

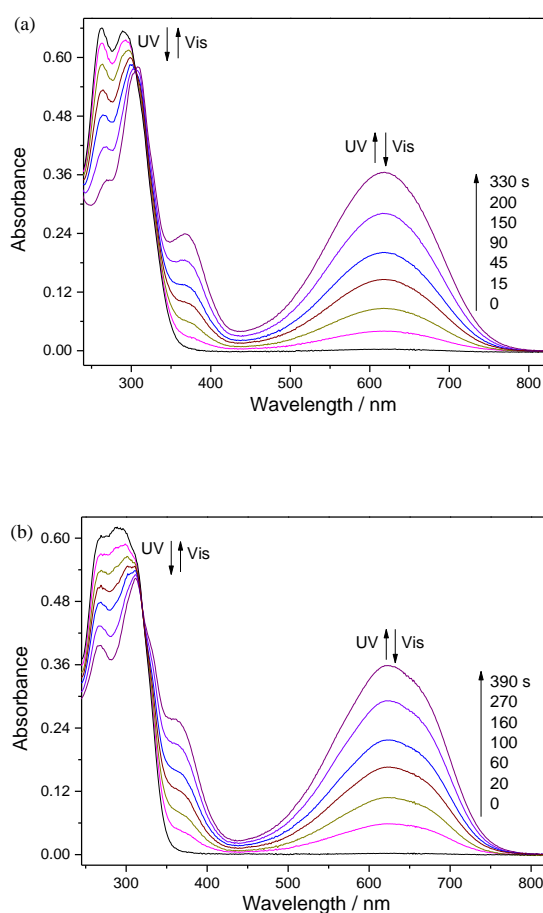
## Supplementary Information

### Effects of the Peripheral Heteroaryl Substituents on the Photochromism of New Pyridine-Containing Diarylethenes

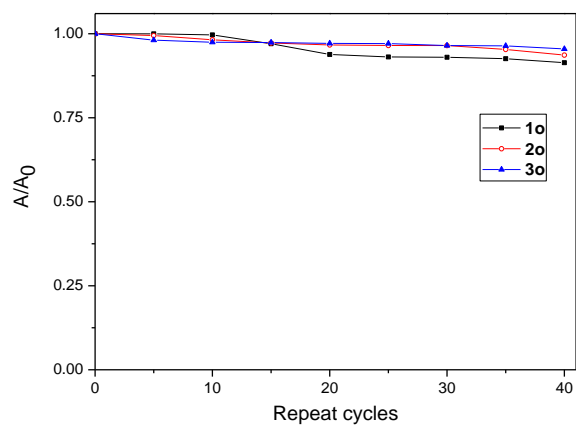
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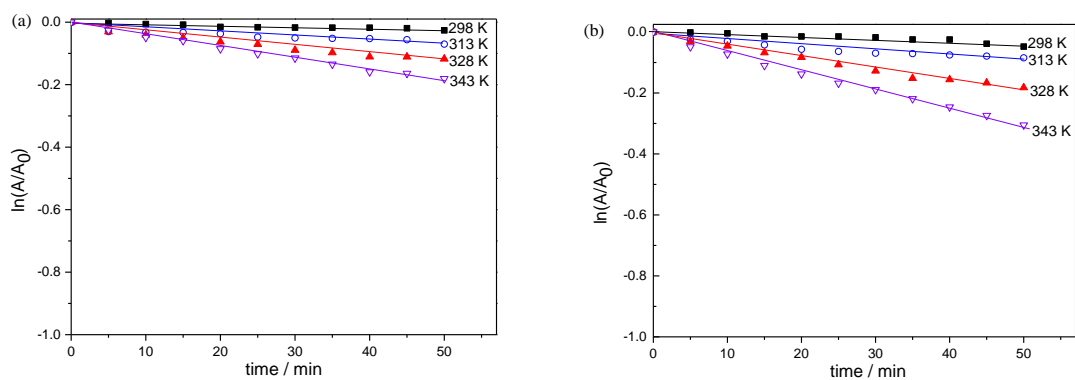
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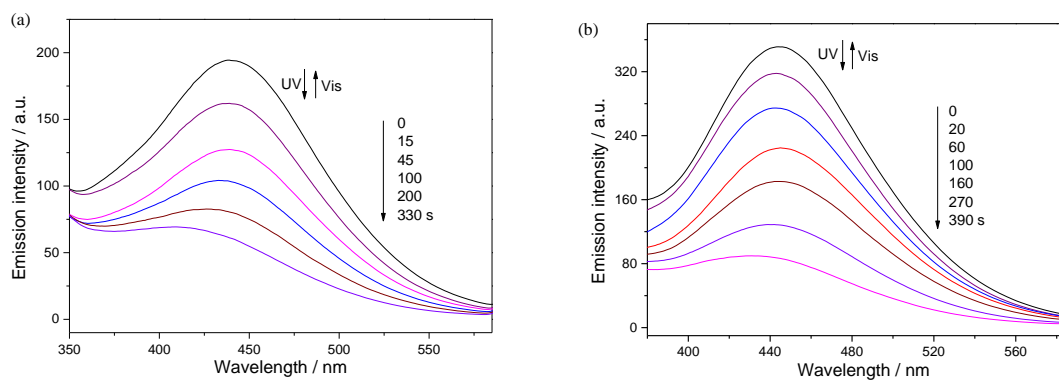
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectral changes of **2** and **3** induced by photoirradiation in hexane ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ): (a) **2**; and (b) **3**.



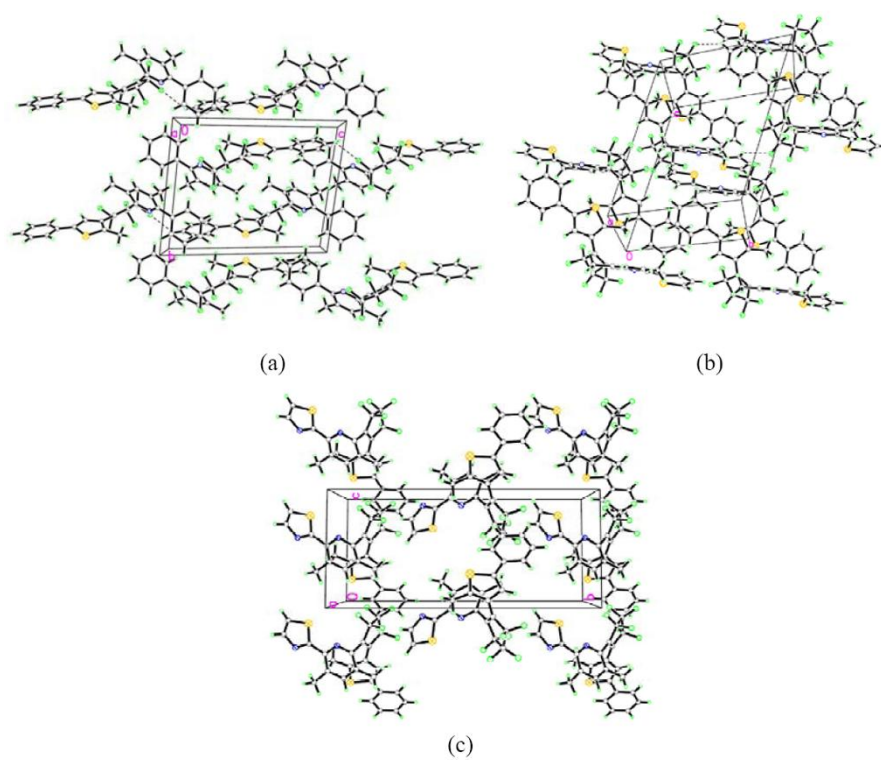
**Figure S2.** Fatigue resistances of diarylethenes **1-3** in hexane in air atmosphere at room temperature. Initial absorbance of the sample was fixed at 1.0.



**Figure S3.** Thermal fading of **2c** and **3c** in hexane at various temperatures: (a) **2c**; (b) **3c**.



**Figure S4.** Fluorescence spectral changes of **2** and **3** in hexane ( $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ), excited at 300 nm: (a) **2**; and (b) **3**.



**Figure S5.** Packing views along the x direction: (a) **1o**; (b) **2o**; and (c) **3o**.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic parameters of **1o-3o**

Parameter	<b>1o</b>	<b>2o</b>	<b>3o</b>
Formula	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>21</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NS	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>19</sub> F <sub>6</sub> NS <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>18</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	529.53	535.55	536.54
Temperature / K	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P21/c
Unit cell dimension			
a / Å	9.4292(10)	8.6153(5)	15.0980(6)
b / Å	11.1096(13)	11.7960(8)	19.4054(8)
c / Å	13.6106(15)	13.6679(9)	8.4923(4)
α / degree	90.735(7)	73.315(3)	90.00
β / degree	106.507(6)	81.381(3)	98.468(2)
γ / degree	110.045(6)	68.866(2)	90.00
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	1274.6(2)	1239.37(14)	2460.97(18)
Z	2	1	4
Density (calculated) / (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.380	1.435	1.448
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.126	1.004	1.041
Final R index [I/2σ(I)]			
R1	0.1068	0.0678	0.0778
wR2	0.2870	0.1728	0.1886
R index (all data)			
R1	0.1068	0.0678	0.0778
wR2	0.2870	0.1728	0.1886

Z: Number of chemical formula units *per* unit cell; F: structure factor; R: discrepancy index.

NMR spectra

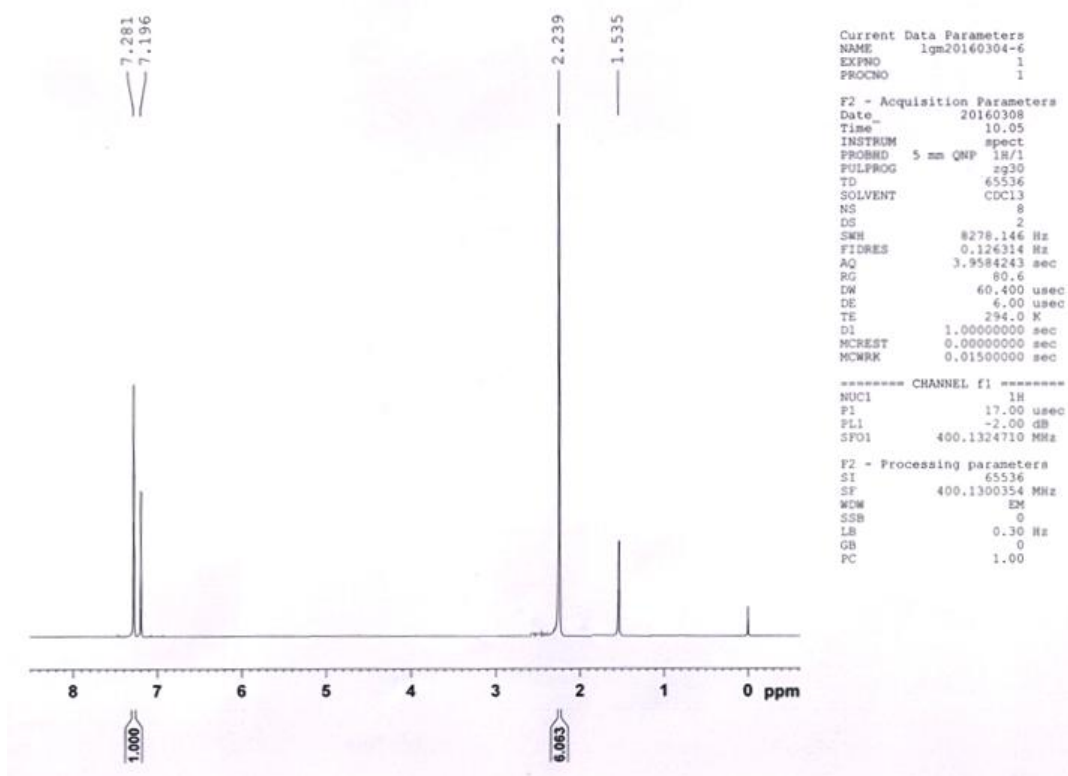


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **4**.

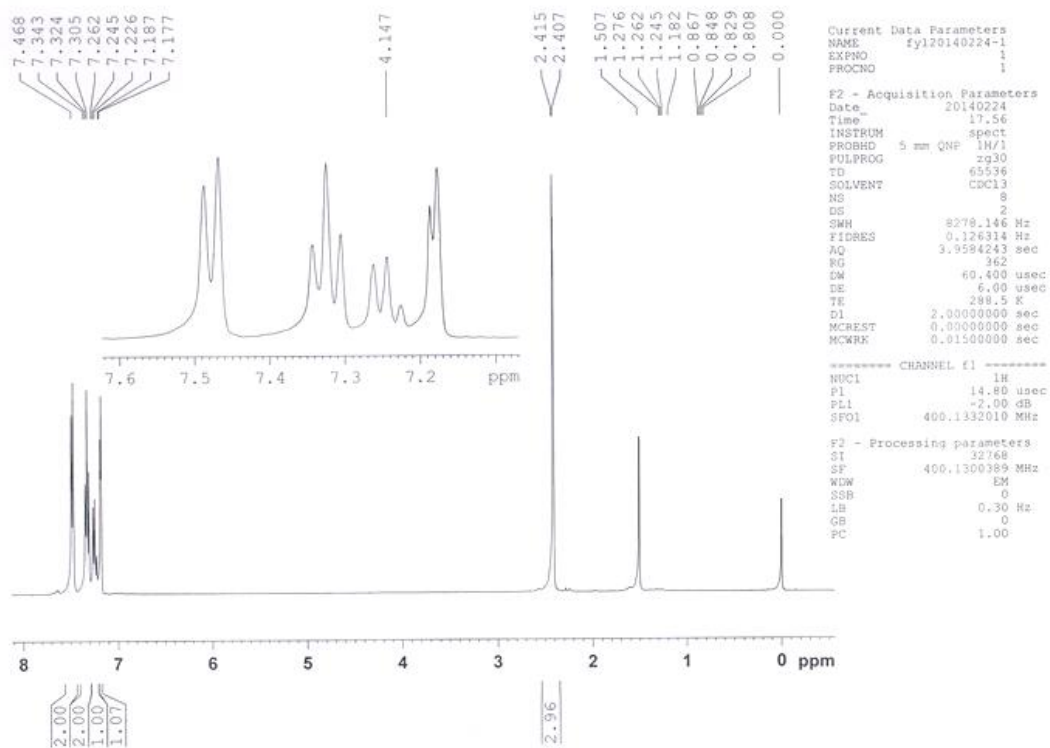


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **5**.

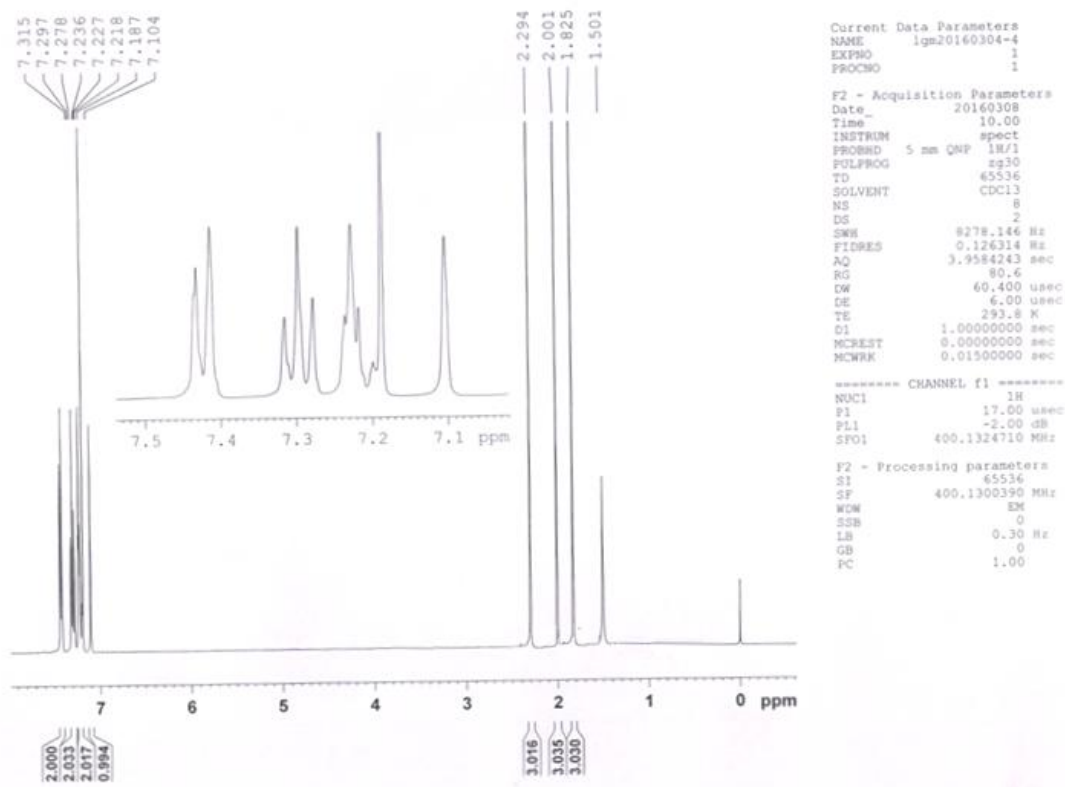


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of **6**.

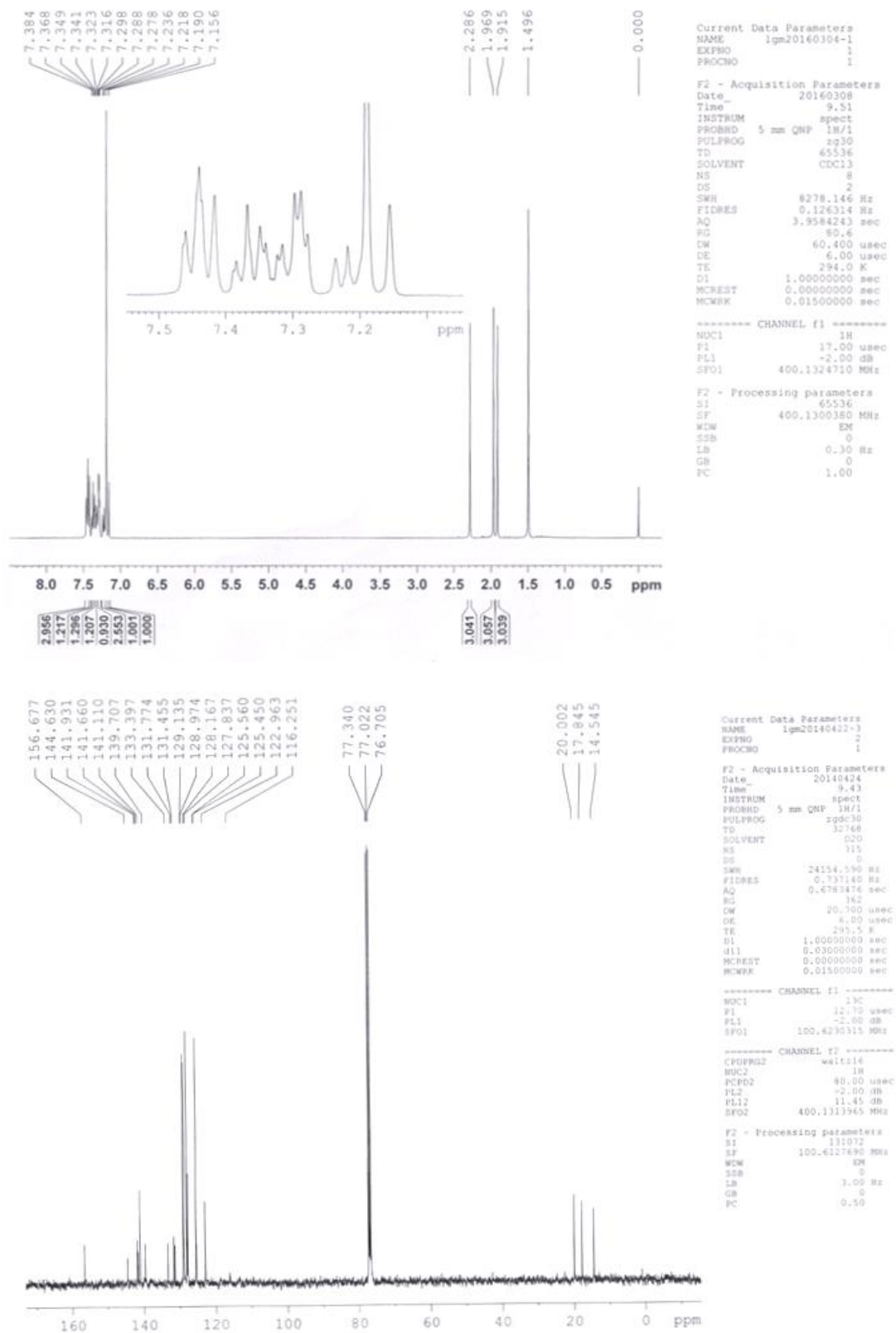


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of **10**.

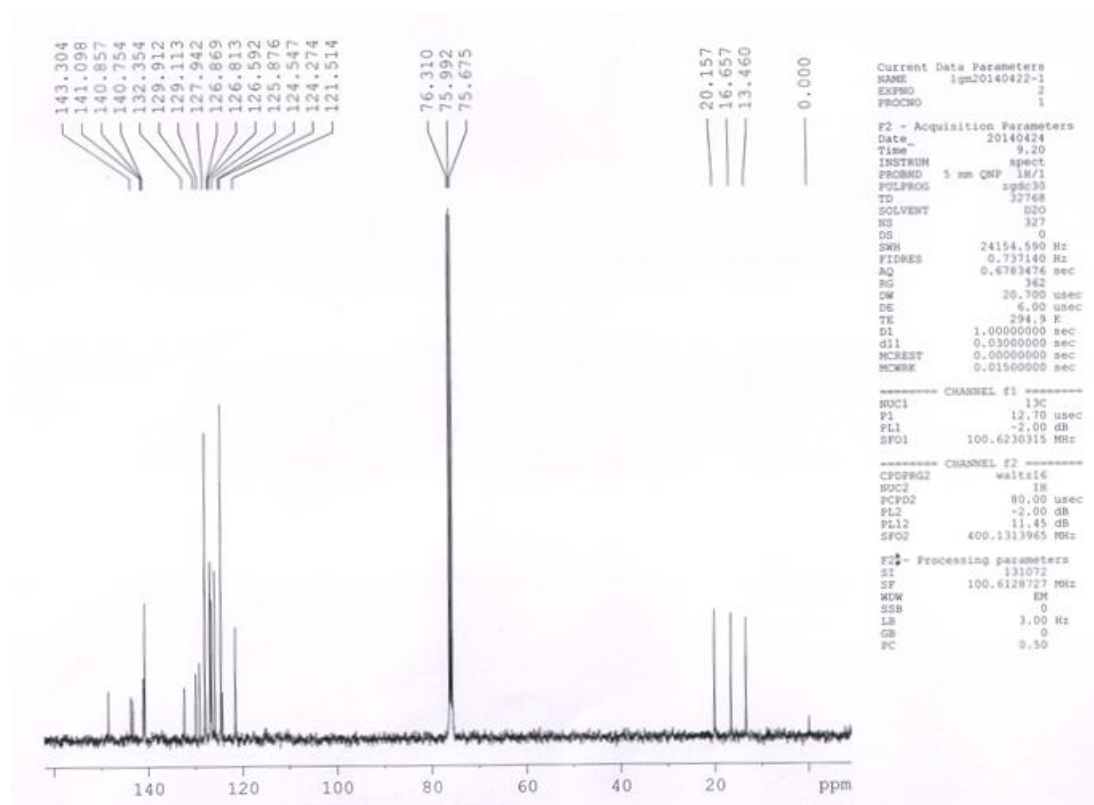
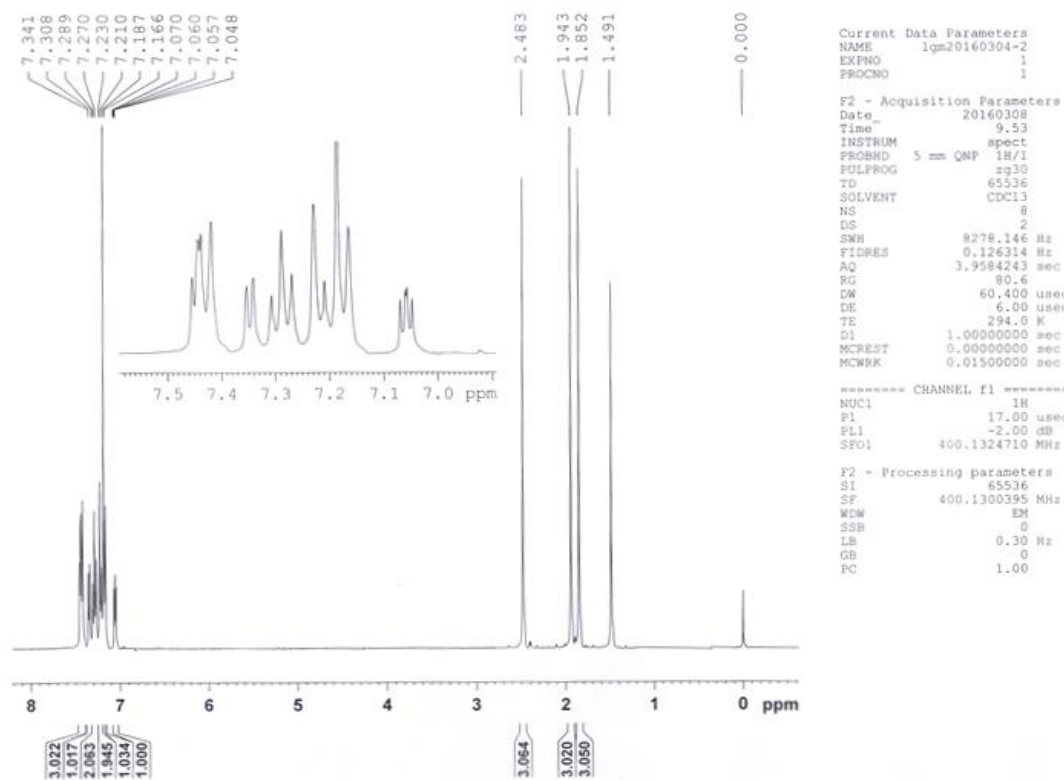


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectra of **20**.



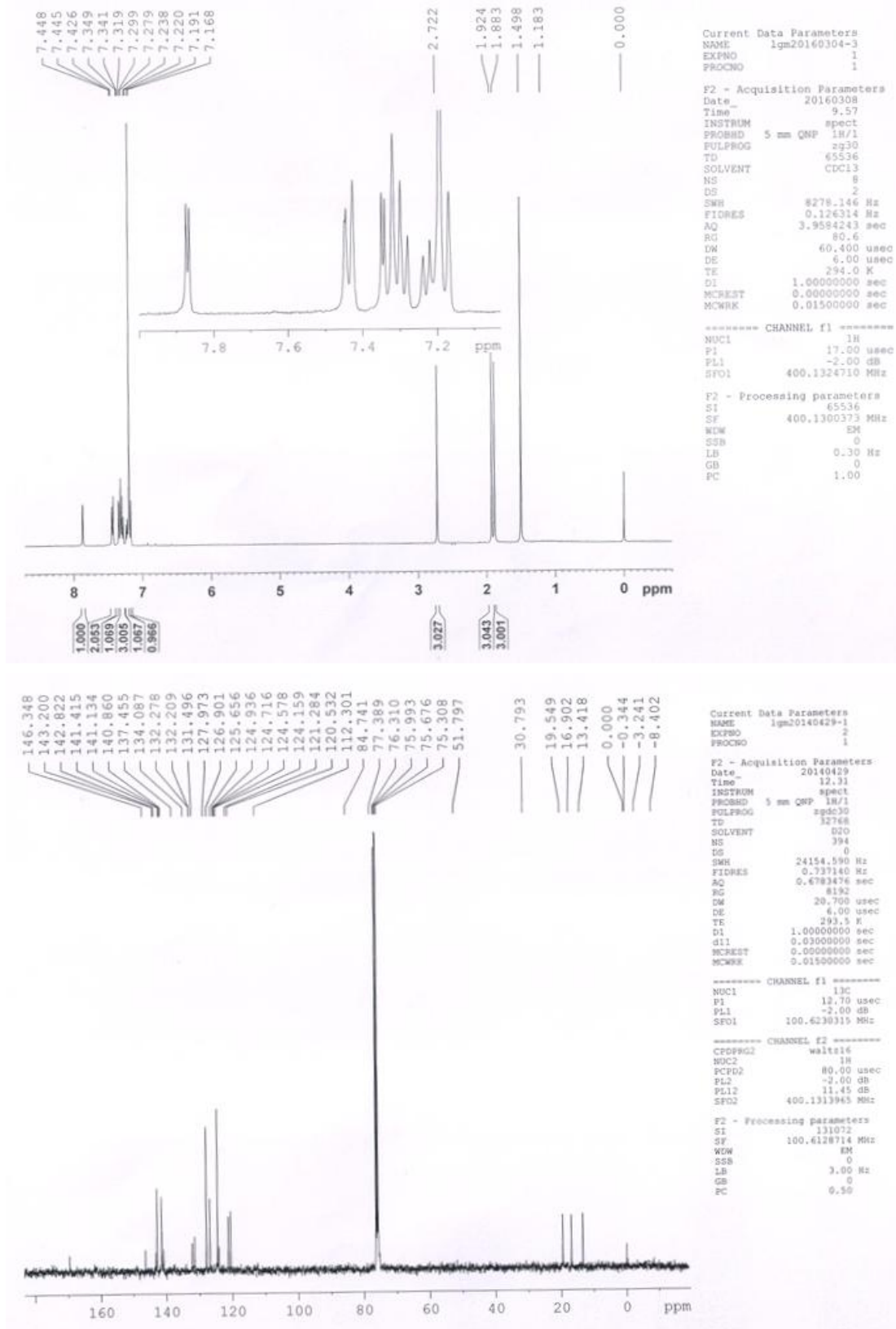


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of **30**.

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Temperature:    296 K

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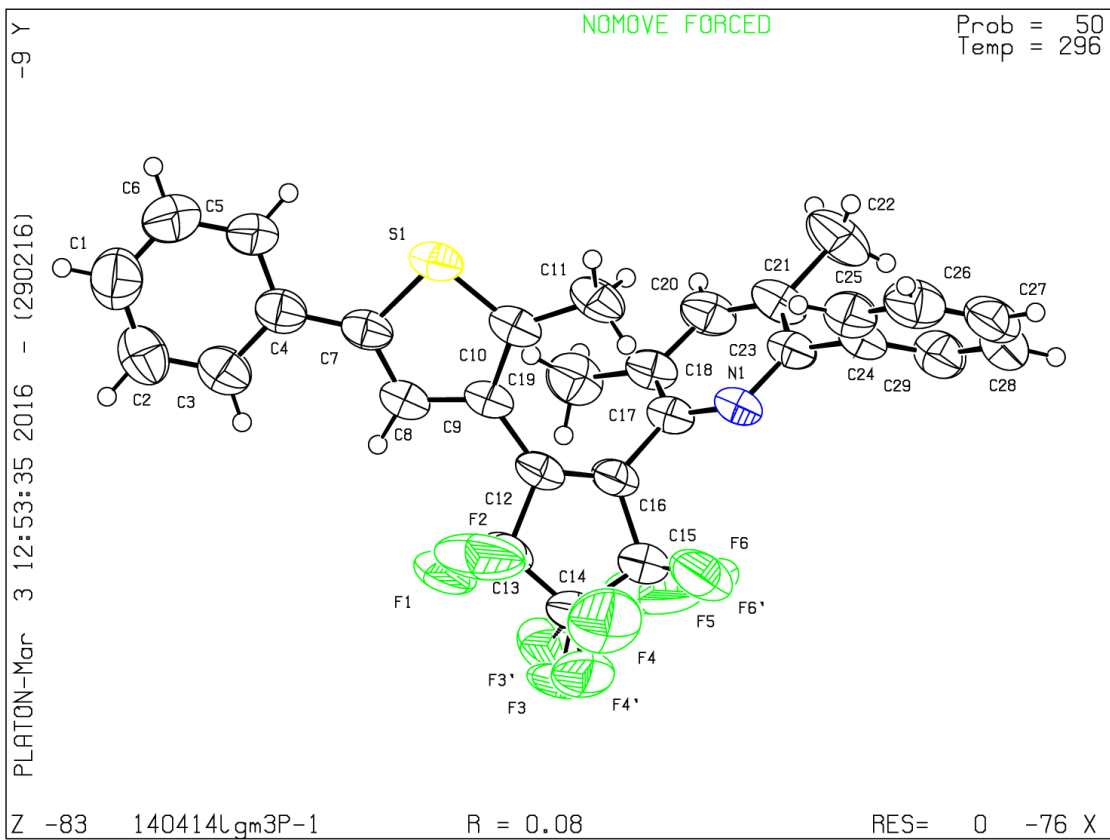
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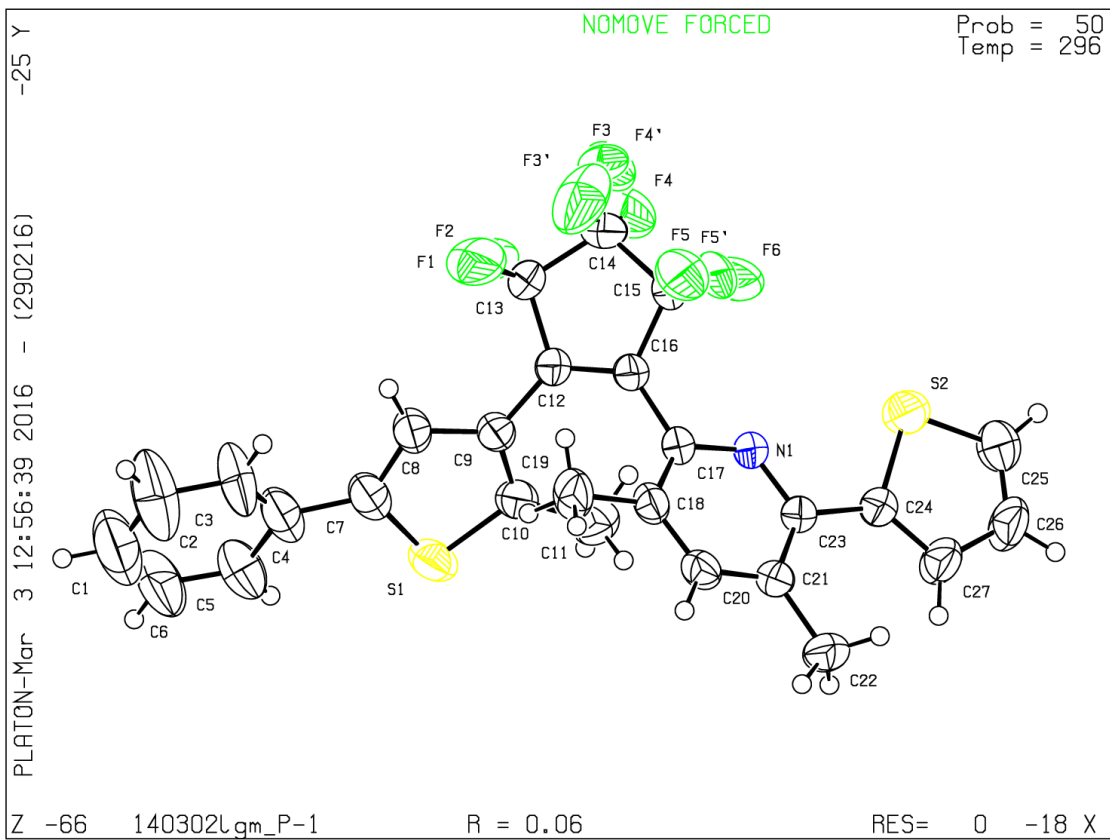
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PLAT093_ALERT_1_G	No s.u.'s on H-positions, Refinement	Reported as			mixed Check
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