

Electronic Supplementary information

***N,N*-Dimethylformamide-stabilized palladium nanoclusters
as catalyst for Larock indole synthesis**

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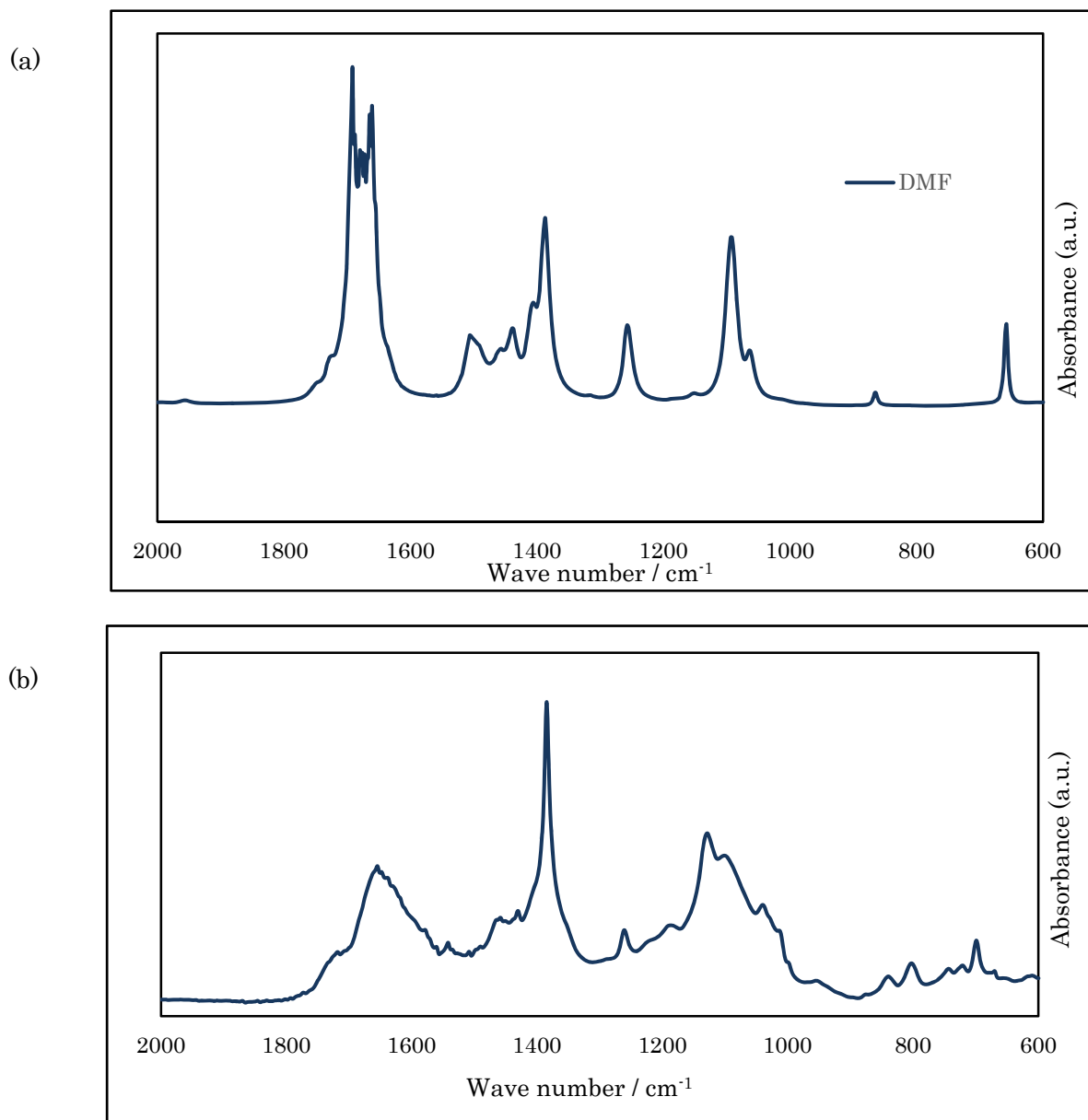


Fig. S1. IR spectra of DMF molecules (a) and Pd NCs (b)

Table S1. Concentration of Na, K, and Pd analyzed by ICP

| <intensity> | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| element | Na | K | Pd |
| wave number | 589.592 nm | 766.491 nm | 340.458 nm |
| Run 1 | 0.105796 | 0.000007 | 0.632416 |
| Run 2 | 0.105259 | -1.6E-05 | 0.626861 |
| Run 3 | 0.10616 | 0.000037 | 0.636318 |
| average | 0.105738 | .000009R | 0.631865 |
| R | 0.000901 | 0.000053 | 0.009456 |
| SD | 0.000453 | 0.000026 | 0.004752 |
| RSD | 0.428757 | 281.036 | 0.752102 |
| <concentration> | | | |
| element | Na | K | Pd |
| wave number | 589.592 nm | 766.491 nm | 340.458 nm |
| unit | ppm | ppm | Ppm |
| Run 1 | 2.7186 | 0 | 3.38199 |
| Run 2 | 2.70314 | 0 | 3.34839 |
| Run 3 | 2.72911 | 0.004297 | 3.40559 |
| average | 2.71695 | 0.001432 | 3.37866 |
| R | 0.025975 | 0.004297 | 0.057195 |
| SD | 0.013066 | 0.002481 | 0.028743 |
| RSD | 0.480909 | 173.205 | 0.850715 |

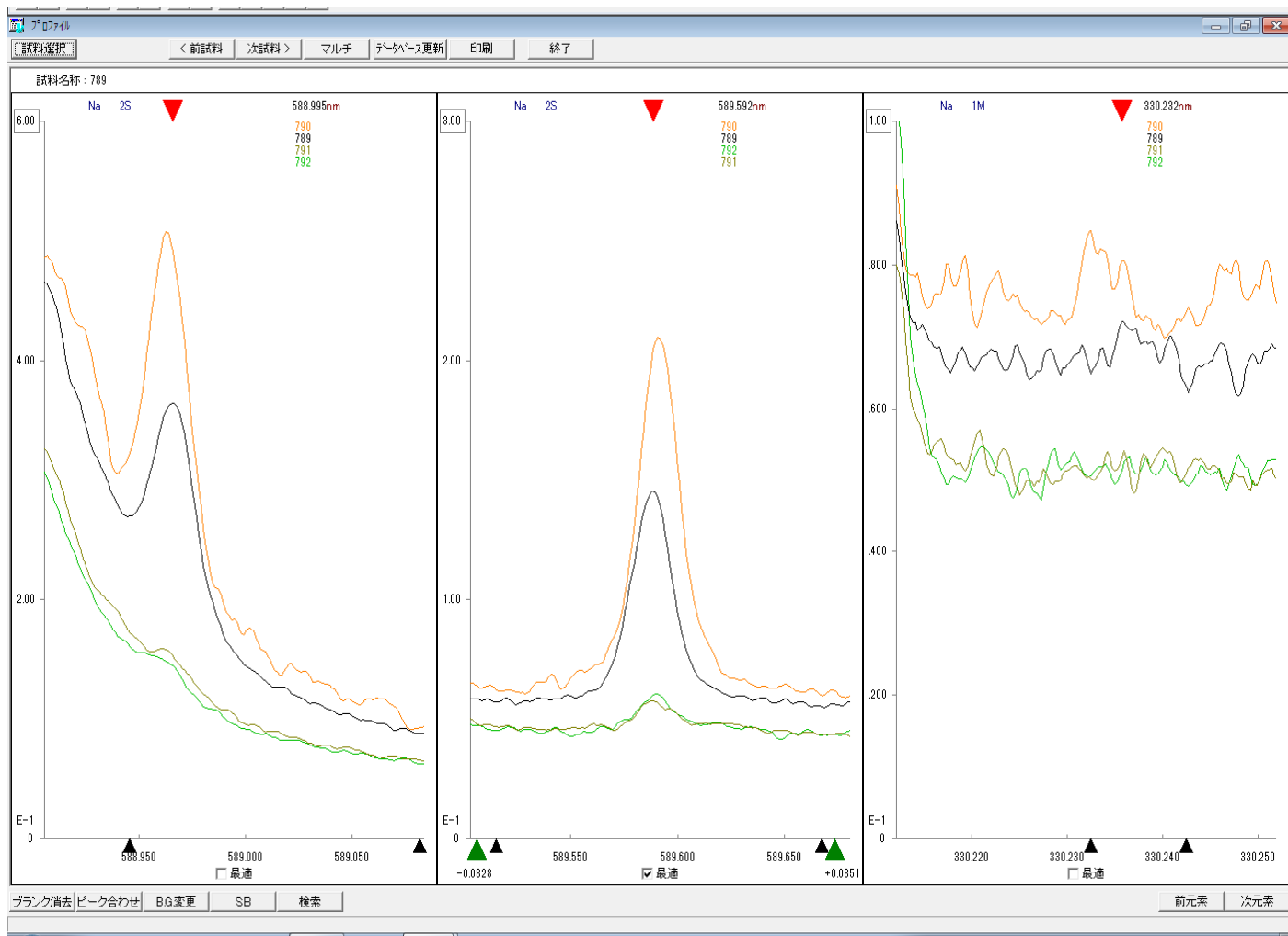


Fig. S2. Peak profile of Na (black curve)

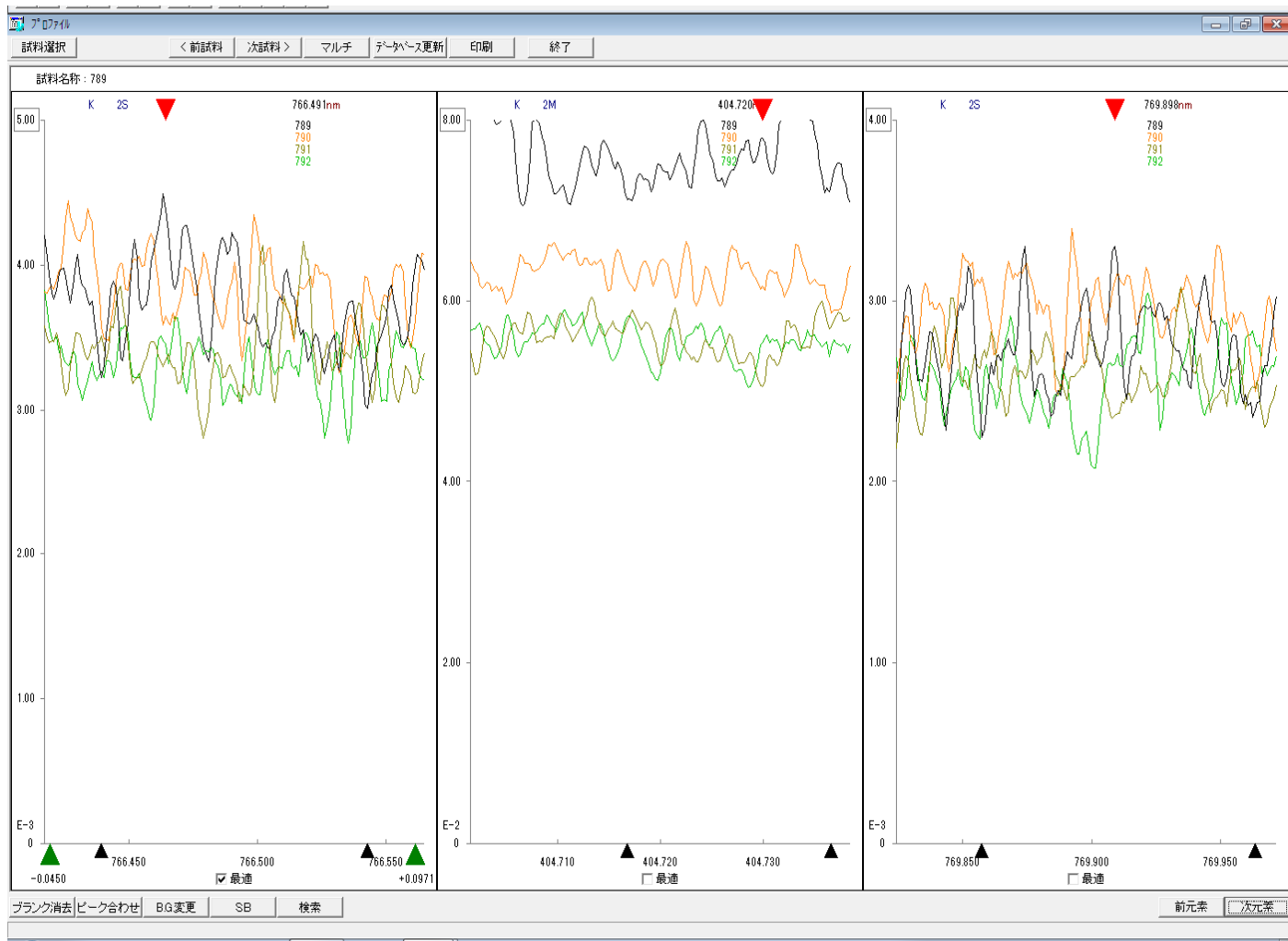


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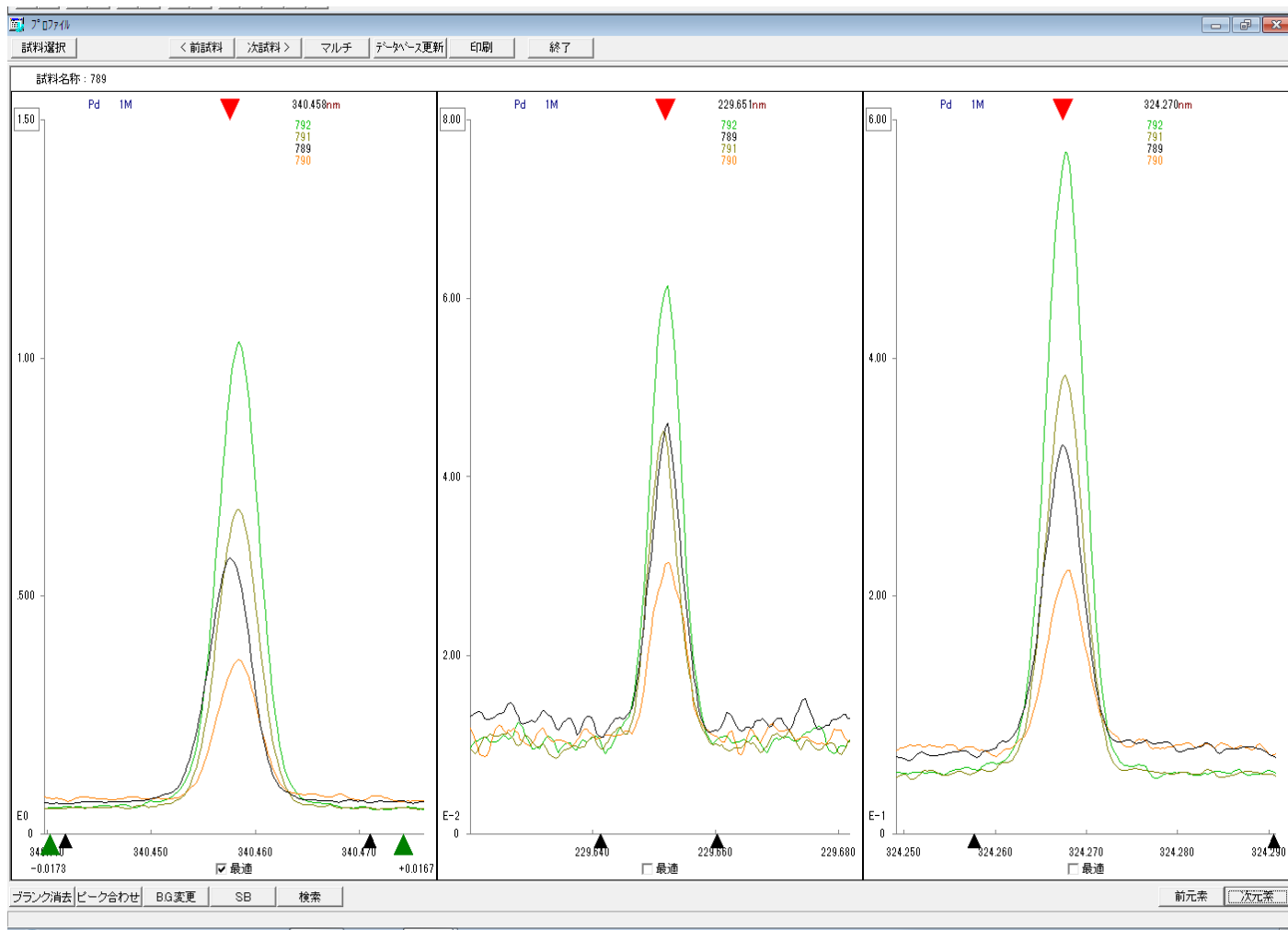


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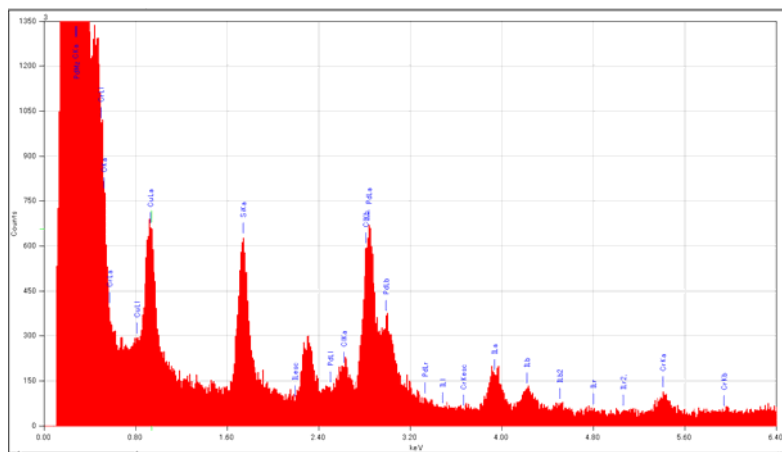
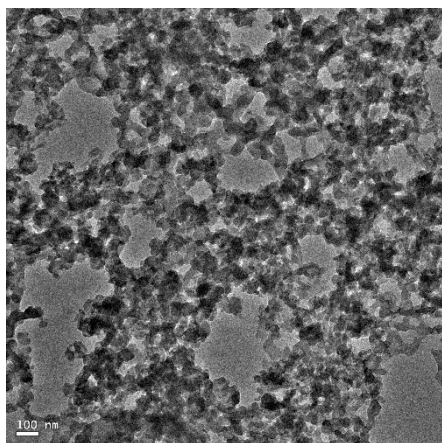


Fig. S5. (a) Aggregated Pd NCs in TEM image (scale bar = 100 nm), (b) Pd peak analyzed by EDS

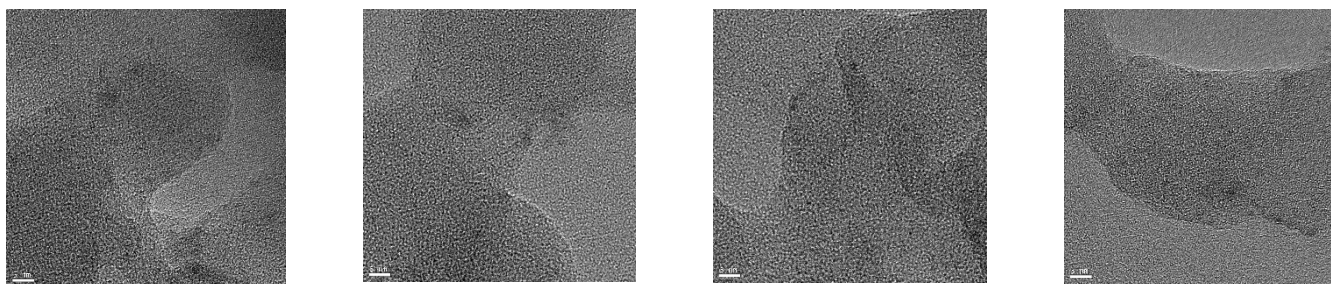


Fig. S6. Transmission electron microscopy images (TEM image) of Pd NCs after the reaction under the conditions entry 14 of Table 1 (scale bar = 5 nm). Particle size distribution of the nanoparticles after the reaction under the conditions entry 14 of Table 1 (Fig. 3. (b)) was used TEM images of Fig. S6 and Fig.3.

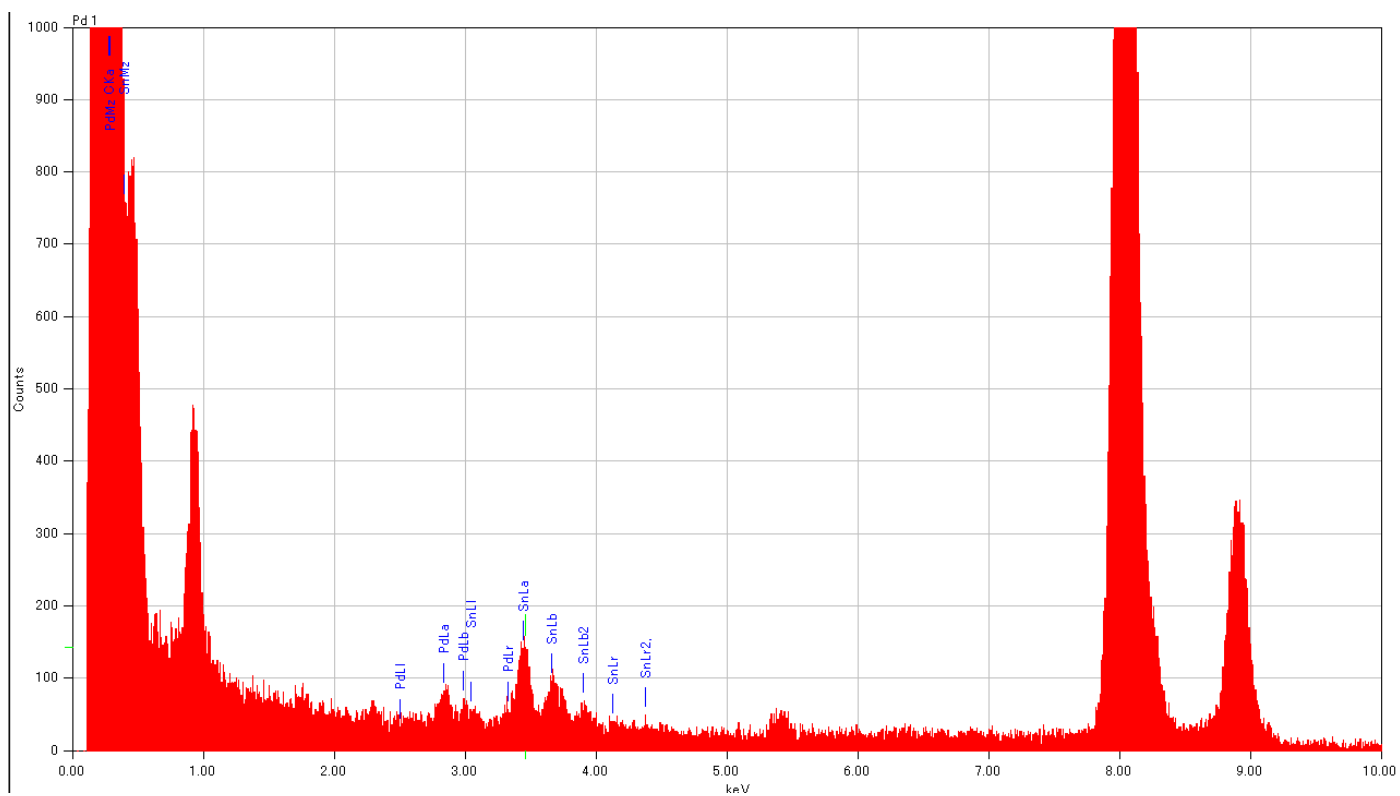


Fig. S7. EDS spectral of Figs. 3(a) and S6

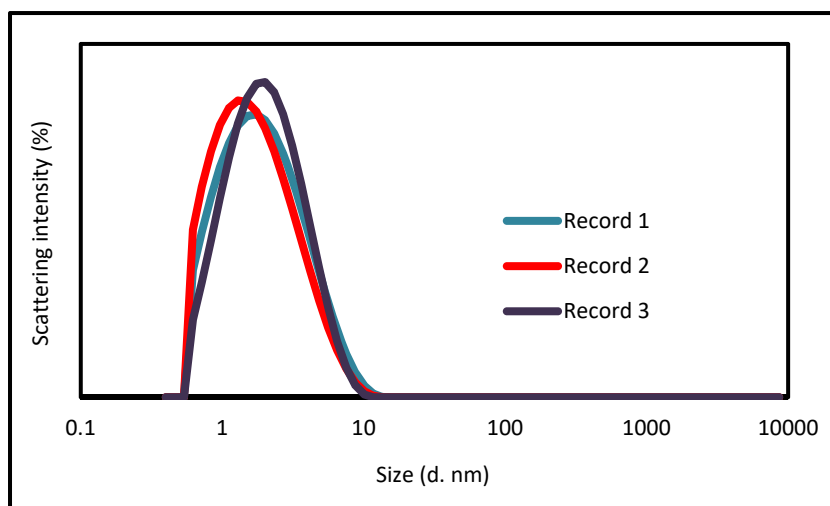


Fig. S8. Dynamic light scattering intensity of Pd NCs. Average Pd NCs size was 2.3 nm.

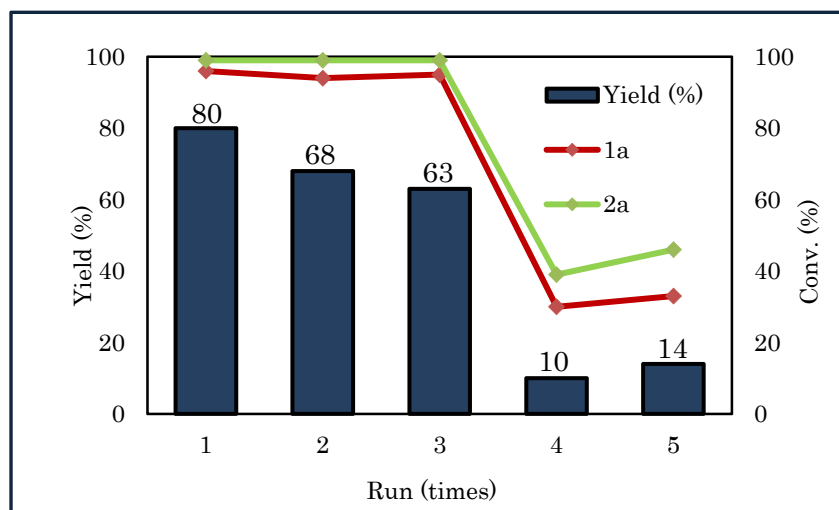


Fig. S9. Catalyst-recycling. Conditions as given in entry 14, Table 1

Table S2. Concentration of Pd analyzed by ICP in the hexane/ ethyl acetate phase

| <Intensity> | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Element | Pd |
| Wavenumber | 340.458nm |
| Run 1 | 1.44989 |
| Run 2 | 1.43035 |
| Run 3 | 1.44245 |
| Average | 1.4409 |
| R | 0.019542 |
| SD | 0.009863 |
| RSD | 0.684483 |
| <concentration> | |
| Element | Pd |
| Wavenumber | 340.458nm |
| Unit | ppm |
| Run 1 | 6.24719 |
| Run 2 | 6.15821 |
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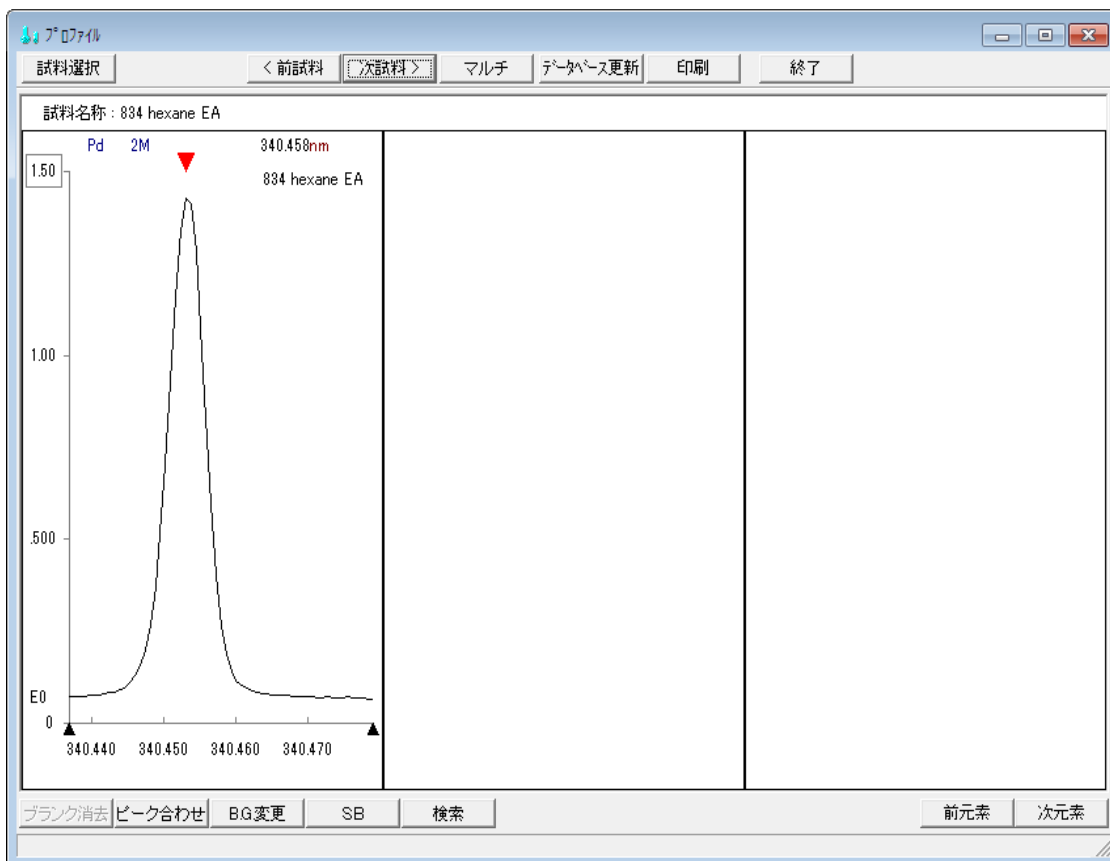


Fig. S10. Peak profile of Pd in the hexane/ ethyl acetate phase

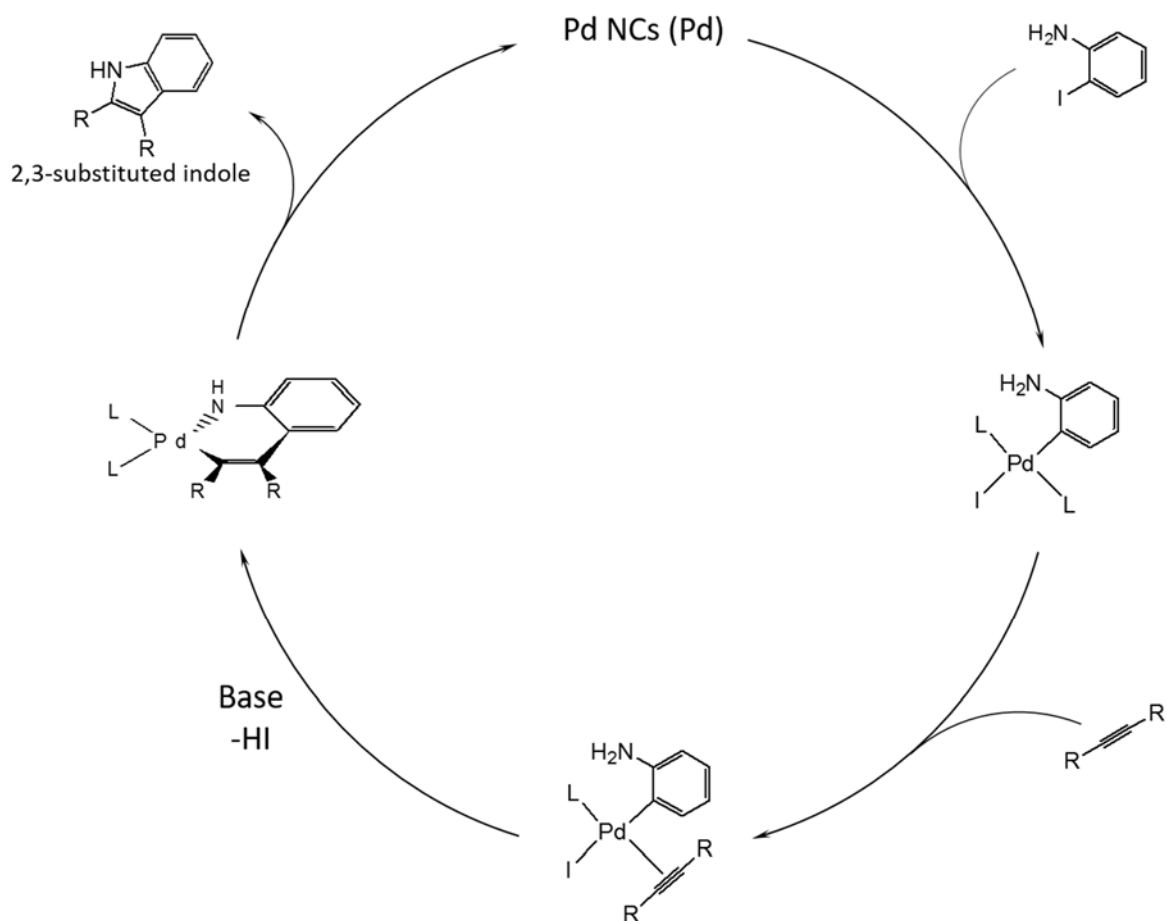


Fig. S11. A Plausible Catalytic Cycle of Larock Indole Synthesis Catalyzed by Pd NCs¹

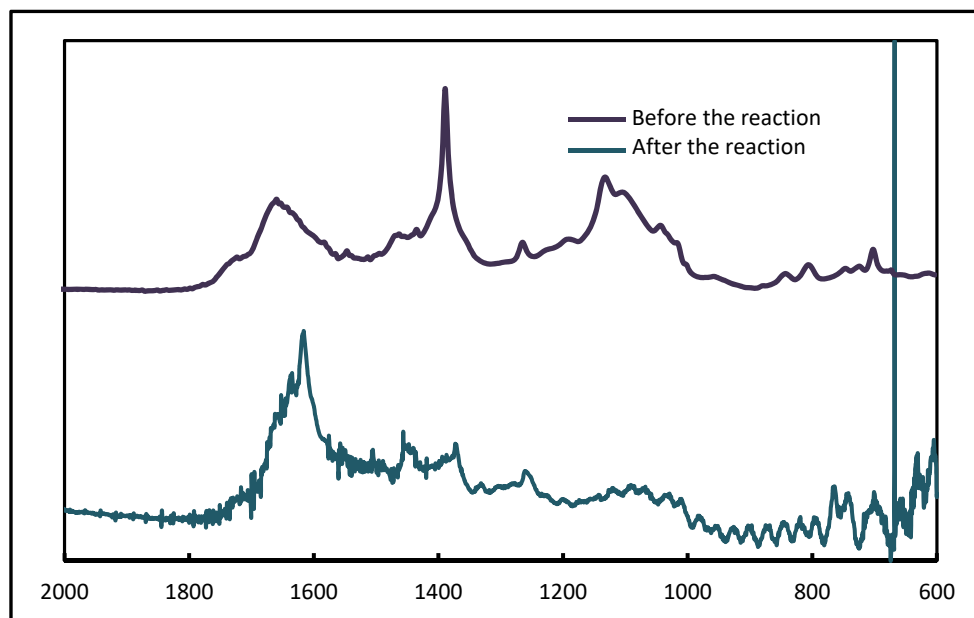
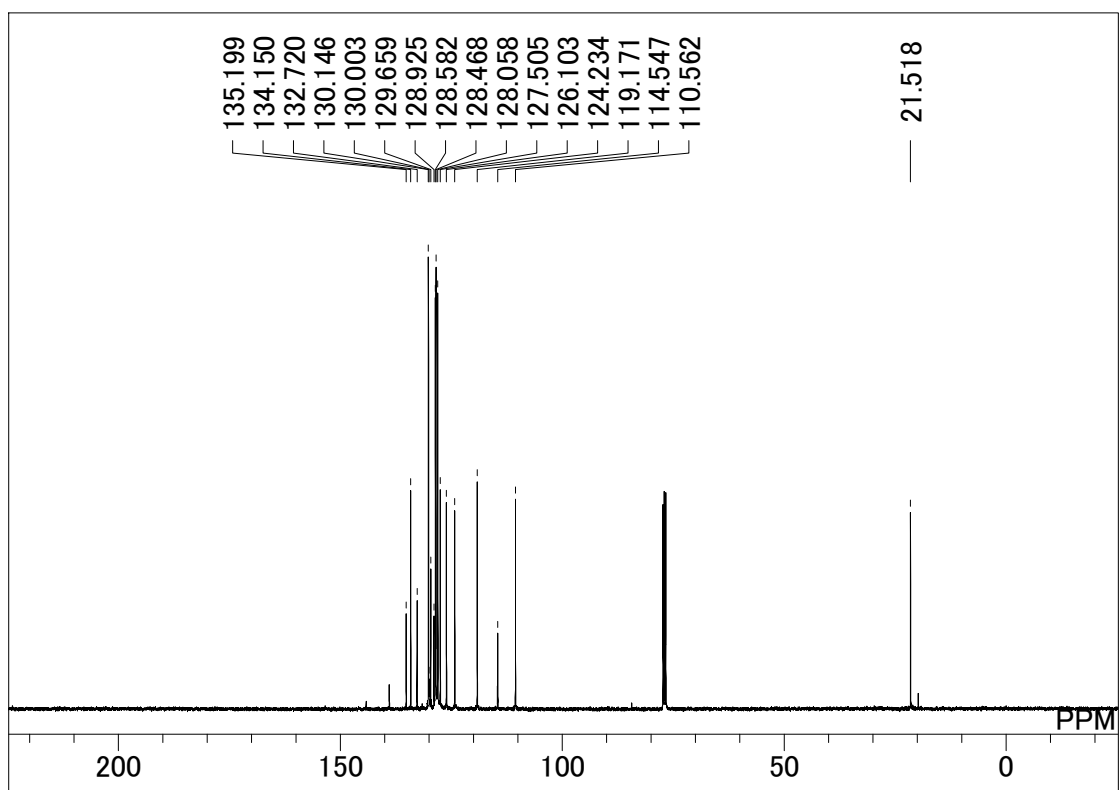
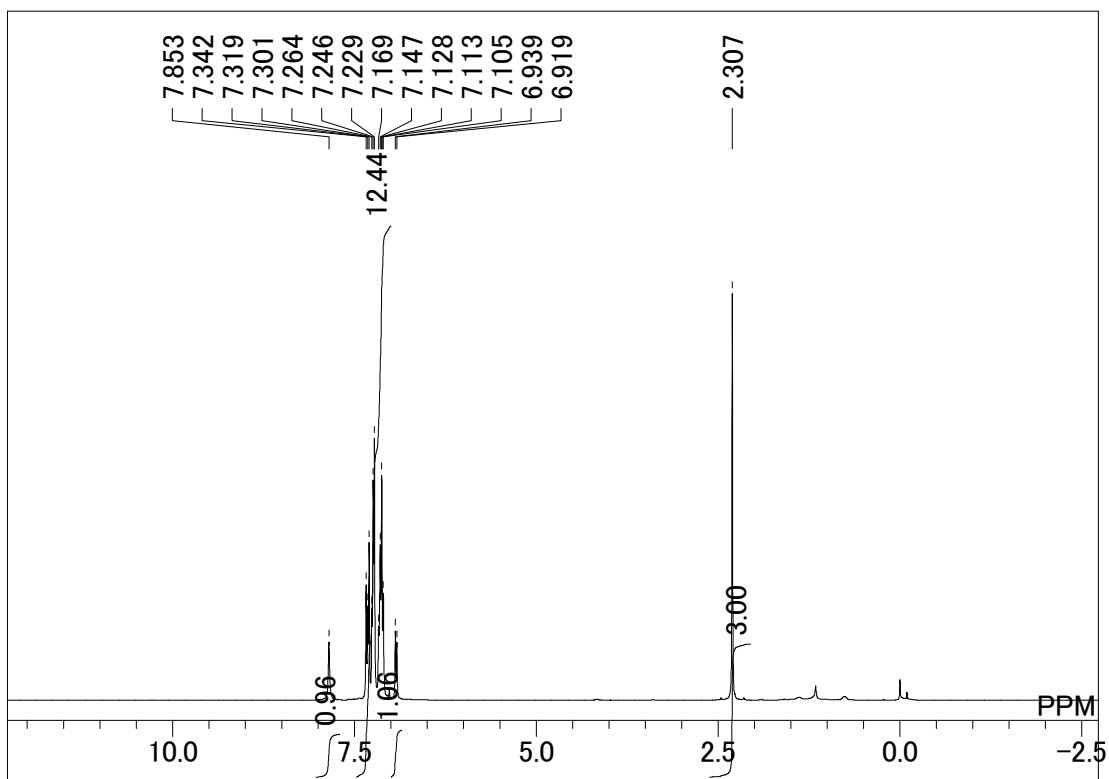
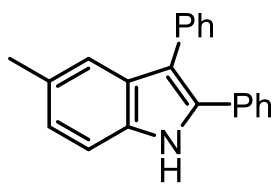


Fig. S12. IR spectrum of (a) Pd NCs before the reaction; (b) Pd NCs after the reaction.

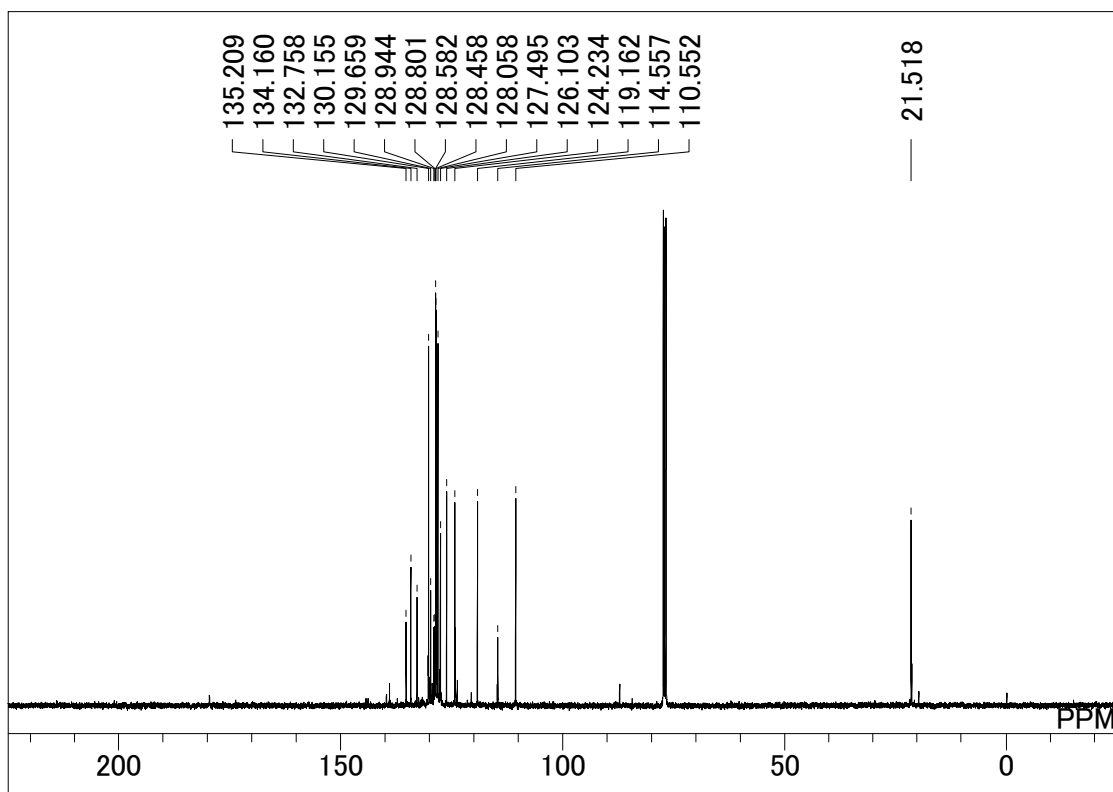
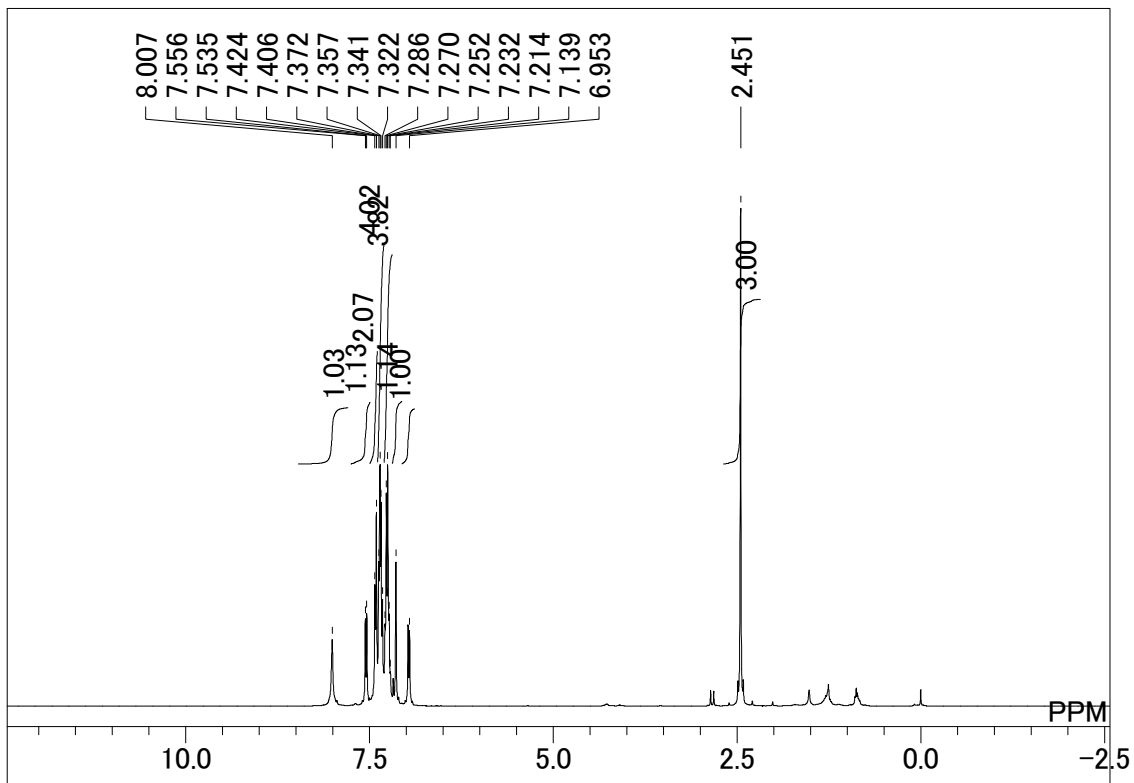
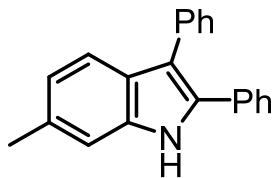
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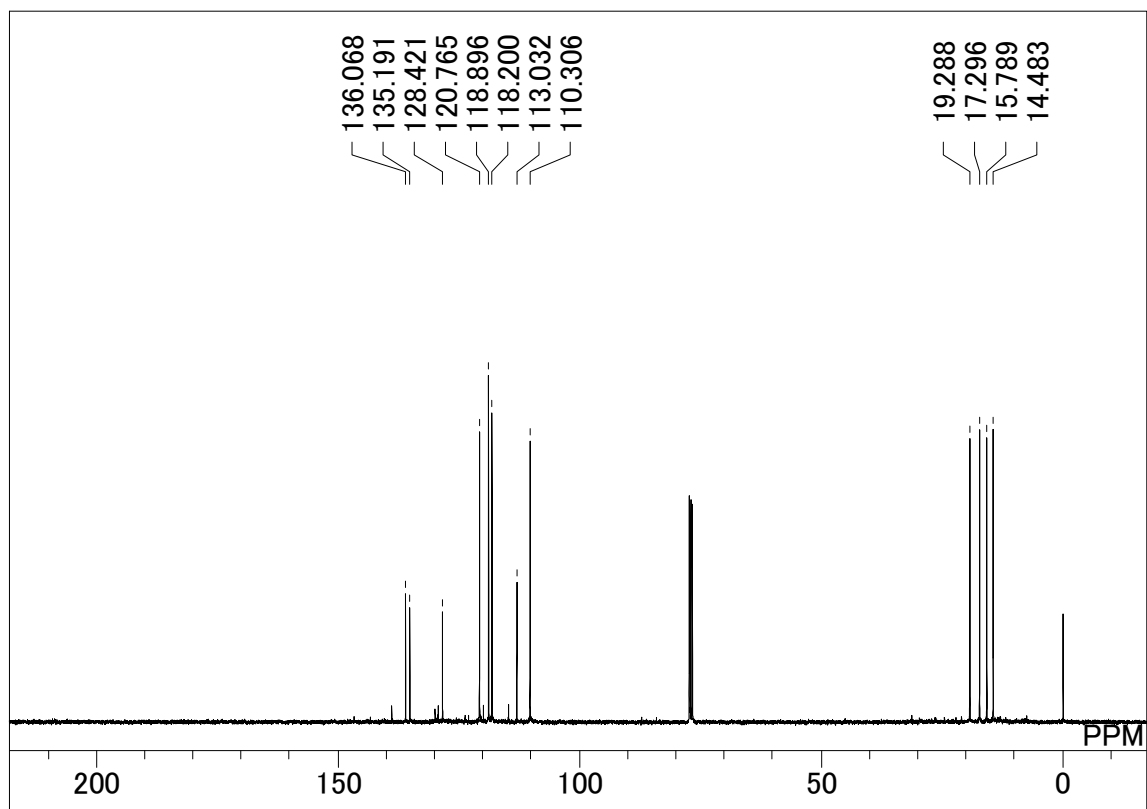
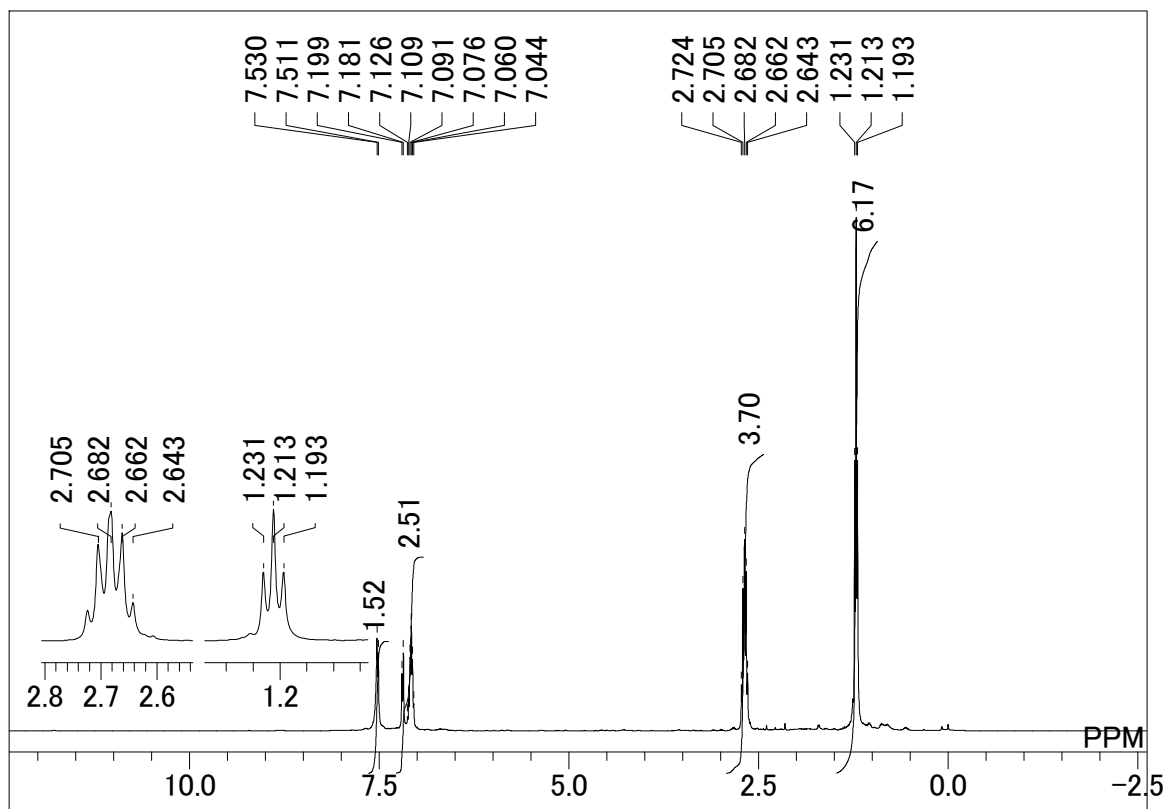
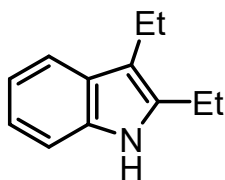
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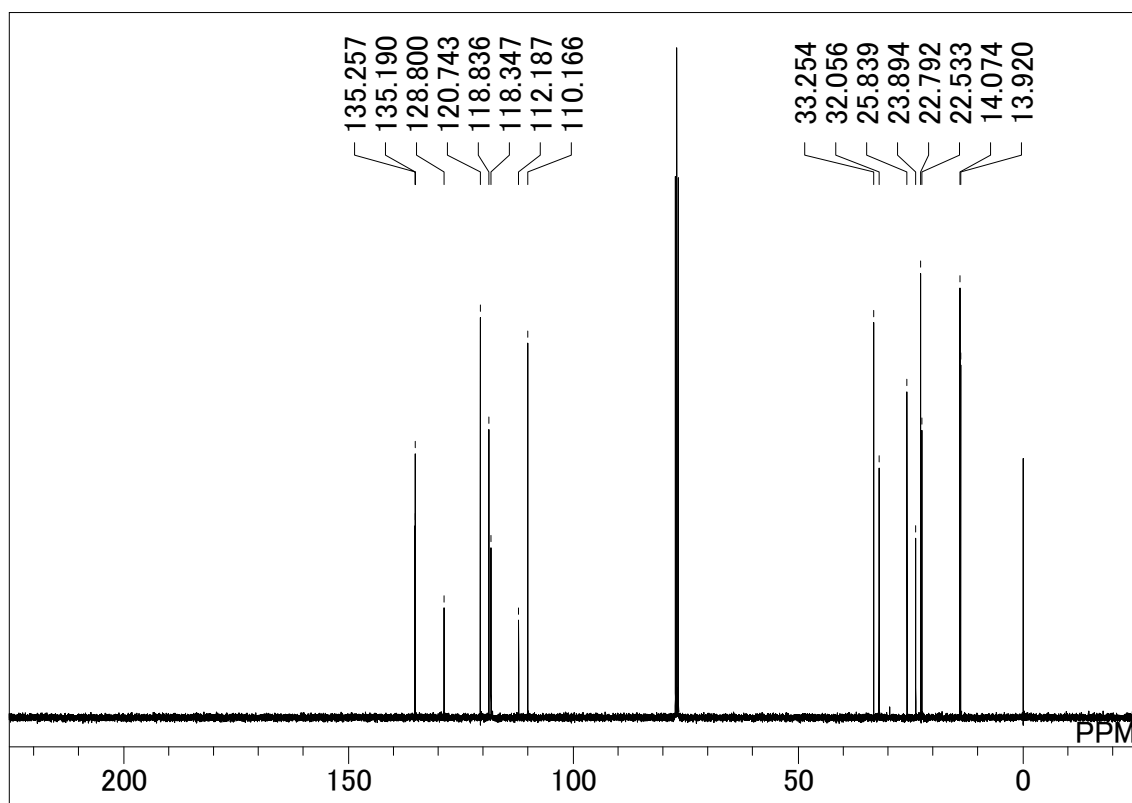
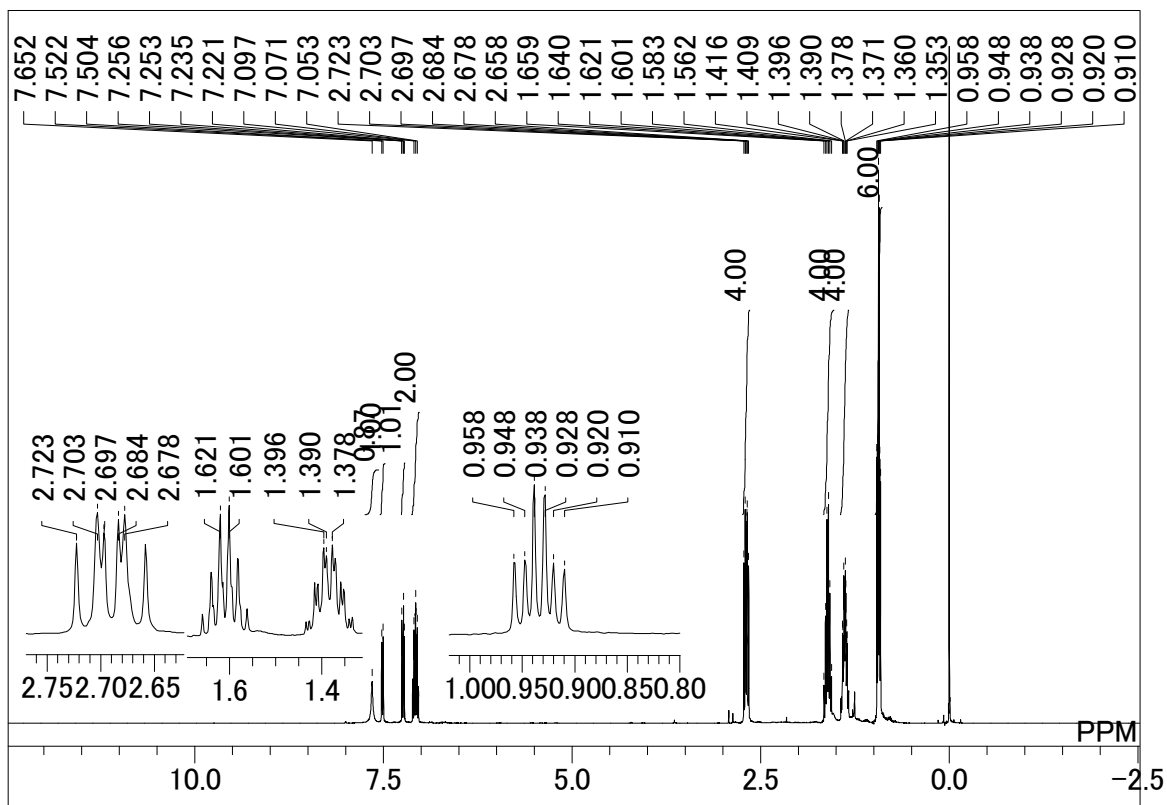
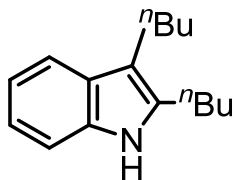
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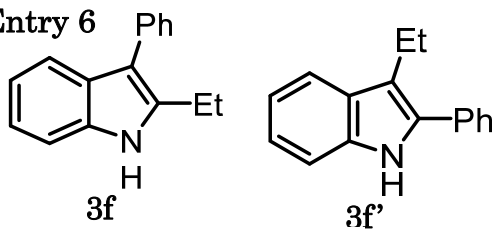
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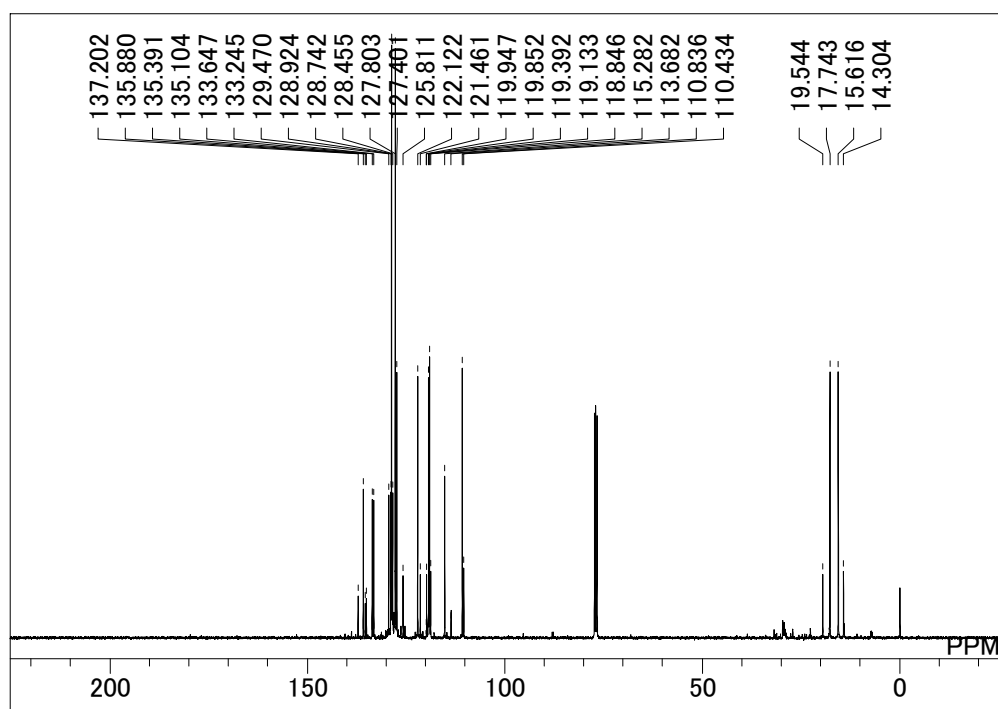
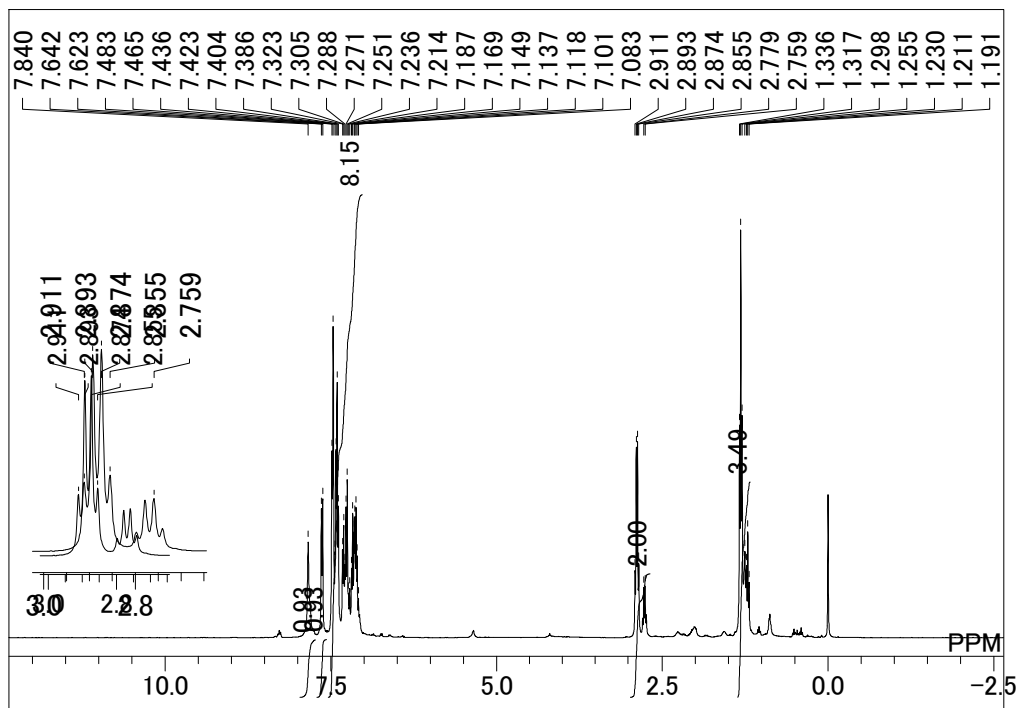
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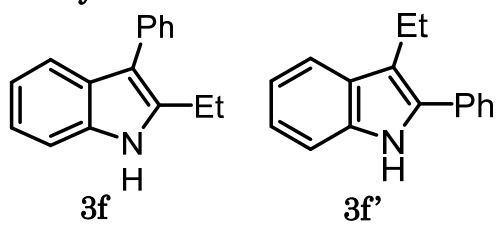
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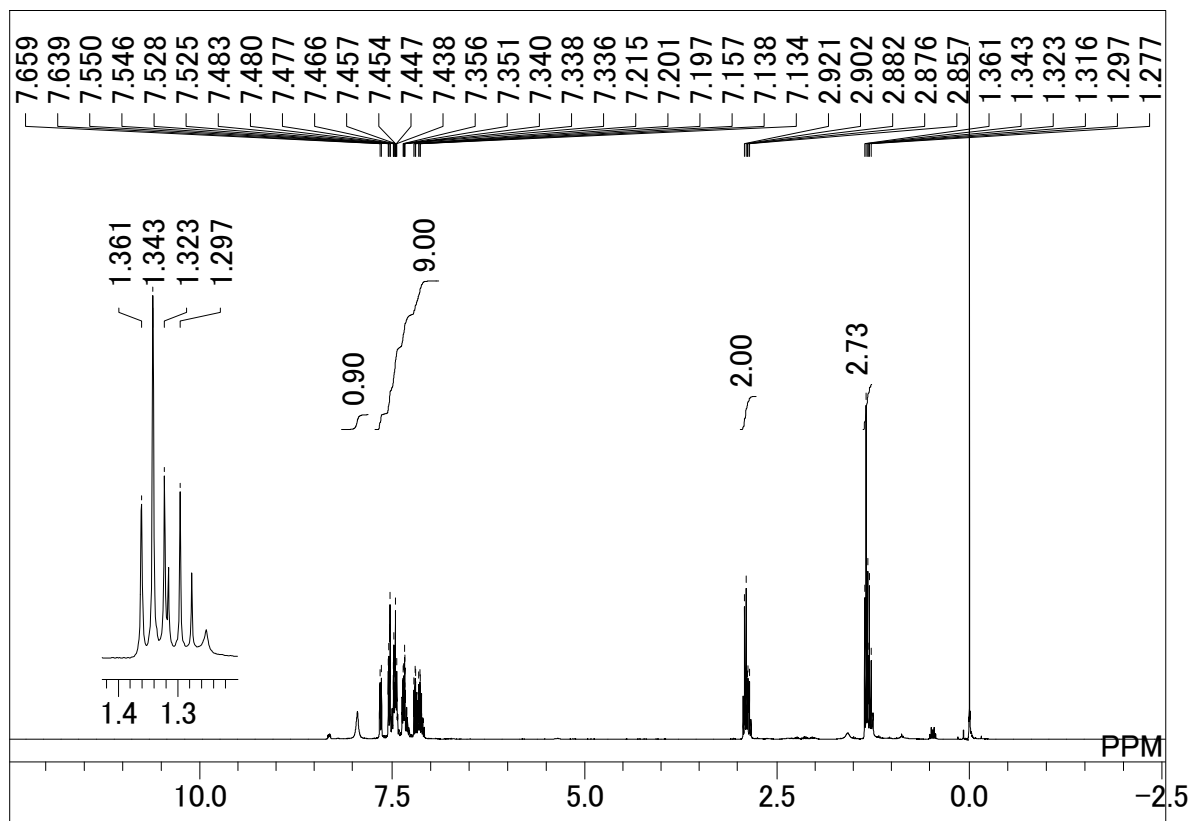
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Entry 9



$3f : 3f' = 2 : 1$



3g

