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Supplemental Figures

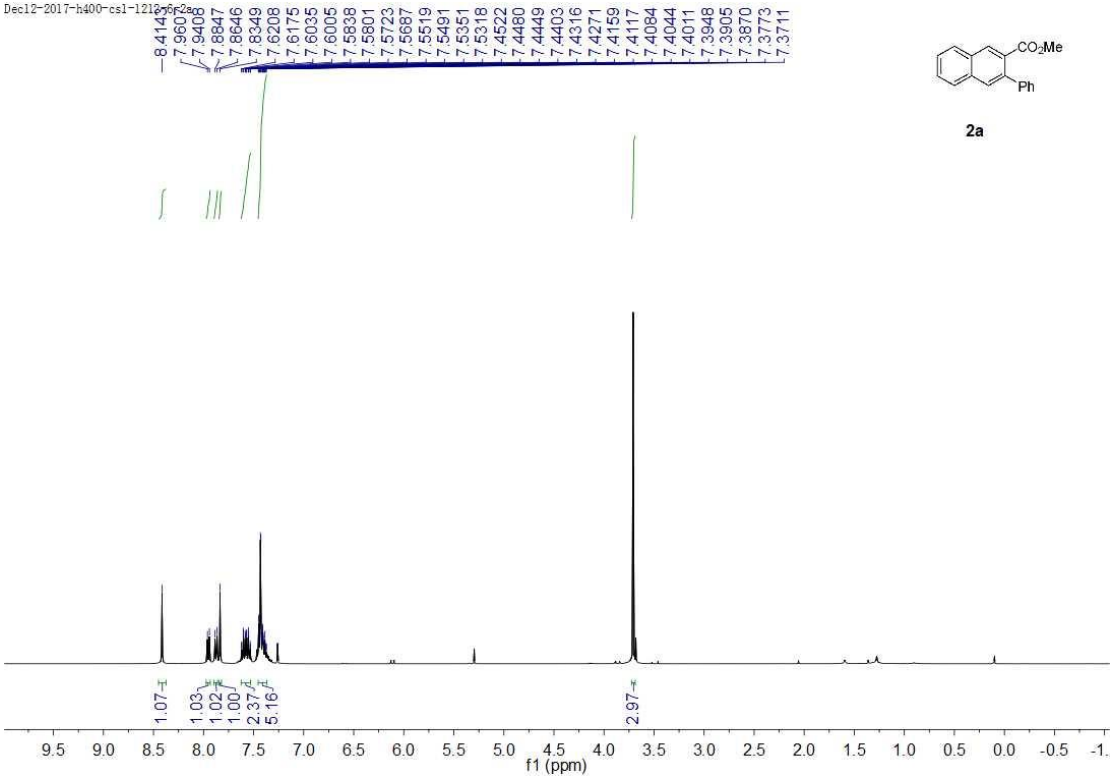
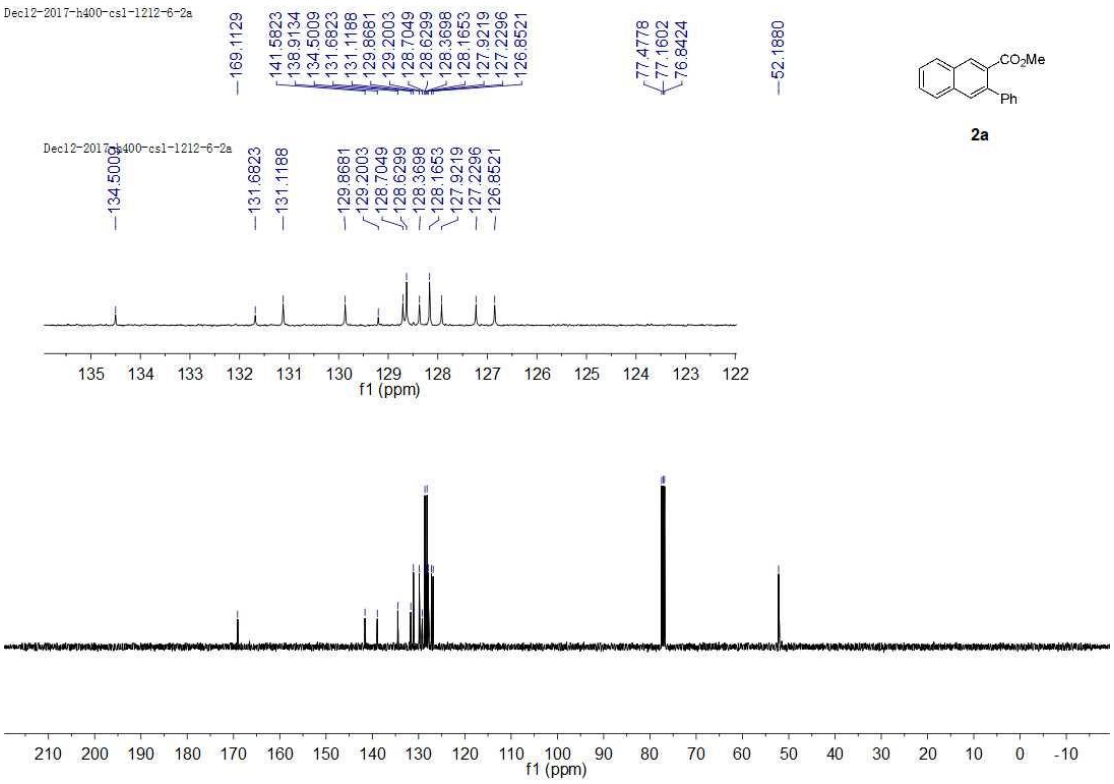


Figure S1. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **2a** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Table 1** and **Scheme 1**.



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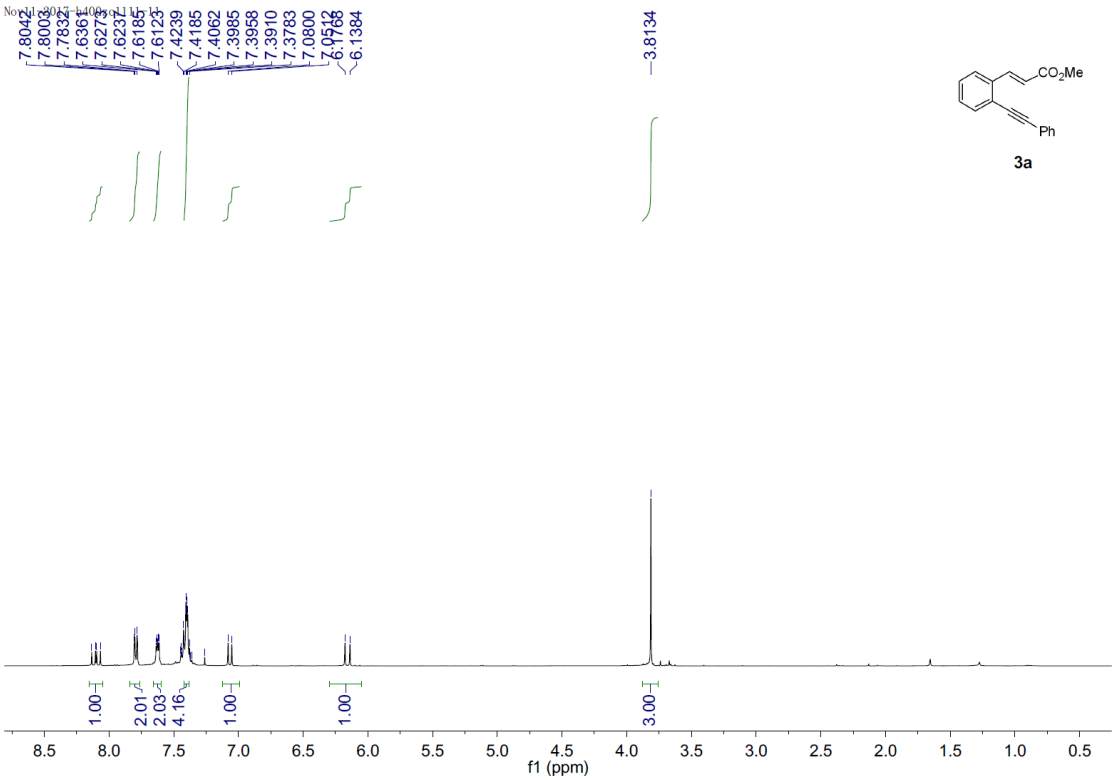

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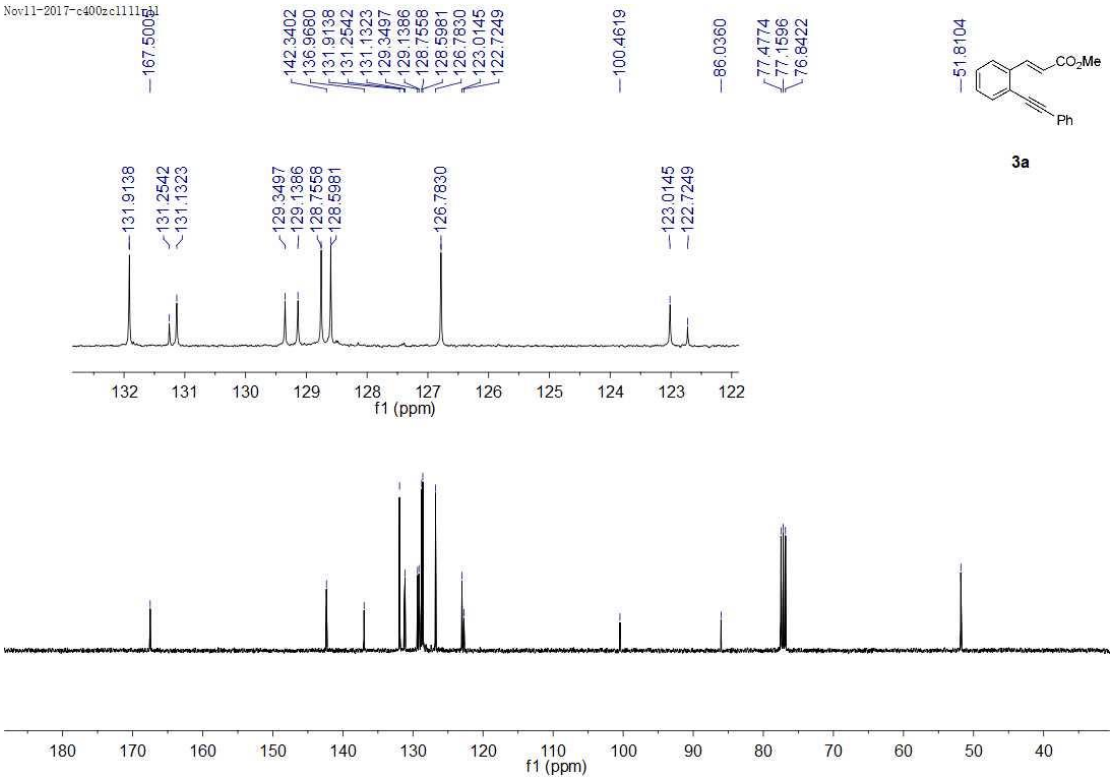

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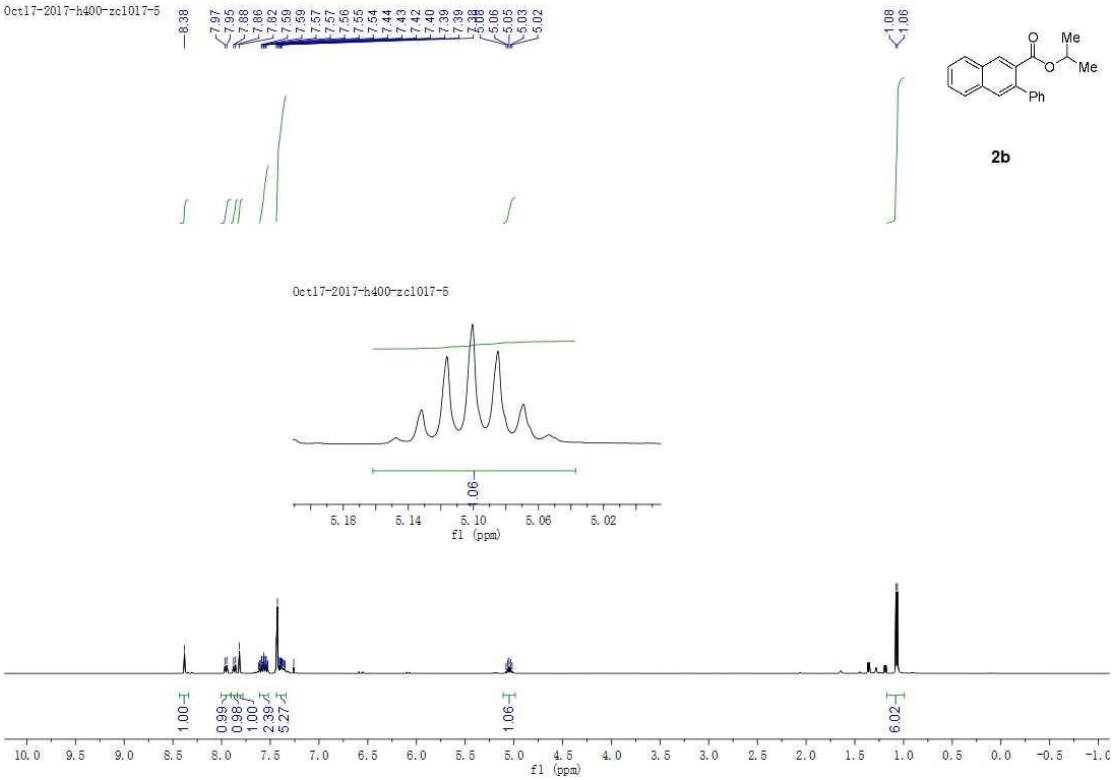

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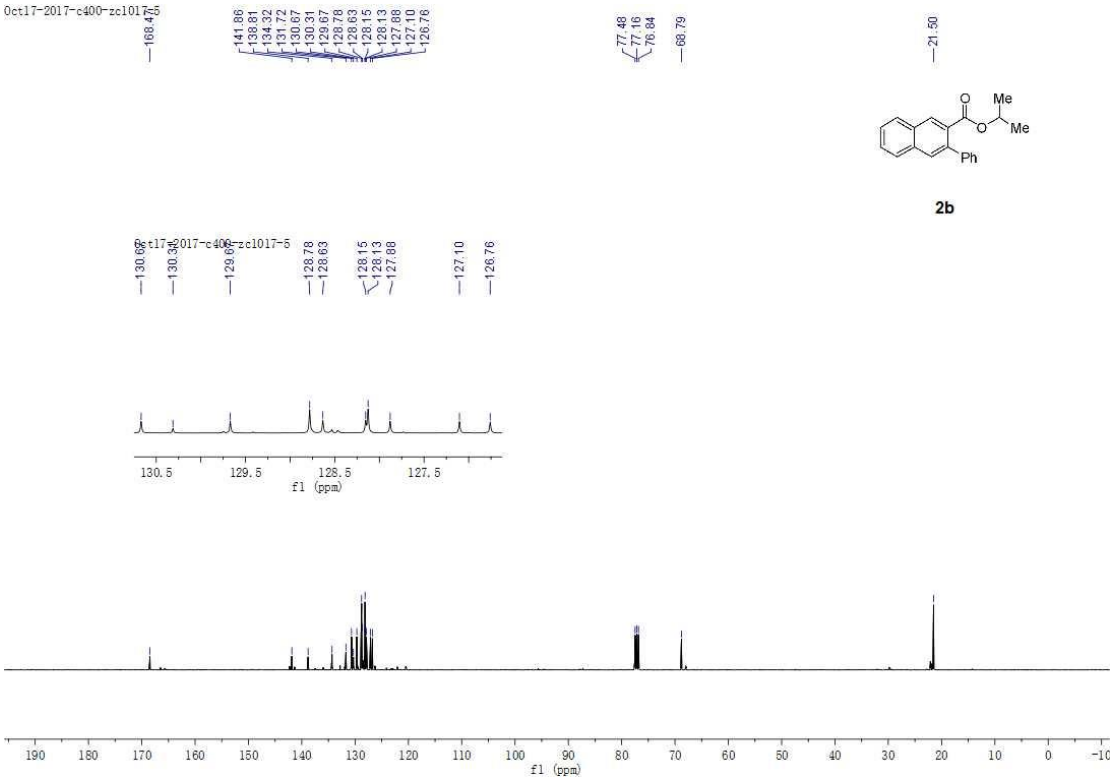

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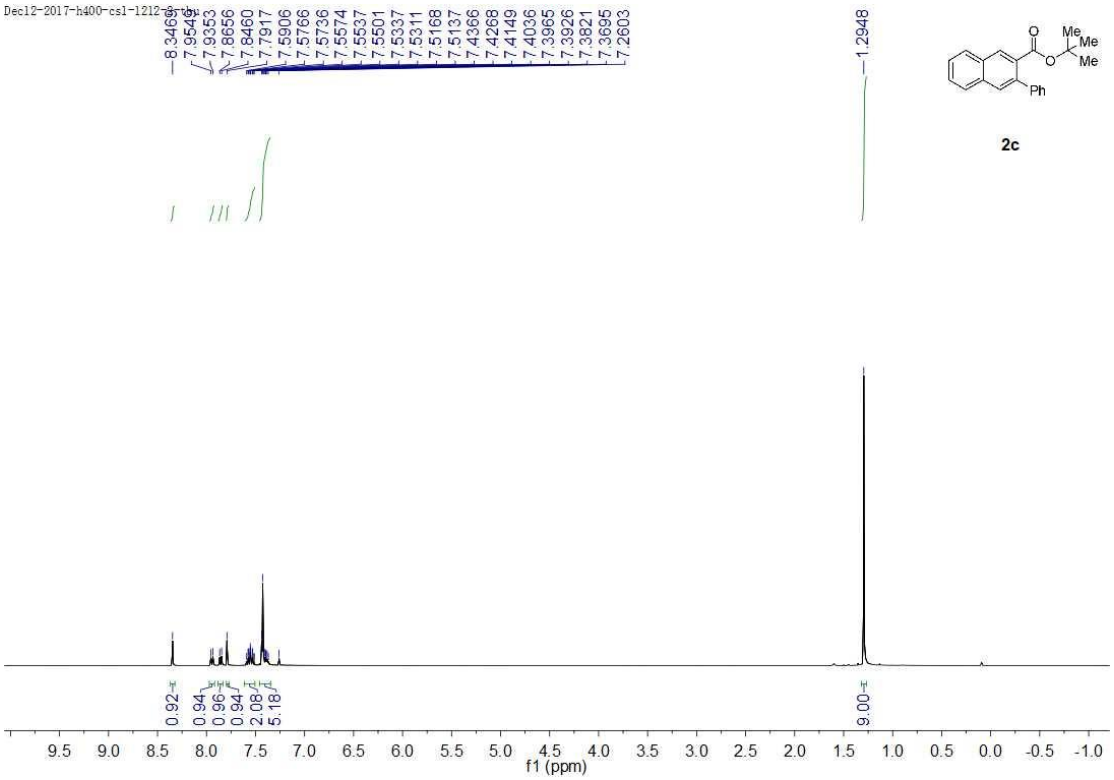

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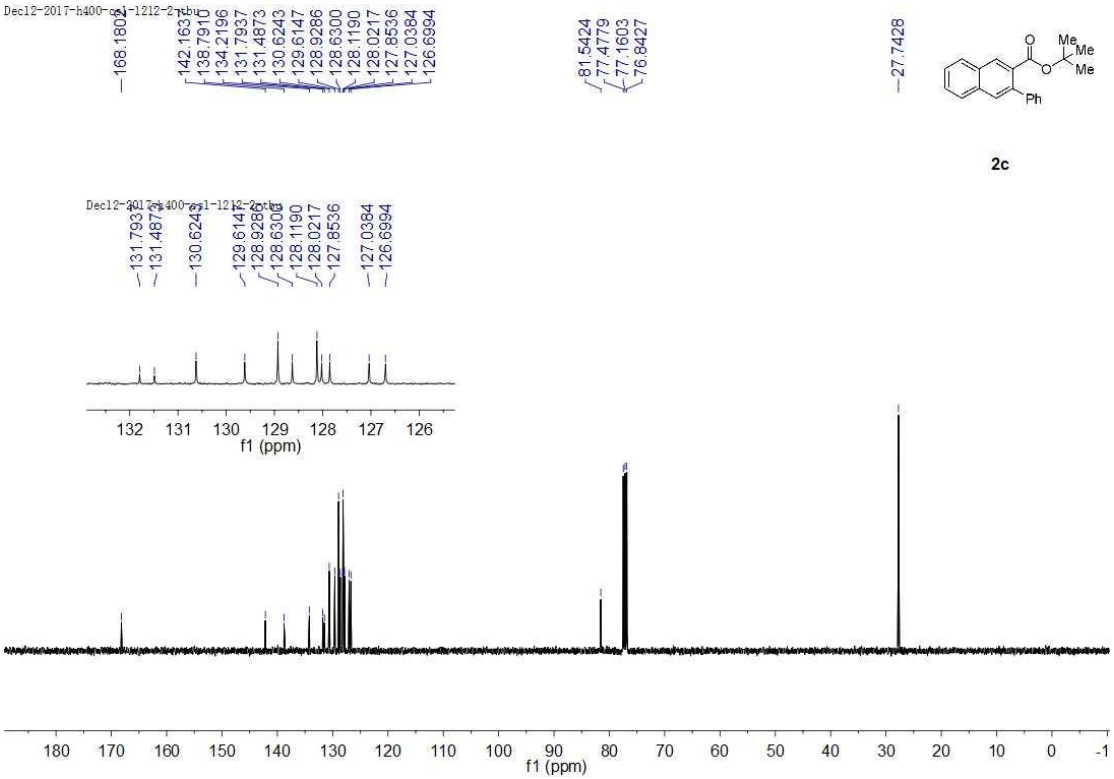

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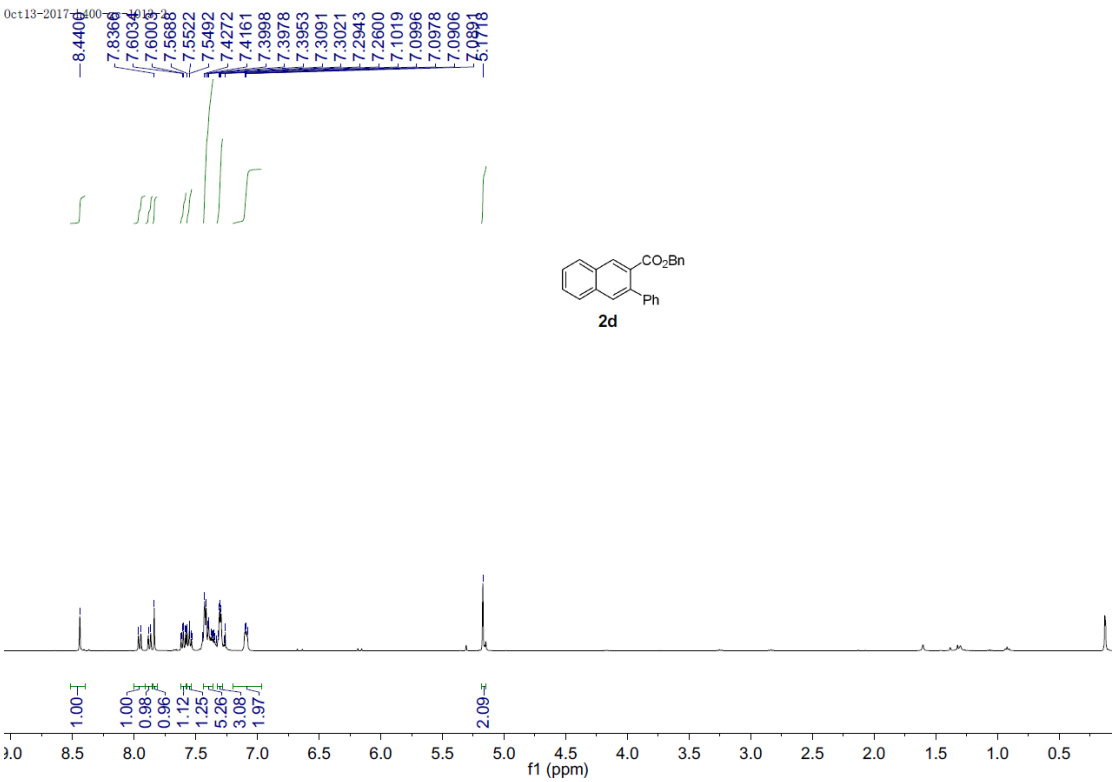

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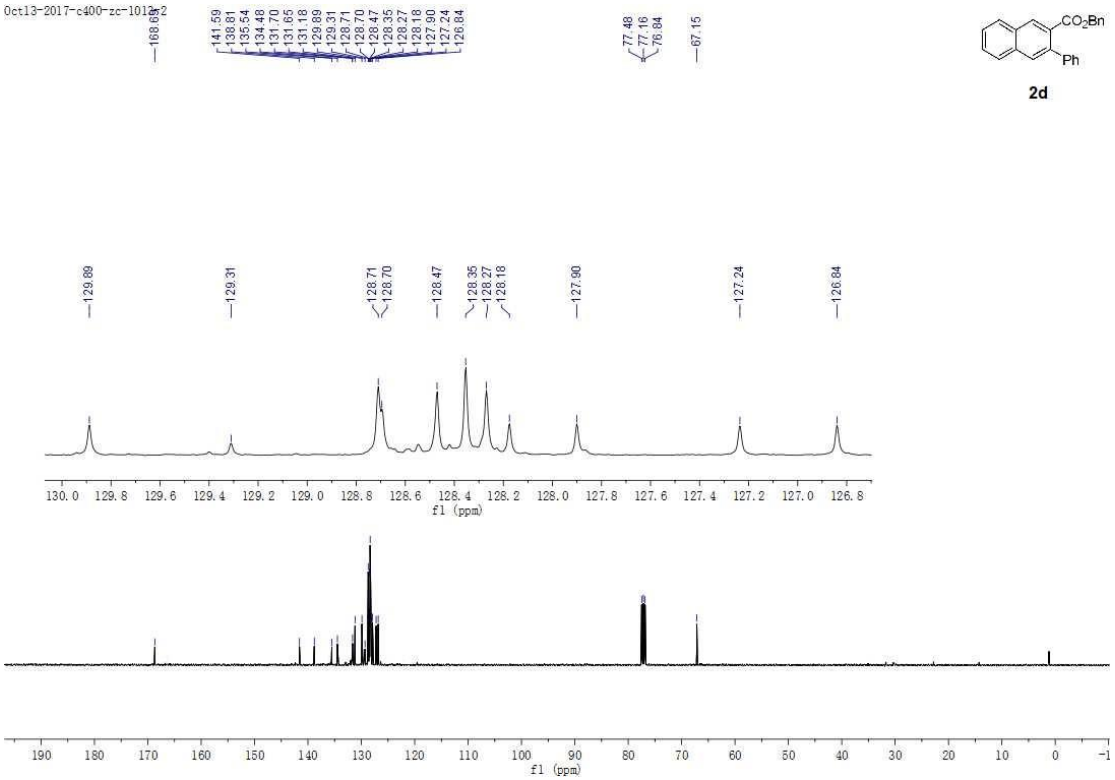

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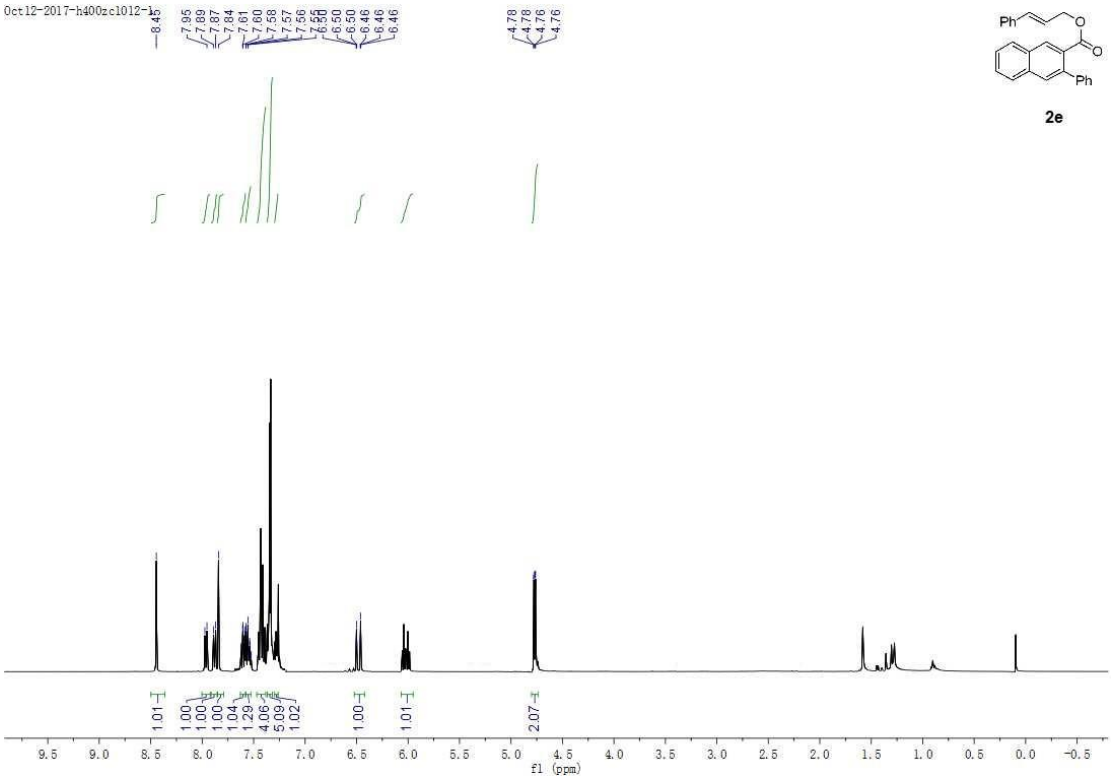

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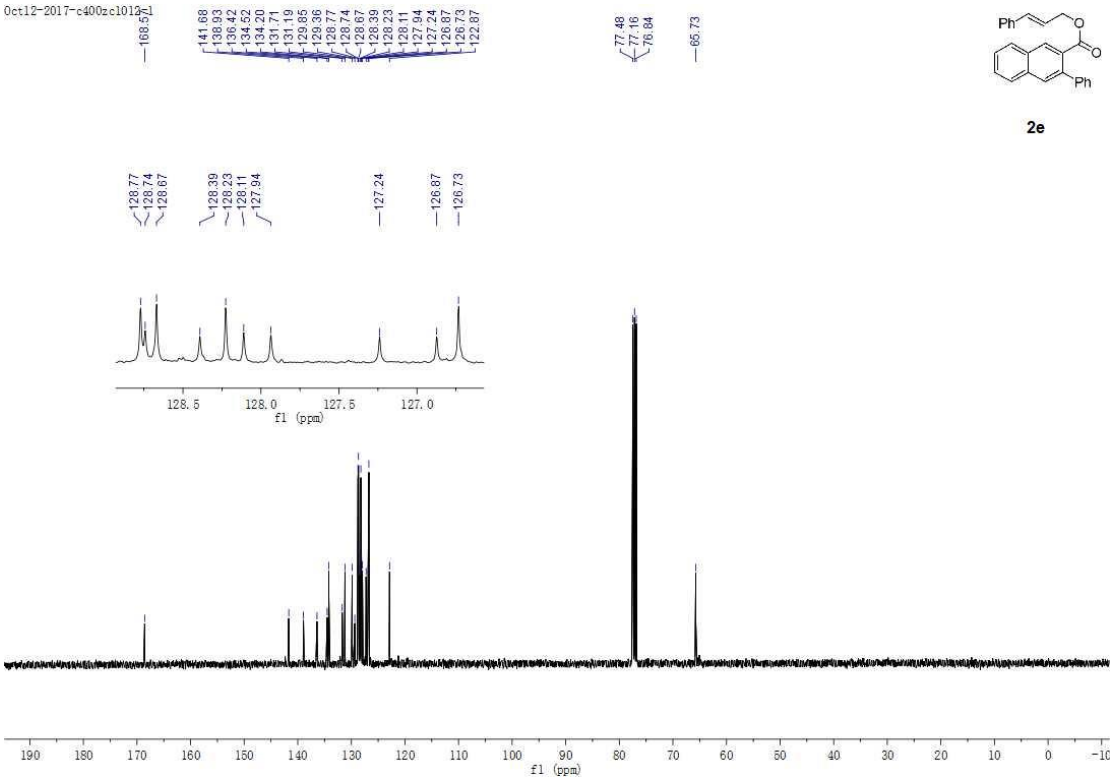

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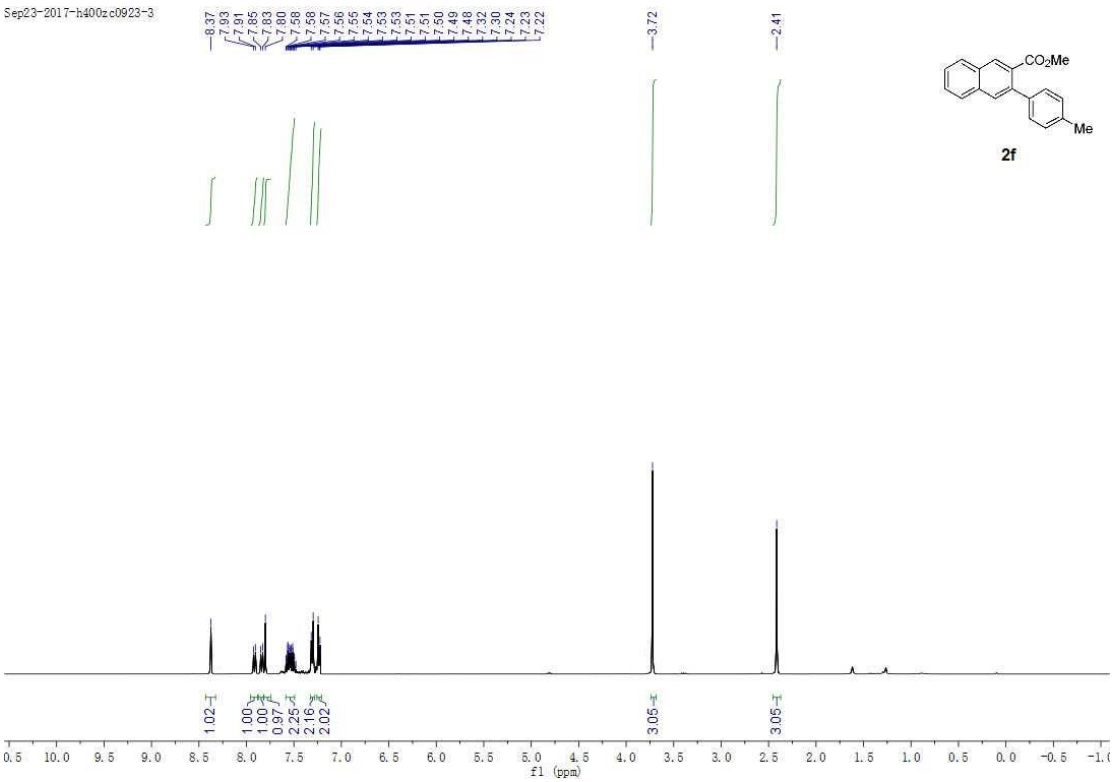

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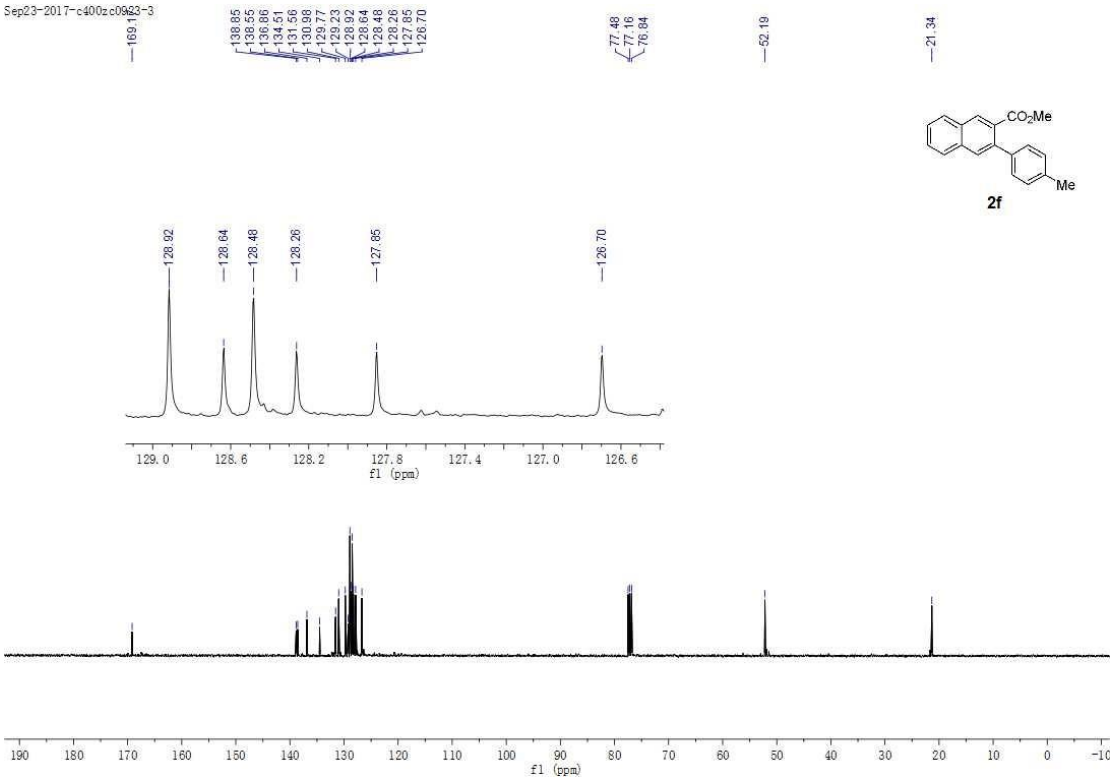

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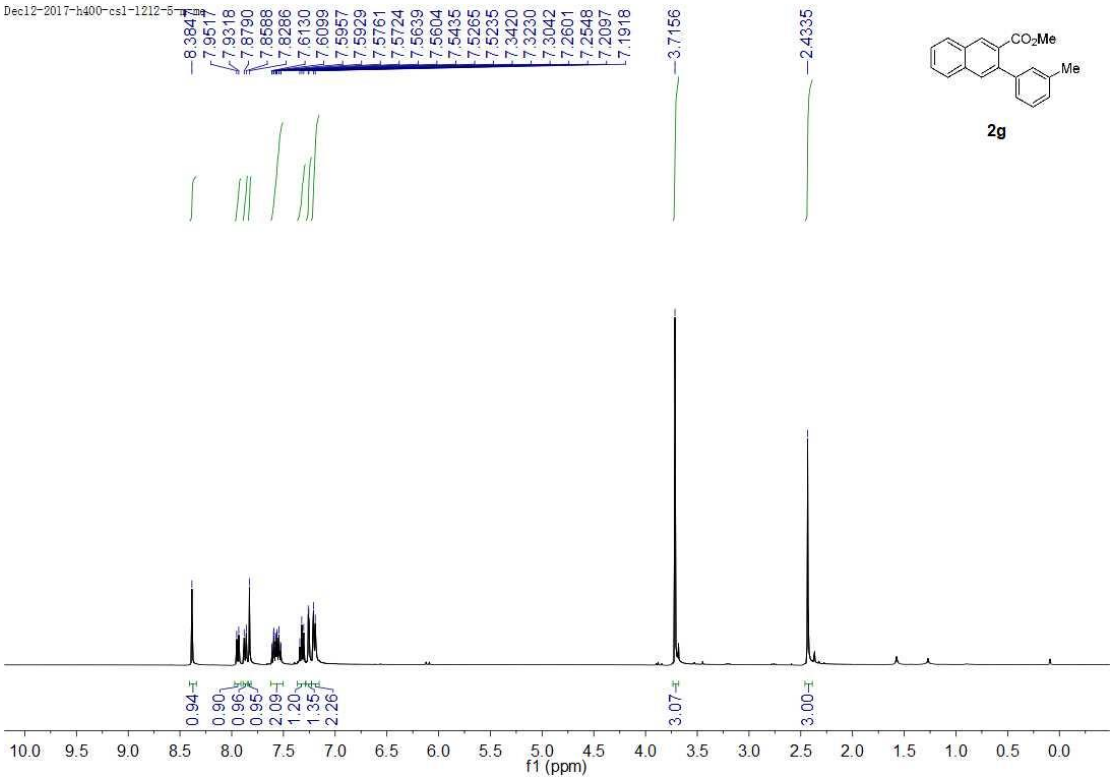

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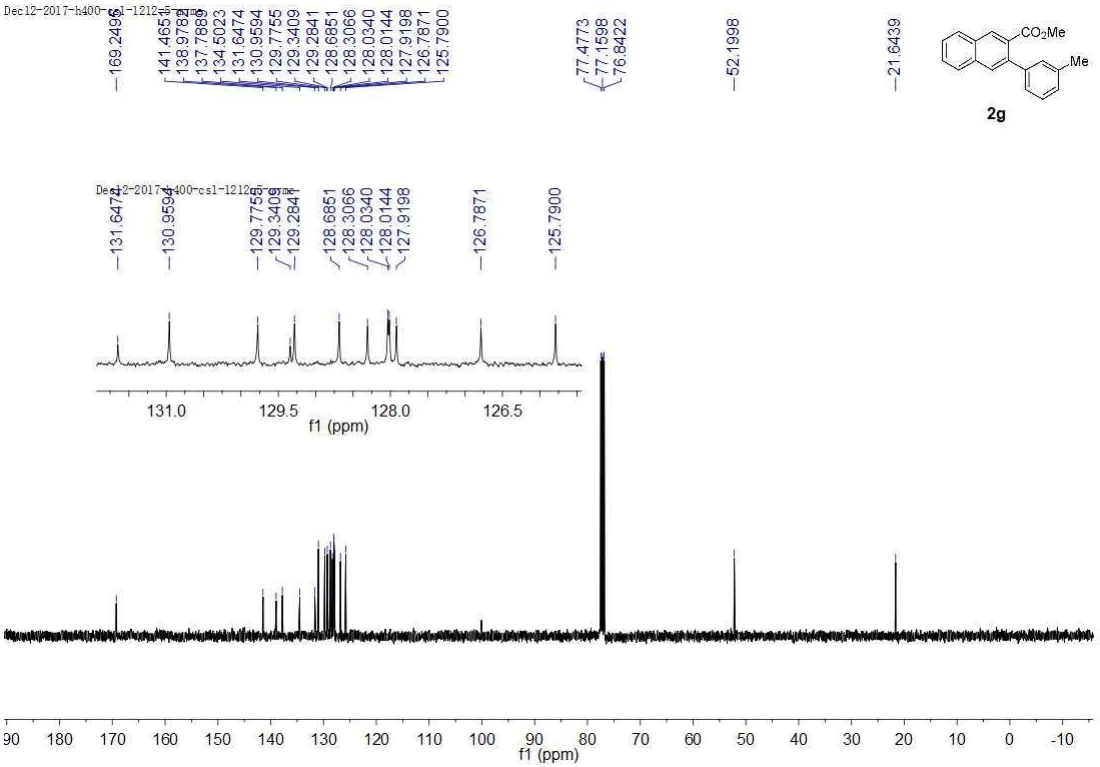

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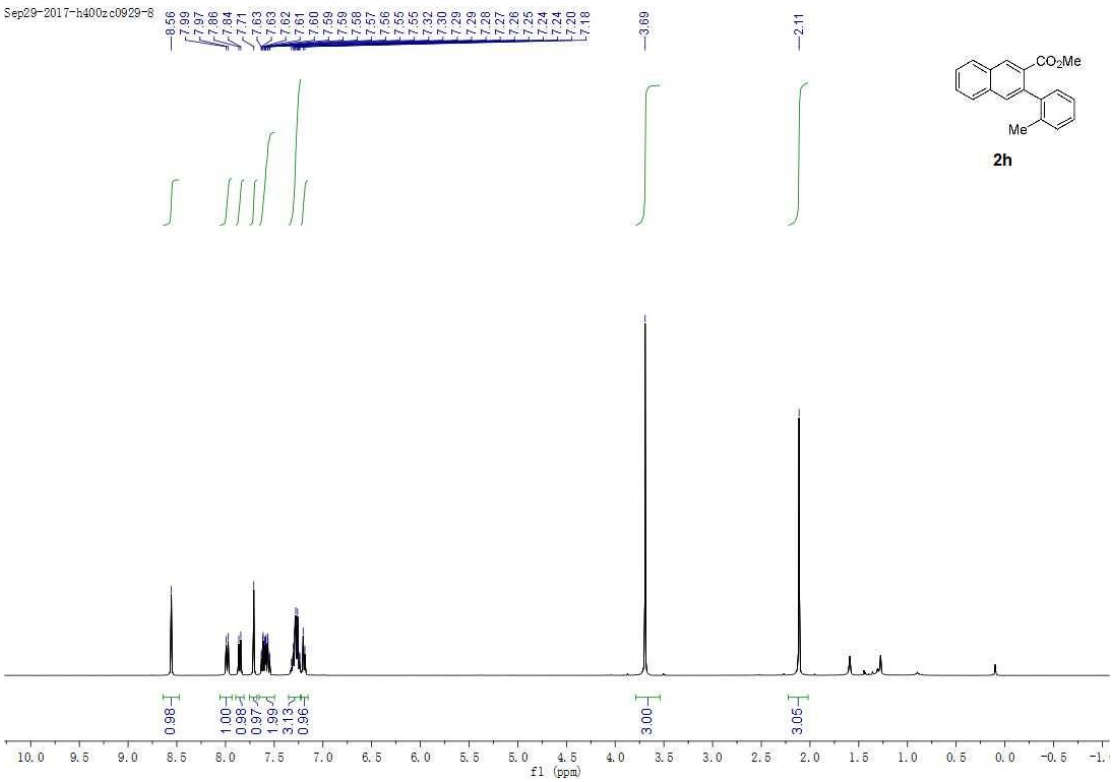

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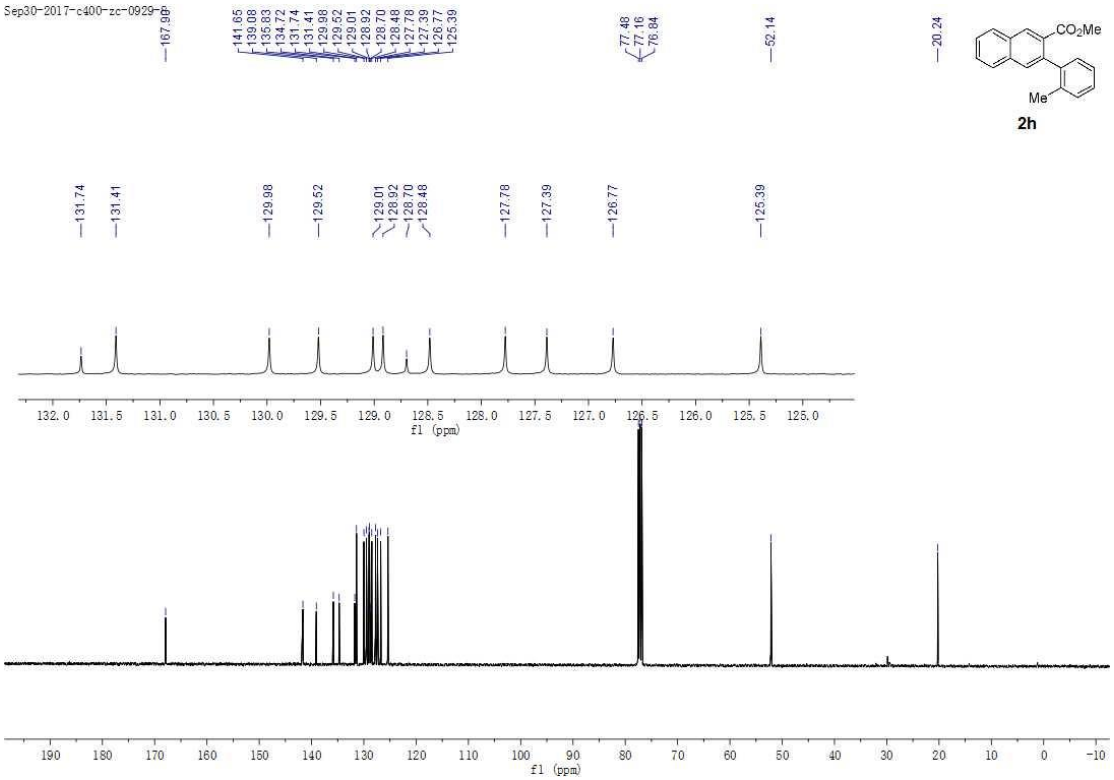

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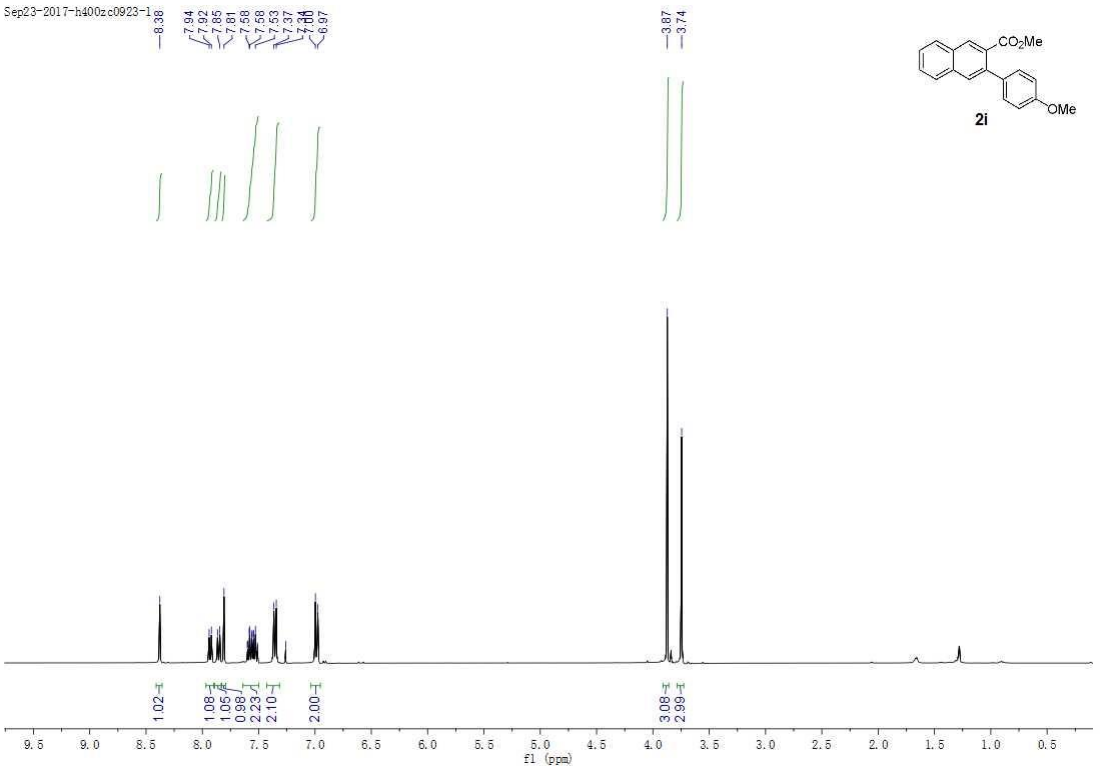

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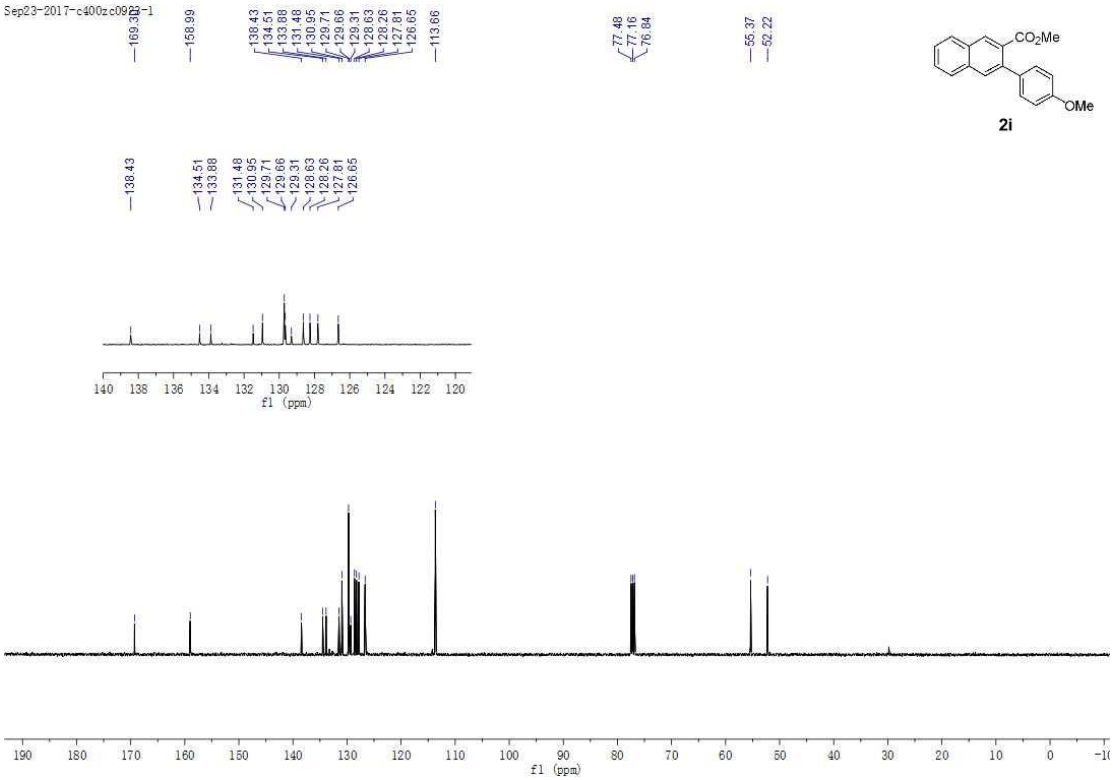

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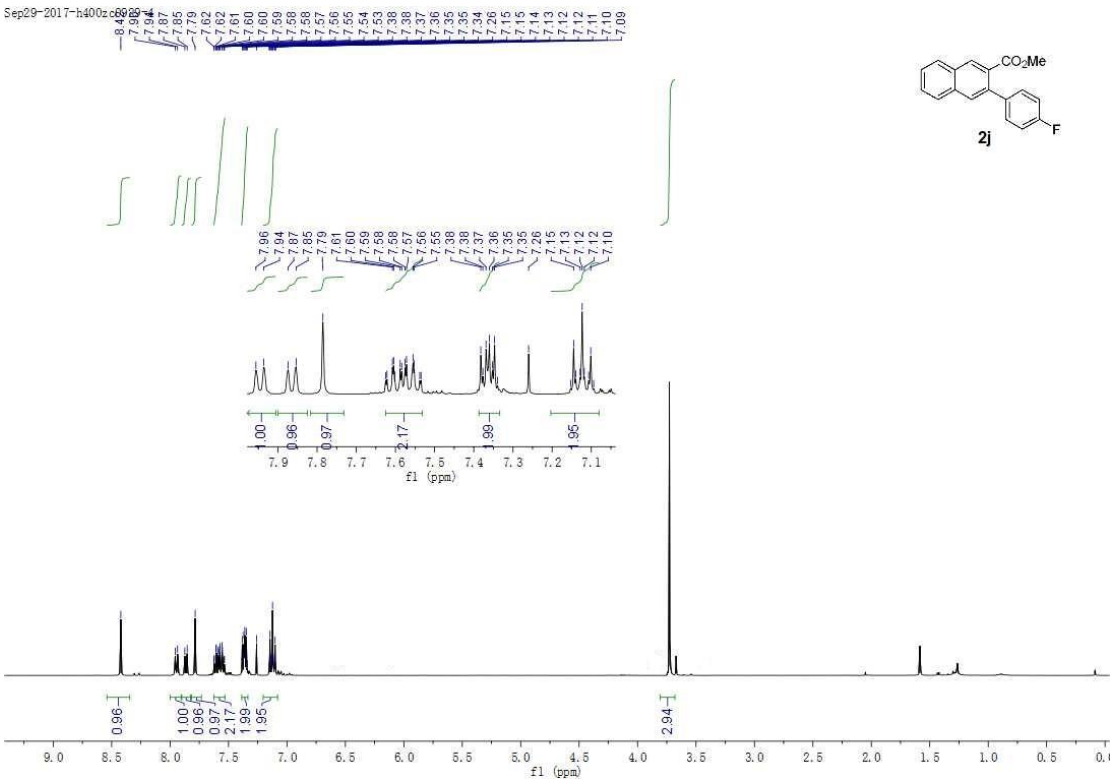

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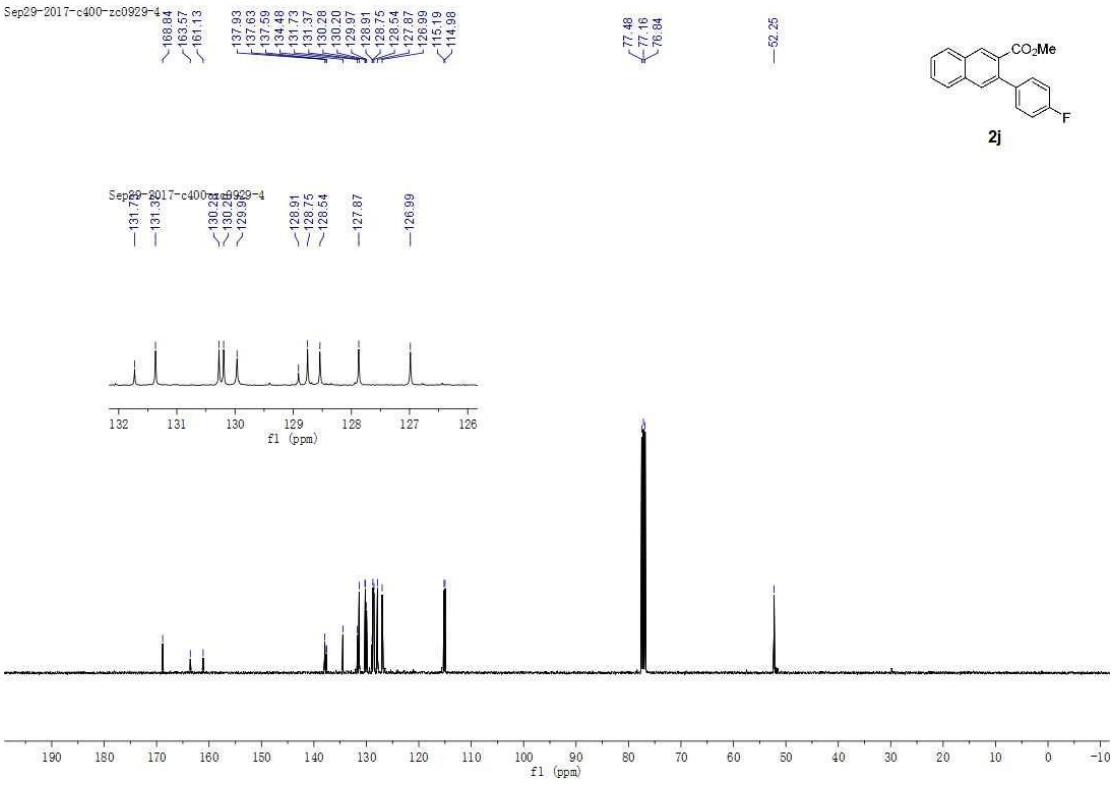

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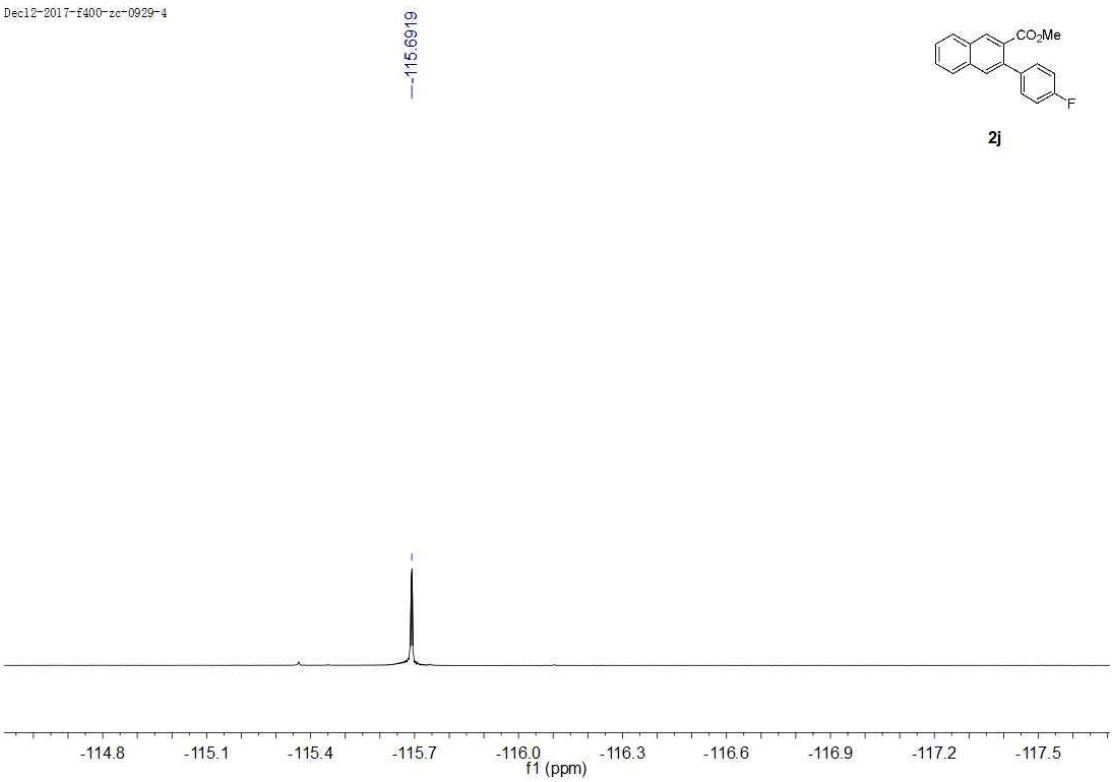

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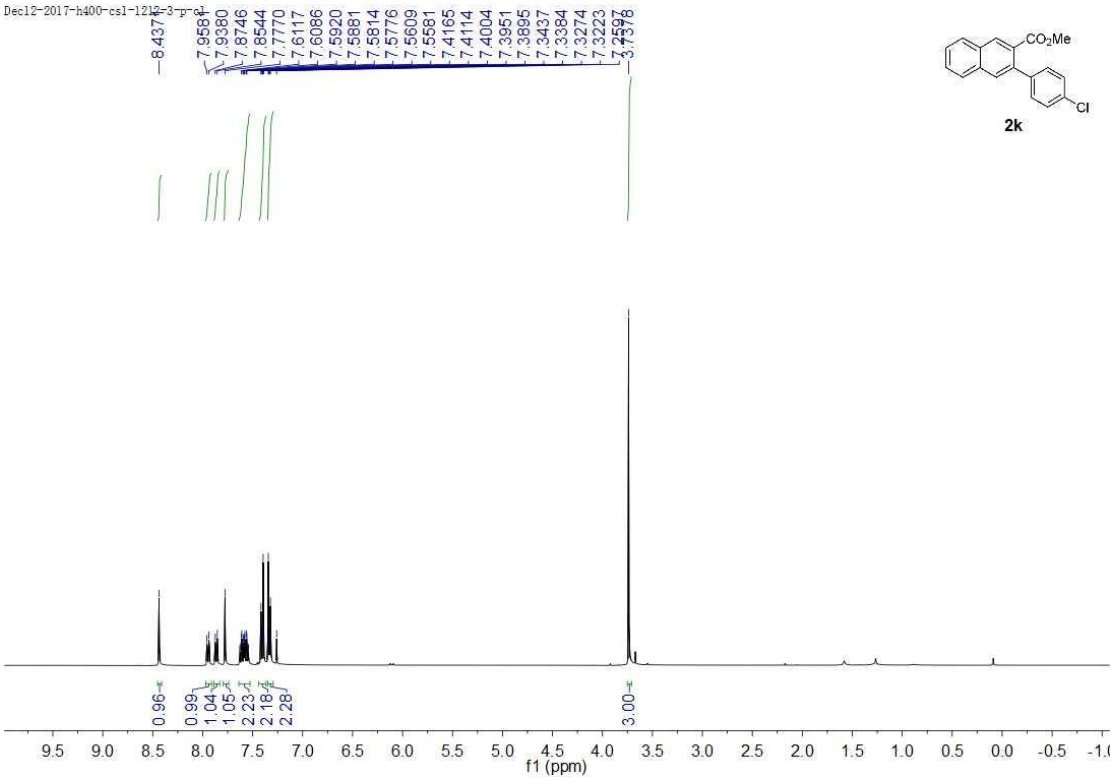

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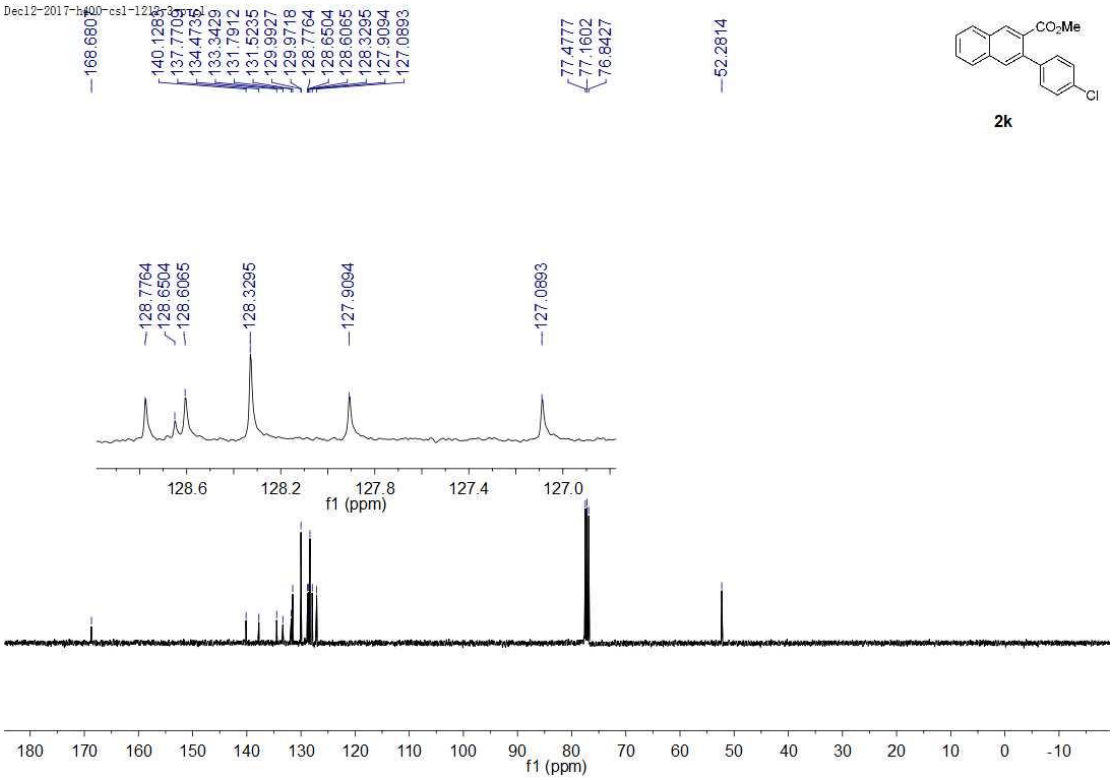

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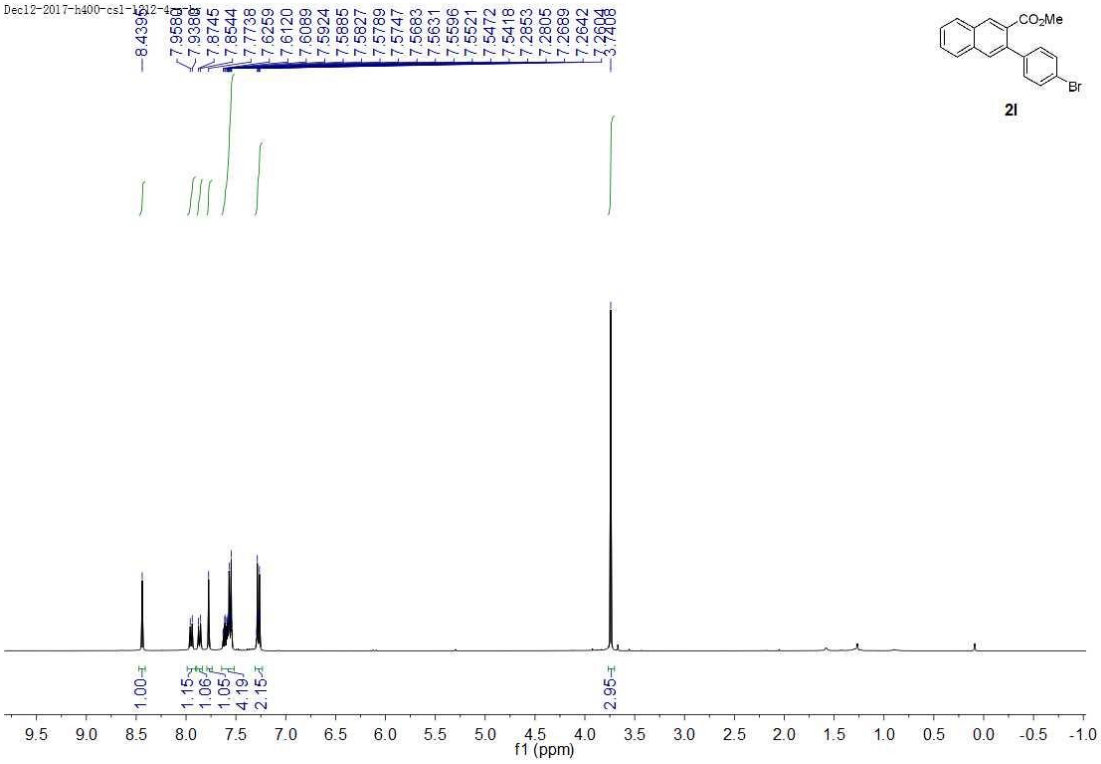

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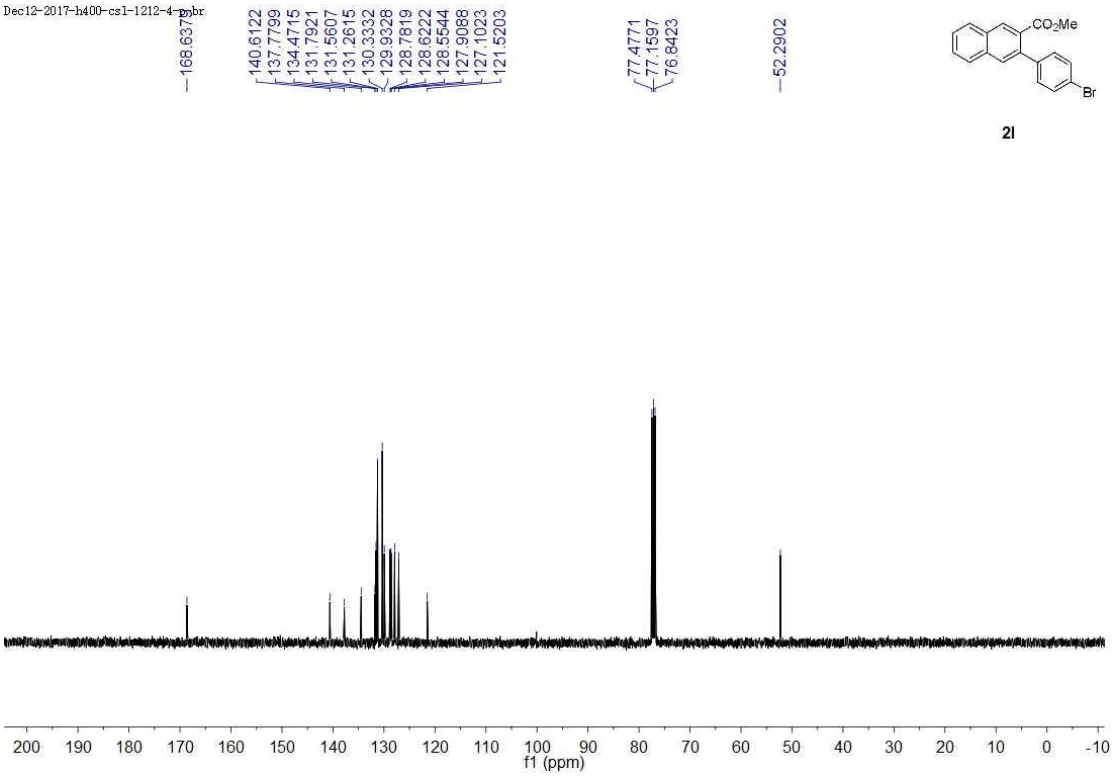

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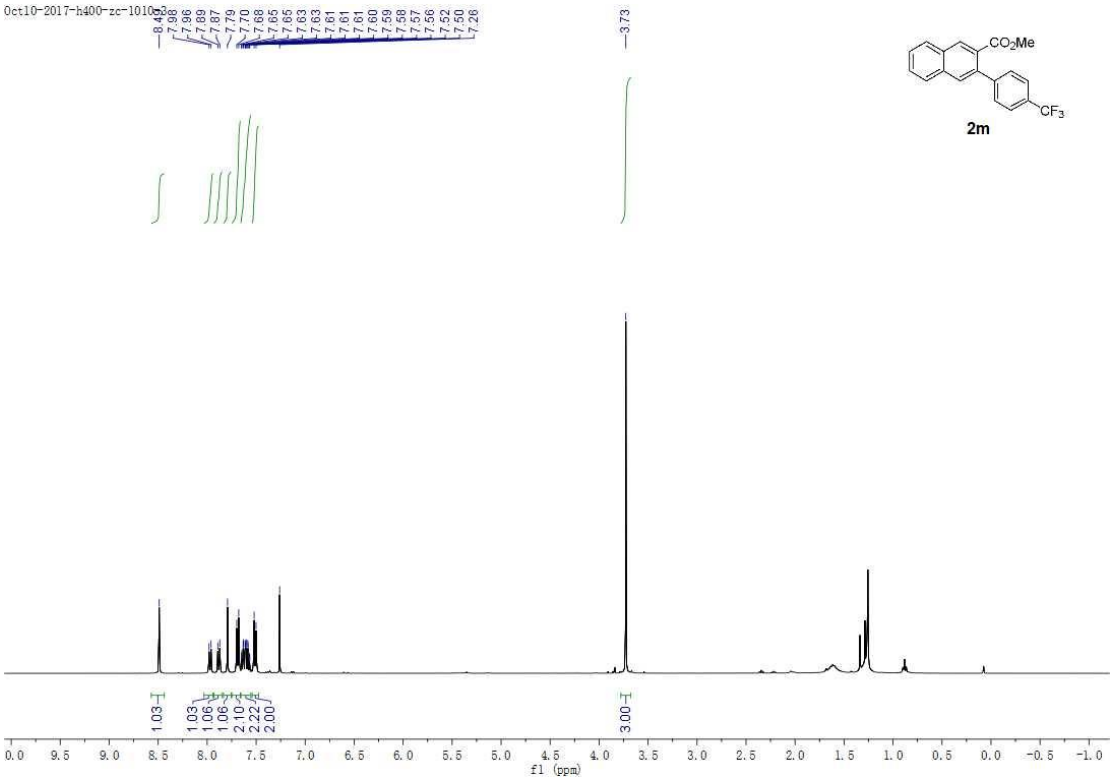

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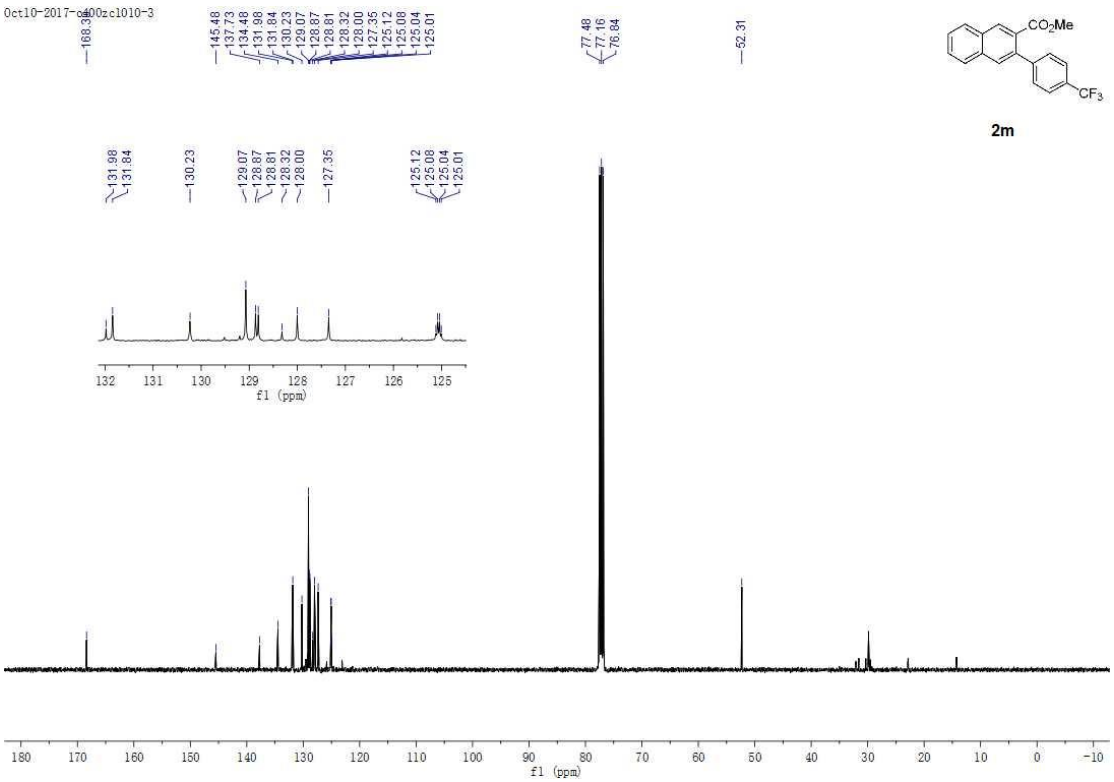

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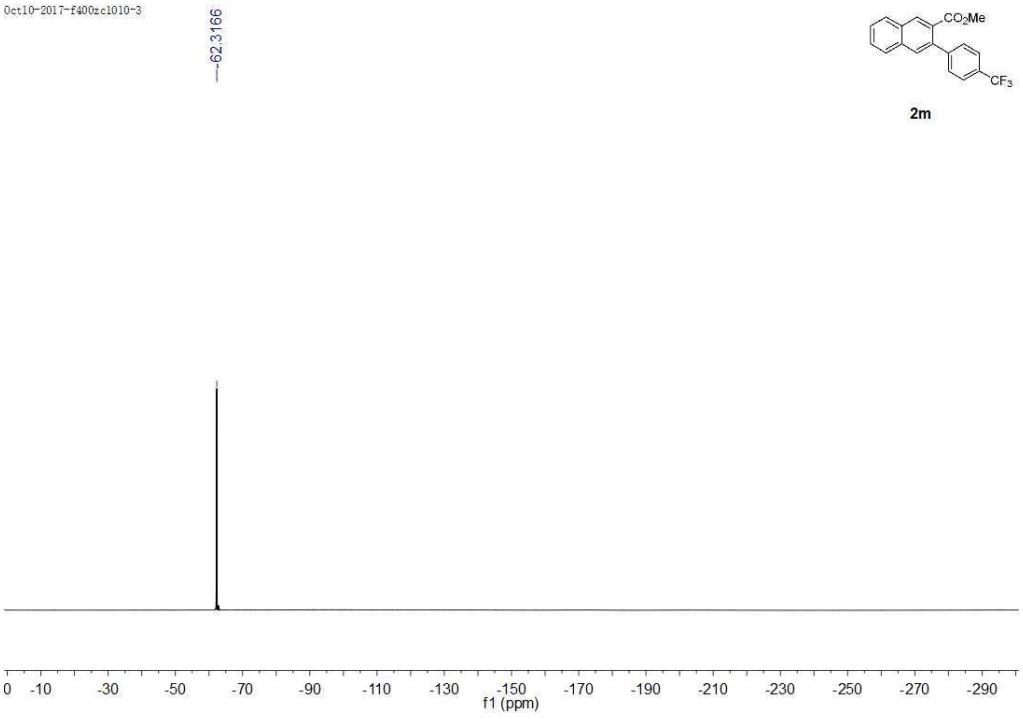

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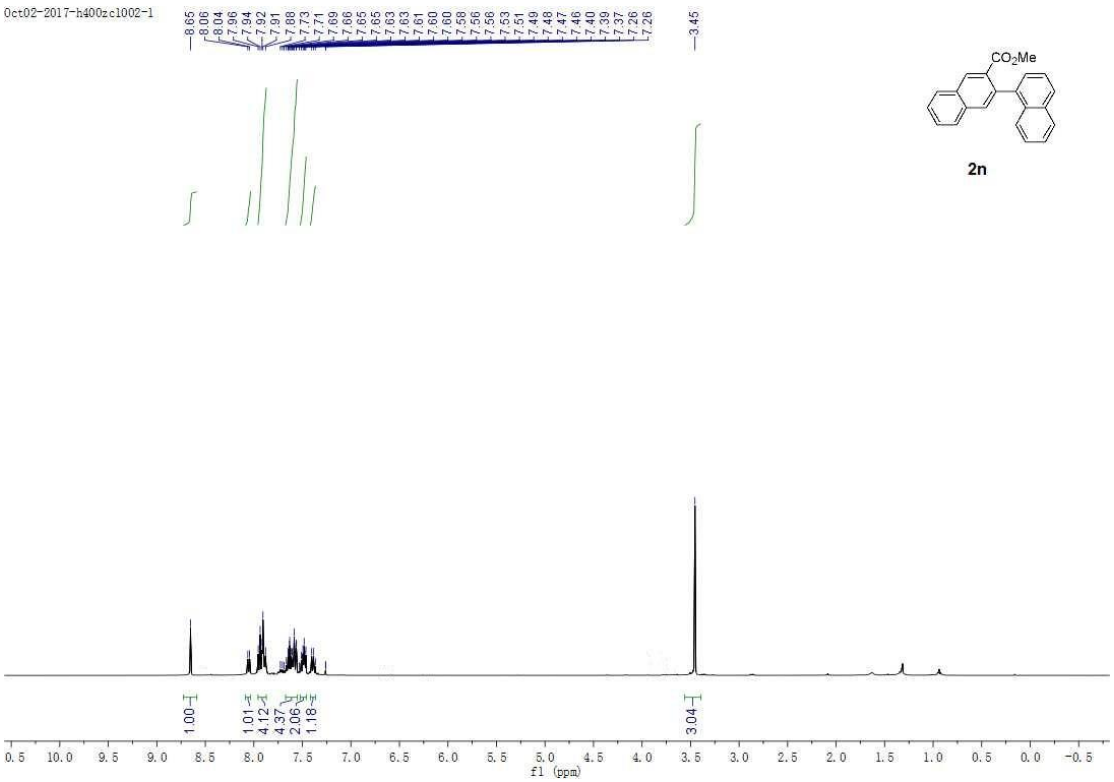

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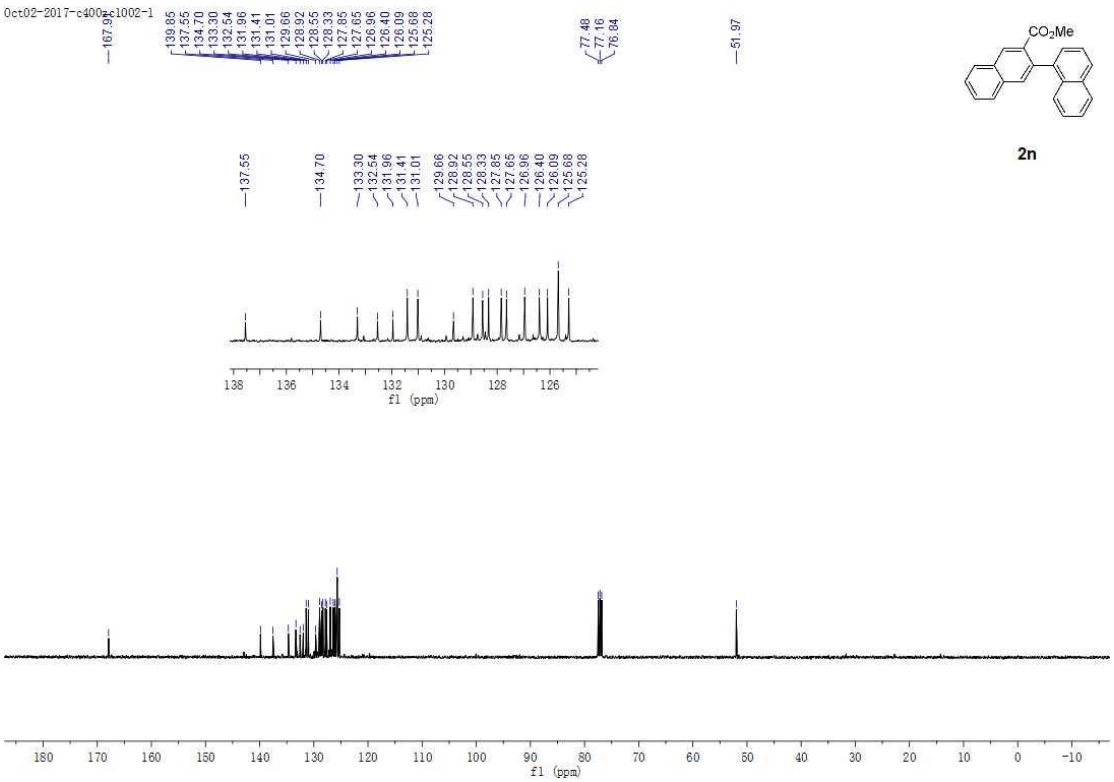

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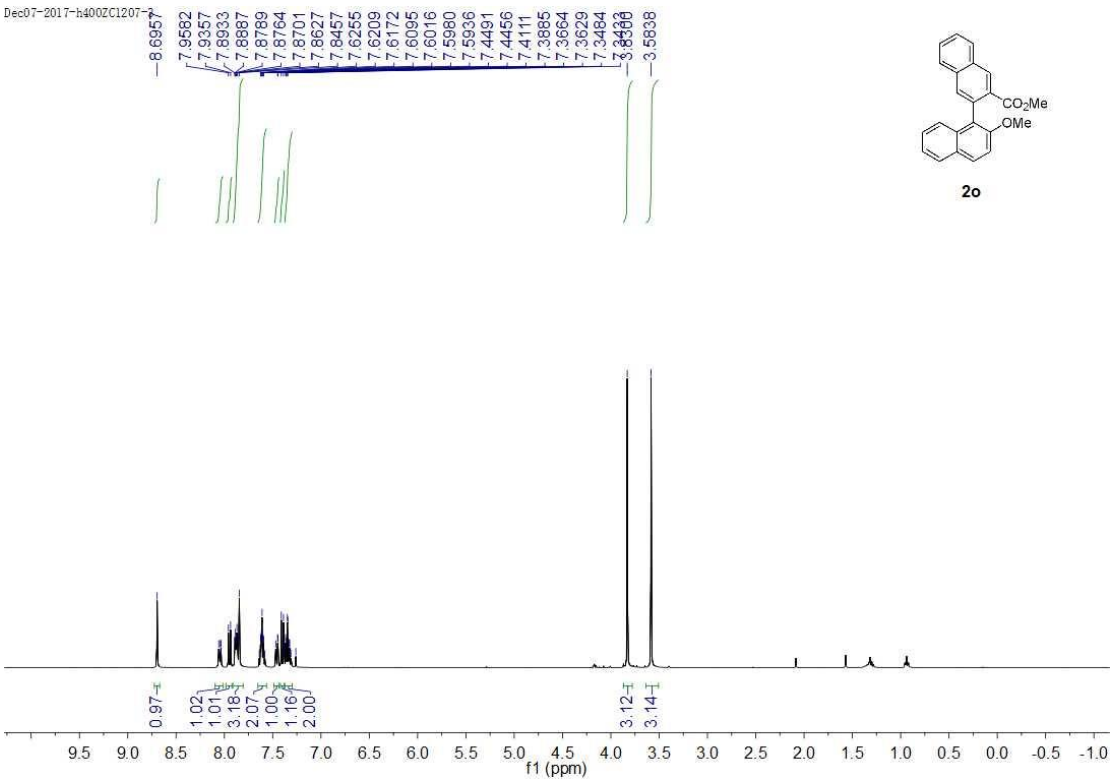

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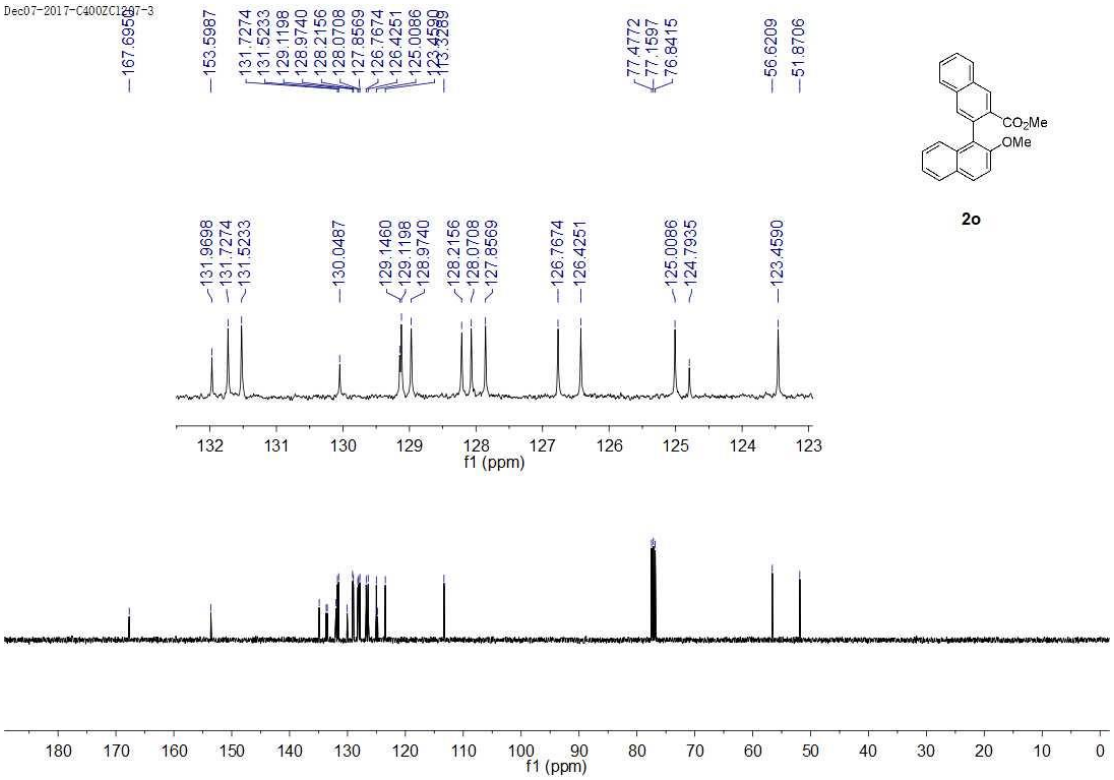

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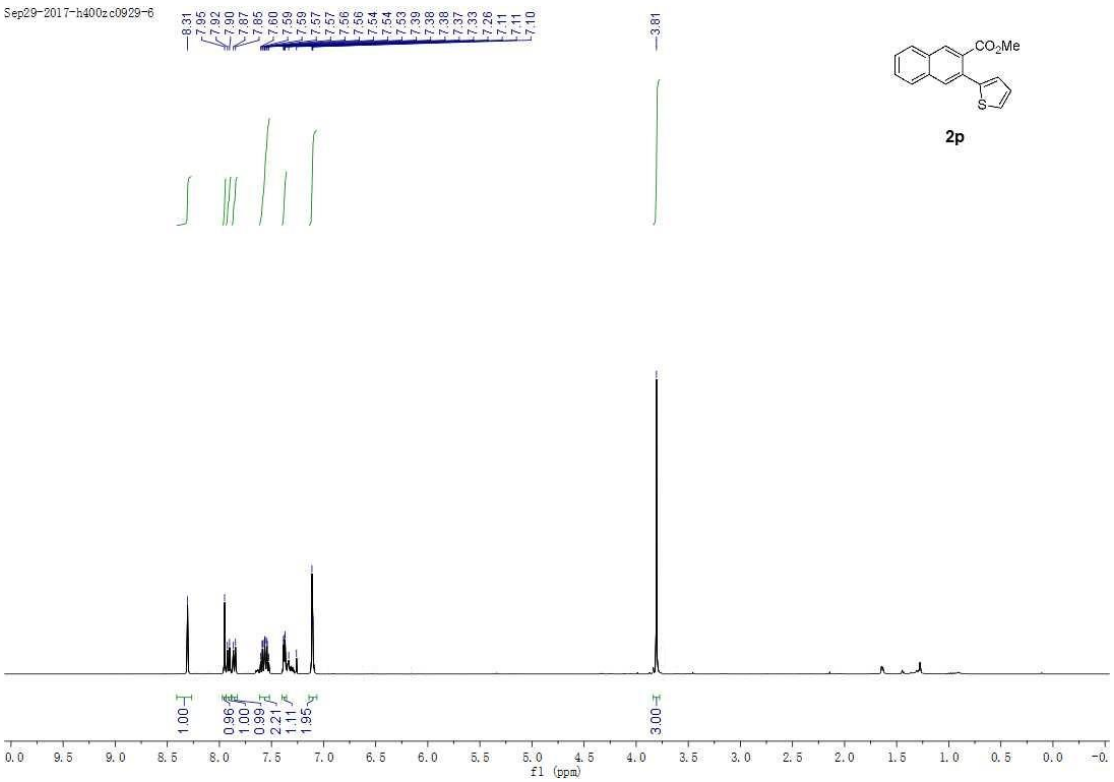

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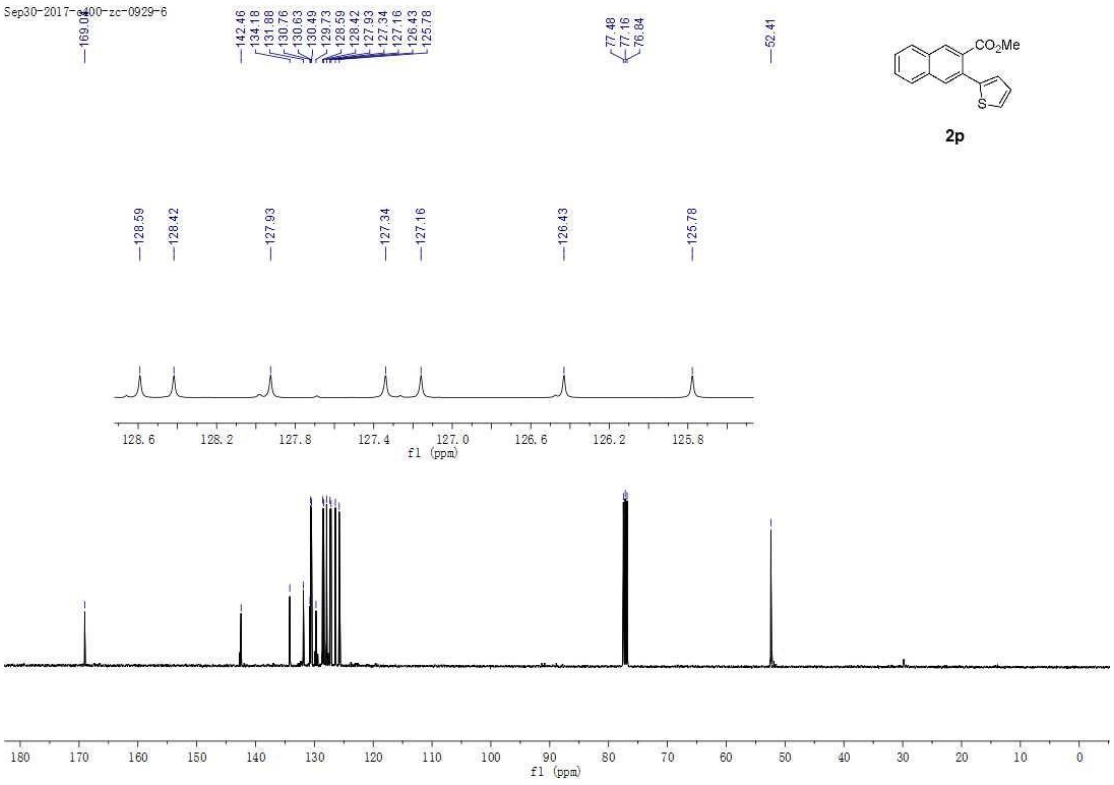

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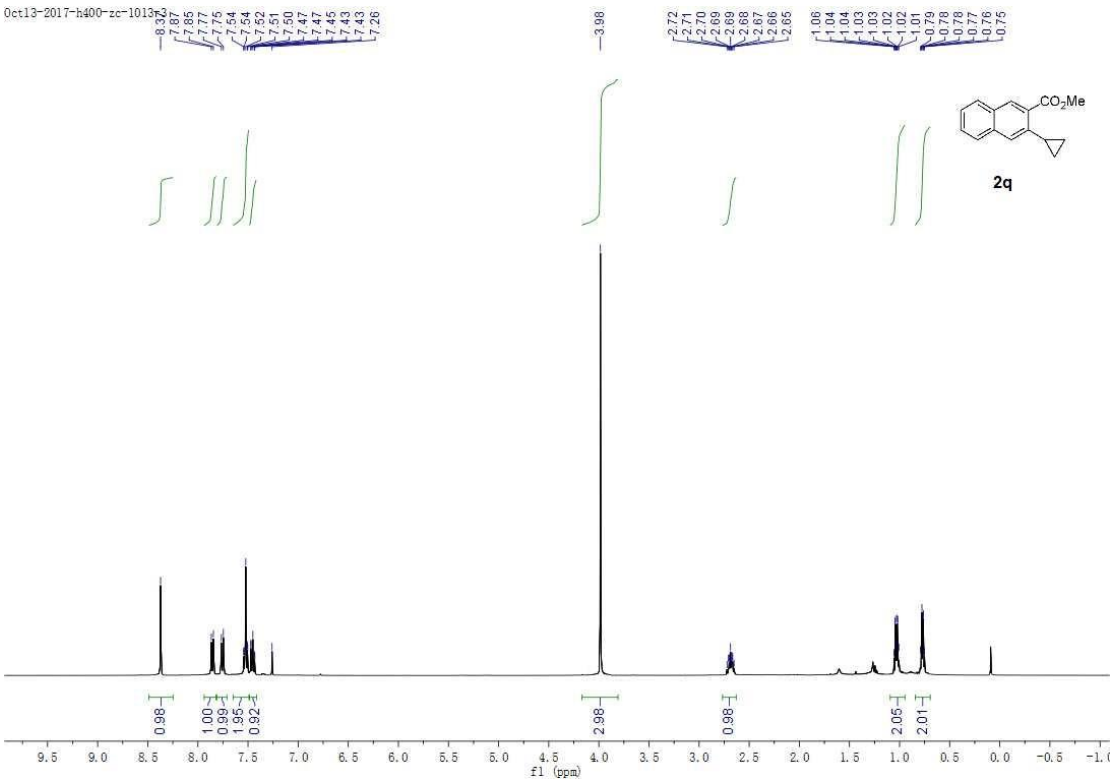

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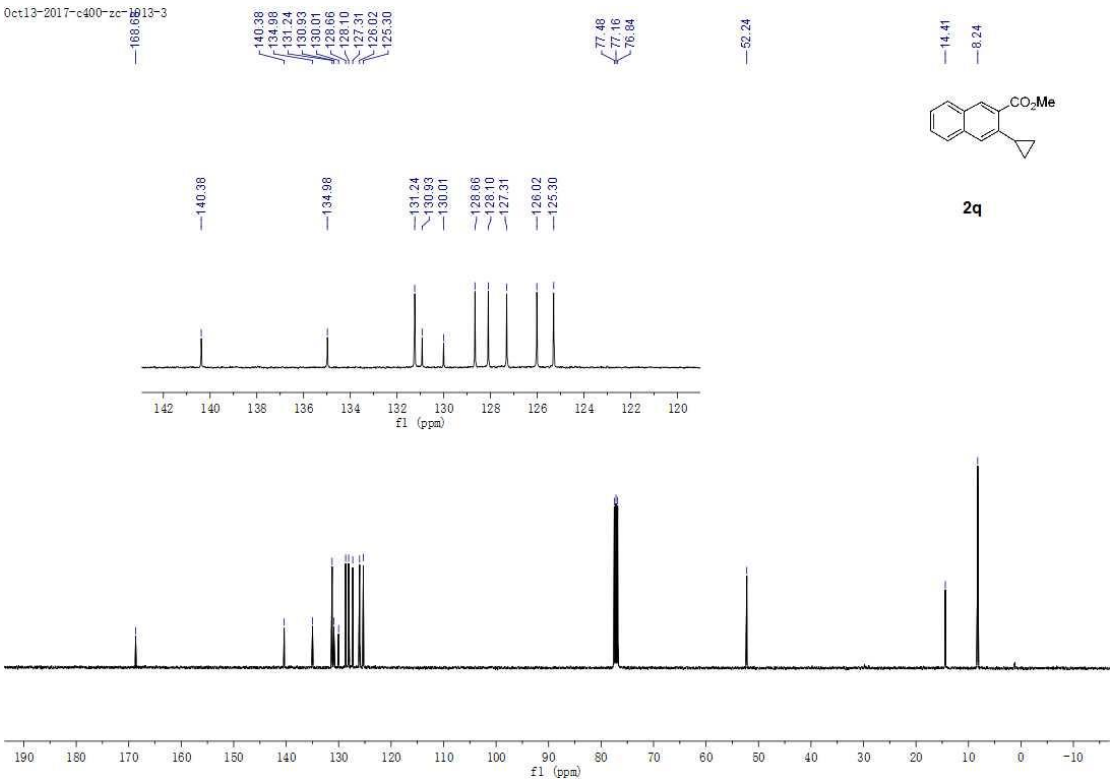

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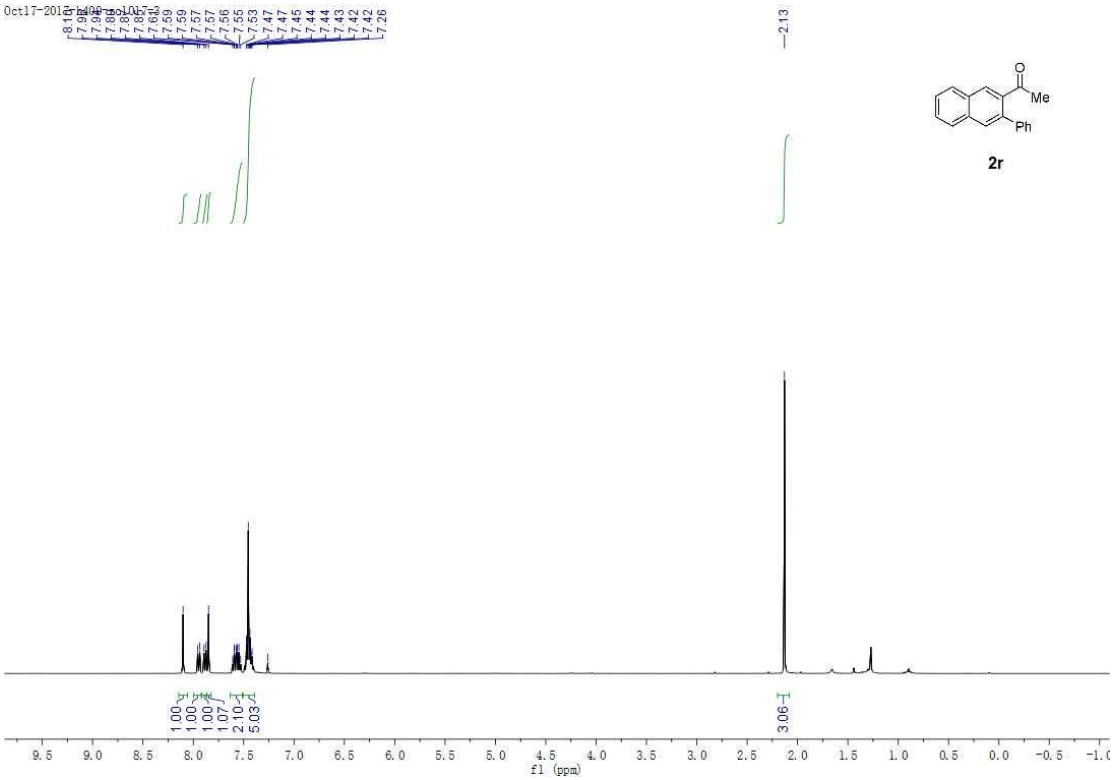

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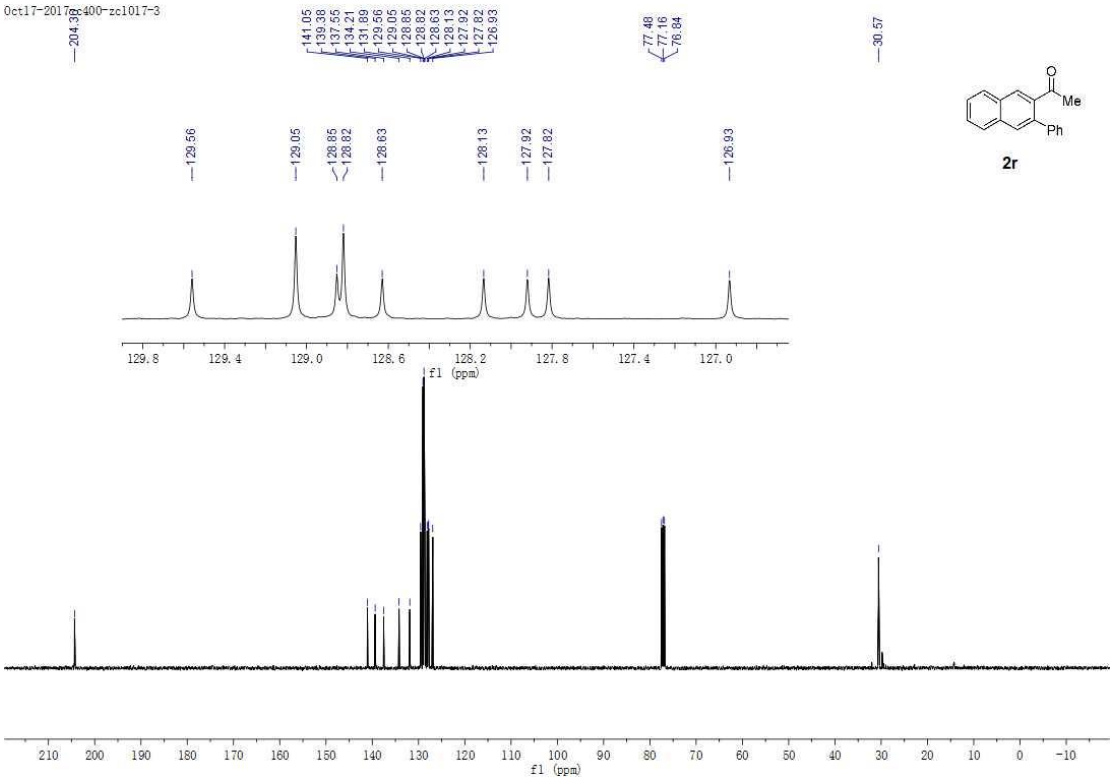

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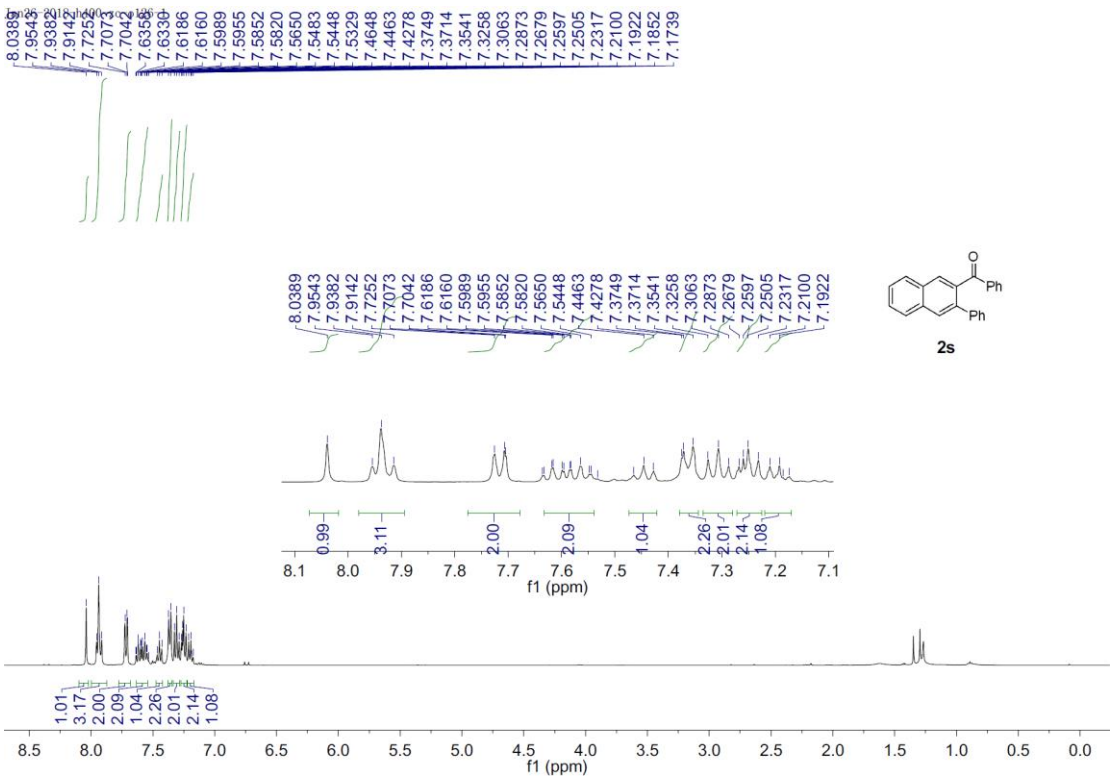

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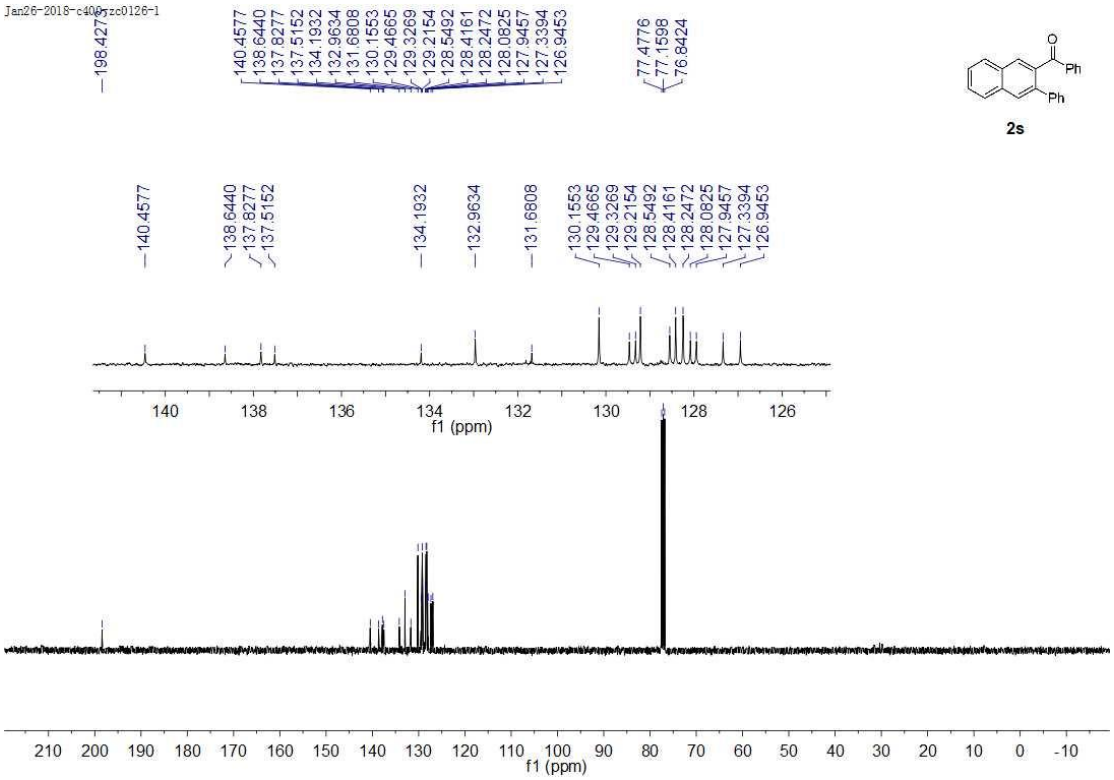

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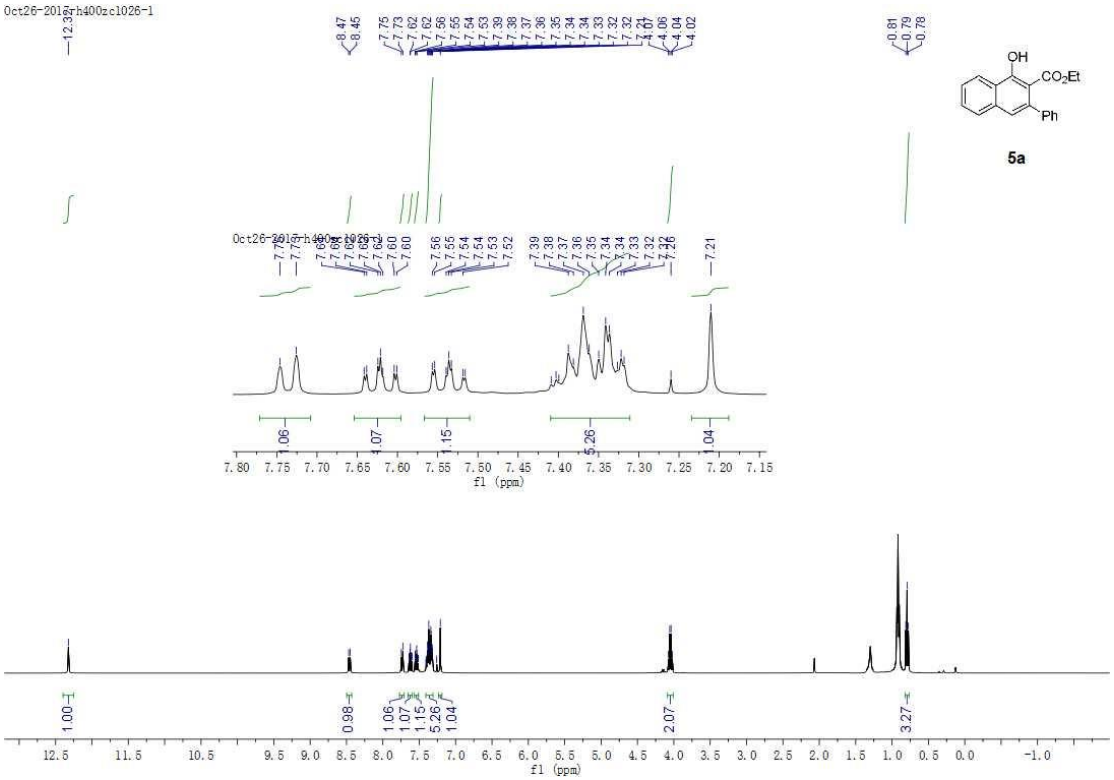

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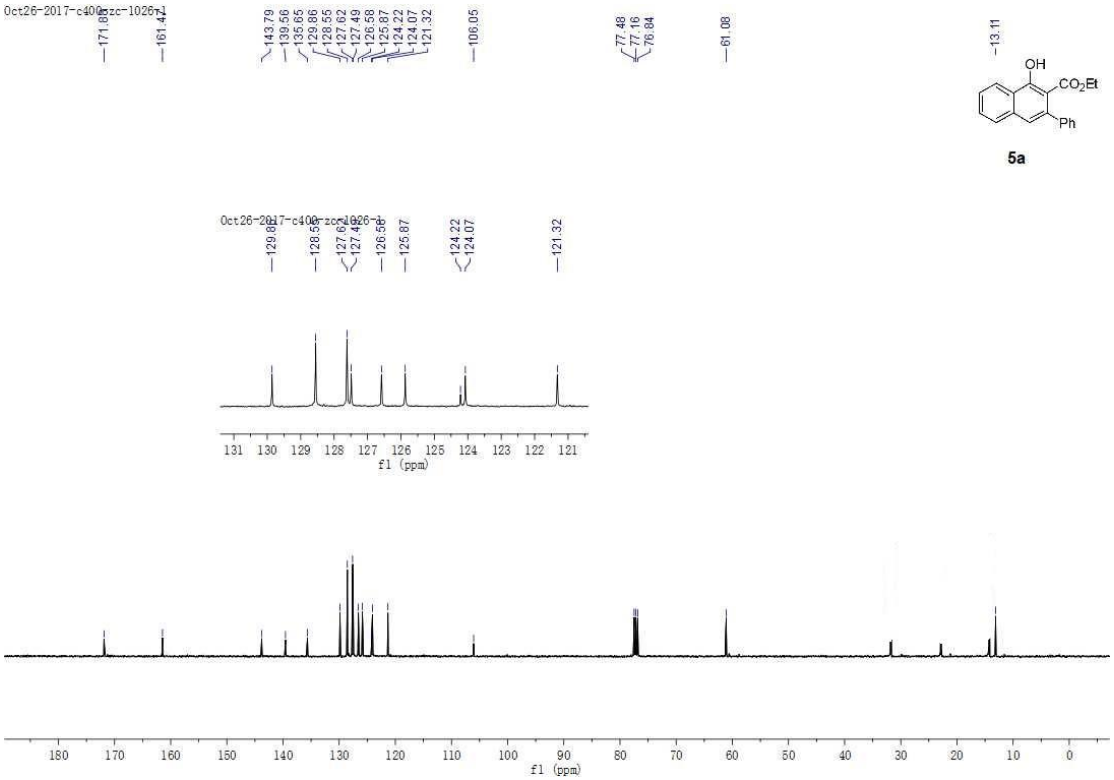

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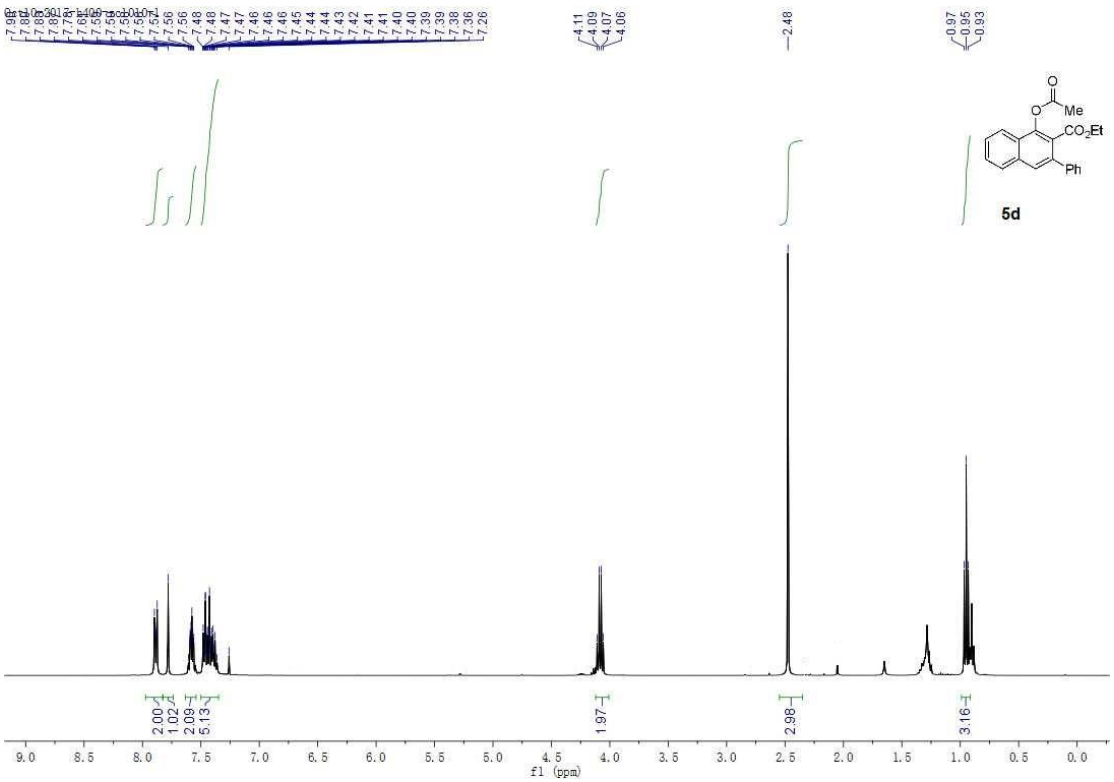

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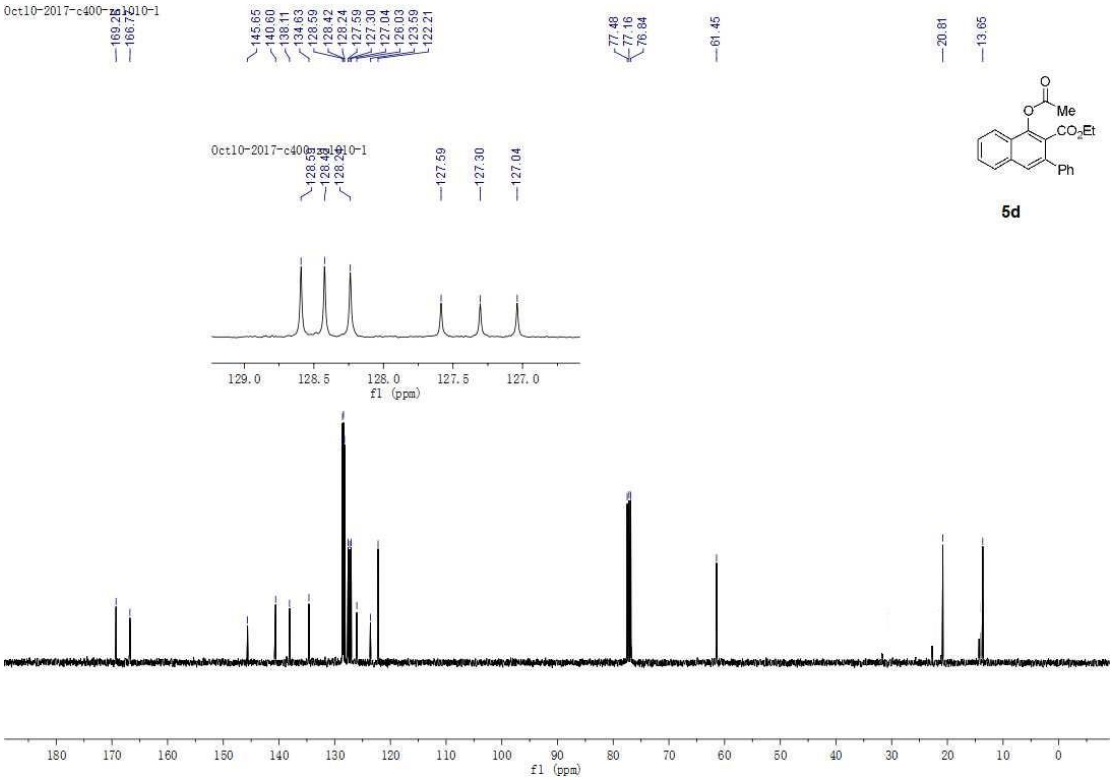

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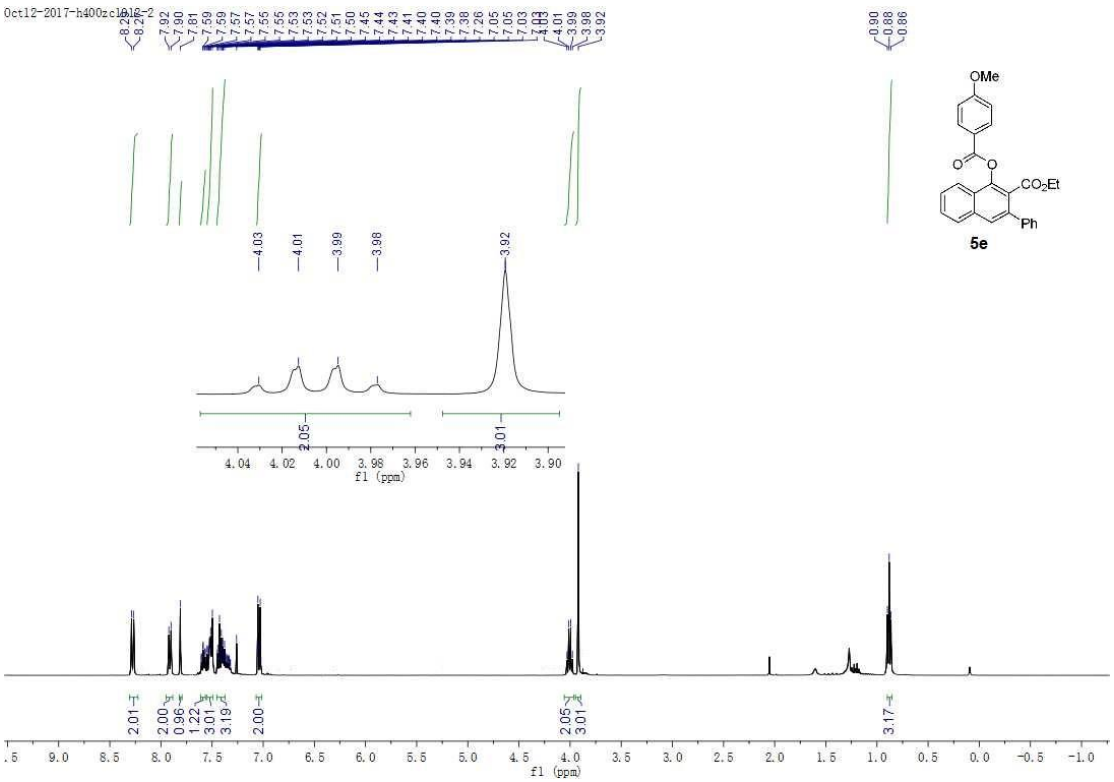

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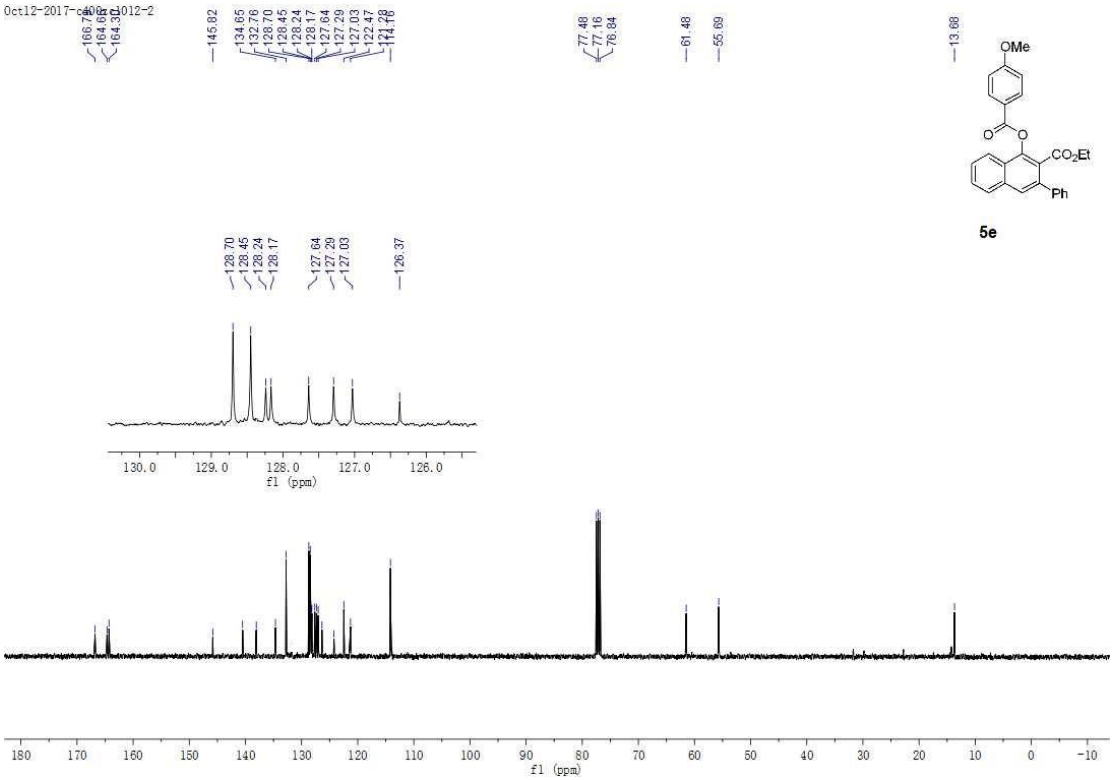
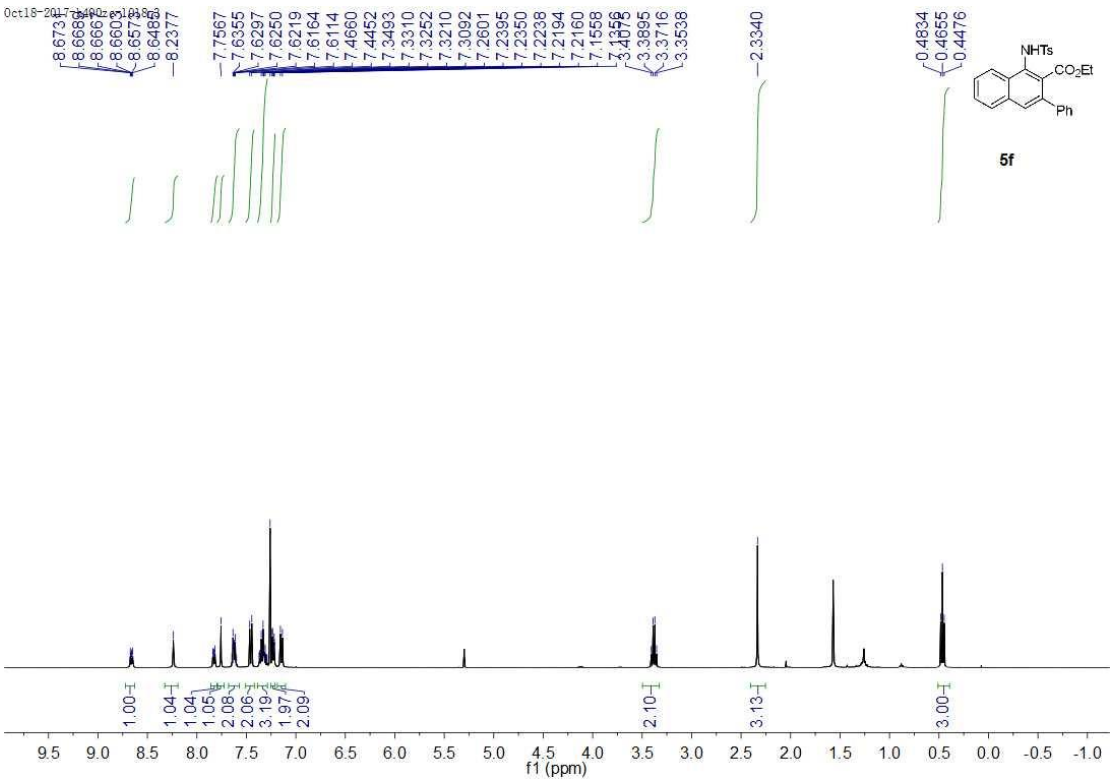


Figure S48. ^{13}C NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **5e** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.



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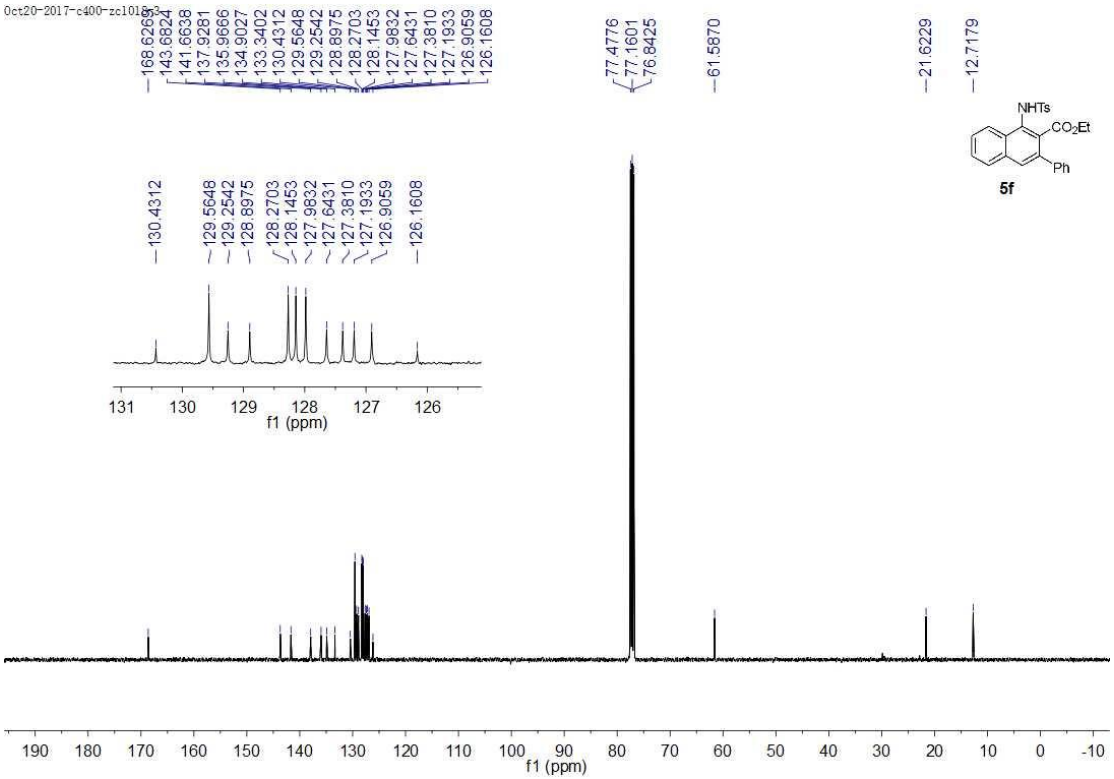
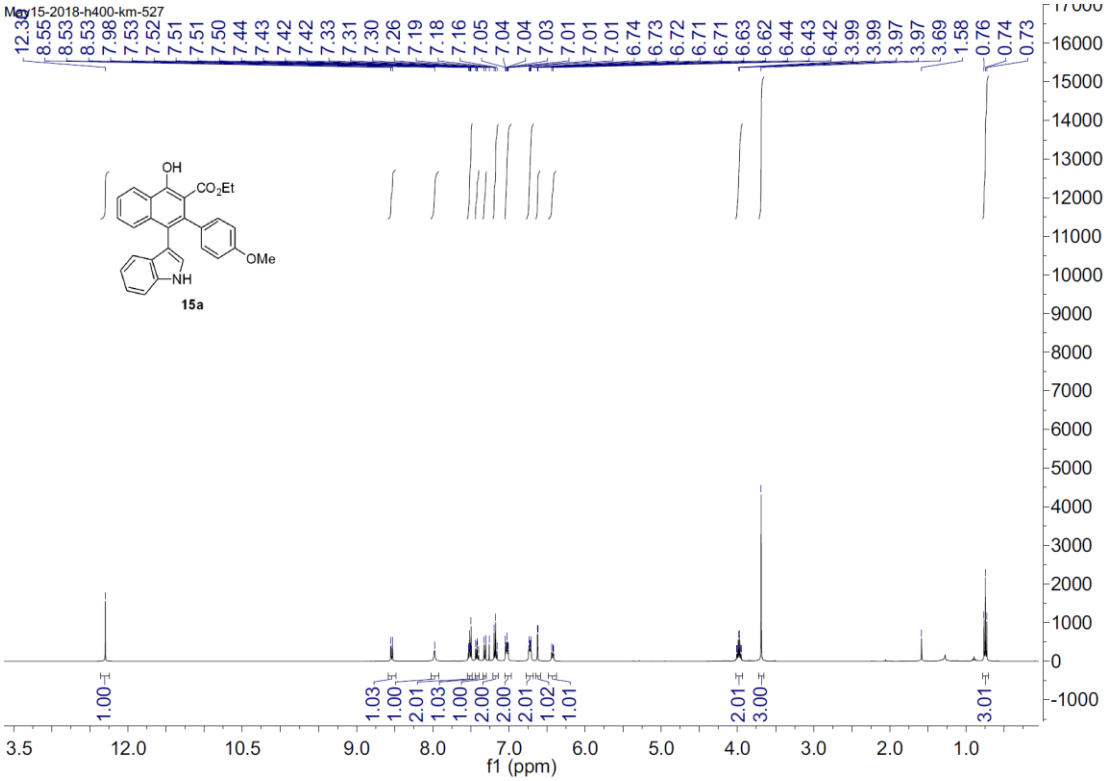


Figure S50. ^{13}C NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **5f** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.



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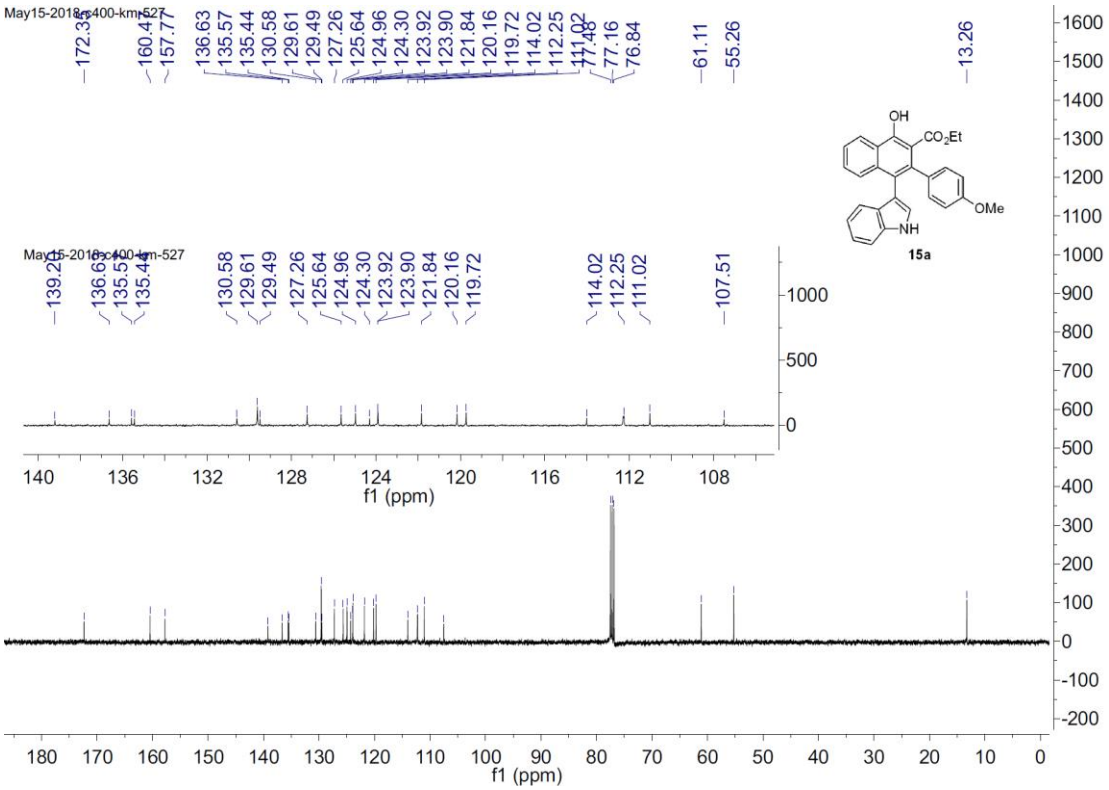

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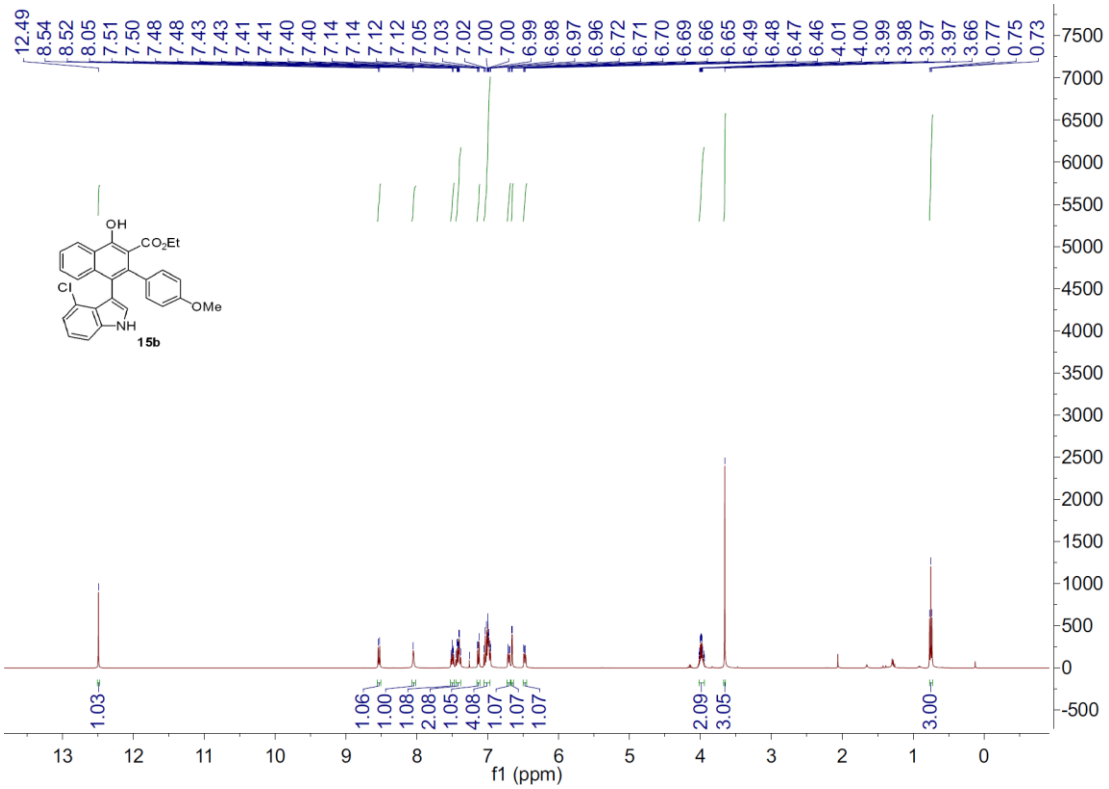

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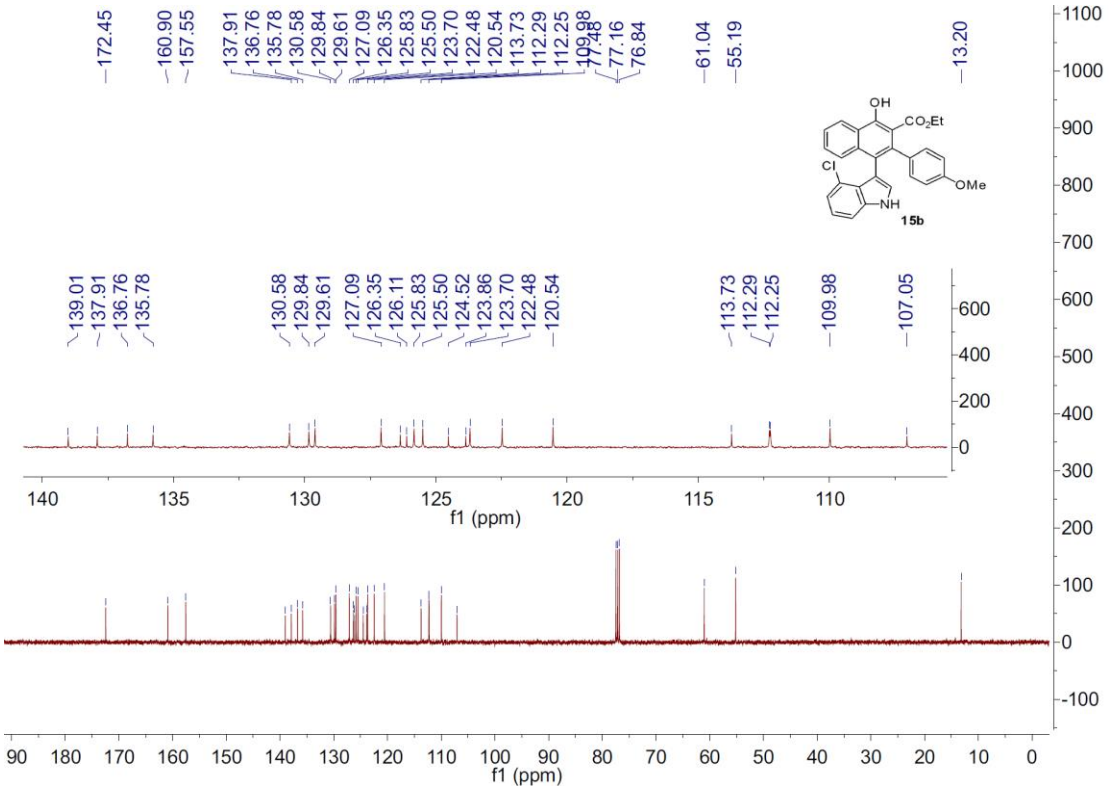

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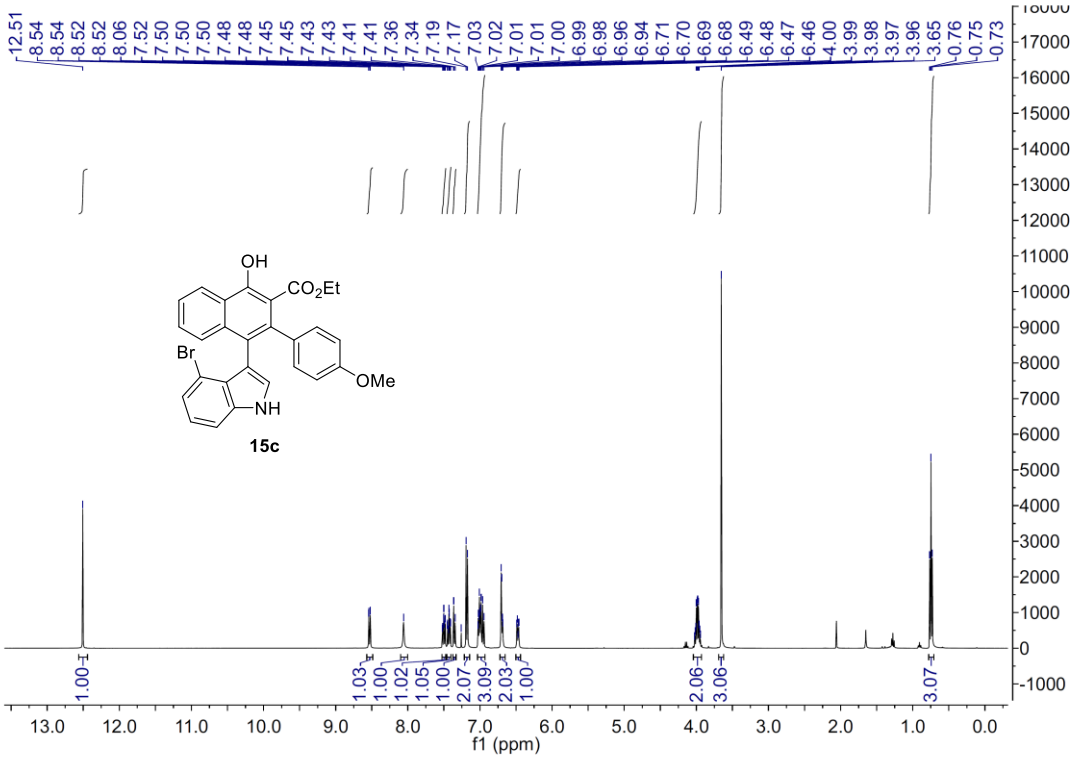

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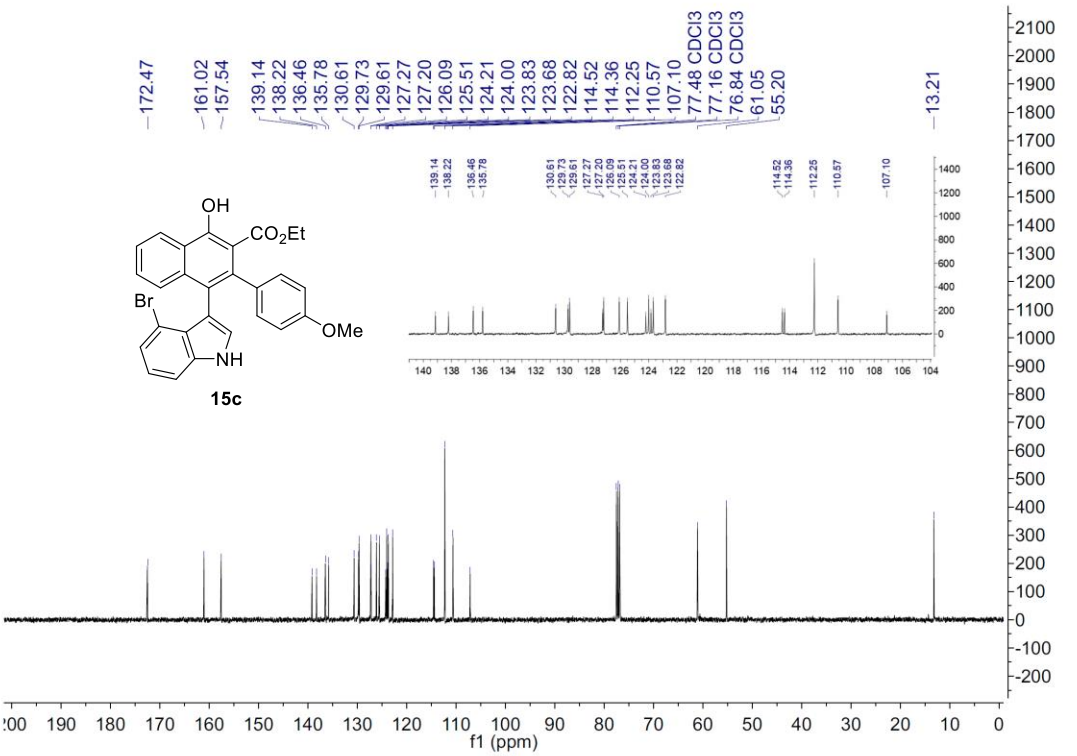

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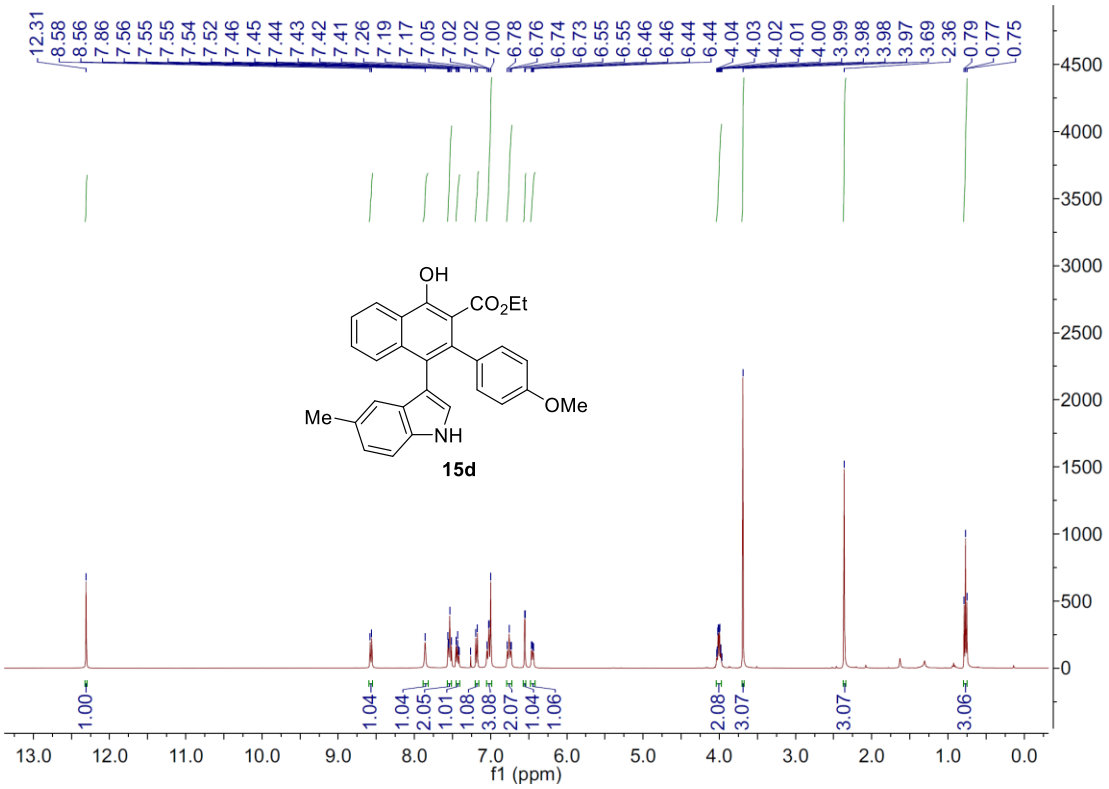

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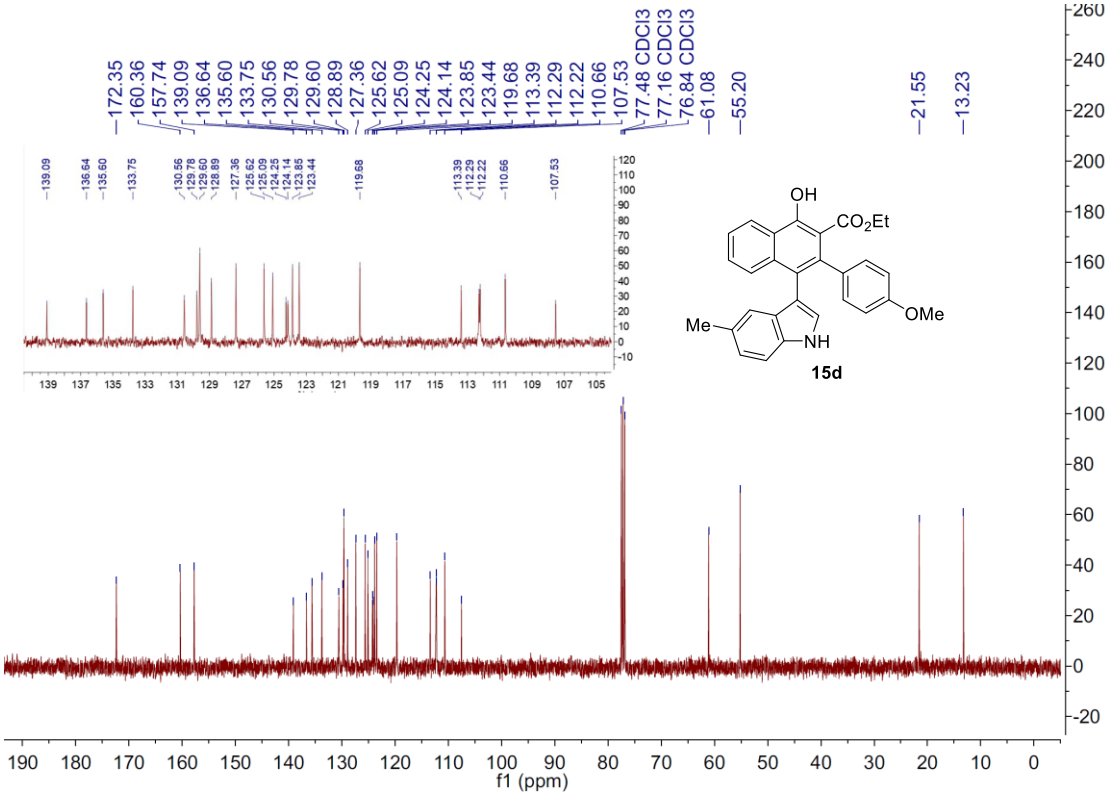

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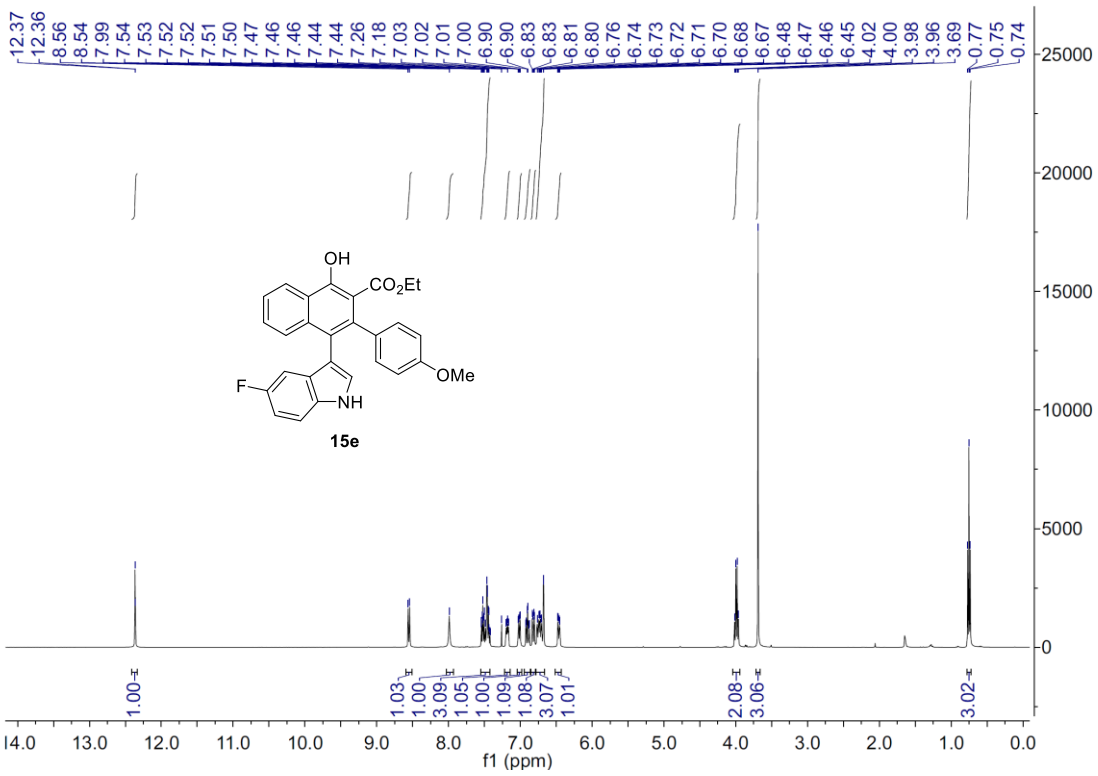

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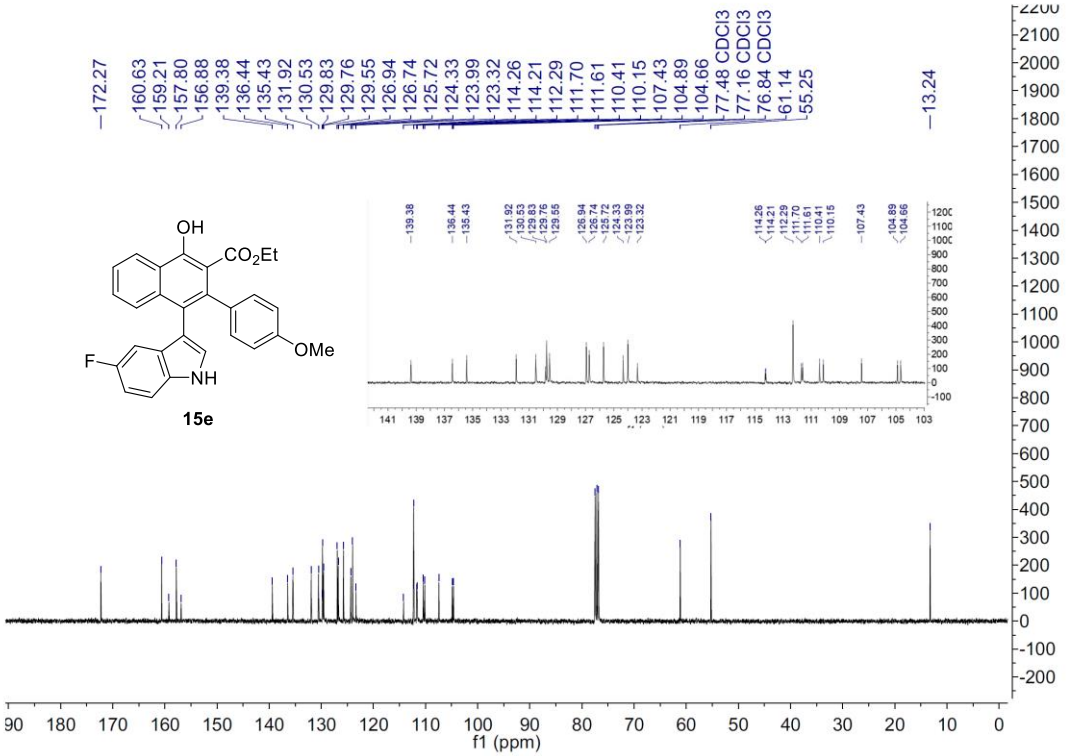


Figure S60. ^{13}C NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **15e** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.

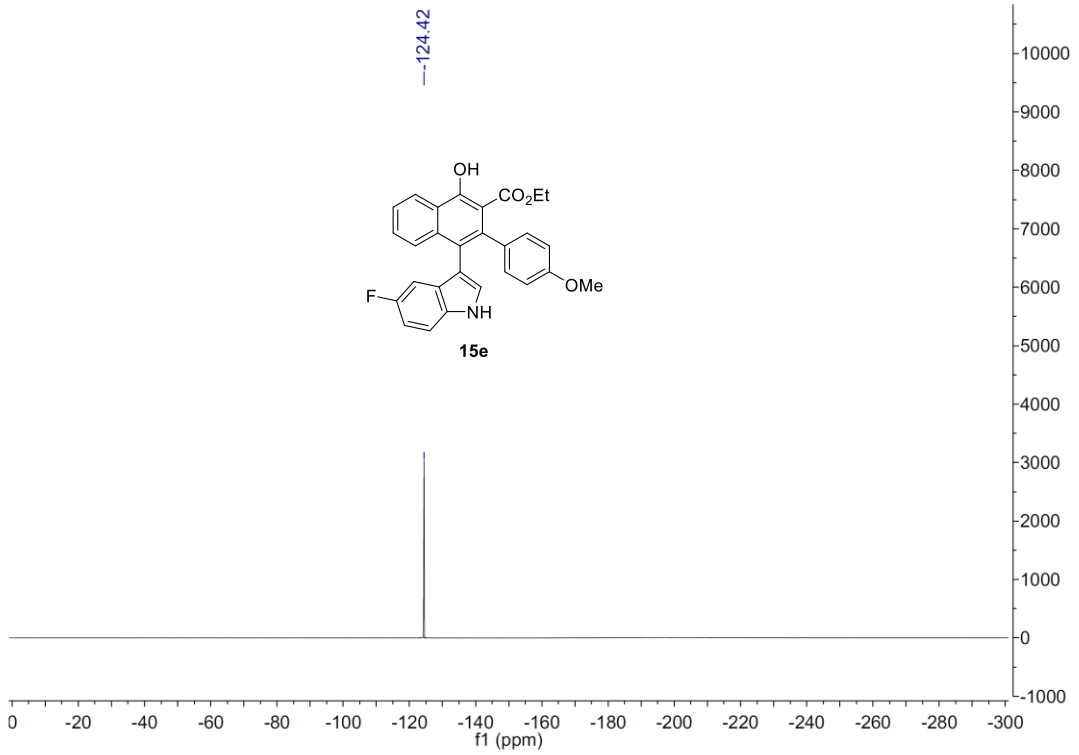
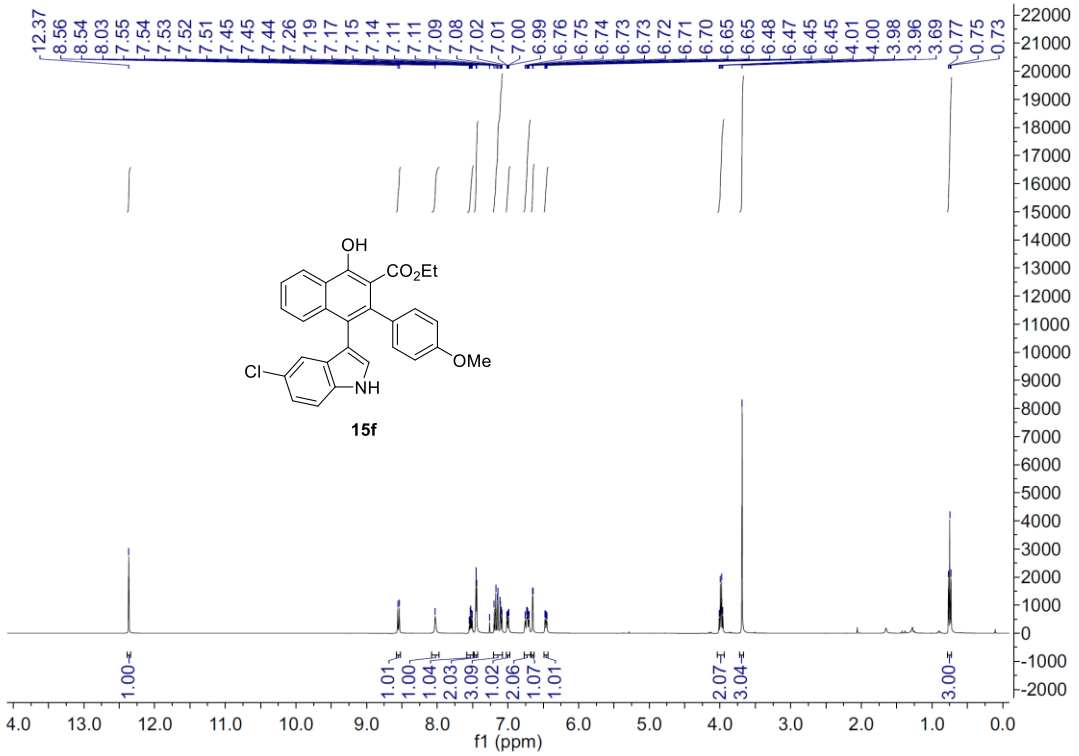


Figure S61. ^{19}F NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **15e** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.



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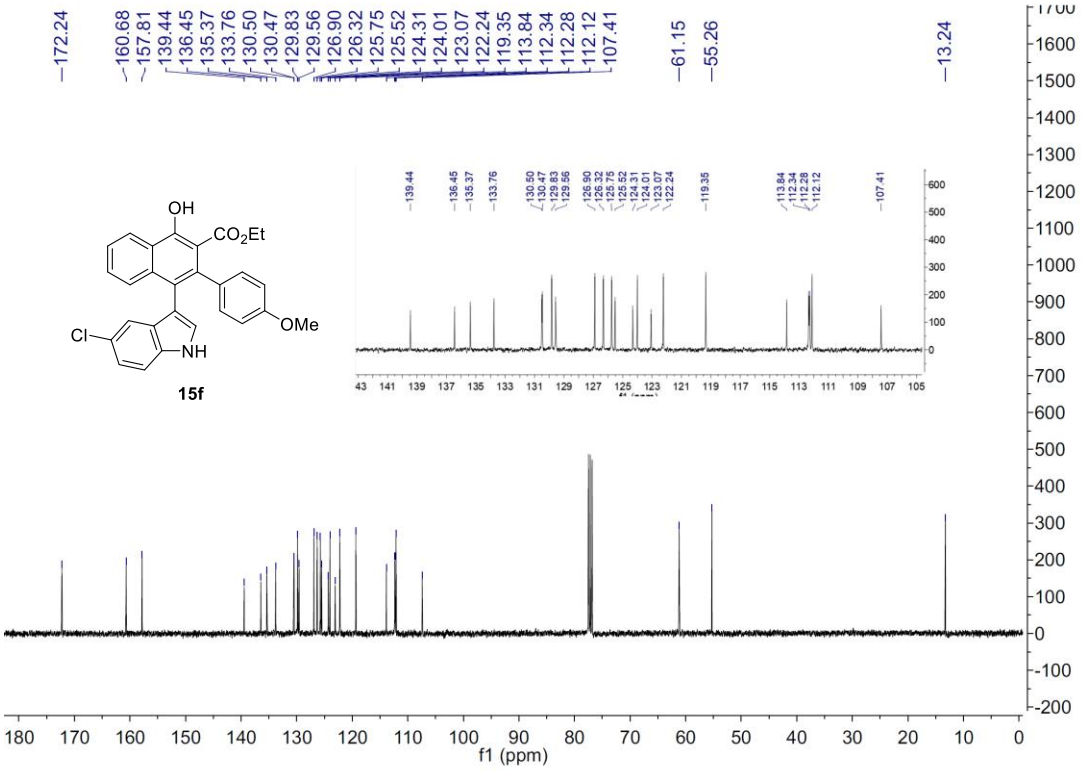

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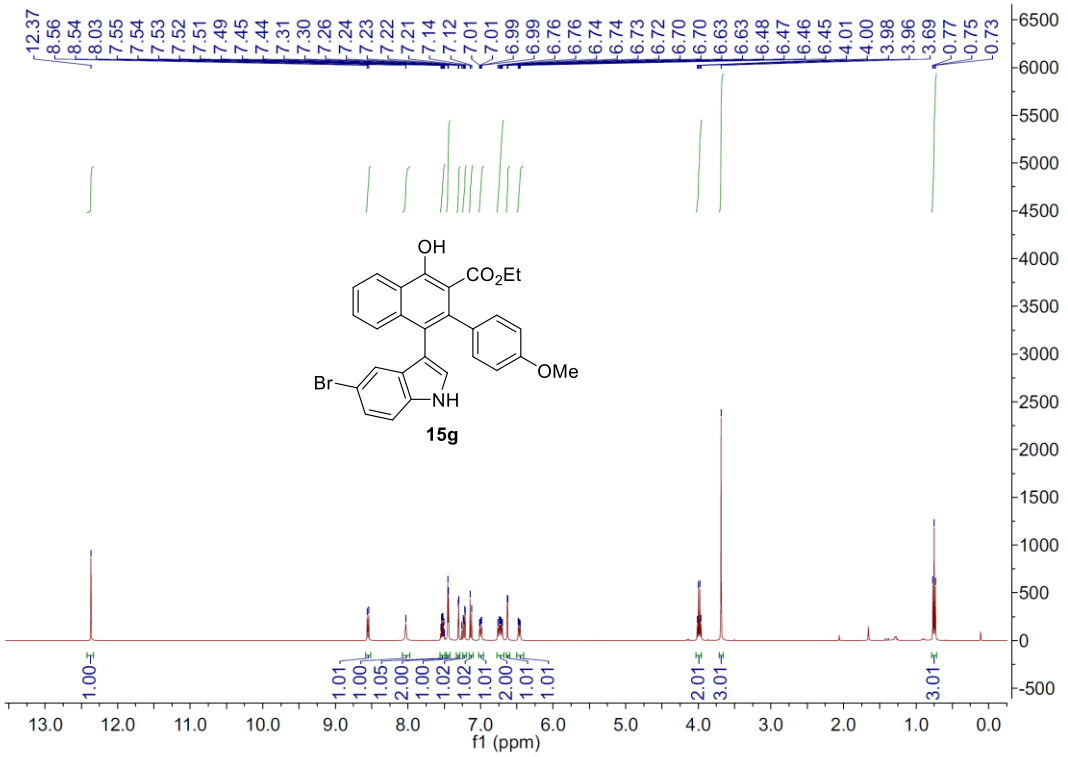

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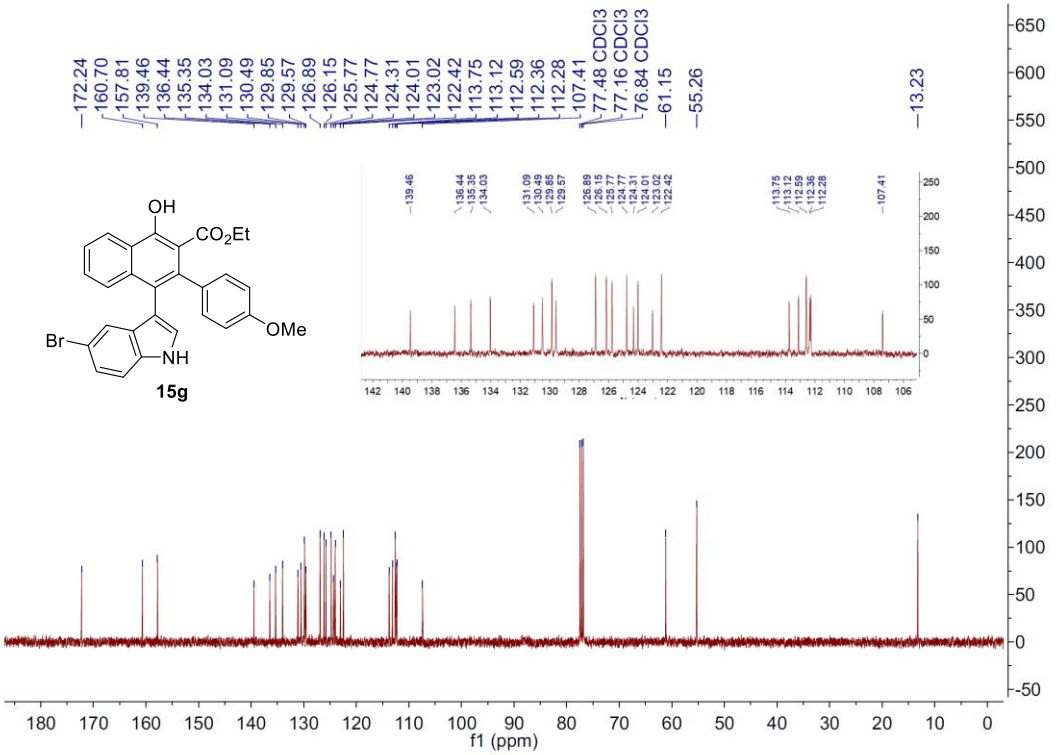

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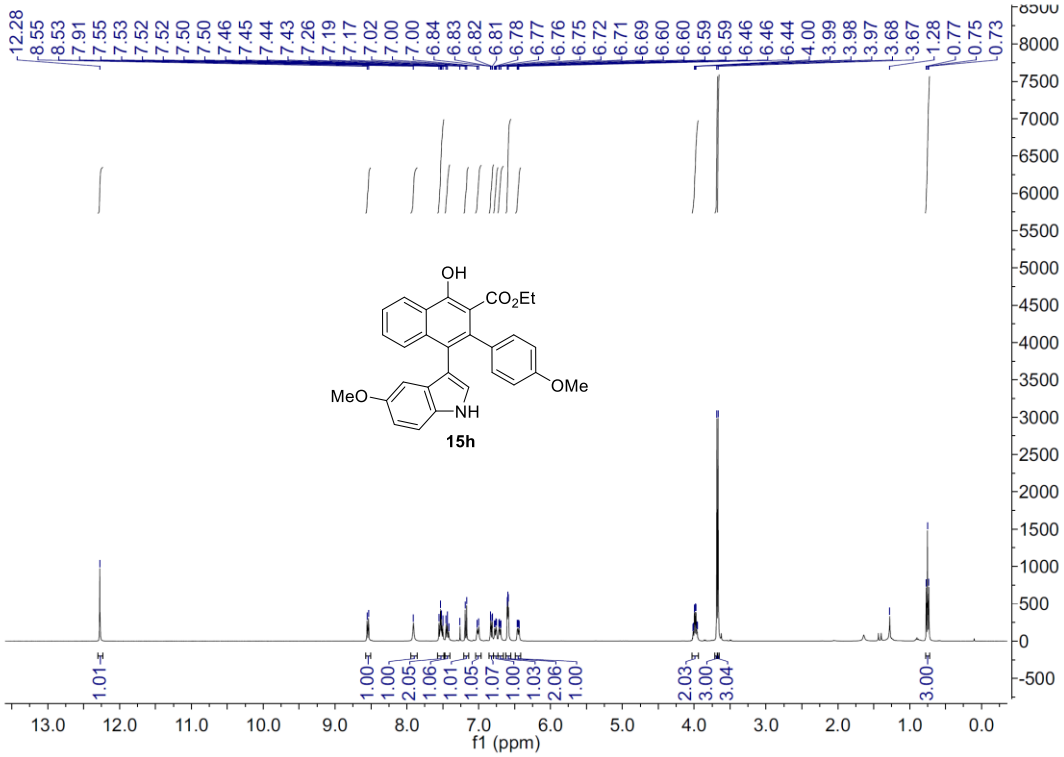

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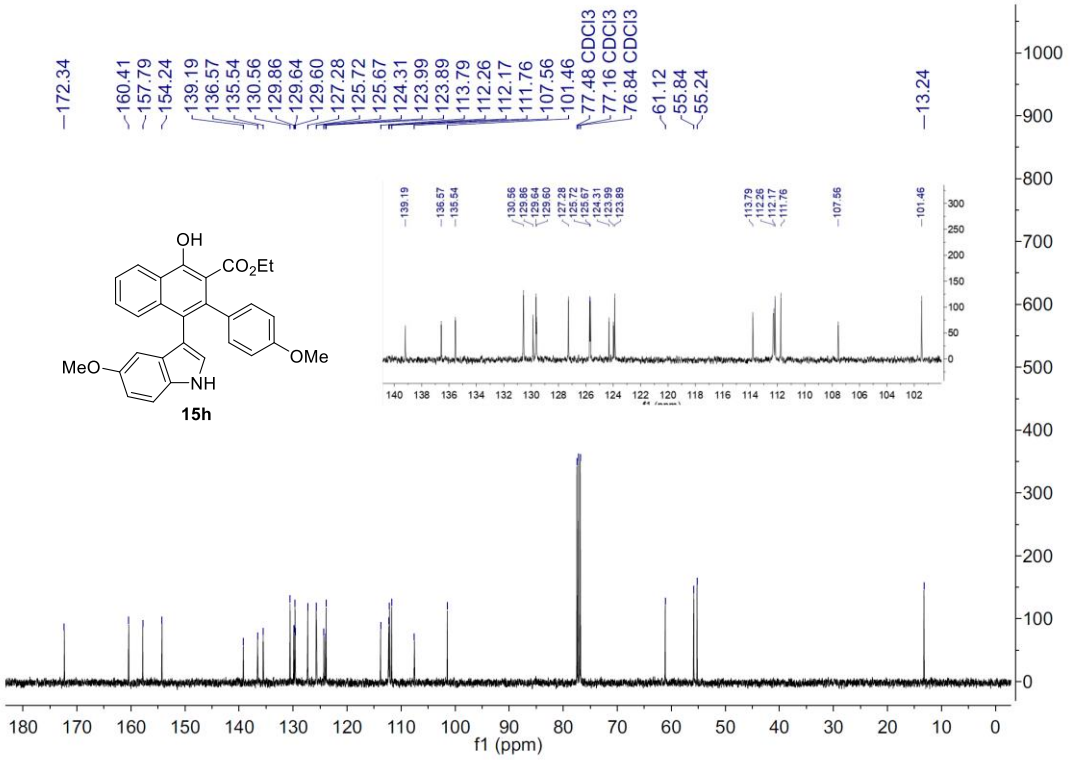

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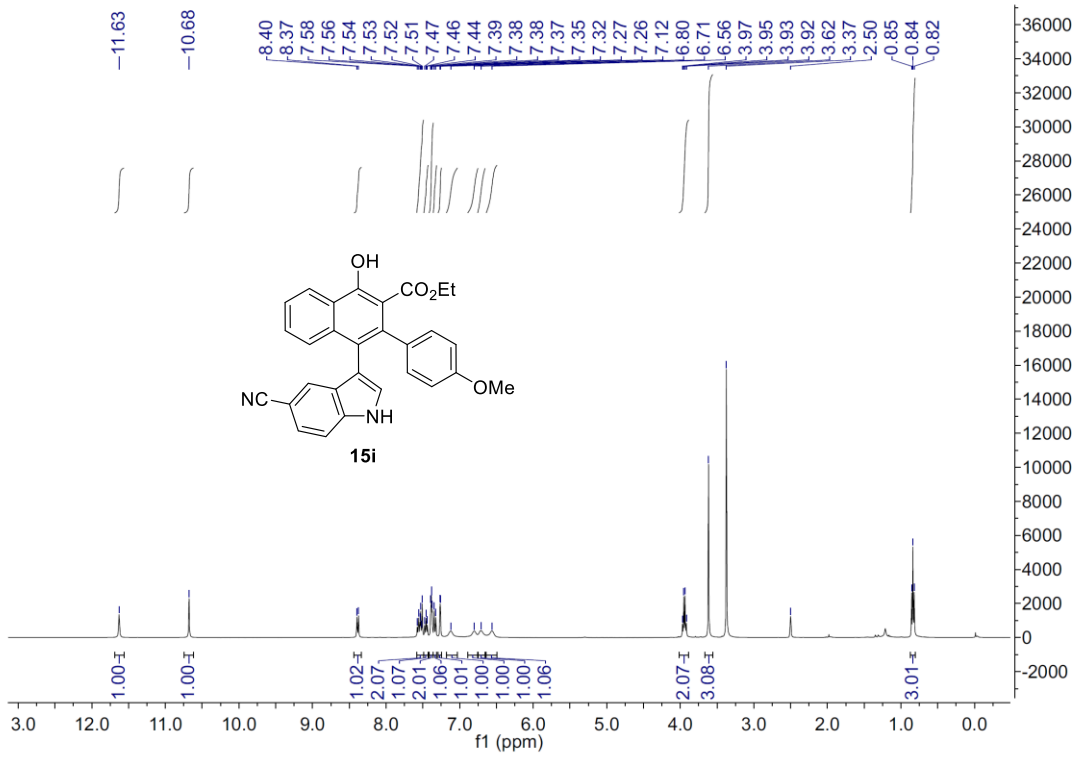
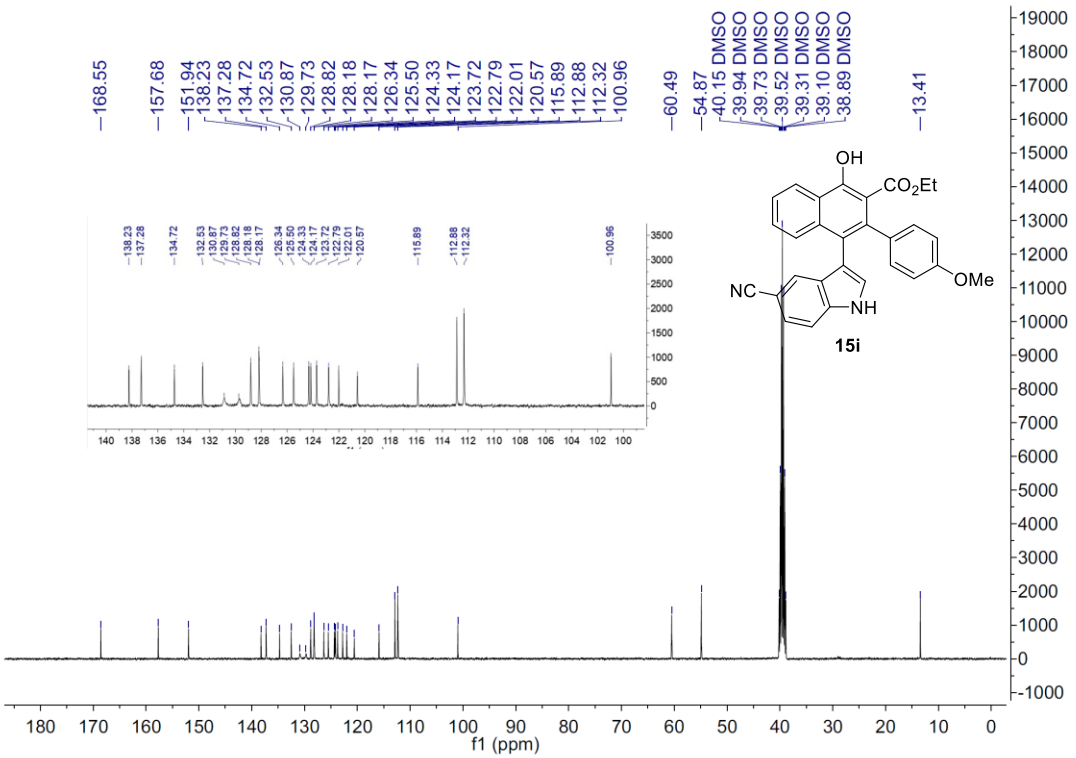


Figure S68. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **15i** in DMSO-d_6, related to **Scheme 1**.



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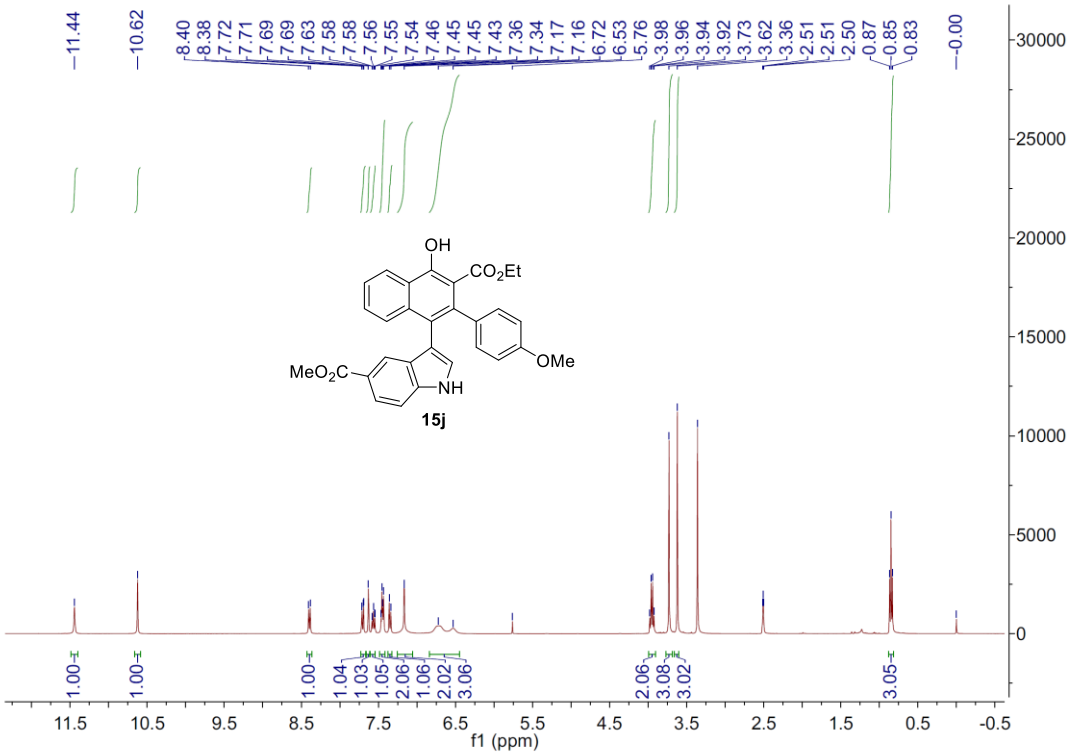

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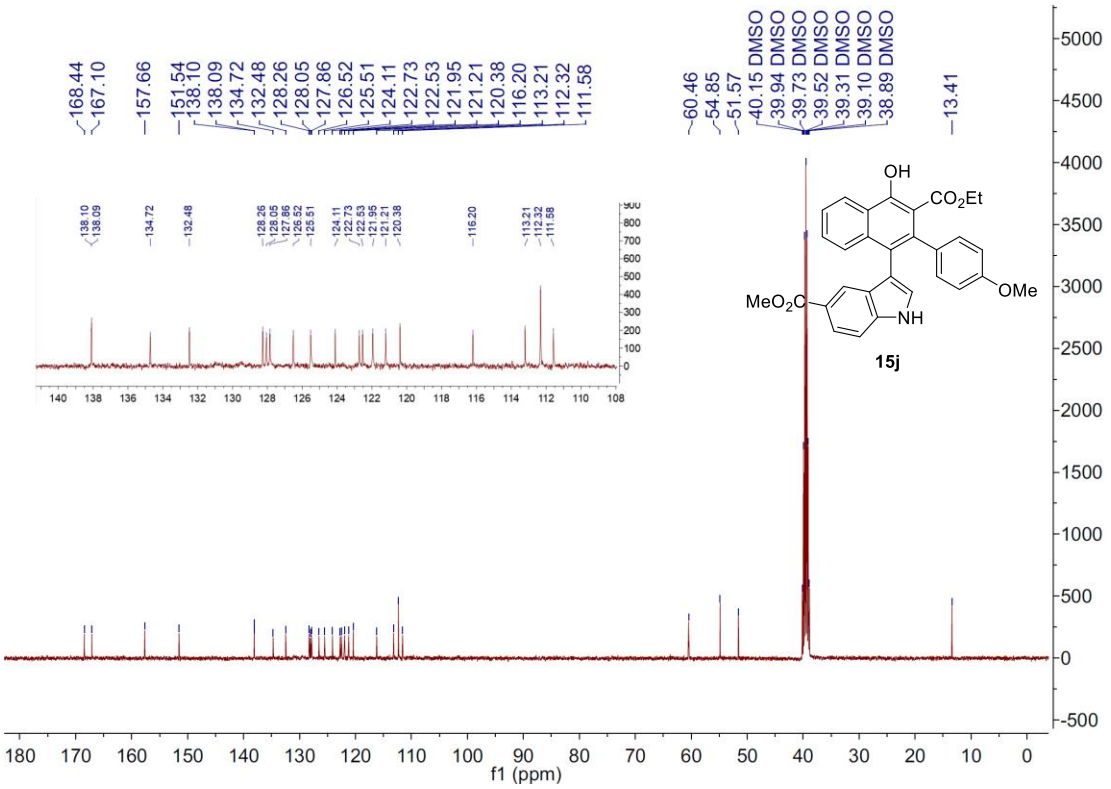

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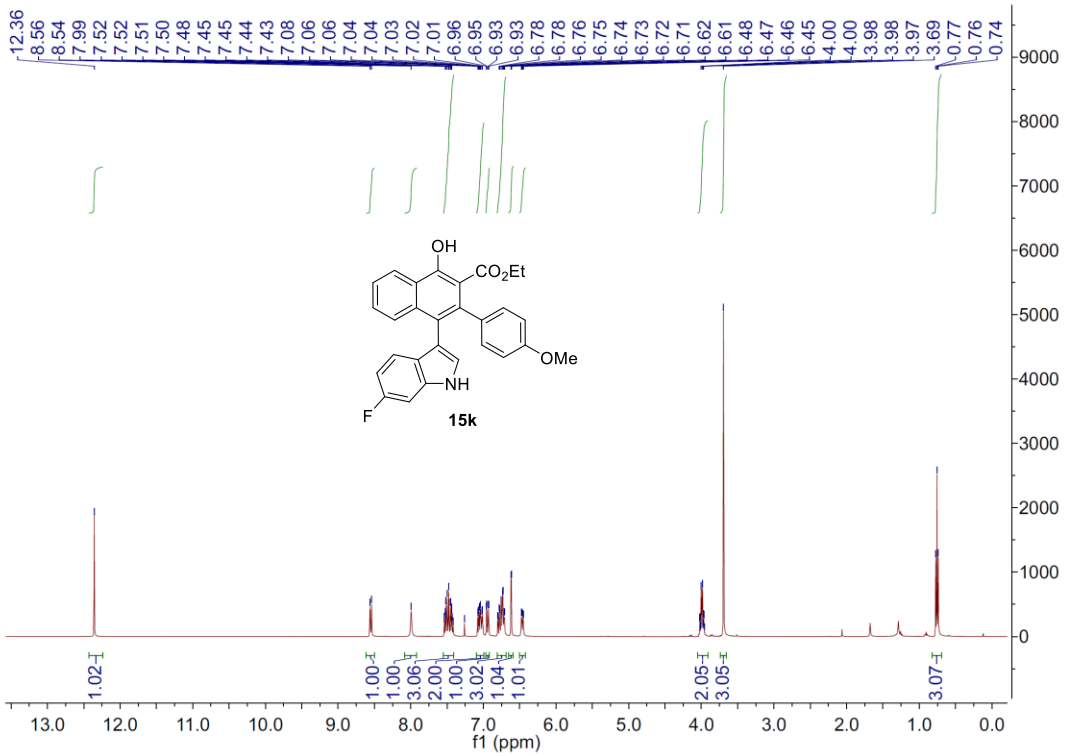

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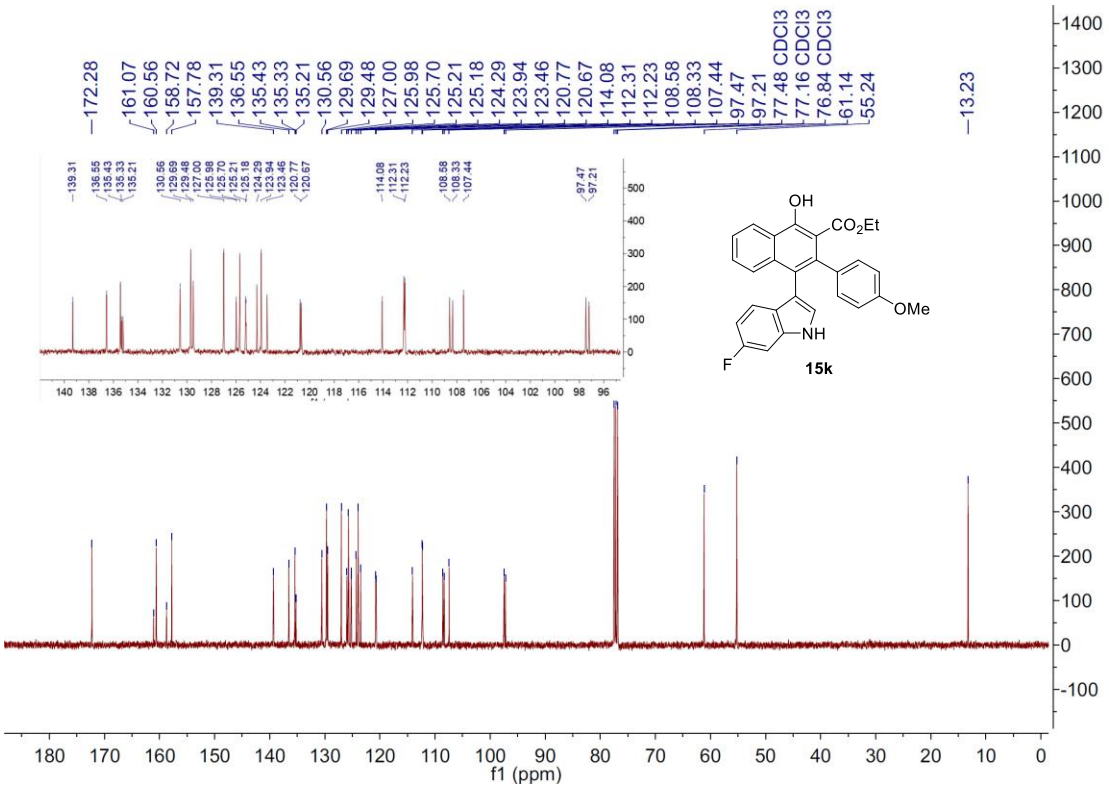

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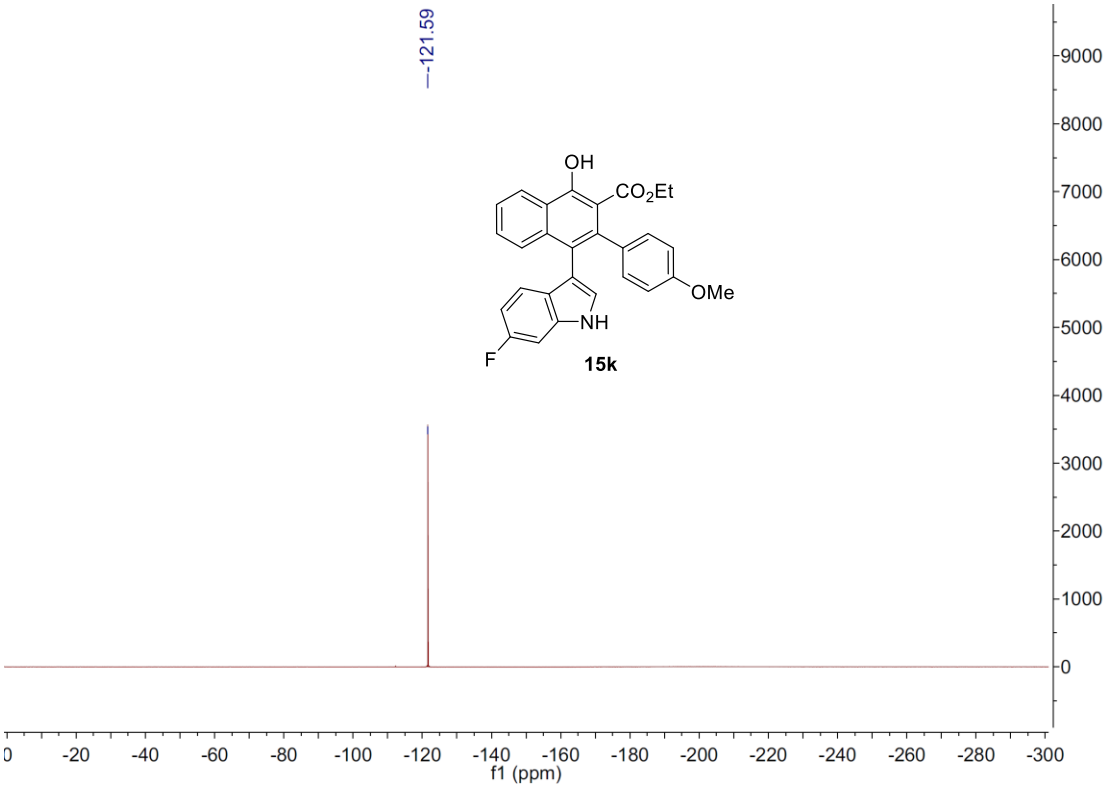

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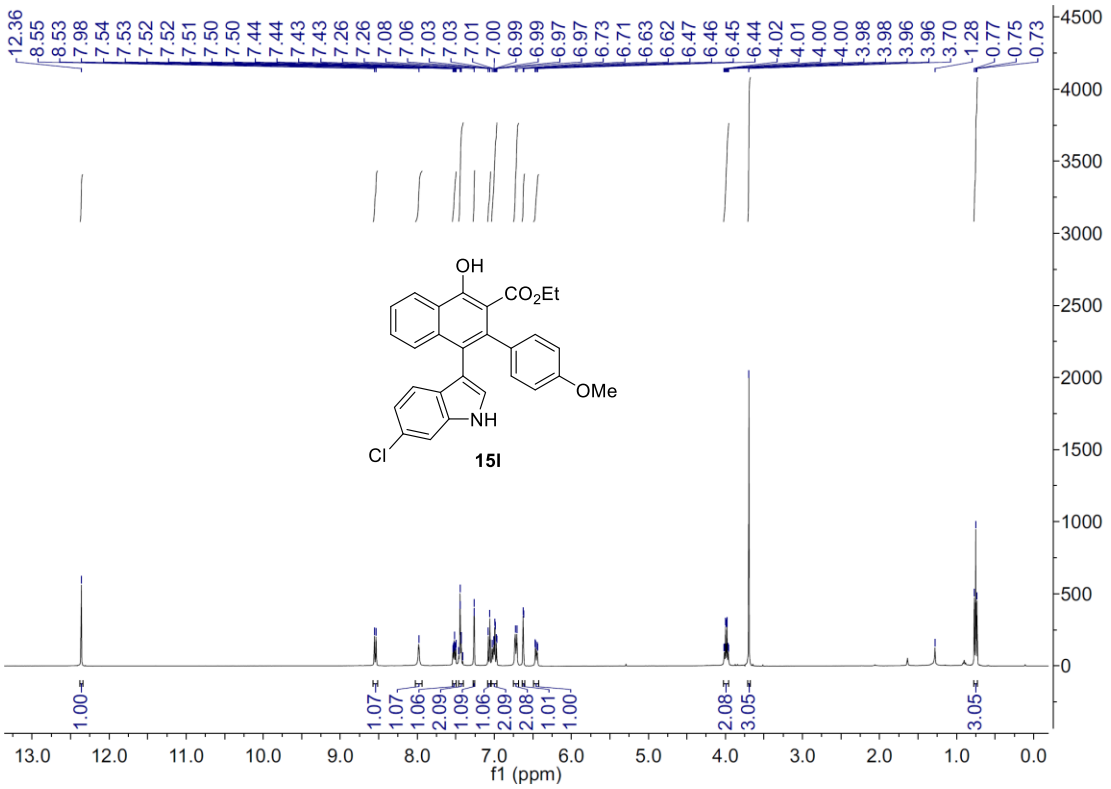
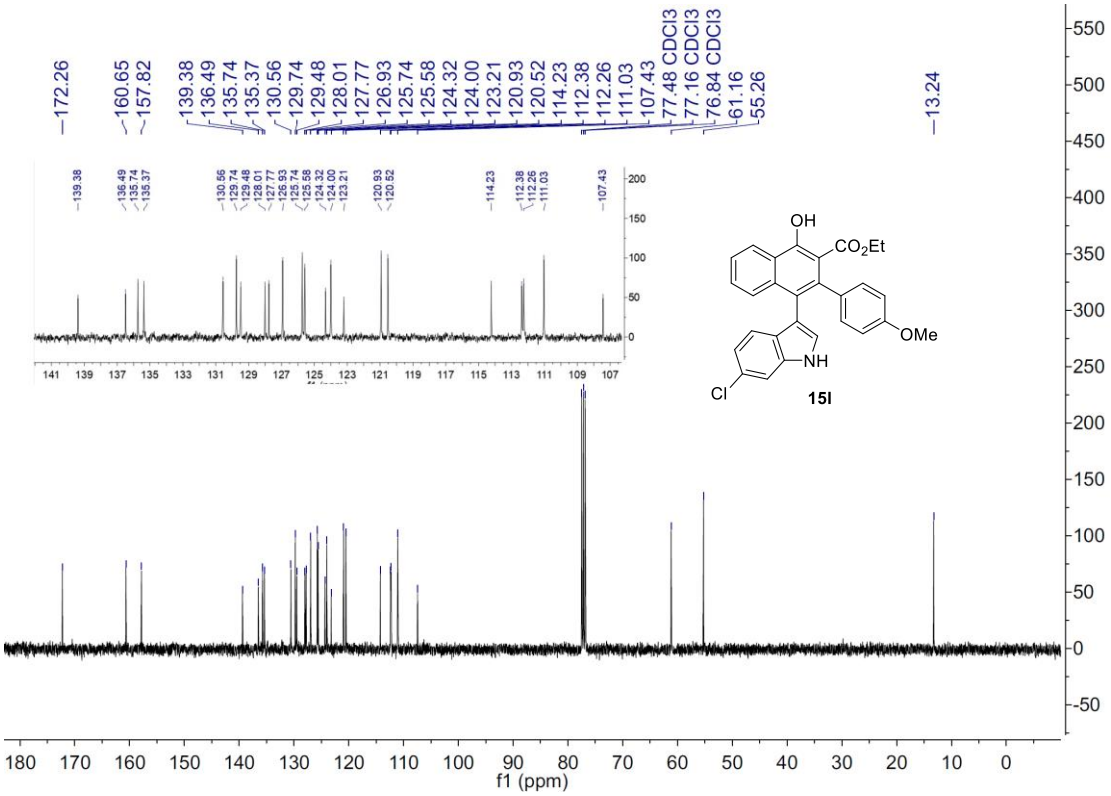


Figure S75. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **15l** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.



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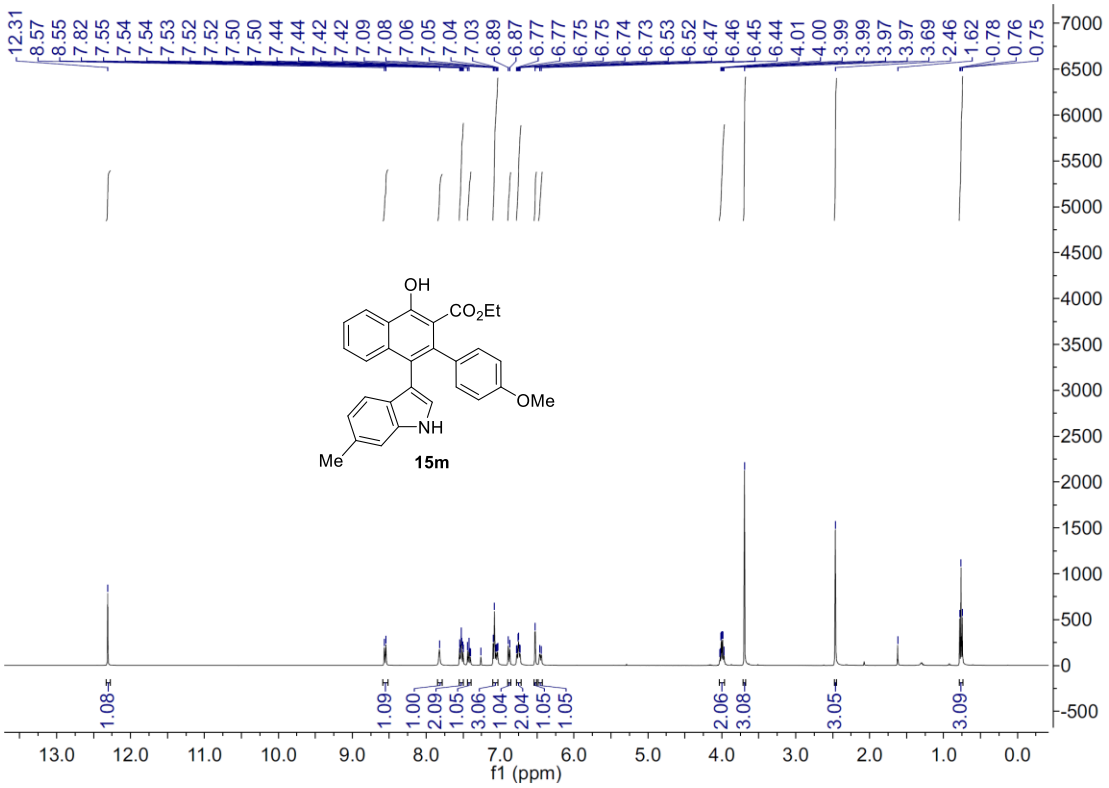

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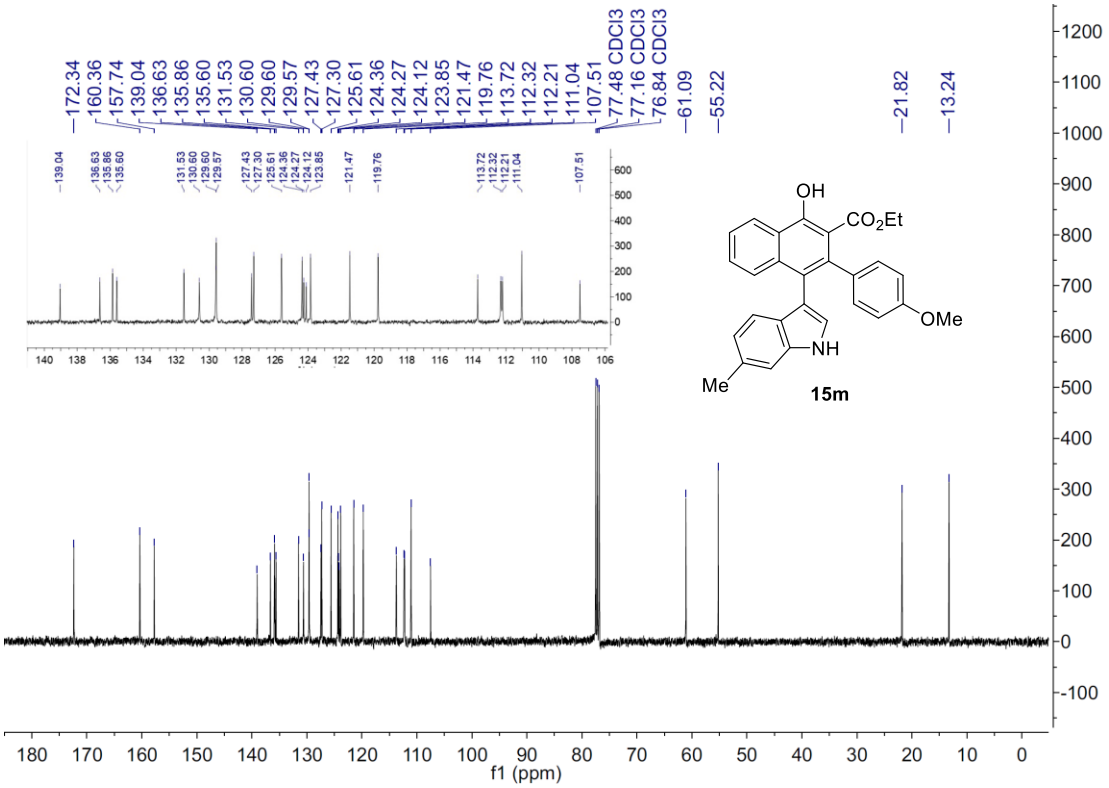

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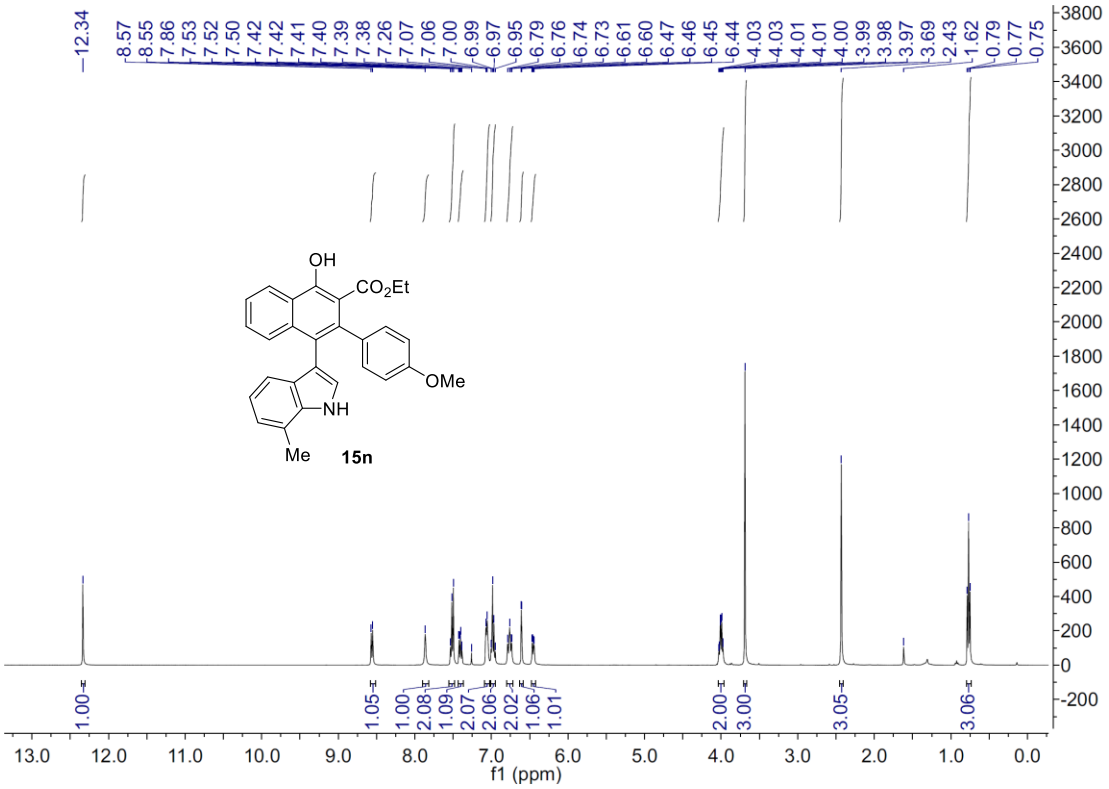

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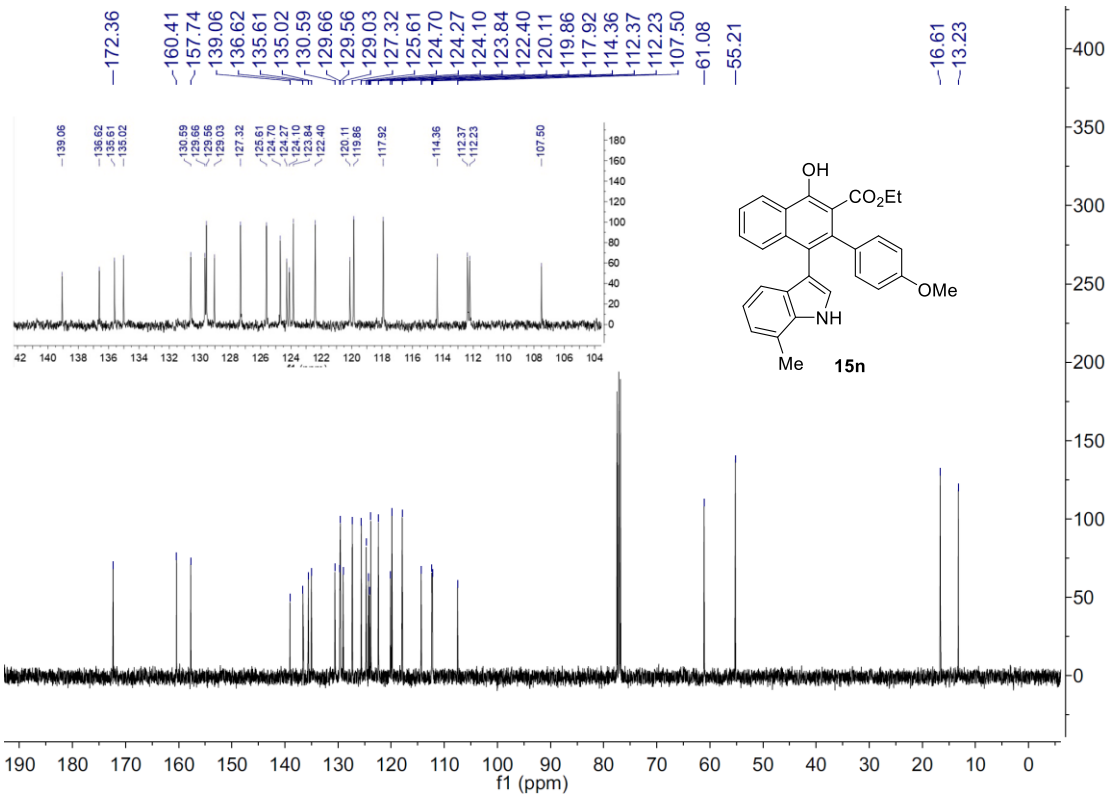

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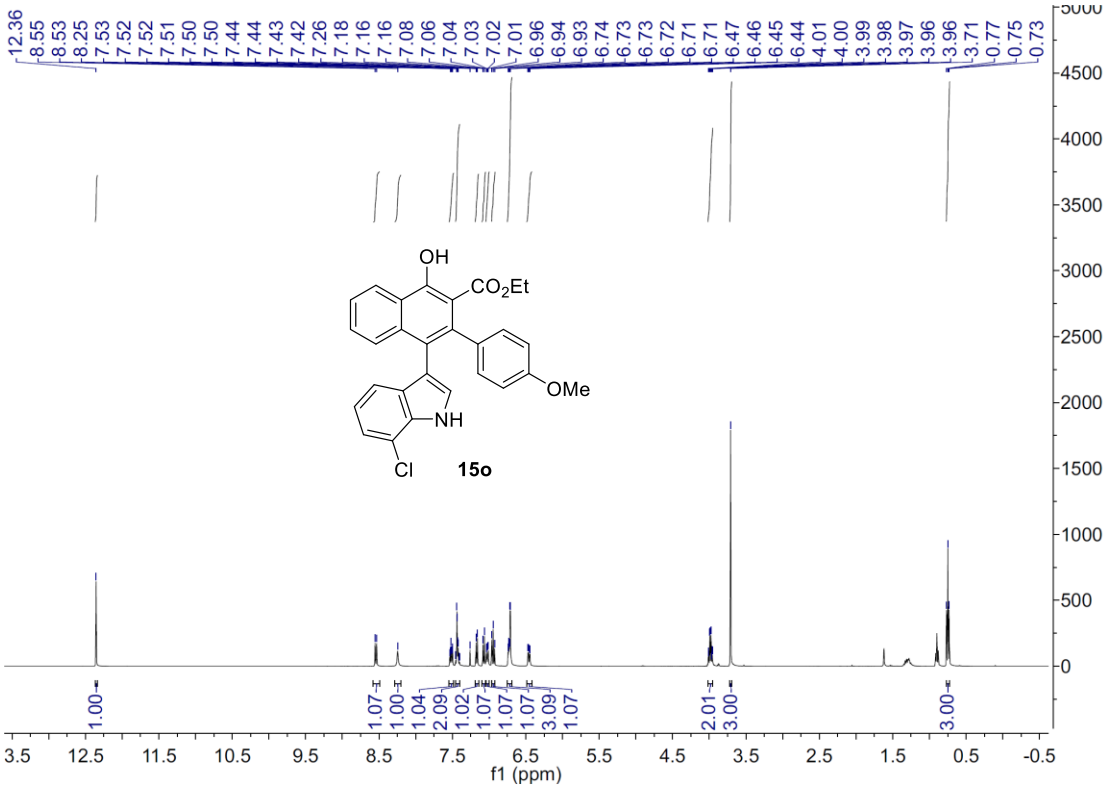
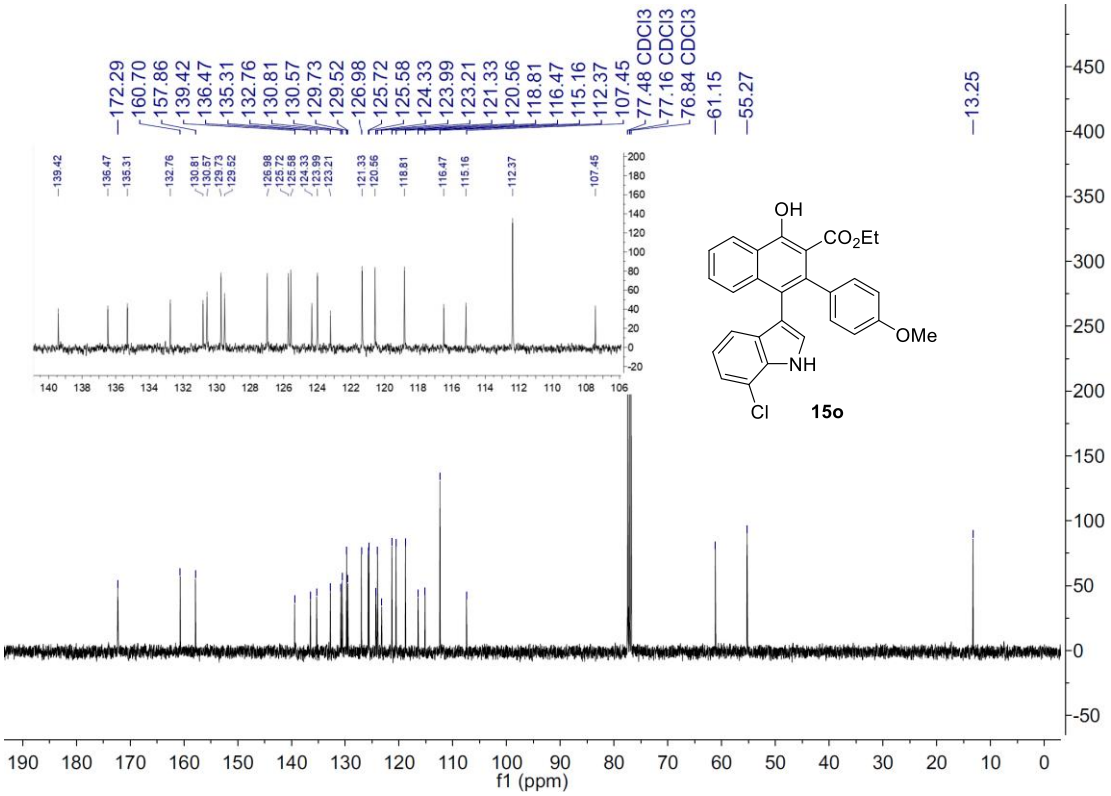


Figure S81. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **15o** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.



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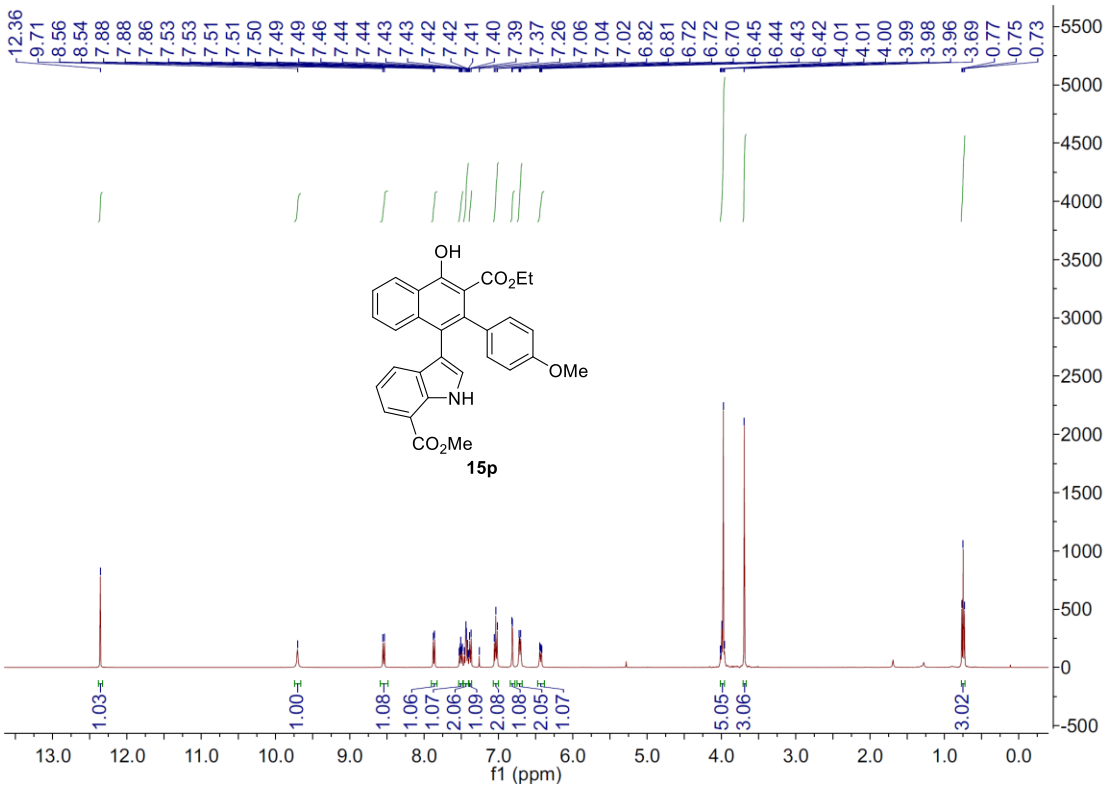
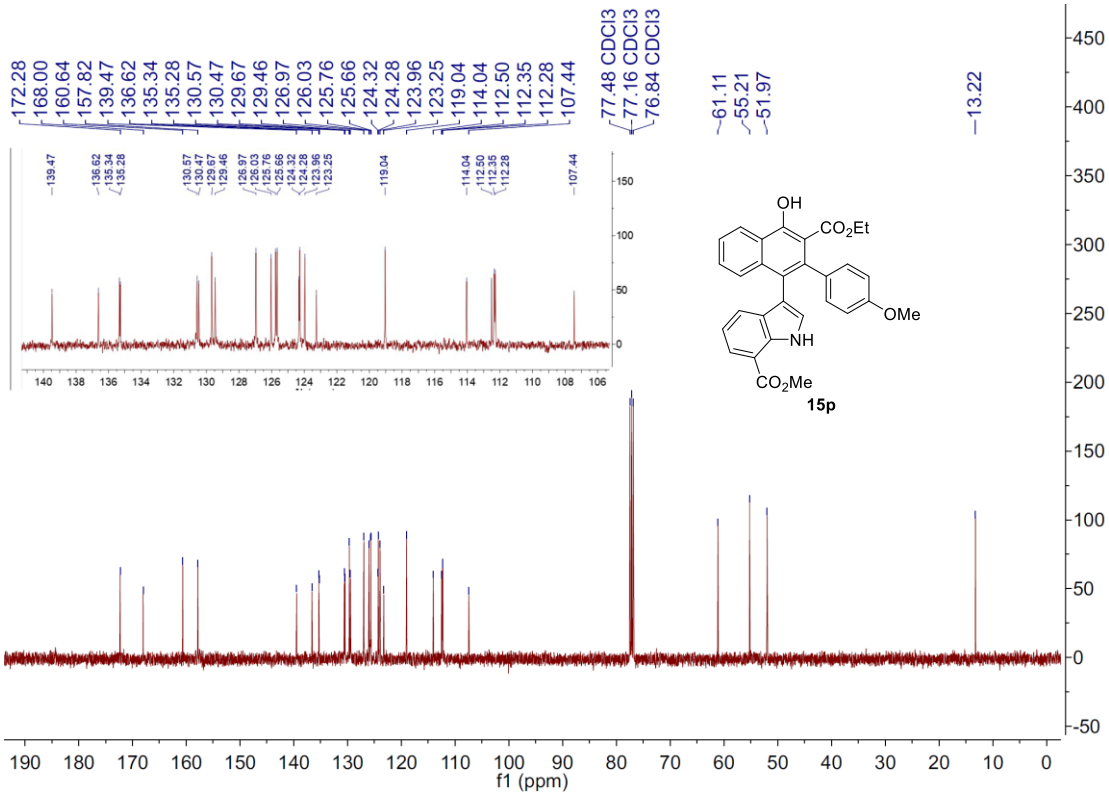


Figure S83. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **15p** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Scheme 1**.



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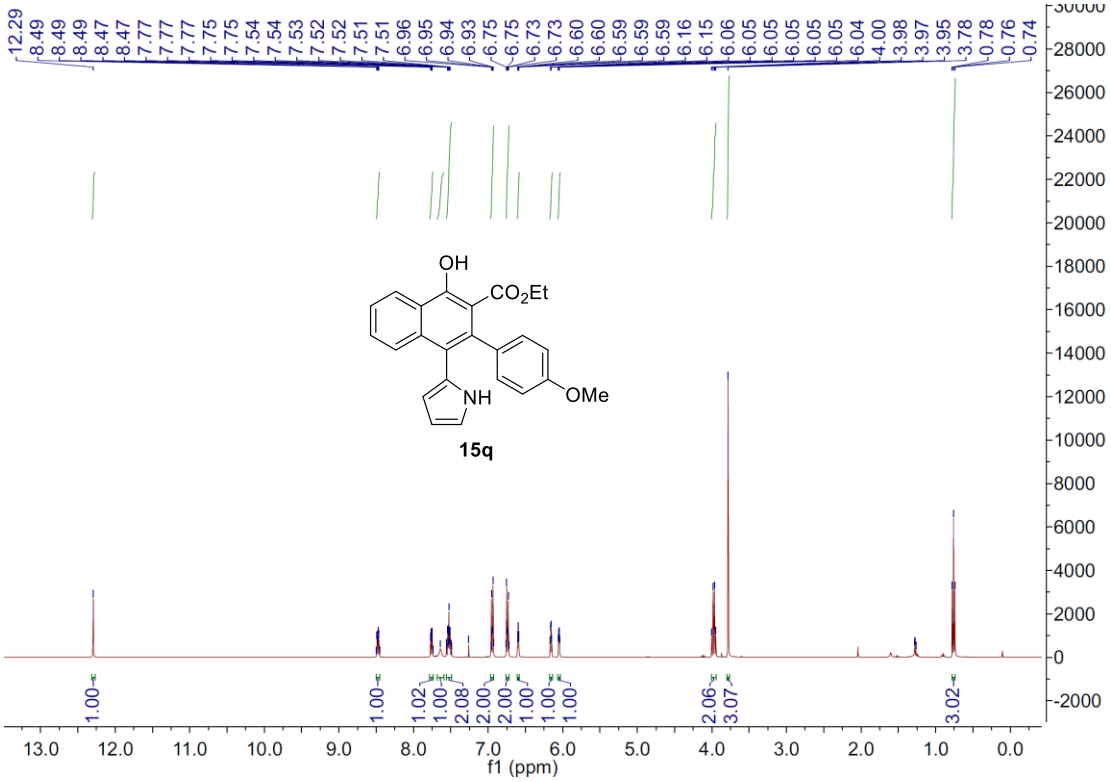

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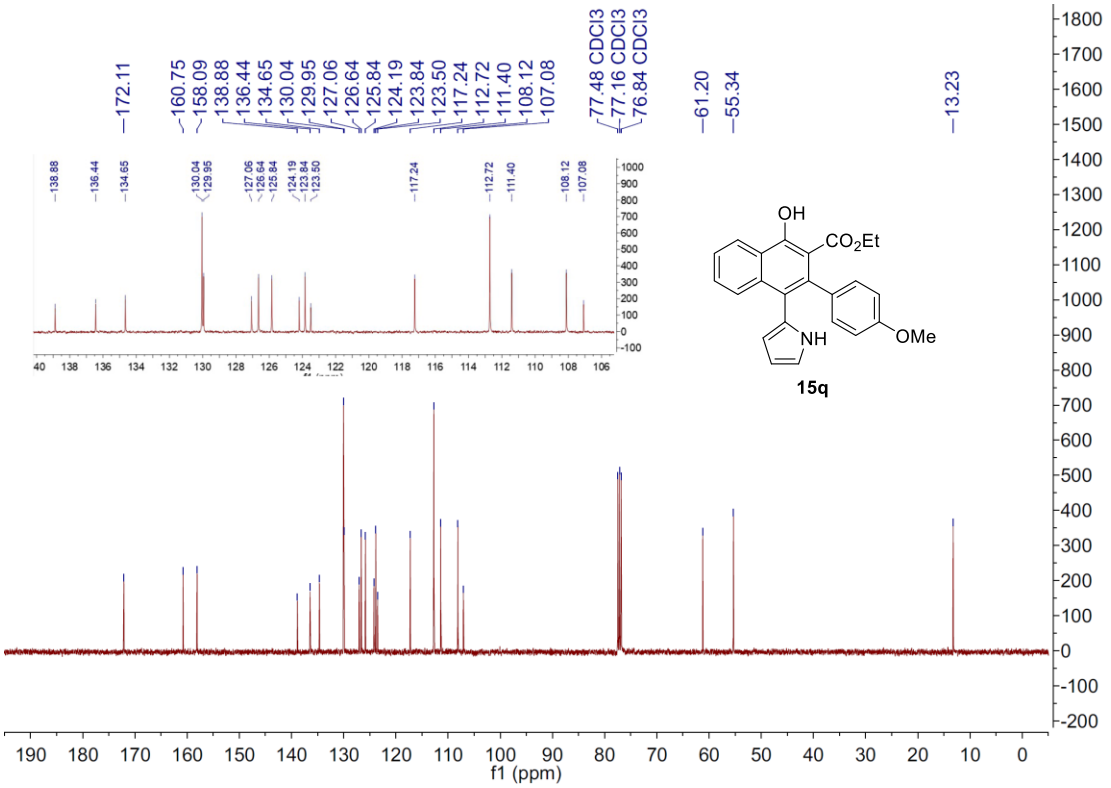

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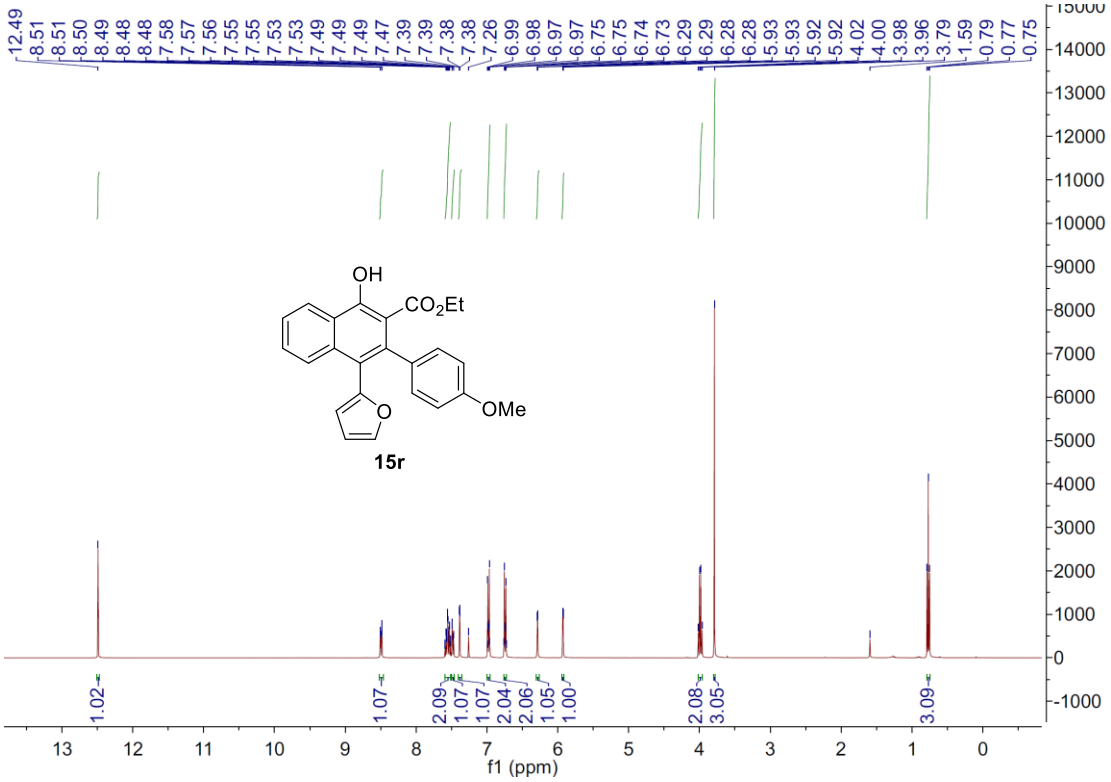

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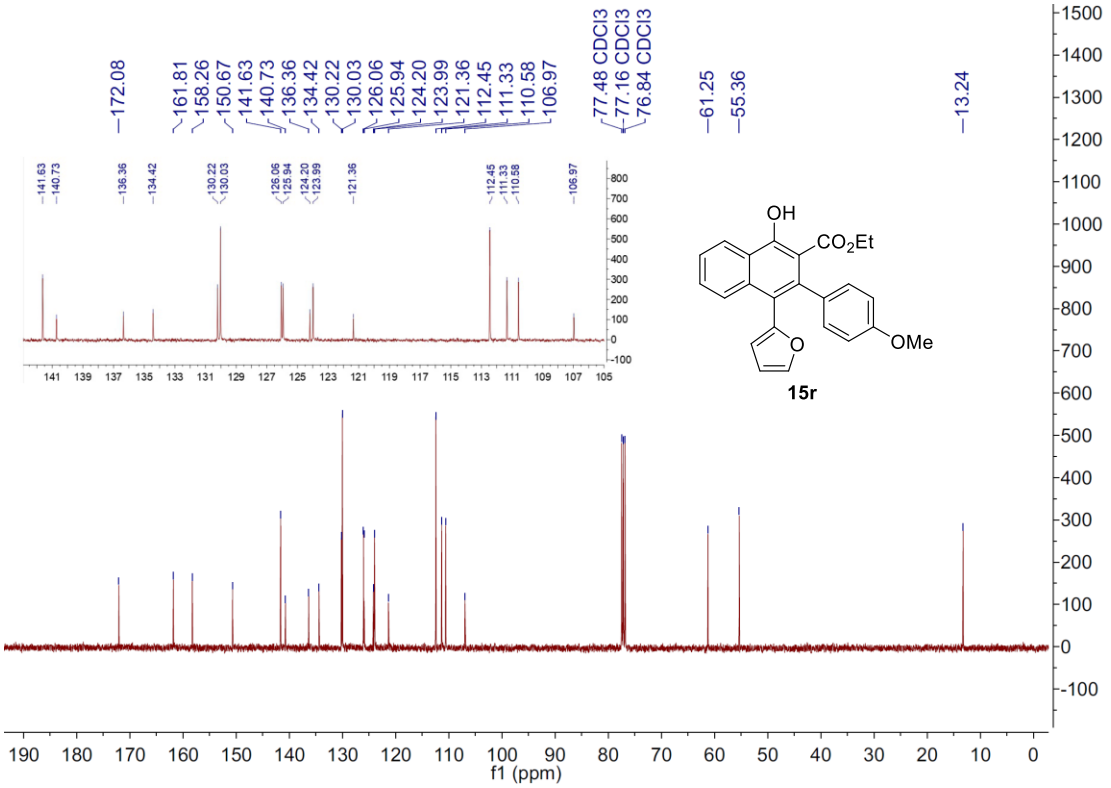

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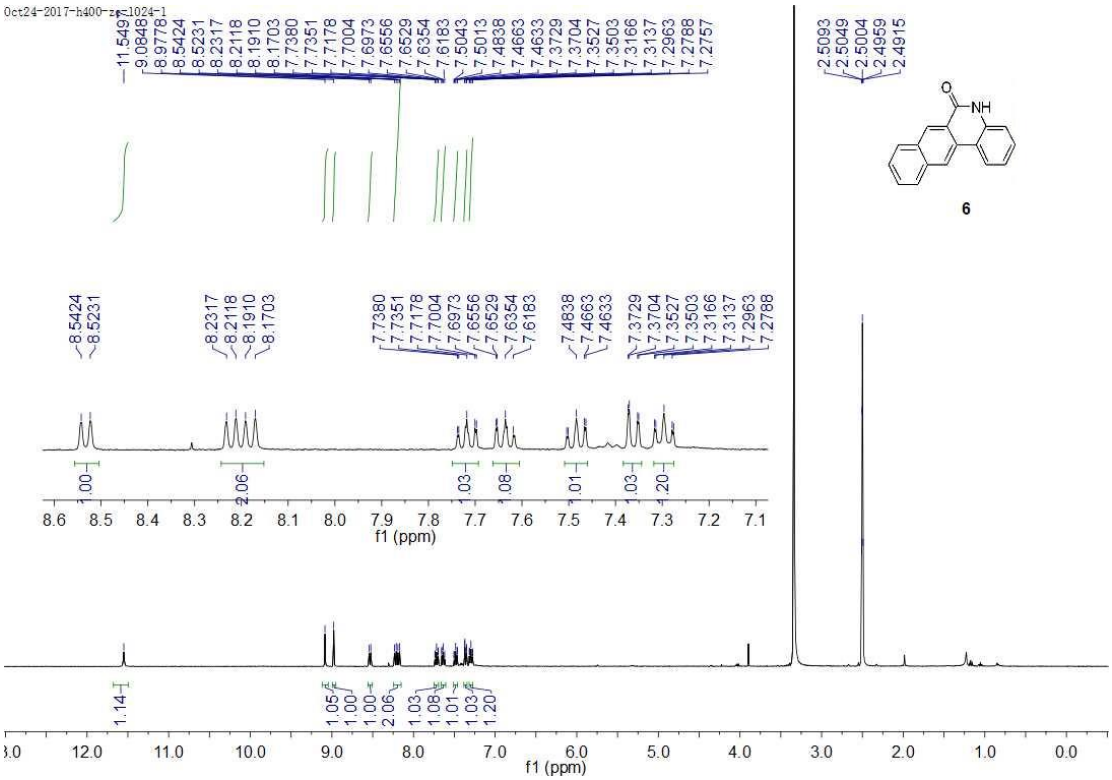
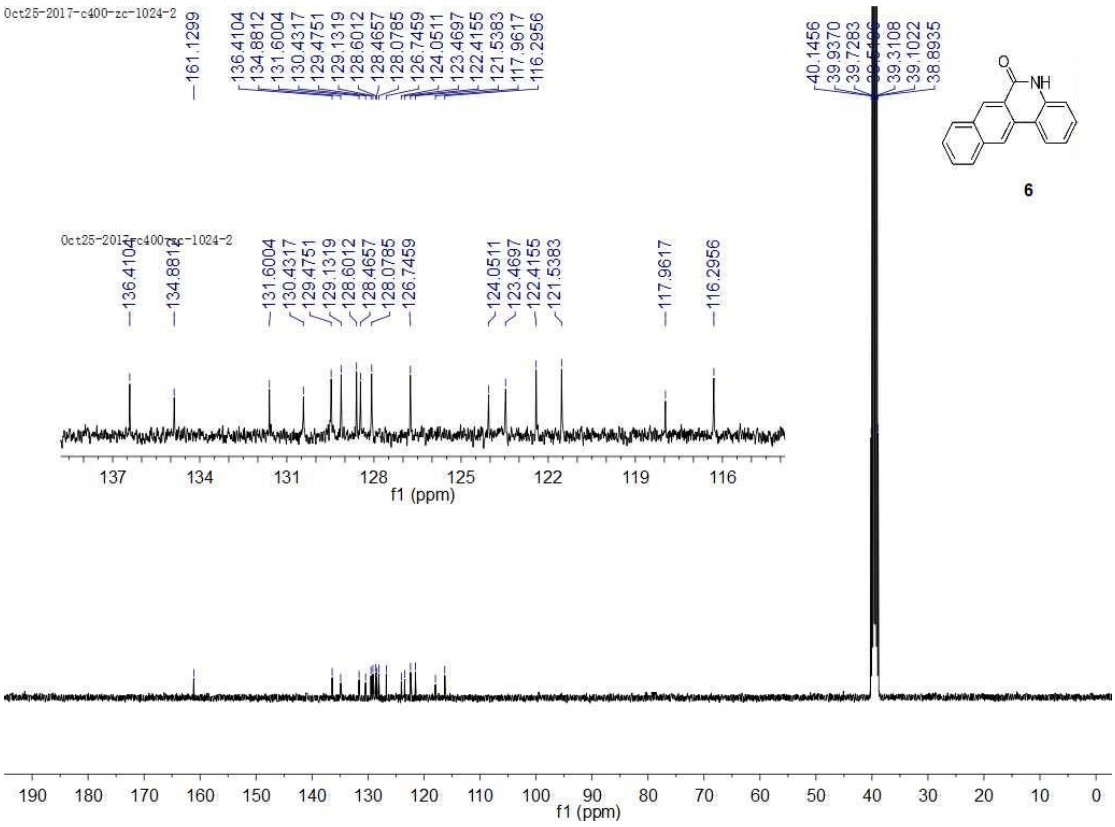


Figure S89. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **6** in DMSO-d_6, related to **Figure 2A**.



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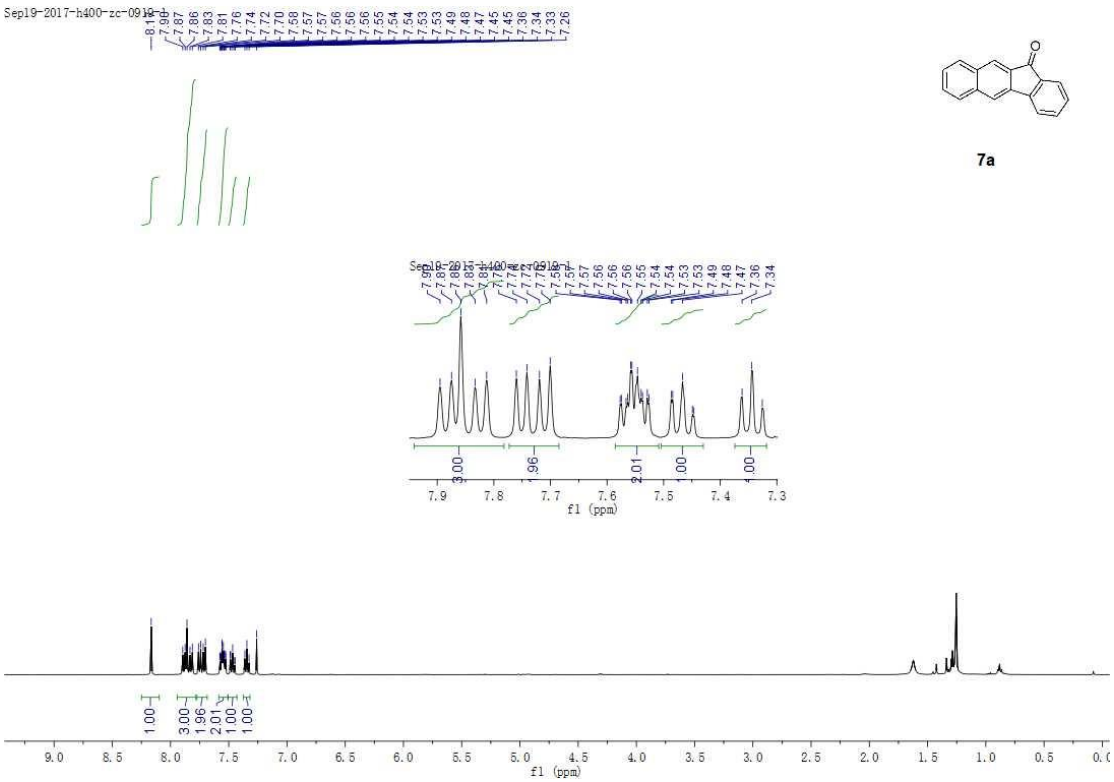
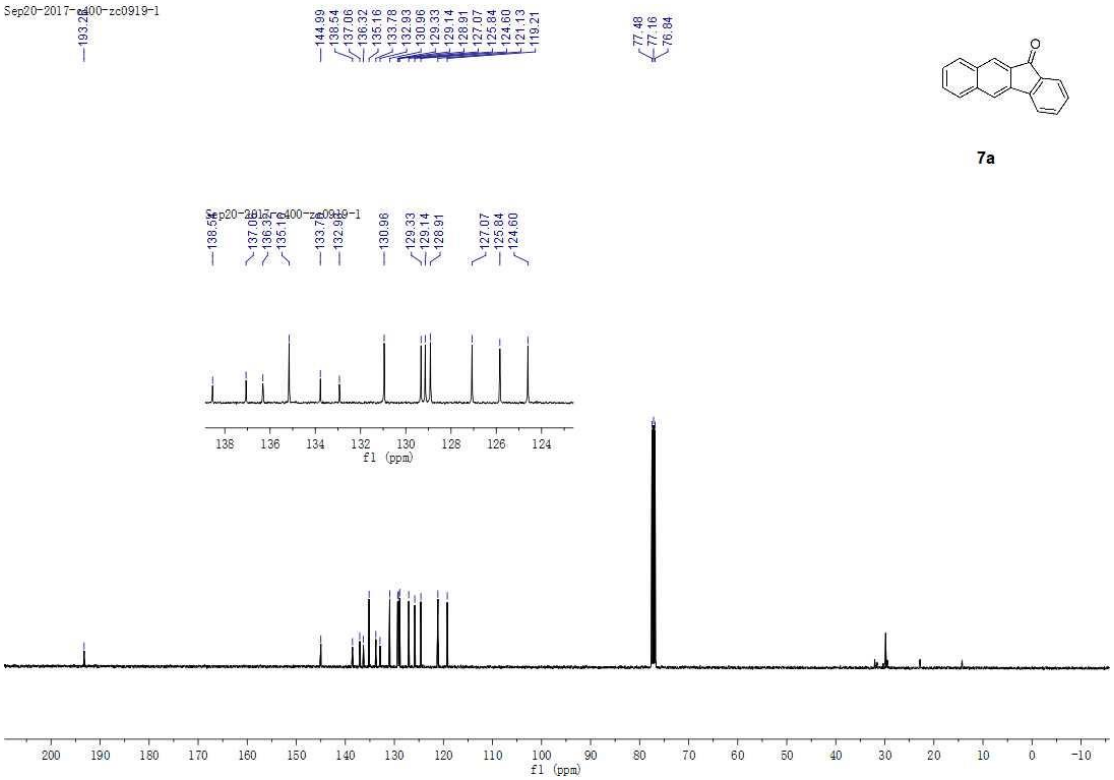


Figure S91. ^{1}H NMR spectra (400 MHz) of **7a** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Figure 2B**.



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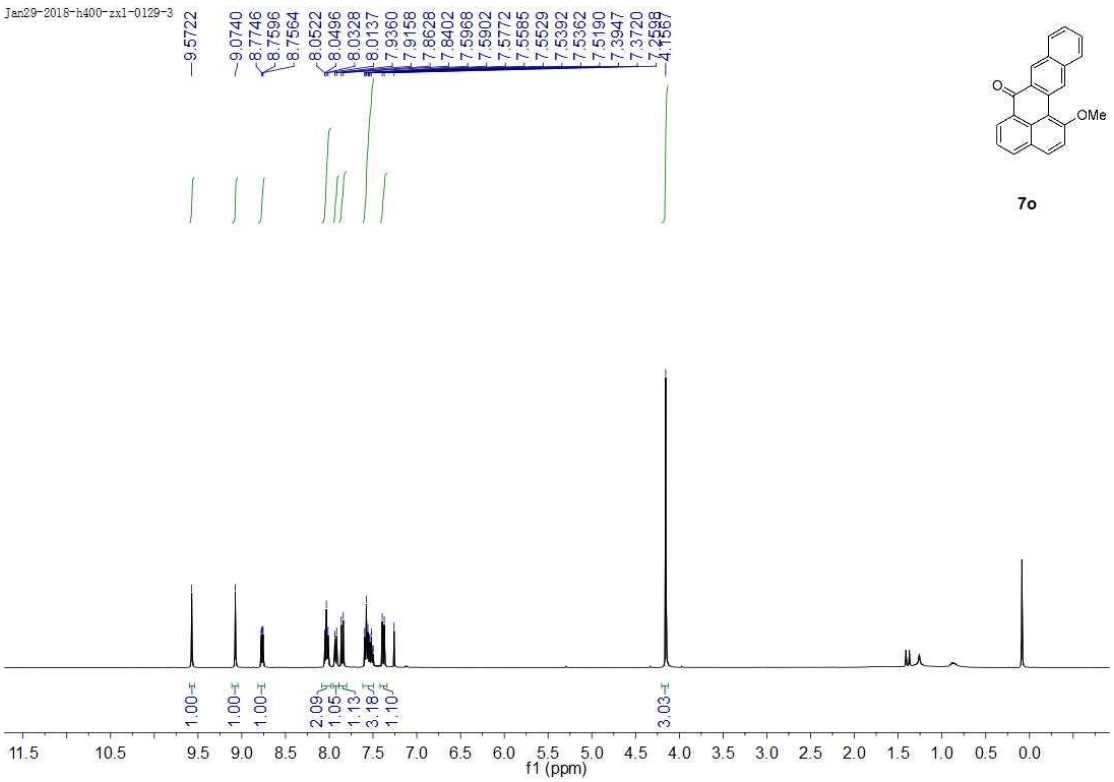

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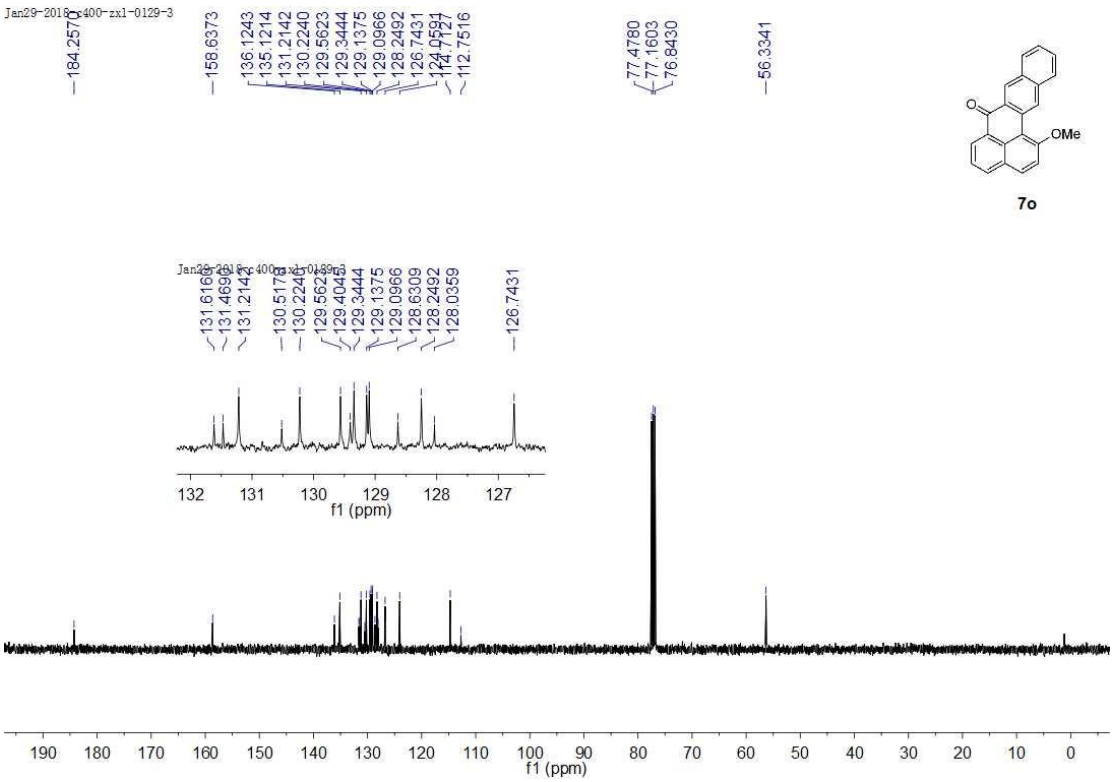

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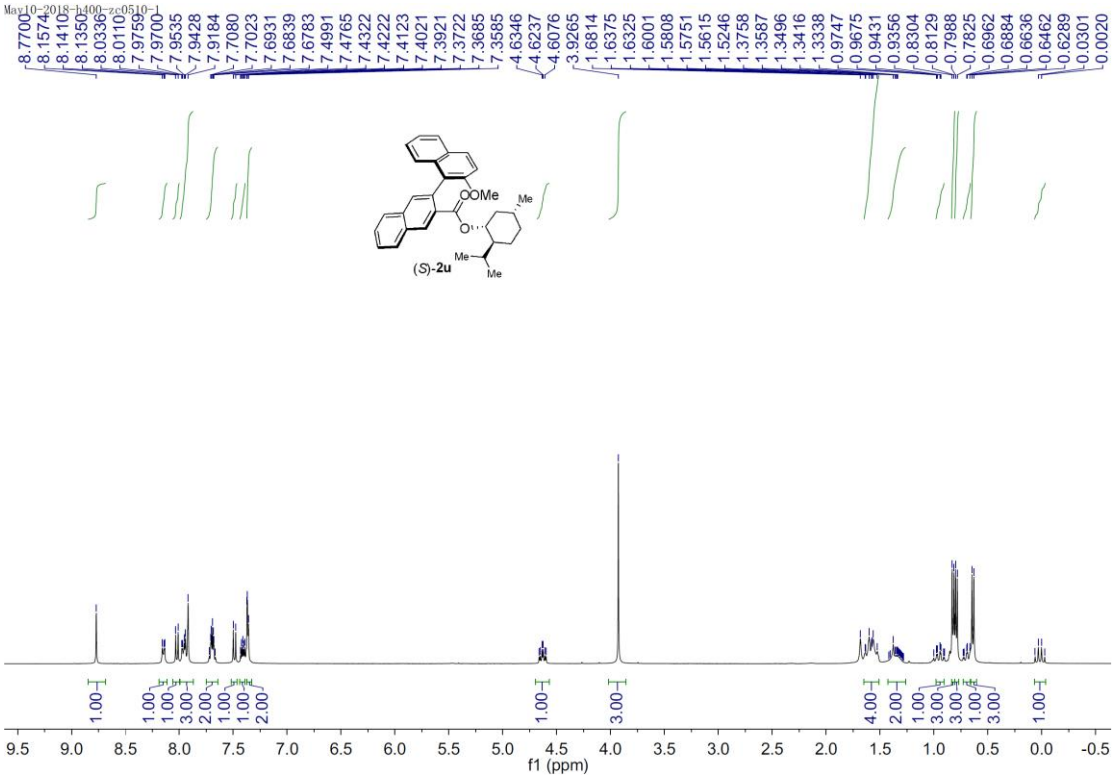

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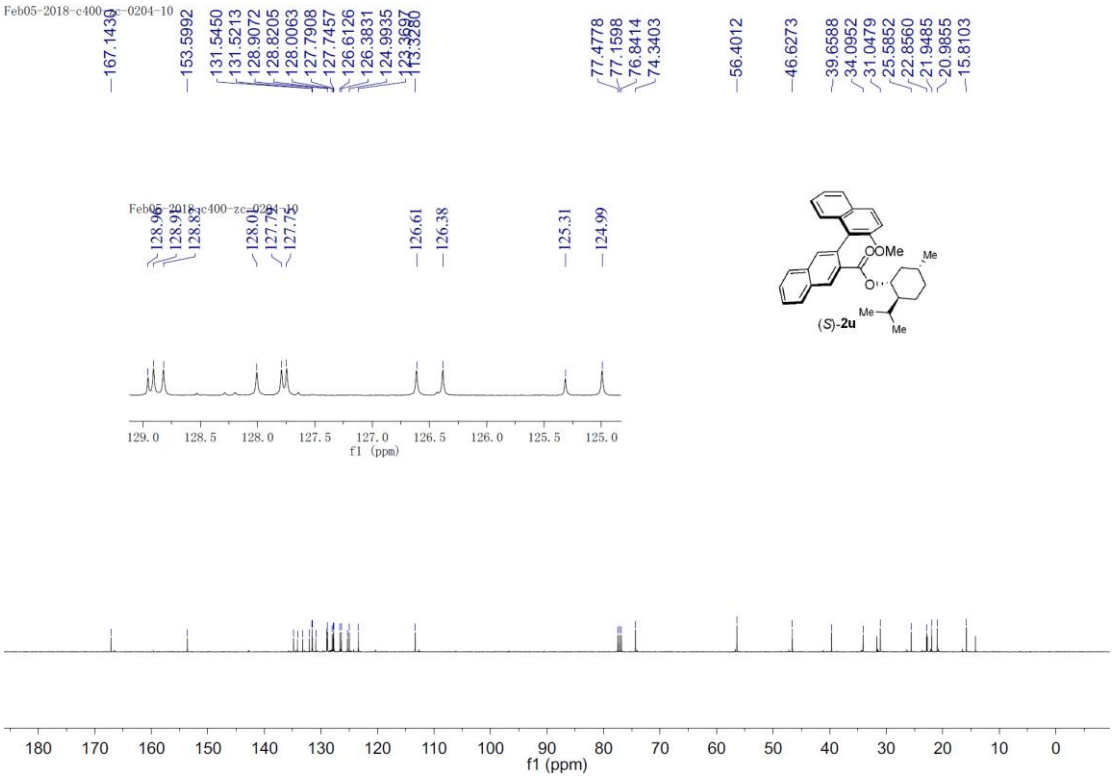
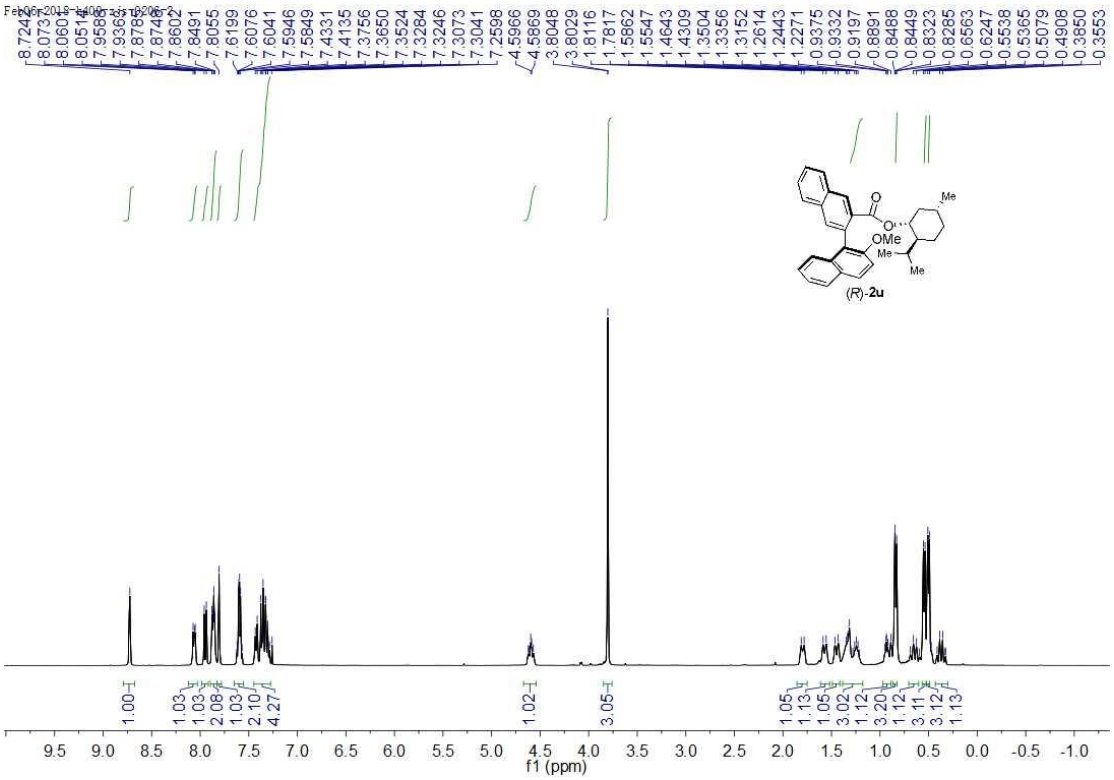


Figure S96. ^{13}C NMR spectra (400 MHz) of (*S*)-**2u** in $CDCl_3$, related to **Figure 2D**.



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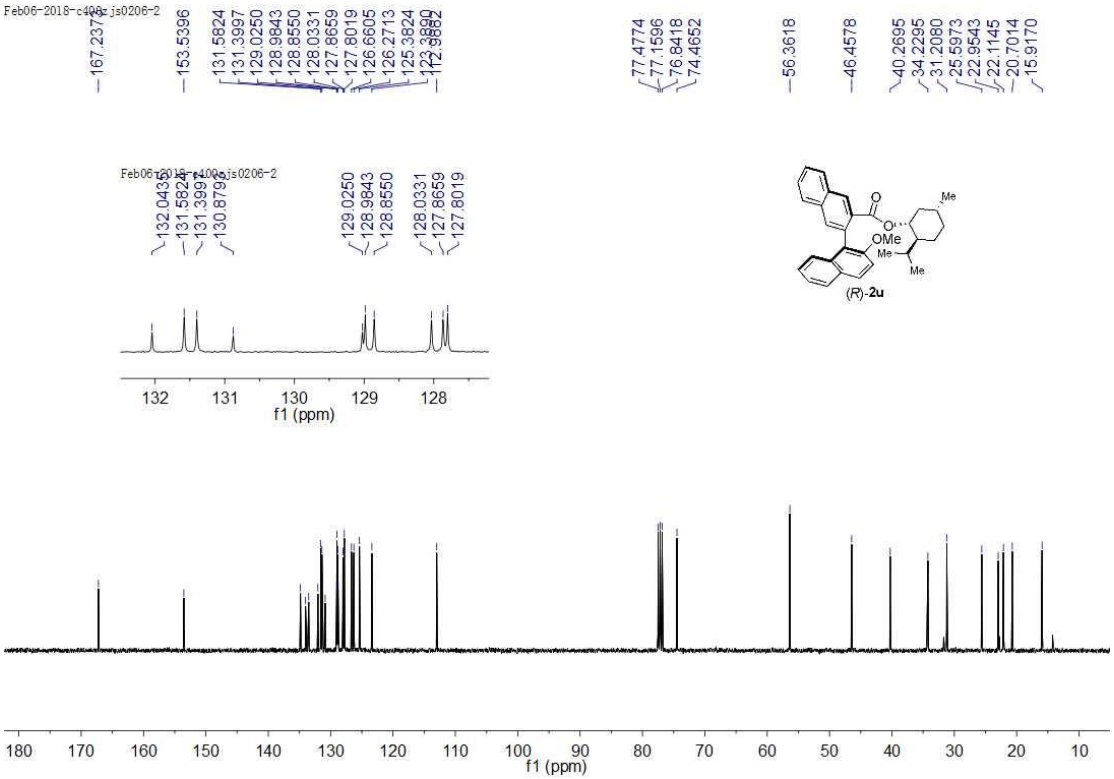

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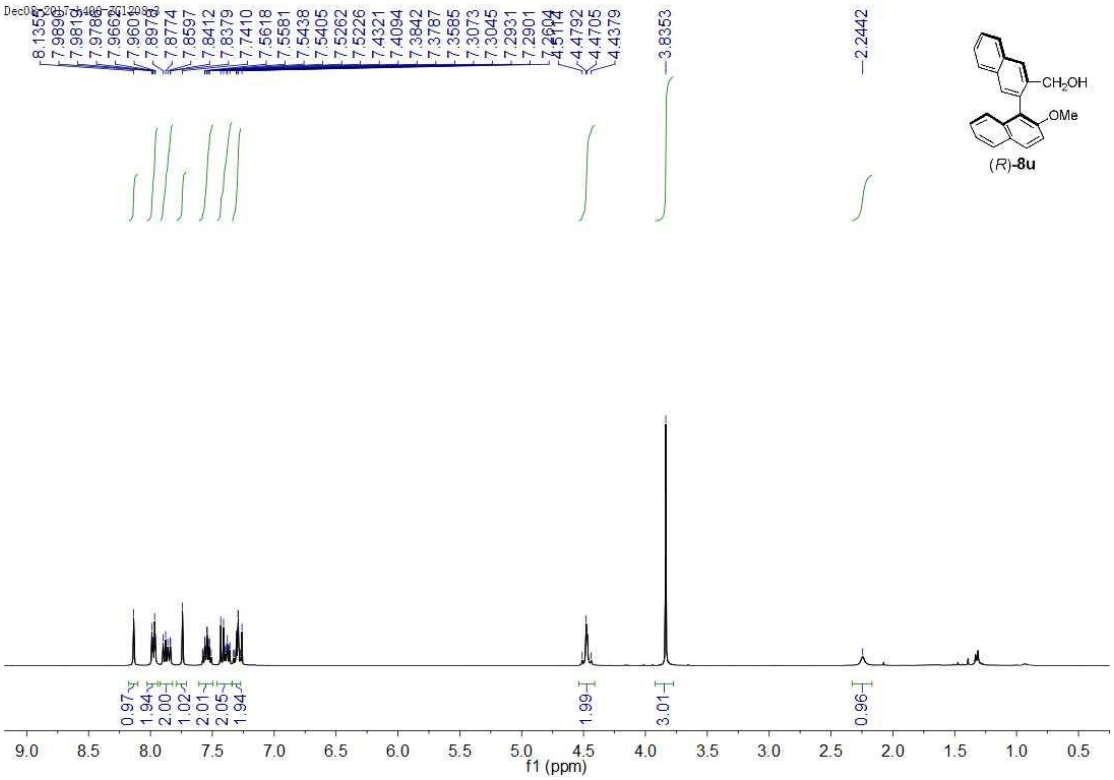

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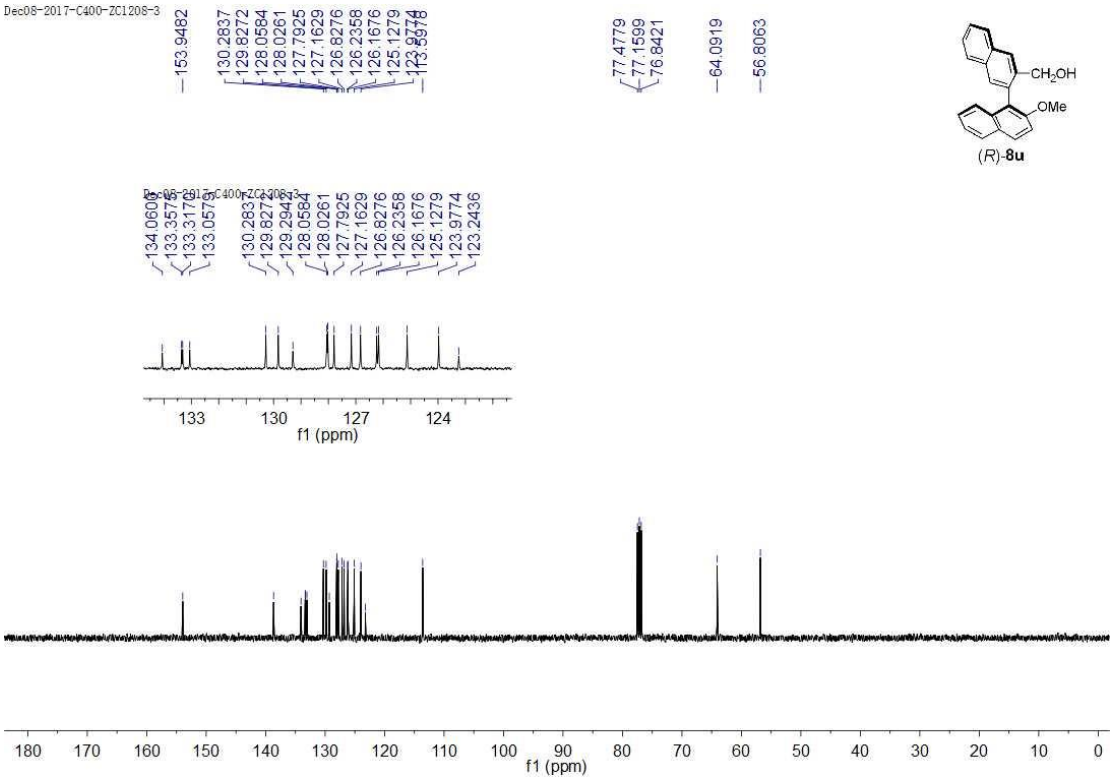

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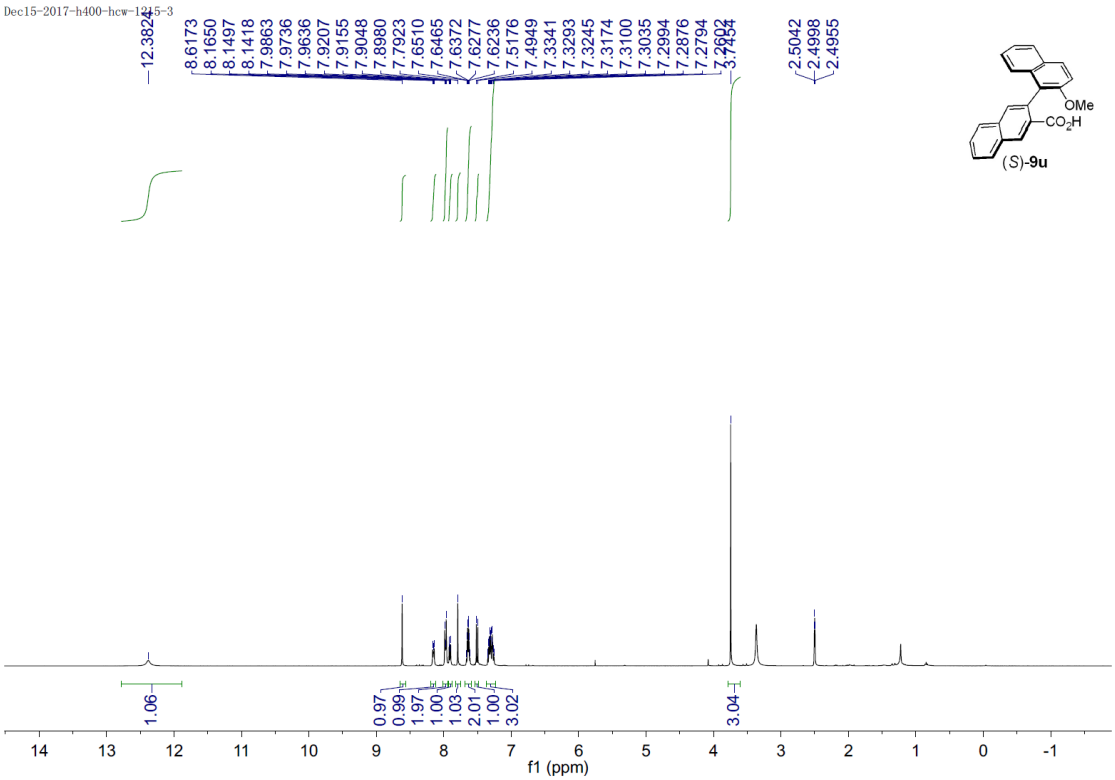

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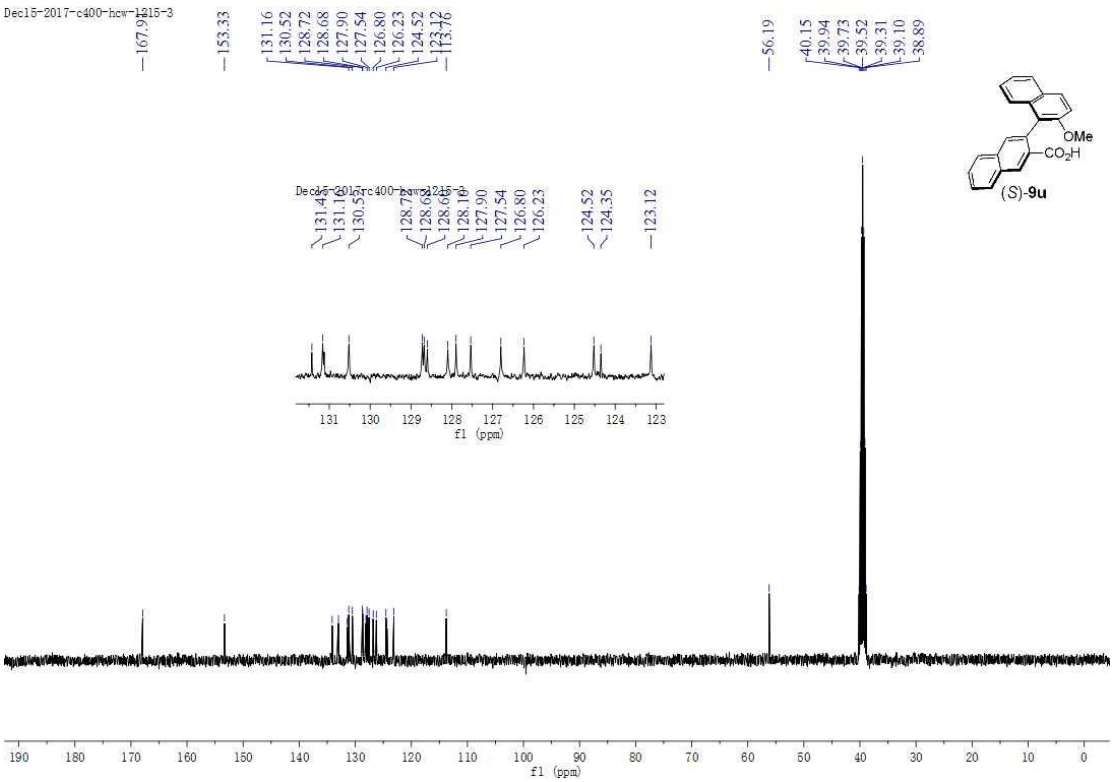

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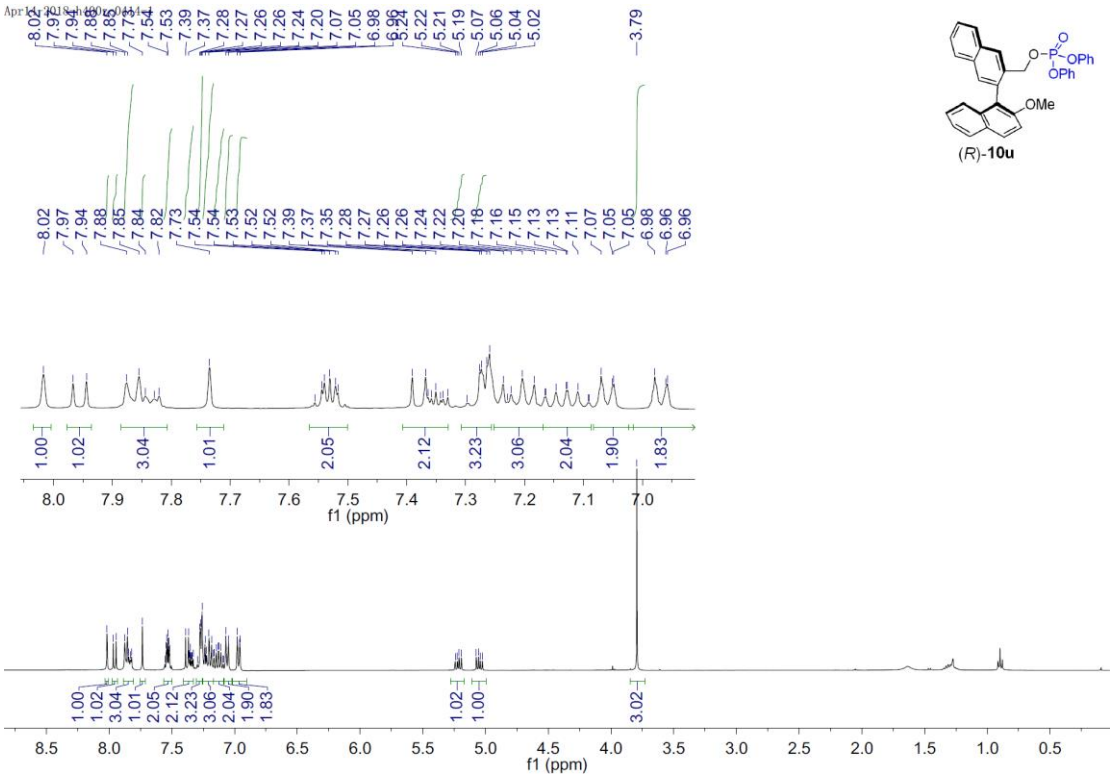

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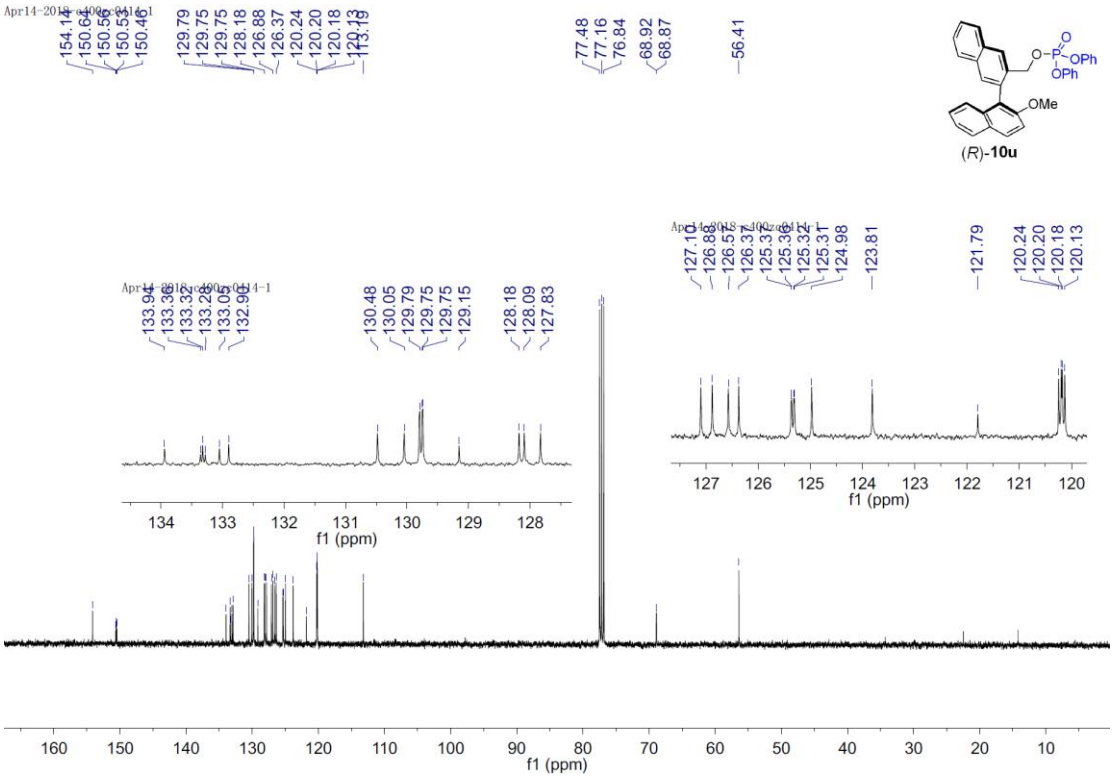

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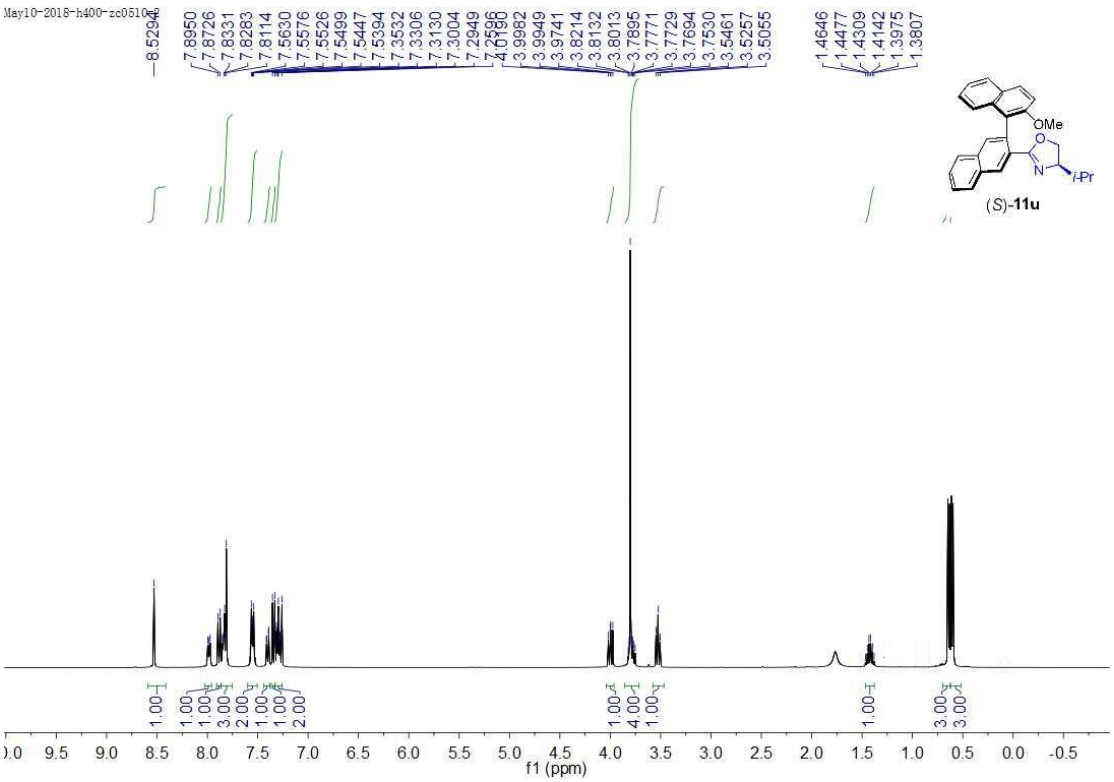

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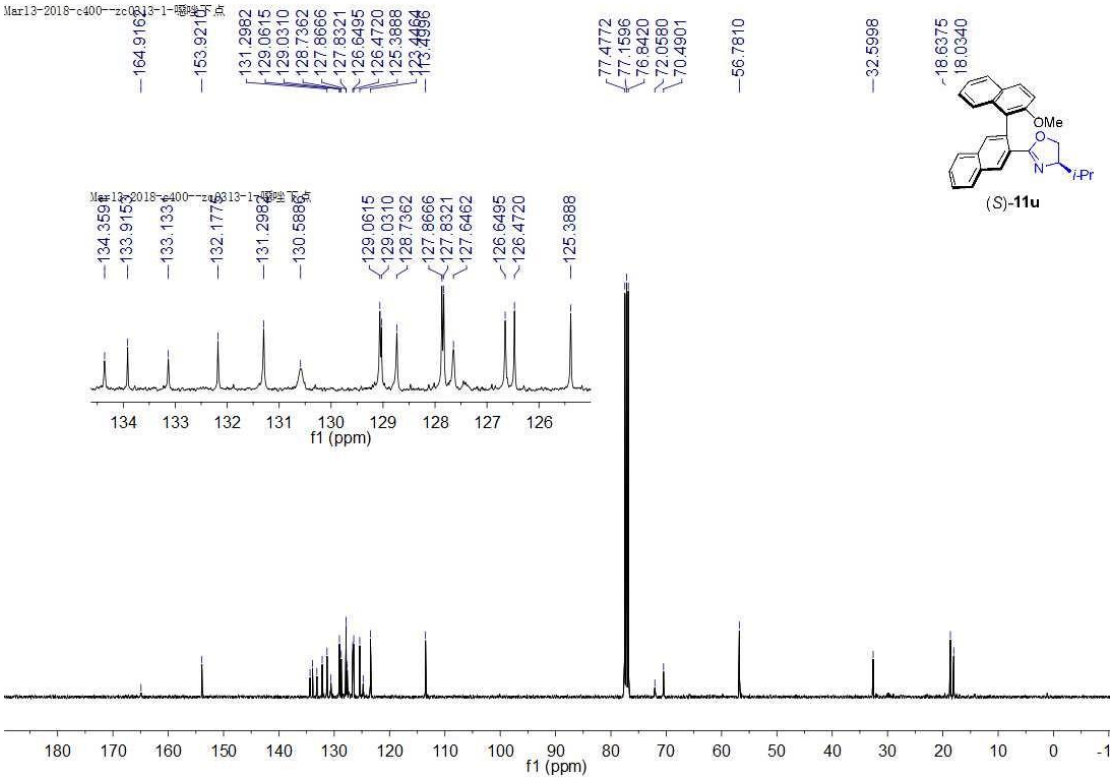

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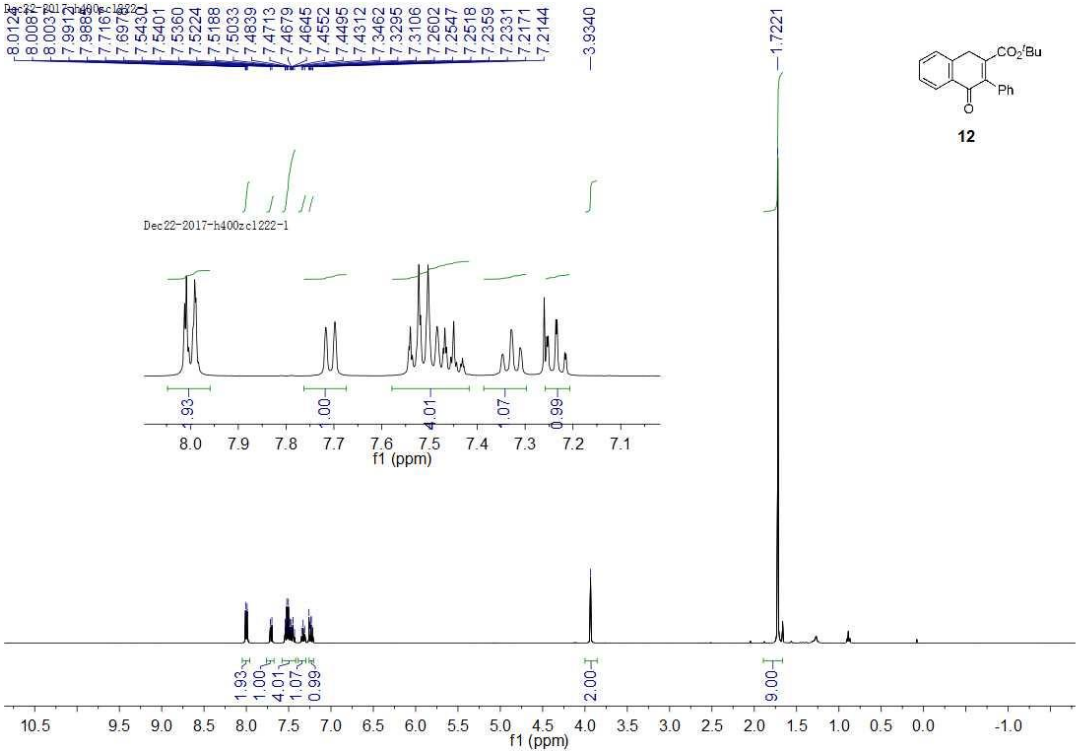

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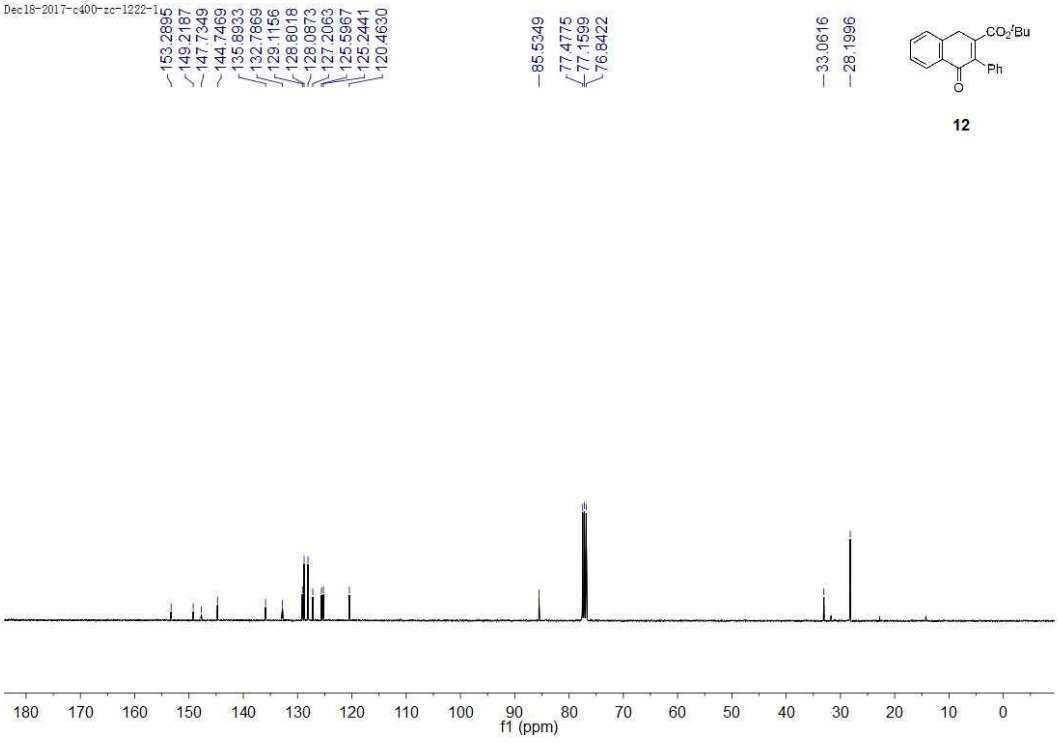

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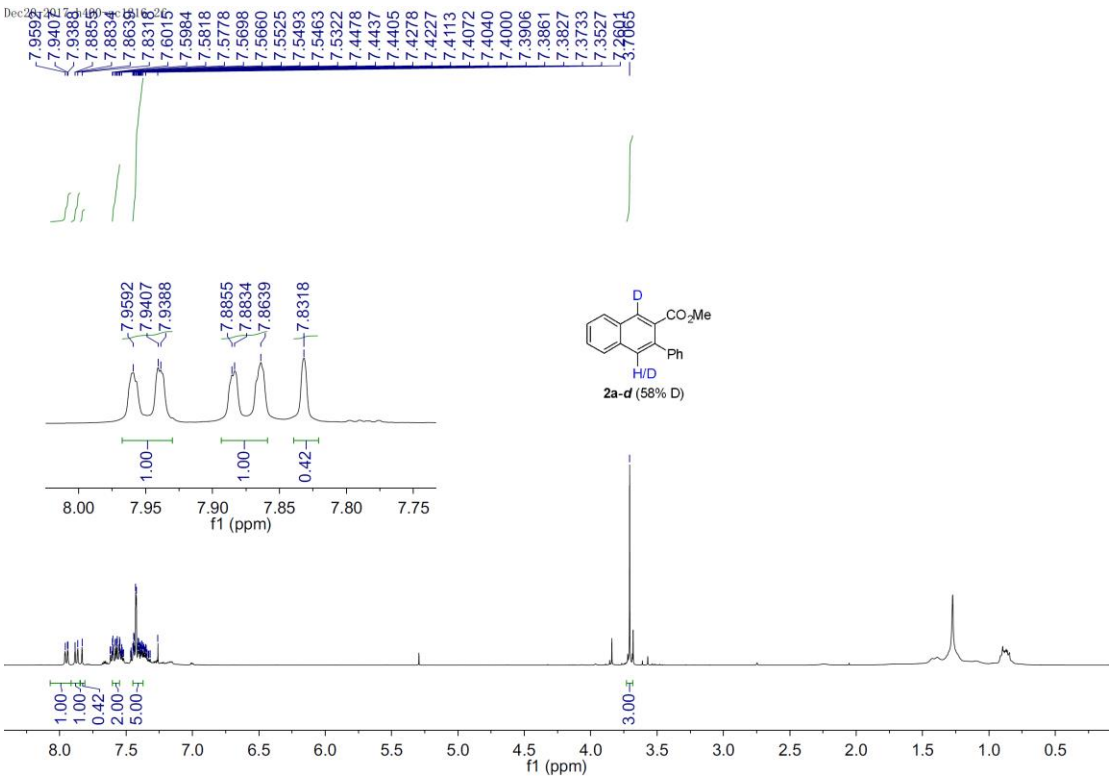


Figure S109. Proton NMR of **2a-*d*** with 58% D, related to **Figure 3B**

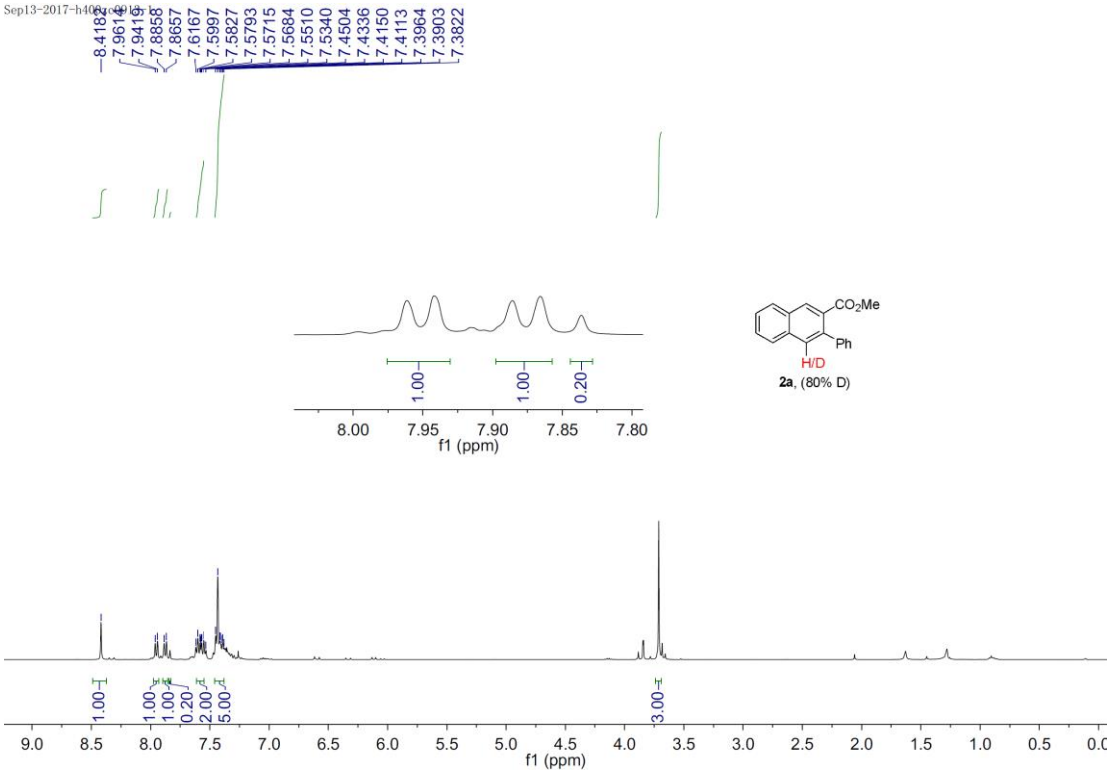


Figure S110. Proton NMR of **2a** with 80% D, related to **Figure 3C.**

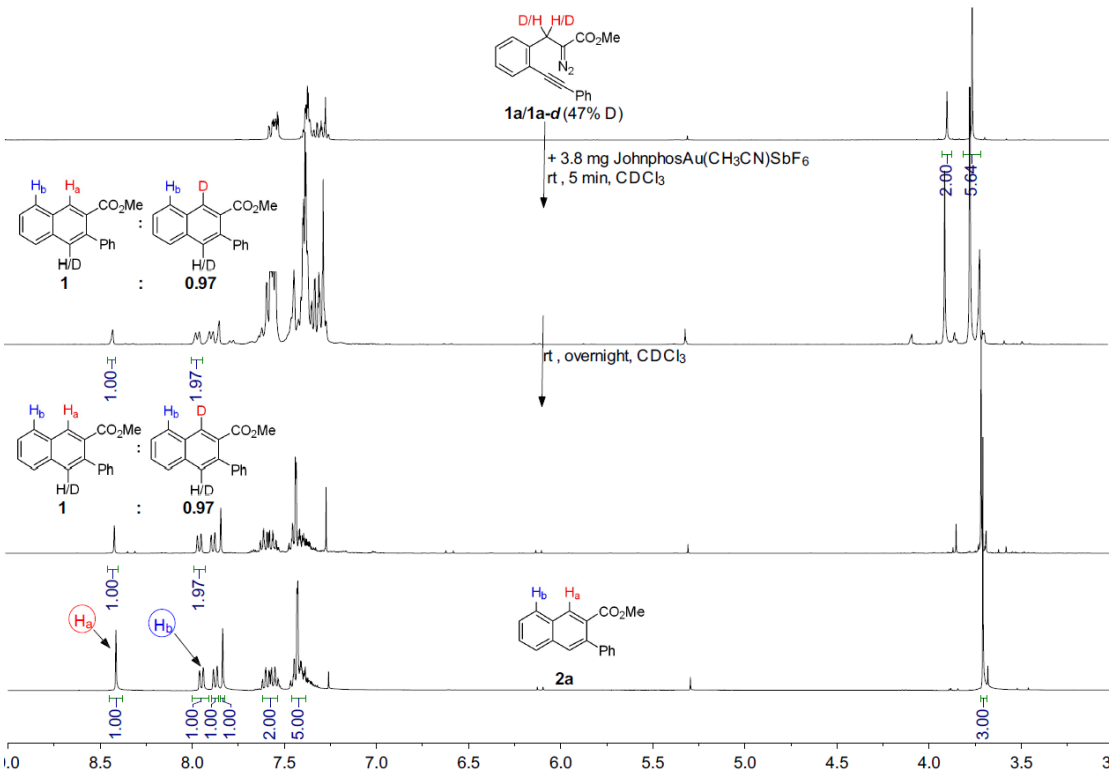
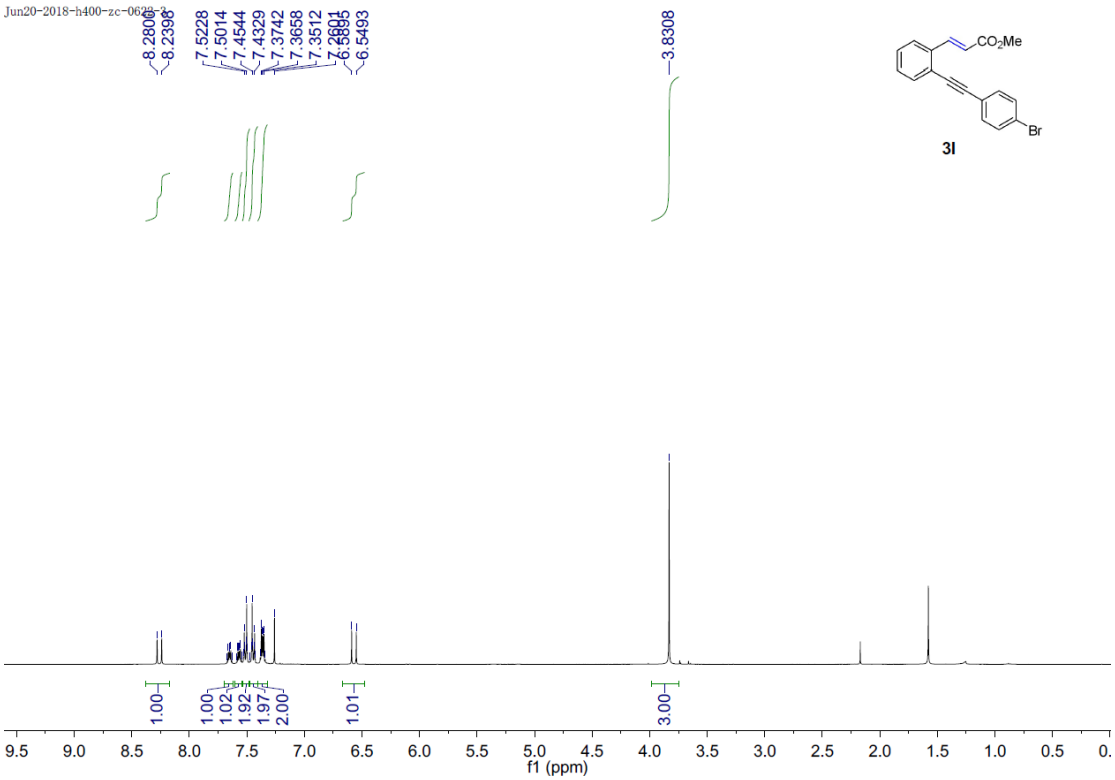


Figure S111. Intermolecular Kinetic Isotope Effect (KIE) Experiment, related to **Figure 3D.**



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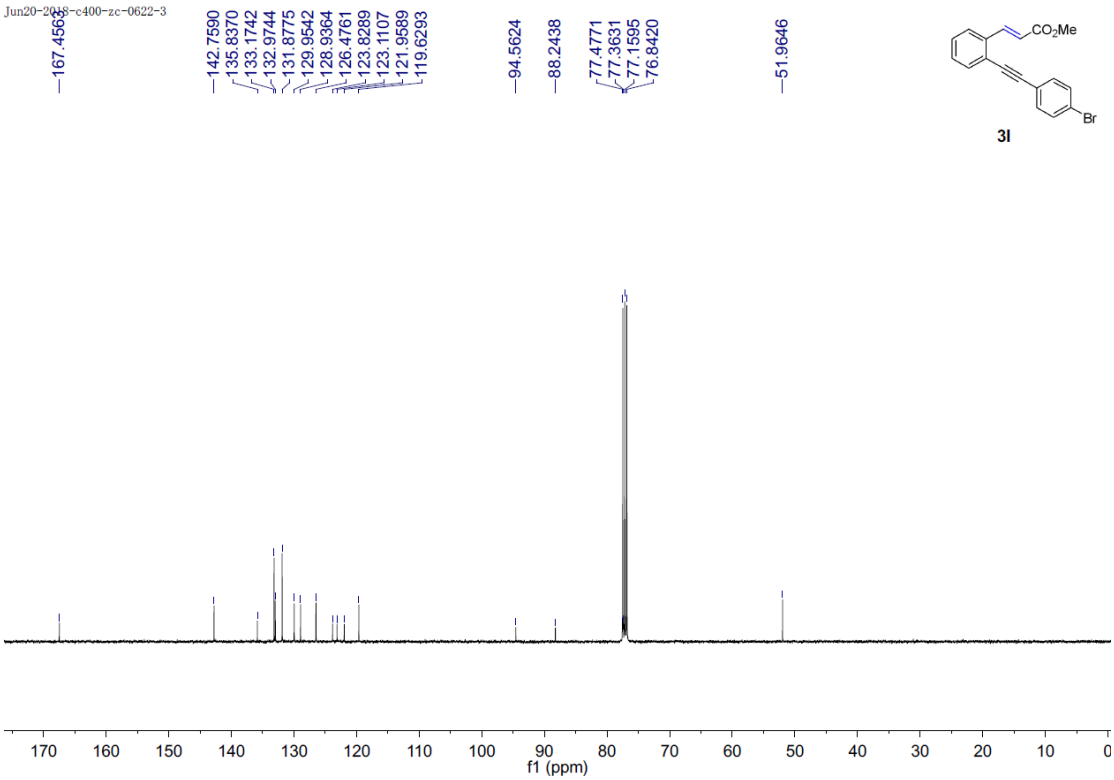

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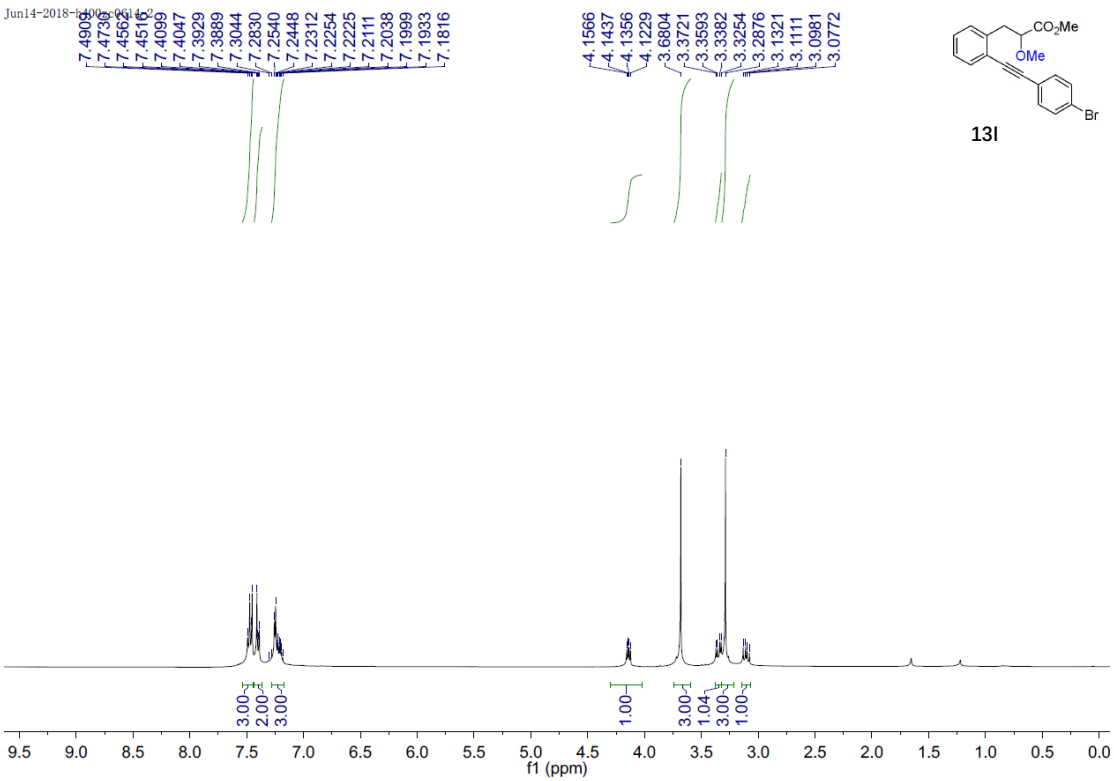

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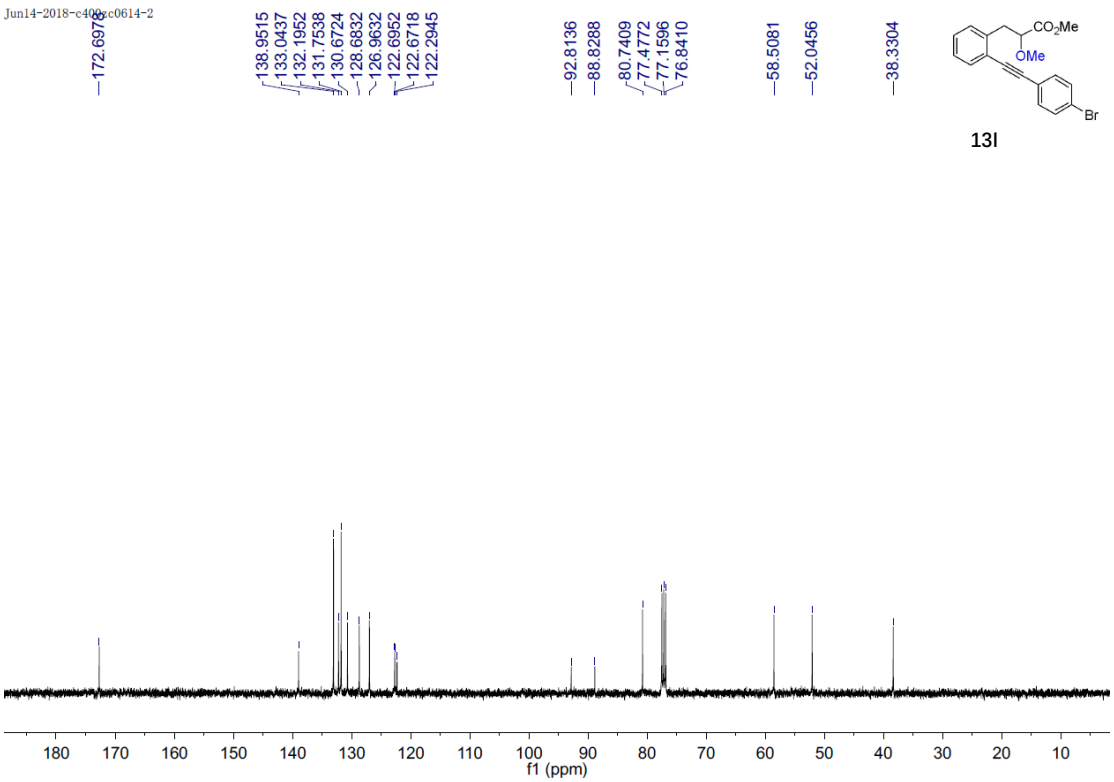

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Supplemental Tables

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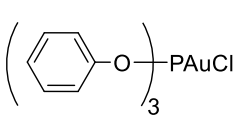

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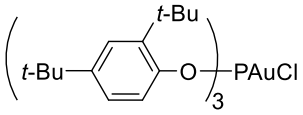

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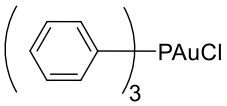

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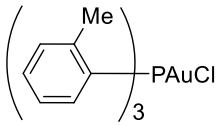

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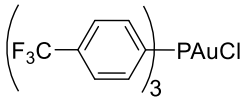

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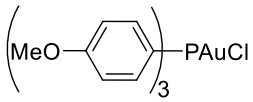

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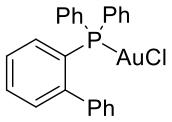

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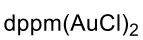

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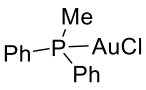

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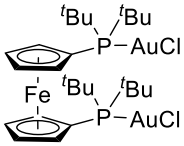

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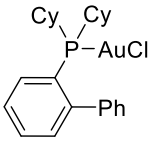

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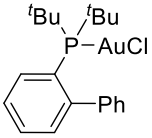

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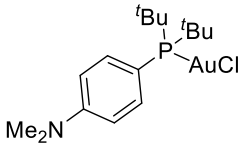

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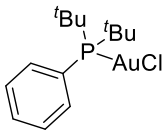

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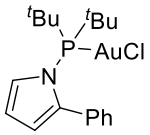

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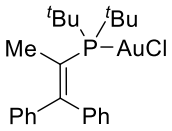

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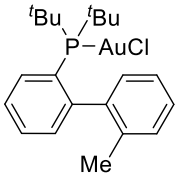

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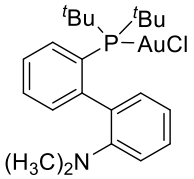

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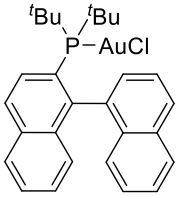

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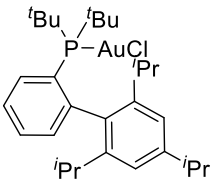

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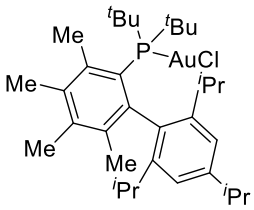

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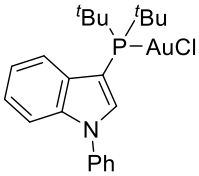

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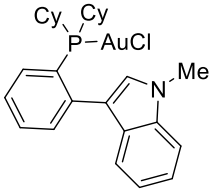

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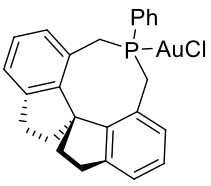

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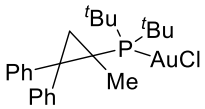

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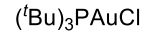

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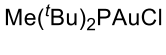

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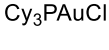

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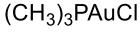

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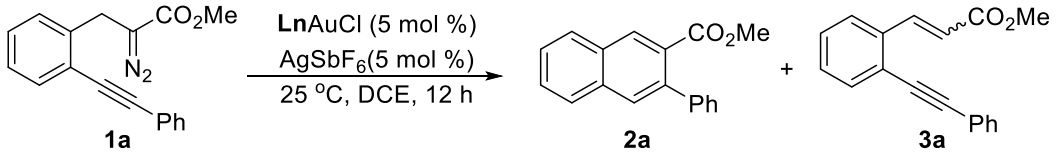

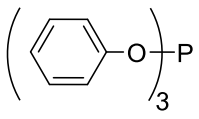	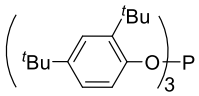	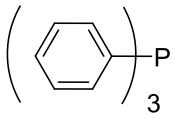	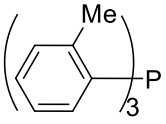	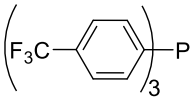
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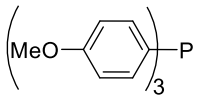	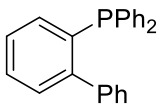	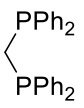	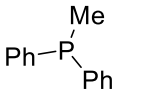	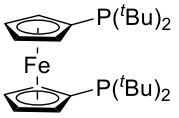
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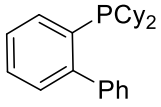	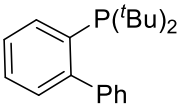	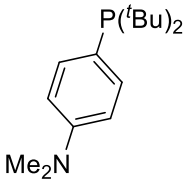	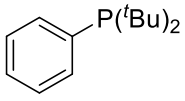	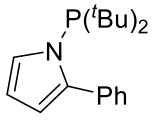
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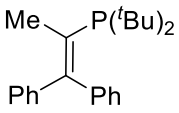	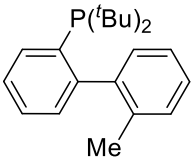	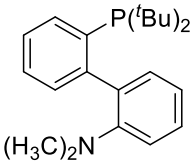	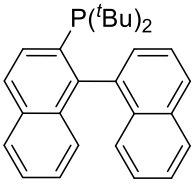	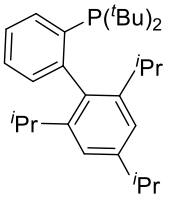
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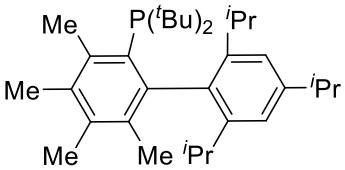	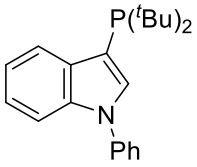	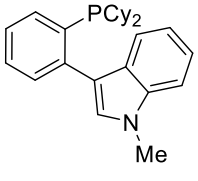	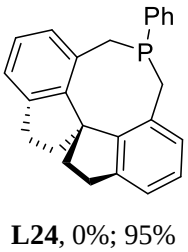	
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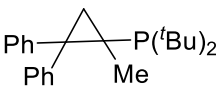
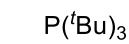
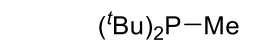
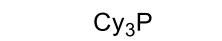
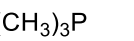
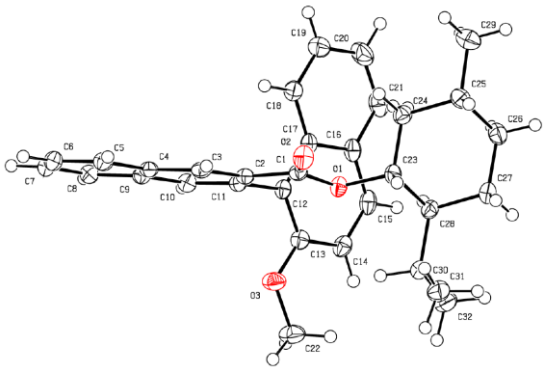
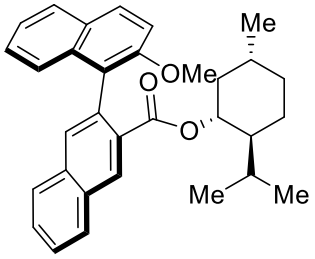
				
L25, 71%; 25%	**L26**, 0%; 93%	**L27**, < 5%; 81%	**L28**, 0%; 95%	**L29**, 0%; 79%

Table S3. X-ray crystal structures of (*S*)-2u, related to Figure 2D.





(*S*)-**2u**, ***CCDC:*** *1828269*

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Bond precision: C-C = 0.0020 A Wavelength=1.54178

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alpha=90 beta=90 gamma=90
Temperature: 120 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	2551.51(13)	2551.51(13)
Space group	P 21 21 21	P 21 21 21
Hall group	P 2ac 2ab	P 2ac 2ab
Moiety formula	C32 H34 O3	C32 H34 O3
Sum formula	C32 H34 O3	C32 H34 O3
Mr	466.59	466.59
Dx,g cm-3	1.215	1.215
Z	4	4
Mu (mm-1)	0.597	0.597
F000	1000.0	1000.0
F000'	1002.79	
h,k,lmax	10,14,32	10,14,32
Nref	5446[3096]	5403
Tmin,Tmax	0.867,0.887	0.698,0.754
Tmin'	0.788	

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.698 Tmax=0.754
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 1.75/0.99 Theta(max)= 77.963

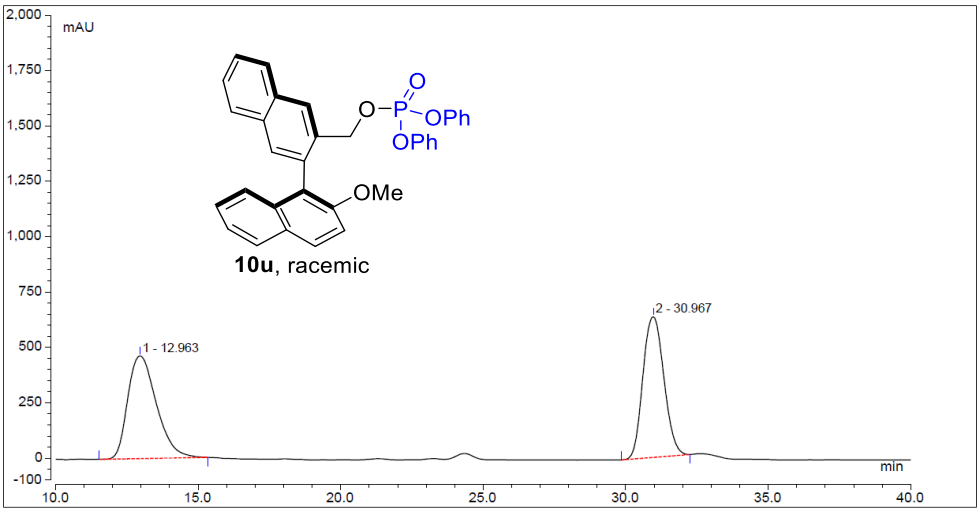
R(reflections)= 0.0281(5338) wR2(reflections)= 0.0772(5403)

S = 1.055 Npar= 320

Table S4. HPLC spectra of compound (*R*)-10u, related to Figure 2D.

Condition: hexane : 2-propanol = 90:10.

Flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ = 272 nm, Chiral IA-3.



Entry	RT min	Area mAU*min	Height mAU	% Area %	% Height %
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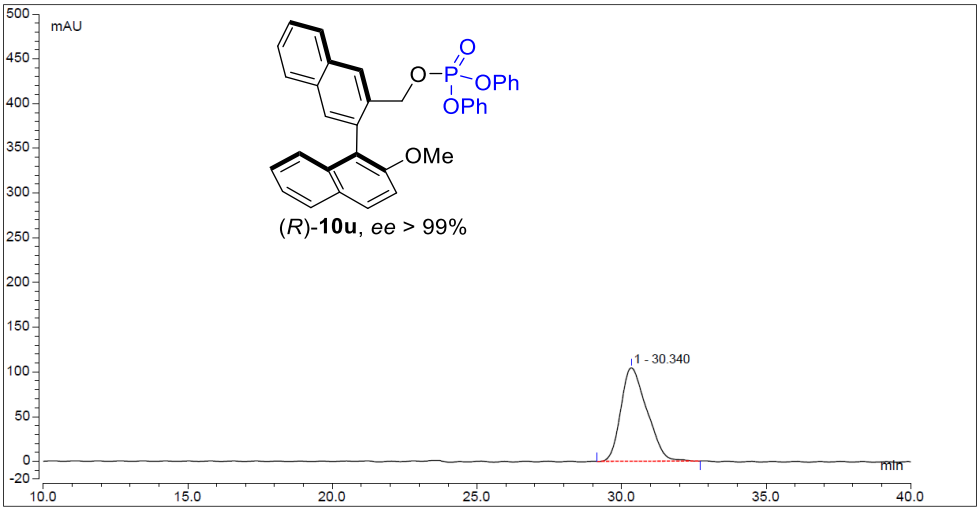

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1	30.340	108.702	104.607	100.00	100.00

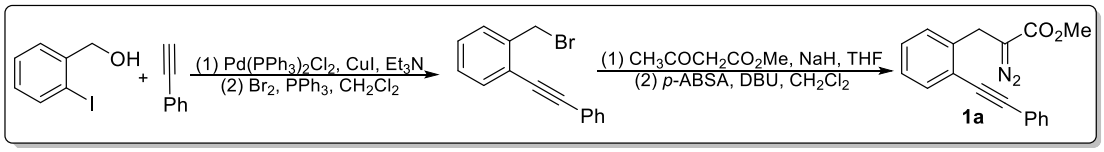
Transparent Methods

General Information

All of the reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using oven-dried glassware. Super dry dichloroethane (DCE), ethyl diazoacetate, indoles, phosphine ligand, and metal catalysts were purchased from chemical companies and were used without further treatment. Flash column chromatography was performed using a silica gel (300-400 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using glass plates precoated with 200-300 mesh silica gel impregnated with a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). All of the new compounds were fully characterized. ^{1}H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded in $CDCl_3$ or DMSO-d_6 using a 400/600 MHz spectrometer, and chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the solvent signals as the reference, and coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. The peak information is described as: s = singlet, br = broad, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, and comp = composite. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded using a commercial apparatus (ESI Source).

Experimental Procedures

General Procedure for the Preparation of Diazo Compounds 1a - 1u, related to Scheme 1.



Synthesis of 1-(bromomethyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene: To a solution of (2-iodophenyl)methanol (9.36 g, 40.0 mmol), $Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$ (280.8 mg, 1.0 mol %), CuI (76.2 mg, 1.0 mol%) in Et_3N (40.0 mL), was added a solution of phenylacetylene (4.91 g, 48.0 mmol) in Et_3N (20.0 mL) slowly at 0 ℃ under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the reaction temperature was warmed to room temperature slowly. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtering through Celite, and the obtained (2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)methanol was directly used for the next step without further purification.

To a 100 mL oven-dried round-bottom flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, triphenylphosphine (12.60 g, 48.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (40.0 mL), was added bromine (7.67 g, 48.0 mmol) dropwise, and the mixture was stirred vigorously at ambient temperature for 30 min. Then a solution of the above obtained product in CH_2Cl_2 (16.0 mL) was added to the reaction mixture dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 1 hour. *n*-Hexane (40.0 mL) was then added to quench the reaction, and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtering through Celite. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on Al_2O_3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20) to afford the product 1-(bromomethyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (9.65 g, 89 % based on (2-iodophenyl)methanol).

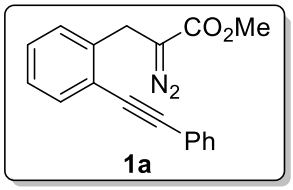
Synthesis of 1a: To a 100 mL oven-dried round-bottom flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, sodium hydride (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 0.60 g, 15.0 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL), was added methyl acetoacetate (1.74 g, 15.0 mmol) dropwise at 0 ºC under nitrogen atmosphere. After the mixture turned clear, a solution of 1-(bromomethyl)- 2-(phenylethynyl)benzene (2.71 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (10.0 mL) was added dropwise at ambient temperature, and the reaction was refluxed for 4 hours. Saturated NH_4Cl (20.0 mL) was added to quench the reaction, the organic phase was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 20.0 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtration, and the residue was directly used for the next step without further purification.

To a 50-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, the above obtained crude product, 4-acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (*p*-ABSA, 2.89 g, 12.0 mmol) in DCM (20.0 mL), was added a solution of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0] undec-7-ene (DBU, 2.29 mg, 15.0 mmol) in DCM (5.0 mL) slowly at 0 ℃. The reaction mixture was

stirred at 0 ℃ for 12 hours. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtering through Celite, and the resulting residues was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to give the pure diazoacetate **1a** (2.06 g, 71% yields based on 1-(bromomethyl)-2-(phenylethynyl)benzene).

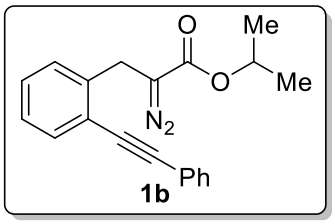
The synthesis of other substrates (**1b**-**1u**) is similar to that of **1a**.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



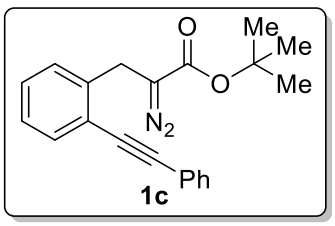
2.06 g, 71% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.50 – 7.43 (comp, 3H), 7.31 – 7.24 (comp, 4H), 7.23 – 7.16 (comp, 2H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.8, 139.4, 132.7, 131.7, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 123.1, 123.0, 94.2, 87.4, 52.1, 28.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}N_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 313.0953, found 313.0939.

Isopropyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



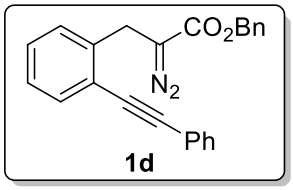
1.97 g, 62% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.58 – 7.51 (comp, 3H), 7.39 – 7.34 (comp, 4H), 7.33 – 7.24 (comp, 2H), 5.18 – 4.98 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 166.9, 139.6, 132.7, 131.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 123.2, 123.1, 94.1, 87.5, 68.5, 28.3, 22.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{20}H_{19}N_2O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 319.1441, found 319.1438.

***tert*-Butyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate**.



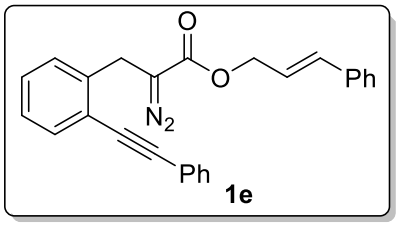
2.30 g, 69% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.58 – 7.53 (comp, 3H), 7.40 – 7.33 (comp, 5H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 166.9, 139.6, 132.7, 131.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 123.2, 123.1, 94.1, 87.5, 68.5, 28.3, 22.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{21}H_{21}N_2O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 333.1598, found 333.1596.

Benzyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



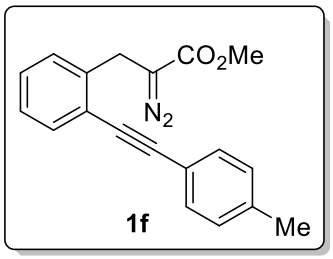
2.20 g, 60% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.64 – 7.55 (comp, 4H), 7.42 – 7.39 (comp, 4H), 7.38 – 7.36 (comp, 4H), 7.34 – 7.29 (comp, 2H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.1, 139.3, 136.1, 132.7, 131.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.3, 122.61, 122.56, 94.2, 87.4, 66.5, 28.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{24}H_{19}N_2O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 367.1441, found 367.1435.

Cinnamyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



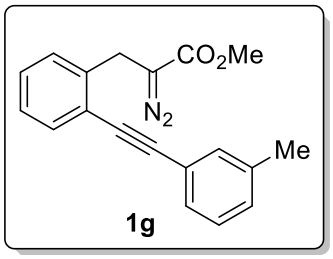
2.28 g, 58% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.61 – 7.53 (comp, 4H), 7.40 – 7.35 (comp, 8H), 7.30 – 7.27 (comp, 2H), 6.67 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.32 – 6.23 (m, 1H), 4.86 – 4.81 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.1, 139.3, 136.3, 134.1, 132.7, 131.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 126.7, 123.5, 123.11, 123.06, 94.2, 87.4, 65.4, 28.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{26}H_{21}N_2O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 393.1598, found 393.1599.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(*p*-tolylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



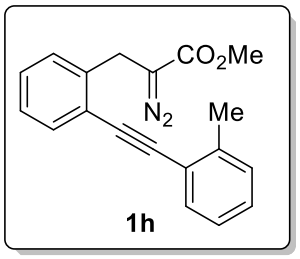
2.19 g, 72% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.24 (comp, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 139.3, 138.8, 132.6, 131.6, 129.31, 129.26, 128.6, 127.3, 123.2, 120.1, 94.4, 86.8, 52.0, 28.3, 21.6. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 327.1104, found 327.1098.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(*m*-tolylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



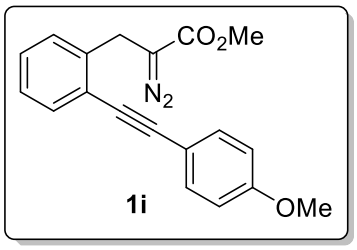
2.22 g, 73% yield. ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (comp, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (comp, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.8, 145.9, 140.2, 139.0, 132.8, 132.1, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.3, 125.8, 123.4, 123.0, 93.2, 91.3, 52.1, 28.3, 21.0. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 327.1104, found 327.1102.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(*o*-tolylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



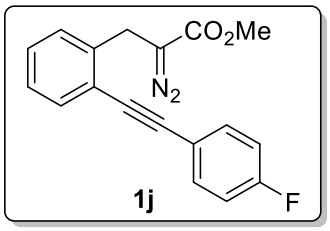
1.98 g, 65% yield. ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.28 (comp, 2H), 7.27 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (comp, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 171.3, 139.4, 138.2, 132.7, 132.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.3, 123.2, 123.0, 94.4, 87.1, 52.1, 28.3, 21.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 327.1104, found 327.1107.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



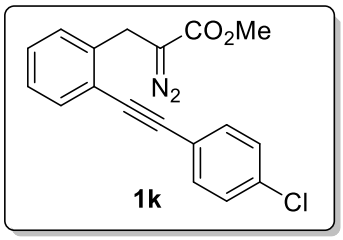
1.67 g, 52% yield. ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 159.9, 139.1, 133.2, 132.5, 129.3, 128.4, 127.3, 123.4, 115.2, 114.1, 94.3, 86.2, 55.4, 52.0, 28.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{17}N_2O_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 321.1234, found 321.1227.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



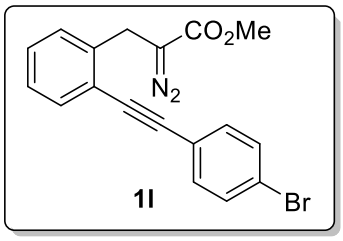
2.16 g, 70% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.45 – 7.38 (comp, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.98 – 6.91 (comp, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.6, 162.7 (d, *J* = 249.9 Hz), 139.3, 133.6 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 132.7, 129.3, 128.8, 127.3, 122.8, 119.2 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 115.8 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 93.1, 87.1, 52.0, 28.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -110.46. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}FN_2O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 309.1034, found 309.1029.

Methyl 3-(2-((4-Chlorophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2-diazopropanoate.



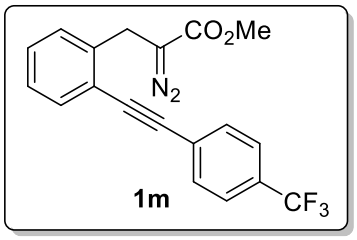
2.14 g, 66% yield. ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.5, 139.4, 134.6, 132.9, 132.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 122.7, 121.6, 93.0, 88.4, 52.0, 28.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{13}ClN_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 347.0558, found 347.0550.

Methyl 3-(2-((4-bromophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2-diazopropanoate.



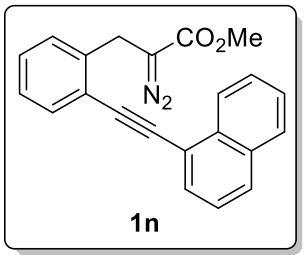
1.96 g, 53% yield. ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (comp, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (comp, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (comp, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 139.4, 133.1, 132.8, 131.8, 129.4, 129.0, 127.4, 122.9, 122.7, 122.1, 93.1, 88.6, 52.1, 28.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{13}BrN_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 391.0053, found 391.0145.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



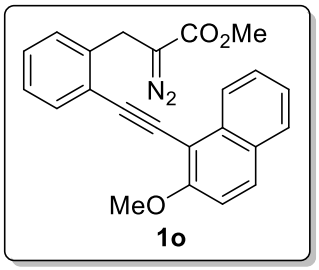
1.97 g, 55% yield. ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.70 – 7.47 (comp, 5H), 7.39 – 7.26 (comp, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.3, 139.5, 132.8, 131.8, 130.0 (q, *J* = 32.7 Hz), 129.3, 129.2, 127.2, 126.8, 125.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 122.2, 92.6, 89.7, 51.8, 28.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{13}F_3N_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 381.0821, found 381.0828.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(naphthalen-1-ylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



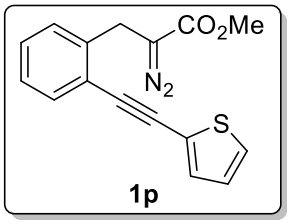
1.67 g, 49% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.86 (comp, 2H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (comp, 2H), 4.02 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 139.2, 133.3, 133.2, 132.8, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 126.5, 126.1, 125.4, 123.1, 120.7, 92.3, 92.2, 52.0, 28.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{17}N_2O_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 341.1285, found 341.1297.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-((2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)ethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



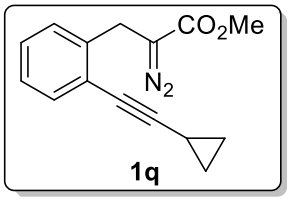
2.11 g, 57% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.74 (comp, 2H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (comp, 2H), 7.33 – 7.26 (comp, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.2, 159.2, 139.4, 134.3, 132.4, 130.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 125.3, 124.3, 123.7, 112.6, 106.2, 97.0, 88.9, 56.5, 52.0, 28.0. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{23}H_{19}N_2O_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 371.1390, found 371.1400.

Methyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(thiophen-2-ylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



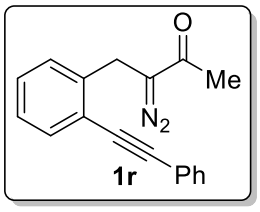
1.24 g, 42% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.26 (comp, 4H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.3, 139.4, 132.5, 132.2, 129.3, 128.9, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 123.0, 122.6, 91.1, 87.4, 52.0, 28.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{16}H_{13}N_2O_2S^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 297.0698, found 297.0694.

Methyl 3-(2-(cyclopropylethynyl)phenyl)-2-diazopropanoate.



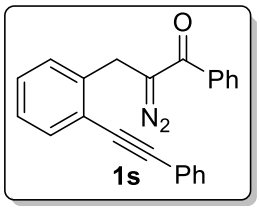
1.35 g, 53% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.16 (comp, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 1.52 – 1.44 (m, 1H), 0.94 – 0.80 (comp, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 139.3, 132.6, 129.1, 127.8, 127.0, 123.7, 98.5, 73.9, 51.9, 28.2, 8.7, 0.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{15}H_{14}N_2NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 277.0947, found 277.0961.

3-Diazo-4-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)butan-2-one.



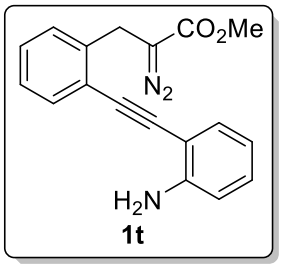
1.67 g, 61% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.60 – 7.53 (comp, 3H), 7.41 – 7.27 (comp, 6H), 3.94 (s, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 190.5, 139.0, 132.6, 131.6, 129.6, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 123.0, 94.0, 87.4, 68.2, 27.5. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}N_2NaO^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 297.0998, found 297.0994.

2-Diazo-1-phenyl-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propan-1-one.



2.42 g, 72% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.61 – 7.55 (comp, 3H), 7.55 – 7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.49 – 7.39 (comp, 3H), 7.39 – 7.32 (comp, 5H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 4.12 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 189.2, 138.9, 137.7, 132.8, 131.7, 131.5, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 127.3, 123.2, 123.0, 94.3, 87.4, 28.8. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{23}H_{17}N_2O^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 337.1335, found 337.1330.

Methyl 3-(2-((2-aminophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-2-diazopropanoate.



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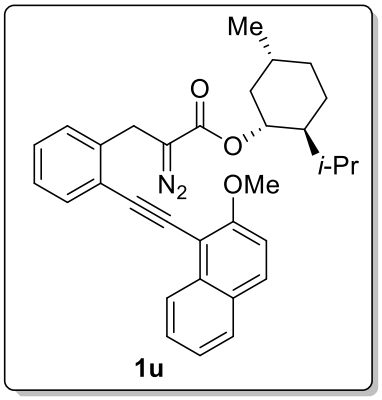
1.22 g, 40% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.24 (comp, 4H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (comp, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 148.0, 138.8, 132.6, 132.3, 130.0, 129.1, 128.7, 127.2, 123.1, 117.9, 114.5, 107.6, 92.4, 90.9, 52.0, 28.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{15}N_3NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 328.1056, found 328.1064.

(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-diazo-3-(2-((2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)ethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



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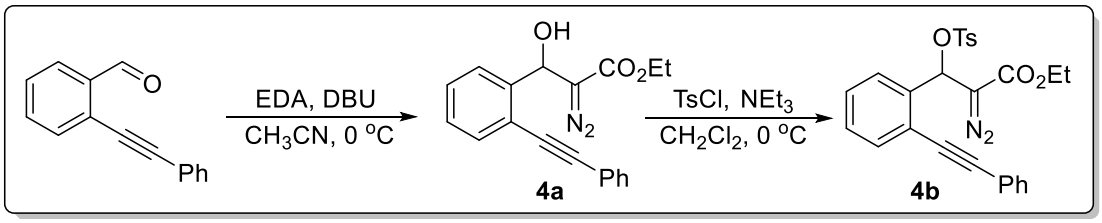
2.92 g, 59% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 – 7.78 (comp, 2H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.37 (comp, 2H), 7.36 – 7.27 (comp, 3H), 4.76 (td, *J* = 10.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 2H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 2.04 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.60 (comp, 2H), 1.54 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.27 (comp, 2H), 1.14 – 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.05 – 0.99 (m, 1H), 0.98 – 0.95 (m, 1H), 0.90 – 0.81 (comp, 6H), 0.75 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.2, 159.2, 144.7, 139.8, 134.4, 132.4, 130.5, 128.64, 128.61, 128.3, 127.6, 127.1, 125.3, 124.3, 123.7, 112.6, 106.4, 97.1, 88.8, 74.9, 56.6, 53.6, 47.2, 41.4, 34.7, 34.3, 31.5, 26.0, 22.1, 20.8, 16.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{32}H_{35}N_2O_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 495.2642, found 495.2650.

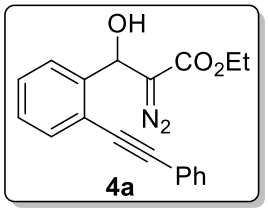
The preparation of diazo compounds 4a – 4e, related to Scheme 1.



Synthesis of 4a: To a solution of ethyl diazoacetate (EDA, 1.37 g, 12.0 mmol) in CH_3CN (10.0 mL), a solution of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU 1.53 g, 10.0 mmol) and 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde (2.07 g, 10.0 mmol) in CH_3CN (10.0 mL) were added in sequence at 0 ℃ under nitrogen atmosphere. After the mixture was stirred at 0 ℃ for 15 hours, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 20.0 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtration. The resulting residues was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/3) to afford the pure diazoacetate **4a** (2.85 g, 89% yield based on 2-(phenylethynyl)benzaldehyde).
The synthesis of other substrate **4g** is similar to that of **4a**.

Synthesis of 4b: To a solution of diazoacetate **4a** (0.32 g, 1.0 mmol) and 4-toluenesulfonyl chloride (TsCl, 0.19 g, 1.0 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5.0 mL), and triethylamine (0.12 g, 1.2 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL) were added in sequence at 0 ℃ under argon atmosphere. After the mixture was stirred at 0 ℃ for 15 hours, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 5.0 mL). Then the combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4. The solvent was removed in vacuo after filtration, and the resulting residues was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to afford the pure diazoacetates **4b** (370 mg, 78% yield based on **4a**).
The synthesis of other substrates (**4c**-**4e**) is similar to that of **4b**.

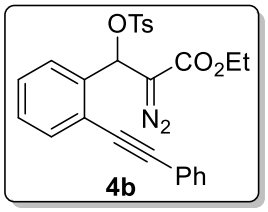
Ethyl 2-diazo-3-hydroxy-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



2.85 g, 89% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.50 (comp, 3H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (comp, 4H), 6.37 (s, 1H), 4.26 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.96 (s, 1H), 1.23 – 1.16 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 166.4, 140.9, 132.3, 131.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 125.6, 122.9, 120.7,

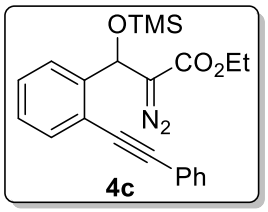
95.6, 86.0, 67.5, 61.1, 14.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}N_2NaO_3^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 343.1053, found 343.1051.

Ethyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-3-(tosyloxy)propanoate.



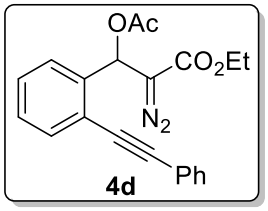
370.0 mg, 78% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.80 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.33 (comp, 4H), 7.33 – 7.15 (comp, 6H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 4.11 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.38 – 1.19 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 139.2, 132.5, 131.8, 129.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.30, 128.25, 128.2, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 123.0, 121.6, 95.5, 86.0, 73.1, 61.1, 22.3, 14.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{26}H_{22}N_2NaO_5S^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 497.1147, found 497.1141.

Ethyl 2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-3-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)propanoate.



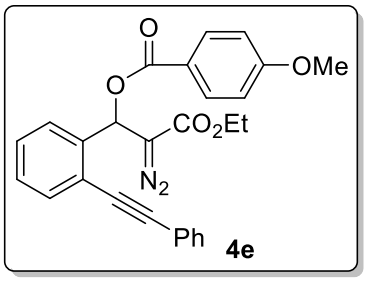
326.0 mg, 83% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (comp, 3H), 7.42 – 7.32 (comp, 4H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.19 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 165.6, 142.4, 132.4, 131.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 125.9, 123.1, 120.5, 95.7, 86.2, 68.2, 60.9, 14.5, 0.01. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{24}N_2NaO_3Si^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 415.1448, found 415.1454.

Ethyl 3-acetoxy-2-diazo-3-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propanoate.



631.0 mg, 87% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.63 – 7.51 (comp, 3H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.29 (comp, 5H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 4.26 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.6, 164.7, 138.1, 132.7, 131.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.4, 122.8, 121.2, 96.2, 85.8, 70.0, 61.2, 21.0, 14.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}N_2NaO_4^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 385.1159, found 385.1169.

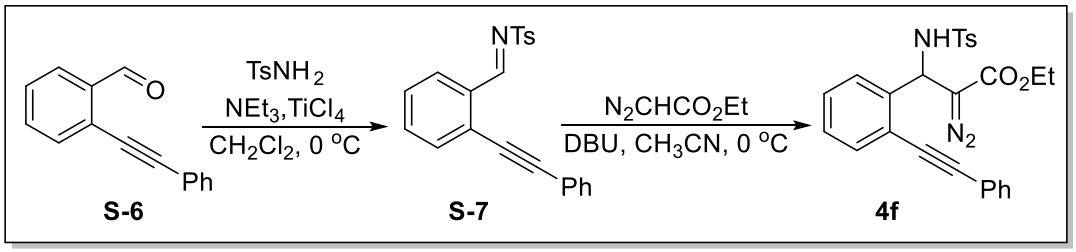
2-Diazo-3-ethoxy-3-oxo-1-(2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)propyl 4-methoxybenzoate.



4e

818.0 mg, 90% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.18 – 8.07 (comp, 2H), 7.67 – 7.52 (comp, 4H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.40 – 7.29 (comp, 5H), 7.02 – 6.90 (comp, 2H), 4.25 – 4.09 (m, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 171.2, 165.0, 163.8, 138.5, 132.8, 132.0, 131.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 122.9, 122.2, 121.2, 113.8, 96.2, 86.0, 70.4, 61.2, 55.5, 14.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{27}H_{22}N_2NaO_5^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 477.1426, found 477.1432.

The preparation of diazo compound 4f, related to Scheme 1.



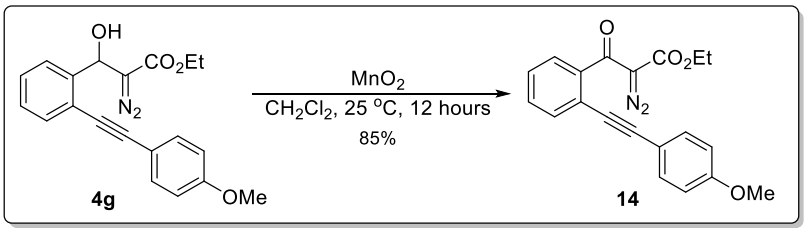
S-6 **S-7** **4f**

<u>Synthesis of 4f</u>: To a solution of 2-alkynylbenzaldehyde **S-6** (412.5 mg, 2.0 mmol), arylsulfonamide (342.5mg, 2.0 mmol) and triethylamine (506.0 mg, 5.0 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10.0 mL), was added titanium tetrachloride (455.2 mg, 2.4 mmol) at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred under these conditions for 12 h, and then quenched with brine. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (10.0 mL X 2), and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated in vacuo after filtration, and the resulting residues was purified by recrystallization (solvents: CH_2Cl_2/petroleum ether = 5 : 1) to afford 432.0 mg of **S-7** in 60% yield (based on **S-6**).

To a solution of ethyl diazoacetate (0.14 g, 1.2 mmol) in anhydrous CH_3CN (1.0 mL), was added a solution of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU, 0.15 g, 1.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH_3CN (1.0 mL) and **S-7** (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol) in anhydrous CH_3CN (1.0 mL) in sequence at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 X 5.0 mL). Then the combined organic phase was washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4. The solvent was removed in vacuo after filtration, and the precipitated solid was washed with petroleum ether (6.0 mL X 2). Then the solid was dried under vacuum to give the corresponding diazoacetate **4f**

(407.0 mg, 86% yield based on **S-7**) without further purification. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.82 – 7.79 (comp, 2H), 7.71 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.45 (comp, 3H), 7.37 – 7.35 (comp, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (comp, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.14 (comp, 2H), 6.00 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.34 – 1.31 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 165.4, 143.6, 139.6, 137.0, 132.9, 131.8, 129.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 126.5, 122.0, 95.9, 86.4, 61.2, 52.6, 21.6, 14.3. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{26}H_{23}N_3NaO_4S^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 496.1301, found 496.1311.

The preparation of diazo compounds 14, related to Scheme 1.

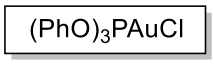


To a 50-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, **4g** (2.38 g, 6.8 mmol, prepared according to the above method for **4a**) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added MnO_2 (8.88 g, 102.0 mmol) at 25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred under this condition for 12 hours. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to give pure diazoacetate **14** (2.0 g, 85% yield based on **4g**). ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.53-7.51 (m, 1H), 8.45-8.35 (comp, 5H), 6.89-6.85 (m, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.09 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 187.4, 161.1, 160.0, 140.4, 133.1, 131.9, 130.5, 127.9, 127.2, 121.5, 114.8, 114.1, 94.3, 85.5, 61.7, 55.3, 14.0. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{20}H_{17}N_2O_4^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 349.1183, found 349.1192.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Au(I)-Catalysts, related to Table S1.

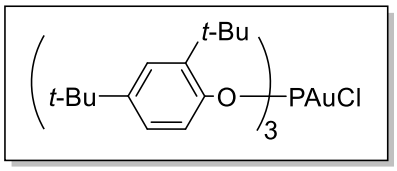
$(Me_2S)AuCl$ (294.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) was added to a solution of the corresponding phosphine (1.0 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL) under argon at 25 ºC and the solution was left stirring for 6 hours. After TLC indicated complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to yield the desired Au(I) complexes (Mauleón et al., 2009; Gorin et al., 2005; Hashmi et al., 2014).

Chloro(triphenyl phosphite)gold(I) (**L1**AuCl)



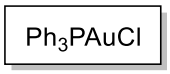
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.45 – 7.37 (comp, 6H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.15 (comp, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 149.49 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 130.58 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 126.78 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 121.24 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 110.49.

Chloro[tris(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) phosphite]gold(I) (**L2**AuCl)



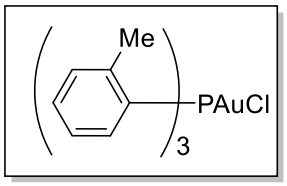
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.59 – 7.34 (comp, 6H), 7.19 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 1.45 (s, 27H), 1.30 (s, 27H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 148.27 (s), 147.39 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 139.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 124.89 (d, *J* = 121.3 Hz), 119.34 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 35.00 (d, *J* = 43.1 Hz), 31.10 (d, *J* = 83.2 Hz). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 101.26.

Chloro(triphenylphosphine)gold(I) (**L3**AuCl)



^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.63 – 7.39 (comp, 15H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 134.25 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 132.12 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 129.36 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 128.81 (d, *J* = 62.4 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 33.77.

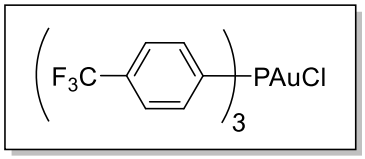
Chloro(tri-*o*-tolylphosphine)gold(I) (**L4**AuCl)



^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.54 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.05 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 2.68 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ

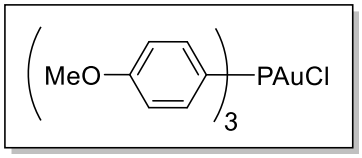
143.09 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 133.65 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 132.57 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 132.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 126.85 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 125.17 (d, *J* = 61.1 Hz), 23.43 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.85.

Chloro[tris(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphine]gold(I) (**L5**AuCl)



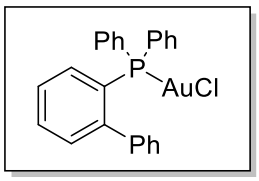
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.85 – 7.77 (m, 6H), 7.74 – 7.59 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (150MHz; $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm)134.8 (qd, J = 33 , 2.7 Hz, Ar-C(CF3)), 134.7 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, ArCH), 131.8 (d, J = 60.6 Hz, Ar-CP), 126.7 (dq, J = 12.2, 3.5 Hz, Ar-CH), 123.2 (d, J = 271.1 Hz, CF3); ^{19}F NMR (564 MHz; $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm): -63.4 (m); ^{31}PNMR (162 MHz; $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 33.6.

Chloro[tris(4-methoxyphenyl)phosphine]gold(I) (**L6**AuCl)



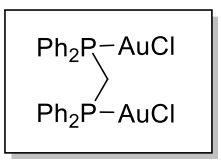
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.52 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 7.01 – 6.85 (m, 6H), 3.82 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $cdcl_3$) (δ, ppm) 162.42 (s), 135.61 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz), 120.41 (d, *J* = 68.4 Hz), 114.83 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 55.55 (s); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 29.77.

Chloro[(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yldiphenylphosphine]gold(I) (**L7**AuCl)



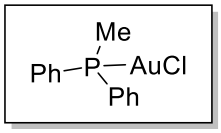
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.65 – 7.30 (comp, 14H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 6.90 (comp, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 148.22 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 140.06 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 134.58 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 133.79 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 132.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 131.88 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 131.53 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 129.94 (d, *J* = 62.1 Hz), 129.82, 129.26 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 128.58, 128.54, 127.66 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz) , 127.658 (d, *J* = 61.5 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 60.51.

dppm(AuCl)$_2$ (**L8**$(AuCl)_2$)



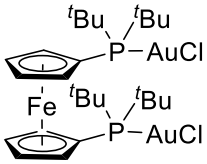
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ, ppm) 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 8H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 8H), 4.67 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ, ppm) 133.36 (t, J = 7.0 Hz), 132.16 (s), 129.16 (t, J = 5.9 Hz), 128.76 (d, J = 33.3 Hz), 24.55 (t, J = 33.5 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 24.61.

Chloro(methyldiphenylphosphine)gold(I) (**L9**AuCl)



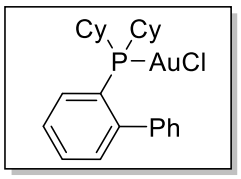
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 2.13 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 132.80 (d, J = 13.4 Hz), 132.09 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 130.50 (d, J = 62.3 Hz), 129.41 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 14.90 (d, J = 39.9 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 17.44.

1,1'-Bis(di-*tert*-butylphosphino)ferrocene-(AuCl)$_2$ (**L10**$(AuCl)_2$)



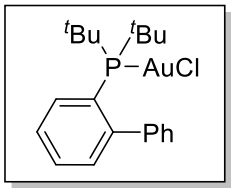
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 4.84 (s, 4H), 4.53 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 4H), 1.39 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 36H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 75.37 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 74.69 (d, J = 9.5 Hz), 72.51 (d, J = 49.4 Hz), 37.20 (d, J = 28.4 Hz), 30.62 (d, J = 5.1 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 68.92.

Chloro[(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yldicyclohexylphosphine]gold(I) (**L11**AuCl)



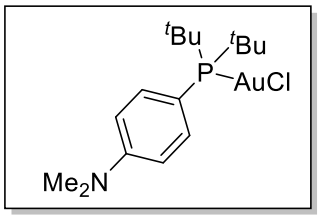
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.81 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 1.90 (m, 4H), 1.87 – 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.51 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.11 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 148.97 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 141.45 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 134.32 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 132.55 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 130.82 (s), 129.02 (d, J = 94.3 Hz), 128.41 (s), 127.57 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 124.91 (d, J = 51.6 Hz), 36.66 (d, J = 33.6 Hz), 31.26 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 29.51 (s), 26.563 (s), 26.556 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 25.69 (s); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 44.51.

Chloro[(1,1'-biphenyl)-2-yldi-*tert*-butylphosphine]gold(I) (**L12**AuCl)



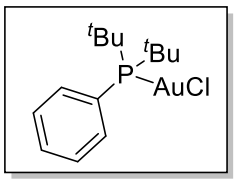
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 150.30 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz), 142.25 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 133.62 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 133.37 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 130.68 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 129.07 (d, *J* = 52.4 Hz), 128.35 (s), 126.84 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 126.21 (d, *J* = 45.5 Hz), 37.91 (d, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 31.00 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 26.74.

Chloro[4-(di-*tert*-butylphosphaneyl)-*N*, *N*-dimethylaniline]gold(I) (**L13**AuCl)



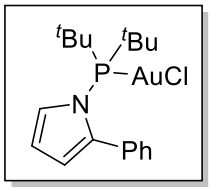
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.77 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.02 (s, 6H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 152.26 (s), 138.29 (s), 111.83 (s), 111.44 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 40.06 (s), 36.64 (d, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 30.37 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 76.69.

Chloro[di-*tert*-butyl(phenyl)phosphane]gold(I) (**L14**AuCl)



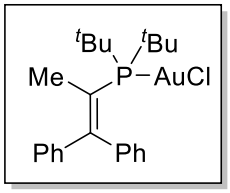
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.12 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 136.37 (s), 131.94 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 128.59 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 127.67 (d, *J* = 47.6 Hz), 36.43 (d, *J* = 26.2 Hz), 30.22 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 79.65.

Chloro[1-(di-*tert*-butylphosphaneyl)-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole]gold(I) (**L15**AuCl)



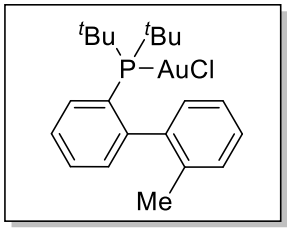
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.49 – 6.31 (m, 1H), 1.35 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 140.22 (s), 130.66 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 129.87 (s), 129.20 (d, *J* = 173.4 Hz), 120.38 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 118.79 (d, *J* = 64.9 Hz), 109.25 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 37.91 (d, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 30.22 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz) (δ, ppm) 46.64.

Chloro[di-*tert*-butyl(1,1-diphenylprop-1-en-2-yl)phosphine]gold(I) (**L16**AuCl)



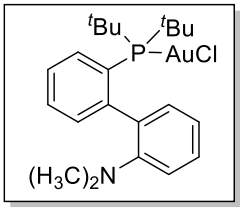
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.26 (comp, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.00 (comp, 4H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 162.32 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz), 143.59 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 142.49 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 129.22 (d, *J* = 46.0 Hz), 127.73 (d, *J* = 100.5 Hz) 127.42 (d, *J* = 177.3 Hz), 123.27 (d, *J* = 38.8 Hz), 37.66 (d, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 31.46 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 22.01 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 66.93.

Chloro{di-*tert*-butyl(2'-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)phosphine}gold(I) (**L17**AuCl)



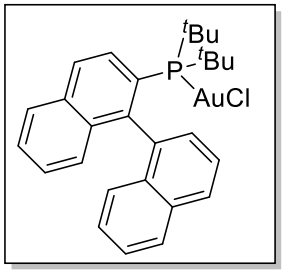
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.01 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.76 (m, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.43 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 9.7 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 149.68 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 141.28 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 135.50 (s), 133.95 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 133.41 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 131.31 (s), 130.99 (s), 130.24 (s), 128.70 (s), 127.03 (s), 126.74 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 125.43 (s), 38.01 (dd, *J* = 26.0, 14.0 Hz), 31.18 (dd, *J* = 122.0, 6.5 Hz), 20.81 (s); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 60.40.

Chloro[2'-(di-*tert*-butylphosphaneyl)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-amine]gold(I) (**L18**AuCl)



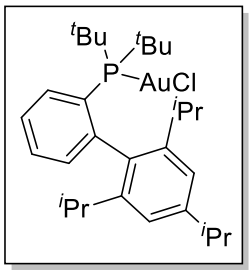
^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (comp, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 6H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 9H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 151.23 (s), 149.24 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz), 136.37 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 134.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 133.94 (s), 131.13 (d, *J* = 76.3 Hz), 129.43 (s), 127.10 (d, *J* = 46.2 Hz), 126.37 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 122.44 (s), 121.18 (s), 44.05 (s), 38.14 (d, *J* = 26.1 Hz), 37.65 (d, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 31.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 30.34 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 62.01.

Chloro[(1,1'-binaphthalen)-2-yldi-*tert*-butylphosphine]gold(I) (**L19**AuCl)



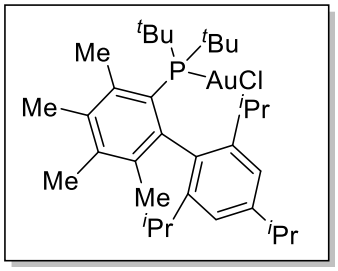
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.11 – 7.97 (comp, 3H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (comp, 2H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.18 (comp, 2H), 7.03 – 6.86 (comp, 2H), 1.44 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 11.5 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 147.90 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz), 136.26 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 134.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 134.13 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 133.56 (s), 129.44 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz), 128.87 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 128.65 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 127.44 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 124.98 (s), 38.16 (dd, *J* = 25.3, 22.9 Hz), 31.38 (dd, *J* = 89.8, 6.8 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 62.51.

Chloro{di-*tert*-butyl(2',4',6'-triisopropyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)phosphine}gold(I) (**L20**AuCl)



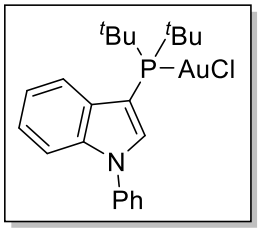
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.93 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.43 (comp, 2H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 2.98 (dt, *J* = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dt, *J* = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 18H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 150.21 (s), 148.65 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 145.77 (s), 135.61 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 135.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 134.53 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 130.29 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 128.43 (d, *J* = 43.1 Hz), 126.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 121.94 (s), 38.43 (d, *J* = 26.4 Hz), 34.31 (s), 31.39 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 30.94 (s), 26.29 (s), 24.46 (s), 23.11 (s); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 59.17.

Chloro{di-*tert*-butyl(2',4',6'-triisopropyl-3,4,5,6-tetramethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl) phosphine}gold(I) (**L21**AuCl)



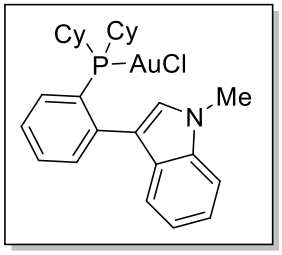
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.04 (s, 2H), 3.03 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.41 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.45 (comp, 21H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 150.38 (s), 146.31 (d, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 145.88 (s), 140.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 138.17 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 137.78 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 137.69 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 135.66 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 128.32 (d, *J* = 35.6 Hz), 122.68 (s), 41.98 (d, *J* = 20.5 Hz), 34.36 (s), 33.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 30.80 (s), 28.12 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 25.31 (s), 25.17 (s), 24.76 (s), 22.33 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 17.65 (d, *J* = 47.4 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 77.67.

Chloro[3-(di-*tert*-butylphosphaneyl)-1--phenyl-1*H*-indole]gold(I) (**L22**AuCl)



^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.77 – 7.69 (comp, 2H), 7.63 – 7.57 (comp, 2H), 7.26 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.19 (comp, 4H), 6.90 – 6.85 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 141.65 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 137.83 (s), 130.42 (s), 130.24 (s), 130.04 (s), 126.52 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 126.15 (d, *J* = 58.0 Hz), 124.65 (s), 121.34 (d, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 113.56 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 111.98 (s), 38.08 (d, *J* = 29.4 Hz), 30.37 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 48.86.

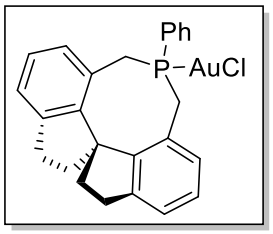
Chloro[3-(di-*tert*-butylphosphaneyl)-1--phenyl-1*H*-indole]gold(I) (**L23**AuCl)



^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.93 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (comp, 2H), 7.34 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.68 – 6.20 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.50 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.88 –

1.49 (m, 10H), 1.41 – 1.09 (m, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 139.33 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 137.49 (s), 137.41 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 135.14 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 134.05 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 130.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.90 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 127.54 (s), 122.46 (s), 120.72 (s), 120.37 (s), 110.24 (s), 104.97 (s), 37.02 (d, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 35.82 (d, *J* = 33.9 Hz), 31.82 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 30.96 (s), 30.25 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 29.75 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 26.73 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 7.5 Hz), 26.45 (dd, *J* = 20.7, 12.9 Hz), 25.68 (s). ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 46.55.

Chloro[*S*-dimethylene-[7,7′-(1,1′-spiroindan)]-phenylphospholine]gold(I) (**L24**AuCl)



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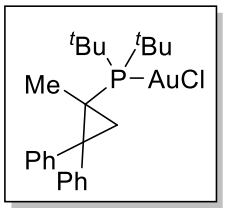
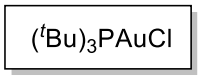
Chloro[di-*tert*-butyl(1-methyl-2,2-diphenylcyclopropyl)phosphine]gold(I) (**L25**AuCl)



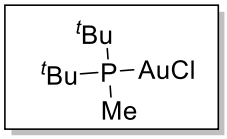
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.49 (m, 19H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 143.21 (s), 141.37 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 130.47 (s), 129.65 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 129.34 (s), 128.84 (s), 127.72 (s), 126.87 (s), 42.40 (s), 39.51 (dd, *J* = 309.9, 25.3 Hz), 32.22 (dd, *J* = 97.0, 5.1 Hz), 27.40 (s), 25.37 (d, *J* = 35.8 Hz), 24.26 (s); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 77.64.

Chloro[tri-*tert*-butylphosphine]gold(I) (**L26**AuCl)



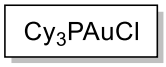
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 1.52 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 27H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 39.61 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 32.38 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 91.18.

Chloro[di-*tert*-butyl(methyl)phosphine]gold(I) (**L27**AuCl)



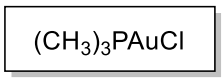
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 1.49 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 34.48 (d, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 29.16 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 5.77 (d, *J* = 31.6 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 58.18.

Chloro(tricyclohexylphosphine)gold(I) (**L28**AuCl)



^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 2.04 – 1.90 (m, 9H), 1.90 – 1.78 (m, 6H), 1.75 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.52 – 1.38 (m, 6H), 1.36 – 1.18 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 33.44 (d, *J* = 31.0 Hz), 30.89 (s), 27.10 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz), 25.94 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 54.65.

Chloro(trimethylphosphine)gold(I) (**L29**AuCl)



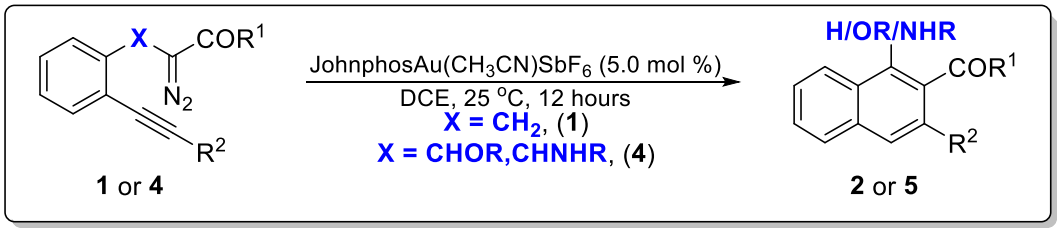
^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 1.62 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 16.25 (d, *J* = 40.3 Hz); ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) -9.80.

General Procedure for the Optimization of Ligands, related to Table S2.

The **Ln**AuCl complex (0.01 mmol) and $AgSbF_6$ (3.34mg, 0.01 mmol) were suspended in DCE (0.5 mL). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2.0 hours. The solvent was evaporated and the mixture dissolved in 0.5 mL of DCE. Then the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was added into a solution of **1a** (58mg, 0.2mmol) in DCE (0.5 mL) at 25 ℃ for 12.0 hours. Afterwards, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (16.8 mg, 0.1mmol) was added into the reaction mixture, and yield determined by proton *NMR* using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard. E.g., "**L1**, 0%; 89%" is equal to "**L1**AuCl, 0% **2a**; 89% **3a**".

General Procedure for the Gold-Catalyzed Aromatization, related to Scheme1

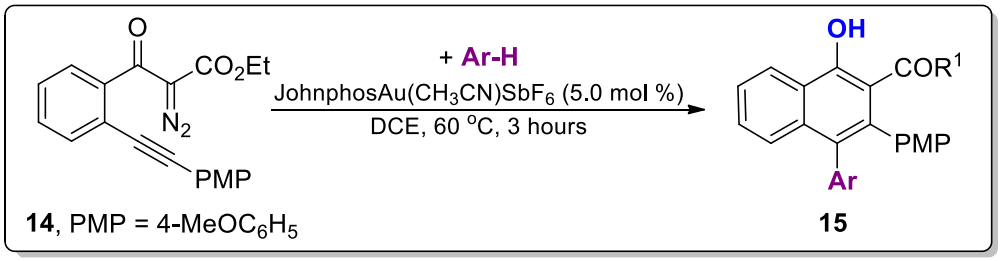
Method A



A solution of diazoacetate **1** or **4** (0.2 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) was added over 5 min to a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, and JohnphosAu(CH_3CN)SbF_6 (7.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) using a syringe at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 ℃ for 12 hours. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel (solvents: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to afford the pure naphthalene derivatives **2** or **5** in 62%-94% yields.

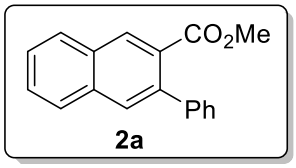
(The experimental procedure for the synthesis of **6** is same to that mentioned above in Method A, related to **Figure 2A**.)

Method B



A solution of diazoacetate **14** (69.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) was added over 5 min to a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, JohnphosAu (CH_3CN)SbF_6 (7.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %), and nucleophiles (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) using a syringe at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 ℃ for 3 hours (performed for 12 h in the case of **15i**). Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on a silica gel (solvents: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 to 1/5) to afford the pure products **15** in 53%-94% yields.

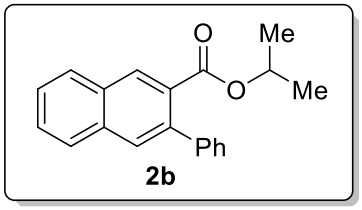
Methyl 3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.



2a

47.7 mg, 91% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.52 (comp, 2H), 7.48 – 7.35 (comp, 5H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.1, 141.6, 138.9, 134.5, 131.7, 131.1, 129.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 126.9, 52.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}NaO_2^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 285.0886, found 285.0881.

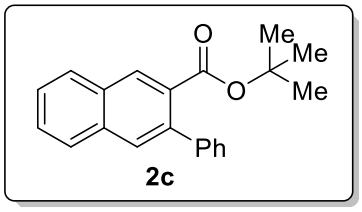
Isopropyl 3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.



2b

52.8 mg, 91% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (comp, 2H), 7.44 – 7.34 (comp, 5H), 5.05 (dt, *J* = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.5, 141.7, 138.8, 134.3, 131.7, 130.7, 130.3, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 68.8, 21.5. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{20}H_{18}NaO_2^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 313.1199, found 313.1215.

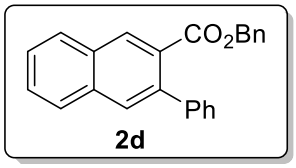
***tert*-Butyl 3-phenyl-2-naphthoate**.



2c

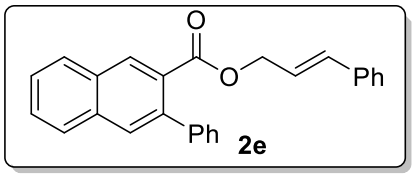
54.8 mg, 90% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 1.29 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.2, 142.2, 138.8, 134.2, 131.8, 131.5, 130.6, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 81.5, 27.7. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{21}H_{20}NaO_2^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 327.1356, found 327.1351.

Benzyl 3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.



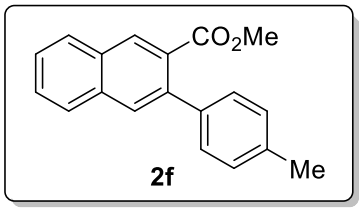
60.2 mg, 89% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (comp, 5H), 7.33 – 7.28 (comp, 3H), 7.20 – 6.97 (comp, 2H), 5.17 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.7, 141.6, 138.8, 135.5, 134.5, 131.70, 131.65, 131.2, 129.9, 129.3, 128.71, 128.70, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 126.8 67.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{24}H_{18}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 361.1199, found 361.1194.

Cinnamyl 3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.



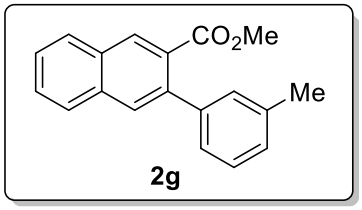
67.1 mg, 92% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.45 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (comp, 4H), 7.37 – 7.32 (comp, 5H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 6.52 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 6.07 – 5.95 (m, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.6, 141.7, 138.9, 136.4, 134.5, 134.2, 131.7, 131.2, 129.9, 129.4, 128.8, 128.74, 128.67, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 122.9 65.7 HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{26}H_{20}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 387.1356, found 387.1370.

Methyl 3-(*p*-tolyl)-2-naphthoate.



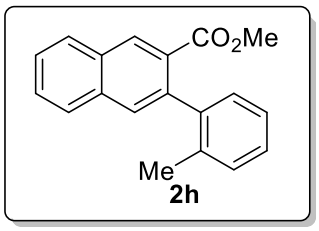
49.8 mg, 90% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.49 (comp, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (comp, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (comp, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.2, 138.9, 138.6, 136.9, 134.5, 131.6, 131.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 52.2, 21.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 299.1043, found 299.1044.

Methyl 3-(*m*-tolyl)-2-naphthoate.



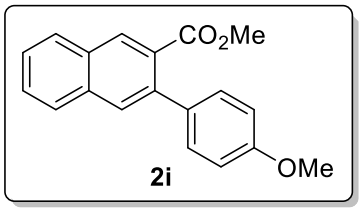
49.2 mg, 89% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.15 (comp, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.3, 141.5, 139.0, 137.8, 134.5, 131.7, 131.0, 129.8, 129.34, 129.28, 128.7, 128.3, 128.03, 128.01, 127.9, 126.8, 125.8, 52.2, 21.6. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 299.1043, found 299.1049.

Methyl 3-(*o*-tolyl)-2-naphthoate.



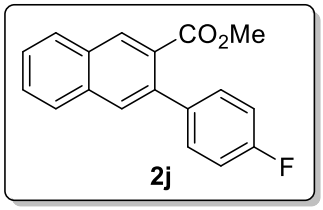
44.8 mg, 81% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.35 – 7.23 (comp, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.9, 141.7, 139.1, 135.8, 134.7, 131.7, 131.4, 130.0, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 126.8, 125.4, 52.1, 20.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 299.1043, found 299.1042.

Methyl 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (**2i**).



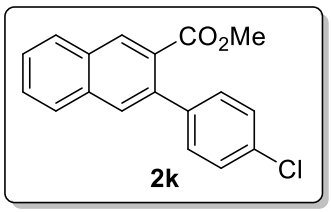
52.0 mg, 89% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.43 – 7.32 (comp, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (comp, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.3, 159.0, 138.4, 134.5, 133.9, 131.5, 131.0, 129.71, 129.66, 129.3, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 126.7, 113.7, 55.4, 52.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_3^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 315.0992, found 315.0986.

Methyl 3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-naphthoate.



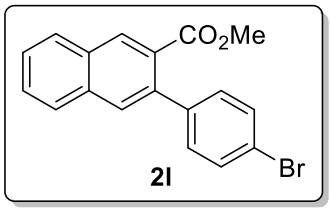
51.6 mg, 92% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.42 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.62 – 7.53 (comp, 2H), 7.39 – 7.33 (comp, 2H), 7.20 – 7.08 (comp, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.8, 162.4 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 137.9, 137.6 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 134.5, 131.7, 131.4, 130.2 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.0, 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 52.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) -115.69. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{13}FNaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 303.0792, found 303.0785.

Methyl 3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-naphthoate.



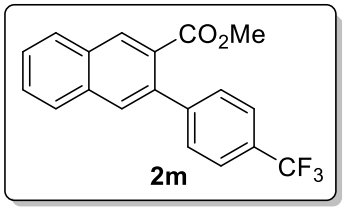
52.2 mg, 88% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.53 (comp, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (comp, 2H), 7.35 – 7.29 (comp, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.7, 140.1, 137.8, 134.5, 133.3, 131.8, 131.5, 129.99, 129.97, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.1, 52.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{13}ClNaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 319.0496, found 319.0500.

Methyl 3-(4-bromophenyl)-2-naphthoate.



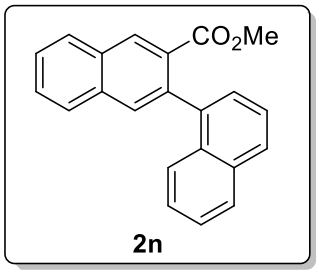
56.0 mg, 82% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.44 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.52 (comp, 4H), 7.31 – 7.23 (comp, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.6, 140.6, 137.8, 134.5, 131.8, 131.6, 131.3, 130.3, 129.9, 128.8, 128.62, 128.55, 127.9, 127.1, 121.5, 52.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{13}BrNaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 362.9991, found 362.9992.

Methyl 3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-naphthoate.



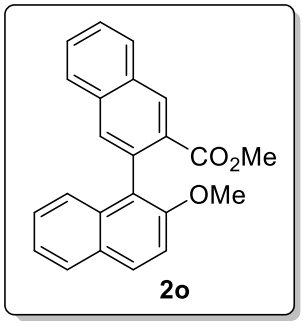
44.3 mg, 67% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.55 (comp, 2H), 7.54 – 7.47 (comp, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.4, 145.5, 137.7, 134.5, 132.0, 131.8, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 127.4, 125.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 52.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) -62.32. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{13}F_3NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 353.0760, found 353.0755.

Methyl [1,2'-binaphthalene]-3'-carboxylate.



51.9 mg, 83% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.87 (comp, 4H), 7.67 – 7.55 (comp, 4H), 7.52 – 7.46 (comp, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.9, 139.9, 137.6, 134.7, 133.3, 132.5, 132.0, 131.4, 131.0, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.0, 126.4, 126.1, 125.7, 125.3, 52.0. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{16}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 335.1048, found 335.1041.

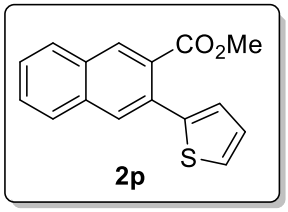
Methyl 2-methoxy-[1,2'-binaphthalene]-3'-carboxylate.



62.3 mg, 91% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.10 – 8.01 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 – 7.81 (comp, 3H), 7.65 – 7.56 (comp, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (comp, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.7, 153.6, 134.9, 133.7, 133.5, 132.0, 131.7, 131.5, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 126.8, 126.4,

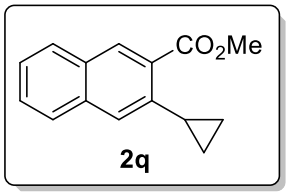
125.0, 124.8, 123.5, 113.3, 56.6, 51.9. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{23}H_{18}NaO_3^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 365.1154, found 365.1151.

Methyl 3-(thiophen-2-yl)-2-naphthoate.



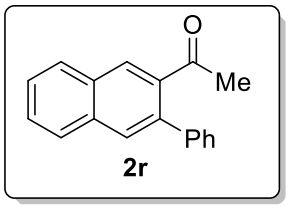
43.5 mg, 81% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (comp, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.06 (comp, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.0, 142.5, 134.2, 131.9, 130.8, 130.6, 130.5, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.3, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 52.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{16}H_{12}NaO_2S^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 291.0456, found 291.0457.

Methyl 3-cyclopropyl-2-naphthoate.



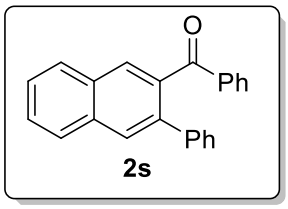
34.4 mg, 76% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.49 (comp, 2H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 2.77 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 1.09 – 0.95 (comp, 2H), 0.84 – 0.69 (comp, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.9, 140.4, 135.0, 131.2, 130.9, 130.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 126.0, 125.3, 52.2, 14.4, 8.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{15}H_{14}NaO_2^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 249.0892, found 249.0876.

1-(3-Phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)ethan-1-one.



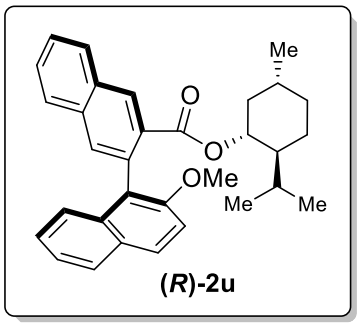
39.9 mg, 81% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.51 (comp, 2H), 7.51 – 7.39 (comp, 5H), 2.13 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 204.4, 141.1, 139.4, 137.6, 134.2, 131.9, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.9, 30.6. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}NaO^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 269.0937, found 269.0941.

Phenyl (3-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)methanone.



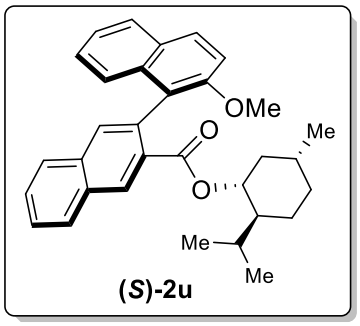
38.2 mg, 62% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.00 – 7.87 (comp, 3H), 7.78 – 7.68 (comp, 2H), 7.63 – 7.54 (comp, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (comp, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (comp, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (comp, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 198.4, 140.5, 138.6, 137.8, 137.5, 134.2, 133.0, 131.7, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 127.0. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{23}H_{16}NaO^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 331.1093, found 331.1089.

(*R*)-(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-methoxy-[1,2'-binaphthalene]-3'-carboxylate.



42.0 mg, 45% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.72 (s, 1H), 8.12 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.83 (comp, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.55 (comp, 2H), 7.45 – 7.28 (comp, 4H), 4.67 – 4.54 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.49 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.18 (comp, 3H), 0.97 – 0.89 (m, 1H), 0.87 – 0.83 (m, 3H), 0.70 – 0.60 (m, 1H), 0.50 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.63 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.43 – 0.30 (m, 1H);^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 167.2, 153.5, 134.8, 134.0, 133.5, 132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 130.9, 129.03, 128.98, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 126.3, 125.4, 123.4, 113.0, 74.5, 56.4, 46.5, 40.3, 34.2, 31.2, 25.6, 23.0, 22.1, 20.7, 15.9. (δ, ppm) HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{32}H_{35}O_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 467.2581, found 467.2593.

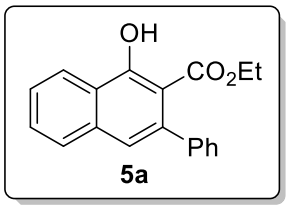
(*S*)-(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-methoxy-[1,2'-binaphthalene] -3'-carboxylate.



(*S*)-2u

42.0 mg, 45% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) 8.77 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.87 (comp, 3H), 7.75 – 7.64 (comp, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (comp, 2H), 4.63 (td, *J* = 10.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 1.65 – 1.51 (comp, 4H), 1.43 – 1.26 (comp, 2H), 0.98 – 0.90 (m, 1H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.79 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.73 – 0.66 (m, 1H), 0.64 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.07 – -0.04 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.1, 153.6, 134.9, 134.2, 133.3, 132.0, 131.6, 131.5, 130.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.0, 127.79, 127.75, 126.6, 126.4, 125.3, 125.0, 123.4, 113.3, 74.3, 56.4, 46.6, 39.7, 34.1, 31.1, 25.6, 22.9, 22.0, 21.0, 15.8. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{32}H_{35}O_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 467.2581, found 467.2593.

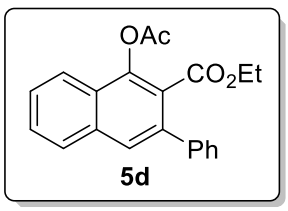
Ethyl 1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.



5a

76% yield with **4b** and 91% yield with **4c**. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.32 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.31 (comp, 5H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 171.9, 161.5, 143.8, 139.6, 135.7, 129.9, 128.6, 127.6, 127.5, 126.6, 125.9, 124.2, 124.1, 121.3, 106.1, 61.1, 13.1. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}NaO_3^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 315.0992, found 315.0986.

Ethyl 1-acetoxy-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.

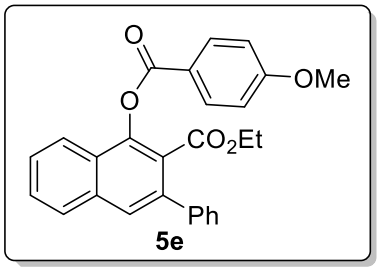


5d

62.2 mg, 93% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.97 – 7.83 (comp, 2H),

7.78 (s, 1H), 7.63 – 7.54 (comp, 2H), 7.50 – 7.35 (comp, 5H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 169.3, 166.8, 145.7, 140.6, 138.1, 134.6, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.0, 123.6, 122.2, 61.5, 20.8, 13.7. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}NaO_4^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 357.1097, found 357.1105.

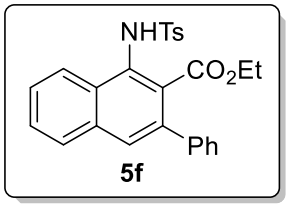
Ethyl 1-((4-methoxybenzoyl)oxy)-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate



5e

74.1 mg, 87% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (comp, 3H), 7.45 – 7.37 (comp, 3H), 7.07 – 7.01 (comp, 2H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 166.8, 164.7, 164.3, 145.8, 140.5, 138.1, 134.7, 132.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 126.4, 124.2, 122.5, 121.3, 114.2, 61.5, 55.7, 13.7. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{27}H_{22}NaO_5^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 449.1359, found 449.1359.

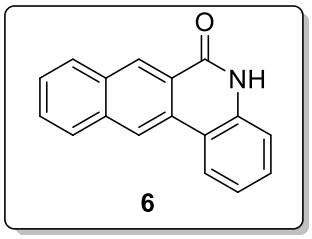
Ethyl 1-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonamido)-3-phenyl-2-naphthoate.



5f

72.2 mg, 81% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.72 – 8.63 (m, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.57 (comp, 2H), 7.51 – 7.42 (comp, 2H), 7.39 – 7.29 (comp, 3H), 7.25 – 7.21 (comp, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 0.47 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 168.6, 143.7, 141.7, 137.9, 136.0, 134.9, 133.3, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.9, 126.2, 61.6, 21.6, 12.7. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{26}H_{23}NNaO_4S^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 468.1240, found 468.1257.

Benzo[*j*]phenanthridin-6(5*H*)-one (Gao, et al., 2019).



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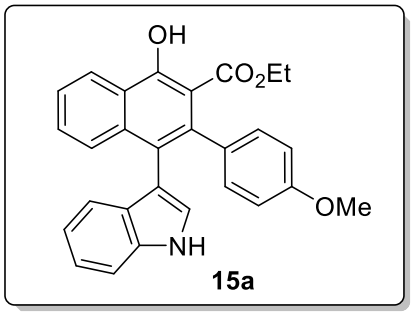
45.6 mg, 93% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ, ppm) 11.55 (s, 1H), 9.08 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.56 – 8.50 (m, 1H), 8.24 – 8.15 (comp, 2H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ, ppm) 161.1, 136.4, 134.9, 131.6, 130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 124.1, 123.5, 122.4, 121.5, 118.0, 116.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{17}H_{11}NNaO^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 268.0733, found 268.0720.

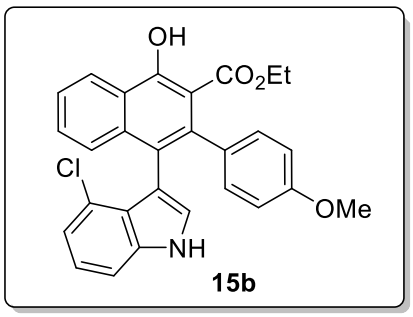
Ethyl 1-hydroxy-4-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (15a).



15a

72.6 mg, 83% yield. White solid, mp: 175-176 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.30 (s, 1H), 8.55 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.74 – 6.71 (m, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 0.74 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.4, 160.5, 157.8, 139.2, 136.6, 135.6, 135.4, 130.6, 129.6, 129.5, 127.3, 125.6, 125.0, 124.3, 123.92, 123.90, 121.8, 120.2, 119.7, 114.0, 112.2, 111.0, 107.5, 61.1, 55.3, 13.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{23}NO_4Na^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 460.1519, found 460.1508.

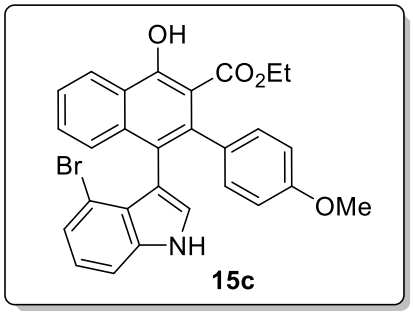
Ethyl 4-(4-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate.



15b

79.1 mg, 84% yield. White solid, mp: 204-205 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.49 (s, 1H), 8.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 6.96 (comp, 4H), 6.70 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.5, 160.9, 157.6, 139.0, 137.9, 136.8, 135.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 127.1, 126.4, 126.1, 125.8, 125.5, 124.5, 123.9, 123.7, 122.5, 120.5, 113.7, 112.29, 112.25, 109.9, 107.1, 61.0, 55.2, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}ClNO_4Na^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 494.1130, found 494.1096.

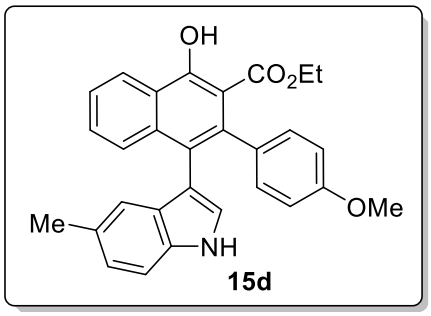
Ethyl 4-(4-bromo-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate.



15c

89.8 mg, 87% yield. White solid, mp: 215-216 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.51 (s, 1H), 8.57 – 8.49 (m, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.93 (comp, 3H), 6.71 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.50 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.94 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.5, 161.0, 157.5, 139.1, 138.2, 136.5, 135.8, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.1, 125.5, 124.2, 124.0, 123.8, 123.7, 122.8, 114.5, 114.4, 112.3, 110.6, 107.1, 61.1, 55.2, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}BrNO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 538.0624, found 538.0589.

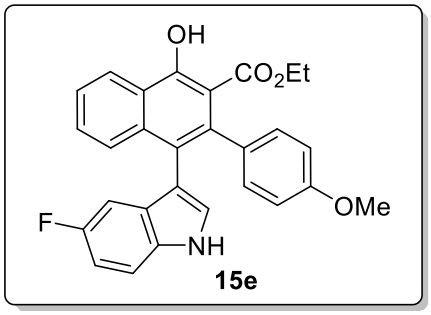
Ethyl 1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(5-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-naphthoate.



15d

64.4 mg, 71% yield. White solid, mp: 184-185 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.31 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.99 (comp, 3H), 6.79 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.4, 160.4, 157.7, 139.1, 136.6, 135.6, 133.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.6, 128.9, 127.4, 125.6, 125.1, 124.3, 124.1, 123.9, 123.4, 119.7, 113.4, 112.3, 112.2, 110.7, 107.5, 61.1, 55.2, 21.6, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{29}H_{25}NO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 474.1676, found 474.1695.

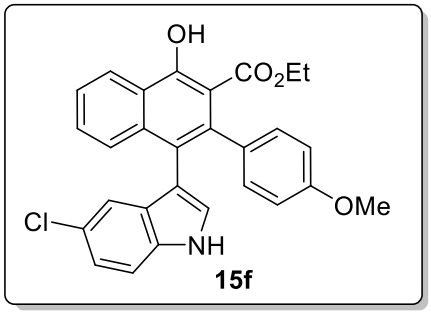
Ethyl 4-(5-fluoro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate.



15e

77.4 mg, 85% yield. White solid, mp: 172-173 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.37 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.42 (comp, 3H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 159.2 (d, *J* = 284.0 Hz), 158.1(d, *J* = 234.6 Hz), 139.4, 136.4, 135.4, 131.9, 130.5, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 126.9, 126.7, 125.7, 124.3, 123.9, 123.3, 114.2 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 112.3, 111.7 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 110.3 (d, *J* = 26.5 Hz), 107.4, 104.8 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 61.1, 55.3, 13.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) -124.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}FNO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 478.1425, found 478.1464.

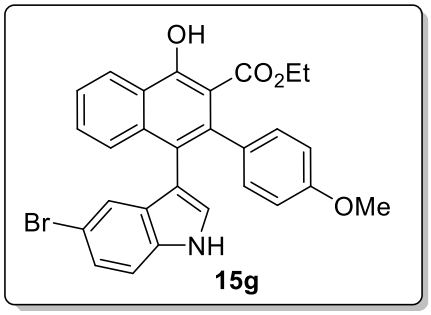
Ethyl 4-(5-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate (15f)



15f

76.3 mg, 81% yield. White solid, mp: 195-196 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.37 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.08 (comp, 3H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.2, 160.7, 157.8, 139.4, 136.5, 135.4, 133.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.8, 129.6, 126.9, 126.3, 125.8, 125.5, 124.3, 124.0, 123.1, 122.2, 119.4, 113.8, 112.3, 112.2, 112.1, 10`7.4, 61.2, 55.3, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}ClNO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 494.1130, found 494.1160.

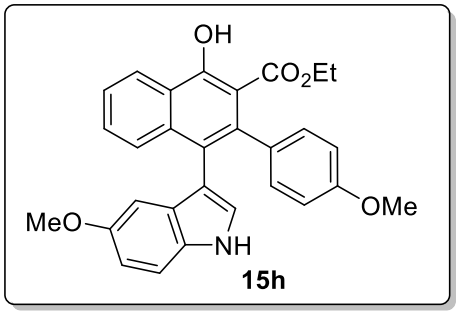
Ethyl 4-(5-bromo-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate.



15g

88.5 mg, 86% yield. White solid, mp: 210-211 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.37 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.2, 160.7, 157.8, 139.5, 136.4, 135.4, 134.0, 131.1, 130.5, 129.9, 129.6, 126.9, 126.2, 125.8, 124.8, 124.3, 124.0, 123.0, 122.4, 113.8, 113.1, 112.6, 112.4, 112.3, 107.4, 61.2, 55.3, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}BrNO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$:538.0624, found 538.0642.

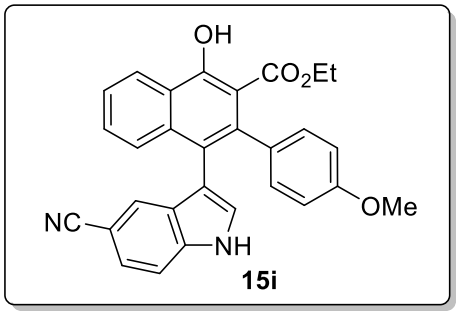
Ethyl 1-hydroxy-4-(5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate



15h

70.0 mg, 75% yield. White solid, mp: 177-178 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.28 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.75 (m, 1H), 6.72 – 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.60 – 6.59 (m, 2H), 6.46 – 6.44 (m, 1H), 4.02 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 160.4, 157.8, 154.2, 139.2, 136.6, 135.5, 130.6, 129.9, 129.64, 129.60, 127.3, 125.7, 125.6, 124.3, 124.0, 123.9, 113.8, 112.3, 112.2, 111.8, 107.6, 101.5, 61.1, 55.8, 55.2, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{29}H_{25}NO_5Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 490.1625, found 490.1601.

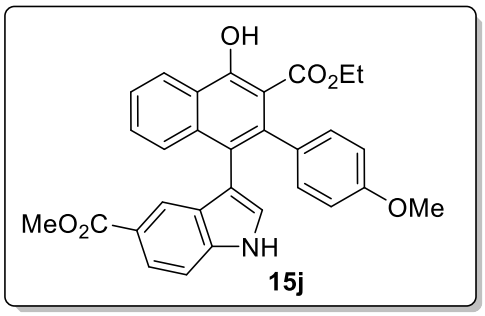
Ethyl 4-(5-cyano-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate



15i

84.1 mg, 91% yield. White solid, mp: 289-290 °C. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) (δ, ppm) 11.63 (s, 1H), 10,68 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.2, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 3.94 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) (δ, ppm) 168.6, 157.7, 151.9, 138.2, 137.3, 134.7, 132.5, 130.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.18, 128.17, 126.3, 125.5, 124.3, 124.2, 123.7, 122.8, 122.0, 120.6, 115.9, 112.9, 112.3, 100.9, 60.5, 54.9, 13.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI^{+}) calculated for $C_{29}H_{22}N_2O_4Na^{+}$ $[M+Na]^{+}$: 485.1472, found 485.1484.

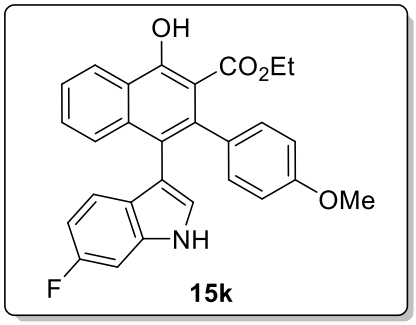
Methyl 3-(3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-yl) -1*H*-indole-5-carboxylate



15j

88.7 mg, 90% yield. White solid, mp: 320-321 °C. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) (δ, ppm) 11.44 (s, 1H), 10.62 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (s, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.72 – 6.53 (comp, 3H), 3.95 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) (δ, ppm) 168.4, 167.1, 157.7, 151.5, 138.10, 138.09, 134.7, 132.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.5, 125.5, 124.1, 122.7, 122.5, 122.0, 121.2, 120.4, 116.2, 113.2, 112.3, 111.6, 60.5, 54.9, 51.6, 13.4. HRMS (TOF MS ESI^{+}) calculated for $C_{30}H_{25}NO_6Na^{+}$ $[M+Na]^{+}$: 518.1574, found 518.1528.

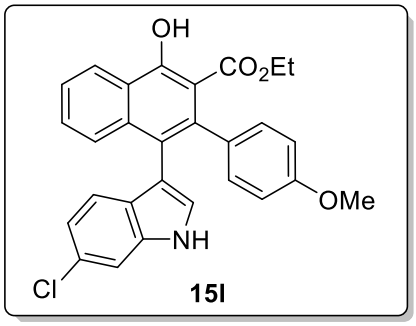
Ethyl 4-(6-fluoro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate.



15k

79.2 mg, 87% yield. White solid, mp: 178-179 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.36 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.39 (comp, 3H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 – 6.71 (comp, 3H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 0.76 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 160.8 (d, *J* = 51.4 Hz), 158.3 (d, *J* = 93.7 Hz), 139.3, 136.6, 135.4, 135.27 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 127.0, 126.0, 125.7, 125.2 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.3, 123.9, 123.5, 120.7 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 114.1, 112.3 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 108.5 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 107.4, 97.34 (d, *J* = 26.1 Hz), 61.1, 55.2, 13.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) -121.6. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}FNO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$:478.1431, found 478.1452.

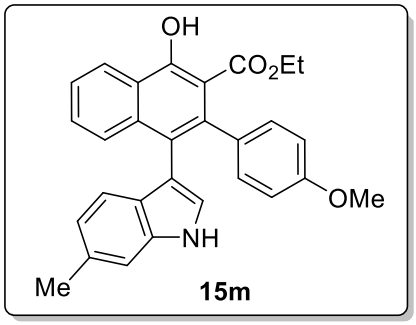
Ethyl 4-(6-chloro-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate.



15l

87.6 mg, 93% yield. White solid, mp: 198-199 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.36 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.02 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 160.7, 157.8, 139.4, 136.5, 135.7, 135.4, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 128.0, 127.8, 126.9, 125.7, 125.6, 124.3, 124.0, 123.2, 120.9, 120.5, 114.2, 112.4, 112.3, 111.0, 107.4, 61.2, 55.3, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}ClNO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 494.1130, found 494.1088.

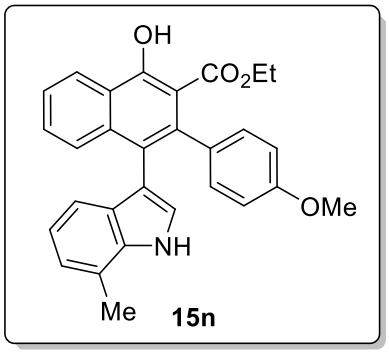
Ethyl 1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(6-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-naphthoate.



15m

66.7 mg, 74% yield. White solid, mp: 216-217 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.31 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (comp, 3H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.77 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 0.76 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 160.4, 157.7, 139.0, 136.6, 135.9, 135.6, 131.5, 130.6, 129.60, 129.57, 127.4, 127.3, 125.6, 124.4, 124.3, 124.1, 123.9, 121.5, 119.8, 113.7, 112.3, 112.2, 111.0, 107.5, 61.1, 55.2, 21.8, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{29}H_{25}NO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 474.1676, found 474.1658.

Ethyl 1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(7-methyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-naphthoate



15n

54.1 mg, 60% yield. White solid, mp: 161-162 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.34 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.00 – 6.95(m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.4, 160.4, 157.7, 139.1, 136.6, 135.6, 135.0, 130.6, 129.7, 129.6, 129.0, 127.3, 125.6, 124.7, 124.3, 124.1, 123.8, 122.4, 120.1, 119.9, 117.9, 114.4, 112.4, 112.2, 107.5, 61.1, 55.2, 16.6, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{29}H_{25}NO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 474.1676, found 474.1627.

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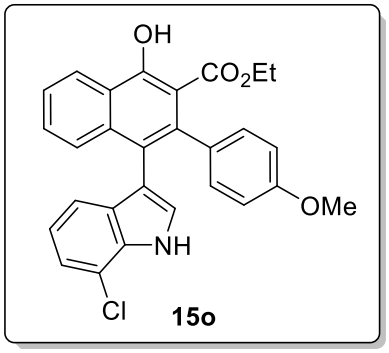
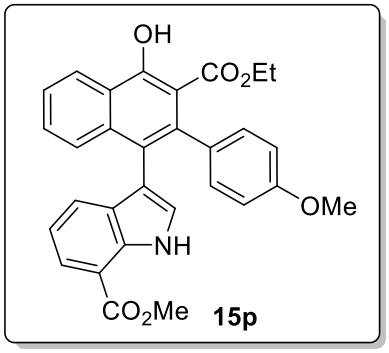


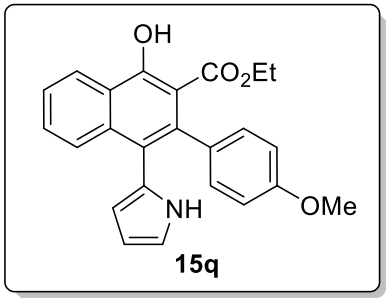
80.1 mg, 85% yield. White solid, mp: 144-145 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.36 (s, 1H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 – 6.71 (comp, 3H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 160.7, 157.9, 139.4, 136.5, 135.3, 132.8, 130.8, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 127.0, 125.7, 125.6, 124.3, 124.0, 123.2, 121.3, 120.6, 118.8, 116.5, 115.2, 112.4, 107.5, 61.2, 55.3, 13.3. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{28}H_{22}ClNO_4Na^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 494.1130, found 494.1093.

Methyl 3-(3-(ethoxycarbonyl)-4-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)naphthalen-1-yl) -1*H*-indole-7-carboxylate



80.2 mg, 81% yield. White solid, mp: 189-190 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.36 (s, 1H), 9.71 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 – 6.68 (m, 2H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (comp, 5H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.3, 168.0, 160.6, 157.8, 139.5, 136.6, 135.34, 135.28, 130.6, 130.5, 129.7, 129.5, 127.0, 126.0, 125.8, 125.7, 124.3, 124.3, 124.0, 123.3, 119.0, 114.0, 112.5, 112.4, 112.3, 107.4, 61.1, 55.2, 52.0, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{30}H_{25}NO_6Na^+$ [M+Na]$^+$: 518.1574, found 518.1541.

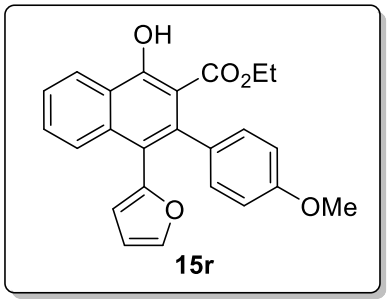
Ethyl 1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl)-2-naphthoate



15q

52.7 mg, 68% yield. White solid, mp: 146-147 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 12.29 (s, 1H), 8.50 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 7.78 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.60 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.17 – 6.15 (m, 1H), 6.06 – 6.04 (m, 1H), 3.97 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 0.76 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.1, 160.8, 158.1, 138.9, 136.4, 134.7, 130.04, 129.95, 127.1, 126.6, 125.8, 124.2, 123.8, 123.5, 117.2, 112.7, 111.4, 108.1, 107.1, 61.2, 55.3, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{24}H_{21}NO_4Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 410.1363, found 410.1375.

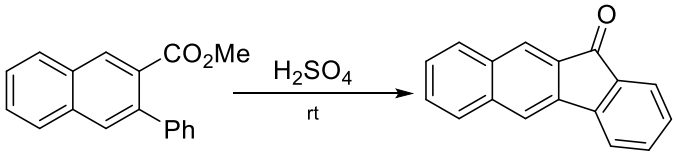
Ethyl 4-(furan-2-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-naphthoate



15r

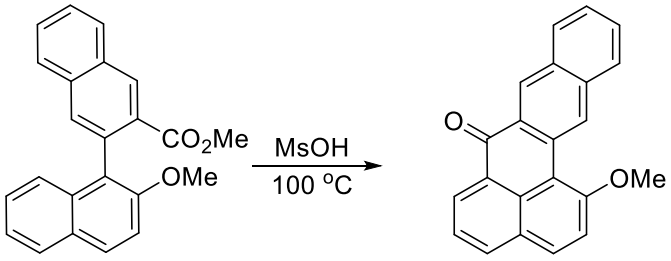
69.3 mg, 89% yield. White solid, mp: 116-117 ℃. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 12.49 (s, 1H), 8.52 – 8.46 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.1, 161.8, 158.3, 150.7, 141.6, 140.7, 136.4, 134.4, 130.2, 130.0, 126.1, 125.9, 124.2, 124.0, 121.4, 112.5, 111.3, 110.6, 107.0, 61.3, 55.4, 13.2. HRMS (TOF MS ESI$^+$) calculated for $C_{24}H_{20}O_5Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 411.1203, found 411.1189.

The Preparation of π-conjugated polycyclic hydrocarbons (CPHs), related to Figure 2B.



2a **7a**, 84% yield

Synthesis of **7a:** To a 50-mL oven-dried round-bottom flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, **2a** (52.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added sulphuric acid (8.0 ml) in 5 min at 0 ℃. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the reaction temperature was warmed to room temperature slowly. Then, water (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1-2 h. The yellow solid precipitated out and was filtered under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (solvents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20 : 1) to afford 38.7 mg **7a** in 84% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.78 (comp, 3H), 7.77 – 7.68 (comp, 2H), 7.59 – 7.51 (comp, 2H), 7.50 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 193.3, 145.0, 138.5, 137.1, 136.3, 135.2, 133.8, 132.9, 131.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 127.1, 125.8, 124.6, 121.1, 119.2. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{17}H_{10}NaO^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 253.0624, found 253.0630.

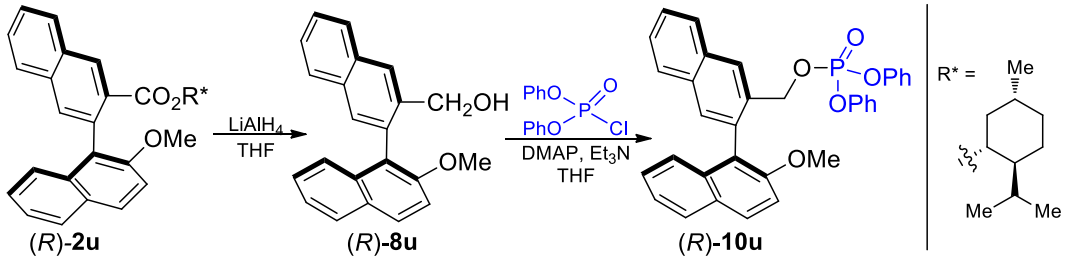


2o **7o**, 95% yield

Synthesis of **7o**: To a 25-mL oven-dried round-bottom flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, **2o** (68.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), and methanesulphonic acid (8.0 mL) were added in sequence under argon at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was refluxed at 100 ℃ for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, water (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1-2 h. The yellow solid precipitated out and was filtered under vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/3) to give 59.0 mg **7o** in 95% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 9.57 (s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.81 – 8.74 (m, 1H), 8.09 – 7.98 (comp, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.49 (comp, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 184.3, 158.6, 136.1, 135.1, 131.6, 131.5, 131.2, 130.5, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.14, 129.10, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.7, 124.1,

114.7, 112.8, 56.3. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{14}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 333.0886, found 333.0891.

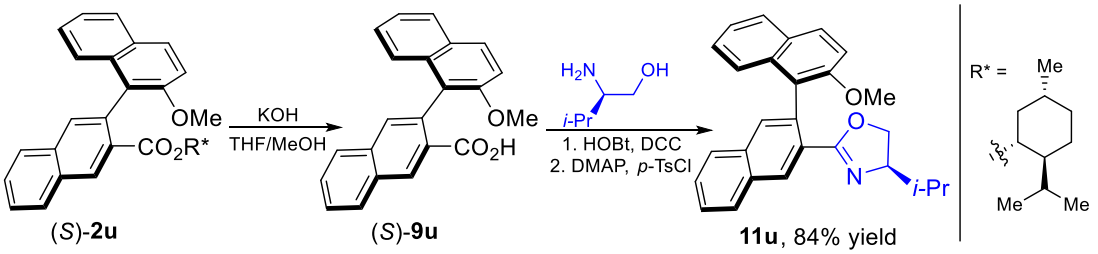
The Preparation of chiral 1,2'-dinaphthalene ligands, related to 2D.



Synthesis of (*R*)-**8u**: To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, compound **(*R*)-2u** (93.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry THF (4.0 mL), was added $LiAlH_4$ (15.2 mg, 0.4 mmol) portion-wise at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. After completion of addition, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. After the consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC analysis), the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of $Na_2SO_4 \cdot 10H_2O$ followed by saturated NH_4Cl, and extracted with DCM (2 X 5 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtration. The resulting residues was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether /EtOAc = 1 : 1) to give 61.0 mg (*R*)-**8u** in 97% yield. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -54.2°, (*c* = 0.34, $CHCl_3$). ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.03 – 7.94 (comp, 2H), 7.92 – 7.82 (comp, 2H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.61 – 7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.46 – 7.34 (comp, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (comp, 2H), 4.54 – 4.41 (comp, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 154.0, 138.7, 134.1, 133.4, 133.3, 133.1, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 126.2, 126.2, 125.1, 124.0, 123.2, 113.6, 64.1, 56.8. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{18}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 337.1199, found 337.1210.

Synthesis of (*R*)-**10u**: To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, (*R*)-**8u** (31.4 mg, 0.1 mmol), triethylamine (0.02 mL, 0.3 mmol), and DMAP (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL), was added diphenyl phosphorochloridate (26.9 mg, 0.1 mmol, 100 mol %) over 30 min at 0 °C under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the reaction temperature was warmmed to room temperature slowlly. After the consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC analysis), the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether /EtOAc = 1:1) to give 46.0 mg (*R*)-**10u** in 84%. > 99% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -312.5°, (*c* = 0.16, $CHCl_3$). ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (comp, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (comp, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (comp,

3H), 7.25 – 7.17 (comp, 3H), 7.17 – 7.09 (comp, 2H), 7.08 – 7.02 (comp, 2H), 7.02 – 6.90 (comp, 2H), 5.22 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 154.1, 150.6 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 150.50 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 133.9, 133.4, 133.32, 133.28, 133.1, 132.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.79, 129.749, 129.750, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6, 126.4, 125.4 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 125.3 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 125.0, 123.8, 121.8, 120.22 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 120.15 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 113.2, 68.89 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 56.4; ^{31}P NMR (162 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) -12.04. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{34}H_{28}O_5P^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 547.1669, found 547.1681. HPLC conditions for determination of enantiomeric excess: Chiral IB-3, λ = 272 nm, hexane : 2-propanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t_S = 27.7 min, t_R = 35.2 min.



Synthesis of (*S*)-**9u**: To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, and KOH (112.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (6.0 mL) and CH_3OH (2.0 mL), was added the white solid (*S*)-**2u** (93.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) at 0 ℃. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then the solvent was removed under vaccum and the reaction mixture was acidified with 6 N HCl (10.0 mL). The precipitated solid was filtrated and washed with water (3 X 15 mL) to give 58.5 mg pure (*S*)-**9u** in 86% yield.

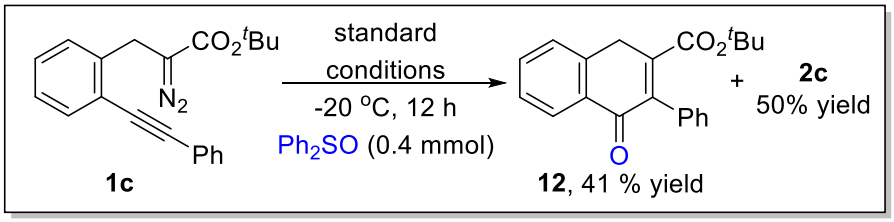
$[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +22.4°, (*c* = 0.08, $CHCl_3$). ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ, ppm) 12.38 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.19 – 8.11 (m, 1H), 8.01 – 7.94 (comp, 2H), 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.59 (comp, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.23 (comp, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H).; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (δ, ppm) 167.9, 153.3, 134.1, 133.1, 133.0, 131.4, 131.2, 131.1, 130.5, 128.72, 128.68, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 126.8, 126.2, 124.5, 124.4, 123.1, 113.8, 56.2. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{22}H_{16}NaO_3^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 351.0992, found 351.1000.

Synthesis of **11u**: To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, (*S*)-**9u** (32.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), *N*,*N*'-dicyclohexylcarbodimide (DCC, 41.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), benzotriazol-1-ol (16.2 mg, 0.12 mmol), and (*R*)-2- amino-3-methylbutan-1-ol (12.4 mg, 0.12 mmol), and dry THF (1.0 mL) were added in sequence at -5 ℃. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h under these conditions, and then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum after filtration, the obtained white solid was directly used for the next step without further purification.

To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, the above obtained white solid, 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (1.3 mg, 0.01 mmol), and CH_2Cl_2 (1.0 mL), was added triethylamine (22.2 mg, 0.22 mmol) under argon atmosphere at 0 ℃. Then

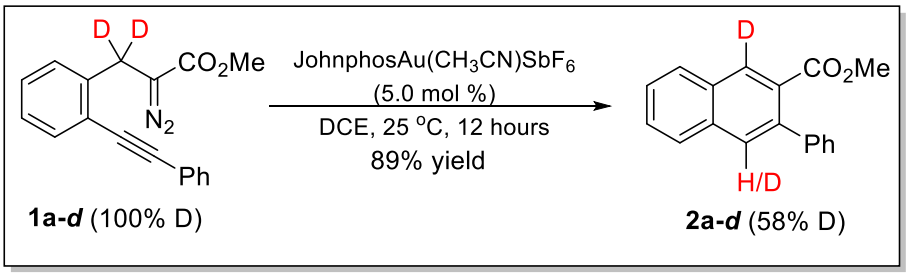
a solution of *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (38.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) was added to the above reaction mixture at 0 ℃. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residues was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ester/ethyl acetate = 1:1) to give 33.2 mg **11u** in 84% yield. 98% ee, $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +30.5°, (*c* = 0.18, $CHCl_3$). ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.03 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.89 – 7.78 (comp, 4H), 7.60 – 7.53 (comp, 2H), 7.42 – 7.28 (comp, 4H), 4.06 – 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.85 – 3.77 (comp, 4H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (td, *J* = 13.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.65 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.62 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 164.9, 153.9, 134.4, 133.9, 133.1, 132.2, 131.3, 130.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 125.4, 124.8, 123. 5, 113.5, 72.1, 70.5, 56. 8, 32.6, 18.6, 18.0. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{27}H_{26}NO_2^+$ [M+H]$^+$: 396.1958, found 396.1969.

Experimental procedure for the interception reaction of vinyl gold carbenoid intermediate, related to Figure 3A.



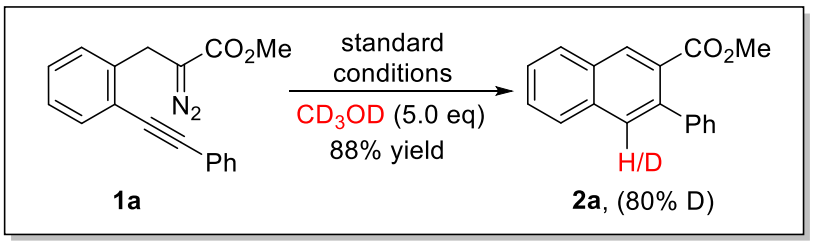
To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, JohnphosAu $(CH_3CN)SbF_6$ (7.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %), and Ph_2SO (81.0 mg, 0.4 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1c** (66.5 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 mins at -20 ℃ under argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at -20 ℃ for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (solvents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to afford **2c** (30.5 mg, 50% yield) and **12** (26.3 mg, 41% yield). Compound **12**: ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.05 – 7.96 (comp, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.42 (comp, 4H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 1.72 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 153.3, 149.2, 147.7, 144.8, 135. 9, 132.8, 129.1, 128.8, 128.1, 127.2, 125.6, 125.2, 120.5, 85.5, 33.1, 28.2. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{21}H_{21}O_3^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 321.1485, found 321.1490.

Experimental procedure for the deuterated reaction of 1a-d to 2a-d, related to Figure 3B.



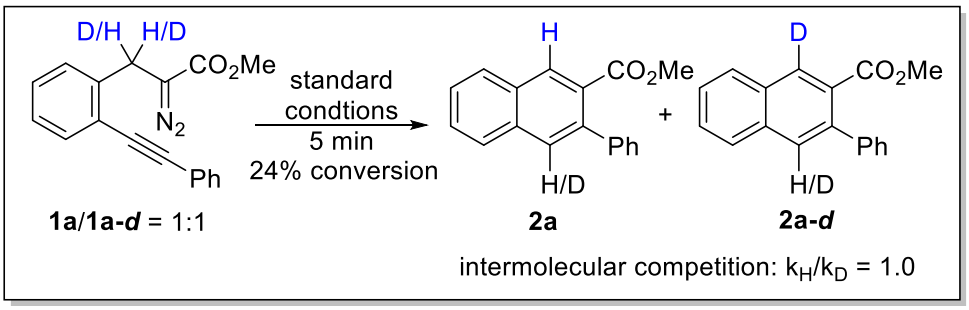
To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, JohnphosAu $(CH_3CN)SbF_6$ (7.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1a-*d*** (58.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 mins at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (solvents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to afford 47.0 mg **2a-*d*** (58% D, see Figure S2) in 89% yield.

Experimental procedure for the deuterated reaction of 1a to 2a, related to Figure 3C.



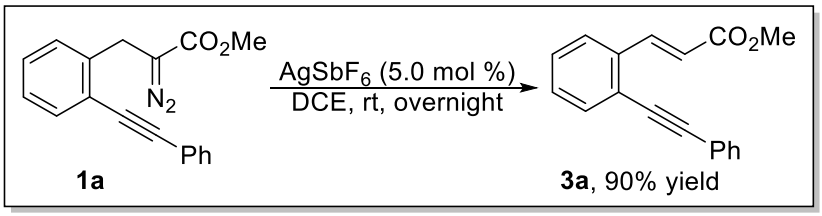
To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, JohnphosAu $(CH_3CN)SbF_6$ (7.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) and CD_3OD (36.1 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1a** (58.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 mins at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (solvents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to give 46.5 mg **2a** (80% D, see Figure S1) in 88% yield.

Intermolecular kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiment, **related to Figure 3C**.



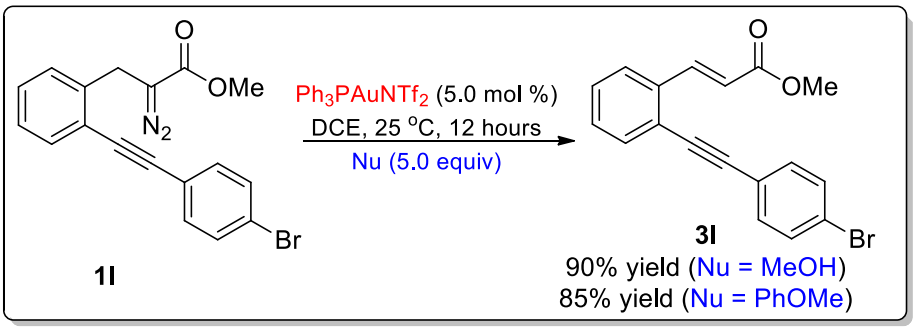
To a dried NMR tube, **1a** (14.5 mg, 0.05 mmol) and **1a-*d*** (14.6 mg, 0.05 mmol) in dry $CDCl_3$ (1.0 mL), was added JohnphosAu$(CH_3CN)SbF_6$ (3.8 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5.0 mol %). And the reaction mixture was analyzed by proton NMR after 5 minutes at room temperature (Figure S3). And these results intermolecular kinetic isotope effect (KIE) experiment turned out that k_H/k_D = 1:1.

Experimental procedure for the β-*H* shift reaction of 1a to 3a, related to Table 1.



To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, $AgSbF_6$ (3.4 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1a** (58.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 mins at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (solvents: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10 : 1) to give 47.5 mg **3a** in 90% yield. ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.15 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 7.87 – 7.74 (comp, 2H), 7.68 – 7.58 (comp, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (comp, 4H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.5, 142.3, 137.0, 131.9, 131.3, 131.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 126.8, 123.0, 122.7, 100.5, 86.0, 51.8. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}NaO_2^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 285.0886, found 285.0890.

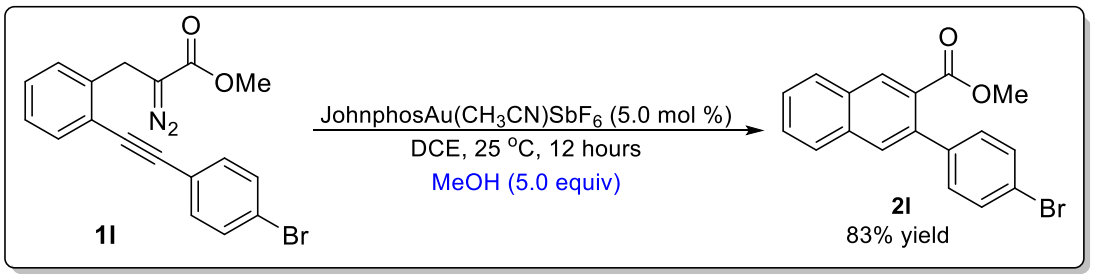
Experimental procedure for the β-*H* shift reaction of 11 to 31, related to Figure 3E.



To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, $Ph_3PAuNTf_2$ (7.4 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) and MeOH (32.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) or anisole (108.1 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1l** (73.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 minutes at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to afford

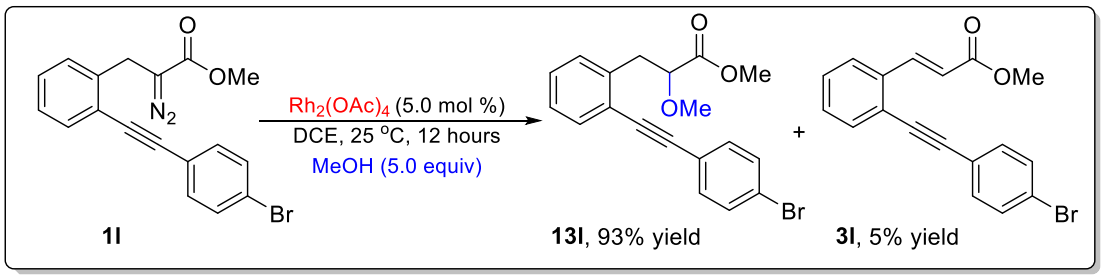
61.5 mg **3l** in 90% yield with MeOH (85% yield with anisole). ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 8.26 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (comp, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (comp, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (comp, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 167.5, 142.8, 135.8, 133.2, 133.0, 131.9, 130.0, 128.9, 126.5, 123.8, 123.1, 122.0, 119.6, 94. 6, 88.2, 77.5, 52.0. HRMS (TOF MS CI$^+$) calculated for $C_{18}H_{14}BrO_2^+$ $[M+H]^+$: 341.0172, found 341.0164.

Experimental procedure for the carbocyclization of 1l to 2l with MeOH, related to Figure 3E.



To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, JohnphosAu(CH_3CN)SbF_6 (7.7 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) and CH_3OH (32.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1l** (73.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 minutes at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to afford 56.6 mg **2l** in 83% yield.

Experimental procedure for the Comparison with $Rh_2(OAc)_4$, related to Figure 3E.



To a 10-mL oven-dried flask containing a magnetic stirring bar, $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ (4.4 mg, 0.01 mmol, 5.0 mol %) and CH_3OH (32.0 mg, 1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL), was added a solution of diazoacetate **1l** (73.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry 1,2-dichloroethane (1.0 mL) by a syringe in 5 minutes at 25℃ under

argon atmosphere. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 25℃ for 12 hours. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10) to afford **13l** (69.4 mg, 93% yield) and **3l** (3.4 mg, 5% yield). Compound **13l**: ^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 7.54 – 7.44 (comp, 3H), 7.43 – 7.36 (comp, 2H), 7.28 – 7.17 (comp, 3H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) (δ, ppm) 172.7, 139.0, 133.0, 132.2, 131.8, 130.7, 128.7, 127.0, 122.7, 122.7, 122.3, 92.8, 88.8, 80.7, 58.5, 52.1, 38.3. HRMS (TOF MS CI^{+}) calculated for $C_{19}H_{18}BrO_3^{+}$ $[M+H]^{+}$: 373.0434, found 373.0450.

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