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Selectivity-switchable construction of benzo-fused polycyclic compounds through a gold-catalyzed reaction of enyne-lactone

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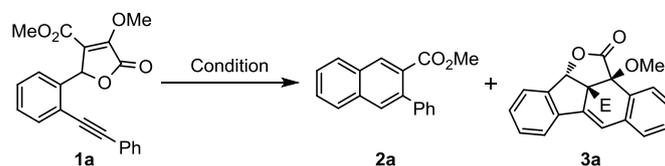
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1. Experimental procedures and spectroscopic data

1.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions ^a



Entry	Cat.	Add.	T (°C)	Yield ^b (%)	
				2a	3a
1	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgSbF ₆	80	74	trace
2	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	40	6
3	Ph ₃ PAuCl	AgBF ₄	100	11	trace
4	(<i>p</i> -F-Ph) ₃ PAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	23	trace
5	(<i>p</i> -OMe-Ph) ₃ PAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	13	trace
6	JohnPhosAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	23	trace
7	IMesAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	trace	trace
8	SIMesAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	trace	trace
9	IPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	58	42
10	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	22	50
11	SIPrAuCl	AgSbF ₆	80	26	39
12	SIPrAuCl	AgNTf ₂	80	trace	trace
13	SIPrAuCl	AgOTf	80	41	31
14 ^d	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	33	44
15 ^e	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	11	trace
16 ^f	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	18	trace
17 ^g	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	80	nr	nr
18	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	60	41	18
19	SIPrAuCl	AgBF₄	100	13	70^c
20 ^h	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	100	14	69
21 ⁱ	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	100	12	68
22 ^j	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	100	8	42
23 ^k	SIPrAuCl	AgBF ₄	100	7	60
24	-	AgBF ₄	100	7	12
25 ^l	-	AgBF ₄	100	nr	nr
26	-	-	100	nr	nr
27	Sc(OTf) ₃	-	100	15	nd
28	Bi(OTf) ₃	-	100	20	nd
29	Cu(OTf) ₂	-	100	trace	nd
30	Yb(OTf) ₃	-	100	nr	nr
31	Zn(OTf) ₂	-	100	nr	nr
32	ZnI ₂	-	100	nr	nr
33	CuCl	-	100	nr	nr
34	TfOH	-	100	complex	complex
35	Tf ₂ NH	-	100	trace	nd

^a Unless otherwise noted, the reaction was performed with **1** (0.2 mmol), SIPrAuCl (5 mol%) and AgBF₄ (5 mol%) in DCE (2 mL) at 100 °C under N₂ for 12 h, E = CO₂Me. ^b The yield was determined by ¹H NMR using 1-methyl-4-nitrobenzene as an internal standard. ^c Isolated yield. ^d CH₂Cl₂ as solvent. ^e THF as solvent. ^f Toluene as solvent. ^g CH₃CN as solvent. ^h The AgCl precipitates was filtered off by a short flash column chromatography. ⁱ The reaction was performed in the dark condition. ^j SIPrAuCl (1 mol%) and AgBF₄ (1 mol%). ^k SIPrAuCl (2 mol%) and AgBF₄ (2 mol%). ^l PTSA (20 mol%) and AgBF₄ (5 mol%).

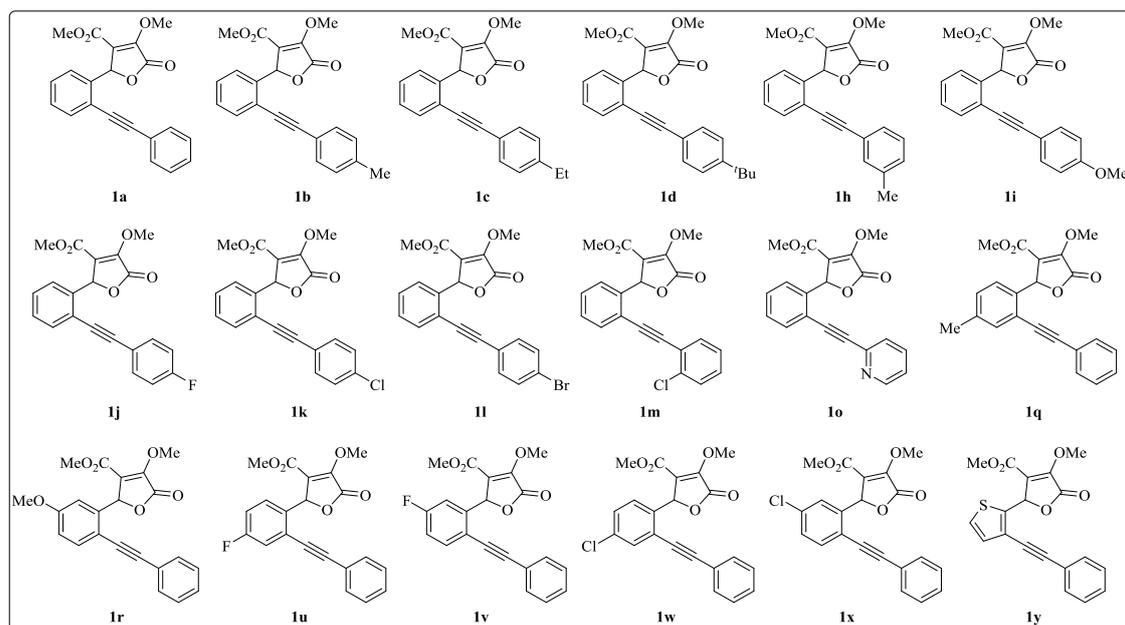
1.2 General information

All reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere of dry N₂ in Schlenk tube. ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 (400 MHz for ¹H; 100 MHz for ¹³C; 376 MHz for ¹⁹F), ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard TMS at δ 0.0 and ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to CFC1₃ as external standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. Infrared (IR) spectra are recorded on a Nicolet 210 spectrophotometer and were recorded in potassium bromide (KBr) pellet. Mass spectra (MS) were obtained using ESI mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a hot stage apparatus. All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature.

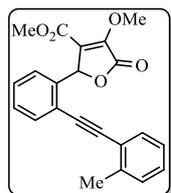
1.3 Preparation of substrates 1

1.3.1 General procedure for 1a – 1y

The substrates **1a** – **1y** were synthesized according to our reported procedures and the data of the following enyne-lactone **1** were reported in our previous work.¹



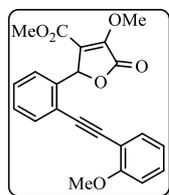
Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(2-(o-tolyethynyl)phenyl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (**1e**)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), *R_f* = 0.3, 210 mg, yield = 43% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.4, 148.8, 140.3, 135.5, 133.2, 132.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 125.8, 124.1, 122.6, 121.8, 94.2, 90.2, 78.1, 60.2, 52.1, 20.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3667, 3544, 3061, 3022, 2954, 2864, 2213, 1935, 1773, 1720, 1657, 1600, 1571, 1493, 1451, 1436, 1390,

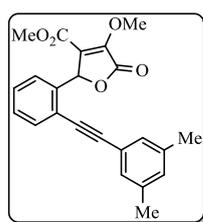
1334, 1304, 1229, 1174, 1114, 1025, 994, 910, 882, 836, 759, 737, 716, 639, 624, 586, 562, 534, 500, 451; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉O₅ (M+H)⁺ 363.1227, found 363.1230.

Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(2-((2-methoxyphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1f)



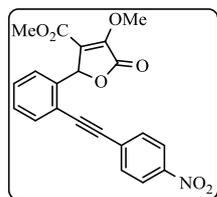
Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 4/1), R_f = 0.3, 250 mg, yield = 40% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 160.3, 148.7, 135.7, 133.3, 132.9, 130.3, 129.3, 128.6, 126.8, 124.3, 122.1, 120.6, 112.2, 110.8, 91.7, 90.5, 78.0, 60.3, 55.9, 52.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3861, 3850, 3742, 3732, 3708, 3687, 3674, 3647, 3011, 2954, 2839, 2351, 2215, 1770, 1722, 1658, 1594, 1573, 1556, 1497, 1483, 1455, 1435, 1390, 1277, 1230, 1208, 1160, 1113, 1045, 1022, 994, 882, 835, 755, 663, 609, 524, 441; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉O₆ (M+H)⁺ 379.1176, found 379.1178.

Methyl 2-(2-((3,5-dimethylphenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1g)



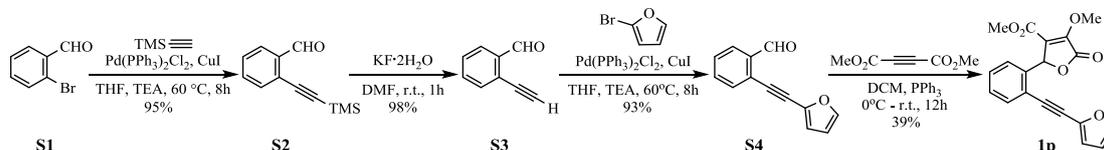
Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 270 mg, yield = 38% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.5, 148.8, 138.1, 135.5, 133.3, 130.7, 129.4, 128.6, 127.3, 123.9, 122.4, 121.9, 95.6, 85.7, 78.3, 60.3, 52.1, 21.2; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3749, 3675, 3544, 3004, 2954, 2920, 2863, 2353, 2208, 1939, 1774, 1721, 1657, 1598, 1490, 1450, 1389, 1227, 1173, 1115, 1025, 995, 908, 851, 760, 689, 639, 624, 577, 560, 528, 473, 440; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₅ (M+H)⁺ 377.1384, found 377.1385.

Methyl 4-methoxy-2-(2-((4-nitrophenyl)ethynyl)phenyl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1n)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 167-168°C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 4/1), R_f = 0.2, 380 mg, yield = 48% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 – 8.22 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.4, 149.0, 147.4, 135.9, 133.9, 132.6, 129.7, 129.6, 128.1, 123.8, 122.2, 121.6, 93.2, 91.5, 78.5, 60.4, 52.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3228, 2991, 1765, 1647, 1631, 1377, 1242, 1108, 1053, 913, 852, 743, 643; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₅NNaO₇ (M+Na)⁺ 416.0741, found 416.0742.

The substrate **1p** was synthesized through the following synthetic route.



Step 1:

To a magnetically stirred solution of **S1** (0.92 g, 5 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF was added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (3.0 mol %) and CuI (5.0 mol %) under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the trimethylsilylacetylene (0.6 g, 6 mmol, 1.2 eq) and NEt₃ were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 8 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 30/1) as the eluent to afford **S2** (0.96 g, 4.75 mmol).

Step 2:

To a magnetically stirred solution of **S2** (0.96 g, 4.75 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF was added KF·2H₂O (1.34 g, 14.25 mmol, 3.0 eq), the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. After the reaction was finished, the resultant mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 30/1) as the eluent to give **S3** (605 mg, 4.65 mmol).

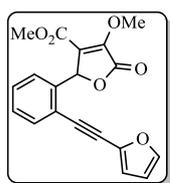
Step 3:

To a magnetically stirred solution of **S3** (605 mg, 4.65 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF was added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (3.0 mol %) and CuI (5.0 mol %) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then, the 2-bromofuran (0.81 g, 5.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) and NEt₃ were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 8 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 20/1) as the eluent to afford **S4** (0.85 g, 4.32 mmol).

Step 4:

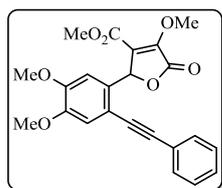
Procedure for the synthesis of **1p** was identical to the literature.¹

Methyl 2-(2-(furan-2-ylethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (**1p**)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.2, 370 mg, yield = 34% (4 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.44 – 6.42 (m, 1H), 4.28 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.4, 148.9, 144.1, 136.7, 135.5, 133.3, 129.4, 129.1, 127.7, 122.5, 121.5, 116.2, 111.3, 90.3, 85.1, 78.2, 60.4, 52.2; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3449, 3147, 3009, 2955, 2207, 1776, 1718, 1658, 1572, 1447, 1388, 1301, 1231, 1168, 1117, 995, 930, 879, 821, 756, 594; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₄NaO₆ (M+Na)⁺ 361.0683, found 361.0685.

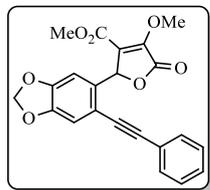
Methyl 2-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-(phenylethynyl)phenyl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (**1s**)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 113-114 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 3/1), R_f = 0.3, 280 mg, yield = 33% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 4.23 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.9, 161.6, 149.8, 149.7, 148.6, 131.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 123.0, 122.0, 116.2, 115.4, 109.9, 93.8, 86.5, 78.4, 60.2, 56.2, 56.1, 52.2; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3652, 3058, 3006, 2955, 2857, 2205, 1769, 1719, 1658, 1597, 1573, 1520, 1462, 1389, 1355, 1301, 1251,

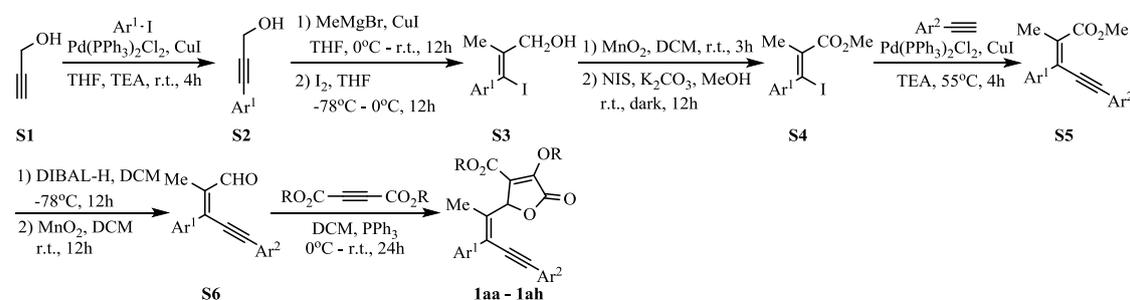
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HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₇ (M+H)⁺ 409.1282, found 409.1284.

Methyl 4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(6-(phenylethynyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1t)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 152-153 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 4/1), R_f = 0.3, 350 mg, yield = 31% (2 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.6, 161.4, 148.5, 148.4, 131.5, 130.2, 128.5, 128.4, 122.8, 121.7, 117.5, 112.2, 106.8, 101.9, 93.6, 86.2, 77.8, 60.2, 52.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3119, 3011, 2950, 2897, 2361, 2319, 2247, 2181, 1777, 1717, 1658, 1598, 1495, 1379, 1239, 1122, 1041, 989, 937, 868, 775, 732, 638, 579; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₆NaO₇ (M+Na)⁺ 415.0788, found 415.0792.

1.3.2 General procedure for 1aa – 1ah



Step 1:

To a magnetically stirred solution of appropriate iodobenzene (1.0 eq) in THF were added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (3.0 mol %) and CuI (5.0 mol %) under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the **S1** (1.0 eq) and NEt₃ were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 5/1) as the eluent to afford the desired product **S2**.

Step 2:

To a solution of **S2** (1.0 eq) and CuI (5.0 mol %) in THF (20 mL) was added a 3.0 M MeMgBr (2.5 eq) at 0 °C. Upon complete addition of Grignard reagent, the mixture was allowed up to room temperature and vigorously stirred for the desired period of time. The dark green mixture was then cooled to -78 °C and then added a solution of I₂ (2.0 eq) in THF (15 mL). After warming up to room temperature and stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the resulting reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quench with sat. NH₄Cl. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 15/1) as the eluent to give **S3** as a yellow oil.

Step 3:

To a magnetically stirred solution of **S3** (1.0 eq) in DCM was added MnO₂ (10 eq). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude material

was used without any further purification. NIS (2.5 eq) and K₂CO₃ (2.5 eq) were added to a solution of the crude alcohol (1.0 eq) in MeOH. Then the reaction mixture was stirred in dark place at room temperature for 12h. Water and Na₂S₂O₃ were added to destroy any remaining NIS or hypiodite species. The resultant mixture was extracted with 3 X 5 mL ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 100/1) as the eluent to give **S4** as a colourless oil.

Step 4:

To a magnetically stirred solution of **S4** (1.0 eq) in THF was added Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (2.0 mol %) and CuI (1.0 mol %) under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the phenylacetylene (1.2 eq) and NEt₃ were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 4 h. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 20/1) as the eluent to afford **S5**.

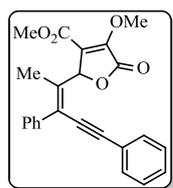
Step 5:

Procedure for the synthesis of **S6** was identical to the literature.²

Step 6:

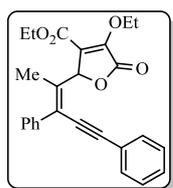
To a magnetically stirred solution of **S6** (1.0 eq) in dry DCM was added triphenylphosphine (1.2 eq) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After stirred for 5 min, the DCM solution of dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.2 eq) or diethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (1.2 eq) was added dropwise. Then, the mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was finished, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 10/1) as the eluent to afford the desired product **1aa - 1ah**.

Methyl (Z)-2-(3,5-diphenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1aa)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 160 mg, yield = 8% (6 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 10H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 161.7, 148.7, 138.2, 136.6, 131.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.0, 127.3, 123.1, 121.3, 96.2, 87.8, 79.8, 60.3, 52.3, 12.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2952, 1777, 1721, 1658, 1446, 1383, 1300, 1224, 1118, 990, 761, 697; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₂₀NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 411.1203, found 411.1208.

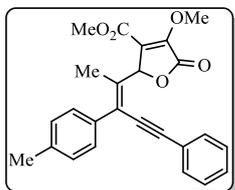
Ethyl (Z)-2-(3,5-diphenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-4-ethoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ab)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 130 mg, yield = 6% (6 steps); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 10H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.75 – 4.58 (m, 2H), 4.36 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 161.3, 148.4, 138.2, 136.9, 131.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.2, 123.1, 121.9, 96.1, 88.0, 79.9, 69.0, 61.5, 15.5, 14.3, 12.8; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2985, 1778, 1719, 1654, 1482, 1443, 1383, 1298, 1215, 1119, 1007, 761, 698, 616, 523; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₄NaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 439.1516,

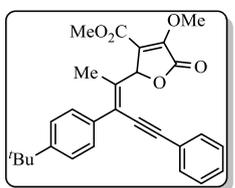
found 439.1523.

Methyl (Z)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2-(5-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)pent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ac)



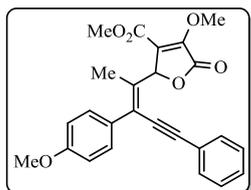
Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 121 mg, yield = 10% (6 steps); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.29 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 161.7, 148.7, 137.9, 136.2, 135.3, 131.6, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 123.2, 121.4, 95.9, 88.0, 79.9, 60.3, 52.3, 21.4, 12.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3852, 3742, 2952, 1777, 1719, 1659, 1502, 1447, 1382, 1301, 1223, 1117, 989, 910, 823, 762, 691, 516; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 425.1359, found 425.1363.

Methyl (Z)-2-(3-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ad)



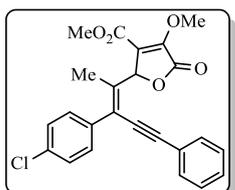
Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 185 mg, yield = 15% (6 steps); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 161.7, 151.1, 148.7, 136.2, 135.1, 131.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.2, 125.3, 123.2, 121.4, 95.9, 88.0, 80.0, 60.3, 52.3, 34.8, 31.4, 12.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3852, 3741, 3680, 2958, 1777, 1717, 1659, 1448, 1389, 1224, 1116, 989, 910, 837, 760, 693, 587; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{28}\text{NaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 467.1829, found 467.1834.

Methyl (Z)-4-methoxy-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ae)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.3$, 120 mg, yield = 9% (6 steps); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.26 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 1.61 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 161.7, 159.3, 148.7, 135.8, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 128.6, 128.4, 126.8, 123.1, 121.4, 113.8, 95.8, 88.0, 79.9, 60.3, 55.4, 52.3, 12.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3835, 3742, 2952, 1776, 1718, 1656, 1608, 1507, 1448, 1386, 1239, 1116, 1029, 987, 833, 761, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{22}\text{NaO}_6$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 441.1309, found 441.1316.

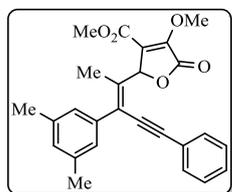
Methyl (Z)-2-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1af)



Yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 200 mg, yield = 17% (6 steps); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 161.6, 148.8, 137.2, 136.6, 134.0, 131.6, 130.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 126.2,

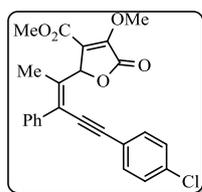
122.8, 121.1, 96.4, 87.3, 79.6, 60.3, 52.4, 12.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2953, 1778, 1720, 1659, 1488, 1447, 1386, 1301, 1226, 1117, 990, 913, 832, 763, 692, 571; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 445.0813, found 445.0815.

Methyl (Z)-2-(3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ag)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 115-116 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 110 mg, yield = 7% (6 steps); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.96 (s, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 6H), 1.58 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.8, 161.7, 148.7, 138.1, 138.0, 136.4, 131.6, 129.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 126.5, 123.2, 121.4, 95.9, 87.9, 79.8, 60.3, 52.4, 21.4, 12.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3742, 2952, 1777, 1721, 1659, 1600, 1447, 1383, 1300, 1226, 1117, 989, 912, 824, 761, 697, 521; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 439.1516, found 439.1525.

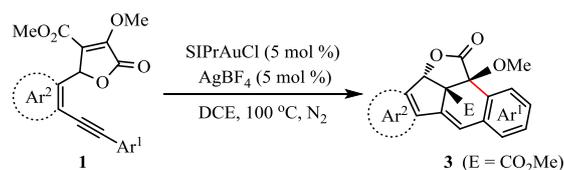
Methyl (Z)-2-(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylpent-2-en-4-yn-2-yl)-4-methoxy-5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-carboxylate (1ah)



Brown yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 4/1), R_f = 0.4, 126 mg, yield = 12% (6 steps); **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 7H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.7, 161.6, 148.8, 138.0, 137.2, 134.7, 132.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.1, 121.5, 121.2, 94.9, 88.7, 79.7, 60.3, 52.4, 13.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3742, 2953, 1778, 1720, 1658, 1488, 1447, 1387, 1301, 1225, 1115, 989, 828, 766, 703; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClNaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 445.0813, found 445.0816.

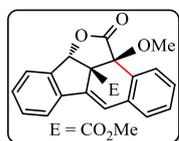
1.4 General procedure for the synthesis of 3

1.4.1 General procedure for 3a – 3y



In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added SIPrAuCl (5 mol %) and AgBF₄ (5 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL), and then the substrates **1a – 1y** (0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the mixture was filtered by short silica, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **3a – 3y**.

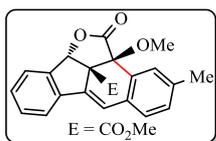
Methyl-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3a)



White solid, m.p. = 174 - 175 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), R_f = 0.4, 49 mg, yield = 70%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73

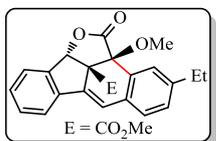
(d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.1, 167.2, 140.2, 139.7, 135.7, 132.7, 132.5, 131.3, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 125.2, 121.6, 84.9, 84.8, 63.7, 56.5, 53.1; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3856, 3547, 3065, 2953, 2840, 1933, 1782, 1734, 1605, 1483, 1466, 1453, 1435, 1344, 1298, 1261, 1194, 1157, 1082, 1058, 975, 946, 914, 886, 863, 831, 793, 762, 736, 712, 650, 623, 601, 577, 560, 542, 504; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 349.1071, found 349.1071.

Methyl-2a-methoxy-4-methyl-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3b)



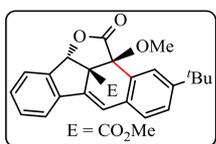
White solid, m.p. = 202 - 203 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 54 mg, yield = 75%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 167.3, 140.0, 139.9, 139.3, 134.6, 132.3, 131.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.2, 128.3, 127.9, 127.3, 125.2, 121.5, 85.0, 84.9, 63.7, 56.5, 53.1, 21.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3659, 3030, 2953, 2839, 1780, 1732, 1605, 1571, 1495, 1466, 1435, 1344, 1262, 1191, 1153, 1081, 1058, 1020, 966, 916, 879, 841, 819, 795, 766, 735, 704, 661, 623, 601, 563, 519, 492, 449; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 363.1227, found 363.1229.

Methyl 4-ethyl-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3c)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 199 - 200 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 54 mg, yield = 72%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.73 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 167.4, 145.4, 140.0, 139.9, 134.7, 132.3, 131.3, 130.2, 129.2, 128.7, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 125.2, 121.5, 85.1, 84.8, 63.7, 56.5, 53.1, 29.1, 15.2; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3856, 3842, 3753, 3651, 3436, 2965, 2839, 1782, 1733, 1605, 1493, 1465, 1435, 1344, 1298, 1263, 1191, 1154, 1081, 1058, 975, 917, 899, 863, 881, 829, 794, 766, 737, 704, 662, 624, 593, 503; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 377.1384, found 377.1383.

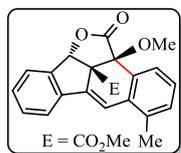
Methyl 4-(tert-butyl)-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3d)



White solid, m.p. = 220 - 221 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 57 mg, yield = 71%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 167.4, 152.2, 140.0, 139.9, 134.9, 131.9, 131.3, 130.0, 129.2, 127.6, 127.3, 126.3, 125.1, 124.6, 121.5, 85.3, 84.7, 63.7, 56.4, 53.1, 35.1, 31.4; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3653, 2962, 2869, 2839, 1782, 1733, 1604, 1563, 1493, 1467, 1434, 1364, 1344, 1265, 1196, 1159, 1114, 1080, 1057, 966, 917, 899, 881, 826, 793, 763,

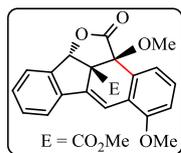
702, 661, 627, 613, 596, 505, 453; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₅H₂₅O₅ (M+H)⁺ 405.1697, found 405.1697.

Methyl 2a-methoxy-6-methyl-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3e)



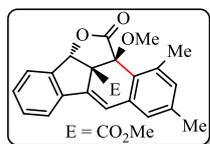
White solid, m.p. = 229 - 230 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), R_f = 0.4, 51 mg, yield = 71%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3, 167.2, 140.2, 140.1, 135.4, 135.0, 132.7, 131.3, 131.3, 130.9, 129.4, 128.7, 127.3, 125.2, 122.5, 121.6, 85.2, 85.0, 63.2, 56.5, 53.1, 19.5; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3906, 3856, 3842, 3822, 3807, 3752, 3737, 3713, 3692, 3678, 3651, 3632, 3621, 3040, 2953, 2838, 1978, 1940, 1775, 1732, 1579, 1493, 1468, 1434, 1382, 1344, 1276, 1259, 1199, 1158, 1131, 1099, 1063, 1032, 989, 969, 915, 880, 824, 792, 765, 707, 653, 623, 605, 573, 538, 511, 477, 427; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉O₅ (M+H)⁺ 363.1227, found 363.1229.

Methyl 2a,6-dimethoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3f)



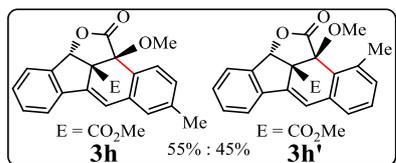
White solid, m.p. = 238 - 239 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.3, 48 mg, yield = 63%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 167.3, 155.8, 140.2, 140.0, 134.4, 133.8, 131.3, 129.8, 129.2, 127.2, 121.7, 121.6, 120.0, 119.7, 111.7, 85.1, 85.0, 63.2, 56.5, 55.8, 53.0; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3062, 2949, 2841, 2052, 1927, 1780, 1733, 1642, 1583, 1467, 1335, 1268, 1201, 1157, 1063, 969, 909, 882, 826, 752, 637, 566, 504; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₂H₁₉O₆ (M+H)⁺ 379.1176, found 379.1176.

Methyl 2a-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3g)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 235 - 236 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 50 mg, yield = 67%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9, 167.7, 140.1, 139.8, 139.7, 138.9, 134.4, 134.2, 134.1, 131.3, 129.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 126.1, 121.4, 87.3, 84.9, 64.7, 55.2, 53.1, 22.2, 20.9; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3652, 2953, 2838, 1778, 1732, 1606, 1567, 1467, 1435, 1378, 1348, 1297, 1264, 1228, 1195, 1156, 1084, 1057, 980, 910, 875, 843, 796, 759, 747, 737, 707, 625, 603, 586, 570, 550, 496, 437; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₅ (M+H)⁺ 377.1384, found 377.1383.

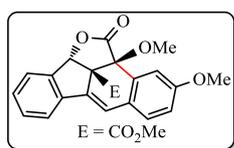
Methyl 2a-methoxy-5-methyl-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a1(2H)-carboxylate (3h)



Yellow solid, m.p. = 159 - 160 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 62 mg, yield = 85%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H),

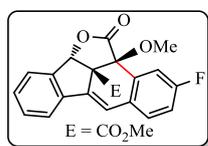
6.91, 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.36, 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.78, 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.60, 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.62, 2.37 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.4, 171.6, 167.5, 167.2, 140.3, 140.1, 139.8, 139.63, 139.58, 139.2, 135.7, 134.13, 134.09, 133.6, 132.6, 131.29, 131.27, 130.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.30, 127.26, 126.7, 125.9, 125.3, 121.5, 121.4, 87.2, 84.94, 84.91, 84.7, 64.5, 63.7, 56.3, 55.2, 53.1, 53.0, 22.4, 21.2; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3678, 2953, 2839, 1778, 1732, 1607, 1587, 1466, 1435, 1378, 1347, 1264, 1220, 1193, 1156, 1097, 1081, 1061, 978, 951, 912, 876, 844, 821, 793, 760, 738, 706, 624, 601, 568, 550, 493, 433; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 363.1227, found 363.1228.

Methyl 2a,4-dimethoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3i)



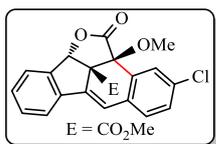
White solid, m.p. = 182 - 183 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.3, 59 mg, yield = 78%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.1, 167.4, 160.5, 140.0, 139.8, 134.3, 133.3, 131.3, 129.1, 129.0, 127.3, 125.6, 124.9, 121.3, 114.2, 114.1, 85.0, 84.9, 63.5, 56.5, 55.5, 53.1; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3902, 3856, 3842, 3823, 3807, 3753, 3737, 3714, 3692, 3678, 3652, 3632, 3621, 2954, 2838, 1778, 1733, 1603, 1572, 1495, 1465, 1432, 1342, 1298, 1264, 1226, 1154, 1079, 1058, 1037, 966, 914, 879, 815, 794, 765, 739, 705, 661, 626, 588, 560, 534, 504; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_6$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 379.1176, found 379.1177.

Methyl 4-fluoro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-bc]furan-2a¹(2H)-carboxylate (3j)



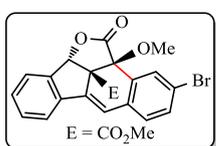
Yellow solid, m.p. = 220 - 221 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 39 mg, yield = 53%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.6, 167.0, 163.2 (d, J = 248.7 Hz), 139.9, 139.6, 135.4 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 131.4, 129.6, 129.2 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 128.9 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 127.4, 124.1, 121.6, 116.1 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 115.6 (d, J = 24.8 Hz), 84.9, 84.7 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 63.4, 56.5, 53.1; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3856, 3753, 3737, 3714, 3693, 3678, 3652, 3632, 2954, 2841, 1781, 1735, 1606, 1587, 1492, 1466, 1434, 1344, 1265, 1239, 1205, 1156, 1100, 1076, 1059, 970, 915, 879, 844, 821, 791, 781, 765, 739, 705, 660, 624, 578, 516; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{F}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 367.0976, found 367.0980.

Methyl 4-chloro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3k)



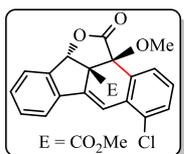
White solid, m.p. = 214 - 215 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 42 mg, yield = 55%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.4, 166.7, 140.0, 139.4, 136.2, 134.7, 134.1, 131.4, 131.1, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0, 127.3, 123.9, 121.6, 84.8, 84.5, 63.5, 56.4, 53.1; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3856, 3842, 3823, 3807, 3752, 3737, 3713, 3692, 3678, 3652, 3632, 3066, 2953, 2840, 1780, 1735, 1592, 1562, 1480, 1435, 1409, 1345, 1264, 1194, 1157, 1093, 1077, 1058, 975, 959, 914, 879, 821, 794, 762, 745, 688, 657, 626, 563, 506, 452; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 383.0681, found 383.0684.

Methyl 4-bromo-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3l)



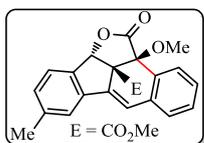
Yellow solid, m.p. = 232 - 233 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 44 mg, yield = 52%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.6, 166.8, 140.1, 139.5, 136.4, 134.4, 132.6, 131.7, 131.5, 130.9, 129.8, 129.0, 127.4, 124.1, 122.9, 121.7, 84.9, 84.5, 63.6, 56.5, 53.2; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3855, 3752, 3713, 3692, 3678, 2953, 2846, 1781, 1735, 1588, 1561, 1477, 1435, 1403, 1345, 1272, 1195, 1157, 1086, 1059, 974, 953, 914, 879, 820, 794, 762, 745, 718, 675, 624, 557, 506; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{Br}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 427.0176, found 427.0178.

Methyl 6-chloro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3m)



White solid, m.p. = 243 - 244 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 46 mg, yield = 60%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 - 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 - 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.6, 166.8, 140.3, 139.6, 137.3, 134.8, 132.6, 131.5, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 129.5, 127.3, 126.1, 122.0, 121.4, 85.0, 84.9, 63.3, 56.5, 53.2; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3056, 2953, 2840, 1937, 1783, 1735, 1563, 1467, 1451, 1439, 1347, 1272, 1200, 1155, 1090, 1060, 981, 956, 916, 876, 856, 832, 794, 766, 736, 705, 652, 624, 593, 570, 534, 495, 434; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{Cl}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 383.0681, found 383.0686.

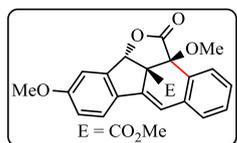
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Yellow solid, m.p. = 219 - 220 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), $R_f = 0.4$, 51 mg, yield = 70%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 - 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 - 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.40 - 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 167.3, 141.7, 139.9,

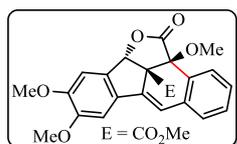
137.6, 135.9, 132.8, 132.5, 130.5, 129.4, 129.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.0, 124.8, 122.0, 85.0, 84.8, 63.9, 56.4, 53.1, 21.8; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3850, 3646, 3543, 22953, 2839, 1783, 1733, 1614, 1483, 1454, 1435, 1379, 1343, 1306, 1262, 1198, 1161, 1115, 1082, 1058, 975, 907, 864, 817, 796, 784, 763, 736, 711, 649, 614, 573, 543, 503; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 385.1046, found 385.1048.

Methyl 2a,10-dimethoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3r)



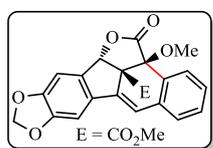
Yellow solid, m.p. = 192 - 193 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 4/1), R_f = 0.4, 69 mg, yield = 91%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 167.3, 161.0, 141.9, 135.3, 133.1, 132.2, 131.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.6, 127.3, 122.9, 122.7, 118.4, 111.5, 84.8, 84.7, 64.1, 56.4, 55.7, 53.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3855, 3752, 3652, 3548, 3064, 3001, 2954, 2839, 2540, 2046, 1958, 1784, 1736, 1657, 1610, 1582, 1491, 1459, 1438, 1342, 1256, 1215, 1194, 1154, 1133, 1099, 1081, 1059, 1027, 975, 948, 929, 909, 860, 828, 789, 757, 736, 702, 679, 645, 623, 603, 586, 540, 505, 446; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 401.0996, found 401.0999.

Methyl 2a,9,10-trimethoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3s)



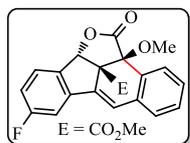
Yellow solid, m.p. = 197 - 198 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 2/1), R_f = 0.3, 57 mg, yield = 70%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 6H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.3, 167.4, 152.3, 150.9, 136.0, 133.1, 133.0, 132.9, 132.2, 129.4, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 122.7, 109.1, 103.5, 85.2, 84.9, 64.1, 56.5, 56.3, 56.2, 53.1; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3064, 2950, 2839, 1778, 1732, 1602, 1499, 1462, 1329, 1264, 1150, 1087, 1000, 956, 902, 857, 749, 631, 582, 545, 501; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_7$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 409.1282, found 409.1285.

Methyl 2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,12b-dihydrobenzo[6,7]furo[4',3',2':8,9]fluoreno[2,3-*d*][1,3]dioxole-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3t)



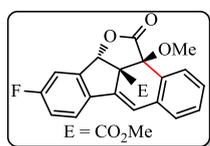
White solid, m.p. = 208 - 209 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 3/1), R_f = 0.4, 56 mg, yield = 72%; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.04 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.2, 167.3, 150.9, 149.4, 135.5, 134.7, 134.6, 132.8, 132.2, 129.4, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 123.1, 107.2, 102.2, 101.6, 84.9, 84.8, 64.2, 56.5, 53.1; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3669, 3065, 2959, 2840, 2354, 1782, 1733, 1656, 1602, 1502, 1475, 1368, 1333, 1306, 1272, 1253, 1197, 1158, 1081, 1037, 987, 965, 942, 908, 865, 804, 791, 777, 761, 736, 701, 642, 602, 537, 506, 433; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_7$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 393.0969, found 393.0971.

Methyl 9-fluoro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3u)



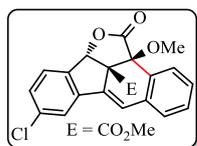
Yellow solid, m.p. = 184 - 185 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 33 mg, yield = 45%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 167.0, 165.0 (d, J = 250.6 Hz), 142.1 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 136.0 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 134.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 132.5, 132.3, 129.5 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.6, 126.4, 116.8 (d, J = 23.6 Hz), 108.6 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 84.9, 84.1, 64.3, 56.5, 53.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.7; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3856, 3737, 3692, 3678, 3066, 2954, 2840, 1782, 1734, 1611, 1590, 1479, 1437, 1347, 1282, 1261, 1215, 1197, 1158, 1081, 1056, 974, 941, 909, 864, 821, 798, 785, 762, 709, 649, 624, 573, 539, 505; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{F}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 367.0976, found 367.0977.

Methyl 10-fluoro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3v)



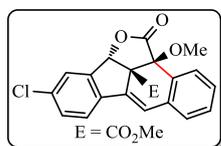
Yellow solid, m.p. = 190 - 191 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 39 mg, yield = 53%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.0, 167.0, 163.2 (d, J = 250.7 Hz), 142.1 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 135.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 134.5, 132.6, 132.1, 129.5, 129.1, 127.9, 127.4, 124.8, 123.1 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 118.9 (d, J = 23.4 Hz), 114.5 (d, J = 23.2 Hz), 84.8, 84.1 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 64.2, 56.5, 53.1; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -110.3; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3651, 3067, 2954, 2840, 1785, 1733, 1658, 1613, 1596, 1485, 1454, 1437, 1341, 1294, 1266, 1250, 1185, 1159, 1133, 1082, 1059, 980, 952, 911, 876, 828, 807, 790, 764, 736, 643, 622, 583, 549, 521, 505, 445; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{F}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 367.0976, found 367.0979.

Methyl 9-chloro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3w)



White solid, m.p. = 205 - 206 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), R_f = 0.4, 47 mg, yield = 61%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.76 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 166.9, 141.5, 138.5, 137.7, 134.5, 132.4, 132.2, 129.6, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.5, 126.4, 121.9, 84.8, 84.0, 63.9, 56.5, 53.2; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2953, 2840, 1782, 1734, 1605, 1568, 1463, 1340, 1268, 1199, 1157, 1079, 979, 911, 870, 752, 651, 611, 504, 467; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_5\text{FNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$)⁺ 405.0500, found 405.0504.

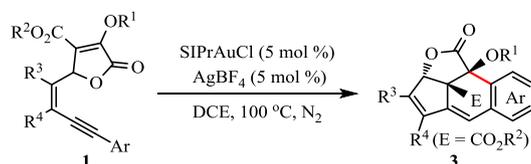
Methyl 10-chloro-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)-carboxylate (3x)



Pale yellow solid, m.p. = 228 - 229 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), R_f = 0.4, 50 mg, yield = 65%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m,

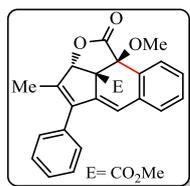
1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 166.9, 141.7, 138.1, 135.1, 134.5, 132.4, 132.2, 131.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.4, 125.7, 122.7, 84.7, 84.0, 63.9, 56.5, 53.2; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2951, 2844, 1783, 1734, 1464, 1264, 1158, 1075, 978, 886, 827, 753, 642, 507, 444; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_5\text{FNa}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 405.0500, found 405.0501.

1.4.2 General procedure for **3aa** – **3ah**



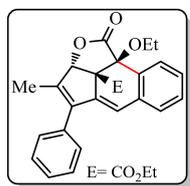
In a Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added SIPrAuCl (5 mol %) and AgBF_4 (5 mol %) in 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE, 2 mL), and then the substrates **1aa** – **1ah** (0.2 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After that, the mixture was filtered by short silica, the solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as elute to afford the pure product **3aa** – **3ah**.

Methyl-9b-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-4-phenyl-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1H)-carboxylate (**3aa**)



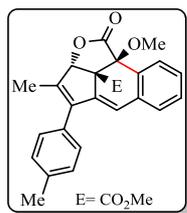
Yellow solid, m.p. = 145-146 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), R_f = 0.4, 37 mg, yield = 63%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 167.5, 144.2, 140.6, 139.8, 133.0, 132.7, 132.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 123.1, 89.8, 84.6, 61.0, 56.4, 53.1, 14.8; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 2974, 2954, 2928, 2849, 1782, 1733, 1626, 1597, 1547, 1482, 1436, 1385, 1360, 1305, 1262, 1195, 1158, 1139, 1082, 1056, 1008, 984, 960, 930, 905, 883, 864, 852, 805, 779, 750, 702, 654, 617, 546, 517, 472, 453; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$) $^+$ 411.1203, found 411.1206.

Ethyl-9b-ethoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-4-phenyl-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1H)-c arboxylate (**3ab**)



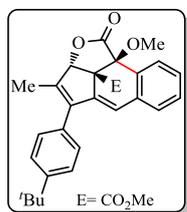
Pale yellow solid, m.p. = 148-149 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 6/1), R_f = 0.4, 43 mg, yield = 70%; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 4.19 – 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.99 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.2, 166.9, 144.3, 140.8, 139.8, 133.2, 133.1, 132.5, 129.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 127.5, 123.0, 89.8, 84.1, 64.1, 61.8, 61.3, 15.7, 14.8, 14.0; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3741, 2980, 1781, 1731, 1447, 1370, 1259, 1165, 1073, 1016, 930, 856, 745, 704, 653, 507; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$) $^+$ 417.1697, found 417.1699.

Methyl-9b-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1*H*)-carboxylate (3ac)



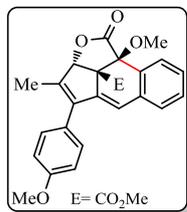
Yellow solid, m.p. = 152-153 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 38 mg, yield = 65%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.15 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 167.5, 144.2, 140.8, 139.3, 138.8, 133.1, 132.8, 129.5, 129.4, 129.3, 129.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.5, 123.0, 90.0, 84.7, 61.0, 56.4, 53.1, 21.5, 14.8; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3852, 3742, 2922, 1779, 1733, 1514, 1446, 1263, 1155, 1077, 955, 755, 509; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 403.1540, found 403.1545.

Methyl-4-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-9b-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1*H*)-carboxylate (3ad)



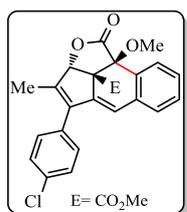
Yellow solid, m.p. = 148-149 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 40 mg, yield = 62%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.9, 167.5, 151.9, 144.1, 140.7, 139.3, 133.1, 132.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 127.8, 127.5, 125.6, 123.1, 90.1, 84.6, 61.0, 56.4, 53.1, 34.9, 31.4, 14.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3853, 3742, 3617, 2959, 1781, 1733, 1513, 1447, 1264, 1157, 1080, 957, 842, 751; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 445.2010, found 445.2016.

Methyl-9b-methoxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methyl-1-oxo-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1*H*)-carboxylate (3ae)



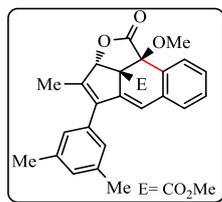
Yellow solid, m.p. = 154-155 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 4/1), R_f = 0.3, 34 mg, yield = 55%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.9, 167.5, 160.0, 143.8, 140.9, 138.7, 133.1, 132.8, 130.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.5, 124.5, 123.1, 114.2, 90.1, 84.7, 61.0, 56.4, 55.5, 53.1, 14.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3835, 3741, 3680, 2926, 2846, 1778, 1733, 1609, 1512, 1448, 1254, 1162, 1079, 954, 839, 753; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_6$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 419.1489, found 419.1494.

Methyl-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-9b-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1*H*)-carboxylate (3af)



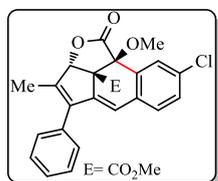
Yellow solid, m.p. = 151-152 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 36 mg, yield = 57%; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.7, 167.4, 143.0, 140.3, 140.3, 134.8, 132.8, 132.7, 130.8, 130.7, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 127.9, 127.6, 123.3, 89.6, 84.6, 61.1, 56.4, 53.2, 14.8; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3741, 2948, 1780, 1733, 1489, 1447, 1389, 1265, 1159, 1085, 957, 837, 751; **HRMS** (ESI) Calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}$)⁺ 423.0994, found 423.0995.

Methyl-4-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-9b-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*b*c]furan-2a¹(1*H*)-carboxylate (**3ag**)



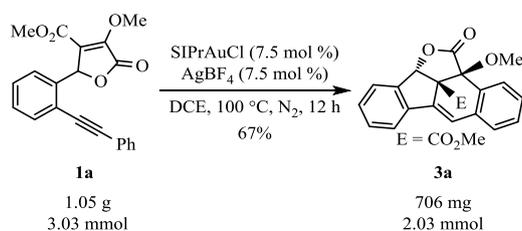
Yellow solid, m.p. = 150-151 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.4, 38 mg, yield = 61%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 6H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 167.5, 144.5, 140.8, 139.5, 138.3, 133.1, 132.7, 132.2, 130.5, 129.3, 128.6, 127.8, 127.5, 127.1, 123.0, 89.9, 84.7, 60.9, 56.4, 53.2, 21.4, 14.8; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3852, 3741, 2923, 1781, 1733, 1602, 1447, 1376, 1266, 1158, 1077, 958, 857, 750; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₆H₂₅O₅ (M+H)⁺ 417.1697, found 417.1702.

Methyl-8-chloro-9b-methoxy-3-methyl-1-oxo-4-phenyl-2a,9b-dihydrobenzo[5,6]indeno[1,7-*bc*]furan-2a¹(1*H*)-carboxylate (**3ah**)



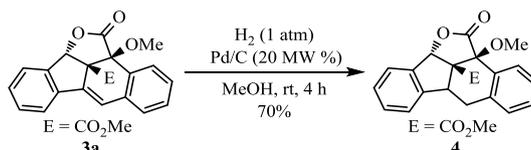
Yellow solid, m.p. = 146-147 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.5, 27 mg, yield = 46%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2, 167.2, 144.2, 141.2, 140.2, 134.5, 134.3, 132.1, 131.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 122.1, 89.9, 84.3, 60.9, 56.5, 53.3, 14.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3852, 3742, 3682, 2924, 1780, 1734, 1464, 1265, 1157, 1088, 955, 890, 703; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₄H₁₉ClNaO₅ (M+Na)⁺ 445.0813, found 445.0816.

1.5 Gram-scale reaction



1.6 General procedure for derivatization reaction of **3a**

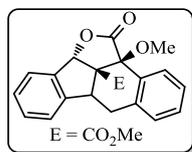
1.6.1 Procedure for the synthesis of **4**.



In a 25 mL Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar was added MeOH (2 mL), then the **3a** (0.2 mmol) and Pd/C (watted with ca. 55 % water) (20 MW %) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at room temperature under 1 atm of H₂ until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered by short silica, then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel

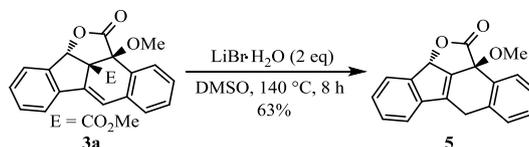
using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 5/1) as the eluent to obtain the desired product **4**.

Methyl-2a-methoxy-2-oxo-2a,7,7a,11b-tetrahydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2a¹(2*H*)carboxylate (**4**)



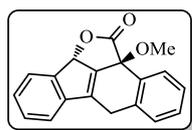
White solid, m.p. = 144 - 145 °C, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.5, 49 mg, yield = 70%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dd, J = 5.9, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.44 – 3.36 (m, 4H), 2.90 (dd, J = 15.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 171.2, 144.1, 137.6, 136.6, 131.1, 130.4, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 126.8, 125.7, 124.1, 85.8, 81.2, 65.8, 54.0, 52.8, 45.8, 33.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2946, 2842, 1777, 1737, 1448, 1341, 1298, 1253, 1169, 1093, 988, 754, 658, 536; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₅Na (M+Na)⁺ 373.1046, found 373.1049.

1.6.2 Procedure for the synthesis of **5**.



In a 25 mL Schlenk tube with a magnetic bar under nitrogen atmosphere was added DMSO (2 mL), and then the **3a** (0.2 mmol) and Lithium bromide hydrate (0.4 mmol) were added respectively. The mixture was stirred at 140 °C until the starting materials was completely consumed (monitored by TLC). The solution was cooled to room temperature, taken up in H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (1 X 1 mL and 3 X 1 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using petroleum ether and ethyl acetate (PE/EA = 5/1) as the eluent to afford the products **5**.

2a-methoxy-7,11b-dihydrobenzo[2,3]fluoreno[9,1-*bc*]furan-2(2a*H*)-one (**5**)



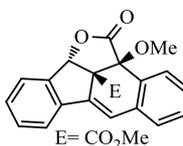
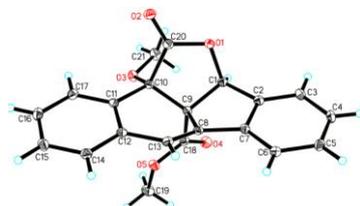
Pale yellow viscous oil, purified by chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 5/1), R_f = 0.7, 37 mg, yield = 63%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 – 8.21 (m, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.94 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 4.18 (s, 2H), 4.15 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0, 143.5, 142.0, 141.2, 135.1, 128.7, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 126.0, 125.4, 125.3, 122.1, 120.7, 113.9, 60.6, 60.5, 34.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3056, 2931, 2846, 1937, 1826, 1730, 1636, 1575, 1501, 1455, 1409, 1332, 1278, 1195, 1140, 1093, 995, 945, 849, 761, 730, 671, 577, 541, 452; HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C₁₉H₁₅O₃ (M+H)⁺ 291.1016, found 291.0860.

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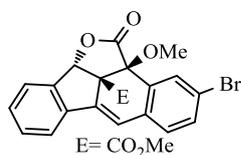
3. X-ray diffraction analysis

3.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3a



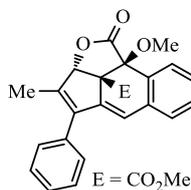
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Space group	$P2_1/n$
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 12.2774(7) \text{ \AA}$ $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 10.4052(7) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 101.928(5)^\circ$ $c = 13.0395(7) \text{ \AA}$ $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$1629.82(17) \text{ \AA}^3$
Z	4
ρ_{calc}	1.420 g/cm^3
μ	0.102 mm^{-1}
F(000)	728.0
Crystal size	$0.17 \times 0.12 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$
Radiation	$\text{MoK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2θ range for data collection	6.444 to 59.096°
Index ranges	$-15 \leq h \leq 12$, $-7 \leq k \leq 13$, $-16 \leq l \leq 17$
Reflections collected	8320
Independent reflections	3801 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0369$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0566$]
Data / restraints / parameters	3801/0/237
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.043
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0510$, $wR_2 = 0.1123$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0685$, $wR_2 = 0.1237$
Largest diff. peak/hole	$0.34/-0.25 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$

3.2 Crystal data and structure refinement for **3l**



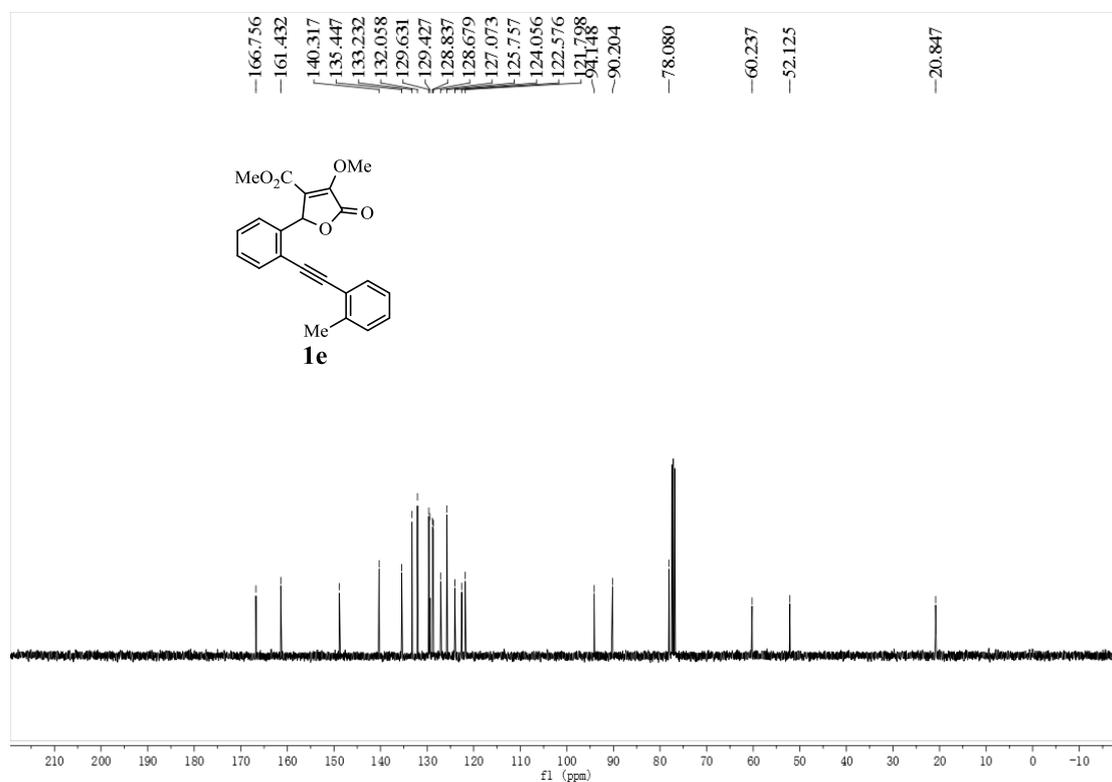
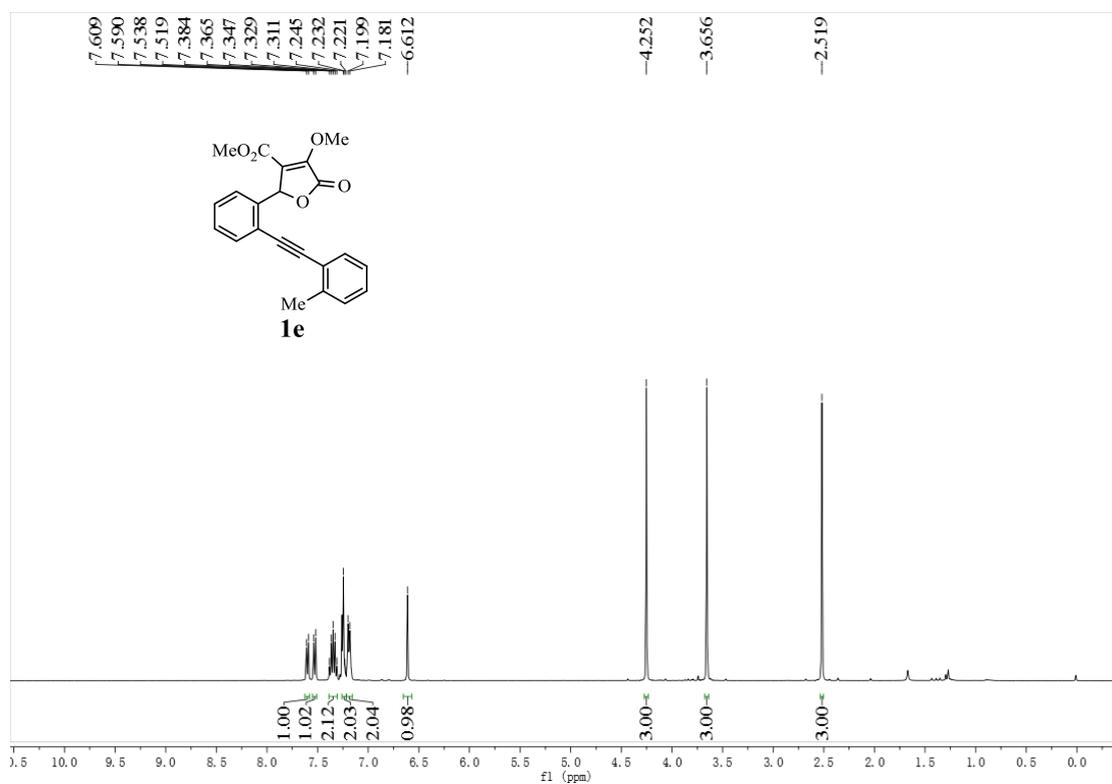
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Space group	P-1	
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	$b = 9.6765(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 81.146(2)^\circ$
	$c = 11.9451(3) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 88.316(2)^\circ$
Volume	$871.99(4) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	2	
ρ_{calc}	1.627 g/cm^3	
μ	3.490 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	432.0	
Crystal size	$0.18 \times 0.15 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}^3$	
Radiation	CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184$)	
2θ range for data collection	7.938 to 148.924°	
Index ranges	$-10 \leq h \leq 6, -12 \leq k \leq 11, -14 \leq l \leq 14$	
Reflections collected	8346	
Independent reflections	3413 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0245, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0234$]	
Data / restraints / parameters	3413/0/246	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.078	
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0319, wR_2 = 0.0867$	
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0331, wR_2 = 0.0874$	
Largest diff. peak/hole	$0.33/-0.64 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$	

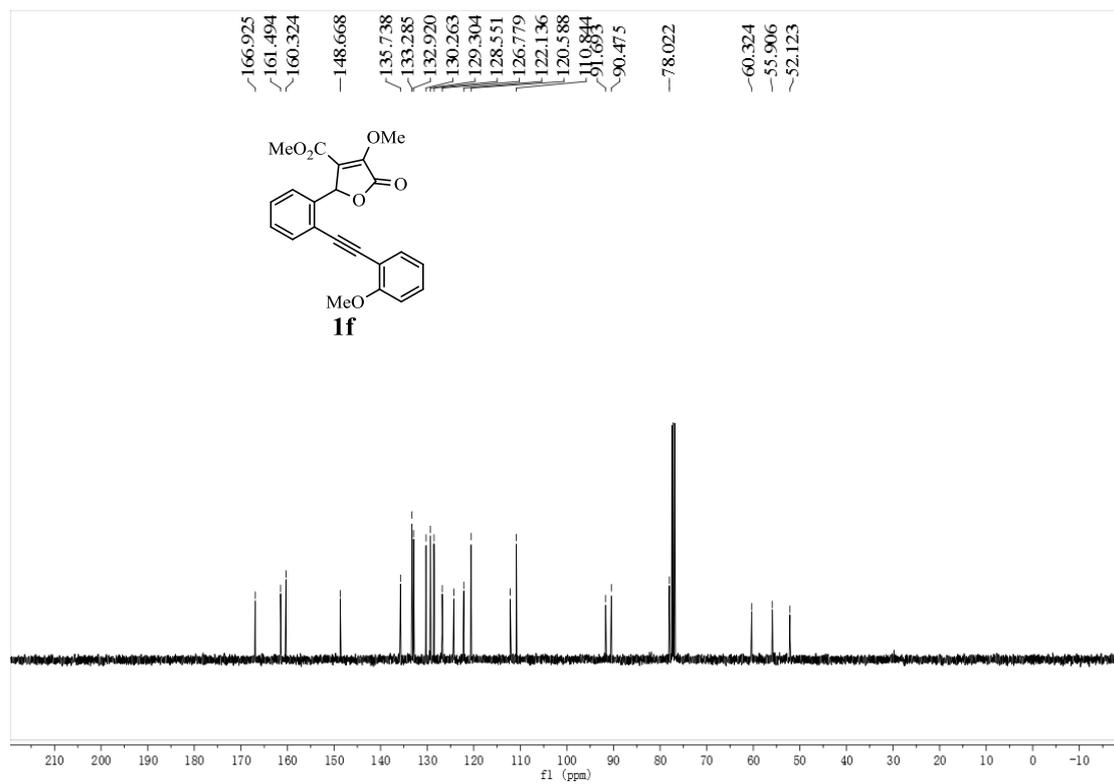
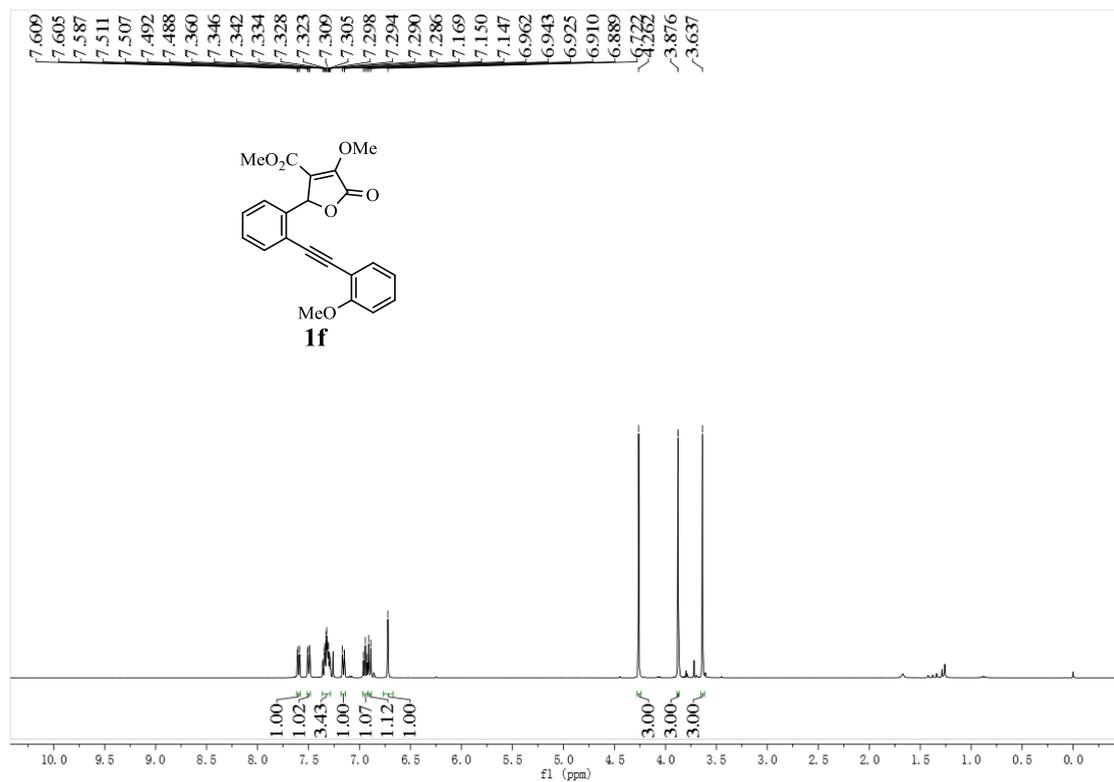
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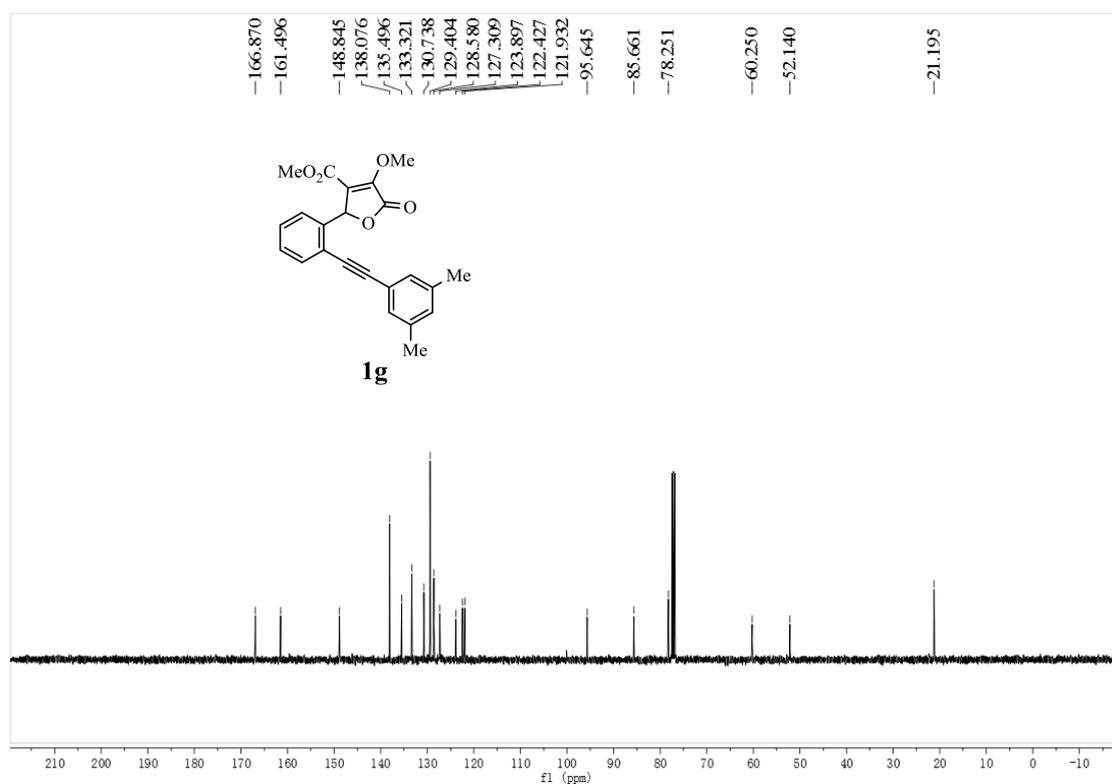
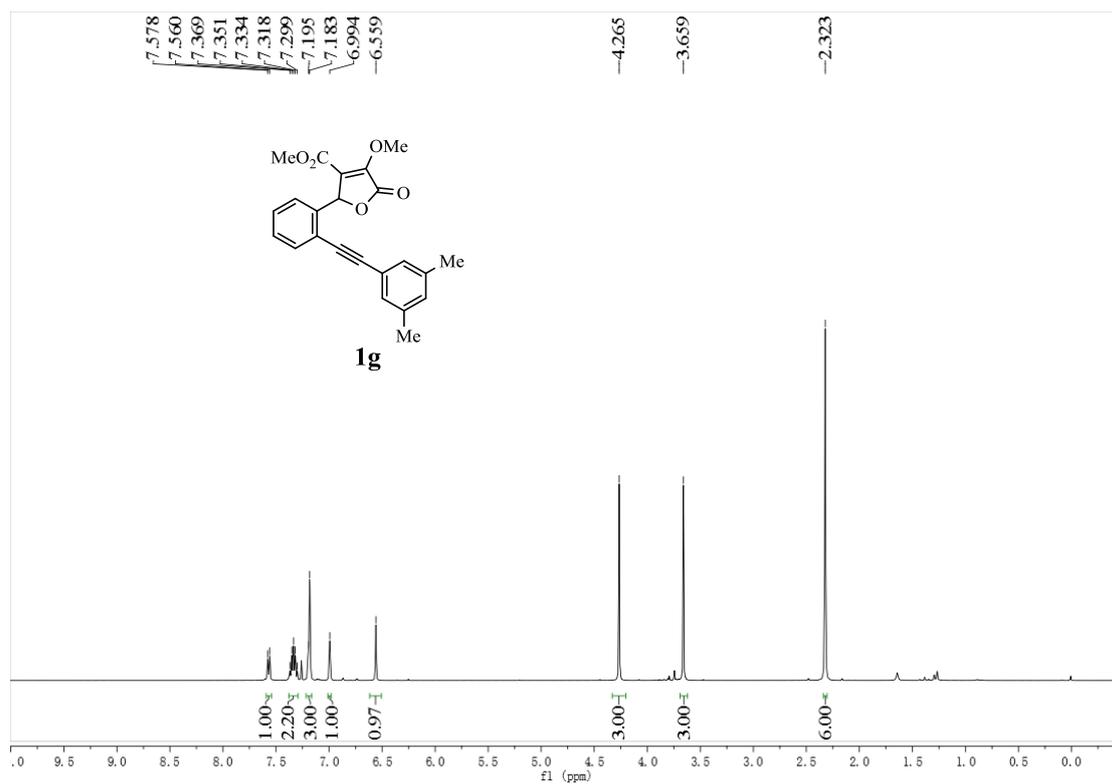


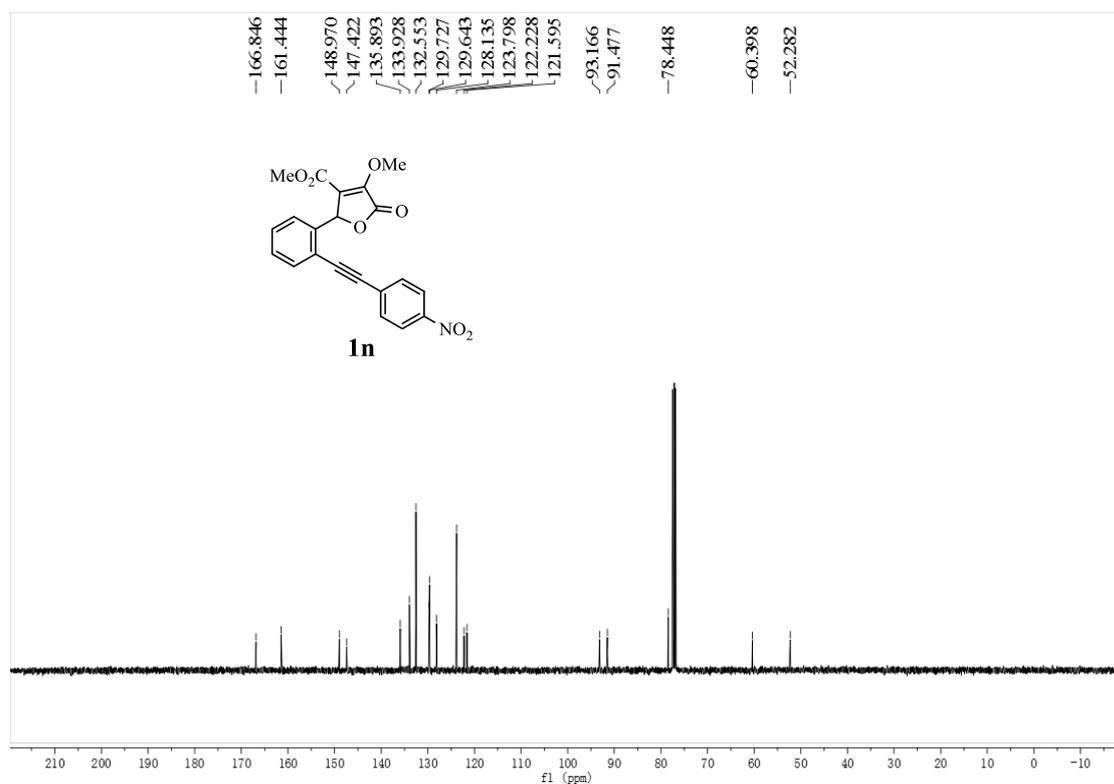
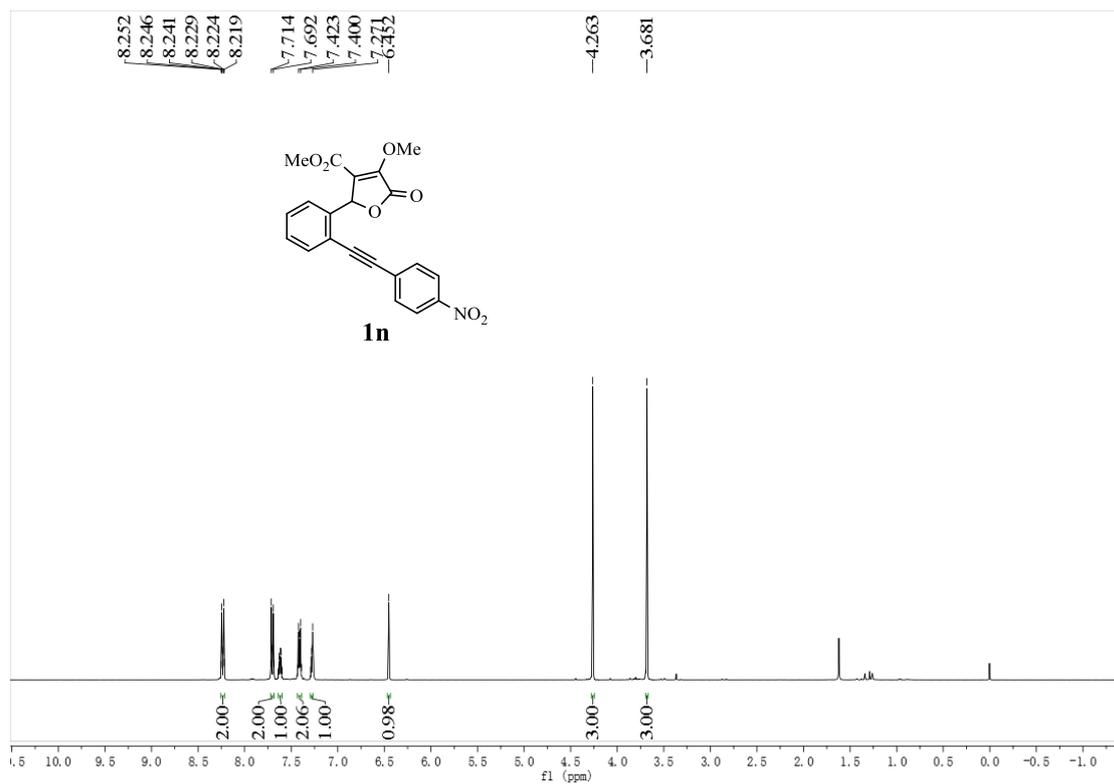
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Crystal system	orthorhombic	
Space group	Pbca	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.52631(13) Å	α = 90.0°
	b = 14.5795(3) Å	β = 90.0°
	c = 26.9344(4) Å	γ = 90.0°
Volume	3740.88(10) Å ³	
Z	8	
ρ _{calc}	1.379 g/cm ³	
μ	0.789 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1632.0	
Crystal size	0.28 x 0.24 x 0.18 mm ³	
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)	
2θ range for data collection	11.572 to 147.016°	
Index ranges	-8 ≤ h ≤ 11, -17 ≤ k ≤ 14, -33 ≤ l ≤ 32	
Reflections collected	18297	
Independent reflections	3625 [R _{int} = 0.0226, R _{sigma} = 0.0135]	
Data / restraints / parameters	3625 / 0 / 265	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.071	
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0424, wR2 = 0.1071	
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Largest diff. peak/hole	0.25/-0.29 e.Å ⁻³	

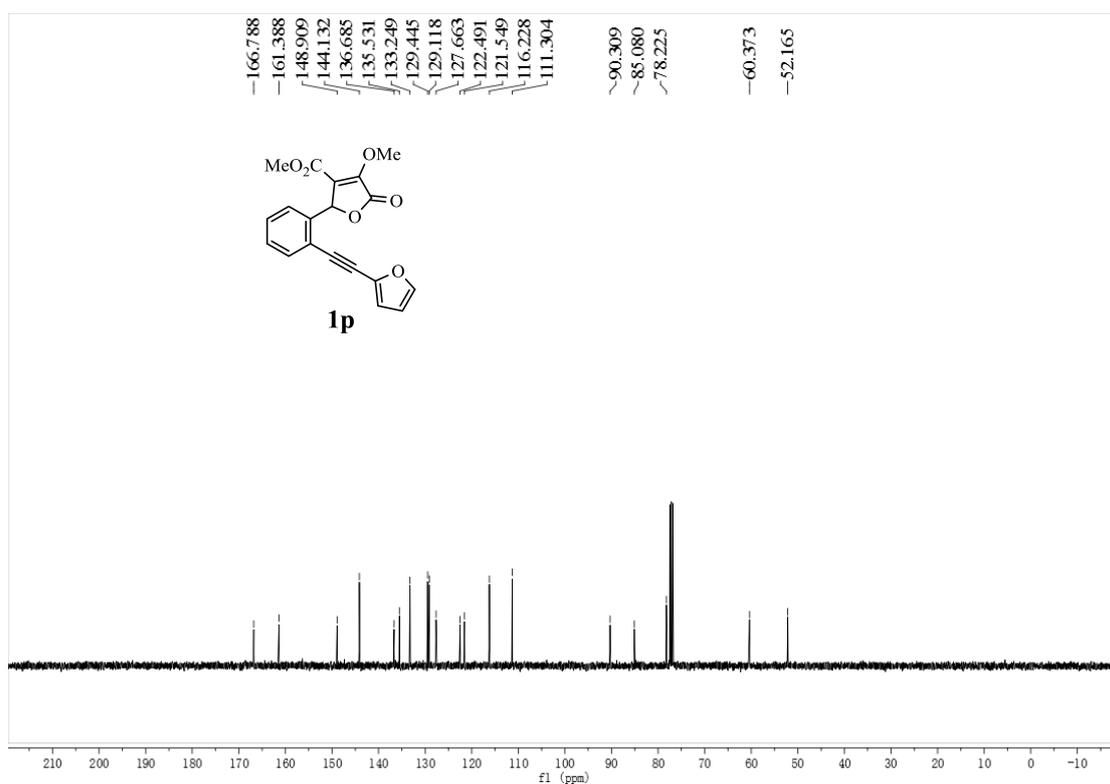
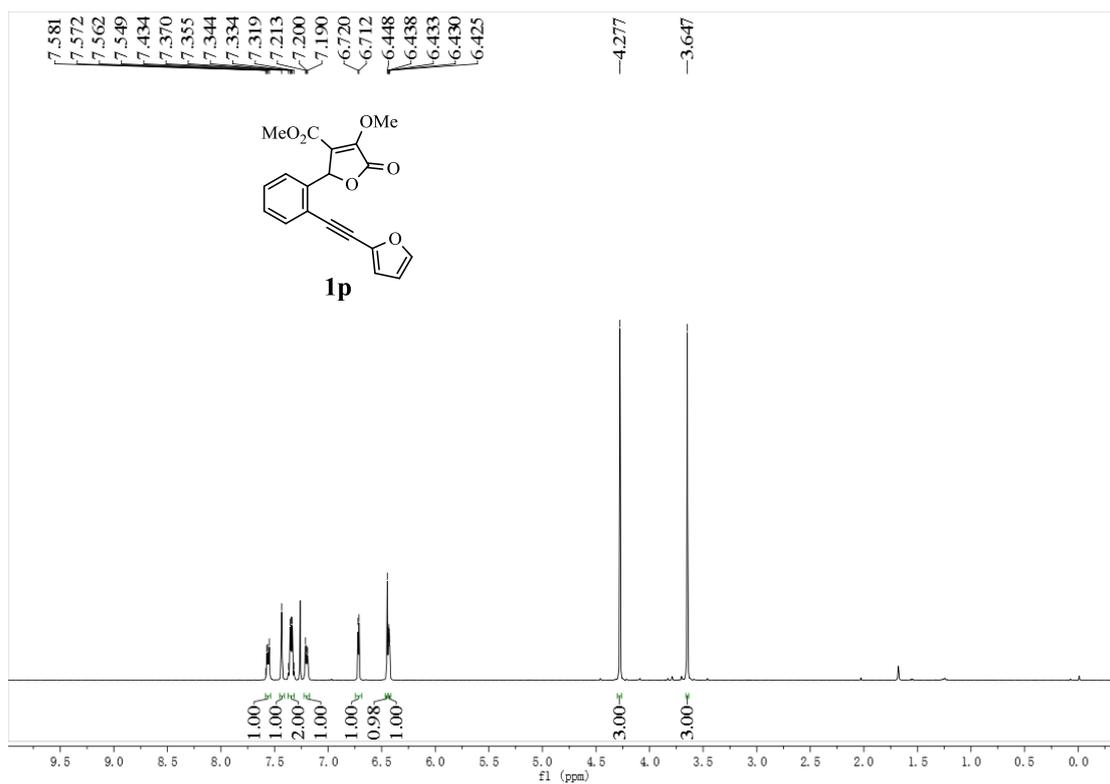
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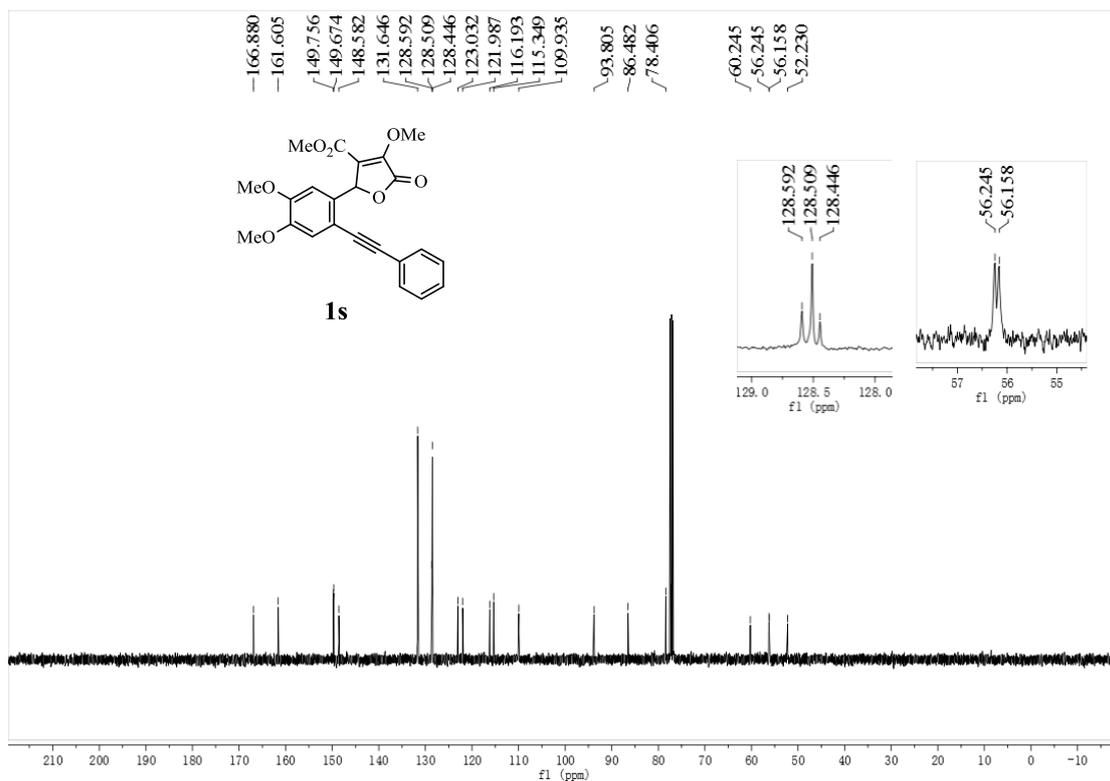
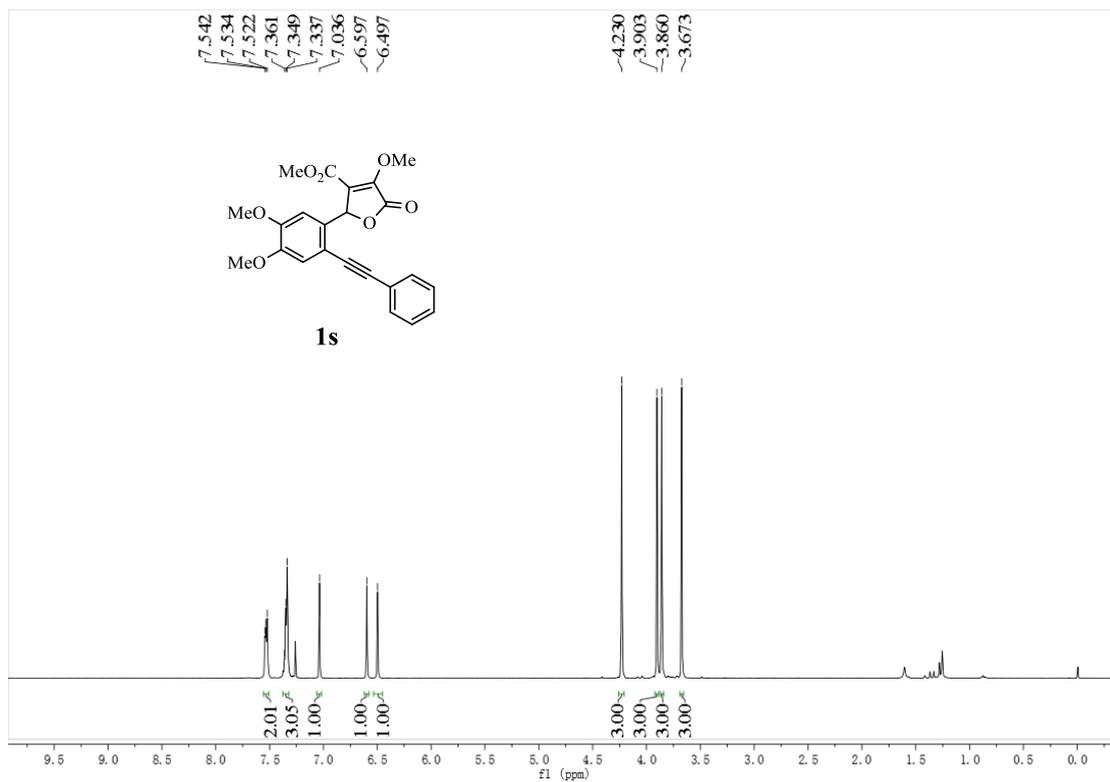


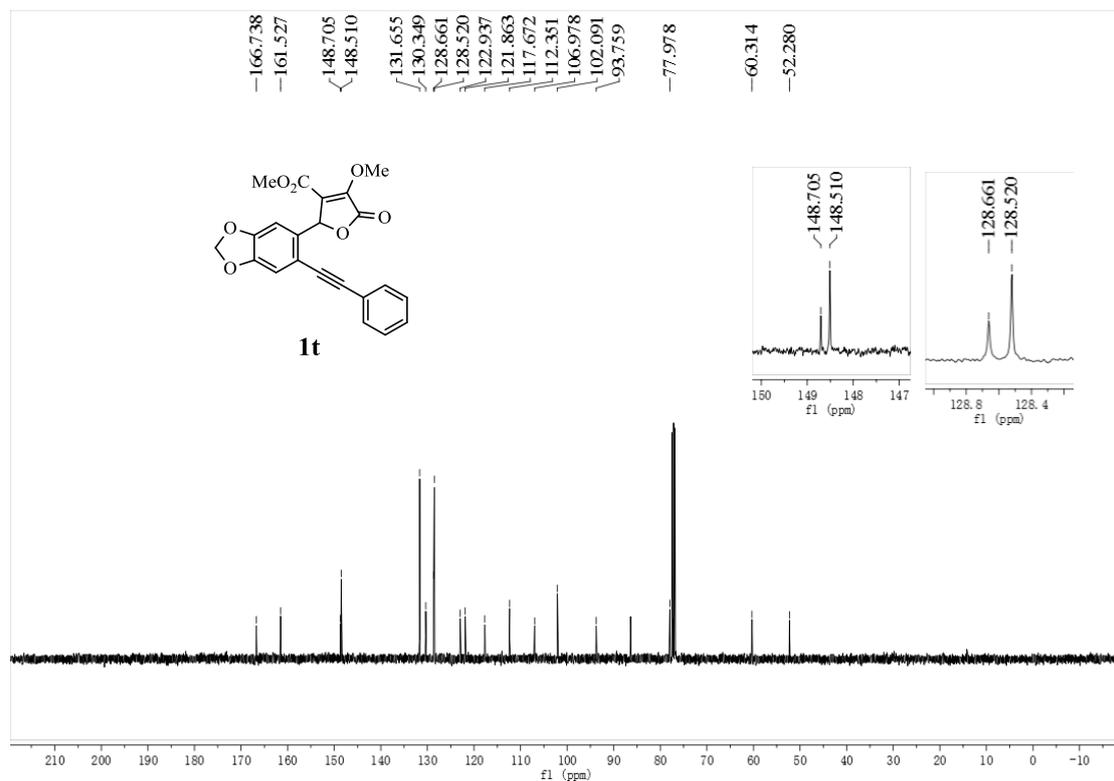
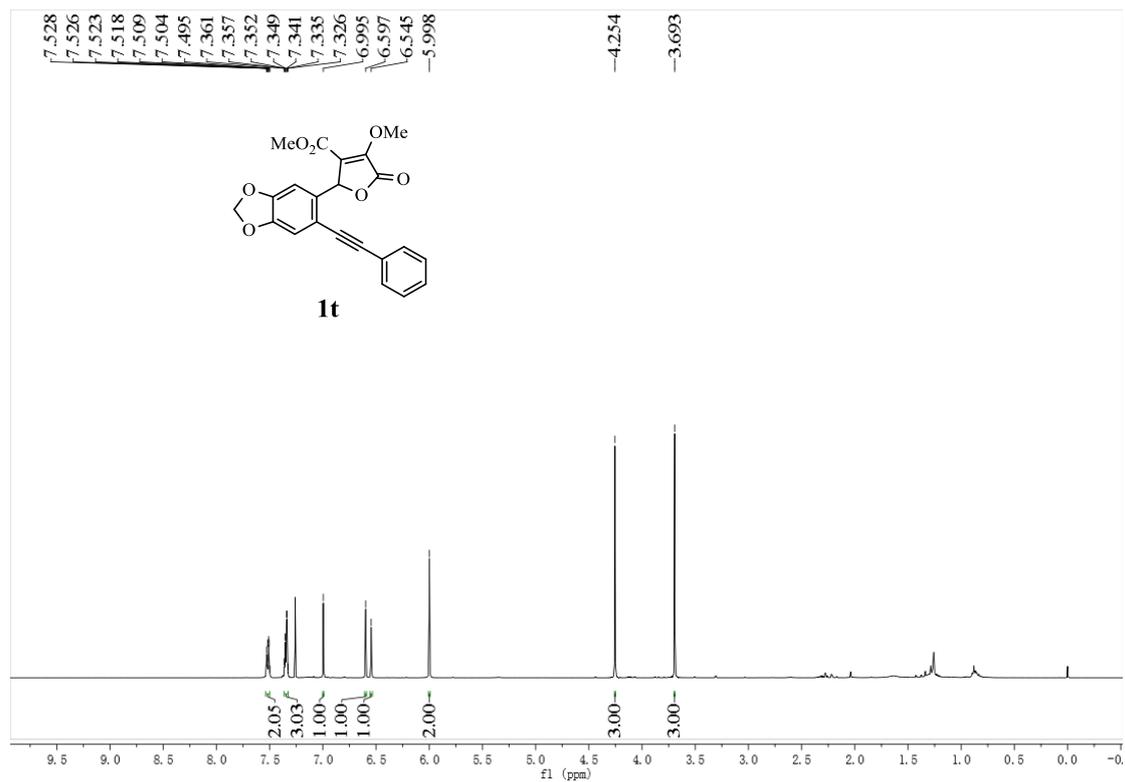


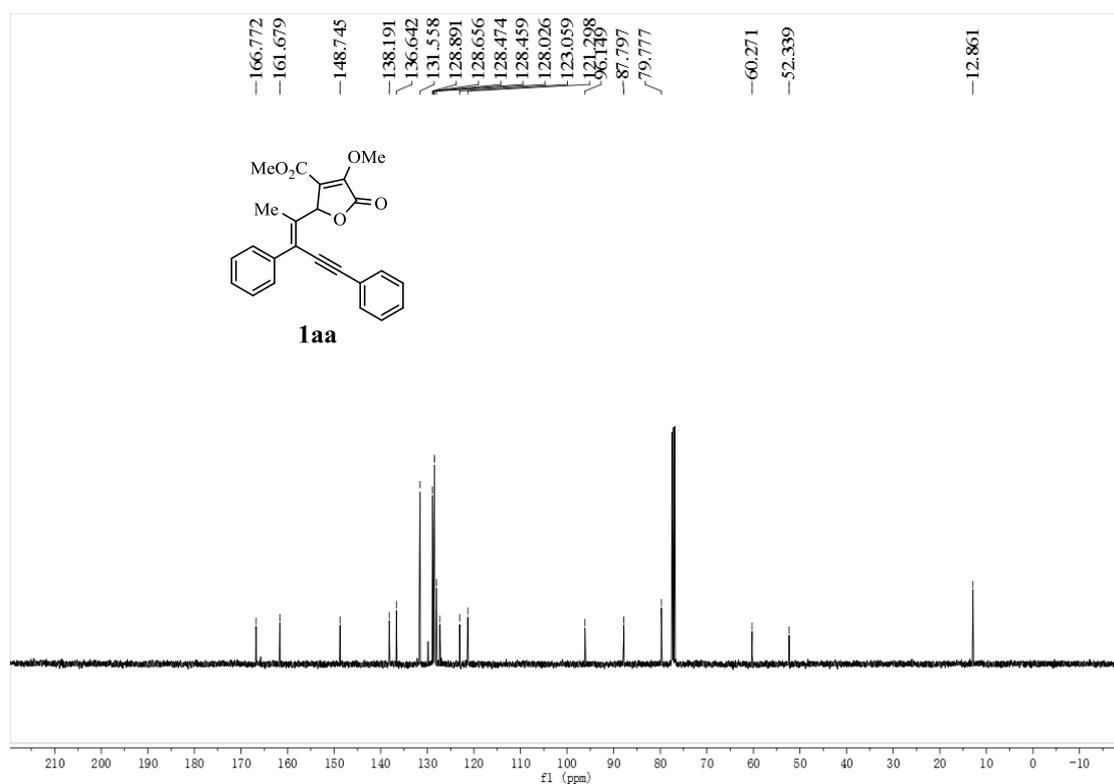
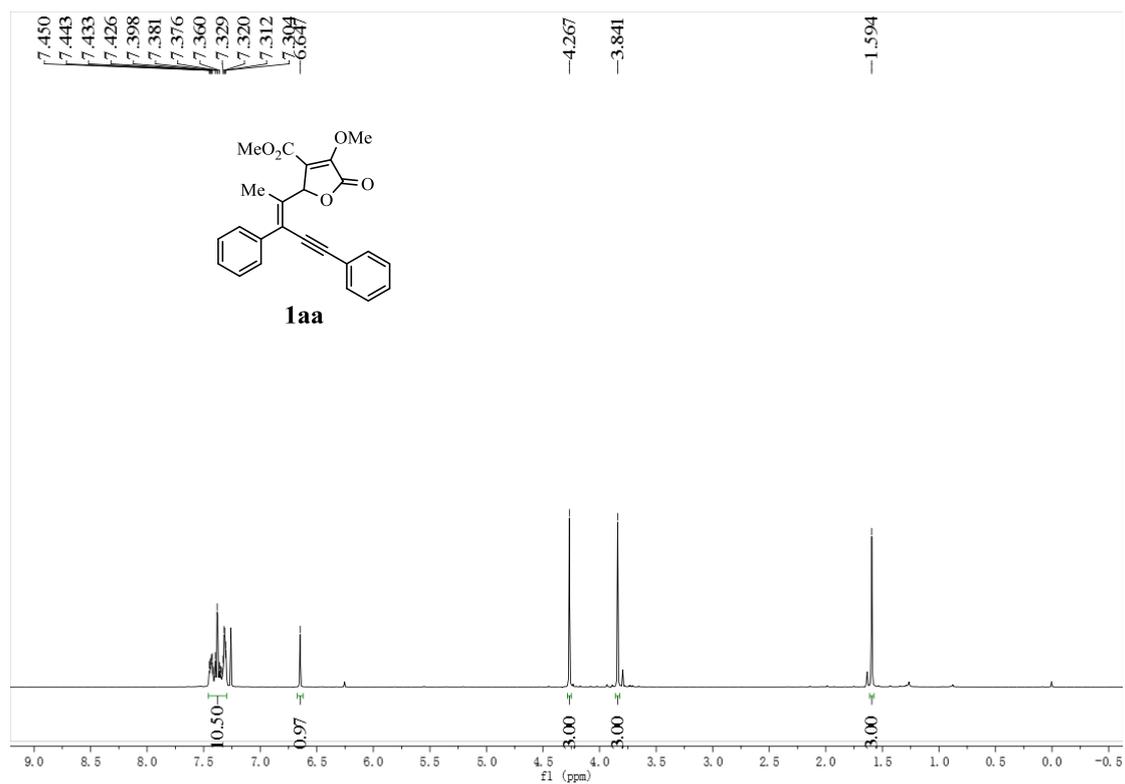


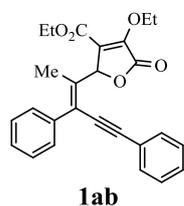
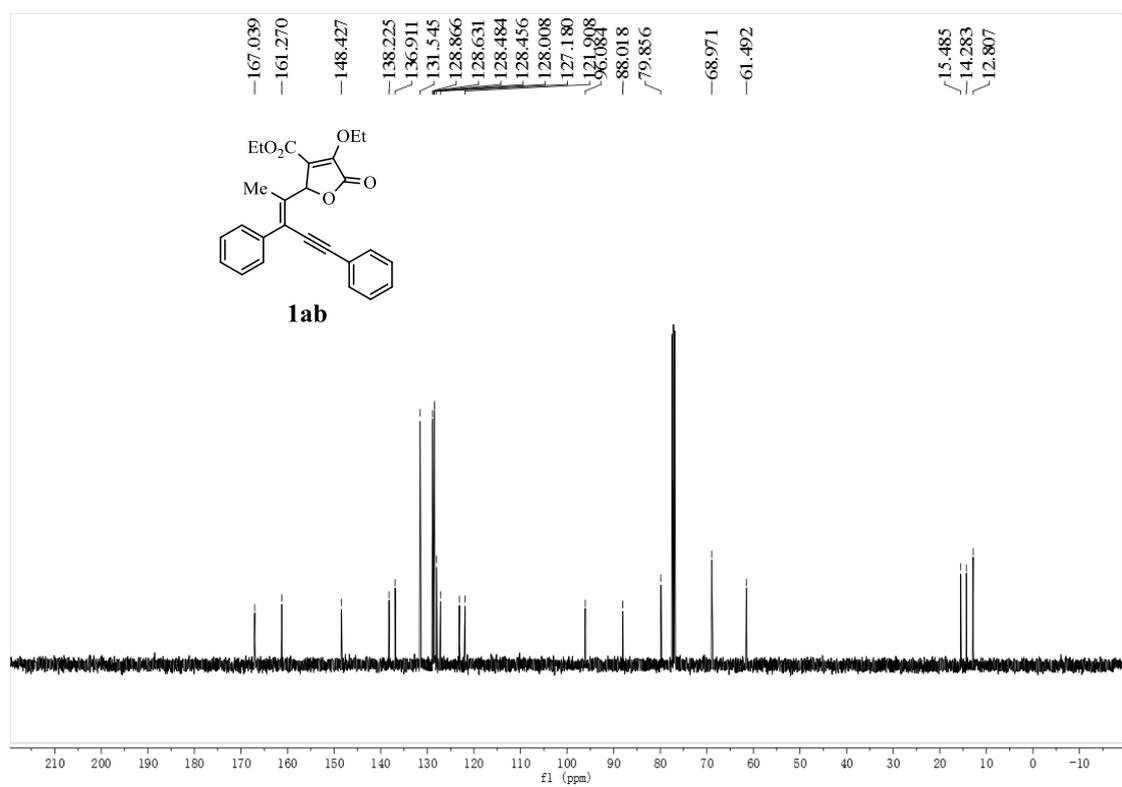
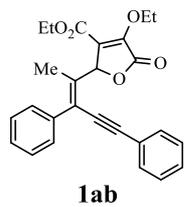
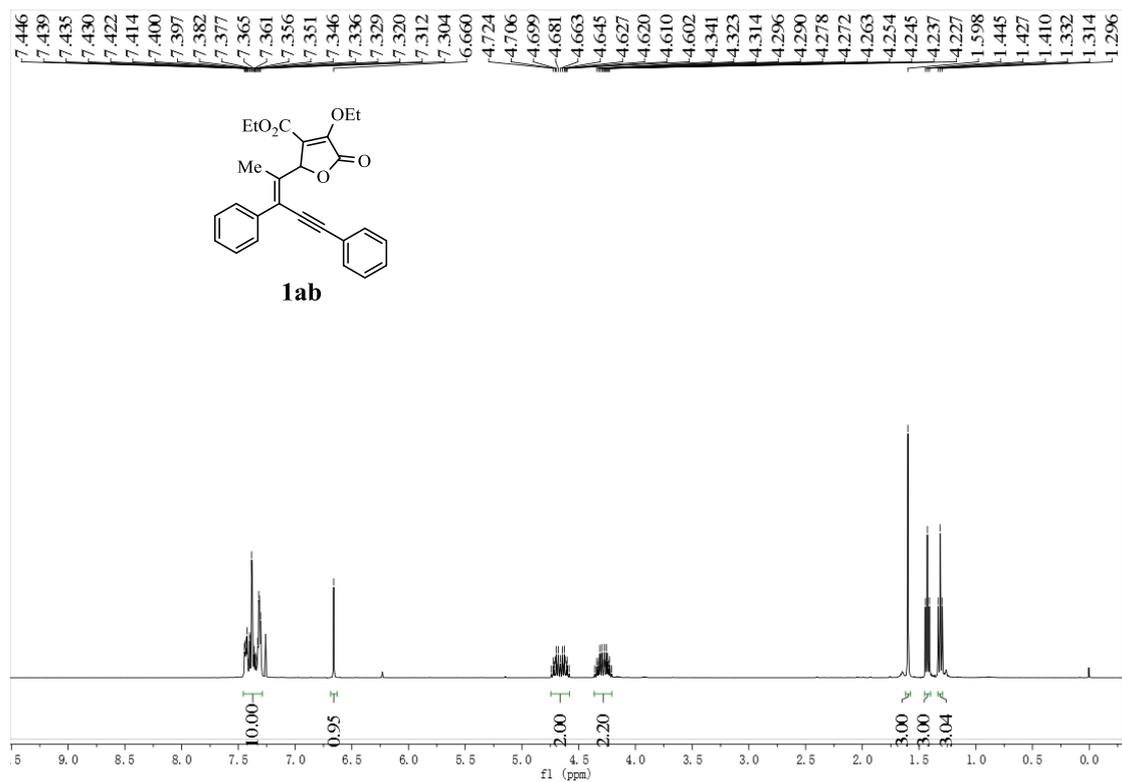


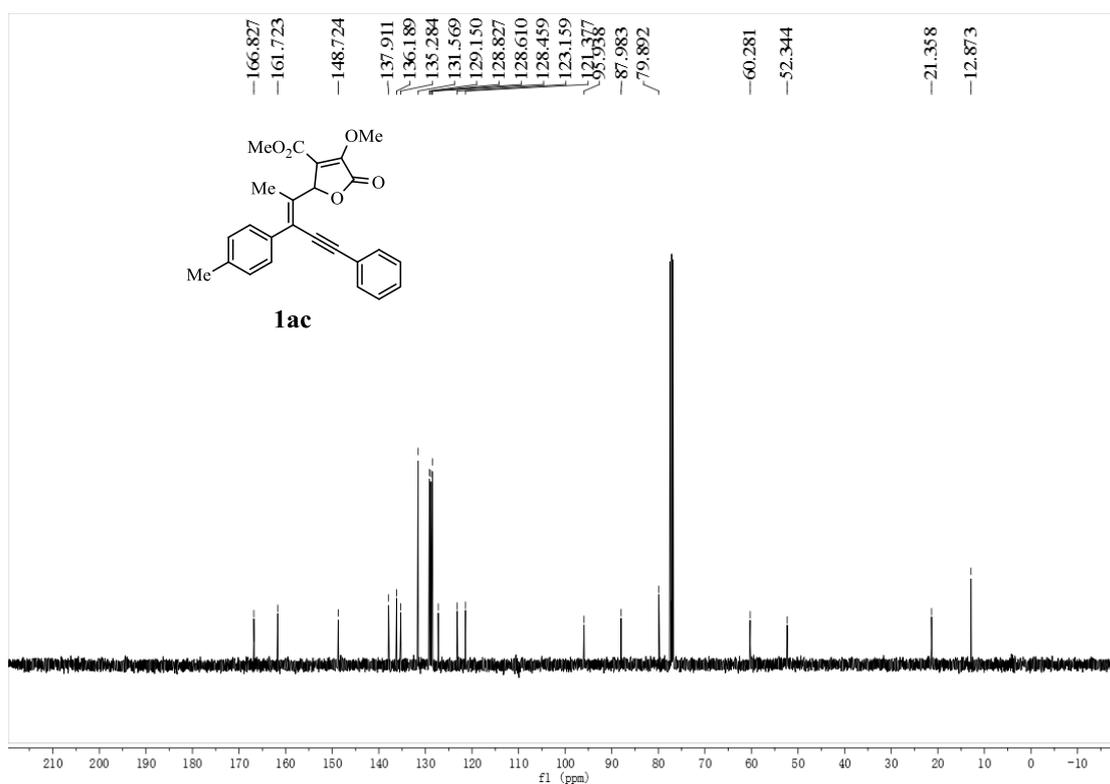
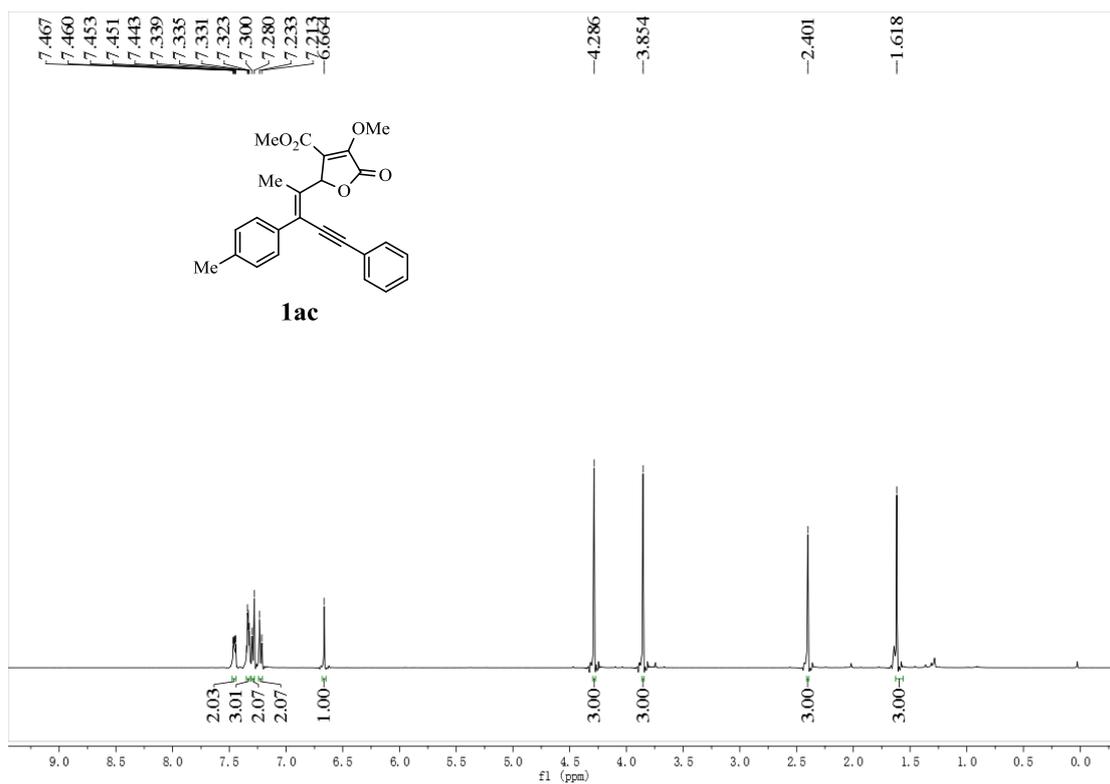


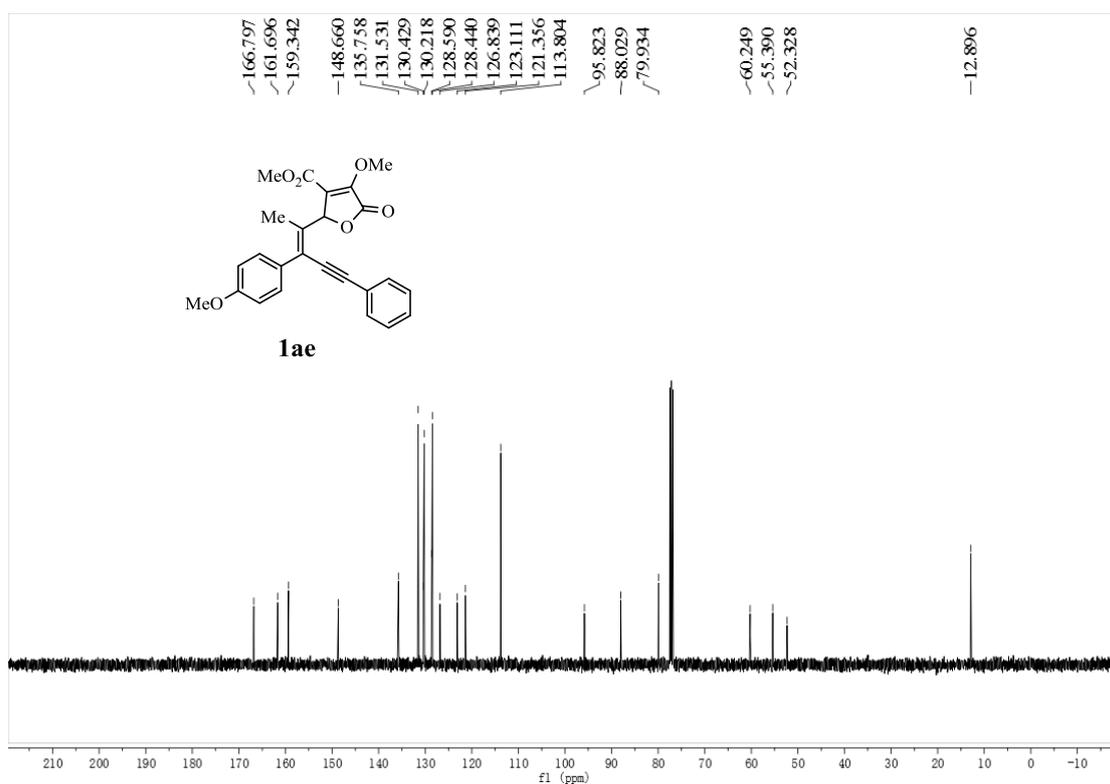
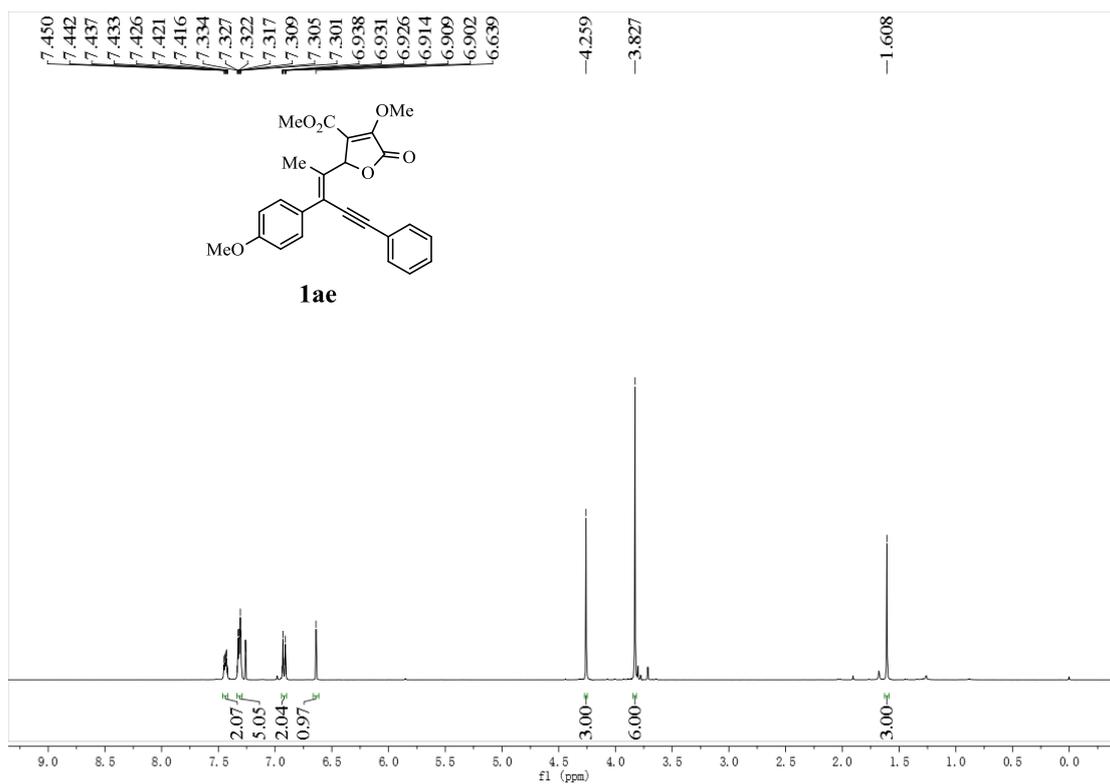


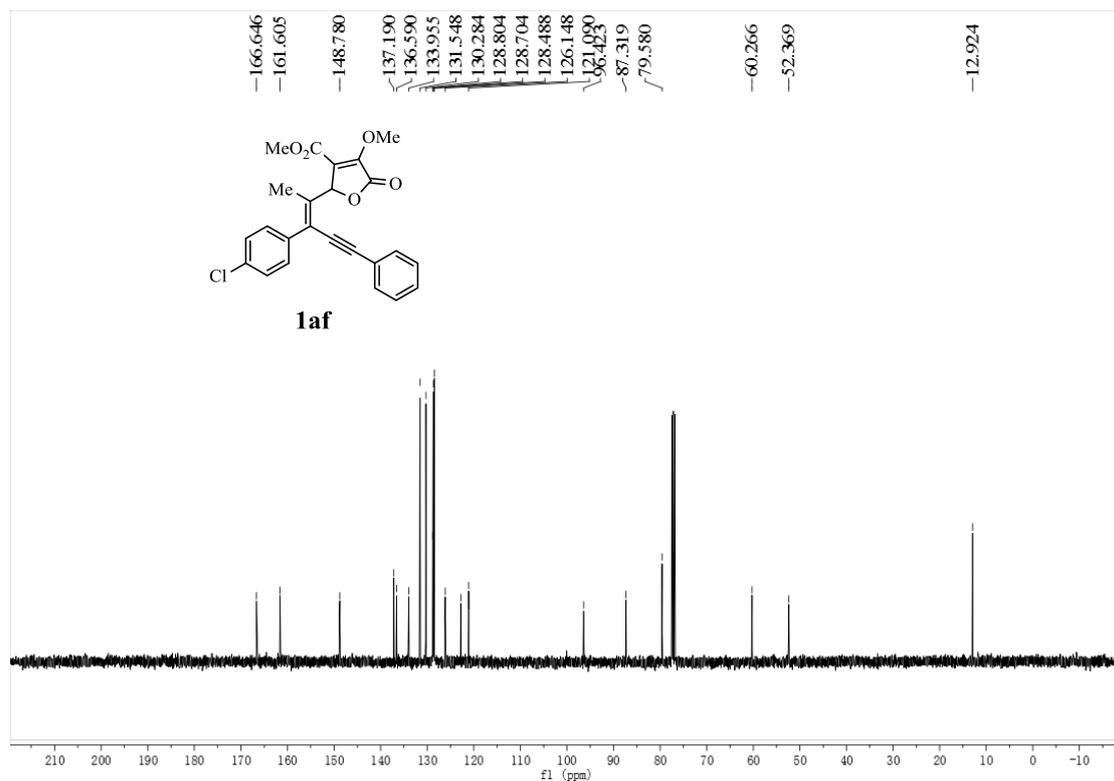
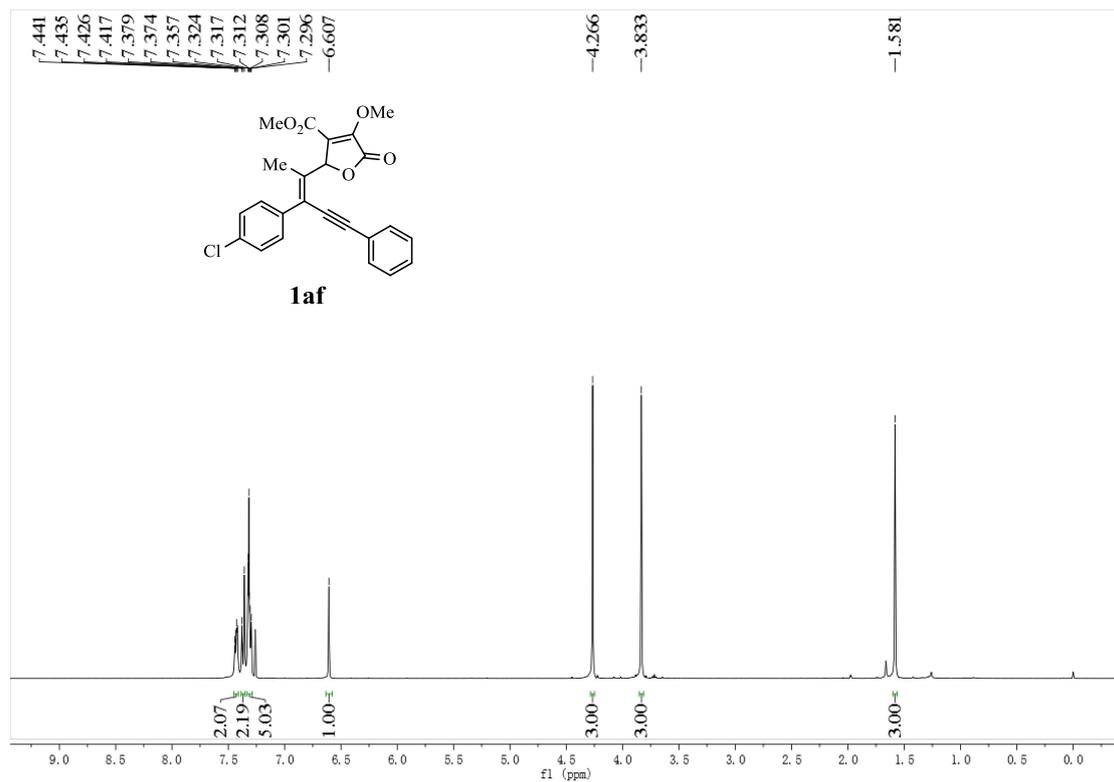


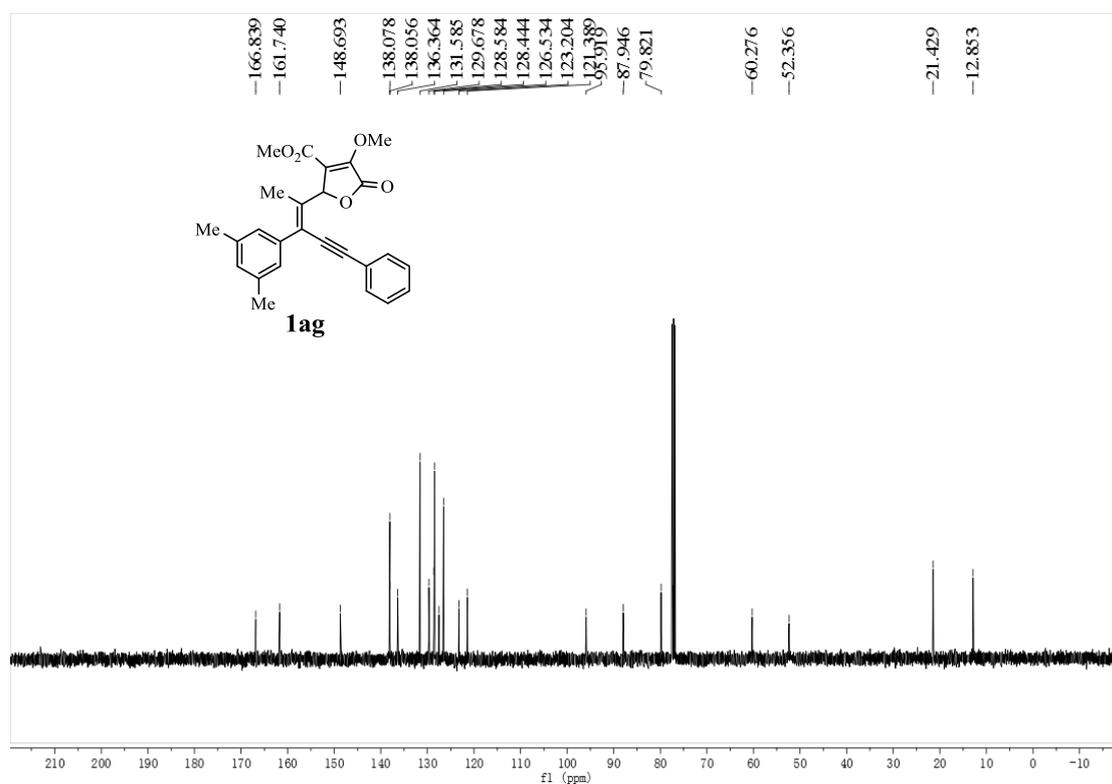
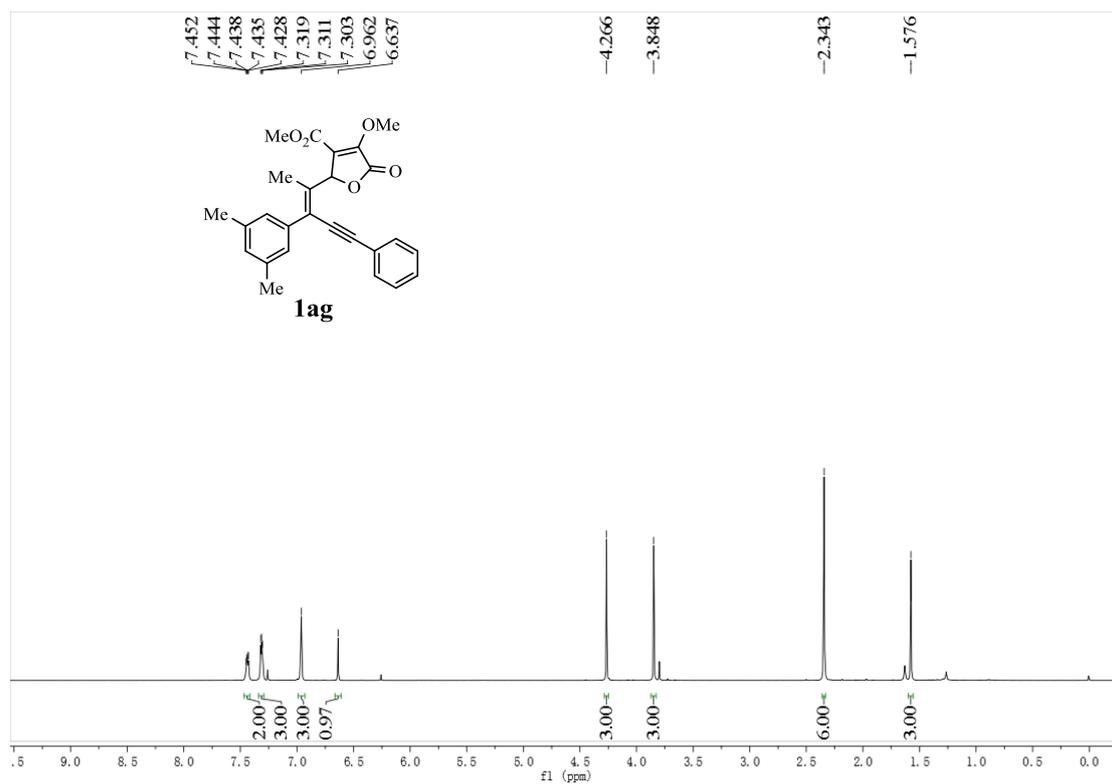


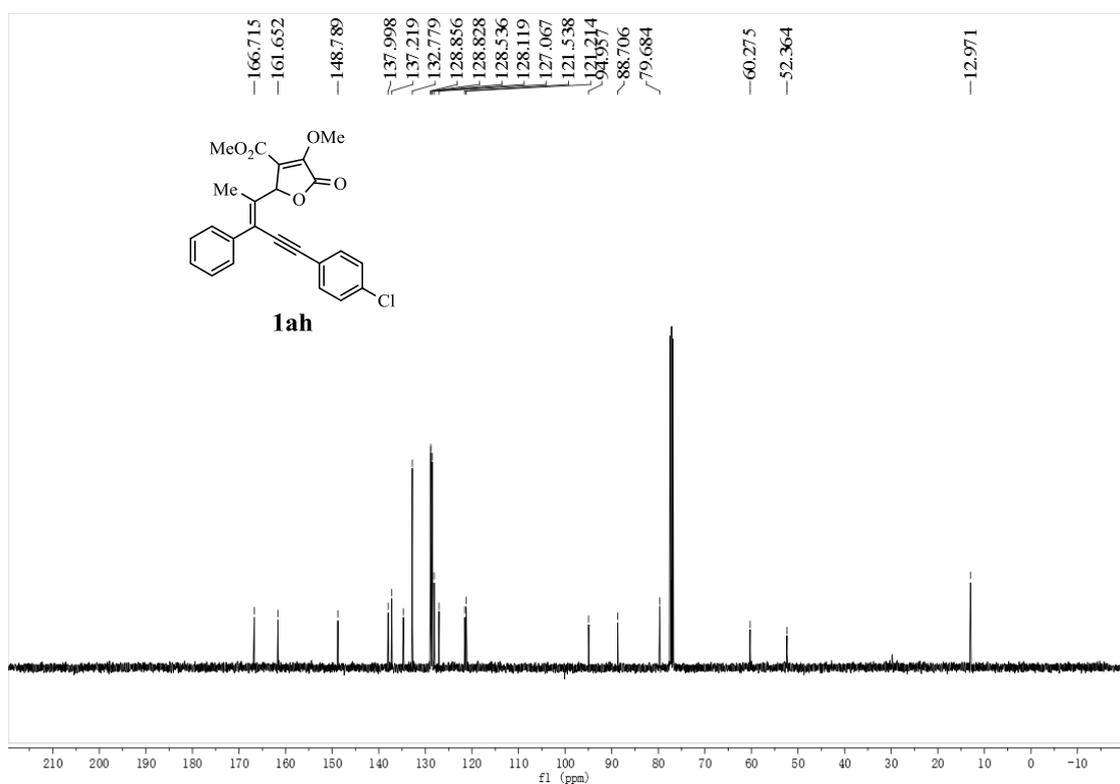
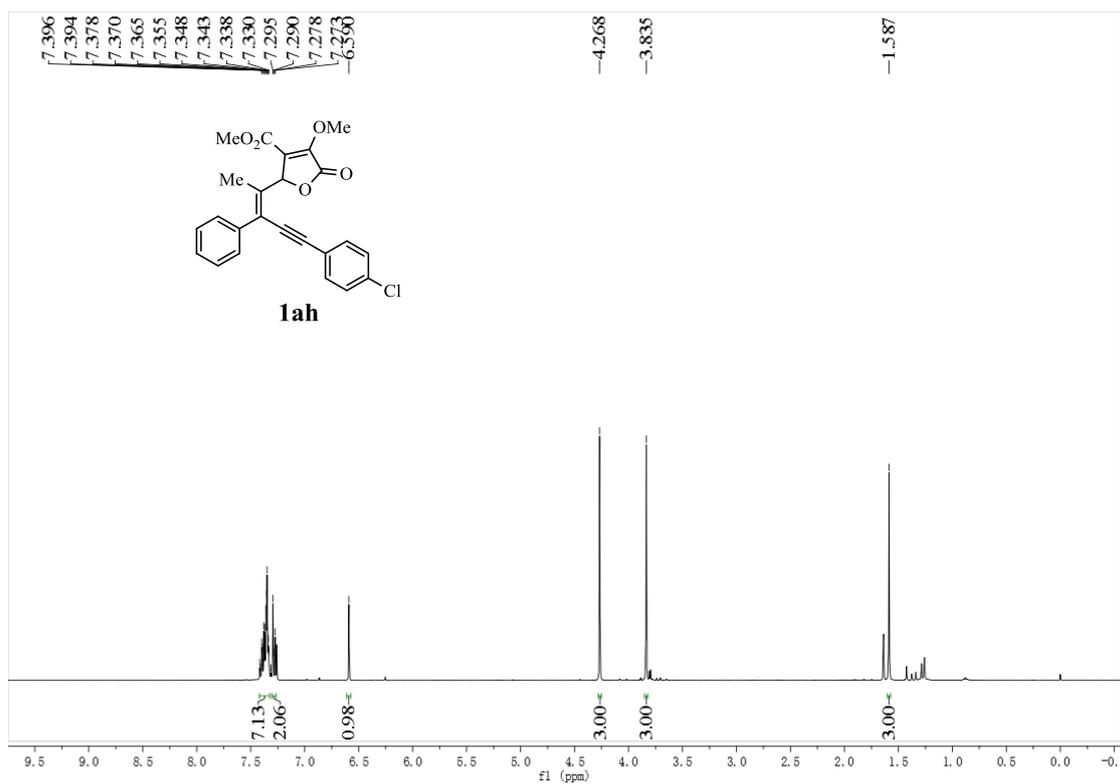


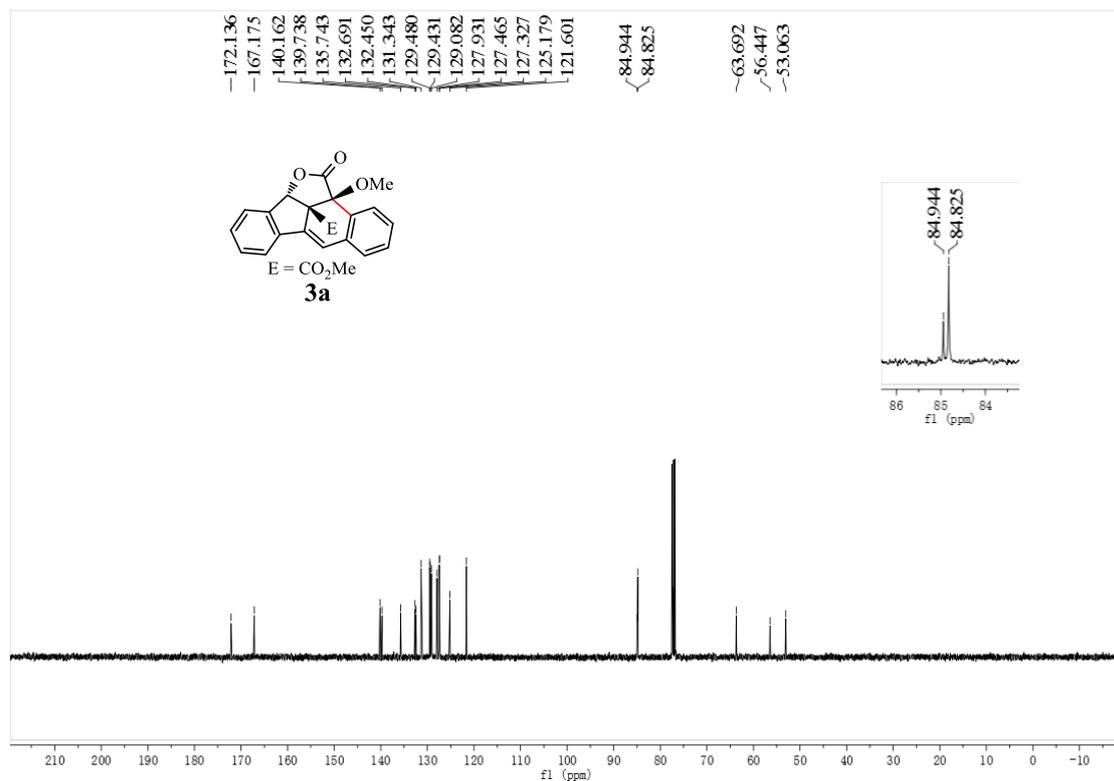
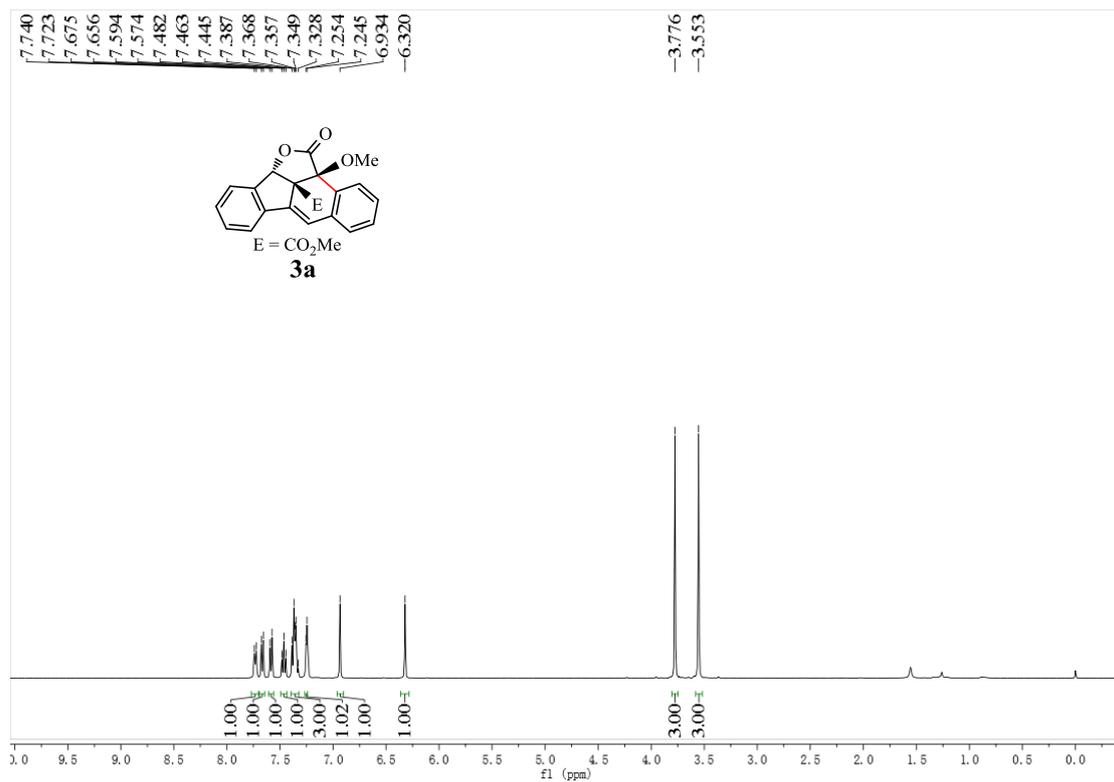


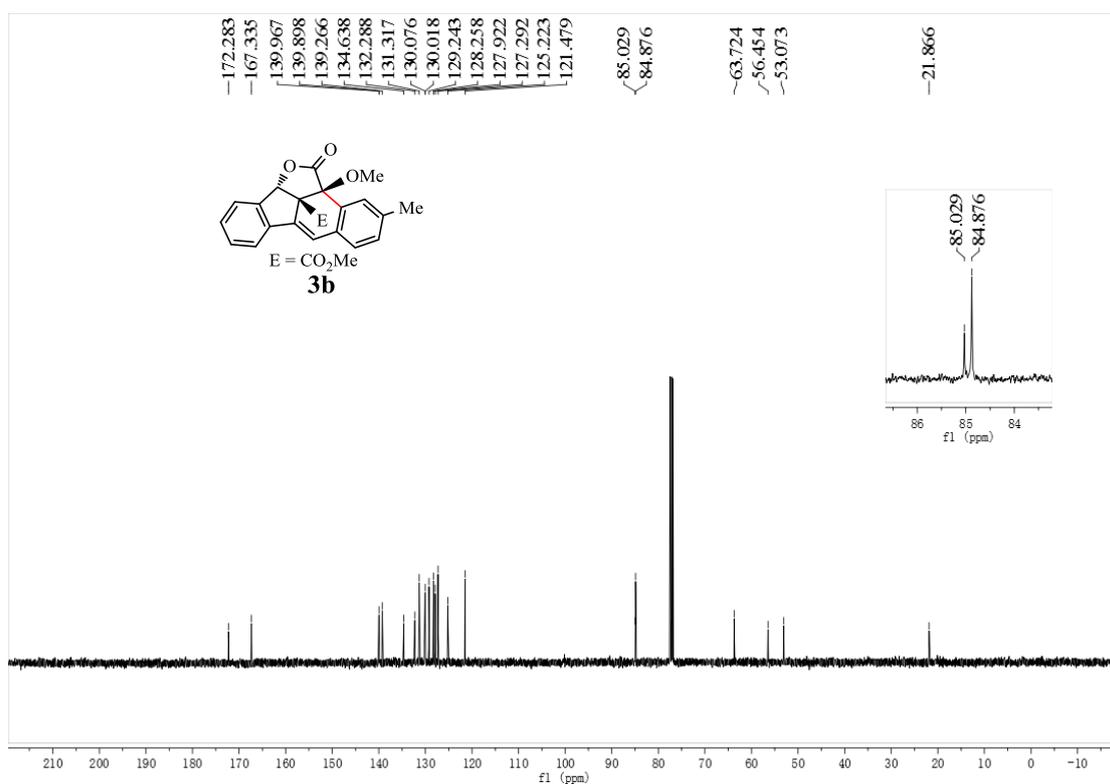
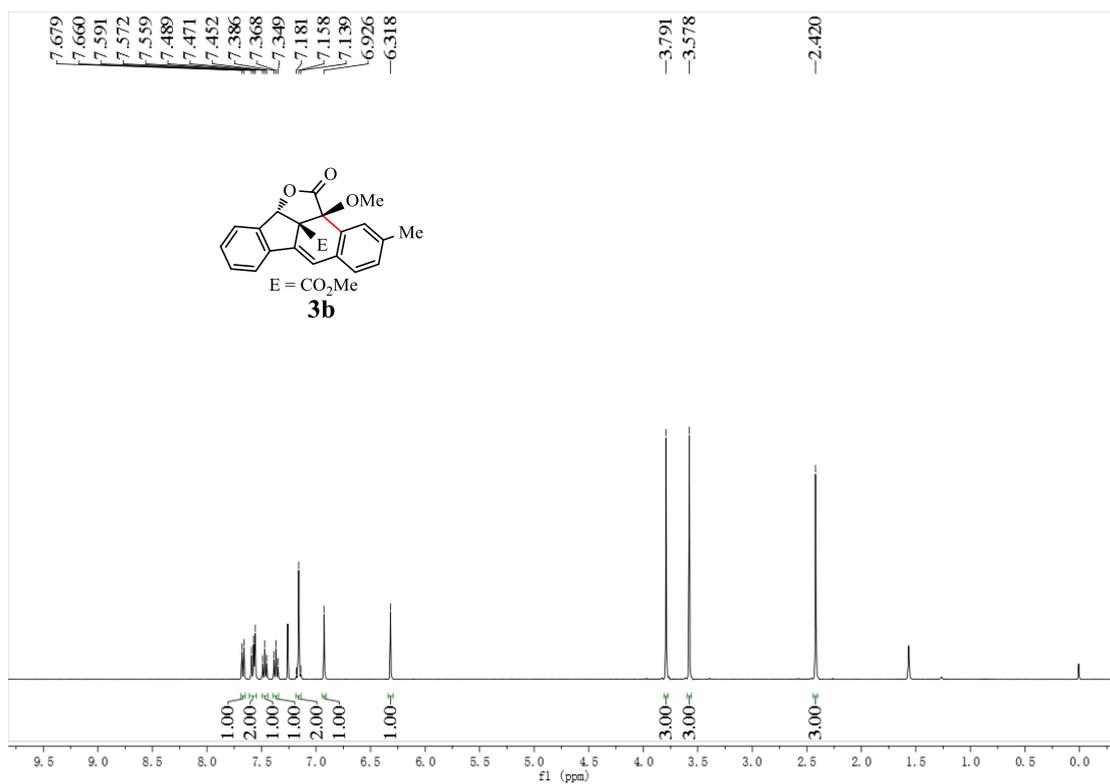


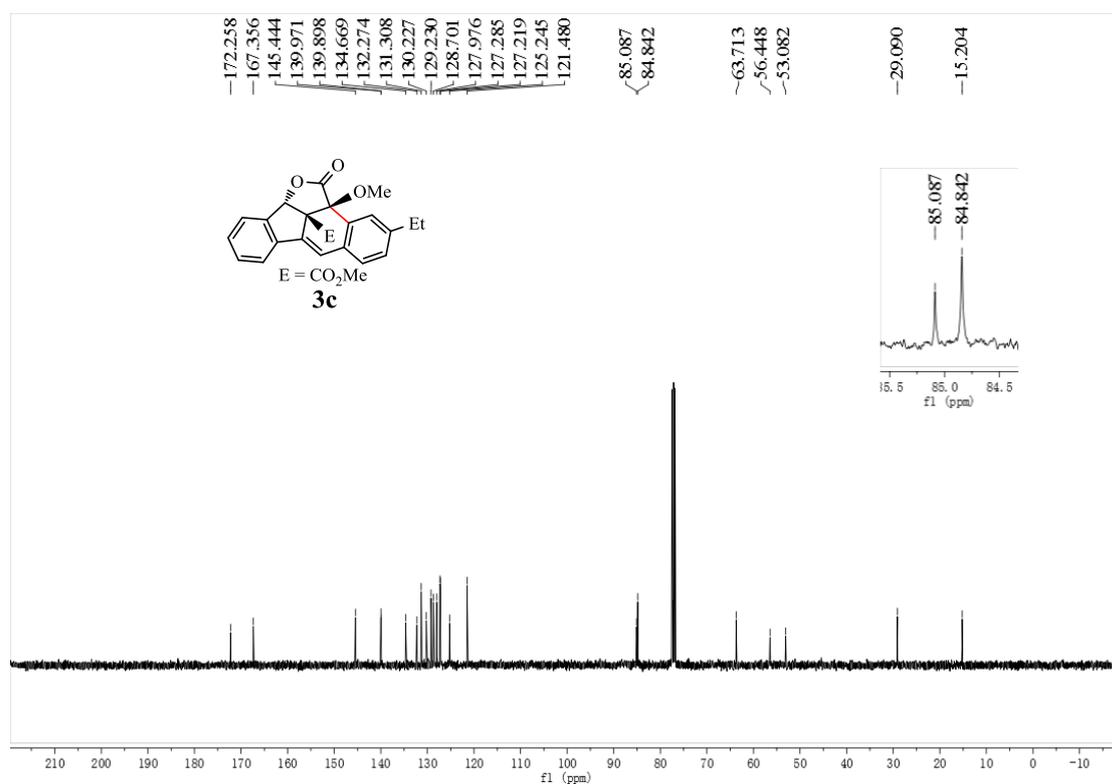
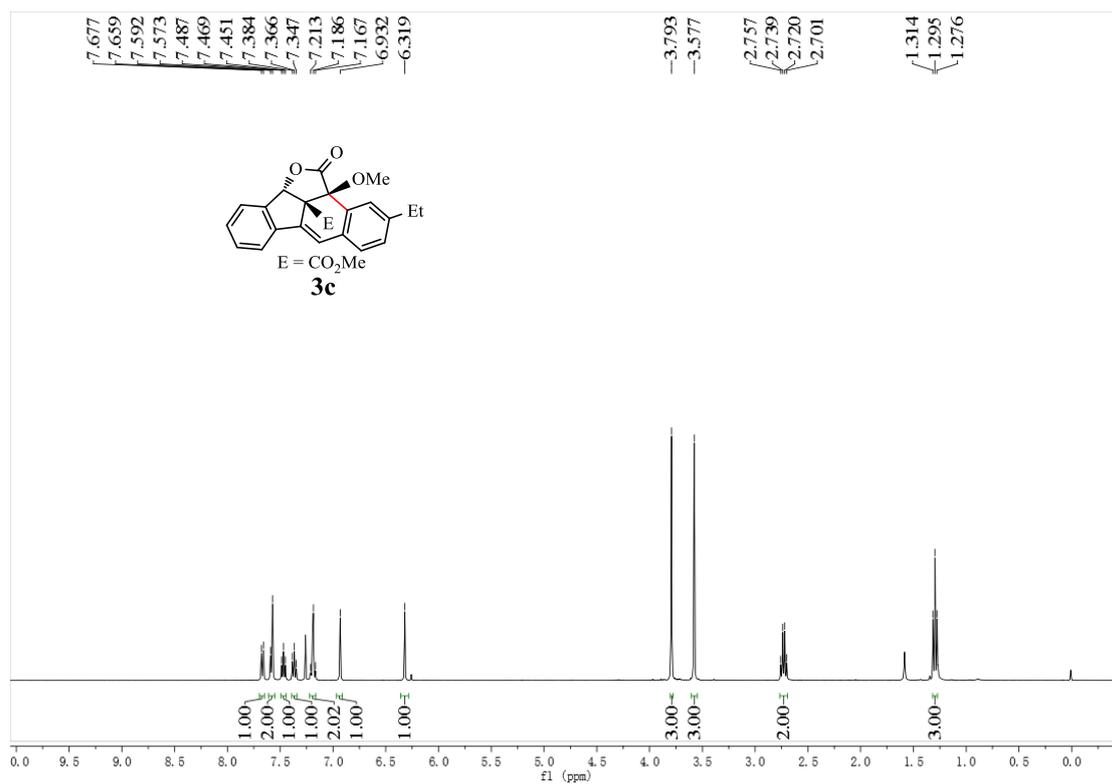


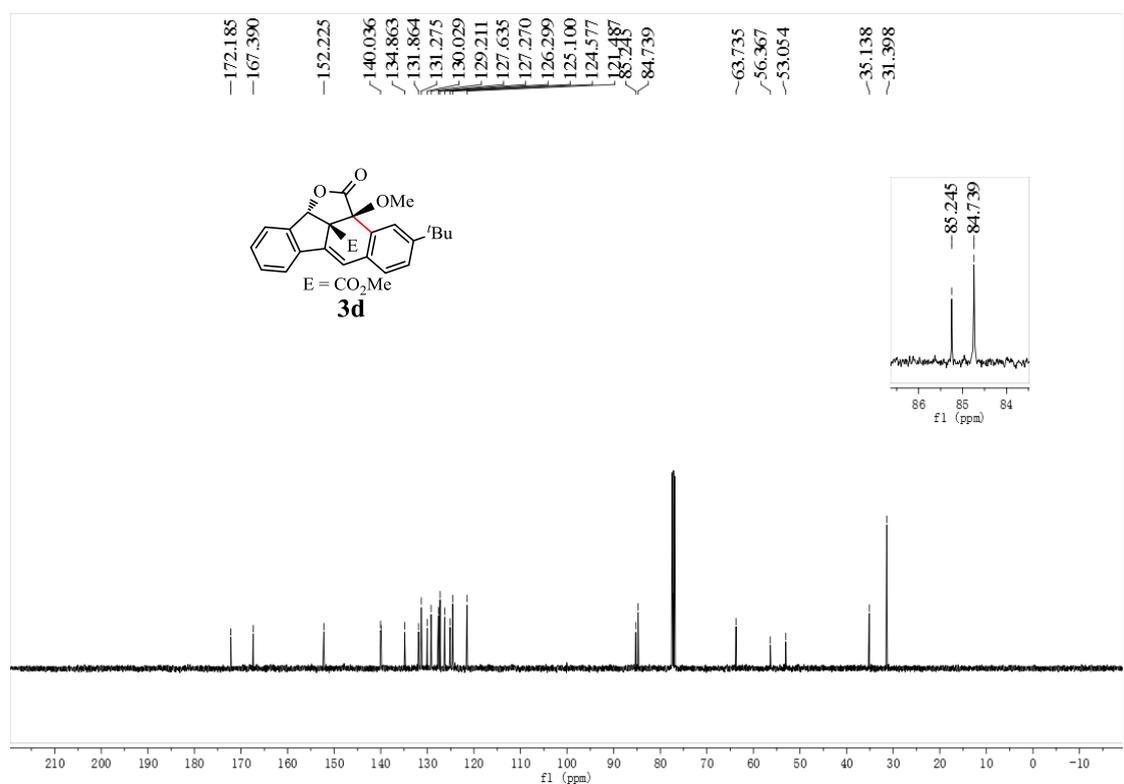
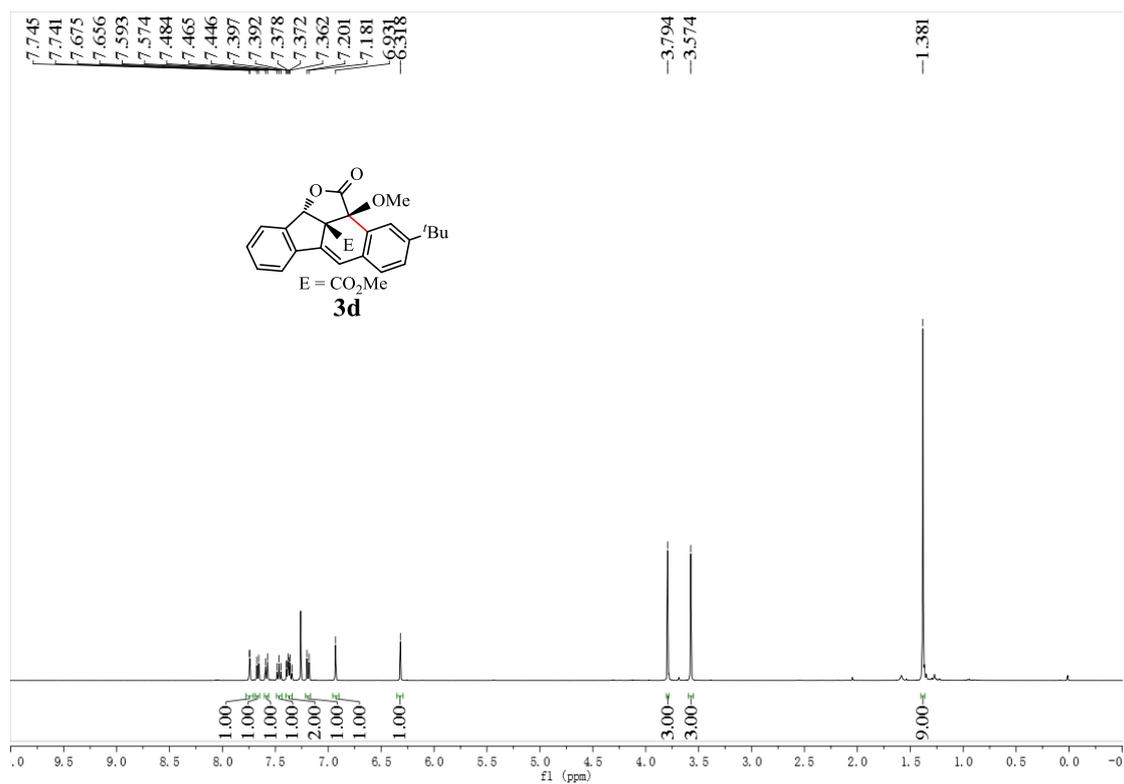


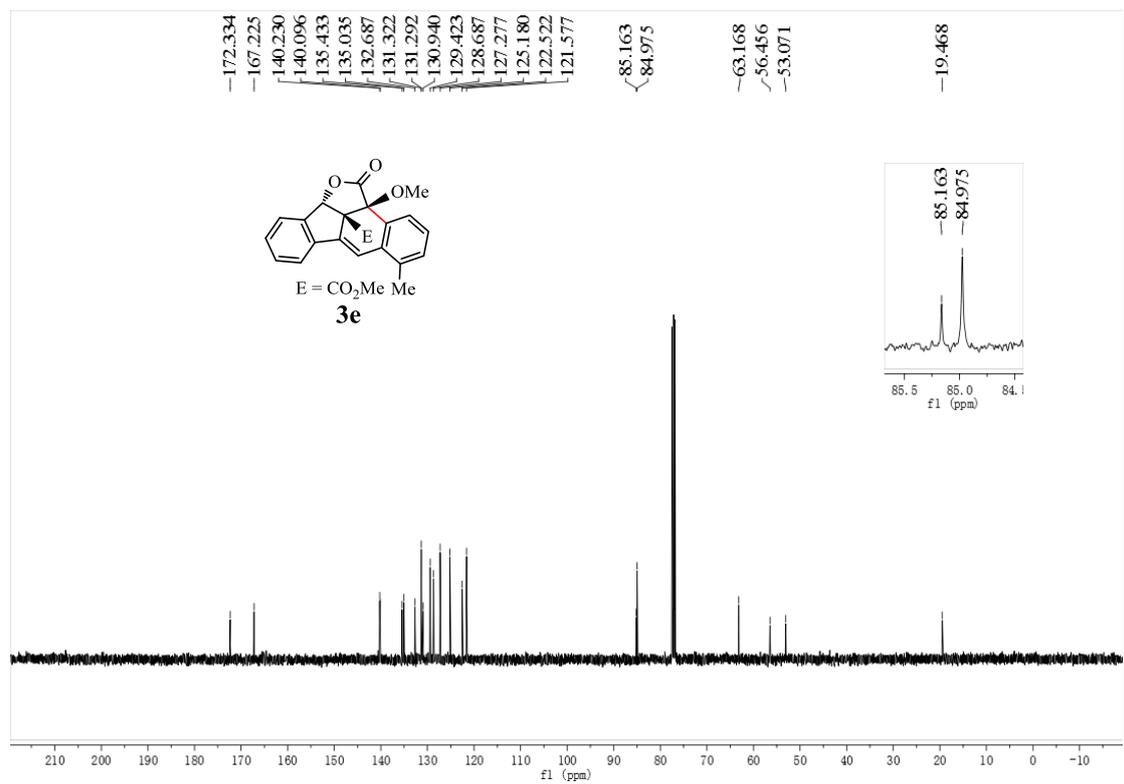
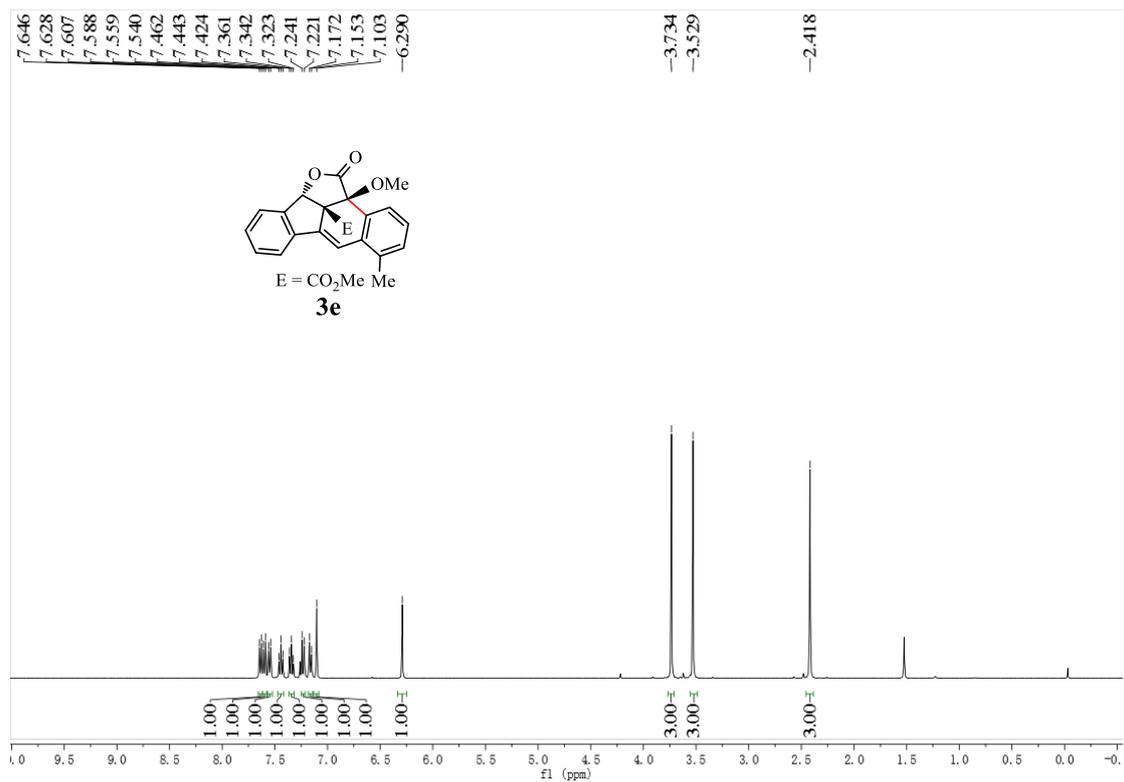


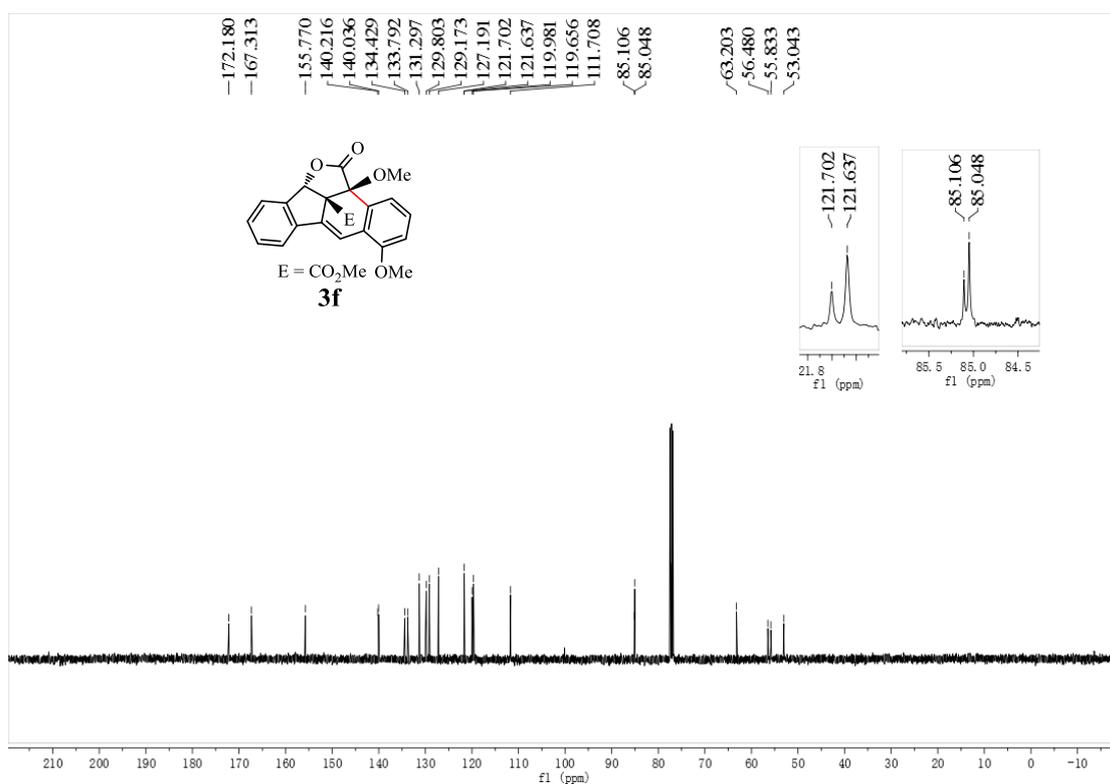
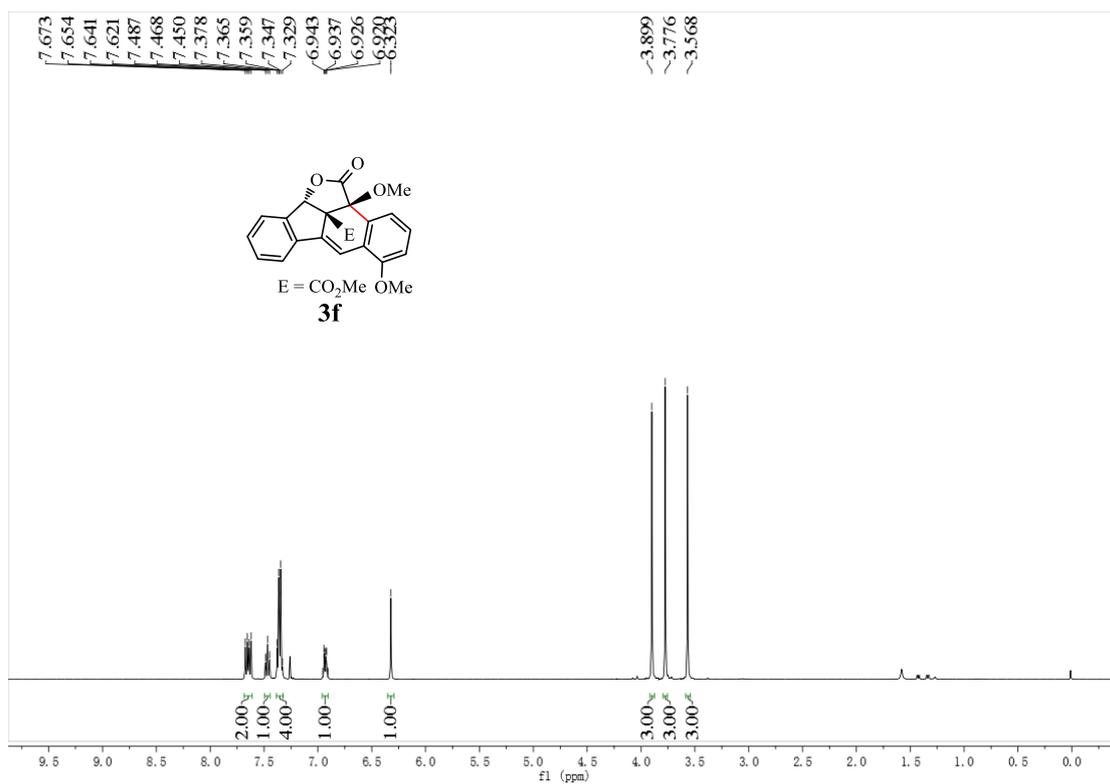


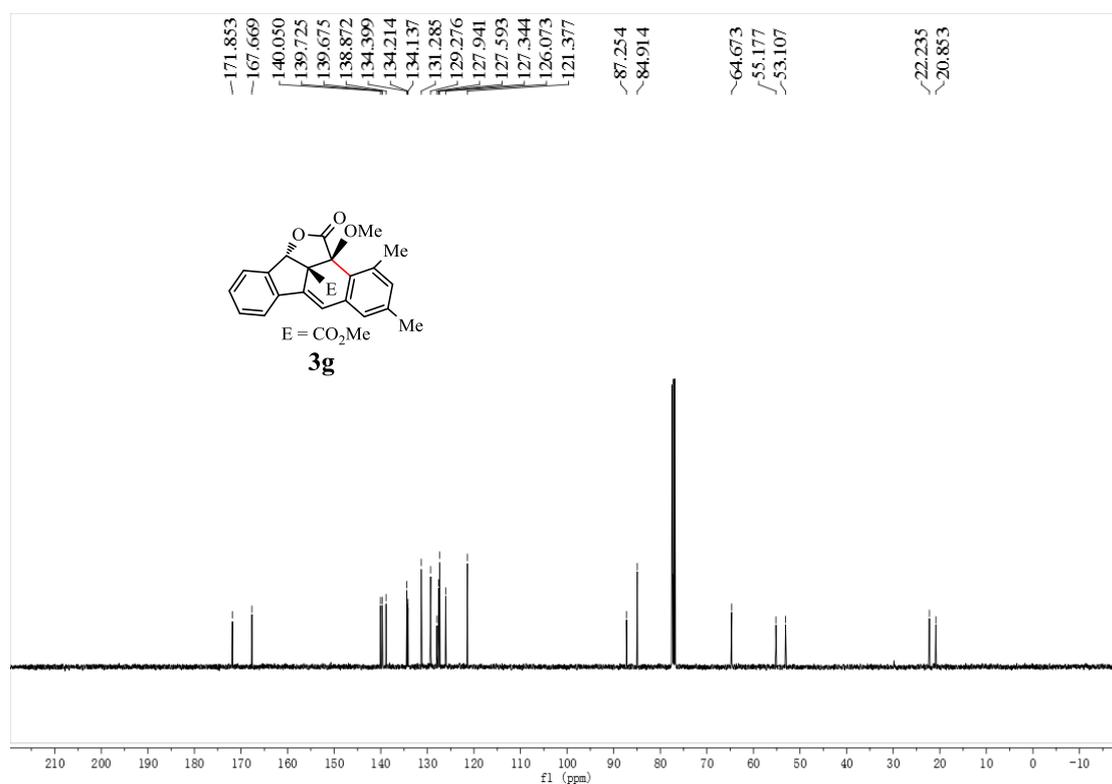
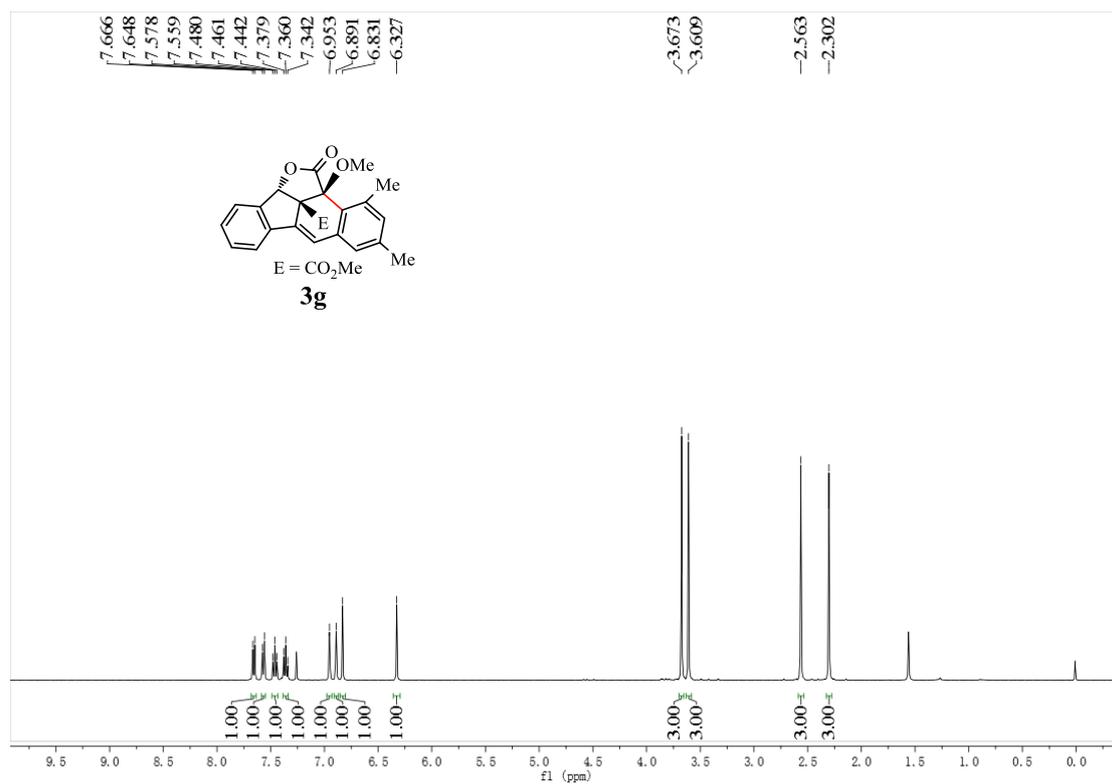


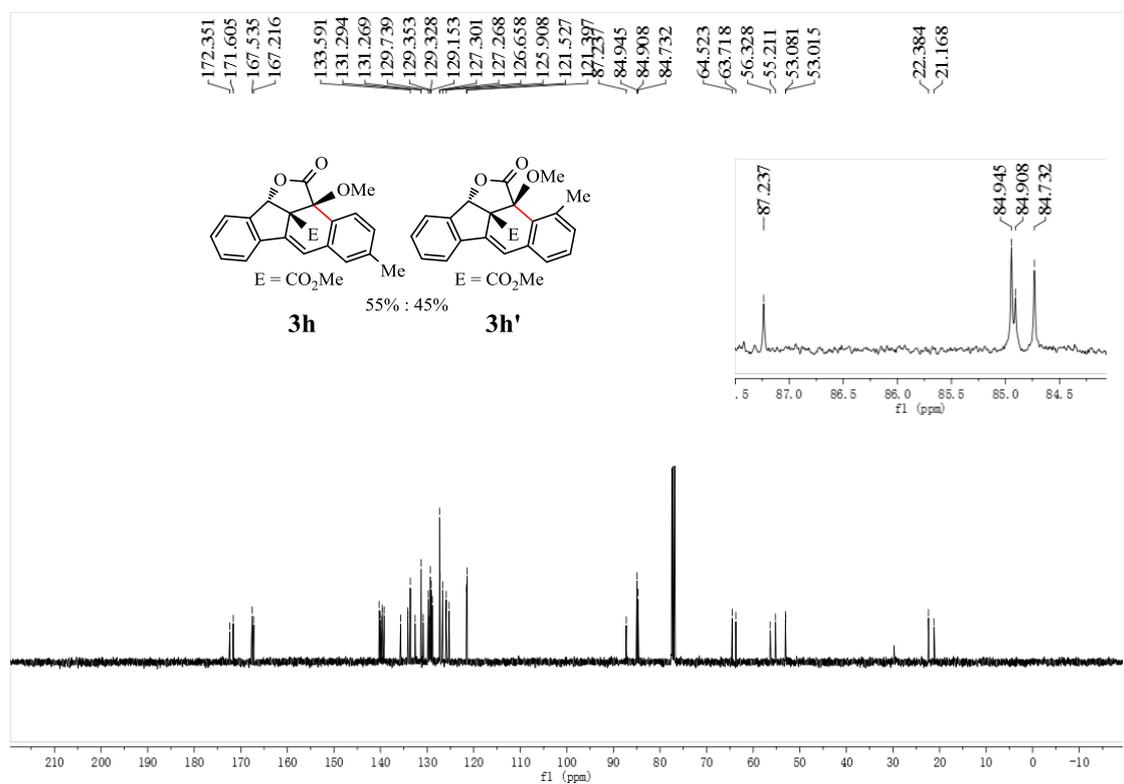
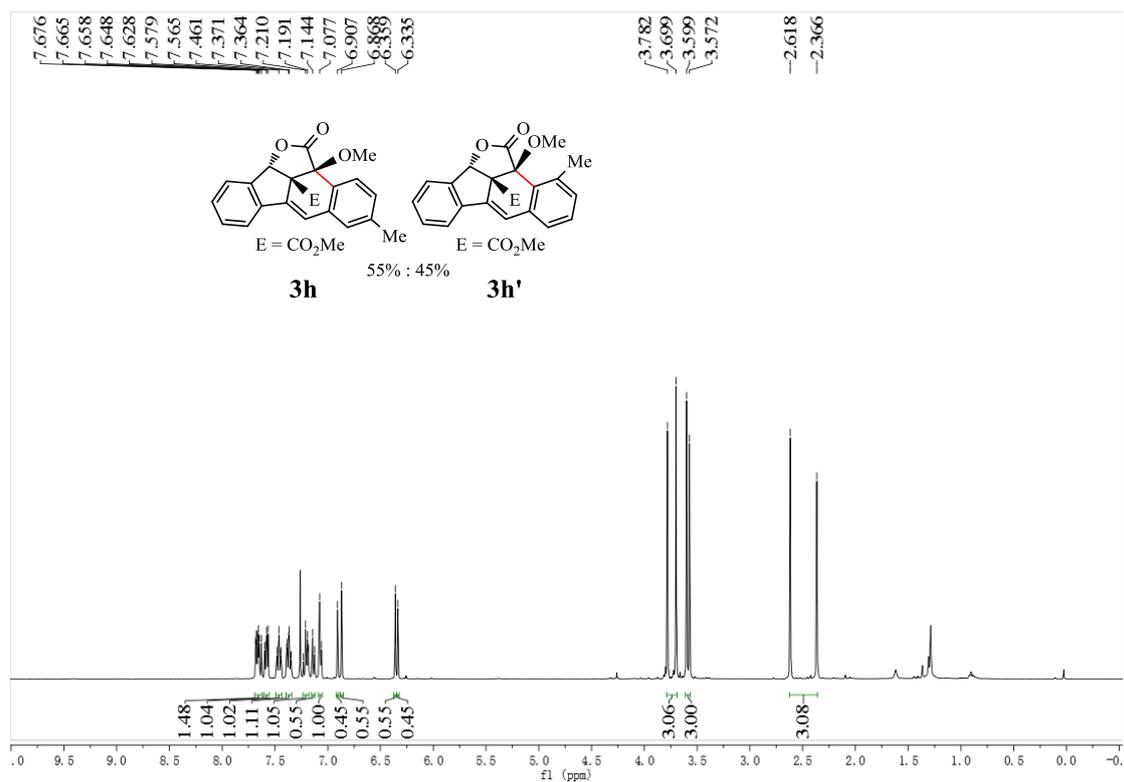


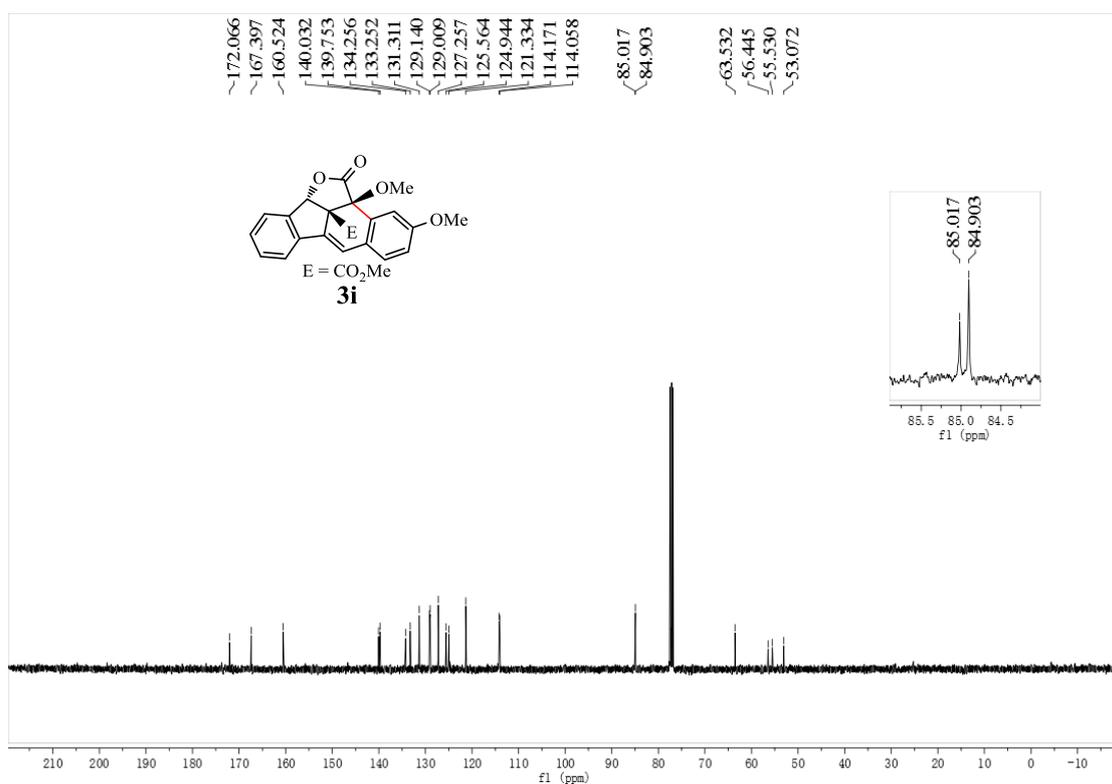
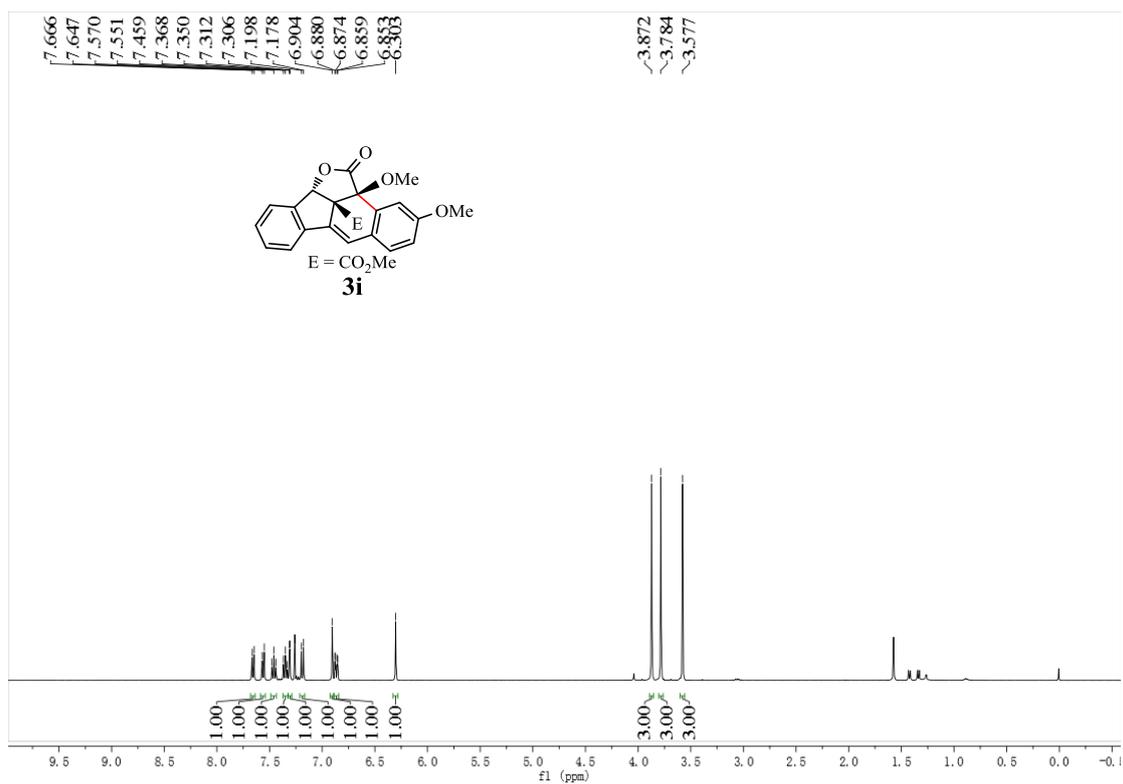


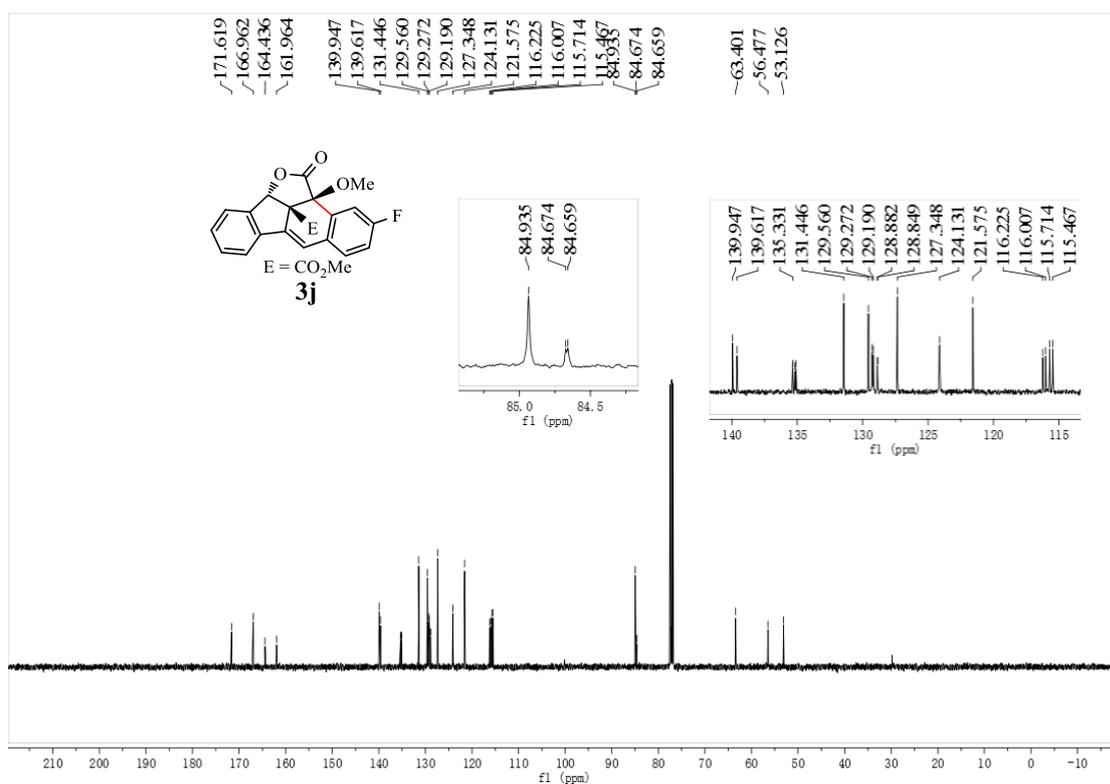
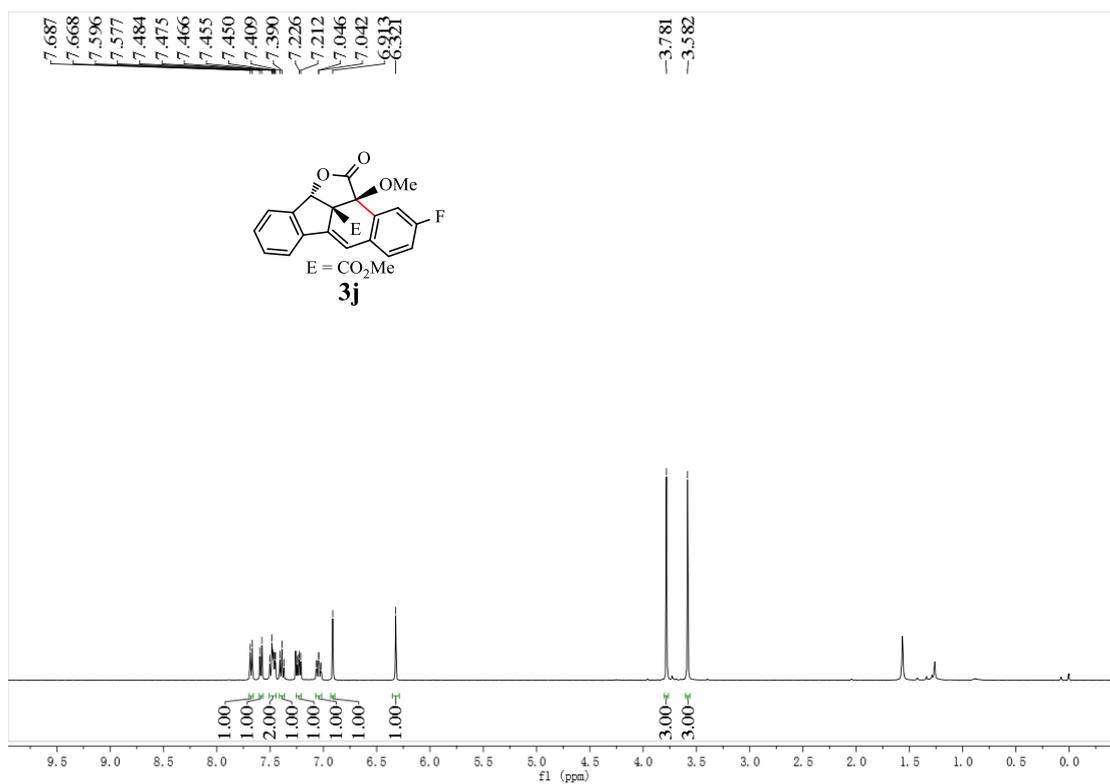


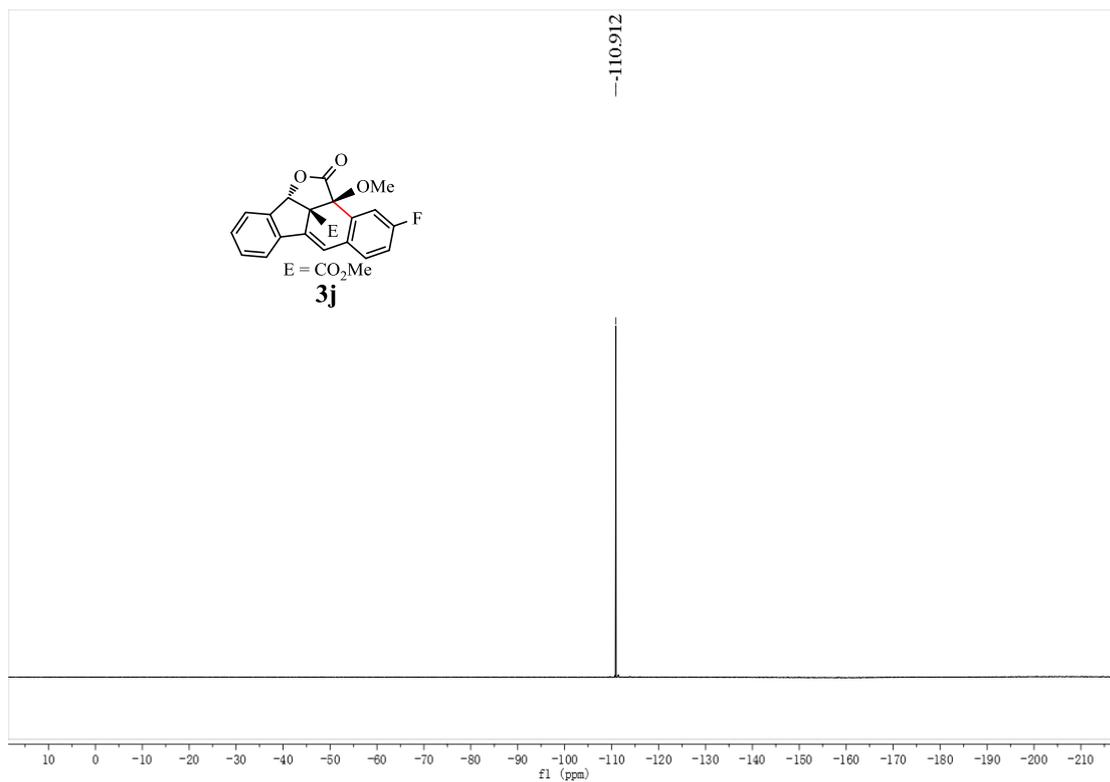


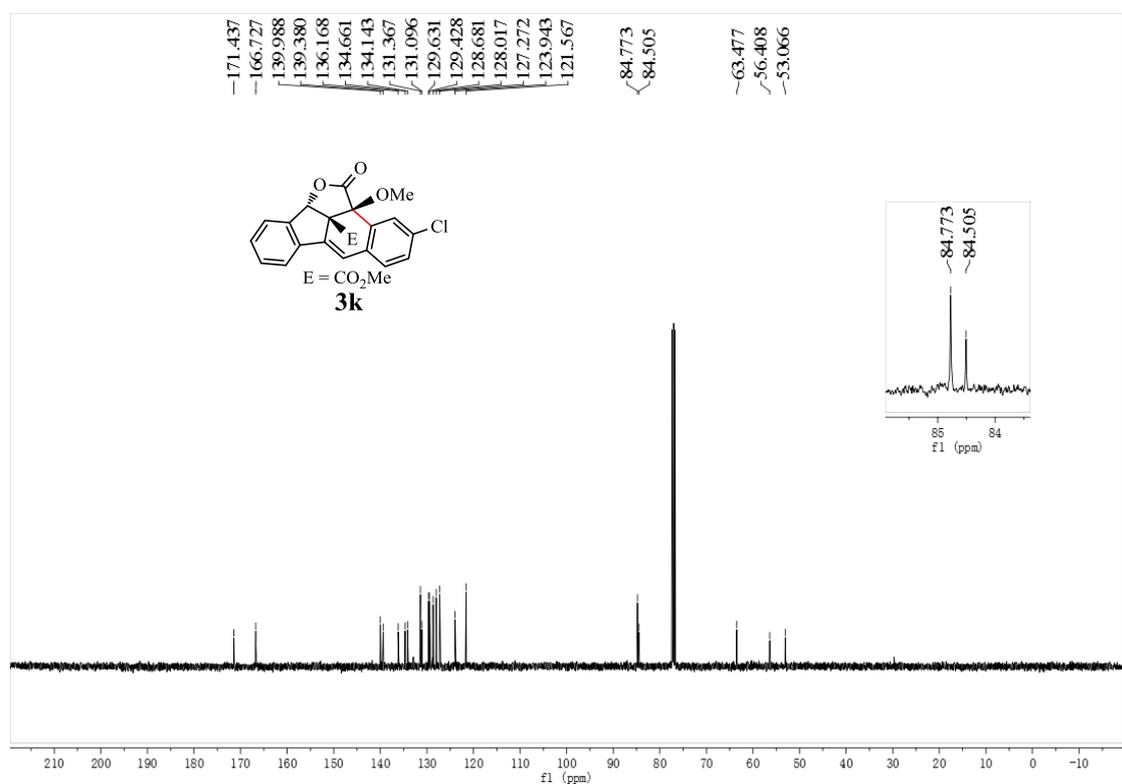
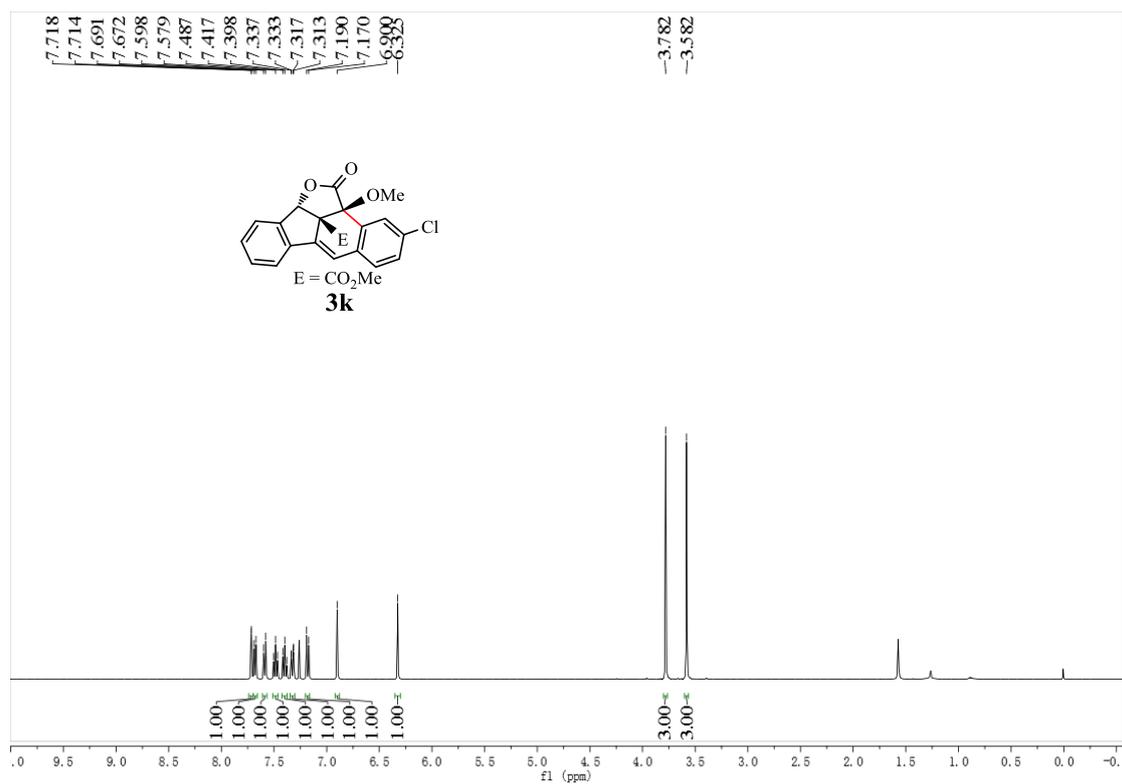


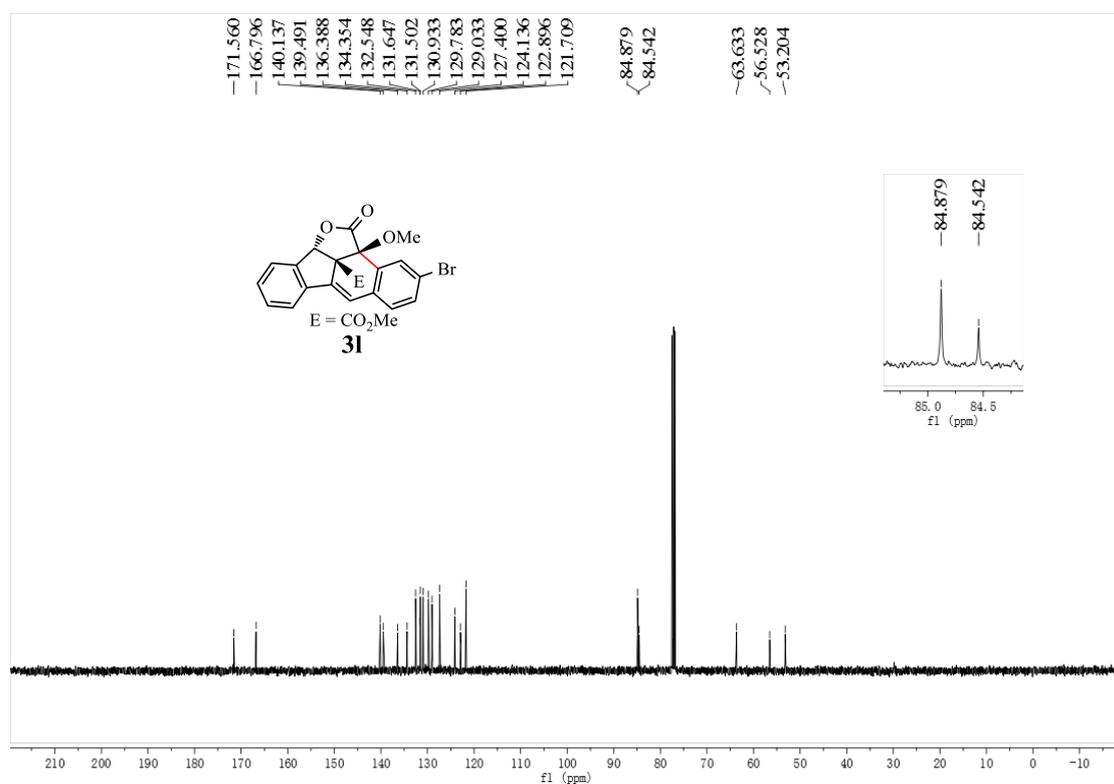
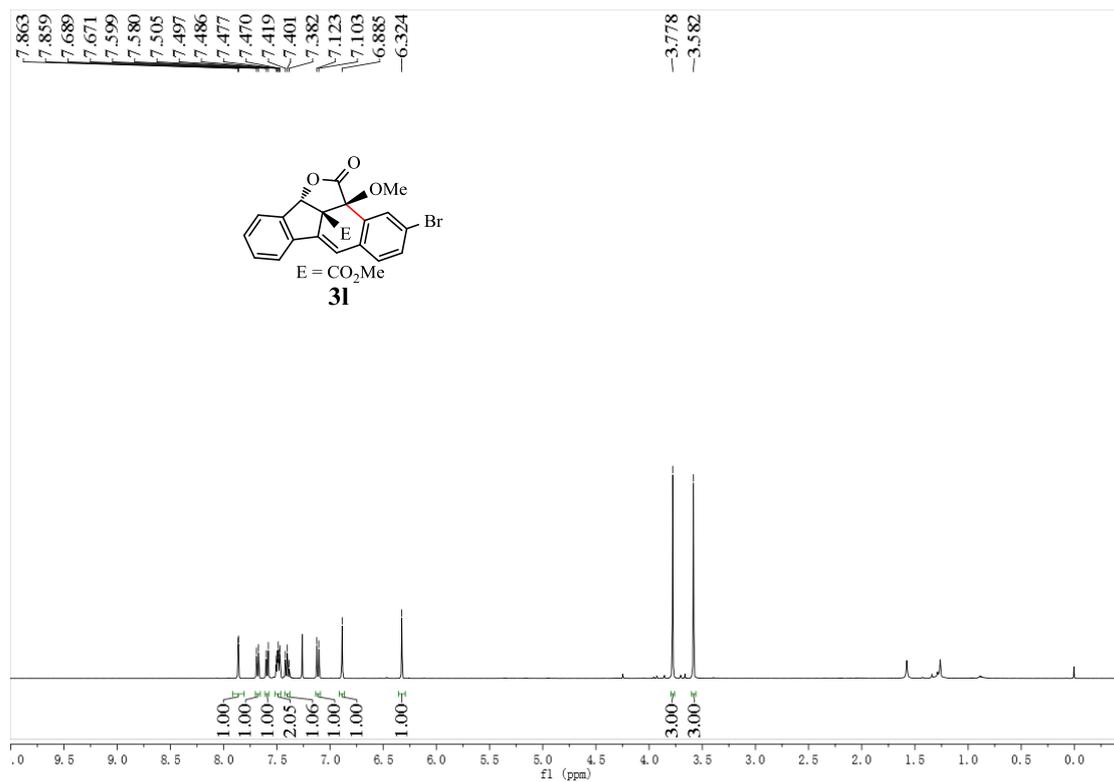


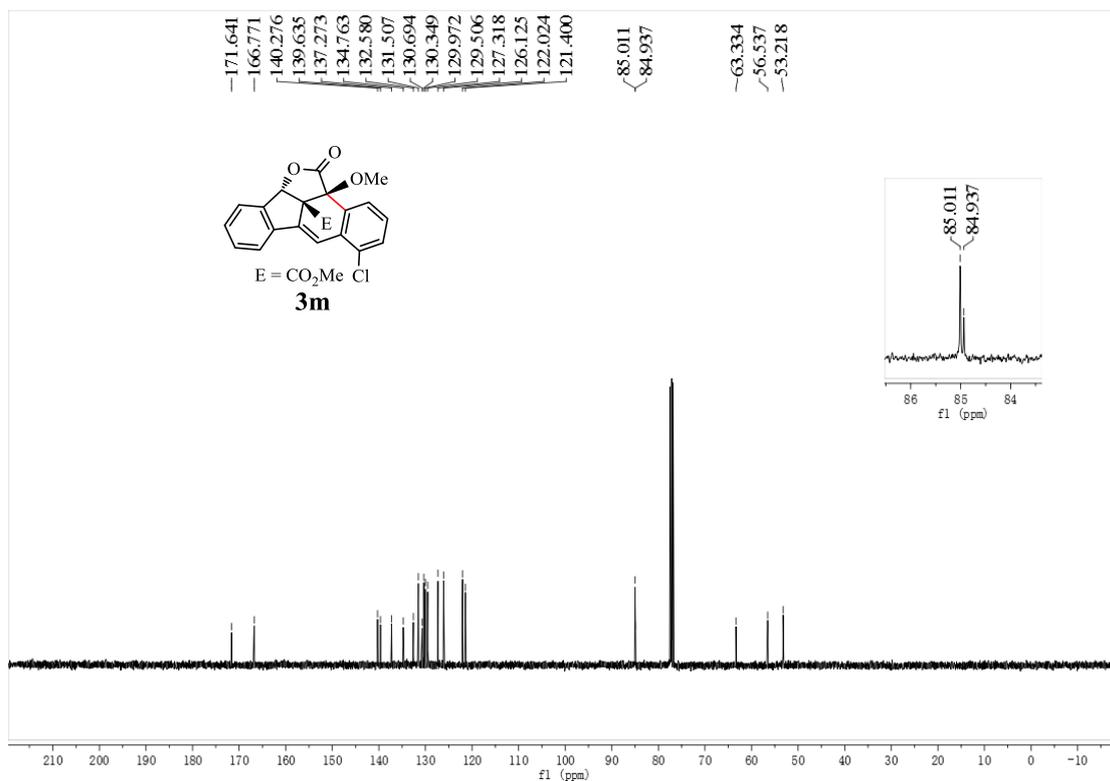
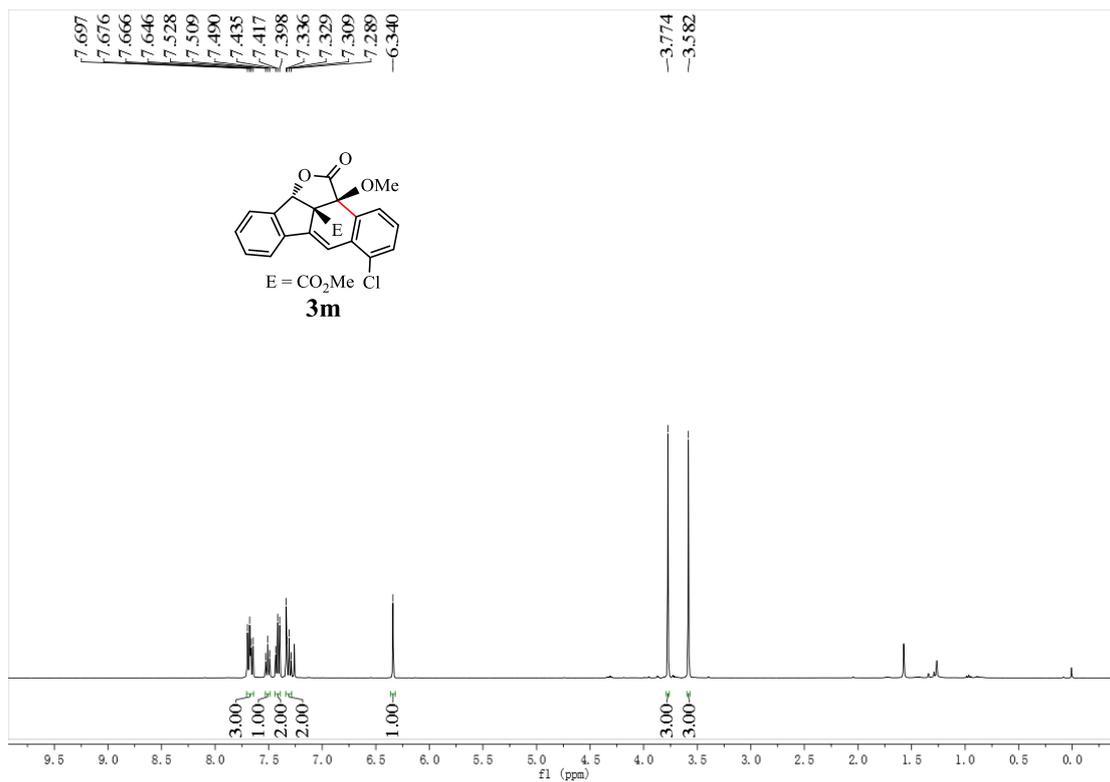


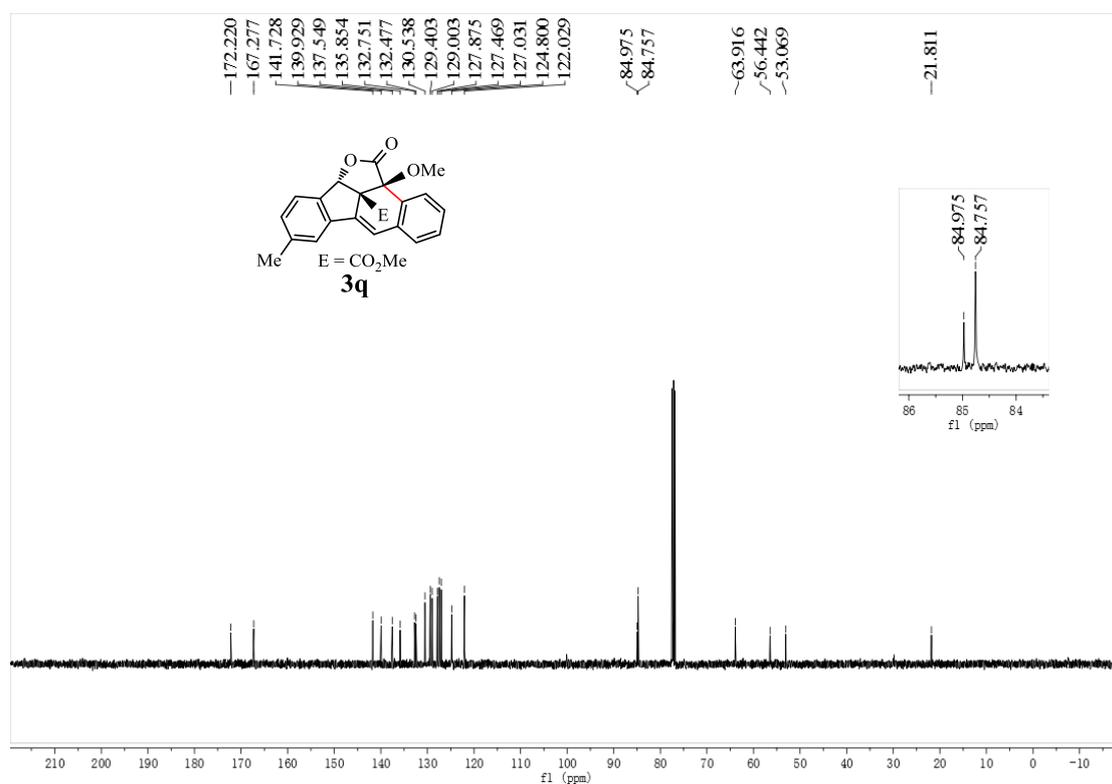
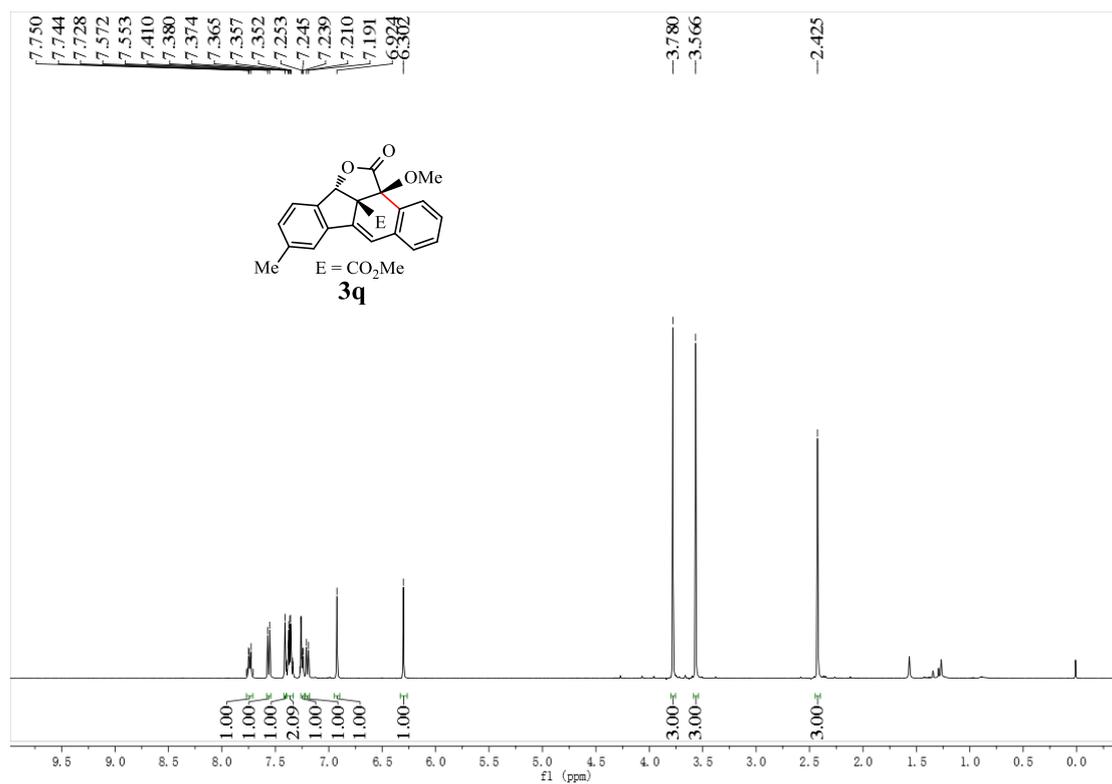


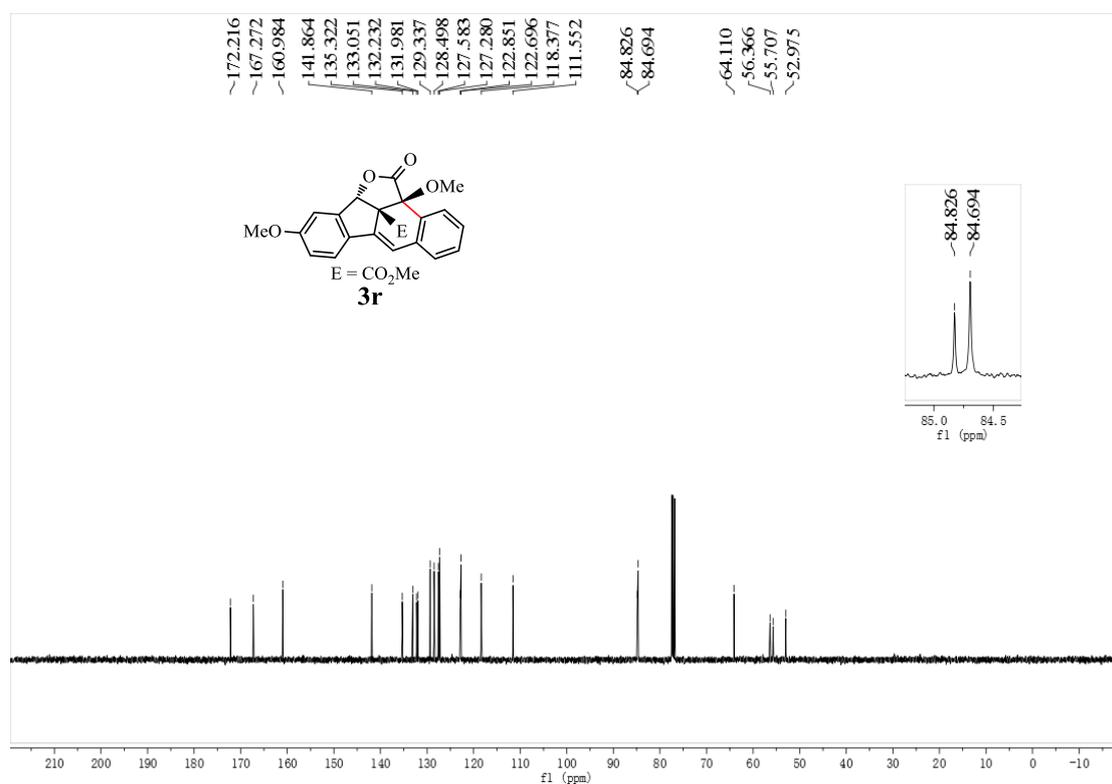
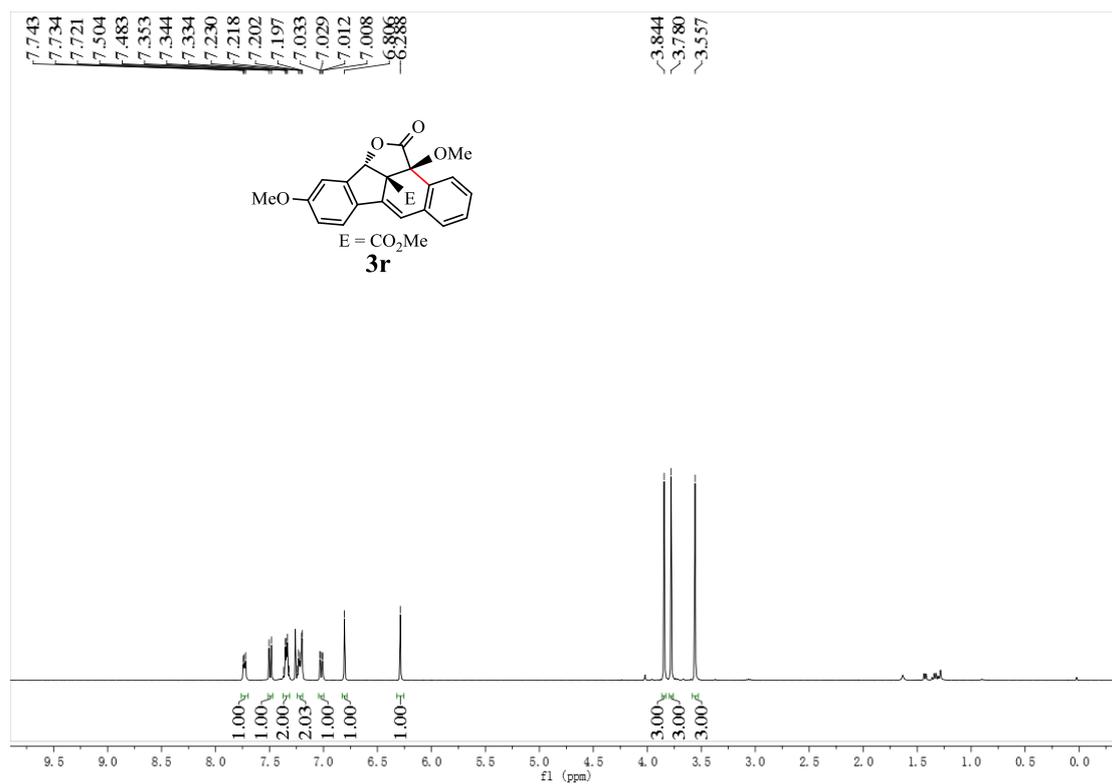


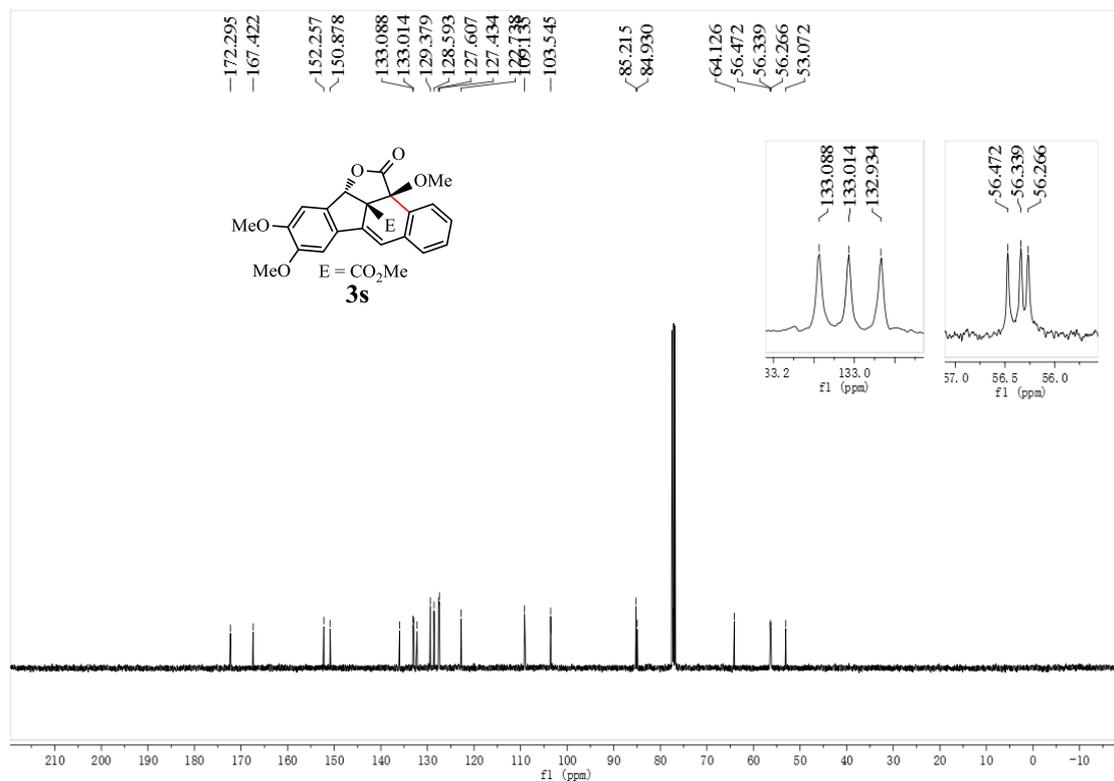
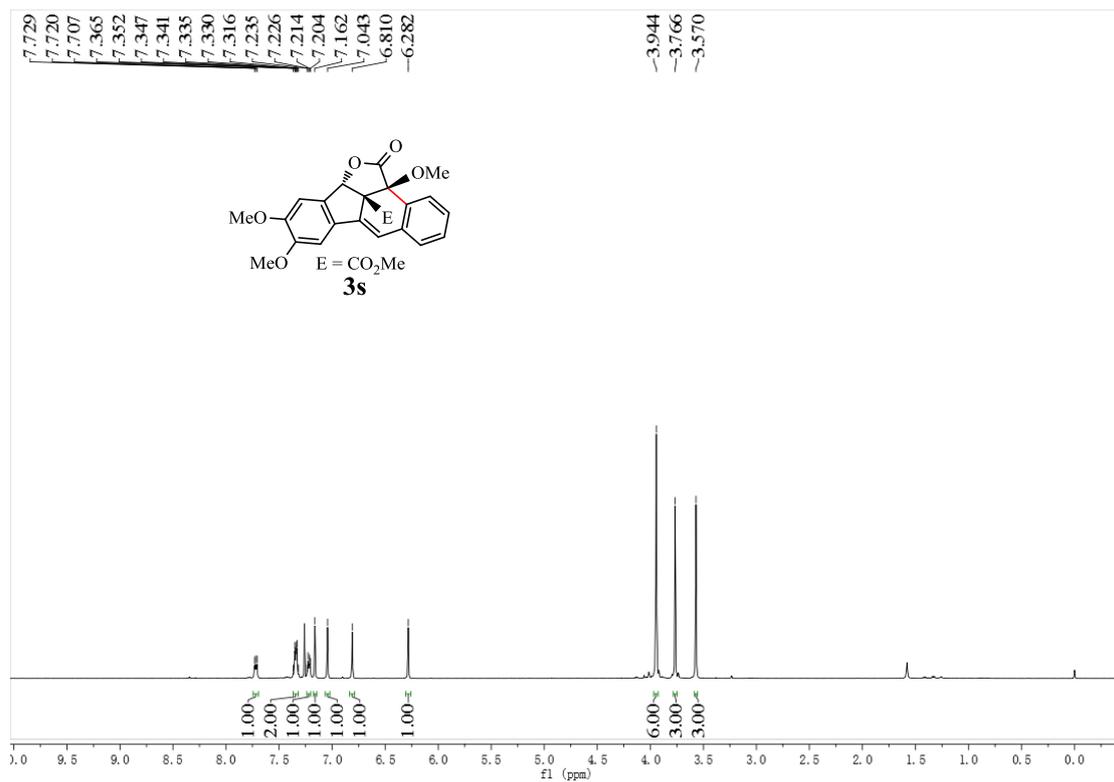


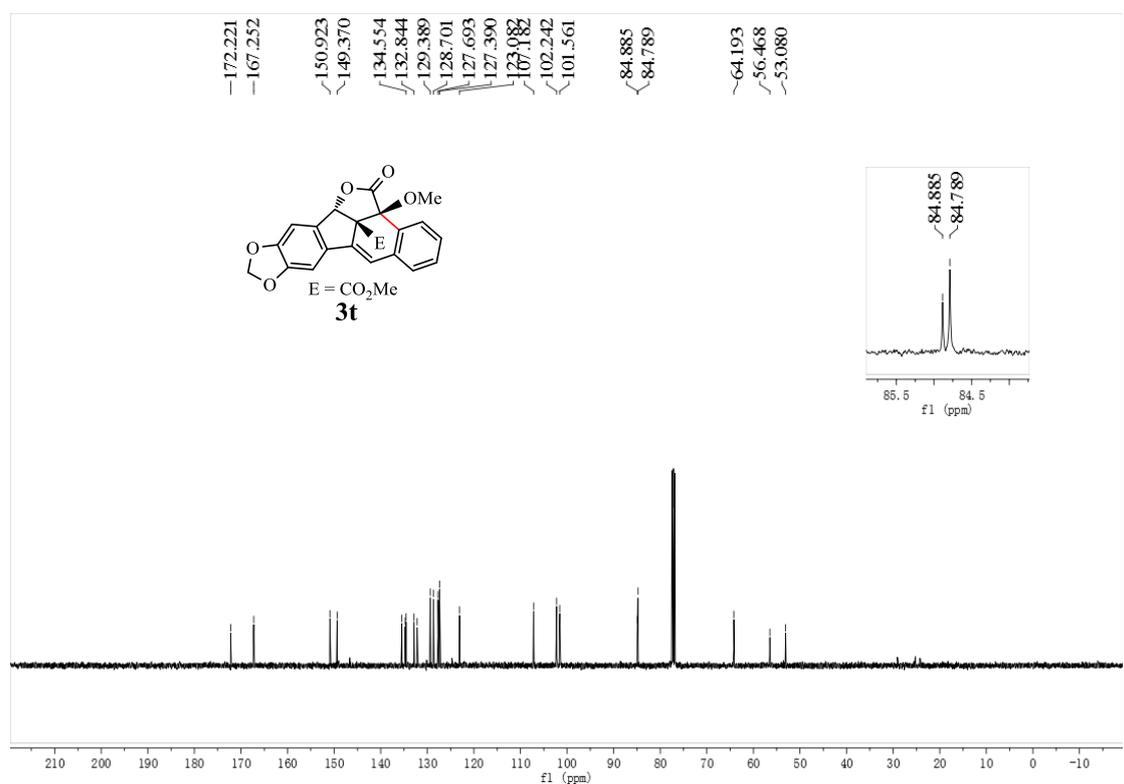
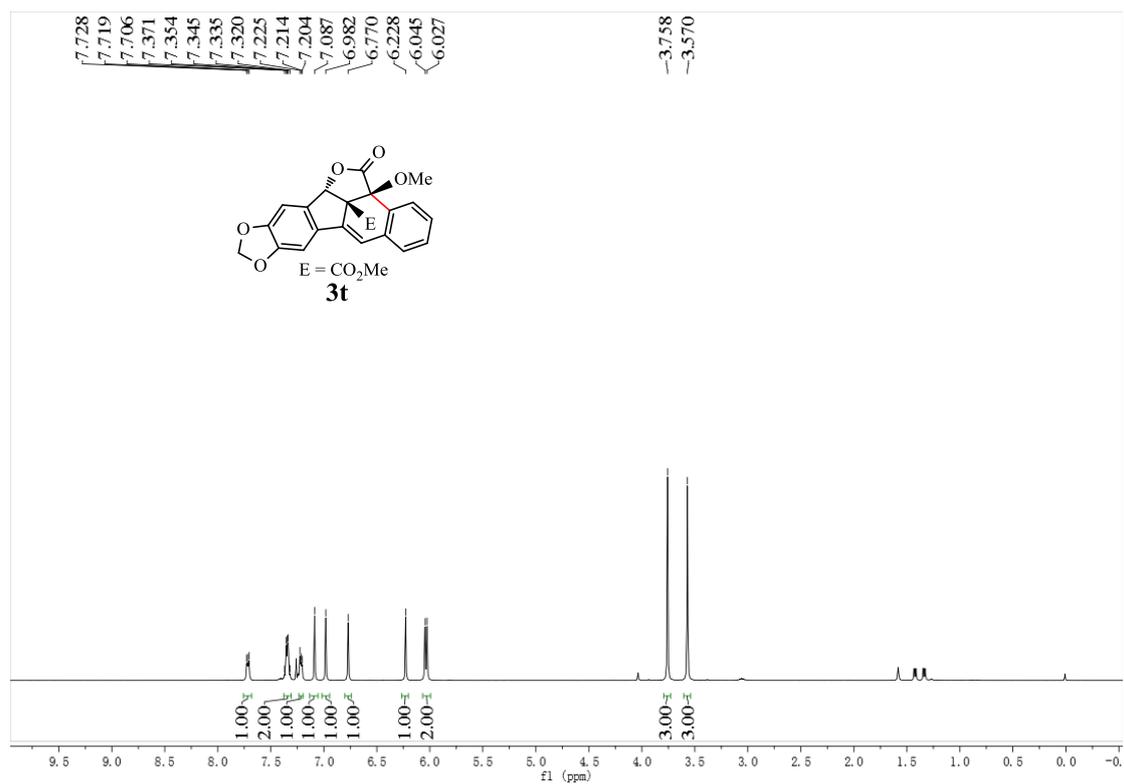


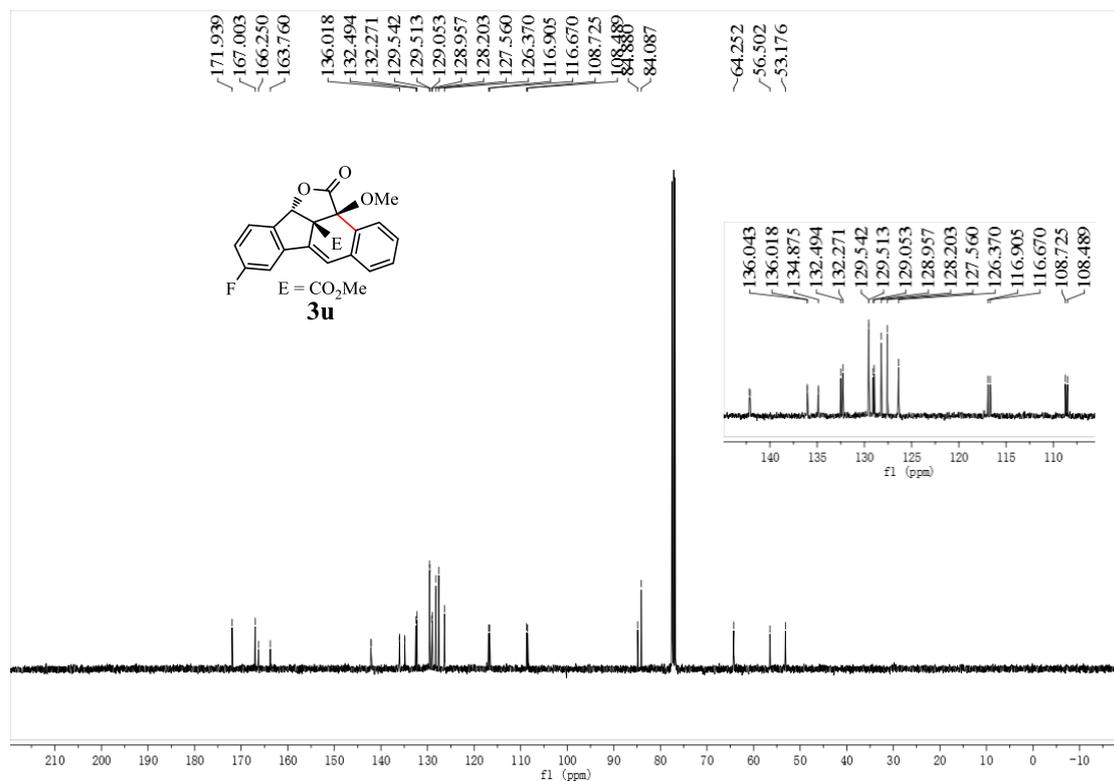
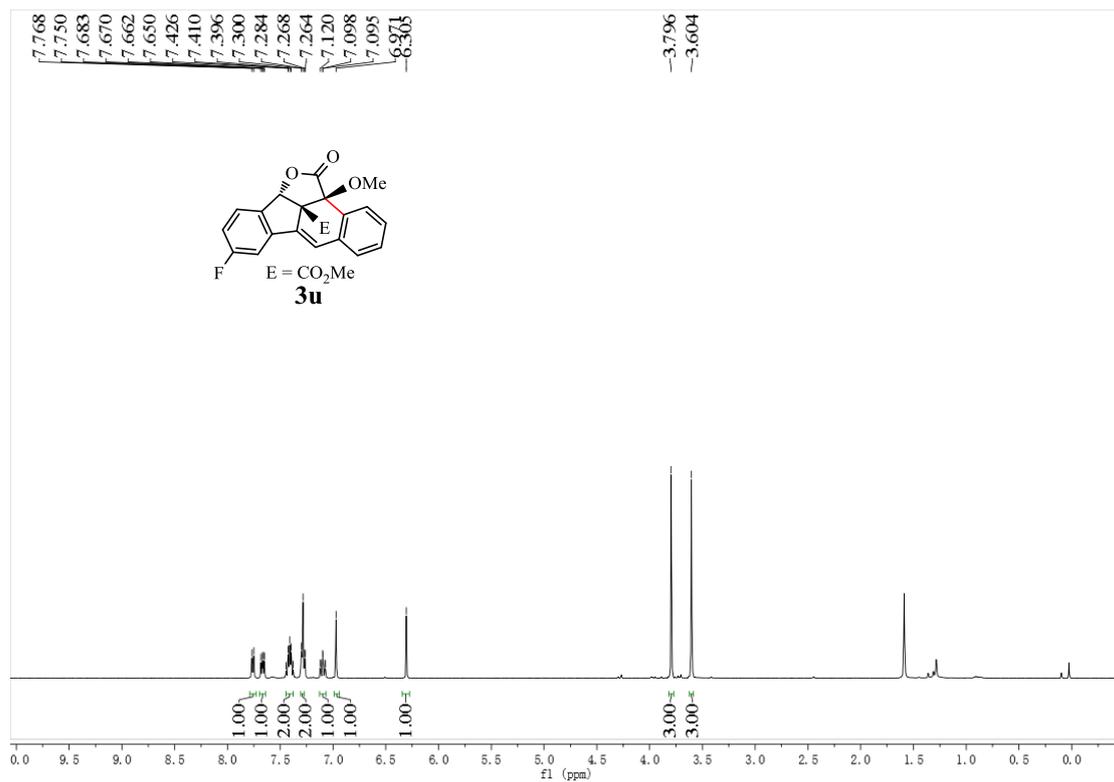


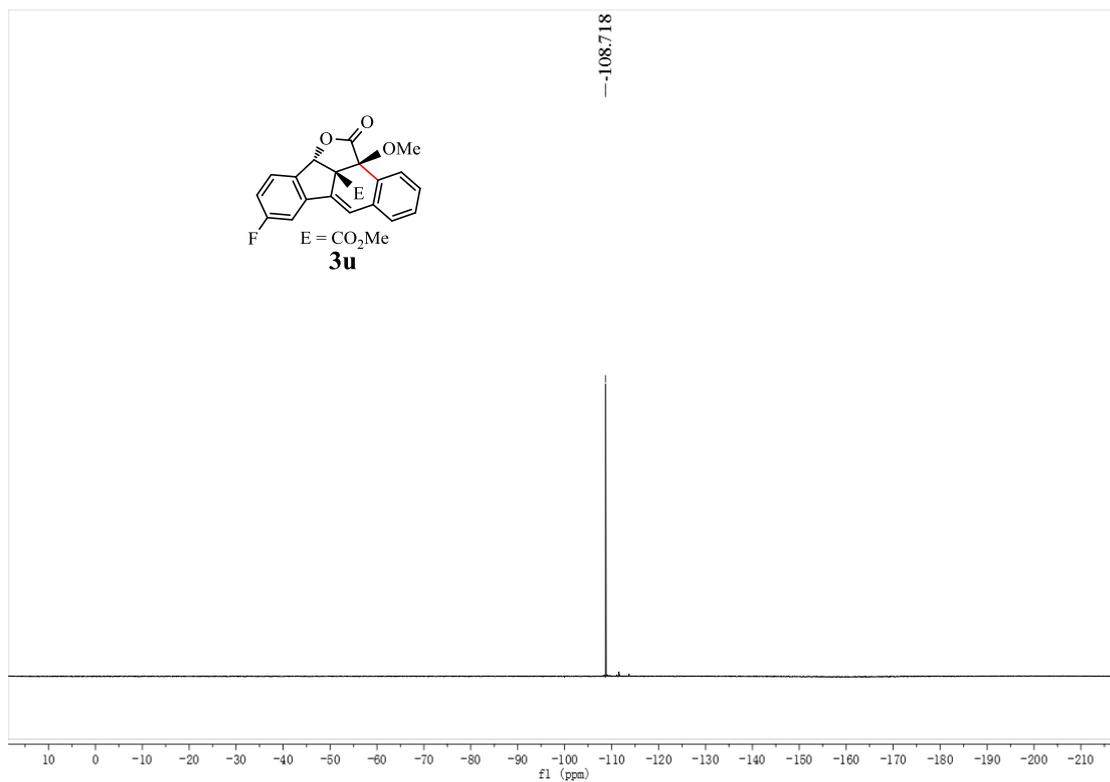


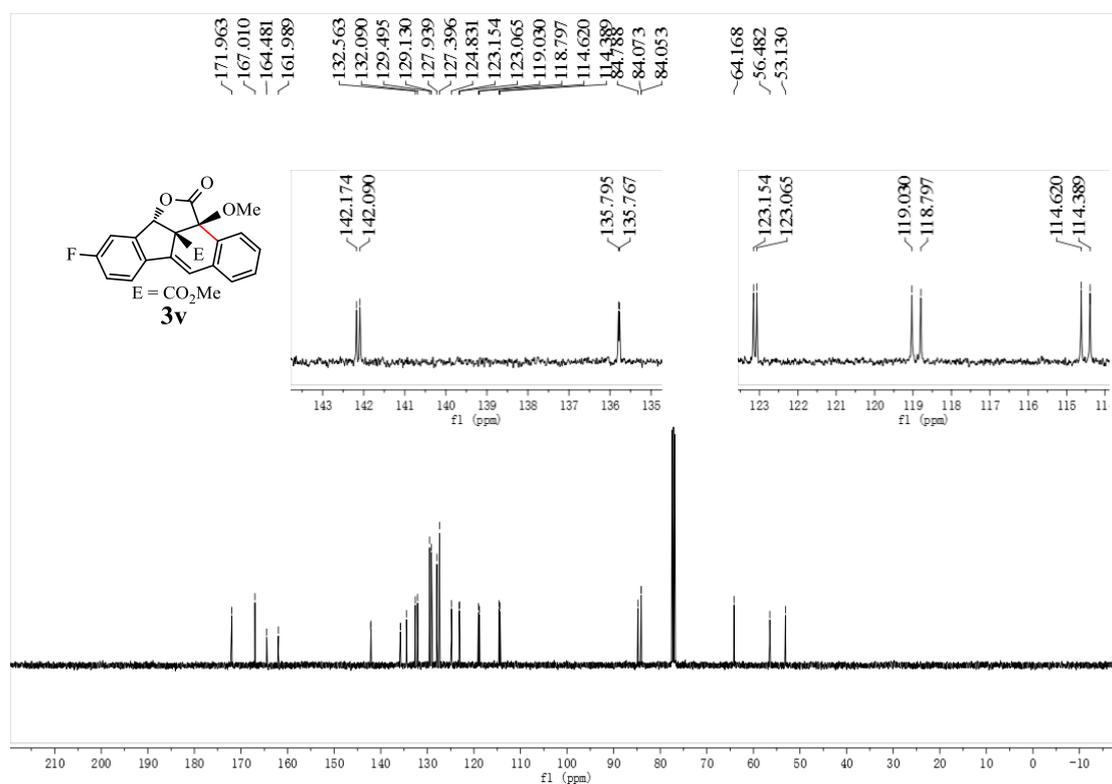
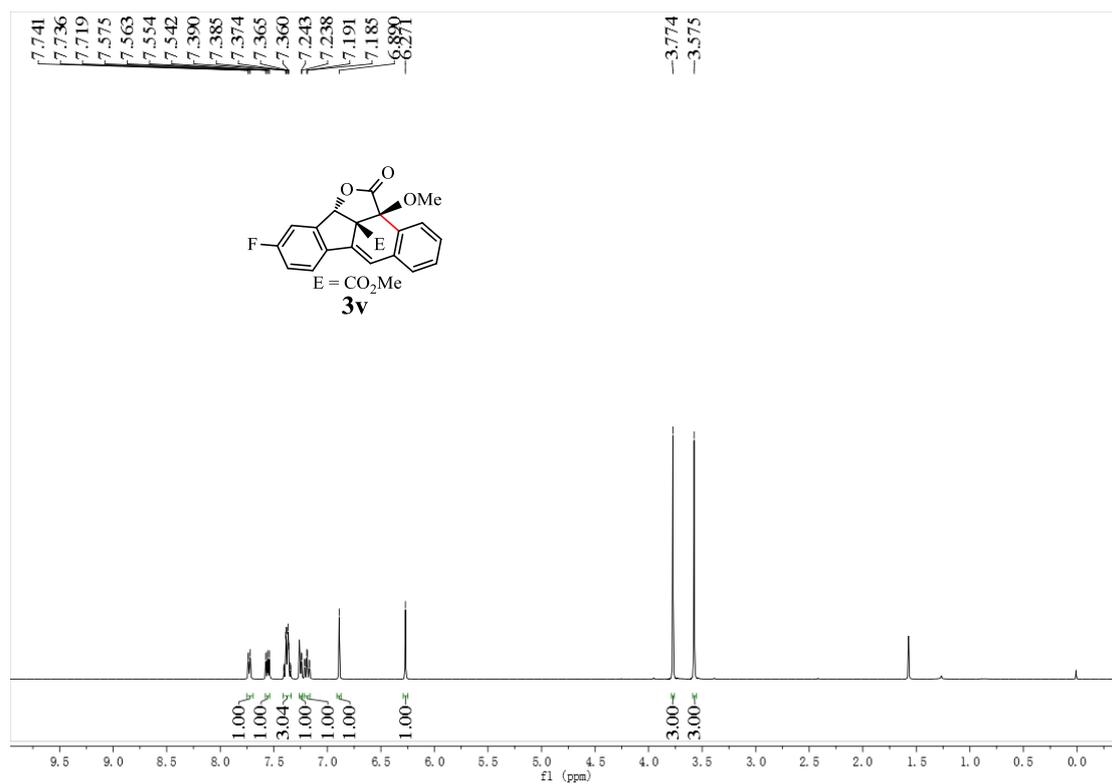


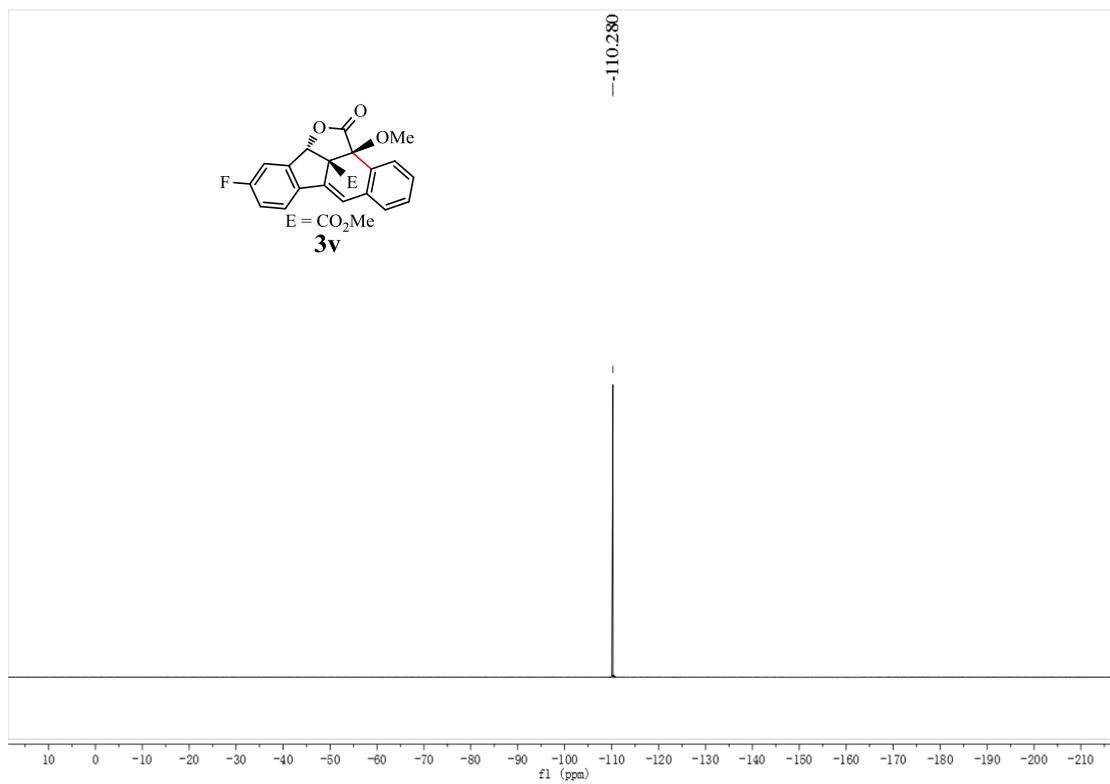


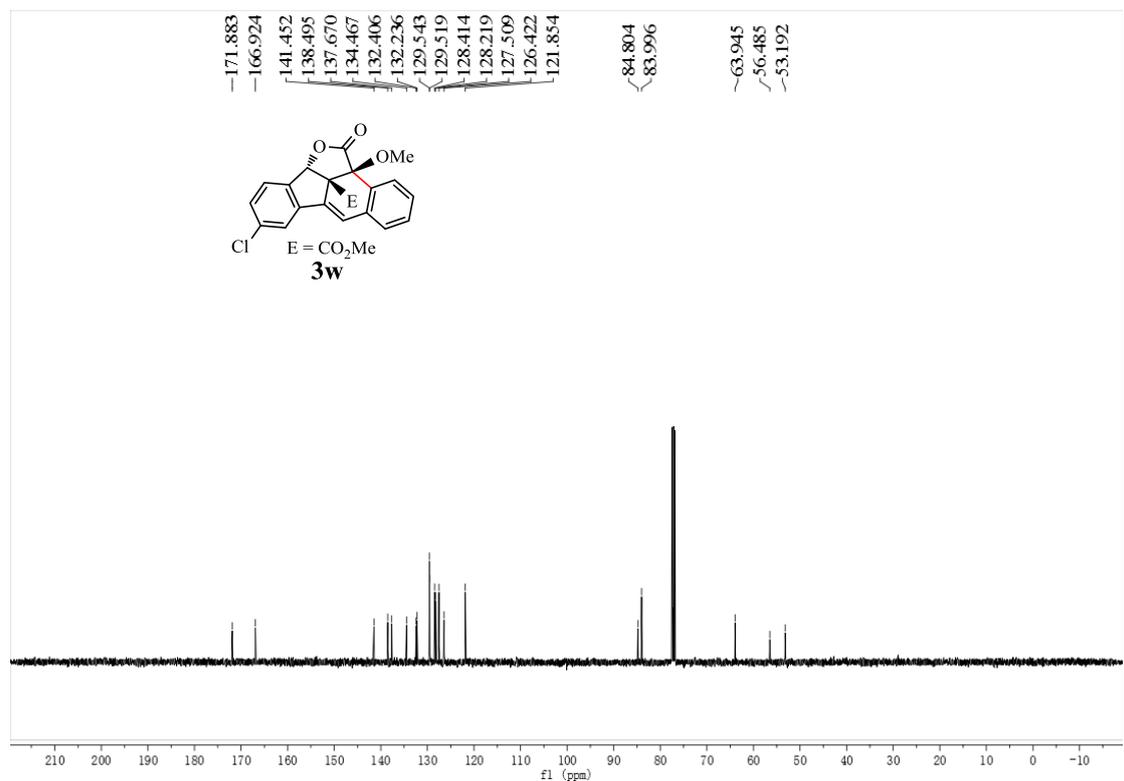
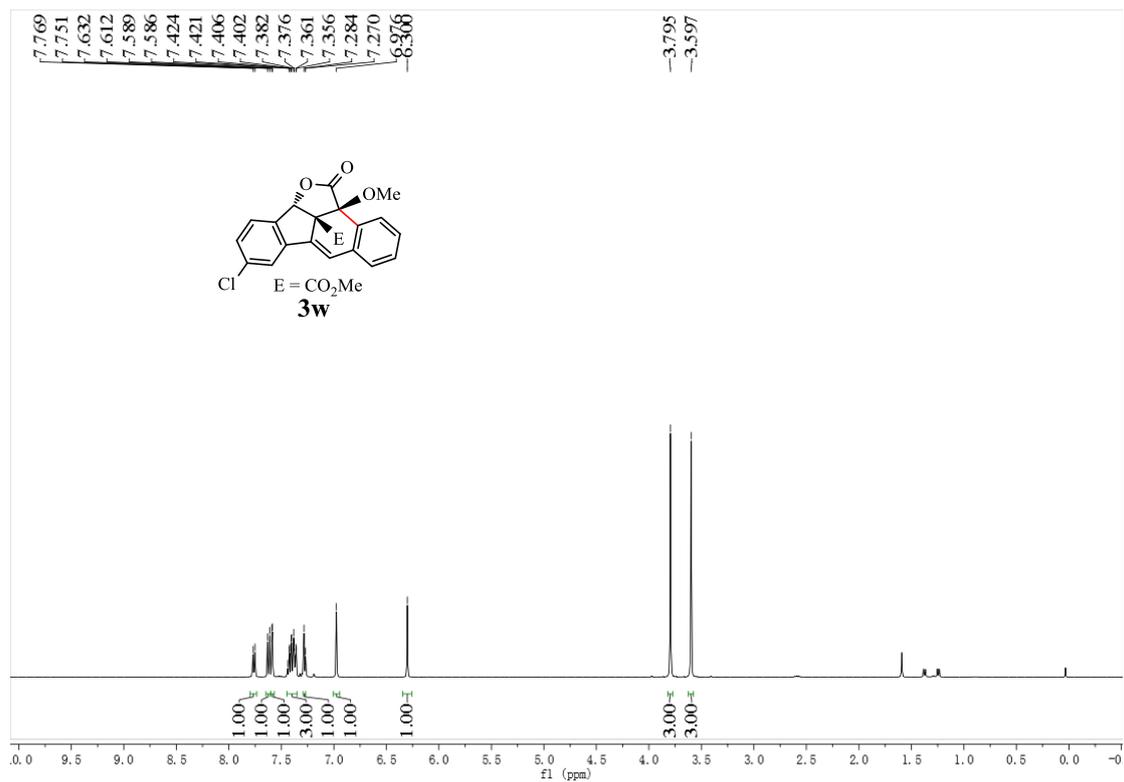


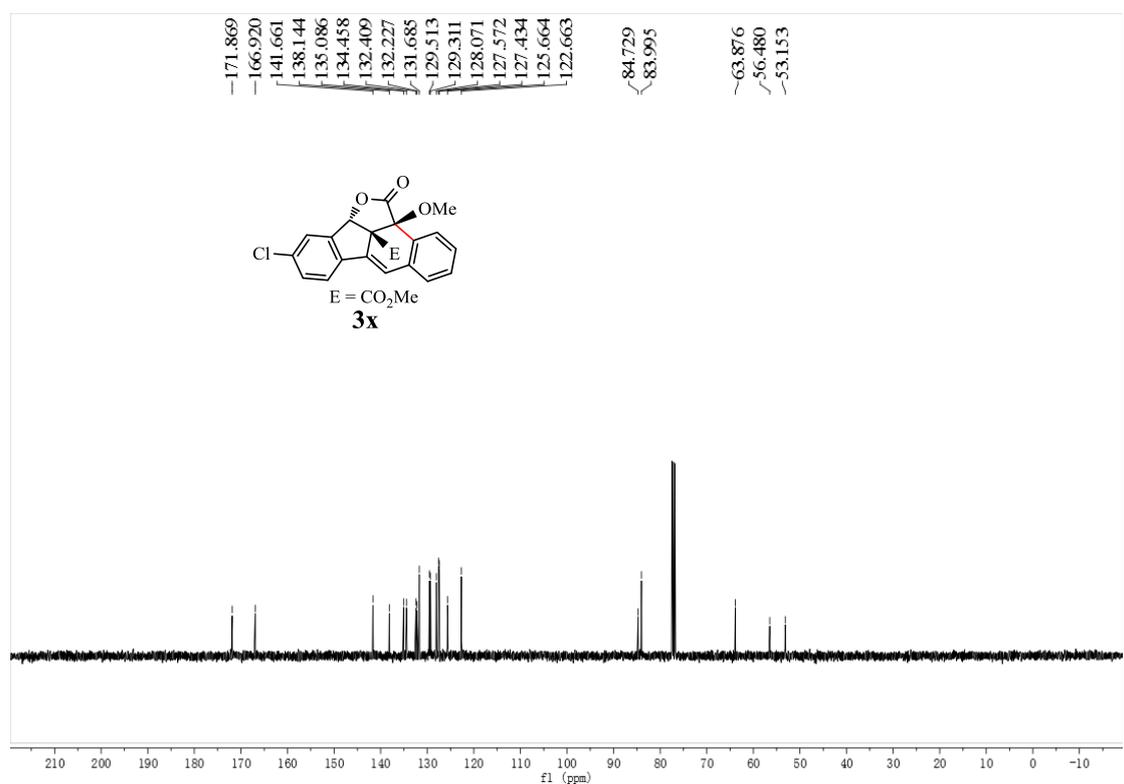
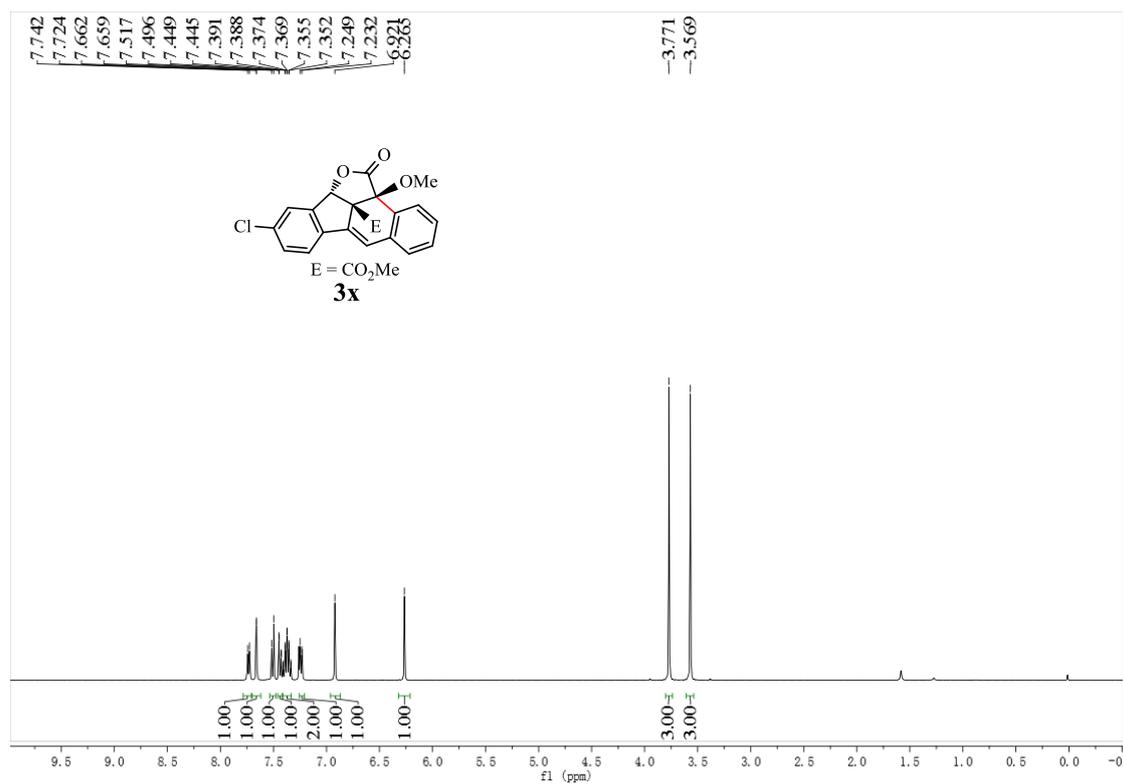


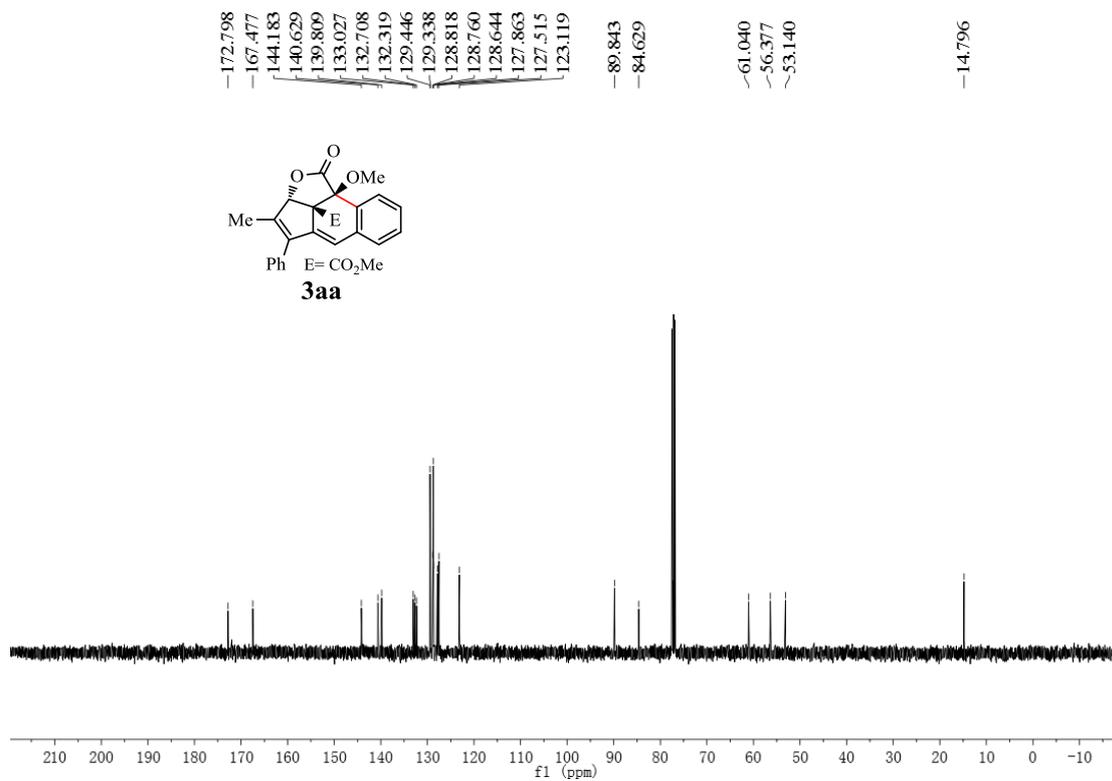
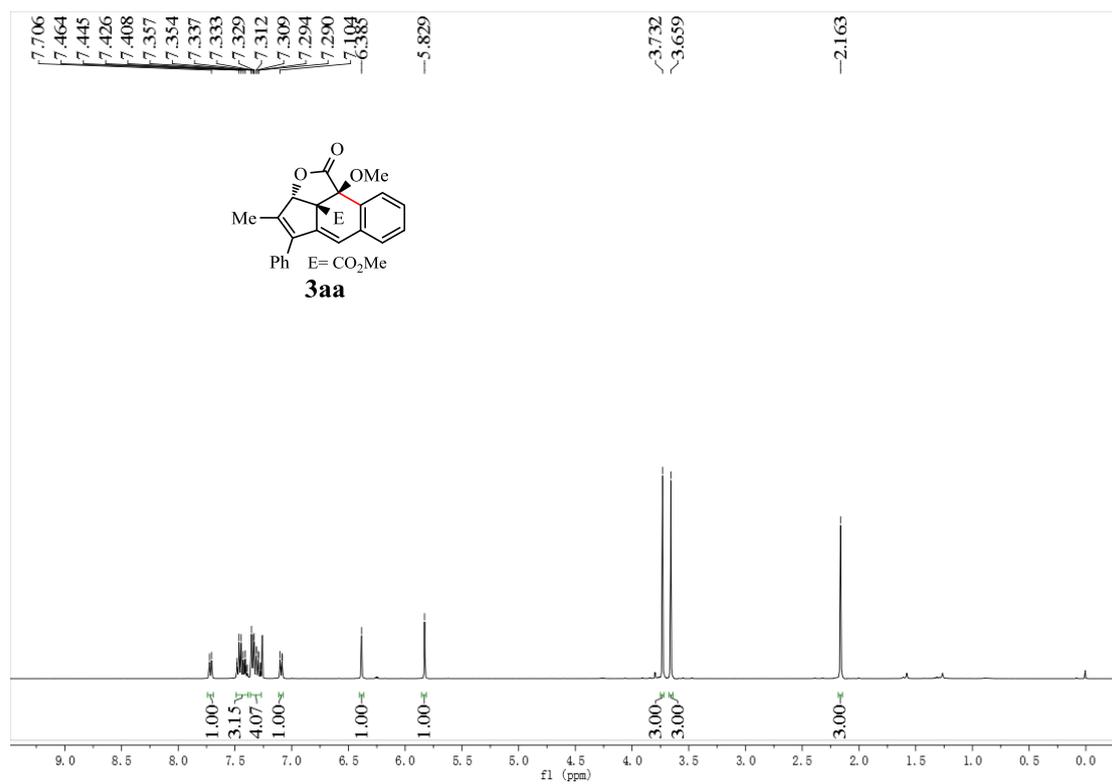




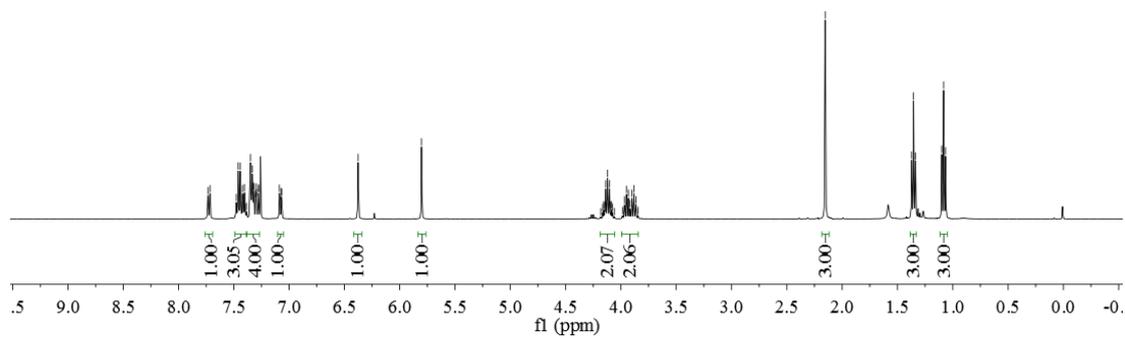
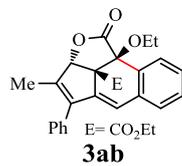








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