

## Supporting Information

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## **The Chan-Lam Reaction of Chalcogen Elements Leading to Aryl Chalcogenides**

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## 1. General information

All chemicals were used as received without further purification unless stated otherwise.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature on a 300 MHz NMR spectrometer (75 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). NMR experiments are reported in  $\delta$  units, parts per million (ppm), and were referenced to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  ( $\delta$  7.26 or 77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. The coupling constants  $J$  are given in Hz. Column chromatography was performed using EM Silica gel 60 (300-400 mesh).

## 2. Synthetic procedures

**General procedure for the synthesis of aryl sulfides/selenides:** Under  $\text{N}_2$ , the mixture of arylboronic acid (0.4 mmol), sulfur/selenium powder (0.8 mmol),  $\text{CuF}_2$  (10 mol %) in Py/DMSO (2 mL, 2 : 1) was stirred under 100 °C for 12 h. After the completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the solvent was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether-EtOAc as the eluent to give the desired product.

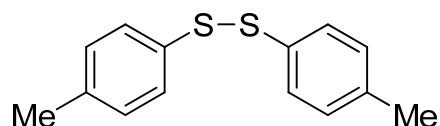
**General procedure for the synthesis of aryl thiols:** Under  $\text{N}_2$ , the mixture of arylboronic acid (0.4 mmol), sulfur powder (0.8 mmol),  $\text{CuF}_2$  (10 mol %) in Py/DMSO (2 mL, 2 : 1) was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. To this reaction mixture,  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (1 mmol) was added. After the resultant reaction solution was stirred at 40 °C for 5 h, water was added to quench the reaction. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic layer was washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The solvent was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product.

**General procedure for the synthesis of unsymmetrical monosulfides:** Under  $\text{N}_2$ , the mixture of arylboronic acid (0.4 mmol), sulfur powder (0.8 mmol),  $\text{CuF}_2$  (10 mol %) in Py/DMSO (2 mL, 2 : 1) was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h. To this reaction mixture,

$\text{NaBH}_4$  (1 mmol) was added. After the resultant reaction solution was stirred at 40 °C for 5 h, aryl/alkyl iodide (0.6 mmol) was added and stirred at 100 °C for another 20 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . After removal of the solvent in vacuum, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired unsymmetrical monosulfides.

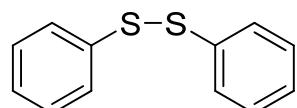
### 3. Characterization data for the products

#### **dis(4-methylphenyl) disulfide (2a)<sup>[1]</sup>**



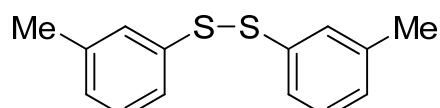
White solid (46.3 mg, 94% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 4H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 2.32 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  137.4, 133.8, 129.8, 128.5, 21.1.

#### **diphenyl disulfide (2b)<sup>[1]</sup>**



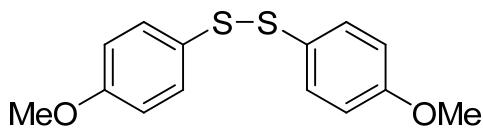
White solid (41.4 mg, 95% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.55-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  136.9, 129.0, 127.4, 127.1.

#### **bis(3-methylphenyl) disulfide (2c)<sup>[2]</sup>**



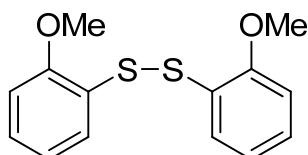
White solid (34.9 mg, 71% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.48 (s, 4H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  138.7, 136.8, 128.7, 127.9, 124.4, 21.2.

#### **bis(4-methoxyphenyl) disulfide (2d)<sup>[1]</sup>**



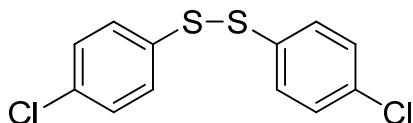
White solid (52.8 mg, 95% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 4H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 4H), 3.80 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  159.9, 132.7, 128.4, 114.6, 55.4.

**bis(2-methoxyphenyl) disulfide (2e)<sup>[3]</sup>**



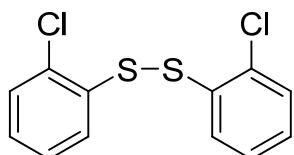
White solid (36.1 mg, 65% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.53 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.84 (m, 4H), 3.90 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  159.2, 129.2, 128.0, 120.4, 118.4, 117.1, 55.3.

**bis(4-chlorophenyl) disulfide (2f)<sup>[1]</sup>**



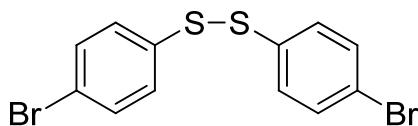
White solid (51.5 mg, 90% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  135.0, 133.6, 129.3 (One carbon is invisible because of overlapping.).

**bis(2-chlorophenyl) disulfide (2g)<sup>[1]</sup>**



White solid (53.8 mg, 94% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  134.4, 131.8, 129.7, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2.

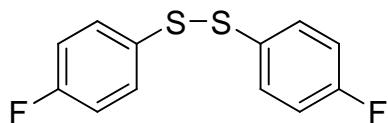
**bis(4-bromophenyl) disulfide (2h)<sup>[4]</sup>**



White solid (63.6 mg, 85% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.43 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  135.7, 132.2, 129.4,

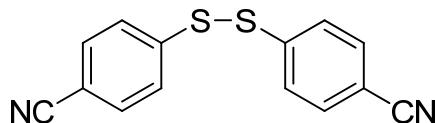
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**bis(4-fluophenyl) disulfide (2i)<sup>[4]</sup>**



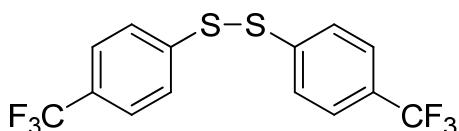
White solid (40.6 mg, 80% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 6.95-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.75 (m, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 163.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 245.7 Hz), 133.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 131.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.3 Hz).

**bis(4-cyanophenyl) disulfide (2j)<sup>[6]</sup>**



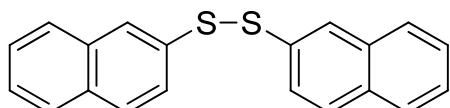
White solid (36.4 mg, 68% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 142.1, 132.8, 126.5, 117.9, 110.9.

**bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl) disulfide (2k)<sup>[6]</sup>**



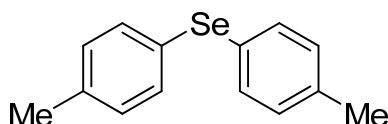
White solid (31.9 mg, 45% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.60-7.26 (m, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 140.8, 129.8, 128.4, 126.6, 123.8 (*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 270 Hz).

**bis(2-naphthyl phenyl) disulfide (2l)<sup>[1]</sup>**



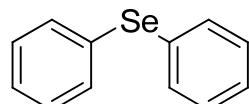
White solid (53.4 mg, 84% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.80-7.72 (m, 6H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.42 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 134.3, 133.3, 131.0, 129.9, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.1.

**di(4-methylphenyl) selenide (4a)<sup>[7]</sup>**



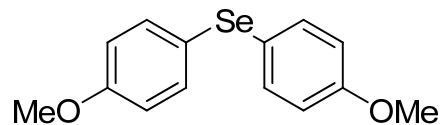
White solid (44.5 mg, 85% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.38 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 4H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 4H), 2.34 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  137.2, 132.9, 130.1, 127.7, 21.1.

**diphenyl selenide (4b)<sup>[7]</sup>**



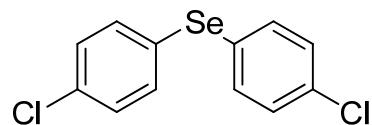
White solid (34.2 mg, 73% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.63-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  132.8, 131.5, 129.1, 127.6.

**di(4-methoxyphenyl) selenide (4c)<sup>[7]</sup>**



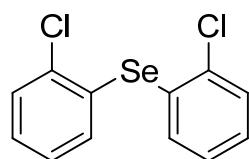
White solid (46.5 mg, 79% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz): 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 4H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 4H), 3.79 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  159.2, 134.6, 122.1, 115.0, 55.3.

**di(4-chlorophenyl) selenide (4d)<sup>[7]</sup>**



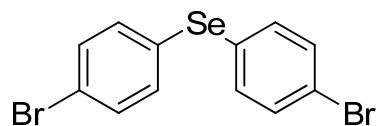
White solid (51.3 mg, 83% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz): 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  134.3, 133.9, 129.6, 129.0.

**di(2-chlorophenyl) selenide (4e)<sup>[8]</sup>**



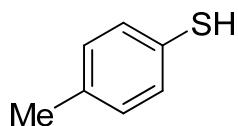
White solid (50.1 mg, 83% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.62-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$ . 133.2, 130.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.4, 127.9.

**di(4-bromophenyl) selenide (4f)<sup>[7]</sup>**



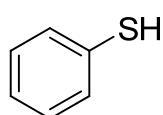
White solid (49.9 mg, 64 % yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.40 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  134.6, 132.6, 129.6, 122.0.

#### **4-methylbenzenethiol (5a)<sup>[9]</sup>**



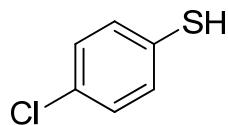
White solid (39.2 mg, 79% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.19 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  135.1, 129.8, 129.7, 126.5, 21.0.

#### **benzenethiol (5b)<sup>[9]</sup>**



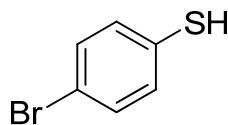
Colorless liquid (35.2 mg, 80% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.27-7.10 (m, 5H), 3.43 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  130.7, 129.3, 129.0, 125.5.

#### **4-chlorobenzenethiol (5c)<sup>[9]</sup>**



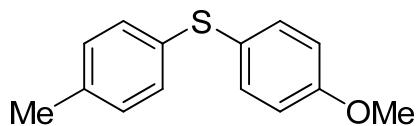
White solid (46.6 mg, 81% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.20 (s, 4H), 3.45 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  131.7, 130.7, 129.1, 129.1.

#### **4-bromobenzenethiol (5d)<sup>[10]</sup>**



White solid (59.7 mg, 79% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.35 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.44 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  132.1, 131.0, 129.9, 119.4.

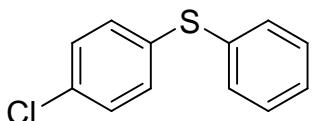
#### **4-methoxyphenyl 4-methylphenyl sulfide (3ab)<sup>[11]</sup>**



Colorless oil (73.6 mg, 80% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.42 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.83

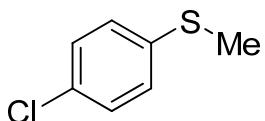
(s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  159.4, 136.0, 134.3 (2C), 134.2, 129.7 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 125.5, 114.8 (2C), 55.2, 20.9.

#### 4-chlorophenyl phenyl sulfide (**3bc**)<sup>[11]</sup>



Colorless oil (68.6 mg, 78% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.38-7.26 (m, 8H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  135.1, 134.6, 132.9, 132.0, 131.3, 129.3, 129.3, 127.4.

#### 4-chlorophenyl methyl sulfide (**3cd**)<sup>[12]</sup>

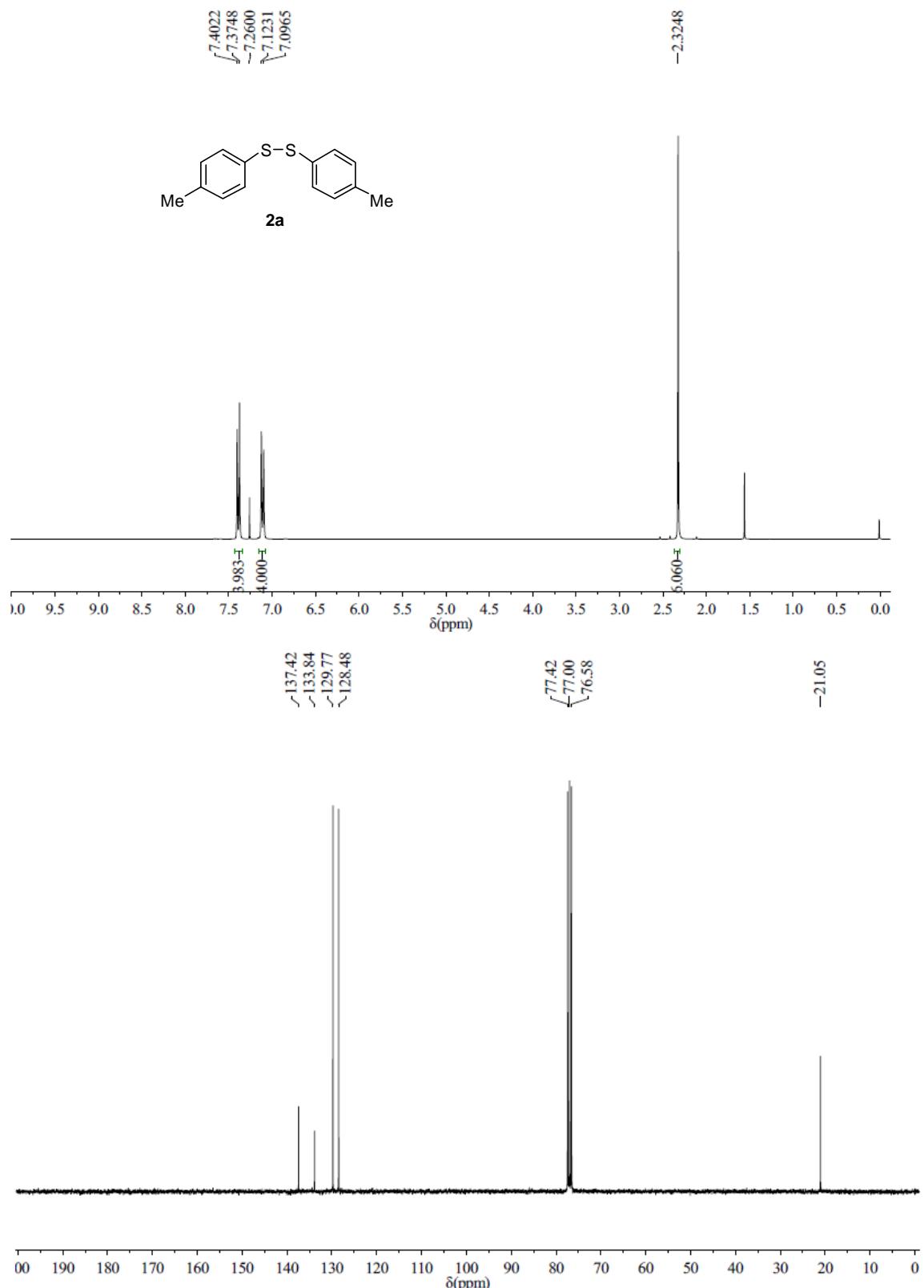


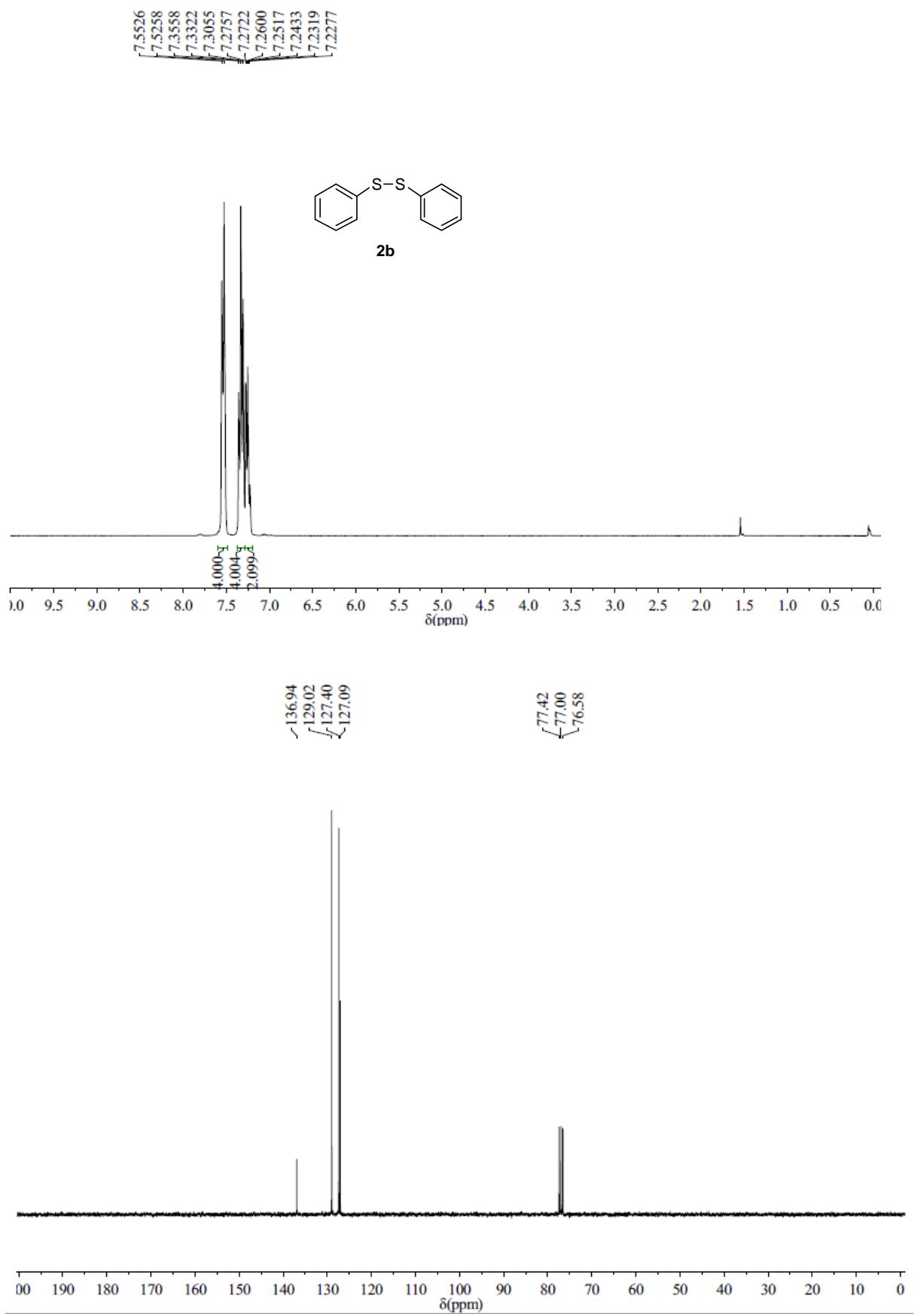
Colorless oil (48.7 mg, 77% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.24 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  136.9, 130.7, 128.8, 127.7, 15.9.

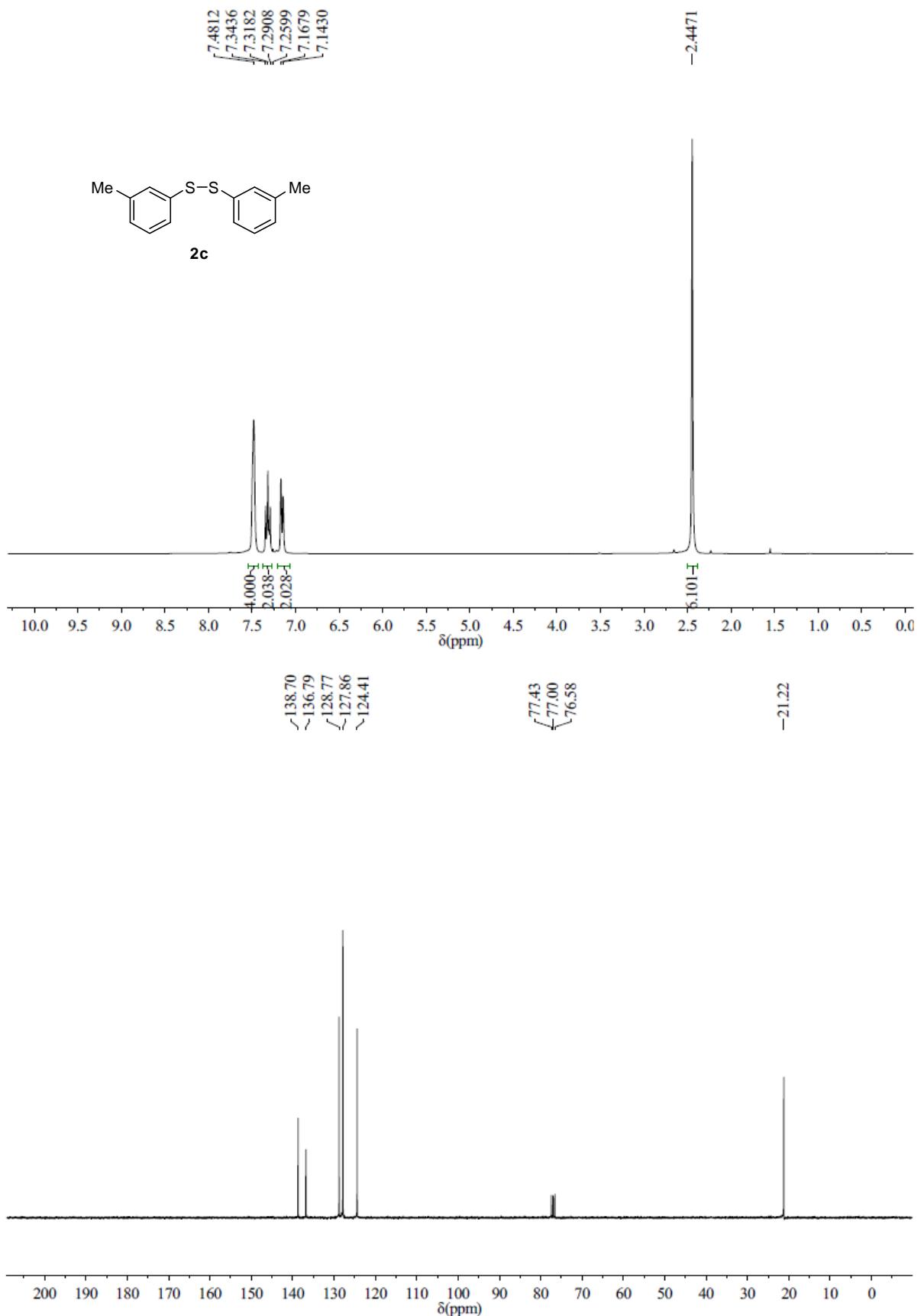
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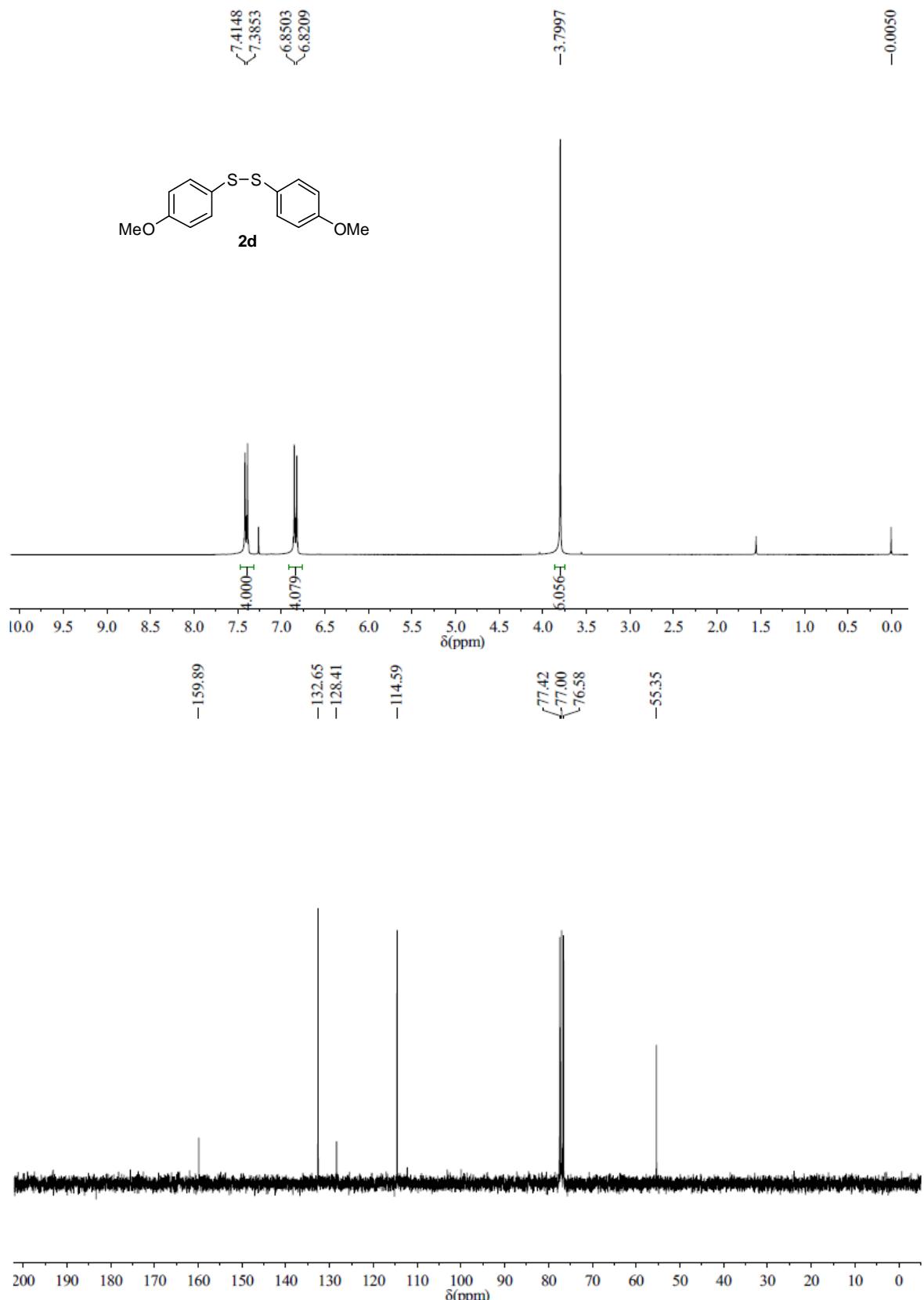
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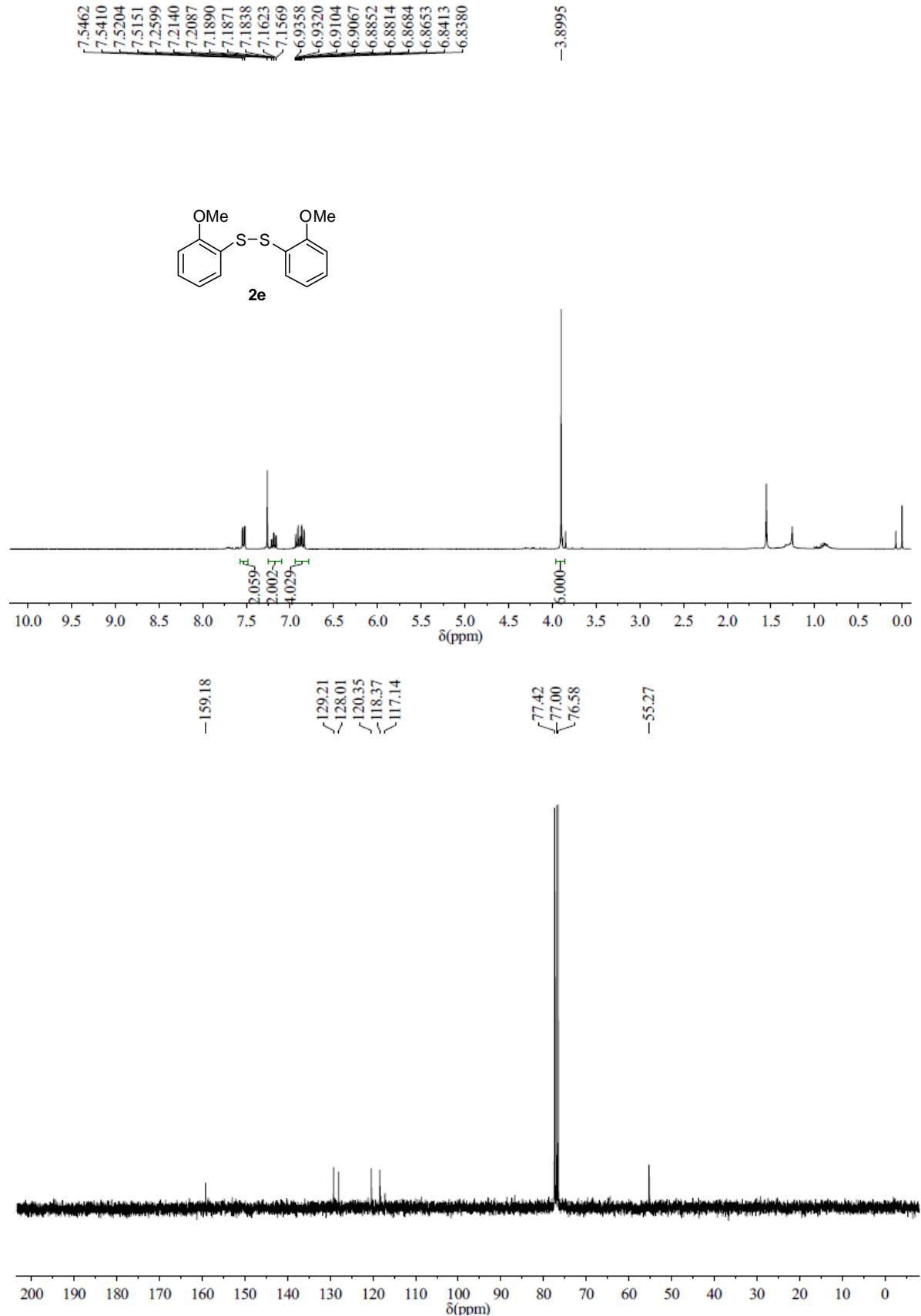
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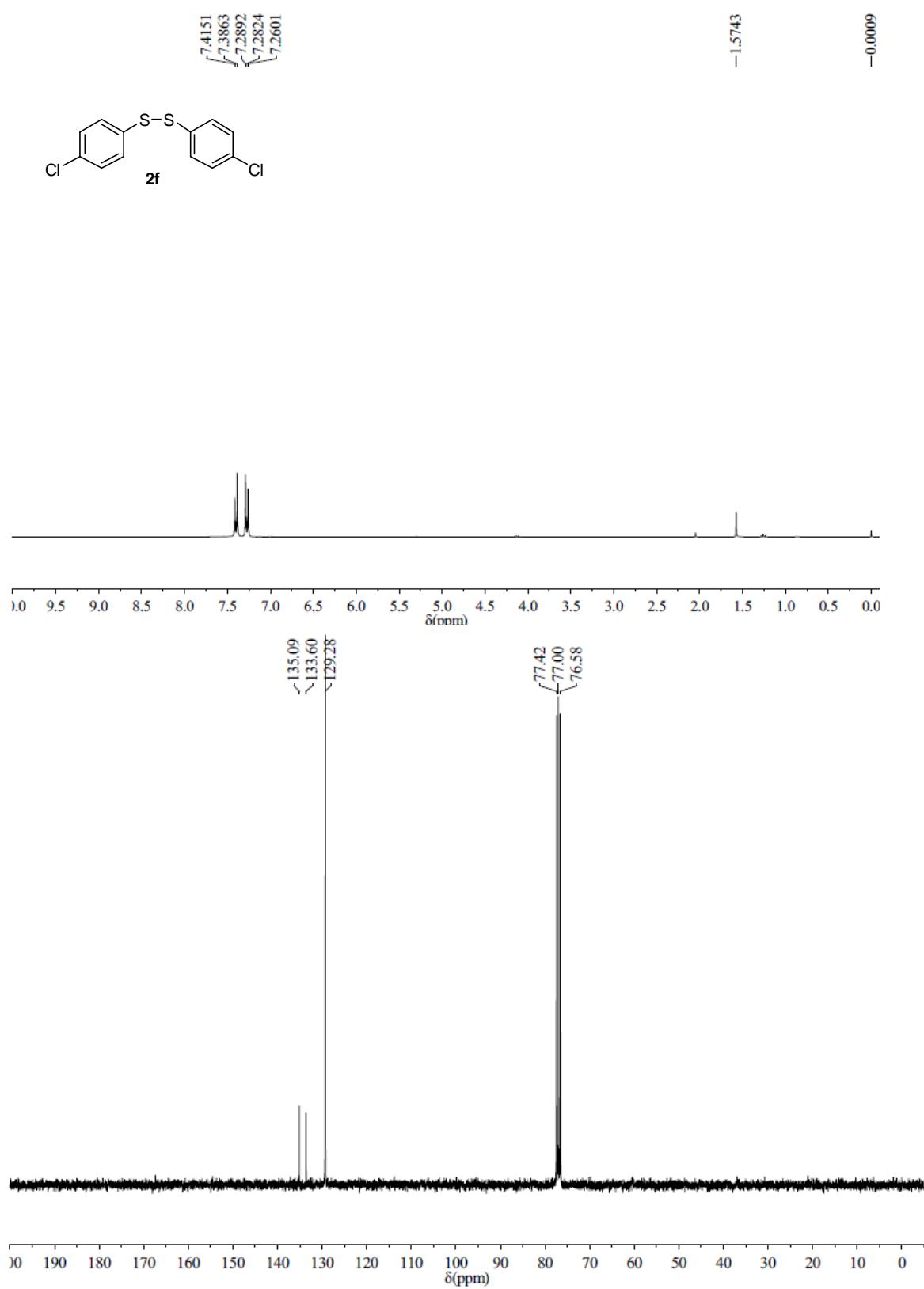
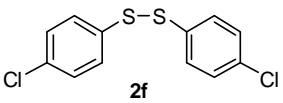


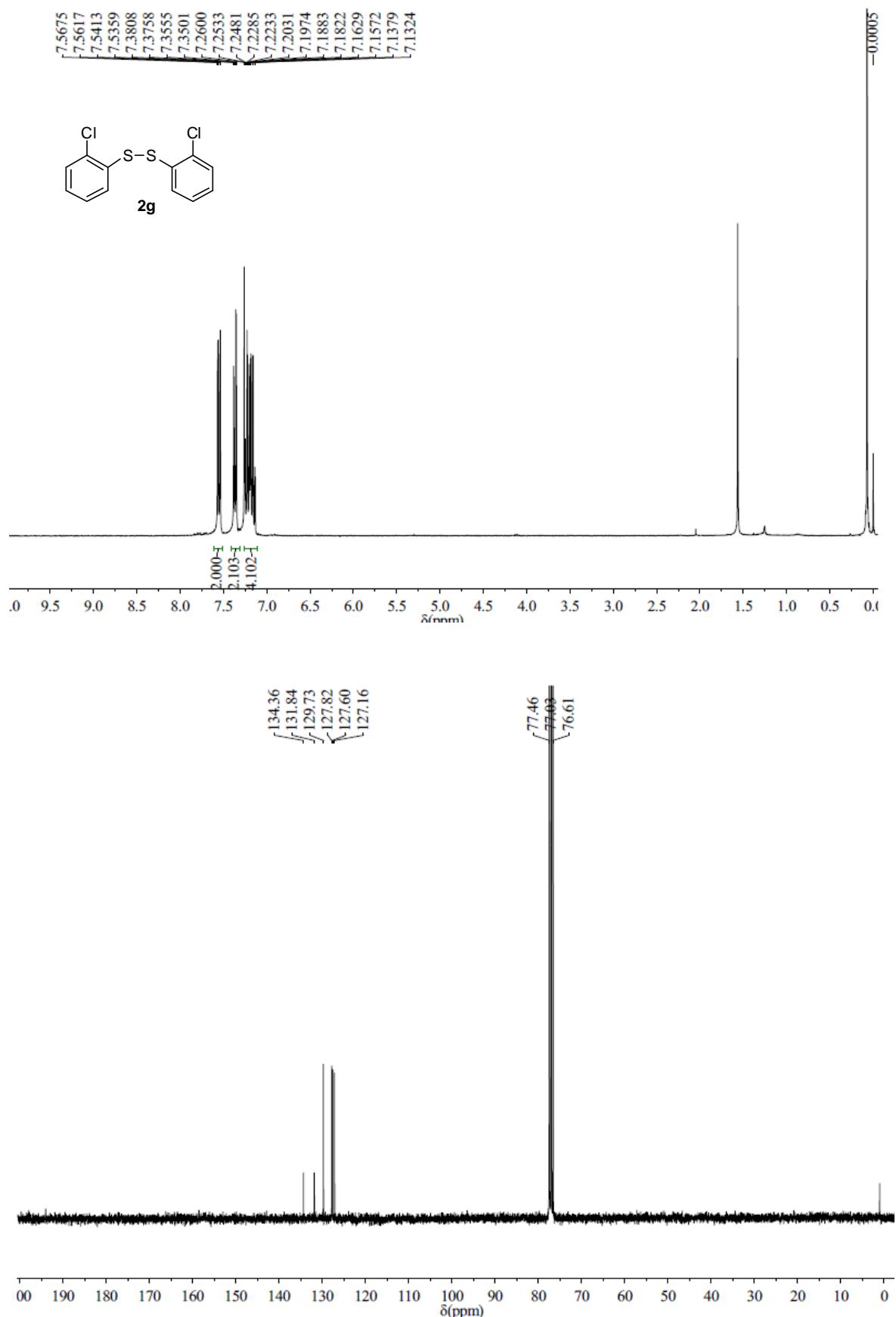


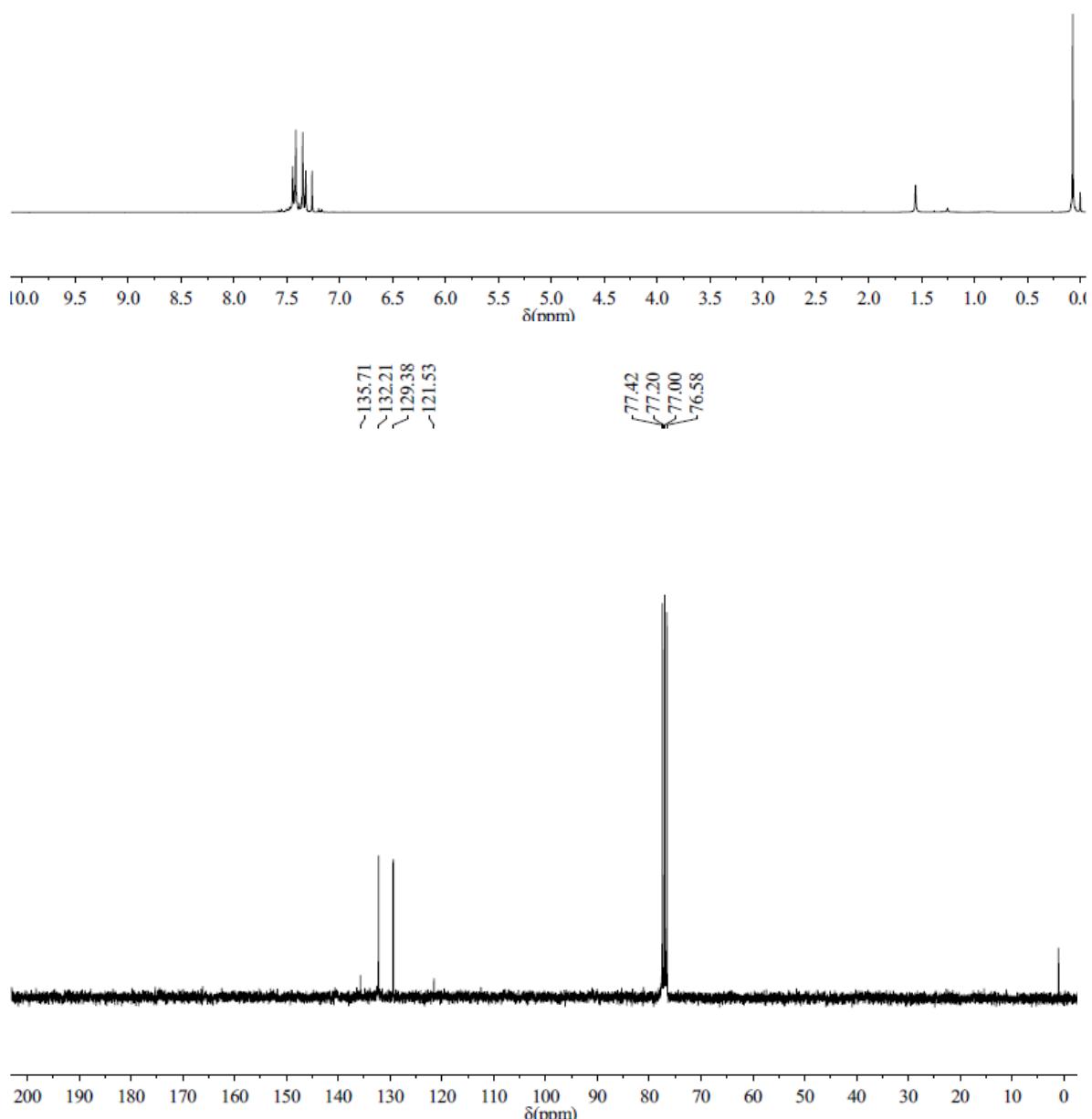
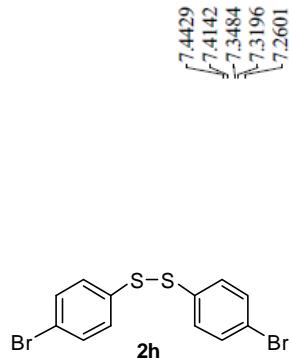




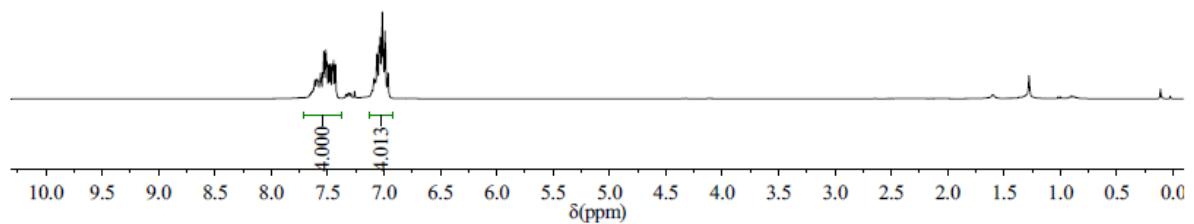
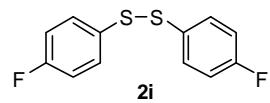








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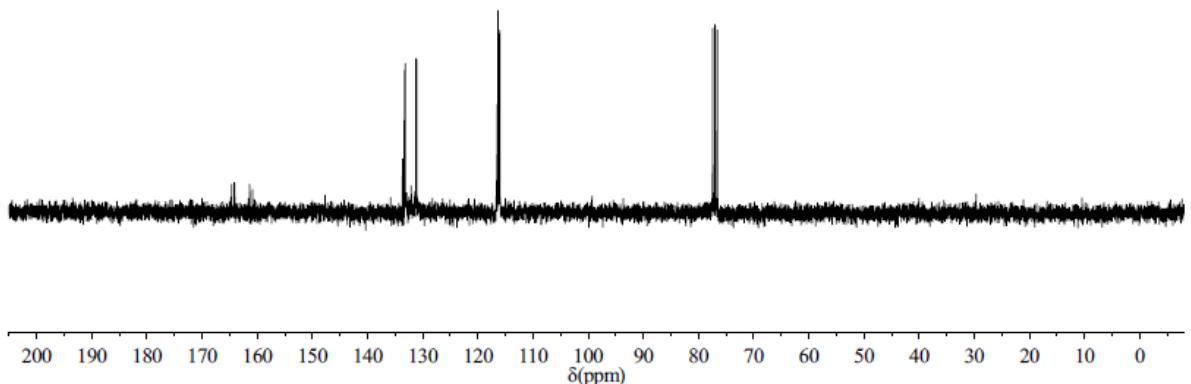


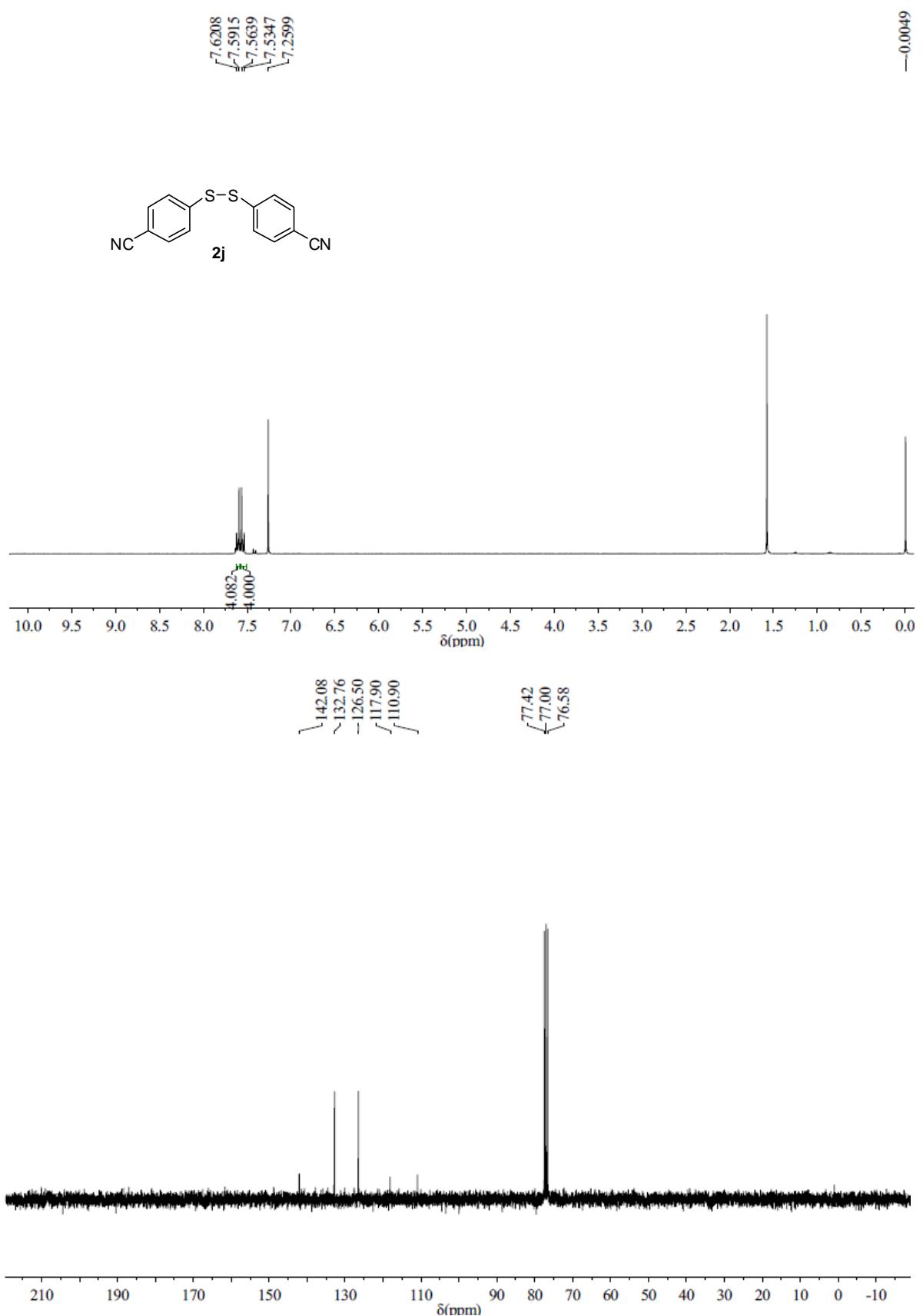
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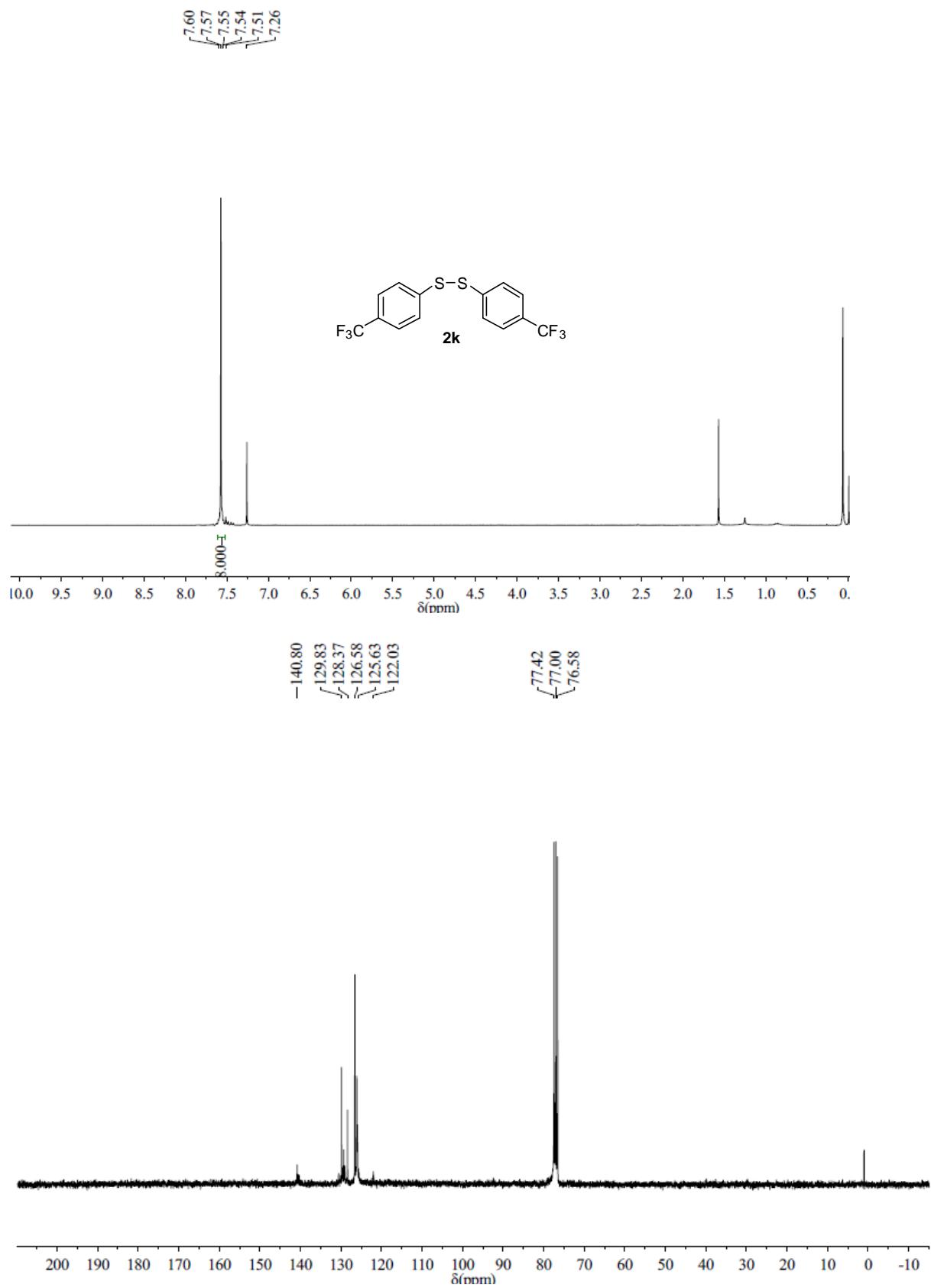
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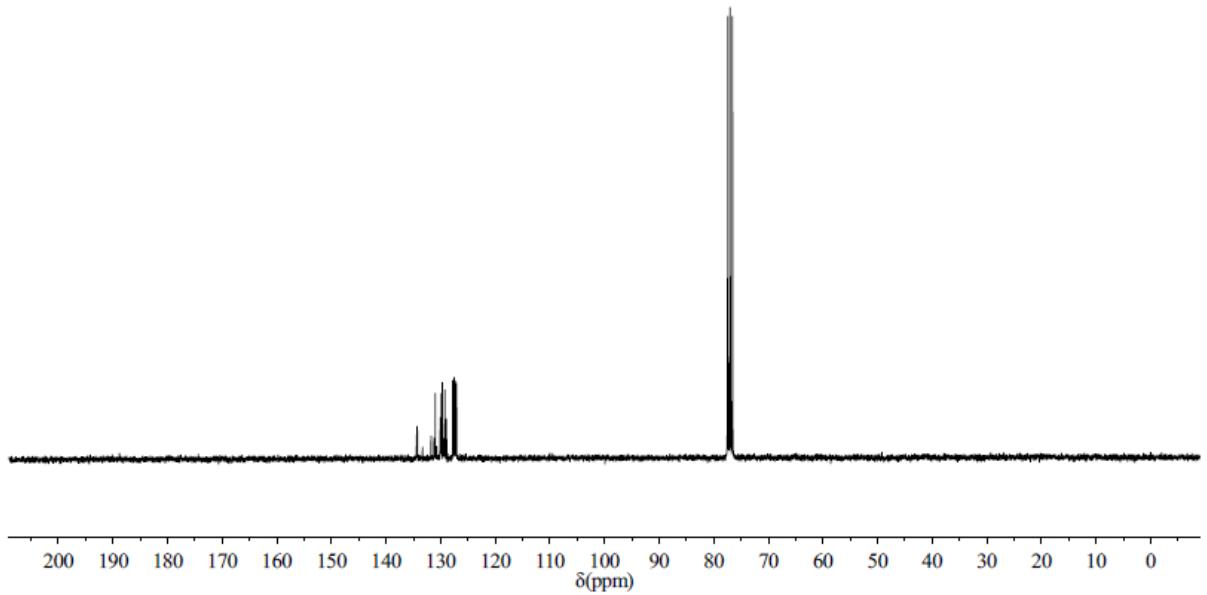
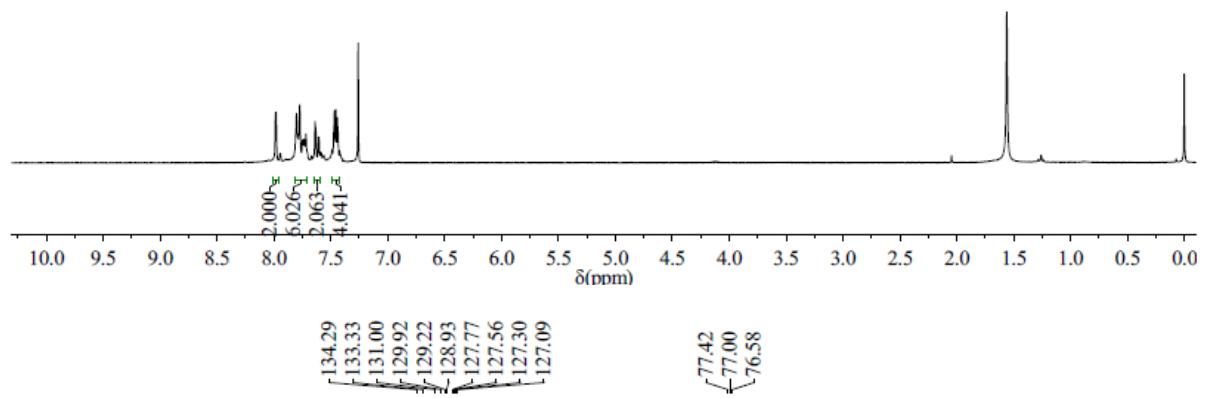
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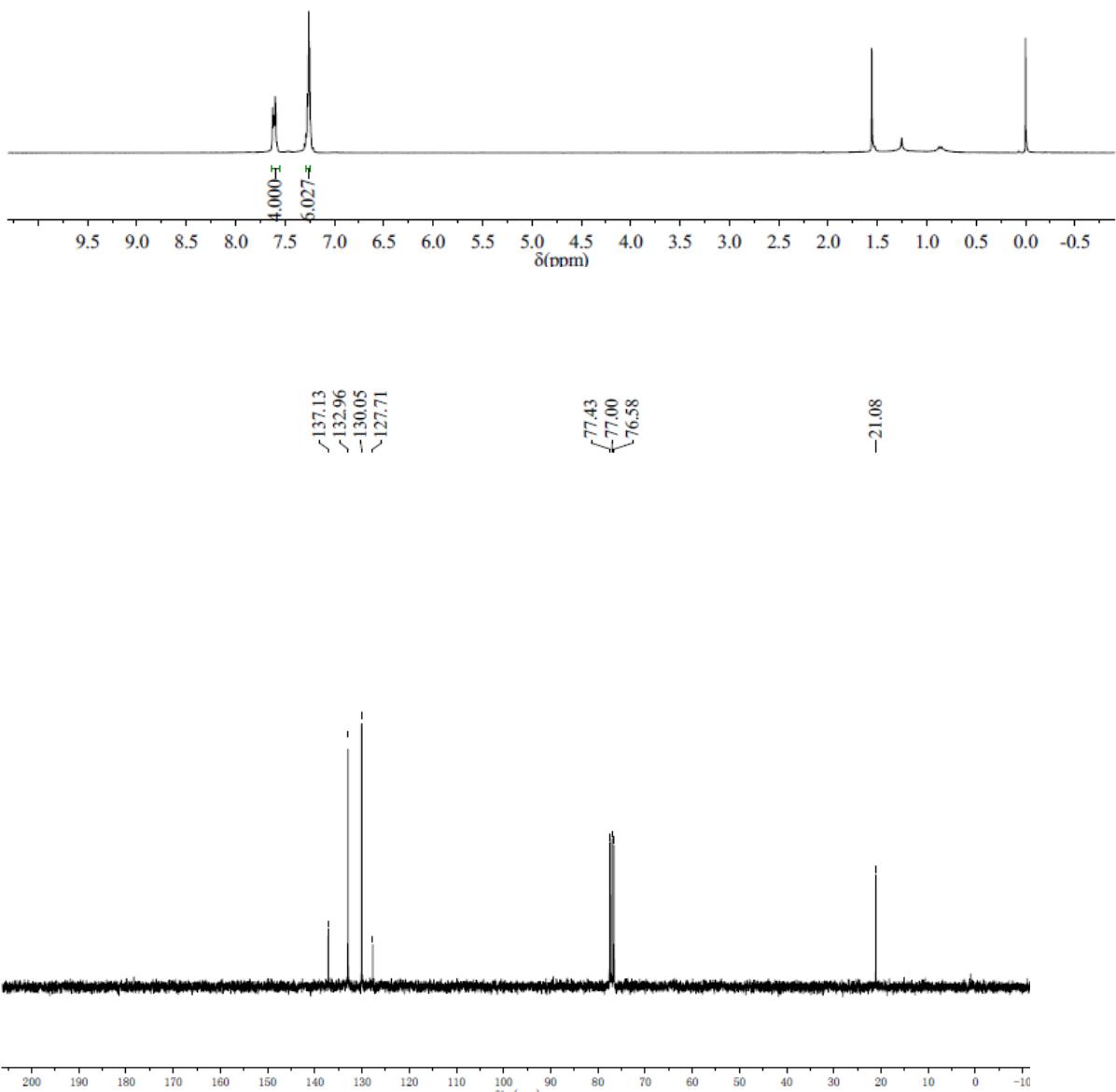
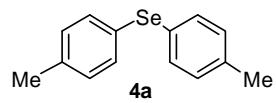


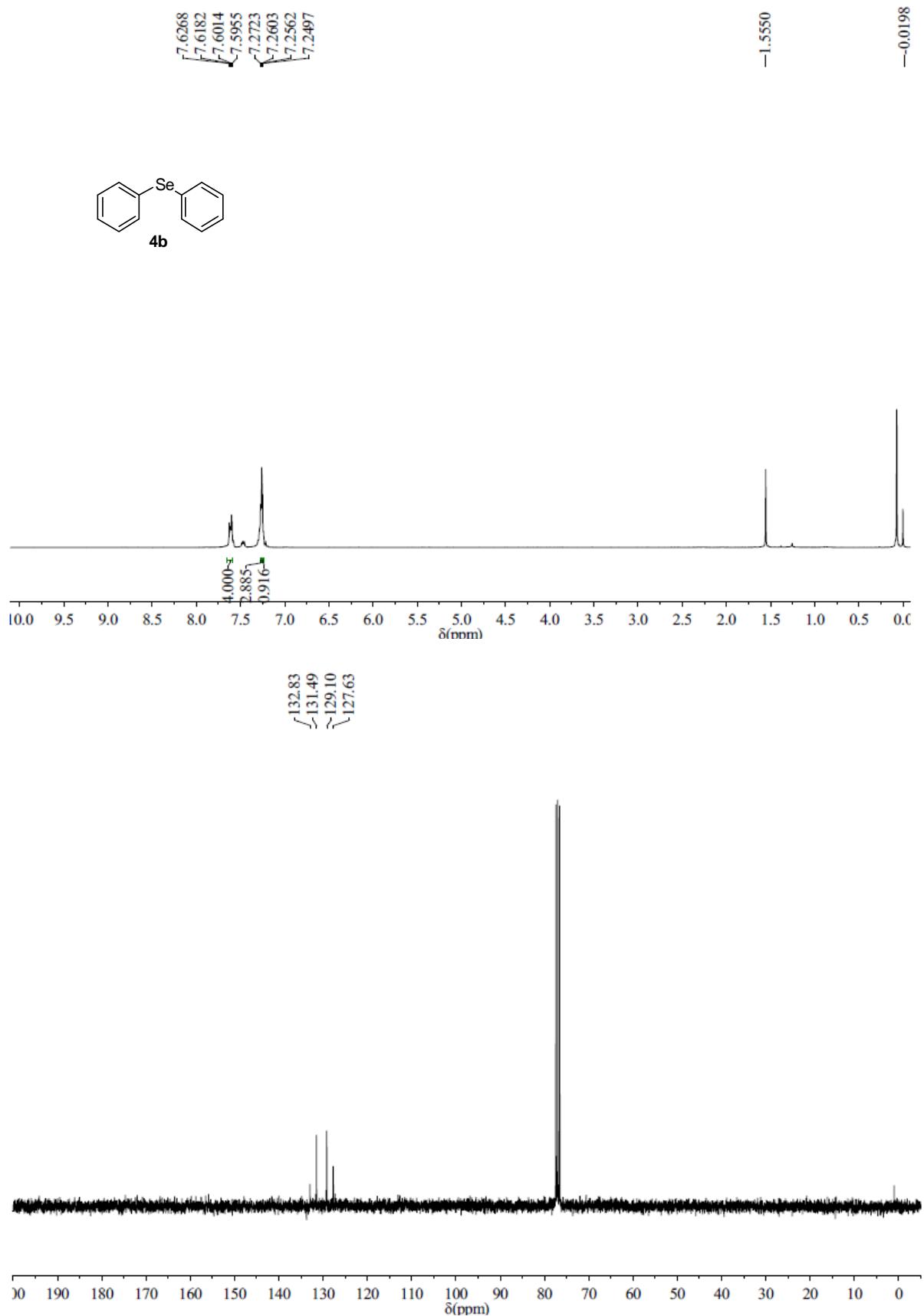


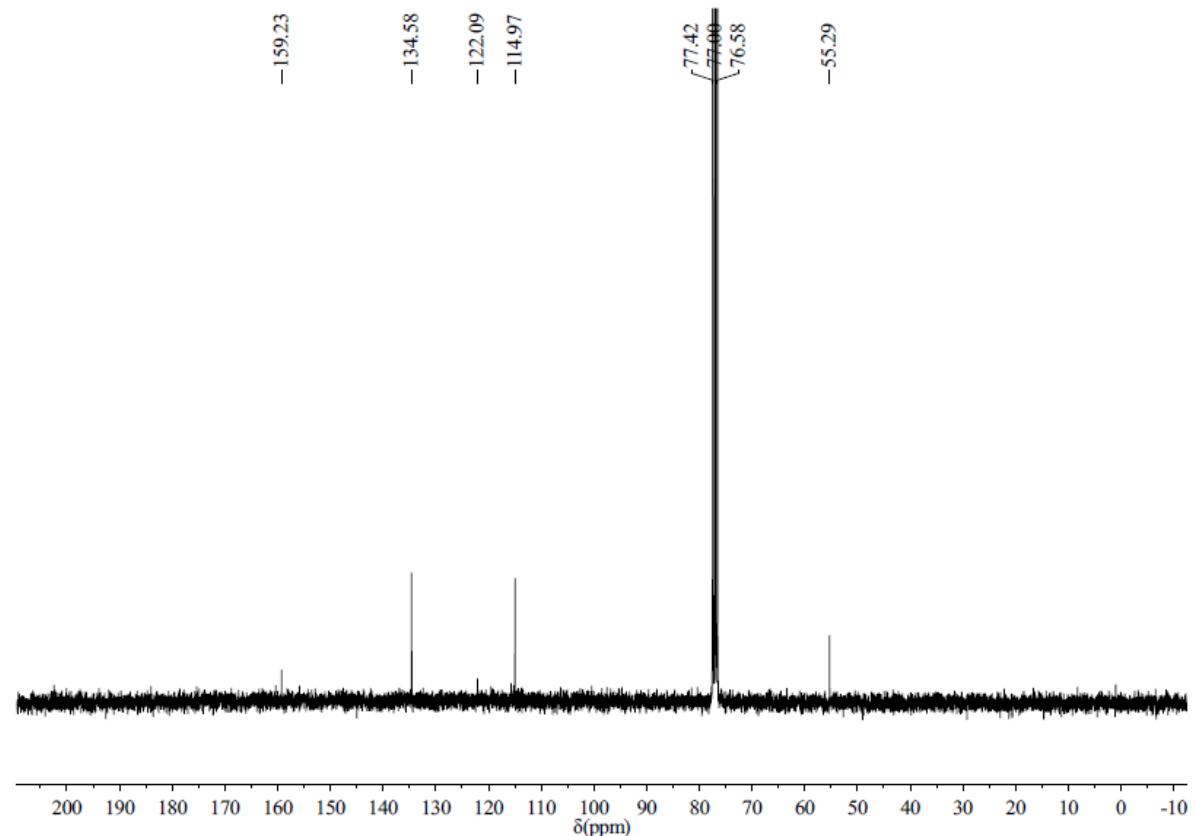
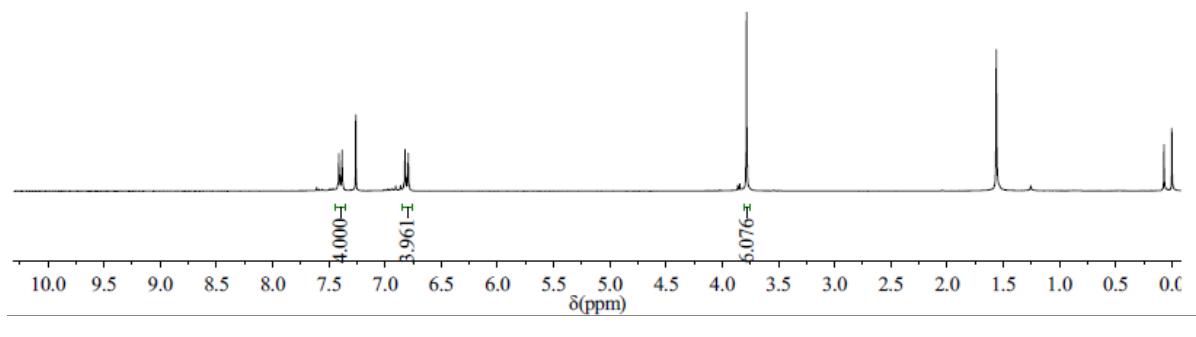
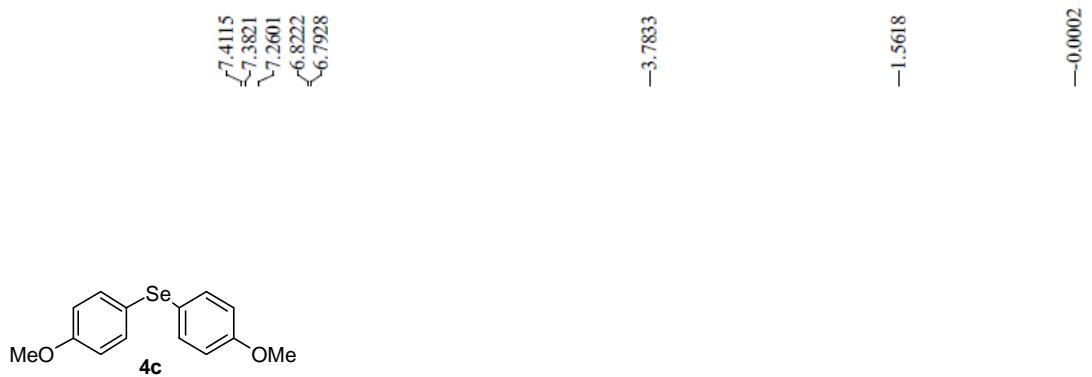




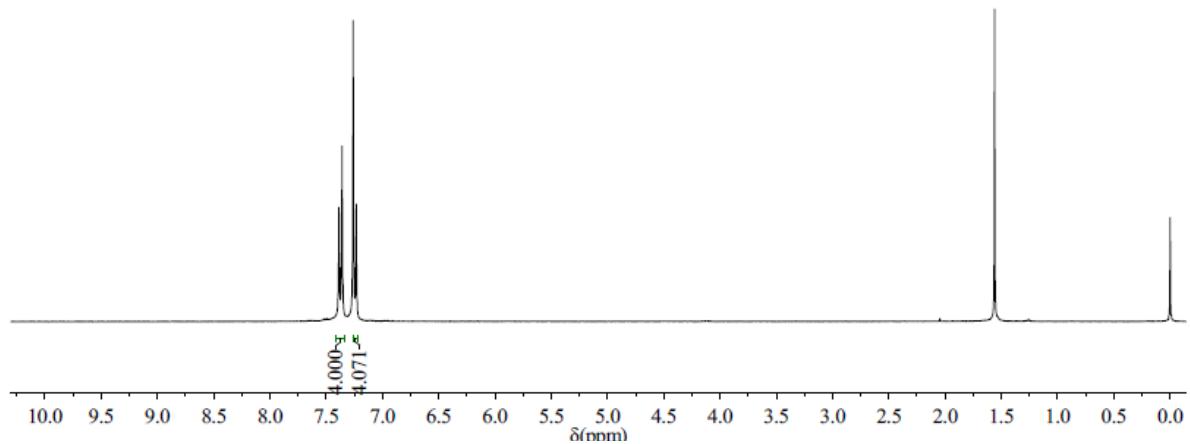
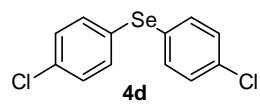
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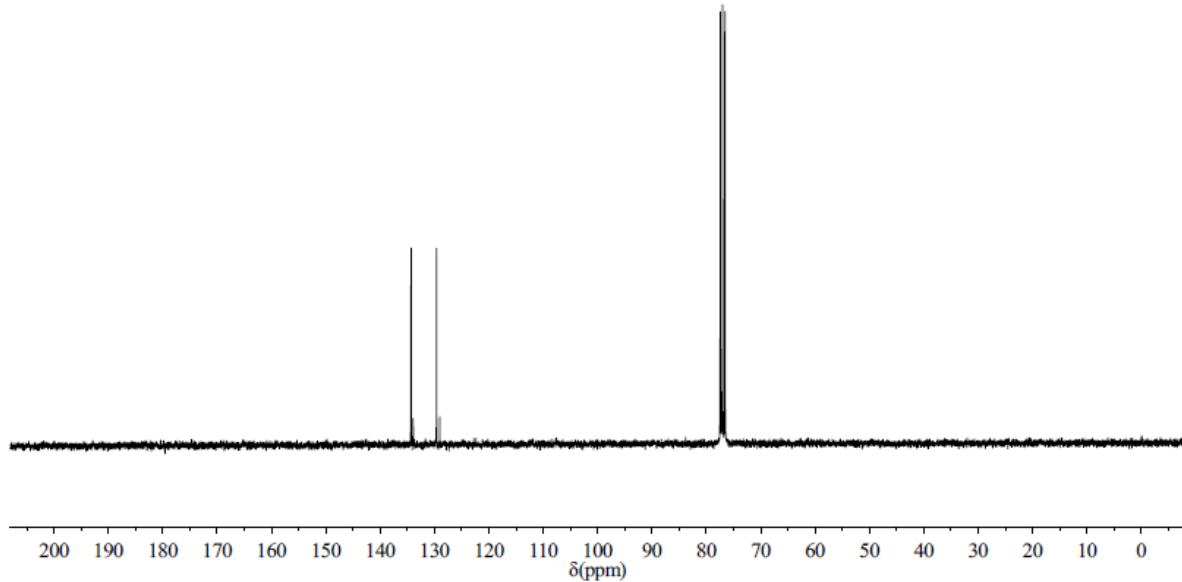


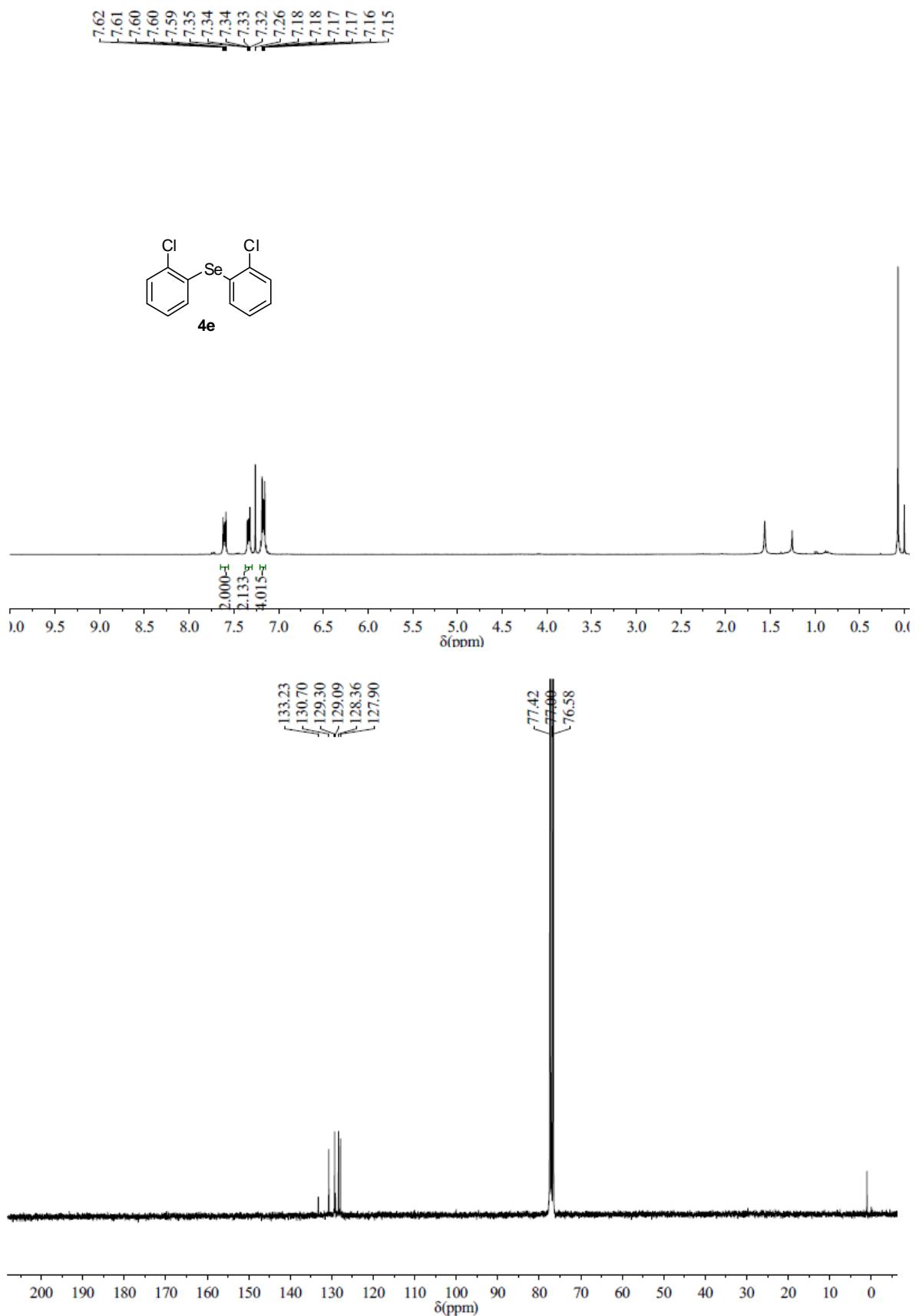


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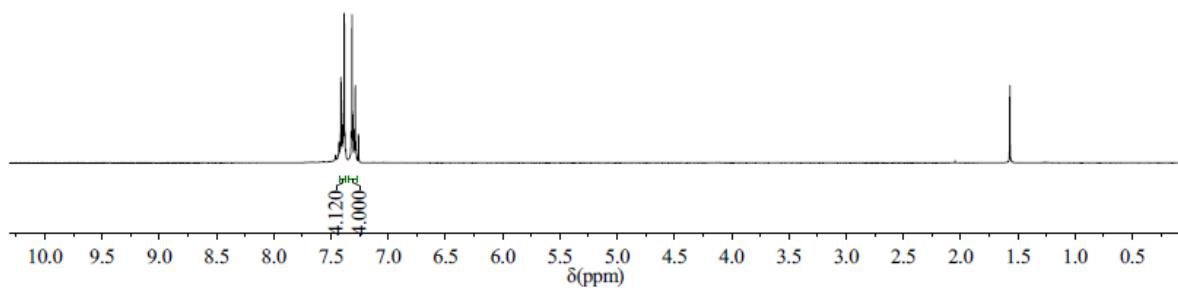
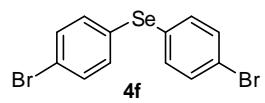


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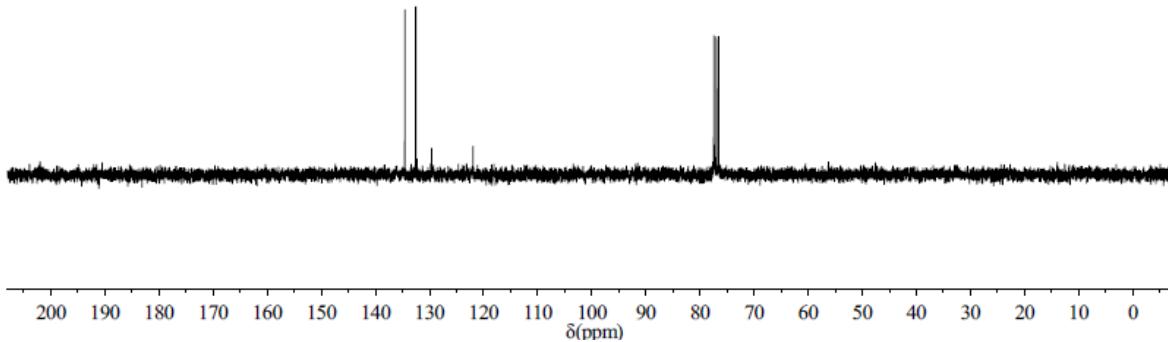


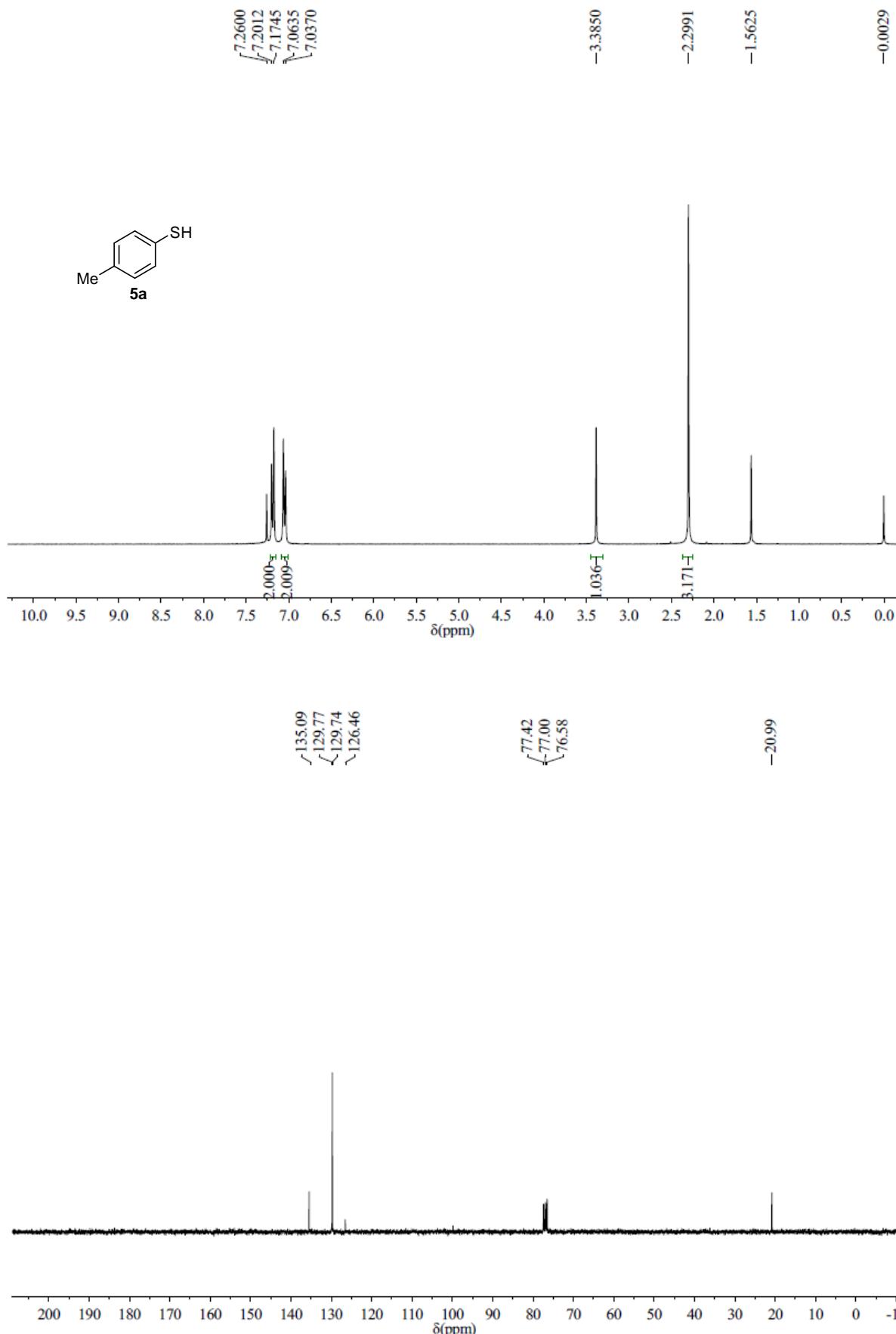
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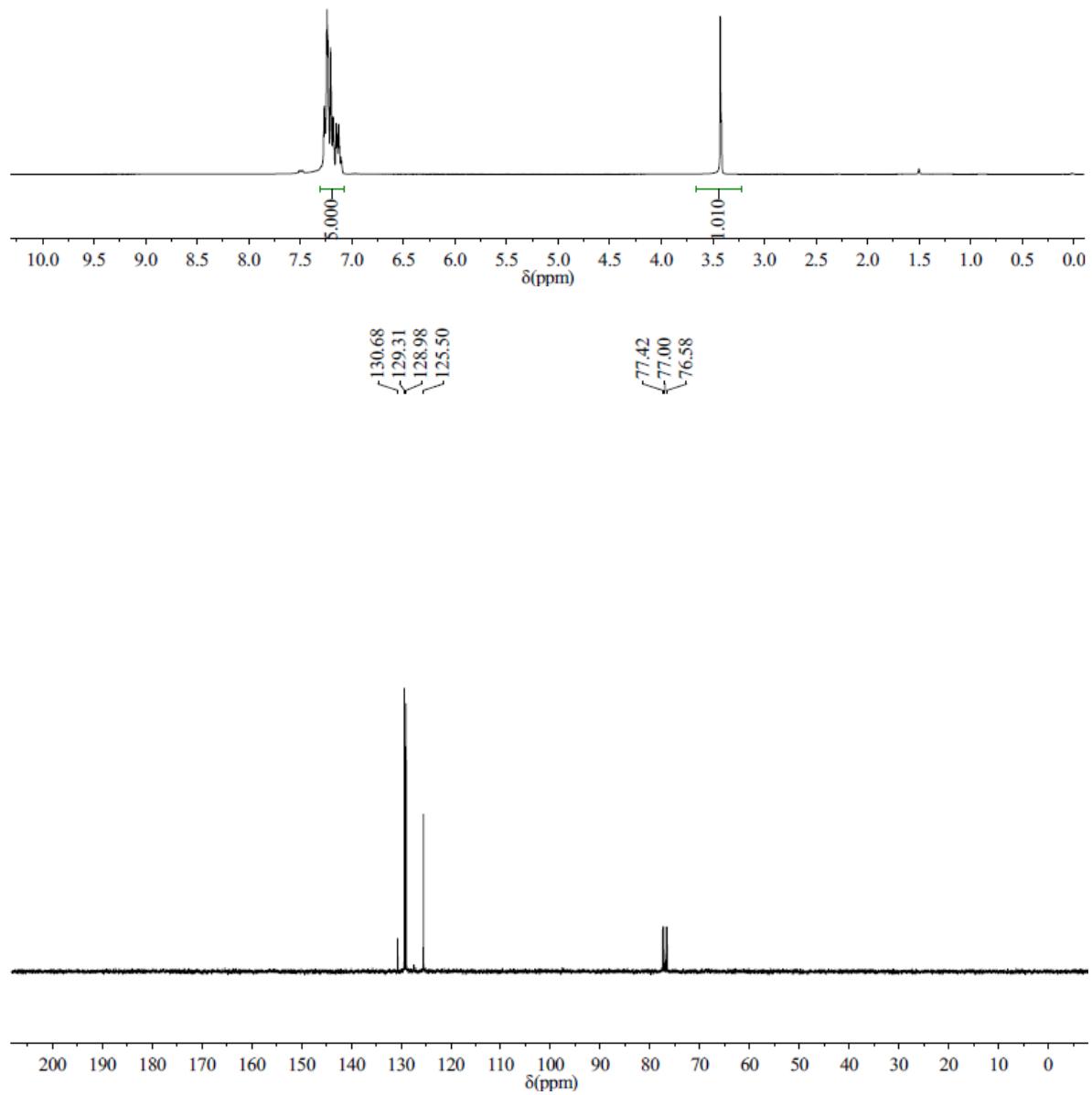
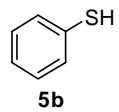
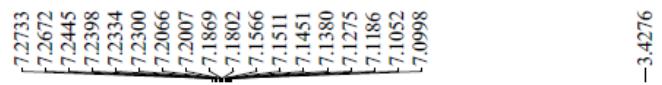


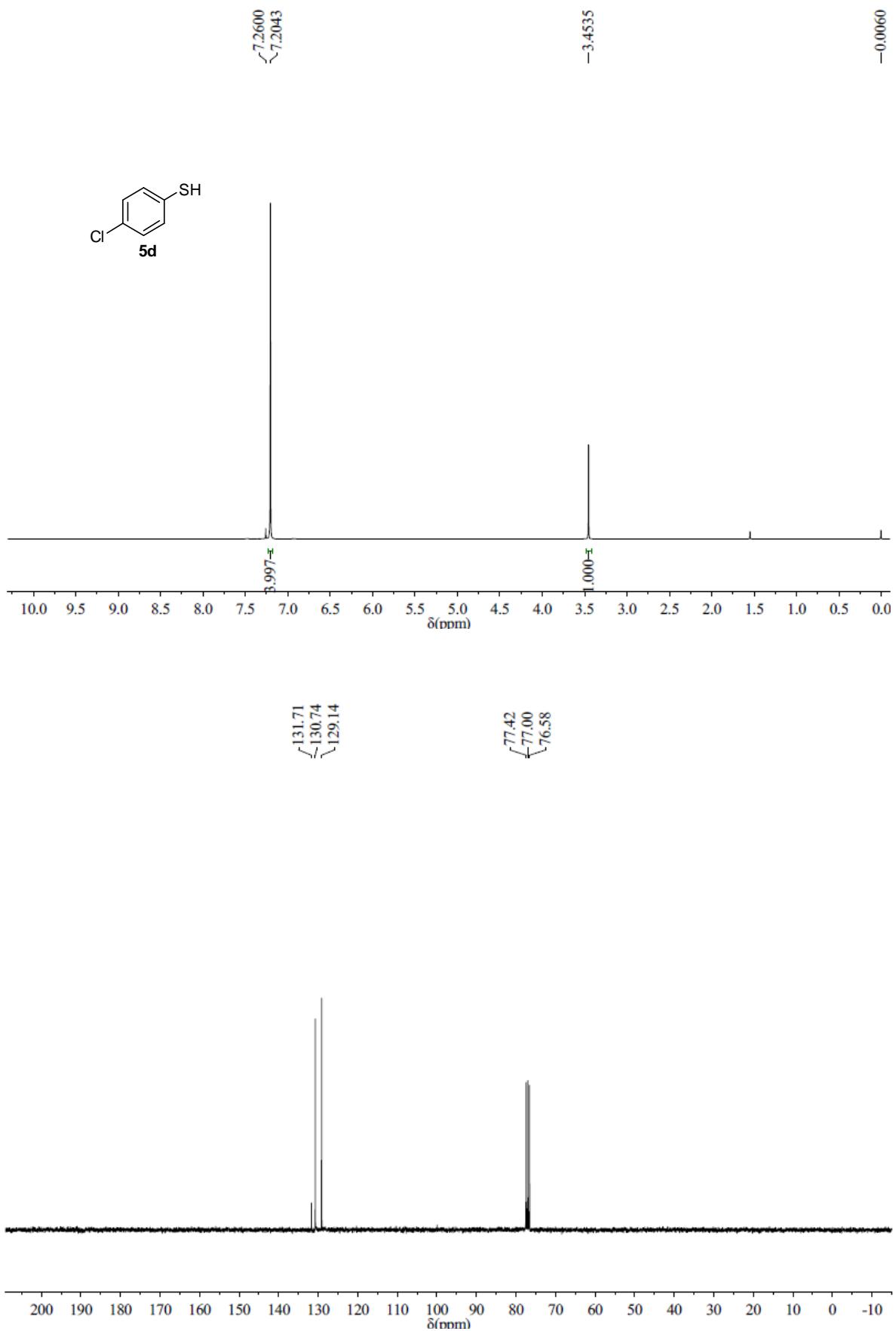
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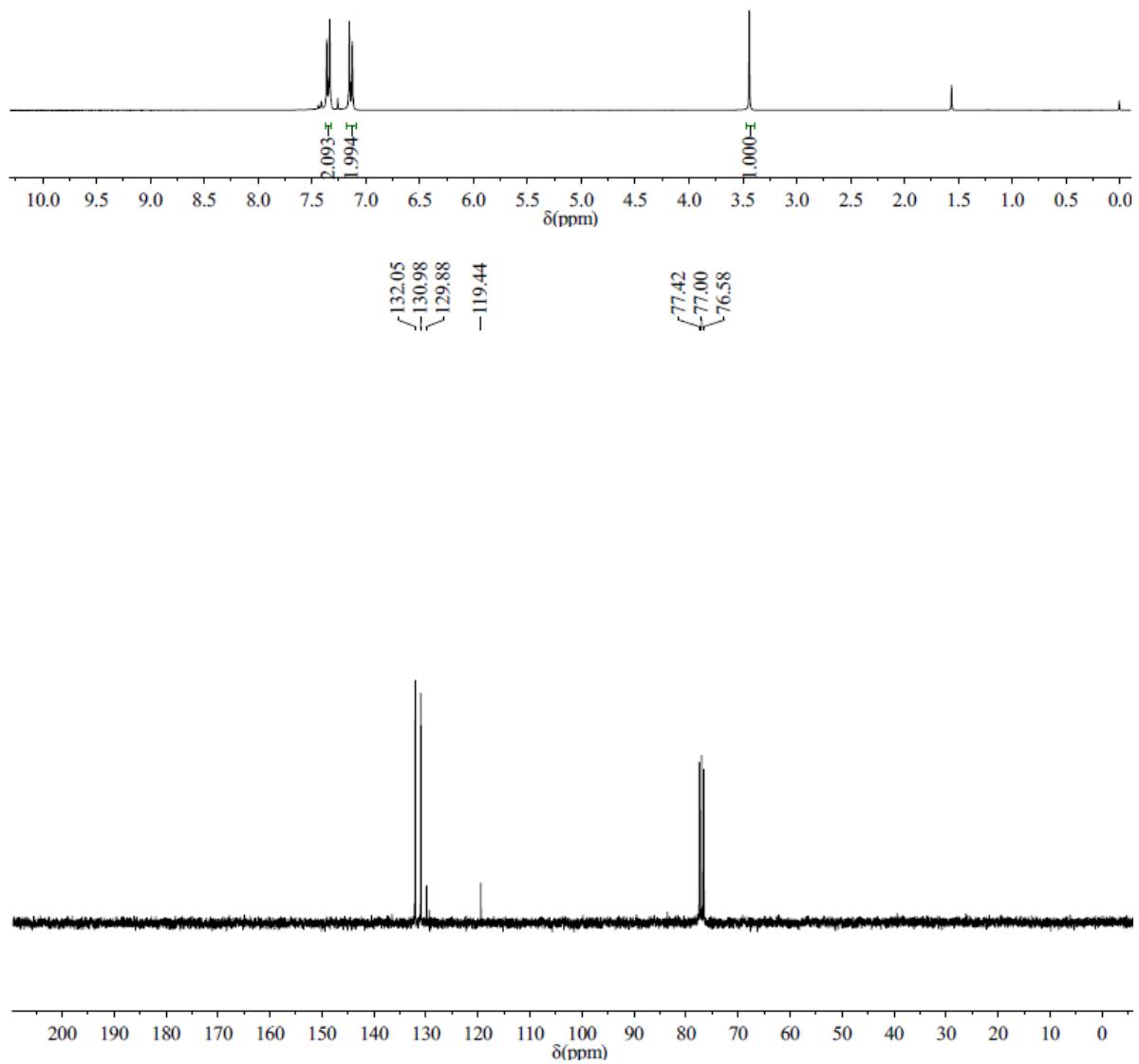
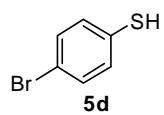
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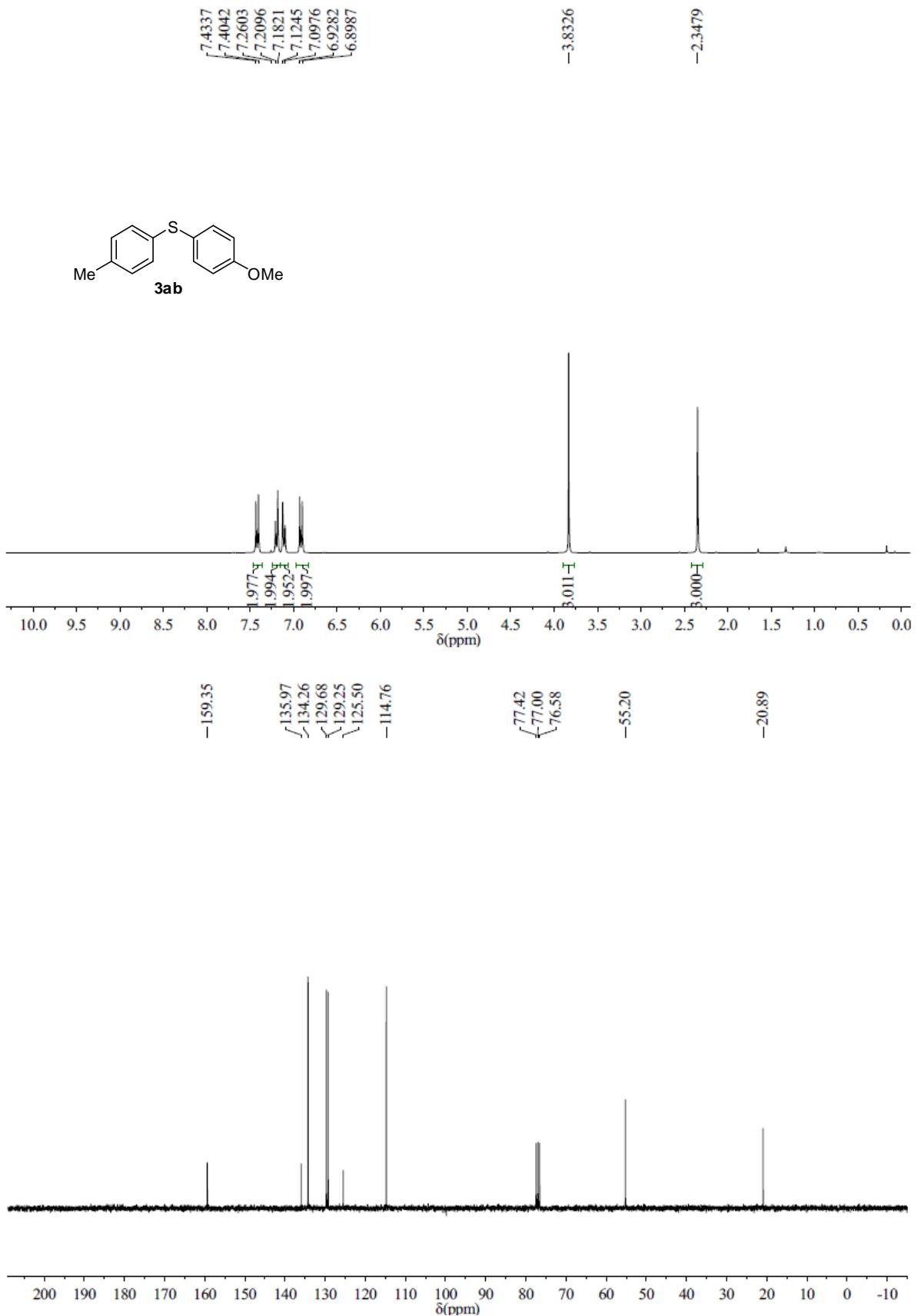


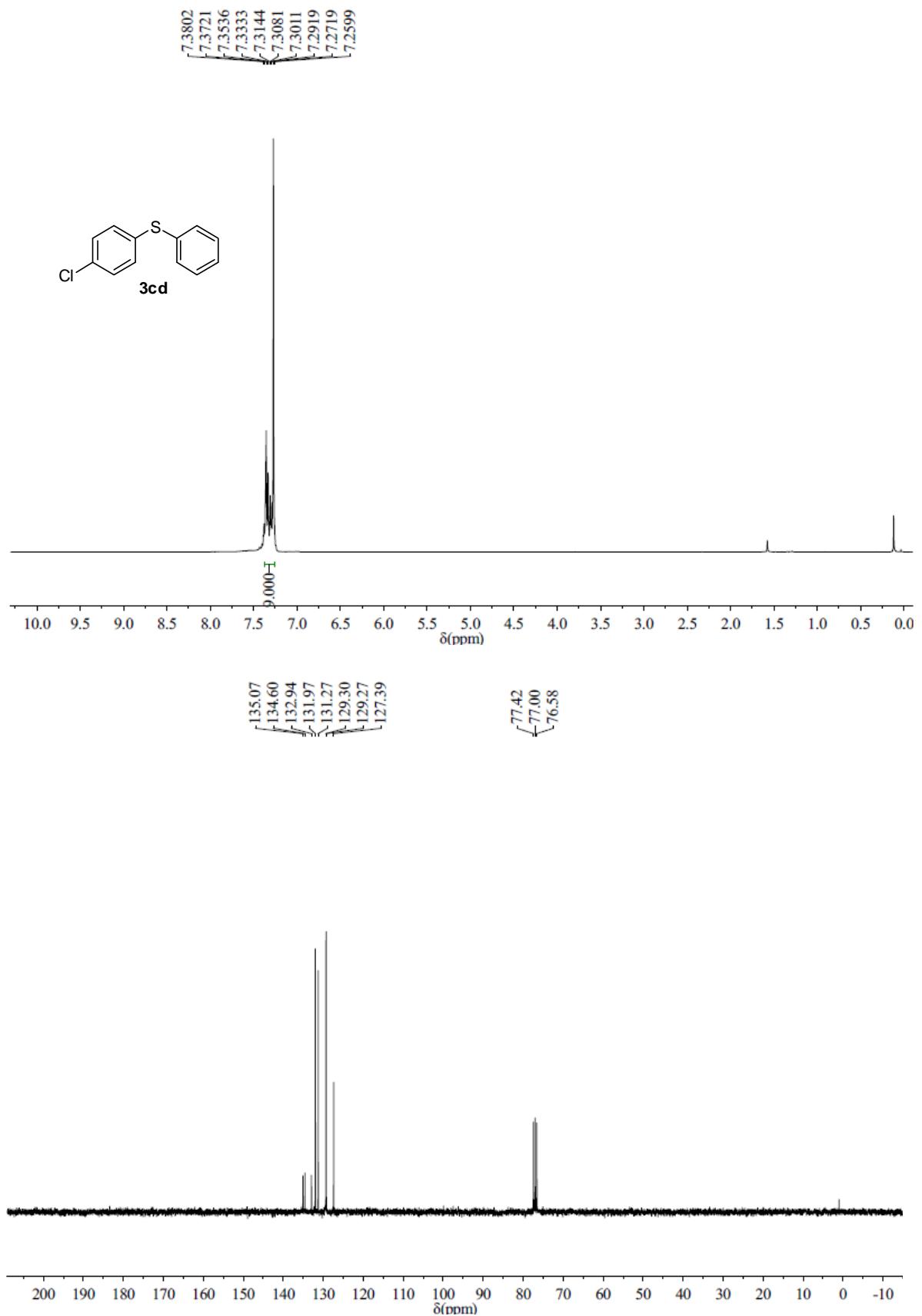


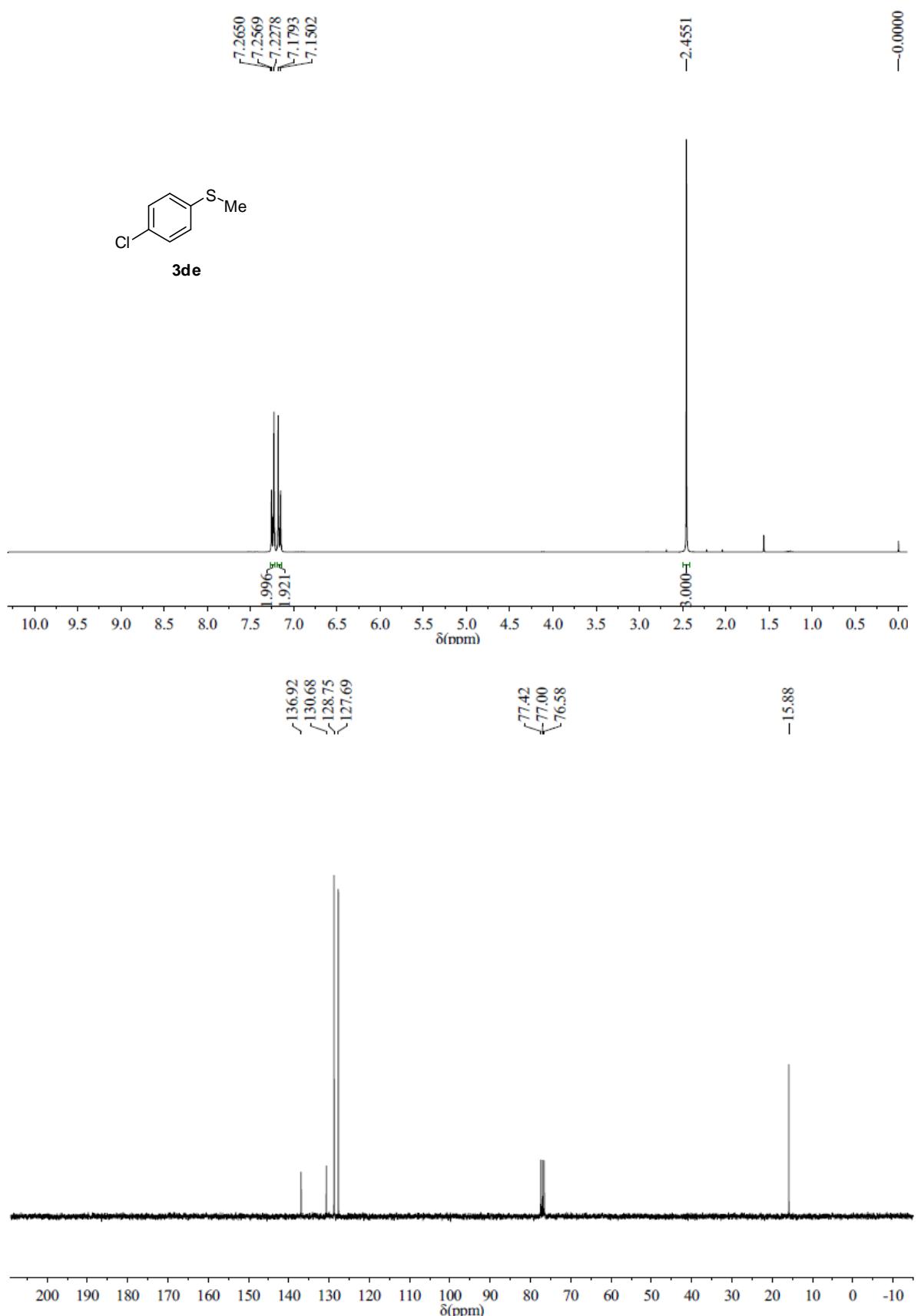






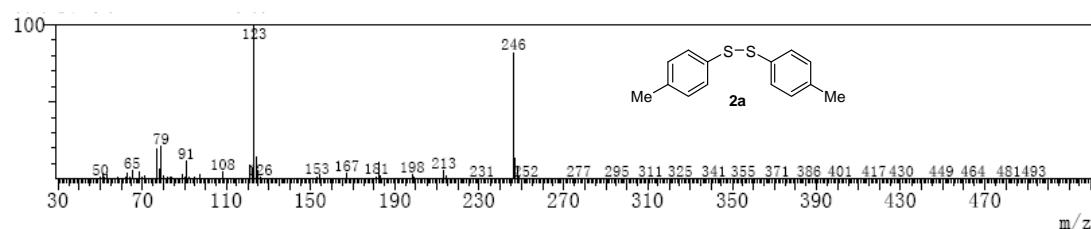
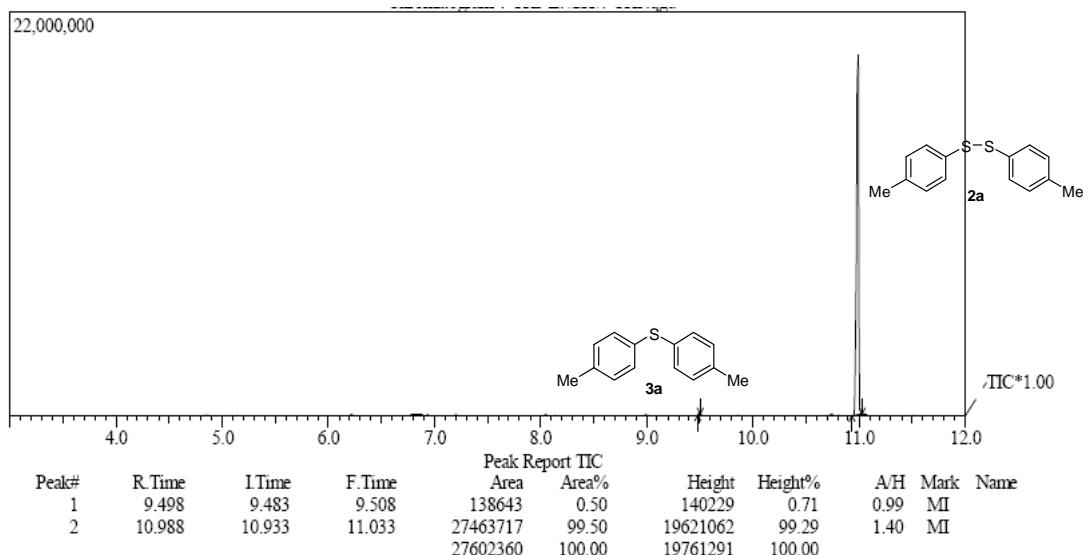




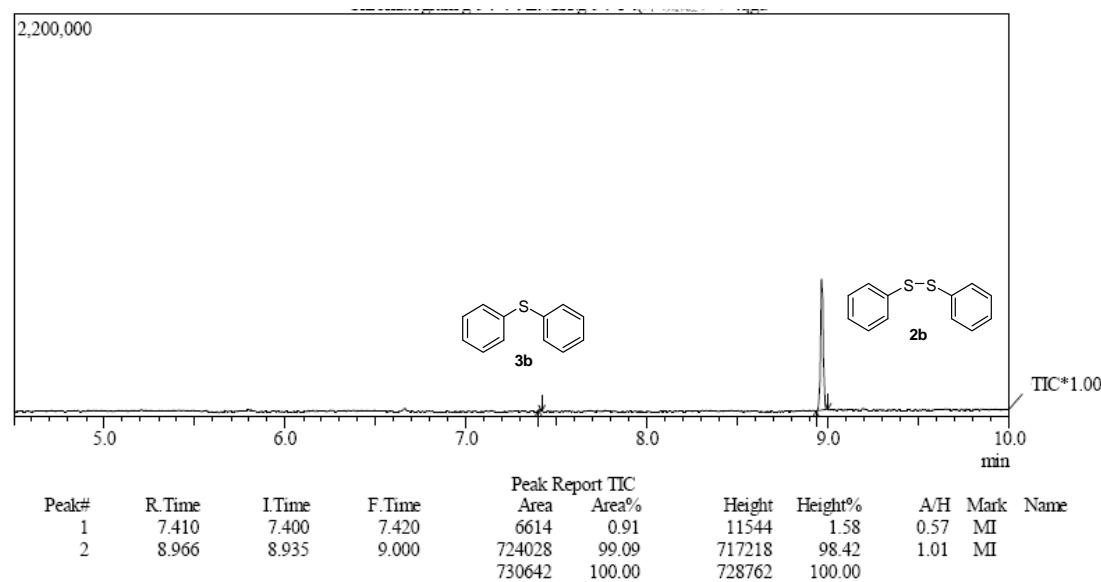


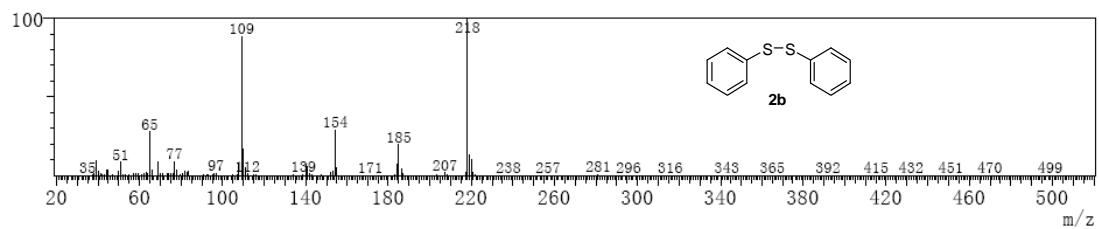
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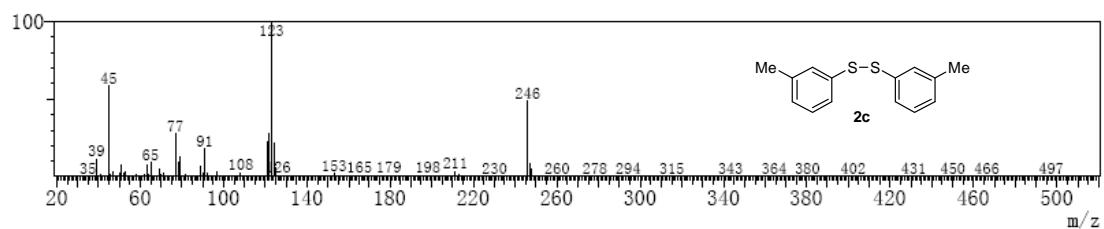
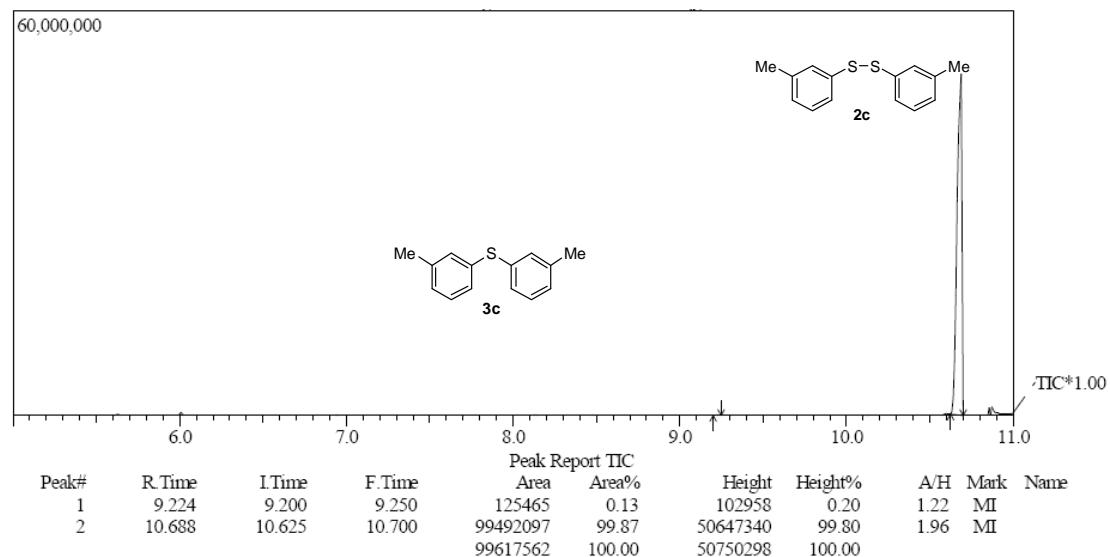


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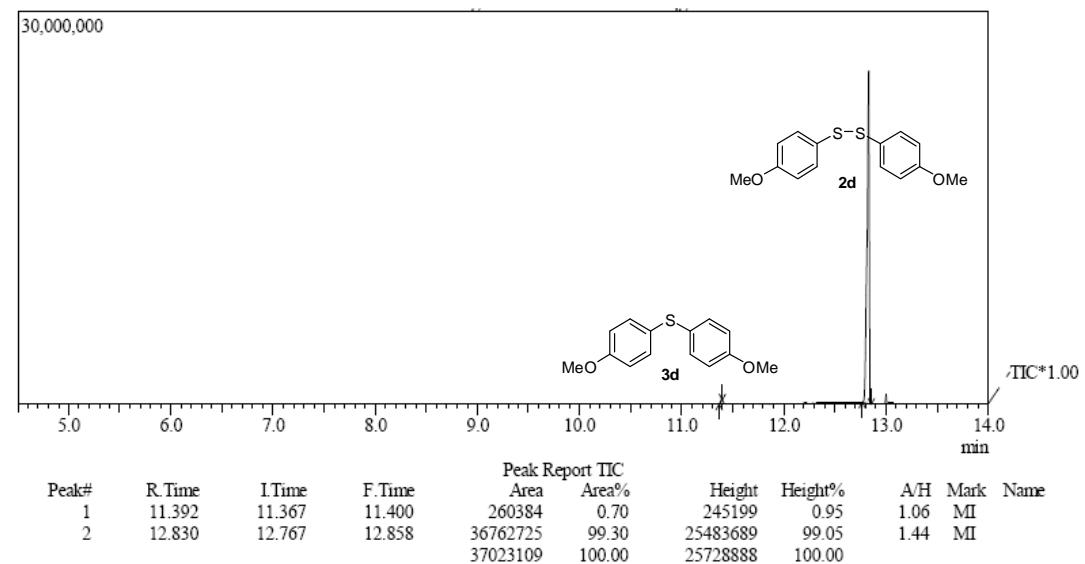


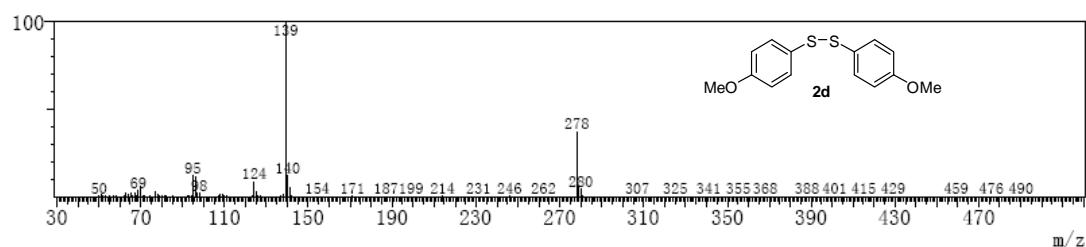


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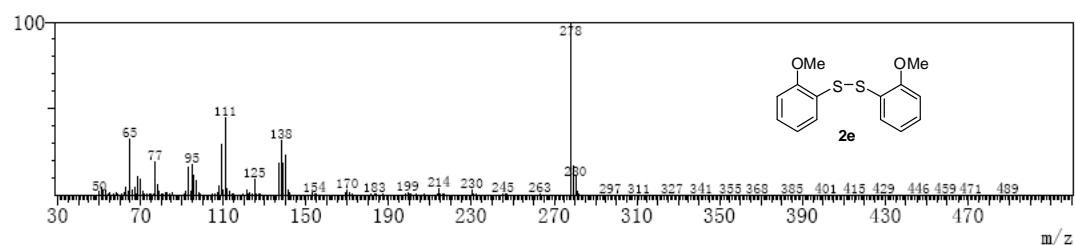
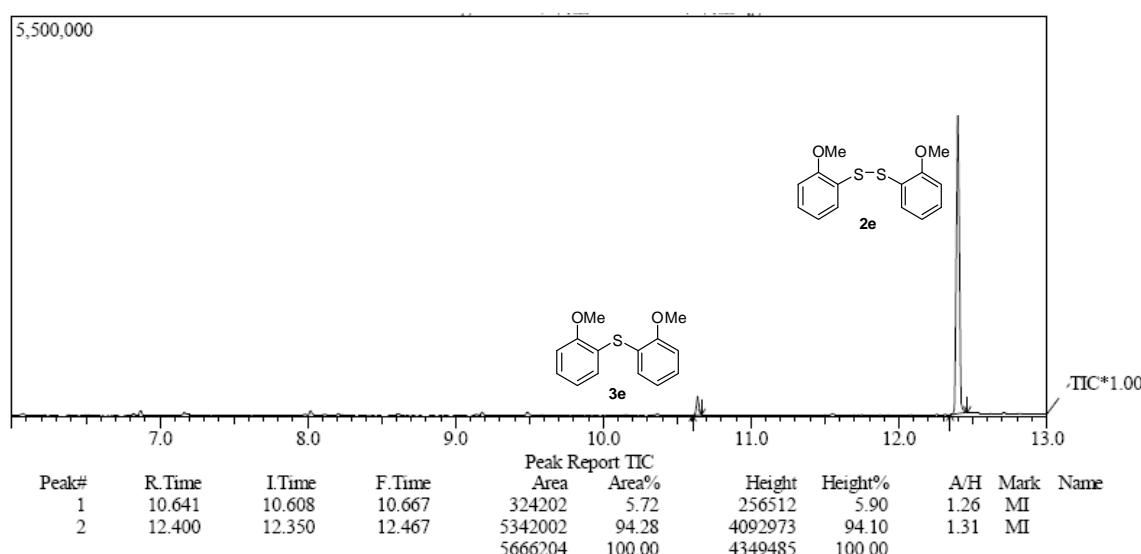


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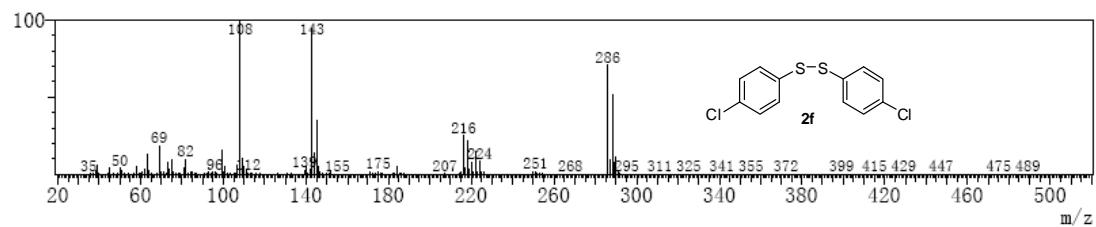
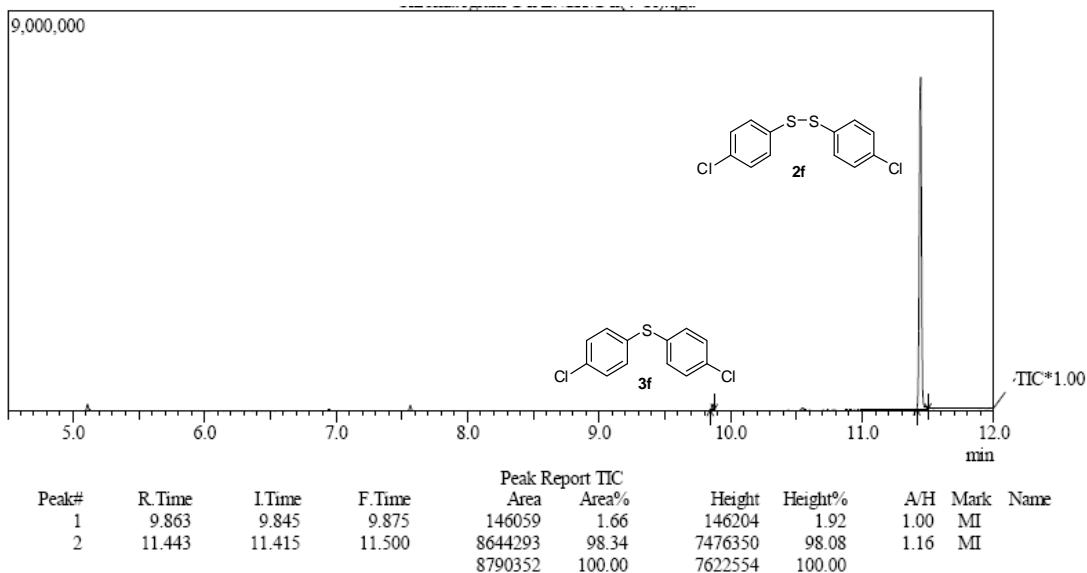




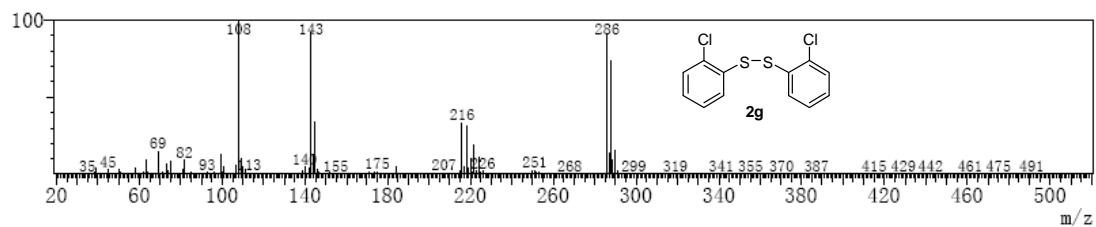
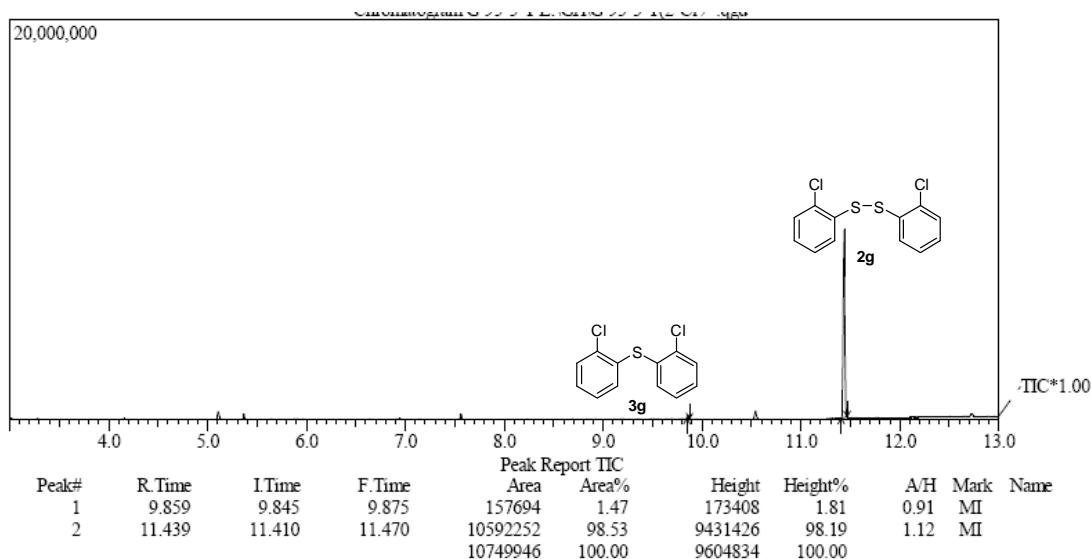
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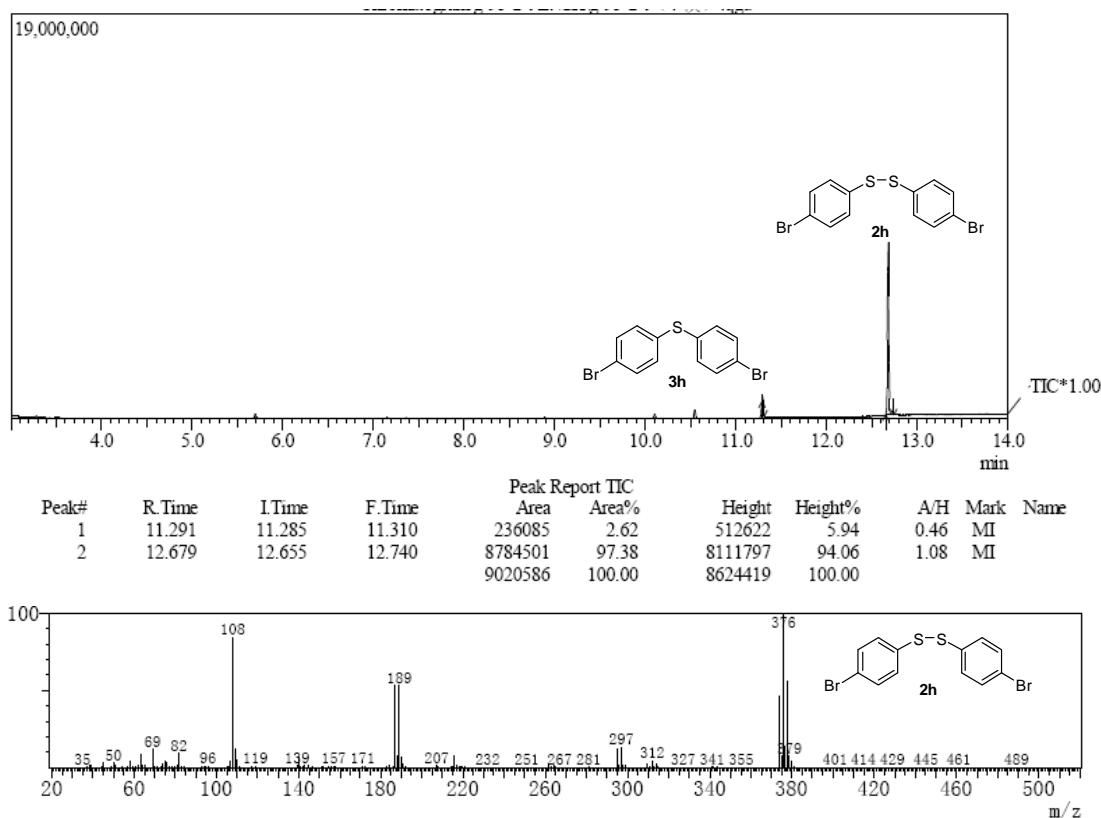
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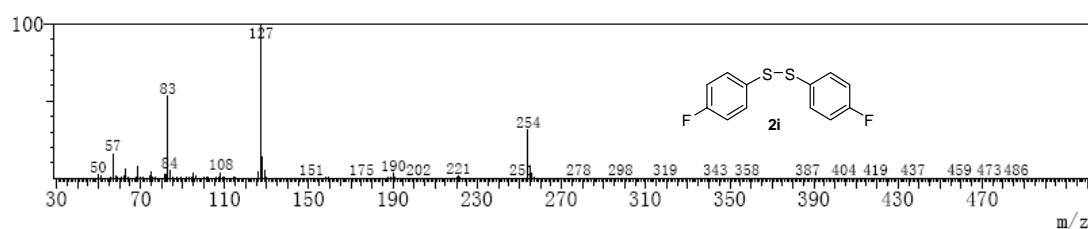
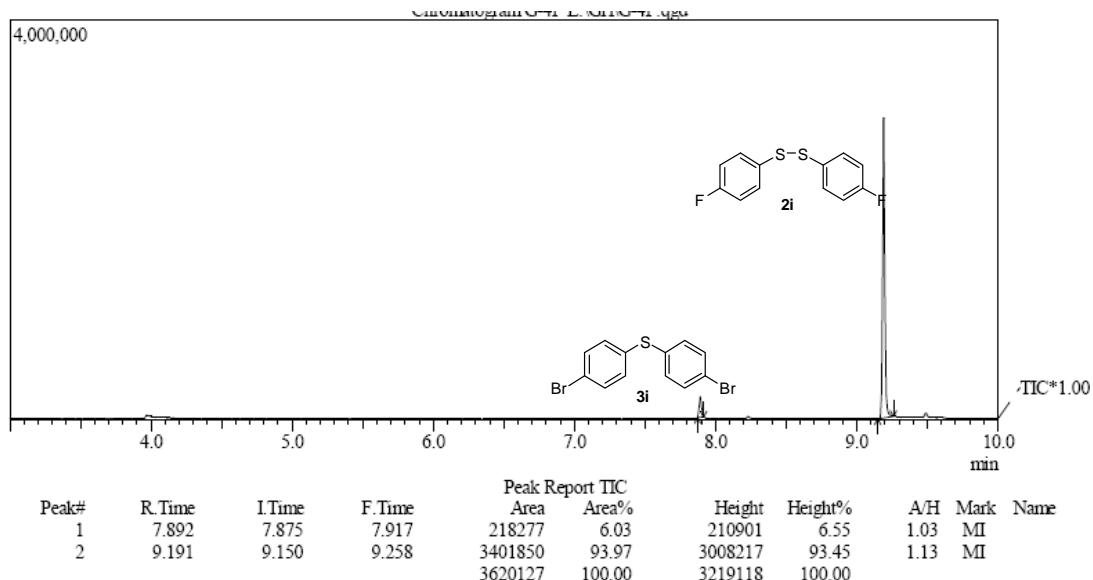
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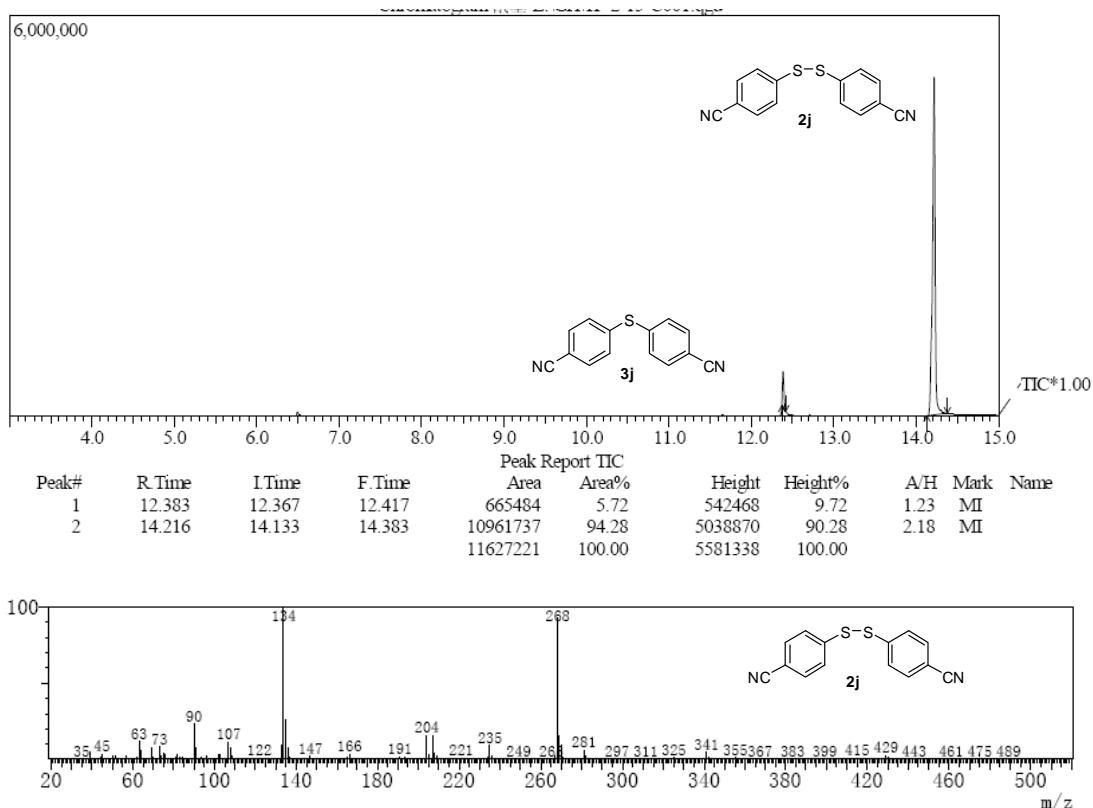
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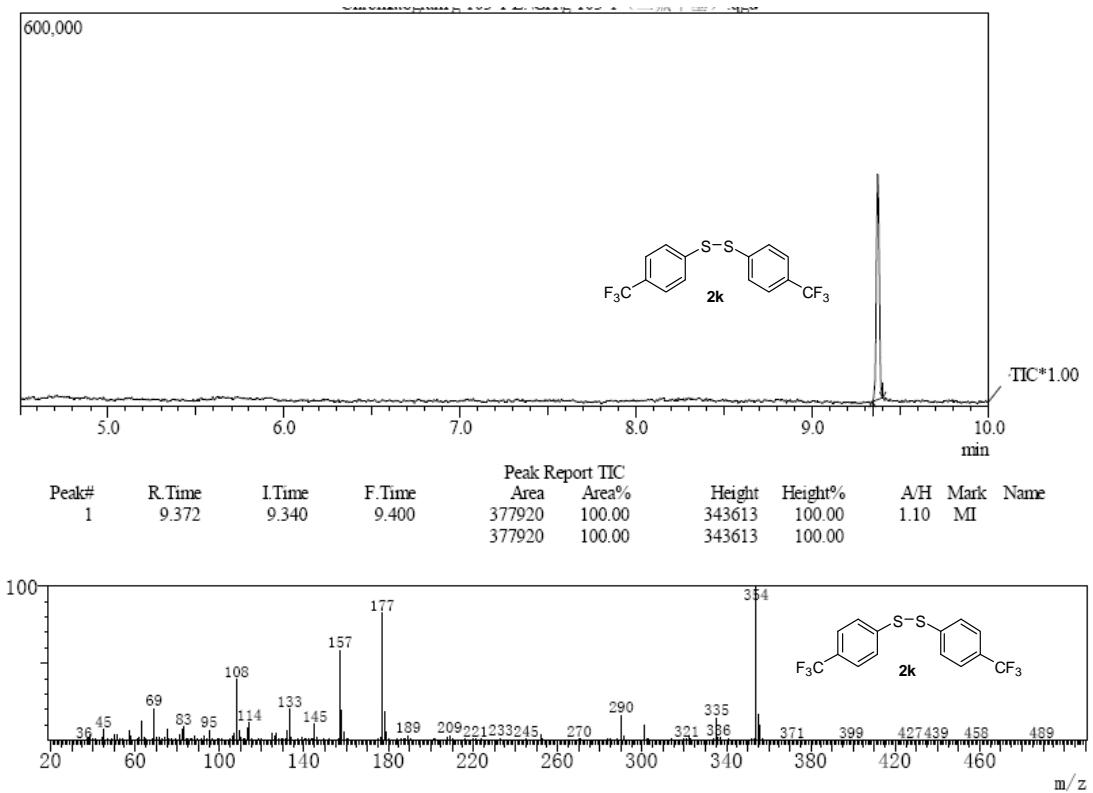
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### GC-MS spectra of **2j** and **3j**



### GC-MS spectra of **2k** and **3k**



GC-MS spectra of **2l** and **3l**

