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# Thiophene-functionalized isoindigo dyes bearing electron donor substituents with absorptions approaching the near infrared region

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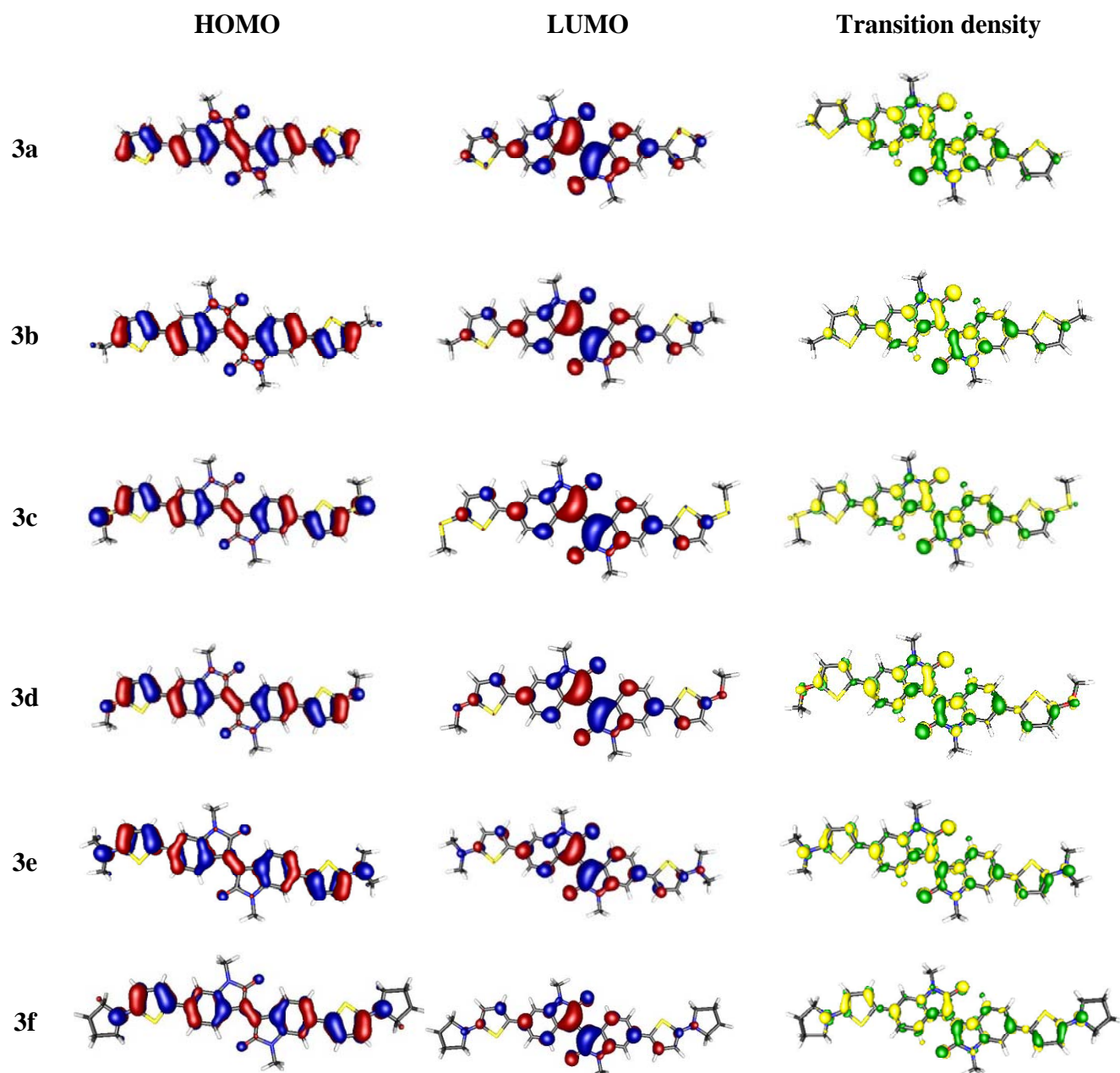
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## 1. Computational Details

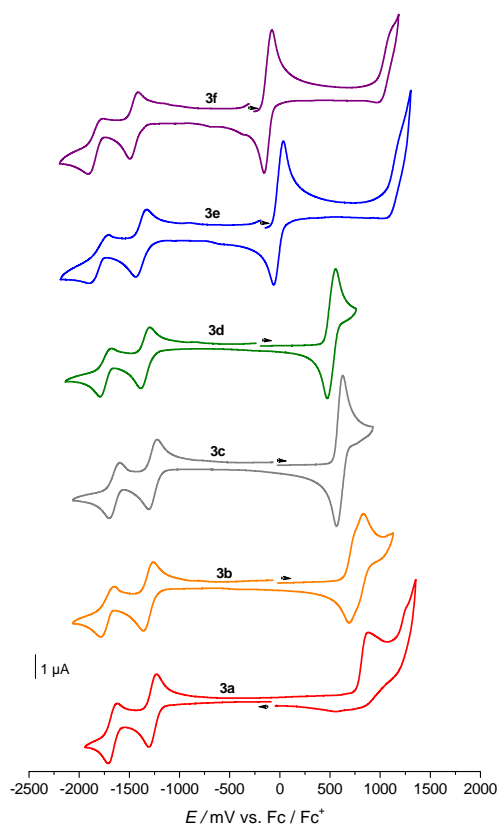
The isoindigo derivatives were calculated with the DFT method in combination with the B3-LYP<sup>S1</sup> functional. All calculations were performed with the TURBOMOLE program (version 5.10).<sup>S2</sup> The TZVP<sup>S3</sup> basis for C, N, O, and S atoms was combined with the TZV<sup>S2</sup> basis for the H atom. This basis is designated as TZV(P) and was found to be an excellent compromise between accuracy and computational effort for systems of similar size.<sup>S4</sup> All dyes were fully geometry-optimized, emanating from structures computed on semi-empirical AM1 level. Long alkyl chains were replaced by methyl groups.

Transition densities were calculated on CC2 level with the TZV(P) basis based on the previously geometry-optimized structures using the TURBOMOLE program (version 5.9). In all CC2 computations, the resolution-of-the-identity (RI) approximation was employed.<sup>S5</sup> Corresponding auxiliary basis sets were applied for fitting the charge density.<sup>S6</sup> The frozen core approximation was used to freeze orbitals with eigenvalues smaller than  $-3.0$  a. u. in the calculation of the correlation and excitation energies.



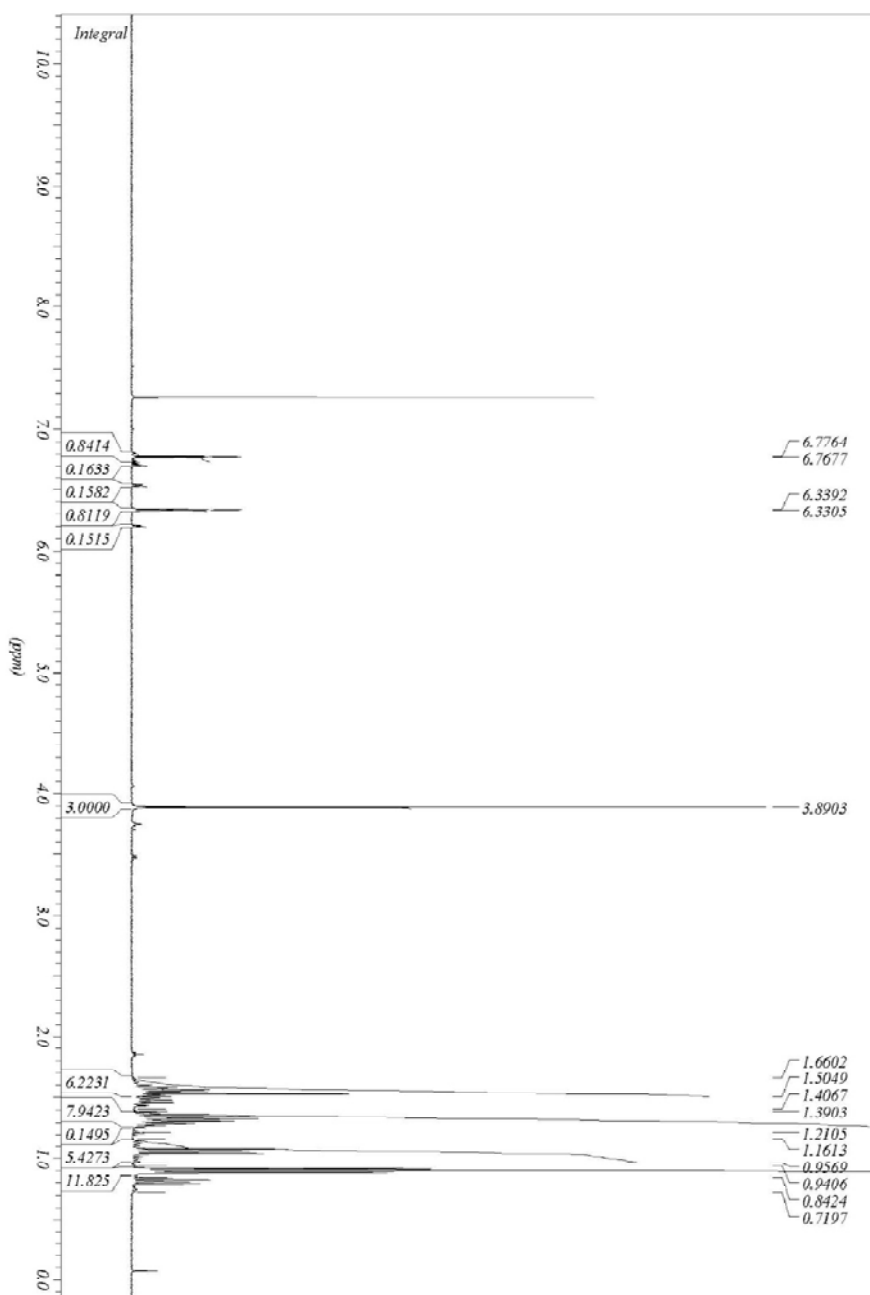
**Fig. S 1** HOMO, LUMO according to DFT (B3-LYP) calculations and transition density (CC2 level) of 3a-f.

## 2. Cyclic voltammetry

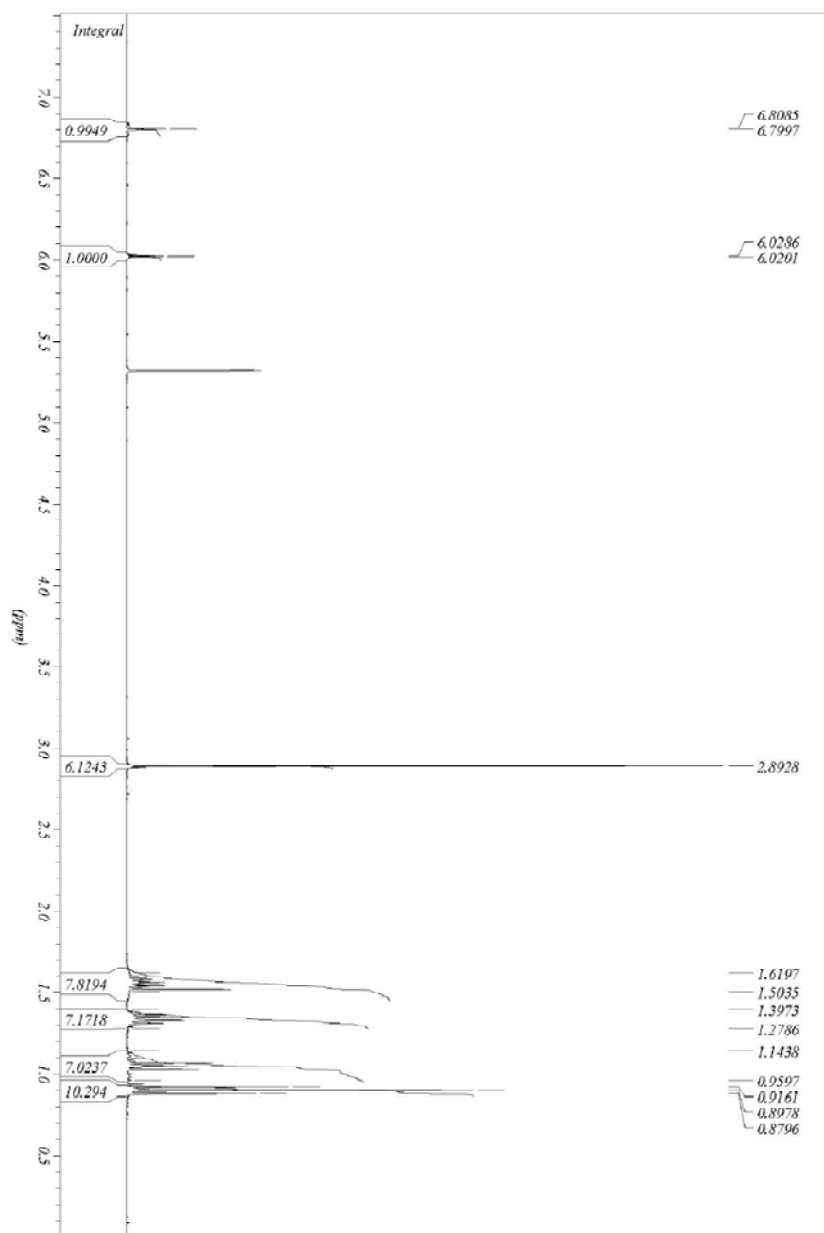


**Fig. S 2** Cyclic voltammograms of **3a-f** in dry dichloromethane ( $10^{-4}$  M); scan rate  $100 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; supporting electrolyte: tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate ( $\text{NBu}_4\text{PF}_6$ , 0.1 M).

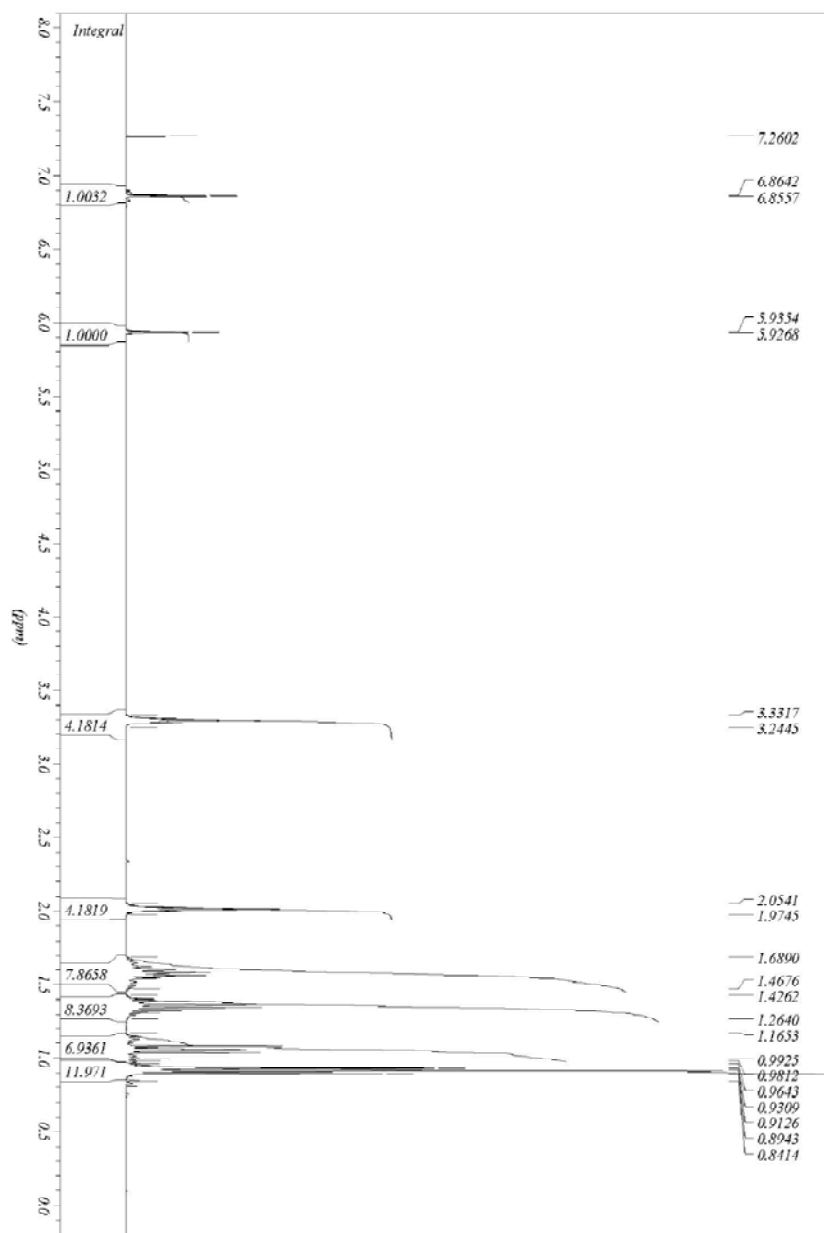
### 3. NMR-spectra



**Fig. S 3** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2d** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S 4** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2e** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S 5** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2f** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

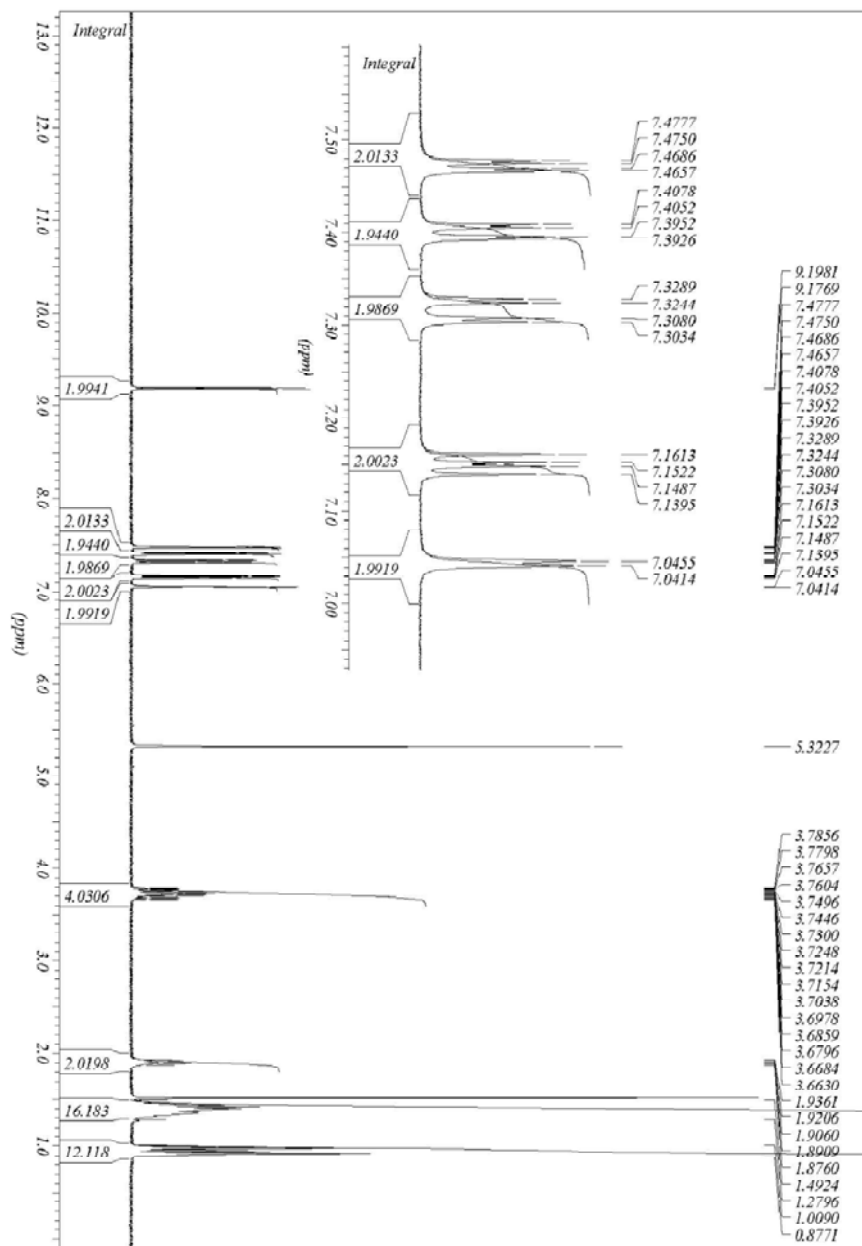


Fig. S 6 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3a** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



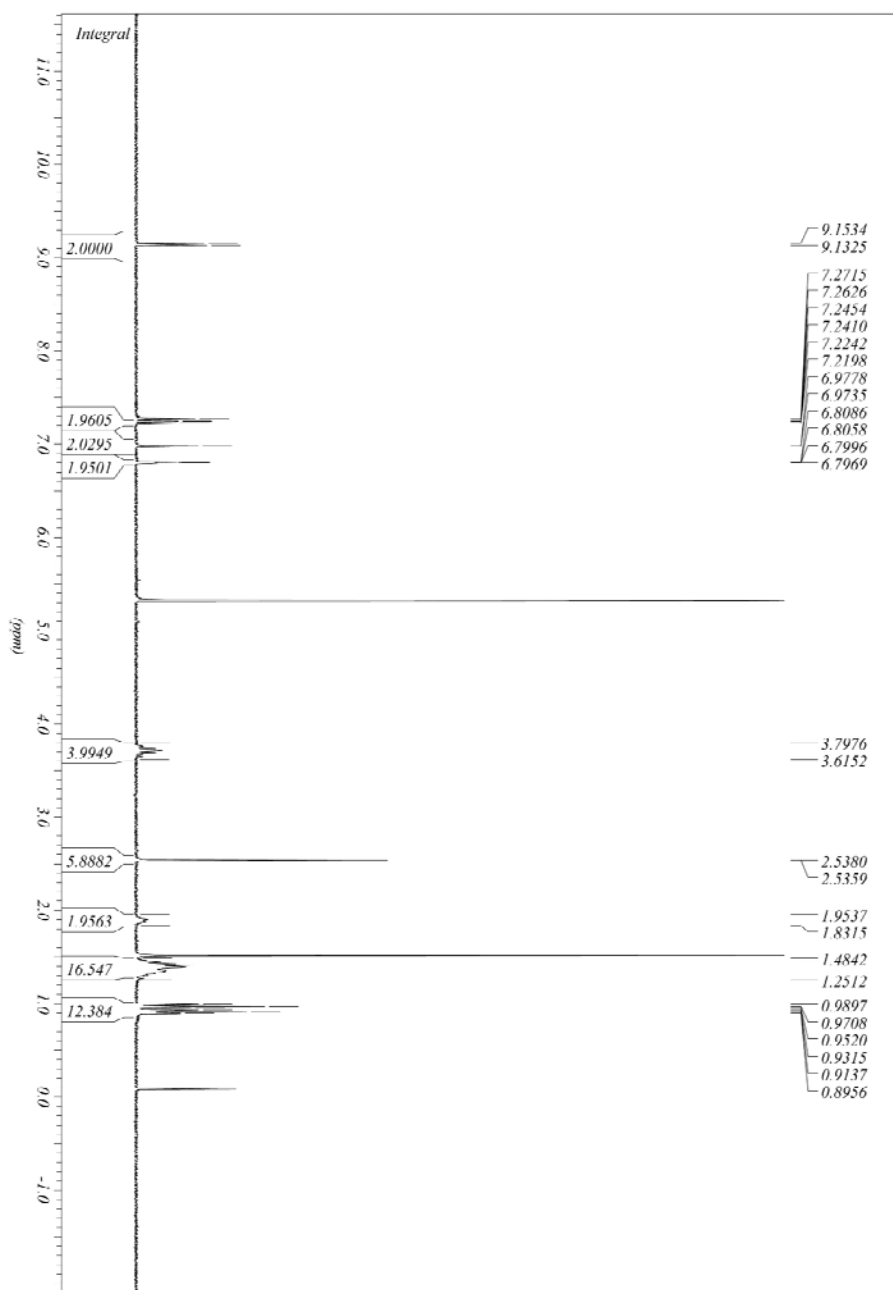
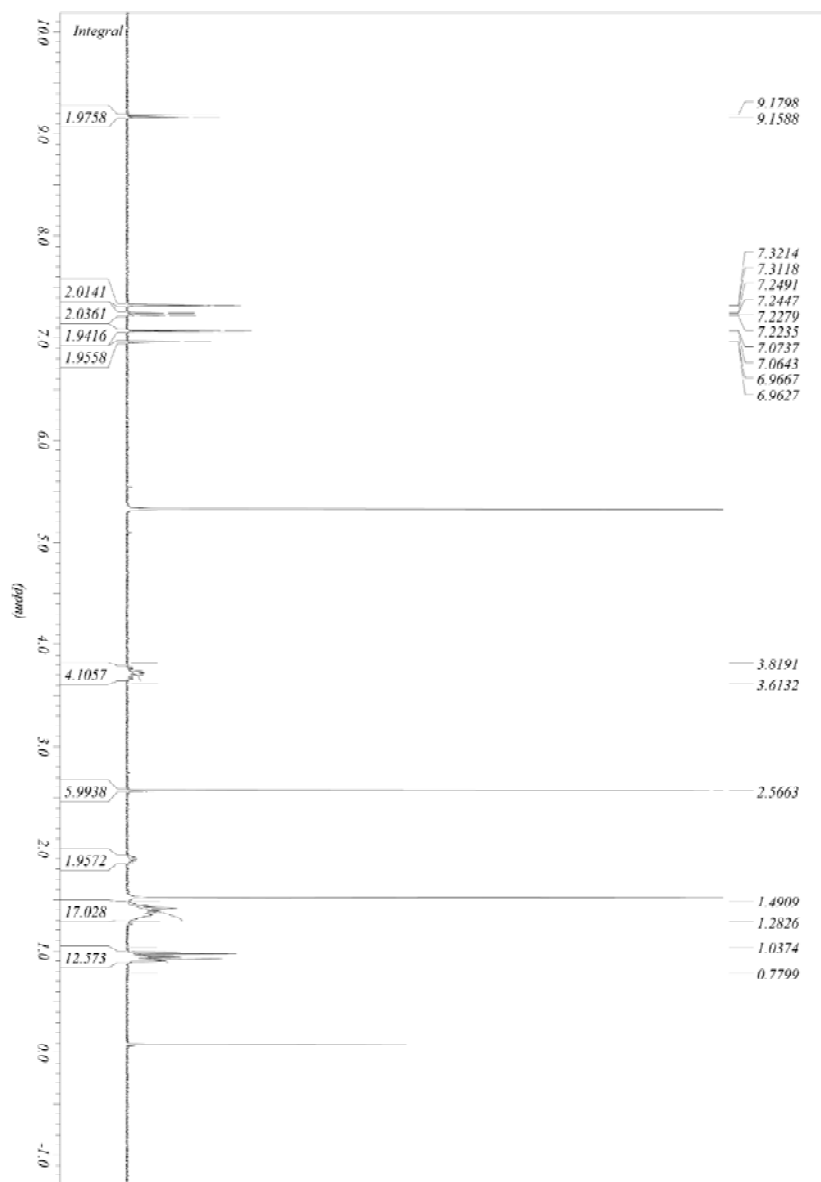


Fig. S 7 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Fig. S 8** 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3c** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

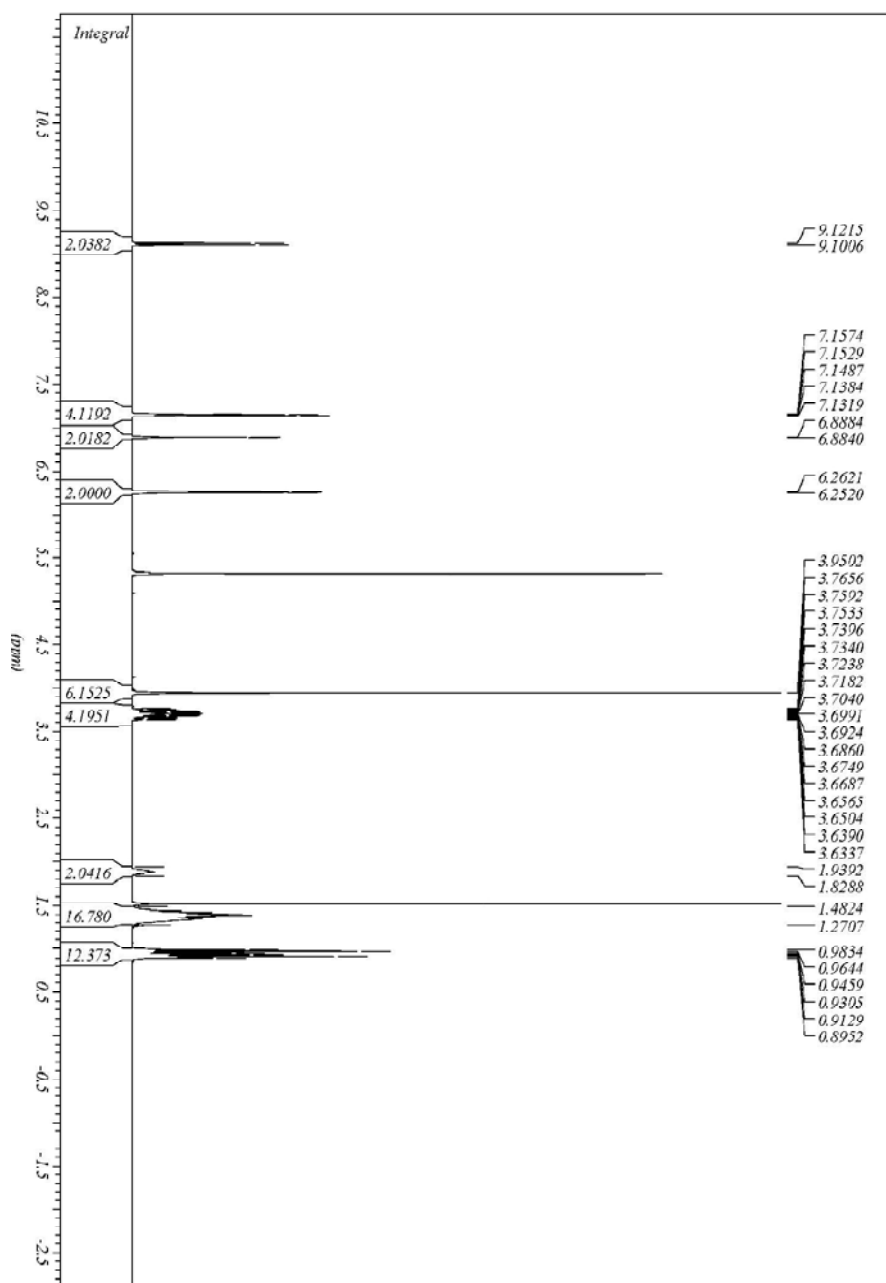
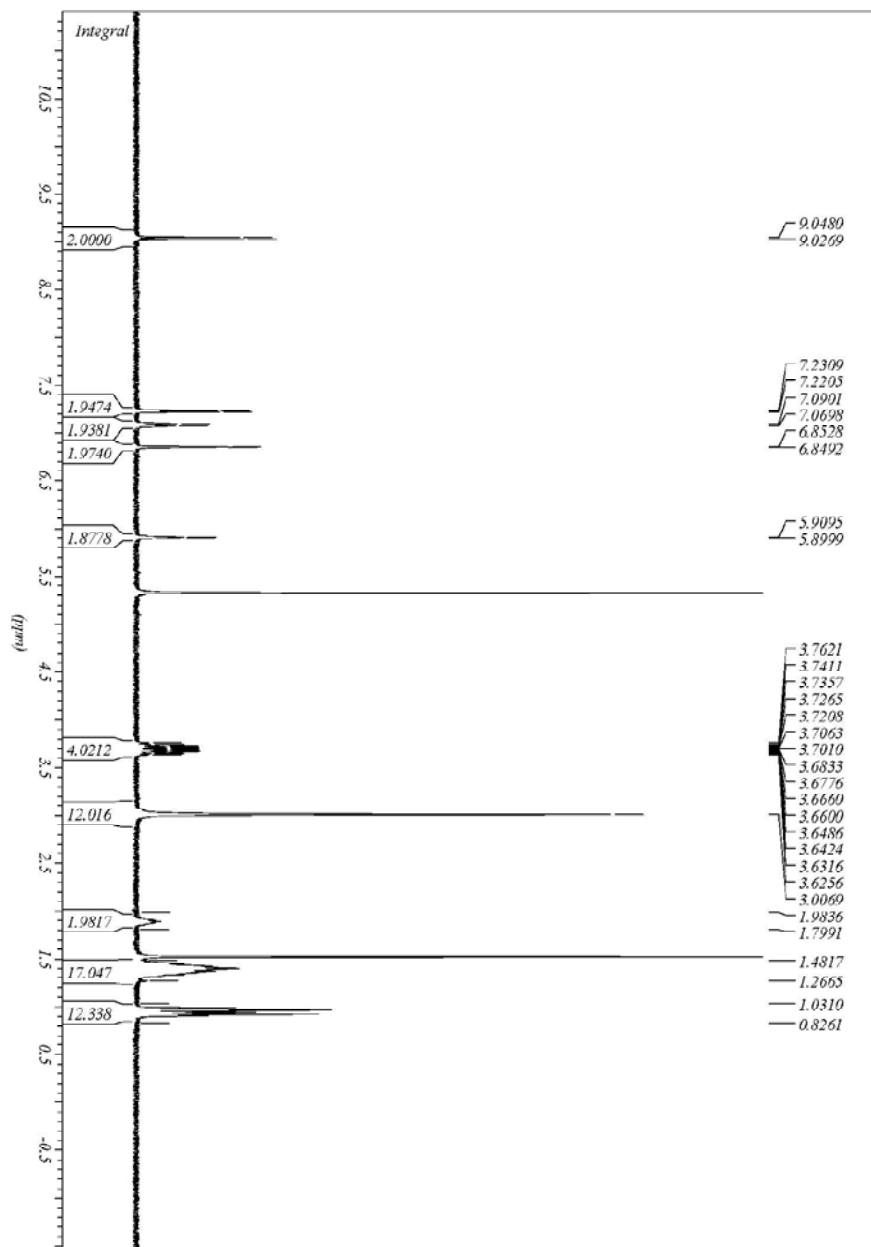


Fig. S 9 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3d** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Fig. S 10** 400 MHz  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3e** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

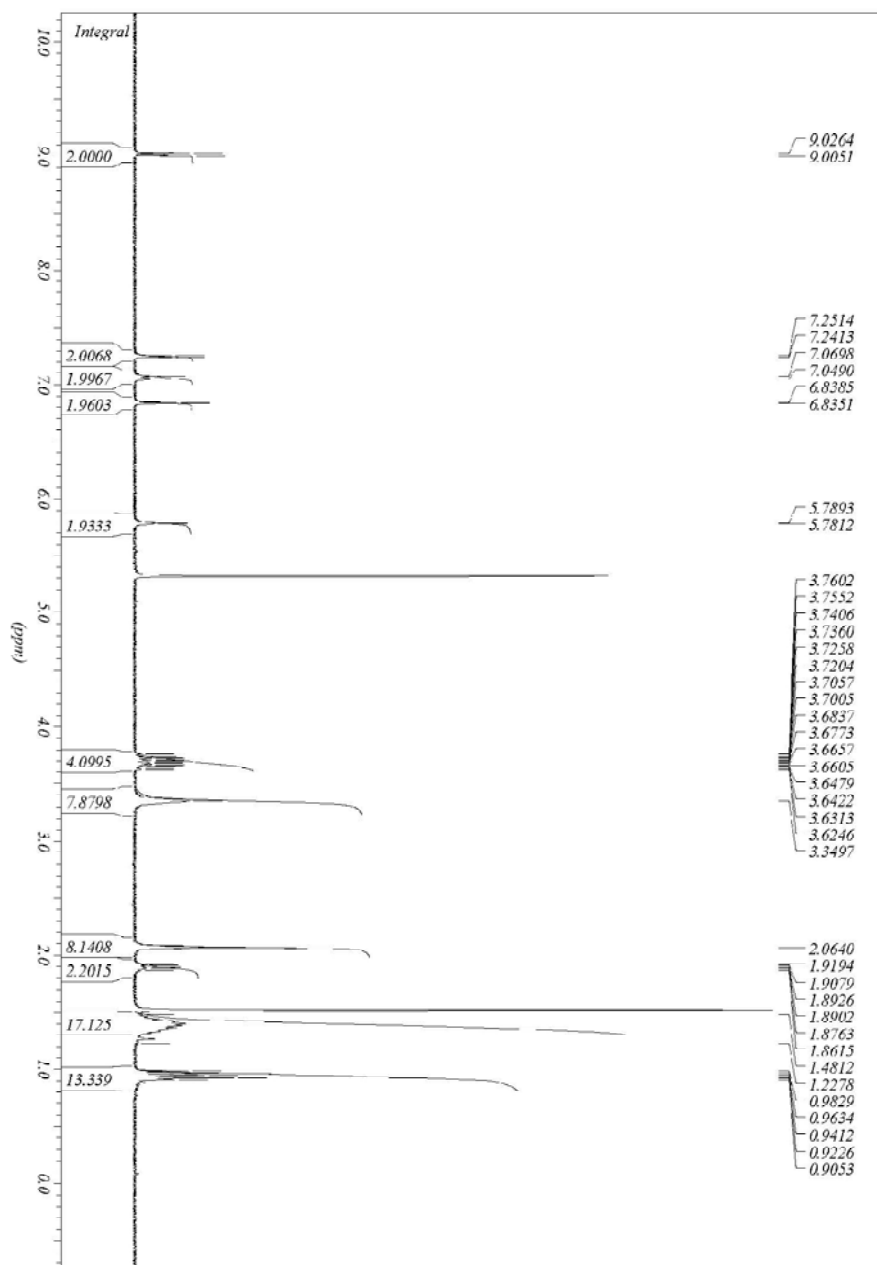
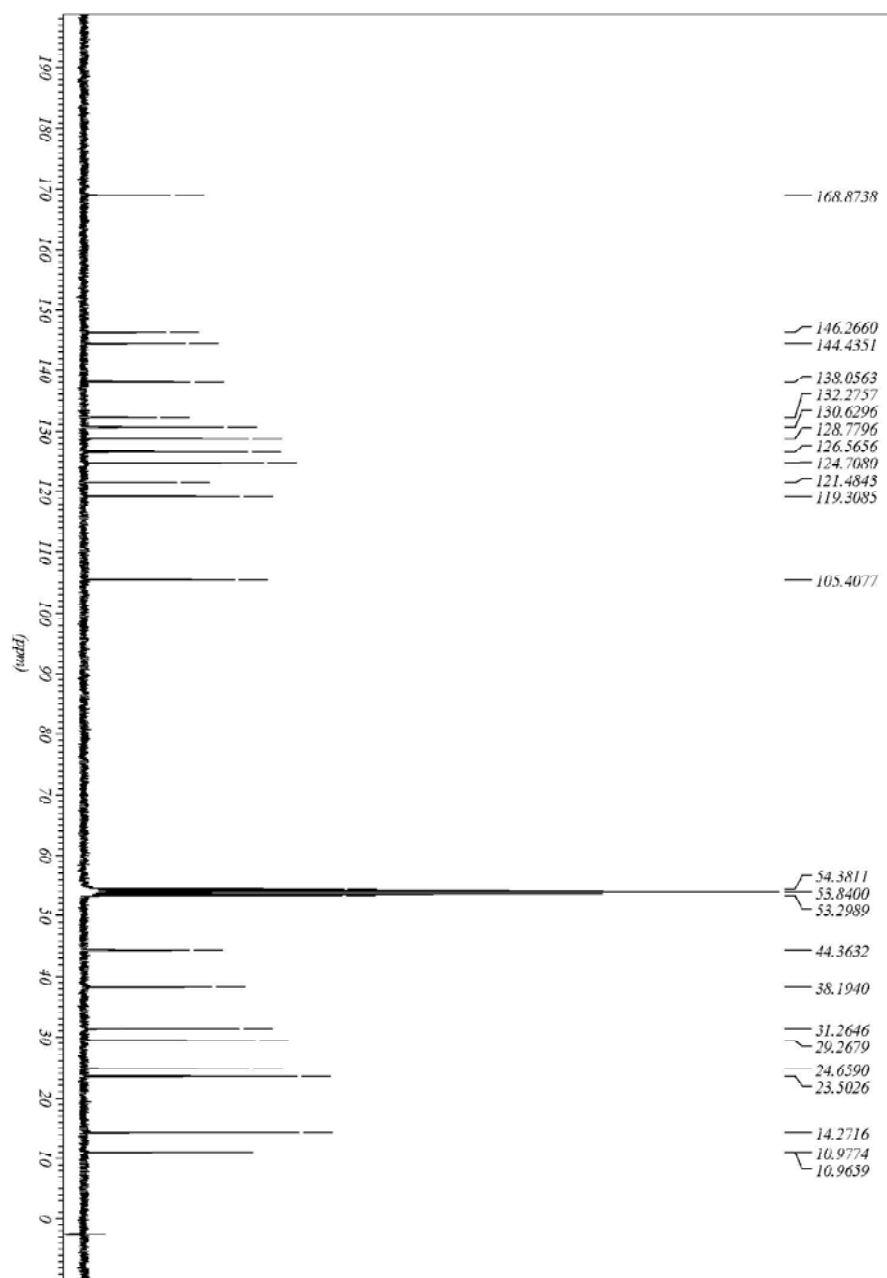
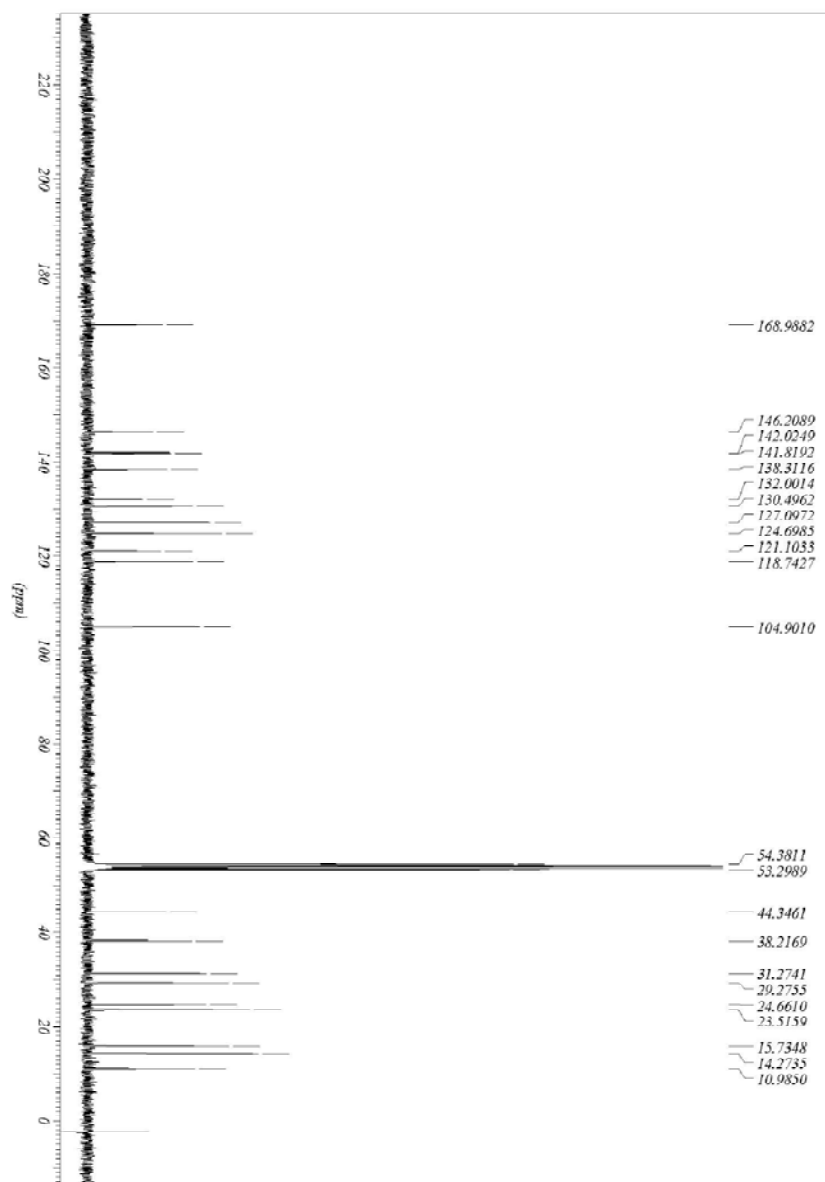


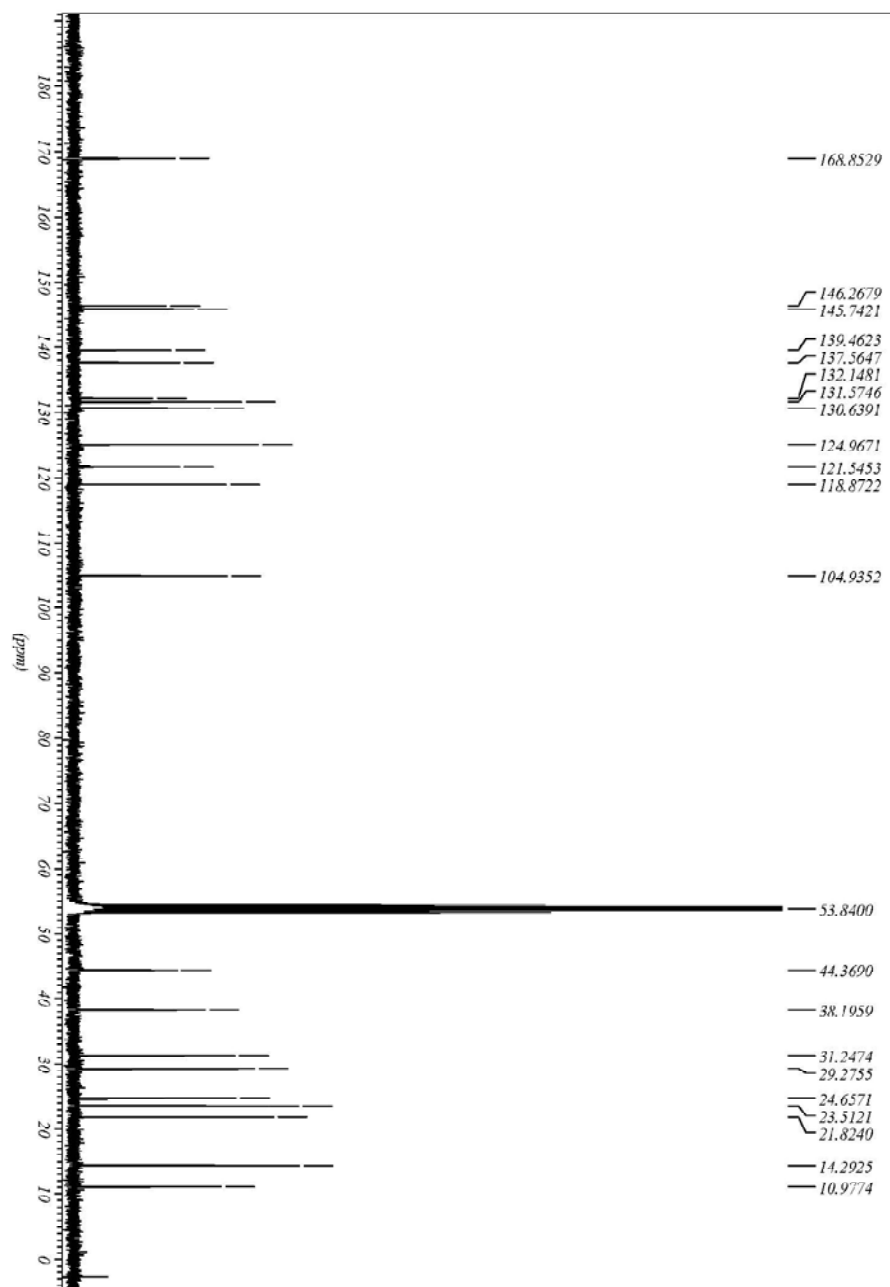
Fig. S 11 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3f** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S 12** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3a** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

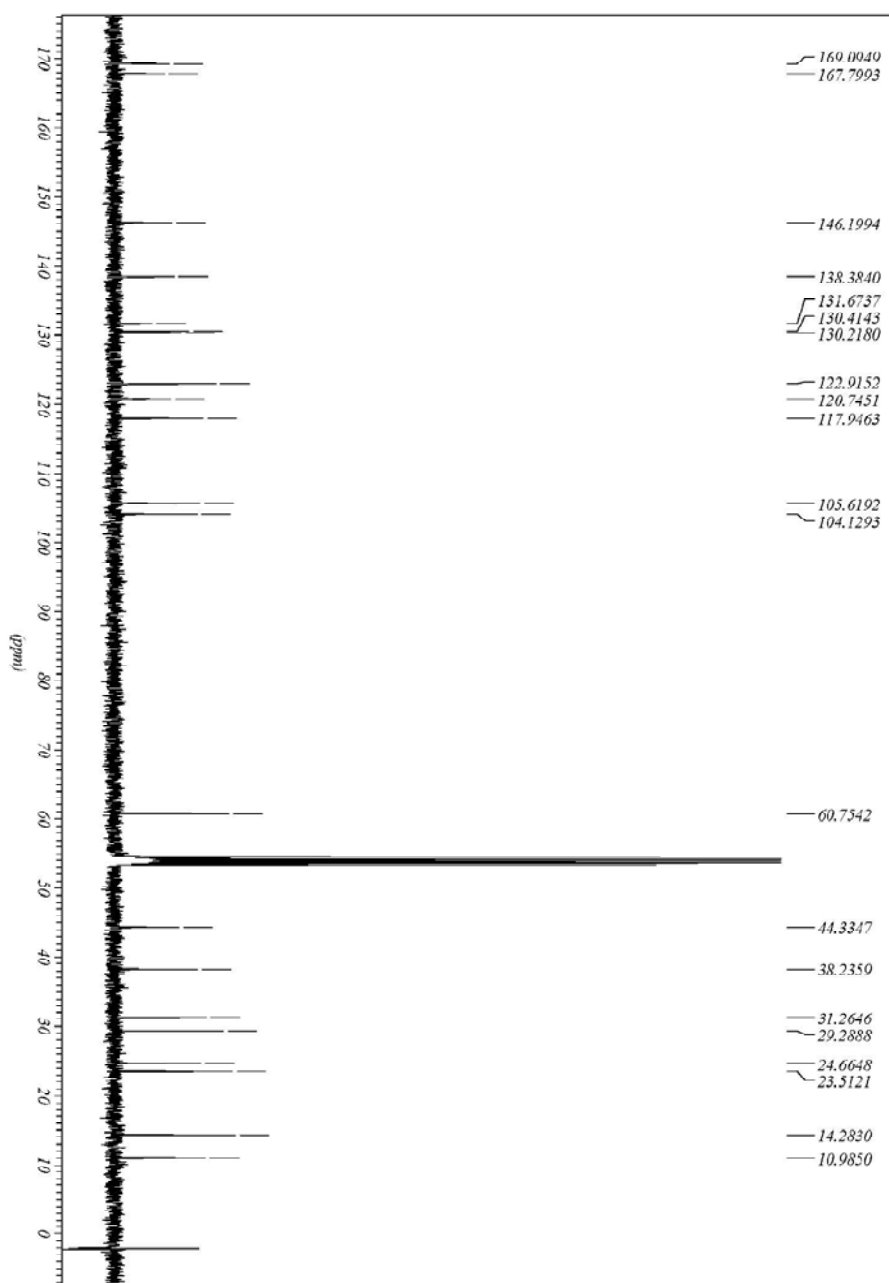


**Fig. S 13** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

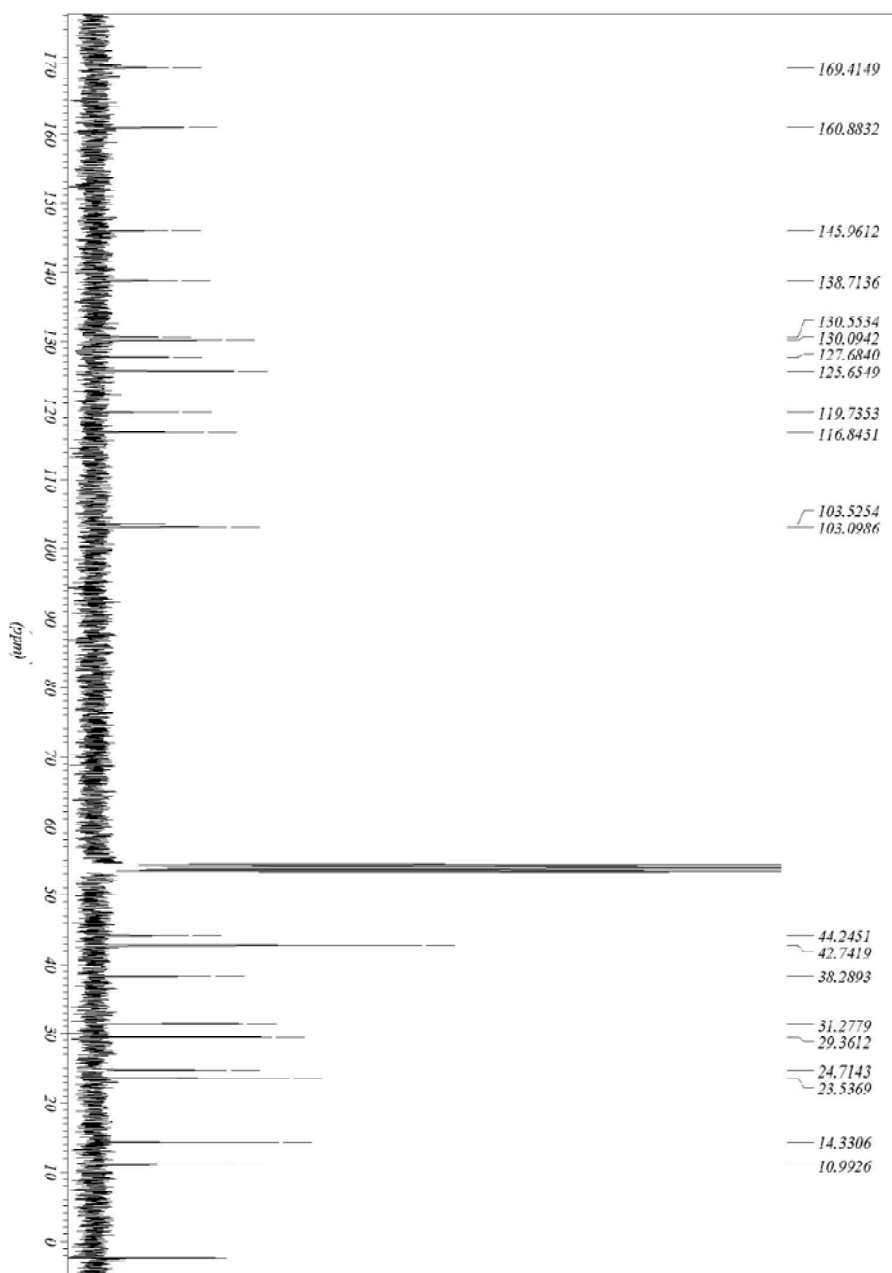


**Fig. S 14** 101 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **3c** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

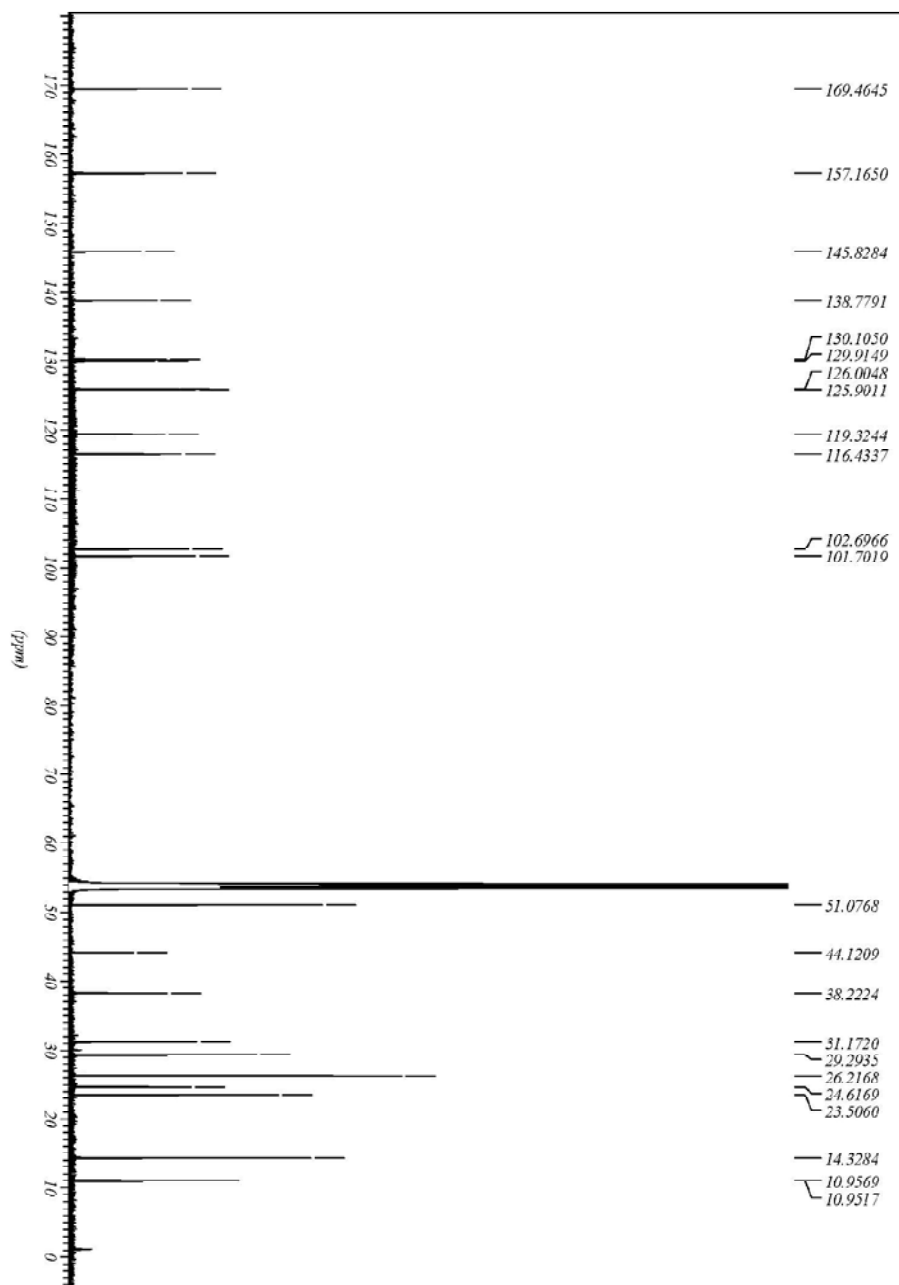




**Fig. S 15** 101 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **3d** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S 16** 101 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3e** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



**Fig. S 17** 151 MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3f** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

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