

Silver-Mediated Selective Oxidative Cross-Coupling between C-H/P-H: A Strategy to Construct Alkynyl(diaryl)phosphine Oxide†

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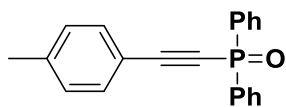
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General Information

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. Flash chromatography columns were packed with 200-300 mesh silica gel in petroleum (boiling point is between 60-90 °C). Gradient flash chromatography was conducted eluting with a continuous gradient from petroleum to the indicated solvent, and they are listed as volume/volume ratios. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury spectrometer at 300 MHz (^1H NMR), 75 MHz (^{13}C NMR) or on a Bruker spectrometer at 400 MHz (^1H NMR), 101 MHz (^{13}C NMR). Tetramethylsilane was used as an internal standard. All ^1H NMR spectra were reported in delta (δ) units, parts per million (ppm) downfield from the internal standard. Coupling constants are reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured with a Waters Micromass GCT instrument, accurate masses are reported for the molecular ion ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$). Selective ratios were recorded with a Varian GC 2000 gas chromatography instrument with a FID detector. GC-MS spectra were recorded on a Varian GC-MS 3900-2100T.

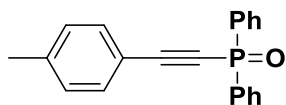
General Procedures for Preparation of phosphine oxide



Diphenyl(p-tolylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3a)¹

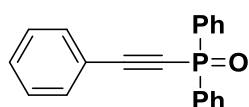
A mixture of diphenylphosphine oxide 2a (0.2 mmol) and Silver carbonate (0.4 mmol, 110 mg), alkyny 1a (0.3 mmol) in DMSO (3 mL) was stirred in N₂ at 120 °C for 15 h. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC and GC-MS, the solvent then diluted with 3% Na₂CO₃ and extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄; the residue was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture eluent of petroleum ether, ethyl acetate. After concentrating the fractions containing the product, the residue was dried under reduced pressure. The spectroscopic data of all the products are presented below. All the known compounds gave satisfactory spectroscopic values and are analogue to spectroscopic data reported in the literature.

Detail descriptions for products



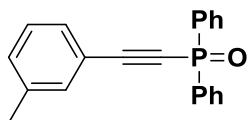
Diphenyl(p-tolylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3a)¹

white solid (44.3 mg, 70% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.30. Mp = 164-165 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 - 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.55 - 7.44 (m, 8H), 7.16 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.4, 133.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 121.0 Hz, C), 132.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 2.0 Hz, CH), 132.2 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 3.0 Hz, CH), 1301.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 13.1 Hz, CH), 129.4, 128.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 14.1 Hz, CH), 116.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 106.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 30.3 Hz, C), 82.2 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 172.7 Hz, C), 21.8. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.38. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 317.1090; found: 317.1094.



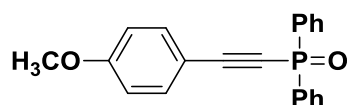
Diphenyl(phenylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3b)¹

white solid (39.8 mg, 66% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.30. Mp = 101-102 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 - 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.56 - 7.38 (m, 9H), 7.32 (t, J = 14.8 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 133.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 121.0 Hz, C), 132.6 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 2.0 Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 3.0 Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 11.1 Hz, CH), 130.8, 128.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 13.0 Hz, CH), 119.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 128.6, 105.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 30.3 Hz, C), 82.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 170.7 Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.38. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 303.0933; found: 303.0935.



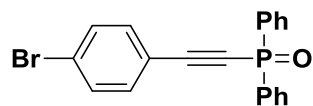
Diphenyl(m-tolylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3c)¹

white solid (39.2 mg, 62% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.30. Mp = 155-156 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 - 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.55- 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.41 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.5, 133.3 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 121.0 Hz, CH), 133.0 (d, ⁴ J_{C-P} = 2.0 Hz, CH), 132.2, 131.7, 131.0 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 11.1 Hz, CH), 129.7 (d, ⁴ J_{C-P} = 1.0 Hz, CH), 128.7, 128.6 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 10.1 Hz, CH), 119.7 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 4.0 Hz, CH), 105.8 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 30.3 Hz, C), 82.4 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 171.7 Hz, C), 21.2. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇OP [M+H]⁺: 317.1090; found: 317.1094.



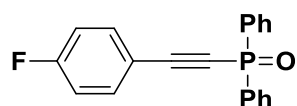
((4-Methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3d)¹

yellow oil (41.2 mg, 62% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.89 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.53 - 7.46 (m, 8H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 134.3 (d, ⁴ J_{C-P} = 1.0 Hz, CH), 134.0 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 122.0 Hz, C), 132.7, 132.1 (d, ⁴ J_{C-P} = 3.0 Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 4.0 Hz, CH), 128.6 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 13.1 Hz, CH), 114.3, 111.8 (d, ³ J_{C-P} = 4.0 Hz, CH), 106.2 (d, ² J_{C-P} = 30.3 Hz, C), 81.7 (d, ¹ J_{C-P} = 173.7 Hz, C), 55.4. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.19. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₇O₂P [M+H]⁺: 333.1036; found: 333.1040.



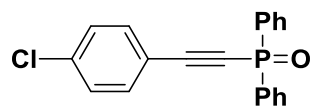
((4-Bromophenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3e):

white solid (34.2 mg, 45% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.31. Mp = 143-144 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 - 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.59 - 7.48 (m, 8H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 133.9 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 2.0 Hz, CH), 132.5 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 121.0 Hz, C), 132.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 3.0 Hz, CH), 132.0, 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 11.1 Hz, CH), 128.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 13.1 Hz, CH), 125.5, 118.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 104.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 30.3 Hz, C), 84.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 167.7 Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.47. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrOP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 381.0038; found: 381.0046.



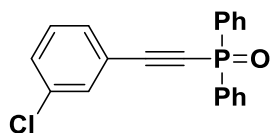
((4-Fluorophenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3f)

yellow solid (44.8 mg, 71% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.35. Mp = 117-119 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 - 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.57 - 7.48 (m, 8H), 7.09 - 7.05 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 254.5 Hz), 134.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 2.0, d $^2J_{\text{C-F}}$ = 11.1 Hz), 132.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 122.0 Hz, C), 132.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 3.0 Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 11.1 Hz, CH), 128.8, 128.7, 116.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 22.2 Hz, CH), 104.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 30.0 Hz, C), 82.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 168.0 Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.43. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{FOP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 321.0845; found: 321.0840.



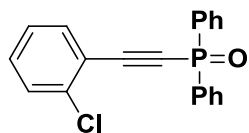
((4-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3g)

white solid (47.0 mg, 70% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.30. Mp = 131-132 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 - 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.55 - 7.47 (m, 8H), 7.36 - 7.33 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.1, 133.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 1.0 Hz, CH), 132.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 121.0 Hz, CH), 132.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 3.0 Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 11.1 Hz, CH), 129.1, 128.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 13.1 Hz, CH), 118.4 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 104.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 30.3 Hz, C), 83.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 168.7 Hz, C), ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.45. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClOP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 337.0549; found: 337.0544.



((3-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3h)

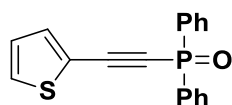
yellow oil (42.3 mg, 63% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.30 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.57 - 7.43 (m, 10H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.5, 132.6 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 121.0 Hz, C), 132.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 3.0 Hz, CH), 132.2, 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 11.1 Hz, CH), 130.7 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 2.0 Hz, CH), 129.9, 128.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 14.1 Hz, CH), 121.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 4.0 Hz, CH), 103.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 30.3 Hz, C), 84.1 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}}$ = 166.7 Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.37. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClOP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 337.0549; found: 337.0541.



((2-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3i)

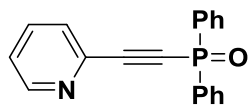
yellow oil (33.6 mg, 50% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, R_f = 0.30. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97 - 7.91 (m, 4H), 7.61 - 7.43 (m, 8H), 7.39 - 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28 - 7.24 (m,

1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.1, 134.3 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 132.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 122.0$ Hz, C), 132.3 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.7, 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.1$ Hz, CH), 129.6, 128.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 126.8, 120.3 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 101.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 29.3$ Hz, C), 87.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 167.7$ Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.61. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClOP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 337.0549; found: 337.0544.



Diphenyl(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3j)

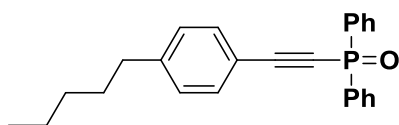
yellow oil (33.3 mg, 62% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.91 - 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.56 - 7.42 (m, 8H), 7.03 (dd, $J = 5.1, 3.7$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.9 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 132.8 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 122.0$ Hz, C), 132.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 130.7, 128.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 127.5, 119.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 5.1$ Hz, CH), 98.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 31.3$ Hz, C), 86.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 169.7$ Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.53. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{OPS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 309.0503; found: 309.0497.



Diphenyl(pyridin-2-ylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3k)

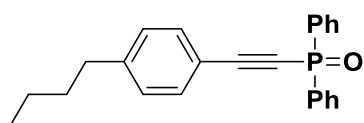
Brown solid (31.5 mg, 52% yield). PE/EA = 1:2, $R_f = 0.20$. Mp = 168-169 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.63 - 8.62 (m, 1H), 7.92 - 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.72 - 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 - 7.46 (m, 6H), 7.35 - 7.31 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.5, 140.7 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 136.5, 132.3 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 122.0$ Hz,

CH), 132.5 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.7, 131.1 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 128.8 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 124.9, 103.0 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 28.3$ Hz, C), 82.2 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 163.6$ Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.84. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{NOP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 304.0891; found: 304.0887.



((4-Pentylphenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3l)

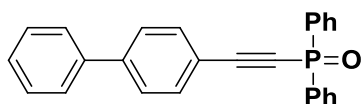
yellow oil (27.1 mg, 45% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93 - 7.87 (m, 4H), 7.57 - 7.46 (m, 8H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.78 - 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.64 - 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.33 - 1.27 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.4, 133.8, 132.5 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 132.2 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 128.7 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 14.1$ Hz, CH), 117.0 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 106.1 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 30.3$ Hz, C), 82.1 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 172.7$ Hz, C), 36.0, 31.4, 30.8, 22.5, 14.0. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 373.1721; found: 373.1714.



((4-Butylphenyl)ethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3m)

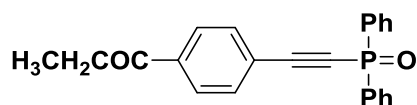
yellow oil (43.0 mg, 60% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.93 (dd, $J = 13.8, 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.56 - 7.46 (m, 8H), 7.18 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 - 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.93 - 0.90 (m, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.4, 133.1 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 121.0$ Hz, C), 132.5 (d,

$^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 132.2 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 130.1, 128.7 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 128.4, 117.0 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 106.2 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 30.3$ Hz, C), 82.1 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 173.7$ Hz, C), 35.8, 33.3, 22.3, 13.9. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.41. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 359.1565; found: 359.1558.



([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3n)

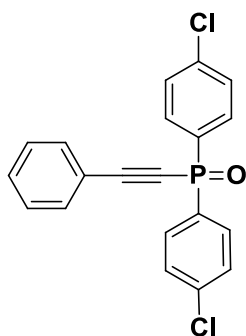
yellow oil (28.1 mg, 40% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.30$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 - 7.89 (m, 4H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 - 7.44 (m, 12H), 7.41 - 7.37 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.5, 139.7, 133.0 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 122.0$ Hz, C), 133.0 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 129.0, 128.7 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 128.2, 127.2 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 10.1$ Hz, CH), 118.6 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 105.5 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 30.3$ Hz, C), 83.4 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 170.7$ Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.47. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 379.1252; found: 379.1246.



1-(4-((Diphenylphosphoryl)ethynyl)phenyl)propan-1-one (3o)

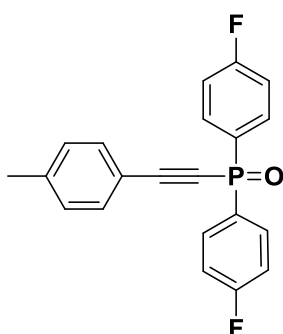
yellow oil (50.8 mg, 71% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 - 7.86 (m, 4H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.59 - 7.48 (m, 6H), 4.41 - 4.35 (m, 2H), 1.39 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 131.6 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 121.0$ Hz, C), 132.5 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 132.0 (d,

$^2J_{C-P} = 14.1$ Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 129.6, 128.8 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 124.2 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 104.0 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 29.3$ Hz, C), 85.4 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 170.7$ Hz, C), 61.5, 14.3. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.50. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 359.1195; found: 359.1196.



Bis(4-chlorophenyl)(p-tolylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3p)

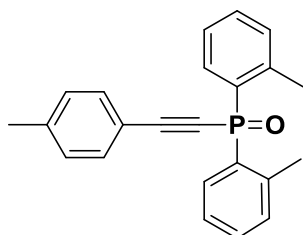
yellow oil (31.1 mg, 42% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.84 - 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.59 - 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.49 - 7.45 (m, 5H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.2, 132.6 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 1.0$ Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 131.2 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 125.1$ Hz, C), 131.1, 129.2 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 14.1$ Hz, CH), 128.7, 119.5 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 106.4 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 31.3$ Hz, C), 81.9 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 175.7$ Hz, C). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.32. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{Cl}_2\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 371.0159; found: 371.0157.



Bis(4-fluorophenyl)(p-tolylethynyl)phosphine oxide (3q)

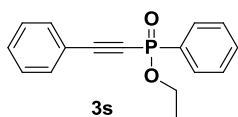
yellow oil (38.7 mg, 55% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92 - 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 - 7.16 (m, 6H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, d, $^1J_{C-F} = 254.5$ Hz, C),

141.7, 133.5 (d, $^3J_{C-F} = 9.1$, d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, C), 132.5 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 129.6 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 129.4, 128.4 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 116.5 (d $^3J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 116.2 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 21.2$, d, $^2J_{C-P} = 14.1$ Hz, C), 106.6 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 31.3$ Hz, C), 81.8 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 176.8$ Hz, C), 21.8. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.24. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.50. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 353.0907; found: 353.0901.



Di-o-tolyl(p-tolyne)phosphine oxide (3r)

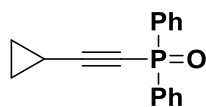
yellow oil (41.3 mg, 60% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.30$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.07 – 8.01 (m, 2H), 7.47- 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.34 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 6H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.6 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 10.6$ Hz, C), 141.2, 132.8 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 132.6 - 132.1 (m), 131.7 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 130.5 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 122.0$ Hz, C), 129.4, 125.8 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 117.1 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 105.5 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 29.3$ Hz, C), 82.5 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 169.7$ Hz, C), 21.8, 21.2 (d, $J_{C-P} = 5.1$ Hz, CH). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.50. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 345.1408; found: 345.1403.



Ethyl phenyl(phenylethynyl)phosphinate (3s)

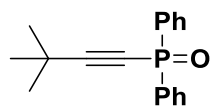
yellow oil (29.2 mg, 54% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 - 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 - 7.48 (m, 5H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.37- 7.33 (m, 2H), 4.34 – 4.25 (m, 2H), 1.43 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 132.8 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 132.6 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 131.1 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 166.7$ Hz, C), 131.1 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 12.1$ Hz, CH), 130.7, 128.7, 128.5 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 4.0$ Hz, CH),

119.8 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 5.0$ Hz, CH), 101.6 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 39.4$ Hz, C), 81.7 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 217.2$ Hz, C), 62.4 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 6.0$ Hz, CH), 16.4 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 7.0$ Hz, CH). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.78. $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 271.0888; found: 271.0892.



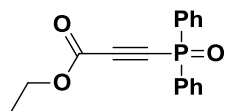
(Cyclopropylethynyl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3t)

yellow oil (23.9 mg, 45% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.82 - 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 6H), 1.49 - 1.42 (m, 1H), 0.95 - 0.93 (m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 133.5 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 121.0$ Hz, C), 132.0 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 130.9 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 128.5 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 112.4 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 31.3$ Hz, C), 69.7 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 177.8$ Hz, C), 9.4 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 10.0$ Hz, CH), 0.4 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 40.0$ Hz, CH). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 266.0861; found: 266.0865.



(3,3-dimethylbut-1-yn-1-yl)diphenylphosphine oxide (3u)

white solid (25.3 mg, 45% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$. Mp = 121-123 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (dd, $J = 13.8, 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 7.54 - 7.43 (m, 6H), 1.33 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 133.6 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 121.0$ Hz, C), 133.0, 132.0 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, C), 130.8 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 128.5 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 116.8 (d, $^2J_{C-P} = 30.3$ Hz, C), 73.1 (d, $^1J_{C-P} = 175.7$ Hz, C), 30.0 (d, $^4J_{C-P} = 2.0$ Hz, CH), 28.5 (d, $^3J_{C-P} = 3.0$ Hz, CH). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68. $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{OP}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 283.1252; found: 283.1256.



Ethyl 3-(diphenylphosphoryl)propiolate (3v)

yellow oil (35.8 mg, 60% yield). PE/EA = 1:1, $R_f = 0.35$ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (dd, $J = 14.1, 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.61 – 7.49 (m, 6H), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 4.0$ Hz, CH), 133.0 (d, $^4J_{\text{C-P}} = 3.0$ Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 123.2$ Hz, C), 131.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 12.1$ Hz, CH), 128.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 13.1$ Hz, CH), 92.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 23.2$ Hz, CH), 79.3 (d, $^1J_{\text{C-P}} = 146.5$ Hz, C), 63.2, 13.9. ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.02. $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_3\text{P}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 299.0837; found: 299.0842.

Procedure for the Synthesis of Phenylacetylene Silver²

To a solution of 1-trimethylsilyl-2-phenylacetylene (5 mmol) in 20 mL methanol ($\text{H}_2\text{O}:\text{MeOH} = 1:3$), was added silver nitrate (5 mmol) at room temperature. The starting materials rapidly disappeared and a white precipitate formed within 5 - 15 min. This solid was recovered by filtration and washed with cold methanol (stored at 0°C). Subsequent drying led to the phenylacetylene silver as a white powder.

Procedure for the Synthesis of (diphenylphosphoryl)silver³

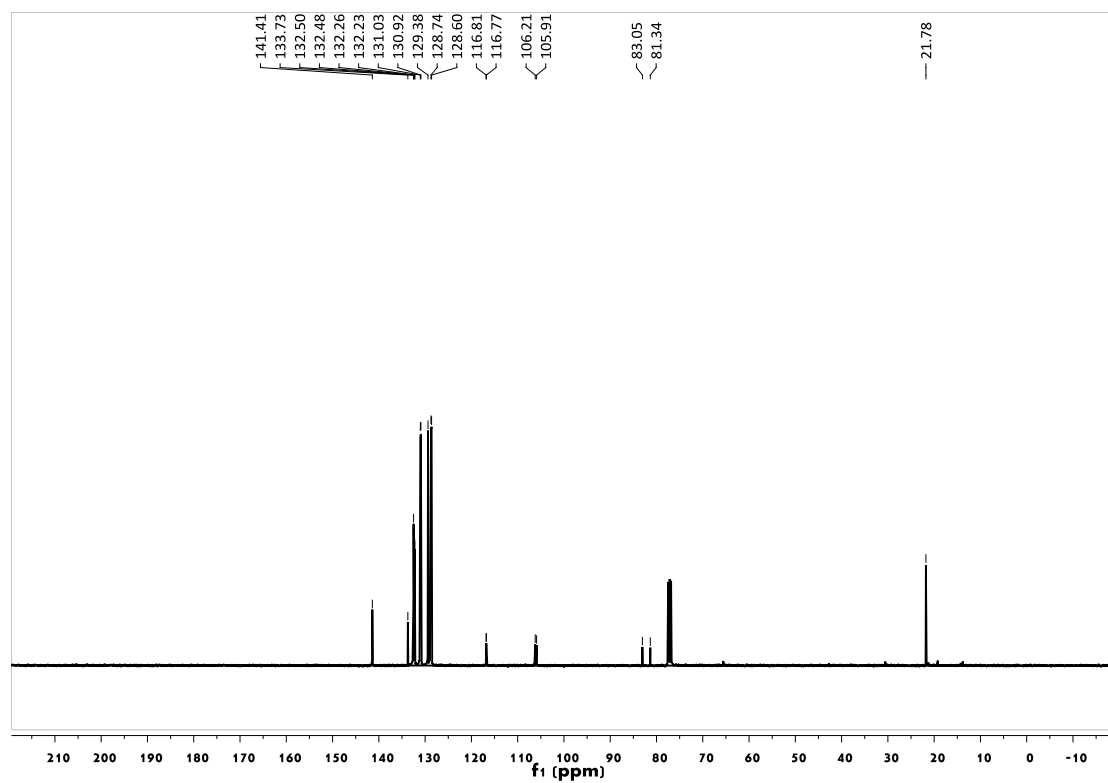
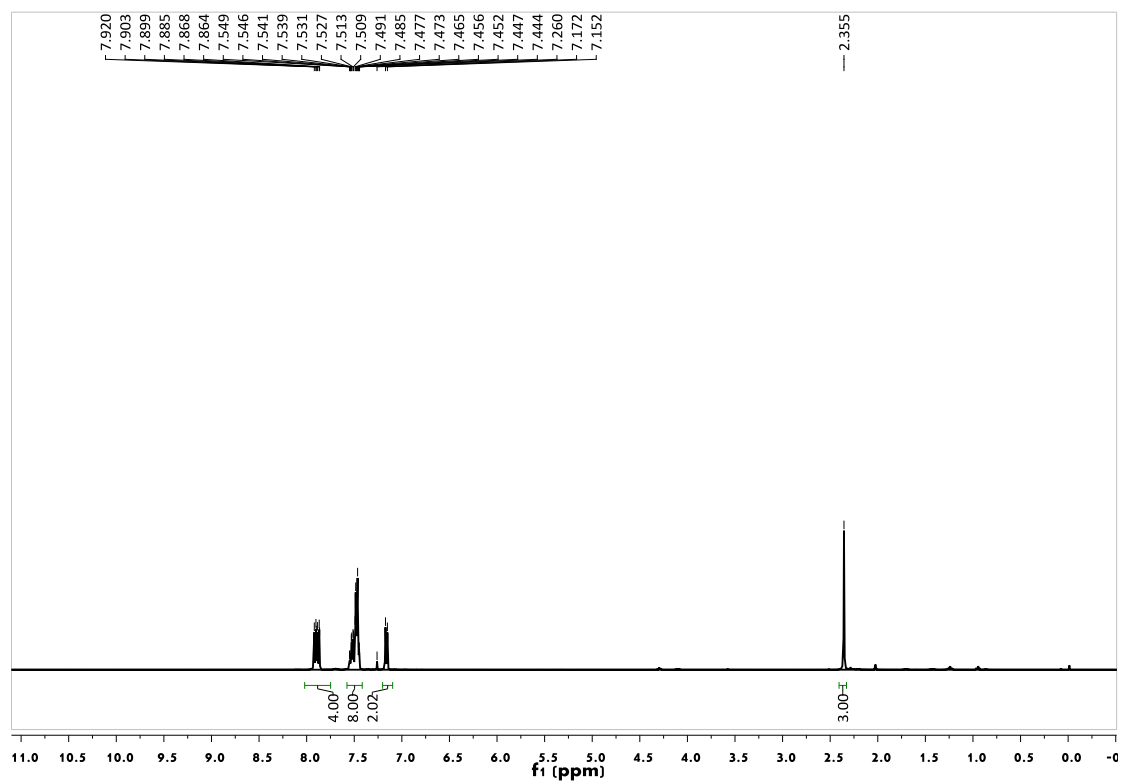
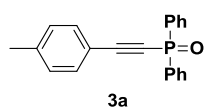
To a stirred solution (The solution $\text{pH} = 2.90$) of $\text{HP}(\text{O})\text{Ph}_2$ (404 mg, 2.0 mmol) in H_2O (20 mL) were added AgNO_3 (340 mg, 2.0 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture $\text{pH} = 1.45$. The silver salt was filtered off. The acidity was increased, which indicates that HNO_3 was generated. (pH were measured using METTLE TOLEDO FE20-FiveEasy™ pH)

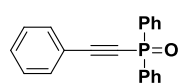
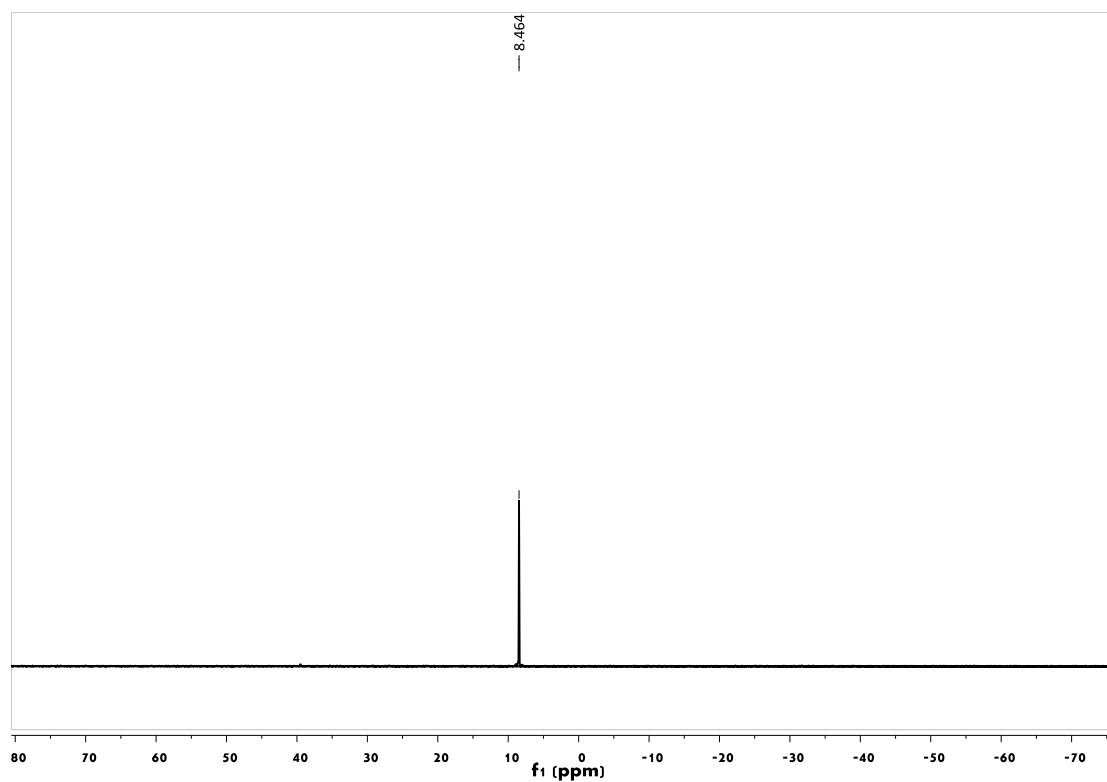
General Procedures for the Ag_2CO_3 Recovery Experiment:

A mixture of diphenylphosphine oxide **2a** (0.2 mmol) and Silver carbonate (0.4 mmol, 110 mg), 1-ethynyl-4-methylbenzene **1a** (0.3 mmol) in DMSO (3 mL) was stirred in N_2 at 120°C for 15 h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the residue was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3×5 mL) and the solid was dissolved in 25 mL HNO_3 (10%, v/v in H_2O). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was filtered. To the filtrate was added Na_2CO_3 (10%, v/v in H_2O , 25 mL). The suspension was filtered and the solid residue washed with water (3×5 mL) to afford 82.5 mg Ag_2CO_3 (yield 75%) as a green powder.

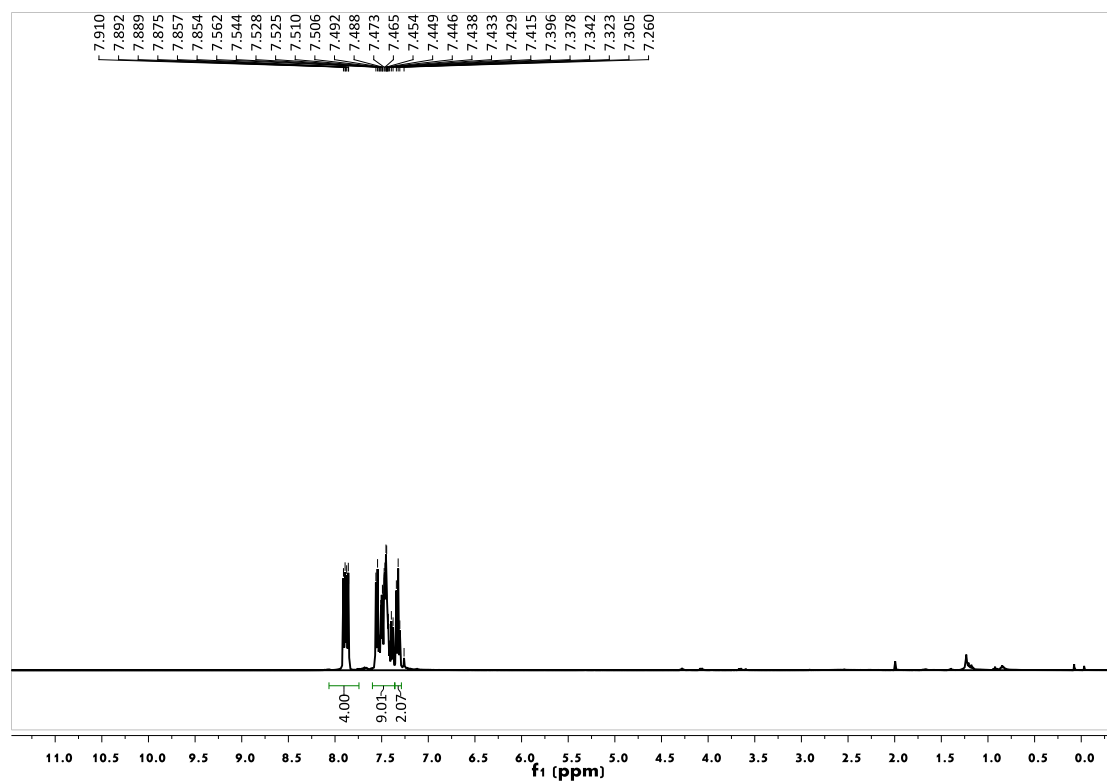
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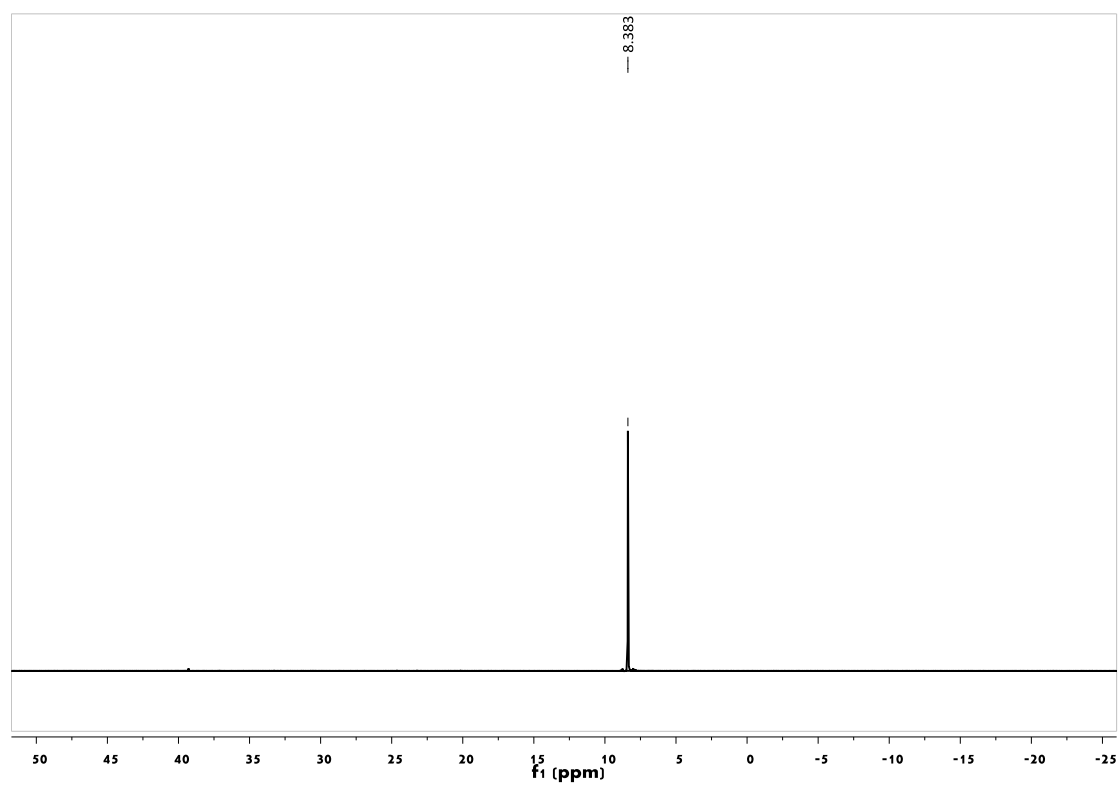
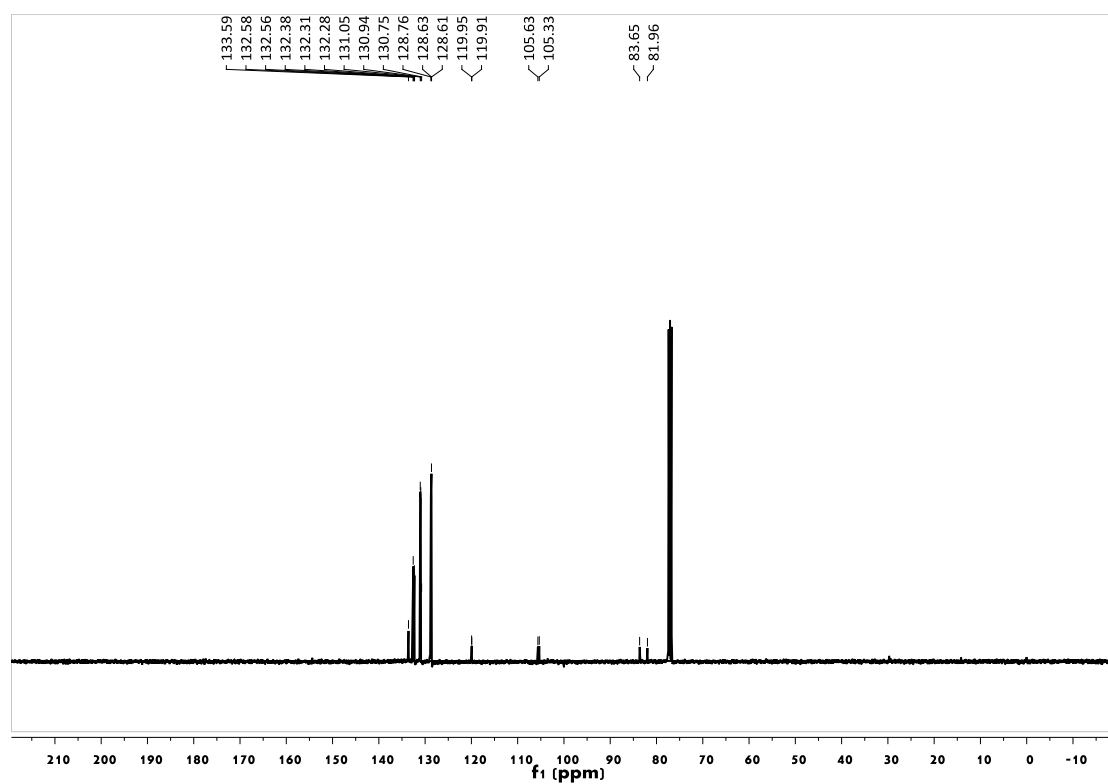
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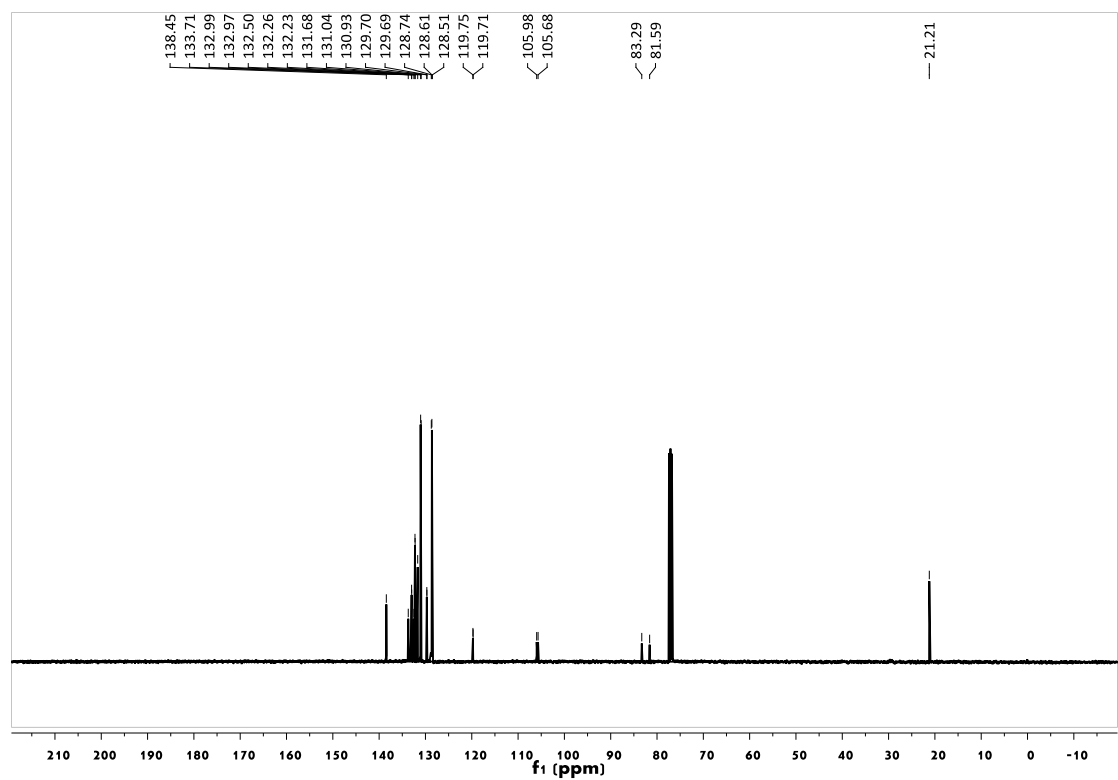
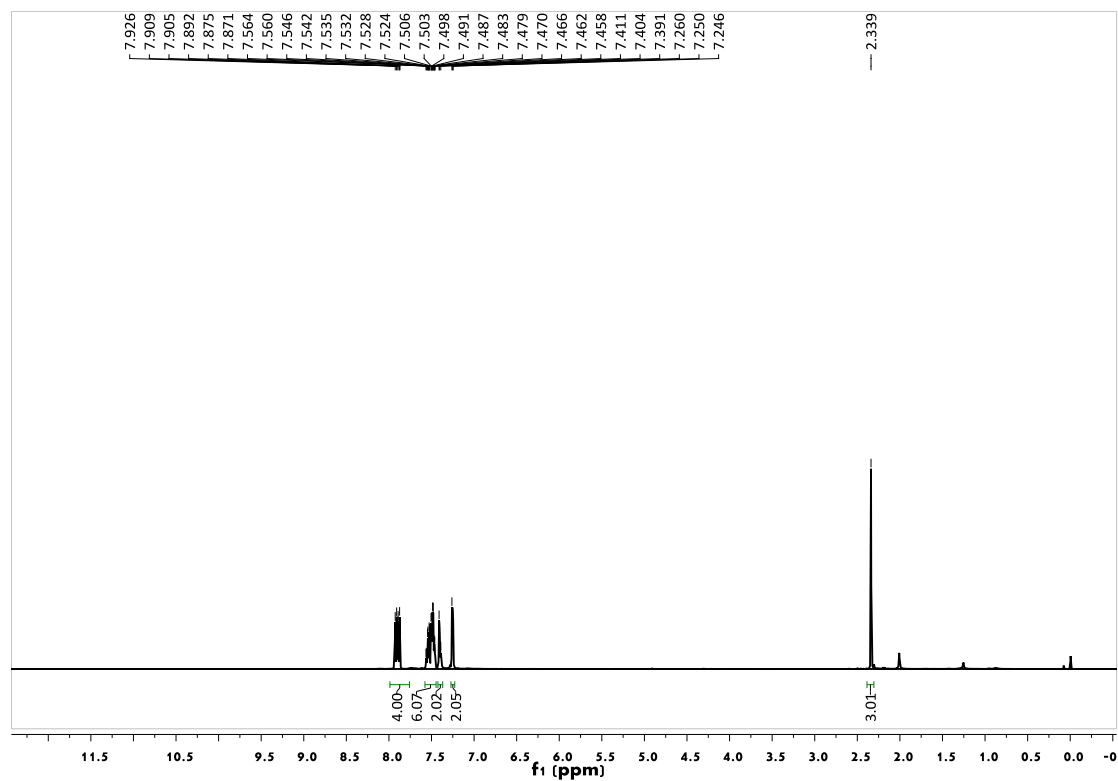
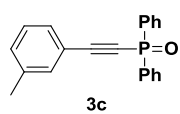


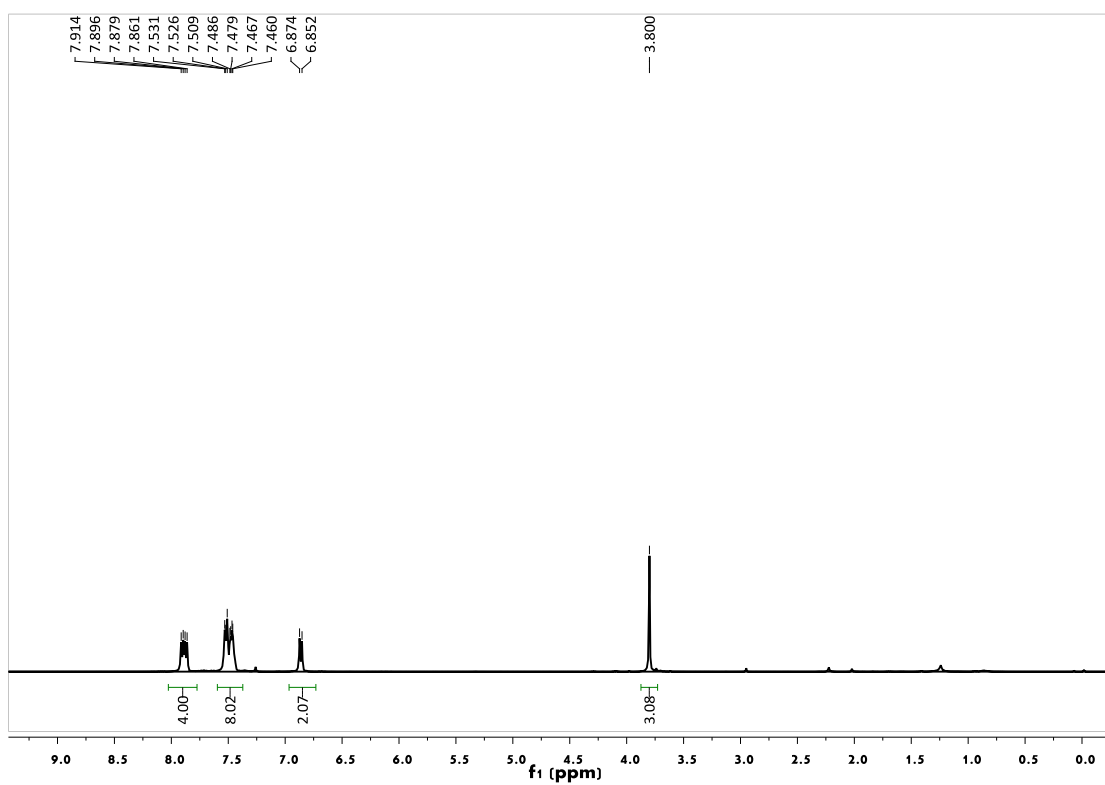
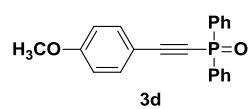
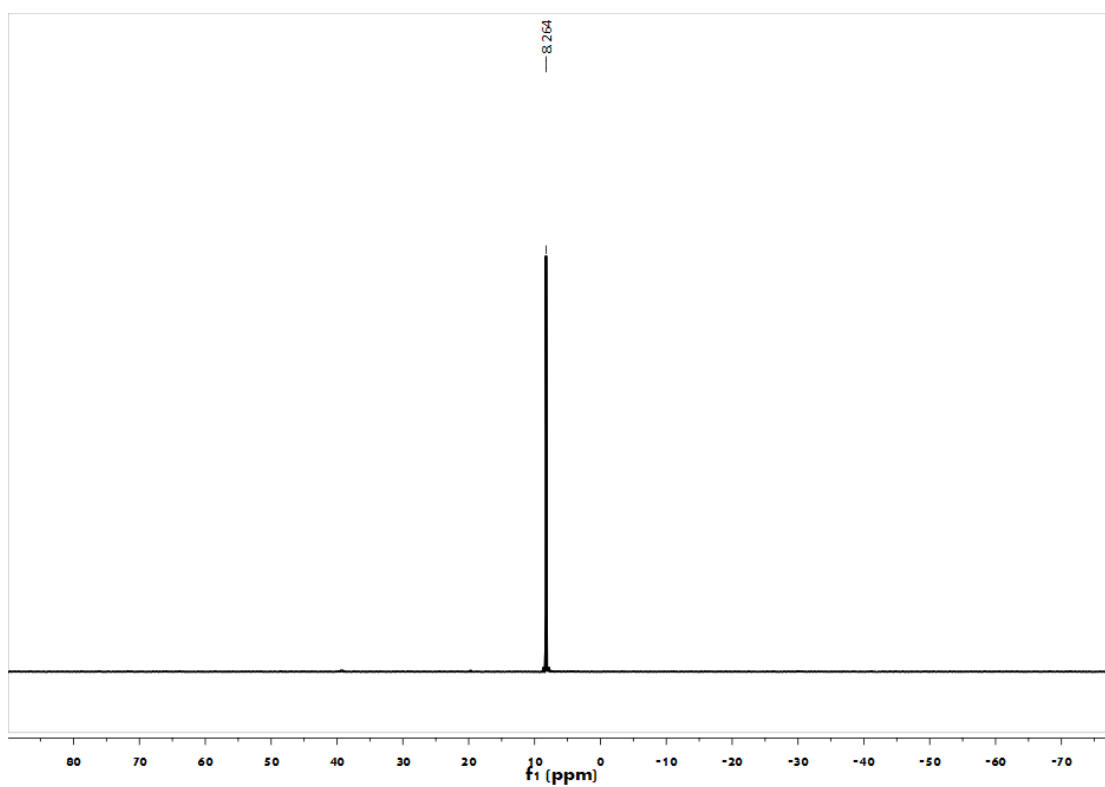


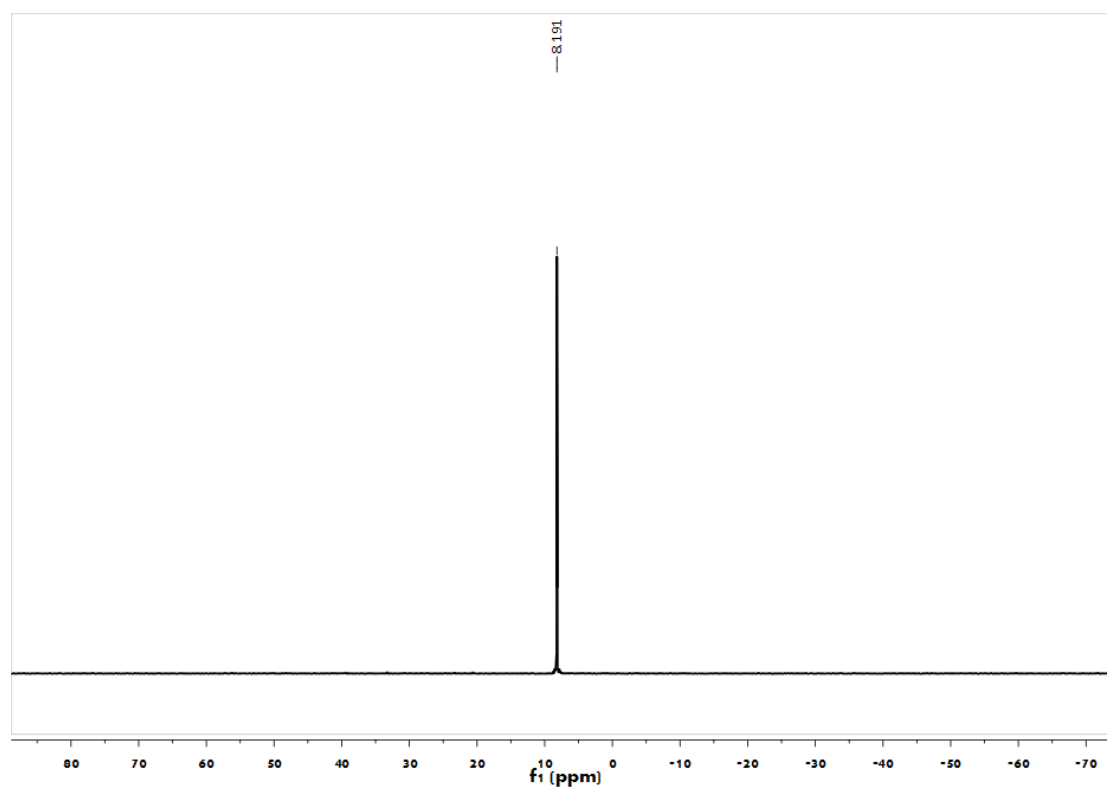
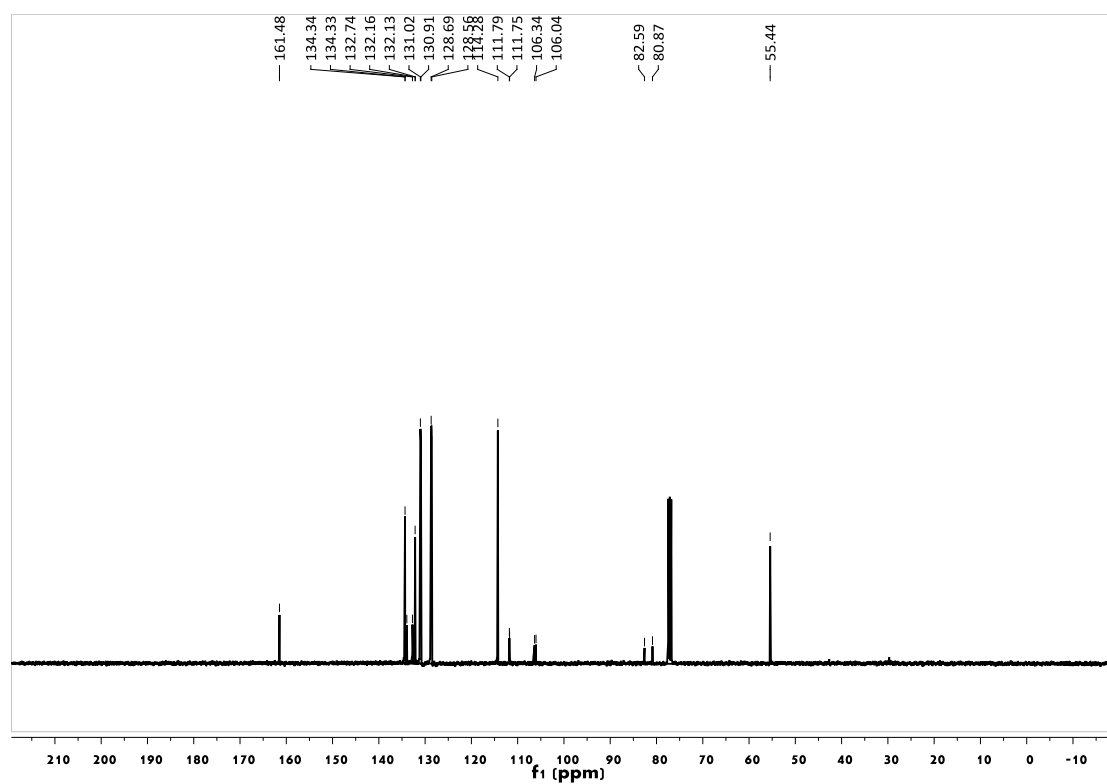
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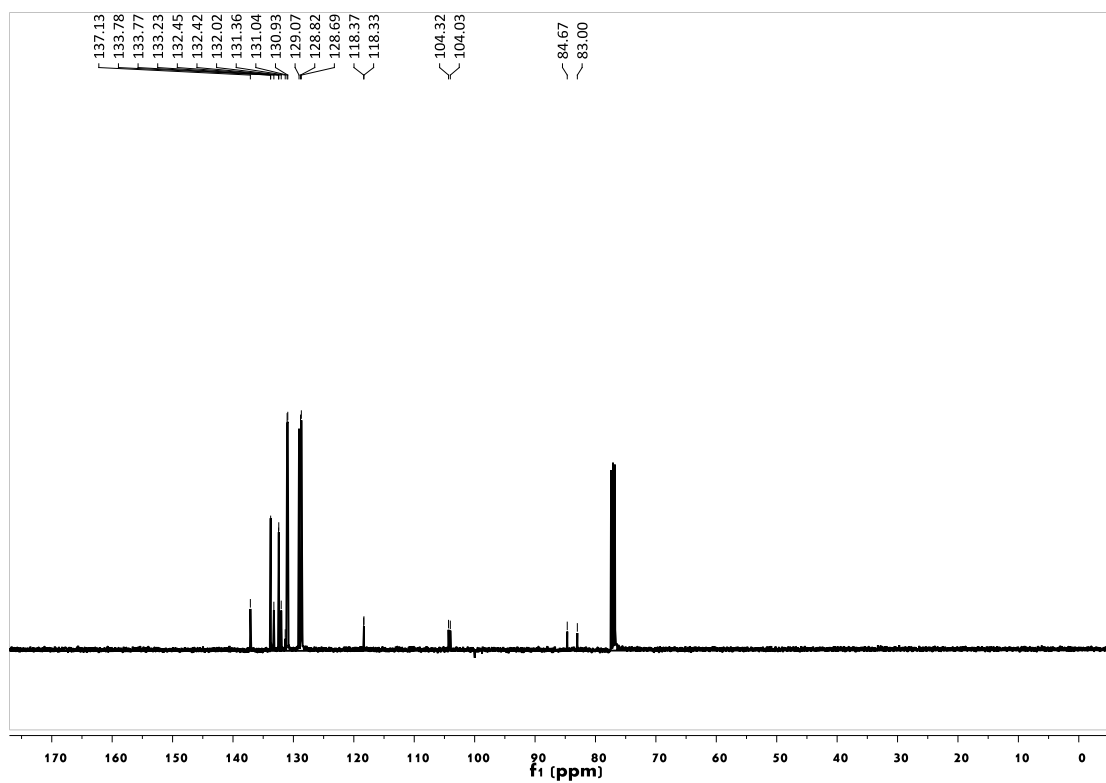
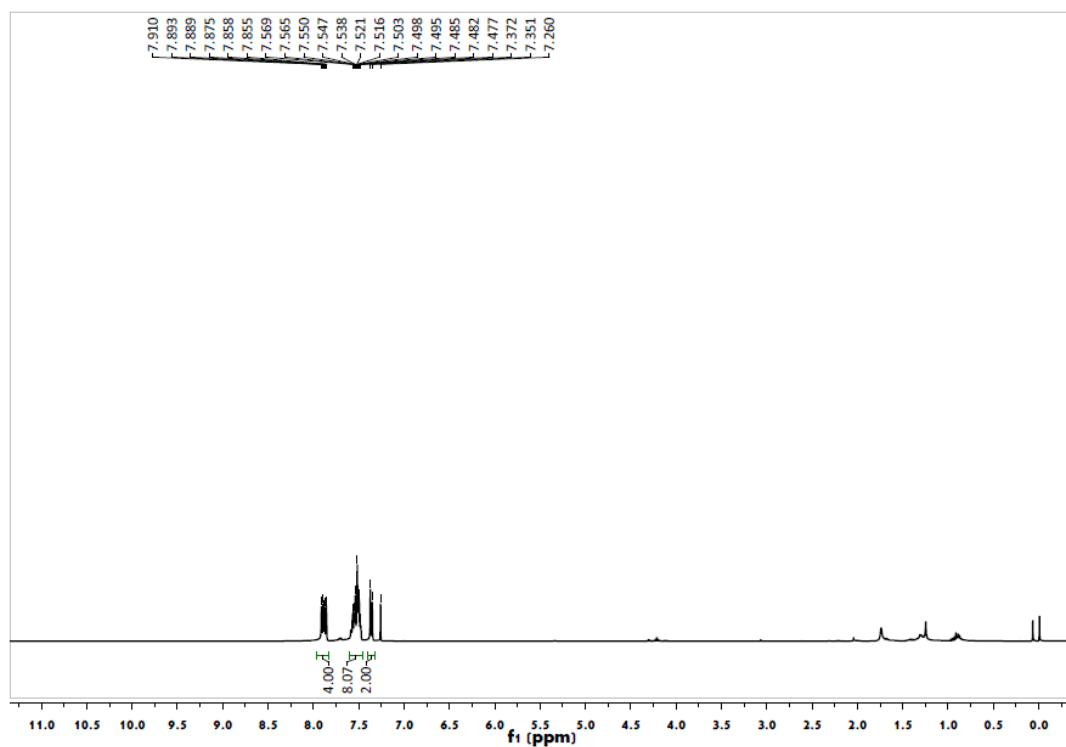
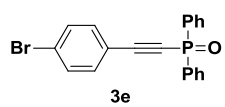


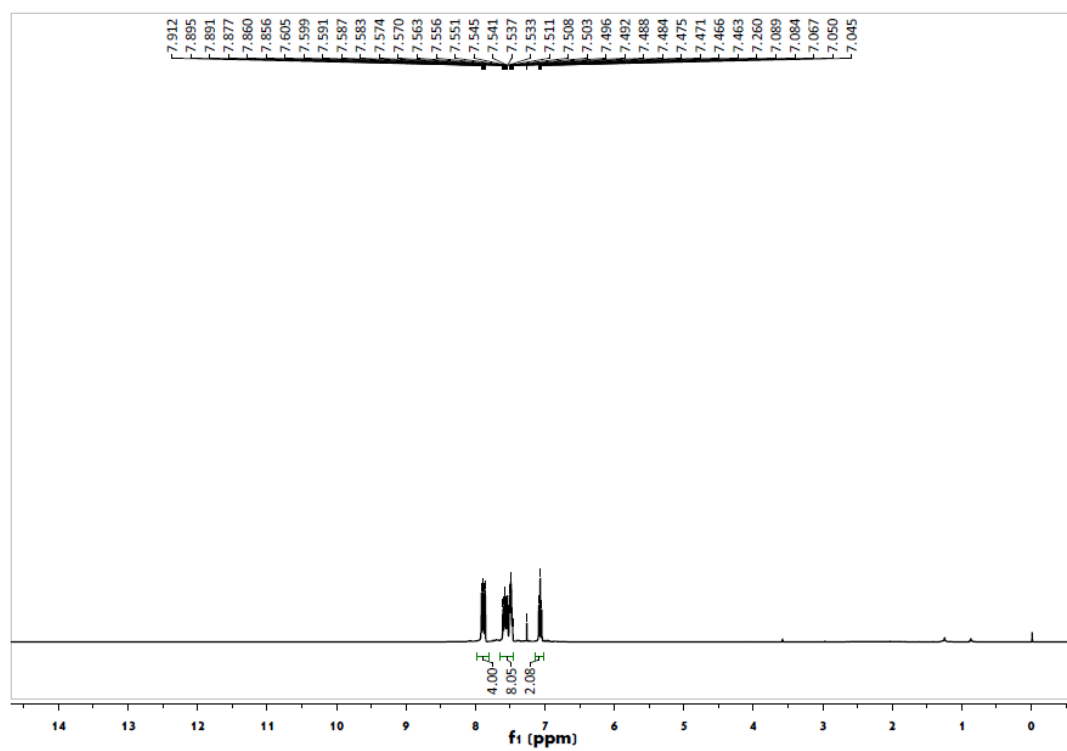
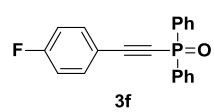
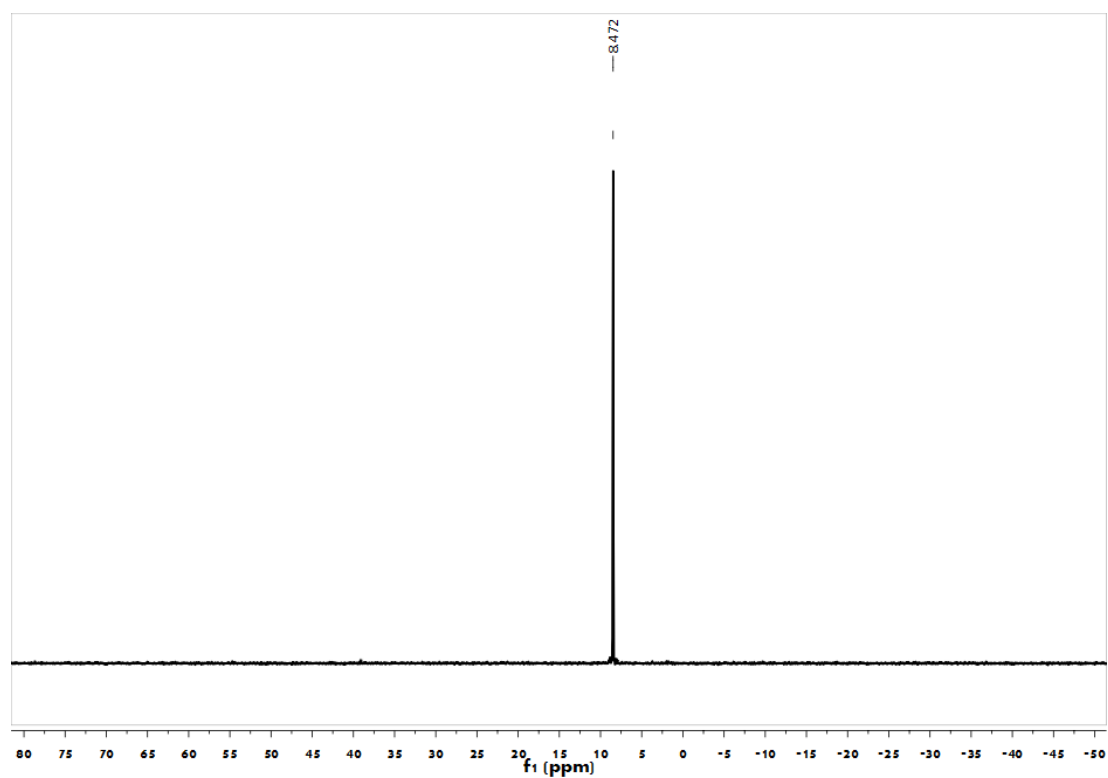


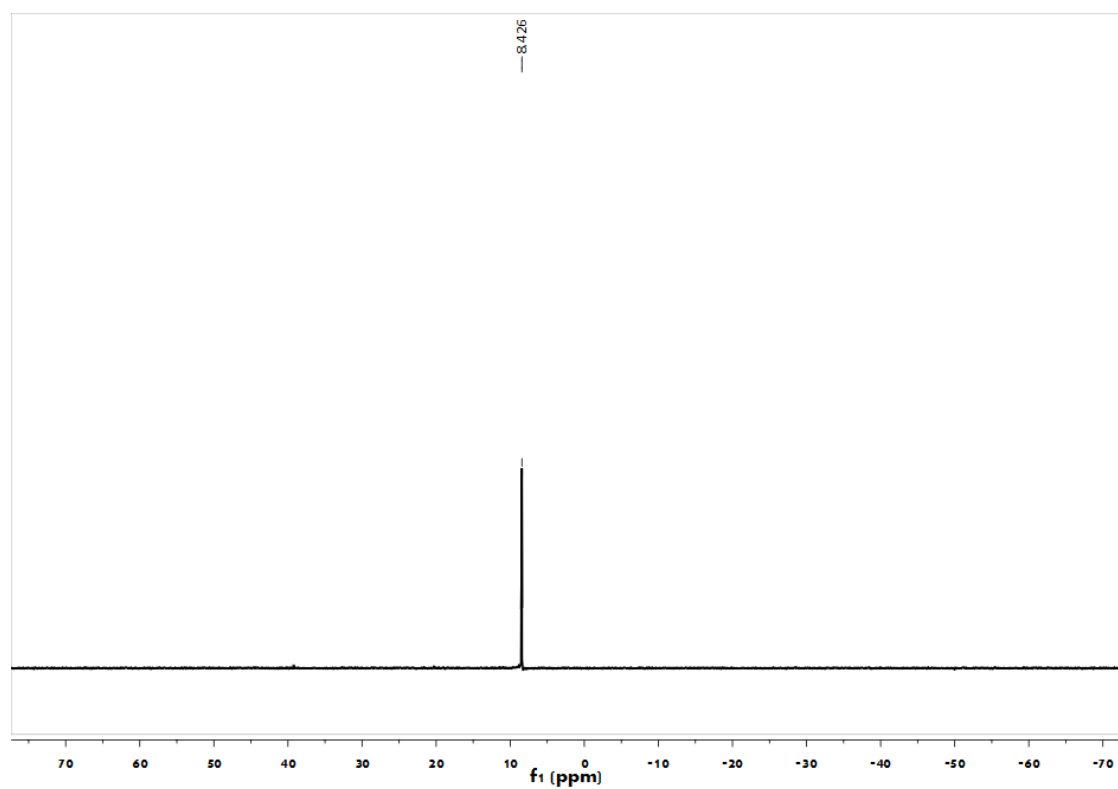
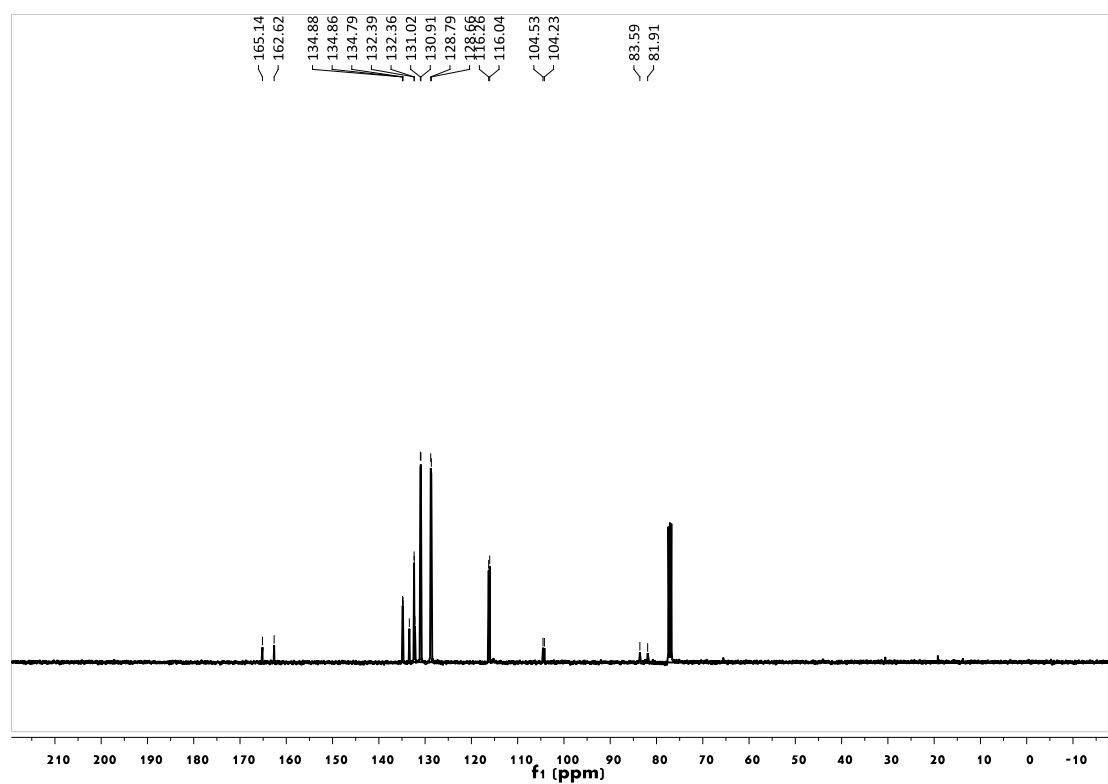


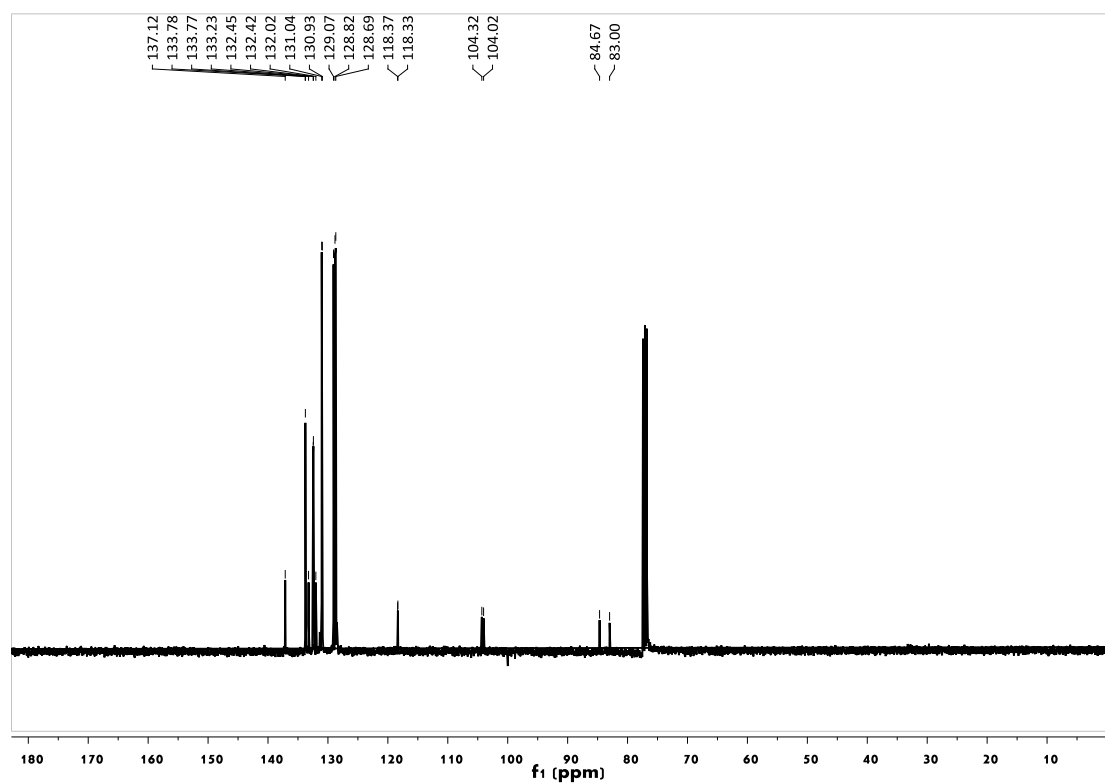
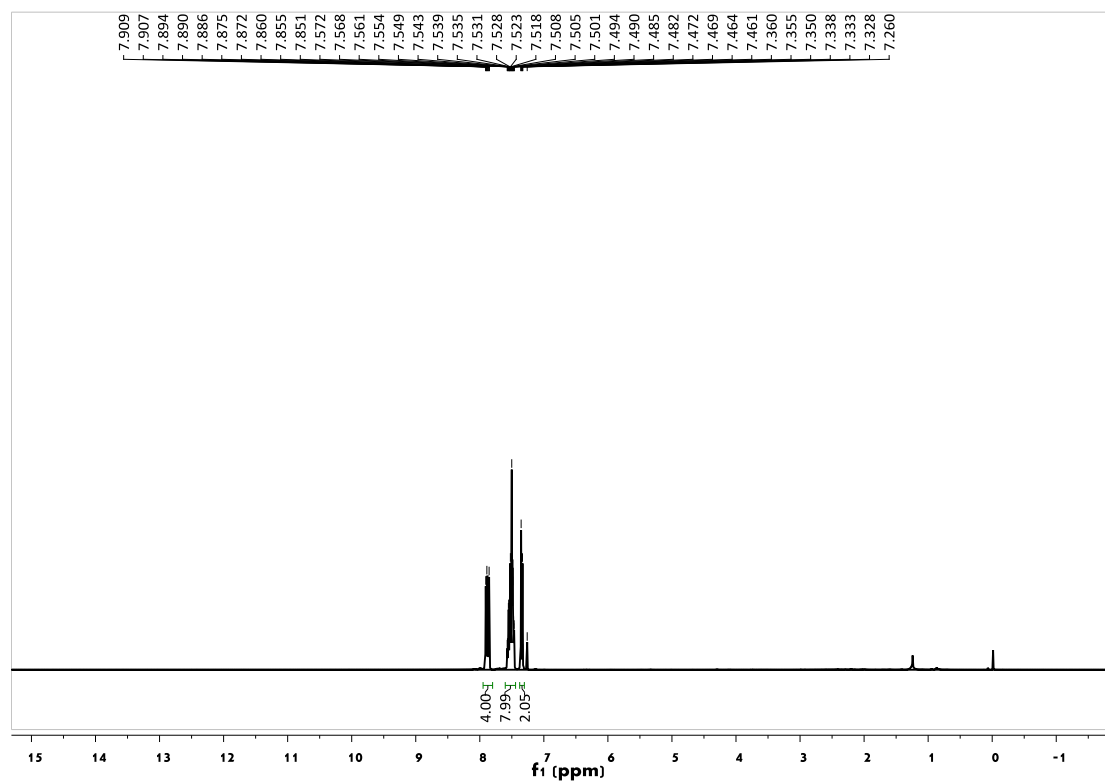
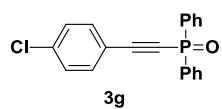


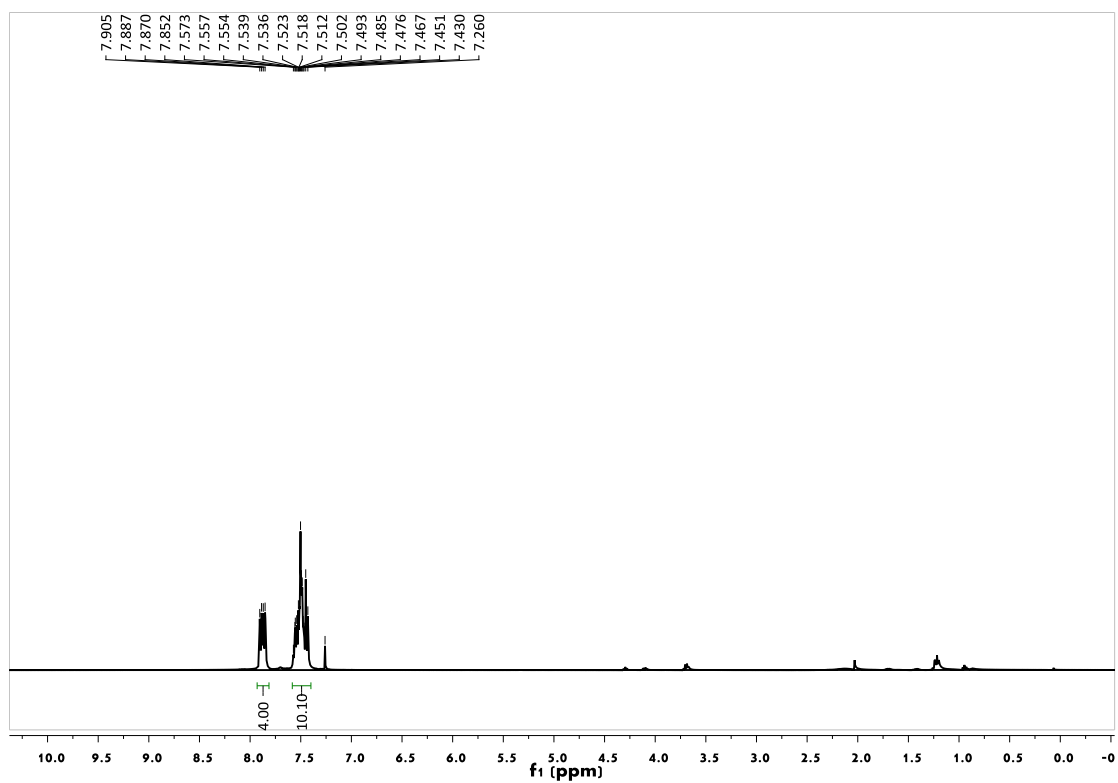
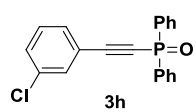
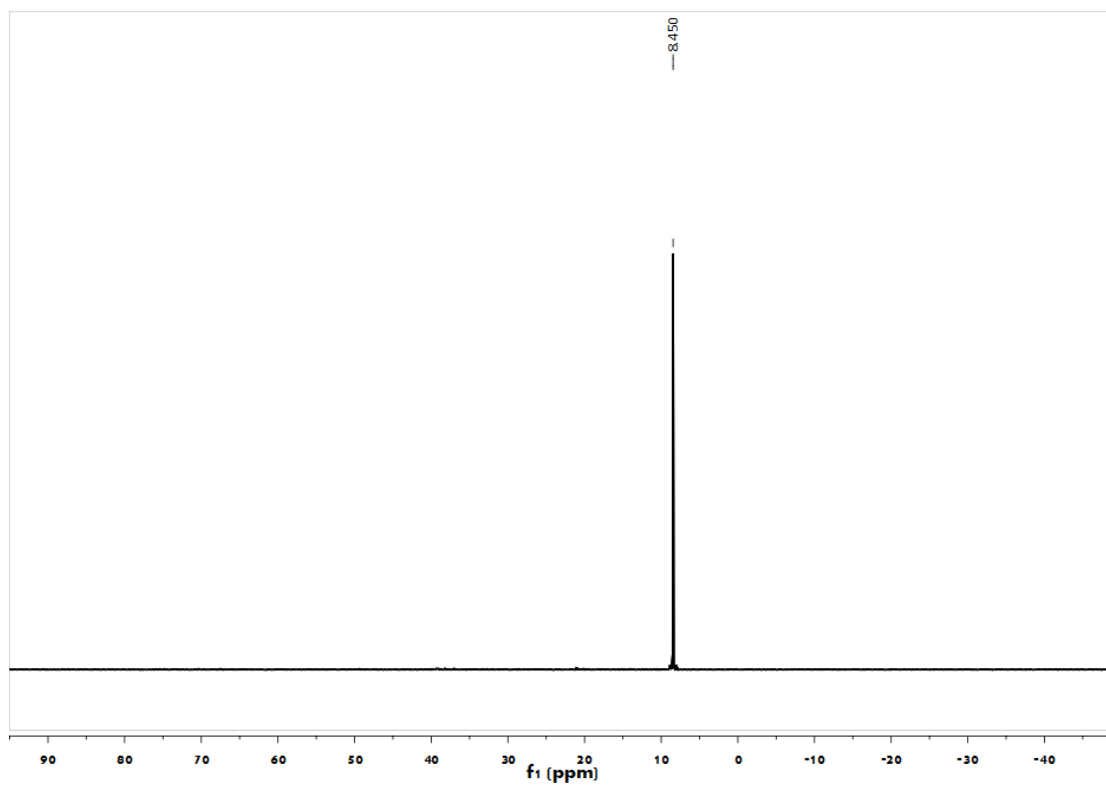


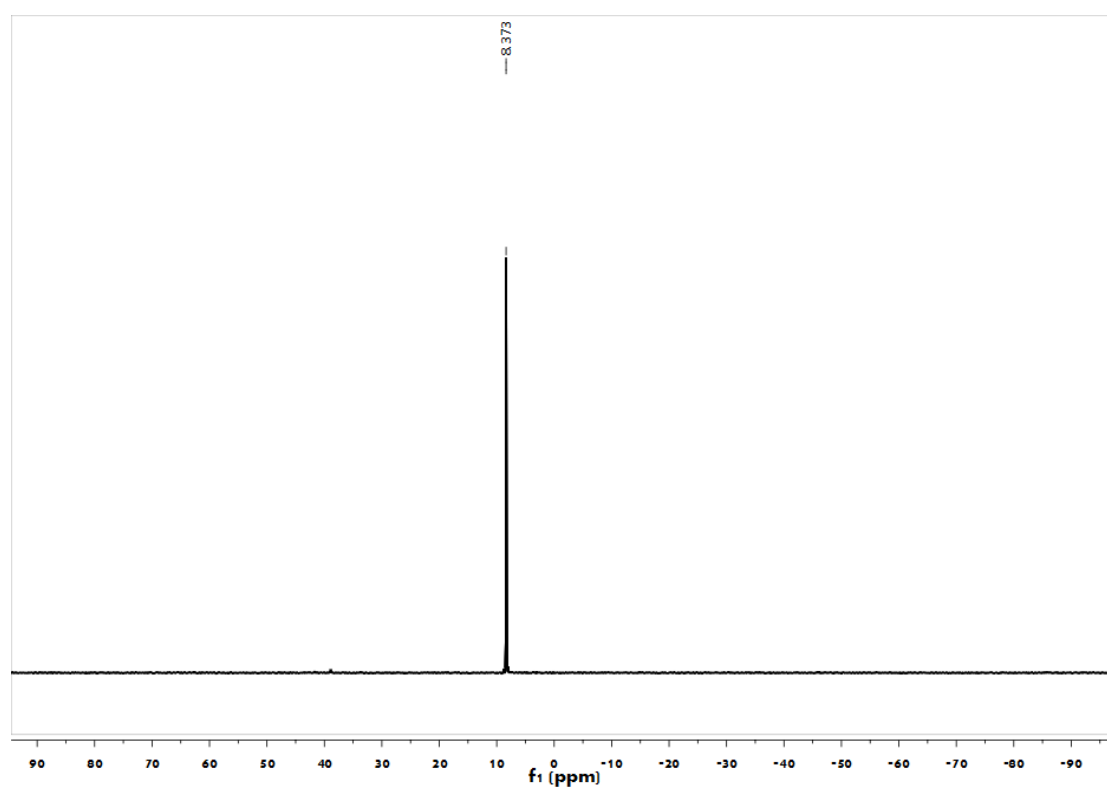
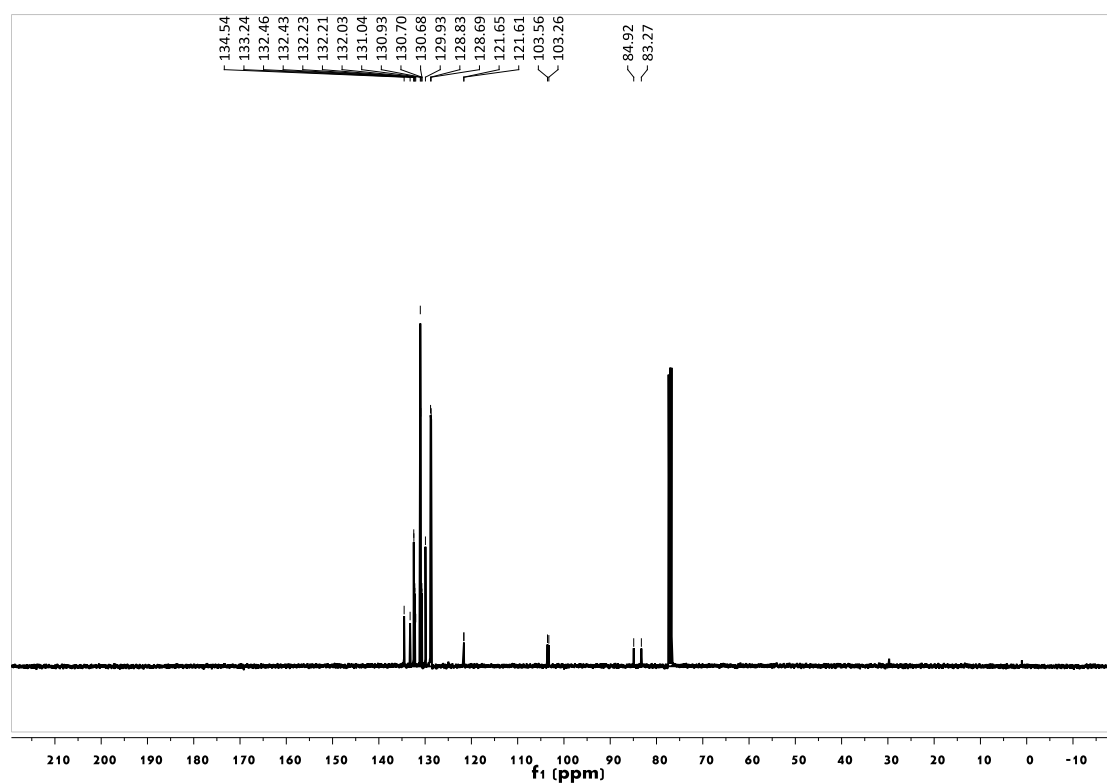


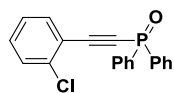




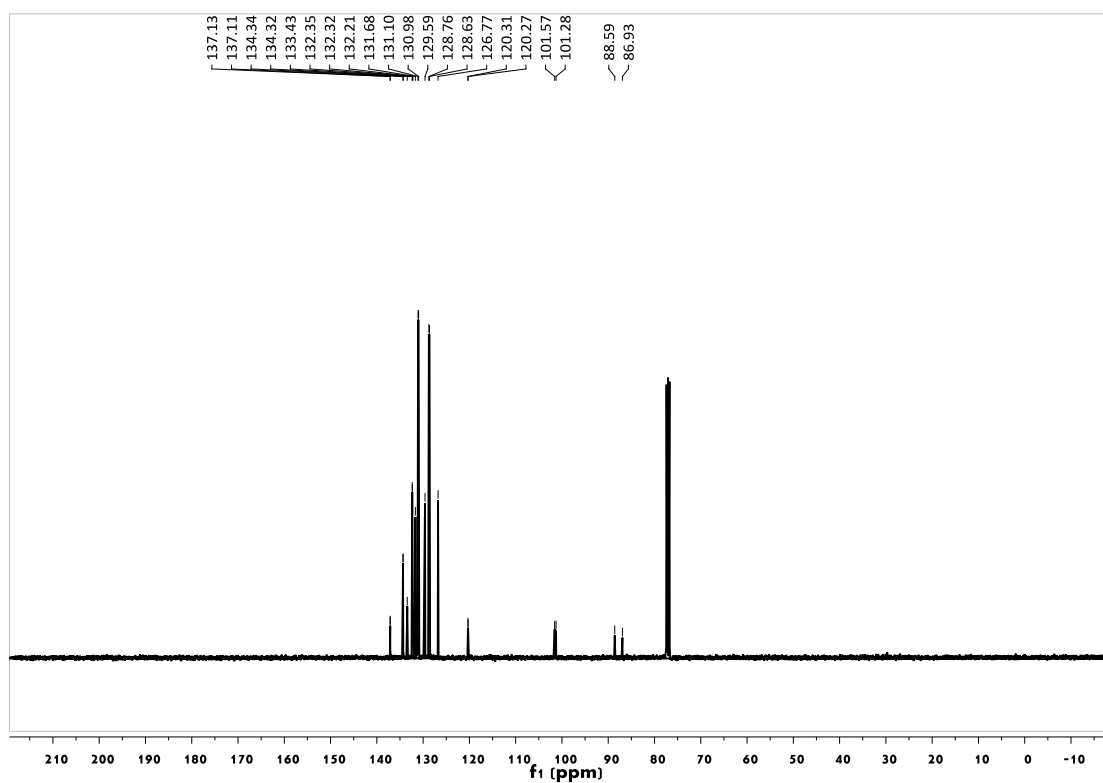
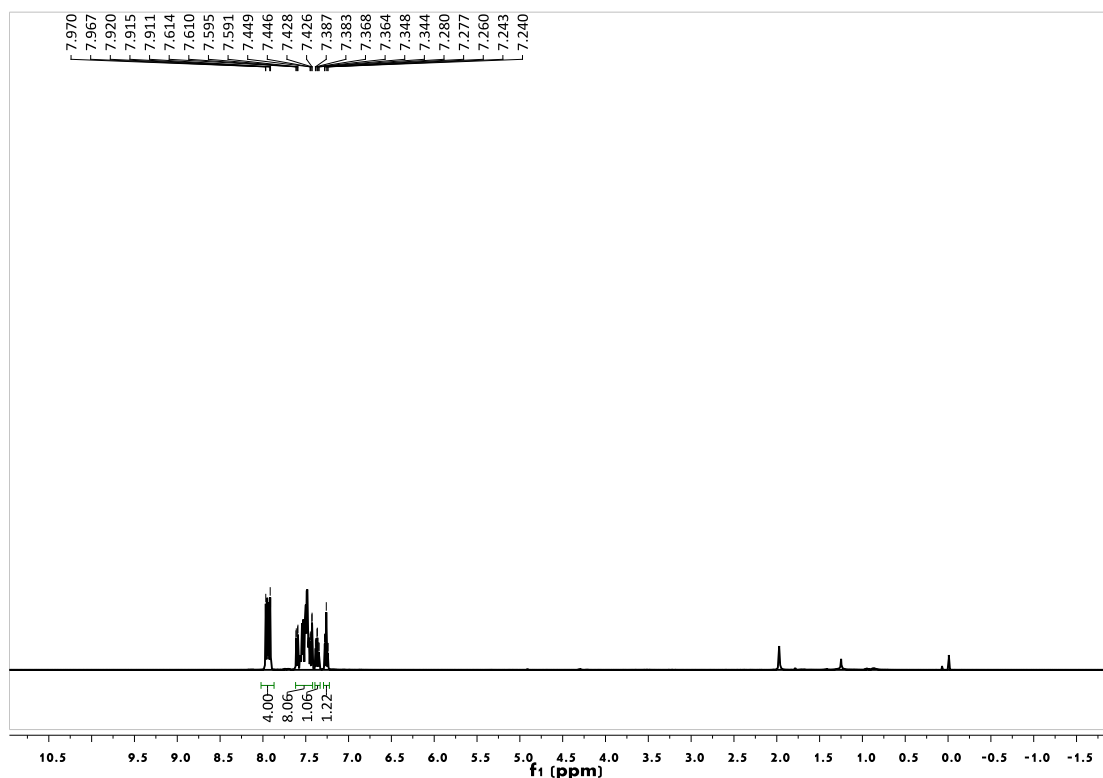


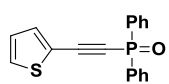
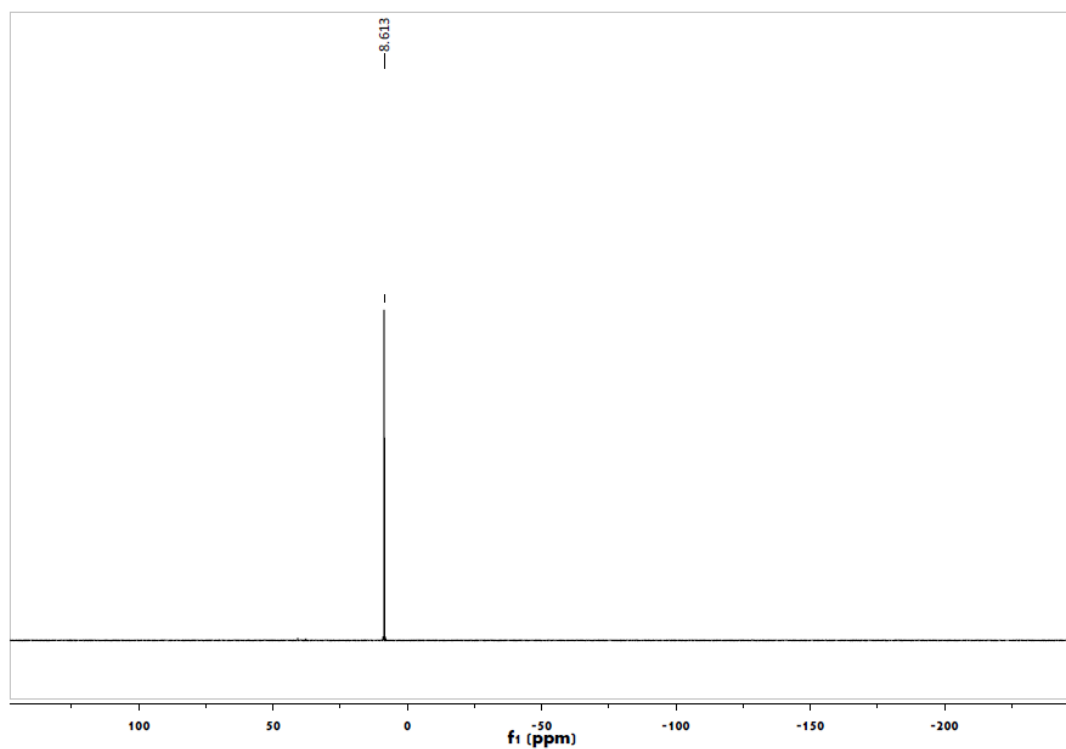




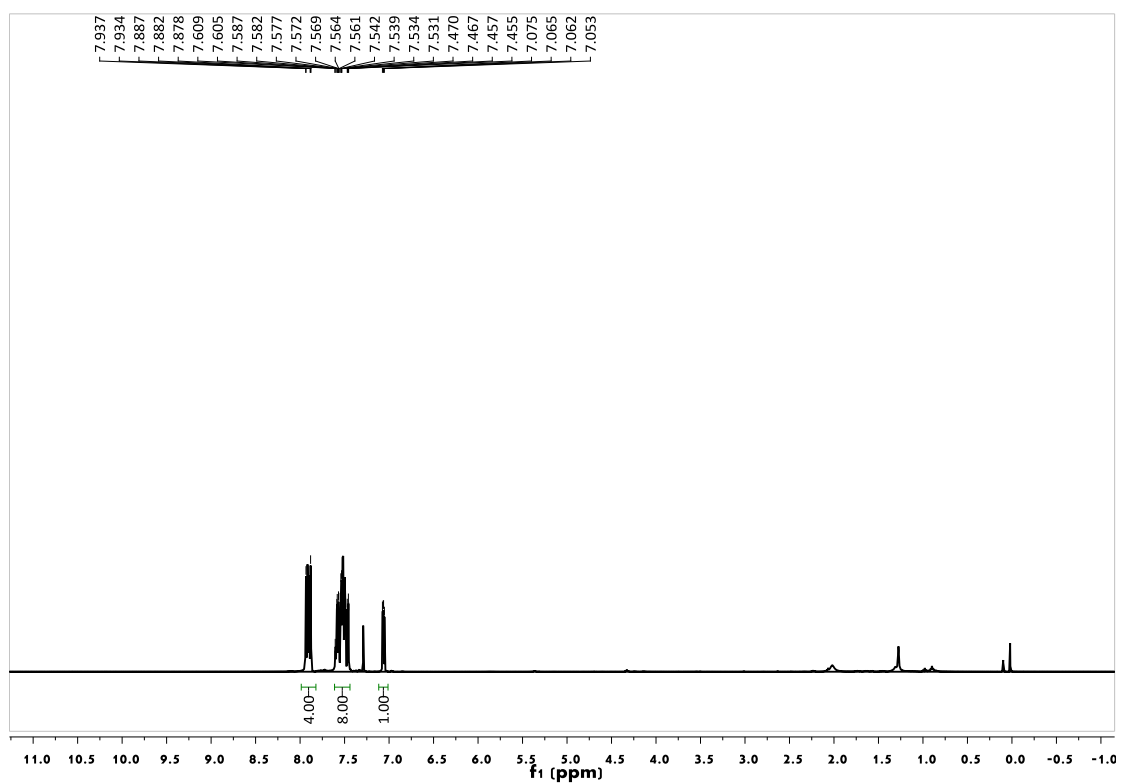


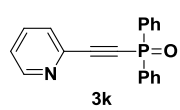
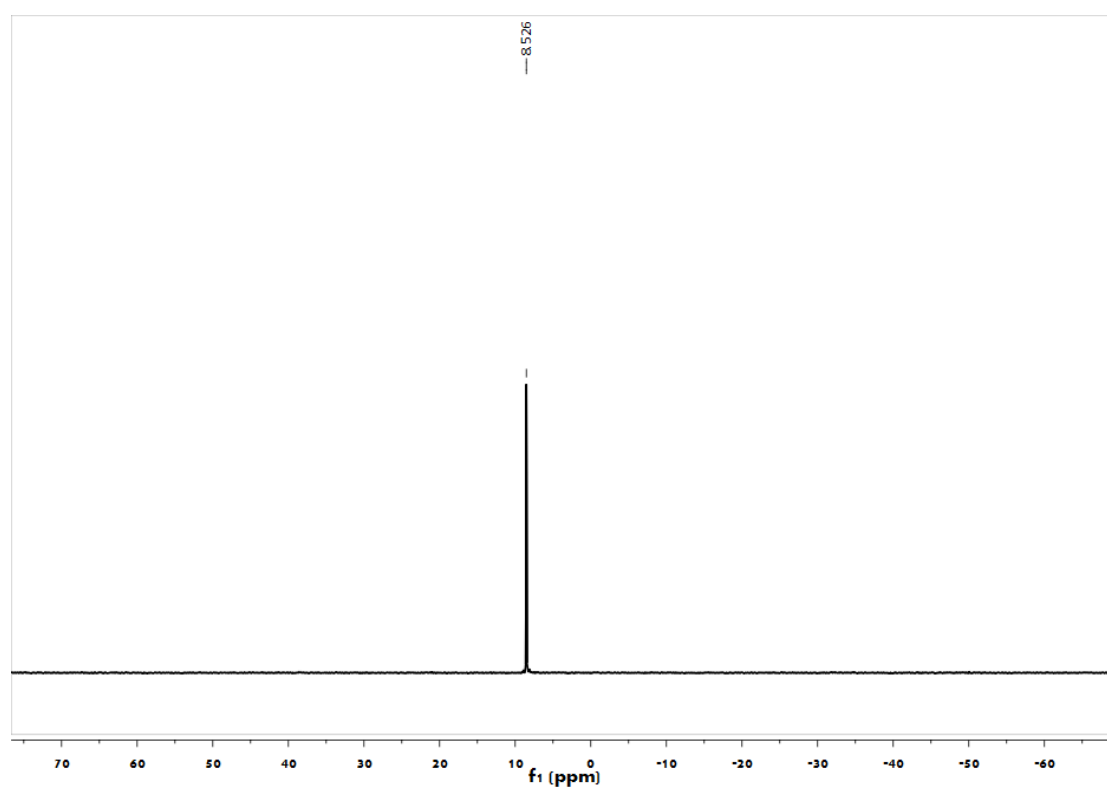
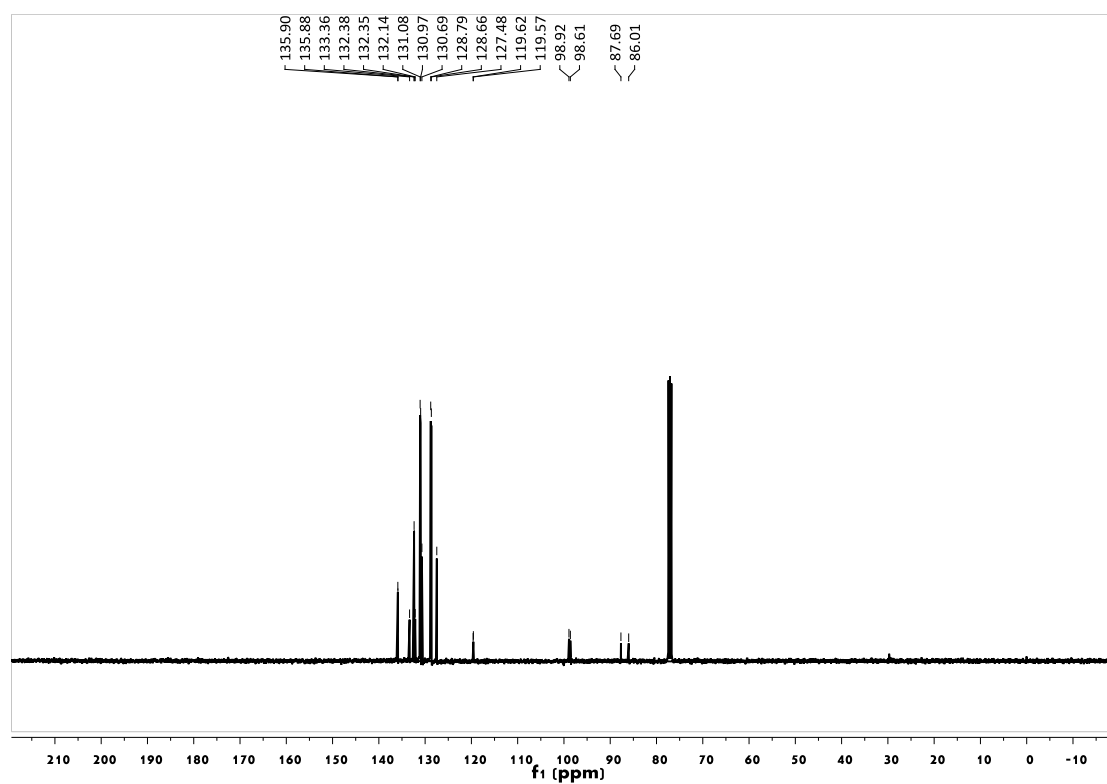
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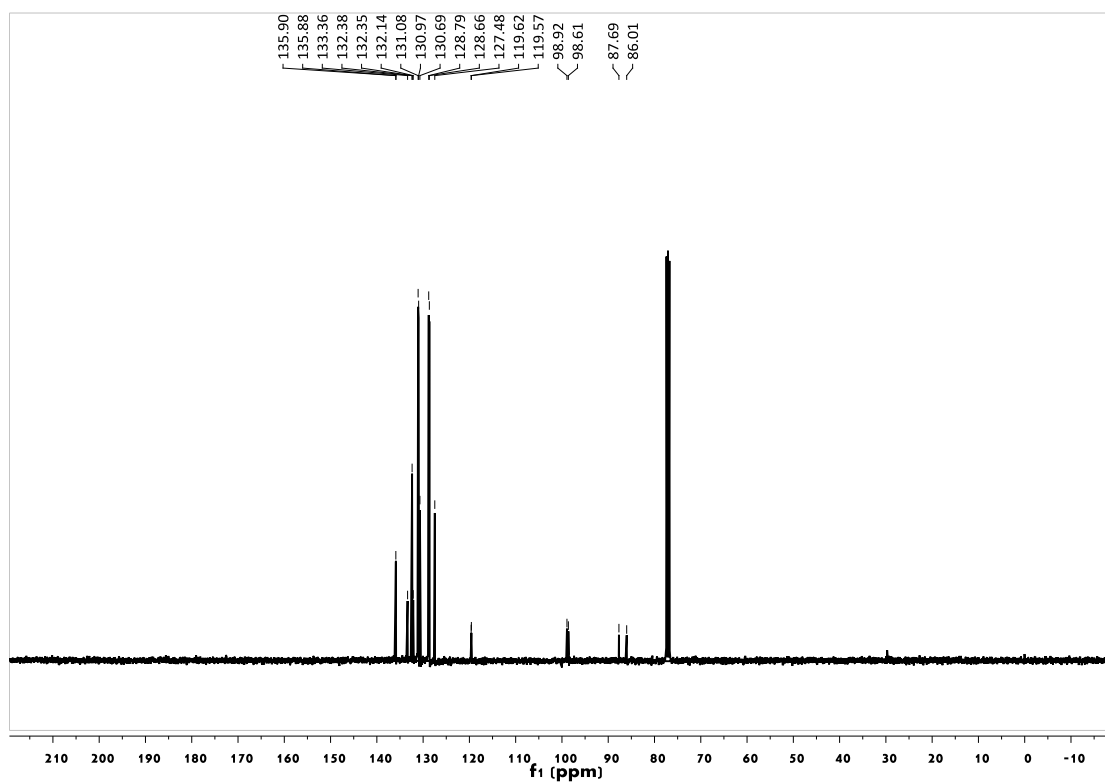
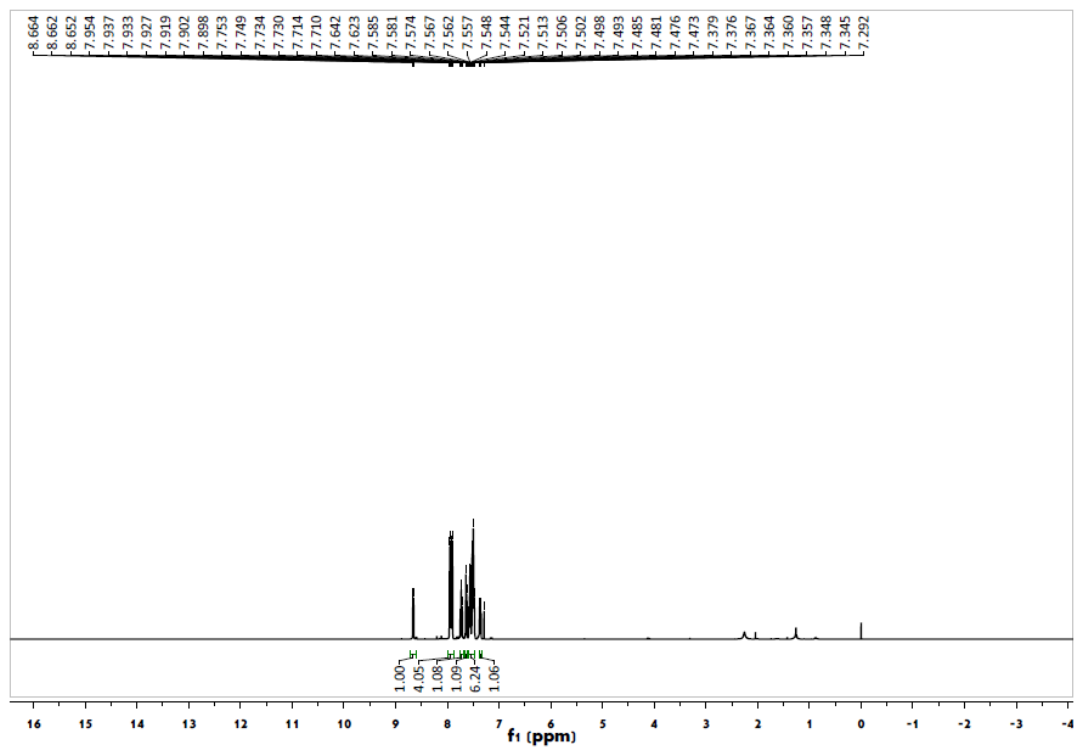


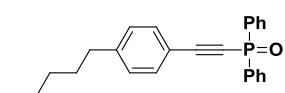
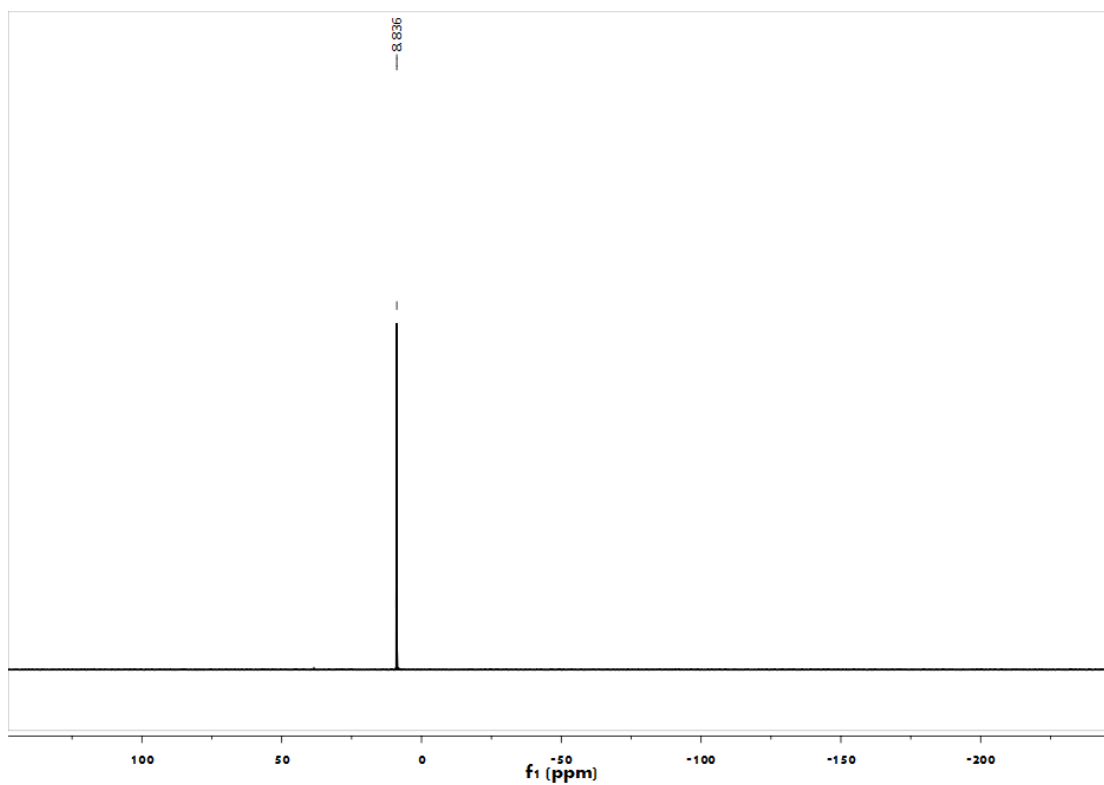


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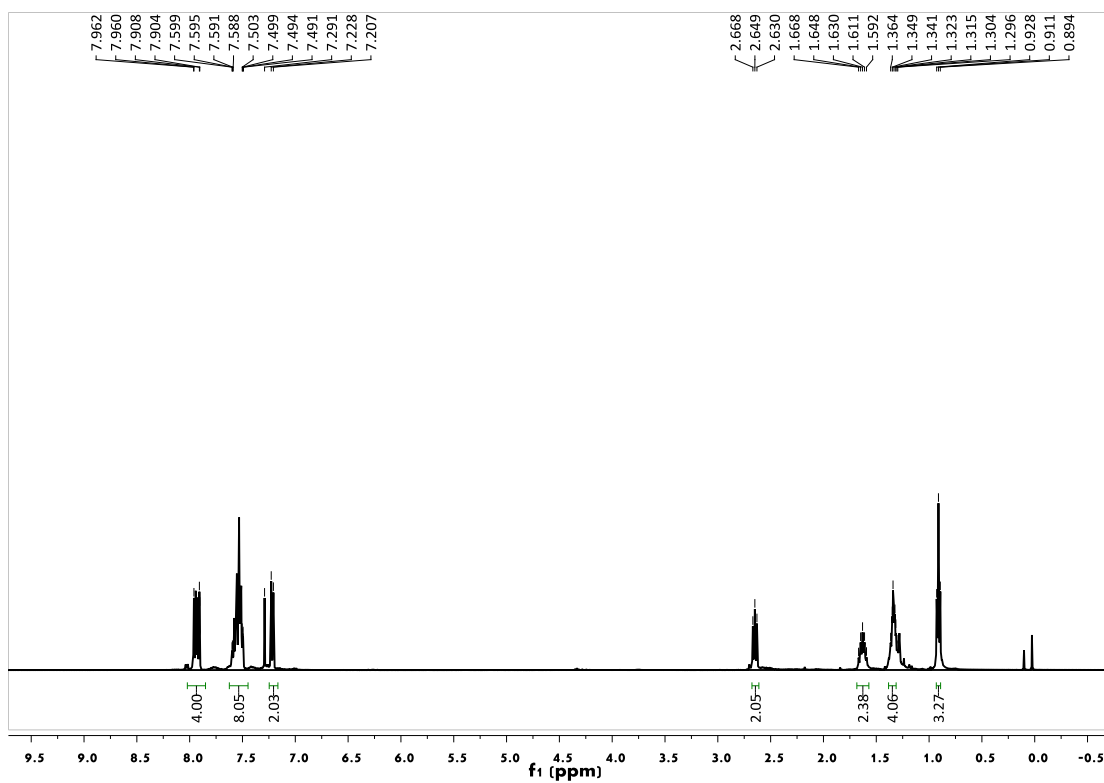


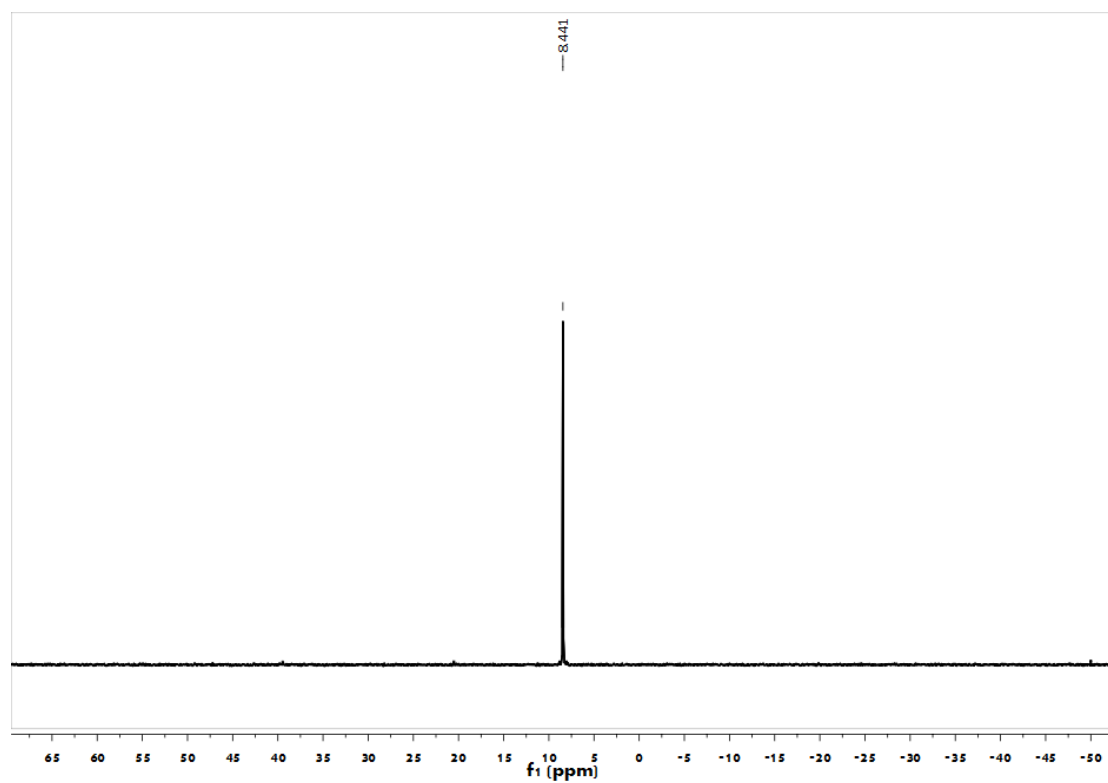
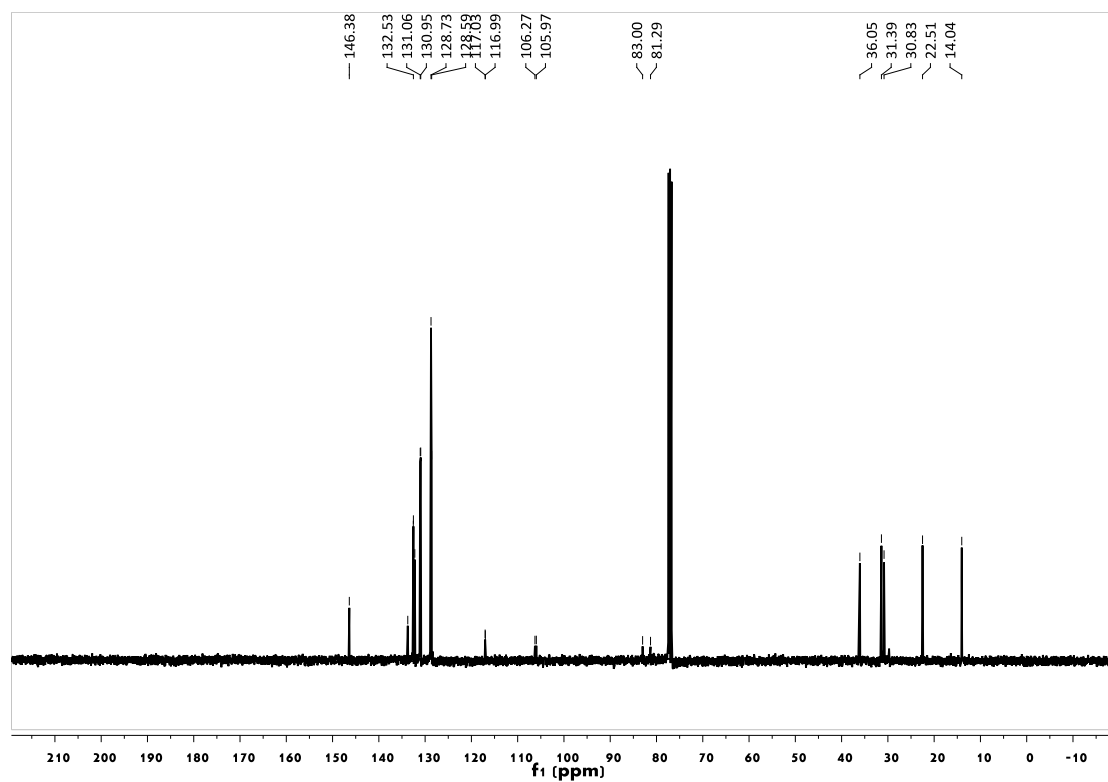


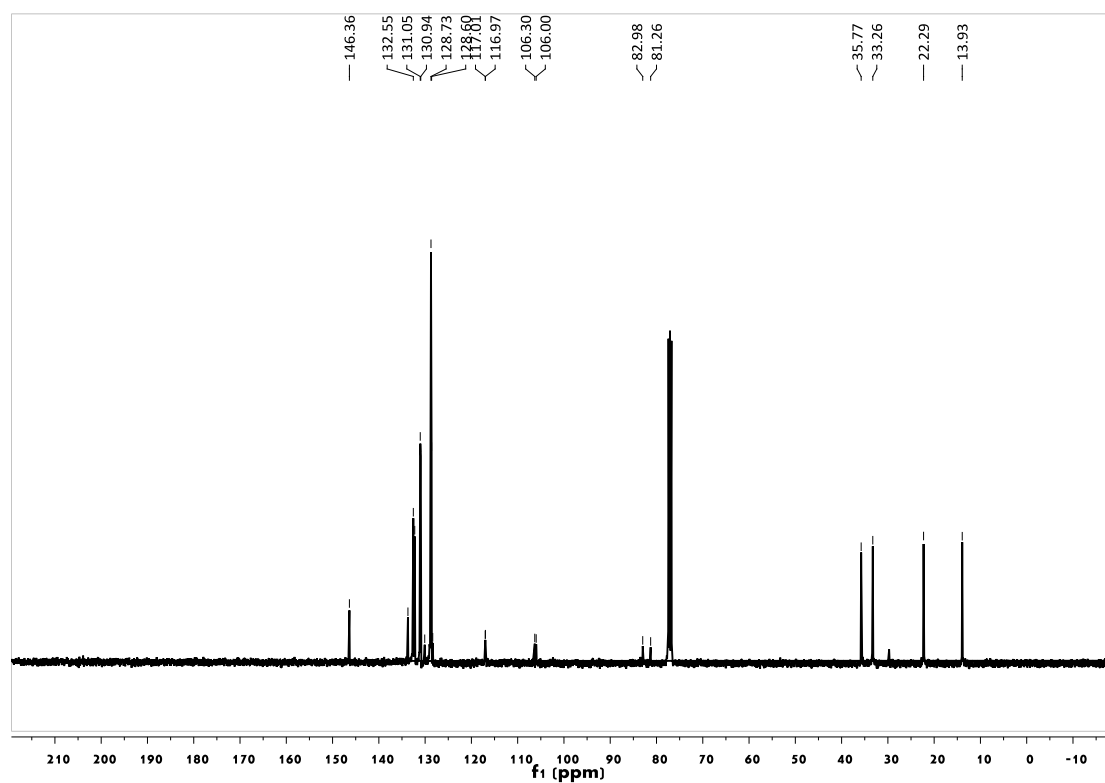
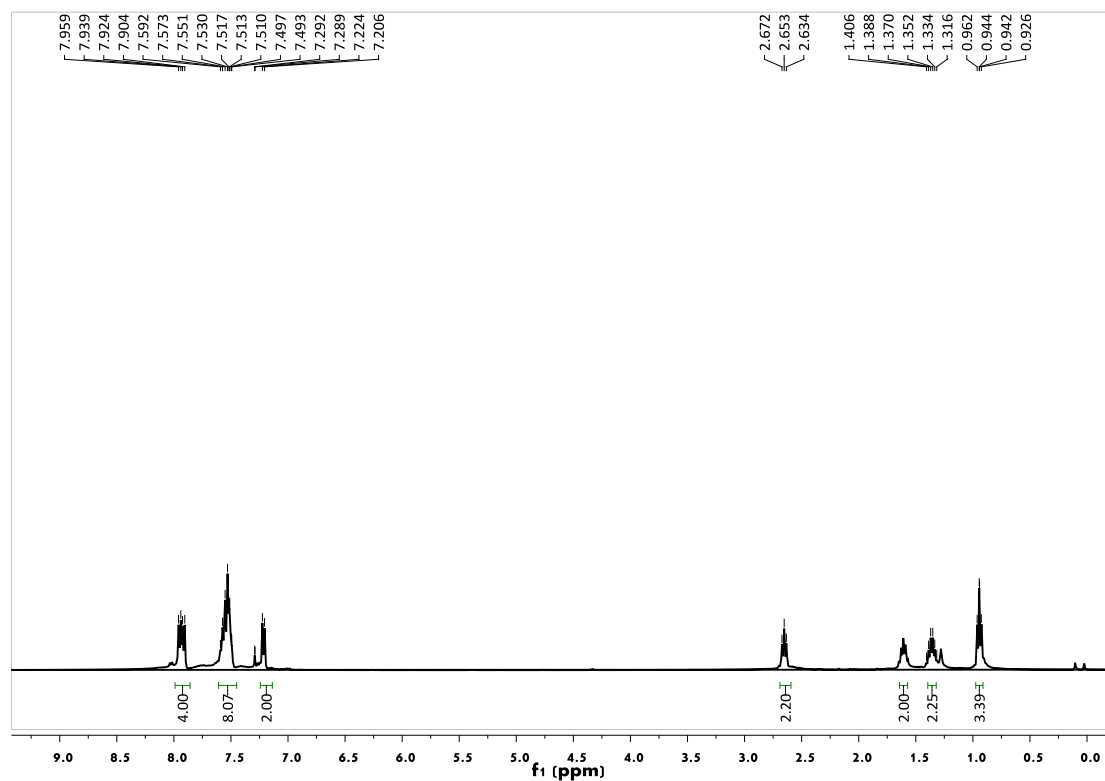
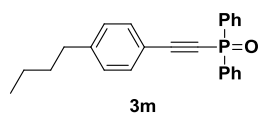


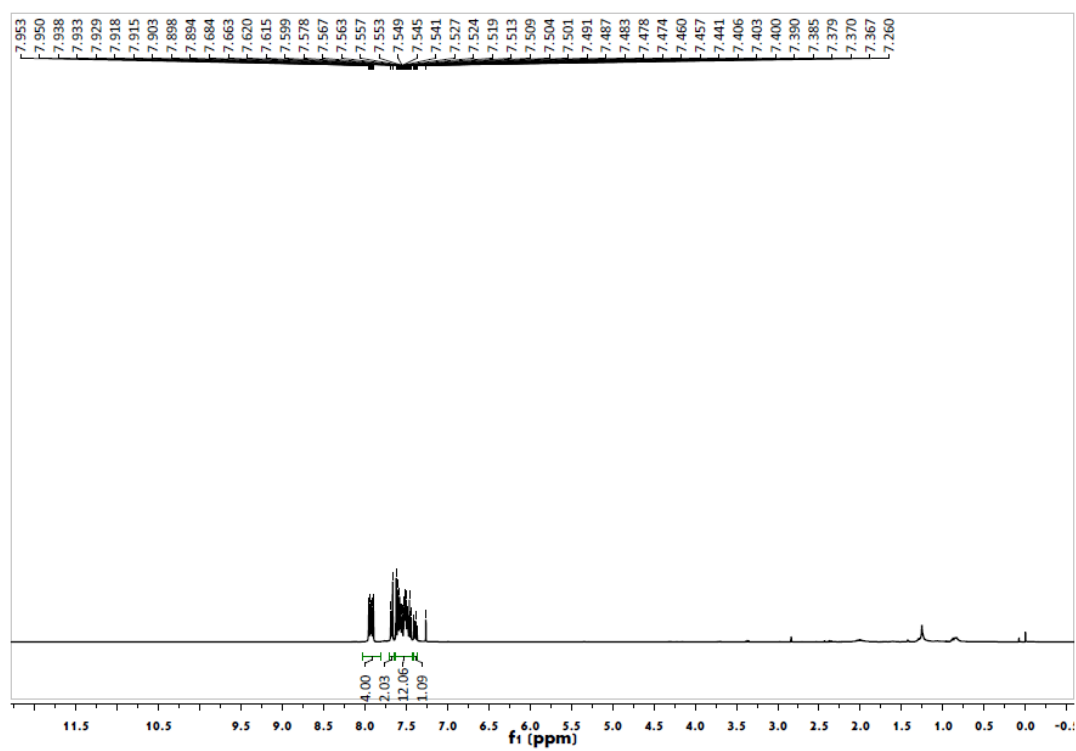
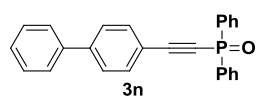
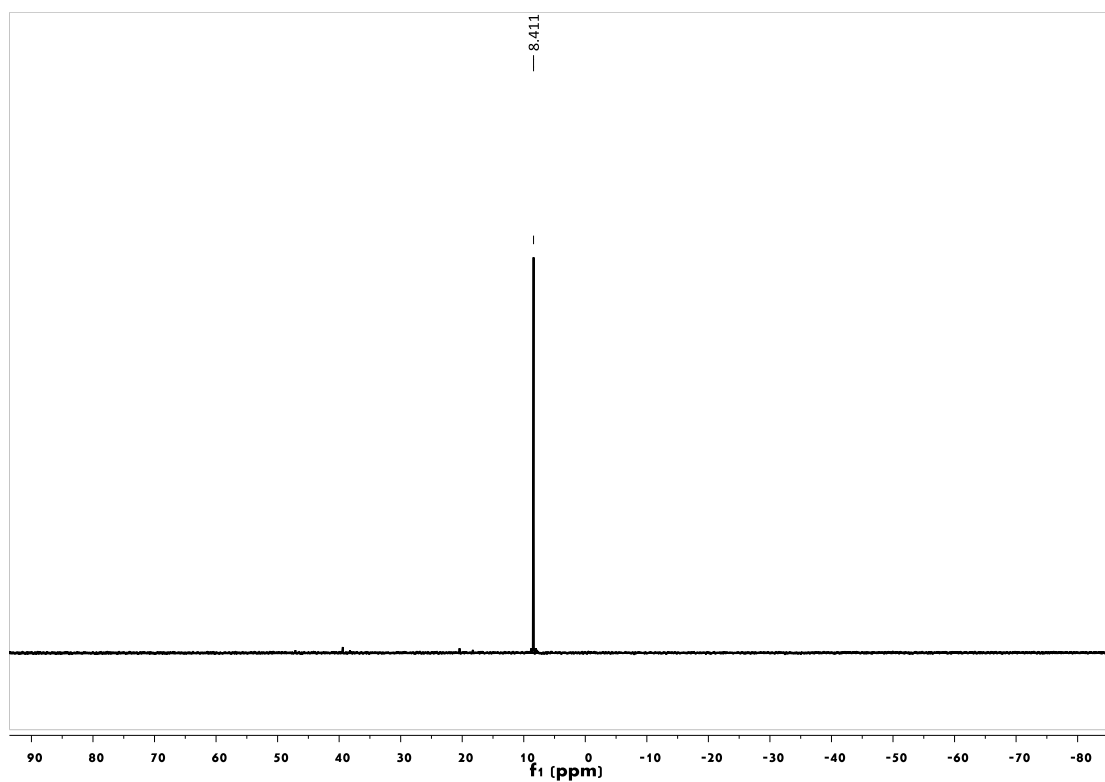


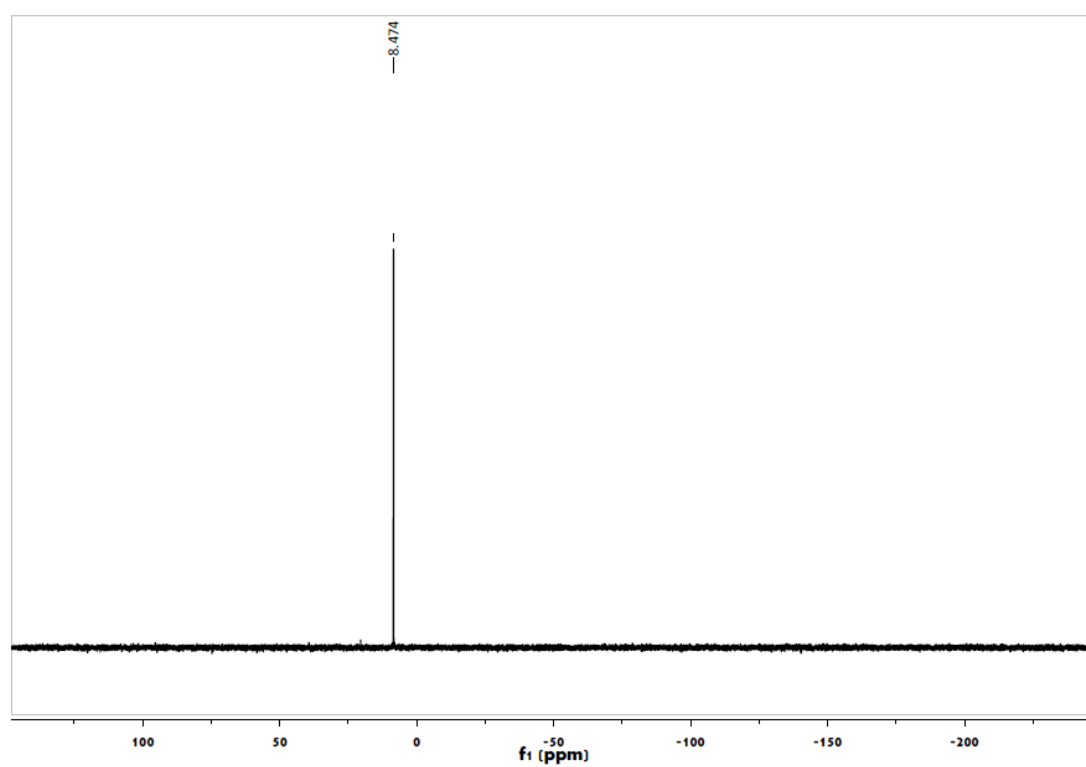
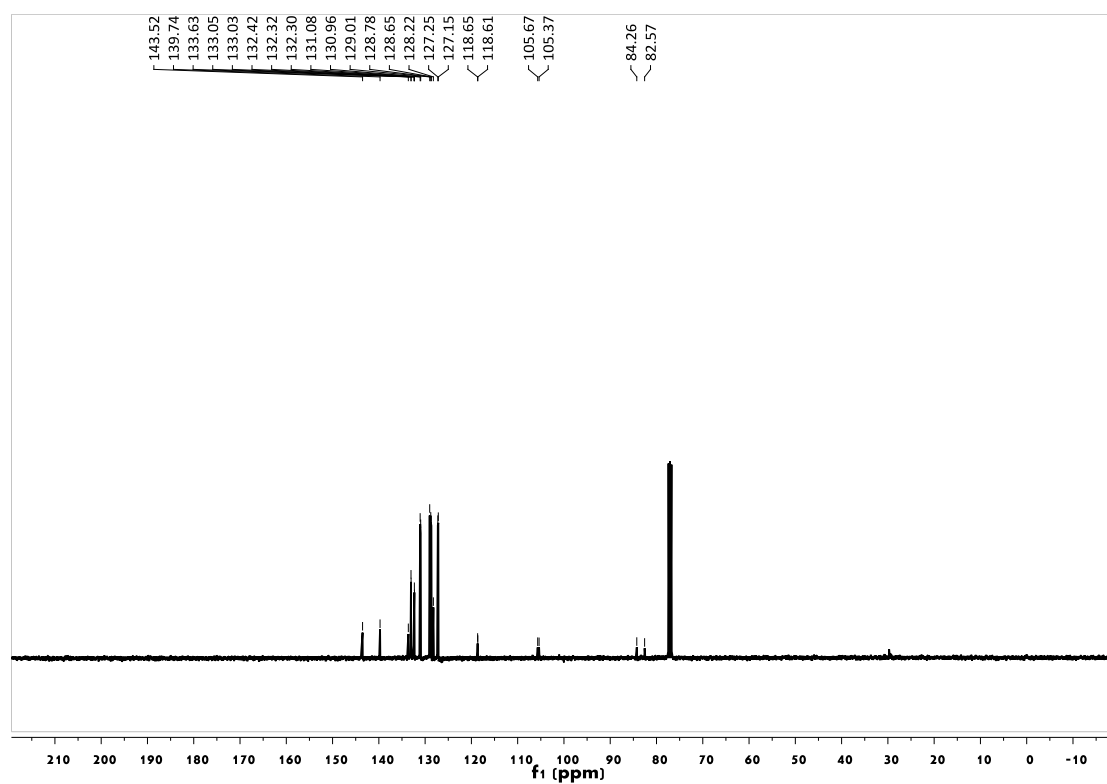
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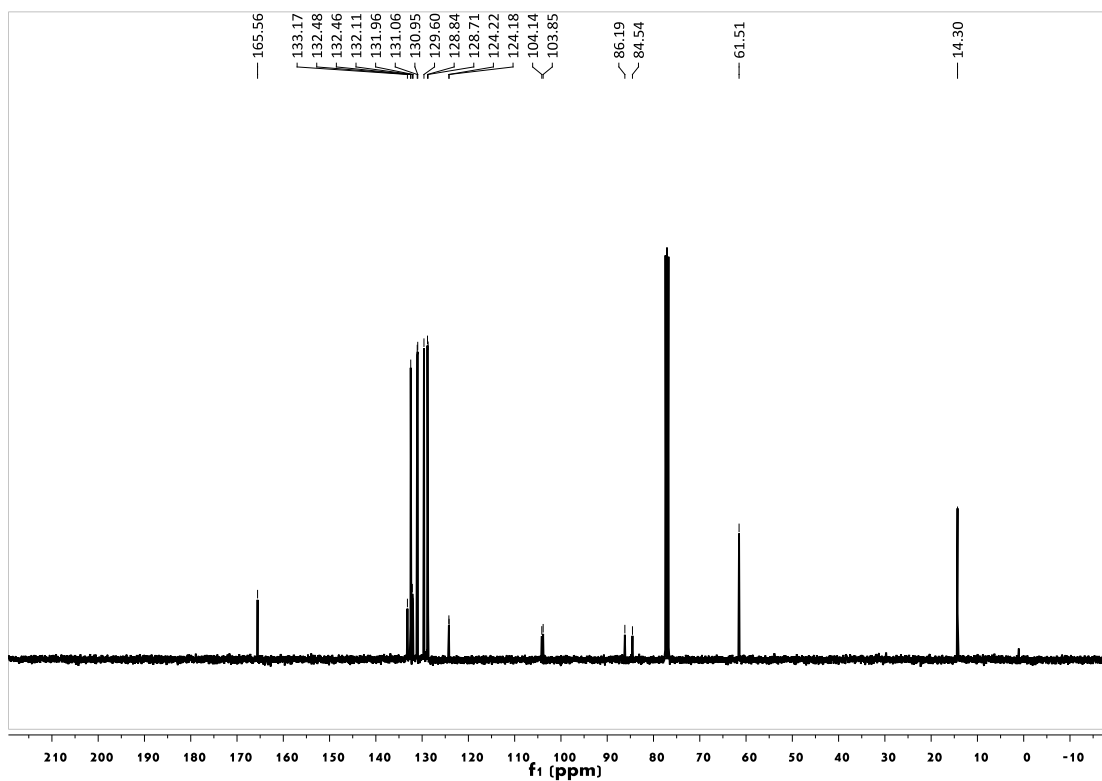
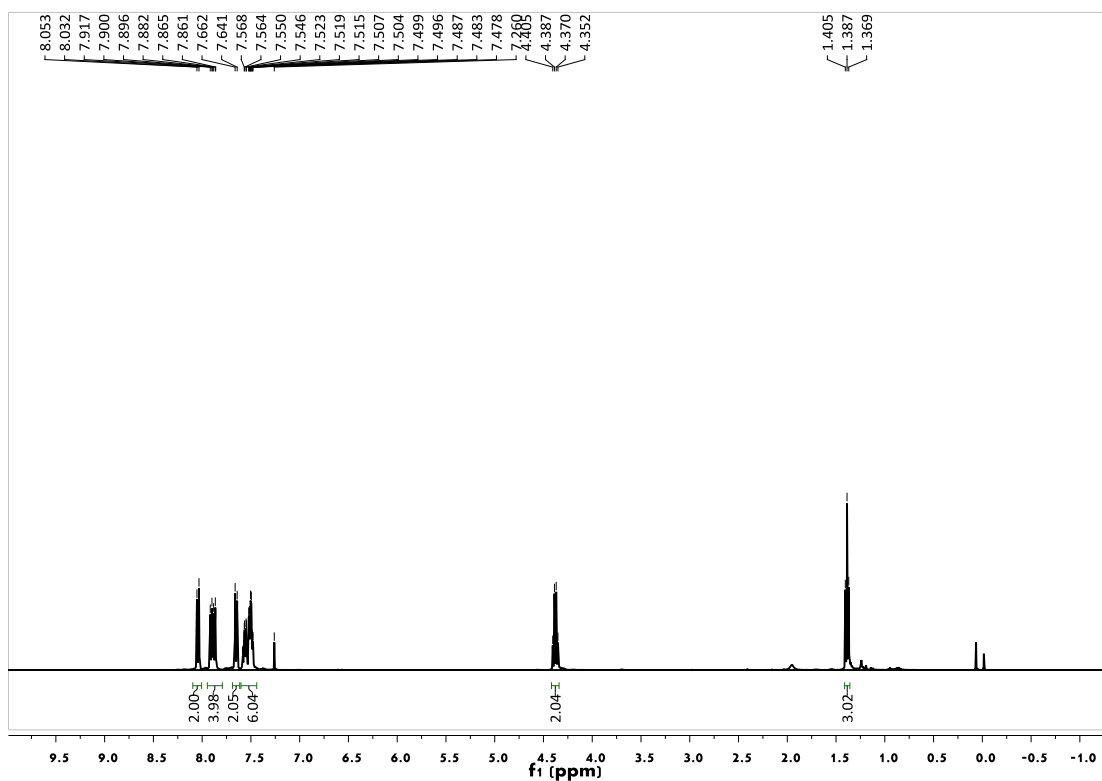
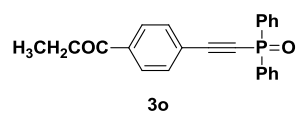


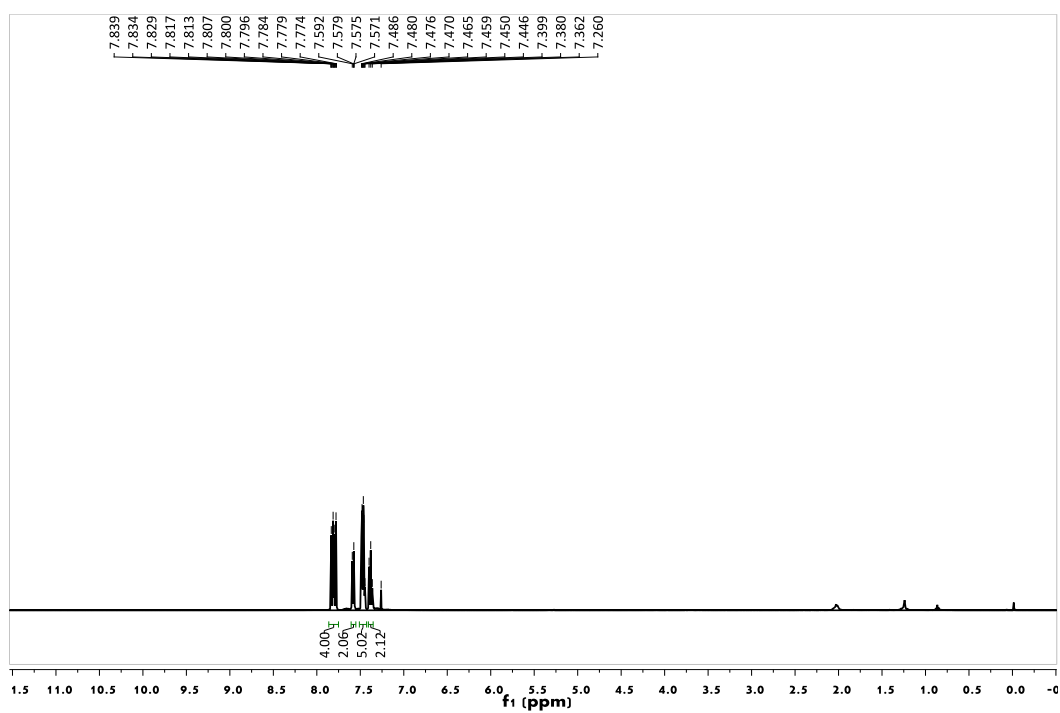
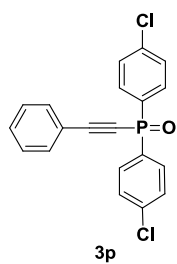
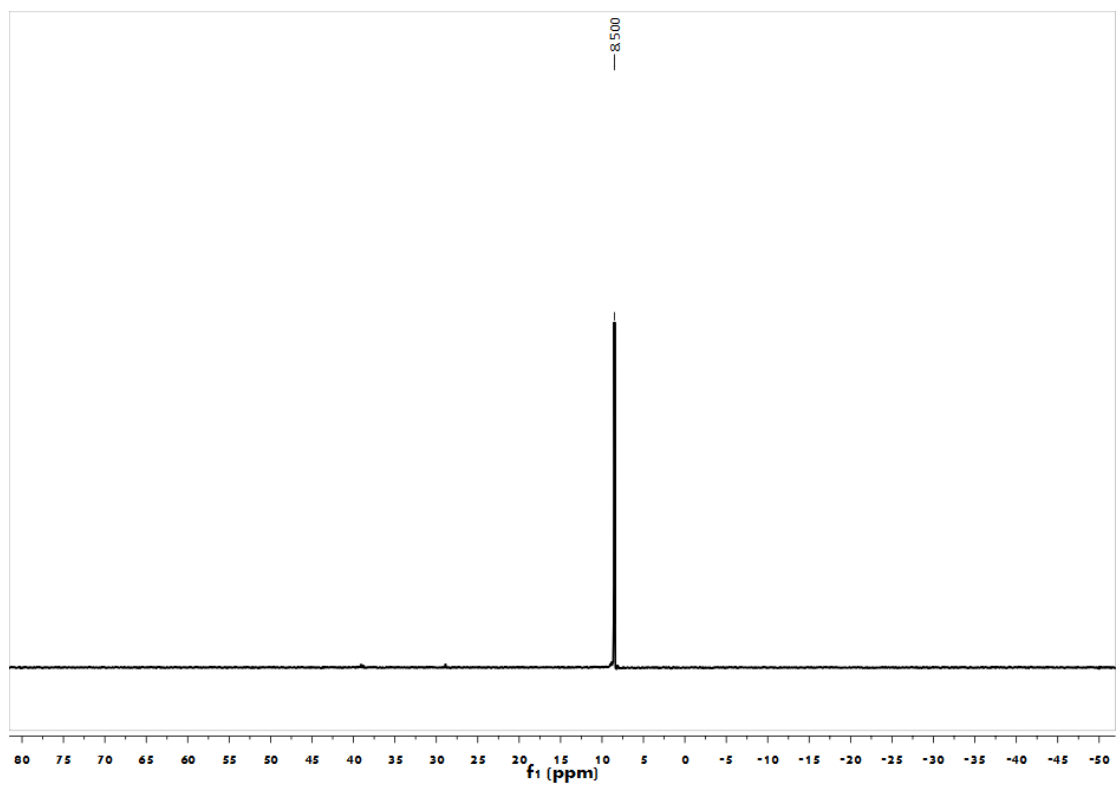


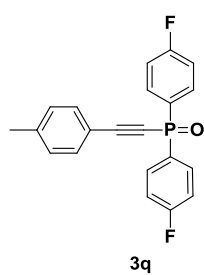
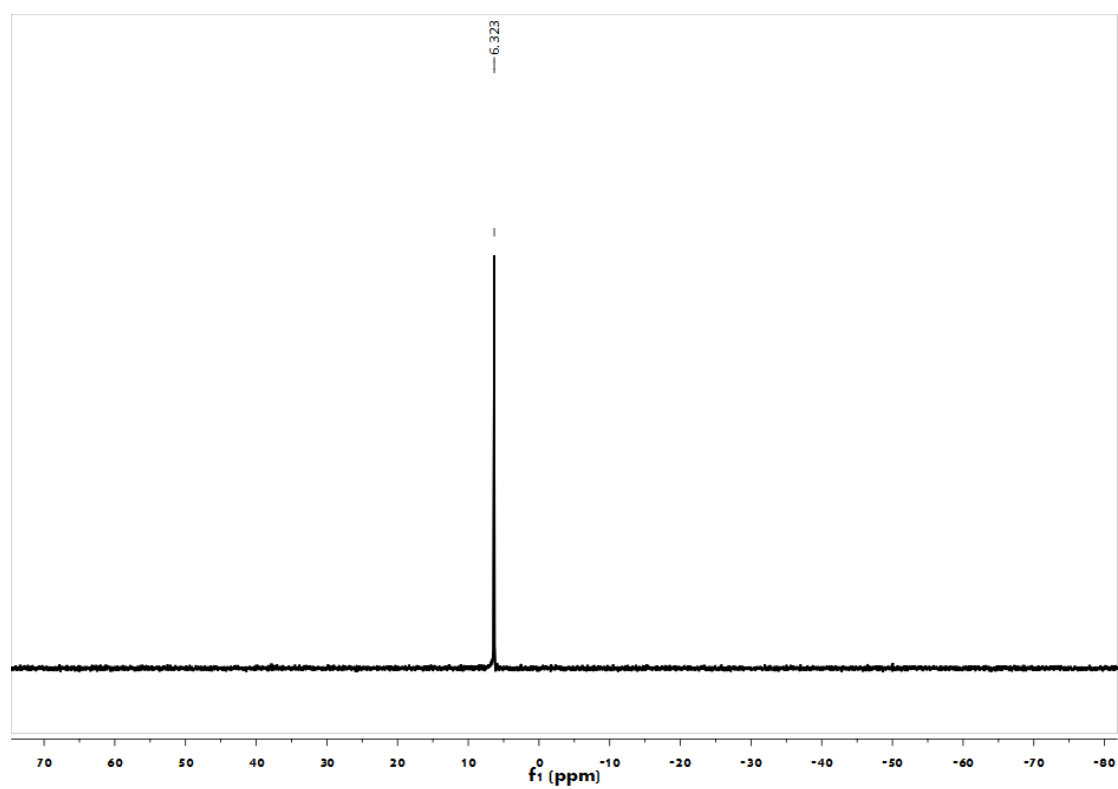
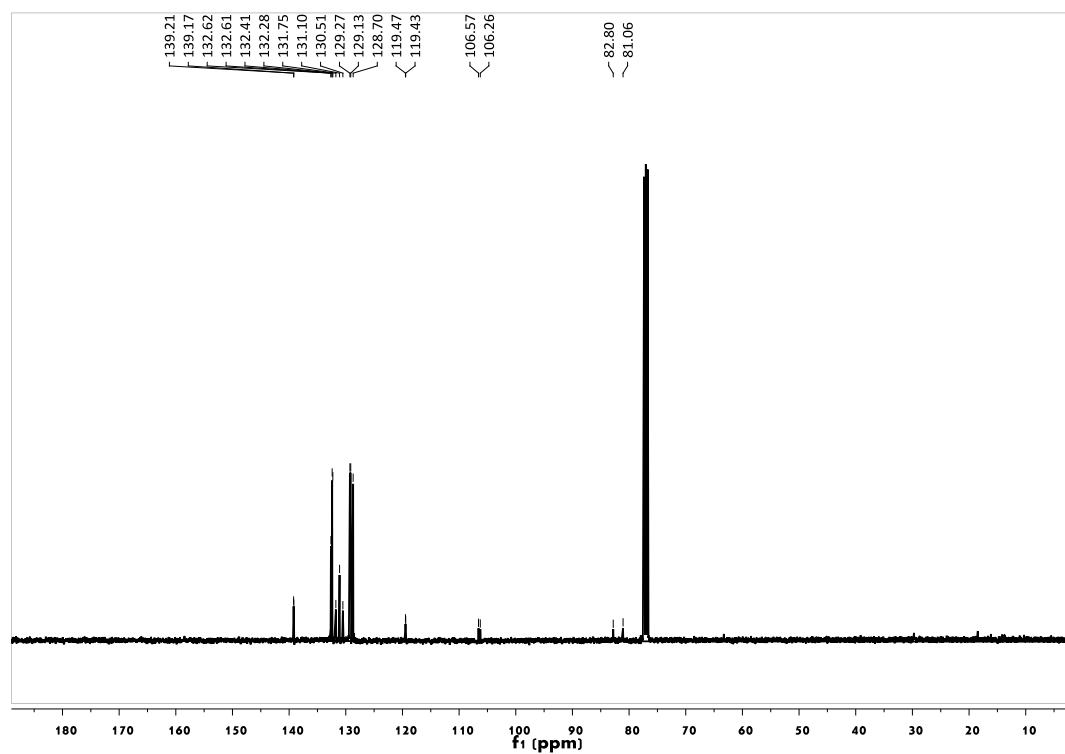


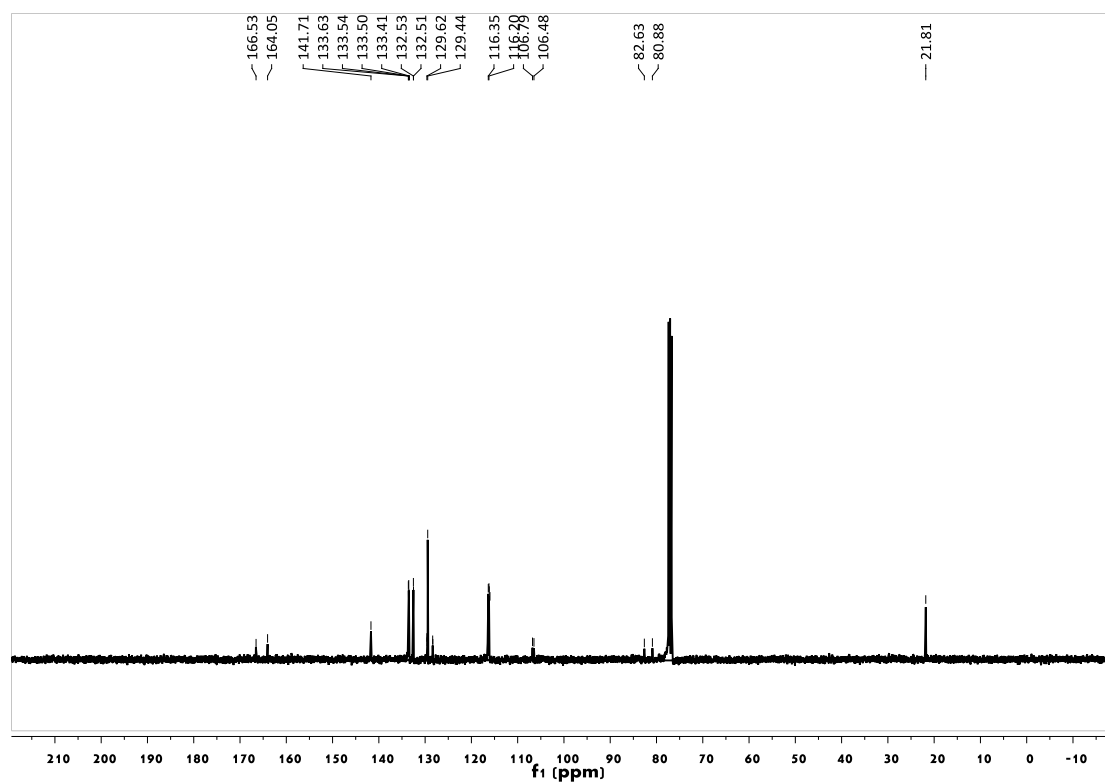
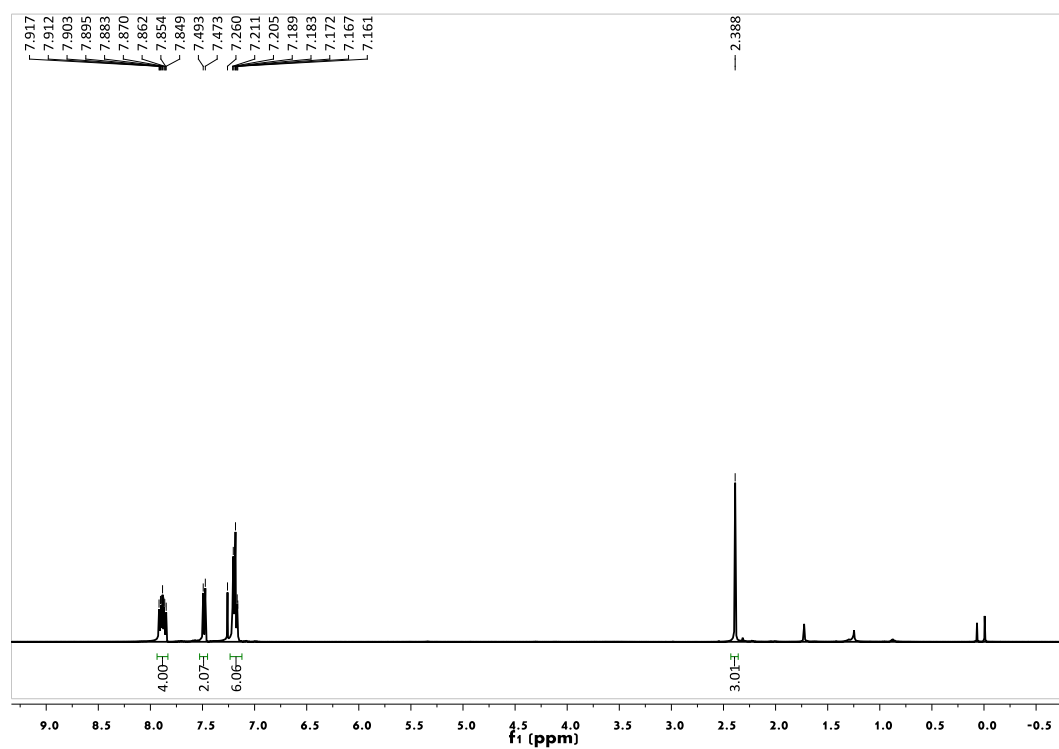


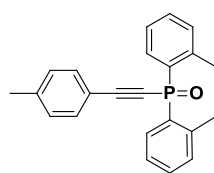
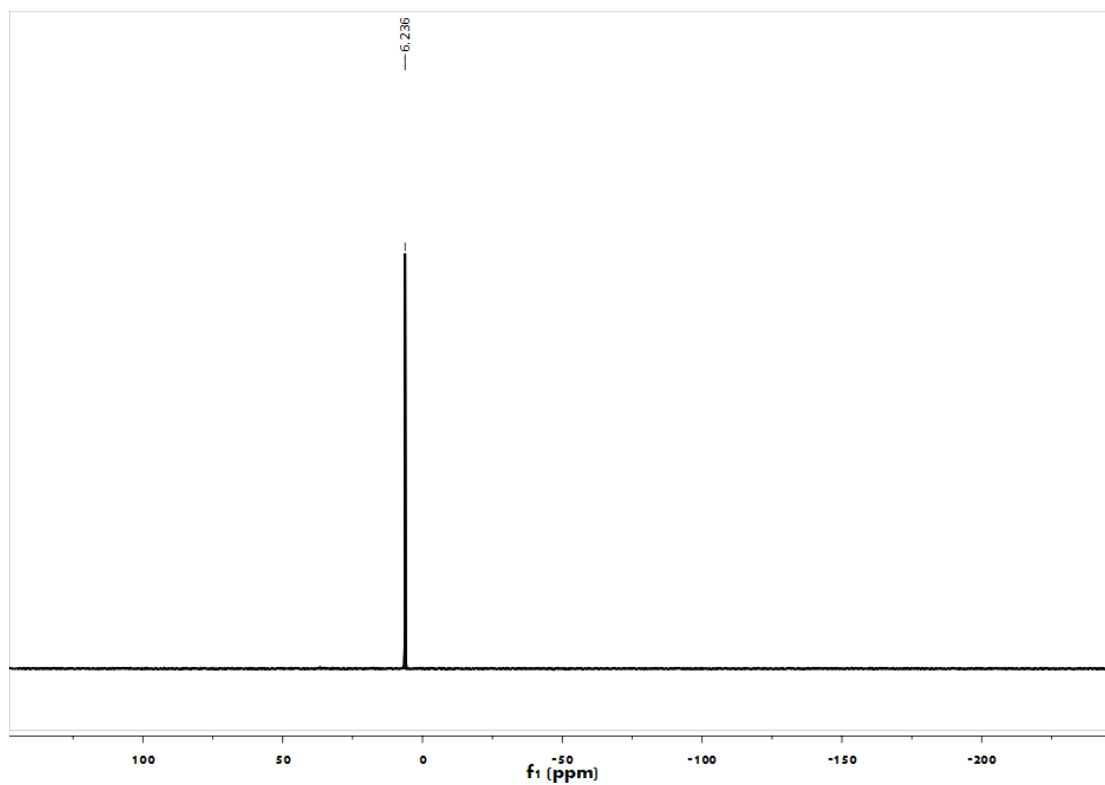




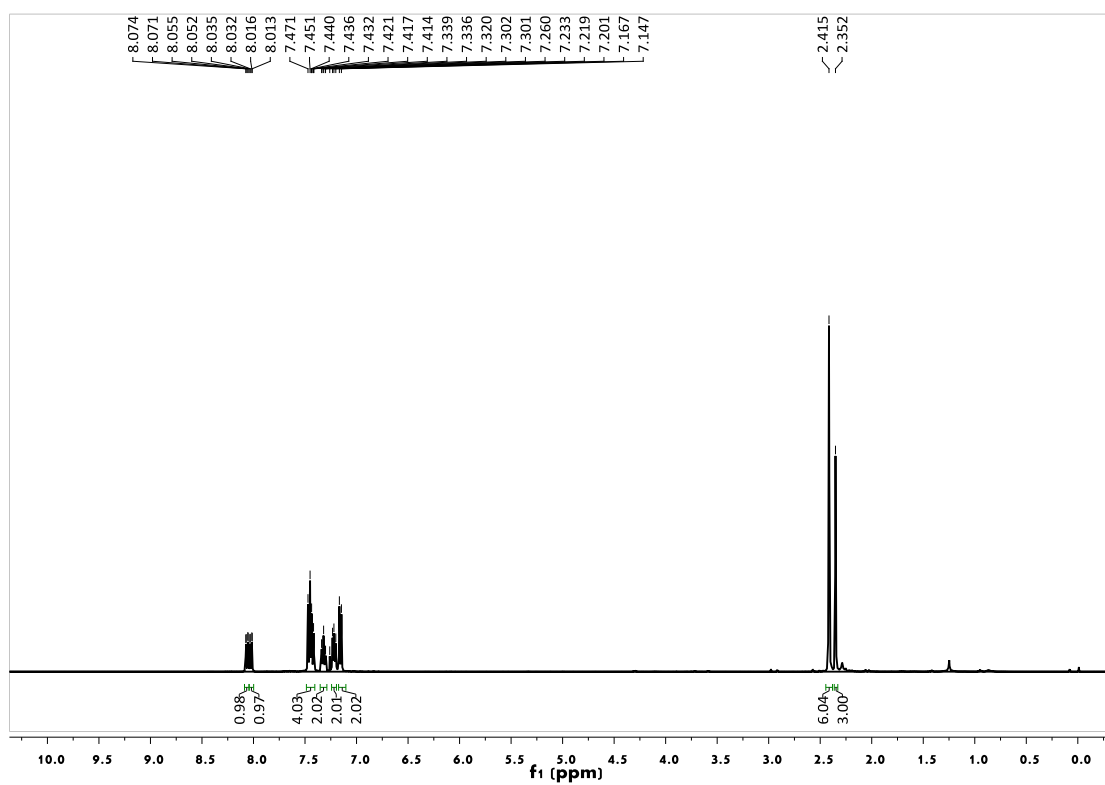


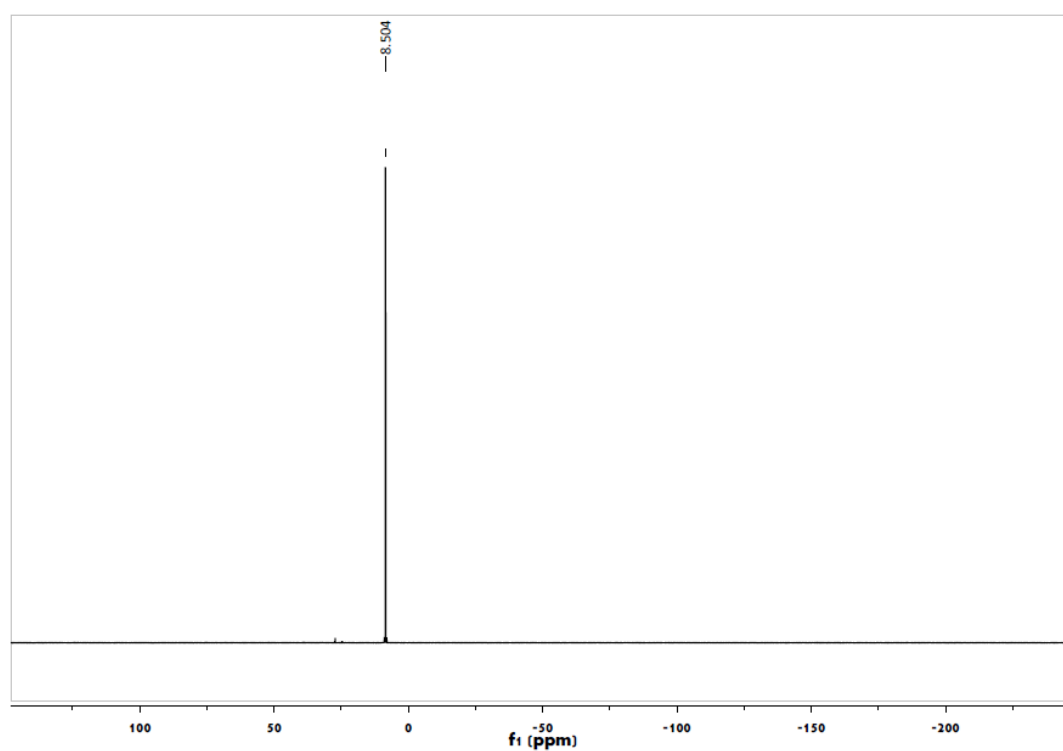
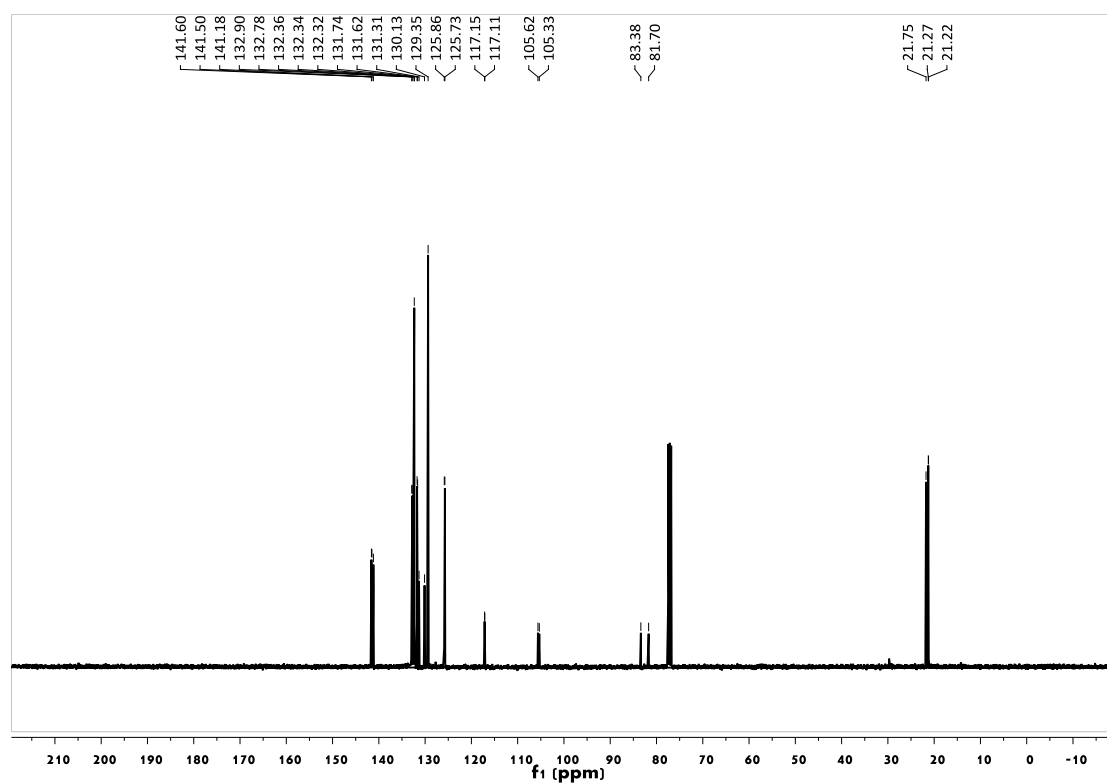


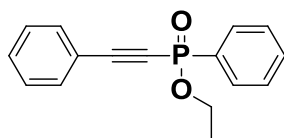




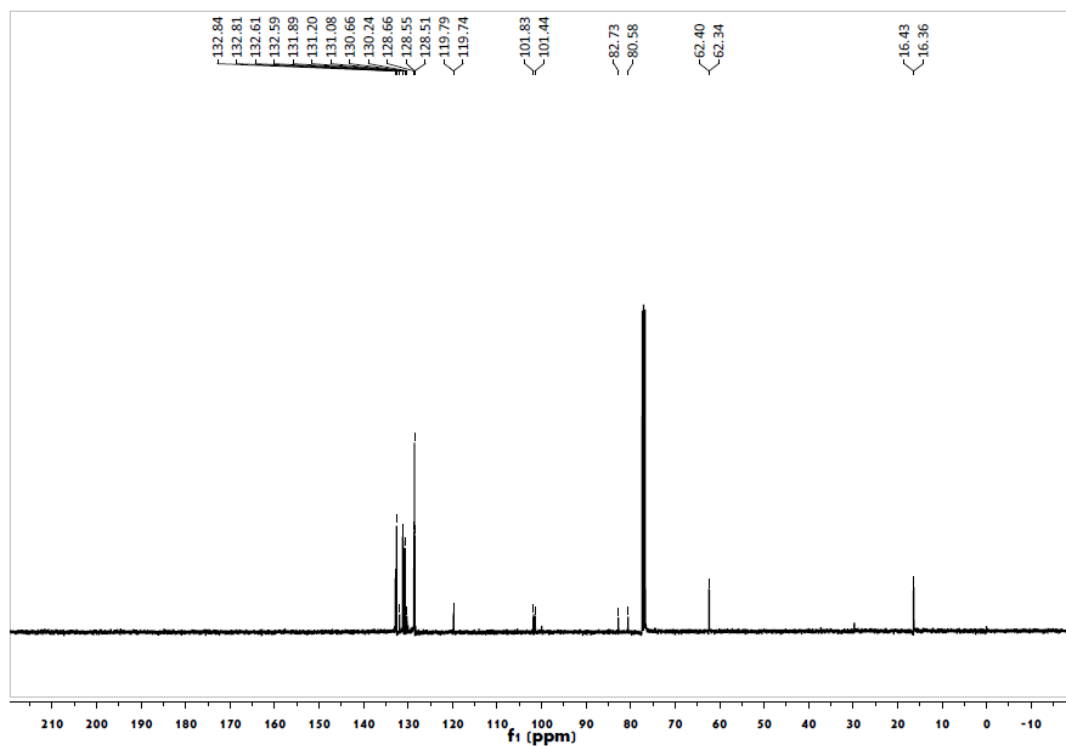
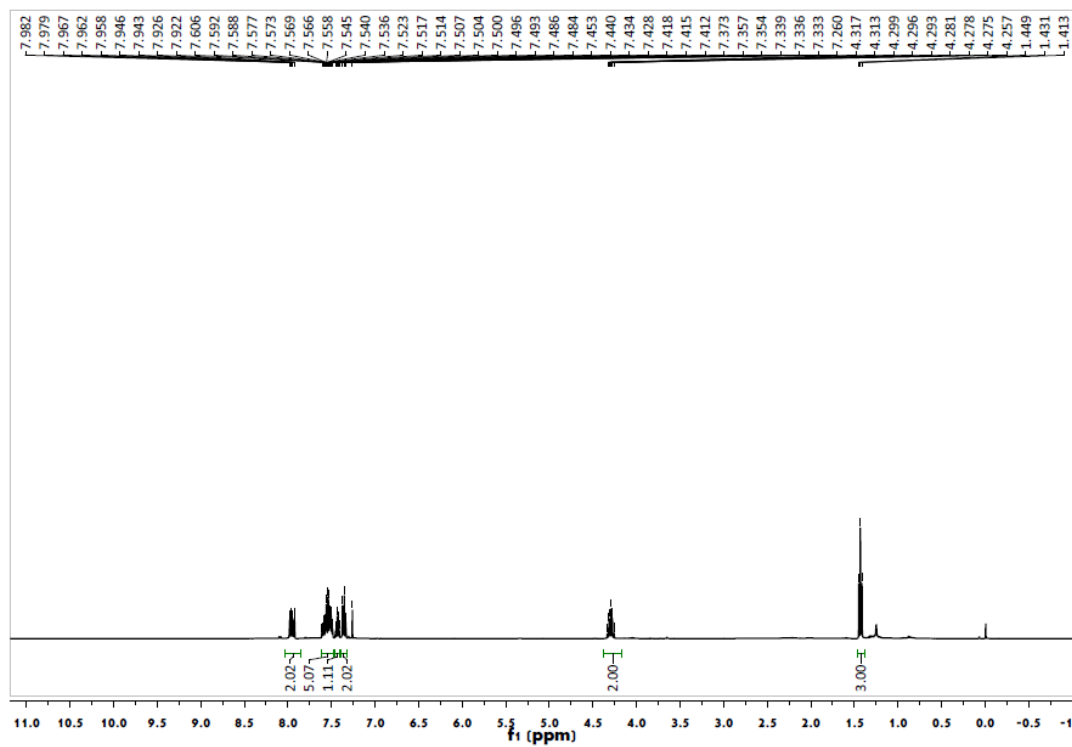
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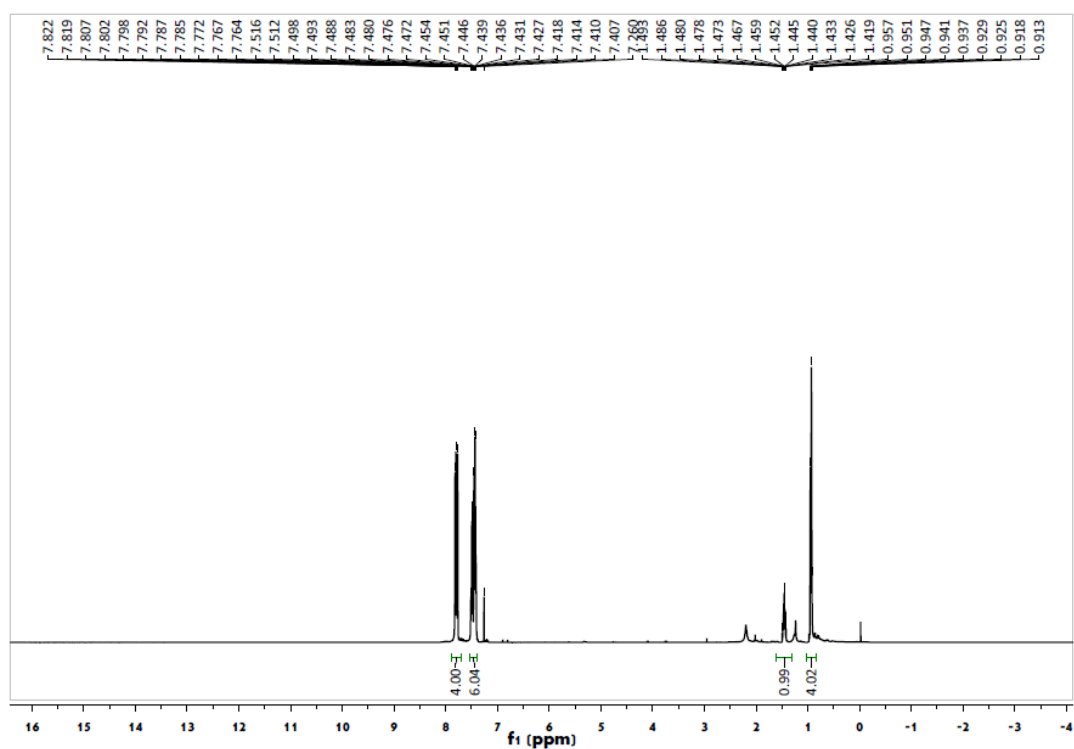
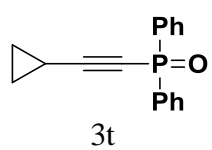
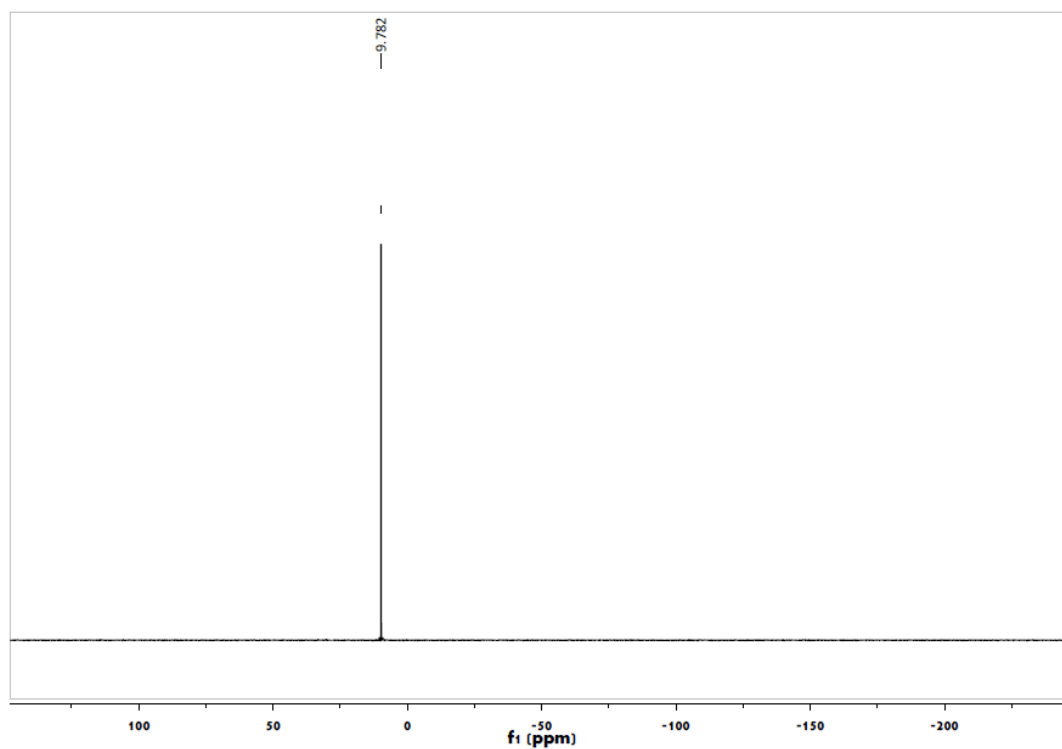


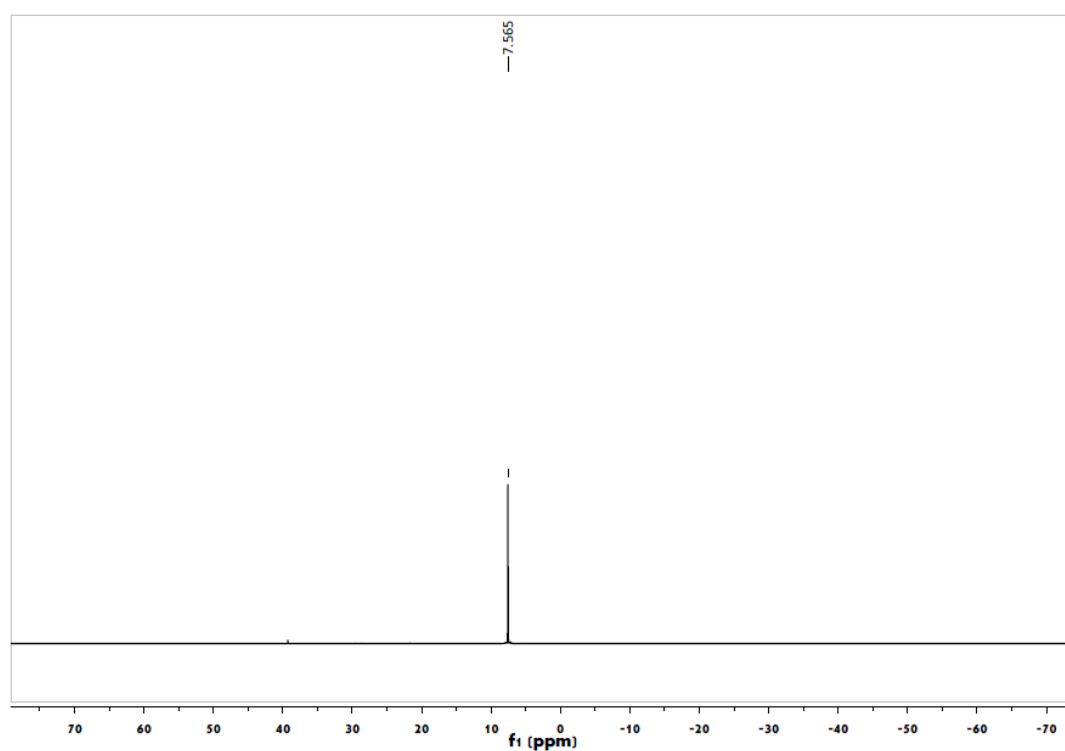
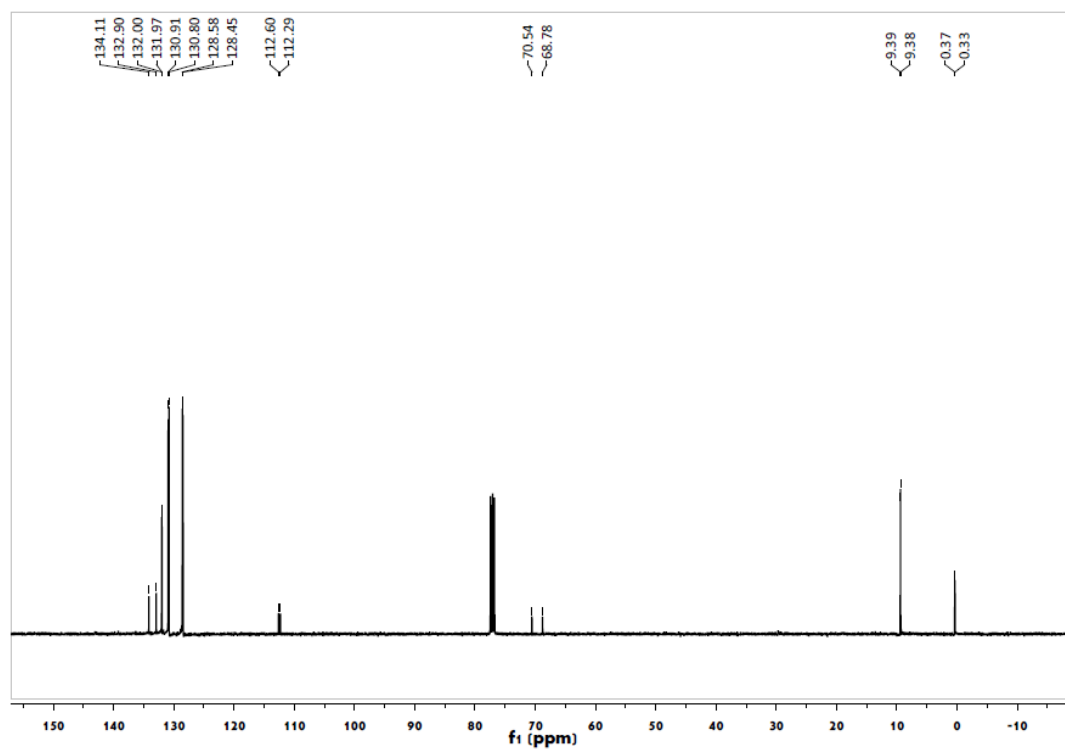


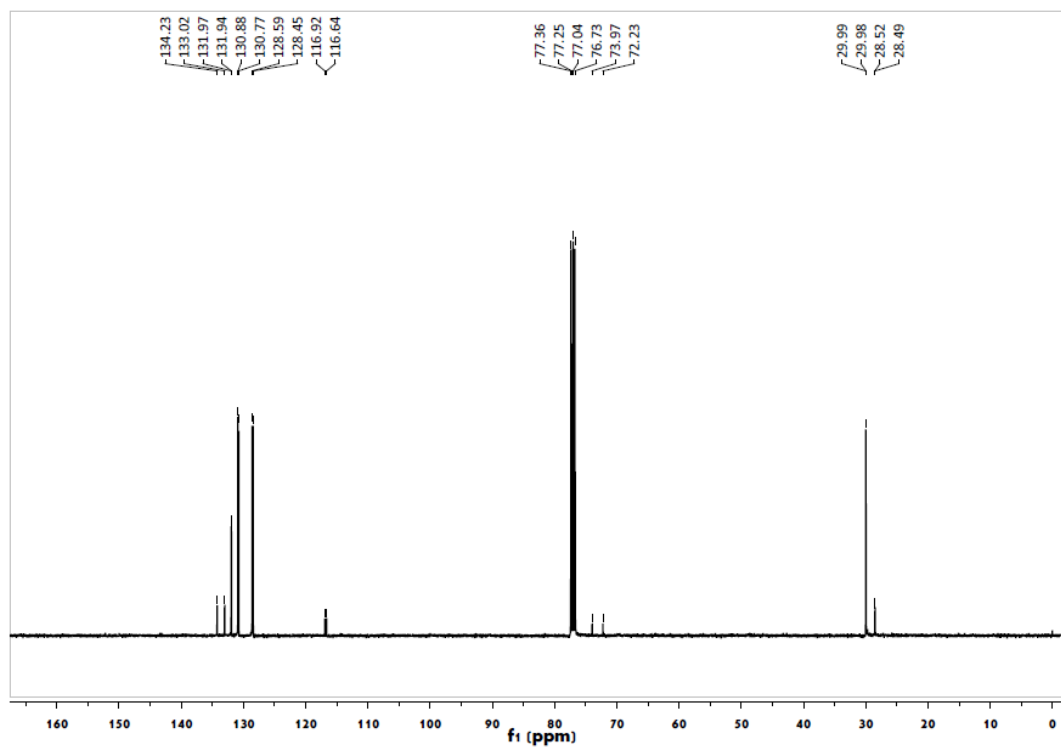
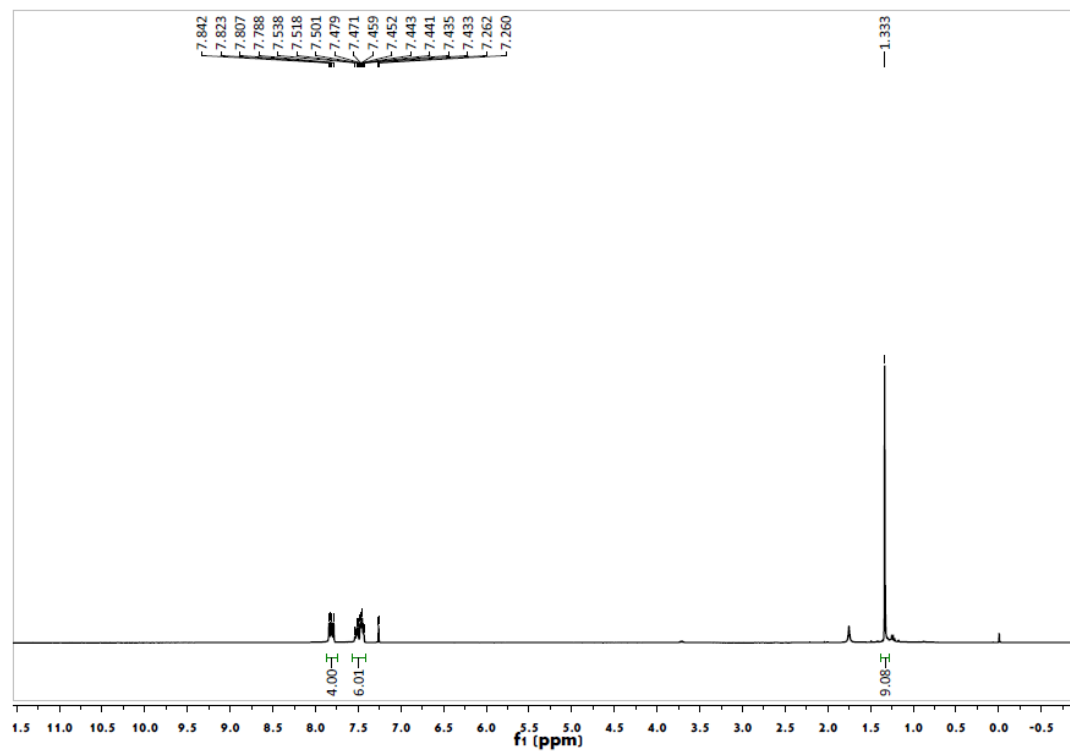
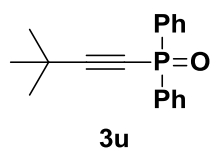


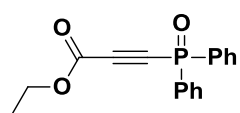
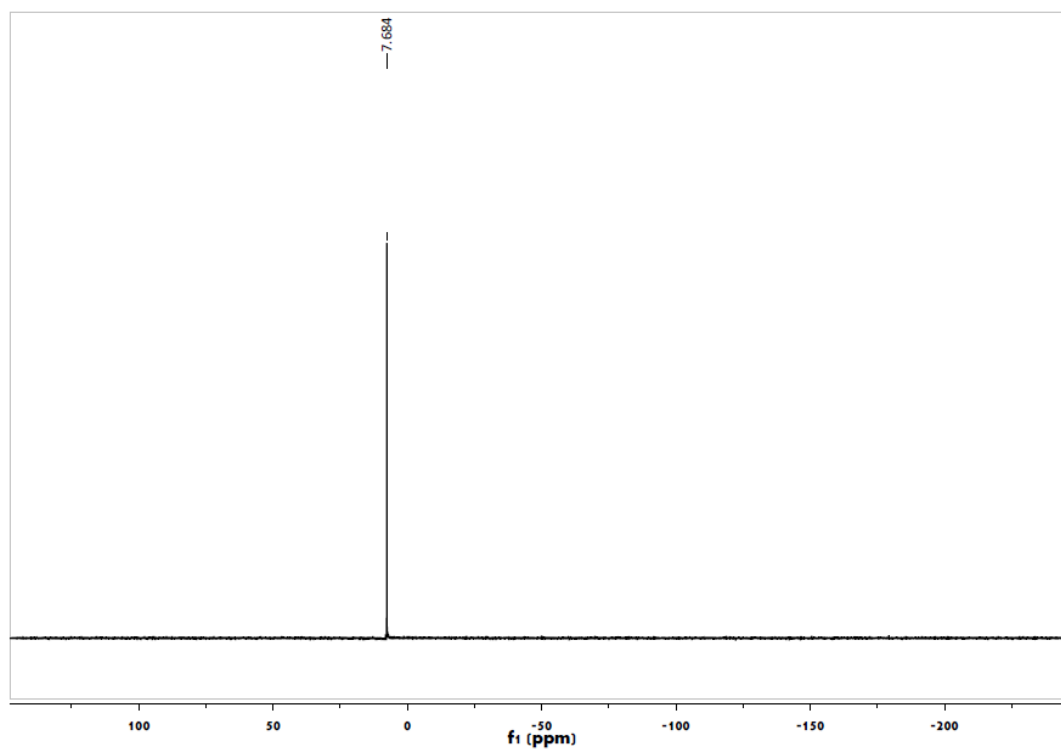
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