

Supporting Information

Visible Light-Induced three-component 1,2-Difluoroalkylarylation of Styrenes with α -Carbonyl Difluoroalkyl Bromides and Indoles

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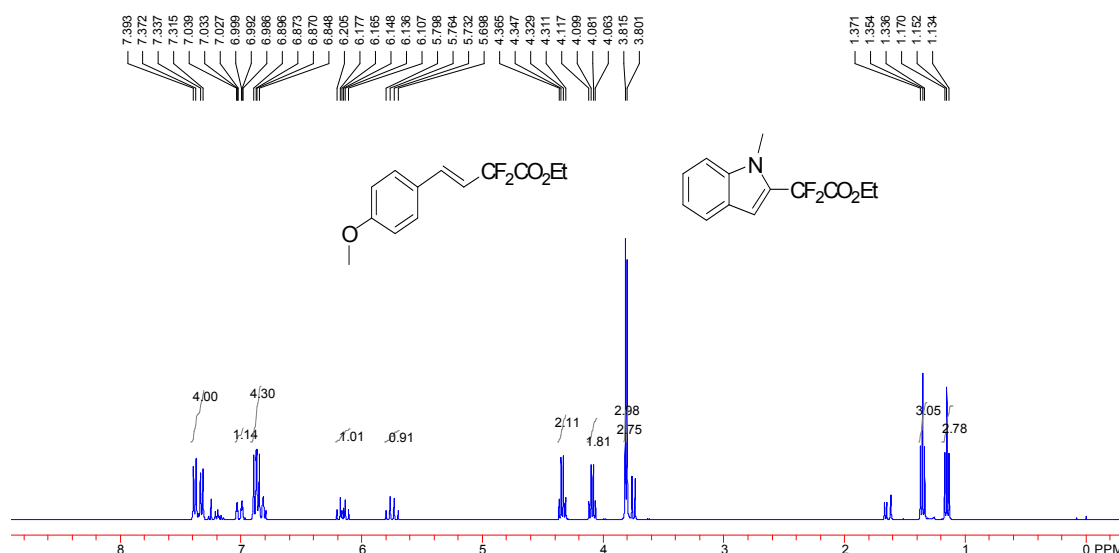
1. General Information

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of Ar with dry solvents in flame-dried glassware unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous DMF and DMSO were purchased from J&K® and used as received. CH₃CN and CH₂Cl₂ were distilled from CaH₂. N-substituent indoles (**1a-1v**)^[1], bromodifluoroacyl arenes (**2b, 2c**)^[2] and difluoro amides **2d** ^[3]were prepared according to the literature, respectively. ^{[2][3]} 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 a Bruker AVANCE III-400 spectrometer at room temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: s, singlet; d, doublet; dd, double doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a high-resolution mass spectrometer in the ESI mode. The 36W fluorescent light bulb was directly got from the supermarket.

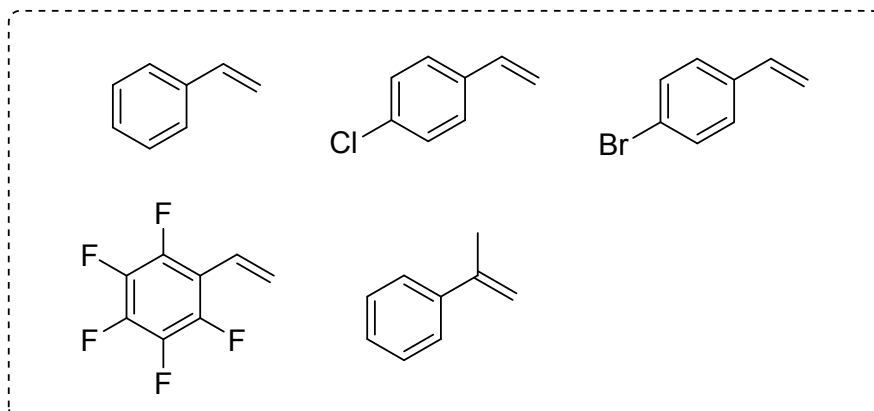
2. General Procedure for Three-Component 1,2-Difluoroalkylarylation of styrenes

An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.4 mmol), **3** (0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.002mmol, 2.6 mg), AgOAc (0.4mmol). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. 2 ml DCM was then added with syringe under Ar. The tube was placed at a distance (app.5 cm) from 36W white LEDs lamb, and the resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature under visible-light irradiation and monitored by TLC. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was concentrated under vacuum, and the residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel to afford the **4a-4ac**.

Optimization studies show that the base was crucial for this successful transformation. The aromatic C-H difluoroalkylation product and alkene C-H difluoroalkylation product were detected from the reaction without base, as determined by ¹HNMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.



Some alkenes were not suitable for this reaction:

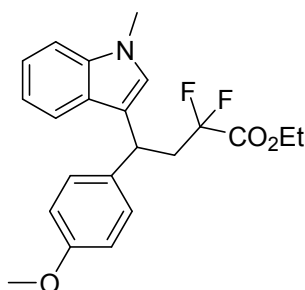


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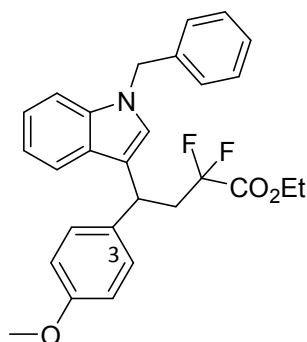
4. Characterization data of compounds

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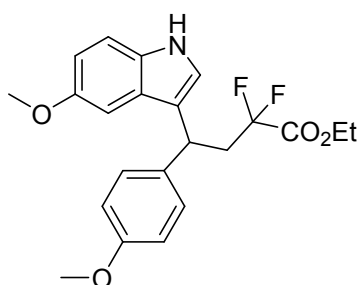


Reaction time 36h, Yield 70%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.04 (m, 1H), 6.82 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 4.49 (dd J =8.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.76-3.72 (m, 8H), 3.06-2.84 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, J =32.4Hz), 158.4 , 137.4 , 134.9 , 129.0 , 126.7 , 126.5 , 121.9 , 119.4 , 119.1 , 117.1 , 116.0 (t, 248.6) , 113.8 , 109.4 , 62.6 , 56.3, 40.8 (t, J =23.0 Hz) , 36.0 (t, J =5.4 Hz), 32.7, 21.0 , 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.3(d, J = 267.7Hz), -104.0 (d, J = 257.6 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$:410.1541; found: 410.1541.

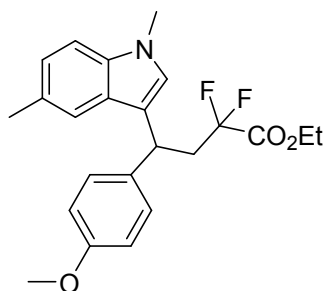
ethyl 4-(1-benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4b**



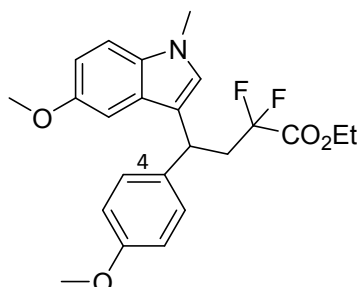
Reaction time 48h, Yield 68%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.18 (m, 6H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.52 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.71 – 3.69 (m, 2H), 3.06 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, J = 32.6 Hz), 158.3, 137.5, 137.0, 134.8, 129.0, 128.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.8, 125.8, 122.1, 119.6, 119.3, 117.8, 115.9 (t, J = 248.9 Hz), 113.8, 109.9, 62.6, 55.3, 50.1, 40.8 (t, J = 23.7 Hz), 36.0 (t, J = 6.3 Hz), 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.2 (d, J = 260.2 Hz), -104.3 (d, J = 259.8 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$ 486.1851; found: 486.1853.
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(5-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4e**



Reaction time 48h, Yield 46%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.80 (m, 3H), 4.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.72 (m, 8H), 3.06 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, J = 32.3 Hz), 158.2, 153.9, 134.6, 131.7, 129.0, 126.6, 122.4, 118.2, 115.9 (t, J = 249.6 Hz), 113.8, 112.2, 111.9, 101.3, 62.6, 55.8, 55.2, 40.5 (t, J = 22.6 Hz), 35.9 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 13.5 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.6 (d, J = 258.3 Hz), -104.1 (d, J = 260.2 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$ 426.1487; found: 426.1490.
ethyl 4-(1,5-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4f**

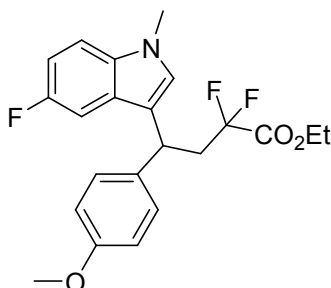


Reaction time 48h, Yield 57%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.25-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 4.47-4.44 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, J = 32.6 Hz), 158.2, 135.7, 134.9, 128.9, 128.2, 126.8, 126.5, 123.4, 118.9, 116.4, 115.9 (t, J = 249.5 Hz), 113.7, 109.0, 62.5, 55.2, 40.9 (t, J = 22.9 Hz), 35.8 (t, J = 6 Hz), 32.7, 21.5, 13.5 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.5 (d, J = 259.1 Hz), -104.2 (d, J = 257.9 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$ 424.1695; found: 424.1698.
ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(5-methoxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4g**



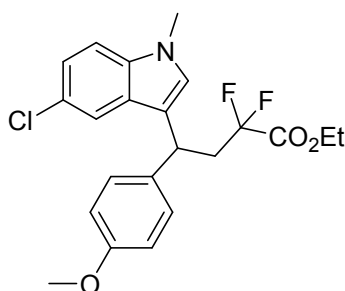
Reaction time 48h, Yield 59%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.25-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.85-6.80 (m, 3H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 4.43 (dd, $J = 8.0, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.74 – 3.72 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.05 – 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 158.3, 153.7, 134.8, 132.7, 129.0, 127.0, 126.9, 116.5, 115.9 (t, $J = 222.4$ Hz), 113.8, 111.8, 110.0, 101.4, 62.6, 55.9, 55.3, 40.7 (t, $J = 23.7$ Hz), 35.9 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 32.9, 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.5 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz), -104.3 (d, $J = 257.6$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 440.1644; found: 440.1648.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(5-fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4h**



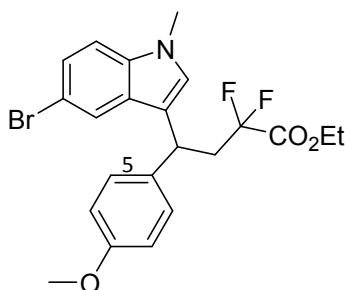
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ethyl 4-(5-chloro-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4i**



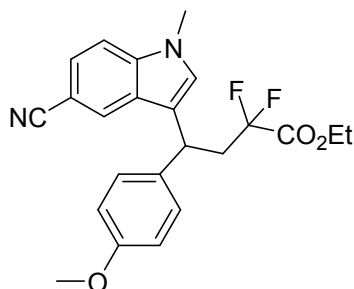
Reaction time 48h, Yield 84%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.40 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.82 – 6.80 (m, 3H), 4.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 5H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.02-2.79 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.8 (t, $J = 38.3$ Hz), 158.3, 135.7, 134.4, 128.8, 127.7, 127.5, 124.9, 122.1, 118.7, 116.7, 115.7 (t, $J = 248.8$ Hz), 113.8, 110.4, 62.6, 55.2, 40.6 (t, $J = 21.9$ Hz), 35.7 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 32.9, 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.6 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz), -104.0 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClF}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 444.1148; found: 444.1150.

ethyl 4-(5-bromo-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4j**



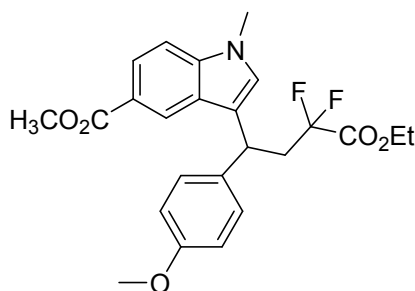
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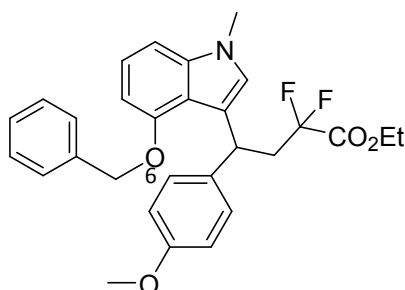
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ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-5-((methylperoxy)carbonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butanoate **4l**



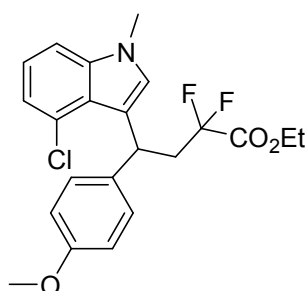
Reaction time 48h, Yield 77%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.25 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 2H), 4.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.05-2.83 (m, 2H), 1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 168.1, 163.9 (t, J = 32.6 Hz), 158.4, 139.7, 134.5, 128.8, 127.7, 126.2, 123.3, 122.3, 121.2, 118.6, 115.8 (t, J = 249.2 Hz), 113.9, 109.0, 62.6, 55.2, 51.9, 40.9 (t, J = 23.3 Hz), 35.7 (t, J = 5.8 Hz), 32.9, 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.5 (d, J = 259.4Hz), -104.1 (d, J = 260.2 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_5\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 468.1593; found: 468.1596.

ethyl 4-(4-(benzyloxy)-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4m**



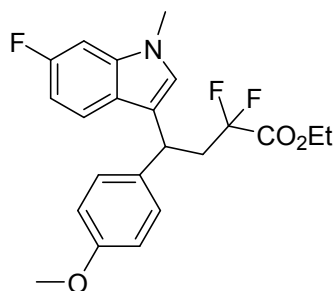
Reaction time 48h, Yield 54%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 6.46 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, $J = 21.6, 12.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.90 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.68 – 3.62 (m, 5H), 3.13-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.68 (m, 1H), 1.02 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 164.2 (t, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 157.8, 153.5, 138.9, 137.3, 136.0, 129.1, 128.4, 127.8, 125.5, 122.5, 117.6, 116.8, 116.0 (t, $J = 249.1$ Hz), 113.3, 102.6, 100.6, 69.8, 62.3, 55.2, 41.7 (t, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 36.1 (t, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 32.9, 13.5 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.5 (d, $J = 257.2$ Hz), -104.3 (d, $J = 258.7$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{29}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 516.1957; found: 516.1960.

ethyl 4-(4-chloro-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4n**



Reaction time 48h, Yield 58%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.26-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, $J = 9.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 3H), 5.20 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.74 (m, 5H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.04-2.77 (m, 2H), 1.12 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 164.2 (t, $J = 32.7$ Hz), 158.1, 138.5, 135.2, 129.2, 128.2, 126.3, 123.3, 122.3, 120.5, 117.7, 115.7 (t, $J = 249.4$ Hz), 113.7, 118.2, 62.6, 55.2, 42.1 (t, $J = 22.7$ Hz), 35.2 (t, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 33.1, 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -101.6 (d, $J = 261.3$ Hz), -104.3 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClF}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 444.1148; found: 444.1150.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(6-fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4o**



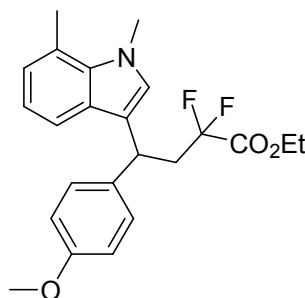
Reaction time 48h, Yield 88%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.32 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.90 (dd, $J = 9.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.76 (m, 4H), 4.45 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 5H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.02-2.80 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.8 (t, $J = 32.3$ Hz), 161.1, 158.8, 158.3, 137.4, 137.3, 134.6, 128.9, 126.6 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 123.1, 120.2 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 117.4, 115.8 (t, $J = 249.6$ Hz), 113.8, 107.7 (d, $J = 24.4$ Hz), 95.6 (d, $J = 24.9$ Hz), 62.6, 55.2, 40.7 (t, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 35.8 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 32.8, 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.4 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz), -104.4 (d, $J = 259.8$ Hz), -120.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 428.1444; found: 428.1447.

ethyl 4-(1,7-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4p**

Reaction time 48h, Yield 70%, yellow oil. ¹H

7.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22(d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.75 (m, 5H), 3.02 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.71 (s,

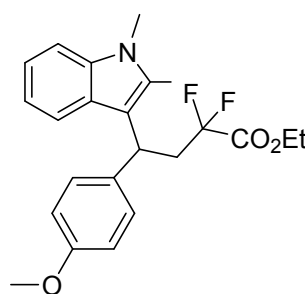
ethyl 4-(1,2-dimethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)butanoate **4q**



NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 2H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.80 – 3H), 1.09 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

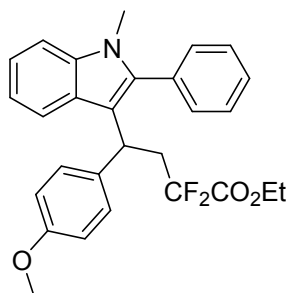
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, 134.7 , 129.0 , 128.0 , 127.6 , 124.5 , 121.3 , 119.3 , 117.4 , 116.8, 115.9 (t, *J* = 249.7 Hz) , 113.7 , 62.6 , 55.2 , 40.7 (t, *J* = 23.1 Hz) , 36.7 , 35.7 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz) , 19.7 , 13.6 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.1 (d, *J* = 259.8Hz), -104.6 (d, *J* = 259.1 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₅F₂NO₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 424.1695; found: 424.1697.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butanoate **4r**



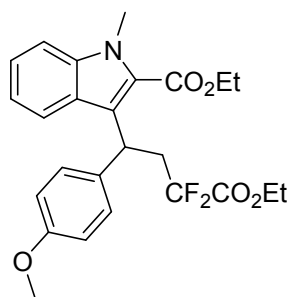
Reaction time 48h, Yield 62%, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79-6.78 (m, 2H), 4.49 (dd, *J*=11.0,4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.56-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.01-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 0.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.1 (dd, *J* = 35.0,30.8 Hz) , 157.8 , 136.9 , 135.3 , 134.7 , 128.2 , 126.2 , 120.5 , 119.4 , 118.9 , 116.2 (dd, *J* = 249.2,245.6 Hz) , 113.7 , 110.6 , 108.7 , 62.0 , 55.2, 39.1 (t, *J* = 22.7 Hz) , 34.6 (dd, *J* = 32.2,12.4 Hz) , 29.6, 13.2 , 10.4 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -98.8 (d, *J* = 259.1Hz), -108.6 (d, *J* = 262.1 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₅F₂NO₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 424.1695; found: 424.1697.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butanoate **4r**



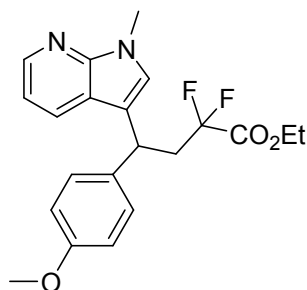
Reaction time 48h, Yield 68%, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 6.78-6.74 (m, 2H), 4.35 (dd, *J*=10.2,5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.34-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.82 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.4 (dd, *J* = 34.7,31.7 Hz) , 157.8 , 139.2 , 137.3 , 135.8 , 131.5 , 130.9 , 128.5 , 128.4 , 128.3 , 125.0 , 121.4 , 120.5 , 119.4 , 116.0 (dd, *J* = 250.1,246.2 Hz) , 113.7 , 112.5 , 109.6 , 62.1 , 55.2, 39.7 (t, *J* = 22.1 Hz) , 35.2 (dd, *J* = 6.2,3.9 Hz) , 30.7, 13.4 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -99.7 (d, *J* = 260.2Hz), -107.0 (d, *J* = 259.8 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₇F₂NO₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 486.1851; found: 486.1853.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-2-phenyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butanoate **4s**



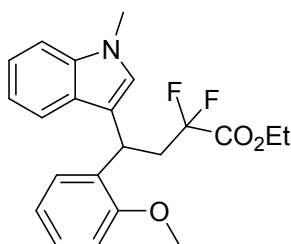
Reaction time 48h, Yield 51%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.60 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.07-2H), 5.52 (dd, $J = 9.4, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.53-4.38 (m, 2H), 4H), 3.50-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.02 (m, 2H), 1.44 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.5 (t, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 162.5, 157.9, 138.9, 135.1, 128.4, 126.0, 125.0, 124.9, 123.6, 122.2, 120.1, 116.0 (dd, $J = 250.2, 247.4$ Hz), 113.7, 110.4, 62.4, 61.1, 55.2, 39.1 (t, $J = 23.1$ Hz), 33.9 (dd, $J = 6.0, 3.1$ Hz), 32.3, 14.3, 13.4 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -101.2 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz), -106.7 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{27}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_5\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$ 482.1750; found: 482.1753.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridin-3-yl)butanoate **4u**



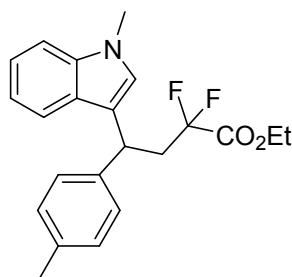
Reaction time 48h, Yield 53%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.28 (dd, $J = 4.6, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.81 (m, 2H), 4.46 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.81 - 3.77 (m, 5H), 3.04 - 2.81 (m, 2H), 1.08 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.8 (t, $J = 31.3$ Hz), 158.4, 148.1, 143.1, 134.4, 128.9, 127.6, 126.3, 119.1, 115.7 (t, $J = 248.4$ Hz), 115.6, 115.2, 113.9, 62.6, 55.3, 40.5 (t, $J = 22.7$ Hz), 36.0 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 31.1, 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.6 (d, $J = 259.4$ Hz), -104.3 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3^+$ [M+H] $^+$ 389.1669; found: 389.1669.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butanoate **4v**



Reaction time 48h, Yield 75%, yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.56 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.82 (m, 3H), 5.01 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.73 - 3.66 (m, 5H), 3.04 - 2.84 (m, 2H), 1.04 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 164.2 (t, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 156.8, 137.1, 131.3, 128.6, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 121.7, 120.4, 119.5, 118.9, 116.3, 116.1 (t, $J = 249.7$ Hz), 110.8, 109.2, 62.4, 55.5, 39.9 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz), 32.7, 29.5 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 13.6 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -103.3, -103.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{Na}^+$ [M+Na] $^+$ 410.1538; found: 410.1539.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(p-tolyl)butanoate **4w**

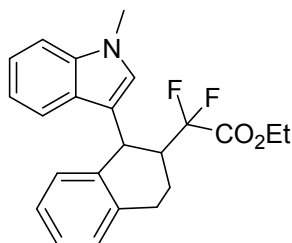


Reaction time 48h, Yield 58%, yellow oil. ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ

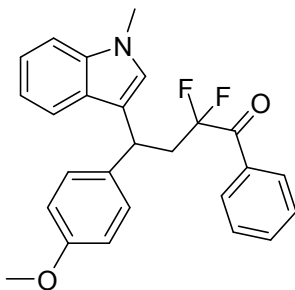
7.48 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 5H), 3.08 – 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (t, *J* = 32.1 Hz), 139.8, 137.3, 136.1, 129.1, 127.8, 126.6, 126.5, 121.8, 119.4, 119.0, 116.9, 115.9 (t, *J* = 249.7 Hz), 109.2, 62.5, 40.7 (t, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 36.3 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 32.7, 21.0, 13.5 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -102.8 (d, *J* = 257.6 Hz), -104.0 (d, *J* = 258.3 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₃F₂NO₂Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 394.1589; found: 394.1590.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetate **4x**



Reaction time 48h, Yield 65%, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.10 (m, 3H), 7.02-6.96 (m, 3H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 4.50 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.68 (m, 4H), 3.22 – 3.06 (m, 2H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.81 (m, 1H), 0.84 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 163.9 (dd, *J* = 33.6, 32.2 Hz), 137.8, 137.4, 135.8, 129.7, 128.3, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 121.6, 119.8, 119.1, 117.0 (dd, *J* = 253.0, 247.9 Hz), 116.1, 109.2, 62.1, 44.0 (t, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 36.3 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 2.2 Hz), 32.7, 27.9, 20.5 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.8 Hz), 13.3 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -106.3 (d, *J* = 257.6 Hz), -116.1 (d, *J* = 257.2 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₃F₂NO₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 406.1589; found: 406.1590.

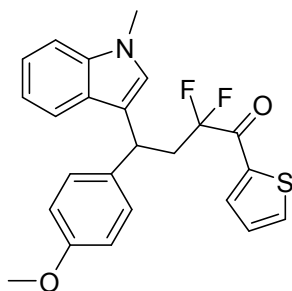
2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylbutan-1-one **4aa**



Reaction time 48h, Yield 80%, yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.22-2.94 (m, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 189.3 (t, *J* = 30.9 Hz), 158.1, 137.3, 135.6, 133.9, 129.9 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 126.7, 126.5, 121.8, 119.5 (t, *J* = 251.3 Hz), 119.4, 119.0, 117.7, 113.8, 109.2, 55.2, 40.8 (t, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 35.8 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 32.7 ppm. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*): δ -98.2, -98.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{26}H_{23}F_2NO_3Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$ 442.1589; found: 442.1591.

2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)butan-1-one **4ab**

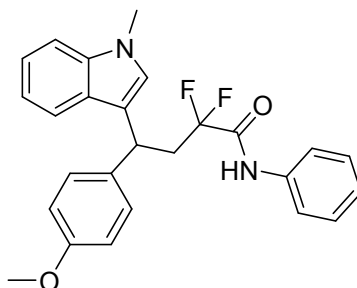


Reaction time 48h, Yield 76%, yellow

oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ

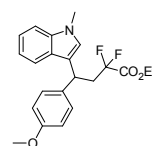
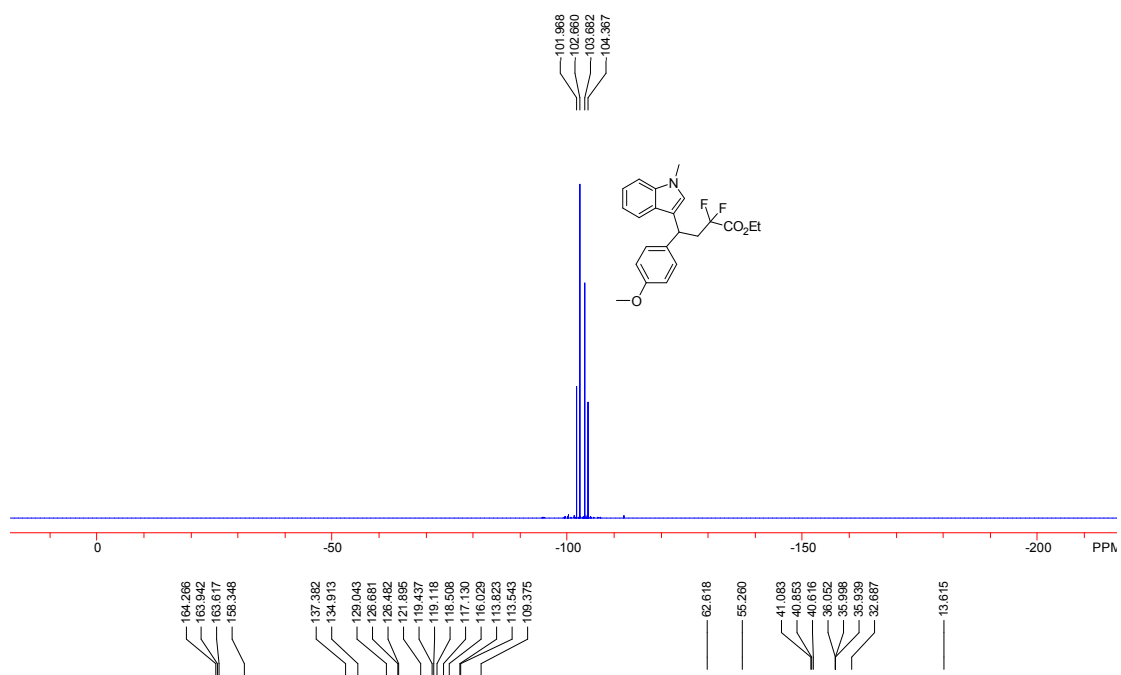
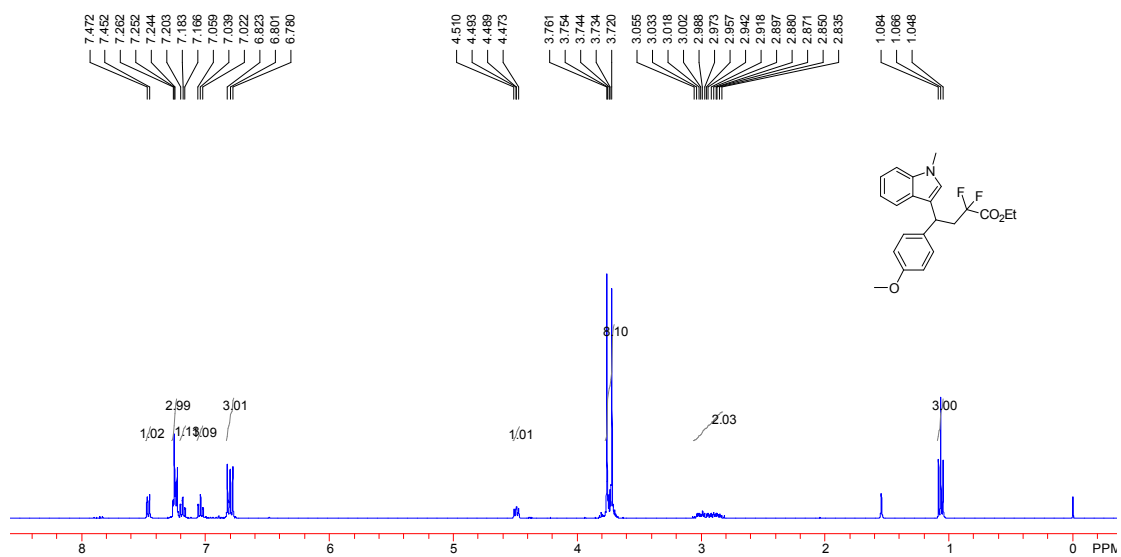
7.68 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.60 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 4.52 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.12-2.83 (m, 2H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 182.9 (t, J = 30.8 Hz), 158.1, 138.5, 137.2, 135.9, 135.4 (t, J = 6.2 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 126.7, 126.6, 121.8, 119.3, 119.5 (t, J = 252.7 Hz), 119.0, 117.4, 113.8, 109.2, 55.2, 40.9 (t, J = 23.0 Hz), 35.8 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 32.7 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -98.9 (J = 268.8 Hz), -100.1 (J = 270.3 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{24}H_{21}F_2NO_3SNa^+$ $[M+Na]^+$ 448.1153; found: 448.1154.

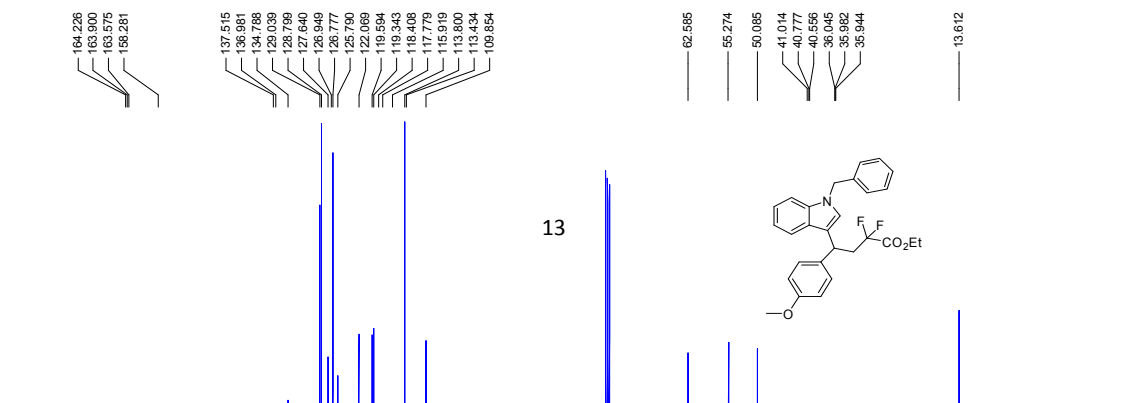
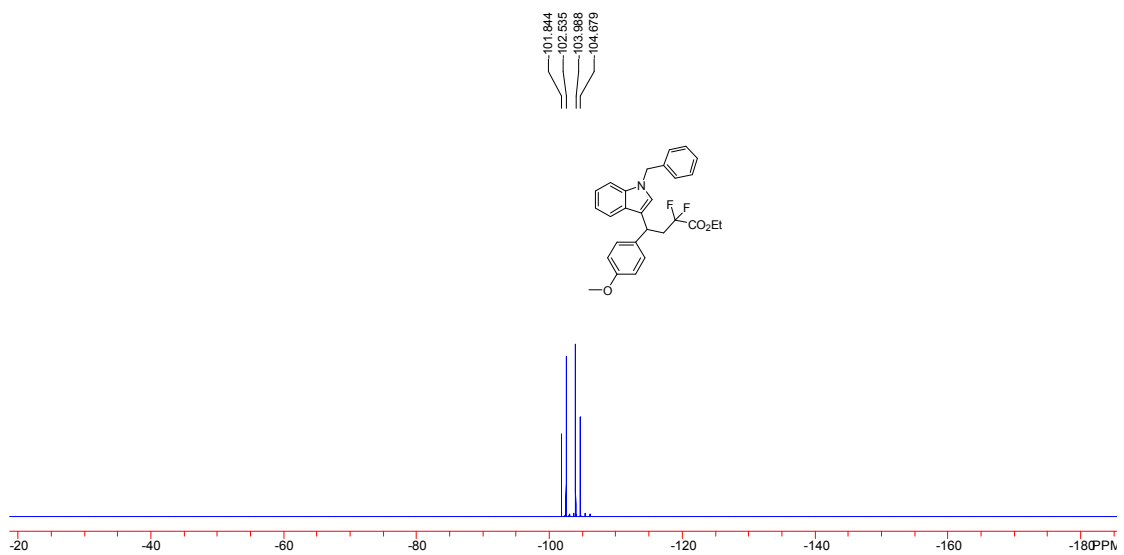
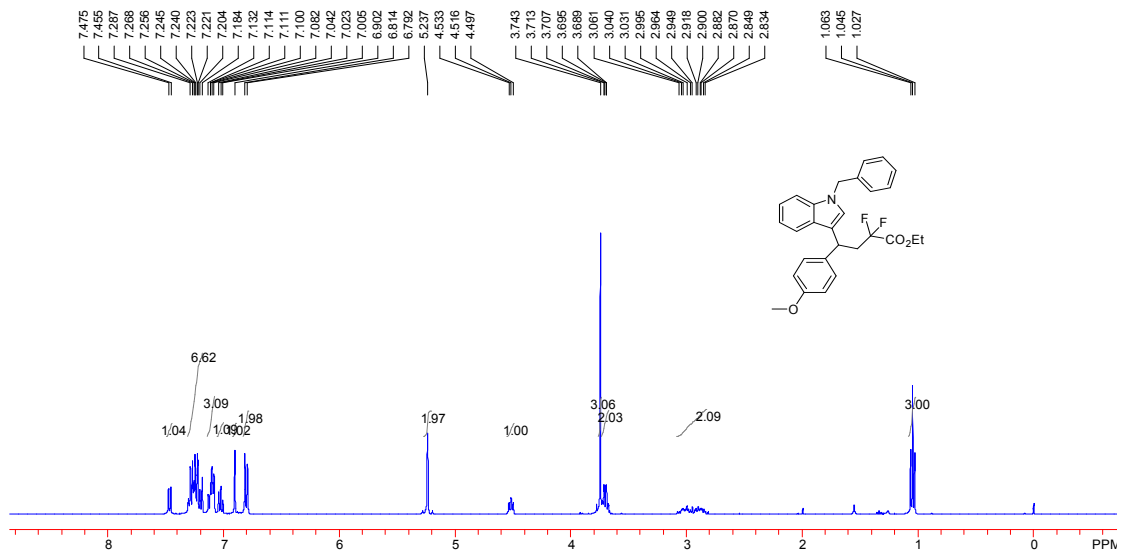
2,2-difluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-N-phenylbutanamide **4ac**

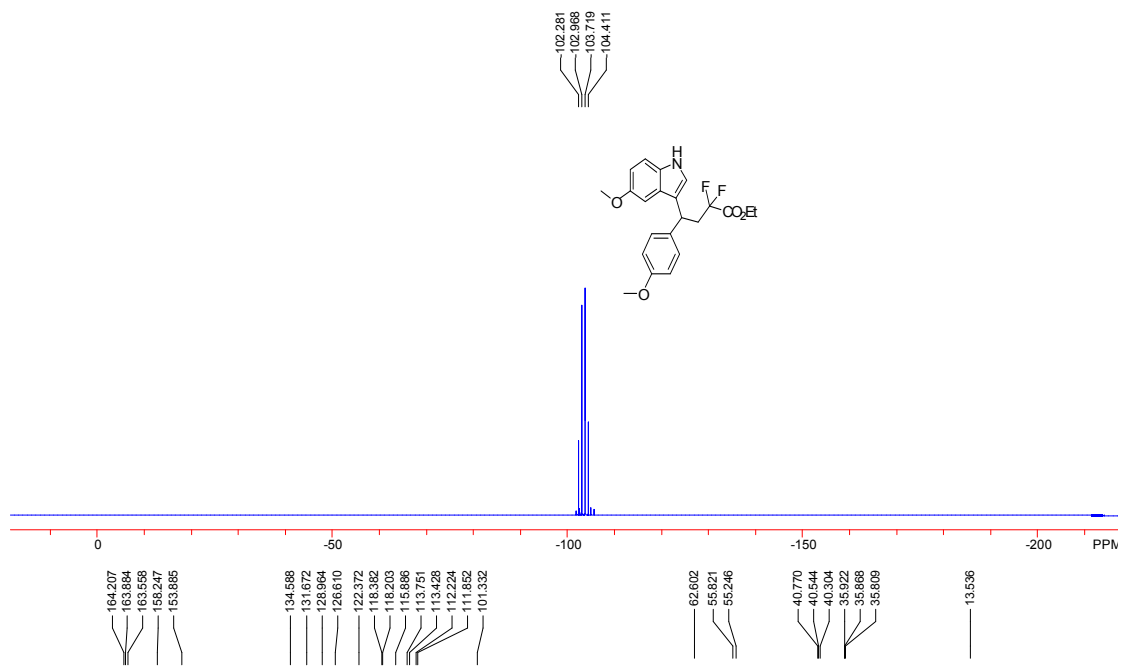
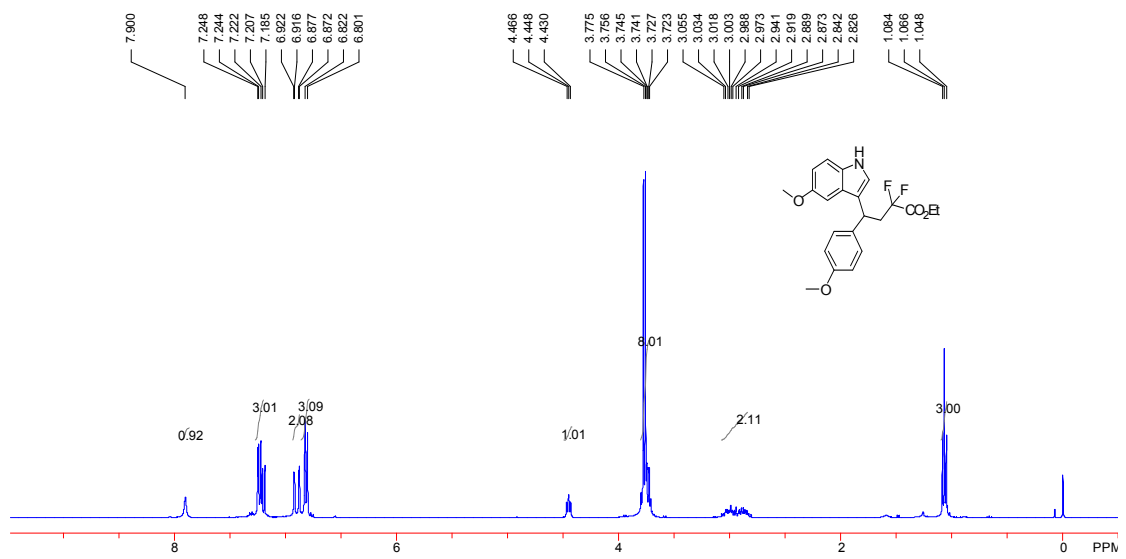


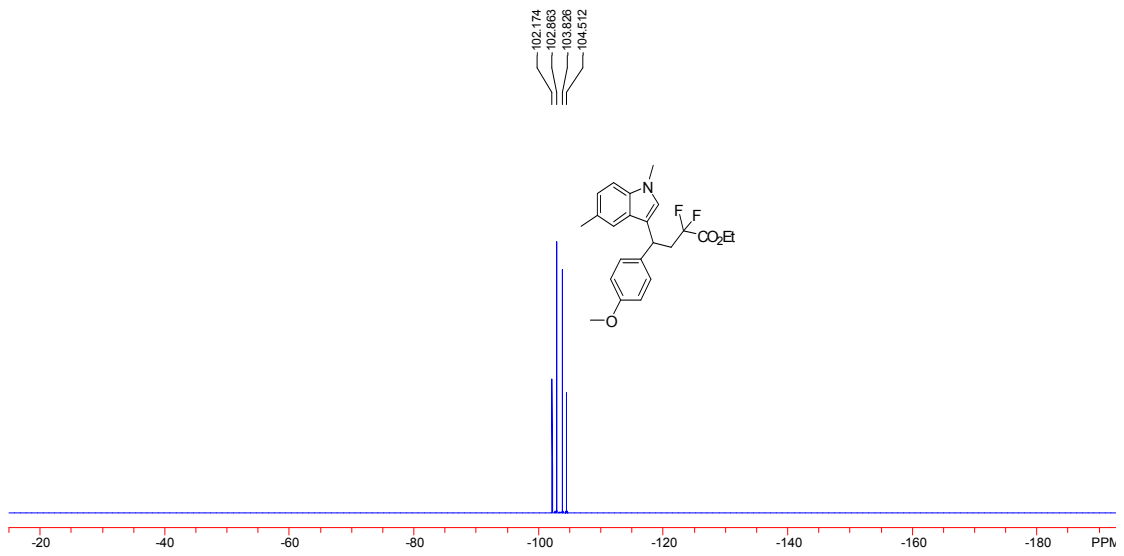
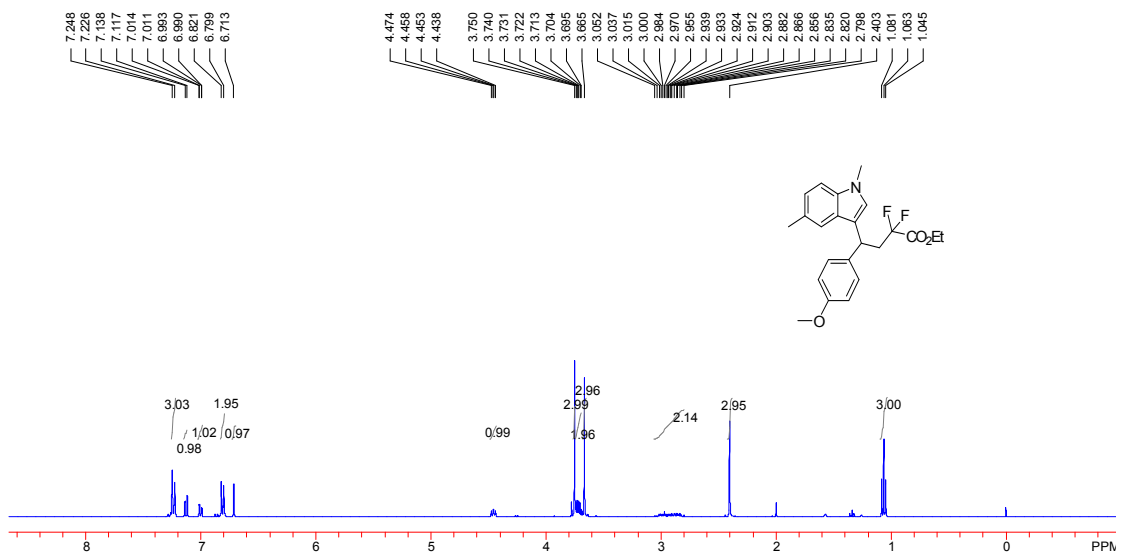
Reaction time 48h, Yield 30%, yellow oil. 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.19-7.04 (m, 6H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.77-6.75 (m, 2H), 4.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.09 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.89 (m, 1H) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 162.0 (t, J = 27.9 Hz), 158.2, 137.0, 135.8, 135.0, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 126.4, 125.2, 121.8, 119.8, 119.1, 119.0, 117.9 (t, J = 254.0 Hz), 116.5, 113.9, 109.4, 55.1, 40.2 (t, J = 22.4 Hz), 35.9 (t, J = 5.8 Hz), 32.5 ppm. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ -101.8 (J = 255.7 Hz), -103.8 (J = 254.9 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for $C_{26}H_{24}F_2N_2O_2Na^+$ $[M+Na]^+$ 457.1698; found: 457.1699.

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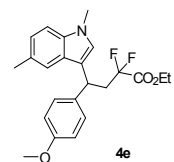


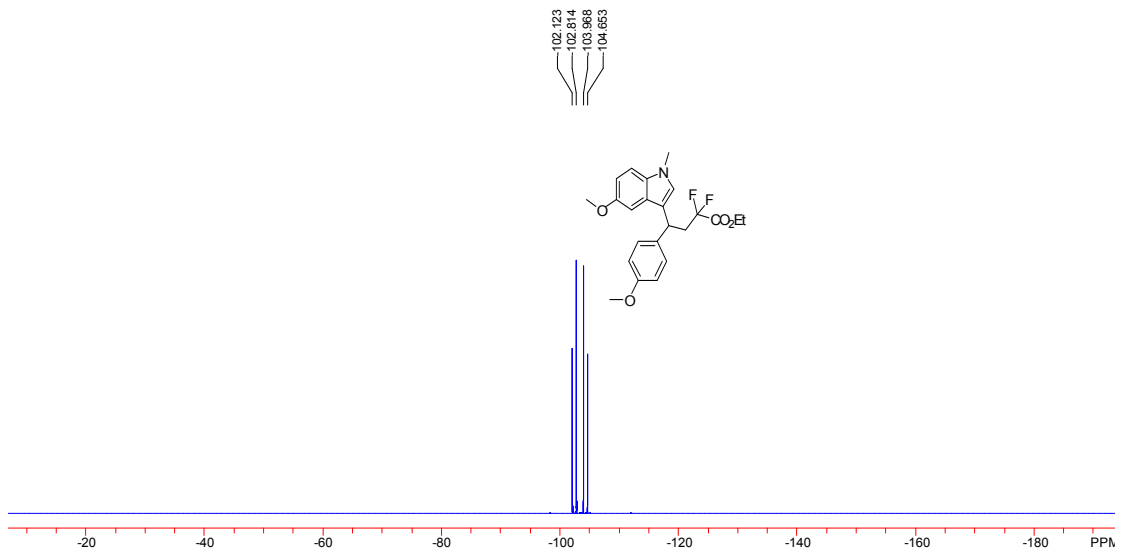
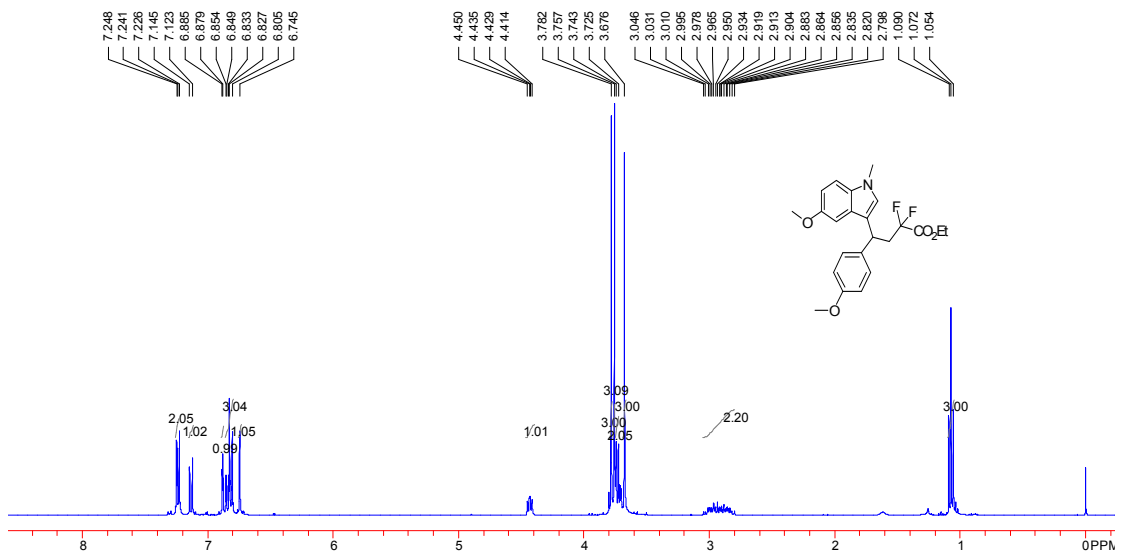




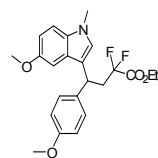


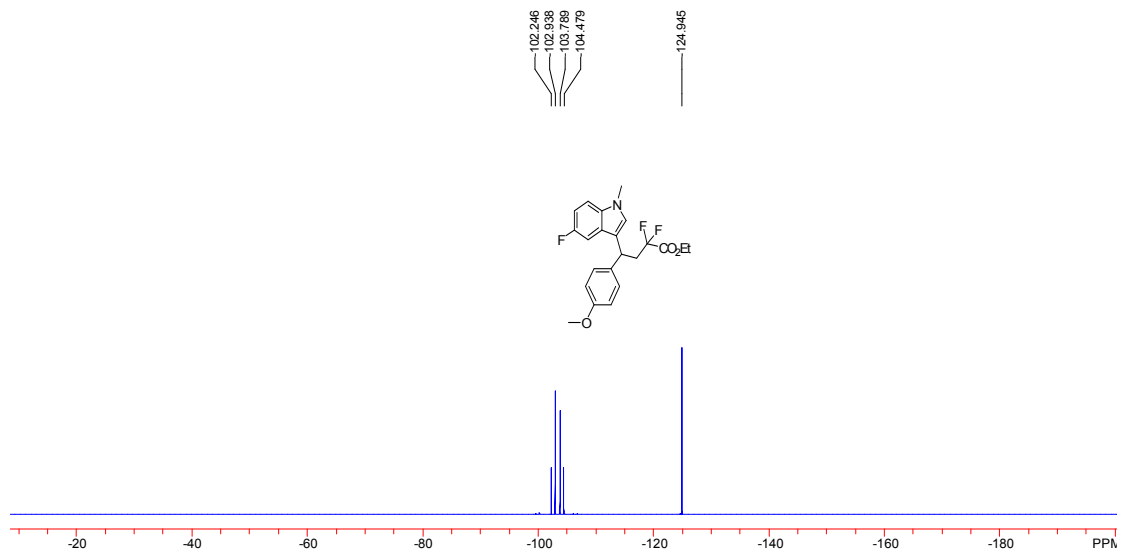
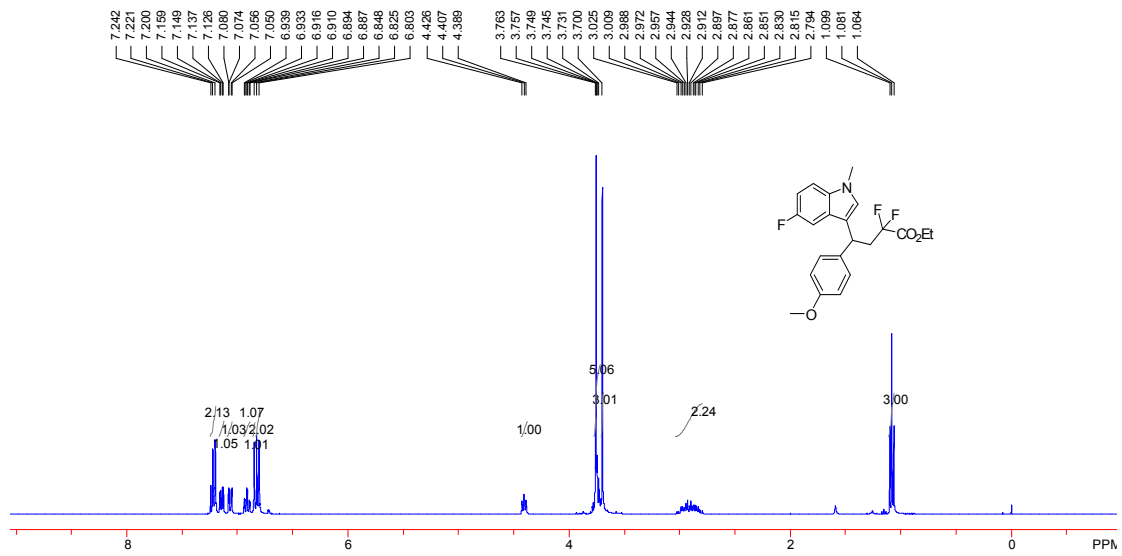
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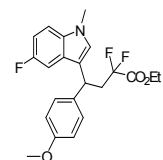
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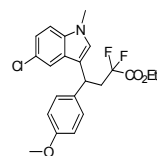
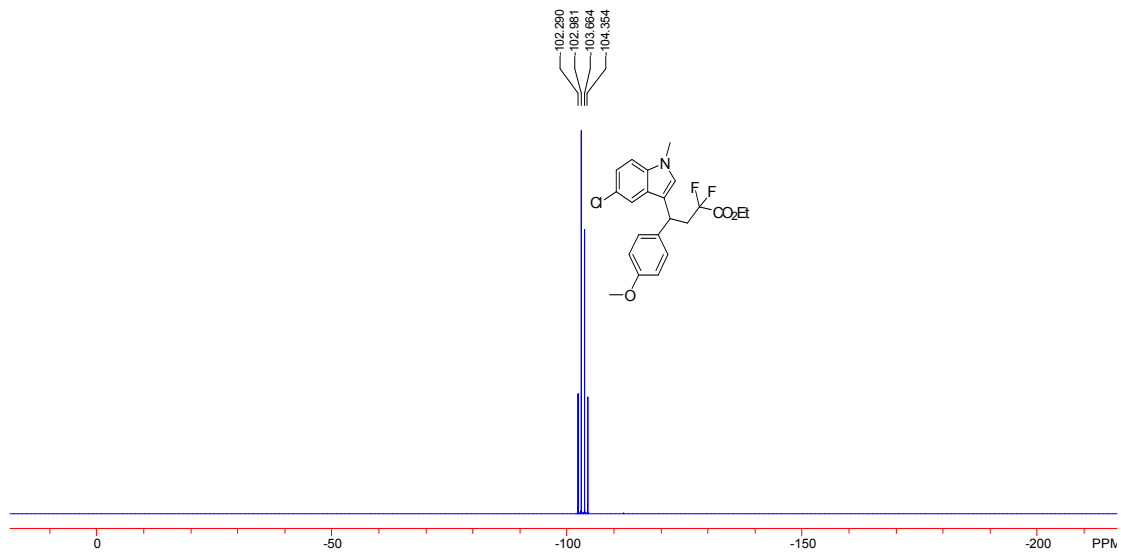
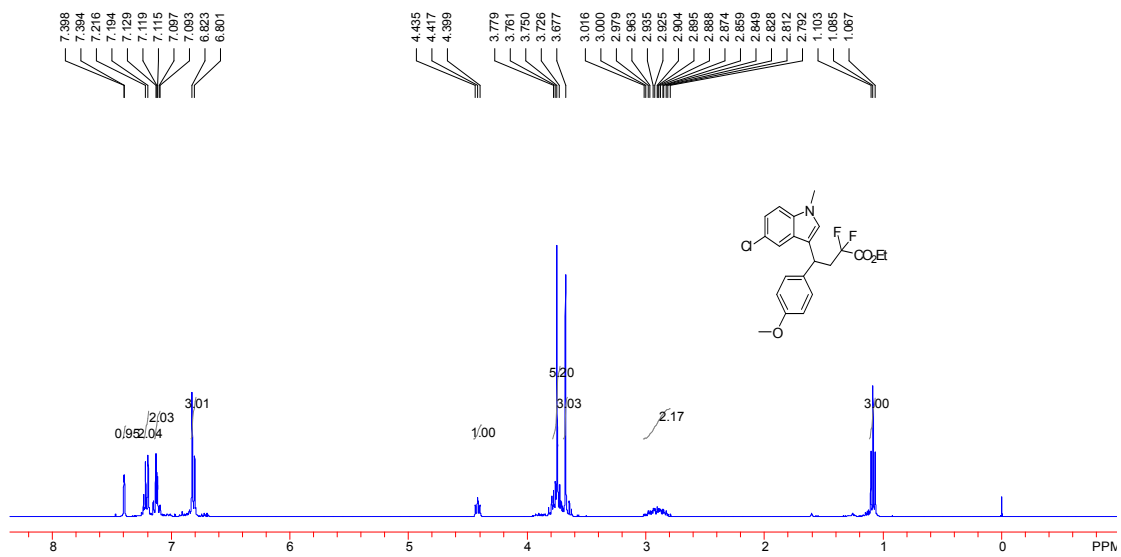


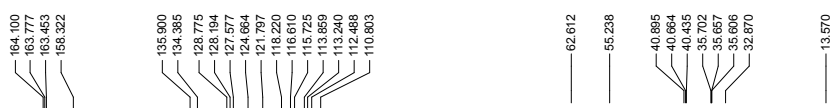
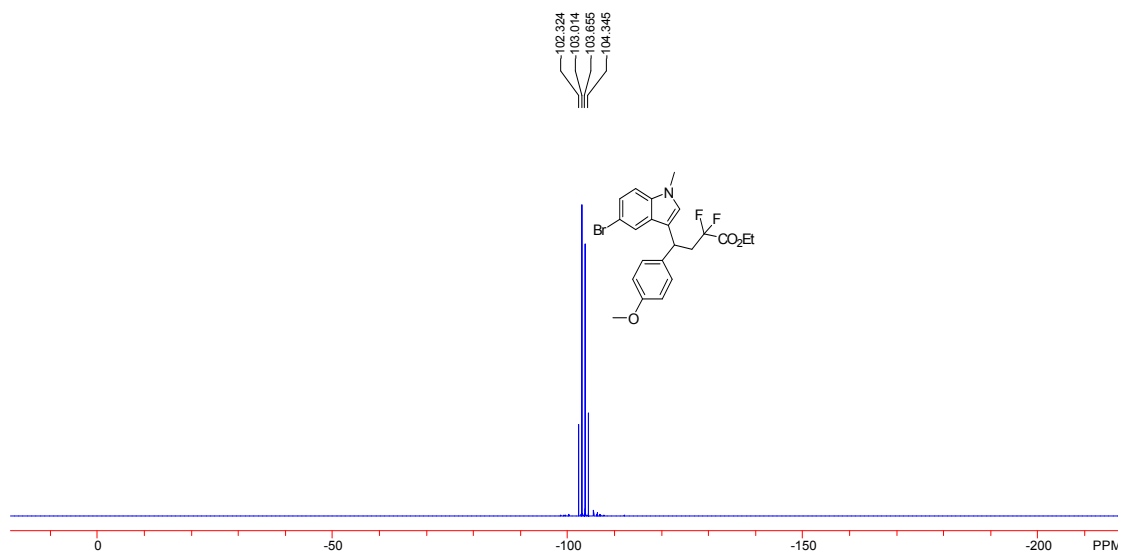
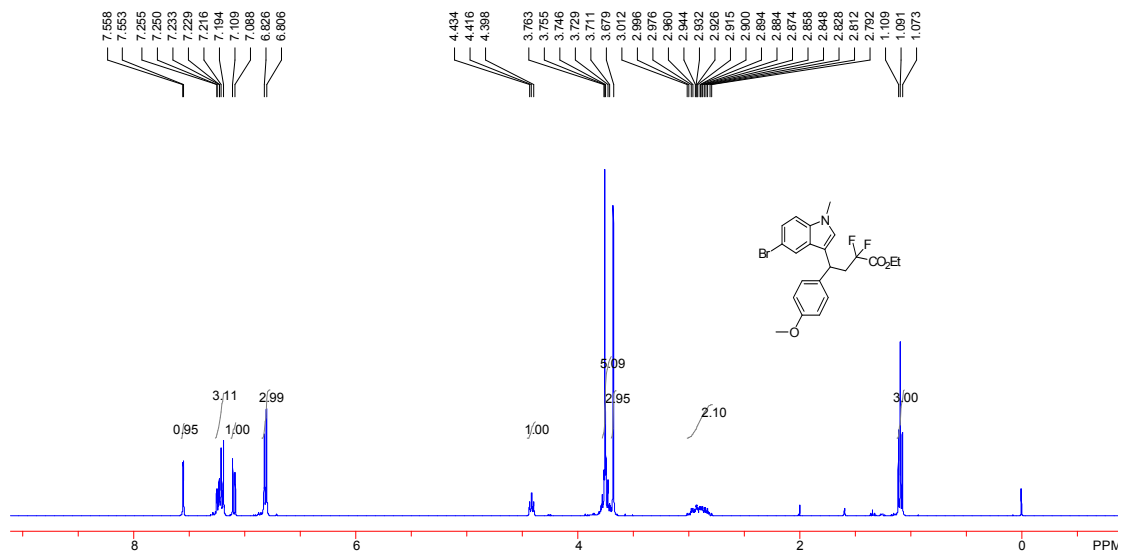


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