

Seven-Member-Ring Based Electron-Transporting Materials for High-efficiency OLEDs

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1. molecular design concept of novel ETMs

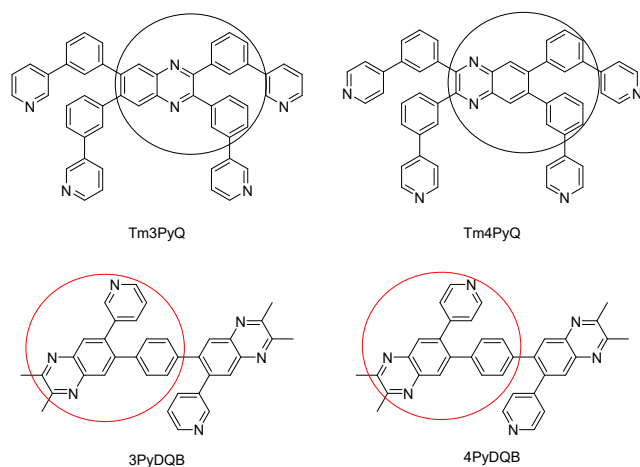


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2. ETMs synthesis

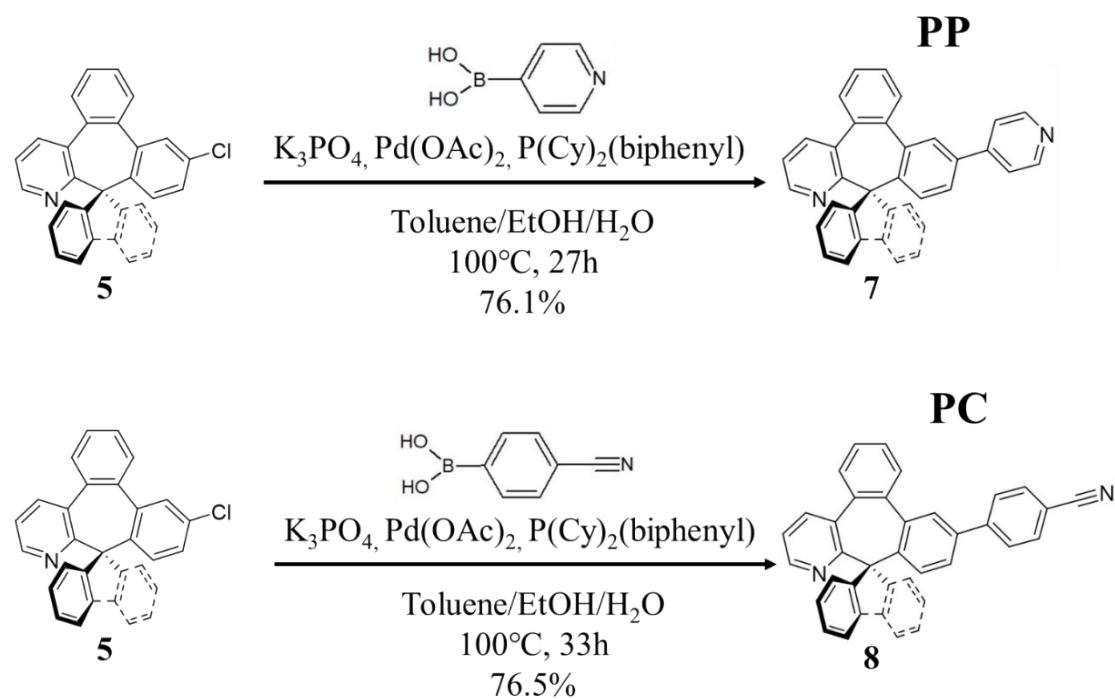
Scheme 1 shows the synthesis of the electron transporting materials, namely, PP and PC. 12-Chlorospiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene](1922.9 mg, 4.5 mmol), 4-pyridineboronic acid(633.7 mg, 5.4 mmol), potassium phosphate(4776.9 mg, 22.5 mmol) were dissolved in Toluene/EtOH/H₂O. The reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 27 h. After cooling to room temperature, the organic layer was separated to remove the solvent. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hexane/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 1/1/1) to give a light yellow crystalline powder, PP (1.607 g, 76.%).

Spectral Data of PP: M.W.: 470.58; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.64 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.55-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.5, 149.5, 148.6, 148.5, 148.0, 146.7, 146.3, 140.6, 140.3, 140.2, 140.1, 138.3, 137.6, 136.9, 134.6, 133.0, 132.2, 131.7, 129.8, 129.2, 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.1, 125.6, 125.62, 125.57, 122.7, 121.6, 119.8, 69.1; HR-MS Calcd for C₃₅H₂₂N₂: 470.1778, found: 470.1776; TLC R_f 0.25 (Hexane/EtOAc, 2/1).

As to the PC, 12-Chlorospiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene](2066.4 mg, 4.8 mmol), 4-cyanophenylboronic acid (853 mg, 5.8 mmol), potassium phosphate(5011.6 mg, 24.0 mmol) were dissolved in Toluene/EtOH/H₂O. The reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 33 h. After cooling to room

temperature, the organic layer was separated to remove the solvent. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hexane/CH₂Cl₂, 1/1) to give a light yellow crystalline powder, PC (1.816 g, 76.5%). The description regarding how the 12-Chlorospiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene], is synthesized can be referred to in the supplementary information.

Spectral Data of PC: M.W.: 494.60; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.50 (m, 12H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 148.3, 147.9, 146.3, 145.3, 144.5, 140.5, 140.4, 140.1, 139.0, 138.4, 137.3, 135.1, 132.7, 132.7, 132.6, 132.6, 132.3, 131.8, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.5, 127.5, 127.5, 127.2, 126.0, 125.9, 125.2, 123.0, 120.1, 120.0, 118.8, 111.1, 68.7; HR-MS Calcd for C₃₇H₂₂N₂: 494.1778, found: 494.1777; TLC R_f 0.36 (Hexane/EtOAc, 4/1).



Scheme 1. Schematic illustration of the synthesis of compound 7 (PP) and compound 8 (PC), namely, 12-(Pyridin-4-yl)spiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene] and 4-(Spiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene]-12-yl)benzonitrile.

Scheme 2 shows the synthesis of the electron transporting materials, namely, DPP and DPC. 2',12-Dichlorospiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene] (1664.1 mg, 3.6 mmol), 4-pyridinylboronic acid (1348.7 mg, 10.8 mmol), potassium phosphate(4617.0 mg, 21.6 mmol) were dissolved in Toluene/EtOH/H₂O. The

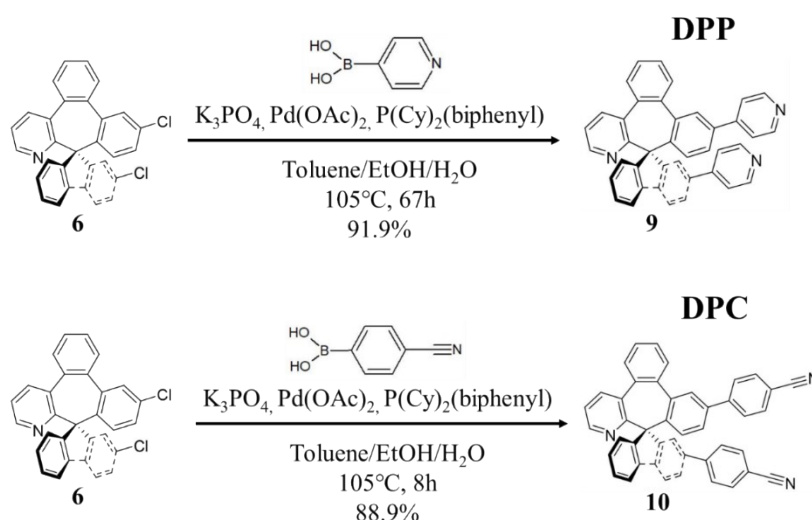
reaction mixture was heated to 105 °C for 67 h. After cooling to room temperature, the organic layer was separated to remove the solvent. The residue was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/Acetone, 2/1) to give a yellow crystalline powder, DPP (1.811 g, 91.9%).

Spectral Data of DPP: M.W.: 547.66; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) Conformer A: δ 8.64 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 8.35 (dd, J = 4.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H); Conformer B: δ 8.68 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 8.63 (dd, J = 4.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (dd, J = 4.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) Conformer A: δ 160.19, 150.2, 149.7, 149.4, 149.0, 148.9, 148.1, 147.1, 146.8, 145.7, 141.6, 140.3, 139.7, 139.3, 138.5, 137.8, 137.5, 136.3, 135.1, 134.6, 134.4, 133.1, 132.3, 131.7, 130.0, 129.3, 129.3, 129.2, 127.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8, 124.3, 122.9, 121.5, 121.3, 120.3, 120.2, 69.1; Conformer B: δ 160.15, 150.1, 149.5, 149.4, 149.0, 148.9, 148.1, 147.0, 146.6, 145.7, 141.3, 140.2, 140.0, 139.7, 139.3, 138.4, 137.4, 137.4, 136.3, 135.1, 134.6, 134.5, 133.1, 131.7, 131.6, 129.9, 129.1, 129.0, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 126.6, 125.7, 125.4, 122.9, 121.7, 121.5, 120.4, 120.3, 69.2; HR-MS Calcd for C₄₀H₂₅N₃: 547.2043, found: 547.2045; TLC R_f 0.07 (Hexane/EtOAc, 2/1).

As to the DPC, 2',12-Dichlorospiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene] (1616.5 mg, 3.5 mmol), 4-cyanophenylboronic acid (1544.0 mg, 10.5 mmol), potassium phosphate(4501.0 mg, 21.0 mmol) were dissolved in Toluene/EtOH/H₂O. The reaction mixture was heated to 105 °C for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature, the organic layer was separated to remove the solvent. The residue was purified by column chromatography (Hexane/CH₂Cl₂, 1/2) to give a yellow crystalline powder, DPC (1.853 g, 88.9%). The description regarding how the 2',12-Dichlorospiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene], is synthesized can be referred to in the supplementary information.

Spectral Data of DPC: M.W.: 595.71; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) Conformer A: δ 8.37 (dd, J = 4.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.65 (m, 9H), 7.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.54 (m,

3H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H); Conformer B: δ 8.36 (dd, $J = 4.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, $J = 1.8, 1$ Hz), 7.74-7.64 (m, 9H), 7.59-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dt, $J = 7.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) Conformer A: δ 160.2, 149.7, 149.2, 146.8, 146.1, 145.3, 145.2, 144.3, 141.2, 140.4, 140.0, 139.4, 138.6, 138.5, 137.8, 137.4, 134.5, 133.0, 132.6, 132.3, 131.9, 131.8, 130.2, 129.2, 129.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.9, 126.2, 126.0, 124.5, 122.9, 120.3, 120.2, 119.0, 118.7, 111.2, 110.3, 69.1; Conformer B: δ 160.1, 149.4, 148.9, 146.6, 146.1, 145.3, 145.2, 144.3, 140.9, 140.2, 139.7, 139.4, 138.6, 138.5, 137.4, 136.3, 134.7, 133.0, 132.5, 132.3, 131.9, 131.7, 130.1, 129.1, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 125.9, 125.4, 124.5, 122.9, 120.5, 120.2, 119.0, 118.7, 111.2, 110.6, 69.2; HR-MS Calcd for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3$: 595.2043, found: 595.2045; TLC Rf 0.54 (Hexane/EtOAc, 2/1).



Scheme 2. Schematic illustration of the synthesis of compound 9 (DPP) and compound 10 (DPC), namely, 2',12-di(Pyridin-4-yl)spiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene] and 4,4'-(Spiro[dibenzo[3,4:5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-b]pyridine-9,9'-fluorene]-2',12-diyl)dibenzonitrile.

3. DSC data and graph of the four seven-member-ring based ETMs

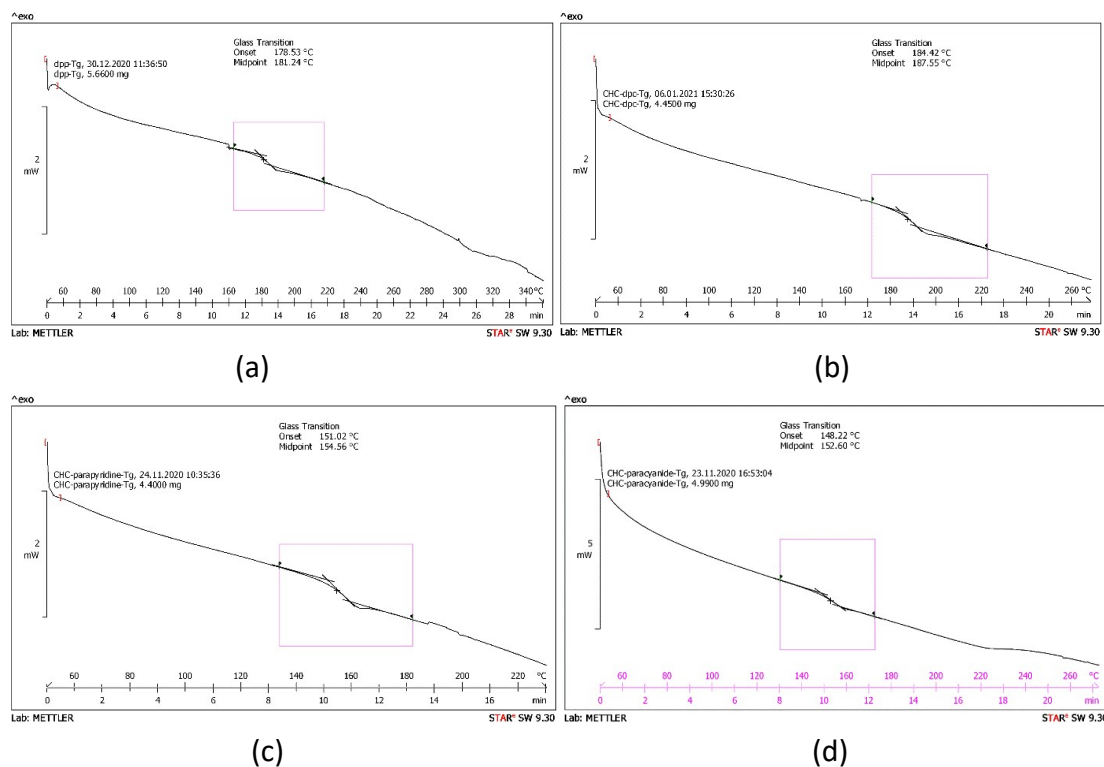
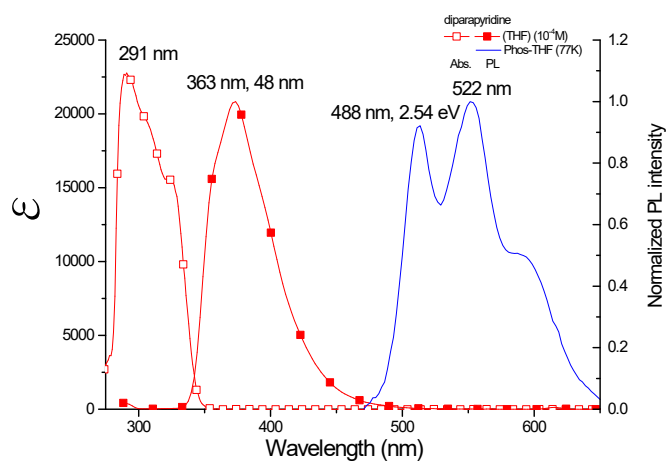
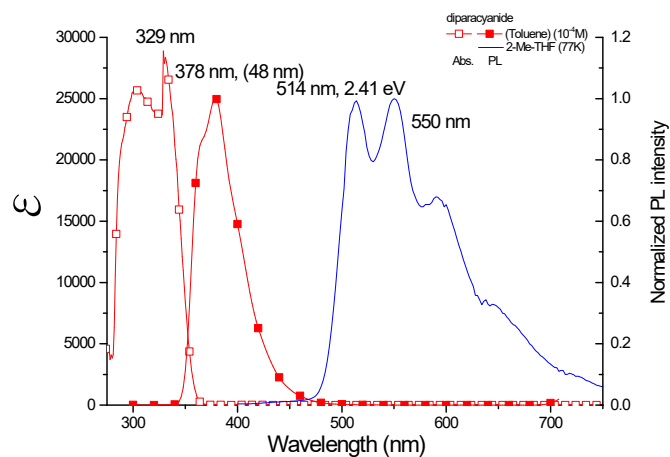


Figure S2. DSC data and graph of (a) 1-aza-DBdippy (DPP), (b) 1-aza-DBdipPhCN (DPC), (c) 1-aza-DBppy (PP), (d) 1-aza-DBpPhCN (PC).

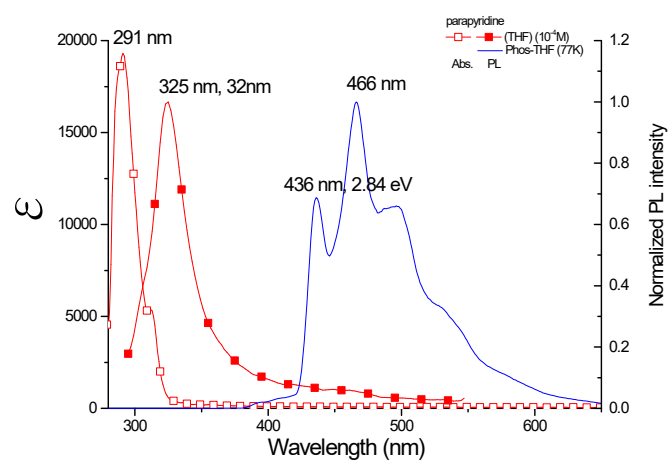
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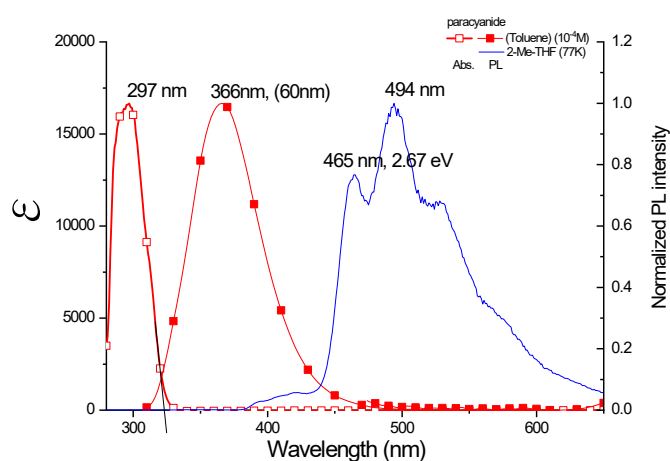
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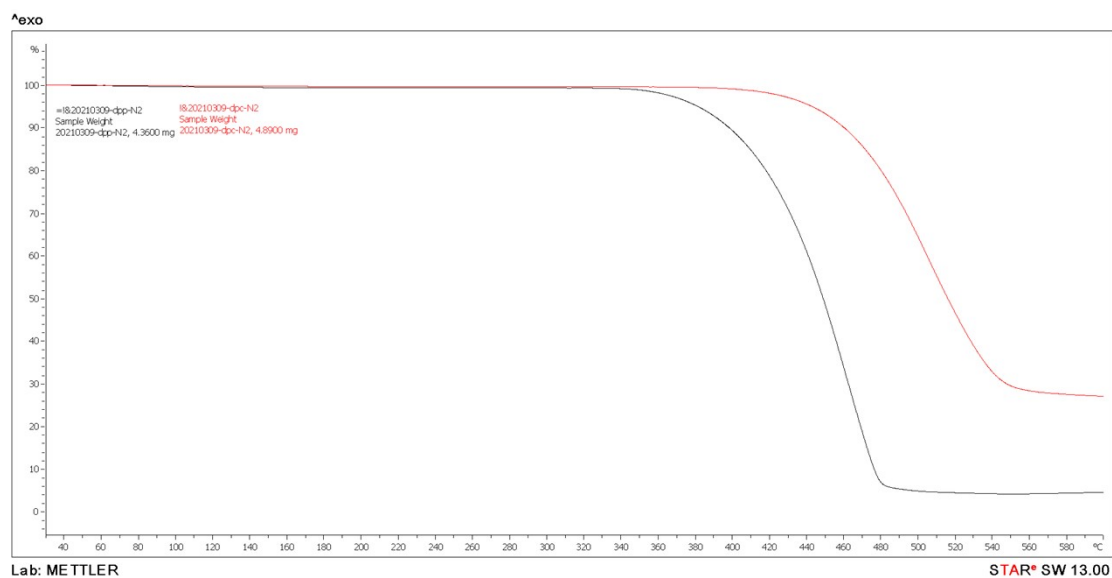
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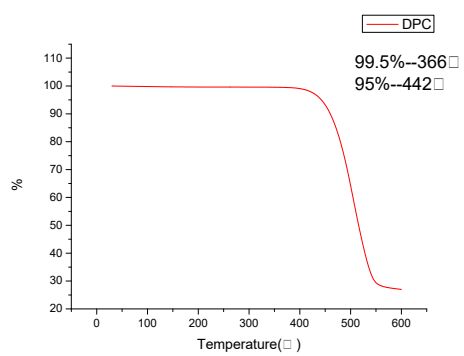
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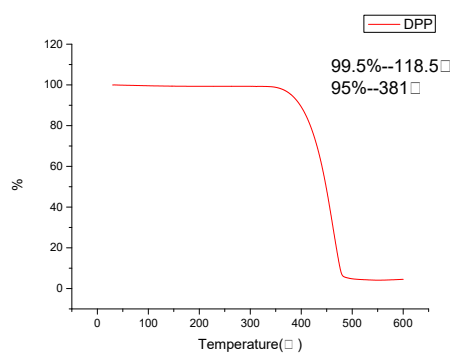
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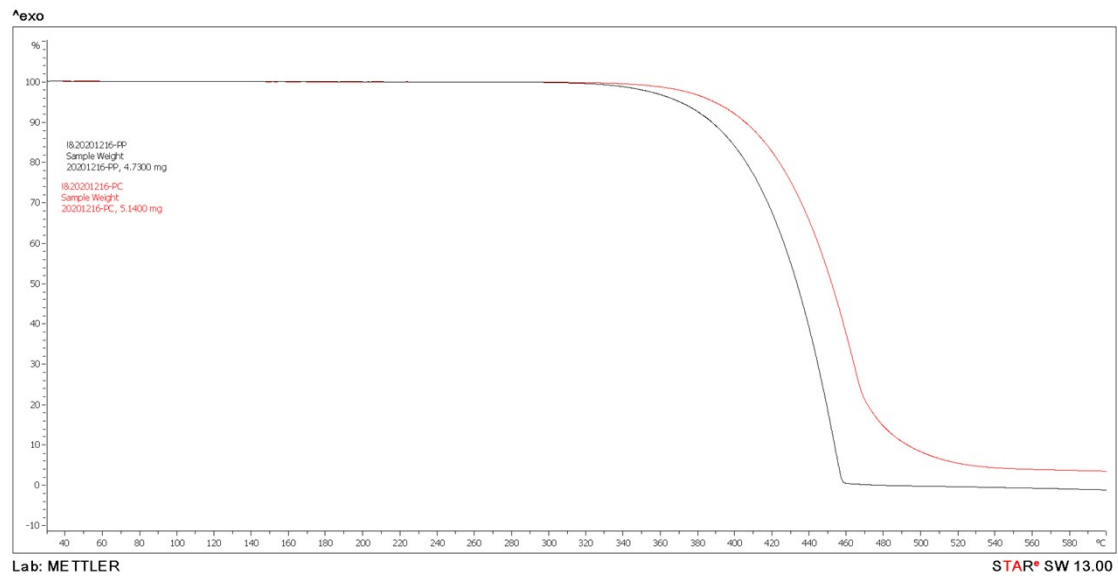


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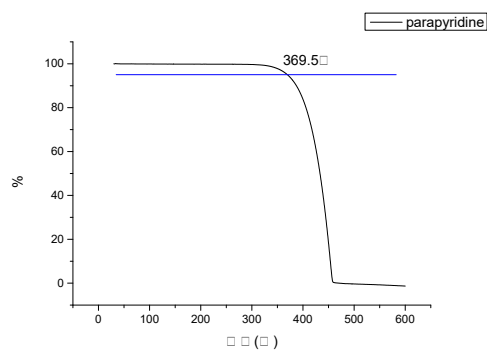


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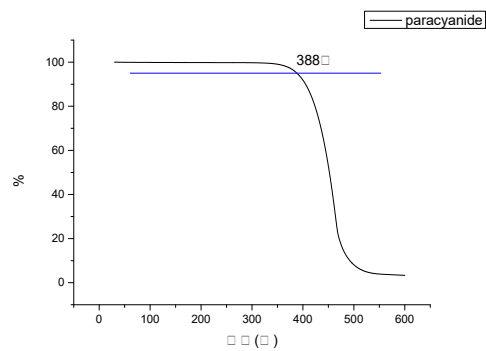
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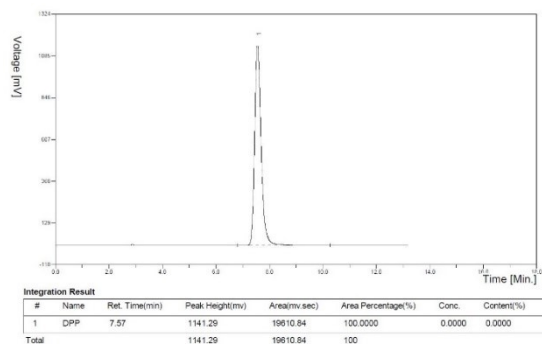
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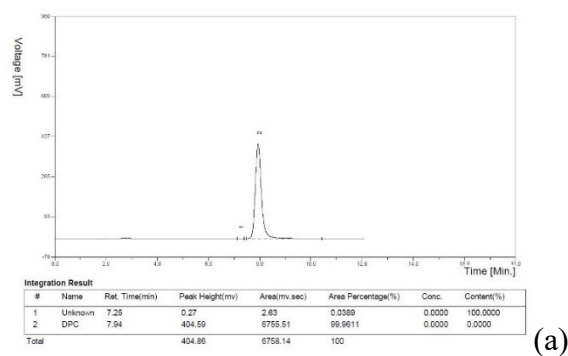


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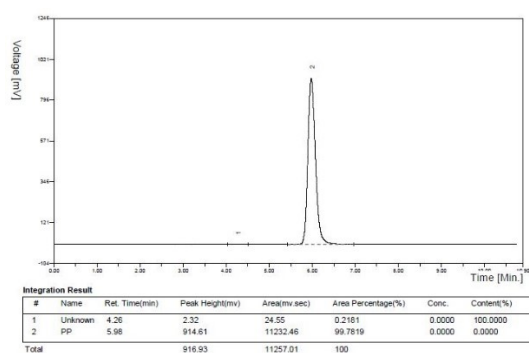
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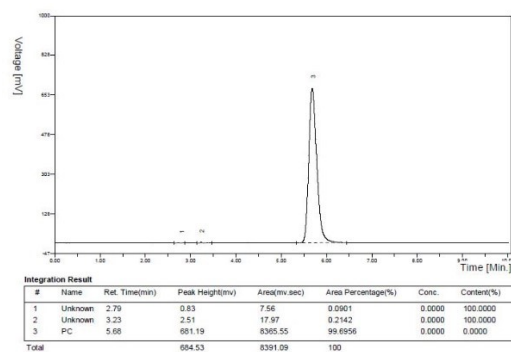




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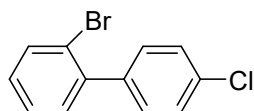
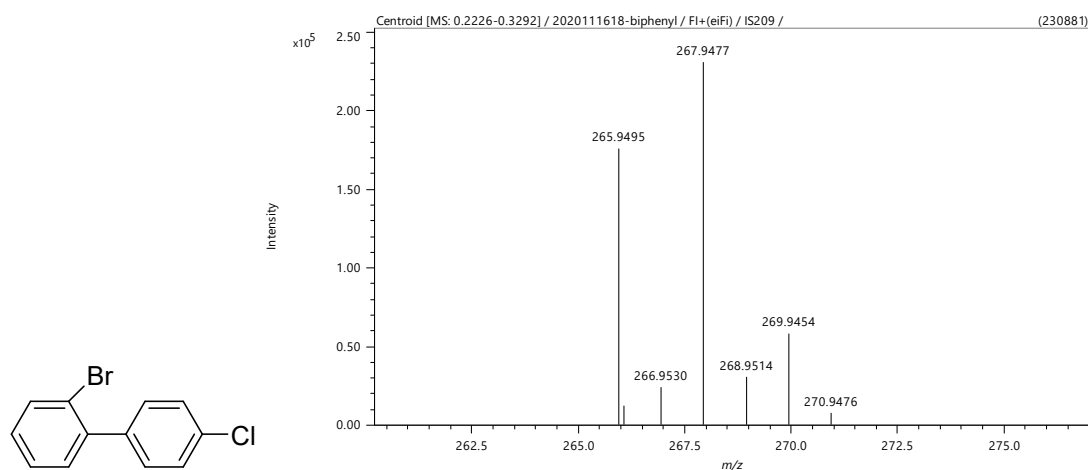
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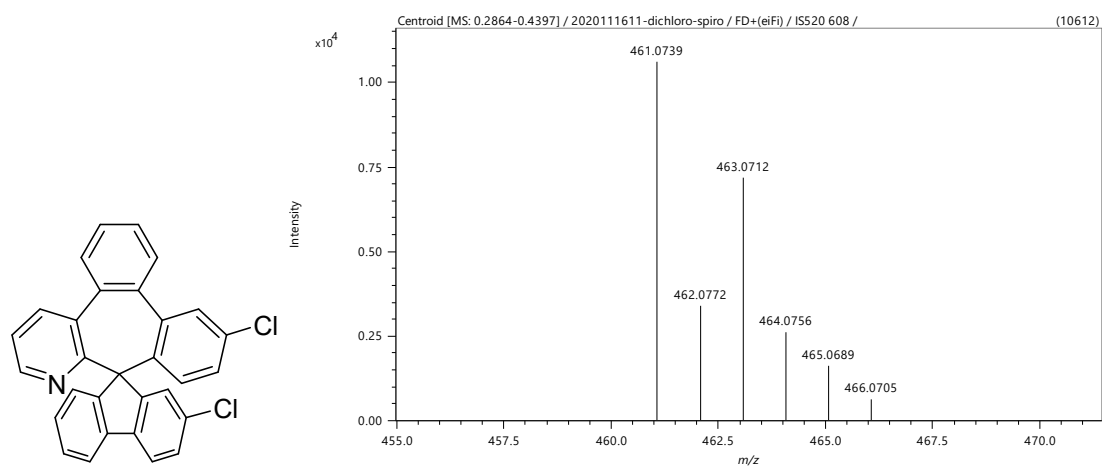
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7. Mass spectra for all the intermediate and final compounds



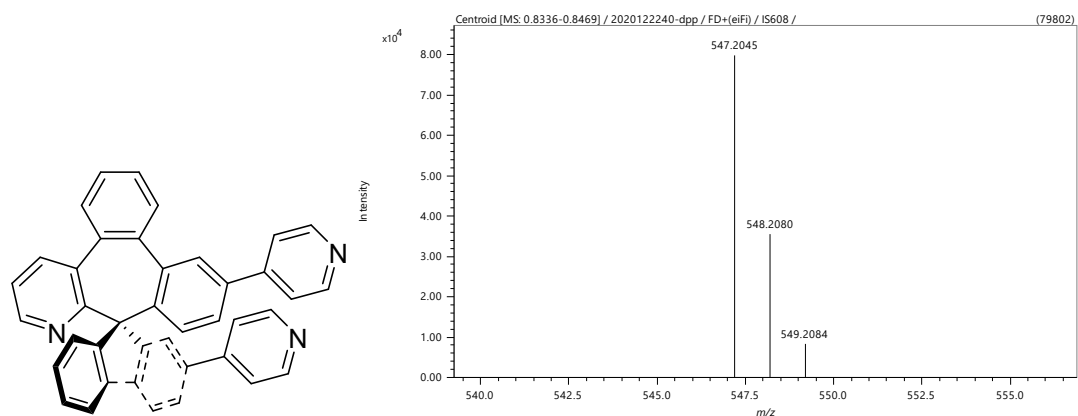
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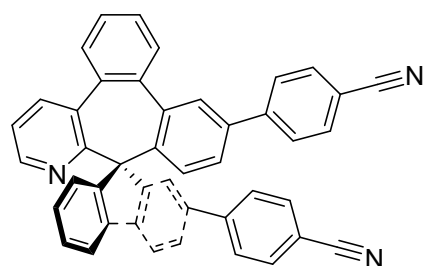
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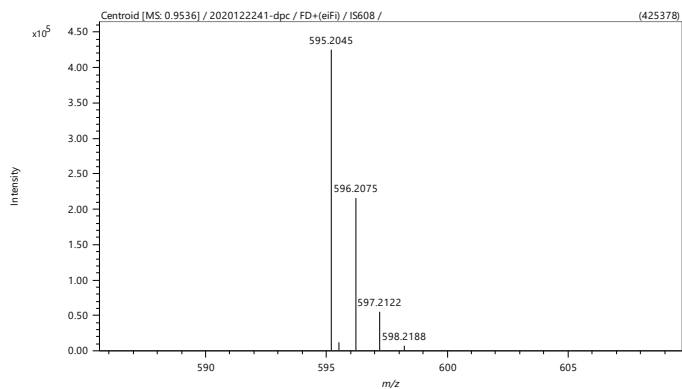
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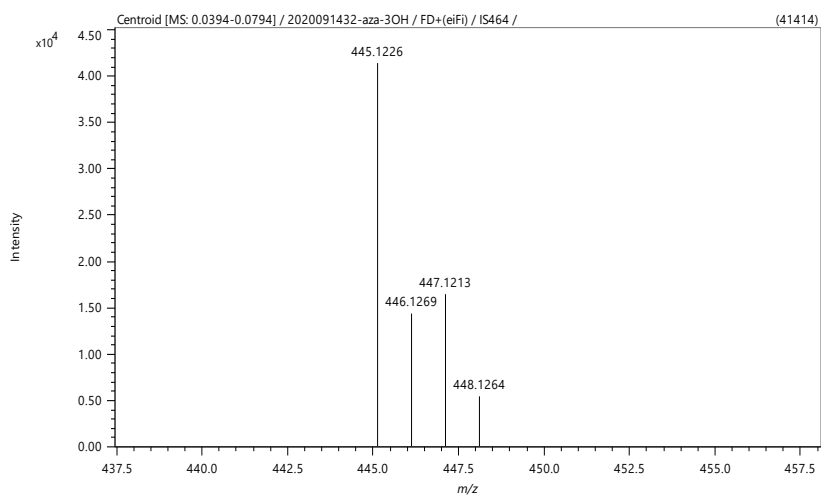
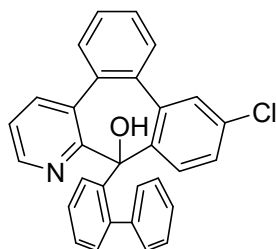
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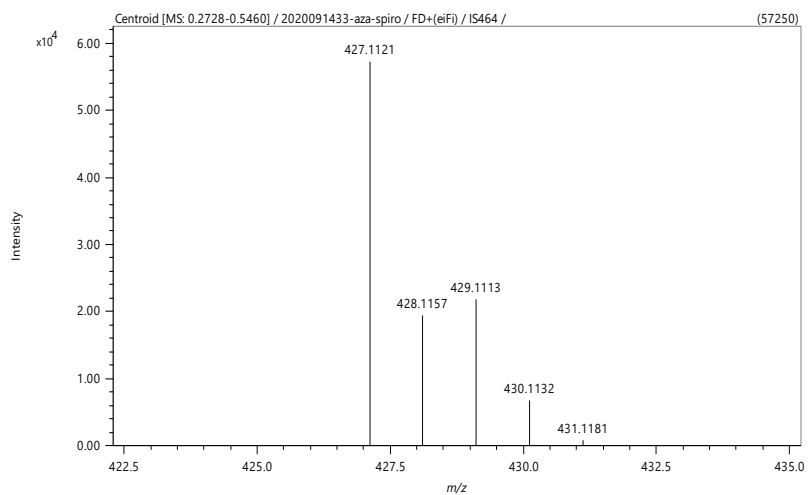
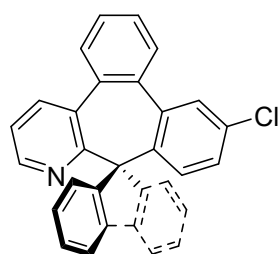
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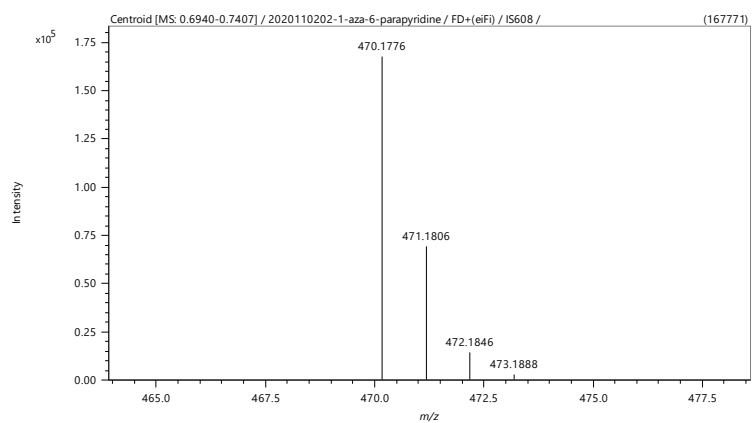
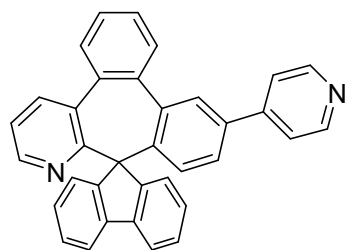
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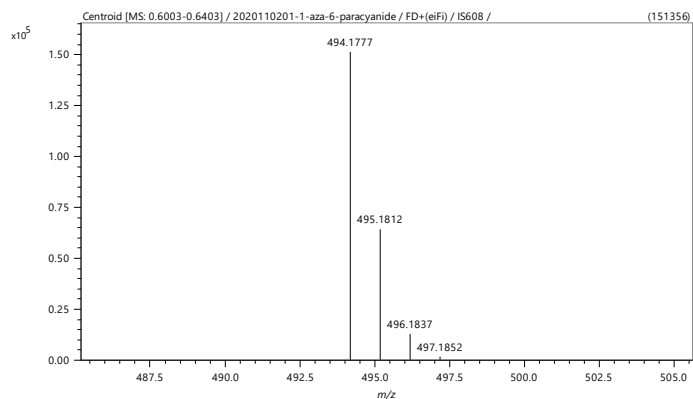
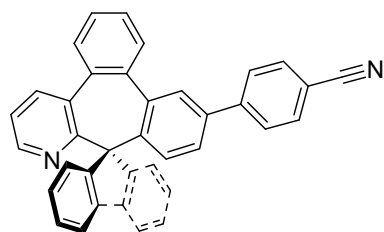
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▶	427.11214	57250.15	C30 H18 N Cl	427.11223	-0.08	-0.20	22.0

(f)



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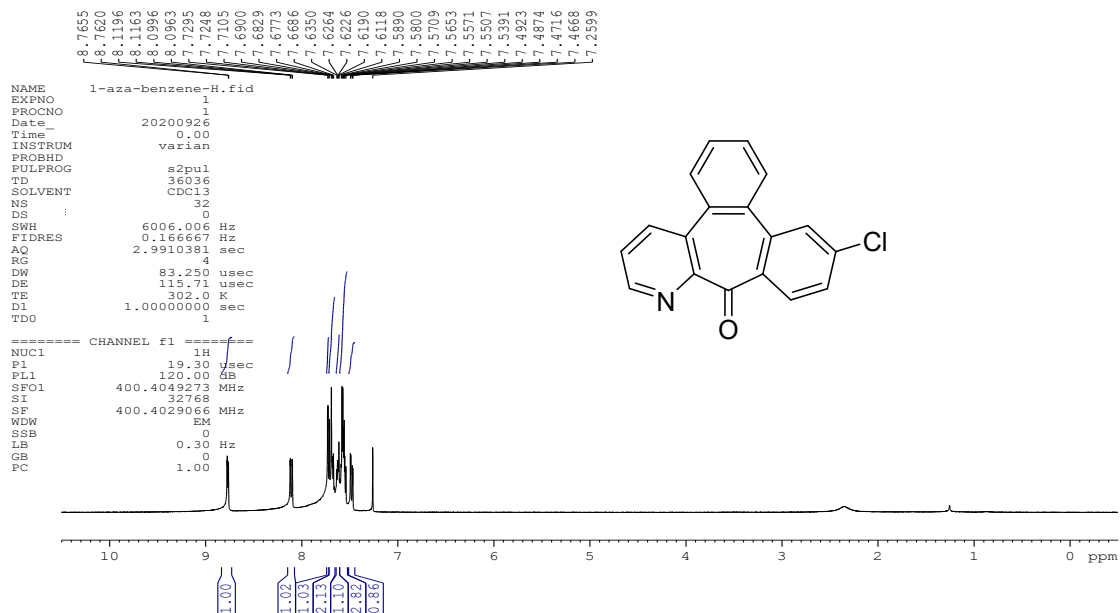


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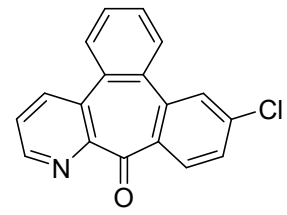
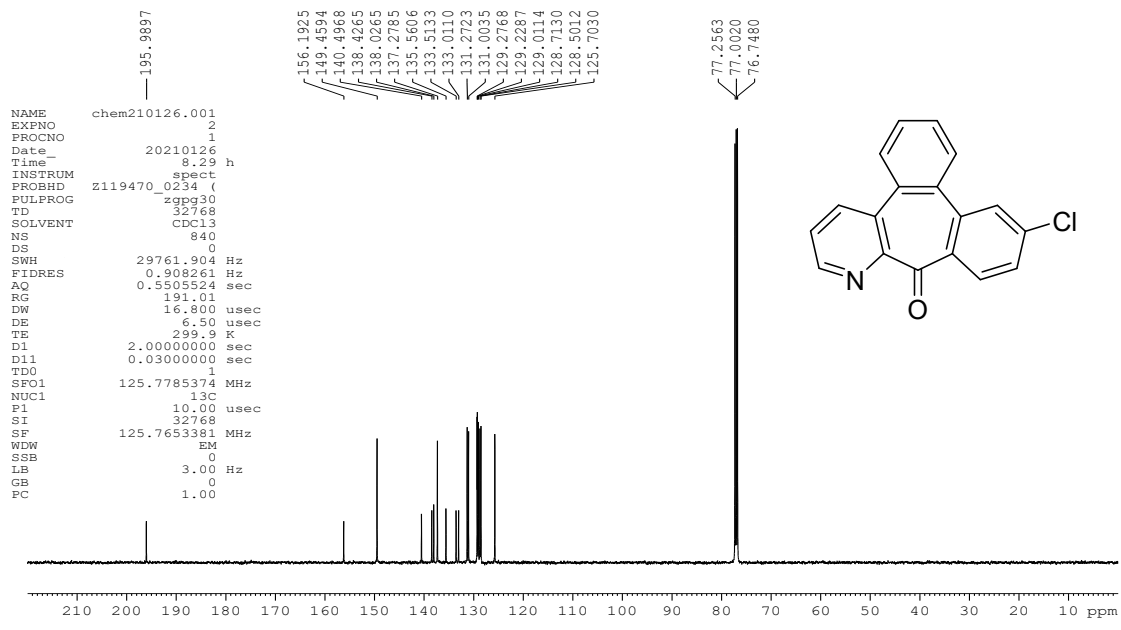
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Figure S7. Mass spectra of (a) (b) intermediate compounds of DPP and DPC, (c) DPP, (d) DPC, (e) (f) intermediate compounds of PP and PC, (g) PP, (h) PC

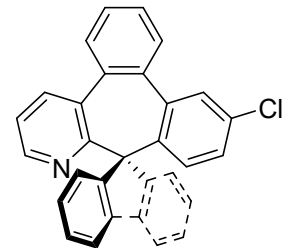
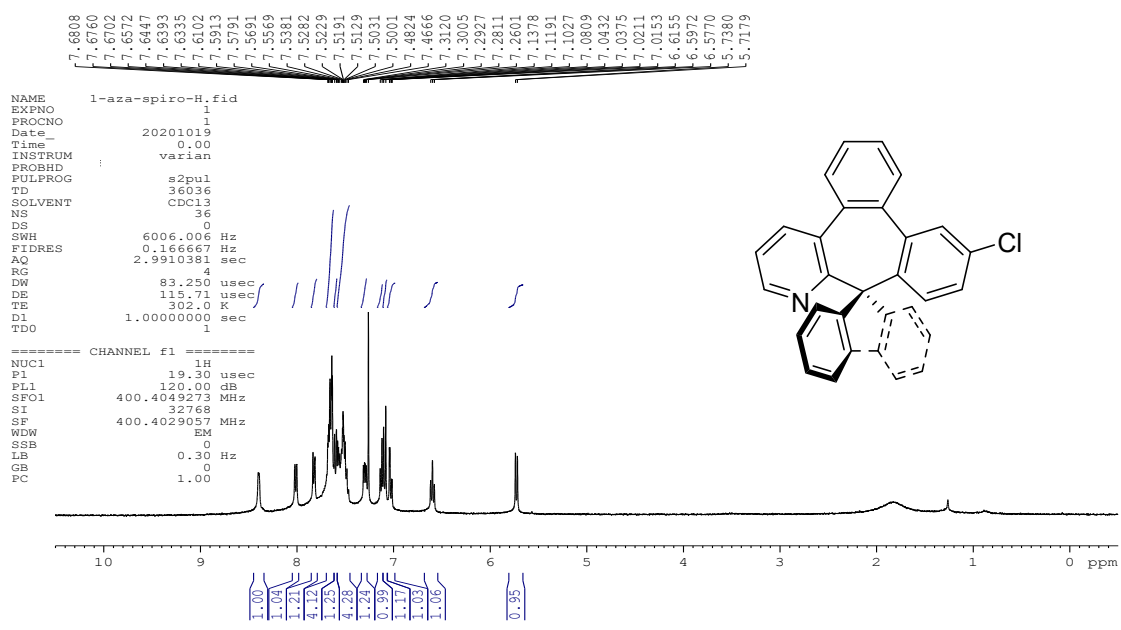
9. NMR spectra for all the intermediate and final compounds



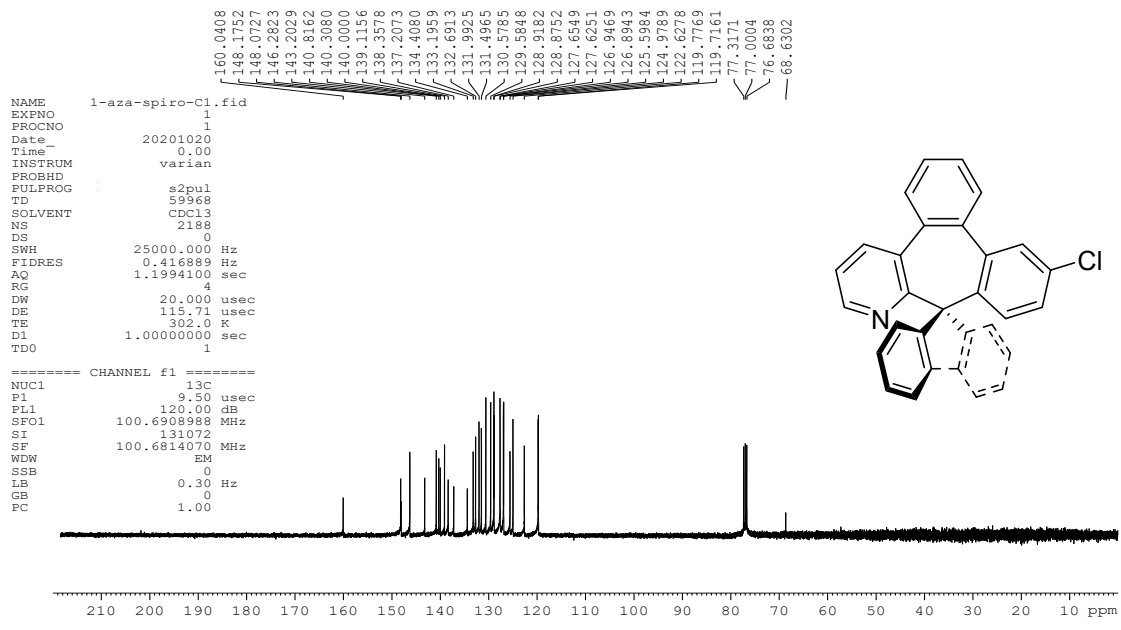
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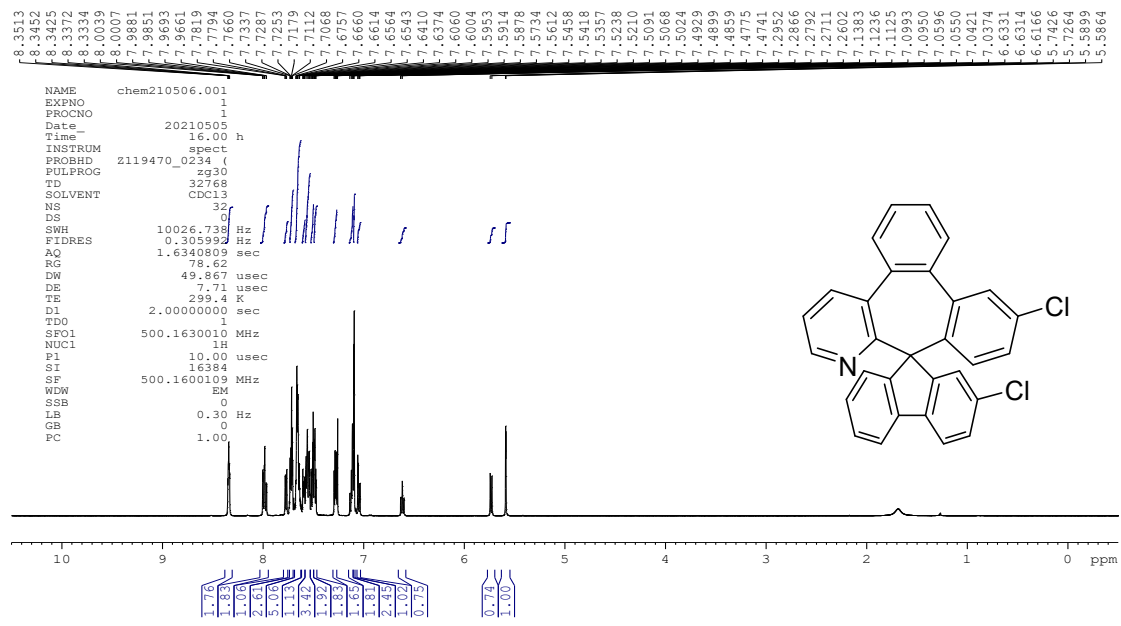
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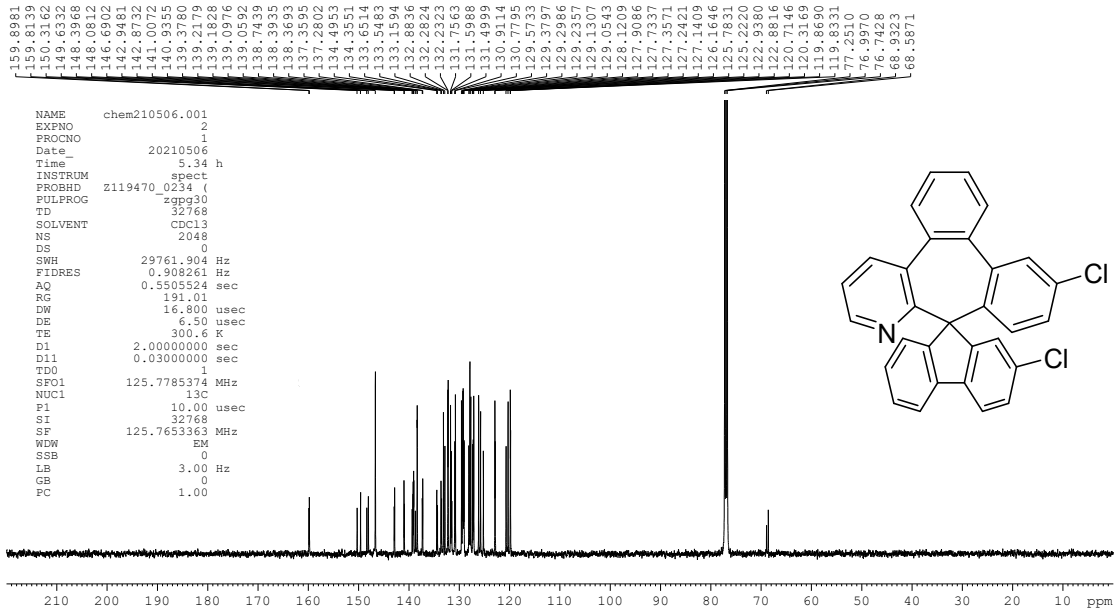
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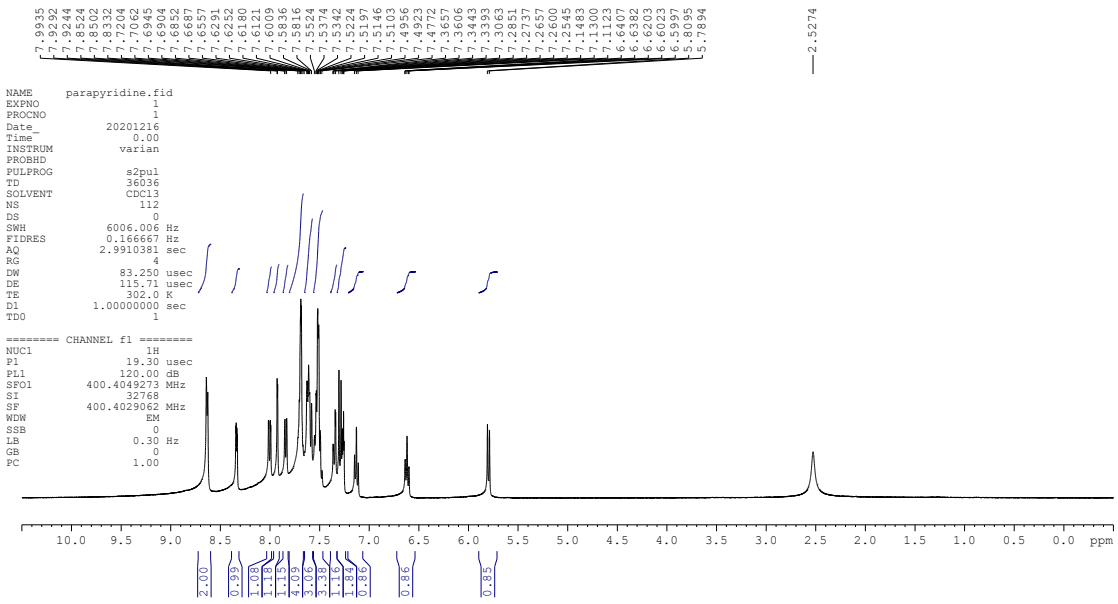
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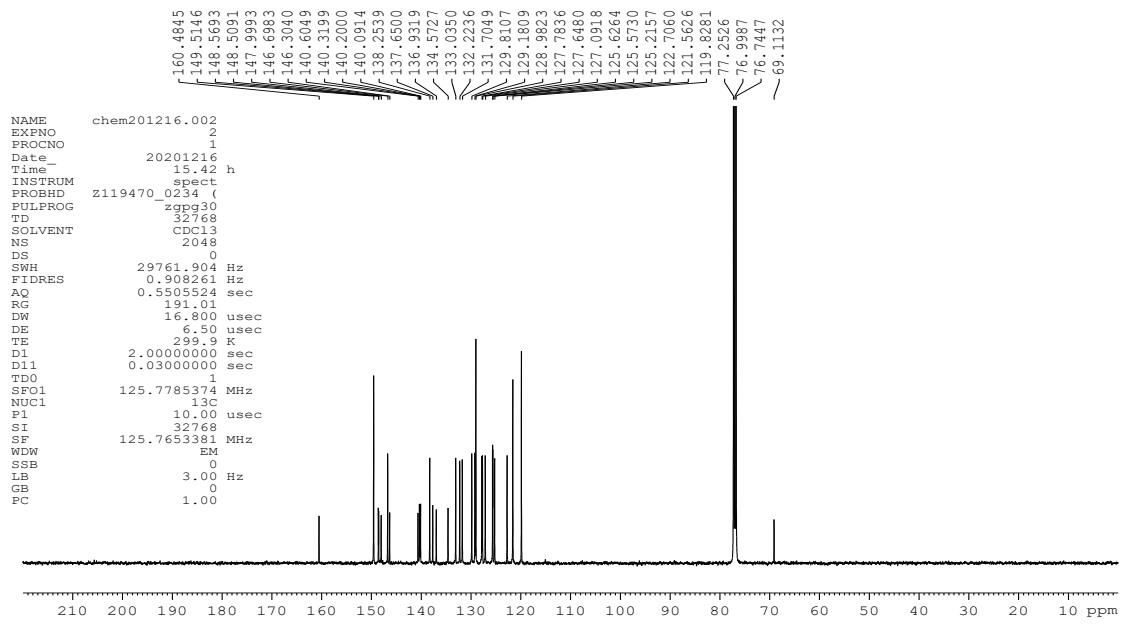
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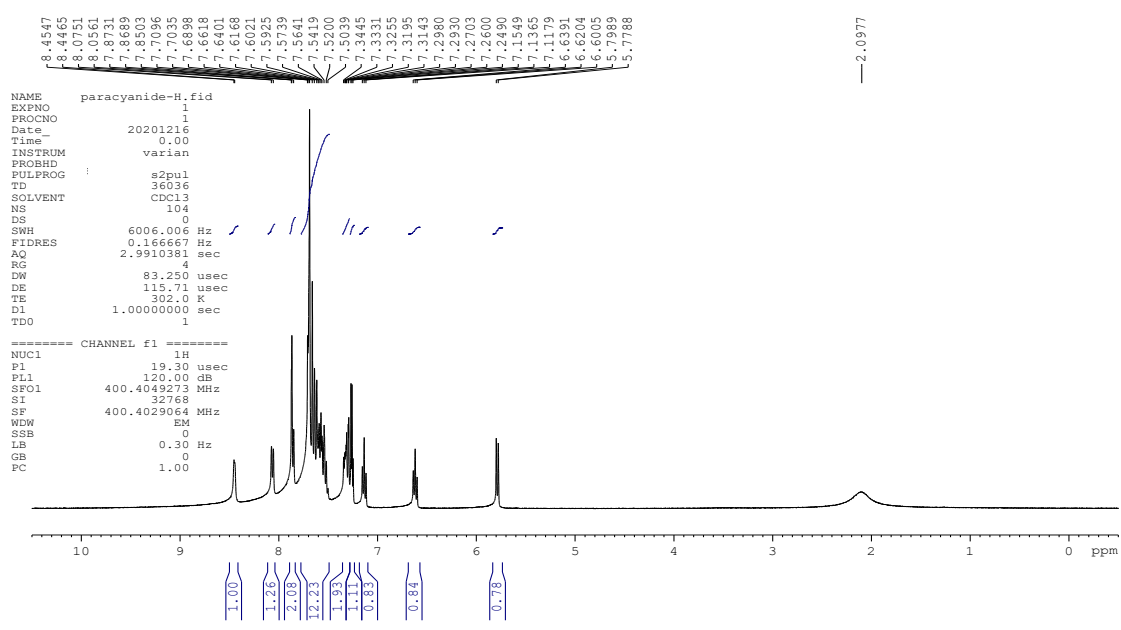
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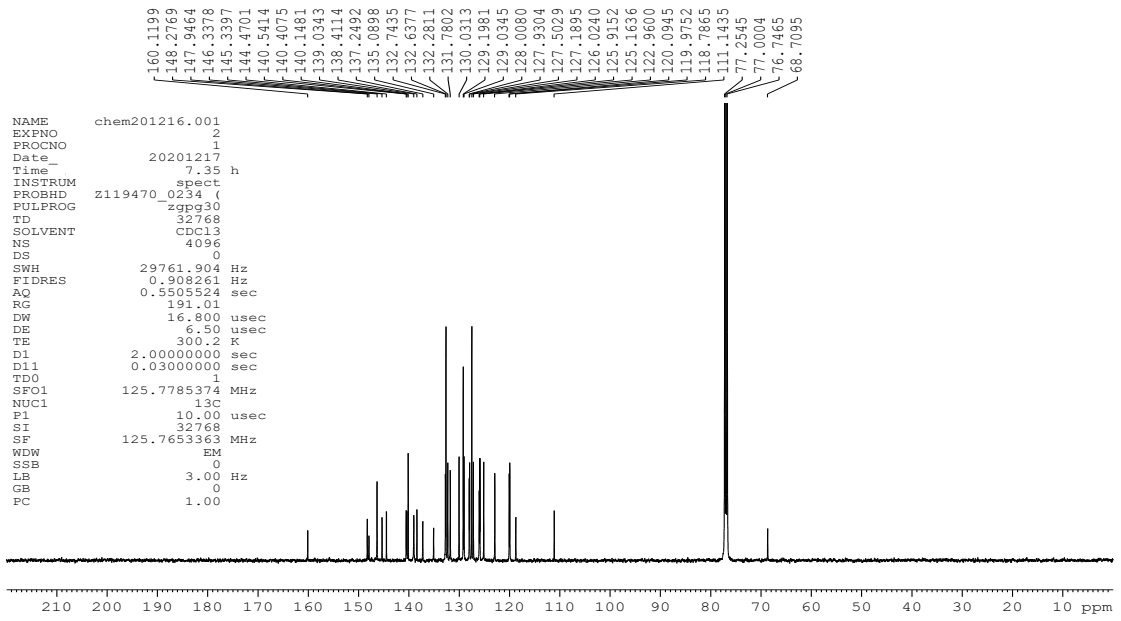


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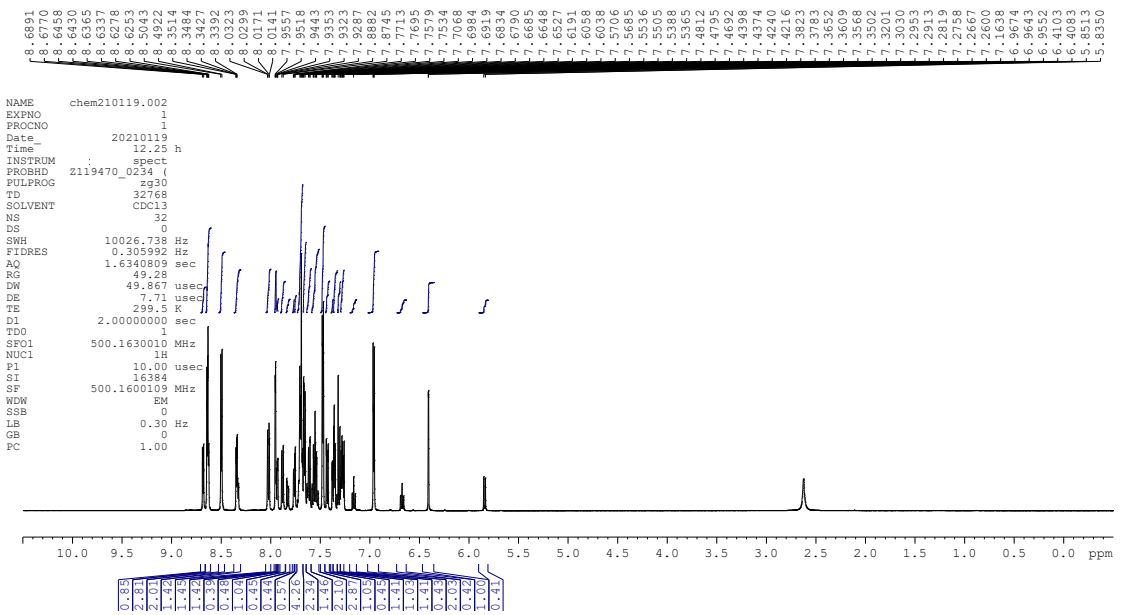


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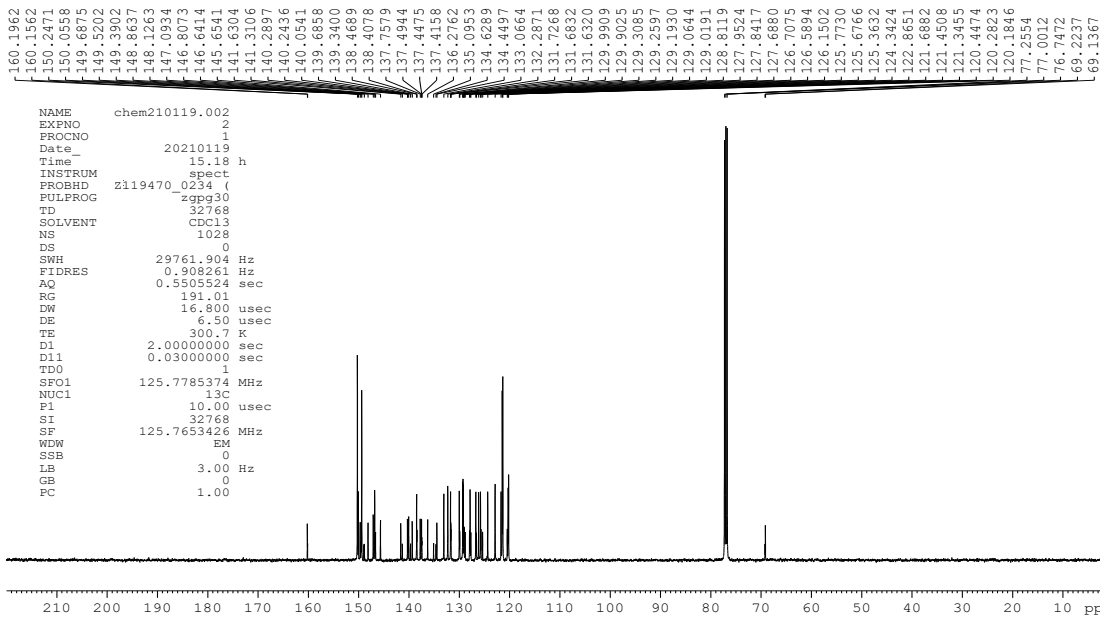
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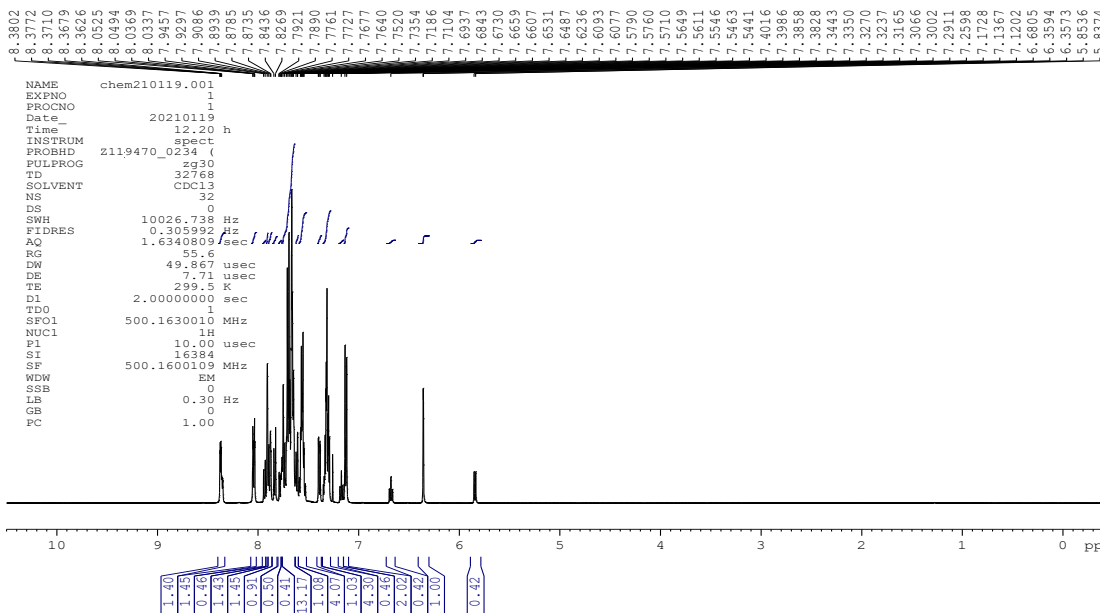
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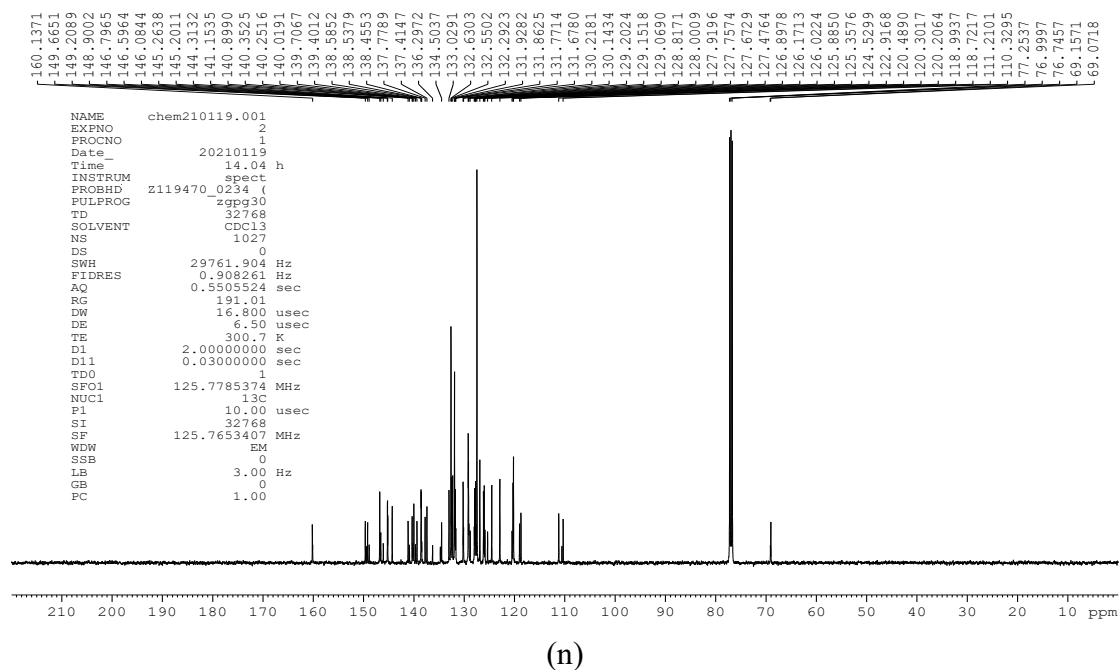


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrums of (a) (c) (e) intermediate compounds, (g) PP, (i) PC, (k) DPP, (m) DPC. ^{13}C NMR spectrums of (b) (d) (e) intermediate compounds, (h) PP, (j) PC, (l) DPP, (n) DPC.