#### **Supplementary Material**

# Facile synthesis of mono-, bis- and tris-aryl-substituted aniline derivatives in aqueous DMF

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#### Materials and methods

Unless otherwise noted, all the reactions were carried out under air. All aryl halides and arylboronic acids were purchased from Alfa Aesar, Avocado and used without purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to TMS. Mass spectroscopy data of the products were collected on a MS-EI instrument. HPLC yields were recorded on a Waters Alliance 2695-2996-2475 High Performance Liquid Chromatography. Other products were isolated by chromatography on a short silica gel (200-300 mesh) column using petroleum ether (60-90°C), unless otherwise noted. Compounds described in the literature were characterised by comparison of their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra with reported data.

The HPLC measurement was carried out using an XBridge C18 ( $2.1\times150$ mm,  $5\mu$ m) column. Mobile phase consisted of H<sub>2</sub>O (including 0.3% HOAc and 0.3% N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) and MeOH, the gradient elution was adopted, the volume ratio of H<sub>2</sub>O to MeOH was 30:70 at the beginning to 0:100 at the end, the flow rate was 0.3 mL/min. A variable wavelength UV detector at 246 nm was used. The value of time of retention was 14.2 min.

General procedure for the Suzuki reaction of aryl bromides with arylboronic acids. A mixture of 2,4,6-tribromoaniline (0.25 mmol), aryl boronic acid (1.125 mmol),  $K_3PO_4\cdot 7H_2O$  (1.25 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (1.0 mol%), DMF (2.7 mL) and distilled water (1.3 mL) was stirred at  $80^{\circ}C$  under air for the indicated time. The mixture was added to brine (15 mL) and extracted three times with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The solvent was concentrated under vacuum and the product was isolated by chromatography on a short silica gel (200-300 mesh) column.

A mixture of 2,6-dibromo-4- nitroaniline (0.25 mmol), aryl boronic acid (0.75 mmol),  $K_3PO_4\cdot 7H_2O$  (0.75 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.5 mol%), DMF (2.7 mL) and distilled water (1.3 mL) was stirred at 80°C under air for the indicated time. The mixture was added to brine (15 mL) and extracted three times with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The solvent was concentrated under vacuum and the product was isolated by chromatography on a short silica gel (200-300 mesh) column.

A mixture of 2,6-dibromoaniline (0.5 mmol), aryl boronic acid (1.5 mmol),  $K_3PO_4\cdot 7H_2O$  (1.5 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.5 mol%), DMF (2.7 mL) and distilled water (1.3 mL) was stirred at 80°C under air for the indicated time. The mixture was added to brine (15 mL) and extracted three times with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The solvent was concentrated under vacuum and the product was isolated by chromatography on a short silica gel (200-300 mesh) column.

A mixture of 4-bromoaniline (0.5 mmol), aryl boronic acid (0.75 mmol),  $K_3PO_4\cdot 7H_2O$  (1.0 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (0.5 mol%), DMF (2.7 mL) and distilled water (1.3 mL) was stirred at 80°C under air for the indicated time. The mixture was added to brine (15 mL) and extracted three times with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The solvent was concentrated under vacuum and the product was isolated by chromatography on a short silica gel (200-300 mesh) column.

#### **Characterization data**

**2,4,6-Triphenylaniline** (**Table 3, entry 1**). HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.60-7.56 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.48 (t, *J* 7.6 Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.41-7.37 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.26 (t, *J* 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.91 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>), ppm.

**2,4,6-Tris**(**4-methylphenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 3, entry 2**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.49-7.46 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.38 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.29 (d, J 8.0 Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.20 (d, J 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph), 2.41 (s, 6H, 2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  140.07 (Ph), 138.16 (Ph), 137.13 (2×Ph), 136.81 (2×Ph), 136.01 (Ph), 131.22 (Ph), 129.65 (4×Ph), 129.47 (2×Ph), 129.30 (4×Ph), 128.40 (2×Ph), 128.13 (2×Ph), 126.34 (2×Ph), 21.19 (2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.11 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 363.1987, found value: 363.1990 (M<sup>+</sup>); Mp 113.1-114.0°C.

**2,4,6-Tris**(3-methylphenyl)aniline (Table 3, entry 3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.41-7.35 (m, 10H, Ph), 7.27 (t, J 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph), 7.21-7.17 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.07 (d, J 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.91 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.41 (s, 6H, 2×CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  140.99 (Ph), 140.07 (Ph), 139.77 (2×Ph), 138.70 (2×Ph), 138.31 (Ph), 131.39

(Ph), 130.22 (2×Ph), 128.94 (2×Ph), 128.75 (Ph), 128.66 (Ph), 128.39 (2×Ph), 128.29 (2×Ph), 127.36 (Ph), 127.26 (Ph), 126.48 (2×Ph), 123.67 (2×Ph), 21.70 ( $CH_3$ ), 21.65 (2× $CH_3$ ) ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 363.1987, found value: 363.1990 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 96.8-97.4°C.

**2,4,6-Tris**(**4-methoxylphenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 3, entry 4**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.52-7.47 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.31 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.01 (d, J 8.8 Hz, 4H, Ph), 6.93 (d, J 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 3.87 (s, 6H, 2×OC $H_3$ ), 3.85 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), 3.83 (s, 3H, OC $H_3$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  158.92 (2×Ph), 158.47 (Ph), 140.19 (Ph), 133.68 (Ph), 132.02 (2×Ph), 130.81 (Ph), 130.49 (4×Ph), 128.00 (2×Ph), 127.80 (2×Ph), 127.45 (2×Ph), 114.30 (4×Ph), 114.14 (2×Ph), 55.36 (3×OC $H_3$ ) ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 411.1834, found value: 411.1844 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 154.0-154.8°C.

**2,4,6-Tris**(**4-fluorophenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 3, entry 5**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.53-7.49 (m, 6H, Ph), 7.30 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.17 (t, J 8.8 Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.08 (t, J 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 3.81 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  162.40 (d,  $J_{CF}$  245 Hz, 2×Ph), 162.15 (d,  $J_{CF}$  244 Hz, Ph), 140.52 (Ph), 136.92 (d,  $J_{CCCF}$  3 Hz, Ph), 135.40 (d,  $J_{CCCF}$  2 Hz, 2×Ph), 131.15 (d,  $J_{CCCF}$  8 Hz, 4×Ph), 130.44 (Ph), 128.52 (2×Ph), 128.03 (d,  $J_{CCCF}$  8 Hz, 2×Ph), 127.57 (2×Ph), 116.08 (d,  $J_{CCF}$  21 Hz, 4×Ph), 115.71 (d,  $J_{CCF}$  21 Hz, 2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 375.1235, found value: 375.1241 (M $^+$ ); mp 127.6-129.4°C.

**2,4,6-Tris**(**3,4-difluorophenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 3, entry 6).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.38-7.16 (m, 11H, Ph), 3.87 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  150.55 (dd, J 248, 12 Hz, 3×Ph), 149.96 (dd, J 248, 12 Hz, 2×Ph), 149.50 (dd, J 247, 12 Hz, Ph), 140.57 (Ph), 137.48 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, Ph), 135.84 (dd, J 6, 5 Hz, Ph), 129.33 (Ph), 128.55 (2×Ph), 126.50 (2×Ph), 125.49 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, 2×Ph), 122.14 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, 2×Ph), 118.41 (d, J 17 Hz, 2×Ph), 117.98 (d, J 17 Hz, 2×Ph), 117.53 (d, J 17 Hz, Ph), 115.16 (d, J 18 Hz, Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 429.0952, found value: 429.0955 (M $^+$ ); mp 194.0-194.4°C.

**2,4,6-Tris**(**4-chlorophenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 3, entry 7**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.50-7.44 (m, 10H, Ph), 7.35 (d, J 8.4 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.31 (s, 2H, Ph), 3.86 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  140.47 (Ph), 138.97 (Ph), 137.65 (2×Ph), 133.65 (2×Ph), 132.55 (Ph), 130.69 (4×Ph), 130.06 (Ph), 129.25 (4×Ph), 128.90 (2×Ph), 128.36 (2×Ph), 127.58 (2×Ph), 127.27 (2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 423.0348, found value: 423.0343 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 152.0-153.1°C.

**2,6-Bis(4-methylphenyl)-4-nitroaniline (Table 4, entry 3).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.36 (d, J 7.6 Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.30 (d, J 8.0 Hz, 4H, Ph), 4.58 (s, 2H, N $_2$ ), 2.42 (s, 6H, 2×C $_3$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  147.68 (Ph), 138.65 (Ph), 138.23 (2×Ph), 134.39 (2×Ph), 130.03 (4×Ph), 128.91 (4×Ph), 126.73 (2×Ph), 125.61 (2×Ph), 21.25 (2×C $_3$ ), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 318.1368, found value: 318.1371 (M $_3$ ); mp

180.2-182.1°C.

- **4-Nitro-2,6-diphenylaniline** (**Table 4, entry 4**). NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.53-7.47 (m, 8H, Ph), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H, Ph), 4.58 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm.
- **2,6-Bis**(**4-formylphenyl**)-**4-nitroaniline** (**Table 4, entry 5**).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  10.10 (s, 2H, 2×C*H*O), 8.11 (s, 2H, Ph), 8.05 (d, *J* 8.4 Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.70 (d, *J* 8.0 Hz, 4H, Ph), 4.57 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>), ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  193.29 (2×*C*HO), 149.42 (Ph), 143.75 (2×Ph), 137.14 (Ph), 136.08 (2×Ph), 130.80 (4×Ph), 130.40 (4×Ph), 126.49 (2×Ph), 125.60 (2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) *m/z*: calculated value: 346.0954, found value: 346.0959 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 226.9-228.3°C.
- **2,6-Bis**(**4-fluorophenyl**)-**4-nitroaniline** (**Table 4, entry 6**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.47-7.44 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.21 (t, J 8.6 Hz, 4H, Ph), 4.47 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  162.68 (d,  $J_{CF}$  247 Hz, 2×Ph), 147.47 (Ph), 138.72 (Ph), 133.06 (d,  $J_{CCCF}$  3 Hz, 2×Ph), 130.93 (d,  $J_{CCCF}$  9 Hz, 4×Ph), 125.93 (2×Ph), 125.87 (2×Ph), 116.47 (d,  $J_{CCF}$  21 Hz, 4×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 326.0867, found value: 326.0875 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 215.9-216.5°C.
- **2,6-Bis**(**3,4-difluorophenyl**)-**4-nitroaniline** (**Table 4, entry 7**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.36-7.30 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.23-7.20 (m, 2H, Ph), 4.49 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  150.76 (dd, J 250, 13 Hz, 2×Ph), 150.45 (dd, J 250, 13 Hz, 2×Ph), 146.96 (Ph), 138.84 (Ph), 133.72 (dd, J 7, 5 Hz, 2×Ph), 126.16 (2×Ph), 125.49 (dd, J 8, 3 Hz, 2×Ph), 124.95 (2×Ph), 118.45 (2×Ph), 118.45 (d, J 34 Hz, 2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 326.0678, found value: 362.0676 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 221.6-222.3°C.
- **2,6-Bis**(**3,4,5-trifluorophenyl**)-**4-nitroaniline** (**Table 4, entry 8**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 2H, Ph), 7.17-7.09 (m, 4H, Ph), 4.51 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  151.83 (ddd, J 252, 10, 4 Hz, 4×Ph), 146.56 (Ph), 139.96 (dt, J 253, 15 Hz, 2×Ph), 138.88 (Ph), 132.64-132.44 (m, 2×Ph), 126.34 (2×Ph), 124.20 (2×Ph), 113.65 (dd, J 9, 6 Hz, 4×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 398.0490, found value: 398.0490 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 209.2-210.2°C.
- **2,6-Diphenylaniline** (**Table 5, entry 1**). HNMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.52-7.50 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.47-7.43 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.12 (d, *J* 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 6.88 (t, *J* 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.85 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>), ppm.
- **2,6-Bis(4-methylphenyl)aniline (Table 5, entry 2).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.33 (dd, J 48.4, 8.0 Hz, 8H, Ph), 7.10 (d, J 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 6.86 (t, J 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.85 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.40 (s, 6H, 2×CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  141.01 (Ph), 136.95

- $(2\times Ph)$ , 136.92  $(2\times Ph)$ , 129.68  $(2\times Ph)$ , 129.60  $(4\times Ph)$ , 129.28  $(4\times Ph)$ , 127.95 (Ph), 118.18  $(2\times Ph)$ , 21.29  $(2\times CH_3)$ , ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 273.1517, found value: 273.1510  $(M^+)$ ; mp118.2-119.1°C.
- **2,6-Bis(4-methoxylphenyl)aniline** (**Table 5, entry 3).** <sup>41</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.45-7.42 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.08 (d, J 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 7.01-6.97 (m, 4H, Ph), 6.85 (t, J 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.85 (s, 6H, 2×OC $H_3$ ), 3.82 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm.
- **2,6-Bis(2-methylphenyl)aniline** (**Table 5, entry 4).** <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.29-7.25 (m, 8H, Ph), 7.02-6.99 (m, 2H, Ph), 6.85-6.80 (m, 1H, Ph), 3.28 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), 2.20 (d, J 4.0 Hz, 6H, 2×C $H_3$ ), ppm.
- **2,6-Bis(4-fluorophenyl)aniline** (**Table 5, entry 5).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.48-7.45 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.17-7.12 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.09 (d, J 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 6.87 (t, J 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.75 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  162.16 (d, J<sub>CF</sub> 245 Hz, 2×Ph), 140.93 (Ph), 135.50 (d, J<sub>CCCCF</sub> 3 Hz, 2×Ph), 131.01 (d, J<sub>CCCF</sub> 8 Hz, 4×Ph), 129.95 (2×Ph), 127.03 (Ph), 118.30 (2×Ph), 115.84 (d, J<sub>CCF</sub> 21 Hz, 4×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 281.1016, found value: 281.1018 (M $^+$ ); mp 146.0-147.6°C.
- **2,6-Bis**(**3,4-difluorophenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 5, entry 6**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.33-7.29 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.27-7.19 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.08 (d, J 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ph), 6.87 (t, J 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.77 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  150.46 (dd, J 248, 12 Hz, 2×Ph), 149.77 (dd, J 248, 12 Hz, 2×Ph), 140.64 (Ph), 136.28 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, 2×Ph), 130.19 (2×Ph), 126.06 (Ph), 125.47 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, 2×Ph), 118.45 (2×Ph), 118.37 (d, J 17 Hz, 2×Ph), 117.78 (d, J 17 Hz, 2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 317.0828, found value: 317.0818 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 88.2-89.0 °C.
- **2,6-Bis**(**3,4,5-trifluorophenyl**)**aniline** (**Table 5, entry 7**). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.16-7.07 (m, 6H, Ph), 6.87 (t, J 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ph), 3.78 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  151.46 (ddd, J 250, 10, 4 Hz, 4×Ph), 140.37 (Ph), 139.21 (dt, J 251, 5 Hz, 2×Ph), 135.25-135.04 (m, 2×Ph), 130.42 (2×Ph), 125.25 (Ph), 118.67 (2×Ph), 113.52 (dd, J 16, 6 Hz, 4×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 353.0639, found value: 353.0637 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 92.5-93.1°C.
- **4-Phenylaniline** (**Table 6, entry 1**). <sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.55-7.52 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.29-7.25 (m, 1H, Ph), 6.77-6.74 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.71 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>), ppm.
- **4-(4-Methylphenyl)aniline** (**Table 6, entry 2).** <sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.44-7.38 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.20 (d, J 8.0 Hz, 2H, Ph), 6.76-6.73 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.69 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.37 (s, 3H,

 $CH_3$ ), ppm.

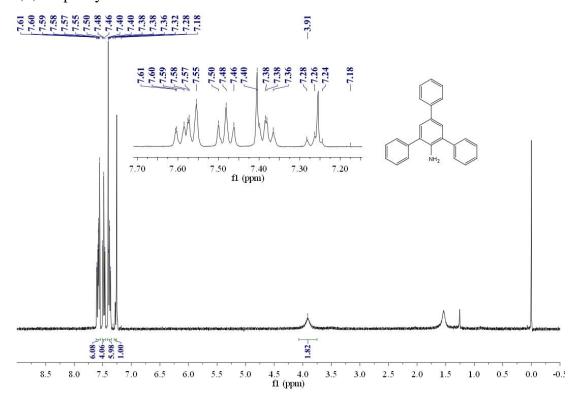
- **4-(2-Methylphenyl)aniline** (**Table 6, entry 3).** <sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.24-7.20 (m, 4H, Ph), 7.12 (d, J 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ph), 6.72-6.69 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.66 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.28 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), ppm.
- **4-(4-Cyanophenyl)aniline** (**Table 6, entry 5).** H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.80 (s, 1H, Ph), 7.76-7.73 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H, Ph), 7.48 (t, J 8.0 Hz, 1H, Ph), 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H, Ph), 6.79-6.75 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.82 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm.
- **4-(4-Fluorophenyl)aniline** (**Table 6, entry 6).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.49-7.44 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H, Ph), 6.77-6.73 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.72 (s, 2H, N*H*<sub>2</sub>), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  161.88 (d,  $J_{CF}$  244 Hz, Ph), 145.85 (Ph), 137.35 (d,  $J_{CCCCF}$  3 Hz, Ph), 130.64 (Ph), 127.90 (2×Ph), 127.82 (2×Ph), 115.46 (d,  $J_{CCF}$  21 Hz, 2×Ph), 115.42 (2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 187.0797, found value: 187.0795 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 120.2-121.1 °C.
- **4-(3,4-Difluorophenyl)aniline** (**Table 6, entry 7).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.32-7.28 (m, 3H, Ph), 7.23-7.13 (m, 2H, Ph), 6.76-6.73 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.76 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  150.48 (dd, J 245, 13 Hz, Ph), 149.23 (dd, J 245, 13 Hz, Ph), 146.37 (Ph), 138.39 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, Ph), 129.36 (Ph), 127.87(2×Ph), 122.07 (dd, J 6, 4 Hz, Ph), 117.34 (d, J 17 Hz, Ph), 115.40 (2×Ph),115.07 (d, J 17 Hz, Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 205.0703, found value: 205.0694 (M $^+$ ); mp 88.3-89.2 °C.
- **4-(3,4,5-Trifluorophenyl)aniline** (**Table 6, entry 8).** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.32-7.29 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H, Ph), 6.75-6.72 (m, 2H, Ph), 3.80 (s, 2H, N $H_2$ ), ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  151.38 (ddd, J 247, 10, 5 Hz, 2×Ph), 146.84 (Ph), 139.85-137.06 (m, 2×Ph), 128.25 (Ph), 127.78 (2×Ph), 115.35 (2×Ph), 109.95 (dd, J 16, 6 Hz, 2×Ph), ppm; MS (EI) m/z: calculated value: 223.0609, found value: 223.0599 (M<sup>+</sup>); mp 83.6-84.1 °C.

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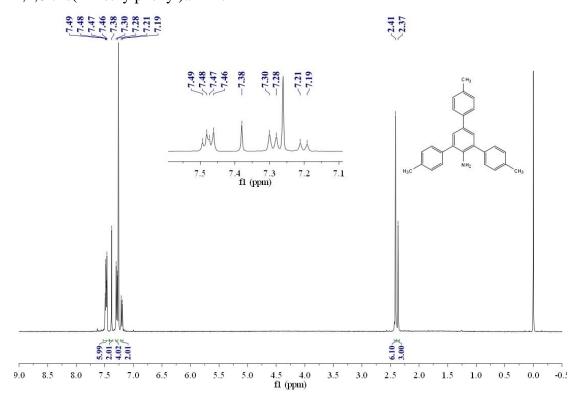
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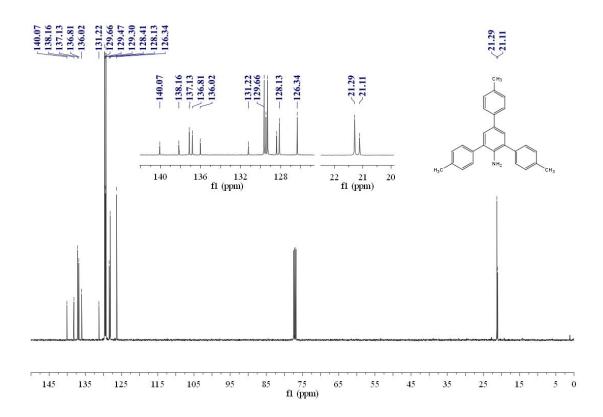
#### **NMR Spectra for all Cross-Coupling Products**

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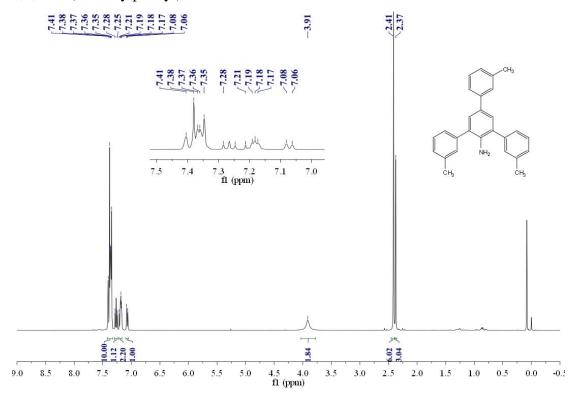


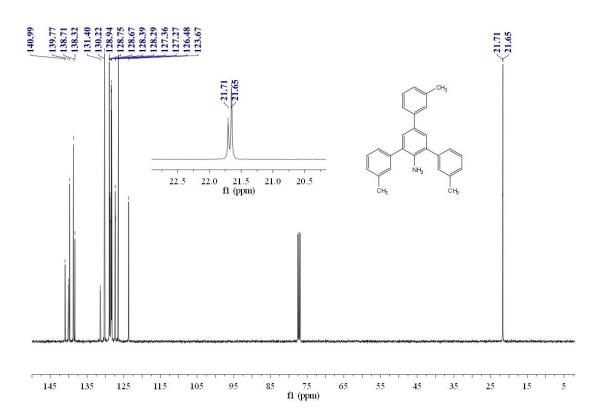
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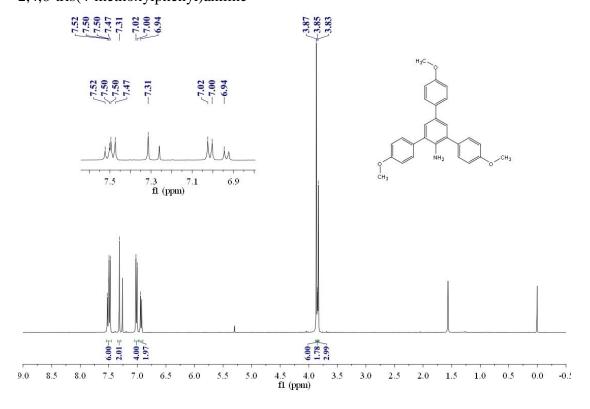


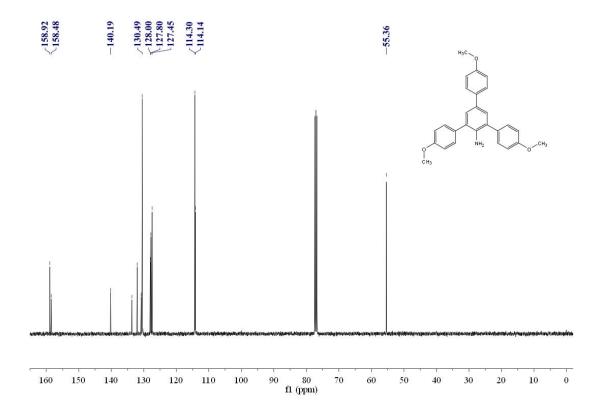
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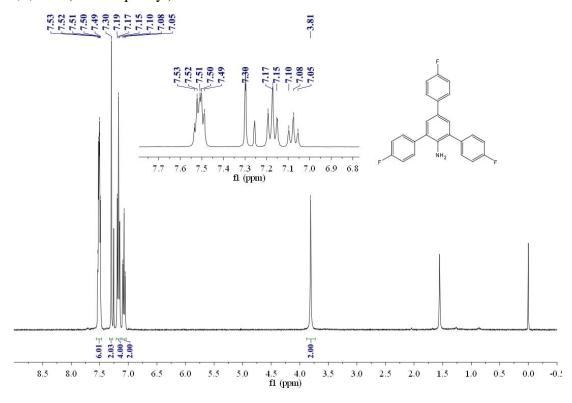


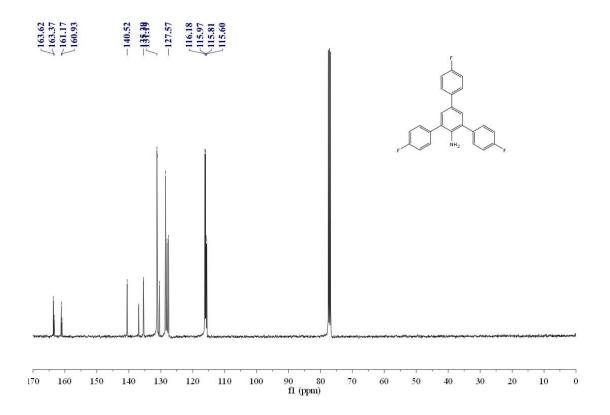
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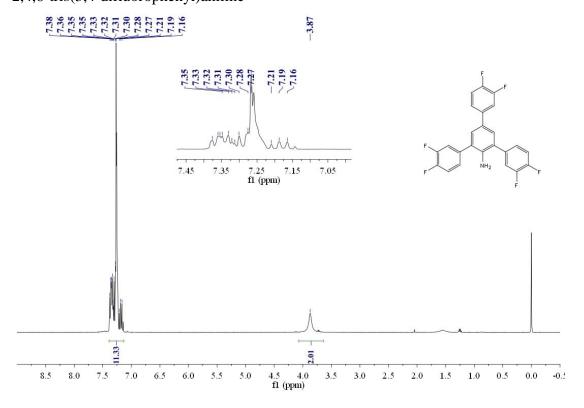


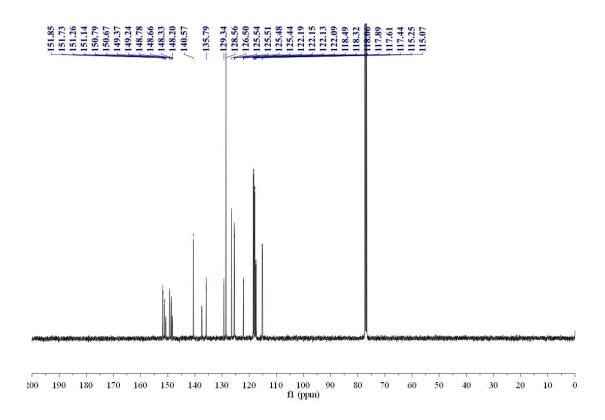
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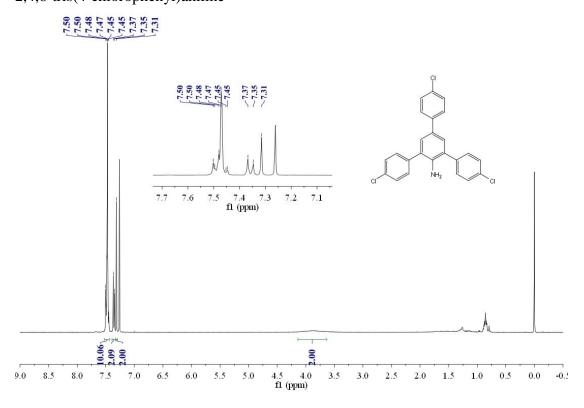


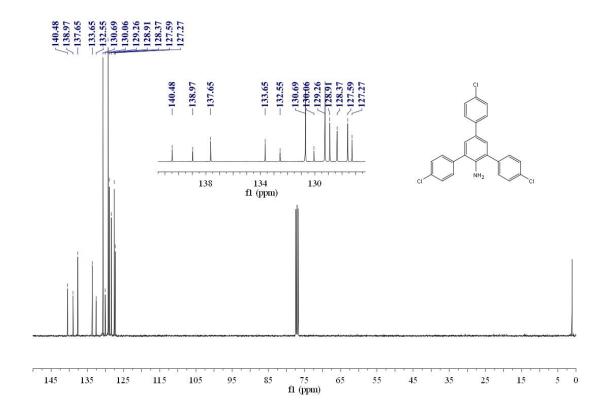
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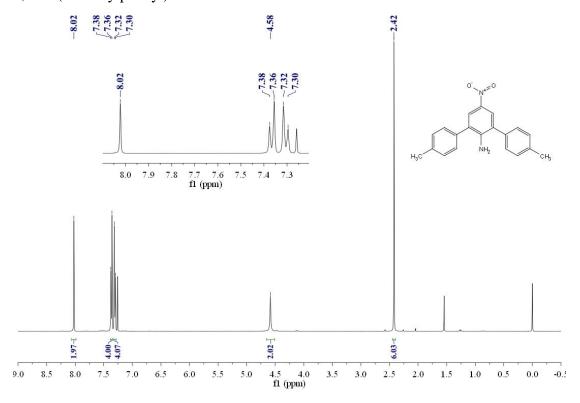


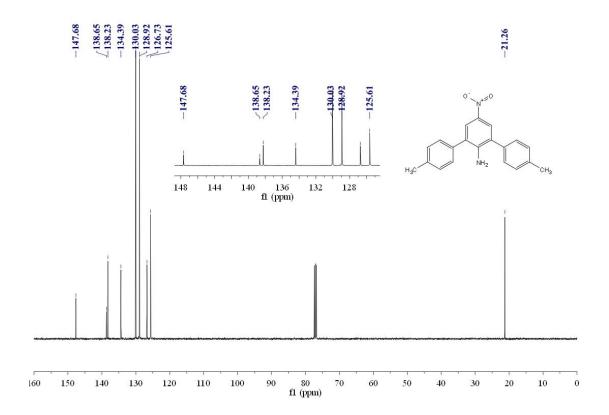
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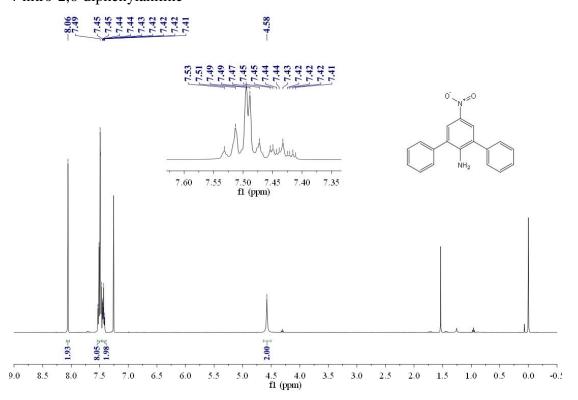


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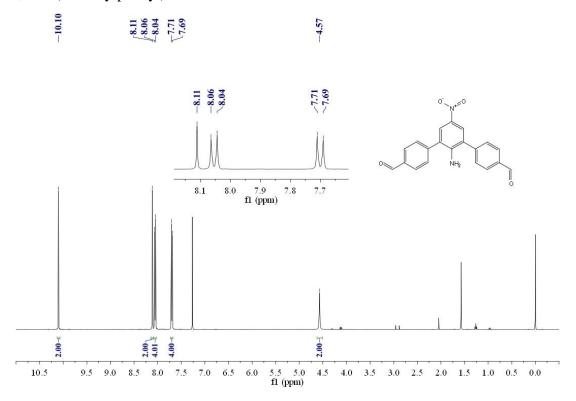




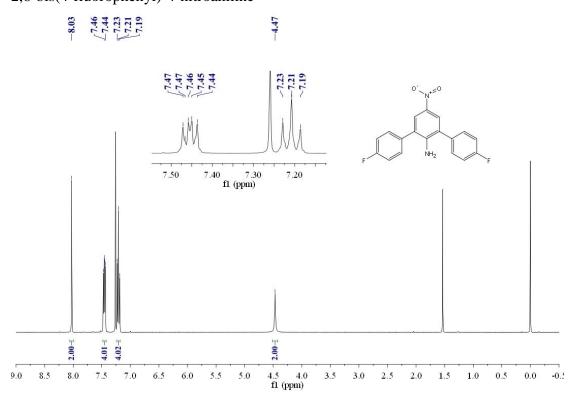
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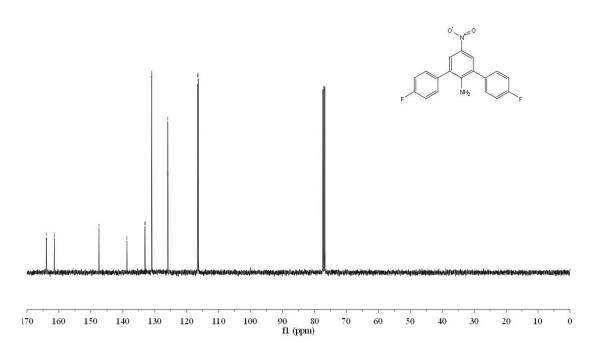
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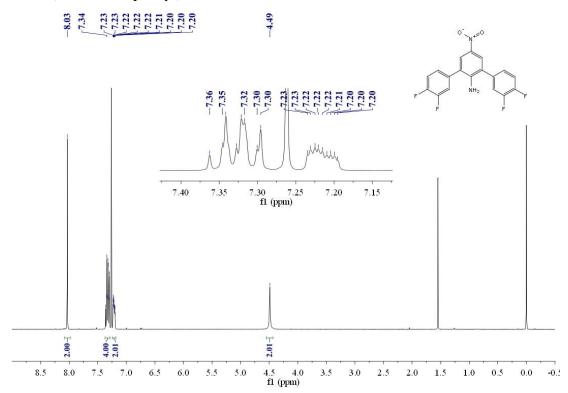
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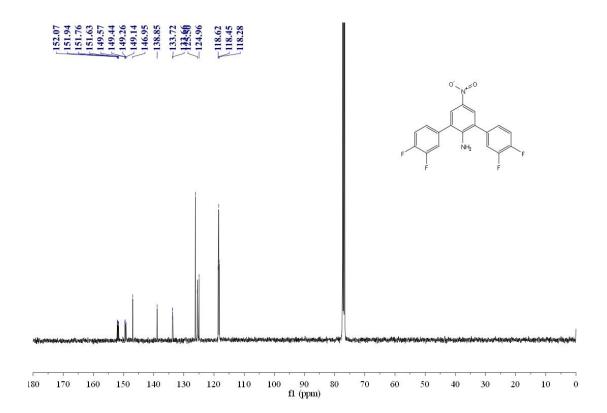




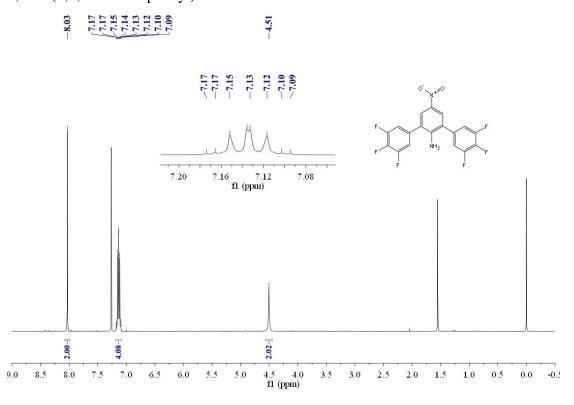


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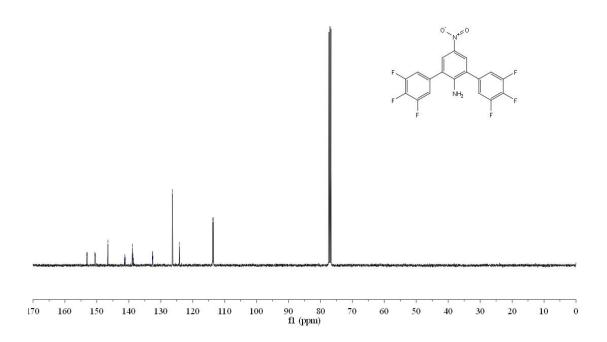




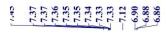
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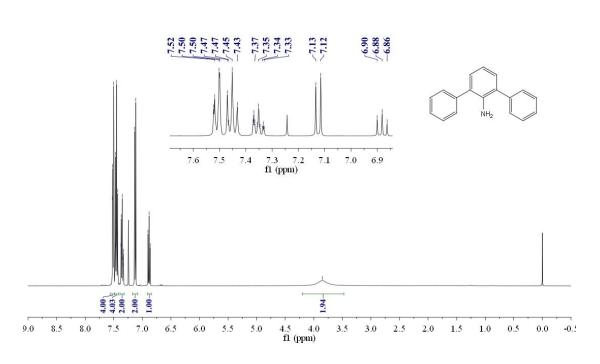




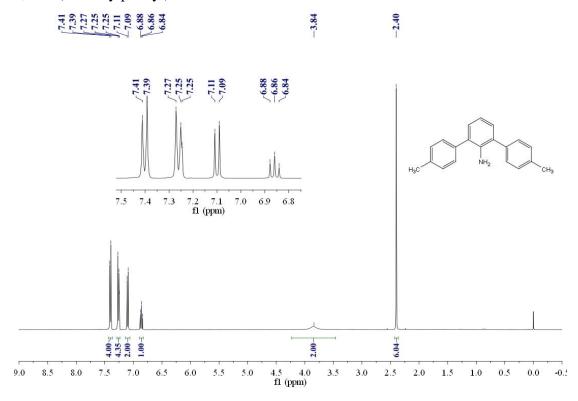
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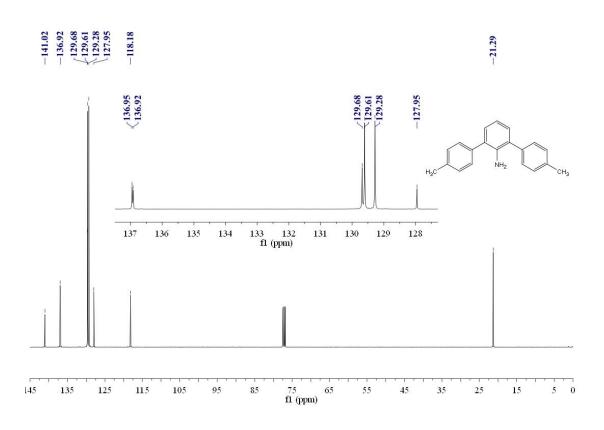




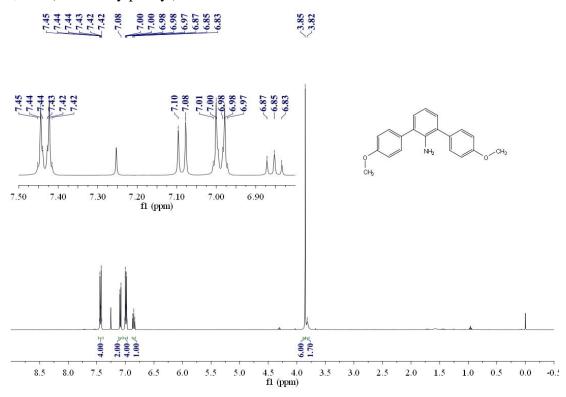


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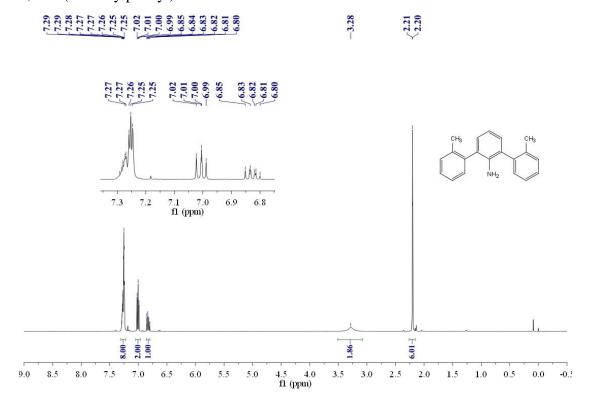




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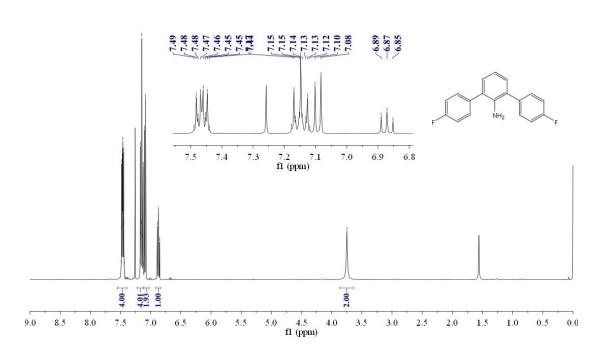


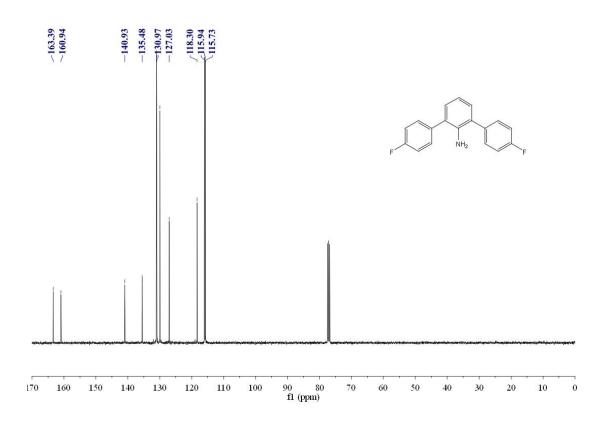
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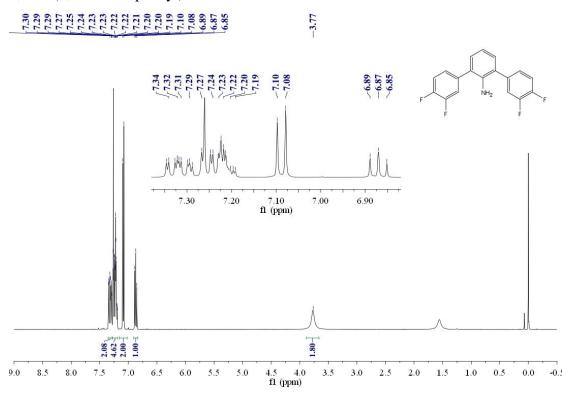
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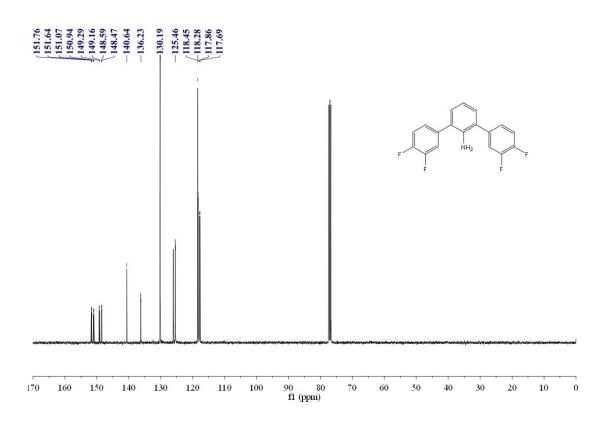




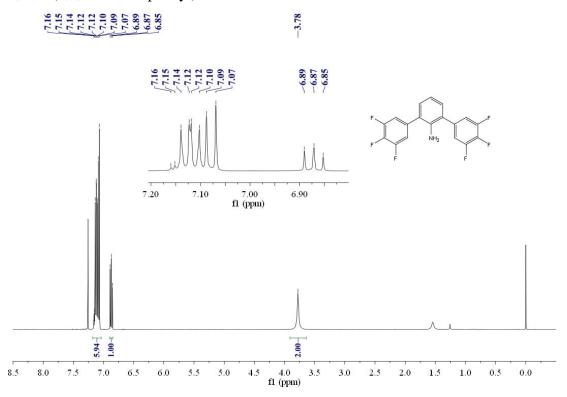


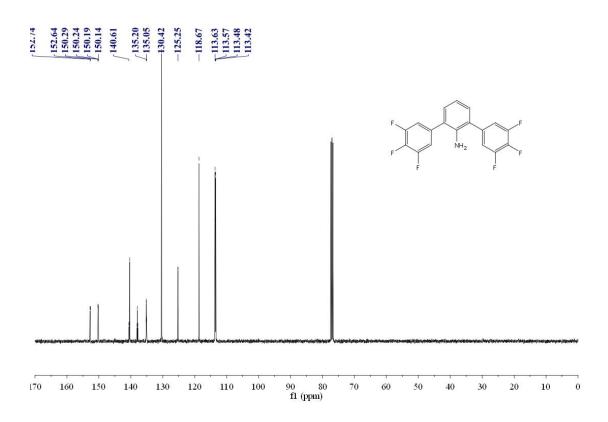
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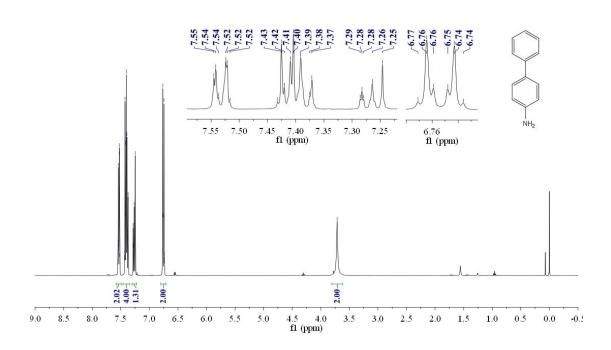
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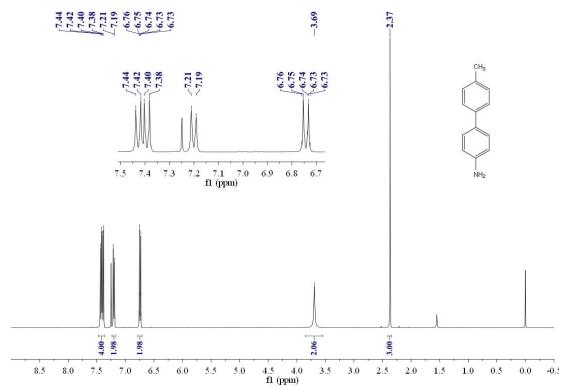


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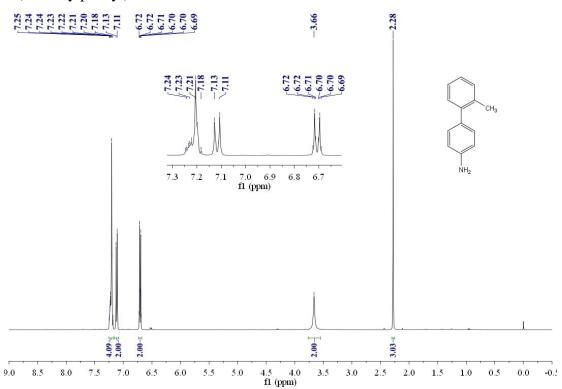




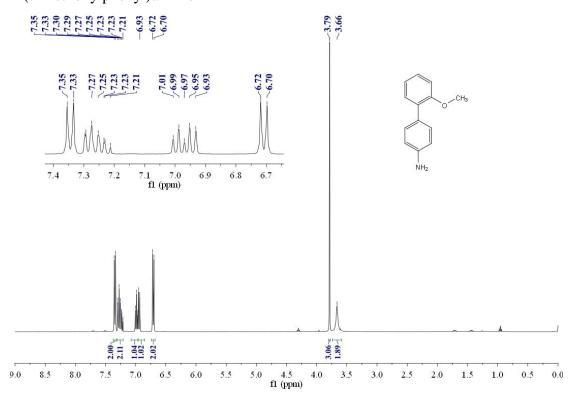
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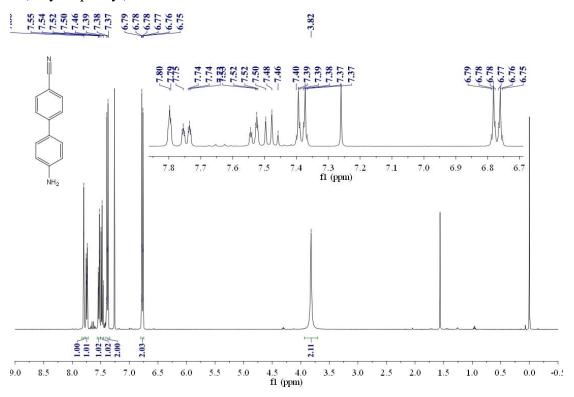
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