

Supporting Information

Visible Light promoted carbodifluoroalkylation of allylic alcohols via concomitant 1,2-Aryl Migration

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General Information

All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. All catalysts and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers. Dry DMF was purchased from JK. CF₃I was stored up in dry DMF.^[1] Diaryl allylic alcohols were prepared according to the literature.^[2] Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated, glass-backed silica gel plates. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI mode. The 5W LEDs were directly got from the supermarket.

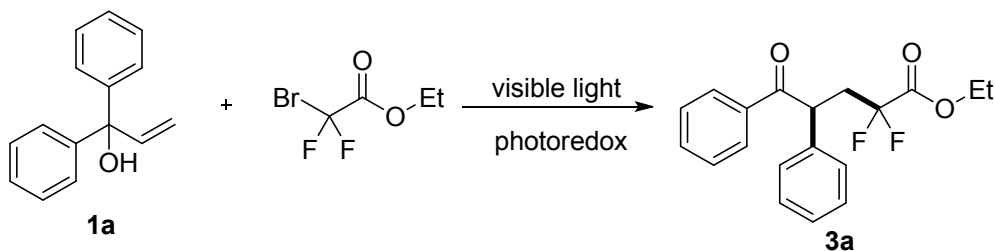
General procedure for carbodifluoroalkylation of allylic alcohols

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1a-t** (0.2 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.02 equiv, 0.004mmol), 2-bromo-2,2-difluoroacetate **2** (2.5 equiv, 0.5mmol), CH₃COOK (1.5 equiv, 0.3mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 1 ml dry DMF was added with syringe under Ar. The tube was placed at a distance (app.5 cm) from 5w blue leds, and the resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature under visible-light irradiation. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum to remove DMF., and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford the **3a-t**.

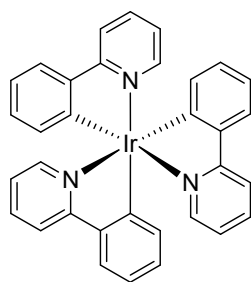
General procedure for carboTrifluoroalkylation of allylic alcohols

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and charged with allylic alcohols (0.2 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.02 equiv, 0.004mmol), CH₃COOK (1.5 equiv, 0.3mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. CF₃I (5 equiv, 1mmol) and 1 ml dry DMF was added in with syringe under Ar. The tube was placed at a distance (app.5 cm) from 5w blue leds, and the resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature under visible-light irradiation. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum to remove DMF, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford the **4a-d**.

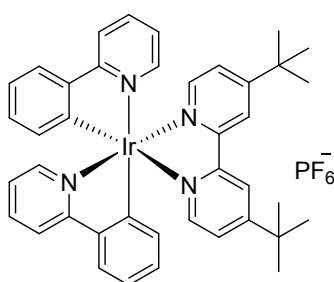
Optimization of the Reaction Conditions Of Carbodifluoroalkylation ^a



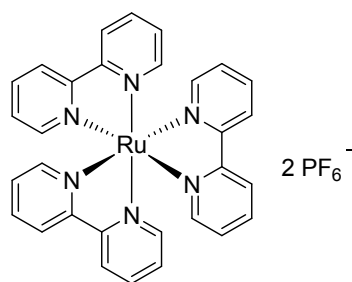
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1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK	CH ₃ CN	69
2	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK	DCM	50
3	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK	DMSO	55
4	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK	CH ₃ OH	53 ^c
5	<i>fac</i>-Ir(ppy)₃	CH₃COOK	DMF	83
6	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK(2 equiv)	DMF	84
7	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK	DMF	73 ^d
8	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COOK	DMF	83 ^e
9	Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	CH ₃ COOK	DMF	69
10	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	CH ₃ COOK	DMF	37
11	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	-	DMF	0
12	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CH ₃ COONa	DMF	76
13	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	NaHCO ₃	DMF	71
14	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	K ₂ HPO ₄	DMF	56
15	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ HPO ₄	DMF	38
16	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	DMF	53
17	-	CH ₃ COOK	DMF	0
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fac-Ir(ppy)₃



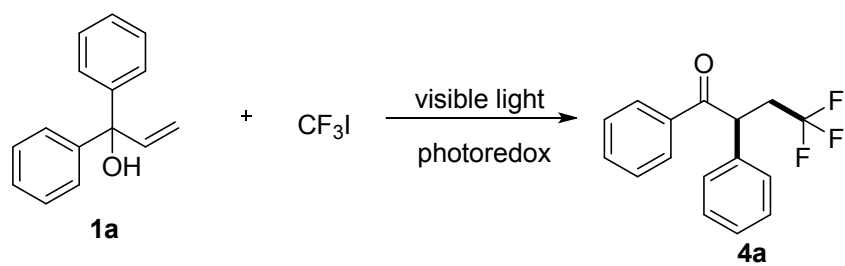
Ir(ppy)₂(dtbbpy)PF₆



Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), BrCF₂CO₂Et (0.5 mmol), Base (1.5equiv, 0.3 mmol), photocatalyst (2 mol%), solvent (1 mL), 5 W Blue LED light, 24 h, rt. ^b Isolated yield. ^c CF₂CO₂Me substituted product was formed ^d 0.4 mmol BrCF₂CO₂Et was used. ^e 0.6 mmol BrCF₂CO₂Et was used. ^f In the dark.

Brief Optimization of the Catalyst for Carbotrifluoromethylation^a

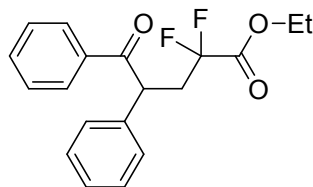


Entry	photocatalyst	Yield(%) ^b
1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	56
2	Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbpy)PF ₆	53
3	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	64 (60) ^c

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), CF_3I (1 mmol), CH_3COOK (1.5equiv, 0.3 mmol), photocatalyst (2 mol%), DMF (1 mL), 5 W Blue LED light, 24 h, rt.^b ¹⁹F NMR yield using trifluorotoluene as standard. ^c isolated yield.

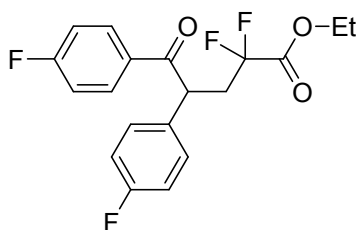
Characterization data of compounds

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4,5-diphenylpentanoate **3a**



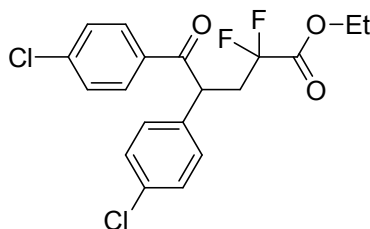
Reaction time 24h, R_f = 0.7 (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 83%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dq, J = 7.2 Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dq, J = 7.2 Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.40 (m, 1H), 1.14 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.3, 163.8 (t, J = 32.8 Hz), 137.8, 135.8, 133.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 115.3 (t, J = 248.1 Hz), 62.3, 46.9 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 38.2 (t, J = 22.6 Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -105.0 (d, J = 260.6 Hz), -104.8 (d, J = 258.3 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 333.1297; found: 333.1300.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4,5-bis(4-fluorophenyl)-5-oxopentanoate **3b**



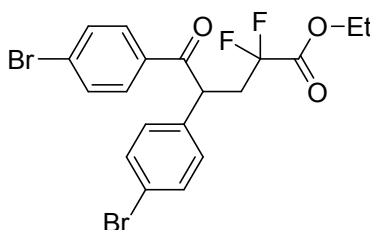
Reaction time 30h, R_f = 0.6 (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 50%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.91-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (dd, J = 5.2 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.14-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.36 (m, 1H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.7, 165.8 (d, J = 253.7 Hz), 162.2 (d, J = 245.9 Hz), 163.7 (t, J = 31.9 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 132.0 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 131.5 (d, J = 9.7 Hz), 129.8 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 116.3 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 115.1 (t, J = 248.6 Hz), 63.0, 46.0 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 38.2 (t, J = 22.4 Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.4 (s), -104.5 (s, Ph-F), -104.5 (s), -114.1 (s, Ph-F) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.1108; found: 369.1115.

ethyl 4,5-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxopentanoate **3c**



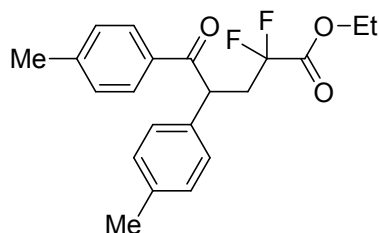
Reaction time 30h, $R_f = 0.6$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 80%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.80\text{--}7.76$ (m, 2H), 7.30–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.12 (m, 2H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.22–3.08 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.35 (m, 1H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.8, 163.6 (t, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 140.0, 136.0, 133.9, 133.8, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 115.1 (t, $J = 249.2$ Hz), 63.1, 46.2 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 38.0 (t, $J = 24.0$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.4 (s) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.0337; found: 423.0361.

ethyl 4,5-bis(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxopentanoate **3d**



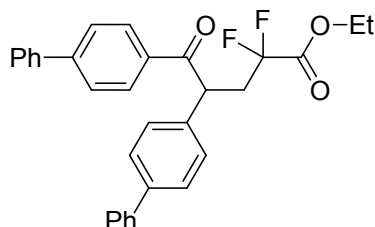
Reaction time 26h, $R_f = 0.5$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 75%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.70$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.16–3.99 (m, 2H), 3.22–3.08 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.34 (m, 1H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.0, 163.6 (t, $J = 32.0$ Hz), 136.5, 134.2, 132.5, 132.1, 130.3, 129.9, 128.8, 122.0, 115.1 (t, $J = 249.3$ Hz), 63.1, 46.3 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 37.9 (t, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.4 (s) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{Br}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 510.9326; found: 510.9326.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4,5-di-p-tolylpentanoate **3e**



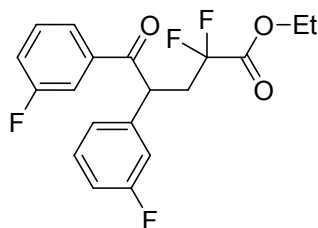
Reaction time 26h, $R_f = 0.8$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 65%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.81 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.0, 163.8 (t, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 144.0, 137.3, 135.0, 133.3, 129.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.1, 115.4 (t, $J = 248.7$ Hz), 62.9, 46.4 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 38.2 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 21.6, 21.0, 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.0 (d, $J = 257.9$ Hz), -104.7 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 361.1610; found: 361.1618.

ethyl 4,5-di([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxopentanoate **3f**



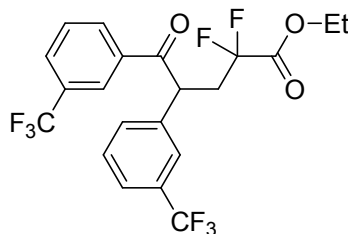
Reaction time 40h, $R_f = 0.7$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 57%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.06$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.28 (m, 8H), 5.04 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.54 (m, 1H), 1.23 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.8, 163.8 (t, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 146.0, 140.7, 140.3, 139.7, 136.8, 134.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 115.4 (t, $J = 249.1$ Hz), 63.0, 46.6 (t, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 38.3 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -103.80 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz), -104.61 (d, $J = 258.4$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 507.1742; found: 507.1747.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4,5-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-5-oxopentanoate **3g**



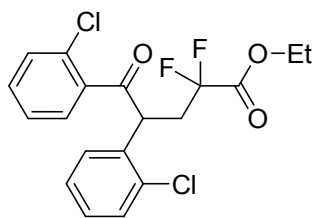
Reaction time 28h, $R_f = 0.5$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 55%, pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.64$ (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dt, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.93-6.83 (m, 2H), 4.83 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.37 (m, 1H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.7, 164.2 (d, $J = 28.1$ Hz), 163.6 (t, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 161.7 (d, $J = 29.5$ Hz), 139.7 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 137.7 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 130.9 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 130.4 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 124.0 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 120.5 (d, $J = 20.3$ Hz), 115.6 (d, $J = 22.2$ Hz), 115.2 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz), 114.9 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz), 115.0 (t, $J = 249.7$ Hz), 63.1, 46.3 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 37.9 (t, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.5 (s), -111.2 (s), -111.3 (s) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_4\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 369.1108; found: 369.1115.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4,5-bis(3-fluorophenyl)-5-oxopentanoate **3h**



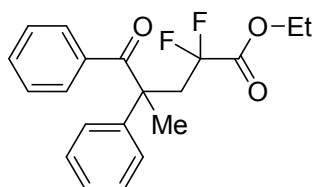
Reaction time 28h, $R_f = 0.5$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 74%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.12$ (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.34 (m, 5H), 4.96 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.26-3.16 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.41 (m, 1H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 195.6, 163.5 (t, $J = 33.1$ Hz), 138.2, 136.0, 131.8 (q, $J = 32.1$ Hz), 131.8, 131.6, 131.5 (q, $J = 32.8$ Hz), 130.0(2C), 129.5(2C), 125.6 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 124.9 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 123.7 (q, $J = 270.7$ Hz), 123.5 (q, $J = 270.5$ Hz), 114.9 (t, $J = 249.5$ Hz), 63.2, 46.7 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 38.0 (t, $J = 23.5$ Hz), 13.7 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.8, -63.1, -104.1 (d, $J = 260.6$ Hz), -104.8 (d, $J = 261.7$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_8\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 491.0864; found: 491.0860.

ethyl 4,5-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxopentanoate **3i**



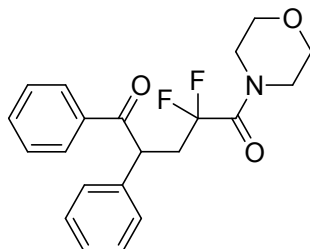
Reaction time 26h, $R_f = 0.8$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 81%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.30\text{--}7.28$ (m, 1H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.06 (m, 1H), 5.31 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.07 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.15 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.39 (m, 1H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.7, 163.7 (t, $J = 32.9$ Hz), 137.7, 134.2, 134.1, 131.9, 131.4, 130.5, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 129.1, 127.4, 126.6, 115.1 (t, $J = 248.9$ Hz), 63.1, 46.8, 36.0 (t, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 13.9 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.2 (s) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.0337; found: 423.0360.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-methyl-5-oxo-4,5-diphenylpentanoate **3j**



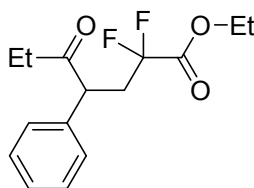
Reaction time 28h, $R_f = 0.8$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 77%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.40\text{--}7.29$ (m, 8H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.11-3.91 (m, 2H), 3.02-2.81 (m, 2H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 202.0, 163.9 (t, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 140.9, 136.2, 131.7, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 127.8, 126.8, 115.9 (t, $J = 248.2$ Hz), 62.7, 52.4 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 44.2 (t, $J = 20.9$ Hz), 22.2 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -96.8 (d, $J = 265.1$ Hz), -99.9 (d, $J = 262.8$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 347.1453; found: 347.1472.

2,2-difluoro-1-morpholino-4,5-diphenylpentane-1,5-dione **3k**



Reaction time 30h, $R_f = 0.5$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 72%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.90\text{--}7.88$ (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.18 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.11 (m, 1H), 4.96 (dd, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.65–3.50 (m, 8H), 3.41–3.33 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.39 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.8, 161.8 (t, $J = 28.5$ Hz), 138.5, 136.1, 133.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 118.4 (t, $J = 252.9$ Hz), 66.7, 46.7 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 46.5 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz), 43.3, 38.5 (t, $J = 22.3$ Hz), ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -97.5 (d, $J = 275.2$ Hz), -98.5 (d, $J = 275.6$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 374.1562; found: 374.1570.

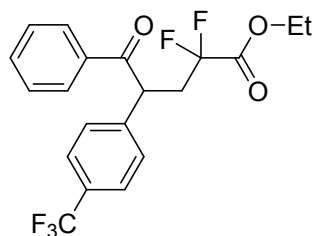
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenylheptanoate **3l**



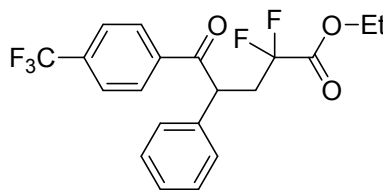
Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.6$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 33%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35\text{--}7.26$ (m, 3H), 7.21–7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.20–4.07 (m, 2H), 4.01 (dd, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18–3.05 (m, 1H), 2.41 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.38–2.26 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 208.3, 163.8 (t, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 137.6, 129.1, 128.3, 127.8, 115.3 (t, $J = 249.6$ Hz), 62.9, 51.5 (d, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 36.9 (t, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 34.7, 13.8, 7.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.2 (d, $J = 257.6$ Hz), -105.3 (d, $J = 258.3$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 307.1116; found: 307.1128.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanoate **3m**

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenyl-5-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanoate **3m'**



3m

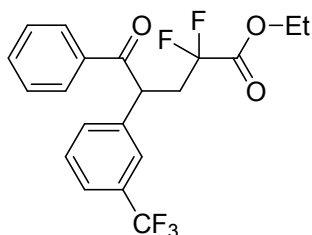


3m'

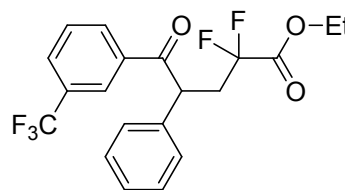
Reaction time 26h, $R_f = 0.8$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 70%, colourless oil. **3m:3m'** = 50:1. **3m**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.86$ (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.31 (m, 4H), 4.97 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dq, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dq, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.27-3.13 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.39 (m, 1H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.7, 163.6 (t, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 141.8, 135.5, 133.6, 130.0 (q, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 128.8, 128.7, 126.2 (q, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 123.9 (q, $J = 270.4$ Hz), 115.1 (t, $J = 249.9$ Hz), 63.1, 46.5 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 38.0 (t, $J = 22.3$ Hz), 13.7 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.8, -104.4 (s) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_5\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.0990; found: 423.0993.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-4-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanoate **3n**

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenyl-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanoate **3n'**



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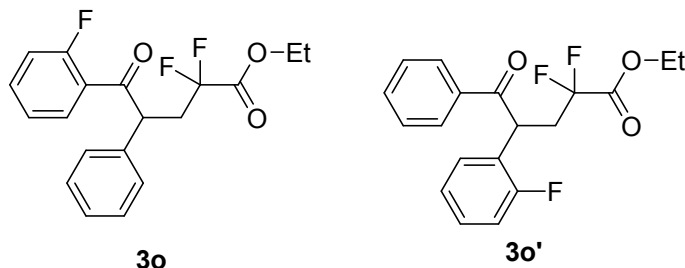
3n'

Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.5$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 63%, colourless oil. **3n : 3n'** = 3.6: 1. **3n** and **3n'**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.21$ (s, 0.21H), 8.11 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.22H), 7.95 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1.51H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.28H), 7.58-7.26 (m, 7.19H), 5.06 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 0.73H), 4.94 (dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 8.0 Hz, 0.20H), 4.21-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.22 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.48 (m, 1H), 1.26-1.22 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.8, 198.0, 163.6 (t, $J = 32.0$ Hz), 138.8, 137.1, 136.3, 135.5, 133.6, 131.9, 131.7, 131.4, 129.8, 129.6 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 129.5, 129.3, 128.8 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 128.2, 128.0, 125.6 (q, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J = 270.8$ Hz), 125.1, 125.0 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 124.7 (q, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 122.4, 115.0 (t, $J = 250.2$ Hz), 63.1, 63.0, 47.2

(t, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 46.4 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 38.2 (t, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 38.0 (t, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 13.8, 13.7 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.7, -63.0, 104.0 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz), -104.4, 104.8 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_5\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 401.1171; found: 401.1174.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-oxo-4-phenylpentanoate **3o**

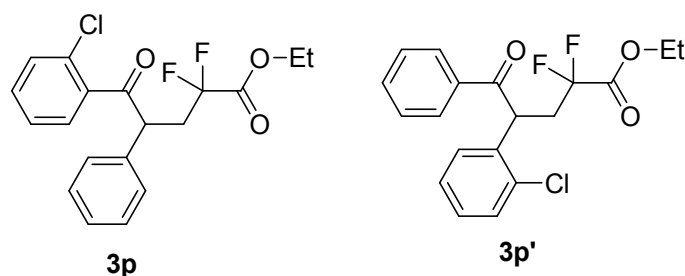
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(2-fluorophenyl)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanoate **3o'**



Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.7$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 79%, colourless oil. **3o** : **3o'** = 2.5: 1. **3o** and **3o'**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.96 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.55H), 7.75 (dt, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 0.69H), 7.49 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 0.31H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 1.28H), 7.25-7.00 (m, 6.21H), 5.31 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 0.28H), 4.91 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 8.0 Hz, 0.70H), 4.24-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.35-3.19 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.45 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.7, 196.1 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 163.8 (t, $J = 32.3$ Hz), 163.7 (t, $J = 31.8$ Hz), 161.1 (d, $J = 253.7$ Hz), 159.7 (d, $J = 244.9$ Hz), 136.8, 135.4, 134.6 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 134.5, 131.2 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 129.5 (d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 129.5 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 127.8, 125.0 (d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 124.8 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 116.7 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 116.0 (d, $J = 23.0$ Hz), 115.3 (t, $J = 249.2$ Hz), 115.2 (t, $J = 249.3$ Hz), 63.0, 62.9, 50.7 (m), 38.5 (m), 37.8 (t, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 37.2 (t, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -103.7 (d, $J = 260.2$ Hz), 104.0, 104.8 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz), -109.4, -117.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 351.1203; found: 351.1214.

ethyl 5-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenylpentanoate **3p**

ethyl 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanoate **3p'**

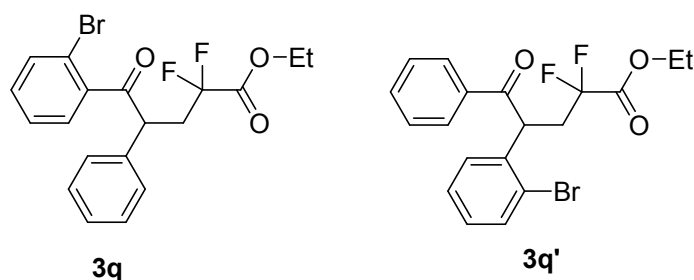


Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.7$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 60%, colourless oil. **3p** : **3p'** = 7.7:1. **3p** and **3p'**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.96-7.95 (m, 0.18H), 7.50 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 0.15H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 0.47H), 7.33-7.16 (m, 8.19H), 5.48 (dd, $J = 4.4$ Hz,

8.4 Hz, 0.11H), 4.80 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 0.85H), 4.27-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.29-3.21 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.55 (m, 0.85H), 2.46-2.33 (m, 0.13H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.7, 197.1, 163.8 (t, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 138.2, 135.9, 135.7, 135.6, 133.5, 133.3, 131.6, 131.0, 130.4, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 126.6, 115.3 (t, $J = 248.9$ Hz), 63.0, 62.9, 51.1 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 45.8 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 36.7 (t, $J = 23.6$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -103.2 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz), -103.4 (d, $J = 257.9$ Hz), -105.0 (d, $J = 260.2$ Hz), -105.2 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.0907; found: 367.0927.

ethyl 5-(2-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenylpentanoate **3q**

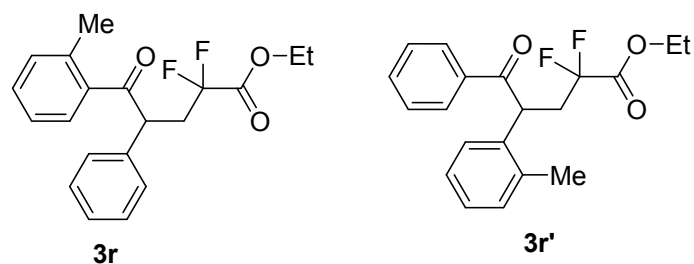
ethyl 4-(2-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanoate **3q'**



Reaction time 30h, $R_f = 0.5$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 60%, colourless oil. **3q**: **3q'** = 6.2:1. **3q** and **3q'**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.97-7.95 (m, 0.30H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 0.17H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 0.94H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 0.42H), 7.20-7.07 (m, 7.05H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 0.19H), 5.39 (dd, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 9.2 Hz, 0.13H), 4.69 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 0.80H), 4.21-3.97 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.55 (m, 0.86H), 2.35-2.22 (m, 0.17H), 1.20-1.44 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.2, 197.1, 163.7 (t, $J = 31.4$ Hz), 140.3, 137.3, 135.6, 133.8, 133.6, 133.5, 131.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.1, 124.1, 119.2, 115.4 (t, $J = 248.7$ Hz), 63.0, 62.9, 51.1 (t, $J = 4.6$ Hz), 45.8 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 37.4 (t, $J = 24.5$ Hz), 36.6 (t, $J = 23.6$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -103.2 (d, $J = 260.6$ Hz), -103.3 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz), -105.1 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz), -105.2 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 411.0402; found: 411.0403.

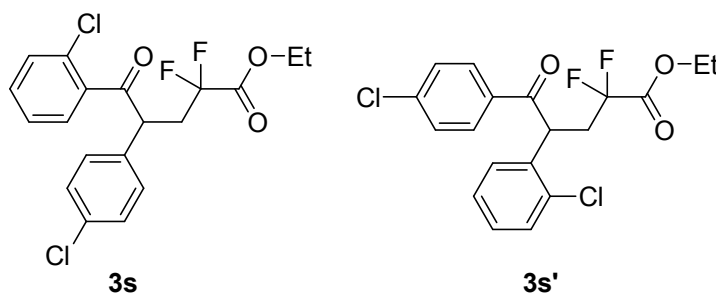
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenyl-5-(o-tolyl)pentanoate **3r**

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-4-(o-tolyl)pentanoate **3r'**



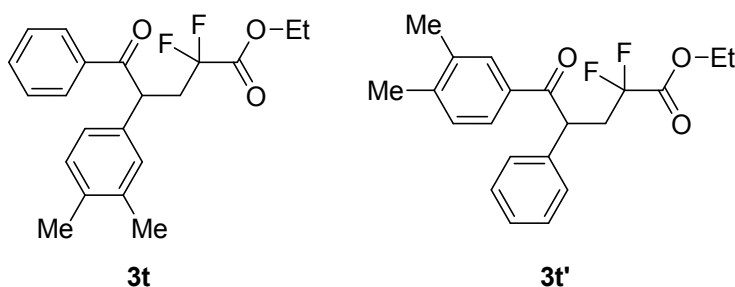
Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.8$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 61%, colourless oil. **3r** : **3r'**=10:1.
3r: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.62$ (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.39-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 200.8, 163.9 (t, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 138.4, 137.6, 137.0, 131.6, 131.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 125.5, 115.4 (t, $J = 249.1$ Hz), 63.0, 49.8 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 37.4 (t, $J = 23.9$ Hz), 20.6, 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -104.1 (d, $J = 258.3$ Hz), -104.9 (d, $J = 258.7$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 347.1453; found: 347.1472.

ethyl 5-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxopentanoate **3s**
 ethyl 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxopentanoate **3s'**



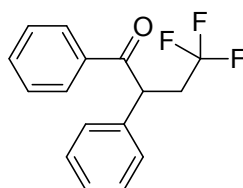
Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.7$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 77%, colourless oil. **3s**: **3s'**=19:1.
3s: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.27$ -7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.73 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.13-4.03 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.43 (m, 1H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 199.4, 163.7 (t, $J = 33.0$ Hz), 138.0, 134.5, 134.0, 131.9, 131.0, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2, 129.1, 126.7, 115.2 (t, $J = 249.0$ Hz), 63.1, 50.4 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 36.7 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz), 13.8 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -103.7 (d, $J = 260.2$ Hz), -104.7 (d, $J = 260.9$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.0337; found: 423.0372.

ethyl 4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanoate **3t**
 ethyl 5-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-oxo-4-phenylpentanoate **3t'**



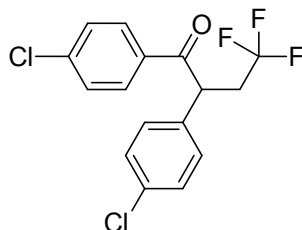
Reaction time 30h, $R_f = 0.8$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 76%, colourless oil. **3t**: **3t'**=2:1. **3t** and **3t'**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.92\text{--}7.86$ (m, 0.81H), 7.65–7.62 (m, 1.29H), 7.38–7.36 (m, 0.42H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 0.76H), 7.22–7.16 (m, 2.52H), 7.12–7.08 (m, 0.68H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 0.67H), 6.93–6.37 (m, 1.06H), 4.85 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 8.0 Hz, 0.63H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 8.0 Hz, 0.32H), 4.10–3.93 (m, 2H), 3.24–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.16 (s, 2H), 2.15 (s, 2H), 2.10 (s, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 1.15–1.10 (m, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.4, 197.1, 163.83 (t, $J = 31.7$ Hz), 163.81 (t, $J = 32.3$ Hz), 162.5, 142.9, 138.2, 137.5, 137.0, 136.1, 136.0, 135.2, 133.7, 133.1, 130.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.6, 126.6, 125.7, 115.39 (t, $J = 248.9$ Hz), 115.37 (t, $J = 247.7$ Hz), 62.9, 46.7 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 46.5 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 38.3 (t, $J = 22.8$ Hz), 38.2 (t, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 36.4, 31.4, 20.0, 19.8, 19.3, 13.8, 13.7 ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -103.8 (d, $J = 258.7$ Hz), -103.9 (d, $J = 258.3$ Hz), -104.7 (d, $J = 265.8$ Hz), -104.8 (d, $J = 265.5$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 423.0337; found: 423.0372.

4,4,4-trifluoro-1,2-diphenylbutan-1-one **4a**^[2]



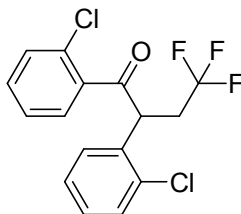
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1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutan-1-one **4b**^[2]



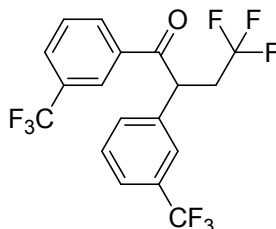
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1,2-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutan-1-one **4c**^[2]



Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.7$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 90%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.34$ -7.25 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 3H), 5.40 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.49 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 198.4, 137.7, 134.2, 133.8, 132.0, 131.3, 130.6, 130.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.5, 126.6, 126.2 (q, $J = 275.5$ Hz), 47.1, 35.4 (q, $J = 28.7$ Hz) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.6 ppm.

4,4,4-trifluoro-1,2-bis(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butan-1-one **4d**^[2]

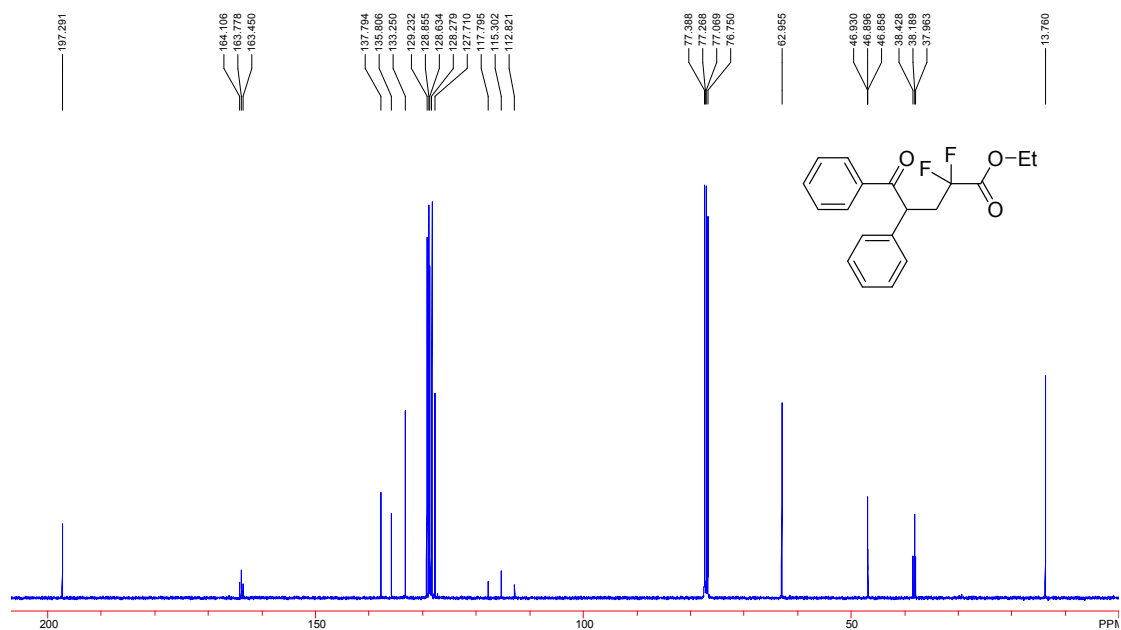
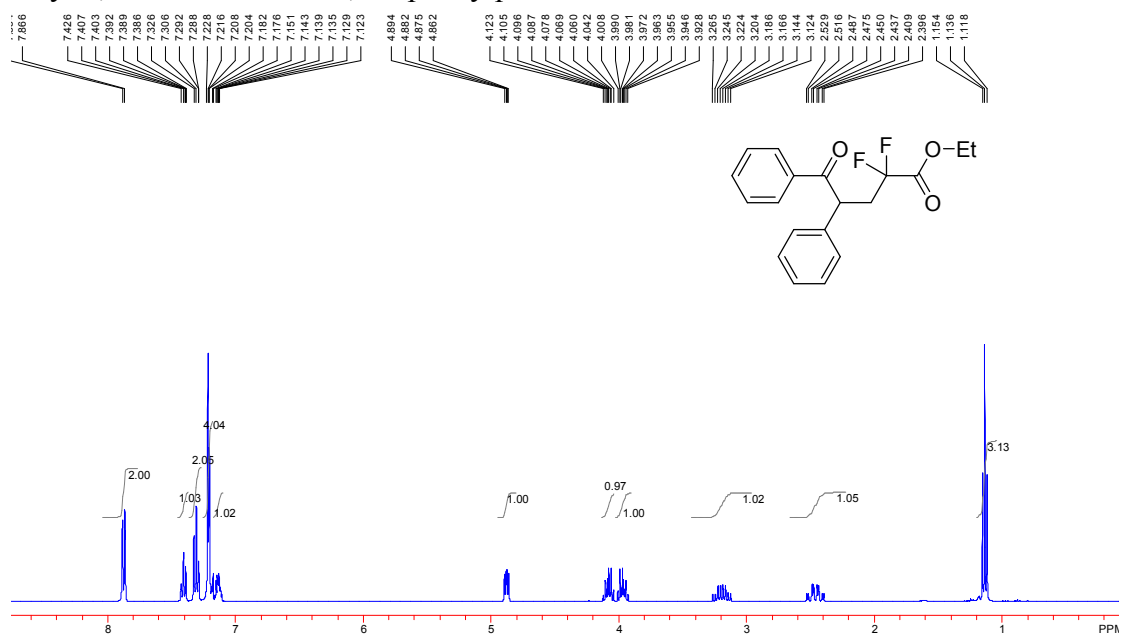


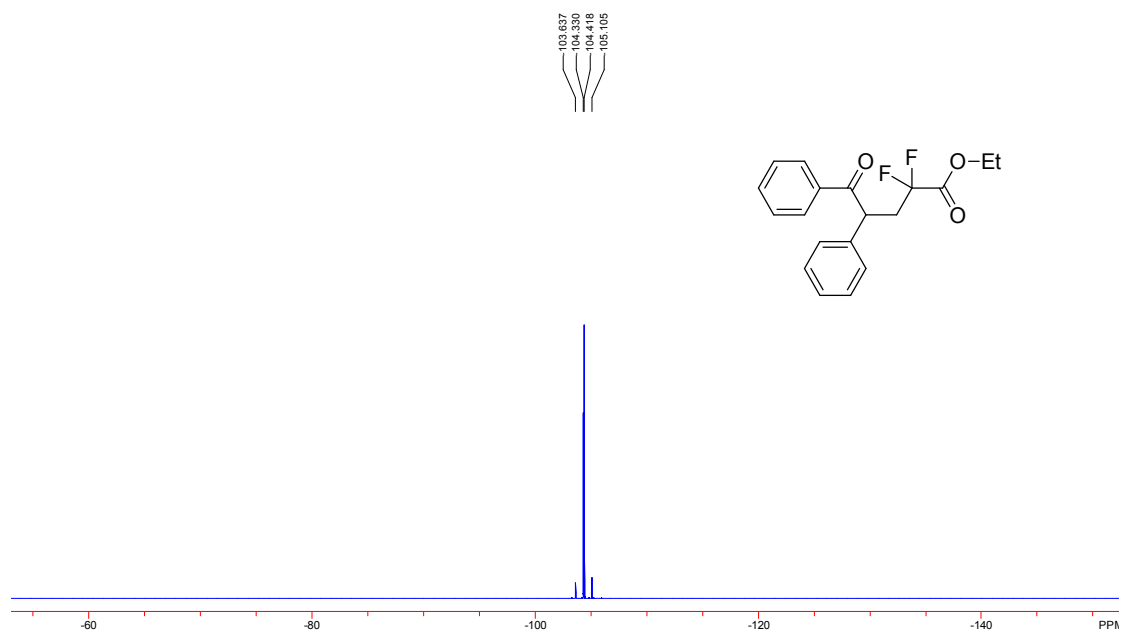
Reaction time 24h, $R_f = 0.6$ (EA/PE = 1:10), Yield 81%, colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.20$ (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.47 (m, 5H), 4.97 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.25 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.54 (m, 1H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.9, 137.6, 135.8, 132.0 (q, $J = 31.6$ Hz), 131.8, 131.6 (q, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 131.4, 130.16 (q, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 130.12, 129.6, 126.0 (q, $J = 275.5$ Hz), 125.6 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 125.2 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 124.8 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 123.6 (q, $J = 270.7$ Hz), 123.4 (q, $J = 273.7$ Hz), 47.1, 37.3 (q, $J = 28.6$ Hz) ppm; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -62.9, -63.1, -64.5 ppm.

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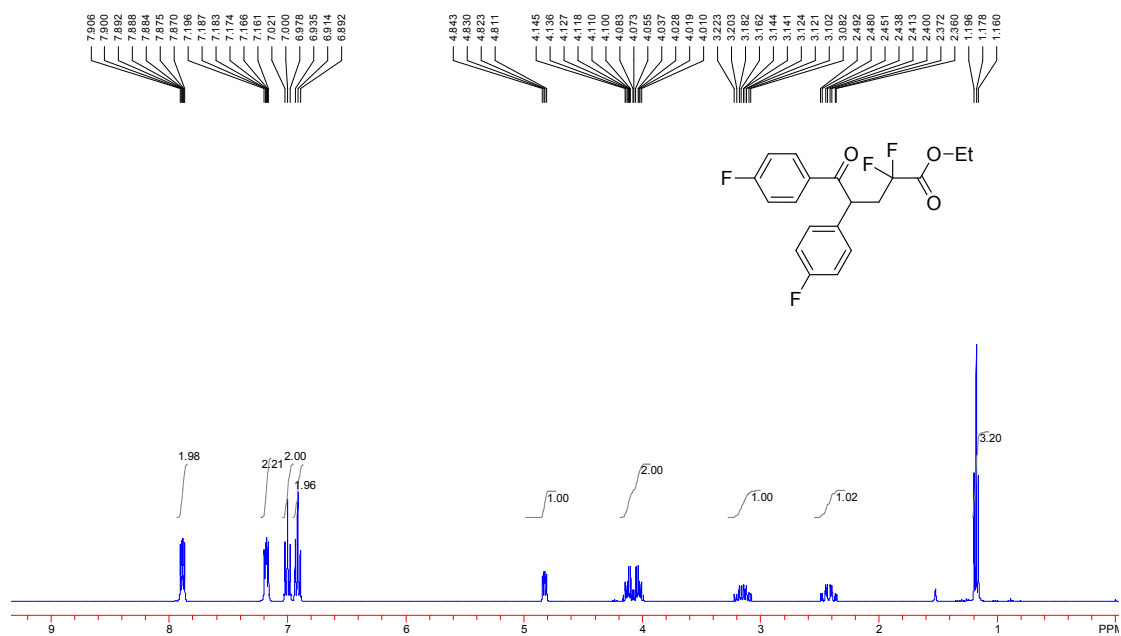
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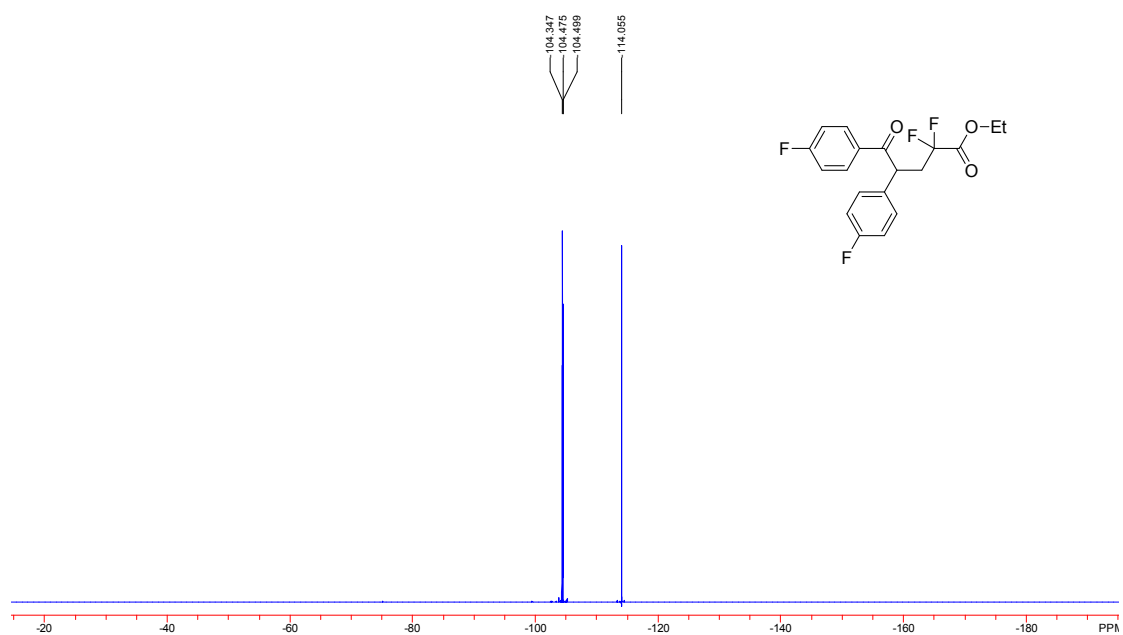
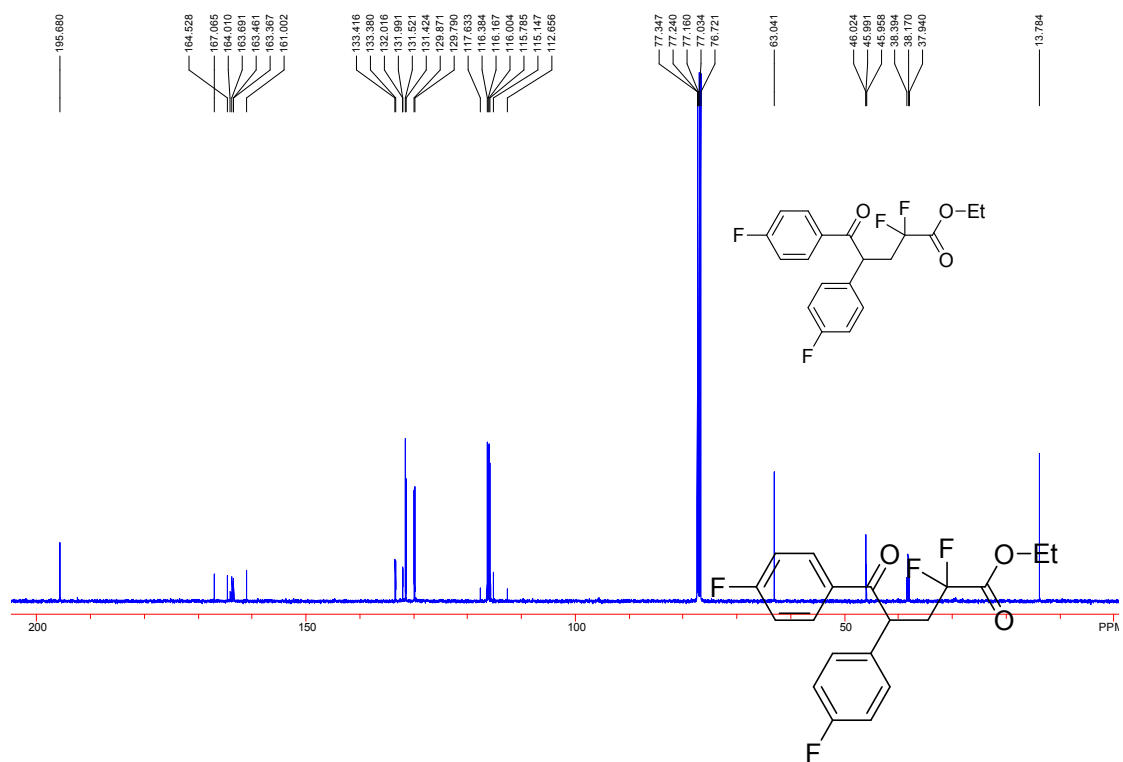
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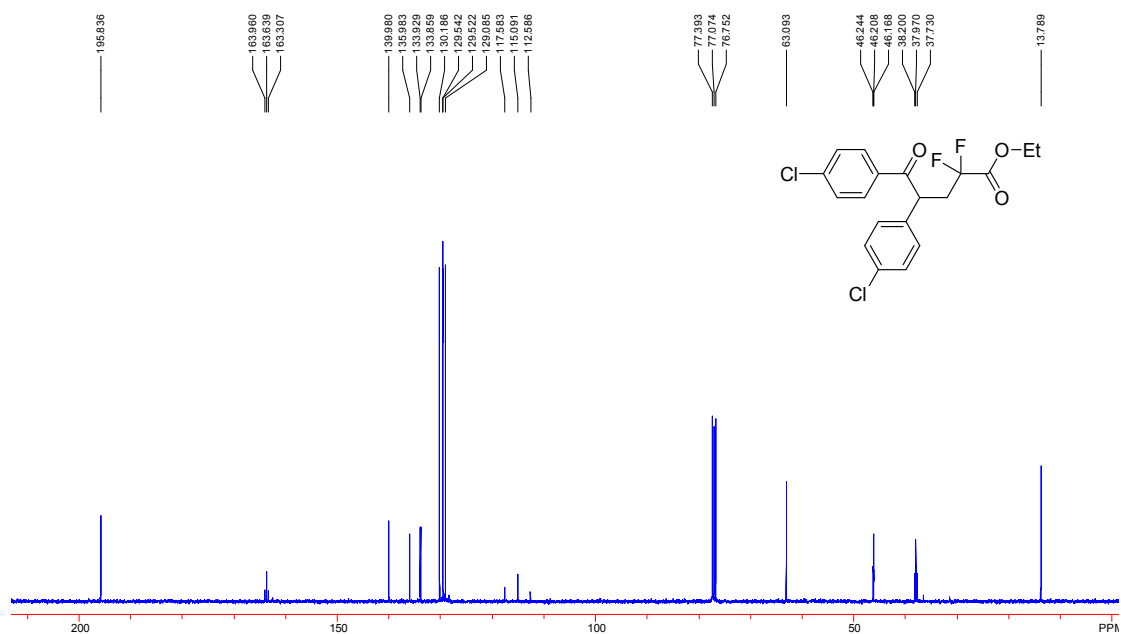
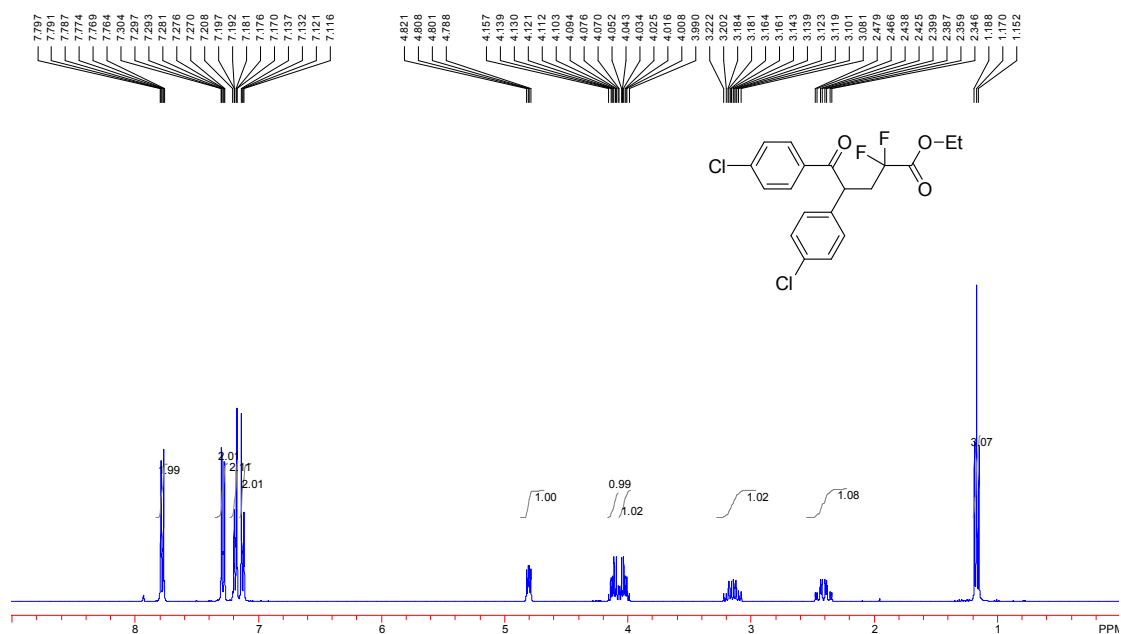


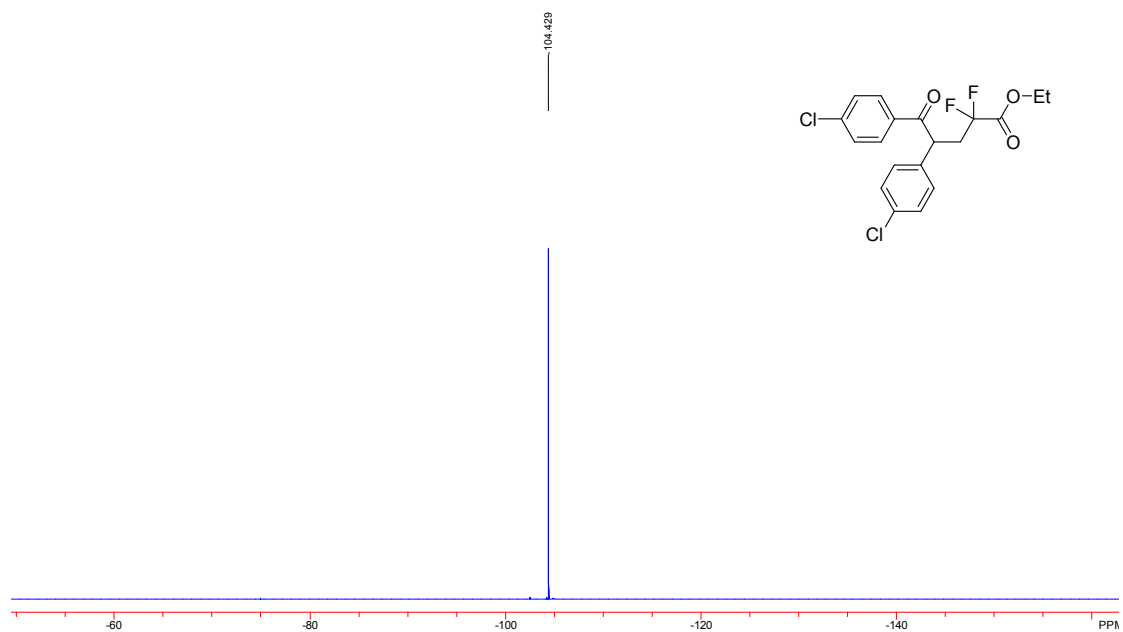
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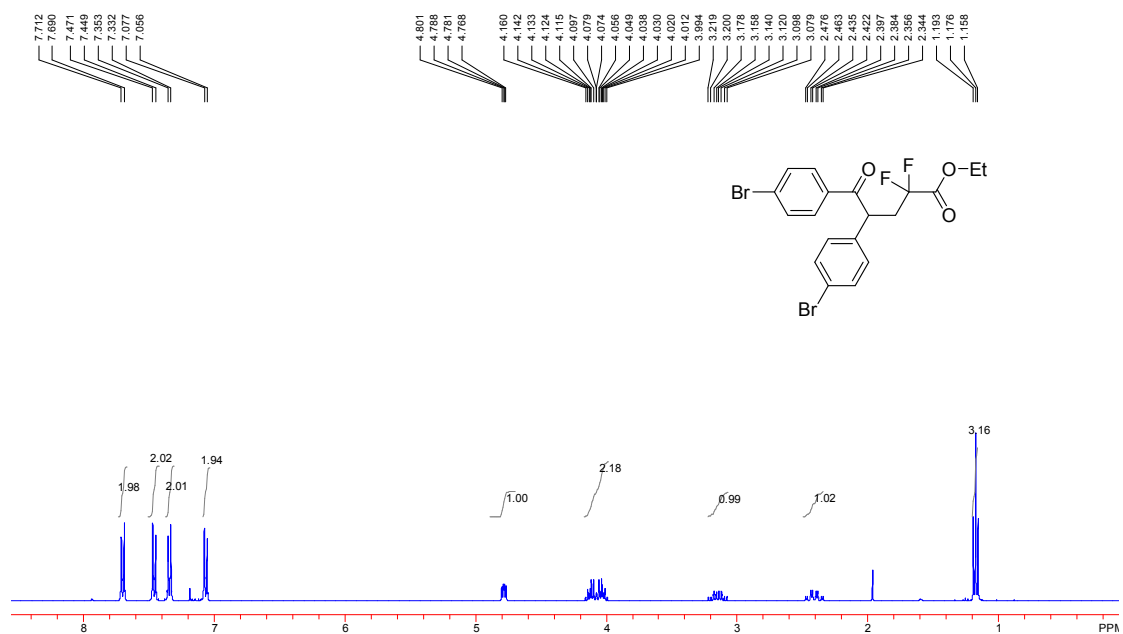


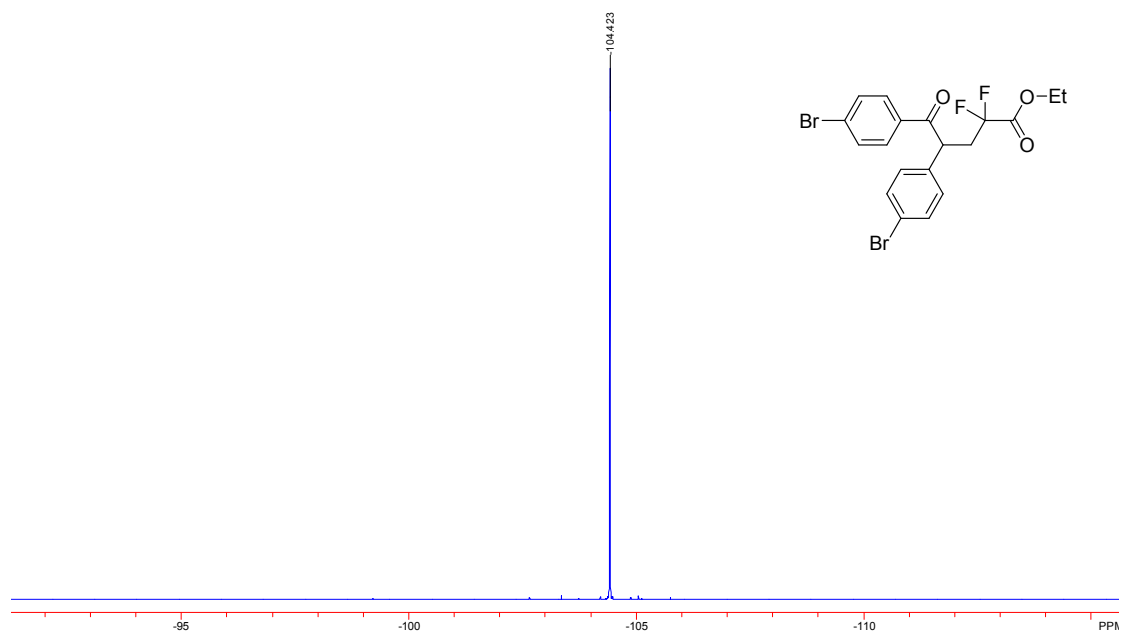
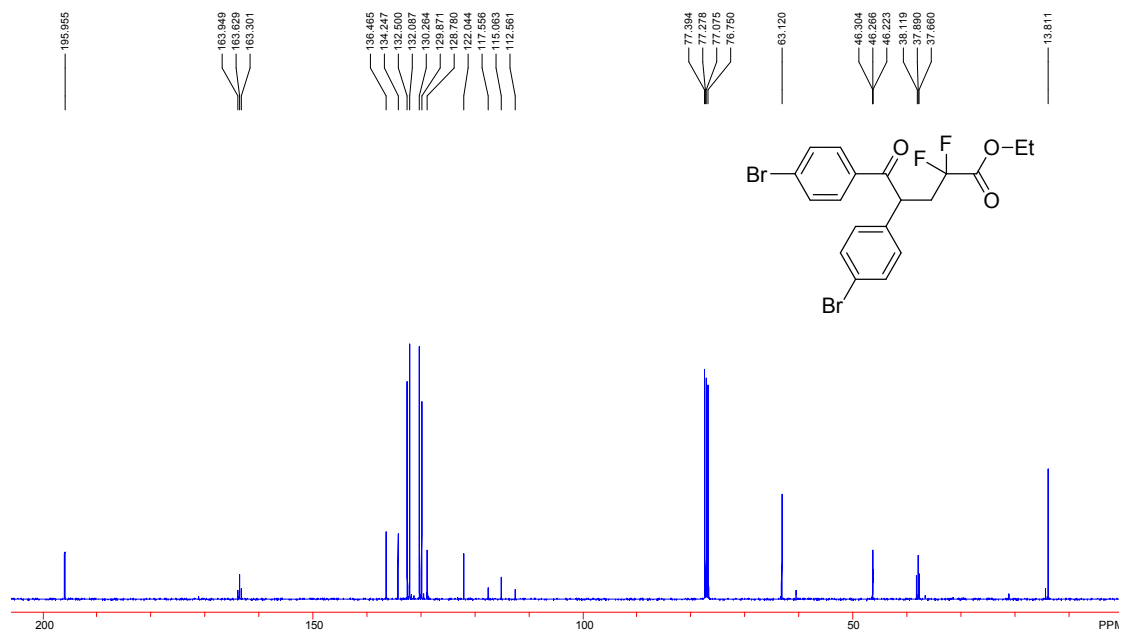
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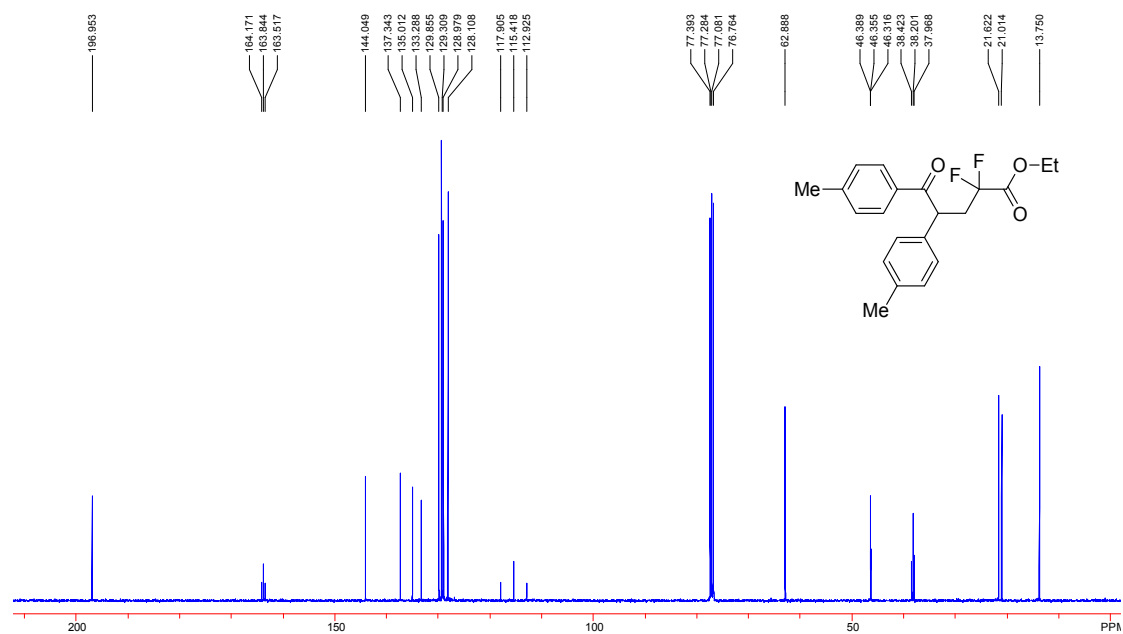
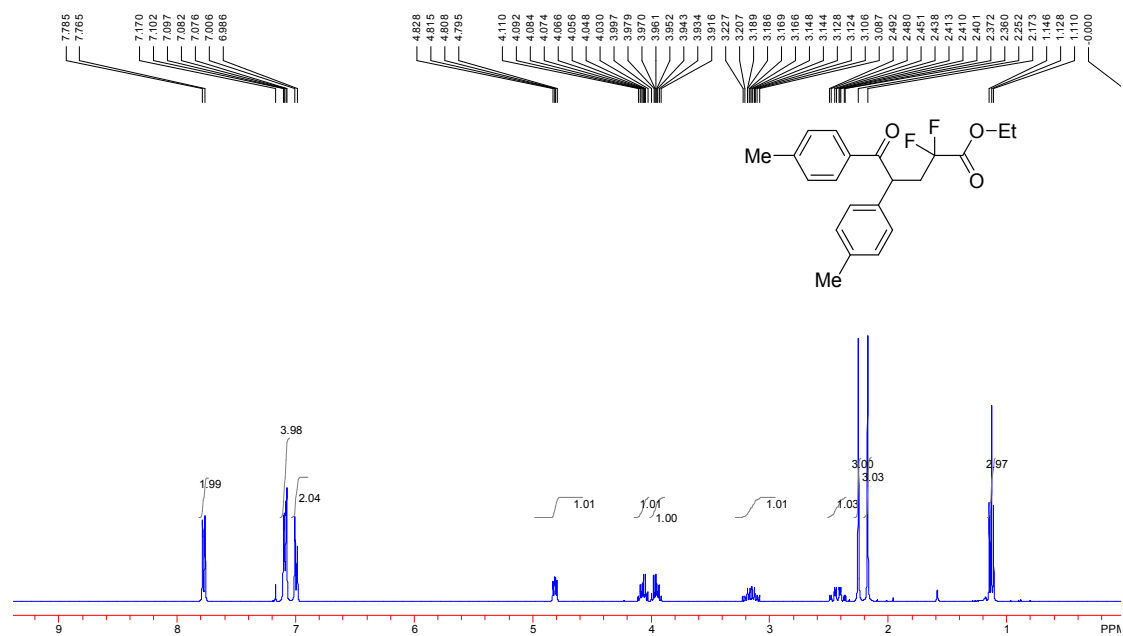


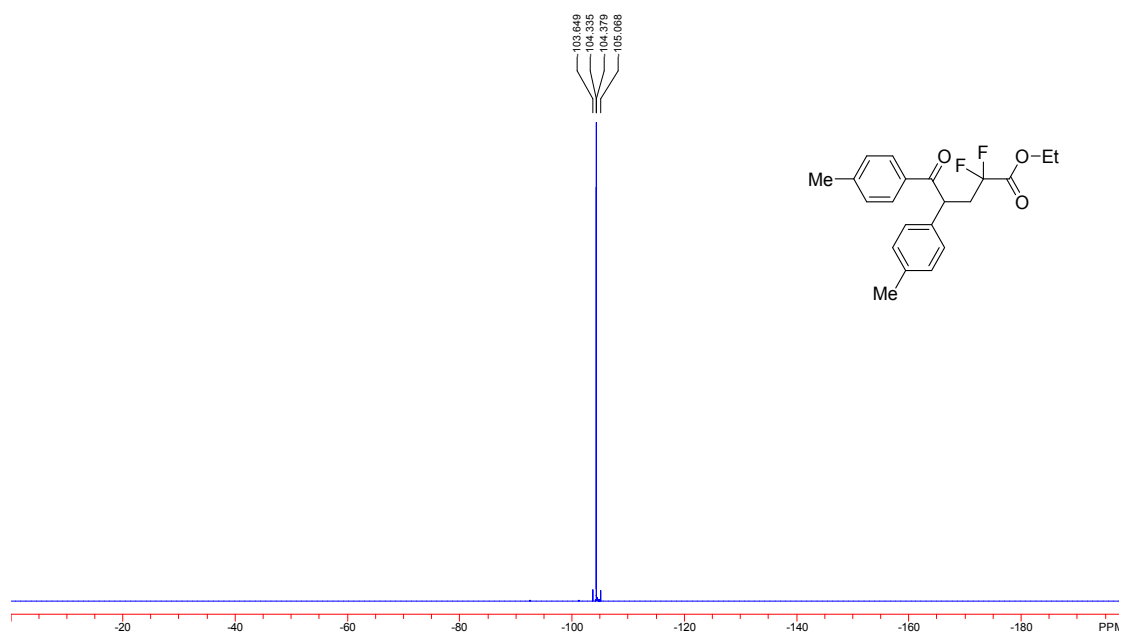
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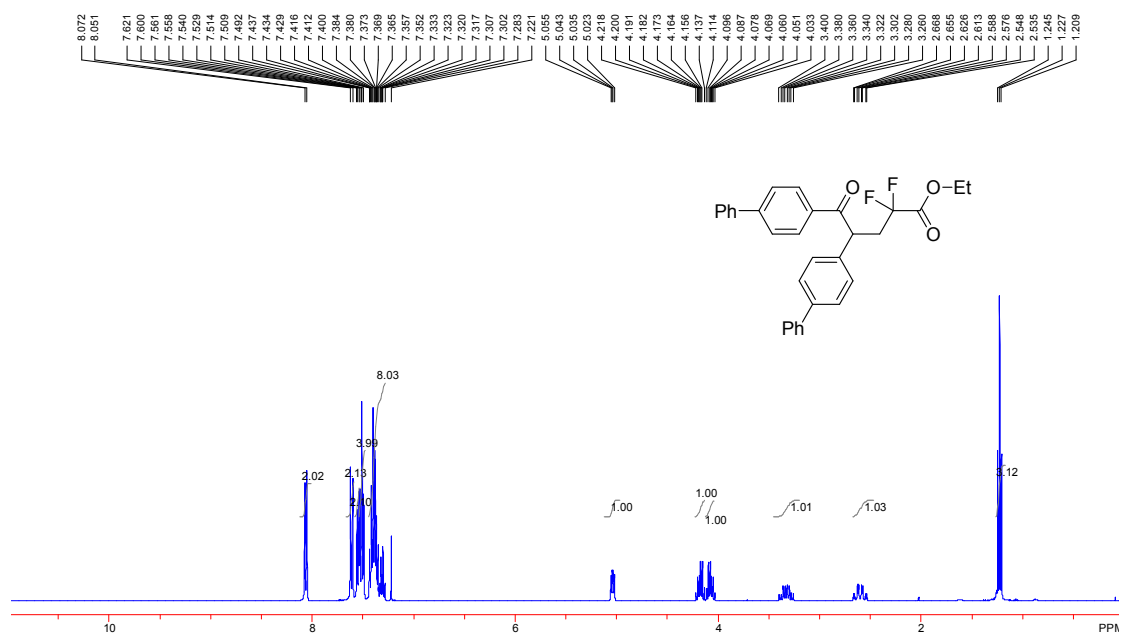


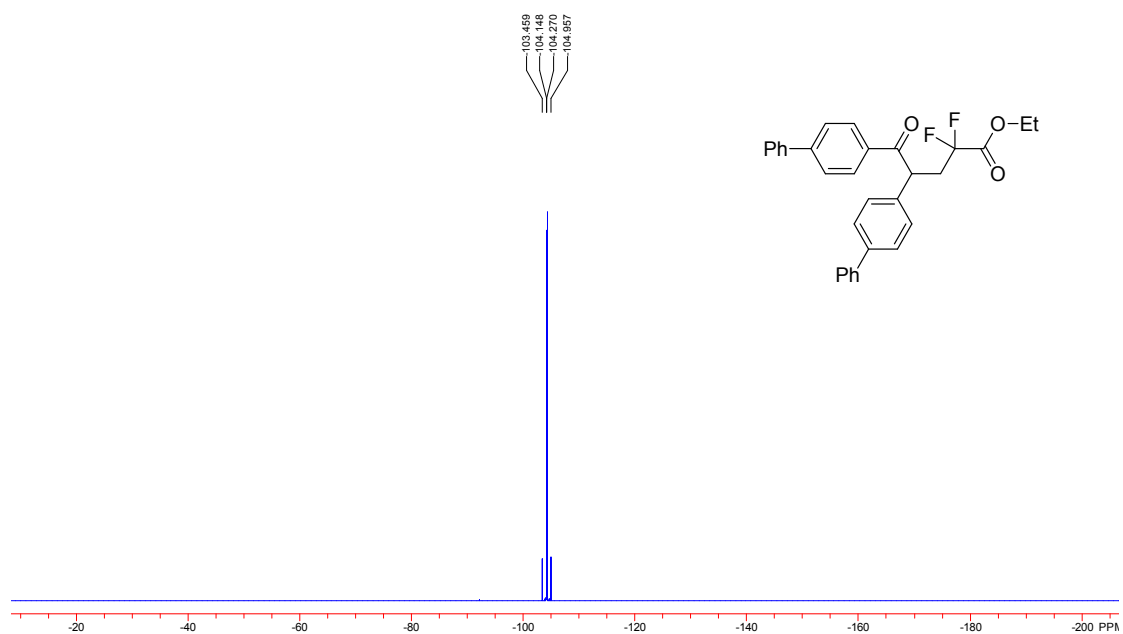
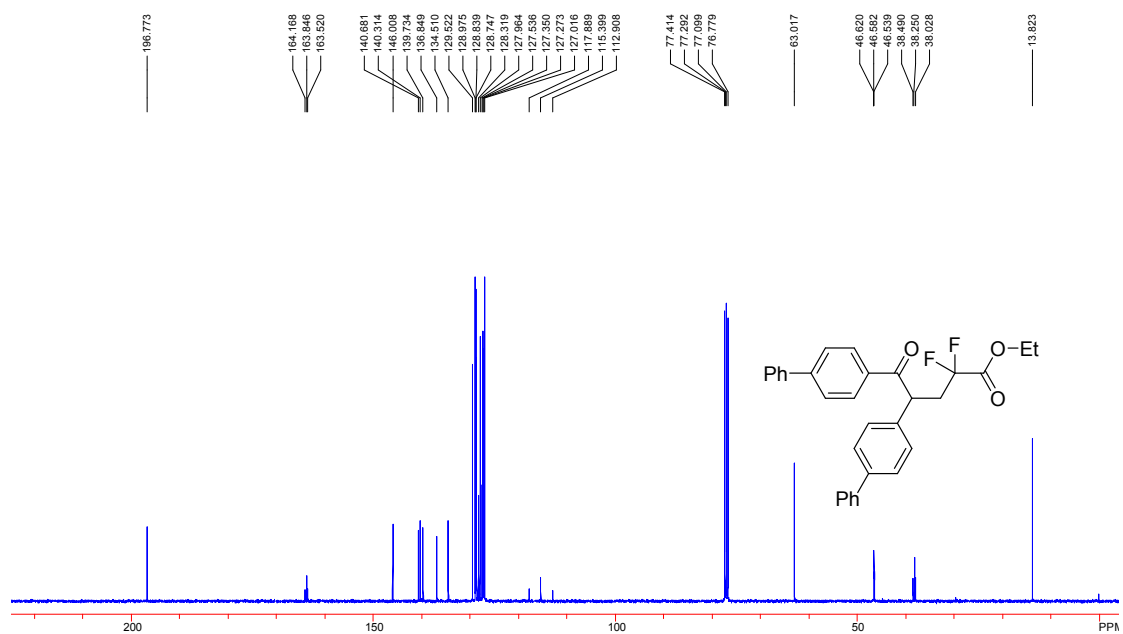
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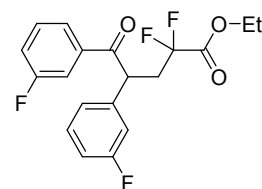
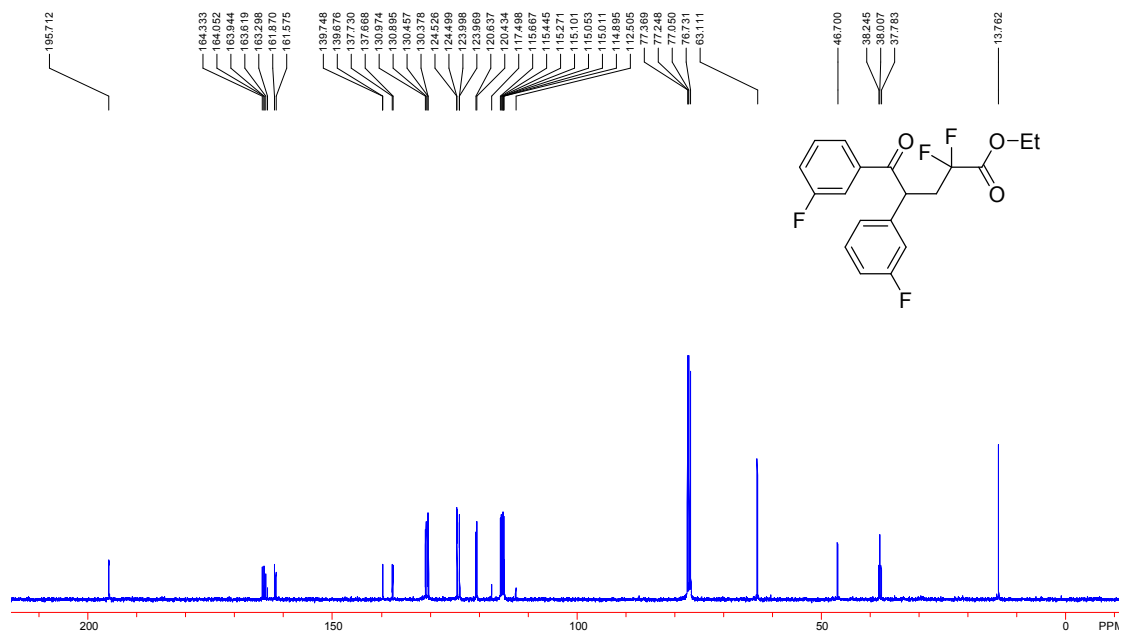
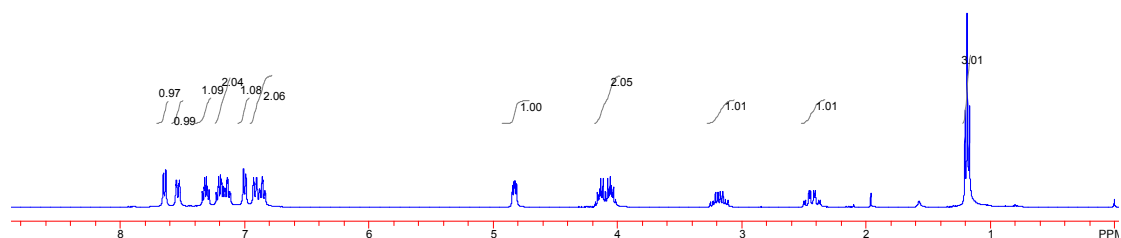
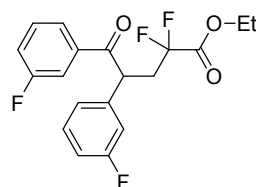
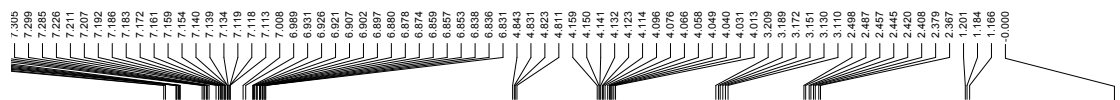


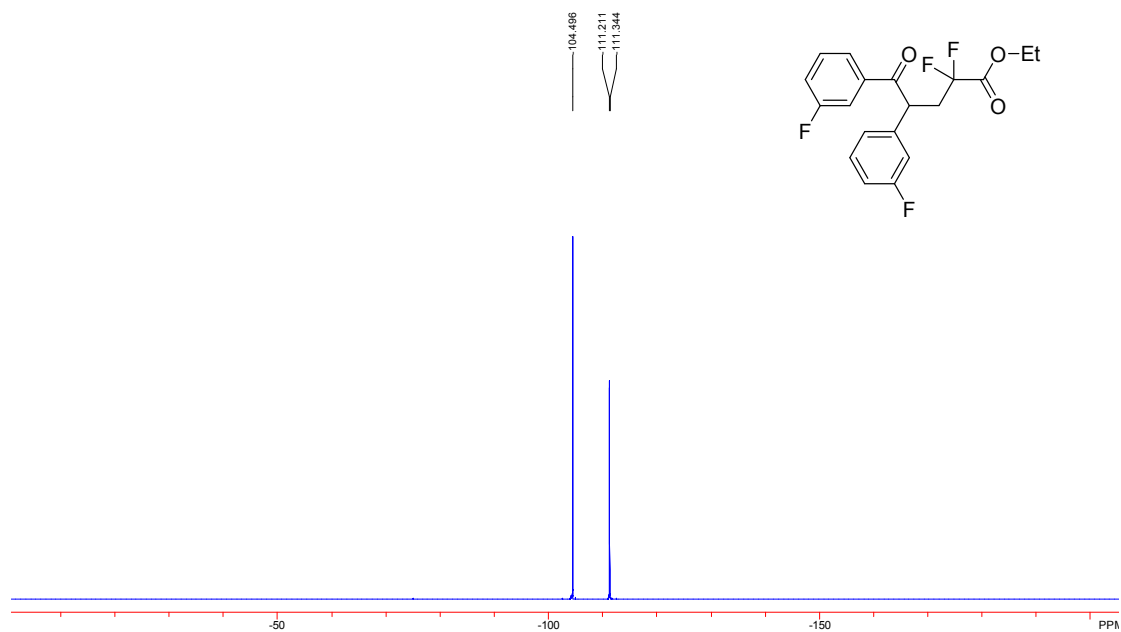
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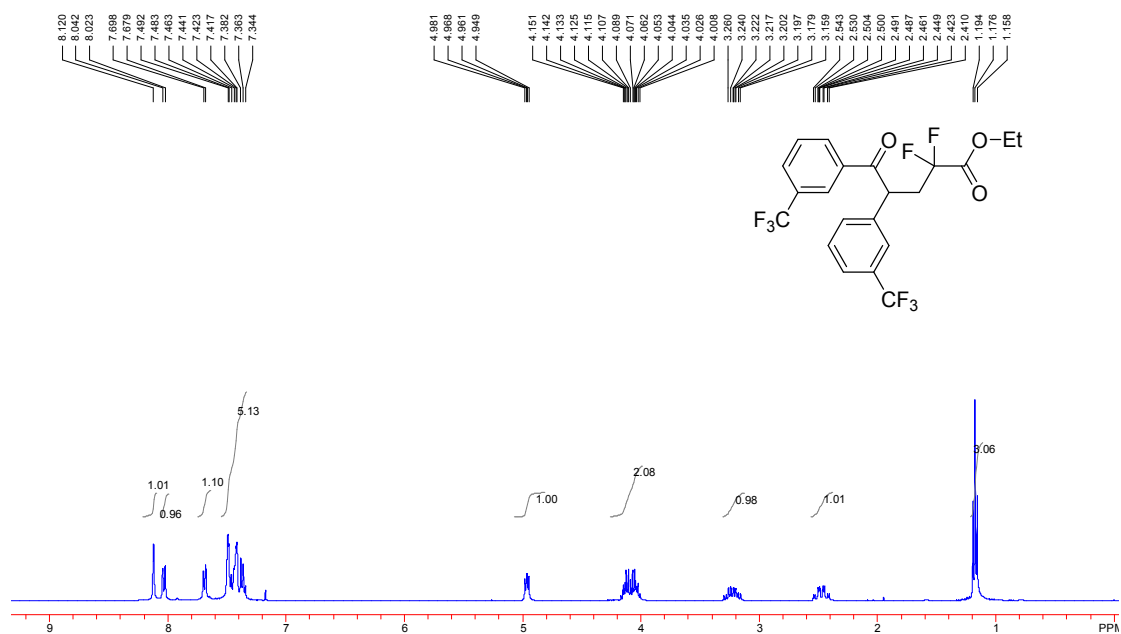


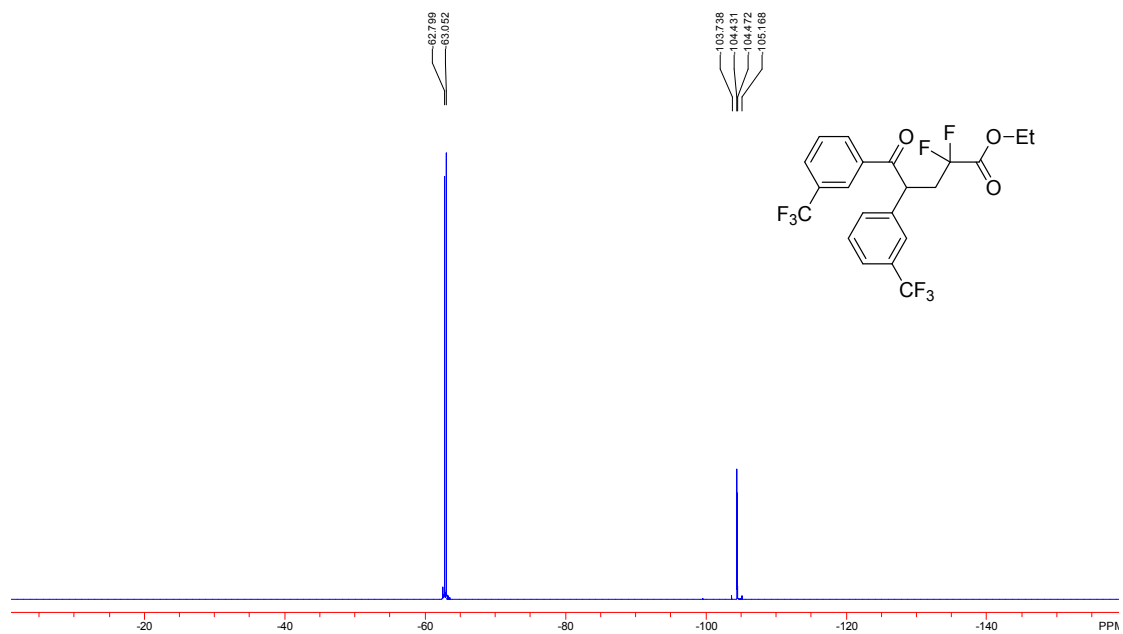
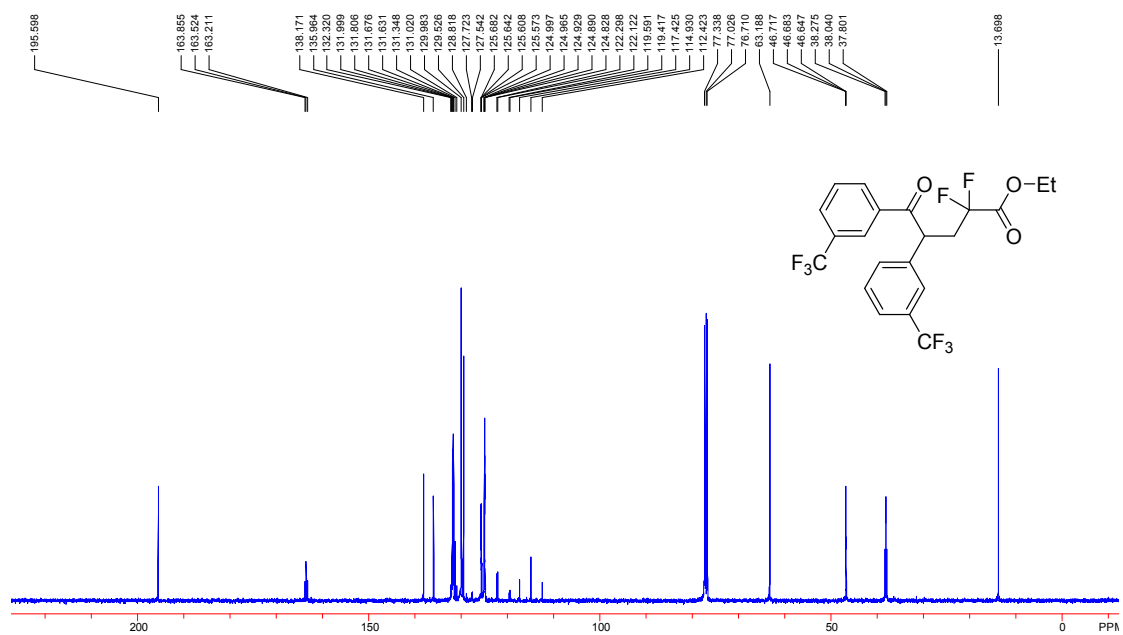
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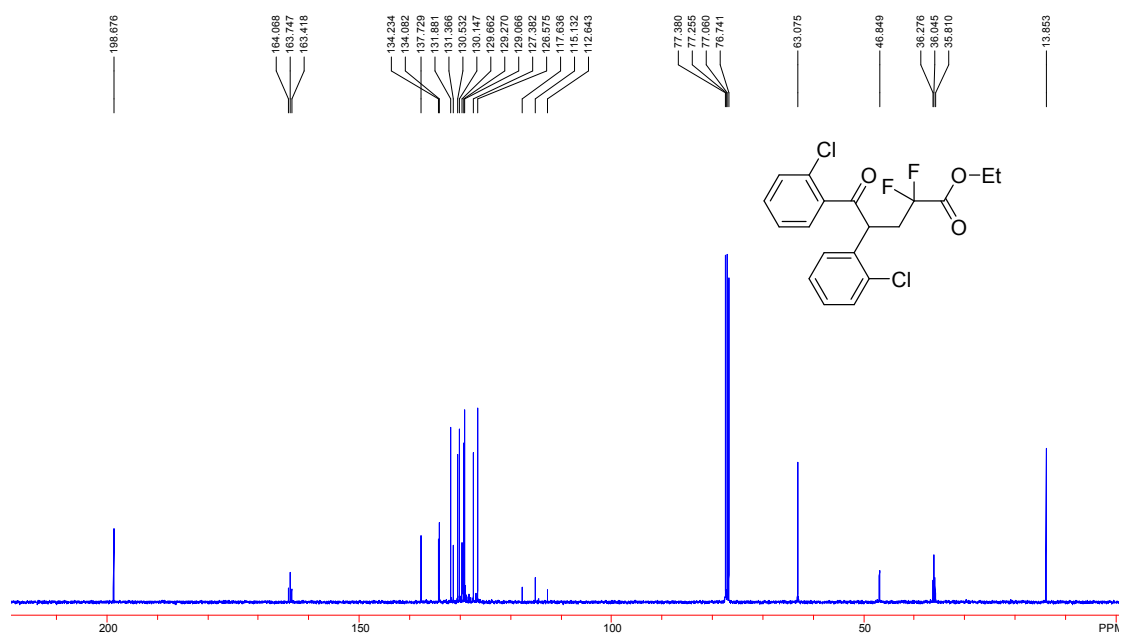
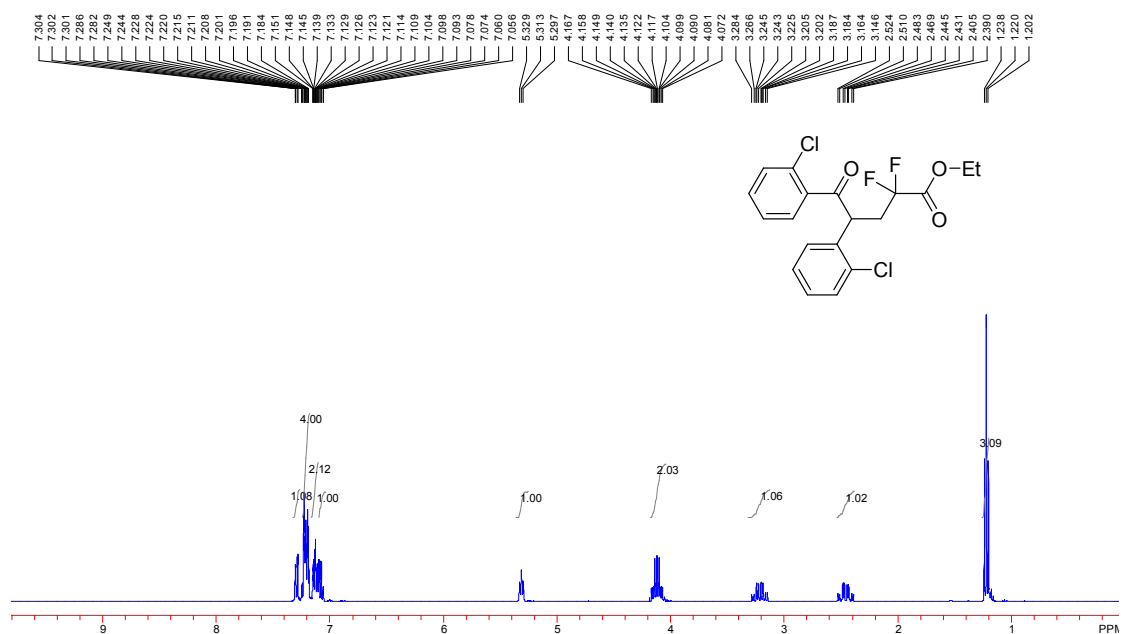


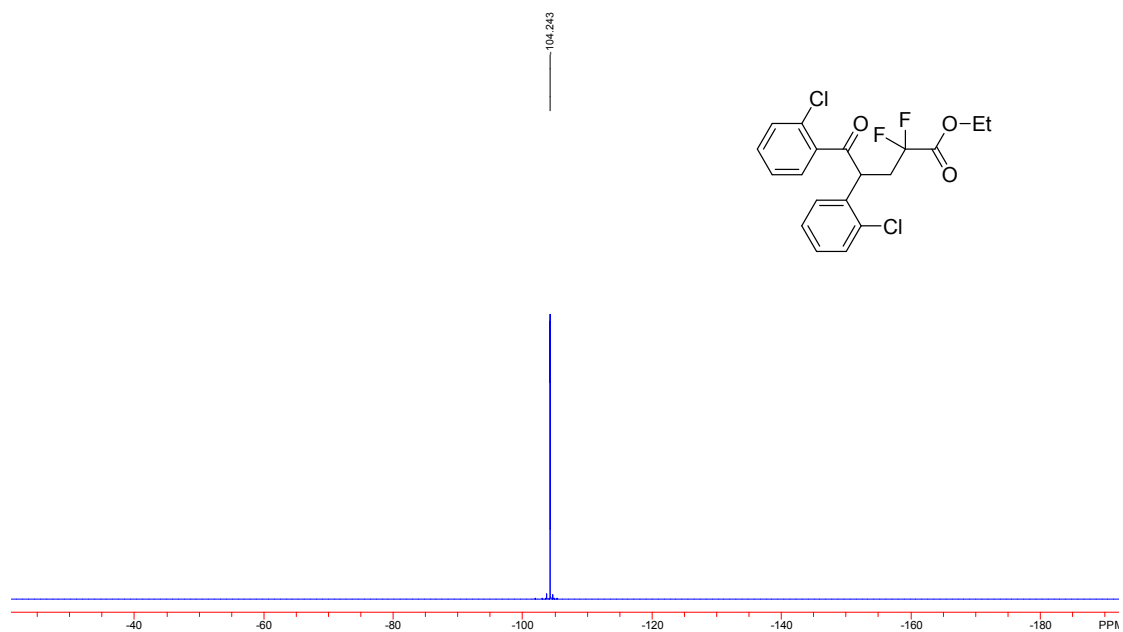
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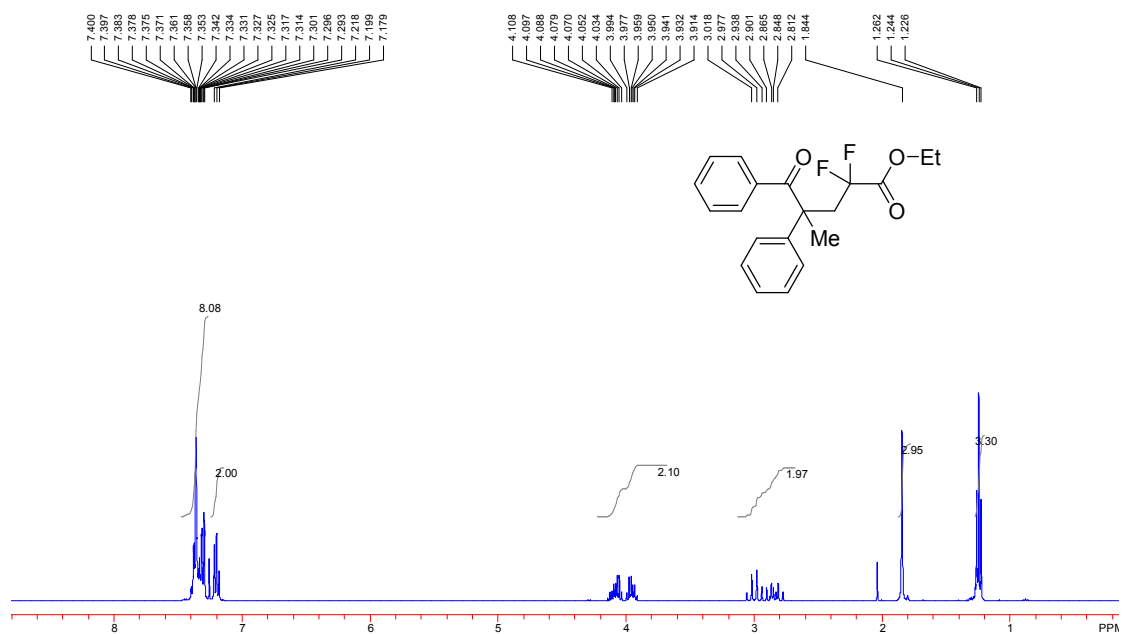


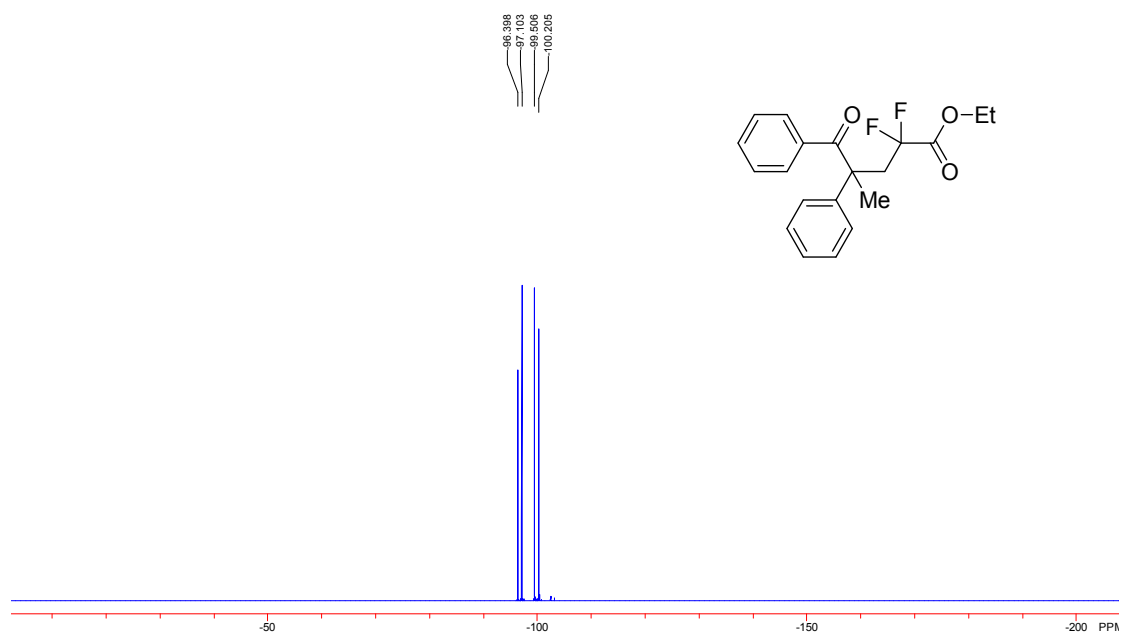
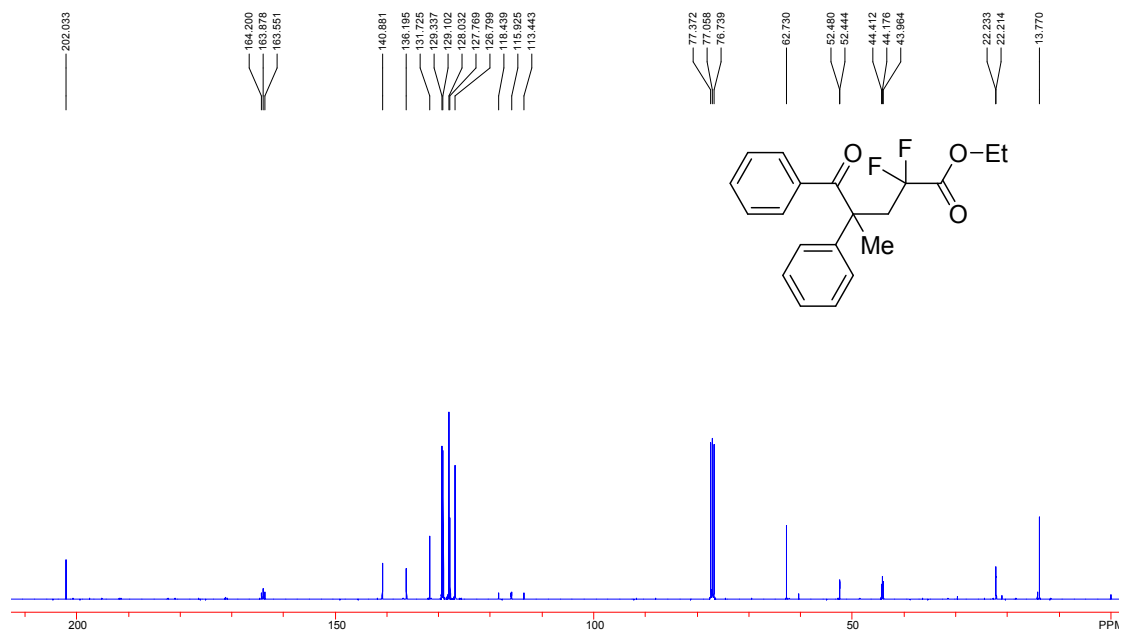
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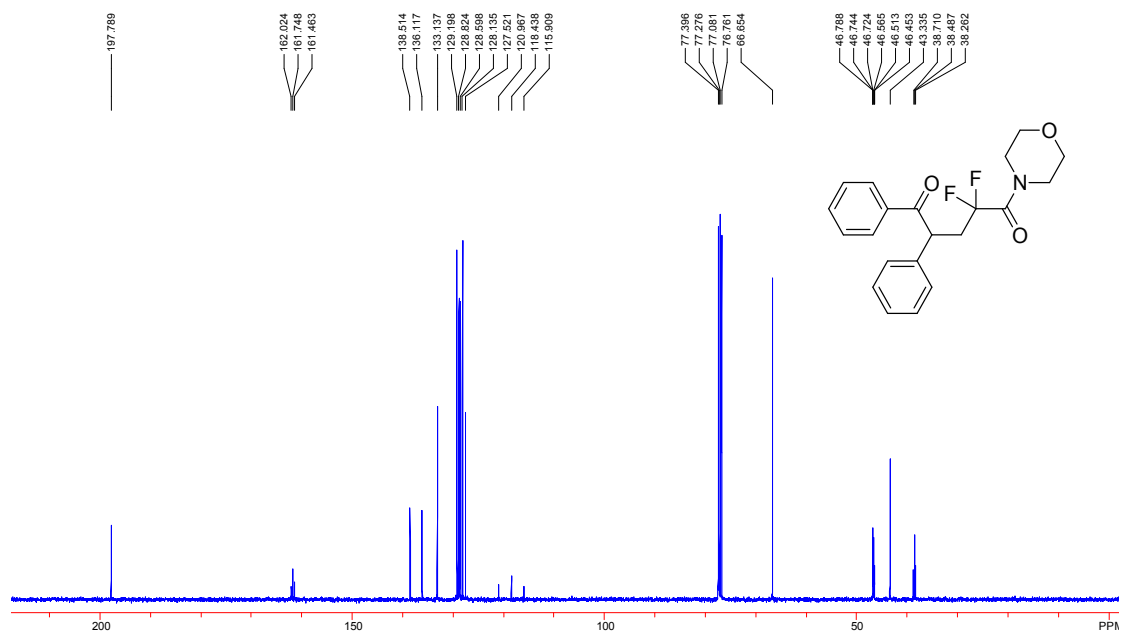
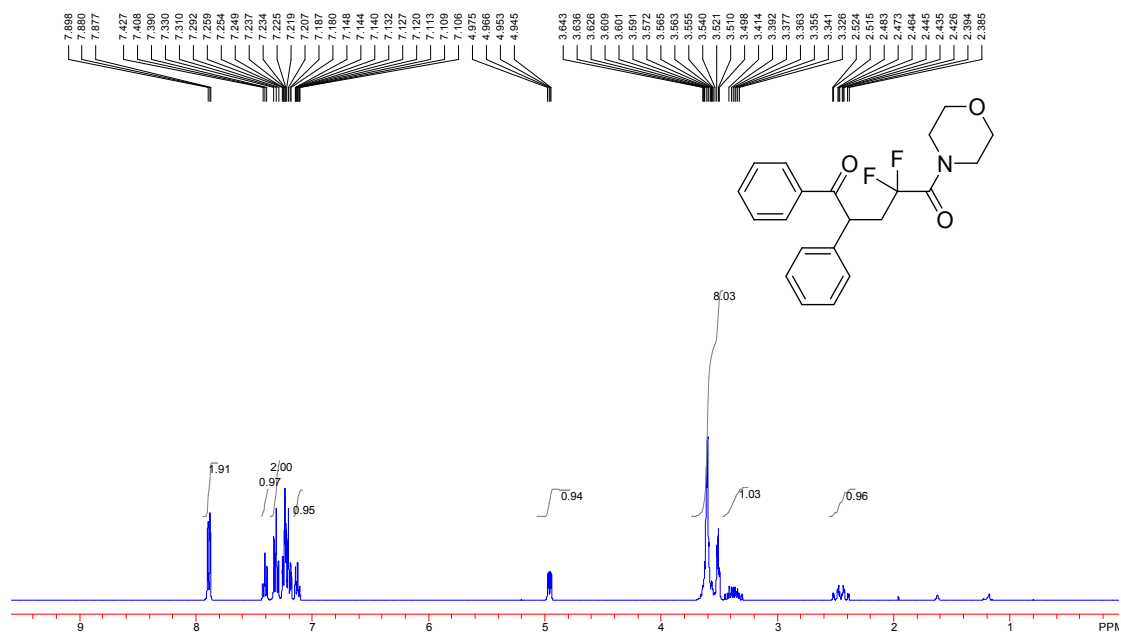


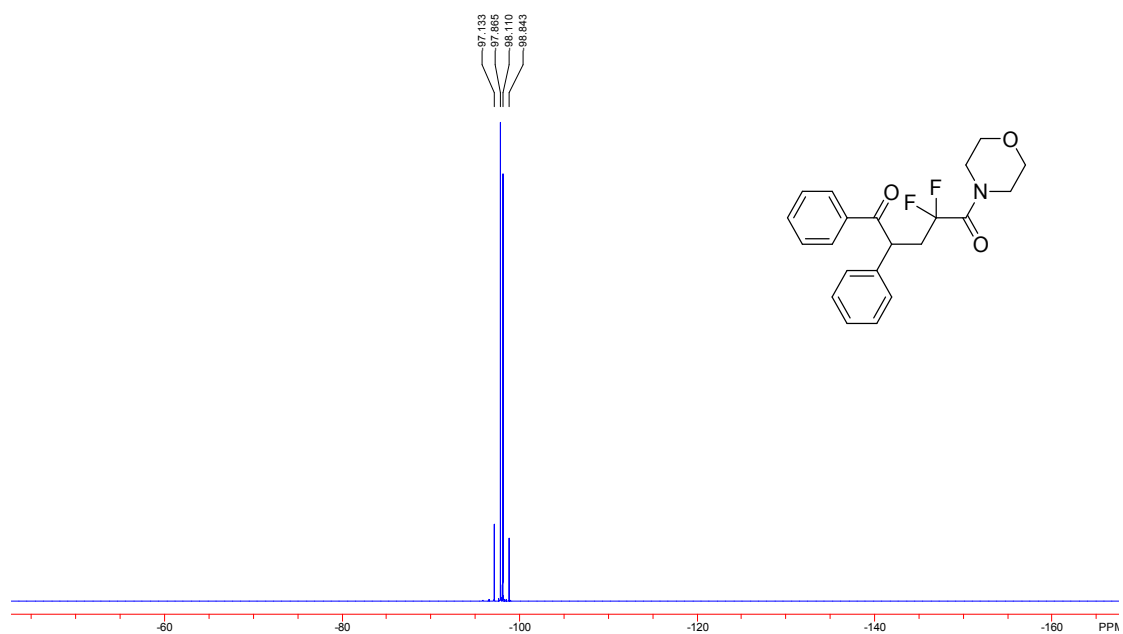
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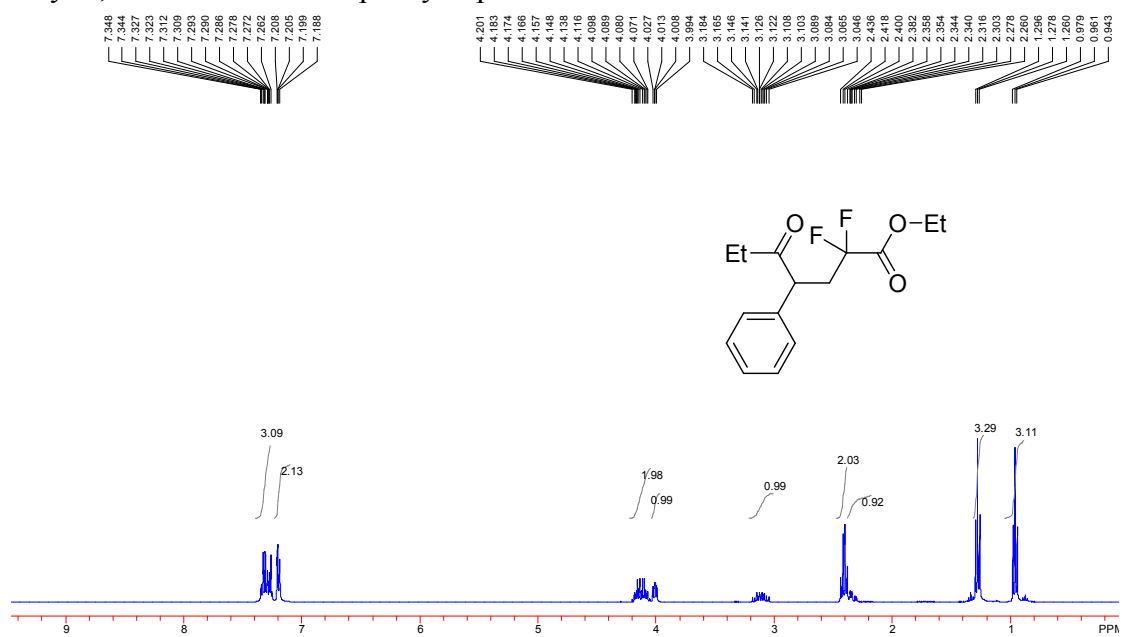


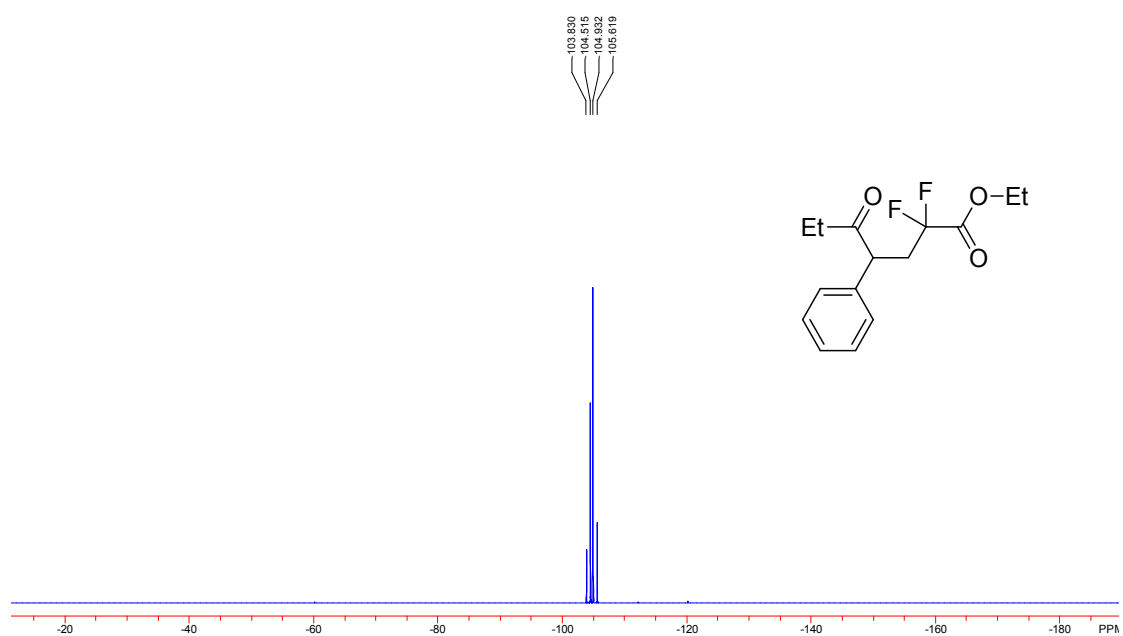
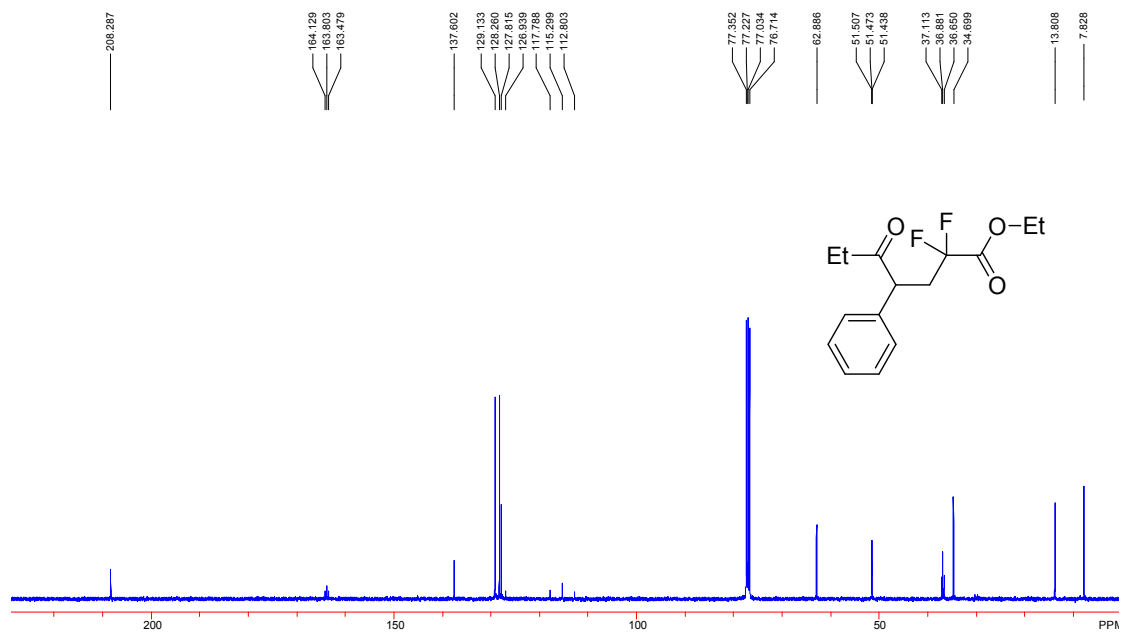
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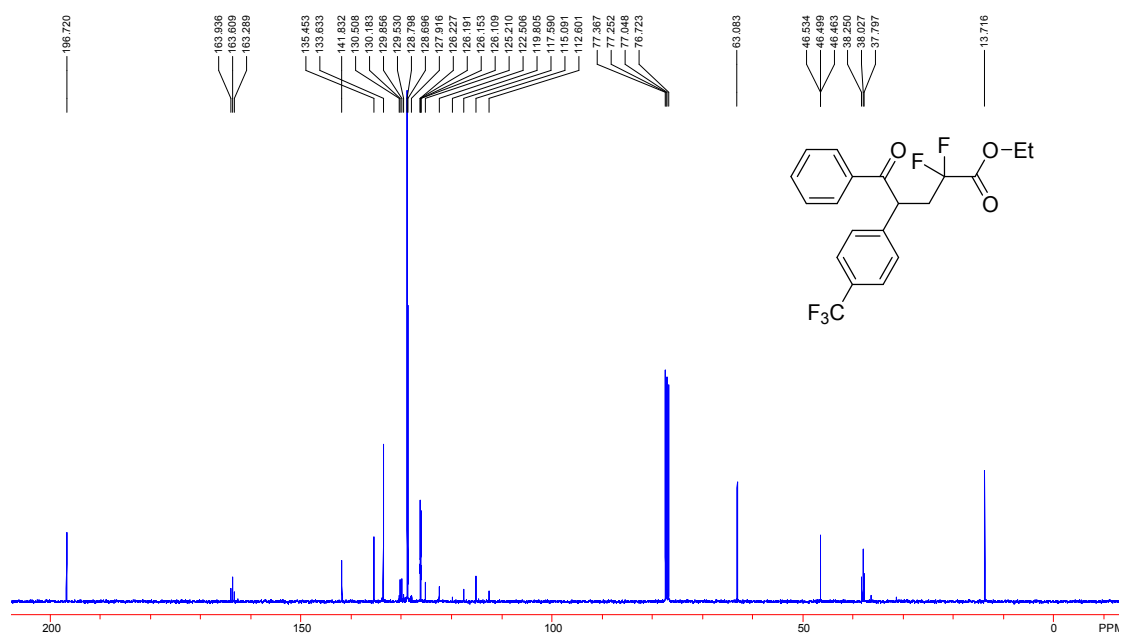
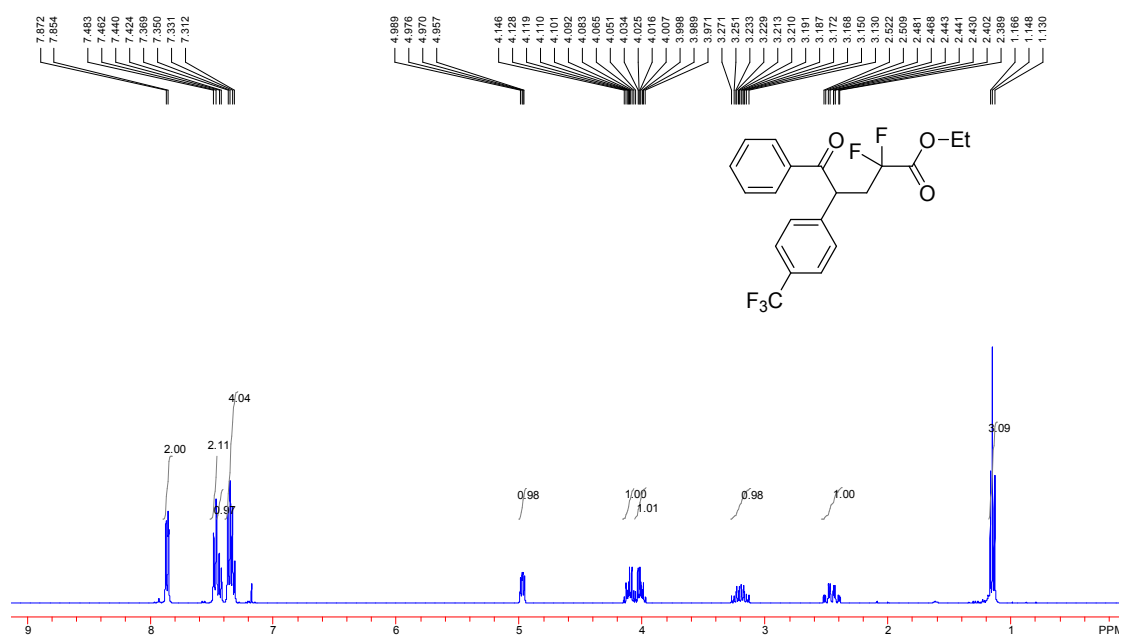


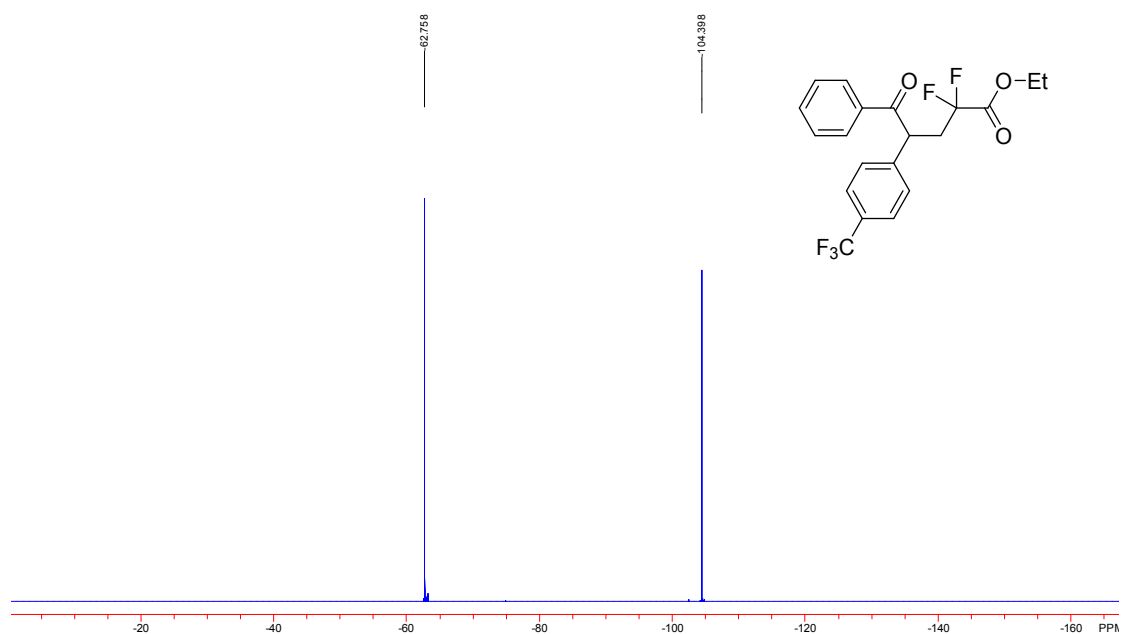
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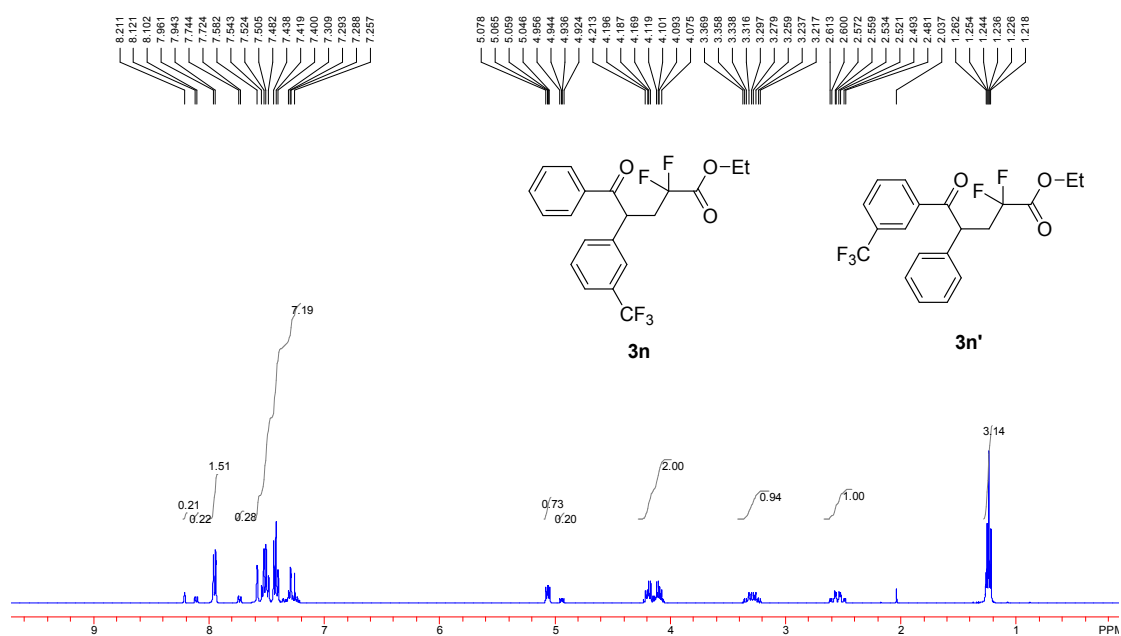


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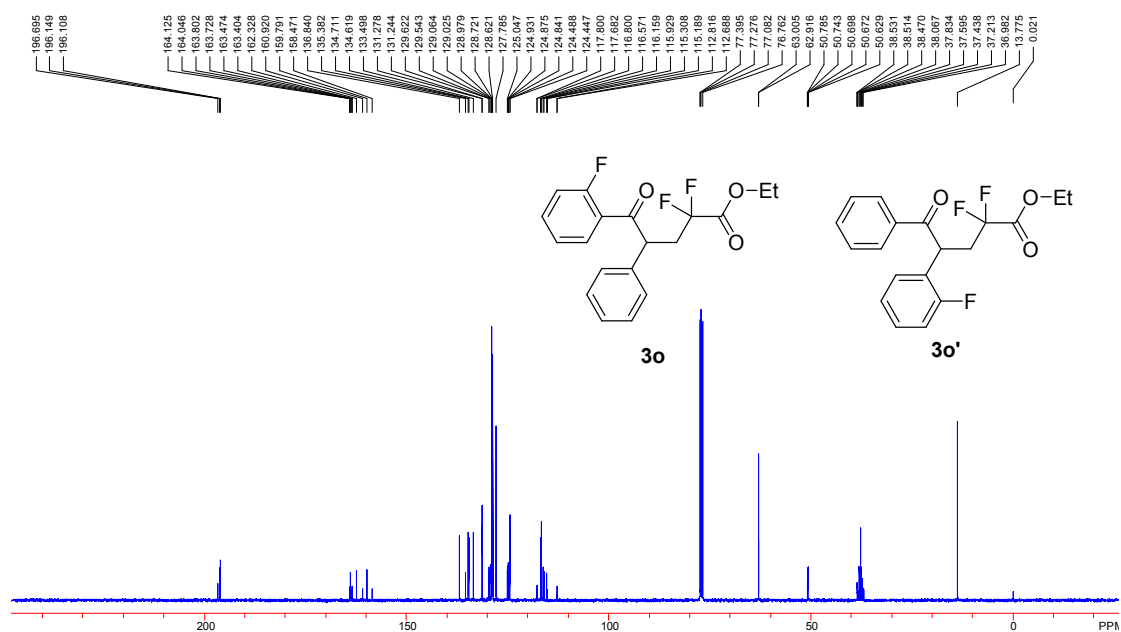
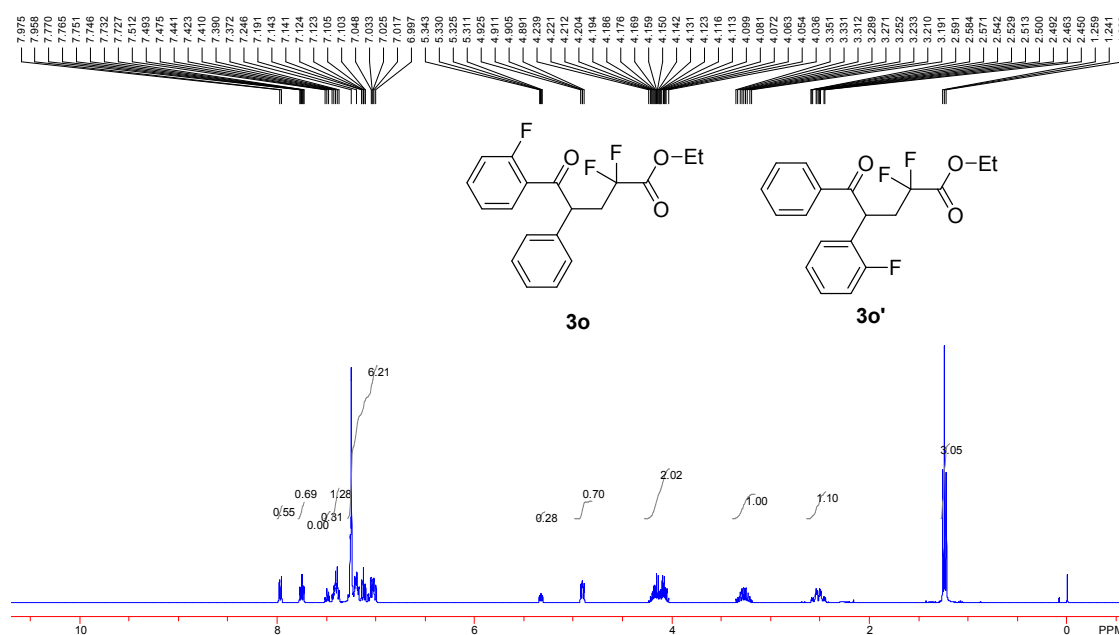


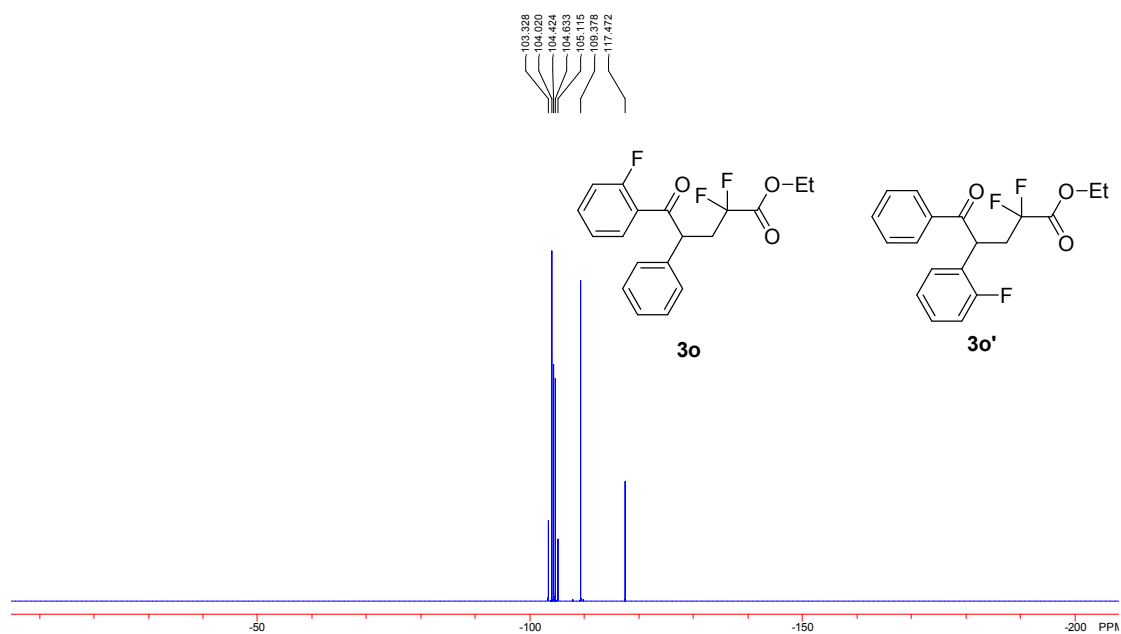


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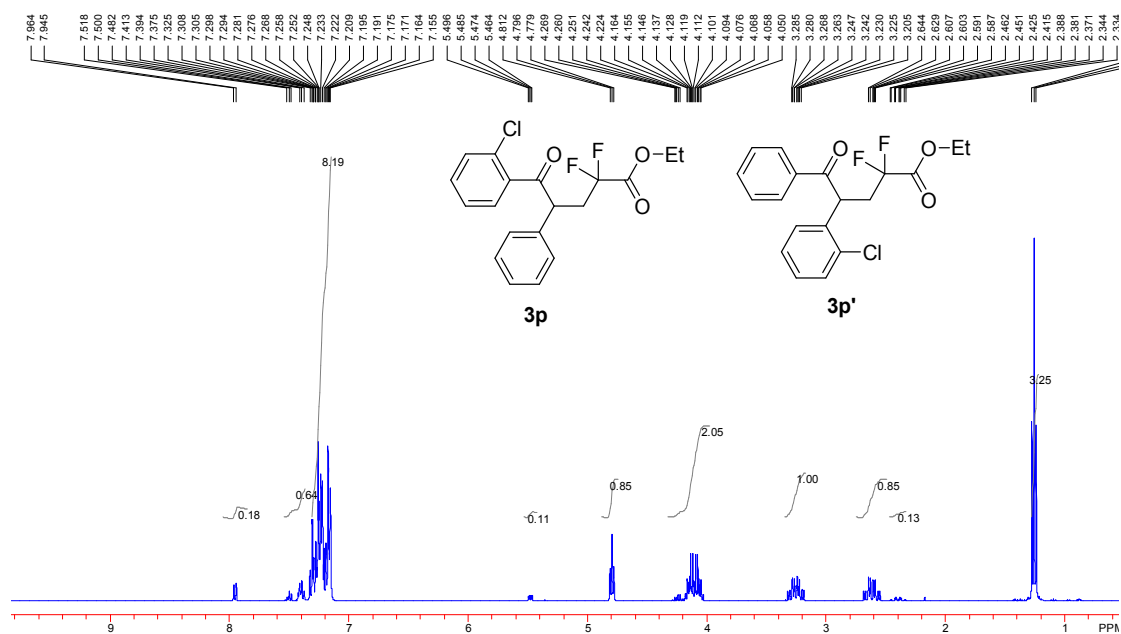
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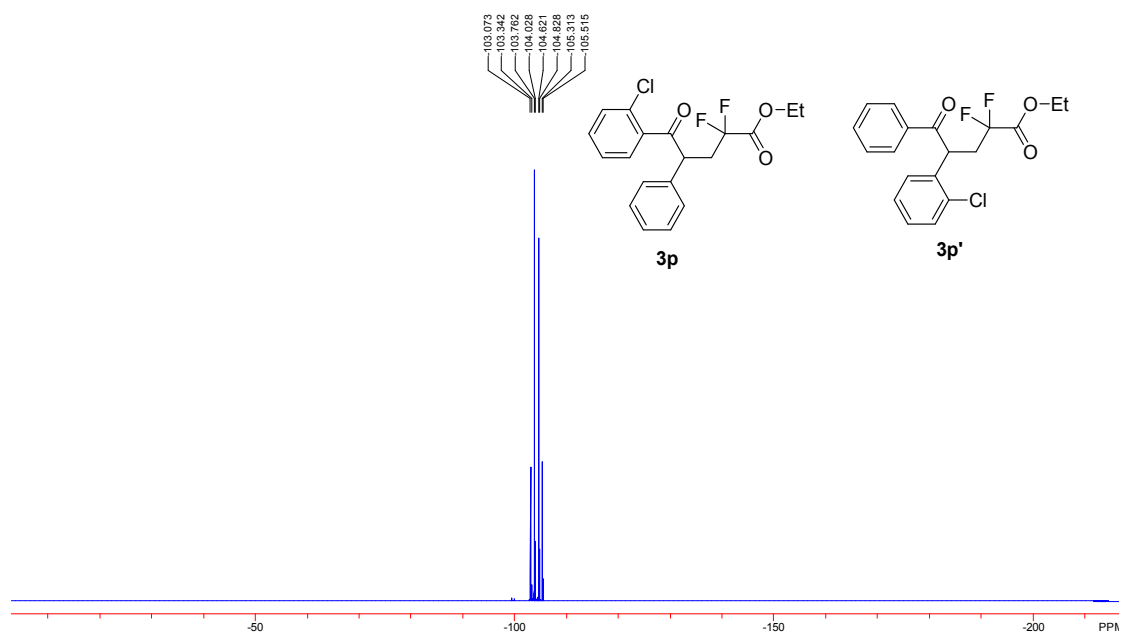
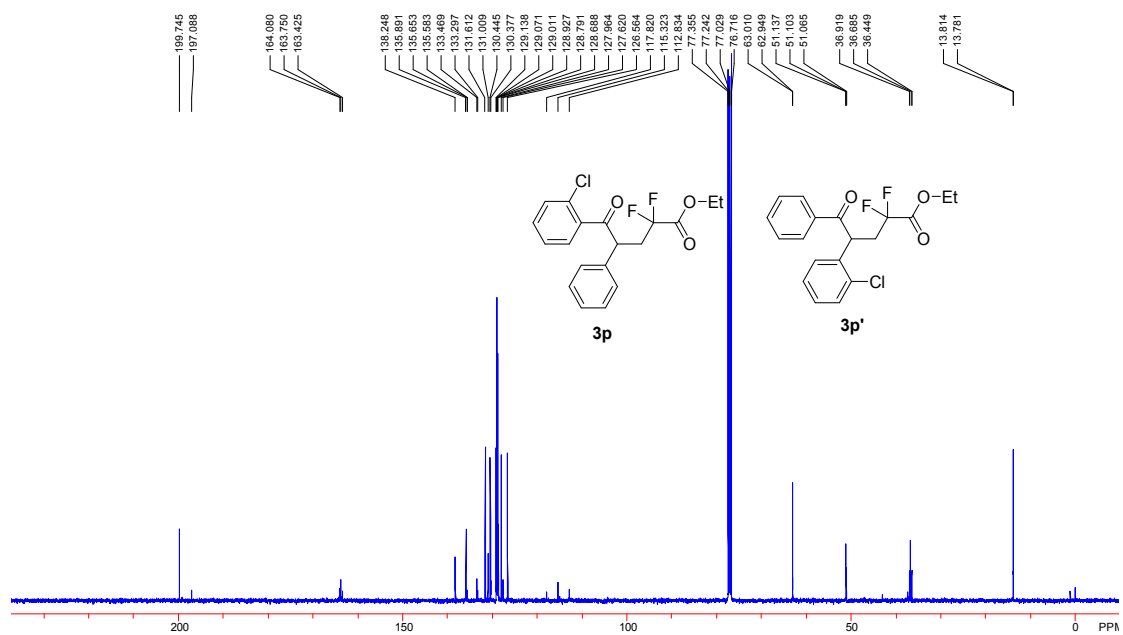




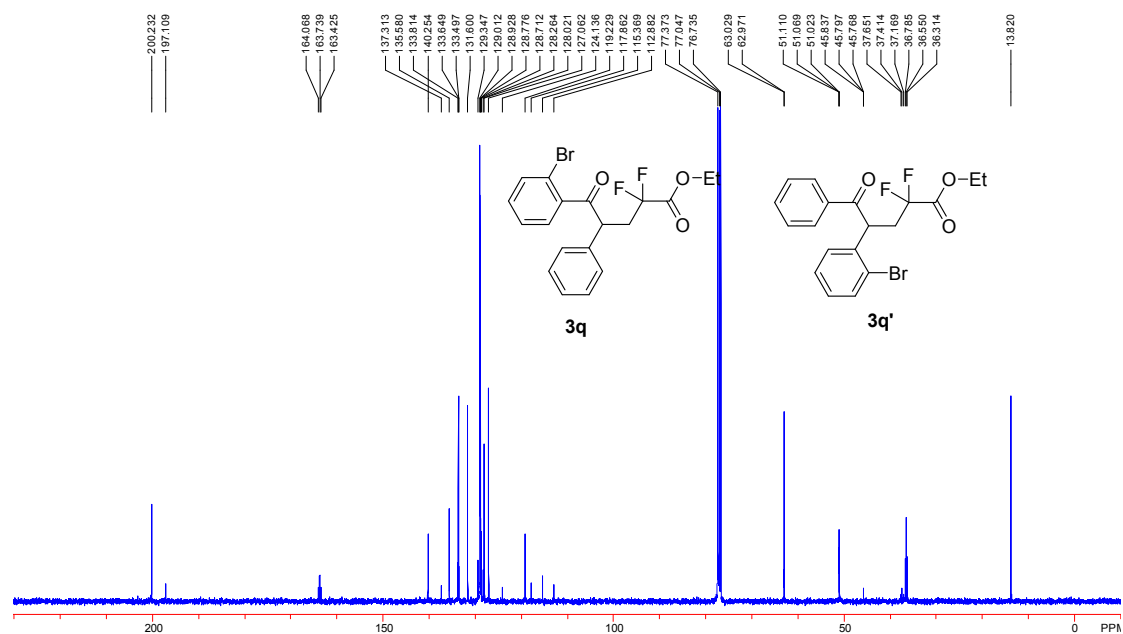
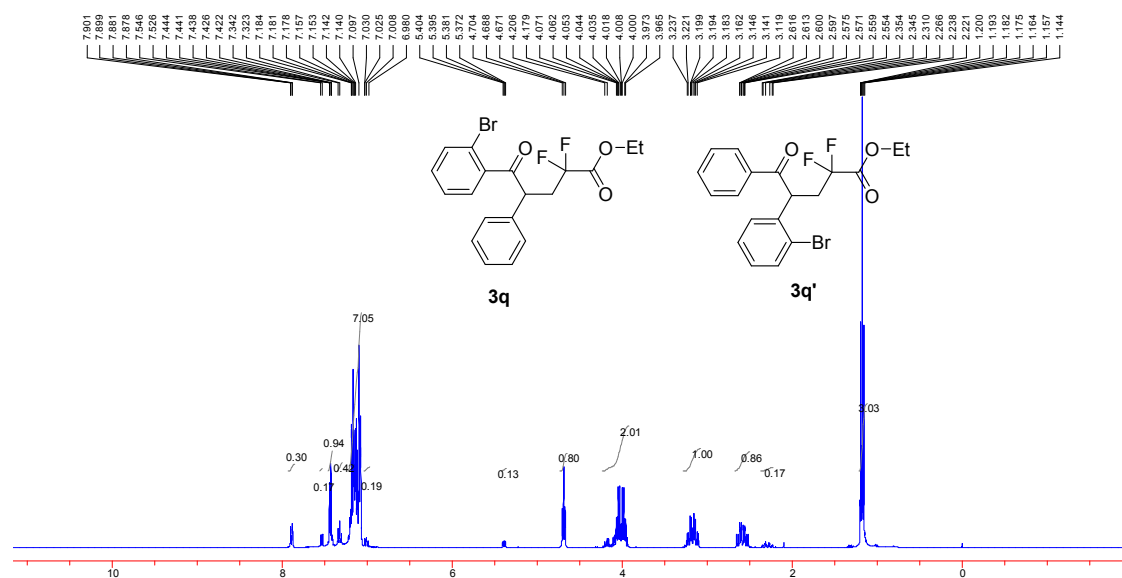
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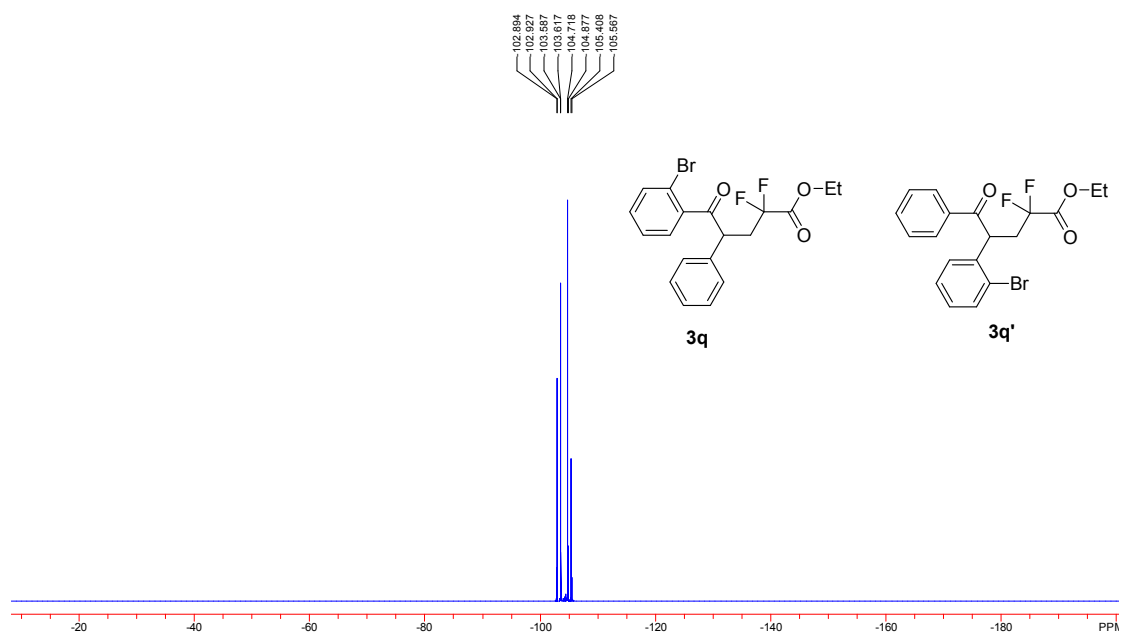
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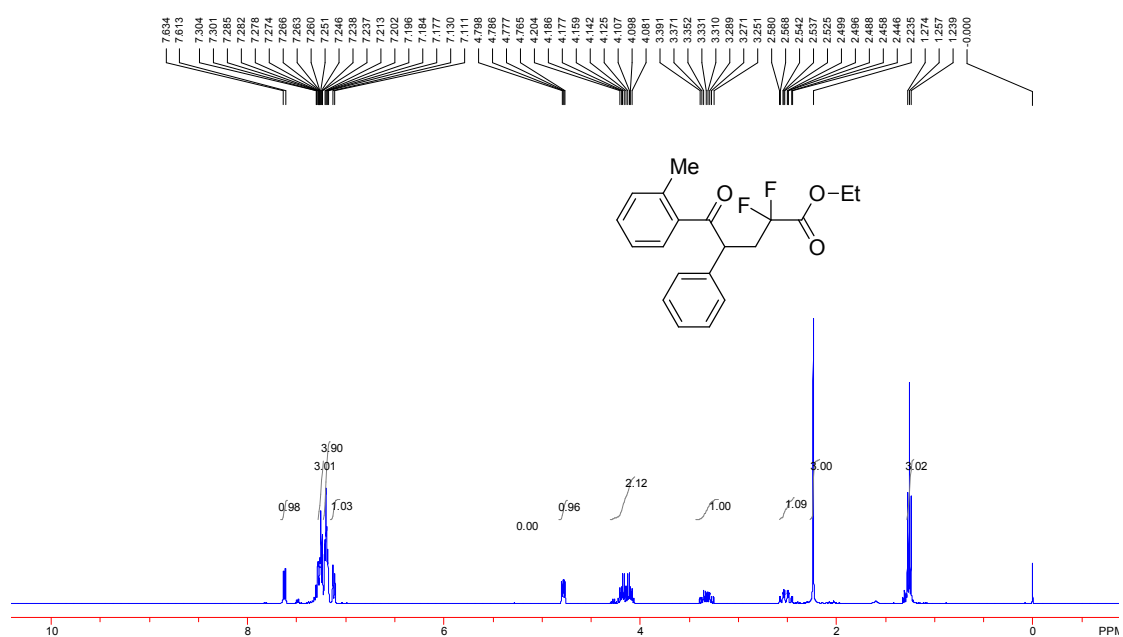


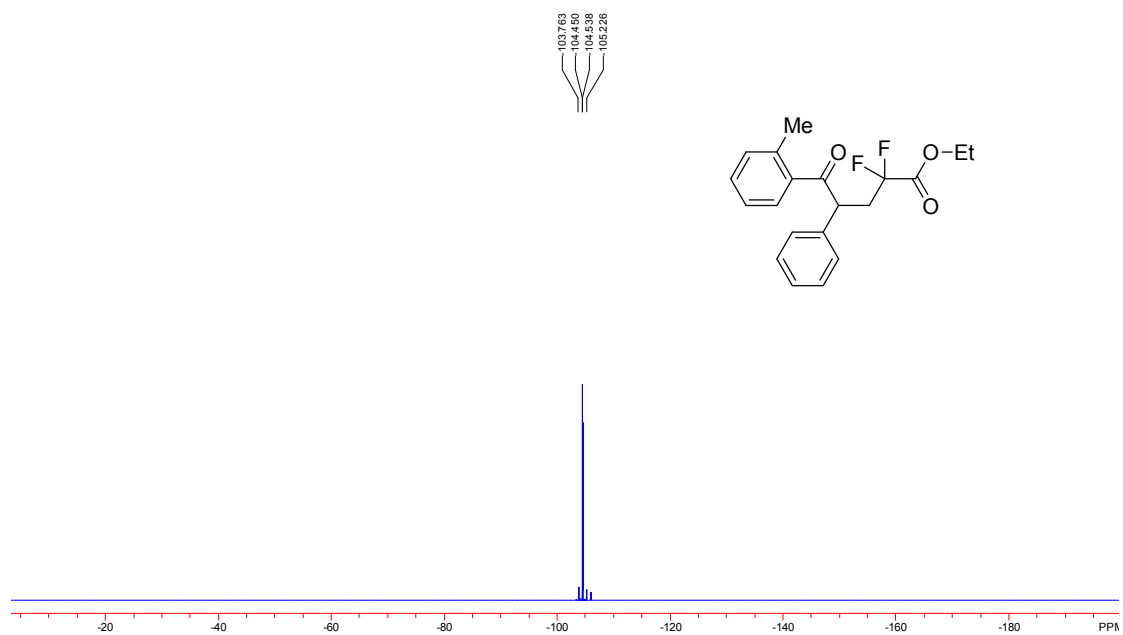
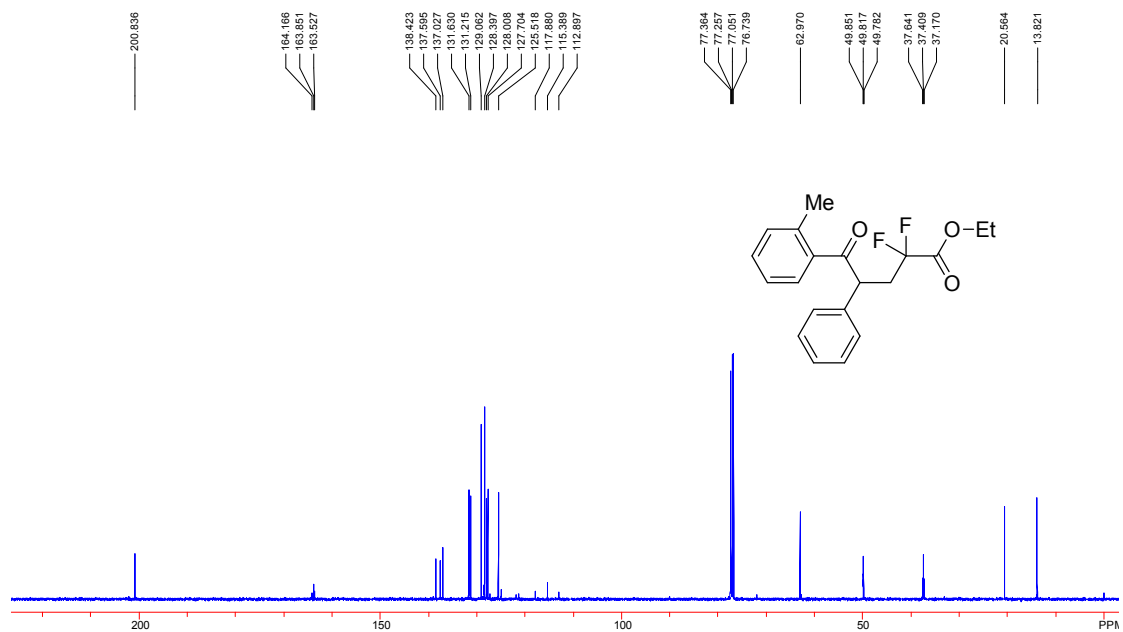
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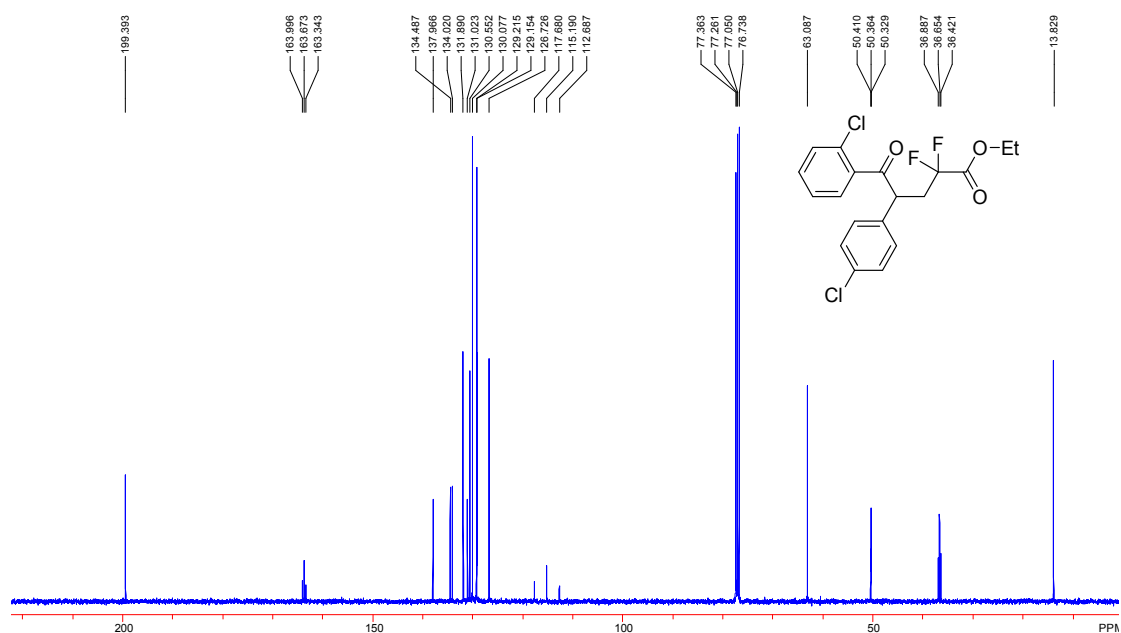
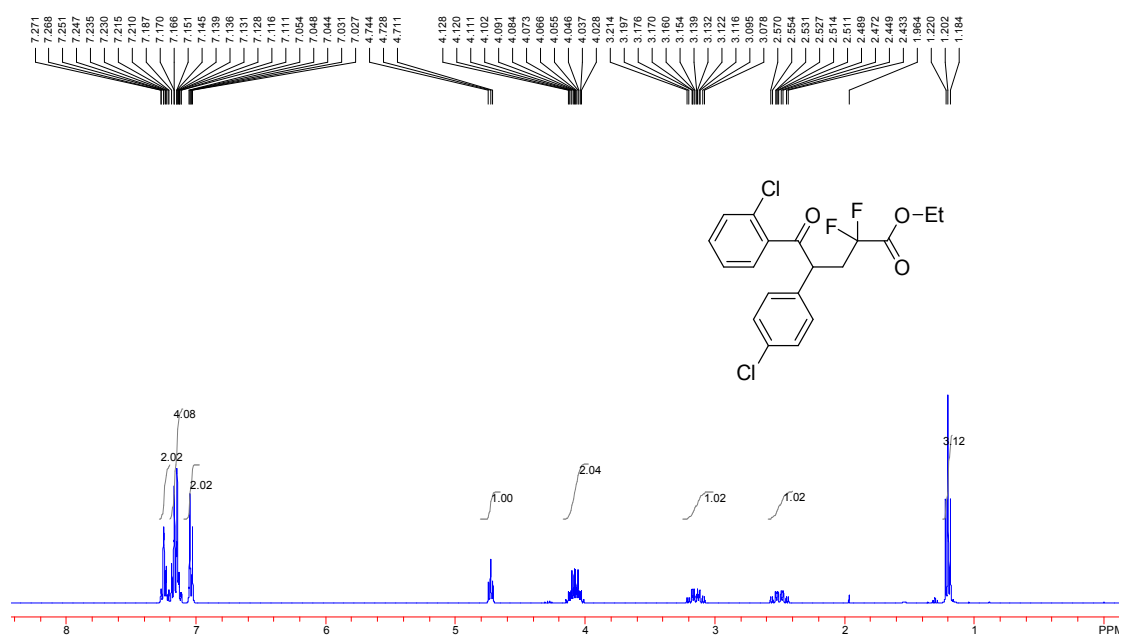


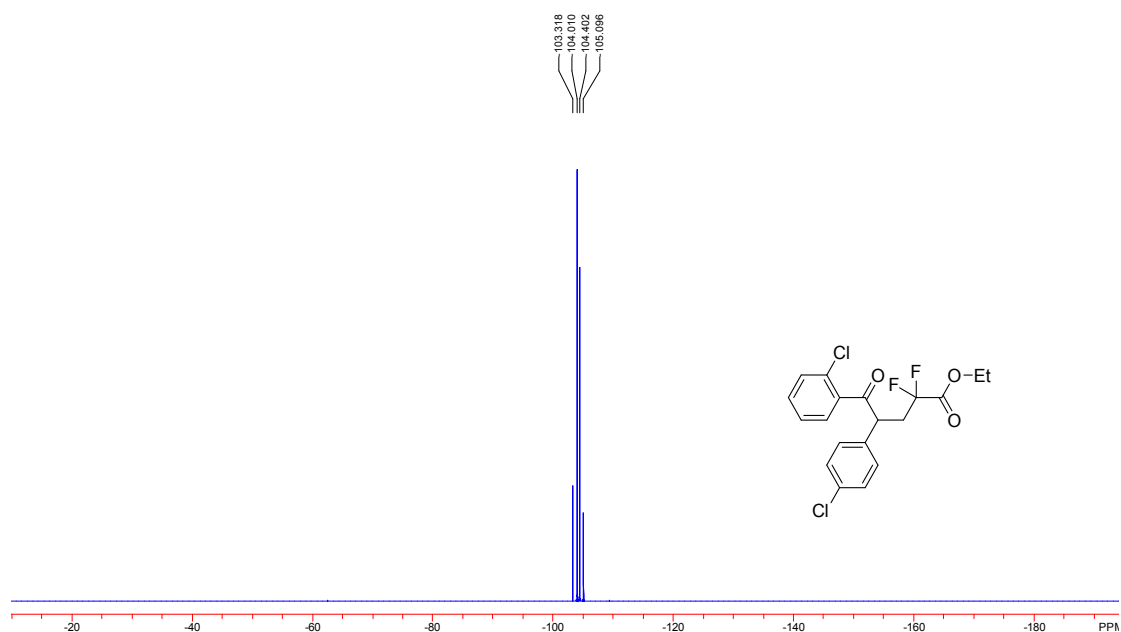
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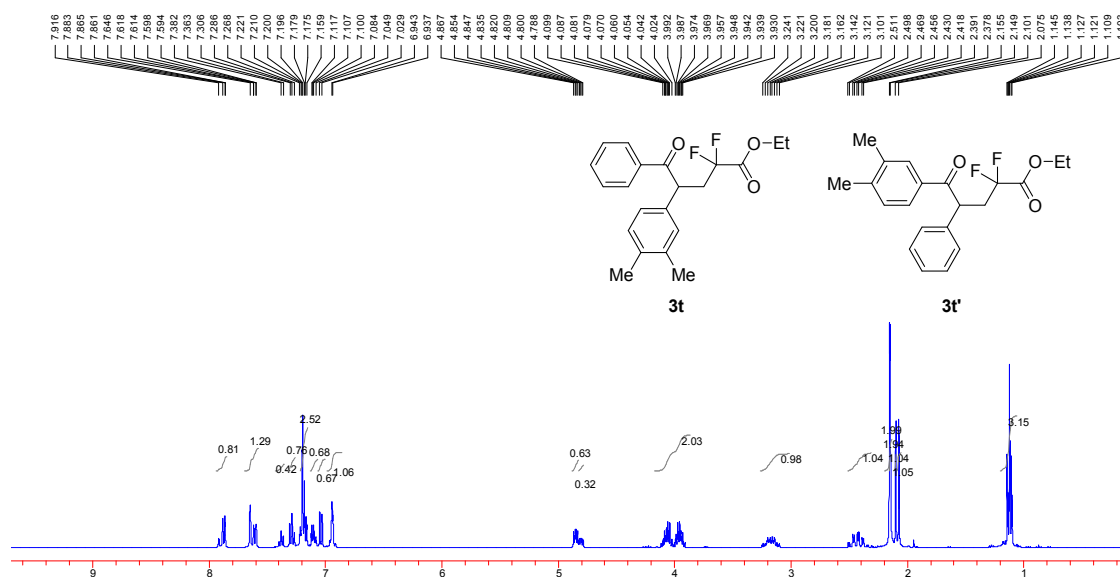
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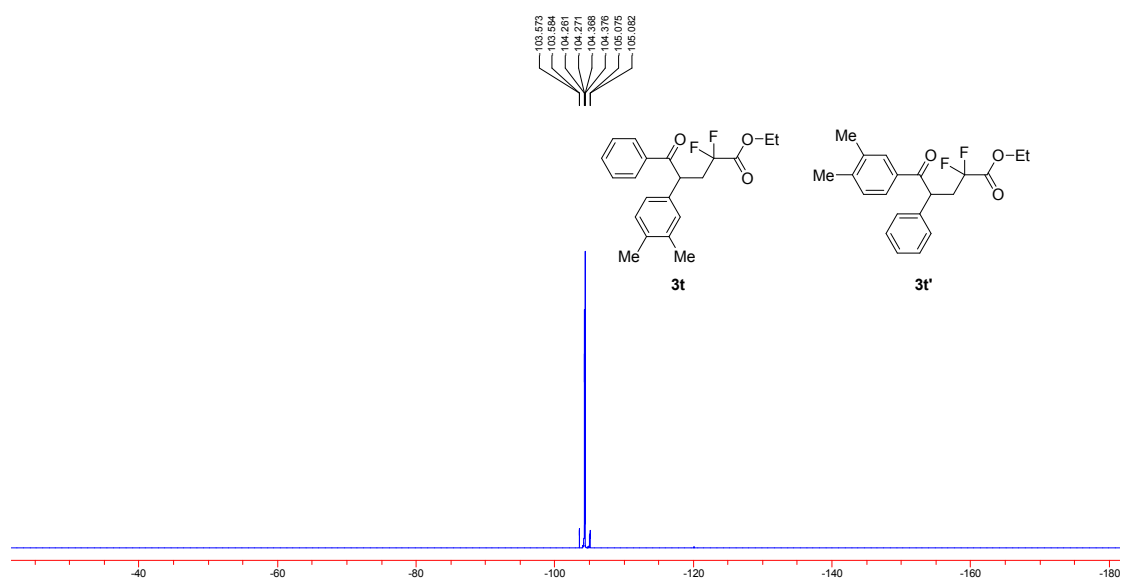
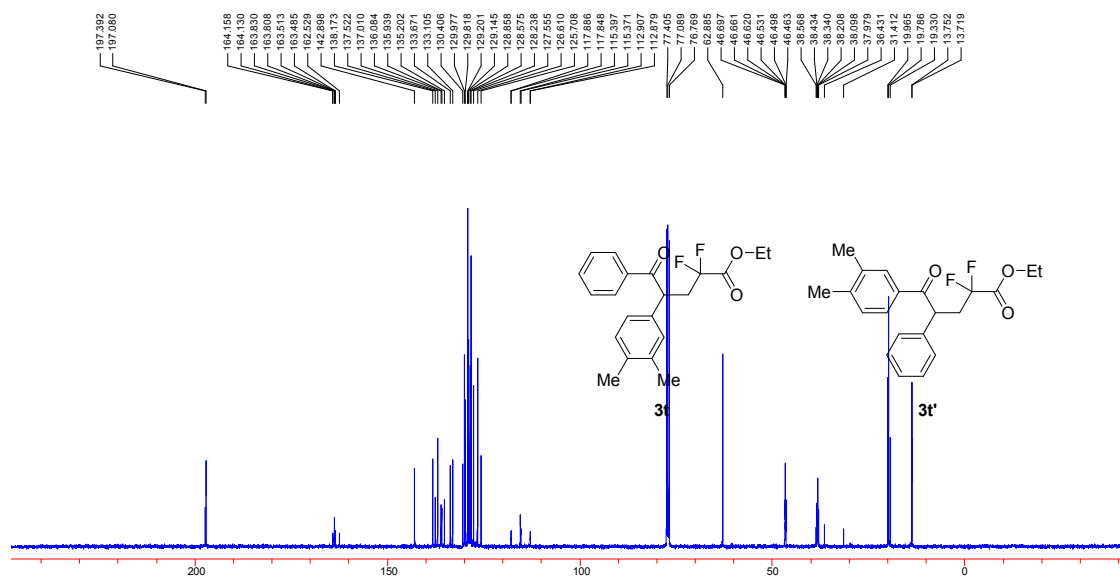




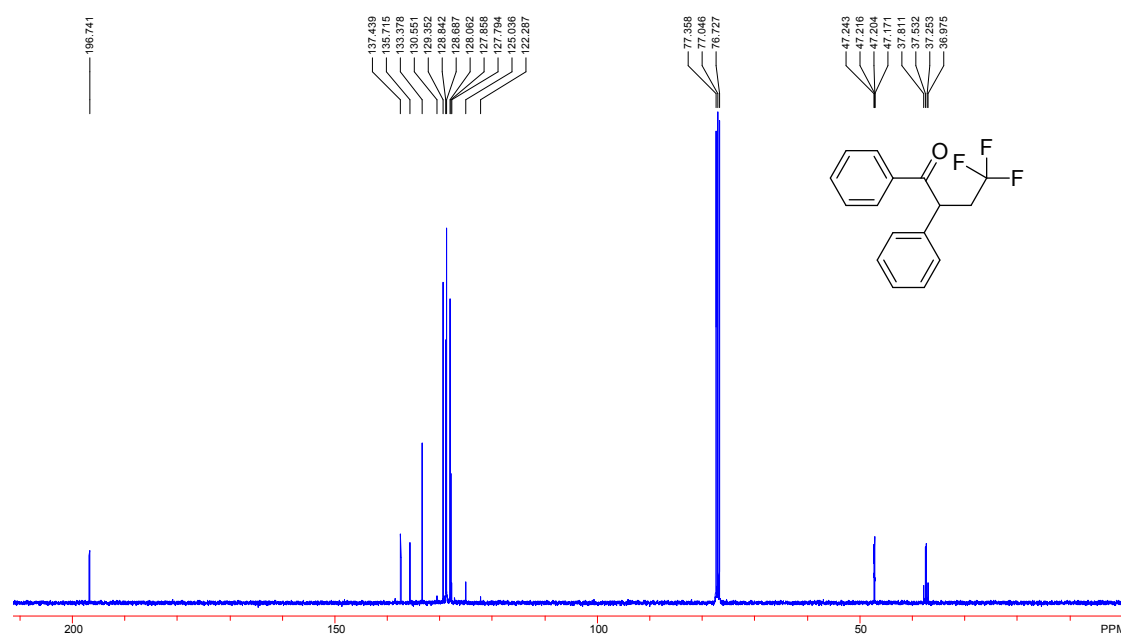
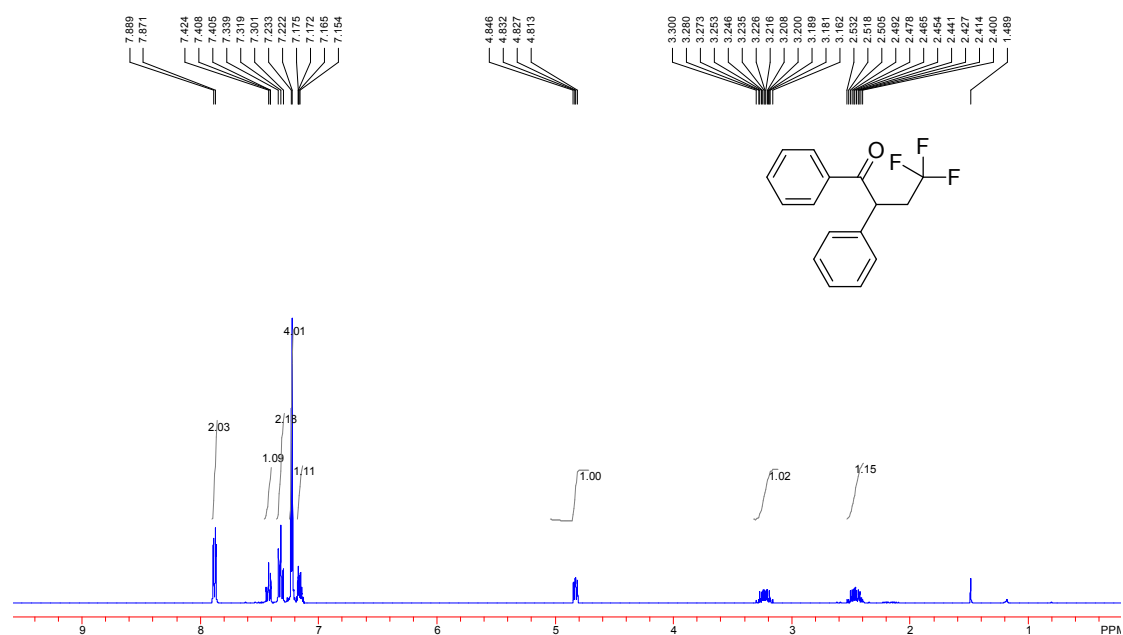
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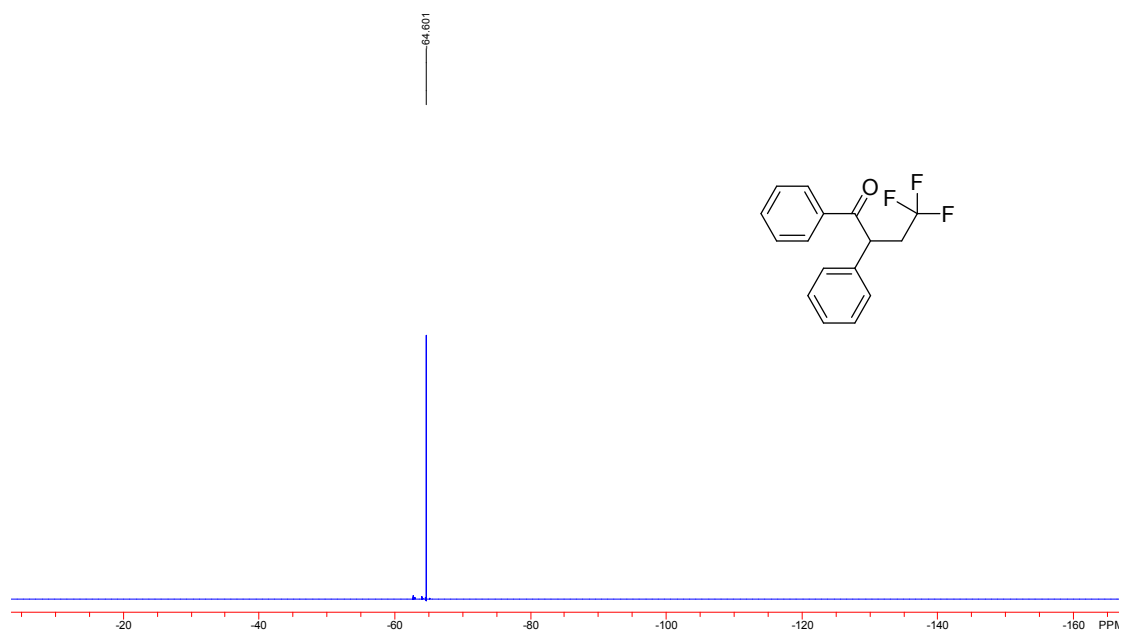
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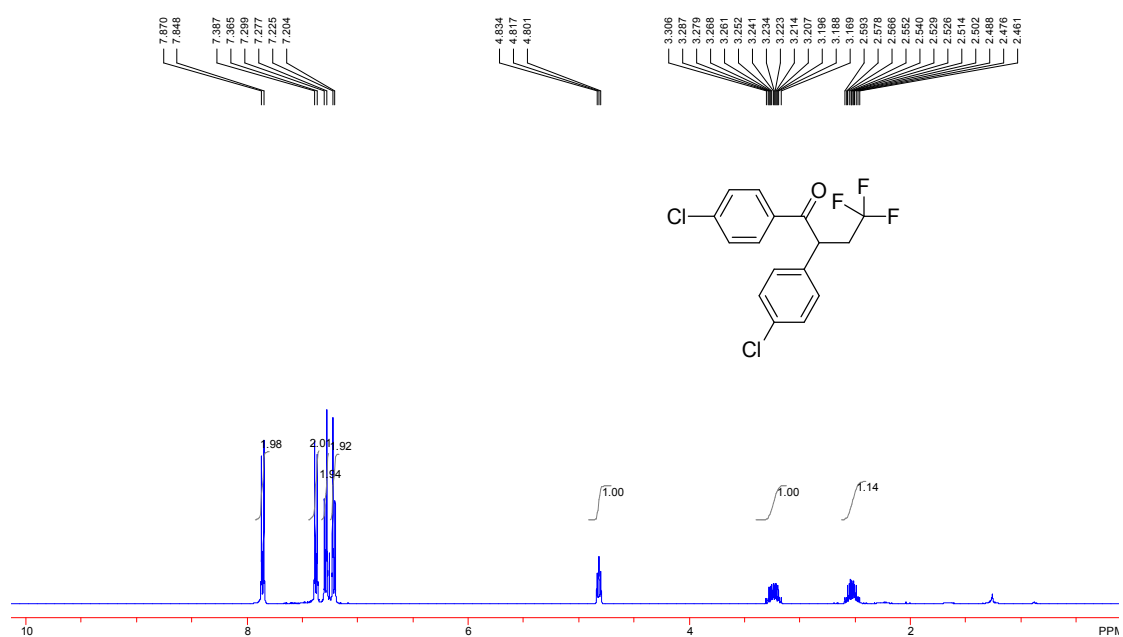


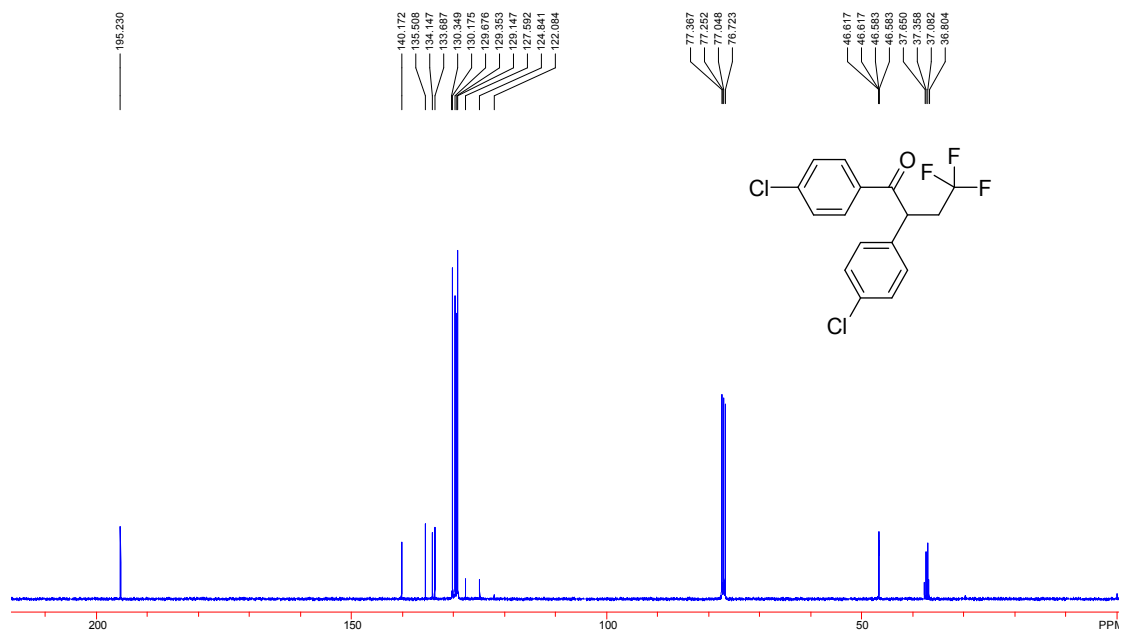
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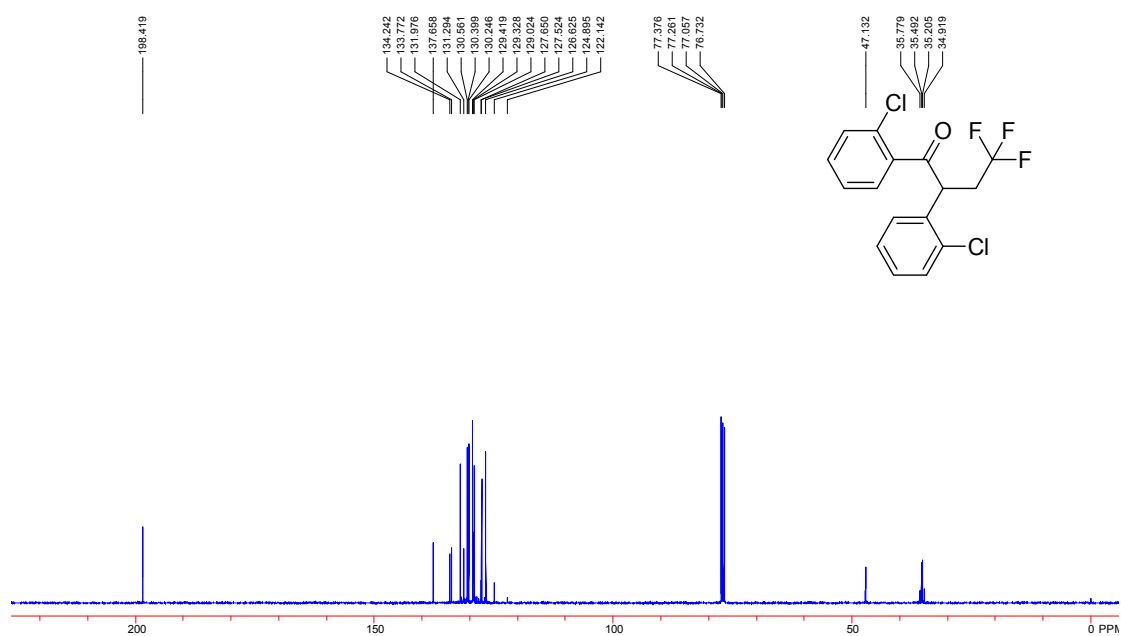
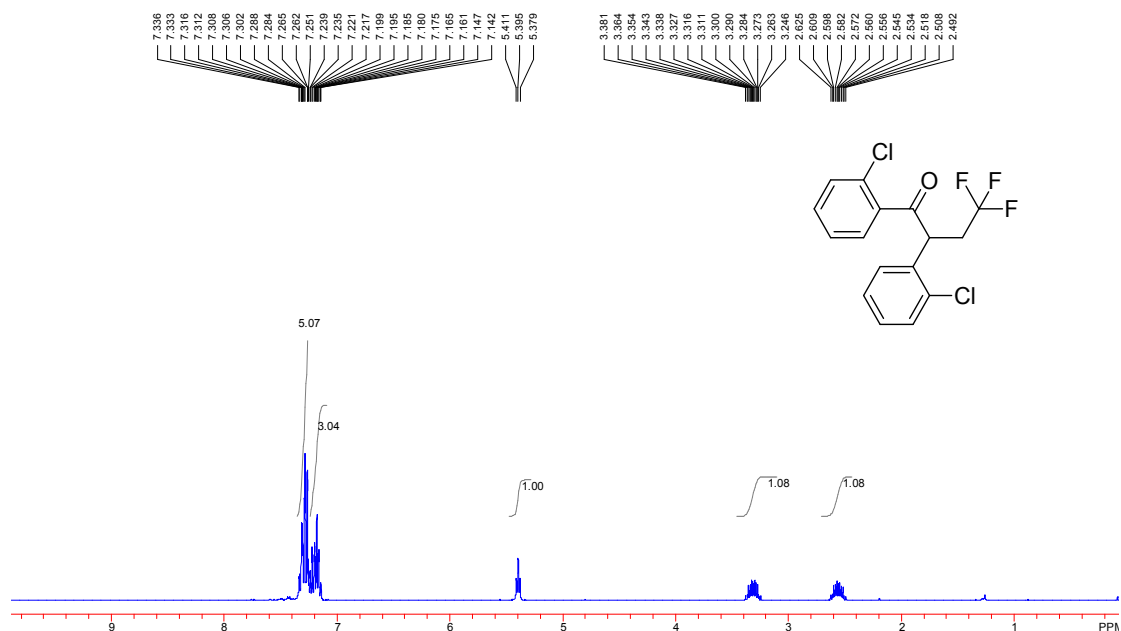


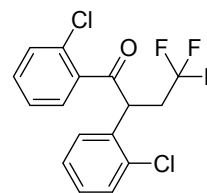
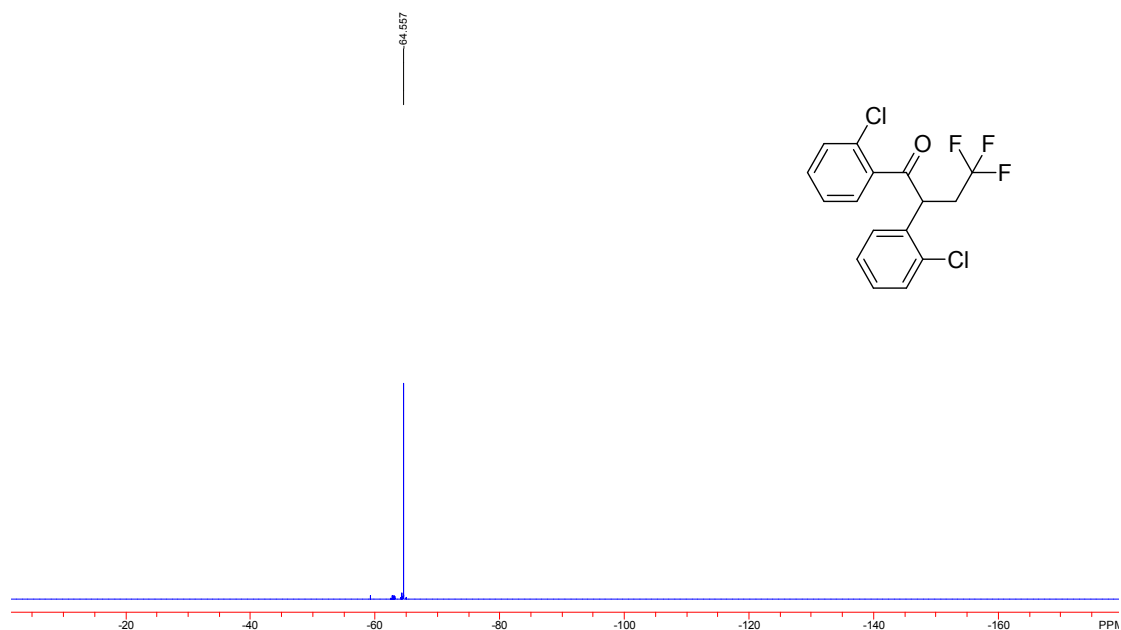
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1,2-bis(2-chlorophenyl)-4,4,4-trifluorobutan-1-one **4c**





4,4,4-trifluoro-1,2-bis(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butan-1-one **4d**

