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Palladium-Catalyzed Radical Cascade

Difluoroalkylation/Cyclization of Acrylamide with Ethyl

Difluorobromoacetate

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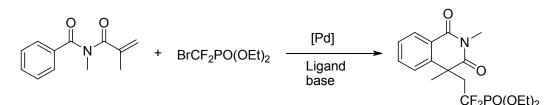
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General Remarks: Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel. Unless noted ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz in CDCl₃, ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on 100 MHz in CDCl₃, ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on 376 MHz in CDCl₃, and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on 162 MHz in CDCl₃. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR spectrometer and only major peaks are reported in cm⁻¹. Melting points were determined on a microscopic apparatus and were uncorrected. All new products were further characterized by HRMS (high resolution mass spectra), high resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra was obtained on a micrOTOF-Q instrument equipped with an ESI source; copies of their ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra are provided.

Table S1. Optimization of reaction conditions

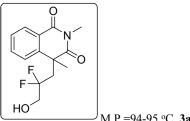


Entry	[Pd] (mol %)	Ligand (mol %)	Base (equiv.)	Solvent	Temperatur e	Yield (%)
1	10% PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	20% DPE- phos	2eq. K ₂ CO ₃	dioxane	80	25%
2	10% PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	20% Xantphos	2eq. K ₂ CO ₃	dioxane	100	N.R.
3	10% PdCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	20% Xantphos	2eq. Cs ₂ CO ₃	dioxane	100	N.R.
4	5% Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	10% DPE- phos	2eq. K ₂ CO ₃	dioxane	100	15%
5 ^{<i>a</i>}	5% Pd(PPh ₃) ₄	10% DPE-	2eq. K ₂ CO ₃	dioxane	80	16%

a: 2 eq. IC₄F₉ was used instead of BrCF₂PO(OEt)_{2.}

Reduction of 3a to 3aa

To a solution of 3a (0.3 mmol) in THF/H₂O (50:1, 5.0 mL) was added NaBH₄ (0.3 mmol) in batches at 0 °C. Then, the reaction was carried out at r.t. for 6h. After the reaction, 3 mL water was added to quench the reaction, and the resulting mixture was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Purification of the crude product by flash column chromatography afforded the product **3aa** (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent (3:1)).



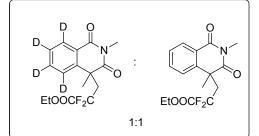
M.P.=94-95 °C, 3aa, 72mg

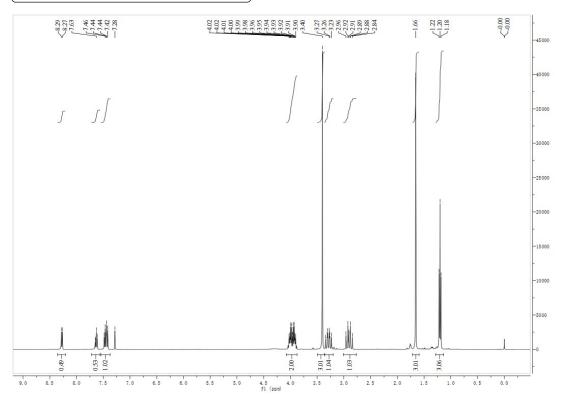
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.24-8.26 (m, 1 H), 7.62-7.66 (m, 1 H), 7.43-7.48 (m, 2 H), 3.37-

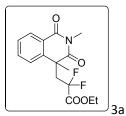
3.46 (m, 1 H), 3.34 (s, 3 H), 3.12-3.24 (m, 1 H), 2.65-2.74 (m, 2 H), 1.62 (s, 3 H); ¹⁹ F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ ppm -103.07 (d, *J* = 255.68 Hz, 1 F), -105.05 (d, *J* = 255.68 Hz, 1 F); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): 175.9, 164.1, 141.9, 133.5, 128.9, 127.5, 125.8, 124.3, 124.0, 121.8, 119.4, 64.6, 64.3, 64.0, 43.7, 43.5, 43.3, 31.6, 27.3; IR (cm⁻¹): 3471, 2944, 2885, 1709, 1662, 1470, 1423, 1314, 1168, 1068, 905, 765, 702;

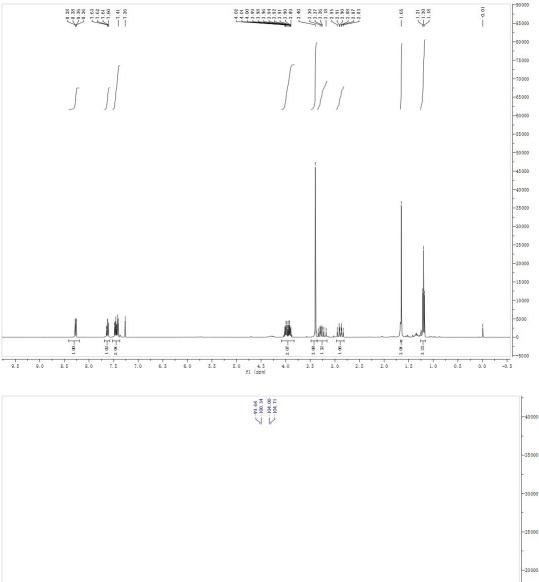
KIE experiment

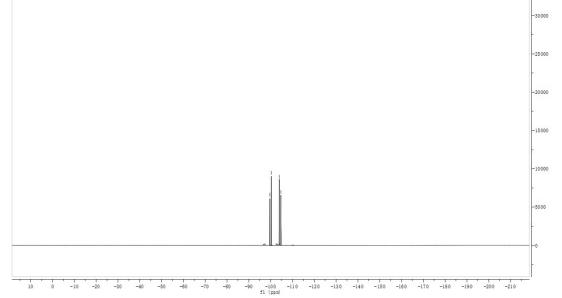
An oven-dried Schlenk tube (10 mL) was equipped with a magnetic stir bar, *N*-methacryloyl-*N*-methylbenzamide (**1a**, 0.2 mmol), pentadeuterated **1a**- d_5 (0.2 mmol), ethyl 2-bromo-2,2-difluoroacetate (**2**, 1.2 mmol), 10% PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (0.04 mmol, 28 mg), 20% DPE-phos (0.08 mmol, 43mg), and K₂CO₃(2 equiv., 110 mg). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for 3 times. Then dioxane (3.0 mL) was added with syringe under Ar. The reaction mixture was then stirred for 10 h at 80 °C. After the reaction, 3 mL water was added to quench the reaction, and the resulting mixture was extracted twice with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. Purification of the crude product by flash column chromatography afforded the product (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate as eluent (6:1)).

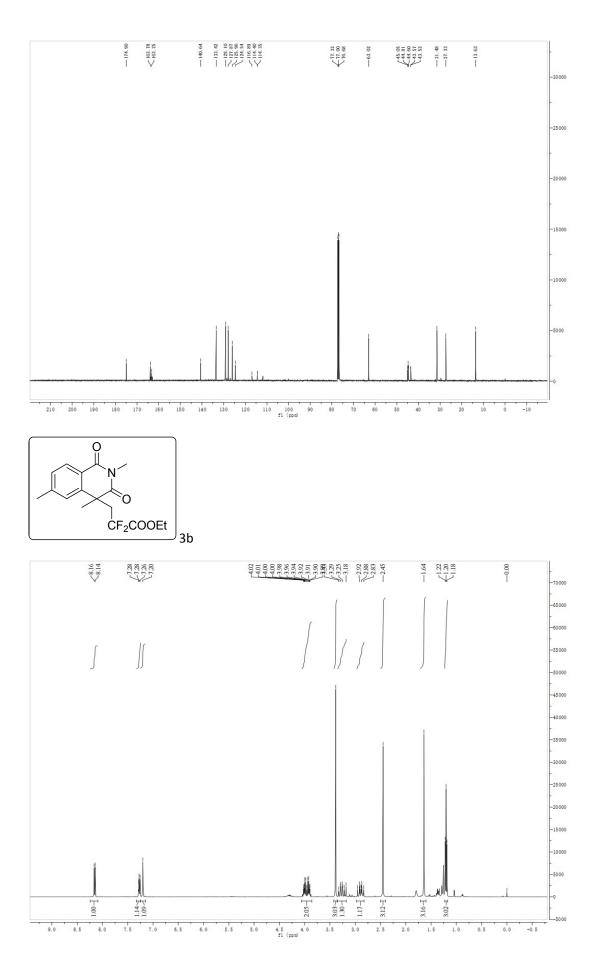


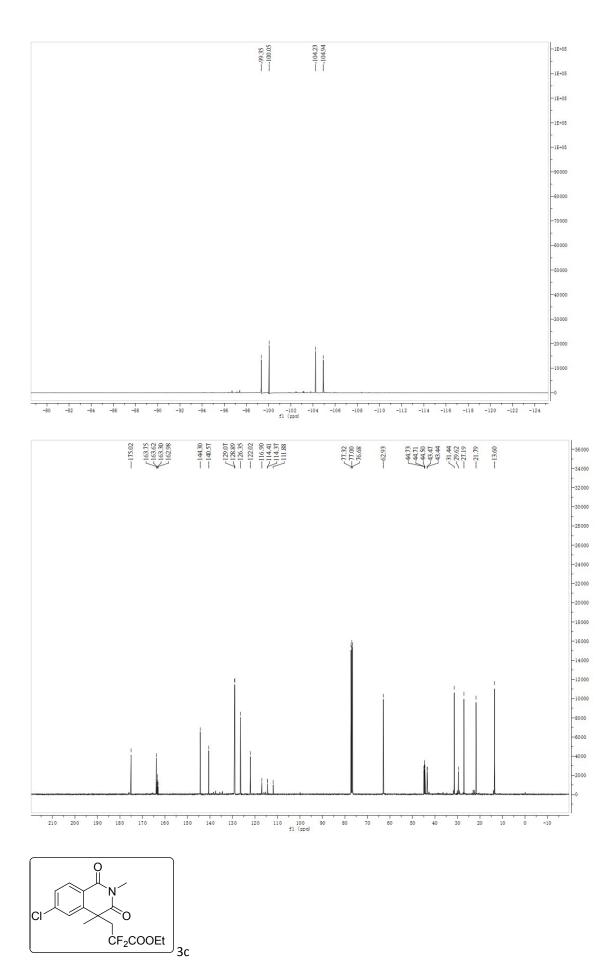


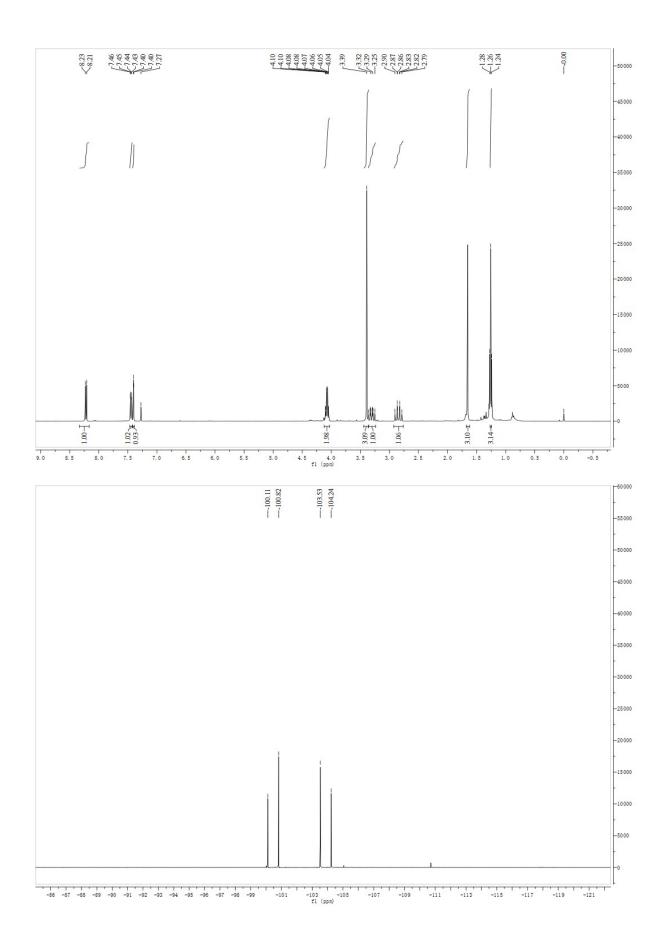




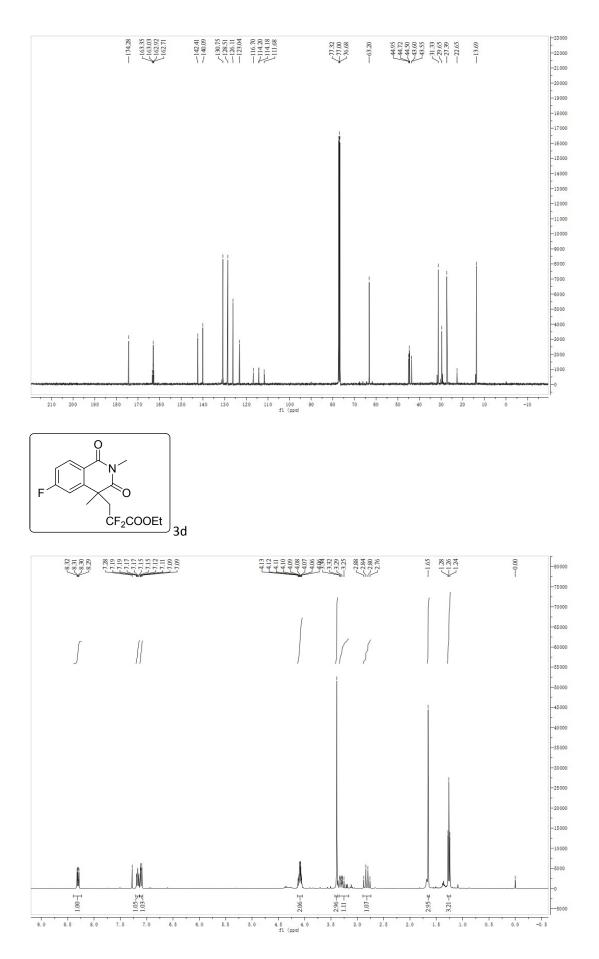


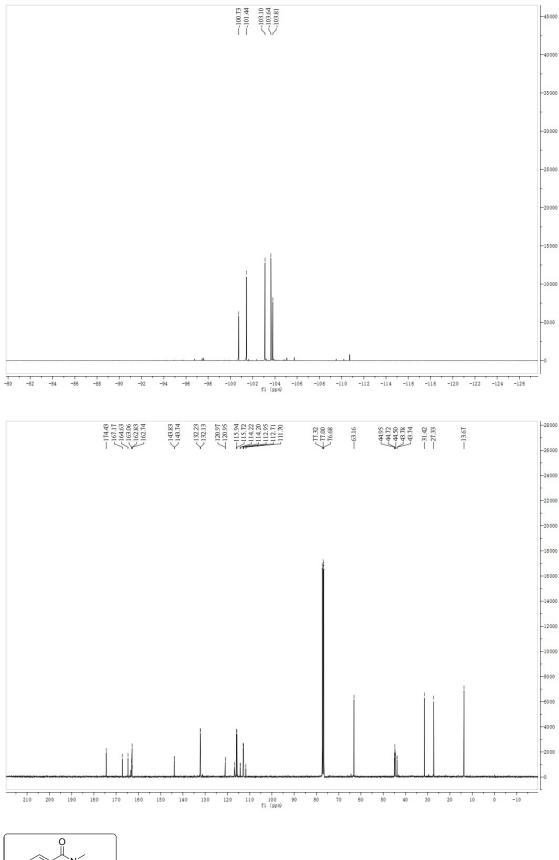


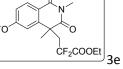


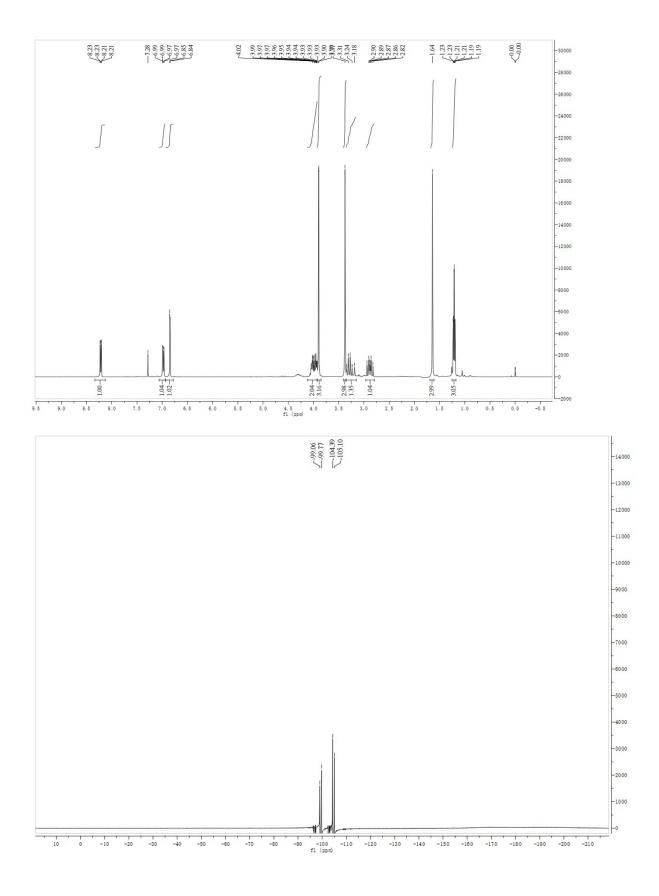


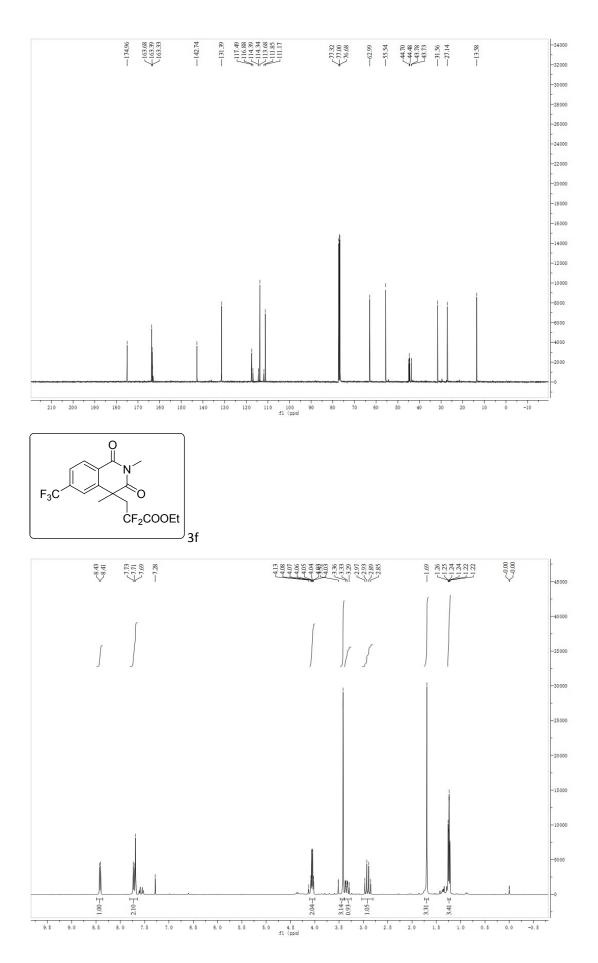


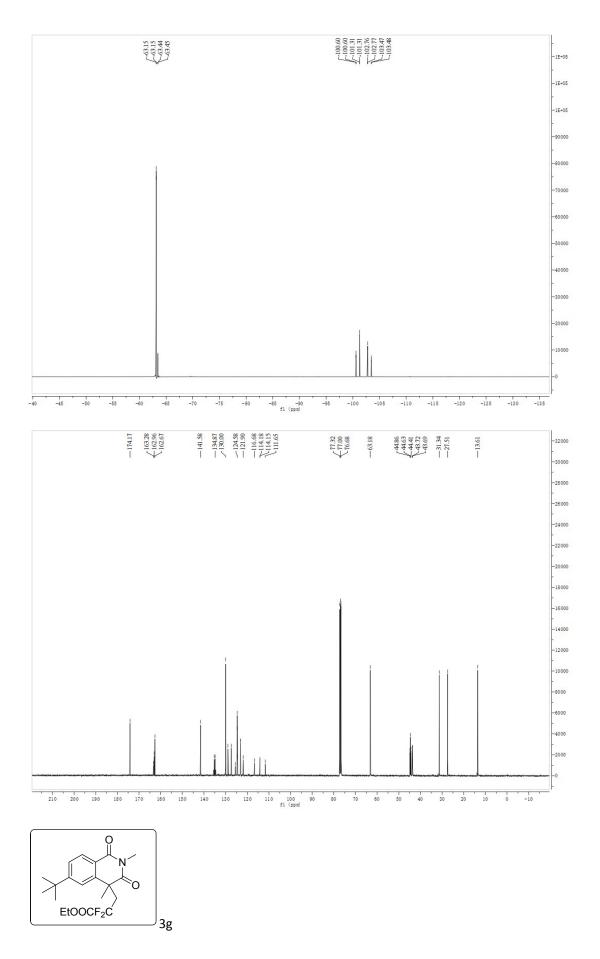


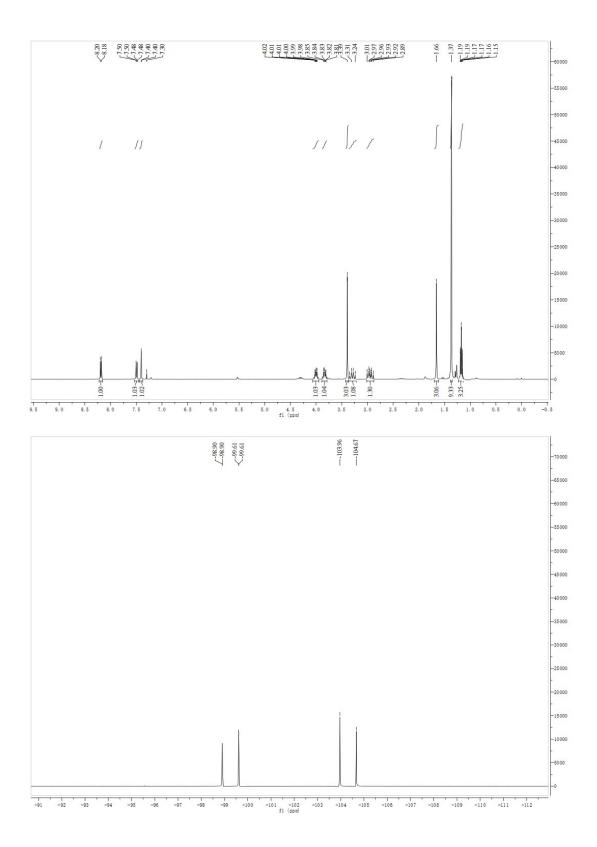


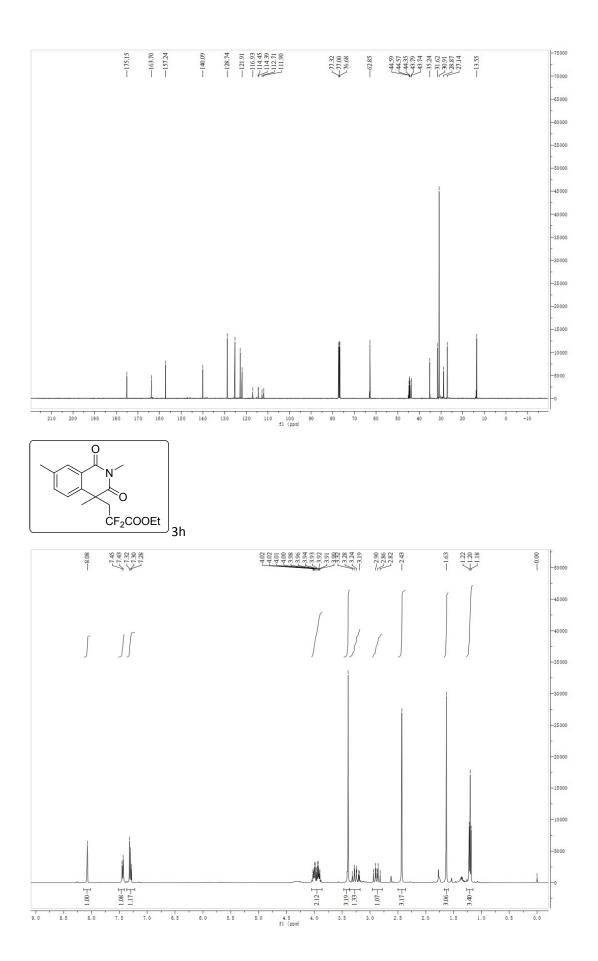


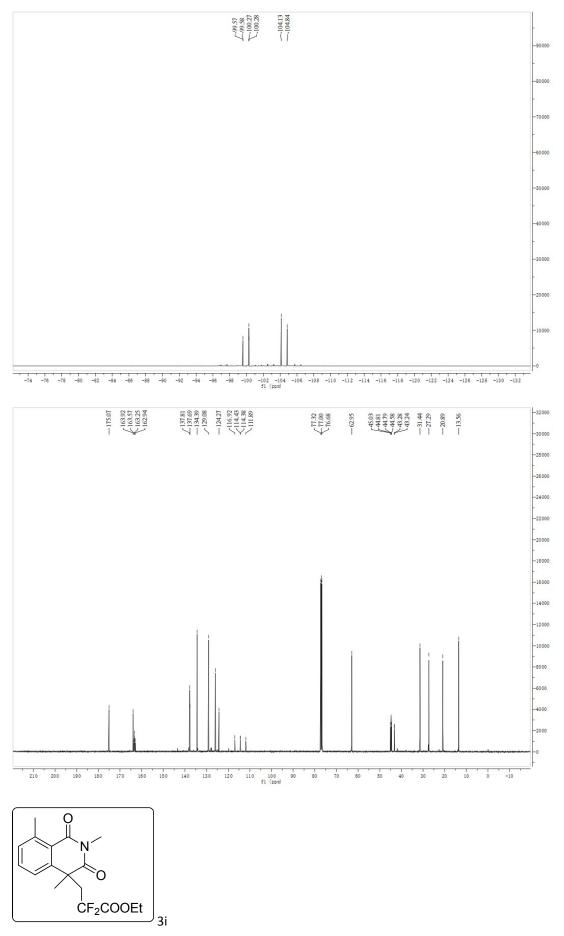


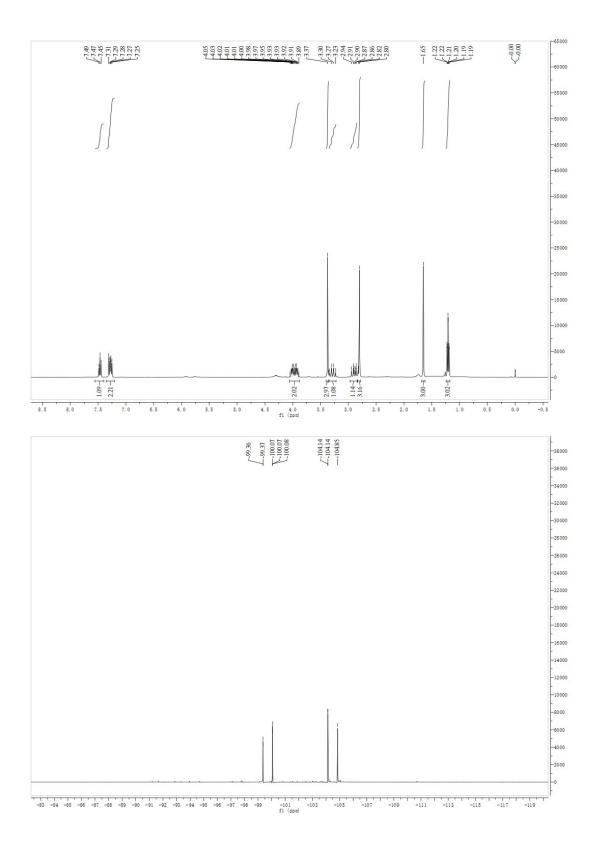


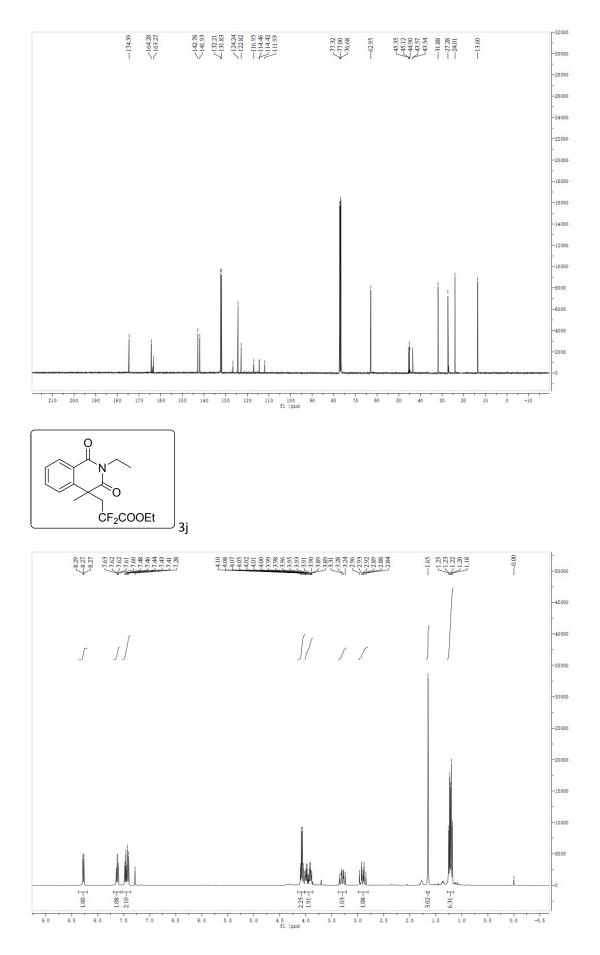


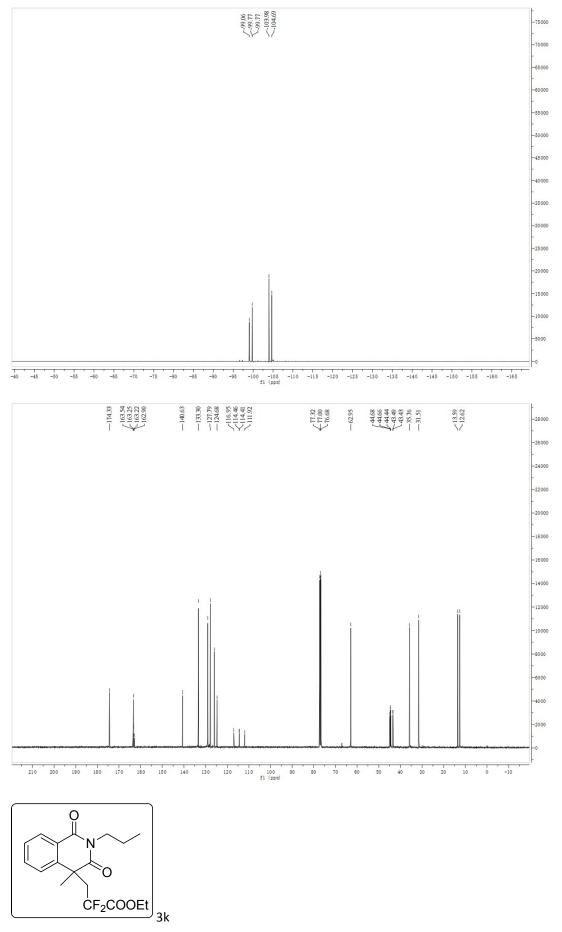


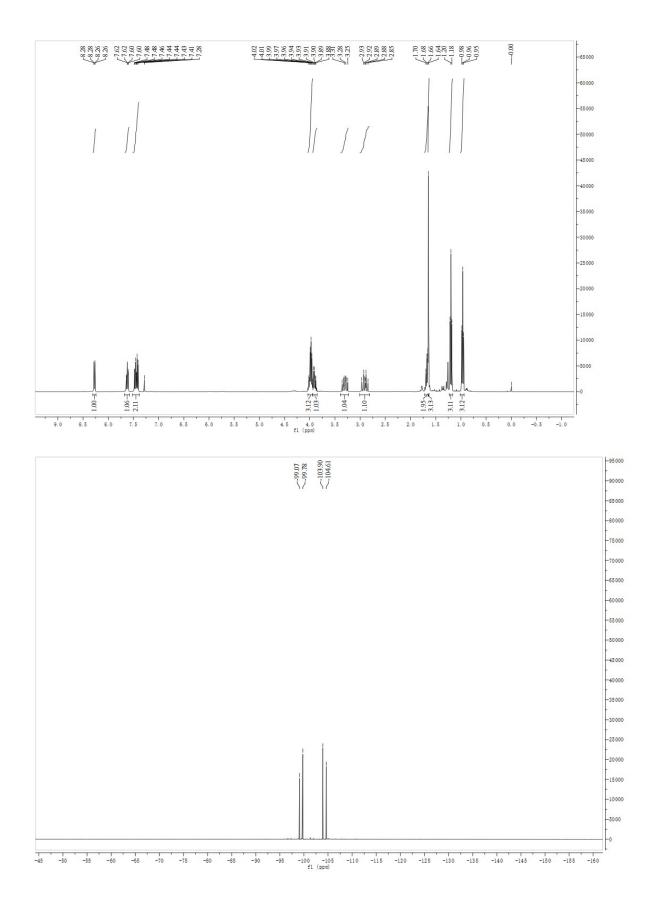


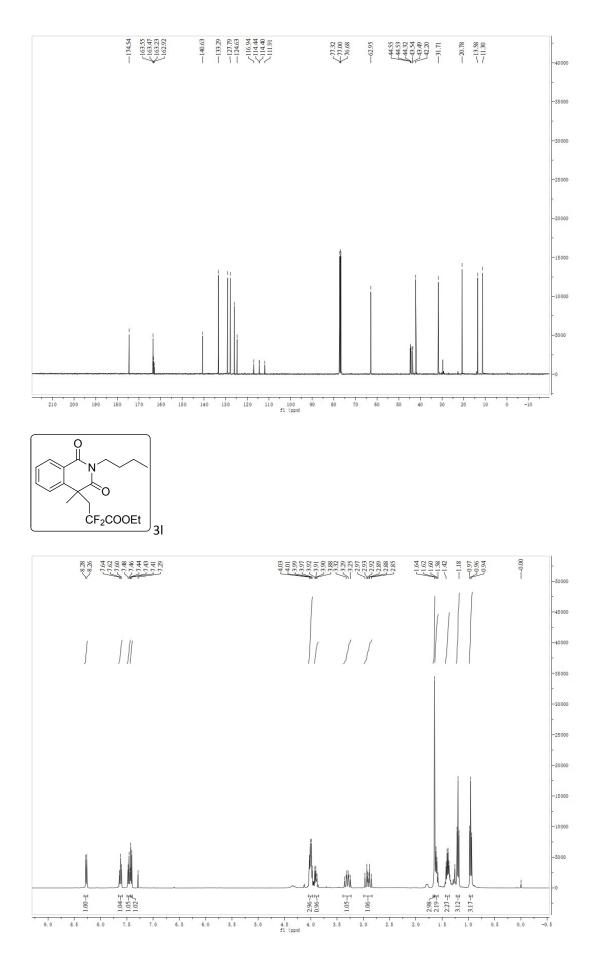


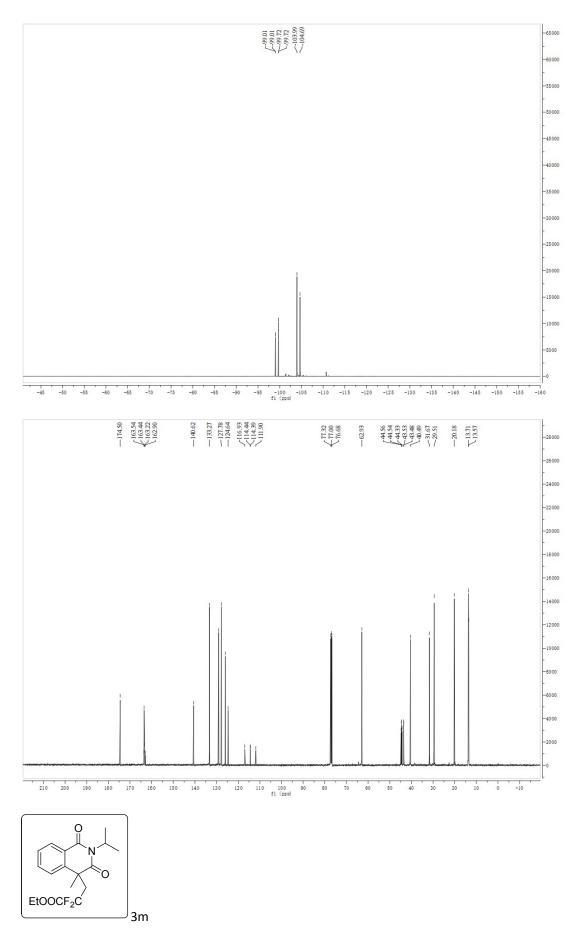


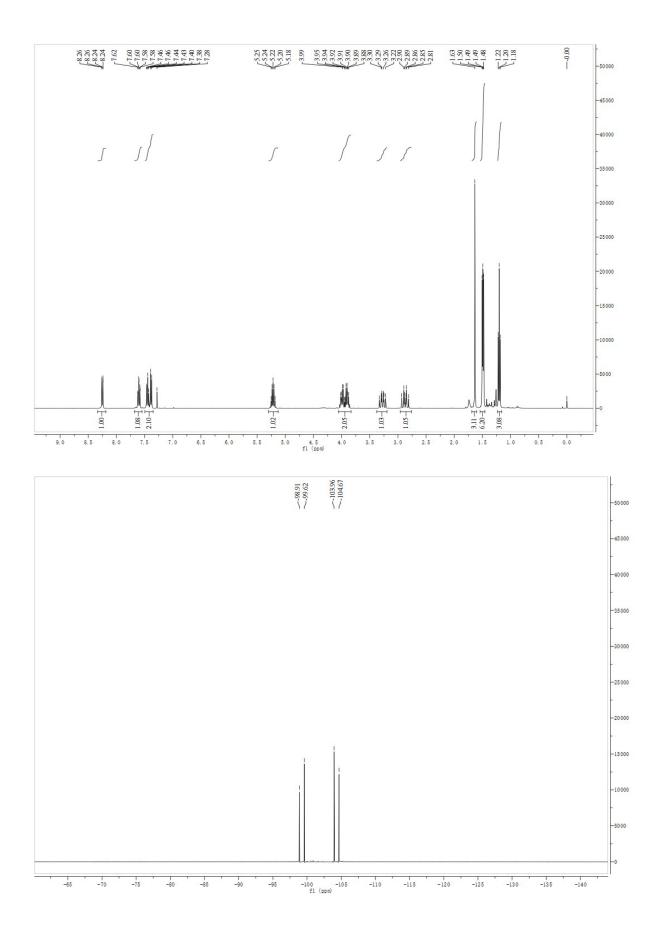


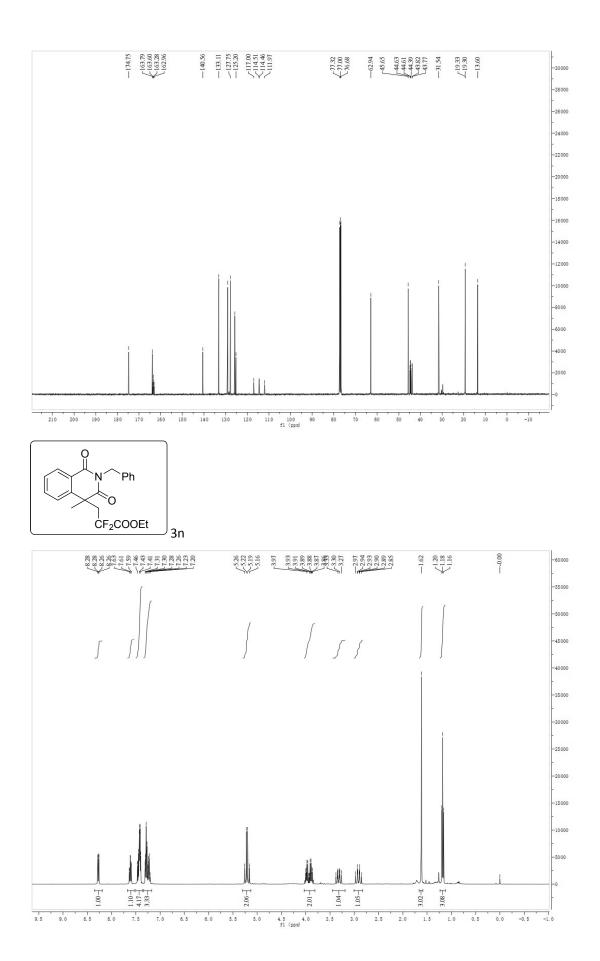


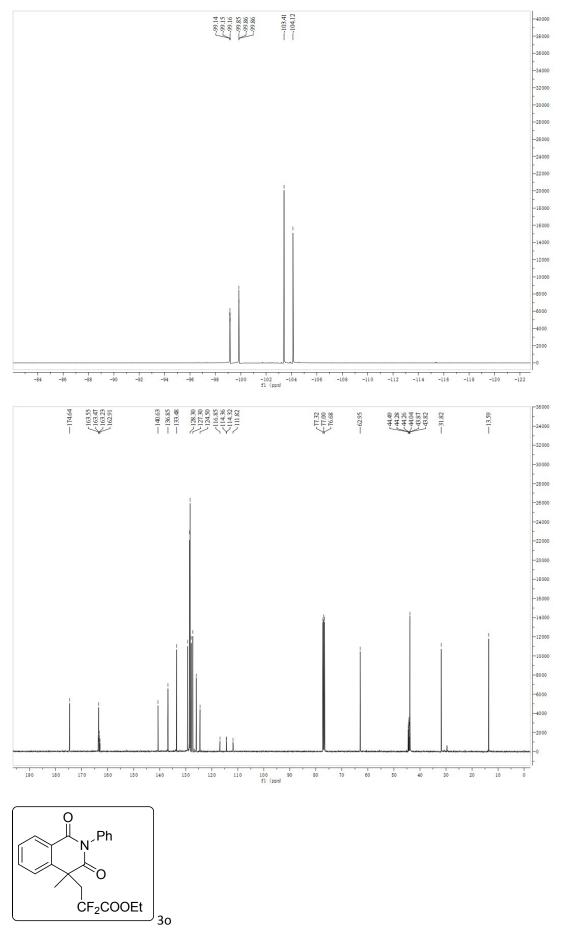


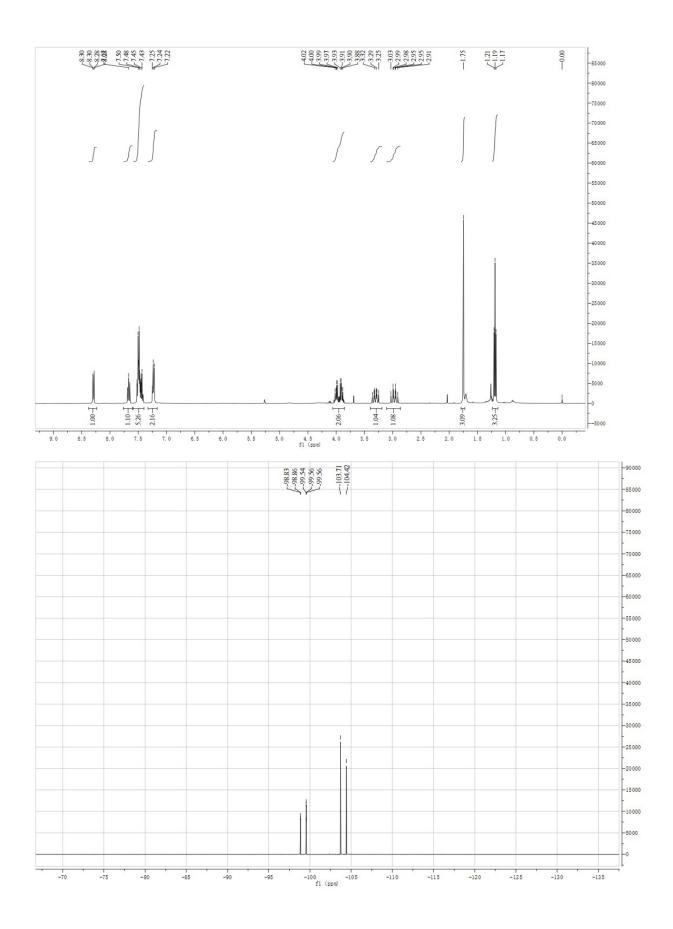


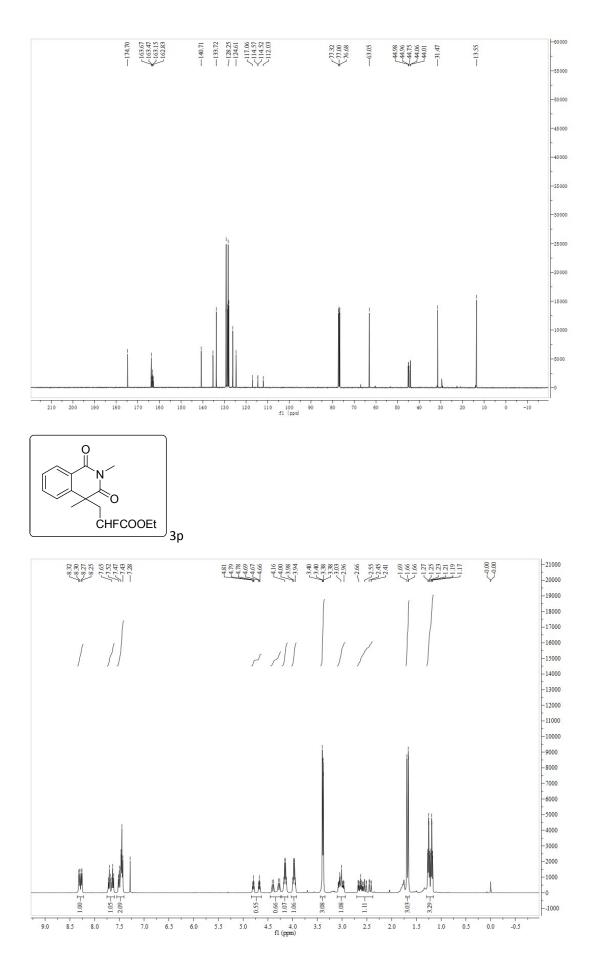


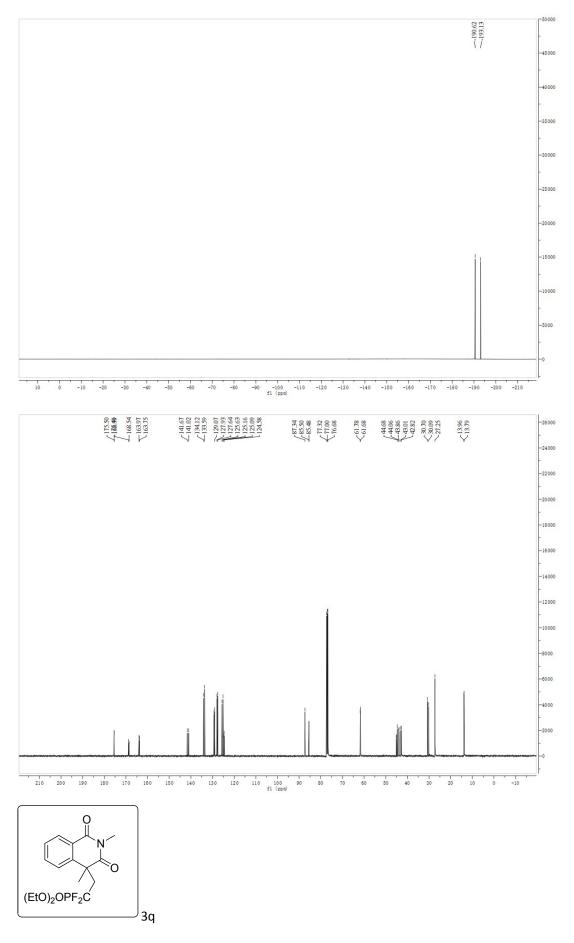


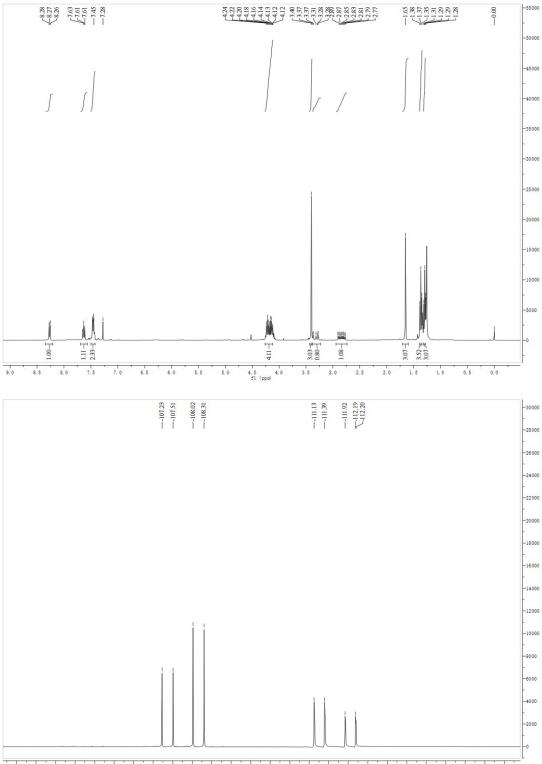




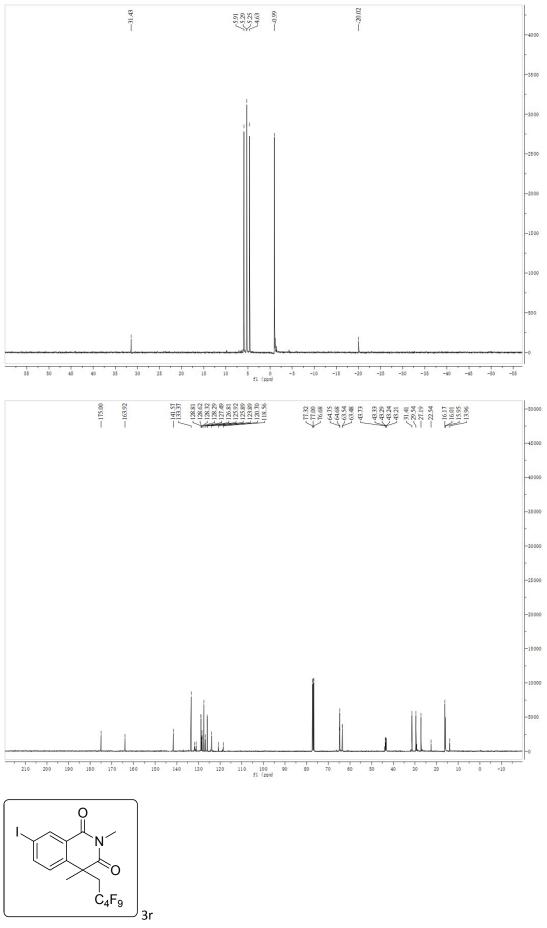


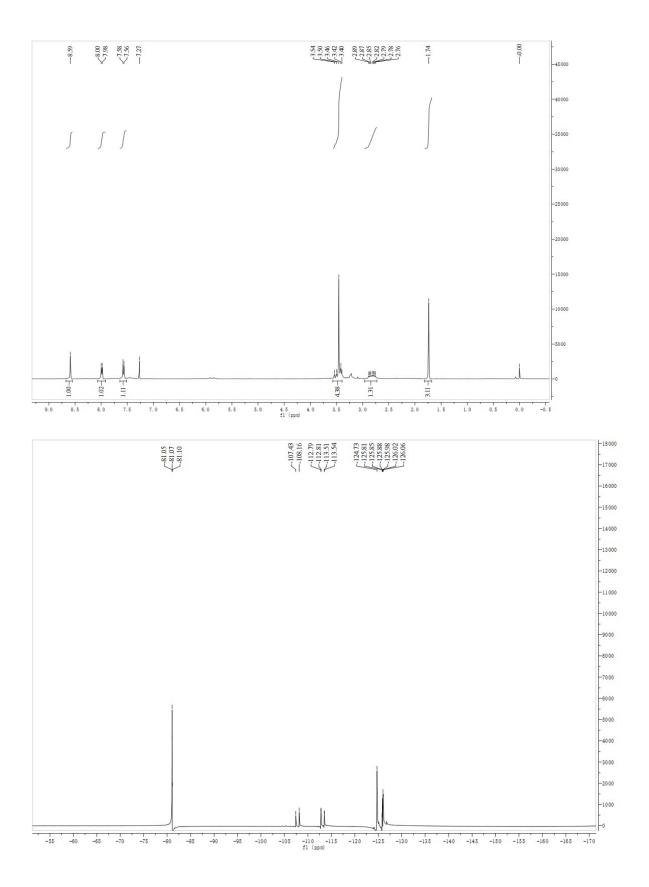


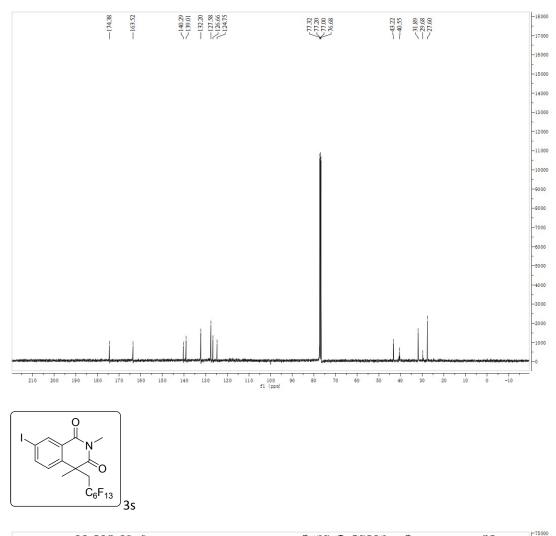


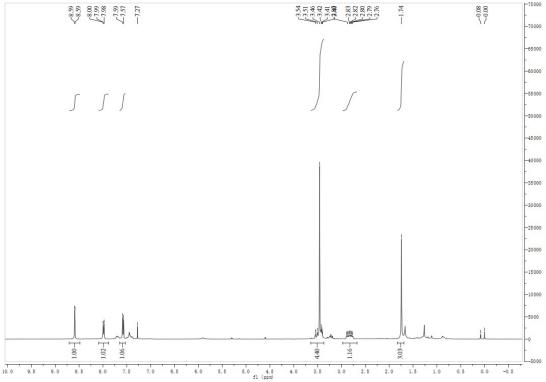


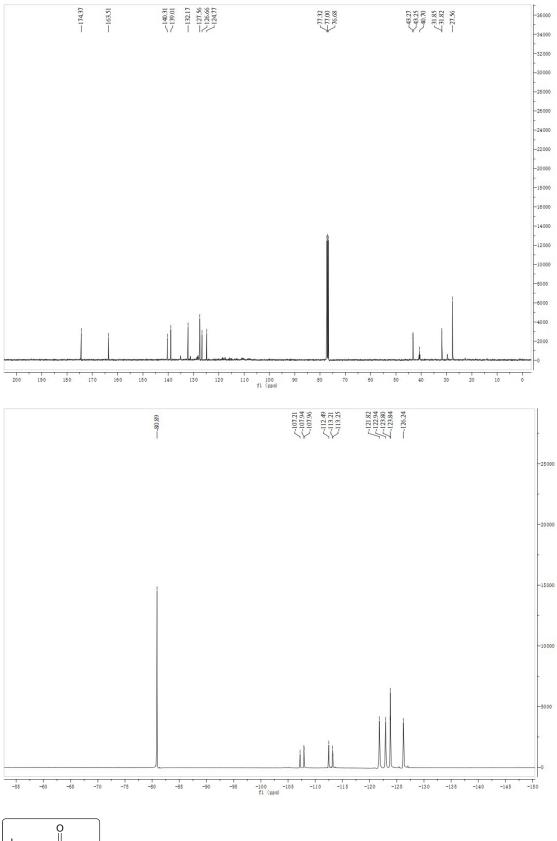
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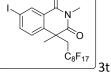


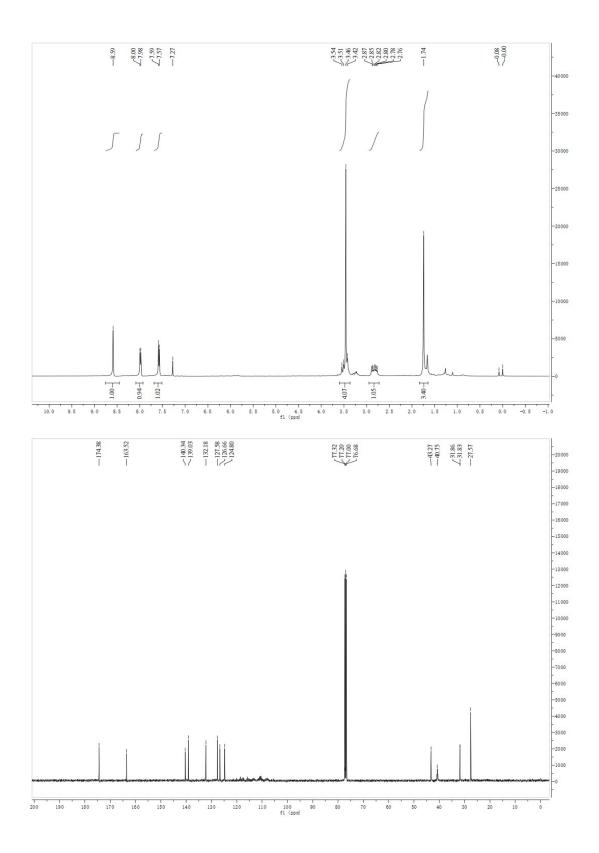


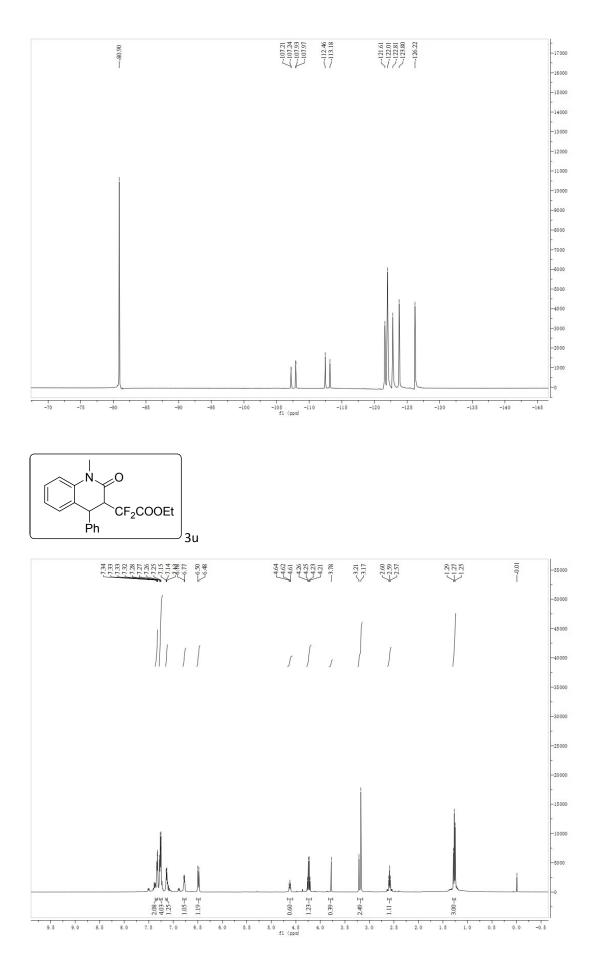


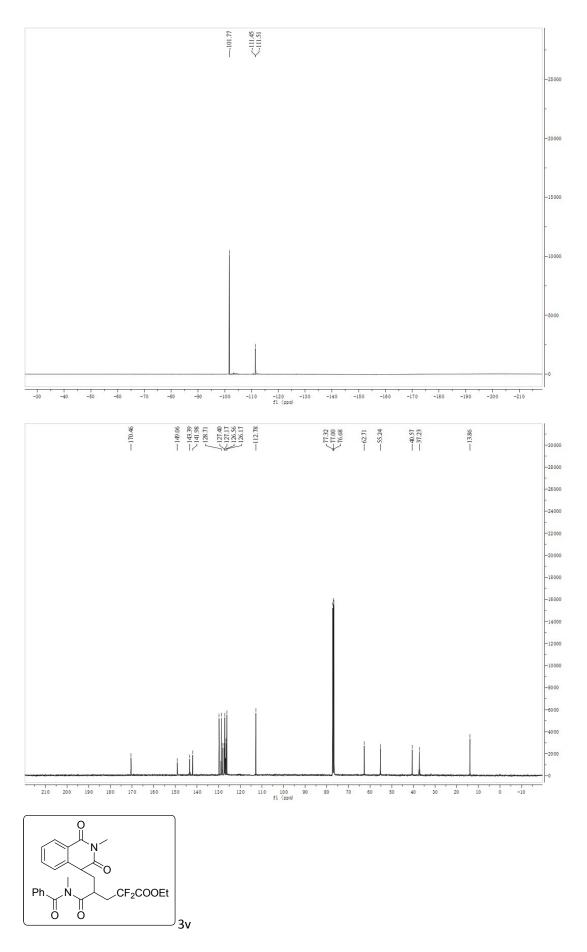


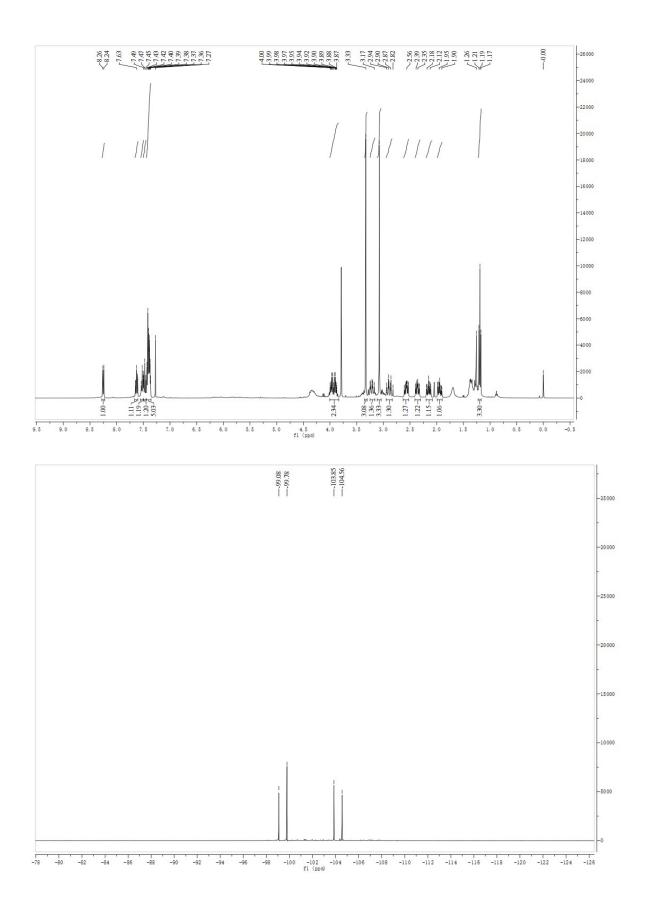


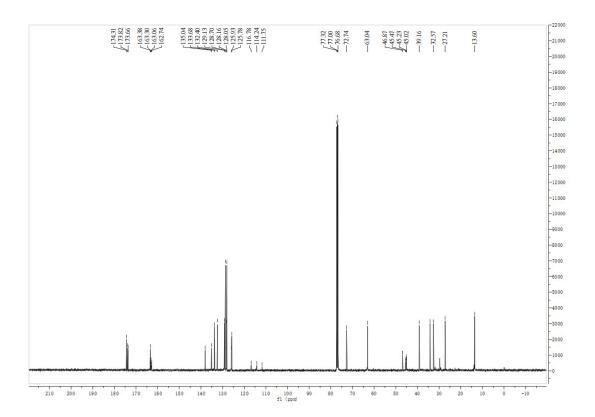


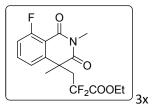


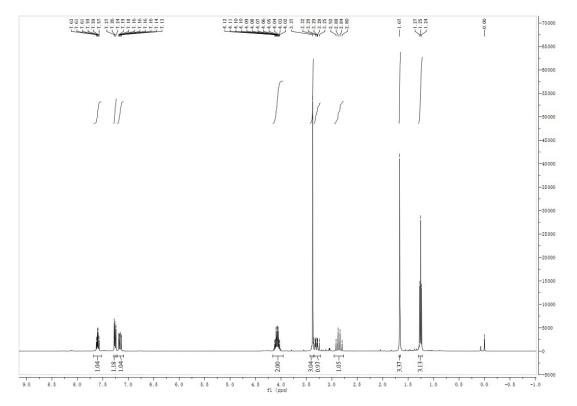


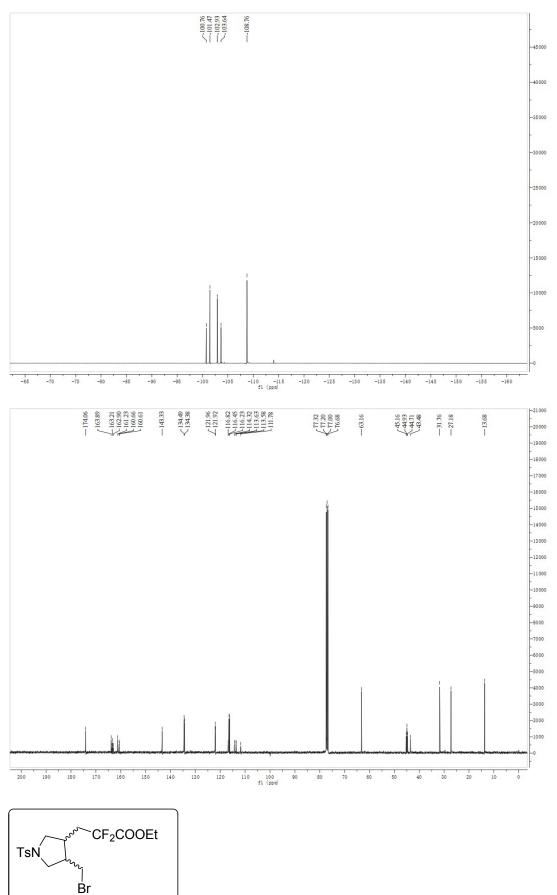












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