

# **Ruthenium(II)-catalyzed chemoselective deacylative annulation of 1,3-diones with sulfoxonium ylides *via* C–C bond activation**

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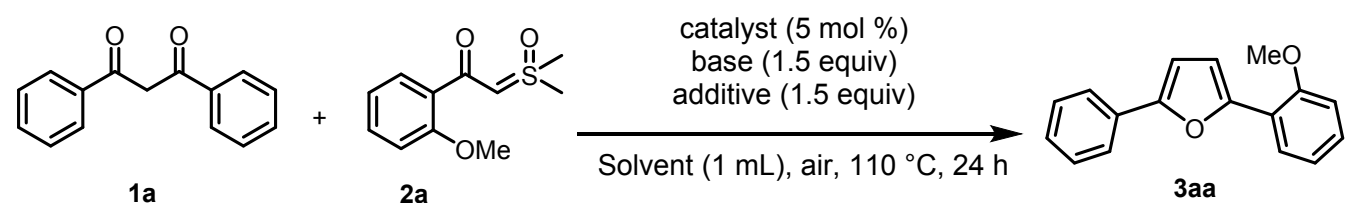
## 1. General Information

All the solvents were used without further purification. the other commercial chemicals were used without further purification. All reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware, unless otherwise stated. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel, 60-F254. Visualization was carried out with UV light and Vogel's permanganate. Preparative TLC was performed on 1.0 mm silica gel.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 instrument (500 MHz).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-500 instrument (126 MHz) and were fully decoupled by broad band proton decoupling. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Agilent 1290 mass spectrometer using ESI-TOF (electrospray ionization time-of-flight). NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were referenced to residual  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at 7.26 ppm, and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were referenced to the central peak of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 77.0 ppm. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are reported in hertz (Hz). Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet.

## 2. Experimental Section

### 2.1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

#### 2.1.1 Table S1 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>



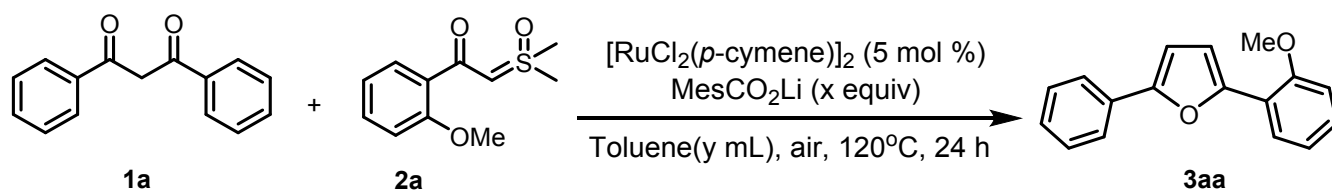
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2	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	DCE	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	15
3	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	<i>i</i> PrOH	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	26
4	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	DMF	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	30
5	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	25
6	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	35
7	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	24
8	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	20
9	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	KHCO <sub>3</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	22
10	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	25
11	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	NaOAc	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	30
12	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	NaOH	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	26
13	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	KOAc	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	15
14	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	KOH	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	15
15	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	K <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	52
16	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	15
17	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	40
18	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	HCOONa	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	25
19	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	CH <sub>3</sub> ONa	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	25
20	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	30
21	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	25
22	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuOK	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	10
23	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuONa	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	20

24	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	LiOH	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	15
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26	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	10
27	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	CsOAc	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	12
28	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuOLi	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	72
29	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	-	MesCO <sub>2</sub> H	10
30	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuOLi	-	trace
31	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuOLi	AcOH	20
32	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuOLi	Ac-Gly-OH	10
33	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	<sup>t</sup> BuOLi	Val-Boc-OH	10
34	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	71
35	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	DCE	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	20
36	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	NMP	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	trace
37	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	1,4-dioxane	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	20
38	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	THF	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	58
39	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	HFIP	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	10
40	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	<sup>t</sup> AmOH	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	15
41	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	DME	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	62
42	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	N.R.
43	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	DMF	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	10
44	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	<sup>i</sup> PrOH	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	15
45	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	TMBE	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	60
46	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	10
47 <sup>c</sup>	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	12

48 <sup>d</sup>	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	66
49 <sup>e</sup>	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	78
50 <sup>f</sup>	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	40
51 <sup>g</sup>	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	30
52	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	0
53	[Cp*RhCl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	0
54	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	0
55	AgOAc	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	-	0

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), solvent (1 mL), base (1.5 equiv), catalyst (5 mol%), additive (1.5 equiv) at 110 °C under air for 24 h. <sup>b</sup> The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard. <sup>c</sup> At 80°C. <sup>d</sup> At 100°C. <sup>e</sup> At 120°C. <sup>f</sup> At 130°C. <sup>g</sup> At 140°C.

### 2.1.2 Table S2 Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

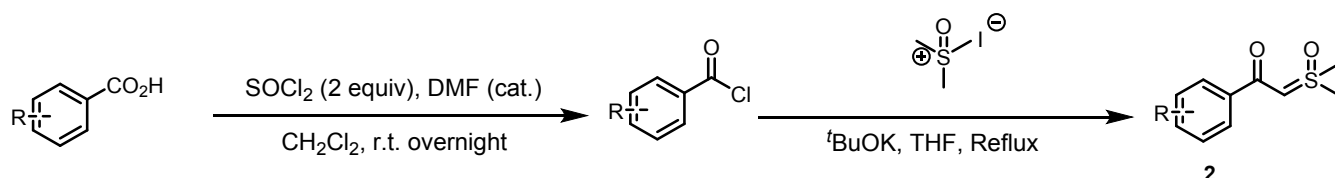


Entry	Solvent	Base	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li (1.0 equiv)	66
2	toluene	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li (2.0 equiv)	72
3	toluene (0.5 mL)	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	72
4	toluene (2 mL)	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	85
5	toluene (3 mL)	MesCO <sub>2</sub> Li	66

<sup>a</sup> **1a** (0.1 mmol), **2a** (0.2 mmol), MesCO<sub>2</sub>Li, [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), in toluene at 120 °C for 24 h. <sup>b</sup> The yields were determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product using CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> as the internal standard.

## 2.2 Procedure for the Synthesis of 2

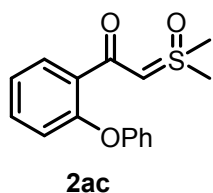
**Method 1:** Under N<sub>2</sub>, trimethylsulfoxonium iodide (3.3 g, 15 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was suspended in THF (50 mL) in a flame-dried 100 mL round bottom flask, <sup>t</sup>BuOK (1.7 g, 15 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. After, benzoyl chloride (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours and then filtered through a plug of celite before all volatiles were removed under vacuum. Purification by flash chromatography (DCM/MeOH = 50 :1) afforded products<sup>1</sup>.



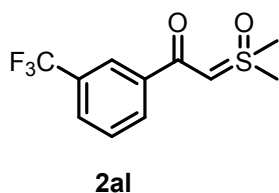
**Method 2:** Sulfurous dichloride (10 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added to a mixture of the carboxylic acid (5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *N,N*-dimethylformamide 3 drops in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then, the excess of sulfurous dichloride and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were removed in vacuo, obtain crude benzoyl chloride<sup>2</sup>.

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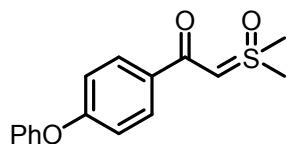
**Method 3:** **2az** was synthesized following a literature procedure<sup>3</sup>



**2-(dimethyl(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanylidene)-1-(2-phenoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (2ac)** as cream solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.88 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.25 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 179.3, 157.3, 153.3, 131.7, 131.0, 129.7, 129.3, 123.7, 122.2, 120.15, 117.2, 73.9, 41.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 289.0893 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 289.0891.

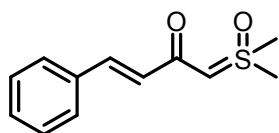


**2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (2al)** as beige solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 1H), 7.98 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  180.2, 139.4, 130.1 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 129.6, 128.5, 126.9 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.8 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 70.2, 41.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ : 265.0505 (*M* + *H*) $^+$ , found: 265.0507.



**2ao**

**2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one (2ao)** as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  181.3, 159.5, 156.1, 133.5, 129.7, 128.3, 123.7, 119.4, 117.5, 68.2, 42.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ : 289.0893 (*M* + *H*) $^+$ , found: 289.0895.



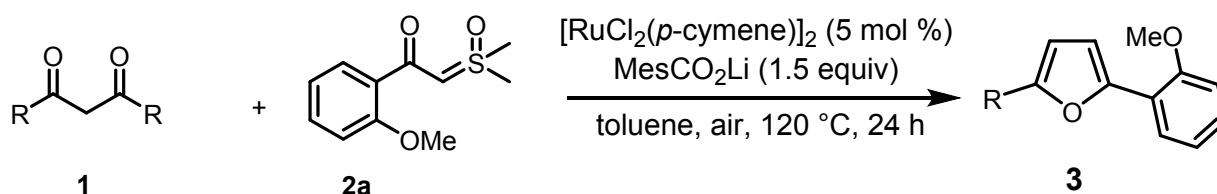
**2ba**

**(*E*)-1-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one (2ba)** as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 6.63 – 6.55 (m, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.51 – 3.46 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  179.9, 136.4, 135.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.6, 126.8 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 71.8, 71.7, 42.3 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$ : 223.0787 (*M* + *H*) $^+$ , found: 223.0789.

## 2.3 Procedure for the Synthesis of 3

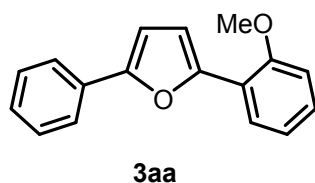
**1** was synthesized following a literature procedure<sup>4</sup>.

### 2.3.1 Procedure for Synthesis of 3aa-3aq

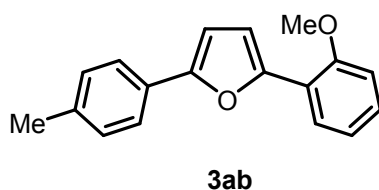


A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione 1** (0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), **2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one 2a** (45.3 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2 equiv),  $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-cymene})]_2$  (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %),  $\text{MesCO}_2\text{Li}$  (25.5 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and toluene (2 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 24 hours under vigorous

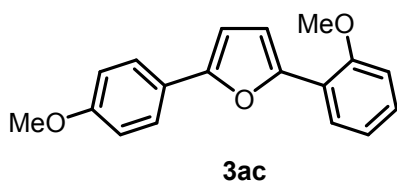
stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) with hexane to give the corresponding products.



**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3aa)** (20.4 mg, 82%) as a white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 152.2, 149.7, 130.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.1, 125.8, 123.7, 120.7, 119.8, 112.2, 110.9, 107.4, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$ : 251.1067 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 251.1068.

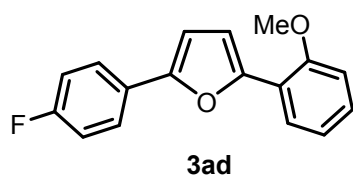


**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)furan (3ab)** (16.9 mg, 64%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellowish solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 152.5, 149.3, 137.0, 129.3, 128.2, 127.8, 125.7, 123.7, 120.7, 119.9, 112.2, 110.9, 106.6, 55.4, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^+$ : 265.1223 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 265.1227.

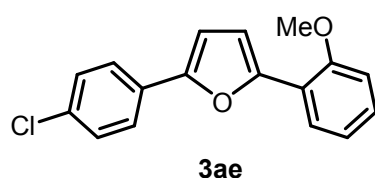


**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ac)** (13.5 mg, 48%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.92 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  158.9, 155.3, 152.3, 149.1, 127.7, 125.6, 125.2, 124.0, 120.7, 119.9, 114.1, 112.2, 110.9, 105.8, 55.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3^+$ : 281.1172 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 281.1177.

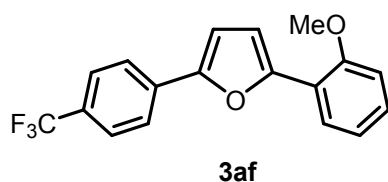




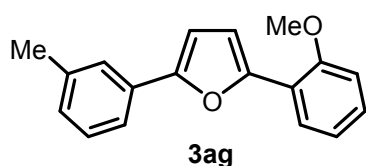
**2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ad)** (20.1 mg, 75%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellowish solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  162.0 (d,  $J$  = 246.9 Hz), 155.4, 151.4, 149.8, 128.0, 127.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 125.7, 125.4 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz), 120.7, 119.7, 115.7 (d,  $J$  = 21.9 Hz), 112.2, 111.0, 107.0 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz), 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}_2^+$ : 269.0972 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 269.0977.



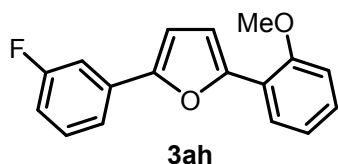
**2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ae)** (17 mg, 60%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as colorless solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.98 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.5, 151.1, 150.1, 132.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 125.8, 124.9, 120.7, 119.5, 112.3, 111.0, 107.8, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_2^+$ : 285.0677 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 285.0679.



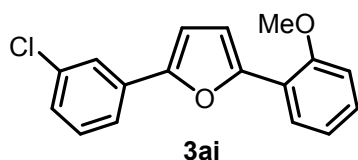
**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (3af)** (24.2 mg, 76%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.85 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.7, 150.9, 150.7, 133.9, 128.6 (q,  $J$  = 32.3 Hz), 128.5, 125.9, 125.7 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 124.2 (q,  $J$  = 271.7 Hz), 123.6, 123.1, 120.8, 119.3, 112.4, 111.0, 109.4, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2^+$ : 319.0940 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 319.0944.



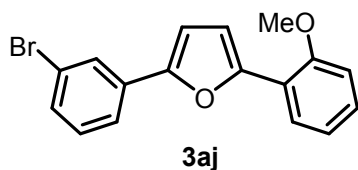
**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(*m*-tolyl)furan (3ag)** (16.7 mg, 63%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.02 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 155.4, 152.4, 149.6, 138.2, 130.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 125.8, 124.3, 121.0, 120.7, 119.8, 112.2, 111.0, 107.3, 55.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 265.1223 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 265.1227.



**2-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ah)** (20.3 mg, 76%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as colorless solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 163.2 (d, *J* = 244.9 Hz), 155.6, 151.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 150.3, 133.0 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 130.2 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 128.3, 125.9, 120.8, 119.5, 119.3 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 113.8 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 112.2, 111.0, 110.5 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 108.4, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 269.0972 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 269.0975.

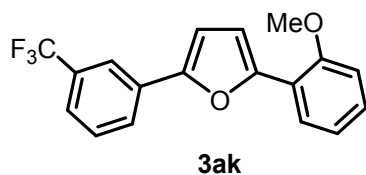


**2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ai)** (20 mg, 70%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as cream solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.72 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 155.6, 150.7, 150.4, 134.7, 132.5, 129.9, 128.3, 127.0, 125.9, 123.6, 121.7, 120.8, 119.4, 112.3, 111.0, 108.5, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 285.0677 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 285.0678.

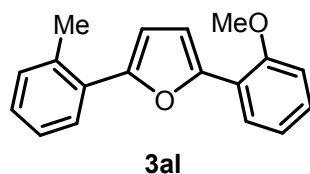


**2-(3-bromophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3aj)** (12.1 mg, 37%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as colorless solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.99 – 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.88 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.26 (q, *J* = 7.9, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m,

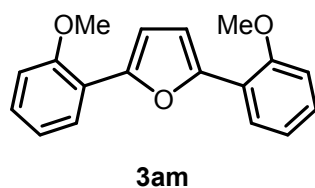
1H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.6, 150.5, 150.4, 132.8, 130.2, 129.9, 128.3, 126.5, 125.9, 122.9, 122.2, 120.8, 119.4, 112.3, 111.0, 108.5, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrO}_2^+$ : 329.0172 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 329.0175.



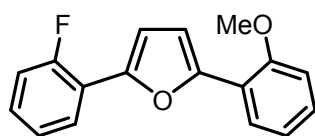
**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (3ak)** (25 mg, 79%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as colorless solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.01 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.92 – 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.6, 150.64, 150.61, 131.5, 131.2 (q,  $J = 32.3$  Hz), 129.1, 128.4, 126.6, 125.9, 124.0 (q,  $J = 272.4$  Hz), 123.5 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 120.8, 120.3 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 119.4, 112.3, 111.0, 108.7, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2^+$ : 319.0940 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 319.0943.



**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(*o*-tolyl)furan (3al)** (13.9 mg, 53%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.5, 152.0, 149.4, 134.4, 131.2, 130.2, 128.0, 127.3, 126.9, 126.0, 125.8, 120.8, 119.8, 111.9, 110.9, 110.8, 55.4, 22.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^+$ : 265.1223 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 265.1227.

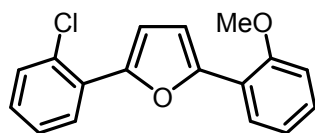


**2,5-bis(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3am)** (8.9 mg, 32%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.02 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.5, 148.7, 127.8, 125.9, 120.7, 119.9, 112.4, 111.0, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3^+$ : 281.1172 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 281.1176.



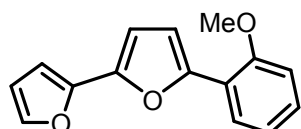
**3an**

**2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3an)** (15 mg, 56%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as cream solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.99 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.97 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  158.7 (d,  $J$  = 250.7 Hz), 155.6, 149.6, 146.4 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 128.2, 128.0 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz), 125.92, 125.91 (d,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz), 124.3 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 120.7, 119.6, 119.2 (d,  $J$  = 12.1 Hz), 125.9 (d,  $J$  = 21.6 Hz), 112.5 (d,  $J$  = 11.8 Hz), 112.4 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz), 111.0, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{FO}_2^+$ : 269.0972 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 269.0974.



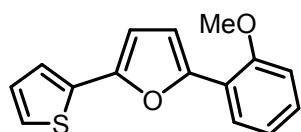
**3ao**

**2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ao)** (17.4 mg, 61%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as orange solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.02 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.7, 149.8, 148.5, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 126.8, 126.0, 120.7, 119.5, 113.3, 112.2, 111.0, 55.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClO}_2^+$ : 285.0677 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 285.0678.



**3ap**

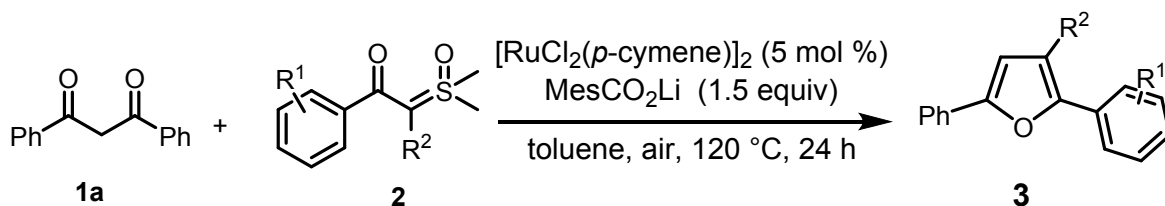
**5-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2,2'-bifuran (3ap)** (9.5 mg, 40%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as black solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.97 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 6.51 – 6.45 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  155.4, 149.5, 146.8, 145.0, 141.7, 128.1, 125.8, 120.7, 119.5, 111.8, 111.4, 110.9, 107.4, 105.0, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^+$ : 241.0859 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 241.0860.



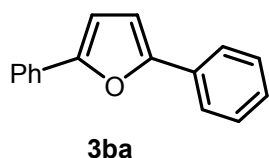
**3aq**

**2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(thiophen-2-yl)furan (3aq)** (15.4 mg, 60%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as dark brown solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.95 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 155.4, 149.3, 147.9, 134.0, 128.0, 127.6, 125.7, 123.9, 122.4, 120.7, 119.5, 112.1, 110.9, 107.3, 55.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup>: 257.0631 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 257.0635.

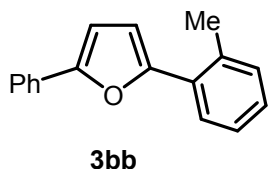
### 2.3.2 Procedure for Synthesis of 3ba-3bz



A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione 1a** (22.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), **sulfoxonium ylide 2** (0.2 mmol, 2 equiv), [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(*p*-cymene)]<sub>2</sub> (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), MesCO<sub>2</sub>Li (25.5 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and toluene (2 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 24 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) with hexane to give the corresponding products.

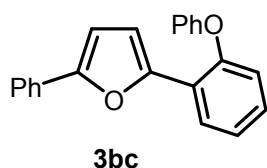


**2,5-diphenylfuran (3ba)** (9.2 mg, 42%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as beige solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.75 (s, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 153.3, 130.7, 128.7, 127.3, 123.7, 107.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 221.0961 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 221.0957.

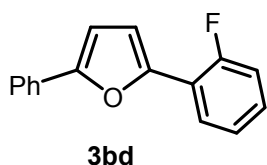


**2-phenyl-5-(*o*-tolyl)furan (3bb)** (17 mg, 73%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 153.1, 153.0,

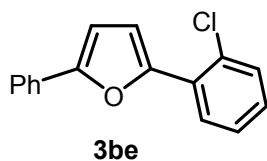
134.4, 131.3, 130.8, 130.0, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.8, 126.0, 123.7, 110.6, 106.9, 22.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 235.1117 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 235.1117.



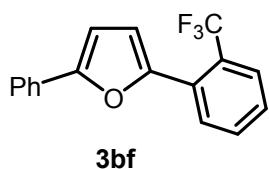
**2-(2-phenoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bc)** (16.4 mg, 53%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.13 – 8.08 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 156.9, 152.7, 152.4, 149.0, 130.7, 129.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.3, 126.2, 123.9, 123.8, 123.2, 122.8, 119.8, 118.3, 112.5, 107.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 313.1223 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 313.1226.



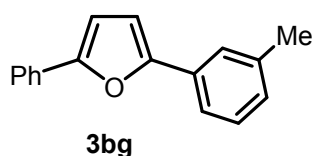
**2-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bd)** (14.2 mg, 60%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.00 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 158.7 (d, J = 250.7 Hz), 153.2, 147.4 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 130.5, 128.7, 128.2 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 127.5, 125.8 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 124.3 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 123.9, 119.0 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 112.4 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 107.5 (d, J = 1.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FO<sup>+</sup>: 239.0867 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 239.0866.



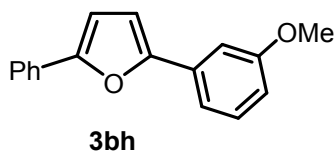
**2-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3be)** (10.6 mg, 42%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.01 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.42 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 153.3, 149.5, 130.8, 130.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 123.9, 113.2, 107.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClO<sup>+</sup>: 255.0571 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 255.0572.



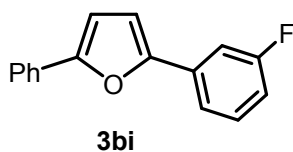
**2-phenyl-5-(2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (3bf)** (13.5 mg, 47%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.30 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  154.5, 150.0, 131.7, 130.5, 129.6, 129.5 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 128.7, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 126.2 (d,  $J = 31.3$  Hz), 124.1 (q,  $J = 273.3$  Hz), 123.9, 112.2 (q,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 107.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}^+$ : 289.0835 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ), found: 289.0838.



**2-phenyl-5-(*m*-tolyl)furan (3bg)** (12.1 mg, 52%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as cream solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (q,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  153.5, 153.2, 138.3, 130.8, 130.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.3, 124.3, 123.7, 120.9, 107.2, 107.1, 21.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}^+$ : 235.1117 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ), found: 235.1120.

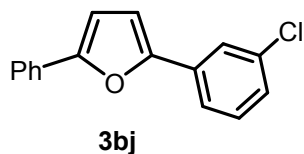


**2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bh)** (9.4 mg, 38%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.75 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  159.9, 153.4, 153.1, 132.0, 130.7, 129.8, 128.7, 127.4, 123.7, 116.4, 112.9, 109.2, 107.6, 107.2, 55.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^+$ : 251.1067 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}^+$ ), found: 251.1070.

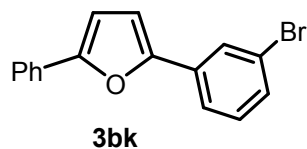


**2-(3-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bi)** (8.8 mg, 37%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as cream solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$

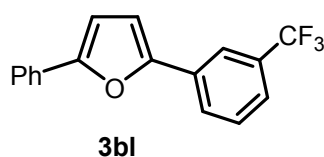
NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  163.2 (d,  $J = 245.1$  Hz), 153.8, 152.0 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 132.8 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 130.5, 130.3 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 128.7, 127.6, 123.8, 119.3 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 114.0 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 110.5 (d,  $J = 23.5$  Hz), 108.3, 107.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}FO^+$ : 239.0867 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 239.0868.



**2-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bj)** (11.9 mg, 47%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.73 (t,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.78 – 6.74 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  153.9, 151.8, 134.7, 132.4, 130.4, 130.0, 128.7, 127.6, 127.1, 123.8, 123.6, 121.7, 108.3, 107.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}ClO^+$ : 255.0571 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 255.0573.

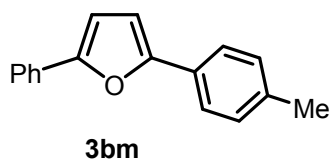


**2-(3-bromophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bk)** (16.8 mg, 56%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as cream solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.88 (t,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.77 – 6.74 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  154.0, 151.6, 132.6, 130.4, 130.2, 130.1, 128.7, 127.6, 126.5, 123.8, 122.9, 122.1, 108.3, 107.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}BrO^+$ : 299.0066 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 299.0065.

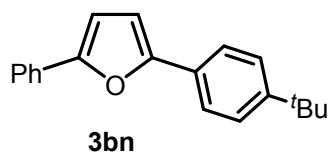


**2-phenyl-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (3bl)** (18.1 mg, 63%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellowish solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$  154.2, 151.7, 131.4, 131.2 (q,  $J = 32.3$  Hz), 130.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.7, 126.6, 124.1 (q,  $J = 272.4$  Hz), 123.9, 123.7 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz), 120.3 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 108.6, 107.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{17}H_{12}F_3O^+$ : 289.0835 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 289.0836.

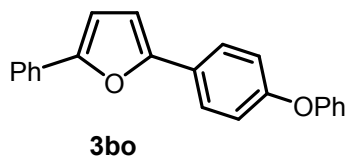




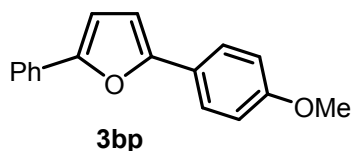
**2-phenyl-5-(*p*-tolyl)furan (3bm)** (11.9 mg, 51%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.62 – 6.59 (m, 1H), 6.57 – 6.53 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.6, 152.9, 137.2, 130.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 123.7, 123.6, 107.2, 106.5, 21.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 235.1117 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 235.1121.



**2-(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bn)** (14.4 mg, 52%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.77 – 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.76 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 6.71 – 6.68 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.5, 153.0, 150.4, 130.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 125.6, 123.6, 123.5, 107.2, 106.6, 34.6, 31.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 277.1587 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 277.1586.

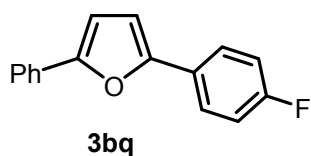


**2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bo)** (14.1 mg, 45%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellowish solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 157.0, 156.6, 153.1, 153.0, 130.7, 129.8, 128.7, 127.2, 126.2, 125.2, 123.6, 123.4, 119.1, 118.9, 107.2, 106.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 313.1223 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 313.1228.

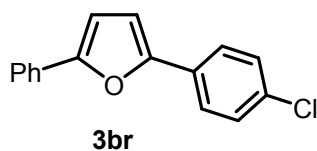


**2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bp)** (13.8 mg, 55%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.0, 153.4, 152.6, 130.9, 128.6,

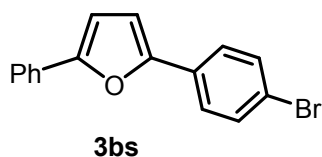
127.1, 125.2, 123.9, 123.5, 114.1, 107.2, 105.6, 55.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{17}H_{15}O_2^+$ : 251.1067 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 251.1070.



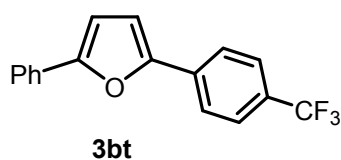
**2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bq)** (13.8 mg, 58%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as cream solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.75 – 6.72 (m, 1H), 6.68 – 6.66 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  162.1 (d,  $J = 247.1$  Hz), 153.3, 152.5, 130.6, 128.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 125.4 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz), 123.7, 123.6, 115.7 (d,  $J = 21.9$  Hz), 107.2, 106.8 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz); HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}FO^+$ : 239.0867 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 239.0869.



**2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3br)** (12.9 mg, 51%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.79 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.74 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  153.6, 152.2, 132.9, 130.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.5, 124.9, 123.7, 107.7, 107.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}ClO^+$ : 255.0571 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 255.0570.

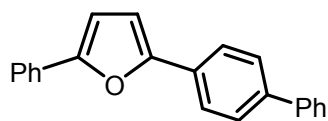


**2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3bs)** (13.2 mg, 44%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.75 – 6.72 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  153.7, 152.2, 131.8, 130.5, 129.6, 128.7, 127.5, 125.1, 123.7, 121.0, 107.8, 107.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}BrO^+$ : 299.0066 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 299.0067.



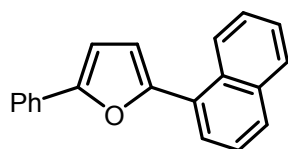
**2-phenyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (3bt)** (15.2 mg, 53%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as light yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  154.4, 151.7, 133.8, 130.3,

128.81 (q,  $J = 31.5$  Hz), 128.78, 127.8, 125.7 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 124.2 (q,  $J = 271.8$  Hz), 123.9, 123.6, 109.2, 107.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{17}H_{12}F_3O^+$ : 289.0835 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 289.0839.



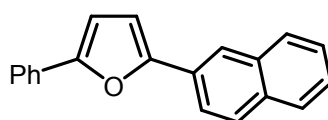
**3bu**

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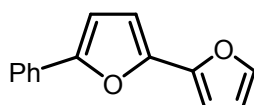
**3bv**

**2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-phenylfuran (3bv)** (9.2 mg, 34%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.54 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.90 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  153.8, 152.9, 134.0, 130.8, 130.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.4, 126.6, 126.0, 125.9, 125.5, 125.3, 123.7, 111.4, 106.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{20}H_{15}O^+$ : 271.1117 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 271.1115.



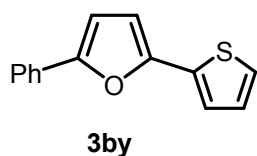
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**2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-phenylfuran (3bw)** (12.1 mg, 45%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  8.23 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 3.5$  Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$  153.6, 153.4, 133.6, 132.7, 130.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 126.5, 125.9, 123.8, 122.2, 121.9, 107.9, 107.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $C_{20}H_{15}O^+$ : 271.1117 ( $M + H$ )<sup>+</sup>, found: 271.1118.

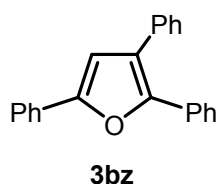


**3bx**

**5-phenyl-2,2'-bifuran (3bx)** (11.4 mg, 54%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as reddish black oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.65 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.52 – 6.46 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 153.1, 146.5, 146.0, 141.8, 130.4, 128.7, 127.4, 123.7, 111.5, 107.2, 106.8, 105.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>: 211.0754 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 211.0759.

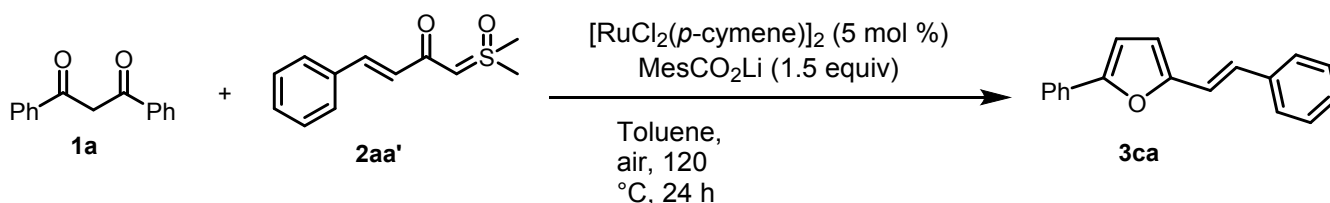


**2-phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)furan (3by)** (12.5 mg, 55%) was prepared from typical procedure (hexane) as black solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.76 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 152.9, 148.9, 133.7, 130.5, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 124.1, 123.7, 122.5, 107.2, 107.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OS<sup>+</sup>: 227.0525 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 227.0529.



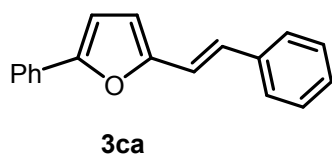
**2,3,5-triphenylfuran (3bz)** (7.9 mg, 27%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.80 – 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 152.5, 147.9, 134.3, 131.1, 130.5, 128.7, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 127.5, 127.3, 126.1, 124.5, 123.8, 109.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 297.1274 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 297.1275.

### 2.3.3 Procedure for Synthesis of 3ca

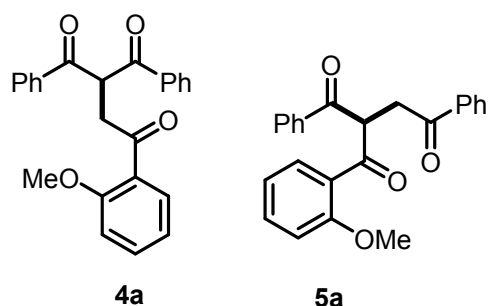


A dried 10 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione 1a** (22.4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 equiv), **(E)-1-(dimethyl(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanylidene)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one 2aa'** (44.5mg, 0.2 mmol), **[RuCl<sub>2</sub>(p-cymene)]<sub>2</sub>** (3.1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), **MesCO<sub>2</sub>Li** (25.5 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and toluene (2 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 24 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, and the resulting residue

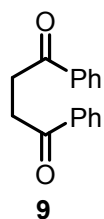
was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) with hexane to give the corresponding products (**3ca**).



**(E)-2-phenyl-5-styrylfuran (3ca)** (6.7 mg, 27%) as a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 153.5, 152.8, 137.1, 130.6, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 126.3, 123.8, 116.4, 111.1, 107.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sup>+</sup>: 247.1117 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 247.1115.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.10 – 8.05 (m, 2H), 8.05 – 7.98 (m, 3H), 7.96 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.53 – 7.42 (m, 6H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.18 – 6.09 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 0.5H), 3.80 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 0.37H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.37 – 3.31 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 197.0, 196.8, 195.2, 158.6, 136.3, 135.6, 134.6, 133.3, 133.2, 131.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 125.6, 121.0, 111.4, 55.6, 54.9, 37.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>: 373.1434 (M + H)<sup>+</sup>, found: 373.1436. (**4a**:**5a**=1:6)

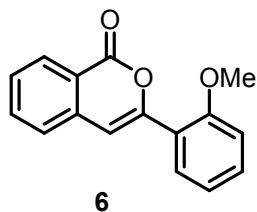


**1,4-diphenylbutane-1,4-dione<sup>5</sup> (9)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.07 – 8.03 (m, 4H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 3.48 (s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 198.7, 136.7, 133.2, 128.6, 128.1, 32.6.

### 3.Procedure for Gram-Scale Experiment of 3aa

A dried 150 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione 1a** (1.0 g, 4.5 mmol, 1 equiv), **2-(dimethyl(oxo)-λ<sup>6</sup>-sulfanylidene)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one 2a** (2.0 g, 9.0 mmol, 2

equiv),  $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-Cymene})]_2$  (137.8 mg, 0.225 mmol, 5 mol %),  $\text{MesCO}_2\text{Li}$  (1.1 g, 6.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and toluene (90 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 48 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) with hexane to give the corresponding products **2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylfuran (3aa)** (0.686 g, 61%) as a white solid.



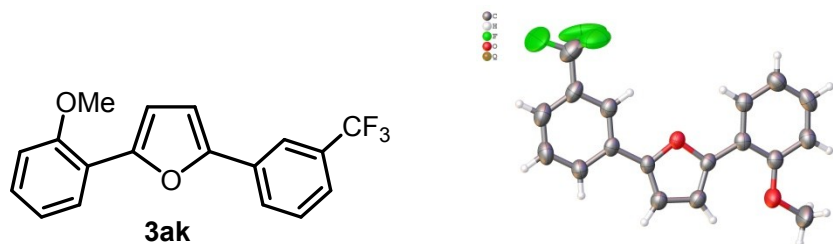
**3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1H-isochromen-1-one (6)** (147.6 mg 13%) was also isolated as a yellow solid.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  162.7, 157.1, 150.4, 138.0, 134.6, 130.7, 129.4, 128.8, 128.0, 126.3, 120.8, 120.7, 120.6, 111.3, 107.0, 55.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3^+$ : 253.0859 ( $\text{M} + \text{H}$ ) $^+$ , found: 253.0857.

#### 4.Procedure for Gram-Scale Experiment of 3ad

A dried 150 mL Schlenk tube was charged with **1,3-bis(4-fluorophenyl)propane-1,3-dione 1d** (1.3 g, 5.0 mmol, 1 equiv), **2-(dimethyl(oxo)- $\lambda^6$ -sulfanylidene)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethan-1-one 2a** (2.3 g, 10.0 mmol, 2 equiv),  $[\text{RuCl}_2(p\text{-Cymene})]_2$  (153.1 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5 mol %),  $\text{MesCO}_2\text{Li}$  (1.3g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and toluene (100 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 48 hours under vigorous stirring. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC) with hexane to give the corresponding products **2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-(2-methoxyphenyl)furan (3ad)** (0.890 g, 66%) as a white solid.

## 5. X-Ray Crystallographic Data of 3ak

Crystal structure and data of 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)furan (**3ak**) (CCDC 1918495, Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.)



**Table S3 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3ak.**

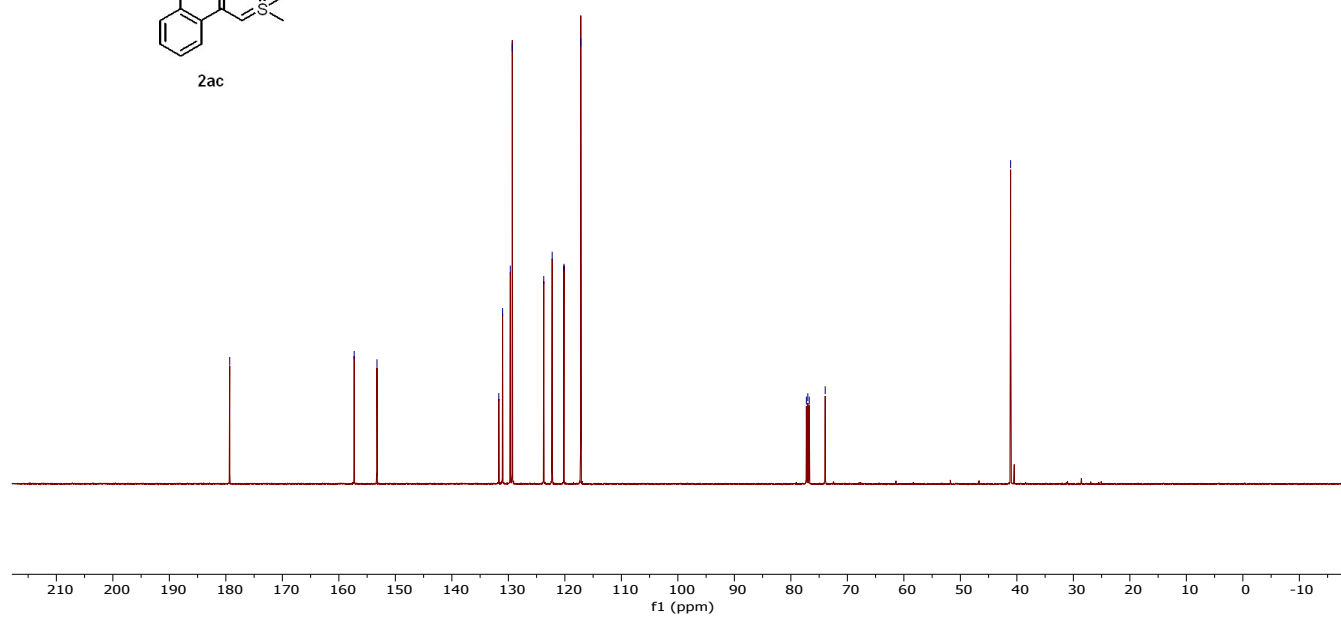
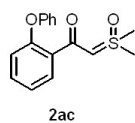
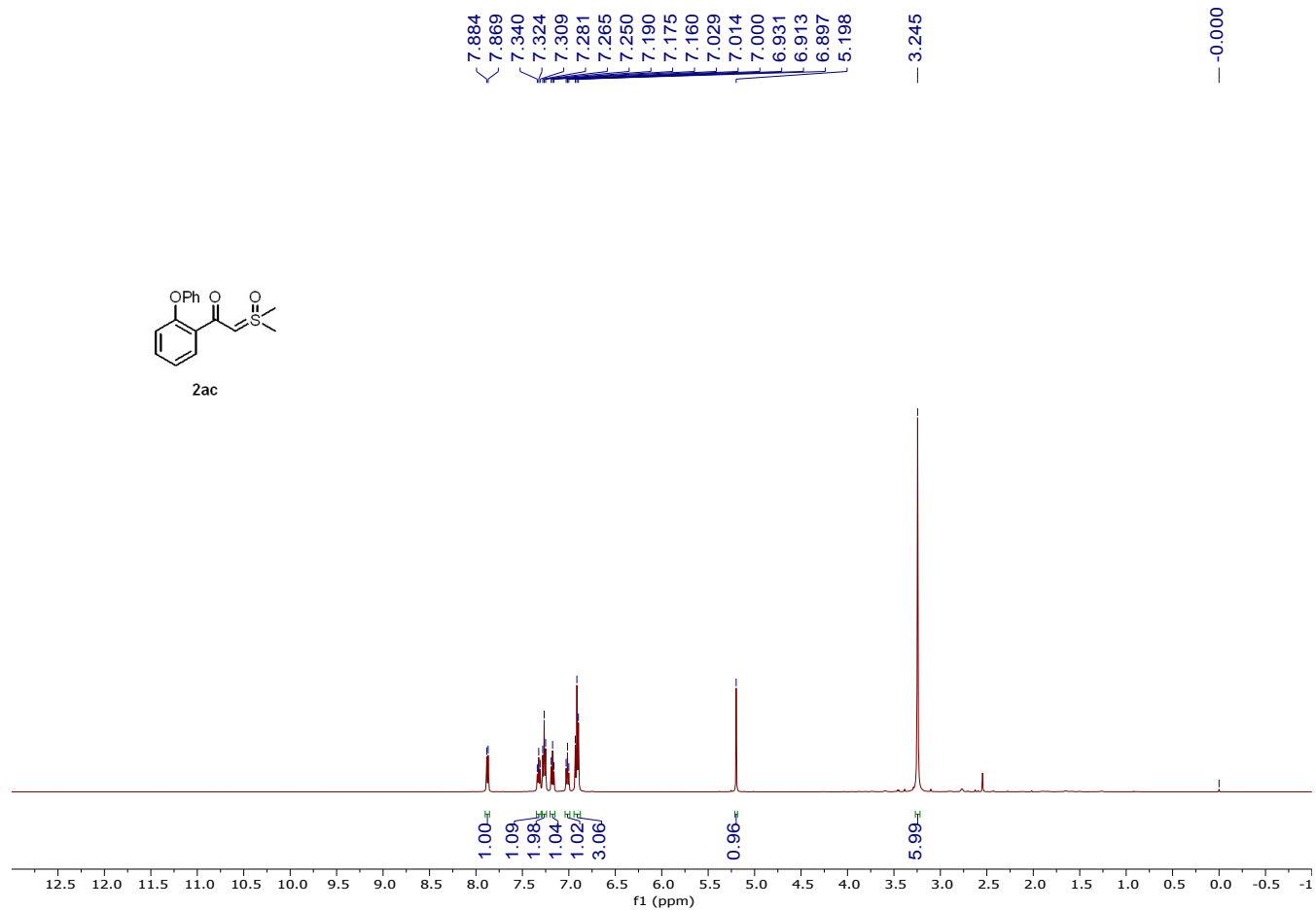
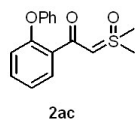
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Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a/Å	9.501(3)
b/Å	16.731(5)
c/Å	9.633(2)
α/°	90.00
β/°	99.37(3)
γ/°	90.00
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1510.8(7)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.346
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.112
F(000)	632.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.12 × 0.11 × 0.1
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.42 to 50
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 11, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -11 ≤ l ≤ 11
Reflections collected	8734
Independent reflections	2659 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1477, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1036]
Data/restraints/parameters	2659/34/237
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.971
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0932, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2108
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1319, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2718
Largest diff. peak/hole/e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.43/-0.64

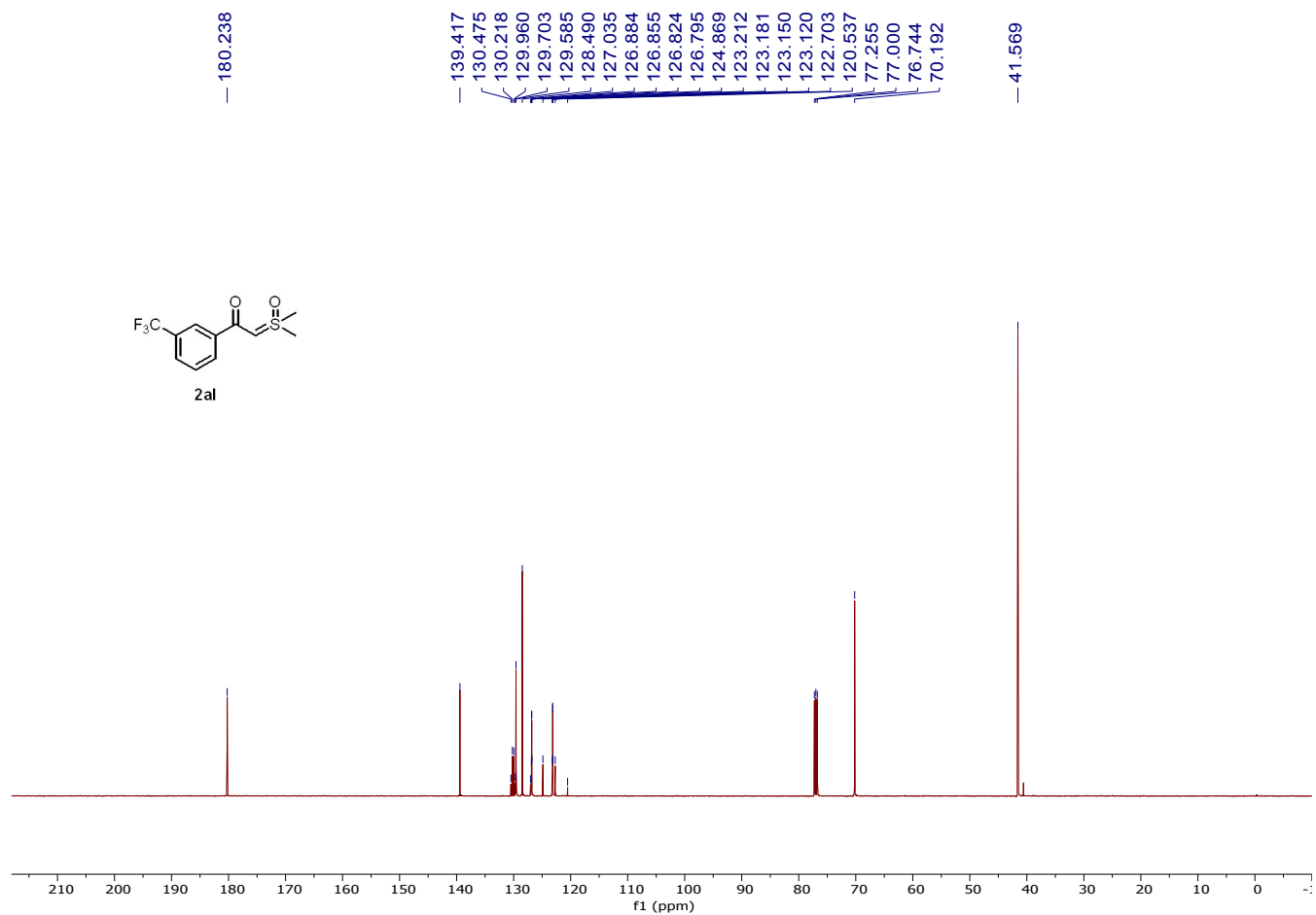
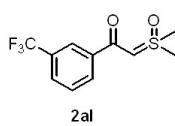
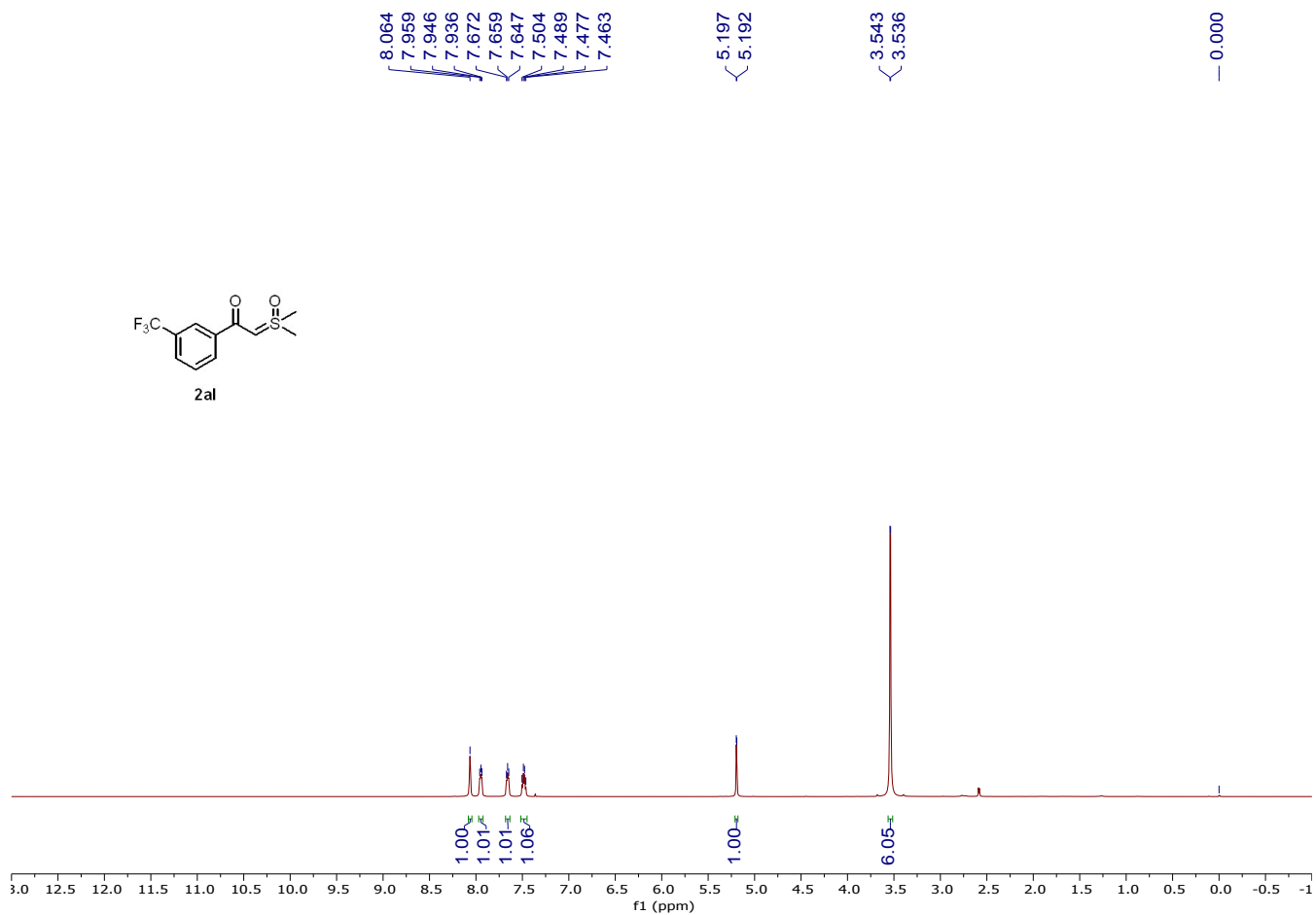
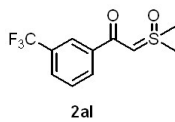
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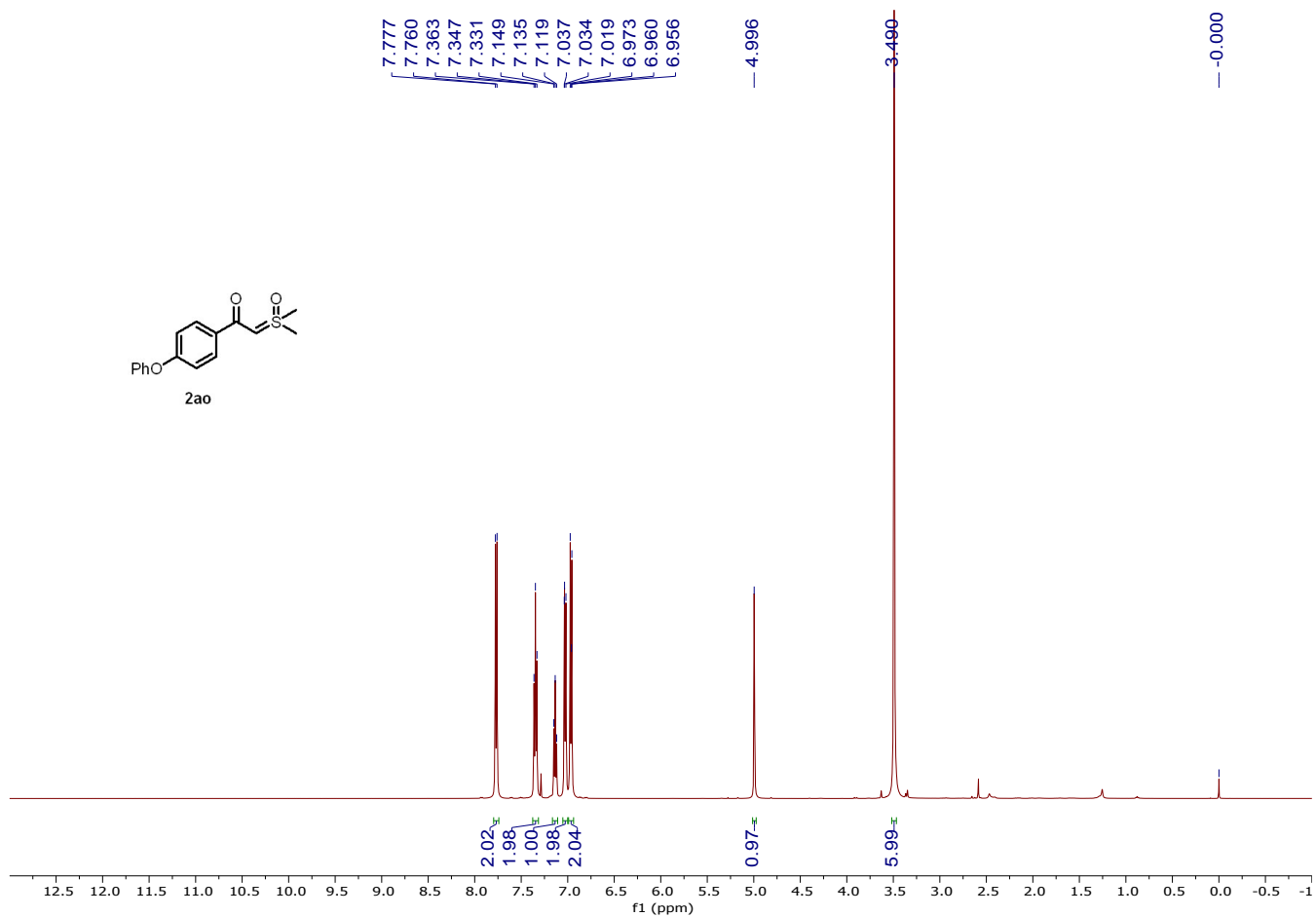
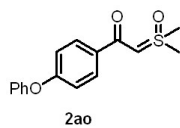
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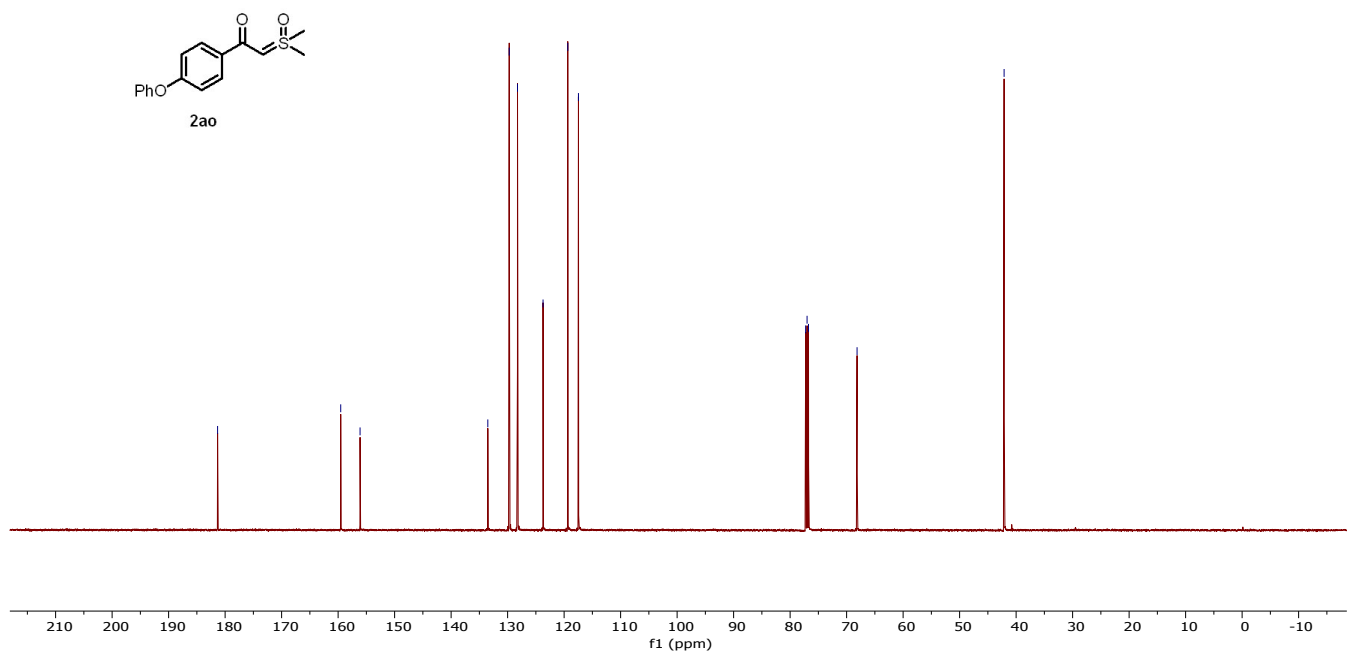
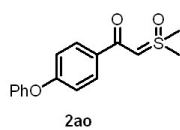
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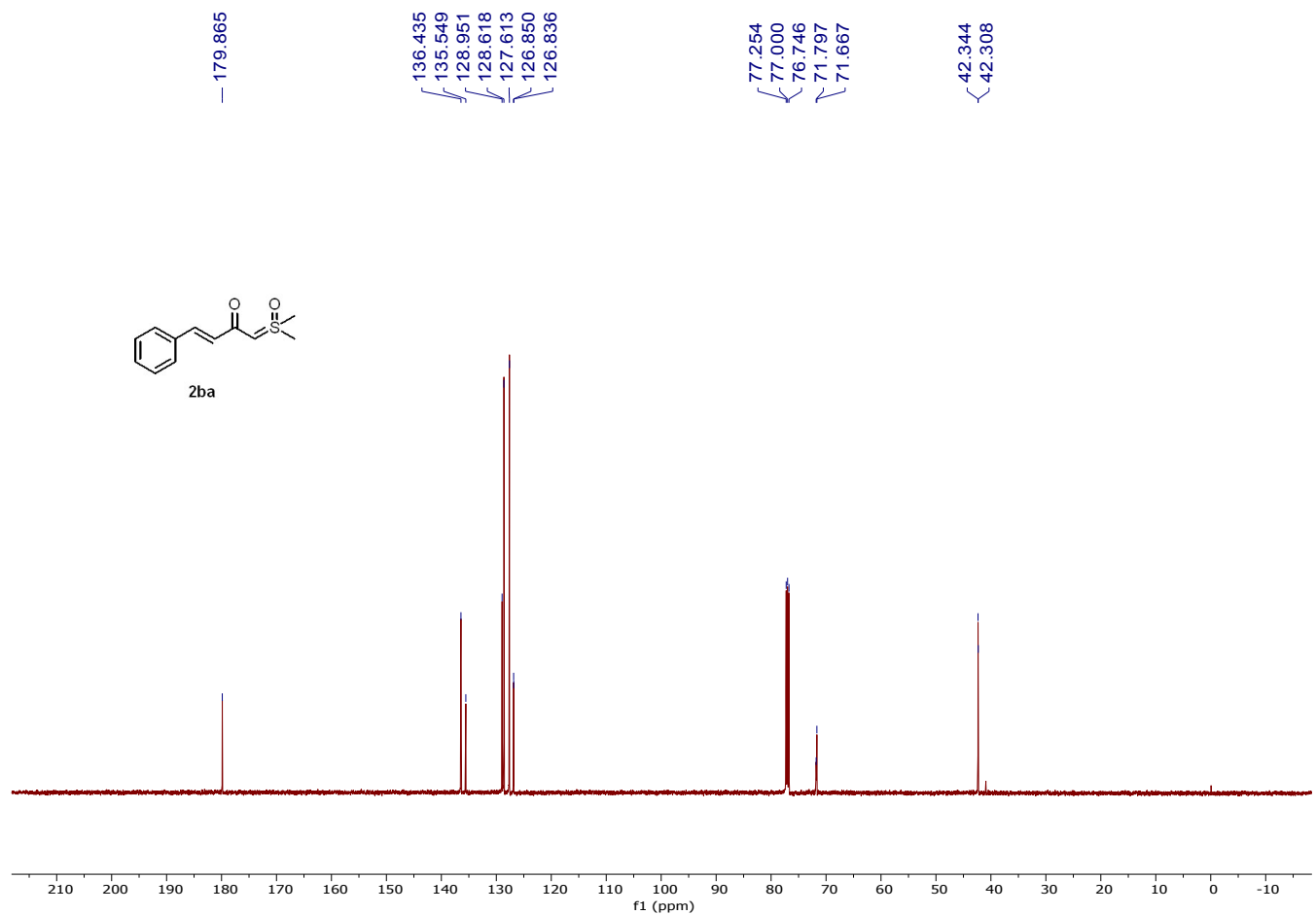
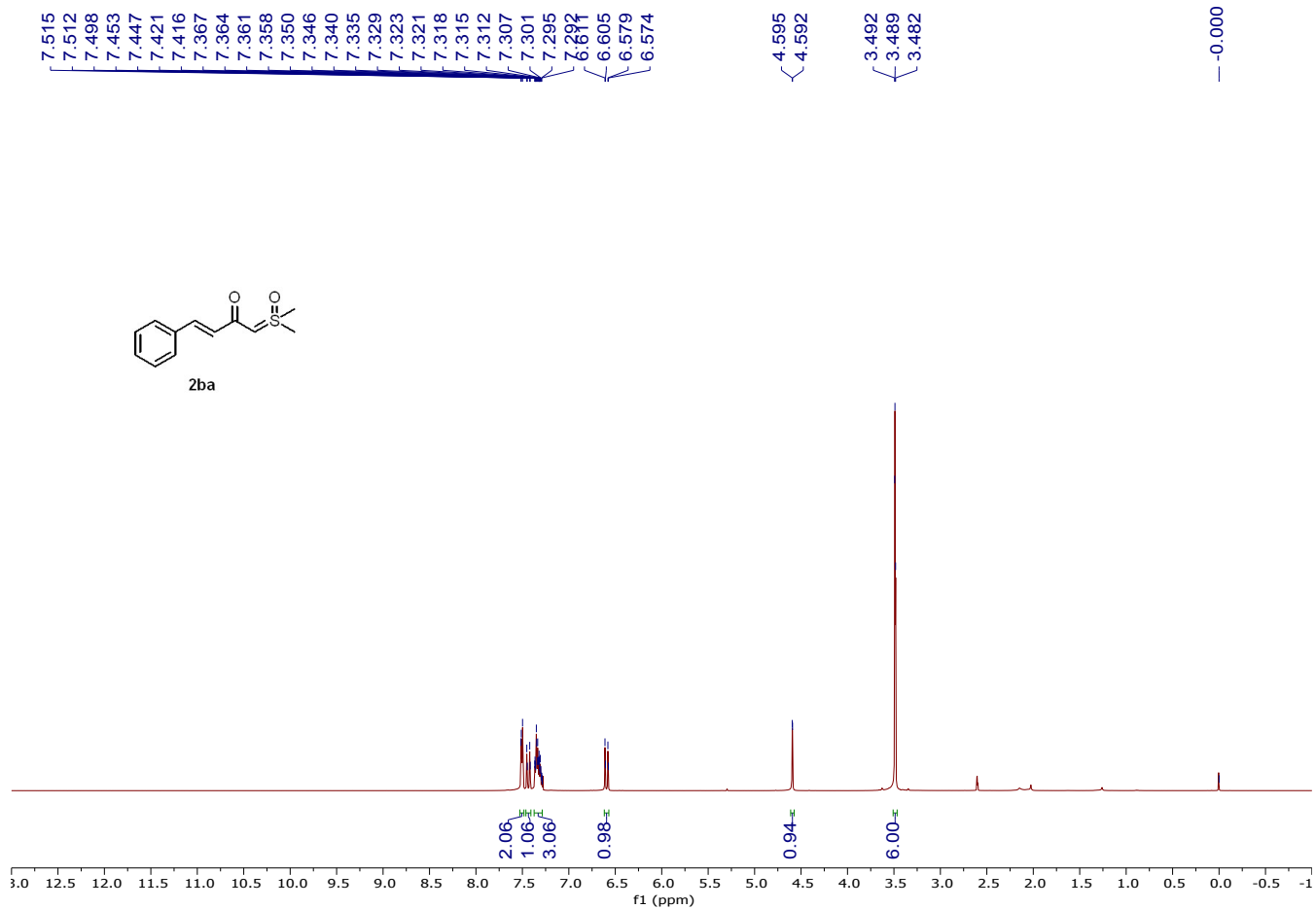


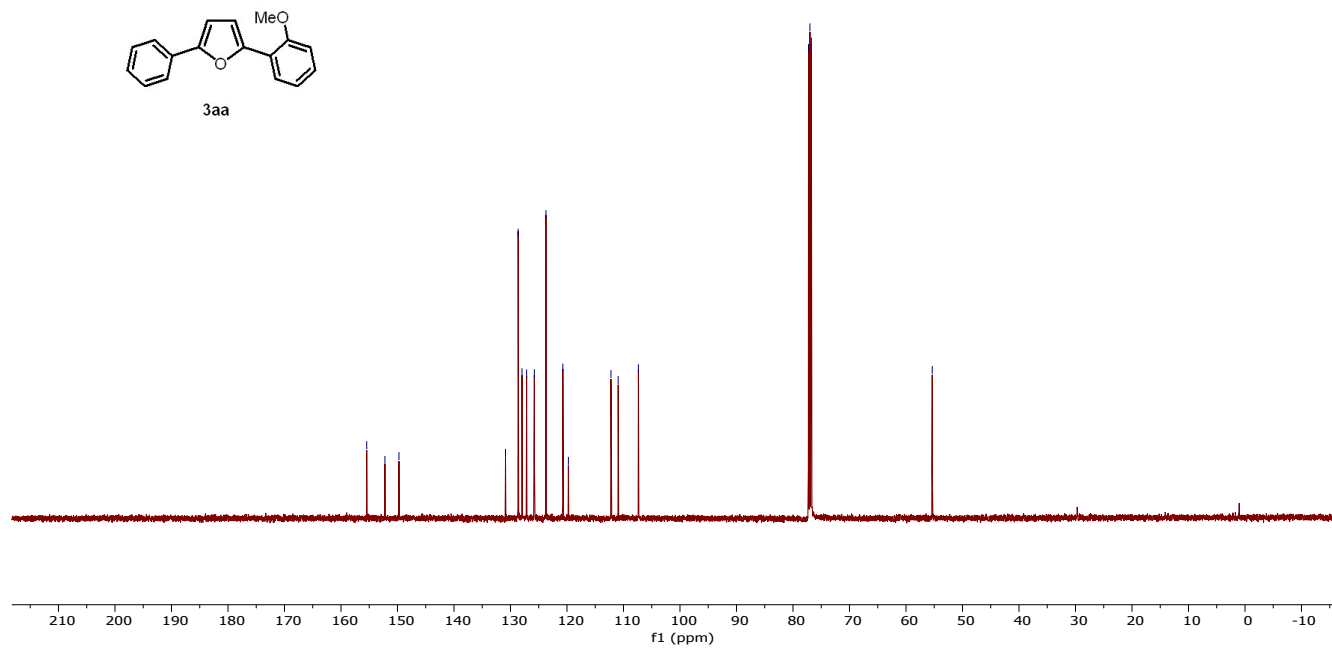
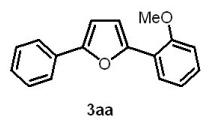
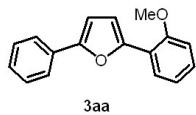
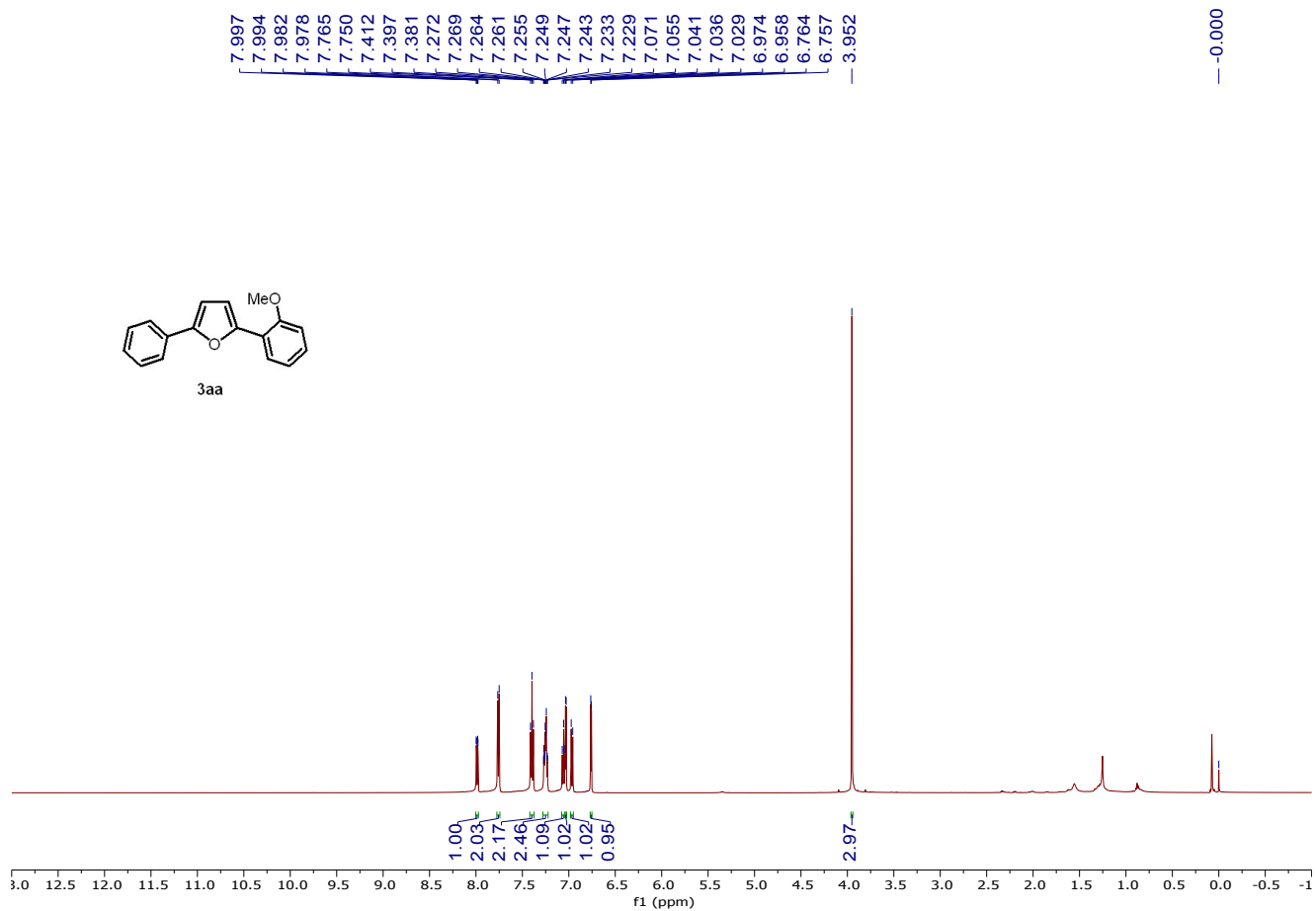


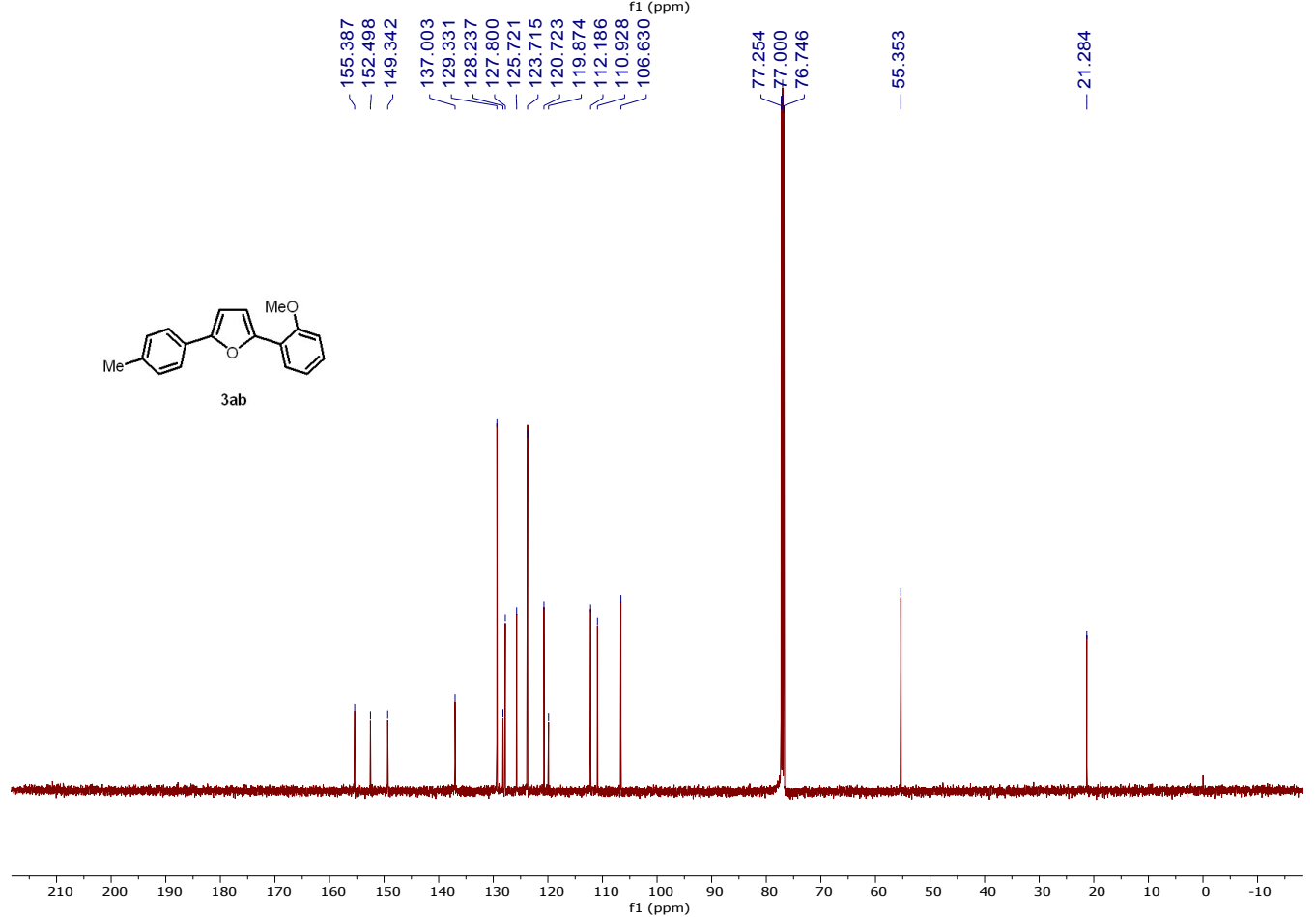
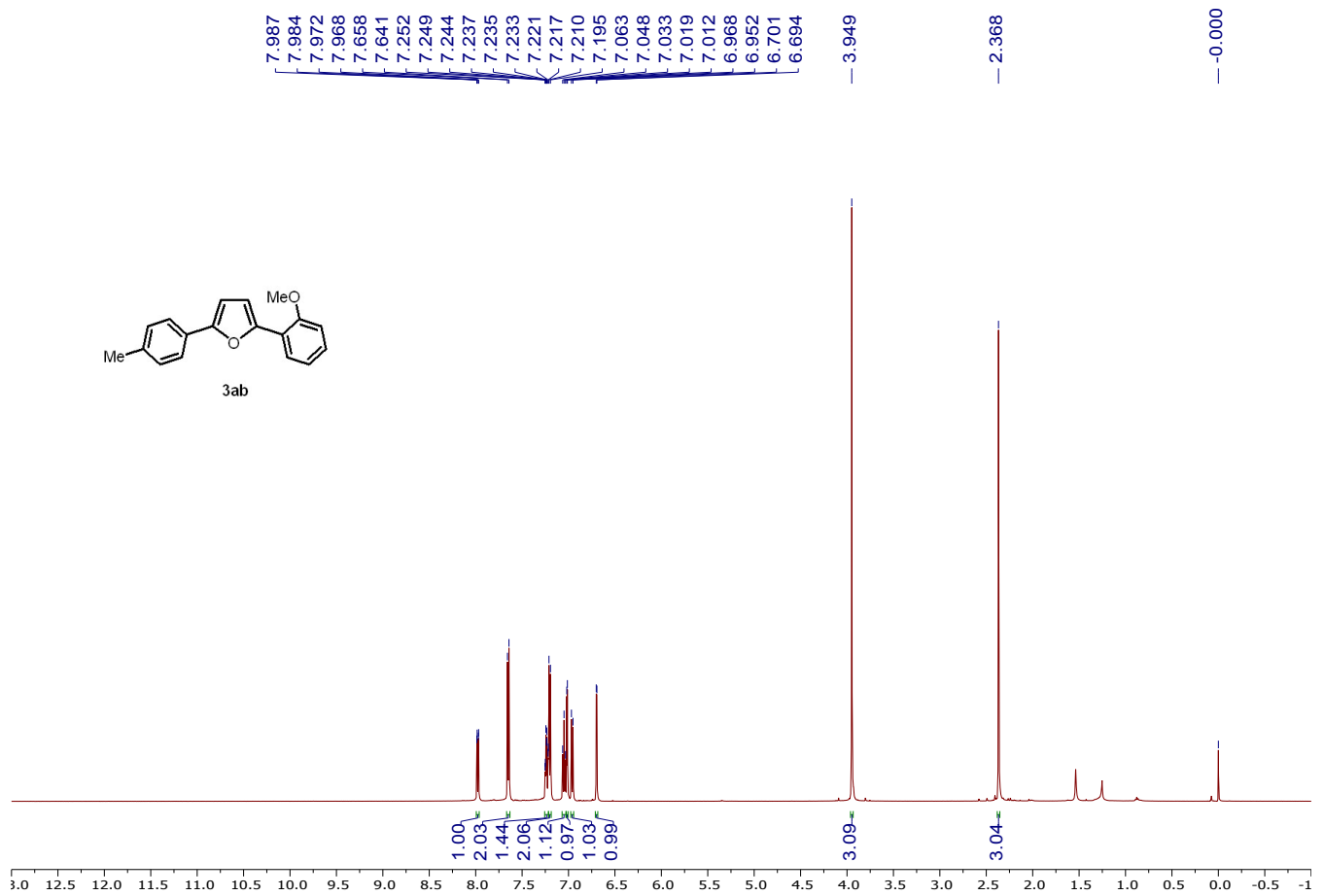


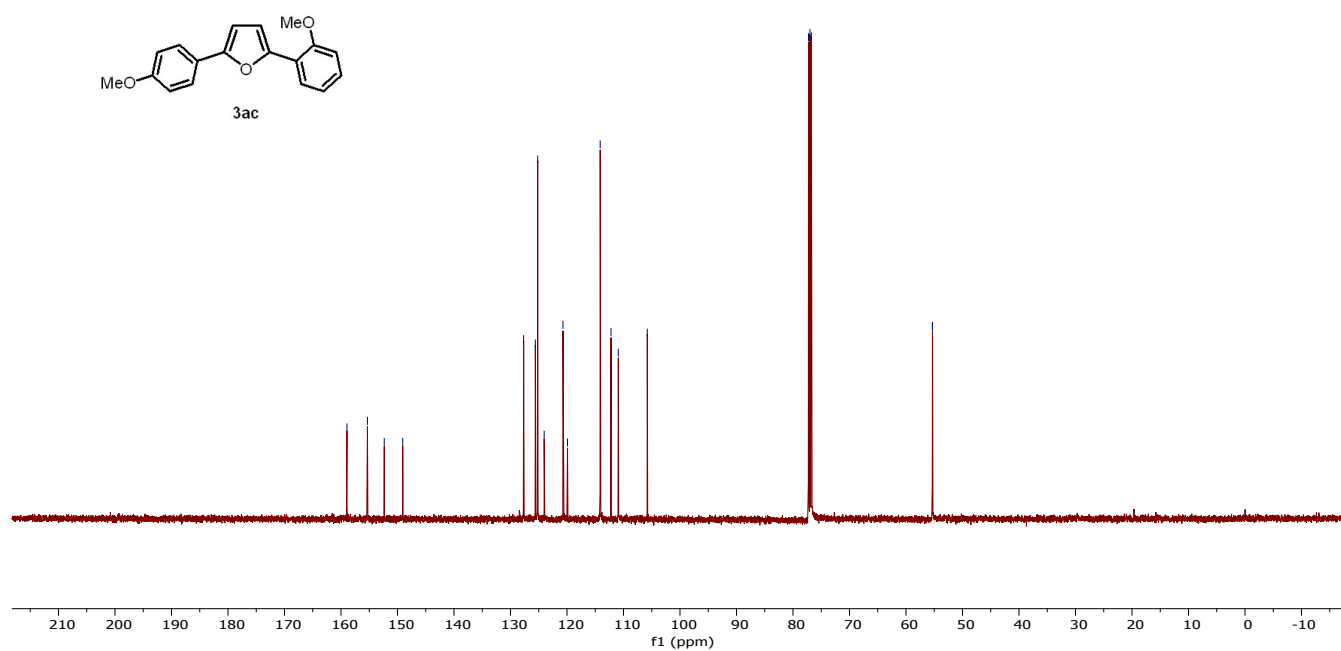
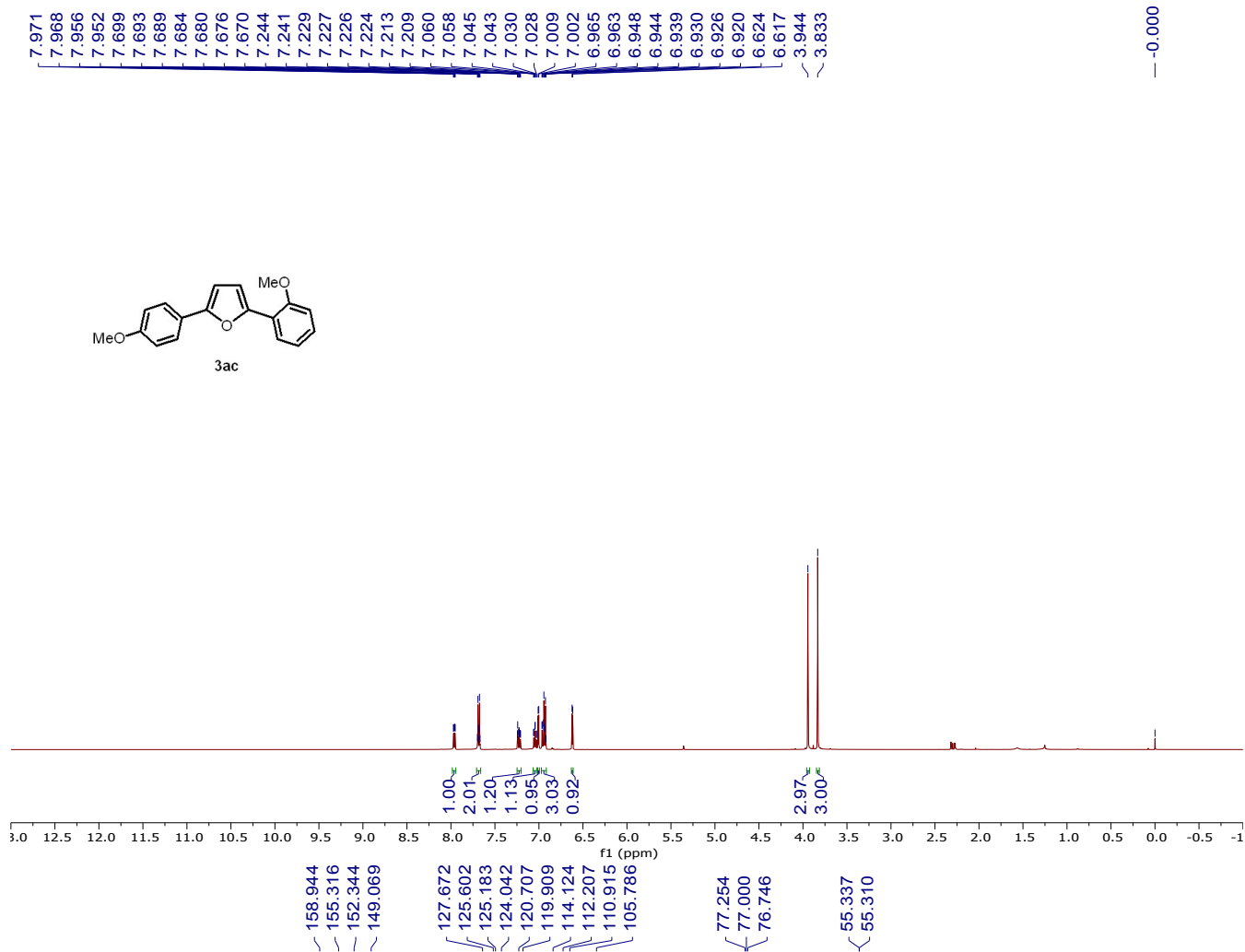
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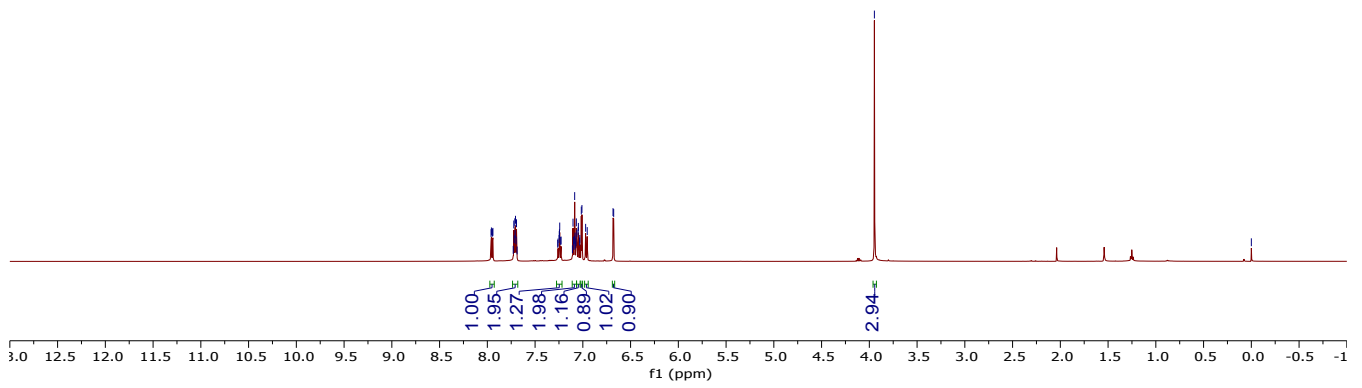
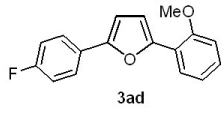




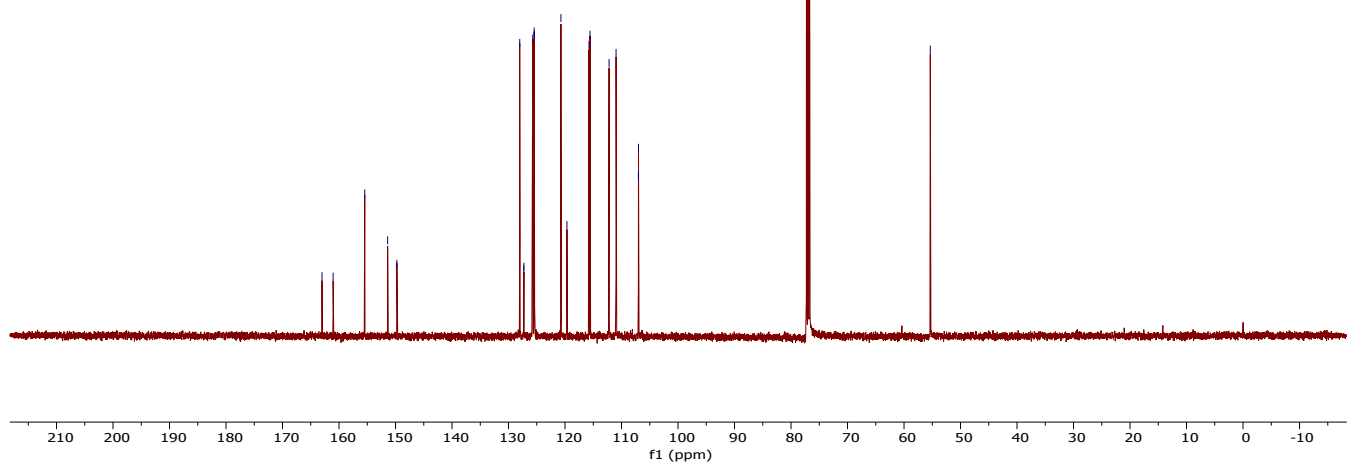
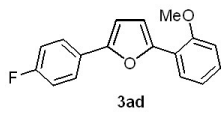




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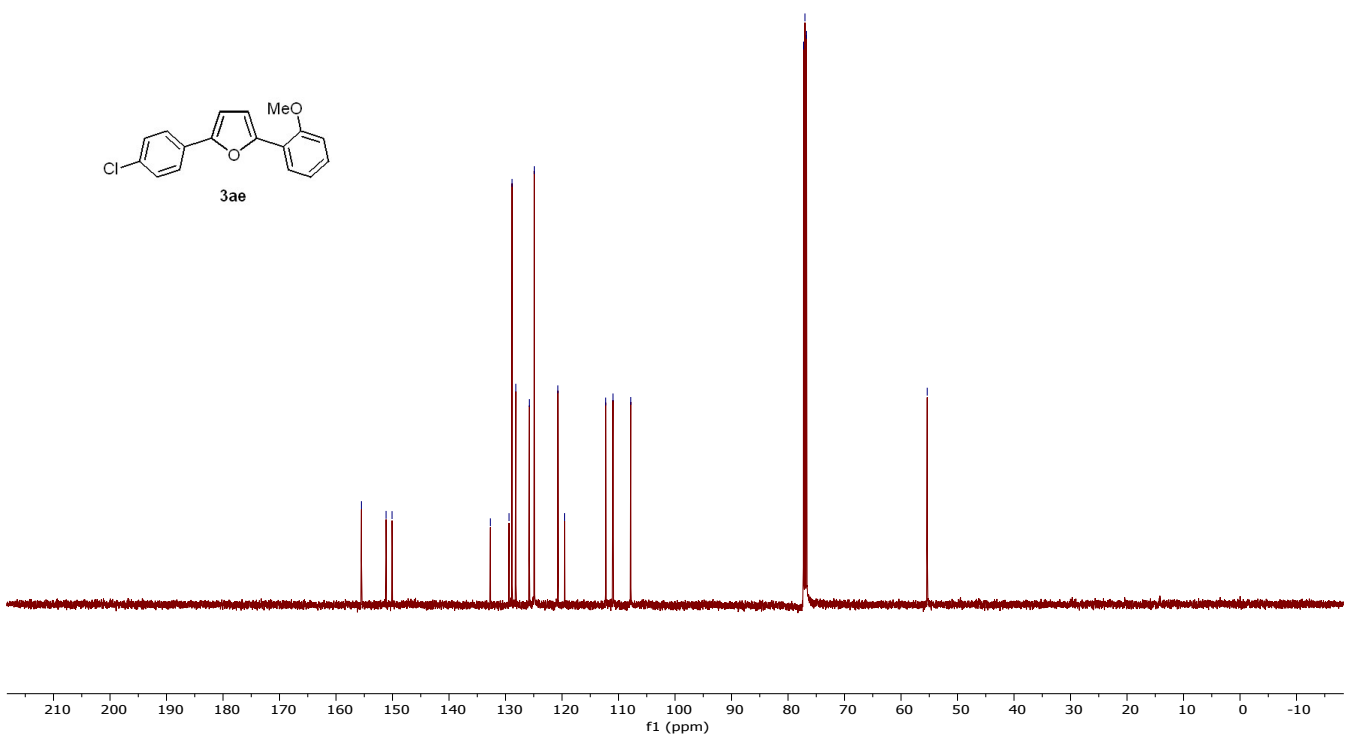
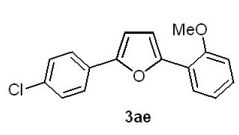
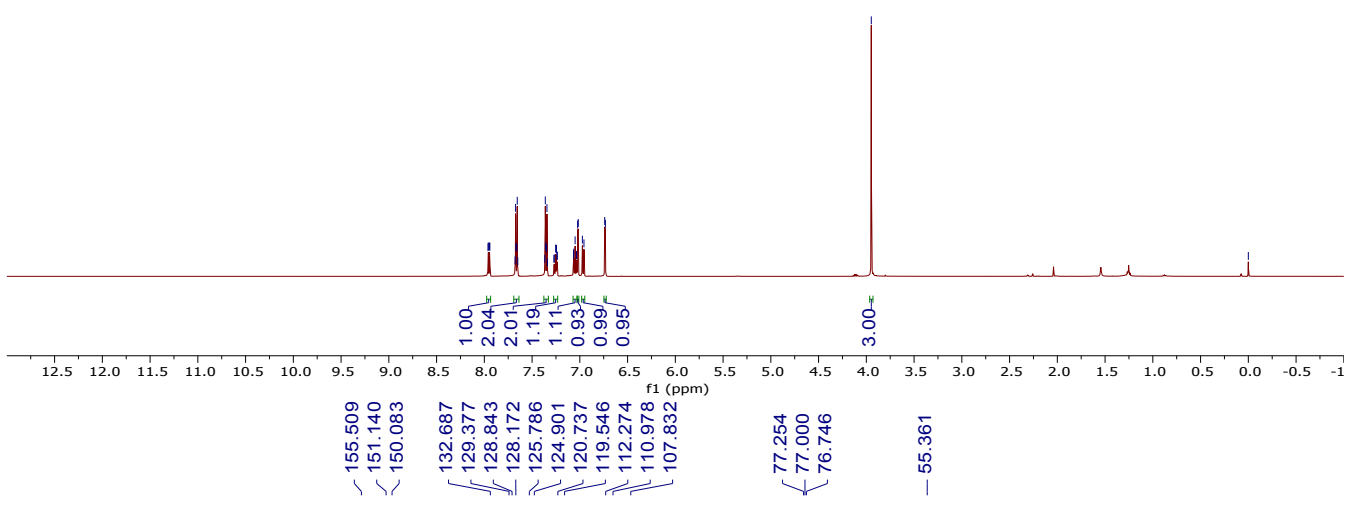
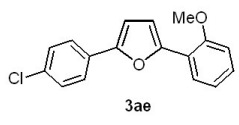


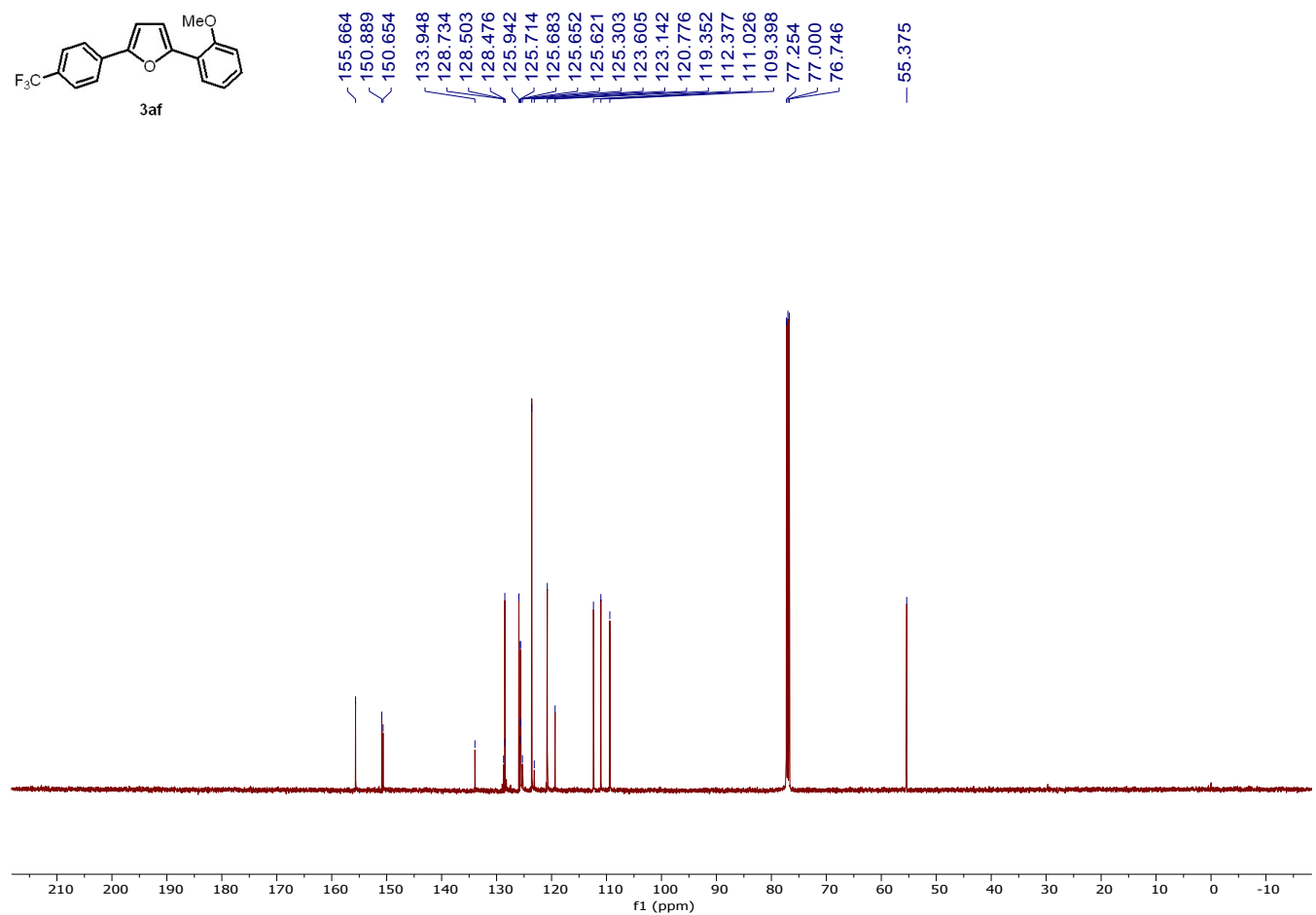
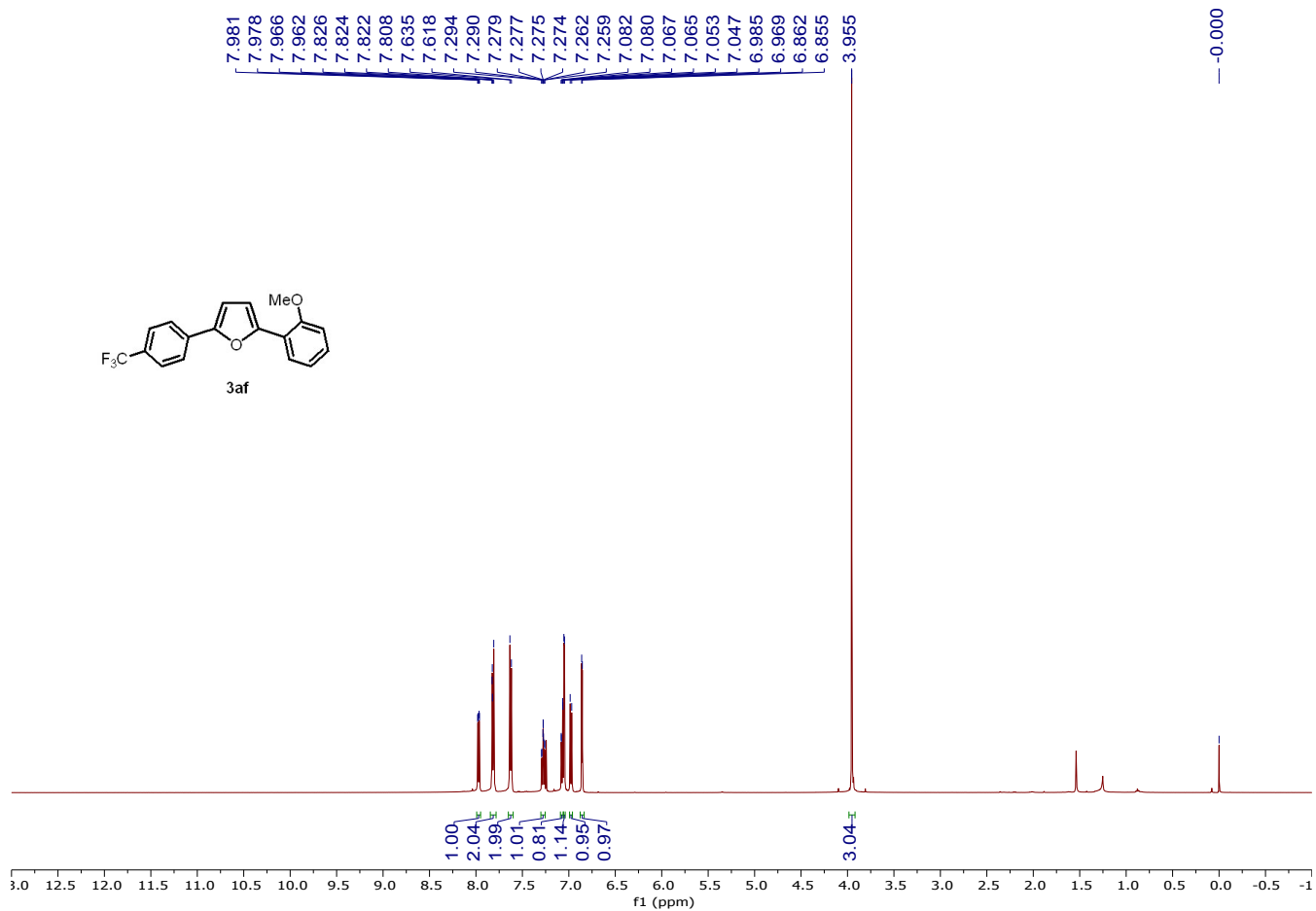
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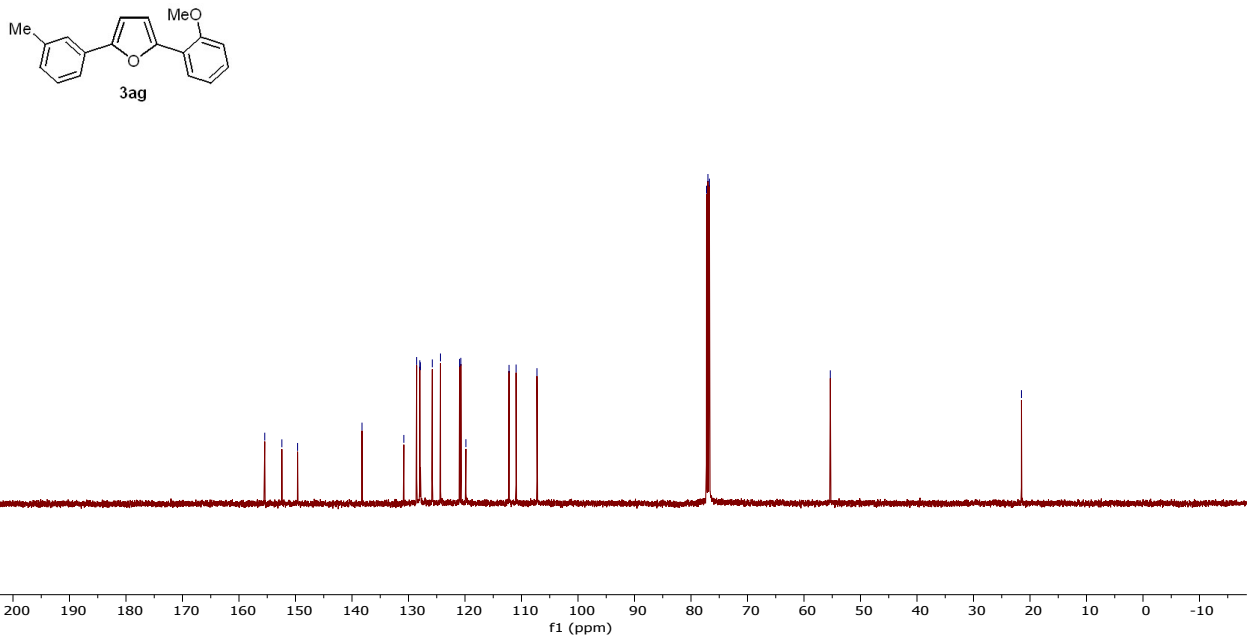
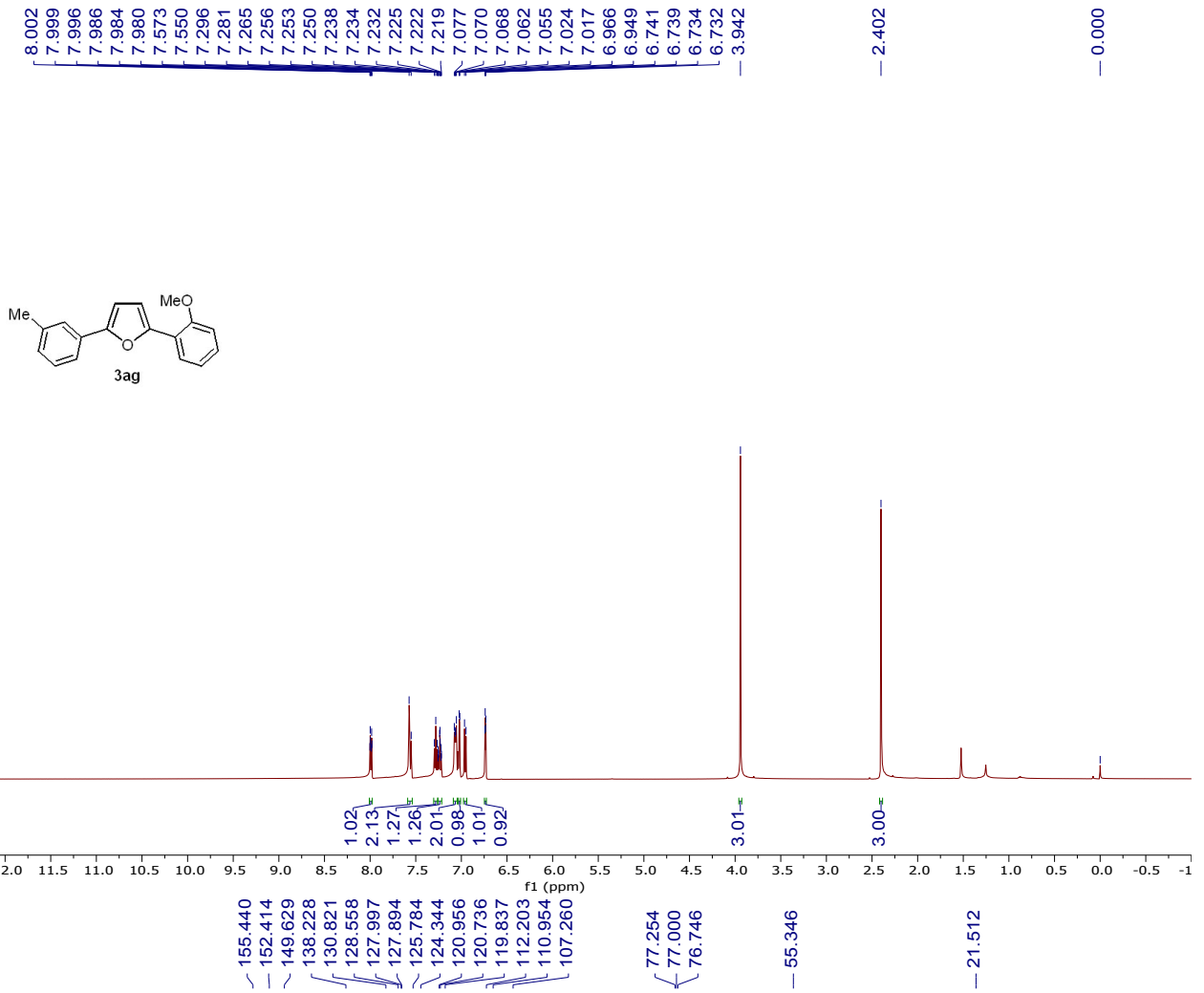


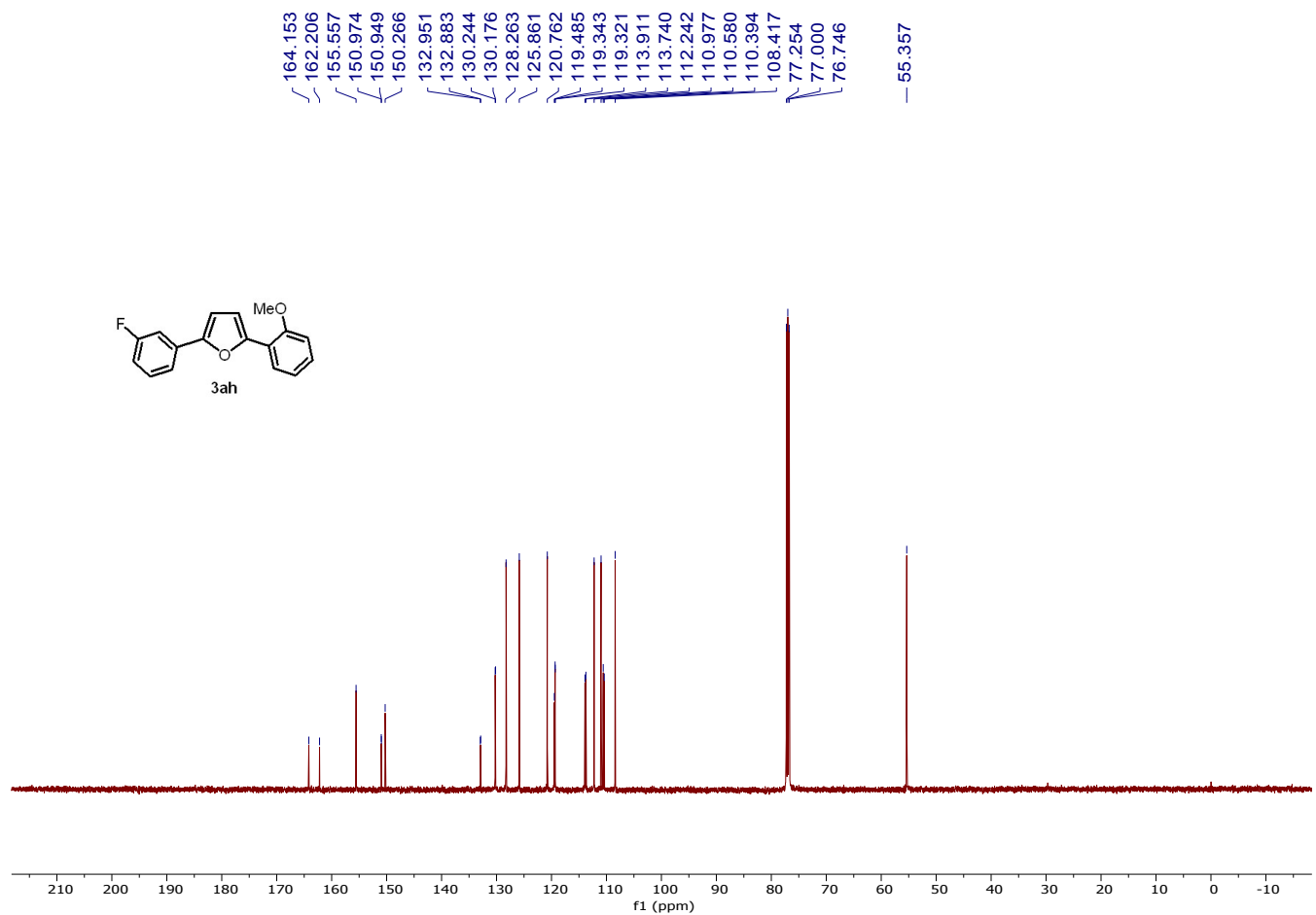
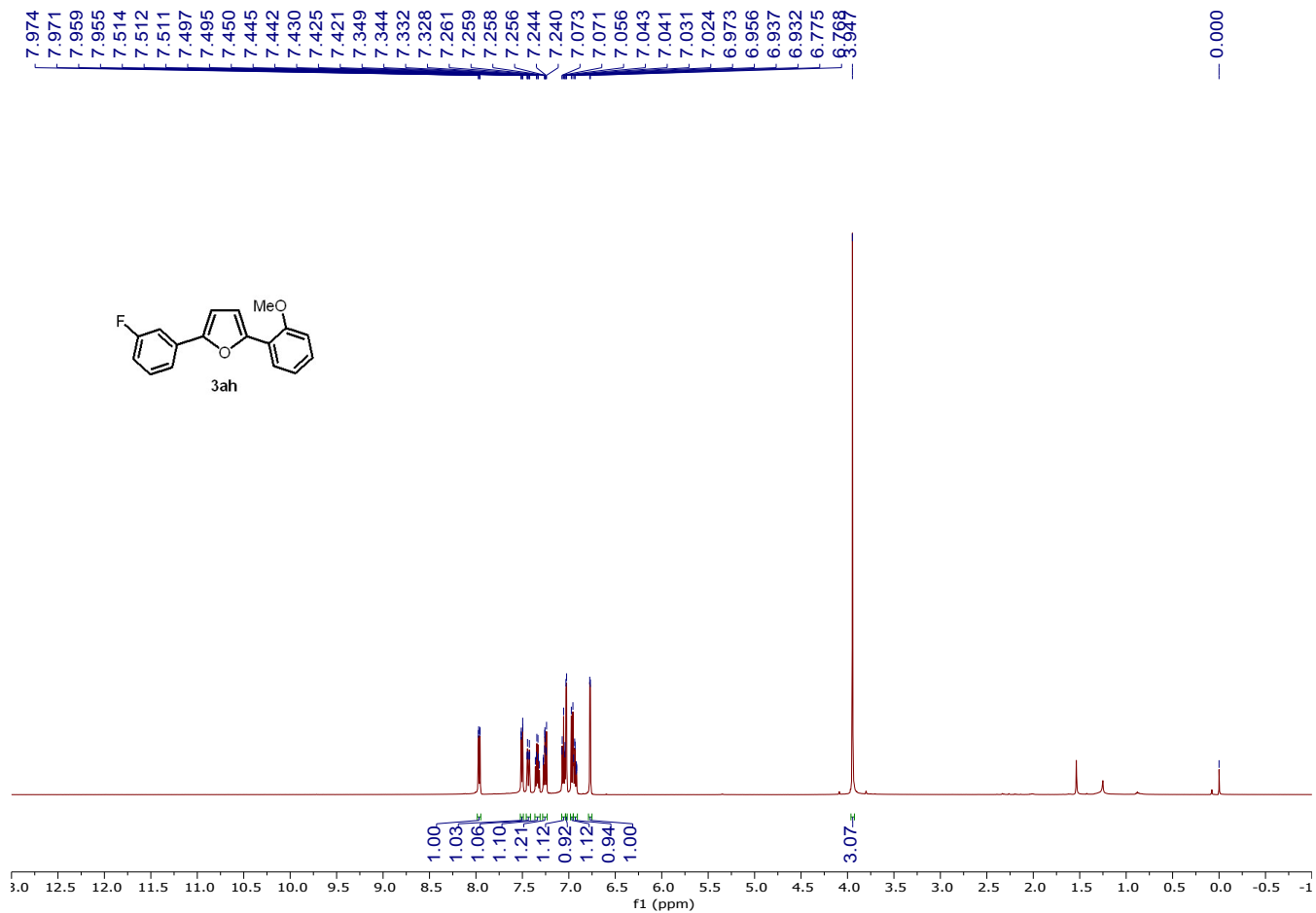
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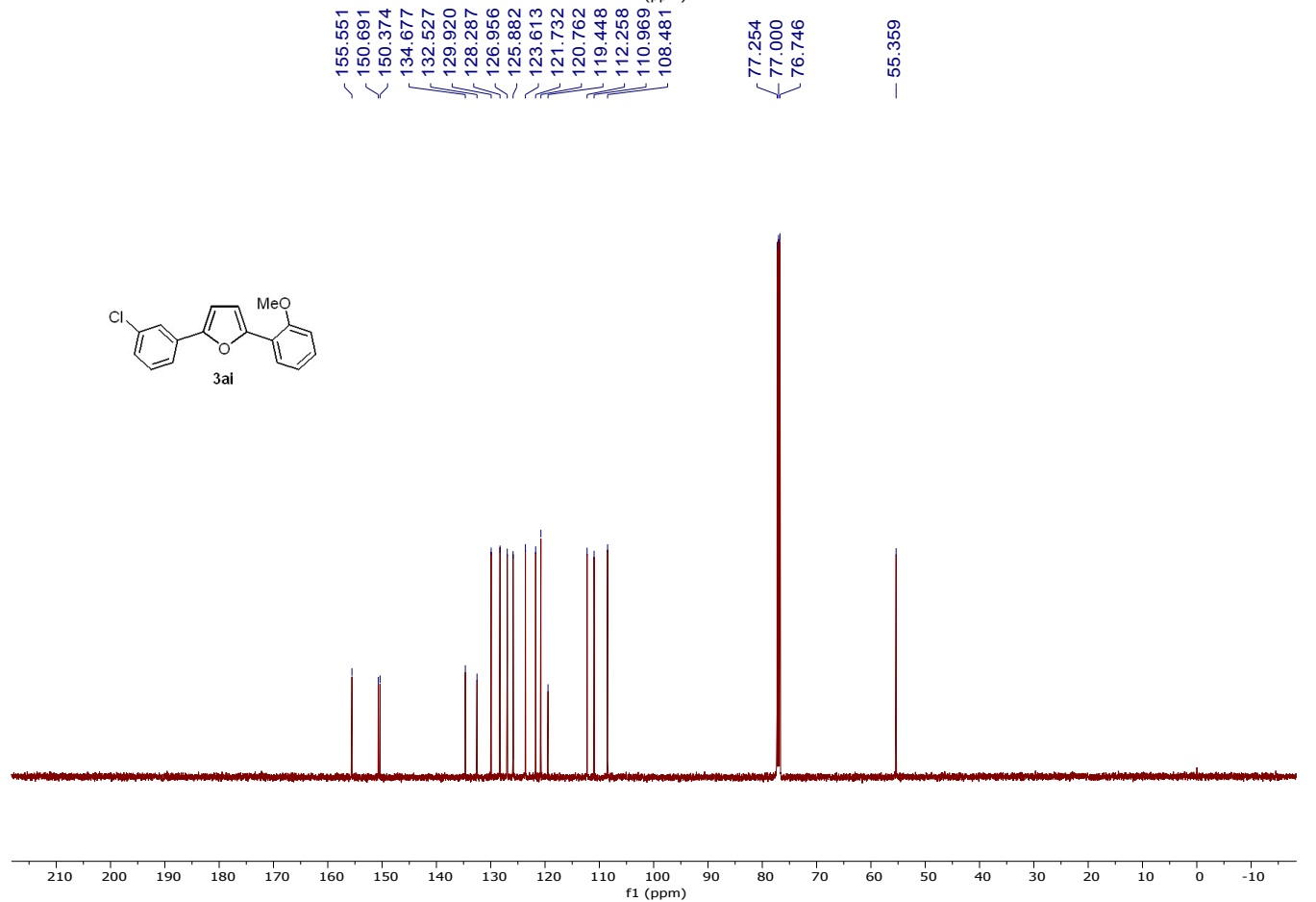
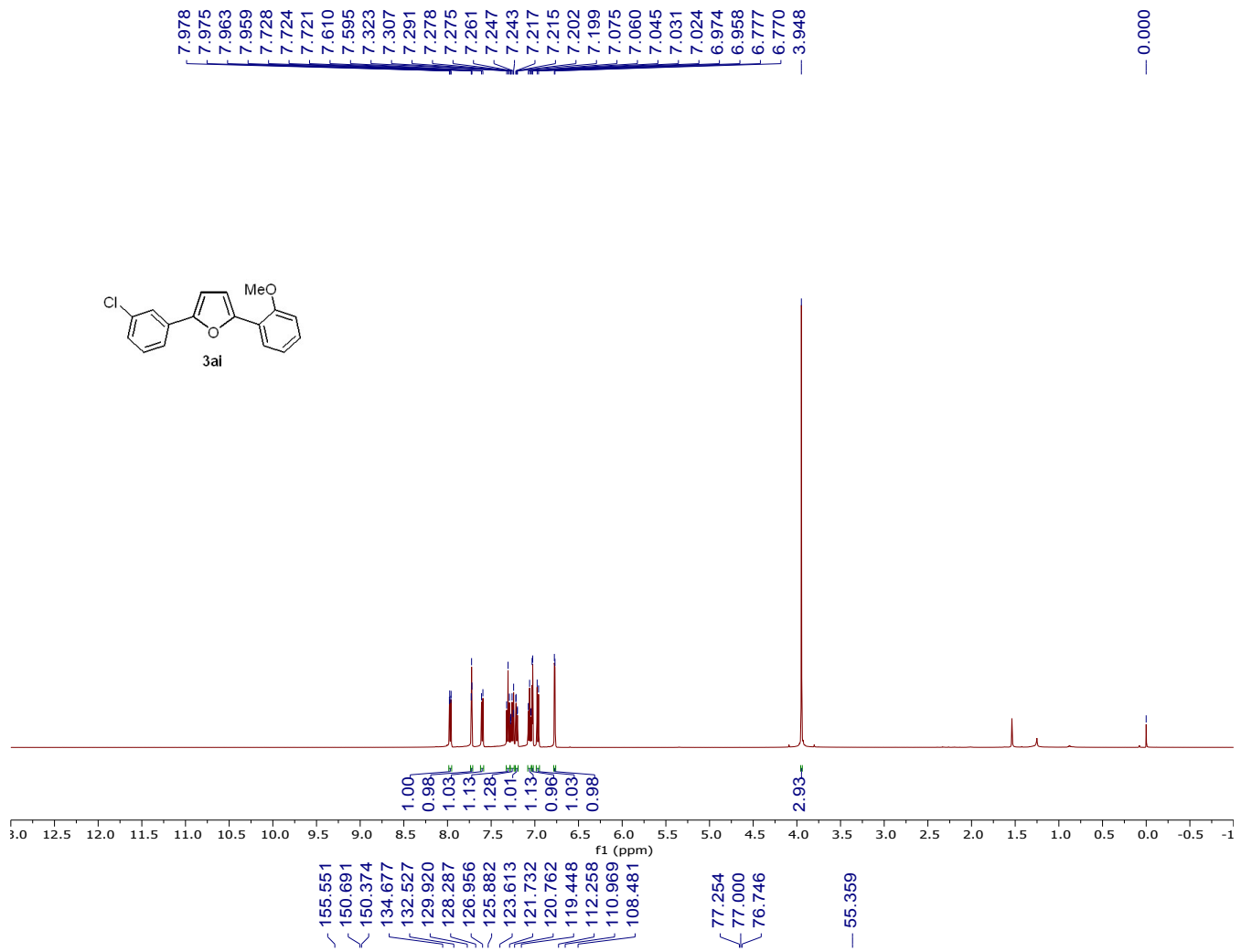


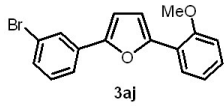
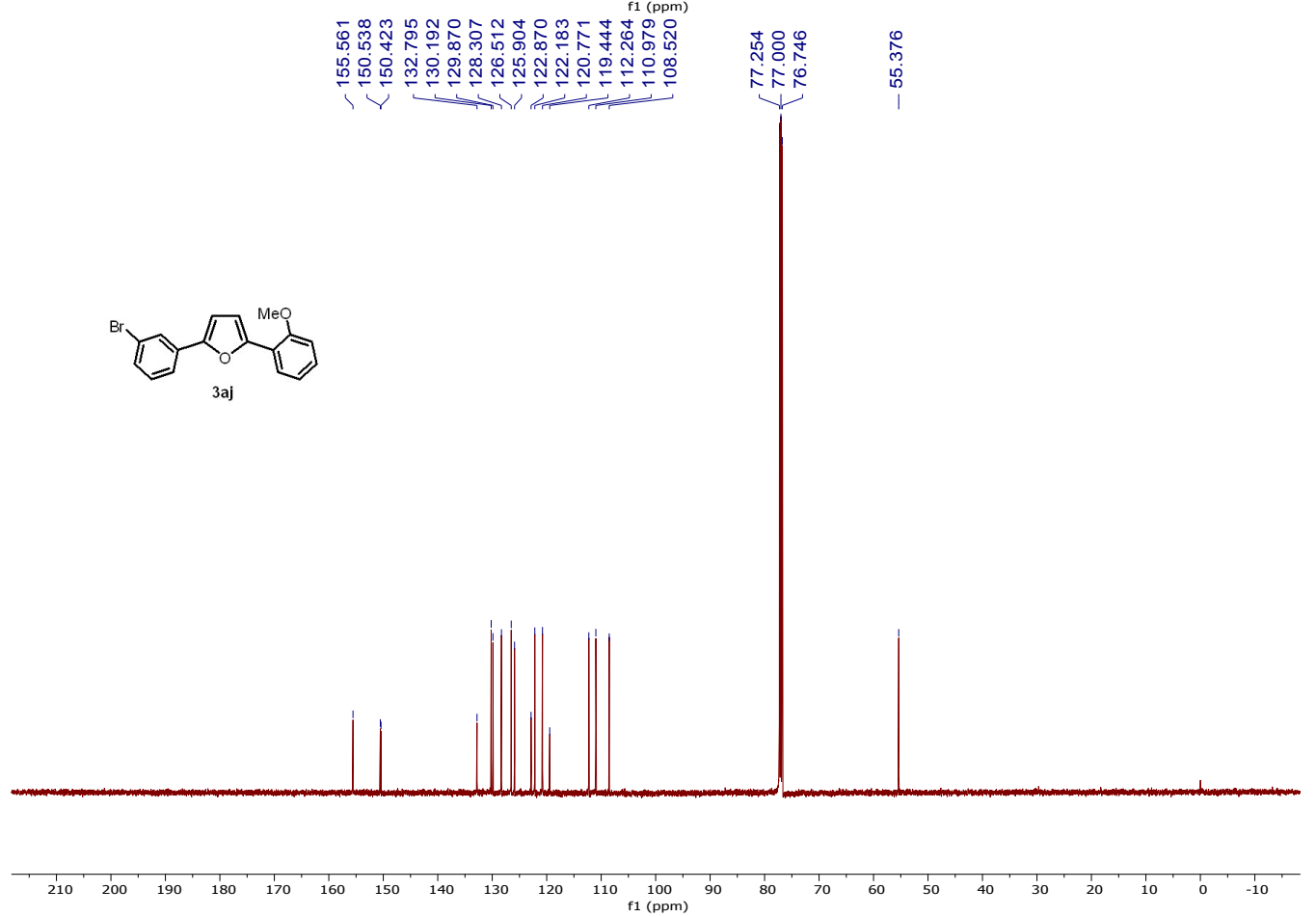
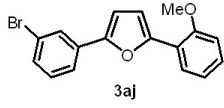
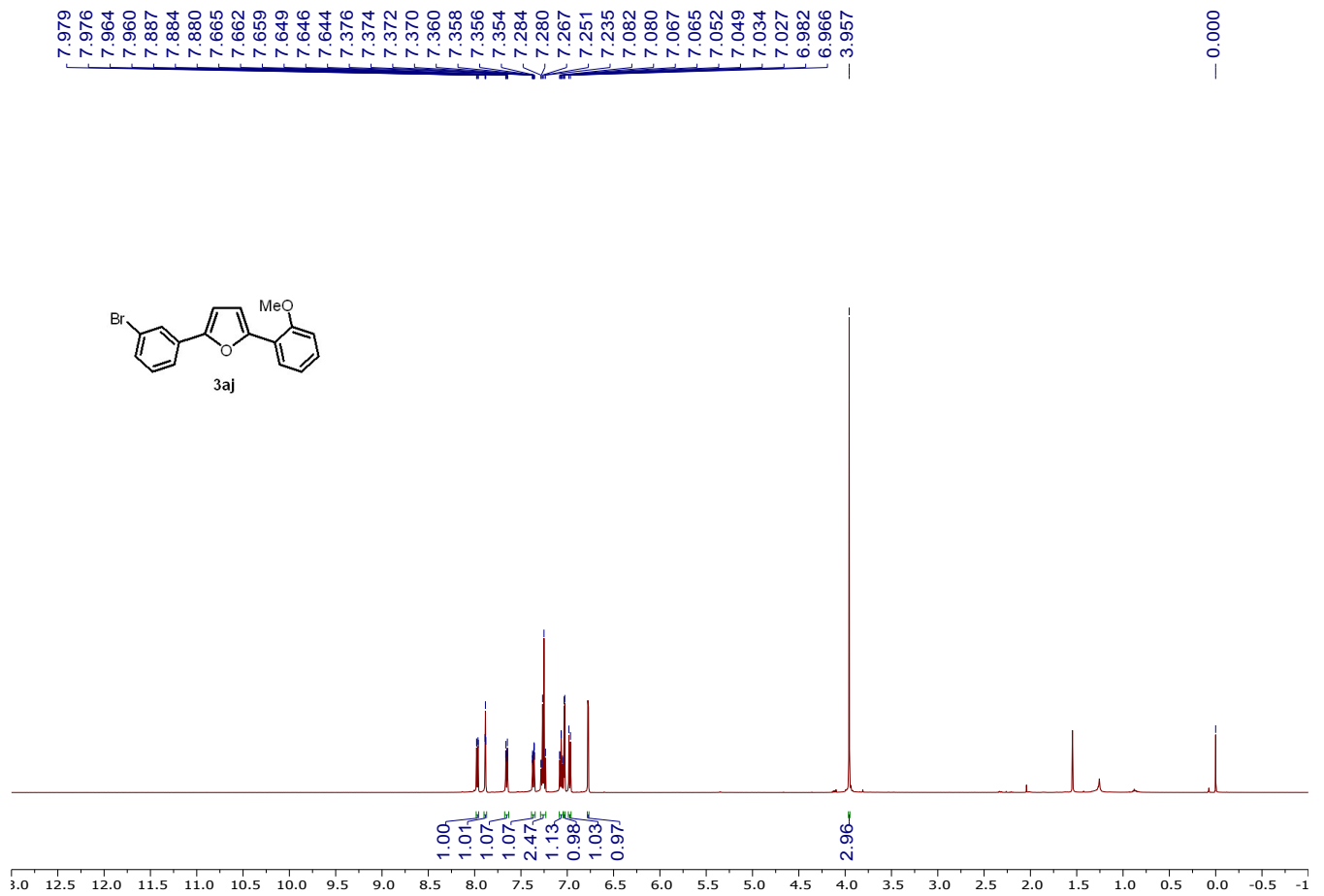


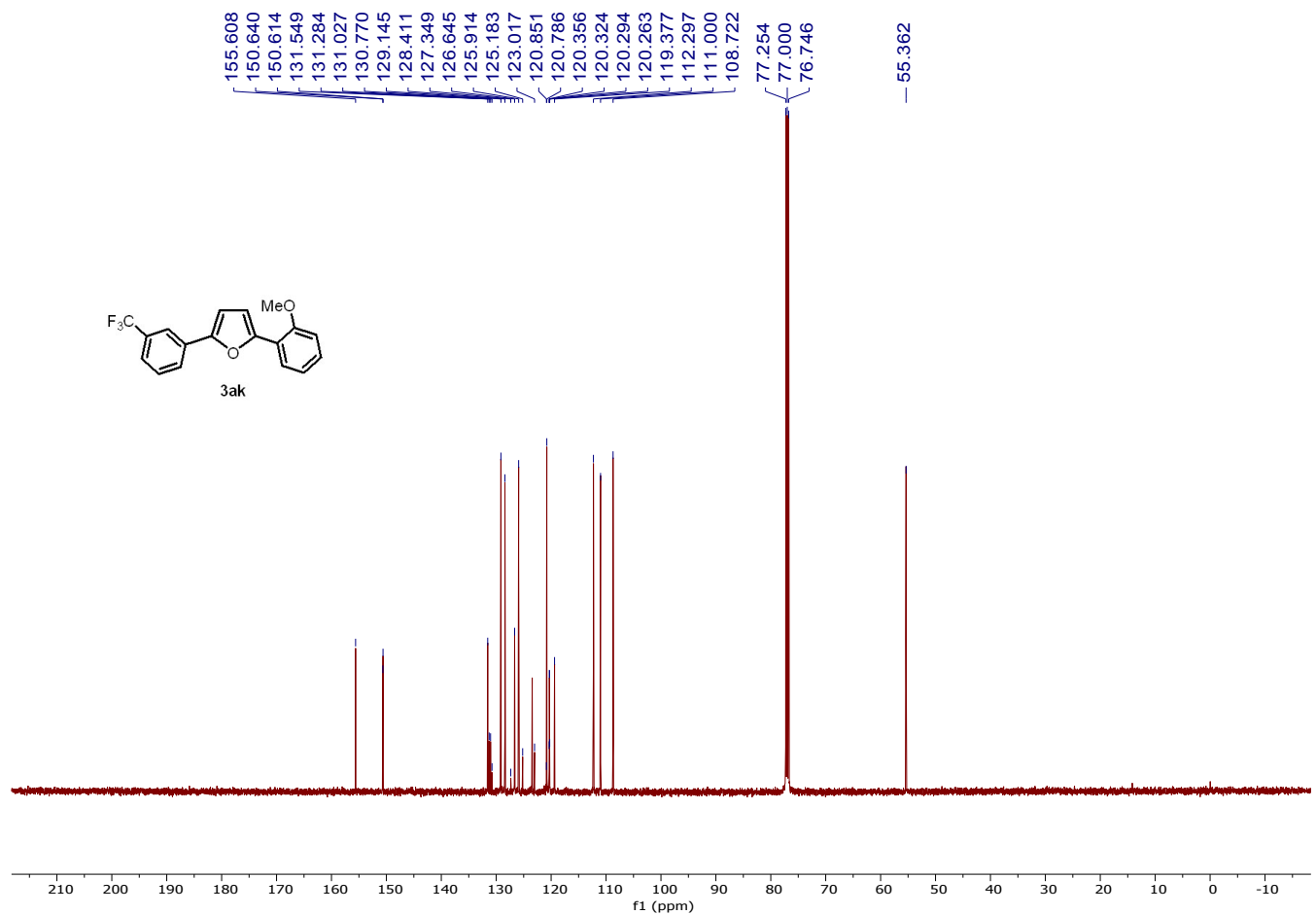
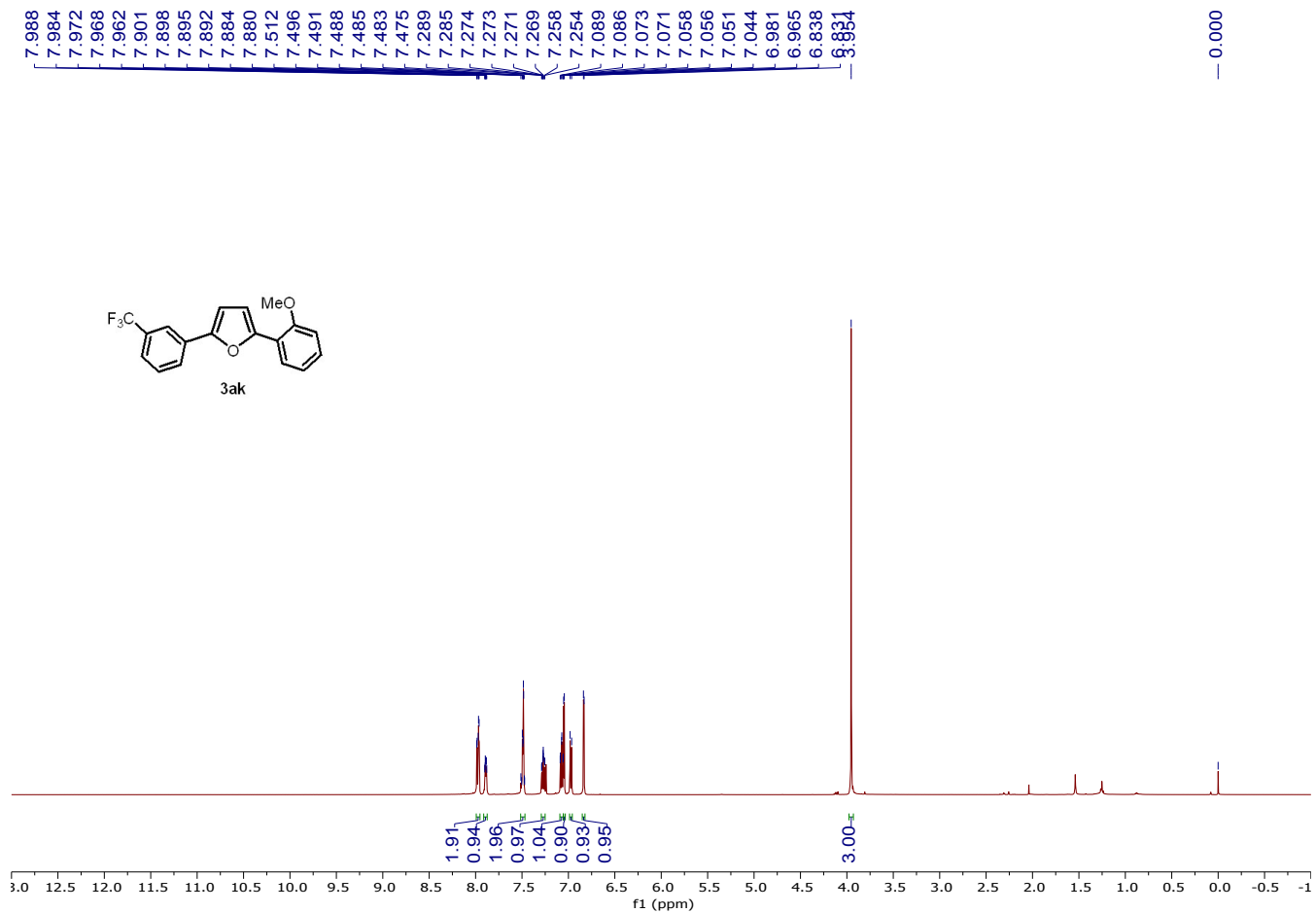


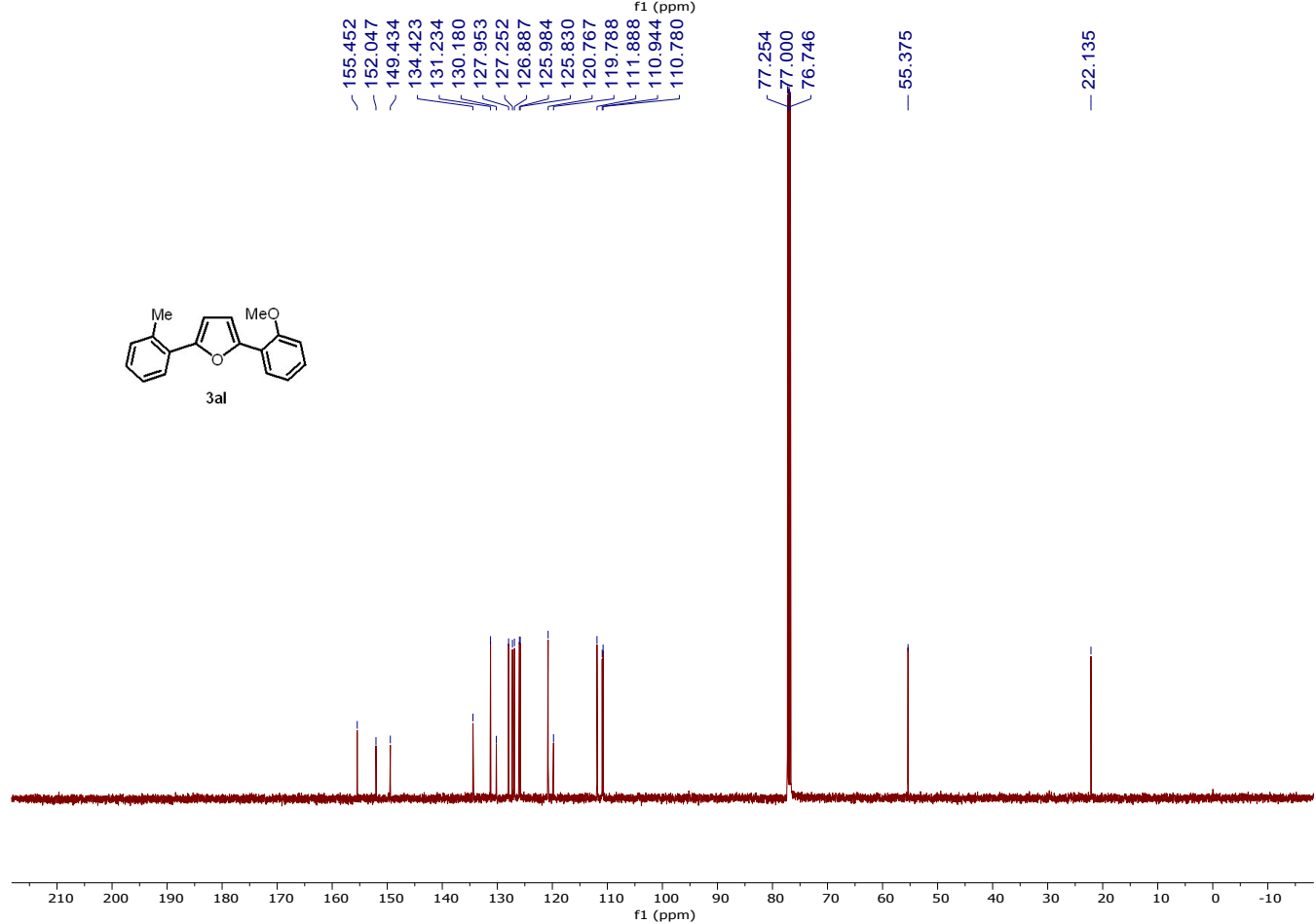
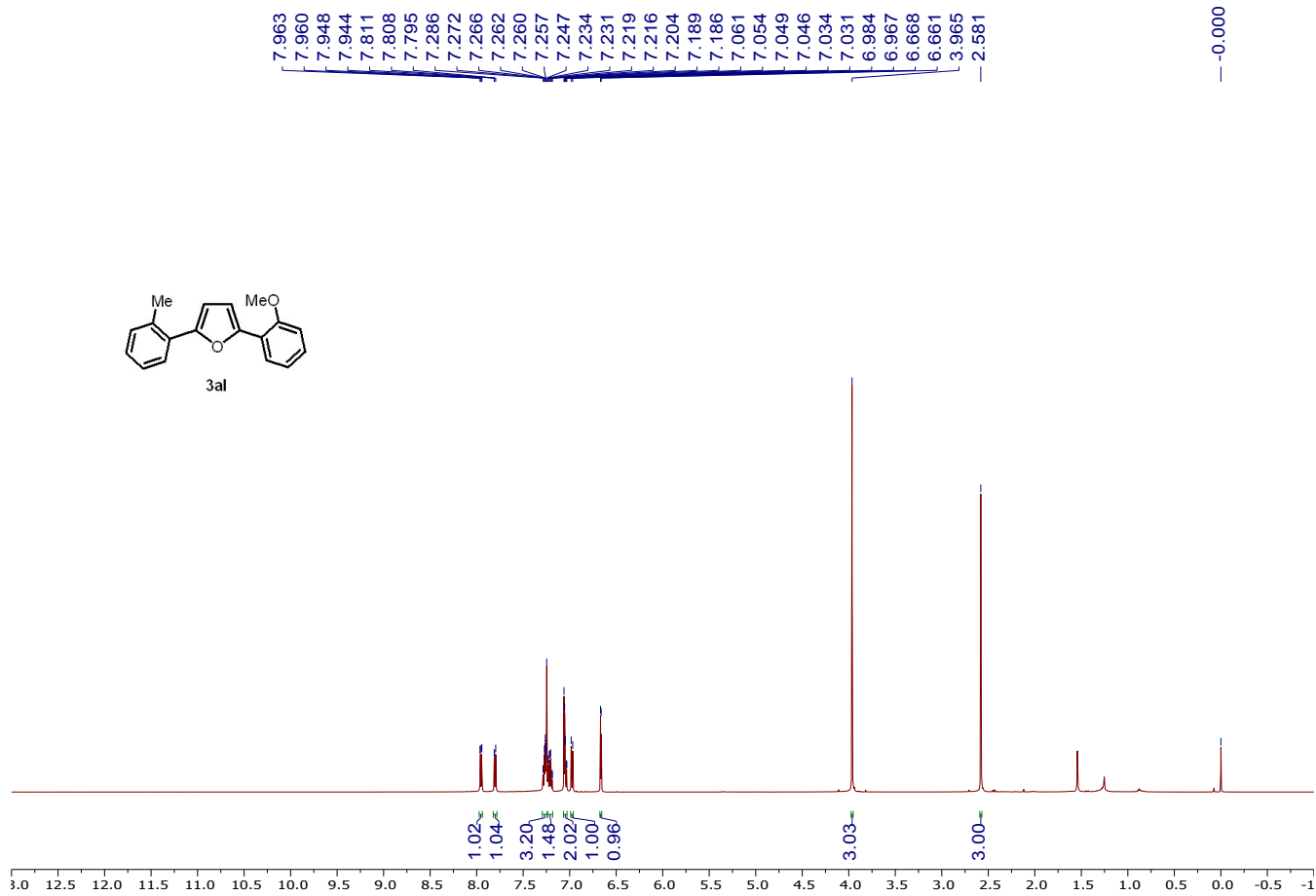




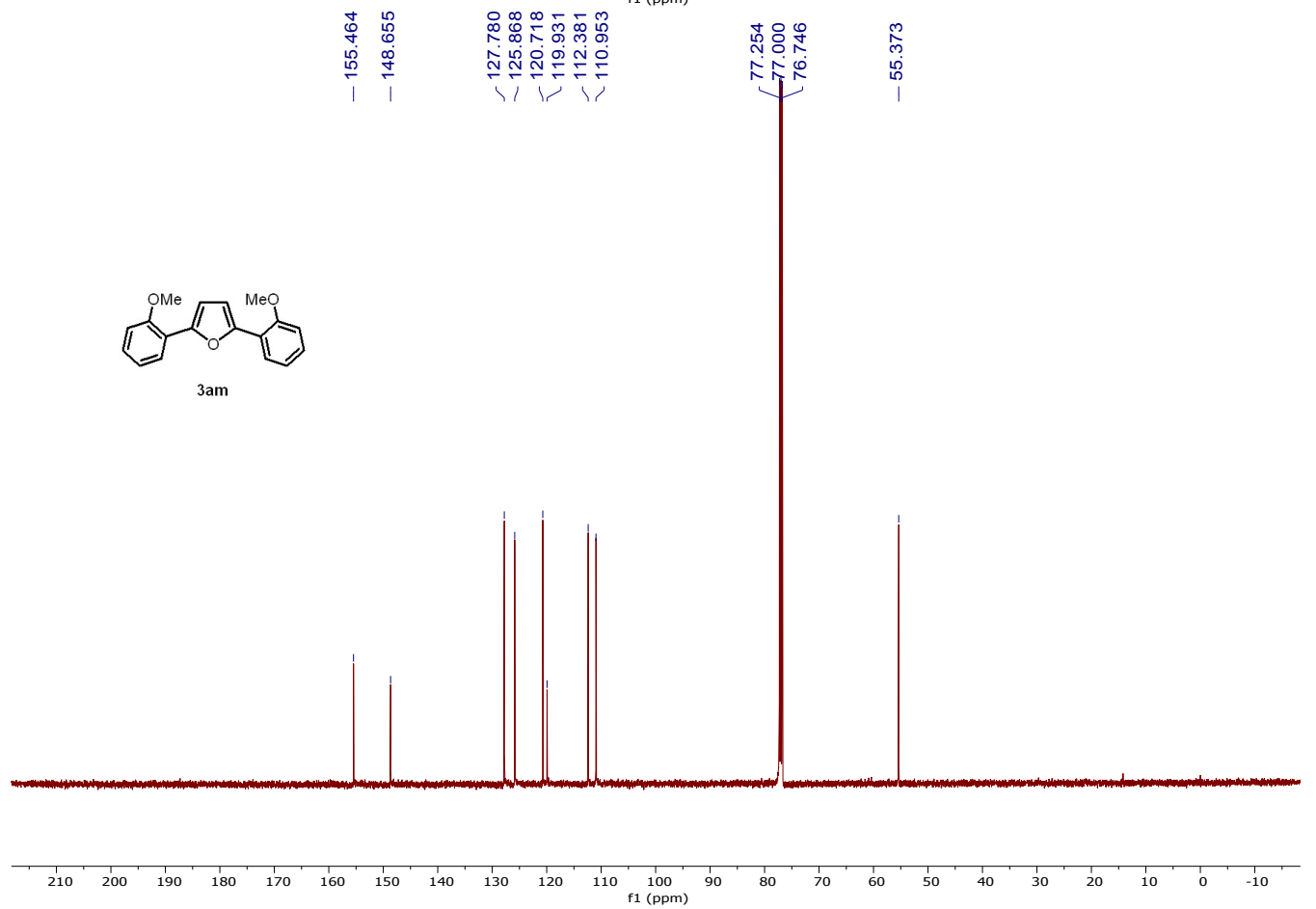
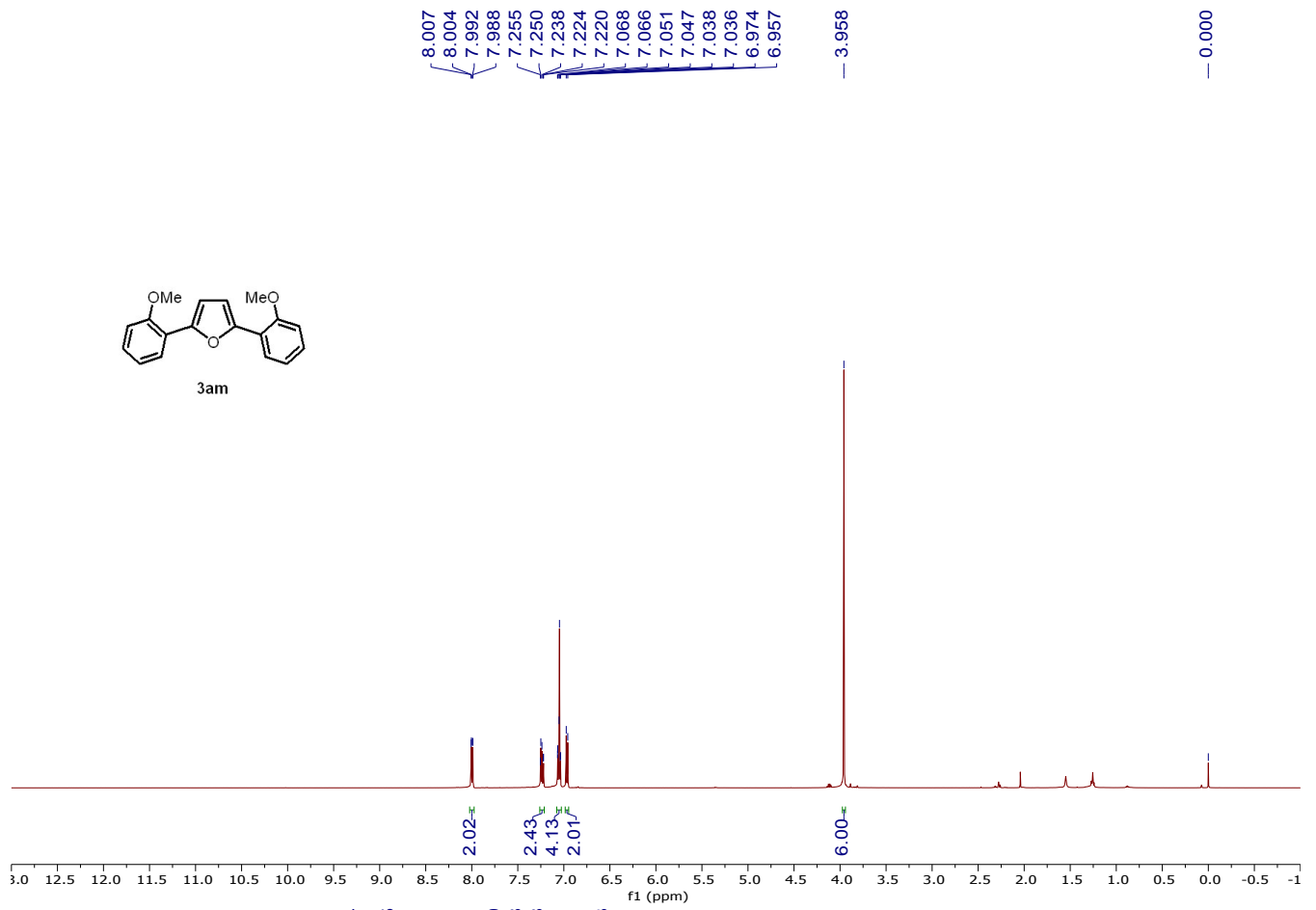


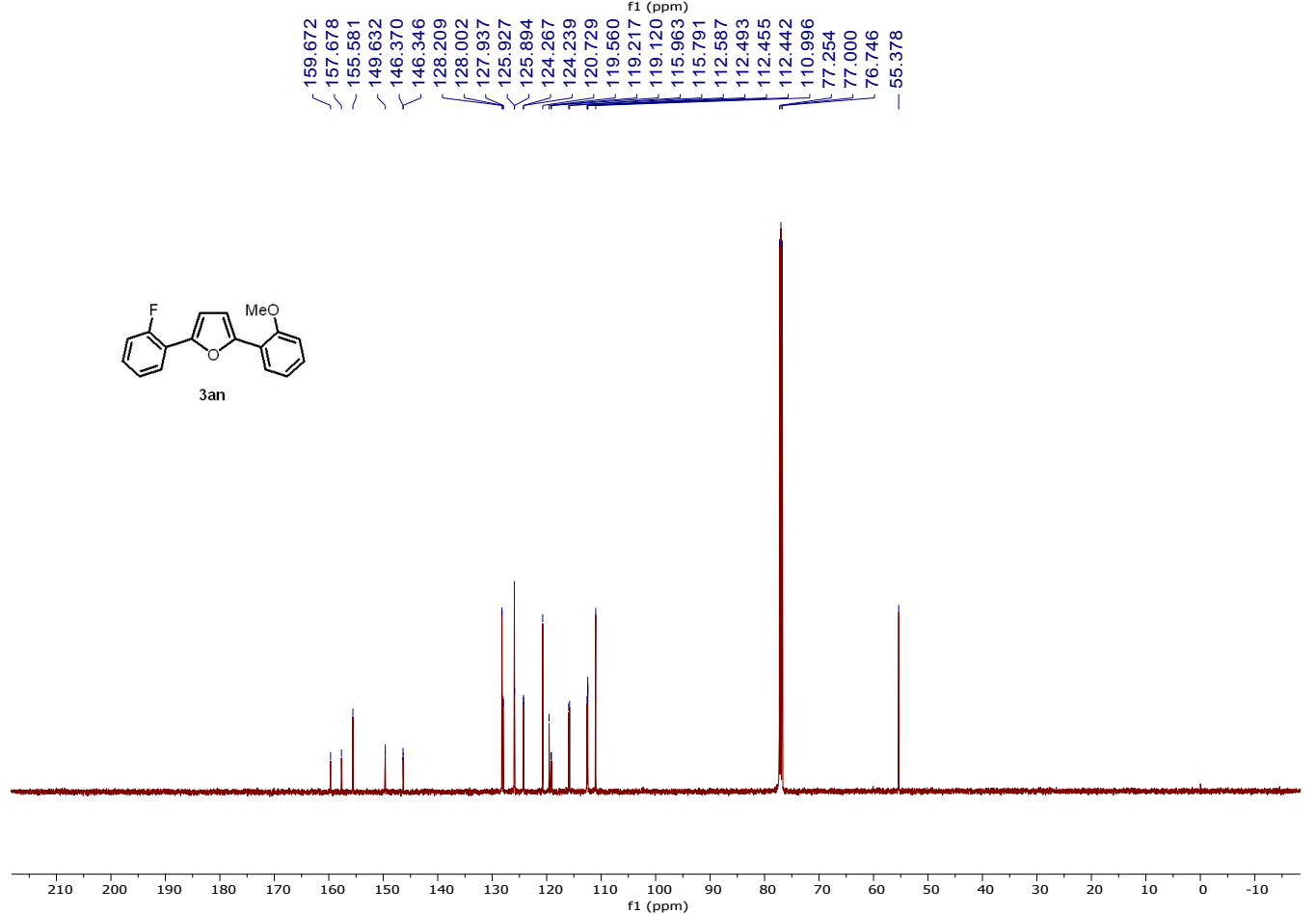
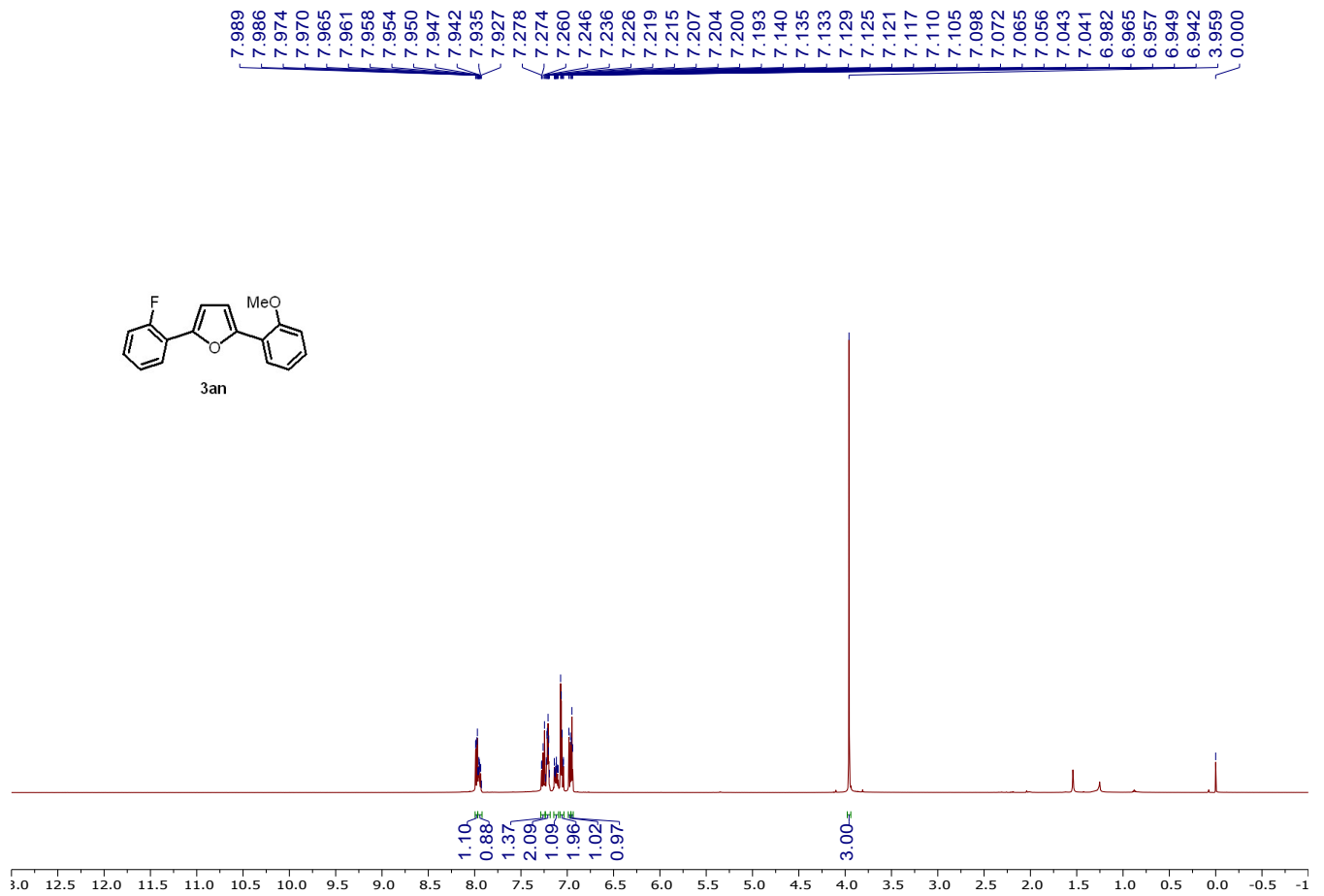




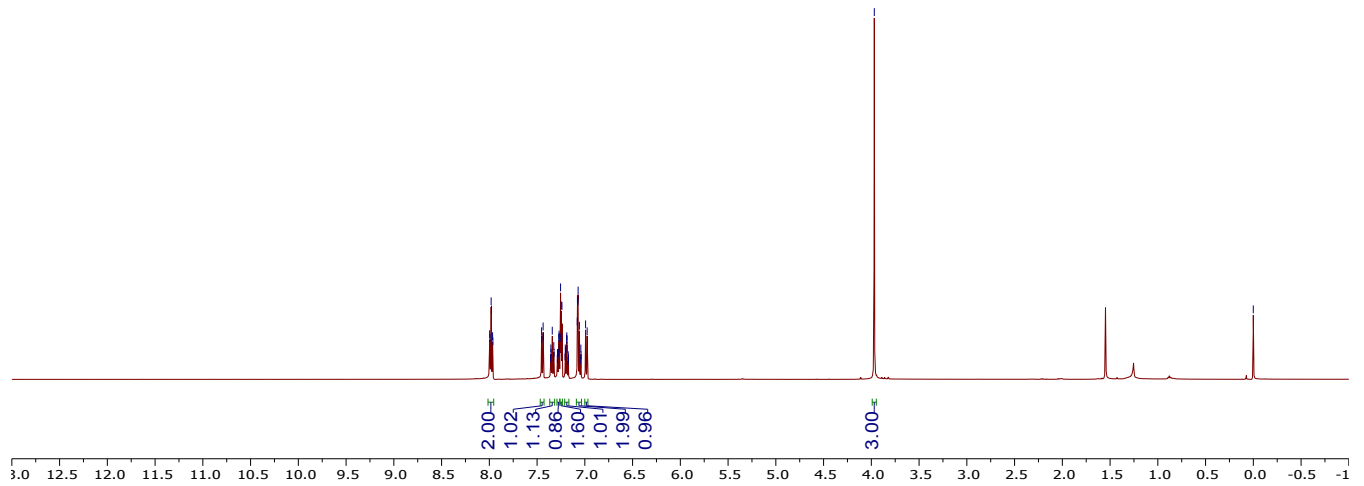
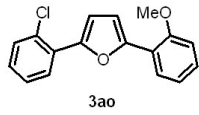








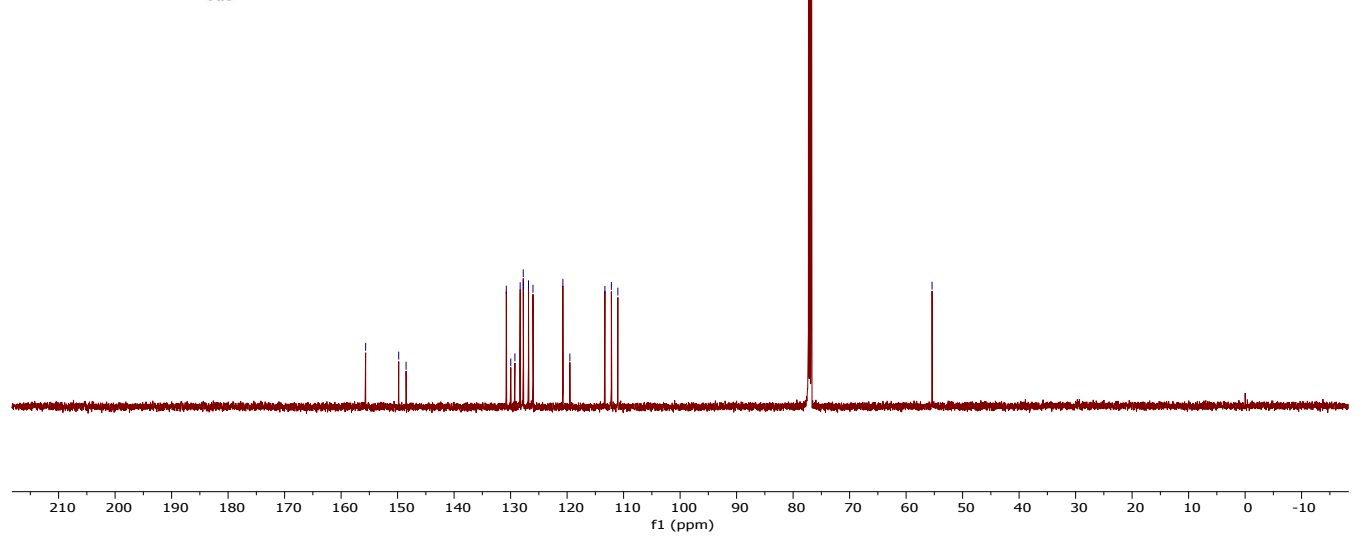
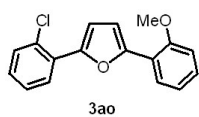
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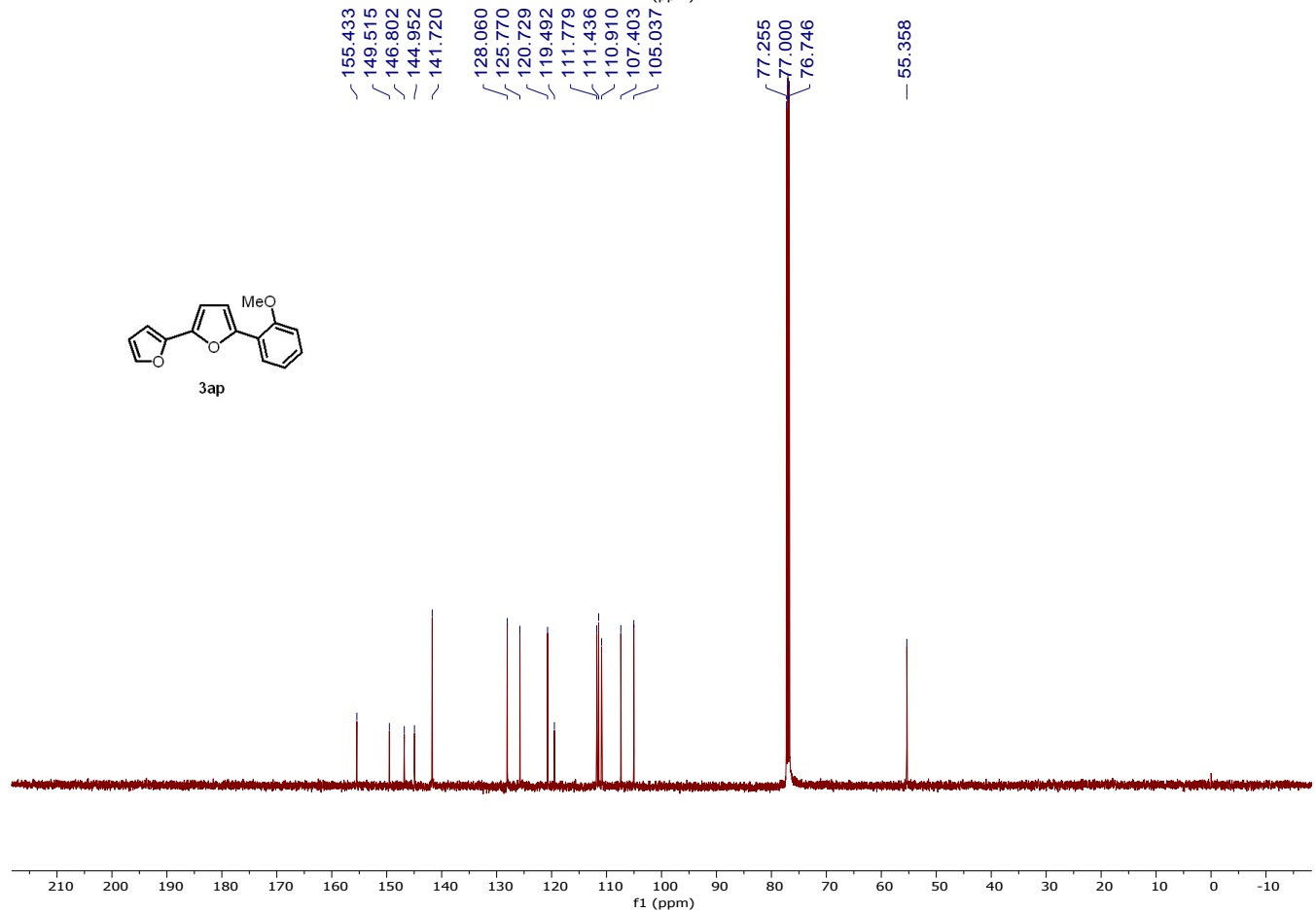
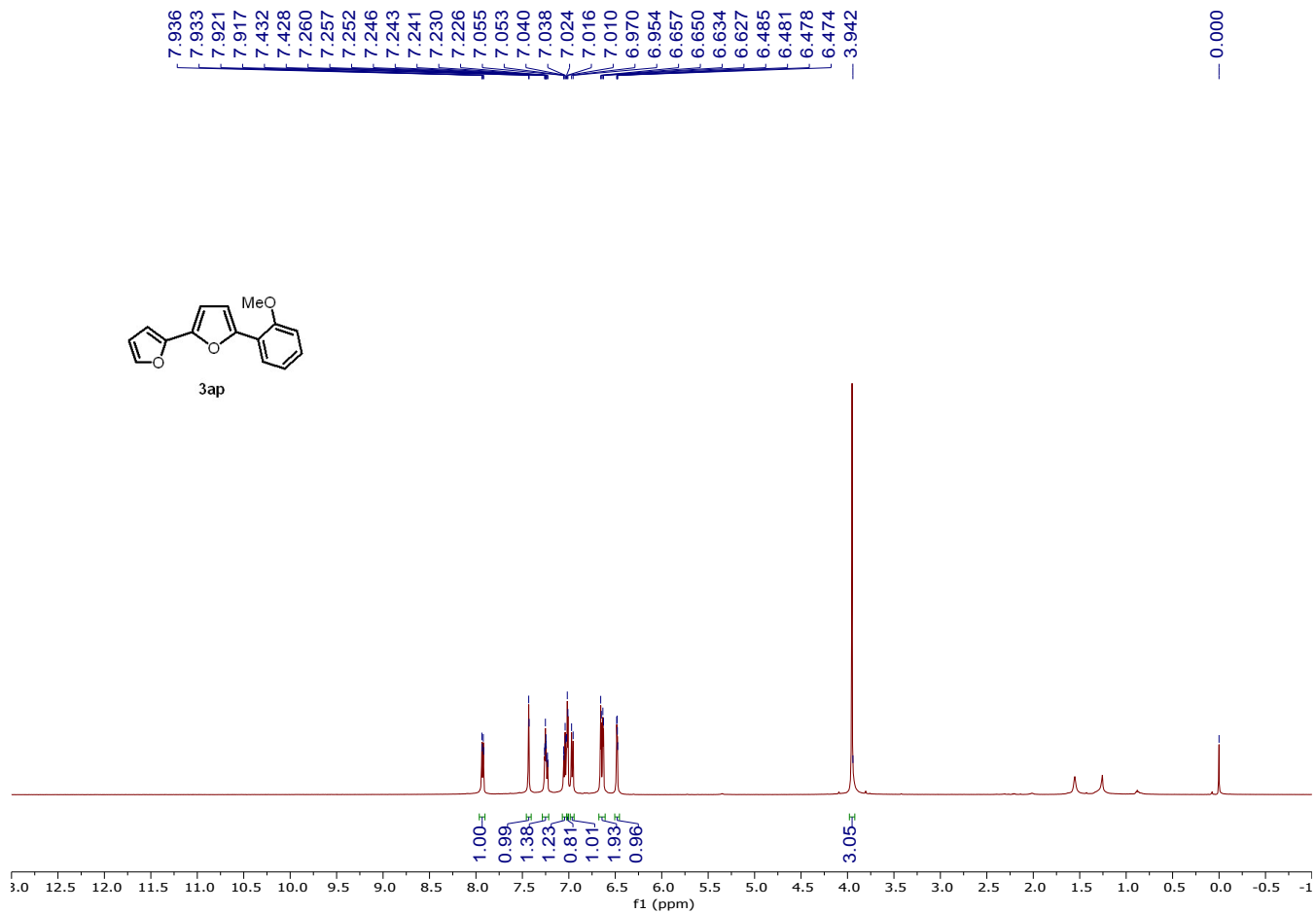


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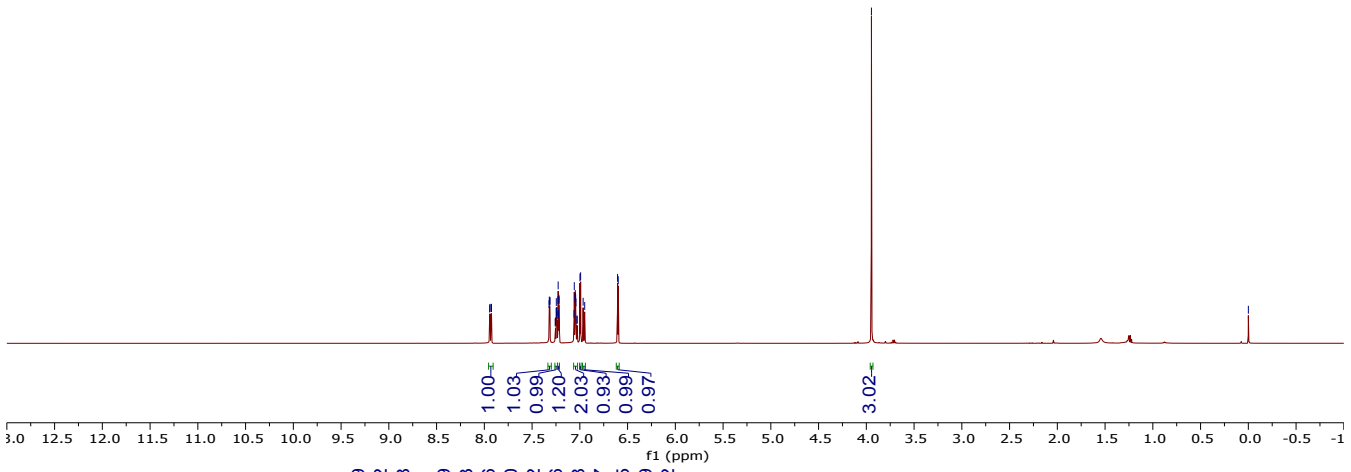
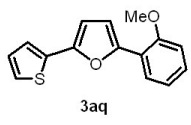
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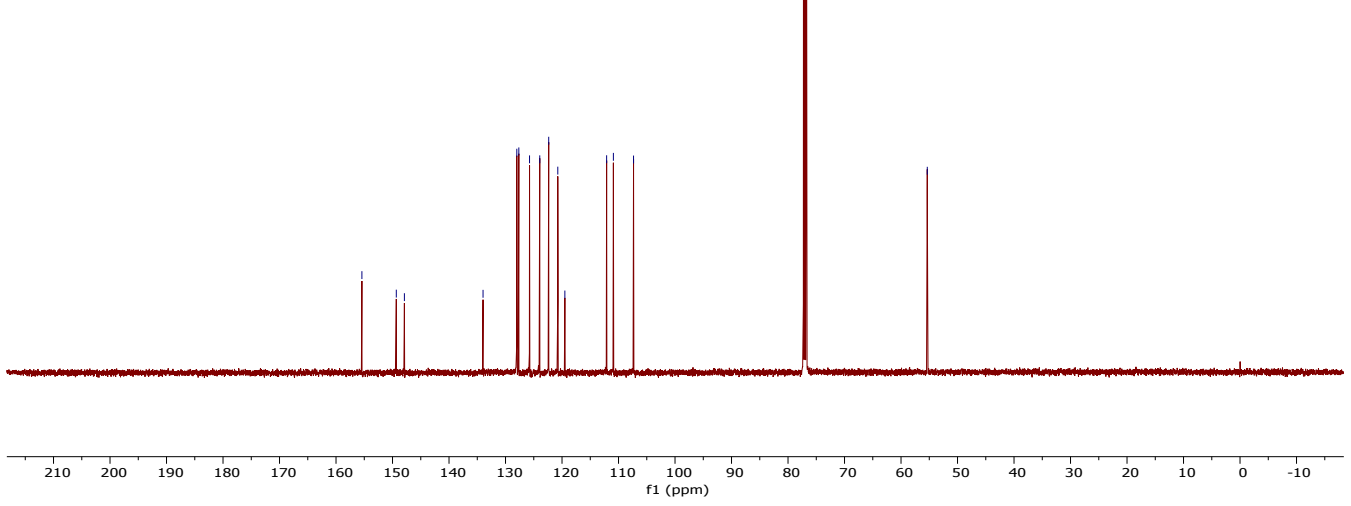
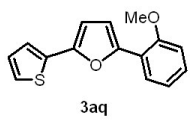


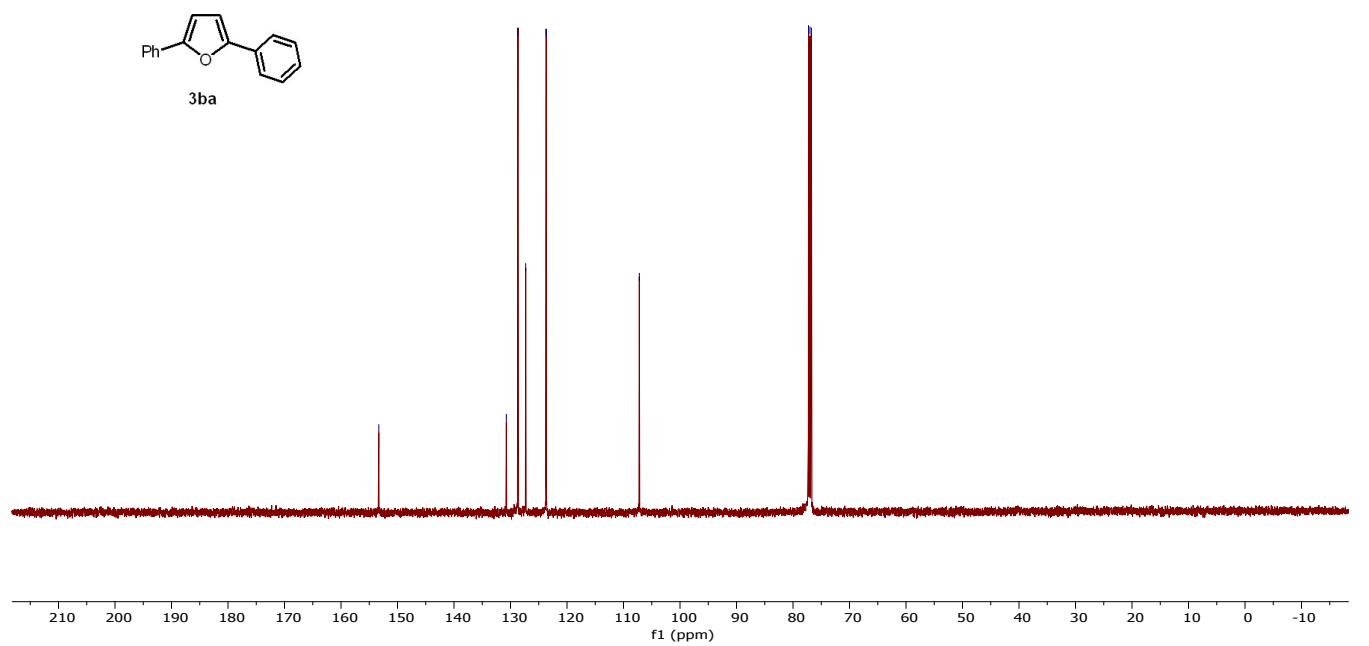
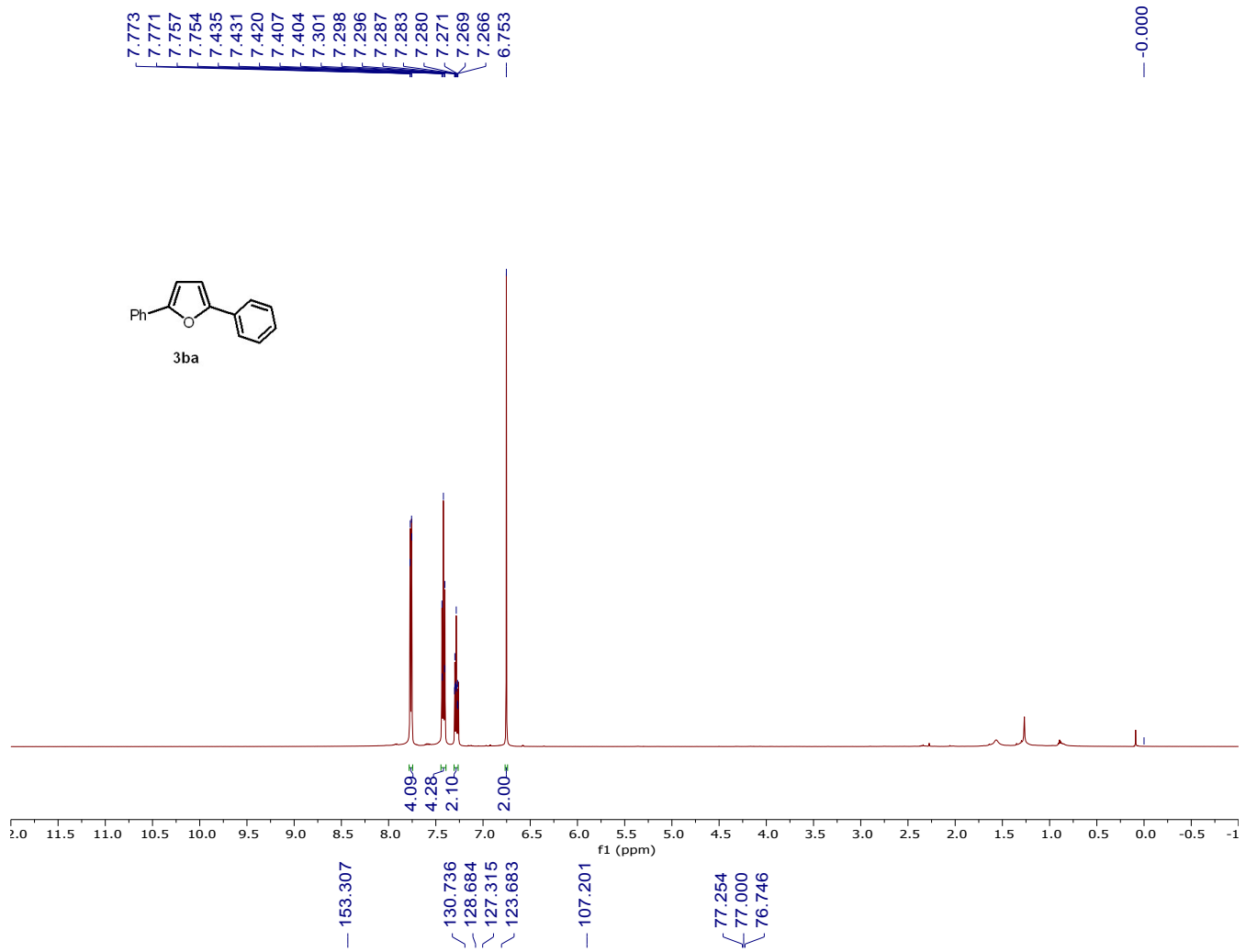
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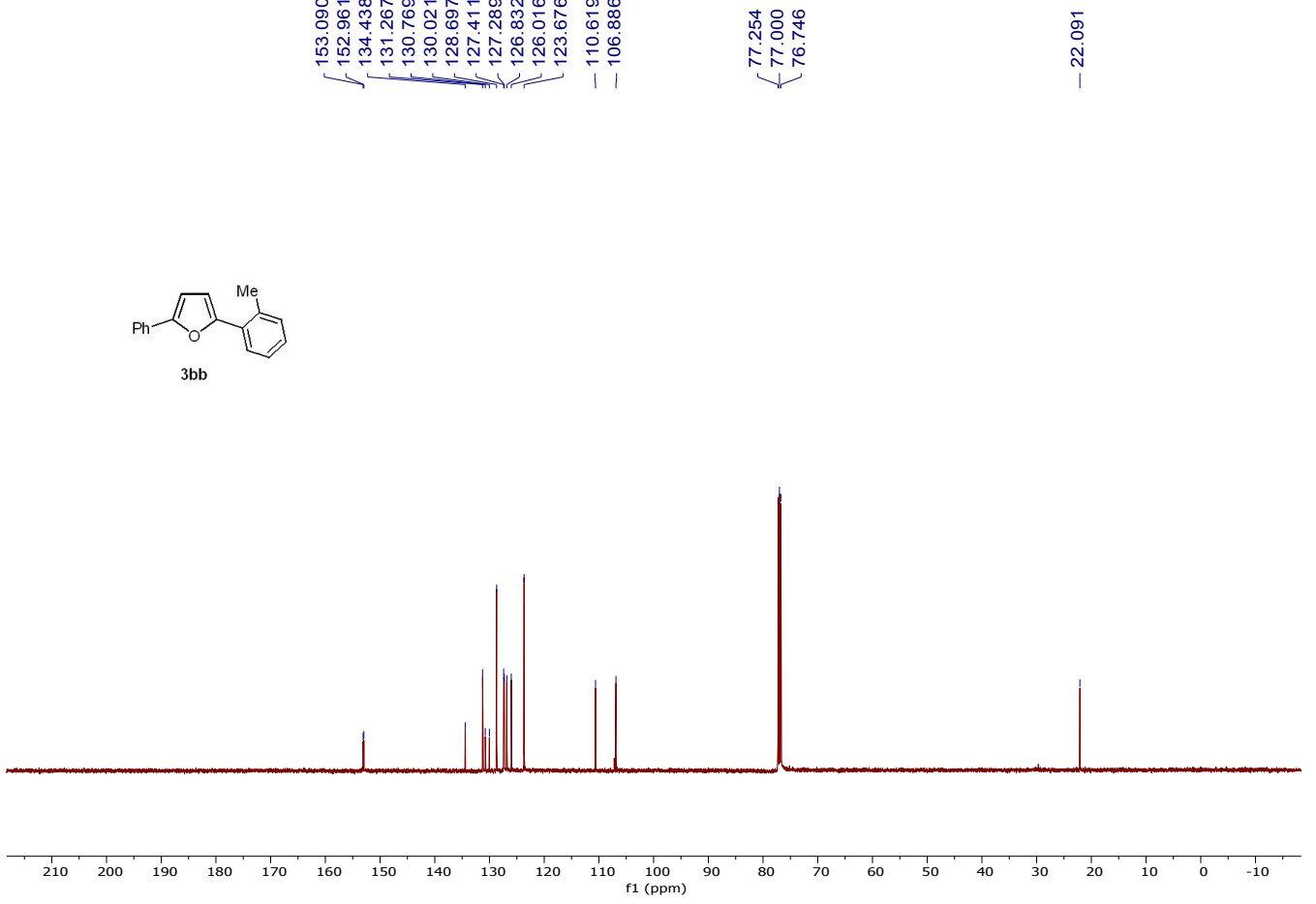
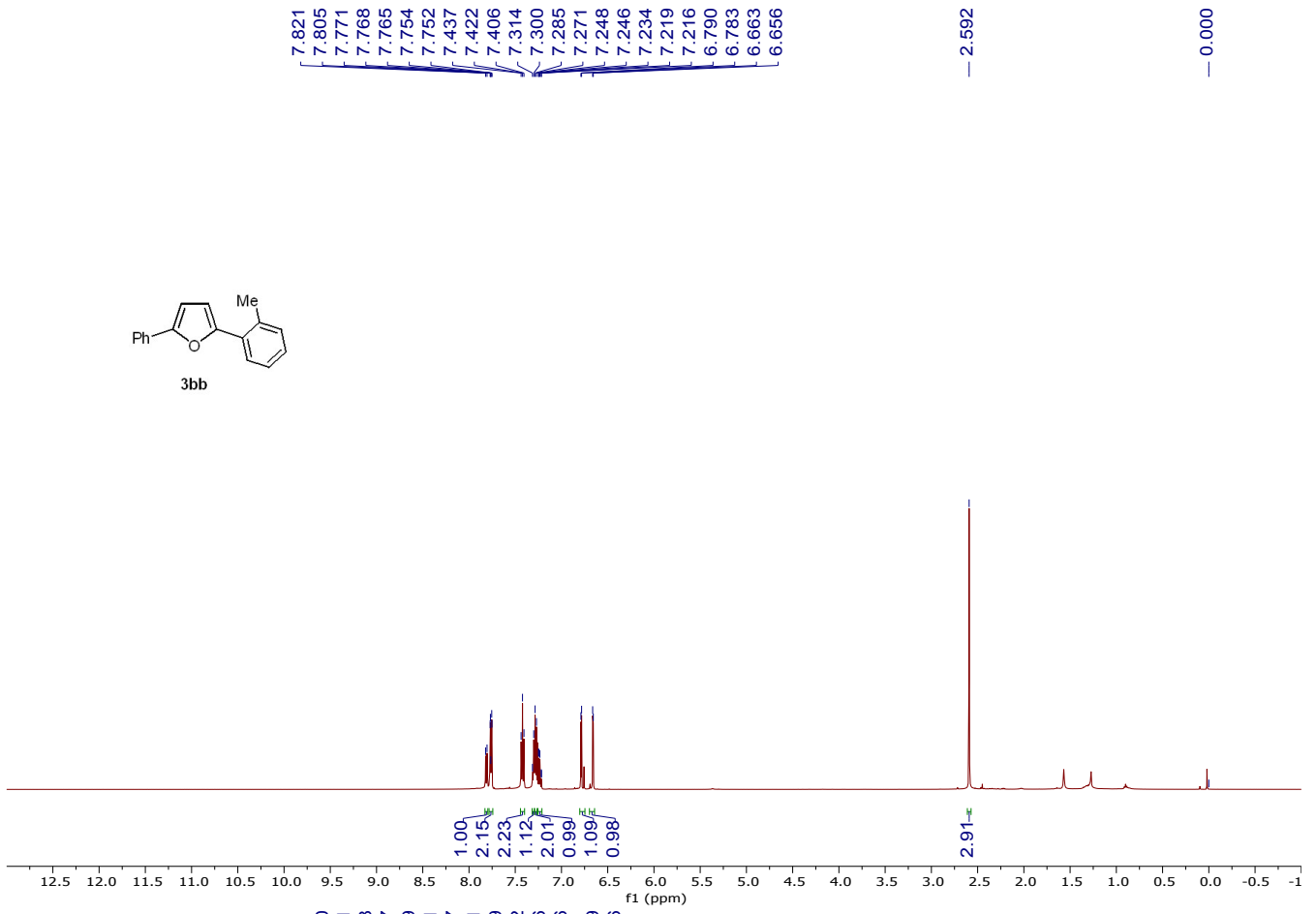
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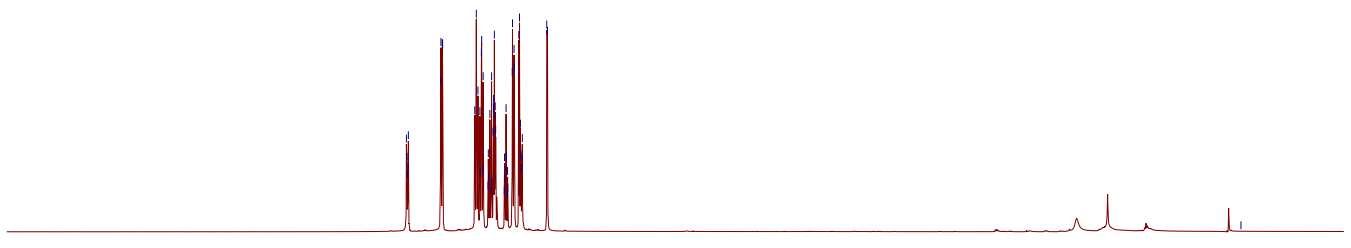
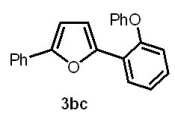
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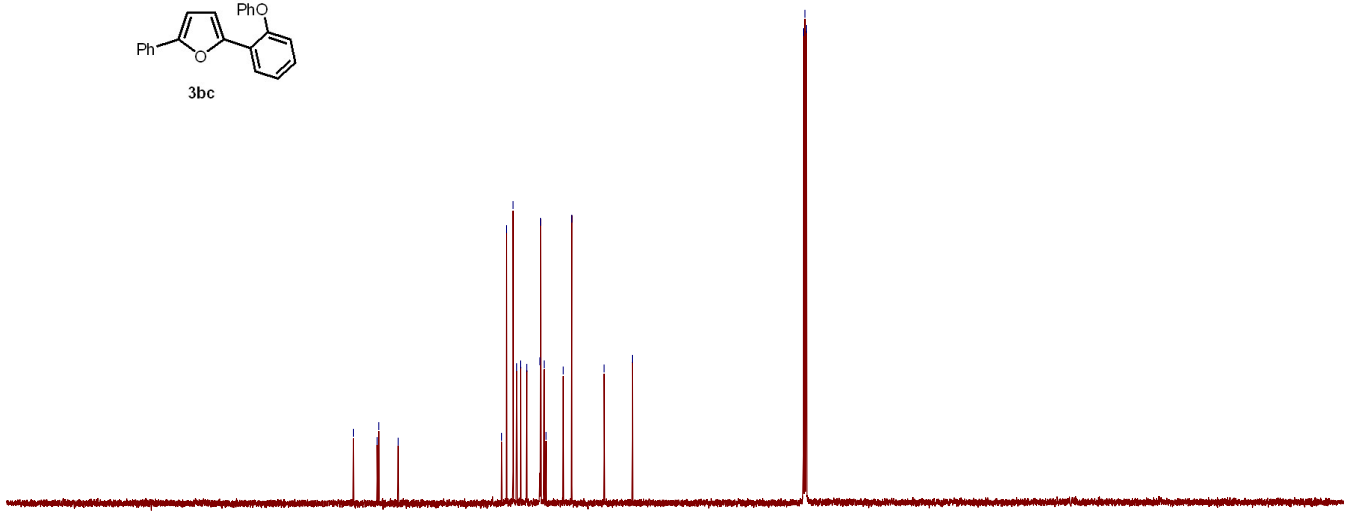
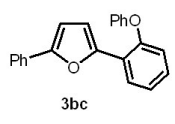
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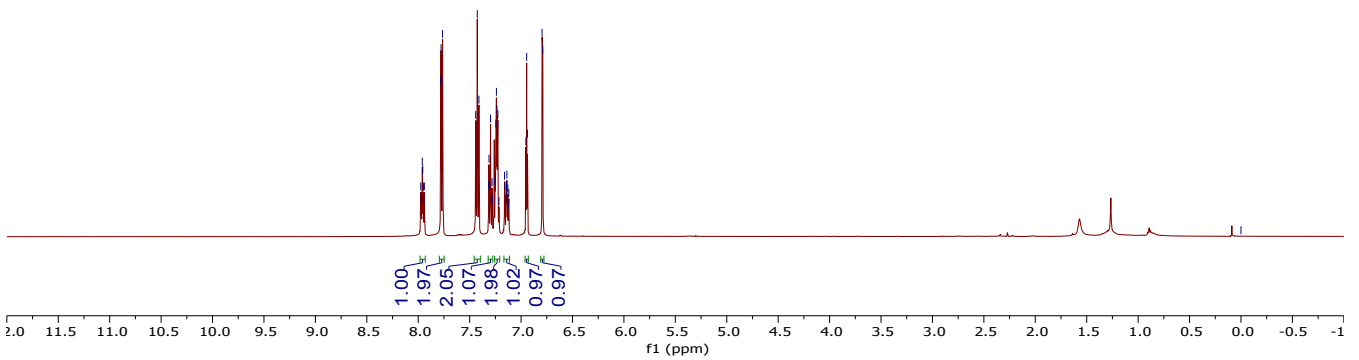
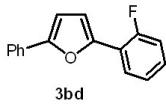
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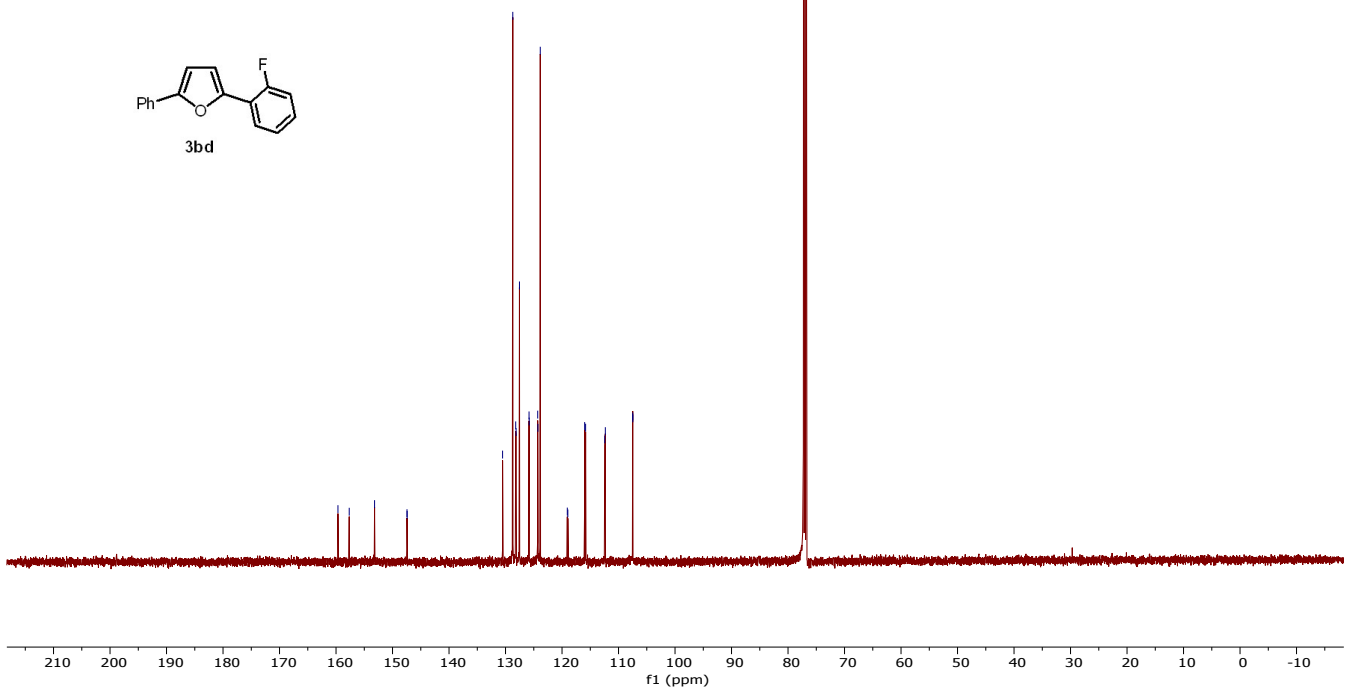
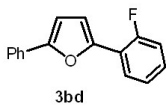


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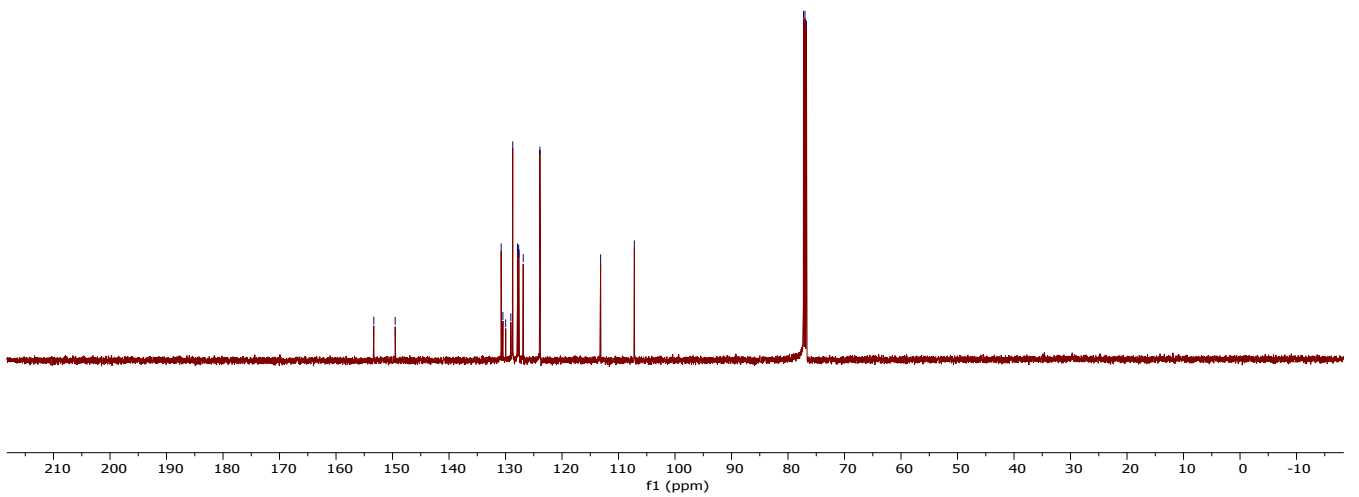
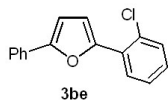
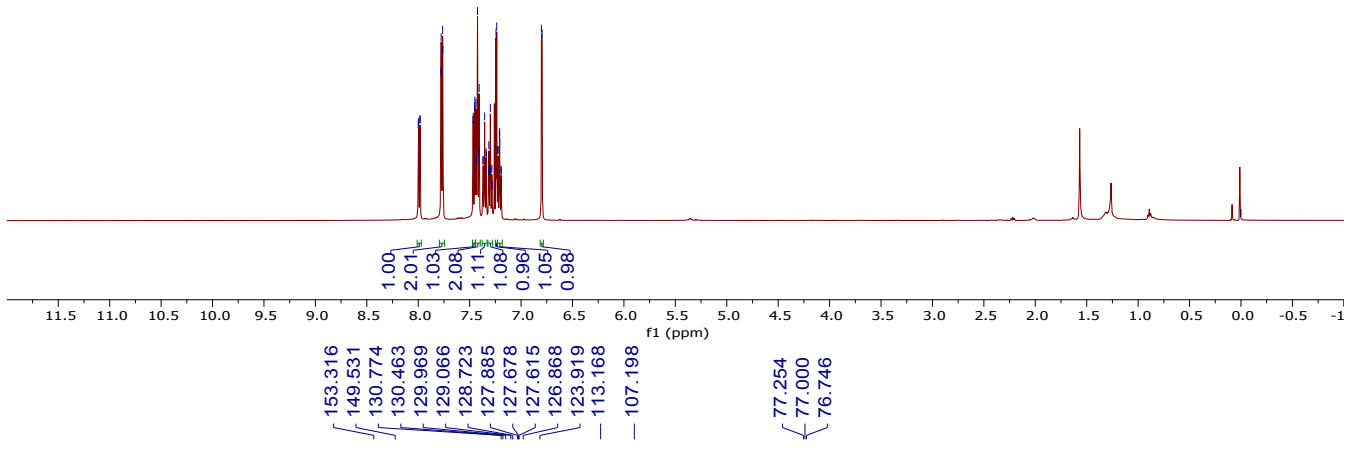
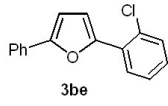
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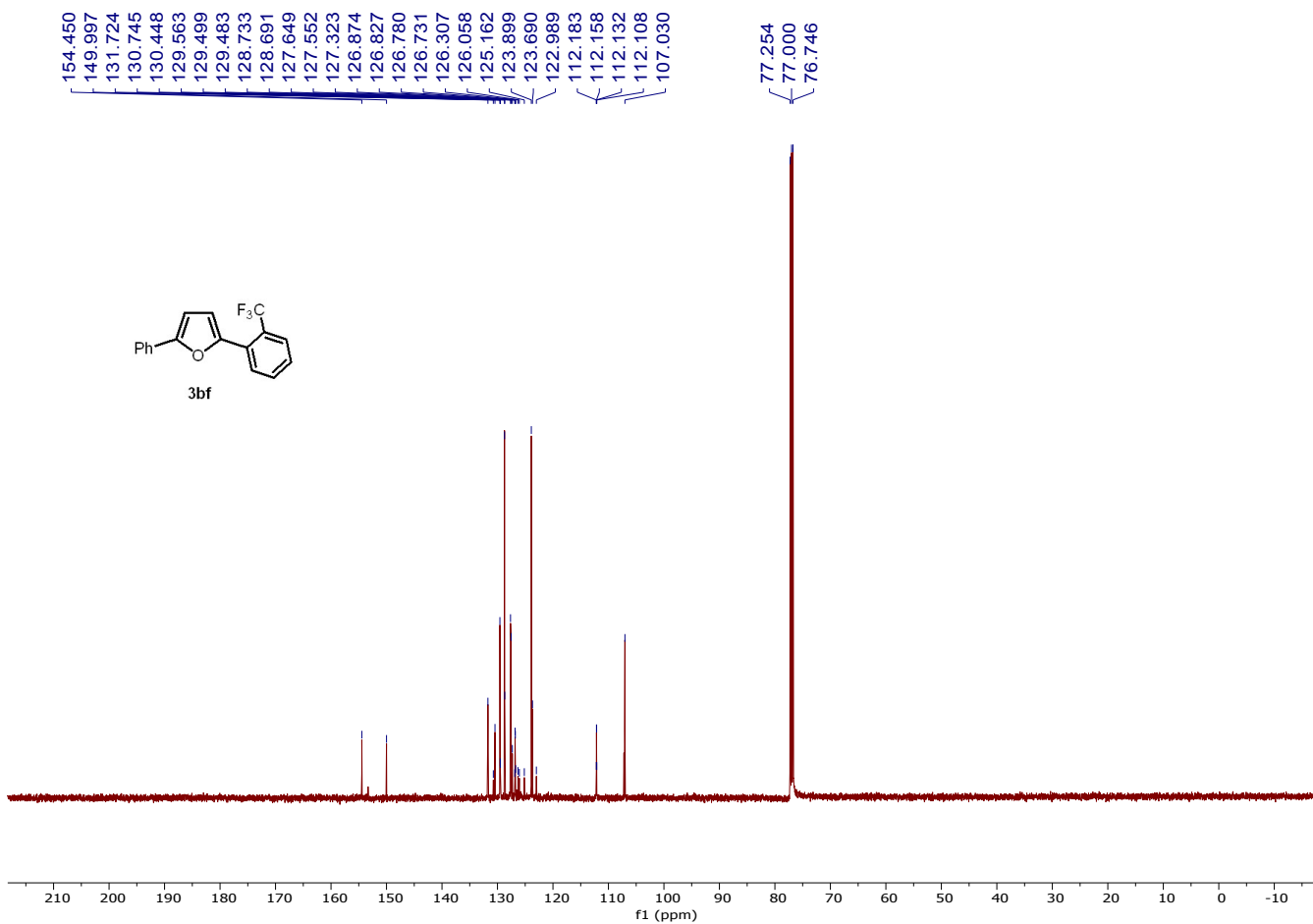
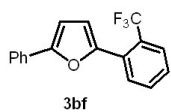
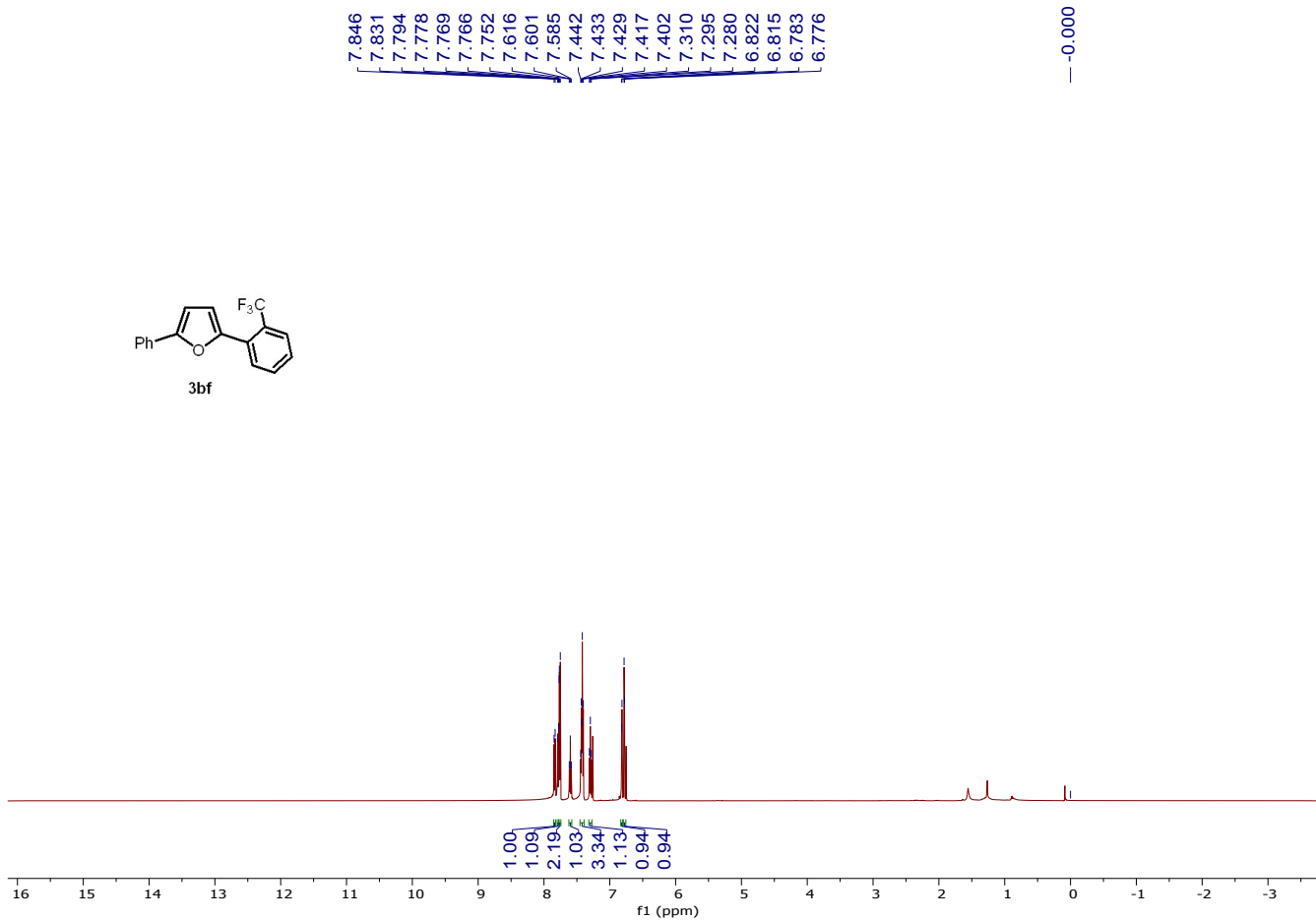
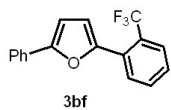
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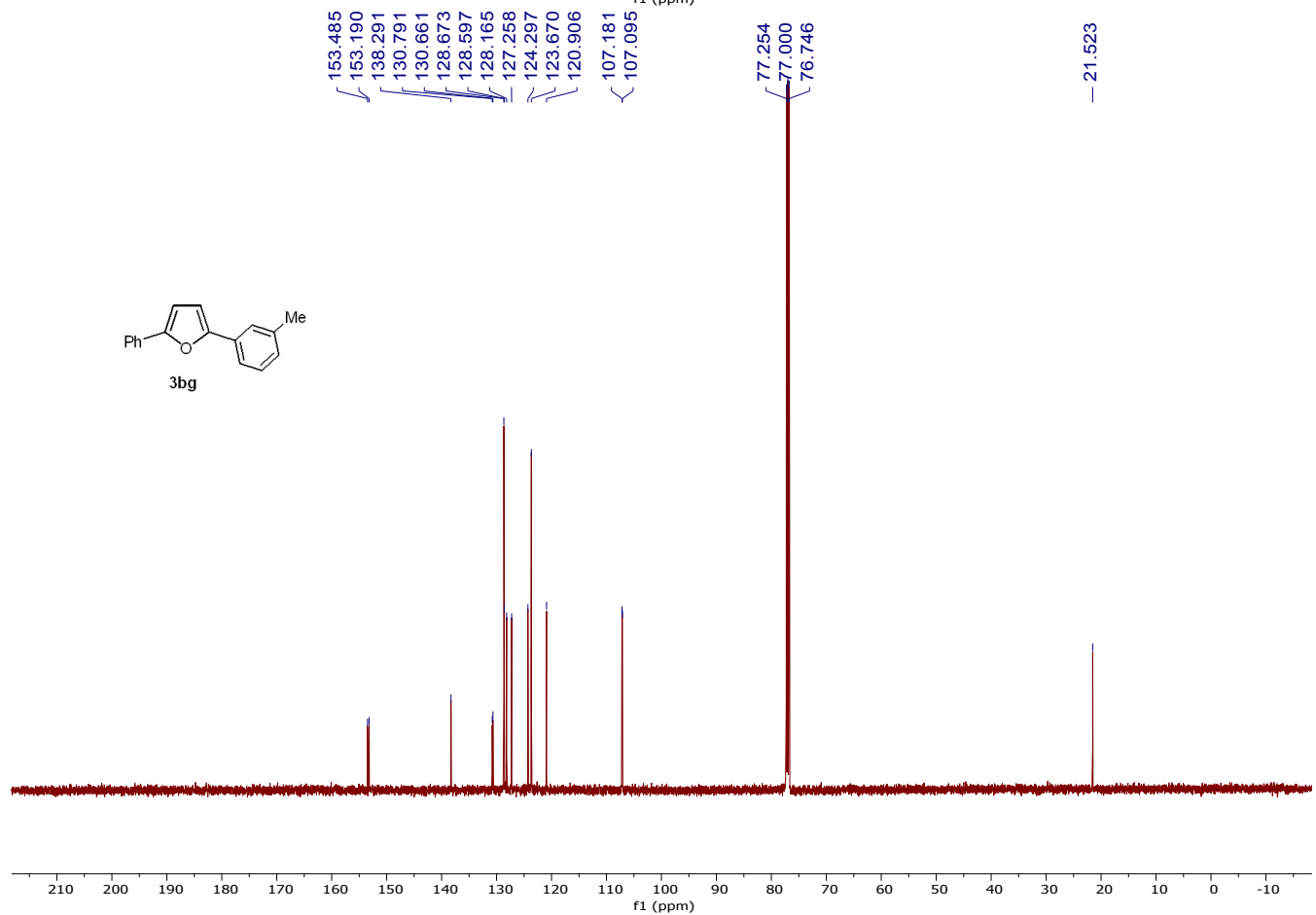
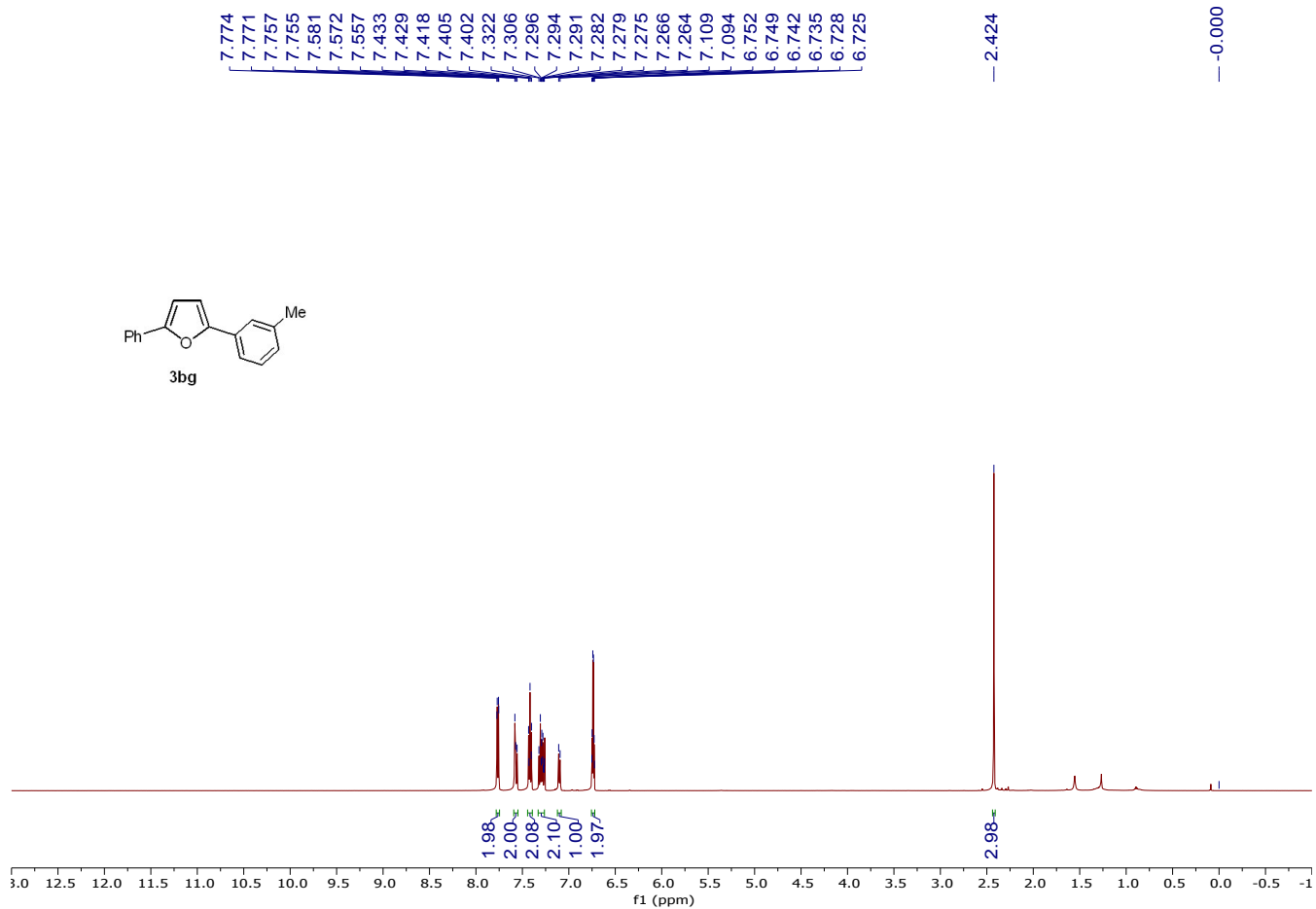


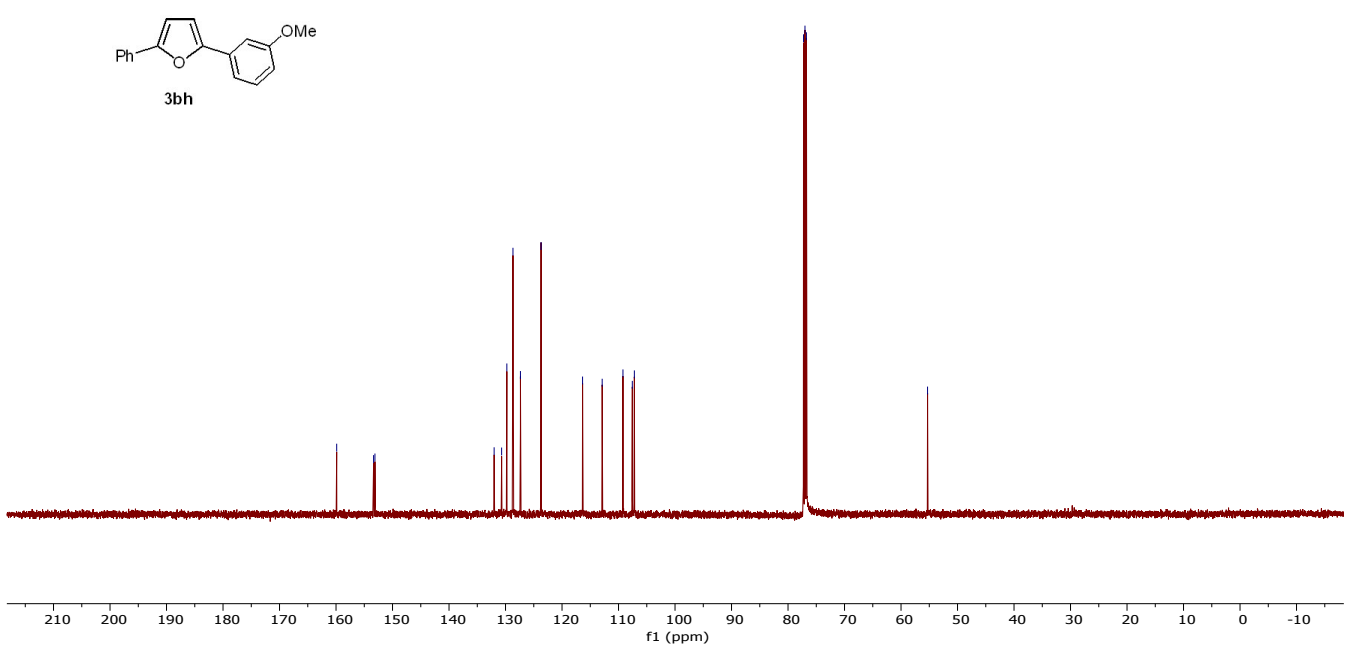
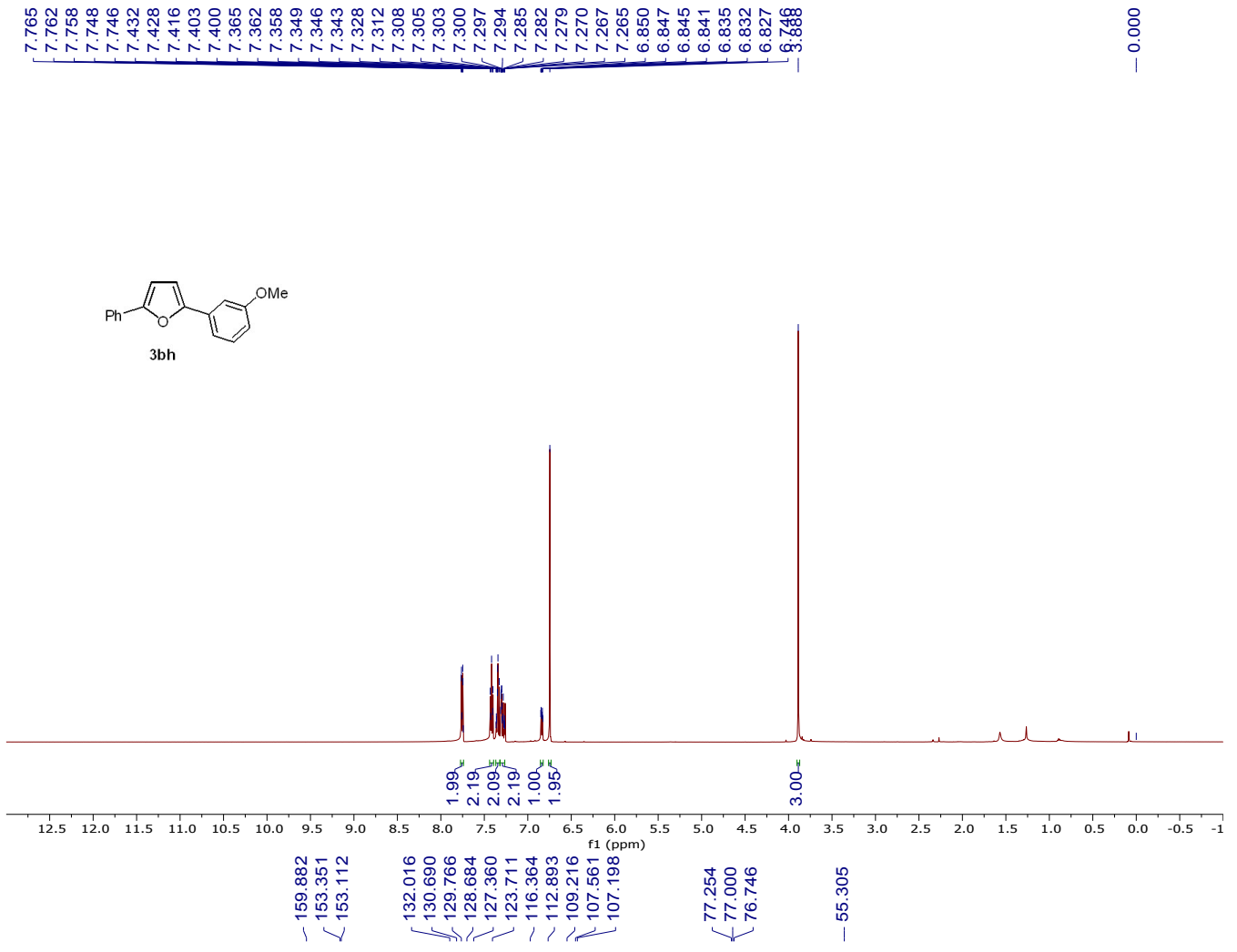
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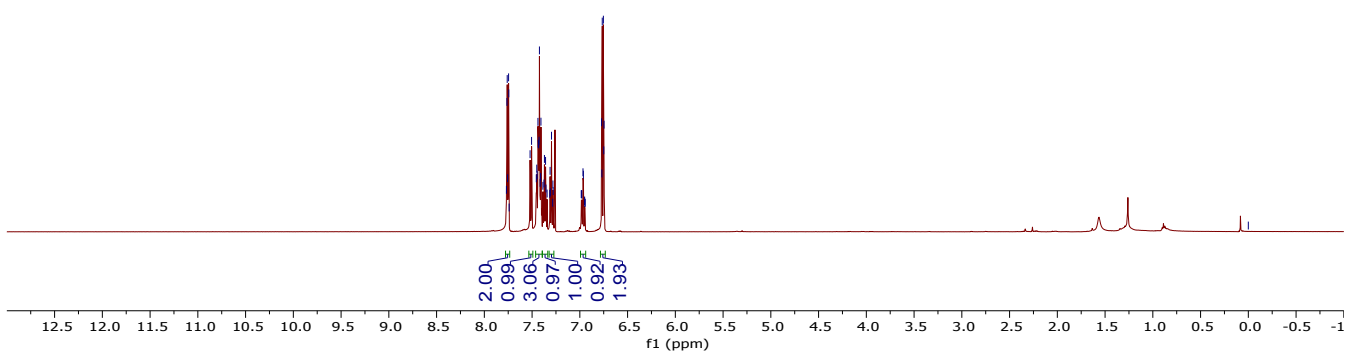
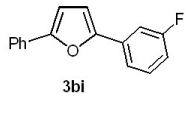




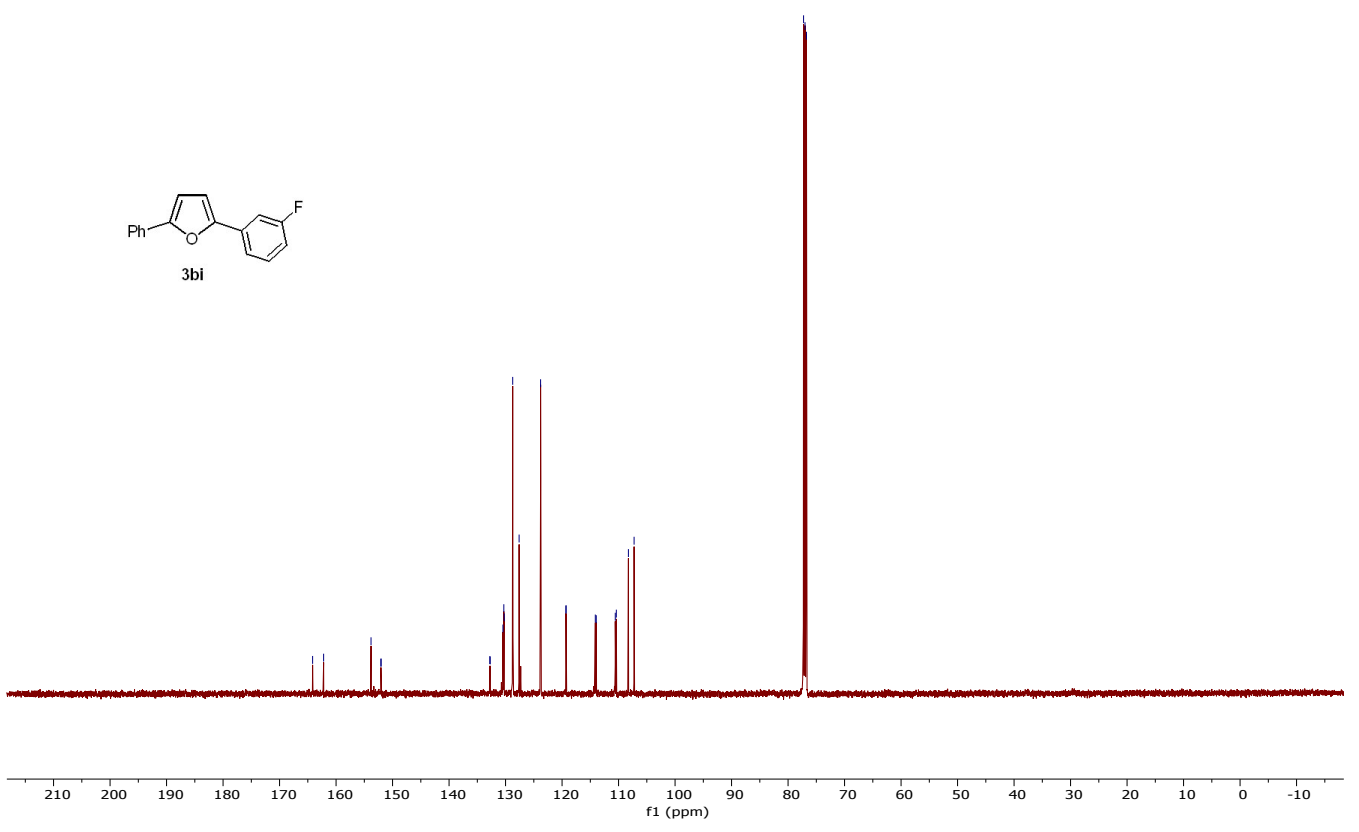
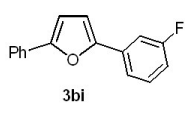


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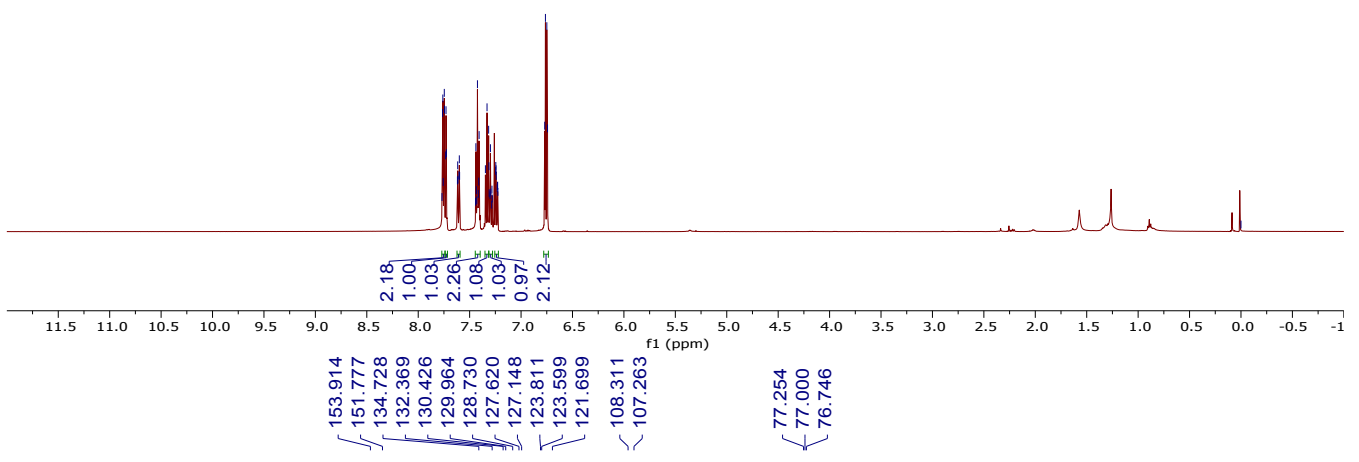
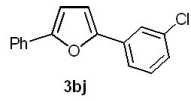


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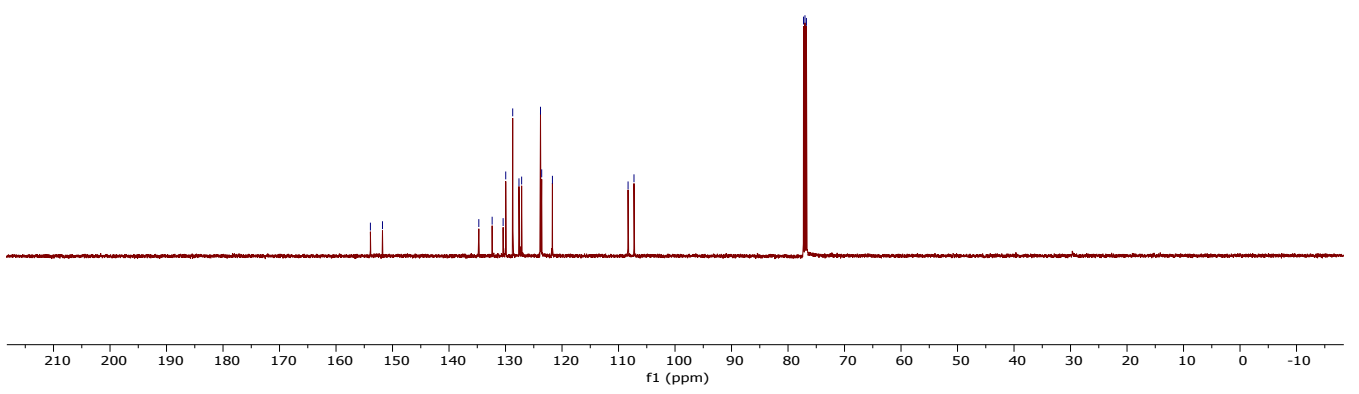
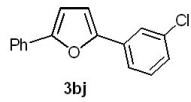


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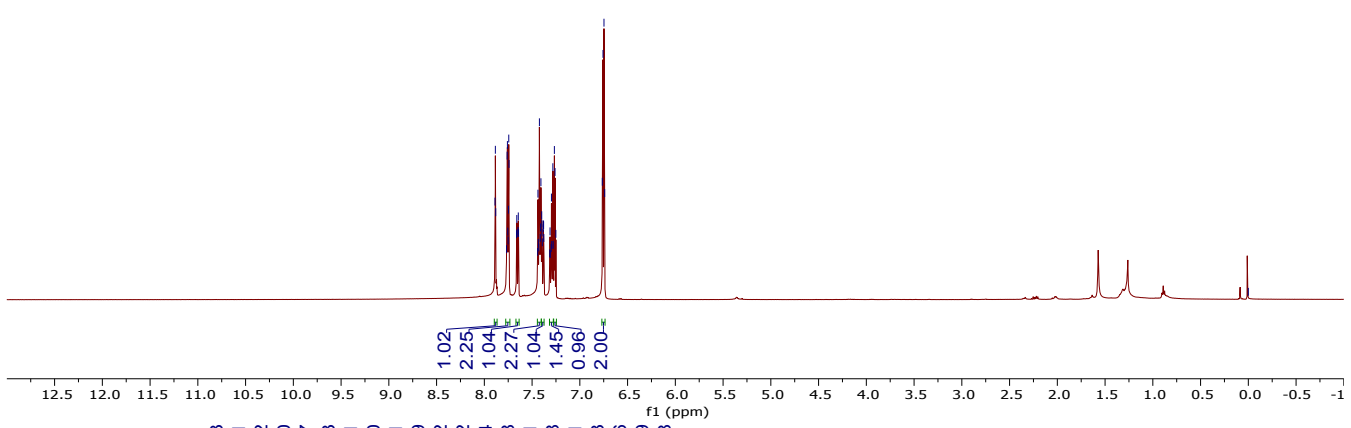
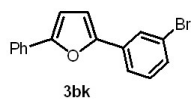


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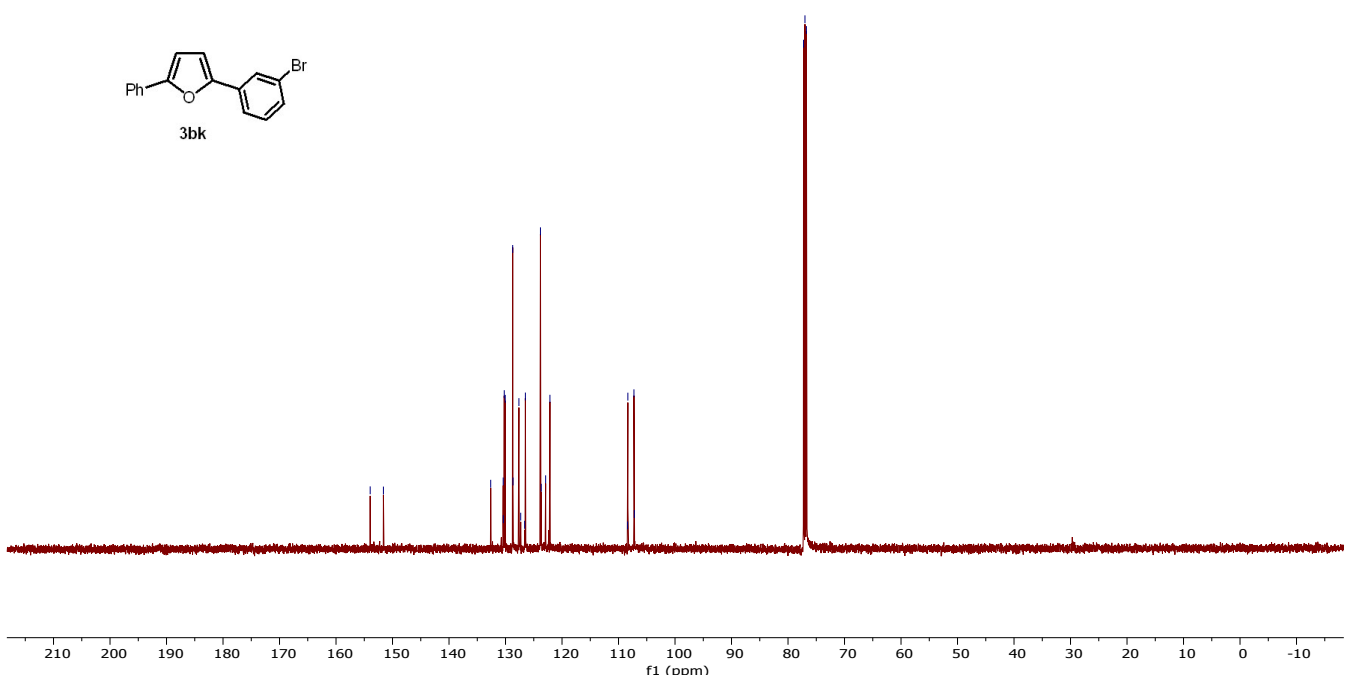
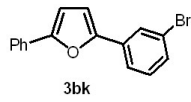


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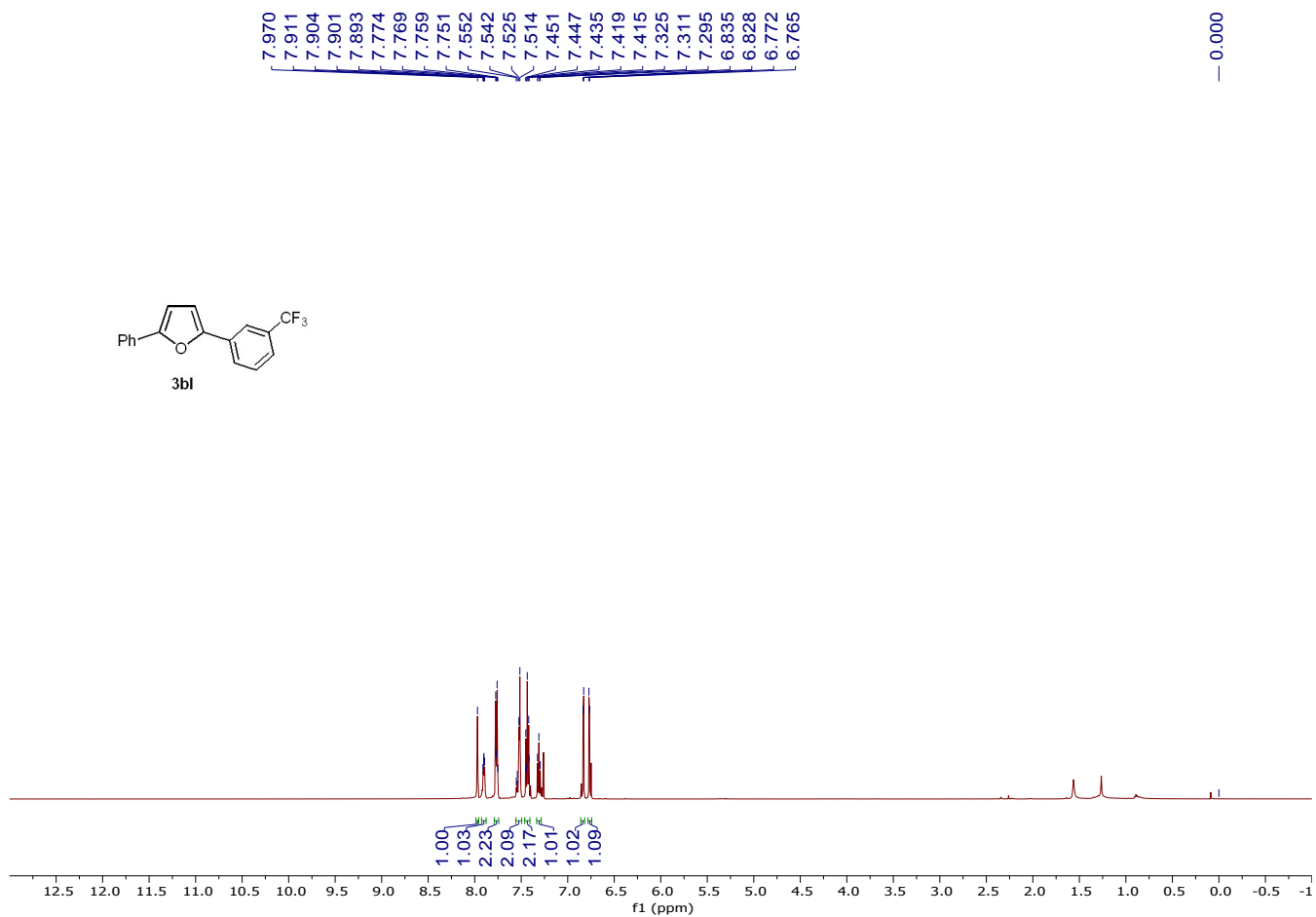
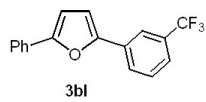
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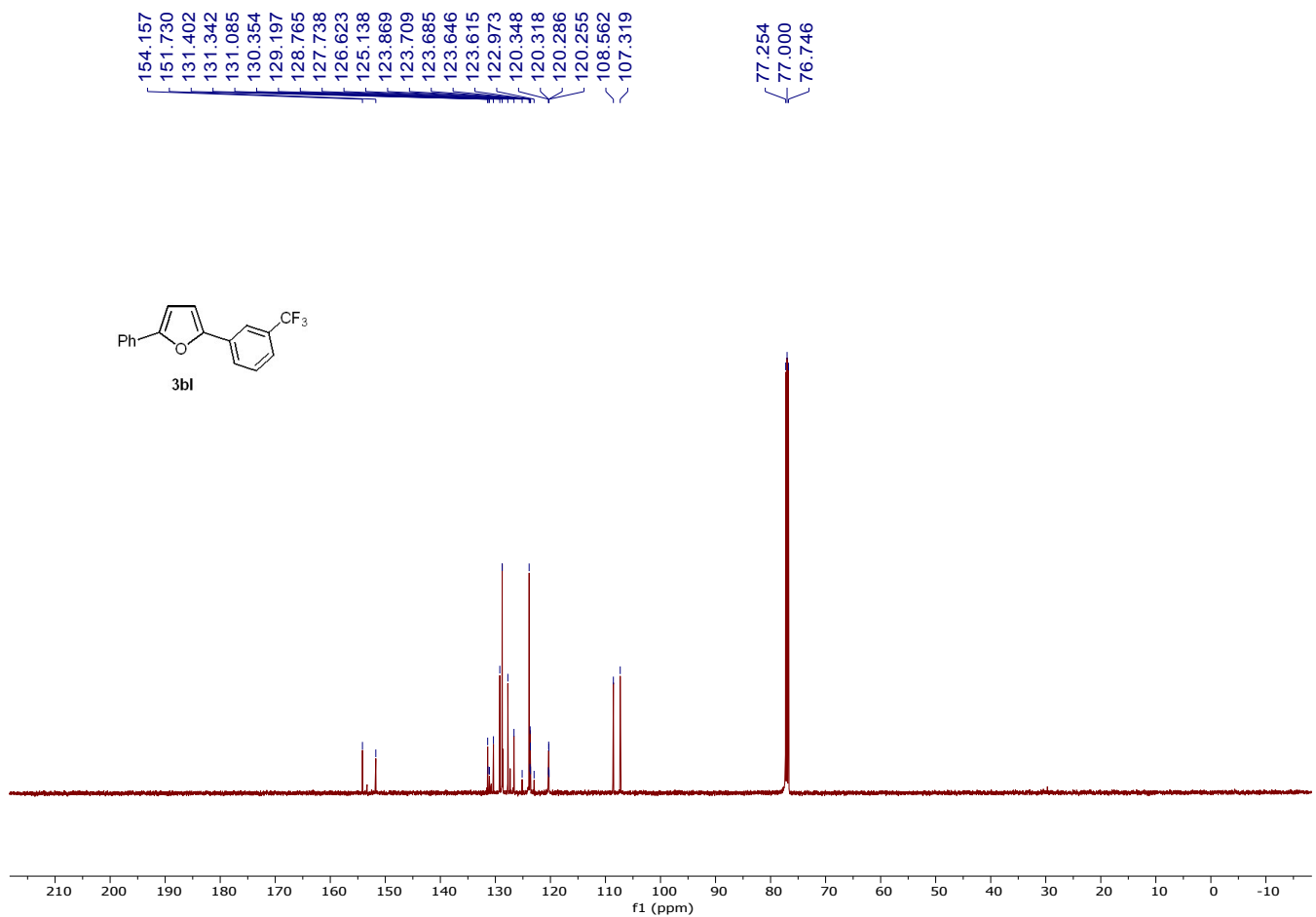
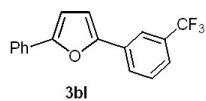
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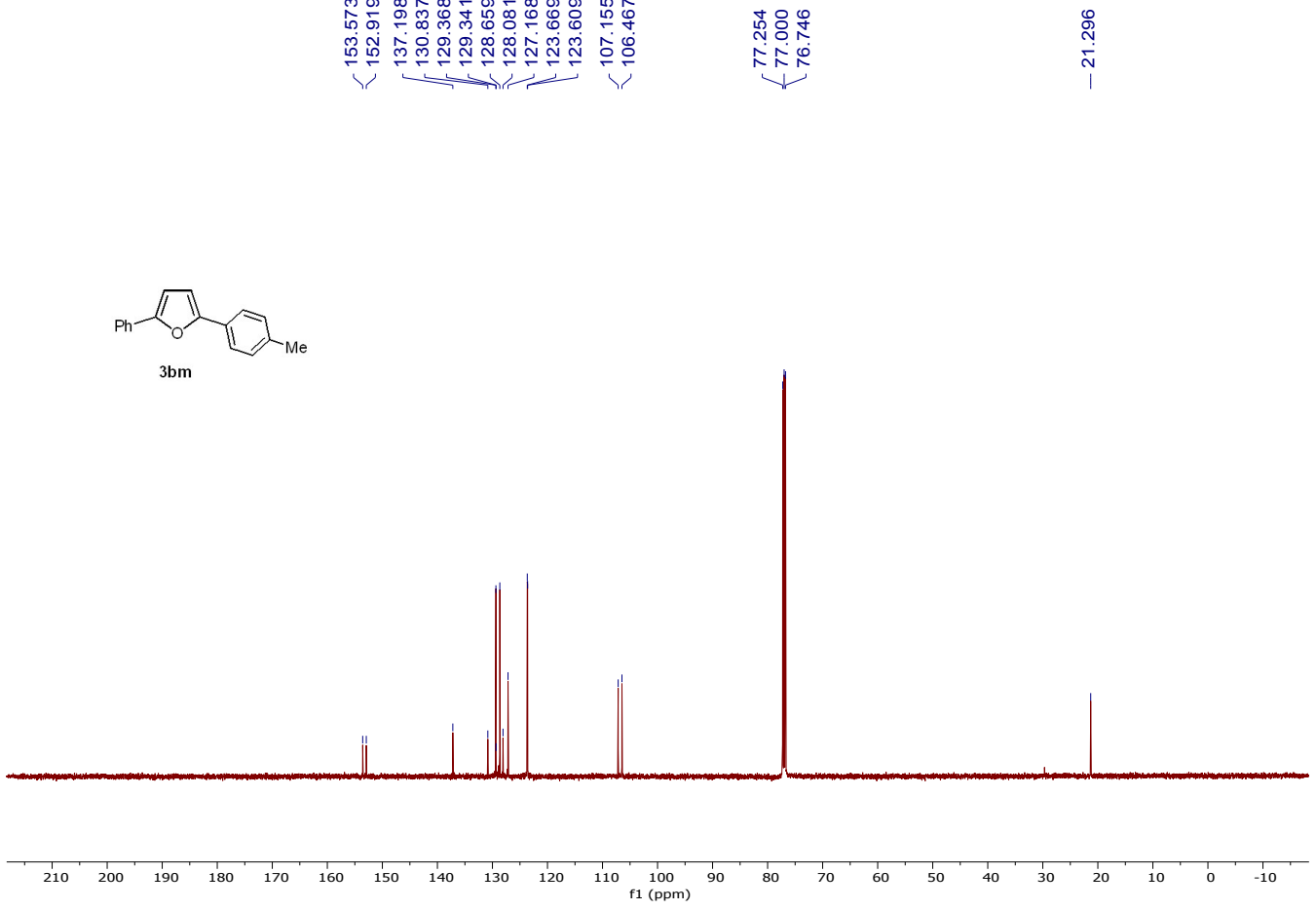
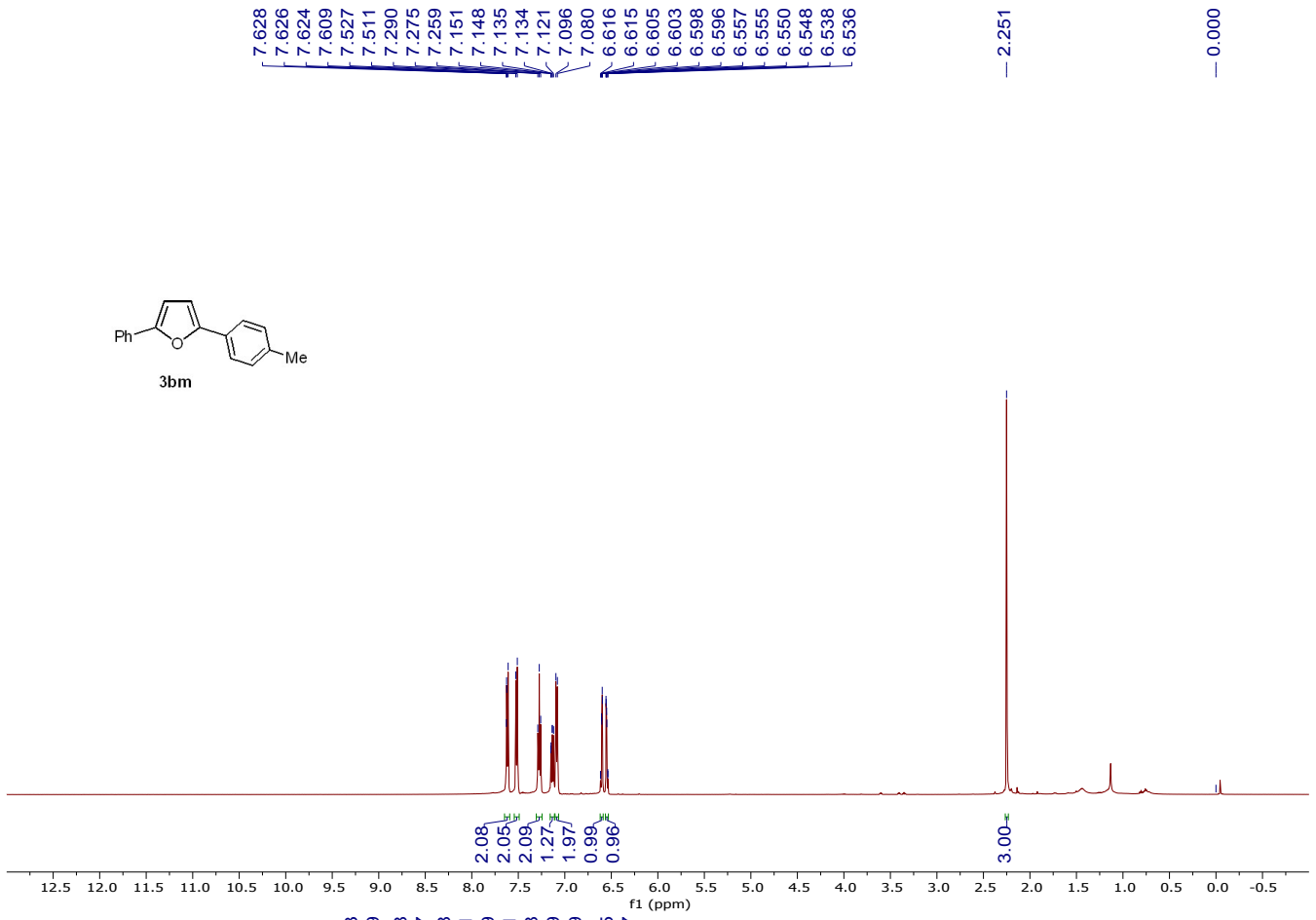


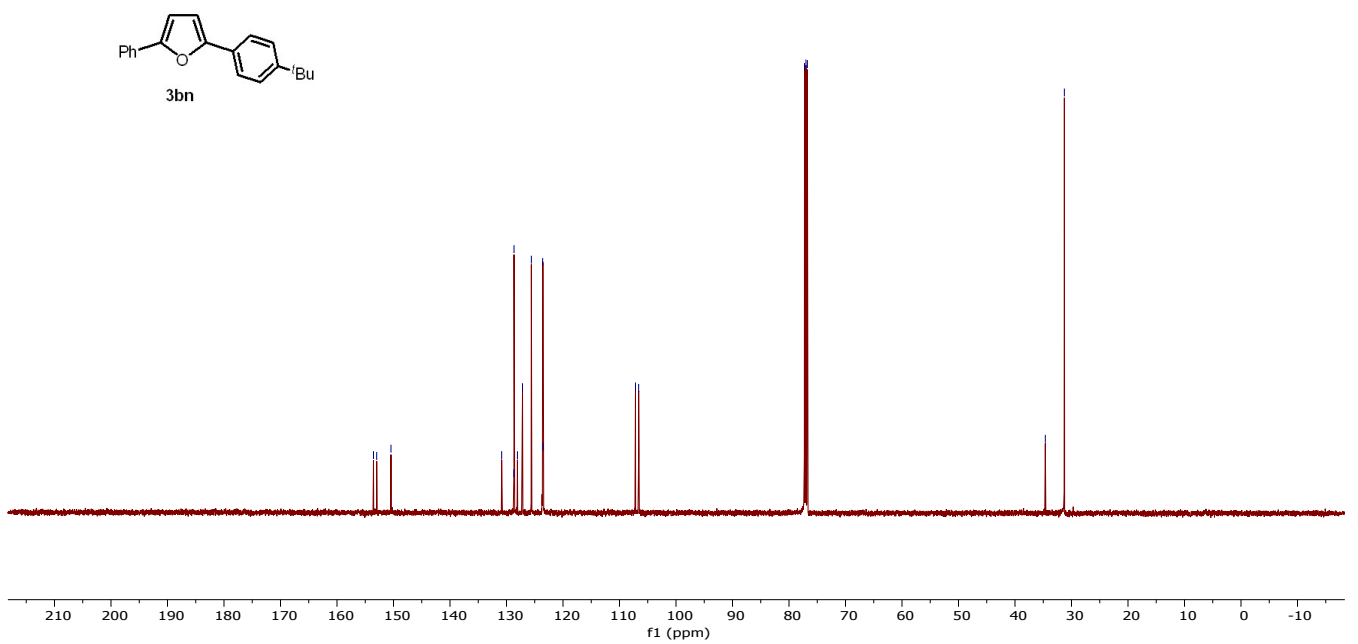
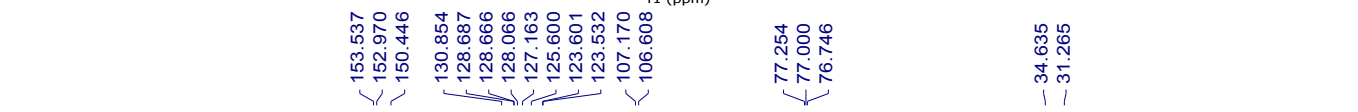
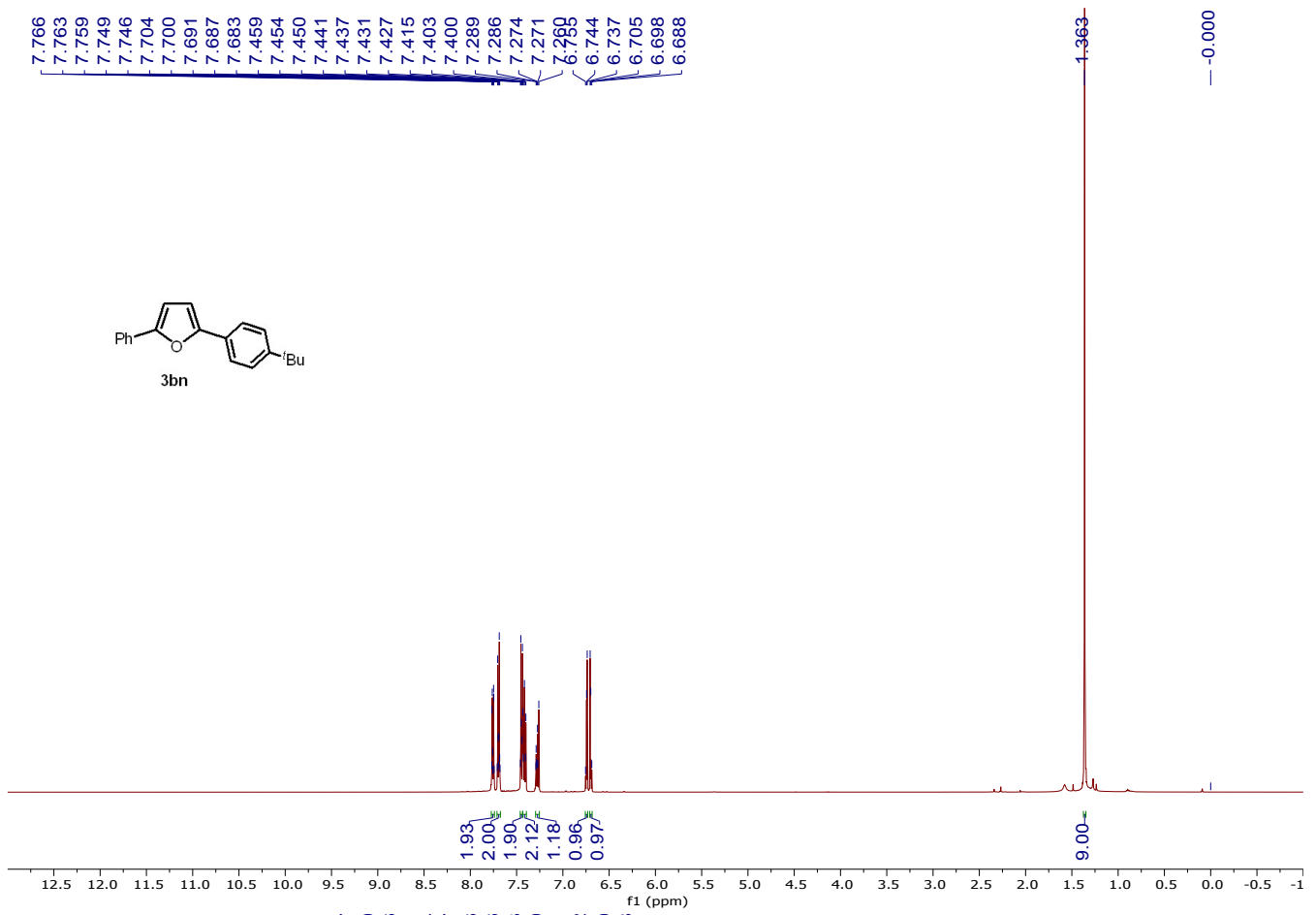




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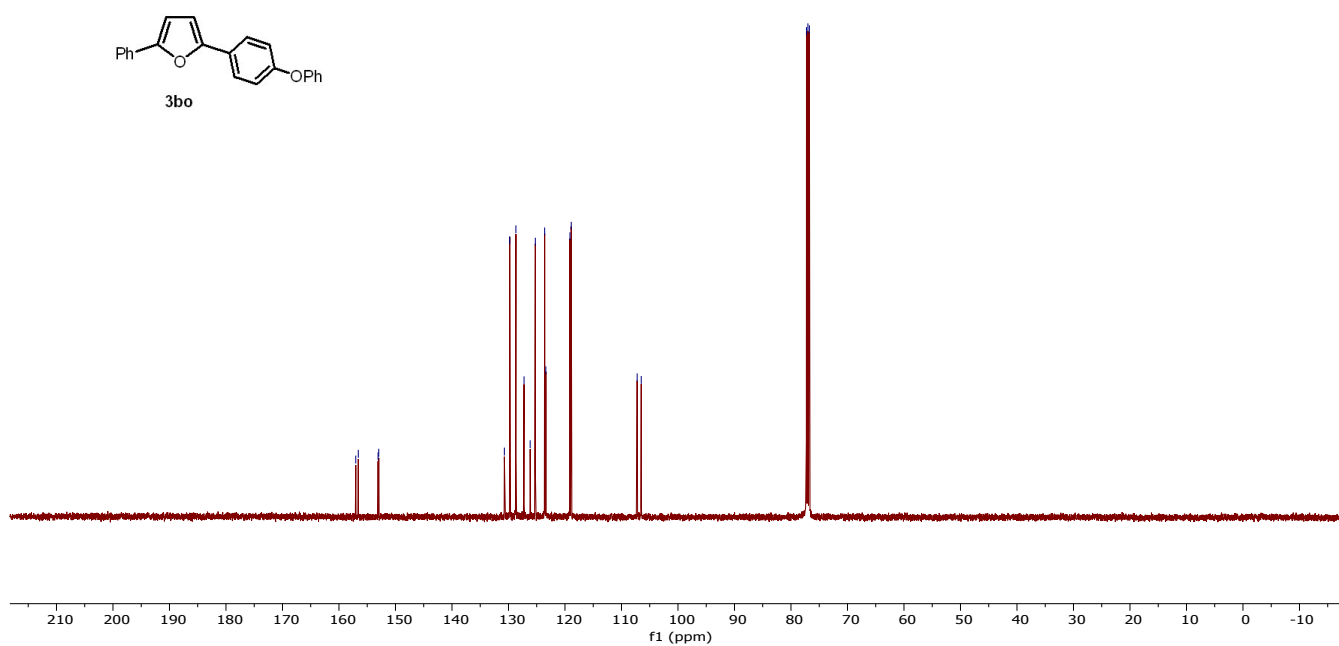
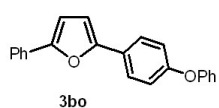
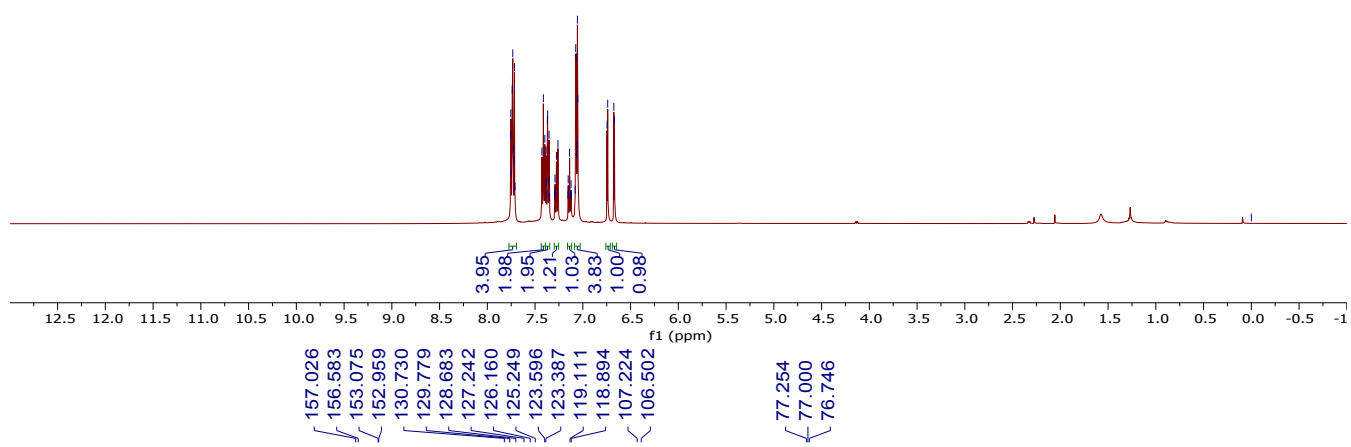
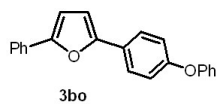


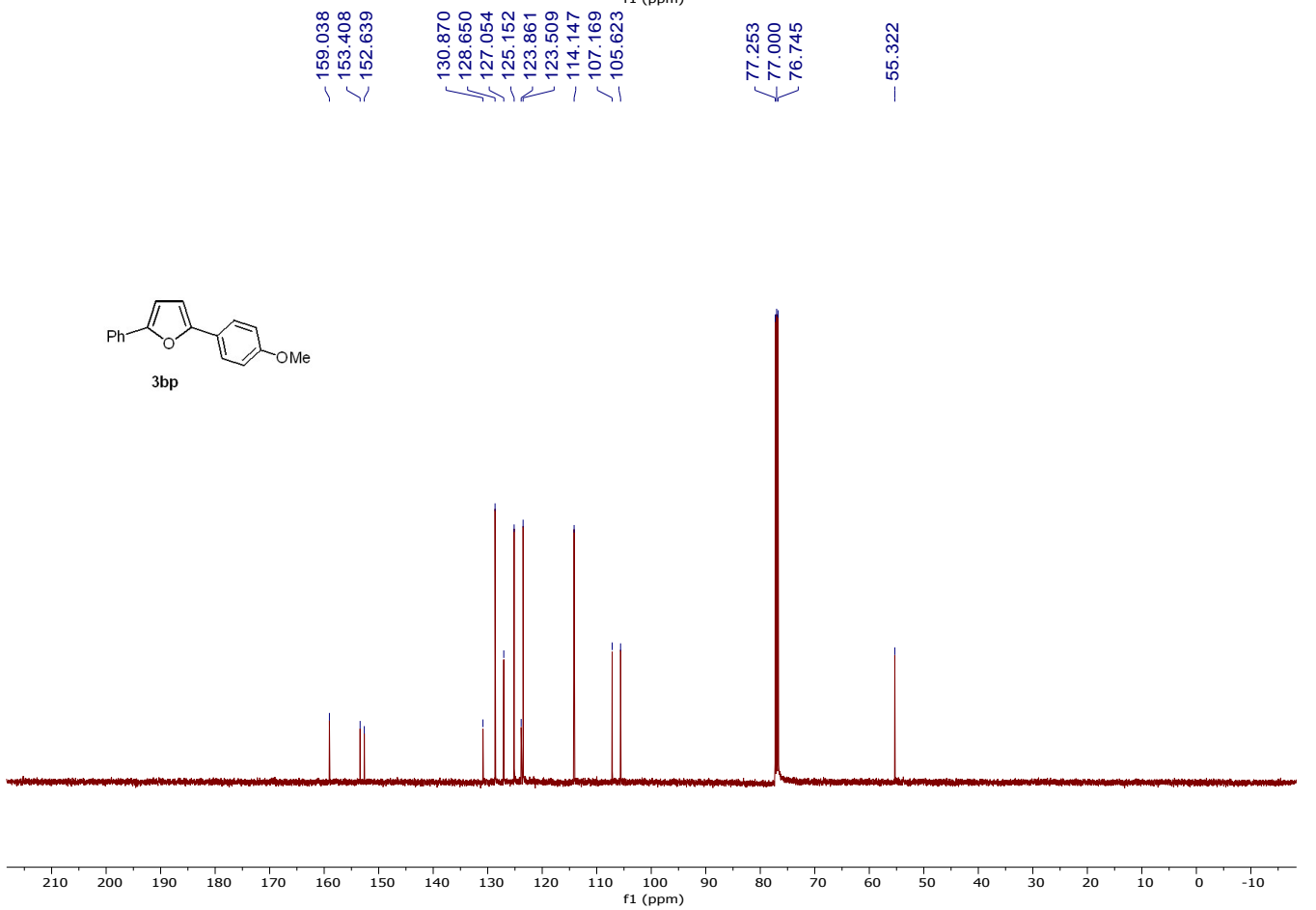
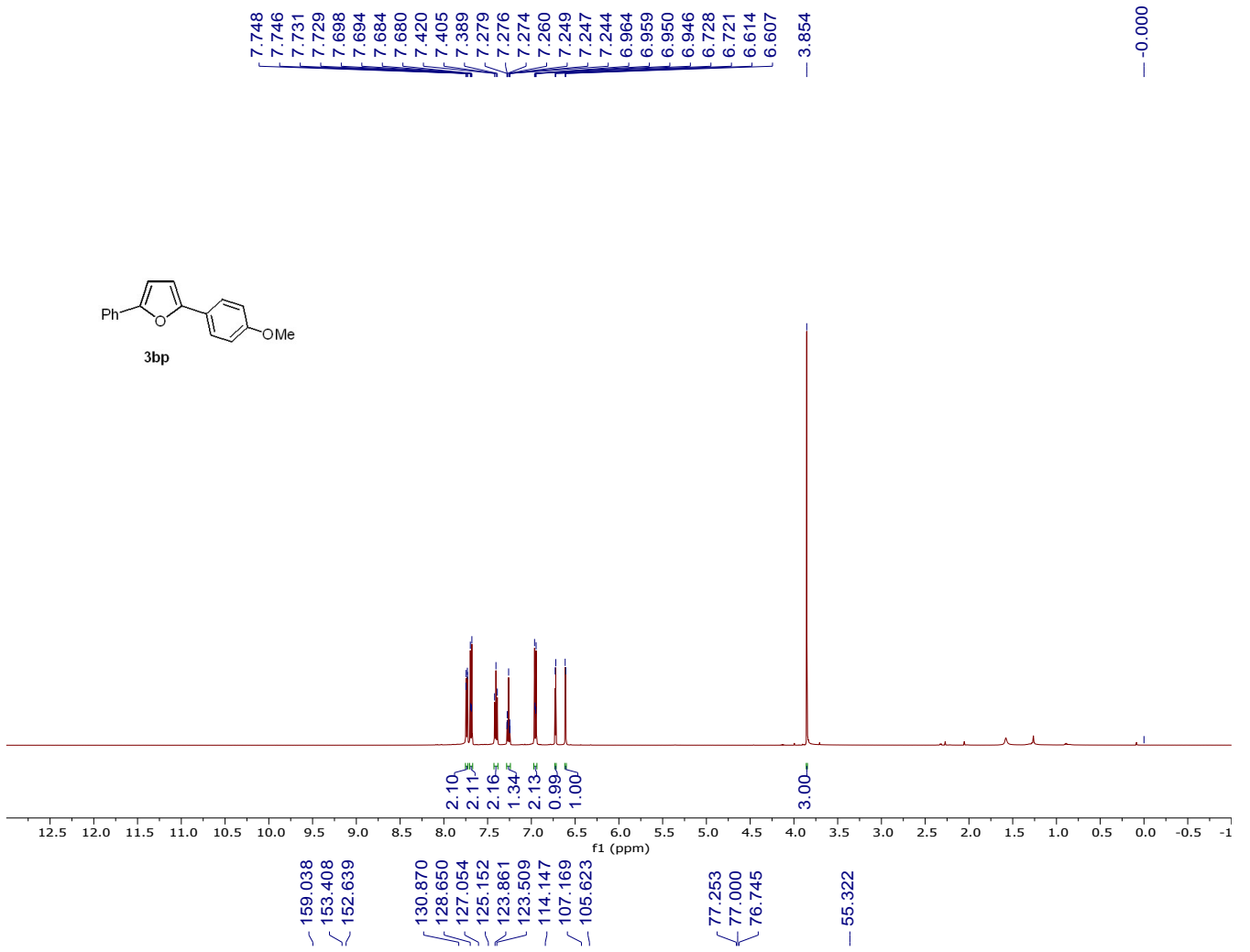




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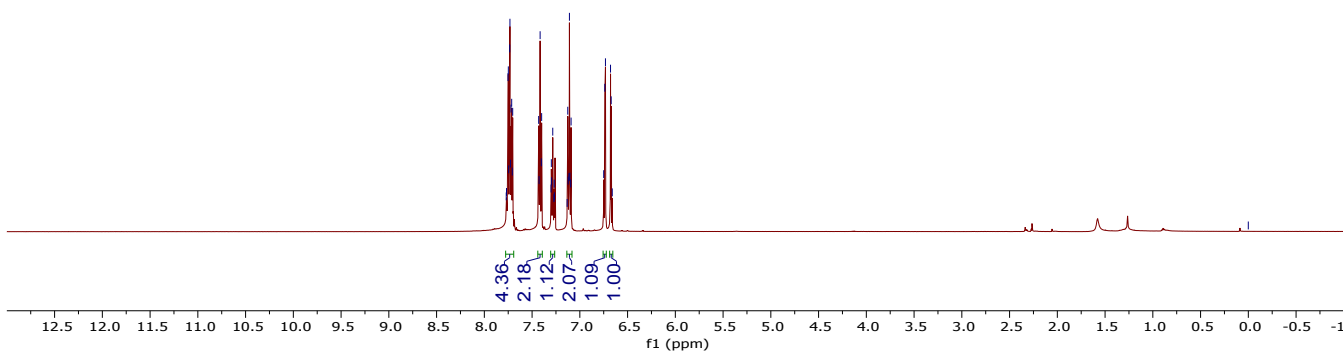
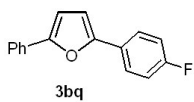
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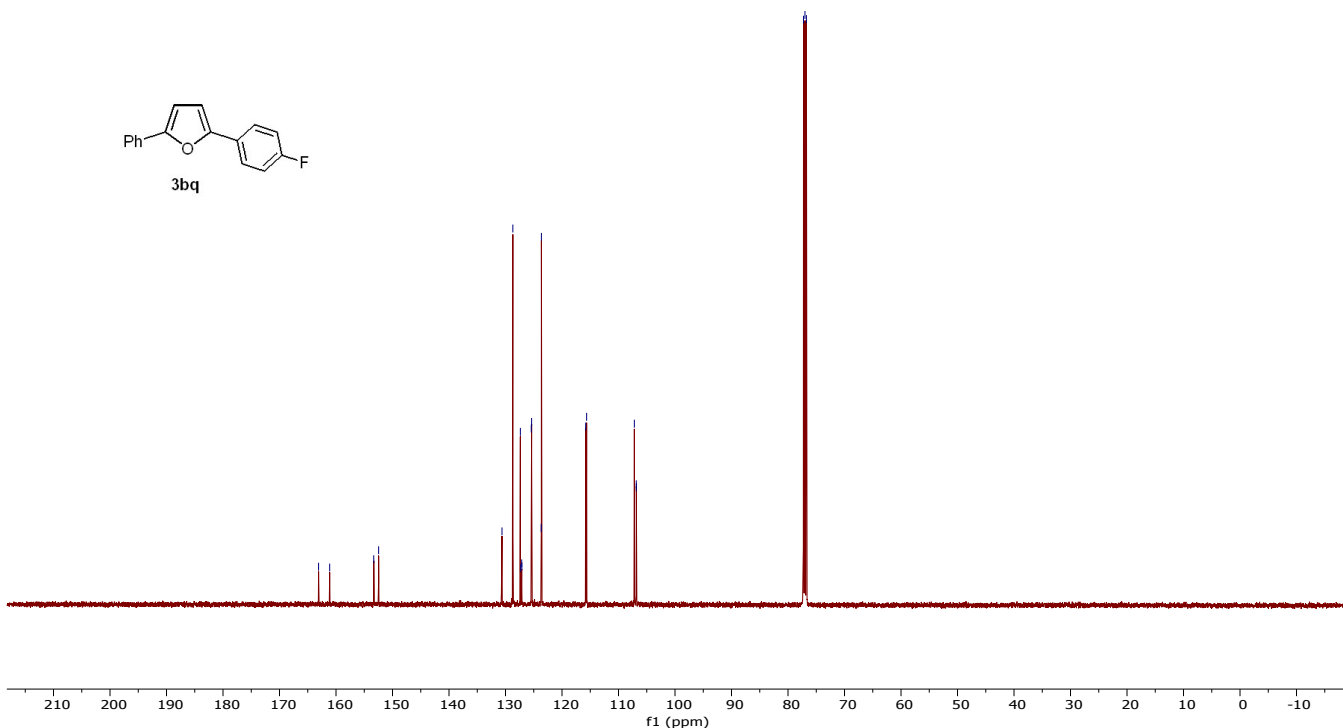
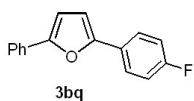


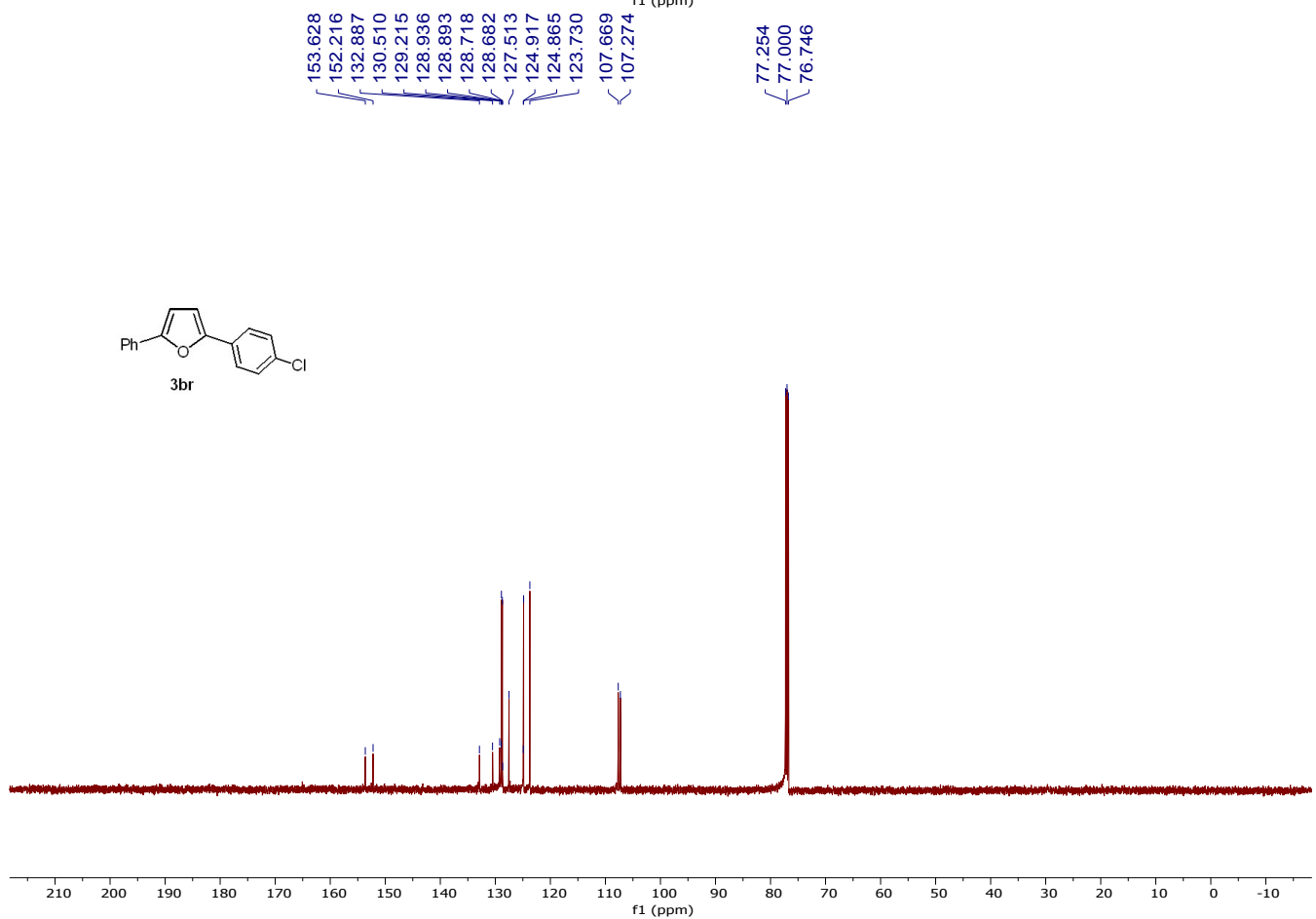
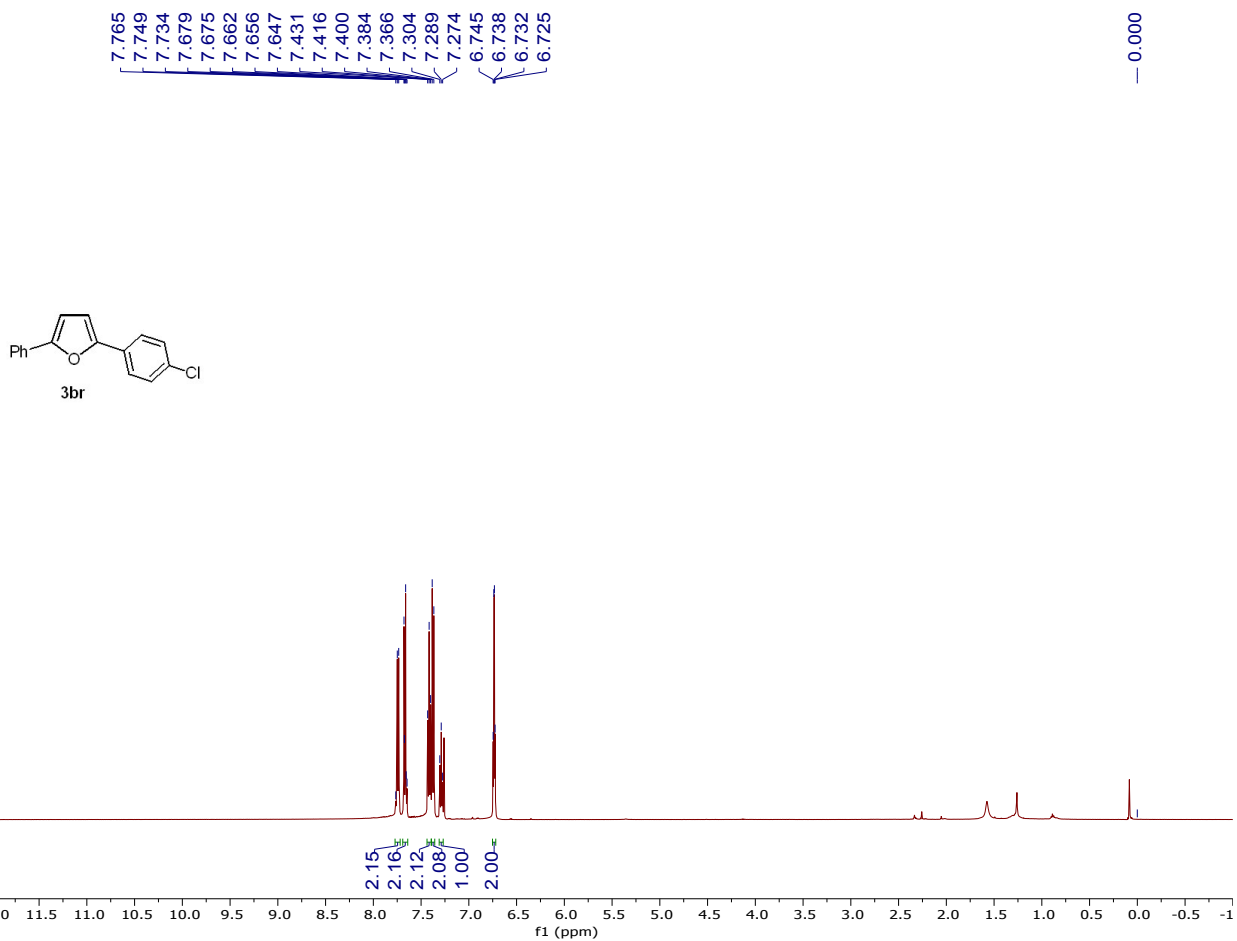
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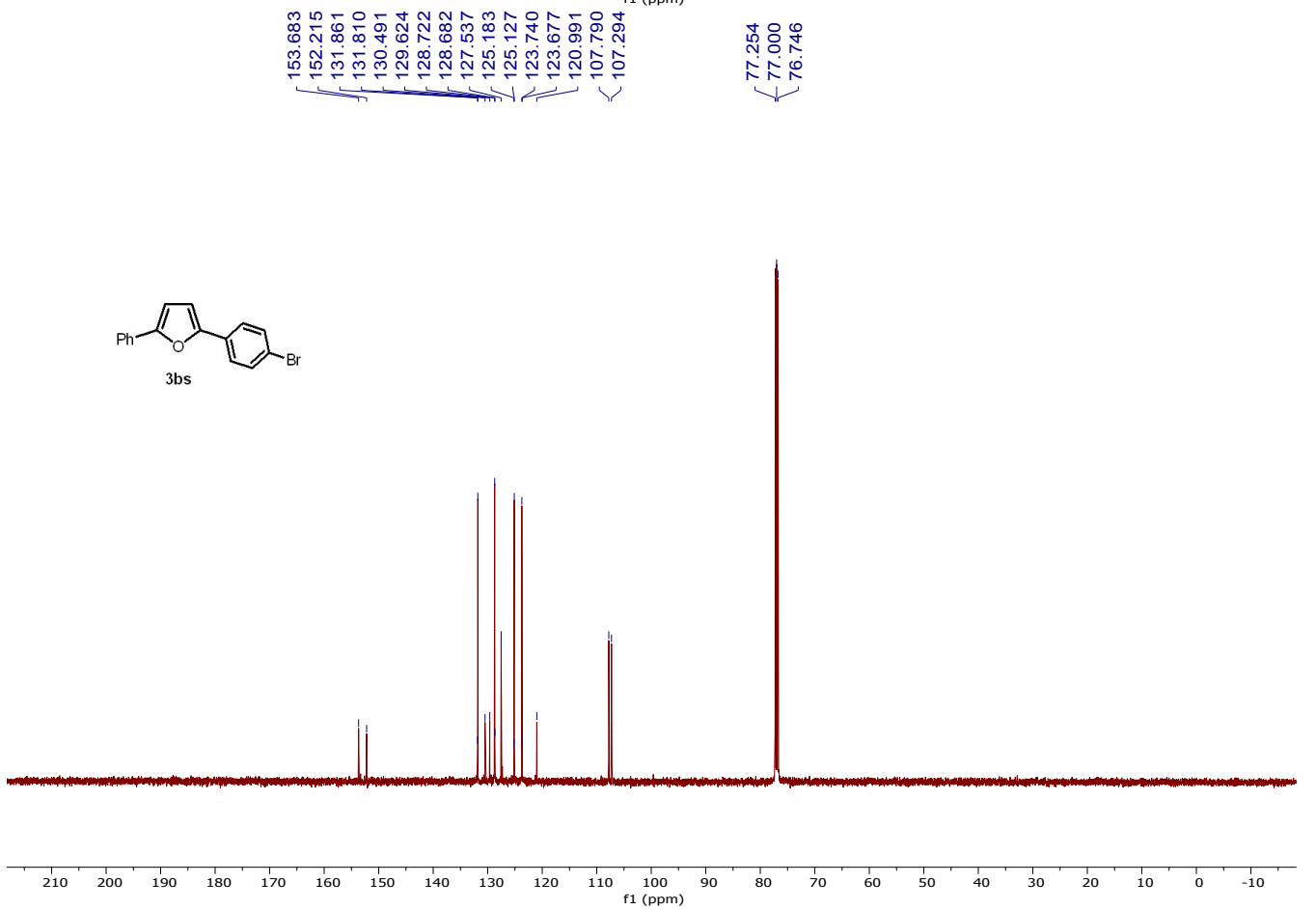
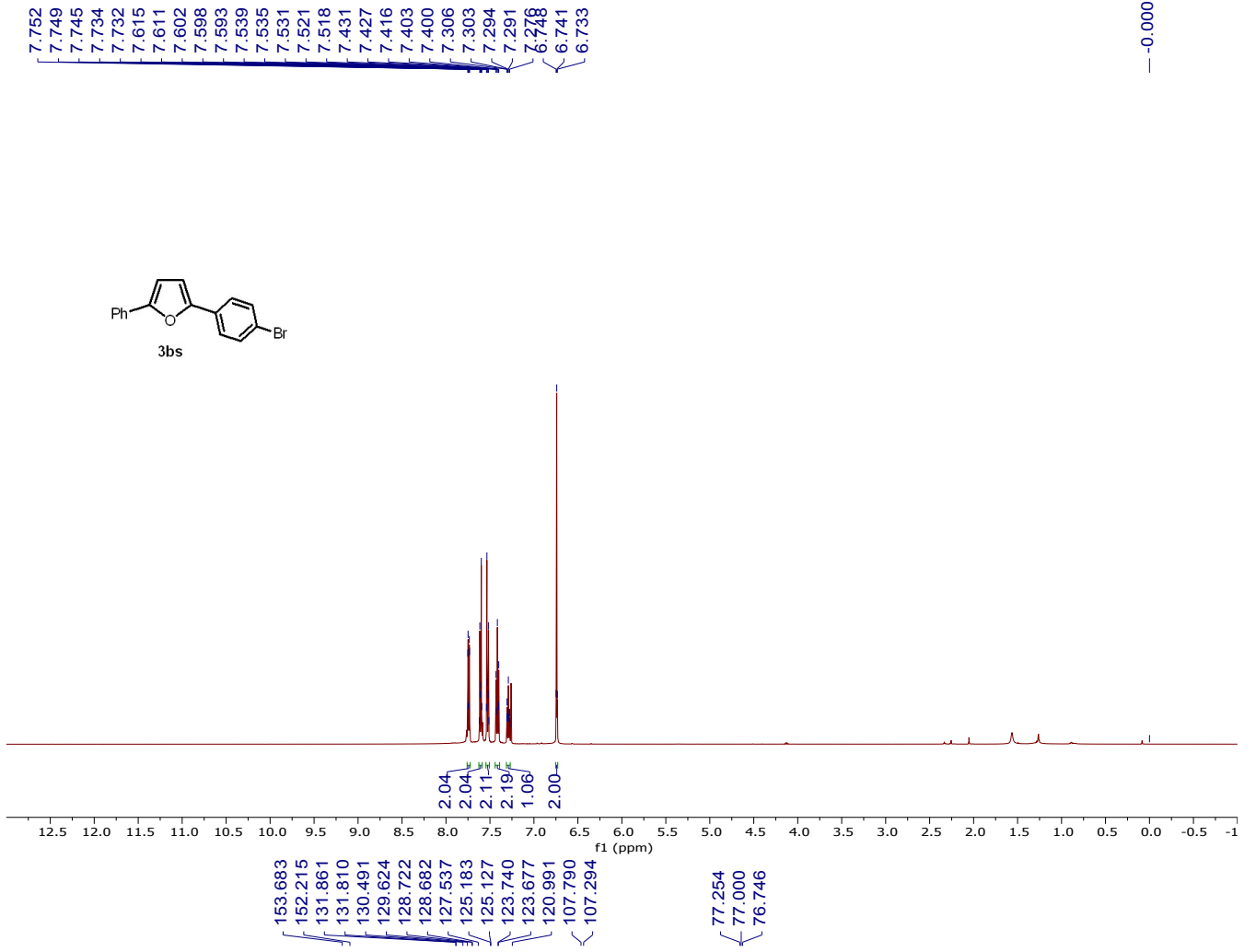
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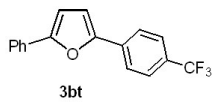
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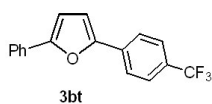
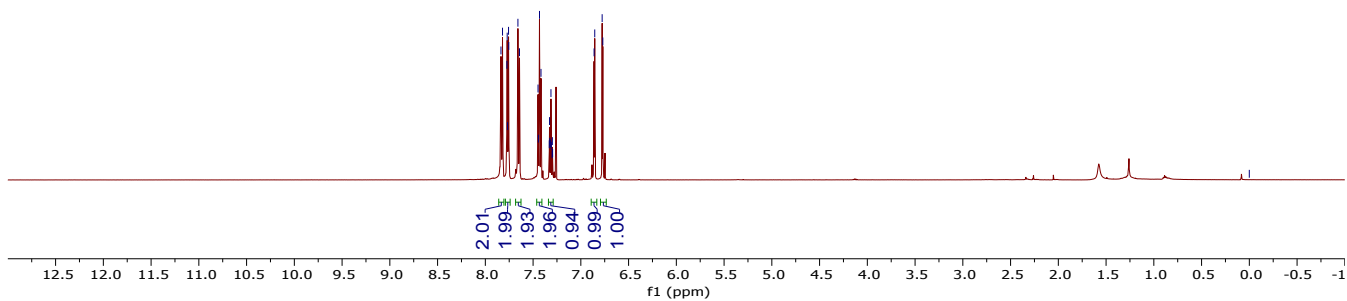




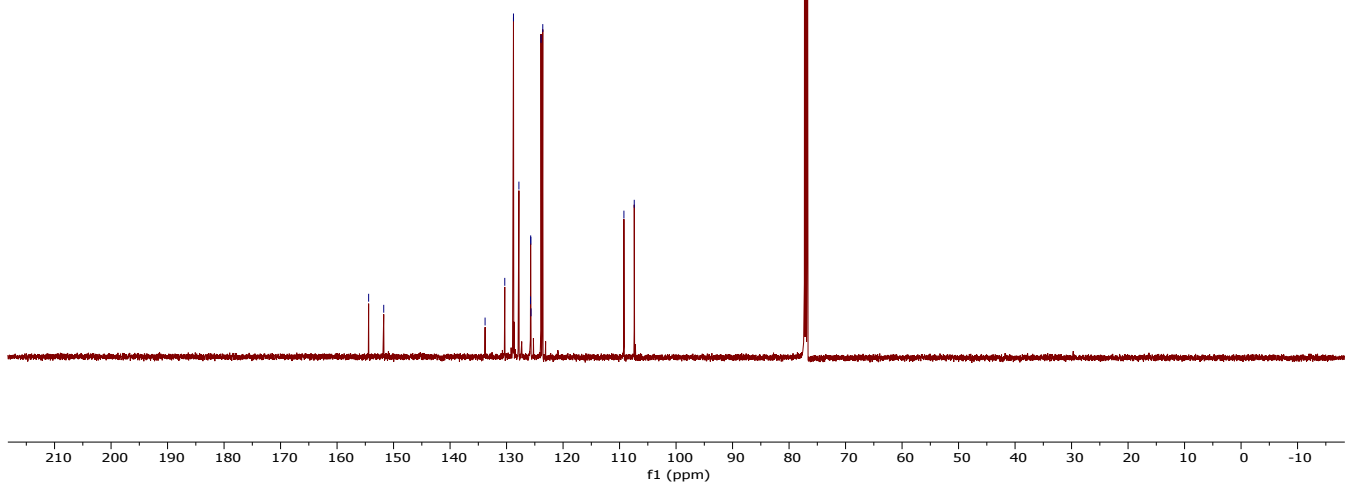


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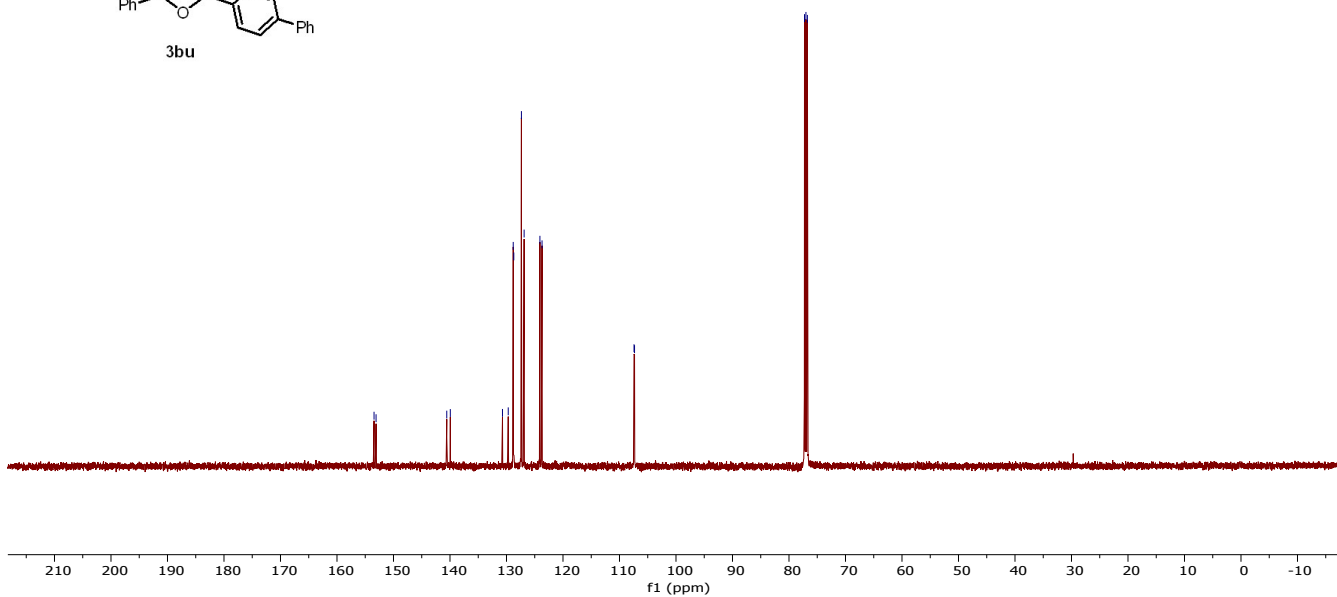
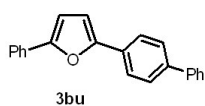
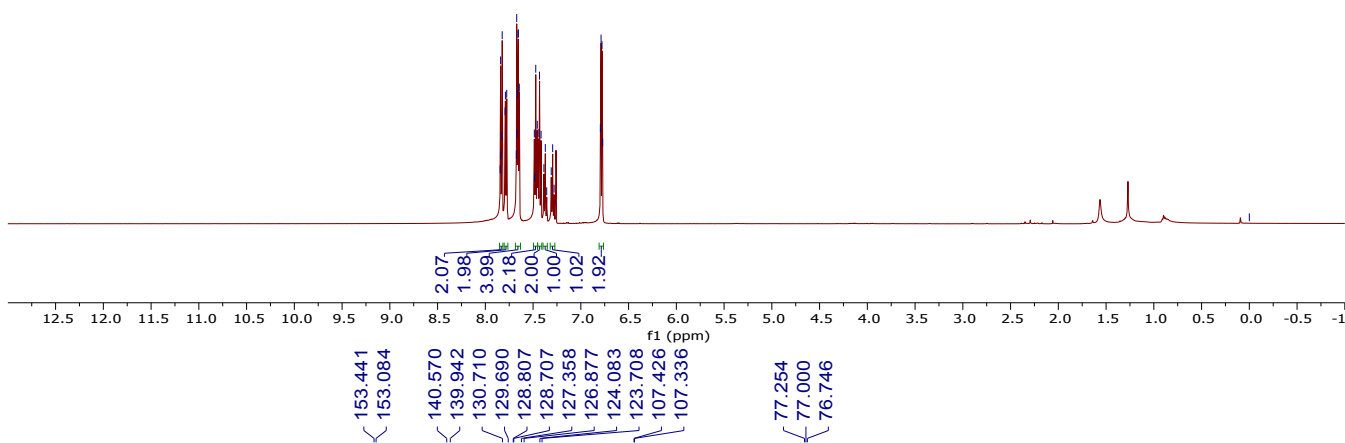
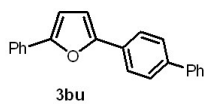


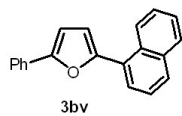
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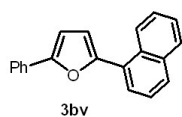
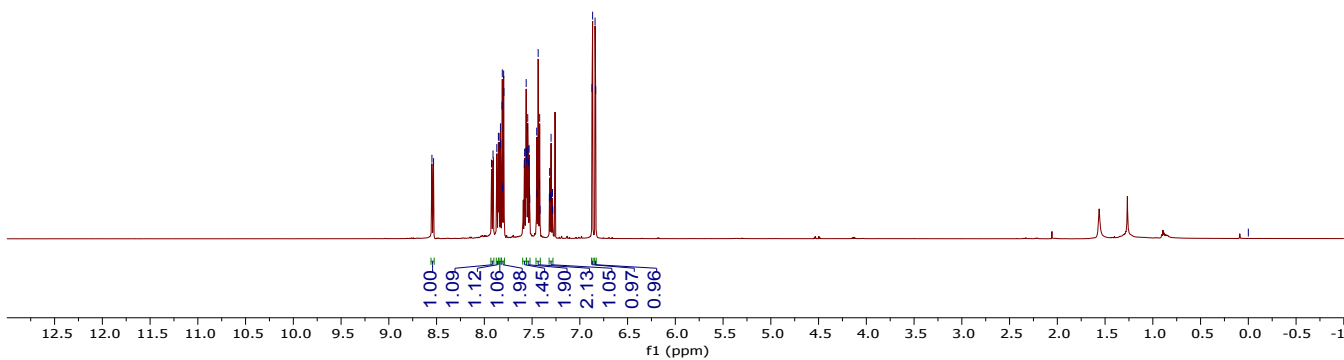
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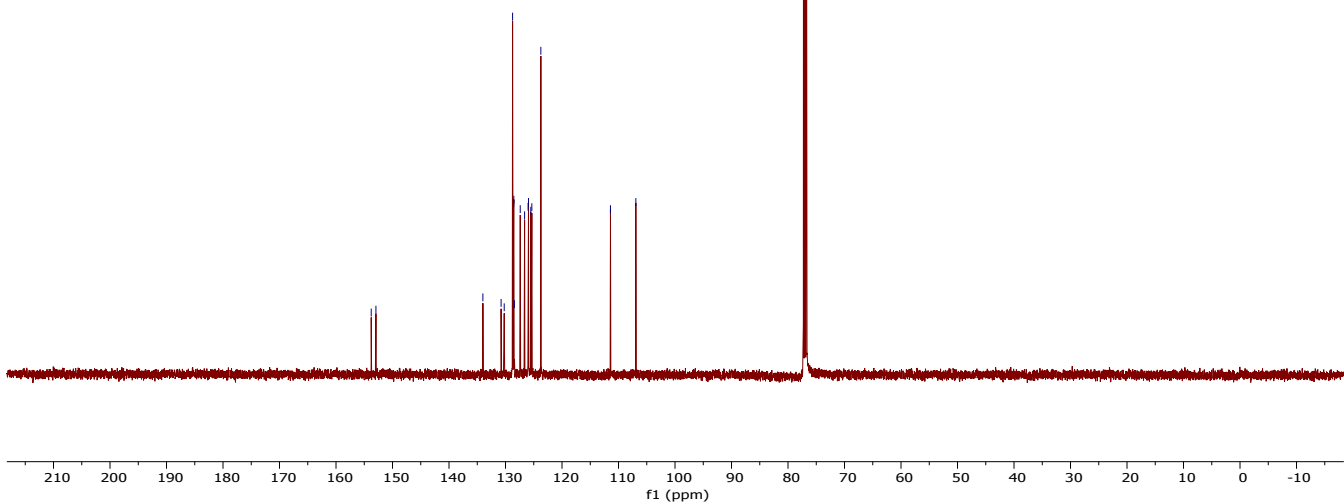




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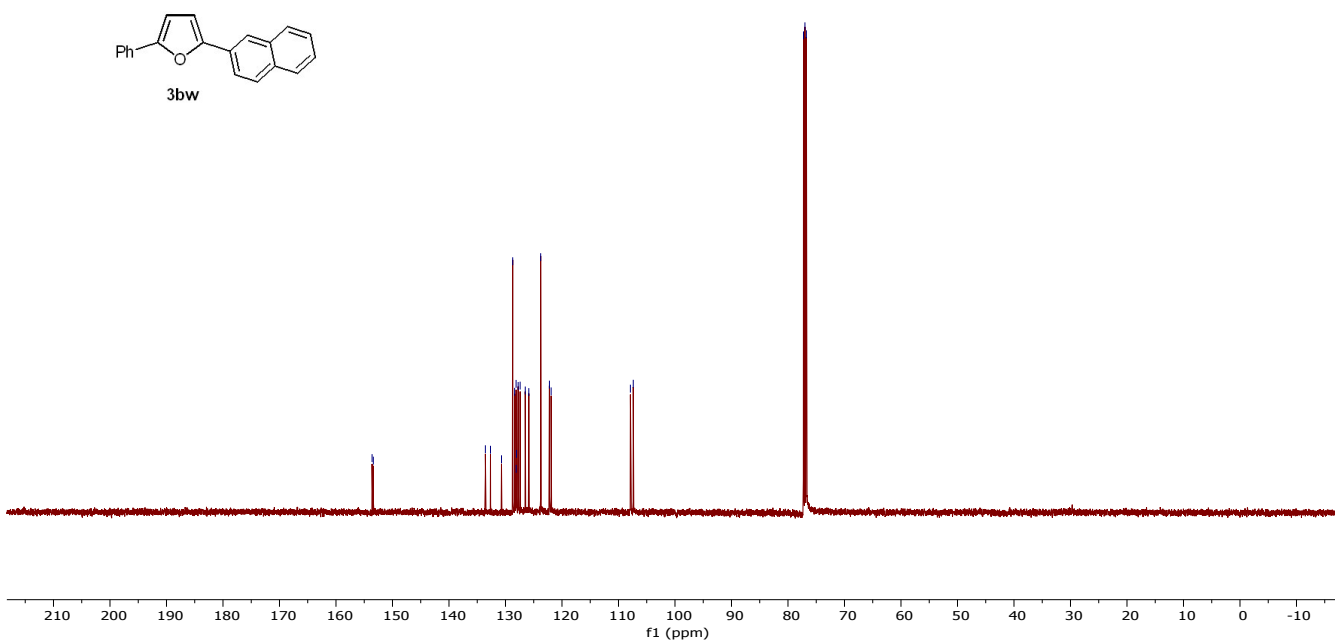
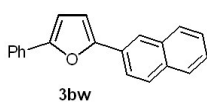
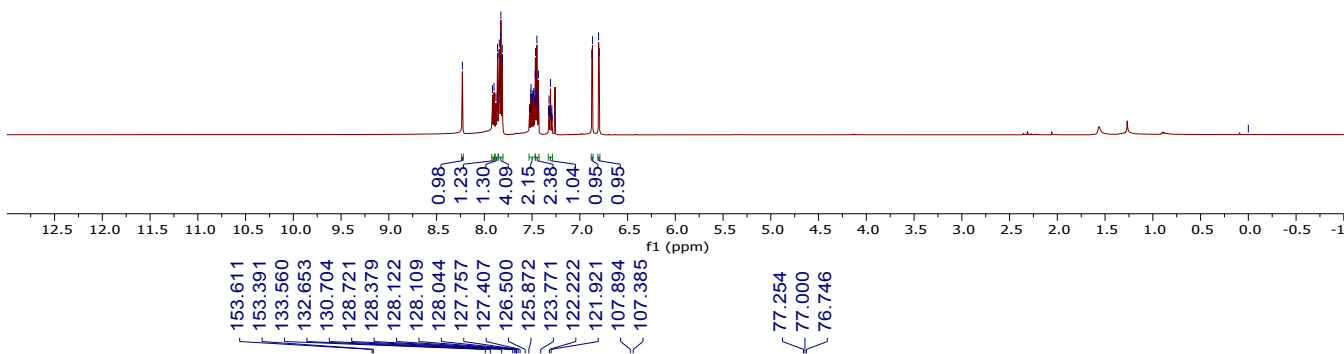
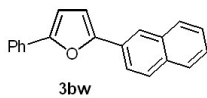


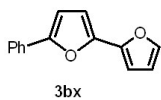
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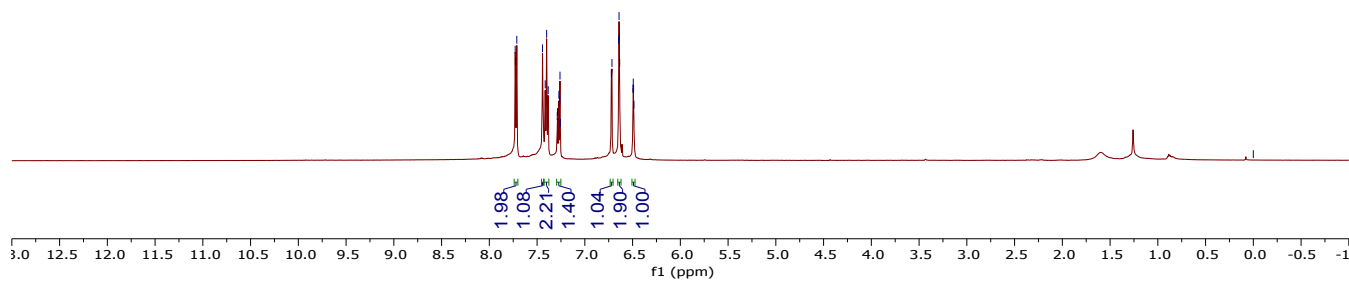
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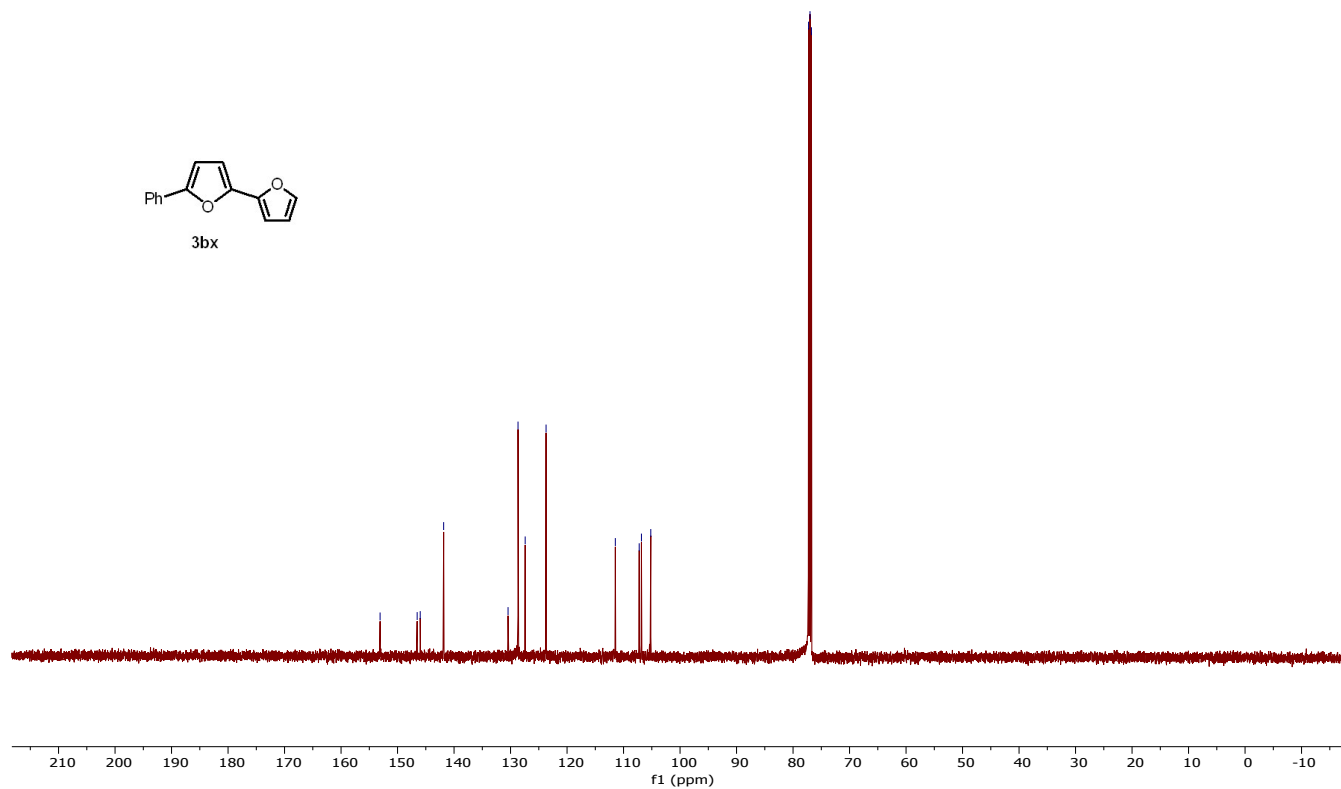
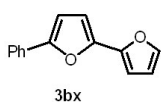


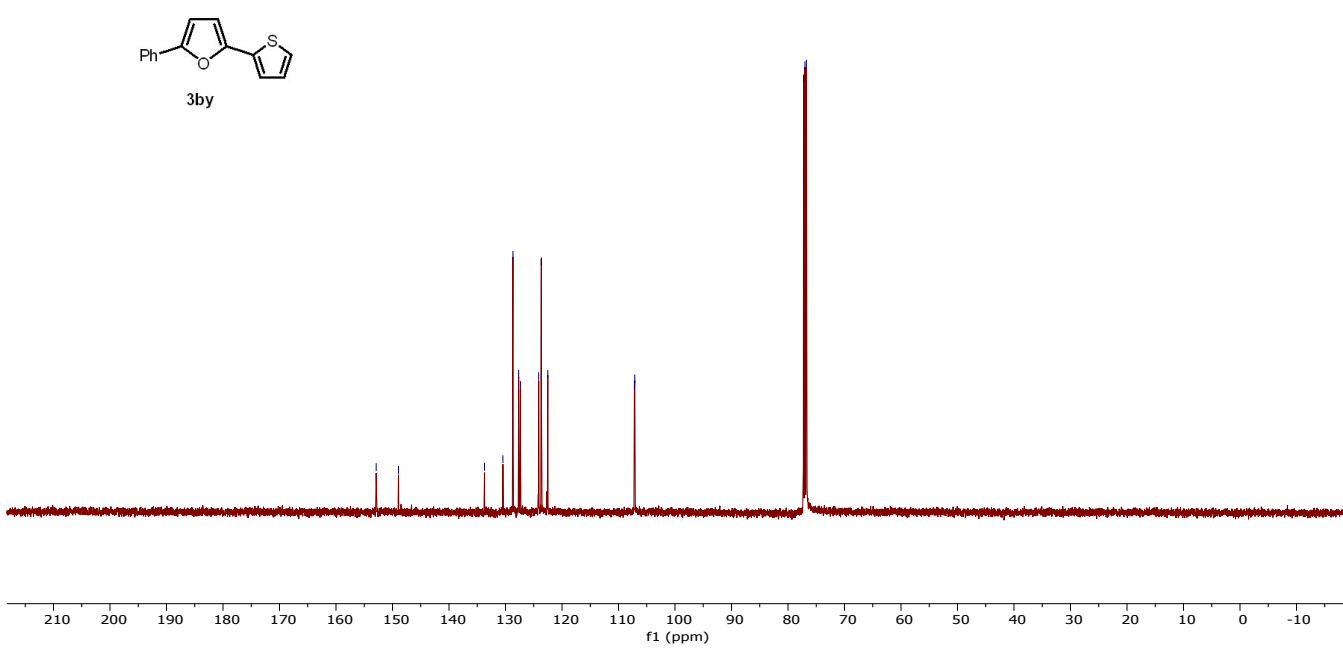
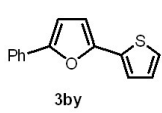
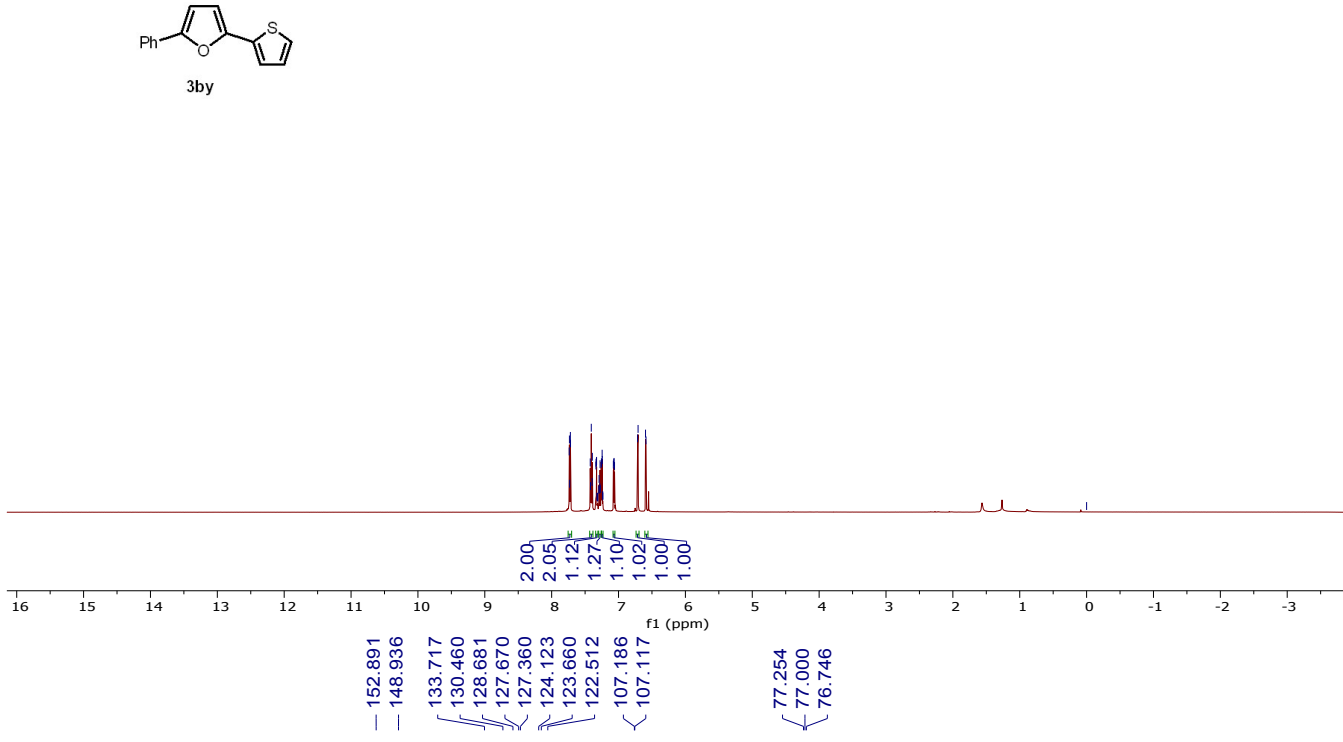
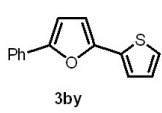
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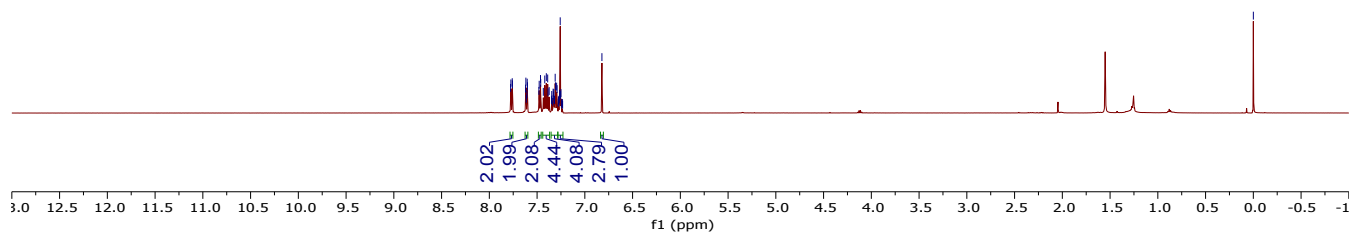
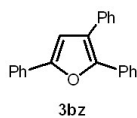
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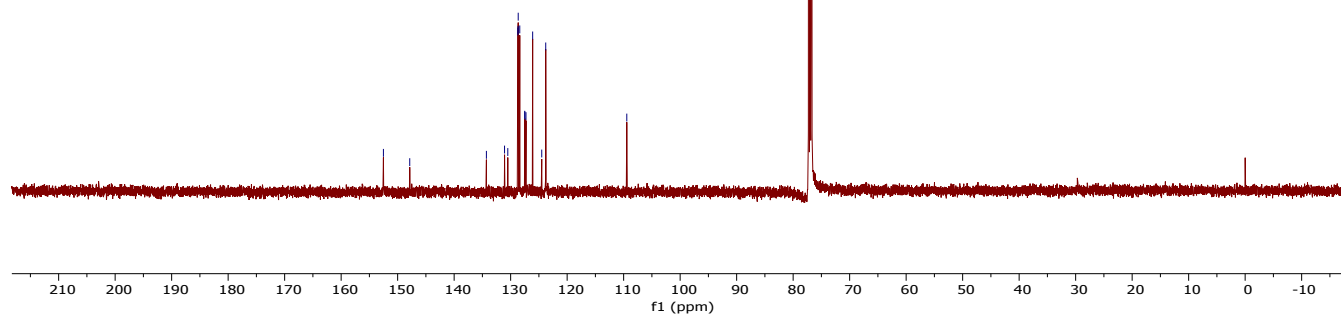
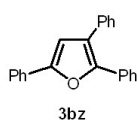
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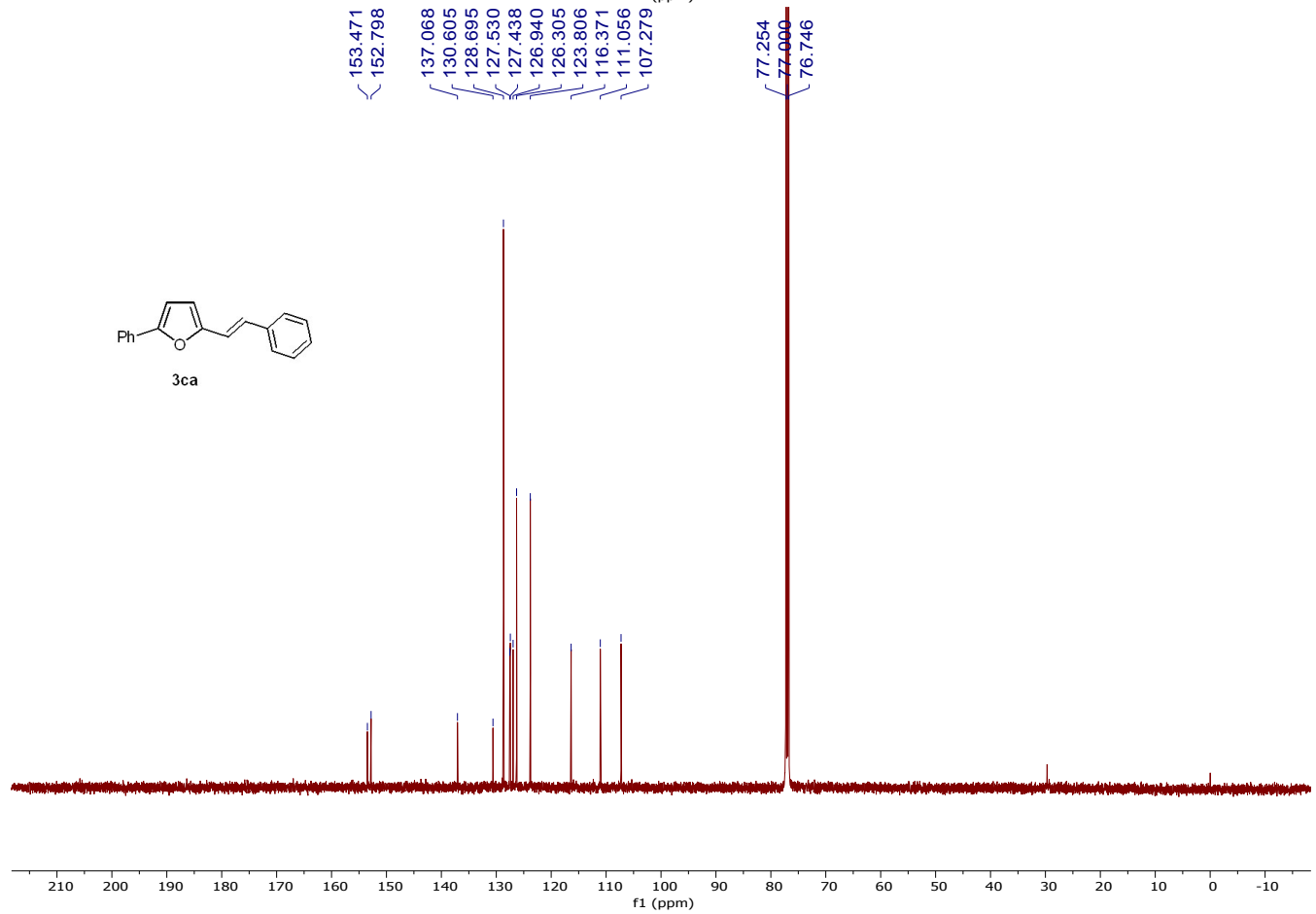
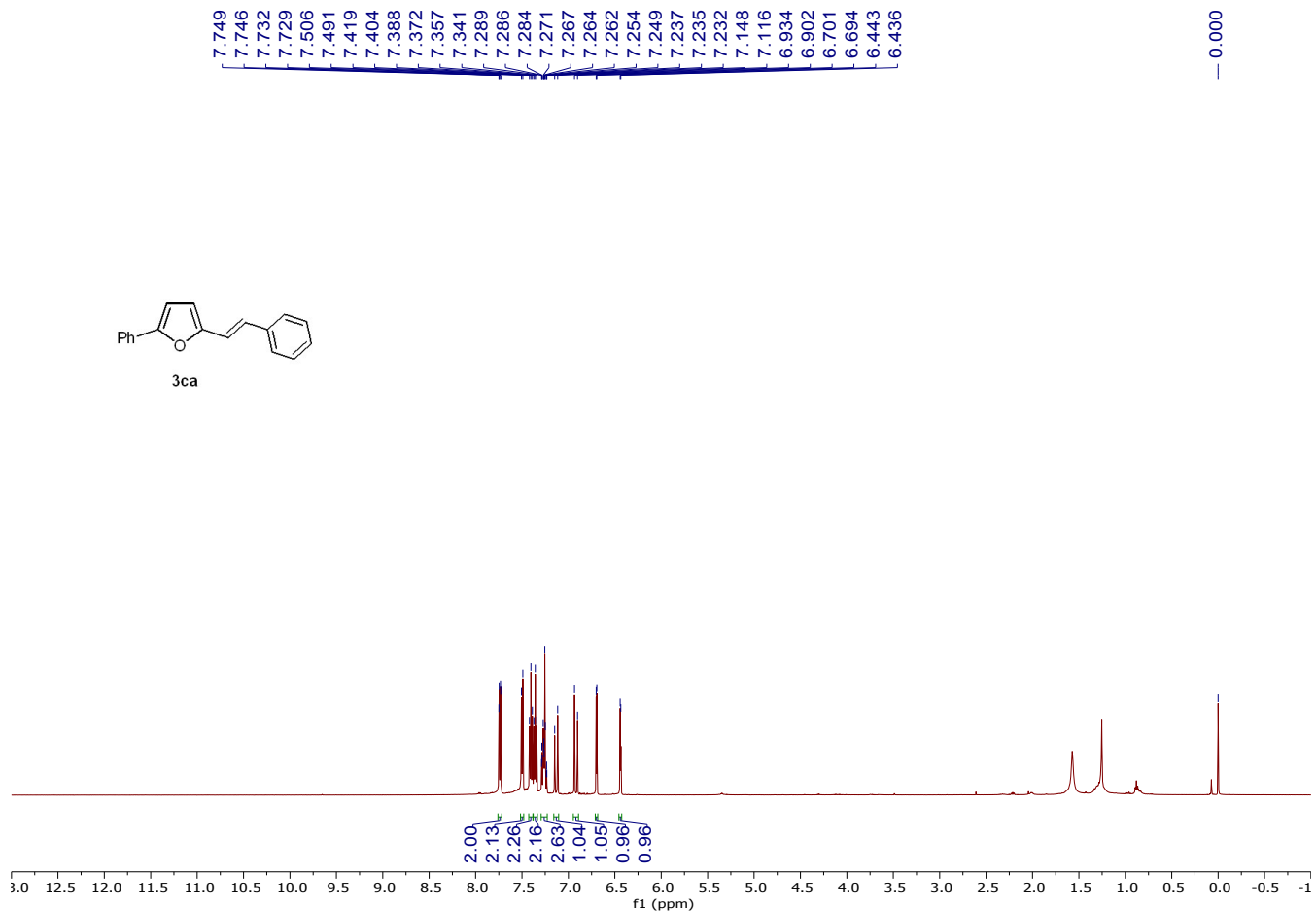
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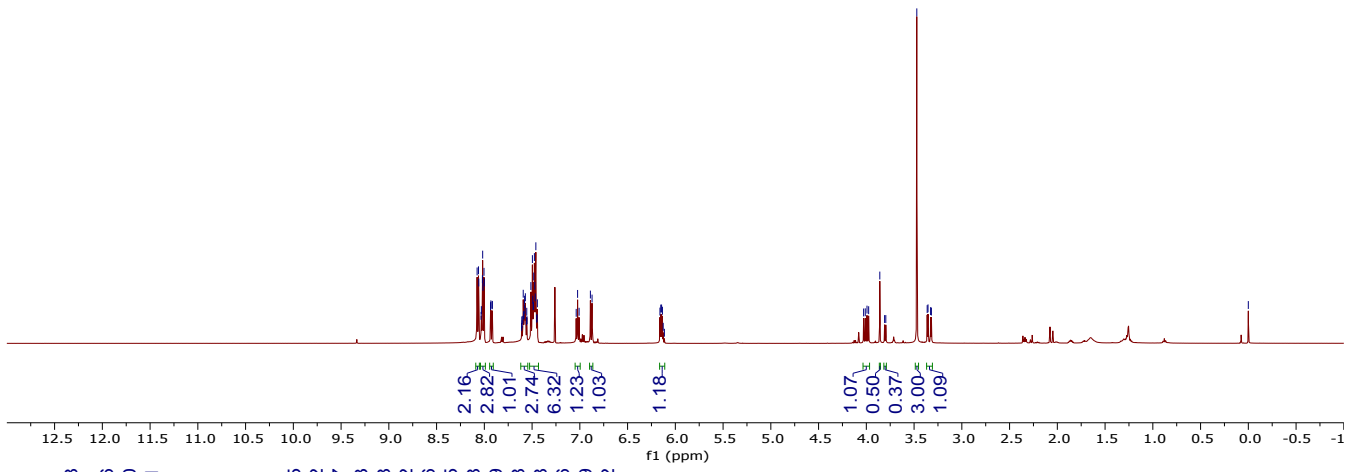
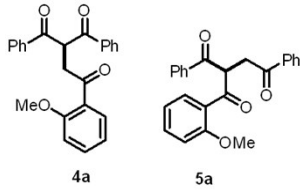
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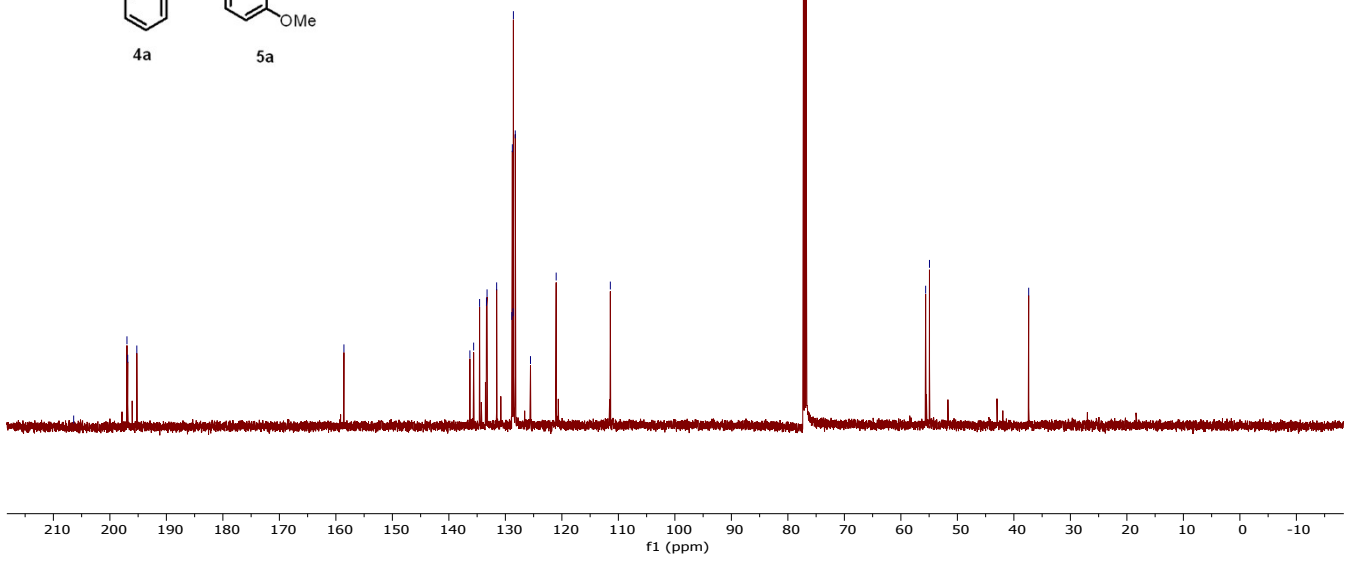
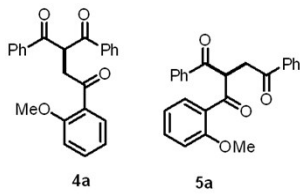
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