

Synthesis of 1,2-disubstituted acetylenes via copper-catalyzed Suzuki coupling reaction of organoboronic acids with 1,1-dibromo-1-alkenes

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General Information All the solvents and commercially available reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used directly. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded in CDCl_3 at room temperature on a Varian INOVA-400 spectrometer (400 MHz ^1H) or Bruker spectrometer (400 MHz ^1H). The chemical-shifts scale is based on TMS. Products were purified by flash column chromatography on 200-300 mesh silica gel.

Typical procedure for the preparation of 1,1-dibromo-1-alkenes

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Characterization data of 1,1-dibromo-1-alkenes

1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (**1a**)¹

White solid, mp 37-38 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

(2,2-dibromovinyl)benzene (**1l**)¹

Pale yellow liquid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 3H).

2-(2,2-dibromovinyl)naphthalene (**1m**)¹

White solid, mp 94-95 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H).

1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-2,4-dimethoxybenzene (**1n**)

White solid, mp 45-46 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67 (dd, J = 0.4, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 2.4, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H).

1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-4-methoxybenzene (1o)²

Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

1-chloro-4-(2,2-dibromovinyl)benzene (1p)¹

Light brown liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

1-(2,2-dibromovinyl)-4-nitrobenzene (1q)¹

Yellow solid, mp 93-94 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 1H).

2,2-dibromovinyl-2-pyridine (1r)¹

Light green liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.63 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H).

2,2-dibromovinyl-2-furan (1s)¹

Pale brown liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.47-6.45 (m, 1H).

1,1-dibromo-4-phenylbutene (1t)¹

Light yellow liquid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.45-2.41 (m, 2H).

Typical procedure for the products

General procedure for the one-pot preparation of 1,2-disubstituted acetylenes from 1,1-dibromo-1-alkenes: Under a nitrogen atmosphere, an over-dried Schlenk tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with 1,1-dibromo-1-alkenes (0.50 mmol), organoboron compound (1.0 mmol), CuI (0.05 mmol), 8-hydroxyquinoline (0.10 mmol), K₃PO₄ (2.0 mmol), and ethanol (2.0 mL). After the mixture was heated at 100 °C for 12 h, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel (petroleum ether as eluting agent) to give the product.

Characterization data of the products

(4-methoxyphenyl)phenylacetylene (3a)³

White solid; yield: 92%; mp 51-53 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.53, 133.01, 131.40, 128.28, 127.91, 123.50, 115.29, 113.94, 89.30, 88.01, 55.28; IR (KBr): 3053, 2216, 1246, 1028 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₂O 208.0888; found 208.0887.

di(4-methoxyphenyl)acetylene (3b)⁴

White solid; yield: 96%; mp 145-147 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.36, 131.83, 114.61, 112.89, 86.89, 54.25; IR (KBr): 2840, 2254, 1244, 1026 cm⁻¹; LRMS (EI): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O₂ 238; found 238.

1-tert-butyl-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzene (3c)⁴

White solid; yield: 95%; mp 122-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.47-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.39, 151.11, 132.96, 131.11, 125.28, 120.46, 115.54, 113.89, 88.60, 88.11, 55.25, 34.73, 31.15; IR (KBr): 2930, 2310, 2254, 1160 cm⁻¹; LRMS (EI): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₀O 264; found 264.

4-methyl-4'-methoxyldiphenylacetylene (3d)⁴

White solid; yield: 94%; mp 126-128 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.44, 137.97, 132.93, 131.29, 129.04, 120.46, 115.55, 113.93, 88.62, 88.16, 55.24, 21.43; IR (KBr): 2920, 2211, 1246, 1028 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O 222.1123; found 222.1120.

1-methoxy-4-(3'-tolylethynyl)benzene (3e)⁵

White solid; yield: 92%; mp 43-45 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.53, 137.93, 133.01, 132.01, 128.82, 128.49, 128.18, 123.36, 115.48, 113.96, 88.98, 88.20, 55.28, 21.21; IR (KBr): 2946, 2231, 1203, 1021 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI): [M]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₁₄O 222.1120; found 222.1121.

1-methoxy-4-(2'-tolylethynyl)benzene (3f)⁶

White solid; yield: 90%; mp 75-77 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.53, 139.92, 132.90, 131.62, 129.38, 127.94, 125.52, 123.30, 115.65, 113.97, 93.30, 86.98, 55.27, 20.73; IR (KBr): 2931, 2224, 1594, 1245, 1029 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ 222.1124; found 222.1123.

(*p*-fluorophenyl)(*p*-anisyl)acetylene (3g)⁷

White solid; yield: 86%; mp 83-85 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.48, 161.00, 159.60, 133.20 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 119.63, 115.55 (d, J = 22.1 Hz), 115.09, 113.97, 88.94, 86.93, 55.27; IR (KBr): 2923, 2217, 1287, 1029 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{FO}$ 226.0870; found 226.0872.

1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl]ethyne (3h)⁸

White solid; yield: 83%; mp 120-122 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.60-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.97, 133.24, 131.56, 129.50 (q, J = 33 Hz, C), 125.30 (d, J = 3 Hz, CH), 125.21 (q, J = 272 Hz, CF_3), 114.53, 114.06, 91.87, 86.81, 55.31; IR (KBr): 2946, 2230, 1195, 1012 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ 276.2560; found 276.2562.

(*p*-chlorophenyl)(*p*-anisyl)acetylene (3i)⁹

White solid; yield: 88%; mp 115-116 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 158.70, 132.81, 132.03, 131.59, 127.60, 121.03, 113.91, 112.99, 89.28, 85.93, 54.28; IR (KBr): 2937, 2217, 1176, 1012 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClO}$ 242.0498; found 242.0496.

1-bromo-4-((4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)benzene (3j)⁴

White solid; yield: 90%; mp 235-237 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.47-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.03 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.76, 133.04, 132.82, 131.53, 122.55, 122.03, 114.95, 114.02, 90.52, 87.02, 55.28; IR (KBr): 2925, 2217, 1164, 1036 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrO}$ 286.0072; found 286.0073.

1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)naphthalene (3k)⁶

Yellow solid; yield: 91%; mp 60-62 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.43 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.52

(dt, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 159.65, 133.15, 133.07, 130.01, 128.36, 128.24, 126.62, 126.32, 126.22, 125.26, 121.16, 115.41, 114.01, 94.31, 86.16, 55.27; IR (KBr): 2942, 2225, 1235, 1042 cm^{-1} ; LRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}$ 258; found 258.

diphenylacetylene (3l)³

White solid; yield: 90%; mp 59-61 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.55-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 131.56, 128.31, 128.22, 123.18, 89.31; IR (KBr): 2913, 2219, 1213, 1026 cm^{-1} ; LRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}$ 178; found 178.

2-(phenylethynyl)naphthalene (3m)⁴

White solid; yield: 88%; mp 105-106 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.59-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 132.96, 132.75, 131.63, 131.40, 128.36, 128.34, 128.26, 127.98, 127.75, 127.74, 126.64, 126.52, 123.22, 120.51, 89.76, 89.70; IR (KBr): 2923, 2218, 1493, 1023, 965 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}$ 228.0939; found 228.0935.

(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)phenylacetylene (3n)⁴

Yellow oil; yield: 93%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.48-6.45 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 161.13, 161.04, 134.26, 131.43, 128.14, 127.73, 123.75, 104.85, 104.73, 98.34, 91.97, 85.69, 55.78, 55.38; IR (neat): 2926, 2227, 1493, 749 cm^{-1} ; LRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ 238; found 238.

phenyl-*p*-tolylacetylene (3o)³

Colorless solid; yield: 91%; mp 69-71 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.35, 131.50, 131.44, 129.08, 128.28, 128.04, 123.38, 120.08, 89.50, 88.67, 21.49; IR (KBr): 2923, 2216, 1493, 1023, 965 cm^{-1} ; LRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}$ 192; found 192.

(4-chlorophenyl)phenylacetylene (3p)⁴

White solid; yield: 86%; mp 80-82 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 134.20, 132.77, 131.56, 128.66, 128.46, 128.37, 122.85, 121.71, 90.26, 88.20; IR (KBr): 3048, 2228, 1486, 1024, 973 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI): $[\text{M}]^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}$ 212.6705; found 212.6707.

1-nitro-4-(phenylethynyl)benzene (3q)¹⁰

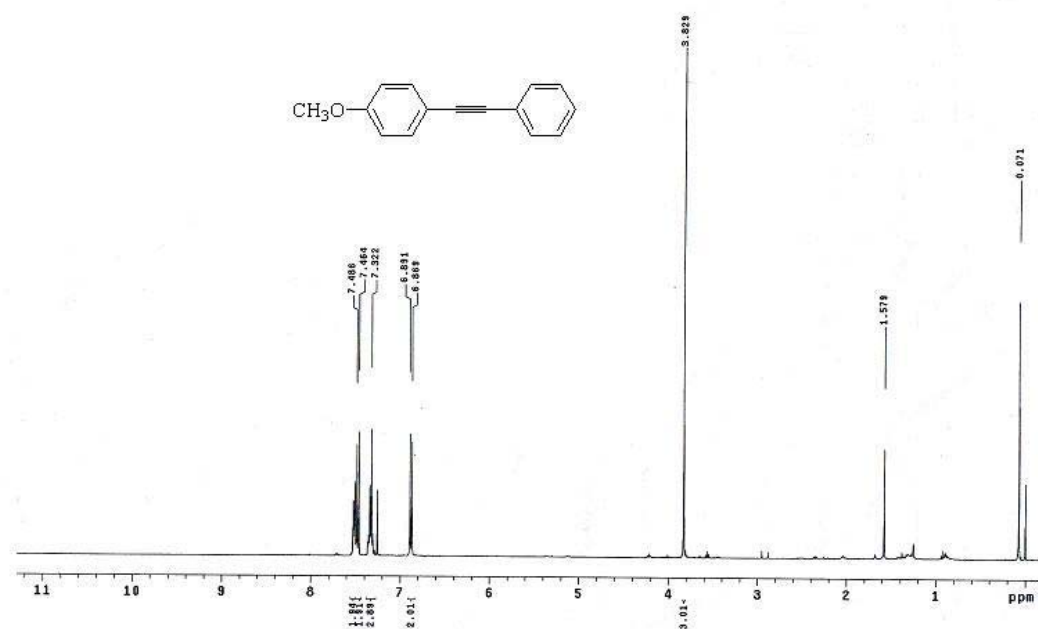
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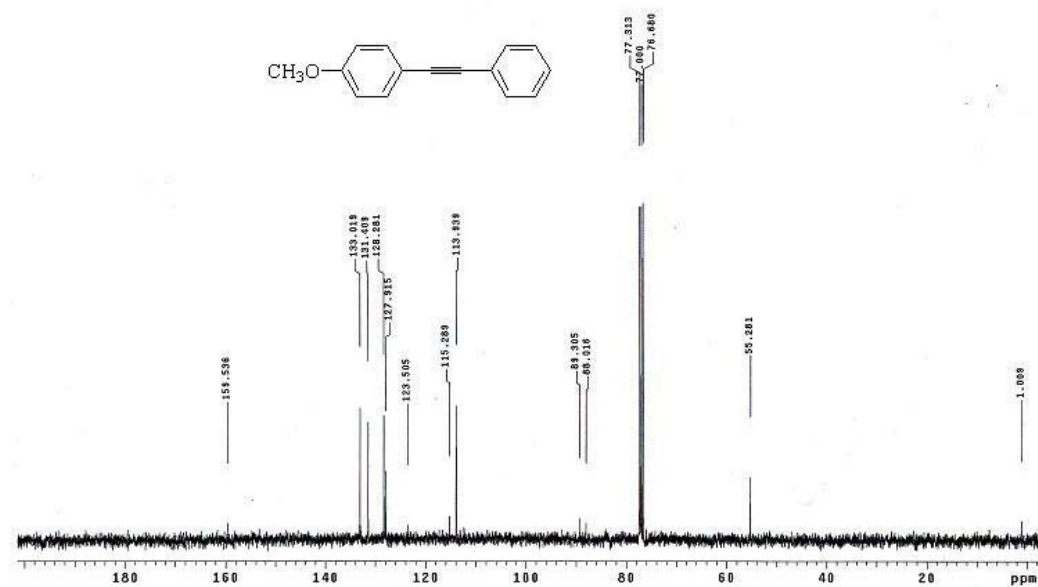
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2-(2-phenylethynyl)furan (3s)¹²

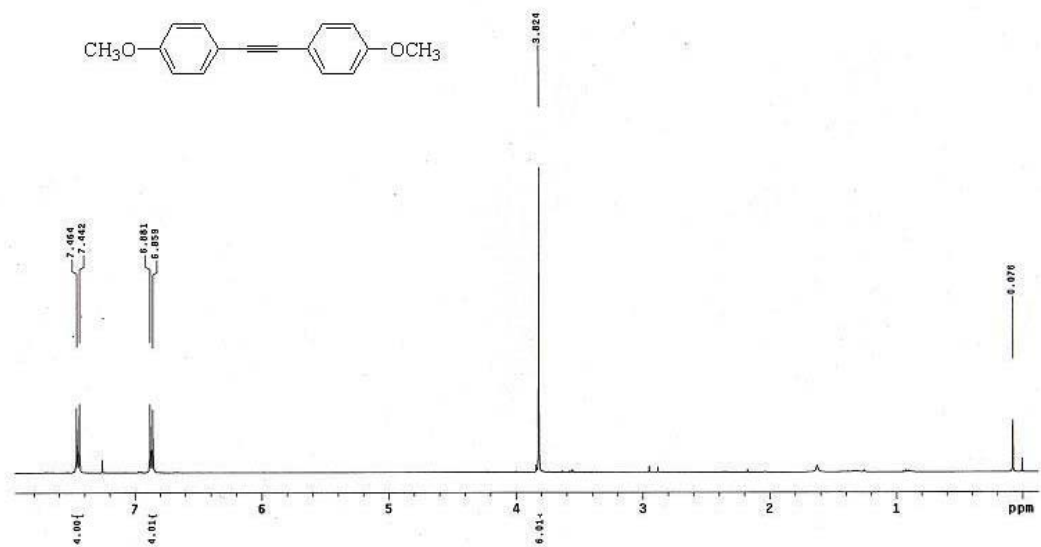
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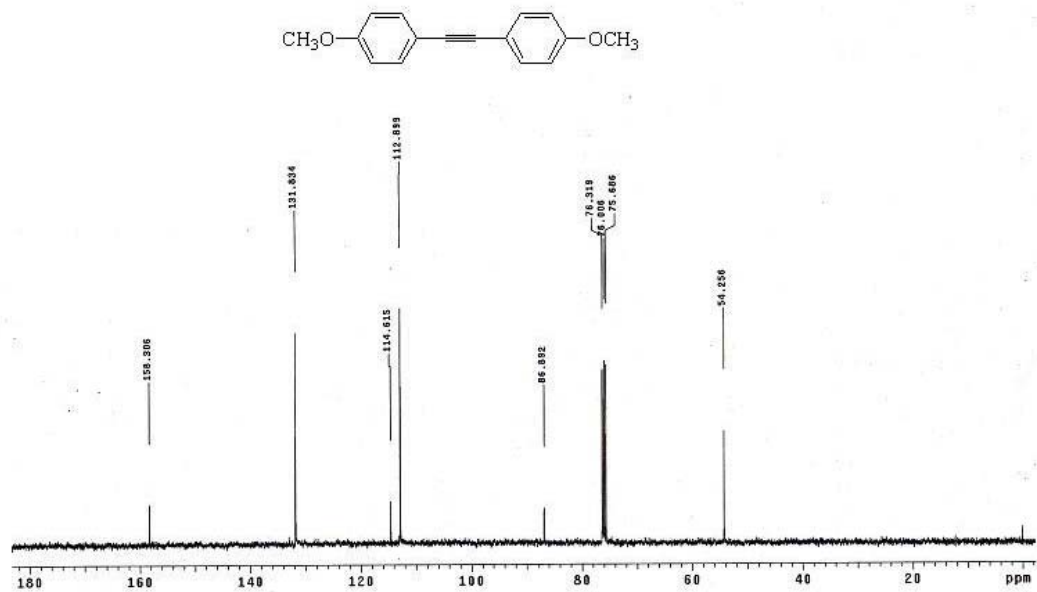
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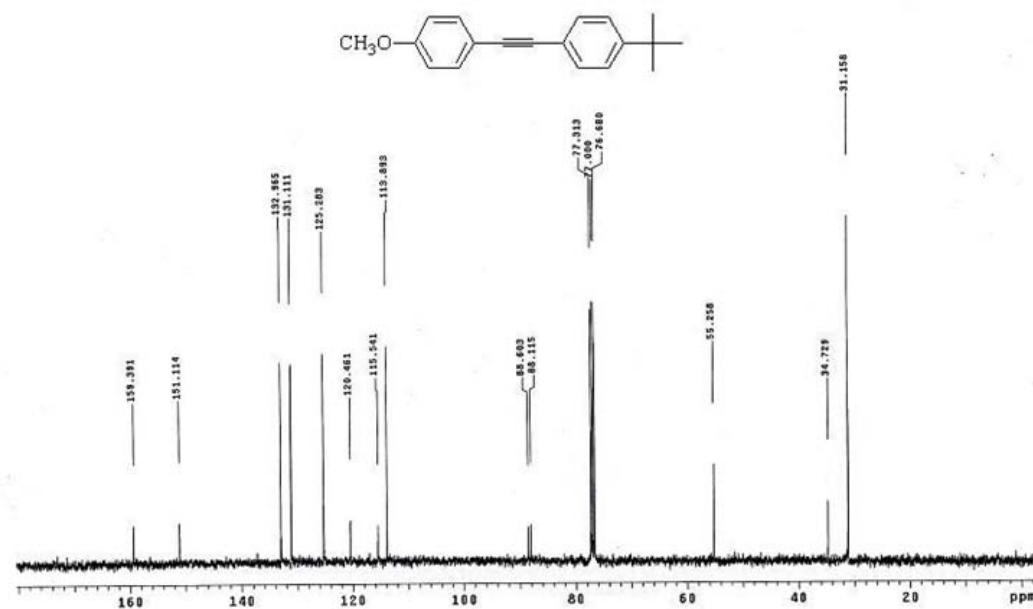
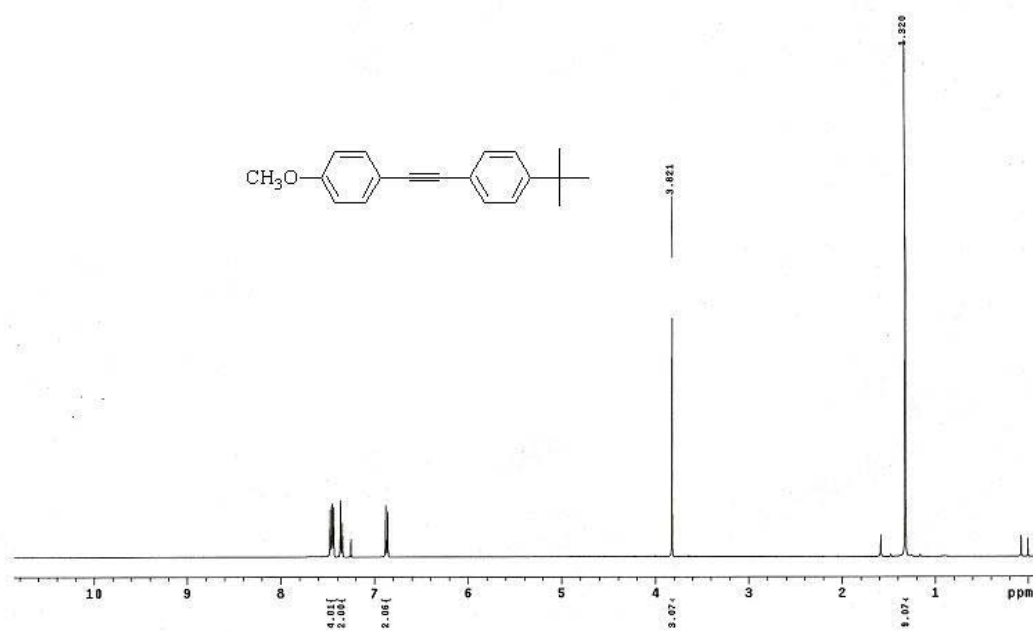
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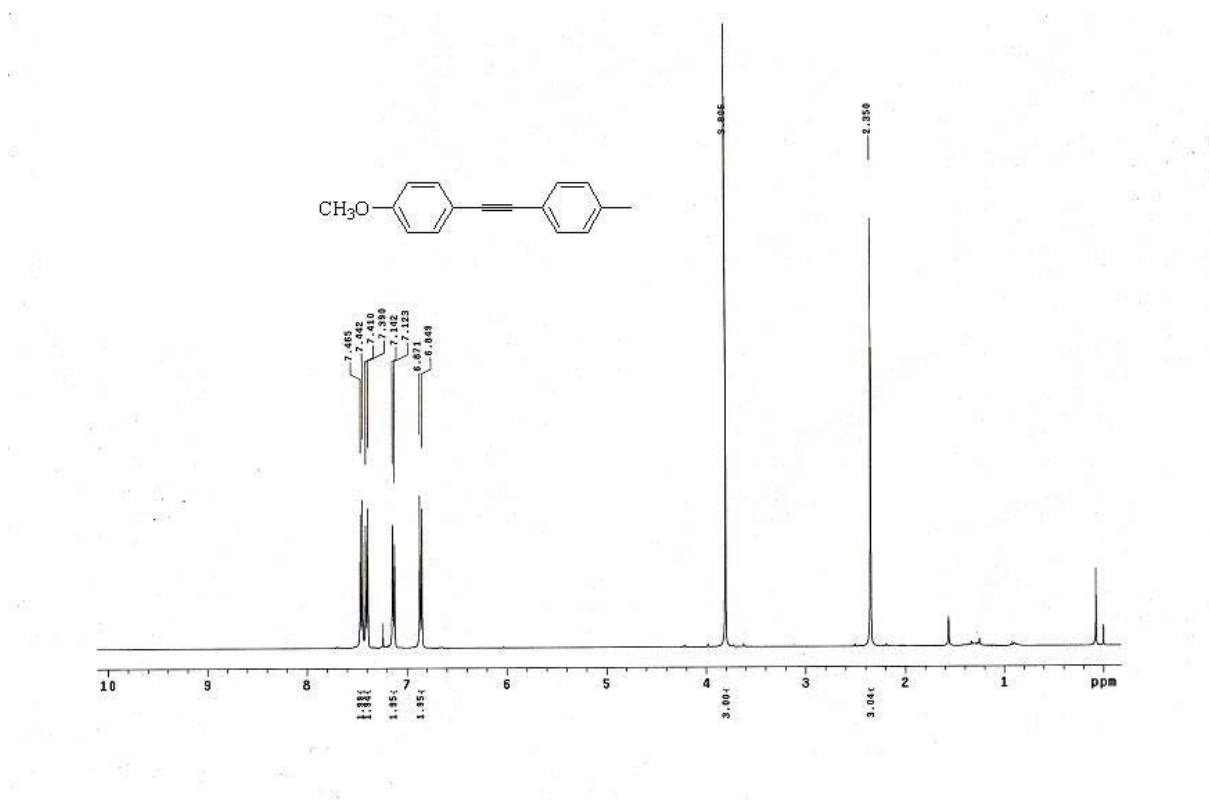


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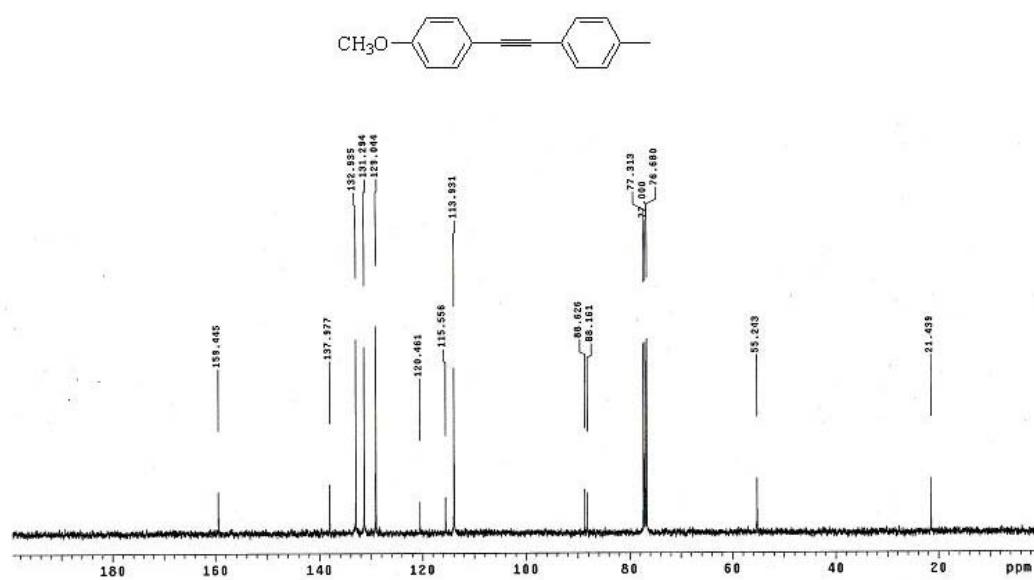


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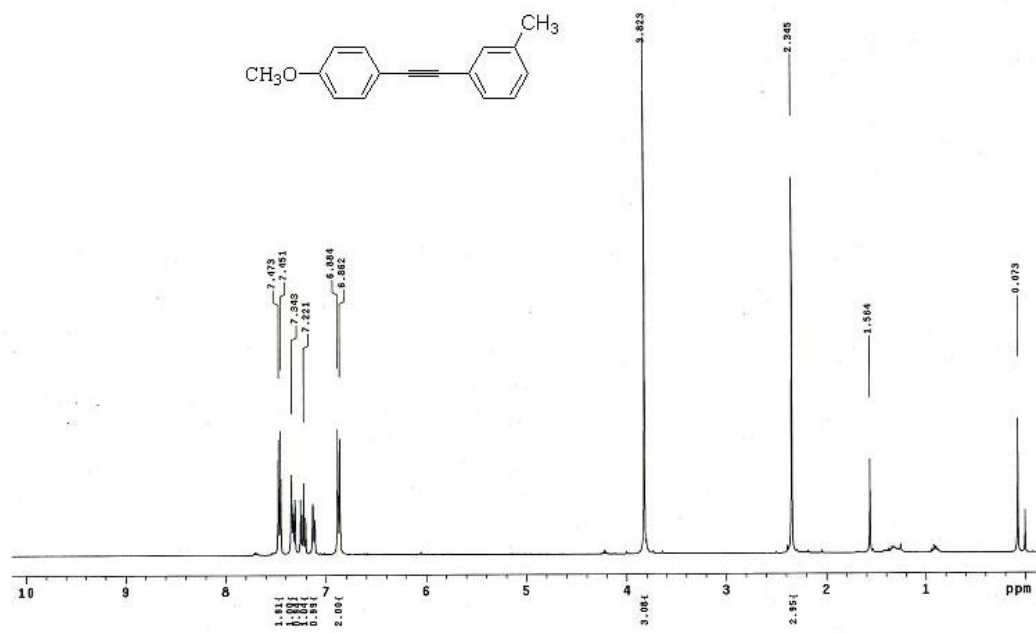




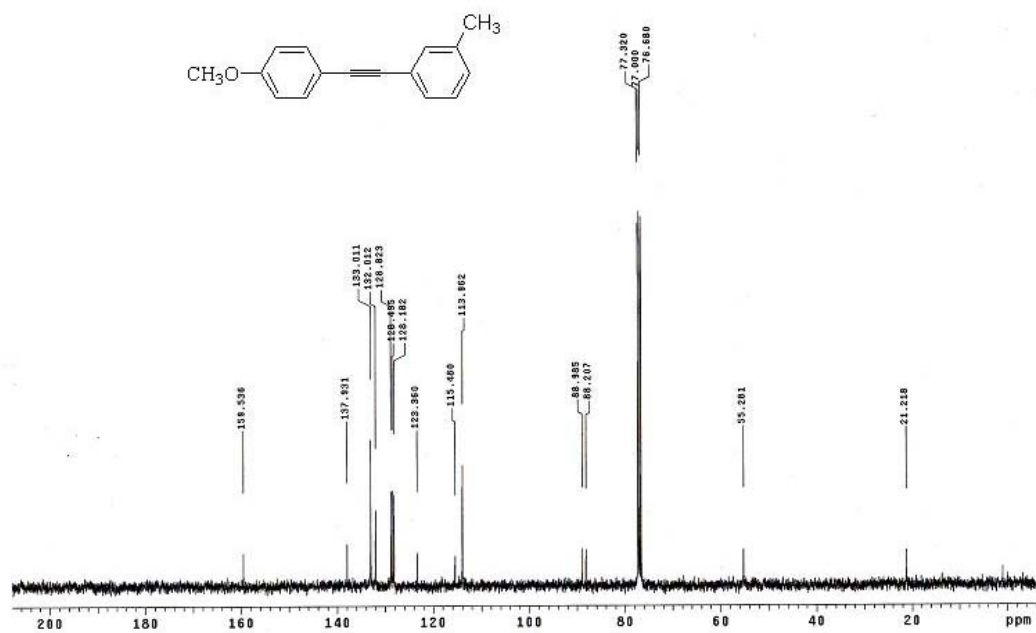
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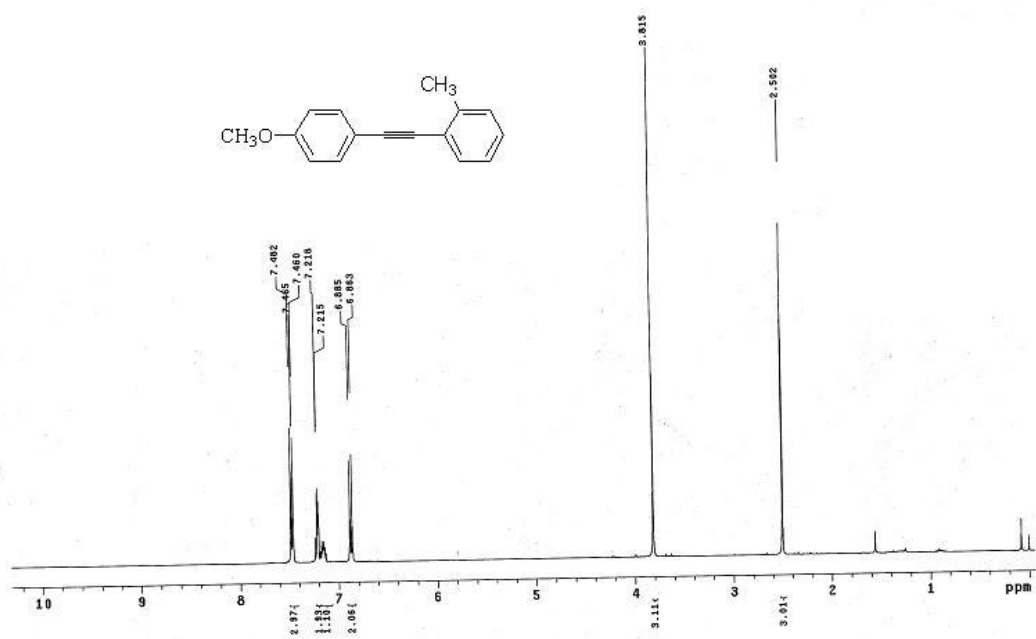
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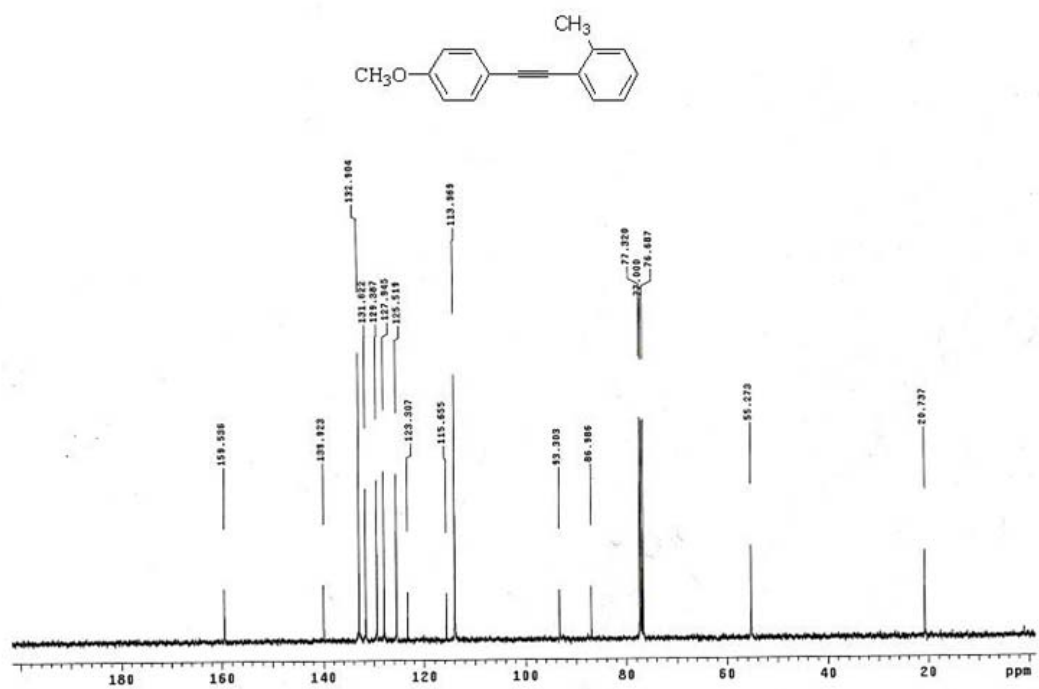
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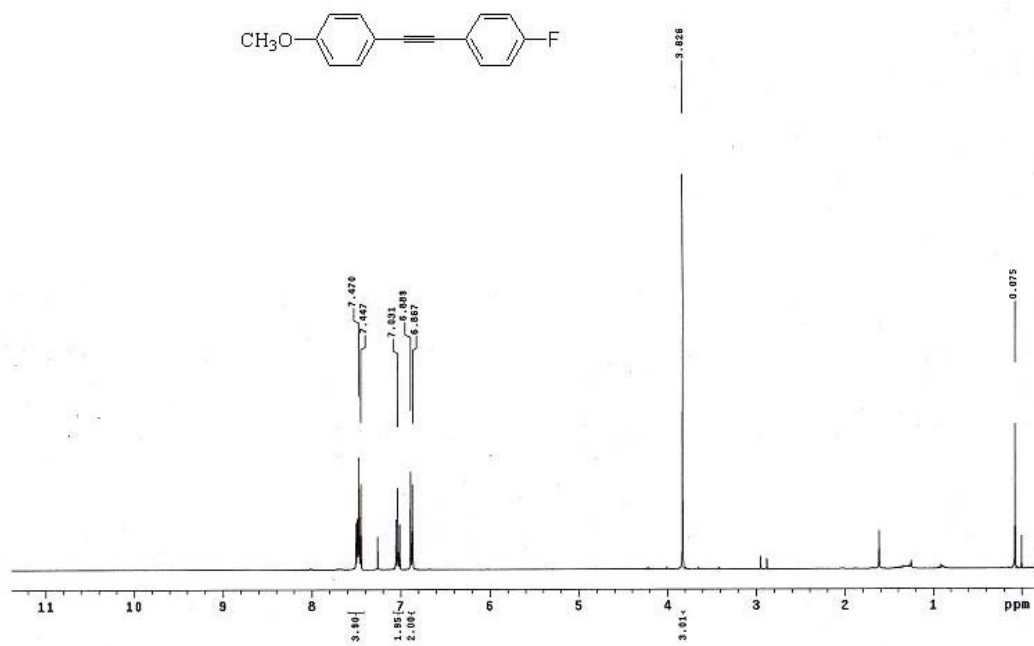
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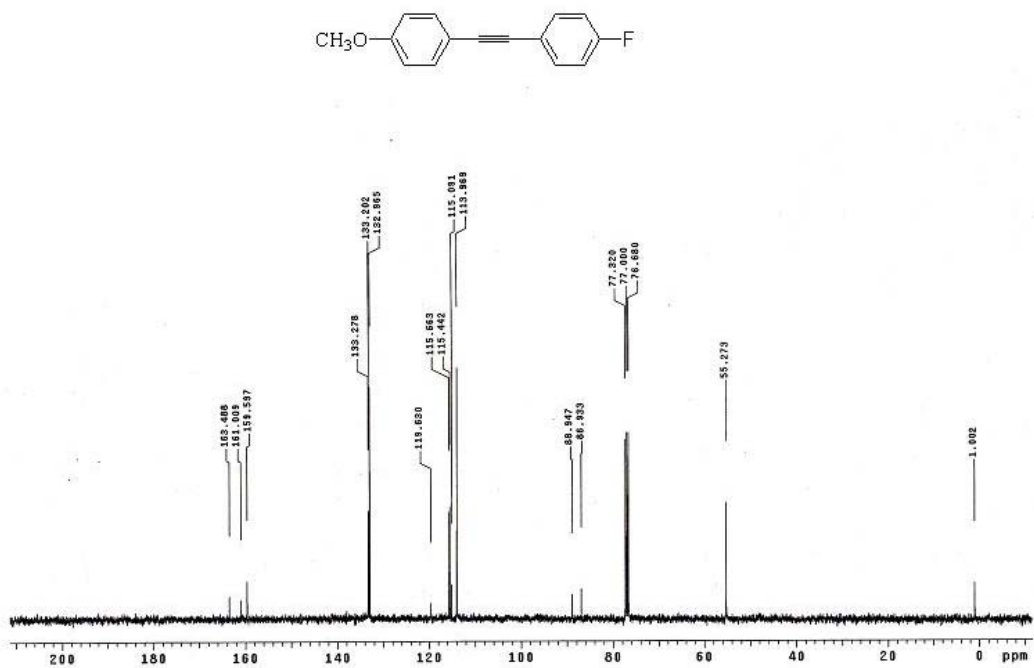
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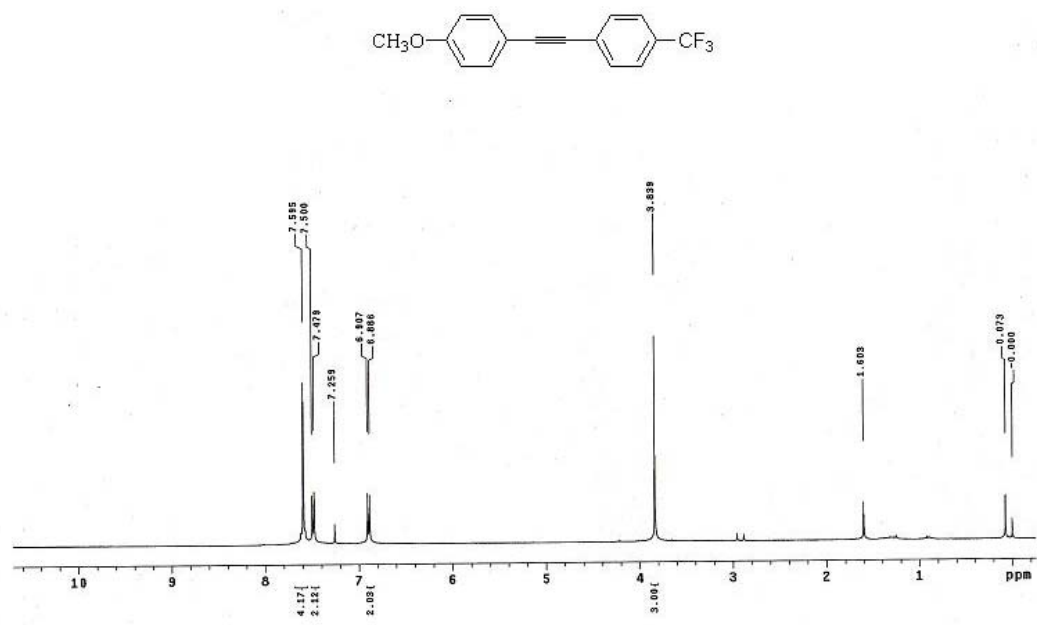
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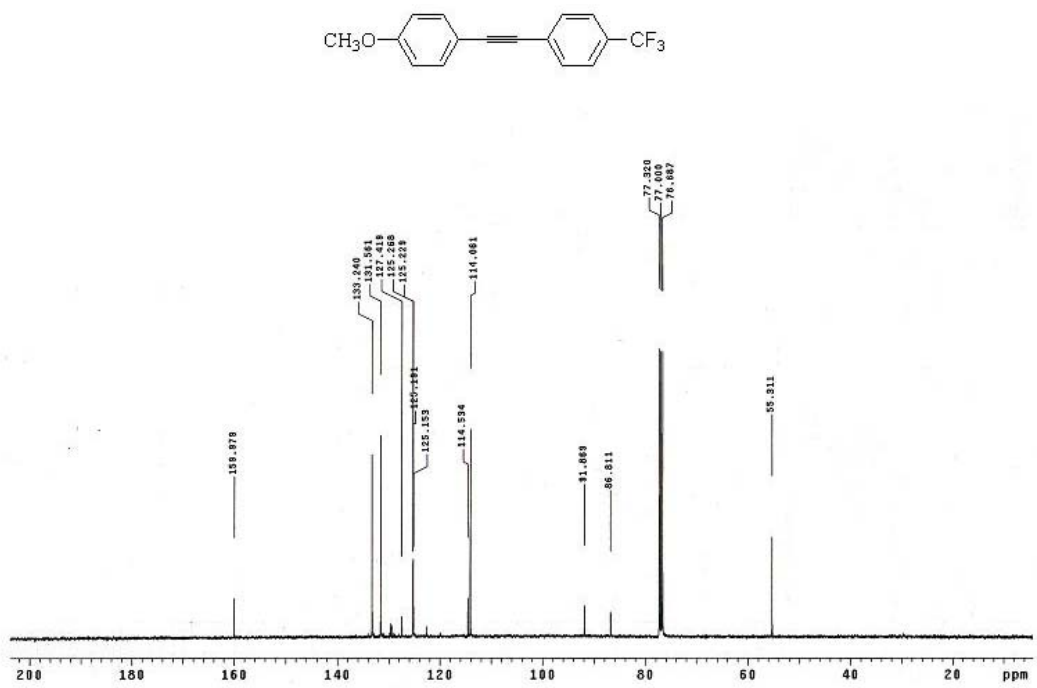
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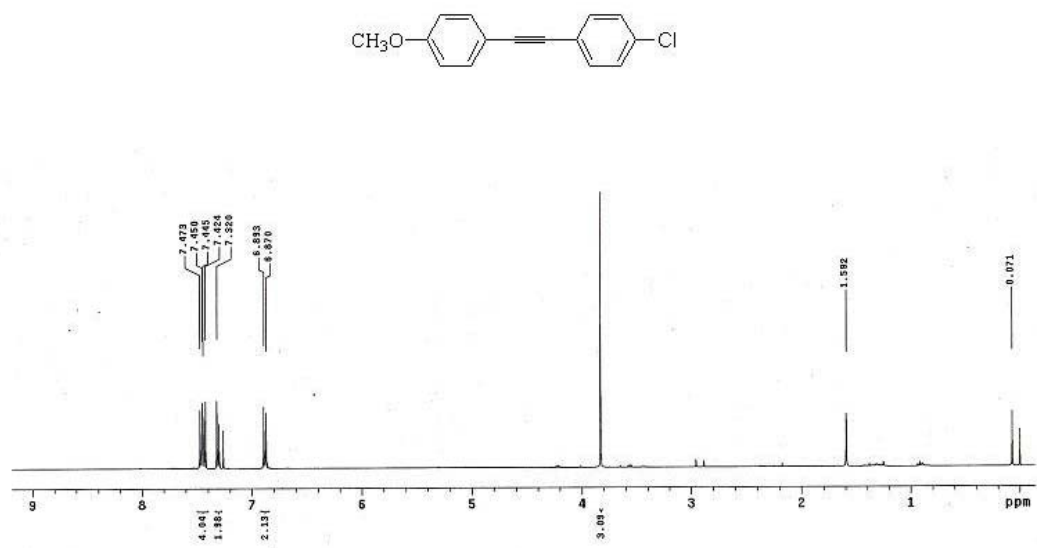
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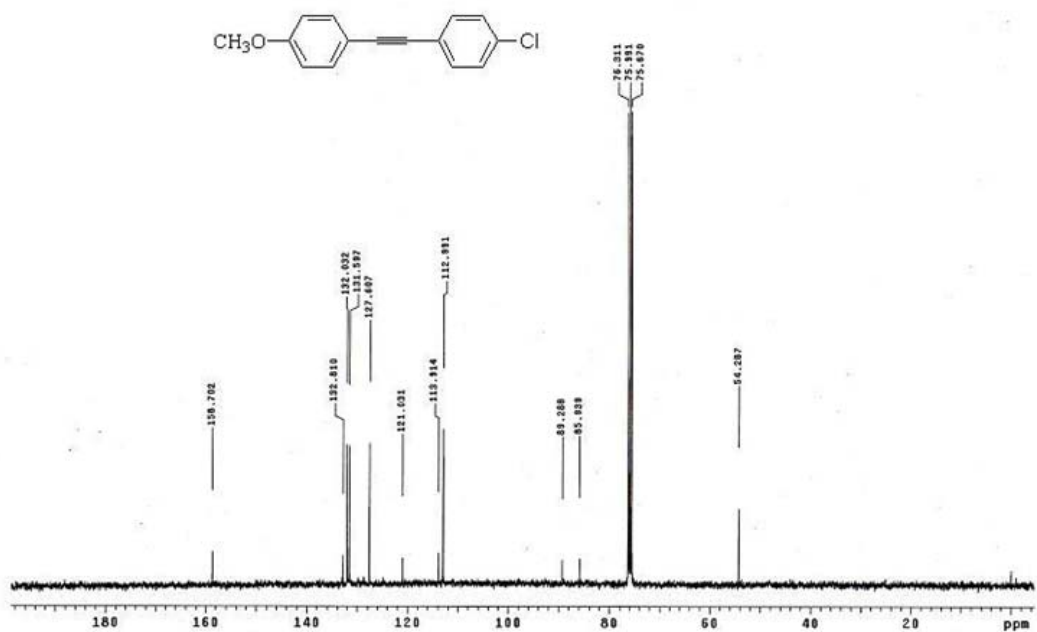
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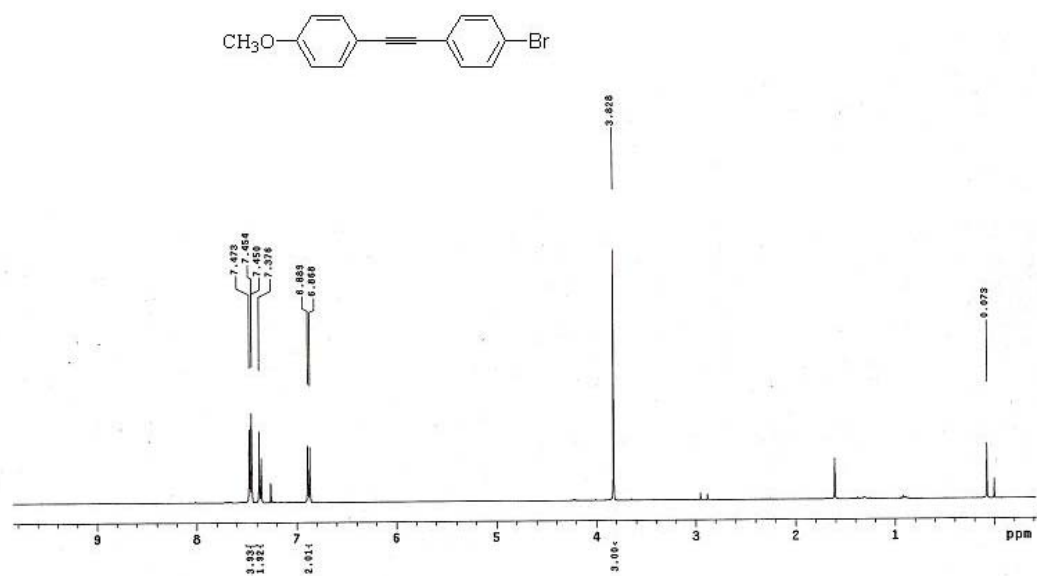
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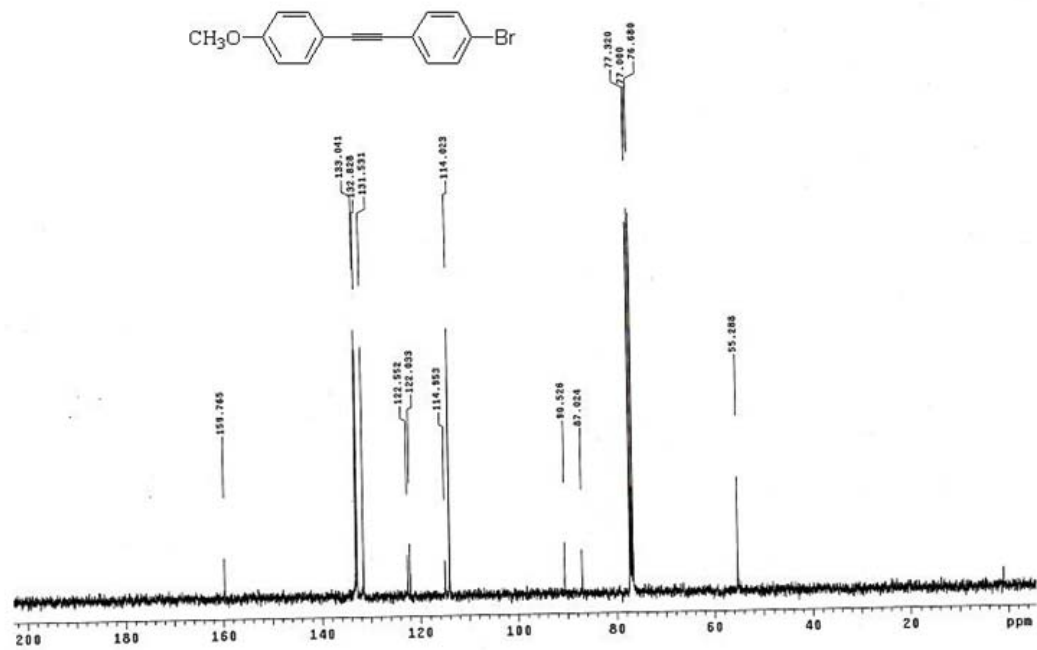
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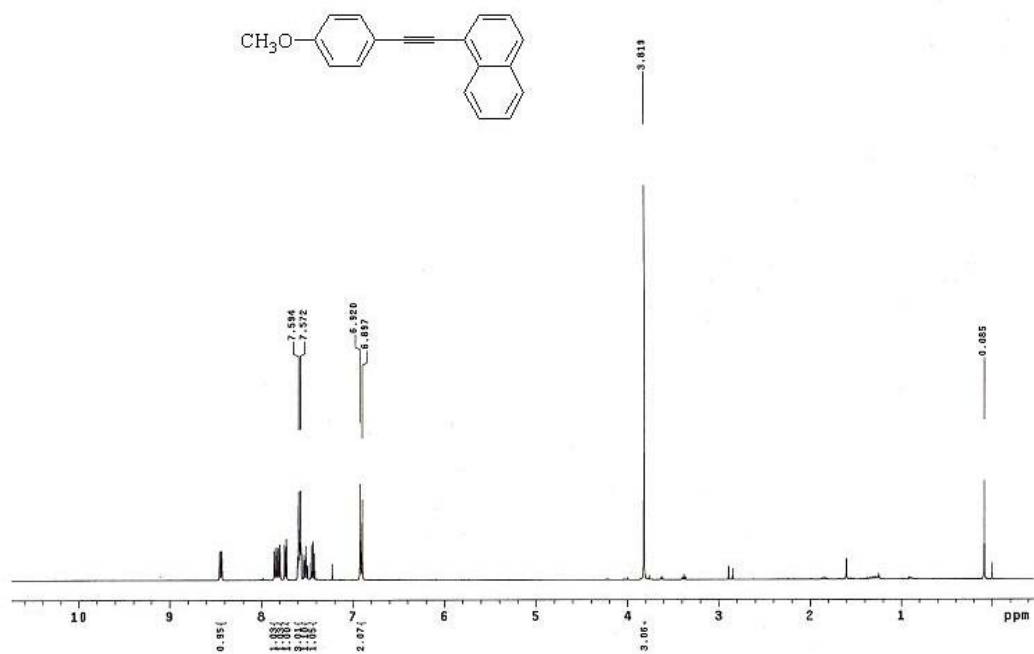
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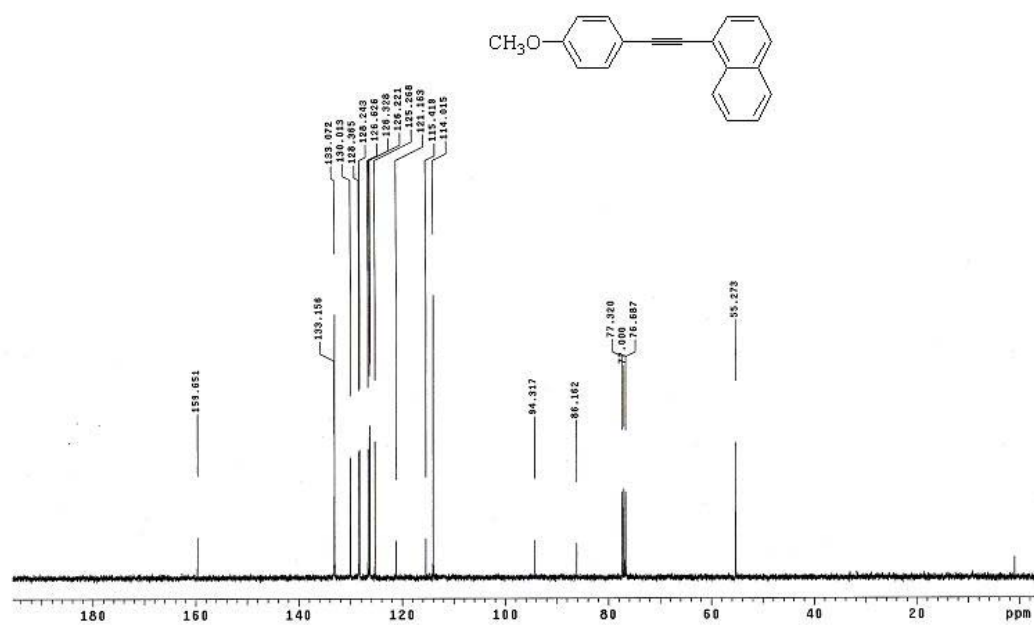
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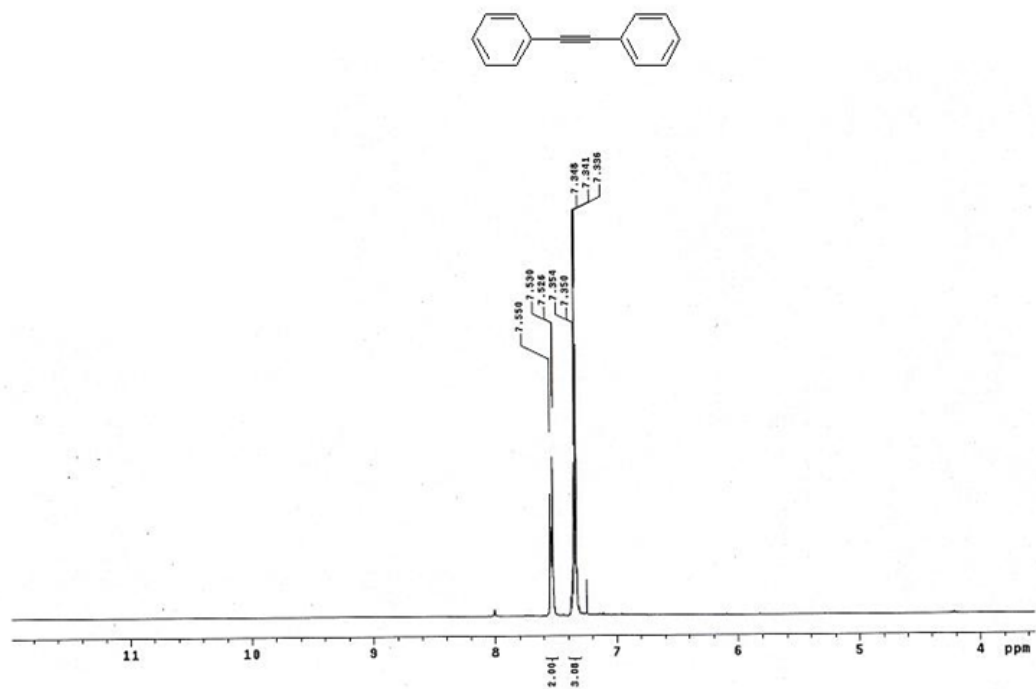
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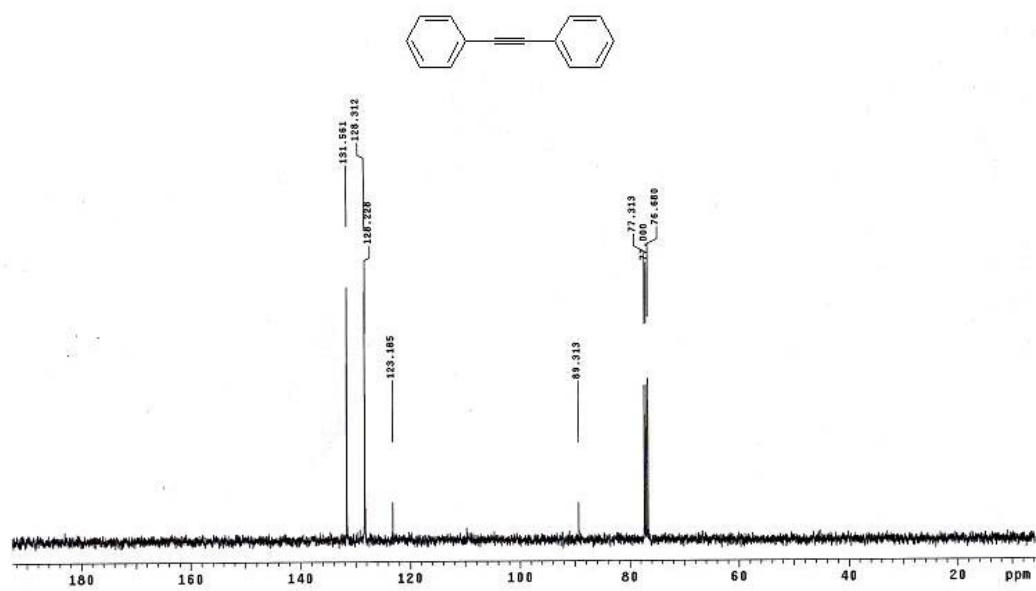
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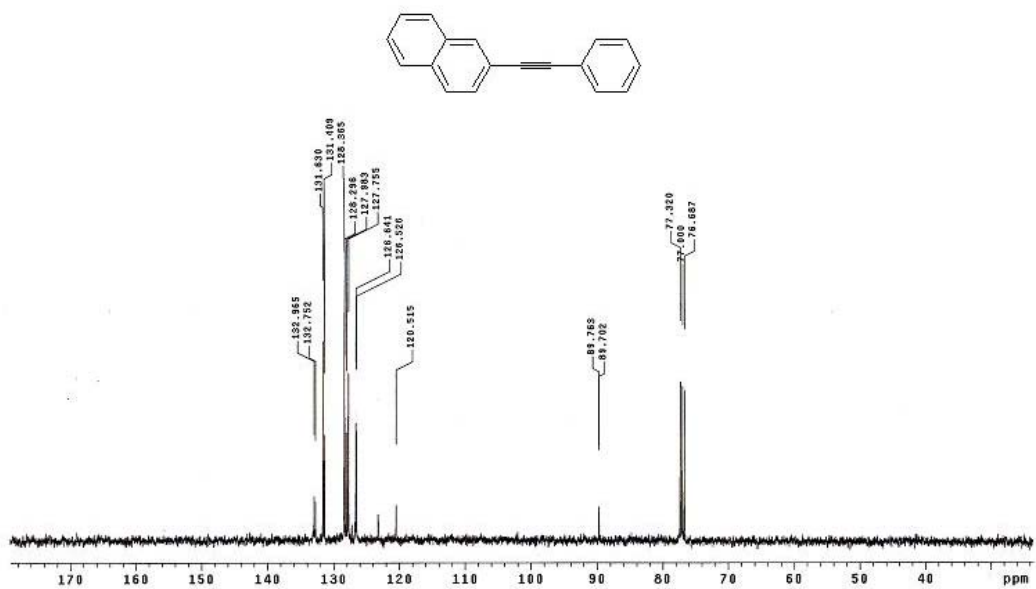
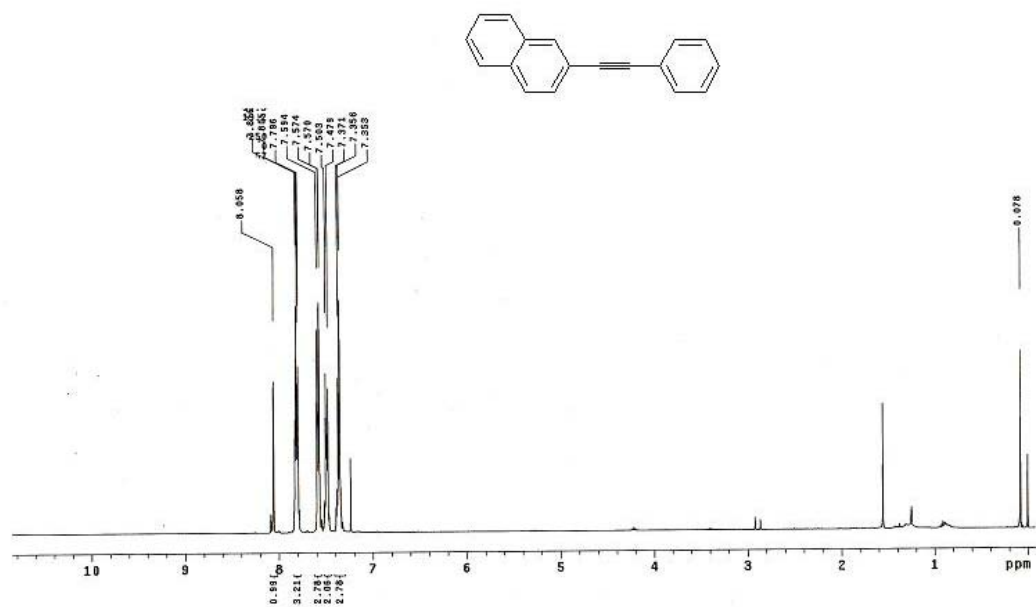
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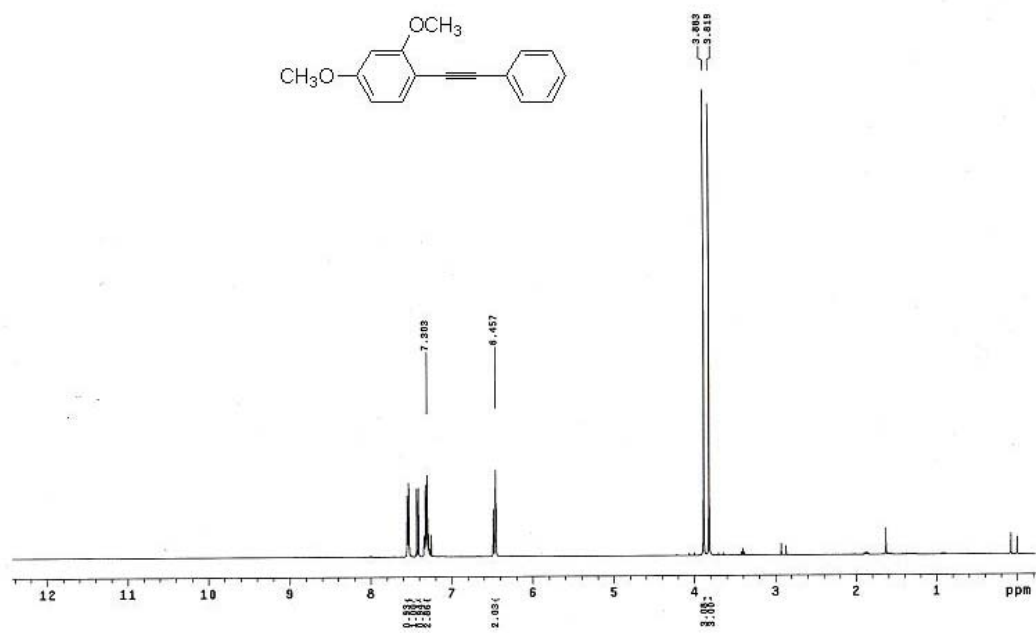


¹H NMR spectrum of the product 31

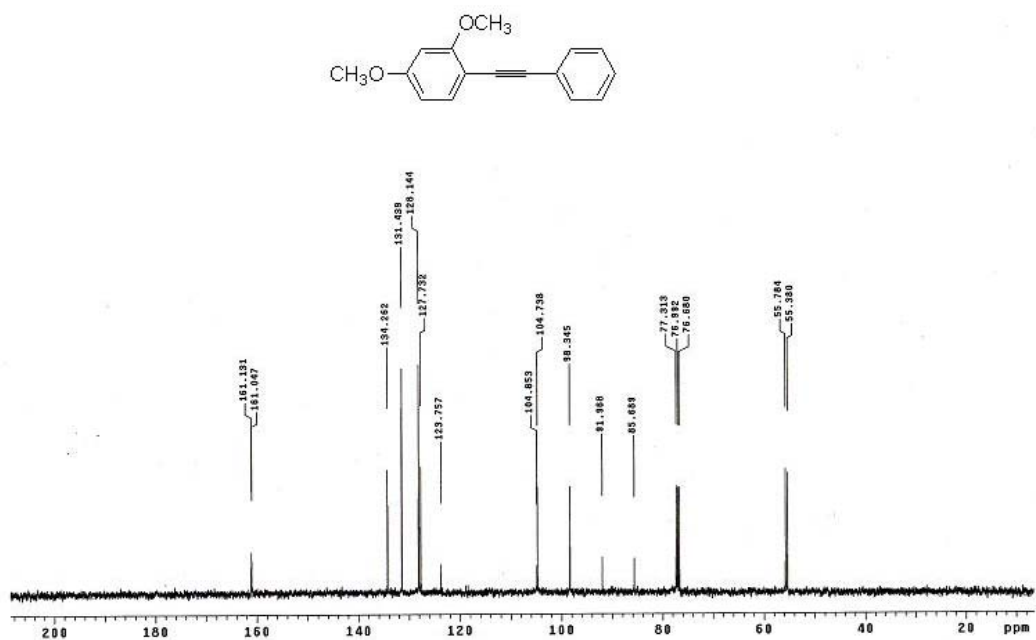


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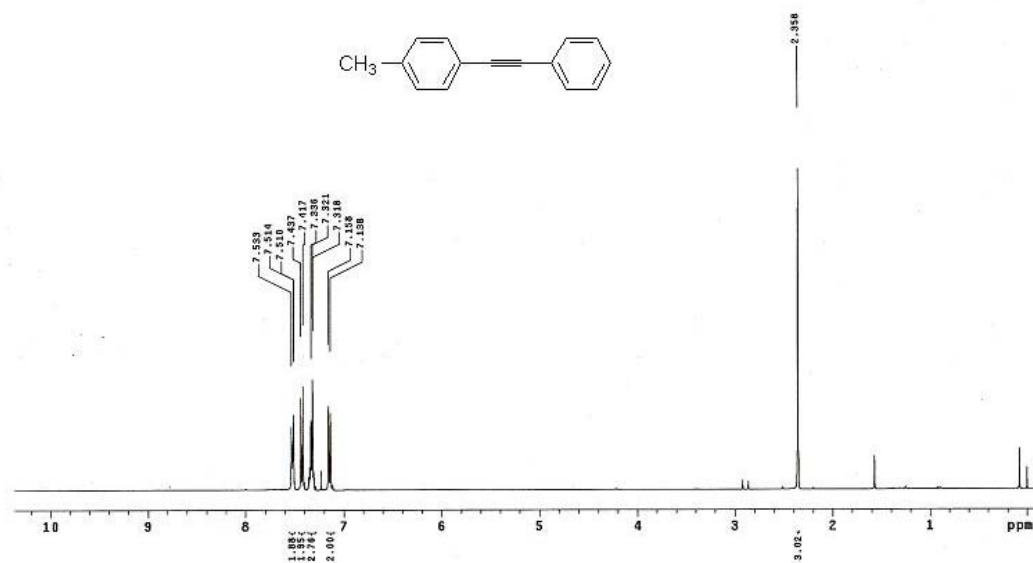




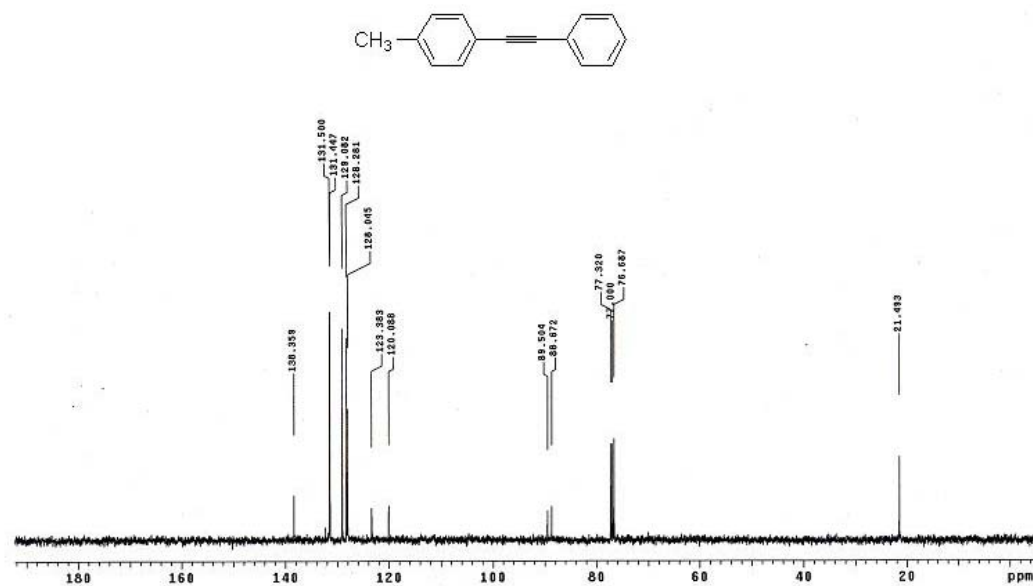
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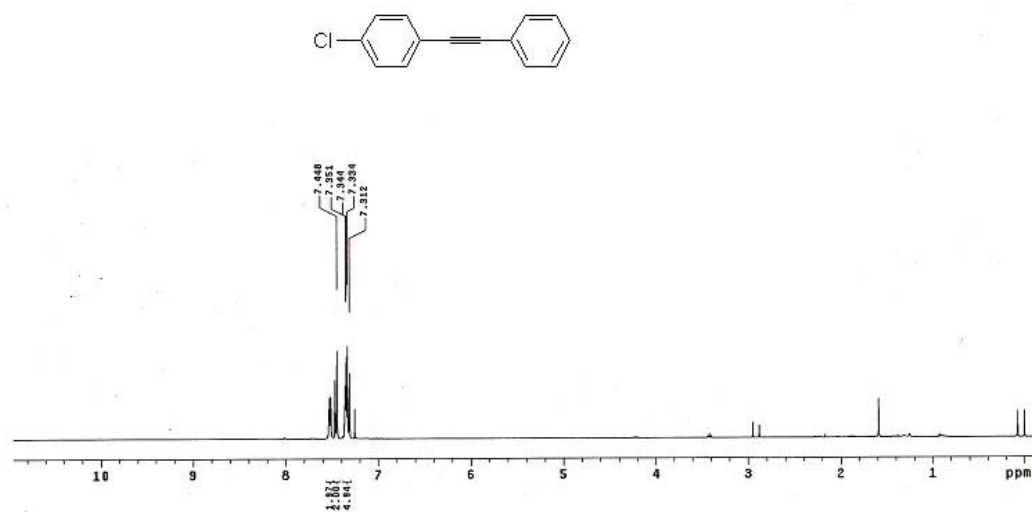
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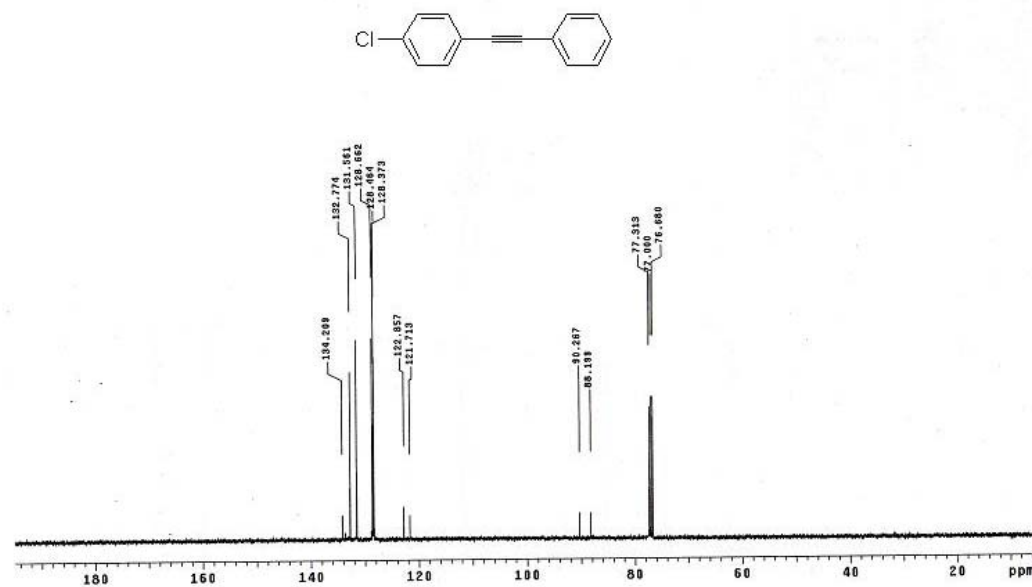
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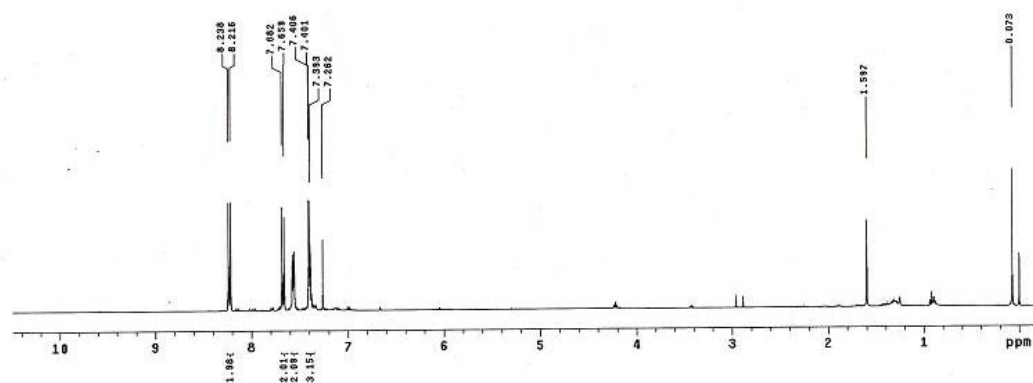
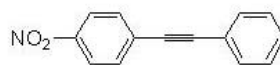
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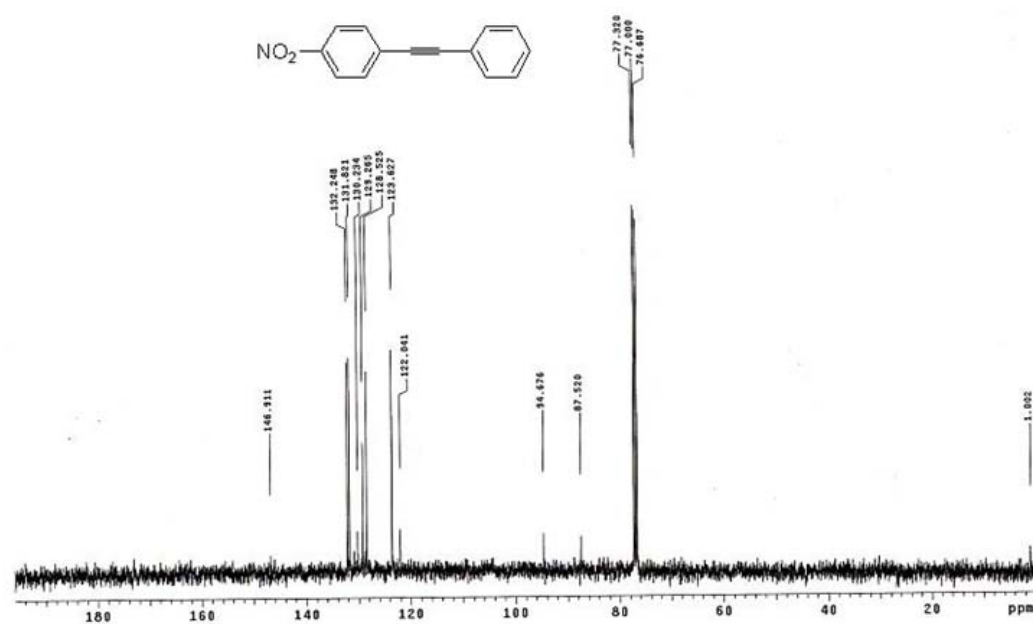
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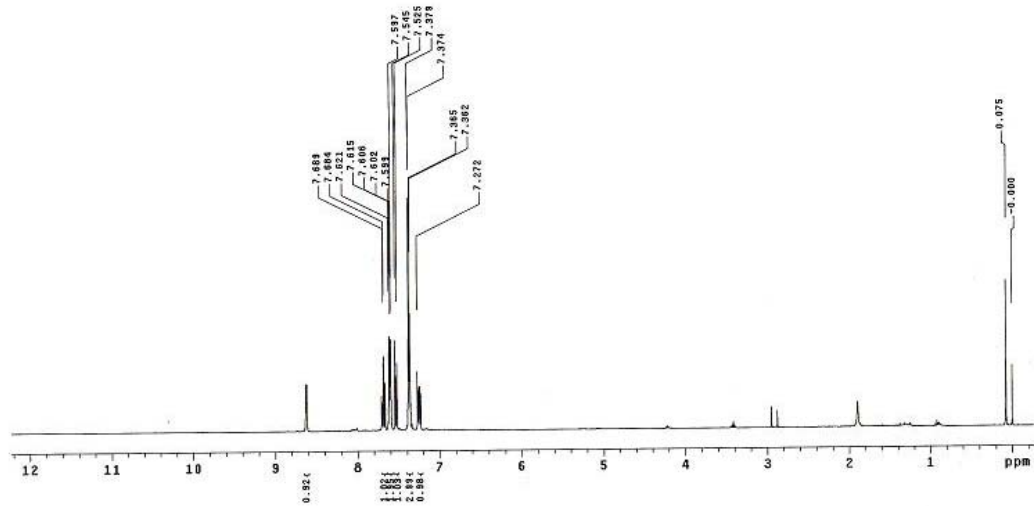
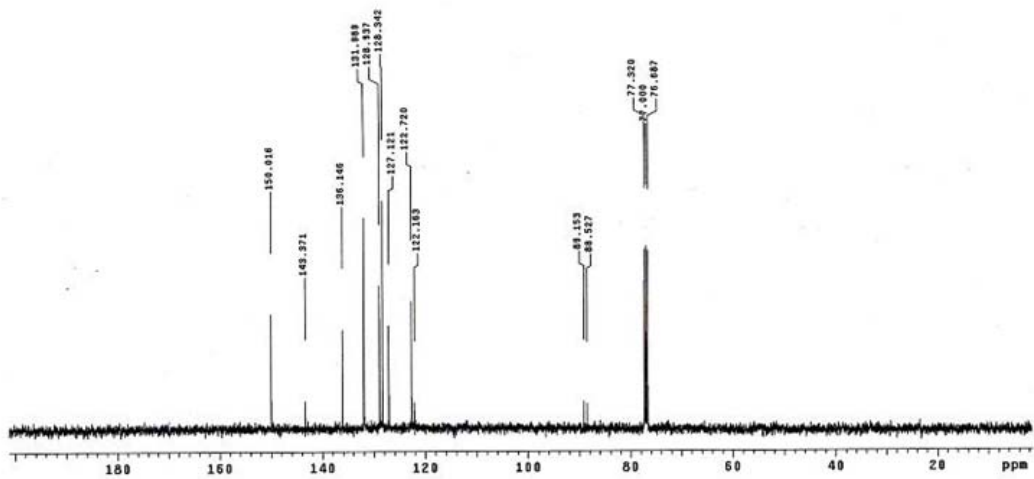
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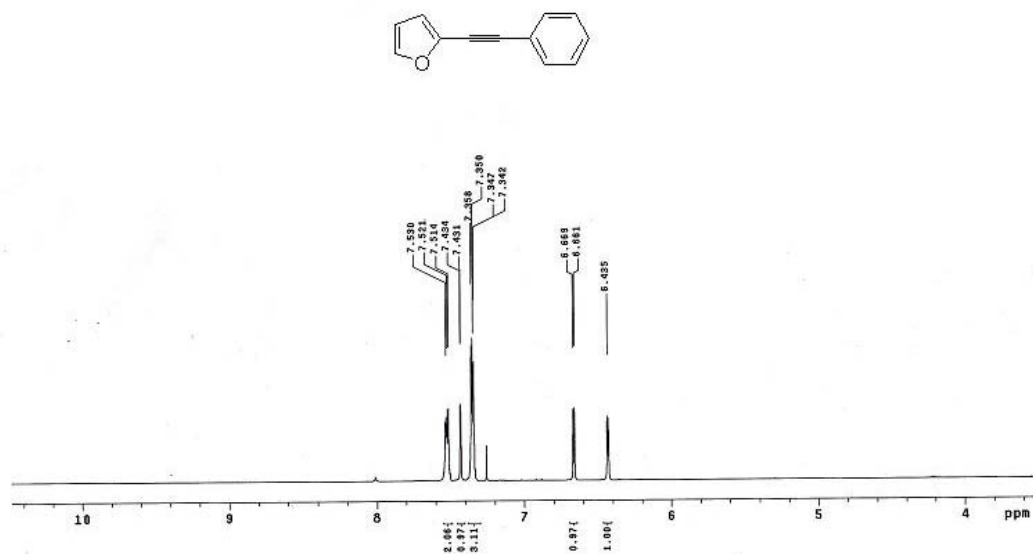


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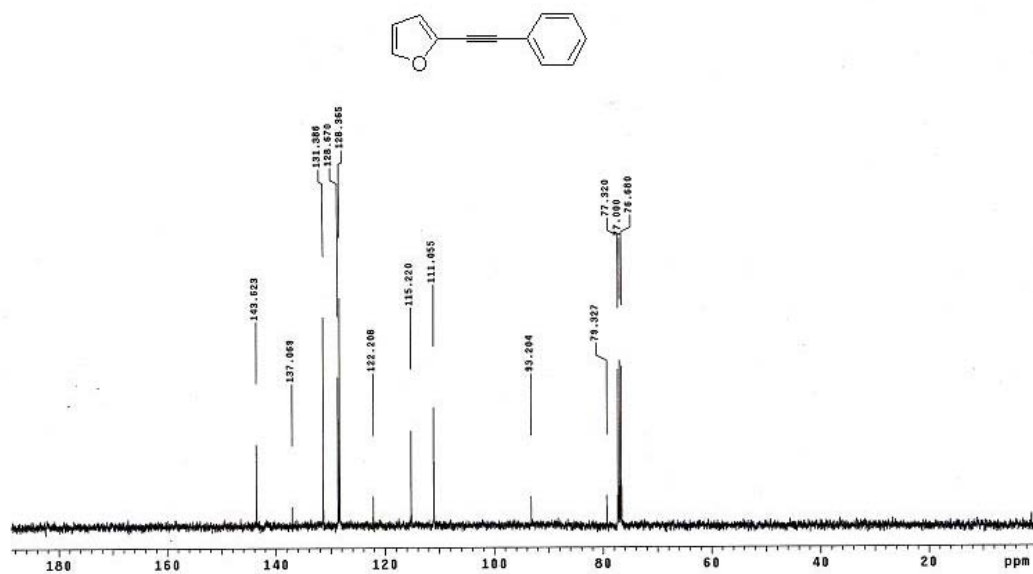


¹³C NMR spectrum of the product 3q

¹H NMR spectrum of the product 3r ^{13}C NMR spectrum of the product 3r



¹H NMR spectrum of the product 3s



¹³C NMR spectrum of the product 3s

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