PONy Dyes: Direct Addition of P(III) Nucleophiles to Organic Fluorophores

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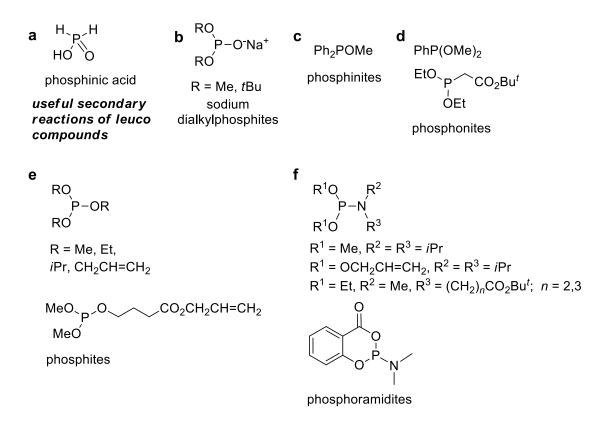


Figure S1. Examples of P(III) reagents capable of reacting with electrophilic fluorophores (Figure S1) according to Scheme 1: a) phosphinic (hypophosphorous) acid (H₃PO₂); b) sodium dialkylphosphites [(RO)₂PO⁻Na⁺]; c) phosphinites [ROPR'₂]; d) phosphonites [(RO)₂PR']; e) phosphites [(RO)₃P] and f) phosphoramidites [(RO)₂PNR'₂].

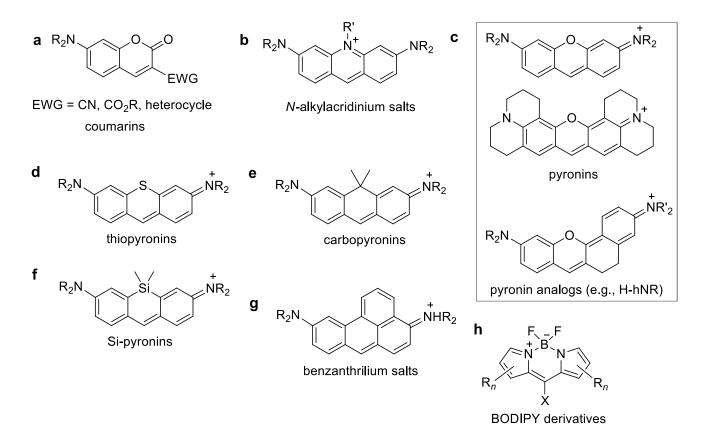
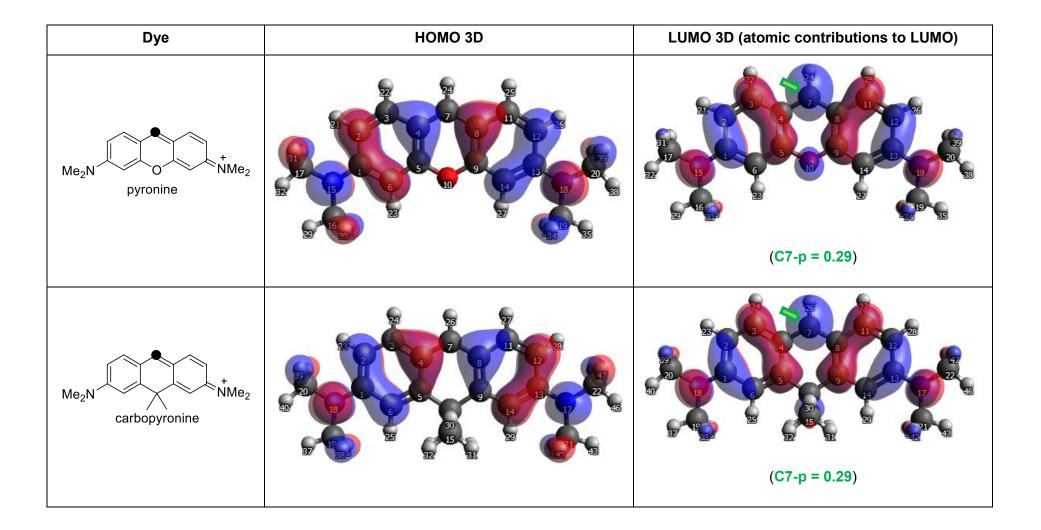
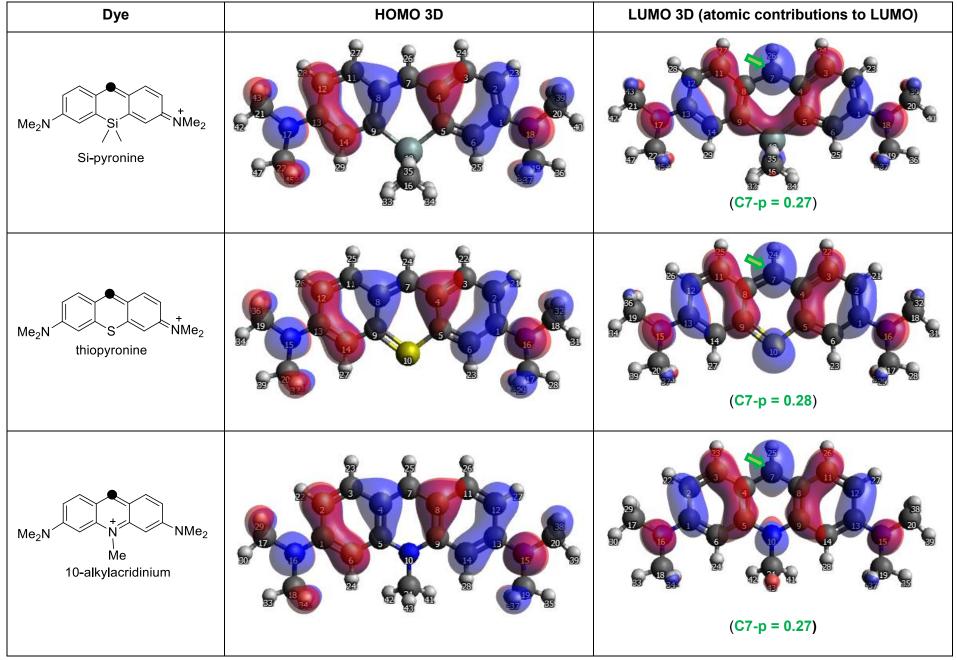
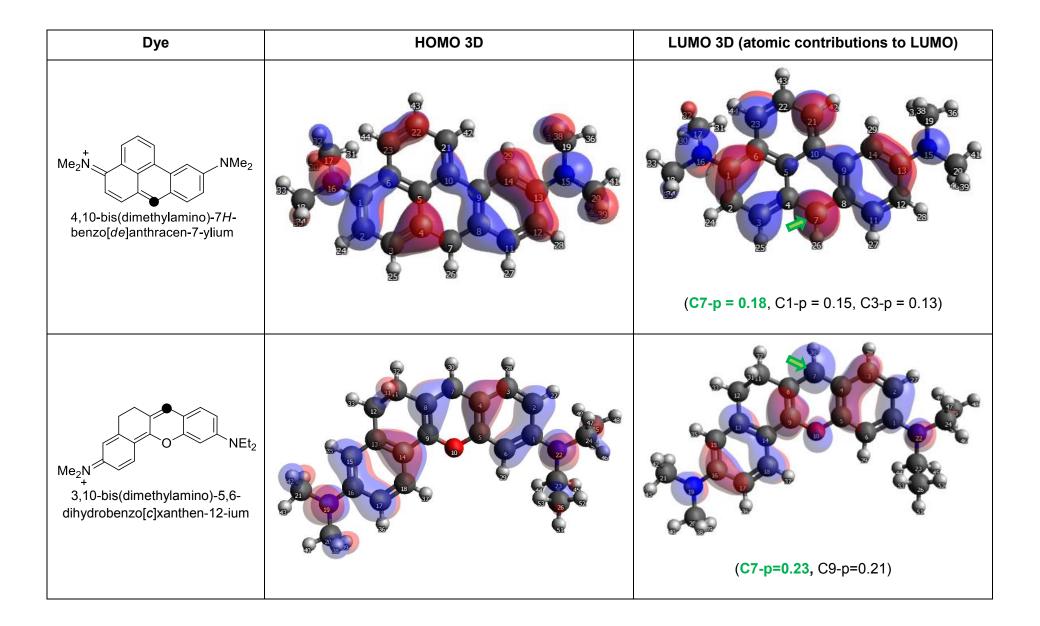
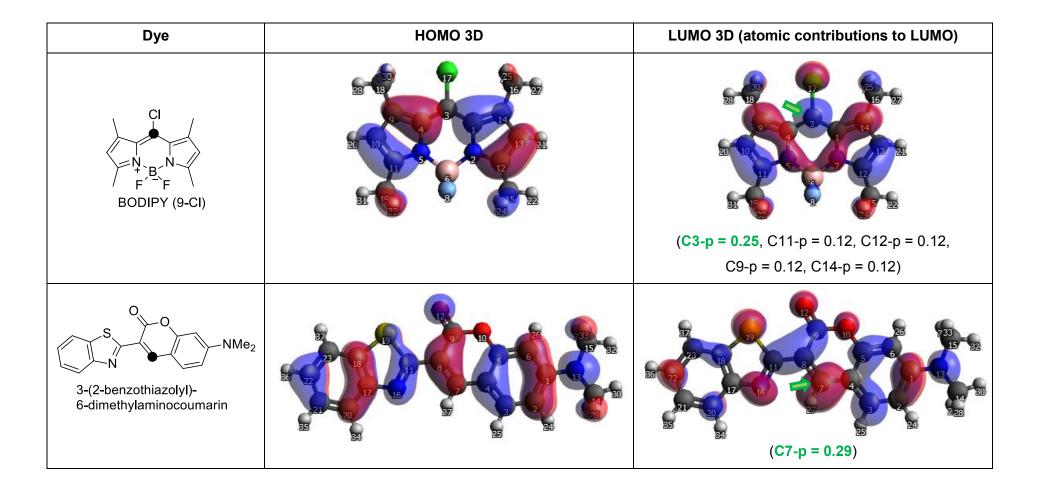


Figure S2. Examples of electrophilic fluorophores of the present study: a) coumarins with an electron-withdrawing group in position 3; b) *N*-alkylacridinium salts; c) pyronins and extended pyronin analogs (e.g., H-hNR); d) thiopyronins; e) carbopyronins; f) Si-pyronins; g) benzanthrilium salts; h) BODIPY derivatives (reactive when X = CI).









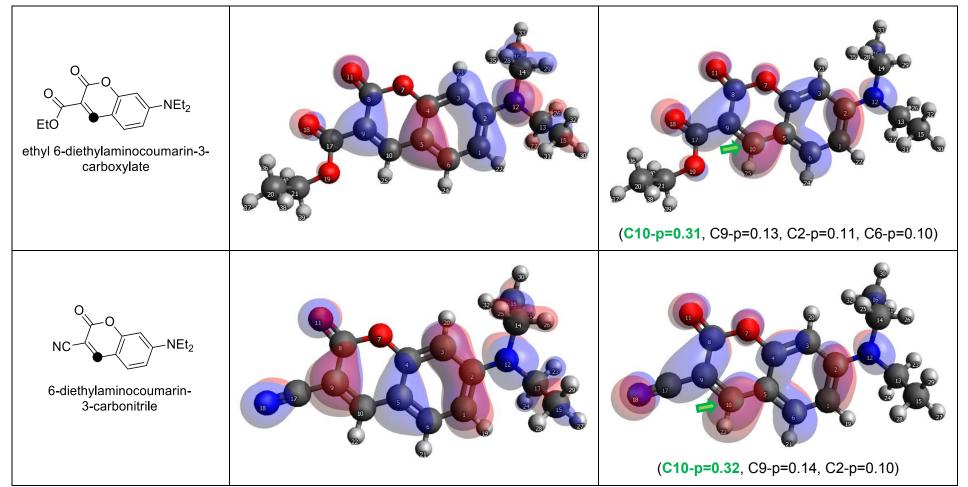


Figure S3. Spatial distributions of electron density (at isosurface value 0.02) of calculated HOMOs and LUMOs (see also Figure S6) for the sample parent fluorophores. For LUMOs, the highest contributions of atomic orbitals are listed. Note that these correspond to the observed regioselectivity (green arrow) of the nucleophilic addition of P(III) reagents in an orbital controlled reaction (as expected for the favorable soft/soft interactions according to Pearson; see Ref.3 in the main text). Calculated with Gaussian 09 (revision E.01)^[1] at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level of theory. The initial molecular geometries were generated using a built-in molecular mechanics method of ChemBio3D software (ChemBioOffice 12.0, CambridgeSoft) followed by additional refinement with the molecular mechanics method (force field: UFF, 4 steps per update, steepest descent algorithm) of Avogadro 1.1.1 software (http://avogadro.cc/).

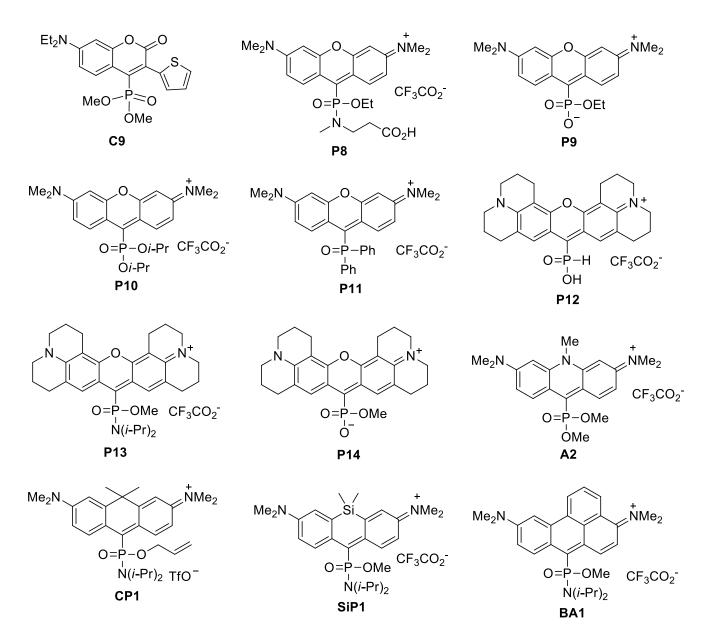
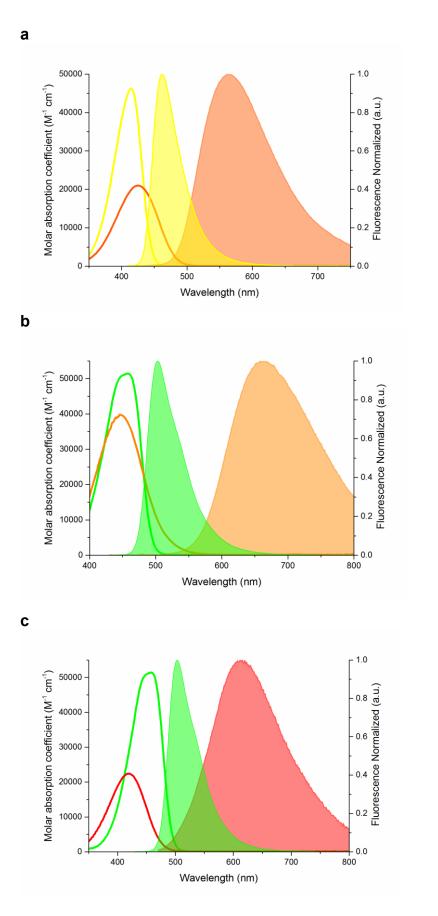
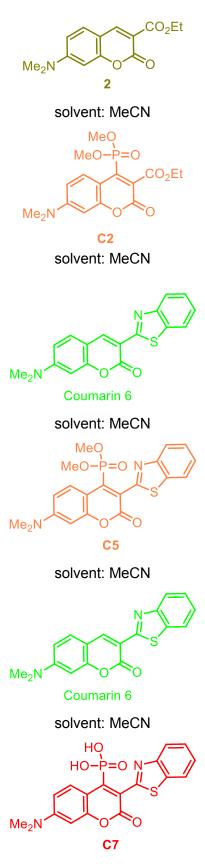
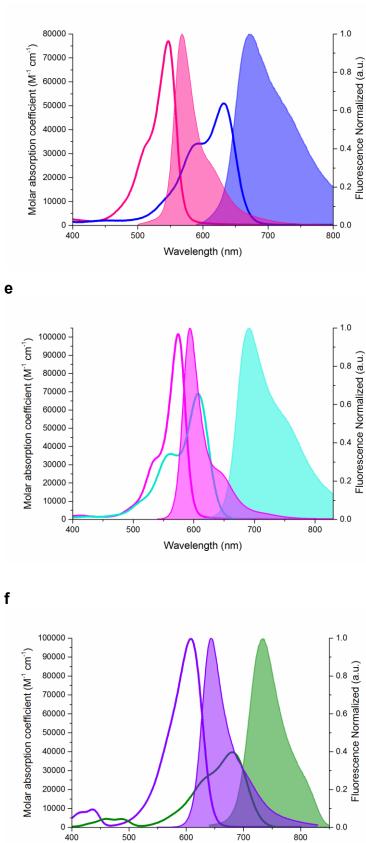


Figure S4. Additional examples of PONy dyes (not included in Figure 1). The compounds **P11**, **CP1** and in particular **SiP1** demonstrated poor hydrolytic stability (especially in protic solvents). For their comprehensive photophysical data, see Table S1.

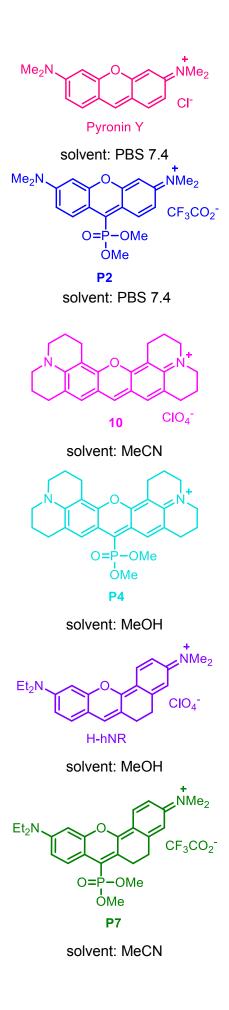




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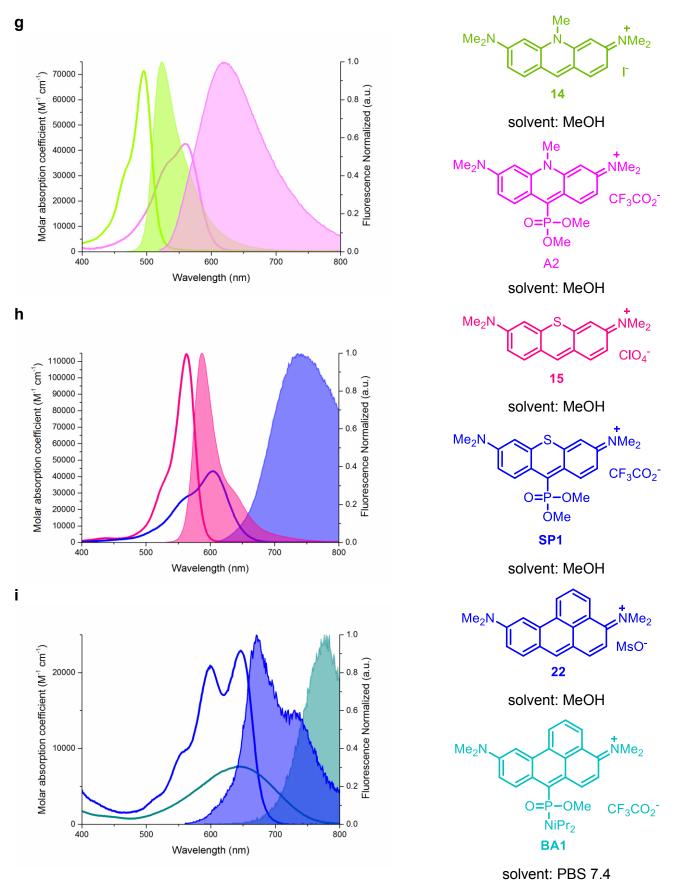


Figure S5. Sample absorption and fluorescence emission spectra of PONy dyes derived from coumarins (**a-c**), pyronins (**d-f**), acridine (**g**), thiopyronin (**h**) and benzanthrylium dye (**i**) as compared to the parent fluorophores.

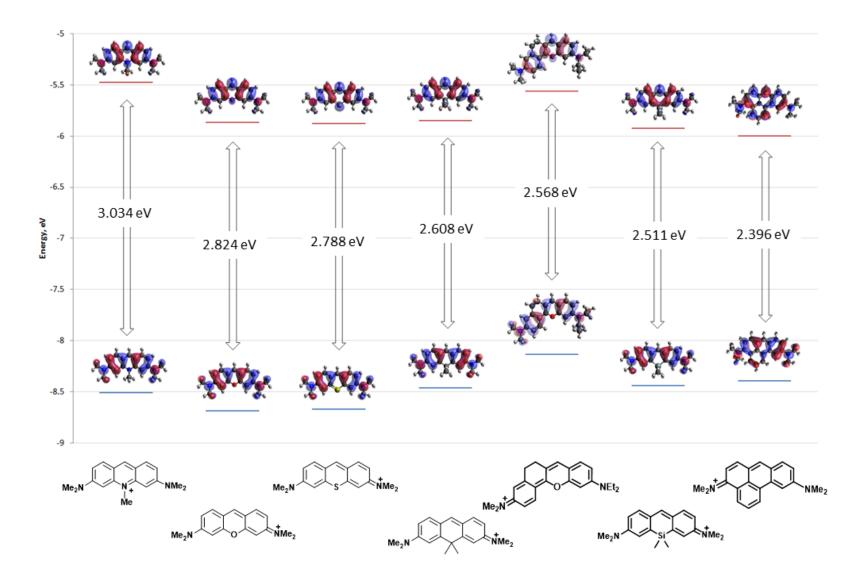


Figure S6. Energies of frontier orbitals of pyronin-type fluorophores in order of decreasing HOMO/LUMO energy gap values. Calculated with Gaussian 09 (revision E.01) at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level of theory.

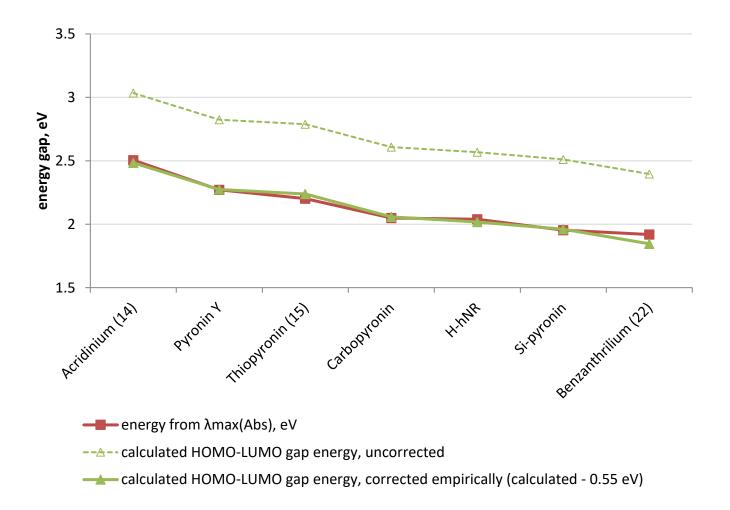


Figure S7. Correlation of the calculated HOMO/LUMO energy gap values of the parent electrophilic fluorophores (B3LYP/6-31+G(d); with an empirical correction: $\Delta E_{theor} = E_{calc}(LUMO)$ – $E_{calc}(HOMO) - 0.55 \text{ eV}$) with the observed experimental lowest energy UV-Vis absorption maxima ($\Delta E_{obs} = hc / \lambda_{max}(Abs)$). All computations were performed at the High Performance Computing center for the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (https://www.gwdg.de/application-services/high-performance-computing).

Supplementary Tables.

D (1010)	5/00	λ^{\max}_{abs} [nm]	λ^{\max}_{em} [nm],				
Dye (MW)	P(III) reagent	/ <i>ε</i> [M⁻¹cm⁻¹]ª	${\it I}\!$	τ[ns] ^c	solvent	stability	
1 (242)	-	424/48000	472, 0.02	n.d.	MeCN	good	
C1 (350)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	468/32000	555, 0.03	n.d.	MeCN	good	
2 (289)	-	414/46000	462, 0.04	n.d.	MeCN	good	
C2 (397)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	425/21000	564, 0.10	0.9	MeCN	good	
C3 (480)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	439/25000	642, 0.23	2.1	MeCN	good	
C4 (455)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	431/22000	562, 0.39	2.6	MeCN	good	
Coumarin 6 (350)	-	457/51000	501, 0.63	3.2	MeCN	good	
C5 (458)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	439/24000	651, 0.20	2.6	MeCN	good	
C6 (543)	(Bu ^t O) ₂ PONa	434/39000	658, 0.29	2.5	MeCN	good	
C7 (430)	(Bu ^t O) ₂ PONa ^d	419/22000	613, 0.04	1.2, 0.3 ^e	PBS	good	
7 (299)	-	422/34000	496, 0.88	3.1	MeCN	good	
C8 (458)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	424/19000	651, 0.16	2.0	MeCN	good	
C9 (407)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	430/23000	639, 0.21	2.2	MeCN	good	
Pyronin Y (267)	-	546/77000	569, 0.36	1.8	PBS	good	
1 yronin 1 (207)		546/93000	568, 0.38	1.9	MeOH		
	H ₃ PO ₂	590/59000	627, 0.33	1.8	PBS	good	
P1 (330)		579/67000	616, 0.44	2.7	MeOH		
		582/n.d.	615, 0.54	3.9	TFE		
		587/n.d.	620, 0.57	4.4	HFIP		
P1 -Halo (608)	see Scheme 2 ^f	603/18000	635, 0.26	1.9	PBS	good	
		588/73000	620, 0.50	3.1	MeOH	good	
		632/51000	672, 0.16	0.8	PBS		
P2 (375)	P(OMe)₃	624/62000	660, 0.22	1.6	MeOH	moderate	
12(070)	F(ONE)3	619/n.d.	653, 0.33	2.6	TFE	moderate	
		620/n.d.	656, 0.40	3.1	HFIP		
P3 (421)	PhP(OMe) ₂	629/62000	663, 0.21	1.6	MeOH	moderate	
10 (371)	-	574/101000	594, 0.89	4.1	MeCN	good	
P4 (480)	P(OMe) ₃	657/69000	691, 0.26	2.1	MeOH	good	
P5 (593)	multistep ^f	660/38000	704, 0.10	1.7, 0.7 ^e	PBS	moderate	
		651/46000	693, 0.32	2.7	MeCN ^h		
P6 (493)	multistep ^f	603/69000	638, 0.09	1.9	PBS	good	
		589/49000	622, 0.36	3.0	MeOH	9000	

Dye (MW)	P(III) reagent	λ^{\max}_{abs} [nm] / $arepsilon$ [M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹] ^a	λ^{\max}_{em} [nm], ${oldsymbol{\varPhi}_{fl}}^{b}$	τ[ns] ^c	solvent	stability	
H-hNR	-	608/100000	644,0.70	3.9	MeOH	good	
DZ (407)		693/29000	754, 0.02	n.d.	PBS		
P7 (427)	P(OMe)₃	681/40000	737, 0.17	1.5	MeCN	good	
D8 (450)	and the transf	615/n.d.	652, 0.46	n.d.	MeCN	moderate	
P8 (459)	multistep ^f	625/n.d.	670, 0.17	n.d.	PBS		
P9 (374)	hydrolysis of	597/66000	633, 0.22	n.d.	PBS	moderate	
F 3 (374)	P8 ^f	565/64000	595, 0.44	n.d.	MeCN		
			668, 0.12	0.9	PBS		
		617/58000	649, 0.38	2.5	MeCN		
P10 (431)	P(OPr ⁱ)₃	621/57000	655, 0.24	1.8	MeOH	moderate	
		614/n.d.	645, 0.40	3.1	TFE		
		614/n.d.	648, 0.46	3.6	HFIP		
P11 (468)	Db-DOMo	635/26000 ^g	702, 0.06	0.5	PBS	noor	
FII (400)	Ph ₂ POMe	627/32000 ^g	697, 0.13	1.2	MeOH	poor	
P12 (434)	H ₃ PO ₂	608/48000	642, 0.61	3.9	MeOH	moderate	
P13 (464)	(MoO) DNDria	630/52000	666, 0.17	n.d.	PBS	moderate	
F 13 (404)	(MeO) ₂ PNPr ⁱ 2	596/50000	623, n.d.	n.d.	MeCN		
P14 (593)	(MeO) ₂ PNPr ⁱ ₂	654/64000	728, 0.10	0.8	MeCN	good	
14 (280)	-	495/71000	524, 0.30	1.7	MeOH	good	
A1 (416)	H ₃ PO ₂	535/38000	595, 0.10	1.4	PBS	good	
		527/67000	579, 0.32	2.6	MeOH	good	
A2 (388)	(MeO) ₂ PONa	560/43000	620, n.d.	n.d.	MeOH	poor	
15 (283)	-	563/114000	587, 0.38	2.1	MeOH	good	
SP1 (391)	P(OMe)₃	654/43000	739, 0.04	1.3, 0.4 ^e	MeOH	good	
SP2 (505)	SP2 (505) (MeO) ₂ PNPr ⁱ ₂		728, 0.10	0.8	MeCN	good	
Carbopyronin (293)			627, 0.71	n.d.	EtOH	good	
CP1 (541)	(MeO) ₂ PNPr ⁱ 2	710/17000	783, 0.19	n.d.	PBS	poor	
		698/41000	775, 0.26	n.d.	MeCN		
18 (310)	-	635/155000	654, 0.64	3.4	MeOH	good	
SiP1 (488)	(MeO) ₂ PNPr ⁱ 2	752/n.d. ^g	819, 0.03	n.d.	PBS	poor	
	(IVIEO)2FINFI'2	743/43000	809, 0.06	n.d.	MeCN	2001	
22 (301)	-	646/23000	673, 0.25	1.3	MeOH	good	
BA1 (523)	(MeO) ₂ PNPr ⁱ ₂	644/7600 ^g	782, n.d.	n.d.	PBS	poor	
BODIPY 505/515 (248)	-	505/79000	515, 0.98	n.d.	CH ₂ Cl ₂	good	
BP1 (412)	P(OPr ⁱ) ₃	574/33000	647, <0.002	-	MeCN	good	

Table S1. Photophysical properties of the parent electrophilic fluorophores and the derived PONy dyes (including the hydrolytically unstable examples). a) lowest energy absorption peak; b) fluorescence quantum yield (absolute value); c) fluorescence lifetime; d) deprotection of **C7** with CF₃CO₂H (TFA); e) biexponential, see Table S2 below; f) multiple steps, see the Experimental section below; g) decomposes in solution at rt; h) with addition of 1% (v/v) TFA. MW – molecular mass (not including counterions). PBS – phosphate buffered saline (1×), pH 7.4; TFE – 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol; HFIP – 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-2-propanol. n.d. – not determined.

Dye Solvent		Fluorescend	ce lifetime τ_i	Relative amplitude A_i		
Dye	Solvent	τ_{l} , ns	$ au_2$, ns	A_1	A_2	
C7	PBS 7.4	1.2	0.3	0.28	0.72	
P5	PBS 7.4	1.7	0.7	0.67	0.33	
SP1	MeOH	1.2	0.4	0.06	0.94	

Table S2. Excited state lifetimes and the corresponding relative amplitudes for thePONy dyes showing biexponential fluorescence decay (Table 1 and Table S1).

Supplementary Methods

General experimental information and synthesis

Thin layer chromatography: Analytical TLC (normal phase) was performed on Merck Millipore ready-to-use aluminum sheets coated with silica gel 60 (F_{254}) (Cat. No. 1.05554.0001). Analytical TLC on reversed phase (RP-C₁₈) was performed on Merck Millipore ready-to-use aluminum sheets coated with RP-18 60 (F_{254} s) (Cat. No. 1.05560.0001). Preparative TLC was performed on silica-precoated glass plates for high performance TLC (HPTLC Silica gel 60 F_{254} 10×10 cm, layer thickness 150-200 μ m, with concentrating zone 10 x 2.5 cm) from Merck Millipore (Cat. No. 1.13727.0001). Compounds were detected by exposing TLC plates to UV-light (254 or 366 nm) or by heating with vanillin stain (6 g vanillin and 1.5 mL conc. H₂SO₄ in 100 mL ethanol); leuco dyes were detected by staining with 1% DDQ in CH₂Cl₂.

Preparative flash column chromatography: Silica 60 (0.04 – 0.063 mm) for column chromatography was used (Macherey-Nagel, Germany; Cat. No. 815380.5). Reversed phase column chromatography was performed on POLYGOPREP 60-50 C₁₈ (Macherey-Nagel, Cat. No. 711500.1000). Automated separations were performed with an Isolera Spektra One system (Biotage AG, Sweden) using the type of cartridge and solvent gradient indicated.

High-performance liquid chromatography: Analytical HPLC was performed on a Knauer Azura liquid chromatography system with a binary P 6.1L pump (Article No. EPH35, Knauer), UV diode array detector DAD 6.1L (Article No. ADC11, Knauer), an injection valve with a 20 μ L loop and two electrical switching valves V 2.1S with 6-port multiposition valve head (Article No. EWA10, Knauer). Analytical columns: Knauer Eurospher II 100-5 C18, 5 μ m, 150×4 mm (Article No. 15DE181E2J, Knauer) or Interchim Uptisphere Strategy C18-HQ, 10 μ m, 250×4.6 mm (Article No. US10C18HQ-250/P46, Interchim), typical flow rate: 1.2 mL/min, unless stated otherwise.

Preparative HPLC was performed on an Interchim puriFlash 4250 2X preparative HPLC/Flash hybrid system (Article No. 1I5140, Interchim) with a 2 mL injection loop, a 200-600 nm UV-Vis detector and an integrated ELSD detector (Article No. 1A3640, Interchim). Preparative column: Interchim Uptisphere Strategy C18-HQ, 10 μm,

250×21.2 mm (Article No. US10C18HQ-250/212, Interchim), typical flow rate: 20 mL/min, unless specified otherwise.

Optical spectroscopy: Absorption spectra were recorded with a Varian Cary 4000 UV-Vis double-beam spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies, USA). The emission spectra were recorded with a Varian Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer (Agilent). The absorption and emission spectra were recorded in quartz cells (optical path length 1 cm). The fluorescence quantum yields (absolute values) were obtained with a Quantaurus-QY absolute PL quantum yield spectrometer (model C11347-12, Hamamatsu) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Fluorescence lifetimes were measured with a Quantaurus-Tau fluorescence lifetime spectrometer (model C11367-32, Hamamatsu) according to the manufacturer's instructions. All measurements were performed in air-saturated solvents at ambient temperature.

NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C with an Agilent 400-MR spectrometer at 400.06 MHz (¹H), 376.40 MHz (¹⁹F), 161.94 MHz (³¹P) and 100.60 MHz (¹³C) and are reported in ppm. All ¹H spectra are referenced to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0$ ppm) using the signals of the residual protons of CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm) in CDCl₃, CHD₂CN (1.94 ppm) in CD₃CN, CHD₂OD (3.31 ppm) for CD₃OD, CHD₂COCD₃ (2.05 ppm) for acetone-*d*₆, CHD₂CO₂D (2.04 ppm) for acetic acid-*d*₄ or DMSO-*d*₅ (2.50 ppm) for DMSO-*d*₆. ¹³C spectra are referenced to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0$ ppm) using the signals of the solvent: CDCl₃ (77.16 ppm), <u>CD</u>₃CN (1.32 ppm), CD₃OD (49.00 ppm), (<u>CD</u>₃)₂CO (29.84 ppm), DMSO-*d*₆ (39.52 ppm) or <u>C</u>NO₂ signal (148.60 ppm) of nitrobenzene-*d*₅. Multiplicities of signals are described as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, m = multiplet or overlap of non-equivalent resonances; br = broad signal. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. For the ¹³C chemical shifts obtained by indirect detection from HSQC experiments (minimum resolution in F1: t1≥192), only H-coupled C-nuclei are resolved.

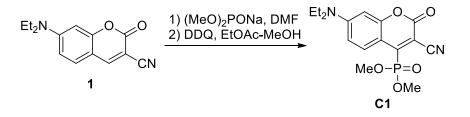
ESI-MS were recorded on a Varian 500-MS spectrometer (Agilent). **ESI-HRMS** were recorded on a MICROTOF spectrometer (Bruker) equipped with ESI ion source (Apollo) and direct injector with LC autosampler Agilent RR 1200.

Chemical synthesis of the PONy dyes

Coumarin derivatives (C1-C9)

<u>Dye C1</u>

dimethyl [3-cyano-7-diethylamino-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl]phosphonate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (120 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 3.0 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich, 276 μ L, 3.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred suspension of 7-(diethylamino)coumarin-3-carbonitrile **1** (TCI Chemicals, 242 mg, 1.0 mmol) in DMF (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min, and a clear colorless solution formed. It was poured into water (70 mL) and brine (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×25 mL); the combined organic solutions were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (15 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (227 mg, 1.0 mmol) in EtOAc (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system twice (24 g RediSep Rf cartridge, gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc/hexane, and 12 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 40% to 100% EtOAc/hexane) and Iyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Bright orange fluffy solid, yield 23 mg (7%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.47 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 7H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.3 (d, J = 16.8 Hz), 157.2 (d, J = 15.2 Hz), 153.3, 149.1, 147.4, 131.5 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 114.6 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 110.7, 107.4 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 97.5 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 96.0 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 54.2, 54.1, 45.4, 12.6.

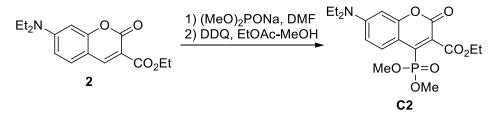
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.0.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 351.1 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{16}H_{19}N_2O_5P$): m/z (positive mode) = 351.1106 (found [M+H]⁺), 351.1104 (calc.).

<u>Dye C2</u>

ethyl 7-diethylamino-4-dimethoxyphosphoryl-2-oxo-2H-chromene-3-carboxylate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (120 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 3.0 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich, 276 μ L, 3.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred solution of ethyl 7-(diethylamino)coumarin-3-carboxylate **2** (TCI Chemicals, 289 mg, 1.0 mmol) in DMF (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min, and a clear light yellow solution formed. It was poured into water (70 mL) and brine (10 mL), acidified with 1 N HCl to pH ~ 3, extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL); the combined organic solutions were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (15 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (227 mg, 1 mmol) in EtOAc (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system twice (24 g RediSep Rf cartridge, gradient 40% to 100% EtOAc/hexane, and 12 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 40% to 100% EtOAc/hexane) and lyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Yellow solid, yield 111 mg (28%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.41 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.0 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 158.5 (d, J = 20.6 Hz), 156.1 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 151.3, 138.3, 136.6, 129.6 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 122.6 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 109.6, 105.2 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 97.5 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 62.4, 53.6, 53.6, 45.0, 14.1, 12.5.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.5.

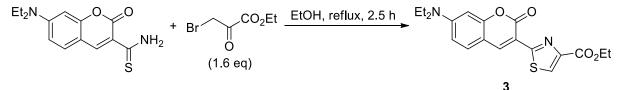
MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 420.1 (100) [M+Na]⁺.

HRMS (C₁₈H₂₄NO₇P): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 420.1183 (found [M+Na]⁺), 420.1183 (calc.).

<u>Dye C3</u>

Compound 3

ethyl 2-(7-diethylamino-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)thiazole-4-carboxylate



Ethyl bromopyruvate (~90%, Sigma-Aldrich; 0.61 mL, 4.8 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added dropwise to a suspension of 7-diethylamino-2-oxo-2*H*-chromene-3-carbothioic acid amide^[2] (1.1 g, 4.0 mmol) in ethanol (40 mL). The flask was immersed in a 100 °C oil bath and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 1.5 h. TLC control (silica, 5% ethyl acetate – CH_2Cl_2) showed incomplete conversion, so that another portion of ethyl bromopyruvate (0.2 mL, 1.6 mmol, 0.4 eq) was added at rt, and the mixture was refluxed for further 1 h. The reaction mixture was then evaporated on Celite, and the product was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (40 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 0% to 5% ethyl acetate/ CH_2Cl_2) to give 421 mg (28%) of **3** as yellow solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

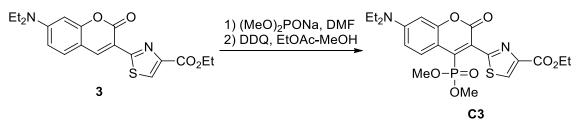
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.9, 161.8, 161.3, 156.9, 152.1, 146.6, 141.5, 130.8, 128.2, 111.9, 110.1, 108.6, 97.1, 61.5, 45.2, 14.5, 12.6.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 373.1 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{19}H_{20}N_2O_4S$): *m/z* (positive mode) = 373.1217 (found [M+H]⁺), 373.1217 (calc.).

Dye C3

ethyl 2-(7-diethylamino-4-dimethoxyphosphoryl-2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-3-yl)thiazole-4carboxylate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (127 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 3.18 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich, 292 μ L, 3.18 mmol) was added dropwise. The suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred suspension of **3** (382 mg, 1.03 mmol) in DMF (3

mL). A clear red solution formed. The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min, poured into water (30 mL), acidified with acetic acid to pH ~ 4, extracted with EtOAc (3×25 mL); the combined organic solutions were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (15 mL) and MeOH (3 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (234 mg, 1.03 mmol) in EtOAc (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system twice (24 g RediSep Rf cartridge, gradient 40% to 100% EtOAc/hexane, and 25 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc/hexane) and Iyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Fluffy orange solid, yield 53 mg (11%).

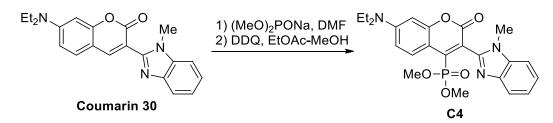
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.8 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 161.4, 160.2 (d, J = 19.8 Hz), 156.4 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 151.5, 146.5, 143.4, 141.7, 130.51, 130.45 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 118.9 (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 107.4 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 109.7, 97.4 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 67.2, 61.4, 53.6, 53.5, 45.0, 14.5, 12.6. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.7.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 503.1 (100) [M+Na]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{21}H_{25}N_2O_7PS$): m/z (positive mode) = 481.1204 (found [M+H]⁺), 481.1193 (calc.).

dimethyl [7-(diethylamino)-3-(1-methyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-2-yl)-2-oxo-2*H*-chromen-4yl]phosphonate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (60 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 1.5 mmol) in dry DMF (1.5 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich, 138 μ L, 1.5 mmol) was added dropwise. The suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred suspension of Coumarin 30 (Sigma-Aldrich, 174 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMF (2 mL). The solid dissolved over 1 h, and a yellow clear solution formed. The mixture was poured into water (70 mL) and brine (20 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL); the combined organic solutions were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (15 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (114 mg, 0.5 mmol) in EtOAc (2 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated on Celite. The product was isolated by flash chromatography (first 24 g RediSep Rf, gradient 40% to 100% EtOAc/hexane; then 12 g Sepacore Silica HP, gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc/hexane) and lyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Fluffy orange-yellow solid, yield 27 mg (12%); purity 90% (NMR).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.63 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 3H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

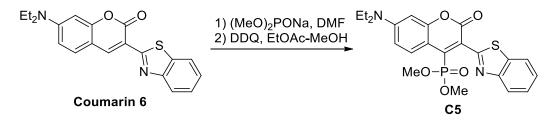
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.9 (d, J = 20.2 Hz), 156.8 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 151.5, 148.5 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 144.9, 143.19, 143.17, 109.64, 109.58, 106.8 (d, J = 10.3 Hz), 97.4 (d, J = 2.6 Hz), 53.8 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 53.5 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 45.0, 30.5, 12.6.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.1.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 456.1 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{23}H_{26}N_{3}O_{5}P$): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 456.1684 (found [M+H]⁺), 456.1683 (calc.).

dimethyl [3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl]phosphonate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (17 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 0.43 mmol) in dry DMF (0.5 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich, 40 μ L, 0.43 mmol) was added in one portion. The suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred suspension of Coumarin 6 (Sigma-Aldrich, 50 mg, 0.14 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL). The orange solid dissolved immediately and clear red-orange solution formed. The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, and the pale orange solution was poured into water (30 mL) and brine (10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (4×15 mL); the combined organic solutions were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (20 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (32 mg, 0.14 mmol) in EtOAc (2 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography twice (16 g SiO₂, gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc/hexane, and 17 g SiO₂, gradient 50% to 80% EtOAc/hexane) and lyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Bright yellow solid, yield 34 mg (52%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.44 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

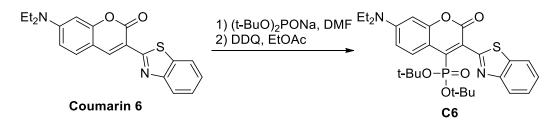
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 162.2 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 160.0 (d, J = 19.9 Hz), 156.6 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 152.8, 151.5, 142.3 (d, J = 172.0 Hz), 137.1, 130.5 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 126.1, 125.6, 123.6, 121.7, 119.5 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 109.7, 107.2 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 97.4 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 67.2, 53.6, 53.5, 45.1, 12.6.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.4.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 459.1 (100) [M+H]⁺, 497.1 (45) [M+K]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{22}H_{23}N_2O_5PS$): m/z (positive mode) = 459.1138 (found [M+H]⁺), 459.1138 (calc.).

di-tert-butyl [3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl]-phosphonate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (34 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 0.86 mmol) in dry DMF (1.5 mL), cooled in ice-water bath, di(*tert*-butyl) phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich; 170 μ L, 0.86 mmol) was added in one portion. The suspension was stirred for 2 h at rt and for 30 min at 55 °C. The resulting thin white suspension was added to a stirred suspension of Coumarin 6 (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in DMF (0.8 mL). The solids dissolved immediately and clear light-orange solution formed. The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then poured into sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (50 mL), extracted with EtOAc (4×15 mL); the combined organic solutions were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was redissolved in EtOAc (20 mL), heated up to 75 °C, and a solution of DDQ (65 mg, 0.29 mmol) in EtOAc (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated. The product was isolated by column chromatography (30 g SiO₂, gradient 20% to 50% EtOAc/hexane) and lyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Bright yellow-orange solid, yield 130 mg (84%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 8.25 (br.s, 1H), 8.08 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 7.99 (ddd, J = 8.1, 1.2, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 6.84 (dd, J = 9.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.45 (s, 18H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

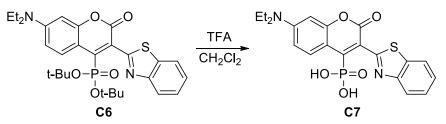
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 0.60; the small peak at -3.79 ppm corresponds to a trace amount of mono-de-*tert*-butylated impurity (easily formed on silica).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, acetone-*d*₆): δ 209.9, 163.7 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 160.4, 157.5 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 154.1, 152.1, 138.2, 132.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 126.3, 125.7, 123.9, 122.3, 110.9, 109.8, 107.2 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 97.6 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 85.2 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 67.6, 45.2, 12.8.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 543.2 (55) [M+H]⁺, 565.2 (35) [M+Na]⁺, 581.2 (100) [M+K]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{28}H_{35}N_2O_5PS$): *m/z* (positive mode) = 543.2077 (found [M+H]⁺), 543.2077 (calc.).

[3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-yl]phosphonic acid



Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA; 150 μ L) was added to a stirred solution of the dye **C6** (82 mg, 0.15 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The orange color of the solution turned violet upon addition of TFA and eventually deep purple. The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min, evaporated to dryness, the residue was dissolved in acetic acid and lyophilized. Yield 64 mg (99%), red-brown solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetic acid- d_4): δ 9.06 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 3.61 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.30 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR not available due to low solubility of the compound.

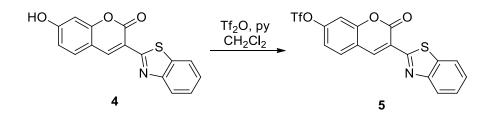
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, acetic acid- d_4): δ 5.4.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 429.1 (100) [M–H]⁻.

HRMS ($C_{20}H_{19}N_2O_5PS$): m/z (negative mode) = 429.0684 (found $[M-H]^-$), 429.0680 (calc.).

Compound 5

3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate



Pyridine (0.55 mL, 6.8 mmol, 4.0 eq) was added to a suspension of 3-(2benzothiazolyl)umbelliferone **4** (Sigma-Aldrich, 500 mg, 1.69 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL); a voluminous yellow precipitate formed. The suspension was cooled in an ice-water bath, and triflic anhydride (570 μ L, 3.4 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added dropwise; the precipitate dissolved. The mixture was warmed up to rt, and the thin suspension was stirred at rt for 3 h. It was then cooled in an ice-water bath, diluted with water (30 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×20 mL); and the combined organic solutions were washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄. The product was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (12 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 20% to 100% CH₂Cl₂/hexane over 10 column volumes); the fractions containing the product were combined and evaporated to lemonyellow solid, which was triturated with hexane, filtered off, washed with hexane and dried *in vacuo*. Yield 630 mg (87%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.11 – 8.05 (m, 1H), 8.00 – 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H).

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -72.5.

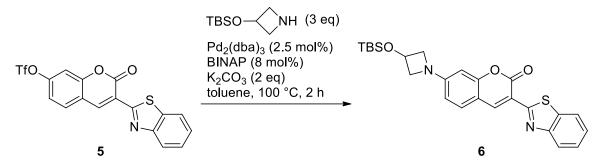
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.9, 158.8, 154.2, 152.6, 151.6, 139.7, 137.1, 131.0, 126.9, 125.9, 123.3, 121.9, 121.5, 119.0, 118.8 (q, *J* = 321.0 Hz), 118.7, 110.6.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 428.2 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{17}H_8NO_5S_2F_3$): m/z (positive mode) = 427.9867 (found [M+H]⁺), 427.9869 (calc.).

Compound 6

3-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl)-7-[3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)azetidin-1-yl]-2*H*-chromen-2-one



A mixture of **5** (150 mg, 0.35 mmol), 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)azetidine^[3] (196 mg, 1.05 mmol, 3.0 eq), Pd₂(dba)₃ (8 mg, 9 µmol, ~2.5 mol%), (±)-BINAP (18 mg, 28 µmol, 8 mol%) and K₂CO₃ (97 mg, 0.70 mmol, 2.0 eq) in toluene (2 mL) was sealed in a 10 mL vial capped with a septum, degassed on a Schlenk line and stirred under argon at 100 °C (bath temperature) for 2 h. Yellow solution gradually turned into an orange suspension. Upon cooling down to rt, acetic acid (1 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, it was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and evaporated on Celite. The product was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (12 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 50% to 100% CH₂Cl₂/hexane over 10 column volumes); the fractions containing the product **6** were combined and evaporated to bright orange solid, yield 98 mg (60%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN + 1% TFA): δ 8.16 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dt, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (tt, *J* = 6.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 – 4.44 (m, 2H), 4.06 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, nitrobenzene-*d*₅): δ 162.1, 161.1, 157.2, 154.7, 153.6, 142.9, 137.2, 131.6, 126.8, 125.3, 123.2, 122.3, 113.3, 110.0, 109.9, 96.5, 62.8, 61.7, 26.0, 18.4, -4.9.

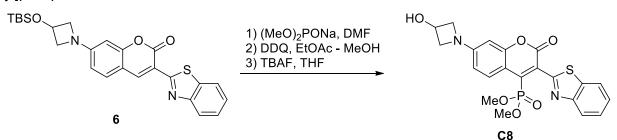
MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 465.3 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{25}H_{28}N_2O_3SSi$): m/z (positive mode) = 465.1653 (found [M+H]⁺), 465.1663 (calc.).

Dye C8 dimethyl

[3-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-7-(3-hydroxyazetidin-1-yl)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-4-

yl]phosphonate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (23 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 0.58 mmol, 3.0 eg) in dry DMF (0.5 mL), cooled in ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (53 µL, 0.58 mmol, 3 eq) was added in one portion. The resulting suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred suspension of 3 (90 mg, 0.19 mmol) in DMF (3 mL). The orange solid dissolved rapidly, and a clear reddish-brown solution formed. The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, DMF was evaporated in vacuo at rt, and the residue was mixed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). Acetic acid was added to $pH \sim 3$, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL), the combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (20 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (44 mg, 0.194 mmol, 1 eq) in EtOAc (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The resulting red-orange mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated on Celite. The product was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (10 g Biotage SNAP Ultra cartridge, gradient 0% to 10% methanol/CH₂Cl₂ over 10 column volumes); two fractions were collected, containing the product and the TBS-protected product. Both fractions were pooled together, evaporated, and the mixture was used for complete deprotection. The material was dissolved in THF (7 mL), cooled in ice-water bath, and tetrabutylammonium fluoride trihydrate (92 mg, 0.291 mmol) was added. The resulting brown-yellow solution was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with brine (15 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL), the combined organic solutions were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated on Celite. The product was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (12 g Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, gradient 0% to 50% methanol/ethyl acetate over 10 column volumes); the fractions containing the product were evaporated to brown-red solid, which was freeze-dried from aqueous dioxane to fluffy red solid, yield 20 mg (23% over 3 steps).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetic acid- d_4): δ 11.57 (s, 1H), 8.16 (ddd, J = 8.2, 1.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (ddd, J = 8.0, 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.6

Hz, 1H), 4.86 (tt, *J* = 6.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.6, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (ddd, *J* = 9.2, 4.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H).

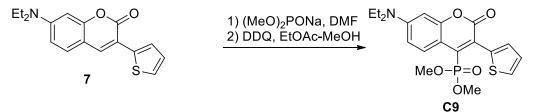
¹³C and ³¹P NMR not available due to low solubility of the compound.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 459.2 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{21}H_{19}N_2O_6PS$): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 459.0764 (found [M+H]⁺), 459.0774 (calc.).

<u>Dye C9</u>

dimethyl [7-(diethylamino-2-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-2H-chromen-4-yl]phosphonate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (120 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 3 mmol) in dry DMF (3 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich, 276 μ L, 3 mmol) was added dropwise. The suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution, which was added to a stirred suspension of 7-(diethylamino)-3-(2-thienyl)coumarin **7** (TCI Chemicals, 299 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, and a clear yellow-brown solution formed. It was poured into water (50 mL) and brine (10 mL), acidified with acetic acid to pH ~ 5, extracted with EtOAc (3×25 mL); the combined organic solutions were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. The residue was taken up in EtOAc (15 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), heated up to 70 °C, and a solution of DDQ (227 mg, 1 mmol) in EtOAc (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 min, cooled down to rt and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (24 g RediSep Rf cartridge, gradient 30% to 100% EtOAc/hexane) and Iyophilized from 1,4-dioxane. Fluffy orange solid, yield 36 mg (9%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.42 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 161.0 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 155.7 (d, J = 14.9 Hz), 150.6, 140.3, 138.5, 136.0 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 130.5 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 129.9 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 128.1, 126.4, 120.7 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 109.3, 107.7 (d, J = 11.1 Hz), 97.4 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 53.1, 53.0, 44.9, 12.6.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 14.6.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 430.1 (100) [M+Na]⁺.

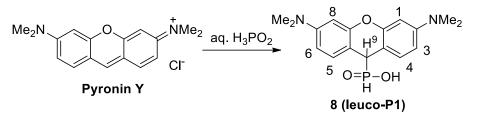
HRMS (C₁₉H₂₂NO₅PS): m/z (positive mode) = 408.1030 (found [M+H]⁺), 408.1029 (calc.).

Pyronin derivatives (P1-P14)

<u>Dye P1</u>

Compound 4 (leuco-P1)

[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthen-9-yl]phosphinic acid



A solution of Pyronin Y (Sigma-Aldrich; 1.0 g, 3.3 mmol) in aq. H_3PO_2 (50%, 4.4 g; 33 mmol) was stirred overnight at 100 °C under microwave irradiation. TLC (RP-C₁₈) showed complete conversion of the starting material. After cooling down to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with H_2O (~25 mL) and applied onto RP cartridge (Biotage SNAP Ultra C18 30 g, HP-Sphere, 25 μ M), which had been pre-equilibrated with deionized water. The cartridge was eluted with 400-500 mL deionized water (without TFA addition), until hypophosphorous acid was removed (pH of eluate reached 5-6). Further elution with H_2O /MeCN (0.1 v/v% TFA in both components, 90:10 \rightarrow 50:50, 25 mL/min) followed by lyophilization afforded 1.03 g (94%) of **8**. It was additionally purified by preparative HPLC (Interchim Puriflash; see below): column 21 × 250 mm, eluent: MeCN / H_2O + 0.1 v/v% TFA in H_2O , 3/97 – 25/75 over 25 min, flow 20 mL/min. The title *leuco*-compound **8** was isolated as a slightly purple solid soluble in water, methanol and acetonitrile; $R_f = 0.32$ (RP-C₁₈ plates, eluent: H_2O /MeCN 1:1, each with 0.1 v/v% TFA).

HPLC: t_R = 10.1 min (peak area 98%), gradient: MeCN / H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA, 2/98 – 50/50 in 20 min, detection at 580 nm, column US10C18HQ – 250/P46 (Interchim, France), 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H⁴ and H⁵, 2H), 7.14 (m, H¹, H³, H⁶ and H⁸, 4H), 6.97 (d, ¹*J*_{*H-P*} = 535 Hz, PH, 1H), 4.35 (d, ³*J*_{*H-P*} = 15.4 Hz, H⁹, 1H), 3.11 (s, 12H, NMe₂) ppm. Due to the presence of an asymmetric P atom, the aromatic rings are diastereotopic.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 153.8 (« dd », J = 4.2, 1.9 Hz, C), 146.9 (« m », C), 132.0 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, C⁴ and C⁵), 116.7 (« m », C), 114.4 (d, J = 10 Hz, CH), 107.7 (d, J = 15 Hz, CH), 45.0 /45.1 (2 × NMe₂), 44.4 (d, J = 83 Hz, C⁹) ppm.

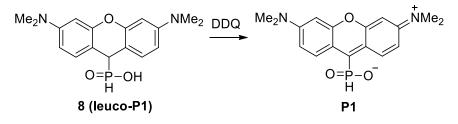
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 25.8 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 331.1 (80) [M-H]⁻, 663.4 (100) [2M-H]⁻.

HR-MS ($C_{17}H_{21}N_2O_3P$): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 333.1364 (found [M+H]⁺), 333,1363 (calc. [M+H]⁺).

Dye P1

[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthenylium-9-yl]phosphinate



To a solution of 8 (110 mg; 0.33 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) and MeOH (4 mL), a solution of DDQ (89 mg, 0.4 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C with stirring. The dry ice-acetone bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. Celite was added, and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The dry residue was subjected to chromatography on RP-SiO₂ (Biotage SNAP Ultra C18 30 g, HP-Sphere 25 μ M, 25 ml/min, MeCN/H₂O with 0.5 v/v% TFA in both components, $20 \rightarrow 60\%$ MeCN over 10 column volumes, flow rate 25 mL/min). The fractions containing the title compound were collected and lyophilized to yield 109 mg (100%) of dark violet solid. This material was dissolved in H₂O/MeCN (10:1, 2 mL), and purified again by preparative HPLC (Interchim Puriflash, column 16 × 250 mm with Eurospher II C18 SiO₂, 5 μ ; solvent MeCN / H₂O + 0.1 v/v TFA, 15/85 – 40/60, 14 mL/min). The violet colored fractions were pooled and lyophilized to yield 83 mg (76%) of the title dye as dark blue-violet solid; $R_f = 0.32$, RP-TLC, or $R_f = 0.30$, TLC on regular SiO₂, eluent MeCN/H₂O, 10:1, with 0.5 v/v% TFA in both components); moderately soluble in H₂O, MeOH. Analytical HPLC: $t_{\rm R}$ = 17.5 min (peak area 97%), solvent system MeCN/H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA in both components, gradient 2 – 50% ACN in 20 min, detection at 580 nm, column US10C18HQ-250/P46, 4 × 250 mm (Interchim), flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 8.34 (d, ¹*J*_{*P-H*} = 548Hz, PH), 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 12H, NMe₂) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD, indirect detection from an HSQC experiment): δ 130.7 (CH), 113.8 (CH), 96.2 (CH), 39.4 (NMe₂) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 2.36 ppm.

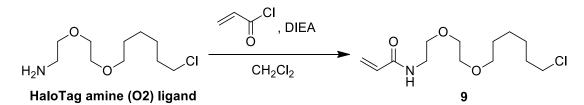
MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode), rel. int. (%) = 331.1 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS ($C_{17}H_{20}N_2O_3P$) : m/z (positive mode) = 331.1205 (found, [M]⁺), 331.1206 (calc. for [M]⁺).

Dye P1-Halo

Compound 9 (HaloTag O2 ligand acrylamide)

N-[2-(2-(6-chlorohexyloxy)ethoxy)ethyl]acrylamide



To a solution of HaloTag amine (O2) ligand^[4] (300 mg, 1.34 mmol) and ethyldiisopropylamine (DIEA, 350 μ L, 2 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), cooled in ice-water bath, acryloyl chloride (131 μ L, 1.61 mmol) dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and at rt for 2 h. The mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The product was isolated by column chromatography (20 g SiO₂, gradient 0% to 5% methanol/EtOAc) and dried in vacuo to yield 325 mg (87%) of the product as colorless oil. The material contained ~30% of 3-hydroxypropionamide impurity and was used without further purification.

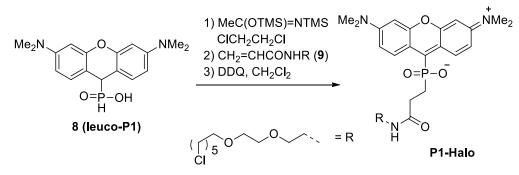
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.15 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, J = 17.1, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (dd, J = 17.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.53 - 3.25 (m, 10H), 1.75 - 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48 (tt, J = 8.0, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.43 - 1.24 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 164.6, 131.7, 125.0, 70.2, 69.6, 69.4, 69.0, 45.3, 38.6, 32.0, 29.1, 26.1, 24.9.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 278.2 (29) [M+H]⁺, 300.1 (100) [M+Na]⁺, 316.1 (78) [M+K]⁺.

HRMS (C₁₃H₂₄NO₃Cl): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 278.1518 (found [M+H]⁺), 278.1517 (calc.).

Dye P1-Halo



To a suspension of **8** (60 mg, 0.18 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL), cooled in ice-water bath, *N*,*O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (350 μ L, 1.44 mmol) was added quickly dropwise. The

resulting clear solution was stirred at 0 °C under N₂ atmosphere for 10 min, followed by addition of **9** (278 mg, purity ~70%, ~0.7 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 70 °C under N₂ atmosphere overnight, the solvent was evaporated, the residue was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), cooled in dry ice-acetone bath followed by addition of DDQ (41 mg, 0.18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) quickly dropwise. The dark violet mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 15 min. Trifluoroacetic acid (50 µL) was added, the mixture was evaporated to dryness and the product was isolated by column chromatography (30 g SiO₂, gradient 10% to 30% methanol/ CH₂Cl₂) and lyophilized from aqueous 1,4-dioxane. Dark violet crystalline solid, yield 53 mg (48%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 9.43 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.56 – 3.51 (m, 6H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (s, 12H), 3.20 (td, *J* = 5.6, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.78 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.54 (dq, *J* = 7.6, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.47 – 1.28 (m, 4H).

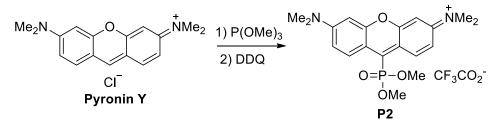
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 174.8 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz), 158.5 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 158.1, 135.1 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 117.5 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 114.6, 97.4, 72.1, 71.2 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 70.5, 45.7, 40.9, 40.4, 33.7, 30.5, 27.7, 26.4.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 24.97.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 608.3 (48) [M+H]⁺, 630.3 (53) [M+Na]⁺, 646.2 (100) [M+K]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{13}H_{24}NO_{3}CI$): m/z (positive mode) = 608.2653 (found [M+H]⁺), 608.2651 (calc.).

9-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthenylium trifluoroacetate



Trimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich; 175 µL, 184 mg, 1.49 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of Pyronin Y (150 mg, 0.495 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (183 mg, 0.495 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL). The reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 3 hours, until the red-violet color disappeared. The reaction mixture applied onto Celite, the solvent was evaporated to dryness, and the leuco dye was isolated by flash column chromatography (Biotage Isolera, cartridge RediSep Rf with 24 g of regular SiO₂, gradient: n-hexane/EtOAc $5:95 \rightarrow 100\%$ of EtOAc) to yield 158 mg (85%) of the leuco dye as colorless oil ($R_{\rm f}$ = 0.21, regular SiO₂, 100% EtOAc). The leuco compound was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), the solution cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath, and a solution of DDQ (95 mg, 0.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The dark green solution was allowed to warm-up to rt and stirred for 15 min. The mixture was applied onto Celite, and the product was isolated by chromatography (Biotage Isolera, cartridge Büchi Sepacore Silica HP 25 g, MeCN/H₂O + 0.1 v/v% of TFA, gradient: 100% of MeCN \rightarrow 90% of MeCN). The fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, filtered through a 0.2 µm PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized to yield 205 mg (100%, or 85% over 2 steps) of the dye P2 as dark green solid (TLC: MeCN/H₂O 10:1 + 0.1 v/v% of TFA, $R_f = 0.35$). HPLC (C₁₈): $t_R = 8.4$ min (peak area 97%), MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% TFA in both components: 20/80 - 100% of MeCN in 15 min, detection at 254 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 8.72 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, J = 9.9 and 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 ("t", J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (d, ³ J_{H-P} = 11.6 Hz, 6H, OMe), 3.32 (s, 12H, NMe₂) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 158.2 (d, J = 13 Hz), 158.0, 141.7 (d, J = 167 Hz), 133.0 (d, J = 3 Hz), 116.8 (d, J = 10 Hz), 116.0 (CH), 97.4 (d, J = 2 Hz), 54.3 (d, J = 5 Hz, OMe), 41.4 (NMe₂) ppm.

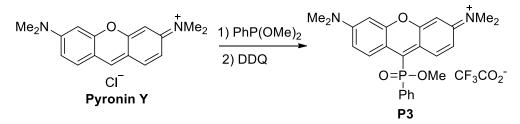
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN): δ -76.5 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 13.86 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 375.2 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 375.1468 (found), 375,1468 (calculated for $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_4P^+$ as [M]⁺).

methyl [3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthenylium-9-yl](phenyl)phosphinite trifluoroacetate



Dimethyl phenylphosphinite (Sigma-Aldrich; 160 µL, 170 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added at room temperature to a screw-cap test tube containing a stirred solution of Pyronin Y (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (122 mg, 0.33 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt until the red-violet color disappeared (~3 h). TLC (SiO₂, 100% EtOAc): $R_f = 0.28$ (leuco-P3; colorless to blue-purple upon exposure to air over several minutes). The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), evaporated on Celite and subjected to flash chromatography (RediSep Rf cartridge, 24 g of regular SiO₂; gradient: hexane – EtOAc, $50:50 \rightarrow 0:100$ over 10 column volumes). Yield 139 mg (quant.) of leuco-**P3** as a colorless oil. It was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) and placed into a screw-cap test tube. The solution was cooled down to -70°C, and a solution of DDQ (75.0 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added quickly. An instant color change to dark green was observed. After 15 min, the dry ice-acetone bath was removed, and the dark green solution was allowed to warm-up to room temperature and stirred additionally for 15 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) and evaporated on Celite. Flash chromatography conditions: Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, 25 g of 15 μ m regular SiO₂, gradient MeCN/H₂O 100:0 \rightarrow 95:5; each component with 0.1 v/v% TFA, flow rate 40 mL/min. The fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Yield 134 mg (76%) of dye **P3** ($R_f = 0.30$, TLC with MeCN/H₂O 10:1 + 0.1 % TFA mixture as an eluent.) as a dark green solid well soluble in MeCN. HPLC: $t_{\rm R}$ = 10.3 min (area 99.8%), MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% TFA in both components: 20 - 100% MeCN in 20 min, detection at 570 nm and 600 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 8.3 and 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 3H, OMe), 3.29 (s, 12H, 2 × NMe₂) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 158.2 (d, J = 11 Hz), 157.8, 134.4 (d, J = 3 Hz), 132.6 (d, J = 3 Hz), 131.4 (d, J = 11 Hz), 130.2 (d, J = 14 Hz), 117.0 (d, J = 10 Hz), 116., 97.4, 53.4 (d, J = 6 Hz, OMe), 41.4 (2 × NMe₂) ppm.

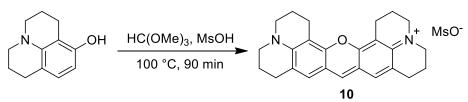
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN): δ -76.5 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 29.2 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 421.2 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 421.1685 (found), 421.1676 (calculated for $C_{24}H_{26}N_2O_3P^+$).

Compound 10



A mixture of 8-hydroxyjulolidine (1.57 g, 8.30 mmol), triethyl orthoformate (7.38 g, 8.24 mL, 49.8 mmol) and methanesulfonic acid (4.78 g, 3.23 mL, 49.8 mmol) was placed into a 20 mL microwave vial and stirred magnetically (mildly exothermic reaction started immediately upon addition of acid). The vial was sealed and heated at 100 °C in a Biotage Initiator+ microwave reactor for 1.5 h (MW absorption level: very high). TLC control: regular SiO₂ plate, 10% v/v H_2O in acetonitrile, $R_f = 0.30$ (product, bright pink, fluorescent), $R_f = 0.63$ (byproduct, violet, non-fluorescent). The purple reaction mixture was diluted with sat. aqueous NaCl (200 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate - propanol-2 (1:1, 4×100 mL). The combined organic solutions were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo, yielding 3.36 g of raw product as a violet solid. It was dissolved in a mixture of H₂O (5 mL) and MeCN (10 mL), and the solution was injected on top of a cartridge (RediSep Rf 120 g of regular SiO₂). Flash chromatography (gradient 0% to 5% H_2O in acetonitrile) followed by evaporation of the fractions containing a bright pink-colored and fluorescent product afforded the solid material. It was dissolved in aqueous 1,4-dioxane, the solution was filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Yield 494 mg (25%) of 10 (methanesulfonate salt) as a violet solid soluble in water. HPLC: $t_{\rm R}$ = 13.6 min (area 100%), MeCN/H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA in both componentes: 20/80 - 100% MeCN in 15 min, detection at 560 nm and 600 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.37 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 2H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 8H), 2.91 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 2.80 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 1.93 (m, *J* = 18.1 and 6.3 Hz, 8H) ppm.

¹³C NMR / APT (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 151.5 (C), 150.9 (C), 142.5 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 123.3 (C), 112.8 (C), 104.6 (C), 50.3 (NCH₂), 49.8 (NCH₂), 26.7, 20.1, 19.2 and 19.0 (all CH₂) ppm.

MS (ESI) *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 371.2 (100) [M]⁺.

Trimethyl phosphite P(OMe)₃ (99 μ L, 104 mg, 0.84 mmol), was added under argon and at room temperature to a suspension of 10 (130 mg, 0.28 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (103 mg, 0.28 mmol) in DCM (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. TLC (silica, 100% EtOAc) showed complete conversion: $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.35 (product), colorless, turns green in the presence of the air. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude product (about 250 mg) was evporated on Celite and isolated by flash chromatography (Sepacore Silica HP 25 g; eluent: EtOAc:hexane 20:80 \rightarrow 100:0; flow rate 40 mL/min) yielded 134 mg (100%) of leuco-P4 as a slightly greenish oil. A solution of DDQ (63 mg, 0.28 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C to a solution of leuco-P4 (134 mg, 0.28 mmol) in DCM (2 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min. The color of the reaction mixture changed from slightly green to intense blue-green. After removing the cooling bath, the reaction was stirred for further 15 min at room temperature. TLC (MeCN / H₂O 2:1 + 0.1% TFA) revealed the colored spot of the product, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.52. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (5 mL), applied on Celite, evaporated to dryness and subjected to flash chromatography on silica (Sepacore Silica HP 40 g, eluent: MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% TFA for both components, gradient: 100:0 \rightarrow 98:2). After pooling and evaporating the fractions containing the dye, the dark green product was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (250 µL) and H₂O (5 ml) and freeze-dried. Yield: 165 mg (100%) of **P4** (trifluoroacetate salt) as a dark green solid. HPLC: $t_{\rm R}$ = 14.2 min (peak area 79%), eluent: MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% TFA in both components, gradiente: 20 - 100% MeCN in 15 min, detection at 254 nm and 630 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.26 (s, 2H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 6H, OMe), 3.58 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 8H, 4 × NCH₂), 3.01 and 2.89 (2 × t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, Σ = 8H, 4 × CH₂C_{ar}), 2.07 (m, 8H, 4 × CH₂).

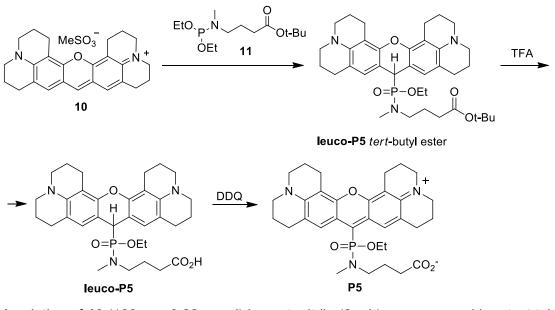
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 152.7 (d, J = 14 Hz, C_qO), 152.5 (s, C_q), 137.3 (d, J = 172 Hz, C_q), 128.0 (d, J = 4 Hz, C_q), 126.2 (d, J = 4 Hz, CH) , 116.3 (d, J = 11 Hz, C_q), 107.0 (d, J = 2 Hz, C_q), 54.0 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, OMe), 52.1, 51.5 (4 × NCH₂), 28.9 (2 × C_qCH₂), 21.8 (2 × C_qCH₂), 20.9, 20.8 (4 × CH₂CH₂CH₂N) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -77.0.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 15.9.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 479.3 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 479.2094 (found), 479,2094 (calculated for $C_{27}H_{32}N_2O_4P^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ as $[M]^{\scriptscriptstyle +}).$



A solution of **10** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) was prepared in a test tube with a screw-cap, and **11** (126 mg, 0.43 mmol; prepared from (EtO)₂PCI and HN(Me)(CH₂)₃CO₂Bu^t according to the method described below for compound **13**) was added at room temperature under argon. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and evaporated on Celite. Flash chromatography on silica (cartridge Interchim Puriflash 25 g of 15 μ M SiO₂, elution with CH₂Cl₂ / MeOH mixture; gradient: 1% \rightarrow 10 % MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) afforded 126 mg (93%) of **leuco-P5** *tert*-butyl ester as a slightly brown oil. TLC: regular SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH 30:1; *R*_f = 0.26.

The intermediate *tert*-butyl ester (126 mg, 0.198 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) and TFA (3 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed, and the solution stirred at room temperature for 2 h. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo*, the residue (150 mg of a red brown oil) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and evaporated on Celite. Flash chromatography (Interchim Puriflash 25 g of 15 μ M SiO₂; solvent: CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH; gradient: 1 \rightarrow 40% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) afforded 61 mg (54%) of **leuco-P5** as a blue solid (TLC: CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH 5:1, $R_f = 0.25$) soluble in acetonitrile. The spot of **leuco-P5** on silica compound turns blue under UV lamp or in presence of air. HPLC: $t_R = 9.1$ min (peak area 82%); solvent: MeCN – H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA in both components; gradient: 30 \rightarrow 100% MeCN in 15 min, detection at 254 nm; column: 250 × 4 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min. C₃₃H₄₂N₃O₅P. MS (ESI): *m/z* (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 578.8 (100) [M-H]⁻.

The compound **leuco-P5** (30 mg, 52 μ mol) was dissolved in MeCN (2 mL), and the solution was cooled down in ice bath to 0 °C. DDQ (18 mg, 78 μ mol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C, warmed up to room temperature, stirred 15 min, diluted with MeCN (10 mL) and evaporated on Celite. The product was isolated by flash

chromatography (cartridge Reveleris HP 24 g of SiO₂; solvent: MeCN – H₂O + 0.2 v/v% of HCOOH in both components; gradient: 1 \rightarrow 15% v/v H₂O, 32 mL/min). The blue fractions were collected and freeze-dried immediately without evaporating MeCN. Yield 10 mg (33%) of dye **P5** as dark blue solid. TLC; MeCN – H₂O 10:1 + 0.2 v/v% of HCOOH in both component, R_f (dye) = 0.20. HPLC: t_R = 5.4 min (peak area 100%, abs. max. 654 nm), solvent: MeCN – H₂O + 0.5% v/v TFA in H₂O; gradient: 20 \rightarrow 100% MeCN in 10 min, diode array detection; column: Kinetex 2.6 μ , 75 × 4.6 mm, flow rate 1.0 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 8.34 (s, 2H), 4.24 – 4.06 (m, 2H, OCH₂), 3.53 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 8H, 4 × NCH₂), 3.16 – 3.00 (m, 2H, MeNCH₂), 2.97 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H, 2 × C_qCH₂), 2.87 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 4H, 2 × C_qCH₂), 2.65 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 3H, NMe), 2.26 (m, overlaps with H₂O signal, CH₂CH₂CH₂ in julolidine), 2.03 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₂CH₂ in julolidine), 1.77 (m, 2H, MeNCH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.37 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H, OCH₂CH₃) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN, ¹³C(¹H) correlation): δ 128.5 (8.3) (CH), 63.1 (4.15) (CH₂O), 51.3 (3.52) (CH₂N), 48.0 (3.04) (CH₂N), 32.9 (2.62) (NMe), 31.1 (2.26) (CH₂), 28.6 (2.86) (CH₂), 23.5 (1.76) (CH₂), 21.6 (2.00) (CH₂), 20.6 (2.96) (CH₂), 20.5 (2.04) (CH₂), 16.6 (1.36) (CH₃).

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 18.4 ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN): δ -76.2 ppm.

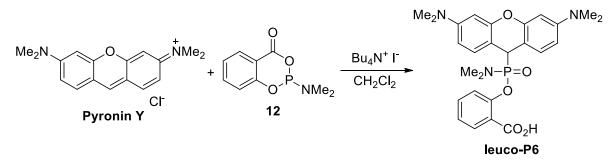
MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 578.3 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{32}H_{40}N_3O_5P$): *m/z* (positive mode) = 578.2782 (found [M+H]⁺), 578.2778 (calc.).

<u>Dye P6</u>

leuco-P6

2-[[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthen-9-yl](dimethylamino)phosphoryloxy]benzoic acid

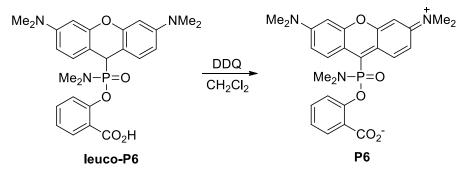


A suspension of Pyronin Y (151 mg; 0.50 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (185 mg; 0.50 mmol) in CH_2CI_2 was sonicated briefly. and 2-dimethylamino-4H-1,3,2benzodioxaphosphorin-4-one^[5] **12** (211 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was sonicated for 2 min and stirred vigorously for 1 h, during which time a bright pink solution turned into a deep purple thin suspension. Sodium hydroxide (1 mL of 10% in MeOH/H₂O 1:1) was added followed by just enough MeOH to homogenize the mixture. After stirring for 10 min, AcOH (2 mL) was added, and the mixture was evaporated to dryness. The residue was re-evaporated several times with acetone and subjected to column chromatography (45 g of SiO₂, gradient 10% to 40% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂). Fractions containing the product were pooled, evaporated to dryness, redissolved in 1,4-dioxane (20 mL), filtered through a 0.45 µm PTFE membrane filter and freeze-dried, yielding the title compound **leuco-P6** (106 mg, 43% yield) as a fluffy violet solid, which was used directly in the next step without further characterization.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 494.3 (100) [M–H]⁺. HRMS (C₂₇H₃₀N₃O₅P): *m*/*z* (negative mode) = 494.1850 (found [M–H]⁻), 494.1850 (calc.).

Dye P6

2-[[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthenylium-9-yl](dimethylamino)phosphoryloxy]-benzoate



The **leuco-P6** compound from the previous step (52 mg, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2CI_2 (5 mL), the solution was cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath, and DDQ (24 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH_2CI_2 (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The resulting dark violet solution was allowed to warm up to rt and evaporated to dryness. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, gradient 5% to 50% MeOH/CH₂CI₂); the fractions containing the product were evaporated and re-purified by reversed-phase chromatography (15 g of RP- C_{18} , gradient 10% to 30% H₂O/MeCN). The pure fractions were evaporated to yield the product **P6** as a bronze solid (40 mg, 77%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 9.14 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14 - 7.04 (m, 4H), 6.72 - 6.68 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 12H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 170.3, 158.6 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 158.1, 153.8 (d, J = 156 Hz), 149.2 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 135.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.3, 129.6 (d, J = 6.2 Hz), 128.8, 124.8, 122.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 116.8, 116.7 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 97.2 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 40.9, 39.0, 34.9.

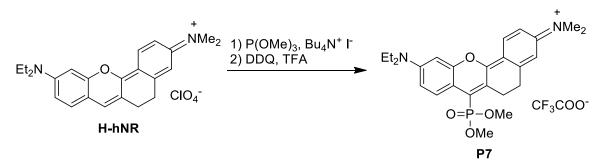
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -1.56 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 494.2 (100) [M+H]⁺, 516.2 (91) [M+Na]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{26}H_{28}N_3O_5P$): m/z (positive mode) = 494.1841 (found [M+H]⁺), 494.1839 (calc.).

<u>Dye P7</u>

7-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)-3,10-bis(dimethylamino)-5,6-dihydrobenzo[c]xanthen-12-ium trifluoroacetate



Trimethyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich; 88 μ L, 0.75 mmol, 3 eq) was added at room temperature to a screw-cap test tube containing a stirred solution of **H-hNR** dye^[6] (perchlorate salt; 112 mg, 0.25 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (92 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL). The reaction mixture was evaporated on Celite and the leuco dye was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, 12 g SiO₂; gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc – hexane over 10 column volumes). The entire amount of the leuco dye was used directly in the next step.

The material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and cooled down to -78°C, and a solution of DDQ (57 mg, 0.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting dark green solution was allowed to warm-up to room temperature and stirred for 15 min. The reaction mixture was evaporated on Celite and the product was isolated by flash chromatography on Biotage Isolera system (Sepacore Silica HP cartridge, 12 g SiO₂; gradient 0% to 100% A:B over 10 column volumes, A – acetonitrile-water 95:5 + 0.1% (v/v) TFA, B – acetonitrile over 10 column volumes). The fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated, the residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, microfiltered through a 0.2 μ M PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized to give 152 mg (100%, remainder dioxane) of the dye as fluffy black hygroscopic solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 8.57 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.61 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 3.30 – 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 6H), 2.98 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H).

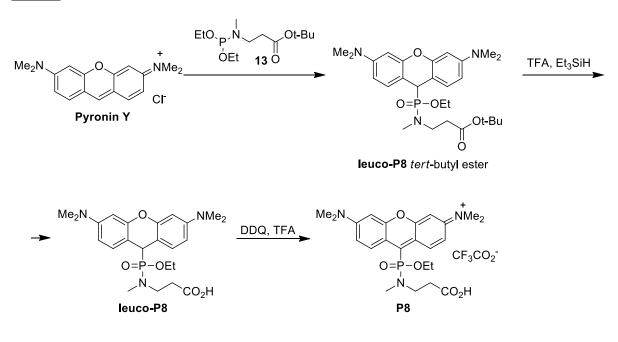
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 164.1 (d, J = 15.3 Hz), 158.3 (q, J = 35.2 Hz, CF₃), 155.7, 155.5 (d, J = 12.9 Hz), 152.5, 146.7, 139.3, 137.6, 130.3, 129.5 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 125.6 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 115.0, 114.8 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 113.5 (d, J = 1.5 Hz), 113.0, 110.5, 96.3, 53.31, 53.26, 44.8, 40.2, 27.0, 25.0, 12.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ -74.6 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 14.6 ppm.

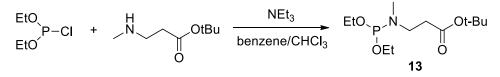
MS (ESI): m/z (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 455.2 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 455.2099 (found), 455.2094 (calculated for $C_{25}H_{32}N_2O_4P^+$).



Compound 8

tert-butyl 3-[(diethoxyphosphino)(methyl)amino]propanoate



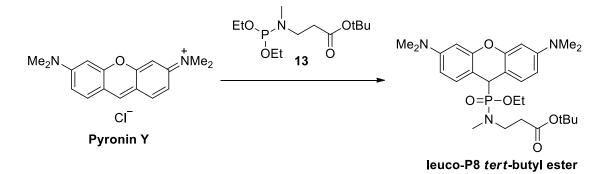
To a solution of *tert*-butyl 3-(methylamino)propionate^[7] (500 mg; 3.14 mmol) and triethylamine (380 mg; 3.77 mmol) in a mixture of benzene and CHCl₃ (20 mL; 3:1), a solution of diethyl chlorophosphite (Alfa Aesar, 490 mg; 3.14 mmol) in benzene (2 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After cooling down to r.t., the reaction mixture was diluted with *n*-hexane (~20 mL) and filtered through a glass filter. The filtrate was evaporated and subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, Hex/EtOAc 1:3 + 0.1 v/v% of NEt₃) to afford 392 mg (50%) of **13** as an air-sensitive colorless oil, which was used in the following step without additional purification.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 1.18 (t, *J*_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 6H, 2×OEt), 1.43 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), 2.37 (t, *J*_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.52 (d, *J*_{H-P} = 6.6 Hz, 3H, NMe), 3.21 (dt, *J*_{H-P} = 9.7 Hz, *J*_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.57–3.72 (m, 4H, 2×OEt) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 144.9 ppm.

leuco-P8 tert-butyl ester

tert-butyl 3-[[[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9*H*-xanthen-9-yl](ethoxy)phosphoryl] (methyl)amino]propanoate



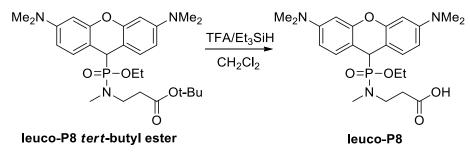
Pyronin Y (50 mg; 0.17 mmol) was suspended in MeCN (1 mL) in a screw-cap test tube, and **13** (62 mg; 0.247 mmol) was added at r.t. under argon. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at 60 °C. After cooling down to r.t., the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (~3 mL) and subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, CH_2Cl_2 /MeOH 30:1) to yield 37 mg (43%) of **leuco-P8** *tert*-butyl ester as brown oil. HPLC: t_R = 7.8 min (HPLC area 84%), B/A = 30/70–100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, 1.2 mL/min, detection at 254 nm.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 1.21 (t, J_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OEt), 1.38 (s, 9H, *t*Bu), 2.05–2.25 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.39 (d, J_{H-P} = 8.2 Hz, 3H, NMe), 2.78–2.94 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.93 (s, 12H, 2×NMe₂), 3.74–3.98 (m, 2H, OEt), 4.25 (d, J_{H-P} = 20.9 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (m, J_{H-H} = 2.2 Hz, 2H_{ar}), 6.50 (dd, J_{H-H} = 8.7 Hz and 2.6 Hz, 2H_{ar}), 7.05 (dd, J_{H-H} = 8.6 Hz and 2.4 Hz, 1H_{ar}), 7.15 (dd, J_{H-H} = 8.5 Hz and 2.5 Hz, 1H_{ar}) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 26.9 ppm.

leuco-P8

3-[[[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9*H*-xanthen-9-yl](ethoxy)phosphoryl](methyl)amino]propanoic acid



To a solution of **leuco-P8** *tert*-butyl ester (33 mg, 0.064 mmol) in CH_2CI_2 (1 mL), triethylsilane (37 mg; 0.32 mmol) and TFA (1 mL) were added dropwise. The resulting reaction mixture stirred for 1.5 h at r.t., and all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (25 g of SiO₂, CH_2CI_2 /MeOH 10:1) to afford 27 mg (92%) of **leuco-P8** as bluish solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 1.20 (t, J_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OEt), 2.09–2.24 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.39 (d, J_{H-P} = 8.1 Hz, 3H, NMe), 2.75–3.07 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 2.93 (s, 12H, NMe₂), 3.74–3.97

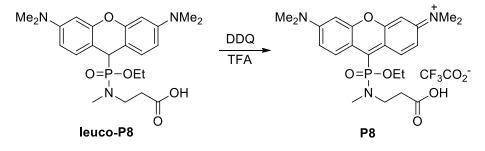
(m, 2H, OEt), 4.31 (d, J_{H-P} = 21.1 Hz, 1H), 6.38–6.43 (m, 2H_{ar}), 6.49–6.55 (m, 2H_{ar}), 7.02–7.09 (m, 1H_{ar}), 7.12–7.18 (m, 1H_{ar}) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 27.3 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 460.4 (100) [M-H]⁻.

Dye P8

9-[[(2-carboxyethyl)(methyl)amino](ethoxy)phosphoryl]-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9*H*-xanthenylium trifluoroacetate



To a solution of **leuco-P8** (25 mg, 0.054 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL), DDQ (12 mg; 0.054 mmol) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at r.t. and then subjected to column chromatography directly (applied onto 15 g of SiO₂, eluted with MeCN \rightarrow MeCN/H₂O 1:1 + 0.1 v/v% of TFA to yield 22 mg (80%) of the dye **P8** as a dark violet solid. HPLC: t_R = 16.0 min (HPLC area 95%), B/A = 20/80-100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, 1.2 mL/min, detection at 636 nm.

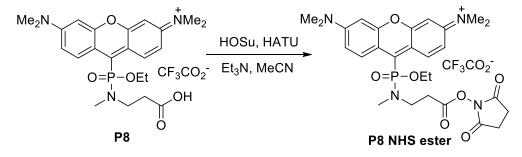
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.41 (t, J_{H-H} = 7.3 Hz, 3H, OEt), 2.54–2.73 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.80 (d, J_{H-P} = 10.8 Hz, 3H, NMe), 3.27–3.50 (m, 2H, NCH₂), 3.37 (s, 12H, 2×NMe₂), 4.18–4.37 (m, 2H, OEt), 6.74 (s, broad, 2H_{ar}), 7.18 (dd, J_{H-H} = 9.9 Hz, J_{H-P} = 2.3 Hz, 2H_{ar}), 8.86 (d, J_{H-H} = 9.9 Hz, 2H_{ar}) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 17.7 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 460.2 (100) [M]⁺.

Dye P8 NHS ester

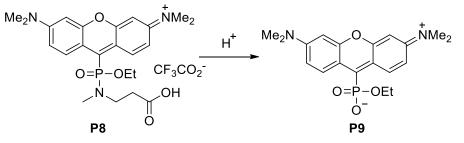
9-[[(2-carboxyethyl)(methyl)amino](ethoxy)phosphoryl]-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9*H*xanthenylium trifluoroacetate *N*-hydroxysuccinimide ester



To a solution of **P8** (10 mg, 0.020 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL), *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (35 mg; 0.30 mmol), HATU (30 mg; 0.08 mmol) and Et₃N (36 mg; 0.36 mmol) were added at r.t. under Ar. After stirring for 30 min, AcOH (21 µL) was added; the reaction mixture diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water (2×). The organic layer was separated, dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to give 10 mg (85%) of the crude product as blue material. HPLC (B/A = 30/70-100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, 1.2 mL/min, detection at 636 nm) showed the presence of two substances with t_R = 6.6 min (area 10%; the starting material) and t_R = 8.6 min (area 90%; NHS ester). After purification by preparative HPLC followed by freeze-drying, 3 mg (25%) of a violet solid was isolated. HPLC: t_R = 8.6 min (area 94%), B/A = 30/70-100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, 1.2 mL/min, detection at 254 nm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 557.2 (100) [M-CI]⁺.

ethyl [3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthenylium-9-yl]phosphonate



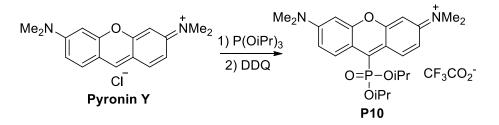
Solutions of dye **P8** in protic solvents (MeOH, H_2O) hydrolyze (particularly in the presence of acids) with formation of the compound **P9**.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 1.04 (t, J_{H-H} = 7.0 Hz, 3H, OEt), 3.27 (s, 12H, 2×NMe₂), 3.79 (dt, J_{H-P} = 14.2 Hz, J_{H-H} = 7.2 Hz, 2H, OEt), 6.77–6.80 (m, 2H_{ar}), 7.18 (dd, J_{H-H} = 9.8 Hz, J_{H-H} = 2.6 Hz, 2H_{ar}), 9.04 (d, J_{H-H} = 9.8 Hz, 2H_{ar}) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 3.7 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 375.1 (100) [M+H]⁺, 397.2 (47) [M+Na]⁺.

9-(diisopropoxyphosphoryl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-xanthenylium trifluoroacetate



Triisopropyl phosphite (Sigma-Aldrich; 244 µL, 206 mg, 0.99 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of Pyronin Y (100 mg, 0.33 mmol,) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (122 mg, 0.33 mmol,) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at rt, until the red-violet color disappeared and then was evaporated on Celite. The leuco dye was isolated by flash column chromatography (cartridge RediSep Rf with 24 g of SiO₂, gradient n-hexane/EtOAc $70:30 \rightarrow 30:70$) to yield 108 mg (76%) of the bluish viscous oil. It was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), and the solution was cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath. A solution of DDQ (60 mg, 0.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The dark green reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for additional 15 min. The mixture was evaporated on Celite and the product was isolated by flash column chromatography (cartridge Büchi Sepacore Silica HP, 25 g of SiO₂, gradient: MeCN/H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA, 100:0 \rightarrow 90:10). The fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized to yield 136 mg (100%, 76% over 2 steps) of the dye P10 as a dark green solid (TLC: eluent MeCN/H₂O 10:1 + 0.1 v/v% TFA, R_f = 0.36). HPLC: t_R = 11.4 min (peak area 98%), MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% TFA in both components: 20/80 – 100% MeCN in 20 min, detection at 570 nm and 600 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.86 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 9.9 and 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (« t », *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (dp, *J* = 7.6 and 6.1 Hz, 2H, CHO), 3.32 (s, 12H, NMe₂), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H, diastereotopic methyl groups in *i*Pr), 1.19 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 6H, diastereotopic methyl groups in *i*Pr).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 158.4 (d, J = 13 Hz), 158.0, 133.4 (d, J = 3Hz), 116.5 (d, J = 10 Hz), 115.8, 97.3 (d, J = 2 Hz), 74.3 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 41.4, 24.2 (d, J = 4 Hz), 23.9 (d, J = 5 Hz) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -76.6 ppm.

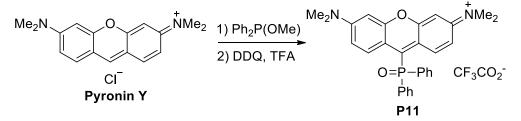
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.0 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 431.2 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 431.2094 (found), 431,2094 (calculated for $C_{23}H_{32}N_2O_4P^+$ as $[M]^+$).

Dye P11

P-[3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9*H*-xanthenylium-9-yl]-*P*,*P*-diphenylphosphine oxide trifluoroacetate



To a stirred solution of Pyronin Y (100 mg, 0.33 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (122 mg, 0.33 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), methyl diphenylphosphinite (Sigma-Aldrich, 200 µL, 214 mg, 1.0 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature, until the red-violet color disappeared (ca. 3 h) and Pyronin Y could not be detected by TLC (100% EtOAc, $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.21 of the product). The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), evaporated on Celite and subjected to flash chromatography (cartridge RediSep Rf with 24 g of SiO₂, gradient: EtOAc/Hexane 95:5 \rightarrow 100:0, flowrate 35 mL/min). Yield - 154 mg (99.6%) of **leuco-P11** (R_f = 0.21, 100% EtOAc) as a slightly blue solid, which was oxidized without further characterization. The entire amount (154 mg) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), the solution was cooled in a dry ice - acetone bath (ca. -70 °C), and a solution of DDQ (76 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred 15 min at -70 °C; a change in color from colorless to dark green was observed. The cooling bath was removed, the dark green solution was allowed to warm up to room temperatre and stirred for 15 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2CI_2 (8 mL), evaporated to dryness with Celite and subjected to flash chromatography (cartridge Sepacore Silica HP 25 g 15 μ M silica, gradient MeCN/H₂O 100:0 \rightarrow 98:2 + 0.1 v/v% TFA). The fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane and lyophilized to give 160 mg (84%) of P11 as a dark brown solid. This impure material was subjected to preparative HPLC (column Interchim 25QE181E2J, 21 mm × 25 cm, RP-C18 10 µm, eluents: $H_2O + 0.1 \text{ v/v} \%$ of TFA, MeCN (TFA free); gradient $30 \rightarrow 60\%$ MeCN in 20 min; 20 mL/min). The fractions containing the product were pooled and freeze-dried; the residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and freeze-dried. Yield 103 mg (54%, 54% over 2 steps) of the dye P11 as a dark brown solid; TLC: regular SiO₂, MeCN/H₂O 10:1 + 0.1 v/v% of TFA) revealed a colored spot with R_f = 0.36. ¹H ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectra indicate the presence of 2 forms. HPLC: $t_{\rm R}$ = 11.9 min (peak area 97%),

MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% v/v% TFA in both components: 20/80 - 100% MeCN in 15 min, detection at 570 nm - 600 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.82 and 7.79 (2×dd, *J* = 8.3 and 1.3 Hz, Σ 4H) 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.61 (m, 4H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (s, 12H, 2 × NMe₂) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 157.9 (d, J = 9 Hz, C), 157.6 (C), 134.2 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, *p*-CH in Ph₂PO), 132.5 and 132.3 (*m*-CH in Ph₂PO and C^{4,5}), 130.4 (d, J = 13 Hz, *o*-CH Ph₂PO), 117.4 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 115.2 (C^{3,6}), 97.4 (C^{1,8}), 41.3 (2 × NMe₂) ppm.

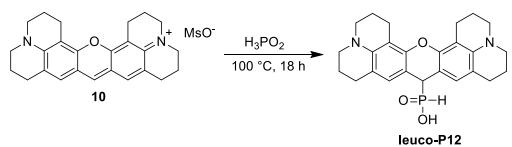
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN) δ -76.6 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 28.04 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 467.3 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 467.1883 (found), 467,1883 (calculated for C₂₉H₂₈N₂O₂P⁺).

leuco-P12



A solution of **10** (300 mg, 0.77 mmol) in aqueous hypophosphorous acid (50% w/w, Alfa Aesar; 3 mL) was placed a 5 mL microwave vial and flushed with Argon. The vial was sealed and heated under microwave irradiation at 100 °C for 18 h (MW absorption level: very high). After cooling down to room temperature, the cherry-red reaction mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and applied on top of the reversed-phase cartridge (Biotage Isolera SNAP Ultra RP C18, 30 g, 30 μ M) primed with MeCN (200 mL) and H₂O (200 mL). Excess H₃PO₂ was eluted with water (40-50 mL) until the pH of the eluate reached 4-5 and then eluted with MeCN/H₂O (+ 0.1 v/v TFA in the both components), gradient: 10 \rightarrow 90% MeCN. The product elutes as a yellow band and gradually oxidizes in air during concentration and to a light blue solution. Acetonitrile was removed under reduced pressure, and the residual aqueous solution was freeze-dried; yield 278 mg (99%) of **leuco-P12** as a dark blue solid (TLC: SiO₂, MeCN/H₂O 1:1 + 0.1 v/v% TFA, with DDQ as a staining reagent revealed a blue spot of the product). HPLC: $t_{\rm R}$ = 15.4 min (peak area 94%), MeCN (TFA free) / H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA: 2/98 – 50/50 in 20 min, detection at 580 nm, column, 4 × 250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min. C₂₅H₂₉N₂O₃P (436.1916).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 6.88 (s, 2H), 6.65 (d, J_{HP} = 543Hz, 1H, HP), 4.14 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H, HPC<u>H</u>), 3.30 (m, J = 4.6, 2.9 and 2.3 Hz, 8H, 2 × N(CH₂)₂), 3.03–2.61 (m, 8H, 4 × CH₂), 2.16 – 1.86 (m, 8H, CH₂) ppm.

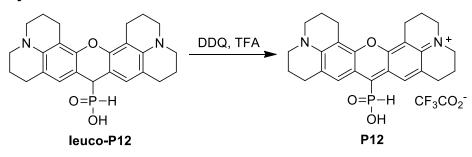
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD, gHSQC : only H-coupled carbons are resolved): δ 129.2 (CH), 43.7 (d, CHP), 53.0, 27.6, 22.6, 22.4, 22.0 (all CH₂) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -77.5 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 29.0 ppm.

MS (ESI): m/z (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 435.3 (100) [M-H]⁻, 871.5 [2M-H]⁻; m/z (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 437.2 (100) [M+H]⁺, 873.4 (8) [2M+H]⁺.

HR MS (ESI): m/z (positive mode) = 437.1987 (found for C₂₅H₃₀N₂O₃P, [M+H]⁺), 437.1994 (calc. for C₂₅H₃₀N₂O₃P); 459.1806 (found for C₂₅H₂₉N₂NaO₃P, [M+Na]⁺), 459.1813 (calc. for C₂₅H₂₉N₂NaO₃P, [M+Na]⁺).



A solution of **leuco-P12** (20.0 mg, 45.9 µmol) in MeCN and MeOH (1.2 and 0.4 mL) was flushed with argon, cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of DDQ (11 mg, 50 µmol) in MeCN (2 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes, evaporated *in vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in MeOH (~ 10 mL) and applied to a cartridge with regular SiO₂. Isolation with Biotage Isolera: cartridge Sepacore Silica HP, 25 g; gradient MeOH/CH₂Cl₂: 100/0 \rightarrow 95/5, then MeCN/H₂O 70:30 (+0.1v/v% of TFA in both components). The blue colored fractions were collected, acetonitrile was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was freeze-dried. The solid material was dissolved in aqueous 1,4-dioxane, and the solution was filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized to yield 12 mg (58%) of dark blue dye **P12** soluble in methanol; $R_f = 0.4$ on regular SiO₂, MeCN/H₂O 10:1 + 0.1 v/v% TFA in each component, red fluorescent spot. HPLC: $t_R = 14.5$ min (peak area 85%), eluent: MeCN / H₂O + 0.1 v/v% TFA in both components; gradient: 20 \rightarrow 100% MeCN in 15 min, detection at 254 nm, column, 4 × 250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.29 (d, J_{HP} = 544 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 2H, CH), 3.52 (m, 8H, N(CH₂)₂), 2.95 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 2.67 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 2.13–1.95 (m, 8H) ppm.

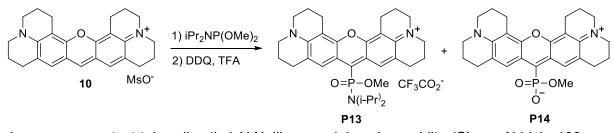
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -77.2 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 3.3 ppm.

MS (ESI): m/z (negative mode, %) = 914.6 (100) [2M + HCOOH]⁻; 1349.6 (53) [3M + HCOOH]⁻; m/z (positive mode, %) = 435.3 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 435.1832 (found), 435,1838 (calculated for C₂₅H₂₈N₂O₃P as [M+H]⁺); 457.1655 (found), 457,1657 (calculated for C₂₅H₂₇N₂NaO₃P, [M+Na]⁺).

Dyes P13 and P14



In a screw-cap test tube, dimethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphoramidite (Sigma-Aldrich; 100 mg, 0.52 mmol) was added to a suspension of **10** (55 mg; 0.13 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL) at rt under Ar. The reaction mixture was warmed up to 60 °C and stirred for 2.5 h at this temperature. After cooling down to 0 °C, DDQ (116 mg, 0.52 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for additional 10 min at 0 °C. After warming up to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with MeCN (10 ml) and directly subjected to column chromatography on regular SiO₂ (100 g; MeCN \rightarrow MeCN/H₂O 20:1 + 0.1 v/v% of TFA). Fractions containing the dye were evaporated to dryness, dissolved in water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×). Combined organic solutions were dried with Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to yield 40 mg of a dark blue solid. HPLC analysis (B/A = 50/50-100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, 1.2 mL/min, detection at 254 nm) showed the presence of two colored substances: **P13** with *t*_R = 10.7 min (area 58%) and **P14** with *t*_R = 18.3 min (area 42%). This mixture was subjected to reverse-phase column chromatography (30 g of RP-SiO₂, MeCN/H₂O 2:1 + 0.1% v/v TFA \rightarrow MeCN + 0.1% TFA \rightarrow MeOH) to yield 8 mg (10%) of **P13** and 7 mg (12%) of **P14**.

Dye P13:

MS (ESI): m/z (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 548 (100) [M]⁺. HR-MS (C₃₂H₄₃N₃O₃P⁺): m/z (positive mode) = 548.3046 (found M⁺), 548.3037 (calc.).

Dye P14:

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.94–2.02 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 2.03–2.11 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 2.84–2.90 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 2.91–2.98 (m, 4H, 2×CH₂), 3.43–3.52 (m, 8H, 4×CH₂), 3.59 (d, $J_{\text{H-P}}$ = 11.5 Hz, 3H, OMe), 8.95 (s, 2H_{ar}) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 5.0 ppm.

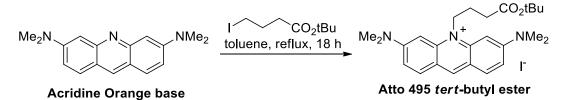
HR-MS ($C_{26}H_{29}N_2O_4P$): m/z (positive mode) = 465.1935 (found [M+H]⁺), 465.1938 (calc.).

Acridine derivatives (A1, A2)

<u>Dye A1</u>

Atto 495 tert-butyl ester

10-(4-tert-butoxy-4-oxobutyl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)acridinium iodide



A suspension of Acridine Orange base (Sigma-Aldrich, 265 mg, 1.0 mmol) and *tert*-butyl 4iodobutyrate^[8] in toluene (15 mL) was refluxed for 18 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (40 g of SiO₂, gradient 5% to 10% EtOH/CH₂Cl₂), eluting the fluorescent band. The eluate was evaporated and the product was isolated by reversed-phase column chromatography (30 g RP-C₁₈, gradient 50% to 20% H₂O/MeCN + 1 v/v% TFA). The fractions containing the product were pooled, and the residue was lyophilized from H₂O/MeCN (2:1). Orange solid, yield 165 mg (31%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) : δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dt, *J* = 9.3, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (br.s, 2H), 4.59 – 4.51 (m, 2H), 3.29 (s, 12H), 2.64 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (dq, *J* = 11.8, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (s, 9H) ppm.

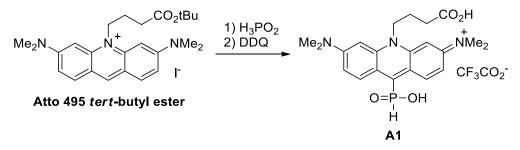
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 174.4, 157.5, 144.1, 144.0, 134.2, 118.3, 115.4, 93.7, 82.2, 48.1, 41.0, 31.9, 28.5, 21.4 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 408.3 (100) [M]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{25}H_{34}N_3O_2$): m/z (positive mode) = 408.2643 (found [M]⁺), 408.2646 (calc.).

Dye A1

10-(3-carboxypropyl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9-(hydroxyhydrophosphoryl)acridin-10-ium trifluoroacetate



A suspension of **Atto 495** *tert*-butyl ester (165 mg, 0.31 mmol) in 50% aq. H_3PO_2 (2 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 4 days. The resulting solution was cooled down to rt and transferred directly on top of a reversed-phase column (15 g RP-C₁₈). The excess of H_3PO_2 was removed first by elution with water; then 50% to 30% $H_2O/MeCN$ gradient was applied. Fractions containing the leuco dye were pooled, MeCN was evaporated and the residue was lyophilized, giving 100 mg of the leuco dye as a red solid. MS (ESI): *m/z* (negative mode, rel. int., %) = 416.2 (100) [M–H]⁻.

The leuco acid was dissolved in a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) and MeOH (3 mL), the solution was cooled in dry ice-acetone bath, and DDQ (54 mg; 0.24 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The resulting bright-pink suspension was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 15 min. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, gradient 20% to 50% MeCN in water, then 50% H₂O/MeCN + 1 v/v% TFA); the fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated. Further purification was done by reversed-phase column chromatography (15 g RP-C₁₈, gradient 10% to 40% MeCN in 5 v/v% 0.1 M Et₃NH⁺ HCO₃⁻ in H₂O). Pure fractions containing the product were evaporated to dryness, the residue was dissolved in acetic acid (~50 mL), centrifuged, the supernatant was filtered through 0.2 μ M PTFE membrane filter and freeze-dried. The impure fractions were re-chromatographed and treated again as described, giving the combined yield of 100 mg (61% over 2 steps) as a red solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, acetic acid- d_4): δ 9.02 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 8.57 (d, J = 568 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 9.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 4.72 – 4.54 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 12H), 2.80 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (td, J = 11.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR not available due to low solubility of the compound.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, acetic acid- d_4): δ 5.8.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, acetic acid-*d*₄): δ -76.7.

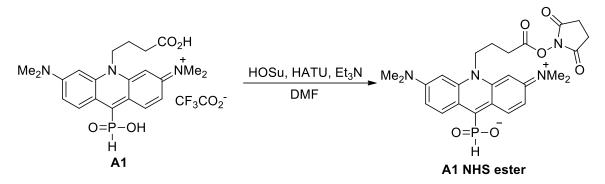
MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 416.2 (100) [M]⁺, 438.2 (48) [M–H+Na]⁺, 454.1 (34) [M–H+K]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{21}H_{27}N_3O_4P$): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 416.1732 (found [M]⁺), 416.1734 (calc.).

Dye A1 NHS ester

[10-(3-carboxypropyl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)acridinium-9-yl]phosphinate

N-hydroxysuccinimide ester

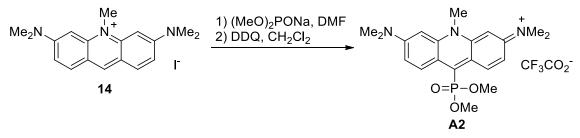


Triethylamine (20 µL, ~140 µmol), *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (50 µL of a 1.13 M stock solution in DMF, 57 µmol) and HATU (50 µL of a 0.76 M stock solution in DMF, 38 µmol) were added to a suspension of **A1** (2.0 mg, 3.8 µmol) in DMF (0.1 mL). A clear bright-pink solution was formed and stirred at rt for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated to dryness at rt in vacuo, and the product was isolated from the residue by column chromatography (15 g of SiO₂, gradient 10% to 25% H₂O/MeCN in 5% increments). The fractions containing the product were pooled, evaporated at rt; the residue was dissolved in dioxane (with minimal amount of water added to dissolve the solids), and centrifuged off the silica dust. The supernatant was filtered through 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Yield 1.2 mg (62%), HPLC area 87%; red solid. HPLC: t_R = 9.0 min (87%), B/A = 30/70–100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, flow 1.2 mL/min, detection at 254 nm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 513.2 (100) [M+H]⁺, 535.2 (51) [M+Na]⁺.

Dye A2

9-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-10-methylacridinium trifluoroacetate



To a stirred suspension of NaH (33 mg of 60 wt.% in mineral oil, 0.83 mmol) in dry DMF (1.0 mL), cooled in an ice-water bath, dimethyl phosphite (78 μ L, 0.83 mmol) was added in one portion. The resulting suspension was warmed up to rt and stirred for 30 min, turning into a clear solution. A suspension of 3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-10-methylacridinium iodide^[9] **14** (Methylacridine Orange; 100 mg, 0.25 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added, and the resulting clear orange-brown solution was stirred at rt for 1 h and at 100 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated *in vacuo* to dryness (bath temperature 60 °C) and re-evaporated with acetone. The intermediate leuco dye was isolated by column chromatography (15 g of SiO₂, gradient 0% to 5% MeOH in EtOAc) and used directly in the next step.

The material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), the solution was cooled in a bath with acetone and dry ice, and then a solution of DDQ (30 mg; 0.13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The resulting bright red-purple mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 15 min. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (15 g of SiO₂, gradient 0% to 5% H₂O/MeCN, then 5% to 10% H₂O/MeCN + 0.5 v/v% TFA); the fractions containing the product were pooled, evaporated and re-purified by column chromatography (18 g of SiO₂, 5% H₂O/MeCN + 0.2 v/v% TFA). The residue after evaporation was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (with addition of minimal amount of water to dissolve the solids), centrifuged, the supernatant was filtered through 0.2 μ M PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Purple solid, yield 65 mg (52%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 8.94 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.34 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 156.2 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 145.0 (dd, J = 14.0, 2.9 Hz), 137.3 (d, J = 173 Hz), 132.4 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 120.2 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.2 Hz), 116.5, 94.3, 68.1, 54.1 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 40.7, 38.3.

³¹P NMR (122 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 16.45.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -72.94.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 388.2 (100) [M]⁺.

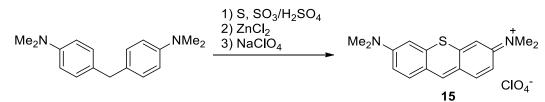
HRMS (C₂₀H₂₇N₃O₃P): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 388.1785 (found [M]⁺), 388.1785 (calc.).

Thiopyronin derivatives (SP1, SP2)

Dye SP1

Compound 15

3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-thioxanthenylium perchlorate



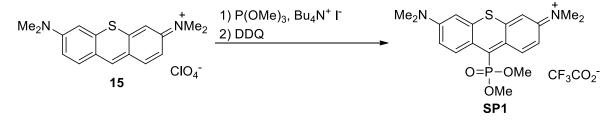
Powdered sulfur (10 g, 0.31 mol) was added in portions over 15 min to 30% SO₃ - H₂SO₄ (25 mL), the brown-yellow suspension was cooled in an ice-water bath and 4,4'bis(dimethylamino)diphenylmethane (9.5 g, 37 mmol) was added in portions at such a rate that the temperature of the reaction mixture remained below 20 °C (over ~10 min). The yellow suspension was stirred at rt for 1.5 h. The mixture was then poured on ice (~250 mL), the dark purple mixture was allowed to warm up to rt, transferred into a 500 mL round-bottom flask and refluxed for 1 h. The resulting suspension was cooled down to rt, filtered through a layer of Celite, a solution of ZnCl₂ (80 g in 150 mL water) was added and the mixture was left at 4 °C overnight. А dark red oil. containing the 3.6crystals of bis(dimethylamino)thioxanthylium trichlorozincate,^[10] separated. The colorless supernatant was decanted off, the residue was dissolved in boiling water (150 mL) and NaClO₄ solution (5 g in 10 mL water) was added. The resulting suspension was allowed to cool down to rt and then left in ice-water bath to complete crystallization. The crystals of 15 were filtered off, washed with water, Et₂O/hexane (1:1) and Et₂O, dried *in vacuo*. Small brown crystals, yield 606 mg (4%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆ 1:5): δ 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (s, 12H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆ 1:5) δ 153.88, 148.72, 143.07, 137.39, 118.41, 115.43, 105.66, 40.33.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 283.1 (100) [M]⁺.

9-(dimethoxyphosphoryl)-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9H-thioxanthen-9-ylium trifluoroacetate



To a solution of **15** (100 mg, 0.262 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (96.7 mg, 0.26 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), trimethyl phosphite (93µL, 97 mg, 0.79 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h, turning light brown. TLC (100% EtOAc) displayed full conversion to the product with $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.22; greenish colored spot gradually appeared on a TLC plate (air, UV light). The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) and evaporated on Celite. The leuco dye was isolated by flash chromatography (cartridge RediSep Rf 24 g of SiO₂, gradient EtOAc/hexane, $20:80 \rightarrow 100:0$) giving 102 mg (99%) of the leuco-dye as a colorless oil which gradually solidifies. The entire amount (102 mg, 0.26 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), the solution was cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath (-70°C), and a solution of DDQ (89 mg, 0.39 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added quickly dropwise. Upon stirring for 15 min at -70°C, the solution became dark green. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm-up to room temperature and stirred for 15 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), evaporated to dryness on Celite and subjected to flash chromatography (Interchim PuriFlash, 25 g of 15 µm SiO₂, gradient: MeCN/H₂O + 0.1 v/v% of TFA, 100% of MeCN \rightarrow 90% of MeCN). The fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane, filtered through a 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Yield 130 mg (99%) of SP1 dye as a dark green TFA salt well soluble in MeCN. TLC on regular SiO₂, MeCN/H₂O 10:1 + 0.1 v/v% TFA in each component, $R_f = 0.23$. HPLC: $t_R = 12.2$ min (peak area 98%), MeCN/H₂O + 0.1% v/v TFA in both components: 20/80 - 80/20% MeCN in 20 min, detection at 580 nm, column 4×250 mm, flow rate 1.2 mL/min.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 9.02 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.3 –7.1 (m, 4H), 3.86 (dt, *J* = 11.6 and 2.1 Hz, 6H, OMe), 3.28 (s, 12H, NMe₂) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 153.8 (s), 144.8 (d, J = 20 Hz), 136.9 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 122.1 (d, J = 11 Hz), 116.9 (s), 106.8 (s), 54.2 (d, J = 6 Hz), 41.1 ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃CN): δ -76.6 ppm.

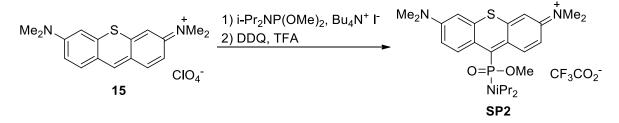
³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 16.53 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 391.1 (100) [M]⁺.

HR-MS (ESI, positive mode): 391.1247 (found), 391.1240 (calculated for $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_3PS^+$ as [M]⁺).

Dye SP2

9-[(diisopropylamino)(methoxy)phosphoryl]-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-9*H*-thioxanthen-9-ylium trifluoroacetate



Dimethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphoramidite (Sigma-Aldrich, 181 µL; 0.786 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of **15** (100 mg, 0.262 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (97 mg, 0.262 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The reaction mixture, which quickly turned into a lightbrown clear solution, was stirred at rt for 30 min. After evaporation to dryness, the leuco dye was isolated by column chromatography (18 g SiO₂, gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc/hexane) and used directly in the next step. The material was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), the solution was cooled in a dry ice-acetone bath, and DDQ (59 mg, 0.26 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The resulting turquoise-blue solution was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 15 min. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (20 g of SiO₂, gradient 0% to 5% H₂O/MeCN, then 5% H₂O/MeCN + 0.5 v/v% TFA); the fractions containing the product were pooled and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (with addition of minimal amount of water to dissolve solids), centrifuged, the supernatant was filtered through 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Blue solid, yield 145 mg (97%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 9.14 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 3.69 - 3.61 (m, 2H), 3.56 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 3H), 3.27 (s, 12H), 1.32 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 6H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 153.8, 137.1, 116.5, 106.7, 48.33, 48.27, 41.1, 40.3, 23.10, 23.07, 22.76, 22.74.

³¹P NMR (122 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 23.32.

¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -76.11.

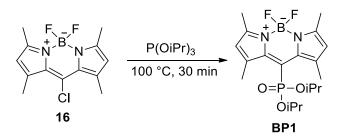
MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 460.2 (100) [M]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{24}H_{35}N_3O_2PS$): m/z (positive mode) = 460.2184 (found [M]⁺), 460.2182 (calc.).

BODIPY derivative BP1

Dye BP1

10-(diisopropoxyphosphoryl)-5,5-difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-5*H*-dipyrrolo[1,2-*c*:2',1'*f*][1,3,2]diazaborinin-4-ium-5-uide



A solution of 10-chloro-5,5-difluoro-1,3,7,9-tetramethyl-5*H*-dipyrrolo[1,2-*c*:2',1'*f*][1,3,2]diazaborinin-4-ium-5-uide^[11] **16** (20 mg, 0.07 mmol) in triisopropyl phosphite (0.5 mL) was stirred under argon at 100 °C for 30 min. After cooling down to r.t., the violet reaction mixture was diluted with *n*-hexane (~5 mL) and subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, hexane/EtOAc 1:1) to yield 28 mg (96%) of **BP1** as violet solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.26 (d, J_{H-H} = 6.2 Hz, 6H, *i*Pr), 1.39 (d, J_{H-H} = 6.2 Hz, 6H, *i*Pr), 2.45 (s, 6H, 2Me), 2.49 (s, 6H, 2Me), 4.84 (d.hept, 2H, J_{H-P} = 12.4 Hz, J_{H-H} = 6.2 Hz, 2×CHO), 6.08 (s, 2H_a) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.6, 144.5, 137.1 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 129.6 (d, J = 182.3 Hz), 123.5 (br.d, J = 2.6 Hz), 72.8 (d, J = 6.7 Hz), 24.0 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 23.6 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 16.6, 15.2 (app.td, J = 3.2, 1.2 Hz).

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.8 ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -146.6 (app.q 1:1:1:1, ¹*J*_{"B-F} = 32.2 Hz).

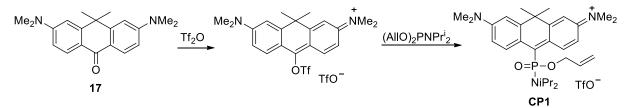
MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 413.2 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HR-MS (C₁₉H₂₈BF₂N₂O₃P): m/z (positive mode) = 413.1979 (found [M+H]⁺), 413.1975 (calc.).

Carbopyronin derivative CP1

Dye CP1

9-[(allyloxy)(diisopropylamino)phosphoryl]-3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-10,10-dimethyl-9,10dihydroanthracenylium trifluoromethanesulfonate



In a Schlenk flask, to a solution of 3,6-bis(dimethylamino)-10,10-dimethylanthrone^[12] **17** (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) triflic anhydride (46 mg, 0.16 mmol) was injected under argon. The blue colored reaction mixture stirred for 10 min at r.t., and then diallyl *N,N*-diisopropylphosphoramidite (40 mg, 0.16 mmol) was injected. After stirring overnight at r.t., the reaction mixture was diluted with MeCN (~5 mL) and subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, MeCN \rightarrow MeCN/H₂O, 20:1 \rightarrow 10:1 \rightarrow 5:1 \rightarrow 2:1). The green-colored fractions were collected, combined and evaporated. After additional RP chromatography (20 g of RP-SiO₂, MeCN/H₂O 1:1 \rightarrow 5:1 + 0.1% TFA), 18 mg (21%) of **CP1** as a dark green solid were obtained; purity ~85% (NMR). HPLC: *t*_R = 15.7 min (peak area 96%), B/A = 30/70-100/0 in 25 min, column 4×250 mm, 1.2 mL/min, detection at 635 nm.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.28 (d, J_{H-H} = 6.7 Hz, 6H, diasteriotopic CH(C<u>H</u>₃)₂), 1.33 (d, J_{H-H} = 6.8 Hz, 6H, diasteriotopic CH(C<u>H</u>₃)₂), 1.69 (s, 6H, 2×Me), 3.35 (s, 12H, 2×NMe₂), 3.47–3.58 (m, 2H, N*i*Pr₂), 4.27–4.37 (m, 1H, C<u>H</u>^AH^BO), 4.52–4.61 (m, 1H, CH^A<u>H</u>^BO), 5.09–5.14 (m, J_{H-H} = 10.3 and 1.1 Hz, 1H, CH₂=), 5.19–5.26 (m, J_{H-H} = 17.1 and 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂=), 5.75–5.86 (m, 1H, CH=), 6.75 (t, J_{H-H} = 9.8 Hz, J_{H-P} = 2.5 Hz, 2H_{ar}), 7.11 (t, J_{H-H} = 2.5 Hz, 2H_{ar}), 8.84 (d, J_{H-H} = 9.8 Hz, 2H_{ar}) ppm.

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, APT): δ 19.1 (+), 22.6 (+, d, J_{C-P} = 3.1 Hz), 22.8 (+, d, J_{C-P} = 2.7 Hz), 41.2 (+), 47.7 (+, d, J_{C-P} = 6.0 Hz), 67.5 (-, d, J_{C-P} = 5.3 Hz), 111.2 (+), 112.6 (+), 119.1 (-), 124.1 (-, d, J_{C-P} = 8.5 Hz), 129.7 (+), 132.5 (+, d, J_{C-P} = 6.7 Hz), 138.6 (d, +, J_{C-P} = 4.2 Hz), 155.7 (-), 156.9 (-, d, J_{C-P} = 12.1 Hz) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* 22.3 ppm.

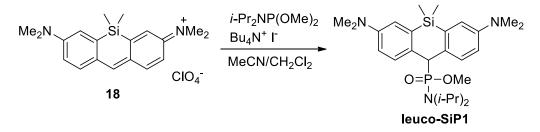
MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 496.4 (100) [M]⁺.

Si-pyronin derivative SiP1

Dye SiP1

leuco-SiP1

methyl *P*-[3,7-bis(dimethylamino)-5,5-dimethyl-5,10-dihydrodibenzo[*b*,*e*]silin-10-yl]-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphonamidate



Dimethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphoramidite (84 μ L, 0.37 mmol) was added to a solution of 3,7bis(dimethylamino)-5,5-dimethyl-5,10-dihydrodibenzo[*b*,*e*]silinylium perchlorate^[13] **18** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (45 mg, 0.12 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) and DCM (2 mL), and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 20 min. The clear colorless solution was evaporated to dryness and the product was isolated by column chromatography (25 g of SiO₂, gradient 33% to 50% EtOAc in hexane). The fractions containing the product were pooled, evaporated and dried *in vacuo* to yield 55 mg (92%) of **leuco-SiP1** as a viscous colorless oil.

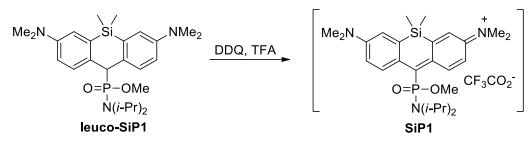
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 8.6, 3.7, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 16.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (dddd, *J* = 11.4, 8.5, 3.0, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 24.2 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dp, *J* = 17.6, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 3H), 2.92 (s, 6H), 2.90 (s, 6H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.61 (s, 3H), 0.37 (s, 3H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 150.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 149.8 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 138.3 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 137.8 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 132.5 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 132.1 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 118.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 118.1 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 114.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 113.8 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 52.1 (d, J = 120.9 Hz), 51.2 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 46.7 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 41.0 (d, J = 1.1 Hz), 24.2, 22.6 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 0.2 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), -0.1 (d, J = 4.2 Hz) ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 31.20 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 488.3 (100) [M+H]⁺.

HRMS (C₂₆H₄₂N₃O₂PSi): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 488.2860 (found [M+H]⁺), 488.2857 (calc.).



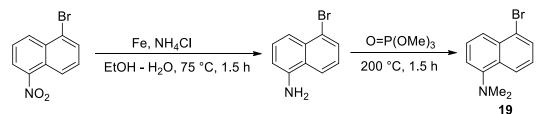
Oxidation of **leuco-SiP1** (DDQ in CH₂Cl₂) as follows led to formation of an unstable silaxanthylium dye **SiP1** which easily hydrolyzes to the starting **18**. 22 mg (0.045 mmol) of the leuco dye was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. A solution of DDQ (10 mg, 0.044 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was then added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and subjected to column chromatography (30 g of SiO₂, MeCN \rightarrow MeCN + 0.1% TFA \rightarrow MeCN /H₂O 40:1 + 0.1% of TFA), the green-colored fractions were pooled and evaporated to provide the hydrolytically unstable material used for recording the absorption and fluorescence emission spectra.

Benzanthrilium derivative BA1

Dye BA1

Compound 19

1-bromo-5-(dimethylamino)naphthalene



To a suspension of 1-bromo-5-nitronaphthalene (Apollo Scientific; 2.0 g, 7.9 mmol) in ethanol (50 mL), a solution of NH₄Cl (2.2 g, 41 mmol) in water (20 mL) was added, followed by iron powder (1.33 g, 23.8 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at 75 °C (bath temperature). Celite (3 g) was added, and the mixture was allowed to cool down to rt, diluted with DCM (100 mL), filtered through a plug of Celite, washing with DCM (150 mL). The filtrate was washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. Upon evaporation of the filtrate, the crude material was redissolved in DCM (20 mL), applied onto a column with 80 g SiO₂, and ran with 20% to 80% EtOAc/hexane gradient. The fractions containing the product were evaporated to viscous light brown oil that quickly crystallized. Yield of 5-bromo-1-aminonaphthalene^[14] 1.48 g (84%).

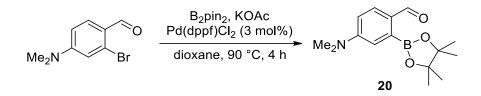
5-Bromo-1-aminonaphthalene (1.37 g, 6.17 mmol) was dissolved in trimethyl phosphate (760 μ L, 6.5 mmol) in a 50 mL round-bottom flask, equipped with an air condenser and a CaCl₂ drying tube, the apparatus was flushed with nitrogen, and the mixture was heated at 200 °C (bath temperature) for 1.5 h. The flask was then allowed to cool below 100 °C, 1 M ag. NaOH (20 mL) was added, the resulting suspension was sonicated briefly and stirred at rt overnight. The mixture was diluted with brine, extracted with DCM (3×50 mL), the combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄. The product was isolated by column chromatography (100 g of SiO₂, gradient 10% to 50% CH₂Cl₂ in hexane) to yield 1-bromo-5-(dimethylamino)naphthalene^[14] **19** as a light-orange viscous oil (1.29 g, 84%).

¹H NMR (301 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (s, 6H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.3, 133.4, 130.4, 130.1, 127.3, 125.4, 124.3, 123.3, 122.0, 115.0, 45.5.

Compound 20

4-(dimethylamino)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzaldehyde



1,4-Dioxane (25 mL) was added to the solid 2-bromo-4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde^[15] (684 mg, 3.0 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (840 mg, 3.3 mmol), KOAc (880 mg, 9.0 mmol) and Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (66 mg, 0.09 mmol), the mixture was deoxygenated on a Schlenk line and stirred under N₂ at 90 °C (bath temperature) for 4 h. Upon cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was filtered through a 1.5 cm pad of Celite washing with EtOAc (100 mL). The filtrate was evaporated; the residue was dissolved in DCM and applied onto a column with 30 g SiO₂. Elution with 10% to 50% EtOAc in hexane followed by recrystallized from DCM – hexane (with cooling in -78 °C bath) afforded 536 mg (65%) of the compound **13** as light-orange crystals.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (s, 6H), 1.39 (s, 12H).

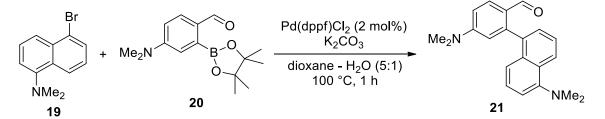
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 192.22, 192.20, 152.9, 130.8, 130.1, 117.3, 112.9, 84.3, 40.4, 25.1.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 244.1 (100), 298.2 (3) [M+Na]⁺.

HR-MS (C₁₅H₂₂NO₃B): *m*/*z* (positive mode) = 298.1578 (found [M+Na]⁺), 298.1588 (calc.).

Compound 21

4-(dimethylamino)-2-[5-(dimethylamino)naphthalen-1-yl]benzaldehyde



1,4-Dioxane (15 mL) and water (3 mL) were added to a mixture of **19** (414 mg, 1.65 mmol), **20** (500 mg, 1.82 mmol), K_2CO_3 (455 mg, 3.3 mmol) and Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (24 mg, 0.033 mmol). The mixture was deoxygenated on a Schlenk line and stirred under N₂ at 100 °C (bath temperature) for 1 h. Upon cooling down to rt, the mixture was diluted with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (50 mL), extracted with EtOAc (3×40 mL), washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The product was isolated by column chromatography (40 g of SiO₂, gradient 10% to 30% EtOAc/hexane) and dried *in vacuo* to yield the title compound (524 mg, 99%) as yellowish foam.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.39 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 6H), 2.96 (s, 6H).

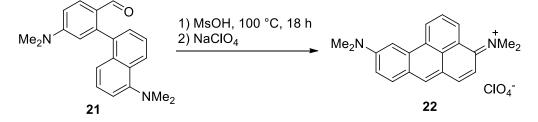
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.4, 153.5, 151.0, 147.2, 137.2, 134.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.5, 126.3, 124.4, 124.2, 124.1, 121.2, 114.2, 113.1, 111.0, 45.4, 40.1.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 319.2 (100) [M+H]⁺, 341.2 (29) [M+Na]⁺.

HR-MS ($C_{21}H_{22}N_2O$): m/z (positive mode) = 319.1810 (found [M+H]⁺), 319.1805 (calc.).

Compound 22

4,10-bis(dimethylamino)-7H-benzo[de]anthracenylium perchlorate



A solution of **21** (440 mg, 1.38 mmol) in methanesulfonic acid (1 mL) was heated at 100 °C (bath temperature) overnight. The viscous mixture was diluted with methanesulfonic acid (2 mL) and poured into 150 mL of ice-water mixture, containing 5 g NaClO₄. The resulting blue suspension was stirred until all ice melted; the dark solid was filtered off, washed with water and dried on filter. The crude solid was recrystallized from MeOH/DCM, adding hexane to complete precipitation, filtered off, washed with hexane and dried *in vacuo*. Small black crystals; yield 520 mg (94%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 9.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.27 (s, 6H).

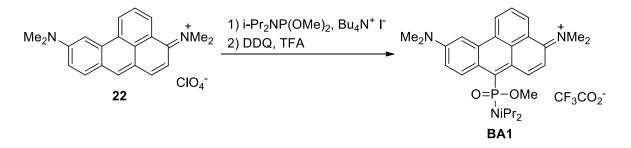
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 163.2, 153.0, 142.9, 141.6, 135.8, 133.7, 133.2, 131.2, 128.3, 126.2, 125.9, 122.3, 121.9, 120.4, 116.2, 115.5, 103.3, 46.3, 40.2.

MS (ESI): *m/z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 288.2 (100) [M–CH₃]⁺, 301.2 (1) [M]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{21}H_{21}N_2$): *m/z* (positive mode) = 301.1690 (found [M]⁺), 301.1699 (calc.).

Dye BA1

7-[(diisopropylamino)(methoxy)phosphoryl]-4,10-bis(dimethylamino)-7*H*-benzo[*de*]anthracen-7-ylium trifluoroacetate



Dimethyl *N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphoramidite (170 μ L, 0.75 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **22** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (92 mg; 0.25 mmol) in dry DCM (5 mL). The vial was flushed with argon and the blue suspension was stirred at rt for 30 min, turning into a clear brown solution. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the intermediate 7*H*-benz[*de*]anthracene adduct (**leuco-BA1**) was isolated by column chromatography (25 g of SiO₂, gradient 50% to 100% EtOAc in hexane). The compound was used immediately in the next step.

The material was dissolved in DCM (10 mL), the solution was cooled in dry ice-acetone bath, and DDQ (57 mg, 0.11 mmol) in DCM (3 mL) was added quickly dropwise. The resulting blue-green solution was allowed to warm up to rt, stirred for 15 min, and trifluoroacetic acid (100 µL) was added. The mixture was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was subjected to column chromatography (35 g of SiO₂, gradient 0% to 50% H₂O in MeCN); the fractions containing the product were pooled, trifluoroacetic acid (200 µL) was added, MeCN was evaporated (bath temperature ≤25 °C) and the aqueous solution was freeze-dried. The residue was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (with addition of minimal amount of water to dissolve the solids), filtered through 0.2 µM PTFE membrane filter and lyophilized. Blue solid, yield 88 mg (61%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 9.49 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 9.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 9.19 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 6H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 1.35 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 12H) ppm.

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 165.9, 153.6, 143.1 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 139.6, 138.1, 137.8 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 135.3, 133.4 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 132.5, 131.4 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 128.3, 127.9 (d, J = 13.7 Hz), 126.3 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 125.3 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 124.0 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 104.4 (d, J = 1.2 Hz), 52.9 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 48.7 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 46.7, 40.5, 23.2 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 22.8 (d, J = 2.8 Hz) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD): δ -77.3 ppm.

³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CD₃OD): δ 26.0 ppm.

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* (positive mode, rel. int., %) = 478.3 (100) [M]⁺.

HRMS ($C_{28}H_{37}N_3O_2P$): *m/z* (positive mode) = 478.2621 (found [M]⁺), 478.2618 (calc.).

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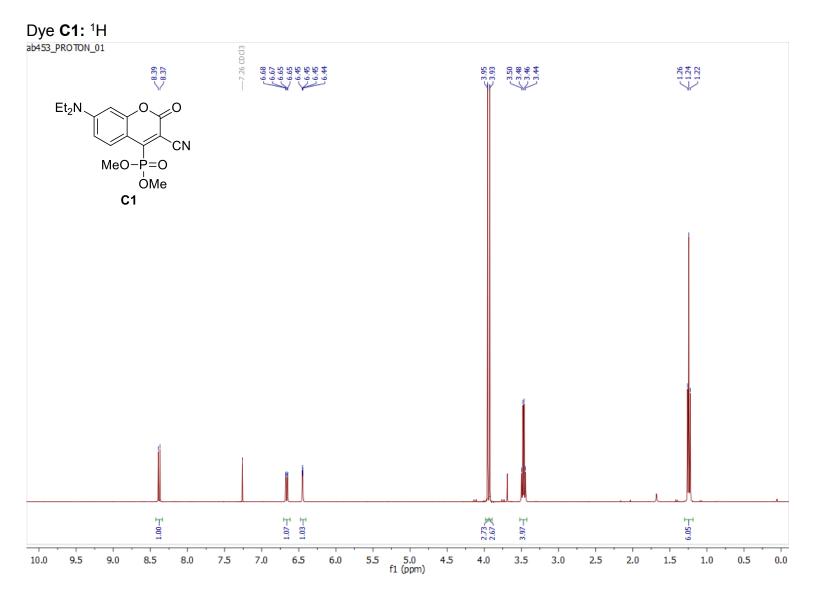
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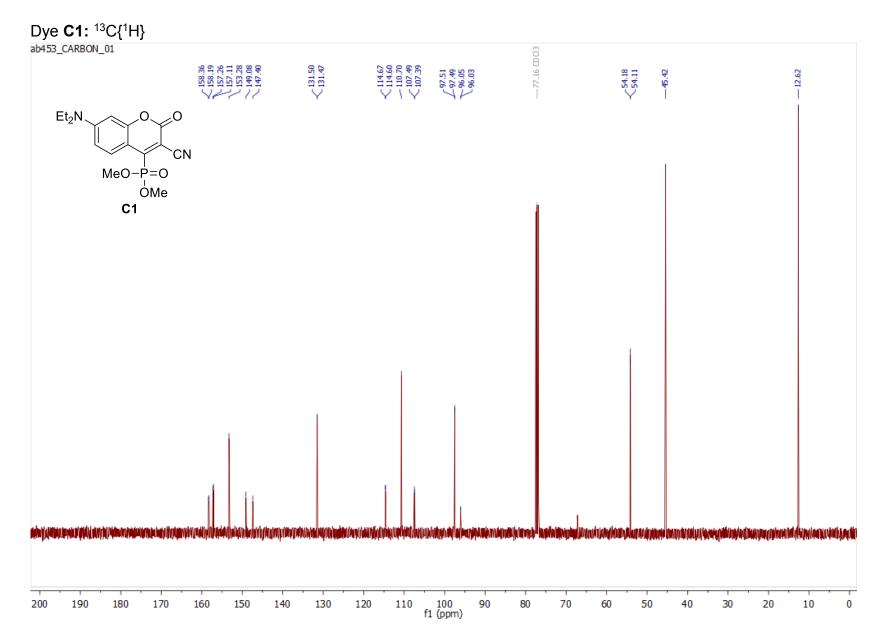
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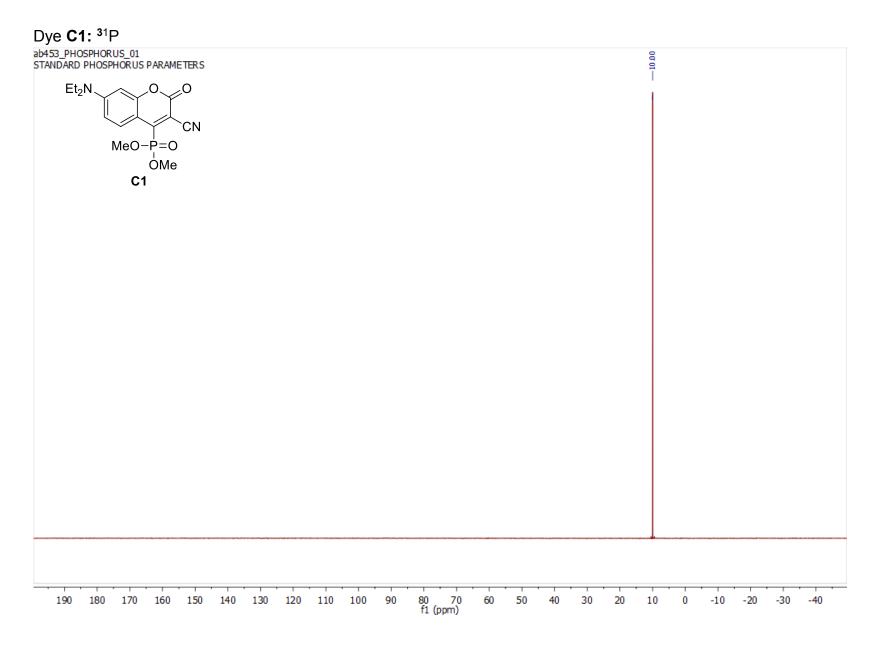
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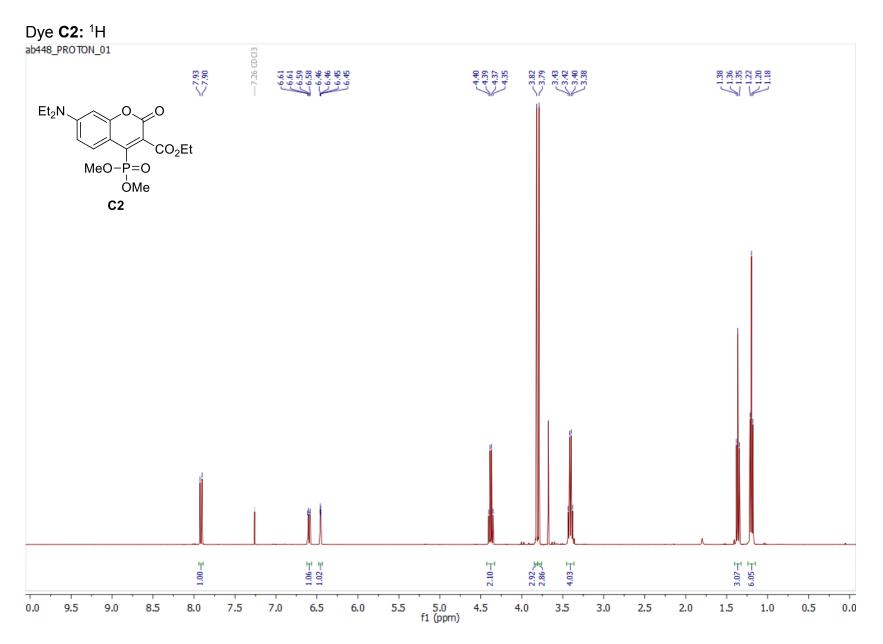
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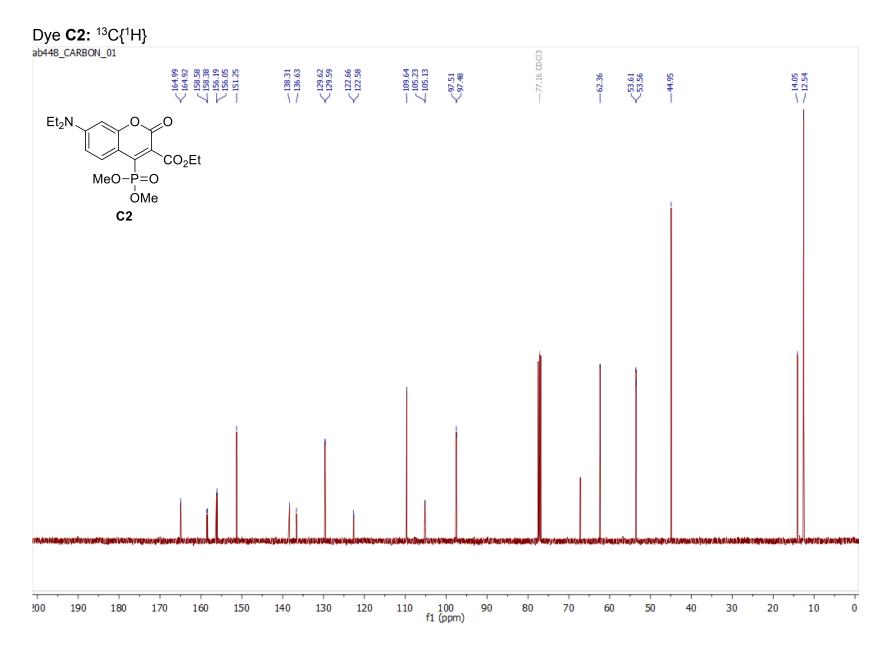
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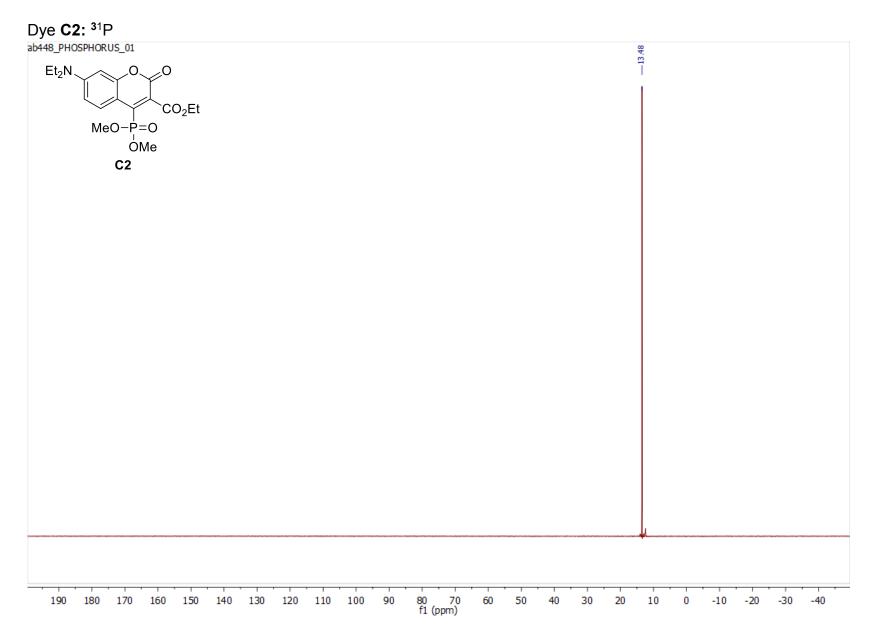
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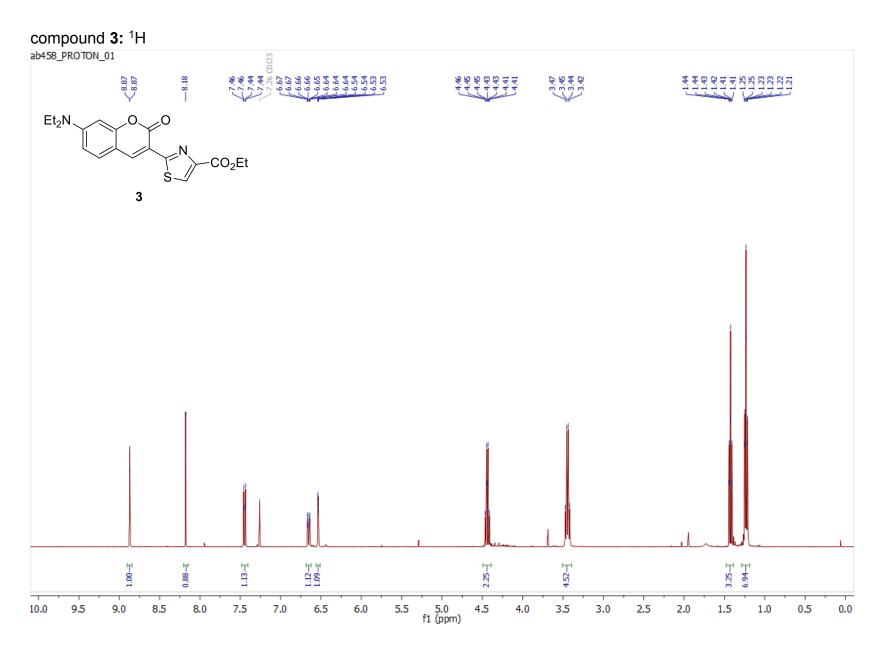


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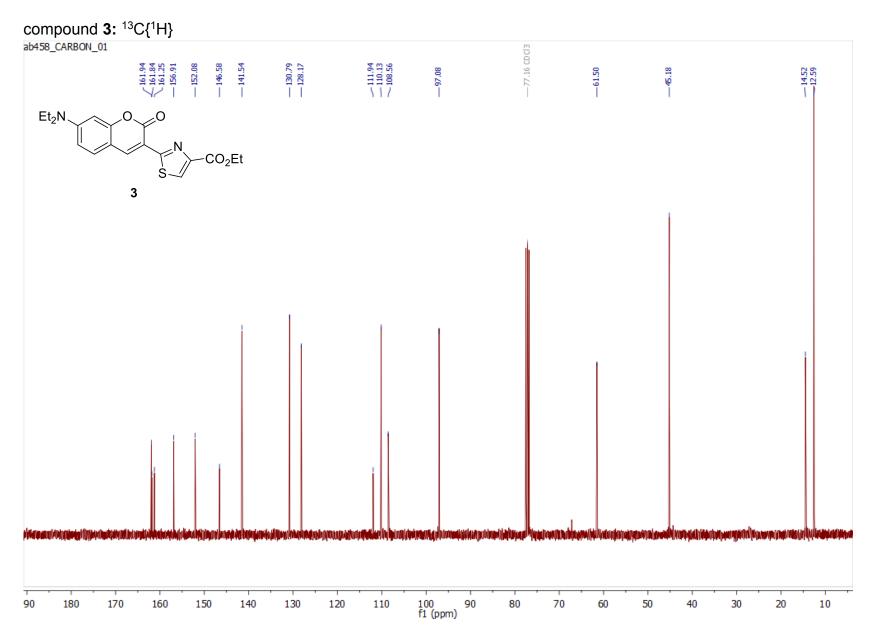


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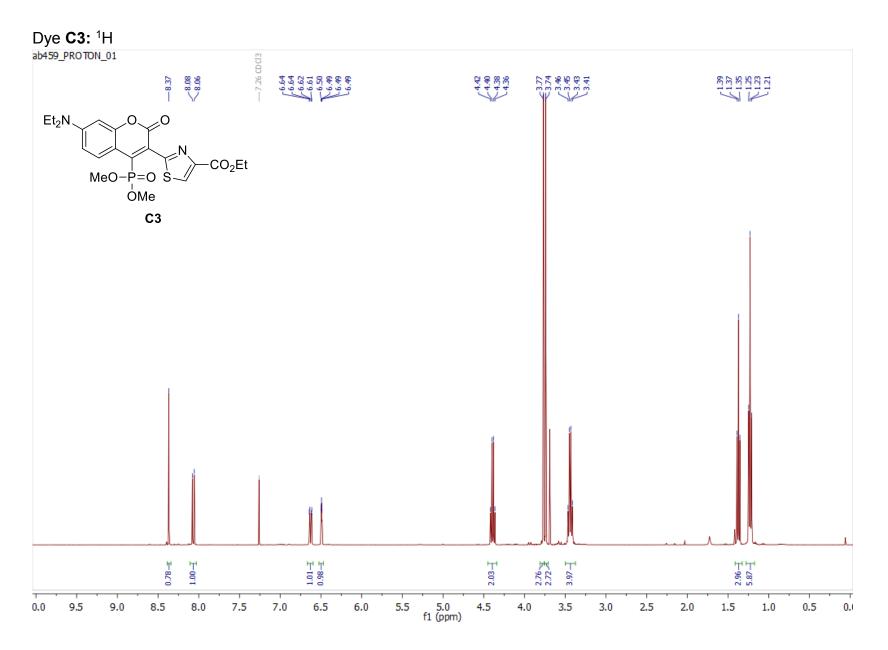


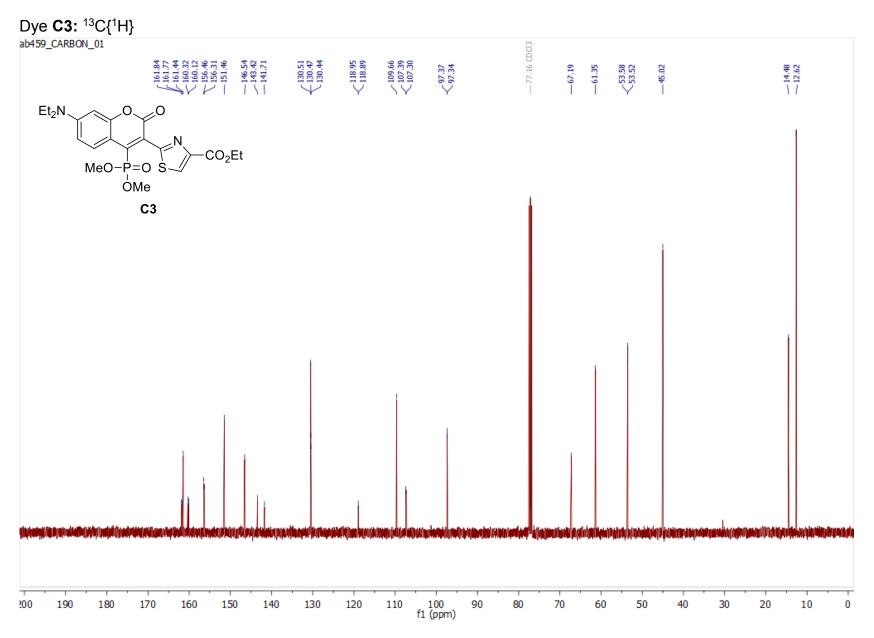


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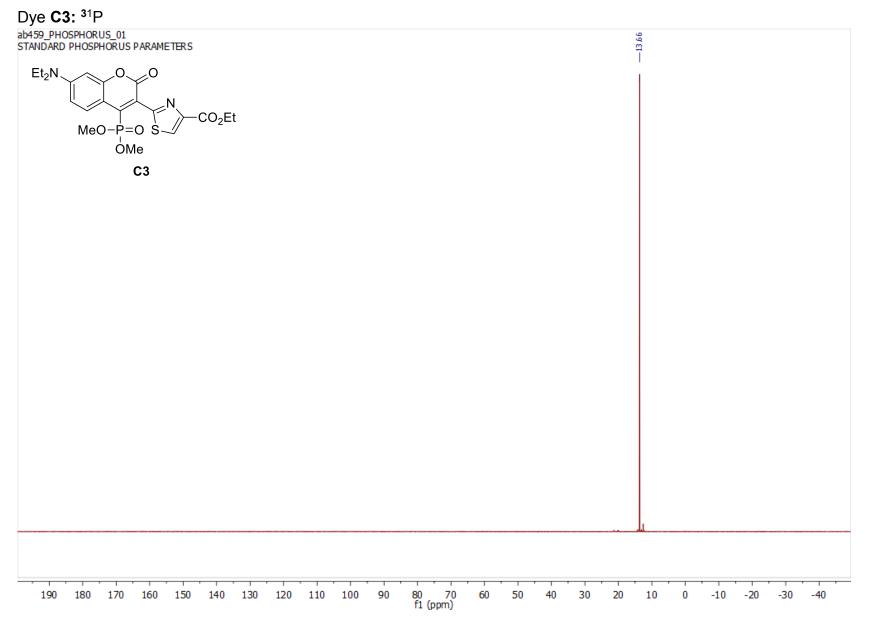


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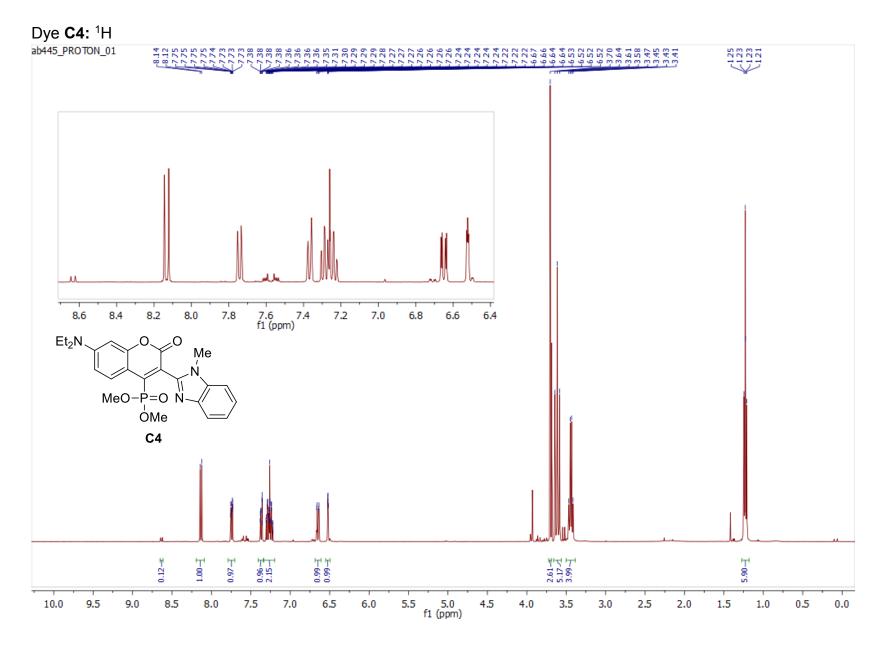




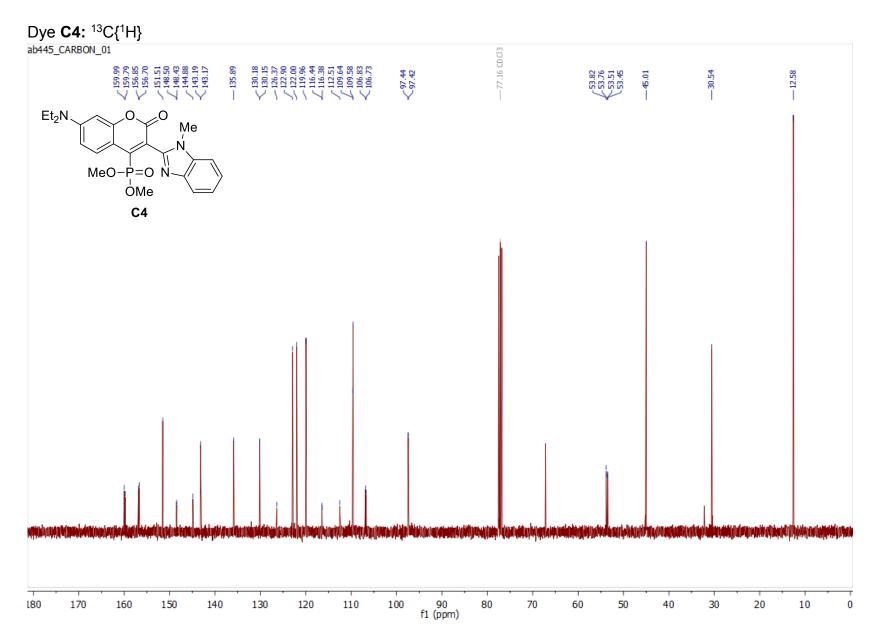
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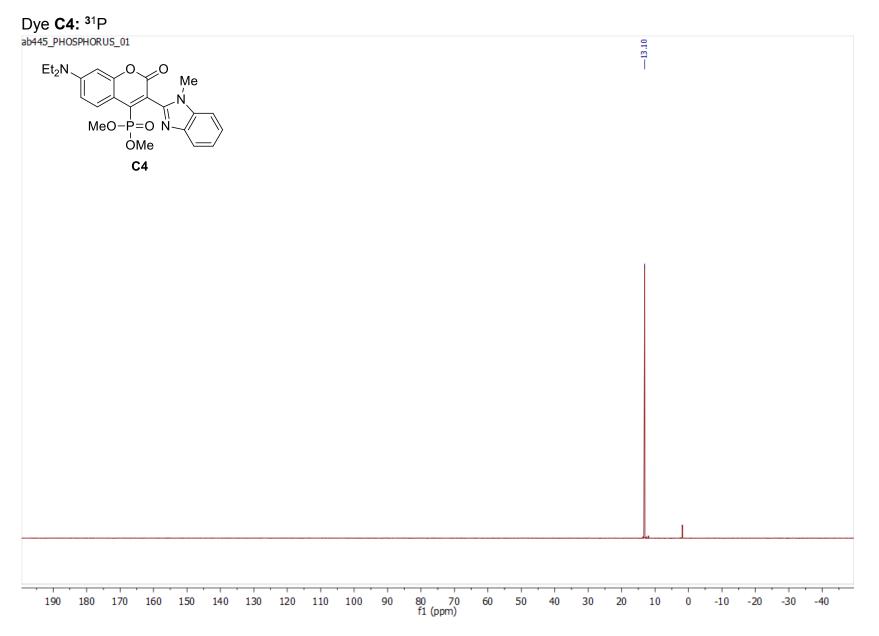
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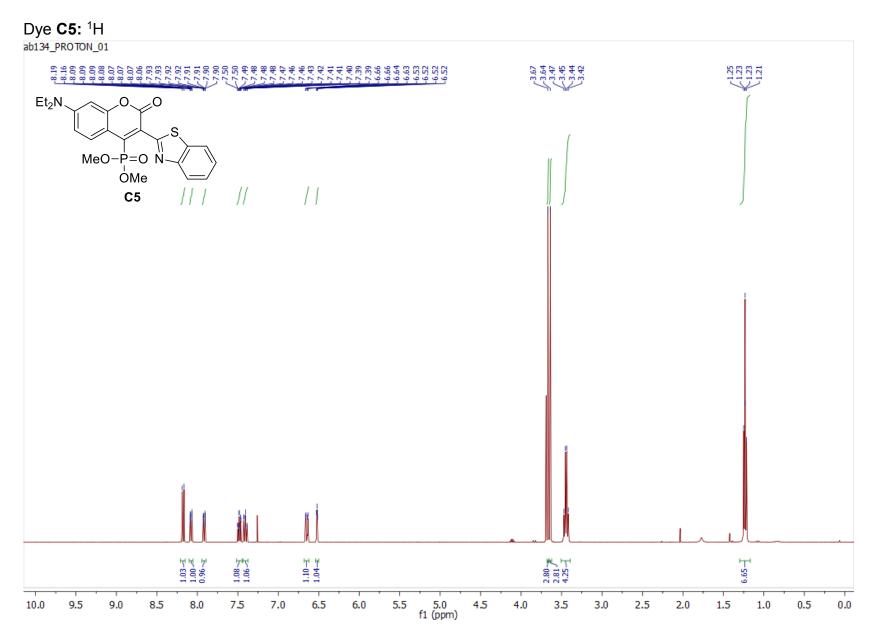
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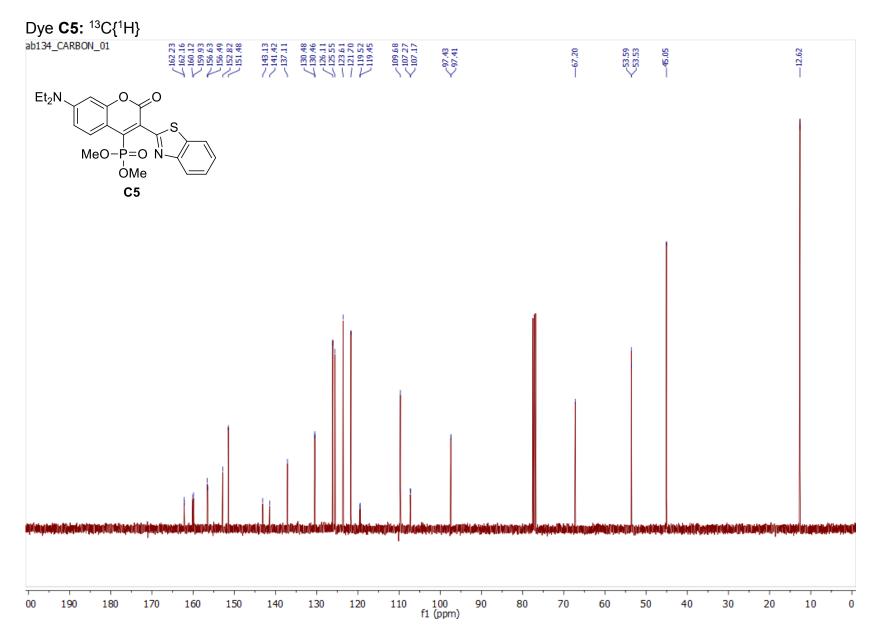
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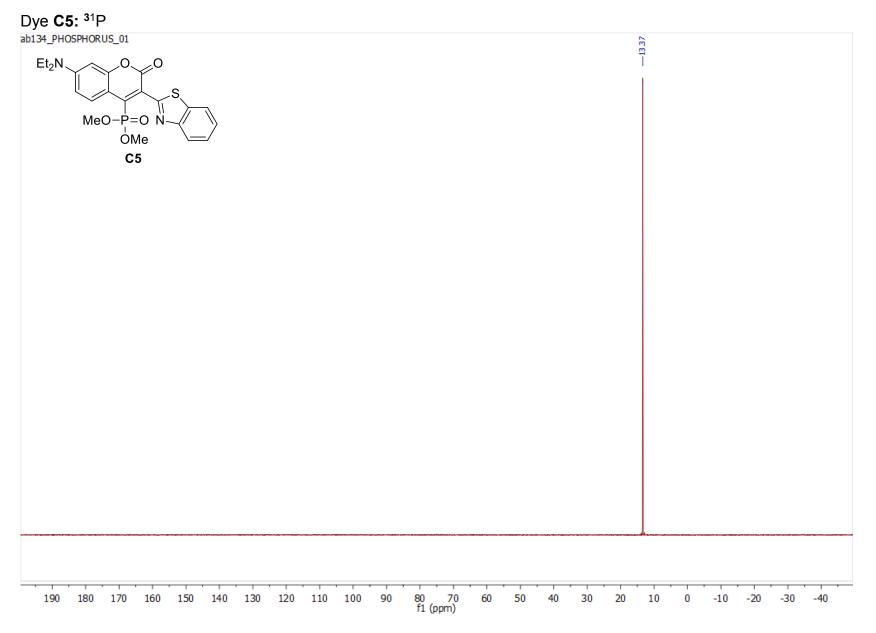
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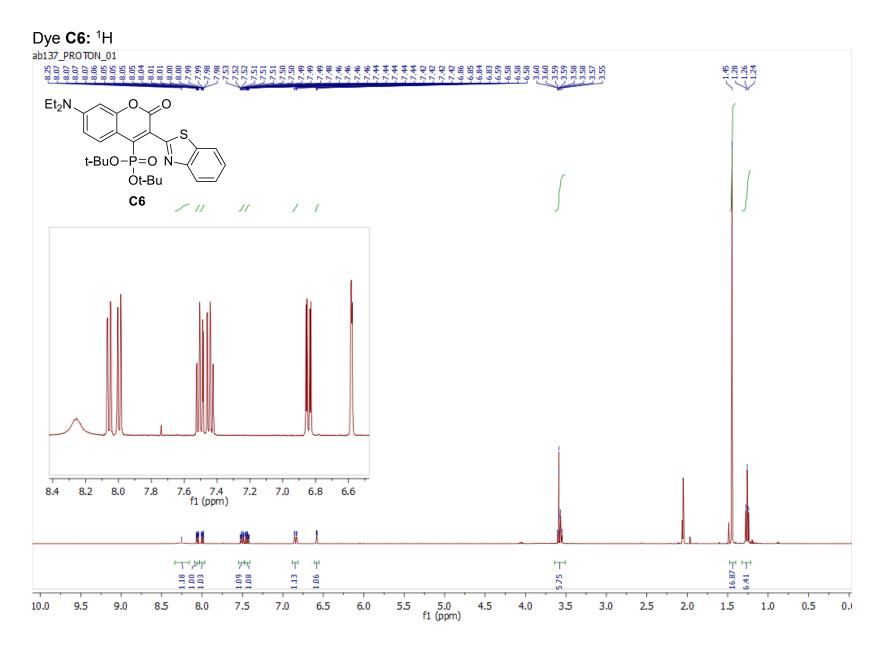
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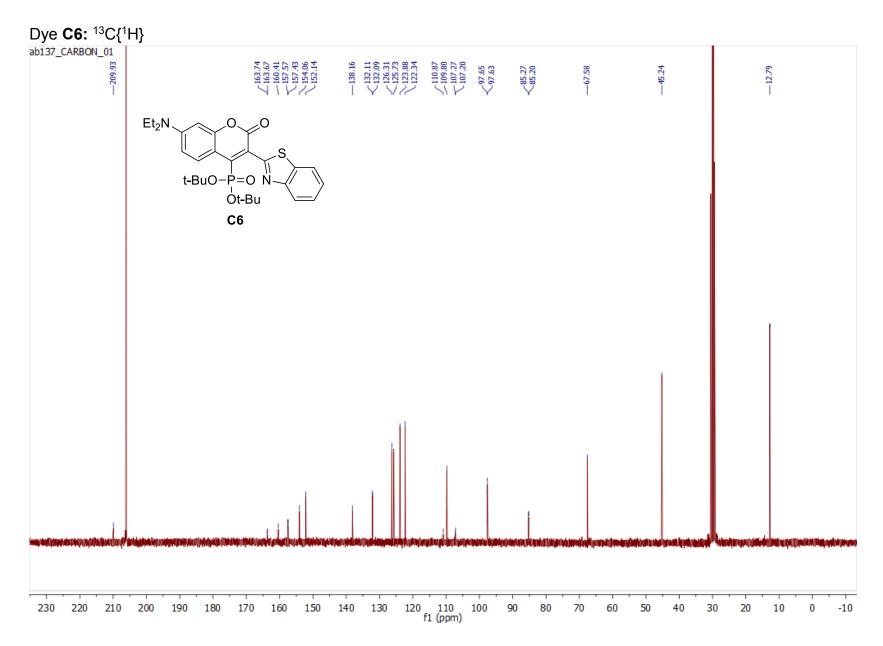
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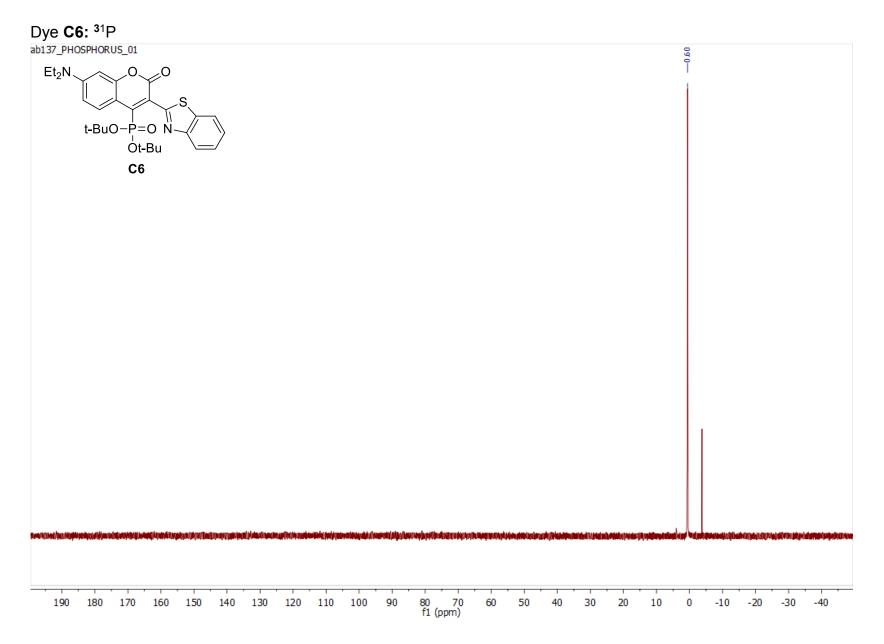
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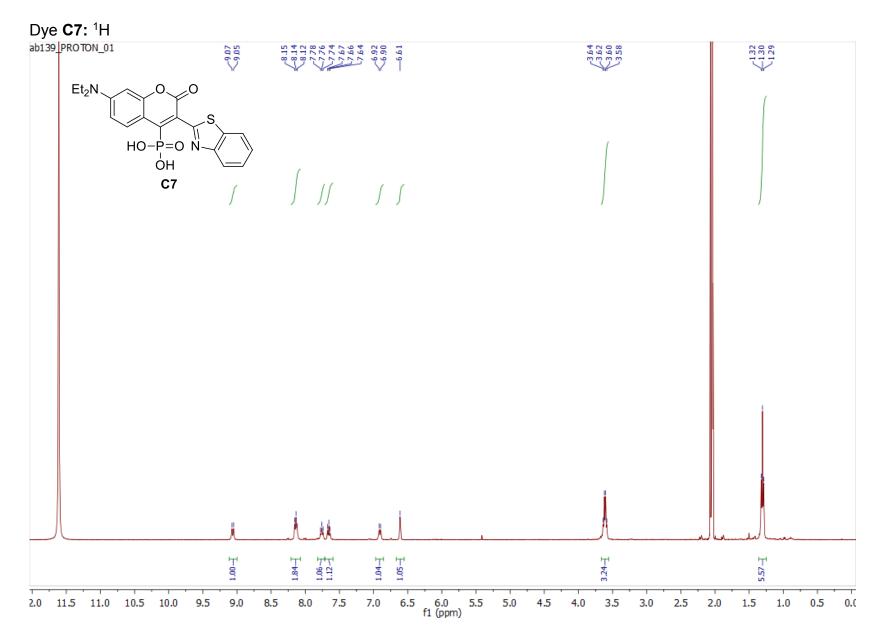
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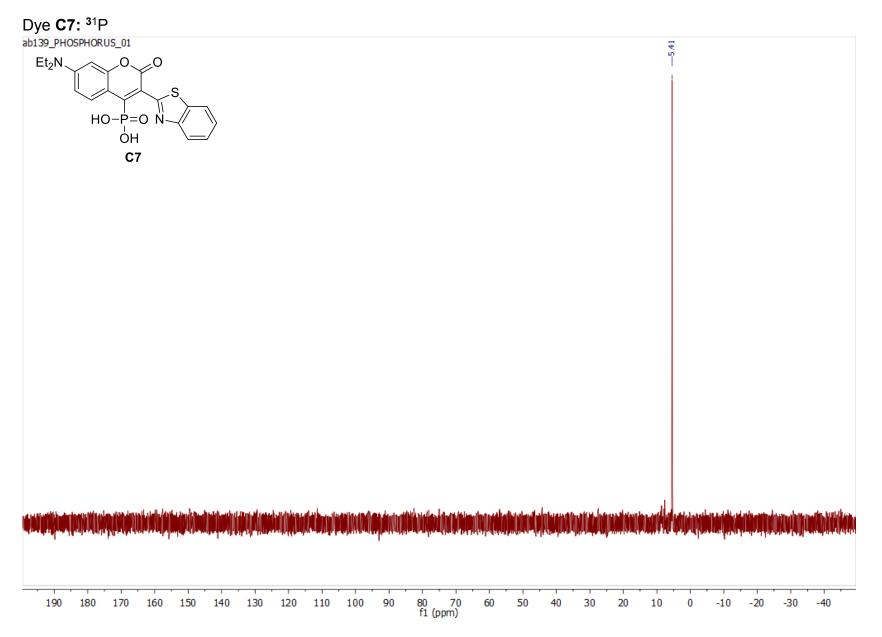
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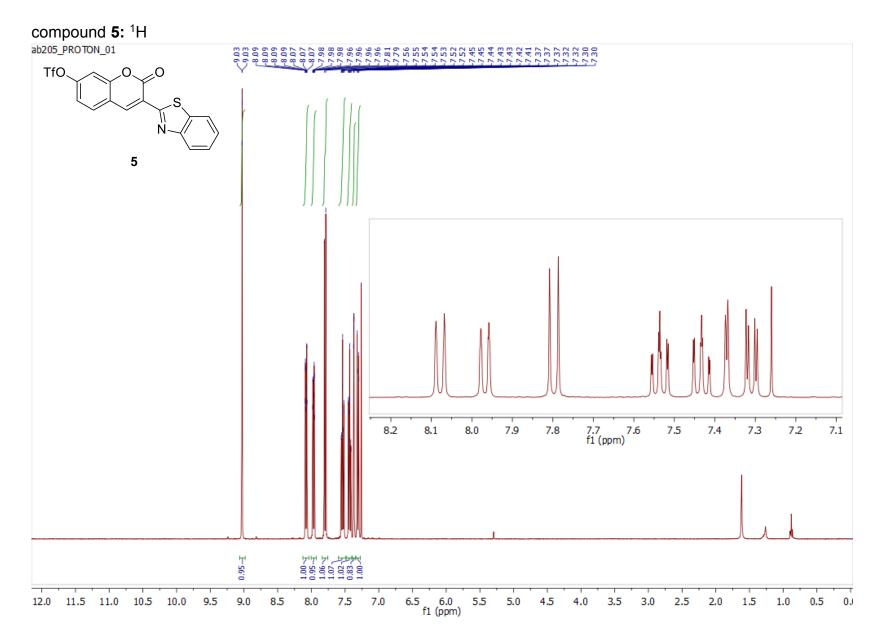
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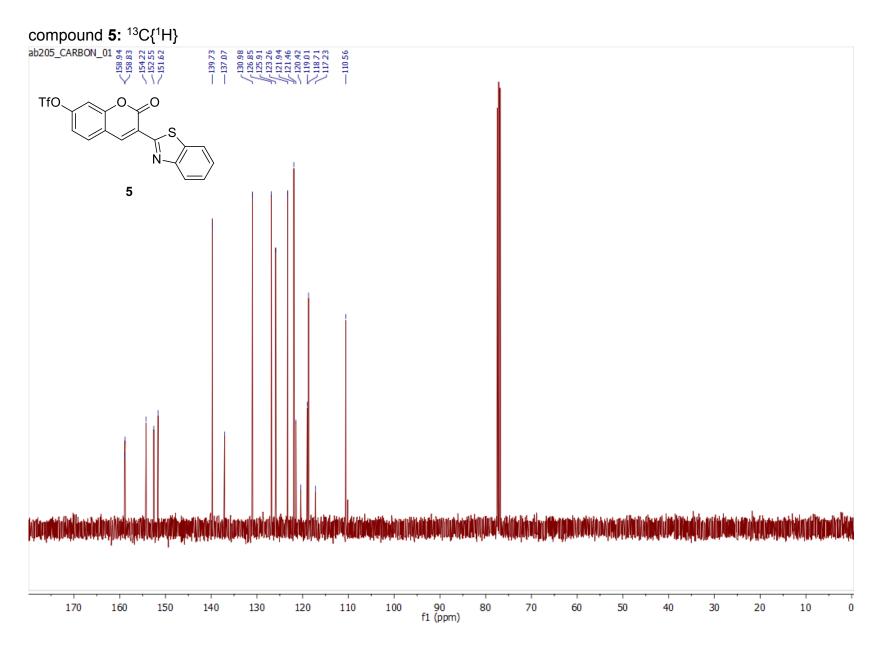
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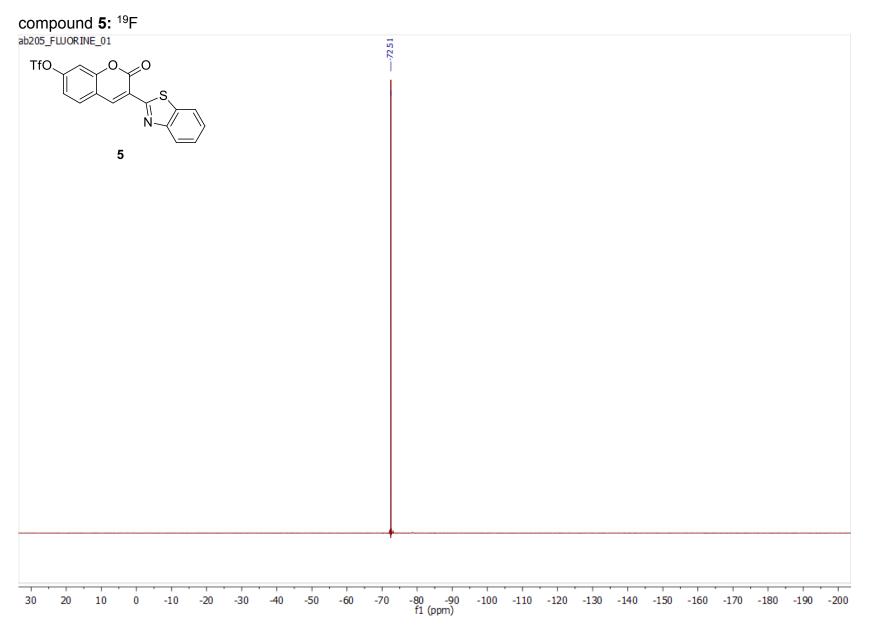
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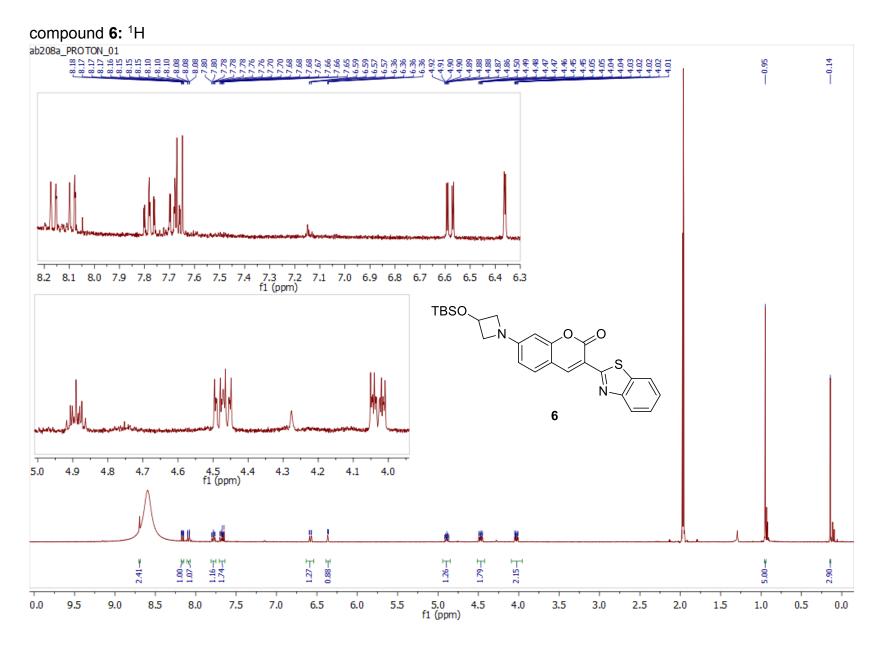
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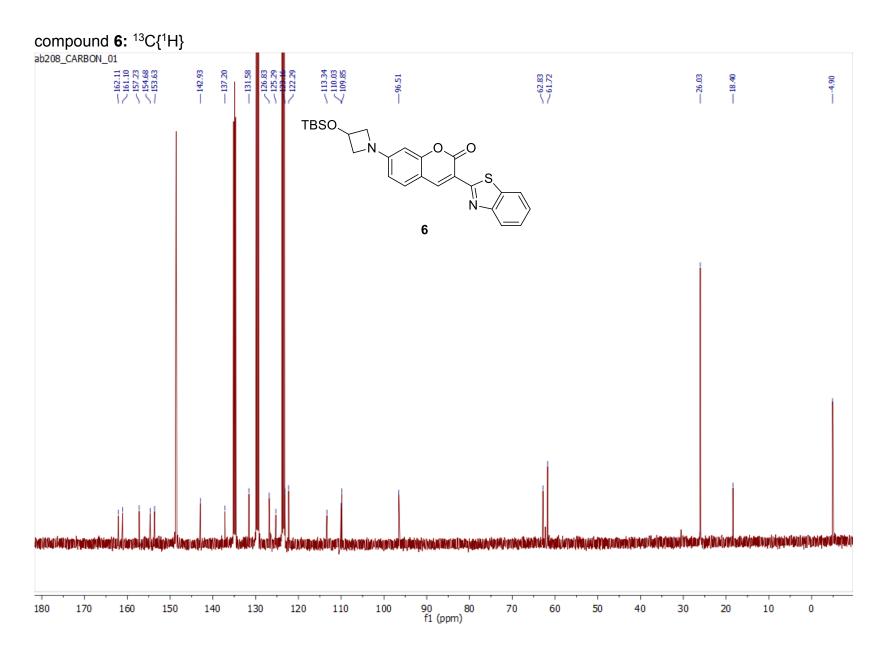
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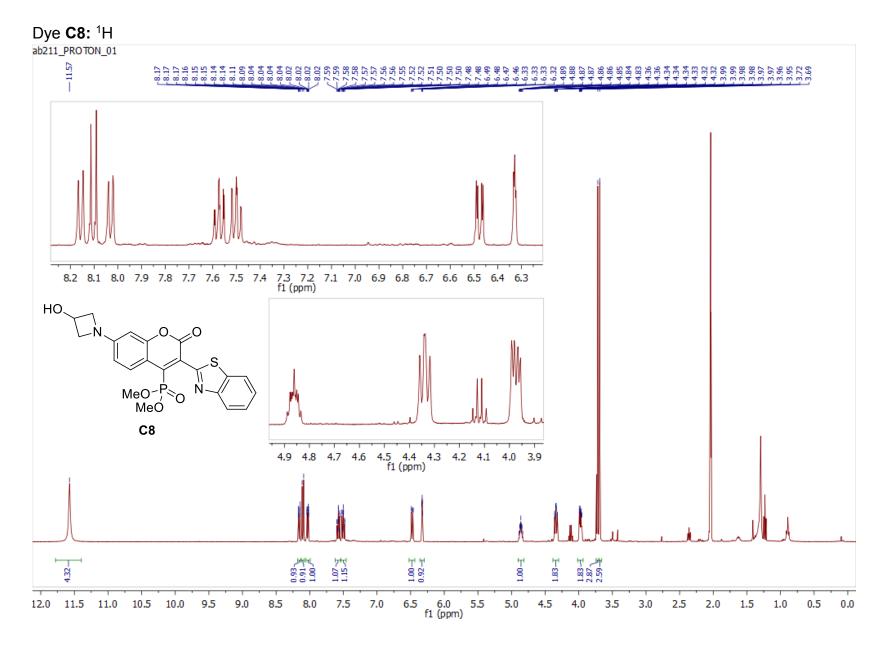
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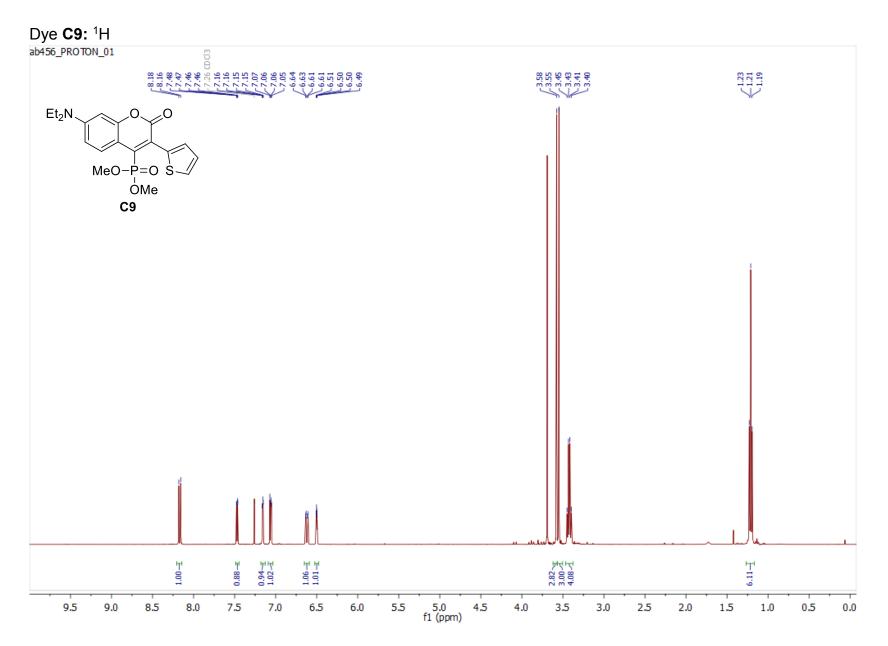


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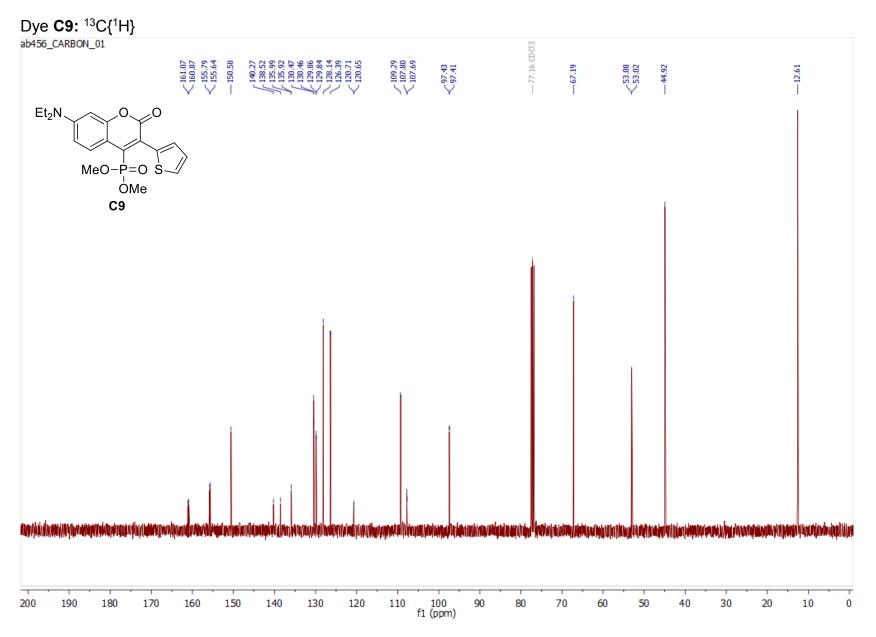


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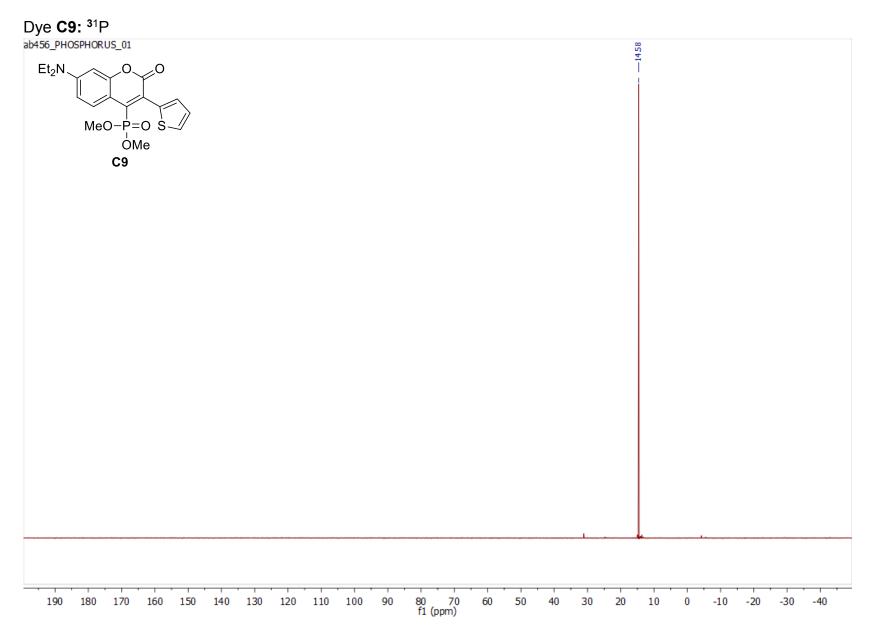




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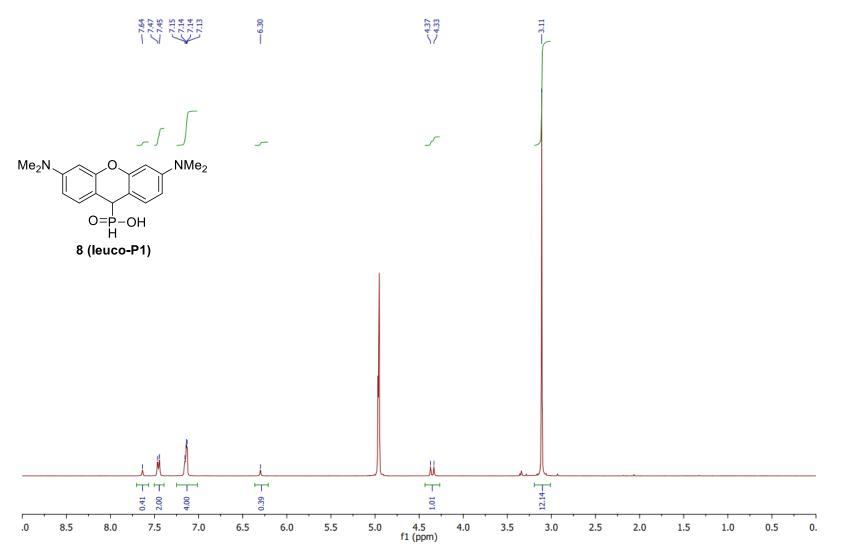
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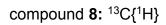
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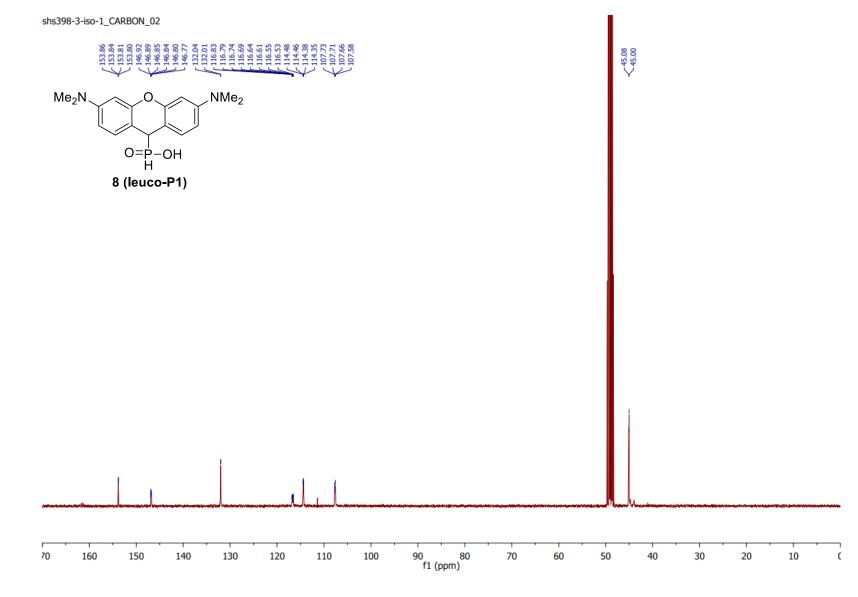
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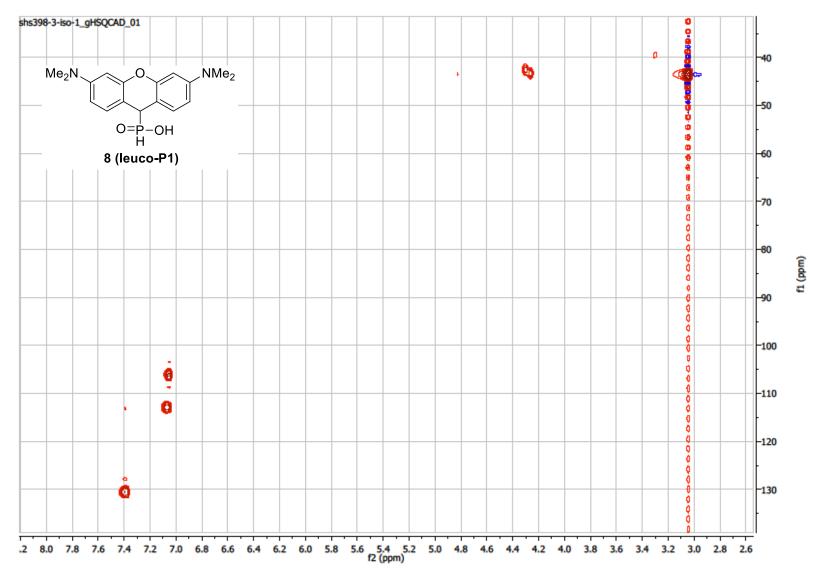
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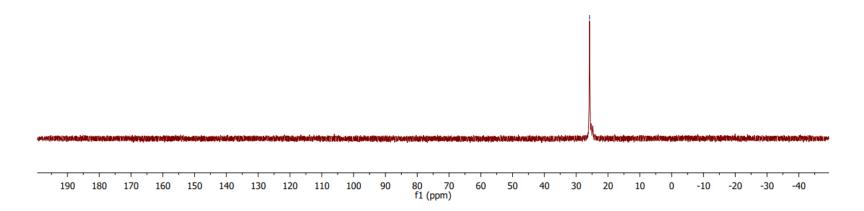
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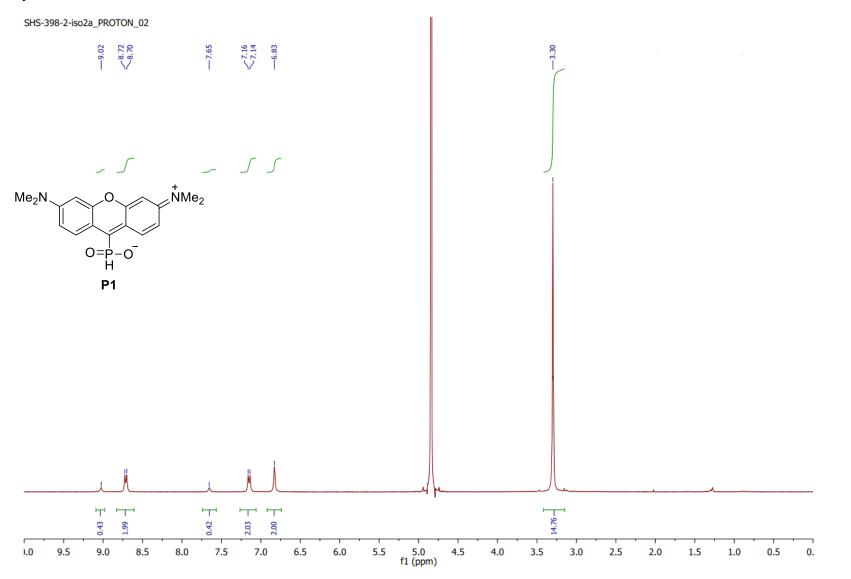
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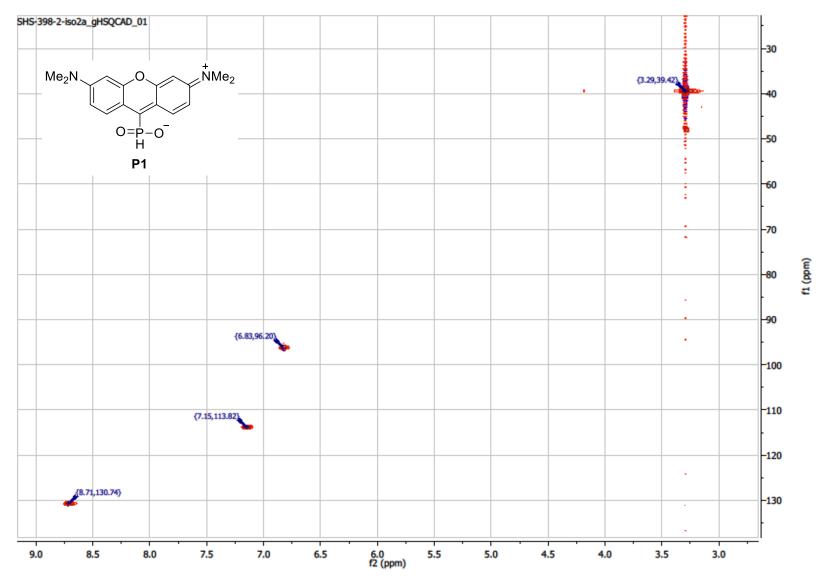


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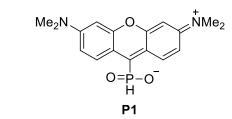


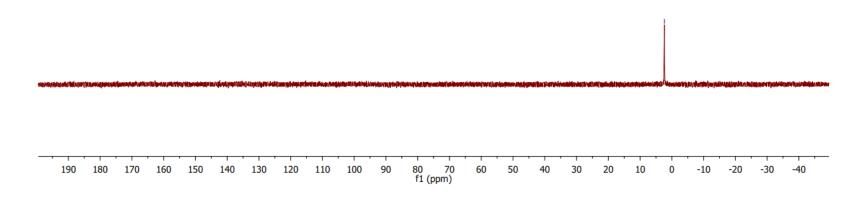
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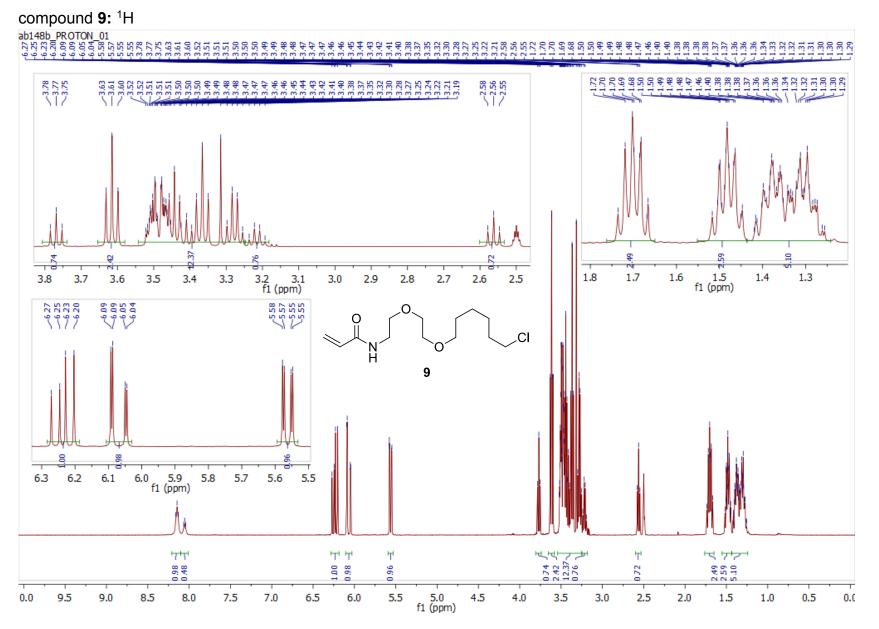
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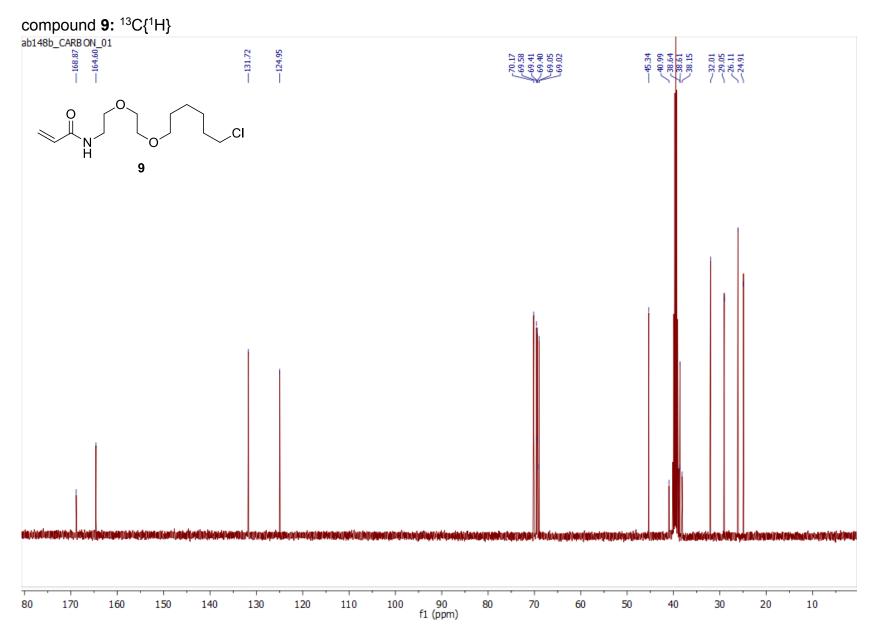




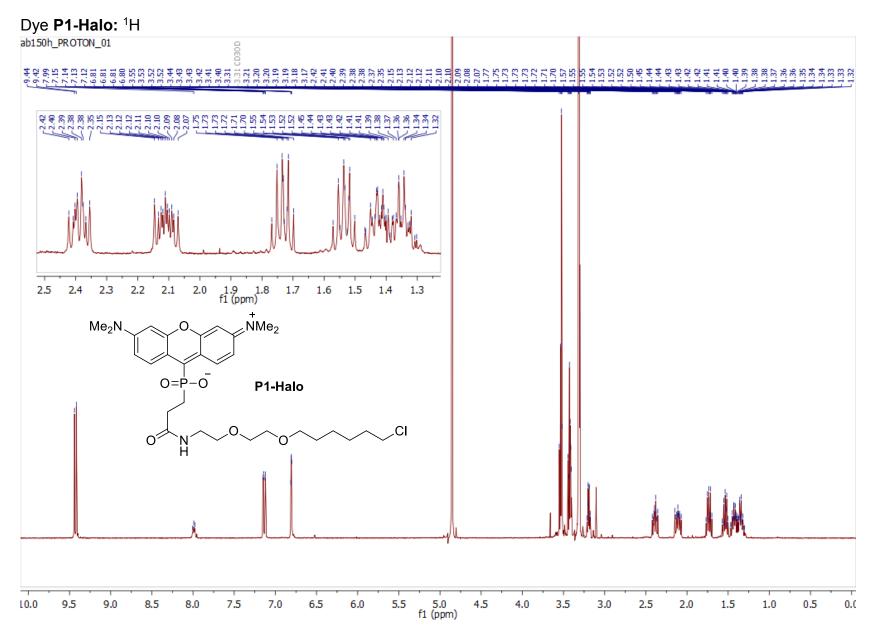
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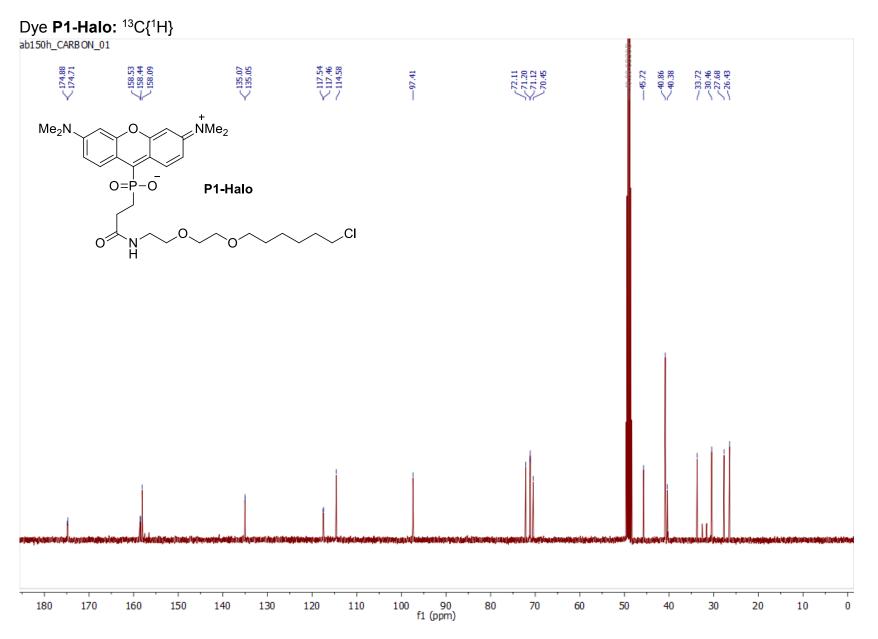
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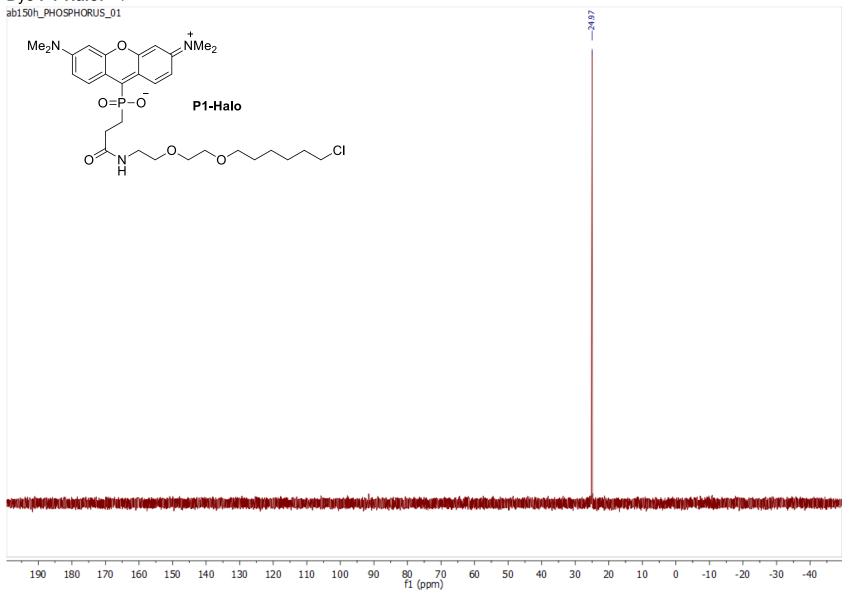


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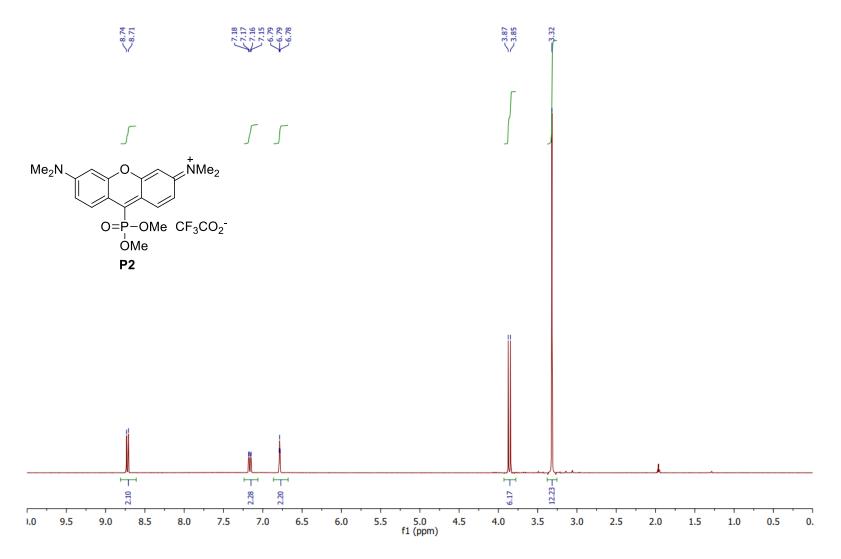
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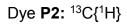
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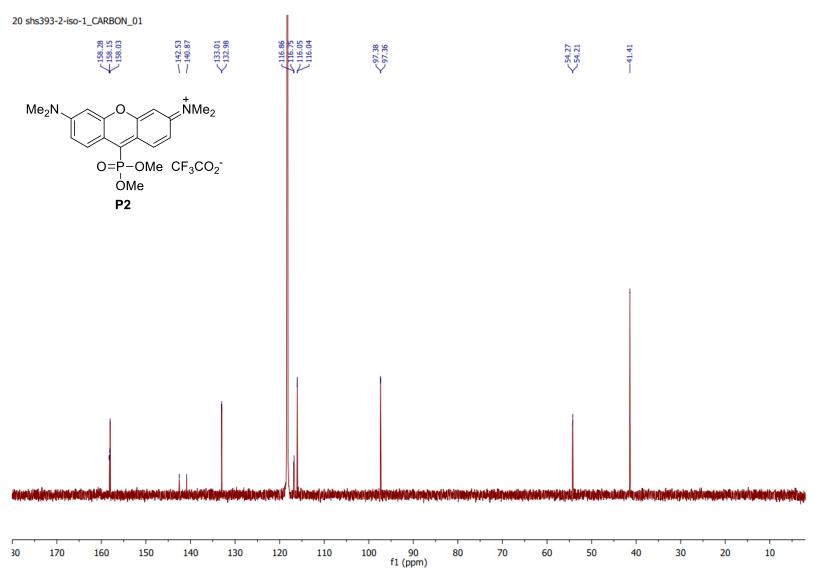
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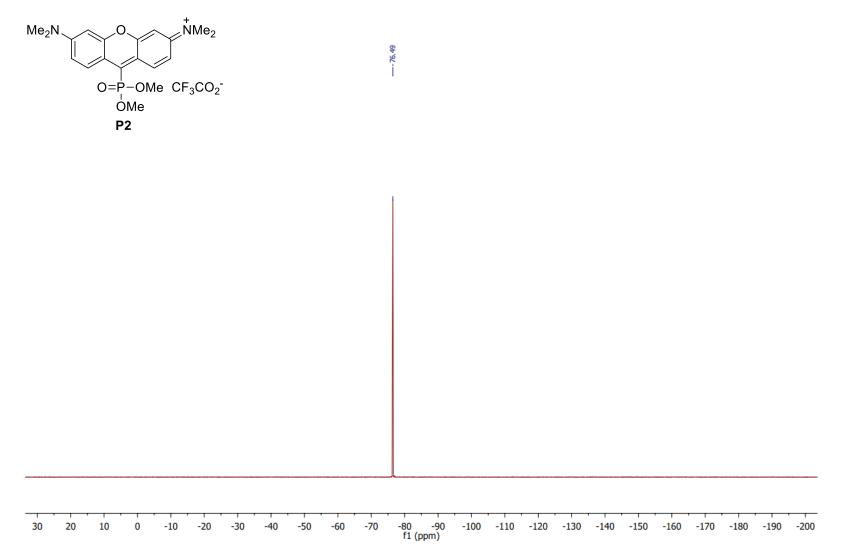




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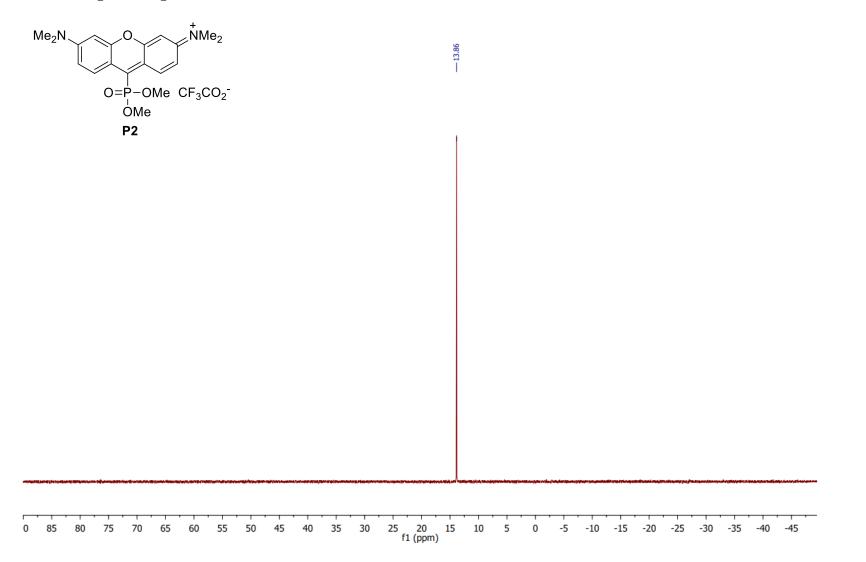
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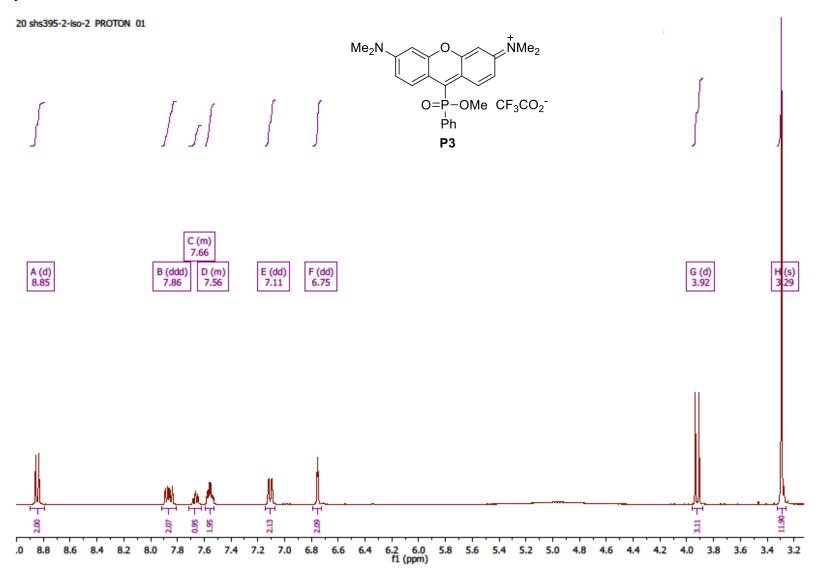
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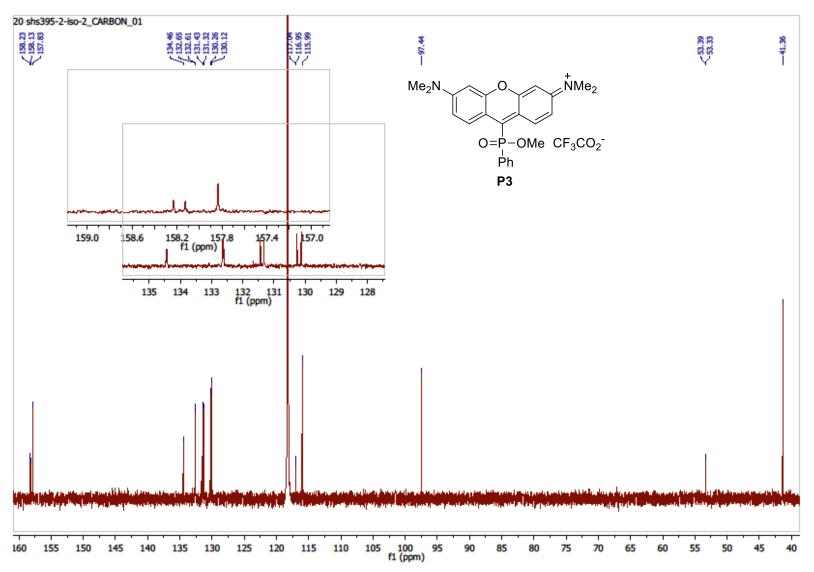


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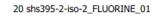
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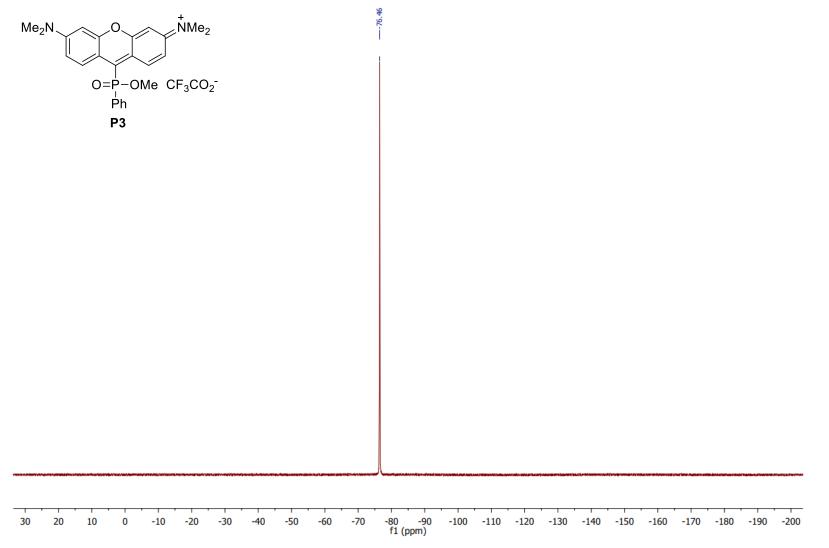


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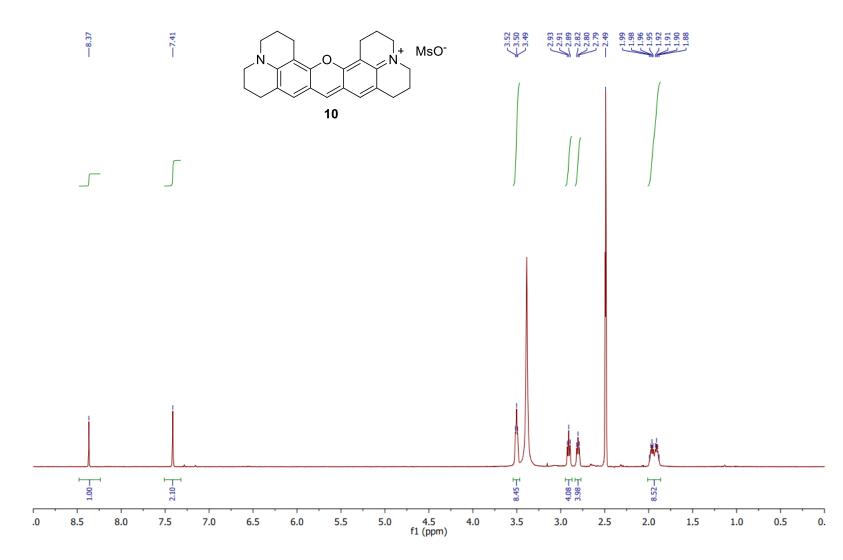
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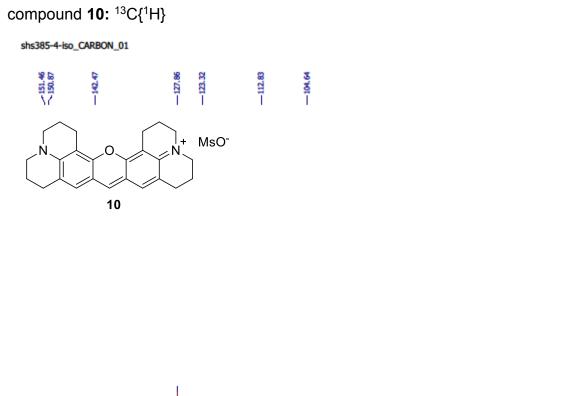
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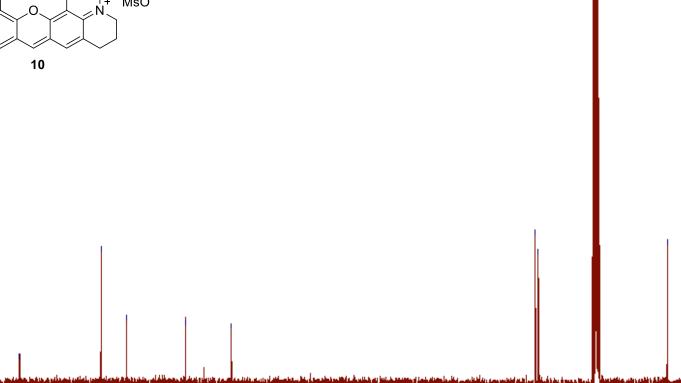
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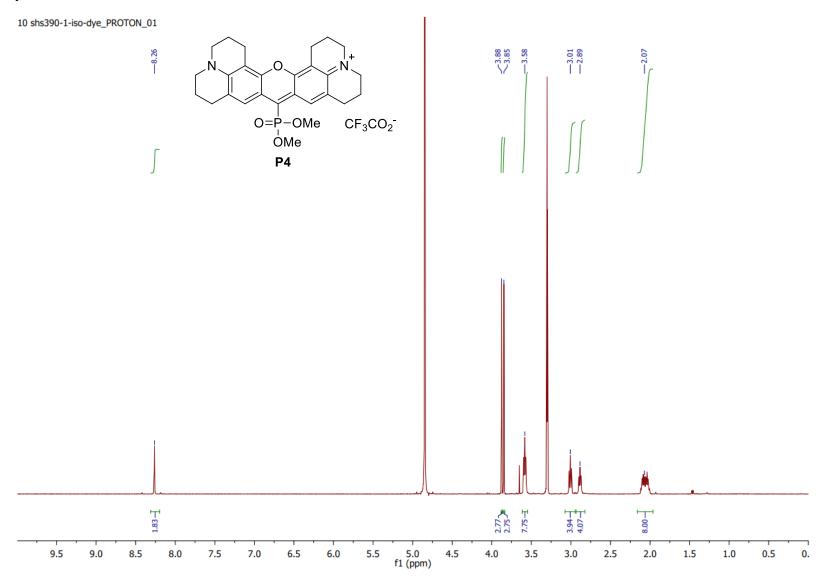
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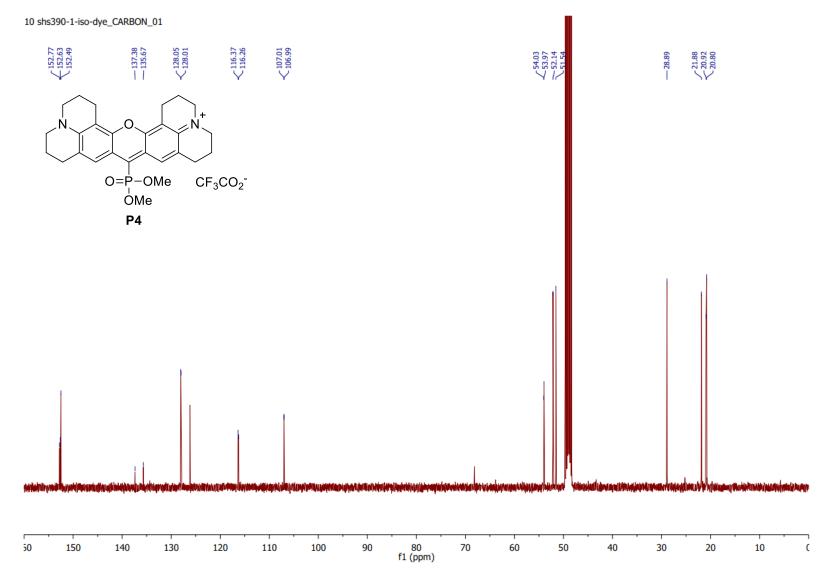
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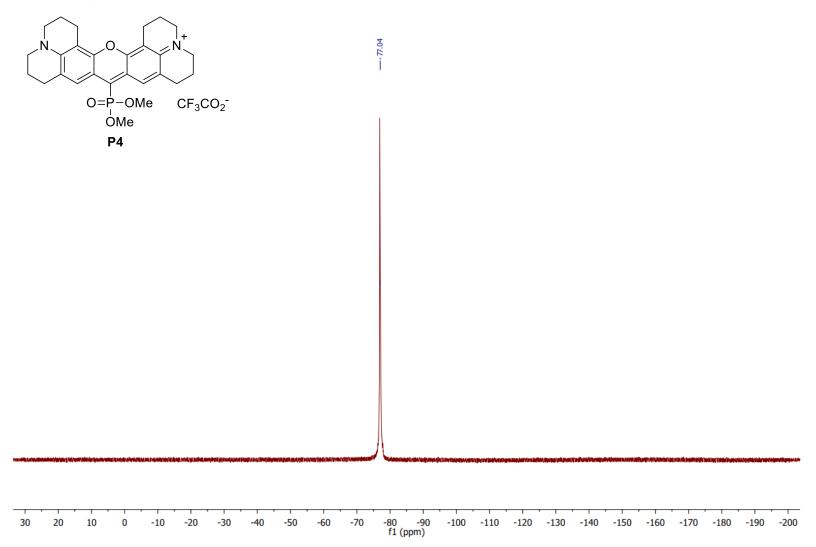
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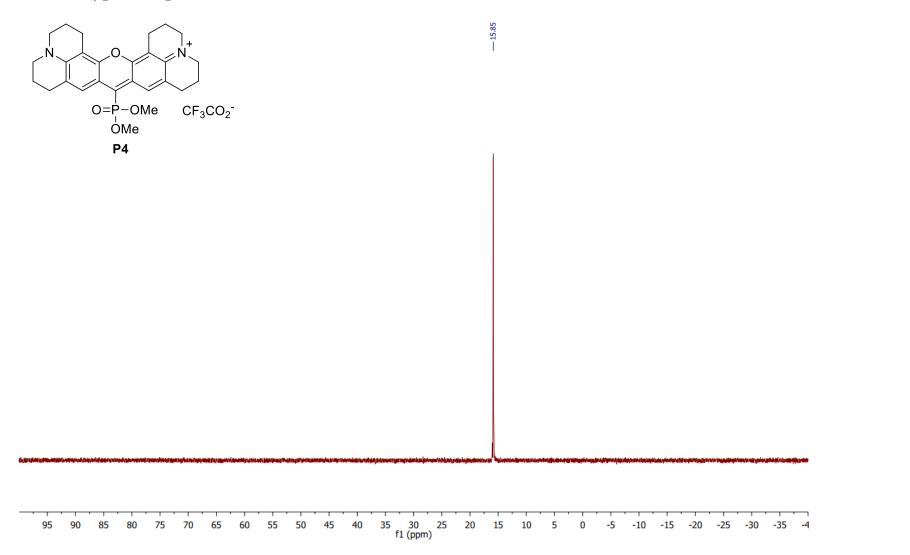
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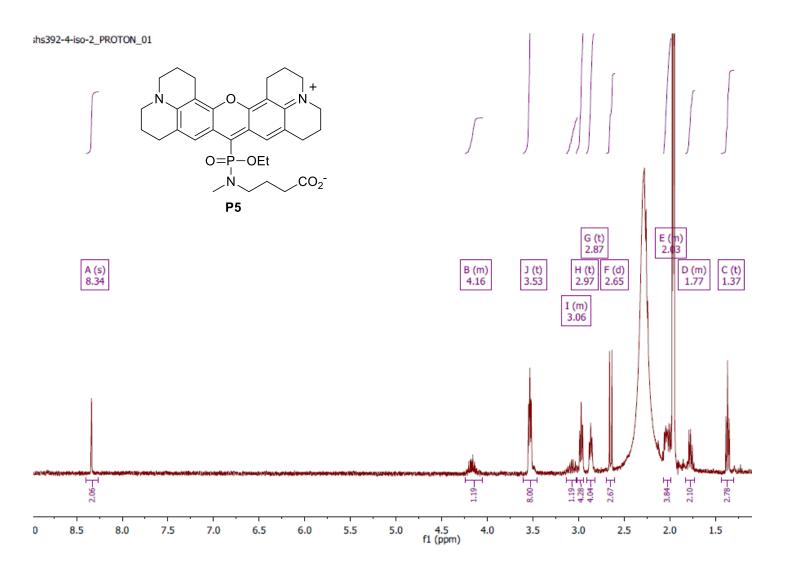
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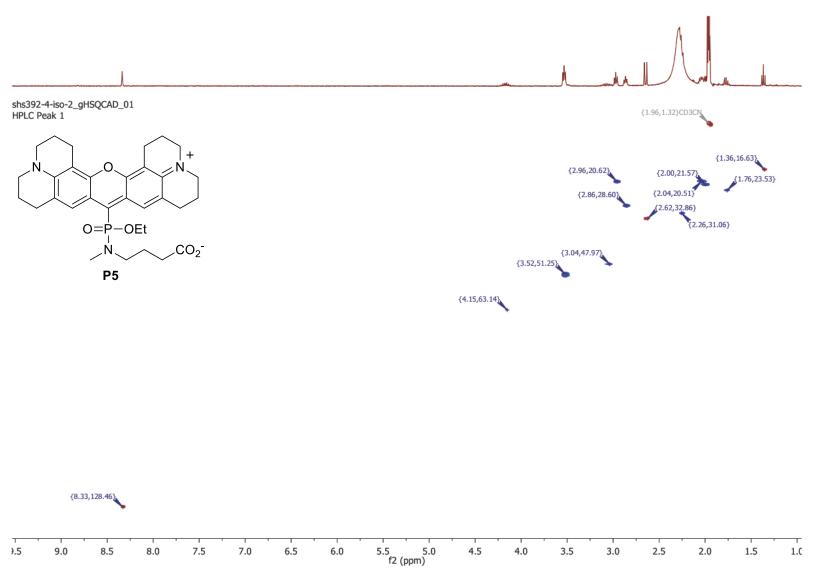
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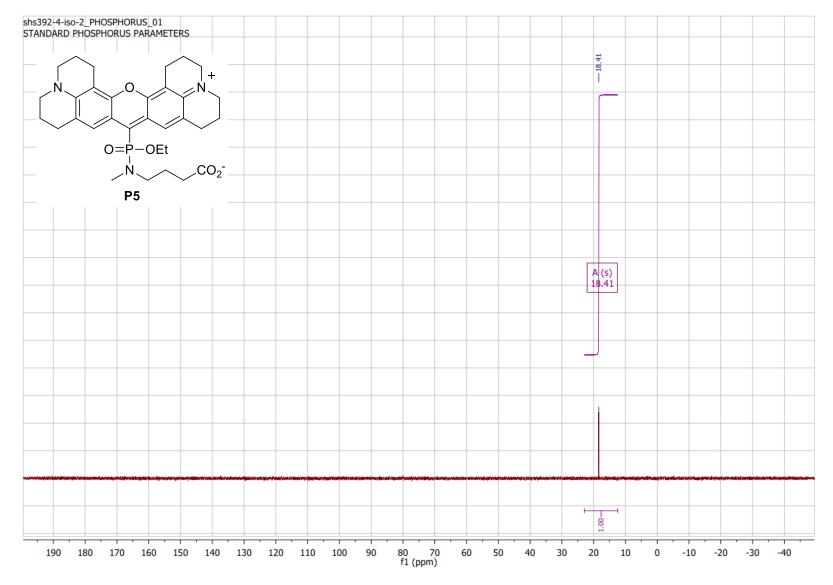


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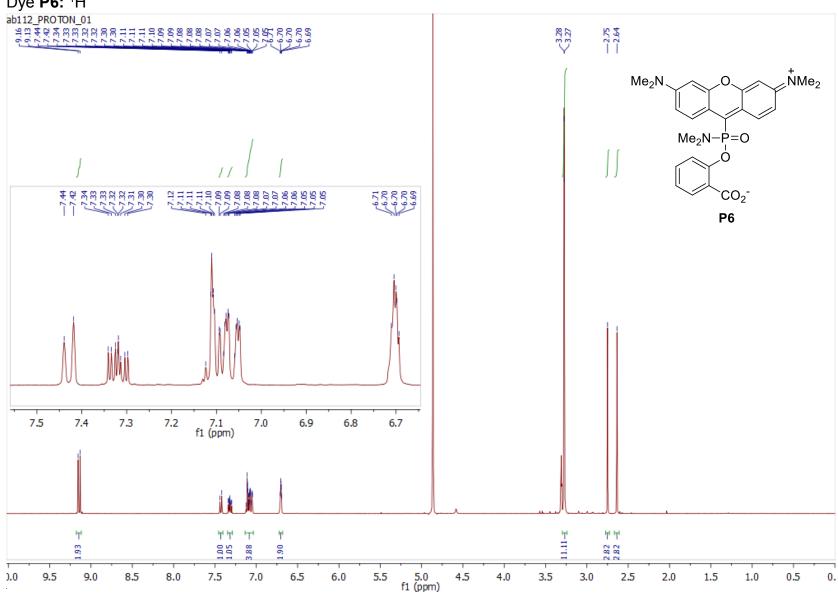
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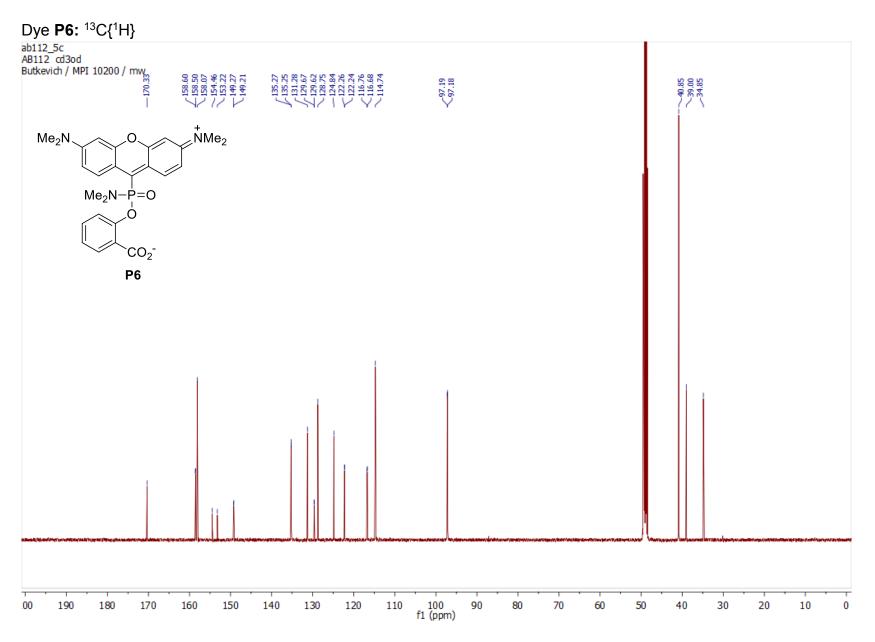


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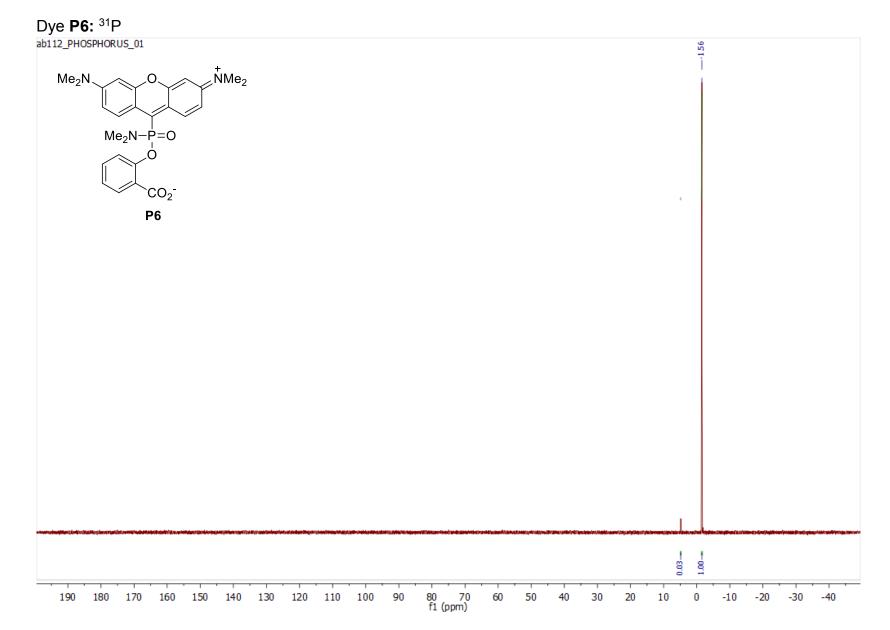


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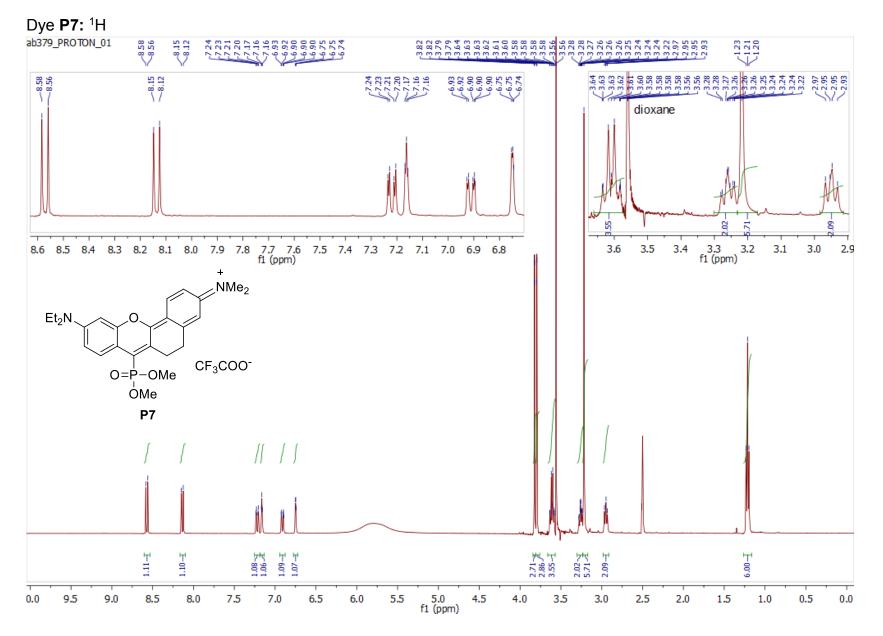
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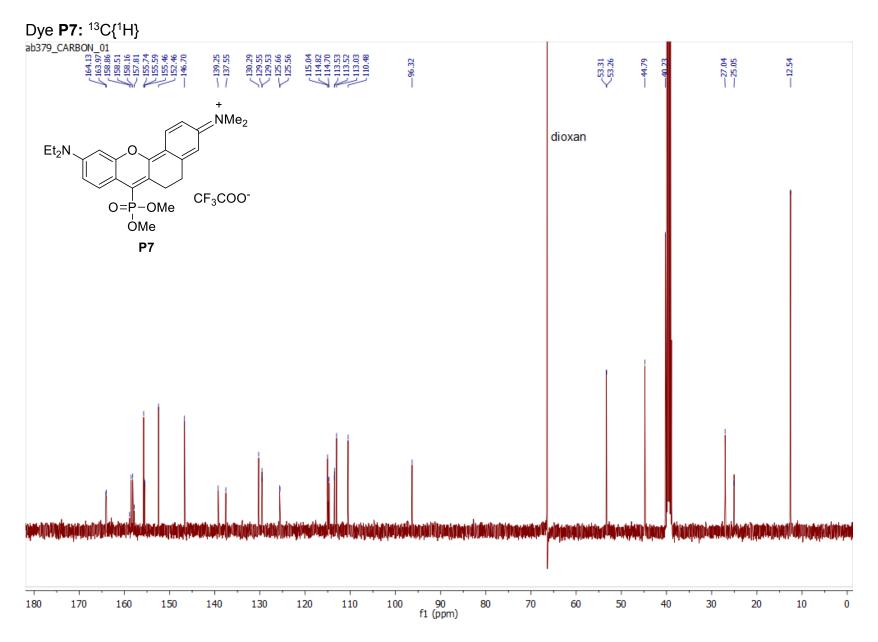
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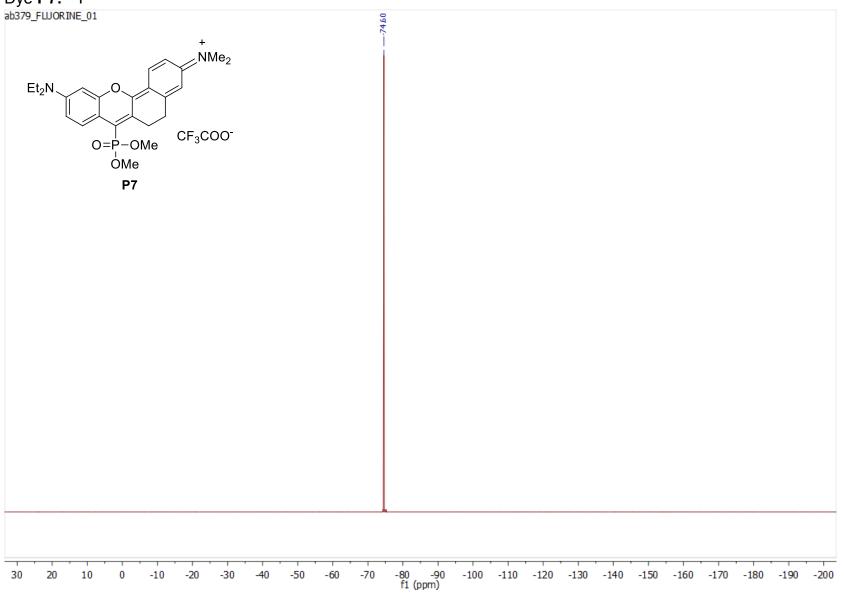


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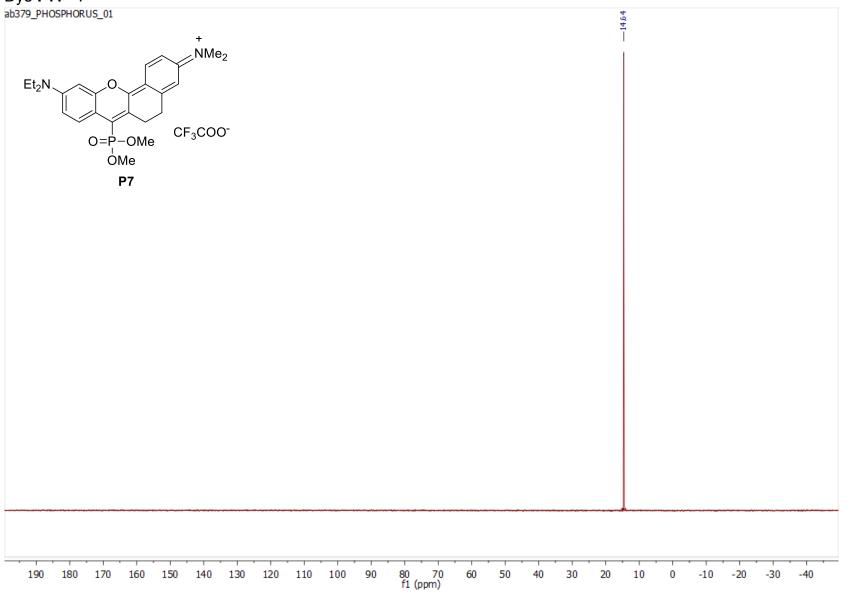
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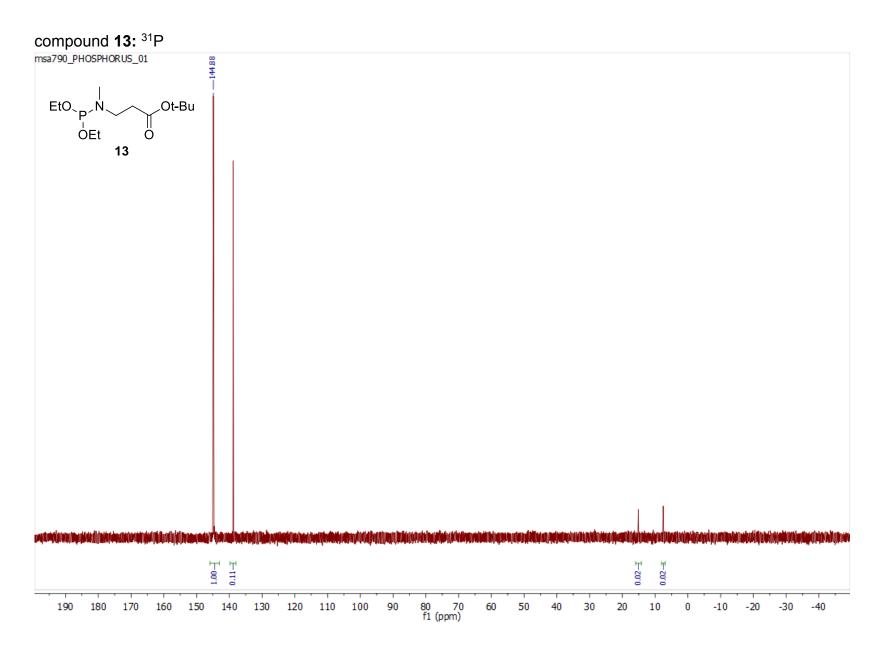
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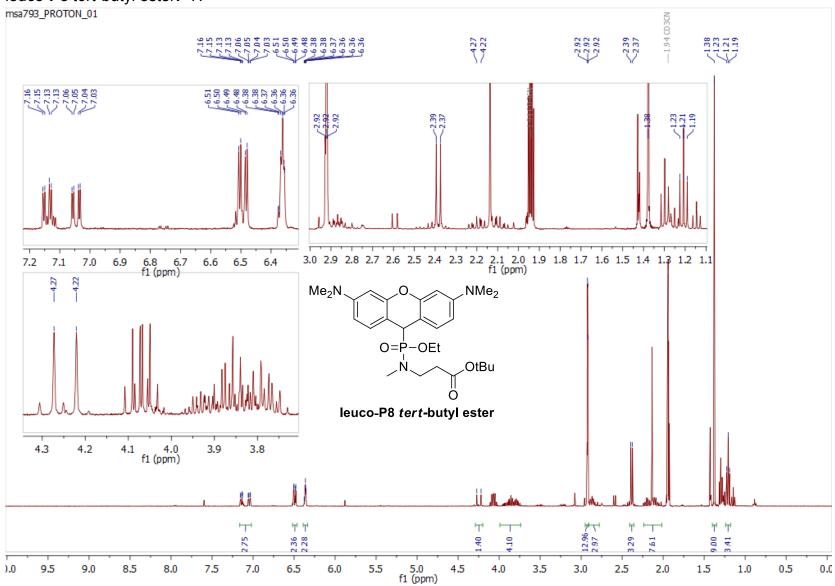
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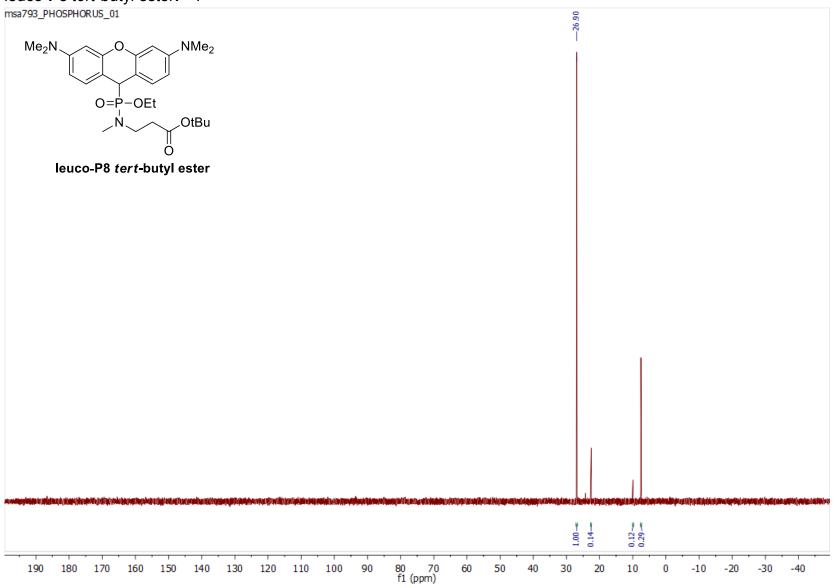
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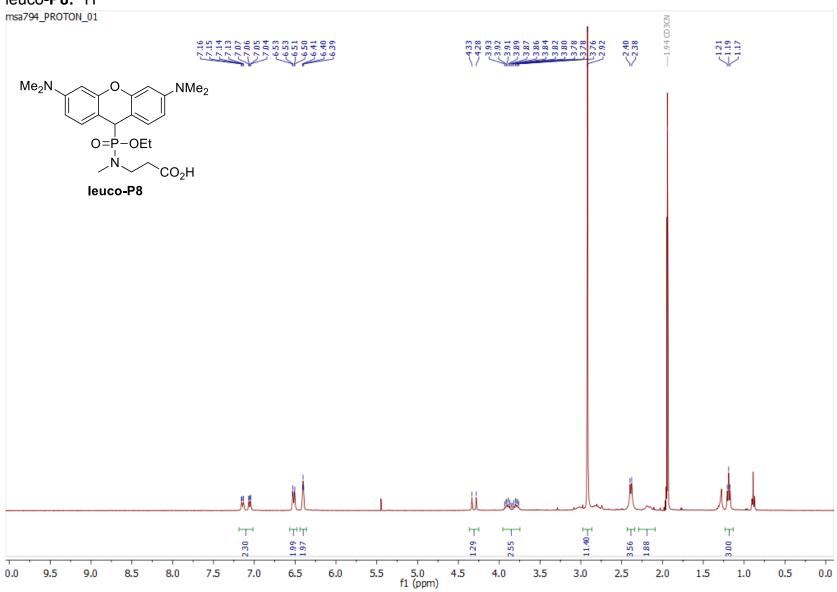
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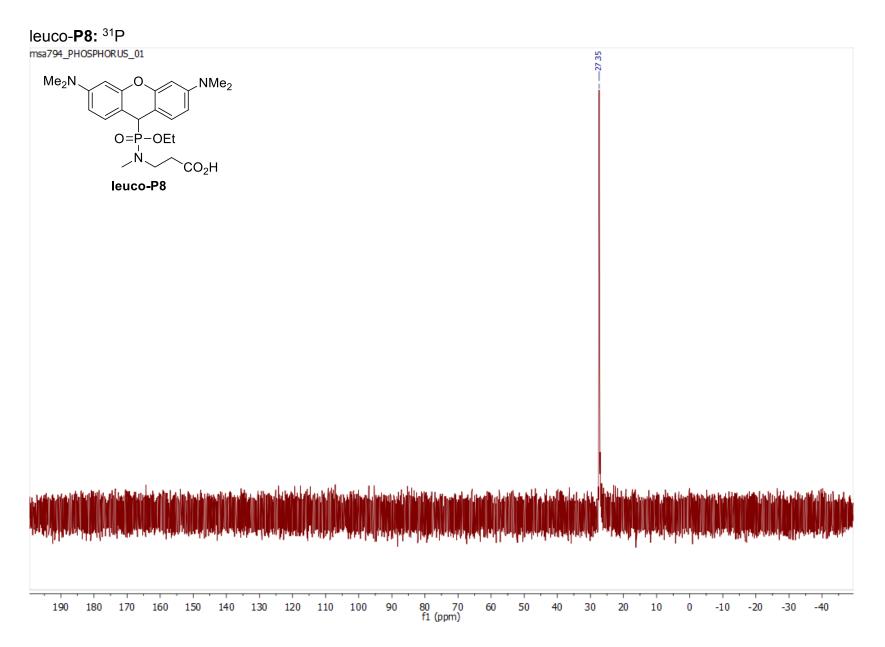


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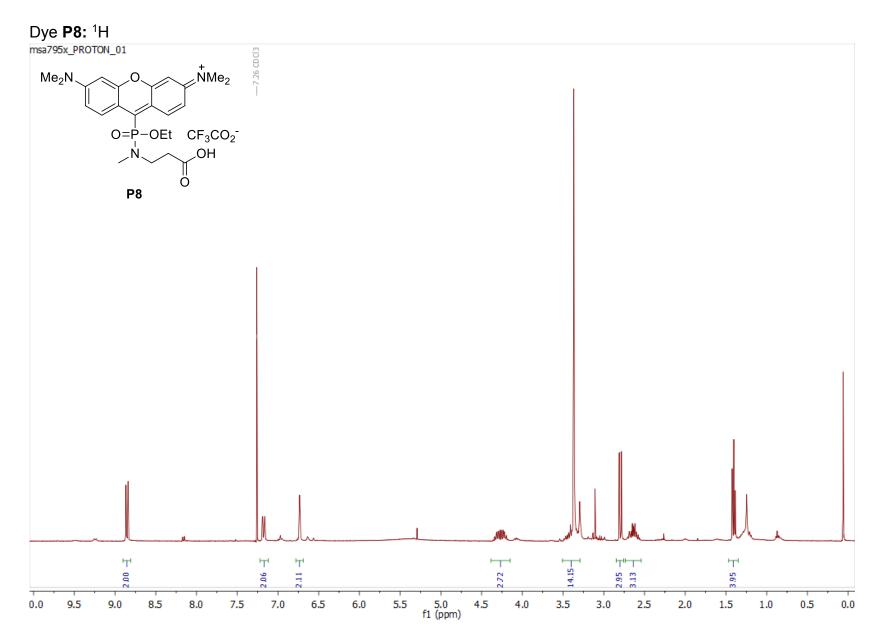




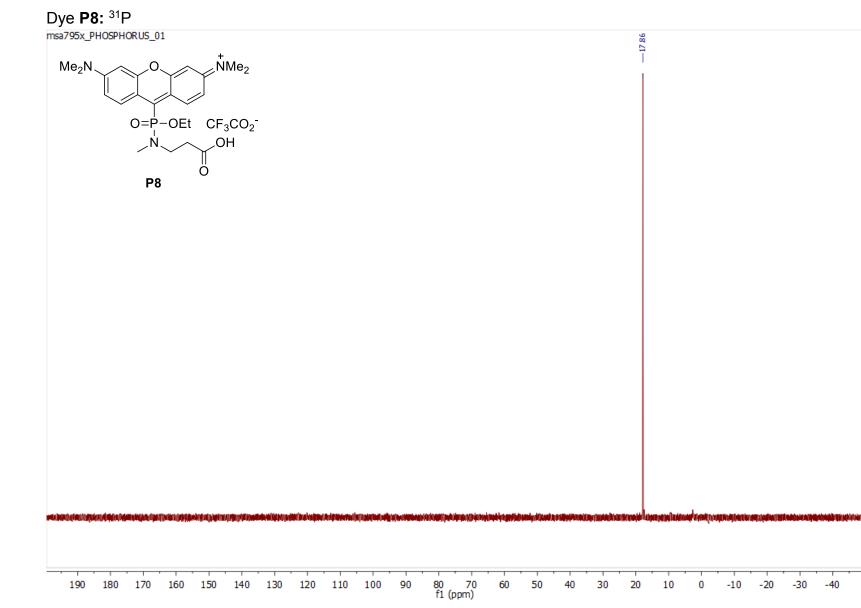
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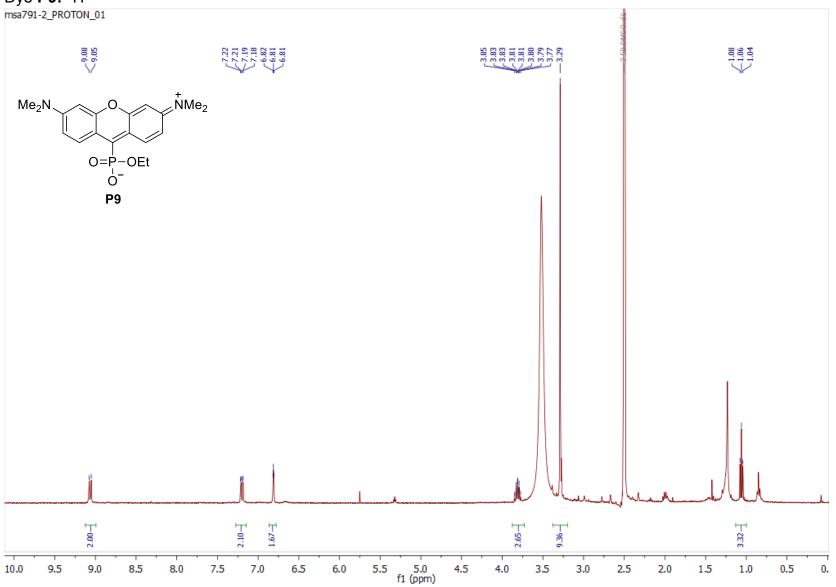


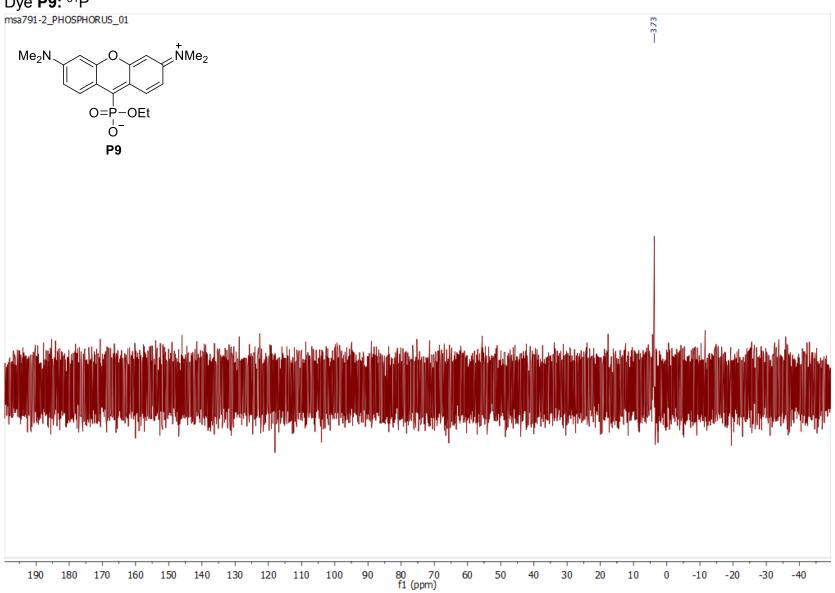
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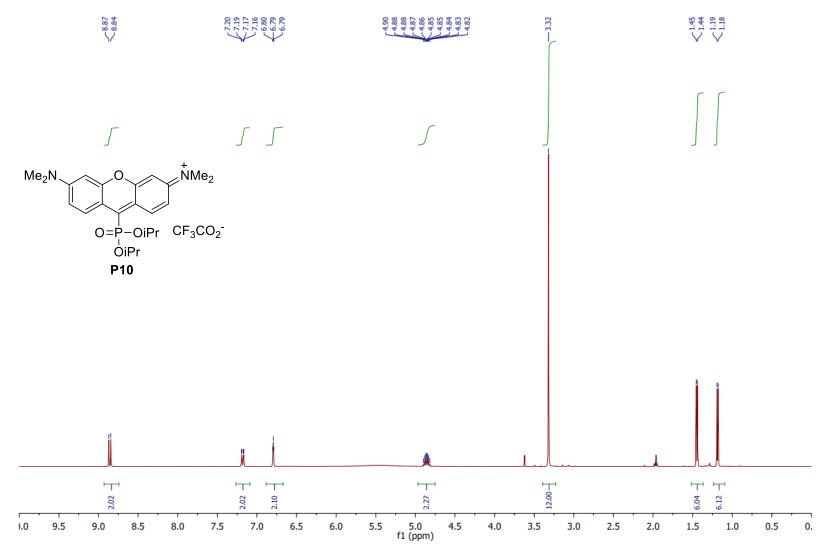


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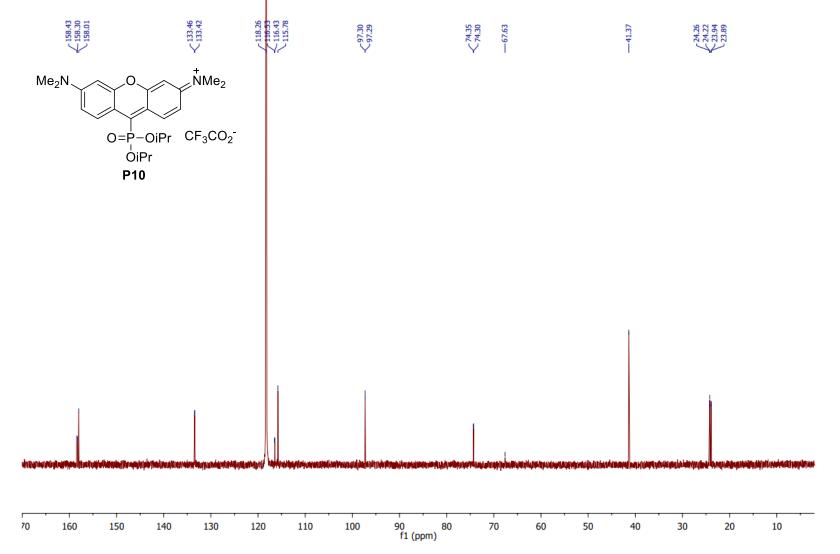
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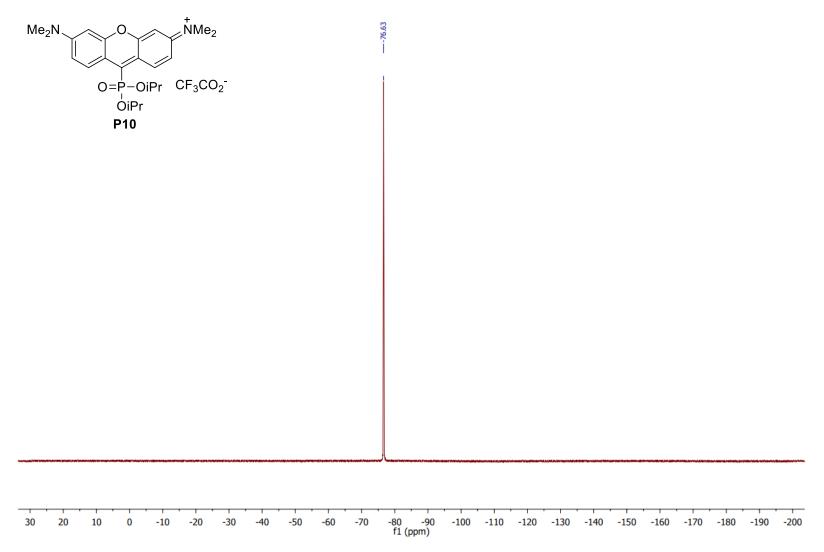
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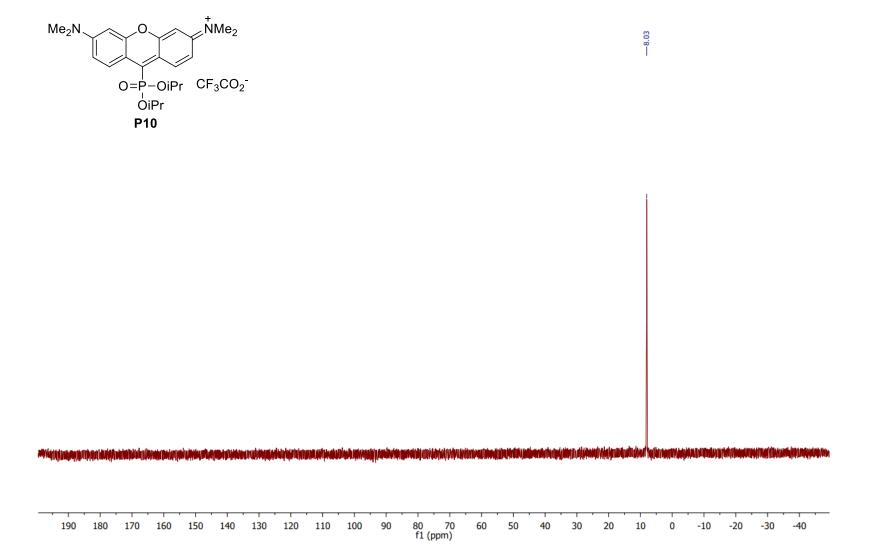
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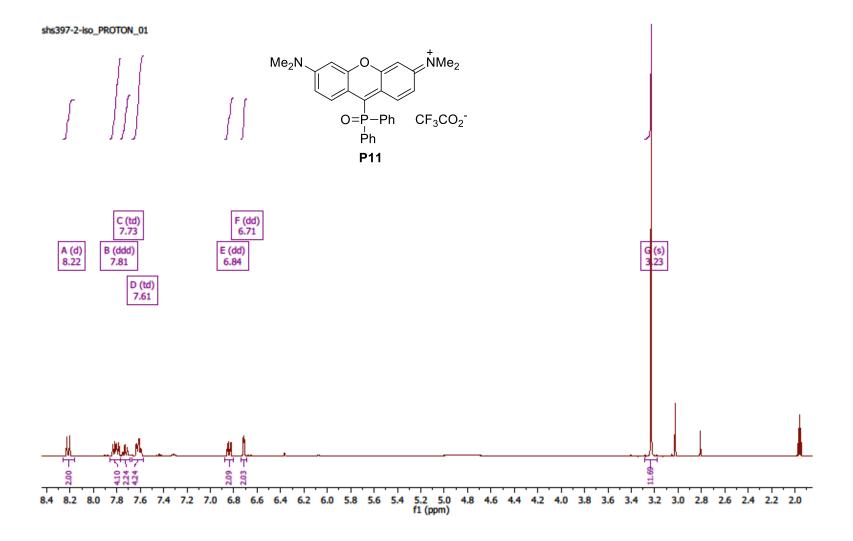
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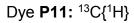


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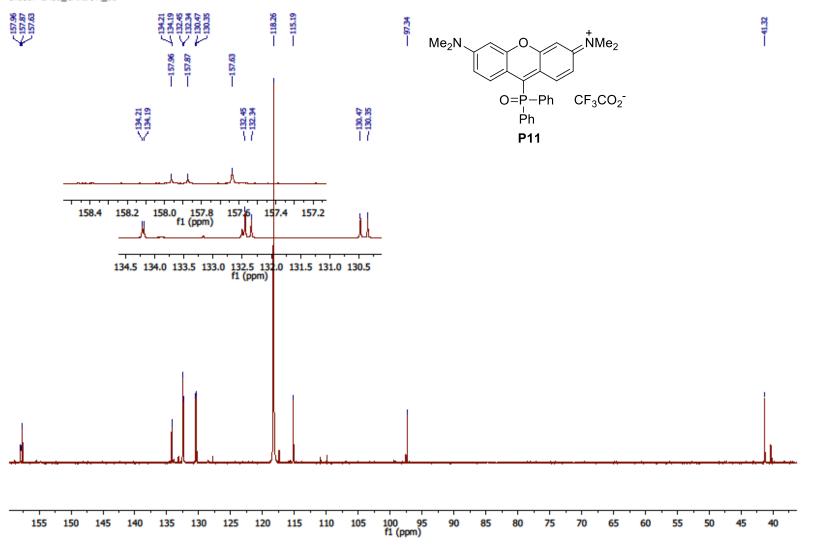
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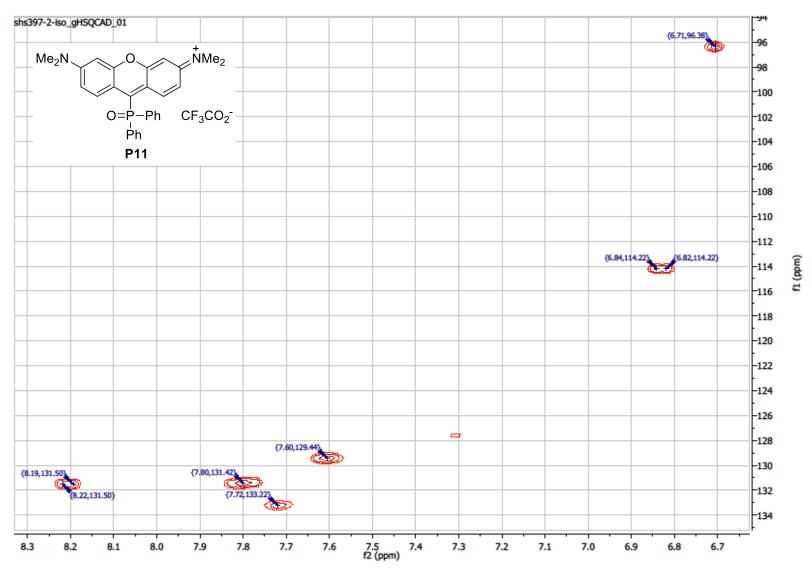


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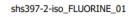


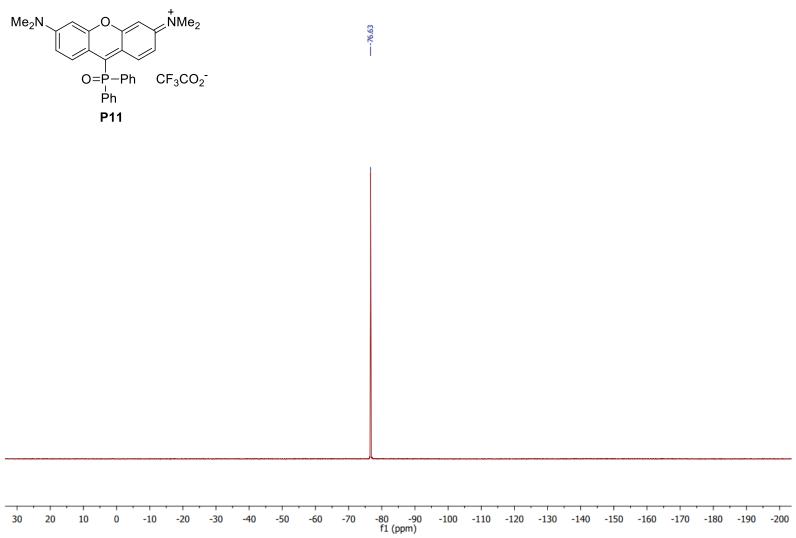
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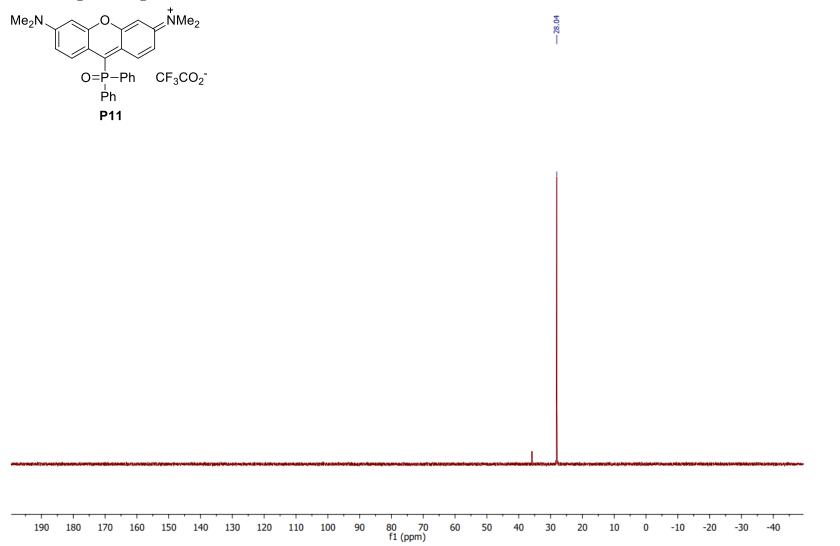
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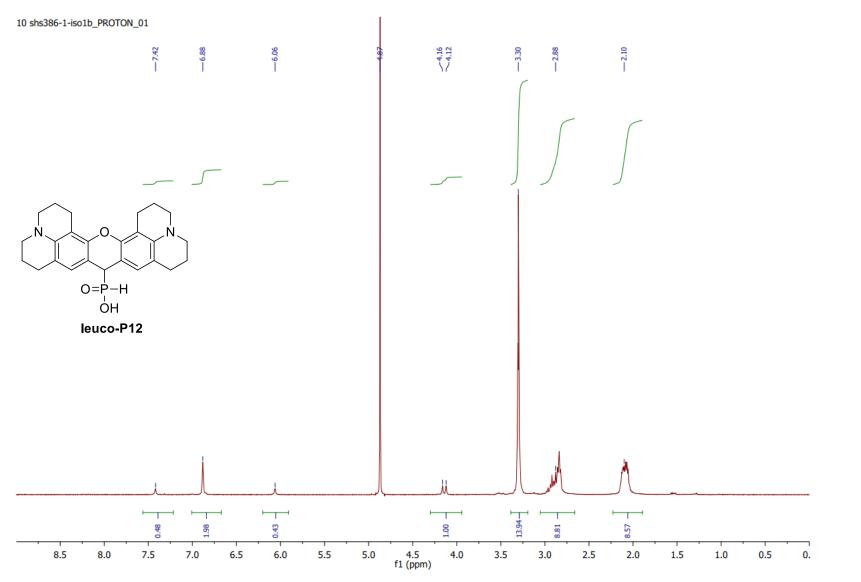
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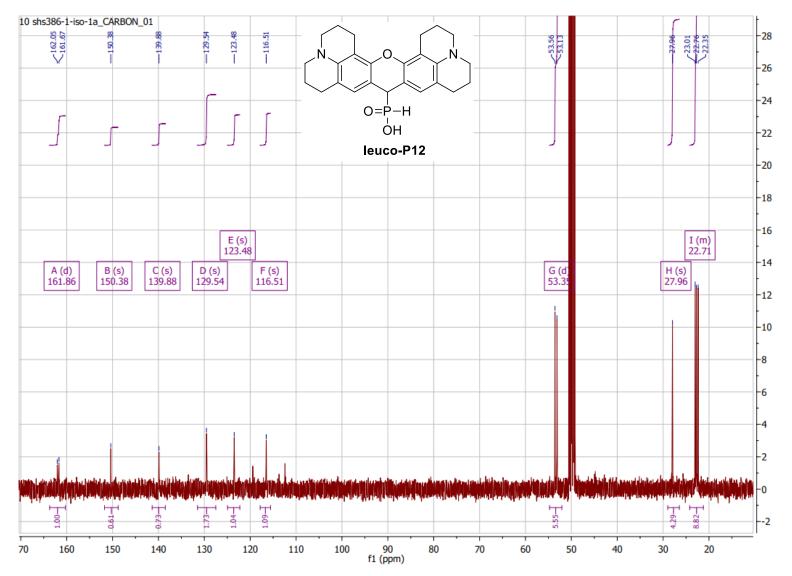


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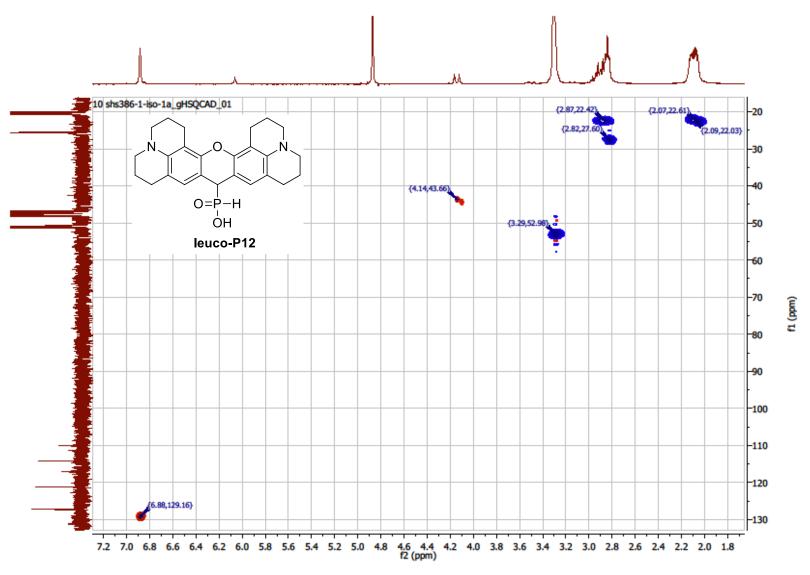


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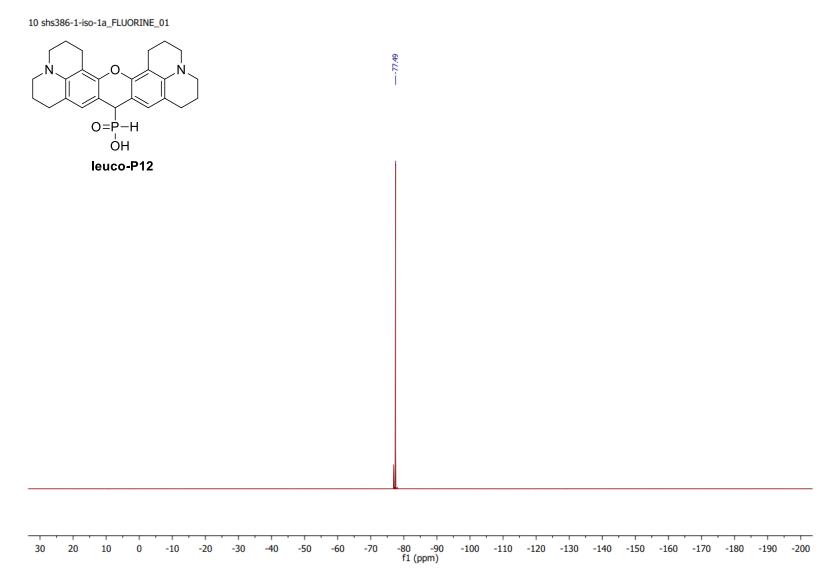


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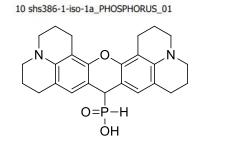
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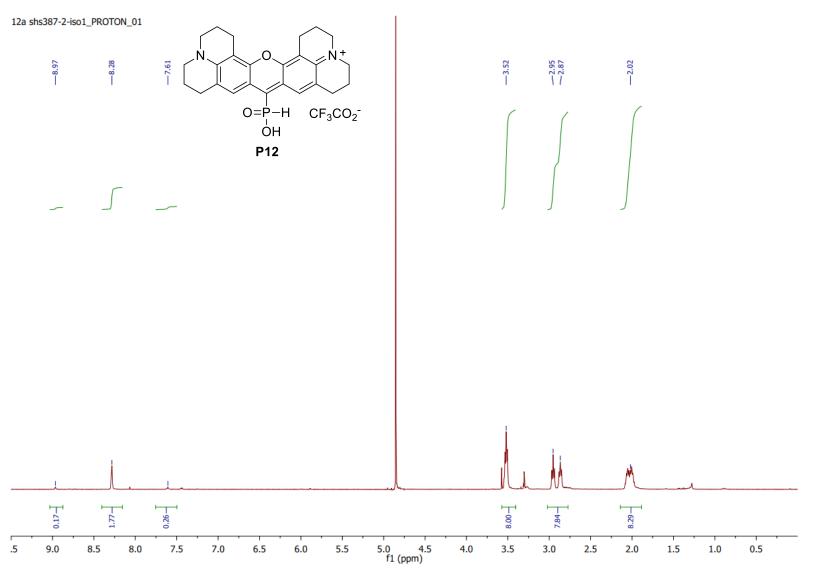
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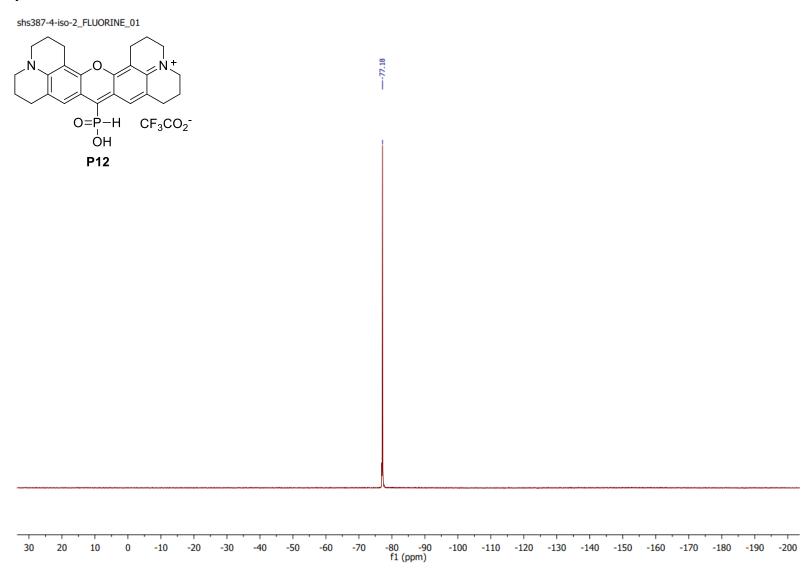
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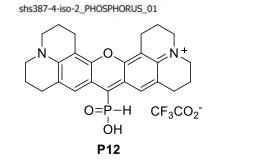


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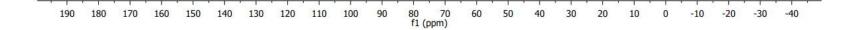
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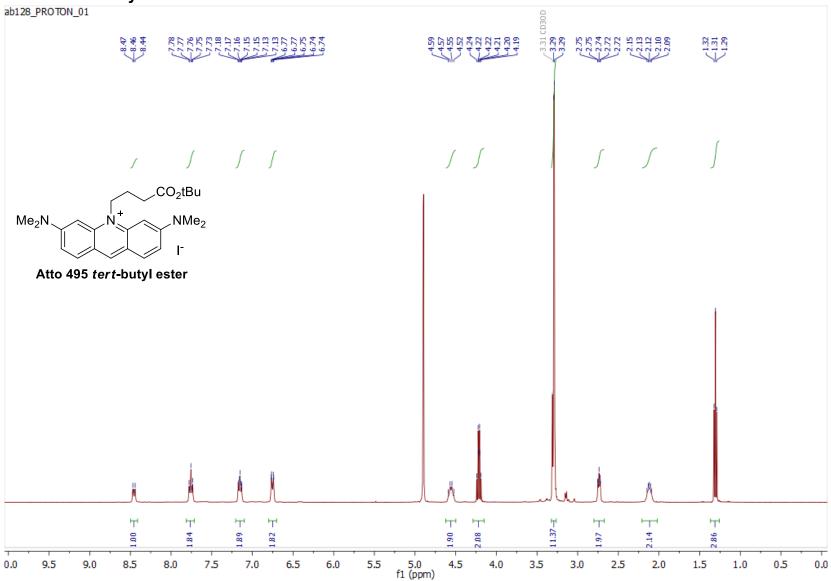


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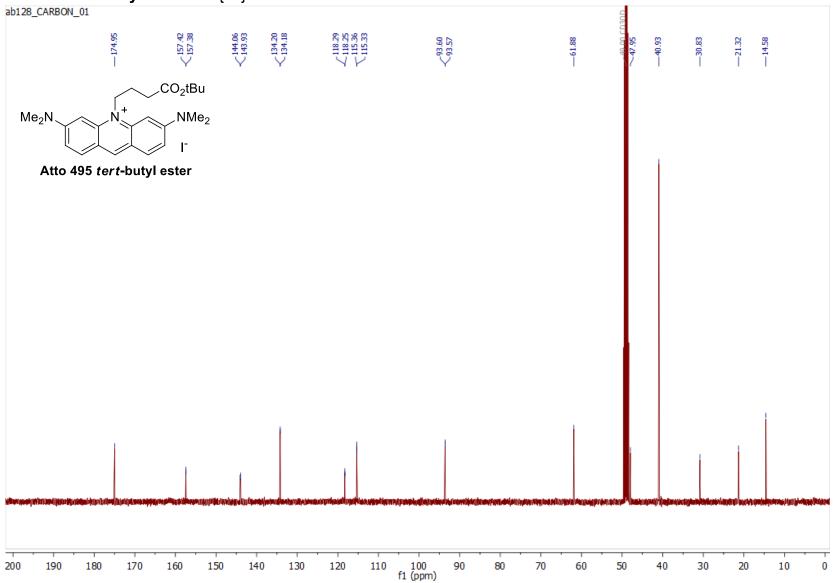
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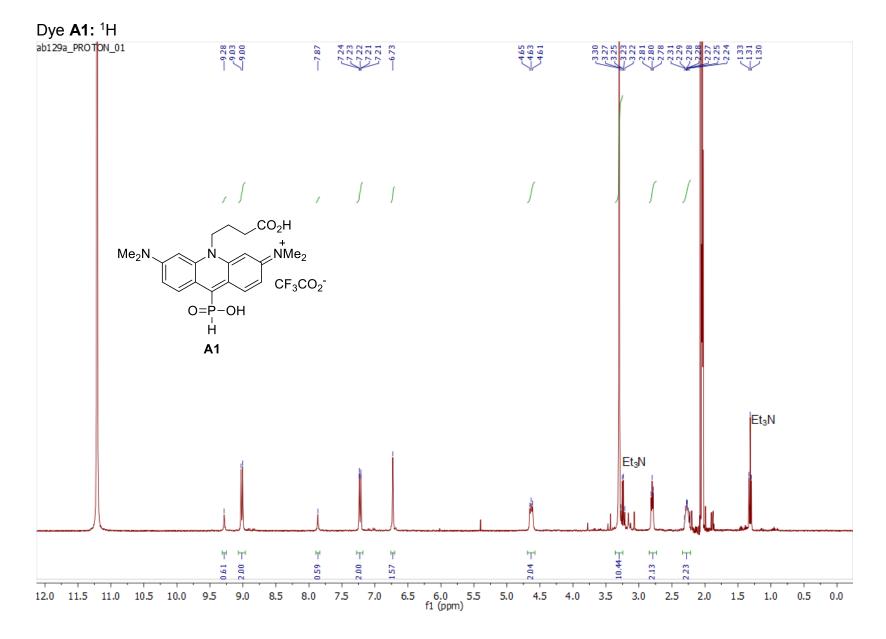


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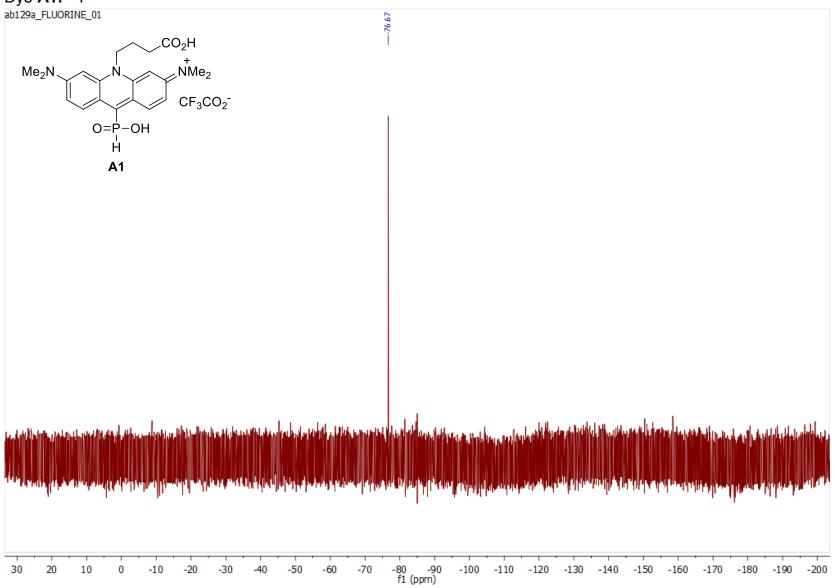


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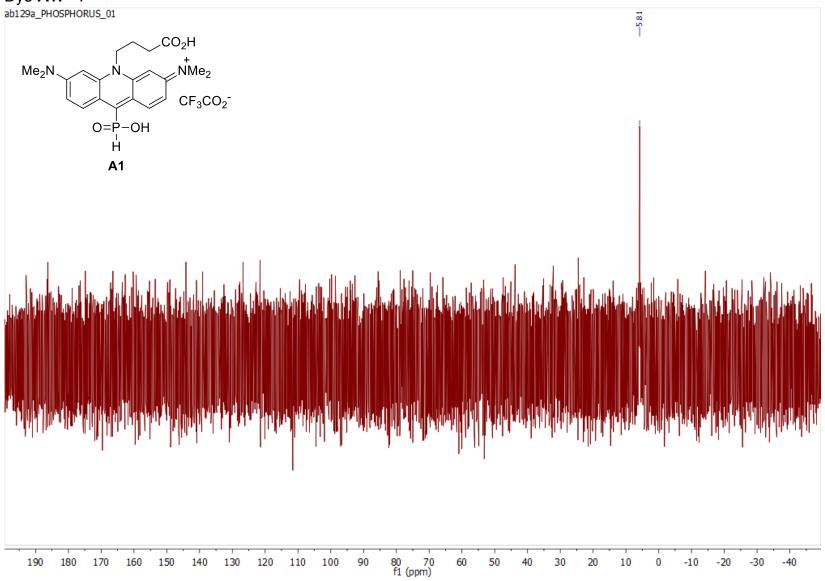
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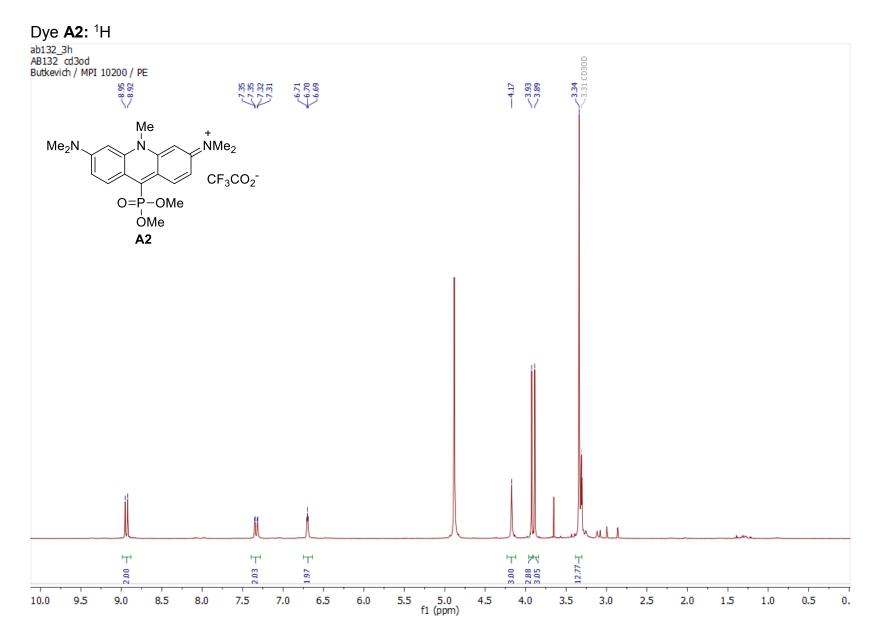


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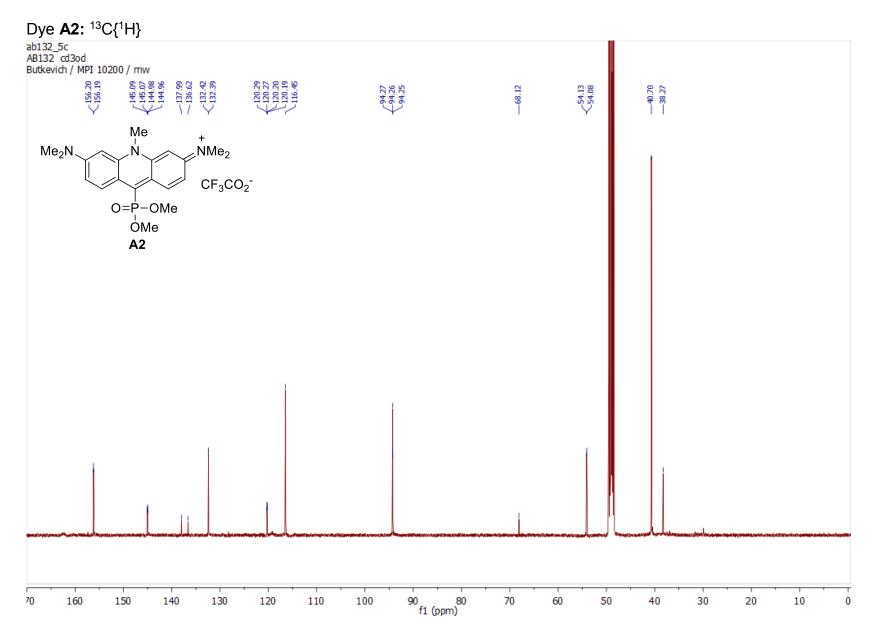




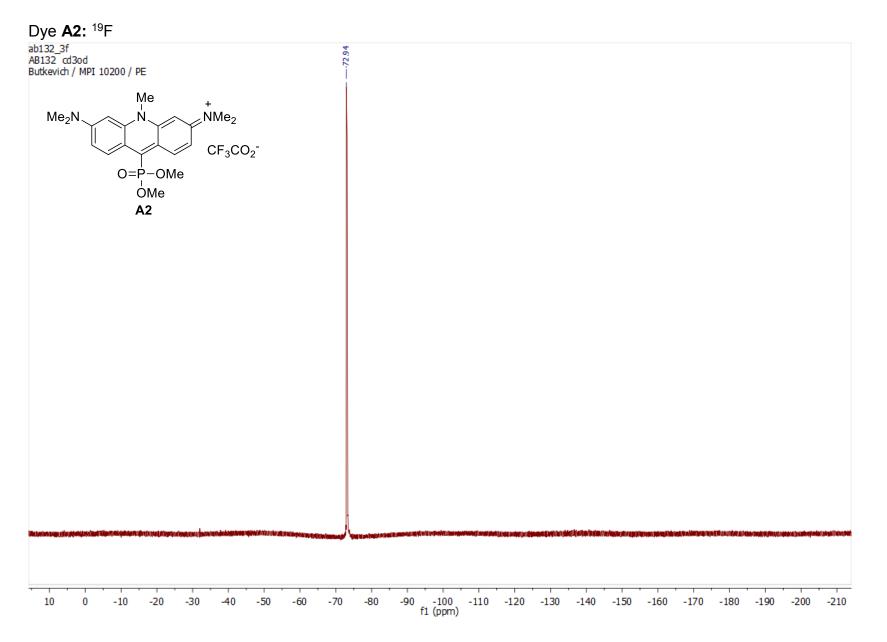
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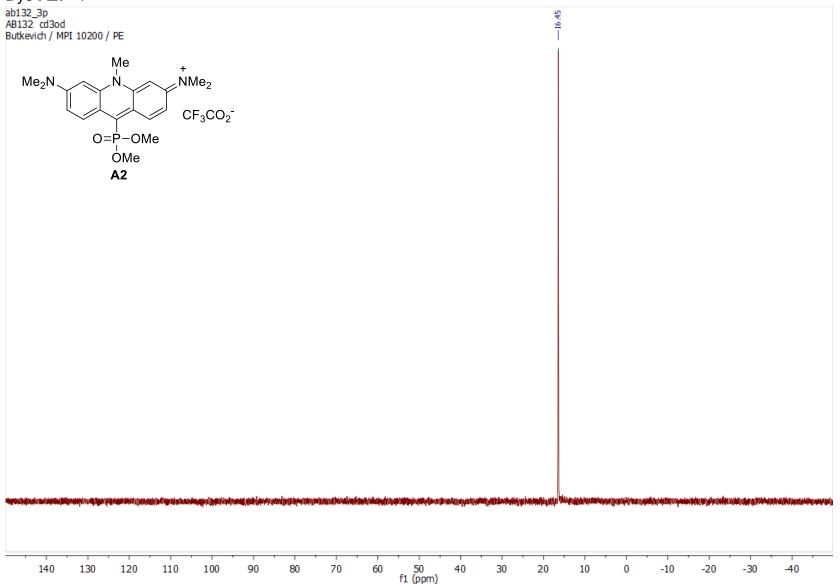


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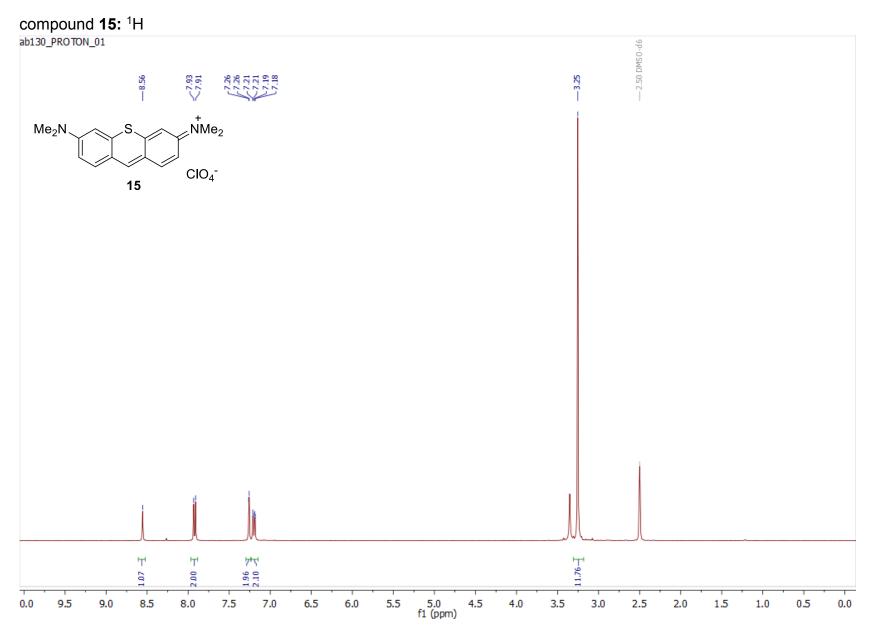


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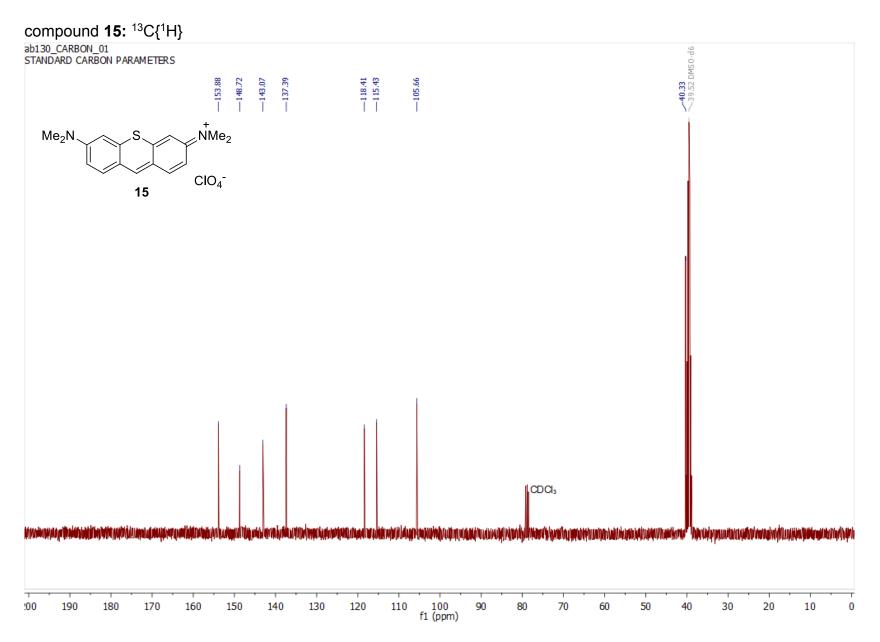




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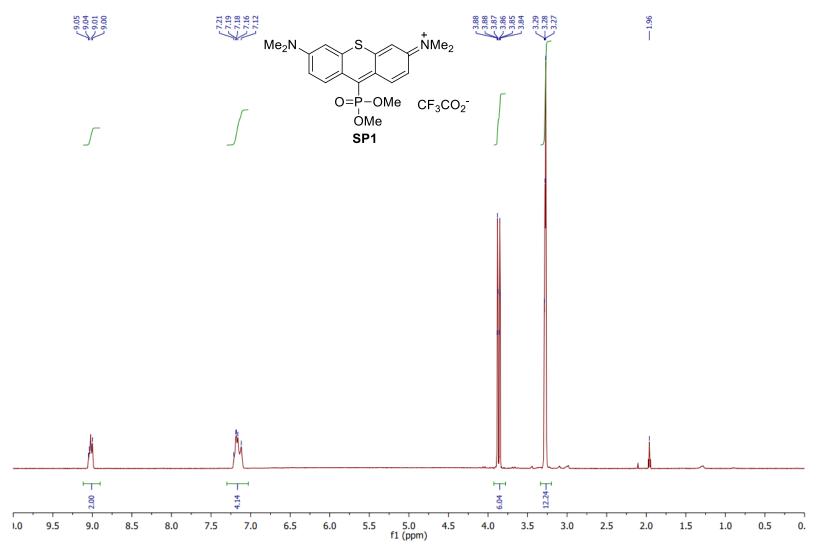
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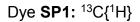
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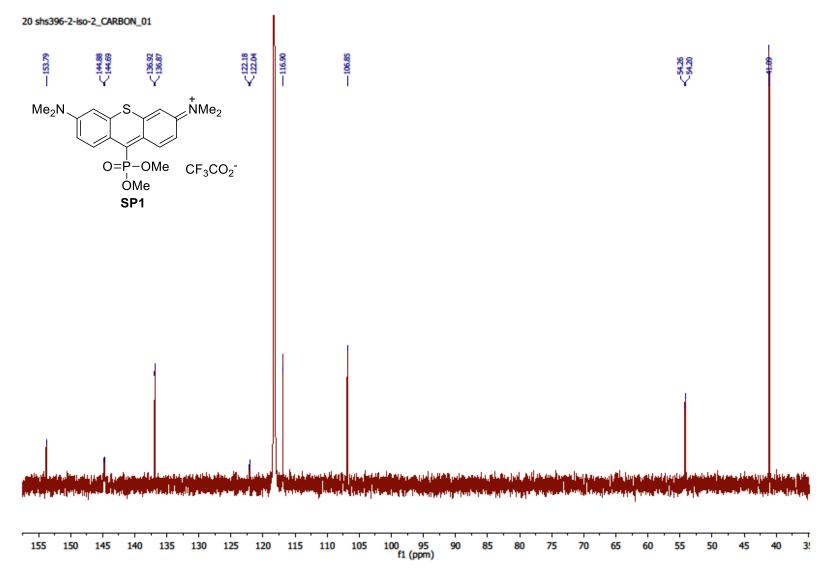
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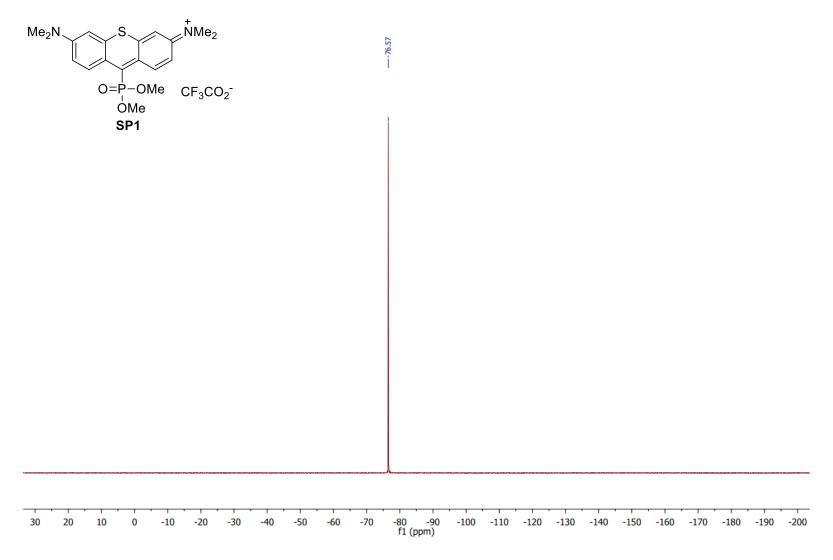
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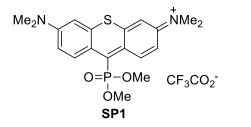
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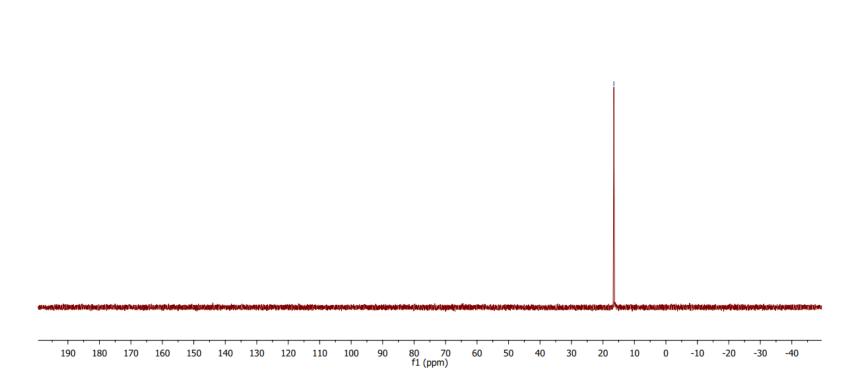
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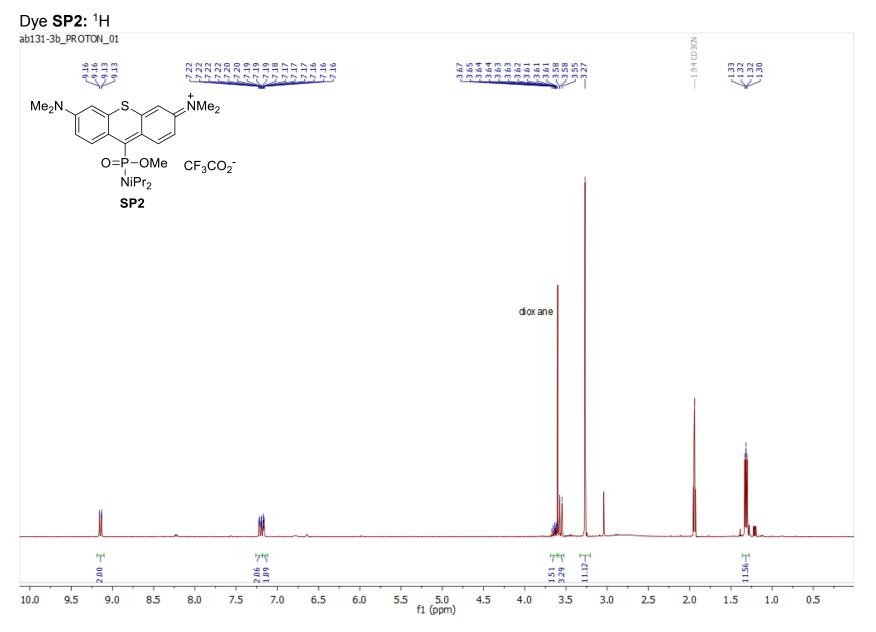
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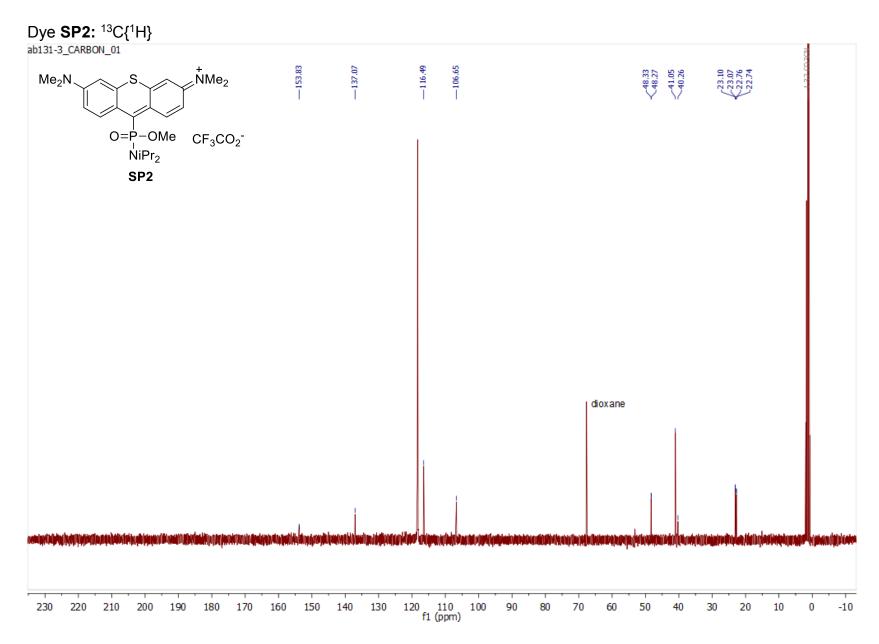




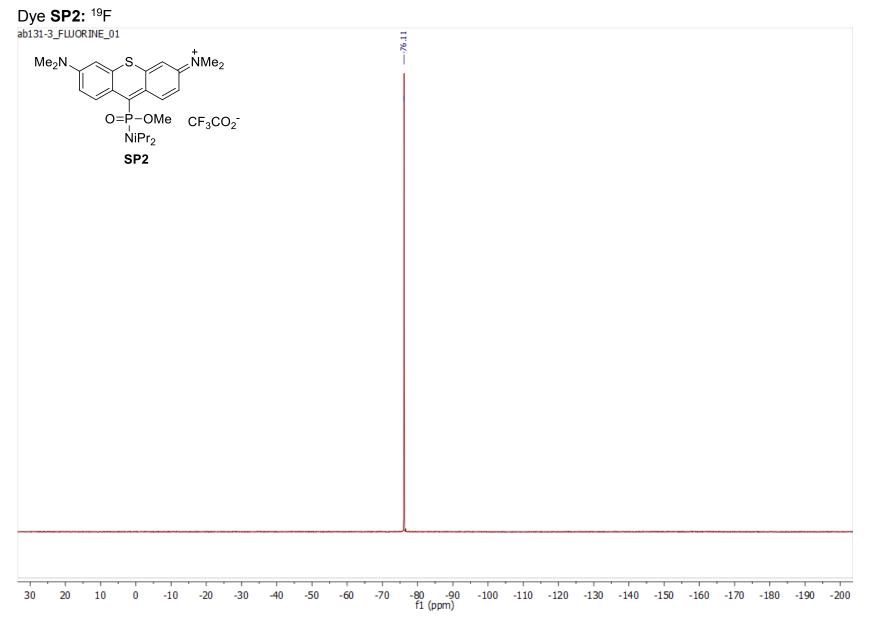
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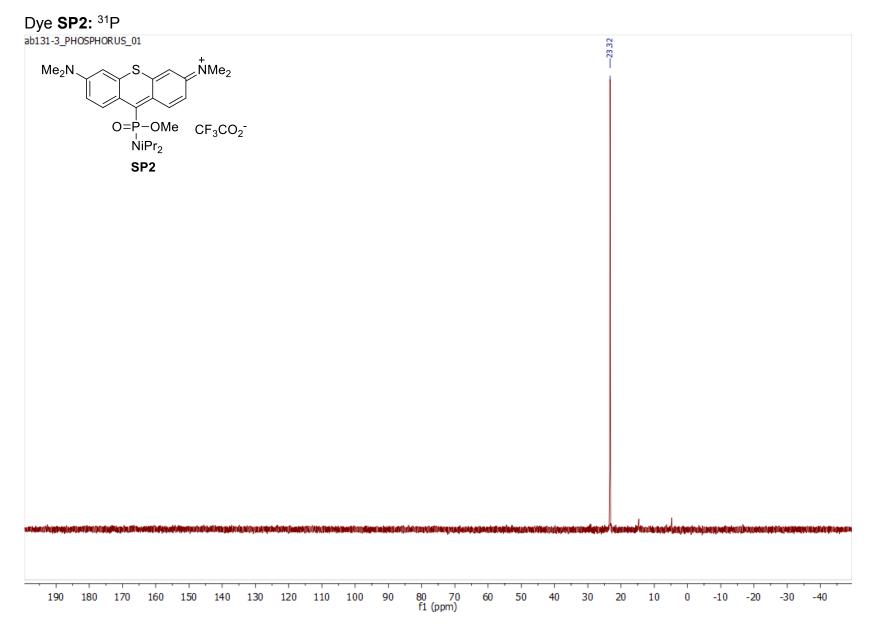
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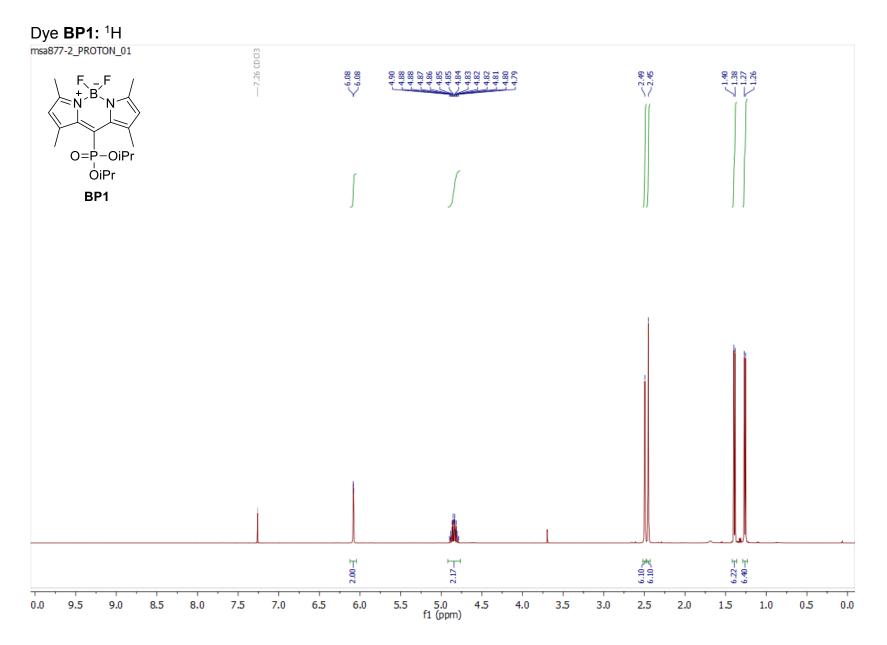
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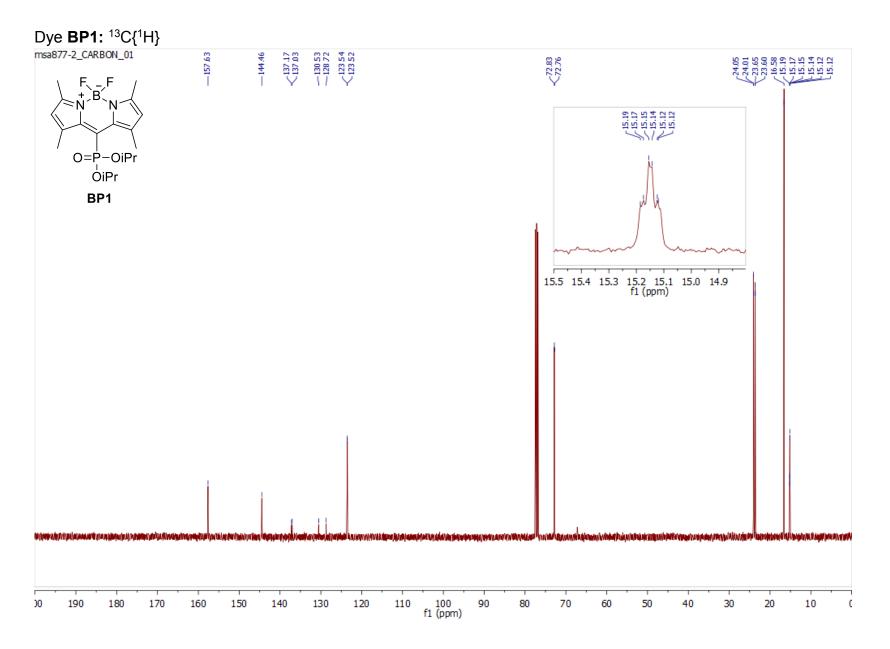
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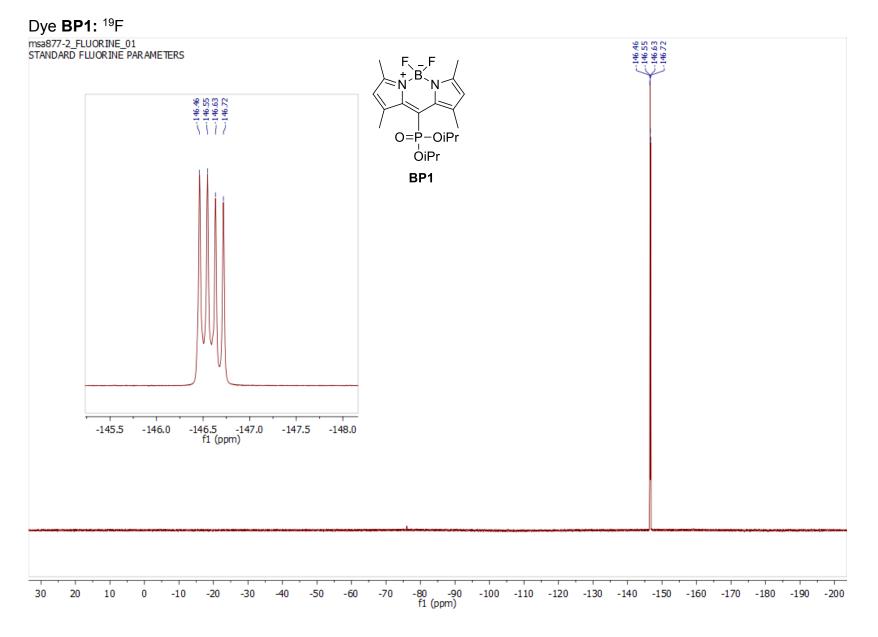
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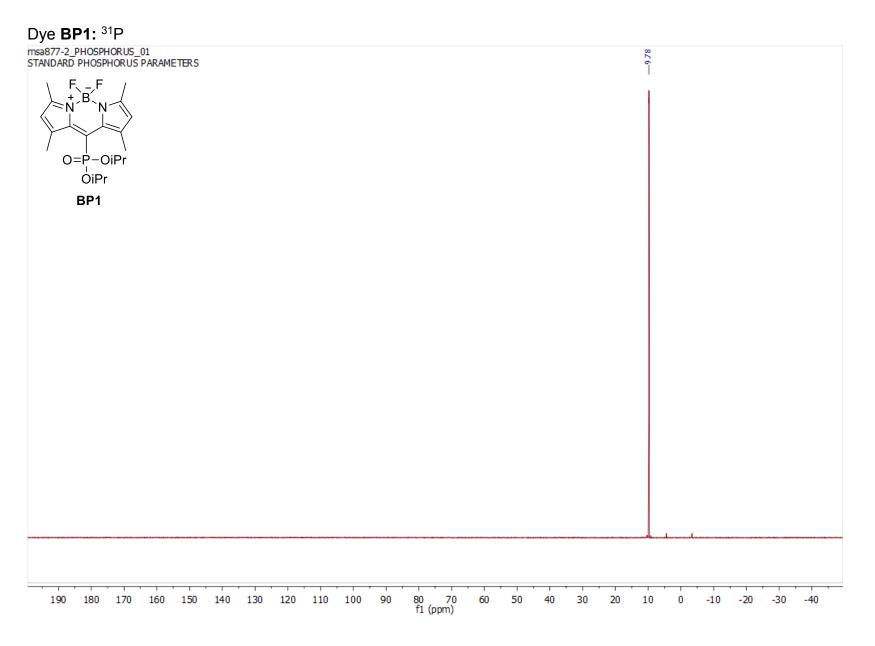
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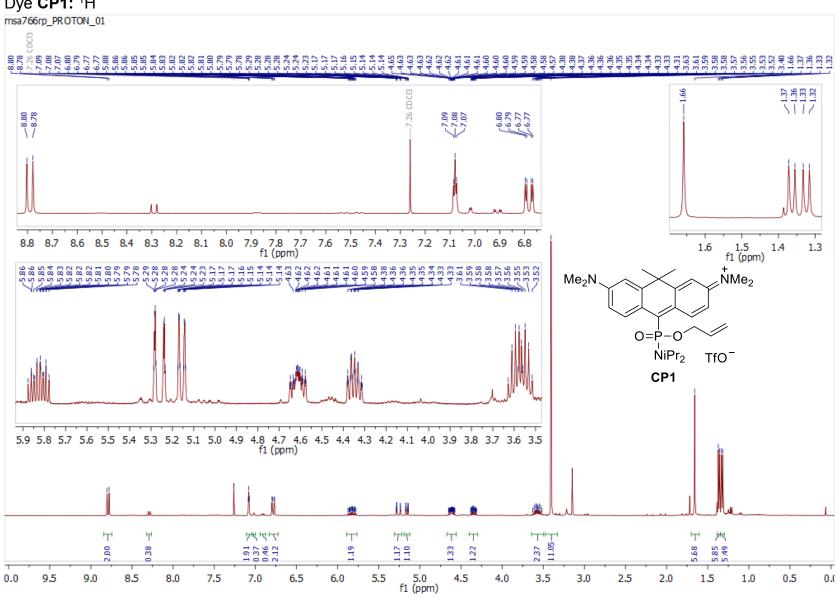
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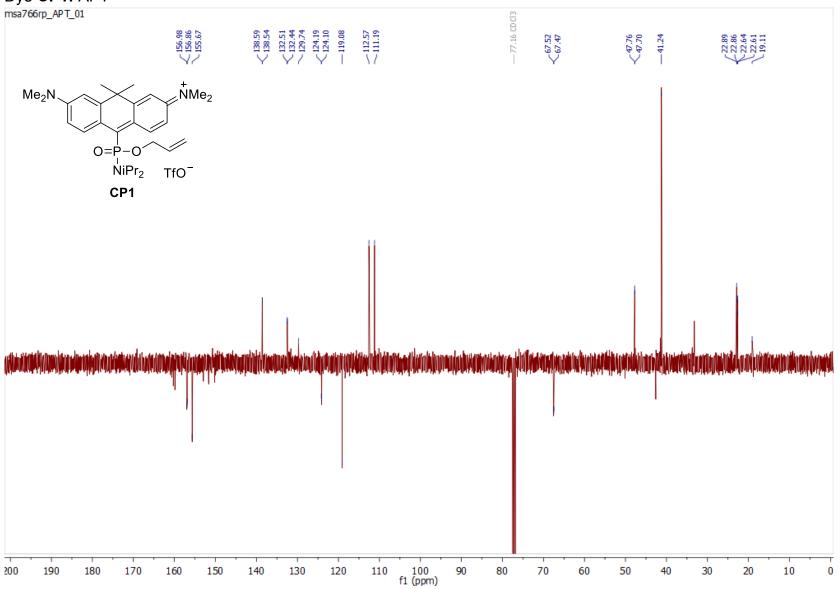
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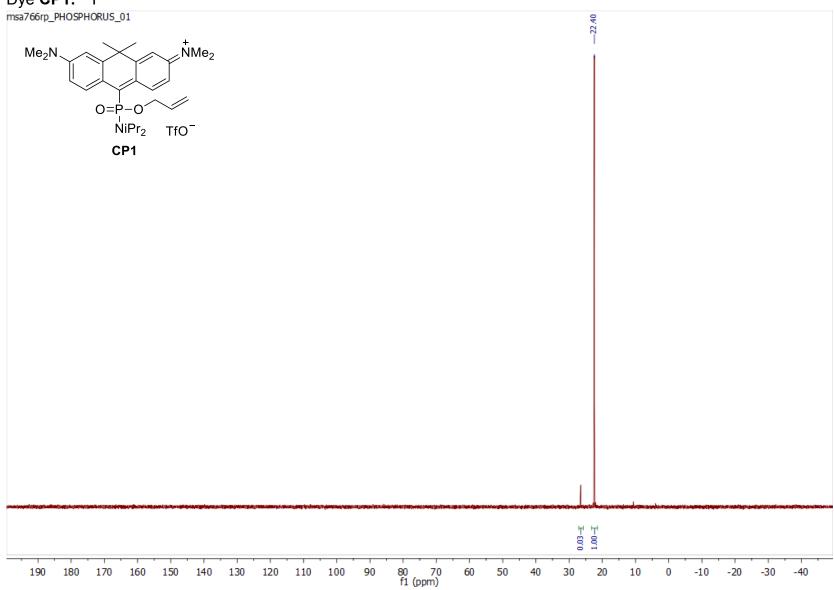
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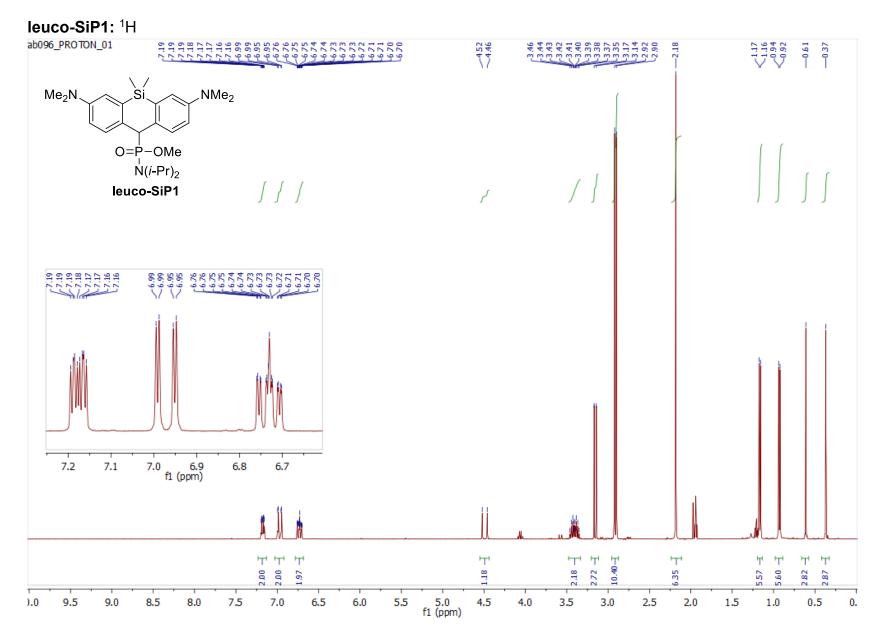


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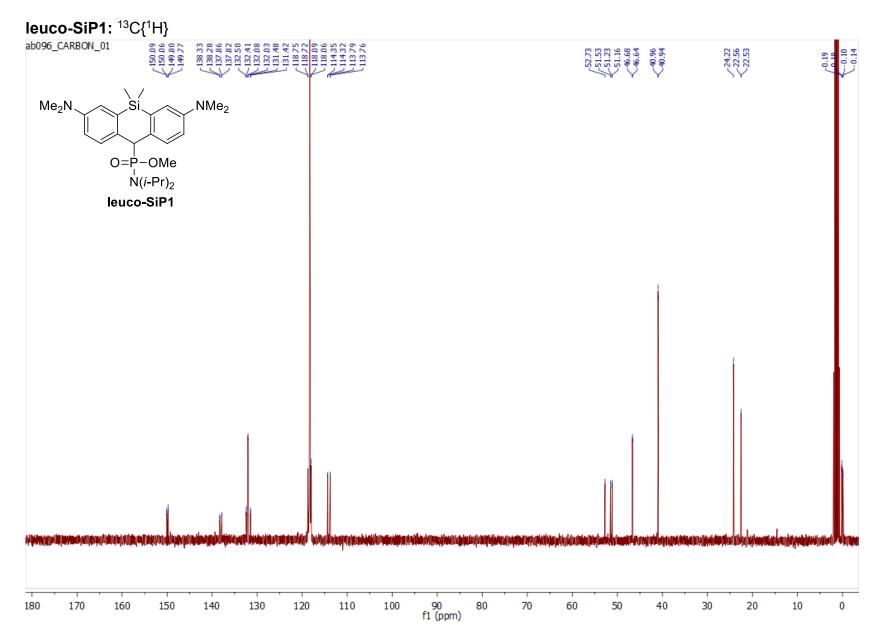


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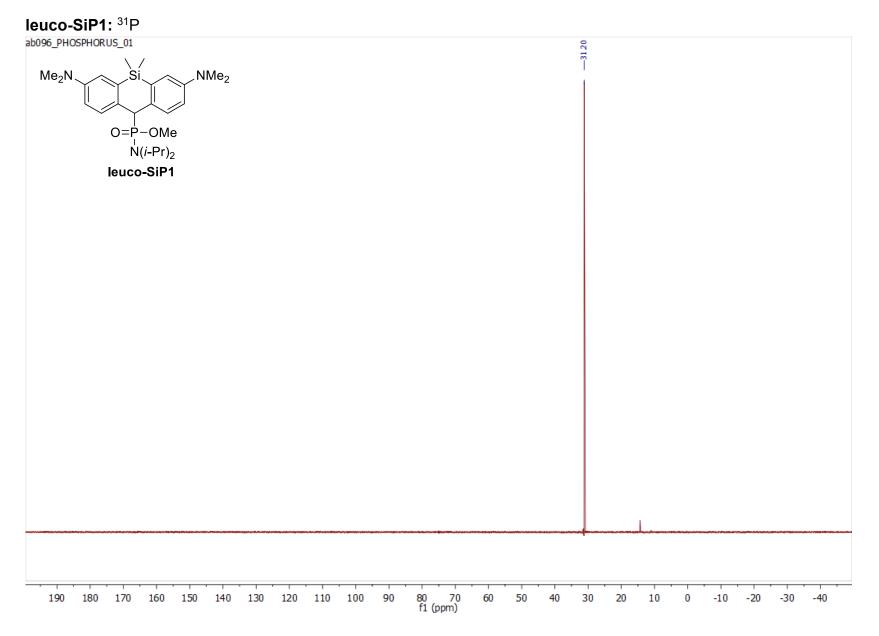
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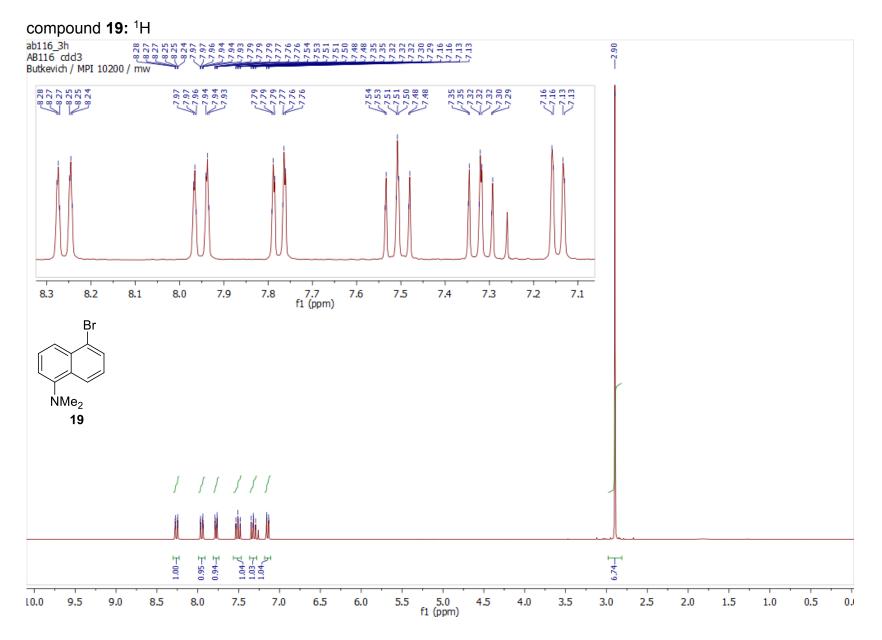
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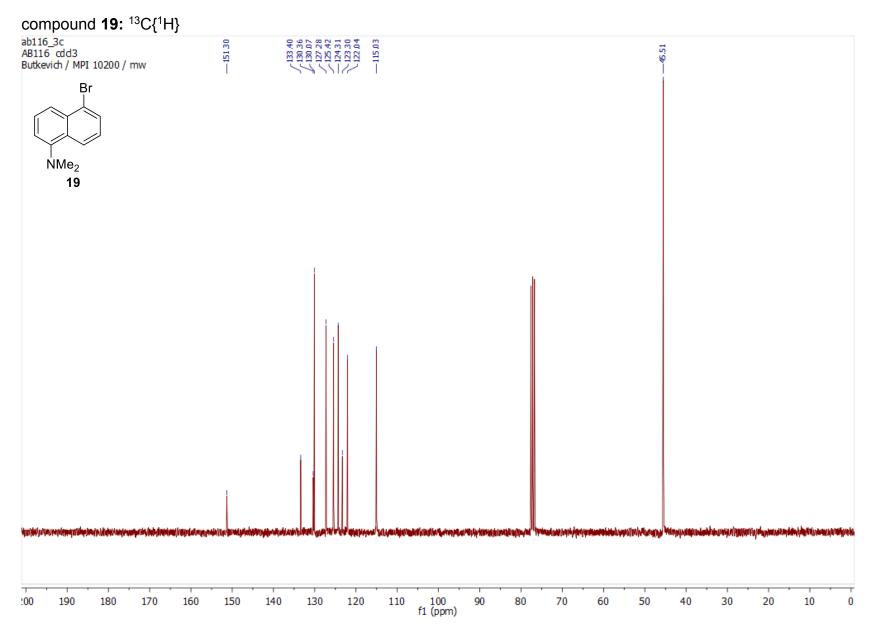
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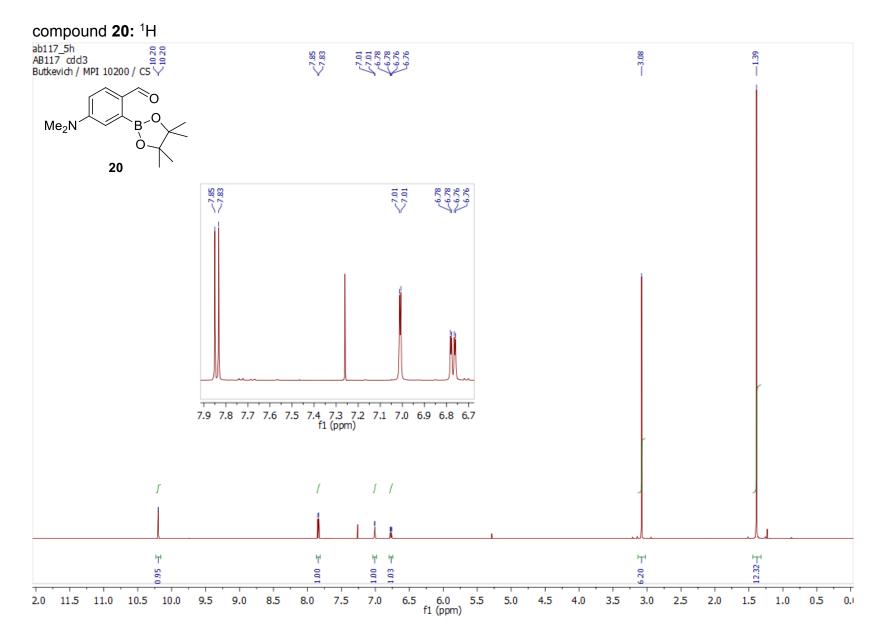
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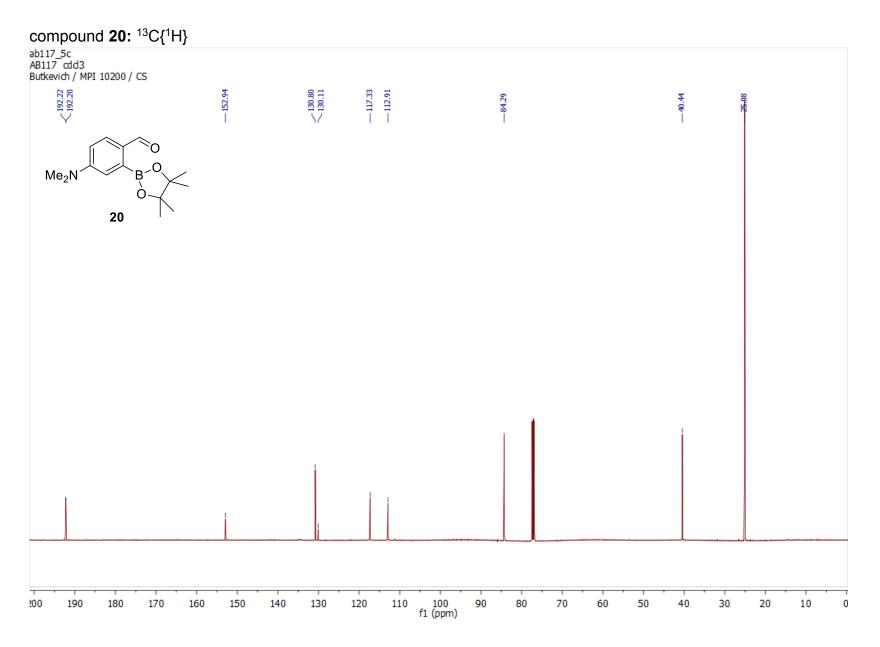
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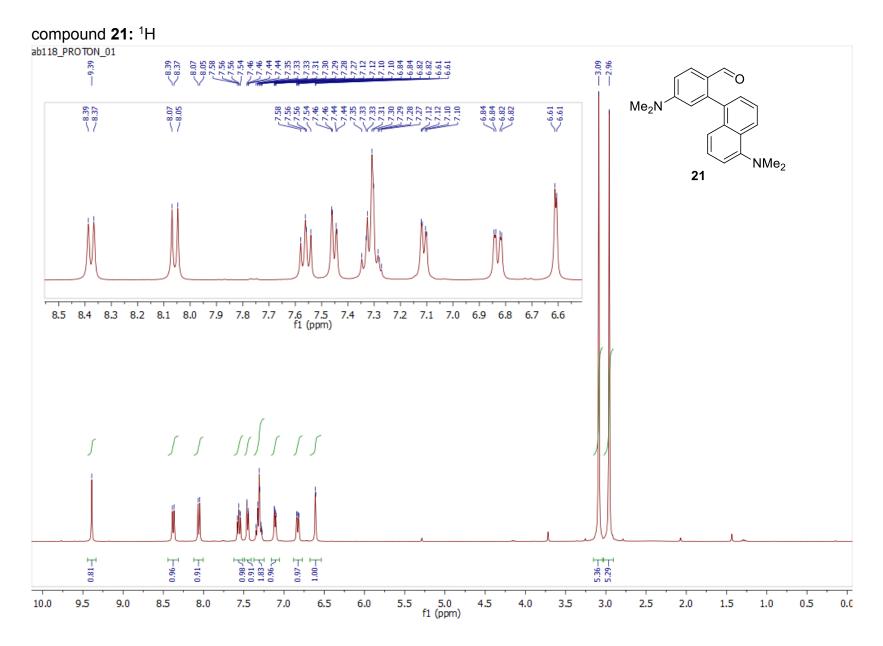
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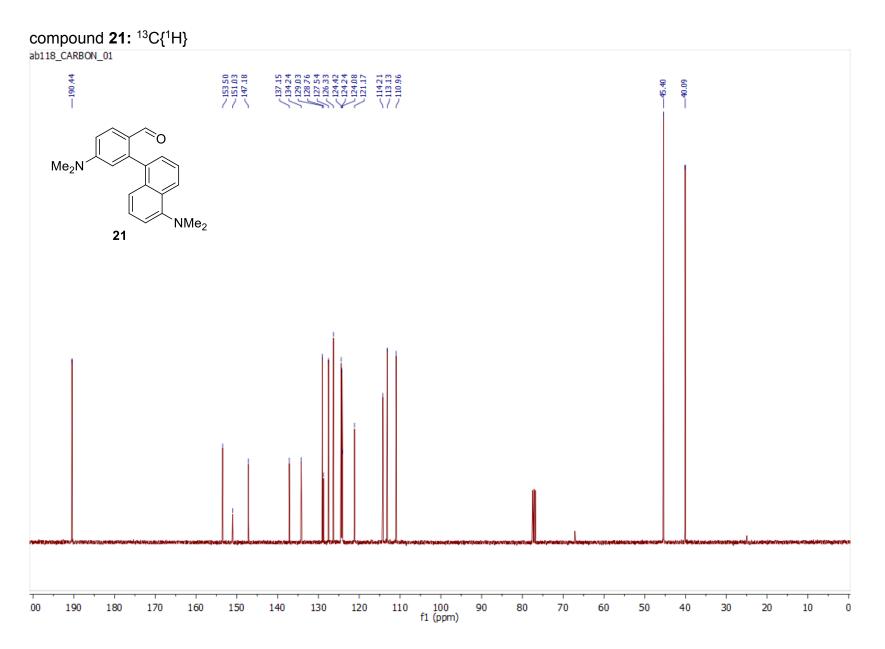
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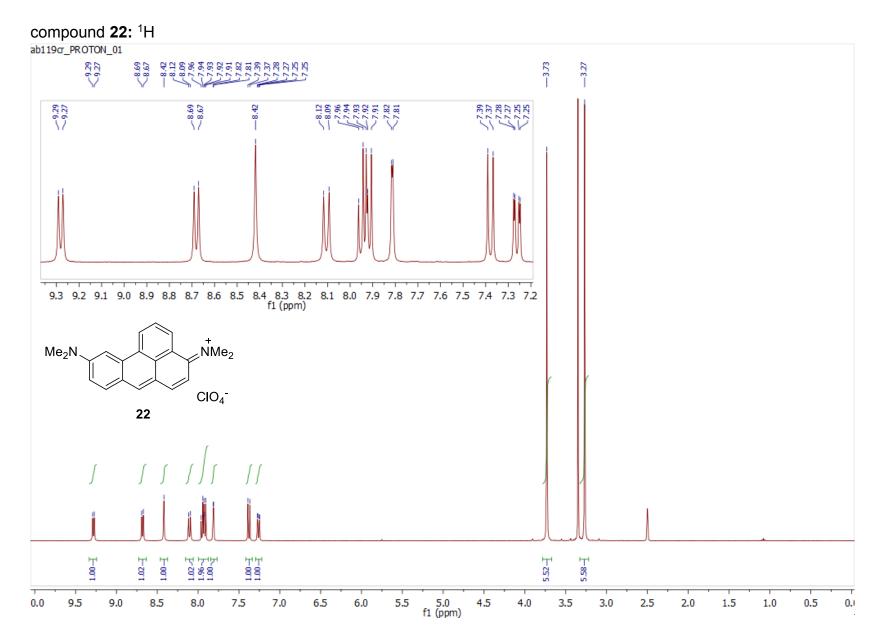
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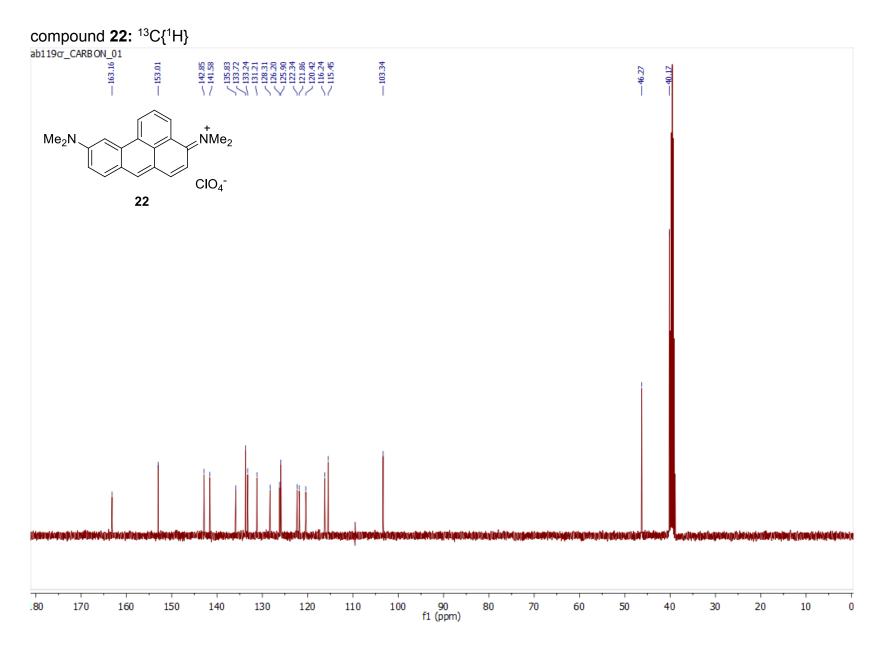
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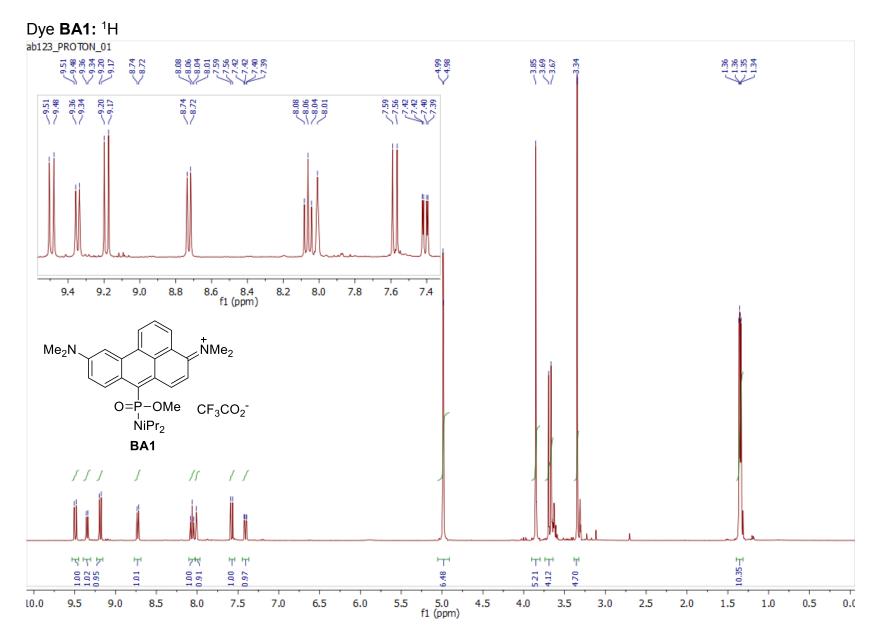
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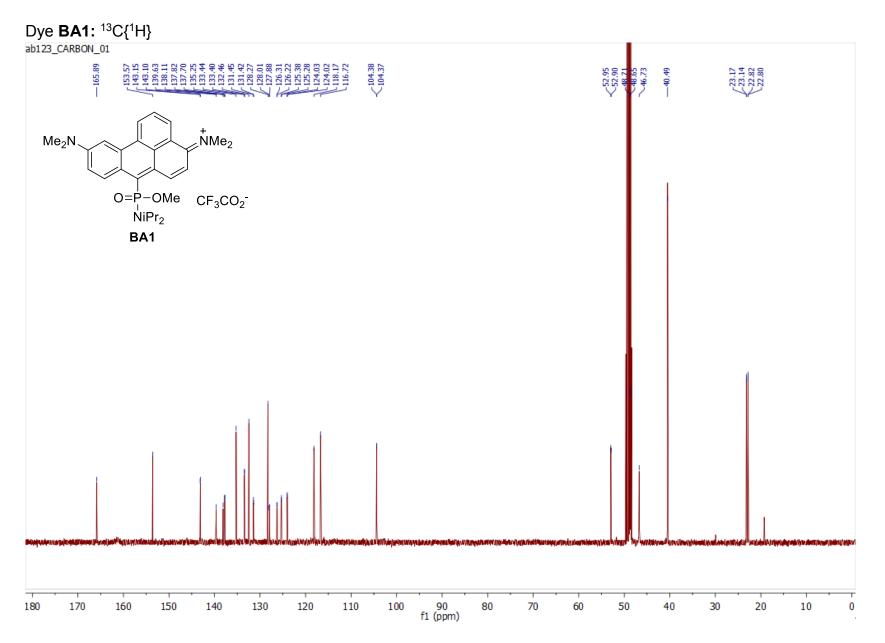
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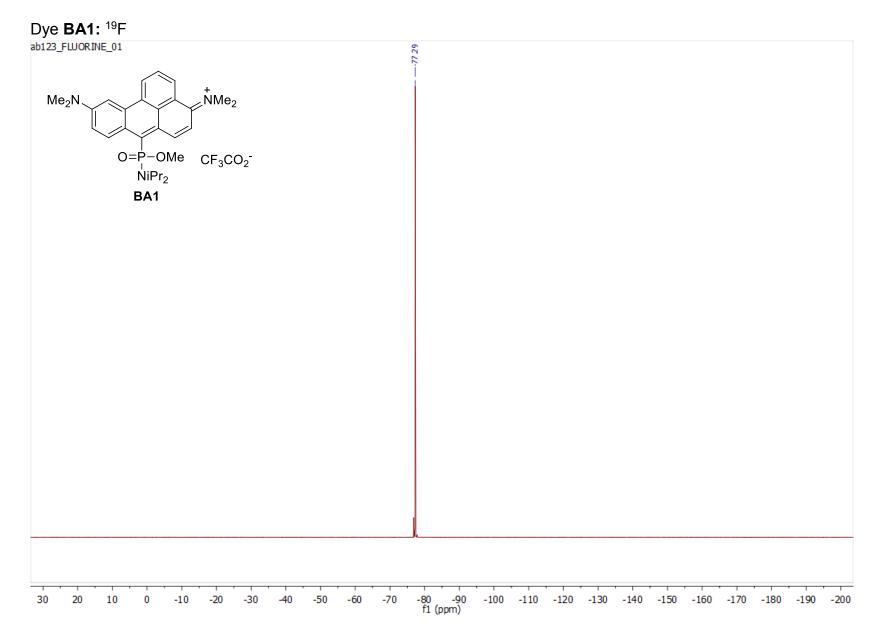
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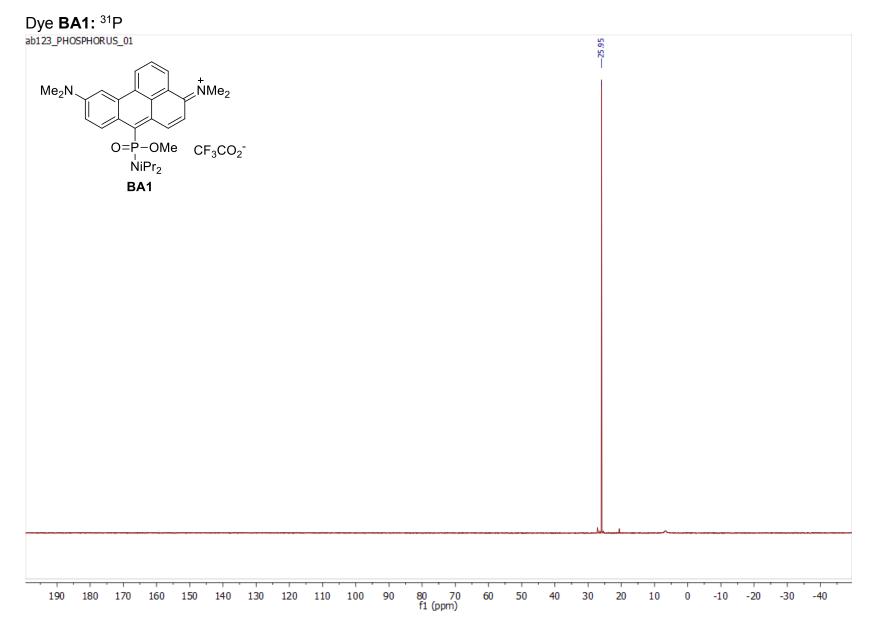
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