

**Which isomer is it, 1,2,5,6- or 1,4,5,8-tetrasubstituted cycloocta-1,3,5,7-tetraene?  
Synthesis of symmetrically tetrasubstituted cycloocta-1,3,5,7-tetraene derivatives**

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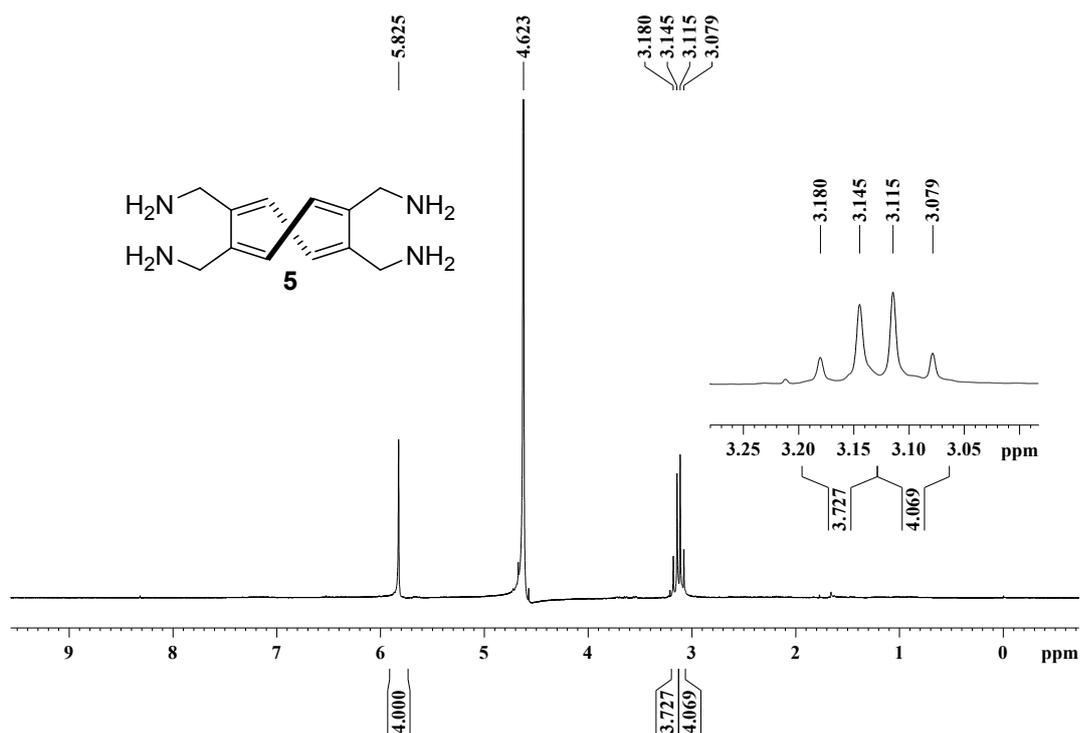


Figure 3 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

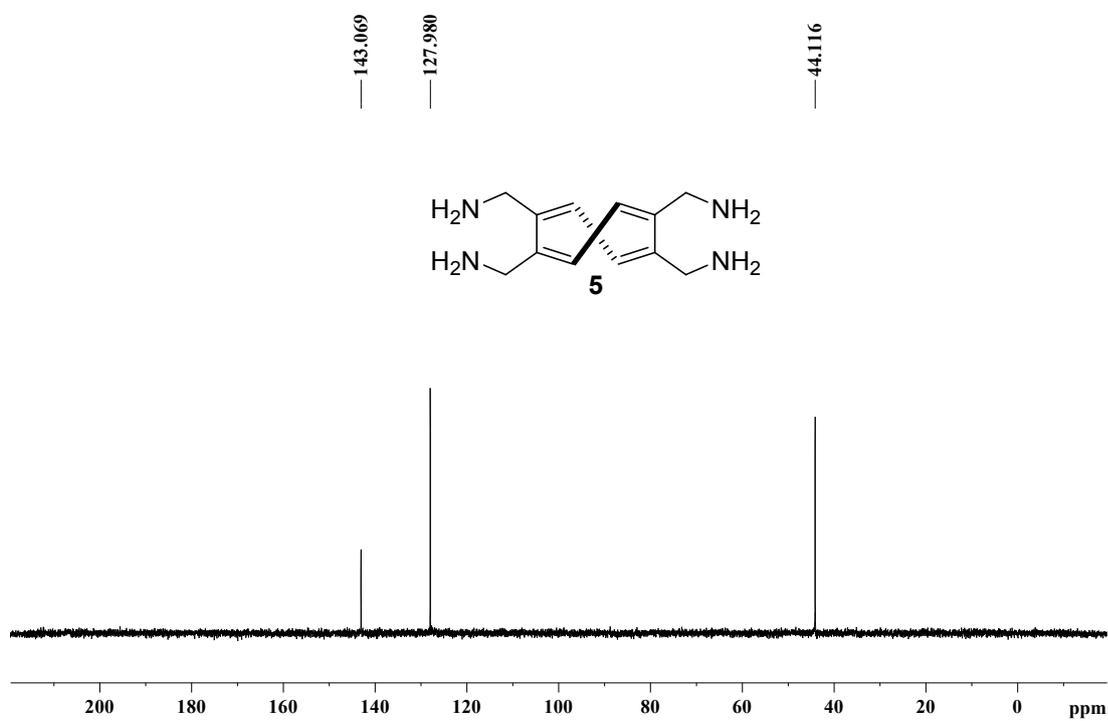


Figure 3 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **5** in D<sub>2</sub>O.

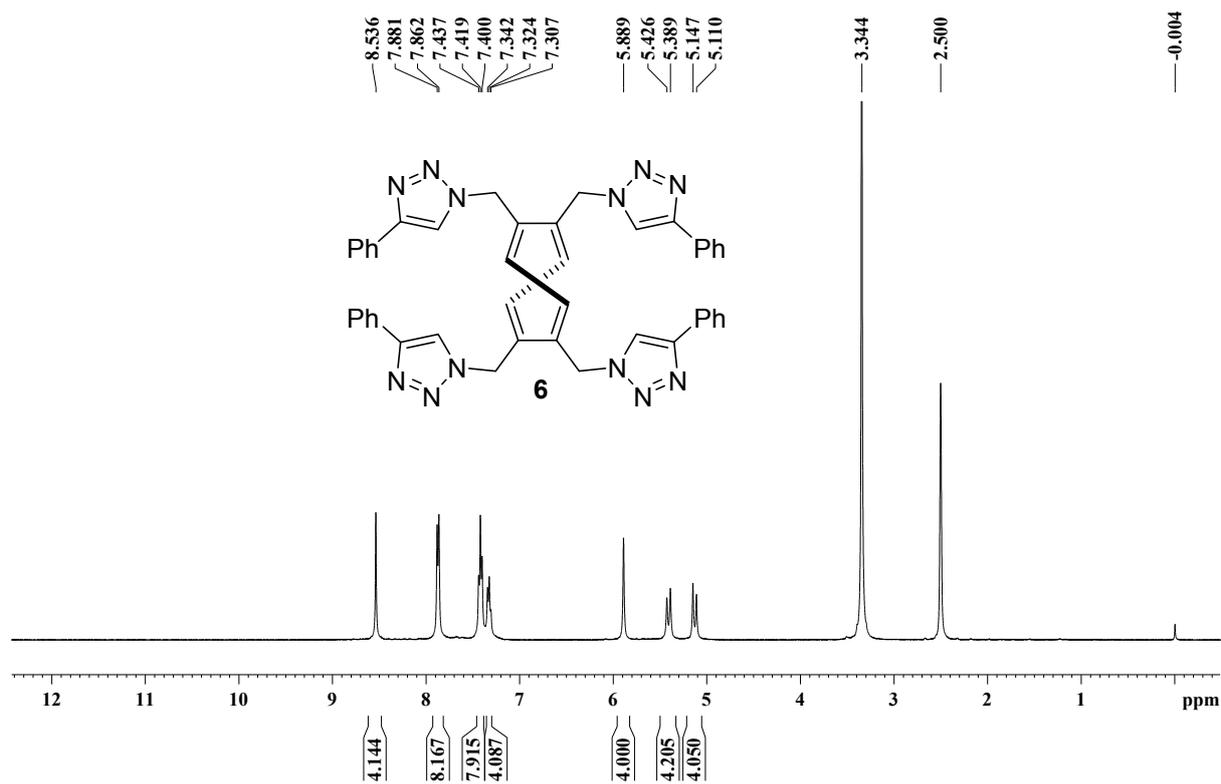


Figure 4 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

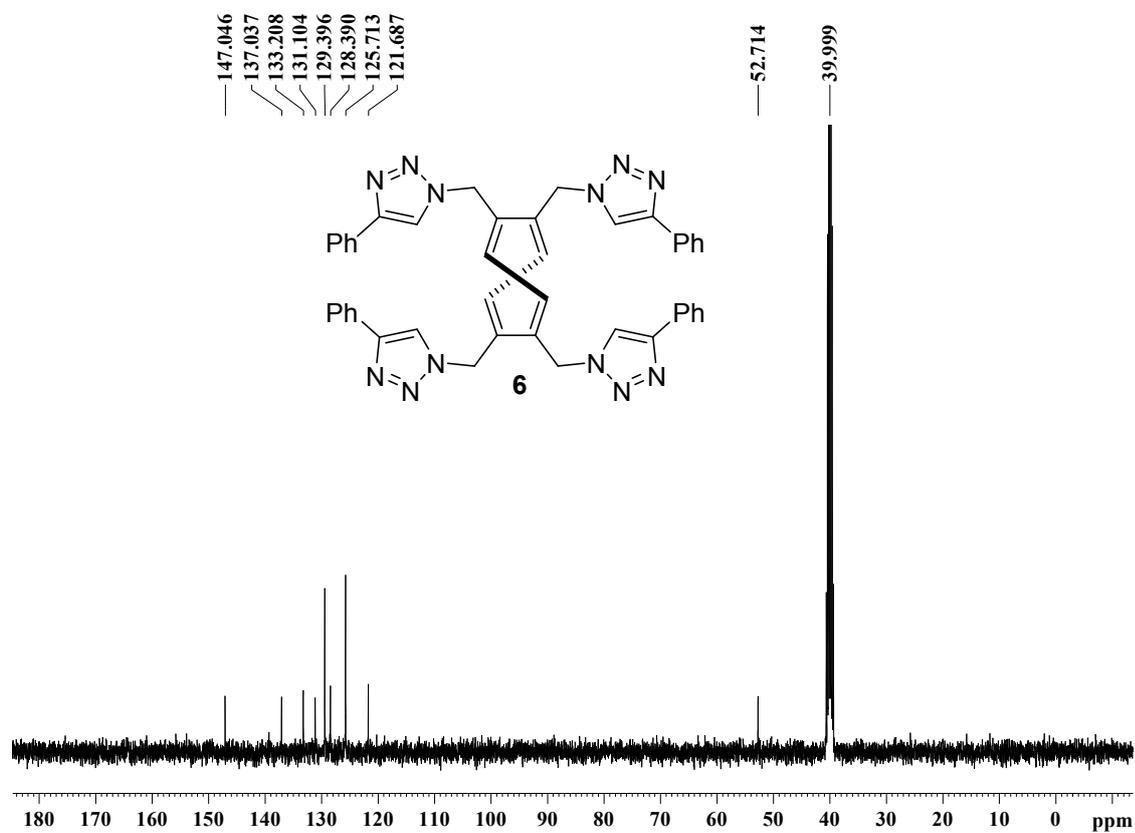


Figure 5 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **6** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

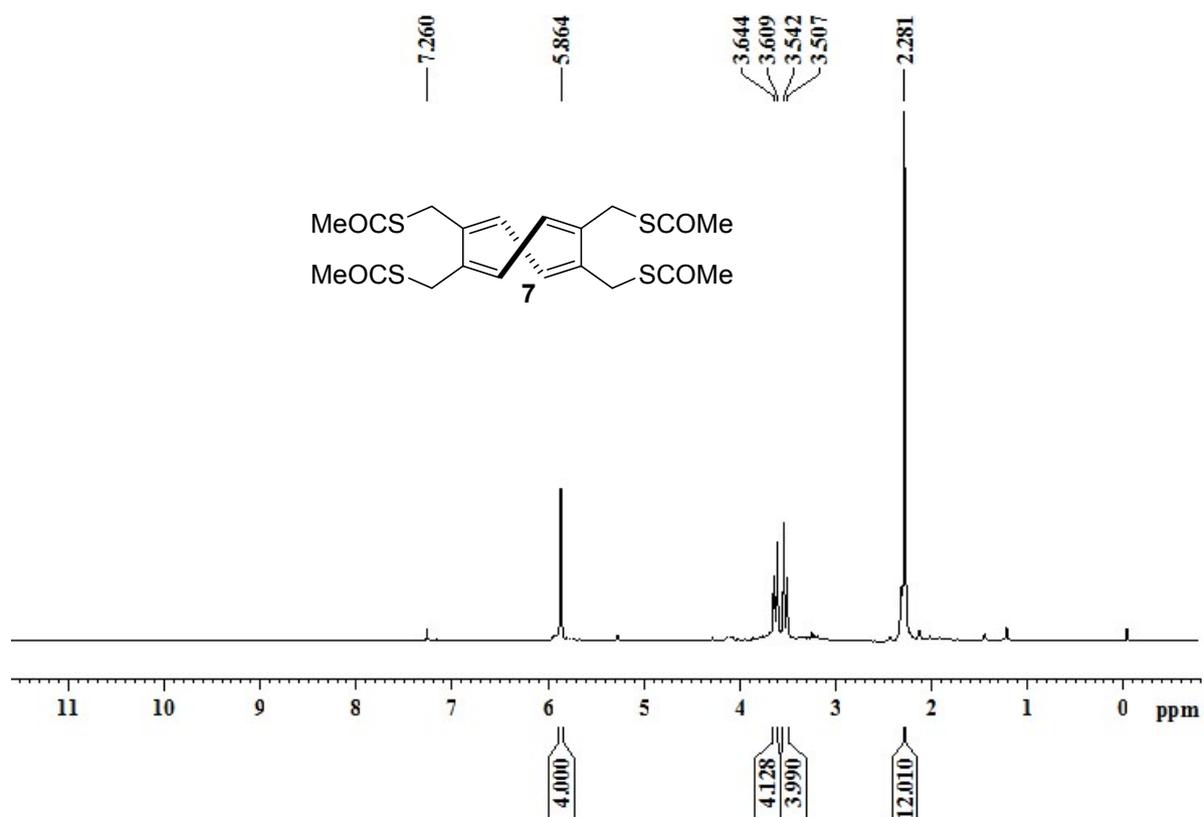


Figure 6 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **7** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

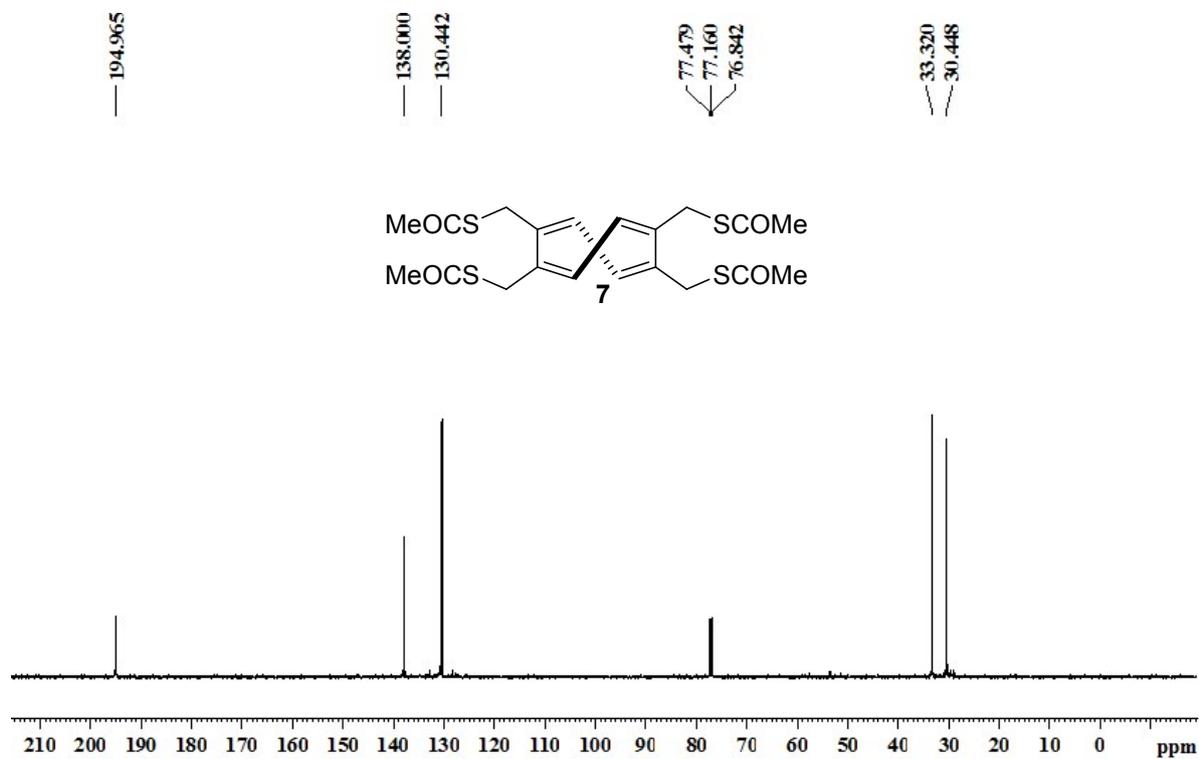


Figure 7 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **7** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

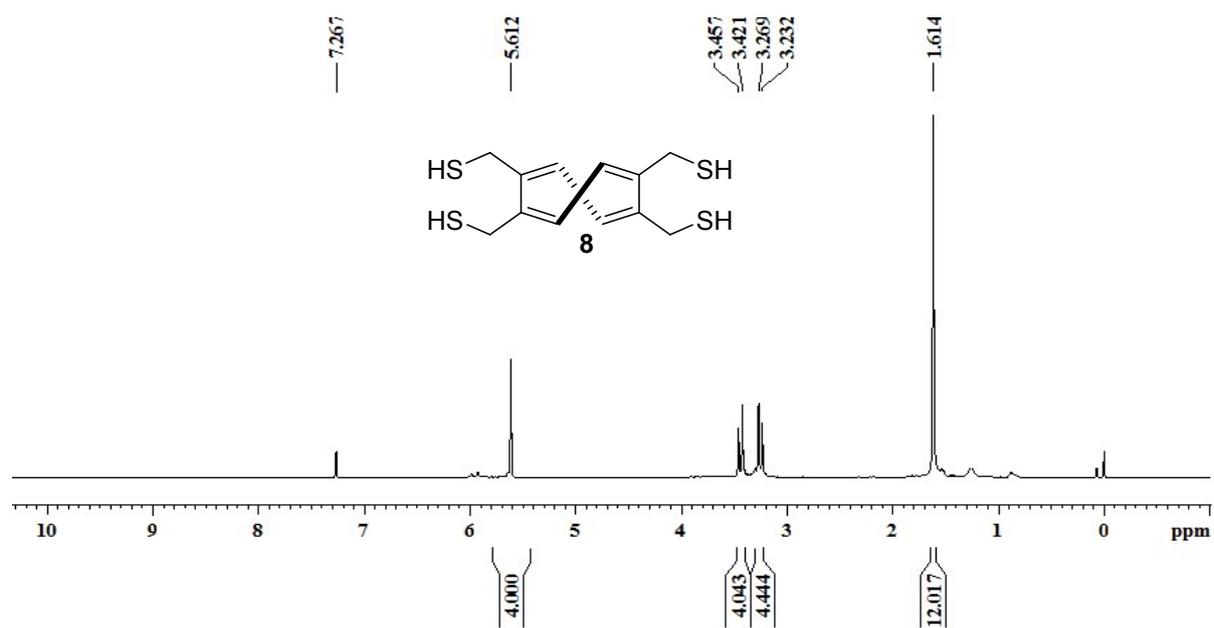


Figure 8 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

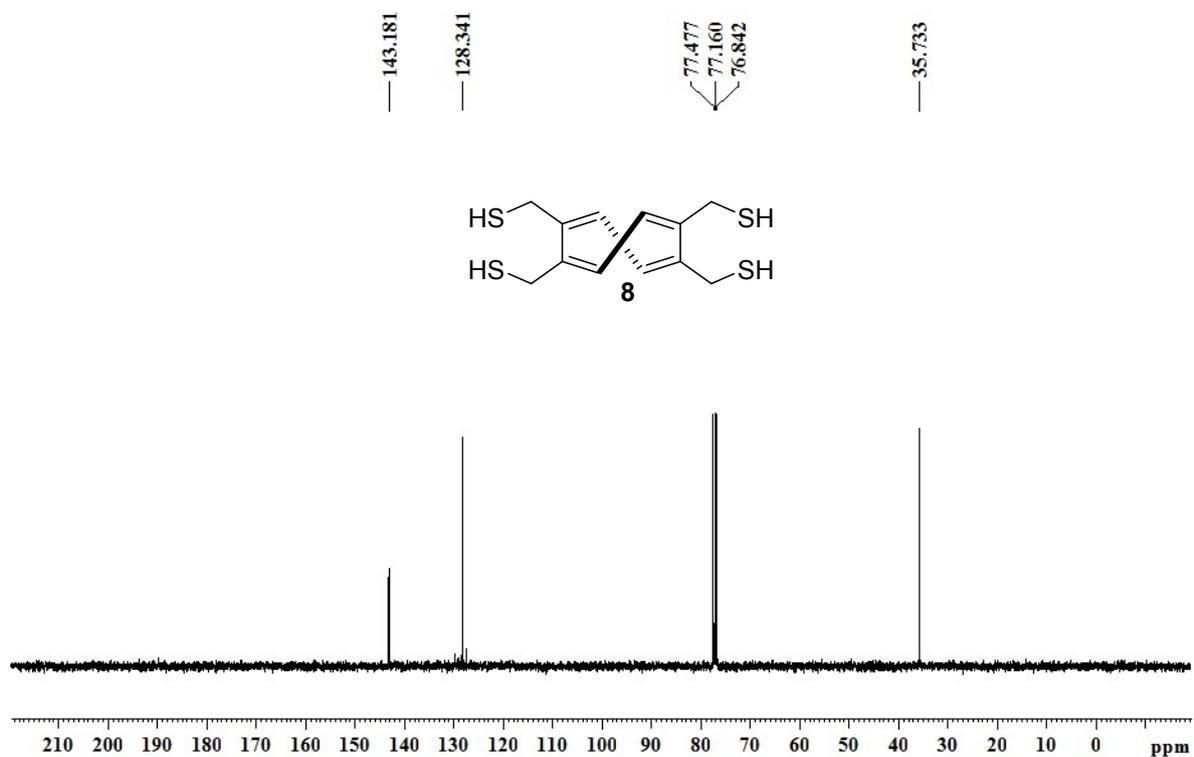


Figure 9 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

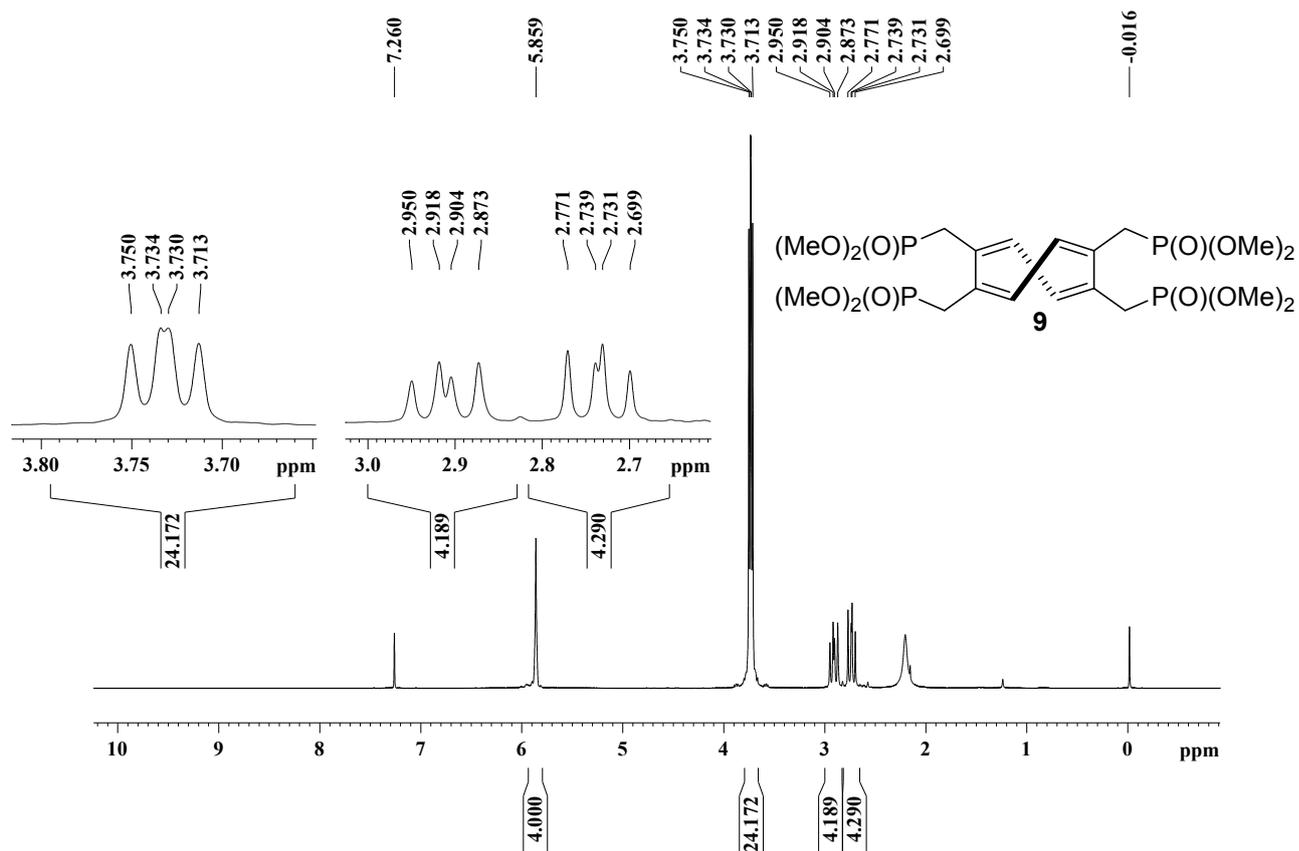


Figure 10 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

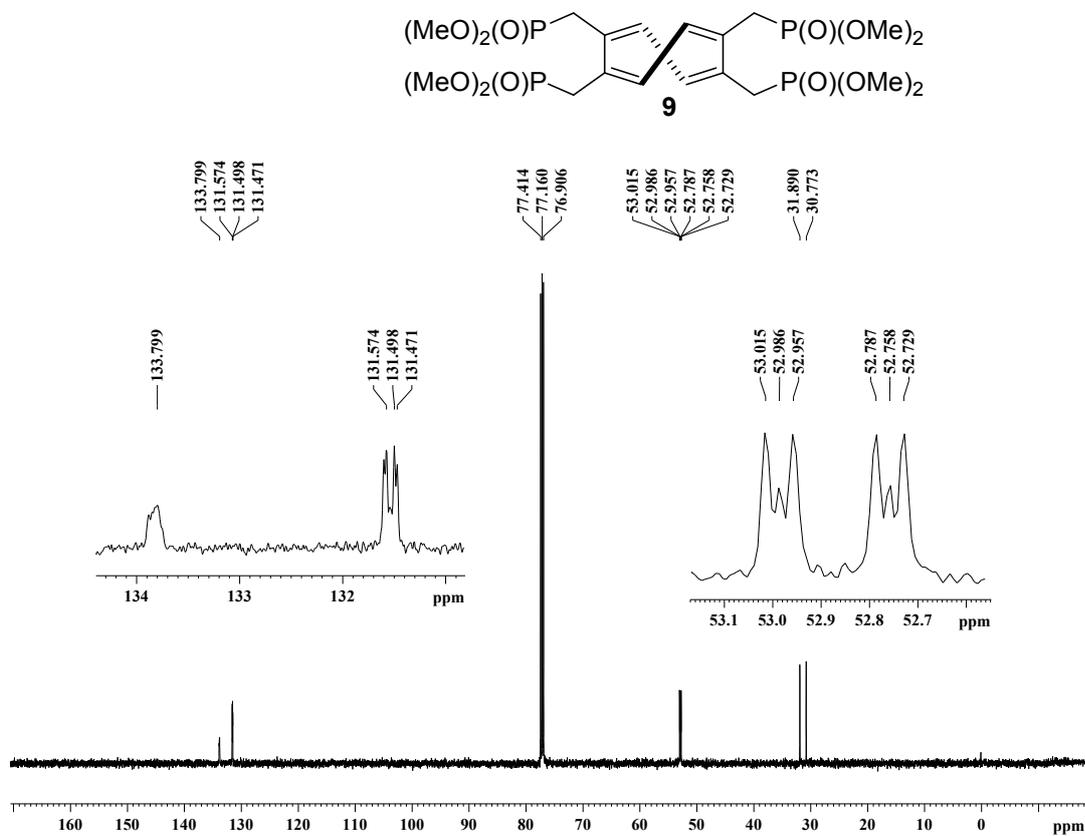
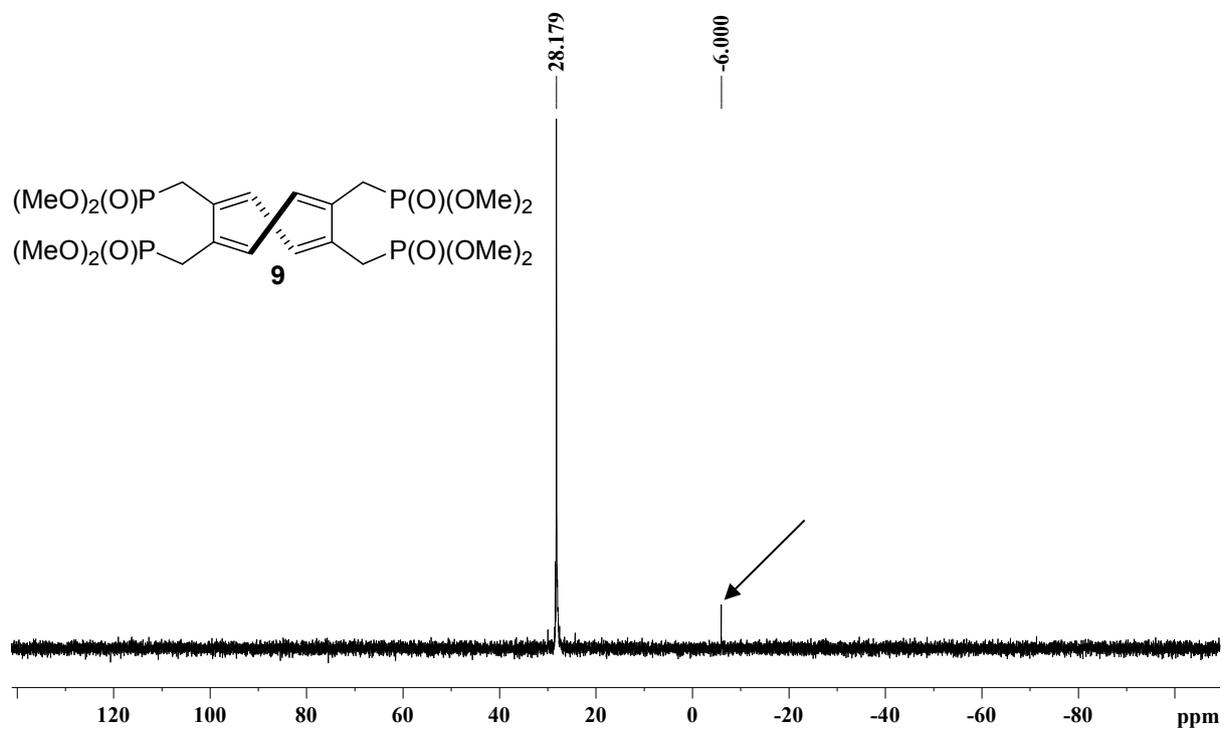


Figure 11 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure 12** 202 MHz  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of **9** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  with  $\text{PPh}_3$  as internal standard (pointed by the arrow)

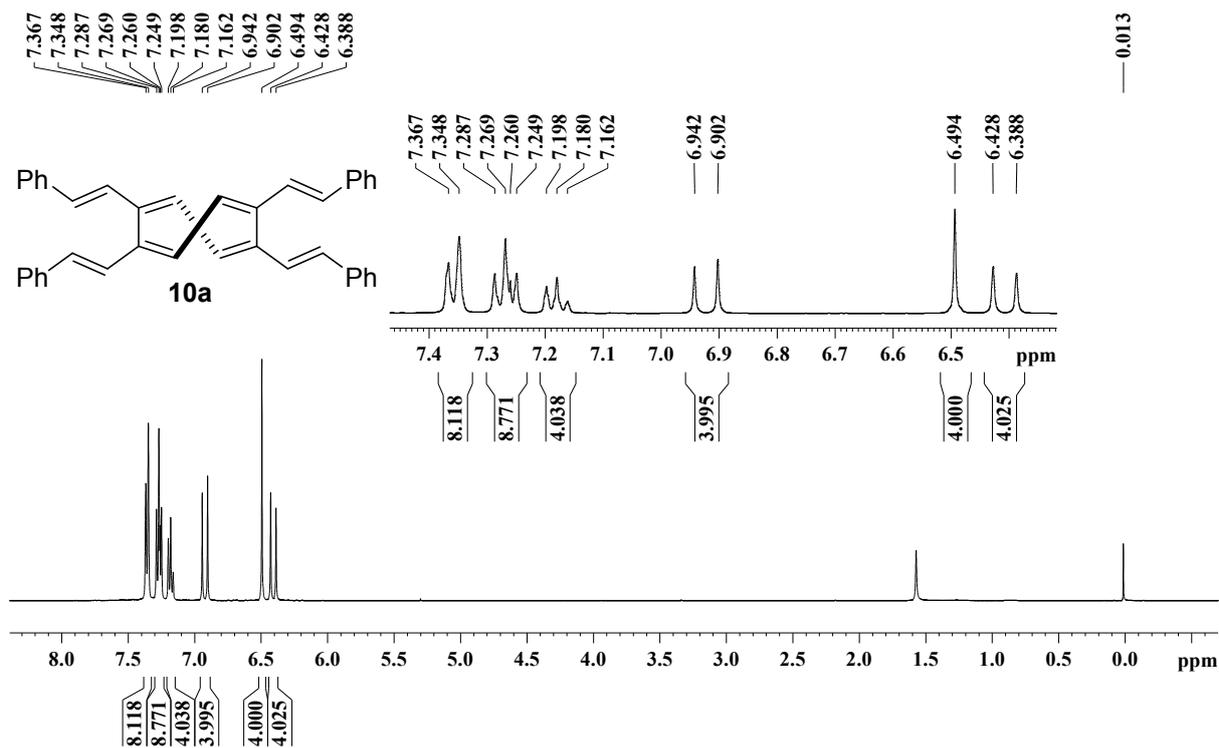


Figure 13 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

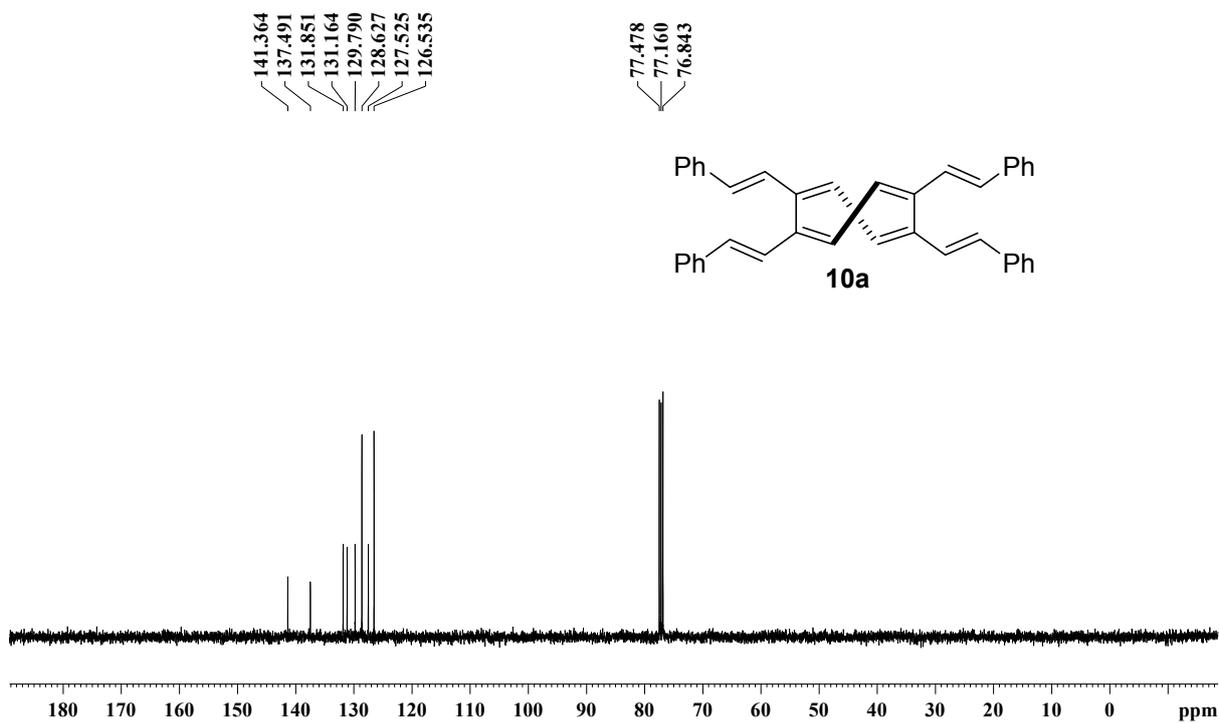


Figure 14 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

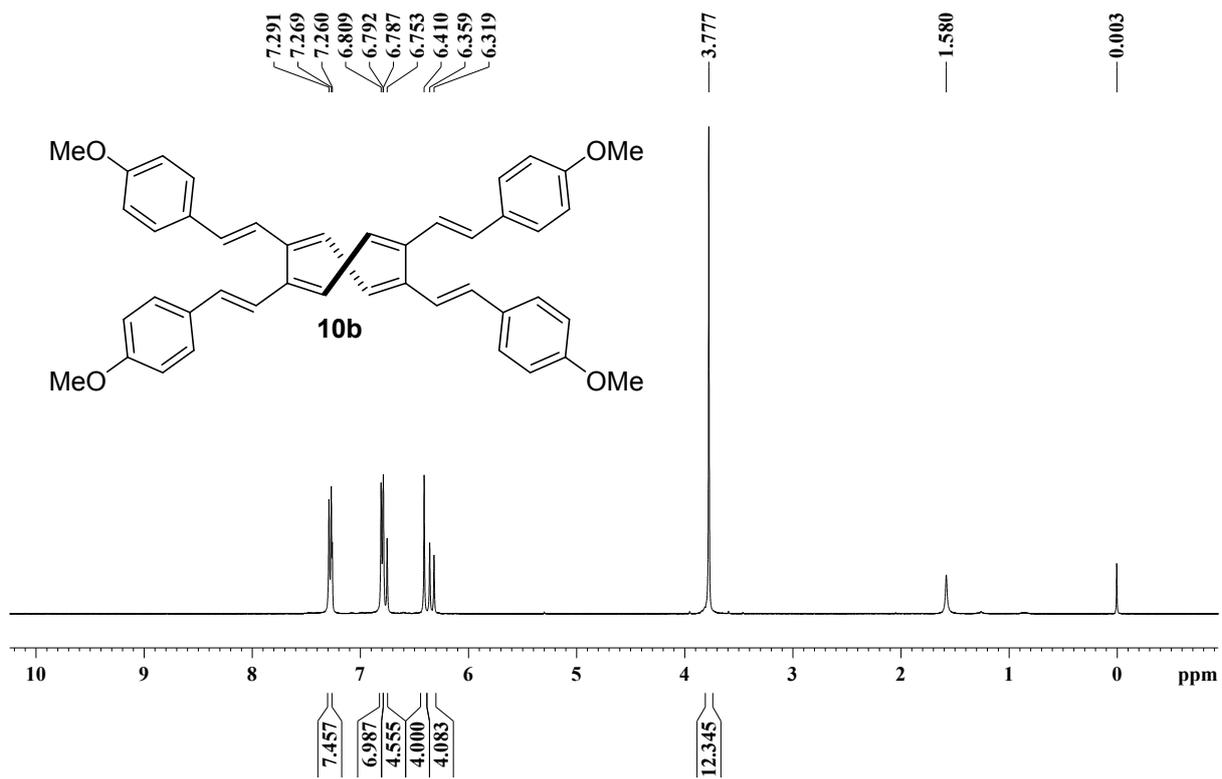


Figure 15 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

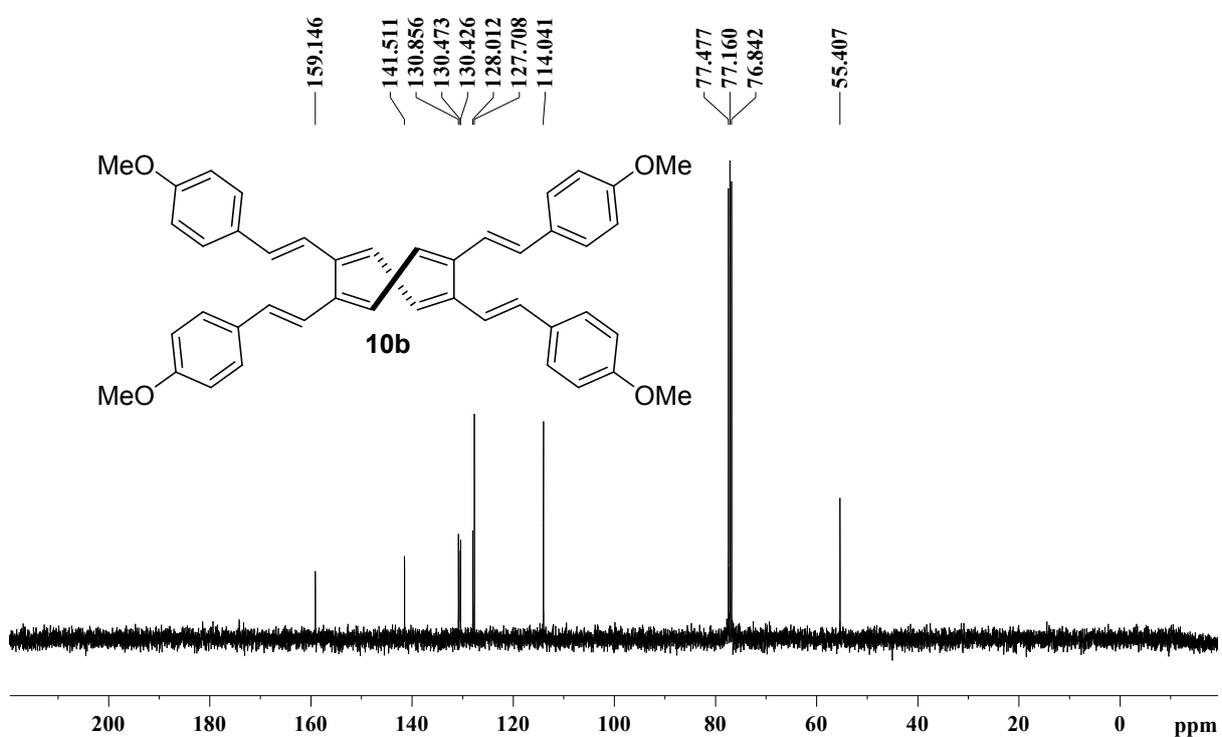


Figure 16 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

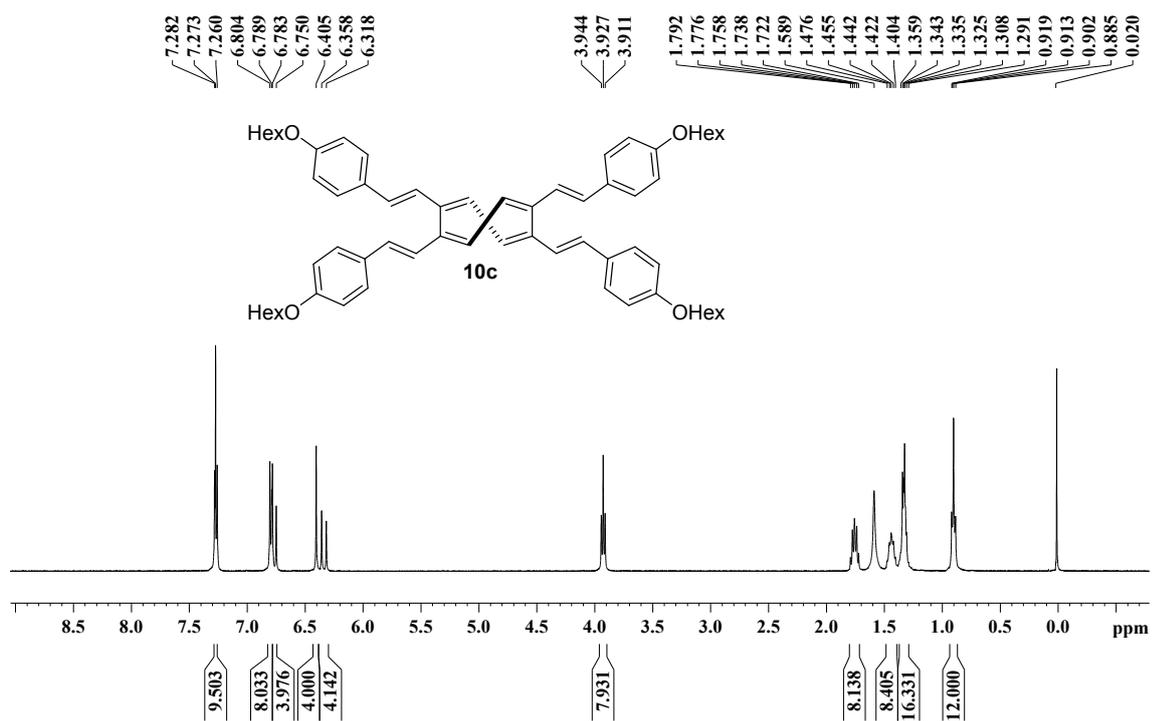


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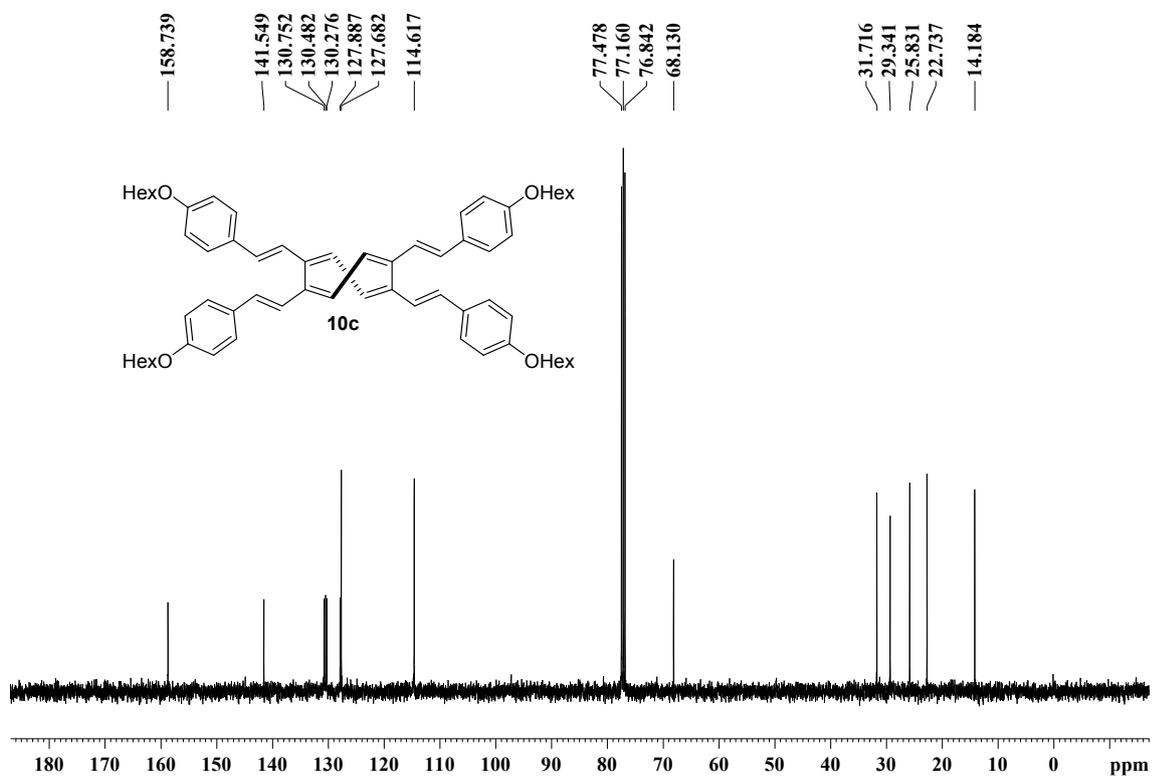


Figure 18 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

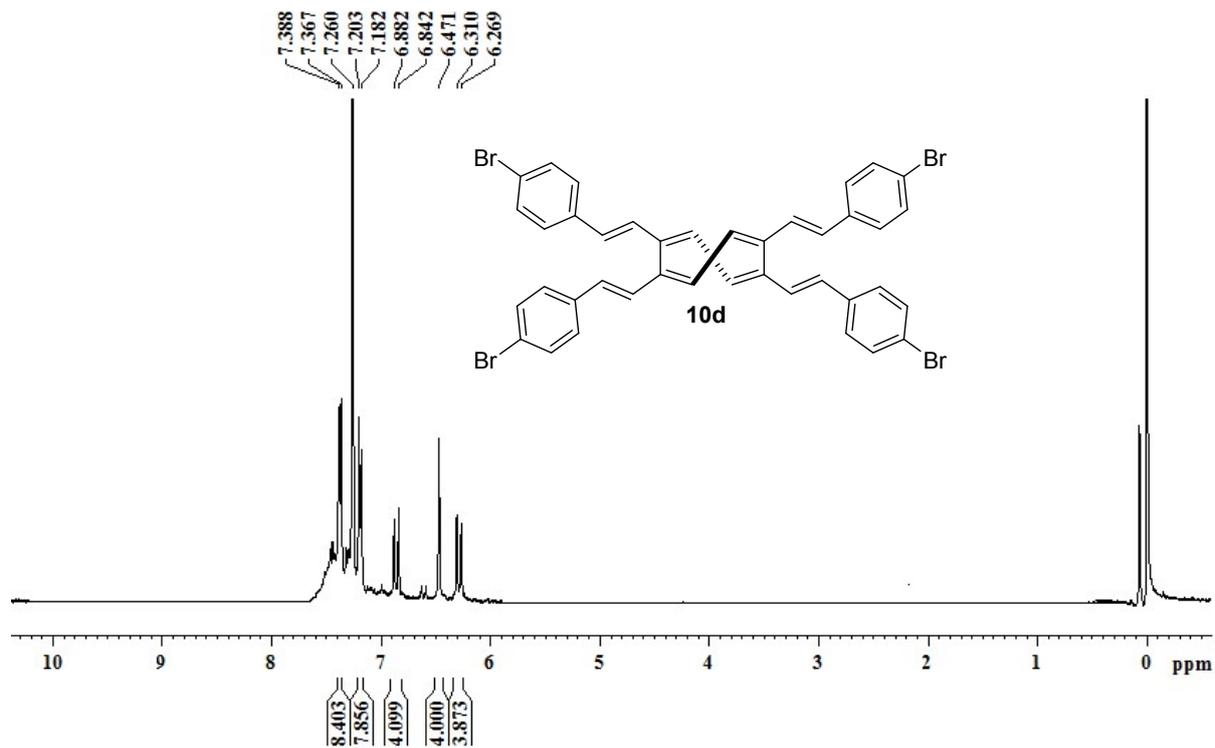


Figure 19 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10d** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

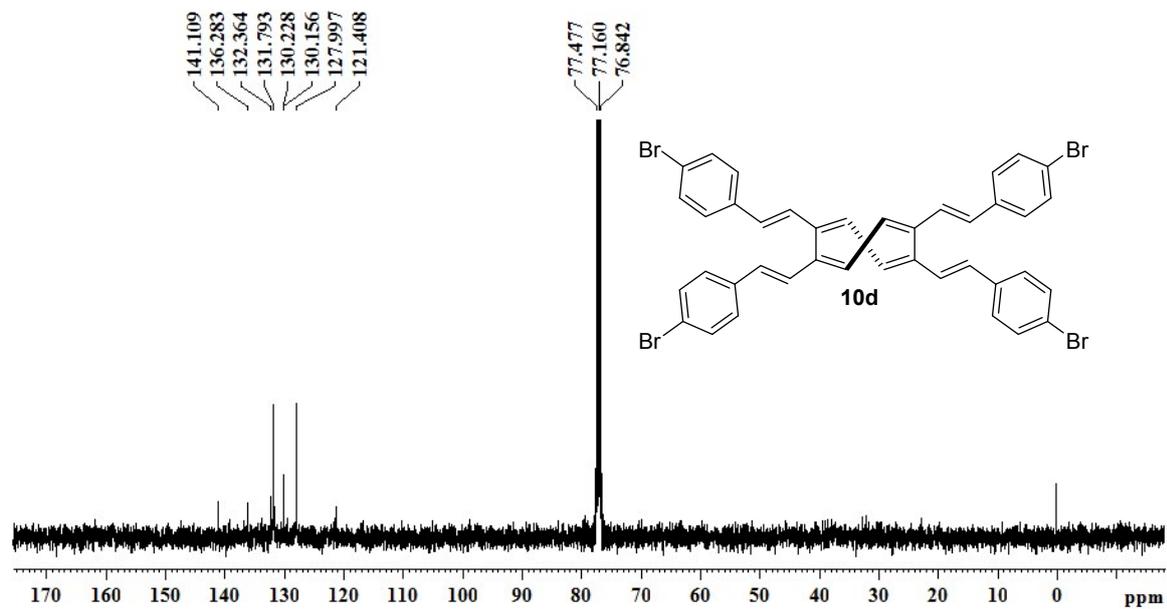


Figure 20 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10d** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

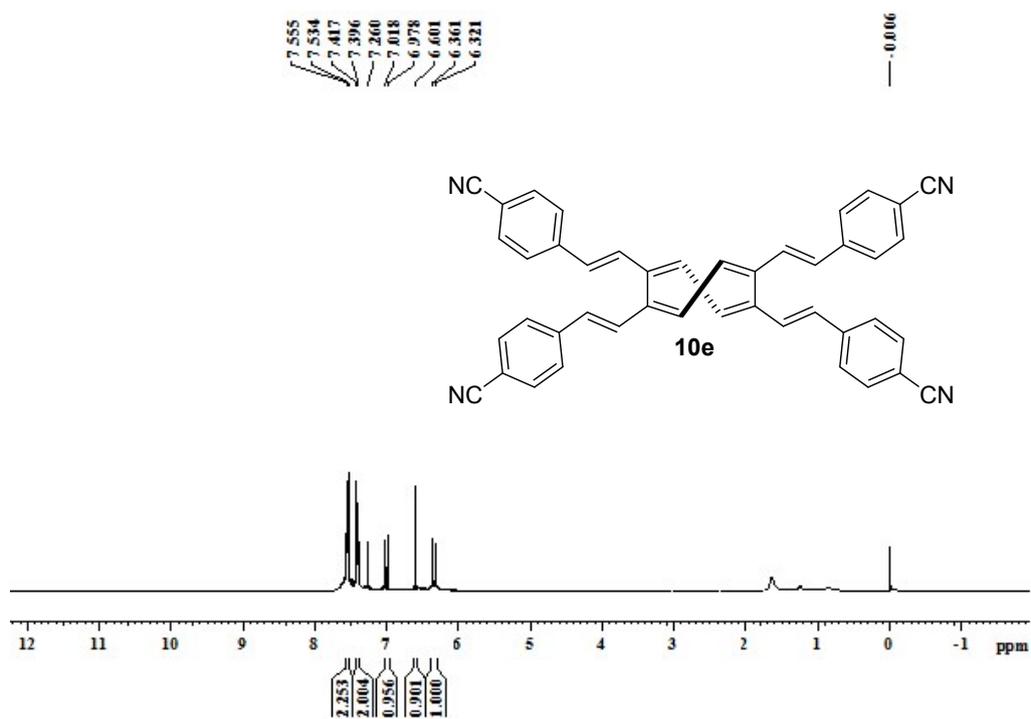


Figure 21 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **10e** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

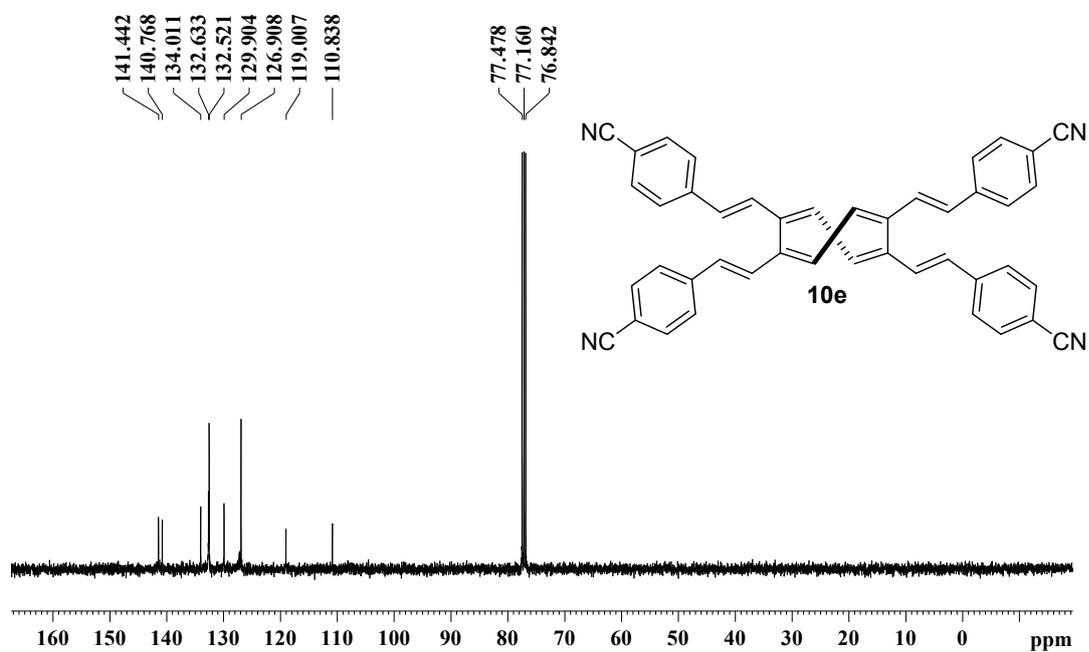


Figure 22 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **10e** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

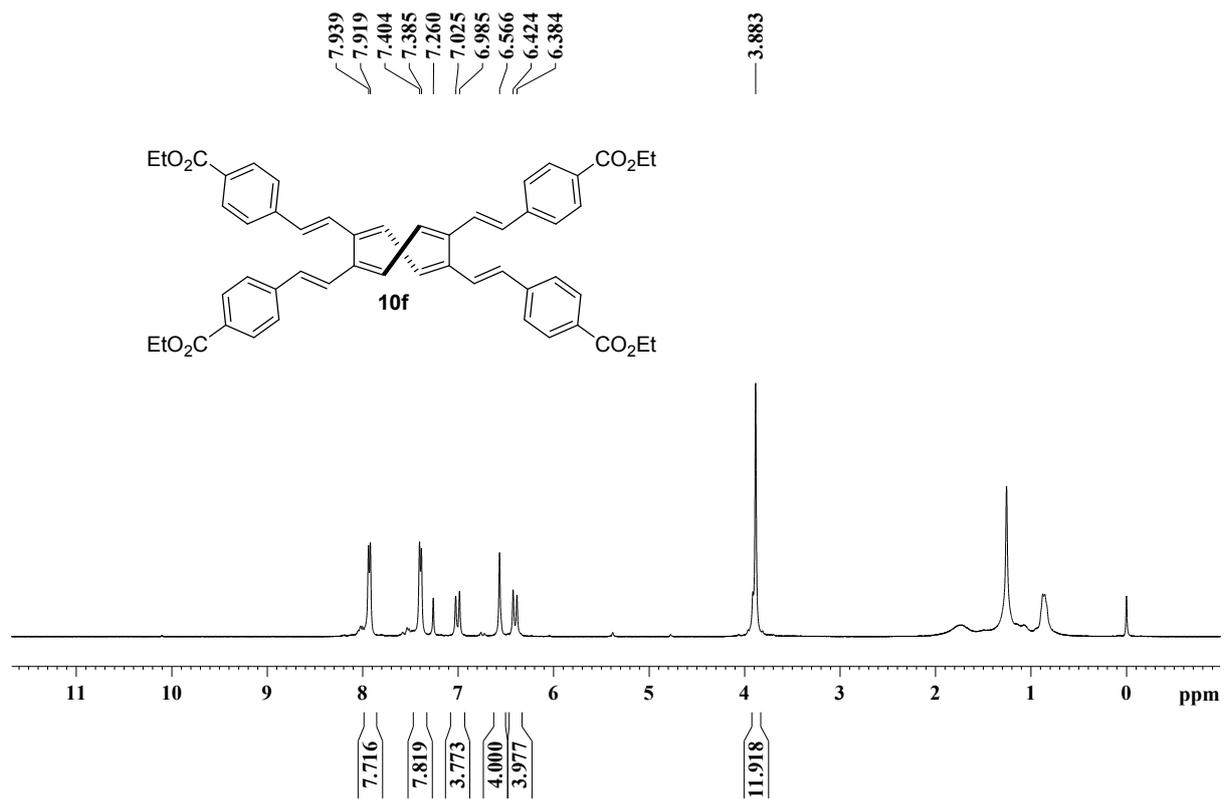


Figure 23 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10f** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

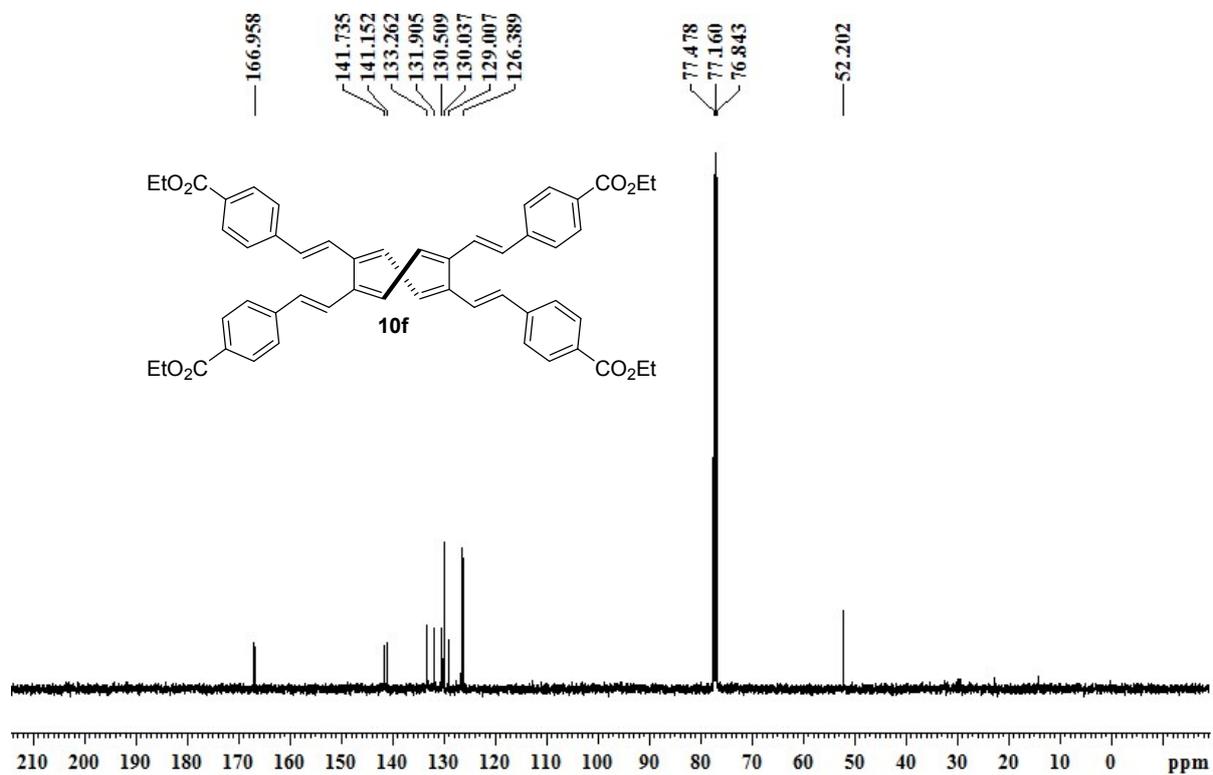


Figure 24 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10f** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

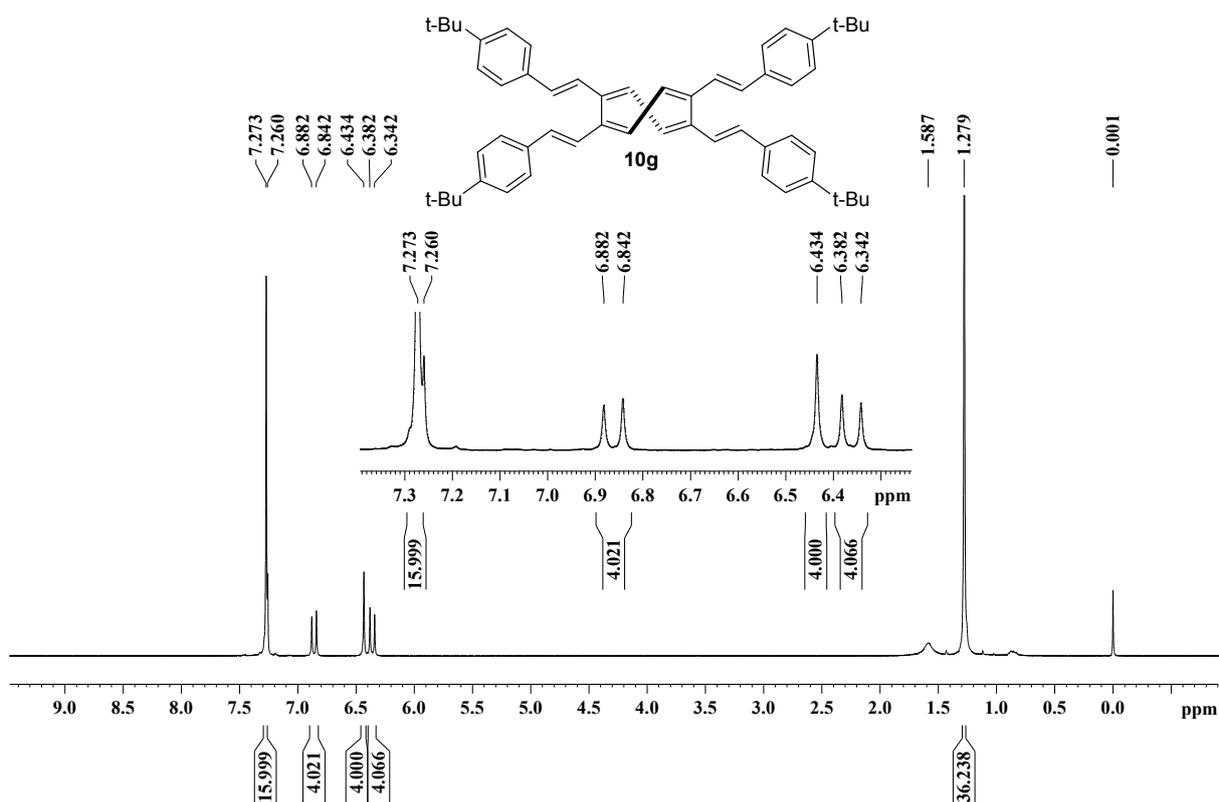


Figure 25 400 MHz  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum of **10g** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

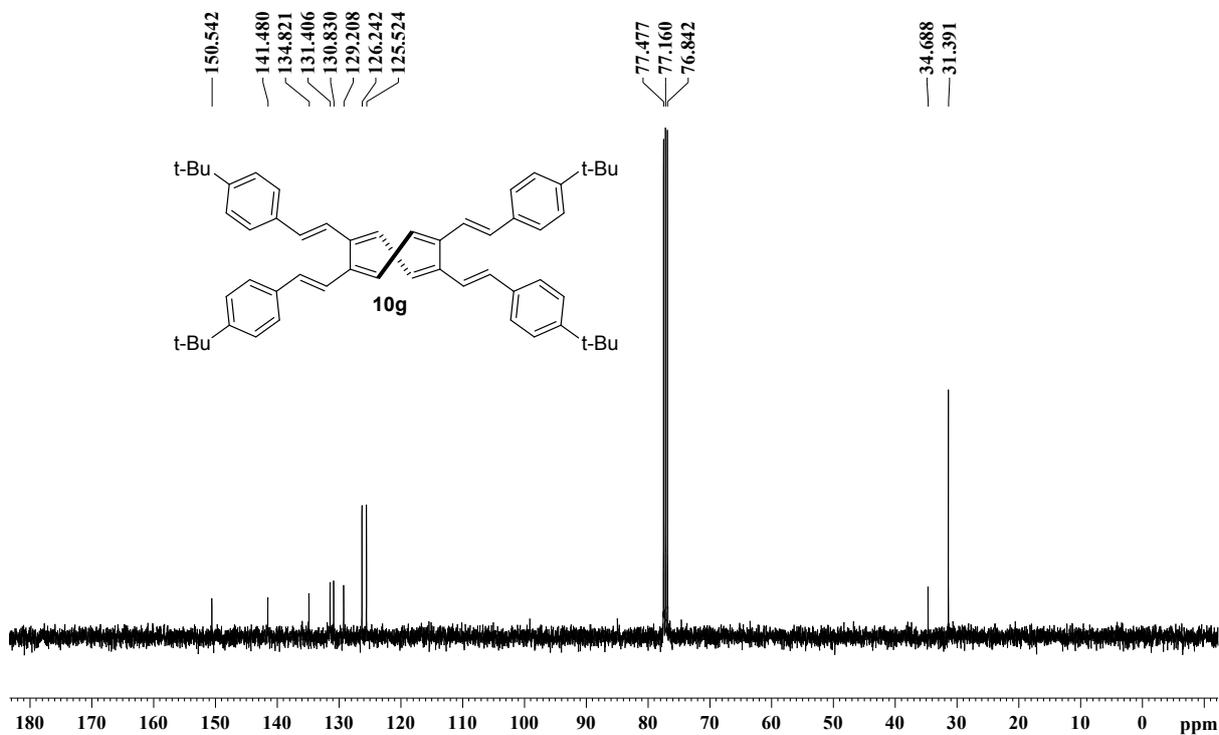


Figure 26 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  spectrum of **10g** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

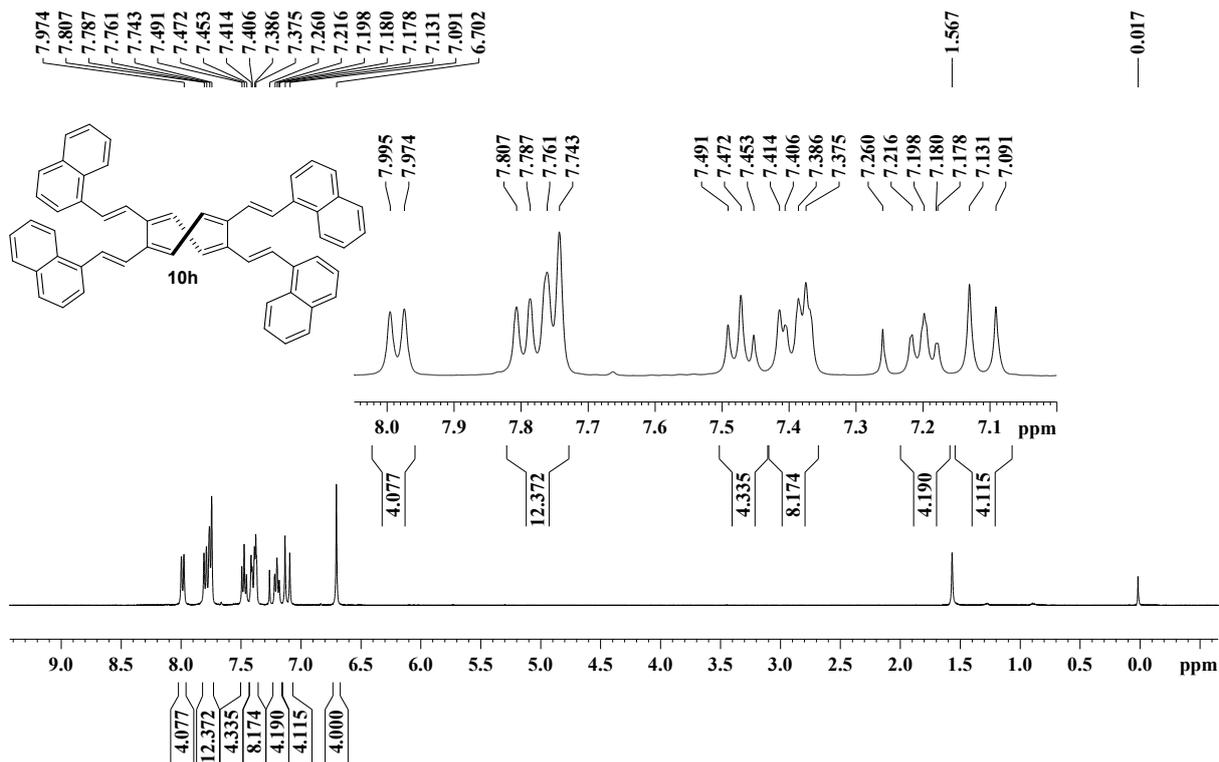


Figure 27 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10h** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

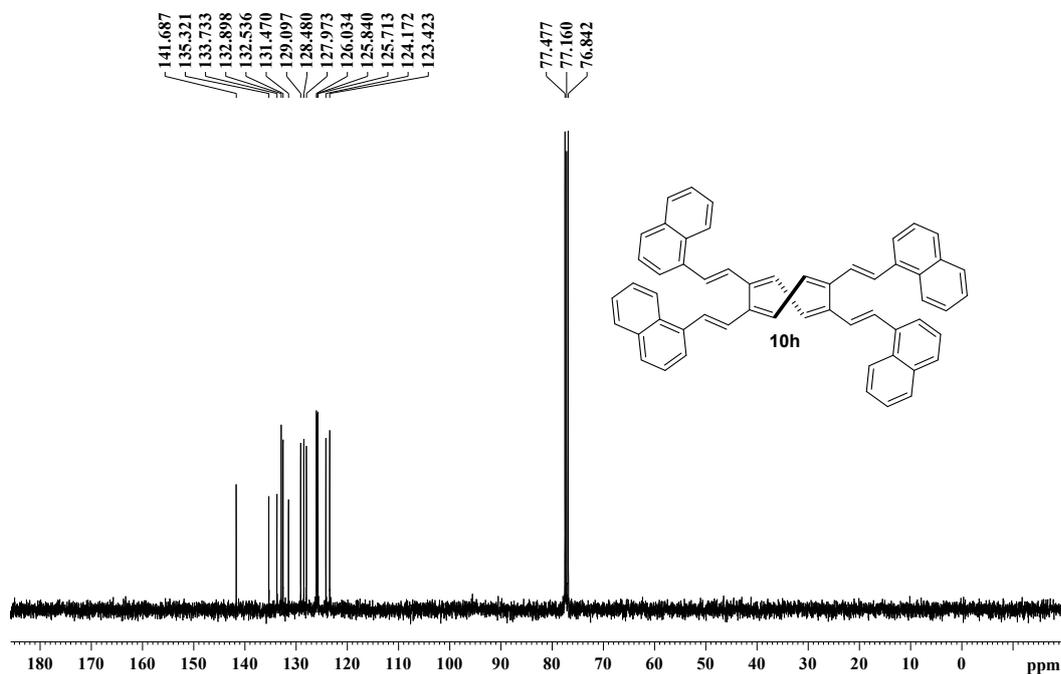


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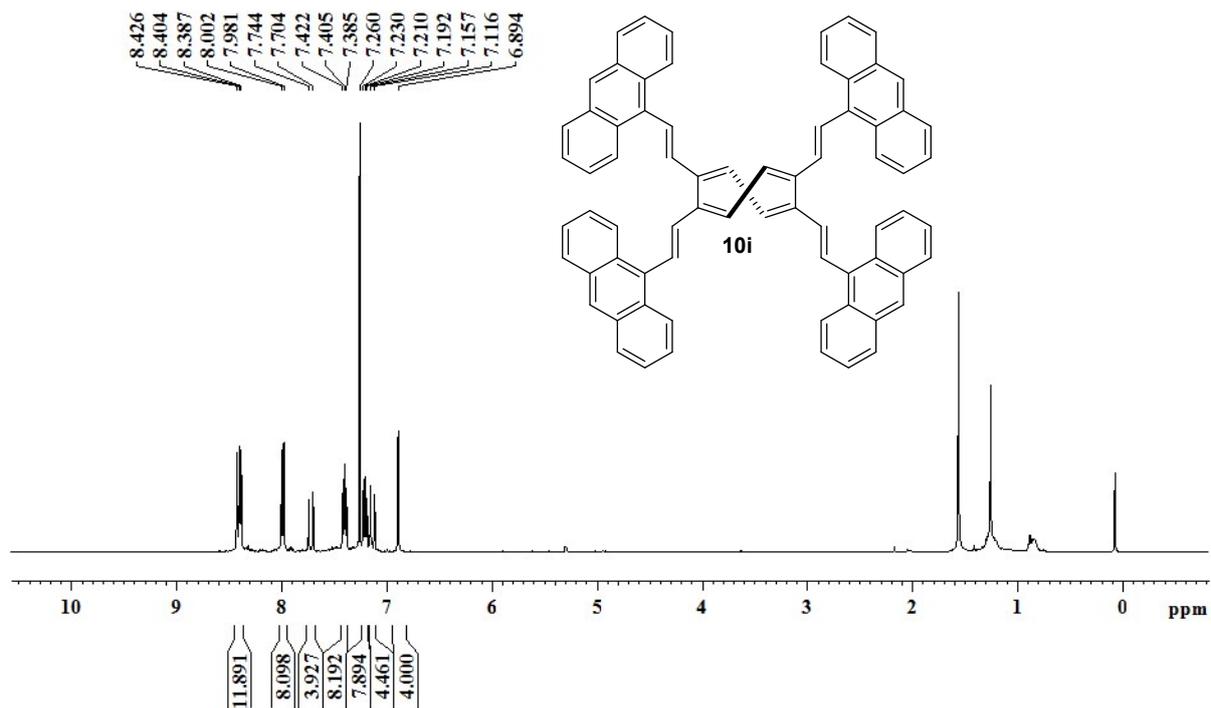


Figure 29 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **10i** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

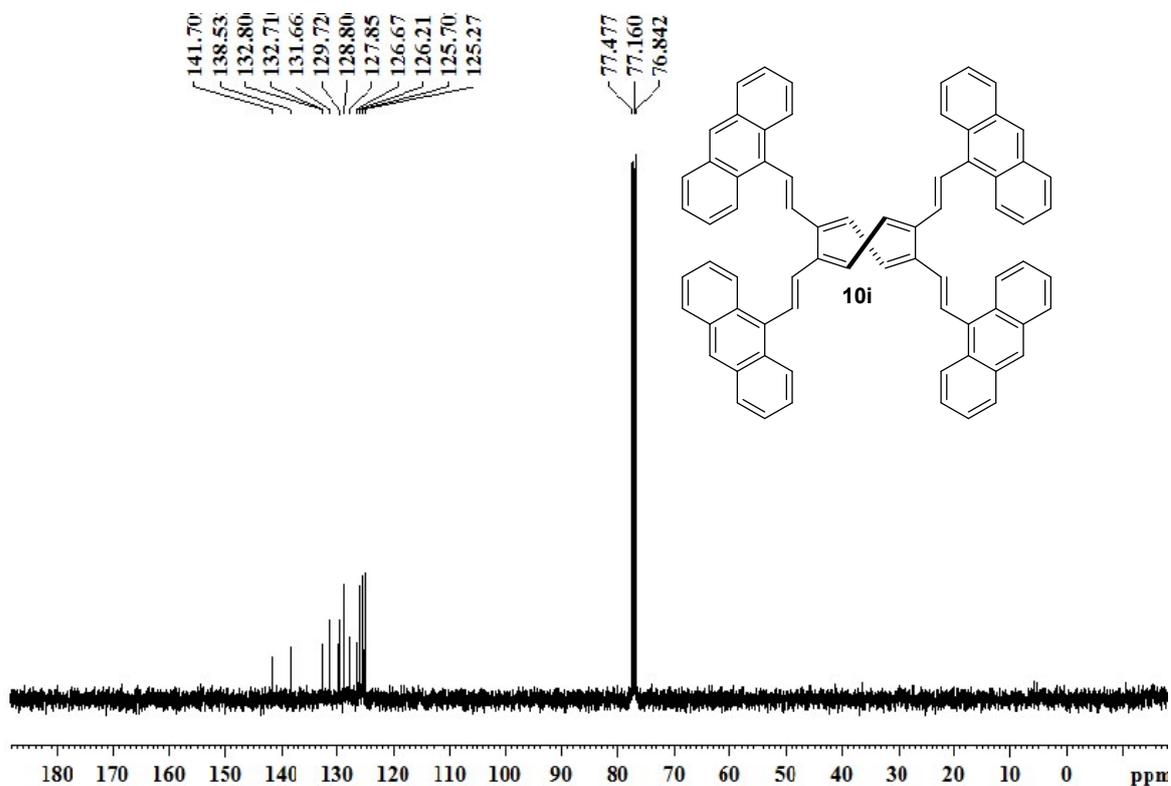


Figure 30 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **10i** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

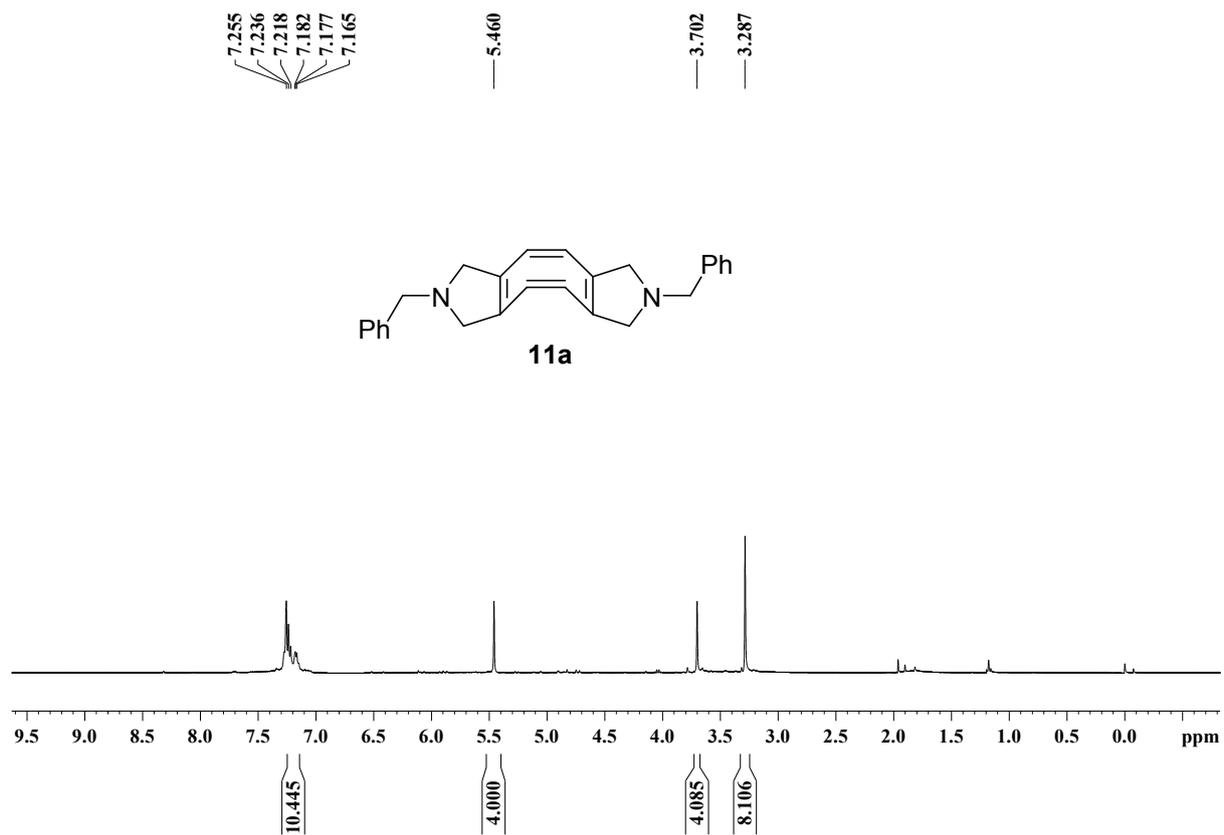


Figure 31 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **11a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

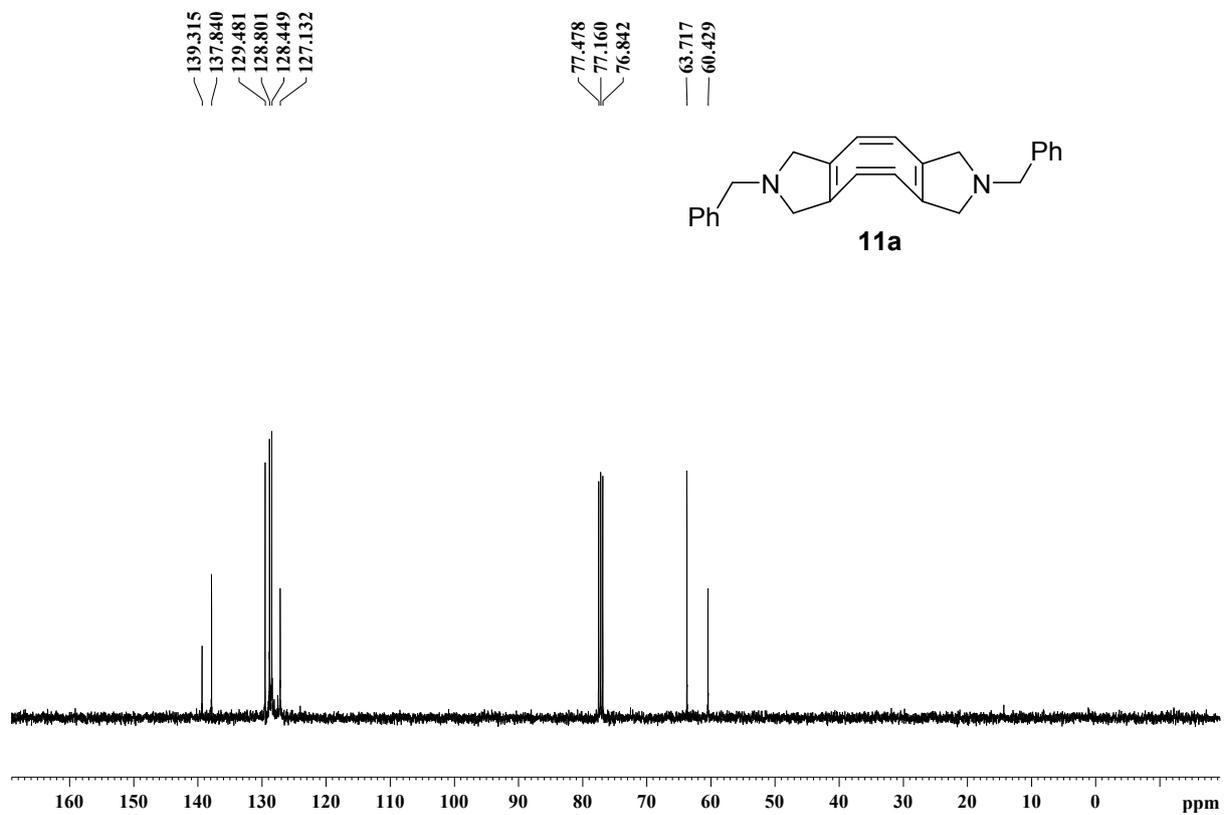


Figure 32 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **11a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

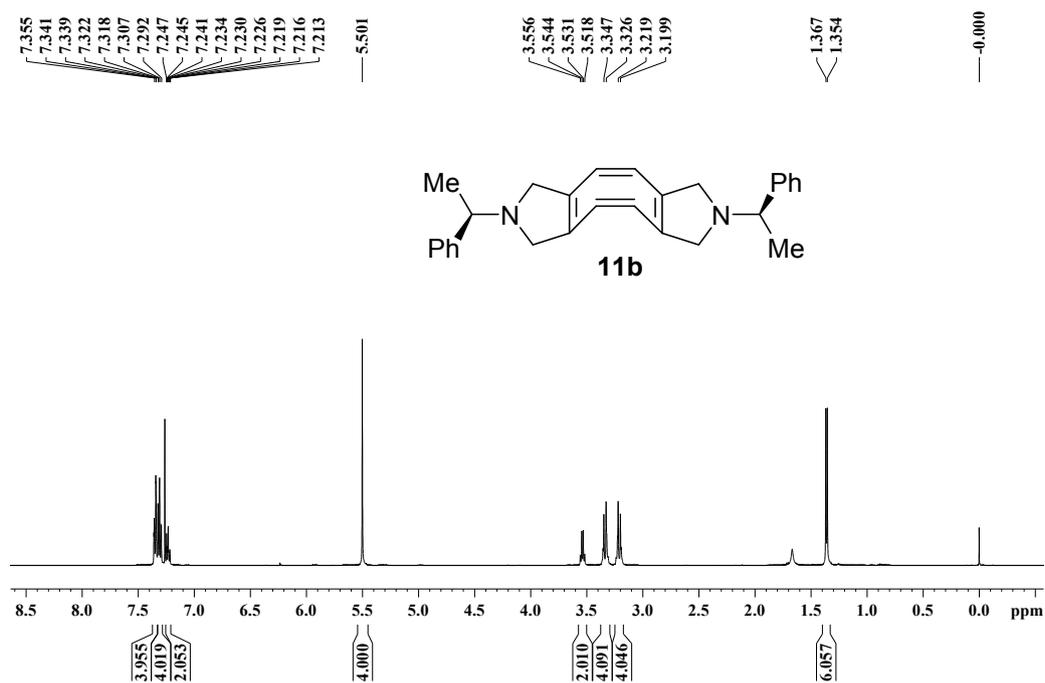


Figure 33 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **11b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

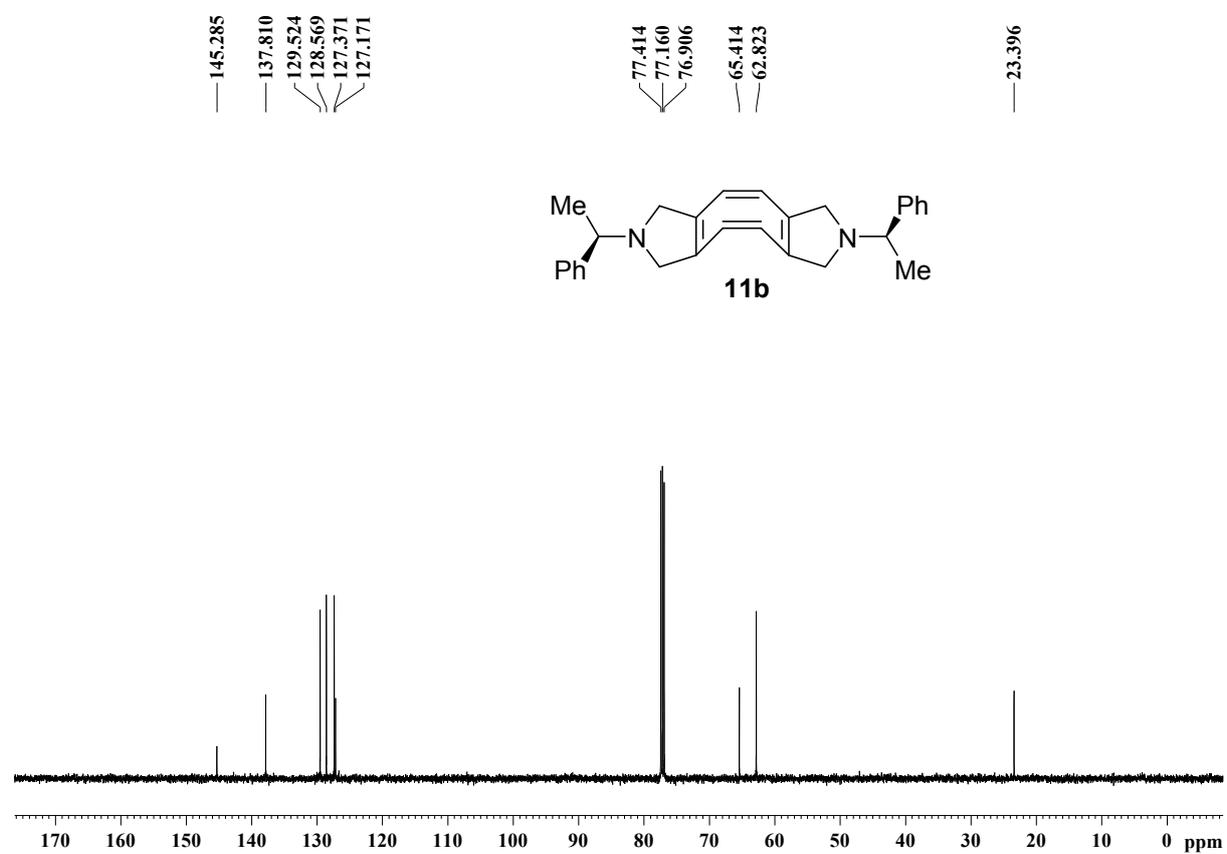


Figure 34 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **11b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

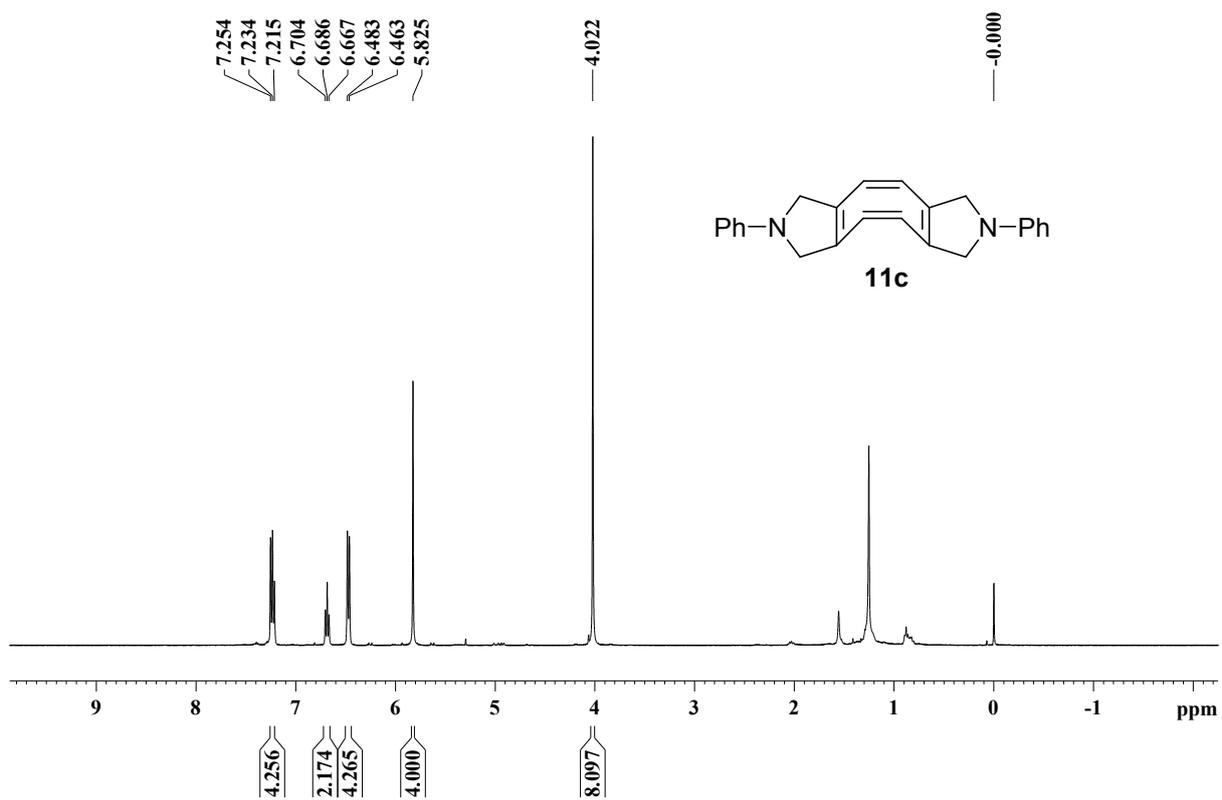


Figure 35 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **11c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

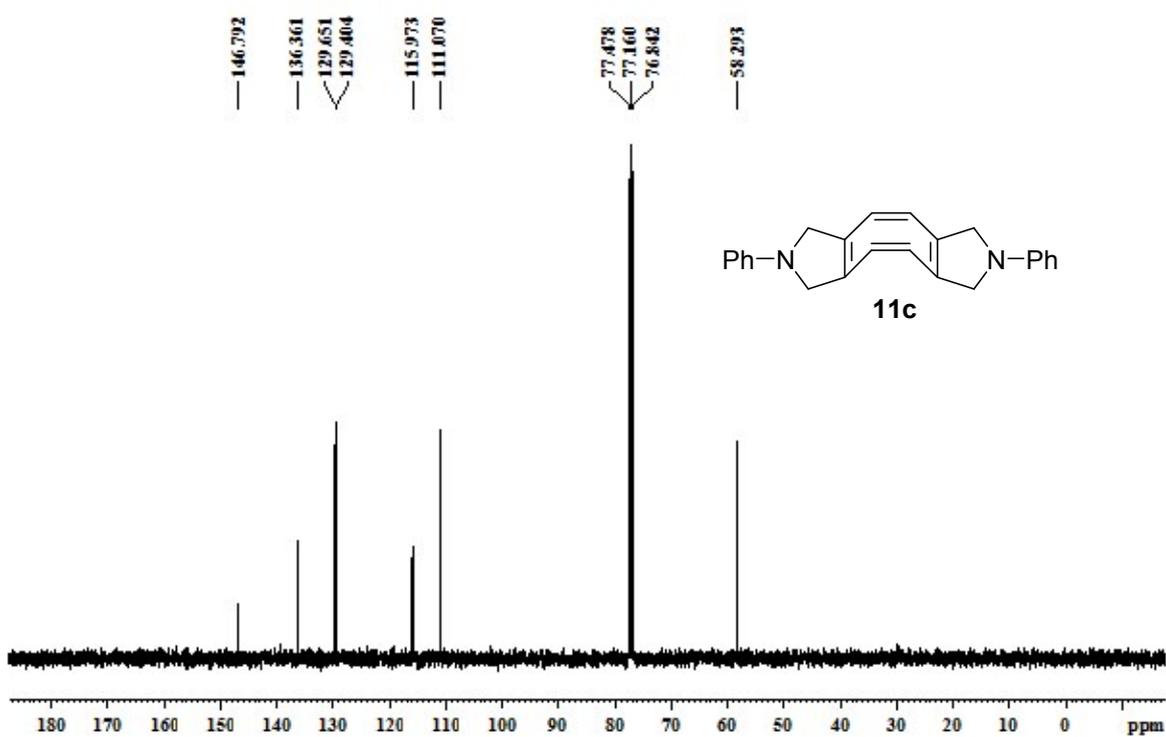


Figure 36 100 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **11c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

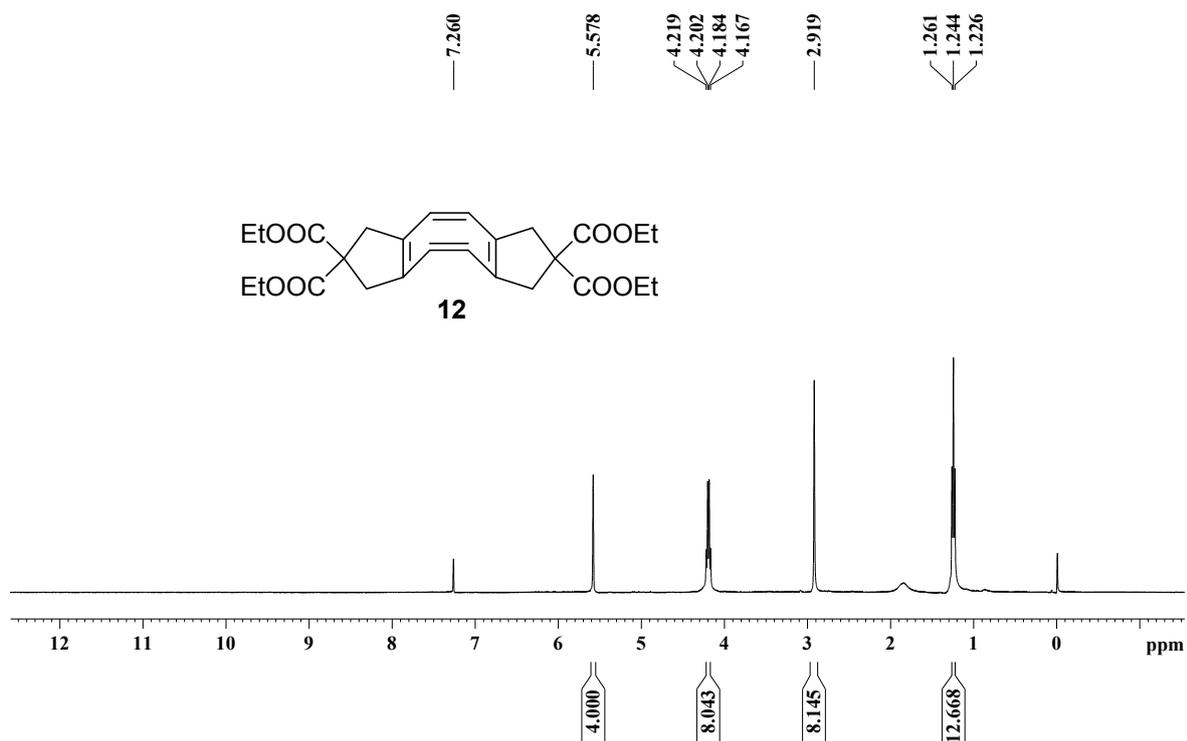


Figure 37 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **12** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

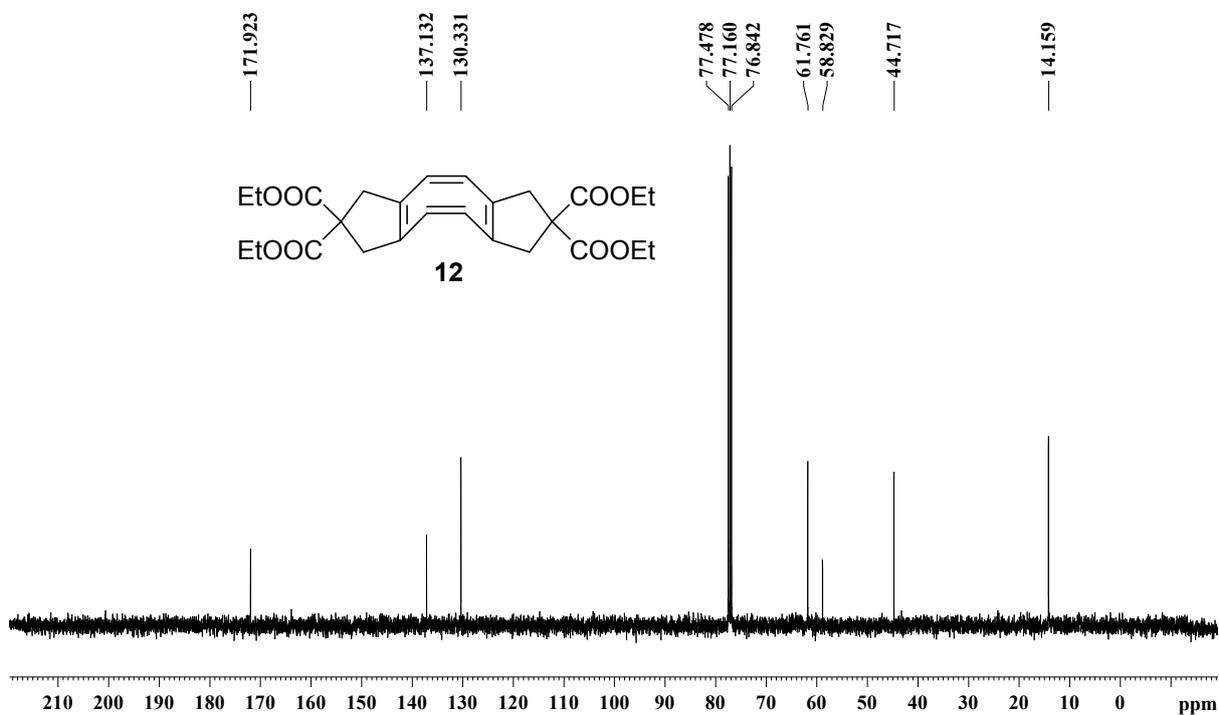


Figure 38 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **12** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

**Single crystal X-ray crystallographic data:**

Single crystals of Compounds **1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10a, 11b** suitable for XRD studies have been taken from the synthesized compounds. The crystals of compounds **1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10a, 11b** were grown by slow evaporation of solvents- methanol, chloroform, chloroform/hexane(1:1), chloroform/acetone(1:1), dichloromethane, ethylacetate/hexane (1:1), chloroform respectively at room temperature over a period of 1-4 days.

X-ray data of **1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10a, 11b** were collected by Bruker AXS (Kappa Apex 2) CCD diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromatic Mo ( $K\alpha$ ) ( $\lambda = 0.7107$  A) radiation source. The crystals were solved by direct methods using Bruker SHELXS (Sheldrick, 1997). The Structure was refined using the Bruker SHELXTL (Version 6.12) software package.

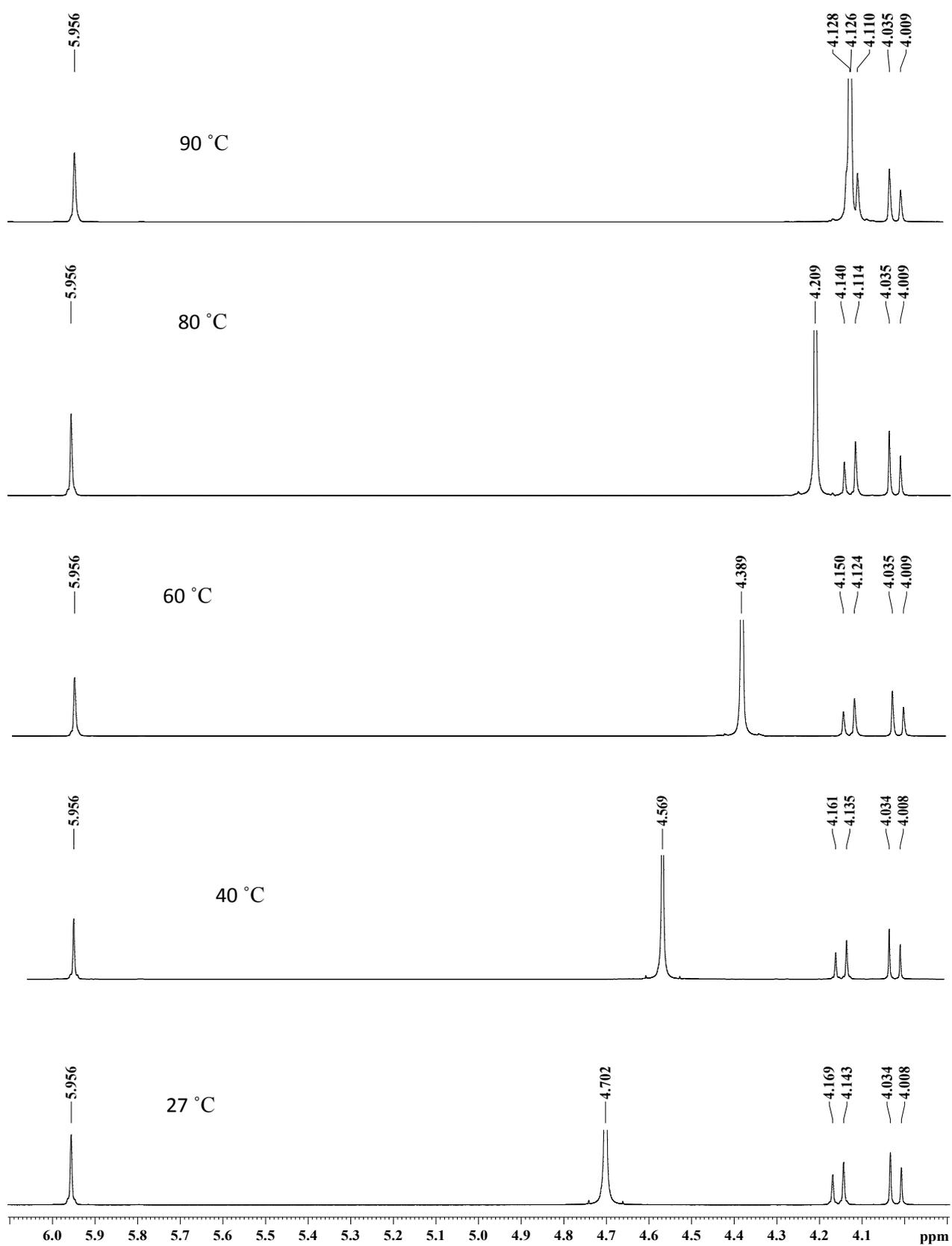
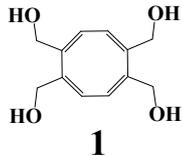
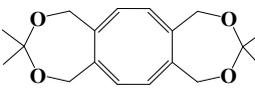


Figure 39 VT-NMR ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR, 400 MHz, in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) of tetra alcohol **1**

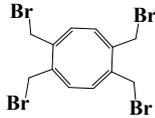
**Table S1: X- Ray Analysis data for compound 1** (CCDC number: 2026059)

Empirical formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	
Formula weight	224.25	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.6744(7) Å, α = 90 °. b = 9.2737(6) Å, β = 114.210(2) °. c = 11.2747(5) Å, γ = 90 °.	
Volume	1113.29(11) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.338 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.100 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F (000)	480	
Crystal size	0.100 x 0.200 x 0.120 mm	
Theta range for data collection	2.913 to 24.990 deg.	
Limiting indices	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -13 ≤ l ≤ 12	
Reflections collected / unique	4305 / 981 [R(int) = 0.0348]	
Completeness to theta = 24.990	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	None	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	981 / 0 / 82	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.042	
Final R indices [I > 2σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0431, wR2 = 0.0979	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0604, wR2 = 0.1096	
Extinction coefficient	0.0088(19)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.303 and -0.154 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	

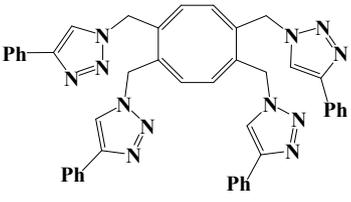
**Table S2: X- Ray Analysis data for compound 2** (CCDC number: 2026058)

Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	
Formula weight	304.37	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.9814(6) Å    α = 62.708(4) °. b = 11.3970(10) Å    β = 82.487(5) °. c = 11.8876(11) Å    γ = 73.520(5) °.	
Volume	806.03(13) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.254 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.087 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	328	
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.220 x 0.100 mm	
Theta range for data collection	1.928 to 24.991 deg.	
Limiting indices	-8<=h<=8, -13<=k<=10, -14<=l<=13	
Reflections collected / unique	11837 / 2841 [R(int) = 0.0558]	
Completeness to theta = 24.991	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	None	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	2841 / 0 / 204	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.032	
Final R indices [I>2 σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0652, wR2 = 0.1980	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0953, wR2 = 0.2217	
Extinction coefficient	0.027(8)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.381 and -0.237 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	

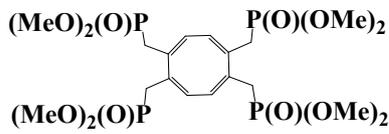
**Table S3: X-Ray Analysis data for compound 3 (CCDC number: 2026057)**

Empirical formula	C <sub>72</sub> H <sub>72</sub> Br <sub>24</sub>	
Formula weight	2855.13	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 13.2408(7) Å, α = 90.016(3) °. b = 14.8169(9) Å, β = 90.019(3) °. c = 23.1350(15) Å, γ = 94.823(3) °.	
Volume	4522.7(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	2, 2.097 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	10.652 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2688	
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.220 x 0.100 mm	
Theta range for data collection	0.880 to 24.999 deg.	
Limiting indices	-15 ≤ h ≤ 14, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -27 ≤ l ≤ 27	
Reflections collected / unique	43850 / 15423 [R(int) = 0.1486]	
Completeness to theta = 24.999	96.6 %	
Absorption correction	None	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	15423 / 12 / 865	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.171	
Final R indices [I > 2 σ (I)]	R1 = 0.0801, wR2 = 0.1433	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2562, wR2 = 0.1869	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.564 and -1.142 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	

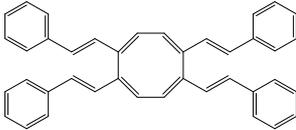
**Table S4: X- Ray Analysis data for compound 6** (CCDC number: 2023452)

Empirical formula	$C_{44}H_{36}N_{12}$		
Formula weight	732.85		
Temperature	296(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	$C2/c$		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 23.8429(11)$ Å		$\alpha = 90^\circ$ .
	$b = 14.4588(7)$ Å		$\beta = 116.4550(10)^\circ$ .
	$c = 12.0020(5)$ Å		$\gamma = 90^\circ$ .
Volume	$3704.3(3)$ Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.314 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.082 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	1536		
Crystal size	0.300 x 0.250 x 0.200 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	3.191 to 25.997°.		
Index ranges	$-29 \leq h \leq 29$ , $-17 \leq k \leq 17$ , $-12 \leq l \leq 14$		
Reflections collected	36006		
Independent reflections	3632 [R(int) = 0.0415]		
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.6 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.7458 and 0.7022		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	3632 / 0 / 254		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.081		
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0494, wR2 = 0.1170		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0810, wR2 = 0.1456		
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Largest diff. peak and hole	0.162 and -0.195 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		

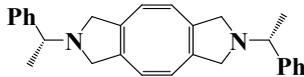
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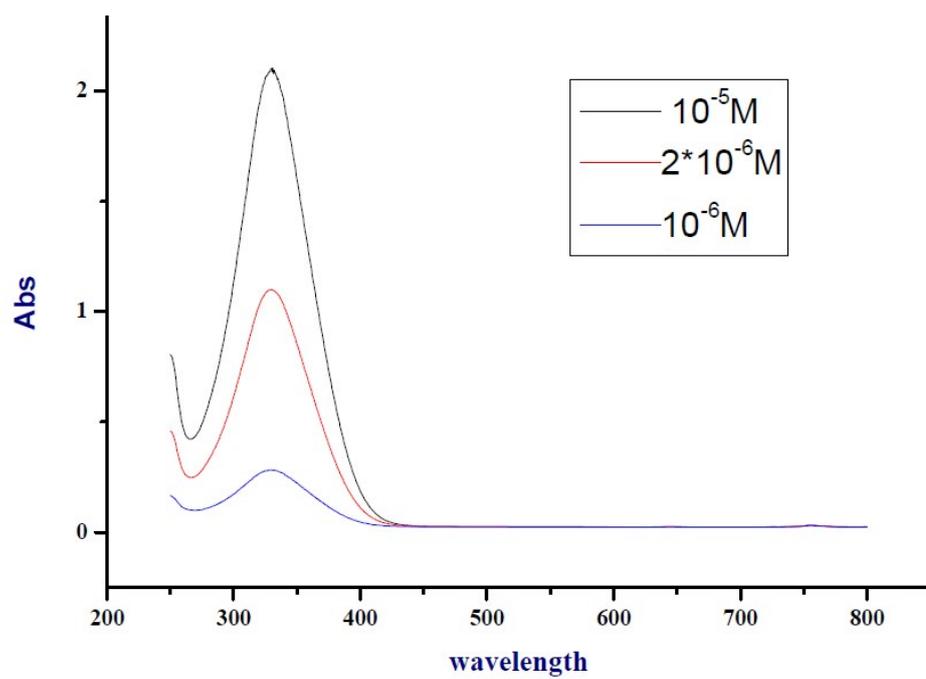
Empirical formula	$C_{20} H_{38} O_{13} P_4$	
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Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 15.6392(6) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 18.8539(9) \text{ \AA}$ $c = 12.4008(7) \text{ \AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$ $\beta = 127.7290(10)^\circ$ $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$2892.0(2) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	$1.402 \text{ Mg/m}^3$	
Absorption coefficient	$0.320 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
F(000)	1288	
Crystal size	$0.200 \times 0.200 \times 0.150 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	$2.160$ to $24.996^\circ$ .	
Index ranges	$-18 \leq h \leq 18$ , $-22 \leq k \leq 22$ , $-14 \leq l \leq 14$	
Reflections collected	26490	
Independent reflections	2557 [R(int) = 0.0371]	
Completeness to theta = $24.996^\circ$	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7461 and 0.6985	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	2557 / 62 / 191	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.070	
Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	R1 = 0.0411, wR2 = 0.0992	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0613, wR2 = 0.1168	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.336 and $-0.292 \text{ e.\AA}^{-3}$	

**Table S6: X- Ray Analysis data for compound 10a** (CCDC number: 2023450 )

Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>32</sub>	
Formula weight	12.65	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.4475(5) Å    α = 100.338(2) ° b = 12.2806(5) Å    β = 99.001(3) ° c = 12.3903(7) Å,    γ = 104.084(2) °	
Volume	1483.14(13) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.148 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.065 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	544	
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.220 x 0.100 mm	
Theta range for data collection	1.755 to 24.888 deg.	
Limiting indices	-12<=h<=12, -14<=k<=13, -14<=l<=14	
Reflections collected / unique	19603 / 5144 [R(int) = 0.0456]	
Completeness to theta = 24.888	99.4 %	
Absorption correction	None	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	5144 / 0 / 362	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.008	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0490, wR2 = 0.1054	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1036, wR2 = 0.1347	
Extinction coefficient	0.0080(14)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.136 and -0.143 e Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S7: X-Ray Analysis data for compound 11b** (CCDC number: 2023453)

Empirical formula	$C_{28}H_{30}N_2$	
Formula weight	394.54	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, P2 (1)2(1)2(1)	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.8590(5) Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ b = 17.0662(11) Å $\beta = 90^\circ$ c = 19.6709(10) Å $\gamma = 90^\circ$	
Volume	2302.6(3) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.138 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.066 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	848	
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.220 x 0.100 mm	
Theta range for data collection	1.580 to 24.994 deg.	
Limiting indices	-8 ≤ h ≤ 4, -20 ≤ k ≤ 15, -23 ≤ l ≤ 21	
Reflections collected / unique	9856 / 4034 [R(int) = 0.0384]	
Completeness to theta = 24.994	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	None	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	4034 / 0 / 274	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.979	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0459, wR2 = 0.0917	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0893, wR2 = 0.1133	
Absolute structure parameter	-0.8(10)	
Extinction coefficient	0.017(2)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.115 and -0.153 e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	



**Figure 40** UV-Vis spectrum of compound **10a** in THF (concentration shown in the inset)