

Supplementary Materials

The Improved *para*-selective C(sp²)-H Borylation of Anisole Derivatives Enabled by Bulky Lewis Acid

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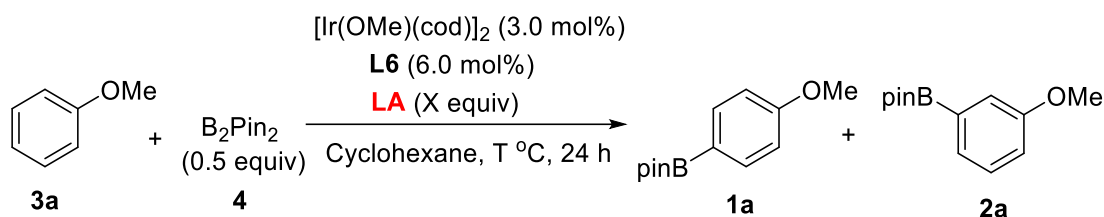
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1. General information

All reactions were carried out in a dry and degassed solvent under N₂ atmosphere. Compounds B(Mes)₃, B₂Pin₂, [Ir(OMe)(cod)]₂, were purchased from Aldrich and Bide Pharmatech, and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous solvents such as cyclohexane and tetrahydrofuran were distilled and degassed refluxing over CaH₂ or the combination of sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) visualizing with UV-light (254 nm). Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (30 °C, <50 torr). NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz (400 MHz for ¹H NMR, 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR), and 800 MHz (800 MHz for ¹H NMR, 201 MHz for ¹³C NMR) spectrometers. Proton and carbon chemical shifts are reported relative to the solvent used as an internal reference. The boron-bearing carbon atom was not observed due to quadrupolar relaxation. ESI-MS spectra were measured on a spectrometer for HRMS.

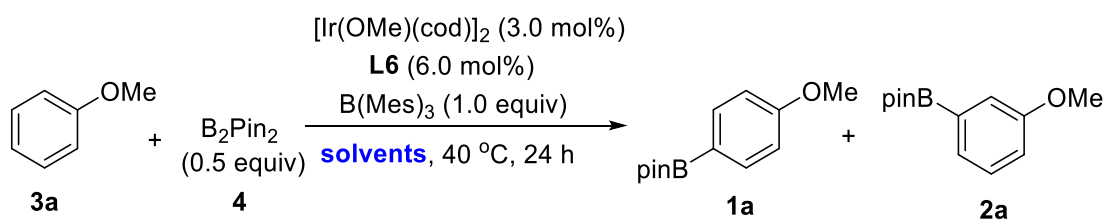
2. Optimization of reaction condition

Tabel S1. Screening of the loading amount of Lewis acid and reaction temperature



Entry	B(Mes) ₃ (X eq.)	T °C	Yield(%)		Ratio (para : meta)
			1a	2a	
1	--	40 °C	15%	33%	32 : 68
2	0.5	40 °C	30%	11%	72 : 28
3	1.0	40 °C	46%	8%	84 : 16
4	1.5	40 °C	39%	11%	79 : 21
5	1.0	60 °C	44%	17%	73 : 27
6	1.0	80 °C	28%	32%	47 : 53
7	1.0	100 °C	22%	33%	41 : 59

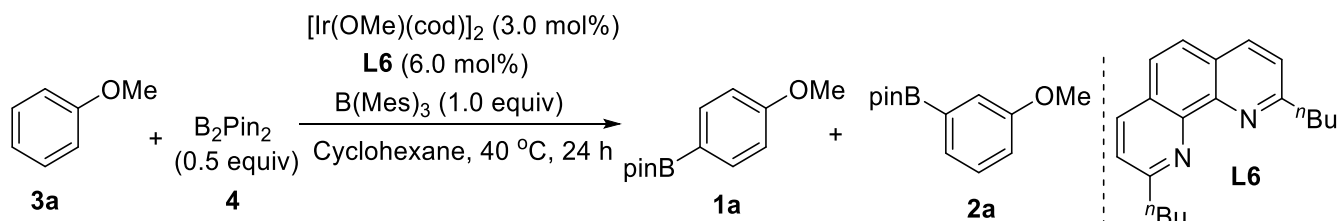
[a] Yields and selectivities were calculated by ¹H-NMR with 1,2-dichloromethane as internal standard

Tabel S2. Screening of different solvents

Entry	solvent	Yield(%)		Ratio (para : meta)
		1a	2a	
1	hexane	30%	8%	80 : 20
2	p-xylene	37%	10%	78 : 22
3	THF	34%	23%	60 : 40
4	diethylether	29%	14%	67 : 33
5	EtOAc	trace	--	--
6	CH ₂ Cl ₂	--	--	--
7	1,2-dichloroethane	--	--	--

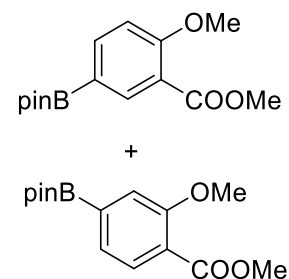
[a] Yields and selectivities were calculated by ¹H-NMR with 1,2-dichloromethane as internal standard

3. General procedure for *para*-selective C-H borylation of anisole derivatives (1a-1x)



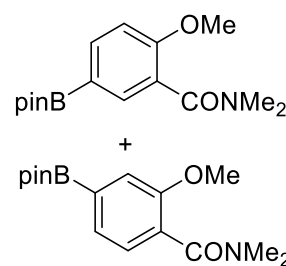
methyl 2-methoxy-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzoate (1l + 2l)

The mixture of product (90 mg, 63% yield, *para/meta* = 60 : 40); *para*-borylated product **1l** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (54 mg); the data of **1l**: ¹H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.5, 161.4, 140.2, 138.3, 119.6, 111.1, 83.8, 55.9, 51.9, 24.8; the data of **2l**: ¹H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.7, 158.2, 130.7, 126.4, 122.3, 117.5, 84.2, 56.0, 52.0, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm⁻¹) 1728, 1358, 1232, 1145, 1085, 972, 853, 683; HRMS (ESI⁺) Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂BO₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺) 293.1555, Found 293.1561.



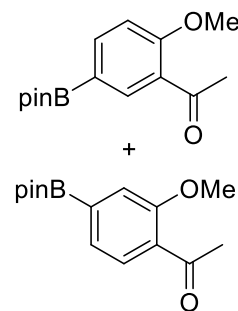
2-methoxy-N,N-dimethyl-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzamide (1m + 2m)

The mixture of product (64 mg, 42% yield, *para/meta* = 68 : 32); *para*-borylated product **1m** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (46 mg); the data of **1m**: ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.4, 157.7, 137.2, 134.5, 125.8, 110.1, 83.7, 55.5, 38.3, 34.7, 24.8; the data of **2m**: ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.81 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.3, 154.7, 129.1, 127.4, 127.2, 116.4, 84.0, 55.6, 38.1, 34.6, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1633, 1507, 1387, 1236, 1141, 1028, 964, 852, 773, 689; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{BNO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 306.1871, Found 306.1868.



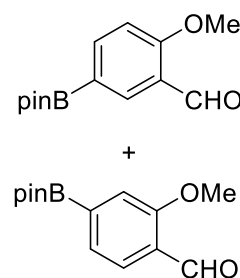
1-(2-methoxy-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (1n + 2n)

The mixture of product (78 mg, 57% yield, *para/meta* = 73 : 27); *para*-borylated product **1n** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (49 mg); the data of **1n**: ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.1, 160.9, 140.2, 137.2, 128.1, 110.8, 83.8, 55.5, 31.6, 24.8; the data of **2n**: ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.3, 158.0, 130.5, 129.3, 126.8, 117.2, 84.2, 55.5, 31.8, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1670, 1395, 1351, 1229, 1142, 1023, 966, 852, 687; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{BO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 277.1606, Found 277.1657.



2-methoxy-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde (1o + 2o)

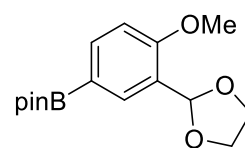
The mixture of product (68 mg, 52% yield, *para/meta* = 70 : 30); *para*-borylated product **1o** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (47 mg); the data of **1o**: ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.44 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.8, 163.8, 142.4, 136.4, 124.3, 110.9, 83.9, 55.7, 24.8; the data of **2o**: ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.50 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.2, 161.0, 127.5, 126.8, 117.4, 84.3, 55.7, 24.9; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1675, 1403, 1358, 1231, 1027, 906, 805, 685; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{BO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 263.1449, Found 263.1451.



2-(3-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**1p**)

The mixture of product (61 mg, 40% yield, *para/meta* = 80 : 20); *para*-borylated product **1p** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (49

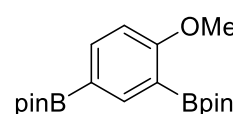
mg); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.17 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 4.04 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.2, 137.5, 133.7, 125.1, 109.9, 99.3, 83.5, 65.3, 55.5, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1417, 1376, 1232, 1141, 1029, 967, 851, 692; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{BO}_5^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 307.1711, Found 307.1705.



2,2'-(4-methoxy-1,3-phenylene)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (**1q**)

The mixture of product (99 mg, 55% yield, *para/meta* = 82 : 18); *para*-borylated product **1q** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (81

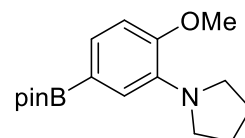
mg); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 13H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 143.5, 139.6, 109.5, 83.5, 83.4, 55.6, 24.8, 24.7; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1596, 1357, 1318, 1249, 1139, 1025, 965, 849, 647; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{BO}_2\text{O}_5^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 361.2352, Found 361.2348.



1-(2-methoxy-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)pyrrolidine (**1r**)

The mixture of product (71 mg, 47% yield, *para/meta* = 80 : 20); *para*-borylated product **1r** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (57

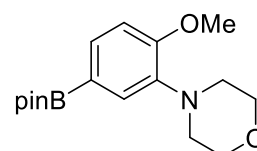
mg); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.32 – 3.28 (m, 4H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.4, 139.3, 127.8, 121.6, 110.5, 83.4, 55.3, 50.6, 24.8, 24.6; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 2927, 1414, 1354, 1234, 1138, 1022, 989, 849, 807, 684; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{BNO}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 304.2079, Found 304.2082.



4-(2-methoxy-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)morpholine (**1s**)

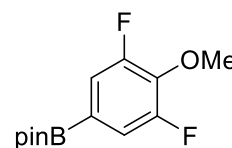
The mixture of product (80 mg, 50% yield, *para/meta* = 79 : 21); *para*-borylated product **1s** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (63

mg); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.91 – 3.87 (m, 7H), 3.09 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.9, 140.4, 130.8, 124.0, 110.5, 83.6, 67.2, 55.4, 51.2, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 2918, 1645, 1457, 1353, 1236, 1097, 964, 852, 689; HRMS (ESI^+) Calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{27}\text{BNO}_4^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 320.2028, Found 320.2035.

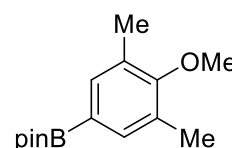


2-(3,5-difluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1t)

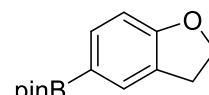
The para-borylated product (88 mg, 65% yield, *para/meta* = 100/0); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 4.03 (s, 4H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 154.5 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 118.1 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 117.9 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 84.3, 61.6, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1417, 1376, 1232, 1141, 1029, 967, 851, 692; HRMS (ESI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{18}\text{BF}_2\text{O}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 271.1312, Found 271.1299.

**2-(4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylphenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1u)**

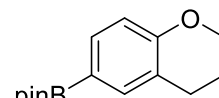
The para-borylated product (81 mg, 62% yield, *para/meta* = 100/0); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 135.6, 130.3, 83.6, 59.6, 24.8, 15.9; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1603, 1339, 1212, 1012, 962, 850, 692; HRMS (ESI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{BO}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 263.1813, Found 263.1798.

**2-(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1v)**

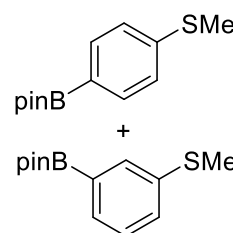
The mixture of product (69 mg, 56% yield, *para/meta* = 75 : 25); *para*-borylated product **1v** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (52 mg); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.8, 135.5, 131.5, 126.5, 109.0, 83.5, 71.3, 29.2, 24.8; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1417, 1376, 1232, 1141, 1029, 967, 851, 692; HRMS (ESI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{BO}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 247.1500, Found 247.1508.

**2-(chroman-6-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1w)**

The mixture of product (70 mg, 54% yield, *para/meta* = 71 : 29); *para*-borylated product **1w** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (50 mg); ^1H NMR (800 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 2.79 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.02 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (201 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7, 136.9, 134.0, 121.6, 116.2, 83.5, 66.6, 24.8, 24.7, 22.3; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 1458, 1363, 1120, 954, 863, 787, 756, 659; HRMS (ESI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{22}\text{BO}_3^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$) 261.1657, Found 261.1650.

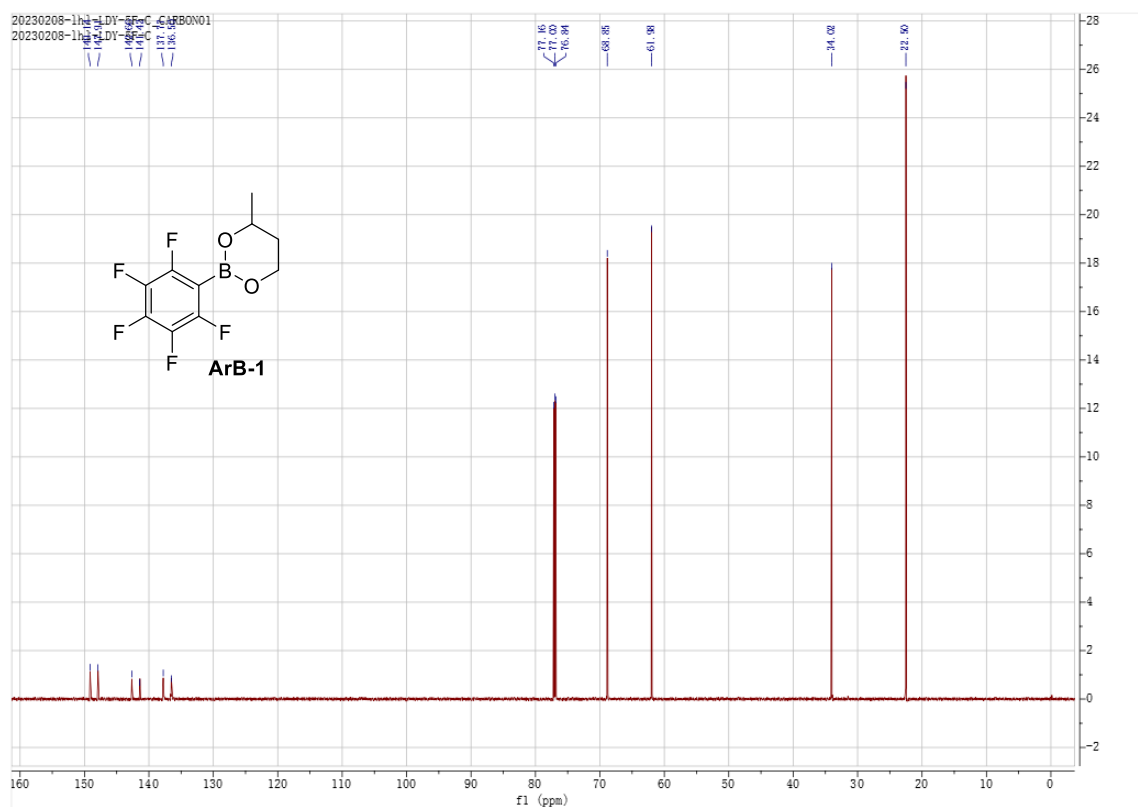
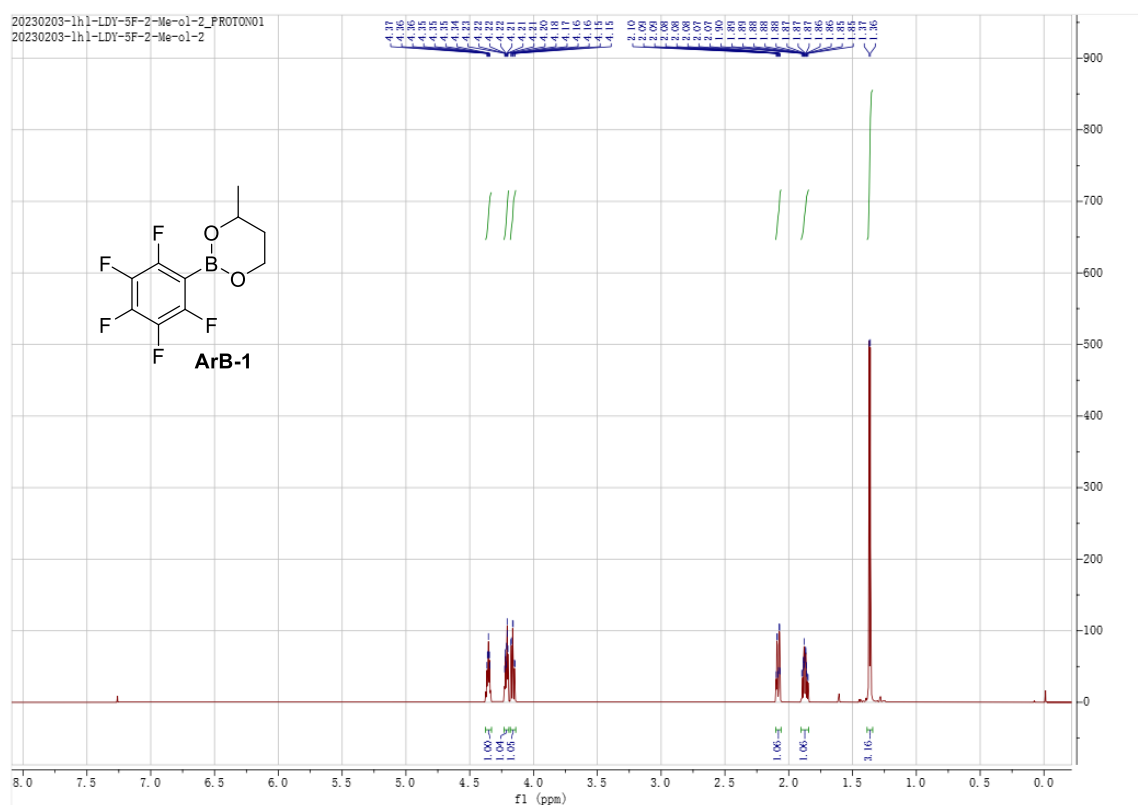
**4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-2-(4-(methylthio)phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1x + 2x)**

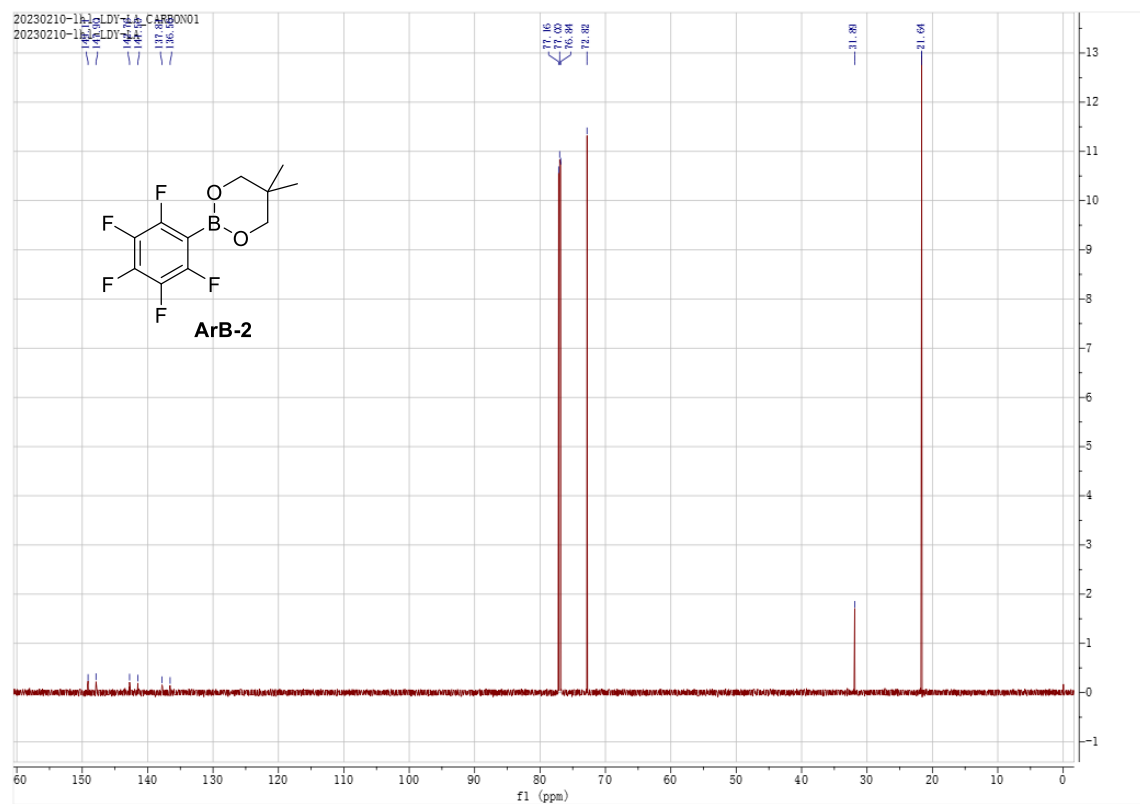
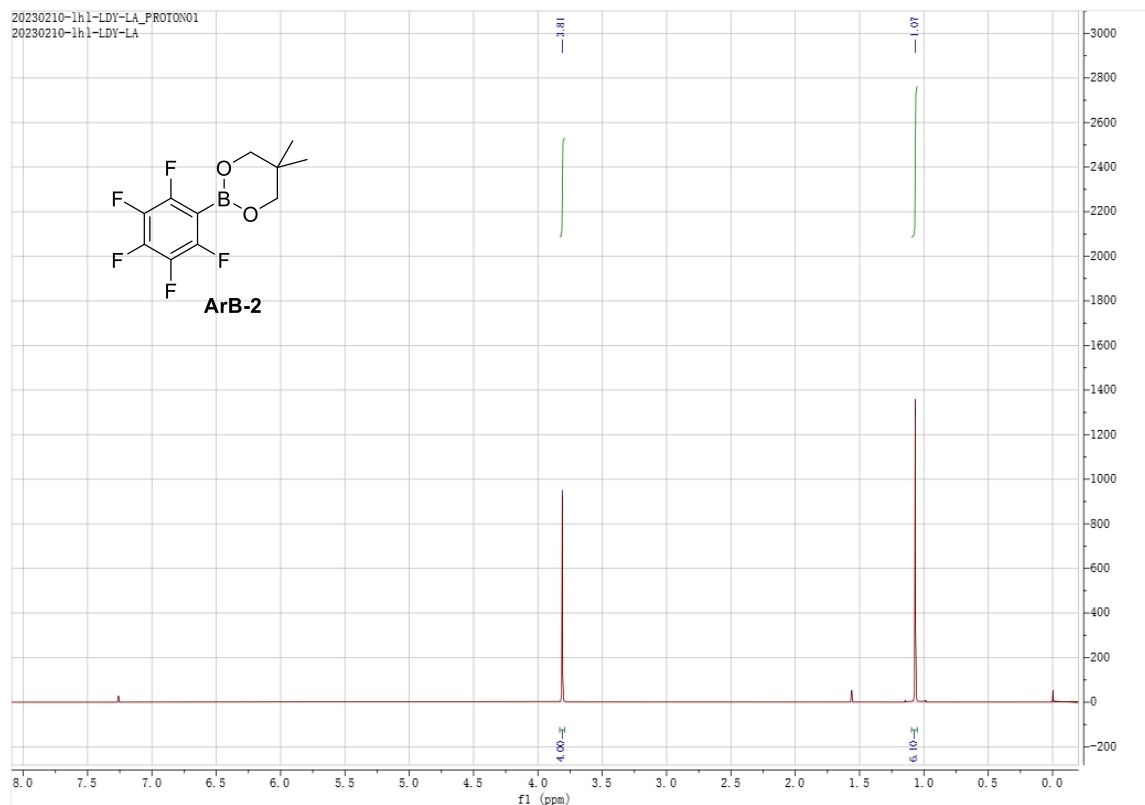
The mixture of product (75 mg, 60% yield, *para/meta* = 40 : 60); *para*-borylated product **1x** was obtained by further purification of the crude mixture by GPC (30 mg); the data of **1x**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d,

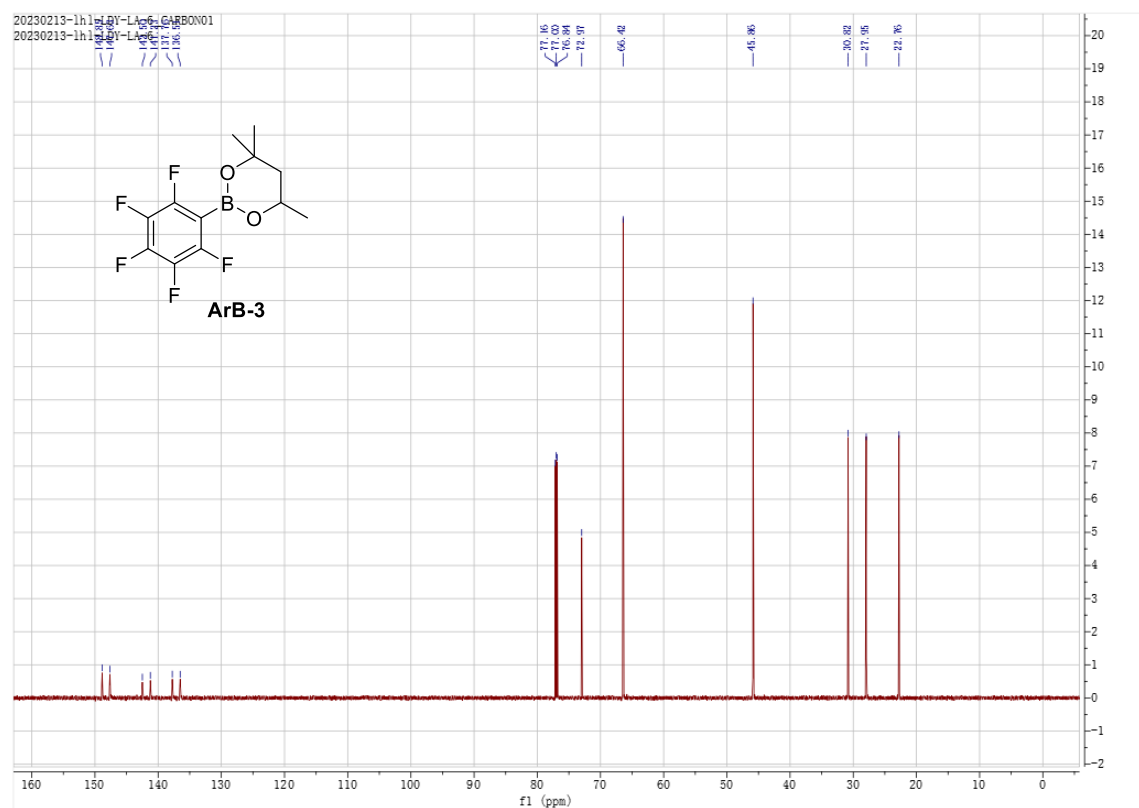
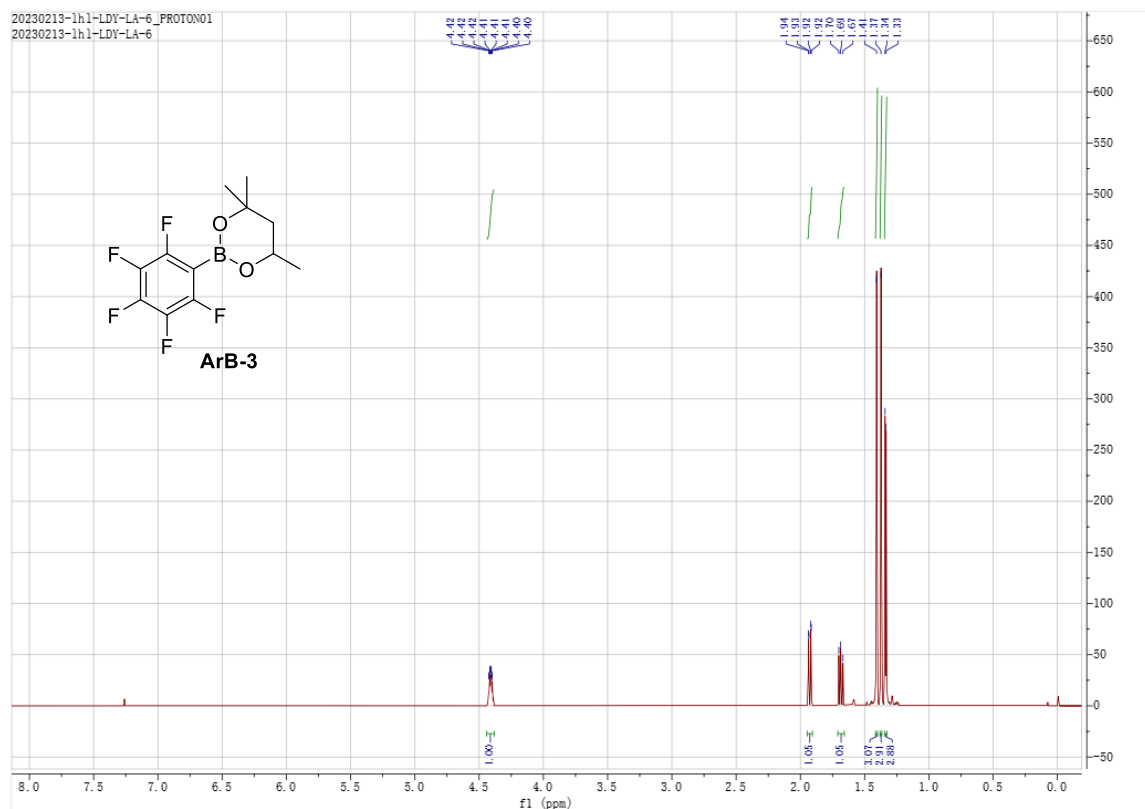


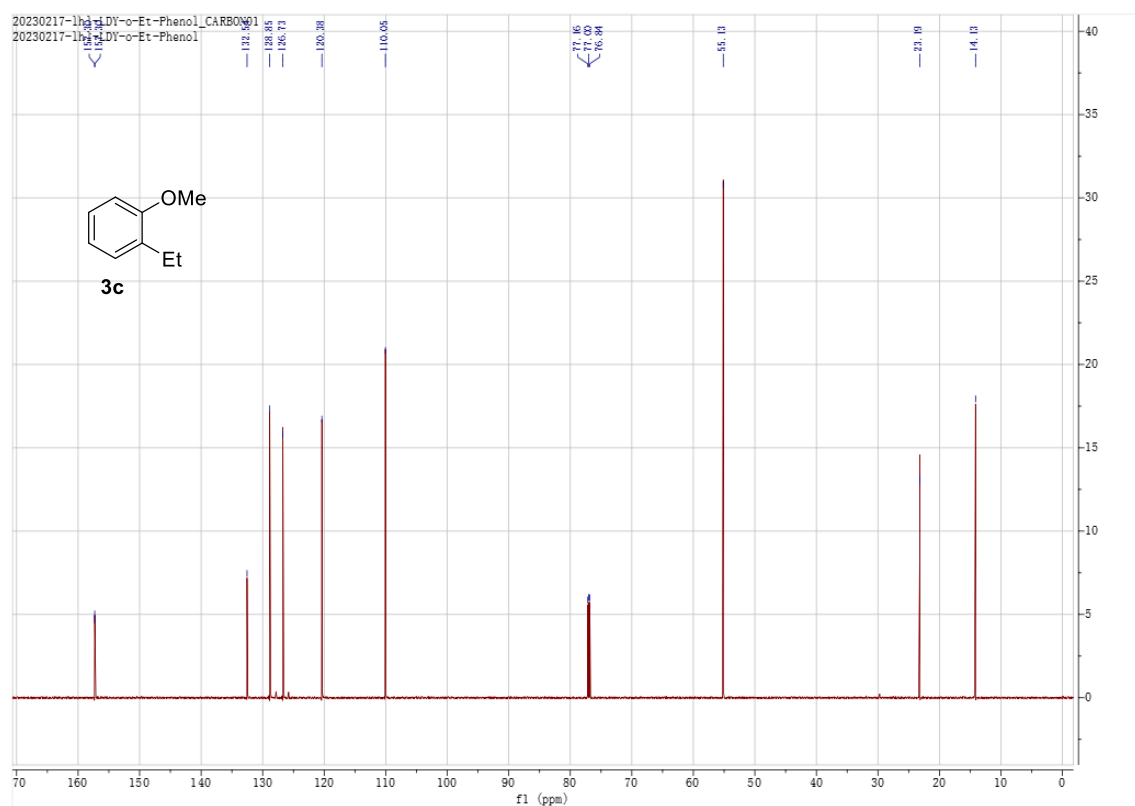
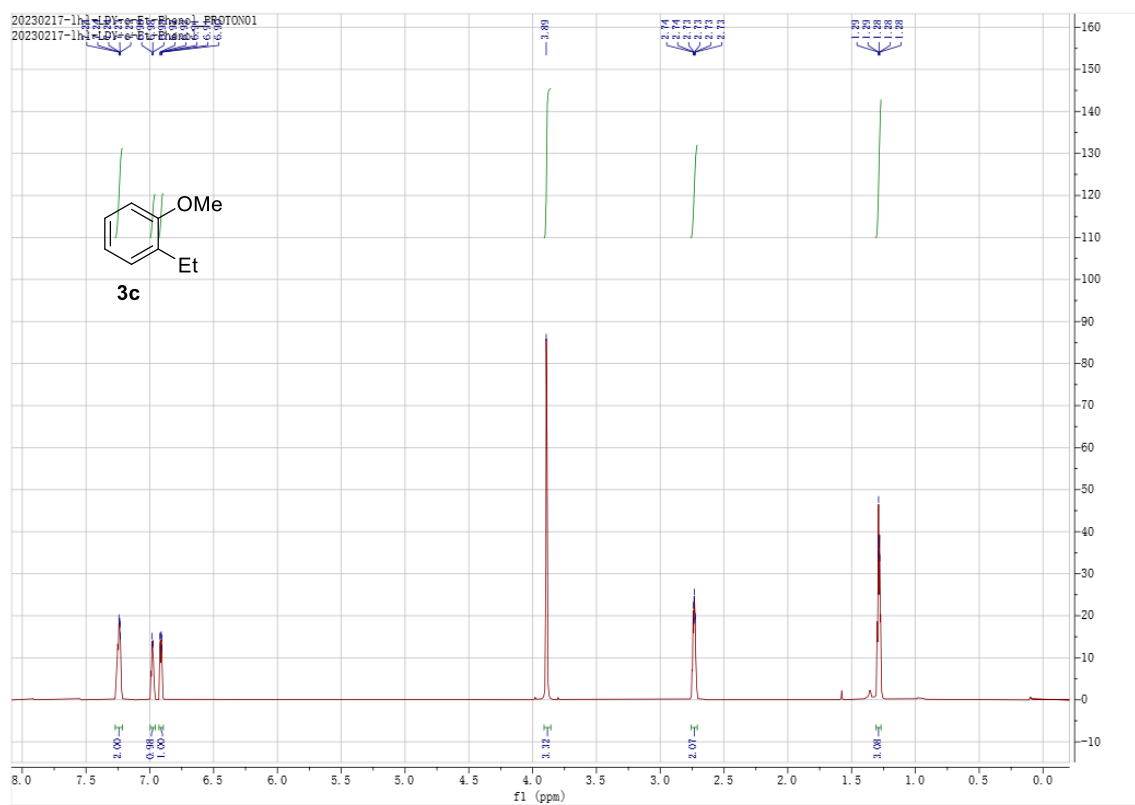
$J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.8, 135.3, 125.2, 83.9, 25.1, 15.2; the data of **2x**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.0, 132.9, 131.6, 129.7, 128.4, 84.1, 25.0, 16.0; IR (KBr, ν / cm^{-1}) 2974, 1583, 1348, 1048, 863, 791; HRMS (ESI $^+$) Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{BO}_2\text{SNa}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$) 273.1091, Found 273.1104.

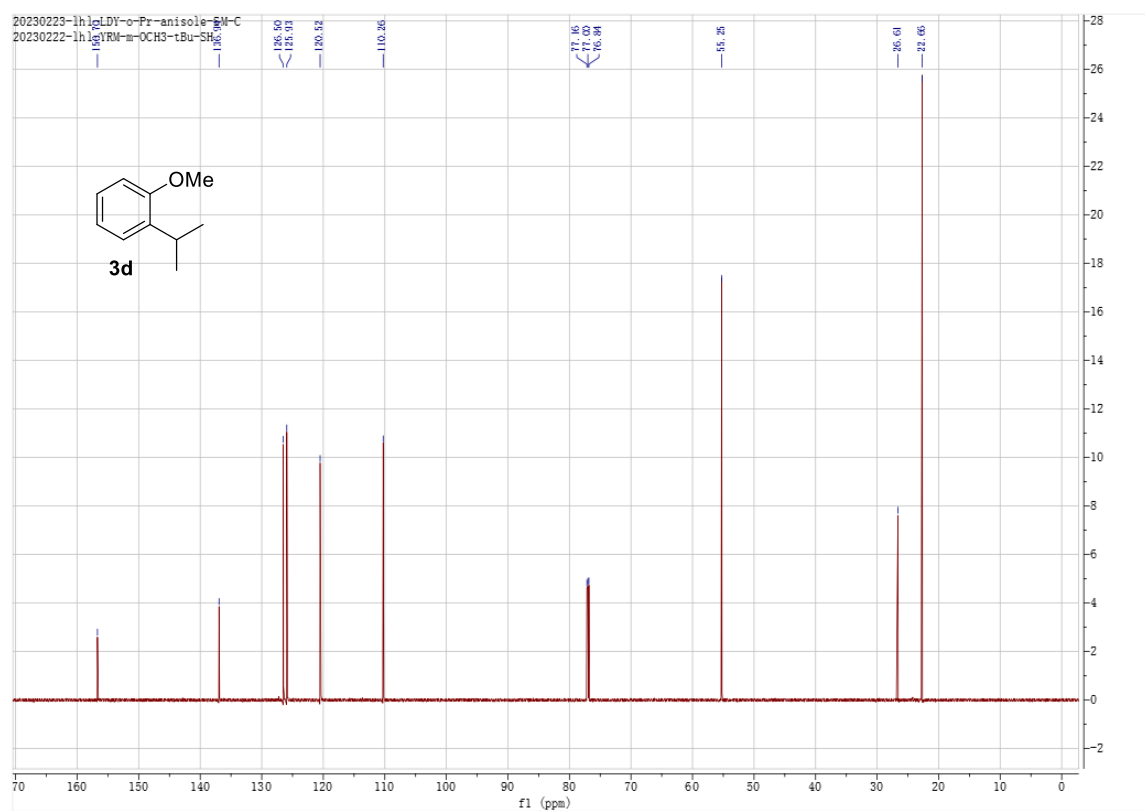
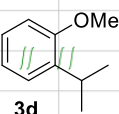
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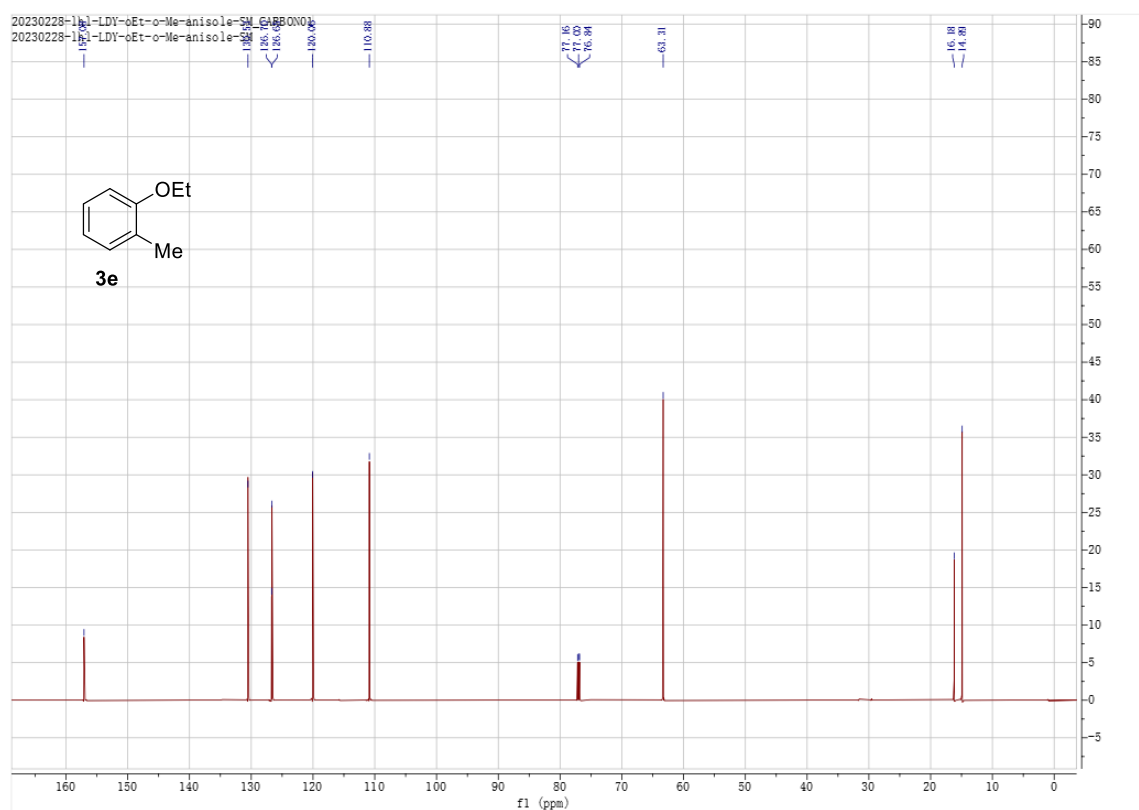
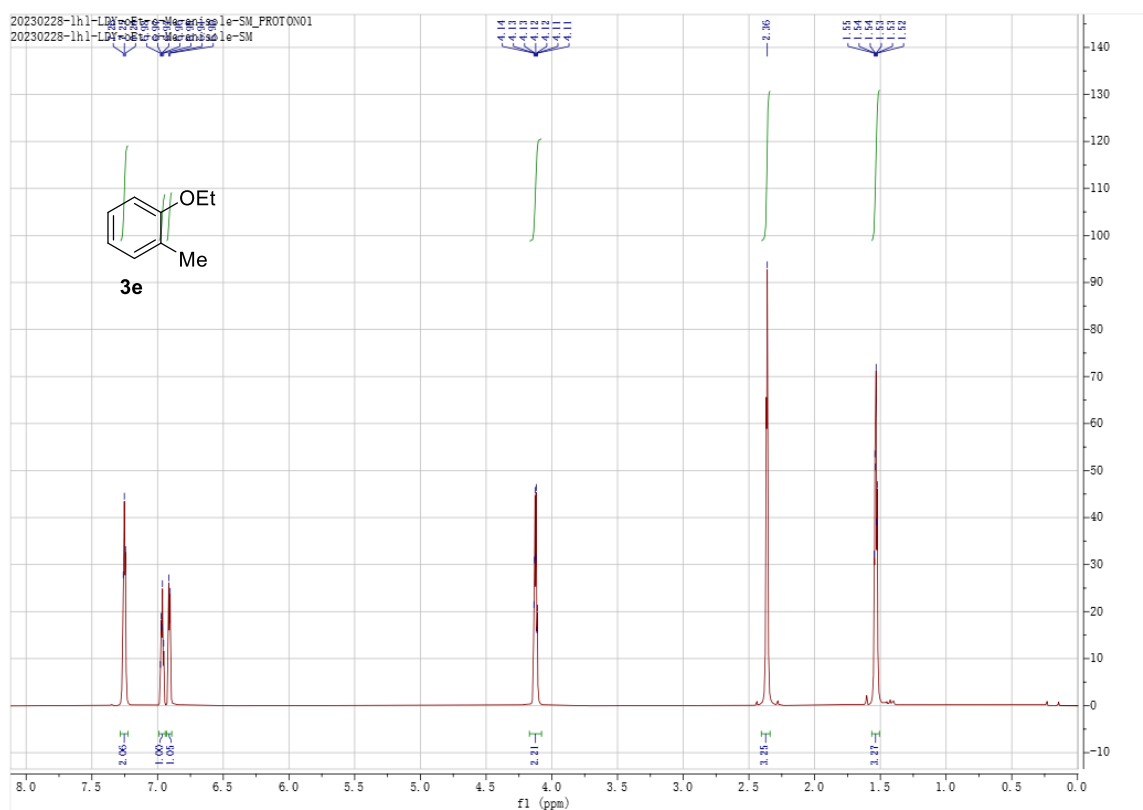


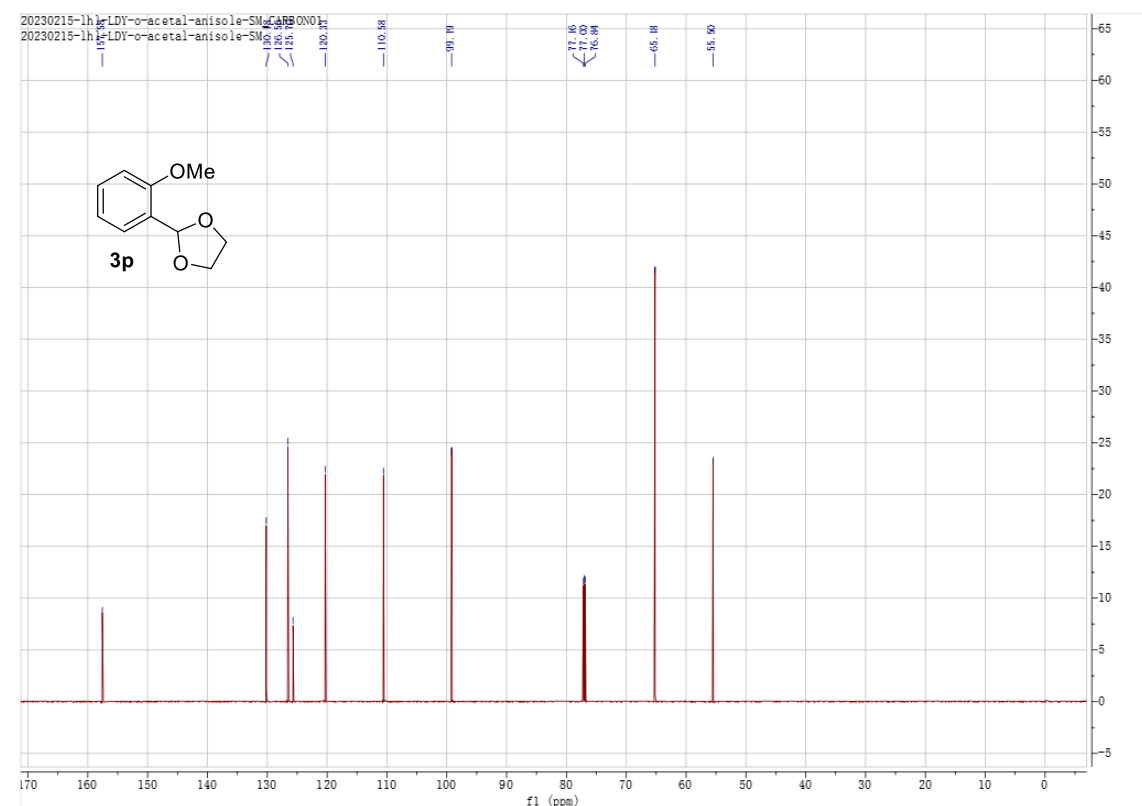
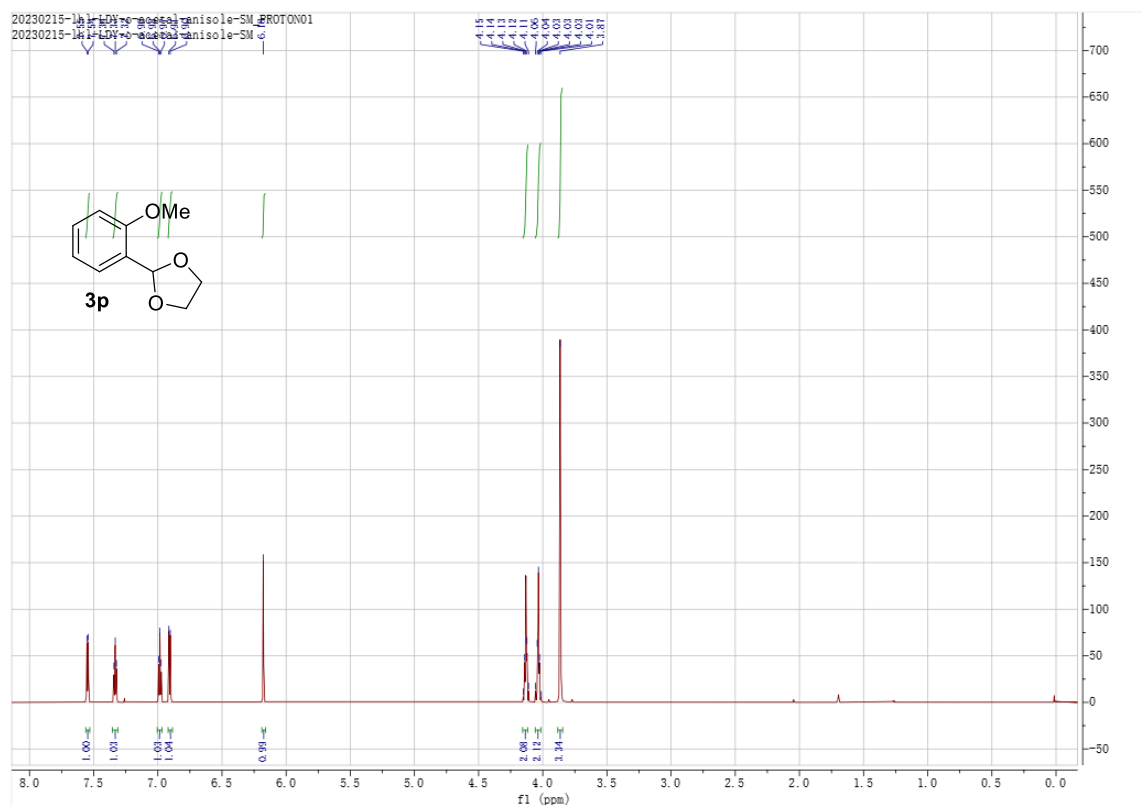


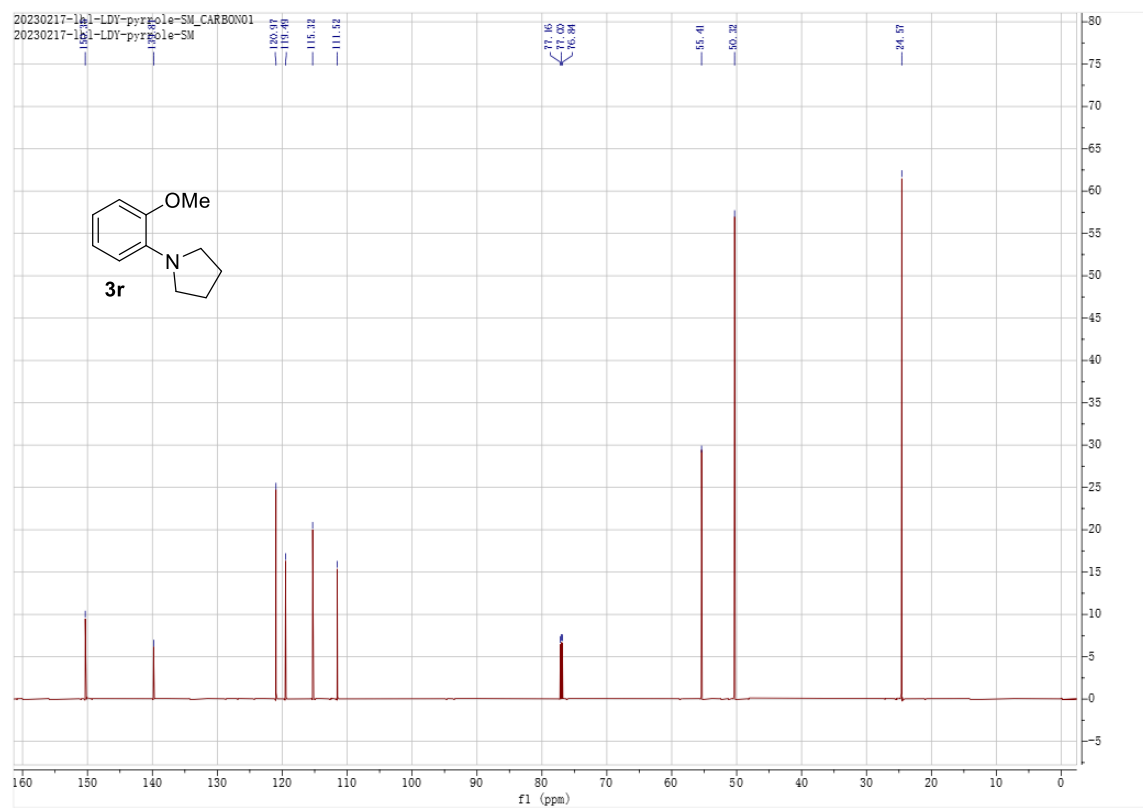
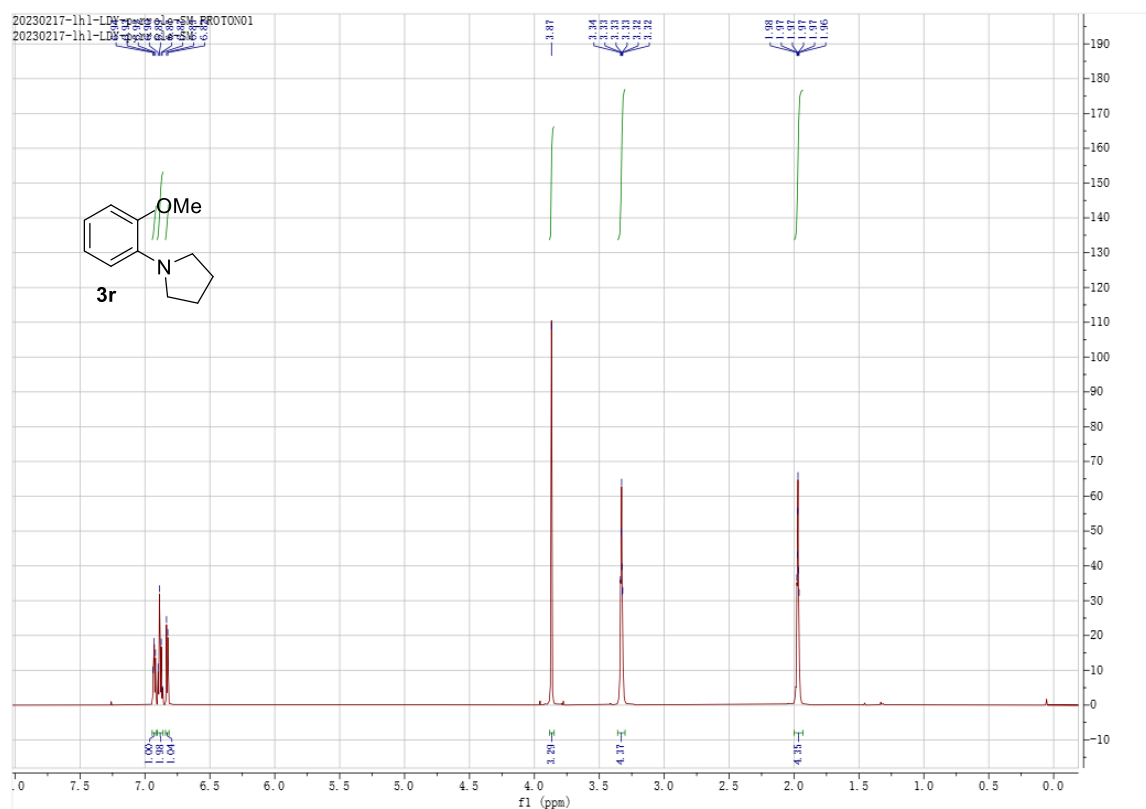


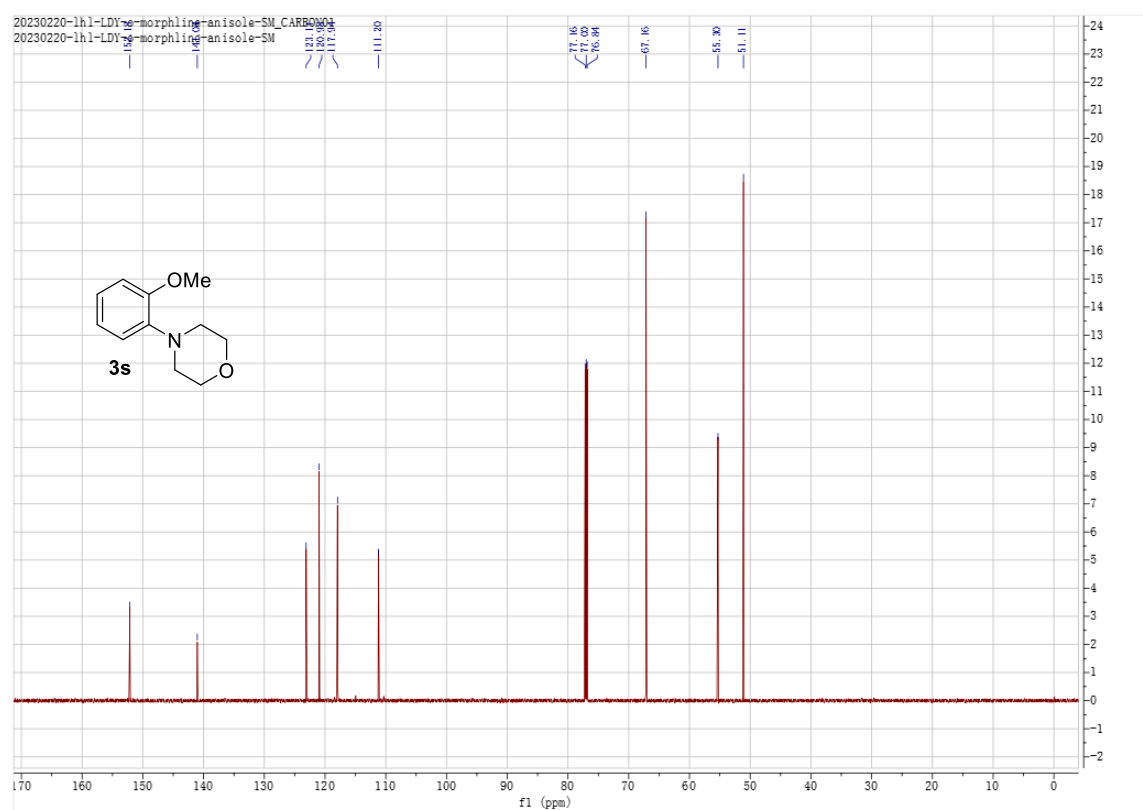
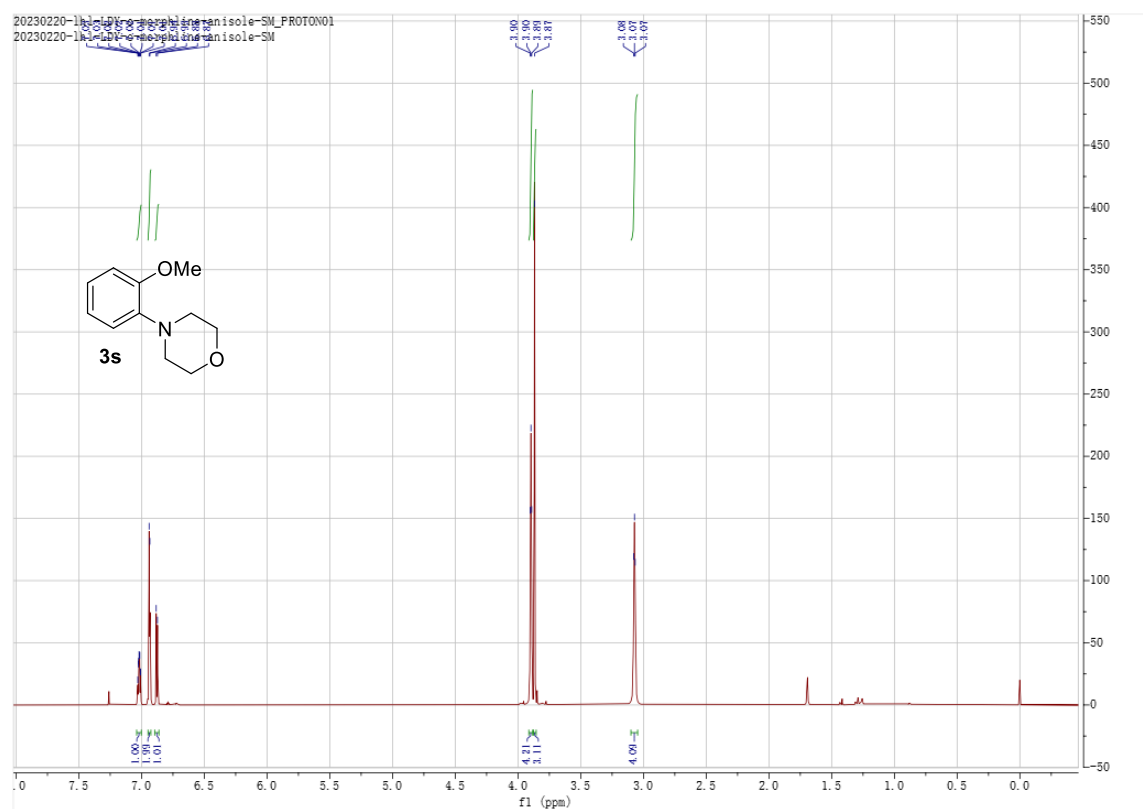


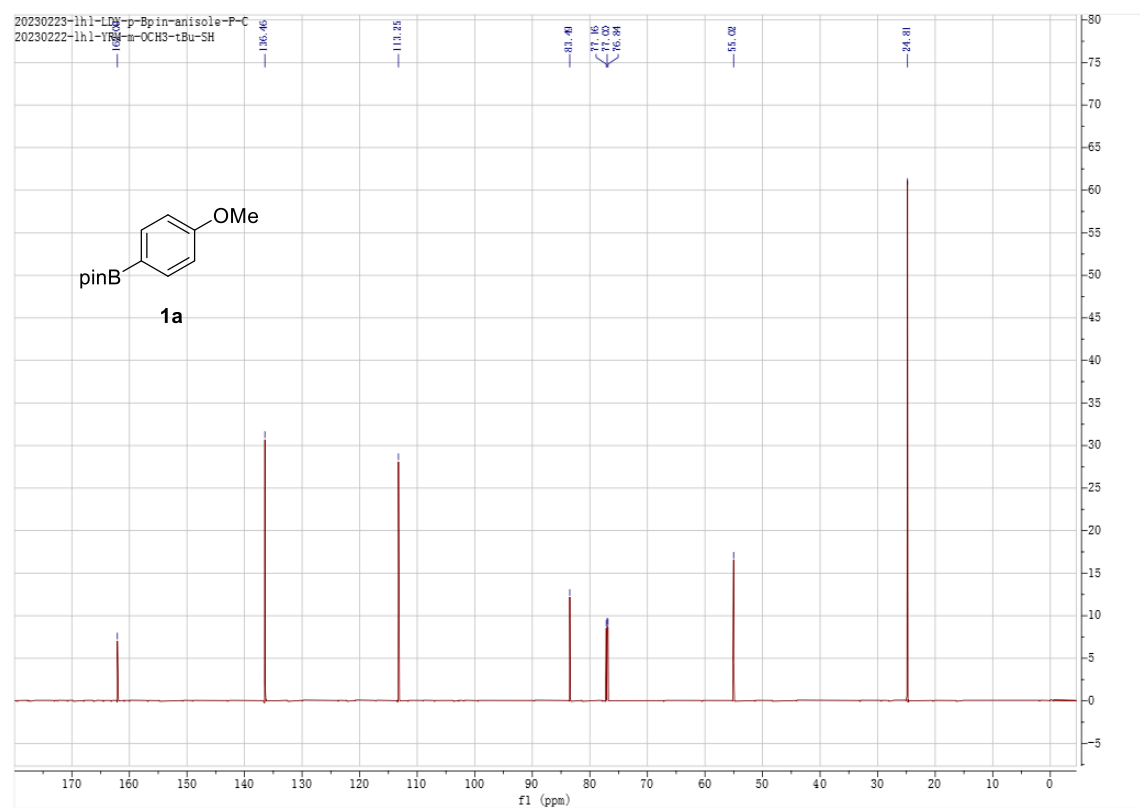
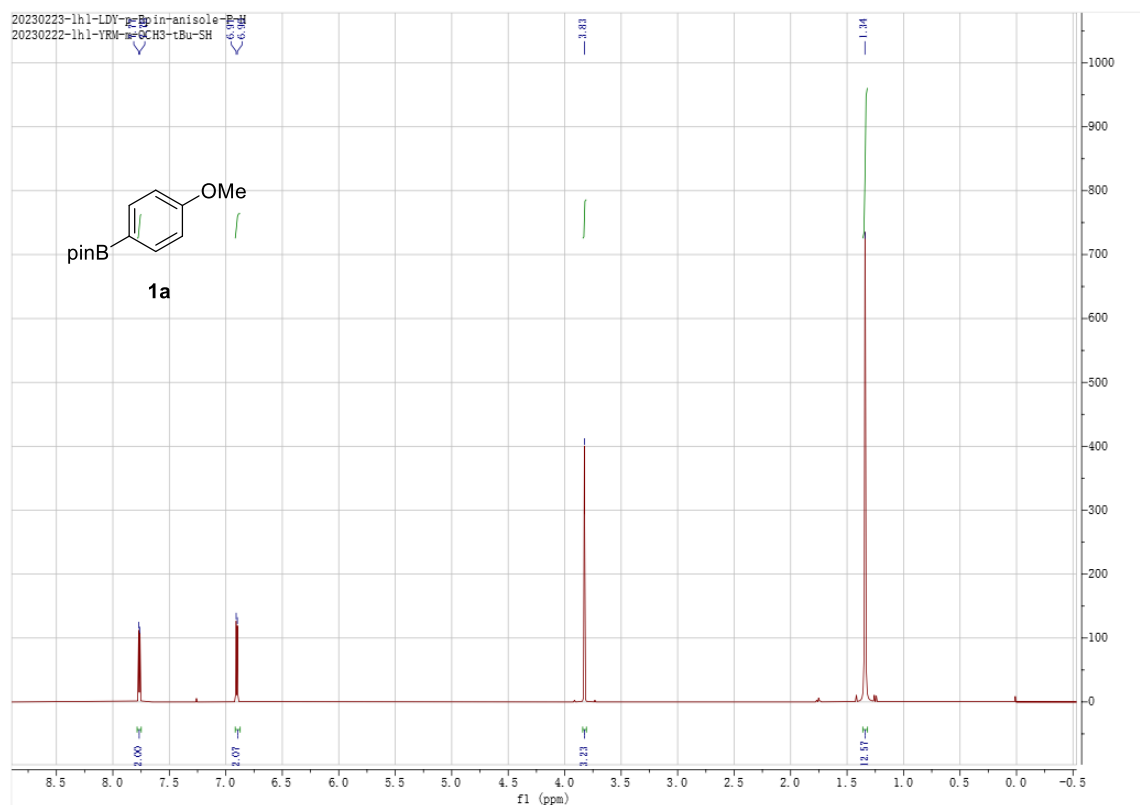


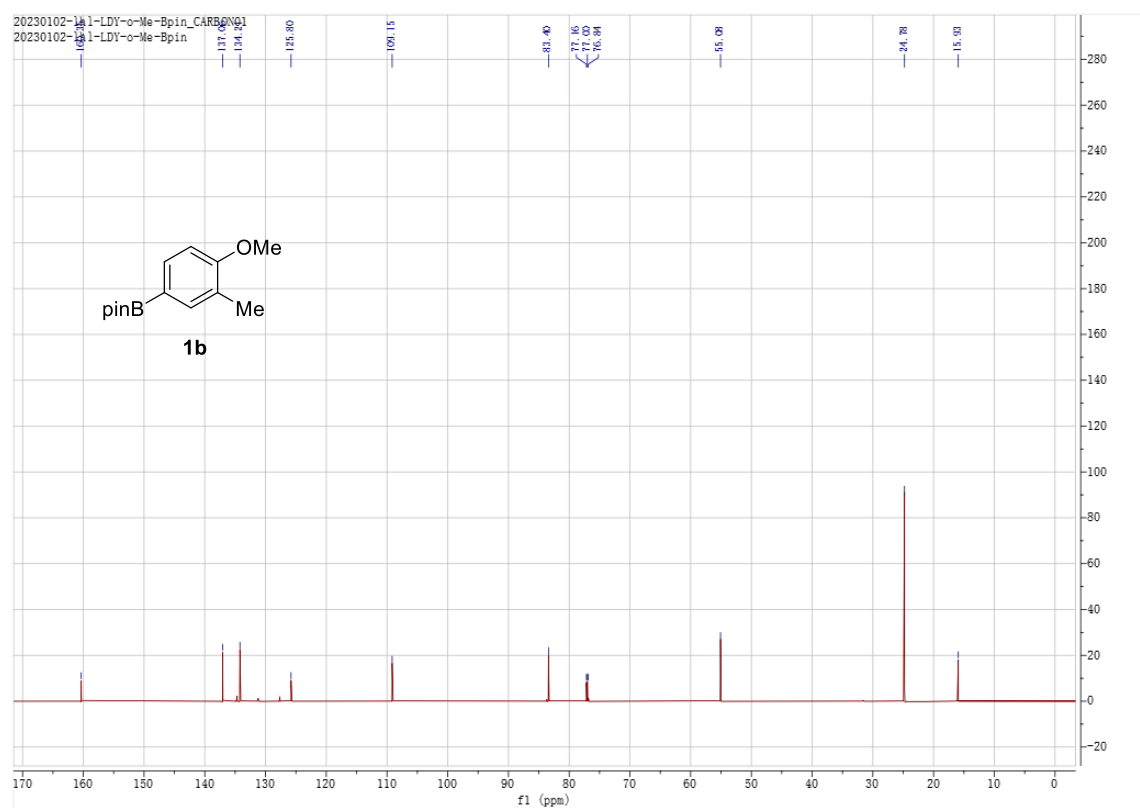
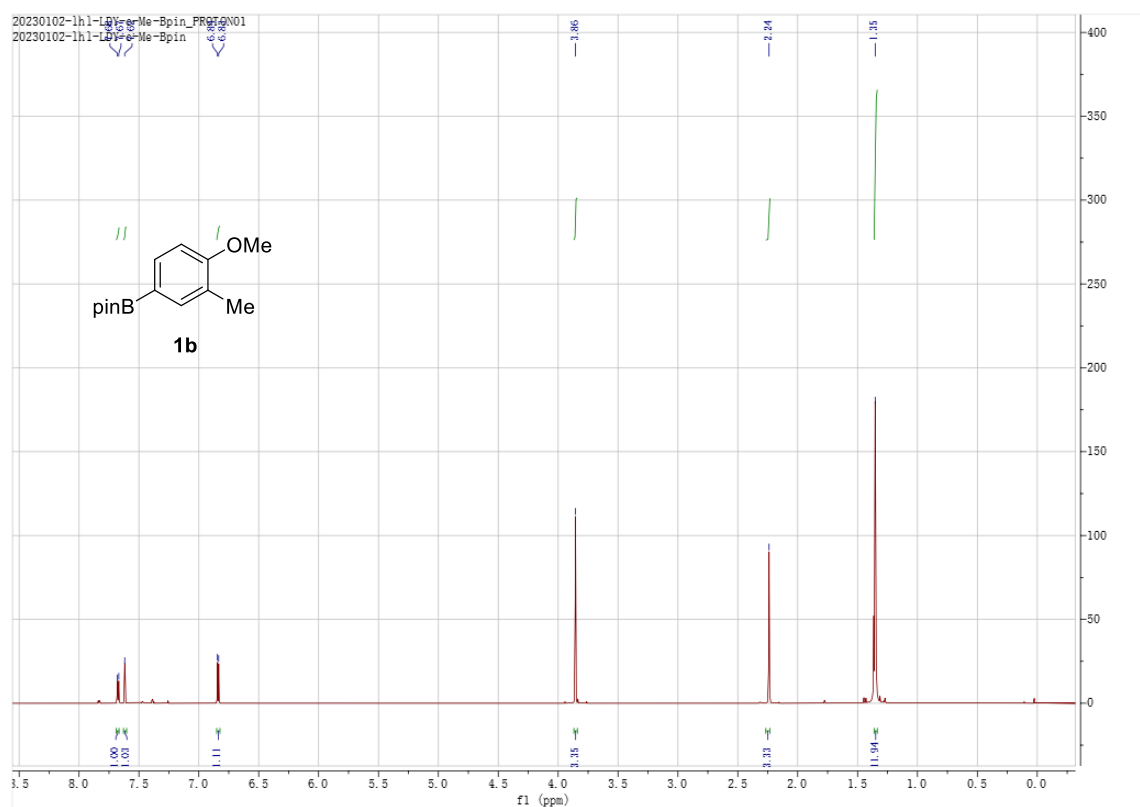


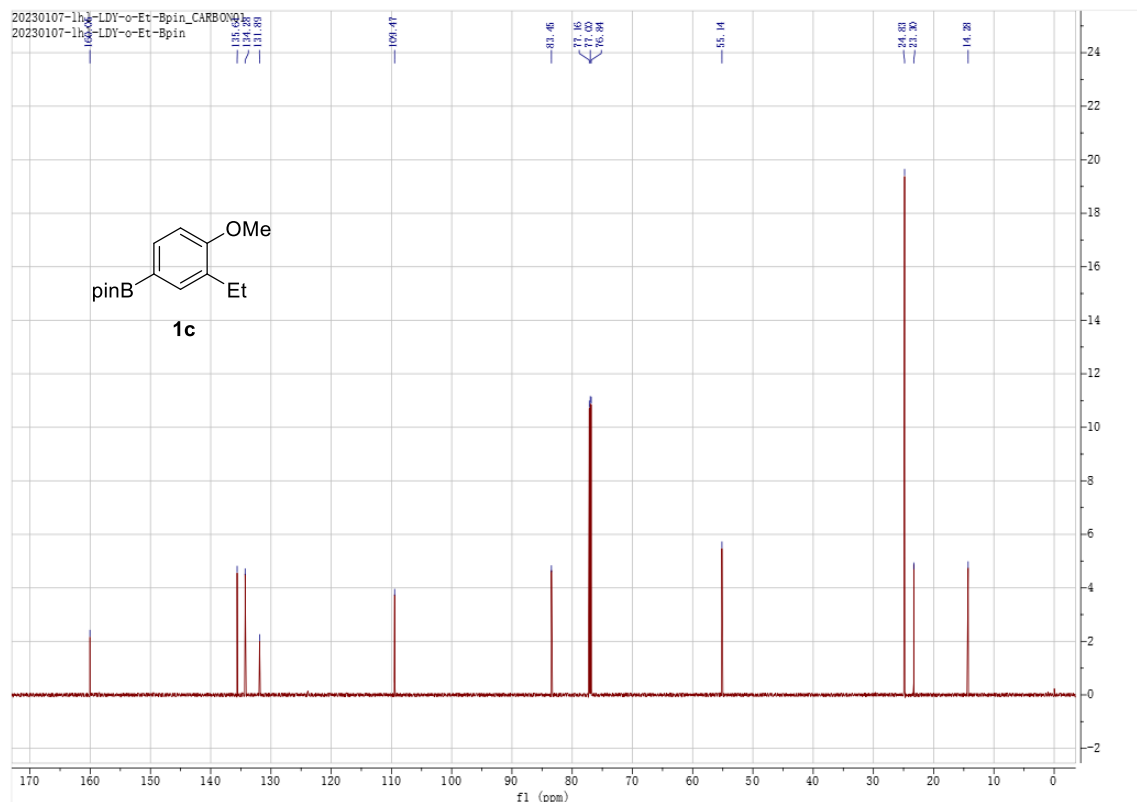
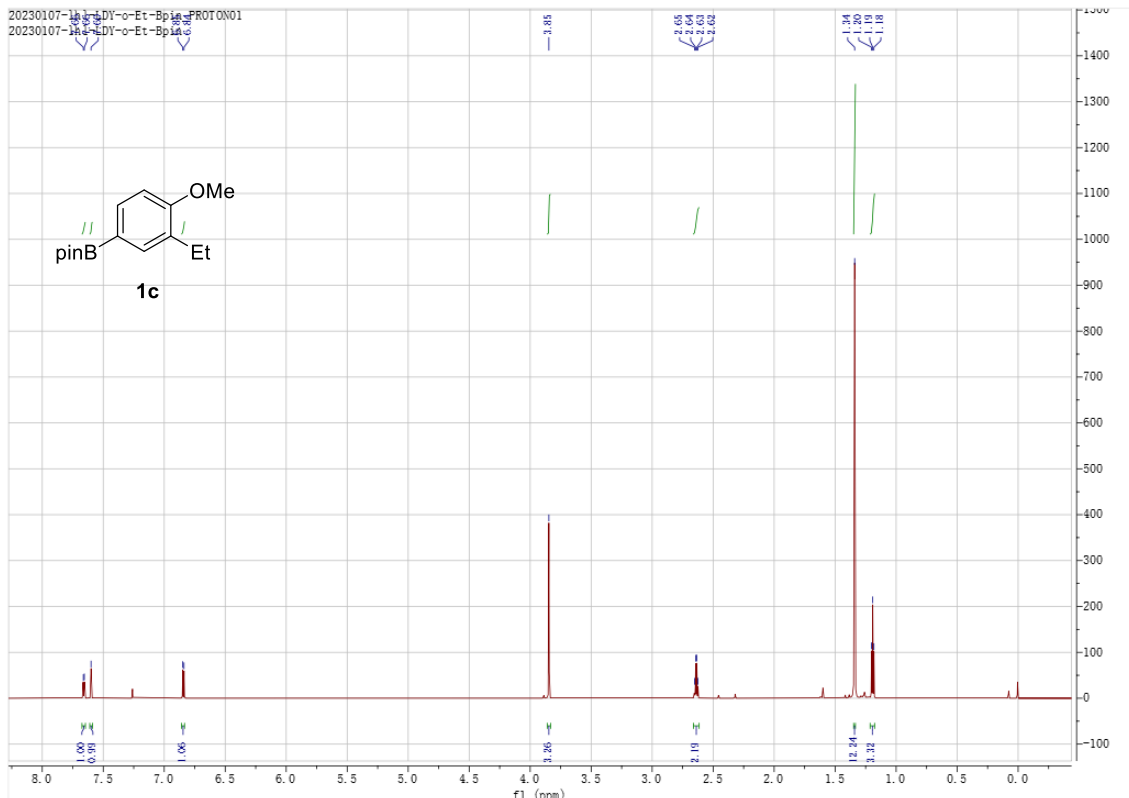


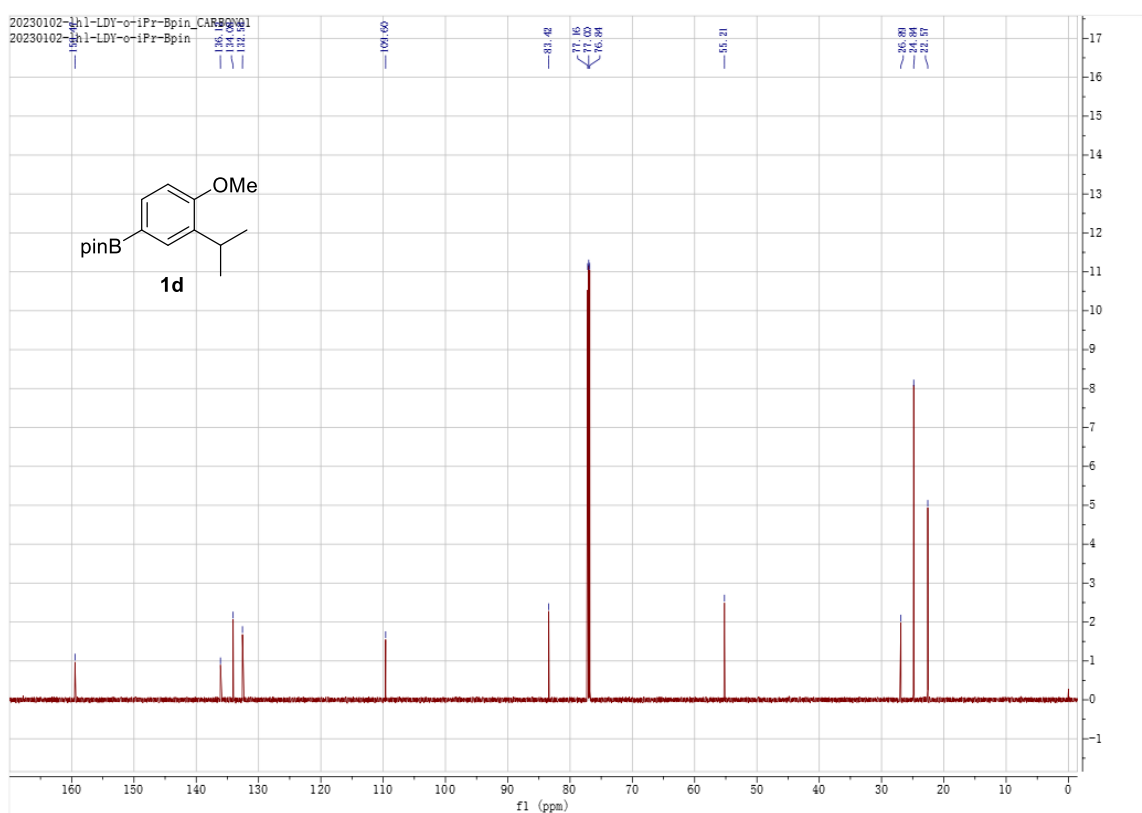
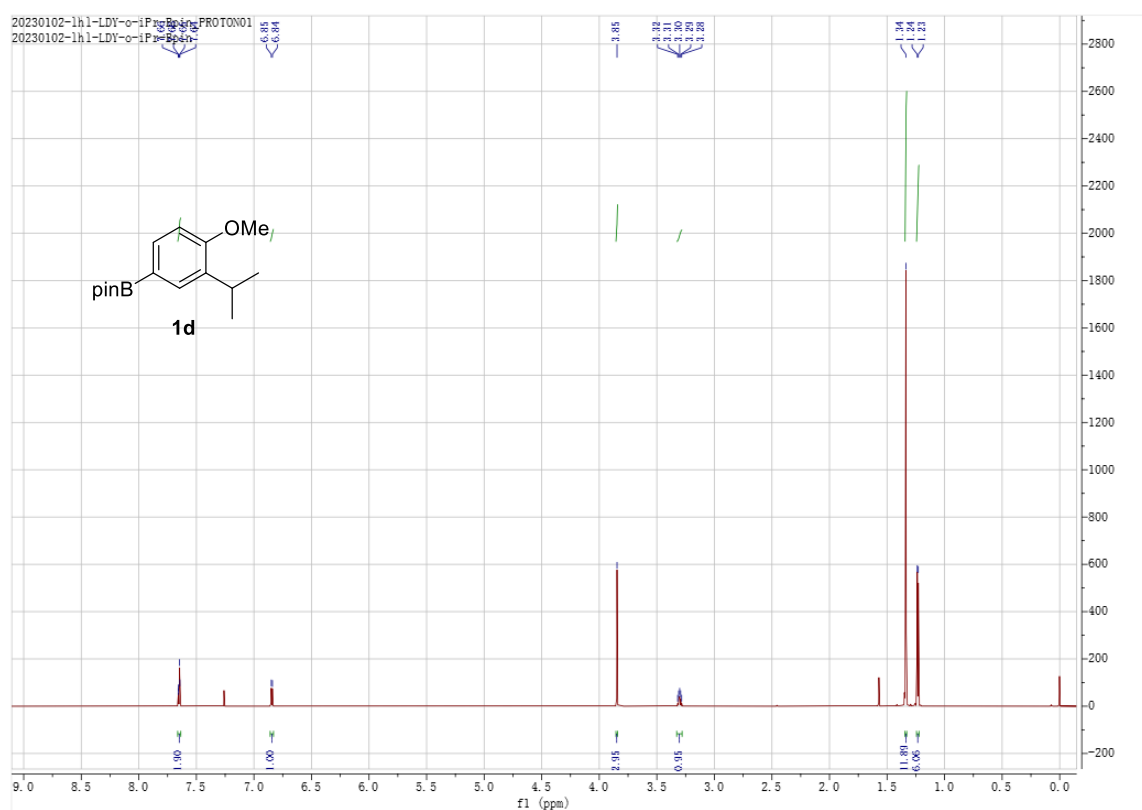


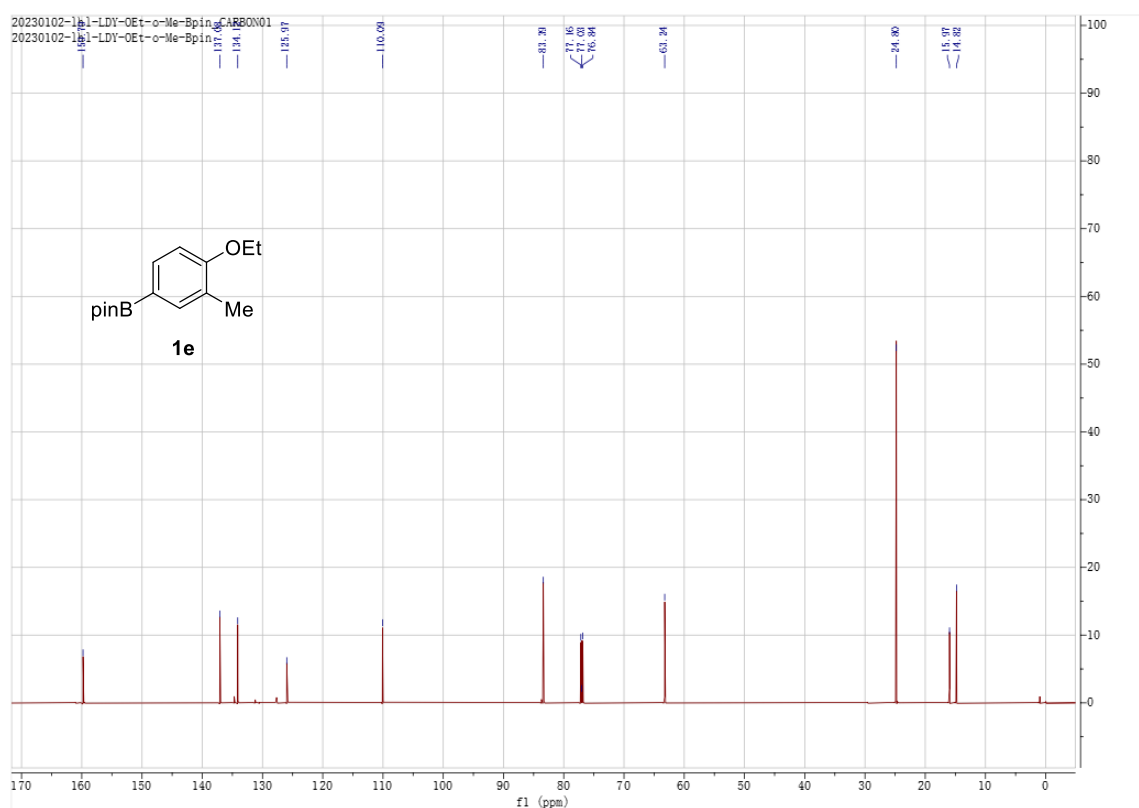
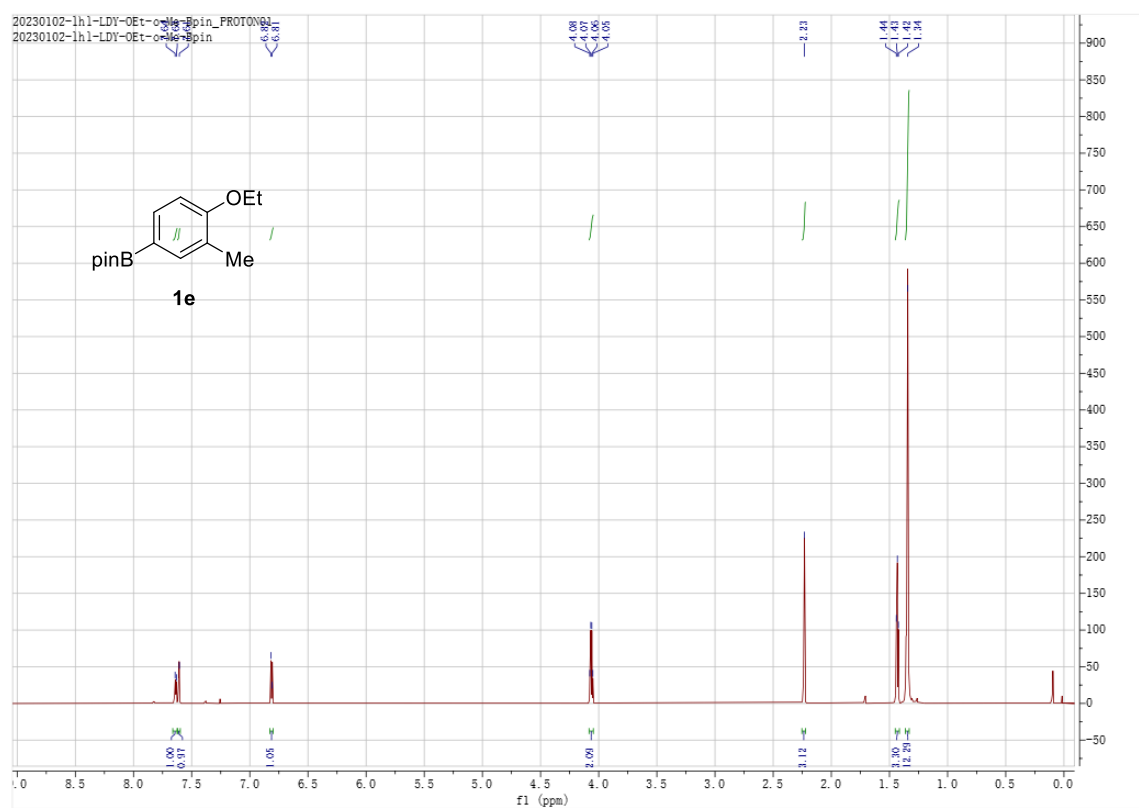


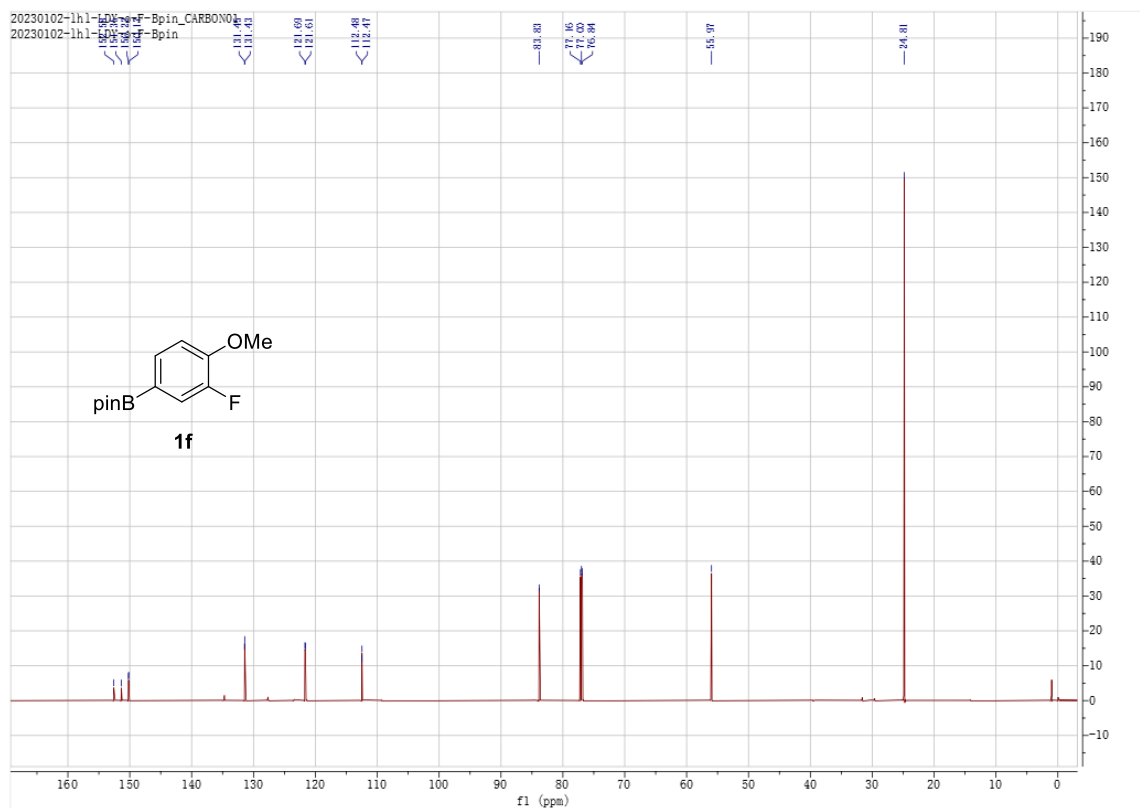
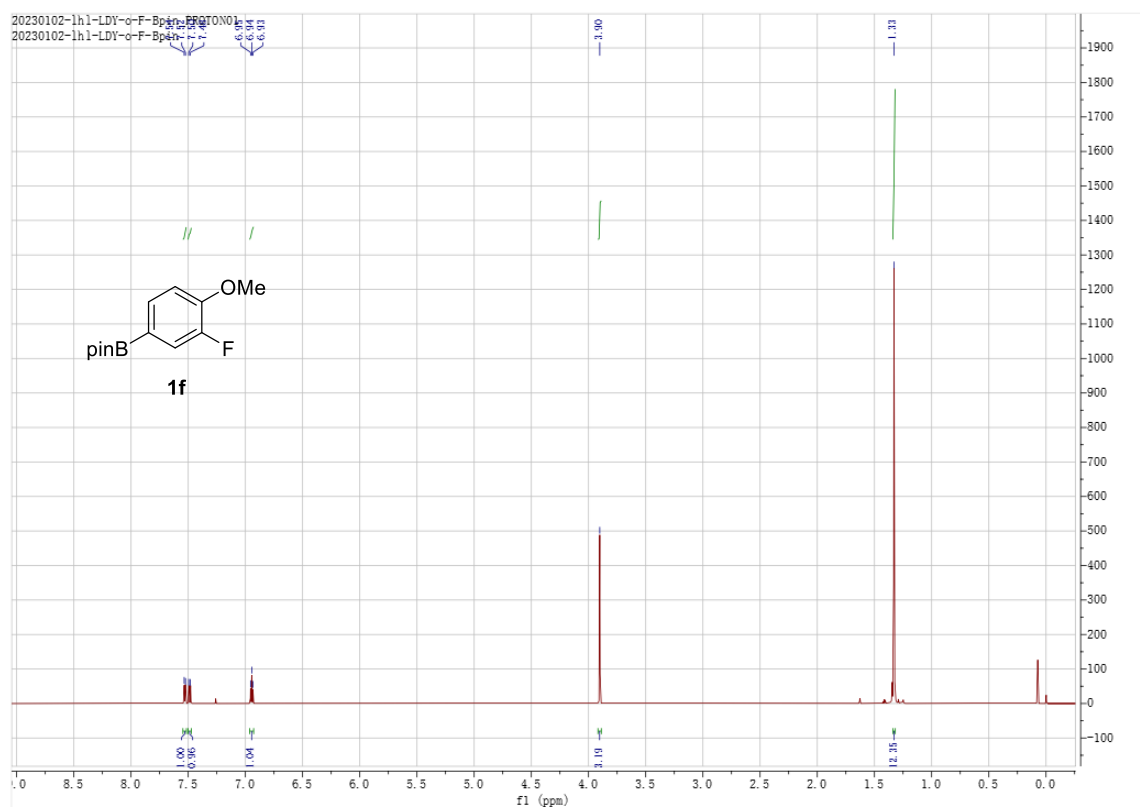


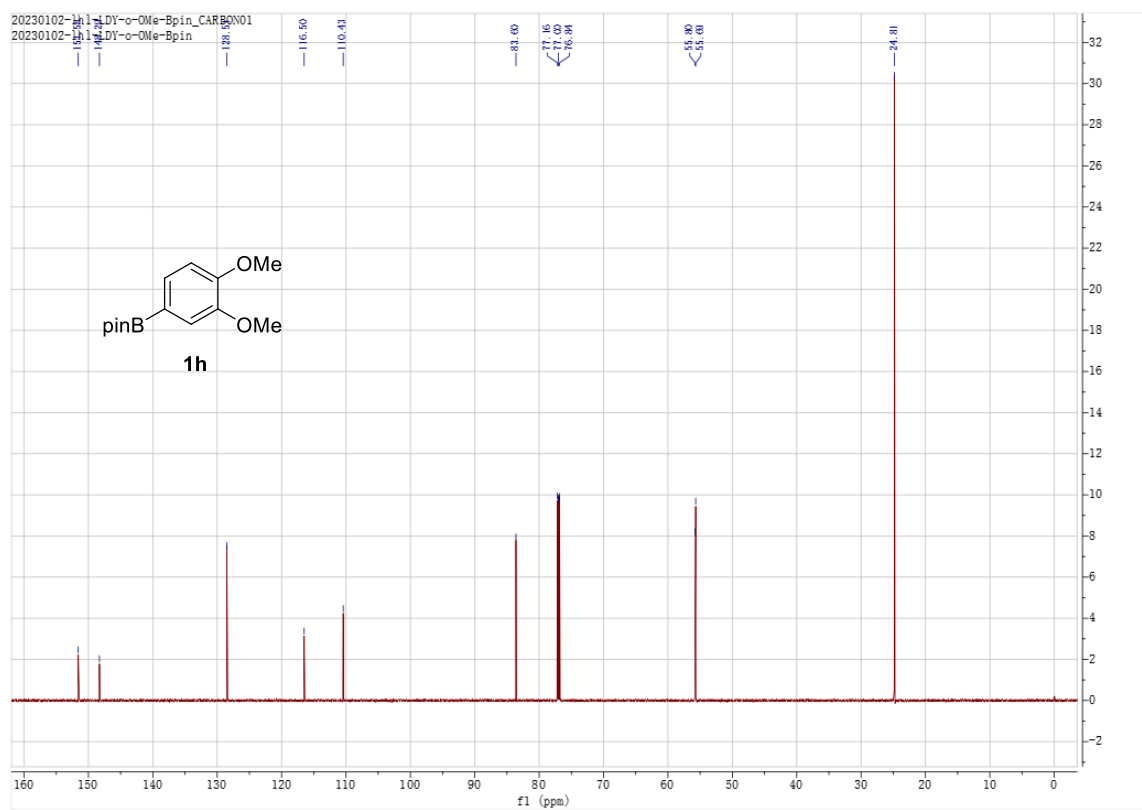
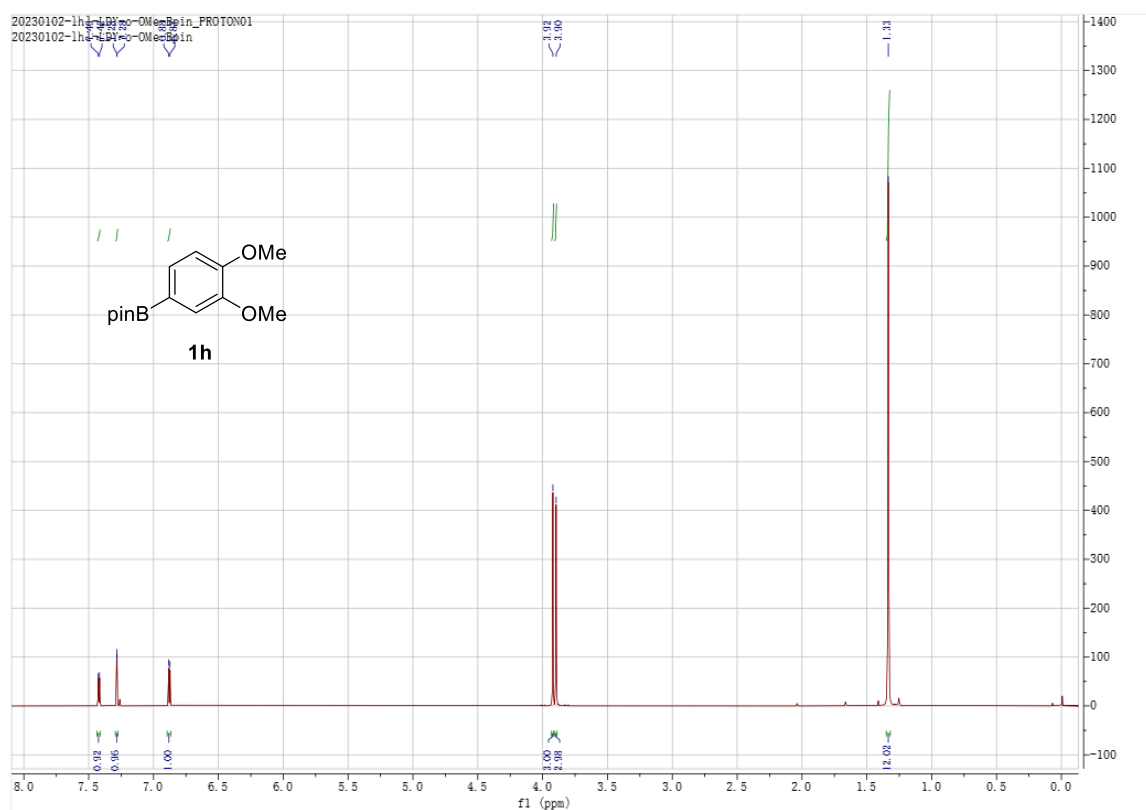


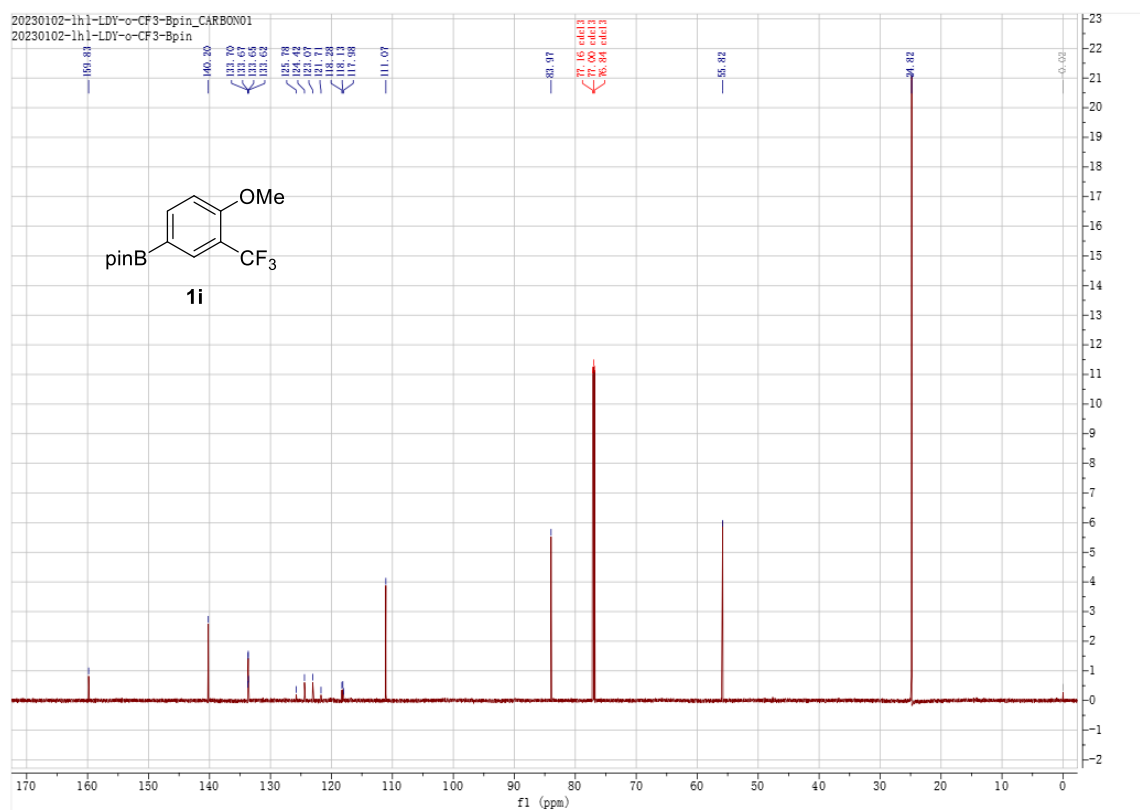
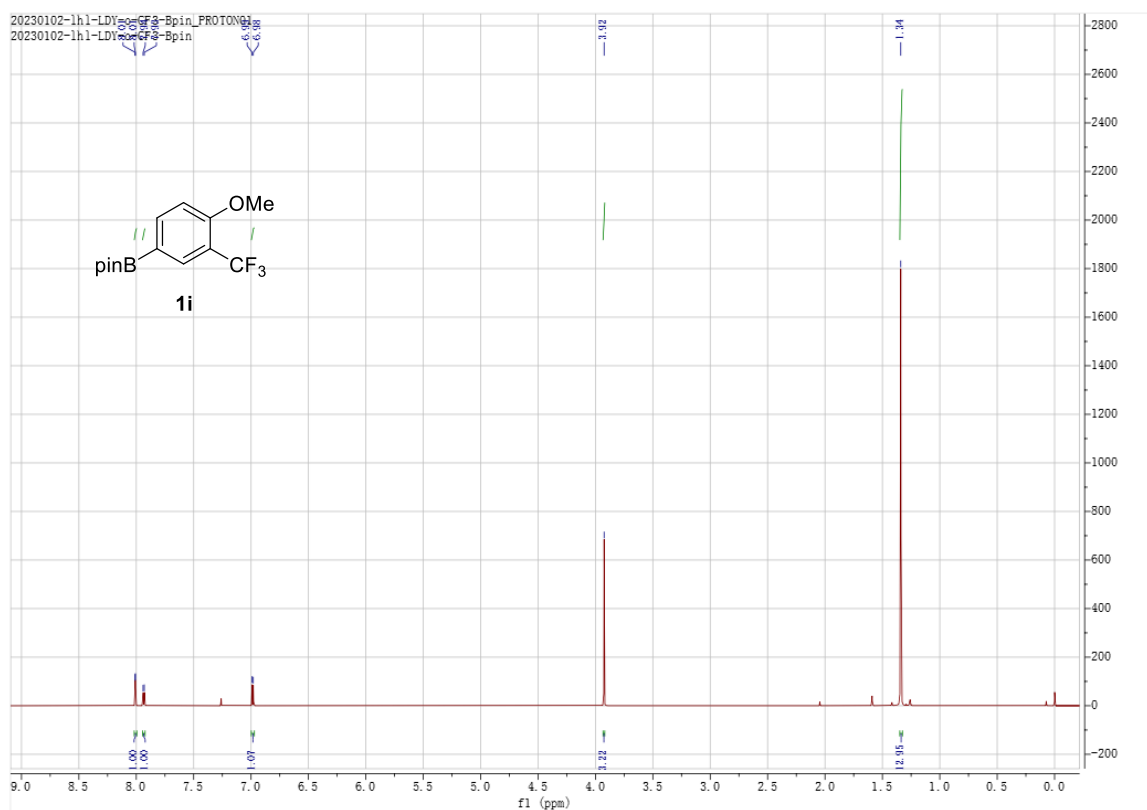


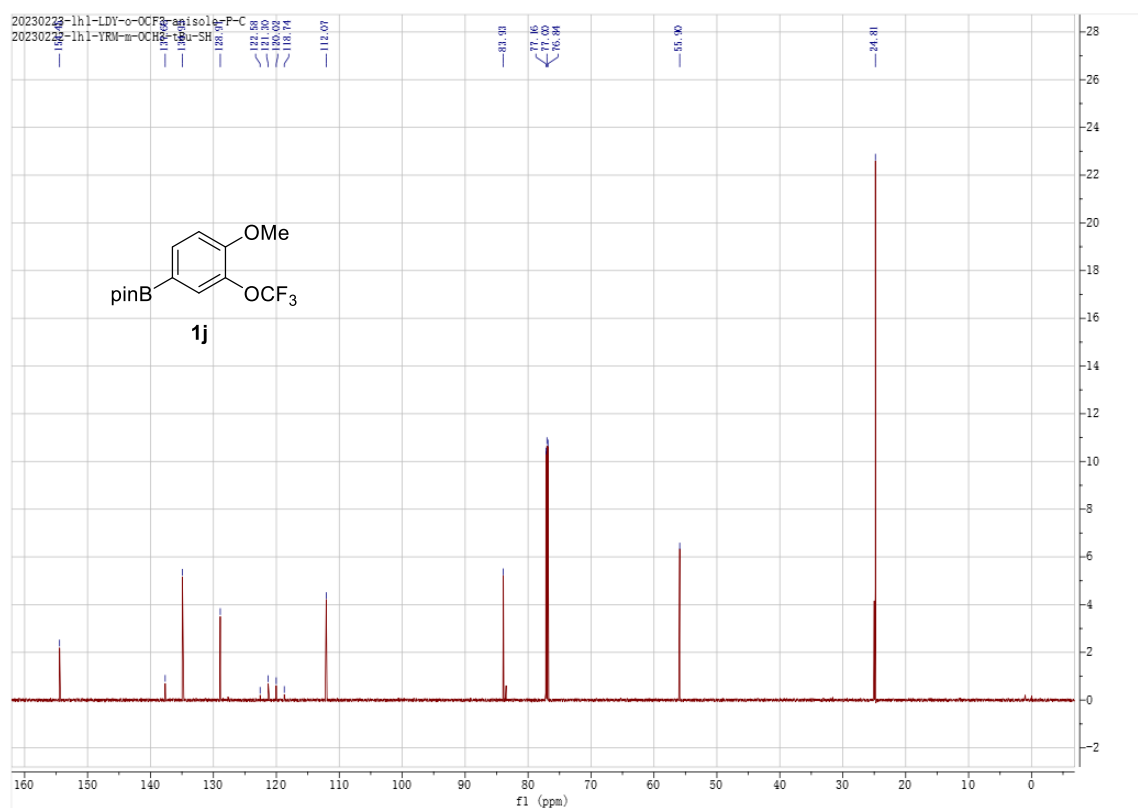
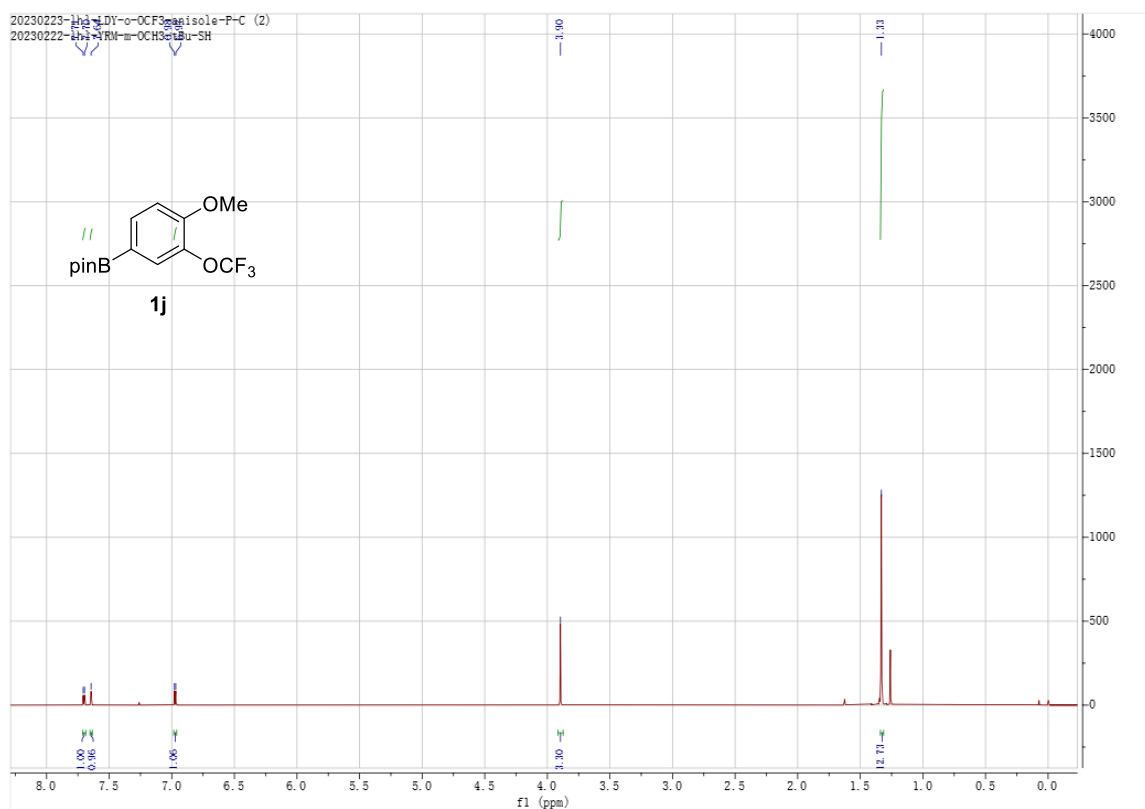


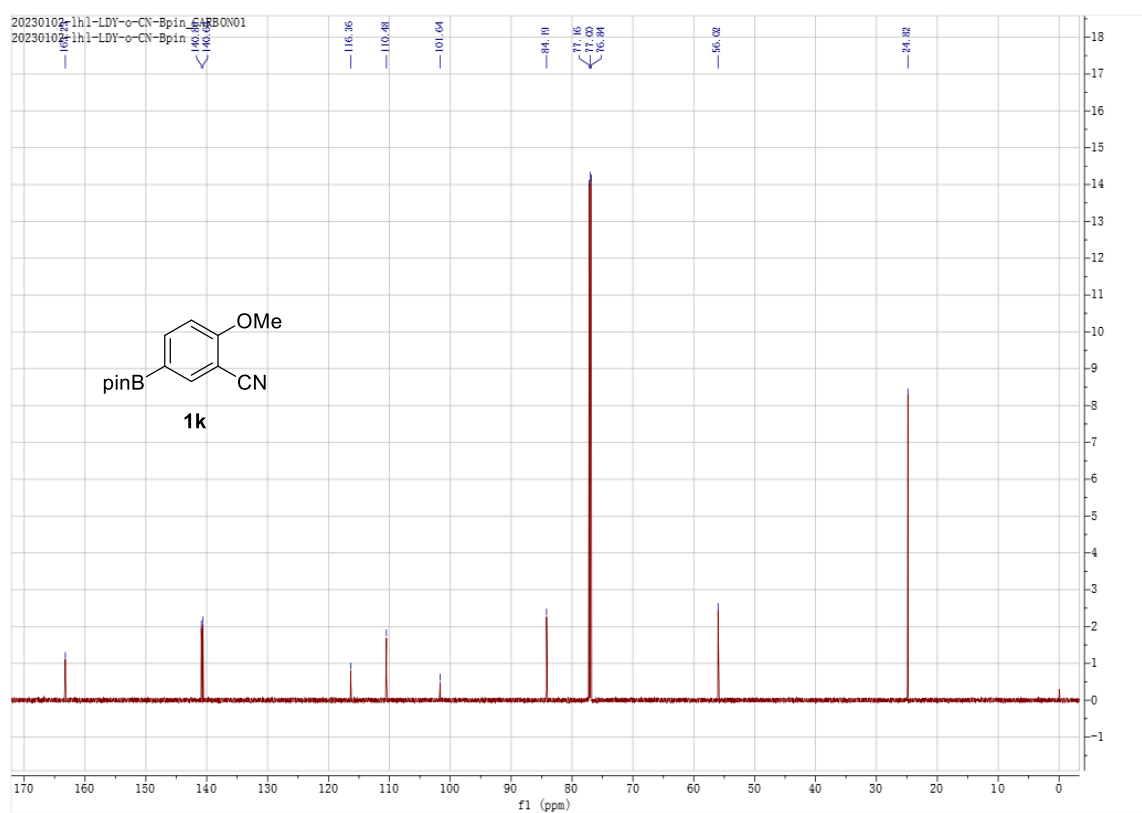
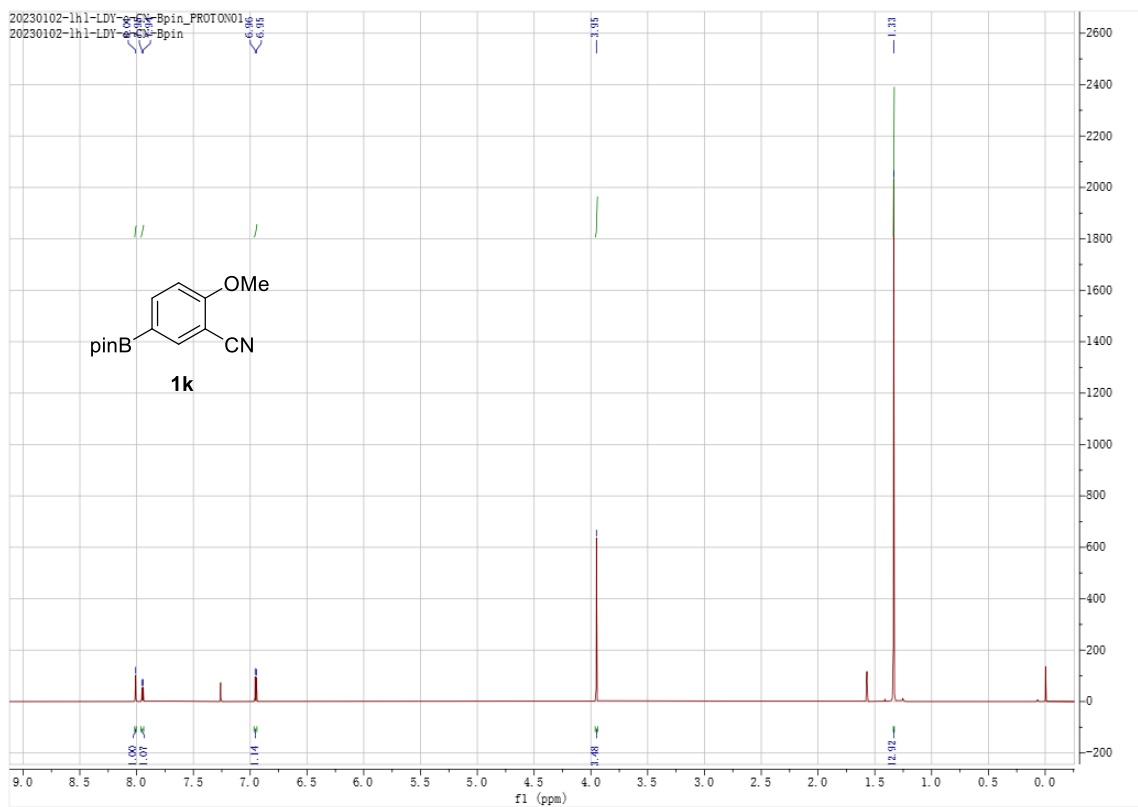


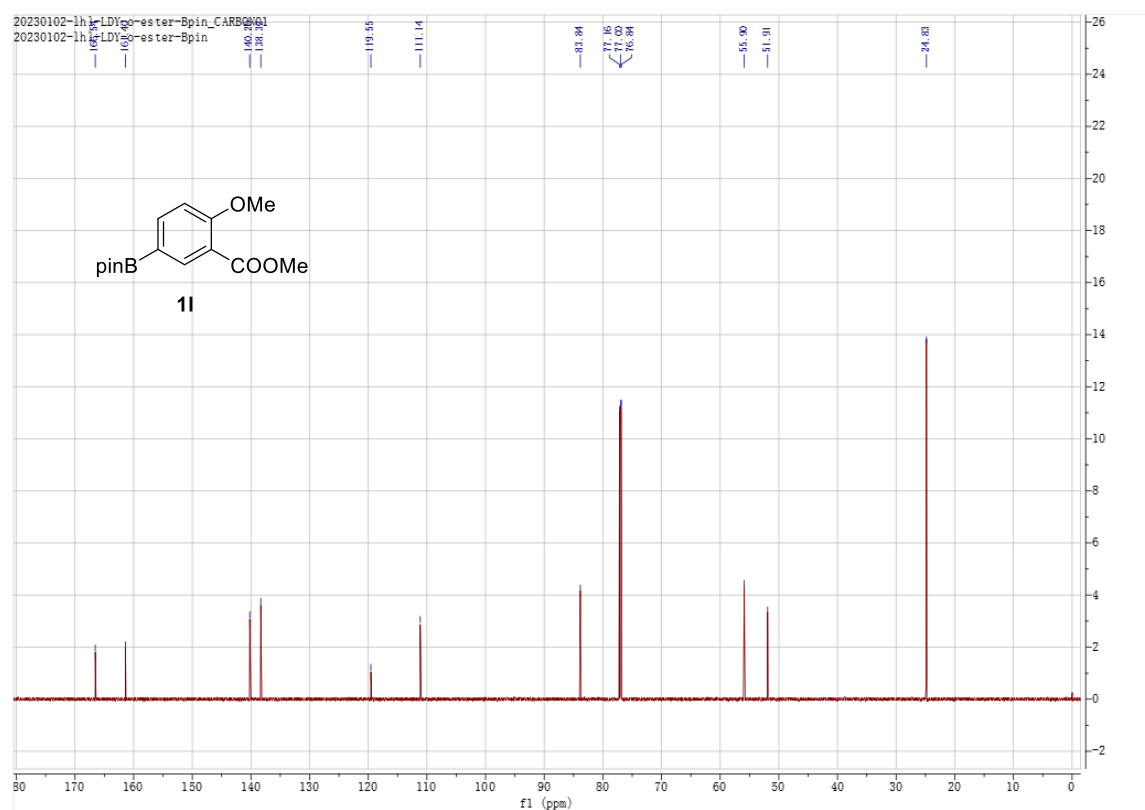
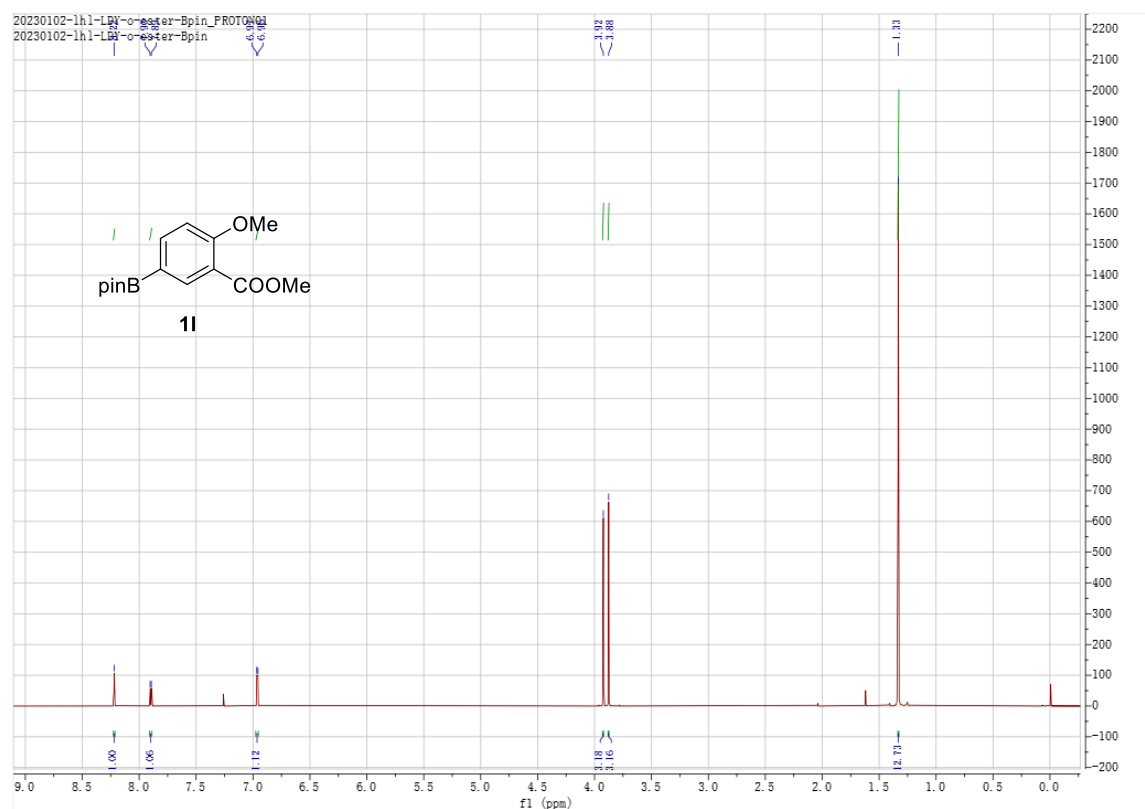


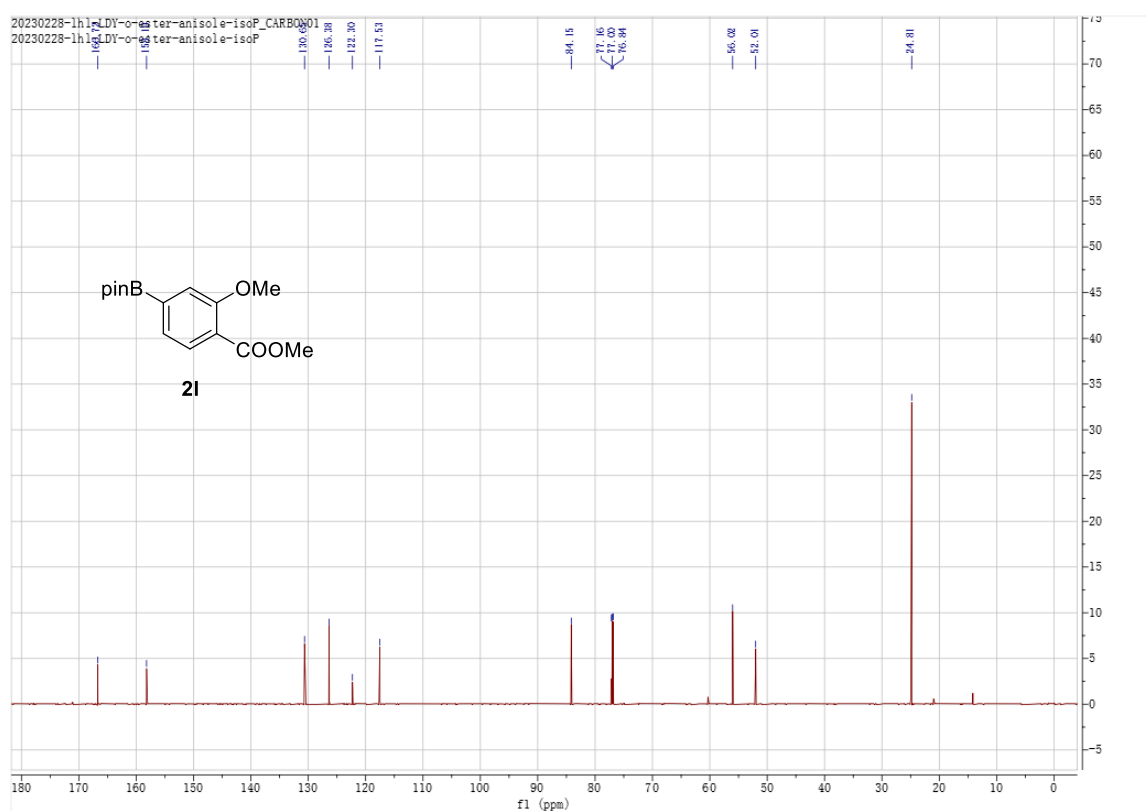
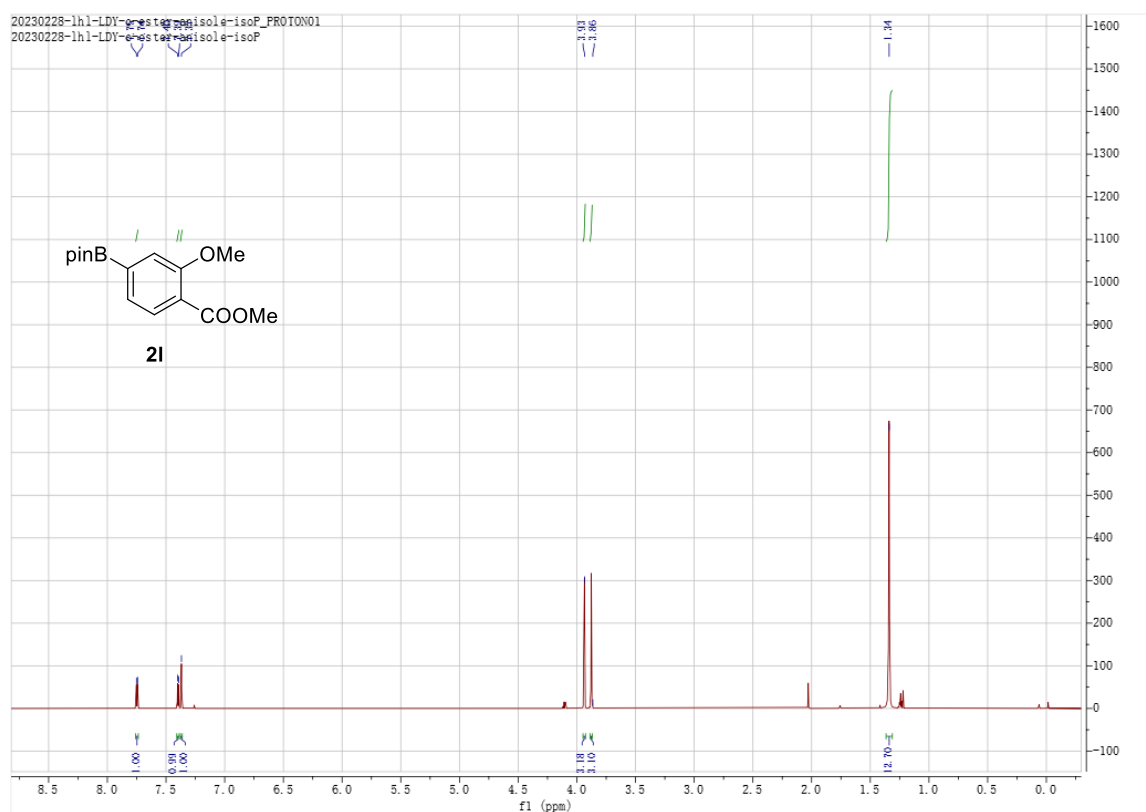


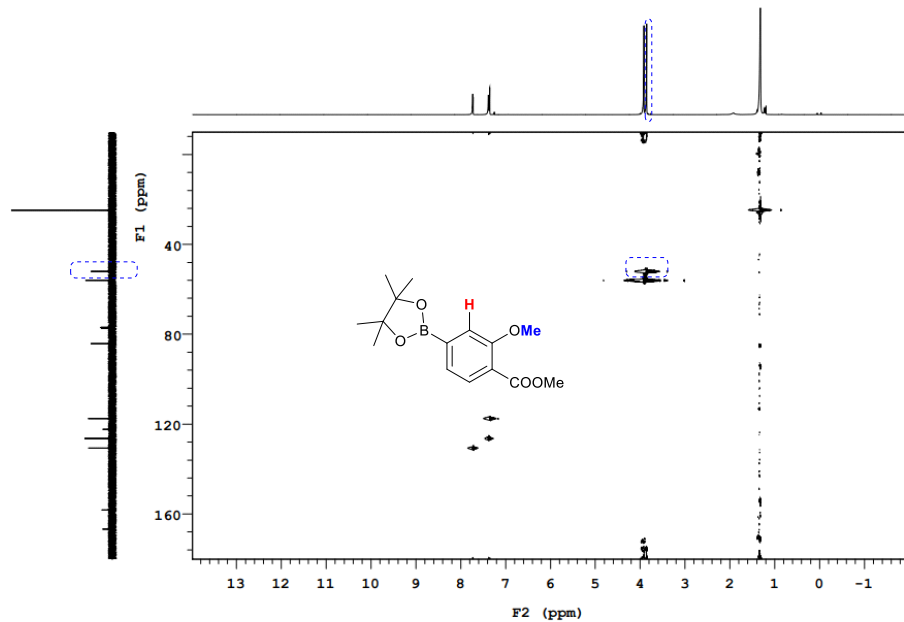






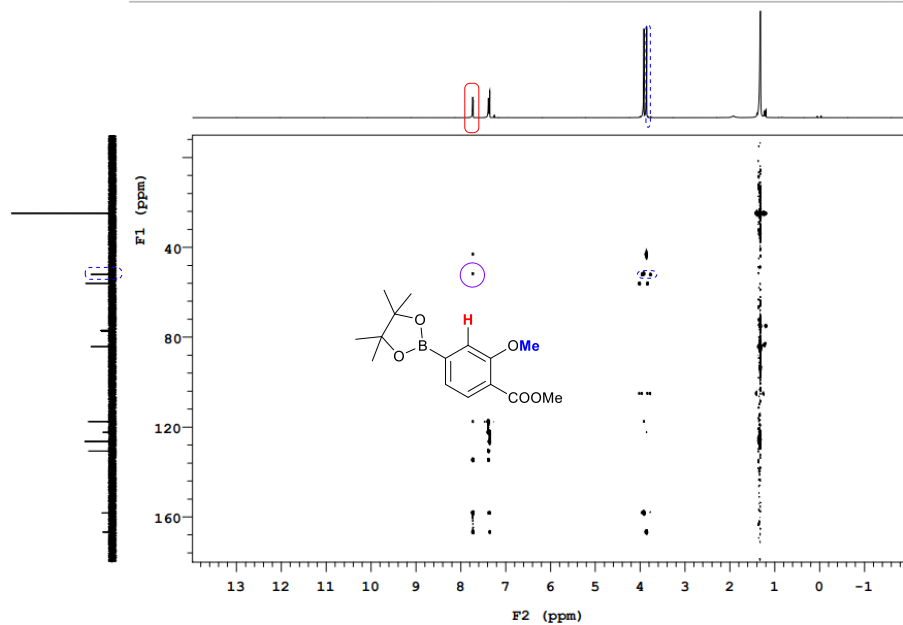






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