

Supporting Information for

Pd-Catalyzed *gem*-Difluoroallylation of Arylboronic Acids with γ,γ -Difluoroallylic Acetates

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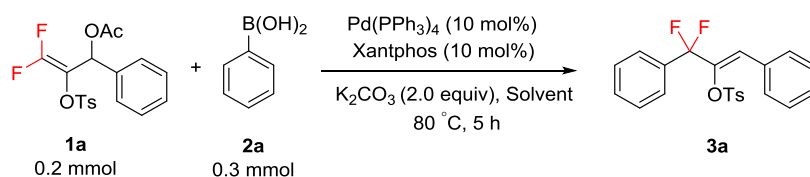
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General information: ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM400, AM500, Agilent MR300 spectrometer. ^{19}F NMR was recorded on a Bruker AM400 and Agilent MR300 spectrometer (CFCl_3 as an outside standard and low field is positive). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. NMR yield was determined by ^{19}F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard before working up the reaction.

Materials: All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature. All reagents were weighed and handled in air, and backfilled with an inert atmosphere of N_2 at room temperature. All solvents were distilled before use.

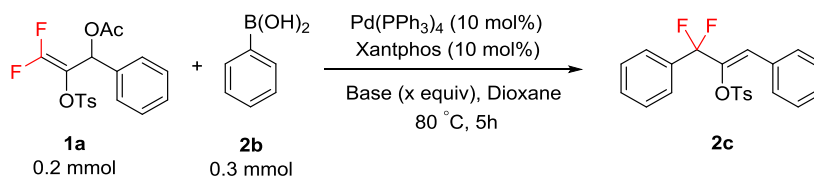
Table S1. Solvent Effect on Pd-Catalyzed *gem*-Difluoroallylation of Phenylboronic Acid 2a with 3,3-Difluoro-1-Phenyl-2-(Tosyloxy) Allyl Acetate 1a.^a



Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	Dioxane	57
2	THF	50
3	Toluene	38
4	CH ₃ CN	/
5	DCE	/
6	CCl ₄	/

^aSolvent (1.5 mL). ^bDetermined by ¹⁹F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard.

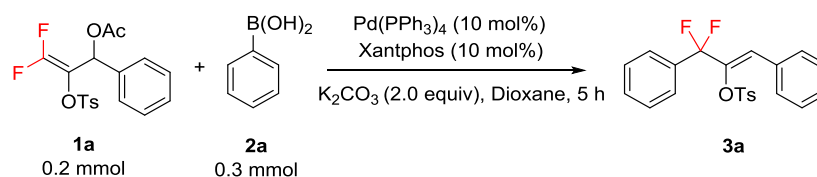
Table S2. Base Effect on Pd-Catalyzed *gem*-Difluoroallylation of Phenylboronic Acid 2a with 3,3-Difluoro-1-Phenyl-2-(Tosyloxy) Allyl Acetate 1a.^a



Entry	Base (x)	yield (%) ^a
1	Na ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	ND
2	CS ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	30
3	K ₃ PO ₄ (2.0)	40
4	NaOAc (2.0)	10
5	KF (2.0)	48
6	K ₂ CO ₃ (2.0)	57
7	K ₂ CO ₃ (0.5)	10
8	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.0)	23
9	K ₂ CO ₃ (1.5)	35
10	K ₂ CO ₃ (3.0)	41

^aSolvent (1.5 mL). ^bDetermined by ¹⁹F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard.

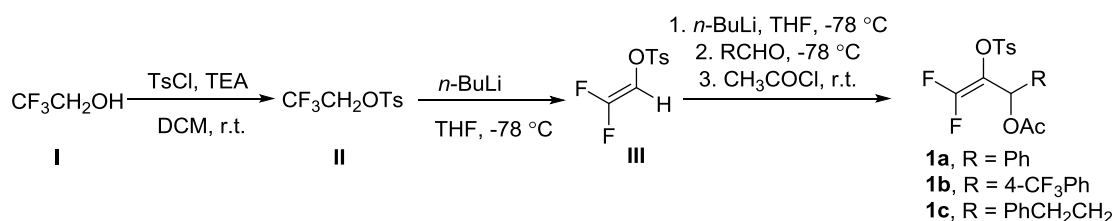
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Entry	Temp. (°C)	Yield (%) ^a
1	r.t.	Trace
2	40	15
3	60	65
4	80	57 (60)
5	100	64 (62)

^aSolvent (1.5 mL). ^bDetermined by ¹⁹F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard and number in parenthesis is isolated yield.

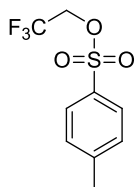
General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 1:



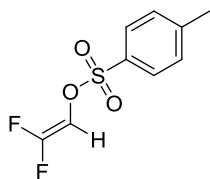
General Procedure: 4-Methylbenzenesulfonate (**III**) was prepared according to the procedure reported by Troels Skrydstrup *et. al.*¹ 3,3-Difluoro-2-(tosyloxy) allyl acetates **1** were synthesized from compound **III** with different aldehydes and acetyl chloride in one pot via three steps.

Typical Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 1a: To a stirred solution of 2,2-difluorovinyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (**III**) (1.87 g, 8.0 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M, 3.2 mL, 8.0 mmol) dropwise under N₂ at -78 °C. After stirring for 1.5 h, the corresponding benzaldehyde (0.85 g, 8.0 mmol) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for another 1.5 h at same temperature. Acetyl acetate (0.79 g, 10.0 mmol) was then added, the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 1 h. The mixture was quenched with the slow addition of aqueous solution of HCl (10 mL, 1.0 M). The reaction mixture

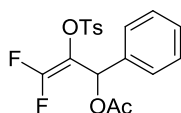
was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL $\times$ 3). The organic layers were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum/ethyl acetate = 18 : 1) to give compound **1a** in 77% yield.



2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (II).¹ White solid (m.p. 52 °C), 92% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -74.1 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 131.5, 130.1, 127.9, 121.8 (q, J = 278.9 Hz), 64.5 (q, J = 38.2 Hz), 21.4.

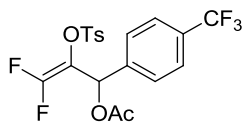


2,2-Difluorovinyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (III).¹ Colorless oil, 88% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (dd, J = 14.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -90.8 (dd, J = 50.8, 14.4 Hz), -109.4 (d, J = 50.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9 (dd, J = 296.4, 285.6 Hz), 146.1, 130.9, 129.9, 128.2, 100.8 (dd, J = 60.2, 15.2 Hz), 21.5.

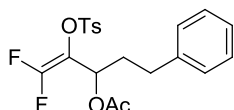


3,3-Difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(tosyloxy)allyl acetate (1a). The product (2.36 g, 77% yield) as a colorless oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 18 : 1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 7H), 6.56 (t, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -88.5 (d, J = 36.4 Hz, 1F), -99.8 (dd, J = 36.4, 2.4 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.6, 156.1 (dd, J = 299.4, 293.4 Hz), 145.6, 134.7 (t, J = 2.0 Hz), 133.2, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1 (d, J = 0.8 Hz), 126.7, 111.5 (dd, J = 42.4, 15.4 Hz), 69.0

(t, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 21.7, 20.9. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3034, 1764, 1597, 1450 cm^{-1} . MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 428 ($M^+ + 2\text{Na}$), 409 (100), 405 ($M^+ + \text{Na}$), 381 ($M^+ - \text{H}$), 346. HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 382.0687; Found: 405.0578 ($M^+ + \text{Na}$).

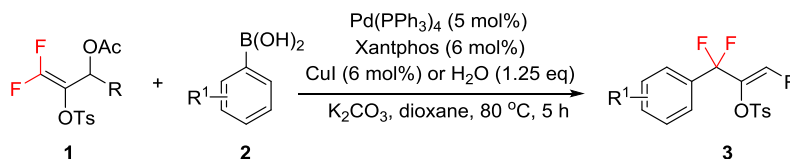


3,3-Difluoro-2-(tosyloxy)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl acetate (1b). The product (3.06 g, 85% yield) as a colorless oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 15 : 1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.8 (s, 3F), -87.5 (d, $J = 34.6$ Hz, 1F), -99.0 (dd, $J = 34.0$, 2.4 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.5, 156.3 (dd, $J = 298.9$, 293.7 Hz), 145.8, 138.7, 133.0, 130.9 (q, $J = 33.3$ Hz), 129.8, 128.1, 127.1, 125.6 (q, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 123.8 (q, $J = 272.8$ Hz), 111.0 (dd, $J = 42.5$, 16.0 Hz), 68.5 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz), 21.7, 20.8. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3040, 1767, 1598, 1417 cm^{-1} . MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 473 ($M^+ + \text{Na}$), 449 ($M^+ - \text{H}$), 444 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_5\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 450.0560; Found: 473.0458 ($M^+ + \text{Na}$).



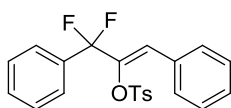
1,1-Difluoro-5-phenyl-2-(tosyloxy)pent-1-en-3-yl acetate (1c). The product (1.97 g, 60% yield) as a colorless oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 5.46 – 5.39 (m, 1H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.09 – 1.95 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -88.3 (d, $J = 35.3$ Hz, 1F), -99.0 (dd, $J = 35.3$, 2.6 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.0, 156.2 (dd, $J = 298.2$, 292.4 Hz), 145.7, 140.1, 133.2, 129.8, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 126.2, 110.9 (dd, $J = 43.4$, 14.8 Hz), 67.4 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 31.8, 31.2, 21.6, 20.8. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3064, 1763, 1598, 1496 cm^{-1} . MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 433 ($M^+ + \text{Na}$), 410 (M^+), 409 (100, $M^+ - \text{H}$). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 410.1000; Found: 433.0895 ($M^+ + \text{Na}$).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 3:



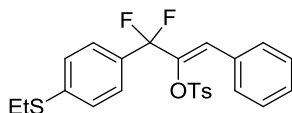
Method A (CuI was used as an additive): To a Schlenk tube was charged with Pd(PPh₃)₄ (46.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), Xantphos (27.8 mg, 0.048 mmol), CuI (9.2 mg, 0.048 mmol), arylboronic acid 2 (0.6 mmol), K₂CO₃ (110 mg, 0.8 mmol), 1 (0.4 mmol), and dioxane (2 mL) under N₂. The tube was then screwed capped and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, and filtrated through a silica gel pad. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to purification on silica gel chromatography to give desired product.

Method B (H₂O was used as an additive): To a Schlenk tube was charged with Pd(PPh₃)₄ (46.4 mg, 0.04 mmol), Xantphos (27.8 mg, 0.048 mmol), arylboronic acid 2 (0.6 mmol), K₂CO₃ (110 mg, 0.8 mmol), 1 (0.4 mmol), H₂O (9 µL, 0.5 mmol) and dioxane (2 mL). The tube was screwed capped and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, and filtrated through a silica gel pad. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to purification on silica gel chromatography to give desired product.



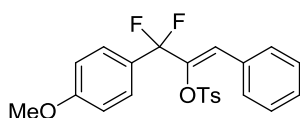
(Z)-3,3-Difluoro-1,3-diphenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3a). Method A. The product (136 mg, 85% yield) as a faint yellow solid (m.p. 76 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -95.3 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 140.5 (t, *J* = 31.8 Hz), 134.3 (t, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 134.0, 131.2, 130.4, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 125.9 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 124.7 (t, *J* = 5.4

Hz), 117.2 (t, $J = 244.7$ Hz), 21.6. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3062, 2926, 1667, 1595, 1495 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 400 (M^+), 127 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 400.0945; Found: 400.0942.



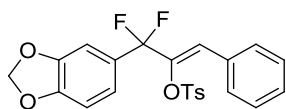
(Z)-3-(4-(Ethylthio)phenyl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3b).

Method B. The product (149 mg, 81% yield) as a red-brown sticky oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 18 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.99 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.9 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9, 140.6, 140.4 (t, $J = 32.2$ Hz), 134.0, 131.2, 131.1 (t, $J = 27.3$ Hz), 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.2, 126.4 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 124.63 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 117.1 (t, $J = 244.7$ Hz), 26.6, 21.6, 14.0. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3042, 2980, 2933, 2873, 1679, 1597, 1493 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 460 (M^+), 187 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 460.0978; Found: 460.0981.

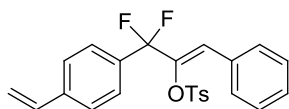


(Z)-3,3-Difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3c).

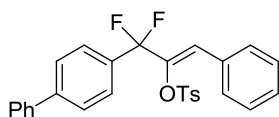
Method B. The product (156 mg, 91% yield) as a red-brown oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -93.8 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.1, 144.9, 140.7 (t, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 134.0, 131.3, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.5 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 126.3 (t, $J = 27.3$ Hz), 124.6 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 117.4 (t, $J = 244.0$ Hz), 113.6, 55.3, 21.5. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3059, 3029, 2936, 1668, 1597, 1496 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 430 (M^+), 157 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 430.1050; Found: 430.1046.



(Z)-3-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3d). Method B. The product (119 mg, 68% yield) as a faint yellow solid (m.p. 75 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -93.3 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.2, 147.6, 145.0, 140.4 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 134.0, 131.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9 (t, J = 27.4 Hz), 124.5 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 120.3 (t, J = 6.2 Hz), 117.1 (t, J = 244.9 Hz), 108.0, 106.5 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 101.6, 21.5. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3048, 2909, 1664, 1593, 1493 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 444 (M^+), 171 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$: 444.0843; Found: 444.0848.

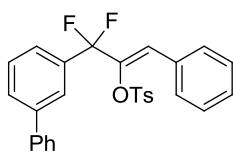


(Z)-3,3-Difluoro-1-phenyl-3-(4-vinylphenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3e). Method B. The product (136 mg, 80% yield) as a light yellow oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether/EtOAc = 20 : 1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), δ 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.77 – 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 5.82 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.1 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9, 140.4 (t, J = 32.1 Hz), 139.6, 135.8, 134.0, 133.5 (t, J = 26.8 Hz), 131.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 126.2 (t, J = 5.6 Hz), 126.1, 124.7 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 117.2 (t, J = 244.7 Hz), 115.7, 21.6. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3060, 2929, 1669, 1598, 1450 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 426 (M^+), 153 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 426.1101; Found: 426.1104.



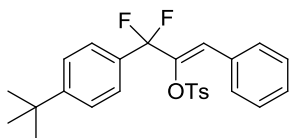
(Z)-3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3f).

Method B. The product (128 mg, 67% yield) as a red-brown sticky oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.9 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9, 143.2, 140.4 (t, J = 32.1 Hz), 139.9, 134.0, 133.1 (t, J = 27.0 Hz), 131.2, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 127.0, 126.4 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 124.7 (t, J = 5.2 Hz), 117.3 (t, J = 244.8 Hz), 21.5. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3058, 3031, 2924, 1669, 1597, 1488 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 476 (M^+), 203 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 476.1258; Found: 476.1256.



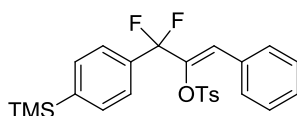
(Z)-3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-3-yl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3g).

Method B. The product (137 mg, 72% yield) as a red-brown sticky oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.3 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9, 141.3, 140.2 (t, J = 31.6 Hz), 140.0, 134.8 (t, J = 26.8 Hz), 133.9, 131.2, 129.7, 129.21, 129.17, 129.0, 128.85, 128.80, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.0, 124.8 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 124.5 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 124.4 (t, J = 5.6 Hz), 117.15 (t, J = 245.5 Hz), 21.4. ν_{max} 3059, 3034, 2963, 1668, 1598, 1496 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 476 (M^+), 203 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 476.1258; Found: 476.1260.



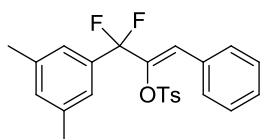
(Z)-3-(4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3h).

Method A. The product (151 mg, 83% yield) as a white solid (m.p. 94 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 25.2, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.6 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.6, 144.8, 140.7 (t, J = 32.3 Hz), 134.1, 131.4 (t, J = 27.1 Hz), 131.3, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 125.7 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 125.3, 124.6 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 117.4 (t, J = 245.4 Hz), 34.8, 31.2, 21.6. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3058, 3032, 2907, 1661, 1597, 1494 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 456 (M^+), 183 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 456.1571; Found: 456.1574.



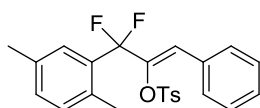
(Z)-3,3-Difluoro-1-phenyl-3-(4-(trimethylsilyl)phenyl)prop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate

(3i). Method A. The product (142 mg, 75% yield) as a red-brown solid (m.p. 77 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 0.29 (s, 9H). ^{19}F NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.5 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.9, 143.5, 140.5 (t, J = 31.9 Hz), 134.6 (t, J = 27.0 Hz), 133.9, 133.2, 131.2, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 125.0 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 124.6 (t, J = 5.2 Hz), 117.2 (t, J = 244.7 Hz), 21.5, -1.3. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3028, 2956, 1670, 1598, 1496 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 472 (M^+), 197 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{SSi}$: 472.1340; Found: 472.1343.



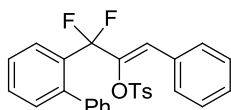
(Z)-3-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3j).

Method B. The product (127 mg, 68% yield) as a claybank solid (m.p. 108 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 2H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.1 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 140.4 (t, J = 31.4 Hz), 137.9, 134.1, 134.0 (t, J = 26.5 Hz), 132.0, 131.3, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.1, 124.4 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 123.5 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 117.3 (t, J = 244.5 Hz), 21.5, 21.2. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3062, 3025, 2922, 1668, 1599, 1495 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 428 (M^+), 155 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 428.1258; Found: 428.1261.



(Z)-3-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3k).

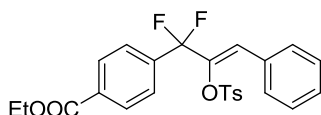
Method B. The product (103 mg, 60% yield) as a gray white solid (m.p. 81 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (dd, J = 19.2, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -93.5 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 144.8, 140.2 (t, J = 30.8 Hz), 135.2, 134.2, 133.4 (t, J = 2.9 Hz), 131.8, 131.7 (t, J = 24.1 Hz), 131.4, 131.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.5, 128.2, 127.3 (t, J = 8.1 Hz), 125.5 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 118.1 (t, J = 241.9 Hz), 21.6, 20.9, 19.6. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3061, 3023, 2923, 1668, 1595, 1450 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 428 (M^+), 155 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 428.1258; Found: 428.1254.



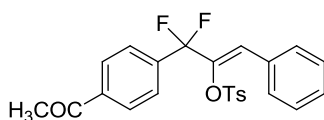
(Z)-3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-2-yl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3l).

Method B. The product (105 mg, 55% yield) as a red-brown solid (m.p. 94 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 7H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (s, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR

(376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -88.2 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.8, 141.6 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 140.0, 139.4 (t, J = 31.6 Hz), 133.6, 131.6, 131.44 (t, J = 25.1 Hz), 131.42, 129.9, 129.6, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.22, 127.21, 127.0, 126.5 (t, J = 8.1 Hz), 124.5 (t, J = 5.1 Hz), 116.9 (t, J = 245.8 Hz), 21.6. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3069, 3028, 2926, 1669, 1597, 1445 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 476 (M⁺), 183 (100). HRMS: Calculated for C₂₈H₂₂F₂O₃S: 476.1258; Found: 476.1261.

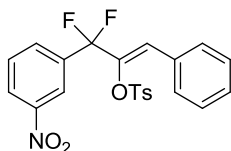


(Z)-Ethyl 4-[1,1-difluoro-3-phenyl-2-(tosyloxy)allyl]benzoate (3m). Method B. The product (87 mg, 46% yield) as a claybank oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 18 : 1). This compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.42 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -95.9 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 145.1, 139.8 (t, J = 31.7 Hz), 138.4 (t, J = 27.0 Hz), 133.8, 132.4, 131.0, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.4, 128.1, 126.0 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 124.8 (t, J = 5.2 Hz), 116.7 (t, J = 245.7 Hz), 61.3, 21.6, 14.2. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3053, 2929, 1764, 1722, 1660, 1593, 1451 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 472 (M⁺), 199 (100). HRMS: Calculated for C₂₅H₂₂F₂O₅S: 472.1156; Found: 472.1152.



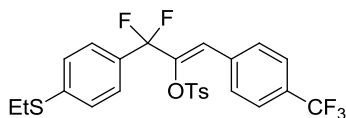
(Z)-3-(4-Acetylphenyl)-3,3-difluoro-1-phenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3n). Method B. The product (76 mg, 43% yield) as a faint yellow oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 15 : 1). This compound is unknown. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.1 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.2, 145.2, 139.8 (t, J = 31.5 Hz), 138.7 (t, J = 27.2 Hz), 138.5, 133.8, 131.0, 129.6, 129.31, 129.26, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 126.4 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 124.8 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 116.7 (t, J = 245.9 Hz), 26.7, 21.6. IR (thin film):

$\nu_{\max}$ 3044, 2922, 1686, 1605, 1592, 1453 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 442 (M^+), 169 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 442.1050; Found: 442.1053.

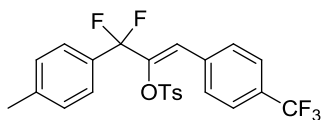


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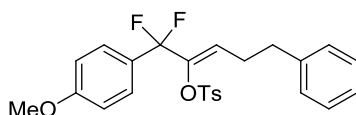
Method B. The product (71 mg, 40% yield) as a faint yellow solid (m.p. 75 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 15 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.49 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.6 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.0, 145.6, 138.9 (t, J = 31.4 Hz), 136.3 (t, J = 28.4 Hz), 133.5, 132.1 (t, J = 5.2 Hz), 130.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.0, 125.3, 124.8 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 121.1 (t, J = 6.1 Hz), 115.9 (t, J = 246.5 Hz), 21.6. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3059, 2926, 1614, 1515, 1496 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 445 (M^+), 172, 155, 91 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_5\text{S}$: 445.0795; Found: 445.0798.



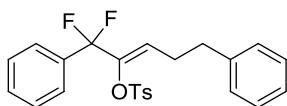
(Z)-3-[4-(Ethylthio)phenyl]-3,3-difluoro-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]prop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3p). Method B. The product (164 mg, 78% yield) as a red-brown solid (m.p. 93 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, J = 23.2, 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.00 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.2 (s, 3F), -96.3 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 142.4 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 140.9, 134.9, 133.9, 130.6 (t, J = 27.2 Hz), 130.3, 129.7, 129.3, 127.8, 127.0, 126.3 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 125.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 272.9 Hz), 122.8 (t, J = 4.8 Hz), 116.8 (t, J = 245.4 Hz), 26.4, 21.4, 13.9. IR (thin film): $\nu_{\max}$ 3042, 2980, 2933, 1679, 1597, 1449 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 528 (M^+), 187 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_5\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$: 528.0852; Found: 528.0851.



(Z)-3,3-Difluoro-3-(p-tolyl)-1-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]prop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3q). Method A. The product (139 mg, 72% yield) as a gray white solid (m.p. 89 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, J = 26.4, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (dd, J = 48.8, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 2.44 – 2.38 (m, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.9 (s, 3F), -95.8 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.3, 142.8 (t, J = 32.6 Hz), 140.8, 135.0, 134.1, 131.1 (t, J = 26.8 Hz), 130.6 (q, J = 32.6 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9, 125.9 (t, J = 5.6 Hz), 125.2 (q, J = 3.8 Hz), 123.8 (q, J = 272.2 Hz), 122.9 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 117.1 (t, J = 245.0 Hz), 21.5, 21.3. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3064, 2928, 1919, 1678, 1597, 1449 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 428 (M^+), 155, 141 (100), 91. HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_5\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 482.0975; Found: 482.0978.

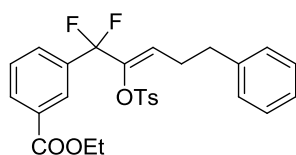


(Z)-1,1-Difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-phenylpent-2-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3r). Method B. The product (152 mg, 83% yield) as a colorless oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 25 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.4 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.0, 144.9, 141.8 (t, J = 32.6 Hz), 140.6, 134.1, 129.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.4 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 126.9 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 126.3 (t, J = 27.1 Hz), 126.1, 117.0 (t, J = 241.6 Hz), 113.5, 55.3, 34.3, 28.0, 21.7. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3070, 2926, 1684, 1597, 1453 cm^{-1} . MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 481 (100, $\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$), 439 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{F}$). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 458.1363; Found: 481.1261 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$).



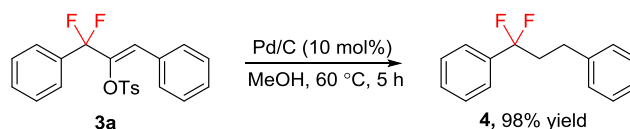
(Z)-1,1-Difluoro-1,5-diphenylpent-2-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3s). Method A. The

product (120 mg, 70% yield) as a colorless oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.73 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.45 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.8 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.0, 141.6 (t, J = 31.8 Hz), 140.5, 134.1 (t, J = 26.3 Hz), 134.0, 130.2, 129.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1 (t, J = 4.7 Hz), 126.1, 125.8 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 116.8 (t, J = 244.1 Hz), 34.2, 28.0, 21.6. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3070, 2925, 1680, 1597, 1456 cm^{-1} . MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 474 ($\text{M}^+ + 2\text{Na}$), 451 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$), 446 (100, $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$), 427 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 428.1258; Found: 451.1151 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$).



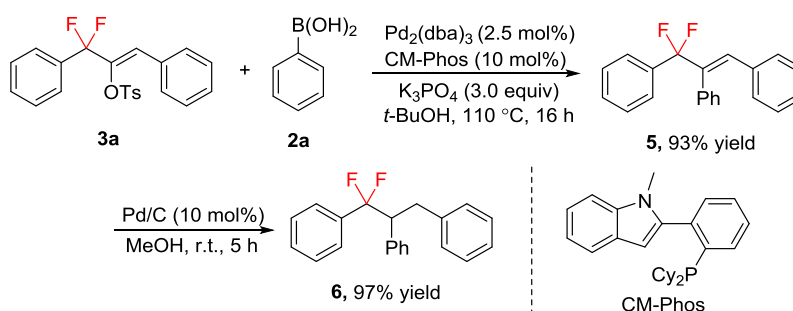
(Z)-Ethyl-3-(1,1-difluoro-5-phenyl-2-(tosyloxy)pent-2-en-1-yl)benzoate (3t). Method B. The product (76 mg, 38% yield) as a colorless oil was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30 : 1). This compound is unknown. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.88 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.1 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 145.1, 141.1 (t, J = 32.0 Hz), 140.4, 134.7 (t, J = 27.4 Hz), 133.9, 131.4, 130.8, 130.2 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 129.6, 128.42, 128.40, 127.9, 127.3 (t, J = 4.7 Hz), 126.9 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 126.1, 116.3 (t, J = 244.8 Hz), 61.3, 34.2, 28.1, 21.6, 14.3. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3064, 2931, 1720, 1671, 1597, 1450 cm^{-1} . MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 523 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$), 518 (100, $\text{M}^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$), 501 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{H}$). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$: 500.1469; Found: 523.1360 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$).

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 4:



To a 25 mL of round-bottle flask was charged with 10% Pd/C (10.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), (Z)-3,3-difluoro-1,3-diphenylprop-1-en-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate **3a** (40 mg, 0.1 mmol), and MeOH (10 mL). The reaction was evacuated and backfilled with H₂ (three times). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 5 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, and filtrated through a silica gel pad. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to purification on silica gel chromatography using petroleum (100%) to give product **4** as a colorless oil (23 mg, 98% yield). Compound **4** is known². ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 2.81 – 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.37 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.3 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.4, 137.2 (t, *J* = 26.7 Hz), 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 126.2, 124.9 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 121.3 (t, *J* = 243.8 Hz), 40.9 (t, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 28.8 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz).

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 5 and 6:

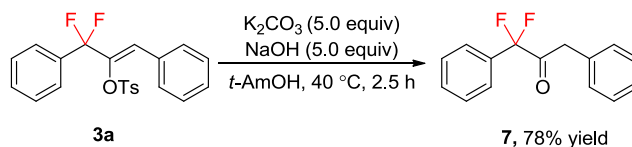


Synthesis of compound 5: To a Schlenk tube was charged with Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.3 mg, 0.0025 mmol), CM-Phos (4.0 mg, 0.01 mmol), K₃PO₄ (64mg, 0.2mmol), phenylboronic acid **2a** (24.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), **3a** (40 mg, 0.1 mmol), and *t*-BuOH (1 mL) under N₂. The tube was screwed capped and the reaction mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 16 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room

temperature, and filtrated through a silica gel pad. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to purification on silica gel chromatography using pure petroleum to give desired product **5** as a faint yellow solid (28 mg, 93% yield, m.p. 78 °C). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.49 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 6.96 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -93.3 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.8 (t, J = 25.7 Hz), 136.3 (t, J = 28.4 Hz), 134.9 (t, J = 1.3 Hz), 134.7, 130.8 (t, J = 8.5 Hz), 130.2, 129.8, 129.7 (t, J = 1.6 Hz), 128.4, 128.1, 128.03, 128.01, 127.9, 126.0 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 120.7 (t, J = 244.6 Hz). IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3055, 3026, 2924, 2851, 1647, 1598, 1449 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 306 (M^+), 179 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2$: 306.1220; Found: 306.1217.

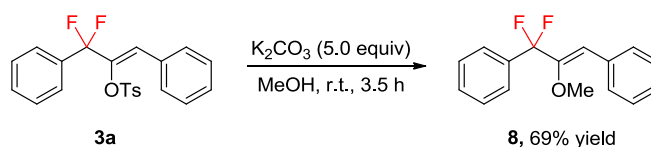
Synthesis of compound 6: To a 25 mL of round-bottle flask was charged with 10% Pd/C (10.6 mg, 0.01 mmol), compound **5** (30.6 mg, 0.1 mmol), and MeOH (10 mL). The reaction was evacuated and backfilled with H_2 (three times). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 5 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature, and filtrated through a silica gel pad. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the residue was subjected to purification on silica gel chromatography using pure petroleum to give desired product **6** as a colorless oil (30 mg, 97% yield). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.64 – 3.49 (m, 1H), 3.48 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.20 – 3.11 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.4 (dd, J = 242.2, 11.8 Hz, 1F), -102.34 (dd, J = 242.4, 18.3 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.1, 127.93, 127.91, 127.0, 126.6, 126.0, 125.6 (t, J = 6.4 Hz), 123.1 (t, J = 249.0 Hz), 56.8 (t, J = 25.9 Hz), 35.3 (t, J = 3.7 Hz). IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3062, 3028, 2927, 2854, 1717, 1601, 1541, 1453 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 308(M^+), 181 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2$: 308.1377; Found: 308.1380.

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 7:



To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were charged with **3a** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol), K_2CO_3 (138 mg, 1 mmol), NaOH (40 mg, 1 mmol) and *t*-AmOH (3 mL). The reaction was monitored by ^{19}F NMR. After stirring for 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated, the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 : 1) to give product **7** as a light yellow oil (38 mg, 78% yield). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.54 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.33 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.98 (s, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -106.0 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 197.2 (t, J = 32.2 Hz), 131.84, 131.81 (t, J = 25.2 Hz), 131.0 (t, J = 1.8 Hz), 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 125.6 (t, J = 6.3 Hz), 116.1 (t, J = 254.8 Hz), 43.1. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3066, 3034, 1747, 1604, 1496, 1452 cm^{-1} . MS (EI): m/z (%) 246 (M^+), 127, 91 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $C_{16}H_{14}F_2O$: 246.0856; Found: 246.0859.

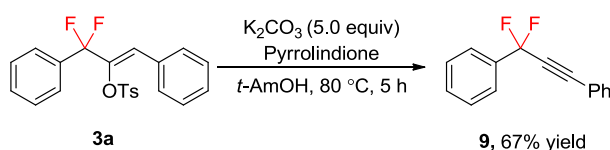
Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 8:



To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were charged with **3a** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol), K_2CO_3 (138 mg, 1 mmol) and MeOH (4 mL). The reaction was monitored by ^{19}F NMR. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 3.5 h, the resulting mixture was filtered through a celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated, the residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 : 1) to give product **8** as a light green oil (36 mg, 69% yield). **Note:** This compound is unstable. It can slowly decompose on the silica gel column. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.70 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376

MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.6 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4 (t, J = 27.5 Hz), 135.6 (t, J = 27.3 Hz), 133.3, 130.1 (t, J = 1.8 Hz), 129.2, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 125.9 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 118.6 (t, J = 244.3 Hz), 115.6 (t, J = 5.7 Hz), 60.2. IR (thin film): ν_{max} 3064, 2941, 1664, 1494, 1451 cm⁻¹. MS (EI): m/z (%) 260 (M⁺), 198, 127 (100). HRMS: Calculated for C₁₆H₁₄F₂O: 260.1613; Found: 260.1017.

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound 9:

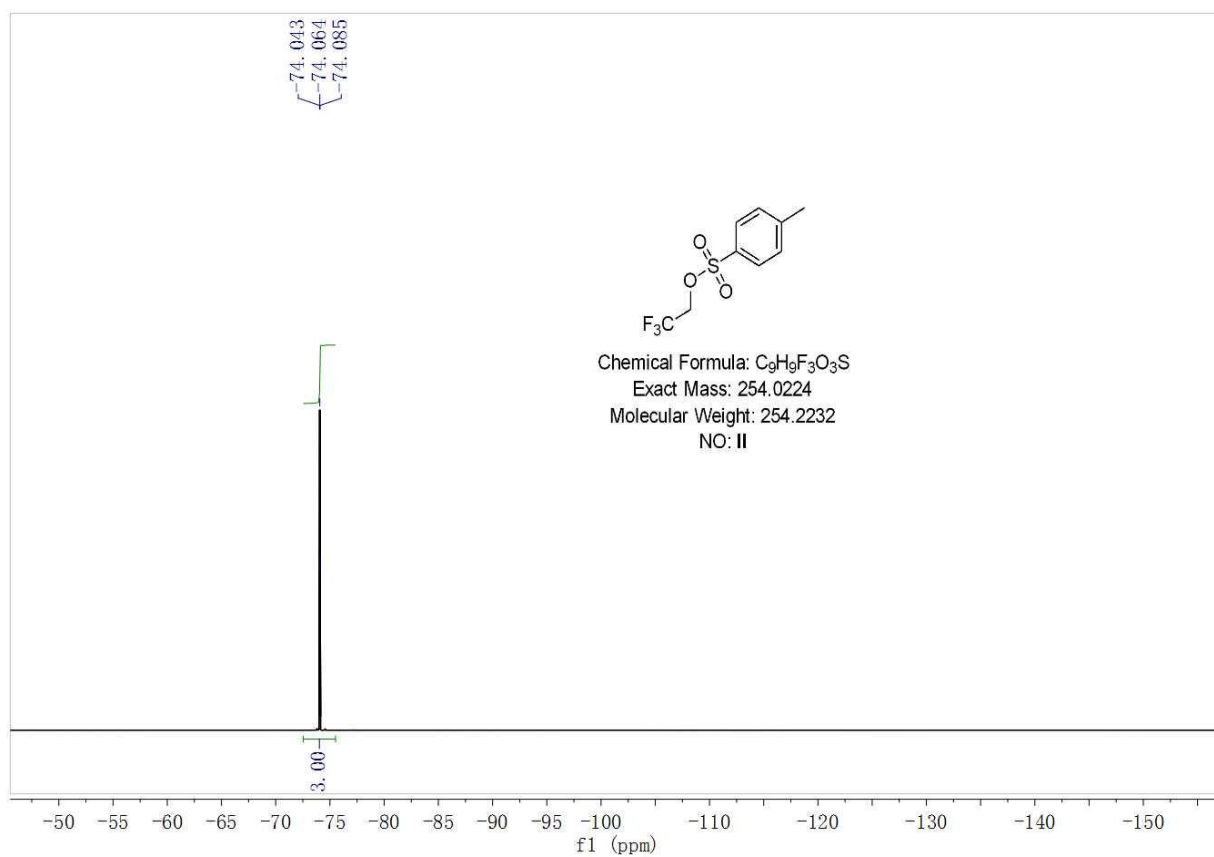
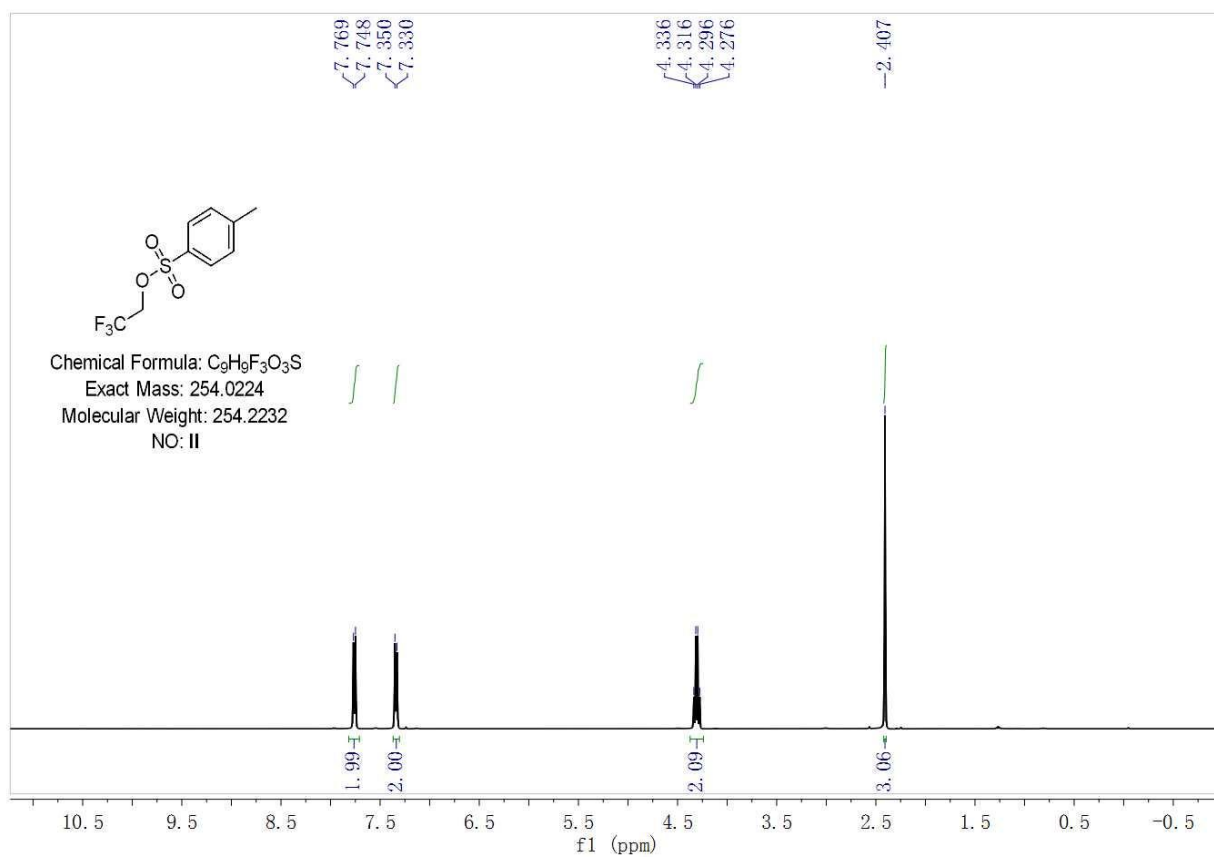


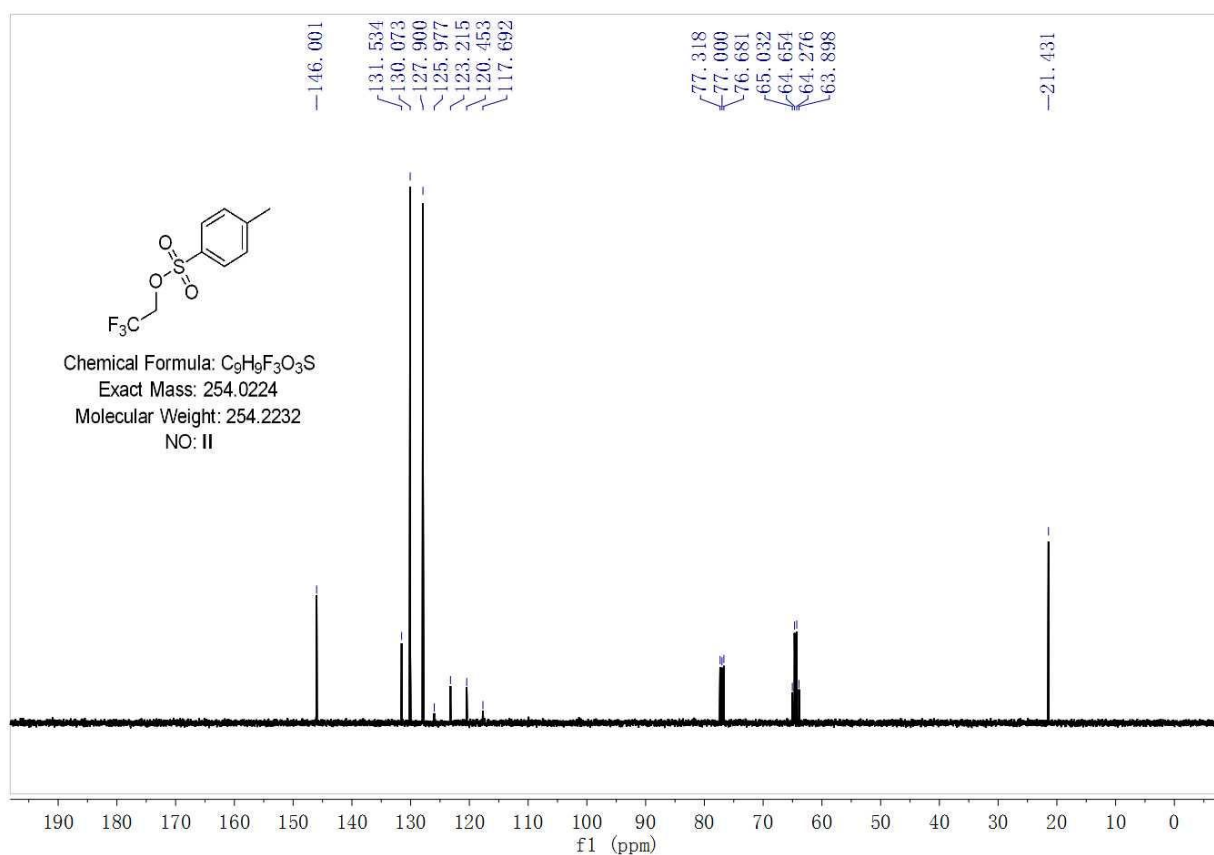
To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were charged with **3a** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol), K₂CO₃ (138 mg, 1 mmol), pyrrolindione (2 mL) and *t*-AmOH (1 mL). The reaction was monitored by ¹⁹F NMR. After the reaction was stirred for 5 h, the resulting mixture was washed by water (20 mL × 3), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether 100%) to give product **9** as a colorless oil (30 mg, 67% yield). This compound is known³. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -74.9 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.2 (t, J = 28.2 Hz), 132.1 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 130.7 (t, J = 1.7 Hz), 130.0, 128.5, 128.5, 125.4 (t, J = 4.6 Hz), 120.1, 112.7 (t, J = 231.2 Hz), 88.7 (t, J = 6.1 Hz), 81.8 (t, J = 41.8 Hz).

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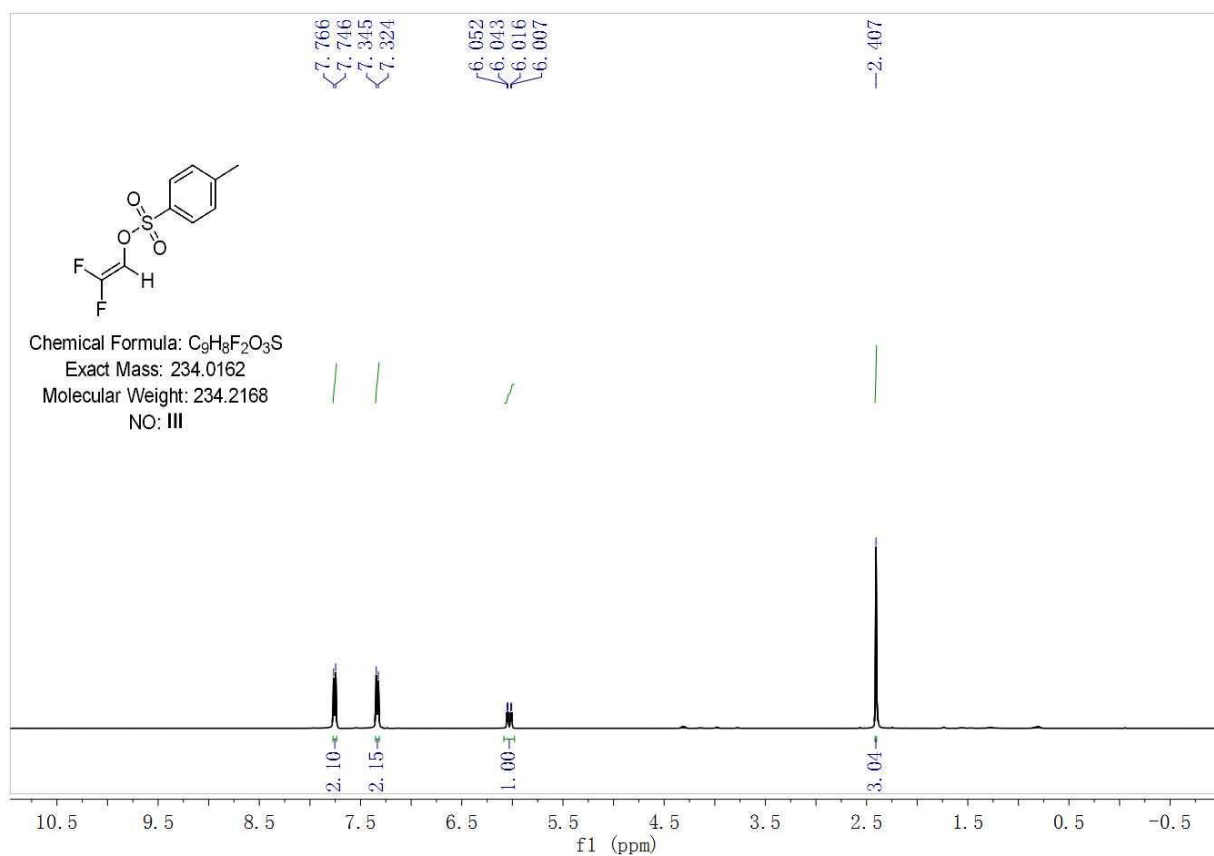
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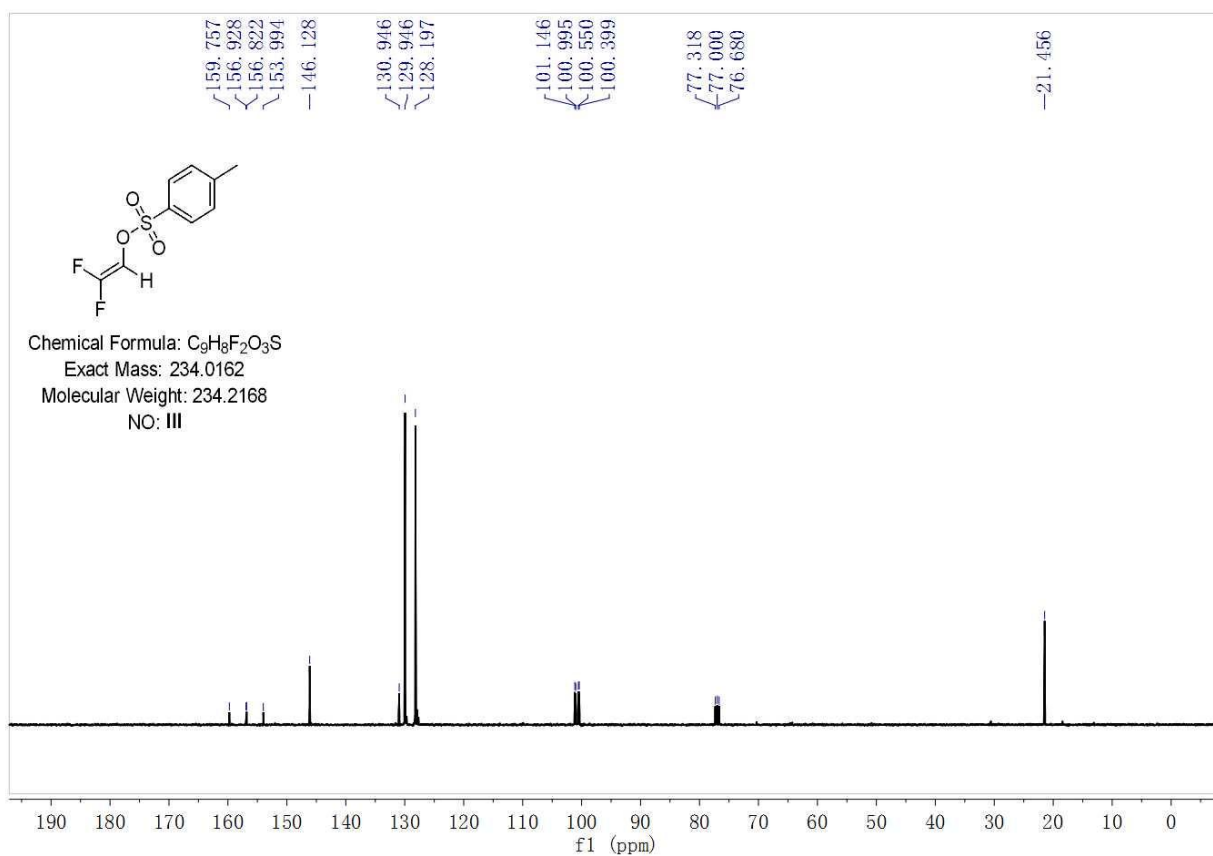
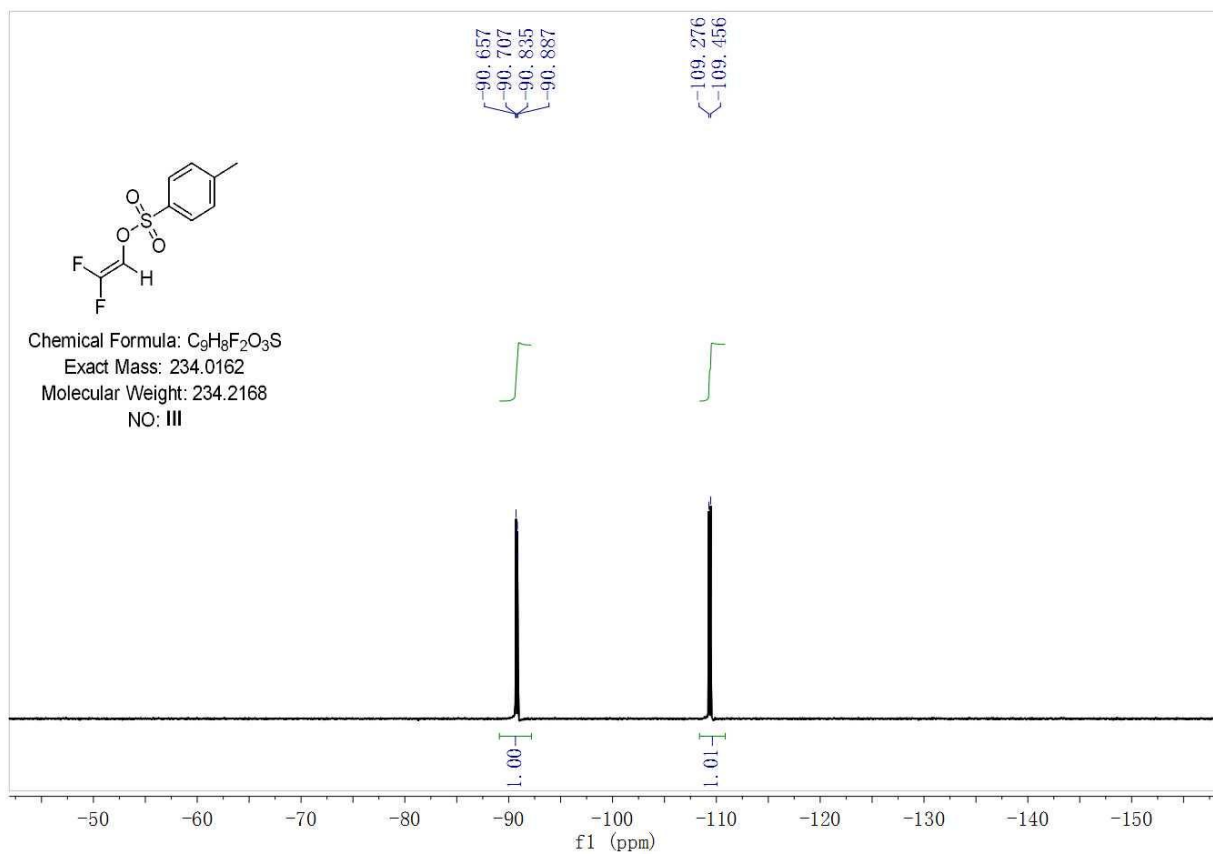
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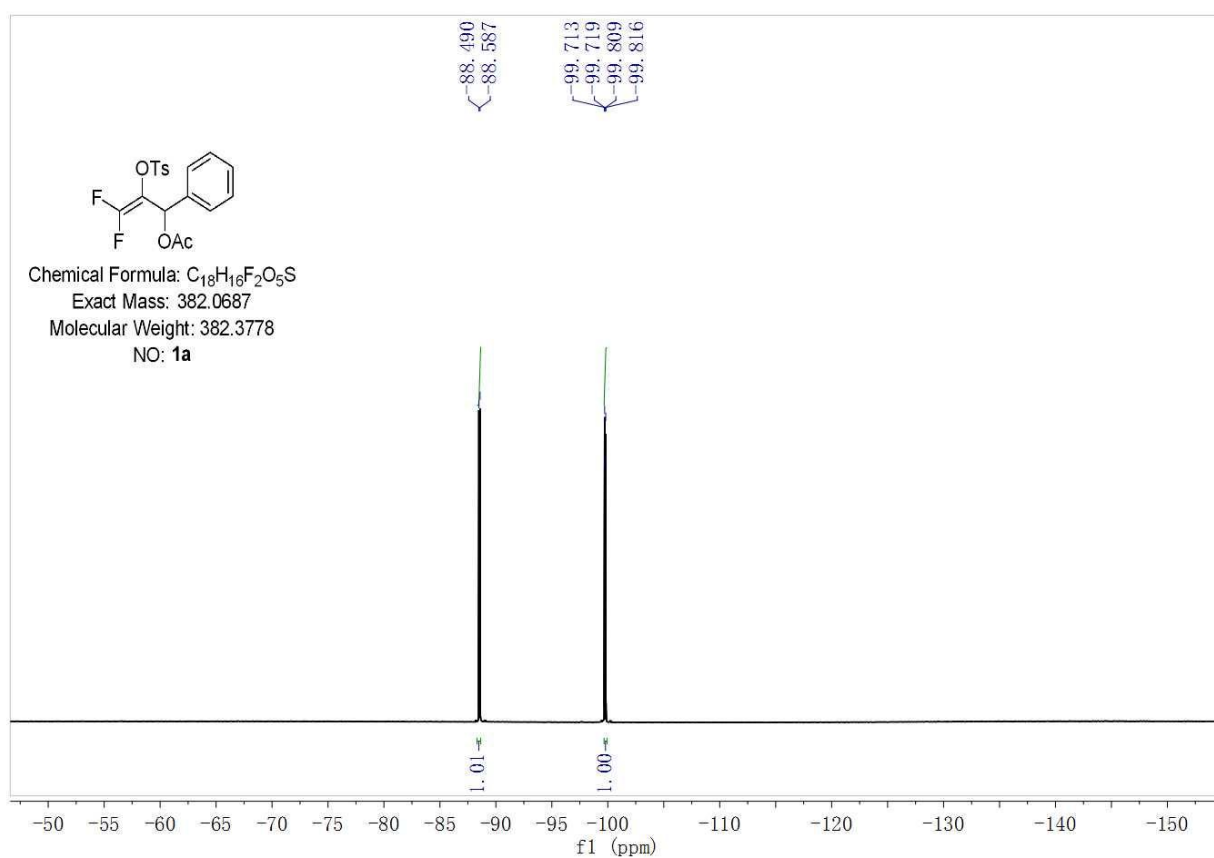
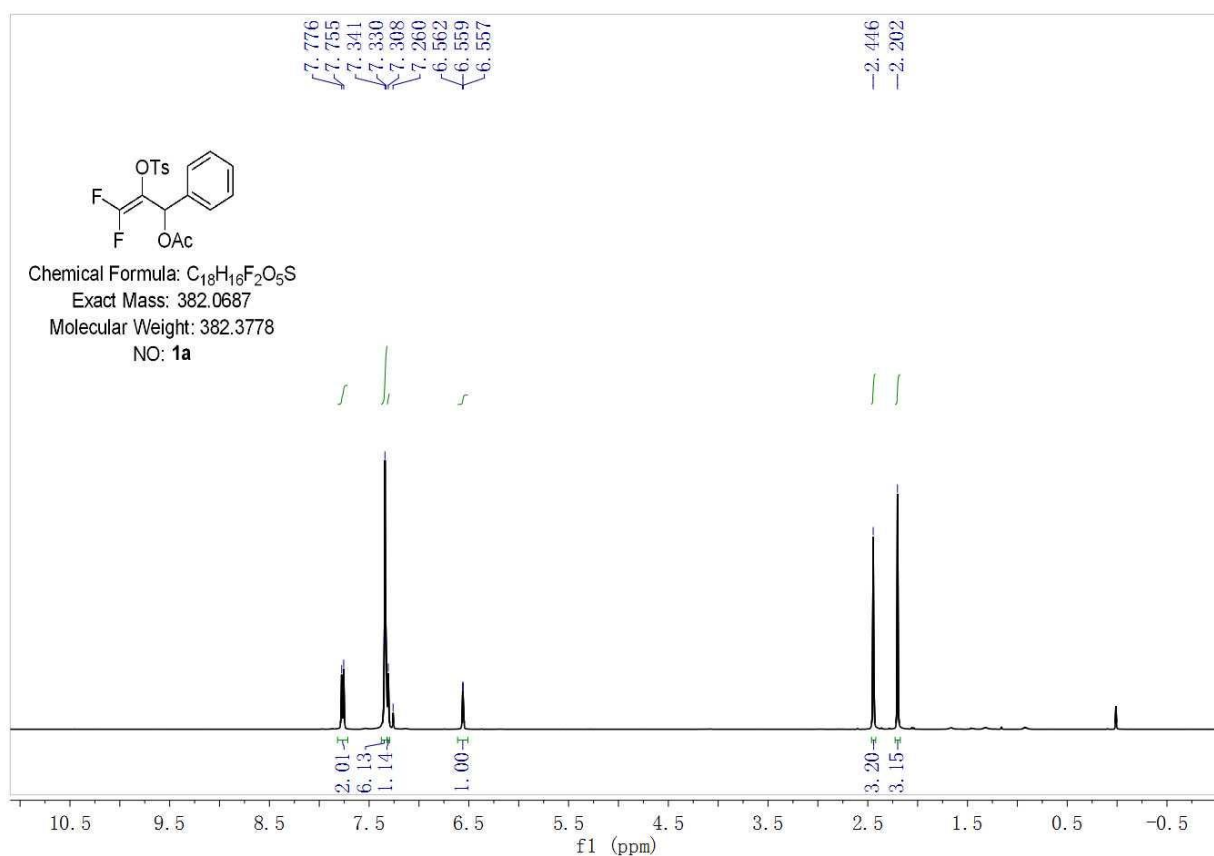


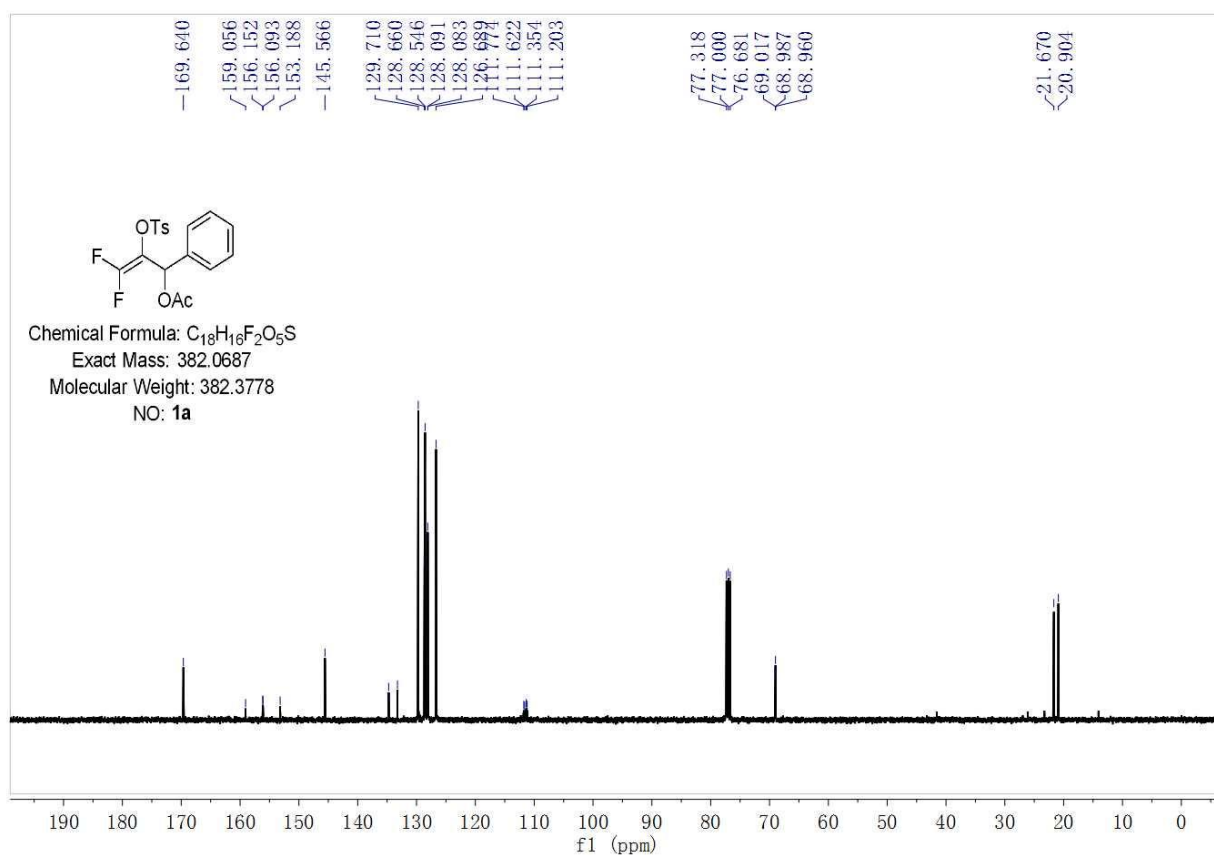
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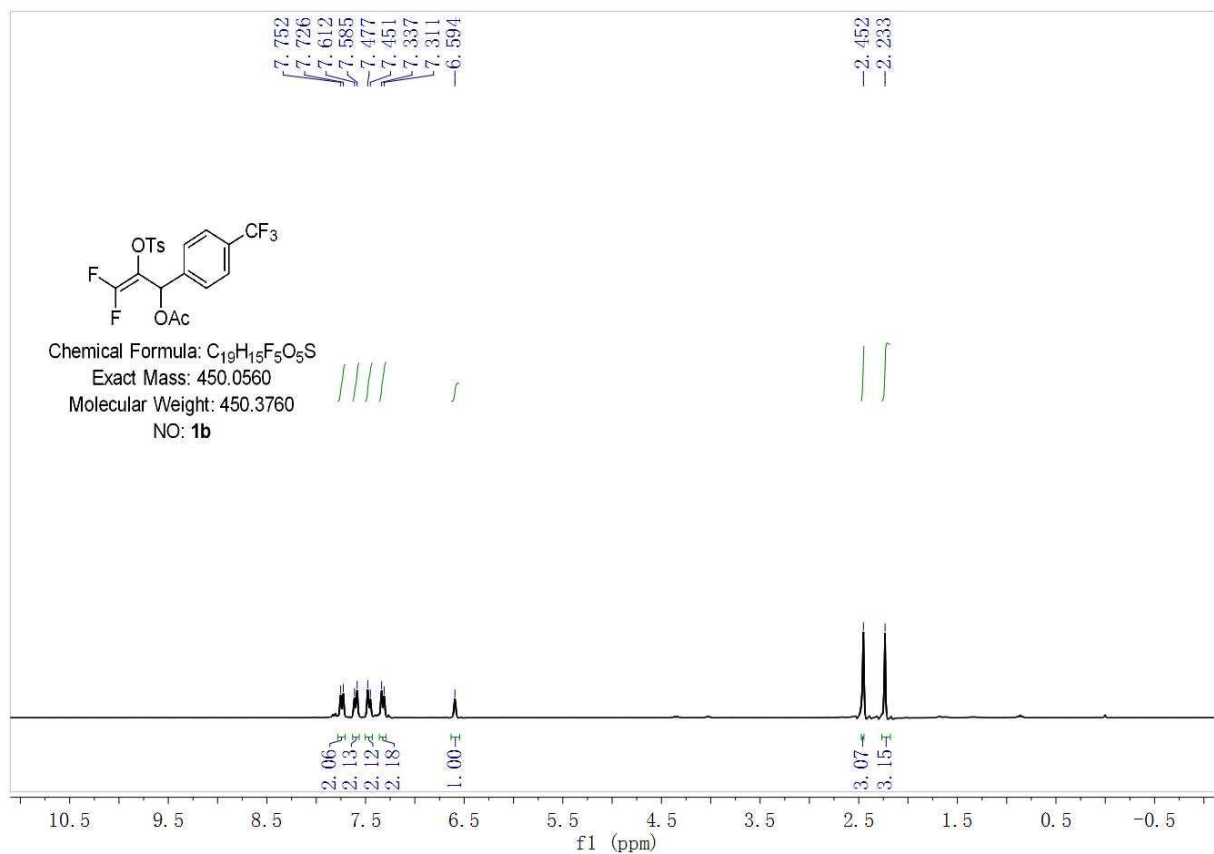


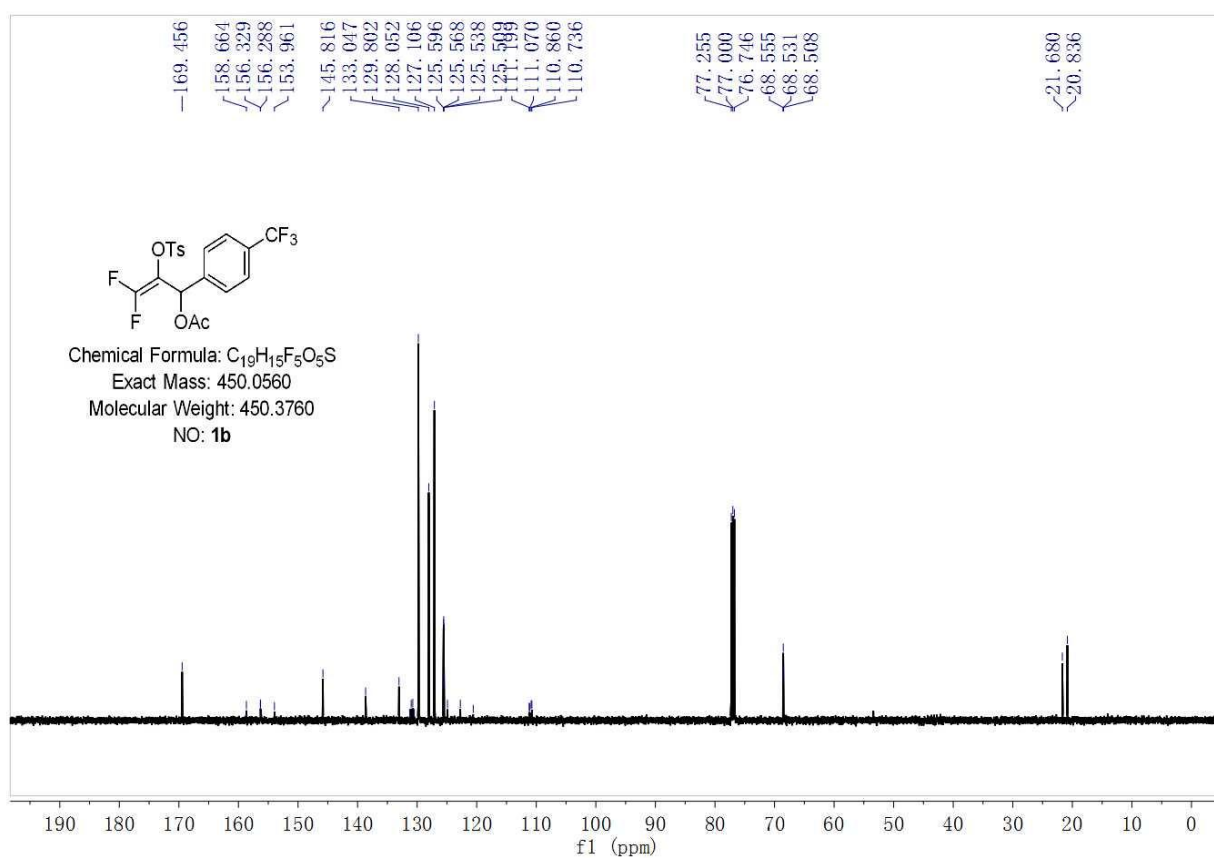
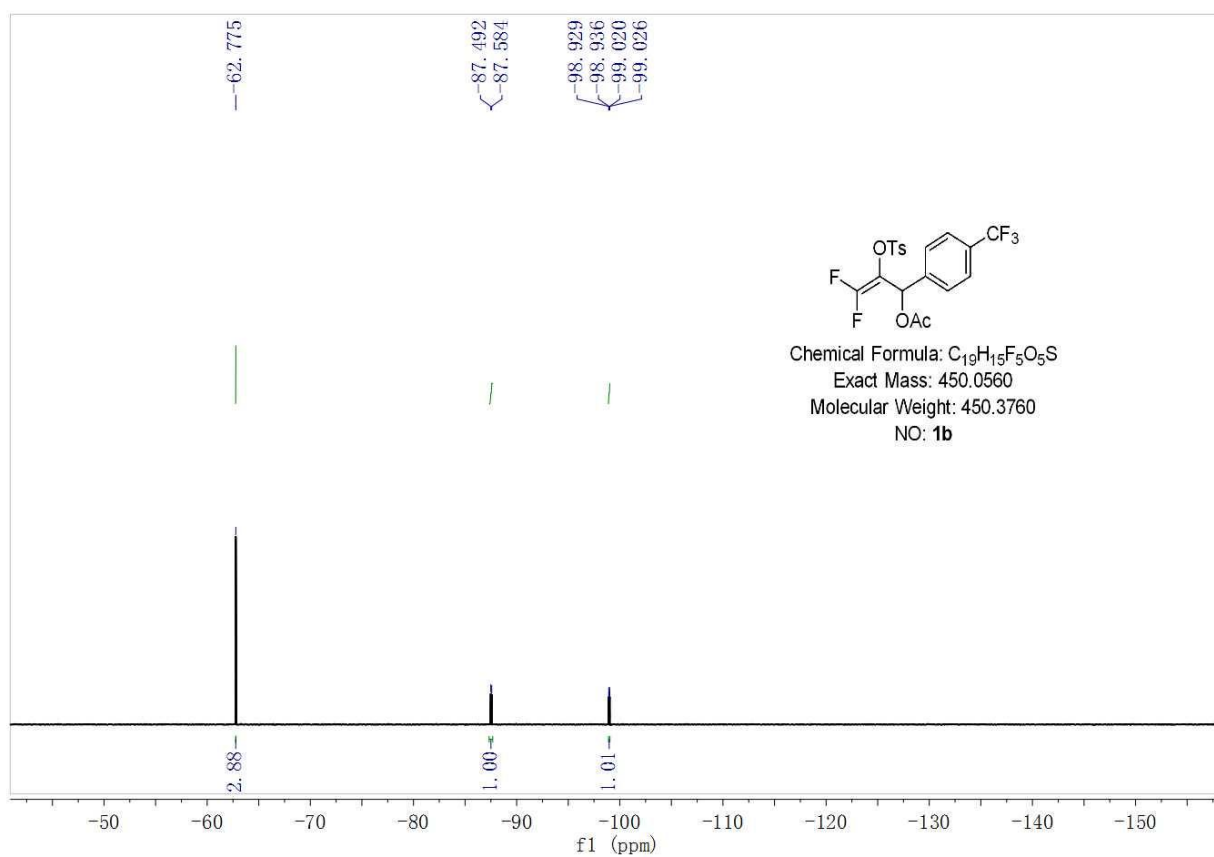
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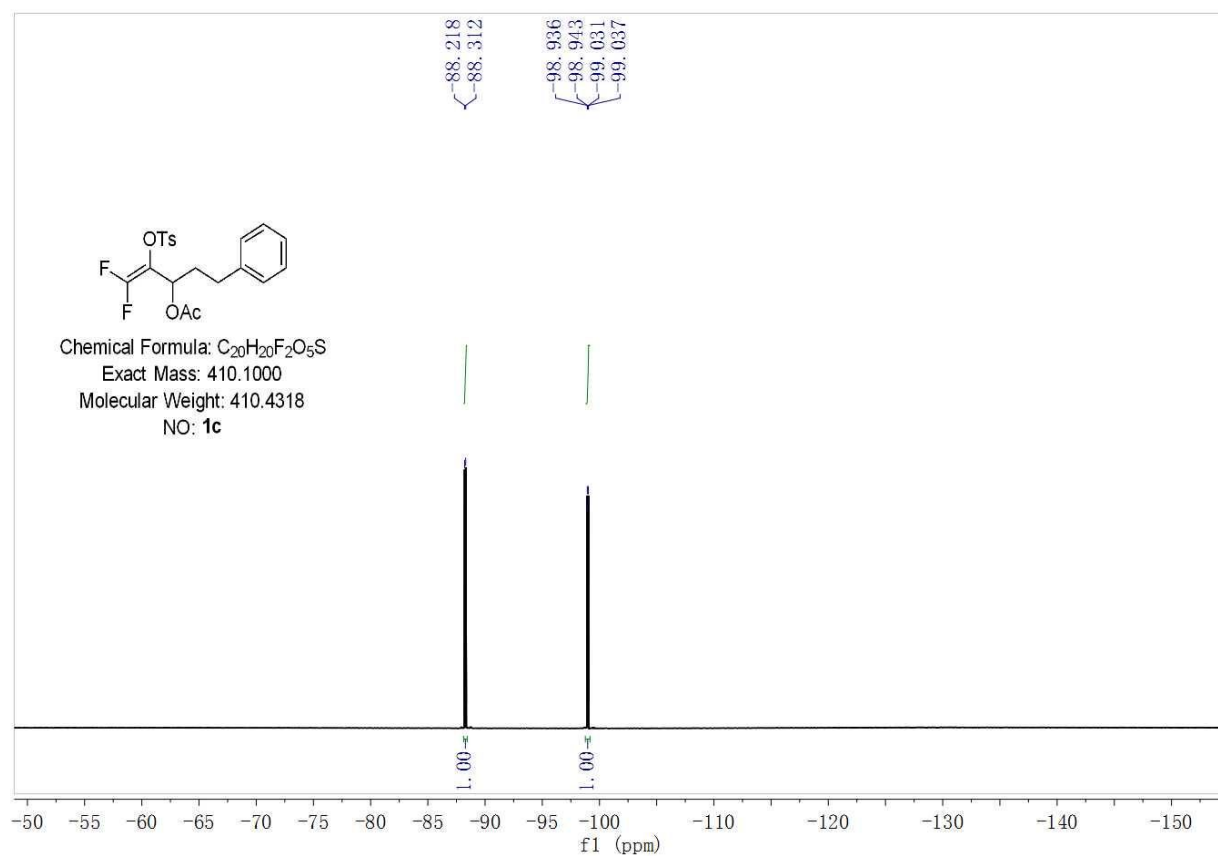
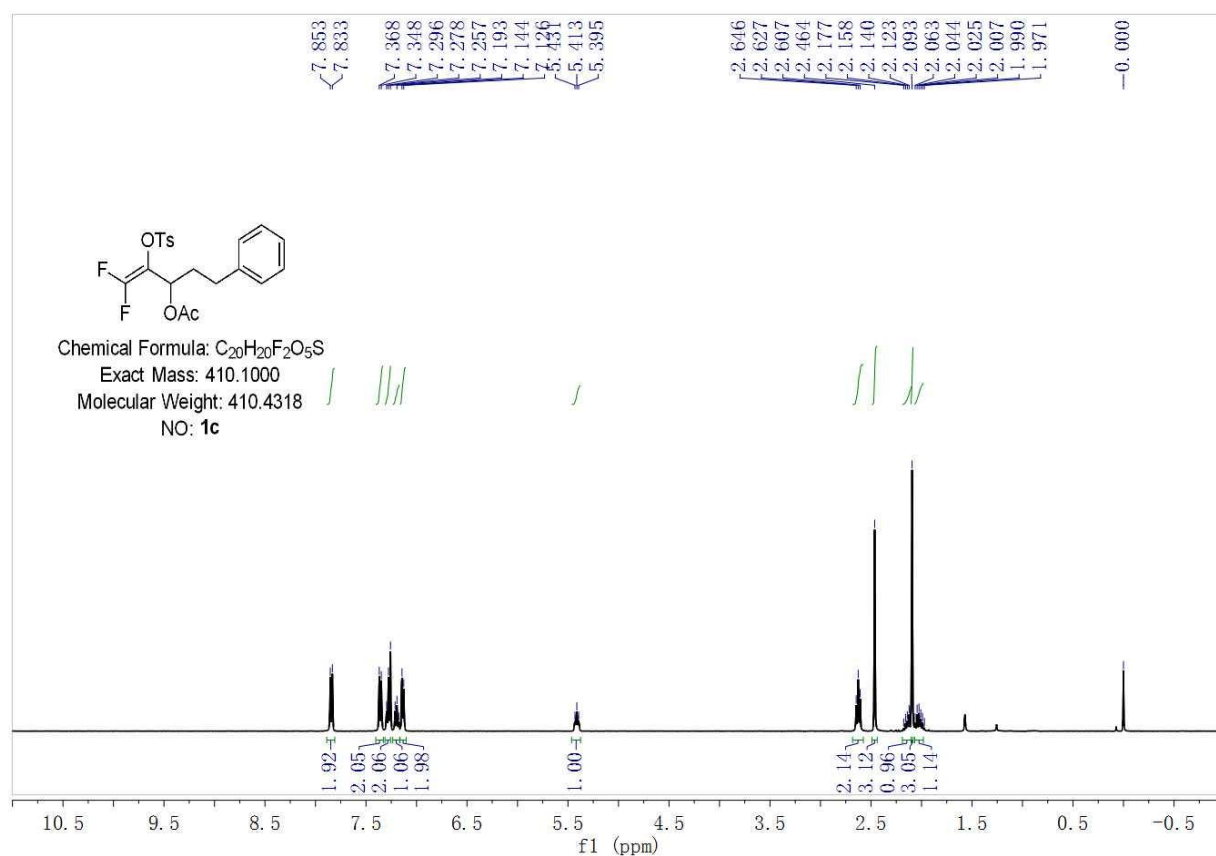


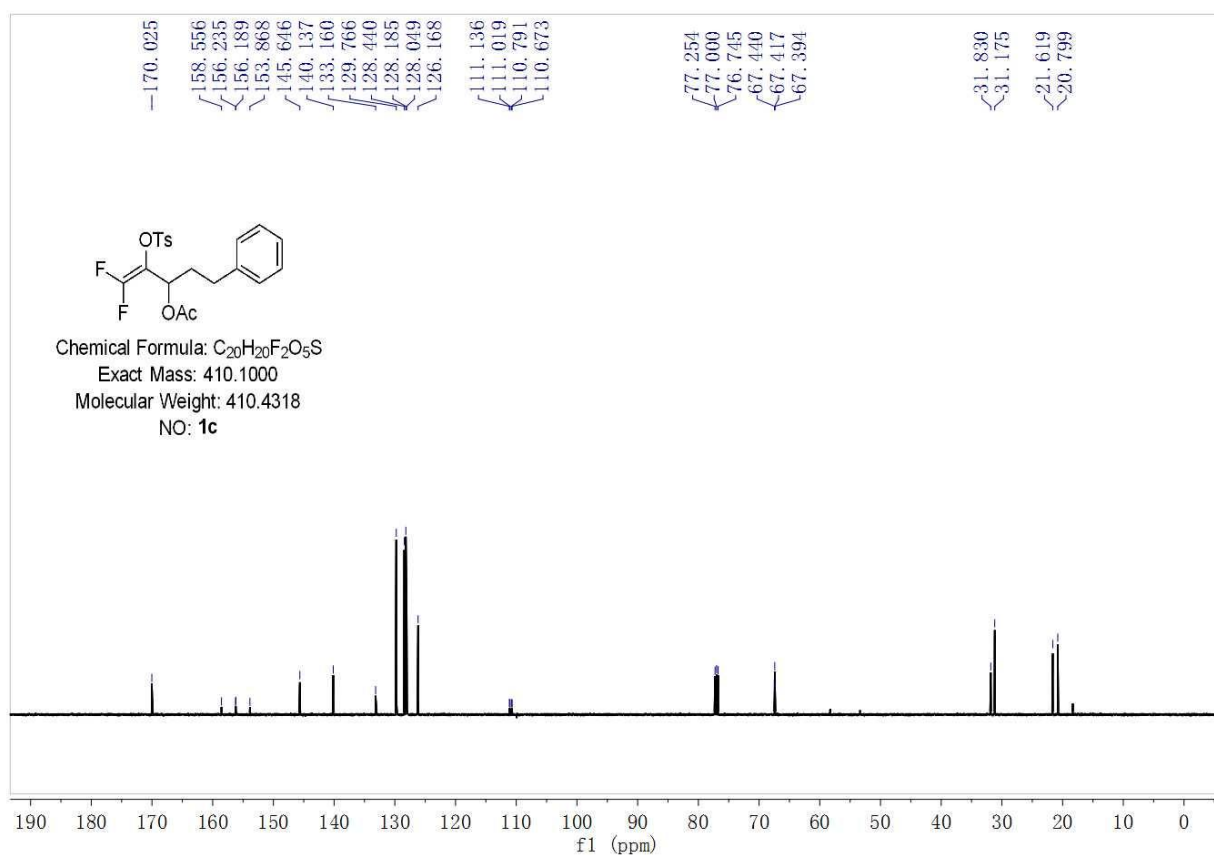
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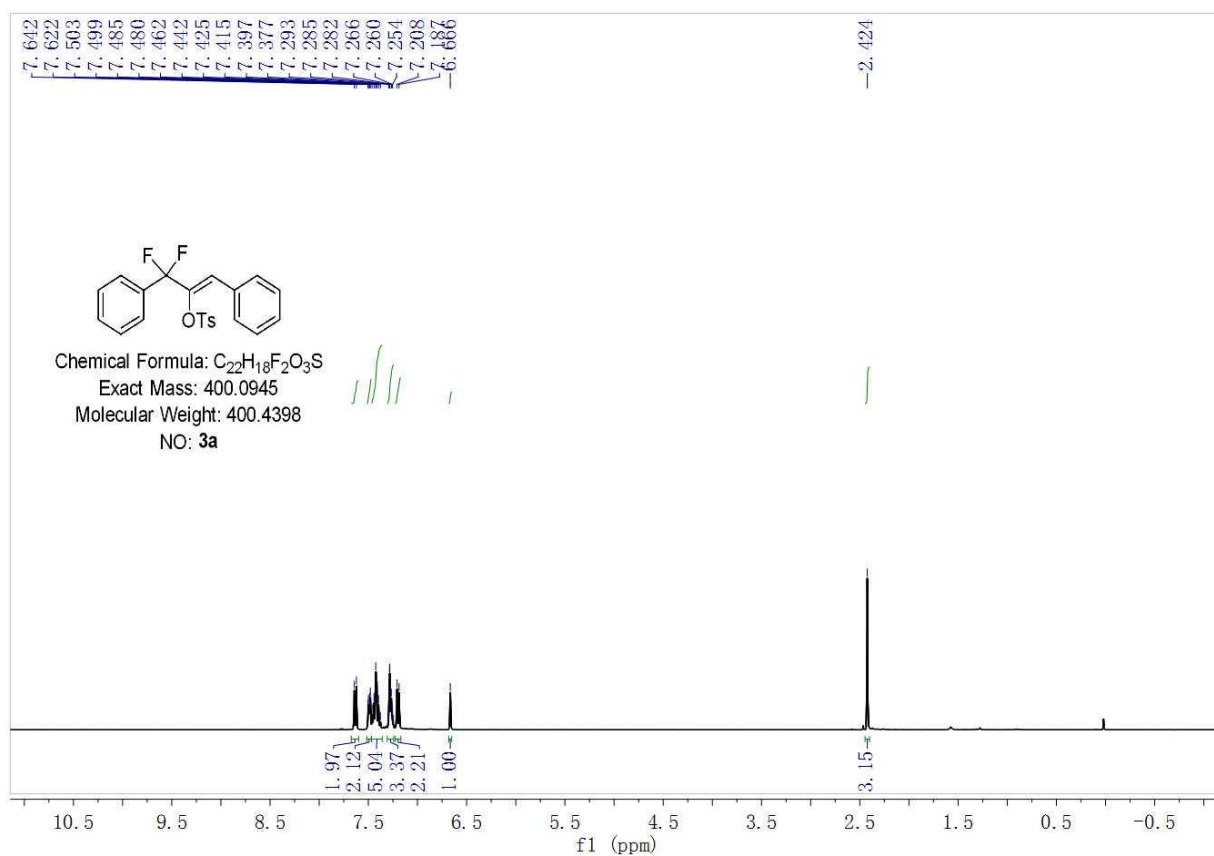


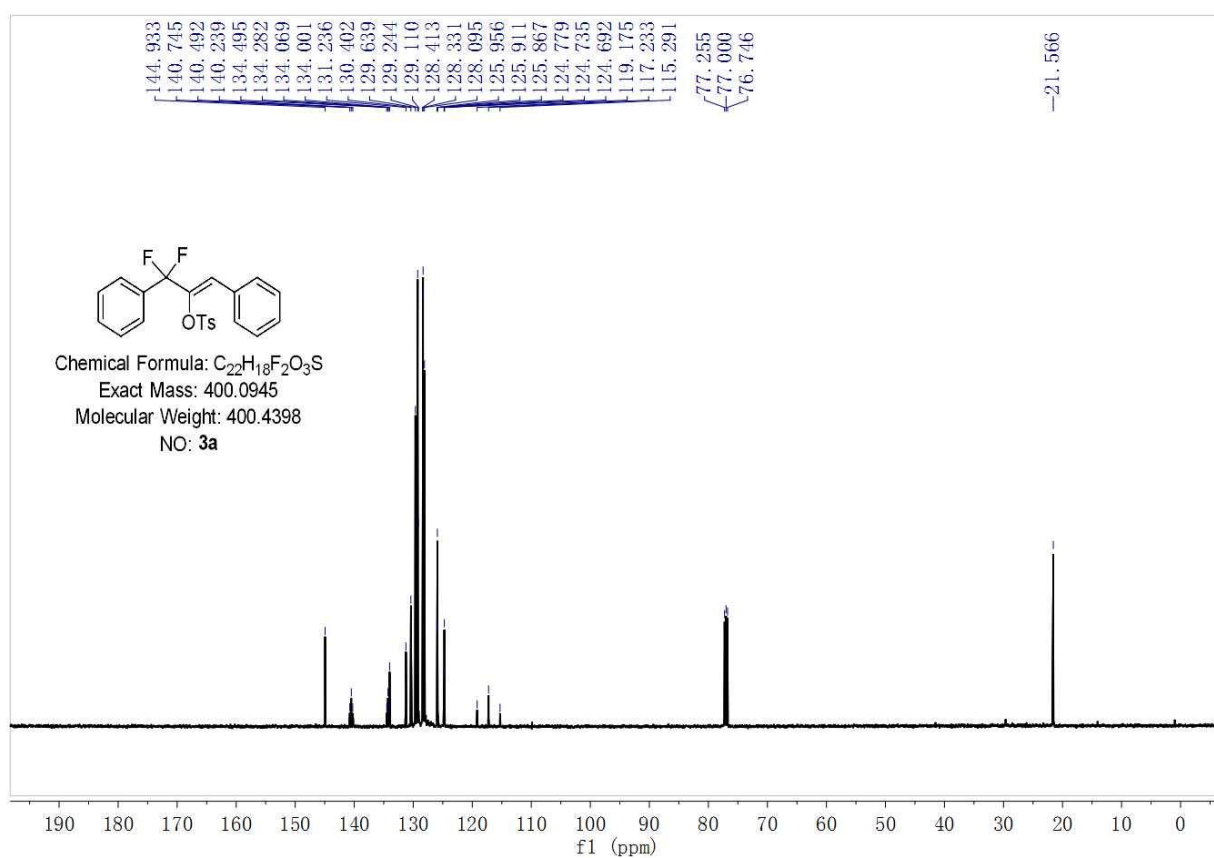
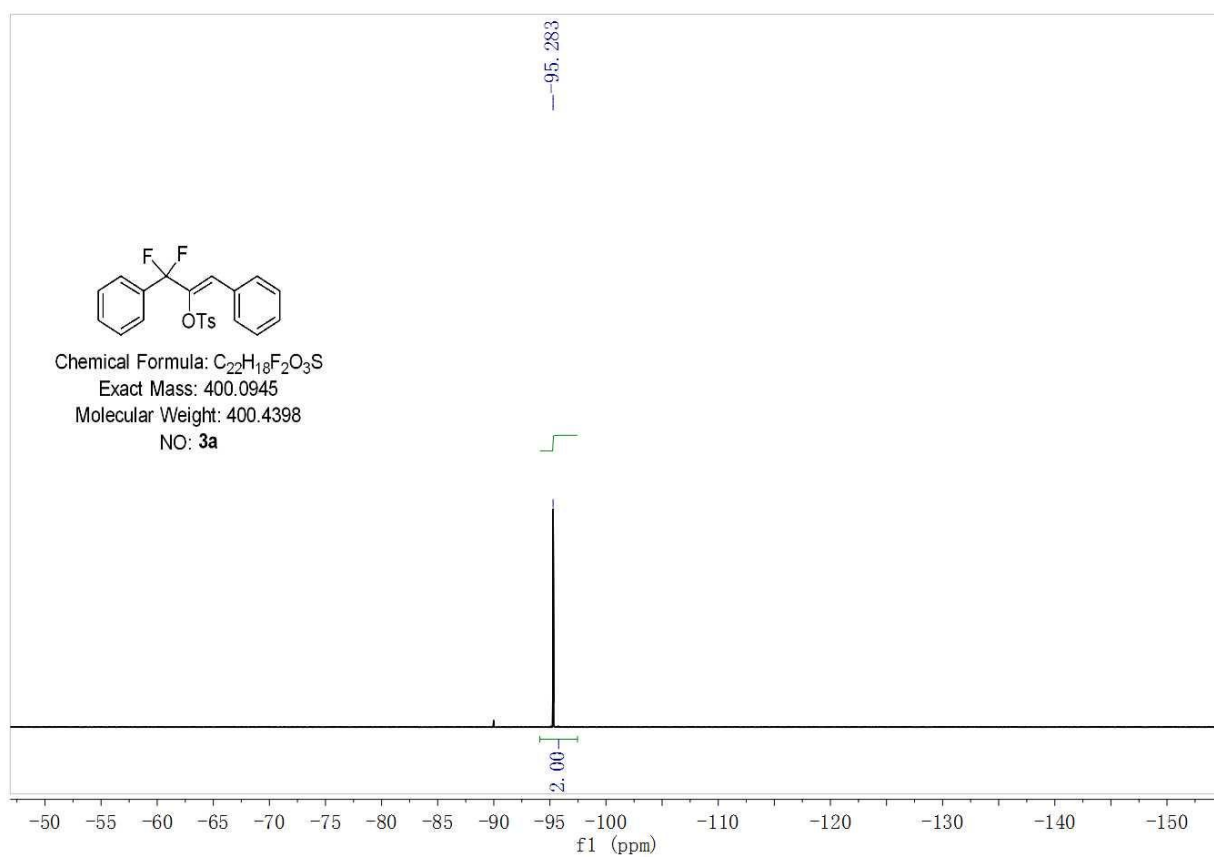
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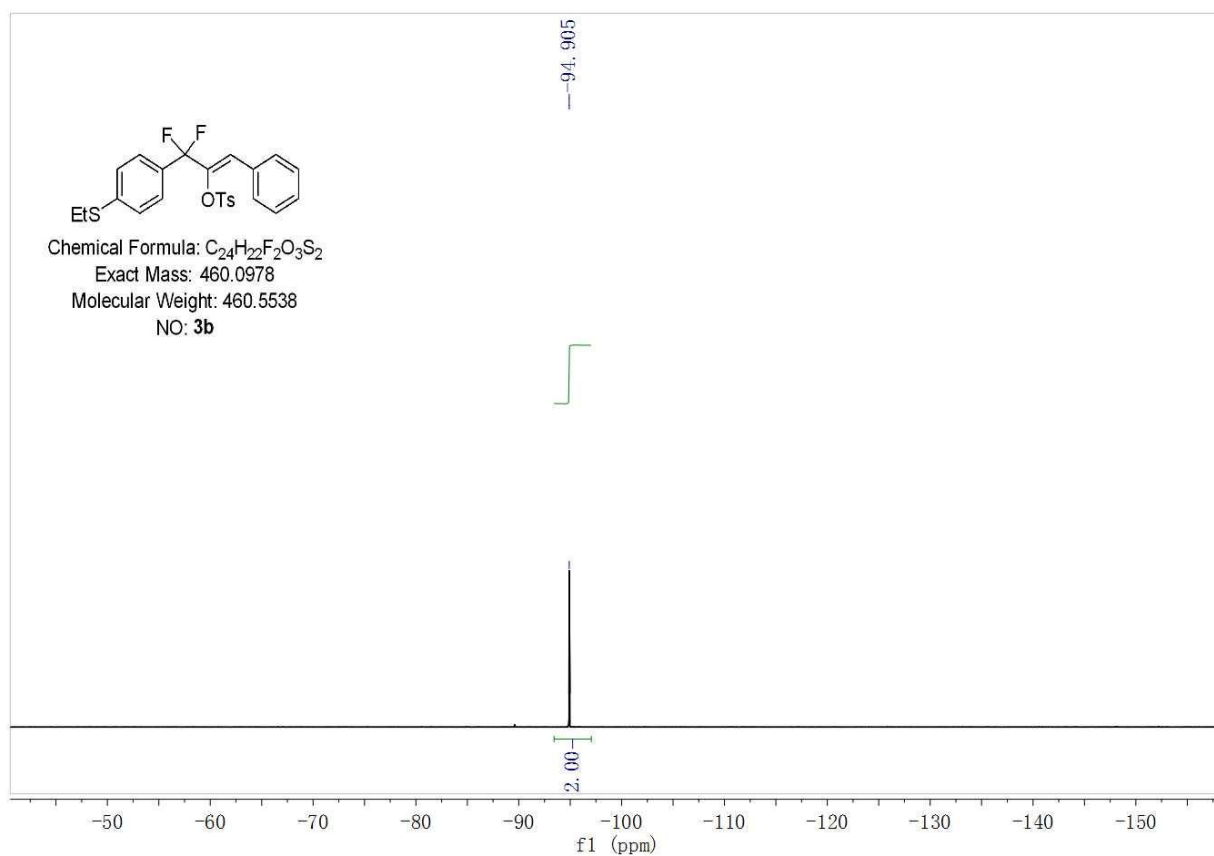
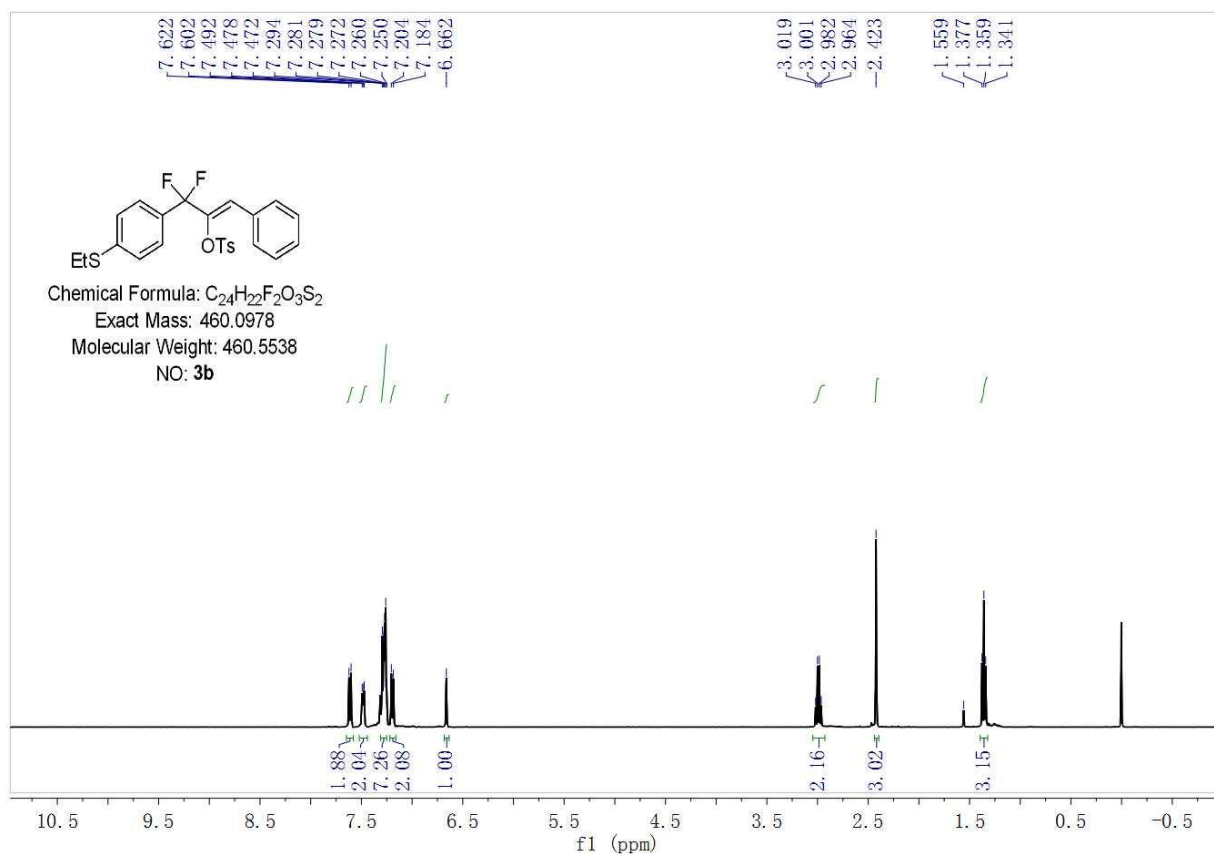


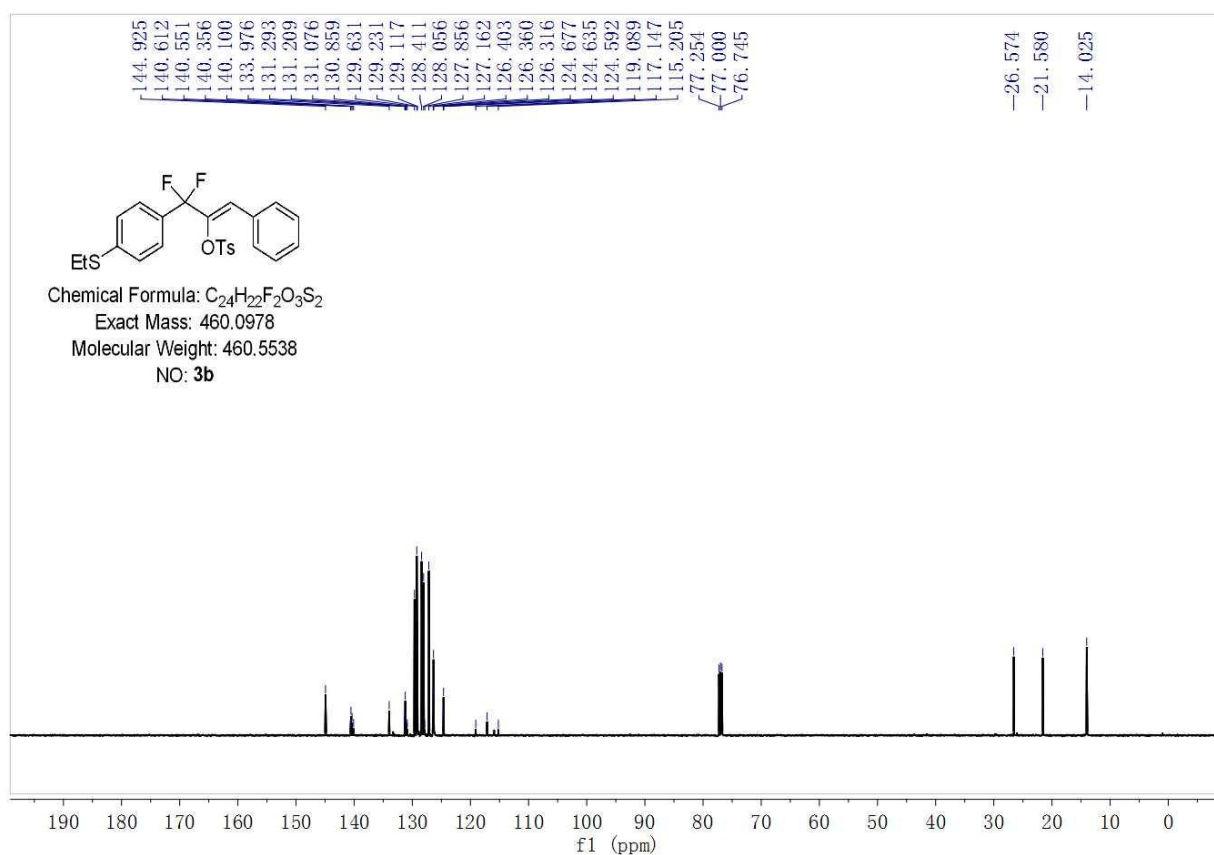
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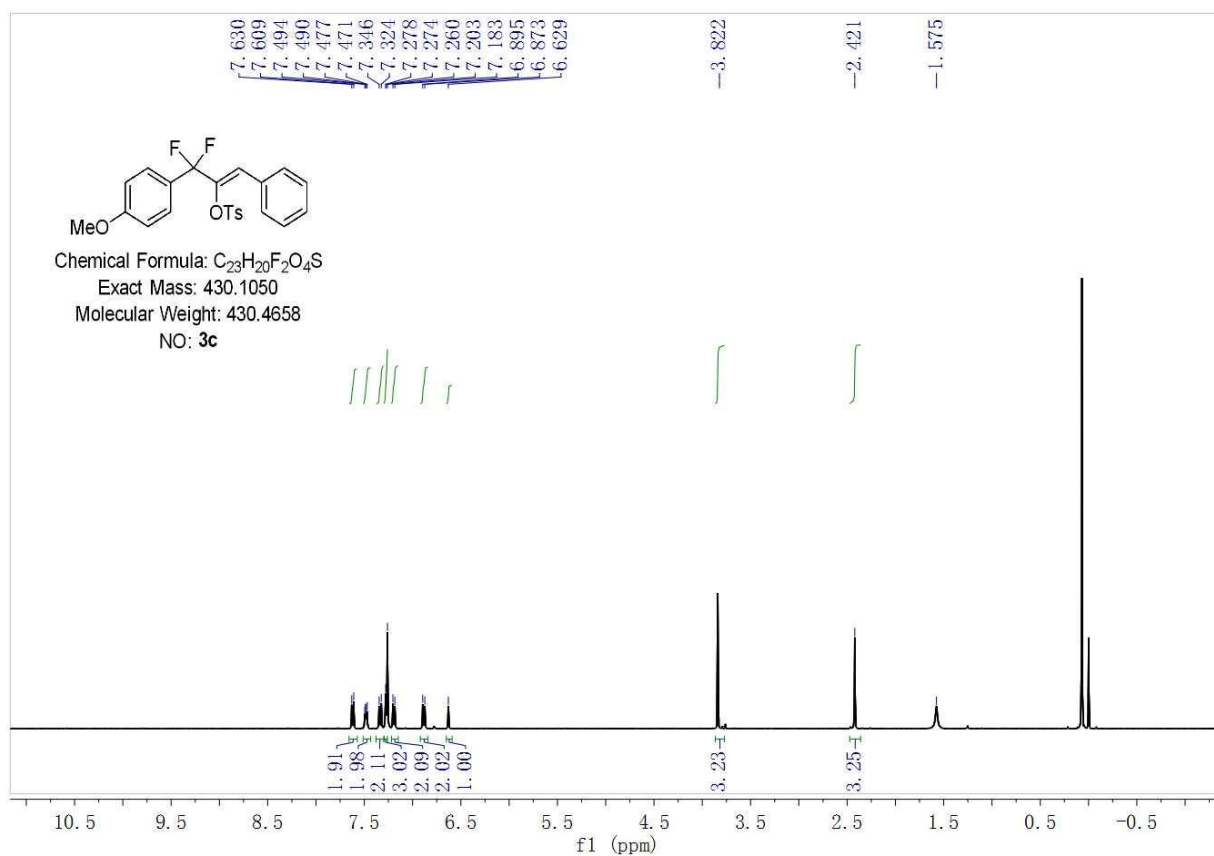


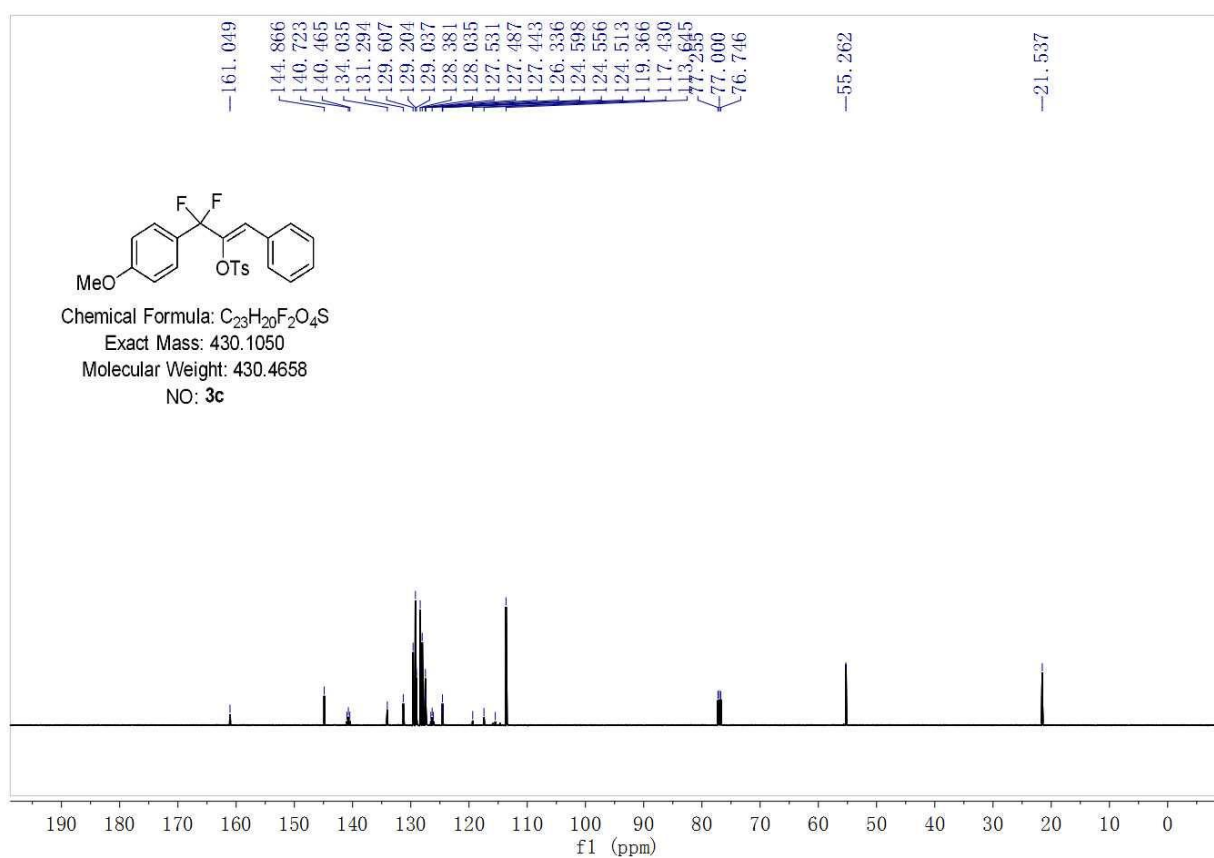
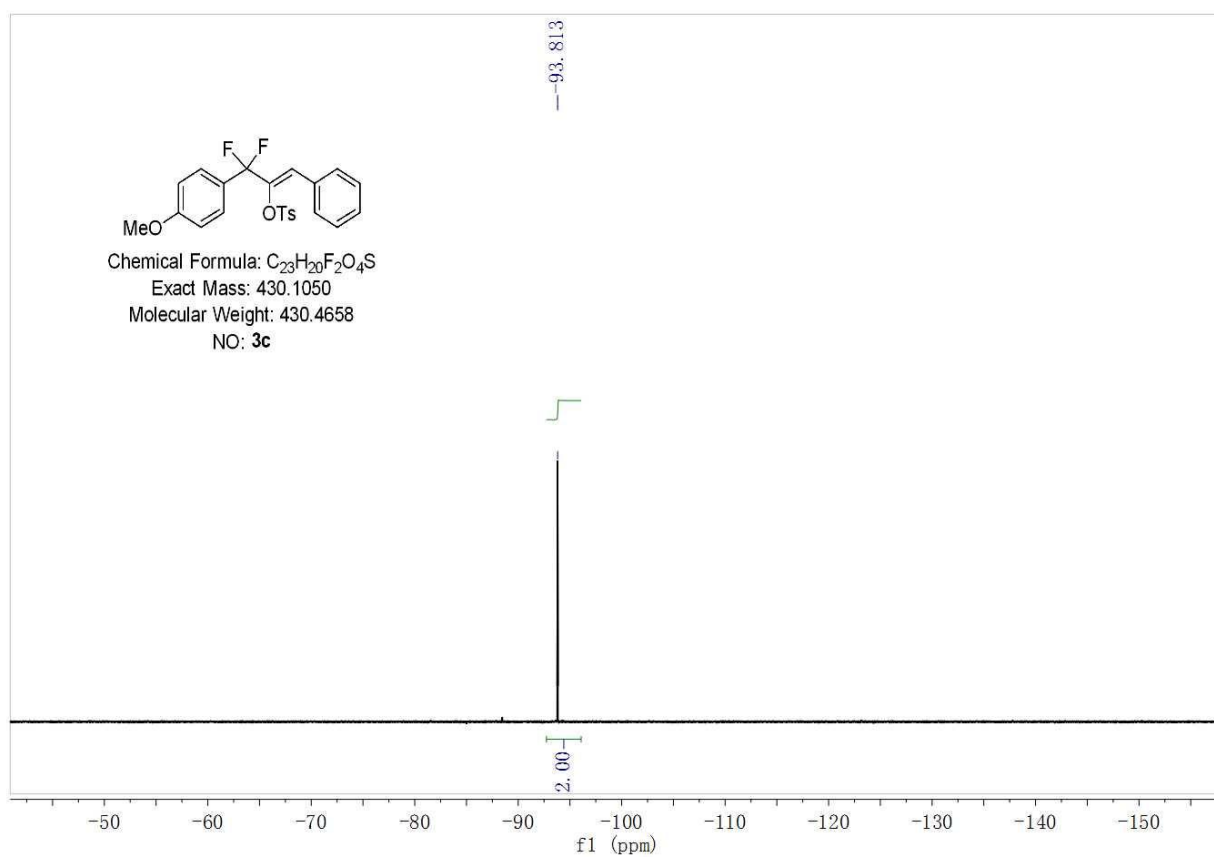
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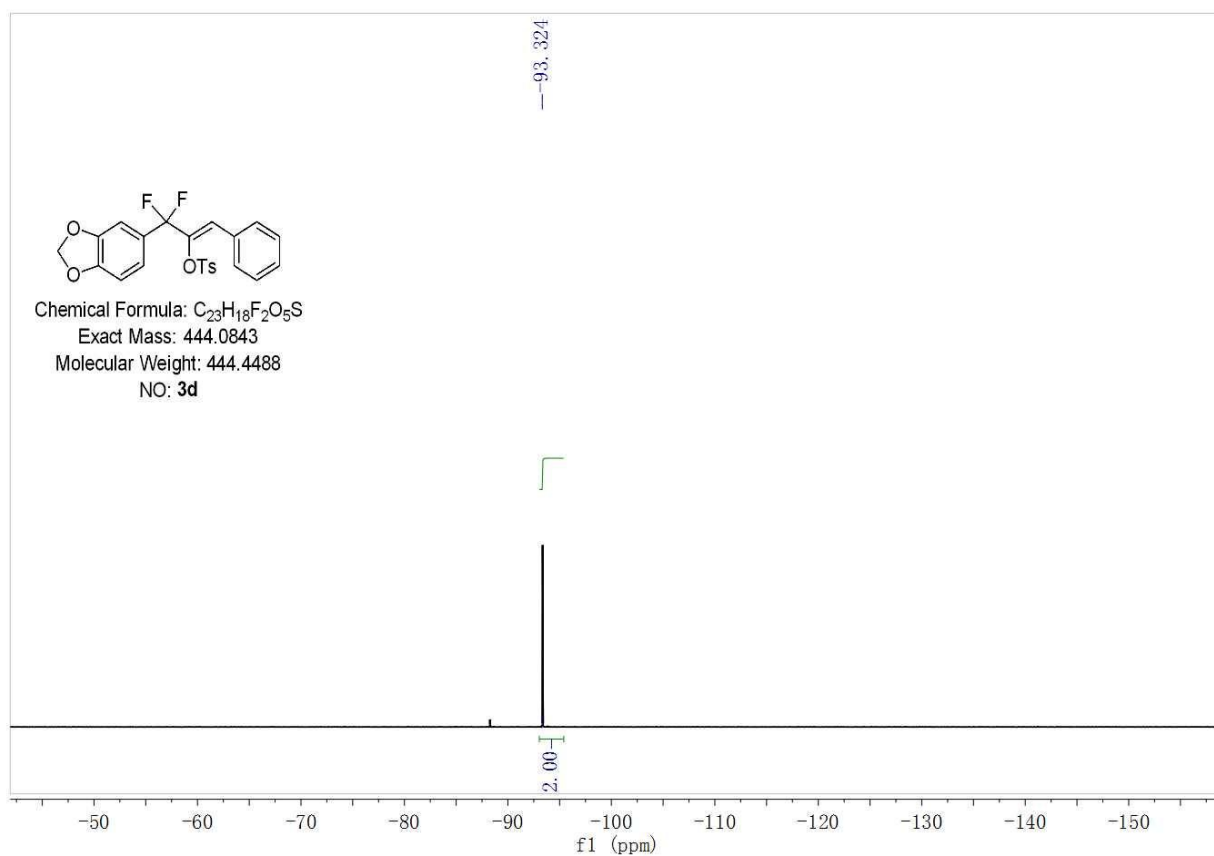
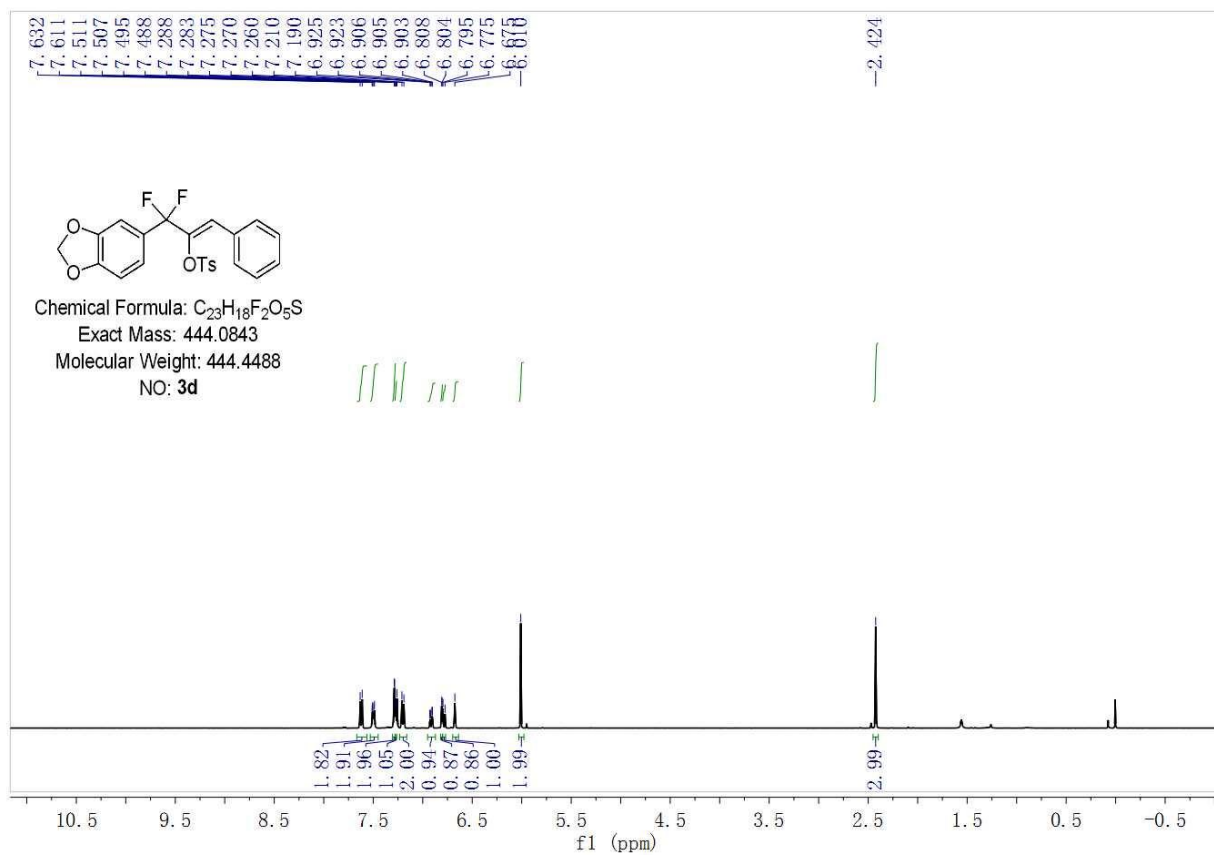


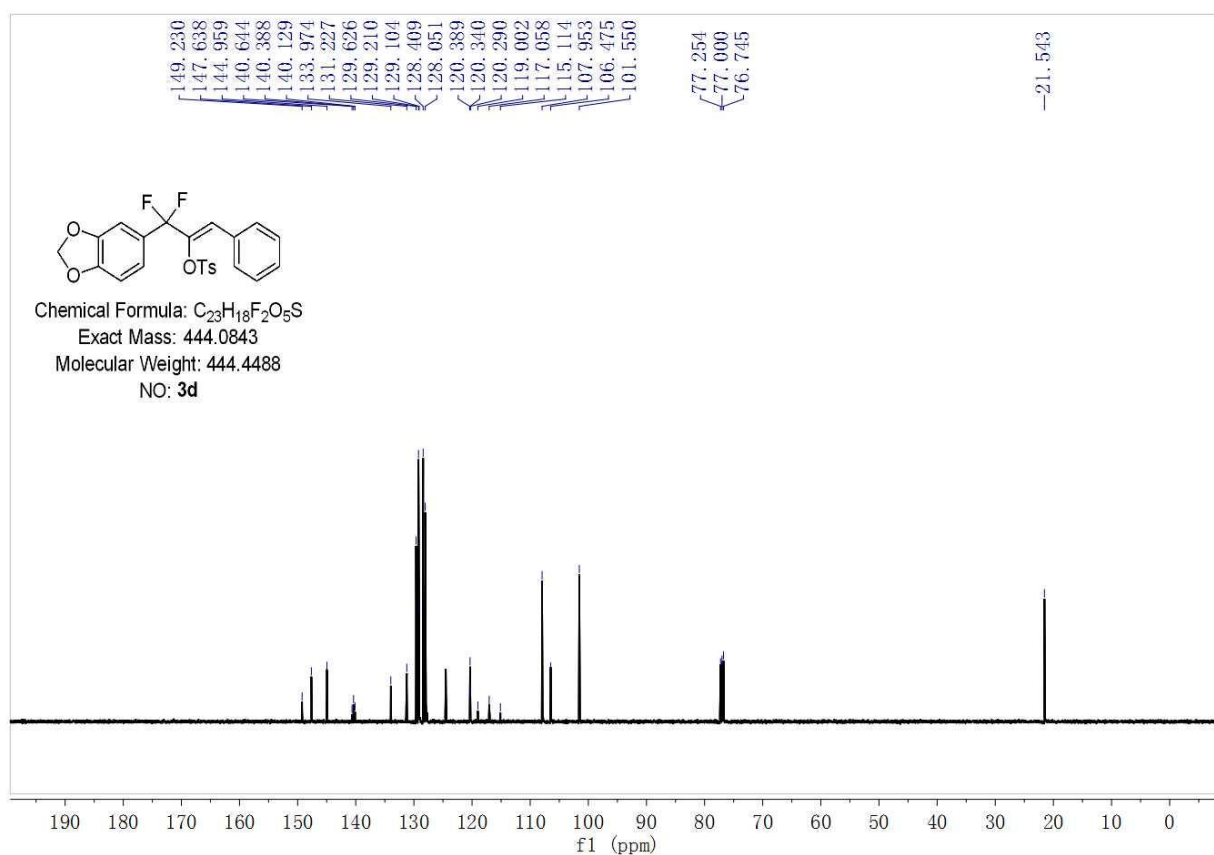
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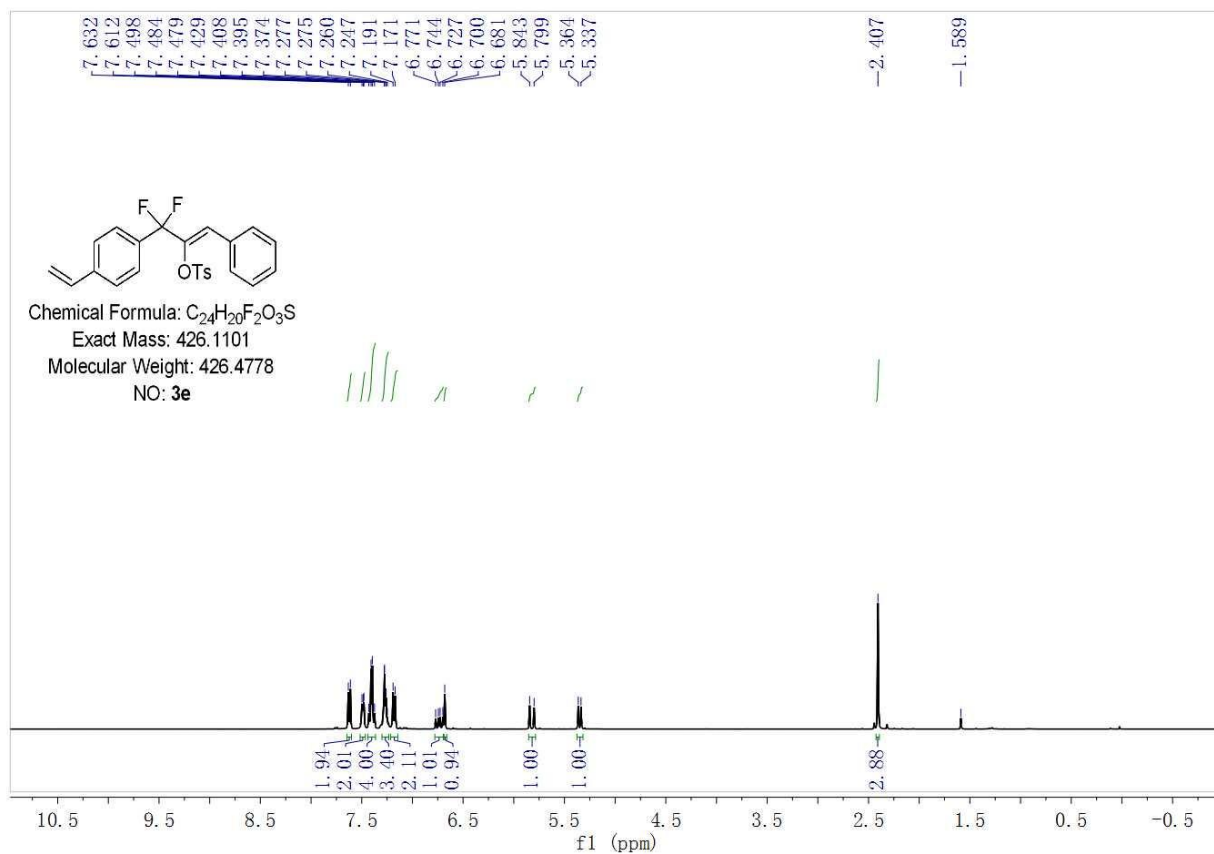


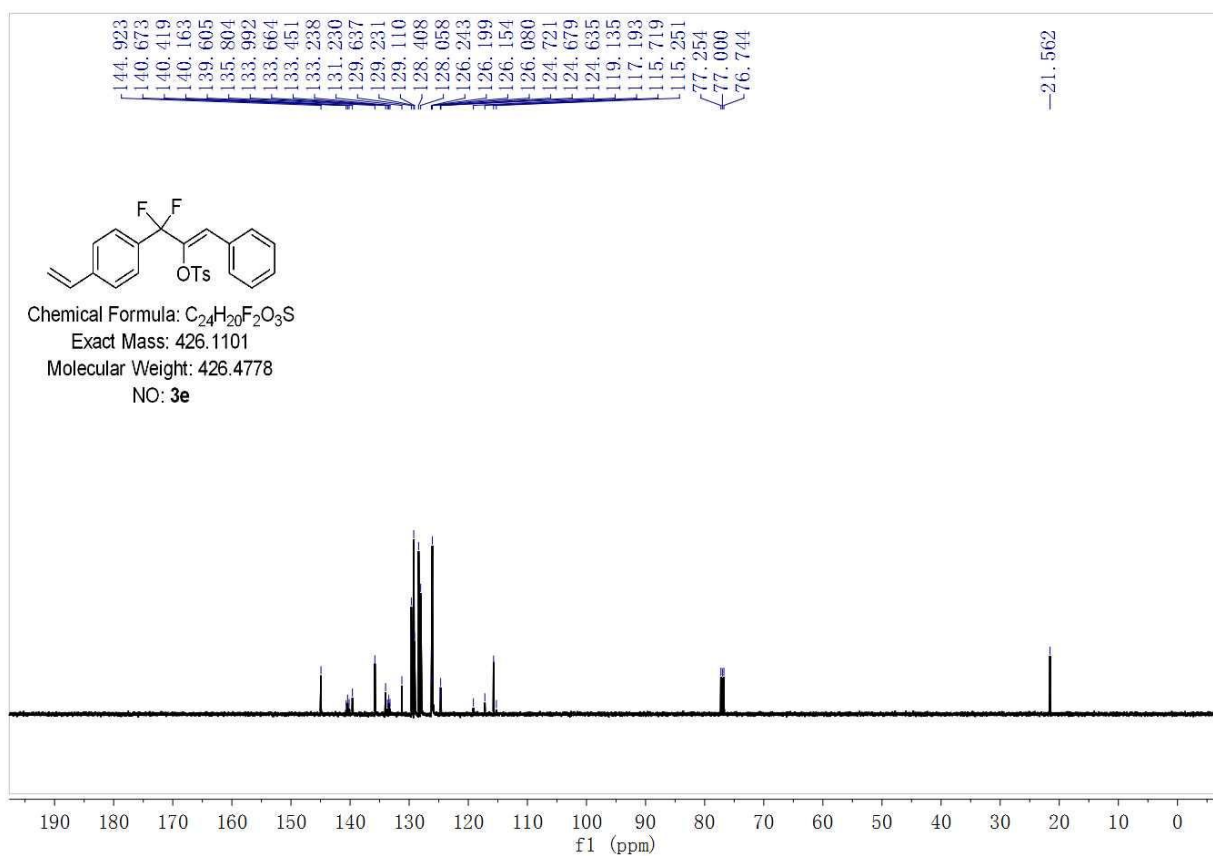
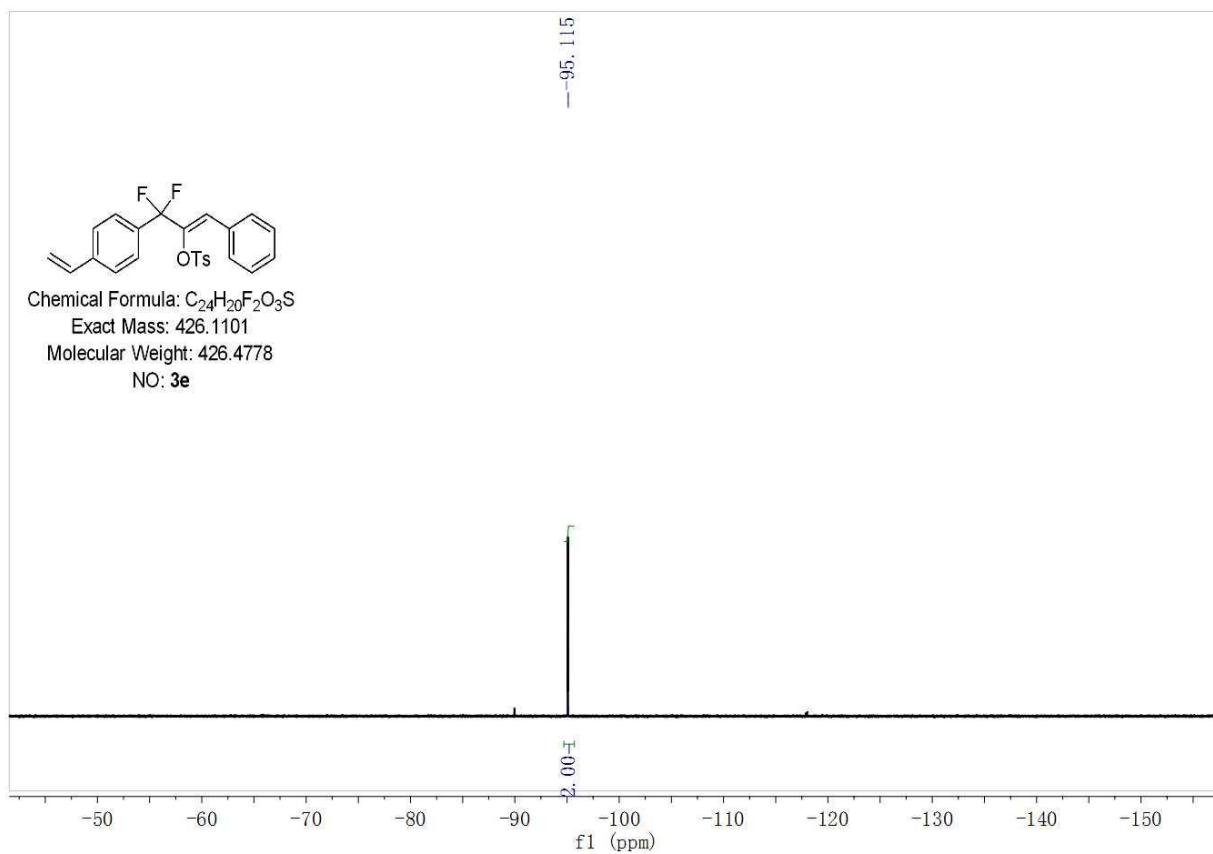
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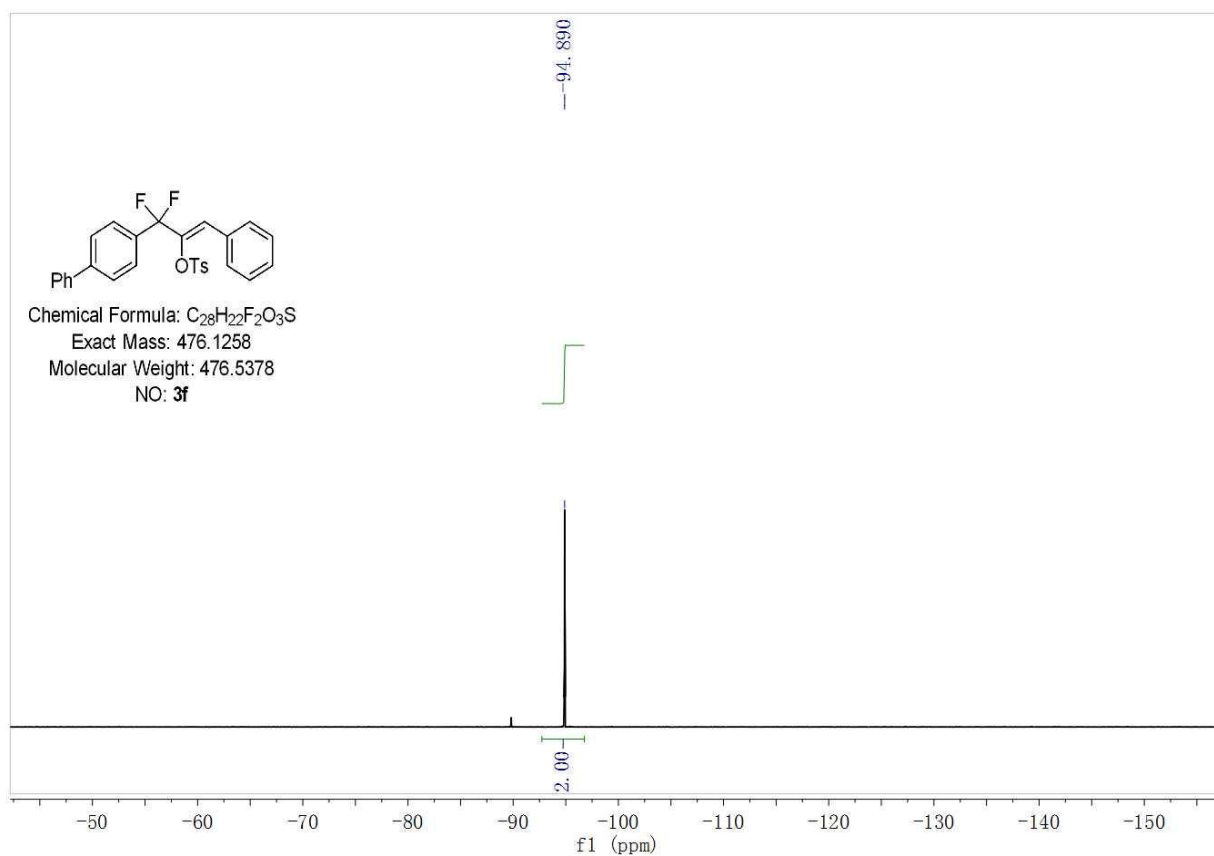
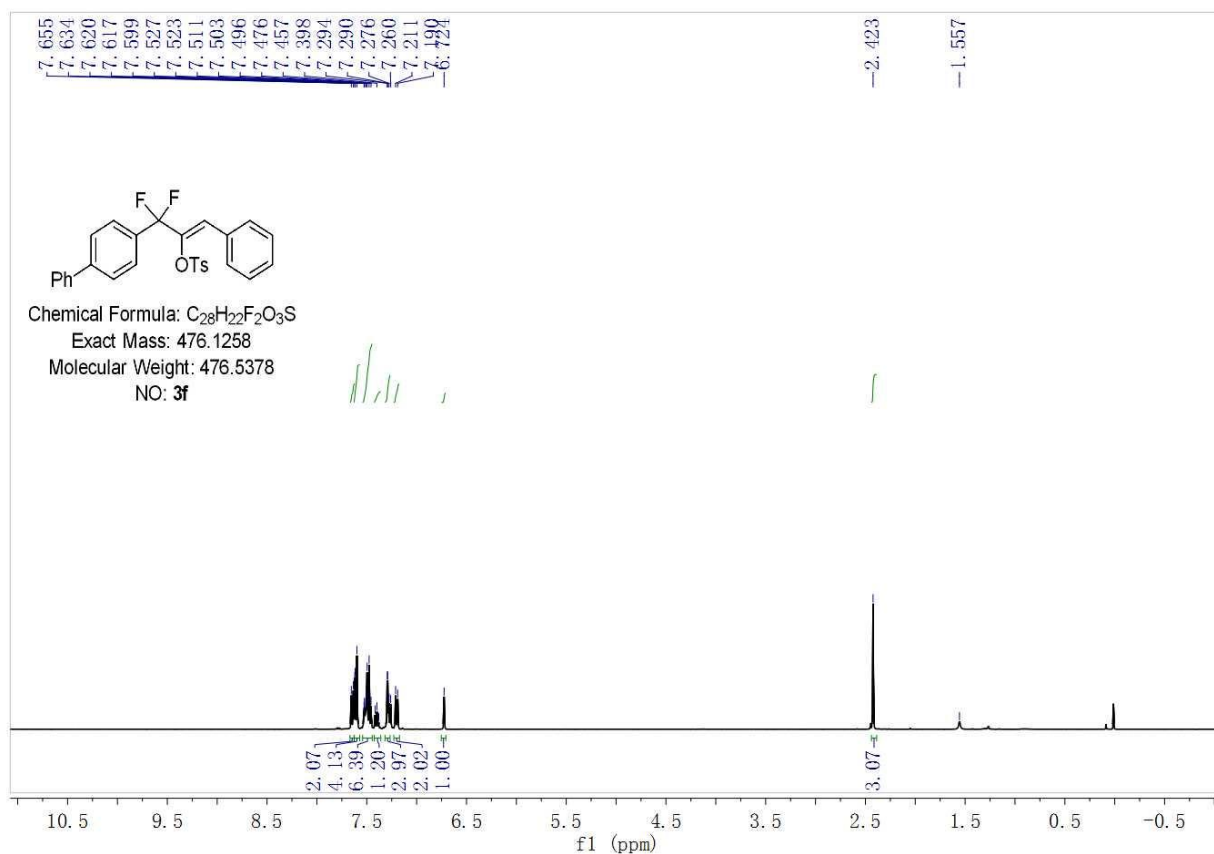


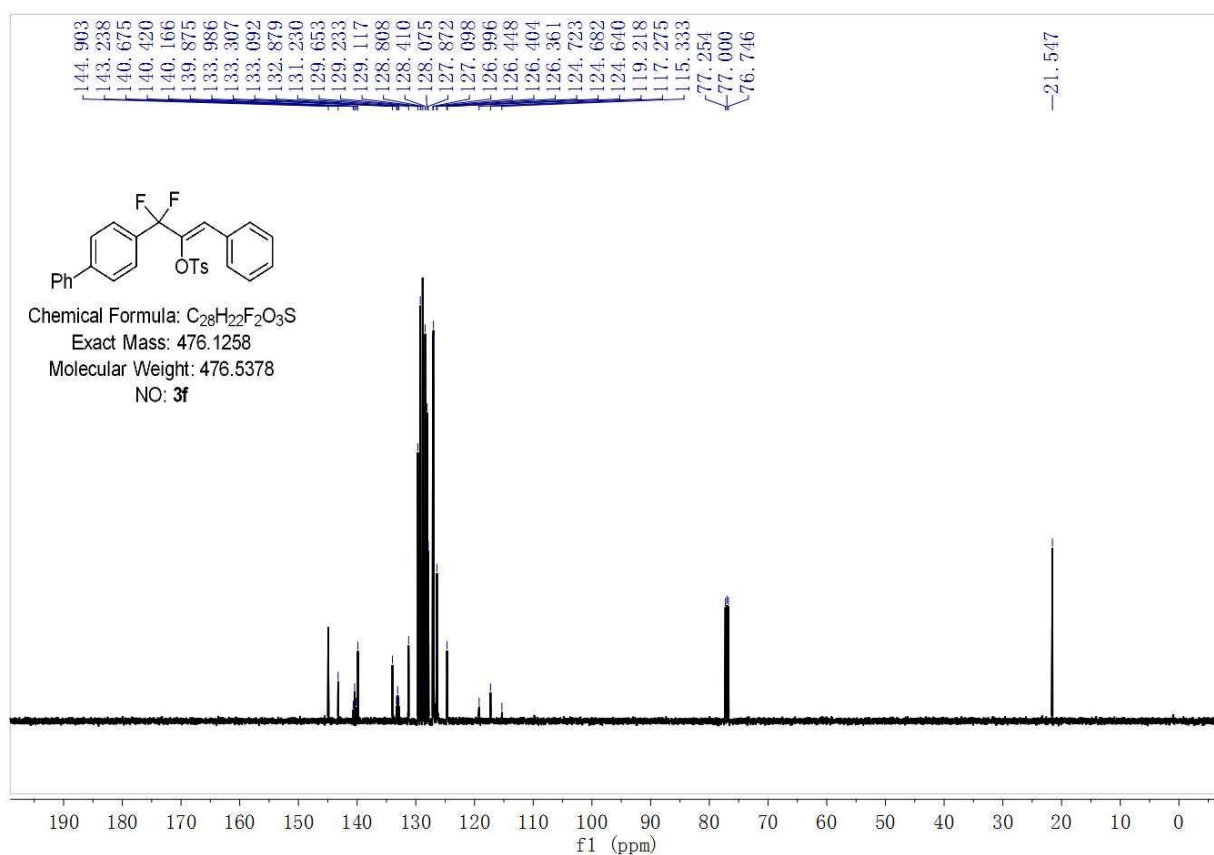
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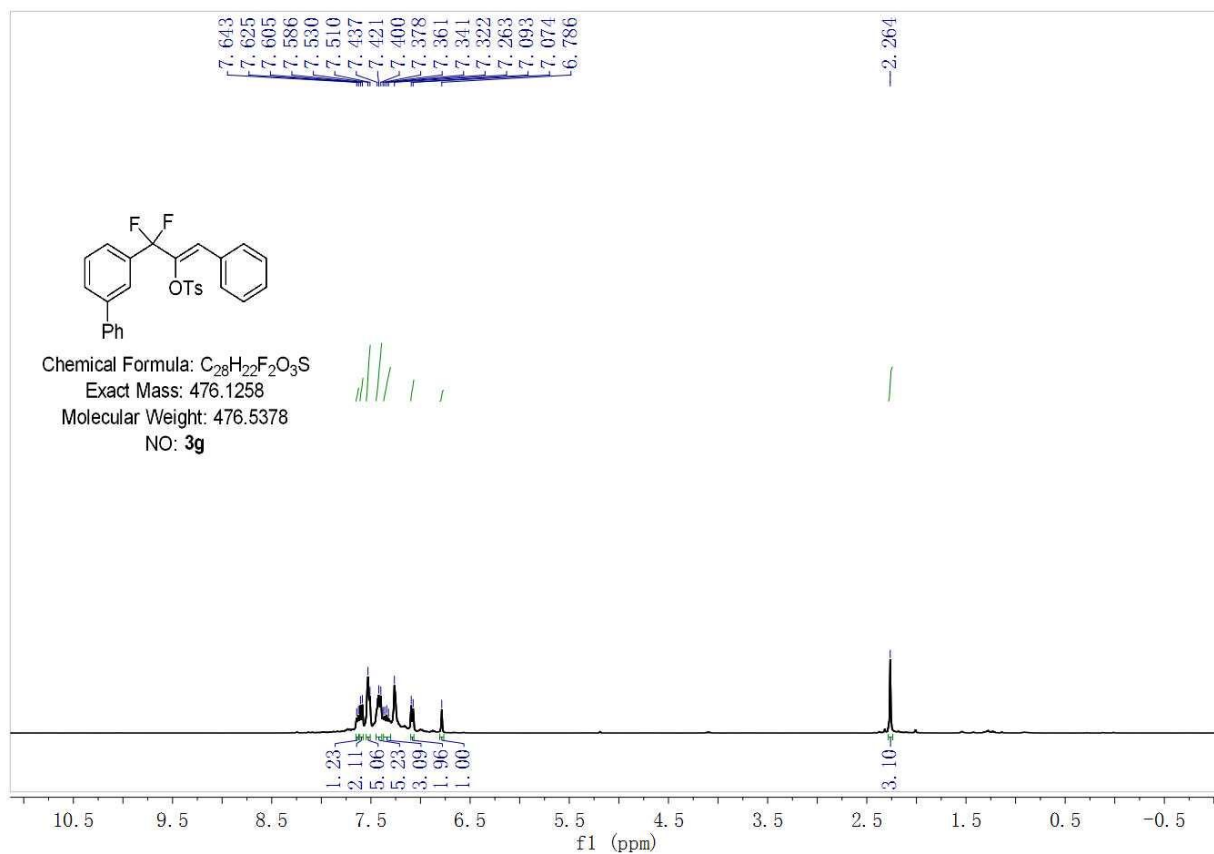


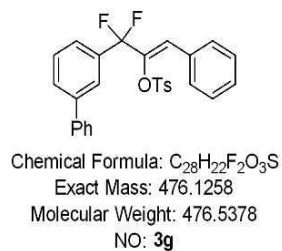
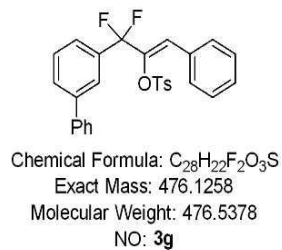
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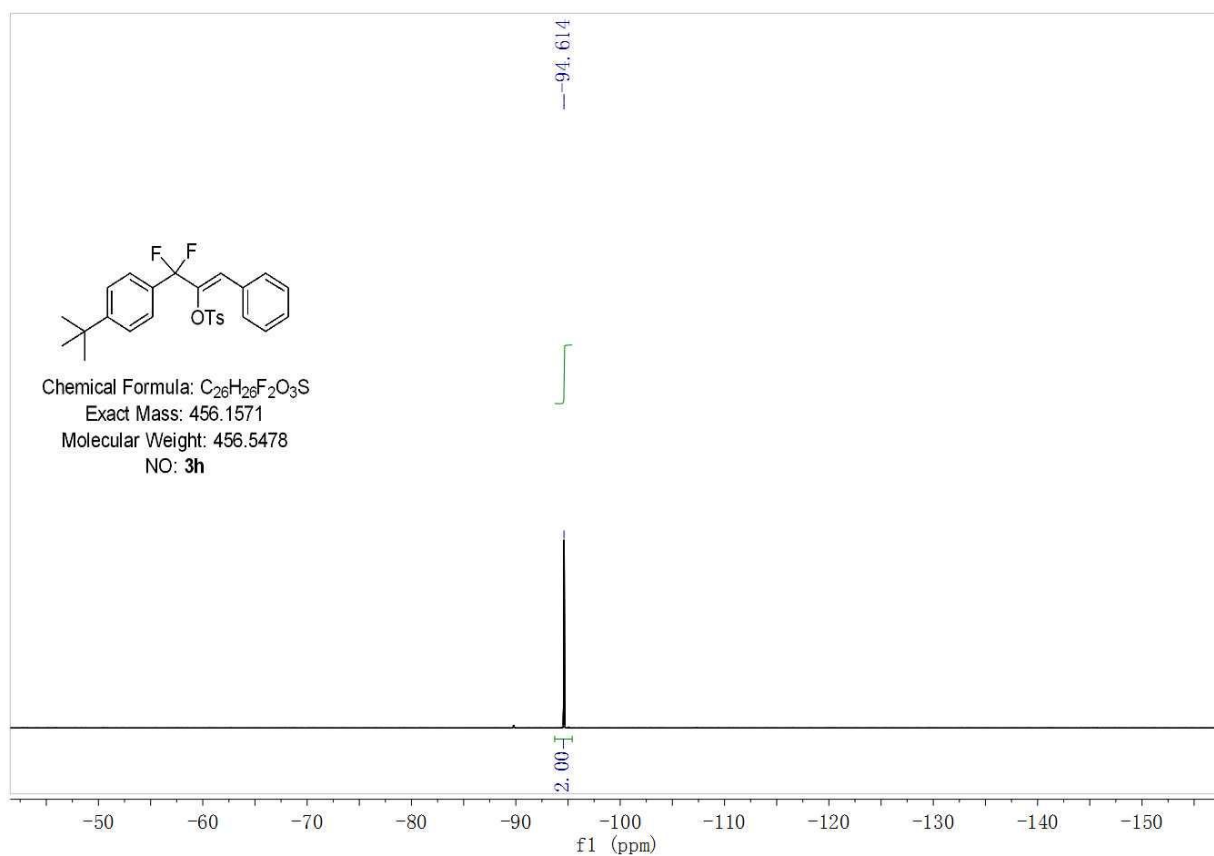
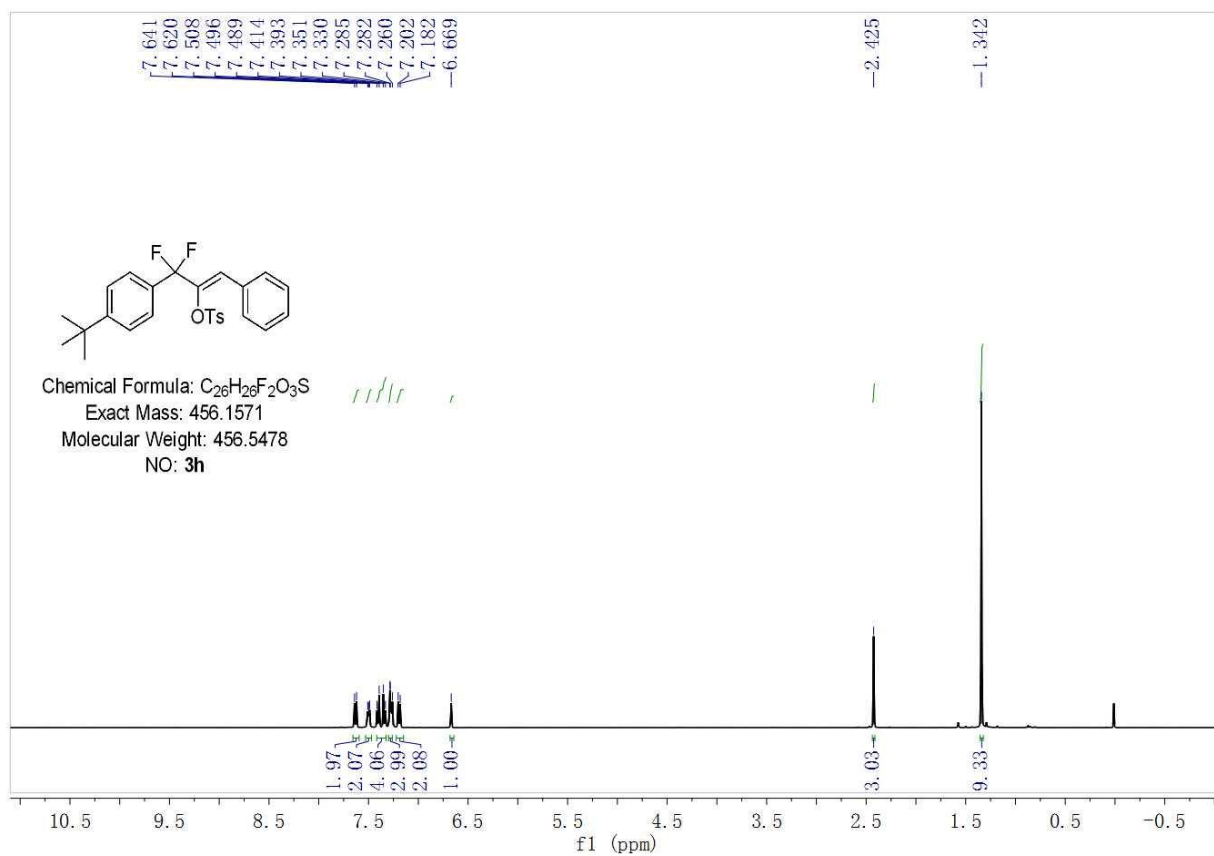


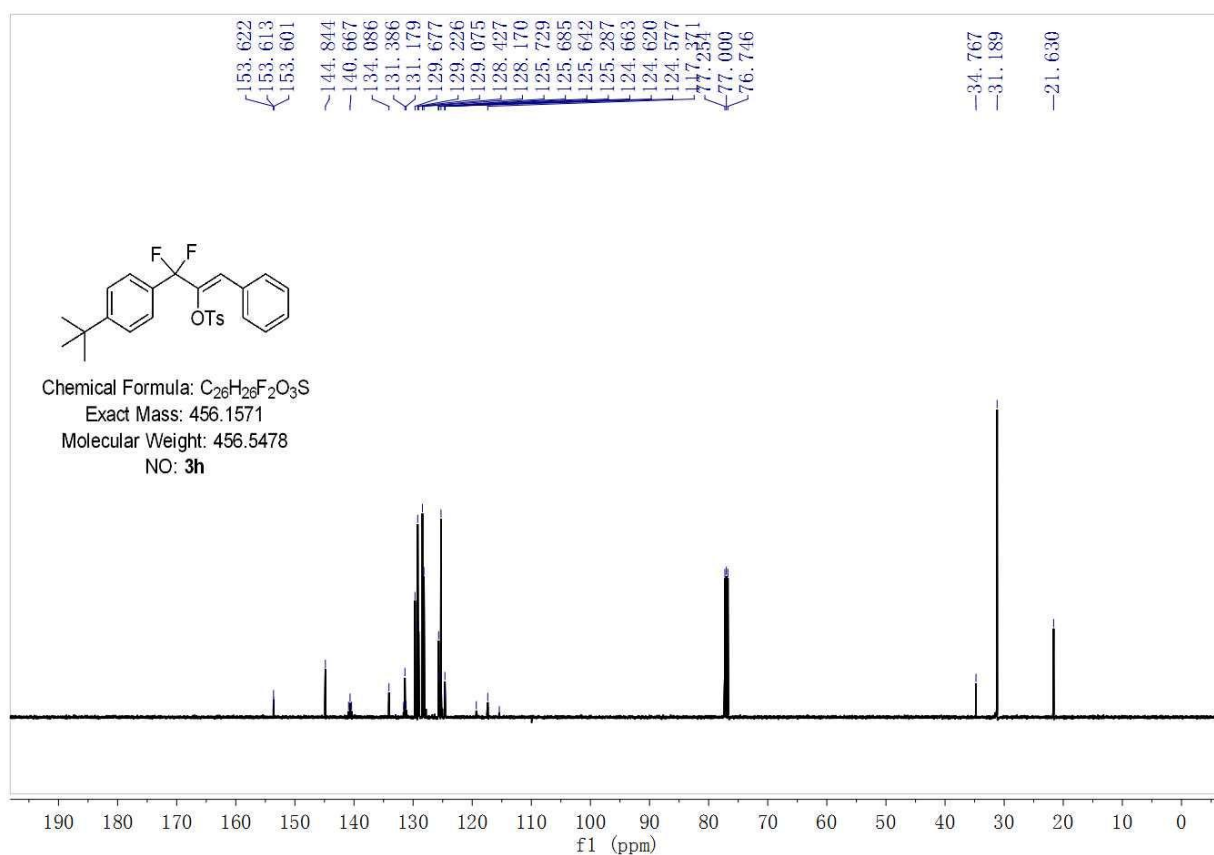
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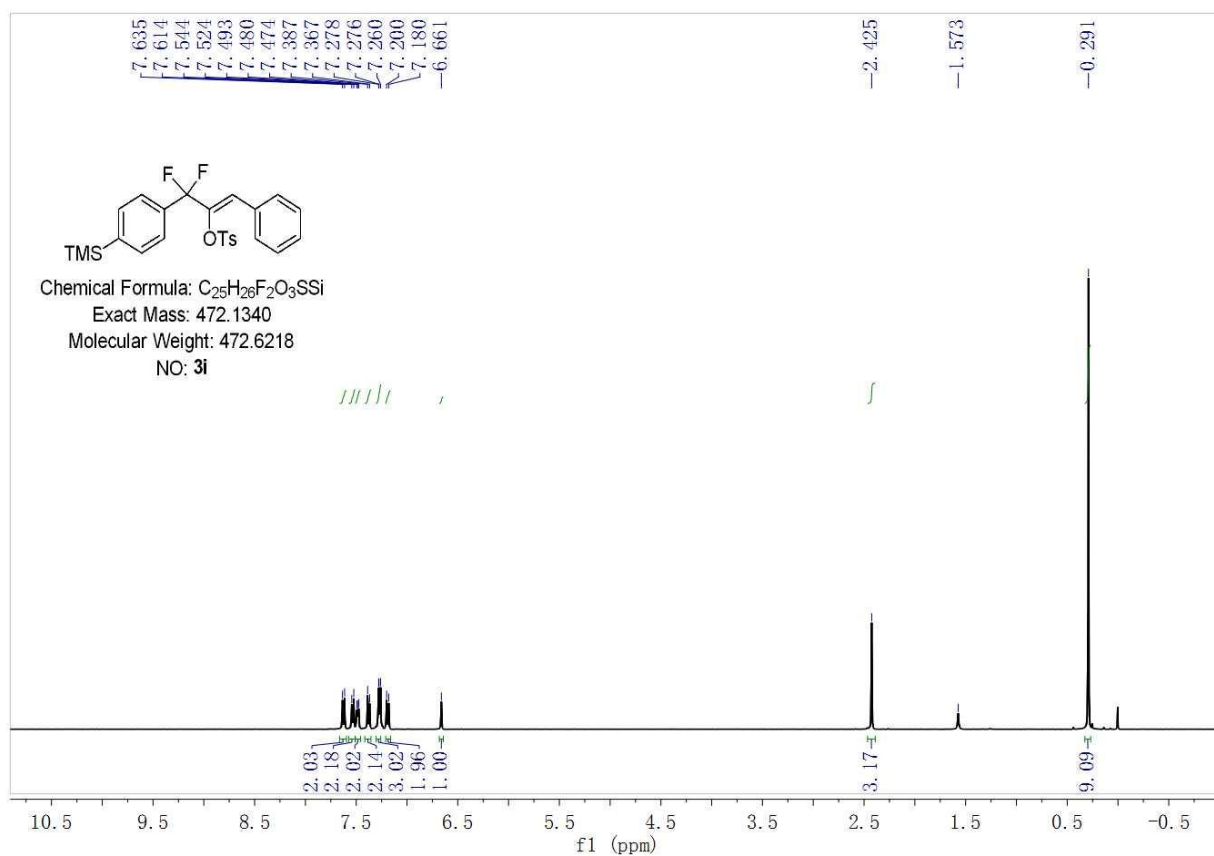


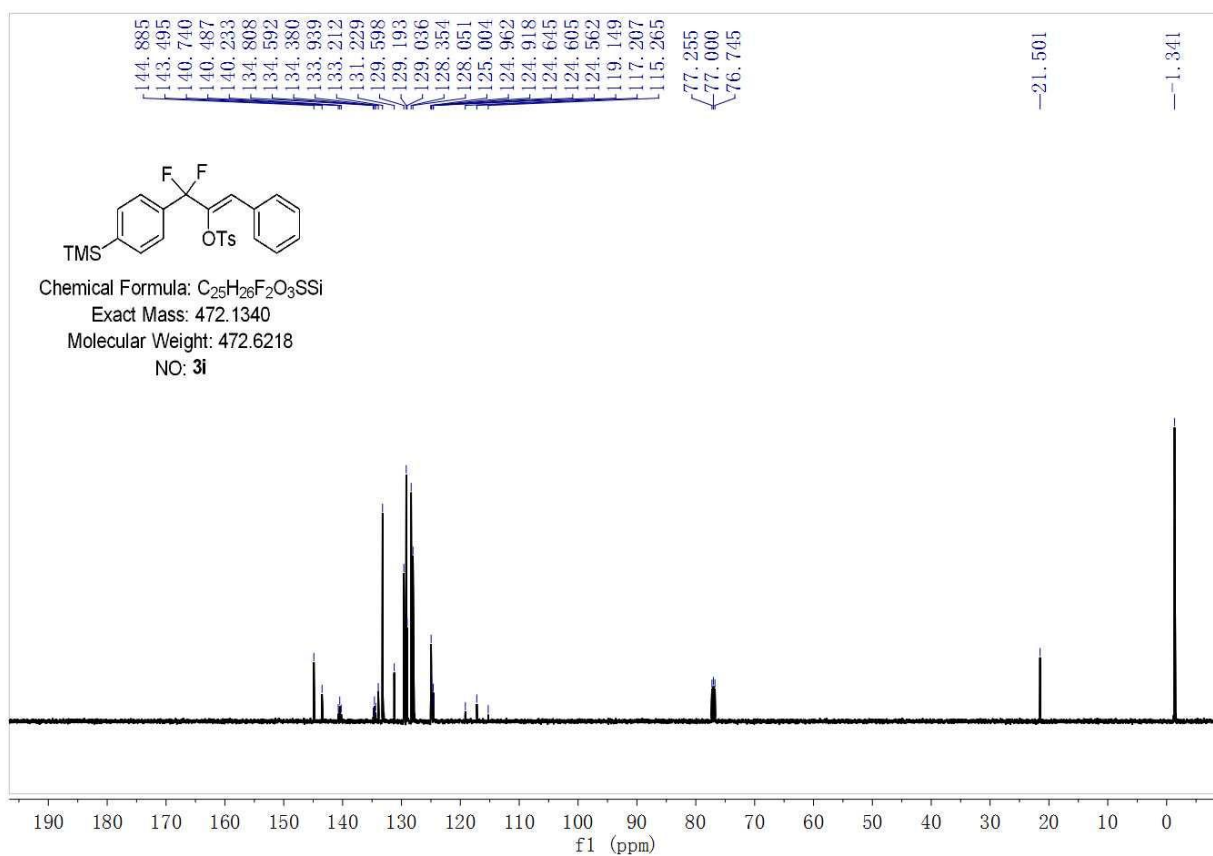
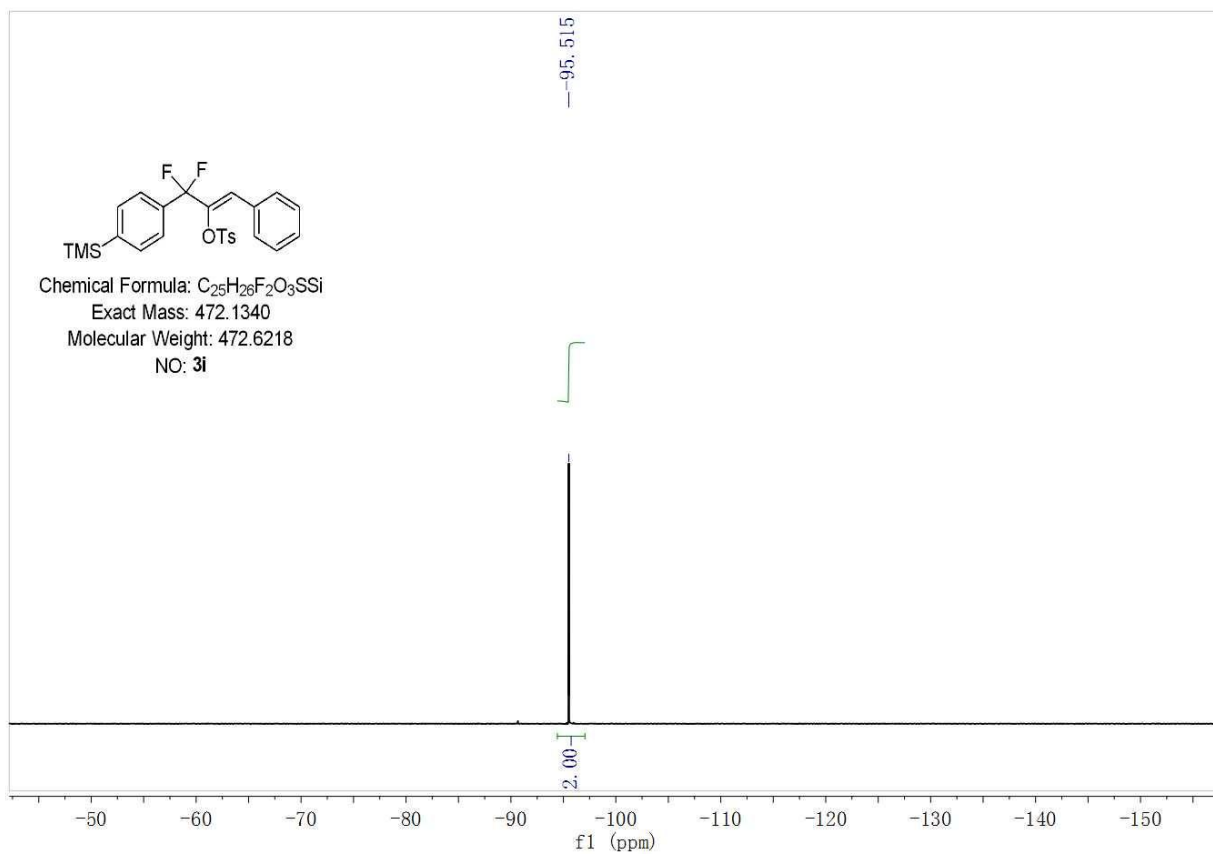
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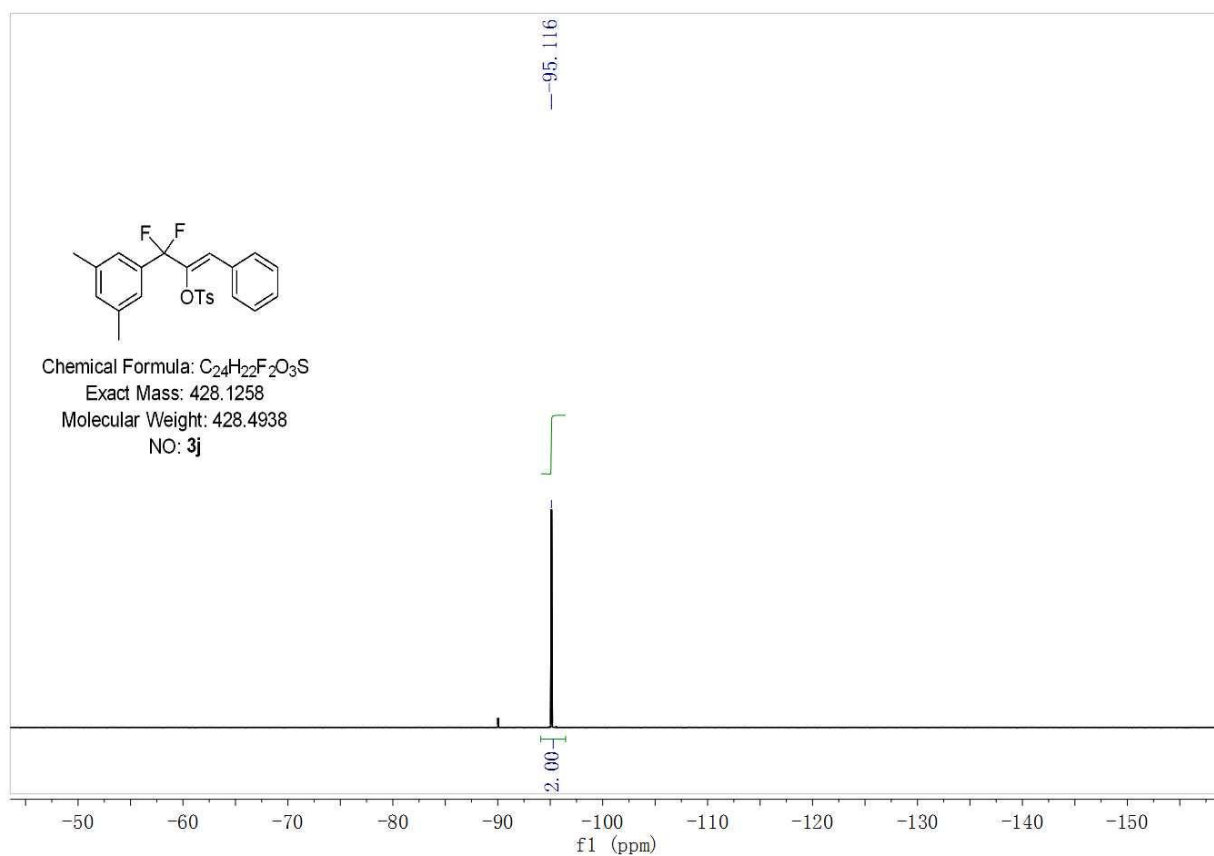
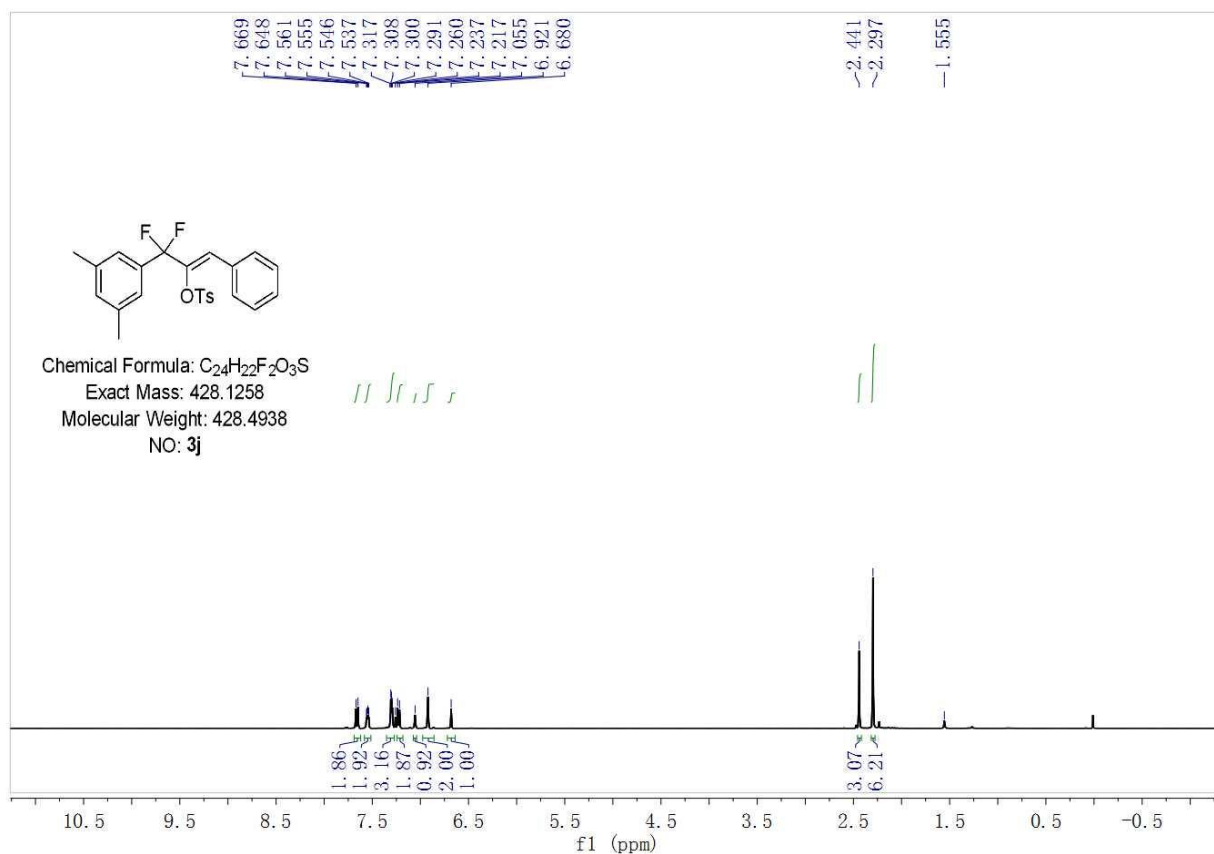


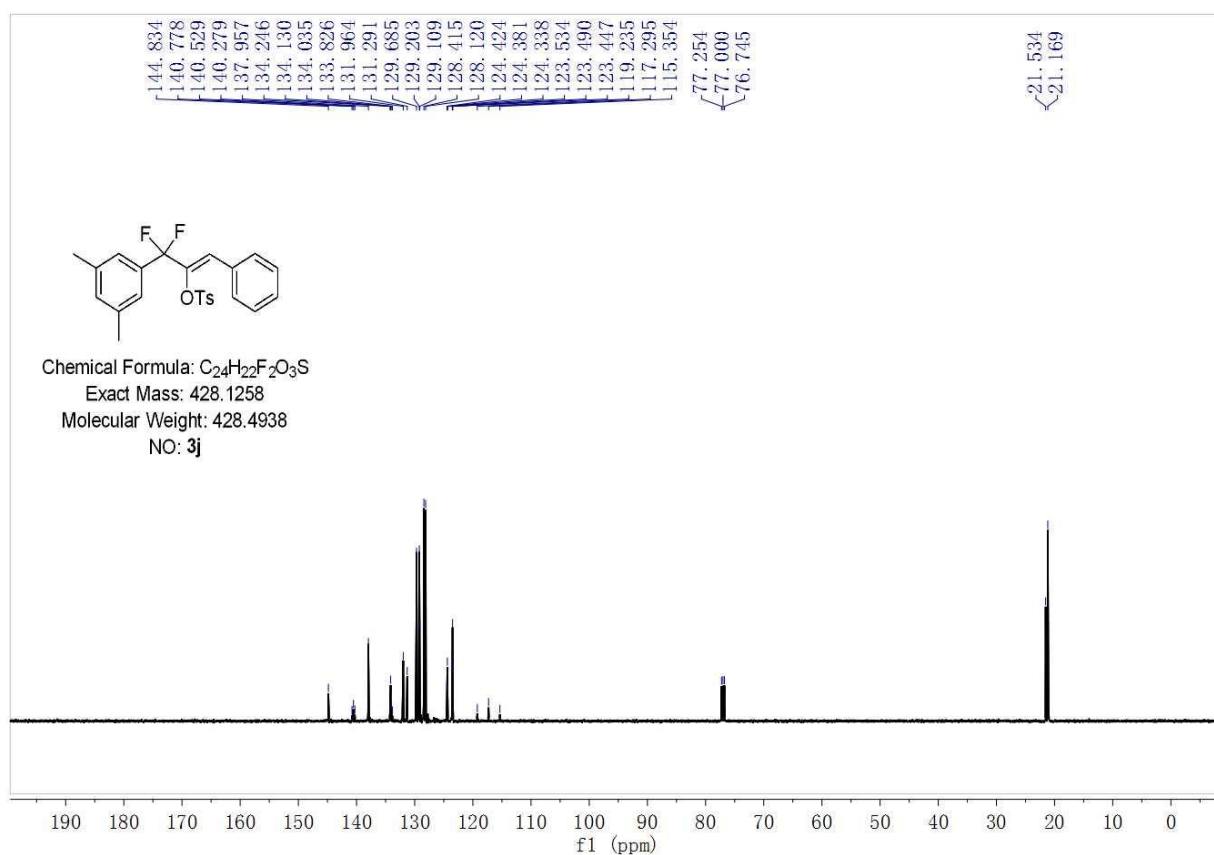
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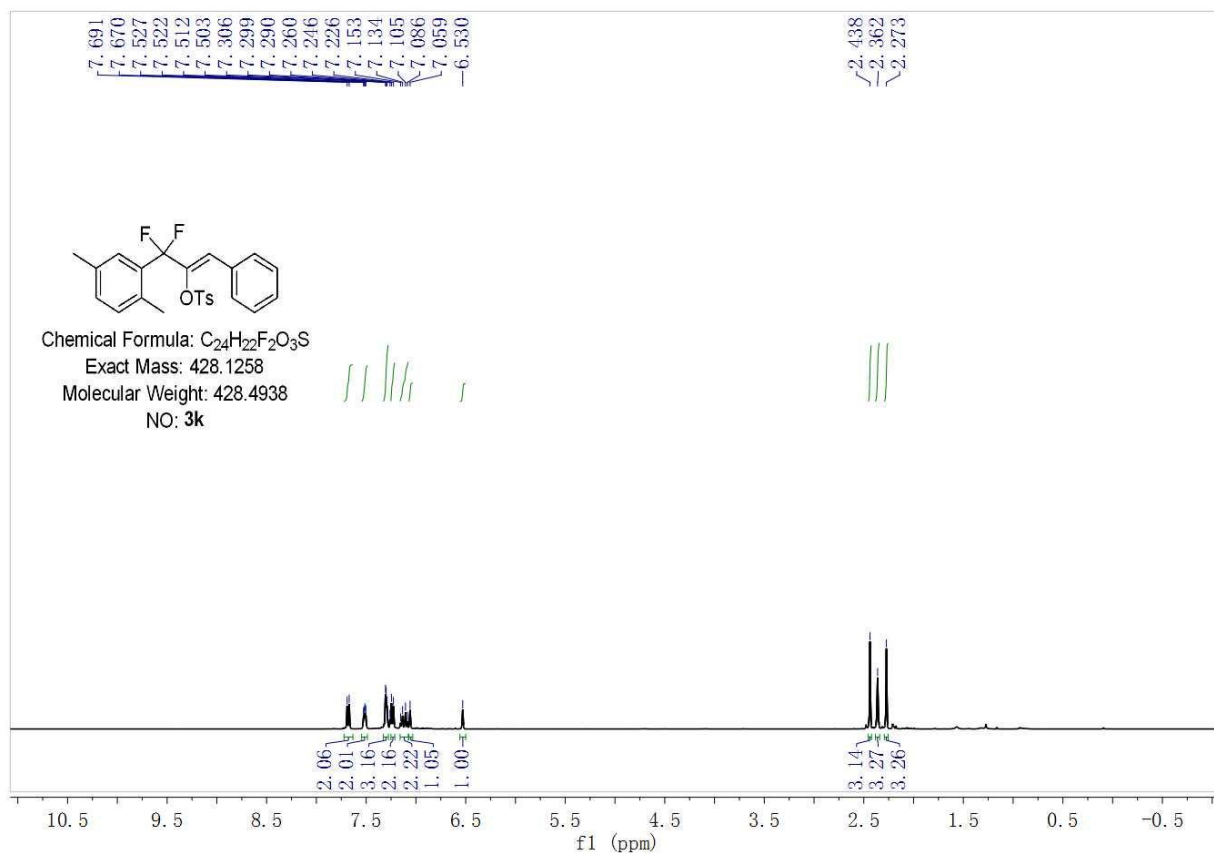


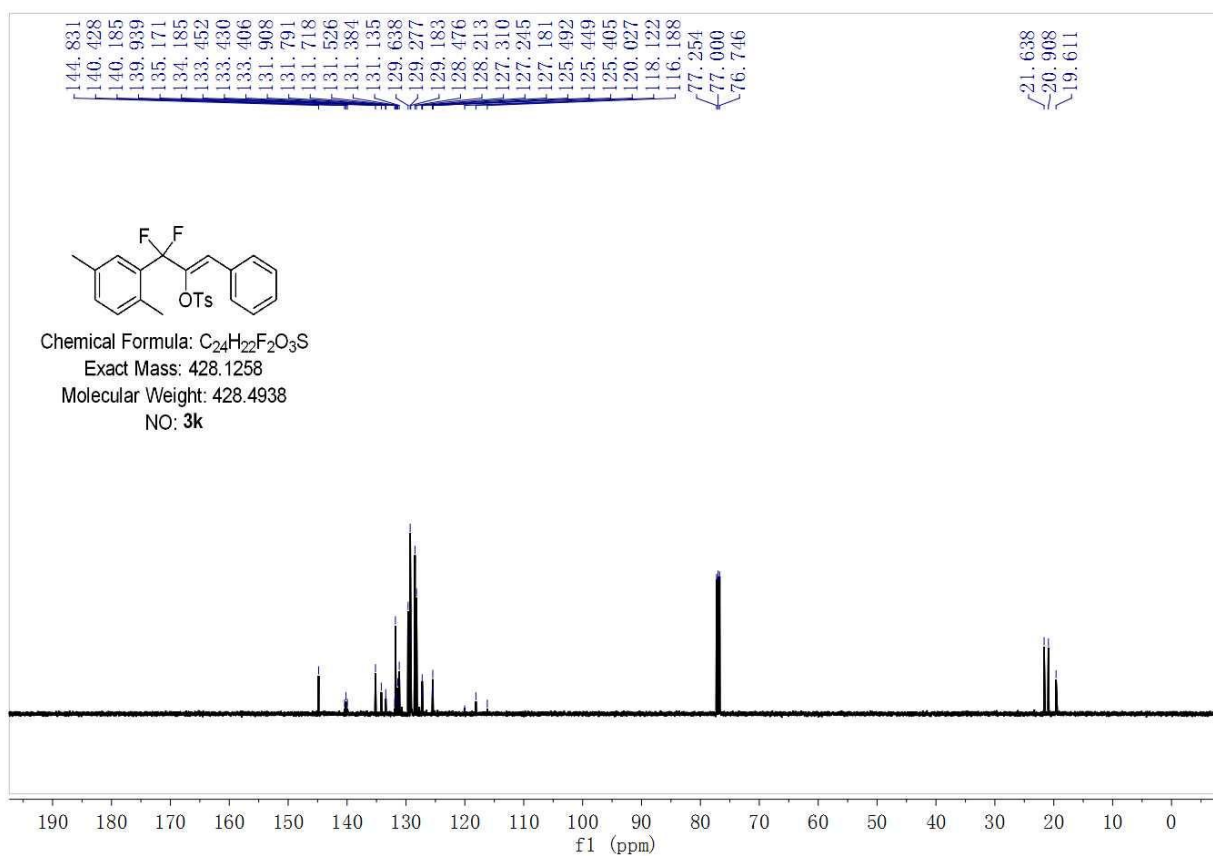
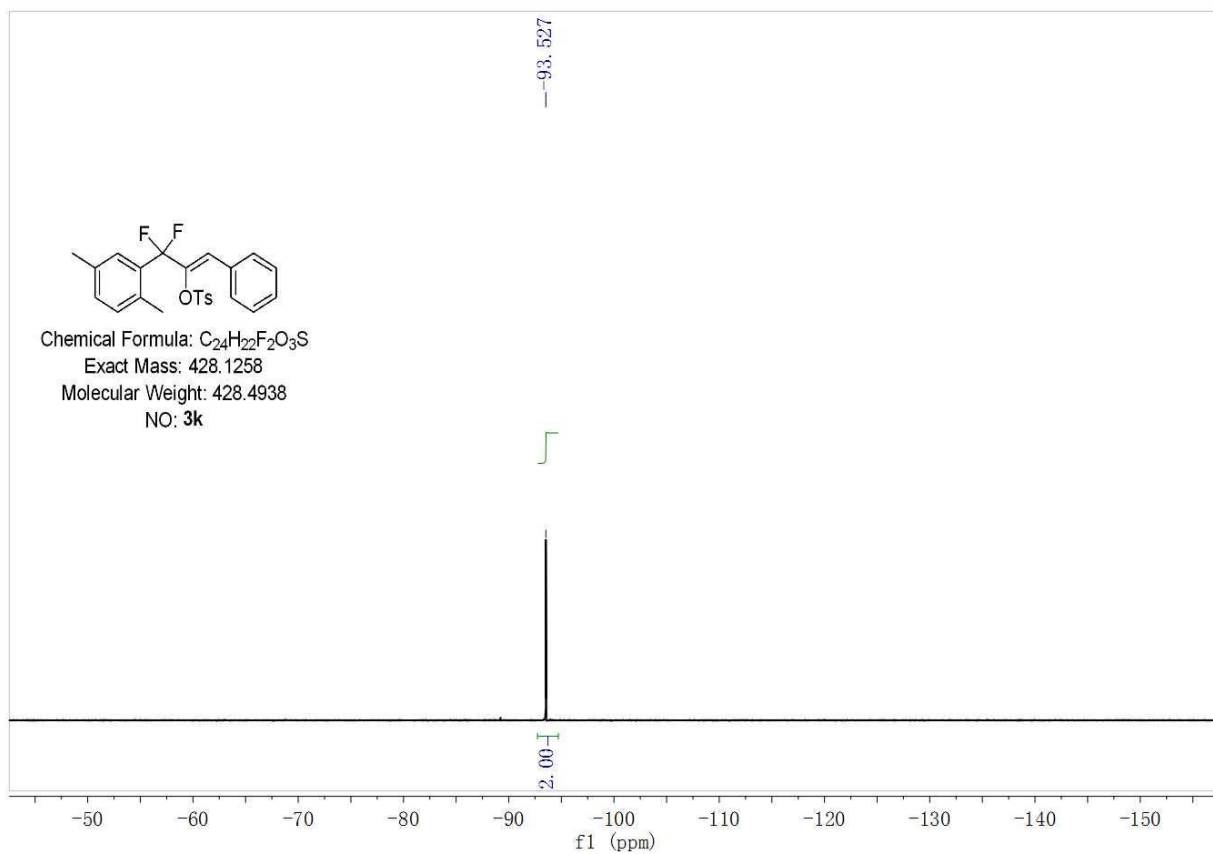
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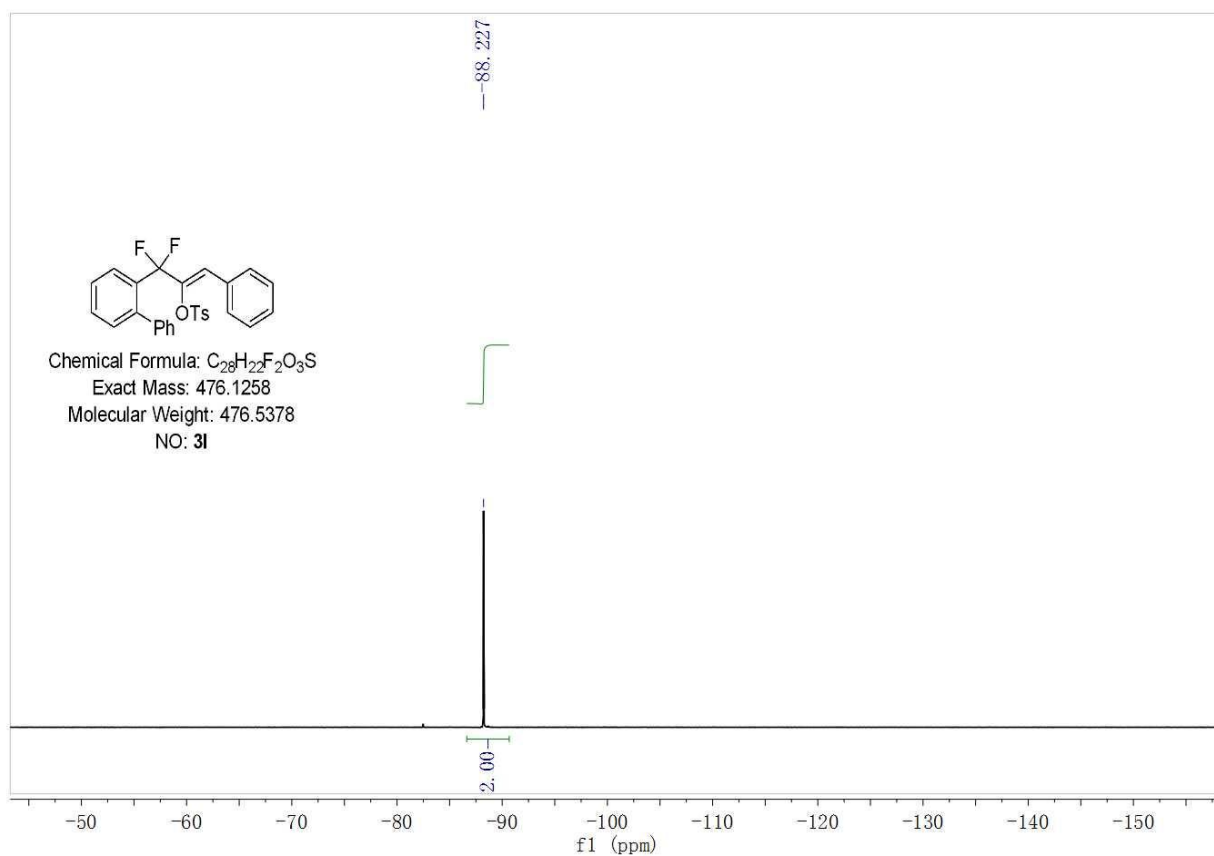
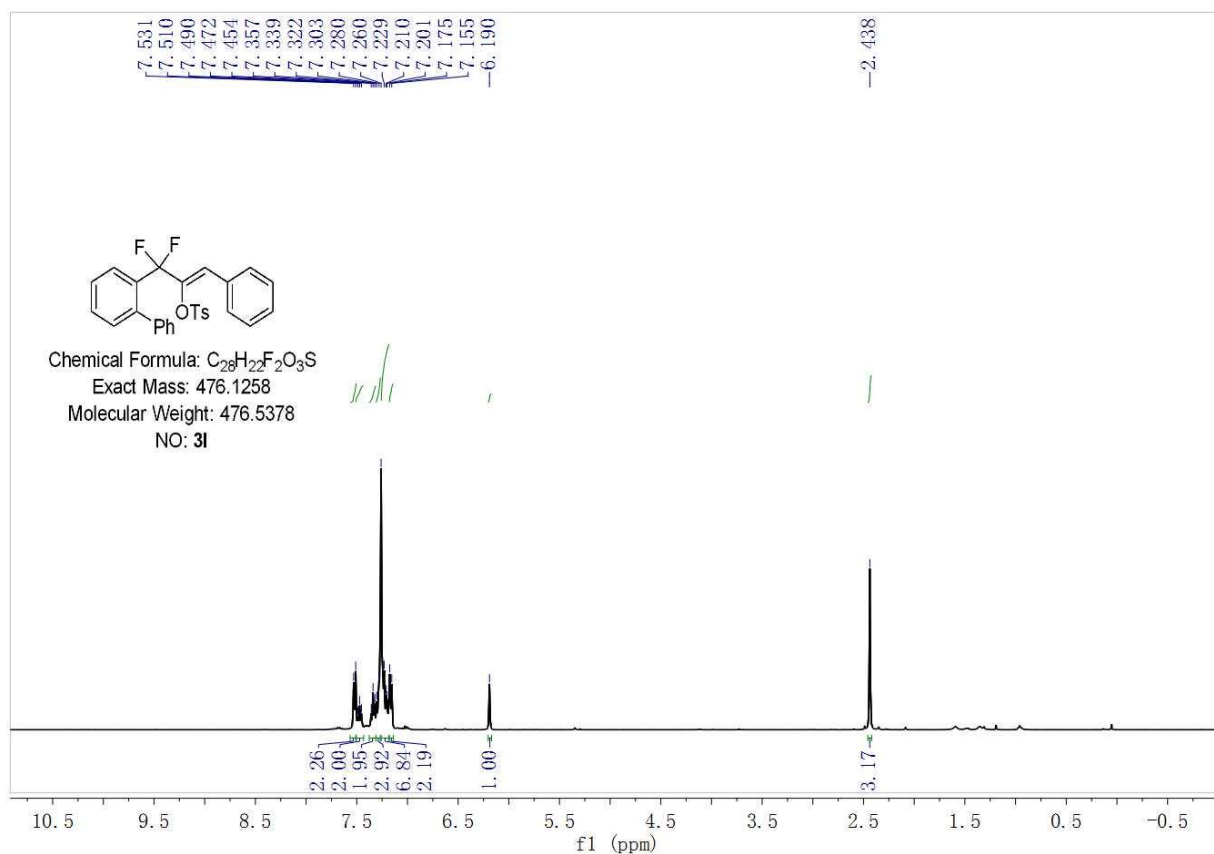


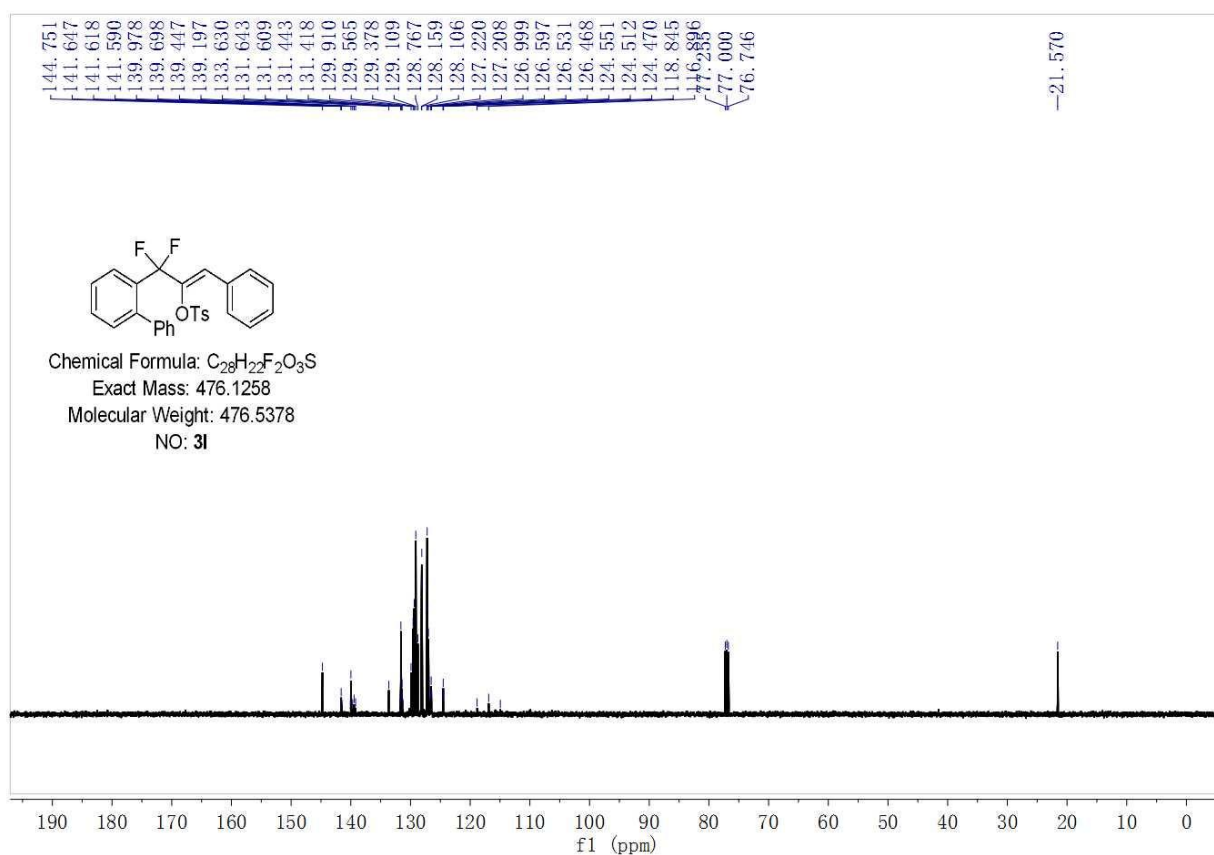
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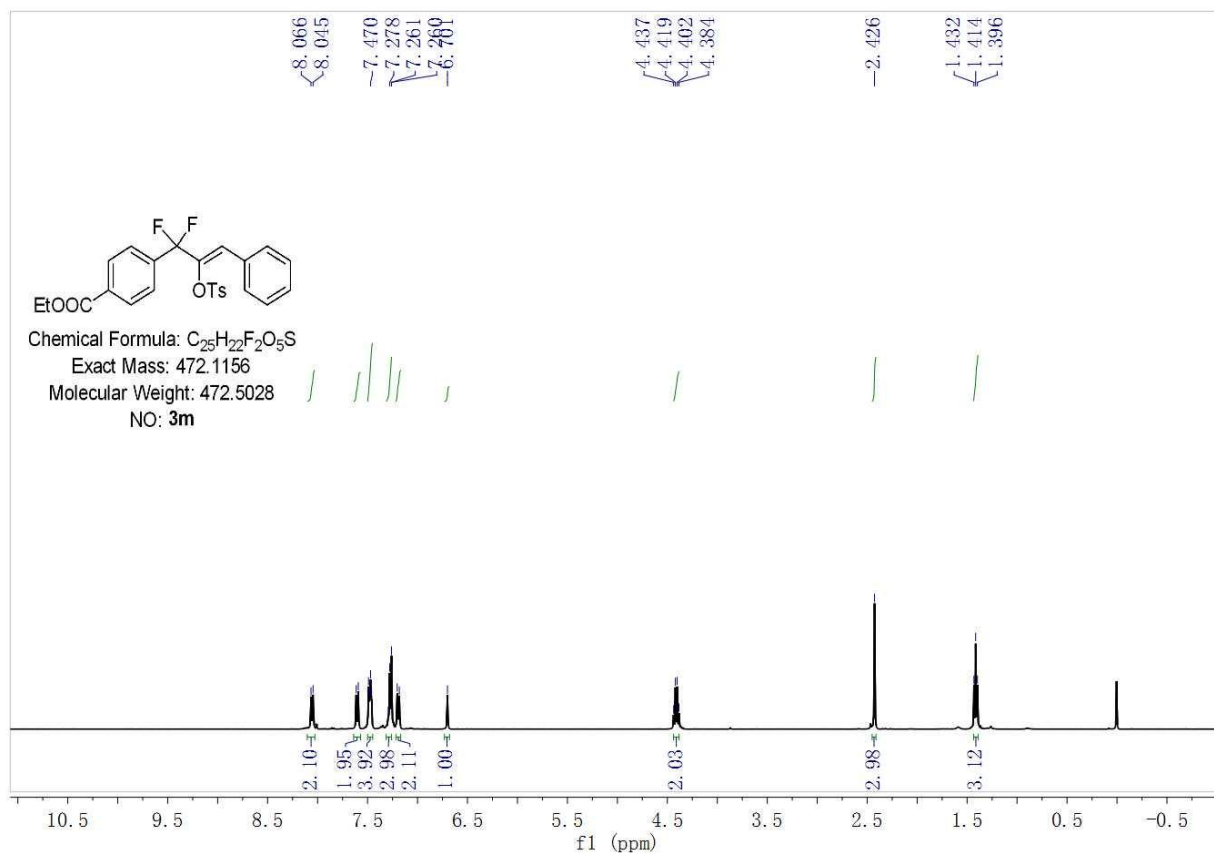


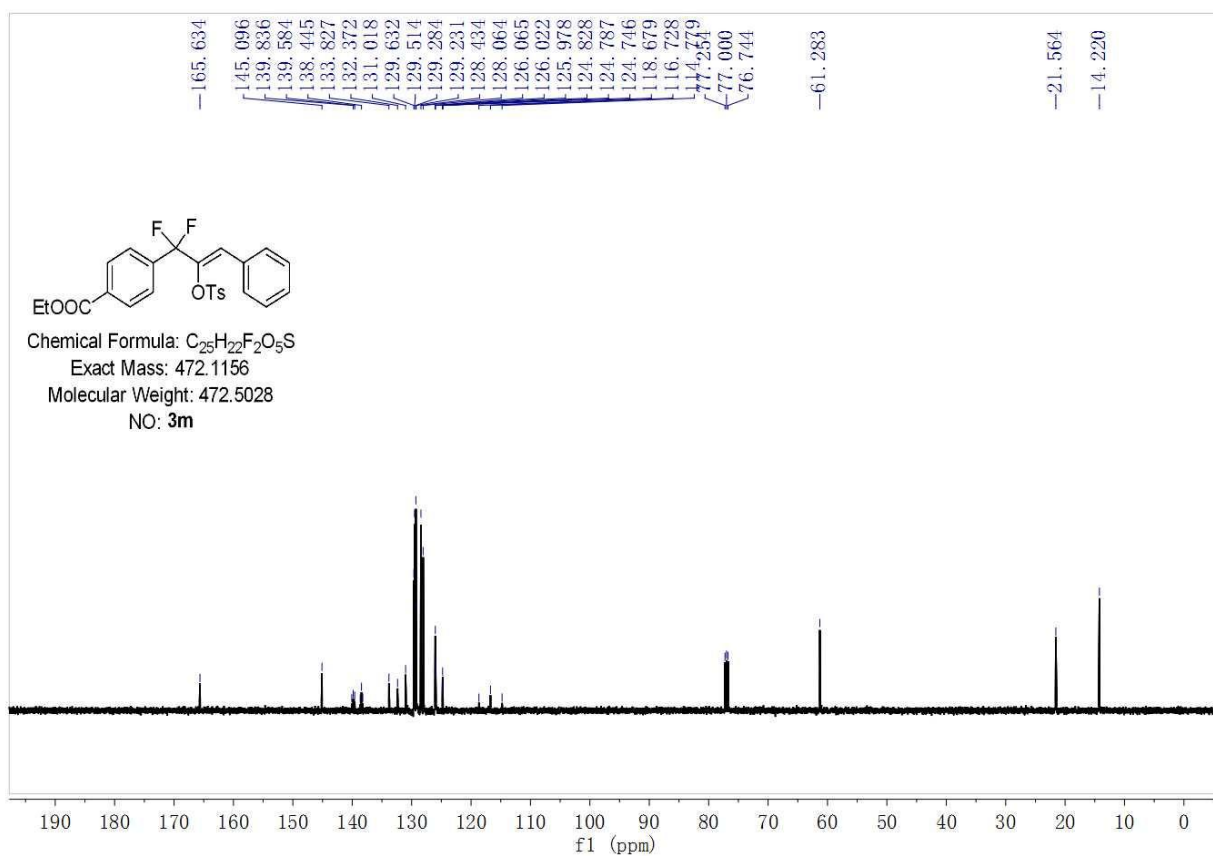
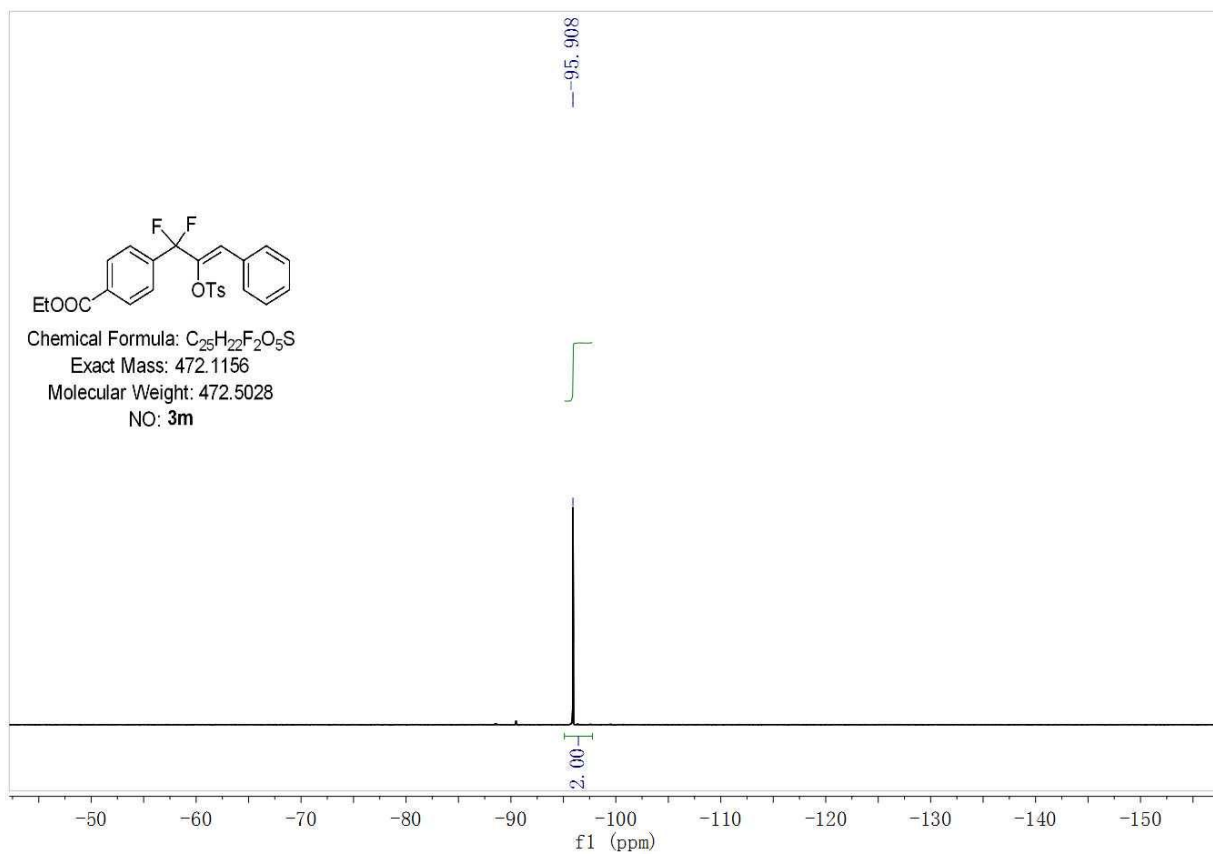
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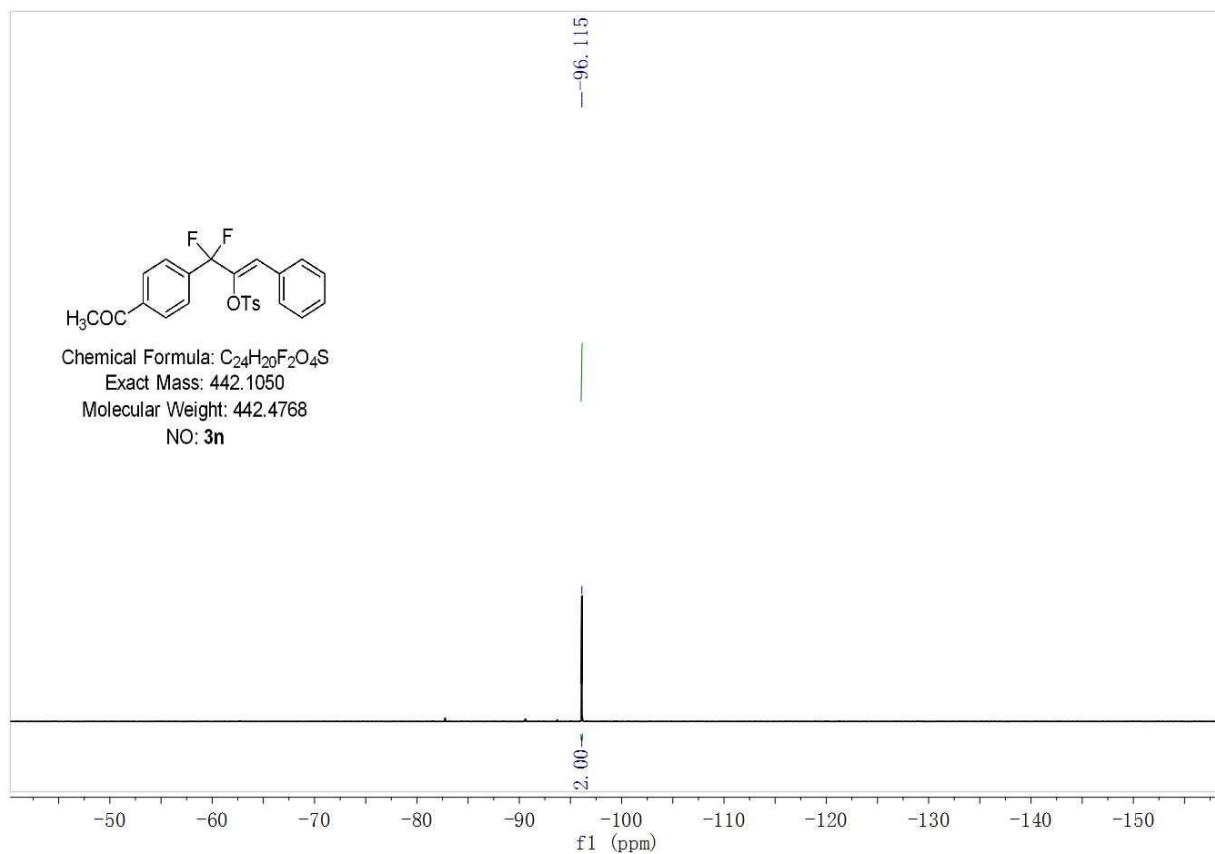
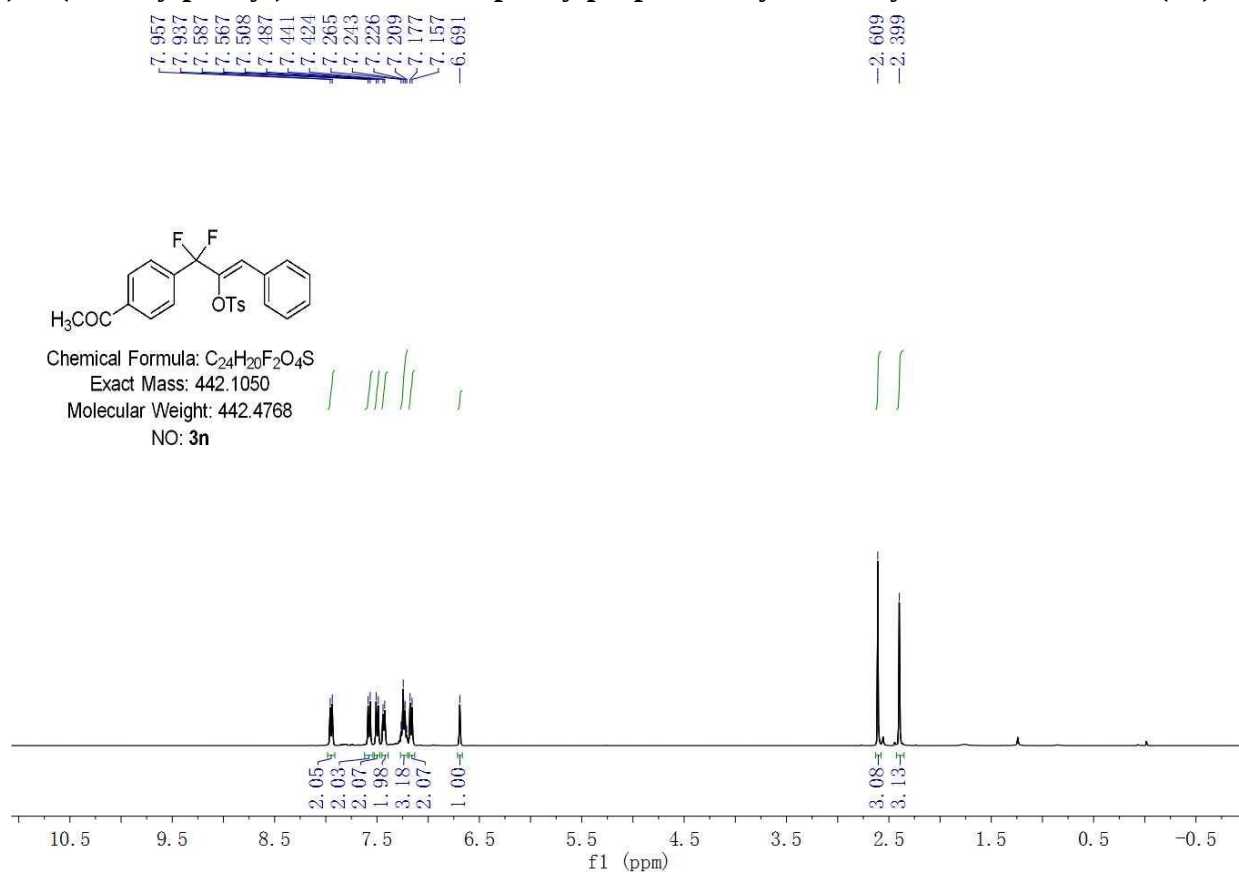


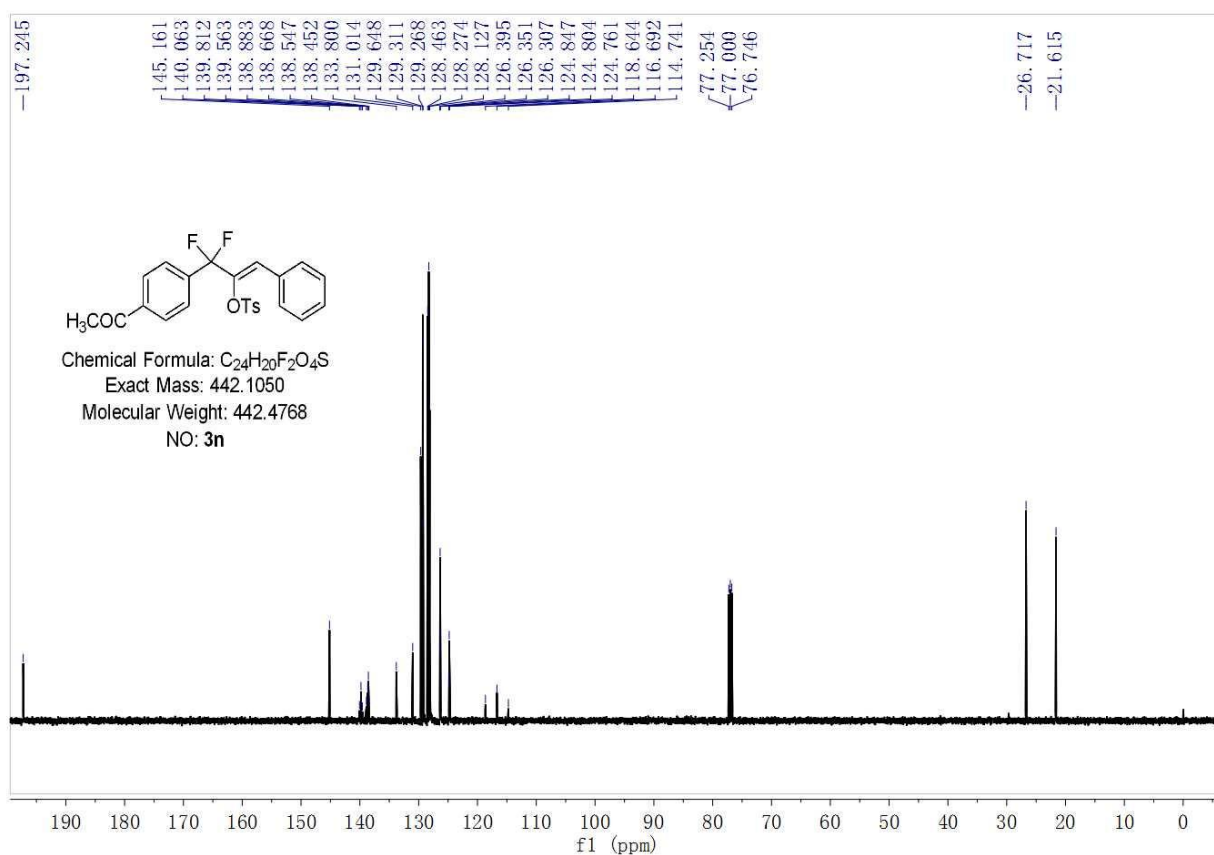
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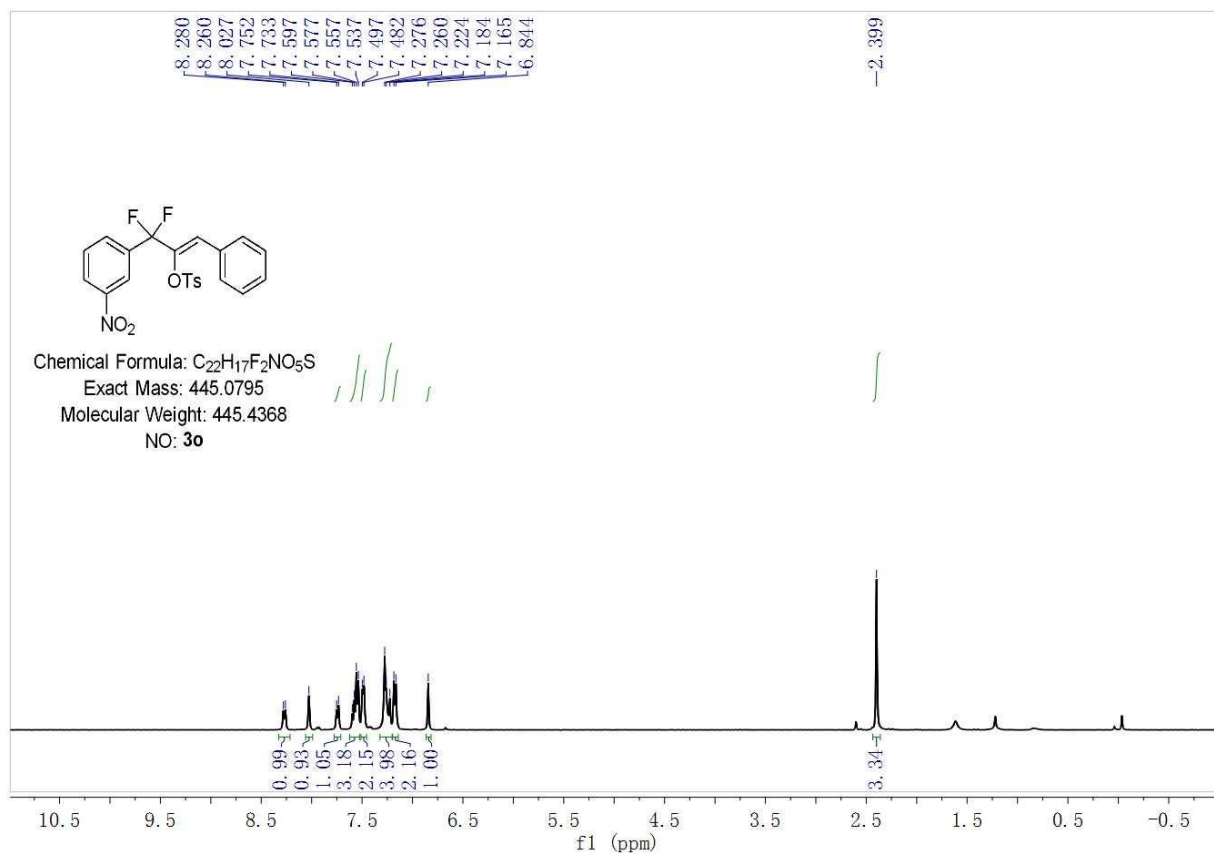


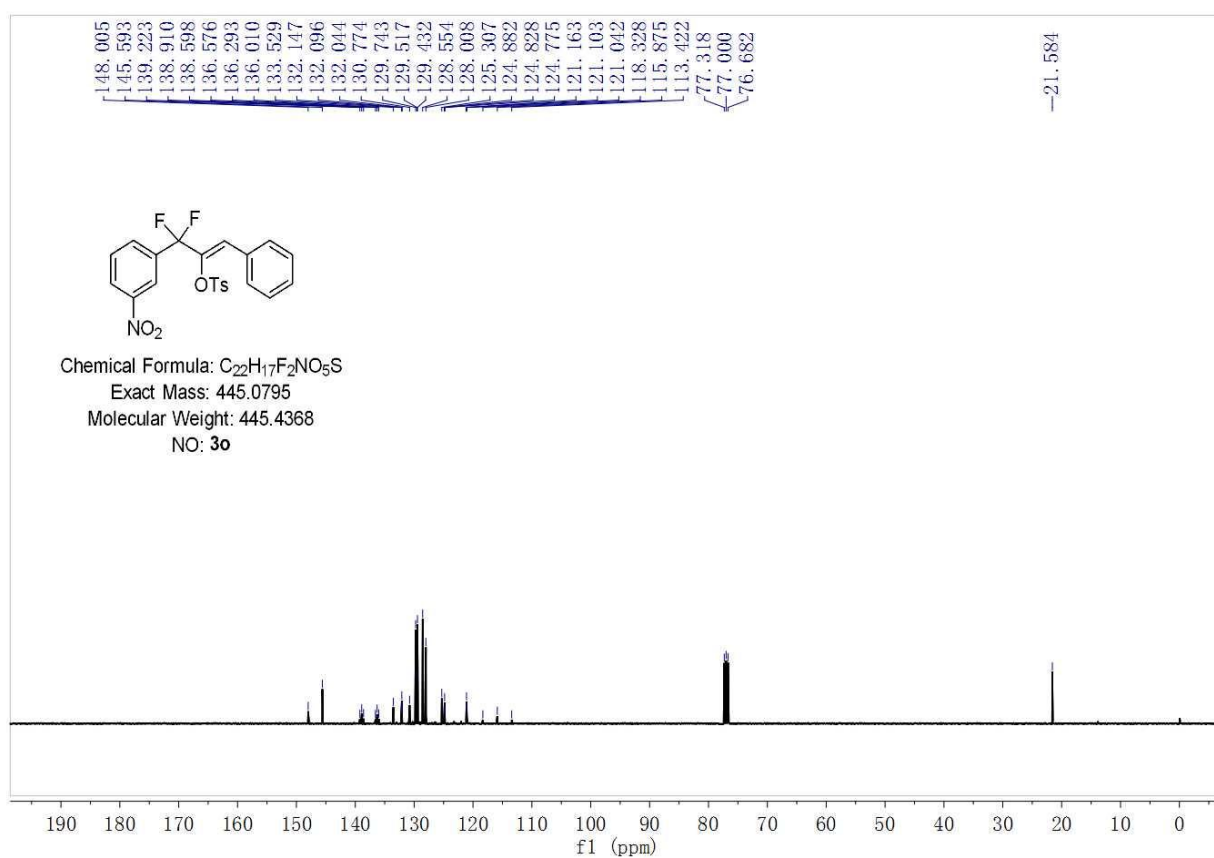
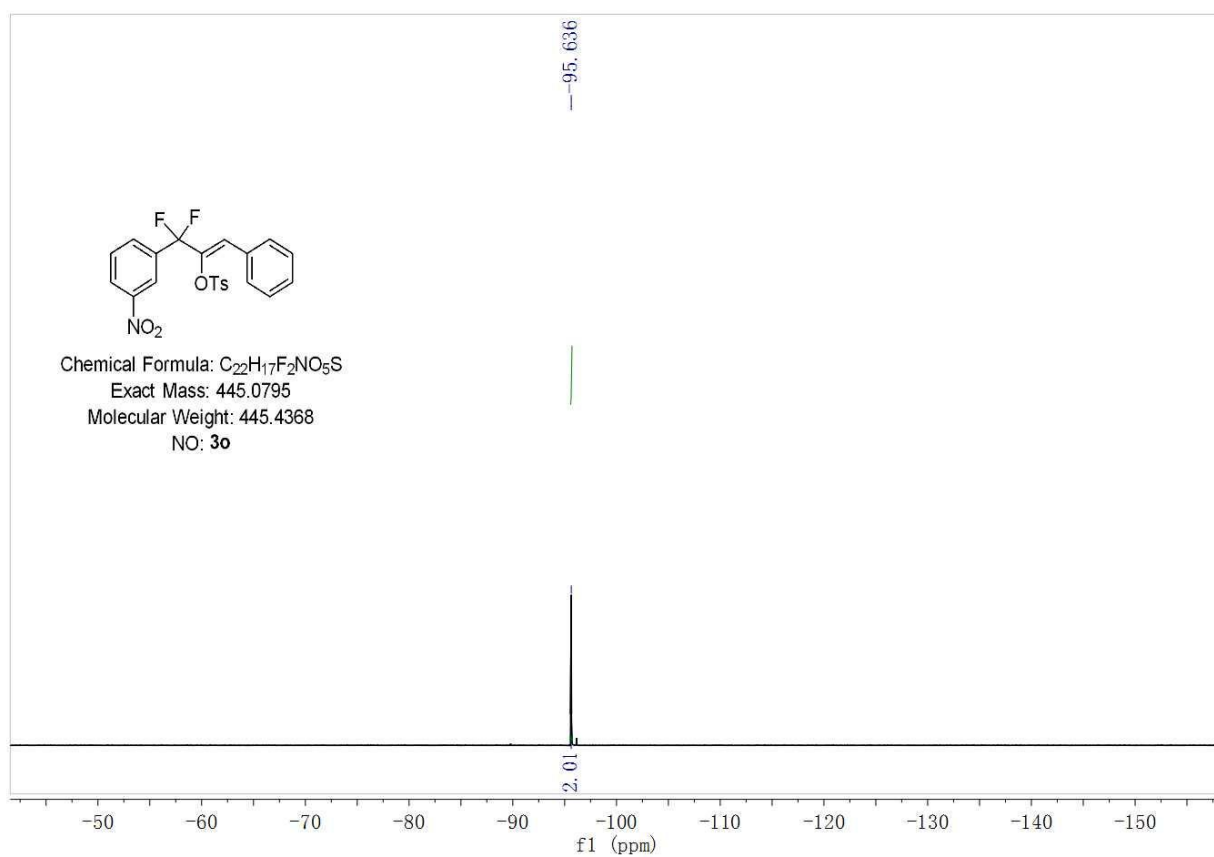
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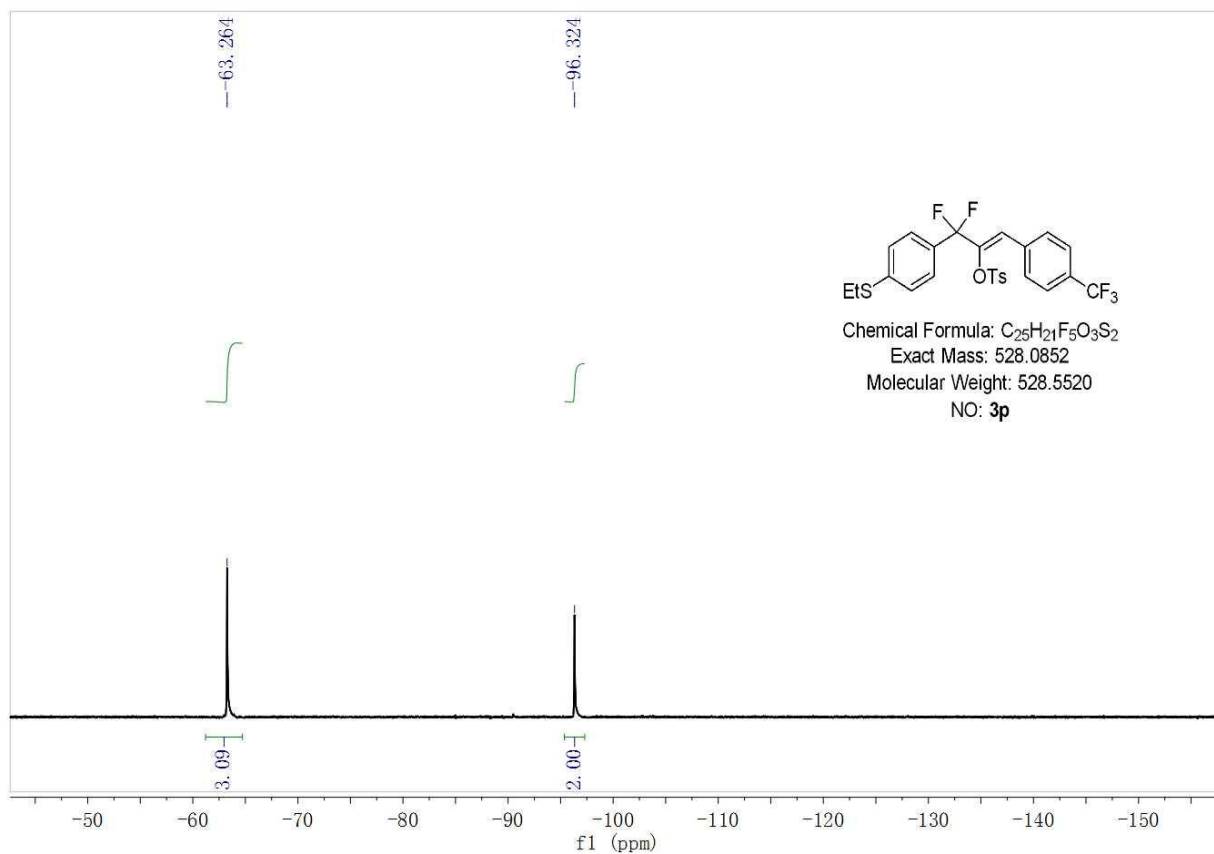
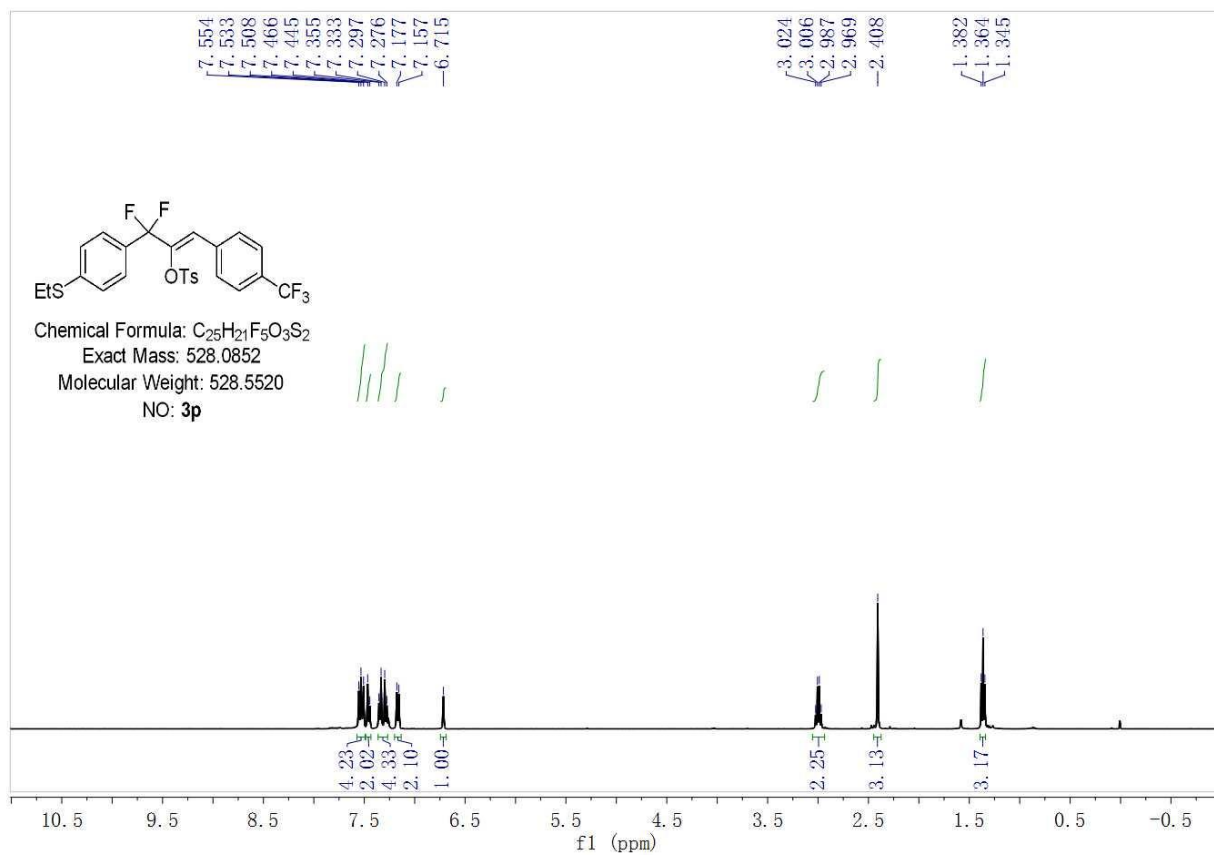


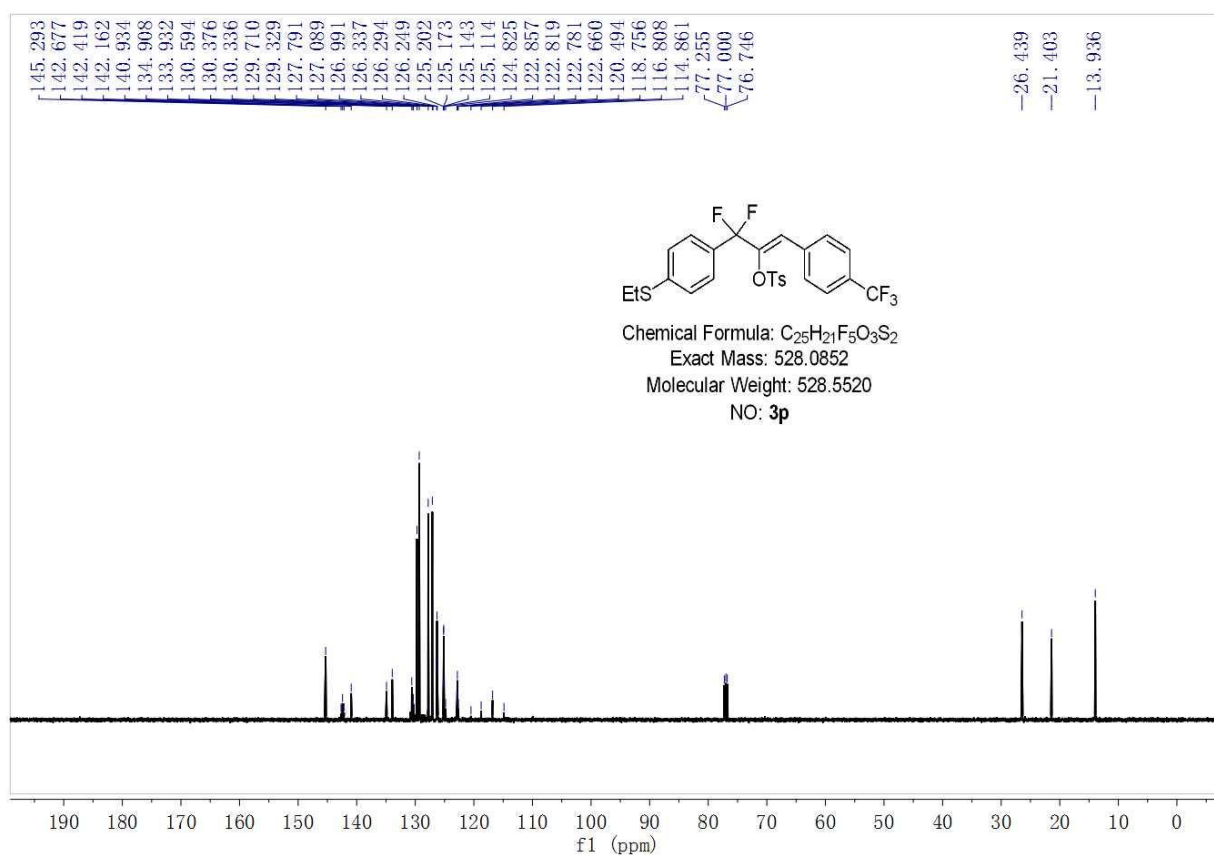
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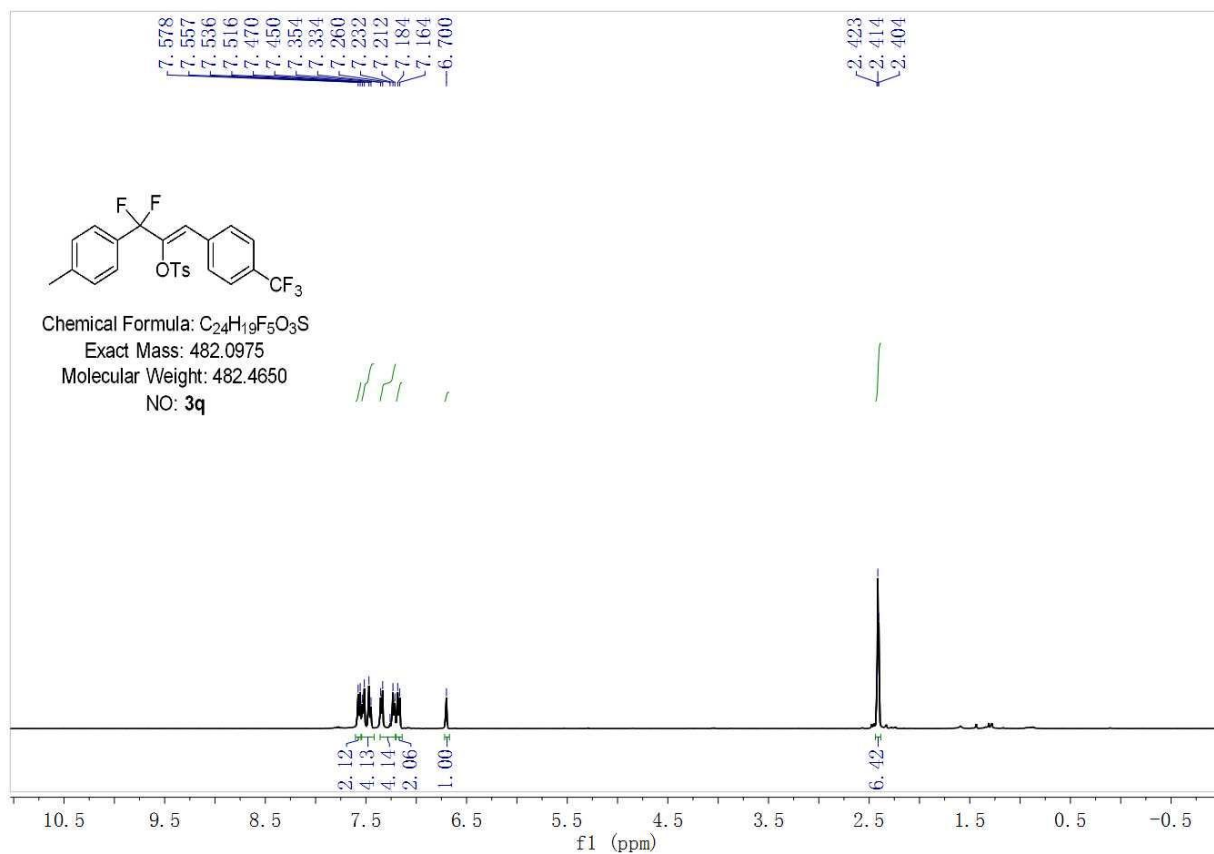


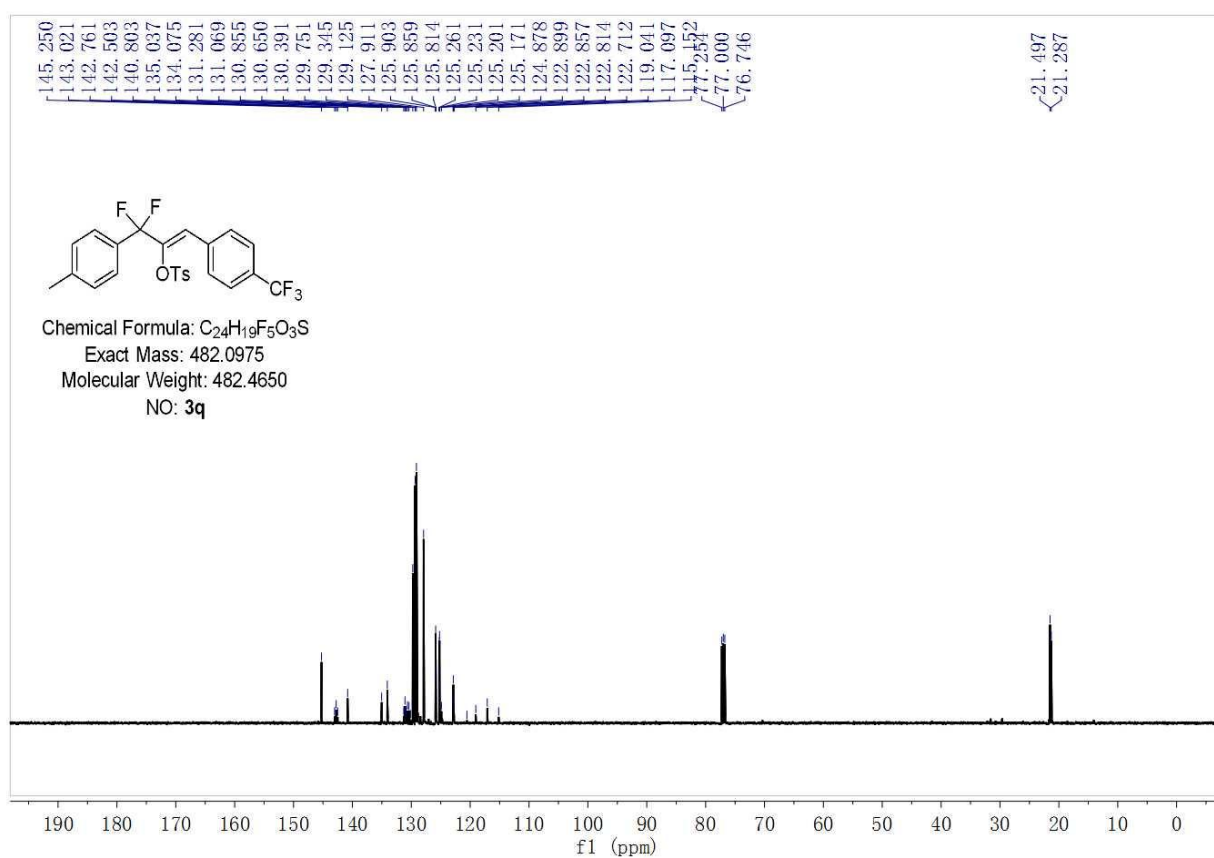
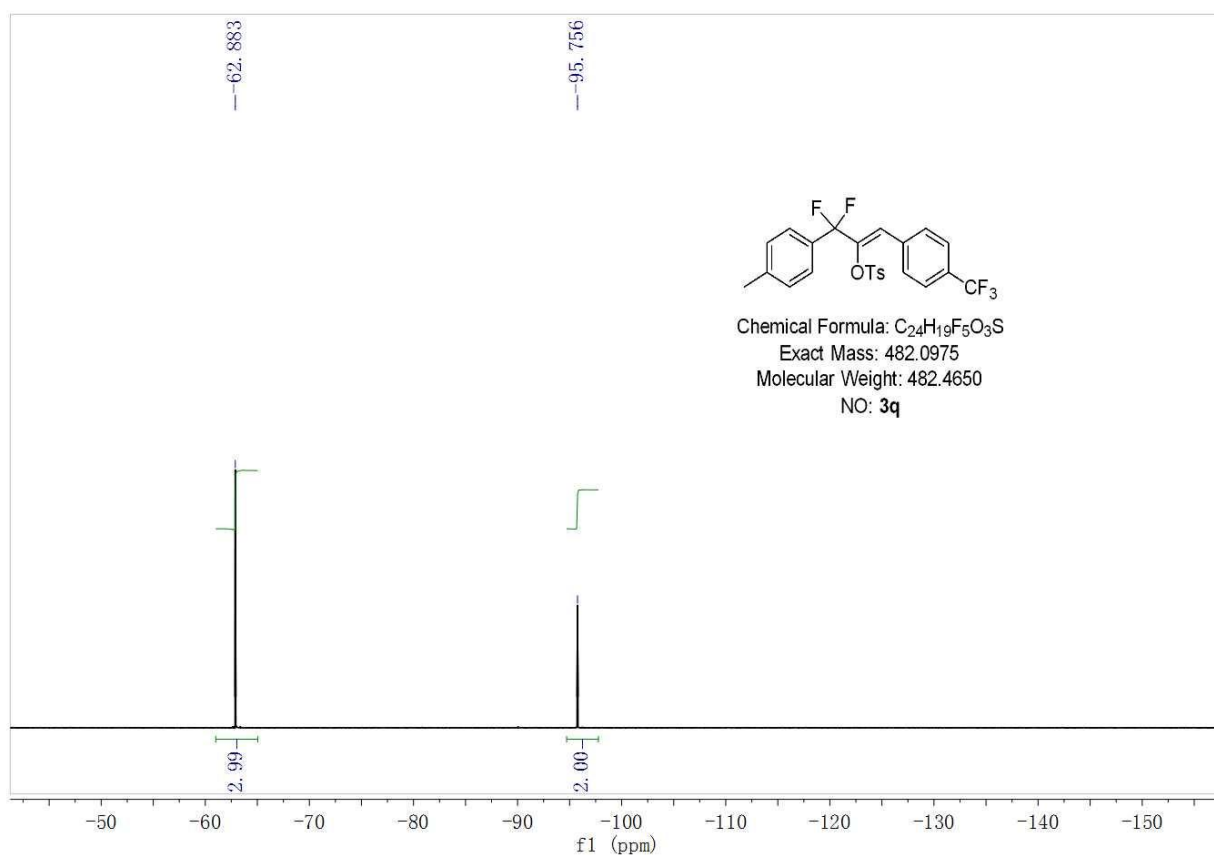
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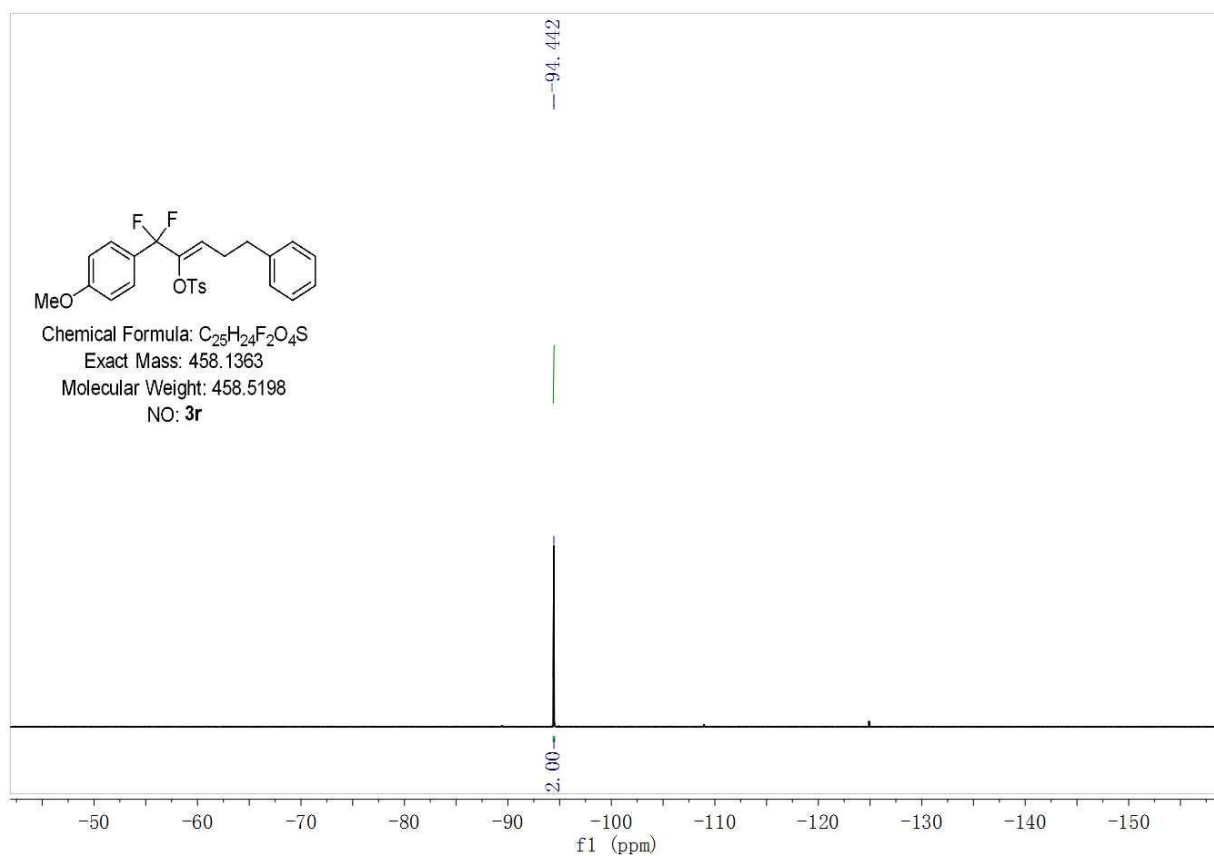
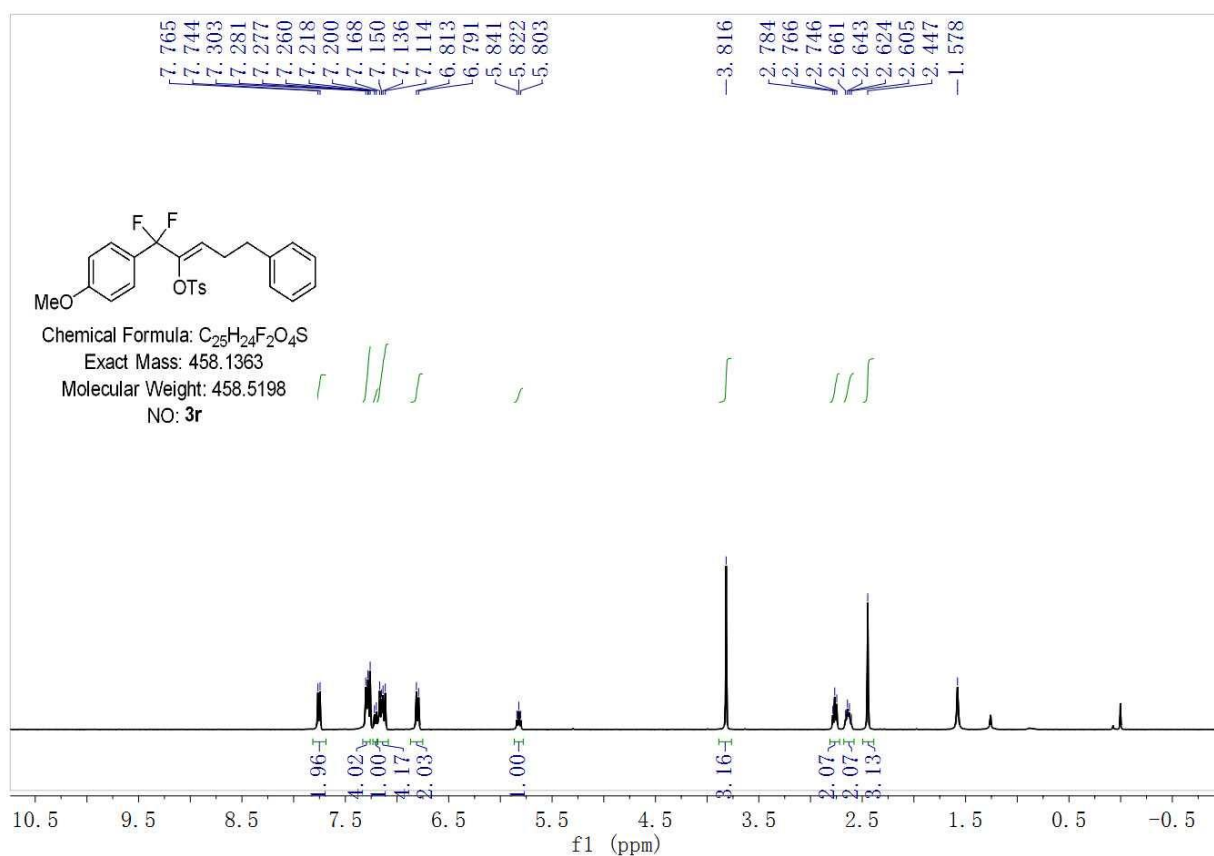


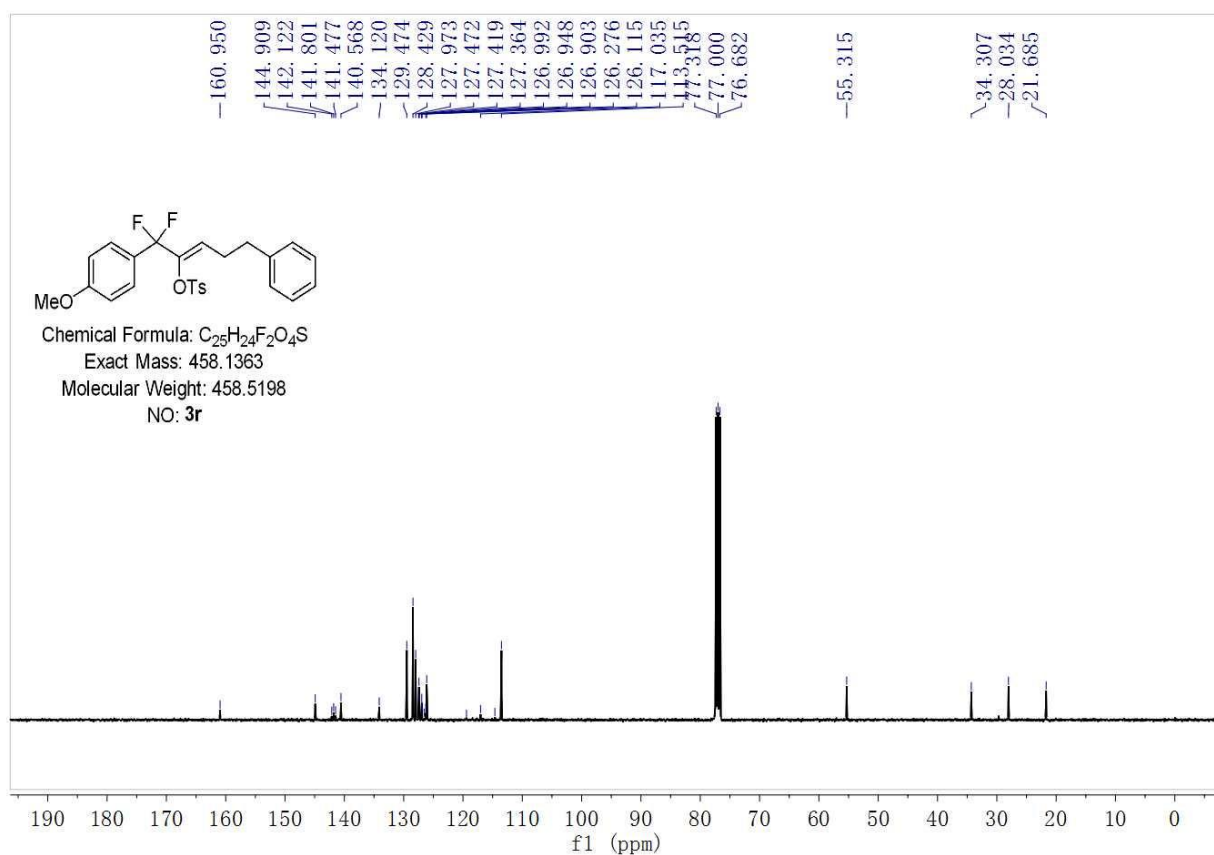
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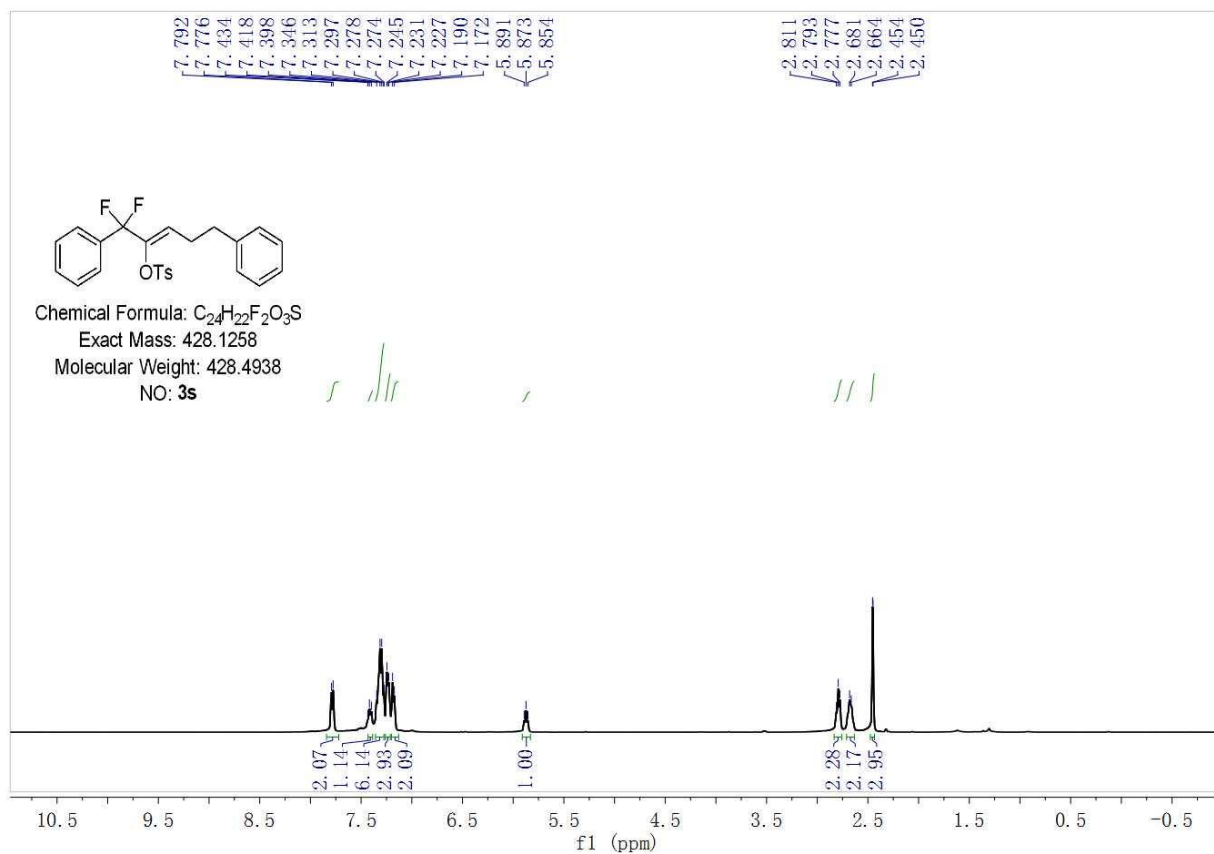


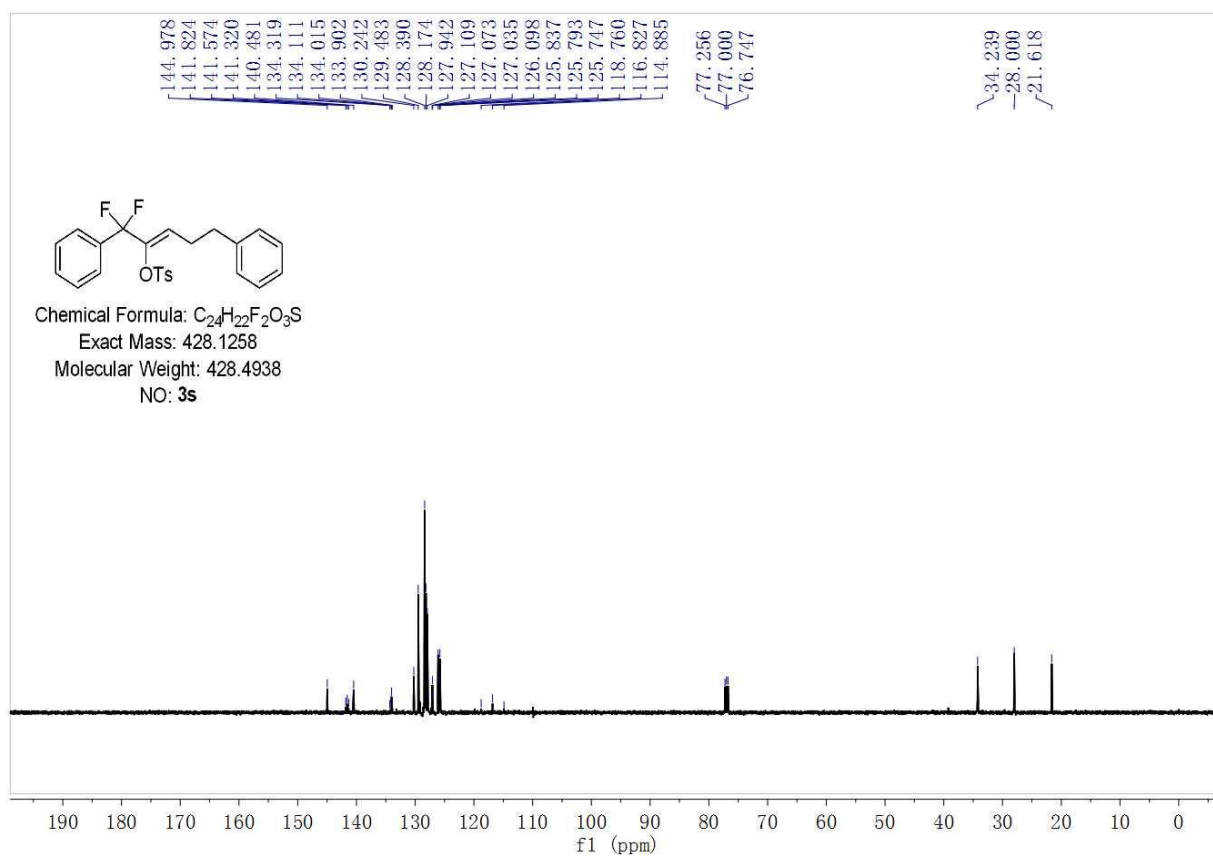
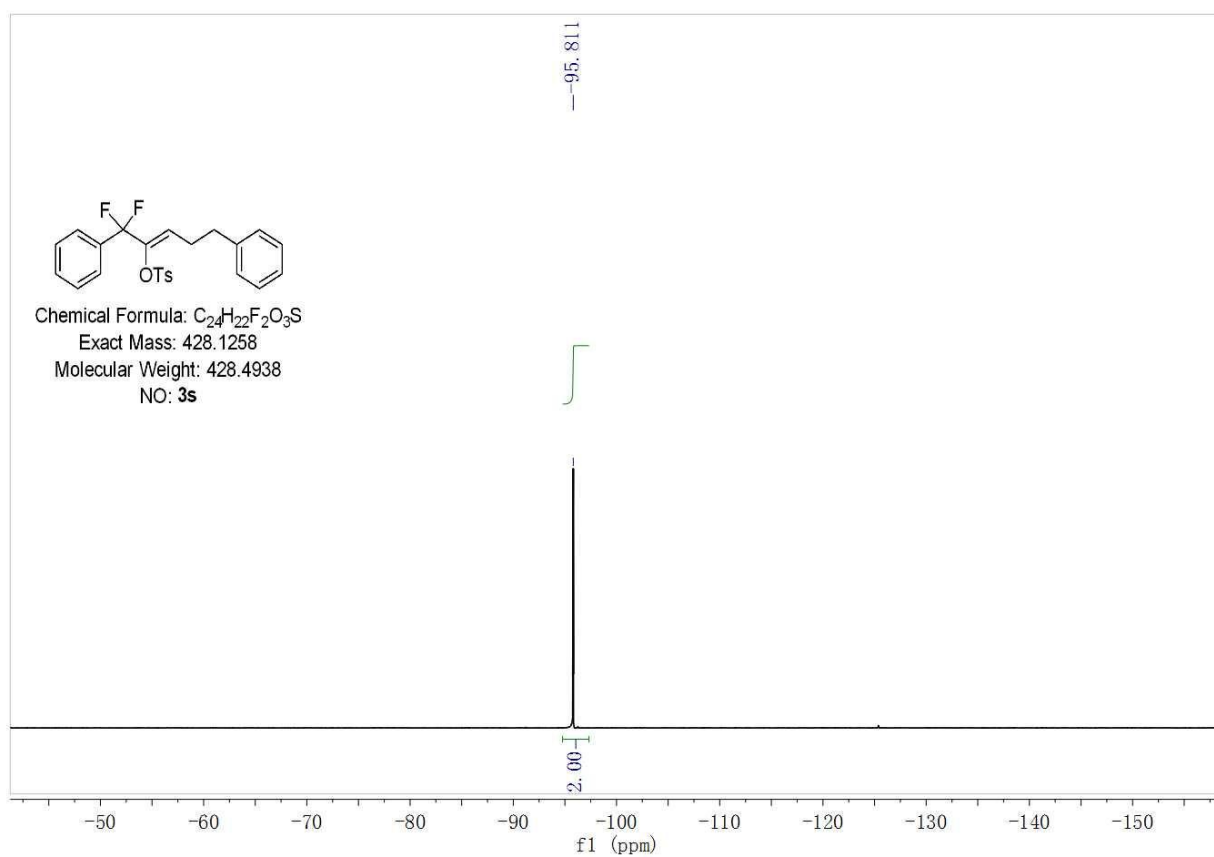
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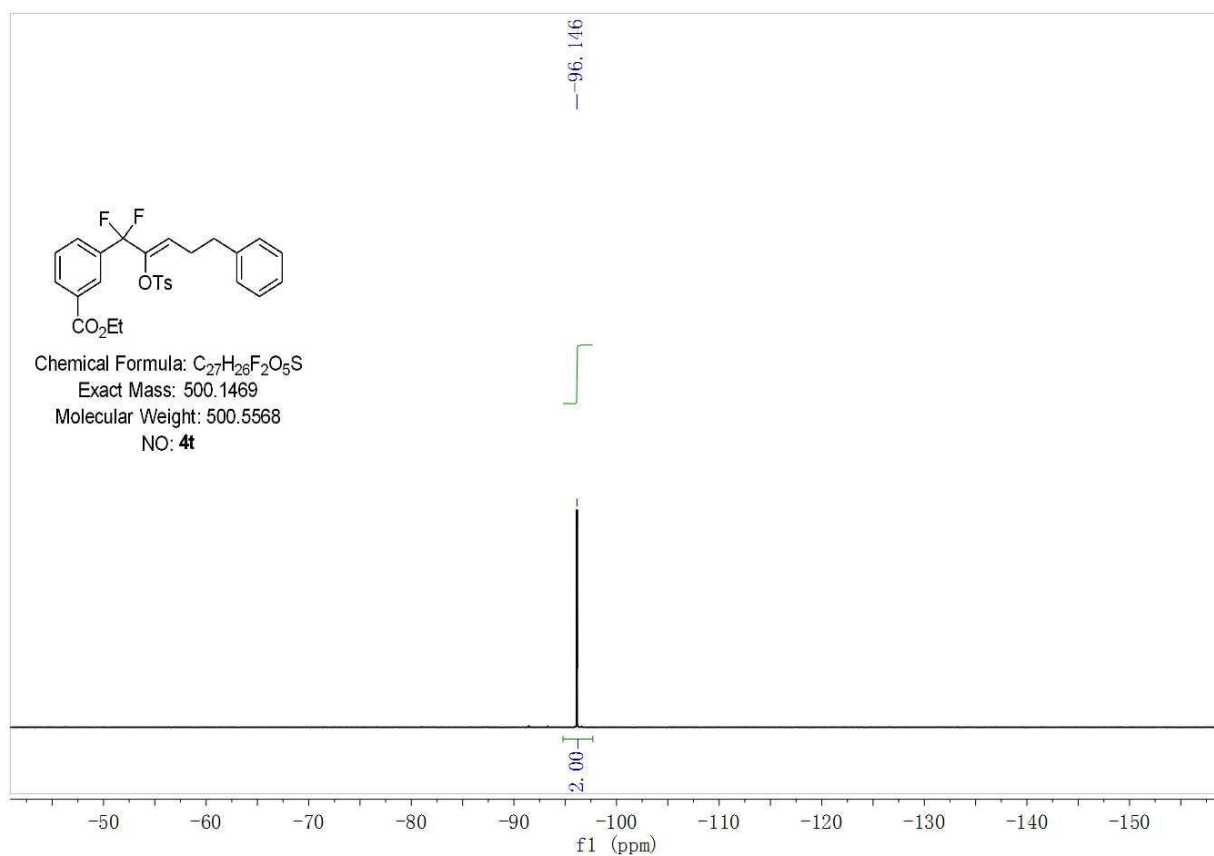
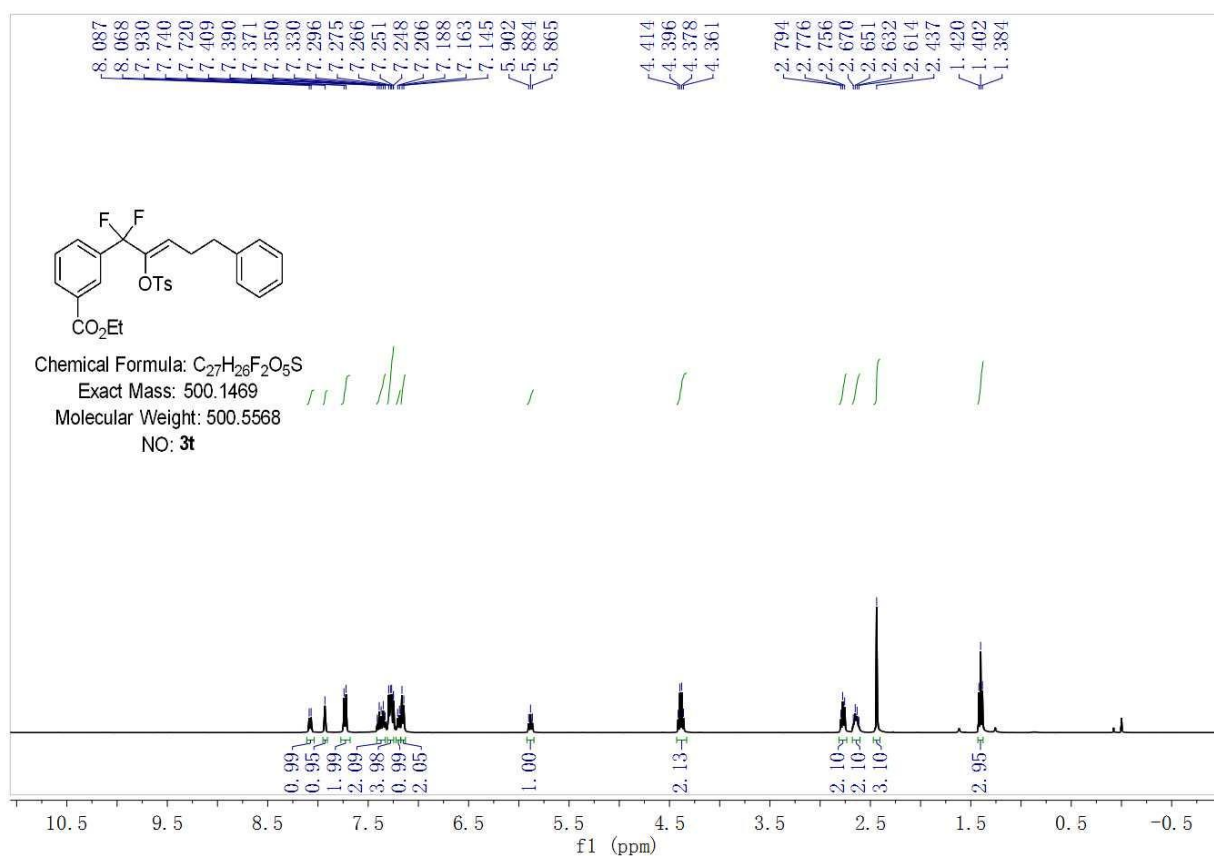


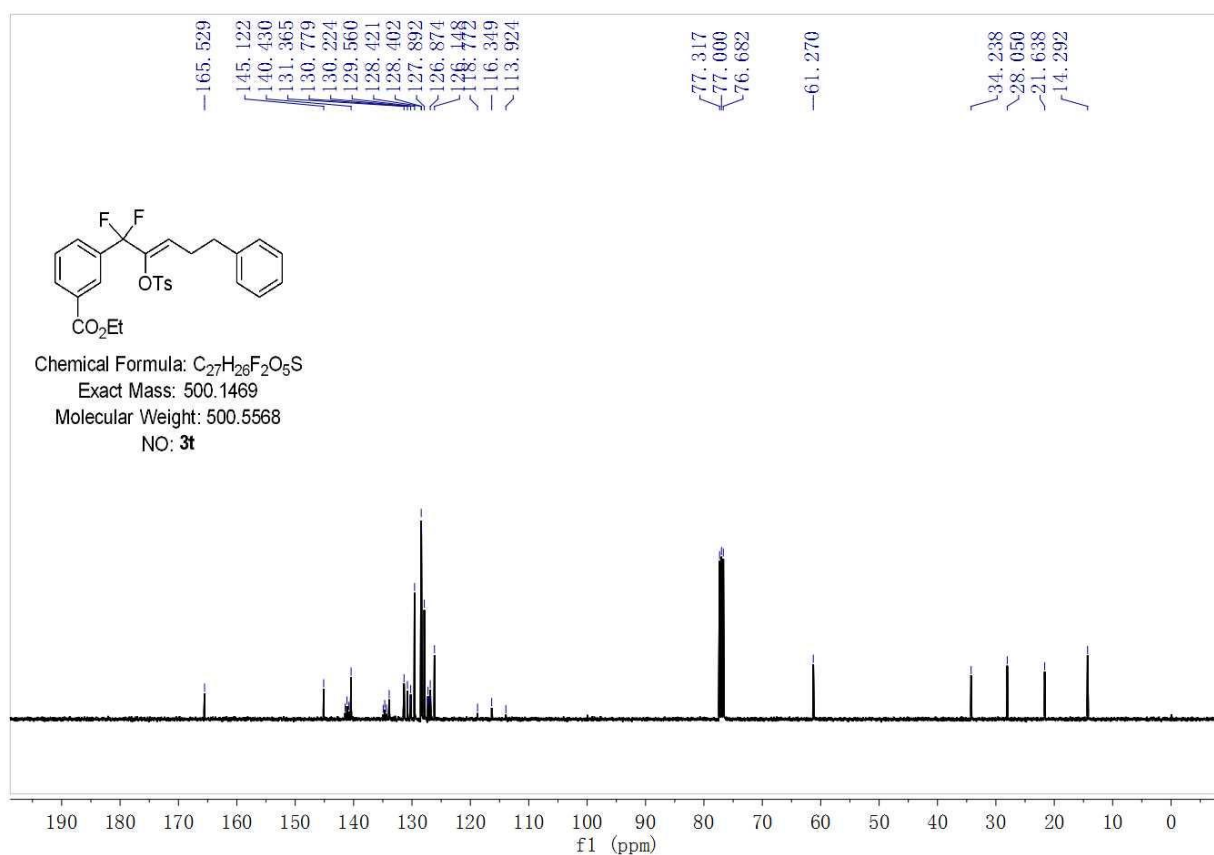
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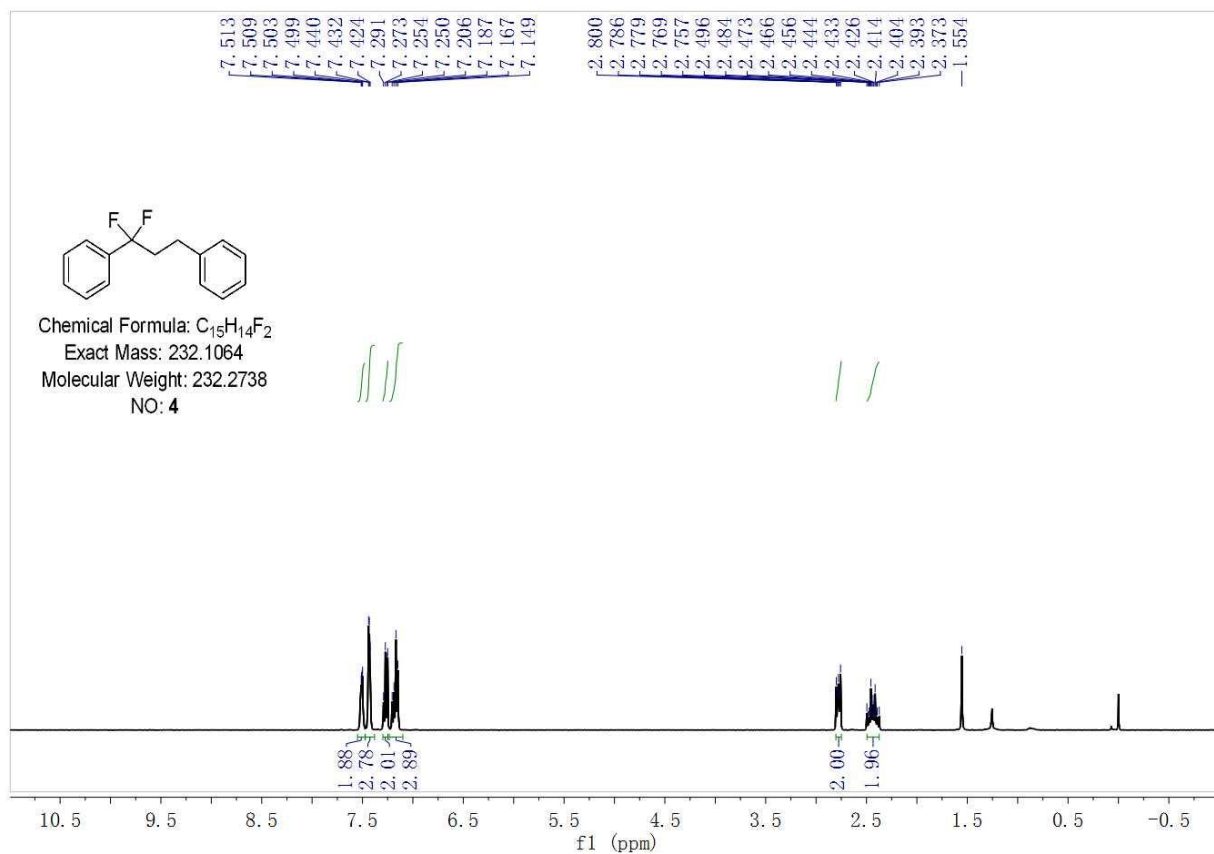


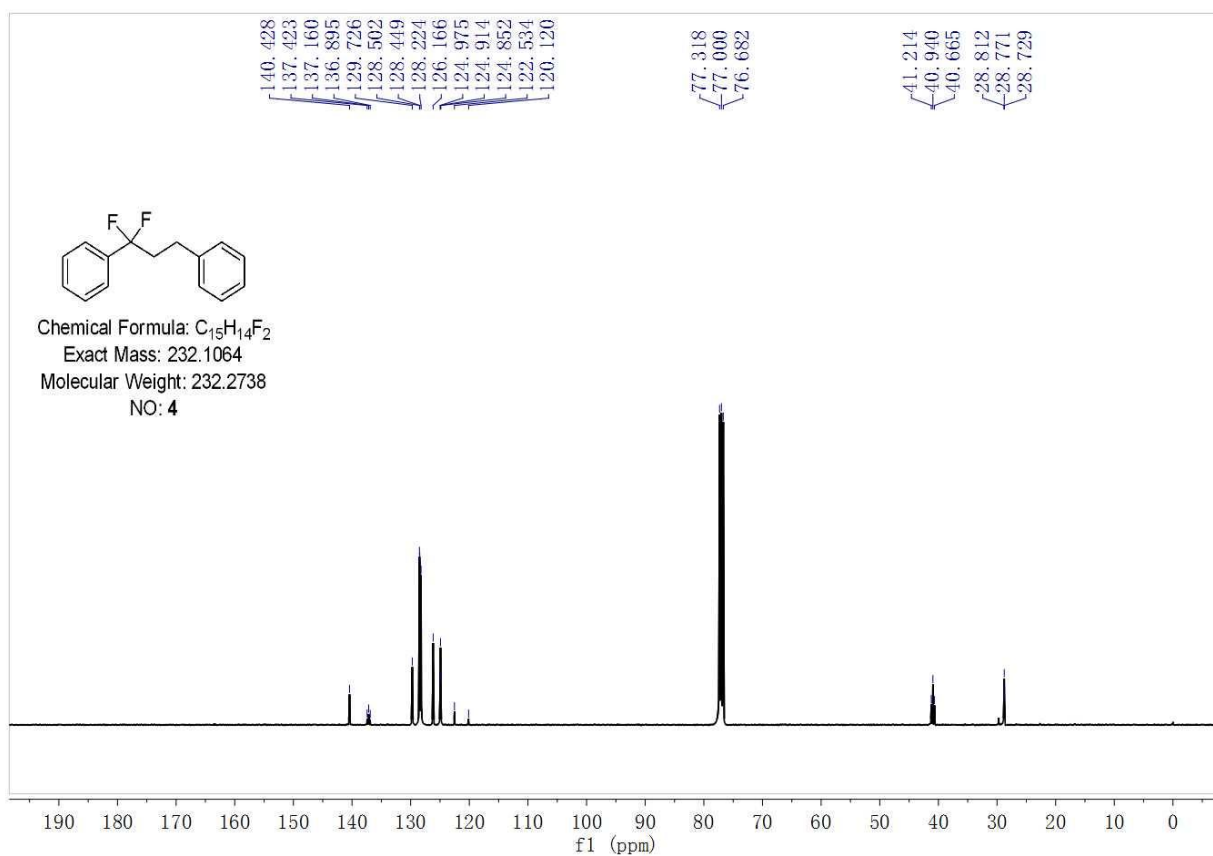
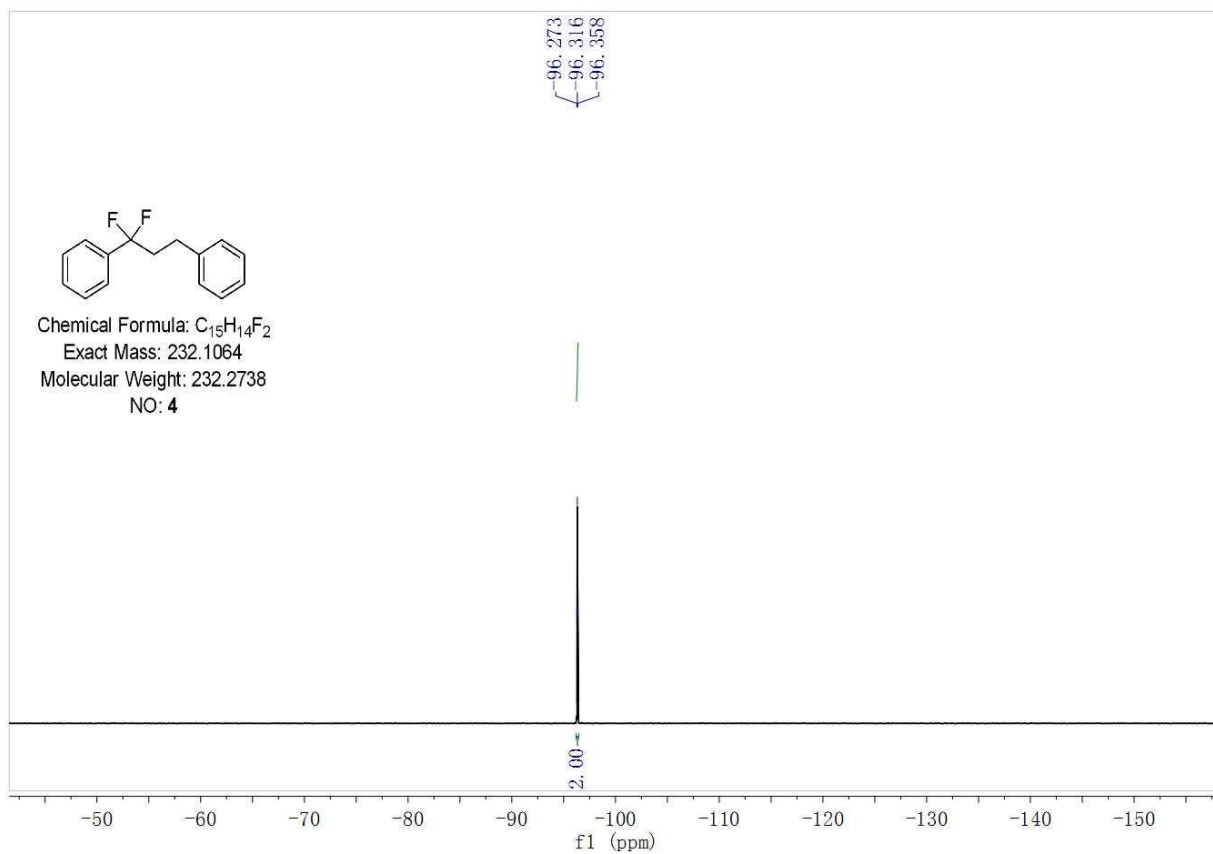
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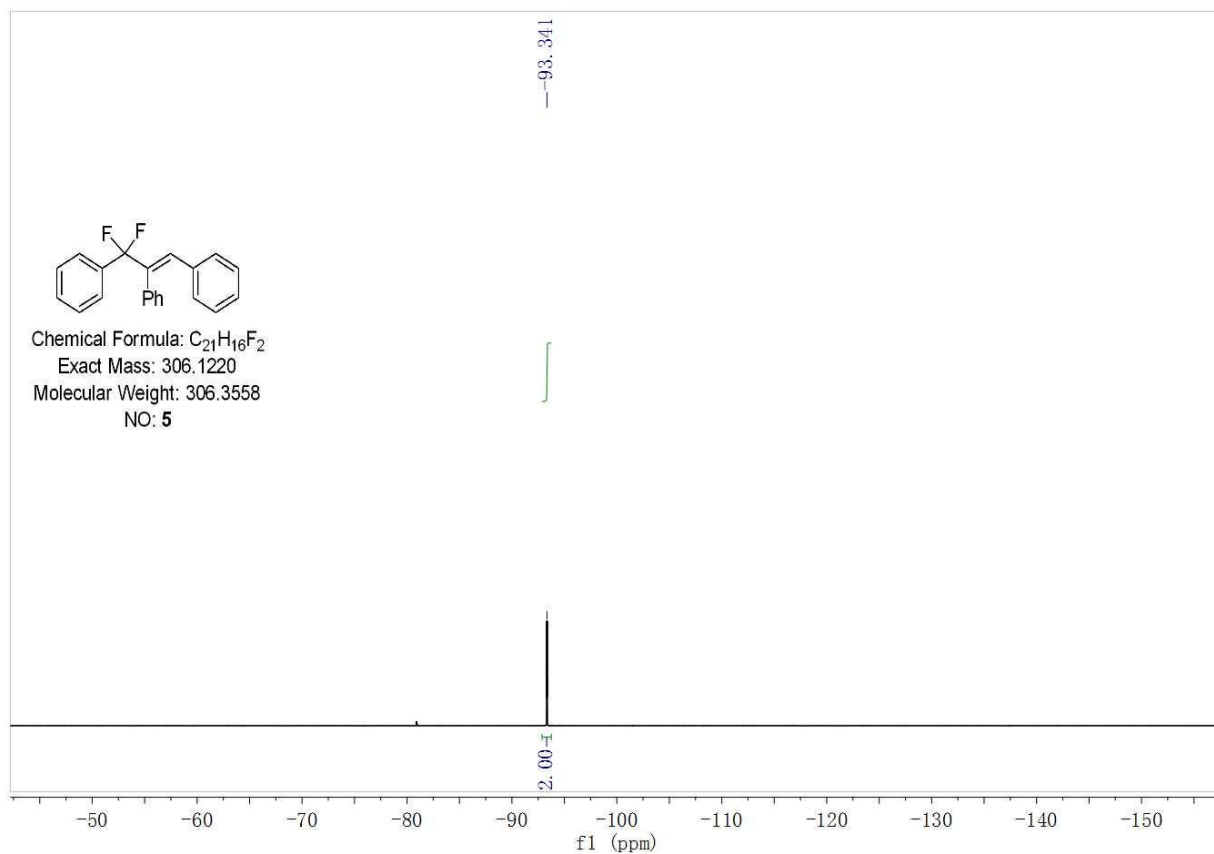
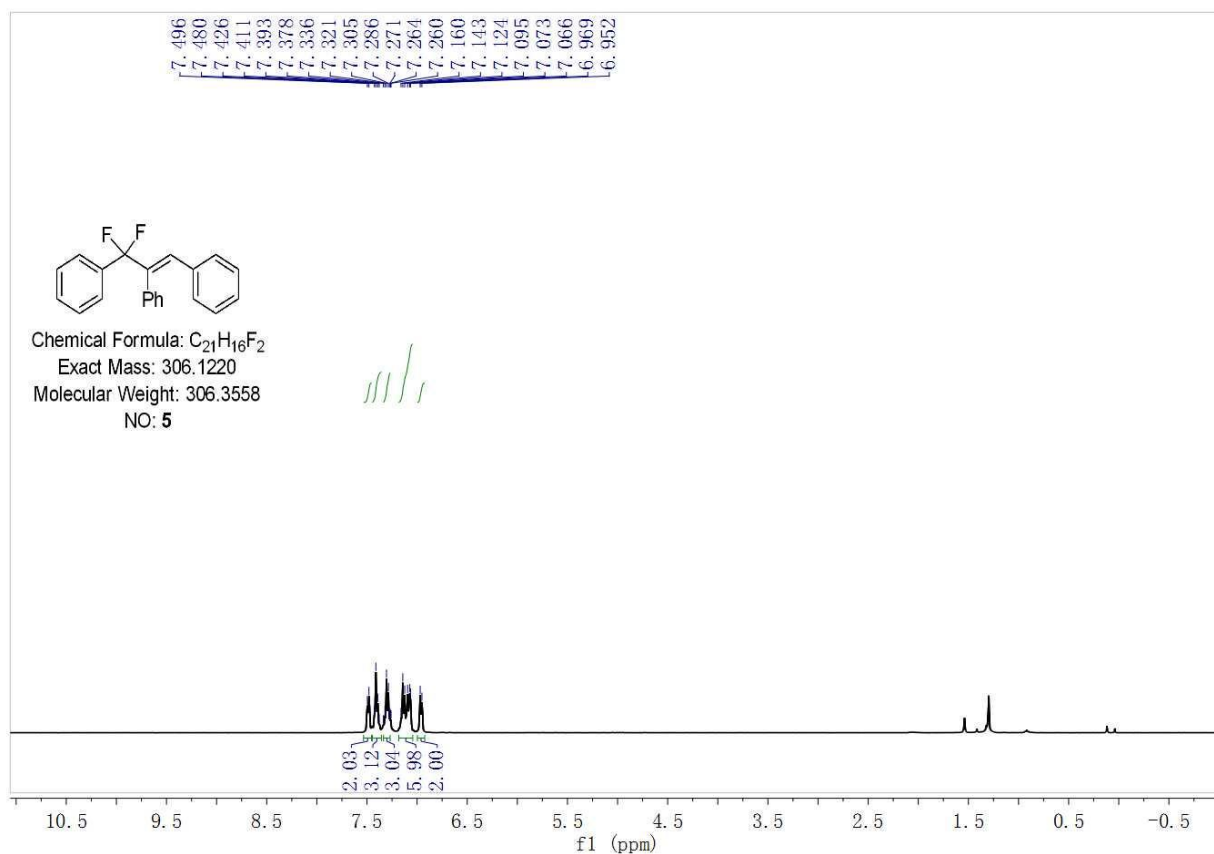


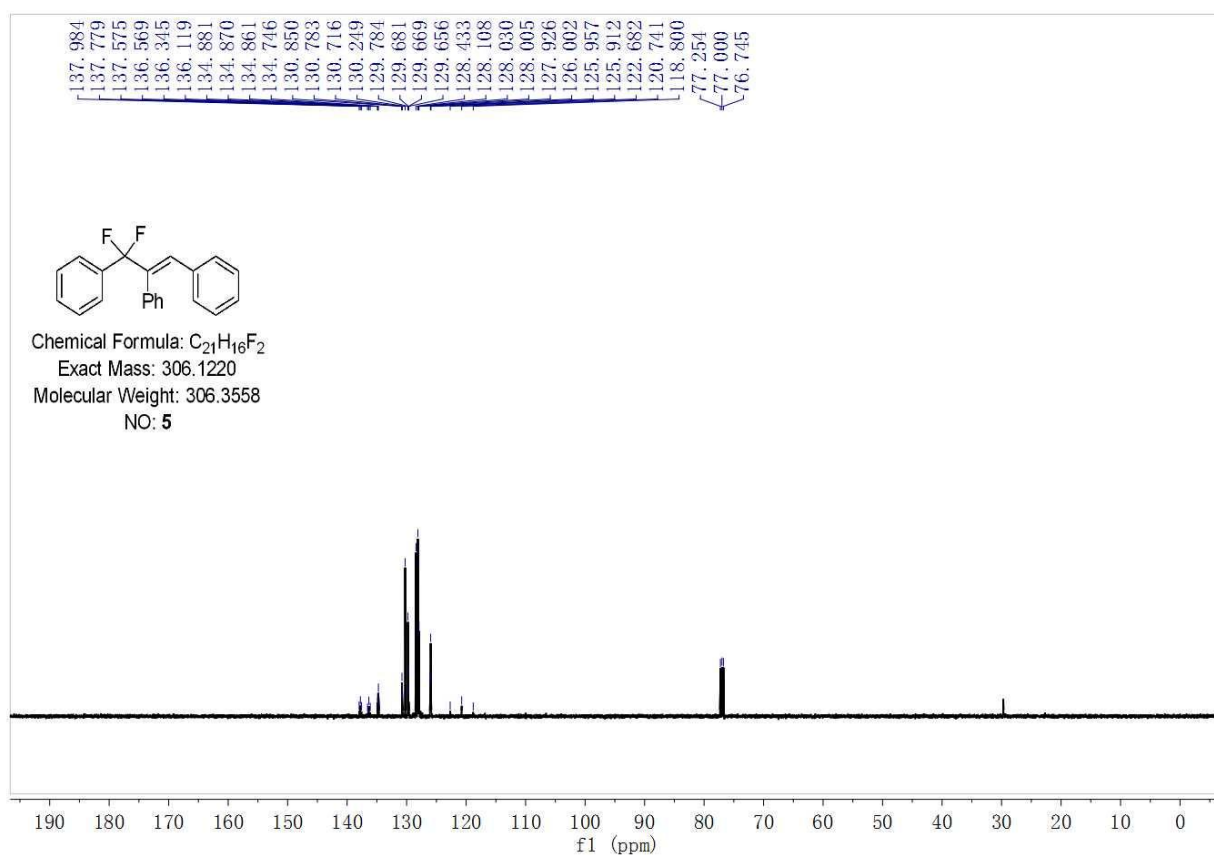
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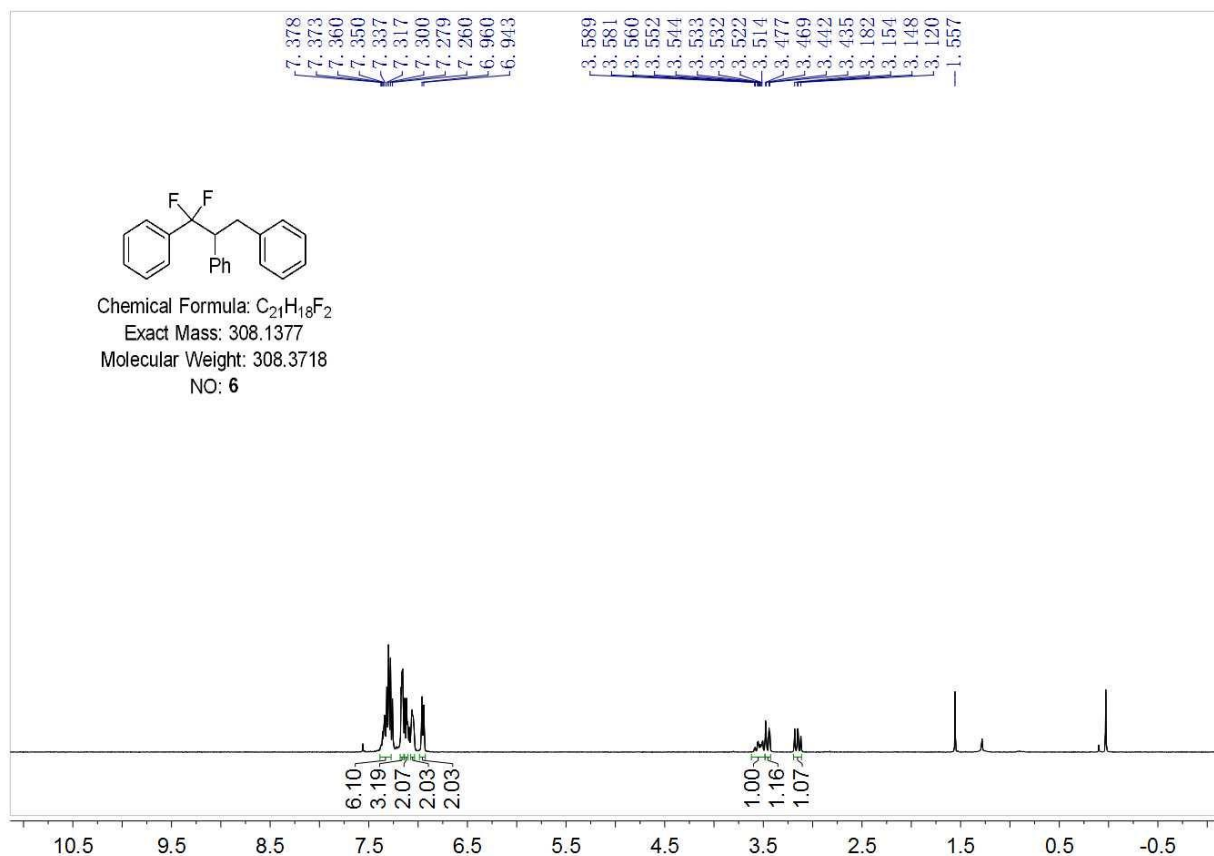


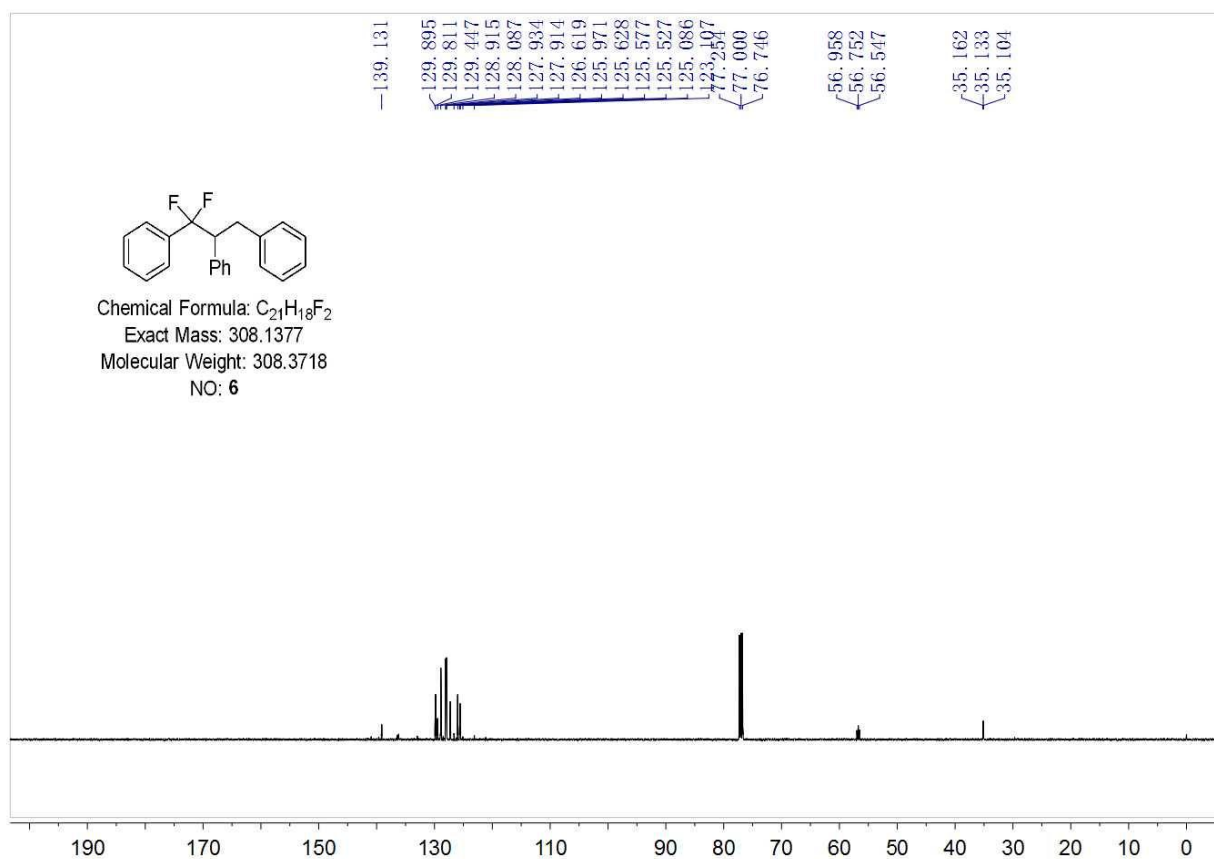
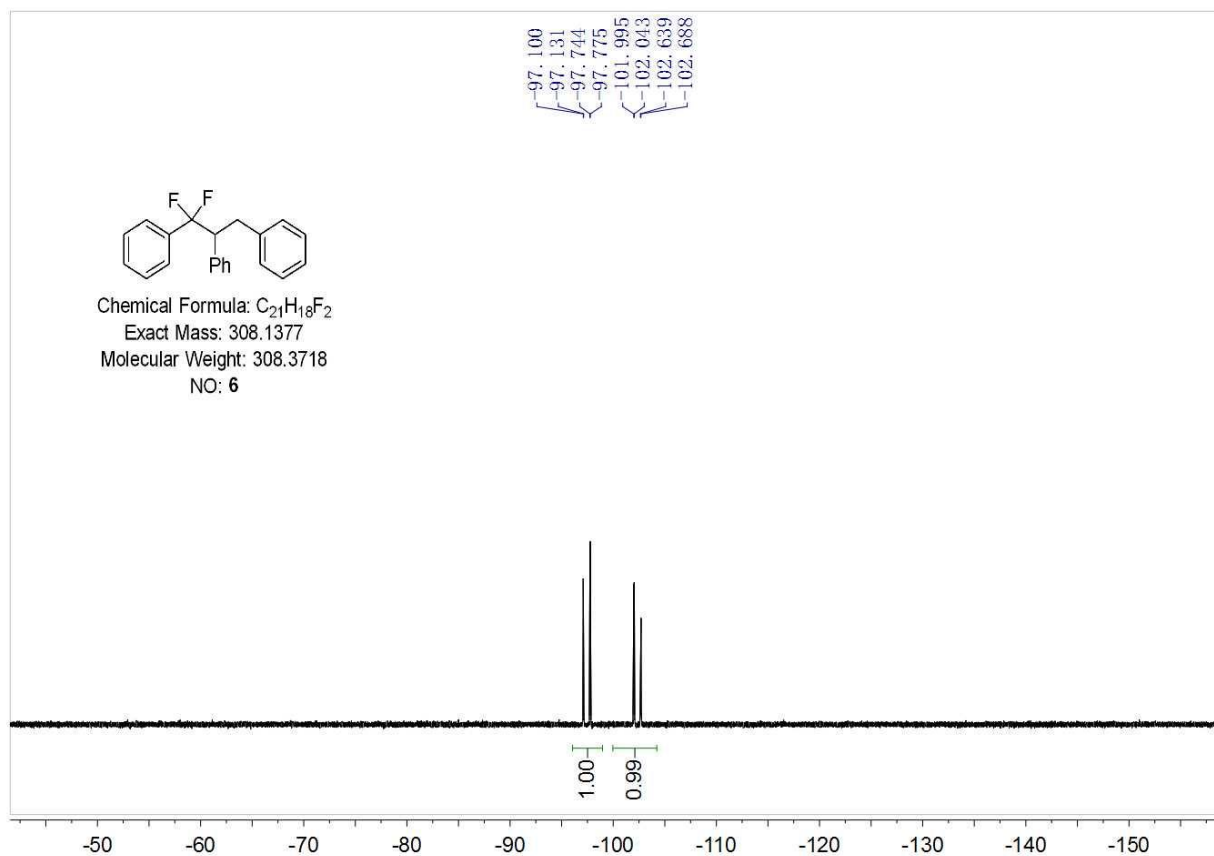
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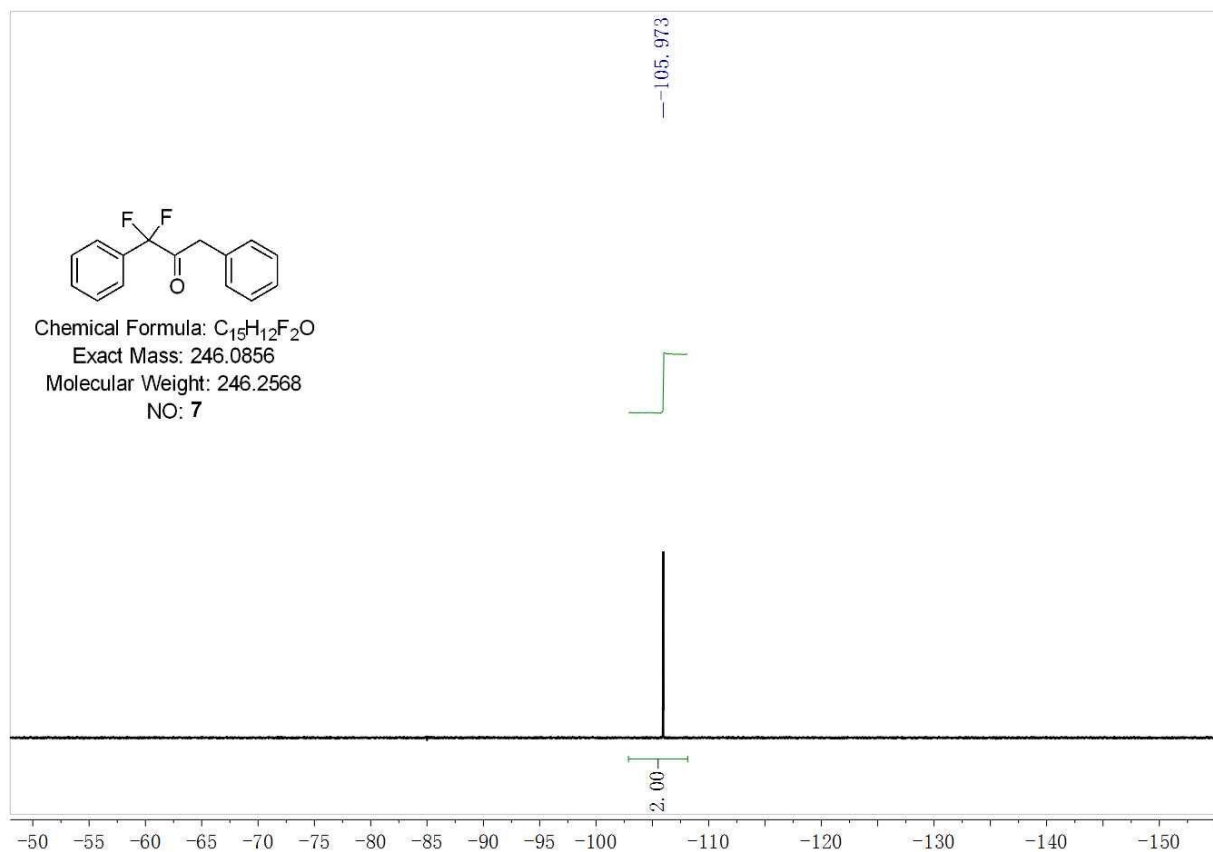
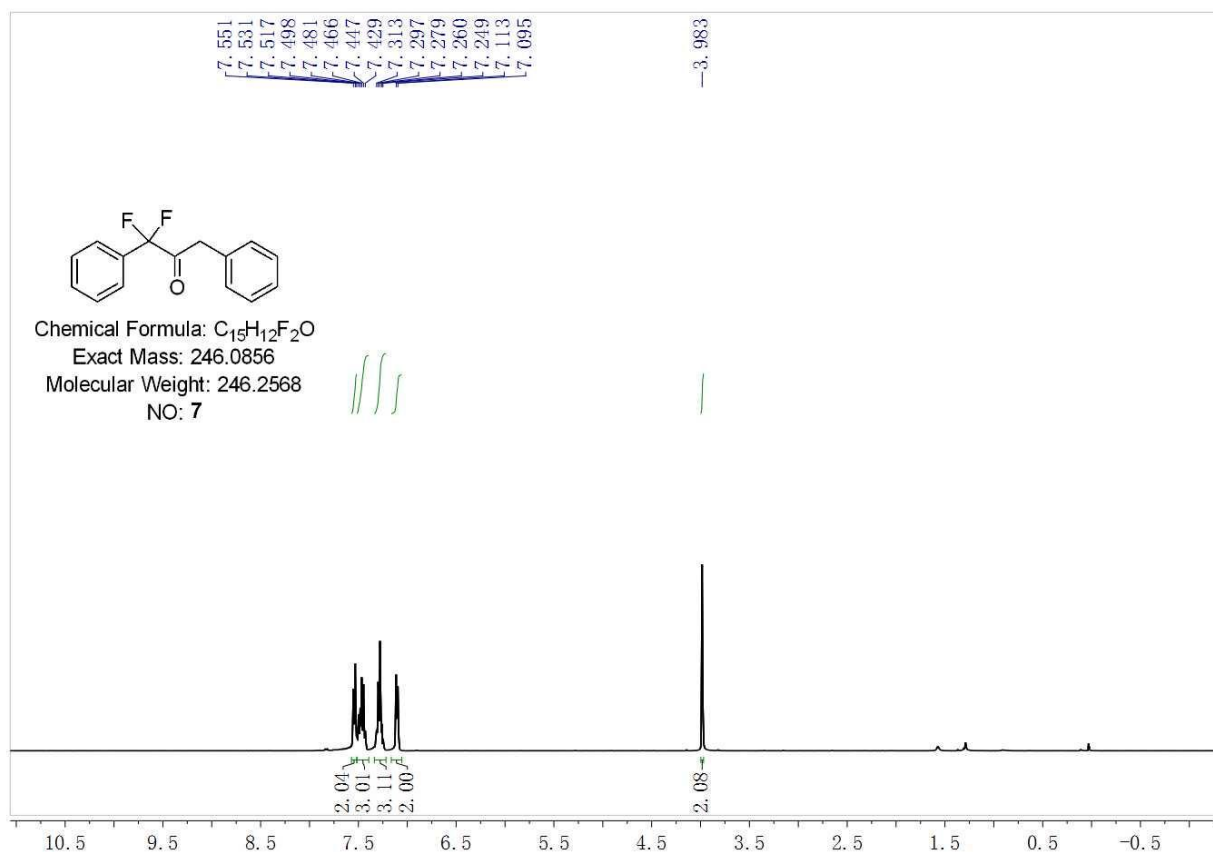


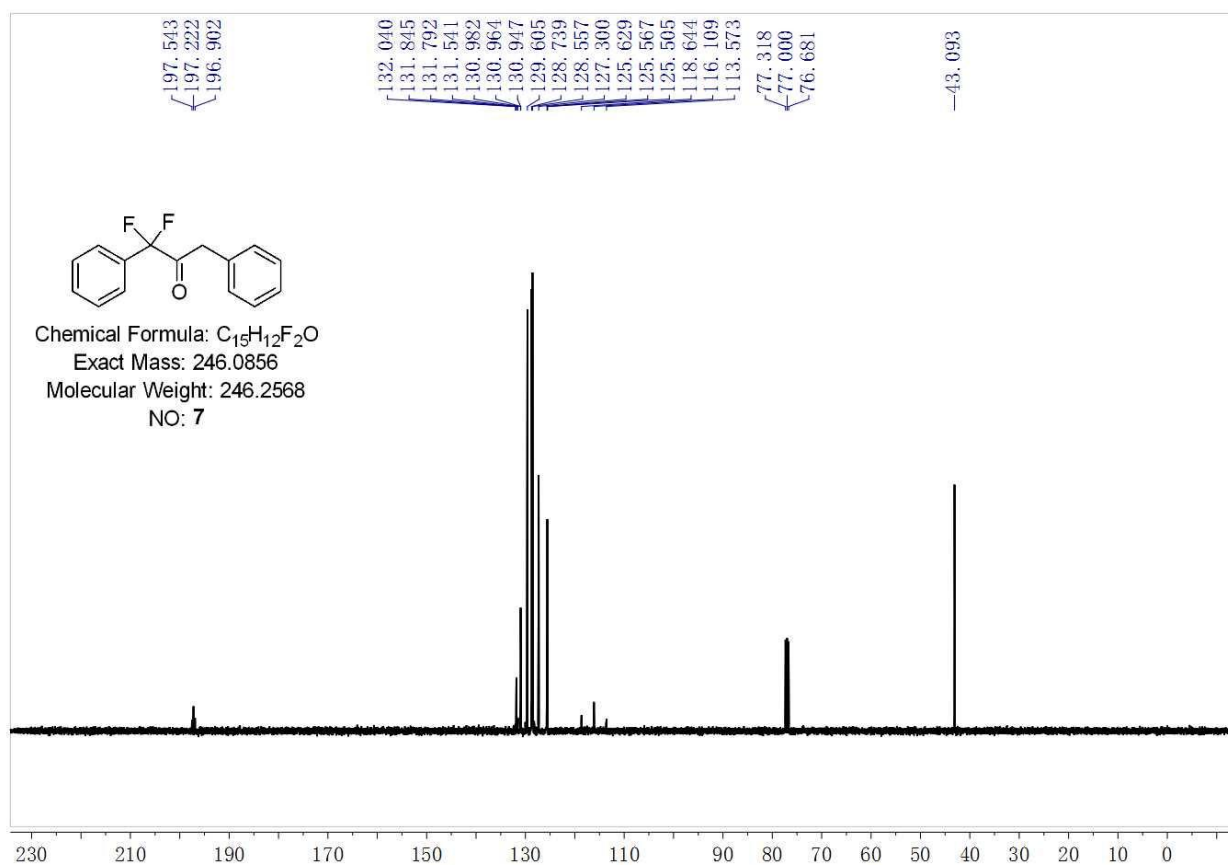
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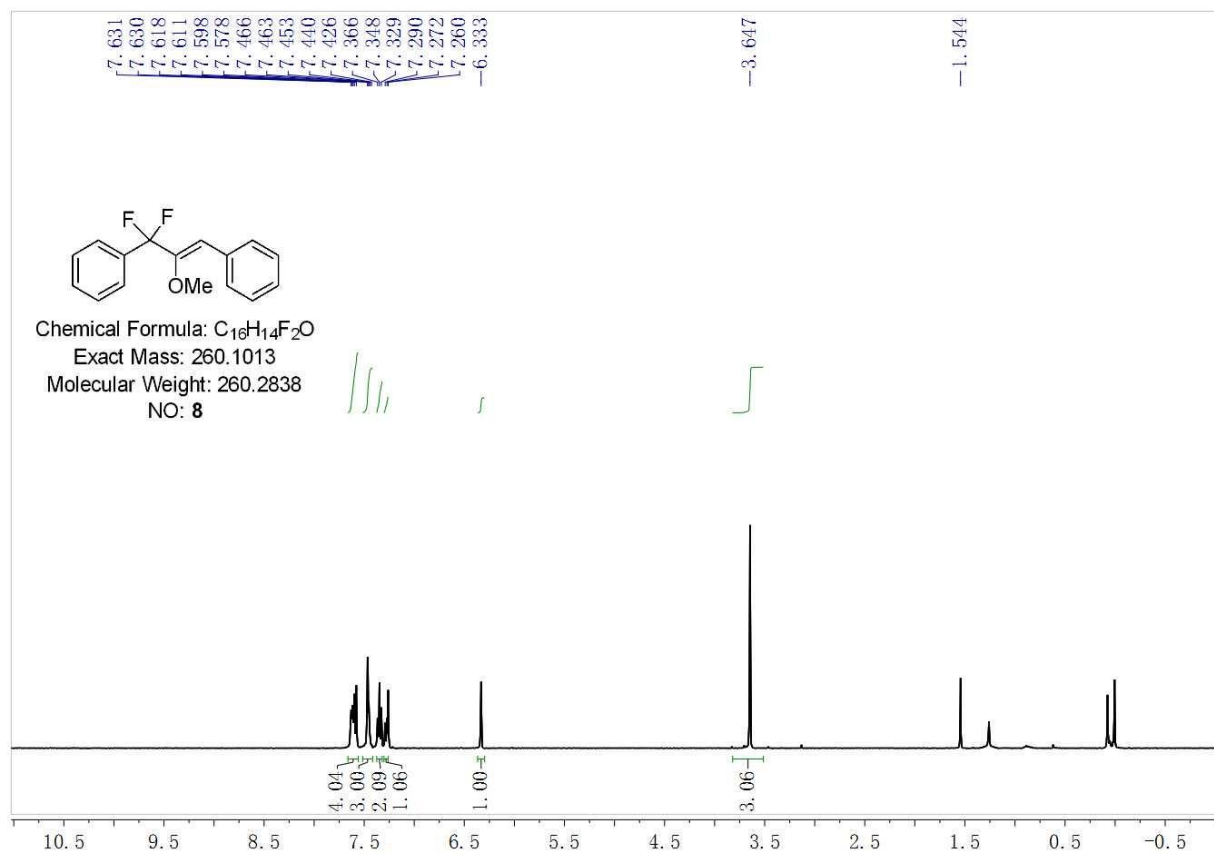


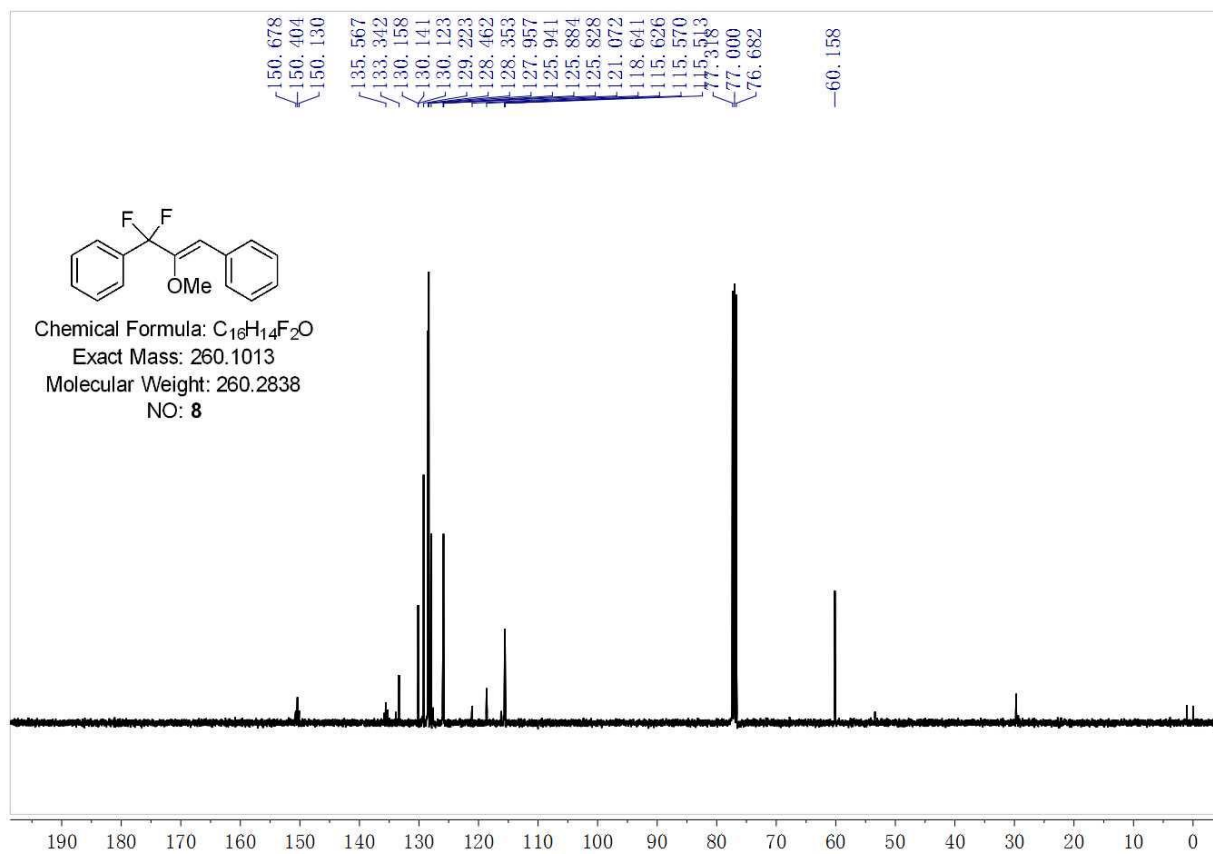
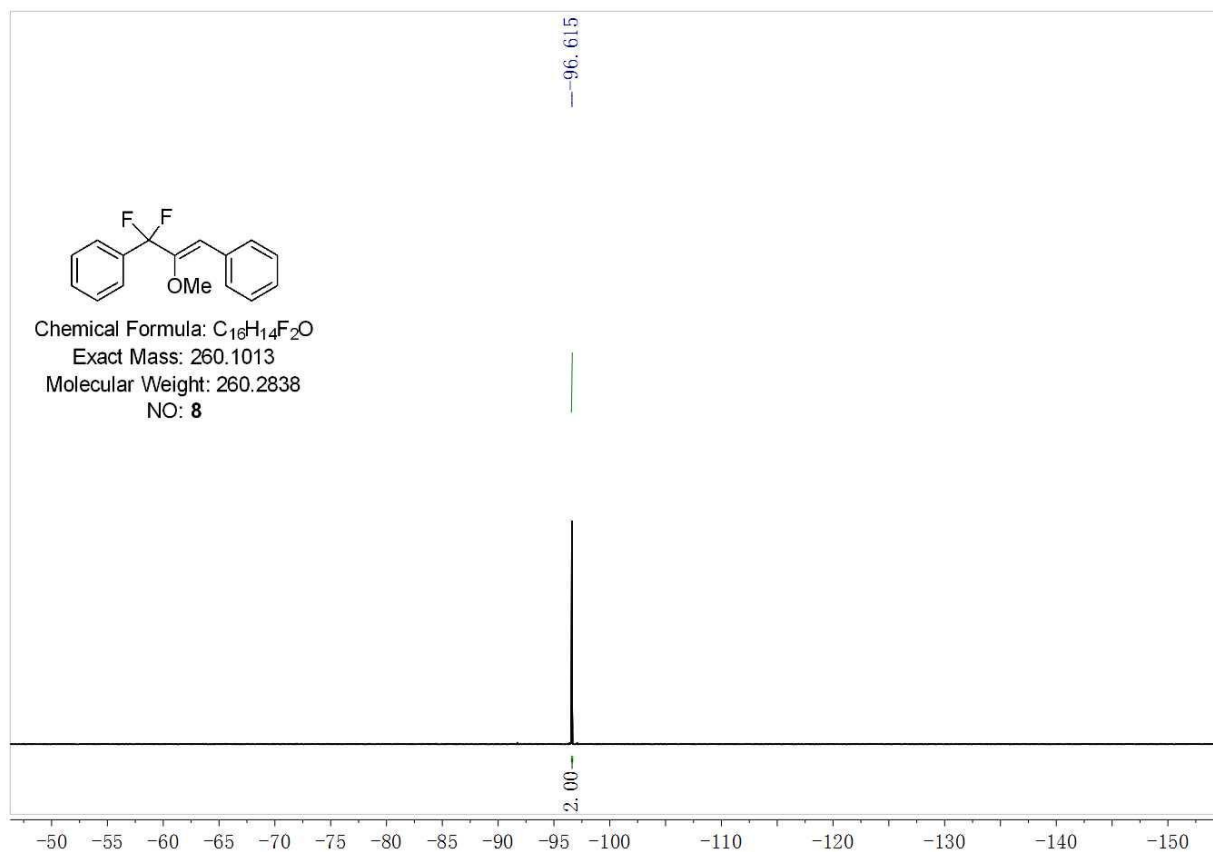
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(Z)-(3,3-Difluoro-2-methoxyprop-1-ene-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (8)





(3,3-Difluoroprop-1-yne-1,3-diyl)dibenzene (9)

