

Atom-economical synthesis of 3,3,3-trifluoropropanal dialkyl acetals through Pd/C catalyzed acetalization of 3,3,3-trifluoropropene

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1. General Information

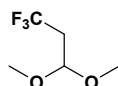
Unless otherwise mentioned, solvents and reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. ^1H NMR spectra at 500 MHz, ^{13}C NMR spectra at 125 MHz and ^{19}F NMR spectra at 470 MHz were obtained on a Bruker-AV500 spectrometer. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR were recorded using tetramethylsilane (TMS) in the solvent of CDCl_3 as the internal standard (^1H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm; ^{13}C NMR: CDCl_3 at 77.0 ppm). Data for ^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR were recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet, q = quartet, br = broad). Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR27 spectrometer using KBr pellets. The high-resolution mass spectrometry (MS) spectra were acquired in electrospray ionization (ESI) positive mode using a Bruker Maxis UHR-TOF mass spectrometer. Mass spectra using electron impact (EI) techniques were recorded on a Thermo ITQ700 spectrometer. Gas chromatograph were recorded on Shimadzu GC-2014C.

2. General method for the synthesis of 3,3,3-trifluoropropanal dialkyl acetals (3a-o)

A 150-mL autoclave was charged with 1 %mol of 5% Pd/C and 2 %mol of CuCl_2 in 20 mL of alcohol, and TFP gas (30 mmol) was introduced at -30°C . Then, the autoclave was filled with 1 MPa oxygen. The mixture was stirred magnetically at 120°C for 8h. After the reaction, the autoclave was cooled to -30°C and the pressure was carefully released from the autoclave, the reaction mixture was submitted to GC analysis. By further distillation, we obtained the desired product (3d-h). The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: acetate and petroleum) to give the desired product.(3a-c, 3i-o).

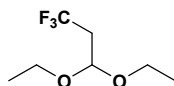
3. Characterization data of compounds (3a-o)

1,1-dimethoxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3a)



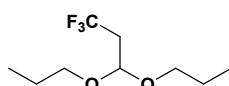
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.70 (t, 1 H, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 3.36 (s, 6 H), 2.44 (dq, 2 H, $J_{\text{CF}} = 10.7$ Hz, $J = 5.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.2 (q, $J = 274.4$ Hz), 98.9, 52.9, 37.6 (q, $J = 27.5$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.6 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, CF_3). IR (KBr): 2945, 2841, 1447, 1343, 1121, 1064 cm^{-1} . EI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 158.

1,1-diethoxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3b)



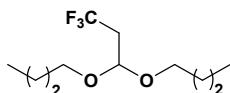
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.82 (t, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dq, $J = 9.3$, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (dq, $J = 9.3$, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (qd, $J = 10.7$, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.22 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.6$ Hz), 97.3 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 61.8, 37.6 (q, $J = 27.1$ Hz), 15.0. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.6 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, CF_3). IR (KBr): 2983, 2888, 1432, 1383, 1149, 1060 cm^{-1} . EI-MS $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ m/z 186.

1,1-dipropoxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3c)



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.81 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dt, $J = 9.1$, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (dt, $J = 9.1$, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (qd, $J = 10.7$, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 7H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.7$ Hz), 97.3 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 68.0, 38.6 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 22.8, 10.5. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, $J = 10.4$ Hz, CF_3). IR (KBr): 2967, 2881, 1465, 1375, 1149, 1072 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 237.1079; found: 237.1074.

1,1-dibutoxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3d)

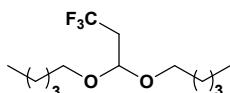


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.80 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.61~1.51 (m, 4H), 1.44~1.33 (m, 4H), 0.92 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.7$ Hz), 97.5 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 66.0, 38.5 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 31.7, 19.2, 13.7. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.6 (t, $J = 10.9$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2936, 2876, 1465, 1377, 1151, 1074 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 265.1392; found: 265.1389.

1,1-dipentyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3e)

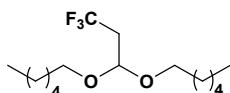


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.80 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.67~1.49 (m, 4H), 1.33 (dd, $J = 7.4, 3.6$ Hz, 8H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.7$ Hz), 97.5 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 66.4, 38.6 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 29.3, 28.3, 22.4, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2935, 2874, 1468, 1378, 1151, 1120, 1059 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 293.1705; found: 293.1699.

1,1-dihexyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3f)

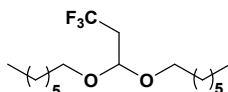


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.80 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 ~ 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.30 (s, 12H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.7$ Hz), 97.5 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 66.4, 38.6 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 31.6, 29.6, 25.8, 22.6, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2933, 2862, 1467, 1378, 1150, 1120, 1069 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 321.2018; found: 321.2013.

1,1-diheptyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3g)



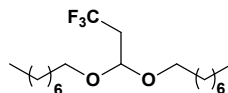
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.80 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.69 ~ 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.28 (s, 16H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.7$ Hz), 97.5 (q, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 66.4, 38.6, 31.8, 29.7, 29.0, 26.0, 22.6, 14.0

^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, $J = 10.6$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2931, 2859, 1467, 1377, 1150, 1120, 1075 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 349.2331; found: 349.2320.

1,1-dioctyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3h)

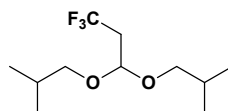


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.79 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.45 (dt, $J = 9.1, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.45 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.61 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.29 (s, 20H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.8$ Hz), 97.5 (q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 66.4, 38.6 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 31.8, 29.7, 29.4, 29.2, 26.0, 22.6, 14.0. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2928, 2858, 1467, 1377, 1150, 1120, 1079 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for $(\text{M} + \text{Na}^+)$ 377.2644; found: 377.2634.

1,1-diisobutyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3i)



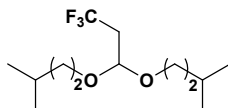
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.79 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, $J = 8.9, 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.22 (dd, $J = 8.9, 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.85 (dp, $J = 13.3, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.4 (q, $J = 274.8$

Hz), 97.7(q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 73.0, 38.5 (q, $J = 27.3$ Hz), 28.5, 19.3. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, $J = 10.3$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2961, 2876, 1473, 1386, 1253, 1148, 1064 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 265.1392; found: 265.1386.

1,1-diisopentyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3j)



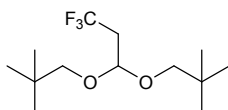
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.79 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.49 (dt, $J = 9.2, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.71 (dp, $J = 13.4, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.47 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 6.9, 2.3$ Hz, 4H), 0.91 (dd, $J = 6.6, 1.7$ Hz, 12H).

^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.8$ Hz), 97.5(q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 64.7, 38.6 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 24.9, 22.6, 22.5. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.6 (t, $J = 10.5$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2959, 2874, 1468, 1371, 1255, 1120, 1071 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 293.1705; found: 293.1702.

1,1-diterbutylmeoxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3k)

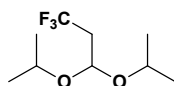


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.79 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, $J = 95.9, 8.6$ Hz, 4H), 2.46 (qd, $J = 10.8, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 0.92 (s, 18H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.4 (q, $J = 274.6$ Hz), 98.0(q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 76.5, 38.3, (q, $J = 27.5$ Hz), 31.8, 26.6. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.4 (t, $J = 9.4$ Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2958, 2871, 1481, 1365, 1150, 1071 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 293.1700; found: 293.1699.

1,1-diisopropyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3l)



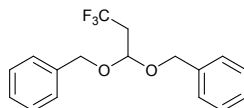
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.87 (t, $J = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dt, $J = 12.3, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (qd, $J = 10.7, 5.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.19 (dd, $J = 24.2, 6.2$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, $J = 274.8$ Hz), 94.8(q, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 68.9, 40.6 (q, $J = 27.3$ Hz), 23.2,

22.2. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.3 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2977, 2935, 1468, 1384, 1155, 1037 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 237.1079; found: 237.1073.

1,1-dibenzyloxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3m)



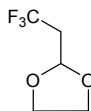
^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (m, 10H), 5.08 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dd, J = 38.8, 11.6 Hz, 4H), 2.60 (qd, J = 10.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 125.4, 96.6 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 68.1, 38.6, (q, J = 27.7 Hz),.

^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.3 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 3033, 2878, 1455, 1343, 1256, 1052 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 333.1900; found: 333.1079.

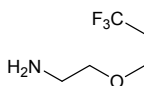
1-ethylenedioxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3n)



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.15 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (m, 4H), 2.49 (qd, J = 10.8, 4.8 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 125.3 (q, J = 274.6 Hz), 98.7 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 65.0, 39.0 (q, J = 27.7 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.5 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 2966, 2898, 1431, 1343, 1128, 1044 cm^{-1} . EI-MS [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ m/z 157.2.

1-aminoethoxy-3,3,3-trifluoropropane (3o)



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.66 (m, 2H), 2.91 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 126.6 (q, J = 274.0 Hz), 60.7, 50.9, 42.3, (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 34.3. ^{19}F NMR (470.0 MHz) δ -63.2 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, CF_3).

IR (KBr): 3300, 2927, 1662, 1256, 1152, 1069 cm^{-1} .

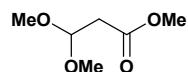
HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$) 158.0700; found: 158.0789.

4. General method for the synthesis of esters 3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (4b-e)

A 150-mL autoclave was charged with 1 %mol of 5% Pd/C and 2 %mol of CuCl₂ in 20 mL of methanol, and functionalized olefin (30 mmol) was added. Then, the autoclave was filled with 1 MPa dioxygen. The mixture was stirred magnetically at 50°C for 8h. After the reaction, the autoclave was cooled to -30°C and the pressure was carefully released from the autoclave, the reaction mixture was submitted to GC analysis. The resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: acetate and petroleum) to give the desired product.

5. Characterization data of compounds (4b-e)

methyl 3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (4b)

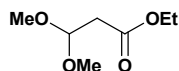


¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.84 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 6H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3 (s), 101.3 (s), 53.5 (s), 51.8 (s), 38.7 (s).

IR (KBr): 2959, 2874, 1460, 1401, 1445, 1189, 1125, 1069 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): calc. for (M + Na⁺) 171.0634; found: 171.0632.

ethyl 3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (4c)

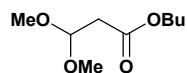


¹HNMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.84 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 6H), 2.65 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.34 ~ 1.17 (m, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9 (s), 101.2 (s), 60.6 (s), 53.5 (s), 38.9 (s), 14.1 (s).

IR (KBr): 2985, 2840, 1740, 1378, 1445, 1179, 1124, 1069 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): calc. for (M + Na⁺) 185.079; found: 185.0787.

butyl 3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (4d)

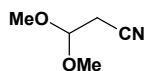


^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.76 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 6H), 2.57 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.65 ~ 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.40 ~ 1.21 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.9 (s), 101.3 (s), 64.5 (s), 53.4 (s), 38.9 (s), 30.6 (s), 19.0 (s), 13.6 (s).

IR (KBr): 2985, 2840, 1740, 1378, 1445, 1179, 1124, 1069 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 213.1103; found: 213.1102.

3,3-dimethoxypropanenitrile (4e)



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.68 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (s, 6H), 2.67 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 116.1 (s), 99.7 (s), 54.2 (s), 22.9 (s).

IR (KBr): 2935, 2846, 2254, 1455, 1418, 1124, 1069 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): calc. for ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 138.0531; found: 138.0526.

6. References for known products

entry	product	reference
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3	3c	NO
4	3d	NO
5	3e	NO

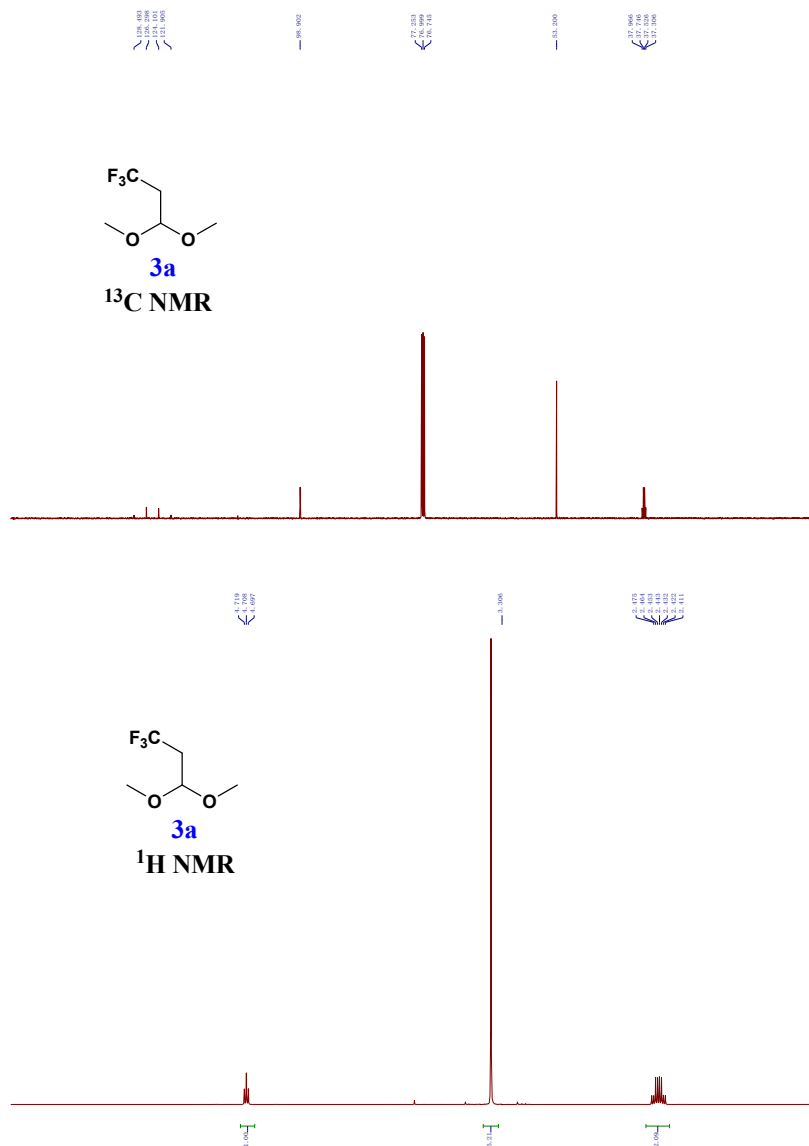
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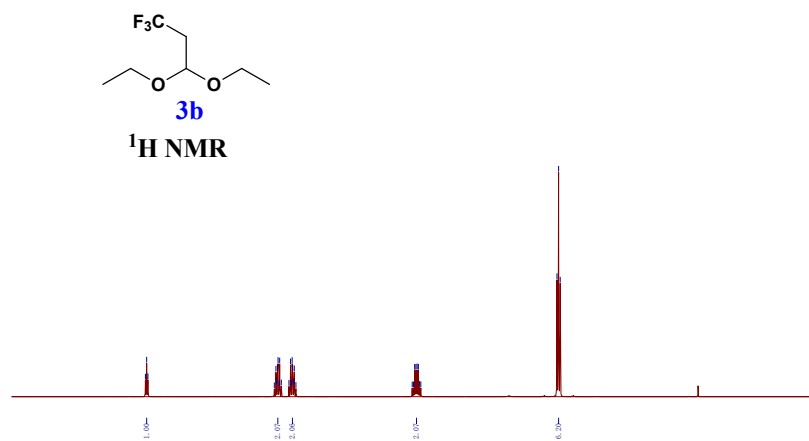
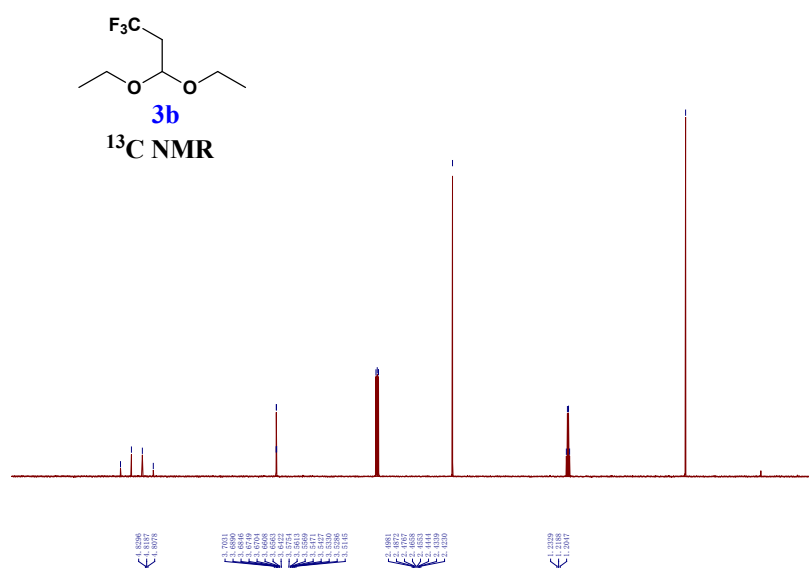
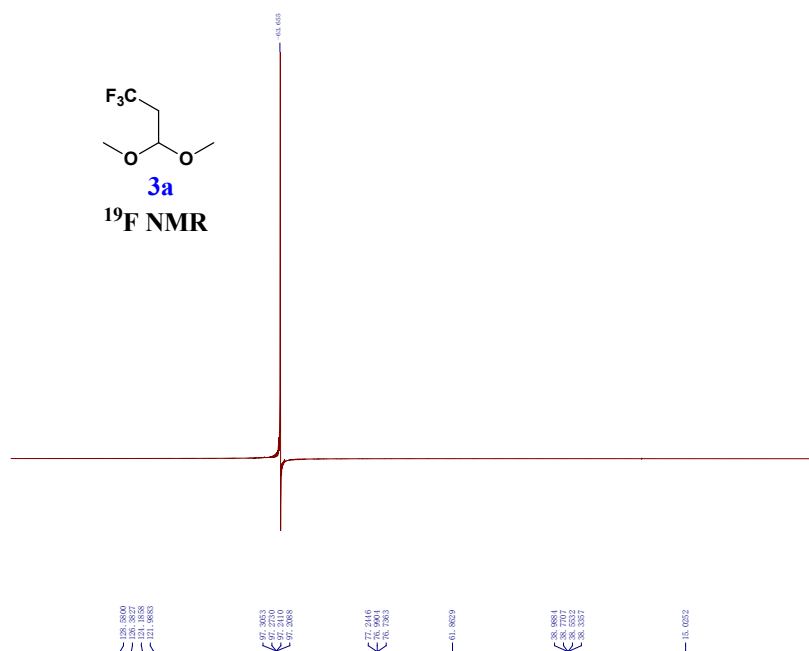
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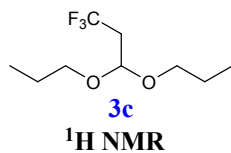
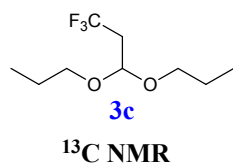
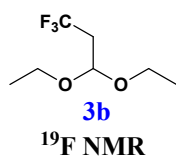
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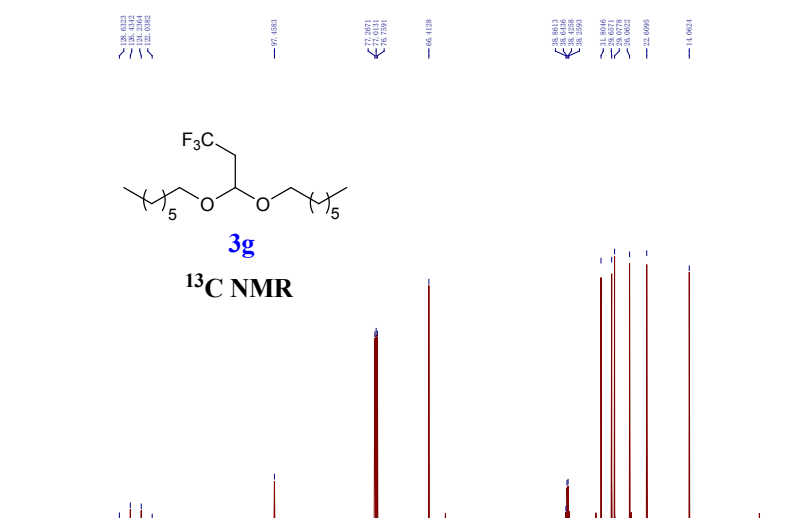
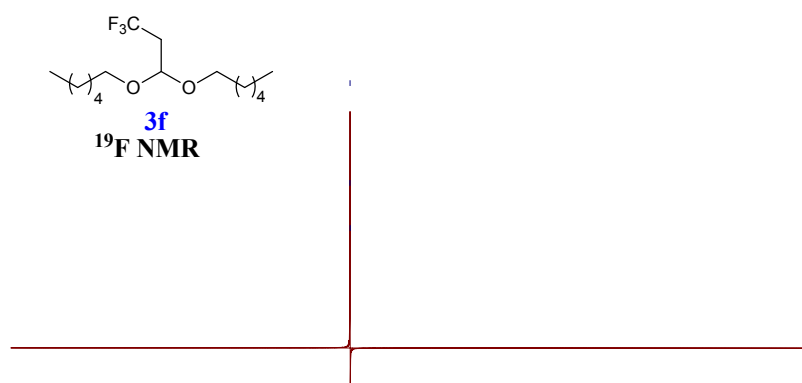
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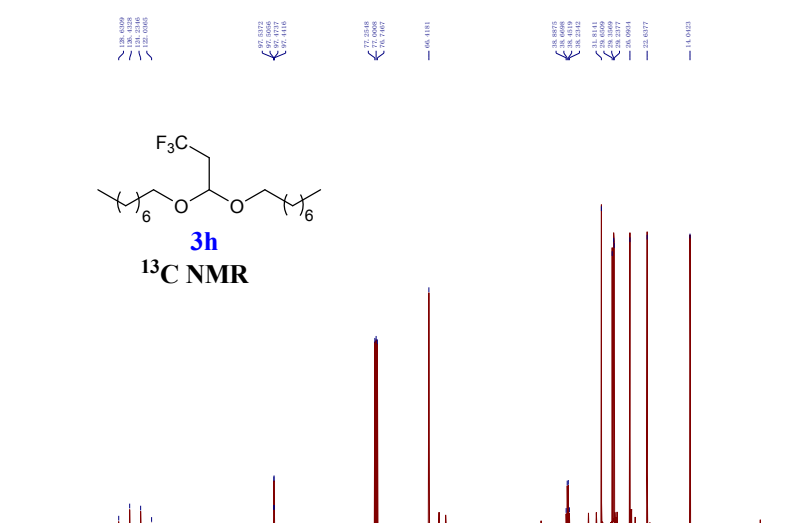
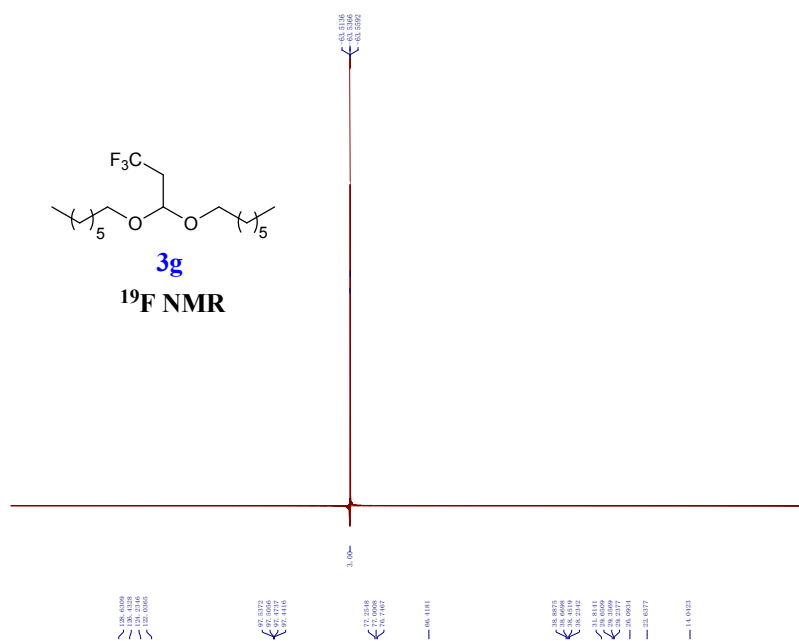
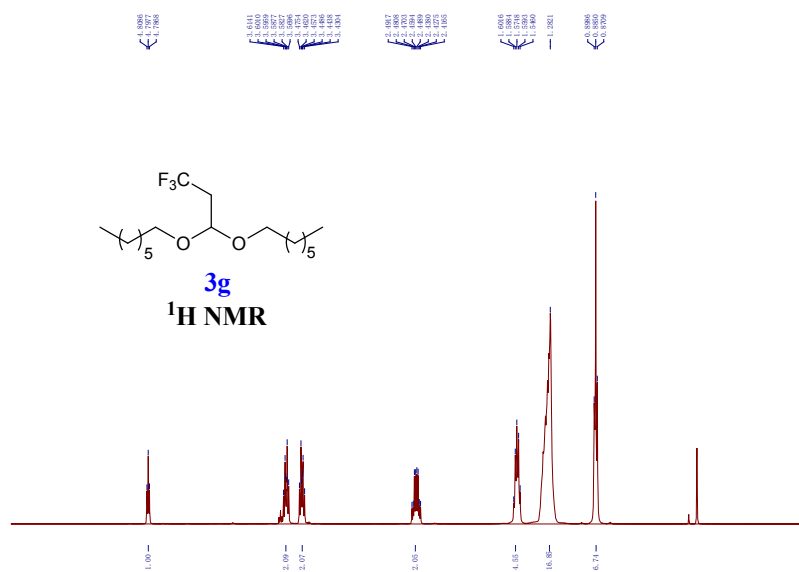


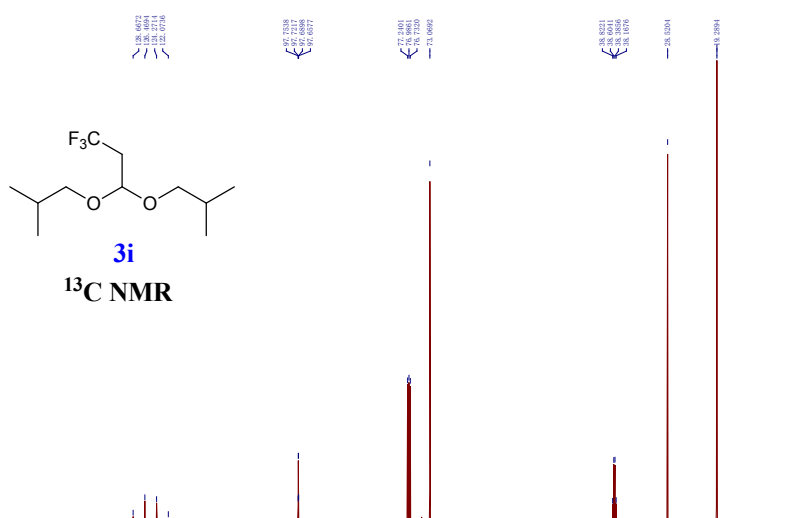
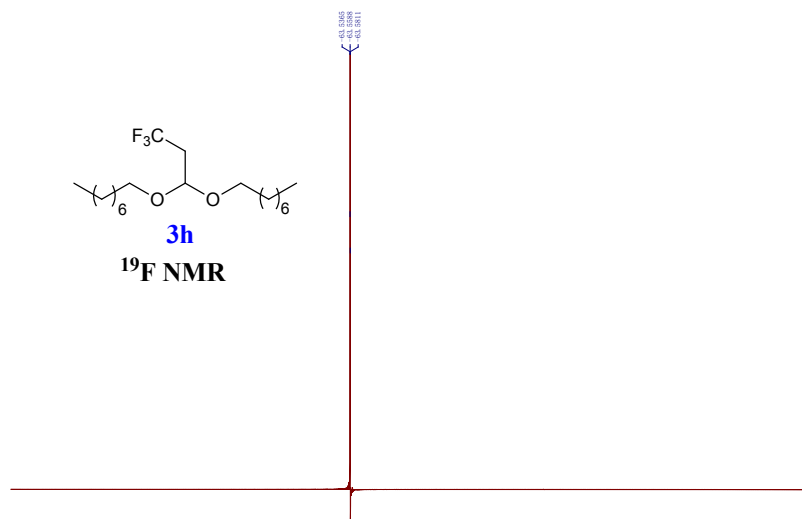
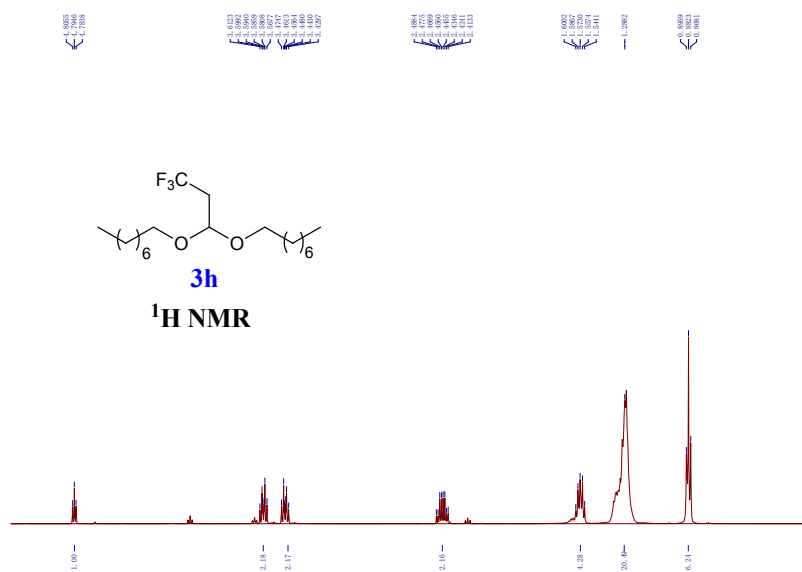


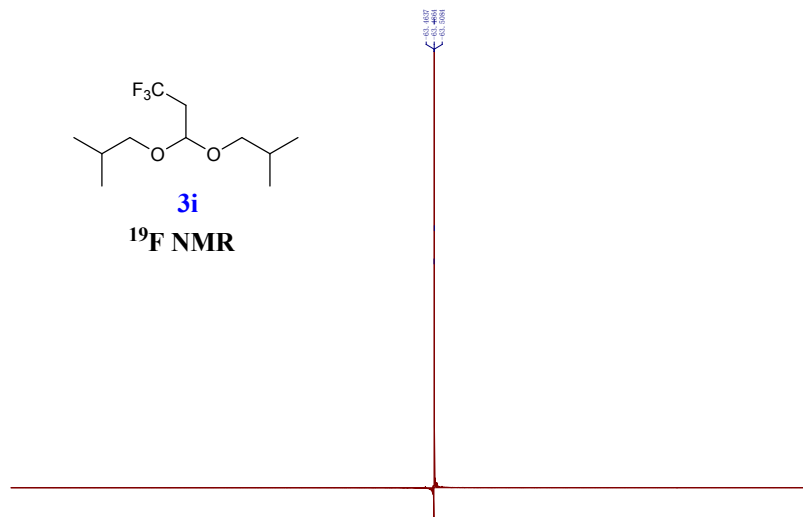


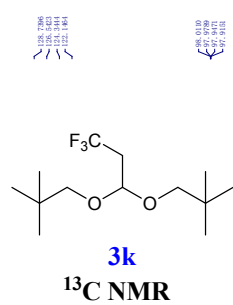
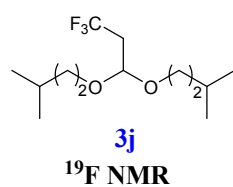


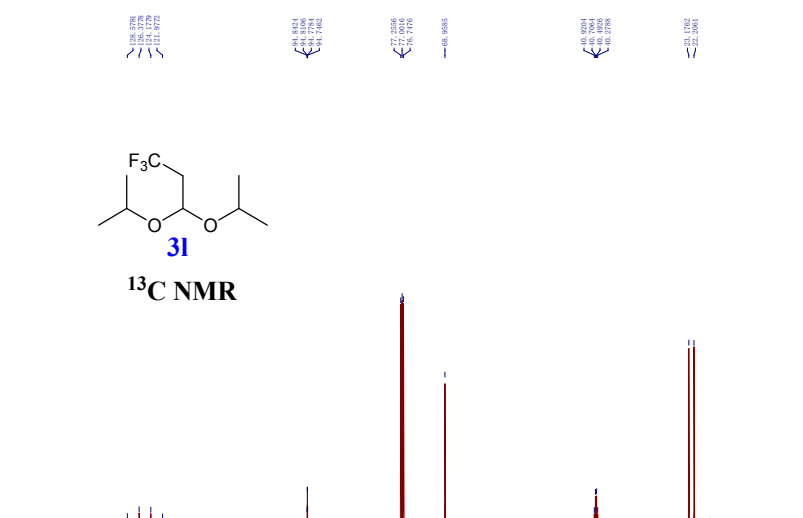
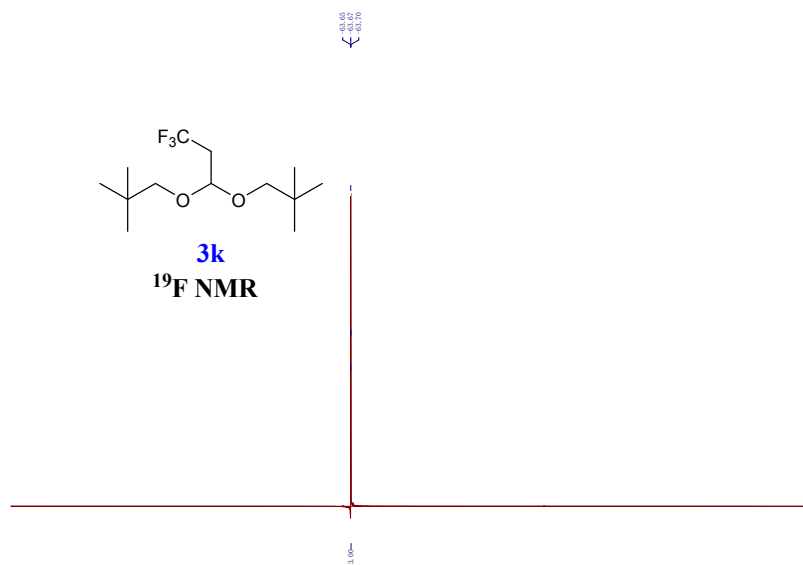
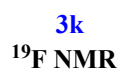
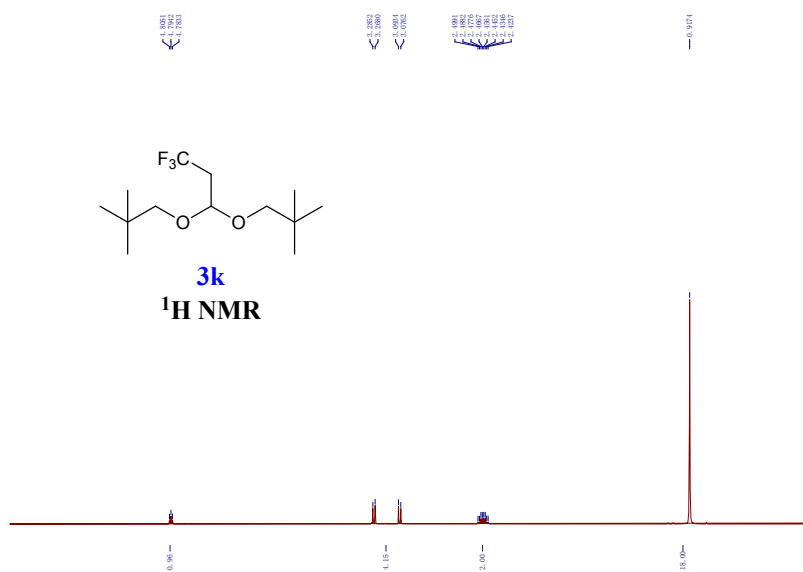


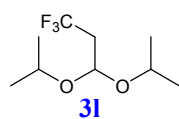










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