

Supporting Information

Metal-Free C-H Cross Coupling Toward Oxygenated Naphthalene-Benzene Linked Biaryls

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1. General Information

Melting point (mp) was measured by Stuart[®] melting point apparatus SMP3 AC input 100 V. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were collected on JEOL JMN-300 (300 MHz) or 400 (400 MHz) spectrometers using CDCl₃ or DMSO as solvent. Chemical shifts of ¹H NMR were recorded in parts per million (ppm, δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (δ = 0.00 ppm) with the solvent resonance as an internal standard (CDCl₃: δ = 7.24 ppm, DMSO: δ = 2.54 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, brs = broad singlet, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Chemical shifts of ¹³C NMR were reported in ppm with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ = 77.0 ppm, DMSO: δ = 40.5). Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer; absorptions are reported in reciprocal centimeters. High Resolution Mass measurement and Elemental Analysis were performed by the Elemental Analysis Section of Osaka University and the Elemental Analysis Section of Osaka University of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Column chromatography was carried out on Merk Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate and hexane. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merk Silica Gel F₂₅₄ plates (0.25 mm). The spots and bands were detected by UV light of irradiation (254, 365 nm).

2. Materials

Hypervalent iodine reagents, PhI(OCOCF₃)₂ (PIFA) and C₆F₅I(OCOCF₃)₂ (FPIFA), are commercially available. 4-CF₃C₆F₄I(OCOCF₃)₂¹⁾ and other iodine(III) compounds²⁾ were prepared by the reported methods in literatures. Naphthalene ethers (**1b**, **1c**, **1e**, and **1f**) and phenyl ethers (**2c**, **2d**, **2g**, and **2i**) were obtained from corresponding phenols, alcohol, and amine by typical protection methods. Naphthalene **1g** was synthesized from 5,8-dimethoxy-1-naphthol³⁾ by using the reported three step functional group conversions of hydroxyl group to bromide.⁴⁾ Naphthalene **1h** was synthesized from 4-methoxy-8-benzyloxy-1-naphthol⁵⁾ by protection of the hydroxyl group using isopropyl bromide, followed by debenzoylation with H₂-Pd/C and silyletherification. Phenyl ether **2e** was prepared by Sonogashira coupling between 1-bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzene and

1-hexyne.⁶⁾ Unless otherwise indicated, all other reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used as received.

3. Oxidative Cross Coupling of Aromatic Ethers 1 and 2

3.1 General Procedure for the Cross Coupling of Aromatic Ethers 1 and 2

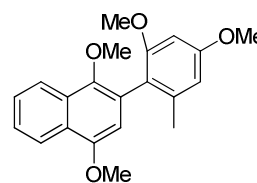
Under the nitrogen atmosphere, to a stirred solution of naphthalene ethers **1** (0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) and phenyl ethers **2** (0.40 mmol, 2 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added BF₃·Et₂O (50 µL, 0.40 mmol, 2 equiv.) and then FPIFA (104 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv.) at -40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for additional 3 to 6 hours at the same temperature. After the reaction completion was checked by TLC, saturated NaHCO₃ aq. was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. The combined extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and then evaporated to dryness. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica-gel to give the pure cross coupling biaryls **3**.

The reactions of all the substrates in Table 2, Schemes 2 and 3, were conducted using PIFA to give inferior results in terms of the yield of the cross coupling products **3** and homocoupling product formations. Other Lewis acids used in our previous works⁷⁻⁹⁾ showed disappointing results in terms of product yield.

3.2 Chemical Data of the Cross Coupling Products 3

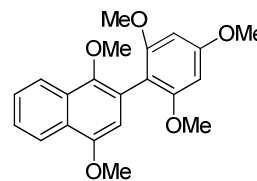
2-(2,4-Dimethoxy-6-methylphenyl)-1,4-dimethoxynaphthalene (3aa)

Colorless solid; mp: 123-126 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.08 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 2H), 8.12 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.5, 55.2, 55.5, 55.6, 61.0, 96.1, 106.2, 107.4, 120.4, 122.1, 122.2, 125.2, 125.3, 126.0, 126.2, 128.8, 139.2, 147.3, 151.1, 158.1, 159.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 2999, 2953, 1604, 1498, 1458, 1415, 1388, 1363, 1330, 1319, 1269, 1220, 1199, 1159, 1141, 1101, 1070, 1051, 999, 972, 829, 771, 715 cm⁻¹; *Anal.* calcd for C₂₁H₂₂O₄: C, 74.54; H, 6.55, found: C, 74.33; H, 6.60.



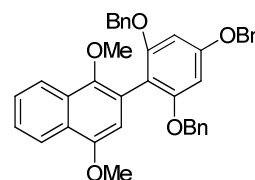
1,4-Dimethoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalene (3ab)

Colorless solid; mp: 143-145 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 6H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.45-7.54 (m, 2H), 8.14 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.3, 55.5, 55.9, 61.2, 90.8, 108.0, 109.5, 122.1, 122.2, 122.6, 125.0, 126.0, 126.1, 128.7, 147.9, 150.9, 158.7, 160.9 ppm; IR (KBr): 2937, 2837, 1606, 1504, 1454, 1415, 1365, 1334, 1222, 1203, 1157, 1126, 1101, 1070, 1037, 999, 970, 948, 844, 812, 771, 567 cm⁻¹; *Anal.* calcd for C₂₁H₂₂O₅: C, 71.17; H, 6.26, found: C, 71.04; H, 6.26.



1,4-Dimethoxy-2-[2,4,6-tris(benzyloxy)phenyl]naphthalene (3ac)

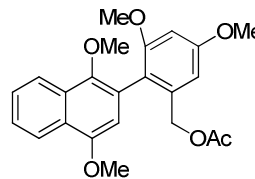
Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.93 (s, 6H), 6.31 (s, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 10H), 7.25-7.44 (m, 7H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.5, 61.3, 70.2,



70.4, 94.1, 108.3, 111.2, 122.1, 122.2, 122.5, 125.0, 125.9, 126.0, 126.7, 127.4, 127.6, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 128.8, 136.7, 137.2, 148.2, 150.8, 157.7, 159.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 3030, 2933, 1953, 1874, 1815, 1604, 1504, 1433, 1365, 1219, 1159, 1116, 1066, 1028, 999, 972, 904, 844, 810, 771, 698, 665, 634, 561 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 582.2406, found: 582.2419.

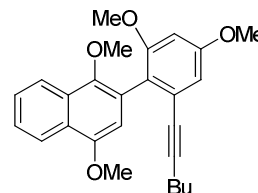
2-(1,4-Dimethoxy-2-naphthalenyl)-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl acetate (3ad)

Colorless amorphous; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.98 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.84 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.56-6.58 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.55 (m, 2H), 8.10 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.4, 55.9, 56.2, 56.4, 61.7, 65.0, 98.8, 104.9, 107.8, 120.4, 122.7, 122.8, 124.2, 126.0, 126.8, 126.9, 129.3, 137.4, 148.0, 151.8, 158.8, 160.9, 171.1 ppm; IR (KBr): 3070, 2998, 2938, 2839, 2072, 1961, 1804, 1738, 1606, 1497, 1458, 1320, 1224, 1159, 1102, 1070, 1034, 997, 970, 928, 836, 770, 717, 675, 657, 642, 632, 600, 560 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 396.1573, found: 396.1567.



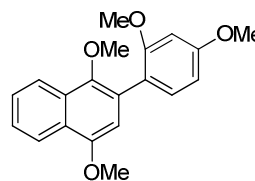
2-[2-(Hex-1-yn-1-yl)-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl]-1,4-dimethoxynaphthalene (3ae)

Colorless solid; mp: 110-113 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.77-0.85 (m, 2H), 1.02-1.08 (m, 2H), 2.08 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.53 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.51 (m, 2H), 8.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 13.1, 18.9, 21.3, 30.3, 55.4, 55.6, 55.9, 61.4, 79.9, 93.8, 99.2, 107.3, 107.5, 122.1, 122.2, 123.9, 125.0, 125.4, 125.7, 126.0, 126.2, 128.7, 147.7, 151.0, 158.2, 159.7 ppm; IR (KBr): 3068, 2934, 2839, 2227, 1955, 1734, 1666, 1598, 1458, 1365, 1279, 1202, 1160, 1102, 999, 973, 938, 834, 770, 719, 660, 599, 575 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 404.1998, found: 404.1990.



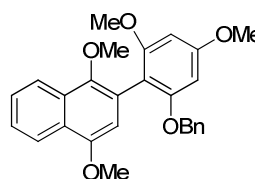
2-(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-1,4-dimethoxynaphthalene (3af)¹⁰

Colorless solid; mp: 123-125 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 6.59-6.63 (m, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.53 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.4, 55.6, 55.7, 61.2, 98.9, 104.3, 107.4, 120.5, 122.0, 122.1, 125.2, 125.9, 126.3, 126.4, 128.8, 132.0, 147.2, 150.9, 157.8, 160.4 ppm; IR (KBr): 2935, 1610, 1508, 1458, 1415, 1390, 1365, 1303, 1257, 1224, 1207, 1159, 1126, 1101, 1064, 1035, 769 cm^{-1} ; Anal. calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$: C, 74.06; H, 6.21, found: C, 73.91; H, 6.27.



2-[2-(Benzyloxy)-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl]-1,4-dimethoxynaphthalene (3ag)

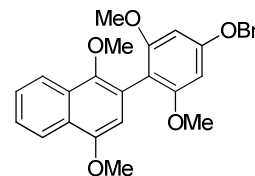
Light yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.17 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.23 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.3, 55.6, 56.0, 61.3, 70.4, 91.3, 92.6, 108.1, 110.3, 122.1, 122.2, 122.6, 125.0, 126.0, 126.1, 126.7, 127.4, 128.2, 128.8, 137.3, 148.1, 150.9, 157.6, 158.8, 160.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 2933, 2842, 1587,



1503, 1459, 1417, 1365, 1335, 1226, 1158, 1122, 1072, 1000, 814, 770, 741, 697, 656, 639, 614, 593, 581, 553, 546, 527, 514 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₂₇H₂₆O₅ [M]⁺: 430.1780, found: 430.1779.

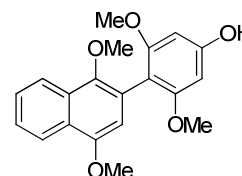
2-[4-(Benzyloxy)-2,6-dimethoxyphenyl]-1,4-dimethoxynaphthalene (3'ag)

Light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.52 (m, 7H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.6, 56.0, 61.3, 70.3, 91.7, 108.0, 109.7, 122.1, 122.2, 122.6, 125.1, 126.0, 126.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.6, 128.7, 136.8, 147.9, 151.0, 158.7, 160.2 ppm; IR (KBr): 3065, 2999, 2935, 2838, 2247, 2156, 2070, 1957, 1822, 1585, 1504, 1458, 1414, 1365, 1334, 1225, 1126, 1065, 1028, 999, 972, 844, 810, 741, 700, 654, 581, 507 cm⁻¹.



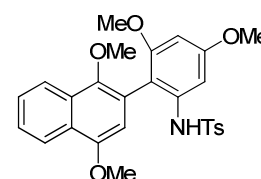
4-(1,4-Dimethoxy-2-naphthalenyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3'ah, sole product)

Colorless solid; mp: 223-224 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 6H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 6.18 (s, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.61 (brs, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 55.3, 55.7, 60.6, 92.0, 106.8, 108.7, 121.7, 121.9, 123.6, 125.1, 125.2, 126.2, 128.2, 147.4, 150.2, 158.2, 158.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 3334, 2937, 2840, 1956, 1596, 1504, 1458, 1366, 1221, 1160, 996, 847, 816, 770, 750, 725, 711, 692, 681, 670, 651, 625, 599 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₅ [M]⁺: 340.1311, found: 340.1315.



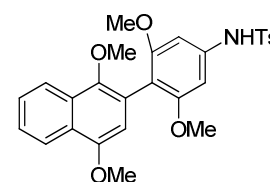
N-[2-(1,4-Dimethoxy-2-naphthalenyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl]-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (3ai, minor product)

Colorless solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.28 (s, 3H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.57 (m, 2H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm.



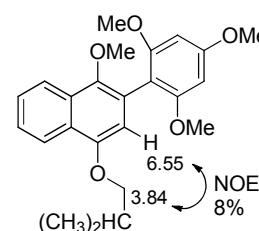
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Colorless solid; mp: 193-196 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 6H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6, 55.6, 55.9, 61.2, 97.4, 105.5, 107.3, 113.3, 122.1, 122.2, 125.2, 126.1, 126.2, 127.5, 128.6, 129.7, 136.1, 137.7, 144.1, 147.5, 151.1, 158.4 ppm; IR (KBr): 3562, 3254, 3069, 2938, 2840, 2252, 1594, 1459, 1393, 1365, 1330, 1288, 1227, 1157, 1126, 1101, 1061, 1004, 970, 912, 814, 733, 662, 543 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₂₇H₂₇NO₆S [M]⁺: 493.1559, found: 493.1556.



4-Isobutoxy-1-methoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalene (3bb)

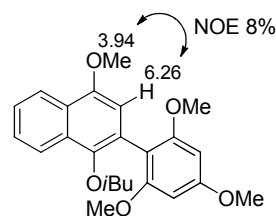
Colorless solid; mp: 120-123 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.18-2.25 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s,



3H), 6.28 (s, 2H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.52 (m, 2H), 8.12 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 8.30 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.5, 28.4, 55.3, 55.9, 61.3, 74.3, 90.7, 108.5, 109.5, 122.2, 122.3, 122.7, 124.9, 125.9, 126.2, 128.7, 147.6, 150.5, 158.7, 160.9 ppm; IR (KBr): 3070, 2957, 2838, 2251, 2156, 2077, 1956, 1586, 1504, 1457, 1416, 1390, 1363, 1335, 1225, 1156, 1126, 1098, 1070, 1039, 1003, 950, 911, 840, 812, 770, 730, 665, 584, 574, 561, 550, 537, 527 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 396.1937, found: 396.1936.

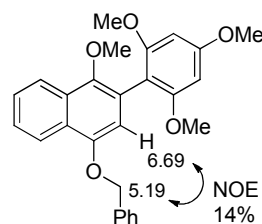
1-Isobutoxy-4-methoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalene (3'bb)

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.76 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.81-1.88 (m, 1H), 3.43 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.50 (m, 2H), 8.12 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.0, 28.9, 55.4, 55.5, 55.9, 80.3, 90.7, 108.1, 109.8, 122.1, 122.3, 122.7, 124.9, 125.8, 126.0, 129.1, 147.1, 150.7, 158.8, 160.9 ppm; IR (KBr): 3069, 2999, 2954, 2871, 2838, 2249, 2079, 1956, 1586, 1504, 1456, 1414, 1379, 1358, 1335, 1268, 1225, 1178, 1126, 1068, 1006, 950, 911, 845, 811, 770, 735, 650, 574 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 396.1937, found: 396.1938.



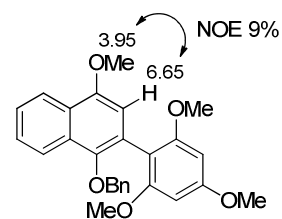
4-(Benzyloxy)-1-methoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalene (3cb)

Colorless solid; mp: 53-55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 6.28 (s, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 7.34-7.54 (m, 7H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.3, 55.9, 61.3, 70.1, 90.8, 109.4, 109.5, 122.2, 122.4, 122.6, 125.1, 126.1, 126.3, 127.5, 127.7, 128.4, 128.8, 137.5, 148.1, 150.1, 158.7, 161.0 ppm; IR (KBr): 3068, 2994, 2936, 2837, 2072, 1955, 1585, 1504, 1456, 1415, 1362, 1268, 1226, 1156, 1126, 1095, 1070, 1038, 997, 950, 919, 851, 811, 769, 736, 697, 655, 637, 601, 558, 546, 520 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 430.1780, found: 430.1777.



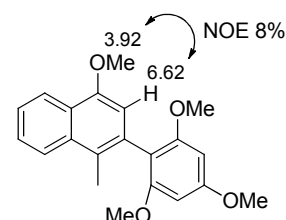
1-(Benzyloxy)-4-methoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalene (3'cb)

Colorless solid; mp: 47-50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 4.67 (s, 2H), 6.27 (s, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.47 (m, 2H), 8.12 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 55.4, 55.5, 55.9, 75.8, 90.8, 108.0, 109.5, 122.1, 122.3, 123.0, 125.0, 125.9, 126.0, 127.5, 128.0, 128.1, 129.1, 138.0, 146.9, 151.1, 158.8, 161.1 ppm; IR (KBr): 3066, 2999, 2936, 2836, 1953, 1586, 1504, 1455, 1414, 1388, 1355, 1268, 1225, 1157, 1124, 1102, 1067, 1038, 995, 951, 922, 849, 813, 769, 699, 661, 645, 629, 586, 558, 531, 510 cm^{-1} .



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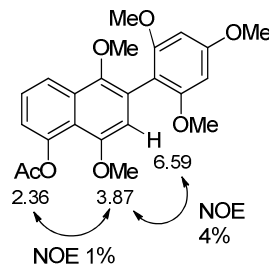
Colorless solid; mp: 171-172 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 7.43 (td, $J = 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, $J = 6.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.27 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 15.3, 55.4, 55.5, 55.9, 90.8, 107.9, 112.8,



122.3, 124.3, 124.4, 125.2, 125.4, 125.9, 130.7, 133.6, 152.8, 158.5, 161.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 2999, 2937, 1606, 1585, 1502, 1458, 1413, 1382, 1332, 1224, 1203, 1157, 1141, 1126, 1101, 1060, 1037, 964, 812, 761, 638 cm⁻¹; *Anal.* calcd for C₂₁H₂₂O₄: C, 74.54; H, 6.55, found: C, 74.38; H, 6.55.

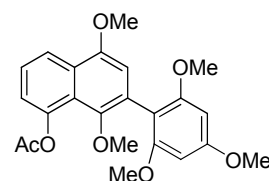
5,8-Dimethoxy-6-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-yl acetate (3eb, major product)

Light yellow solid; mp: 141-144 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.36 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.24 (s, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 7.05 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.1, 55.4, 55.9, 56.3, 61.2, 90.8, 109.0, 110.7, 119.2, 119.4, 121.0, 123.7, 125.6, 131.3, 146.7, 148.2, 150.6, 158.7, 161.1, 170.5 ppm; IR (KBr): 3003, 2937, 2841, 1761, 1606, 1504, 1456, 1436, 1413, 1367, 1334, 1220, 1157, 1126, 1066, 1037, 1018, 977, 952, 912, 877, 813, 767, 742, 648, 590, 538 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₂₃H₂₄O₇ [M]⁺: 412.1522, found: 412.1521.



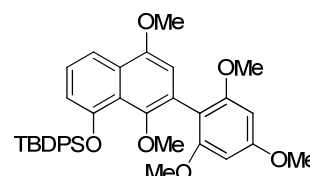
5,8-Dimethoxy-7-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-yl acetate (3'eb, minor product)

Light yellow solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm.



***tert*-Butyl{[5,8-dimethoxy-7-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-yl]oxy} diphenylsilane (3'fb, sole product)**

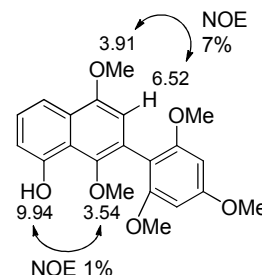
Light yellow solid; mp: 90-92 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.10 (s, 9H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 6.31 (s, 2H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.76-7.81 (m, 5H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.7, 26.6, 55.3, 55.6, 56.0, 61.8, 91.0, 108.6, 110.5, 115.2, 116.5, 122.1, 123.7, 124.6, 127.6, 128.8, 129.6, 133.6, 135.6, 148.9, 150.6, 151.6, 158.9, 160.7 ppm; IR (KBr): 3071, 2998, 2935, 2857, 2246, 1960, 1824, 1606, 1504, 1465, 1414, 1369, 1336, 1271, 1225, 1204, 1148, 1126, 1062, 988, 941, 910, 811, 737, 701, 648, 612, 522, 500 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₃₇H₄₀O₆Si [M]⁺: 608.2594, found: 608.2596.



The regioselectivity was determined by measurement of NOE interaction after deprotection of the TBDPS group.

5,8-Dimethoxy-7-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-ol

Light yellow solid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 6.26 (s, 2H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.94 (s, 1H) ppm.

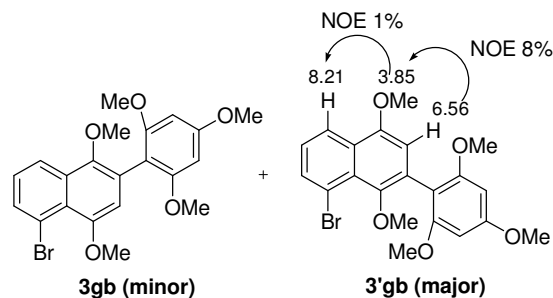


5-Bromo-1,4-dimethoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl) naphthalene (3gb, minor product) and

8-Bromo-1,4-dimethoxy-2-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalene (**3'gb**, major product)

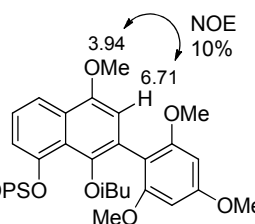
naphthalene (**3'gb**, major product)

Light yellow solid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 3.38 (s, 3H, for **3'gb**), 3.48 (s, 3H, for **3gb**), 3.65-3.86 (12H, for **3gb**, and 12H, for **3'gb**), 6.19 (2H, for **3gb**, and 2H, for **3'gb**), 6.56 (s, 1H, for **3'gb**), 6.64 (s, 1H, for **3gb**), 7.12-7.17 (1H, for **3gb**, and 1H, for **3'gb**), 7.69 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, for **3gb**), 7.74 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, for **3'gb**), 8.06 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, for **3gb**), 8.21 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H, for **3'gb**) ppm; IR (KBr): 3003, 2937, 2839, 1606, 1496, 1463, 1409, 1363, 1224, 1205, 1184, 1161, 1126, 1087, 1062, 1039, 1004, 974, 950, 912, 850, 819, 742, 650, 549 cm^{-1} .



tert-Butyl[8-isobutoxy-5-methoxy-7-(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-yl]oxydiphenylsilane (**3'hb**, sole product)

Colorless amorphous; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.47 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H), 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.69-1.72 (m, 1H), 3.49 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 6.30 (s, 2H), 6.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.79-7.81 (m, 5H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 18.7, 19.9, 27.1, 27.7, 55.4, 55.5, 55.8, 82.1, 90.7, 108.6, 111.0, 115.3, 116.6, 122.5, 123.5, 124.4, 127.5, 128.7, 129.6, 134.0, 135.6, 148.4, 150.2, 151.6, 158.9, 160.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 3071, 3050, 2999, 2954, 2859, 2247, 1962, 1825, 1587, 1503, 1465, 1415, 1368, 1266, 1224, 1127, 1056, 1008, 939, 909, 848, 810, 766, 736, 708, 654, 611, 525 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_6\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 650.3064, found: 650.3066.

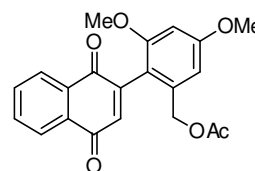


4. Elaboration of the Biaryl **3ad**

To a stirred solution of the biaryl **3ad** (288 mg, 0.73 mmol) in CH_3CN (15 mL) was added aqueous solution of cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate (1.0 g, 1.83 mmol in 7.5 mL H_2O) dropwise at room temperature. After 30 minutes, the mixture was diluted with the water and AcOEt . The aqueous phase was extracted with AcOEt , and the combined organic phase was washed by brine. The extract was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and then evaporated to dryness. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica-gel (hexane/ AcOEt = 4/1) to give a pure quinone compound **4** (207 mg, 78%).

2-(1,4-Dioxo-1,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl acetate (**4**)

Yellow solid; mp: 150-153 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.93 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.83 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.76 (m, 2H), 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 20.6, 55.3, 55.8, 64.1, 98.5, 105.9, 115.7, 126.0, 126.8, 132.1, 132.2, 133.5, 133.6, 135.8, 138.1, 146.4, 158.2, 161.2, 170.2, 183.7, 184.8 ppm; IR (KBr): 3074, 3007, 2945, 2840, 1740, 1665, 1602, 1463, 1324, 1302, 1253, 1228, 1157, 1064, 1028, 934, 841, 781, 751, 725, 704, 681, 633, 594, 546, 506 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB): calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_6$ $[\text{M}]^+$: 366.1103, found: 366.1104.

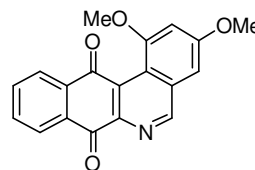


The quinone **4** (159 mg, 0.43 mmol), NH₄Cl (465 mg, 8.69 mmol), and AcONa (713 mg, 8.69 mmol) were dissolved in ethanol (13 mL), and refluxed for 24 hours. After the reaction completion was monitored by TLC, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. Water was added to the solution and then it was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL), to which 10 M NaOH aq. (2 mL) was added dropwise. After stirring for 24 hours, the solution was neutralized with 1 M HCl aq., and the aqueous phase was extracted by CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated by evaporation. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica-gel (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1) to give an intermediate **5** (79 mg, 53% from **4**)

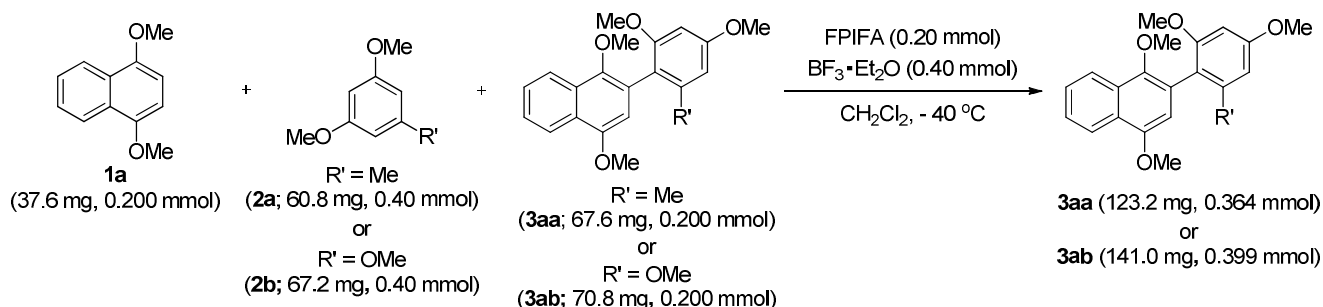
To a stirred solution of the quinone **5** (75 mg, 0.22 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (234 mg, 0.55 mmol) and water (50 μ L) at 0 °C. The solution was refluxed for additional 8 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and water. The aqueous phase was extracted by CH₂Cl₂, and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica-gel (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1 to 1/5) to give a target pure tetracyclic compound **6** (68 mg, 97%).

1,3-Dimethoxybenzo[b]phenanthridine-7,12-dione (**6**)

Yellow solid; 223-226 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 6.87 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.77 (m, 2H), 8.07 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 9.31 (s, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃): δ 55.9, 56.3, 98.7, 105.5, 119.4, 126.2, 127.1, 131.3, 132.1, 133.2, 133.4, 134.0, 136.1, 143.4, 155.7, 157.9, 162.3, 181.8, 185.4 ppm; IR (KBr): 3328, 3012, 2933, 2856, 1674, 1606, 1466, 1410, 1382, 1284, 1216, 1164, 1050, 1000, 946, 838, 789, 770, 722, 690, 668, 638, 559, 534 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB): calcd for C₁₉H₁₃O₄N [M+H]⁺: 320.0917, found: 320.0927.



5. Cross-Over Experiments



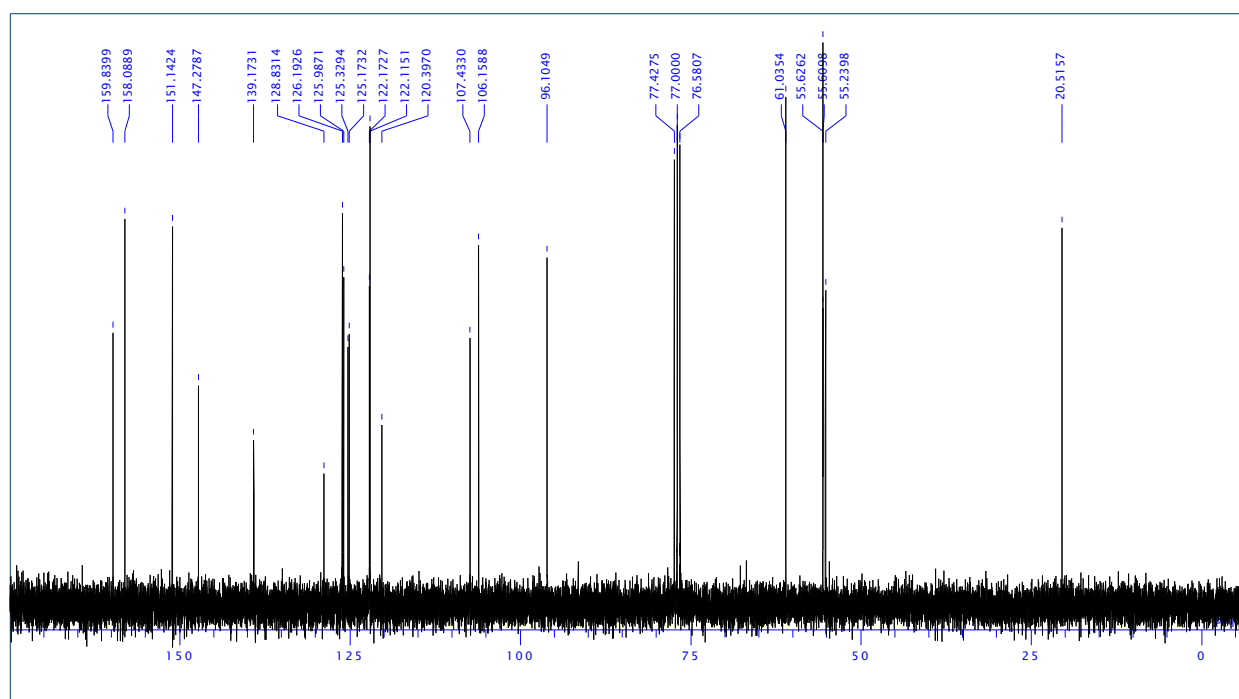
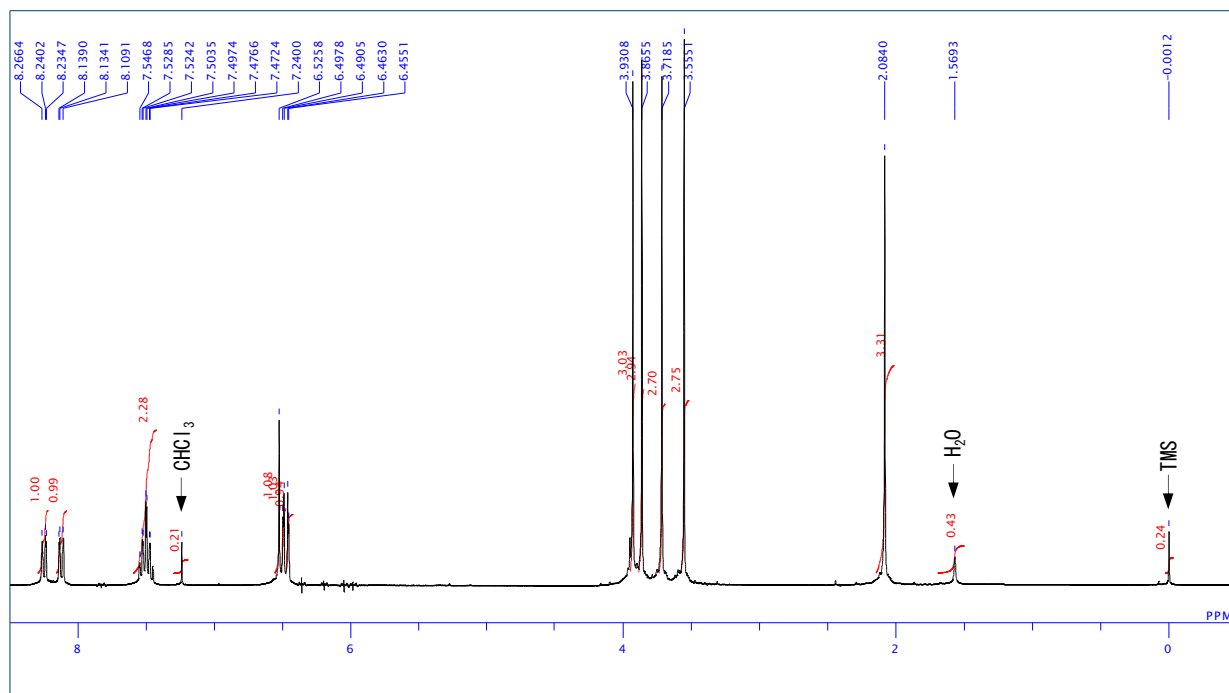
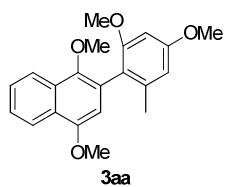
Under the nitrogen atmosphere, naphthalene ether **1a** (37.6 mg, 0.200 mmol), phenyl ethers **2a** (60.8 mg, 0.40 mmol) or **2b** (67.2 mg, 0.40 mmol), and biaryls **3aa** (67.6 mg, 0.200 mmol) or **3ab** (70.8 mg, 0.200 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). BF₃·Et₂O (50 μ L, 0.40 mmol) and FPIFA (104.0 mg, 0.200 mmol) were added to the mixture at -40 °C. The solution was stirred for additional 3 hours at the same temperature where the reaction completion was checked by TLC. Saturated NaHCO₃ aq. was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous

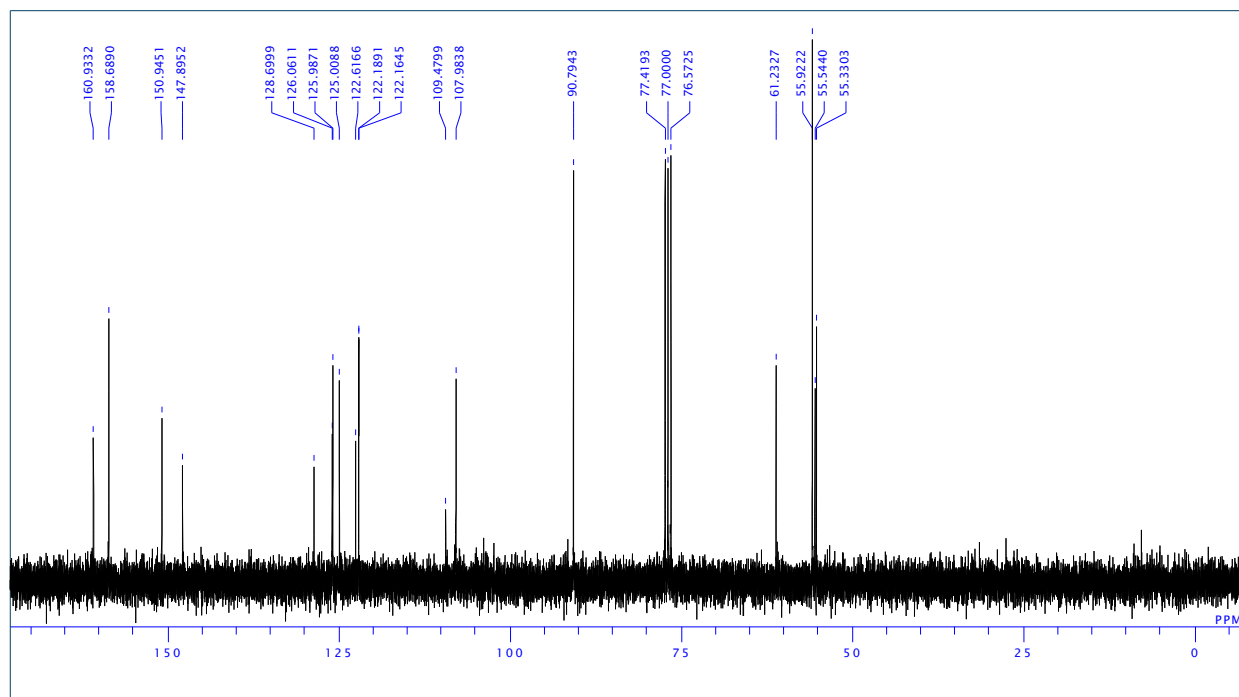
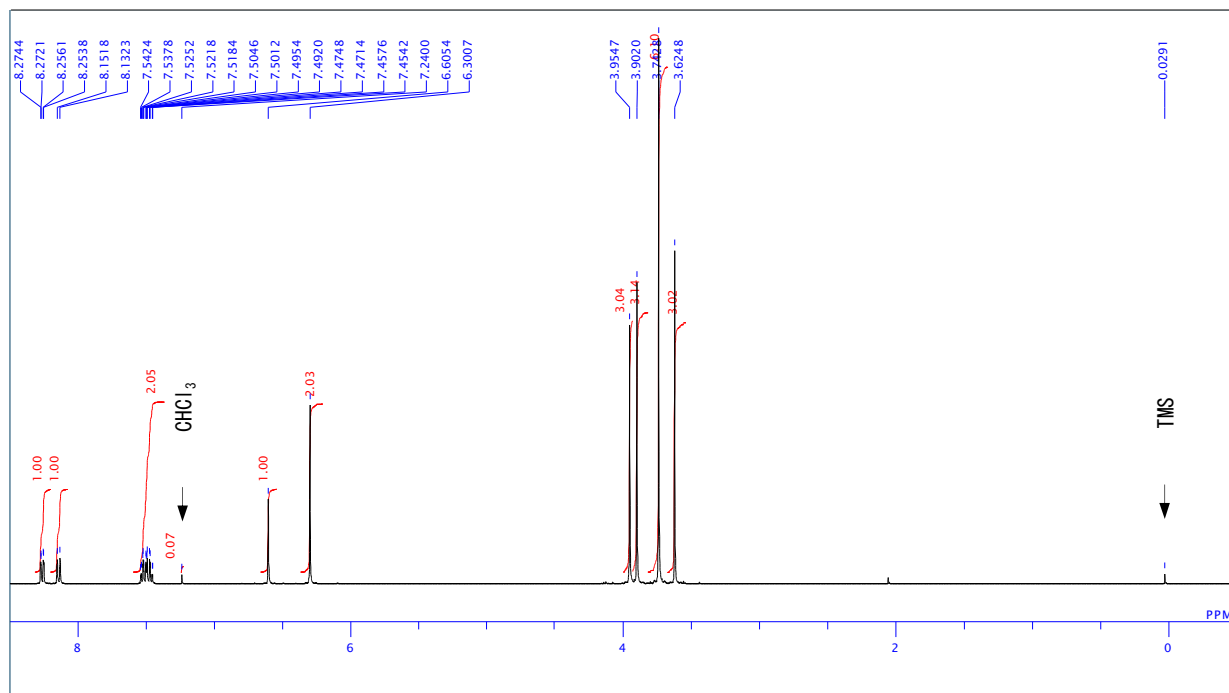
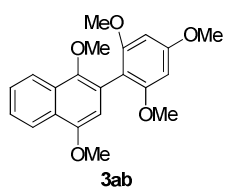
phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. The combined extract was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and then evaporated to dryness. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica-gel (hexane/ AcOEt = 4/1) to give the pure biaryl **3aa** (123.2 mg, 0.364 mmol) or **3ab** (141.0 mg, 0.399 mmol).

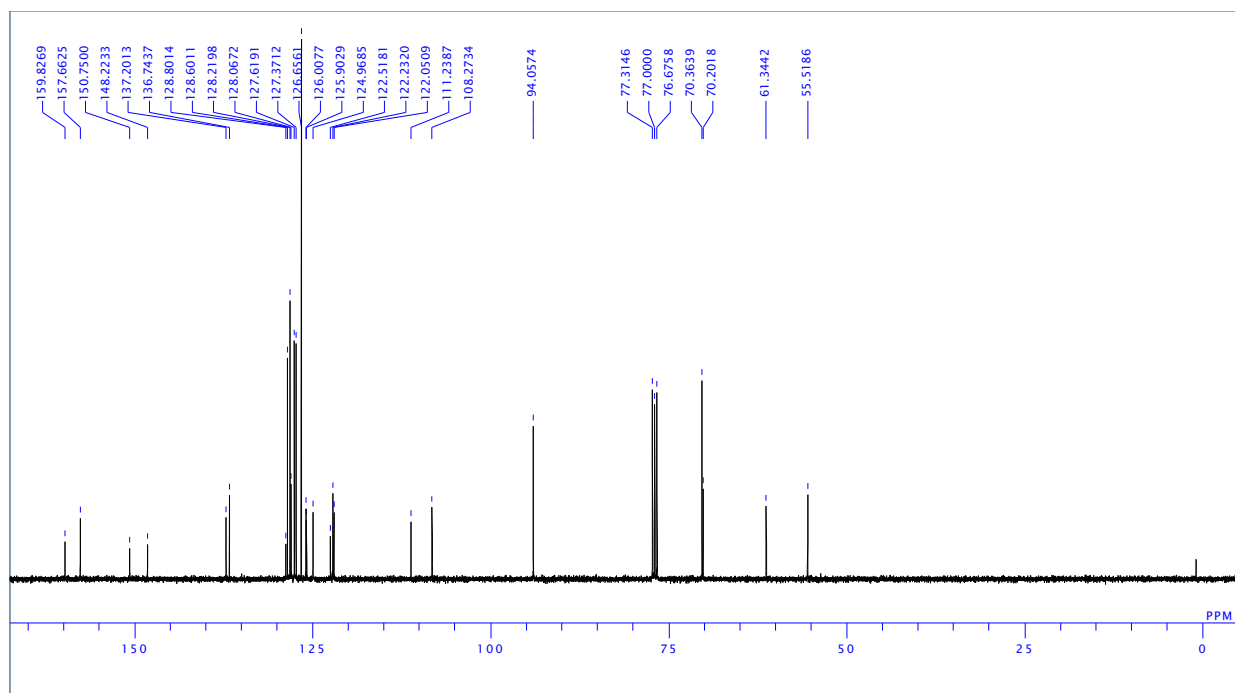
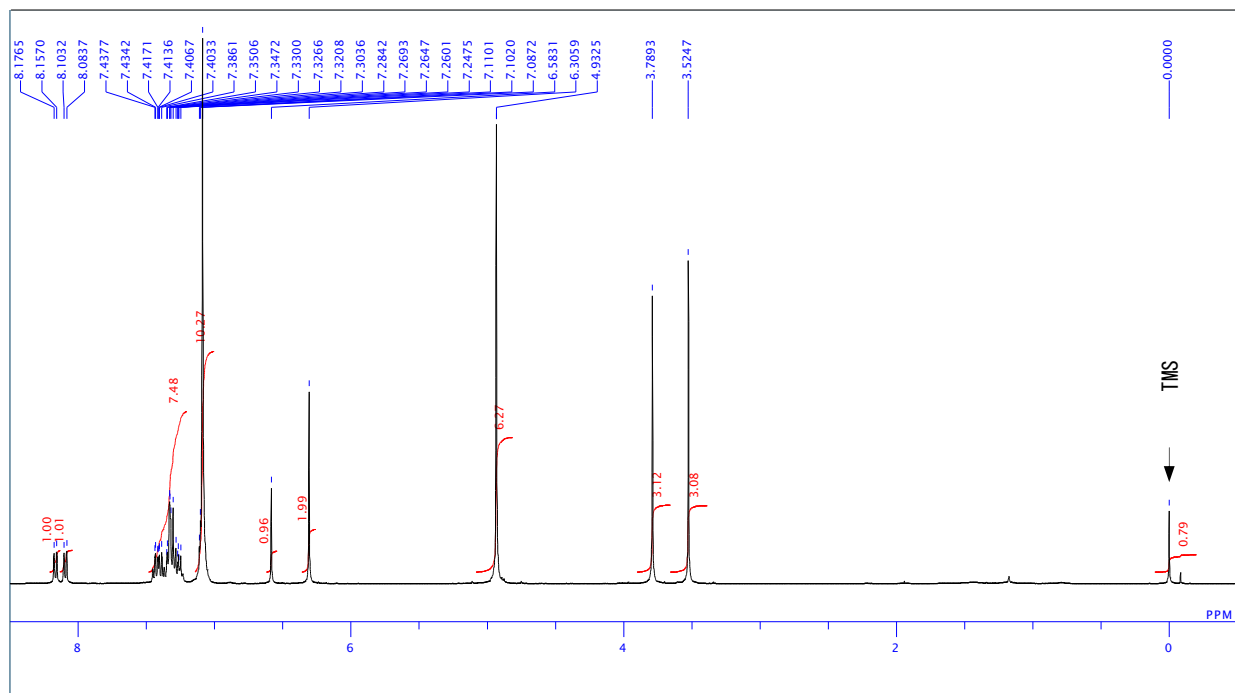
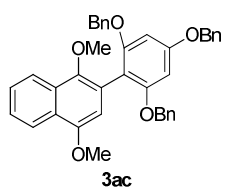
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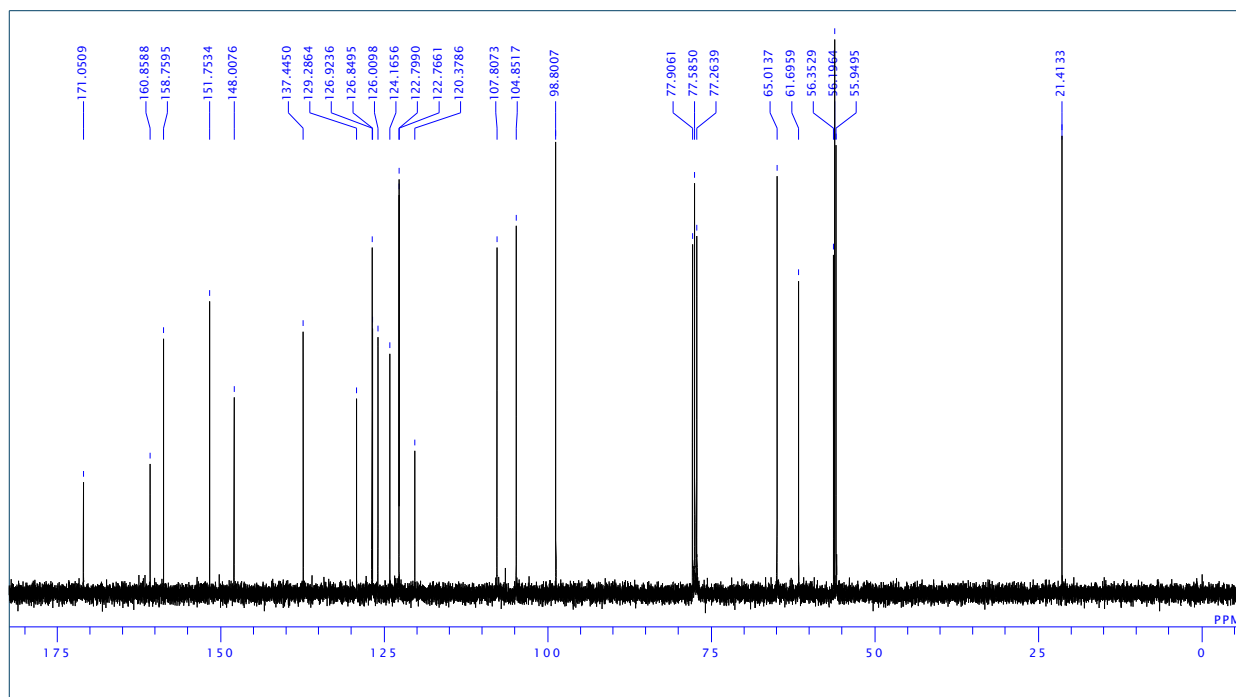
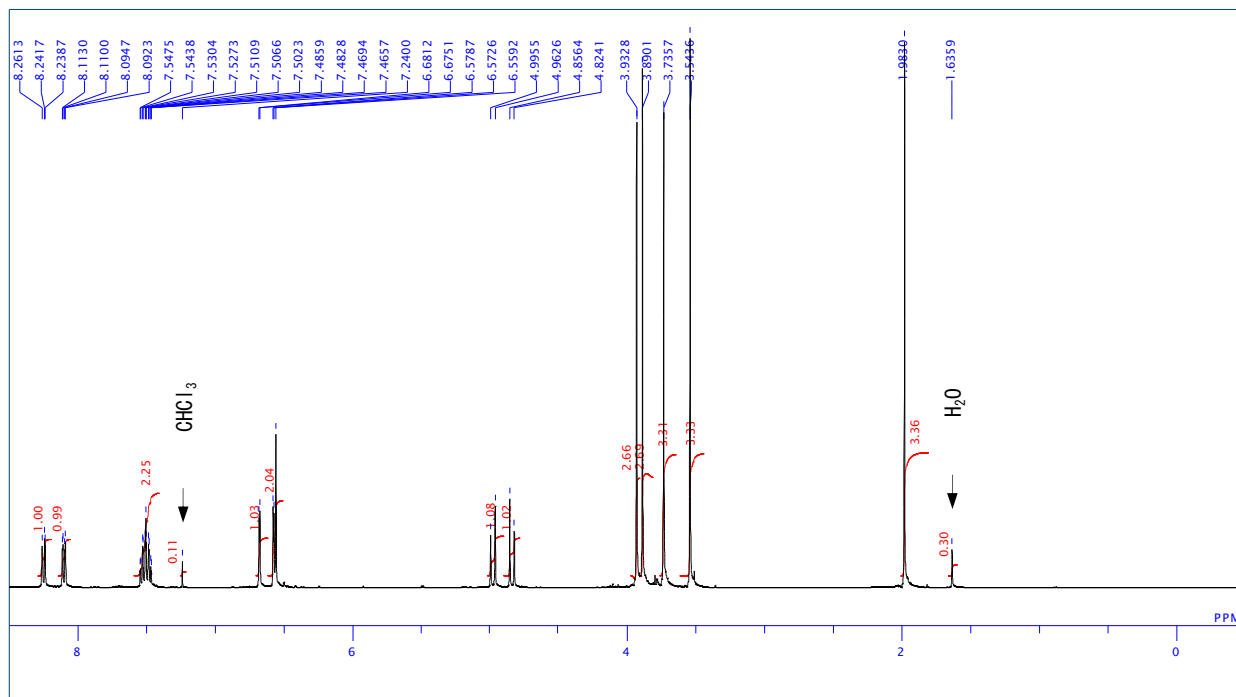
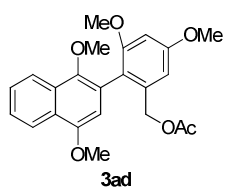
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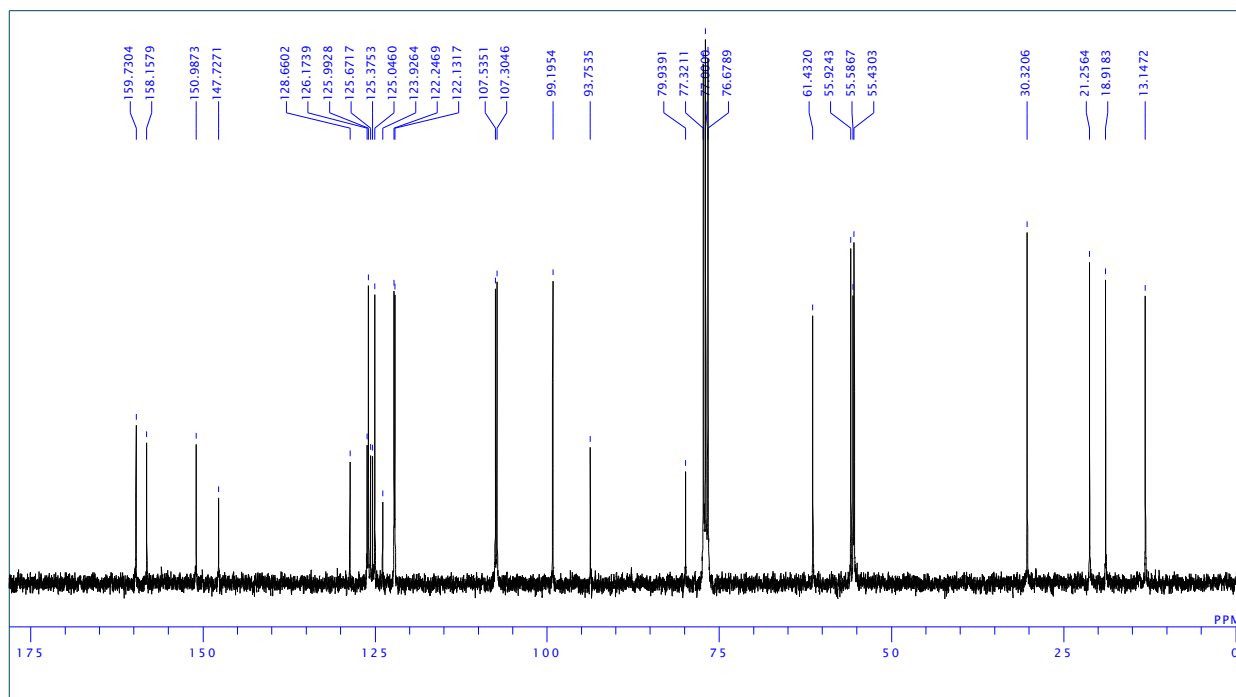
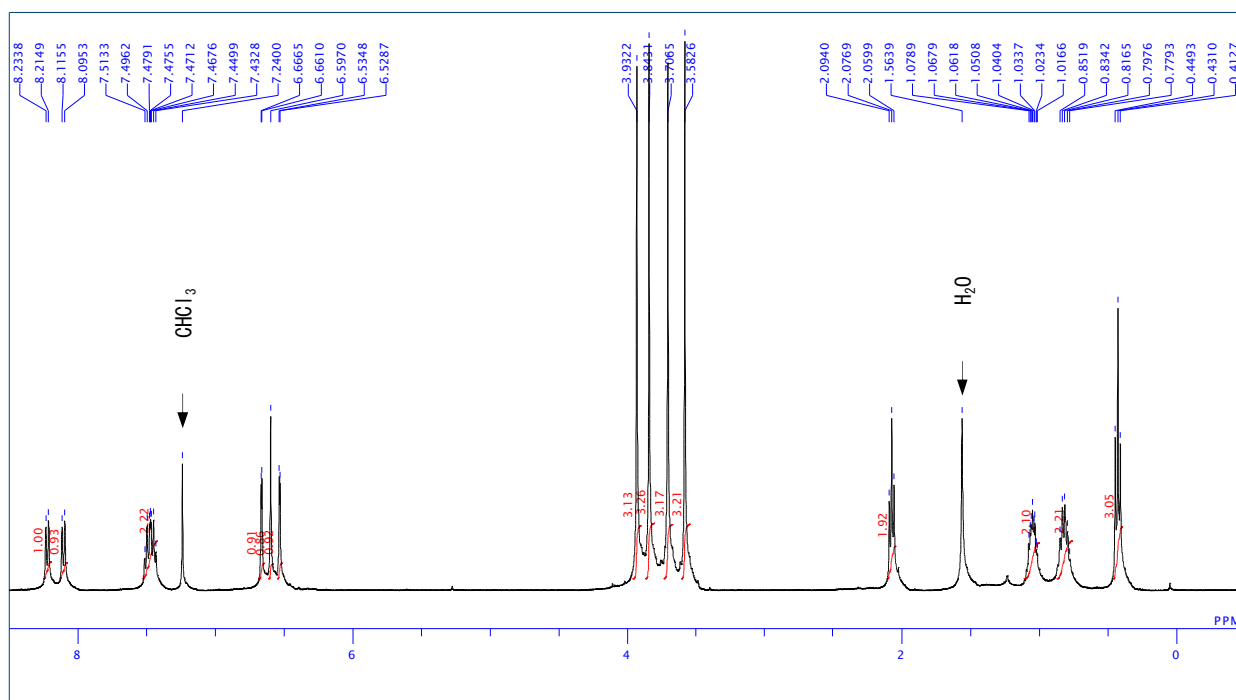
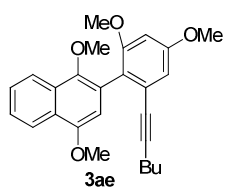
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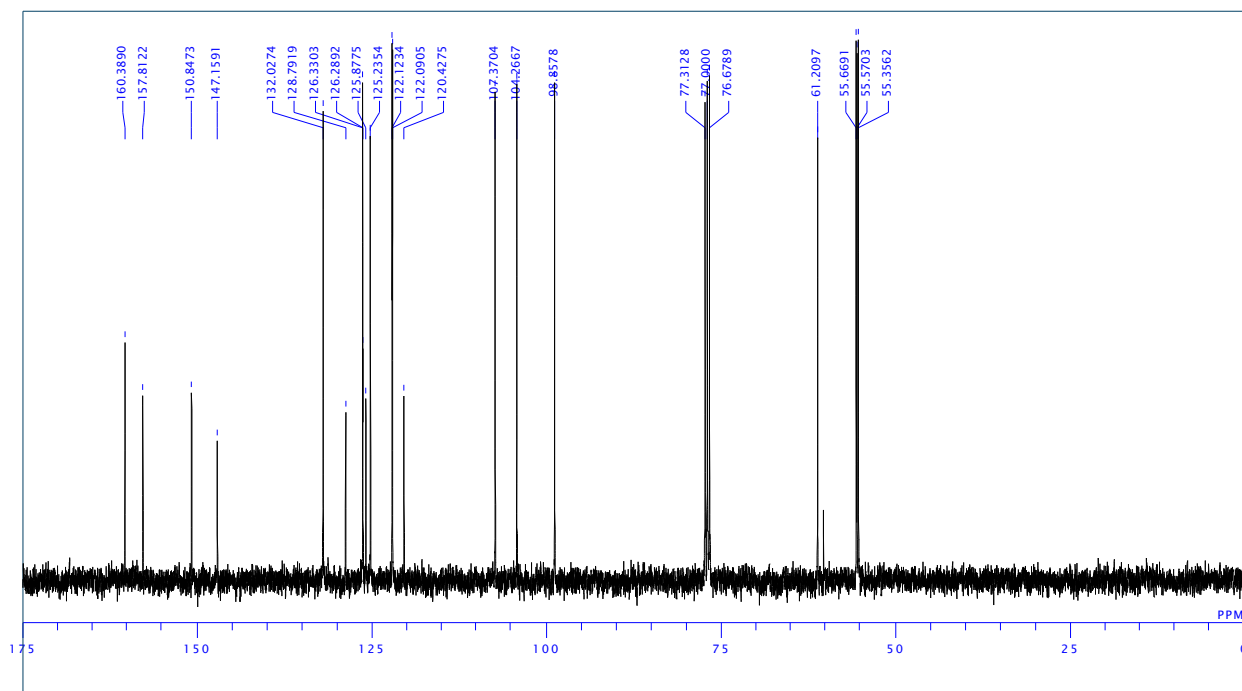
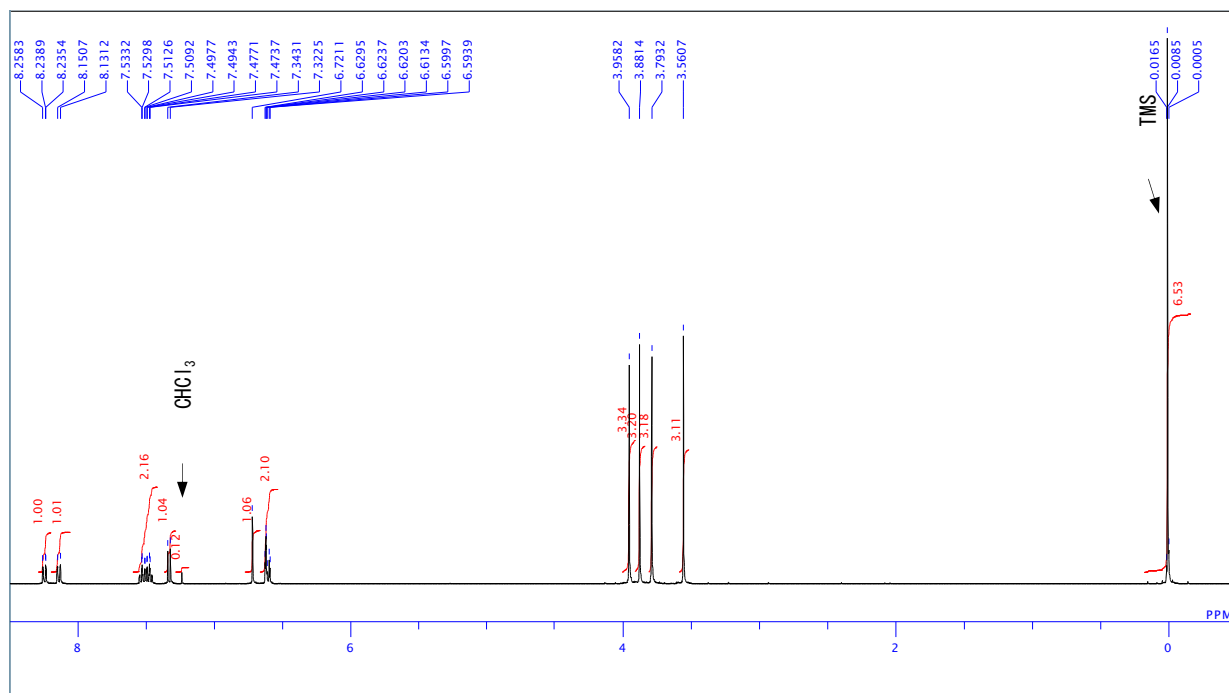
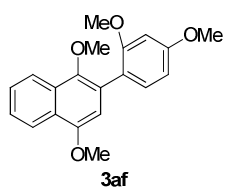


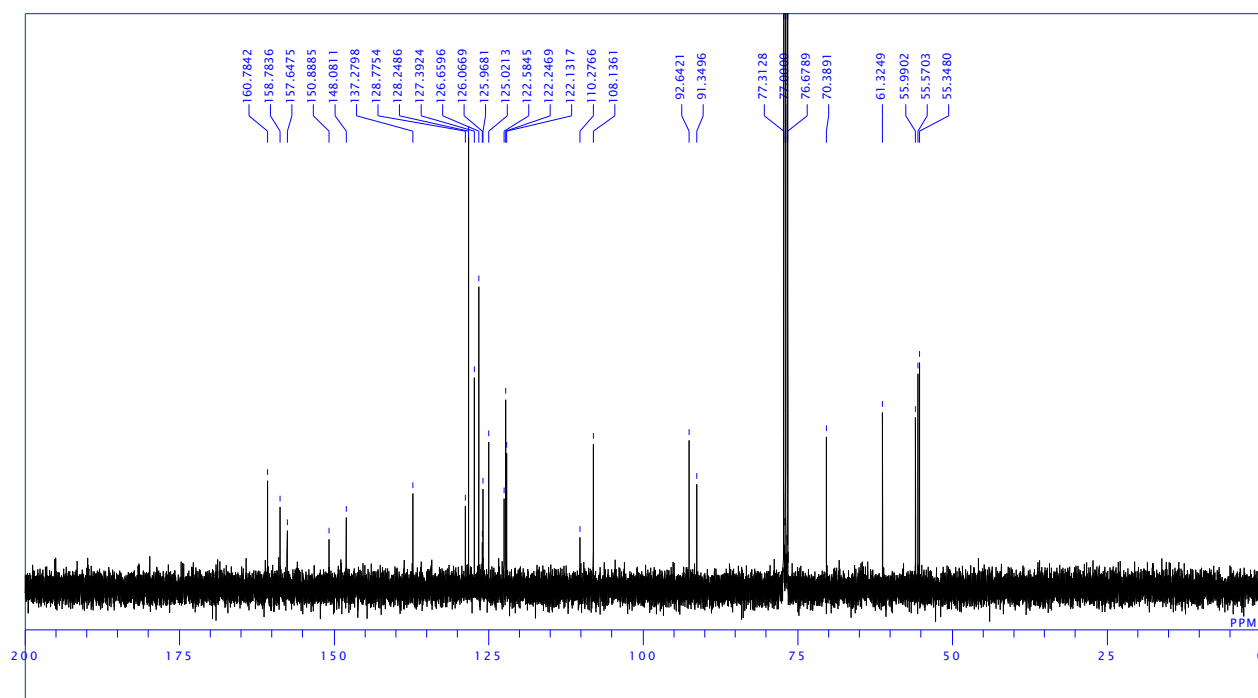
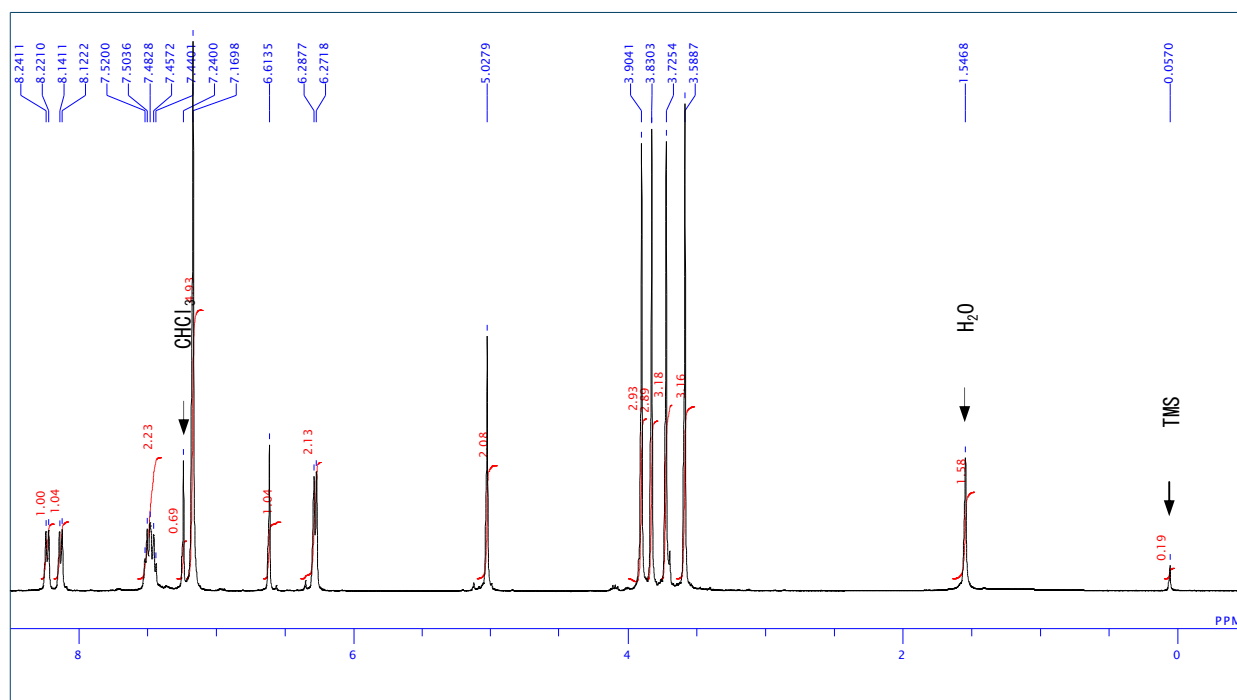
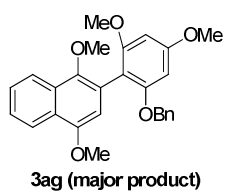


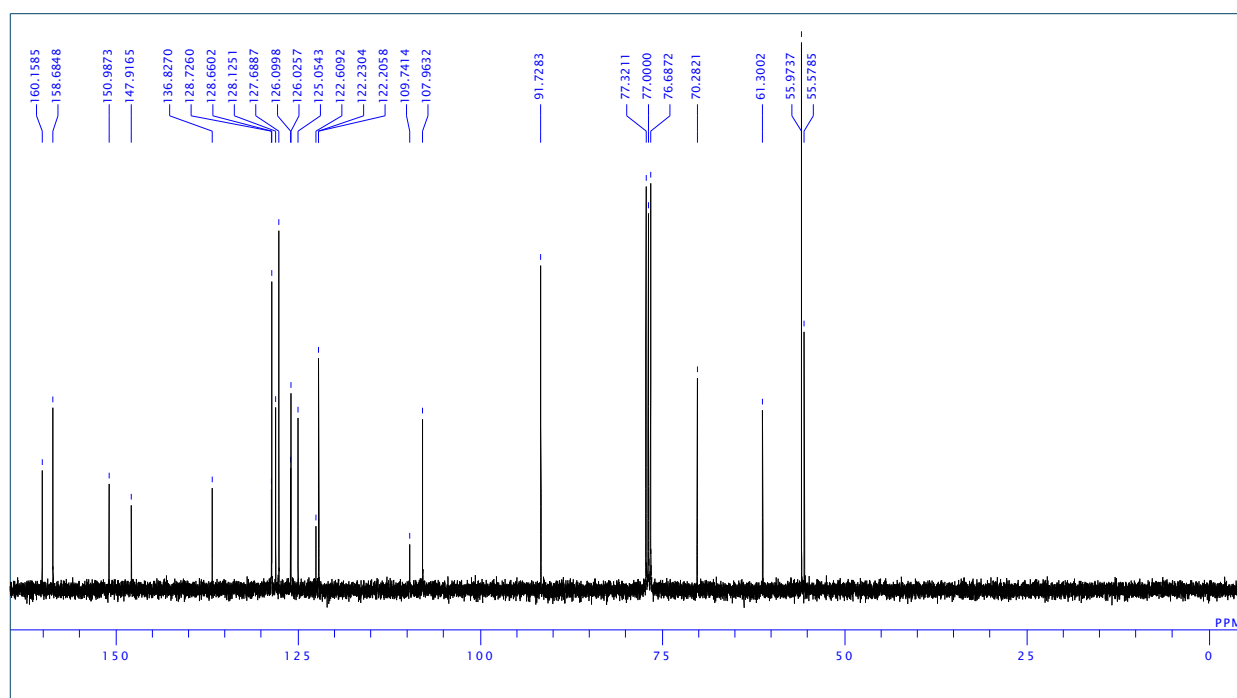
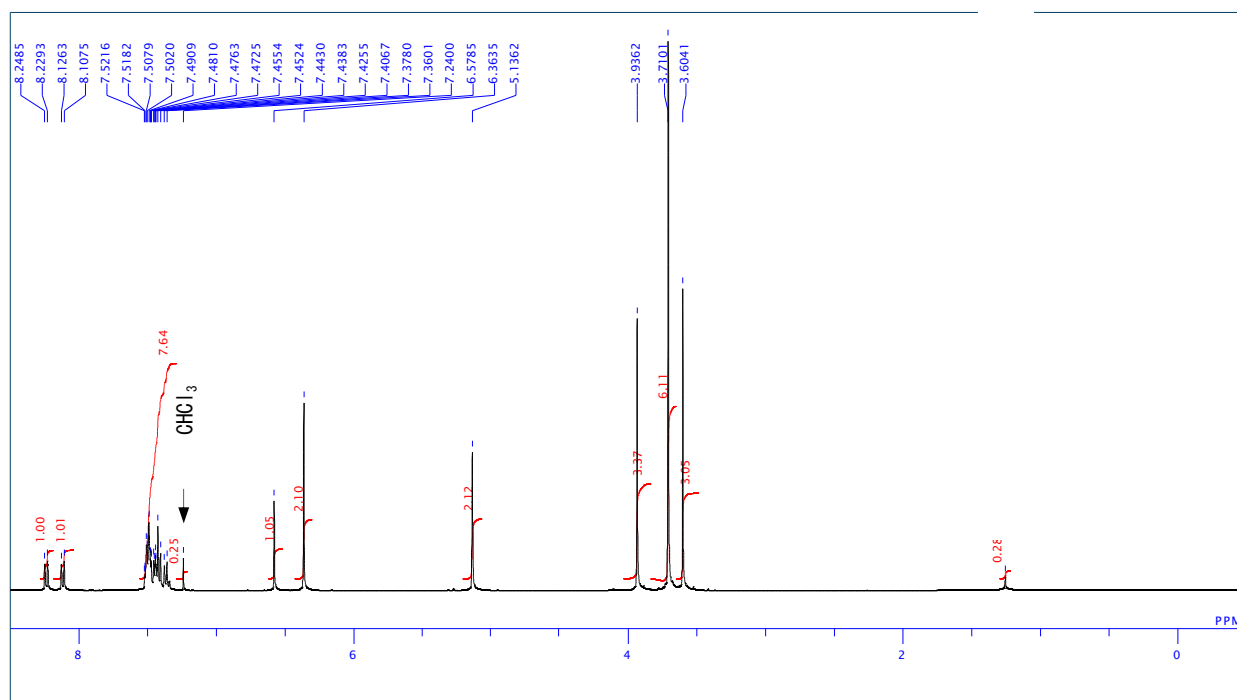
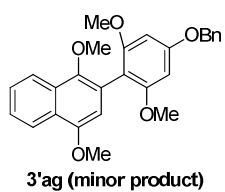


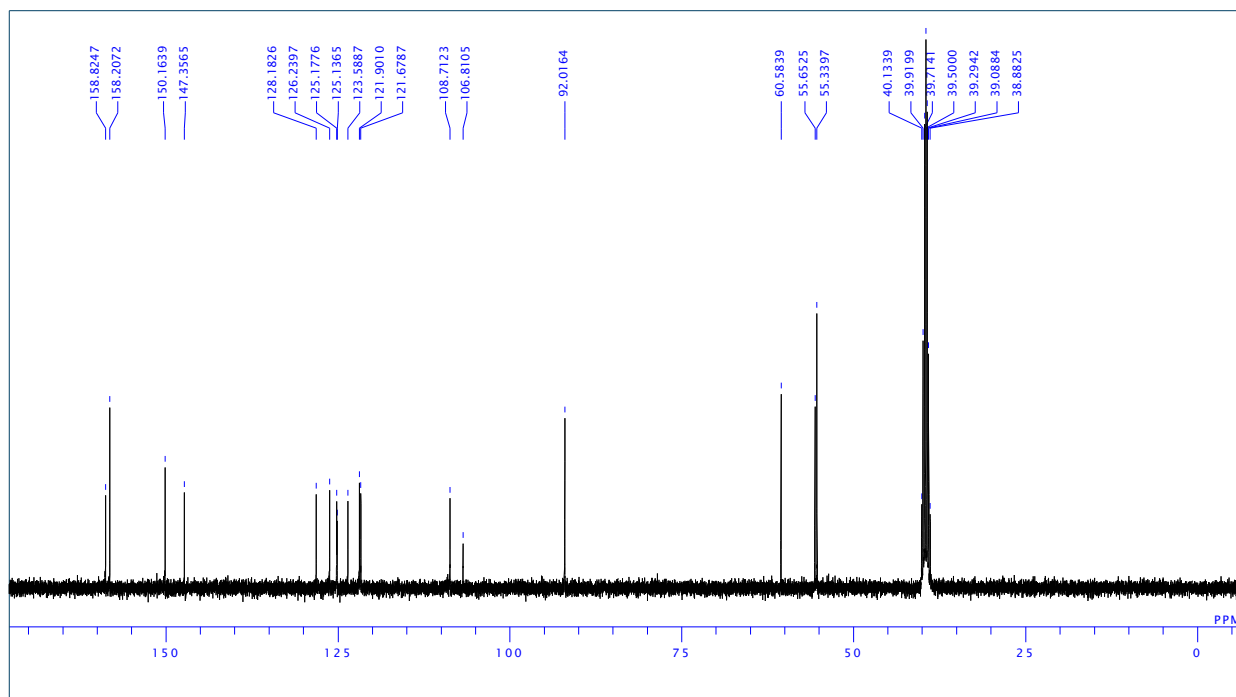
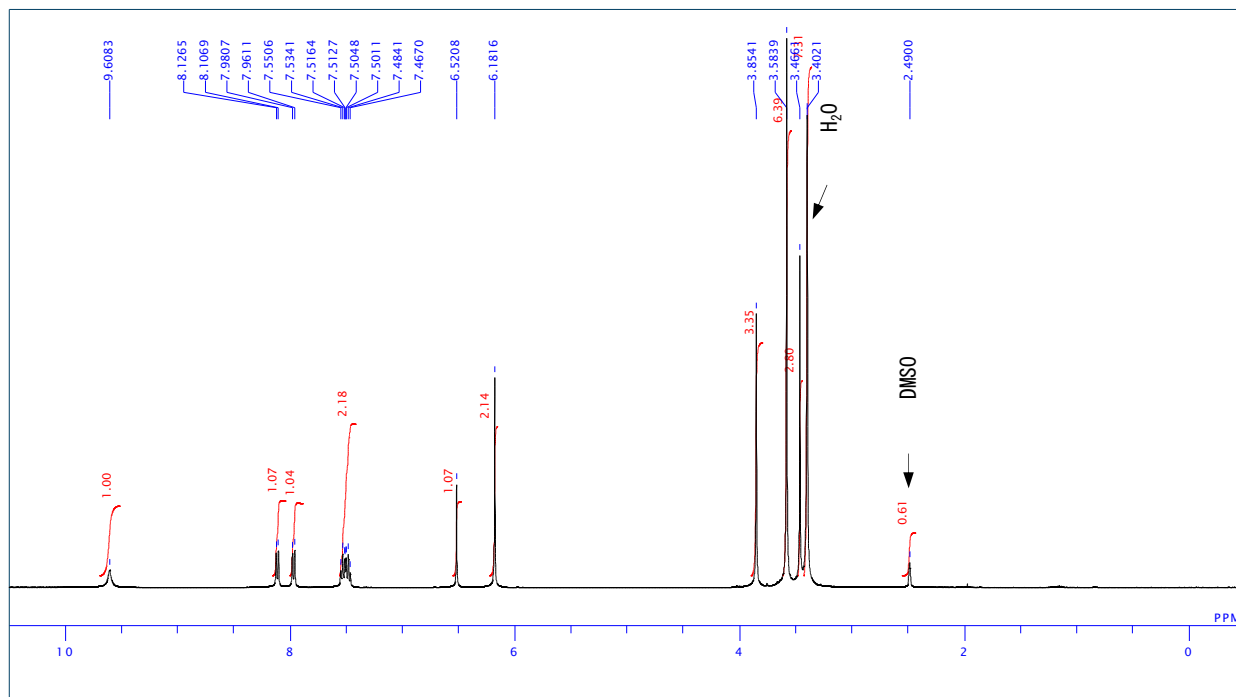
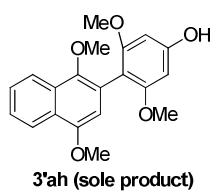


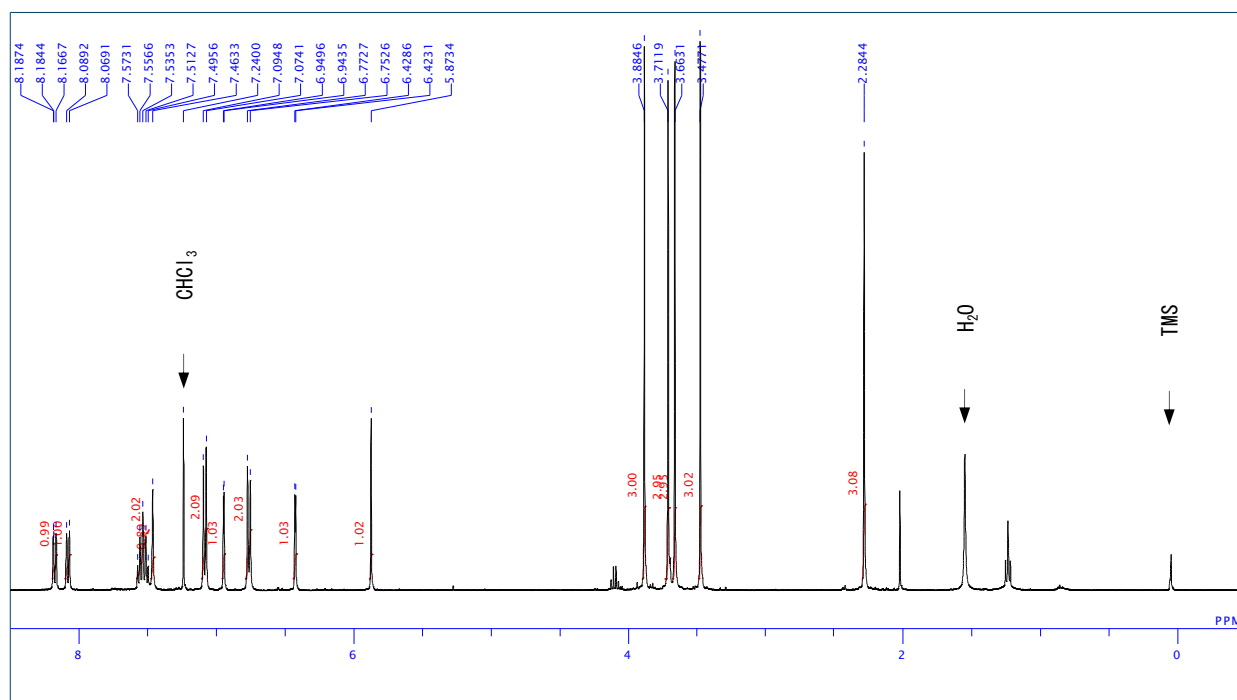
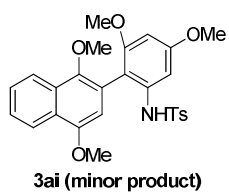


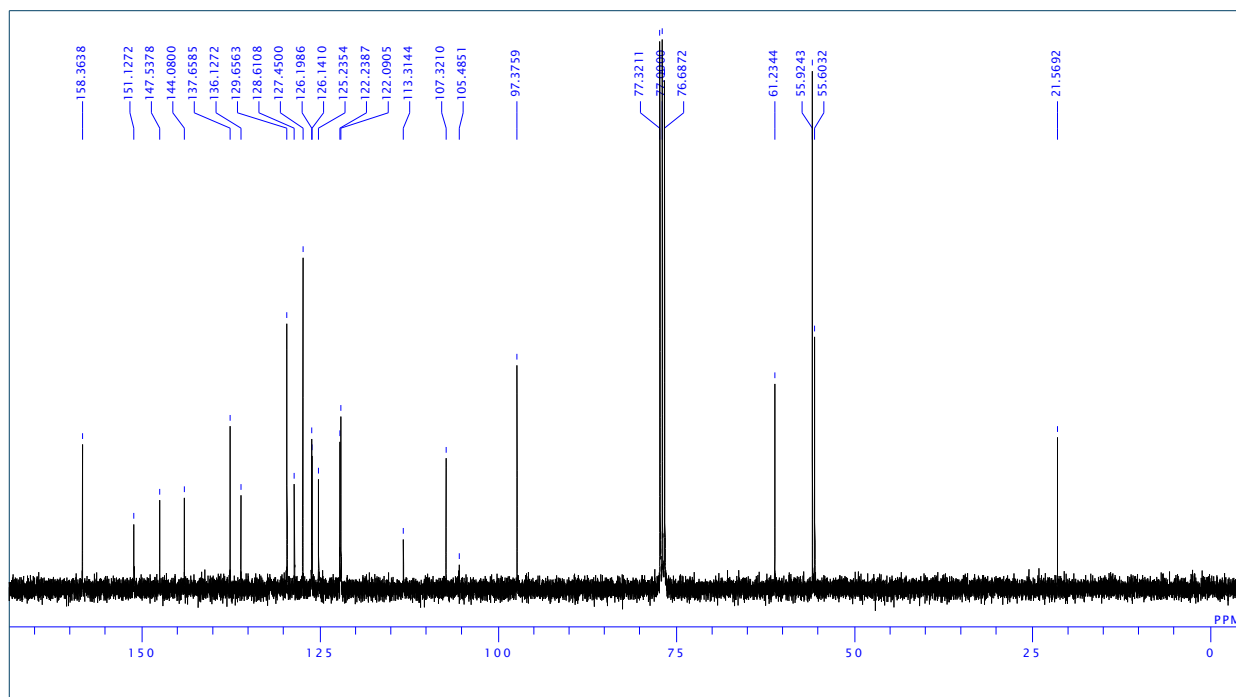
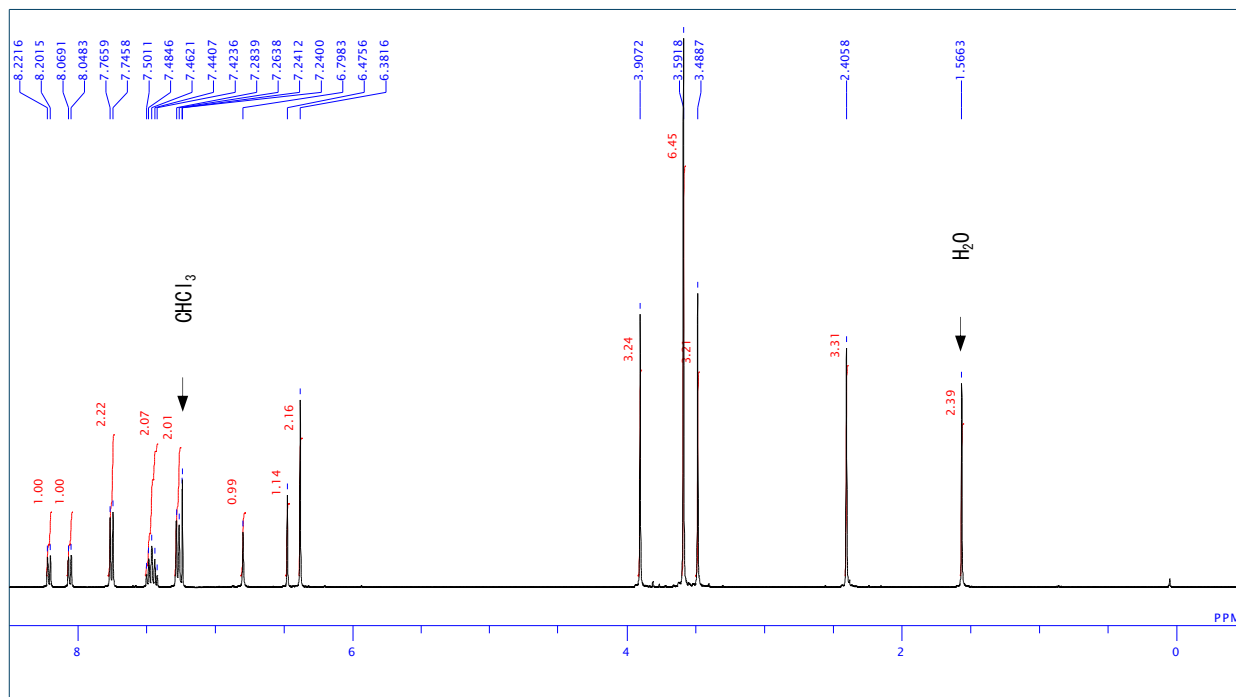
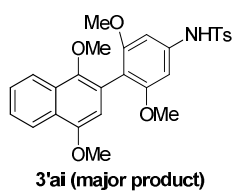


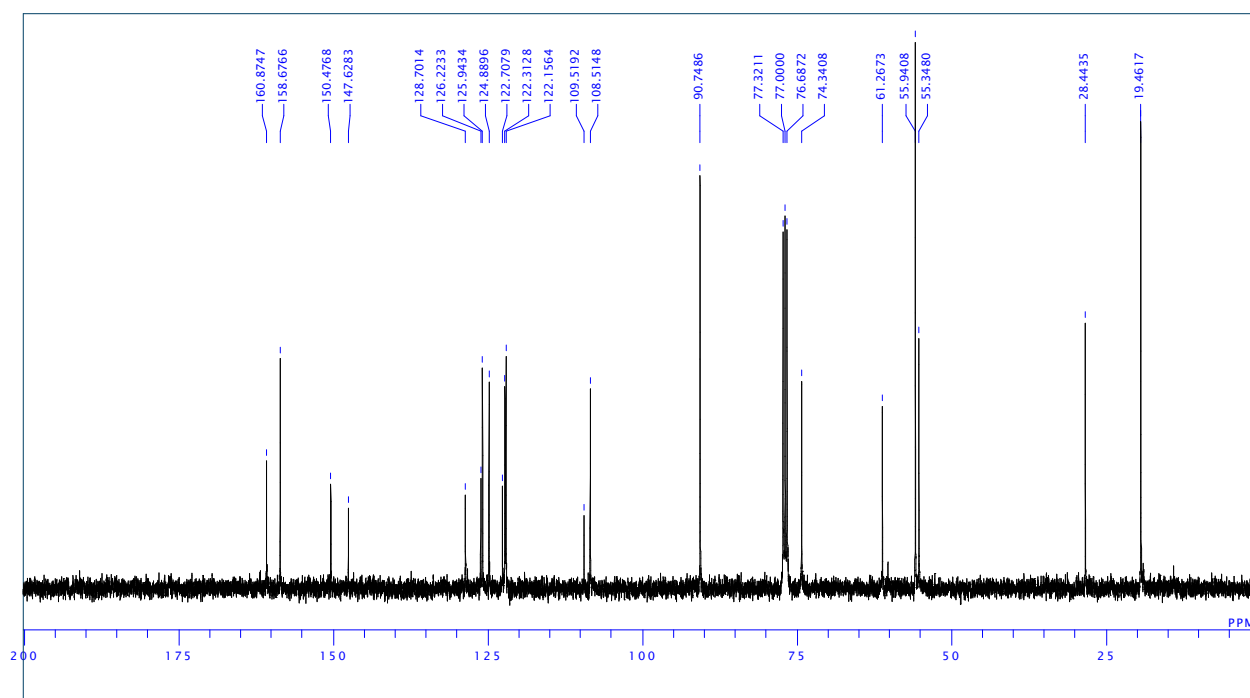
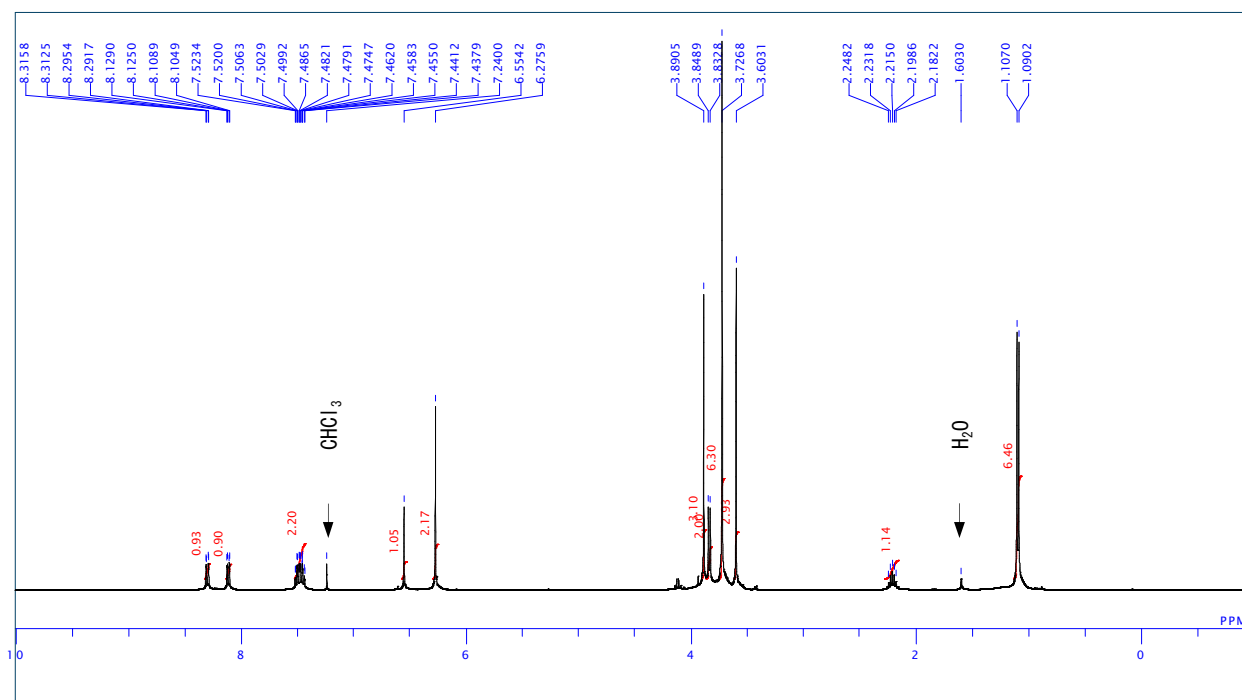
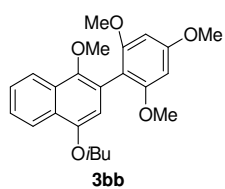


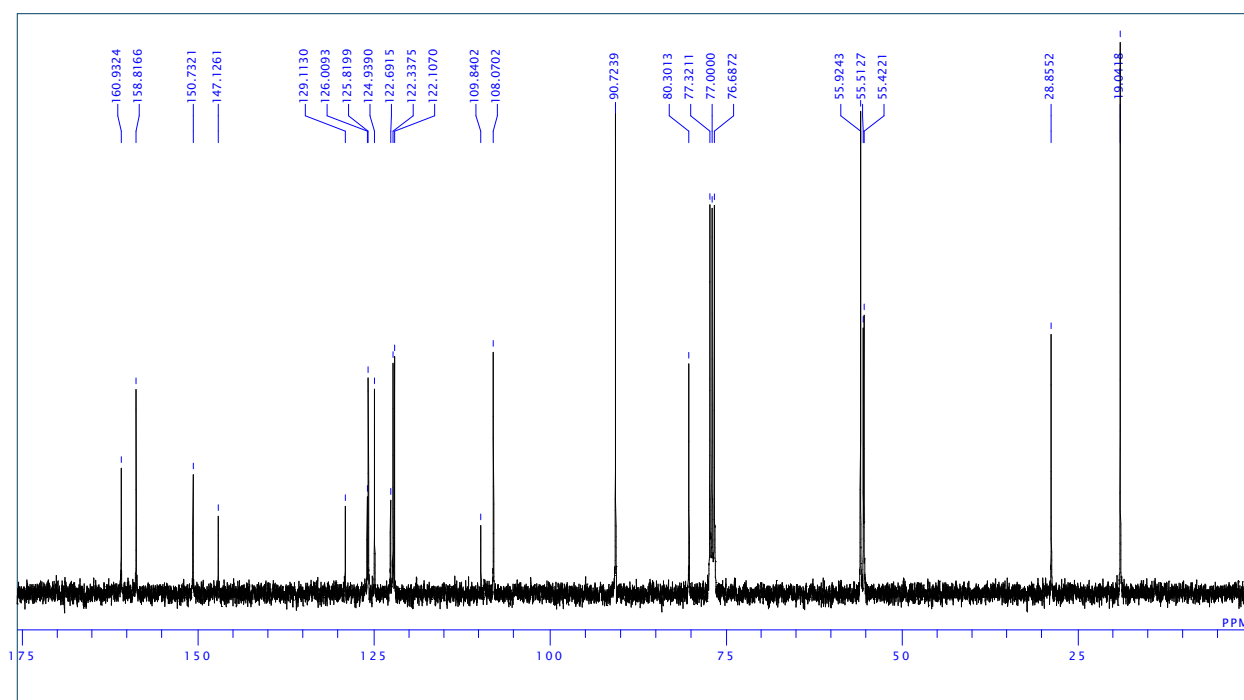
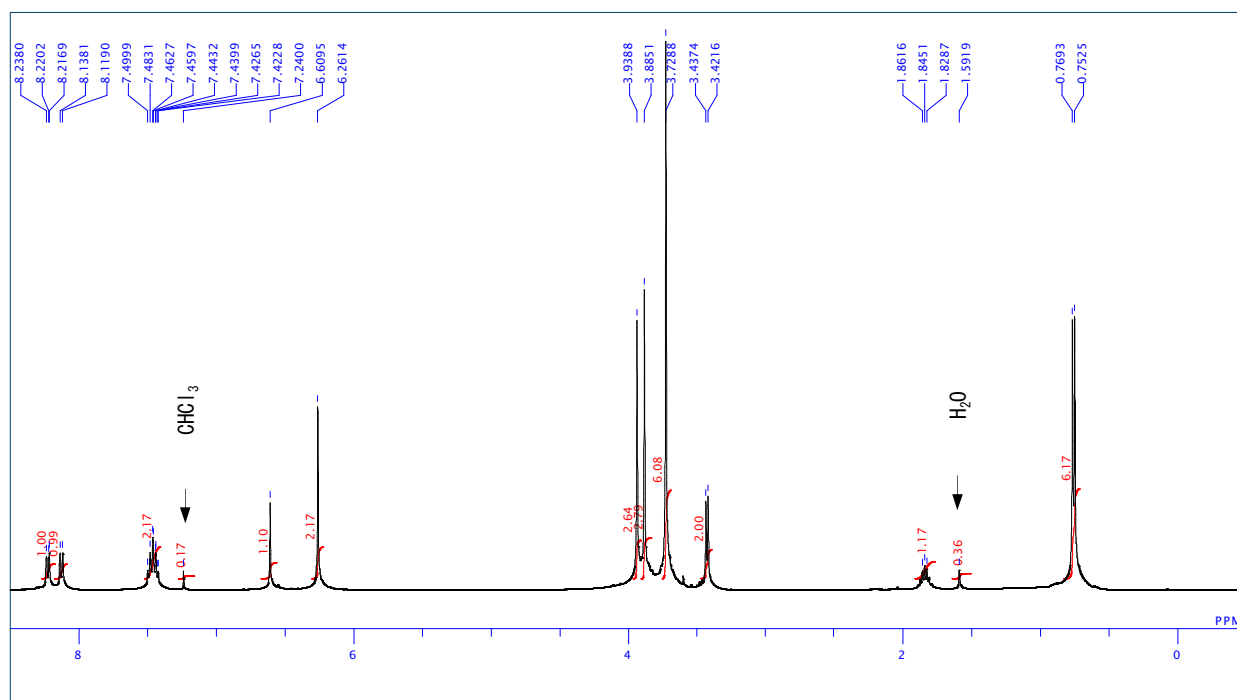
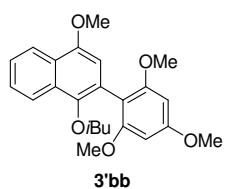


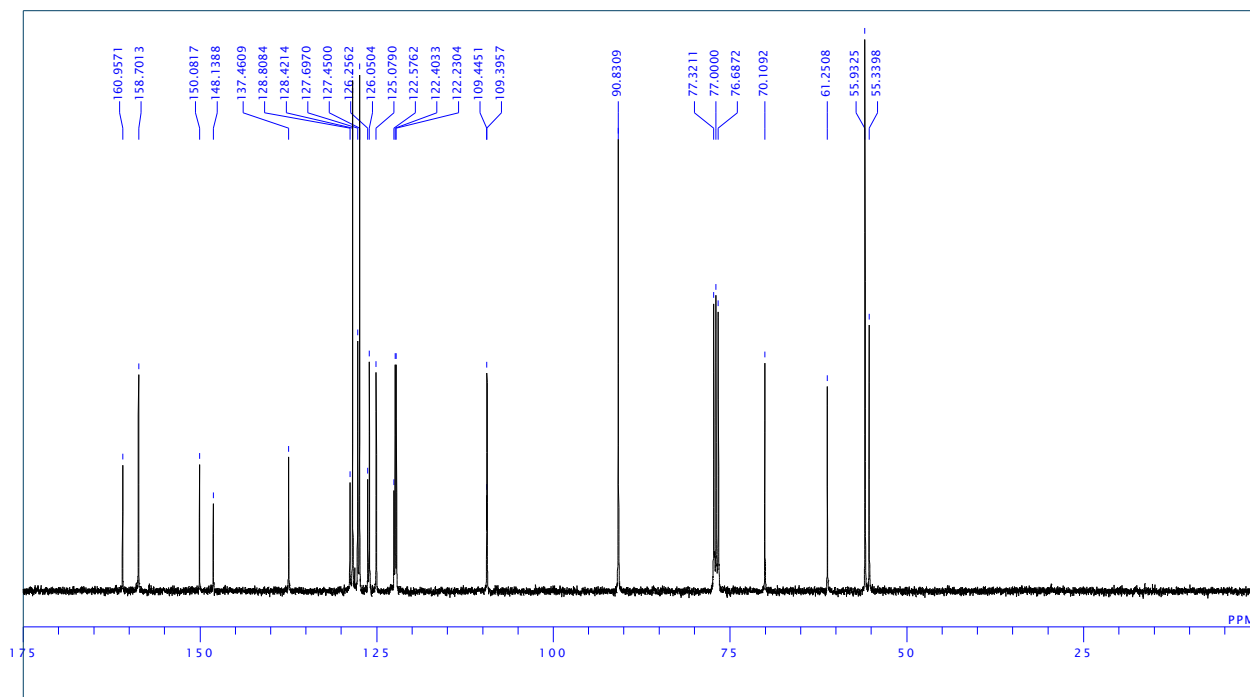
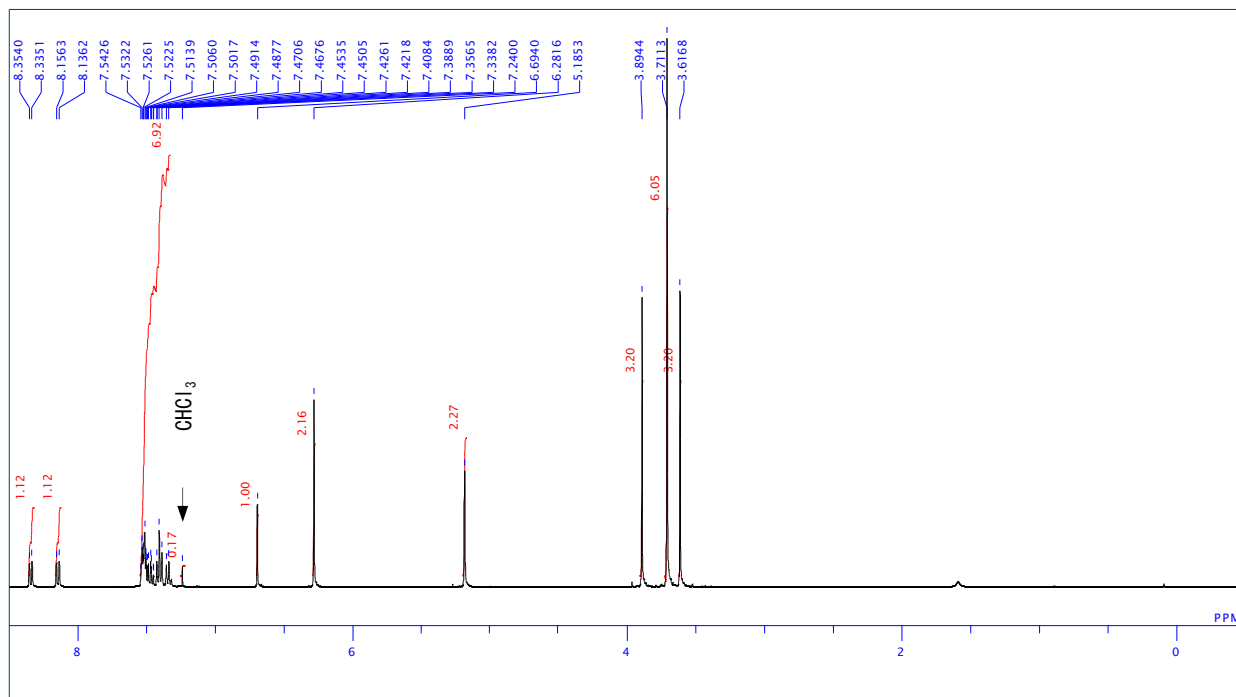
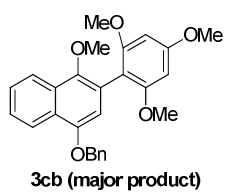


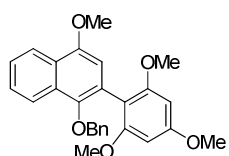




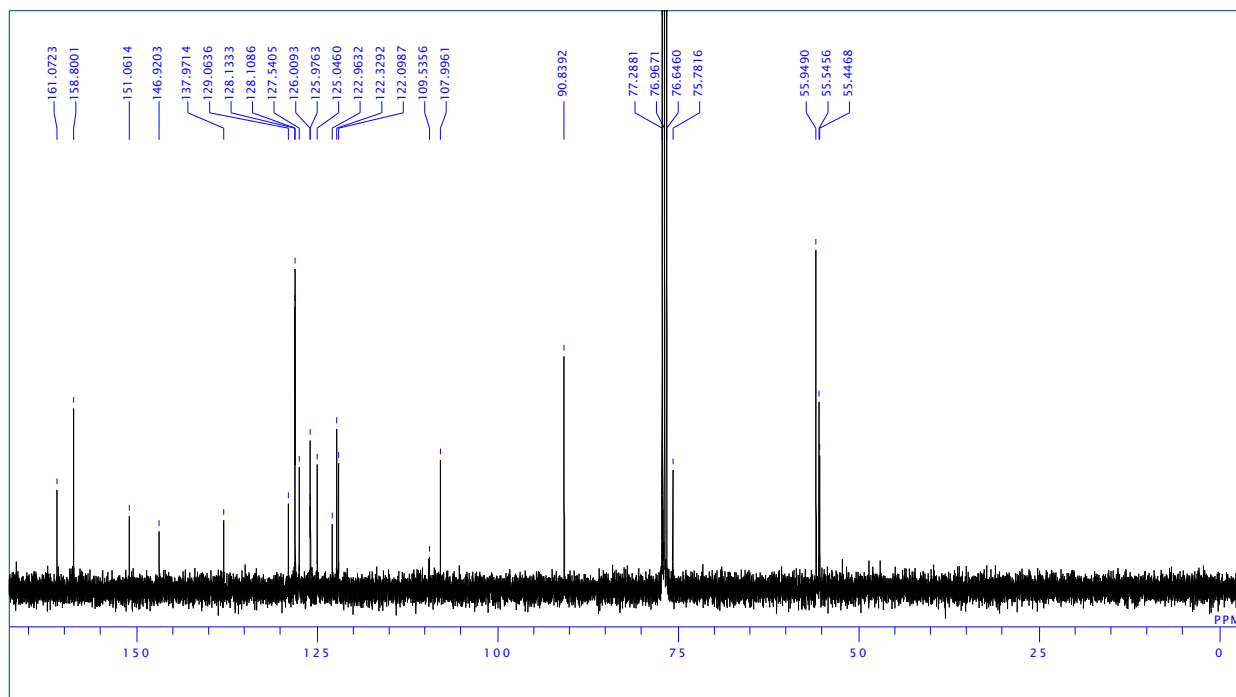
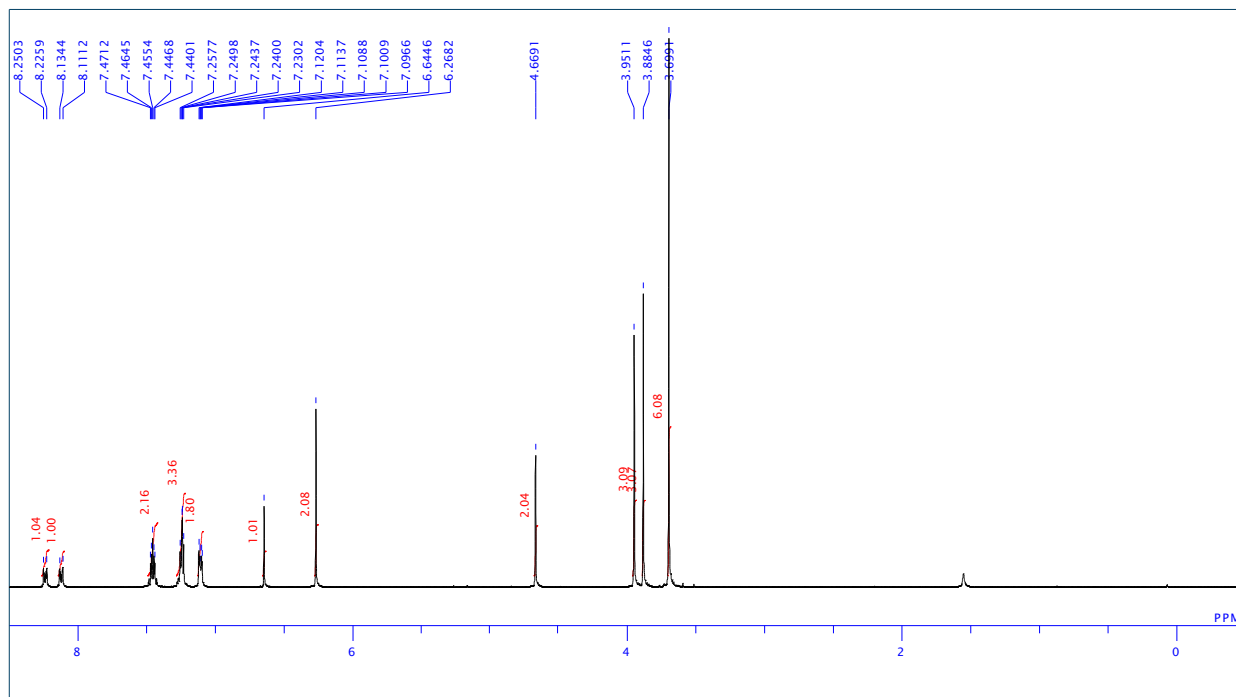


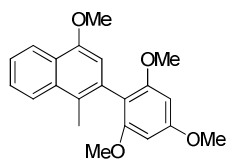




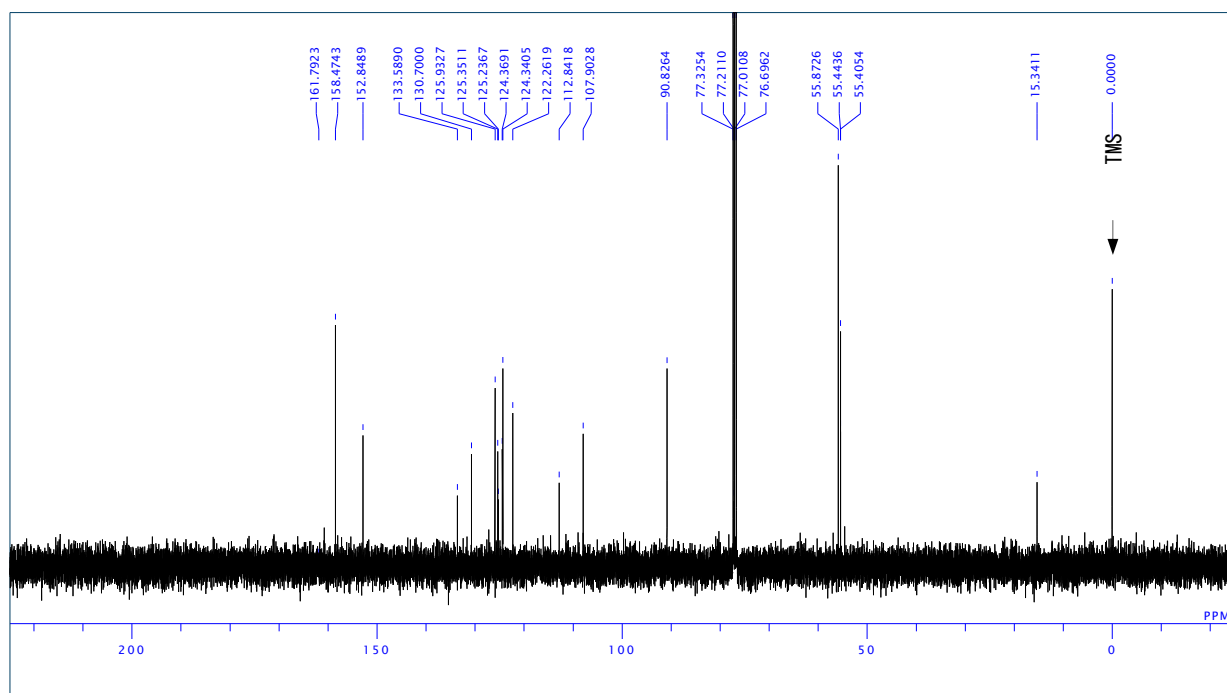
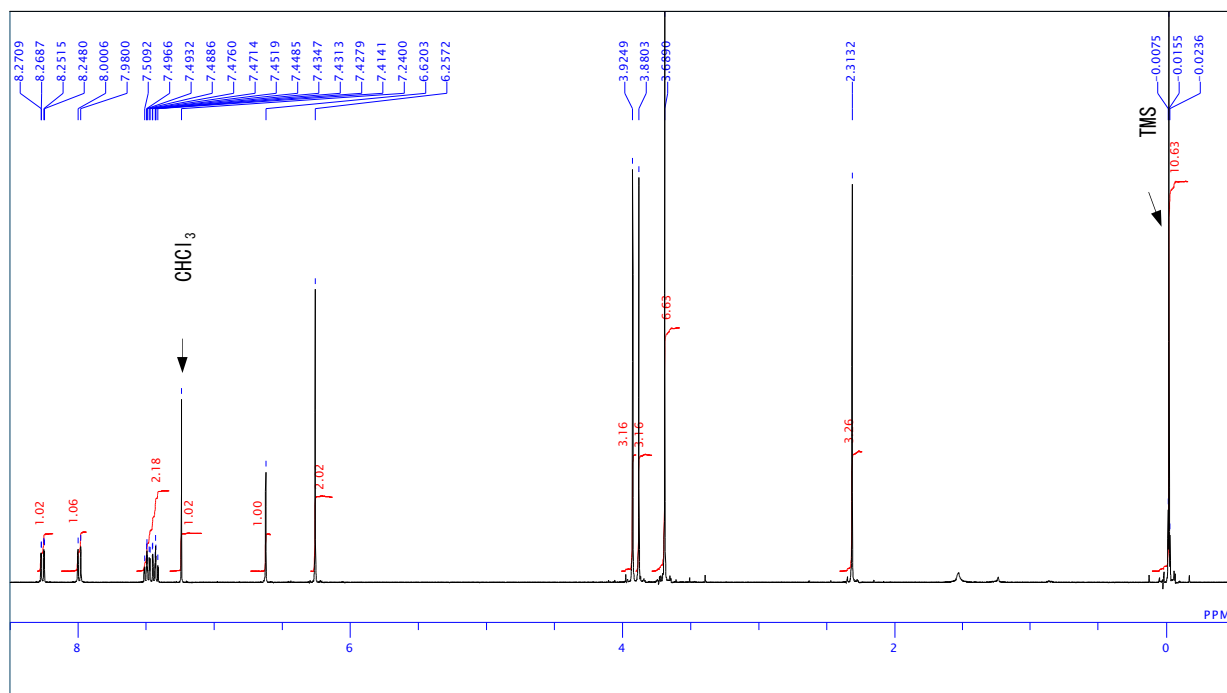


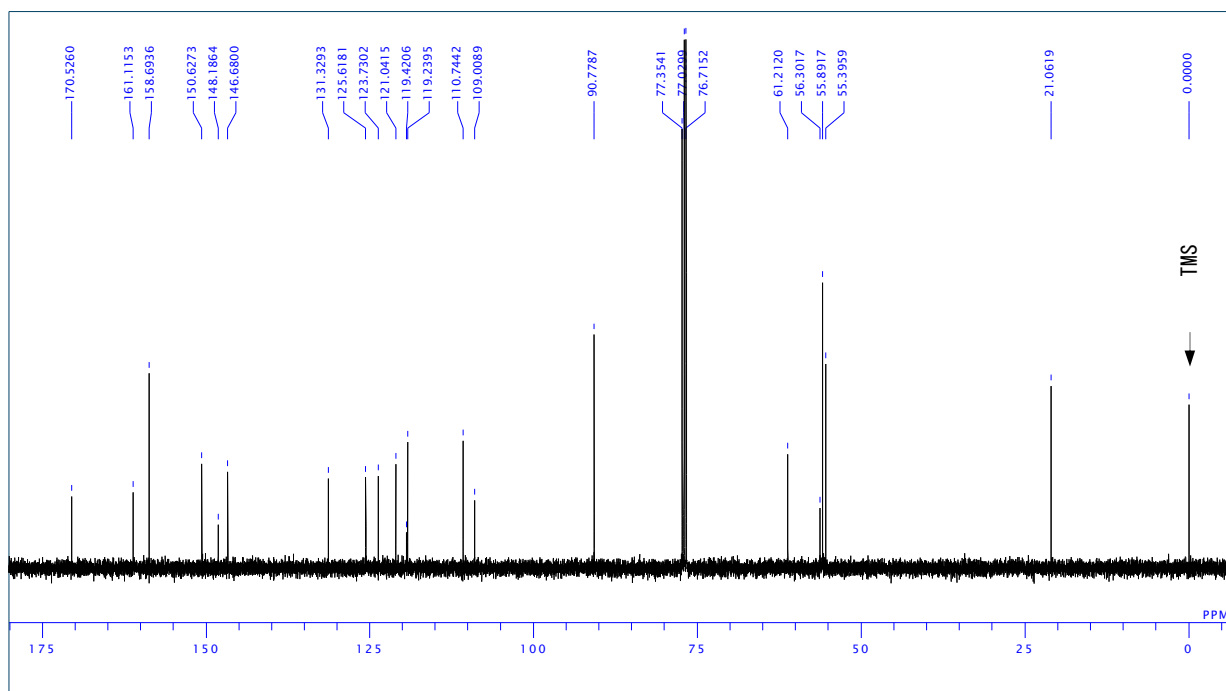
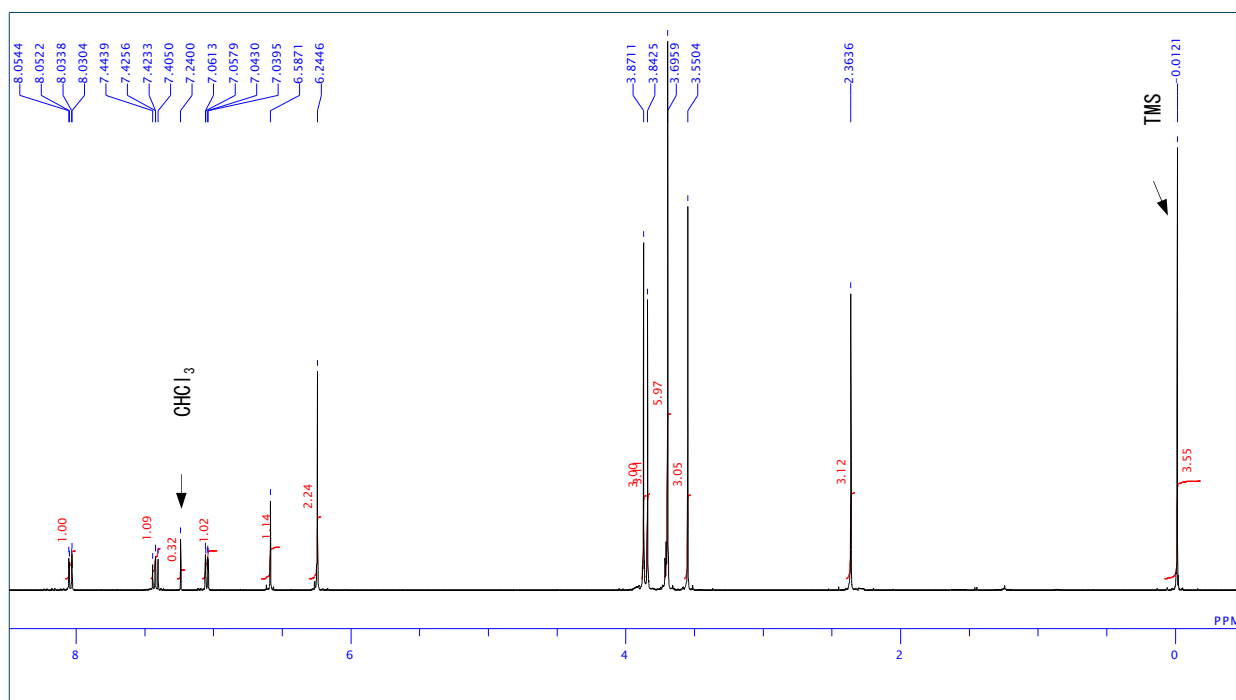
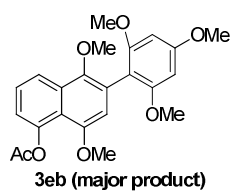
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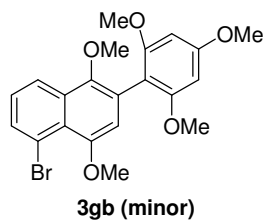
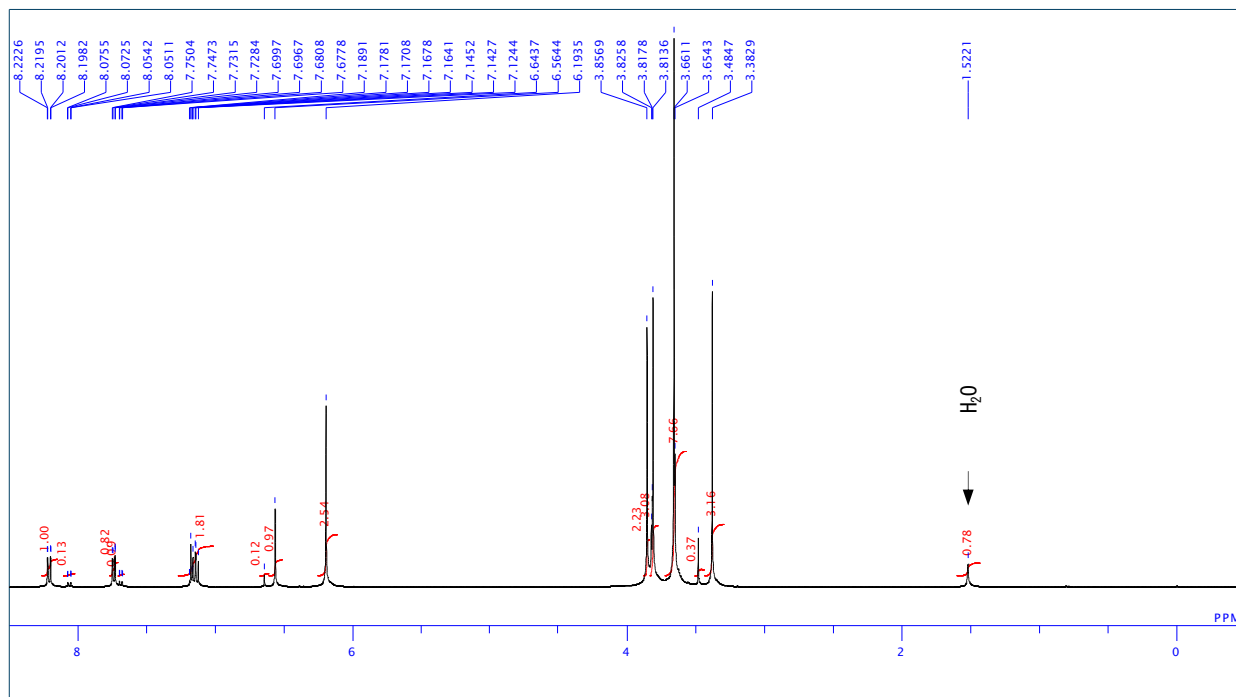
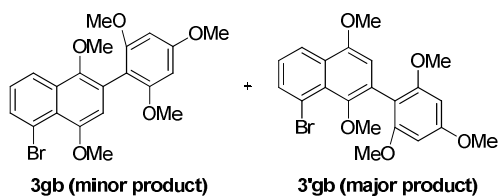


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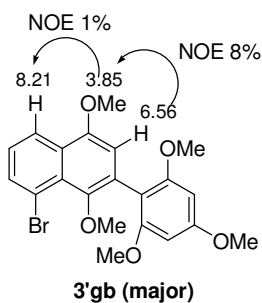








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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.86 (m, 12H), 6.19 (s, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm.

