 9.3$ min).



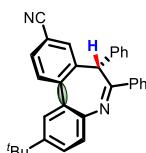
2-(*tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-9-(trifluoromethoxy)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4p)

White solid (87.4 mg, 90% yield). 91% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 501.46$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.08 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 – 6.87 (m, 3H), 6.74 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.4, 149.2, 147.2, 144.1, 140.4, 140.1, 136.5, 136.2, 131.0, 130.5, 129.3, 128.8, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.3, 125.1, 121.6, 120.6 (d, J = 257.6 Hz), 120.0, 53.4, 34.4, 31.2. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -57.64. IR (KBr): 3045, 2956, 1615, 1490, 1258, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 486.2045, found 486.2051. The ee of compound **4p** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.5$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 8.4$ min).



Ethyl 2-(*tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine-9-carboxylate (4q)

White solid (87.0 mg, 92% yield). 85% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 587.00$ ($c = 1$, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.16 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.05 (m, 3H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 6.76 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.5, 166.1, 147.2, 144.5, 141.8, 140.2, 139.0, 136.8, 130.8, 130.5, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 126.7, 126.1, 126.0, 125.5, 125.4, 61.2, 53.5, 34.5, 31.3. IR (KBr): 3056, 2959, 1714, 1615, 1398, 1266, 742 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_2$ [$\text{M}+\text{H}$] $^+$ 474.2433, found 474.2416. The ee of compound **4q** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.5$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 8.6$ min).



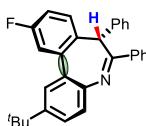
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine-9-carbonitrile (4r**)**

White solid (75.8 mg, 89% yield). 95% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 577.06$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.75 – 6.62 (m, 2H), 6.07 (s, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 147.4, 144.5, 142.0, 139.7, 139.5, 136.0, 133.0, 131.2, 130.8, 130.5, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 126.1, 125.3, 118.8, 111.6, 53.2, 34.5, 31.2. IR (KBr): 3059, 2957, 2227, 1616, 1484, 1265, 759 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₁H₂₇N₂ [M+H]⁺ 427.2174, found 427.2169. The ee of compound **4r** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t_{minor} = 12.4 min, t_{major} = 14.5 min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-9-nitro-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4s**)**

White solid (82.2 mg, 92% yield). 84% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 421.86$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.40 – 8.28 (m, 2H), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 6.81 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.6, 147.5, 147.4, 144.6, 143.9, 139.7, 139.6, 135.9, 130.9, 130.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.0, 127.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.5, 124.5, 122.8, 53.3, 34.5, 31.2. IR (KBr): 3060, 2960, 1607, 1520, 1394, 1260, 769 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₂₇N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 447.2073, found 447.2074. The ee of compound **4s** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t_{minor} = 5.9 min, t_{major} = 8.0 min).



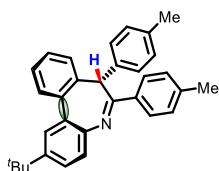
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-10-fluoro-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4t**)**

White solid (76.2 mg, 91% yield). 94% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 625.54$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 6.91 – 6.83 (m, 3H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 162.3 (d, *J* = 245.2 Hz), 144.1, 140.2, 139.4 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 137.2, 134.9 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 125.3, 125.2, 116.0 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 114.9 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 52.8, 34.4, 31.2. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -114.96. IR (KBr): 3056, 3013, 2958, 1613, 1487, 1265, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₂₇FN [M+H]⁺ 420.2128, found 420.2120. The ee of compound **4t** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t_{minor} = 6.2 min, t_{major} = 12.8 min).



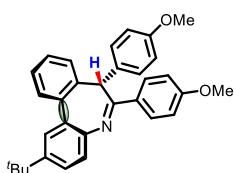
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-11-chloro-6,7-diphenyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4u**)

White solid (81.8 mg, 94% yield). 94% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 765.20$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.31 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.76 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 1.21 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.5, 145.5, 144.9, 142.8, 140.1, 136.7, 134.7, 134.3, 130.5, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.0, 126.4, 125.9, 124.9, 124.6, 53.7, 34.3, 31.1. IR (KBr): 3059, 2960, 1618, 1493, 1262, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₂₇ClN [M+H]⁺ 436.1832, found 436.1820. The ee of compound **4u** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 9.3 min, t_{major} = 12.0 min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-di-*p*-tolyl-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4a'**)

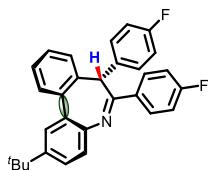
White solid (80.8 mg, 94% yield). 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 600.40$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dt, J = 14.3, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.1, 146.6, 144.3, 140.5, 139.3, 137.8, 137.5, 135.2, 134.4, 130.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.6, 125.7, 125.4, 124.6, 53.3, 34.4, 31.3, 21.5, 20.7. IR (KBr): 3041, 2959, 1610, 1467, 1325, 1267, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₂H₃₂N [M+H]⁺ 430.2535, found 430.2517. The ee of compound **4a'** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{major} = 9.5 min, t_{minor} = 12.5 min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (**4b'**)

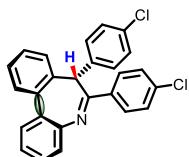
White solid (87.6 mg, 95% yield). 95% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 497.86$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.43 – 6.35 (m, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.4, 161.4, 157.6, 146.4, 144.2, 139.2, 137.5, 133.1, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.4, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 125.7, 125.3, 124.6, 113.9, 112.7, 55.4, 55.1, 52.7, 34.4, 31.3. IR (KBr): 3051, 2924, 1606, 1509, 1460, 1251, 738 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₂H₃₂NO₂ [M+H]⁺ 462.2433, found 462.2420.

The ee of compound **4b'** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.2$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 12.5$ min).



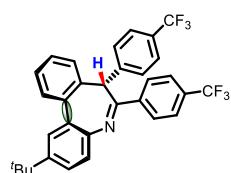
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4c')

White solid (77.8 mg, 89% yield). 94% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 489.54$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 4.1, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.20 – 7.06 (m, 4H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.5, 164.2 (d, *J* = 251.1 Hz), 161.1 (d, *J* = 244.5 Hz), 147.2, 143.8, 138.6, 137.3, 136.4 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 132.9 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 130.5, 130.0 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 129.8, 129.4, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 125.7, 125.4, 124.8, 115.7 (d, *J* = 21.7 Hz), 114.1 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 52.8, 34.5, 31.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -110.22, -117.21. IR (KBr): 3066, 2924, 1608, 1504, 1224, 727 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₂₆F₂N [M+H]⁺ 438.2033, found 438.2028. The ee of compound **4c'** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{major}} = 11.2$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 12.5$ min).



6,7-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4d')

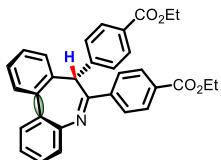
White solid (70.2 mg, 85% yield). 80% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 415.00$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 12.7 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 5H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.1, 145.8, 138.4, 138.3, 136.8, 136.7, 135.7, 131.9, 130.7, 130.0, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 126.3, 124.7, 52.8. IR (KBr): 3061, 2923, 1617, 1432, 1091, 762 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₂₆H₁₈Cl₂N [M+H]⁺ 414.0816, found 414.0816. The ee of compound **4d'** was determined by HPLC using an IB column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/5, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.9$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 15.7$ min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4e')

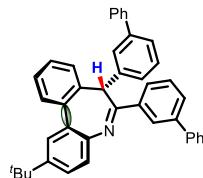
White solid (88.0 mg, 82% yield). 95% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 534.74$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.1

Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.6, 147.9, 143.8, 143.1, 141.3, 138.3, 137.2, 132.1 ($q, J = 32.7$ Hz), 130.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4 ($q, J = 32.4$ Hz), 128.3, 128.1, 127.0, 125.8, 125.7 ($q, J = 3.8$ Hz), 125.4, 125.1, 124.3 ($q, J = 3.4$ Hz), 124.0 ($q, J = 272.2$ Hz), 123.9 ($q, J = 271.9$ Hz), 53.1, 34.5, 31.1. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.74. IR (KBr): 3055, 2925, 1618, 1462, 1322, 1266, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_6\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 538.1969, found 538.1968. The ee of compound **4e'** was determined by HPLC using an IB column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{major}} = 11.2$ min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 12.5$ min).



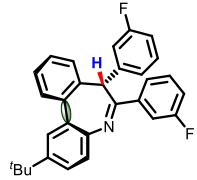
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White solid (88.0 mg, 90% yield). 82% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 434.94$ ($c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.18 – 8.12 (m, 4H), 7.76 (dd, $J = 5.9, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 4.42 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 166.3, 166.1, 164.4, 145.8, 143.8, 142.6, 138.2, 136.7, 132.1, 130.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 126.5, 126.4, 124.9, 61.3, 60.8, 53.6, 14.3, 14.2. IR (KBr): 3061, 2981, 1716, 1610, 1446, 1276, 734 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_4 [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 490.2018, found 490.2012. The ee of compound **4f'** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.0$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 34.9$ min).



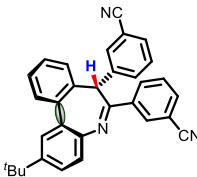
6,7-Di([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2-(tert-butyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4g')

White solid (100.6 mg, 91% yield). 93% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 595.14$ ($c = 1, \text{CHCl}_3$). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, $J = 5.3, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (td, $J = 7.7, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (td, $J = 7.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.03 (s, 1H), 1.12 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.7, 147.0, 144.2, 141.8, 141.3, 140.9, 140.8, 140.4, 138.8, 138.0, 137.5, 130.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.2, 124.9, 124.8, 53.8, 34.5, 31.3. IR (KBr): 3056, 2960, 1607, 1479, 1266, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{36}\text{N} [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 554.2848, found 554.2838. The ee of compound **4g'** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.5$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 11.8$ min).



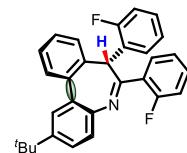
2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[*b,d*]azepine (4h'**)**

White solid (77.0 mg, 88% yield). 90% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 677.60$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 163.8, 163.7, 163.1 (d, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 162.3 (d, *J* = 245.1 Hz), 147.5, 143.7, 142.3 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 139.8 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 138.2, 137.3, 130.6, 130.2 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 129.8, 129.4, 128.8 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 125.8, 125.4, 124.9, 123.3 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 122.4 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 117.3 (d, *J* = 21.4 Hz), 114.9 (d, *J* = 22.9 Hz), 113.9 (d, *J* = 22.6 Hz), 112.8 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 53.1, 34.5, 31.3. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -112.17, -114.40. IR (KBr): 3063, 2960, 1611, 1482, 1323, 1263, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₀H₂₆F₂N [M+H]⁺ 438.2033, found 438.2033. The ee of **4h'** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, t_{minor} = 14.8 min, t_{major} = 19.5 min).



3,3'-(2-(*Tert*-butyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[b,d]azepine-6,7-diyl)dibenzonitrile (4i'**)**

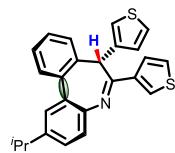
White solid (48.8 mg, 54% yield). 80% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 370.26$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 148.4, 143.3, 140.7, 138.5, 137.2, 137.0, 133.6, 131.8, 131.5, 130.9, 130.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 125.8, 125.5, 125.3, 118.5, 118.4, 113.3, 111.6, 52.3, 34.6, 31.2. IR (KBr): 3062, 2959, 2229, 1613, 1474, 1324, 1267, 755 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for C₃₂H₂₆N₃ [M+H]⁺ 452.2127, found 452.2117. The ee of compound **4i'** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t_{minor} = 11.3 min, t_{major} = 14.8 min).



2-(*Tert*-butyl)-6,7-bis(2-fluorophenyl)-7*H*-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4j'**)**

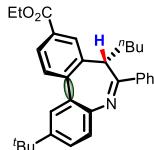
White solid (45.4 mg, 52% yield). 85% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 678.94$ (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.86 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.51

(t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.0, 162.9, 161.0 (d, $J = 250.2$ Hz), 160.3 (d, $J = 246.9$ Hz), 147.3, 143.3, 137.8, 137.5, 132.2 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 131.4 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 130.6, 130.2 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 129.6 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 129.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 125.6, 125.3, 124.7, 124.4 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 123.6 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 122.5 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 116.2 (d, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 114.9 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 51.8 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 34.5, 31.3. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -110.05, -111.34. IR (KBr): 3059, 2959, 1618, 1481, 1326, 1267, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{N}$ [M+H] $^+$ 438.2033, found 438.2033. The ee of compound **4j'** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 99/1, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 10.9$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 13.0$ min).



2-Isopropyl-6,7-di(thiophen-3-yl)-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine (4k')

White solid (69.4 mg, 87% yield). 71% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 284.54$ (c = 1, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.03 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, $J = 5.1, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, $J = 6.1, 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, $J = 5.1, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J = 5.0, 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 2.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 2.87 (dt, $J = 13.8, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 160.0, 144.7, 144.1, 143.4, 139.1, 137.2, 137.0, 131.1, 129.8, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 125.7, 124.2, 121.6, 51.1, 33.8, 24.1, 23.9. IR (KBr): 3056, 2957, 1732, 1616, 1261, 736 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NS}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 400.1194, found 400.1197. The ee of compound **4k'** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.4$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 17.9$ min).



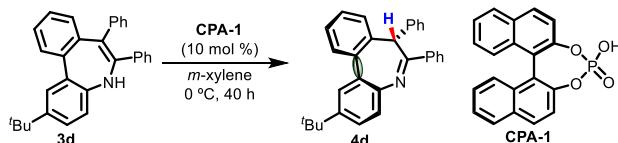
Ethyl 2-(*tert*-butyl)-7-butyl-6-phenyl-7H-dibenzo[b,d]azepine-9-carboxylate (4l')

Compound **4l'** was isolated as an inseparable diastereomeric mixture (dr = 4:1) in 56% yield (50.7 mg).

Yellow oil. 50% ee for the major diastereomer. $[\alpha]_D^{17} = 47.66$ (c = 1, CHCl_3). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, $J = 9.9, 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.70 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 4.60 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 0.79H), 4.32 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.98 – 2.93 (m, 0.21 H), 2.12 (s, 1H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 12H), 0.99 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.56 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 165.6, 165.5, 146.5, 143.0, 139.9, 139.4, 139.2, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 126.9, 125.5, 124.9, 124.8, 60.0, 49.8, 33.7, 30.5, 29.3, 25.2, 21.2, 13.4, 12.5. IR (KBr): 3060, 2959, 1716, 1619, 1454, 1364, 1254, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{36}\text{NO}_2$ [M+H] $^+$ 454.2746, found 454.2739. The ee of **4l'** was determined by HPLC using an IA column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.8$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 11.0$ min).

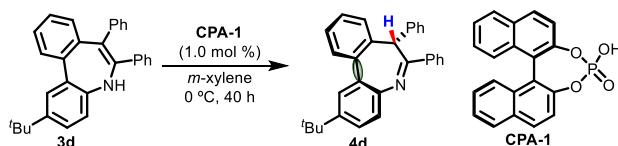
F. Further studies on the catalytic enantioselective tautomerization of enamine **3d**:

(I) Gram-scale studies:



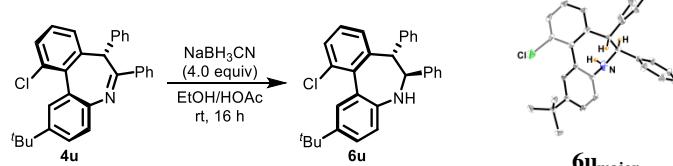
In a glovebox, a 25.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with **CPA-1** (104.4 mg, 0.3 mmol) and *m*-xylene (5.1 mL), stirred for 10 min, and a *m*-xylene (5.1 mL) solution of **3d** (1.20 g, 3.0 mmol) was added. The vial was immediately sealed with a Teflon screw cap and stirred at 0 °C for 40 h. The mixture was then directly chromatographed on basic alumina (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the desired product **4d** in 94% yield (1.13 g, 95% ee).

(II) Low catalyst loading studies:



In a glovebox, a 5.0 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with **CPA-1** (0.7 mg, 0.002 mmol) and *m*-xylene (0.34 mL), stirred for 10 min, and a *m*-xylene (0.34 mL) solution of enamine **3d** (80.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added. The vial was immediately sealed with a Teflon screw cap and stirred at 0 °C for 40 h. The mixture was then directly chromatographed on basic alumina (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford the desired product **4d** in 27% yield (21.6 mg, 96% ee).

G. Absolute stereochemistry assignment:



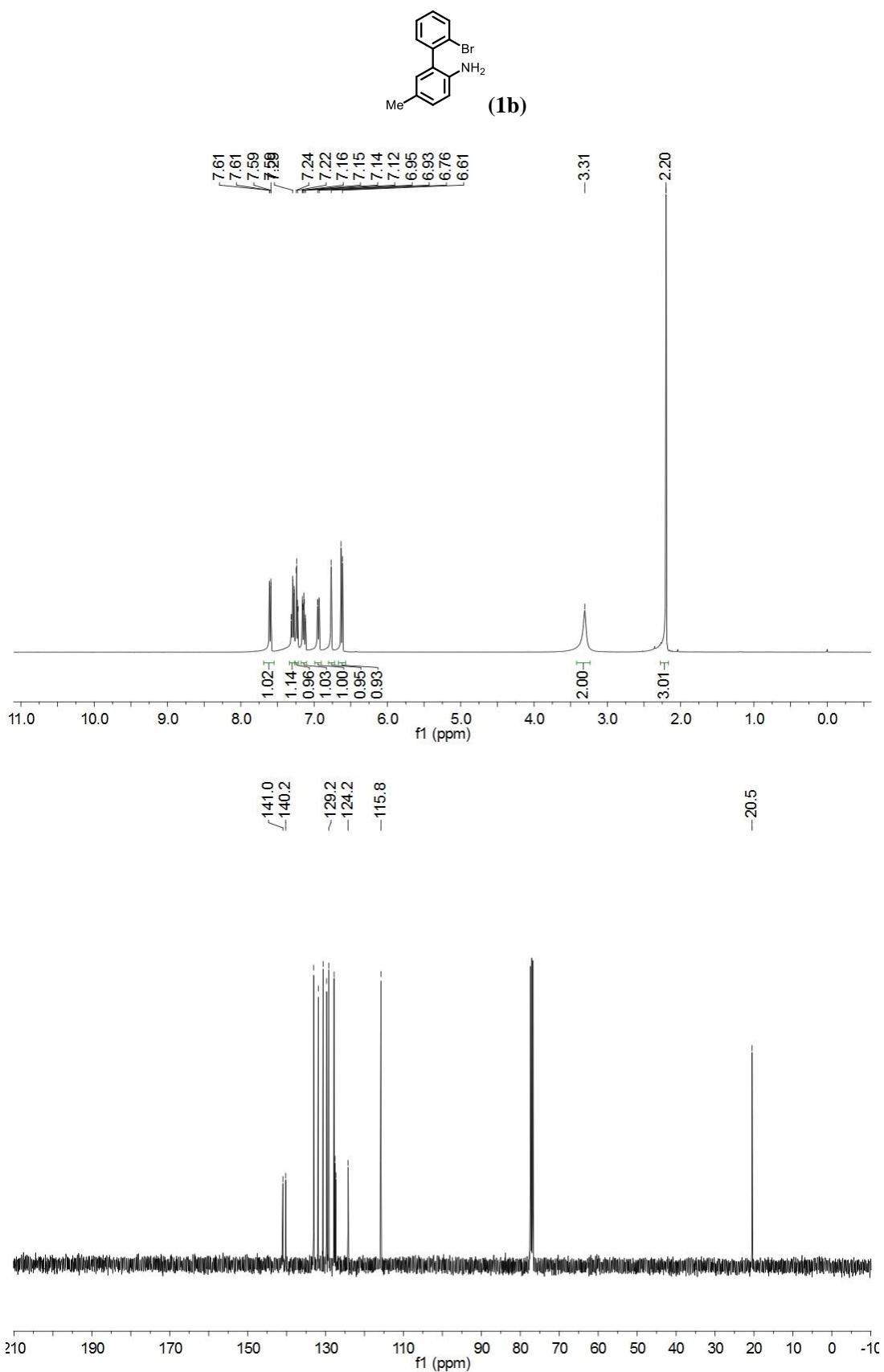
To an ethanol (10 mL) solution of **4u** (218.0 mg, 0.50 mmol), cooled at 0 °C, was sequentially added NaBH₃CN (125.6 mg, 2.0 mmol) and HOAc (180.0 mg, 3.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction completed, EtOAc (10 mL) and H₂O (20 mL) were added, the organic layer was washed several times with 1N NaOH and finally with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford product **6u** in 95% yield (208.1 mg, 8:1 *dr*). The analytical sample of the major regioisomer **6u_{major}** was collected by preparative thin-layer chromatography (92% ee). [α]_D¹⁷ = -40.06 (c = 1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.06 (m, 11H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.8, 143.6, 143.0, 140.3, 138.7, 137.3, 131.9, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 126.8, 126.7, 125.8, 125.5, 123.0, 72.6, 50.9, 34.5, 31.6. IR (KBr): 3360, 3061, 2962, 1602, 1394, 1260, 734 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for

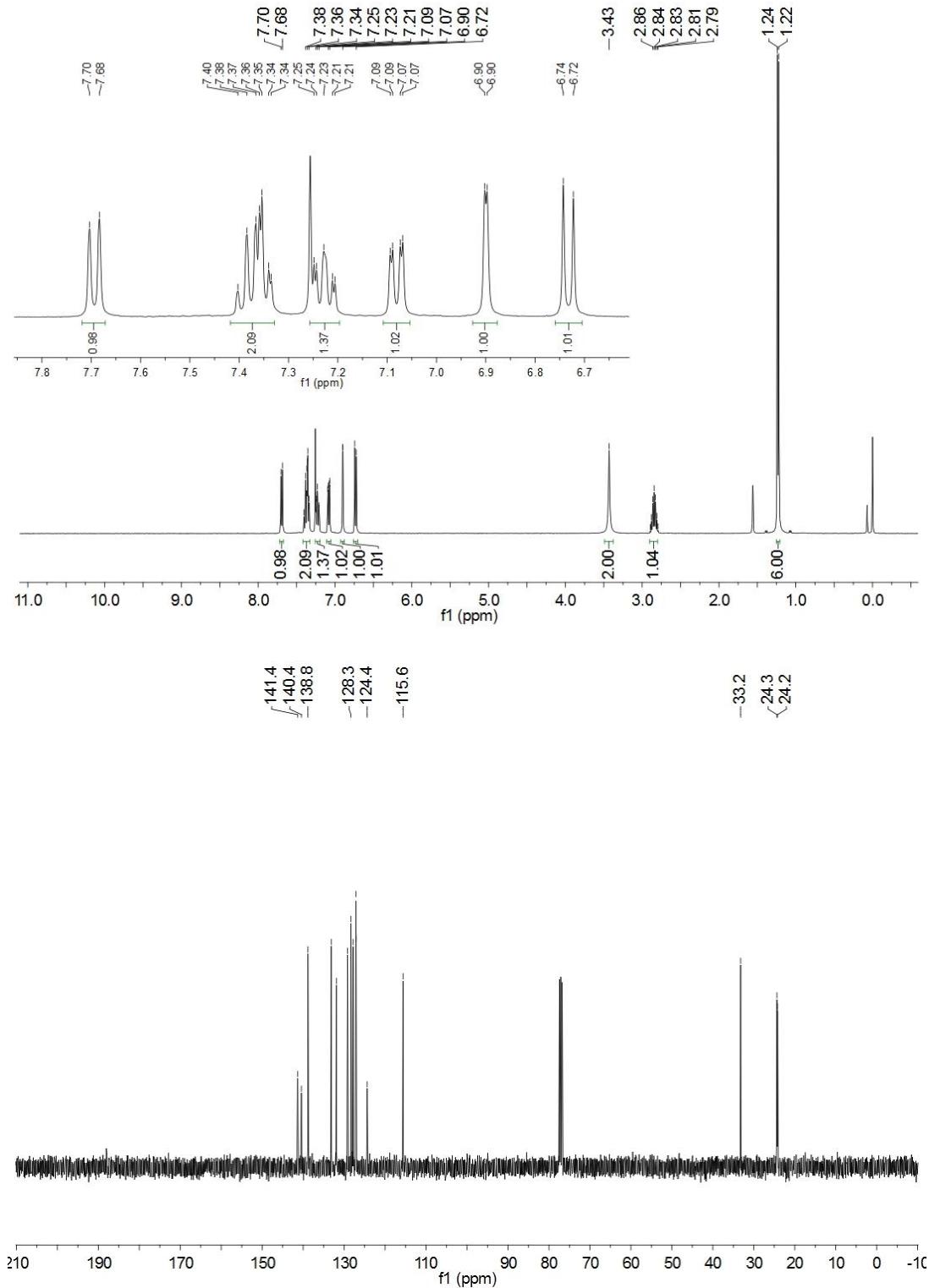
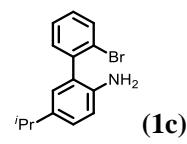
$C_{30}H_{29}ClN$ [M+H]⁺ 438.1989, found 438.1987. The ee of compound **6u_{major}** was determined by HPLC using an IC column (*n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min, $t_{\text{minor}} = 11.2$ min, $t_{\text{major}} = 12.7$ min).

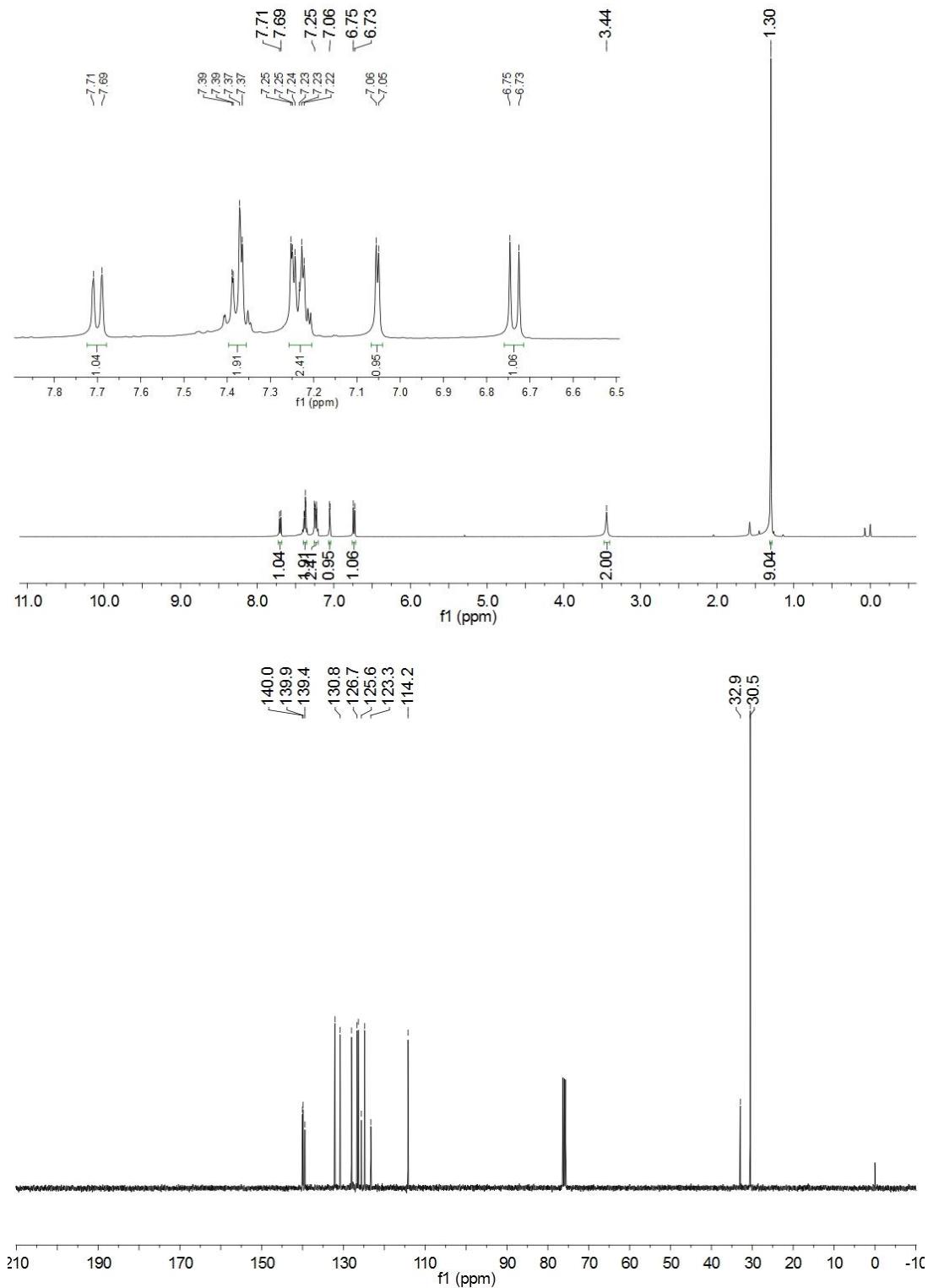
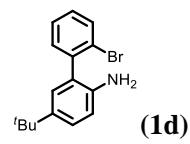
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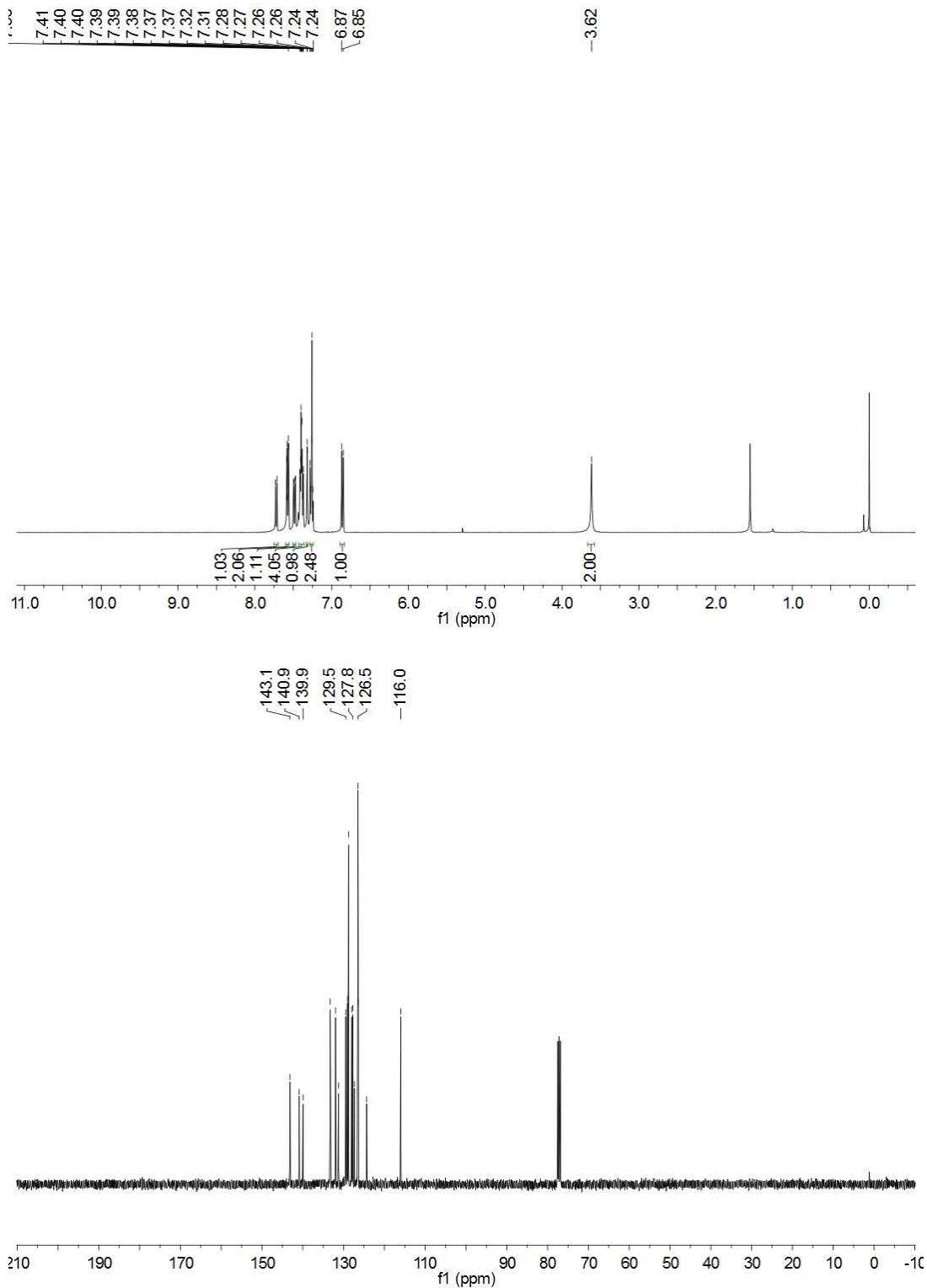
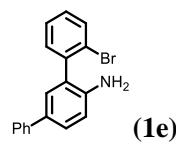
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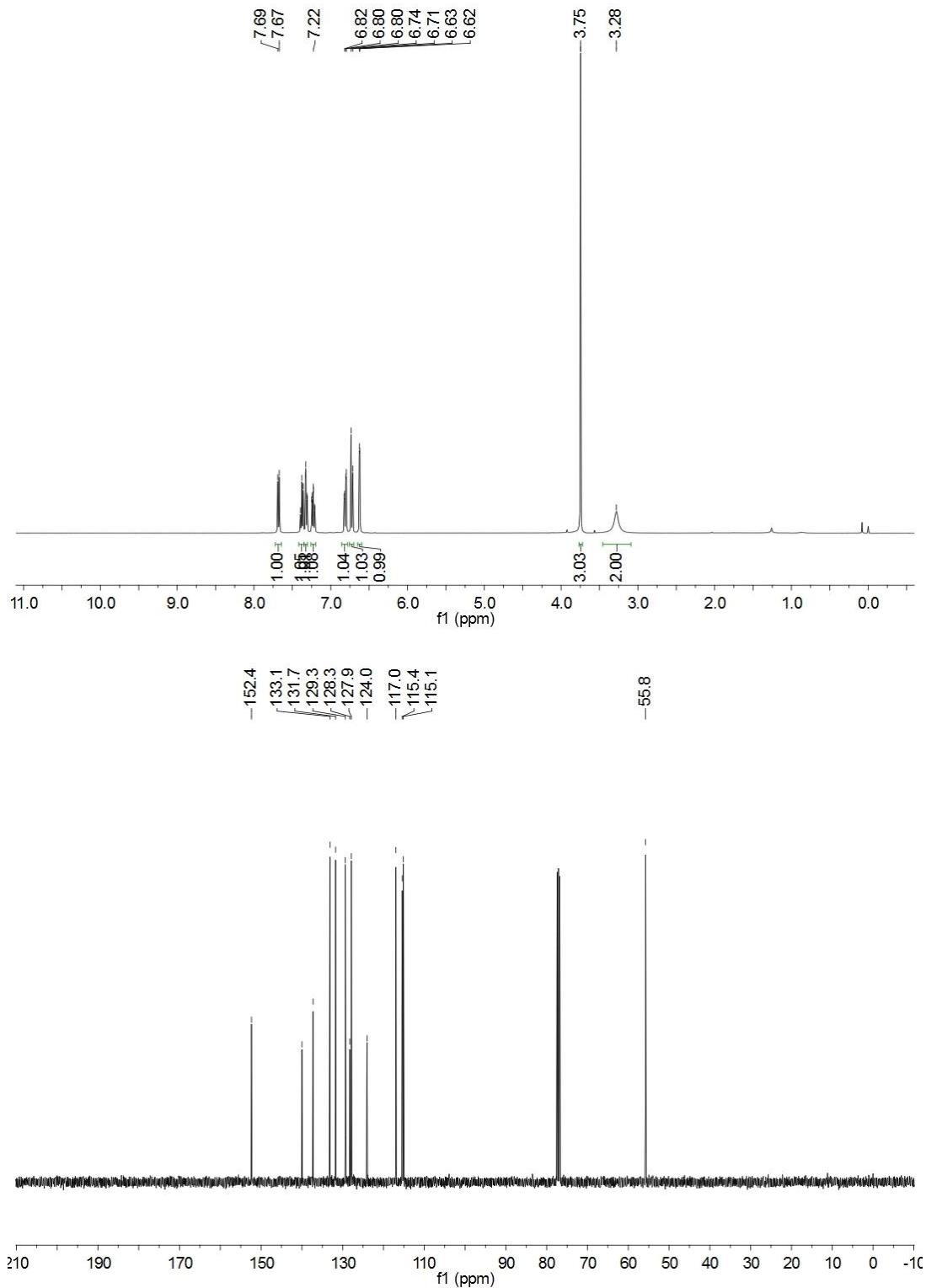
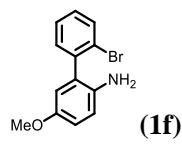
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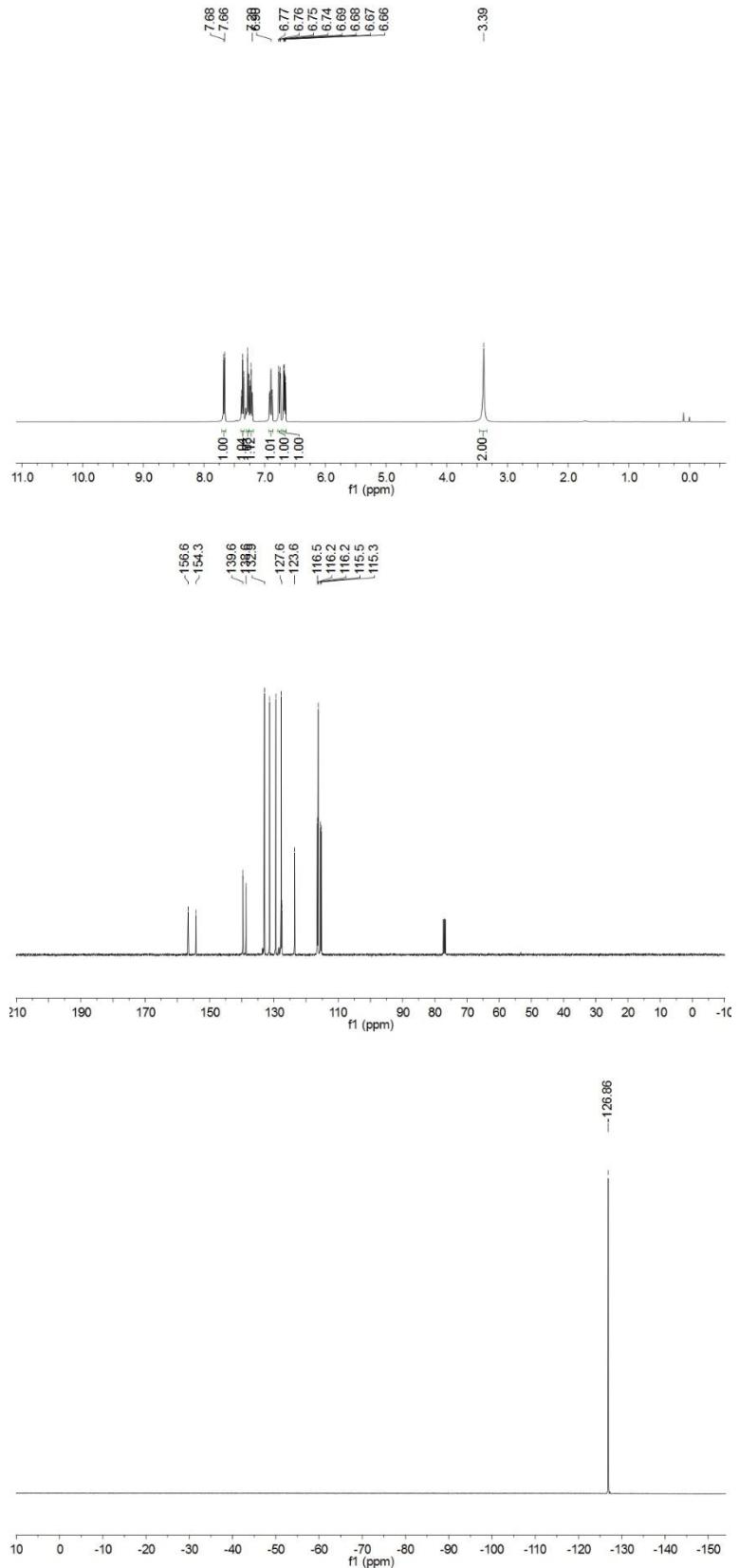
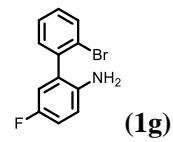


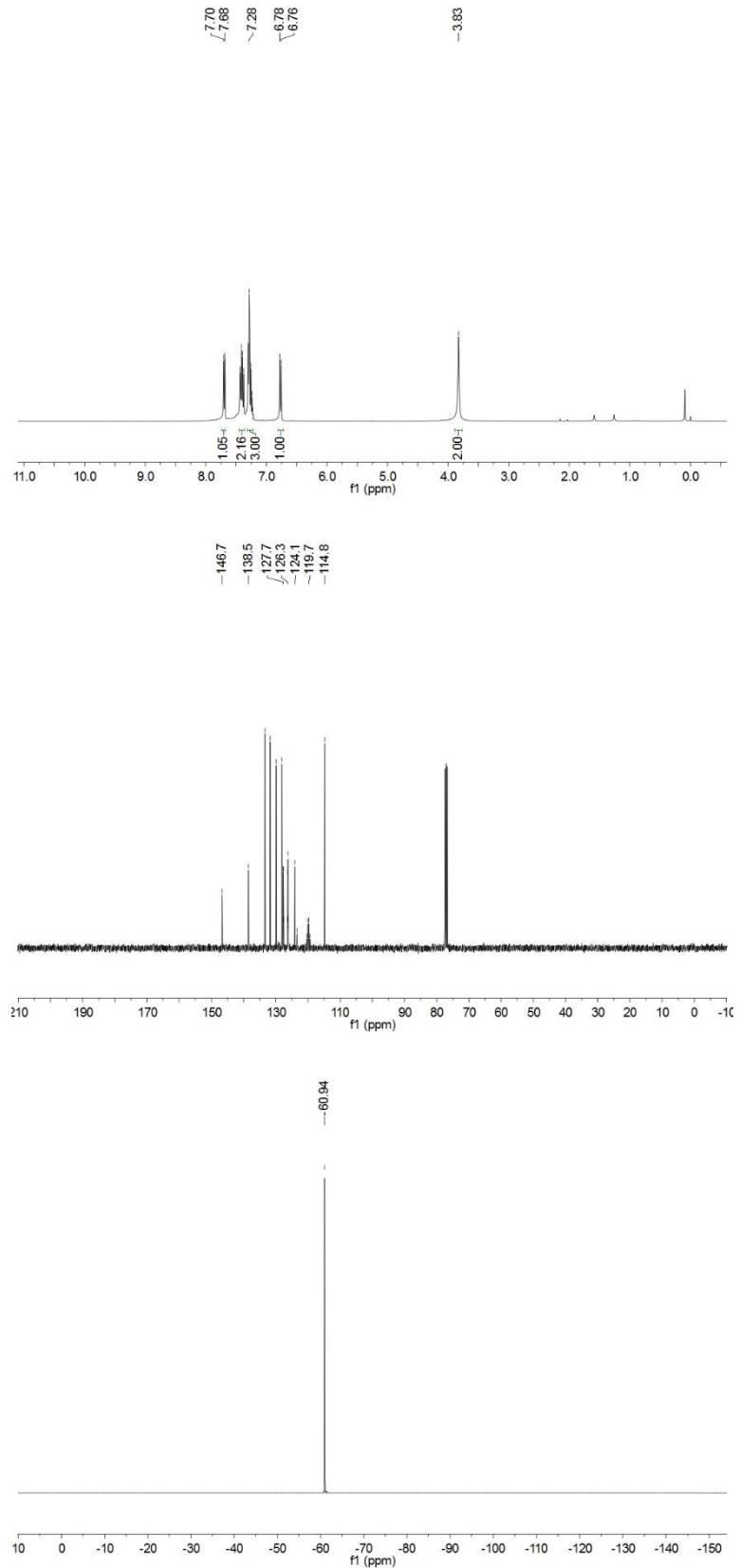
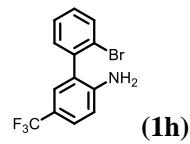


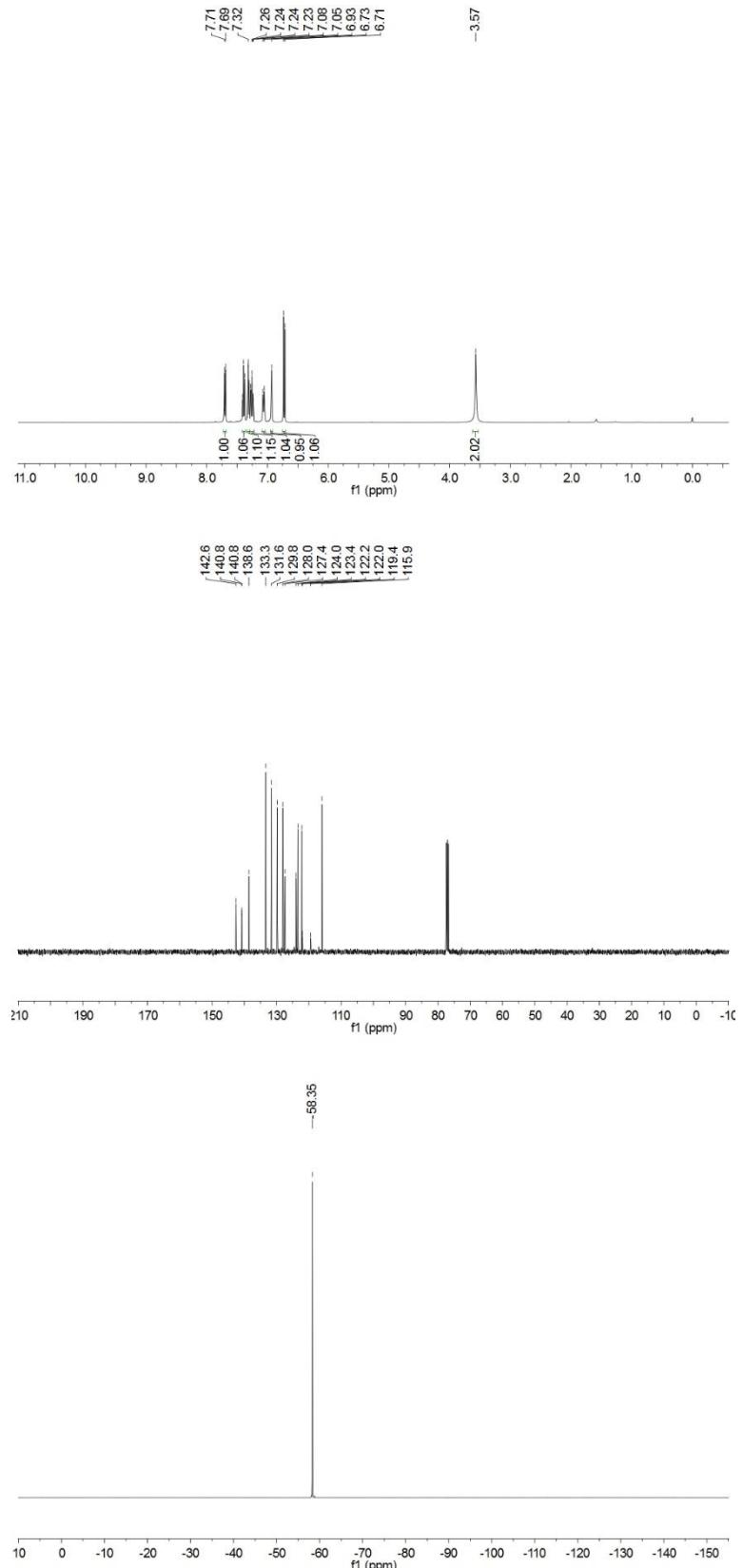
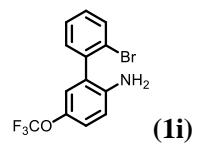


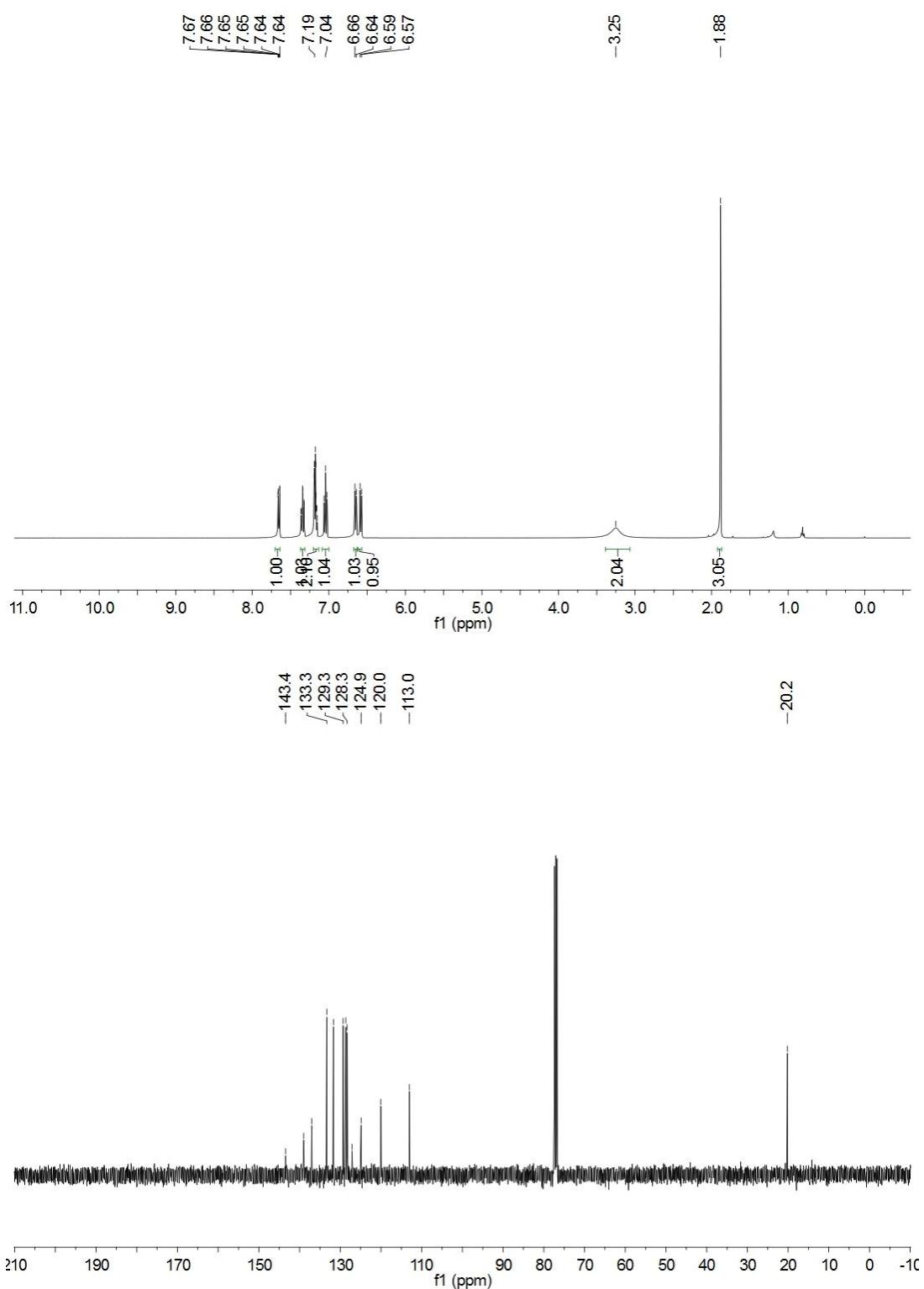
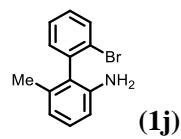


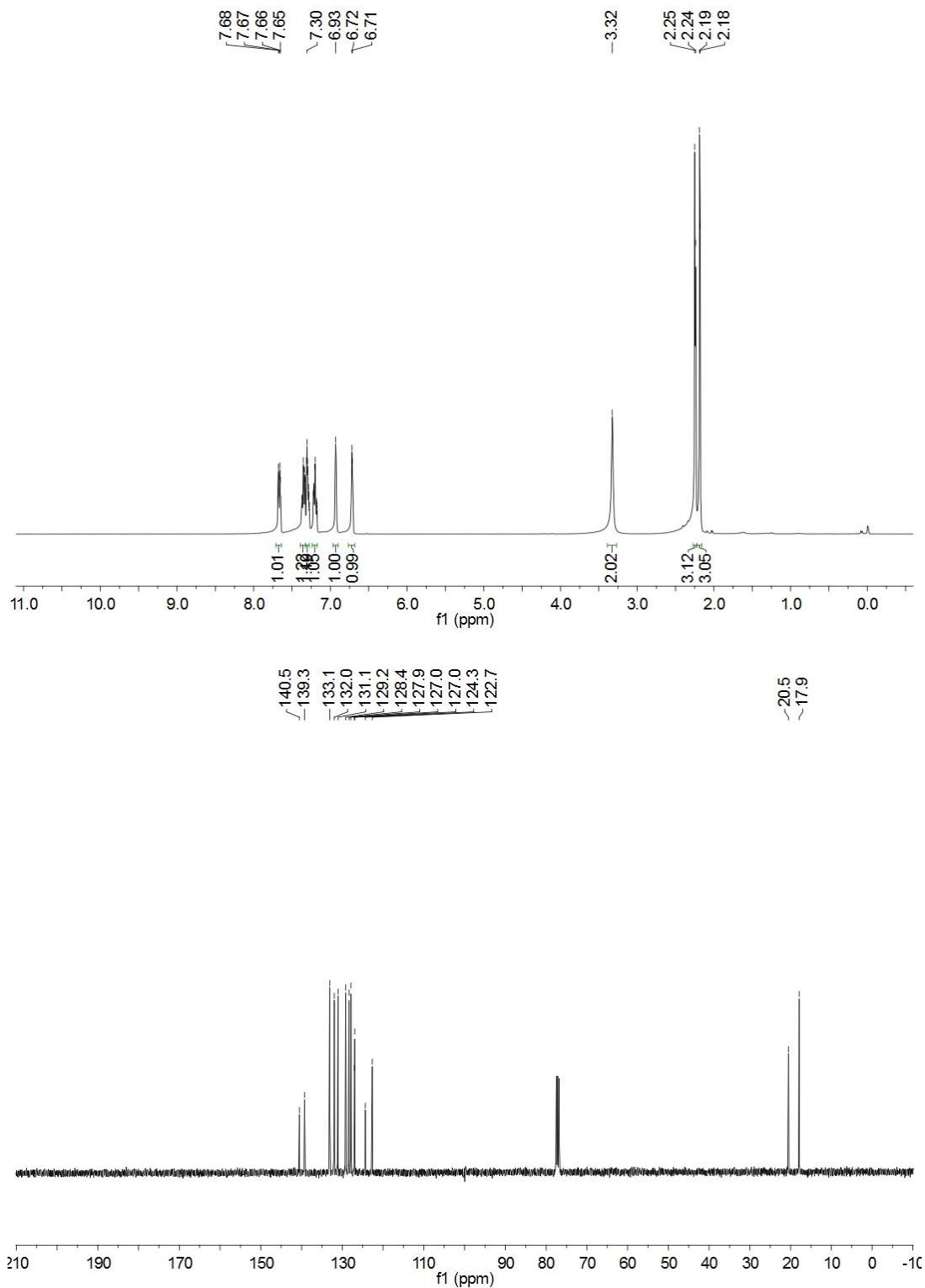
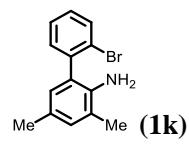


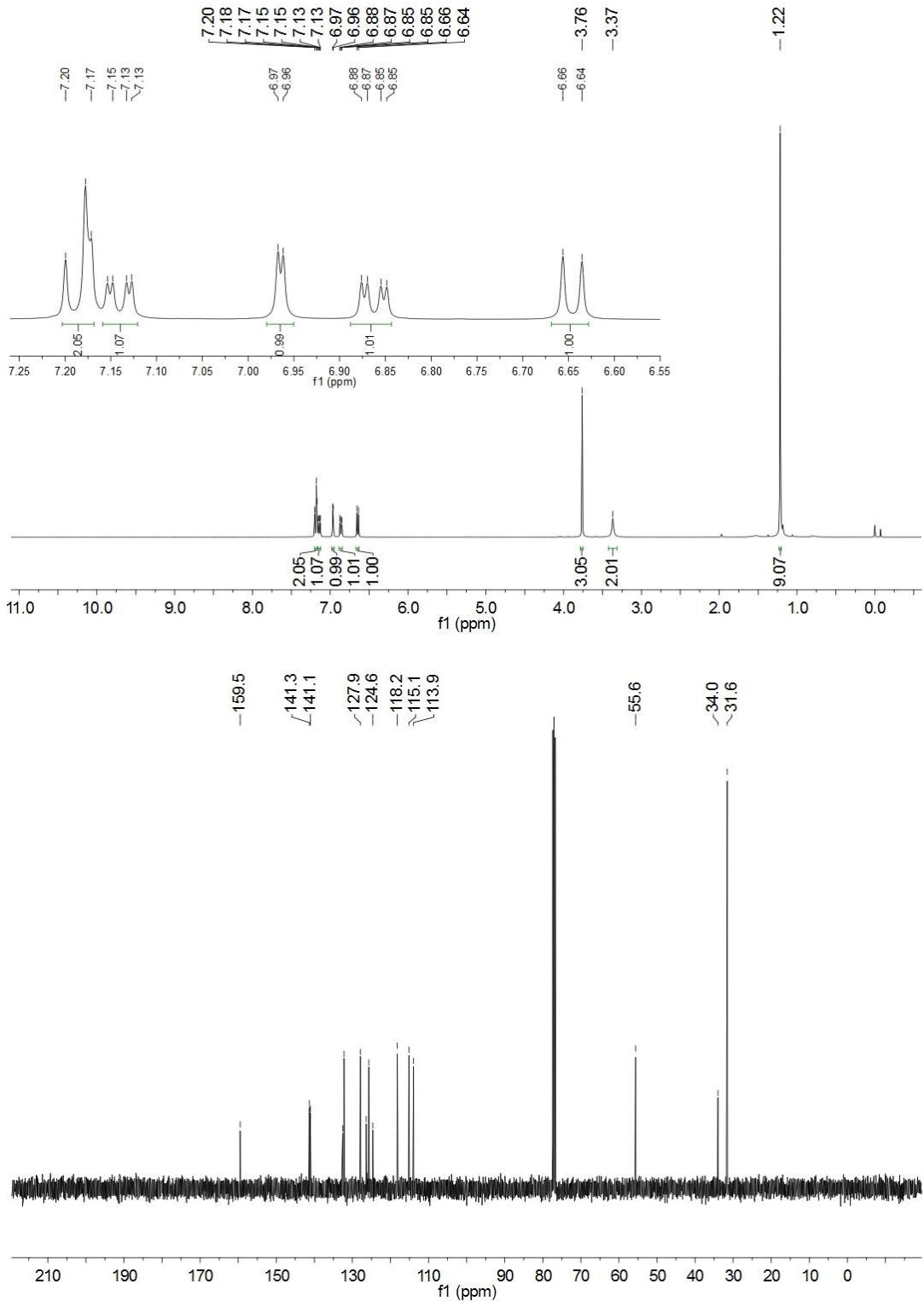
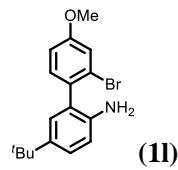


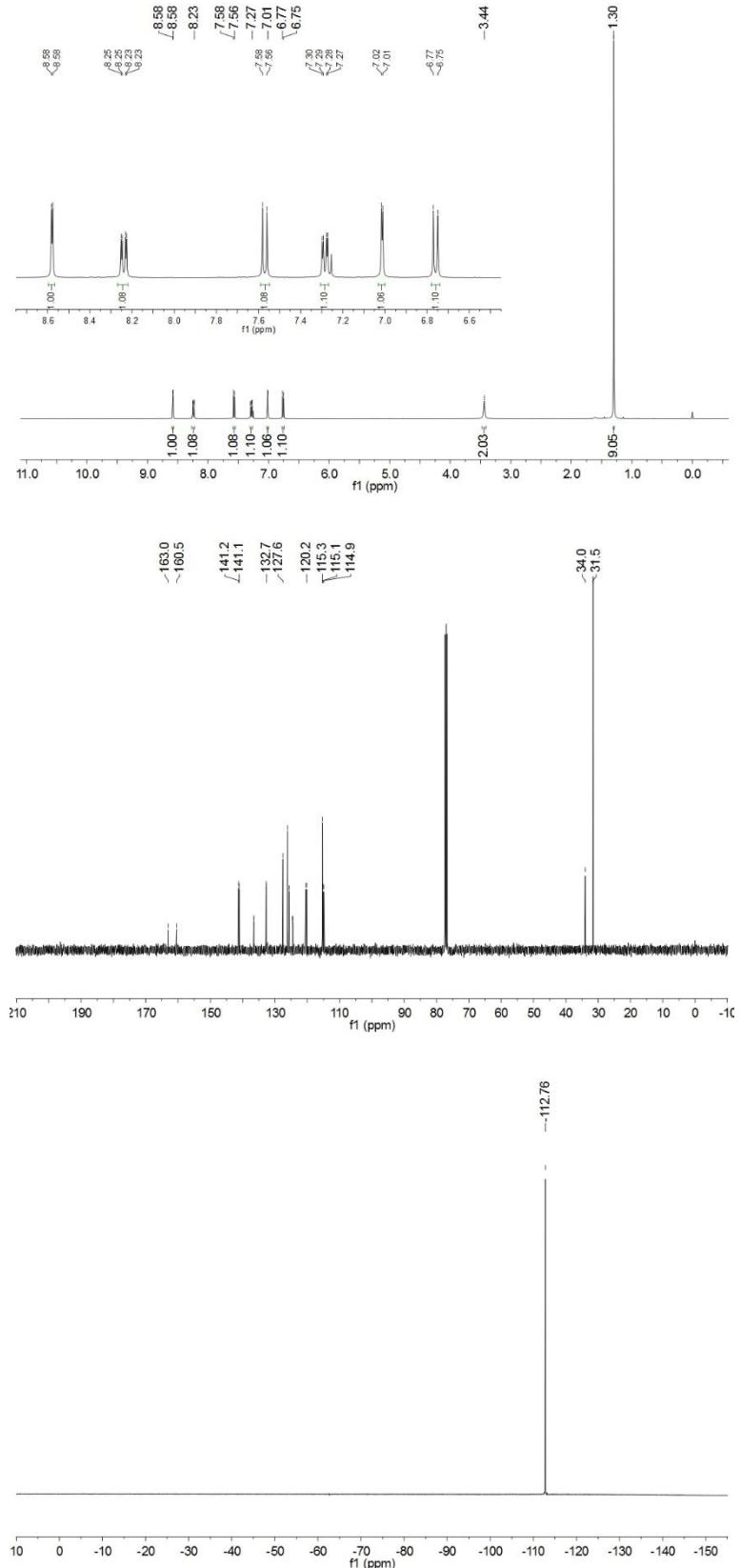
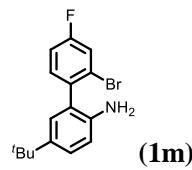


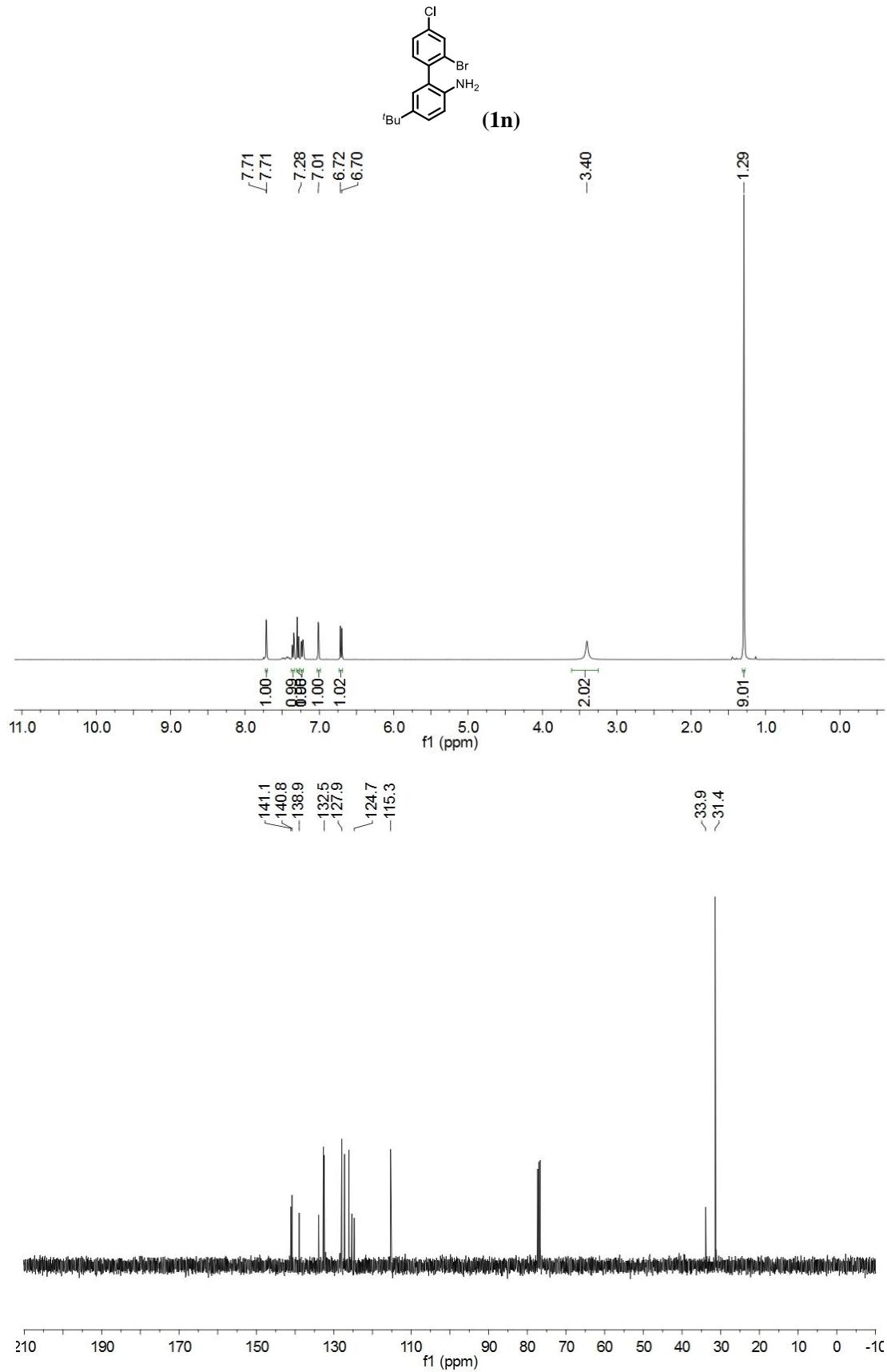


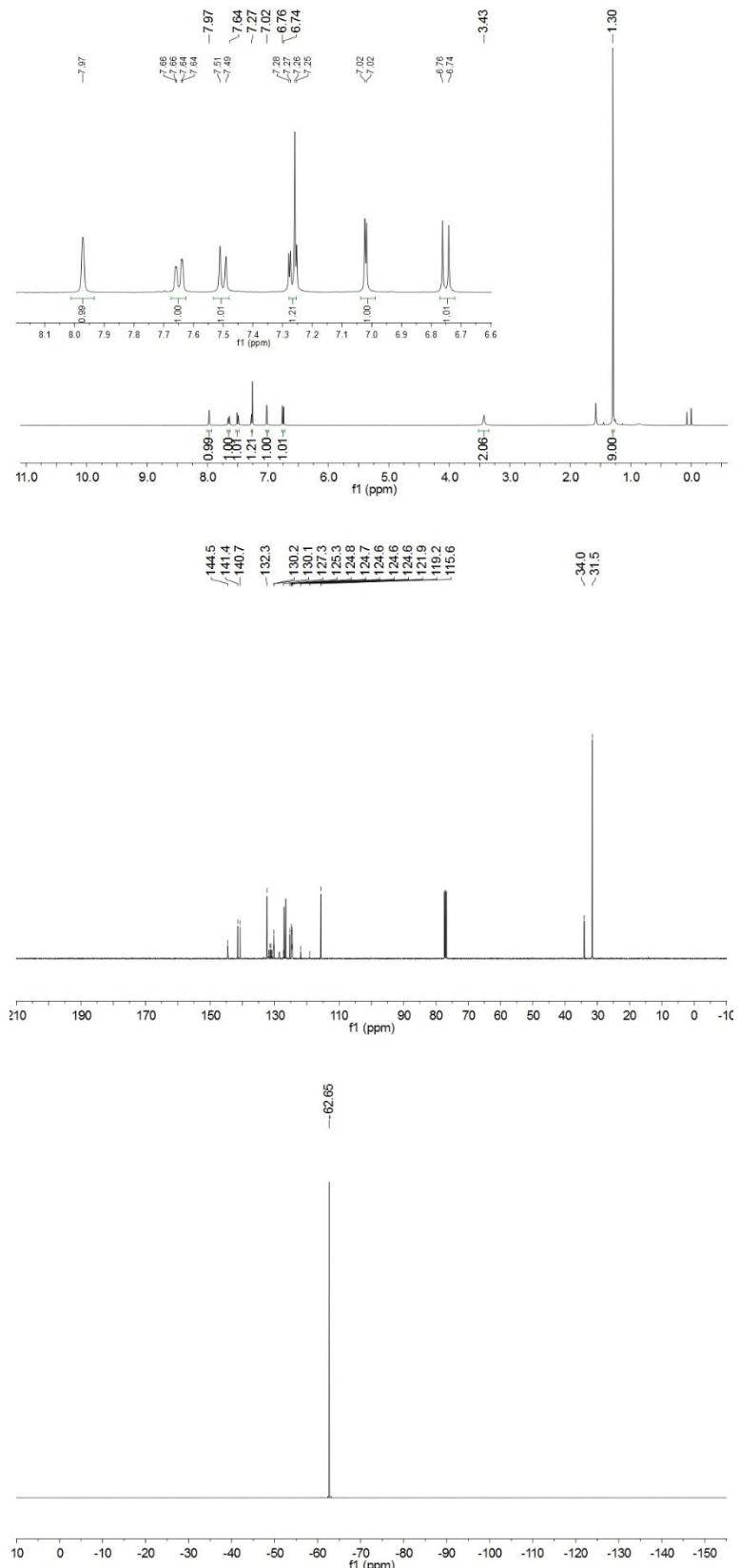
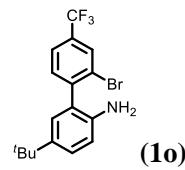


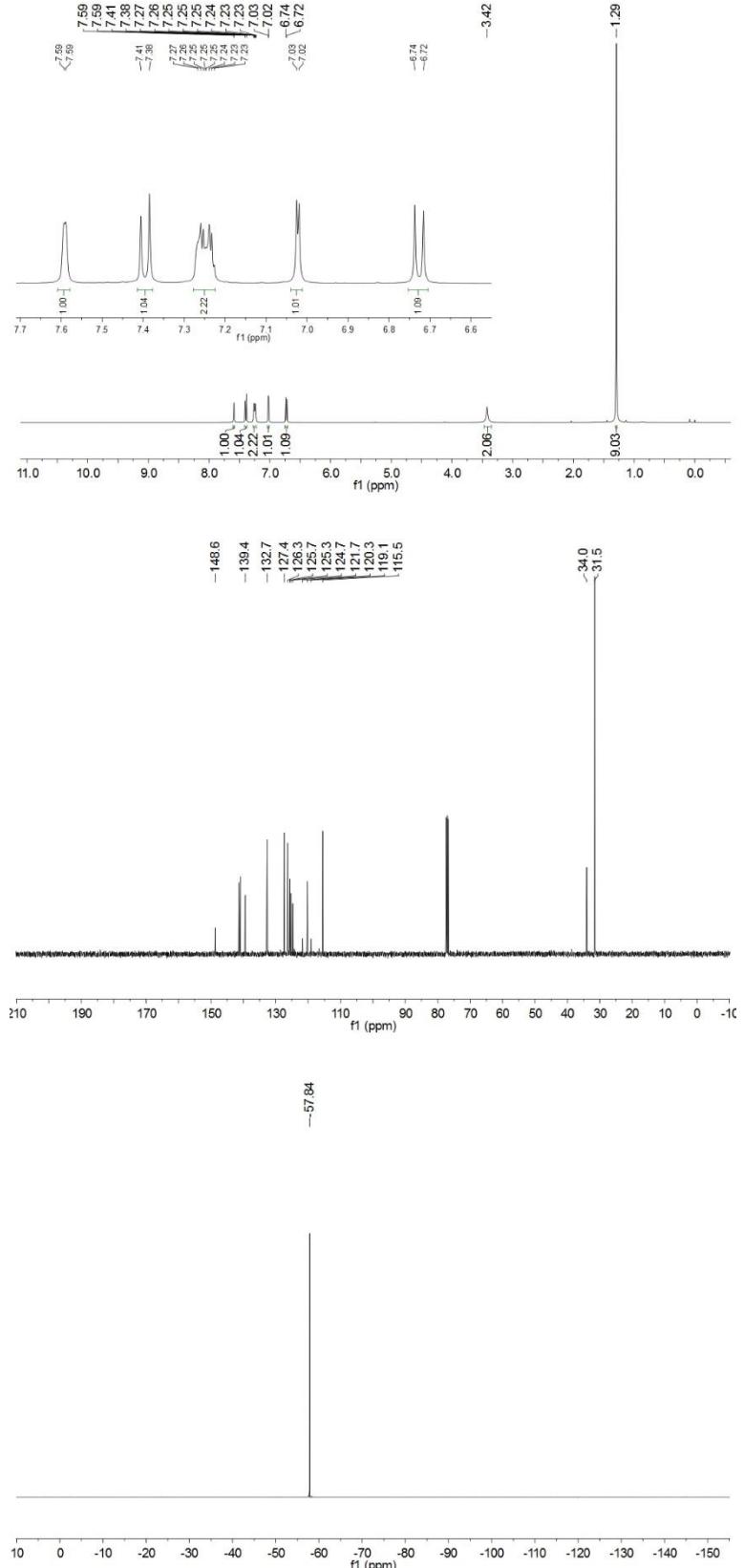
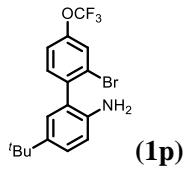


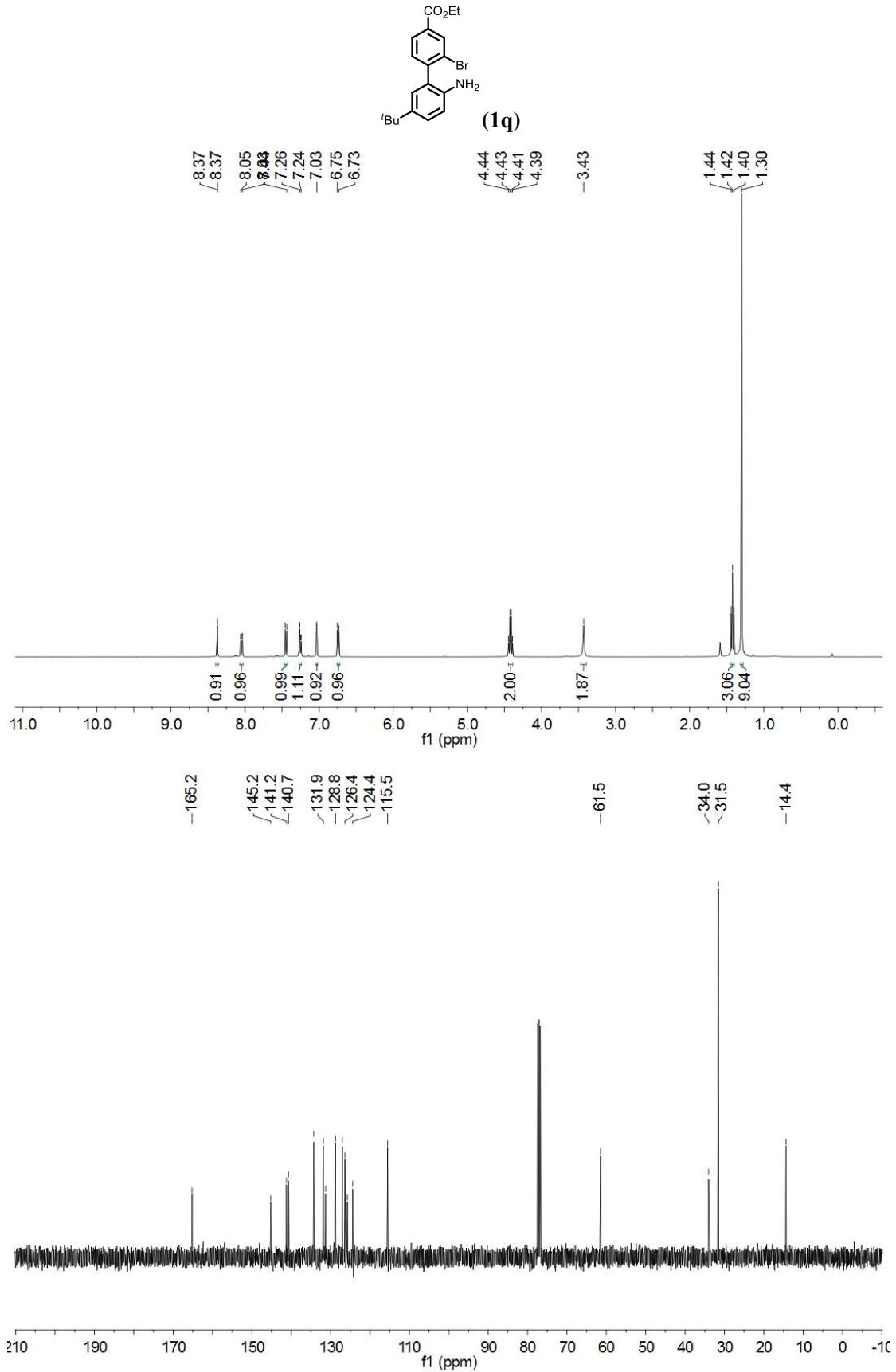


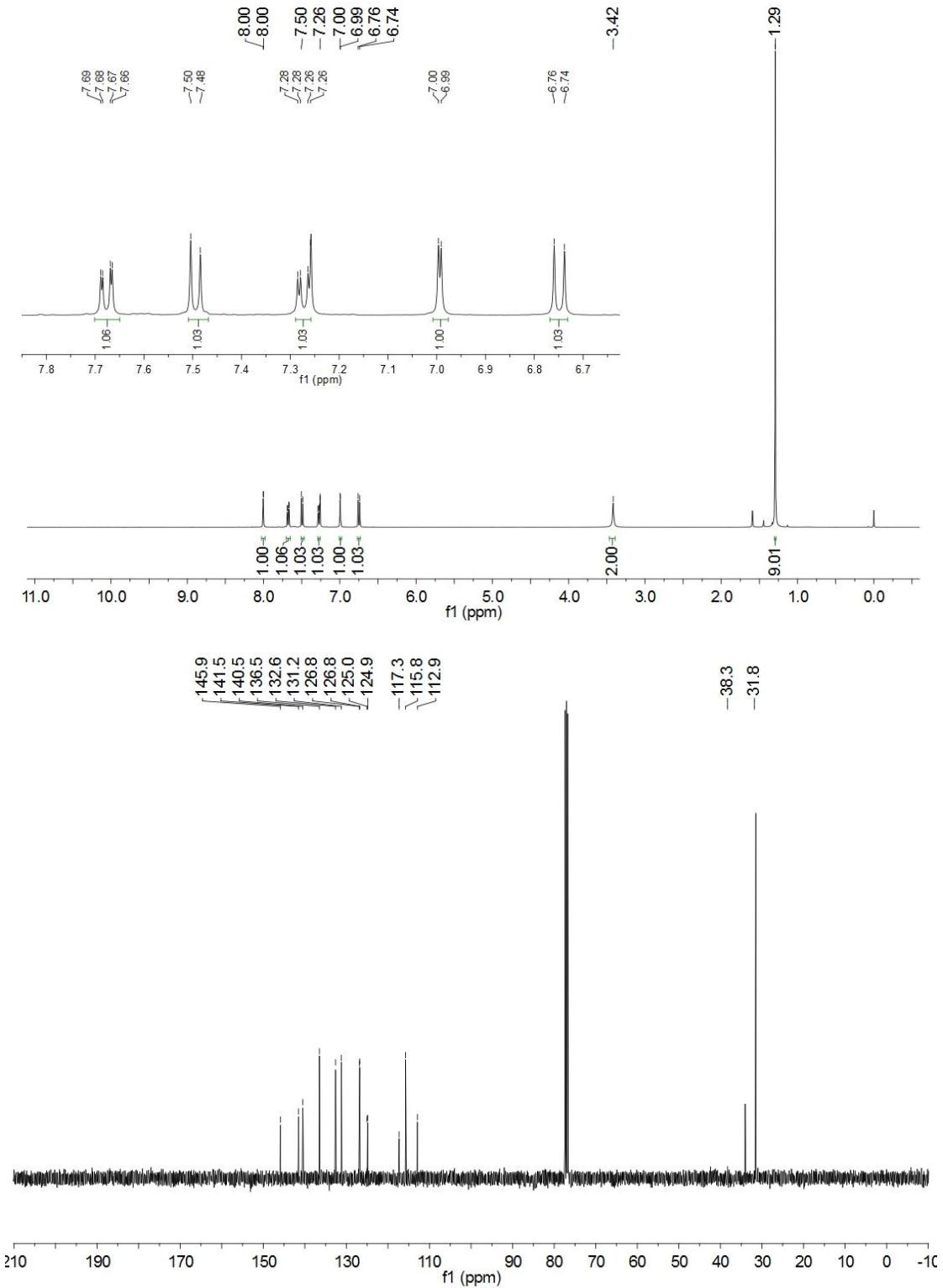
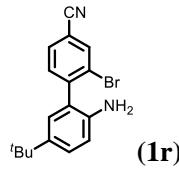


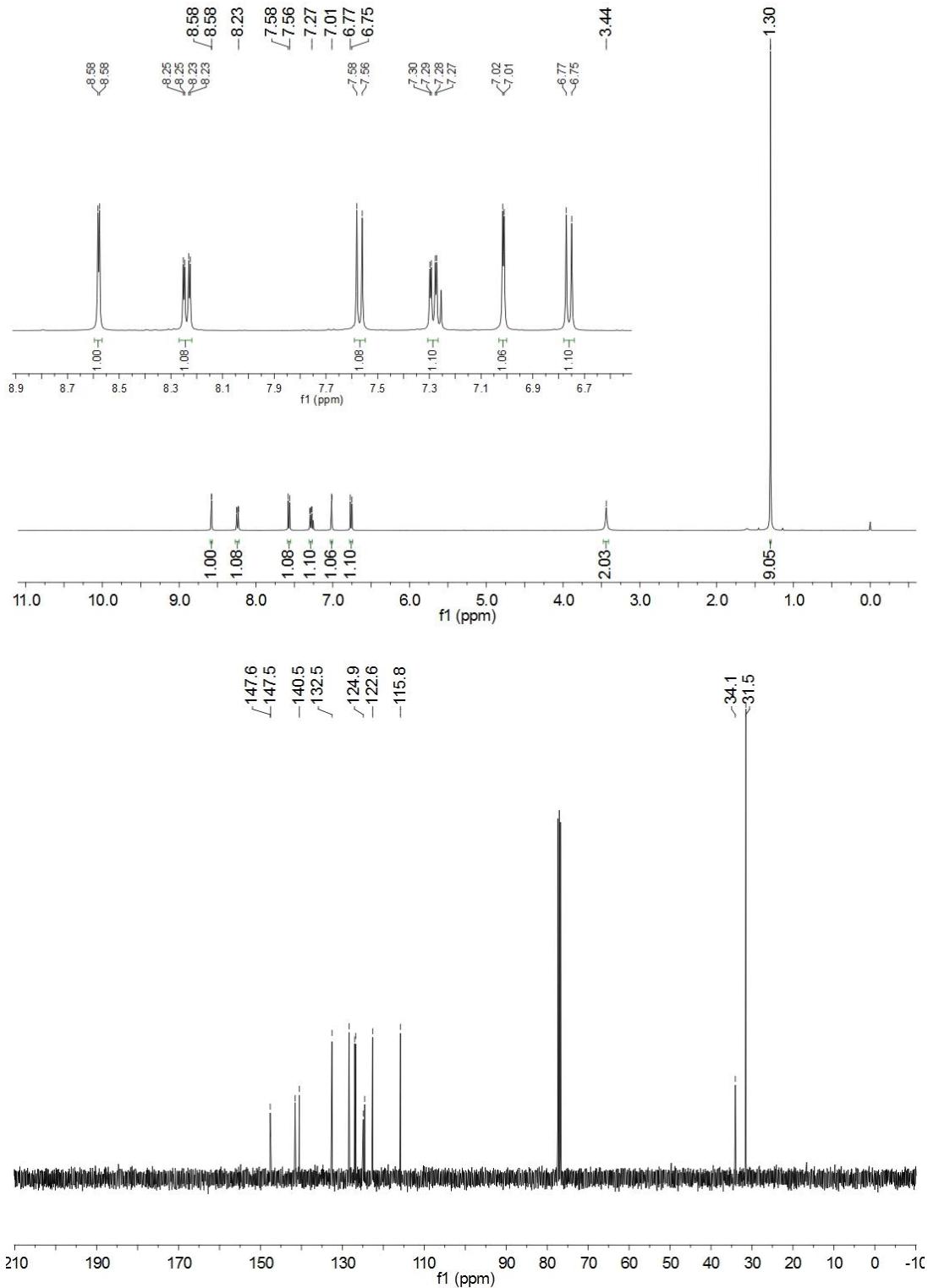
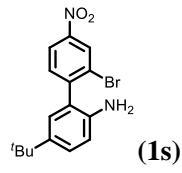


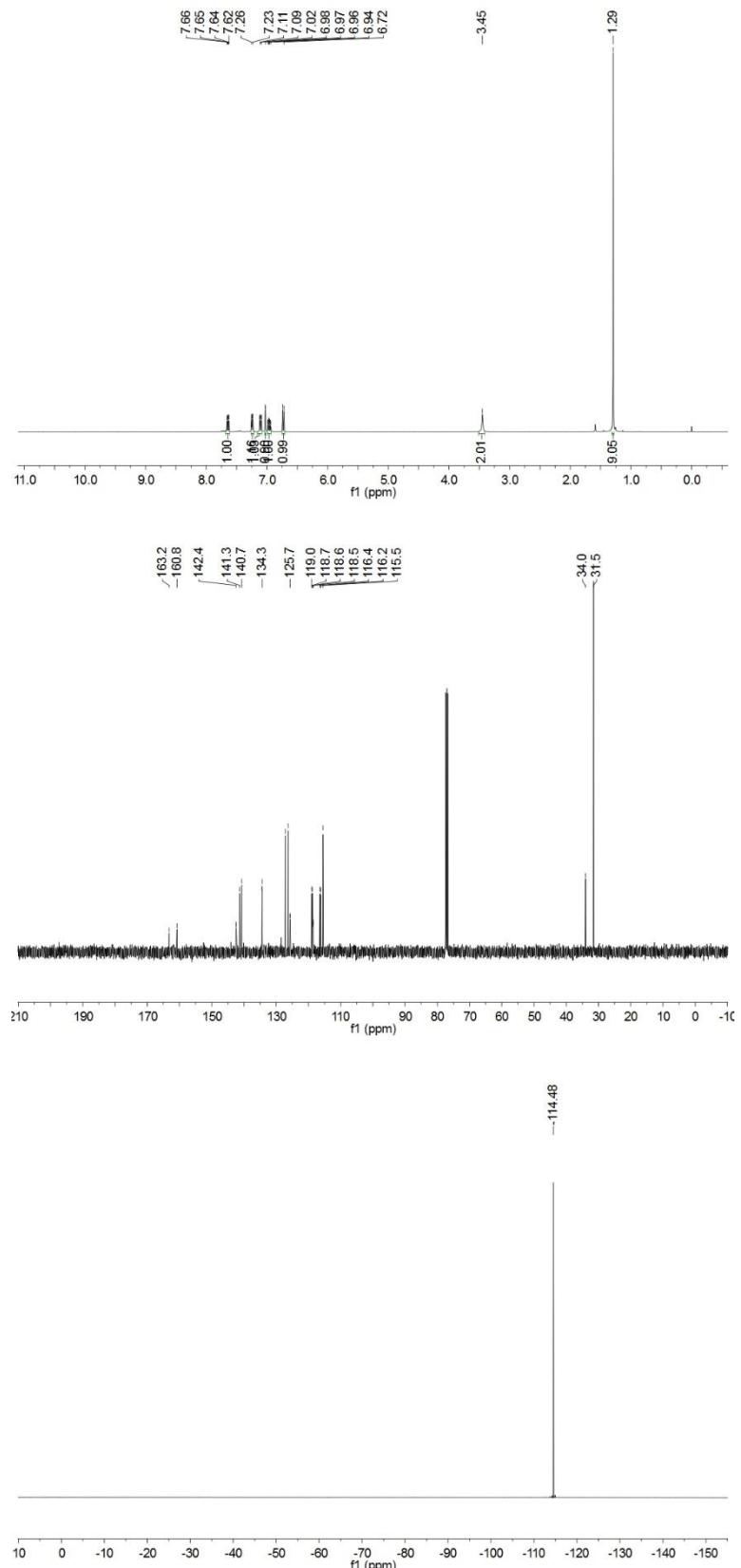
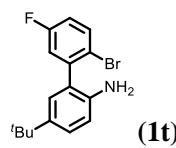


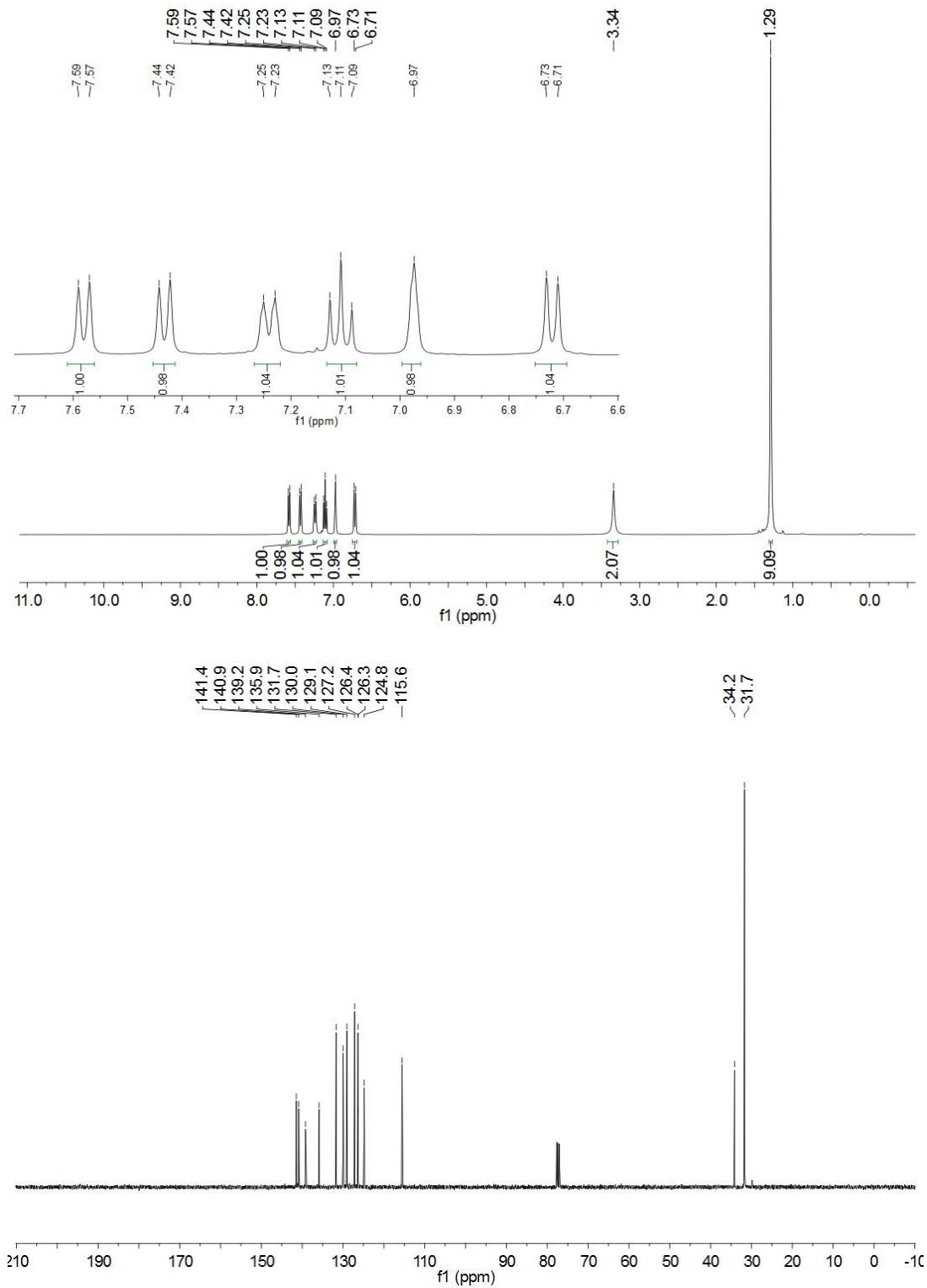
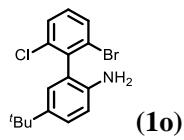


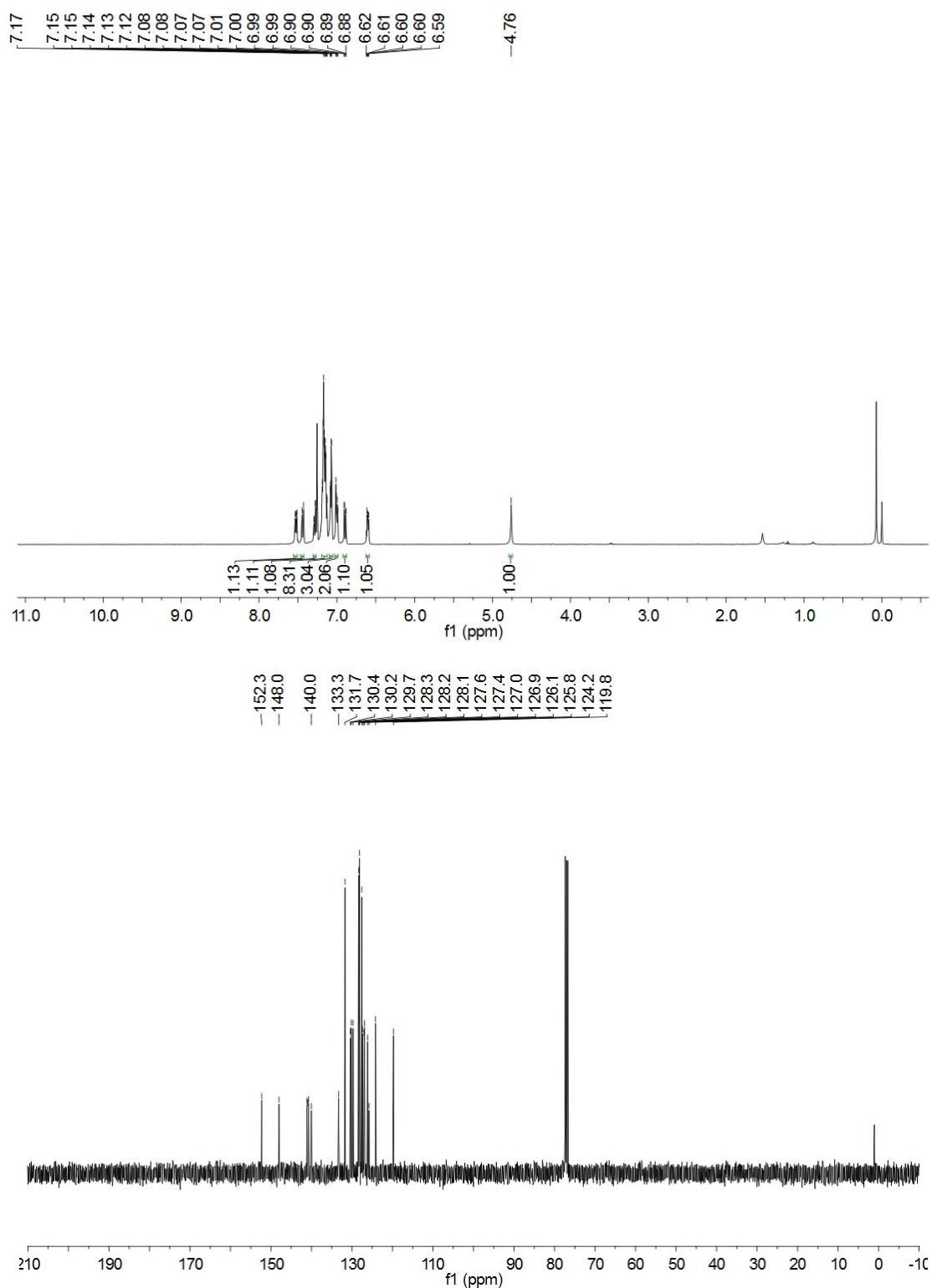
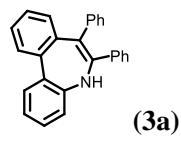


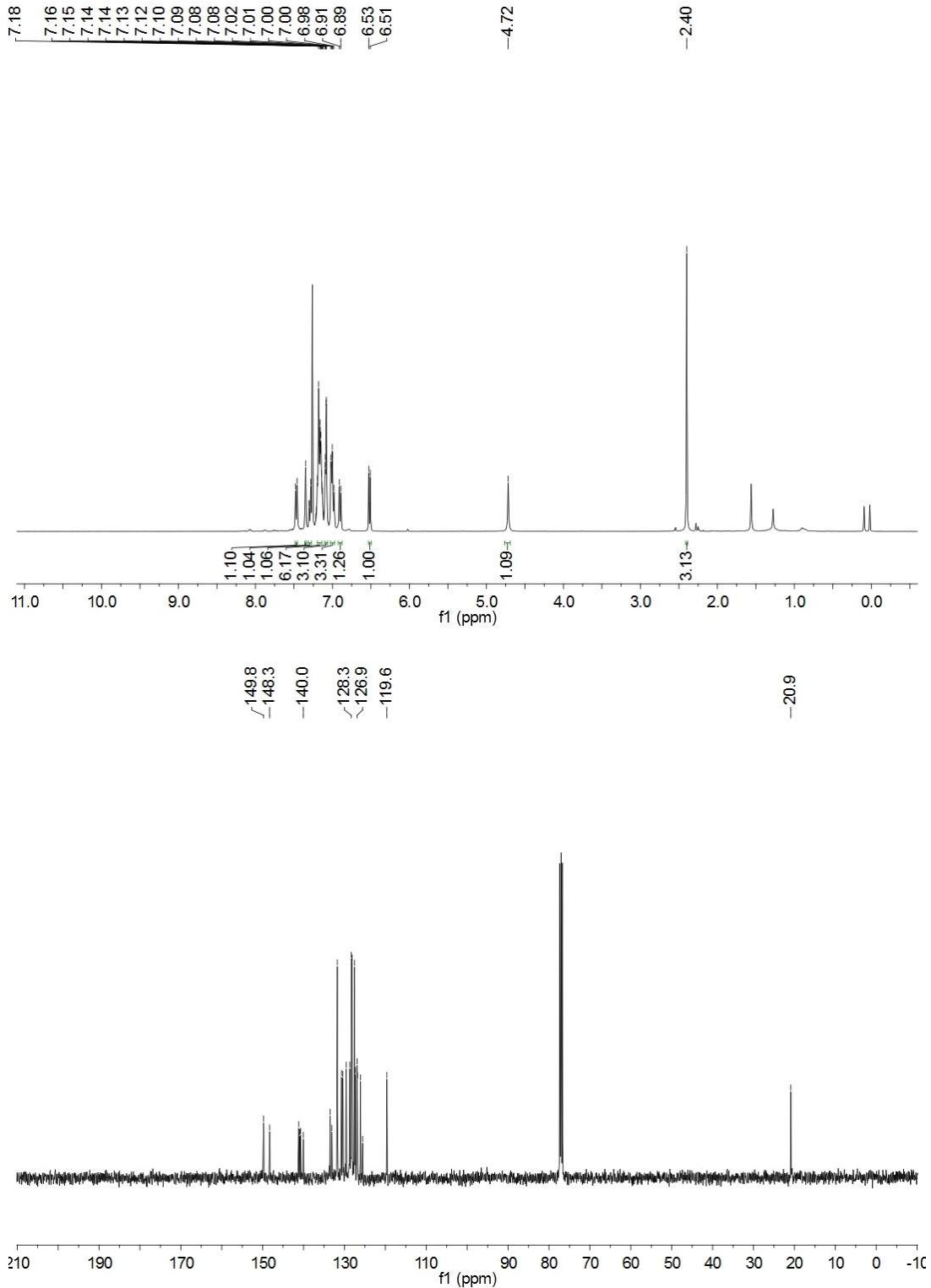
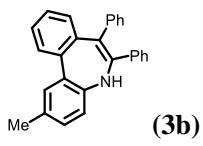


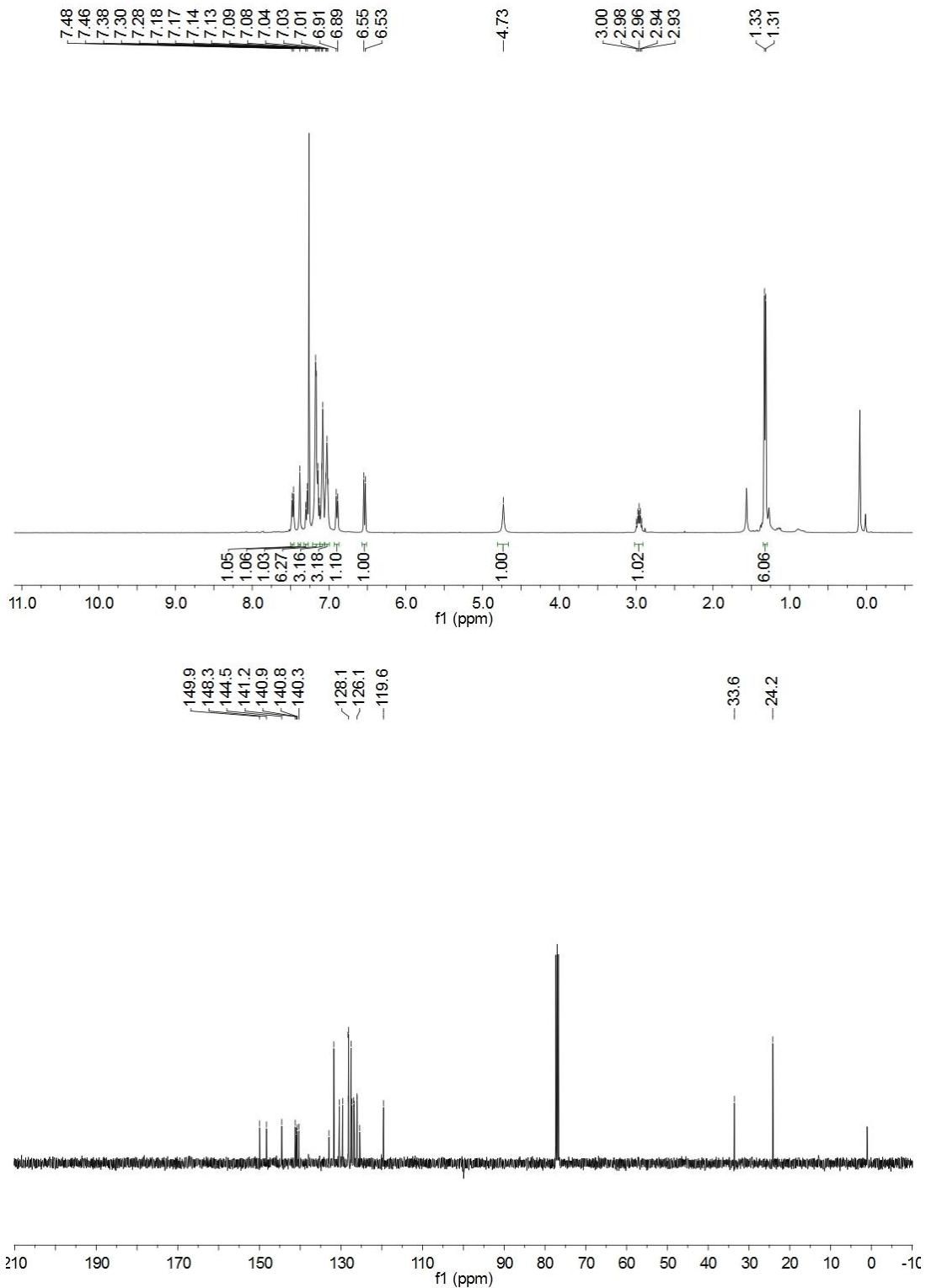
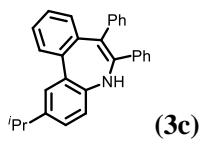


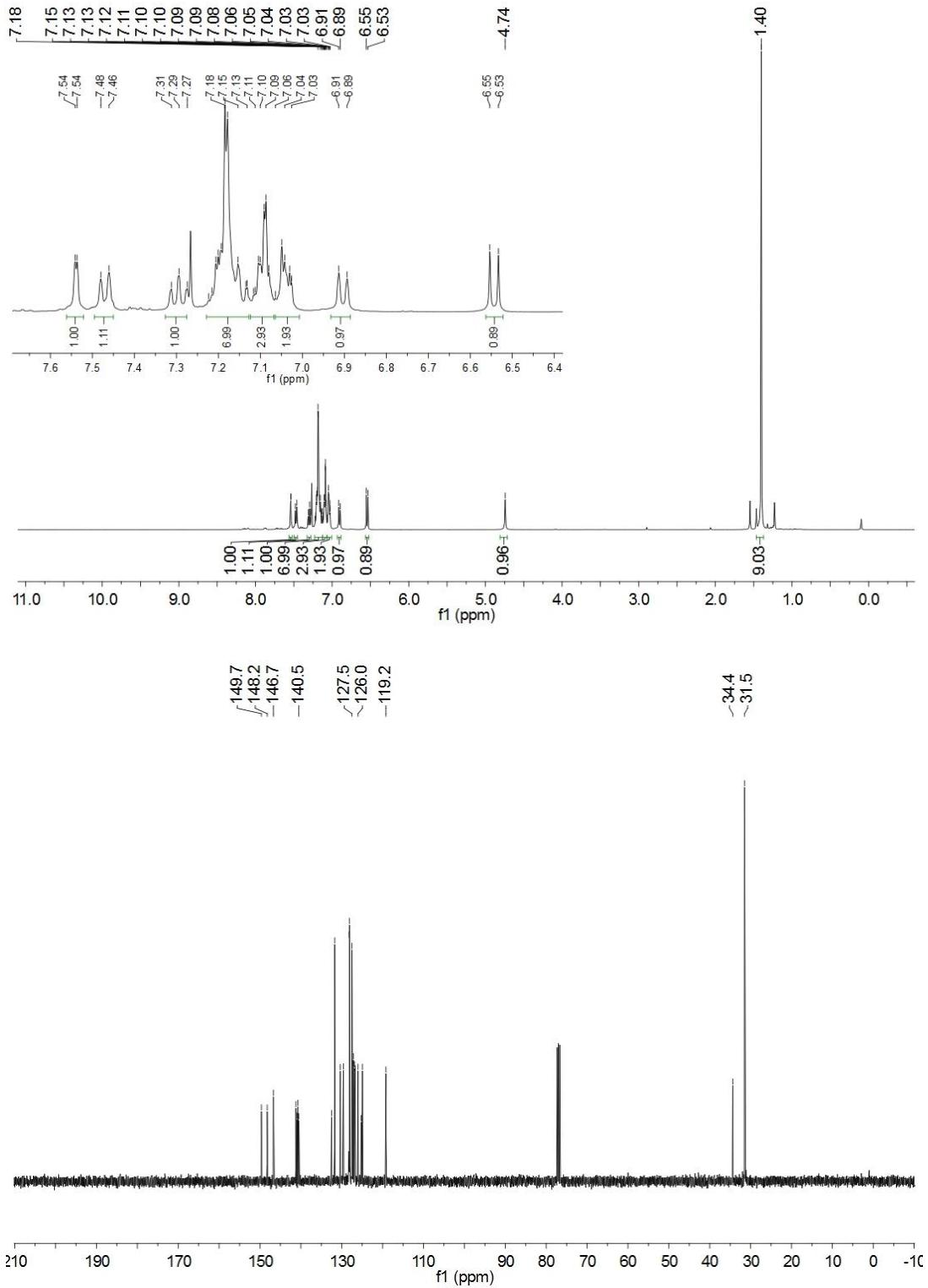
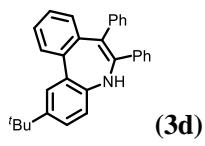


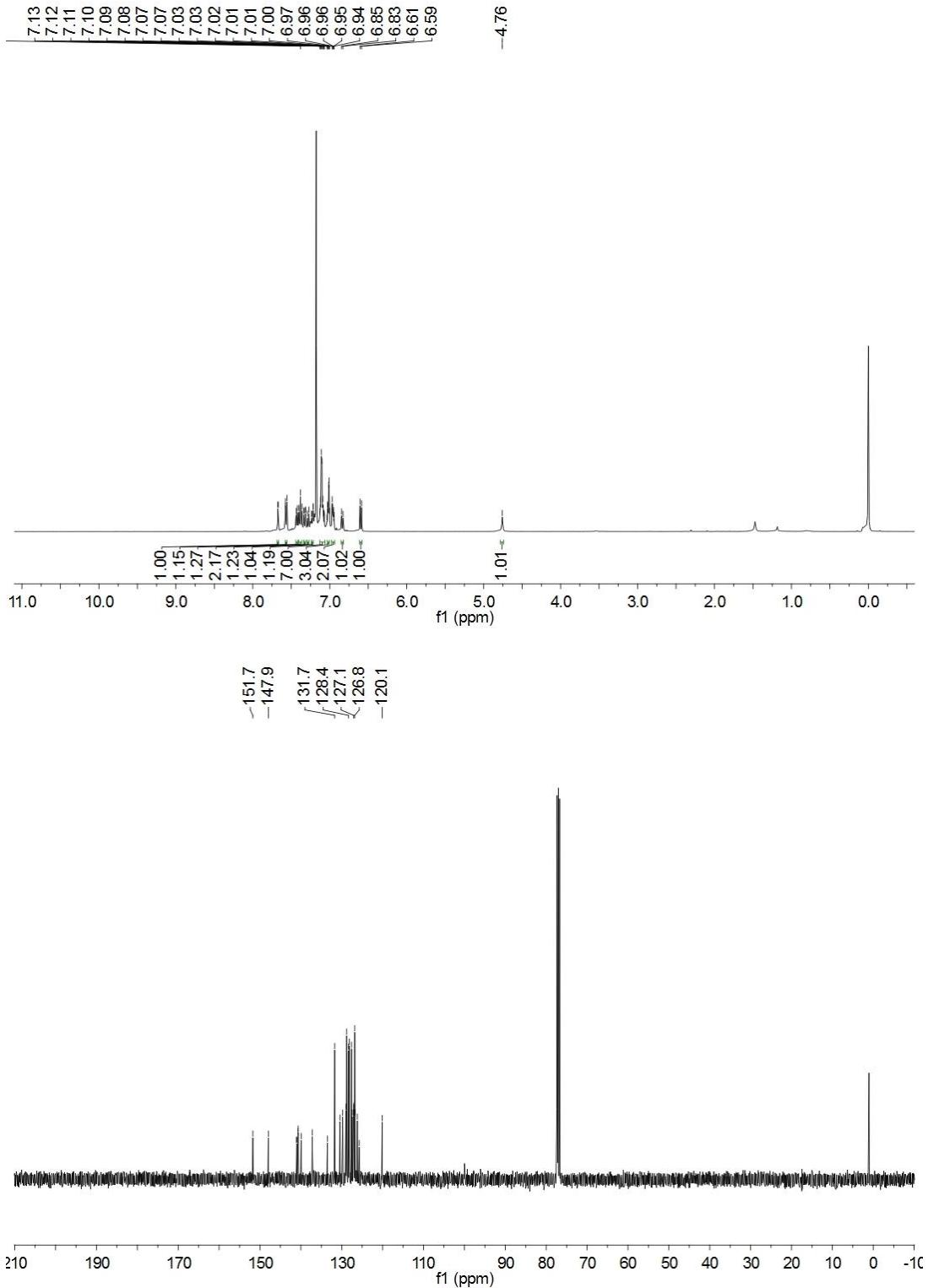
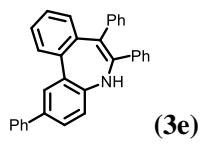


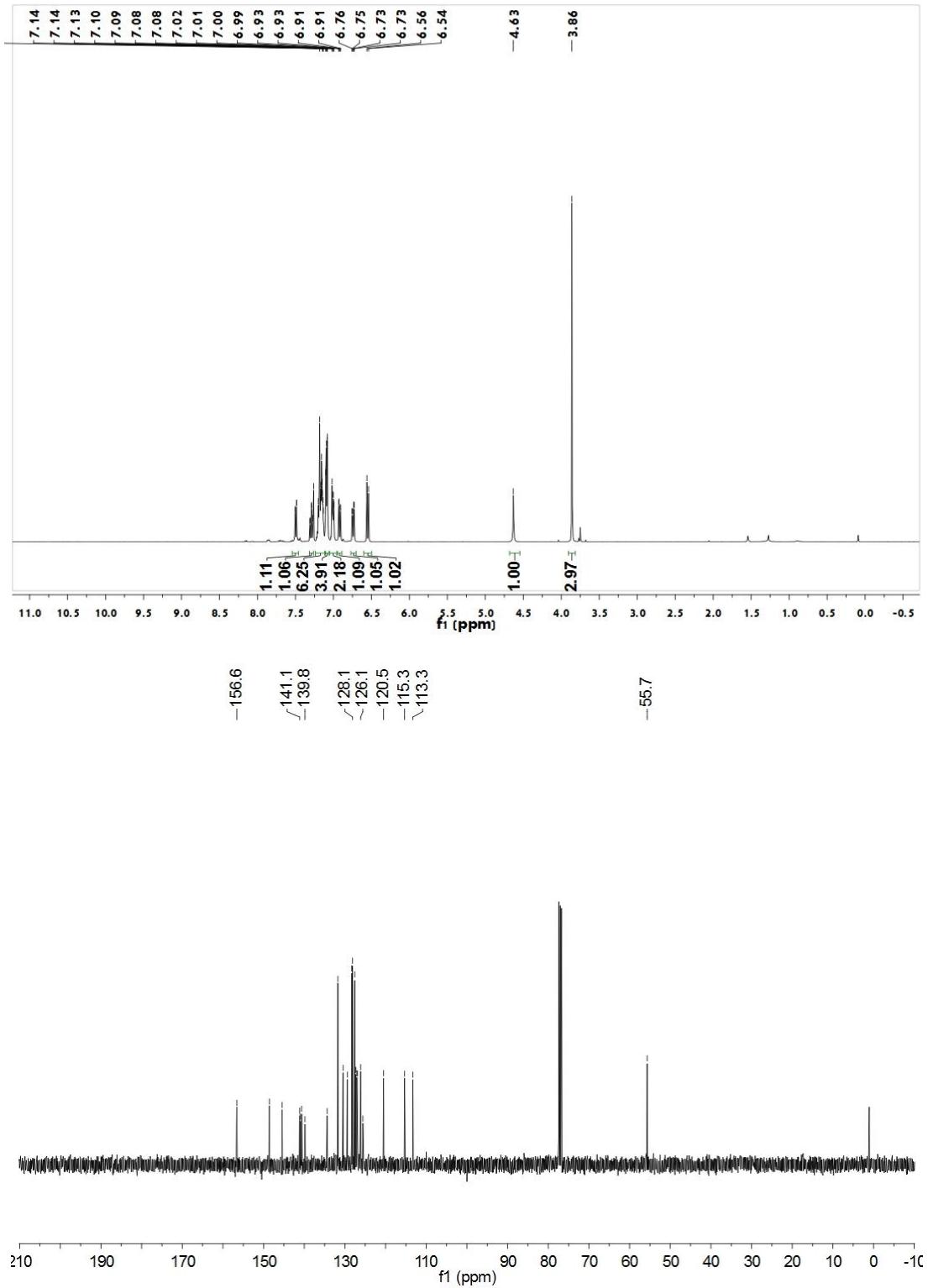
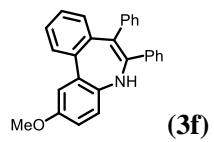


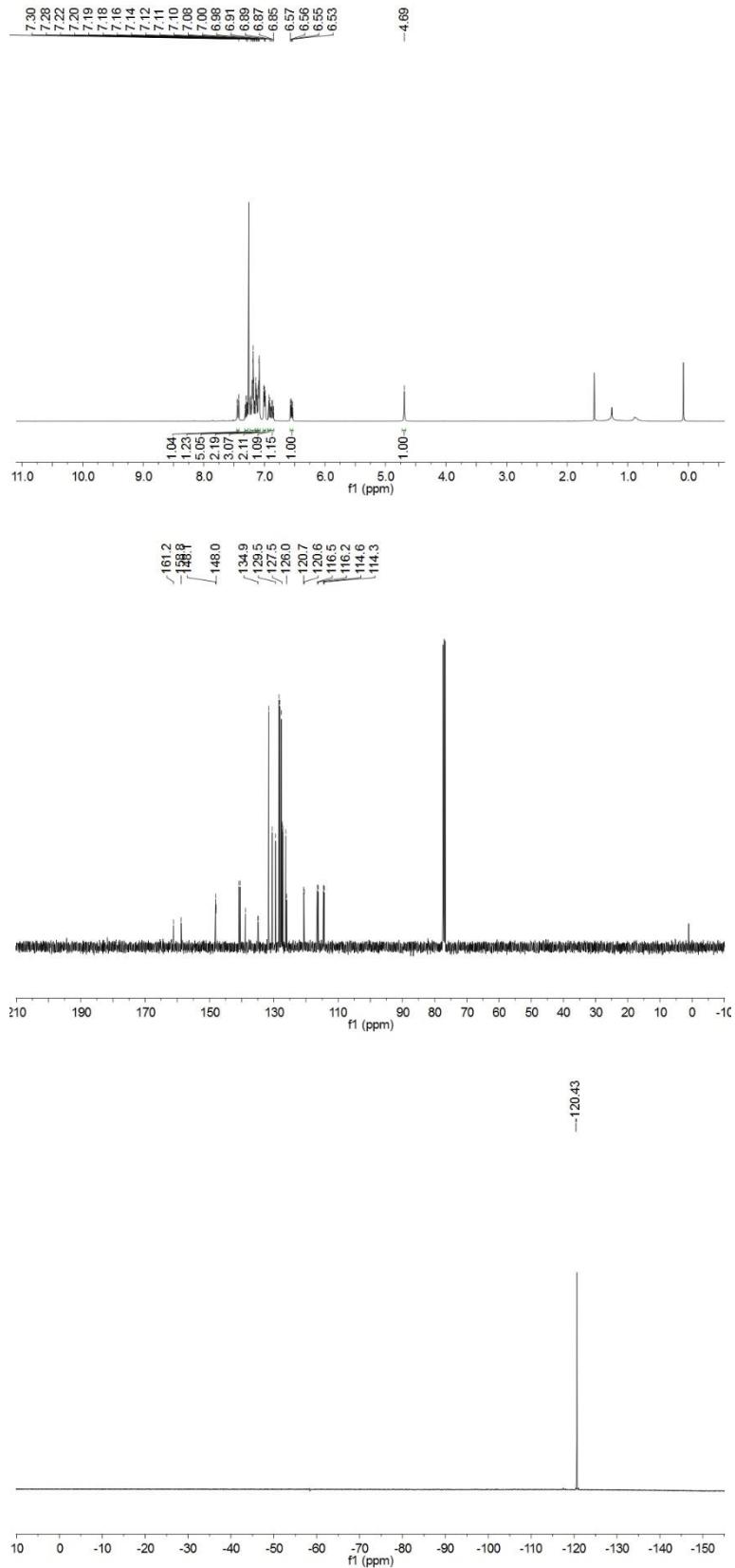
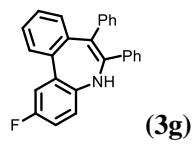


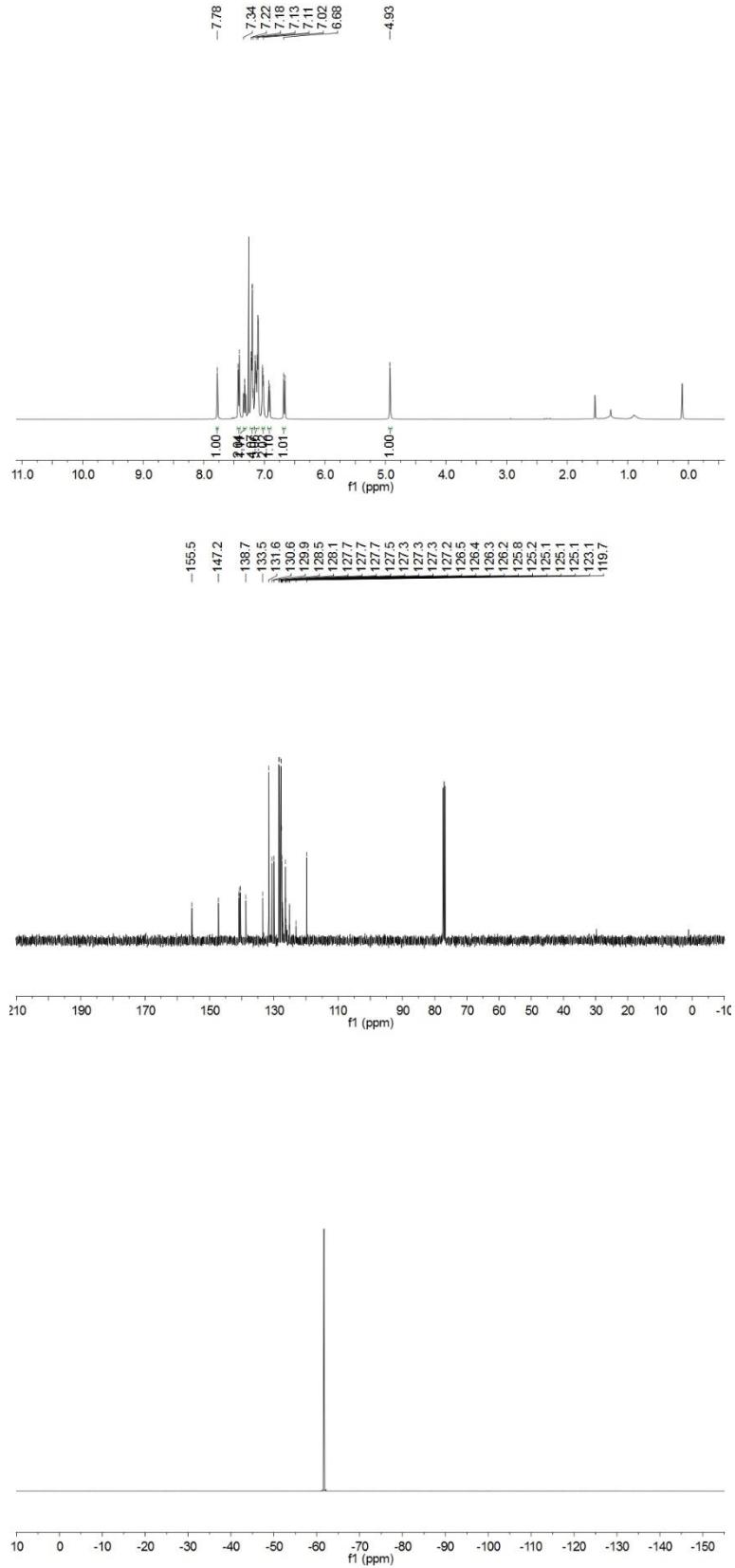
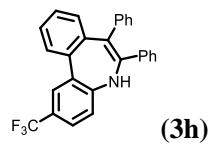


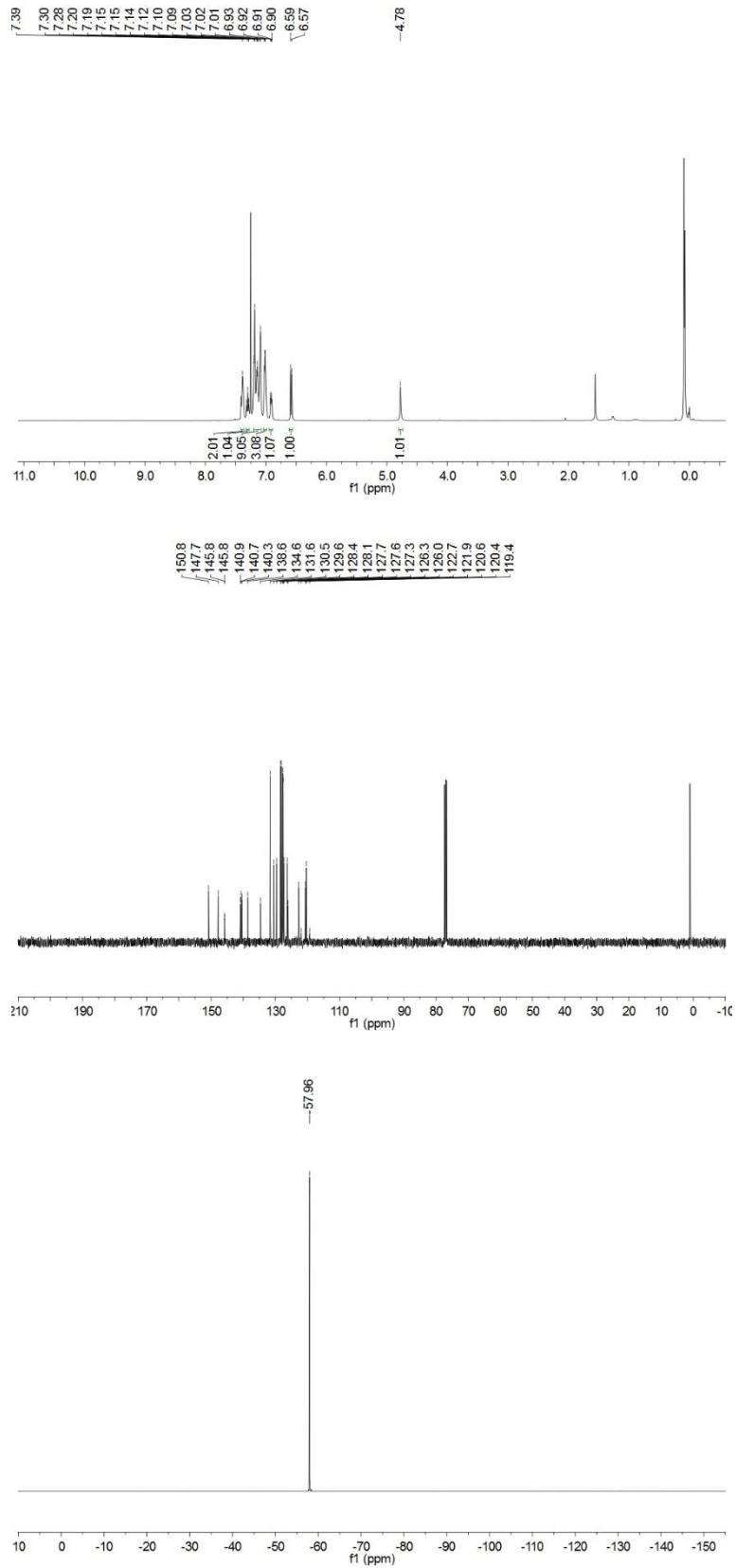
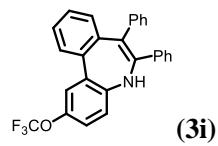


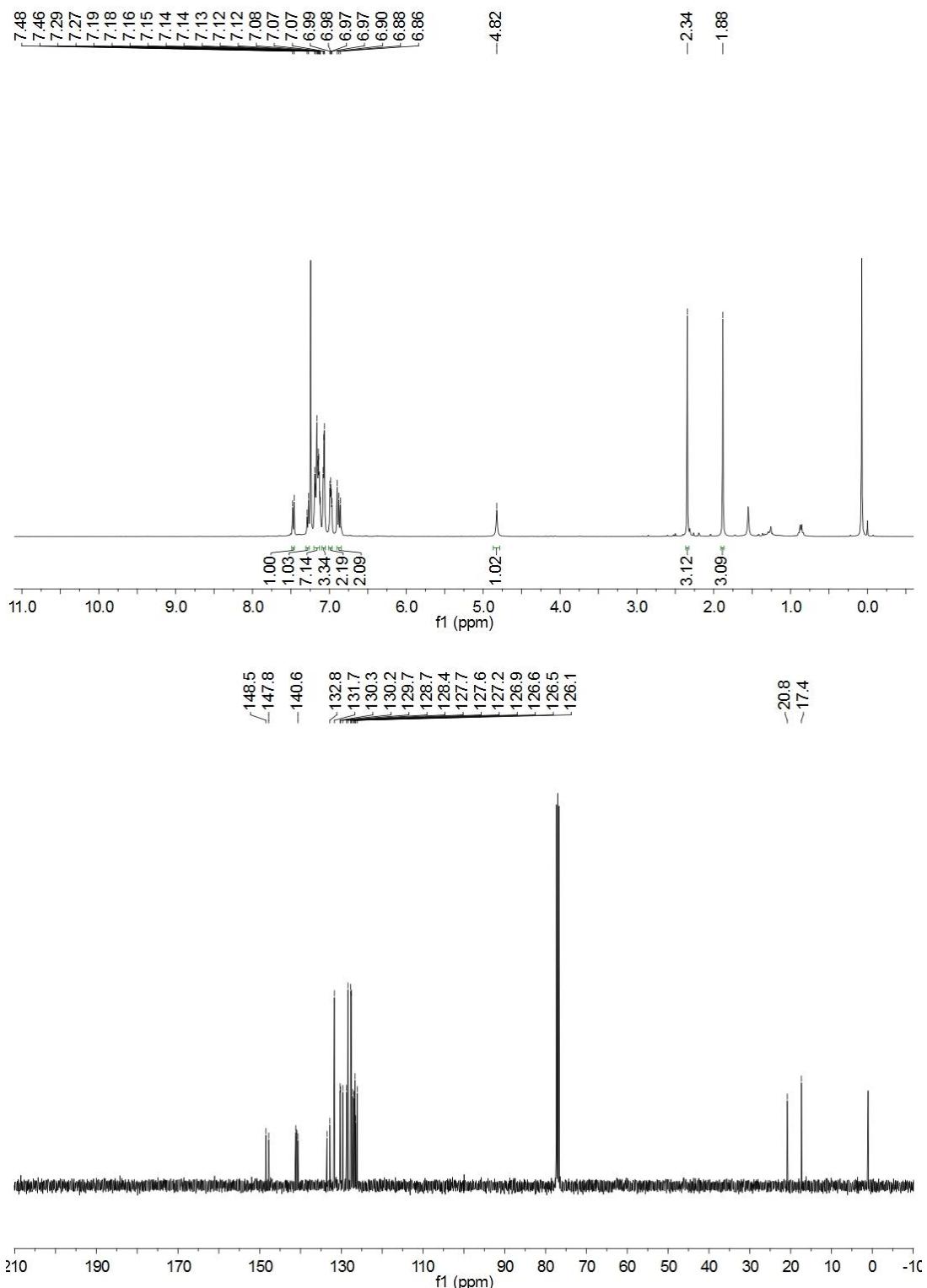
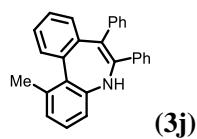


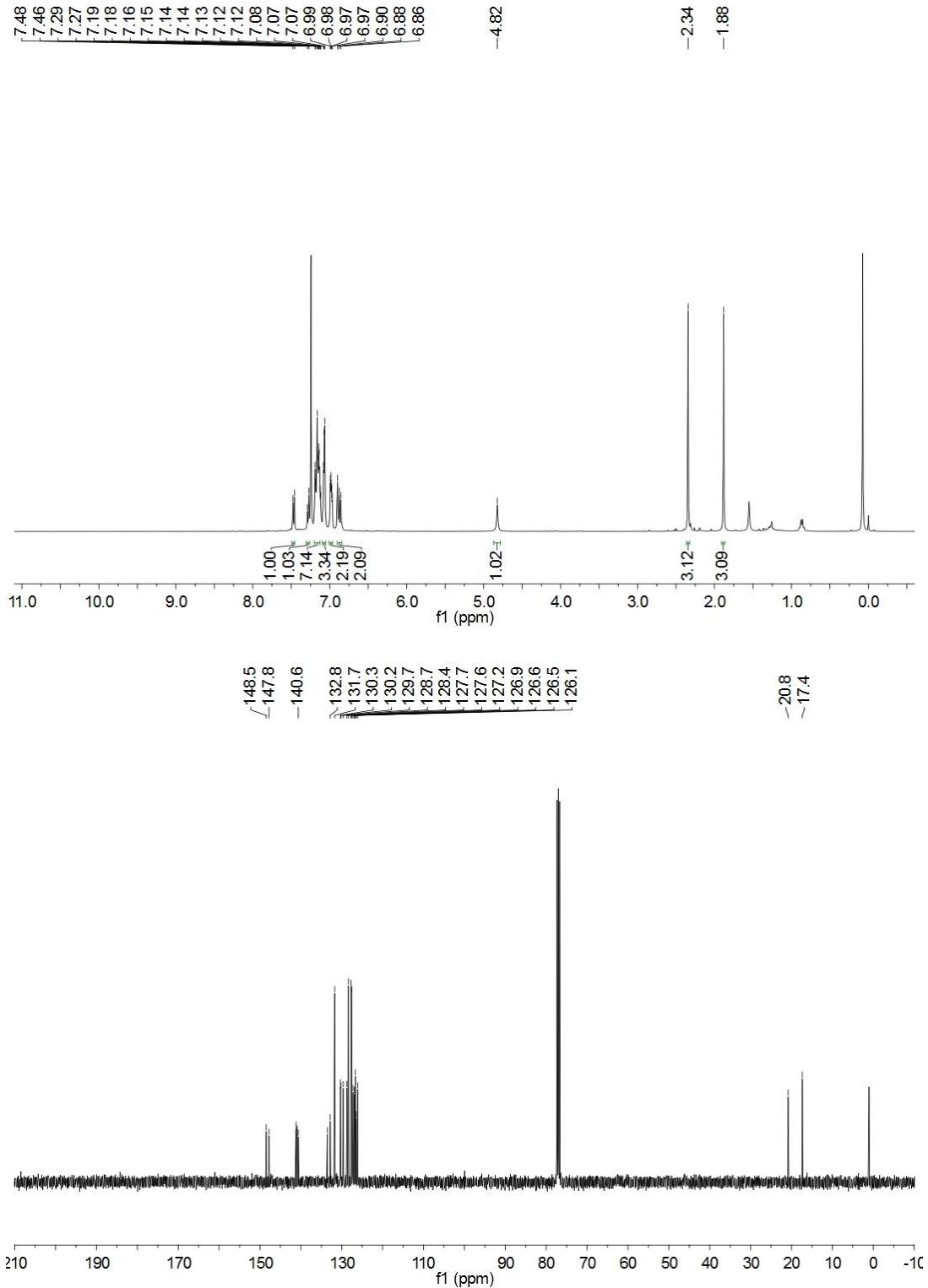
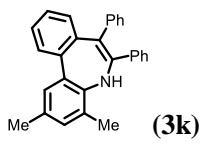


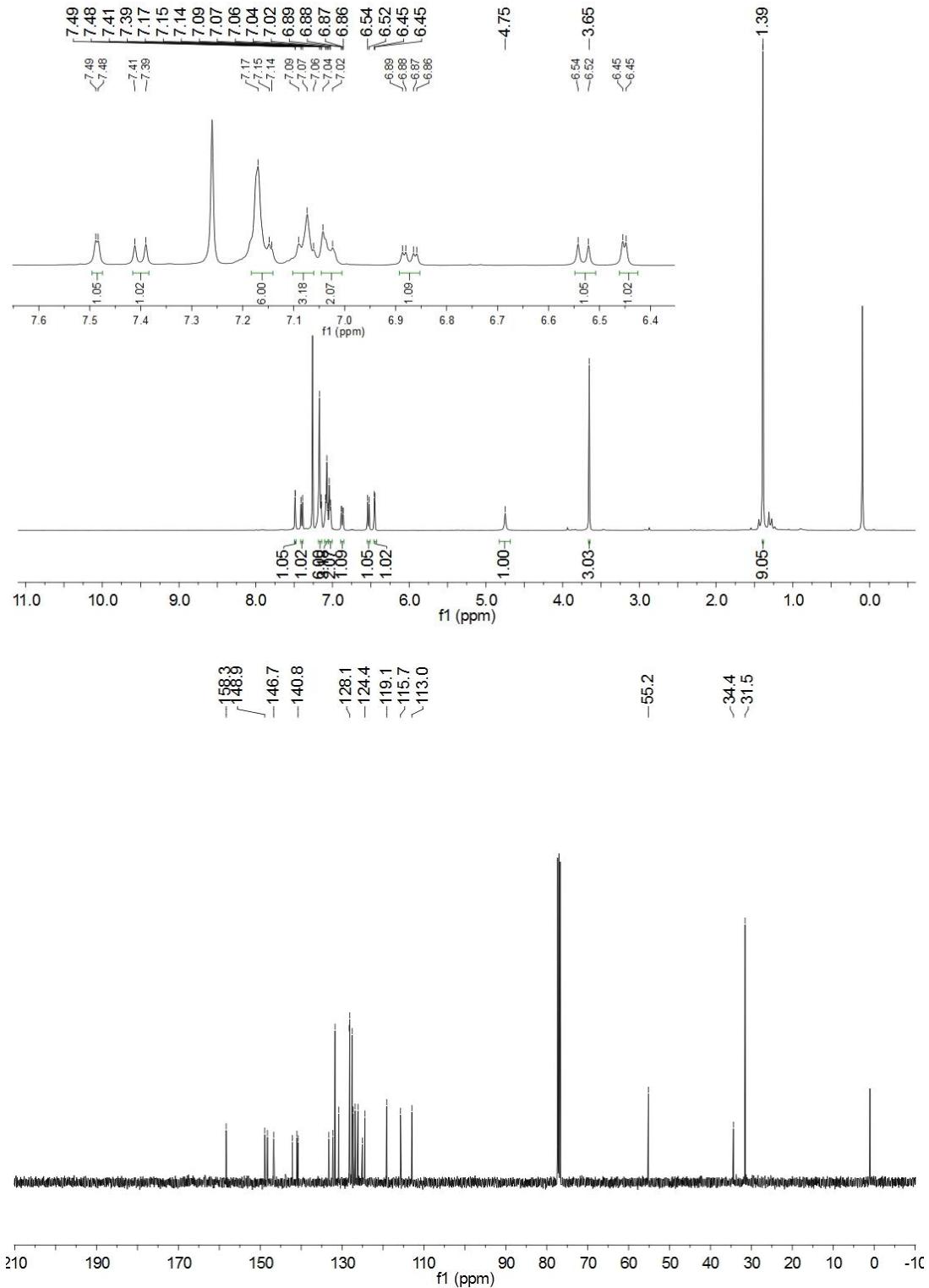
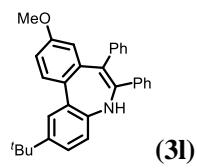


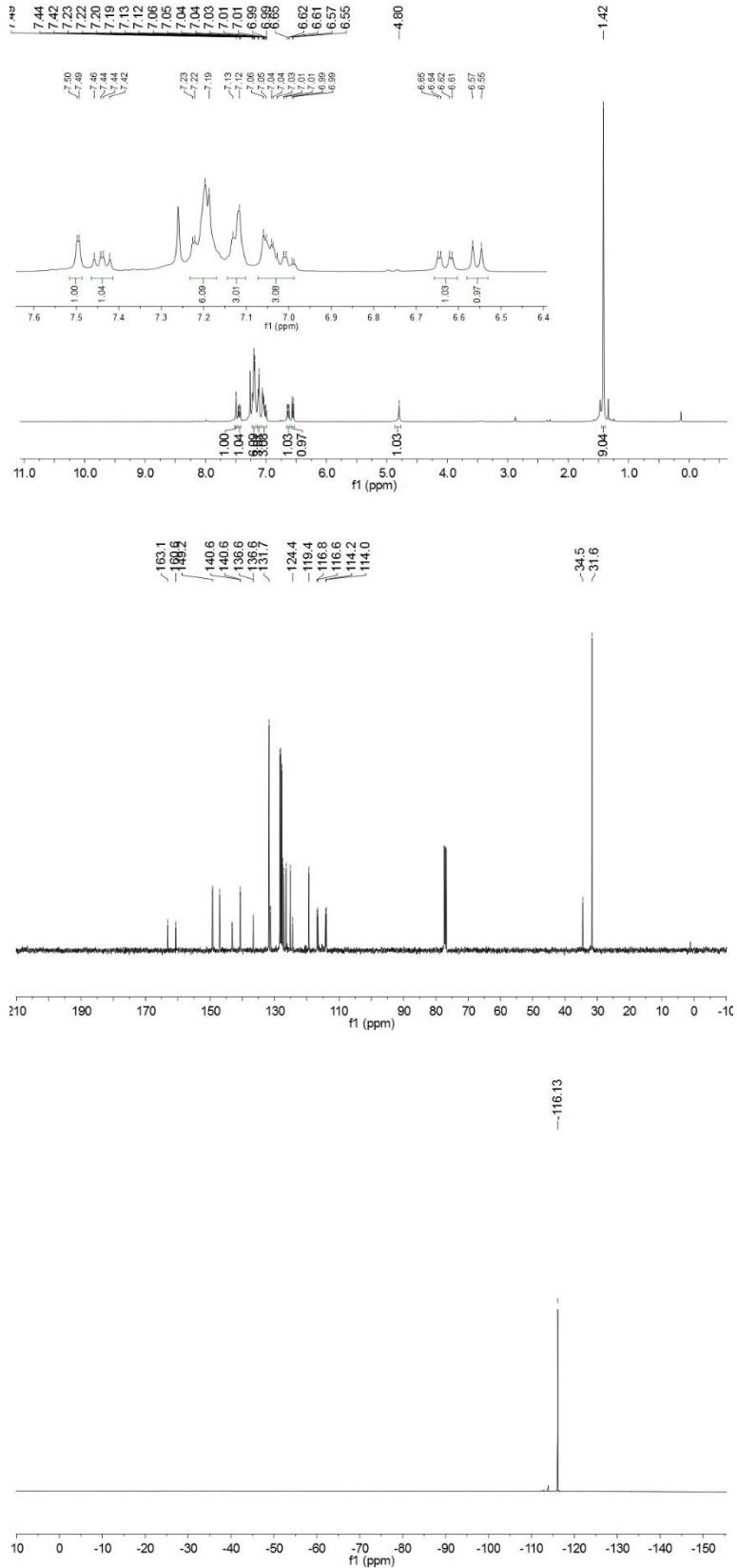
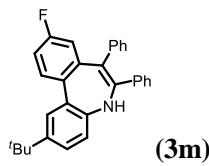


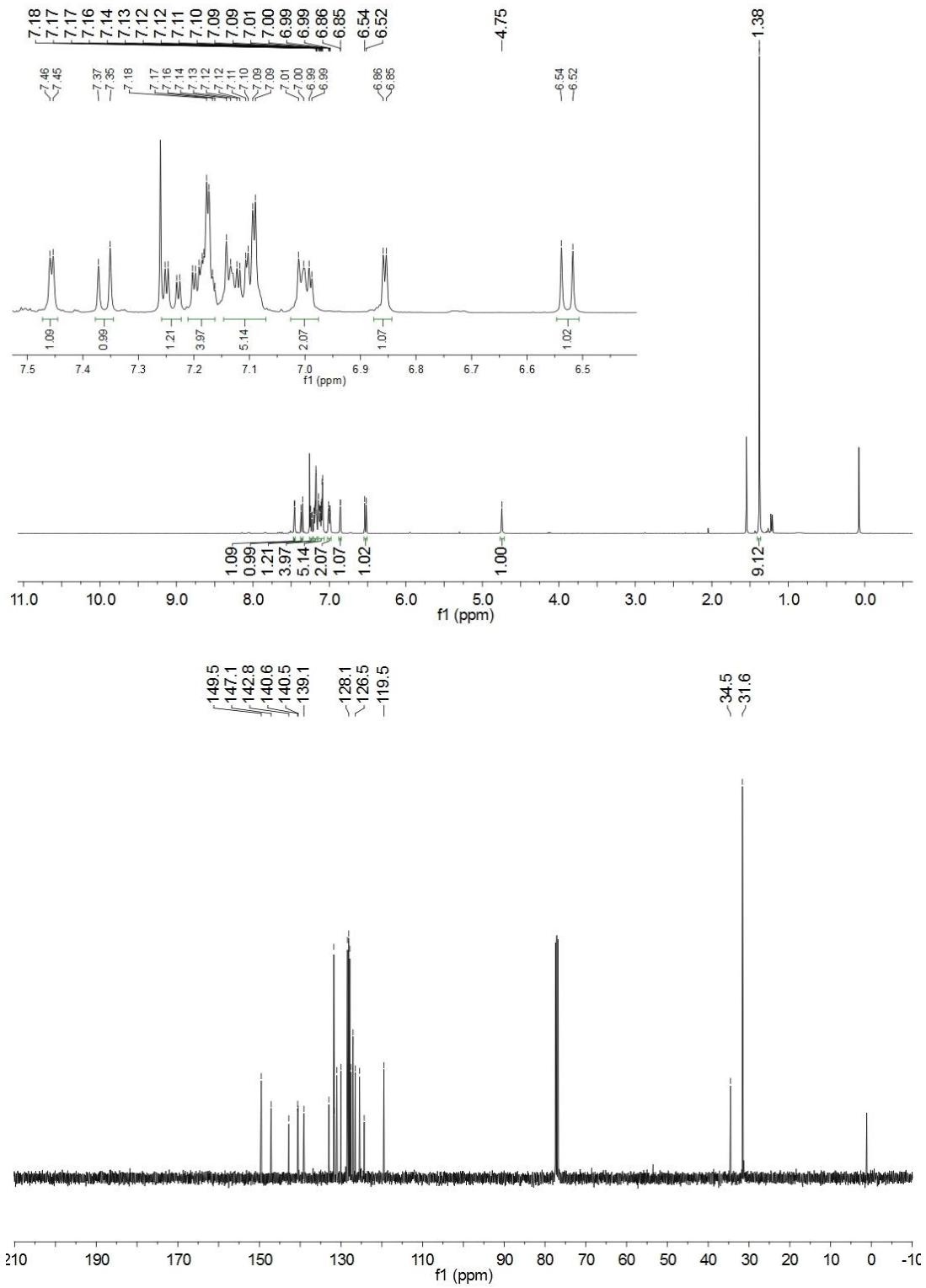
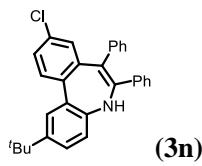


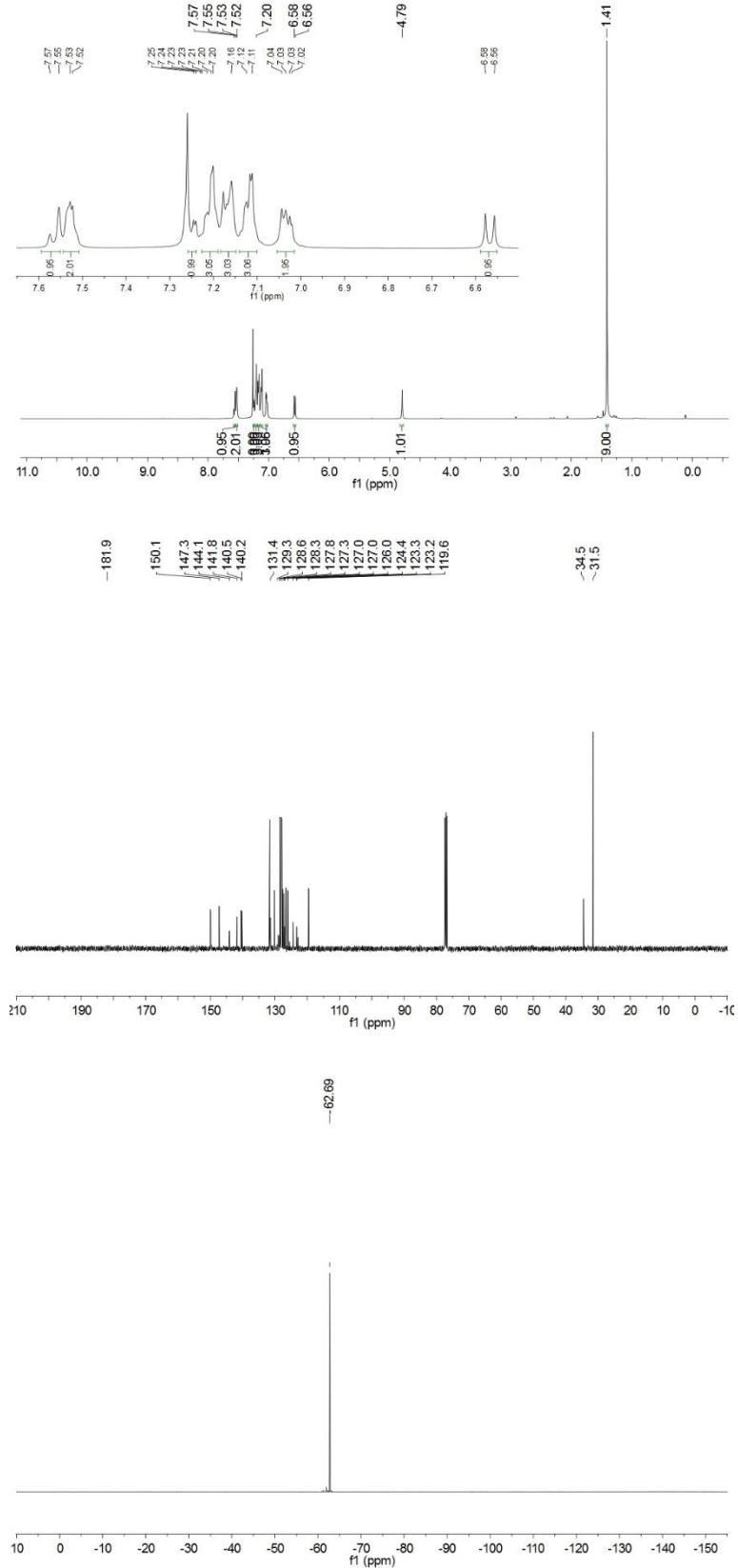
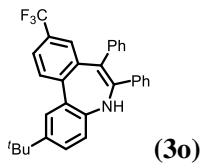


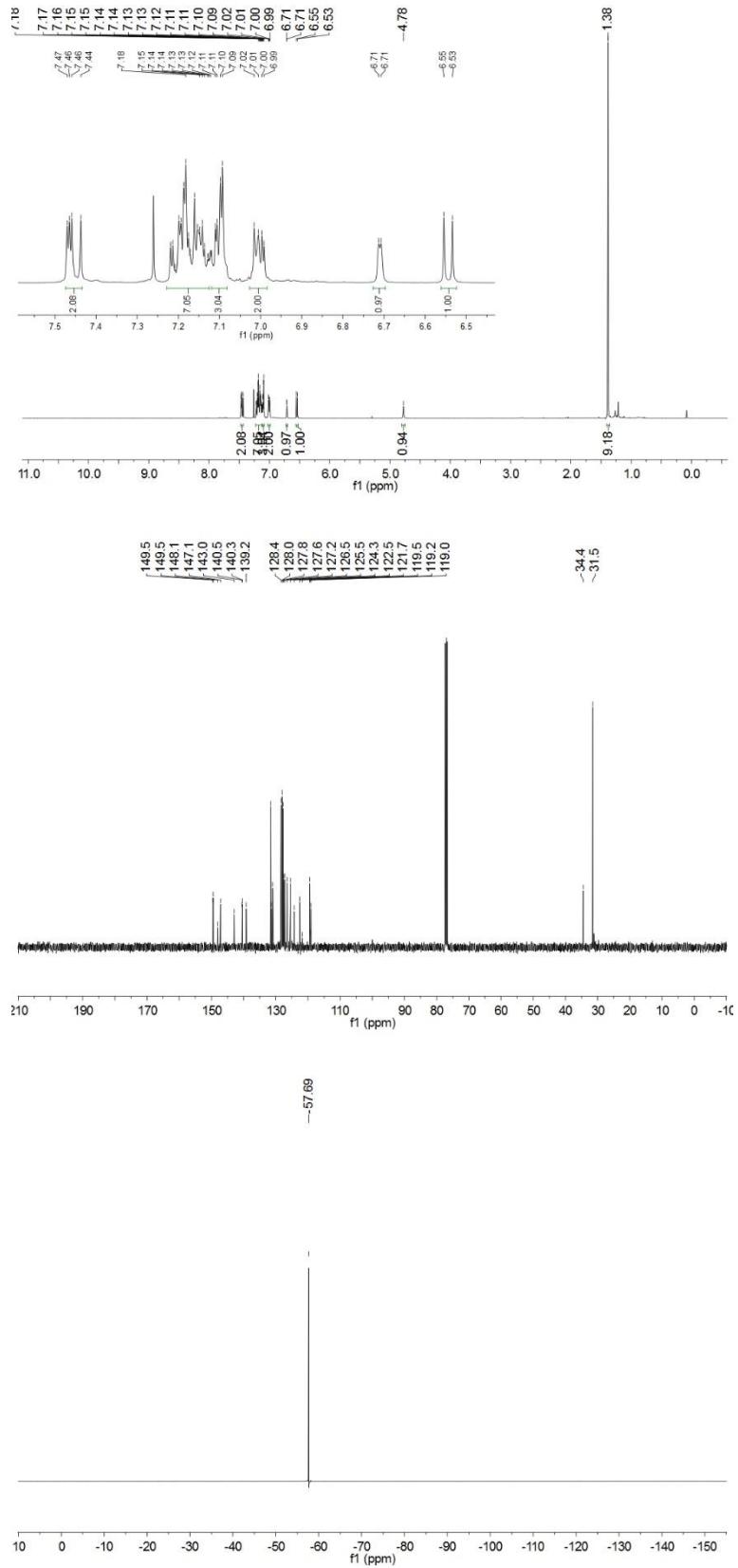
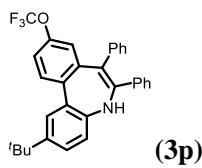


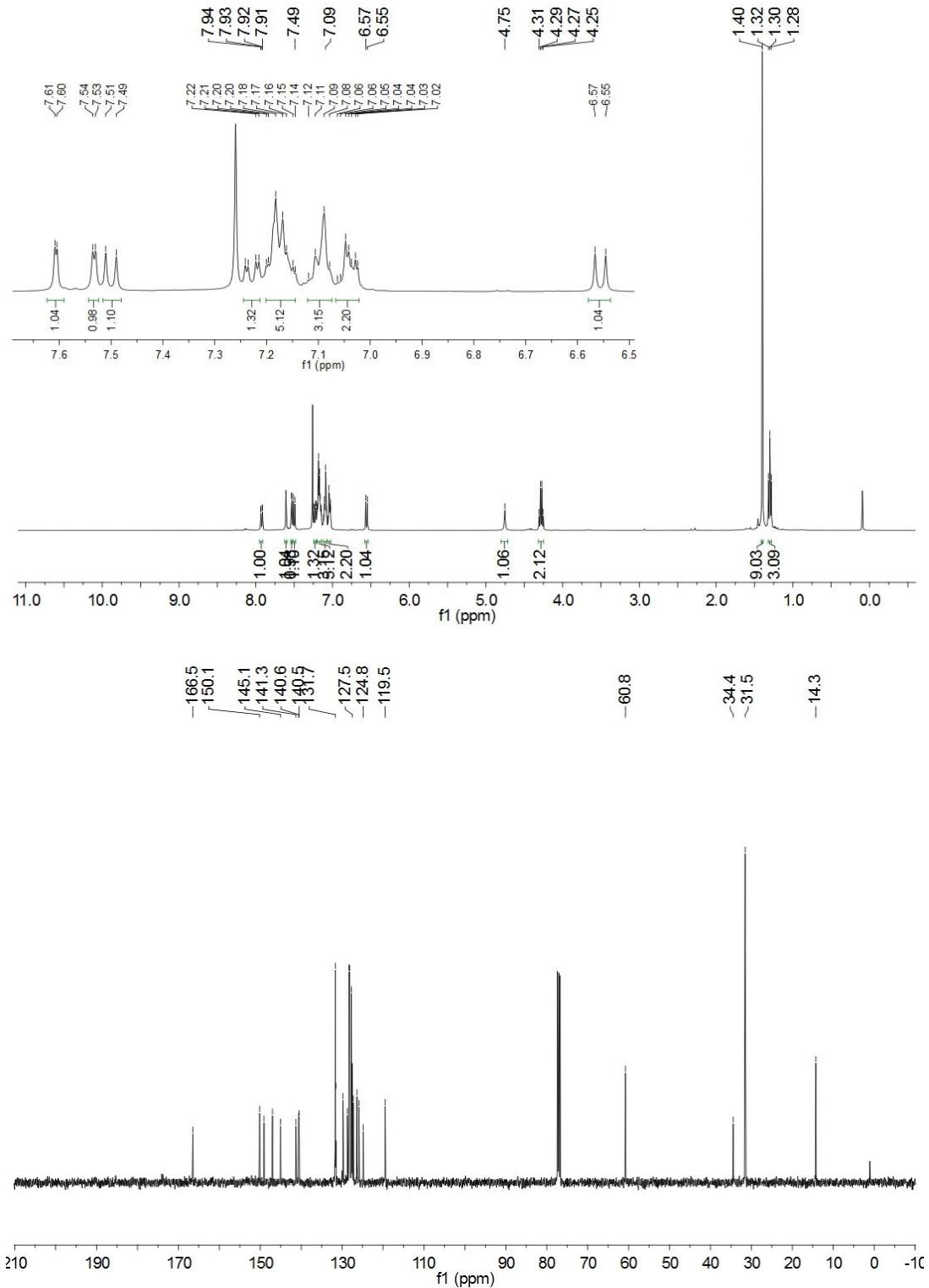
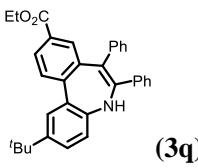


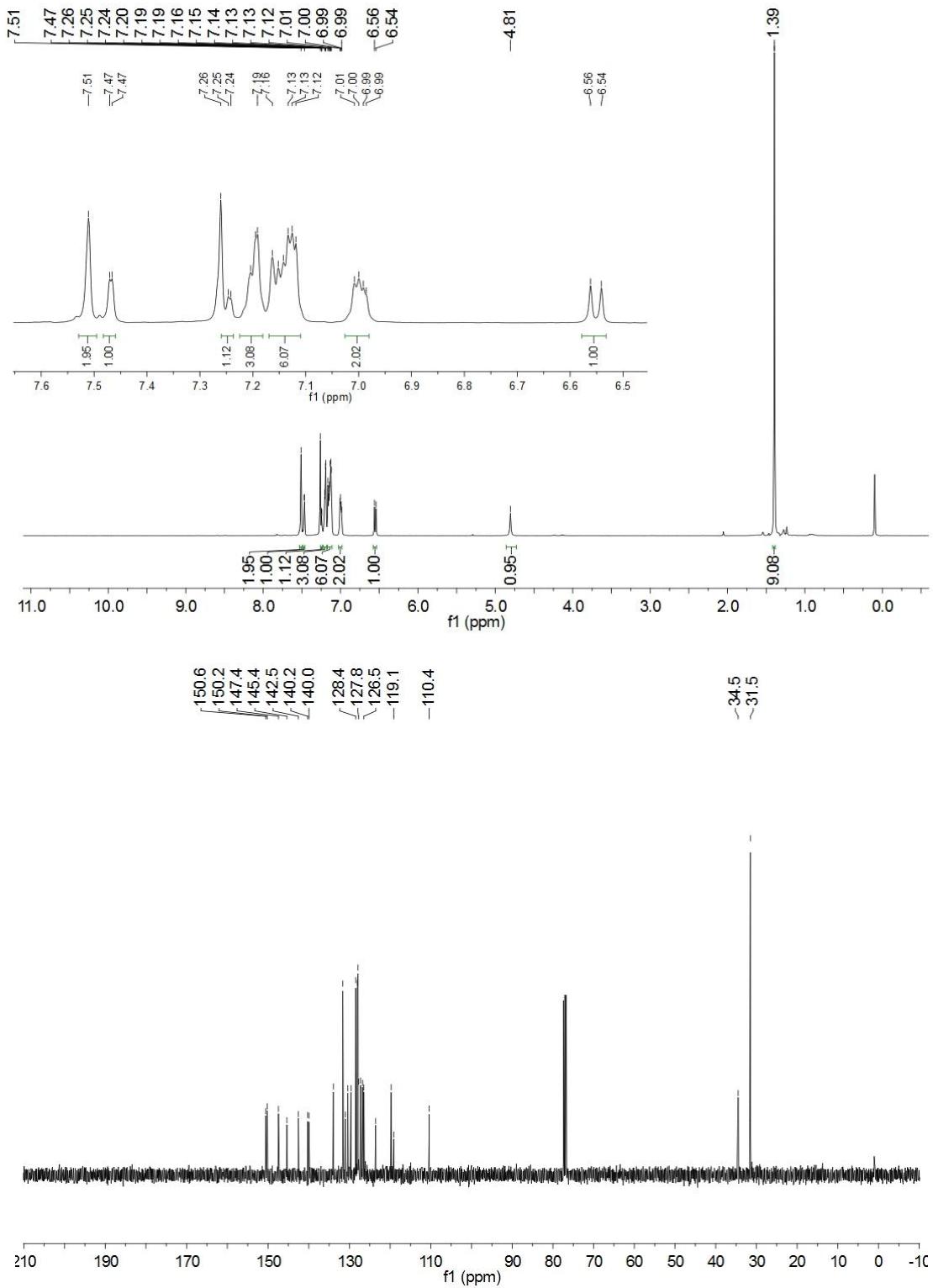
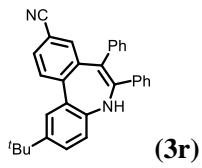


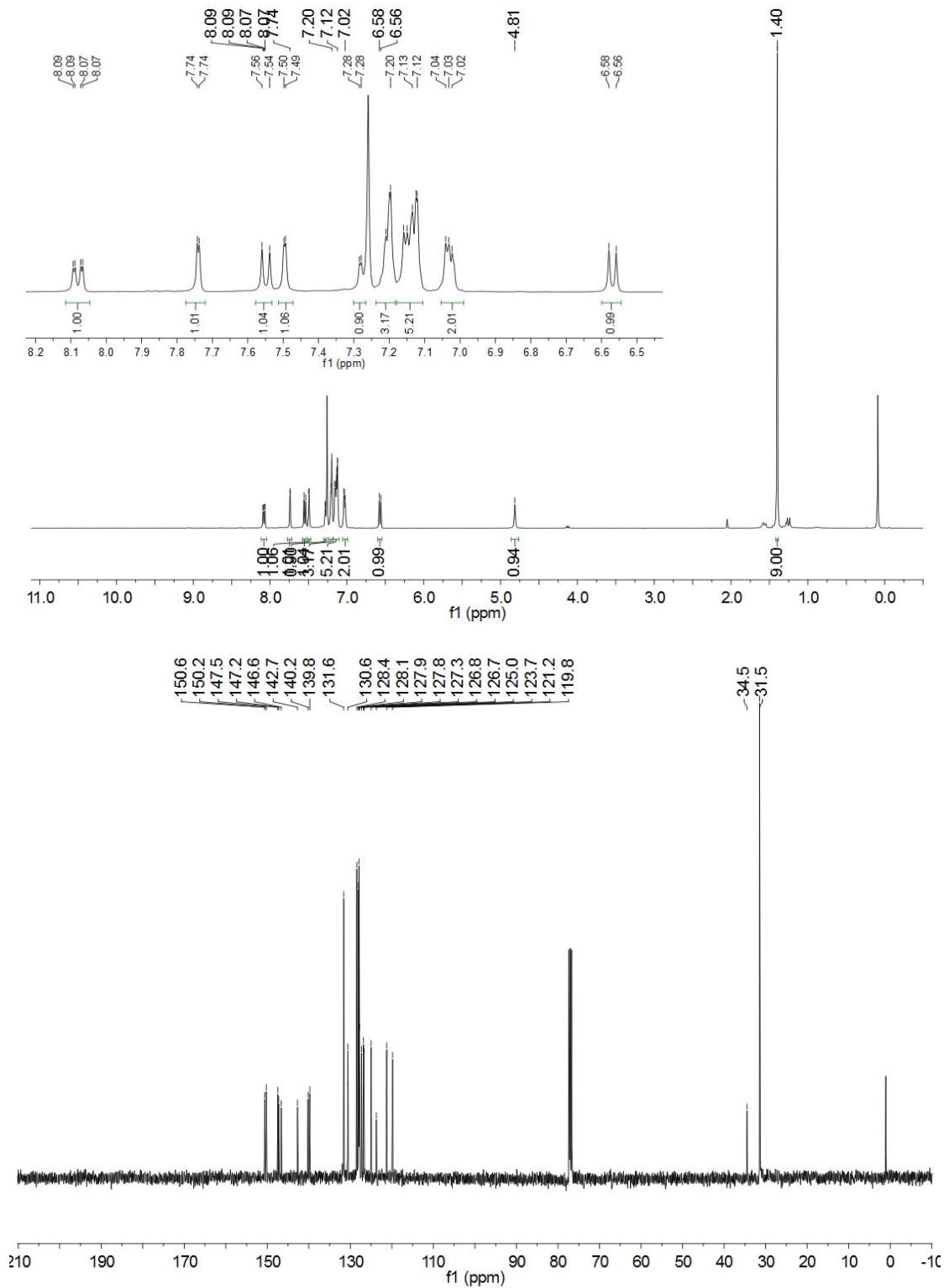
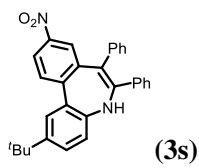


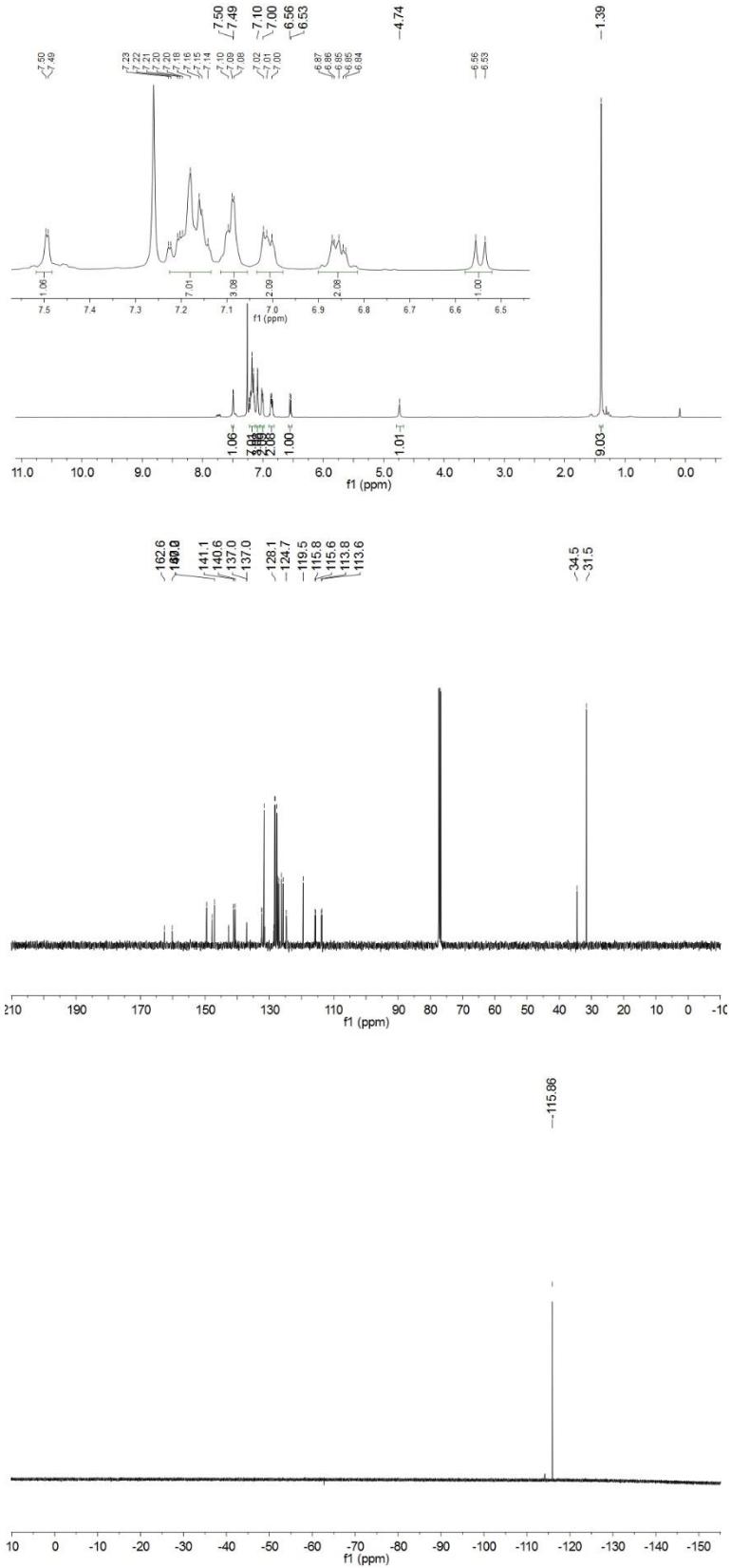
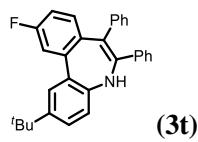


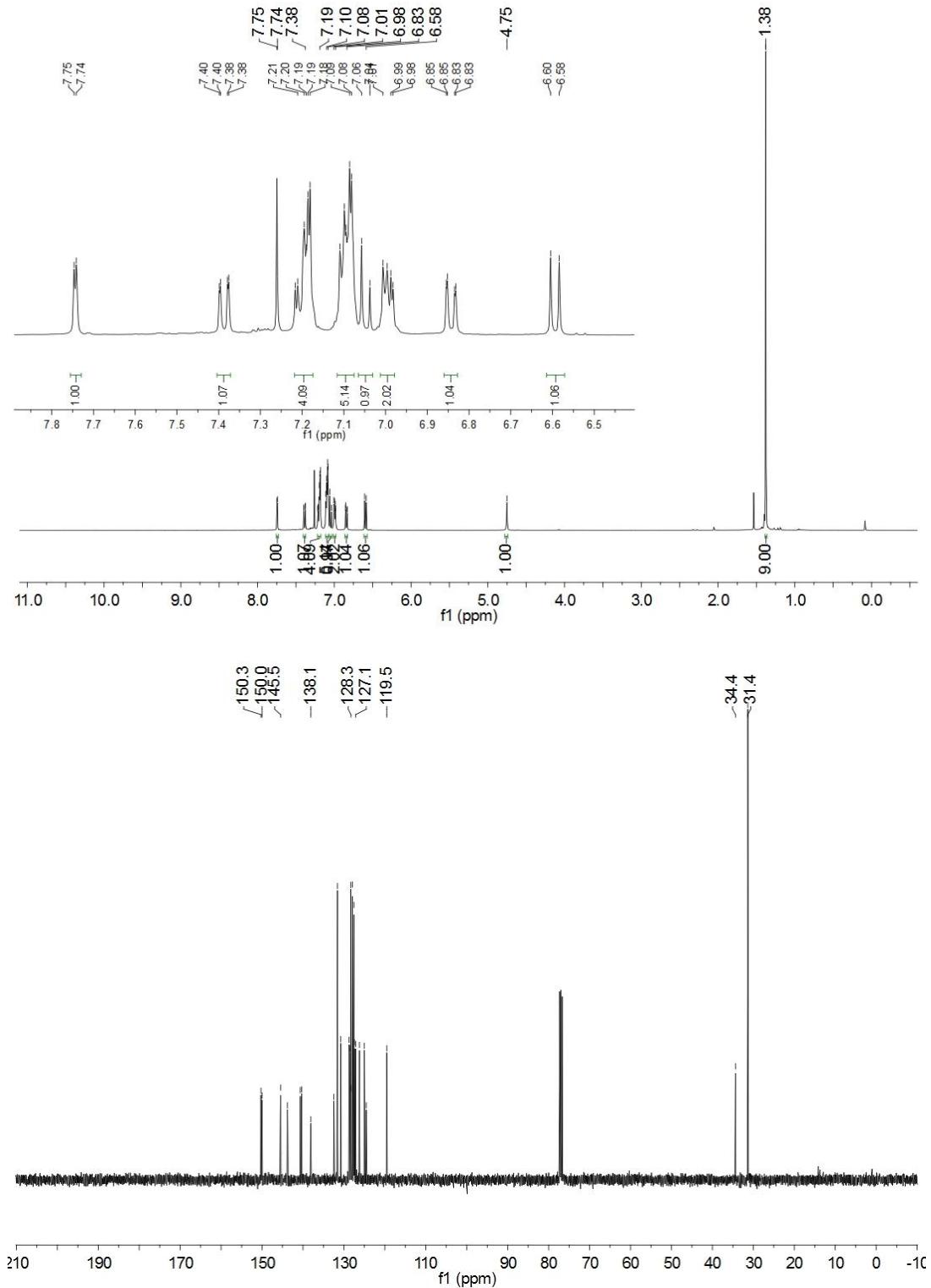
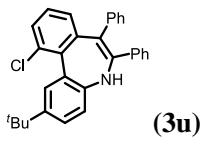


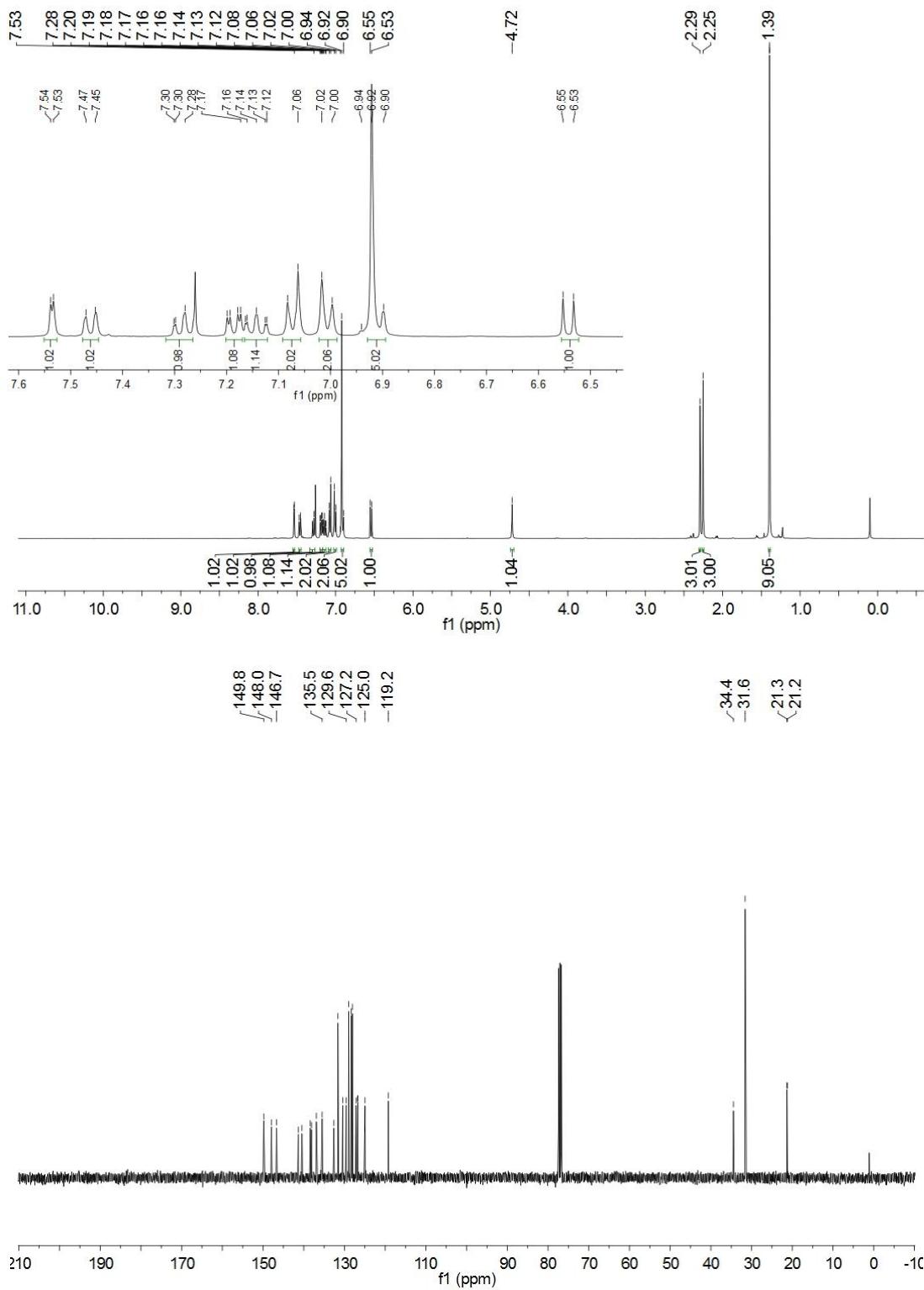
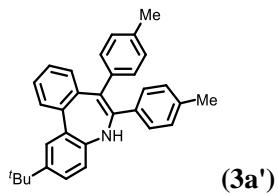


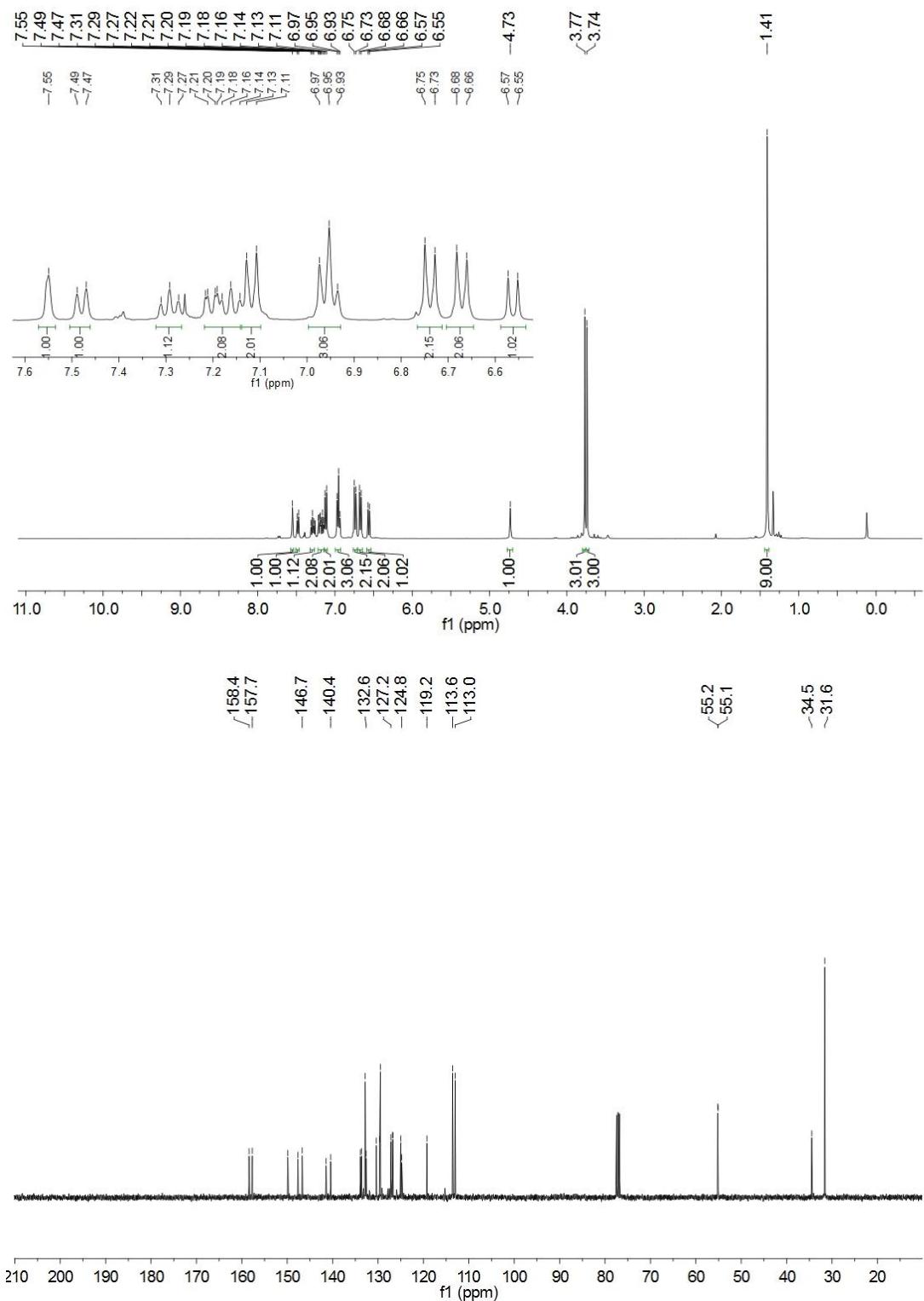
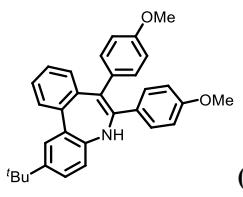


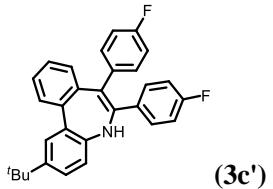




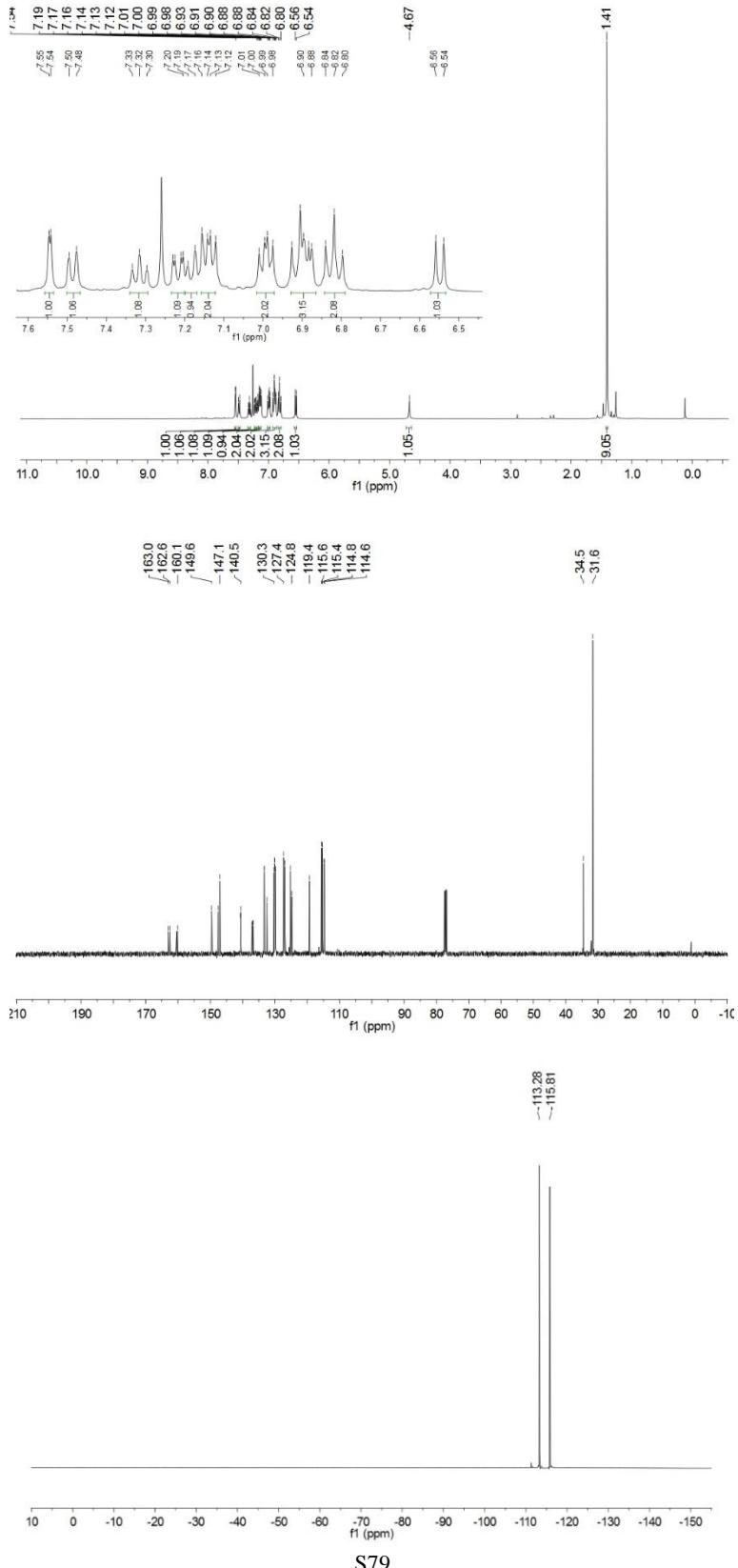


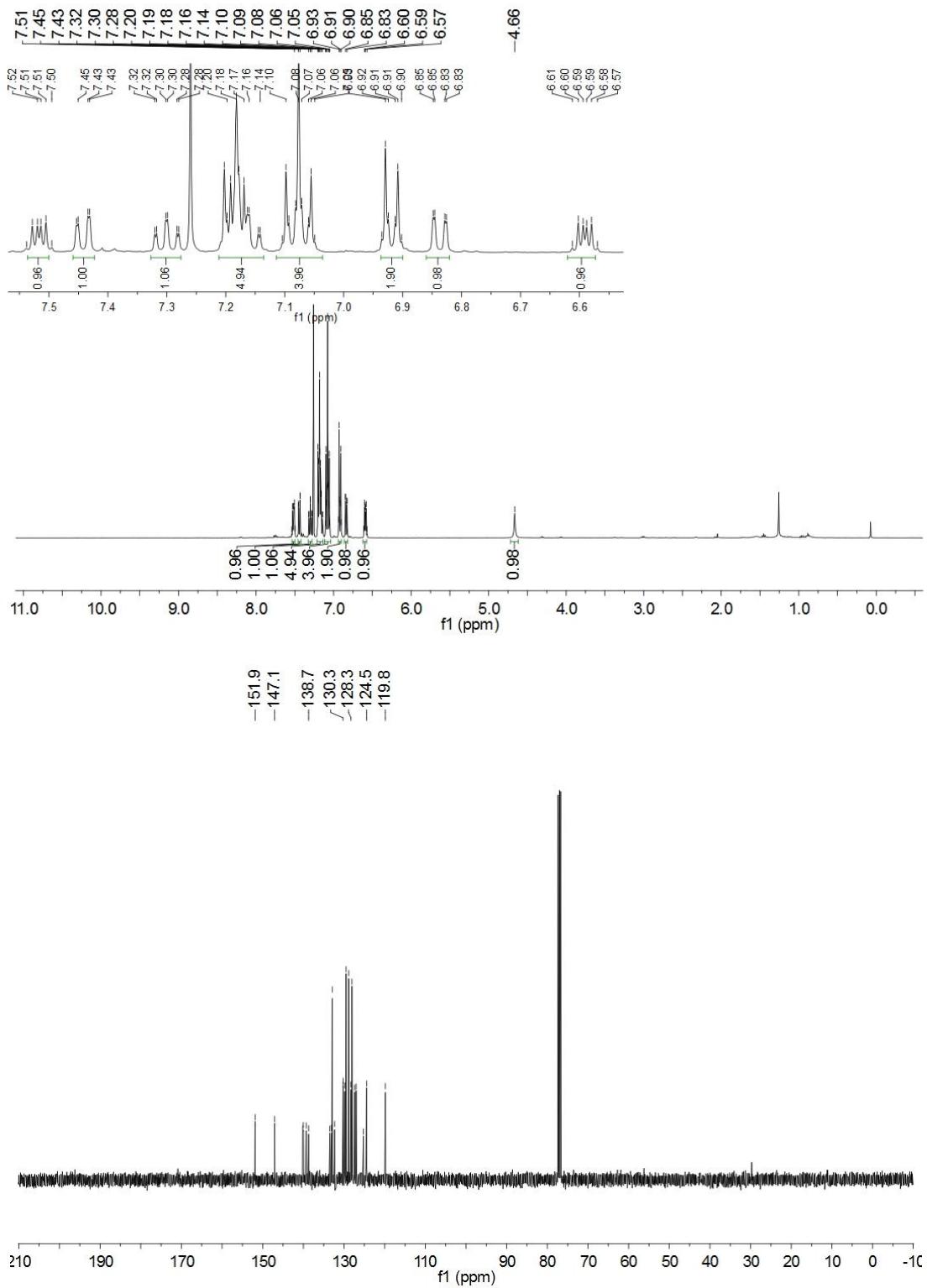
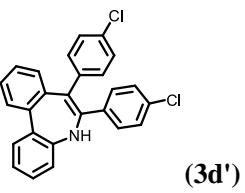


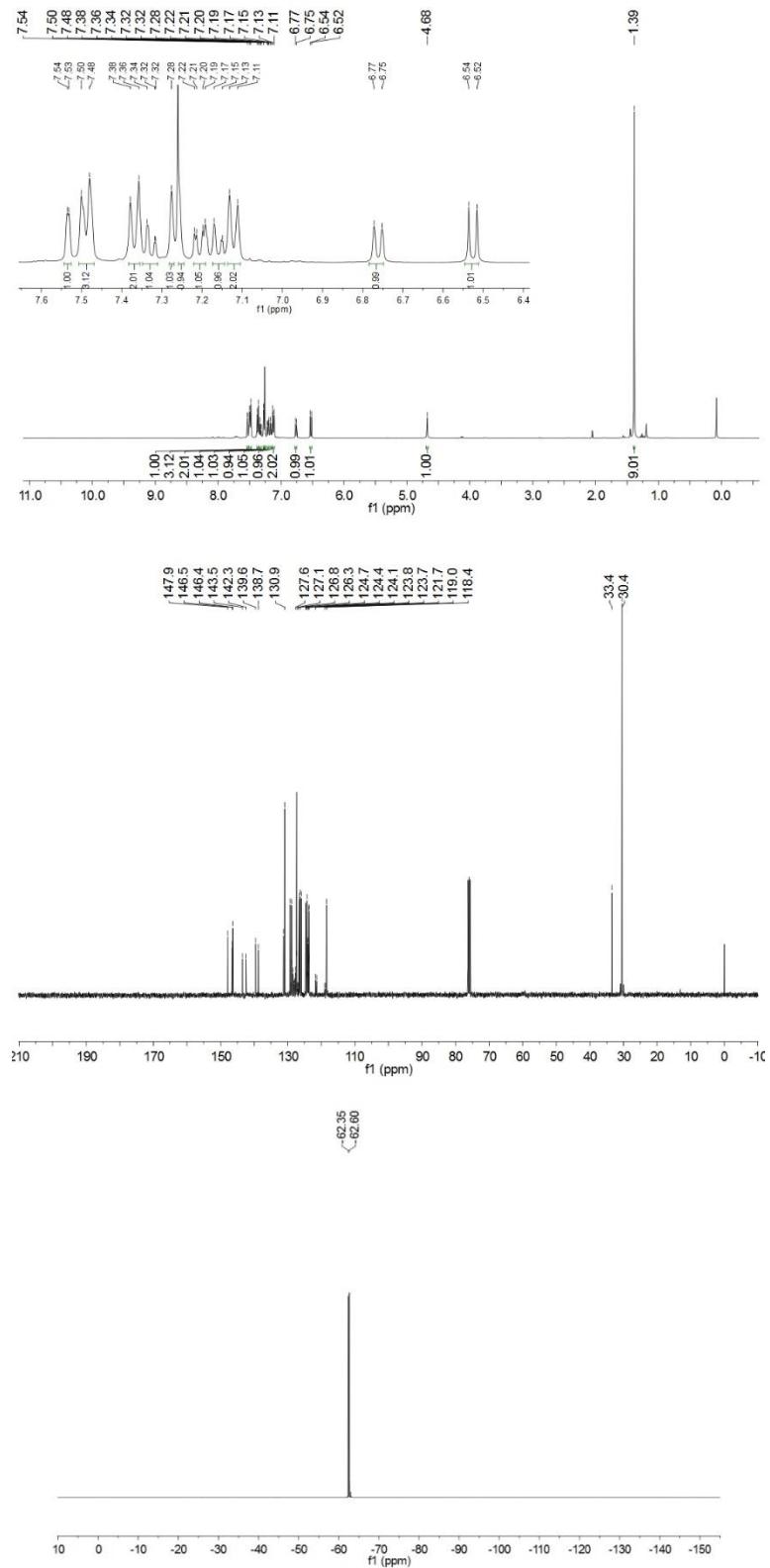
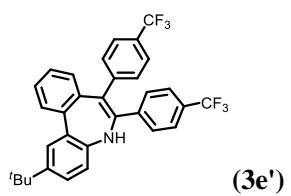


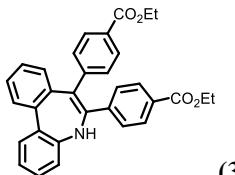


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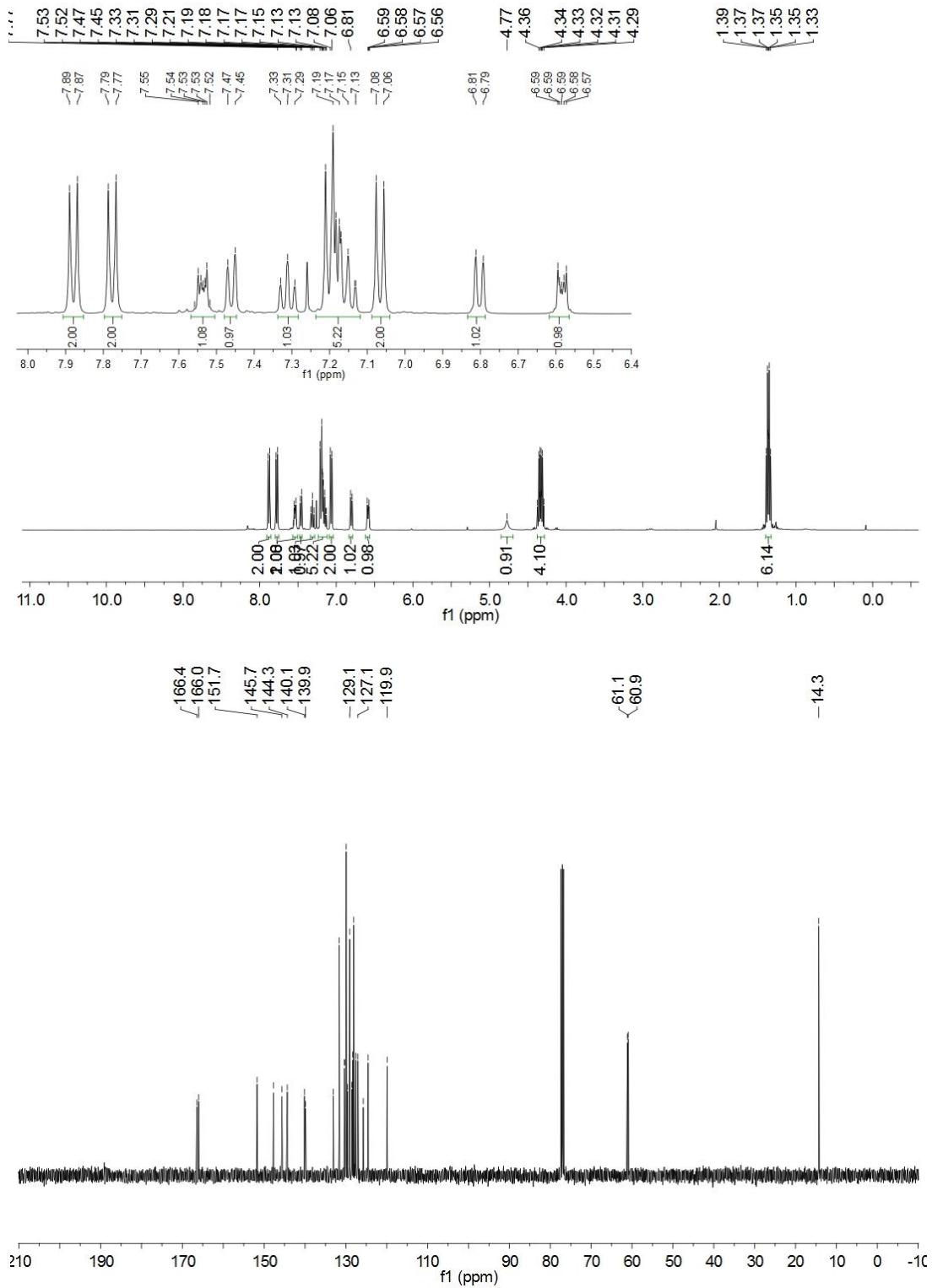


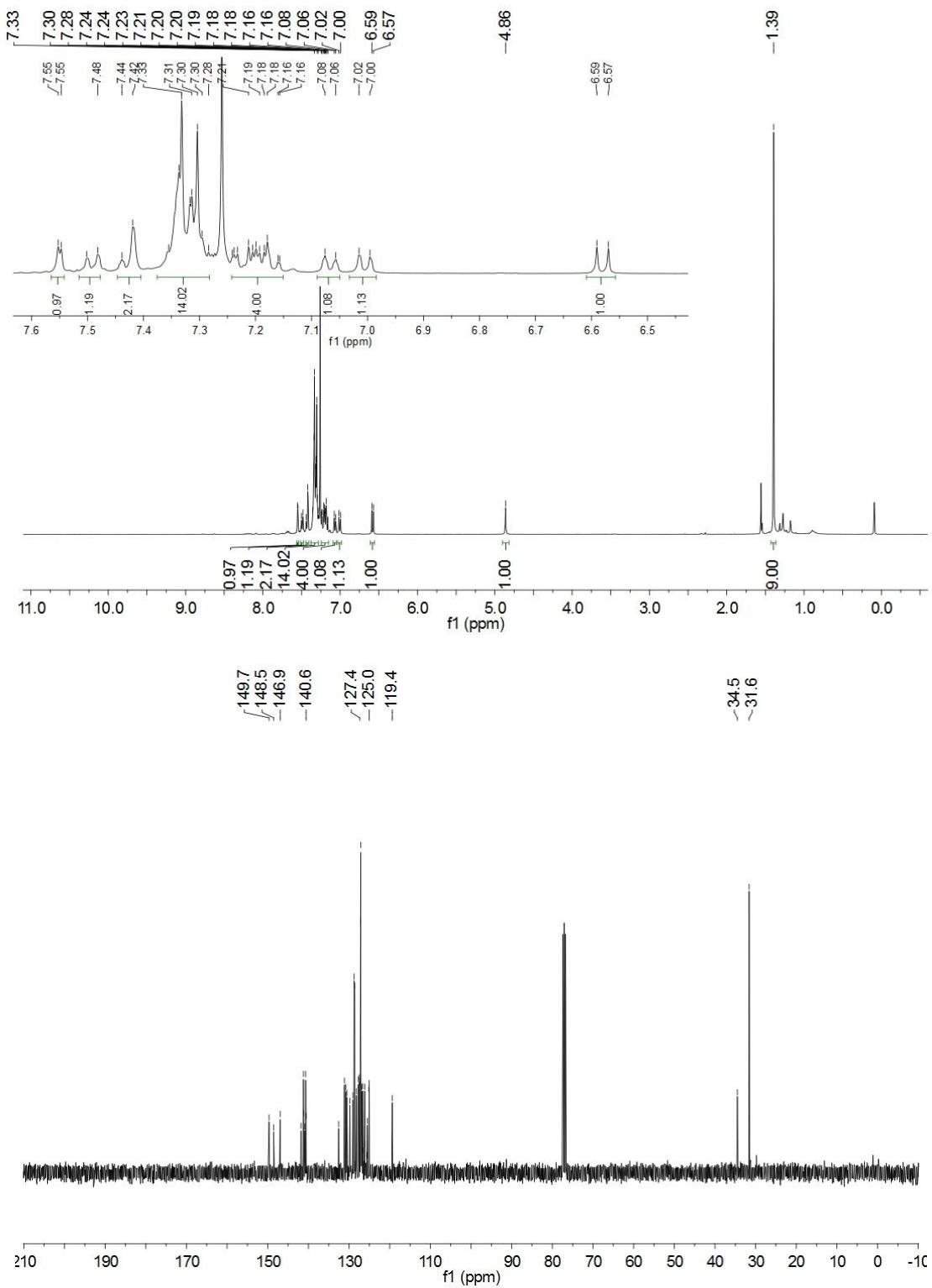
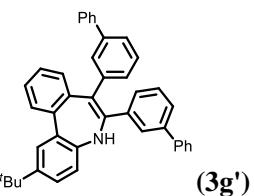


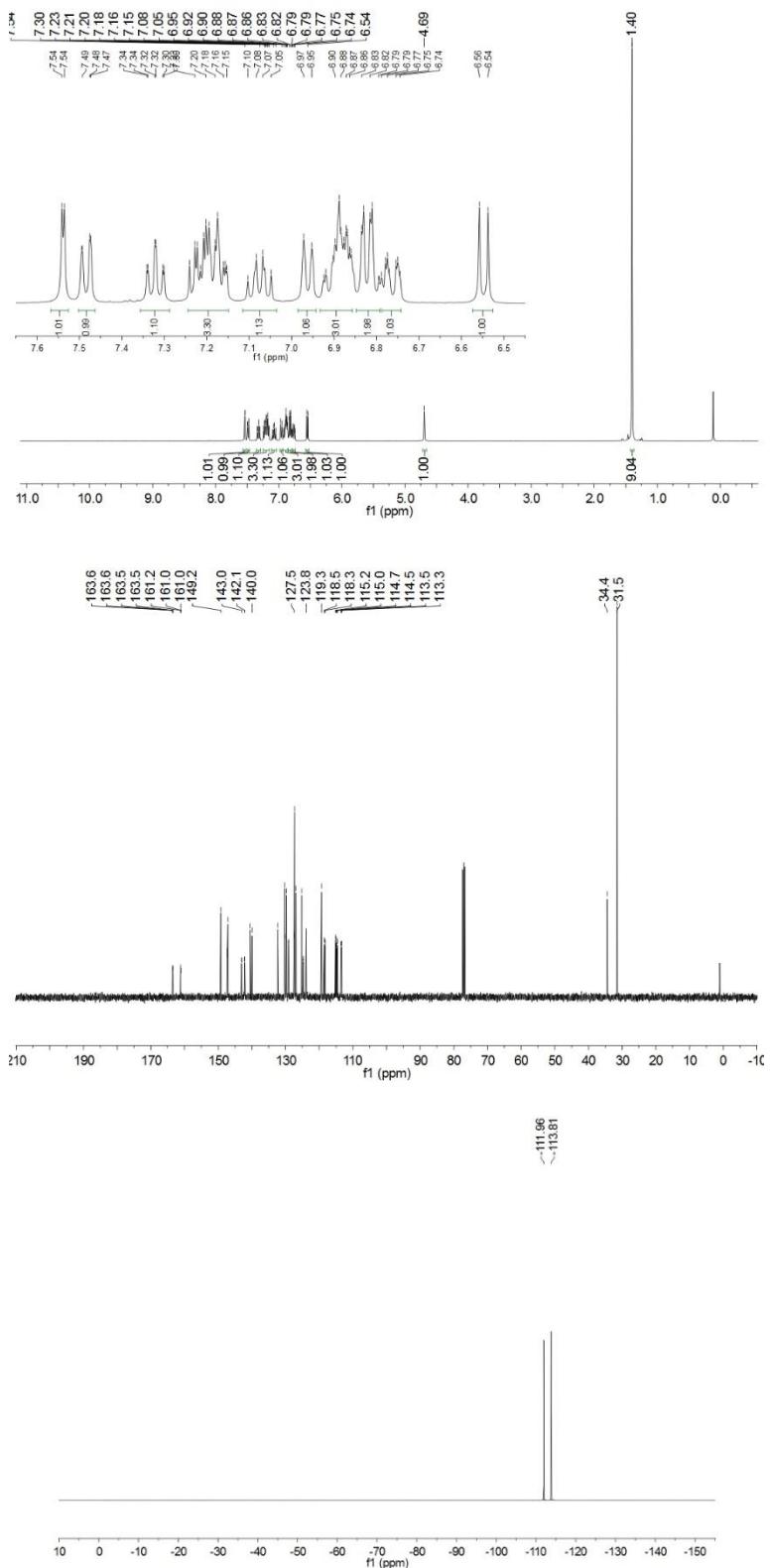
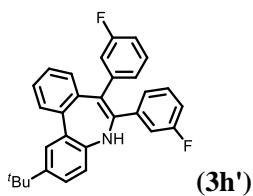


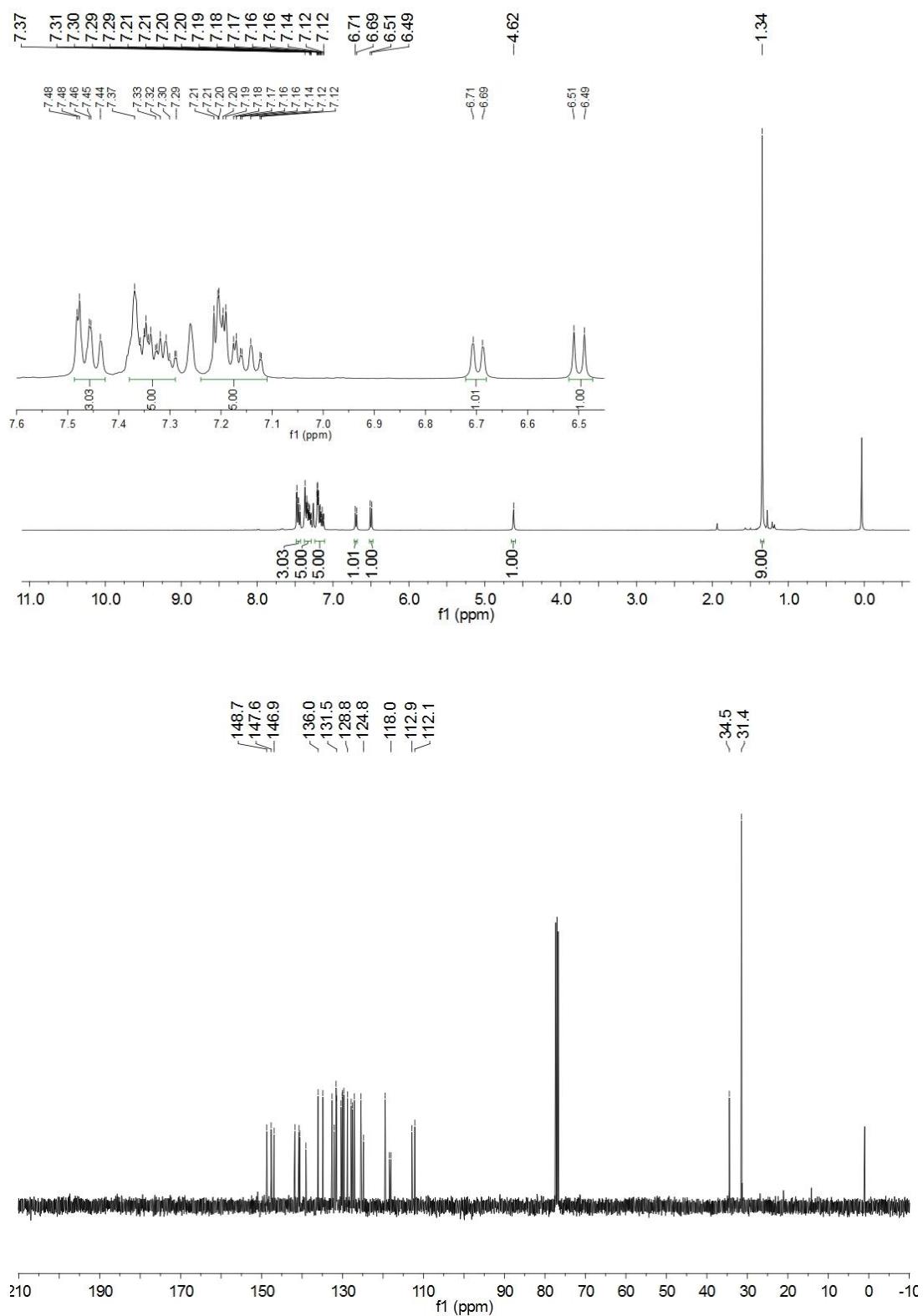
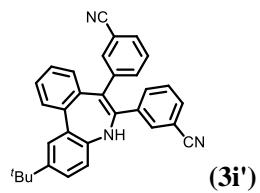


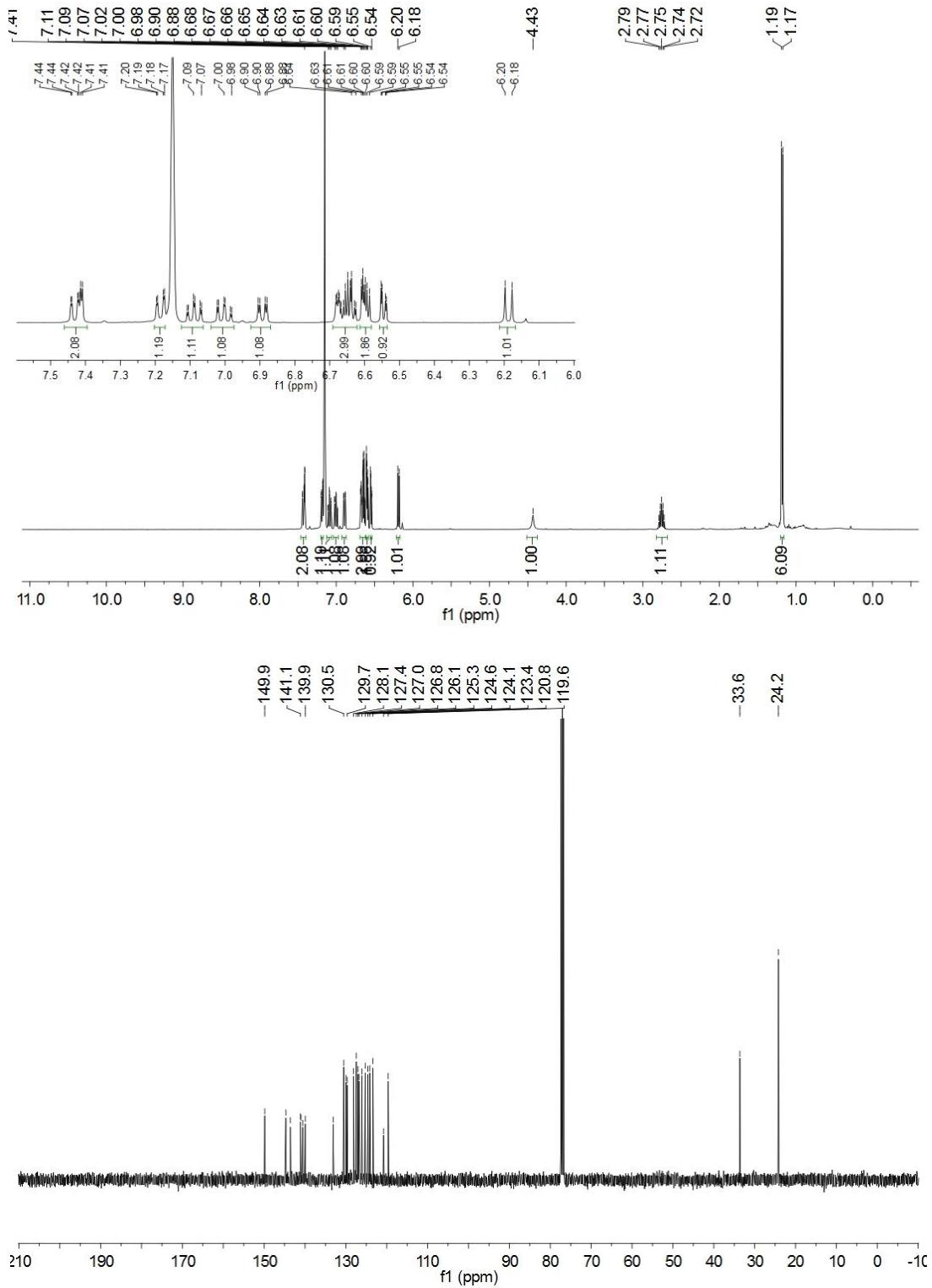
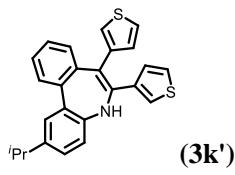
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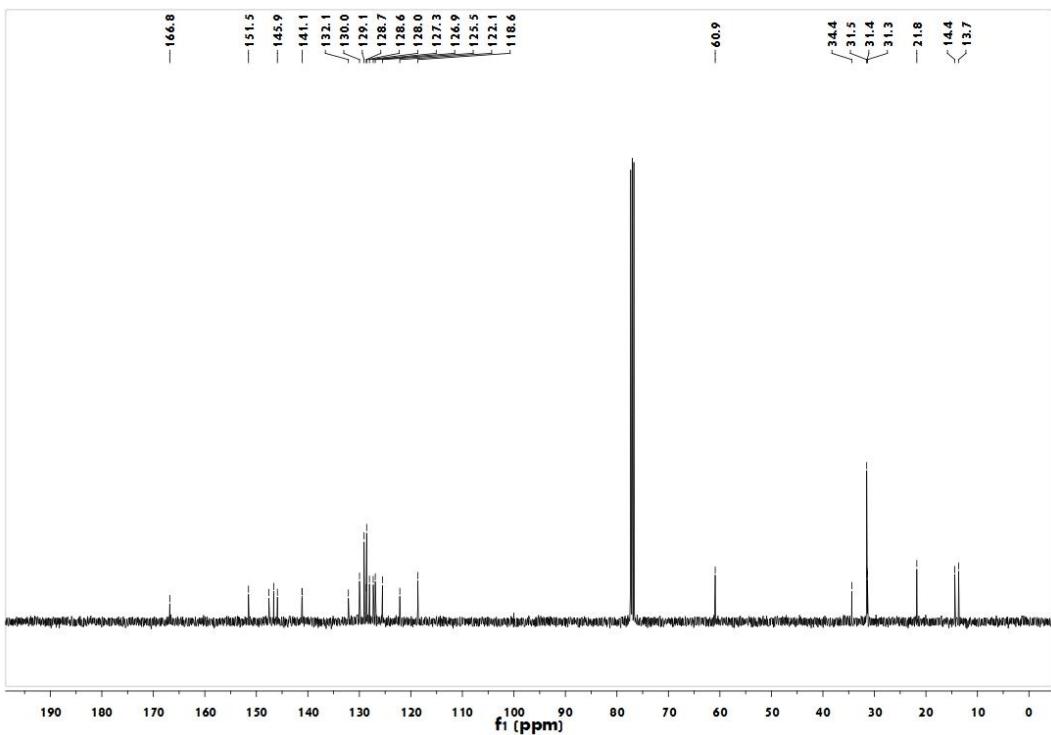
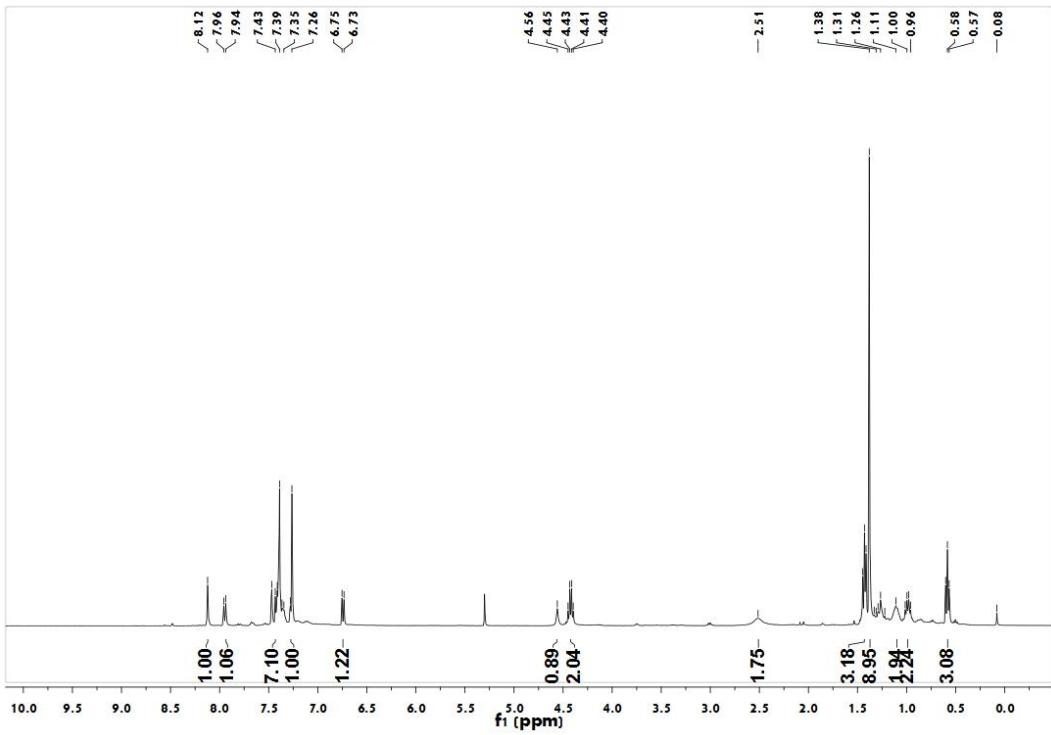
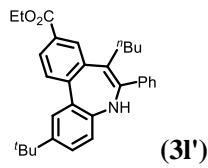


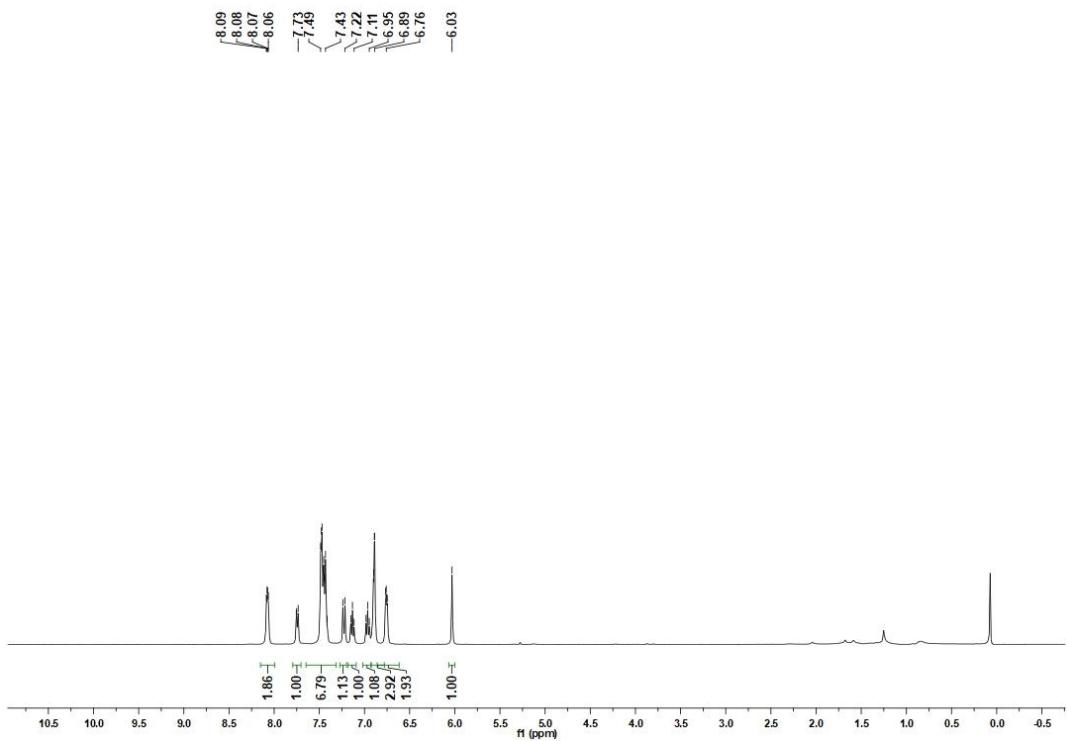
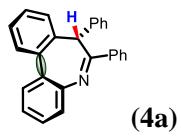


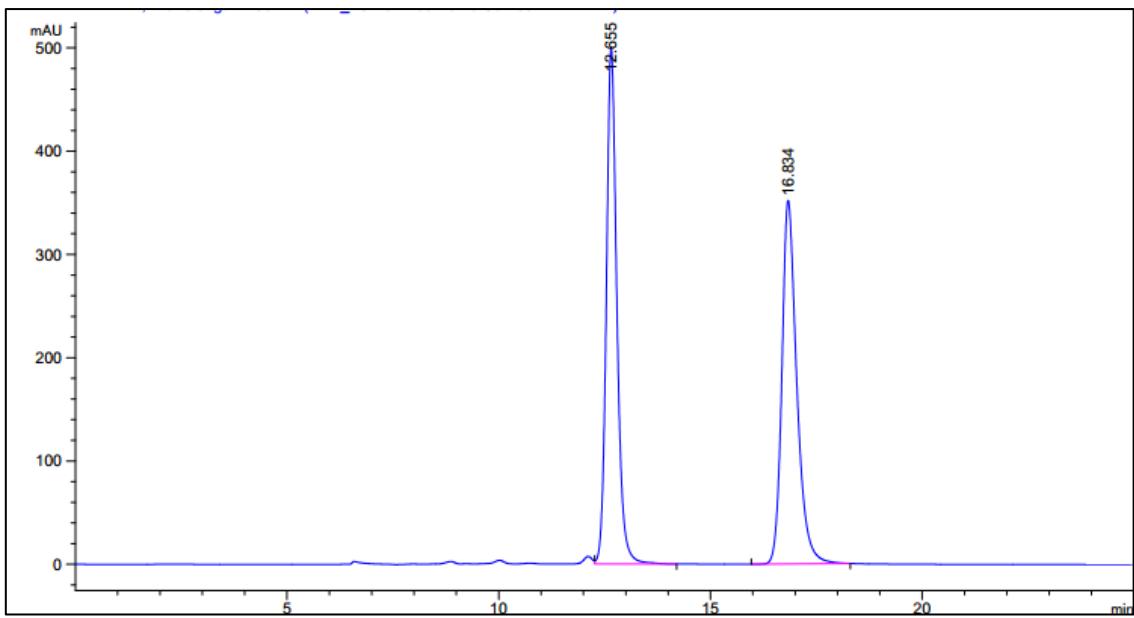




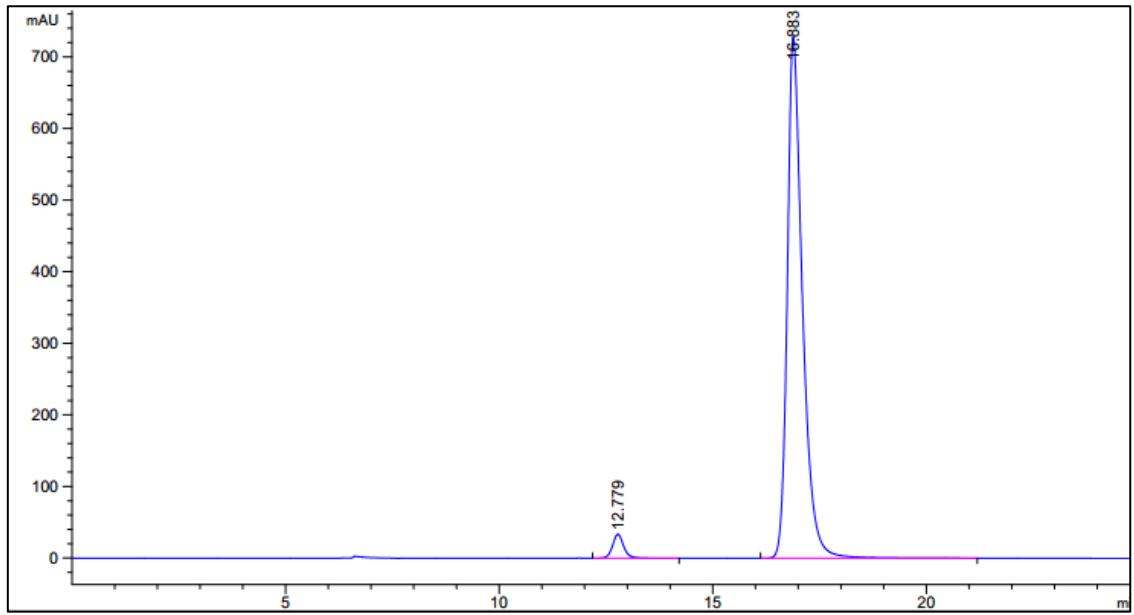




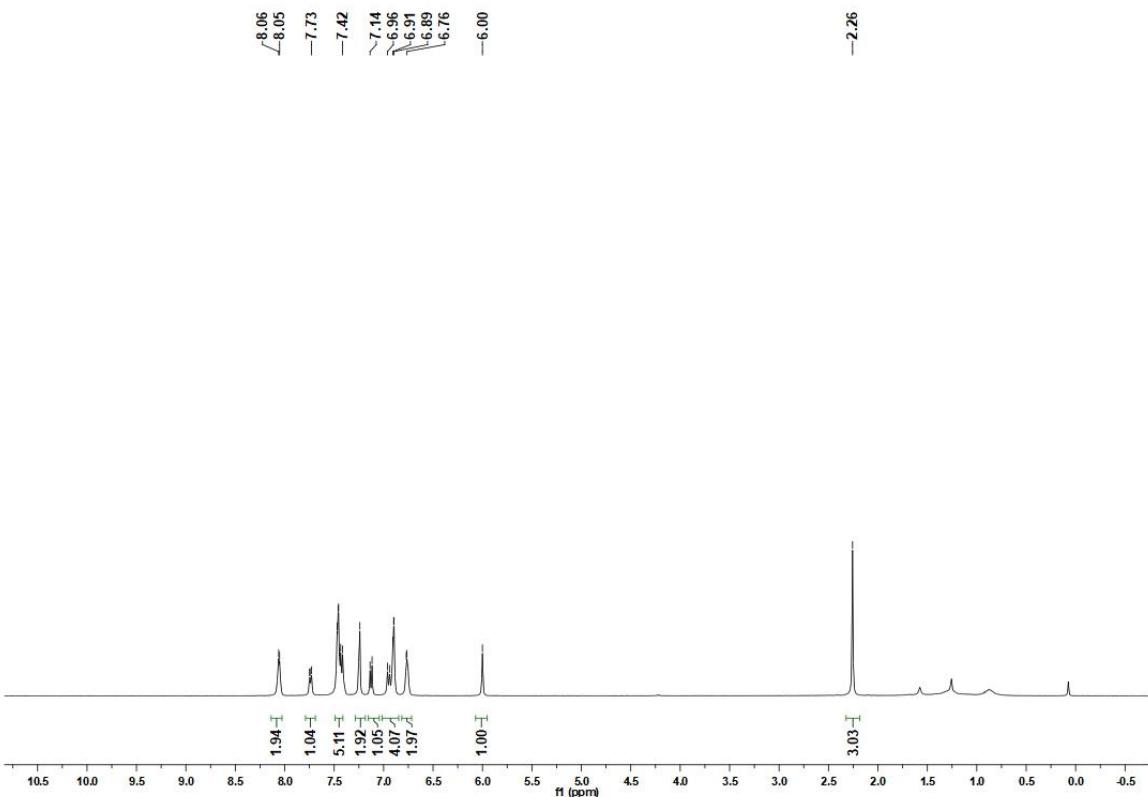
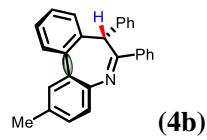


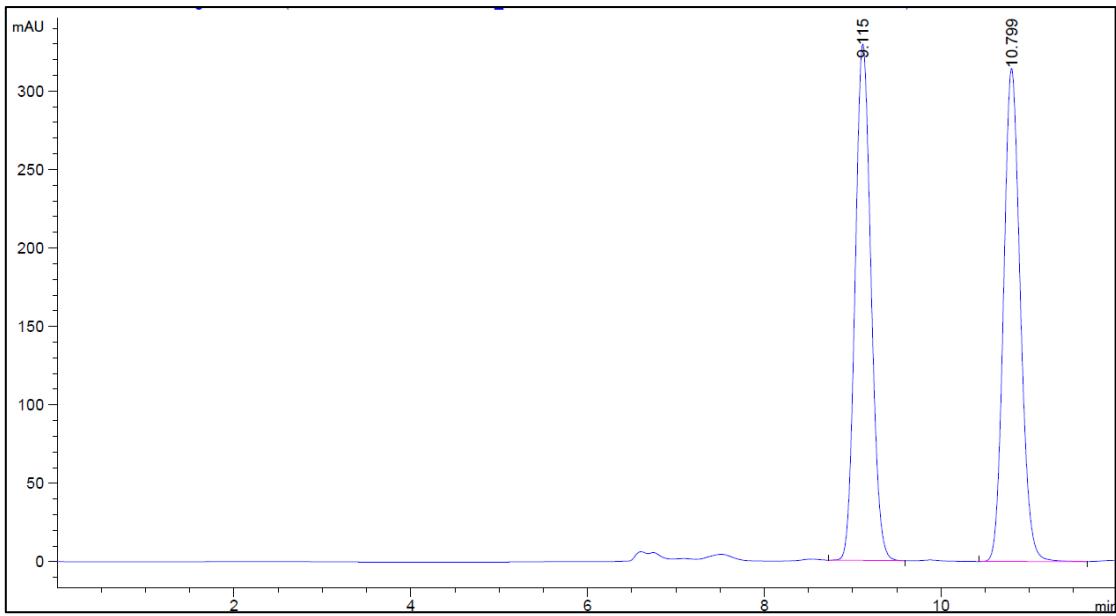


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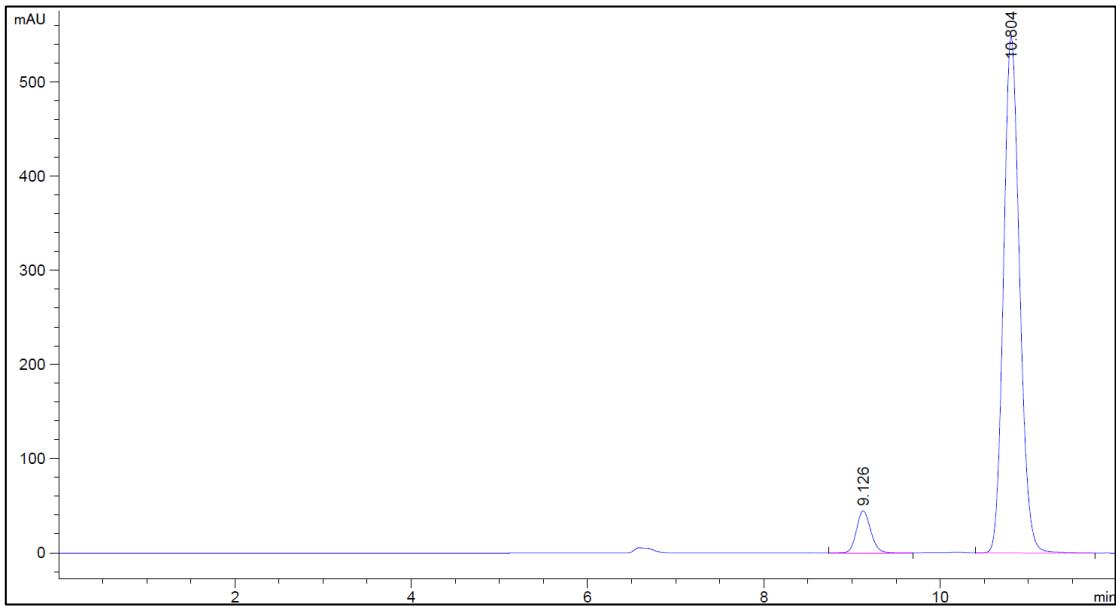


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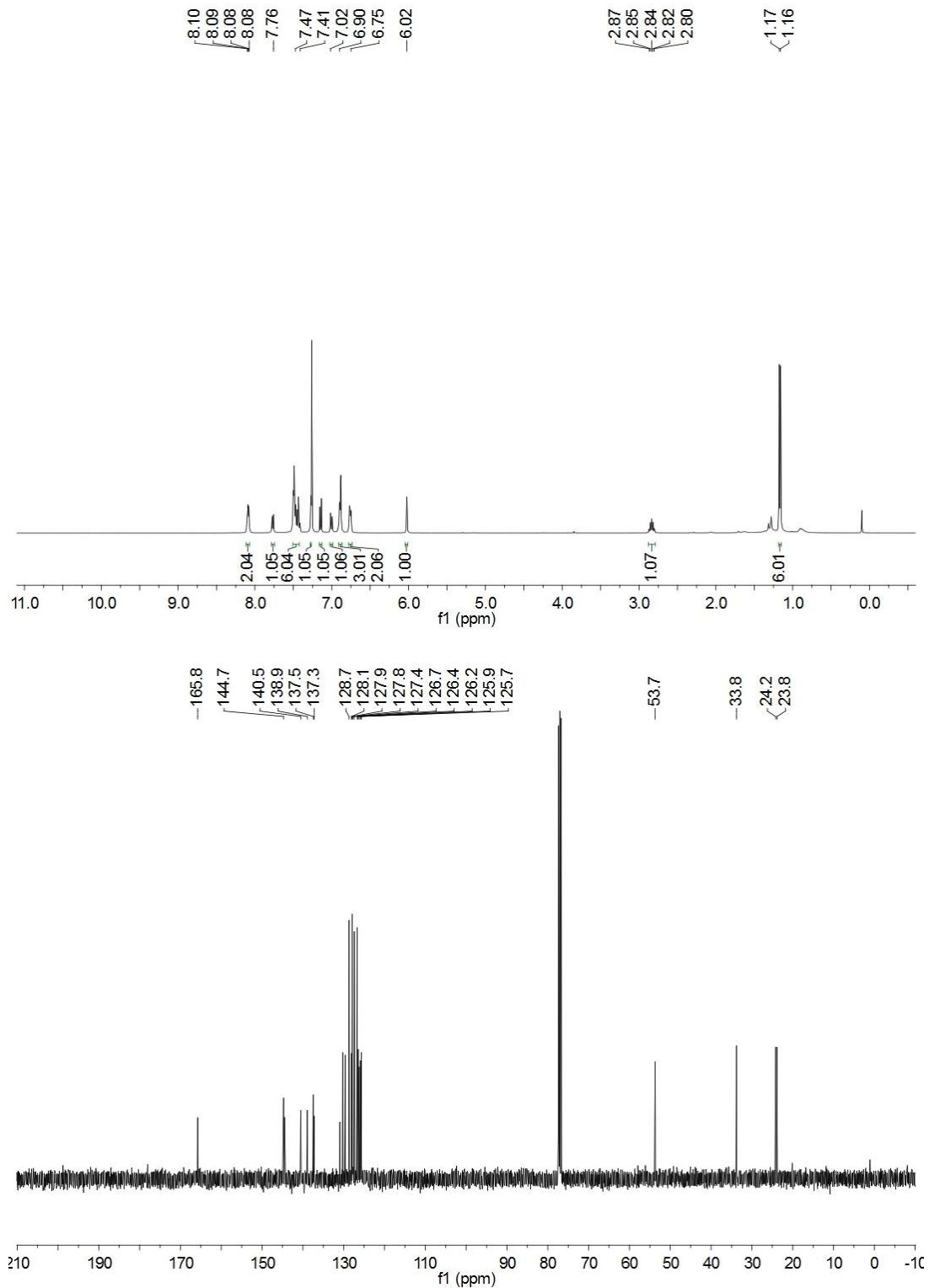
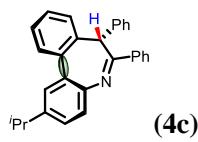


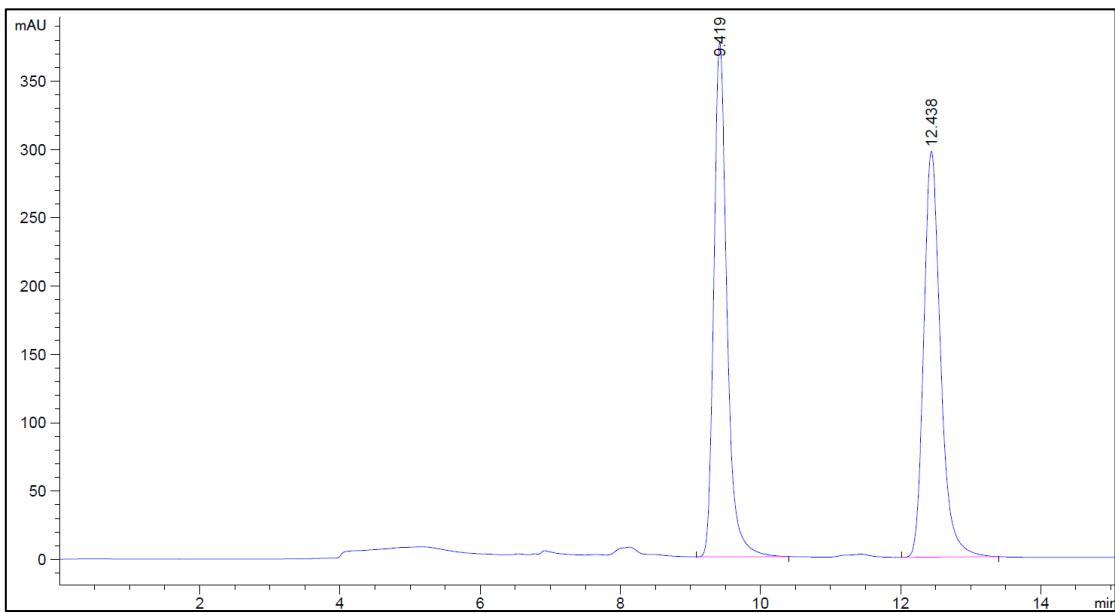


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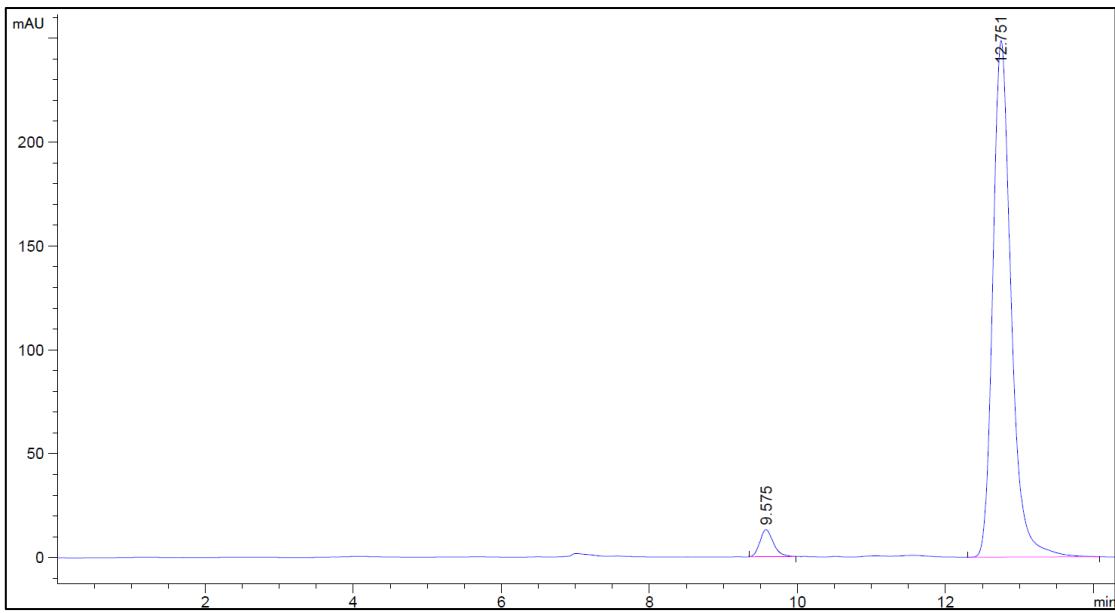


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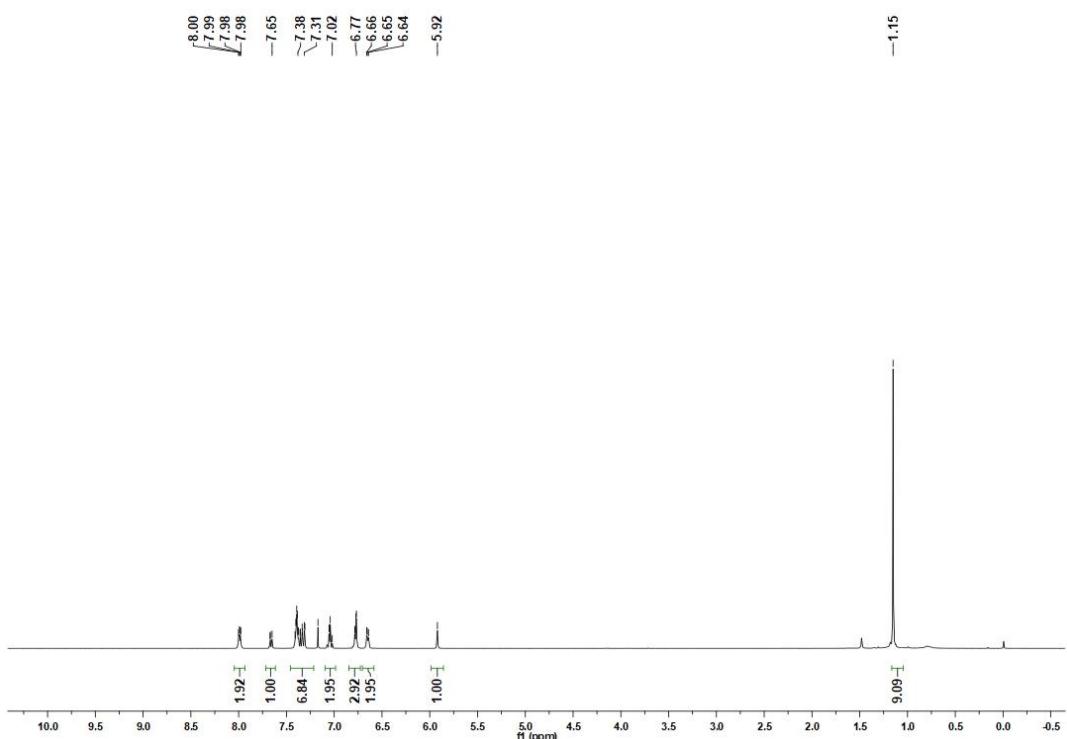
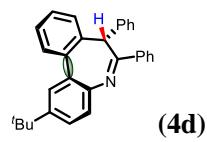


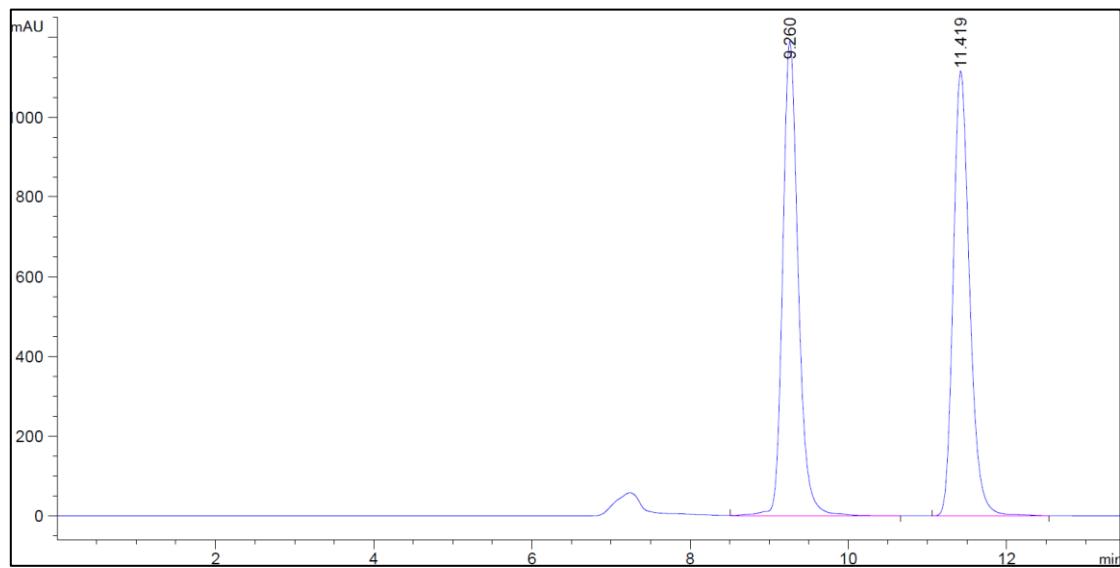


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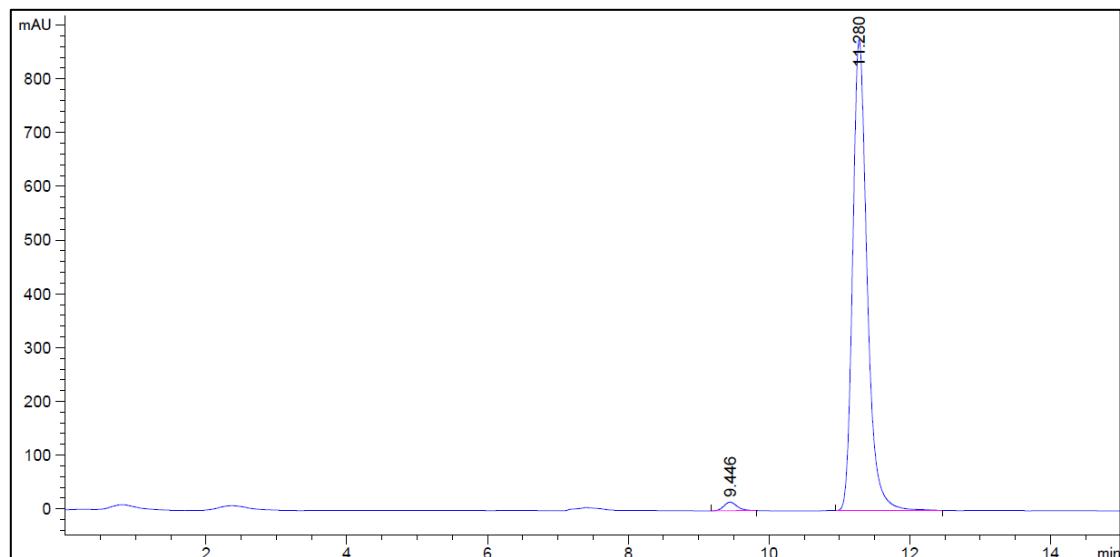


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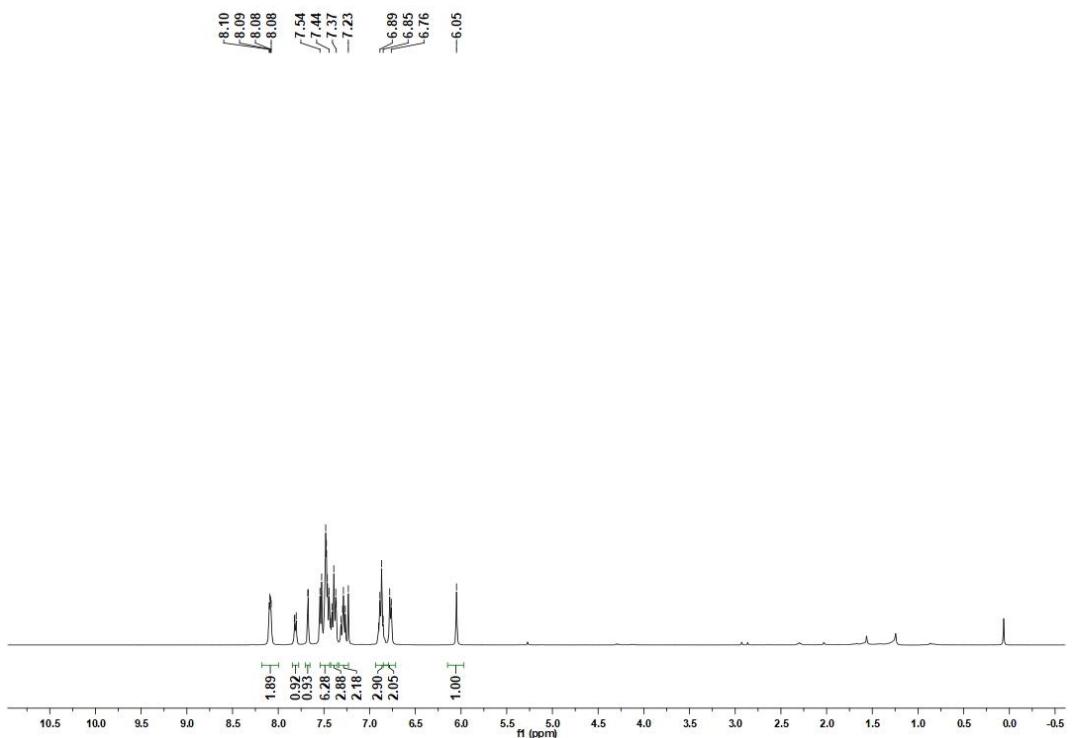
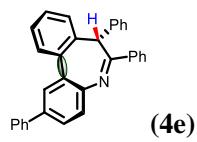


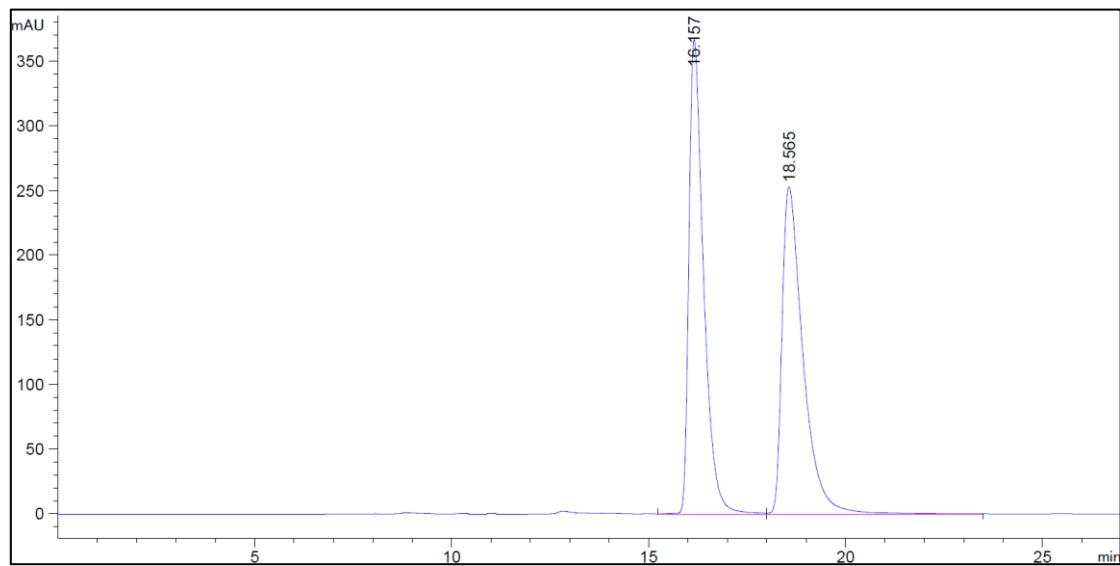


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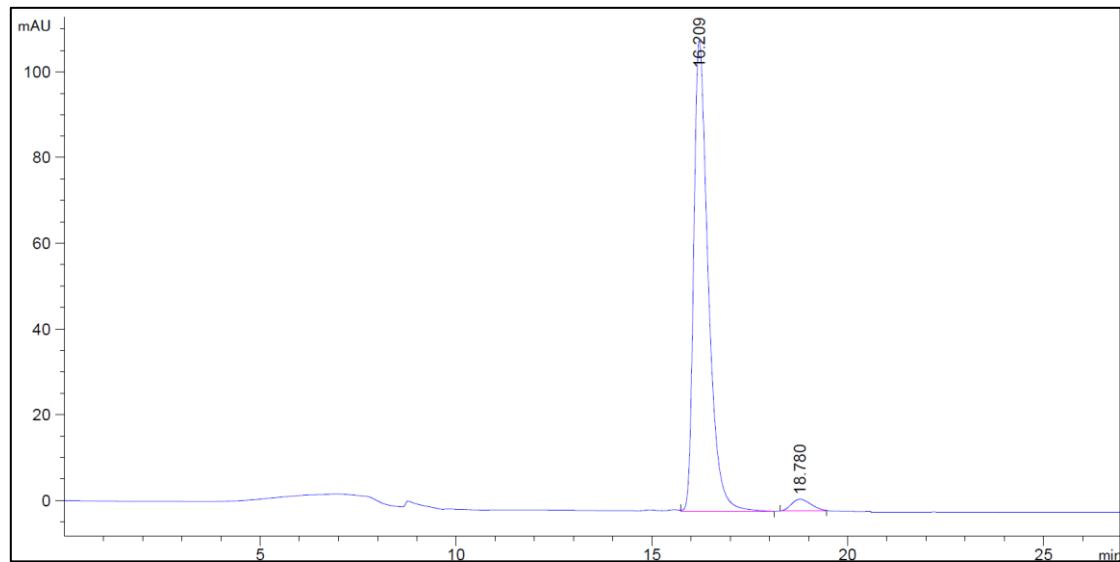


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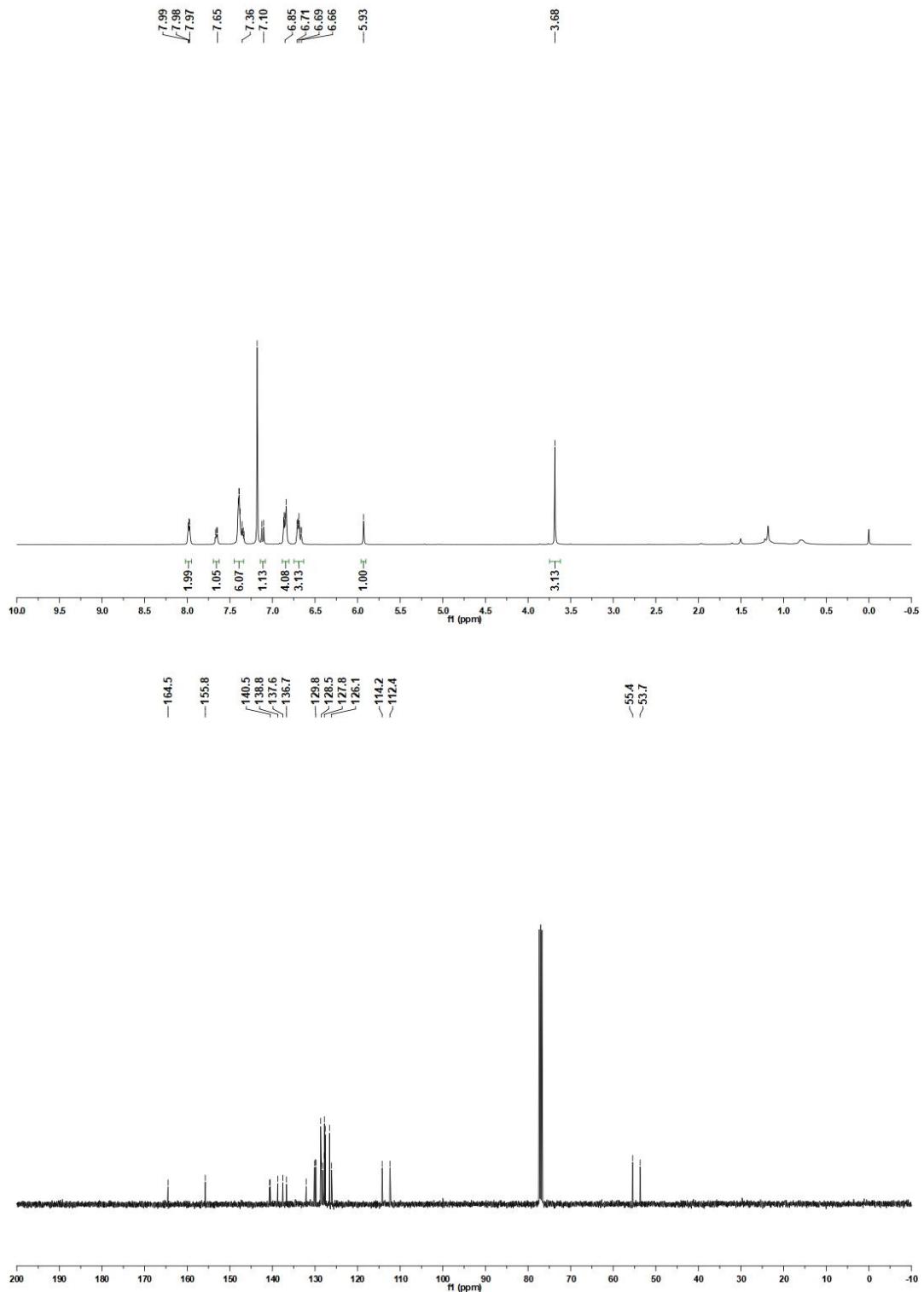
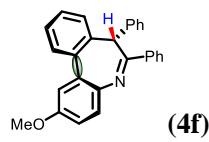


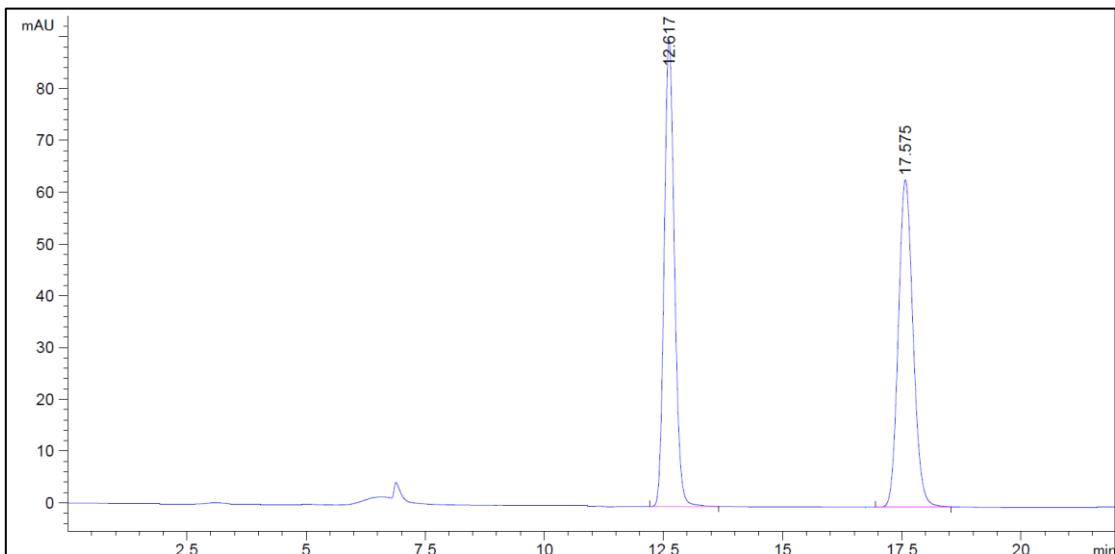


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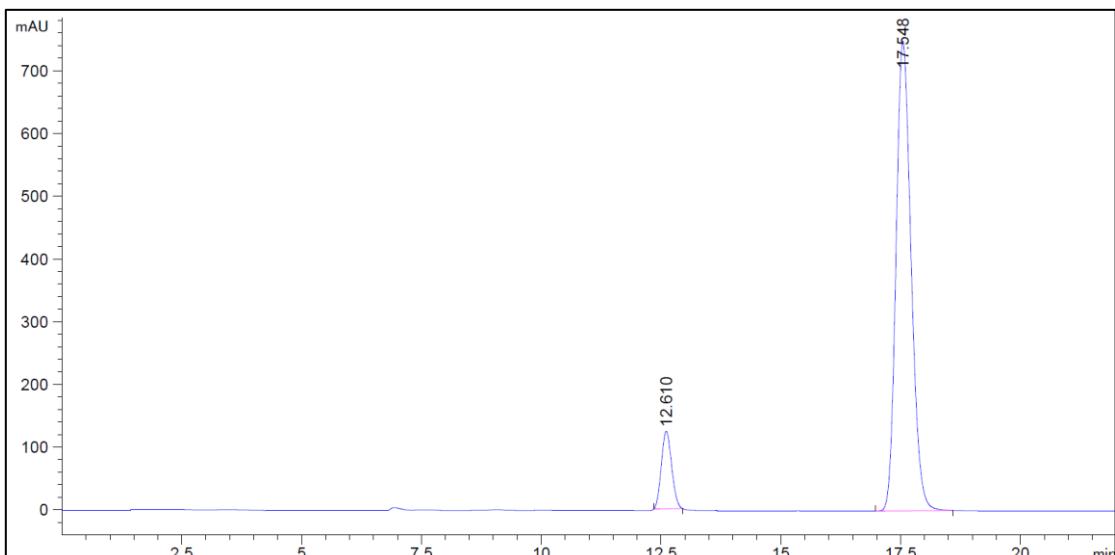


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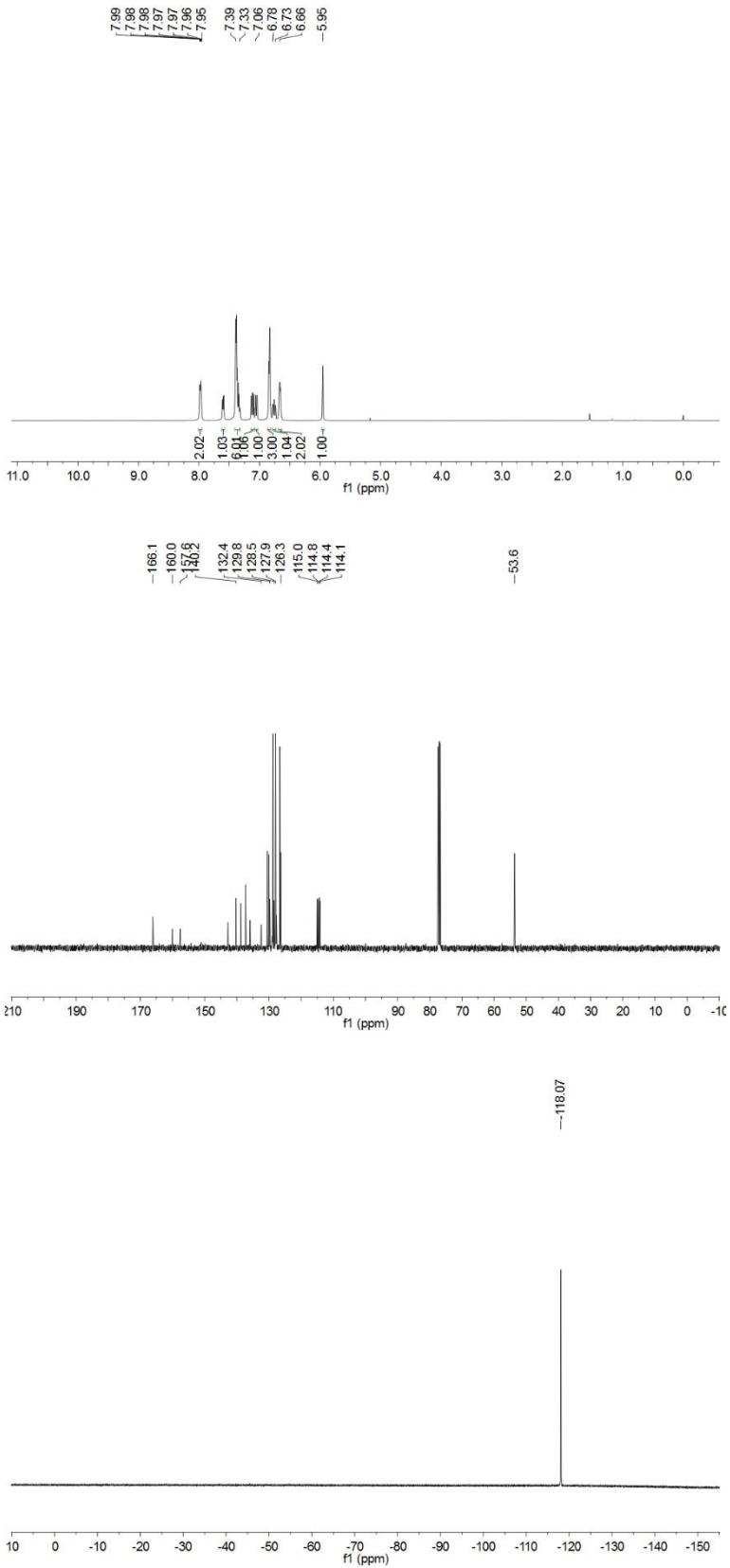
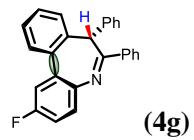




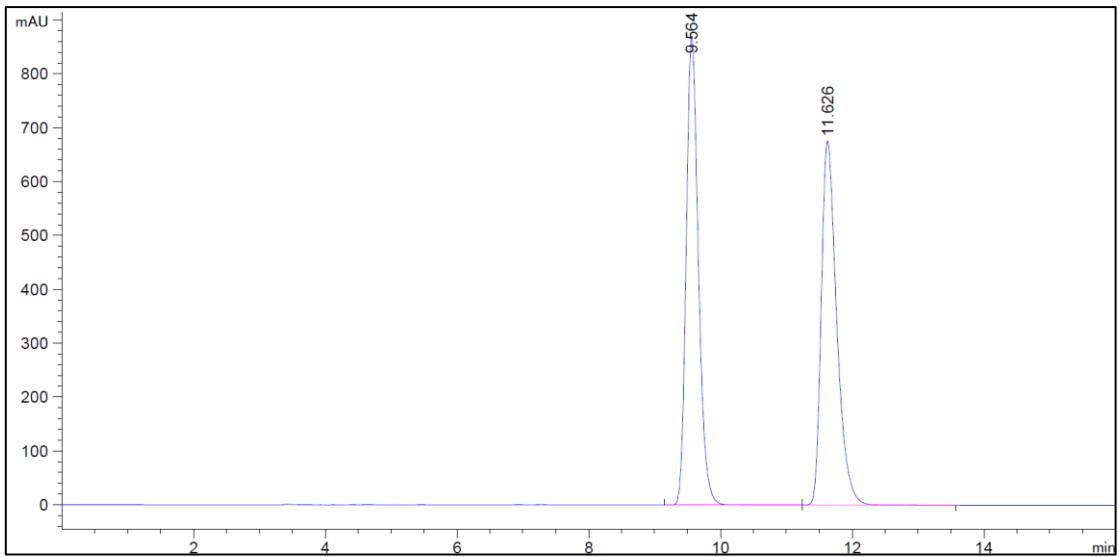
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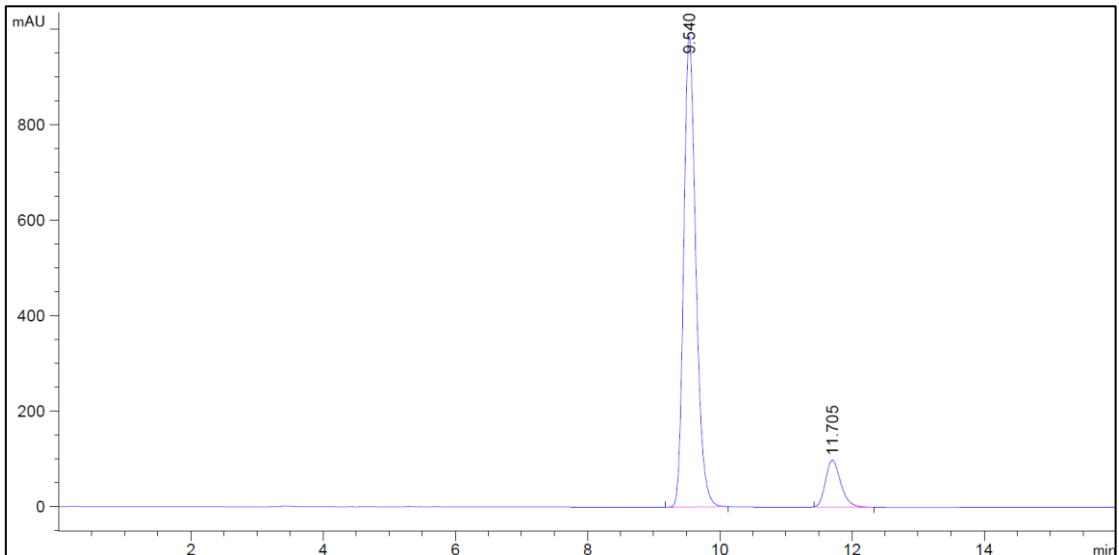
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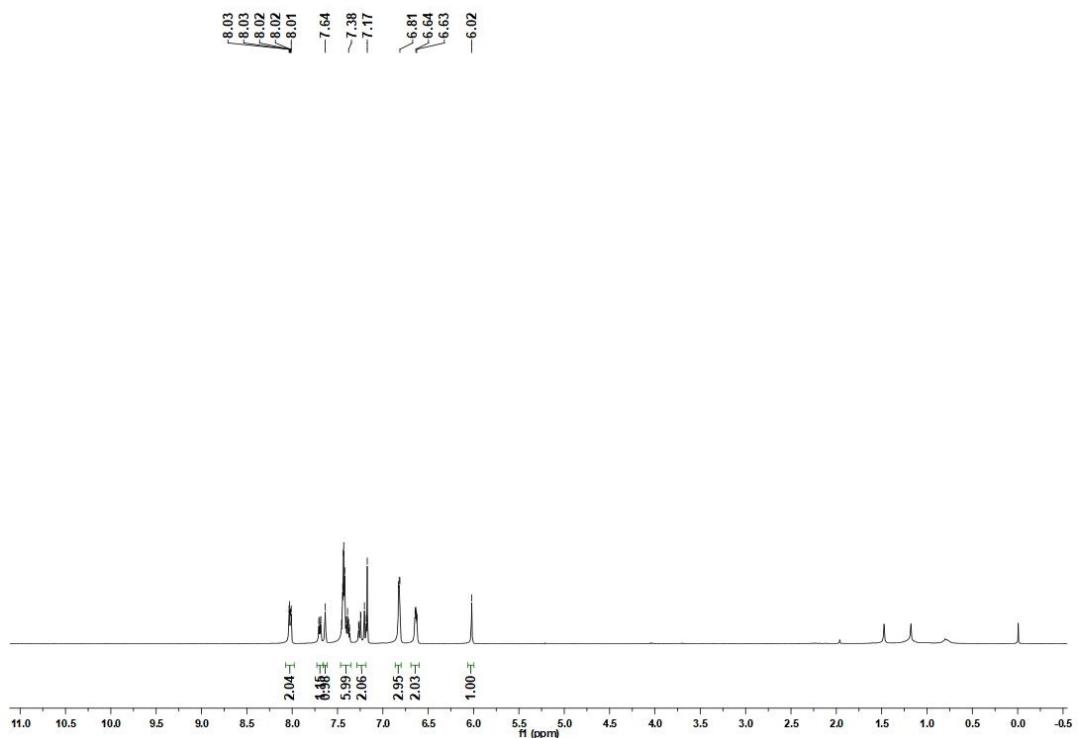
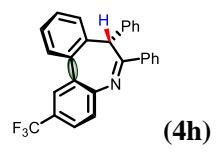
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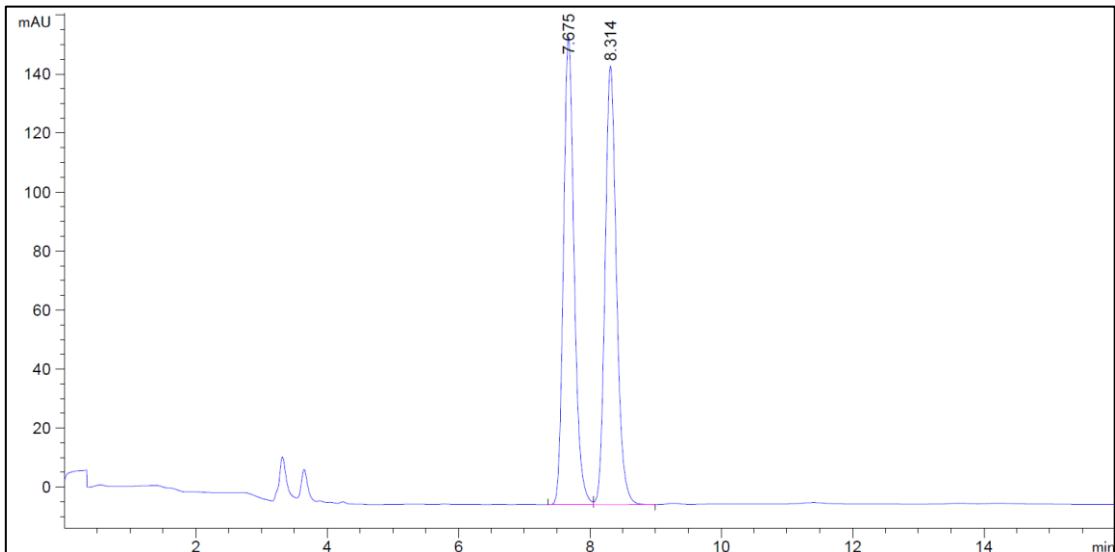


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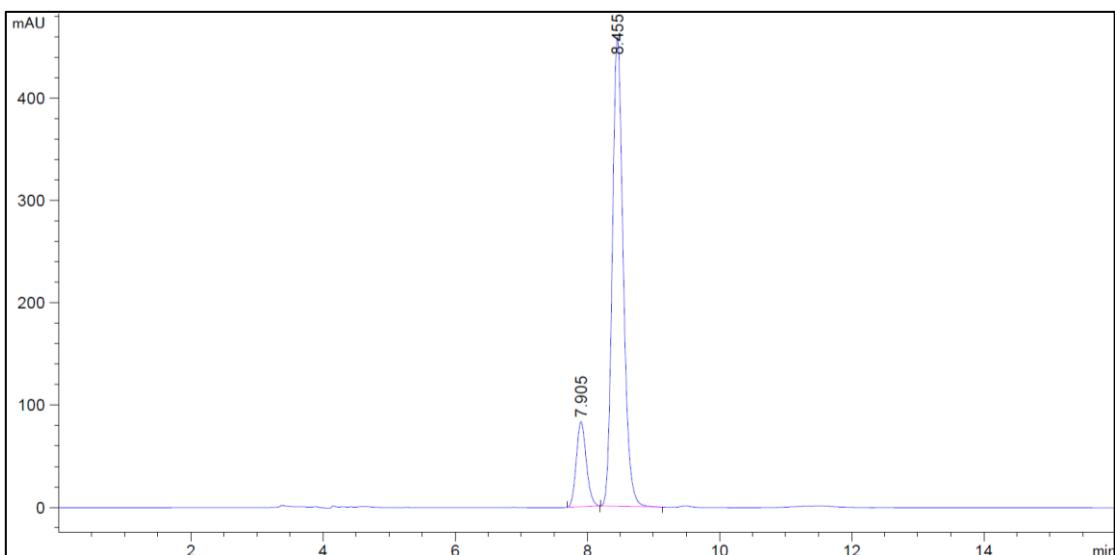


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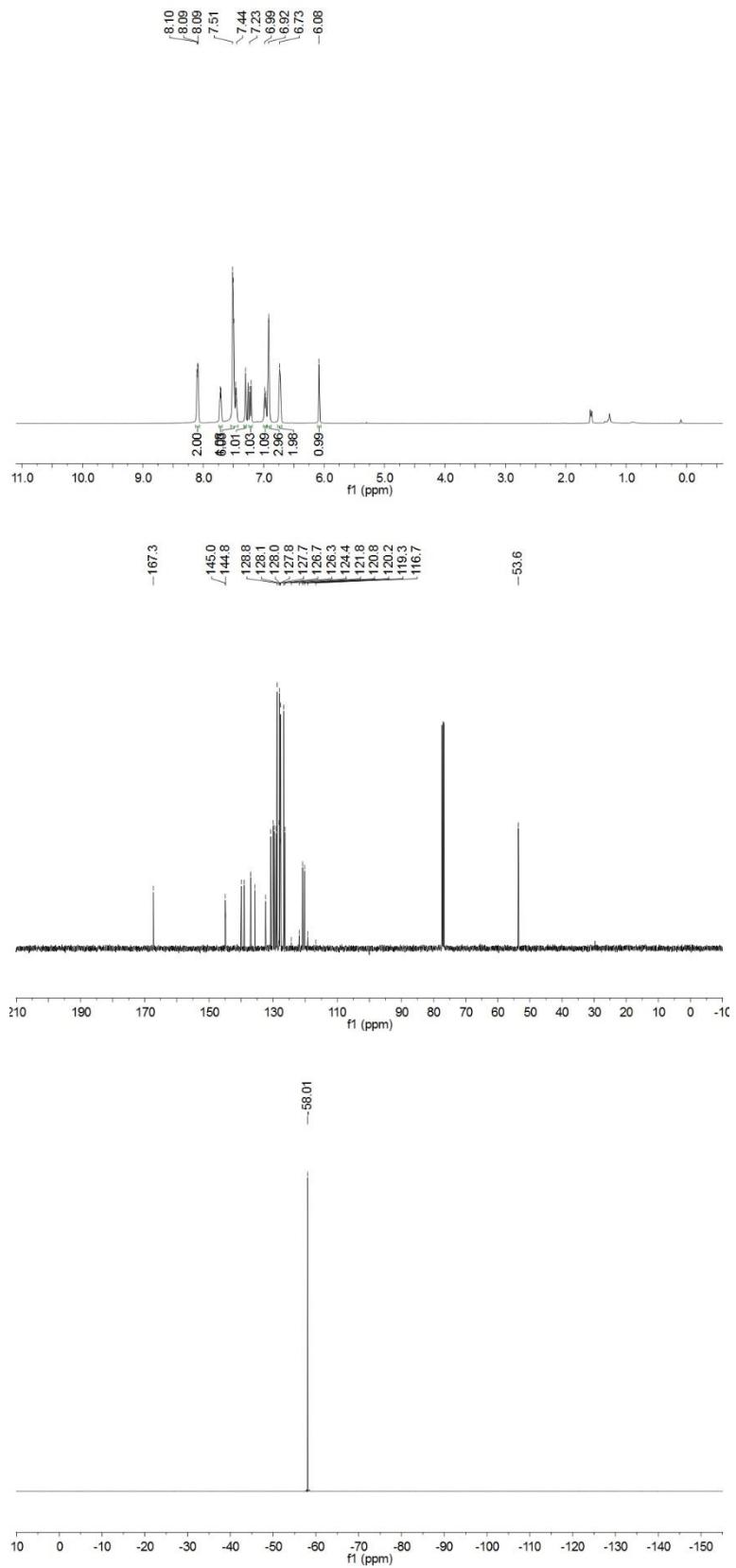
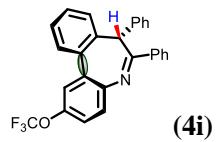


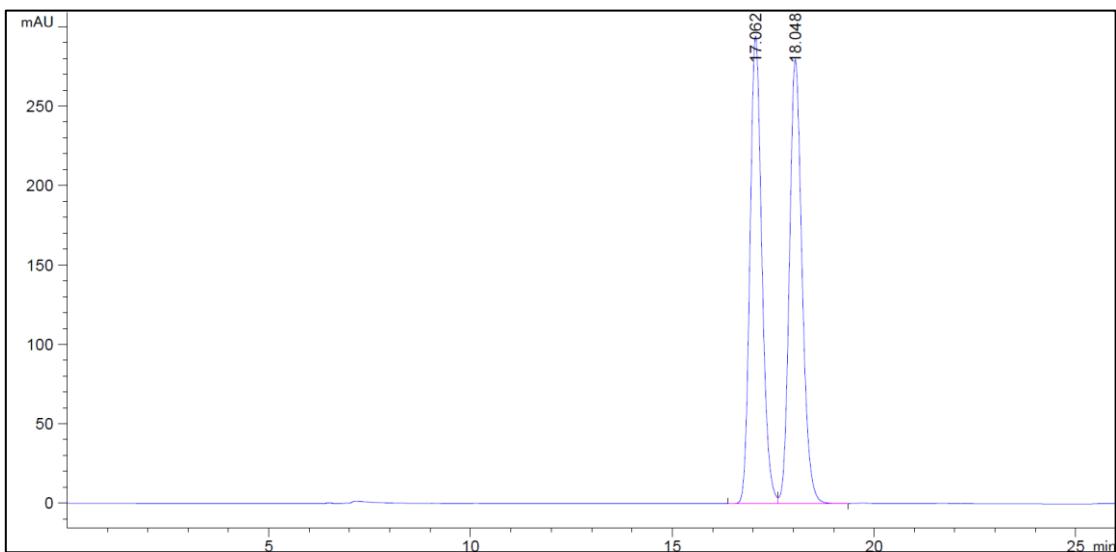


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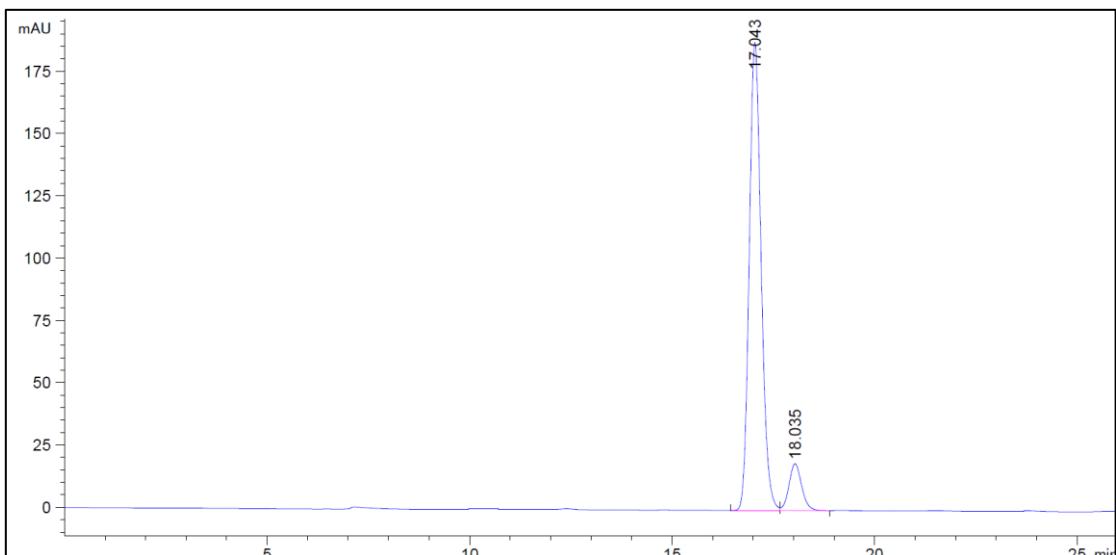


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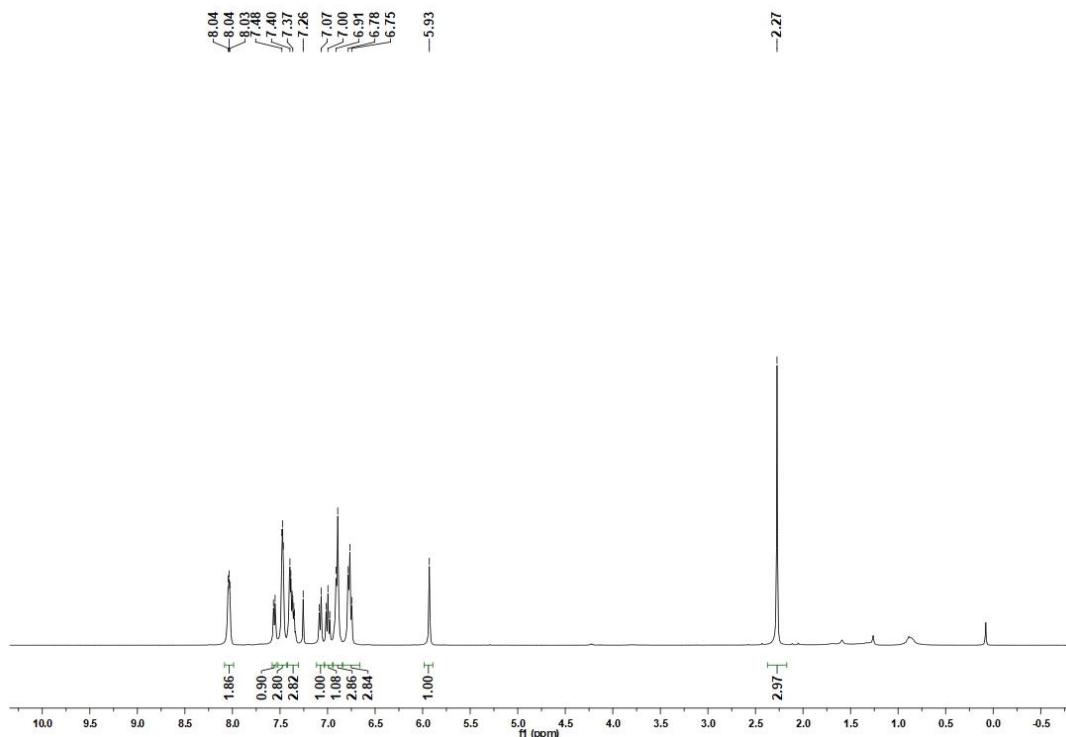
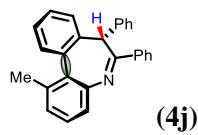


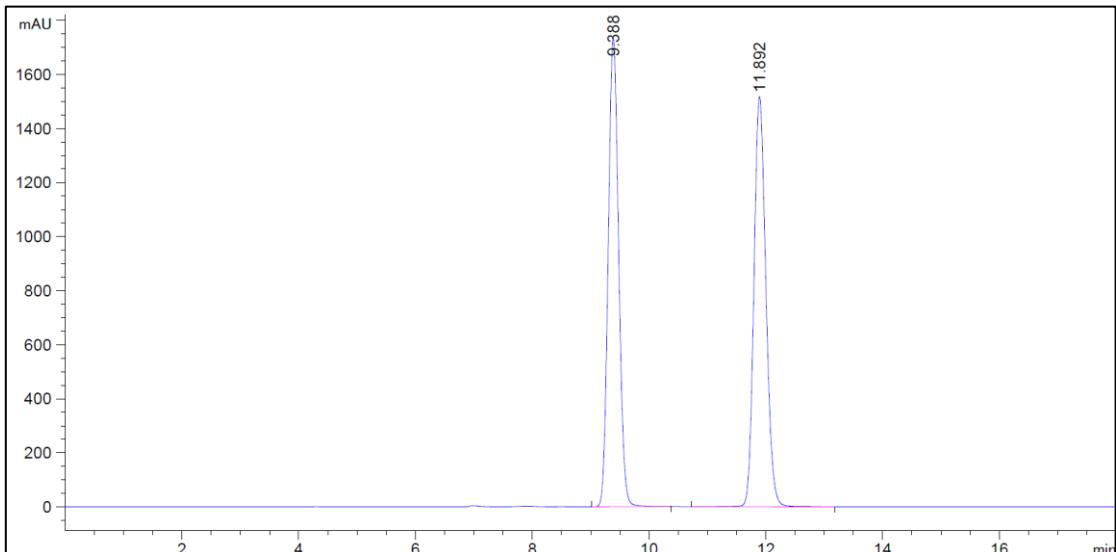


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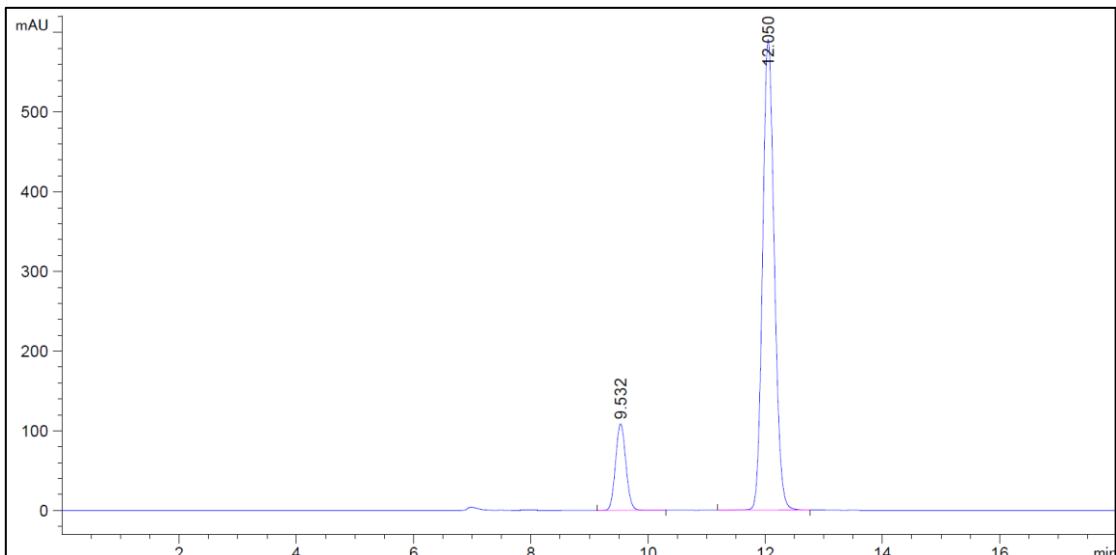


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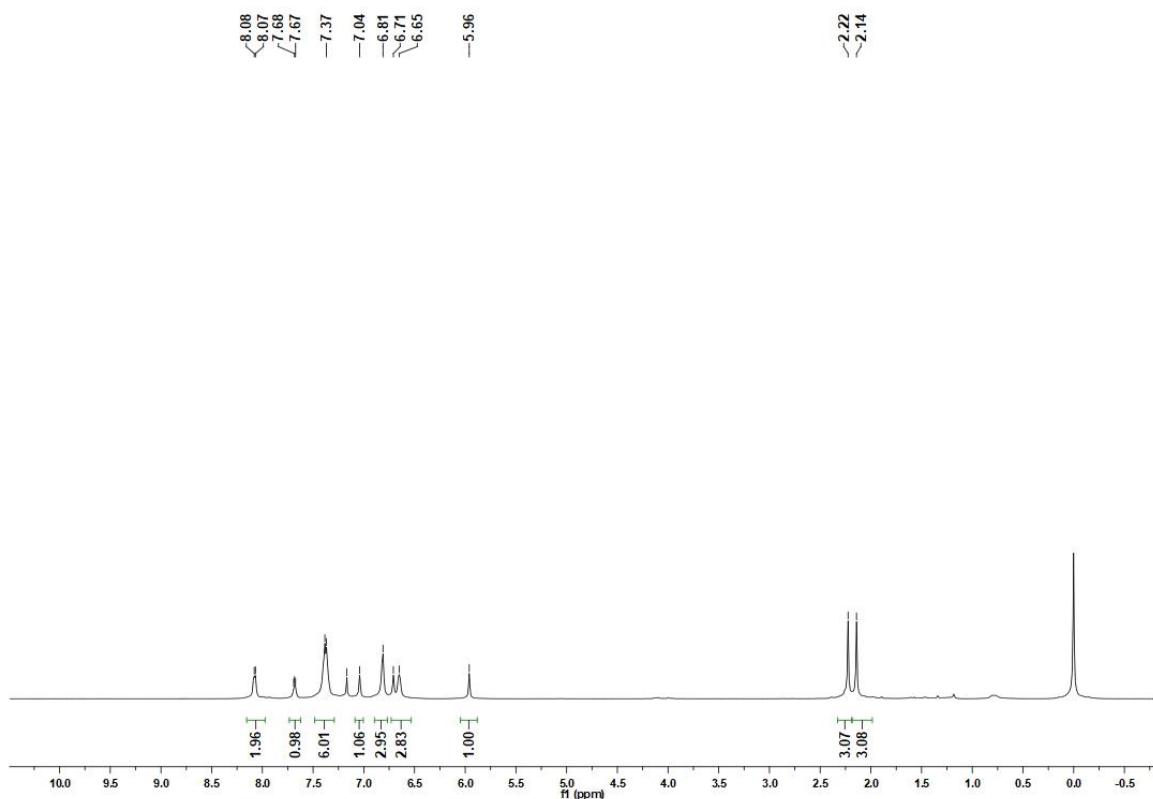
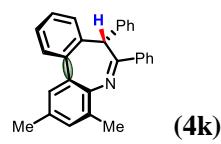


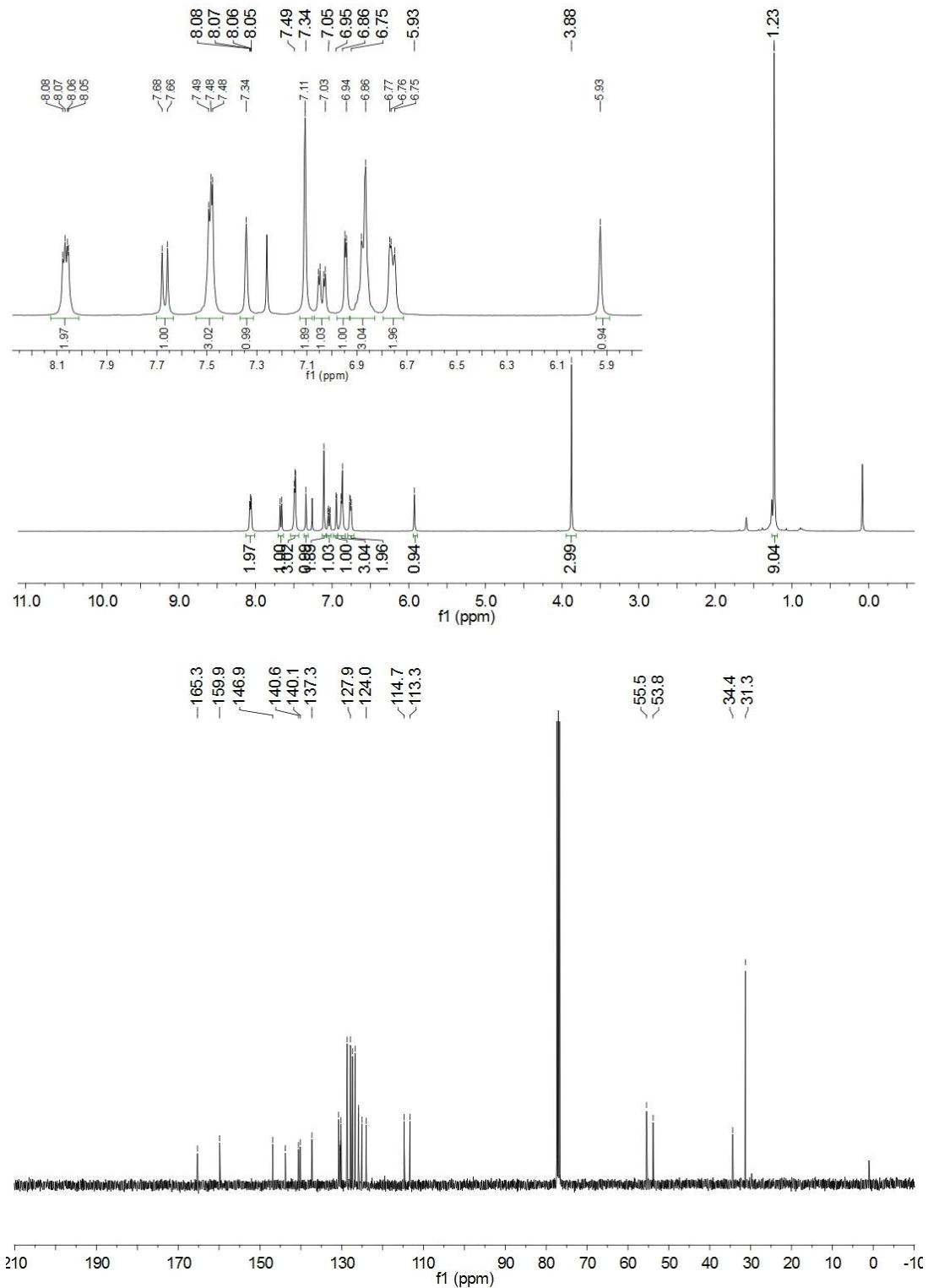
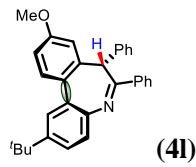


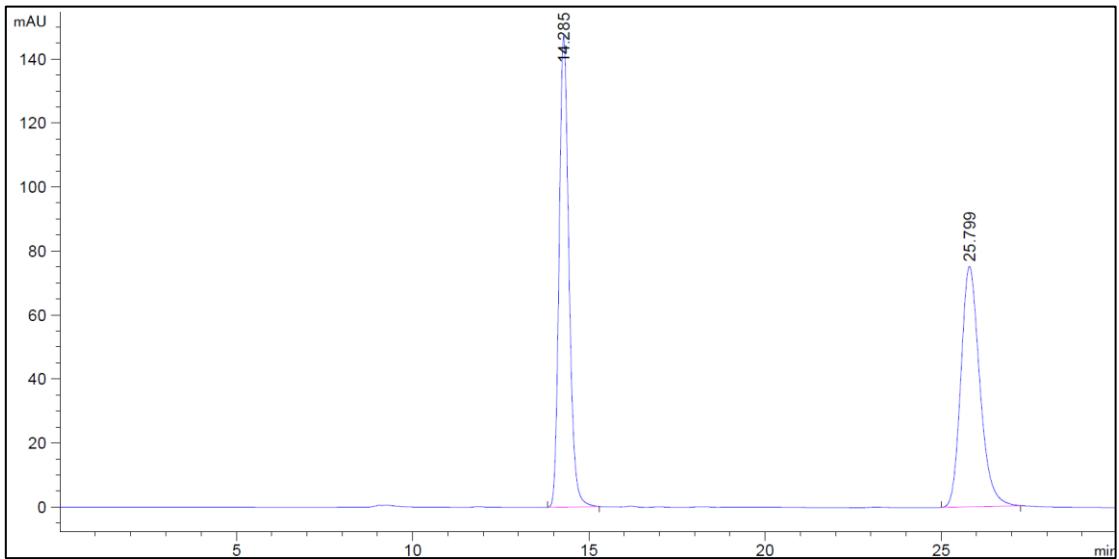
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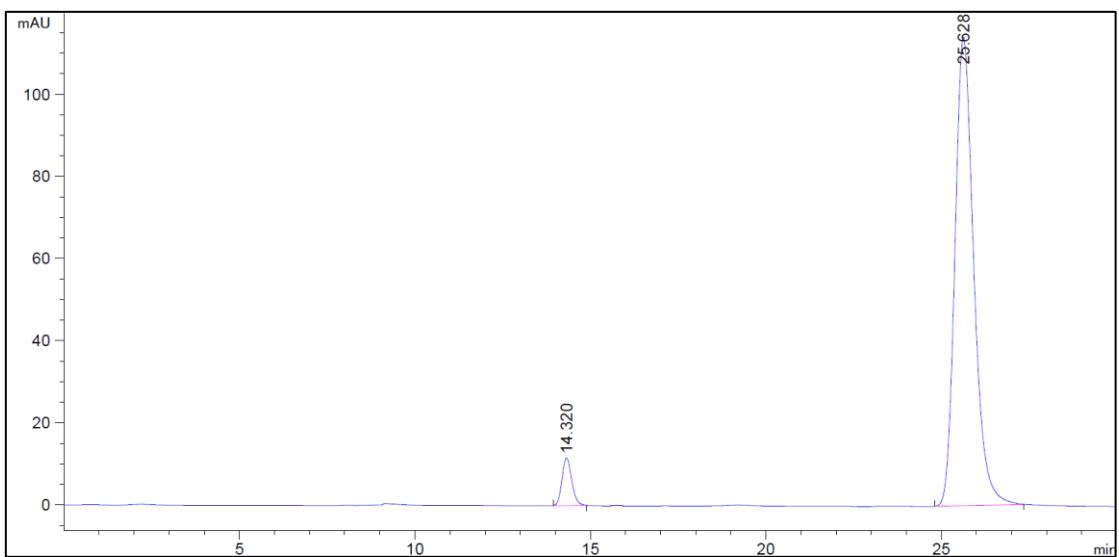
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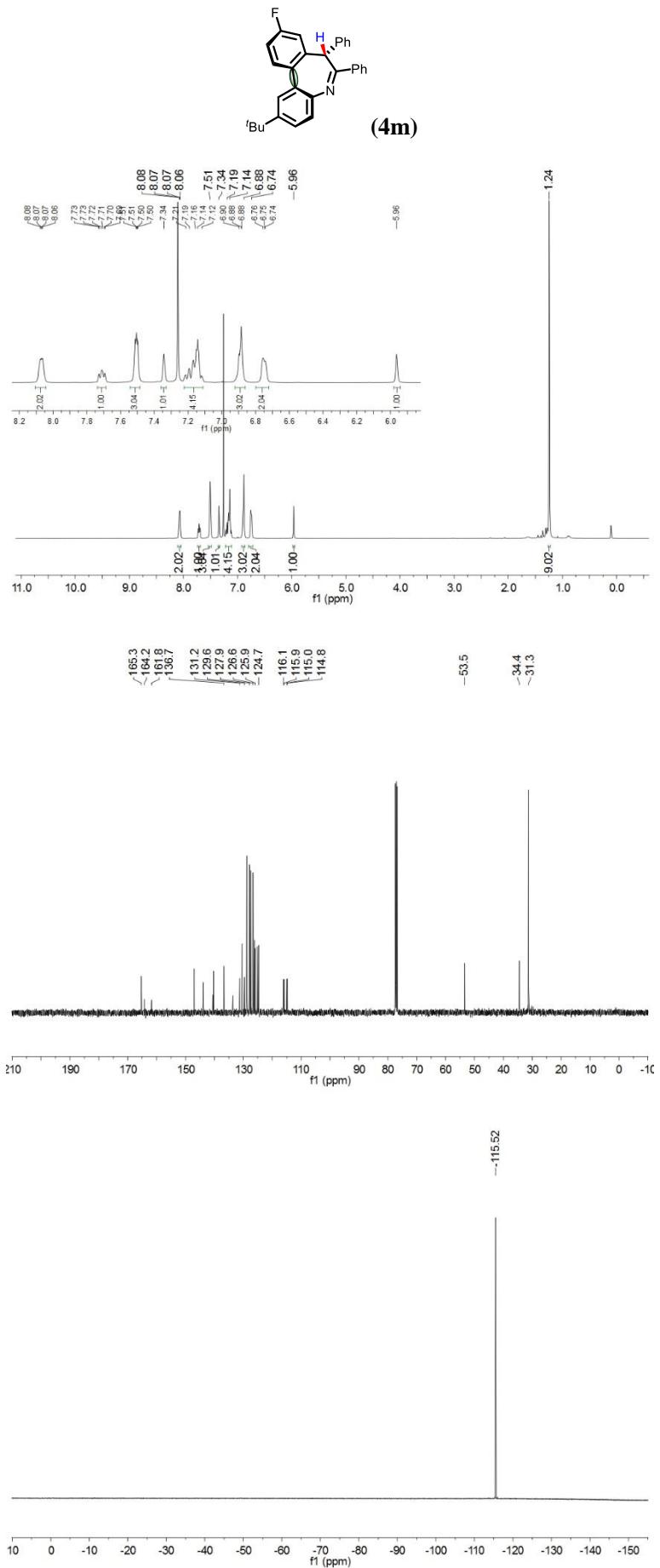


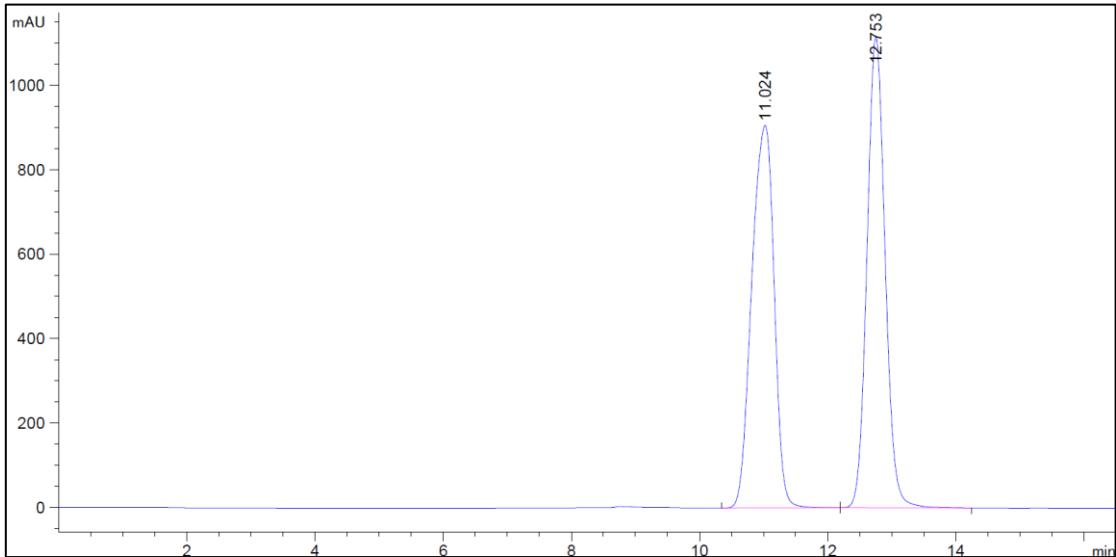


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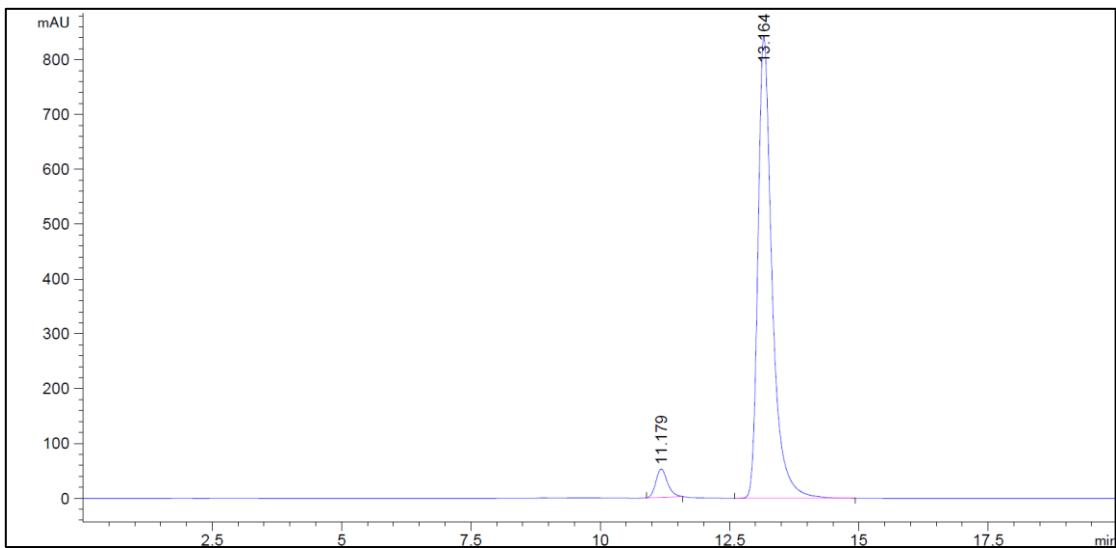


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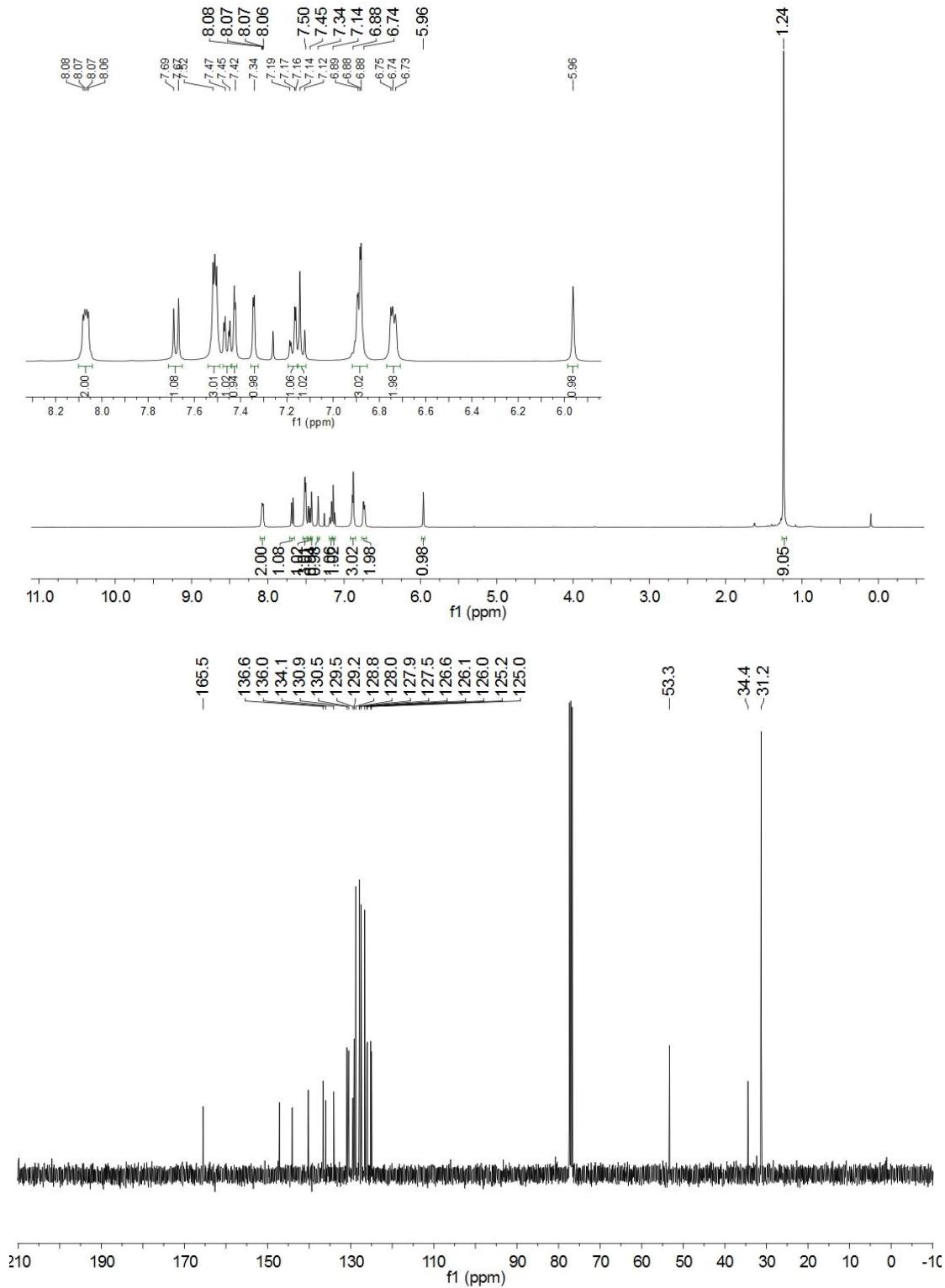
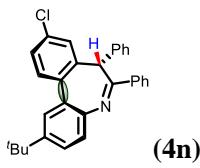


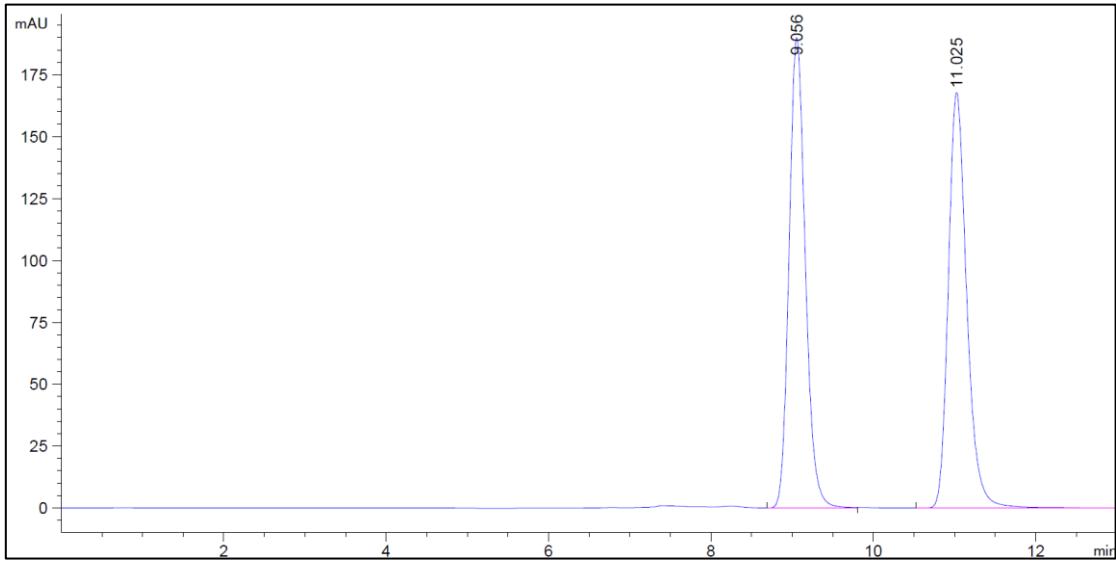


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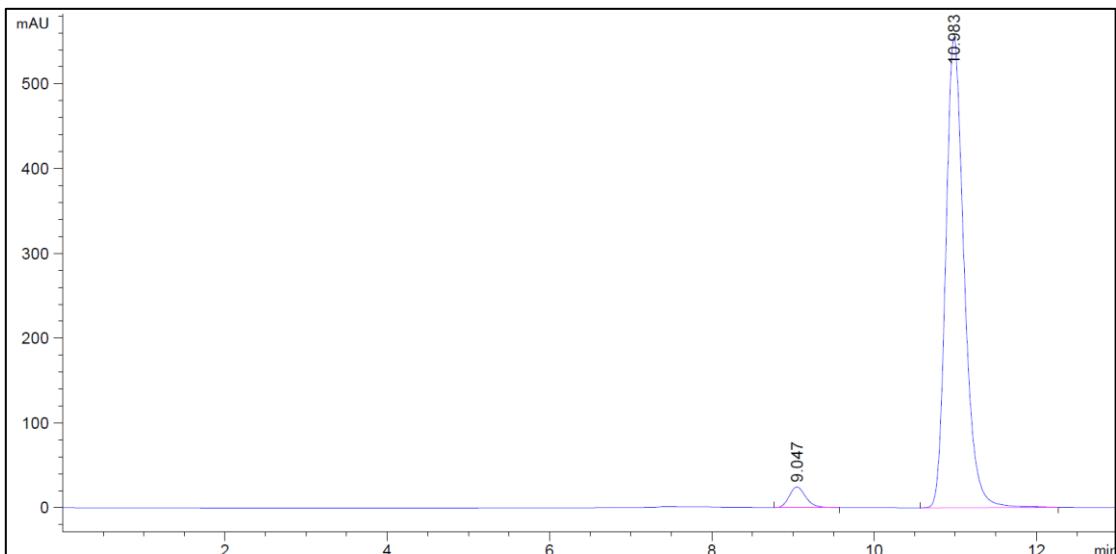


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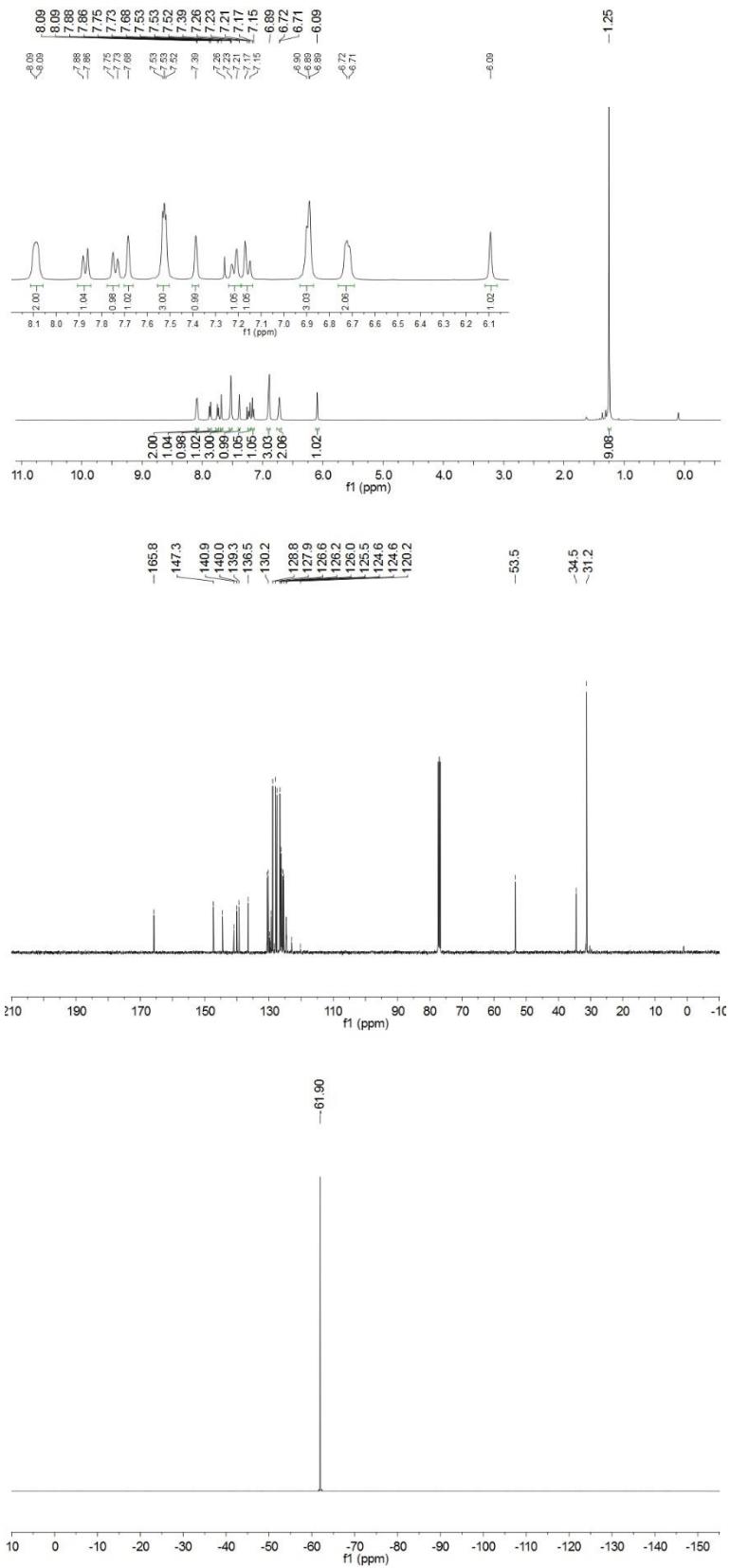
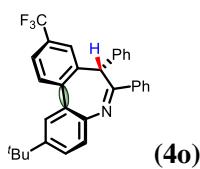


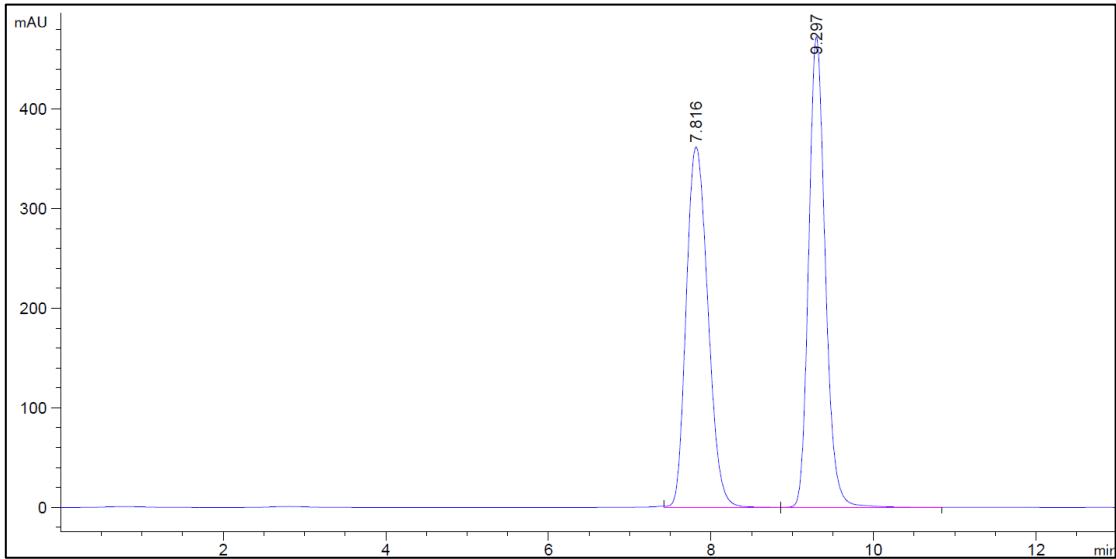


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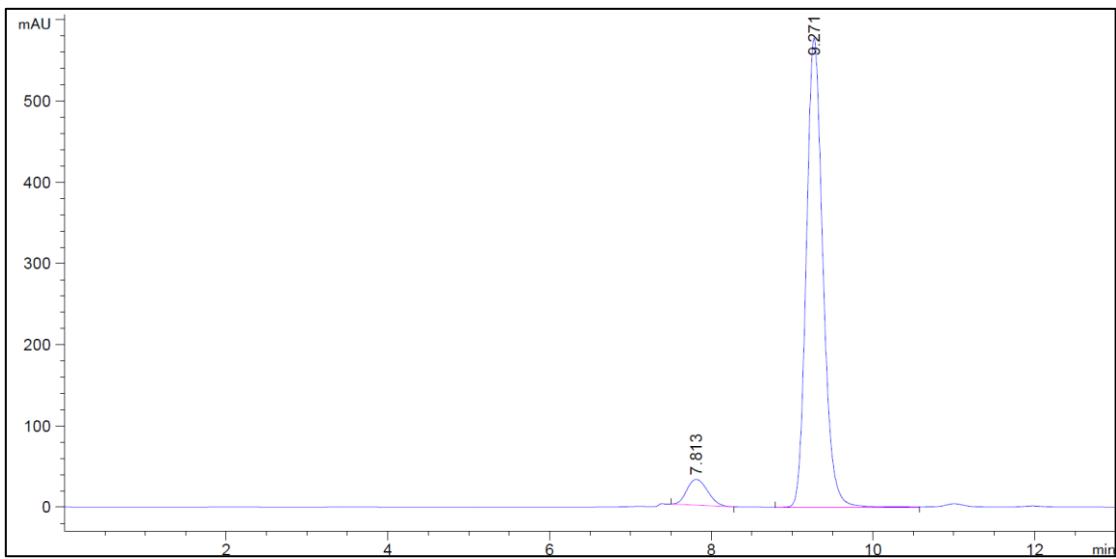


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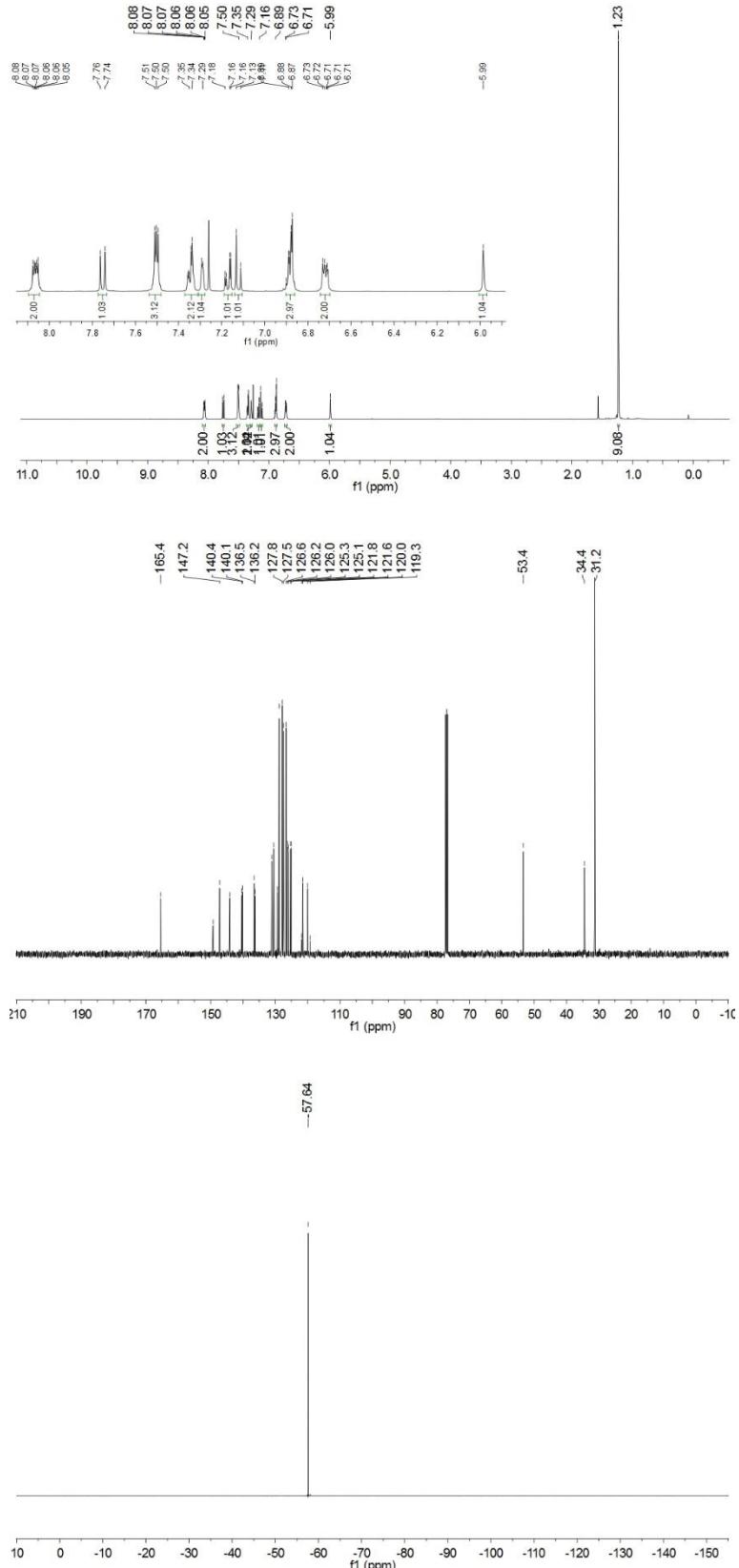
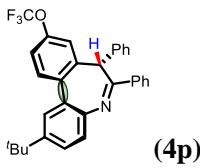


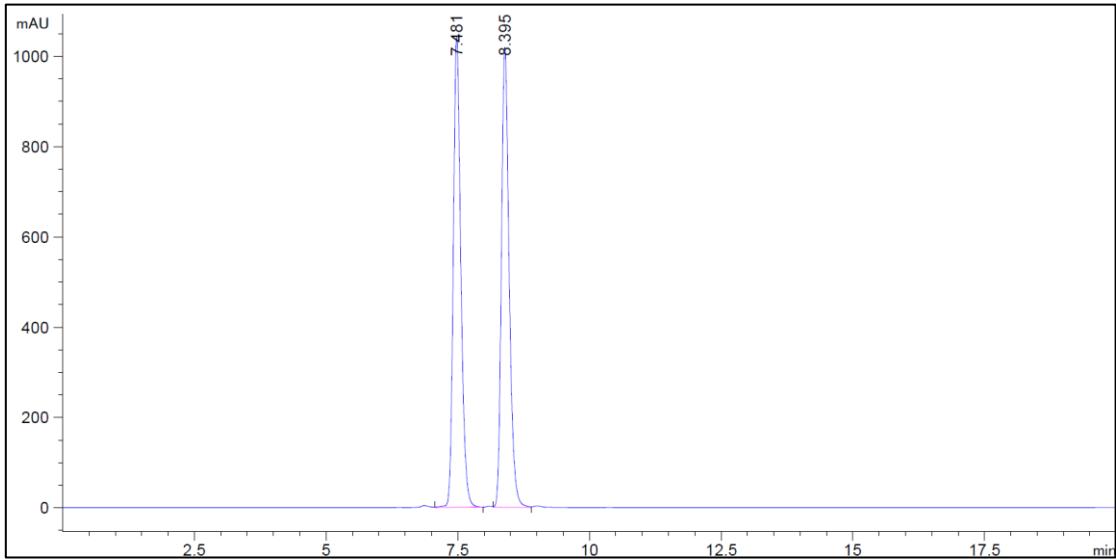


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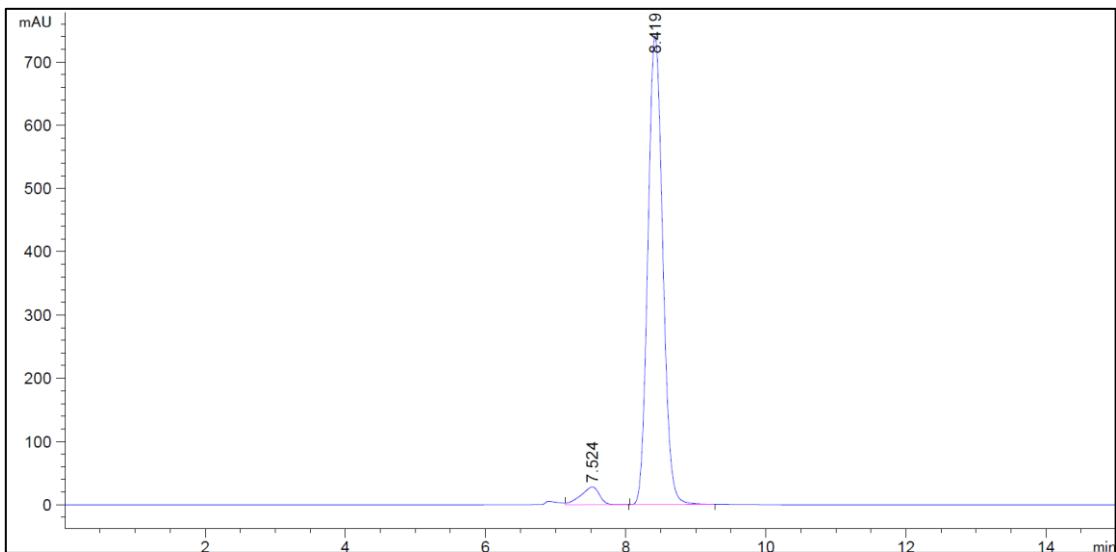


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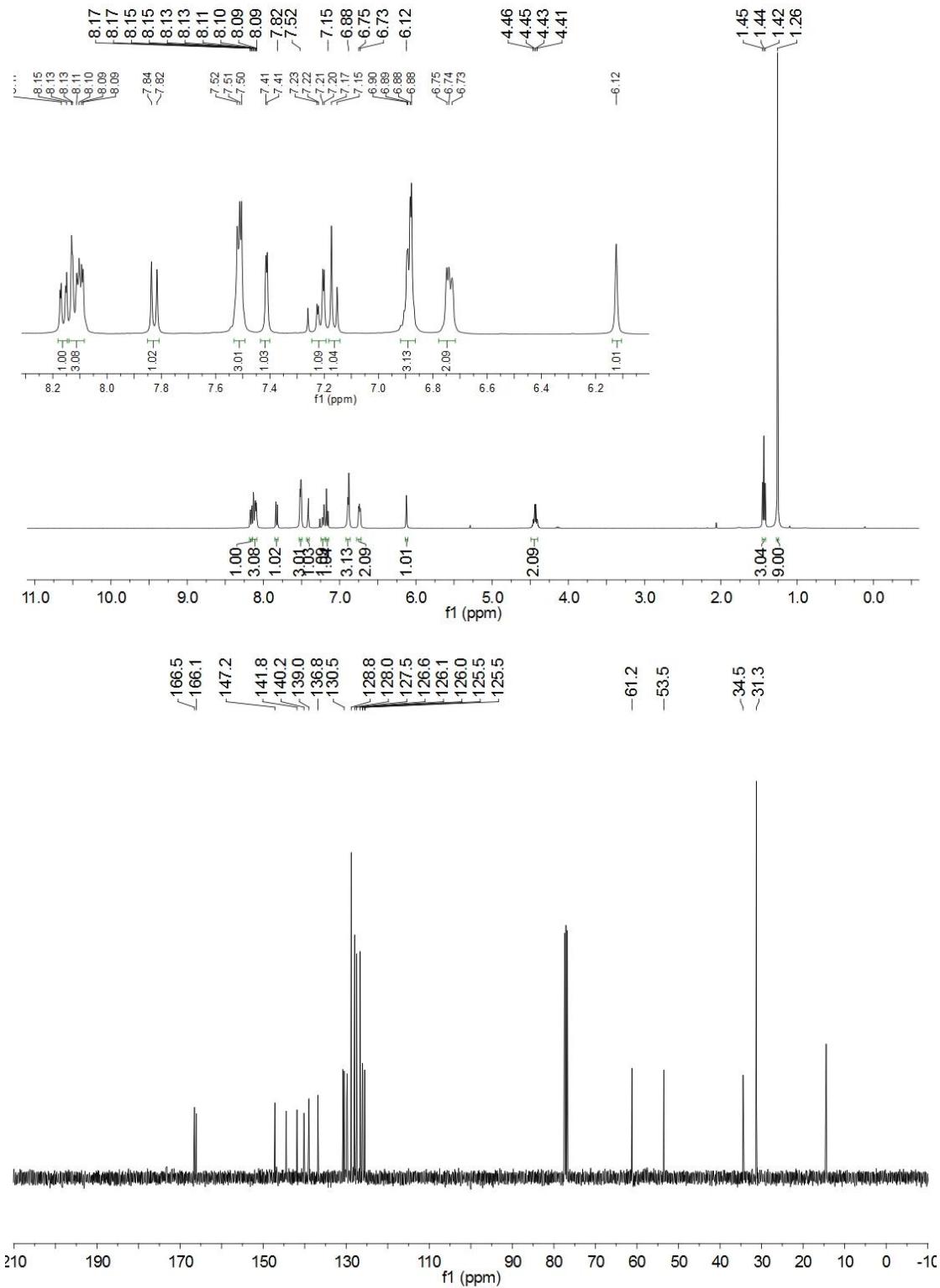
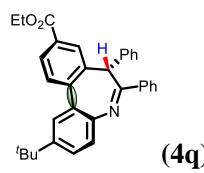


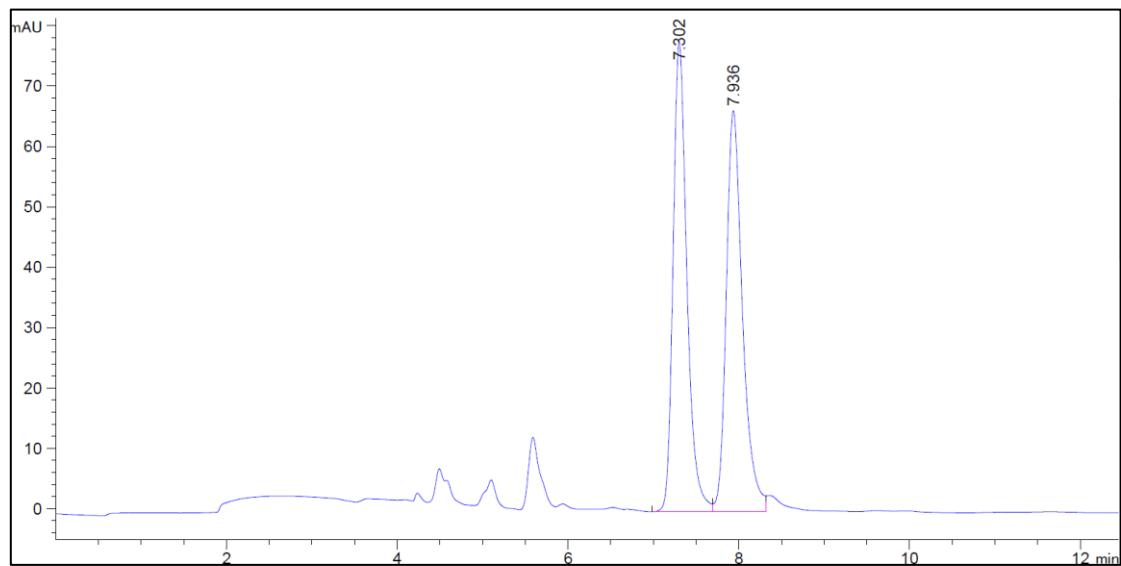


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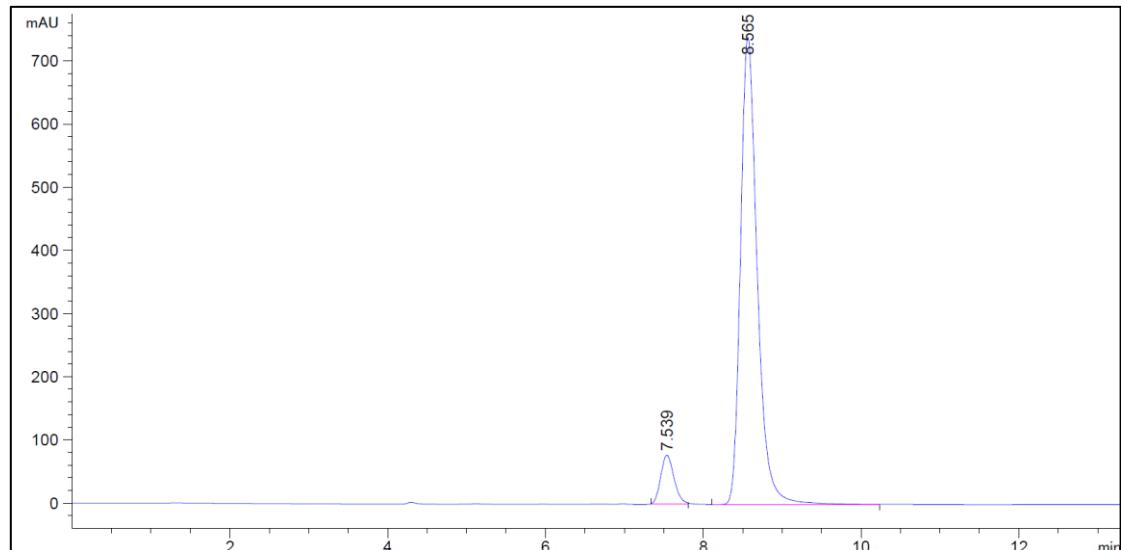


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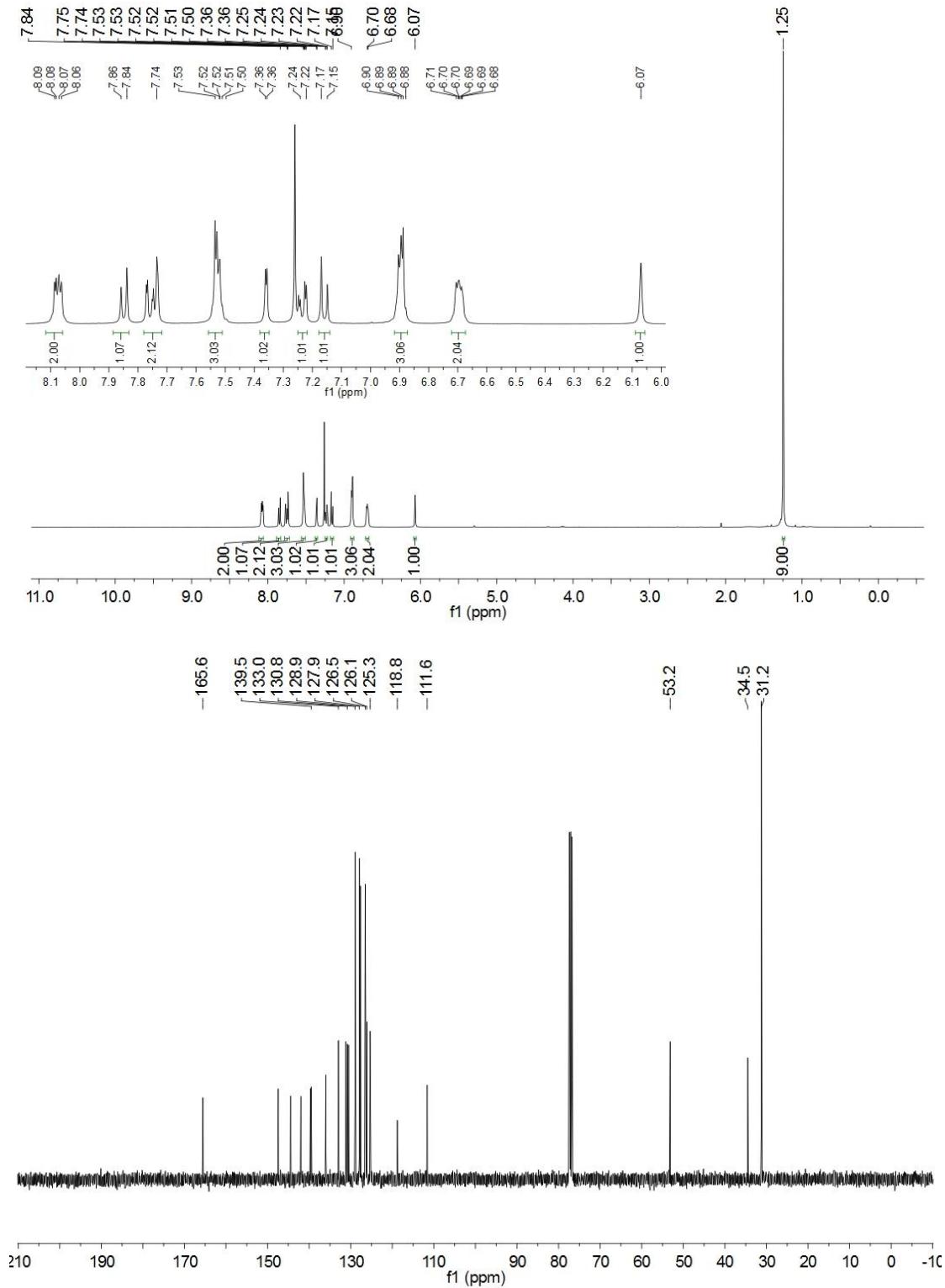
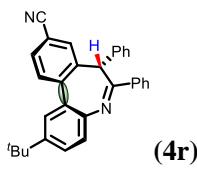


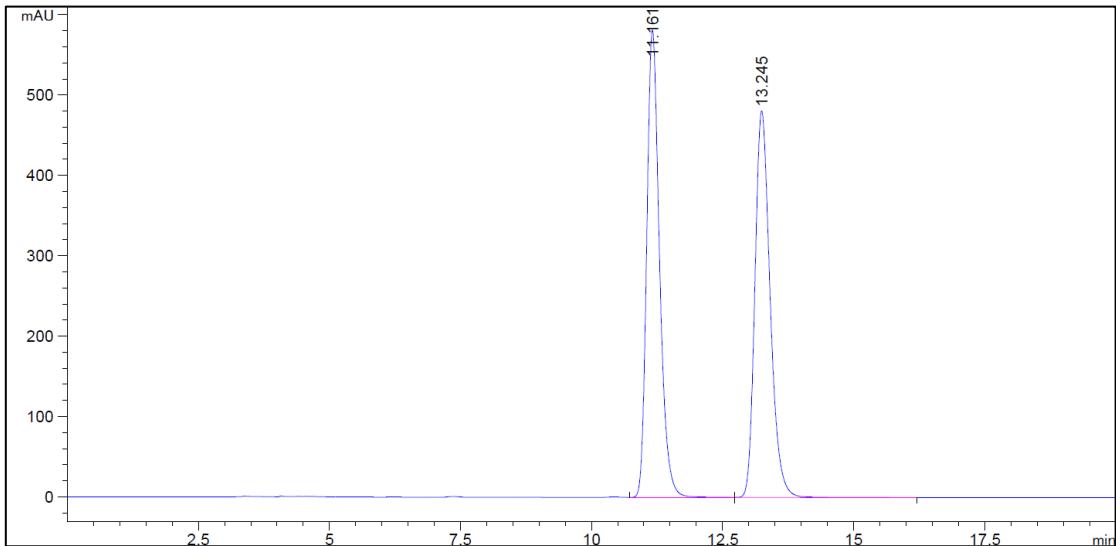


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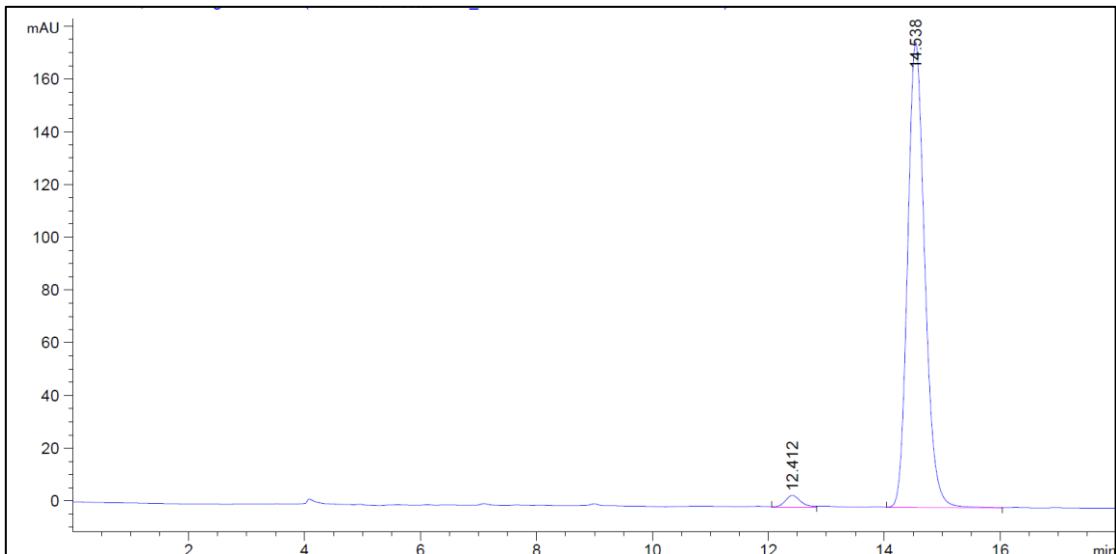


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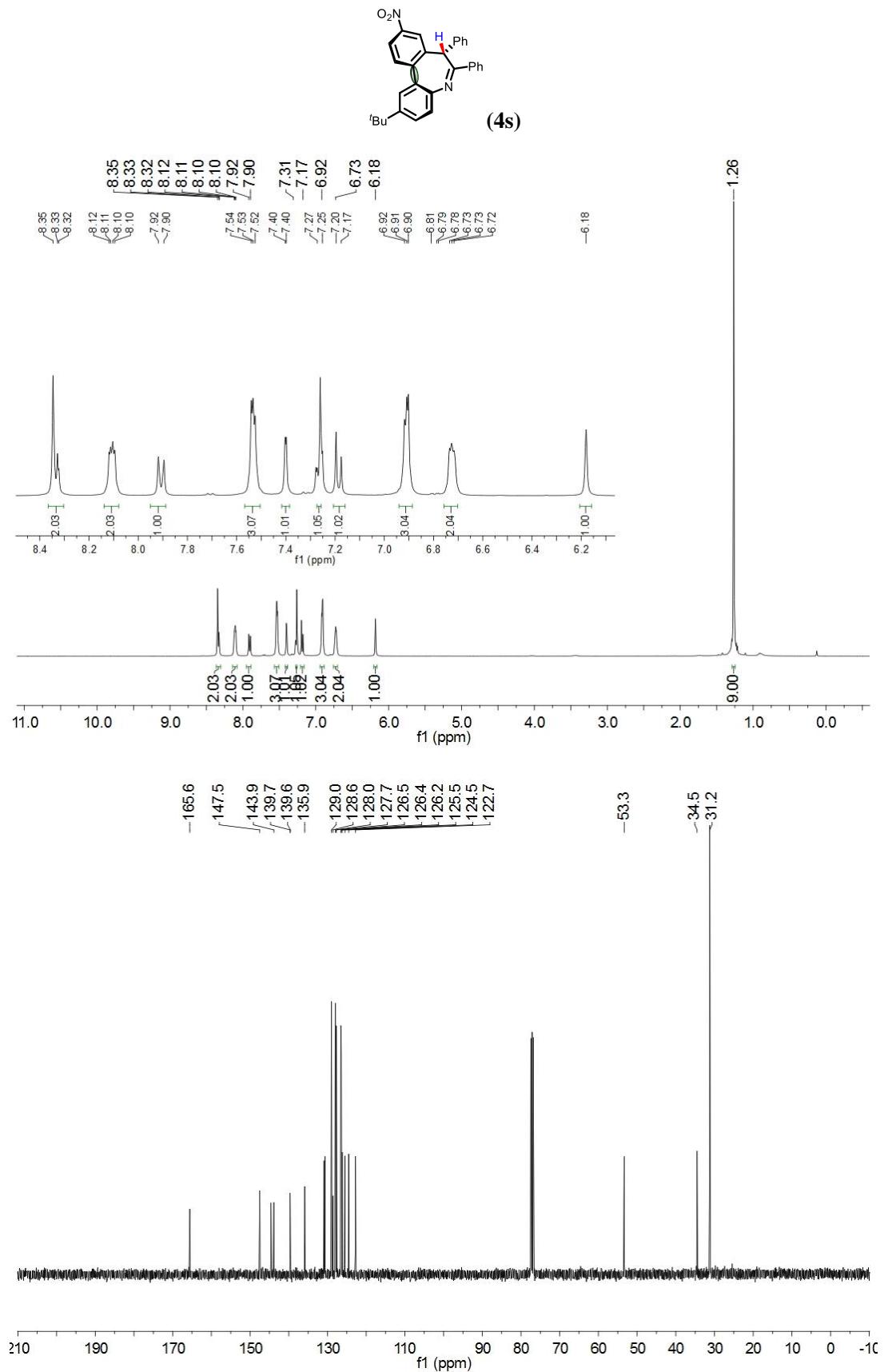


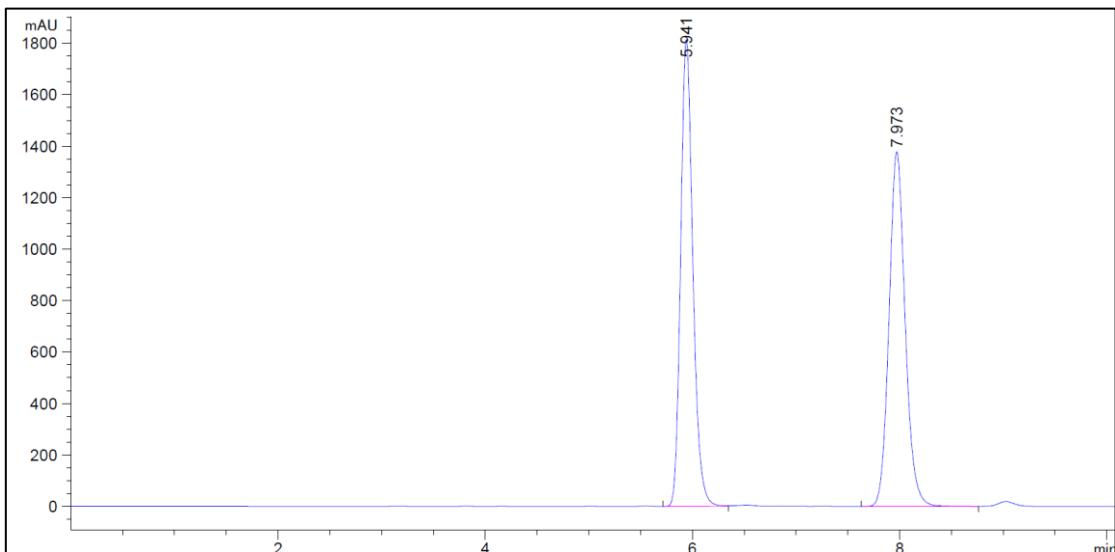


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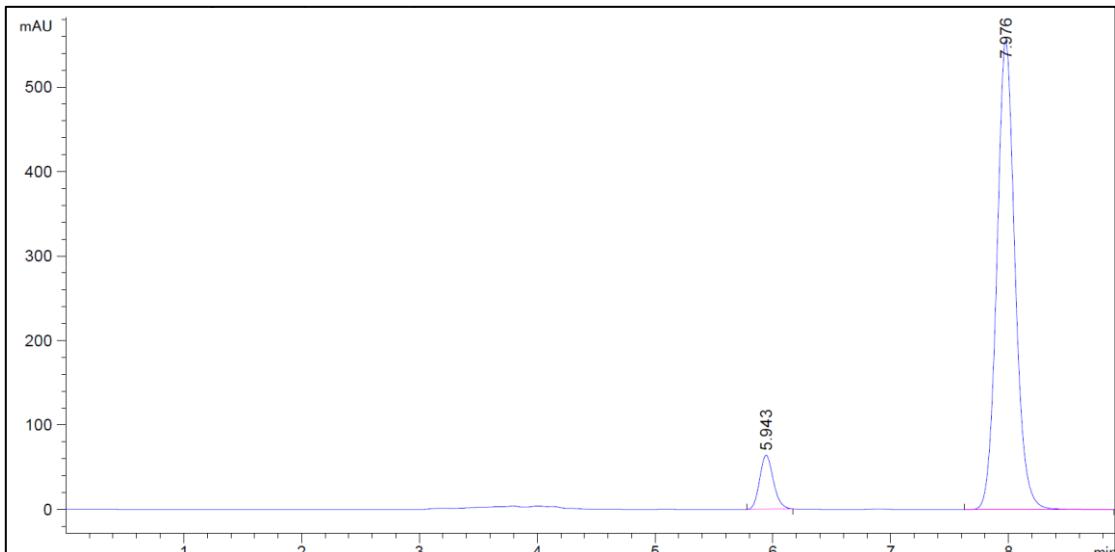


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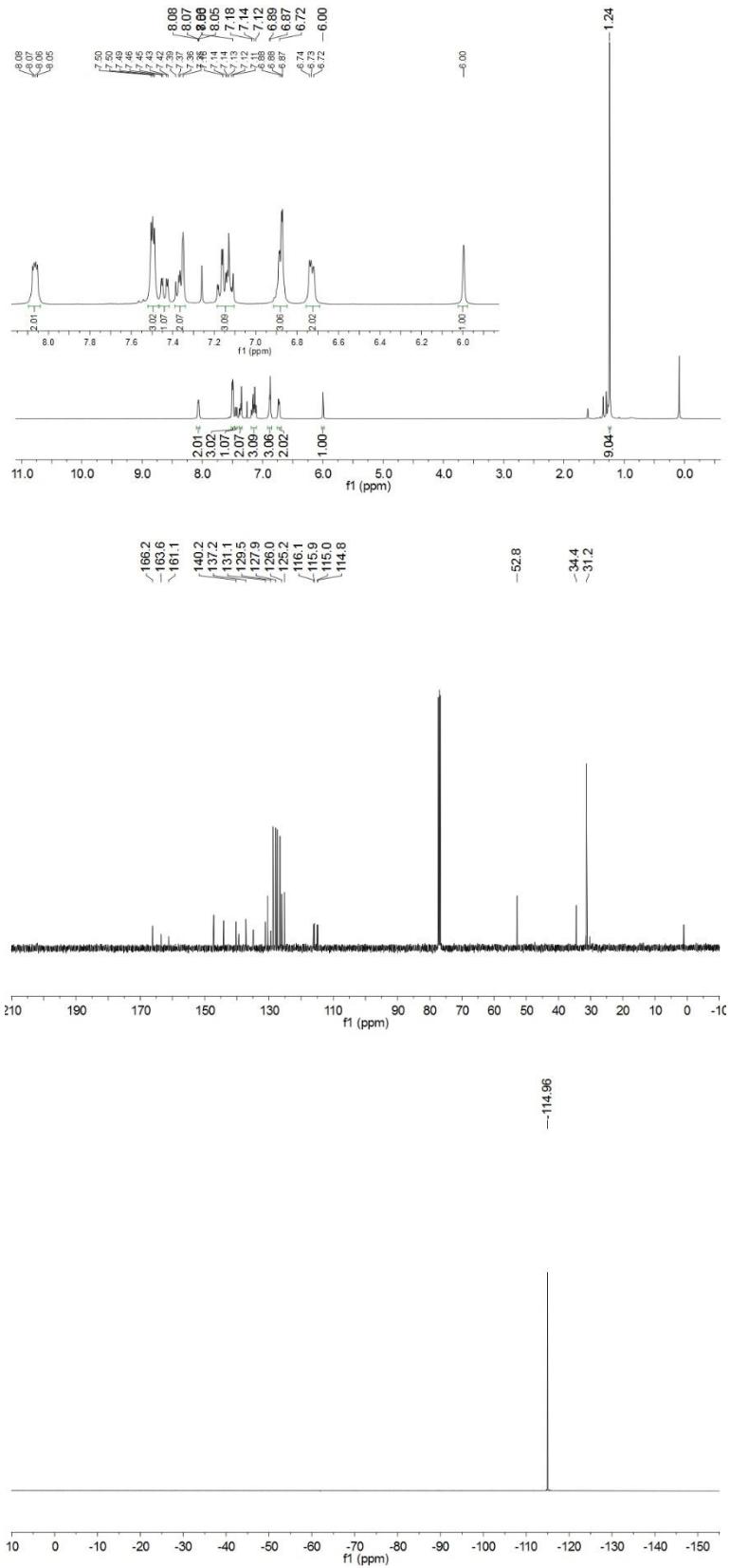
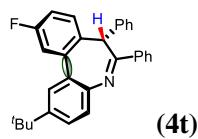


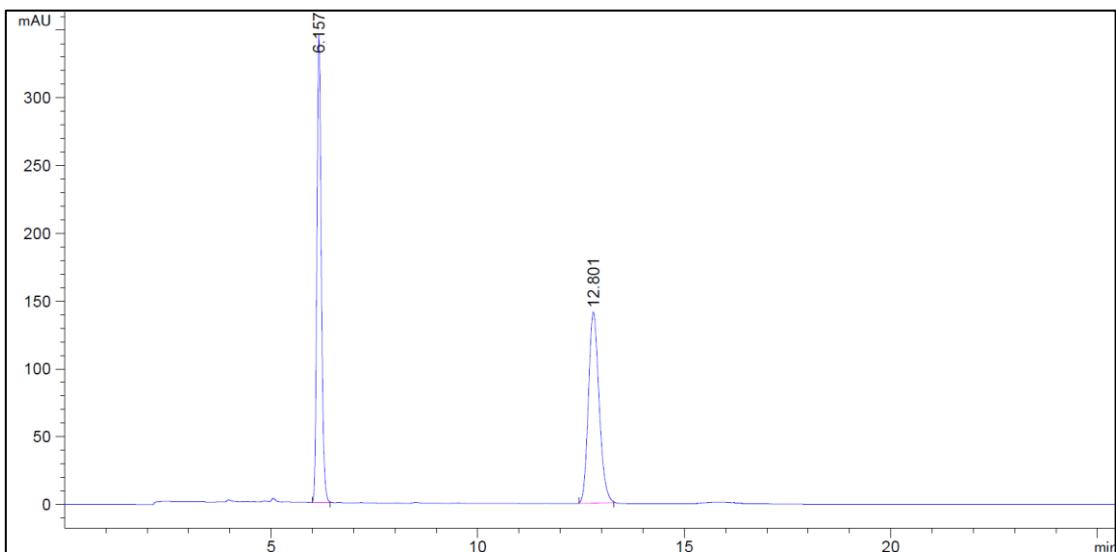


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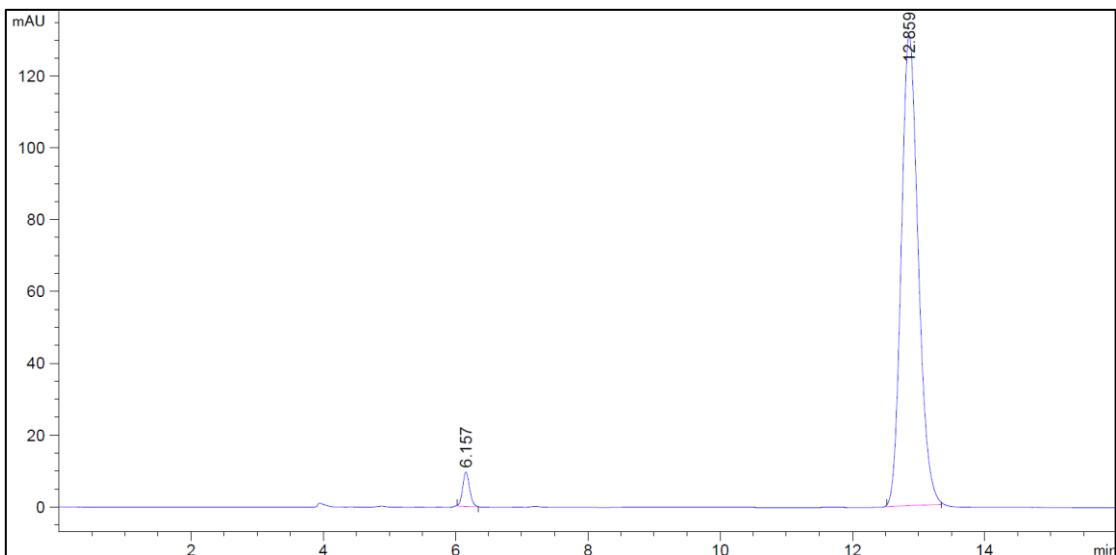


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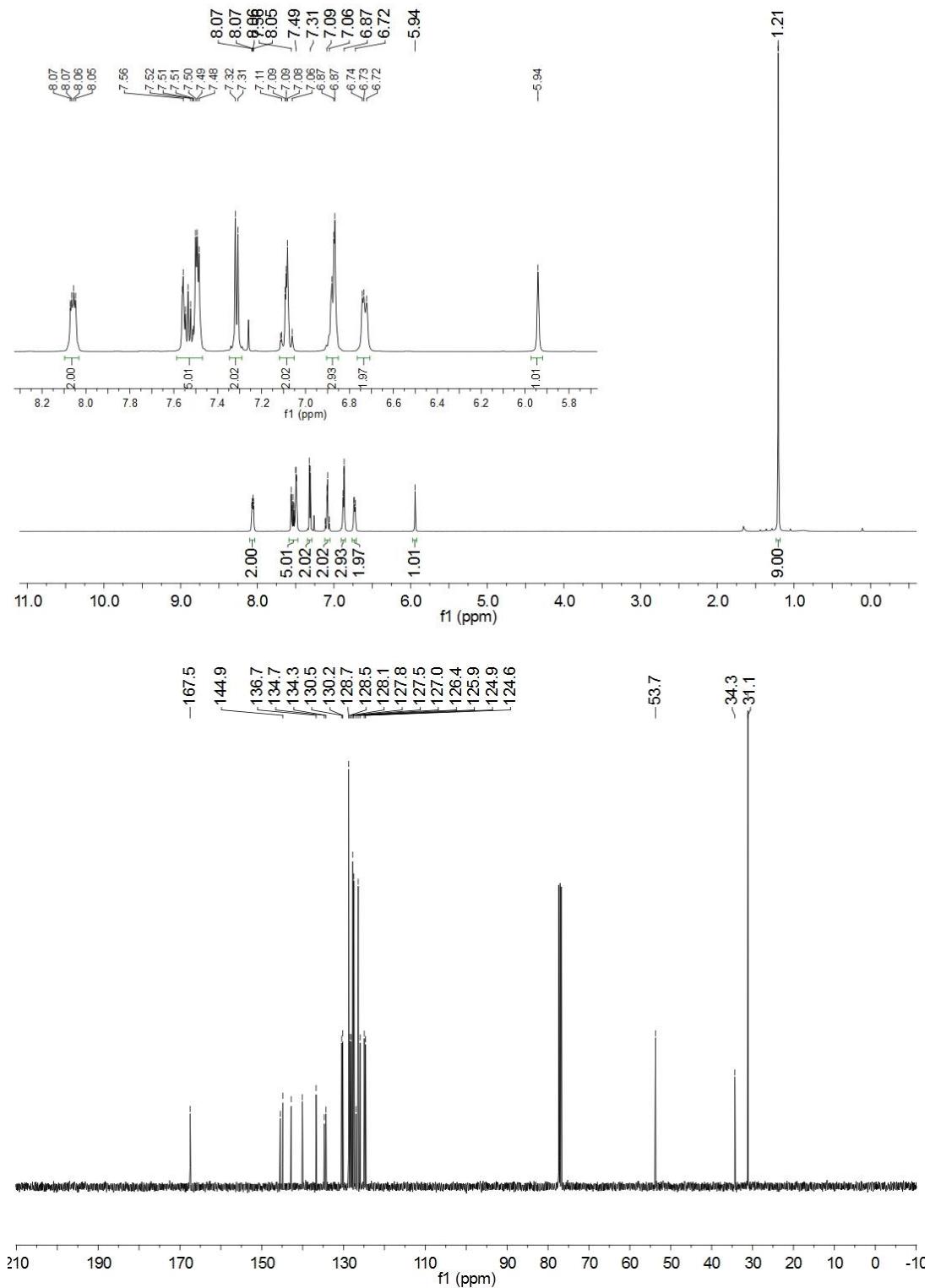
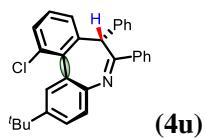


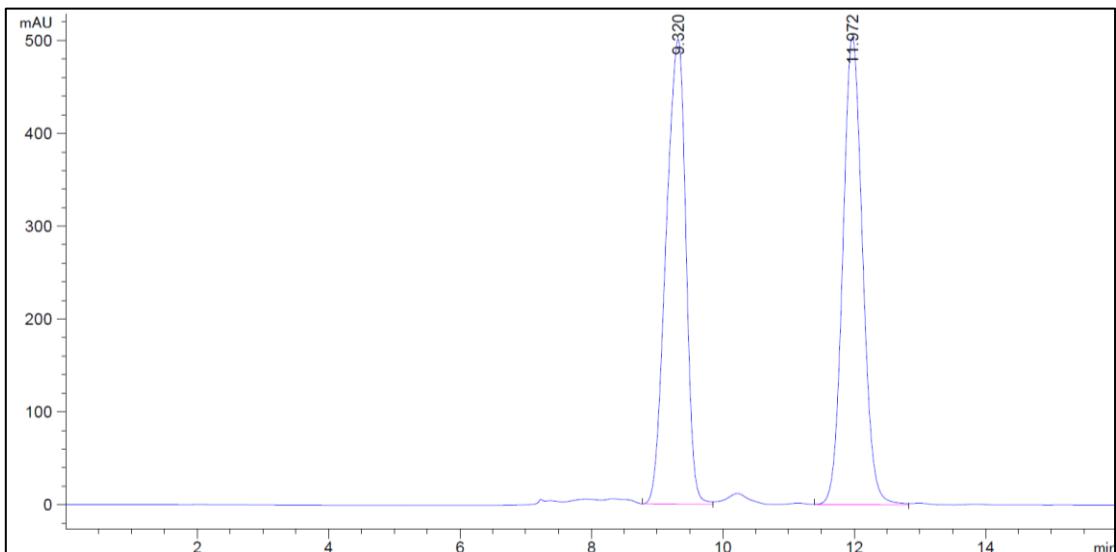


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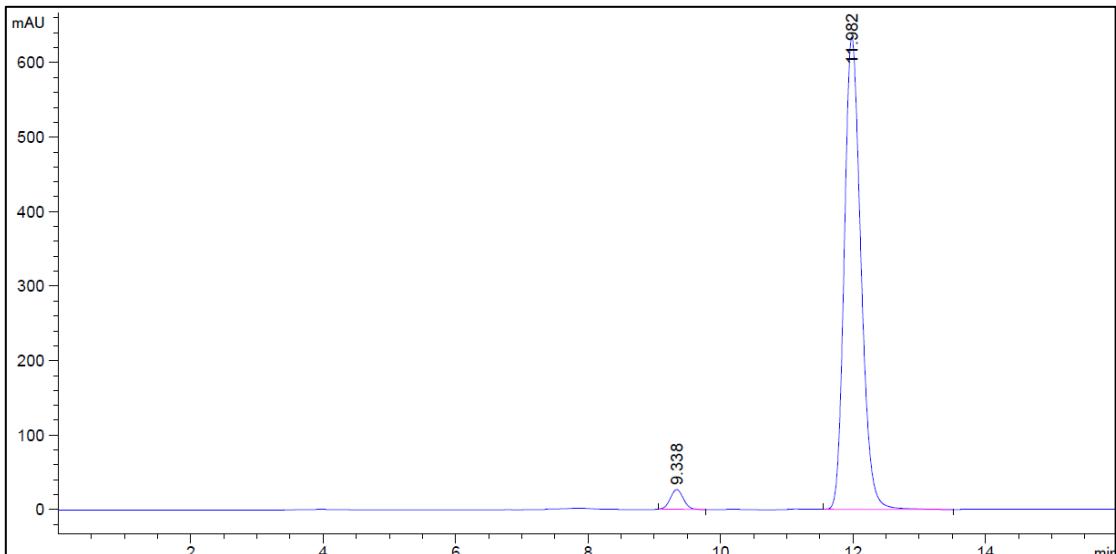


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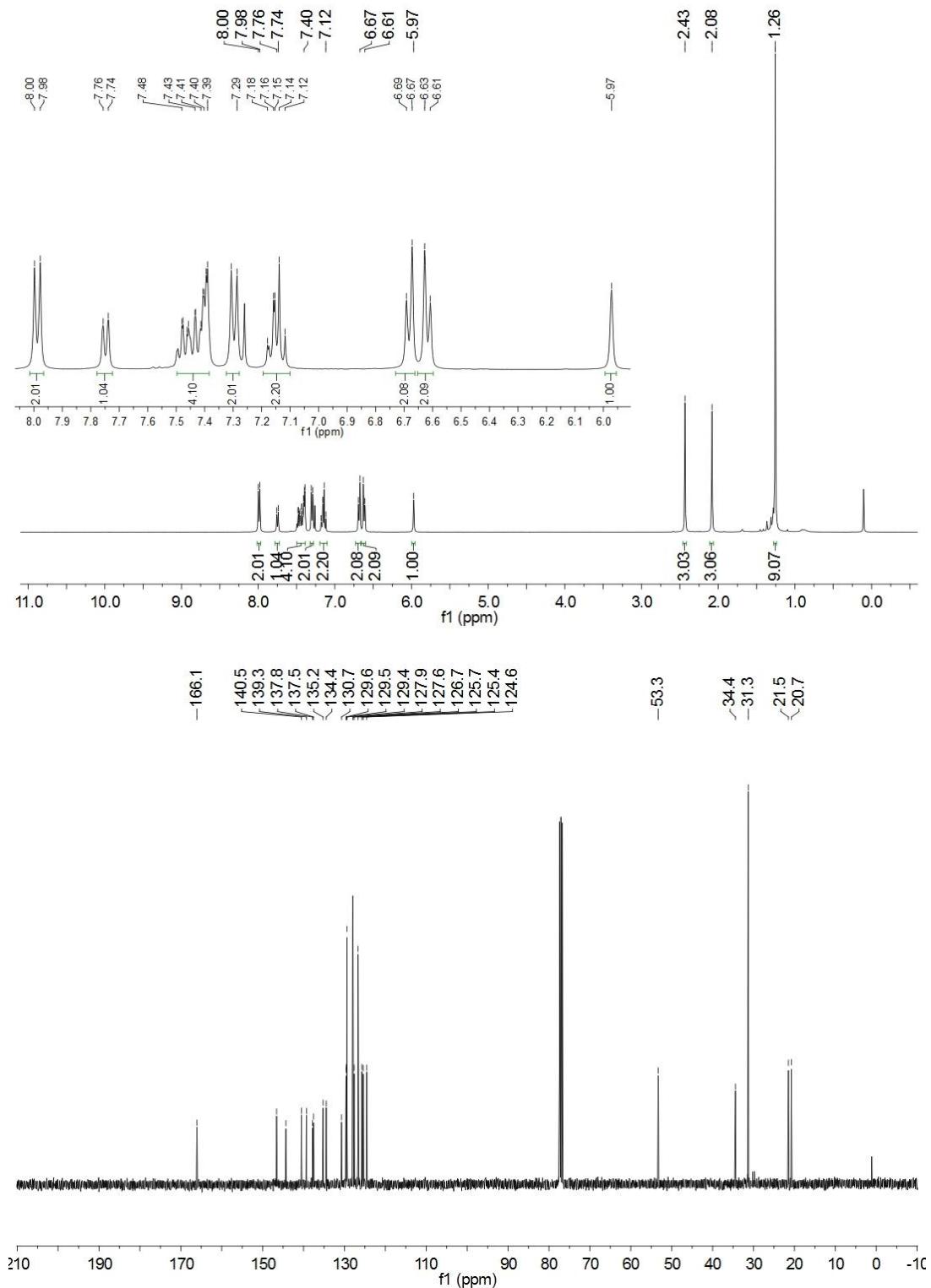
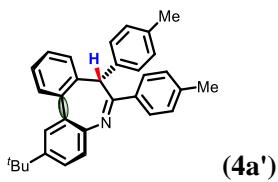


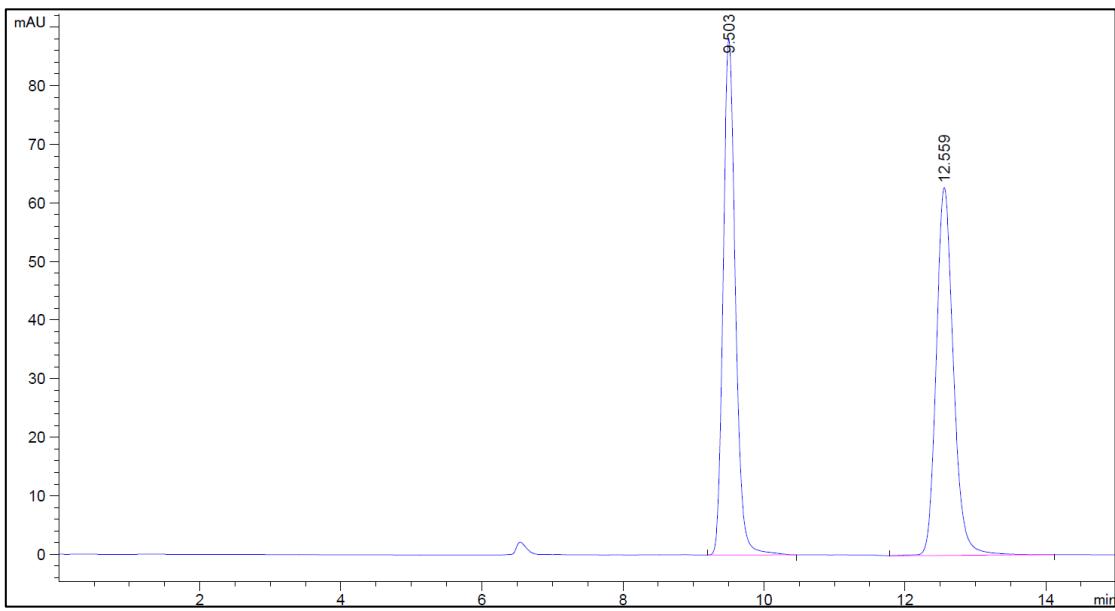


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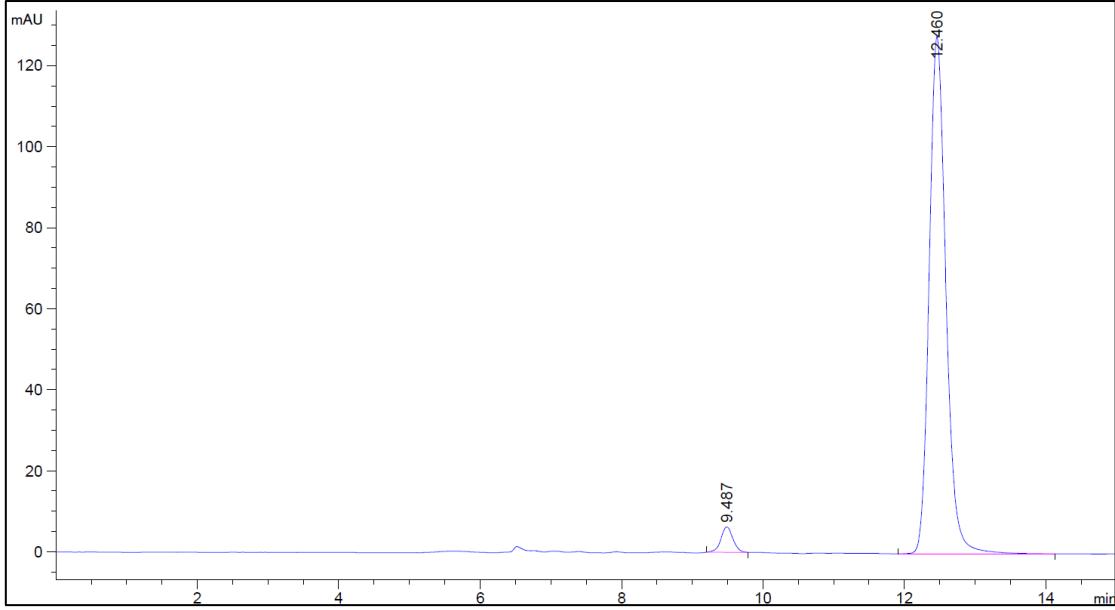


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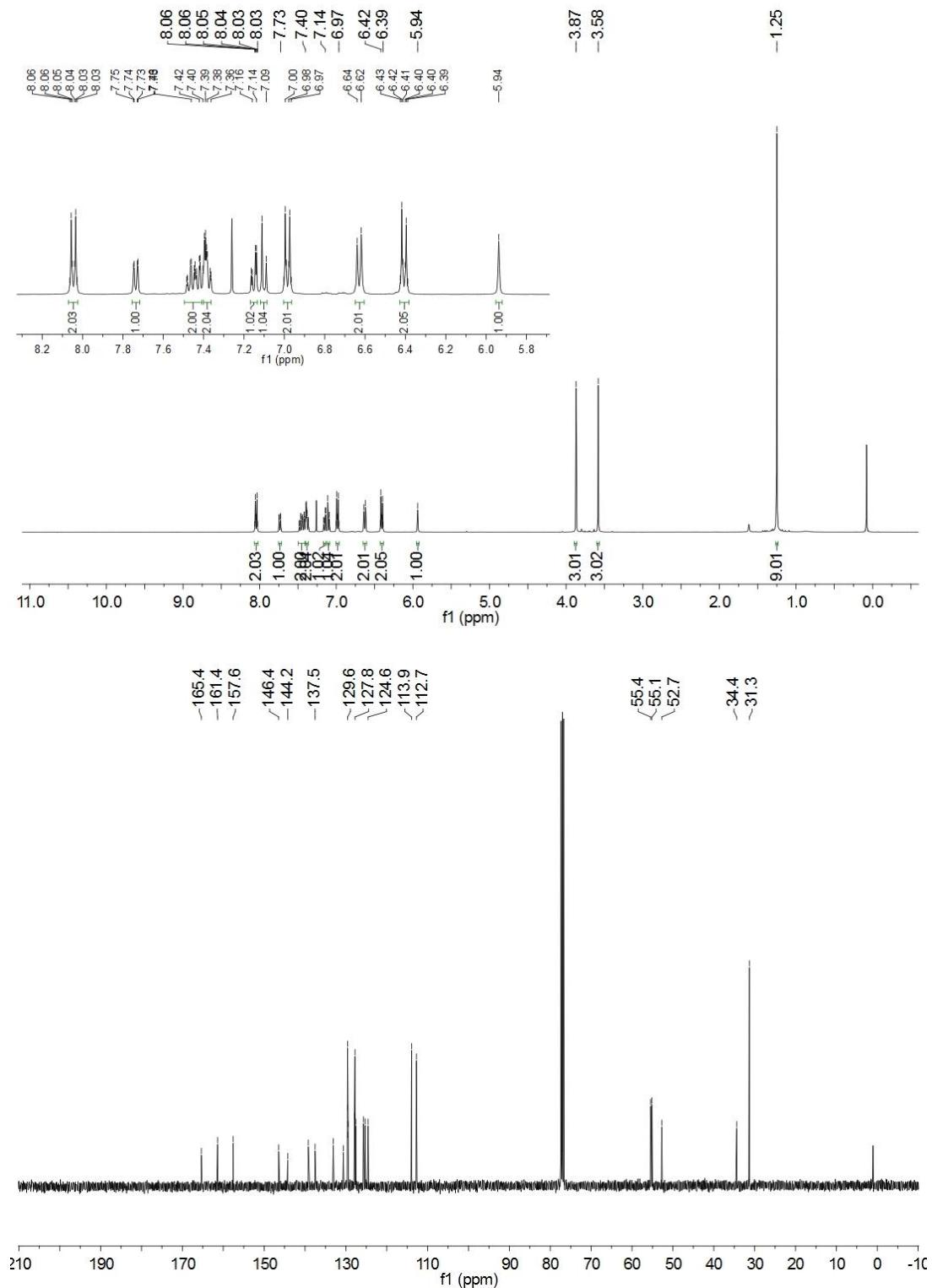
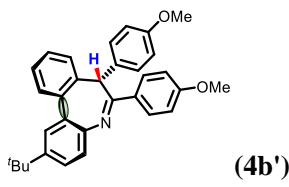


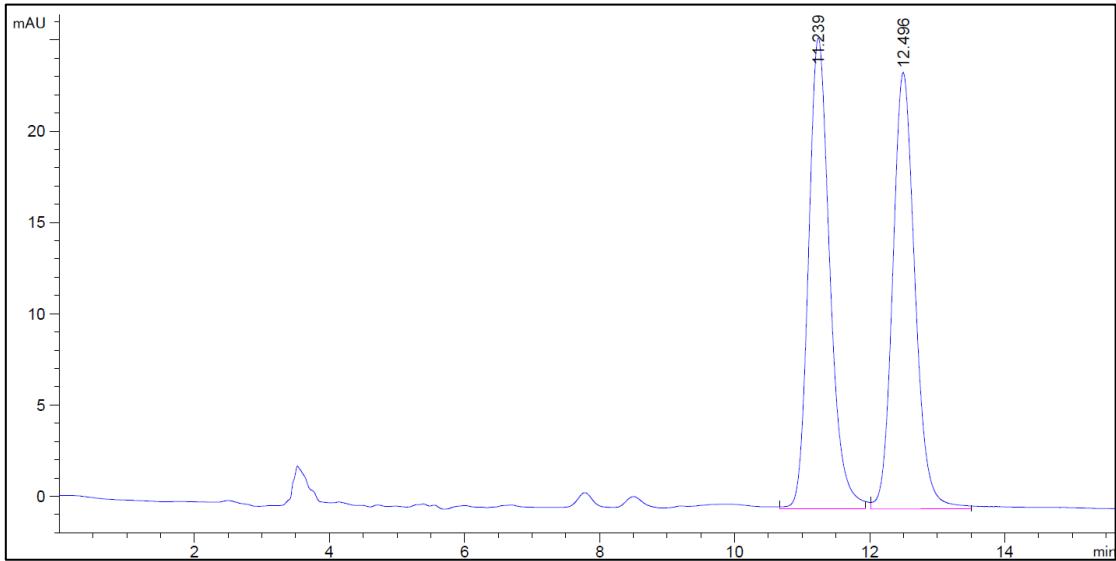


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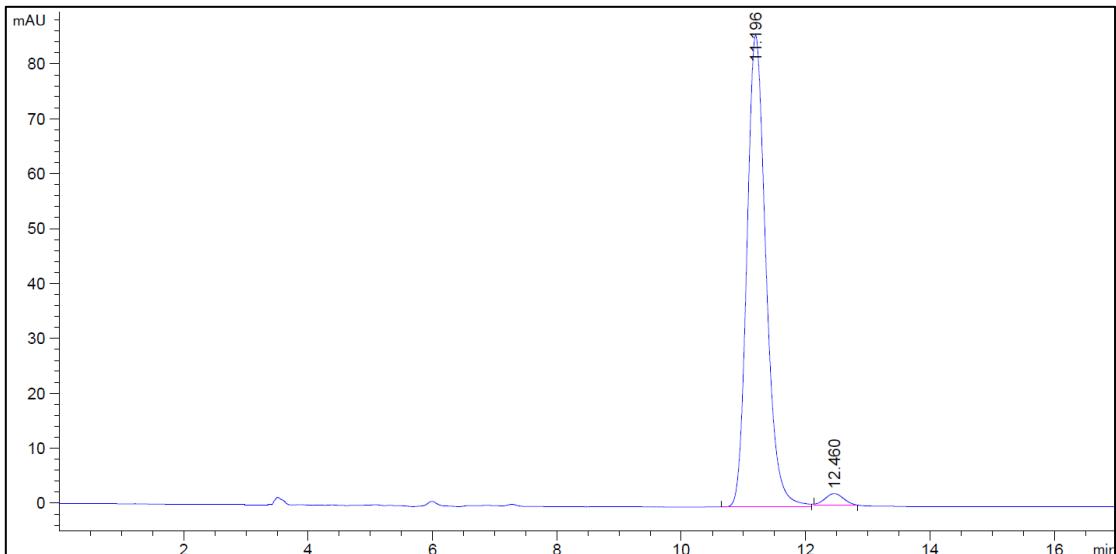


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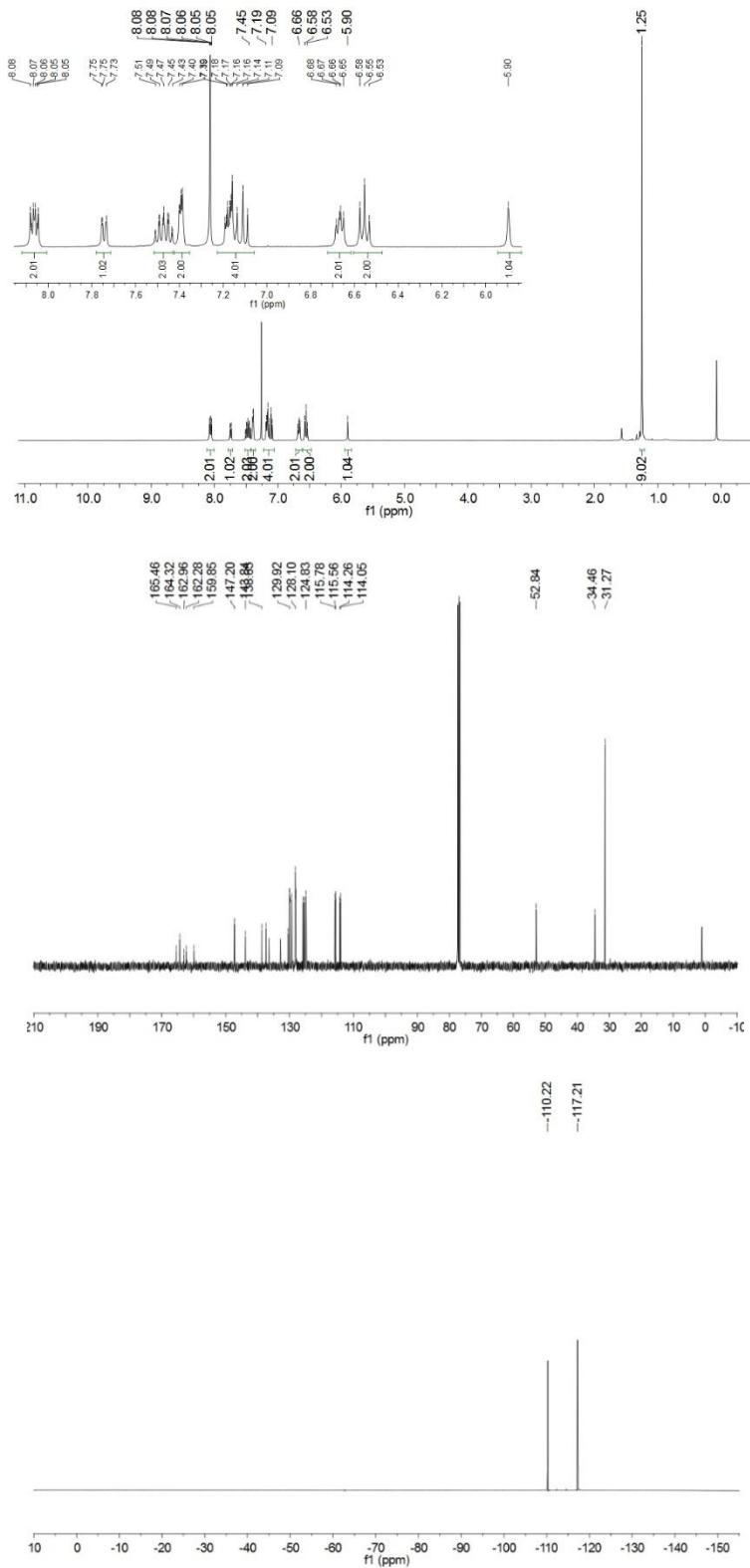
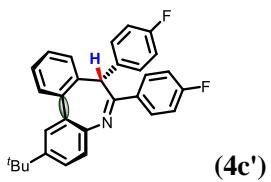


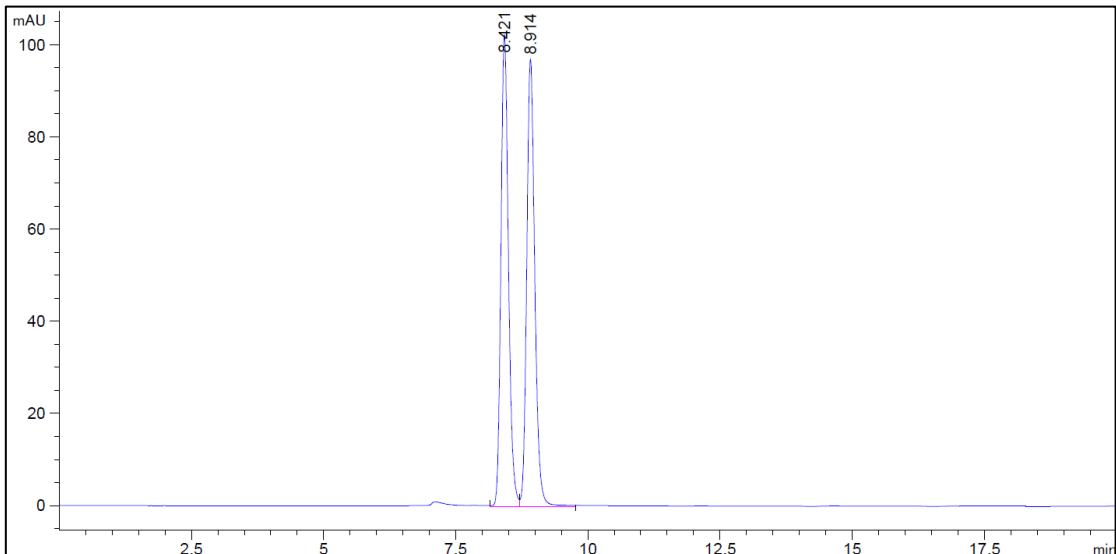


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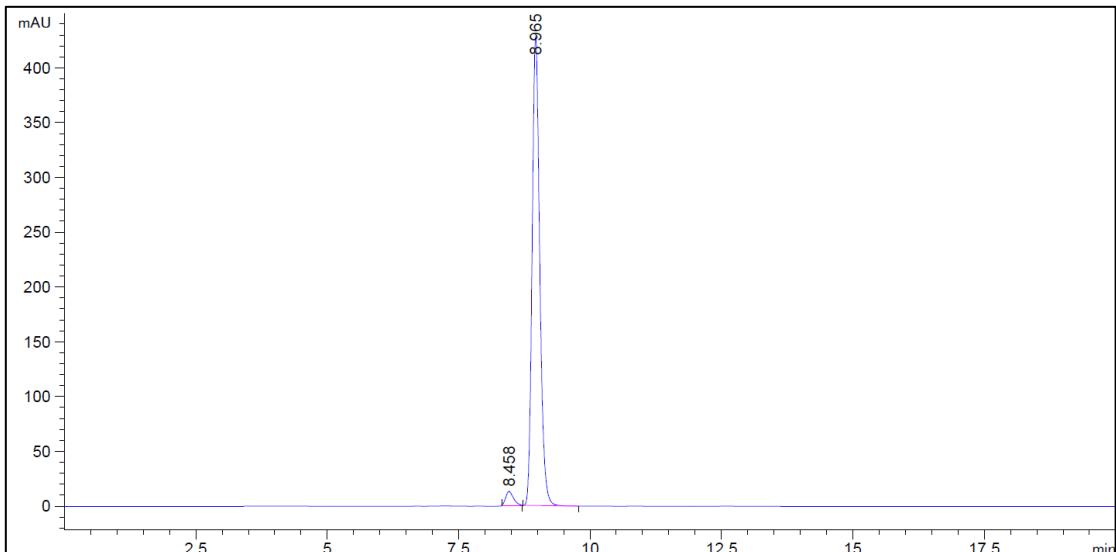


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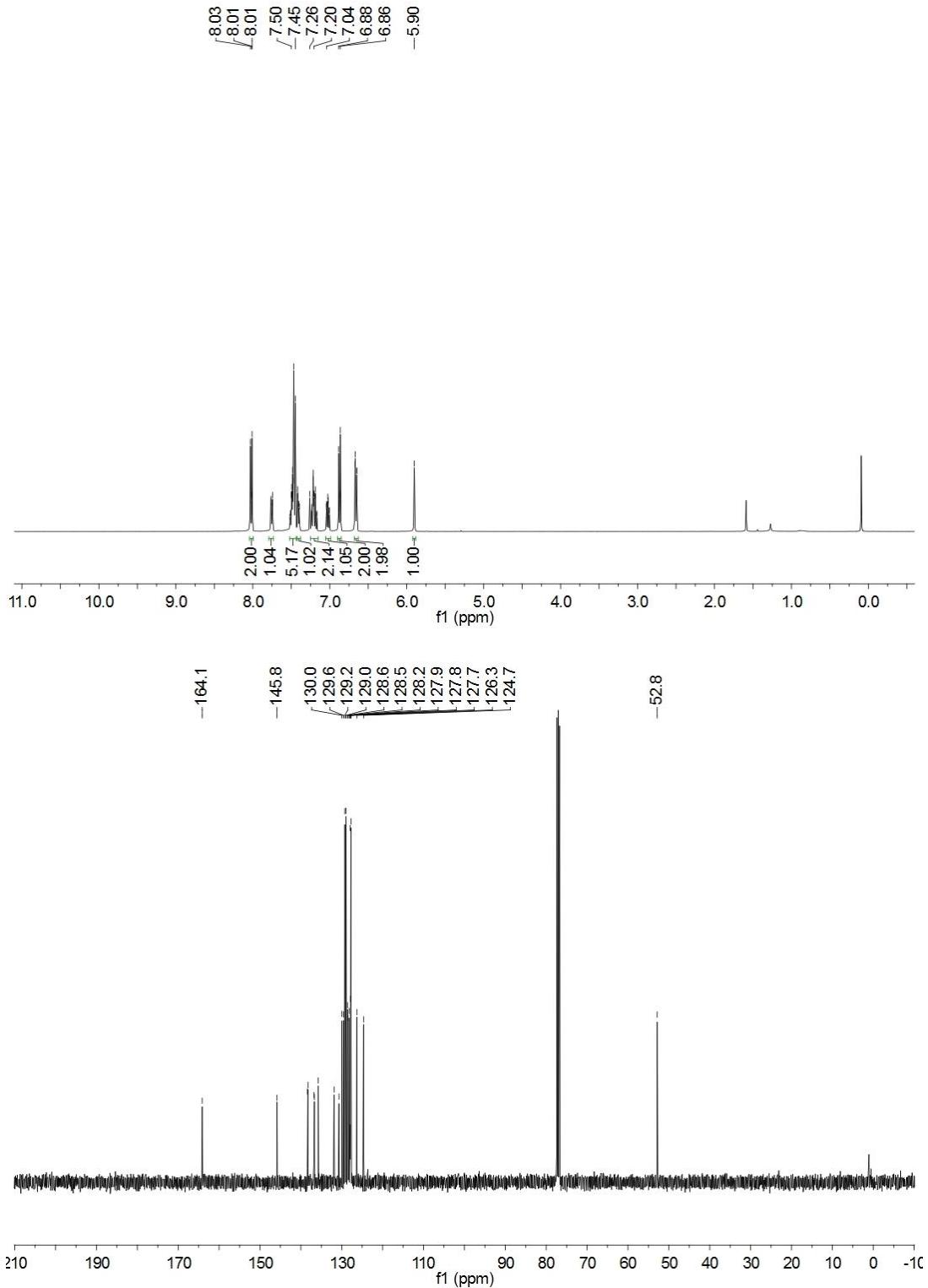
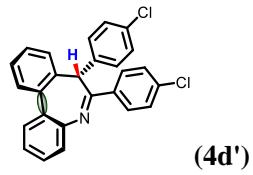


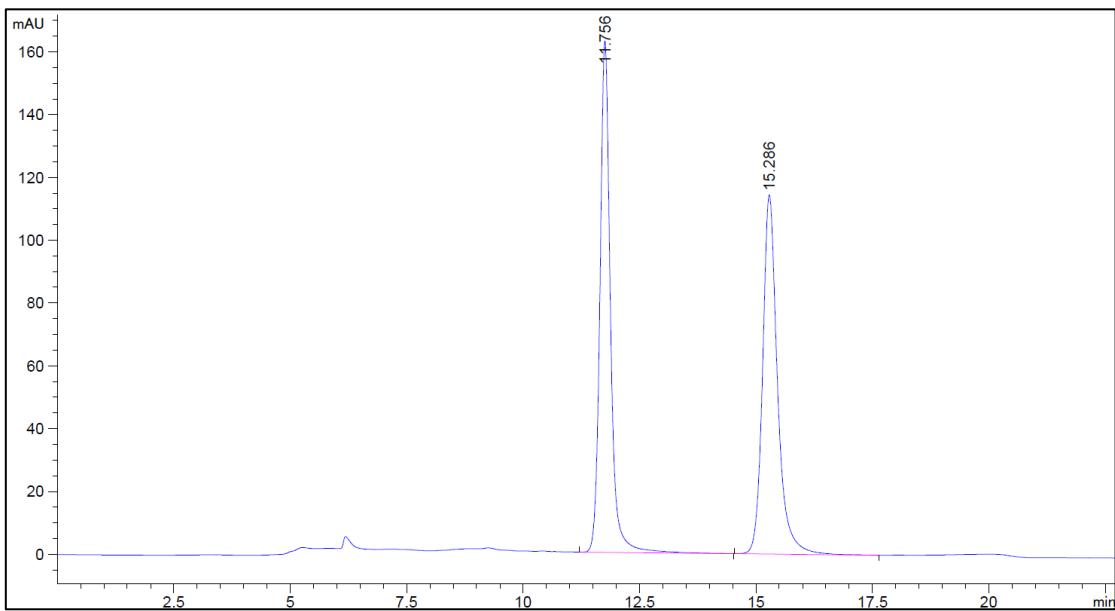


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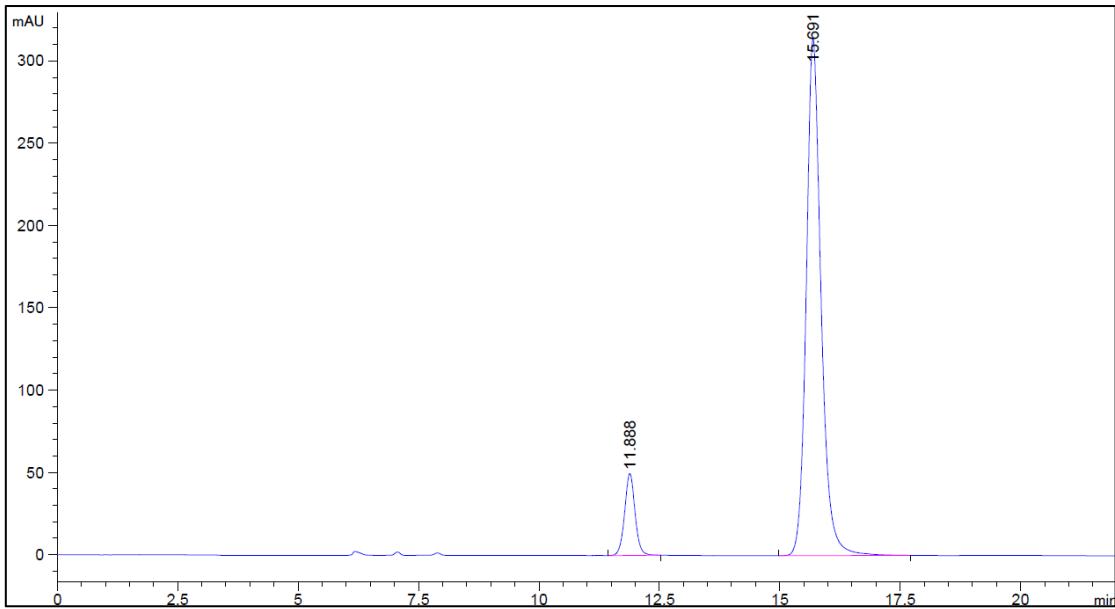


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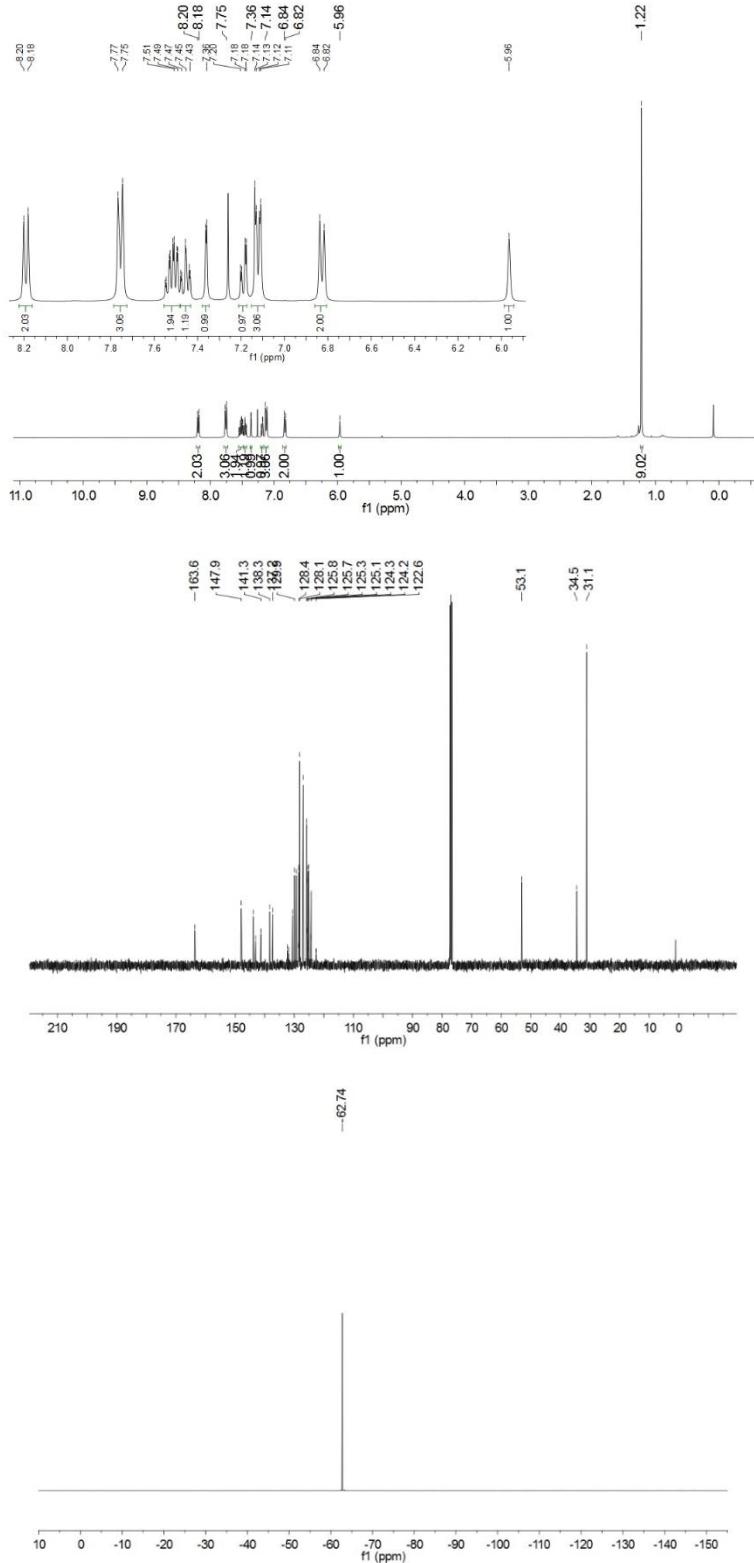
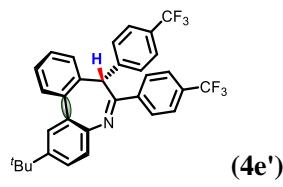


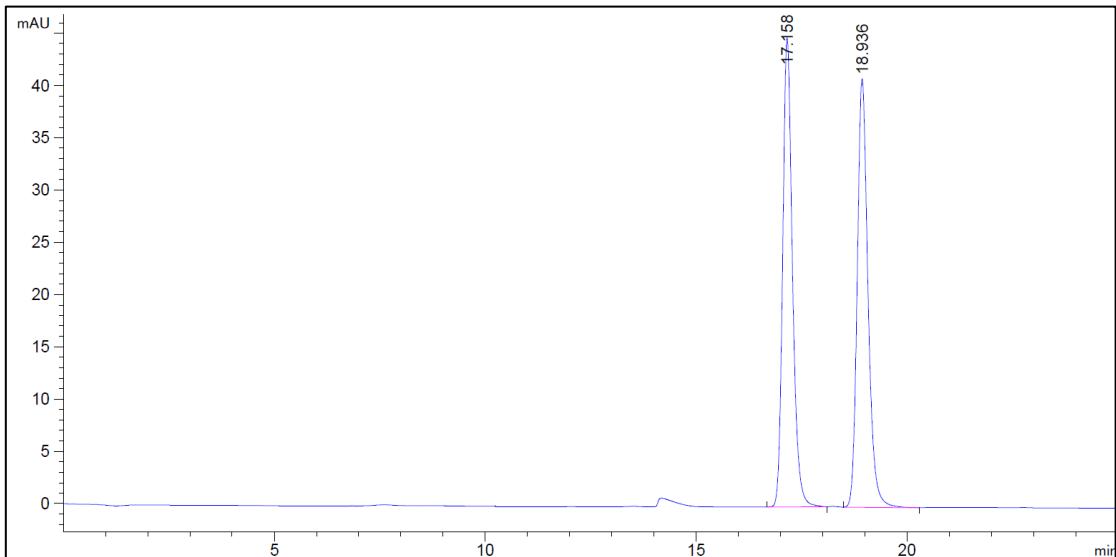


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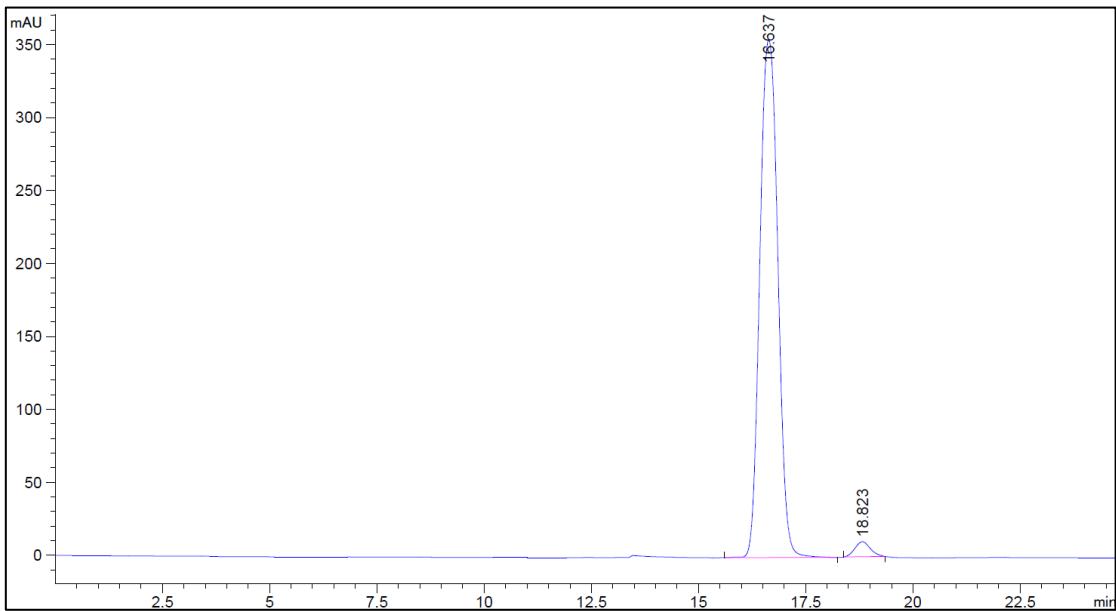


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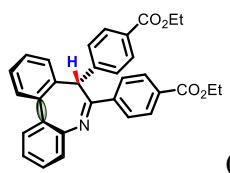




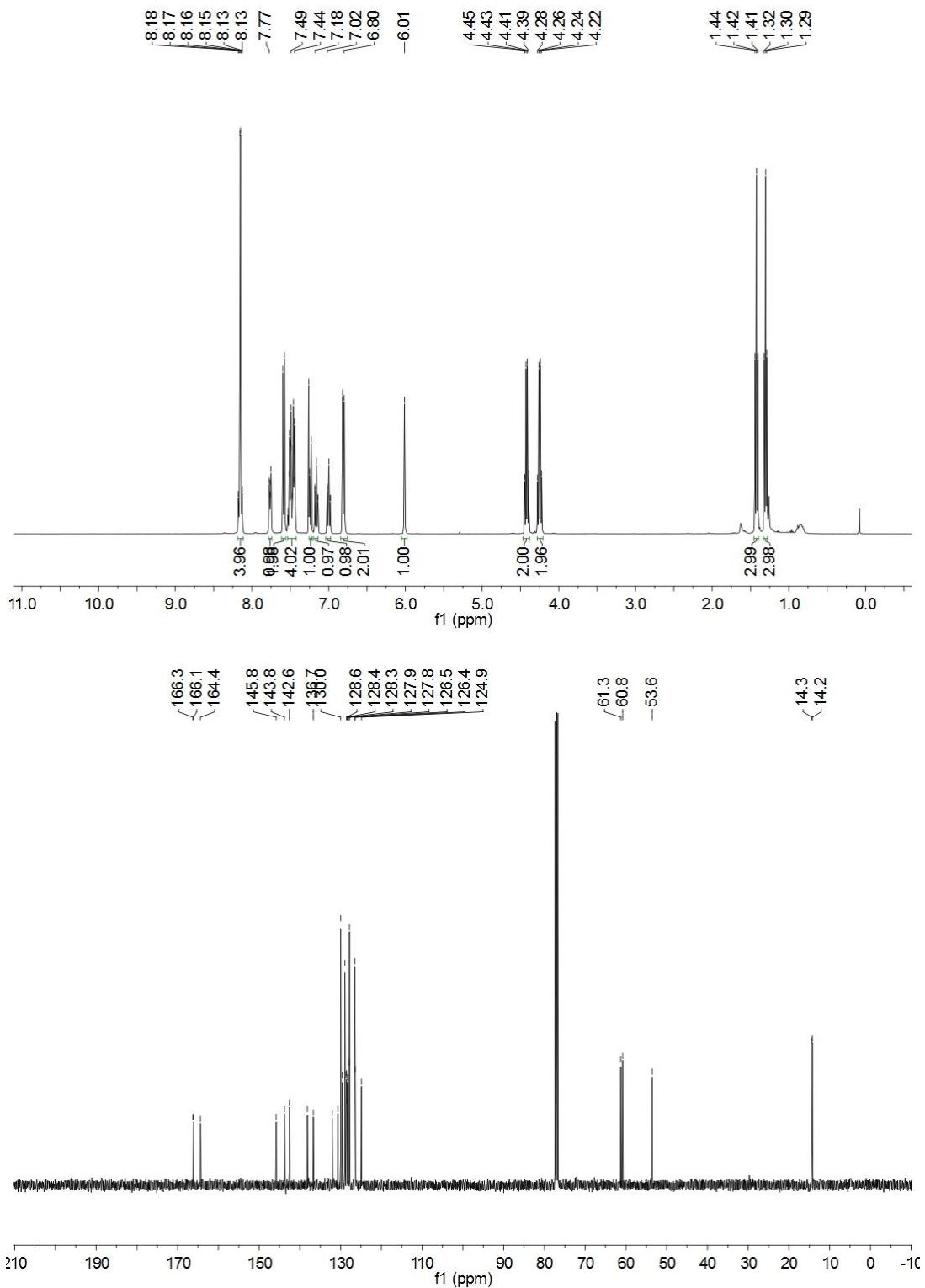
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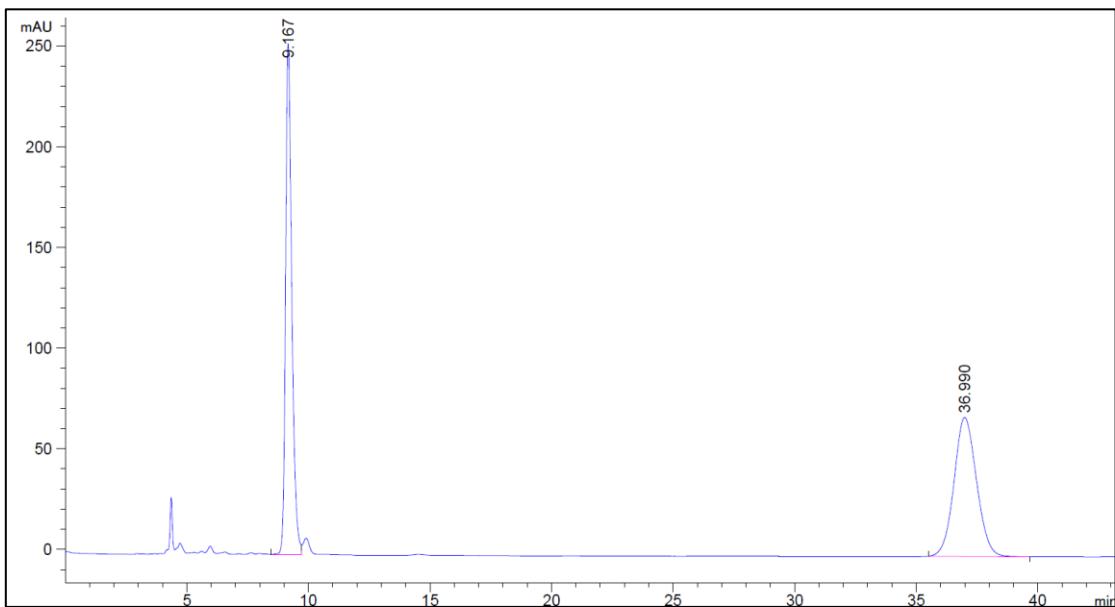


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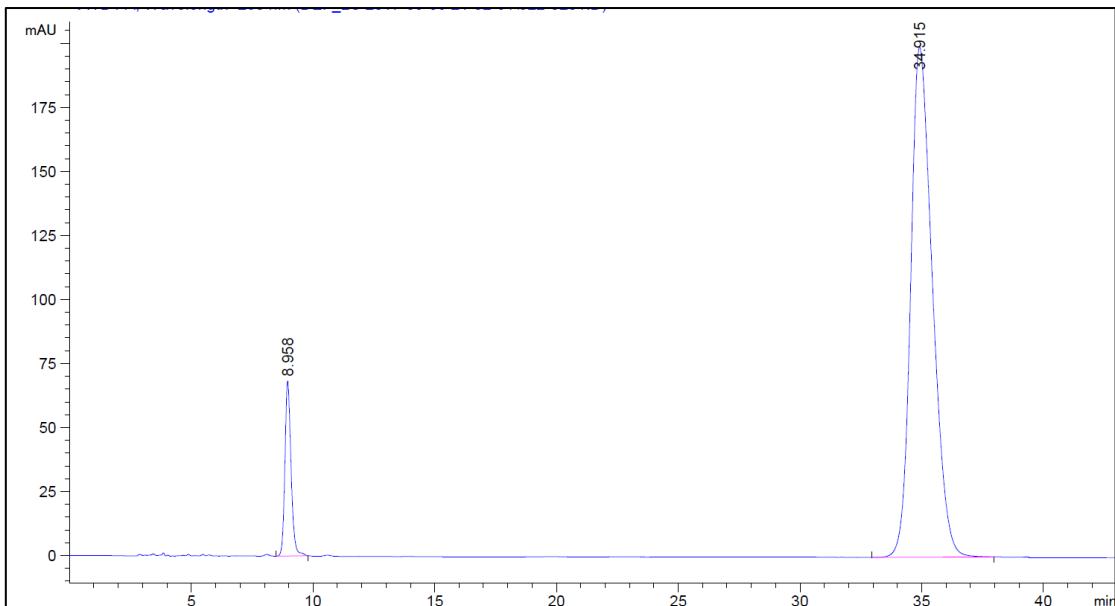


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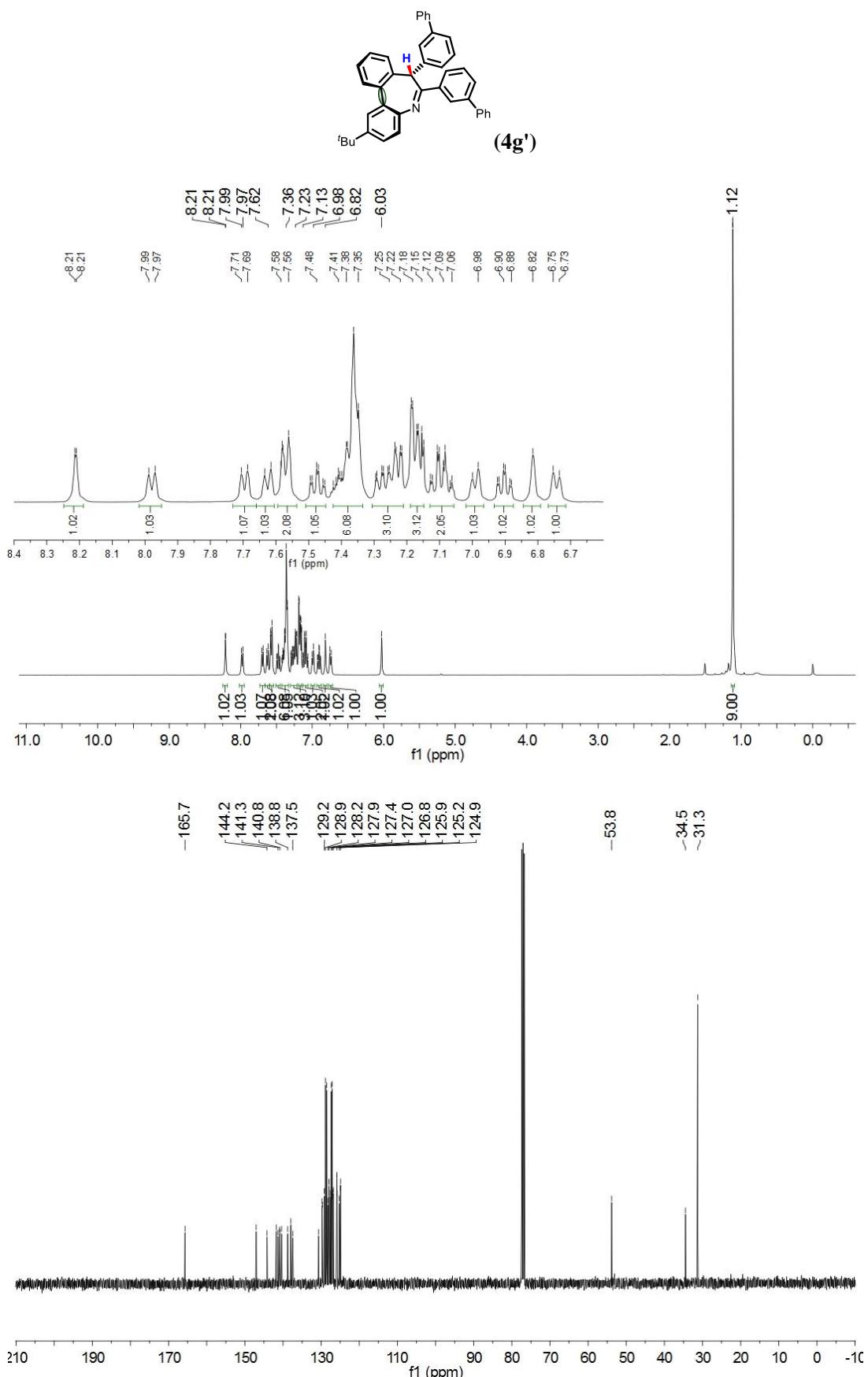


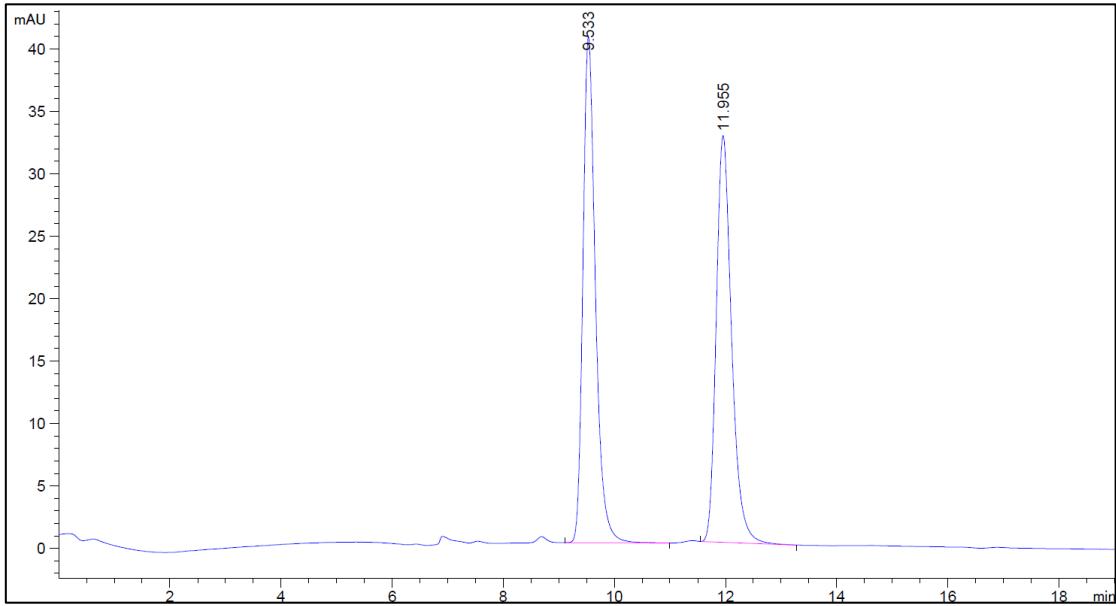


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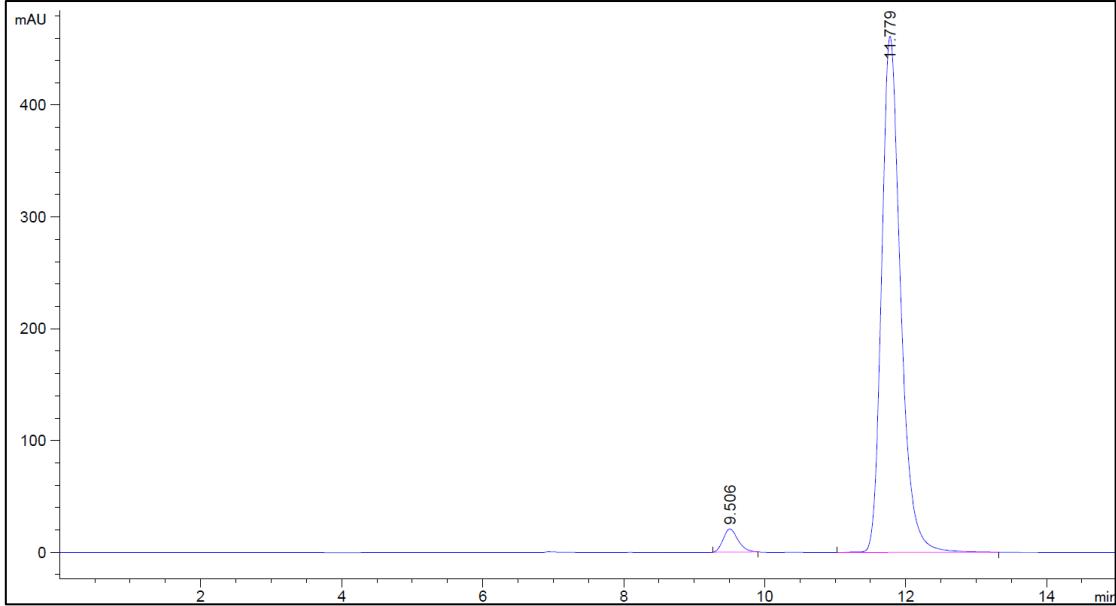


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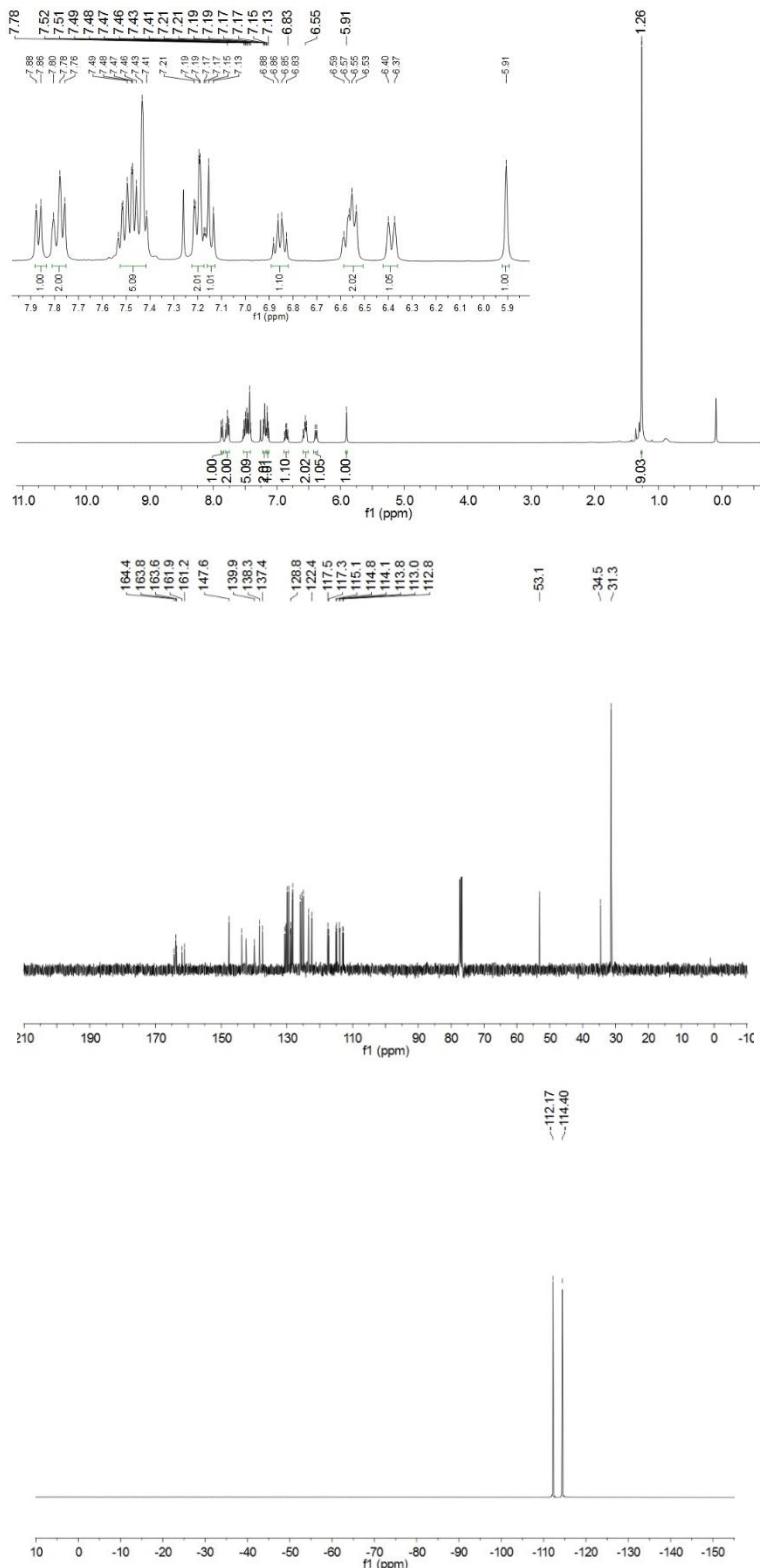
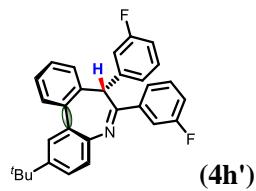


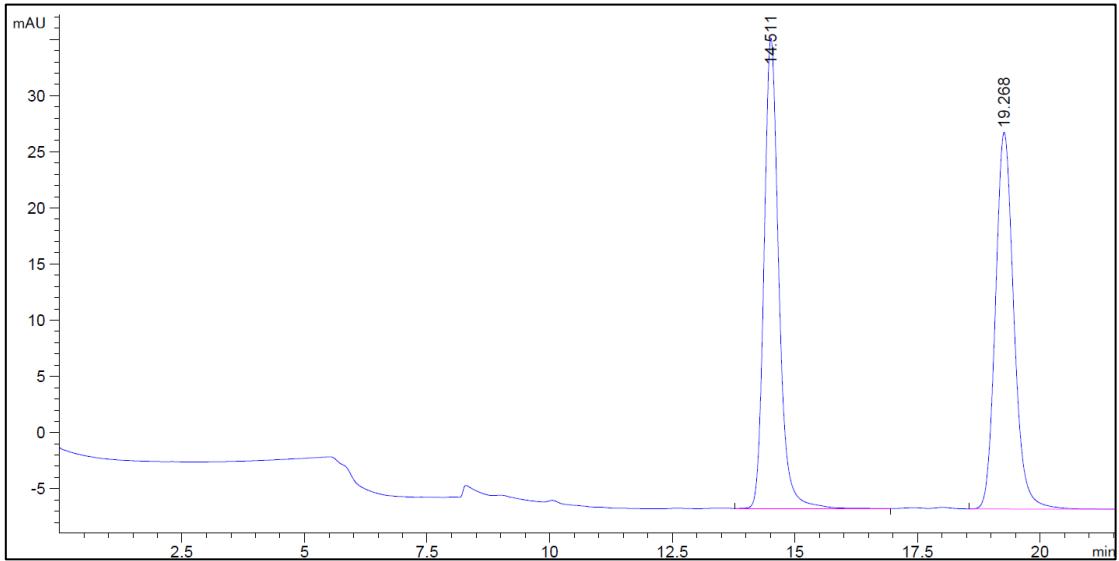


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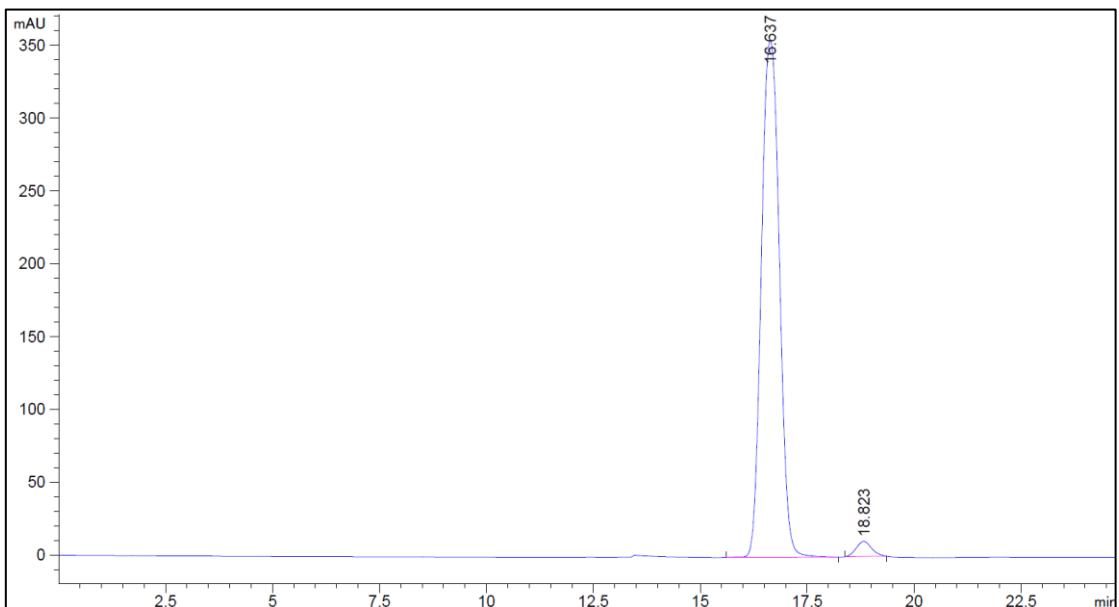


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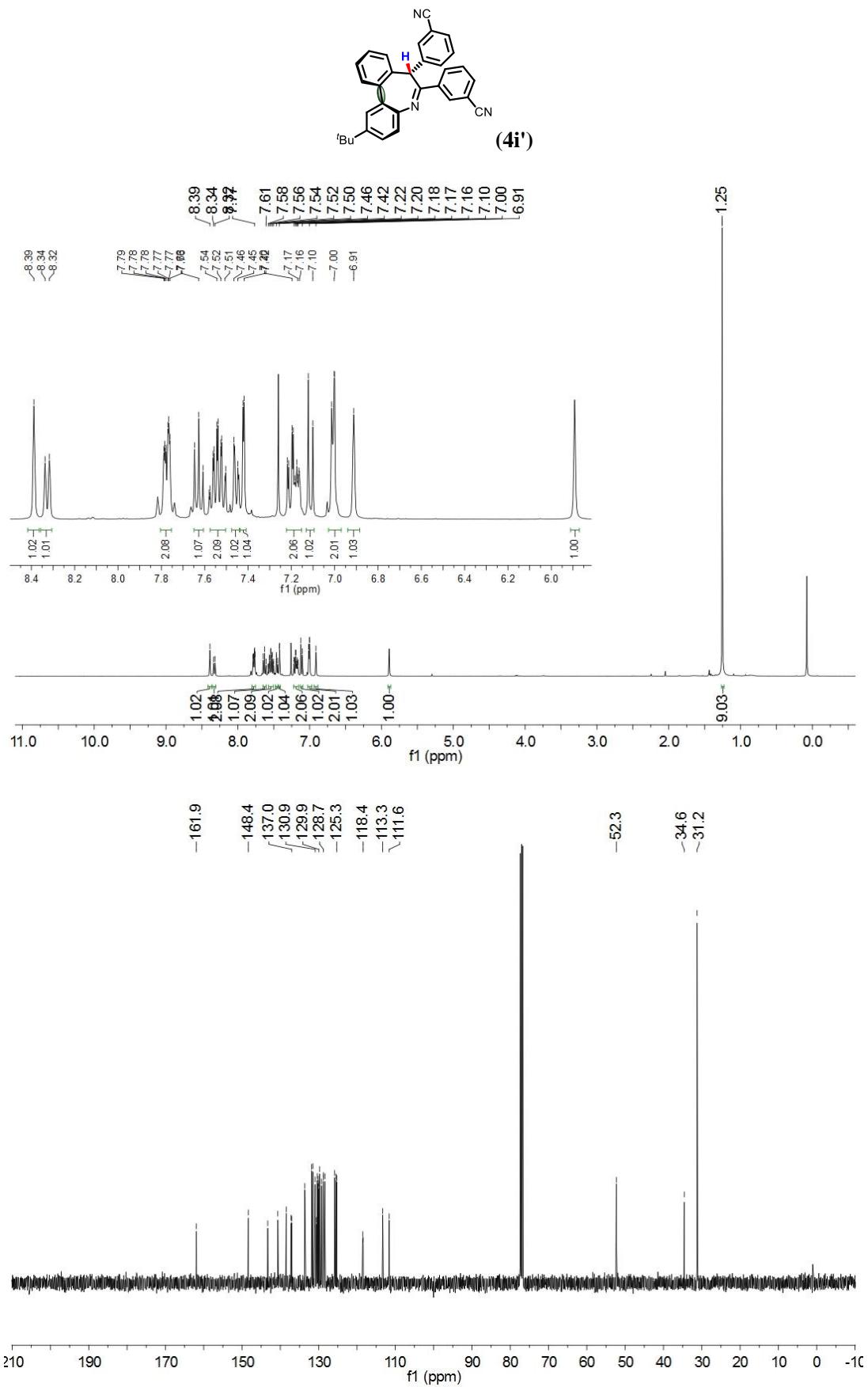


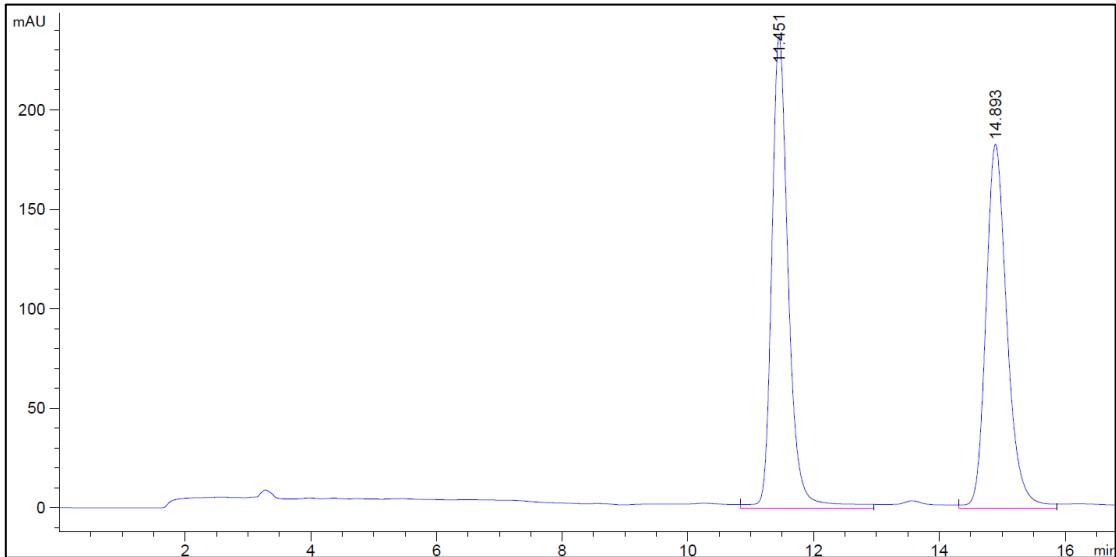


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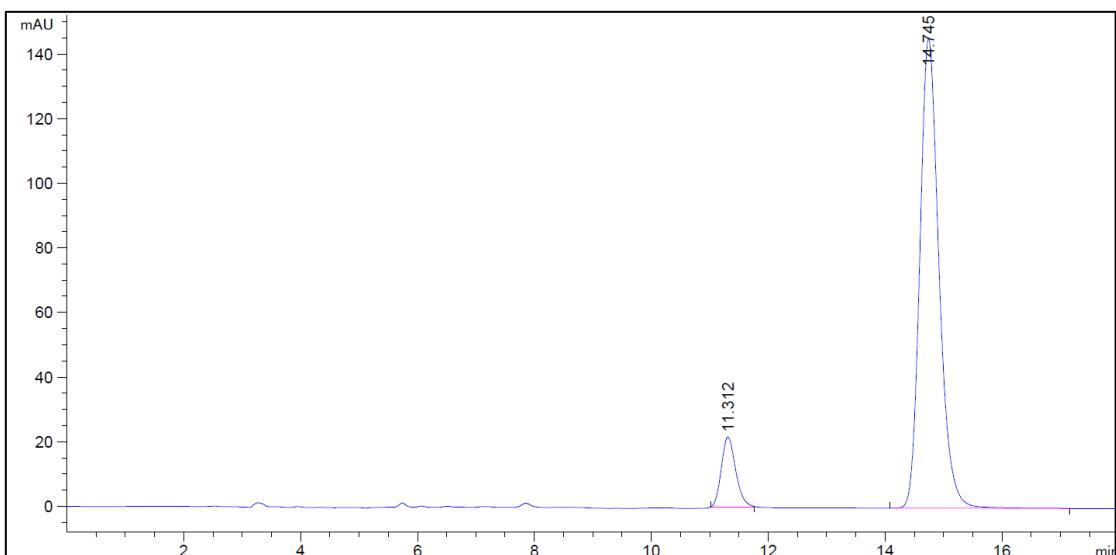


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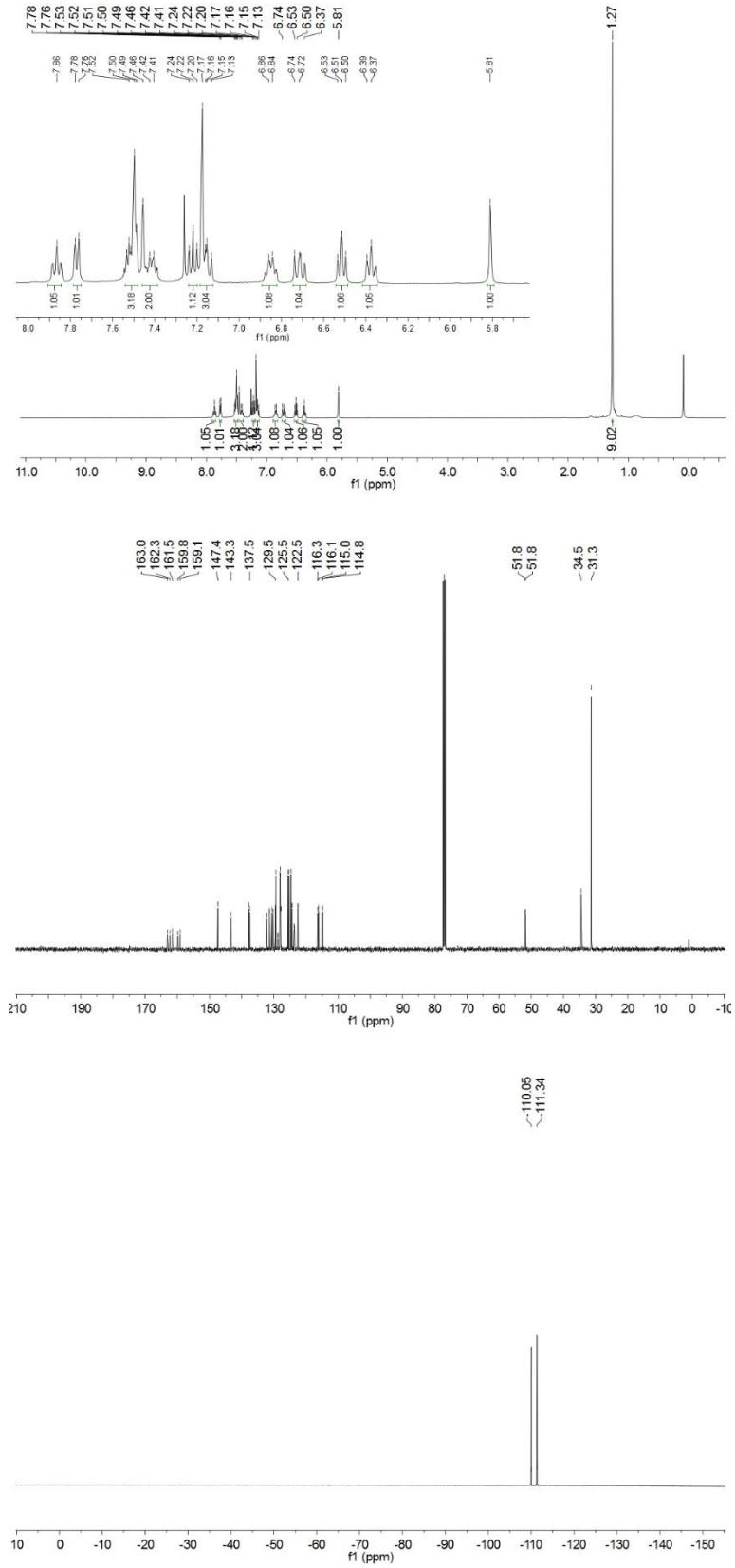
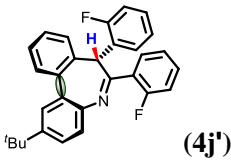


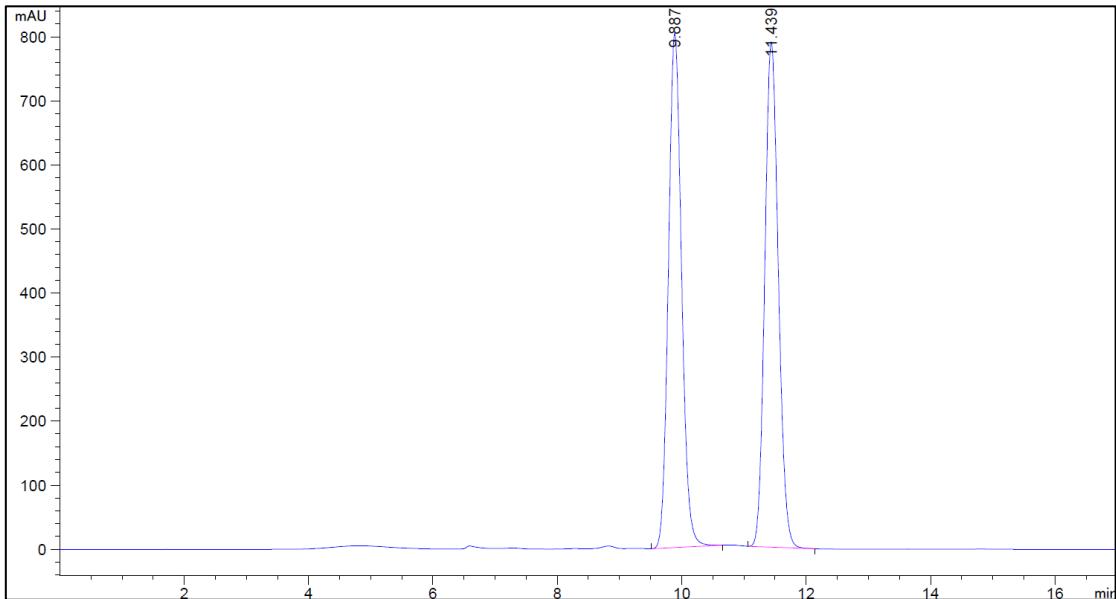


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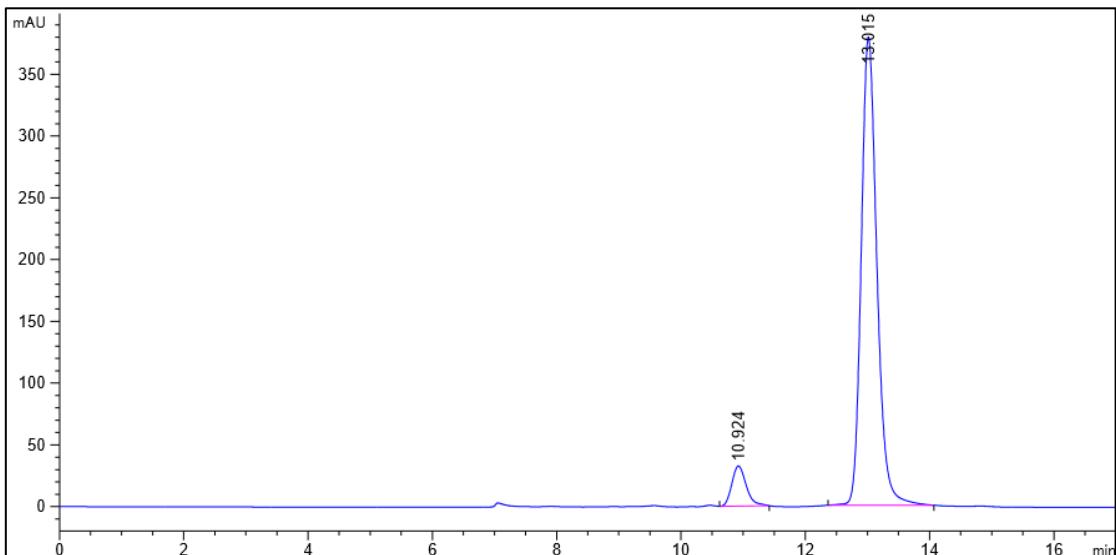


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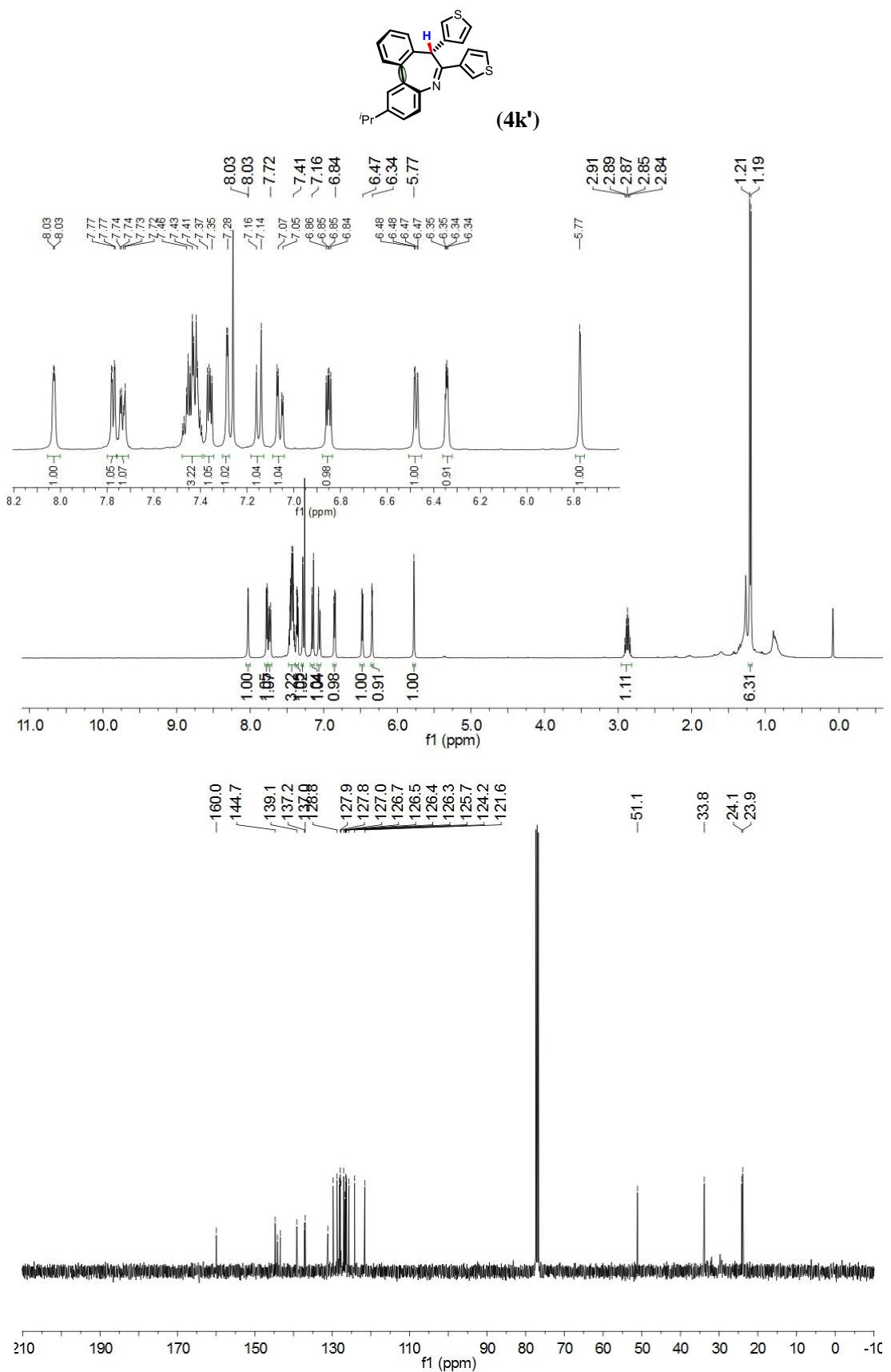


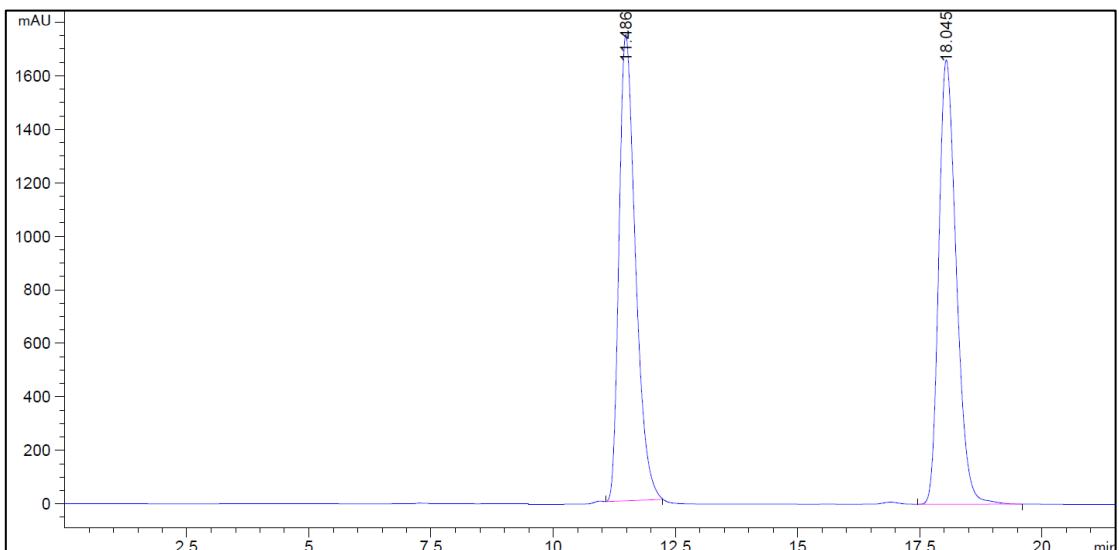


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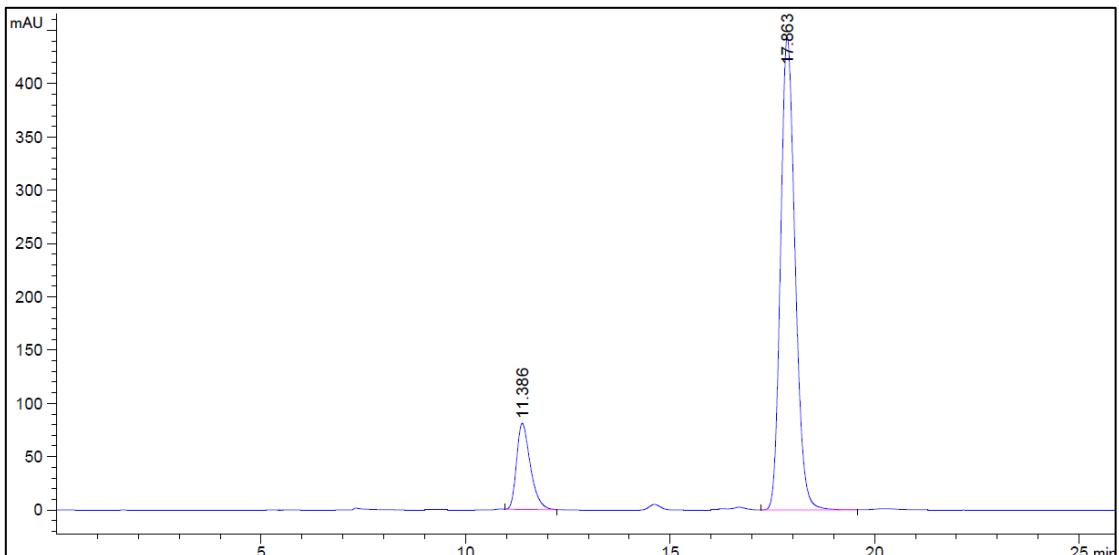


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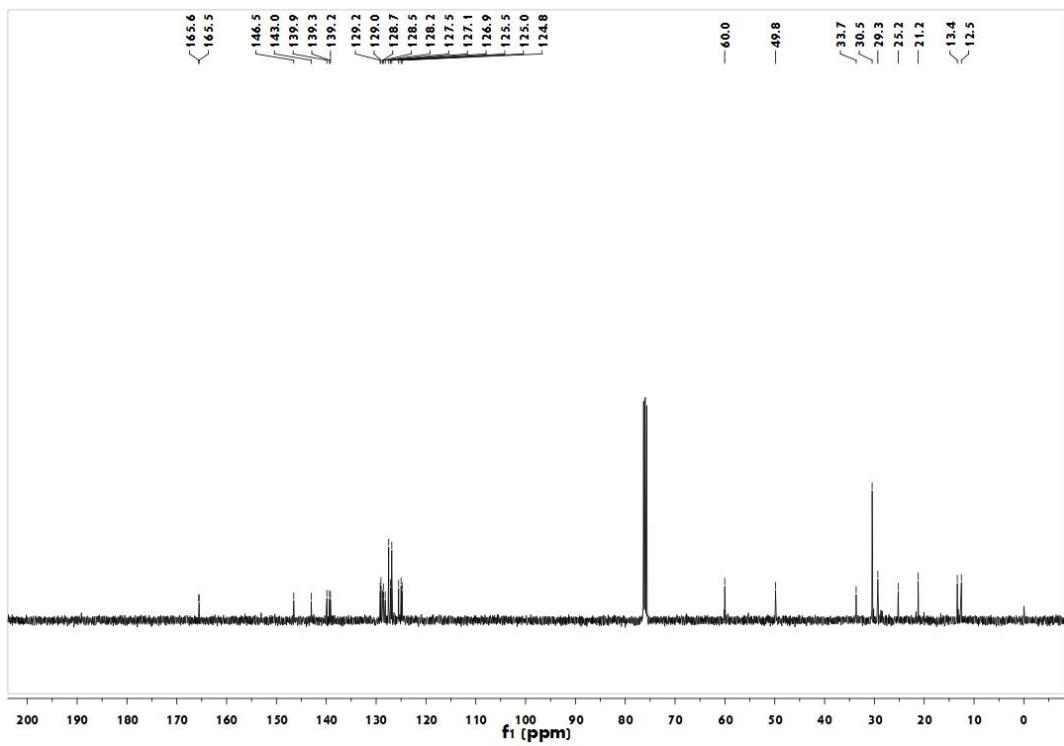
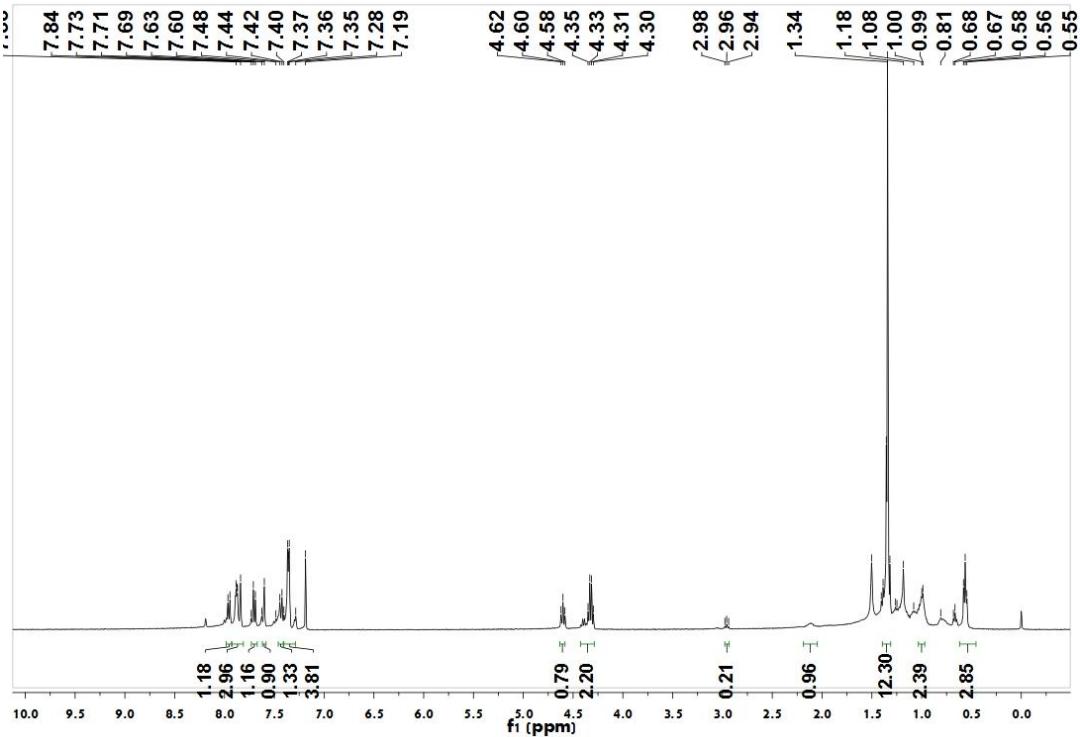
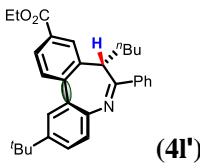


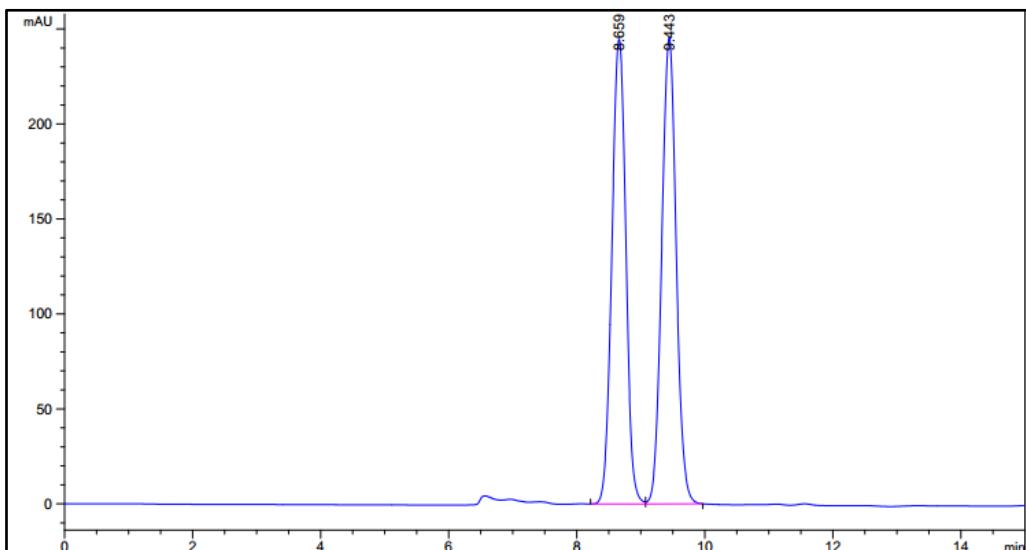


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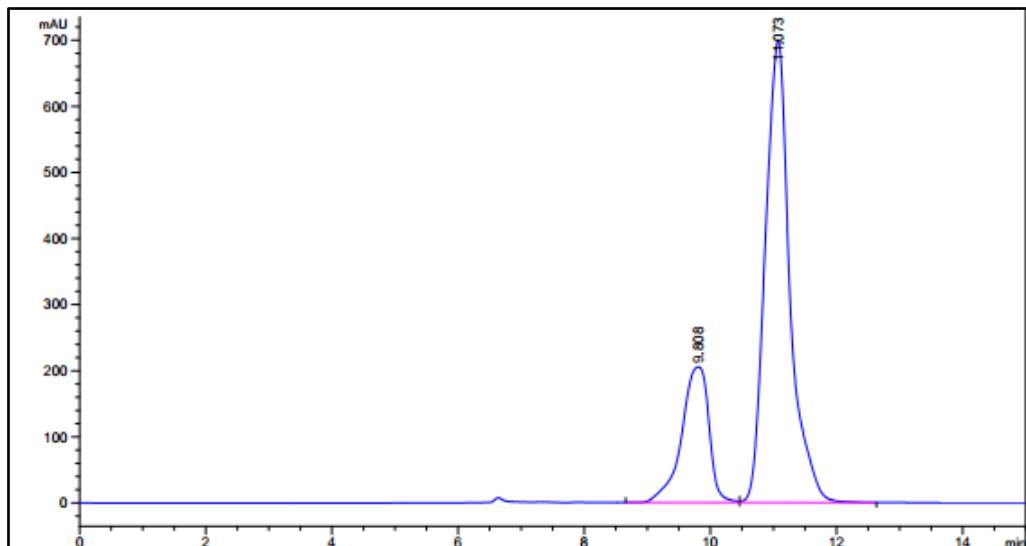


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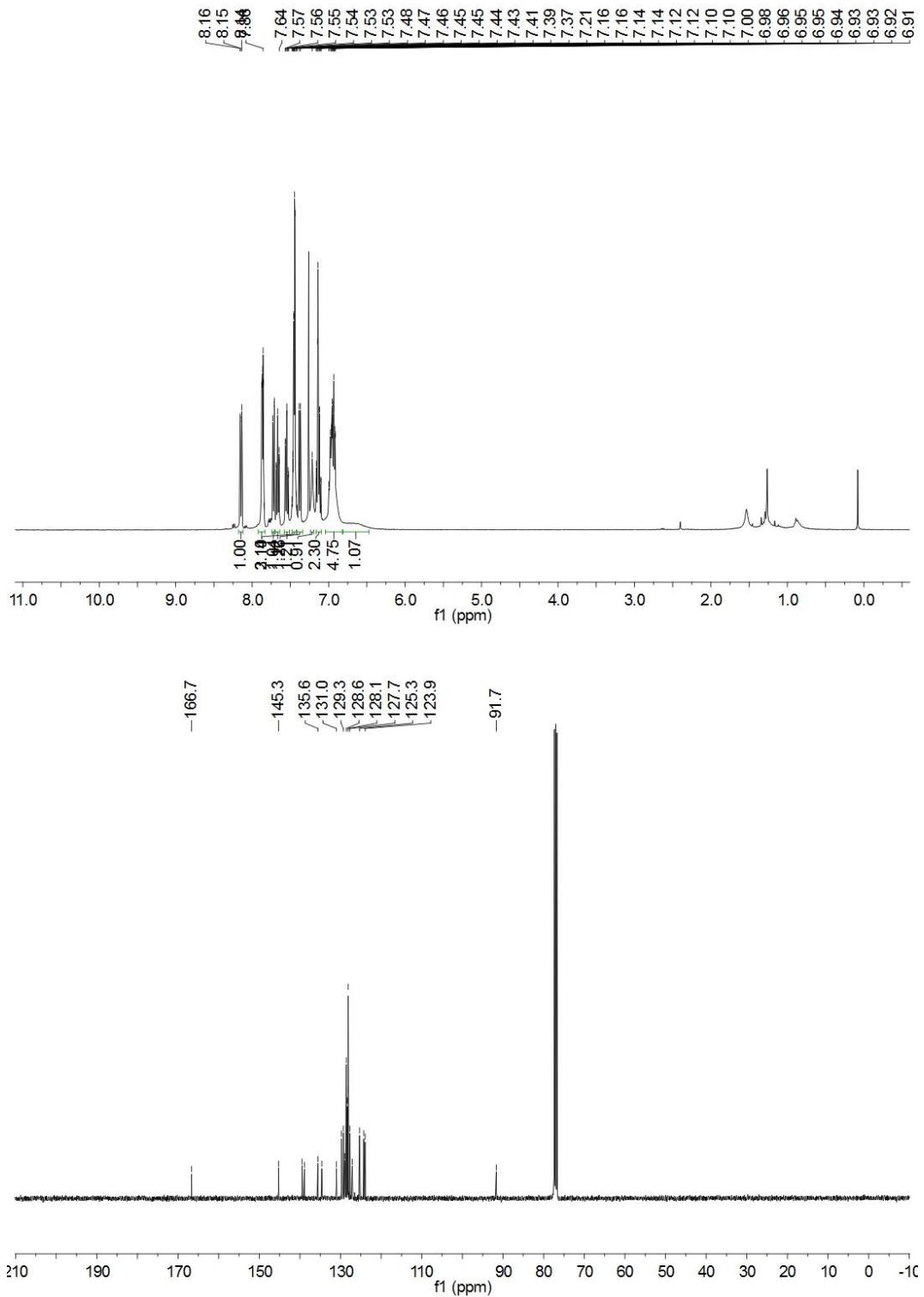
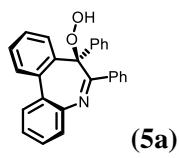


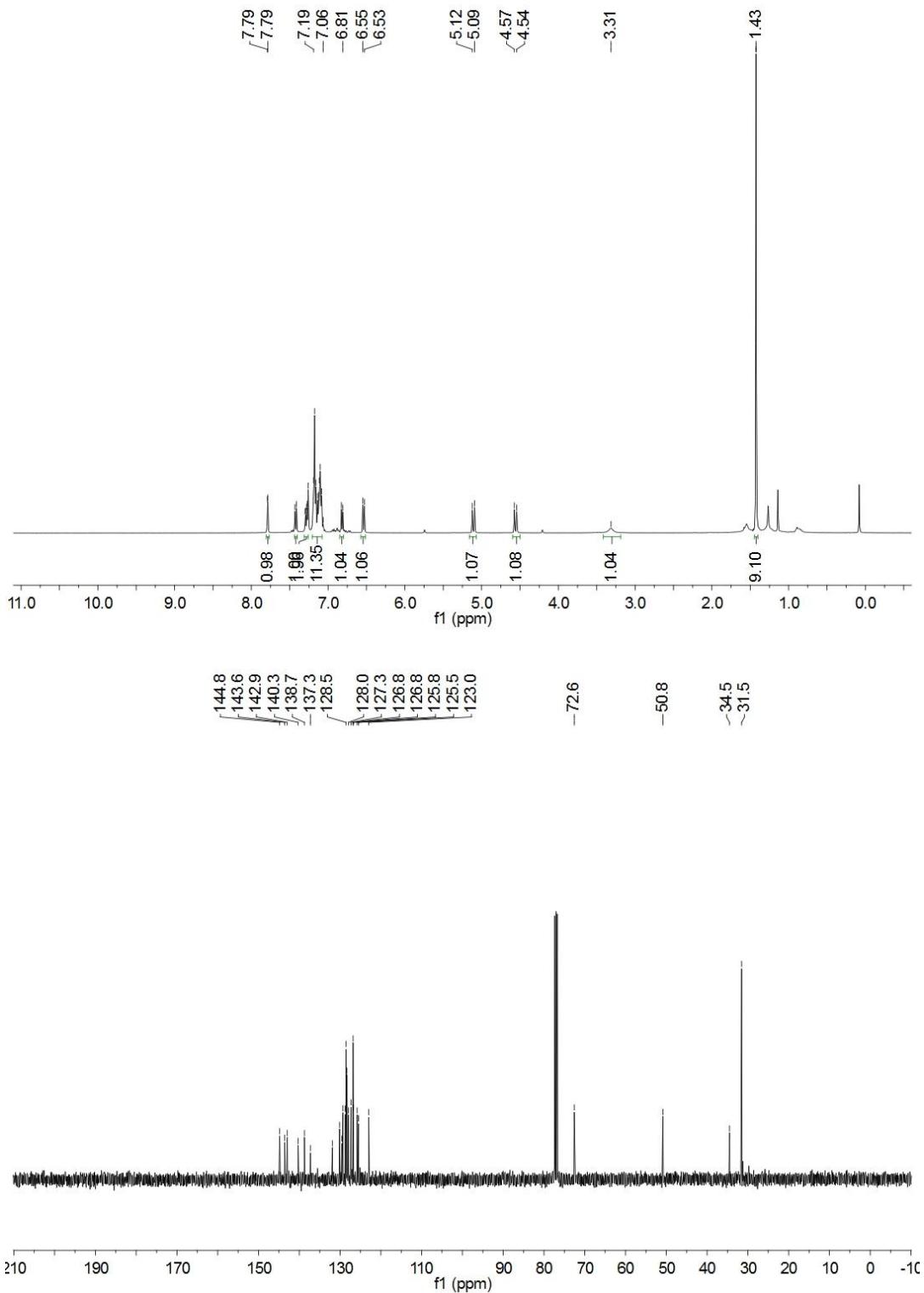
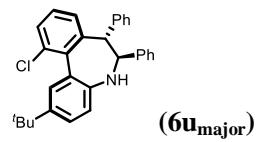


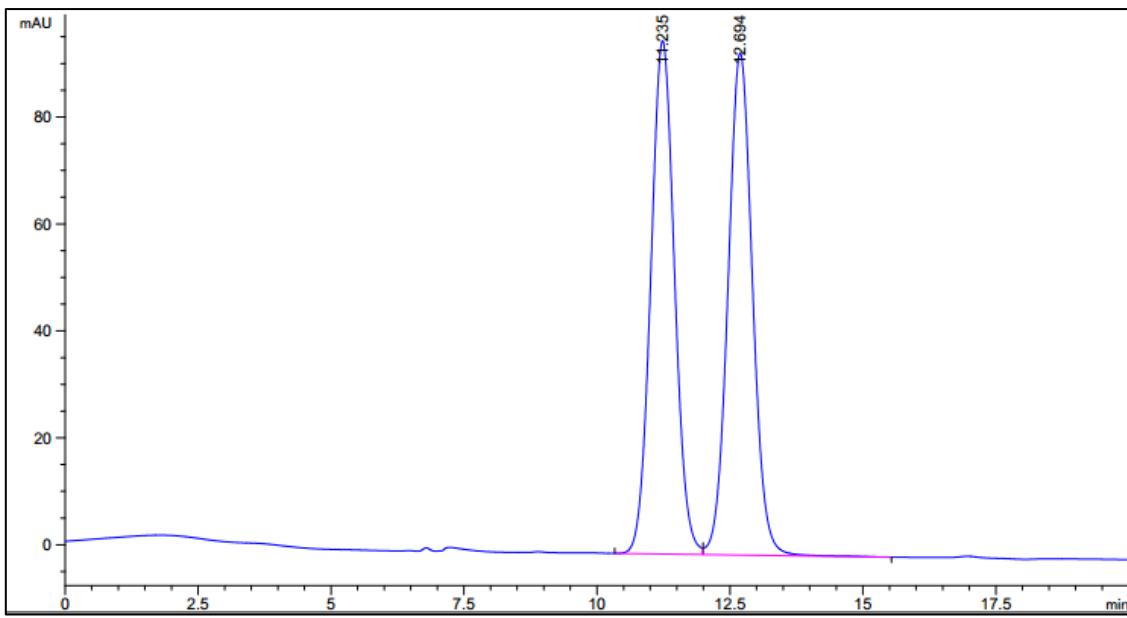
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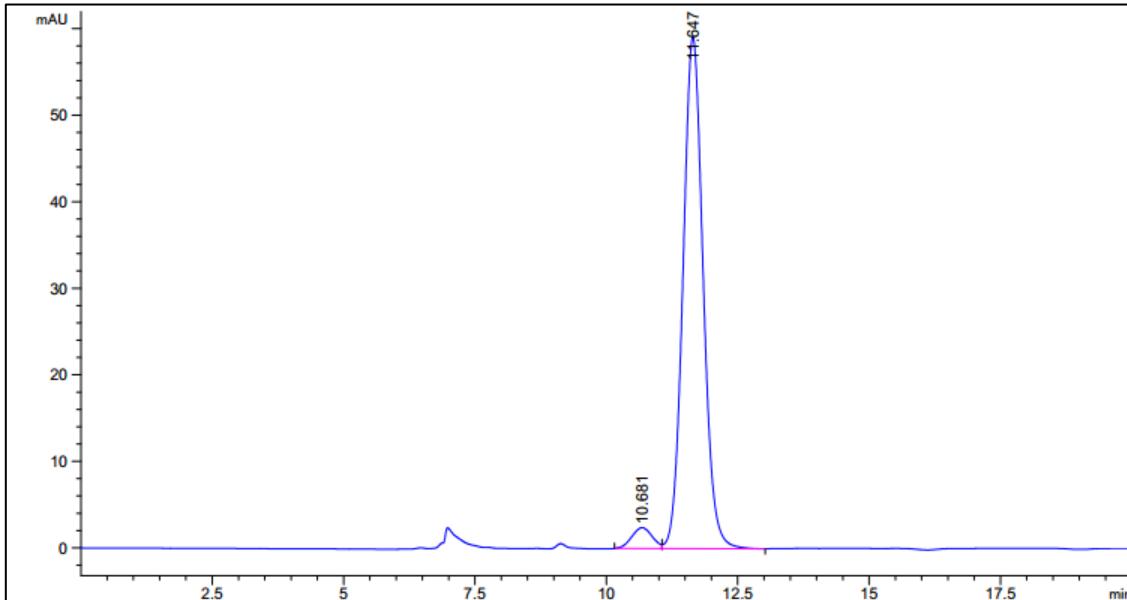
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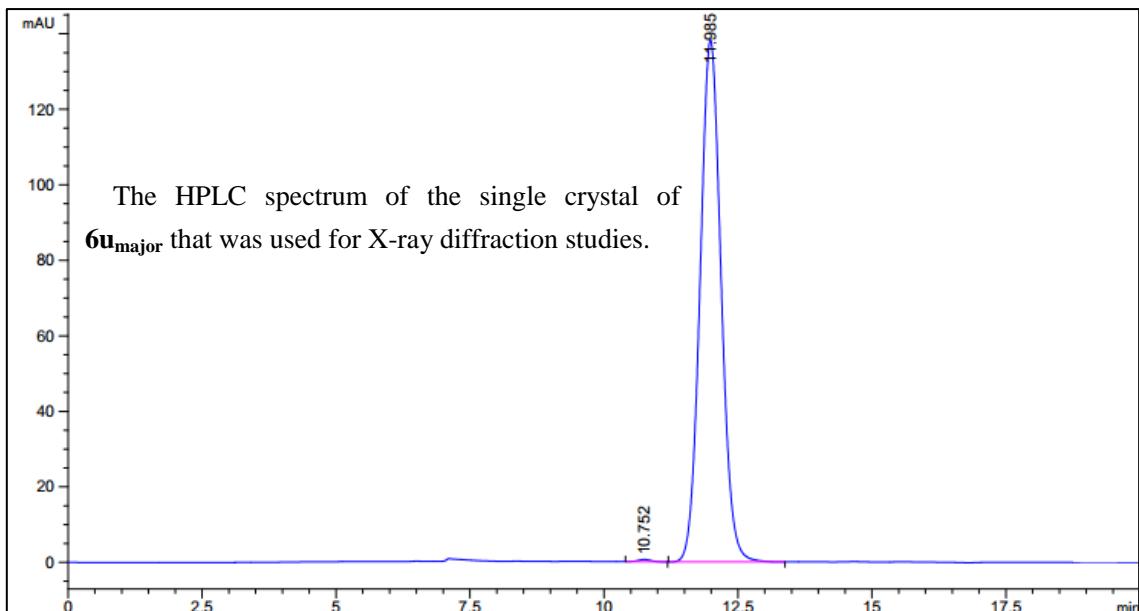




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