

## Supporting Information

**Atom-dispersed Au combined with Nano-Au on Halloysite Nanotubes with Closo-dodecaborate promotes Synergistic Effects for Enhanced Photocatalysis**

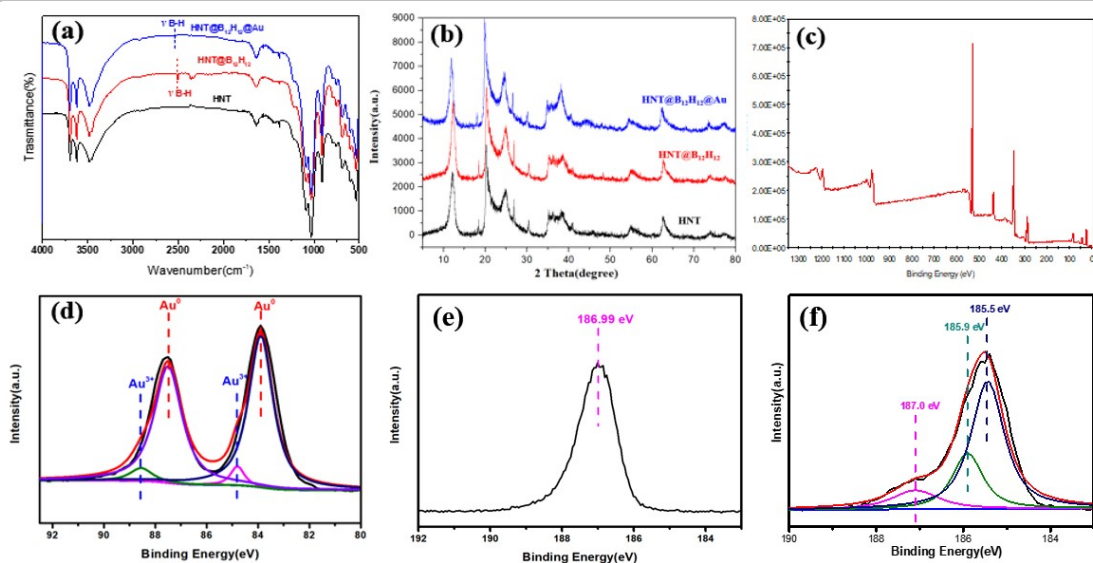
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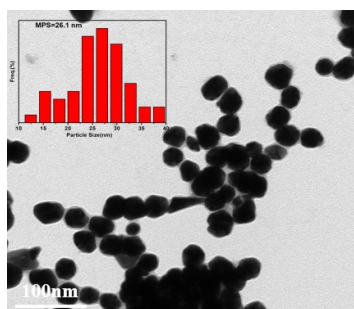
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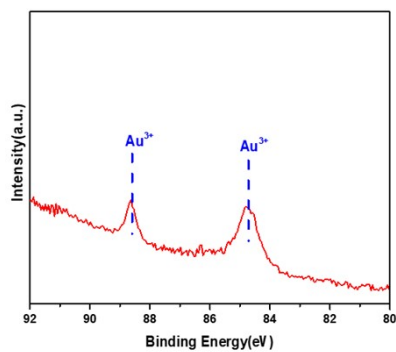
## **Results and Discussion**



**Figure S1.** FT-IR spectra of HNT@B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>@Au (a); PXRD spectra of HNT@B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>@Au (b); XPS spectra of HNT@B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>@Au (c, d); and XPS spectra of B before (e) and after (f) Au reduction.



**Figure S2.** TEM of Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>@Au.



**Figure S3.** XPS spectra of HNT@Au.

**Table S1.** pH values before and after reaction and the effect of different solvents on the reducibility of Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>.

Entry	Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	Solvent	Time	Solution color	pH
1	-	0.1mmol	H <sub>2</sub> O(30 mL)	10 min	yellow	3.63
2	0.5mmol	-	H <sub>2</sub> O(30 mL)	10 min	colorless	7.02
3	0.5mmol	0.1mmol	H <sub>2</sub> O(30 mL)	10 min	purple black	3.11
4	0.5mmol	0.1mmol	MeOH(30 mL)	10 min	yellow	-
5	0.5mmol	0.1mmol	EtOH(30 mL)	10 min	yellow	-
6	0.5mmol	0.1mmol	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (30 mL)	10 min	yellow	-
7	0.5mmol	0.1mmol	Acetone(30 mL)	10 min	yellow	-
8	0.5mmol	0.1mmol	DMF(30 mL)	10 min	yellow	-

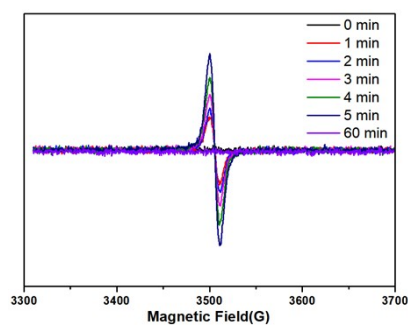
**Table S2.** Catalytic effect of different catalysts on different substrates<sup>[a]</sup>.

Entry	Reactant	Catalyst	Yield(%) of AOB at different Reactin time <sup>[b]</sup>						Yield(%) of AB at different Reactin time <sup>[b]</sup>					
			0 h	0.5h	1h	1.5h	2h	2.5h	0 h	0.5h	1h	1.5h	2h	2.5h
1	NB	HNT@Au	-	4.0	7.2	9.4	14	12	-	4.2	5.1	5.4	5.8	6.4
2	NB	Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	-	10	22	69	40	4.2	-	-	-	15	38	63
3	NB	HNT@B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	-	18	29	48	28	-	-	8.1	12	37	69	97
4	NSB	HNT@Au	-	24	49	58	41	-	-	5.7	9.2	14	19	28
5	NSB	Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	-	9.9	14	31	44	-	-	3.2	8.5	21	39	57
6	NSB	HNT@B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	-	31	52	42	28	3.9	-	8.4	17	45	71	98
7	AOB	HNT@Au	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	19	24	31	37
8	AOB	Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	29	37	46	54
9	AOB	HNT@B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	42	68	82	98

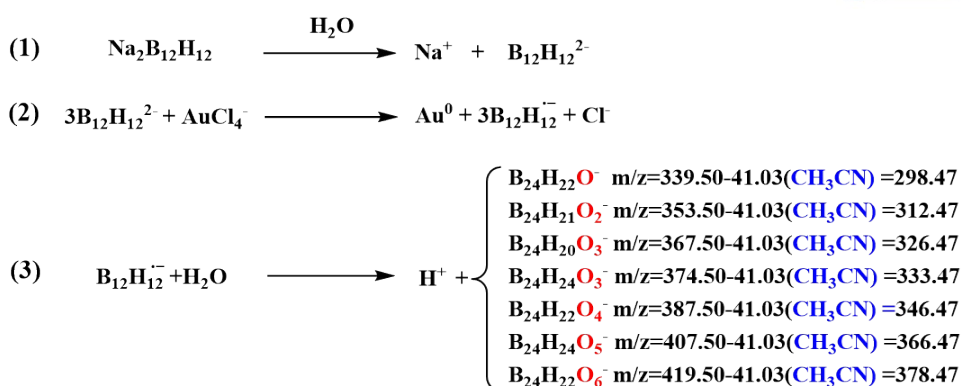
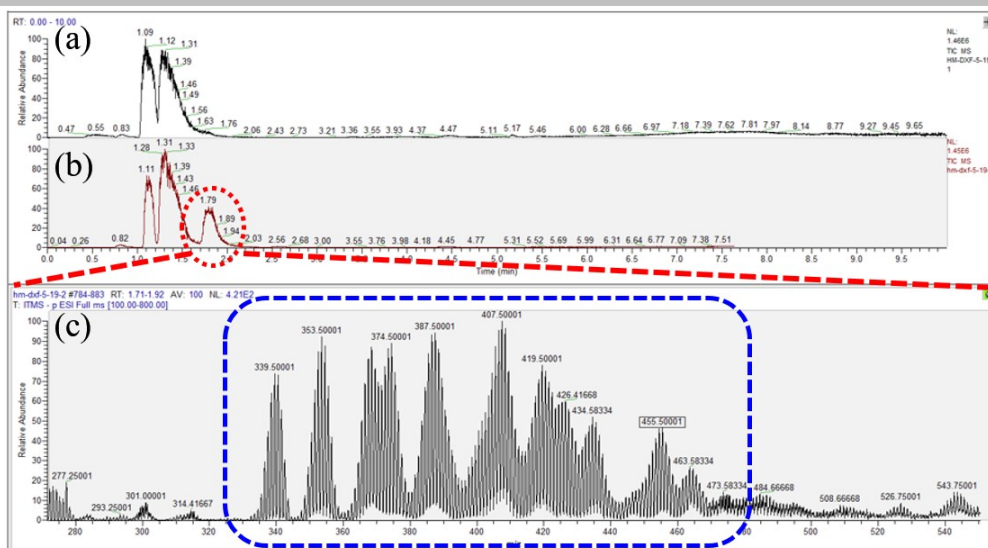
[a] Reaction condition: reactant 0.5 mmol, photocatalyst 0.5  $\mu$ mol (base on Au), 5 mL 2-propanol as solvent, 0.75 mmol NaOH as base, 1 atm N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, room temperature, reaction time from 0-2.5 h, and the light ( $\approx$ 370 nm) intensity was 0.54 W/cm<sup>2</sup>. [b] The conversions were analyzed by gas chromatography (GC).

**Table S3.** Comparison of HNT@B<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>@Au with reported solid catalysts for the reduction of nitrobenzene to AB.

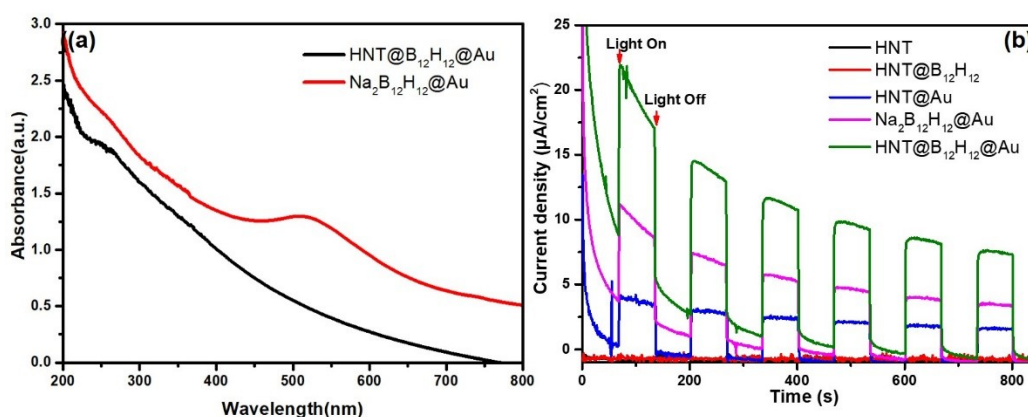
Catalyst	Conditions	TON	TOF(h <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
BM-Au/TiO <sub>2</sub>	2-propanol, KOH, visible-light, 12h, R.T.	43.3	3.61	[1]
Cu/graphene	2-propanol, KOH, 400-800 nm, 12 h, 90°C	36.6	3.05	[2]
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	2-propanol, KOH, 410 nm LED, 5h, R.T.	0.0375	0.0075	[3]
Au@CeO <sub>2</sub>	2-propanol, KOH, 4h, 50°C	12.4	3.09	[4]
Au@OC1R	2-propanol, KOH, UV, 2h, 30°C	182	91.0	[5]
SmI <sub>2</sub>	THF, n-Bu4NPF <sub>6</sub> , electrical drive, 2h, 20°C	9.50	4.75	[6]
Ag@ZrO <sub>2</sub>	2-propanol, KOH, UV, 2h, 60°C	32.0	2.00	[7]
Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	2-propanol, KOH, 370nm, 2.5h, R.T.	7.60	3.10	This work
HNT@B <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> @Au	2-propanol, KOH, 370nm, 2.5h, R.T.	218	87.1	This work



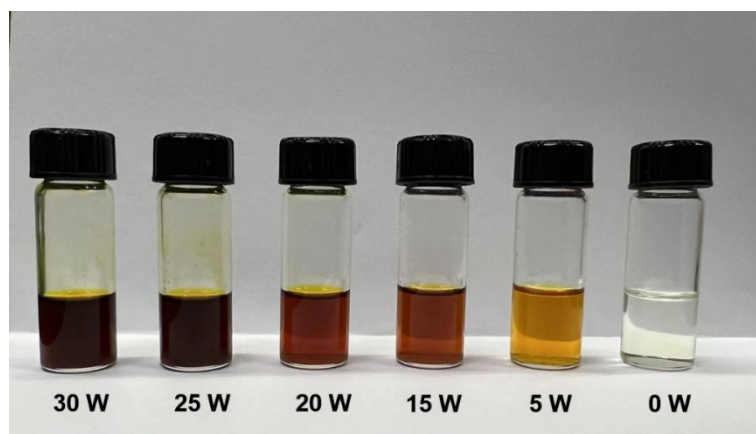
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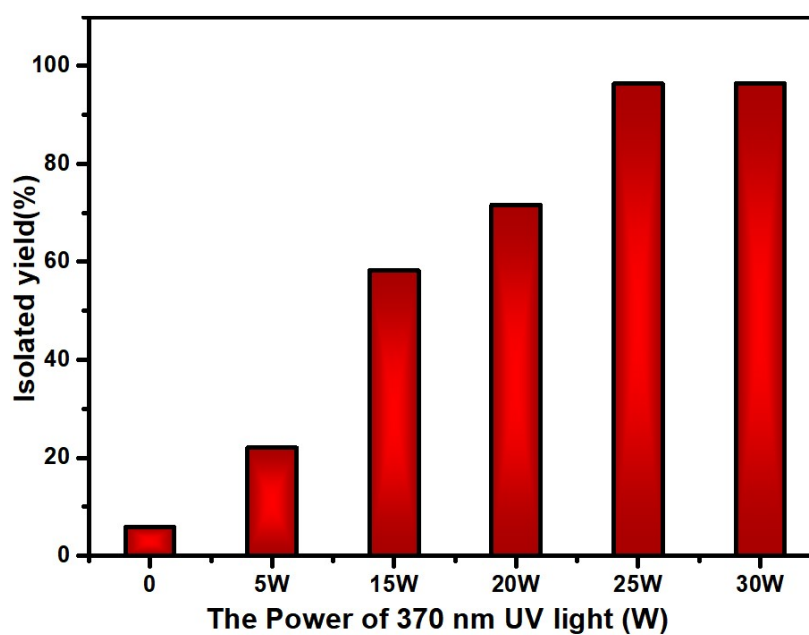
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**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectrometry of  $\text{HNT@B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$  (a). The photocurrent density ( $I-t$  curves) of different materials under UV radiation at 370 nm wavelength (b).



**Figure S7.** Effect of irradiation density (power) on reaction (The irradiation density corresponding to 25W is 0.54 W/cm<sup>2</sup>). Reaction condition: photocatalyst 100 mg, reactant 0.5 mmol, 5 mL 2-propanol as solvent, 0.75 mmol NaOH as base, 1 atm N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, room temperature, reaction time 2.5 h, and the irradiation ( $\lambda \approx 370$  nm), 0, 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30W corresponds to the irradiation density of 0, 0.11, 0.32, 0.54 and 0.65 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.



**Figure S8.** Isolation yields of azobenzene at different irradiation densities. Reaction condition: photocatalyst 100 mg, reactant 0.5 mmol, 5 mL 2-propanol as solvent, 0.75 mmol NaOH as base, 1 atm N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, room temperature, reaction time 2.5 h, and the irradiation ( $\lambda \approx 370$  nm), 0, 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30W corresponds to the irradiation density of 0, 0.11, 0.32, 0.54 and 0.65 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

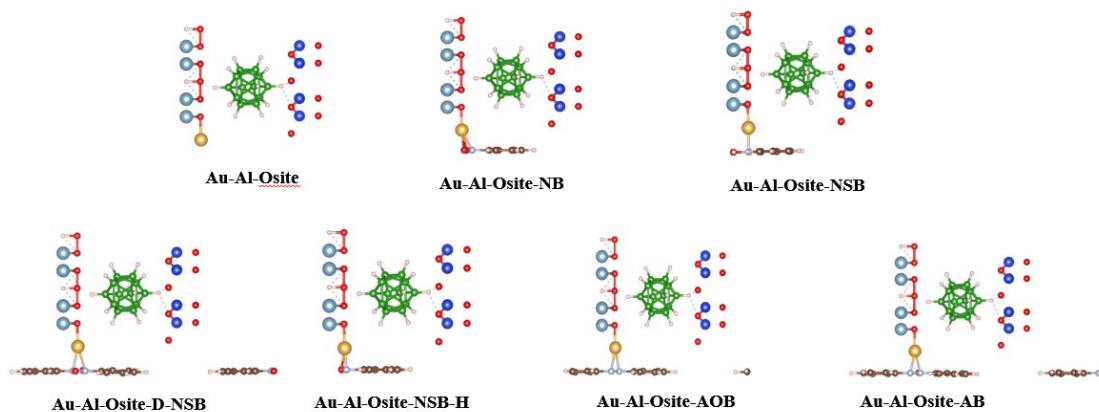


Figure S9. Models of Au-Al-Osite.

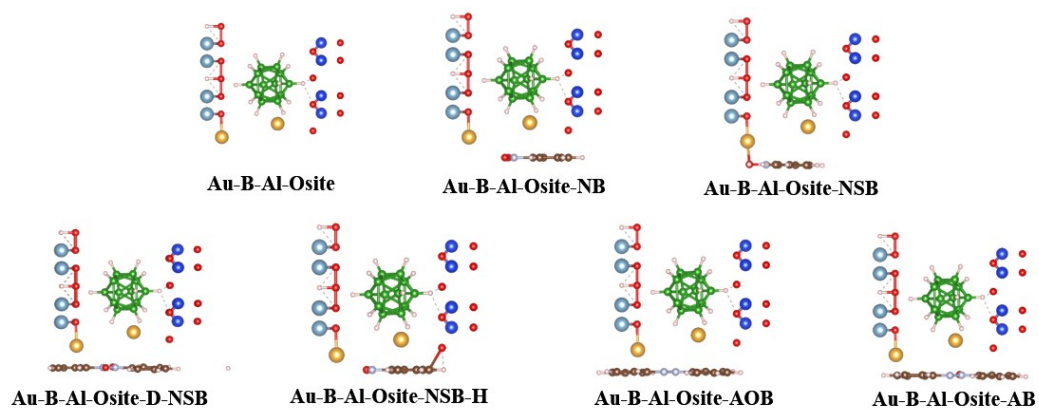


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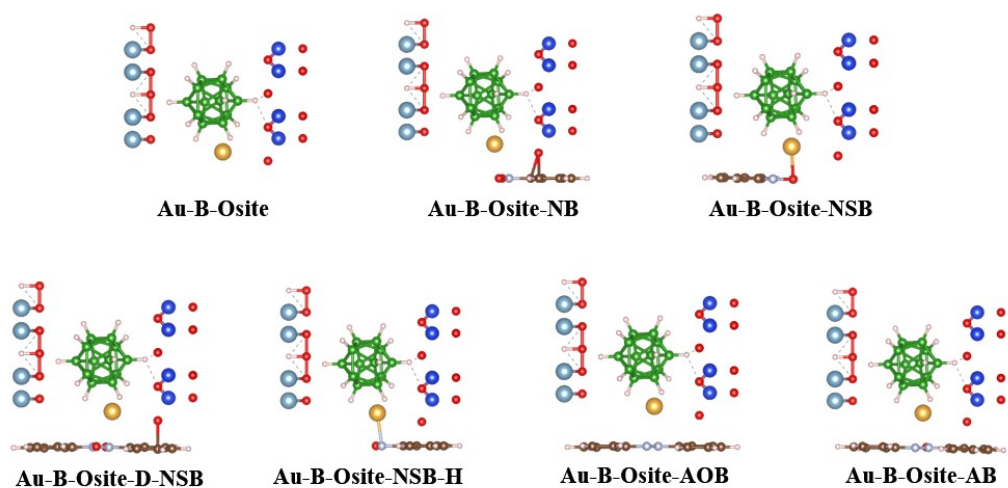


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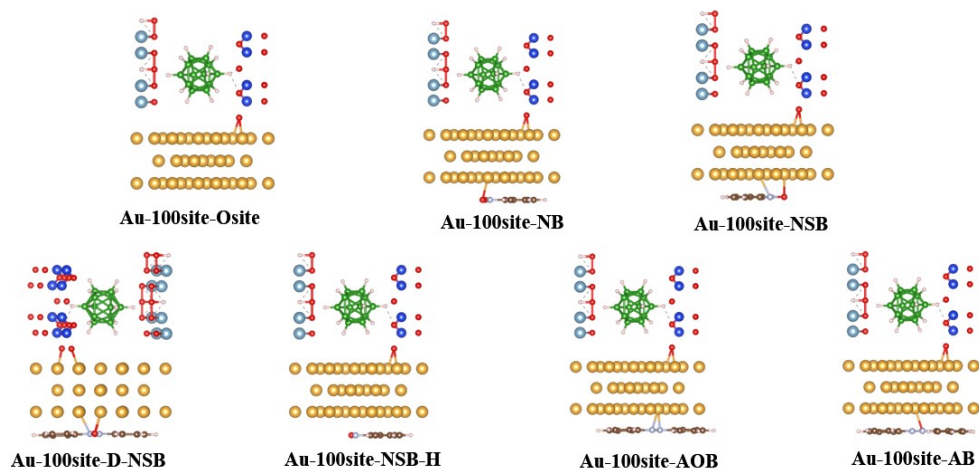


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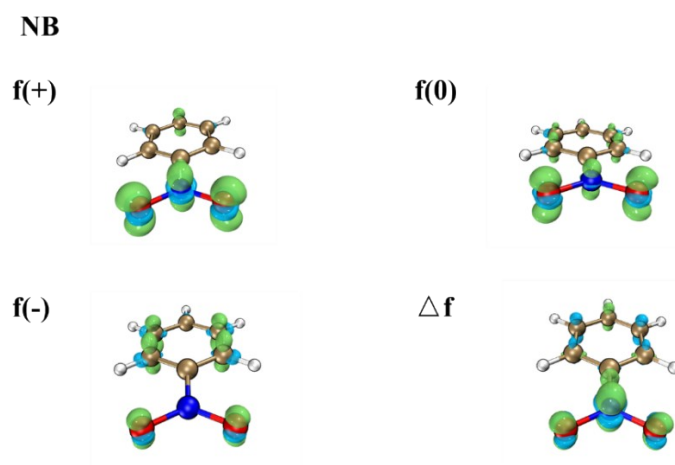


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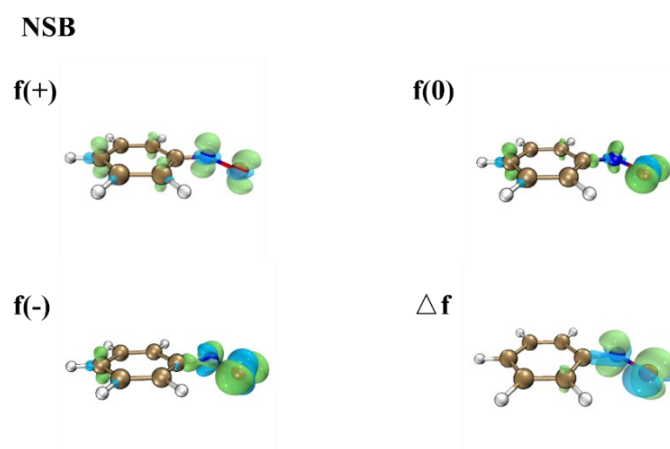


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### D-NSB

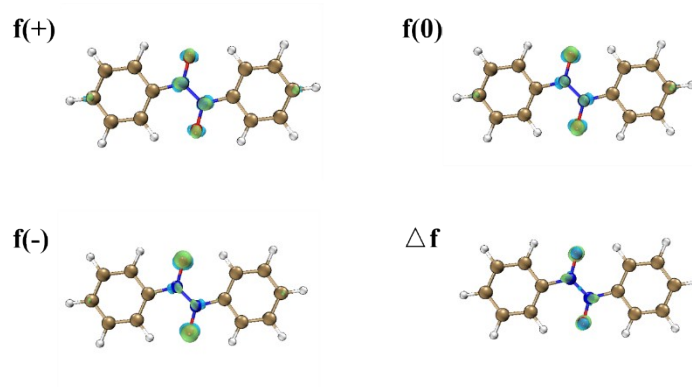


Figure S15. Isodensity contour plot of the Fukui function  $f(+)$ ,  $f(0)$ ,  $f(-)$  and  $\Delta f$  for the di-nitrosobenzene (D-NSB).

### NSB-H

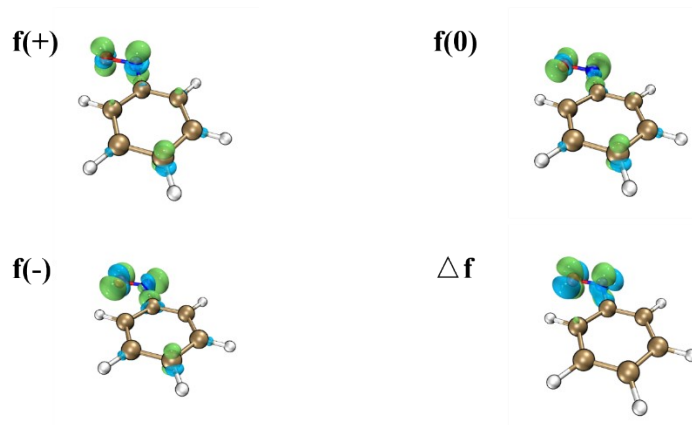


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### AOB

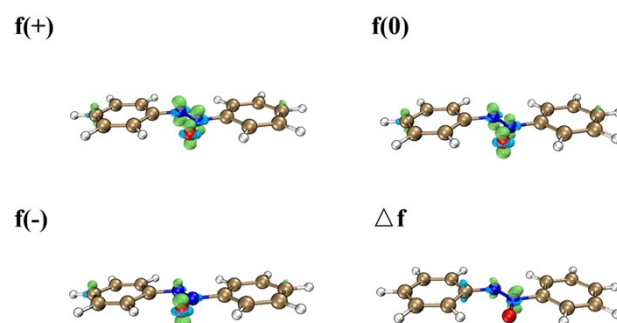
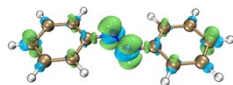


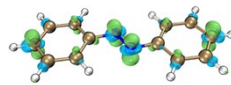
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**AB**

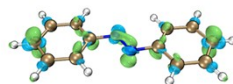
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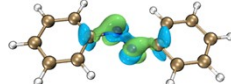
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**f(-)**



**Δf**



**Figure S18.** Isodensity contour plot of the Fukui function  $f(+)$ ,  $f(0)$ ,  $f(-)$  and  $\Delta f$  for the azobenzene (AB).

**Table S4.** Mulliken atomic charges of nitrobenzene (NB), azobenzene (AB) and azoxybenzene (AOB) have been calculated using GGA-PBE.

Atomic Populations (Mulliken) of NB							Total	Charge(e)
Species	Ion	s	p	d	f			
H	1	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.33	
H	2	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.34	
H	3	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.31	
H	4	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.31	
H	5	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.30	
C	1	1.26	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.26	-0.26	
C	2	1.27	2.99	0.00	0.00	4.26	-0.26	
C	3	1.26	3.02	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27	
C	4	1.26	2.97	0.00	0.00	4.24	-0.24	
C	5	1.13	2.76	0.00	0.00	3.89	0.11	
C	6	1.26	2.98	0.00	0.00	4.24	-0.24	
N	1	1.48	3.28	0.00	0.00	4.76	0.24	
O	1	1.94	4.40	0.00	0.00	6.33	-0.33	
O	2	1.94	4.39	0.00	0.00	6.33	-0.33	

Atomic Populations (Mulliken) of NSB							Total	Charge(e)
Species	Ion	s	p	d	f			
H	1	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.24	
H	2	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.32	
H	3	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.30	
H	4	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.30	
H	5	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.30	
H	6	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.51	
C	1	1.19	3.09	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27	
C	2	1.19	3.10	0.00	0.00	4.29	-0.29	
C	3	1.19	3.11	0.00	0.00	4.29	-0.29	
C	4	1.19	3.08	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27	
C	5	1.02	2.85	0.00	0.00	3.88	0.12	
C	6	1.16	3.16	0.00	0.00	4.33	-0.33	
N	1	1.64	3.49	0.00	0.00	5.13	-0.13	
O	1	1.83	4.68	0.00	0.00	6.51	-0.51	

Atomic Populations (Mulliken) of D-NSB							Total	Charge(e)
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H	1	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.32	
H	2	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.32	
H	3	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.30	
H	4	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29	
H	5	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29	
H	6	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.31	
H	7	0.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.33	
H	8	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29	
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C	7	1.26	3.01	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27	

C	8	1.26	3.01	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27
C	9	1.26	3.03	0.00	0.00	4.28	-0.28
C	10	1.26	2.99	0.00	0.00	4.25	-0.25
C	11	1.26	3.01	0.00	0.00	3.88	0.12
C	12	1.25	2.99	0.00	0.00	4.25	-0.25
N	1	1.41	3.46	0.00	0.00	4.88	0.12
N	2	1.39	3.45	0.00	0.00	4.84	0.16
O	1	1.93	4.54	0.00	0.00	6.47	-0.47
O	2	1.90	4.54	0.00	0.00	6.45	-0.45

Atomic Populations (Mulliken) of NSB-H

Species	Ion	s	p	d	f	Total	Charge(e)
H	1	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.32
H	2	0.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.32
H	3	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.31
H	4	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.31
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Atomic Populations (Mulliken) of AOB

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H	5	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29
H	6	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.30
H	7	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.31
H	8	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29
H	9	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29
H	10	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.29
C	1	1.26	3.02	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27
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C	3	1.26	3.03	0.00	0.00	4.28	-0.28
C	4	1.25	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.26	-0.26
C	5	1.13	2.74	0.00	0.00	3.87	0.13
C	6	1.26	3.01	0.00	0.00	4.26	-0.26
C	7	1.26	3.02	0.00	0.00	4.27	-0.27
C	8	1.26	3.02	0.00	0.00	4.28	-0.28
C	9	1.26	3.03	0.00	0.00	4.28	-0.28
C	10	1.26	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.26	-0.26
C	11	1.13	2.74	0.00	0.00	3.87	0.13
C	12	1.26	3.01	0.00	0.00	4.26	-0.26
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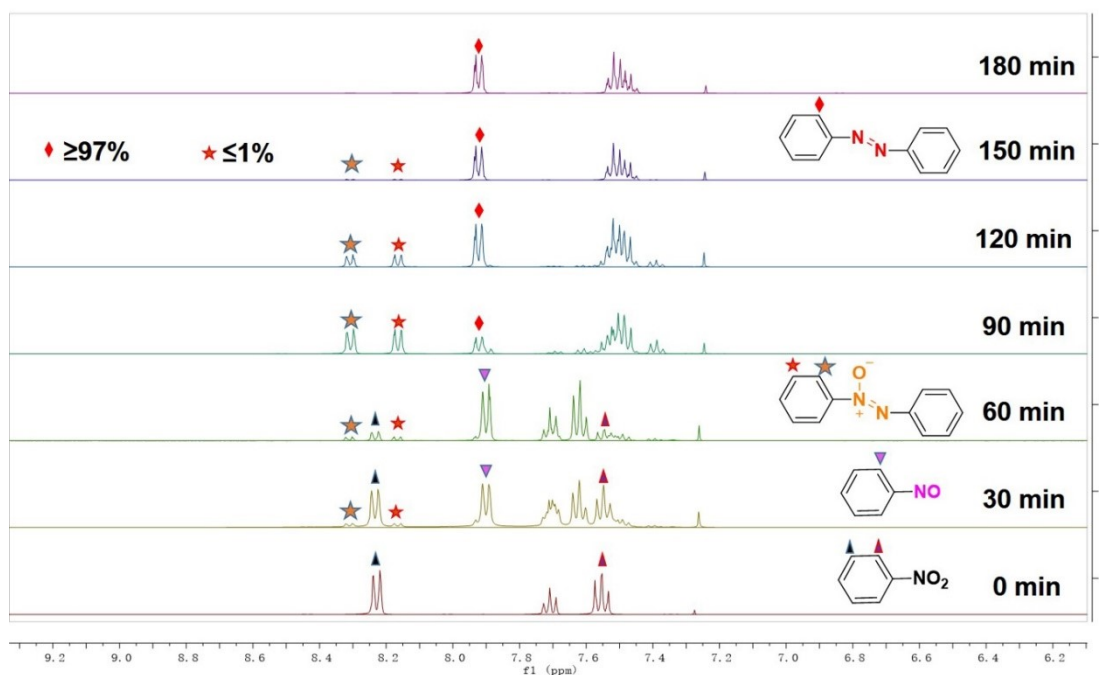


Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of the crude products during different reaction time recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  for mechanistic study.

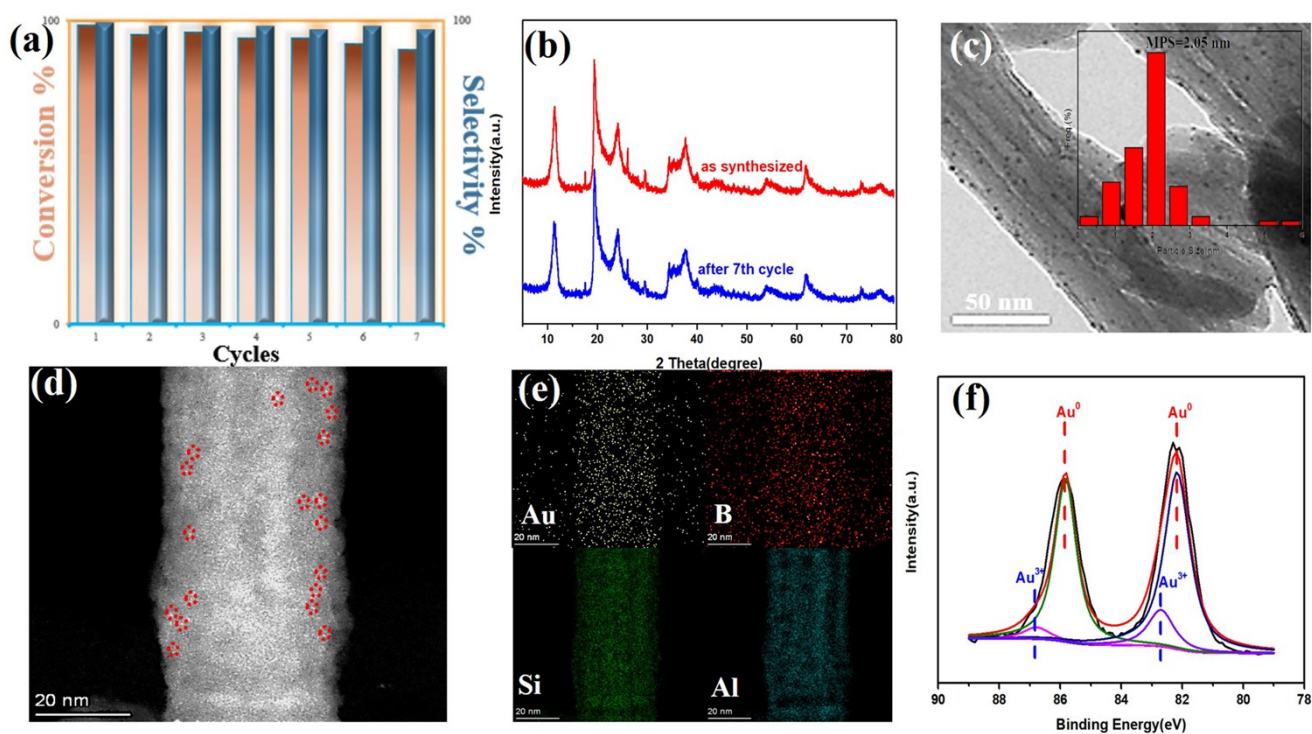
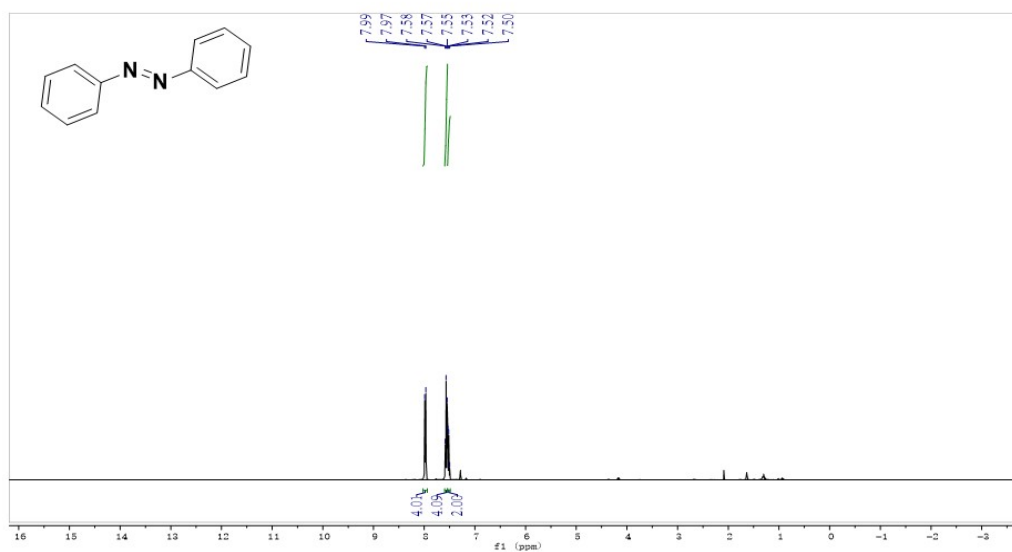
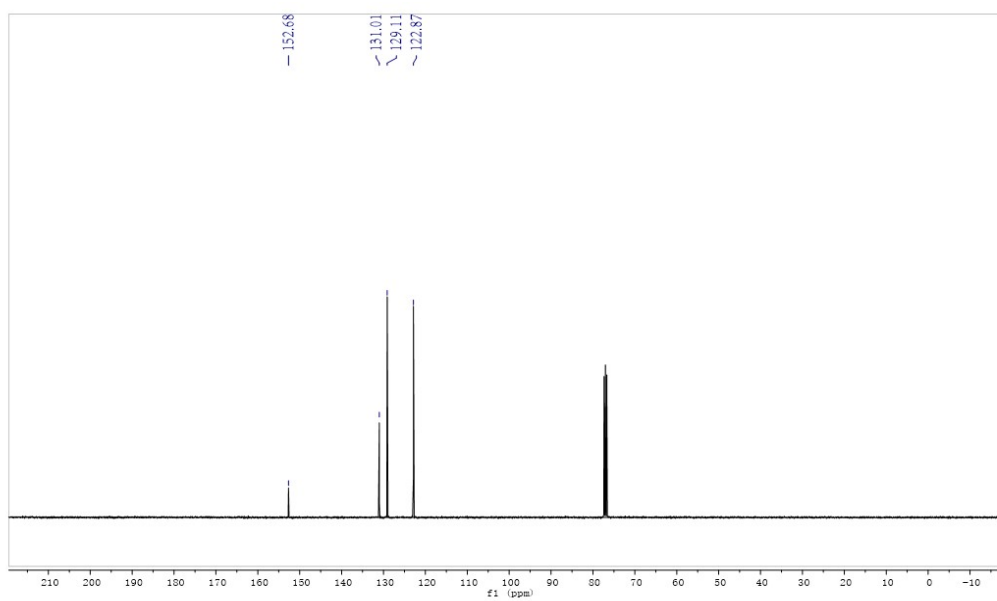


Figure S20. (a) Reusability of  $\text{HNT@B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$  (conversions and selectivity are based on GC), (b) PXRD of recycled  $\text{HNT@B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$  after seven cycles, (c) HRTEM of recycled  $\text{HNT@B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$  after seven cycles, (d) HAADF-STEM image of  $\text{HNT@B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$  after 7th use, and representative B, Au, Al, Si elemental mapping of (e), (f) XPS spectra of Au on the recycled  $\text{HNT@B}_{12}\text{H}_{12}@Au$ .

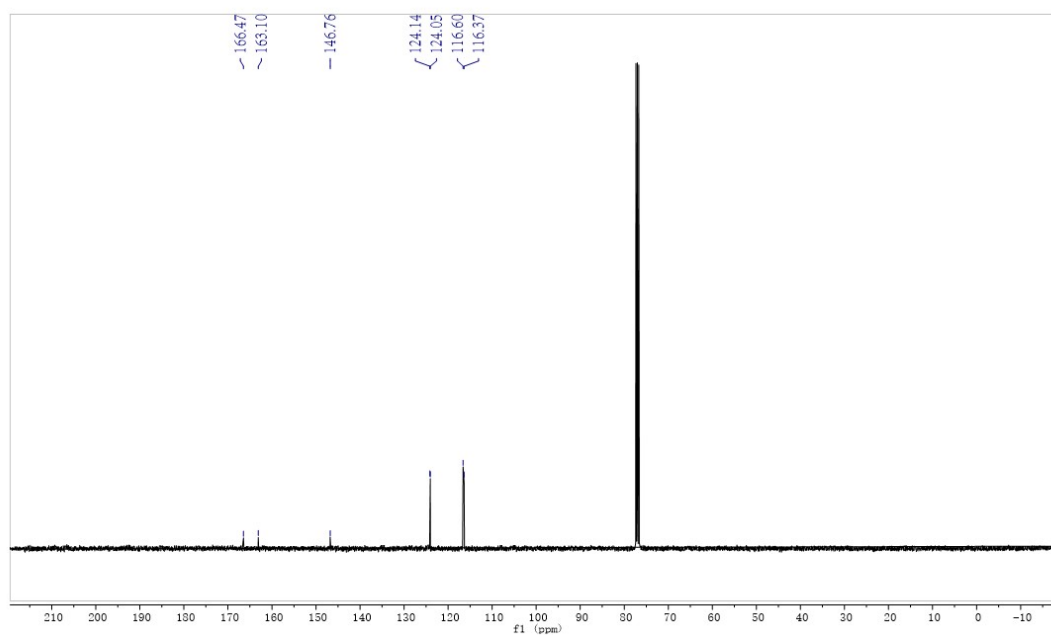
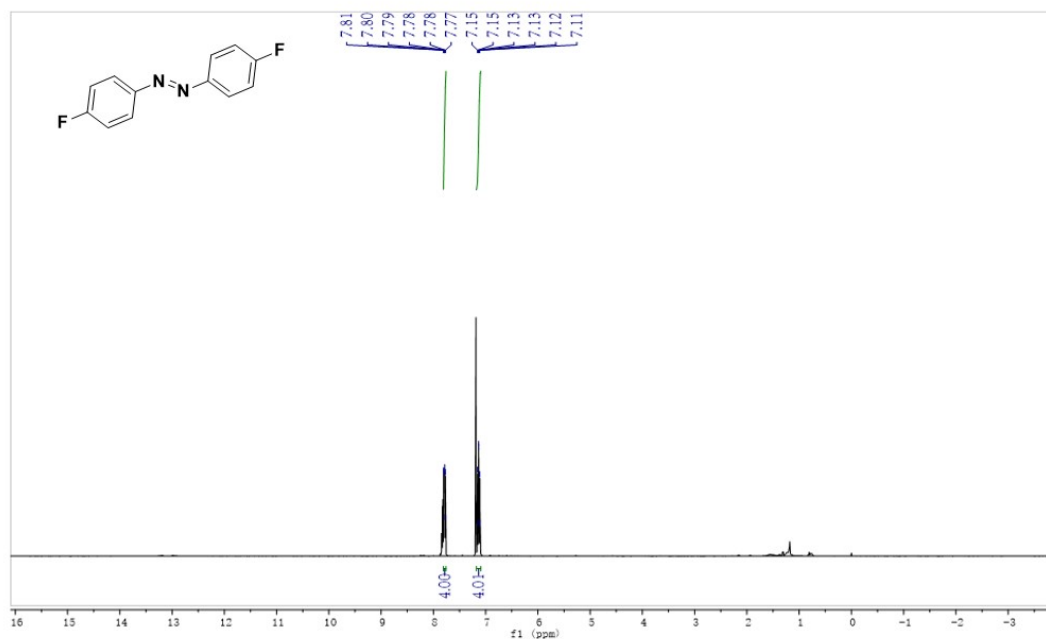
## Spectroscopic characterizations of the azo products

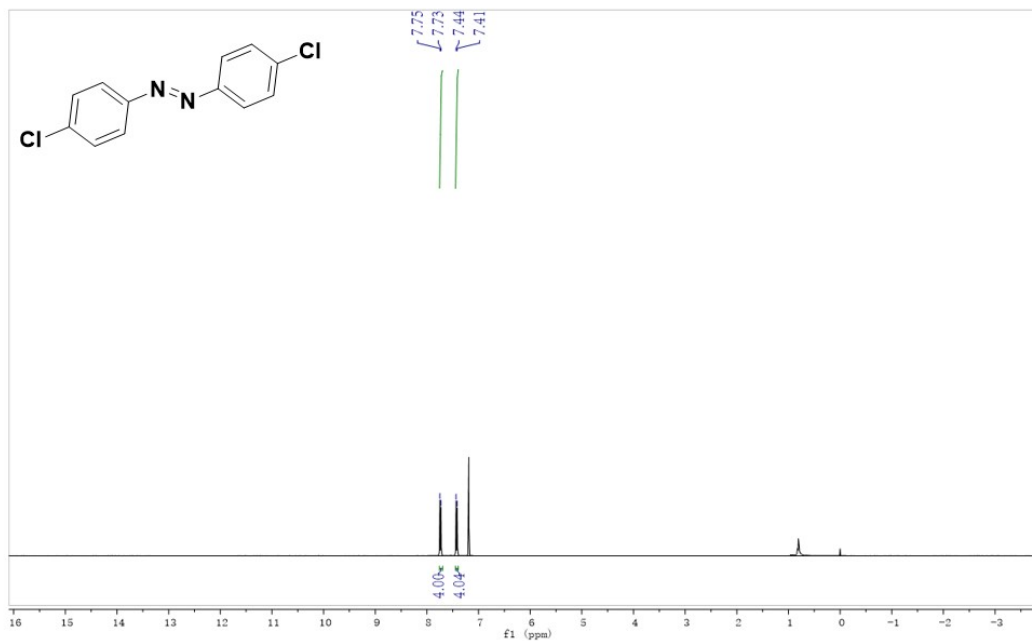


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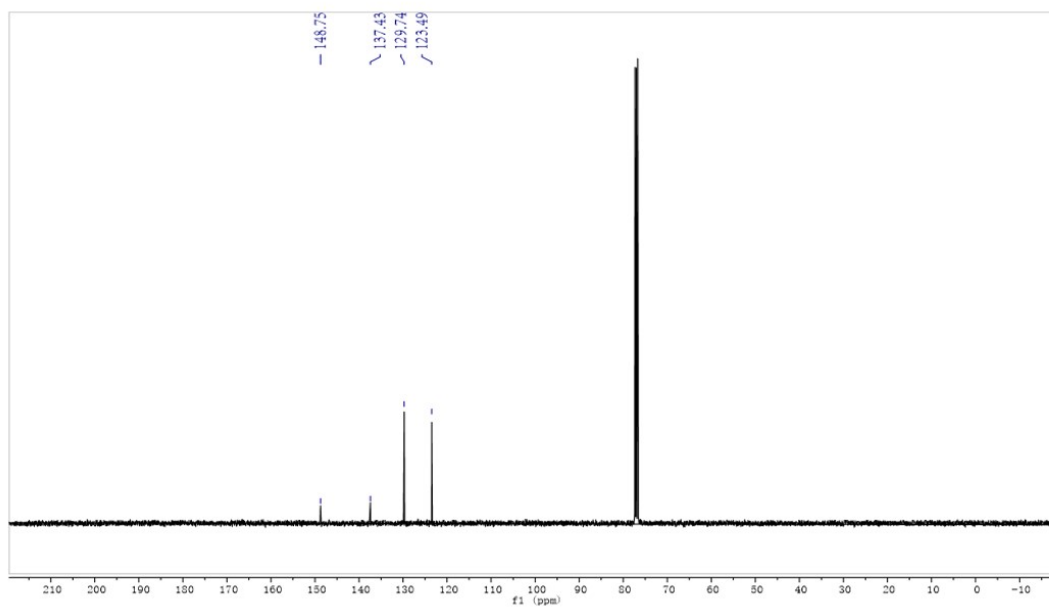


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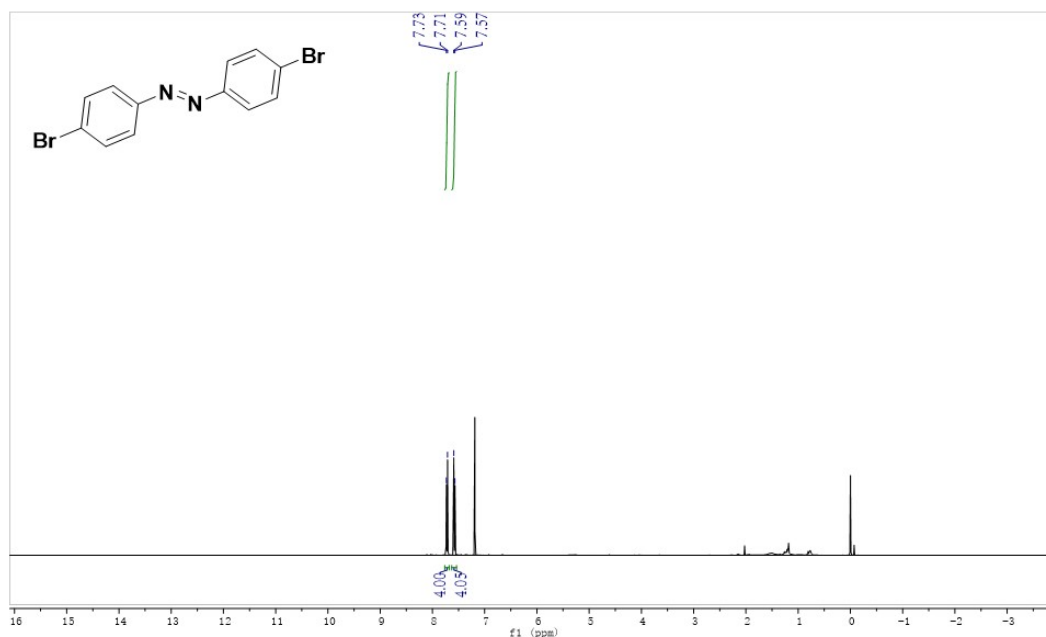


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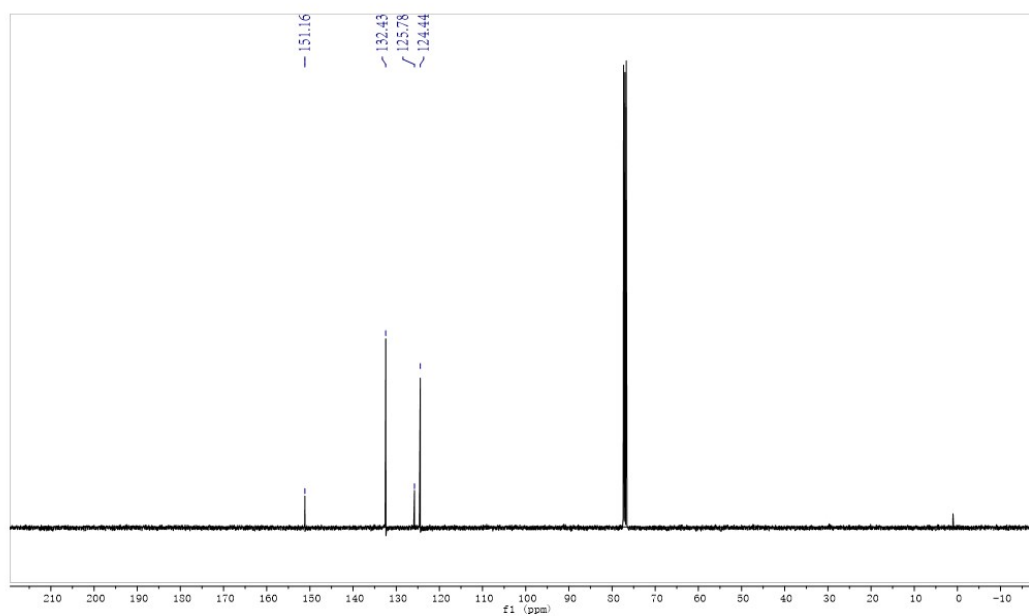


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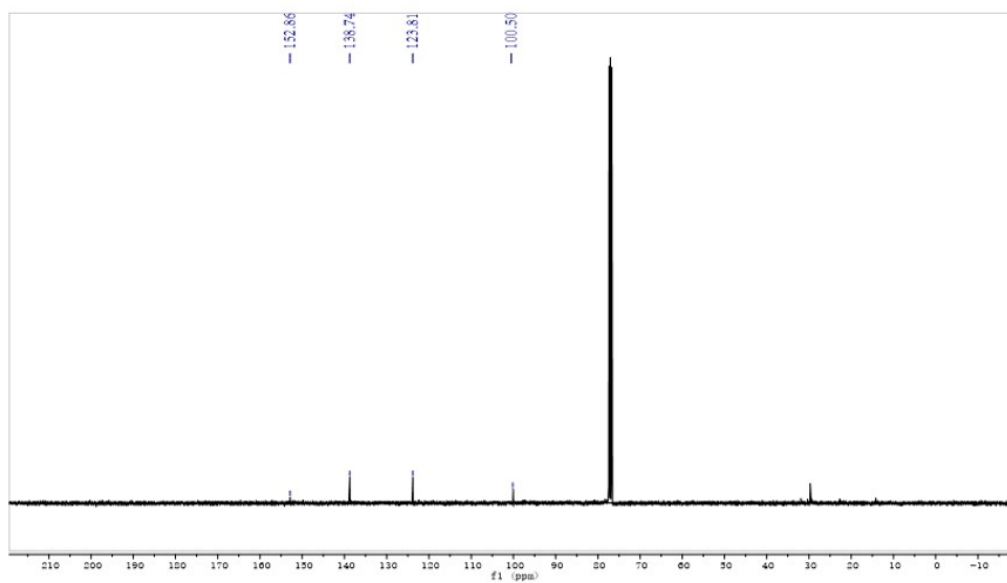
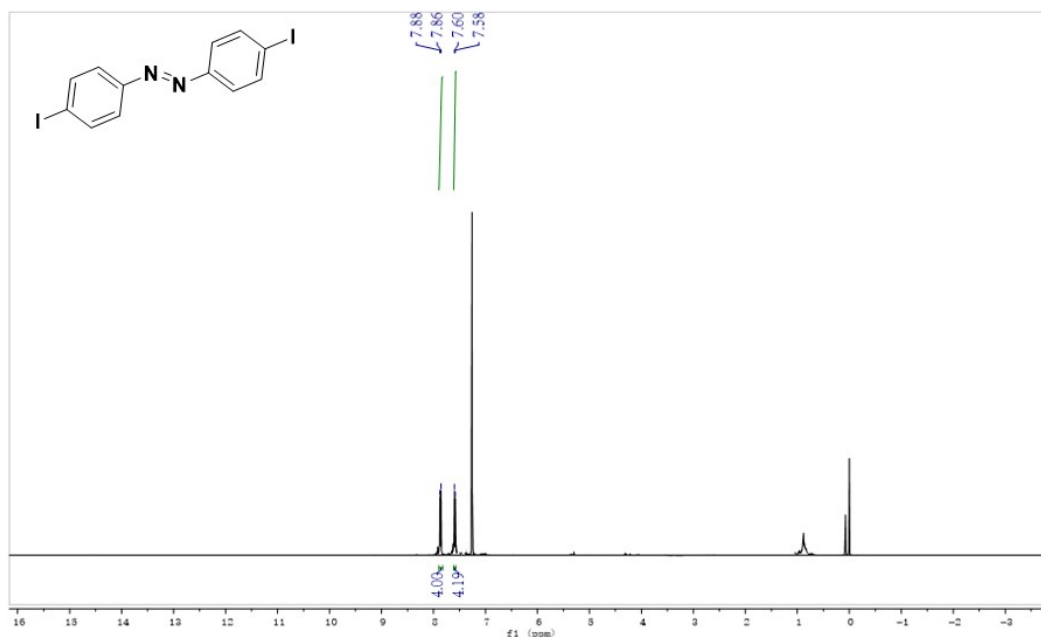


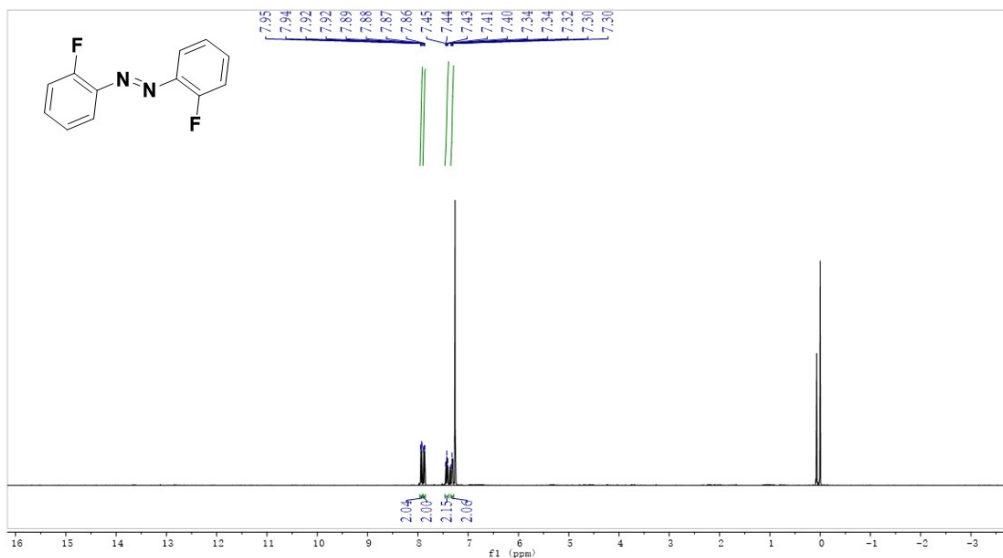


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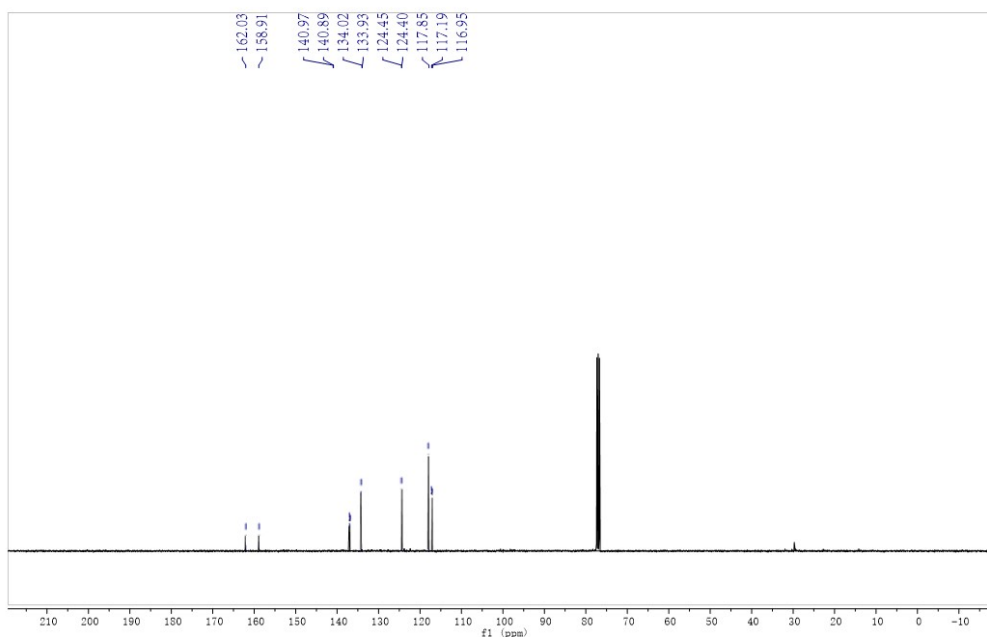


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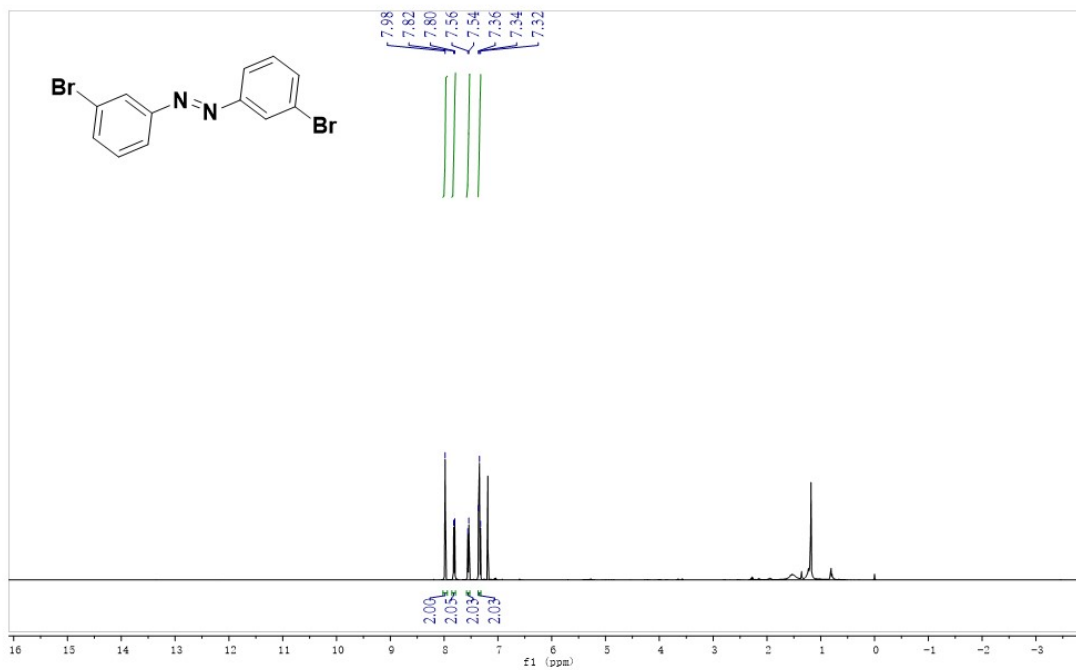




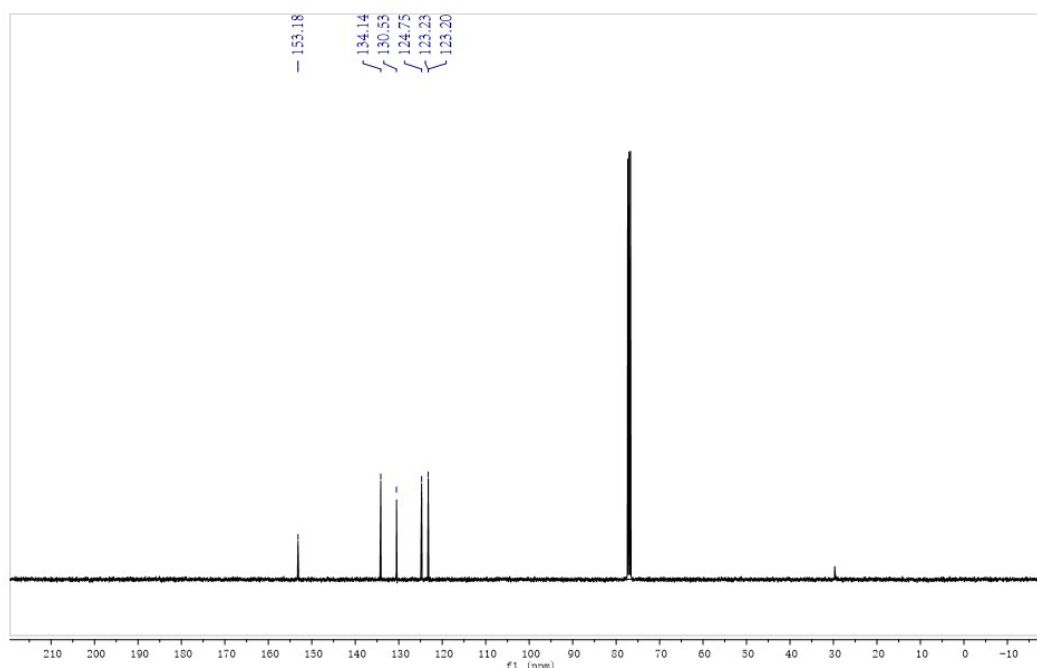
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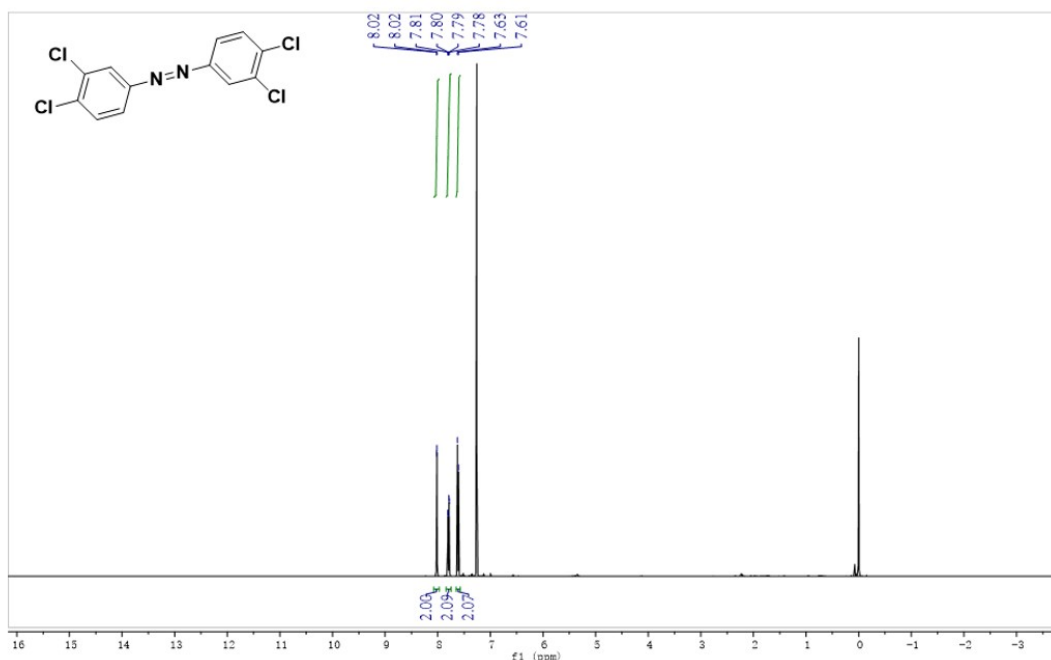
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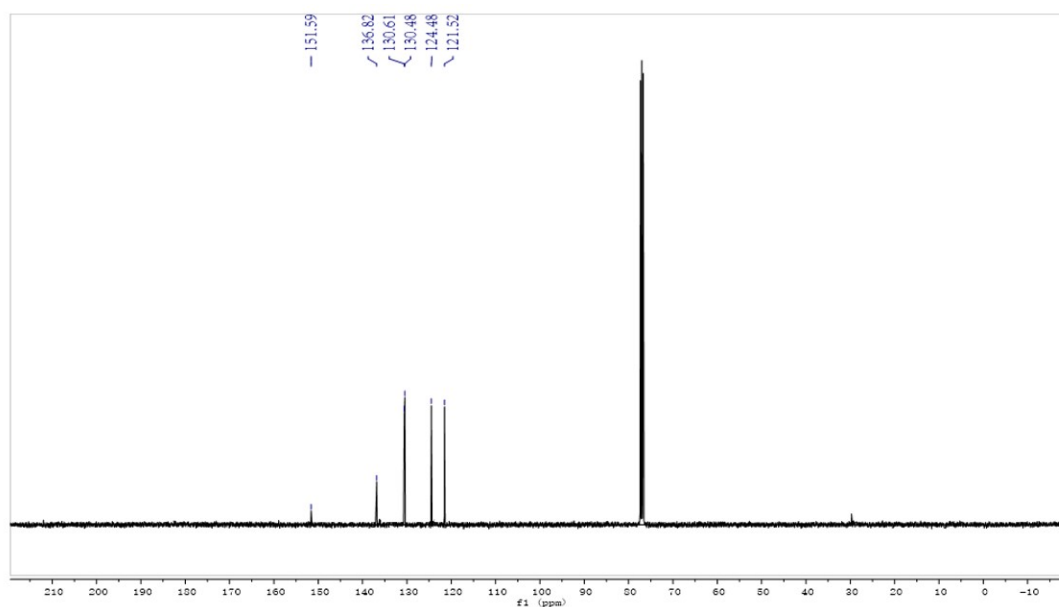
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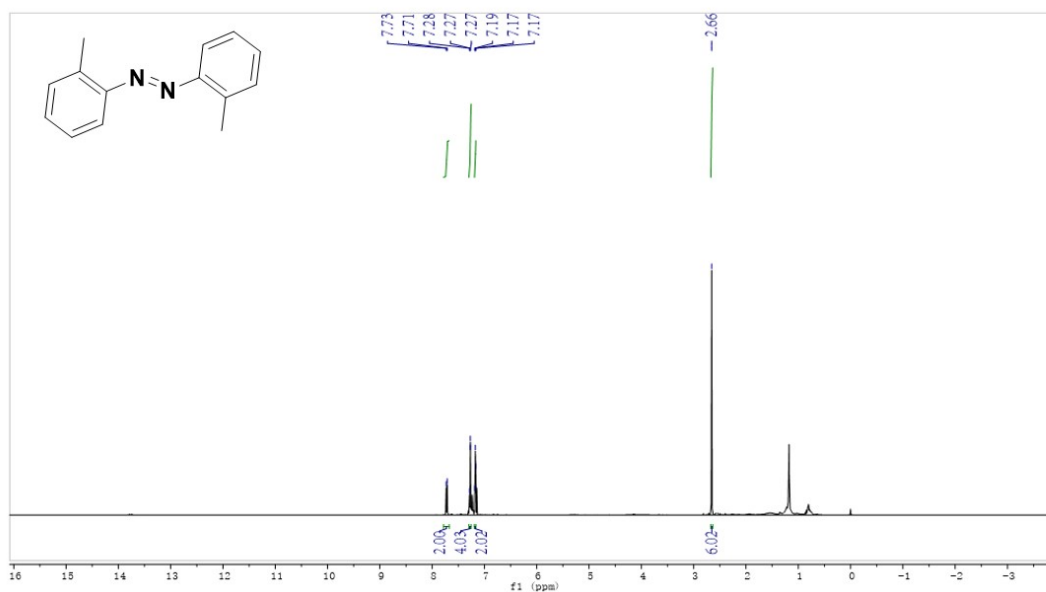
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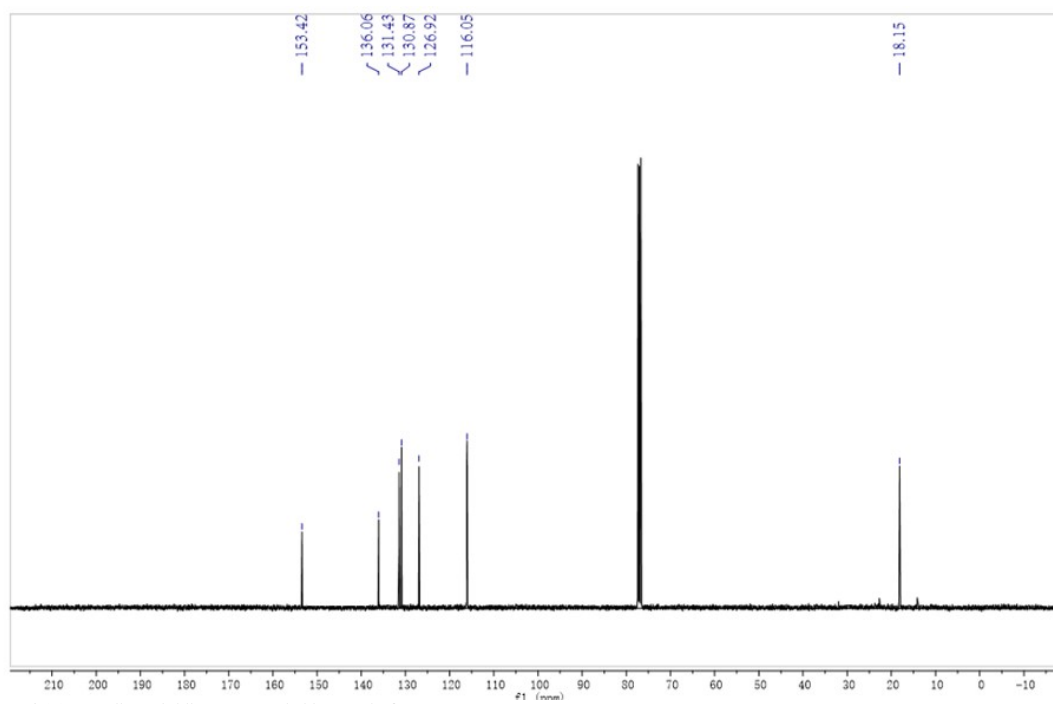
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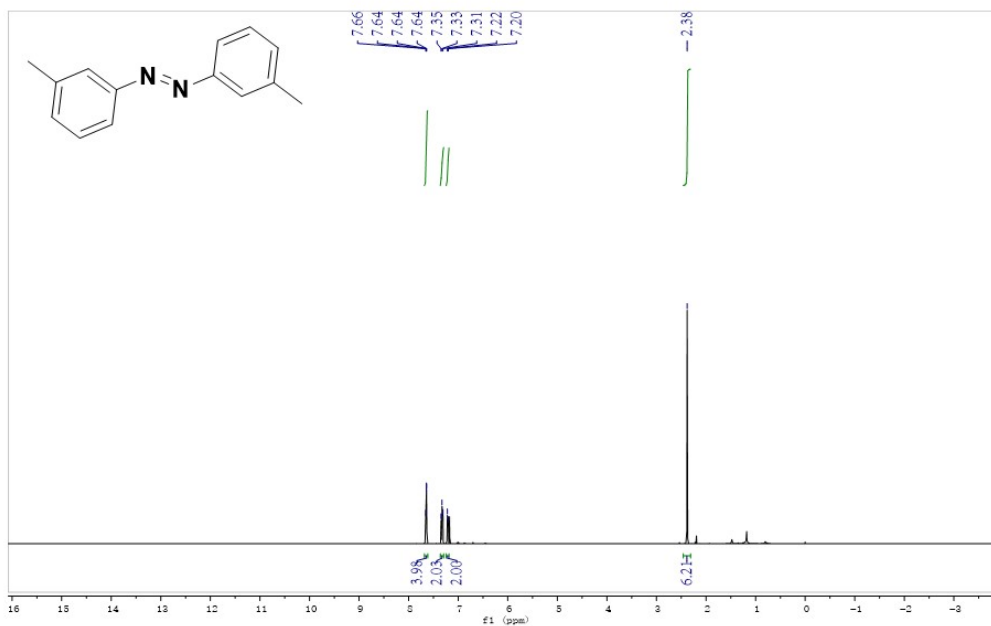
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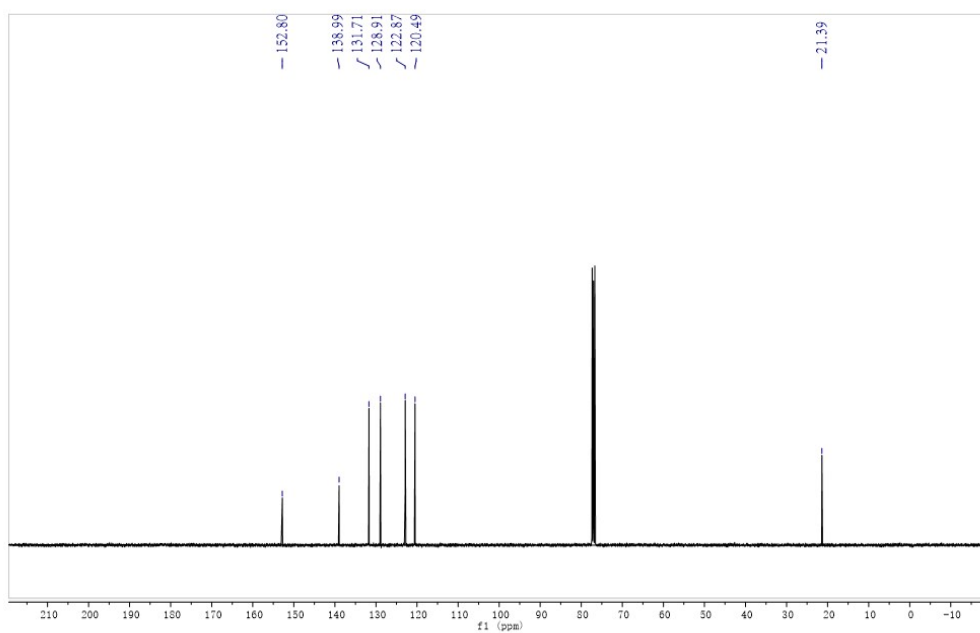
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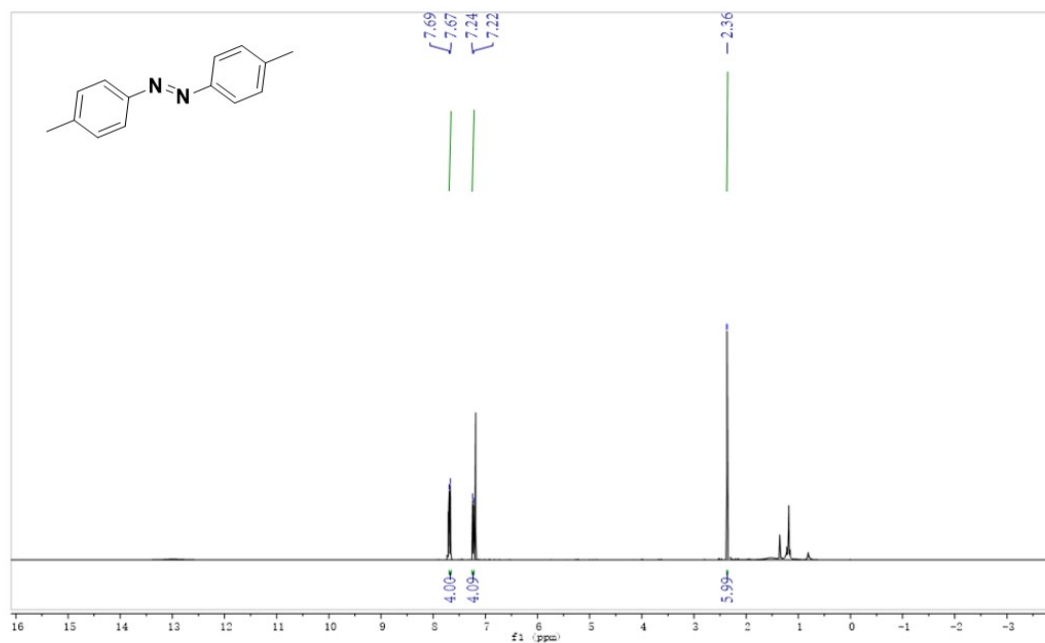
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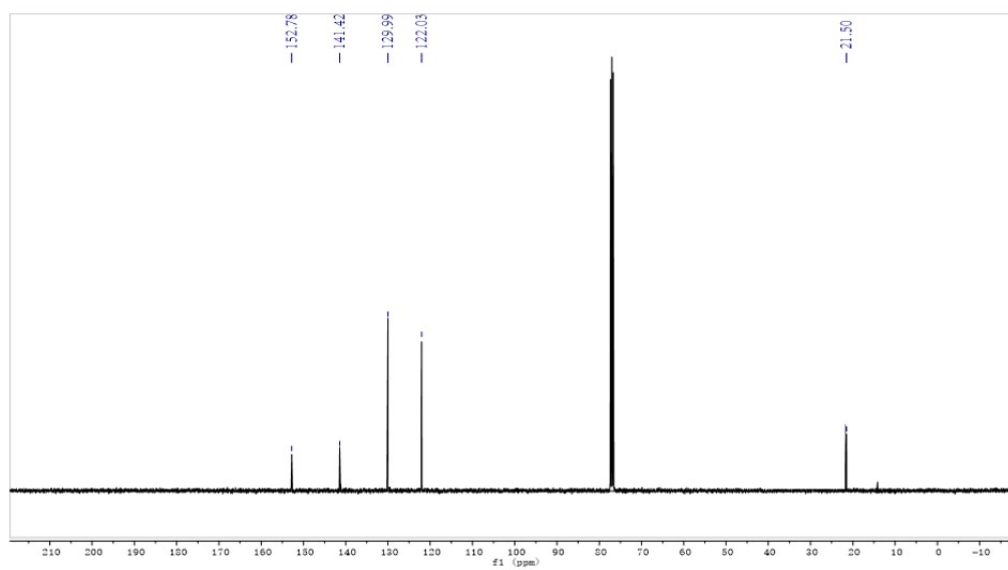
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<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (E)-1,2-di-m-tolyldiazene recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 152.80, 138.99, 131.71, 128.91, 122.87, 120.49, 21.39.

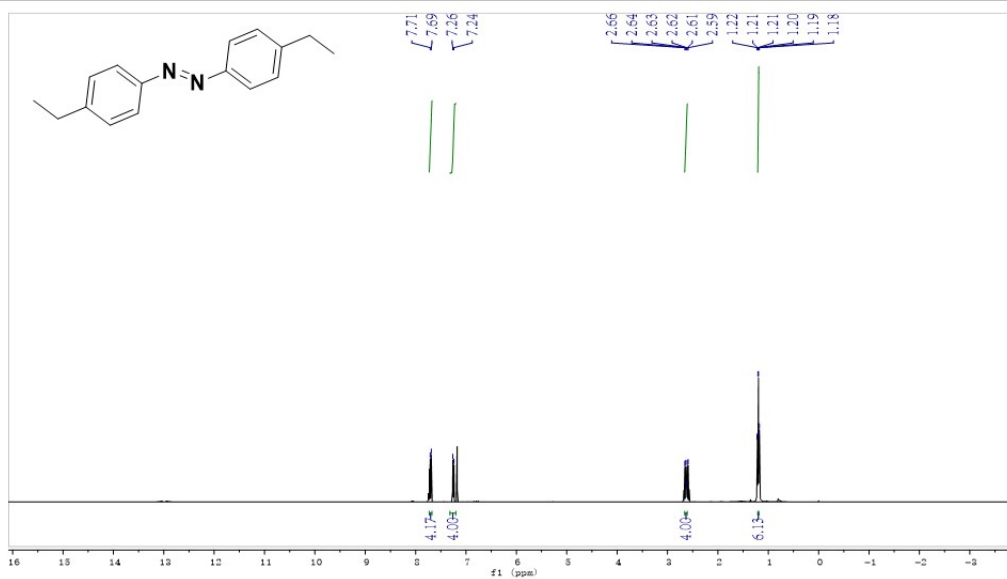


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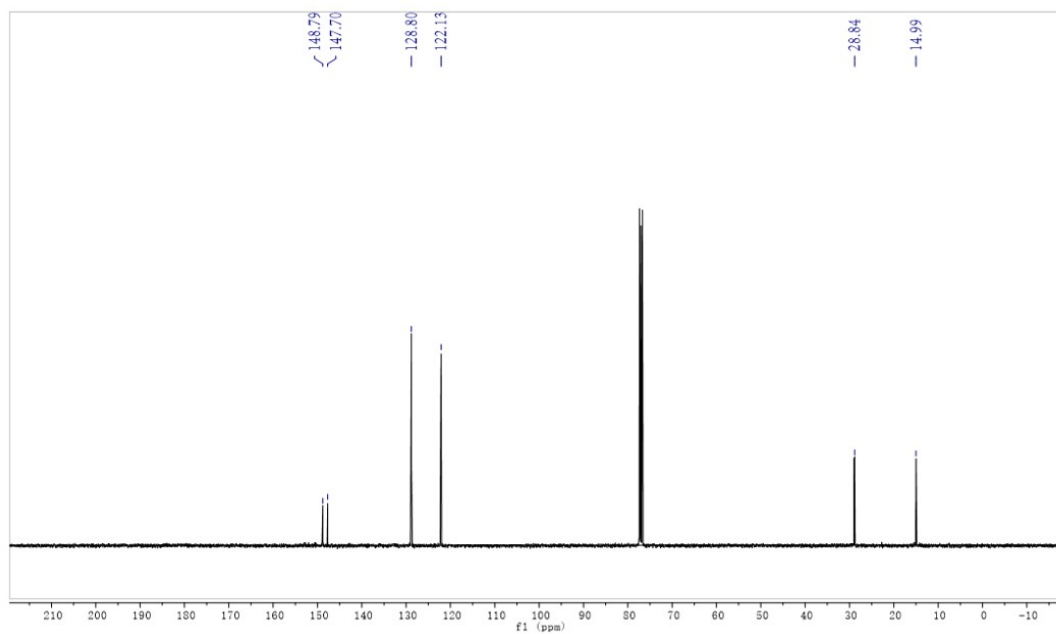


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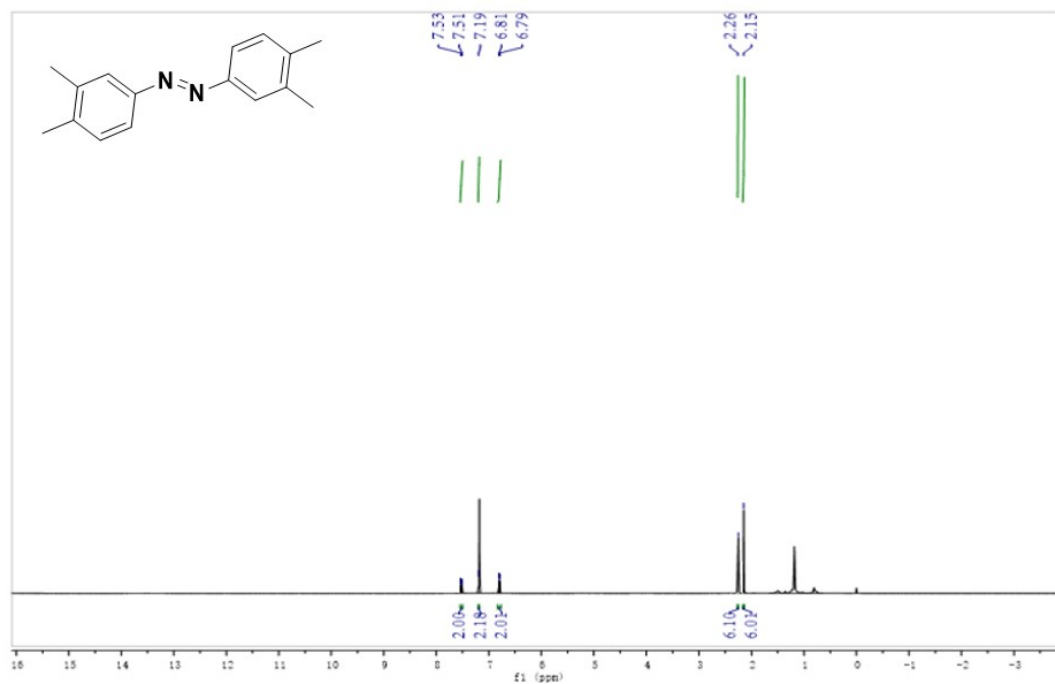




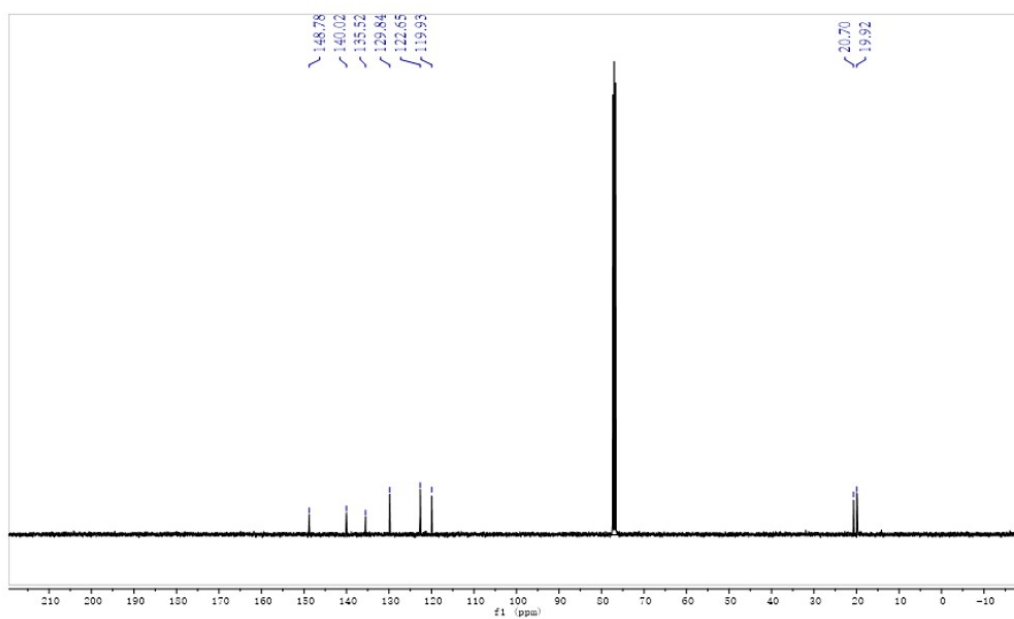
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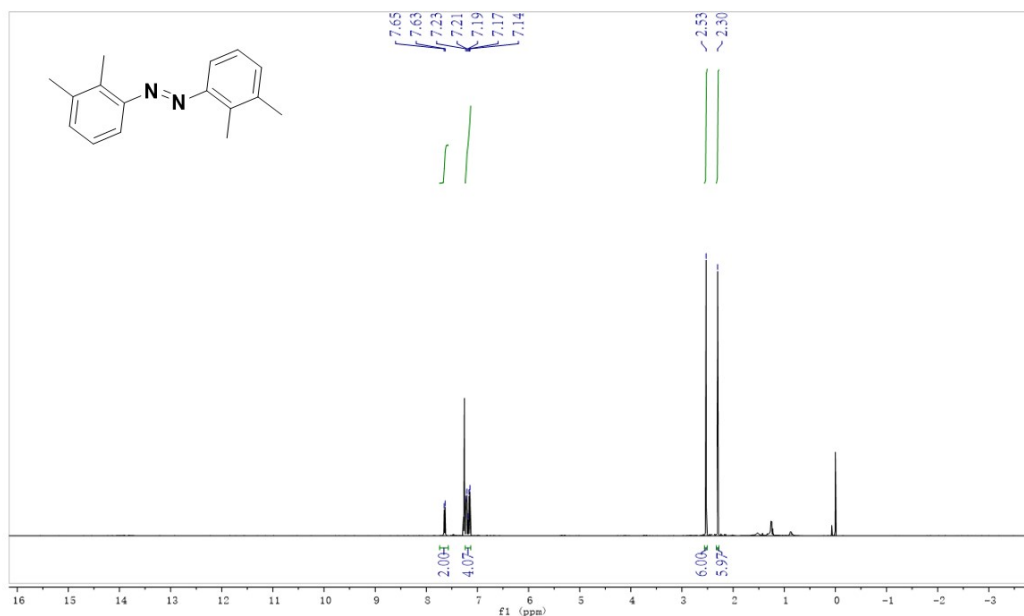
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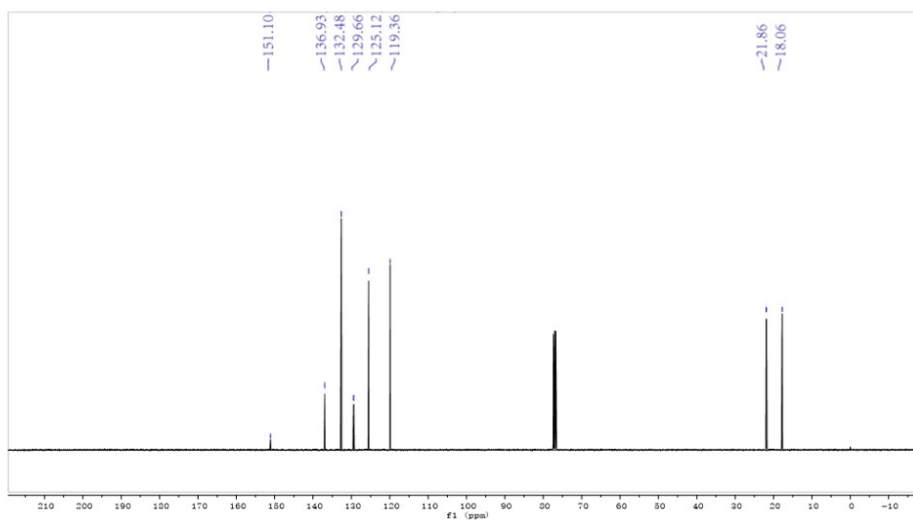
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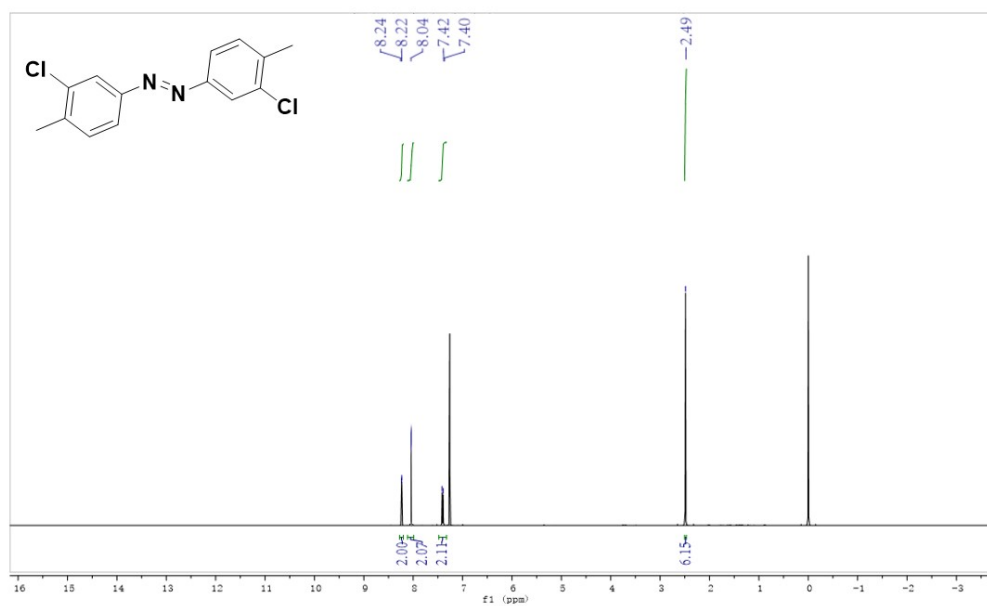
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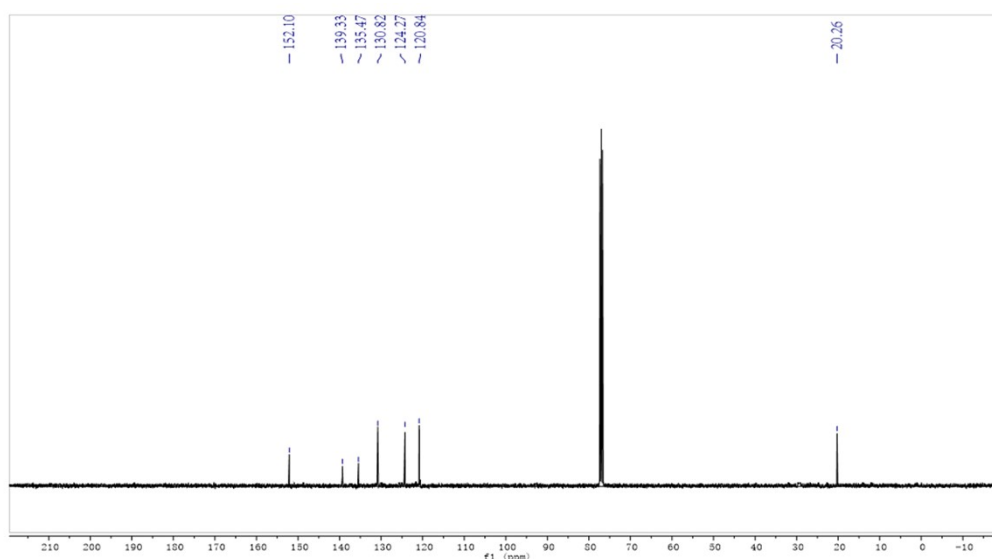
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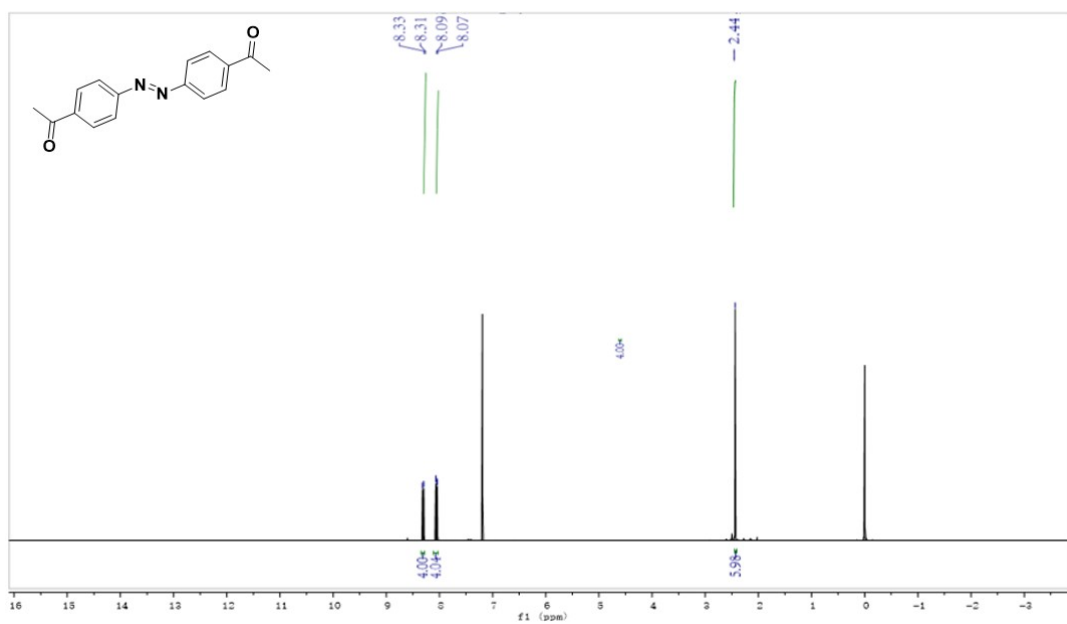
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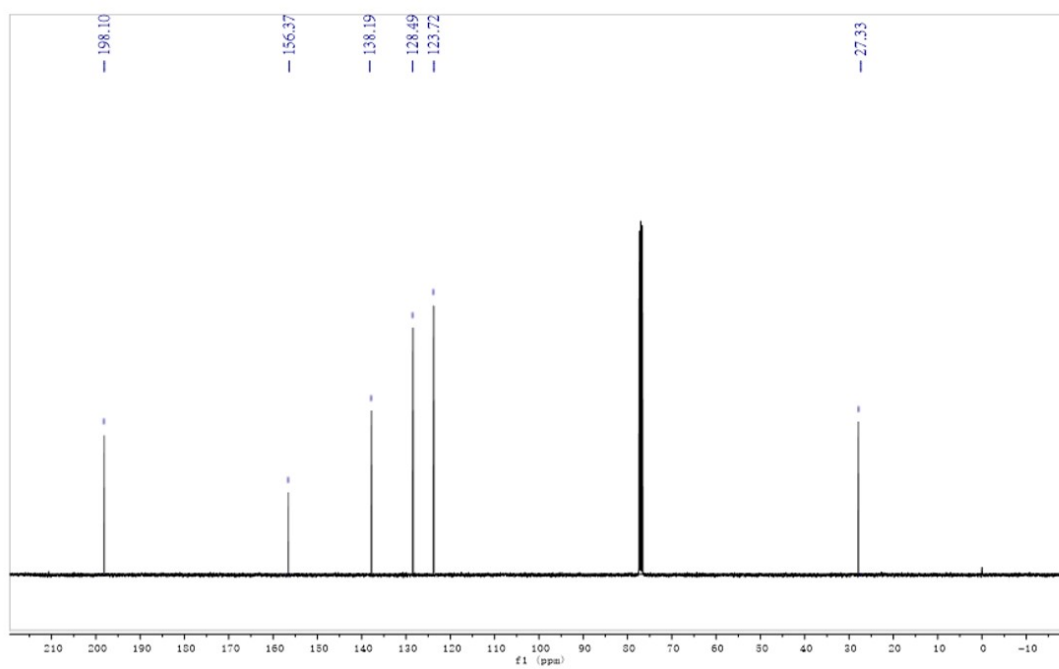
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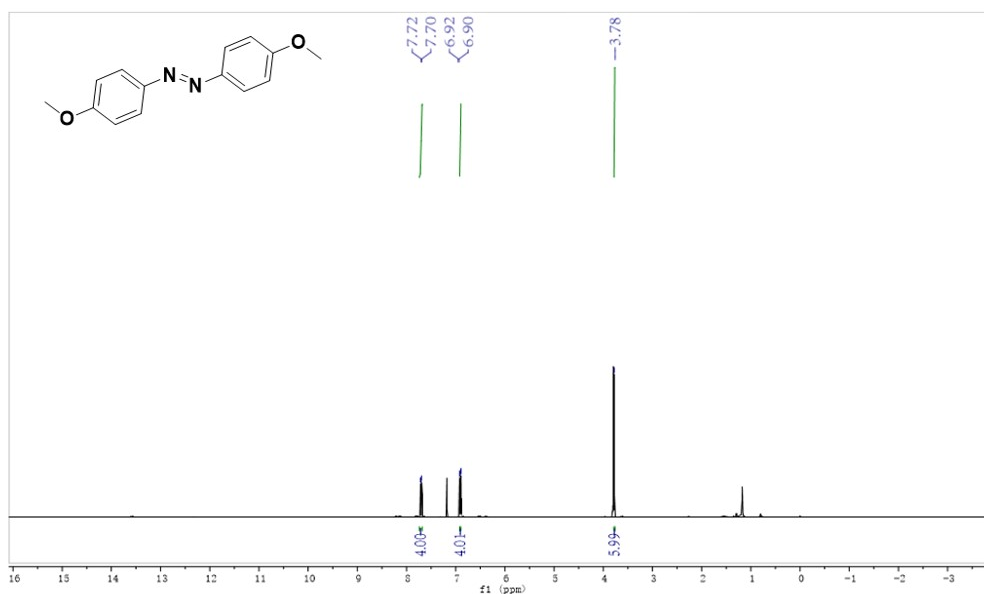
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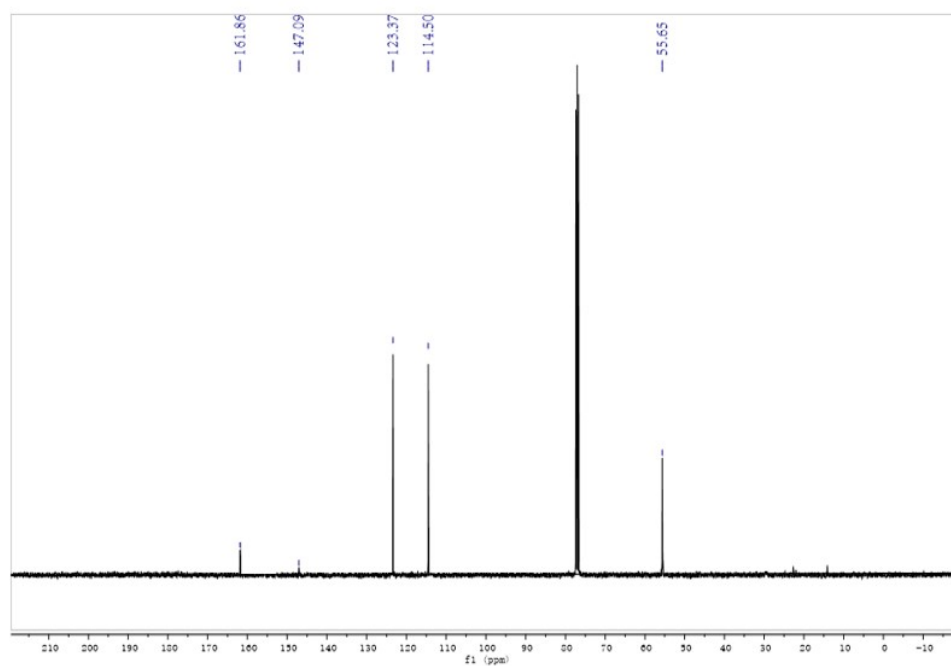
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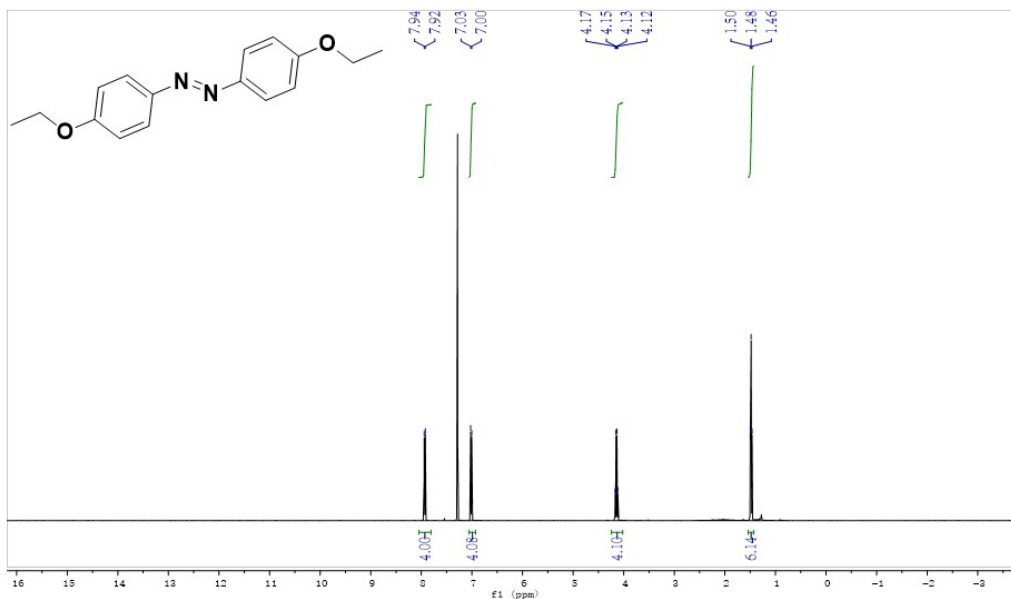
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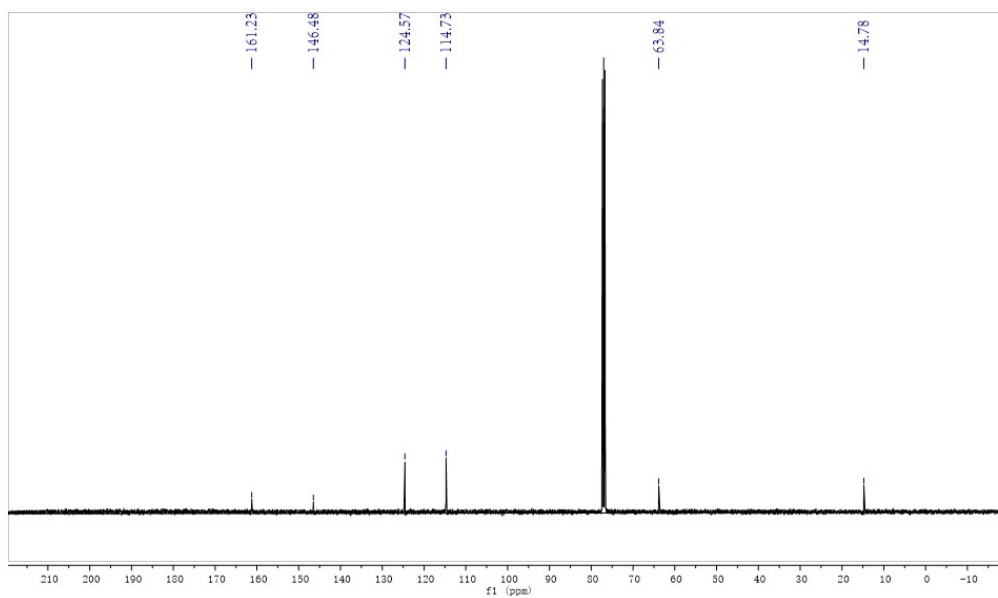
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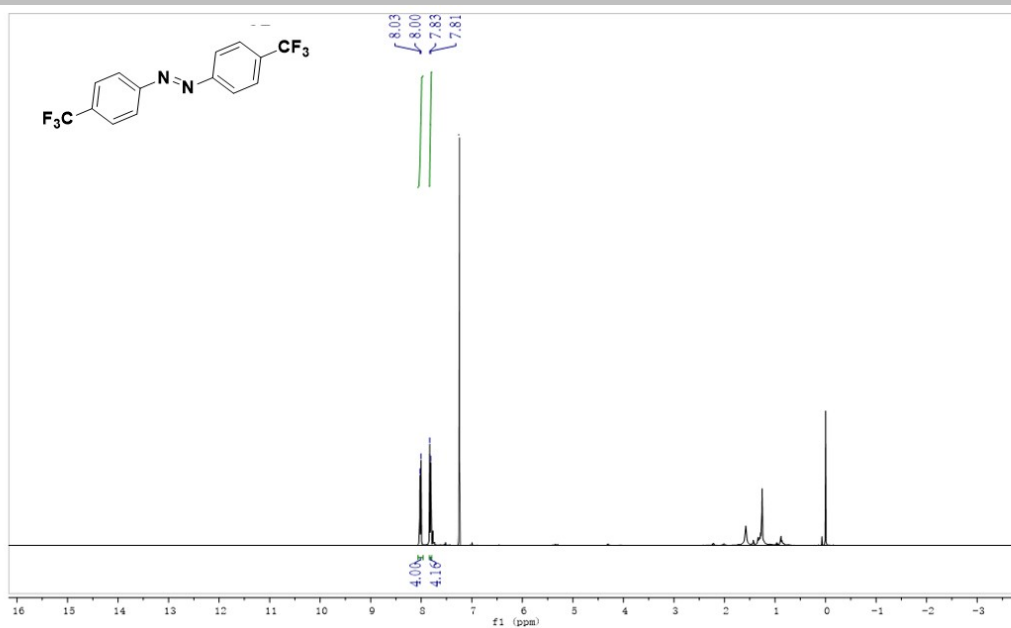
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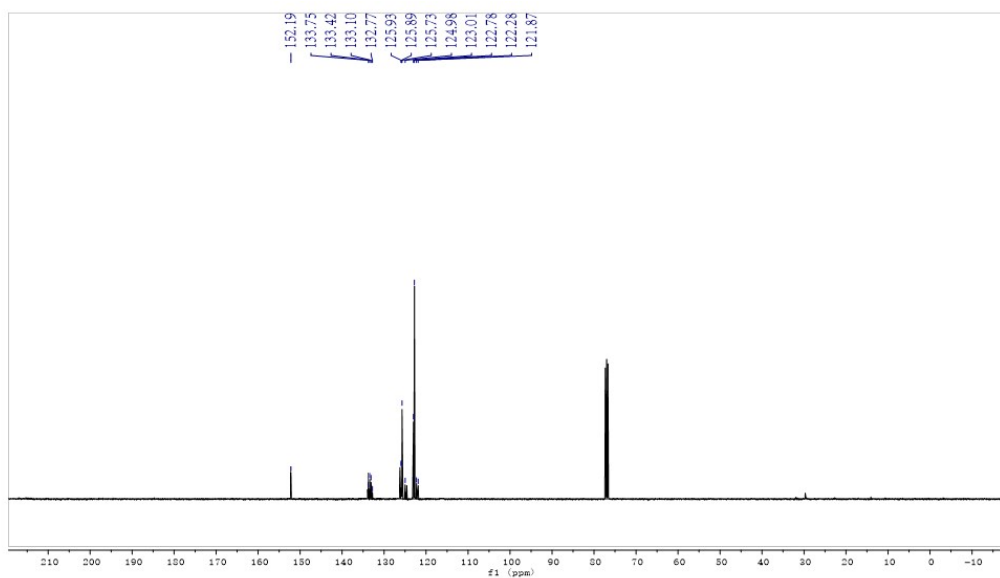
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (*E*)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)diazene recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 7.94-7.92 (d, *J*=8 Hz, 4H), 7.03-7.00(d, *J*=8 Hz, 4H), 4.17-4.12(m, 4H), 1.50-1.46(t, *J*=16 Hz, 6H).



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (*E*)-1,2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)diazene recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 161.23, 146.48, 124.57, 114.73, 63.84, 14.78.

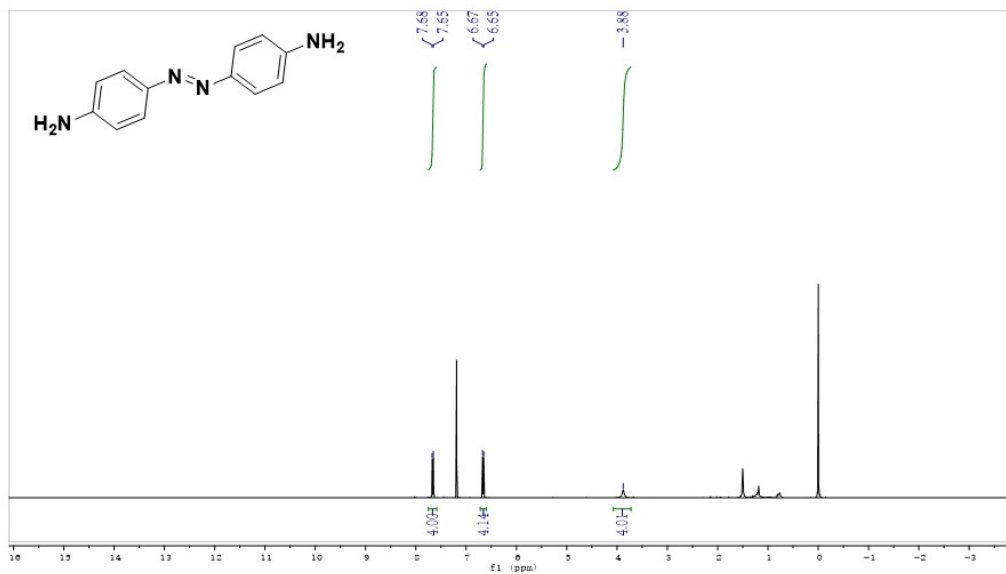


$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (*E*)-1,2-bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diazene recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  8.03-8.00 (d,  $J=8$  Hz, 4H), 7.83-7.81(d,  $J=8$  Hz, 4H).

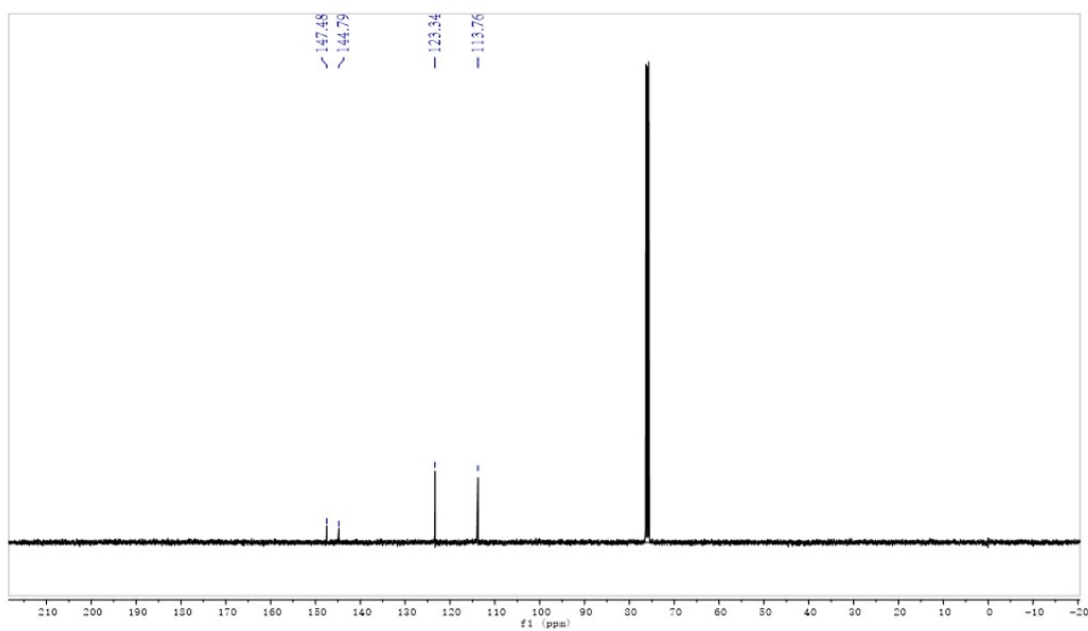


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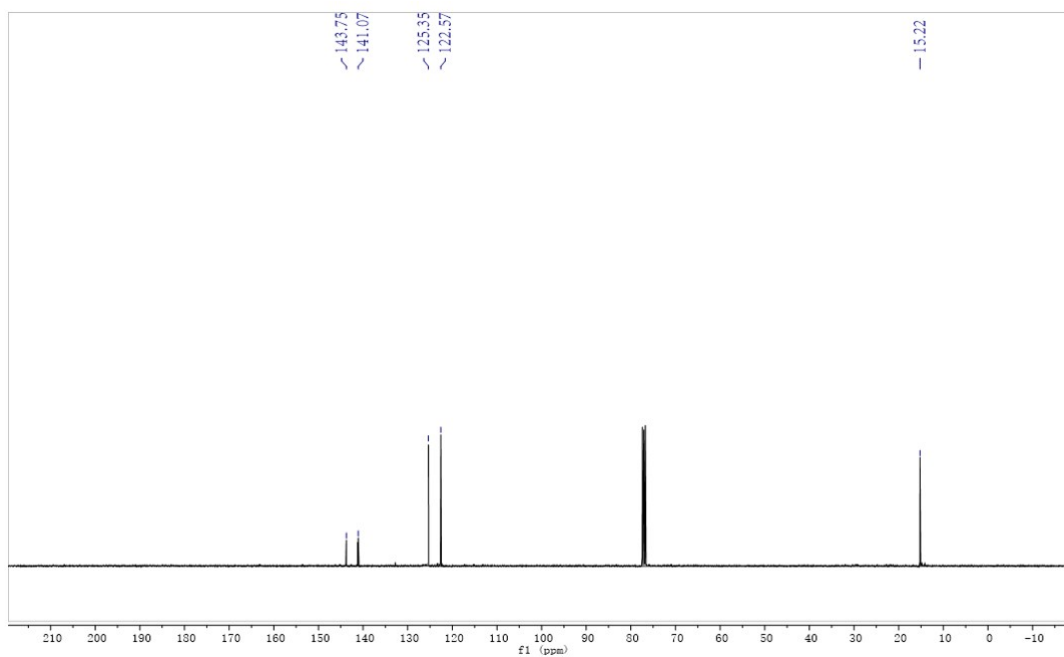
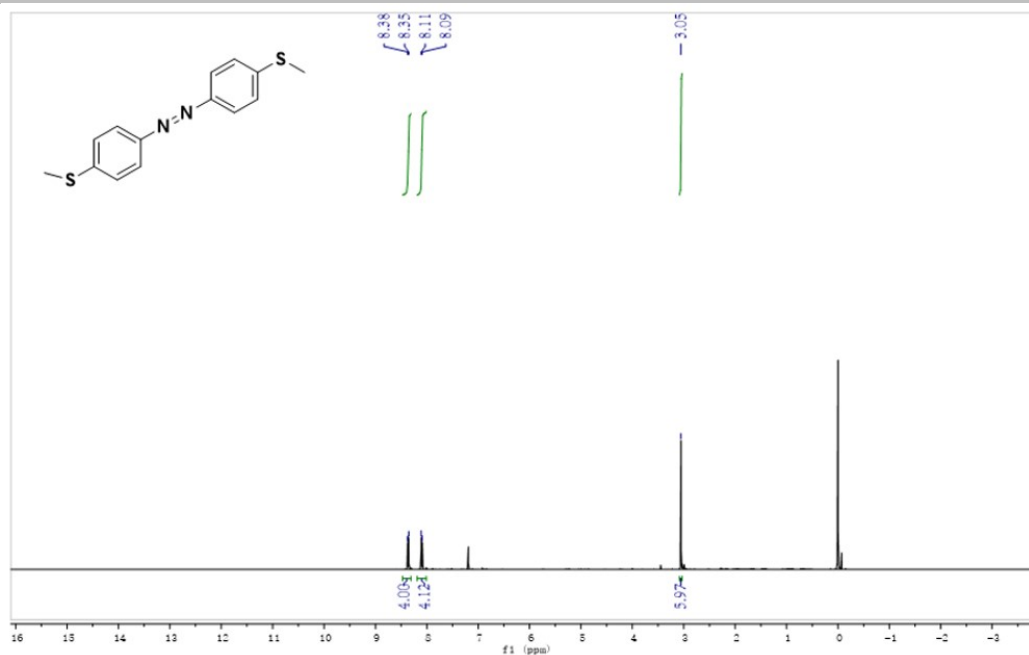


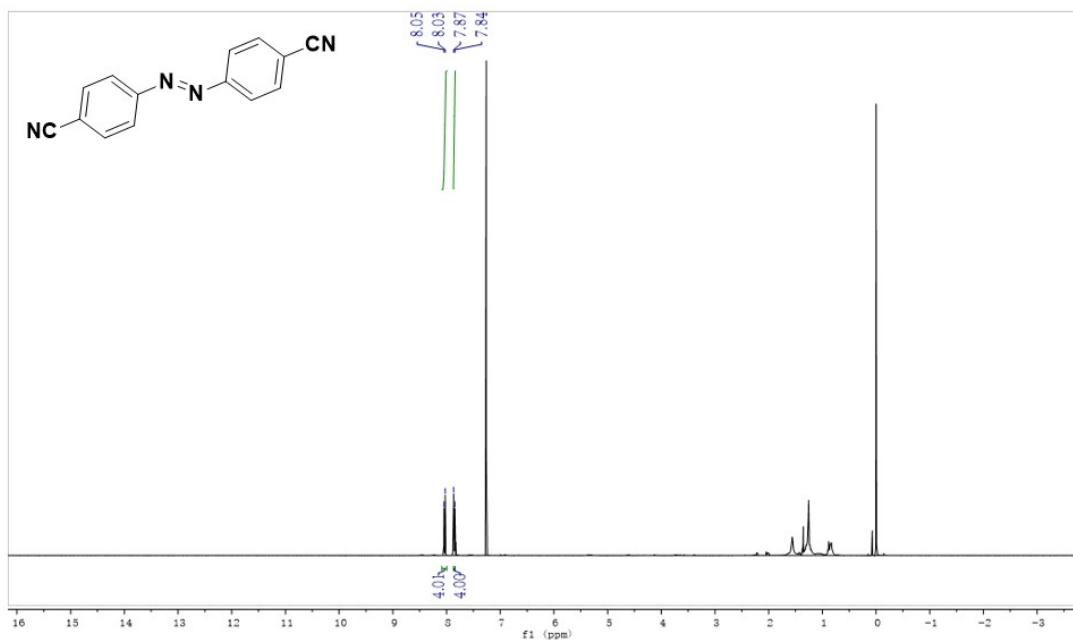


$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (*E*)-4,4'-(diazene-1,2-diyl)dianiline recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  7.68-7.65 (d,  $J=8$  Hz, 4H), 6.67-6.65 (d,  $J=8$  Hz, 4H), 3.88 (s, 4H).

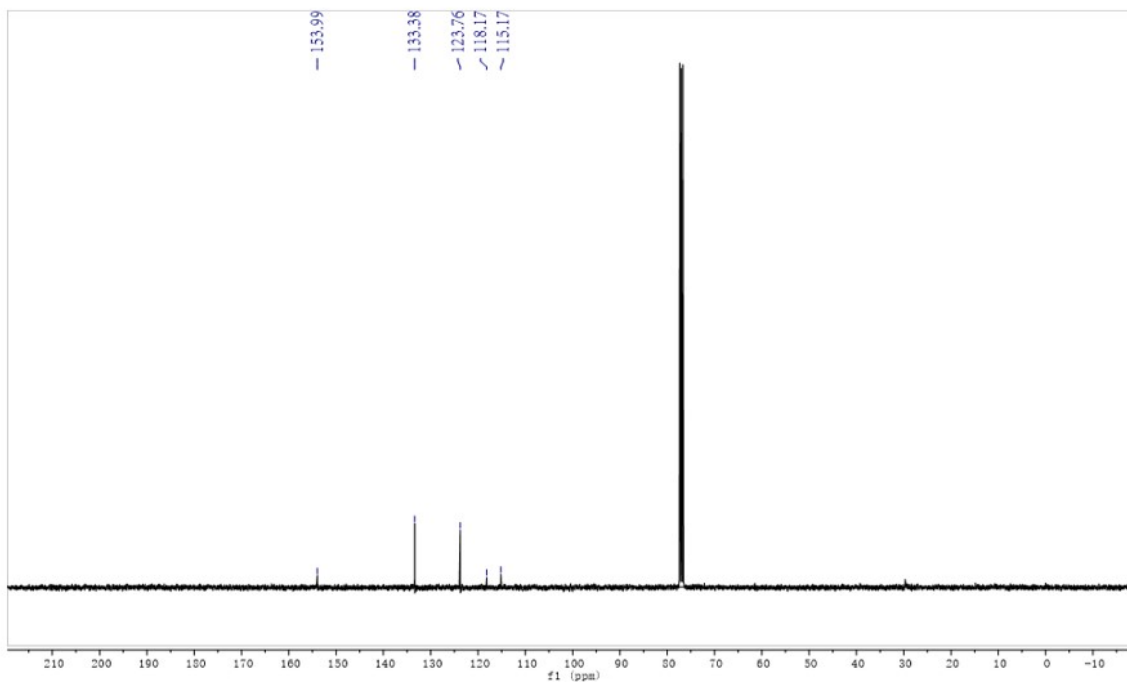


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (*E*)-4,4'-(diazene-1,2-diyl)dianiline recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  147.48, 144.79, 123.34, 113.76.

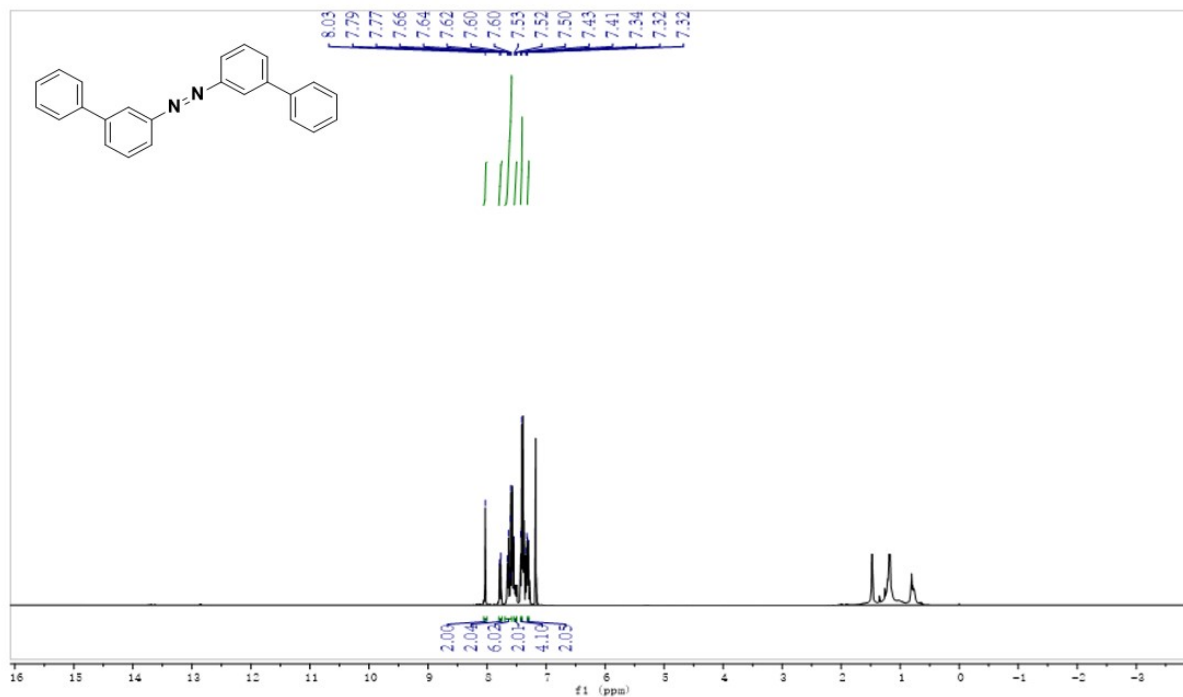




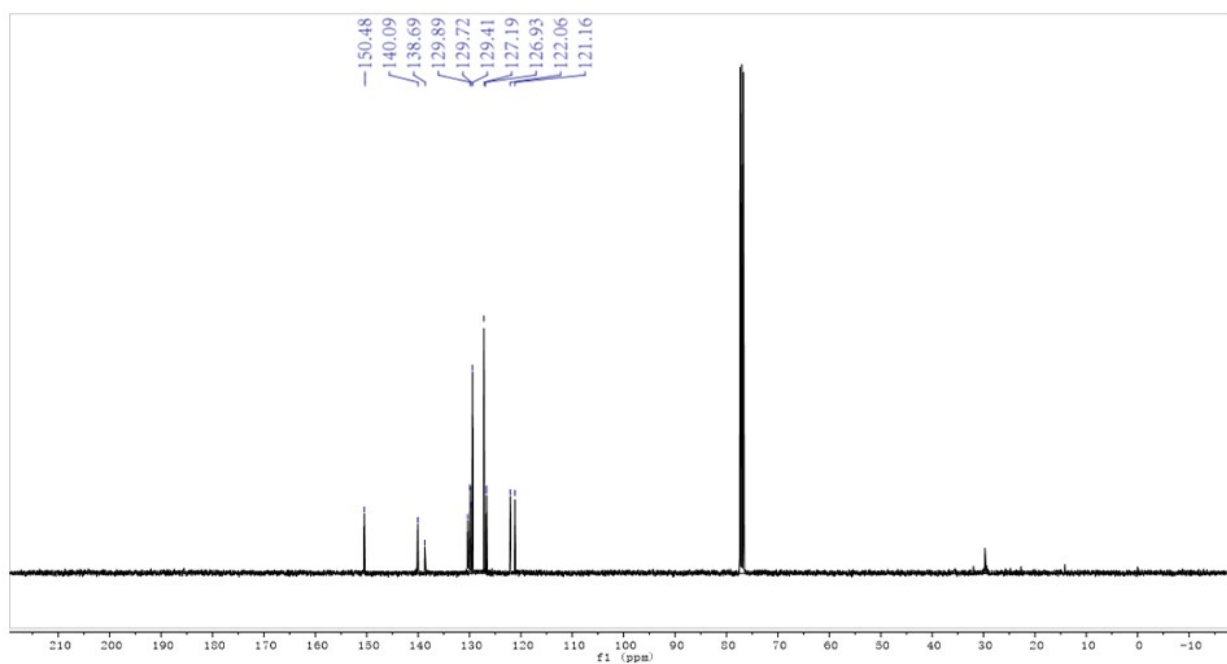
$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of (*E*)-4,4'-(diazene-1,2-diyl)dibenzonitrile recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  8.05-8.03 (d,  $J=8$  Hz, 4H), 7.87-7.84(d,  $J=8$  Hz, 4H).



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of (*E*)-4,4'-(diazene-1,2-diyl)dibenzonitrile recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$  153.99, 133.38, 123.76, 118.17, 115.17.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (*E*) - 1,2-bis([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)diazene recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.79-7.77(m, 2H), 7.66-7.60(m, 6H), 7.53-7.50(t,2H), 7.43-7.41(m,4H), 7.34-7.32(t, 2H).



<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of (*E*) - 1,2-bis([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)diazene recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 150.48, 140.09, 138.69, 129.89, 129.72, 129.41, 127.19, 126.93, 122.06, 121.16.

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