

Supporting Information to

Copper-catalyzed acyltrifluoromethylation of alkenes: rapid access to trifluoroethyl indanones and related compounds

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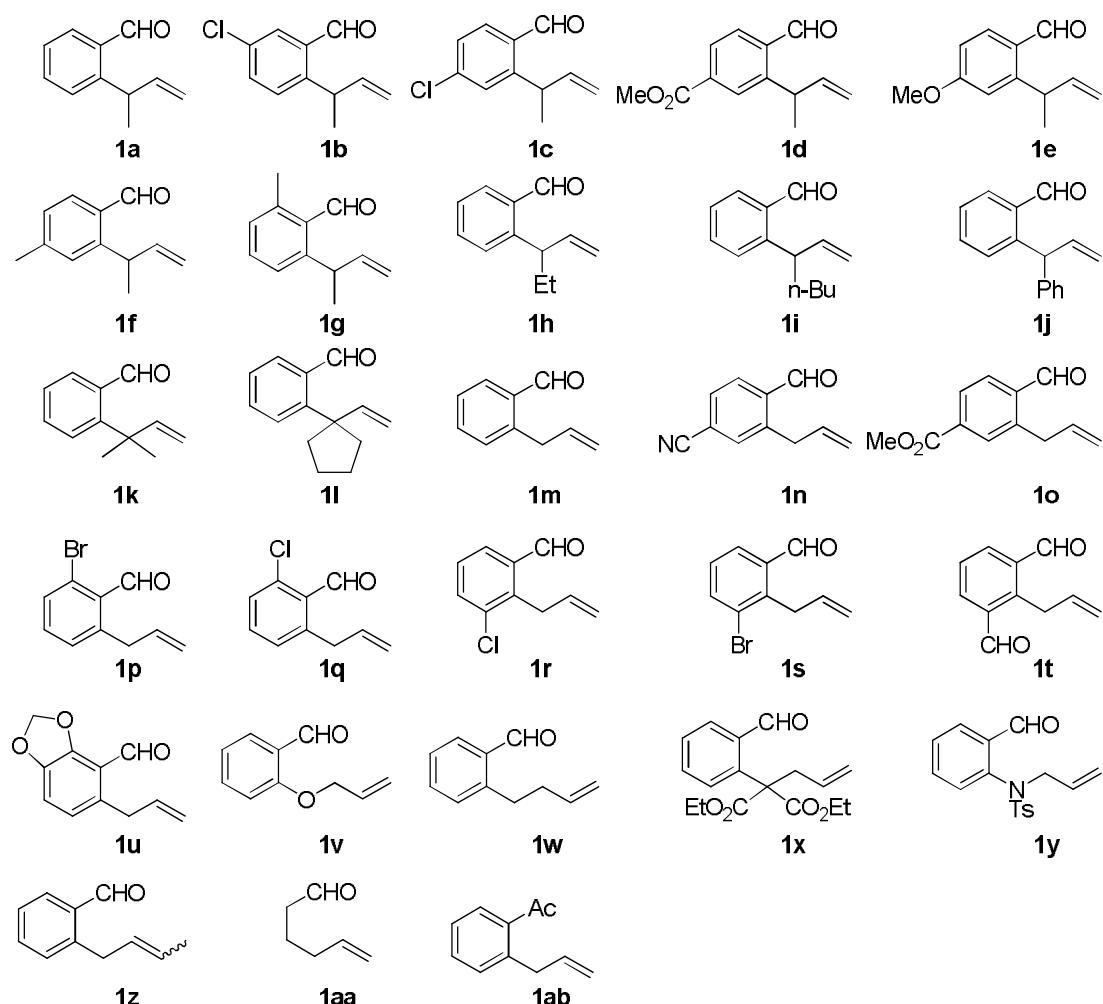
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General information:

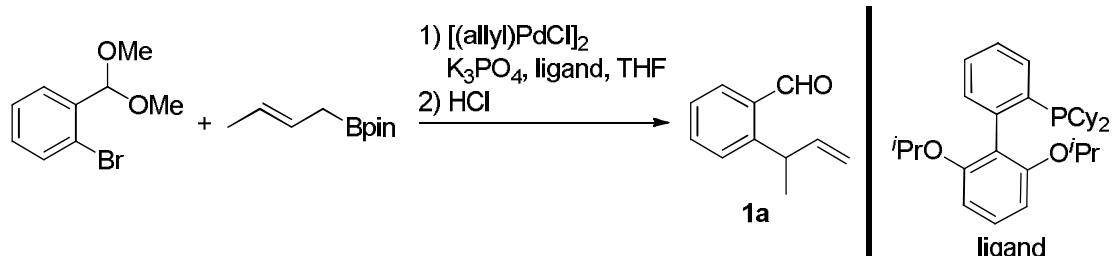
Unless otherwise noted, materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used directly without further purification. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra were measured on a 600 or 400 MHz NMR spectrometer using CDCl_3 as the solvent with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in parts per million relative to TMS, and the coupling constants are given in hertz. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analyses were carried out using a TOF MS instrument with ESI source. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300–400 mesh). The starting materials **1**¹ were prepared from aryl bromides via the Suzuki-Miyaura coupling,^{1a} exemplified by the synthesis of **1a**.

compounds **1**



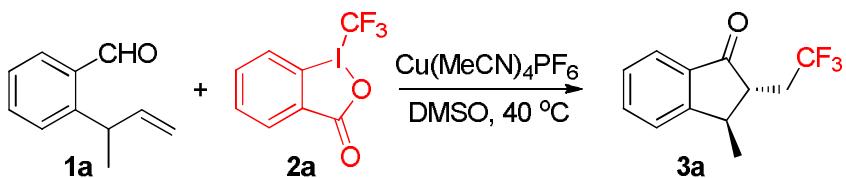
¹ (a) Y. Yang and S. L. Buchwald, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2013, **135**, 10642; (b) C. Cheng, S. Liu, D. Lu and G. Zhu, *Org. Lett.*, 2016, **18**, 2852; (c) X. Nie, C. Cheng and G. Zhu, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.*, 2017, **56**, 1898.

General procedure for the preparation of **1a:**^{1a}

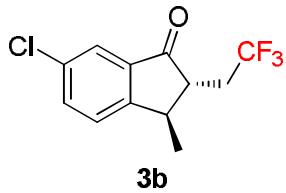


To a mixture of $[(\text{allyl})\text{PdCl}]_2$ (18.2 mg, 0.05 mmol), ligand (93.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), *trans*-crotylboronic acid pinacol ester (1.37 g, 7.5 mmol), and 1-bromo-2-(dimethoxymethyl)benzene (1.15 g, 5 mmol) in 5 mL of THF was added 2.5 M solution of aqueous K_3PO_4 (5 mL, 12.5 mmol). After stirring at 40 °C for 12 h, 1 M of aqueous HCl (10 mL, 10 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, which was stirred at room temperature for another 2 h. Then, the organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:50) gave 696 mg of **1a** (yield: 87%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.34 (s, 1H), 7.85–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H), 6.11–6.03 (m, 1H), 5.13–5.01 (m, 2H), 4.59–4.52 (m, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 192.4, 147.9, 142.3, 133.9, 133.2, 131.7, 127.9, 126.5, 114.1, 36.7, 20.5.

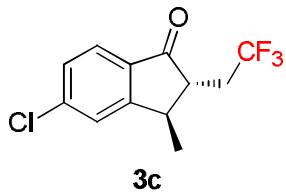
General procedure for the copper-catalyzed acyltrifluoromethylation of alkenes:



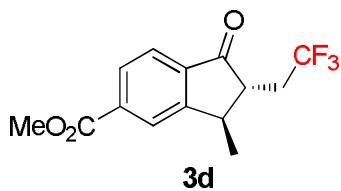
To a mixture of $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ (9.3 mg, 0.025 mmol) in 2 mL of DMSO was added **1a** (40 mg, 0.25 mmol) under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 40 °C for 12 h, K_2CO_3 (69 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added, followed by being stirred for another 2 h. Then, the reaction mixture was quenched with water, extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:50) gave 41 mg of **3a** (yield: 72%) as a colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.77–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.50–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.6, 158.1, 135.6, 134.8, 127.9, 127.0 (q, J = 276.7 Hz), 125.1, 123.9, 50.1 (q, J = 1.9 Hz), 39.8, 34.8 (q, J = 29.5 Hz), 19.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}$ ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺ 229.0840, found 229.0831.



Compound 3b. 42 mg, 64% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.19 (m, 1H), 2.97–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.47 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.14 (m, 1H), 1.50 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.2, 156.1, 136.3, 135.6, 134.3, 126.8 (q, $J = 276.6$), 126.5, 123.7, 50.5 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 39.5, 34.6 (q, $J = 29.7$ Hz), 19.8; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClF}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 285.0270, found 285.0251.



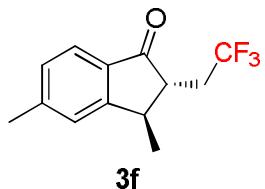
Compound 3c. 41 mg, 62% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.70–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.52–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.38 (m, 1H), 3.27–3.20 (m, 1H), 2.97–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.46 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.0, 159.5, 142.2, 133.2, 128.7, 126.8 (q, $J = 276.6$ Hz), 125.5, 125.1, 50.3 (q, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 39.6, 34.7 (q, $J = 29.6$ Hz), 19.7; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClF}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 285.0270, found 285.0252.



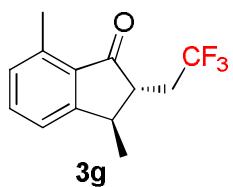
Compound 3d. 37 mg, 52% yield; white solid, mp 104–107 °C; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.22–8.19 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.82–7.79 (m, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 3.33–3.25 (m, 1H), 2.99–2.89 (m, 1H), 2.57–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.0, 166.2, 157.7, 137.9, 136.3, 129.0, 126.8 (q, $J = 276.7$ Hz), 126.5, 123.8, 52.6, 50.6 (q, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 39.8, 34.6 (q, $J = 29.7$ Hz), 19.7; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 309.0714, found 309.0688.

Crystal data for **3d** ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3$, 286.24): Orthorhombic, space group $Pca2(1)$, $a = 16.2998(10)$ Å, $b = 10.3533(6)$ Å, $c = 7.8903(5)$ Å, $U = 1331.54(14)$ Å 3 , $Z = 4$, $T = 296(2)$ K, absorption coefficient 0.127 mm $^{-1}$, reflections collected 20606, independent reflections 3066 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0647$], refinement by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 , data/restraints/parameters 3066/1/181, goodness-of-fit on $F^2 = 0.922$, final R indices [$I > 2s(I)$] $R_1 = 0.0475$, $wR_2 = 0.1244$, R indices (all data) $R_1 = 0.0781$, $wR_2 = 0.1512$, largest diff peak and hole 0.128 and -0.184 e.Å $^{-3}$.

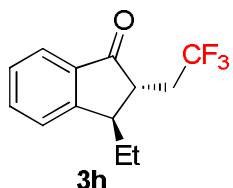
Crystallographic data for the structure **3d** have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC 1540172.



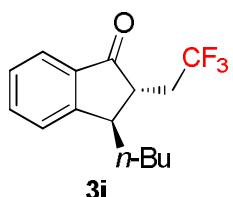
Compound 3f. 38 mg, 62% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.67–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.20 (m, 1H), 3.24–3.14 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.85 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.43 (m, 4H), 2.22–2.06 (m, 1H), 1.49 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.1, 158.6, 146.9, 132.5, 129.1, 127.0 (q, $J = 276.6$ Hz), 125.5, 123.8, 50.3 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 39.7, 34.9 (q, $J = 29.4$ Hz), 22.2, 19.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 265.0816, found 265.0796.



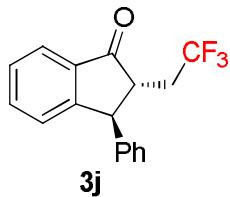
Compound 3g. 47 mg, 77% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.52–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.16–7.13 (m, 1H), 3.23–3.13 (m, 1H), 2.96–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.64 (s, 3H), 2.46–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.49 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 205.3, 158.8, 139.0, 134.7, 132.3, 129.5, 127.1 (q, $J = 276.4$ Hz), 122.4, 50.3 (q, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 39.3, 34.8 (q, $J = 29.4$ Hz), 20.0, 18.4; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –64.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 265.0816, found 265.0788.



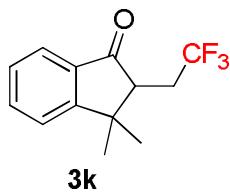
Compound 3h. 43 mg, 71% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44–7.40 (m, 1H), 3.34–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.87–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.98–1.86 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 205.3, 156.9, 135.5, 135.3, 127.9, 126.8 (q, $J = 276.8$ Hz), 125.6, 124.1, 46.3 (q, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 45.3, 35.4 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz), 26.6, 9.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 265.0816, found 265.0794.



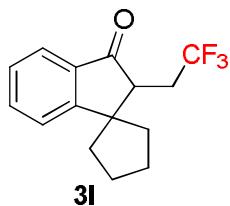
Compound 3i. 50 mg, 74% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78–7.73 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 1H), 3.38–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.85–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.28–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.31 (m, 3H), 1.22–1.14 (m, 1H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 205.4, 157.3, 135.4, 135.2, 127.8, 127.7 (q, J = 276.7 Hz), 125.7, 124.1, 47.2 (q, J = 2.0 Hz), 44.3, 35.4 (q, J = 29.1 Hz), 34.1, 28.1, 22.9, 13.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 293.1129, found 293.1104.



Compound 3j. 44 mg, 61% yield; colorless oil; dr > 20:1. ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.85–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.46–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 3H), 4.37 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98–2.87 (m, 2H), 2.46–2.34 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.2, 156.8, 142.0, 135.8, 134.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 126.7, 126.6 (q, J = 277.2 Hz), 123.8, 51.9, 51.0, 34.3 (q, J = 29.7 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -63.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 313.0816, found 313.0815.

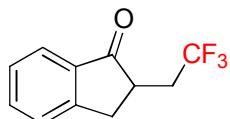


Compound 3k. 48 mg, 80% yield; white solid, mp 58–61 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.78–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.69–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.36 (m, 1H), 3.07–2.95 (m, 1H), 2.72–2.69 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.20 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.3, 162.5, 135.4, 133.2, 127.8, 127.1 (q, J = 276.0 Hz), 123.8, 123.4, 54.3 (q, J = 2.3 Hz), 41.8, 29.9 (q, J = 30.1 Hz), 27.6, 26.9; ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 265.0816, found 265.0800.



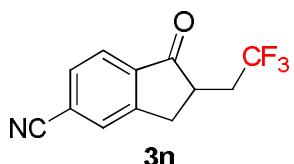
Compound 3l. 57 mg, 85% yield; colorless oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.72–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.93 (m, 1H), 2.91–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.17 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.92 (m, 3H), 1.86–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.39 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 203.5, 162.7, 135.4, 133.2, 127.5, 127.0 (q, J = 276.3 Hz), 123.8, 123.3, 53.2 (q, J = 2.0 Hz), 52.7, 38.7, 37.2, 30.0 (q, J = 29.8 Hz), 26.0, 25.9;

¹⁹F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -64.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₅F₃NaO (M + Na)⁺ 291.0973, found 291.0970.



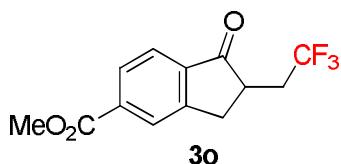
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Compound 3m. 35 mg, 66% yield; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.80–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.39 (m, 1H), 3.55–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.89 (m, 3H), 2.17–2.07 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.9, 153.0, 135.5, 135.4, 127.8, 127.0 (q, J = 276.6 Hz), 126.5, 124.2, 41.9 (q, J = 2.3 Hz), 34.9 (q, J = 29.2 Hz), 33.1; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -64.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₁H₉F₃NaO (M + Na)⁺ 237.0503, found 237.0477.



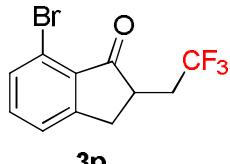
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Compound 3n. 36 mg, 60% yield; white solid, mp 143–145 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90–7.86 (m, 1H), 7.85–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.71–7.68 (m, 1H), 3.63–3.57 (m, 1H), 3.11–3.06 (m, 1H), 3.05–2.93 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.13 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.4, 152.7, 138.5, 131.4, 130.6, 126.7 (q, J = 276.6 Hz), 124.9, 118.3, 117.8, 42.1 (q, J = 2.3 Hz), 34.5 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 32.7; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -64.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₈F₃NNaO (M + Na)⁺ 262.0456, found 262.0453.



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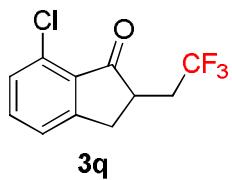
Compound 3o. 34 mg, 50% yield; white solid, mp 98–100 °C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.17–8.16 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.05 (m, 1H), 8.45–8.20 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.59–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.07–2.96 (m, 3H), 2.20–2.11 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.3, 166.2, 152.7, 138.7, 136.1, 129.0, 127.8, 126.9 (q, J = 276.6 Hz), 124.1, 52.6, 42.4 (q, J = 2.2 Hz), 34.8 (q, J = 29.4 Hz), 33.0; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -64.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₁F₃NaO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 295.0558, found 295.0532.



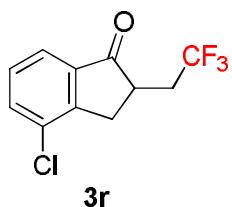
3p

Compound 3p. 67 mg, 92% yield; colorless oil; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.38 (m, 2H), 3.51–3.42 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.93 (m, 3H), 2.18–2.07 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.9, 155.5, 135.7, 133.1, 132.8, 126.9 (q, J = 276.7 Hz), 125.5, 120.0, 42.6 (q,

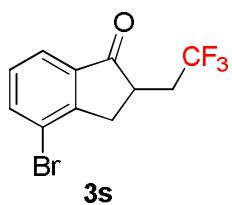
$J = 2.3$ Hz), 34.8 (q, $J = 29.3$ Hz), 32.3; ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{BrF}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 314.9608, found 314.9589.



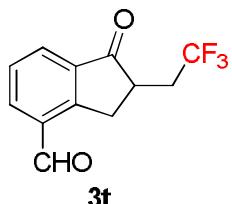
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Compound 3r. 51 mg, 82% yield; white solid, mp 58–60 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 1H), 3.59–3.52 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.95 (m, 3H), 2.23–2.11 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.0, 150.6, 137.5, 134.2, 132.8, 129.4, 126.8 (q, $J = 276.7$ Hz), 122.4, 41.8 (q, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 34.8 (q, $J = 29.5$ Hz), 32.0; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{ClF}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 271.0113, found 271.0111.

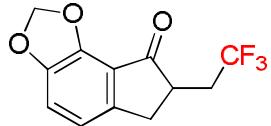


Compound 3s. 62 mg, 85% yield; white solid, mp 62–64 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.83–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.77–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 1H), 3.51–3.45 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.90 (m, 3H), 2.19–2.11 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.1, 152.7, 138.1, 137.6, 129.6, 126.8 (q, $J = 274.0$ Hz), 123.1, 122.1, 41.9 (q, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 34.8 (q, $J = 29.5$ Hz), 34.1; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -64.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{BrF}_3\text{NaO} (\text{M} + \text{Na})^+$ 314.9608, found 314.9581.



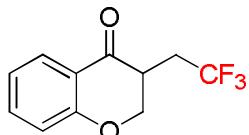
Compound 3t. 48 mg, 80% yield; white solid, mp 171–173 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.15–8.08 (m, 1H), 8.07–8.00 (m, 1H), 7.70–7.61 (m, 1H), 4.04–3.95 (m, 1H),

3.34–3.27 (m, 1H), 3.01–2.93 (m, 2H), 2.24–2.13 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 204.1, 191.3, 153.7, 138.8, 137.0, 133.4, 129.3, 128.5, 126.8 (q, $J = 276.8$ Hz), 41.8 (q, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 34.8 (q, $J = 29.4$ Hz), 32.9; ^{19}F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –64.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 265.0452, found 265.0443.



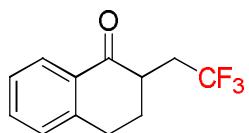
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Compound 3u. 38 mg, 59% yield; yellow solid, mp 107–109 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.05 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.14–6.12 (m, 2H), 3.49–3.40 (m, 1H), 2.98–2.90 (m, 3H), 2.17–2.06 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 201.8, 147.7, 144.6, 143.8, 126.9 (q, $J = 276.6$ Hz), 118.7, 118.2, 114.8, 103.0, 42.8 (q, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 34.8 (q, $J = 29.2$ Hz), 32.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –64.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 281.0401, found 281.0385.



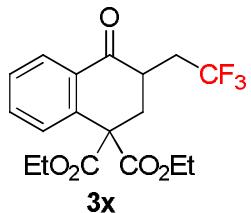
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Compound 3v. 35 mg, 60% yield; colorless oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.92–7.89 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.08–7.03 (m, 1H), 7.01–6.98 (m, 1H), 4.75–4.70 (m, 1H), 4.27–4.22 (m, 1H), 3.20–3.03 (m, 2H), 2.13–2.03 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 190.7, 161.5, 136.4, 127.6, 126.6 (q, $J = 276.3$ Hz), 121.8, 120.0, 117.9, 69.7 (q, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 40.5 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 29.6 (q, $J = 30.1$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –64.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 253.0452, found 252.0430.

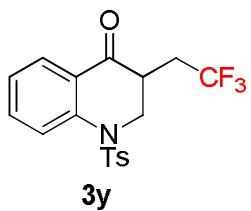


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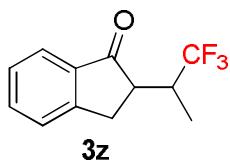
Compound 3w. 32 mg, 57% yield; colorless oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.05–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.15 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.03–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.16–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.91 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 196.5, 143.7, 133.7, 131.7, 128.8, 127.7, 127.3 (q, $J = 276.5$ Hz), 126.8, 42.7 (q, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 33.3 (q, $J = 28.7$ Hz), 29.0, 28.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –63.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 251.0660, found 251.0657.



Compound 3x. 69 mg, 74% yield; white solid, mp 51–53 °C; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.09–8.07 (m, 1H), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.51 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 1H), 4.36–4.29 (m, 3H), 4.24–4.17 (m, 1H), 3.30–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.18–3.13 (m, 1H), 3.08–3.00 (m, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17–2.05 (m, 1H), 1.34–1.26 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 194.4, 170.1, 168.9, 138.1, 133.8, 131.2, 129.7, 128.7, 127.8, 127.0 (q, J = 276.5 Hz), 62.5, 62.5, 58.8, 38.9 (q, J = 2.0 Hz), 35.2, 32.9 (q, J = 29.0 Hz), 13.9, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –63.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_5$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 395.1082, found 395.1082.



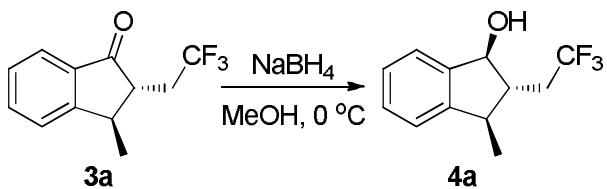
Compound 3y. 48 mg, 50% yield; colorless oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.00–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.64–7.55 (m, 3H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 3H), 4.78–4.74 (m, 1H), 3.72–3.64 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.93 (m, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.51–2.44 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.95–1.83 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 191.6, 144.9, 142.2, 136.5, 135.1, 130.2, 128.2, 126.8, 126.5 (q, J = 276.7 Hz), 125.6, 124.3, 124.0, 50.1, 39.5, 30.7 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 21.6; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –63.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 406.0701, found 406.0686.



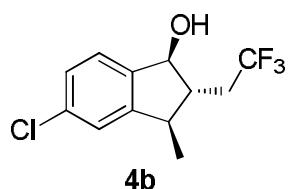
Compound 3z. 23 mg, 40% yield; colorless oil; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.04–8.01 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.27 (m, 1H), 3.30–3.25 (m, 1H), 3.16–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.72–2.63 (m, 1H), 1.43–1.40 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 197.2, 139.6, 133.9, 131.1, 128.7, 127.6, 127.4, 126.8 (q, J = 280.9 Hz), 44.9 (q, J = 26.0 Hz), 42.1, 27.6, 13.9; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –69.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}$) $^+$ 251.0660, found 251.0656.

Experimental procedure for the preparation of compound 4a:²

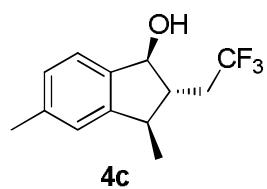
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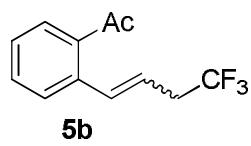
To a solution of **3a** (57 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of MeOH was added NaBH₄ (11.3 mg, 0.3 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 20 mL of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/petroleum ether = 1:5) gave 53 mg of **4a** (yield: 92%) as a white solid, mp 72–73 °C; dr > 20:1. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38–7.36 (m, 1H), 7.33–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.18 (m, 1H), 4.94 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.06–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.8, 142.9, 128.5, 127.3, 126.9 (q, *J* = 277.0 Hz), 123.7, 123.2, 79.9, 52.6 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 42.0, 36.1 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 18.3; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -63.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃F₃NaO (M + Na)⁺ 253.0816, found 253.0811.



Compound 4b. 58 mg, 88% yield; white solid, mp 88–89 °C; dr > 20:1. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 1H), 4.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.80–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.10–2.02 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.8, 143.1, 133.1, 128.7, 126.1 (q, *J* = 276.9 Hz), 124.4, 124.1, 79.3, 52.8 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 41.6, 36.0 (q, *J* = 28.8 Hz), 18.2; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -63.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₃ClF₃O (M + H)⁺ 265.0607, found 265.0593.



Compound 4c. 52 mg, 86% yield; white solid, mp 75–76 °C; dr > 20:1. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (m, 1H), 7.01 (m, 1H), 4.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.74 (m, 1H), 2.51–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.06–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.1, 140.1, 138.5, 128.2, 127.0 (q, *J* = 277.0 Hz), 123.9, 123.5, 79.8, 52.8 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 42.0, 36.2 (q, *J* = 28.6 Hz), 21.5, 18.5; ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -63.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₃H₁₆F₃O (M + H)⁺ 245.1153, found 245.1150.



Compound 5b. 25 mg, 43% yield; colorless oil; *E/Z* = 5:1; ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) data of major isomer: δ 7.70–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (dt, J = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06–2.99 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) data of major isomer: δ 201.7, 137.0, 136.4, 135.8, 131.8, 129.0, 128.0, 127.8, 125.9 (q, J = 276.9 Hz), 119.9 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 37.7 (q, J = 29.9 Hz), 29.6; ^{19}F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -66.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$) 251.0660, found 251.0651.

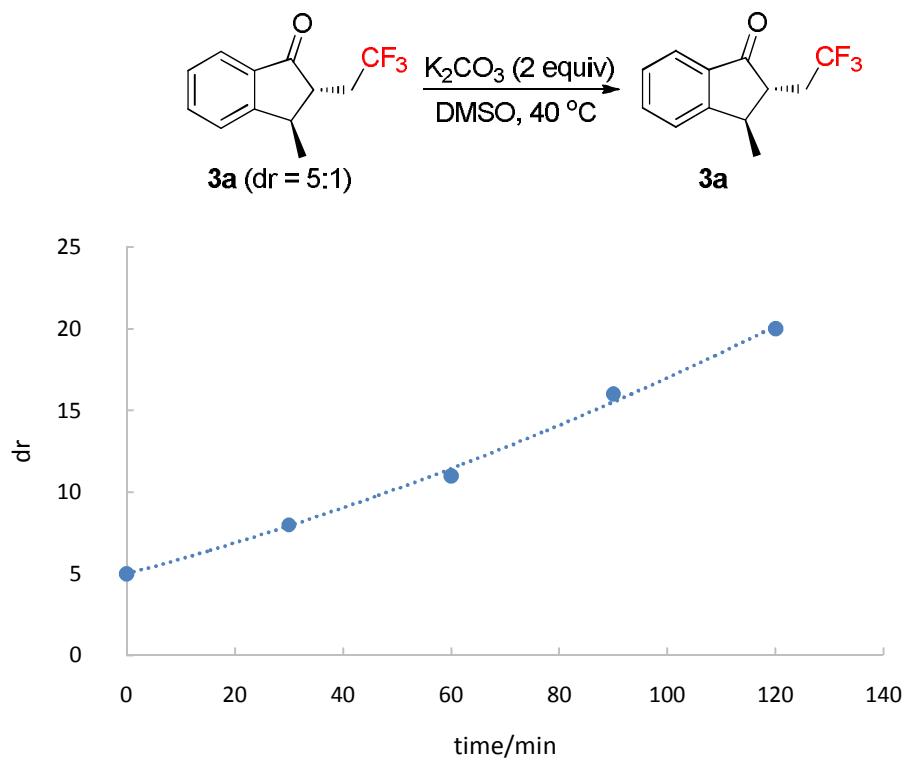
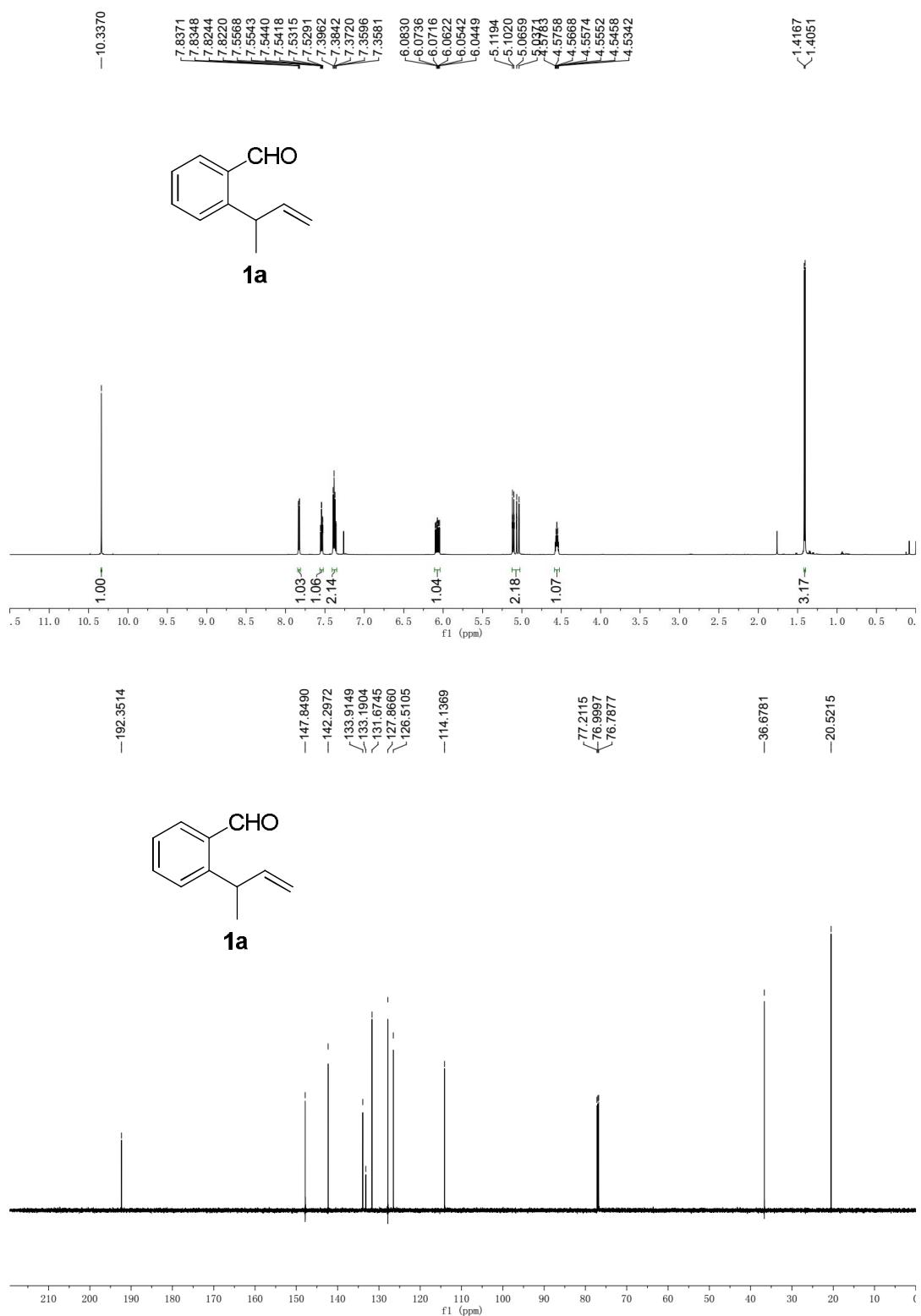
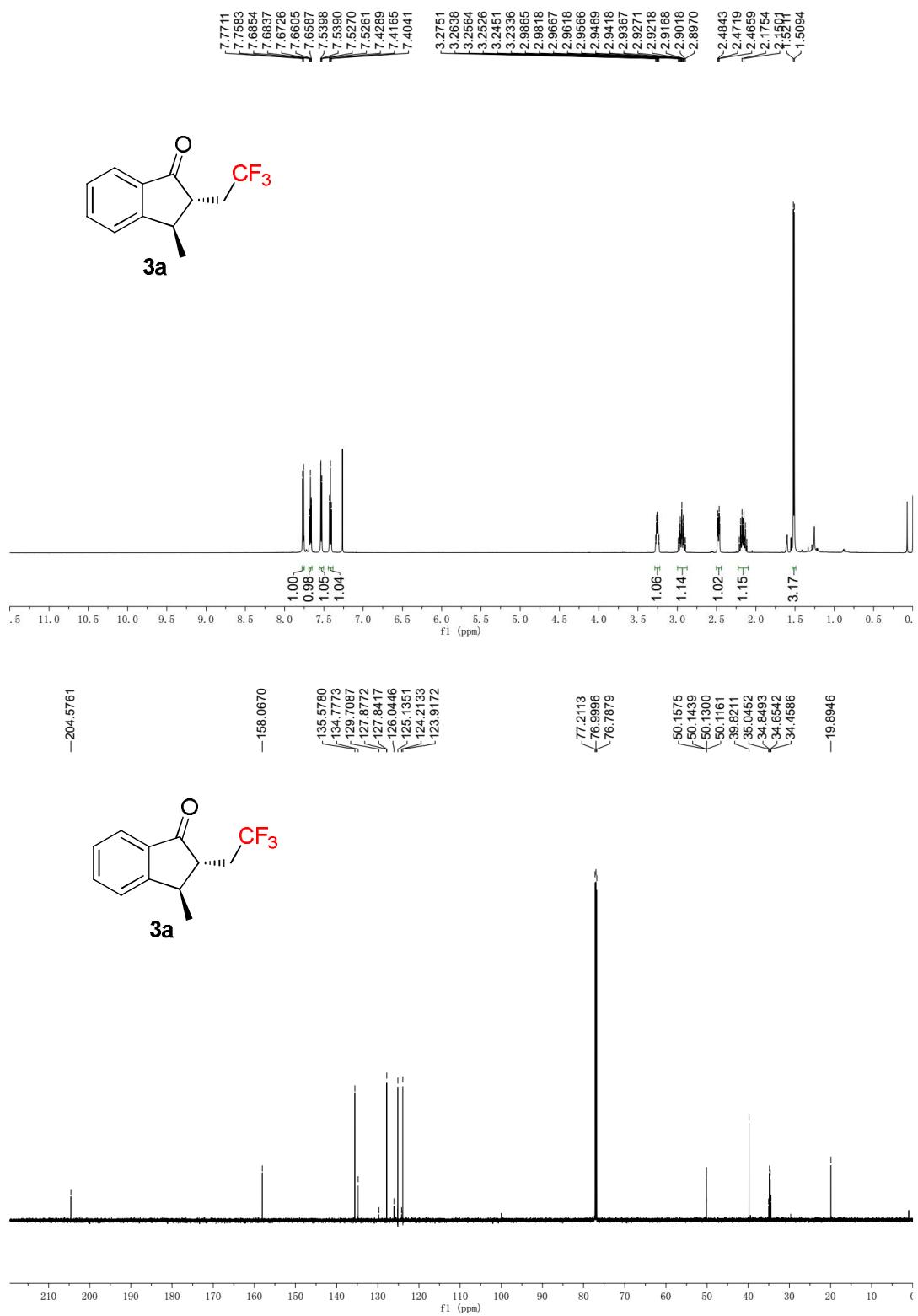
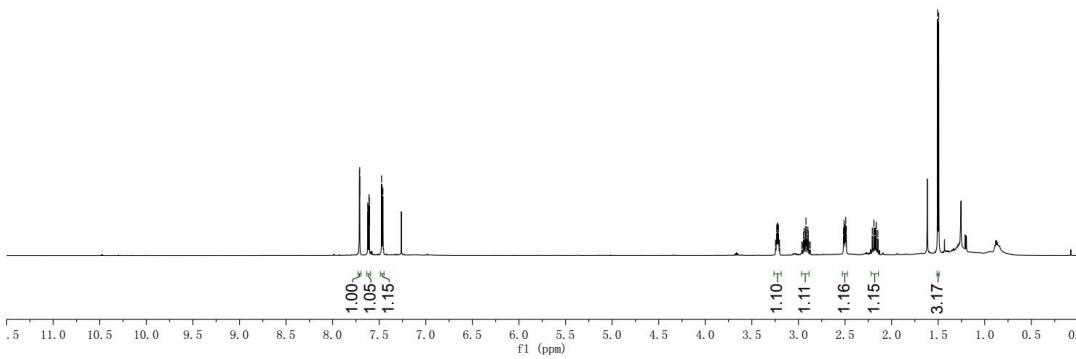
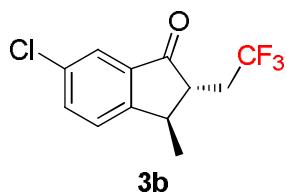
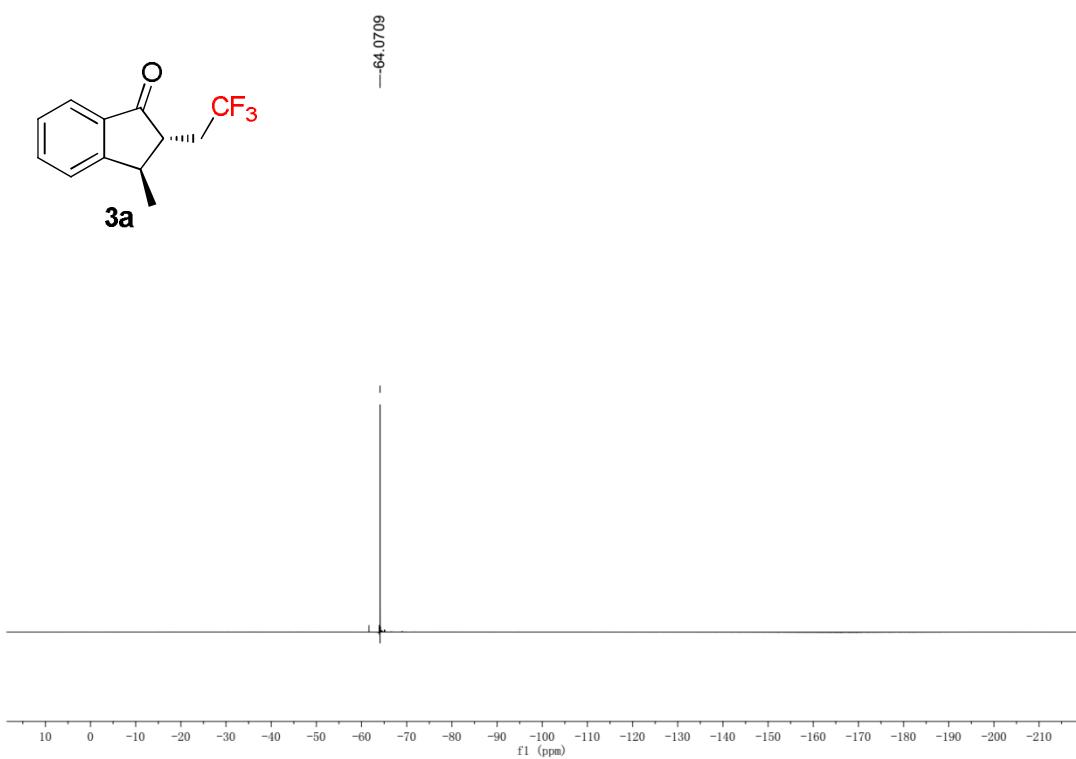
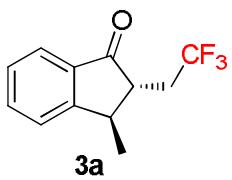
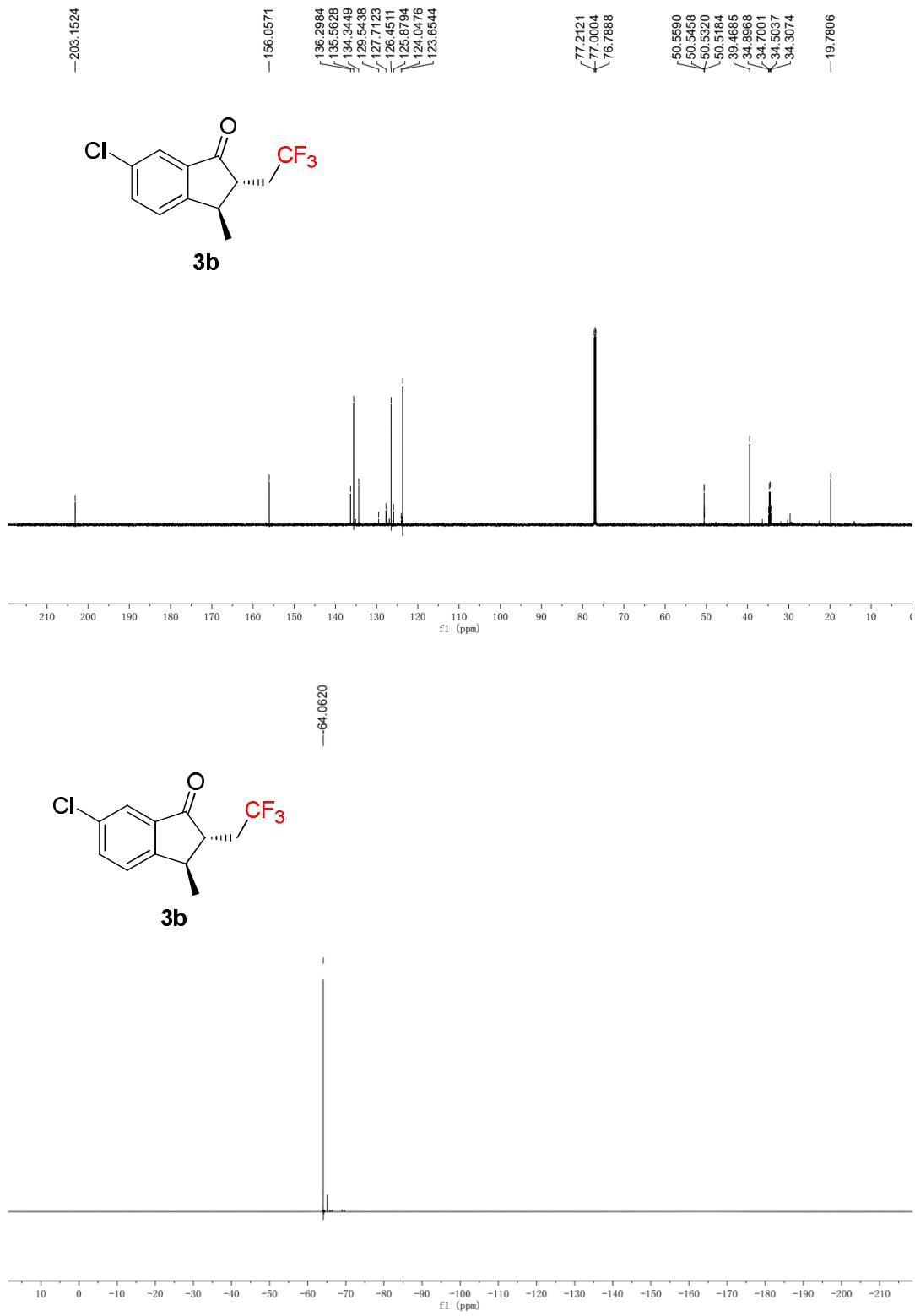


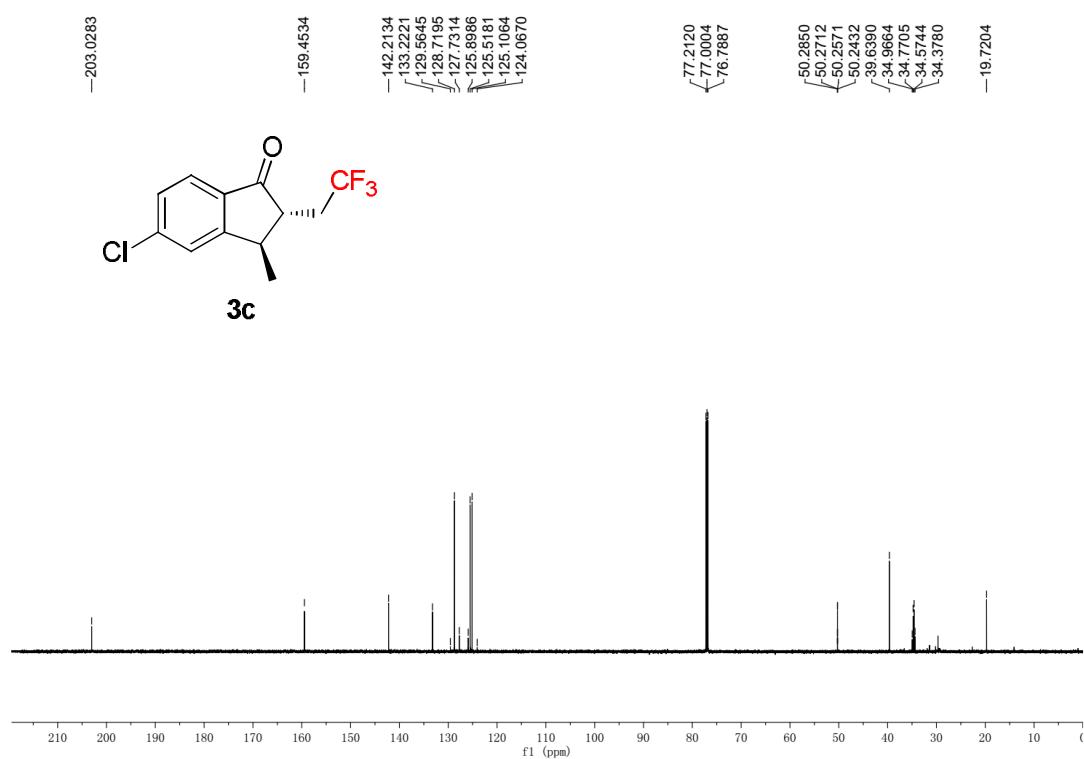
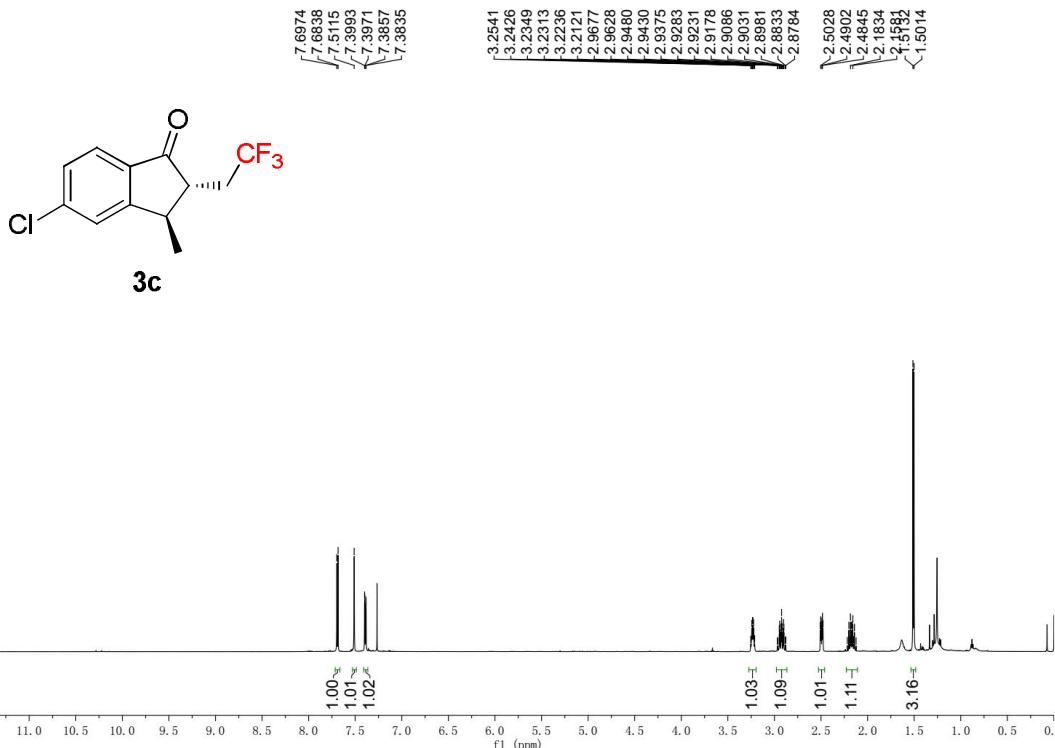
Figure S1. Kinetic profiles of K_2CO_3 -promoted epimerization of **3a**, monitored by GC analysis.
Reaction conditions: **3a** (0.25 mmol, dr = 5:1), K_2CO_3 (0.5 mmol), DMSO (2 mL), 40 °C.

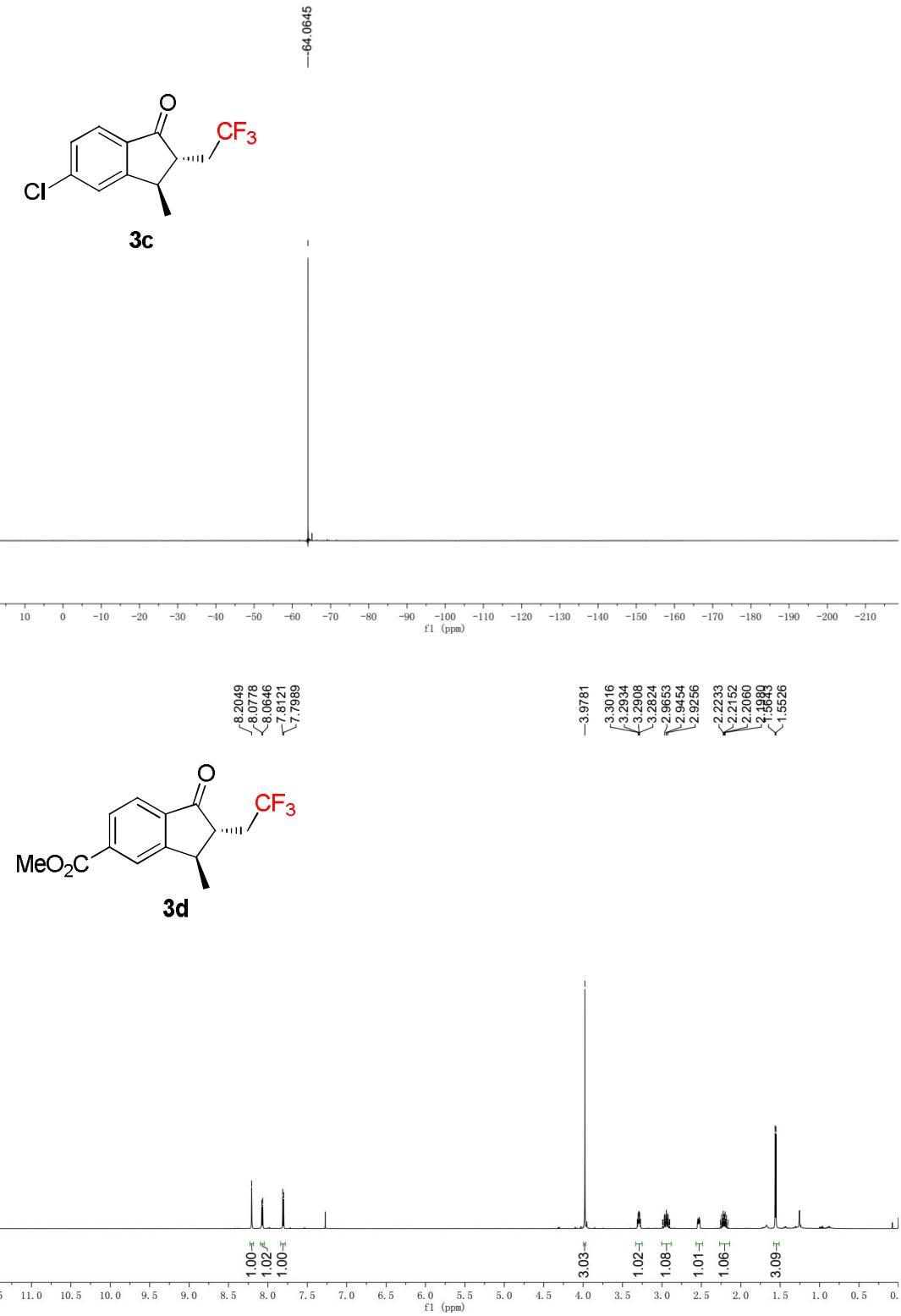


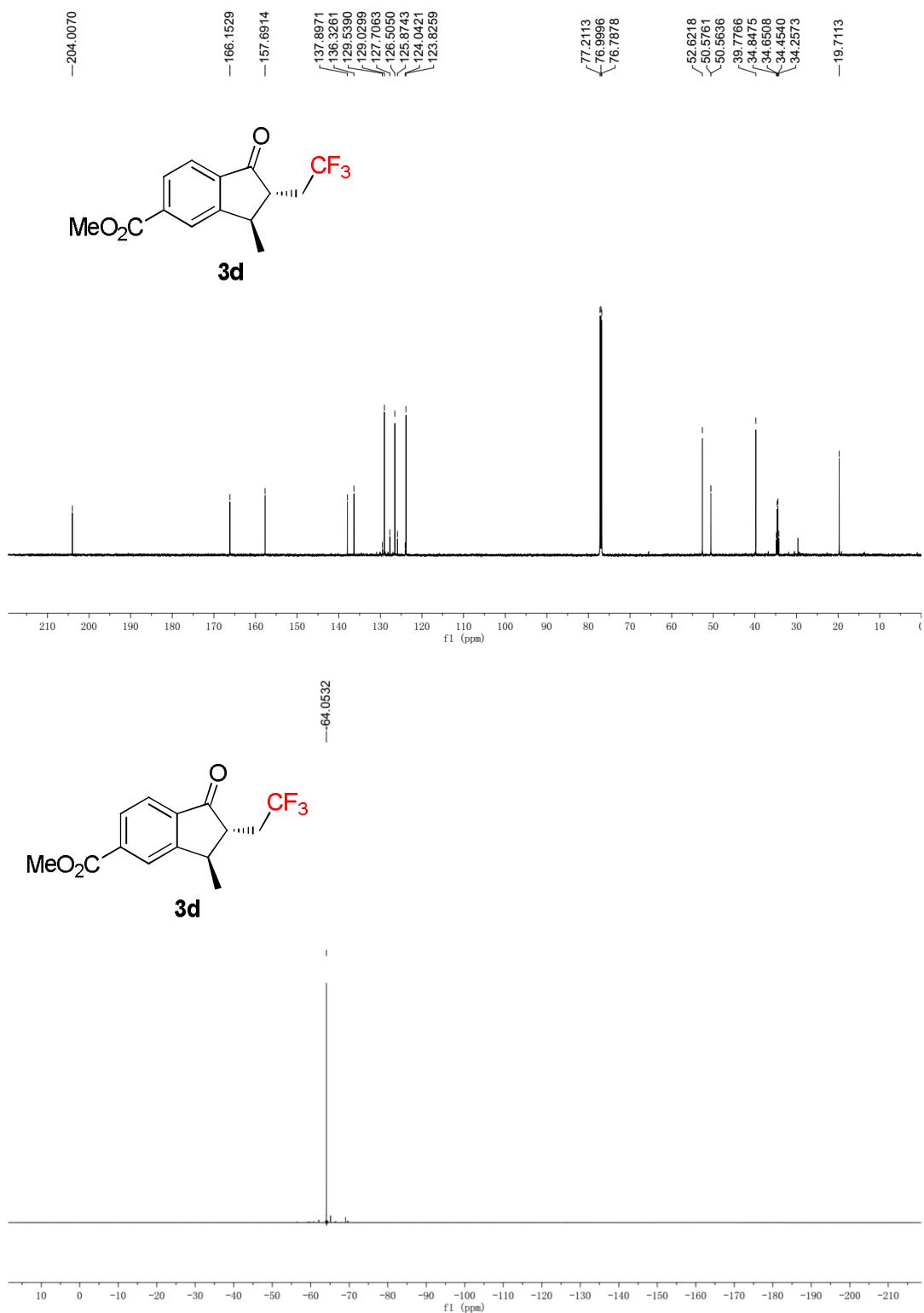


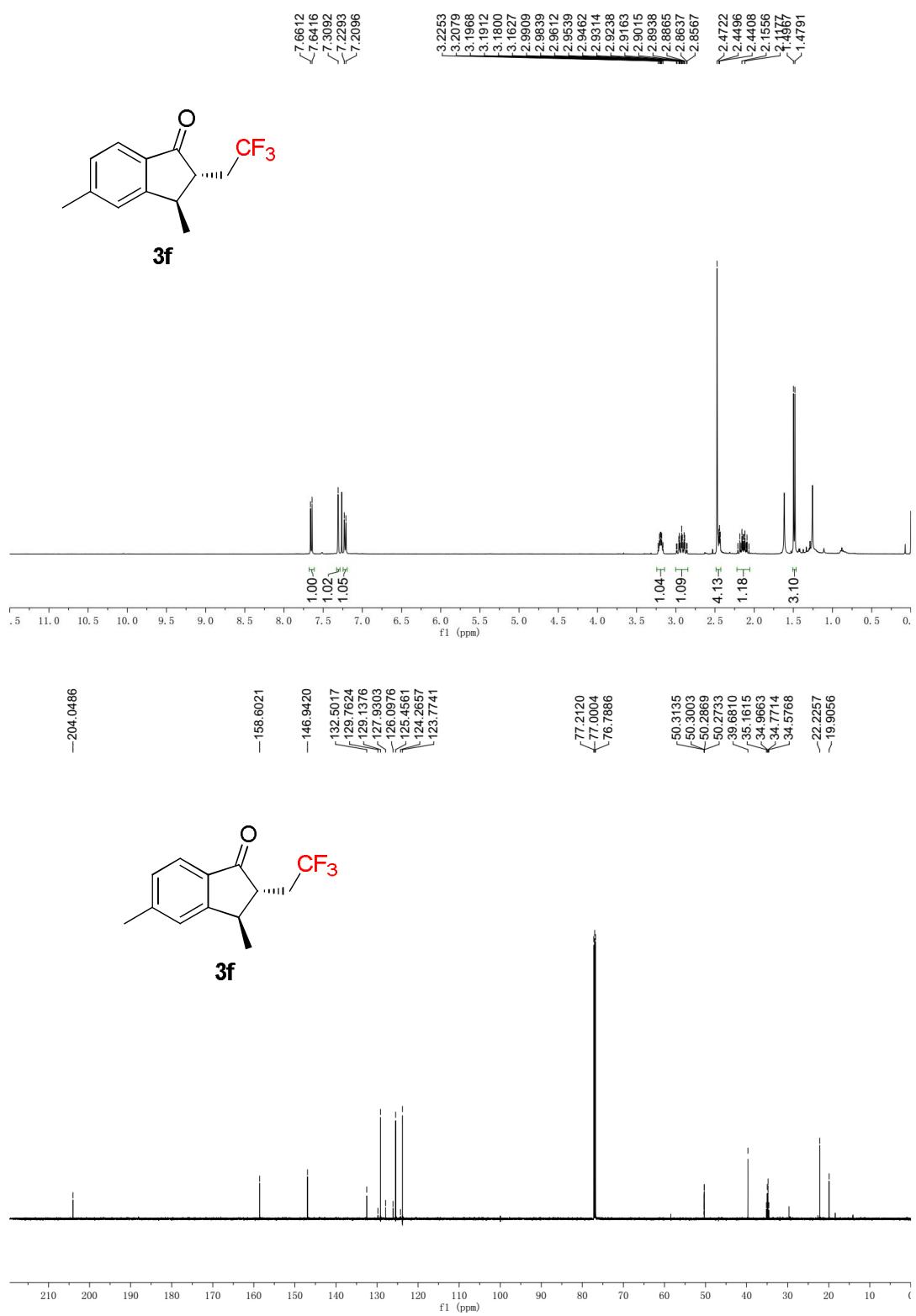


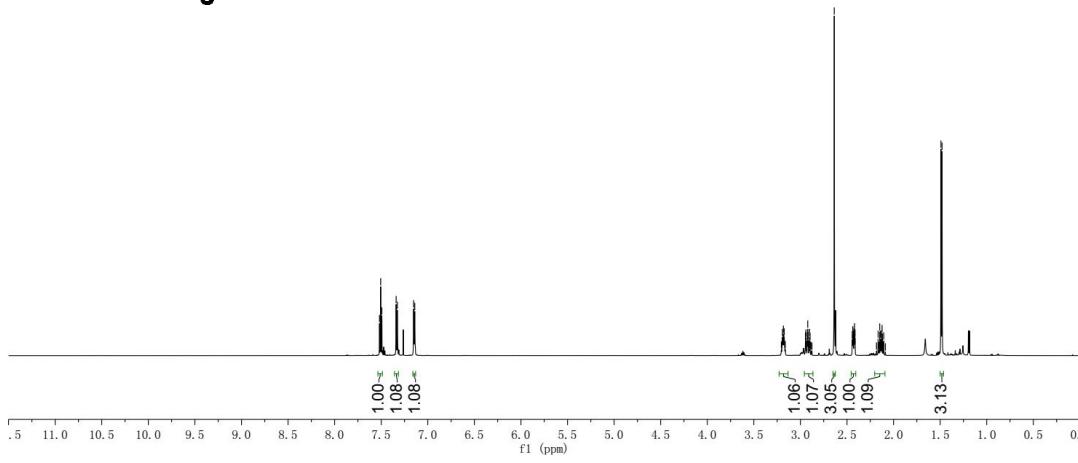
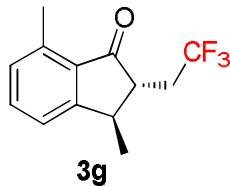
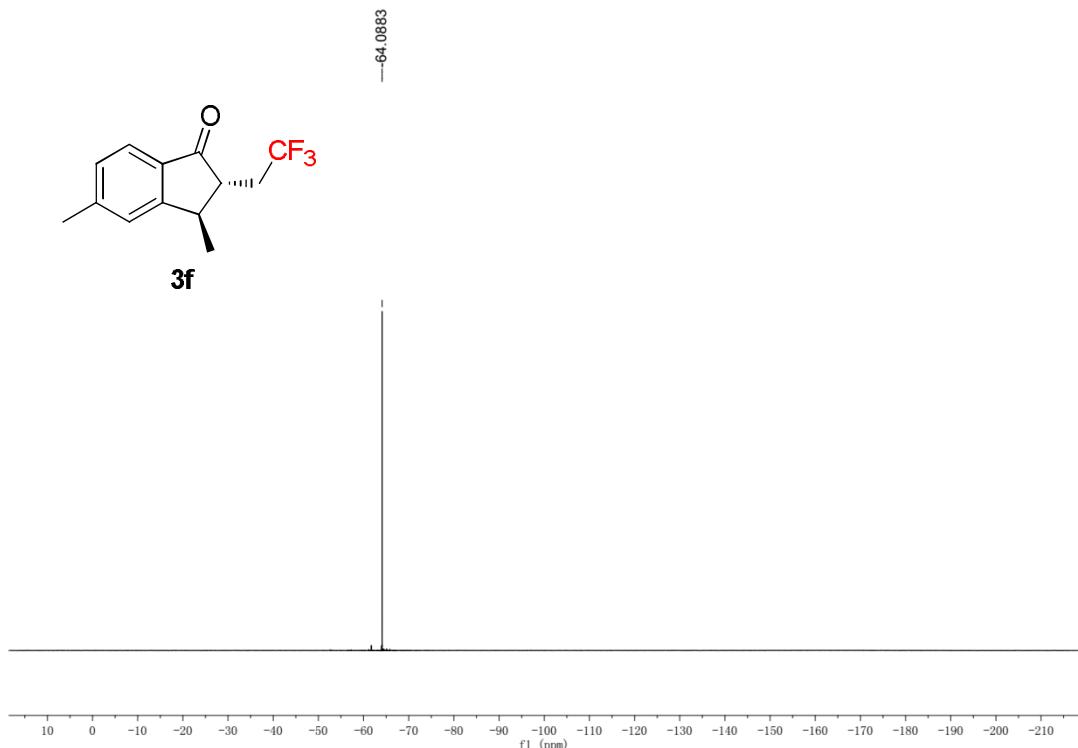
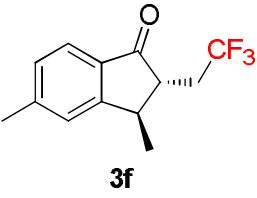




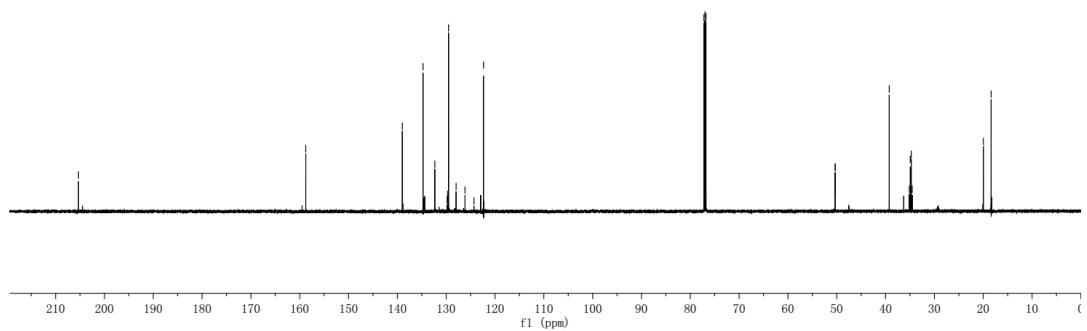
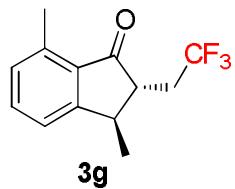




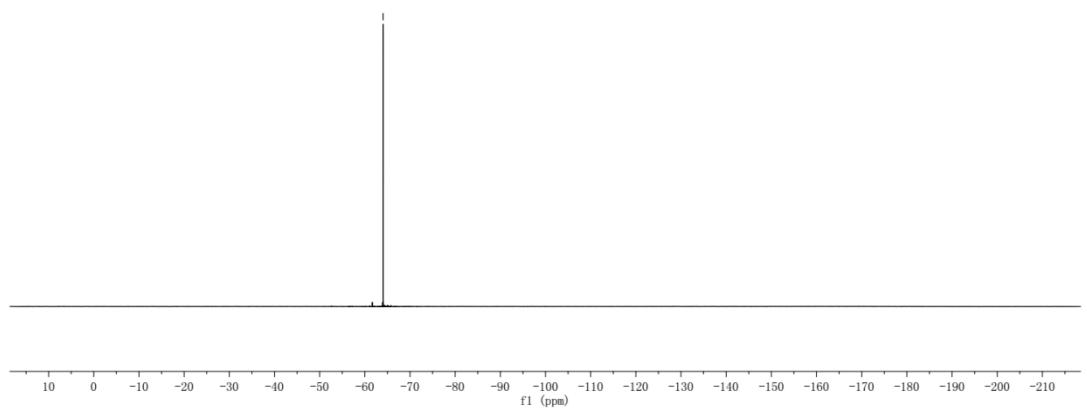
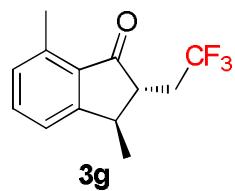


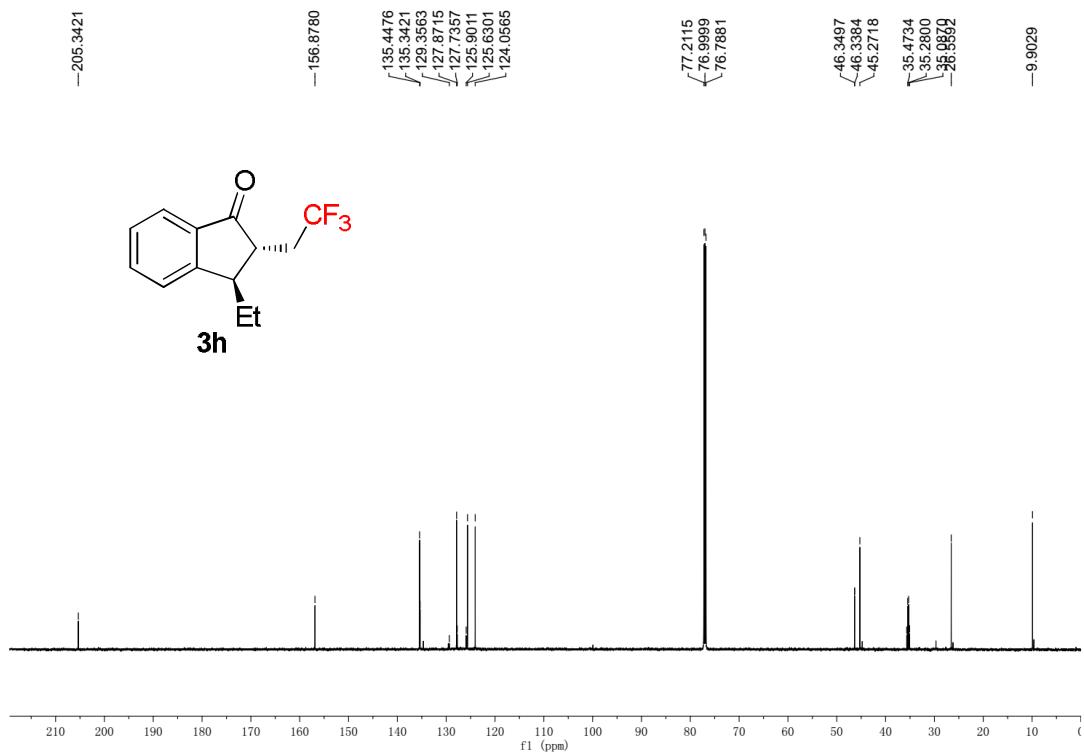
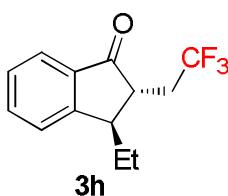
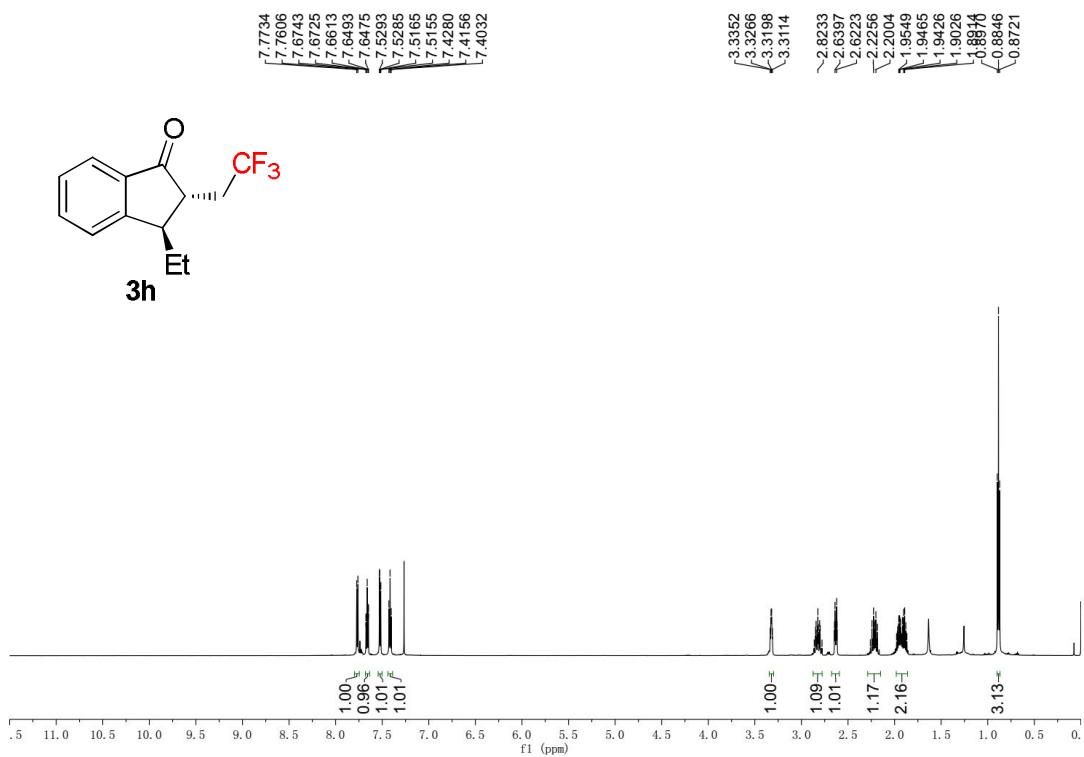
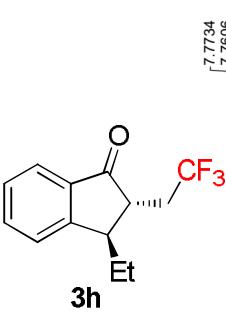


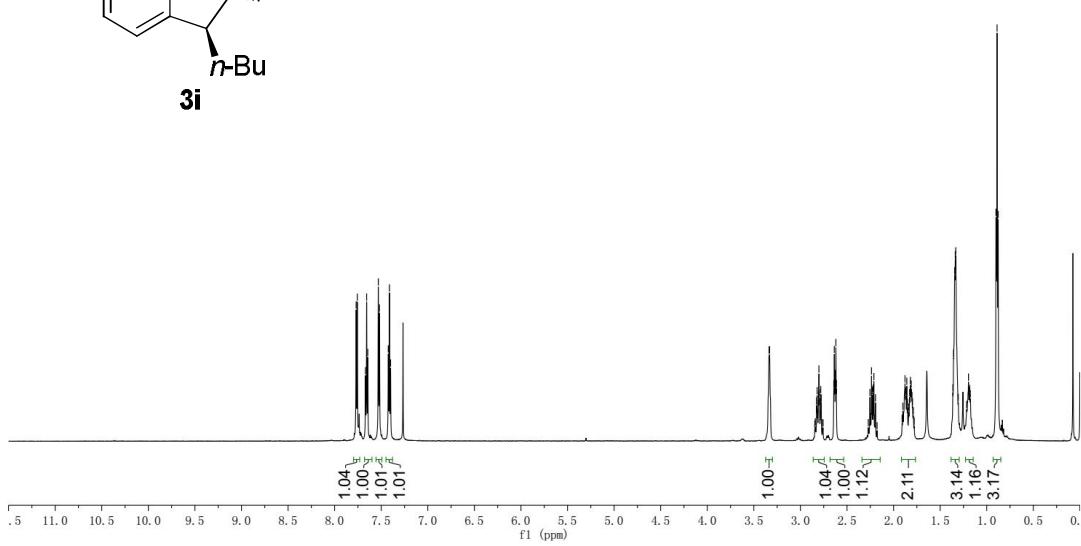
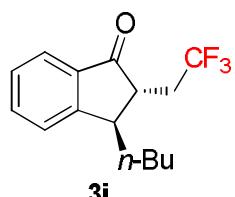
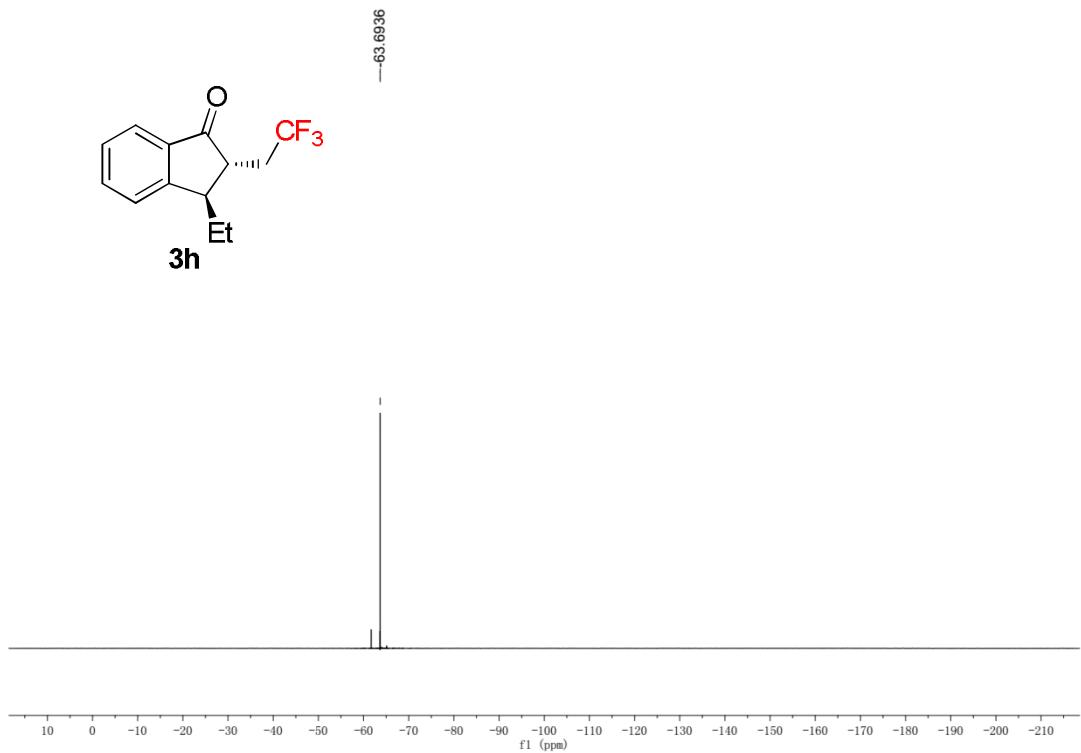
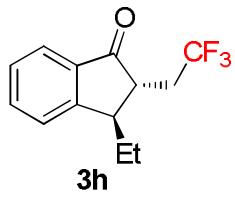
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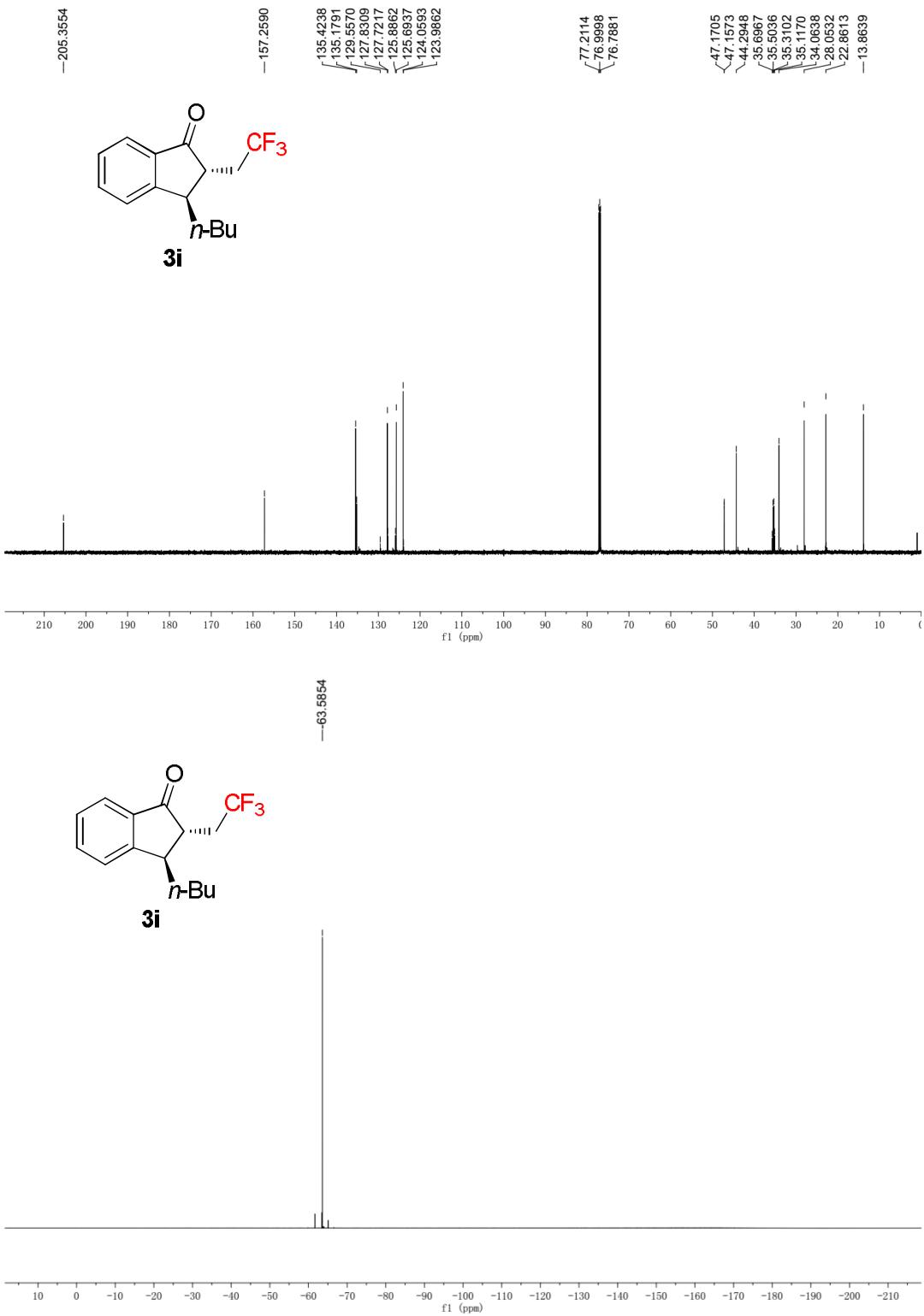


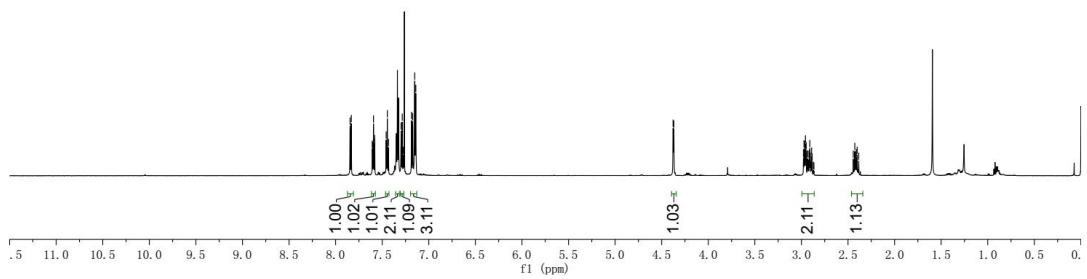
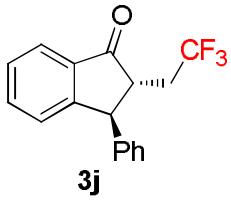
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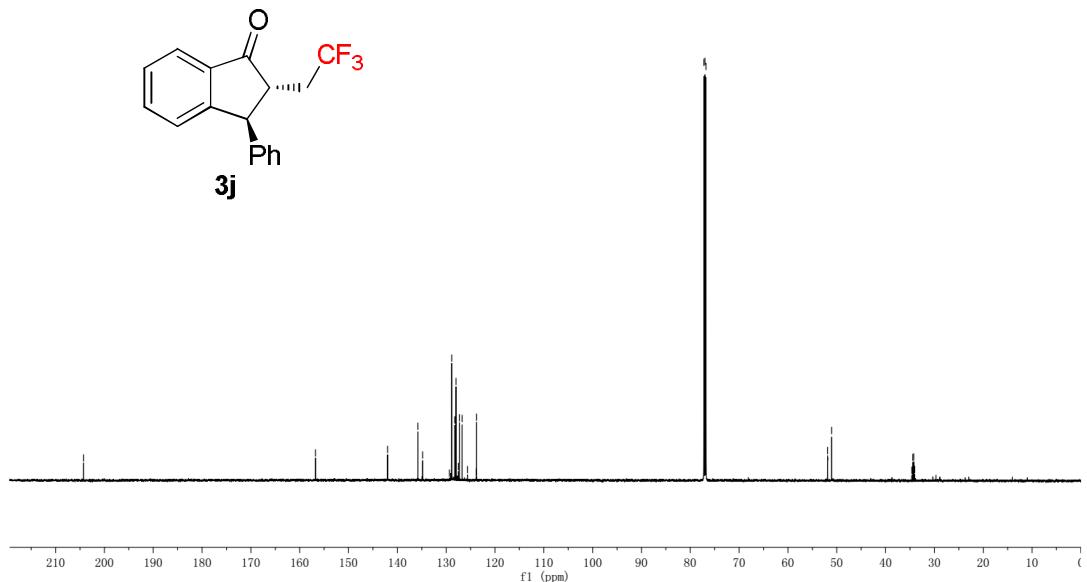


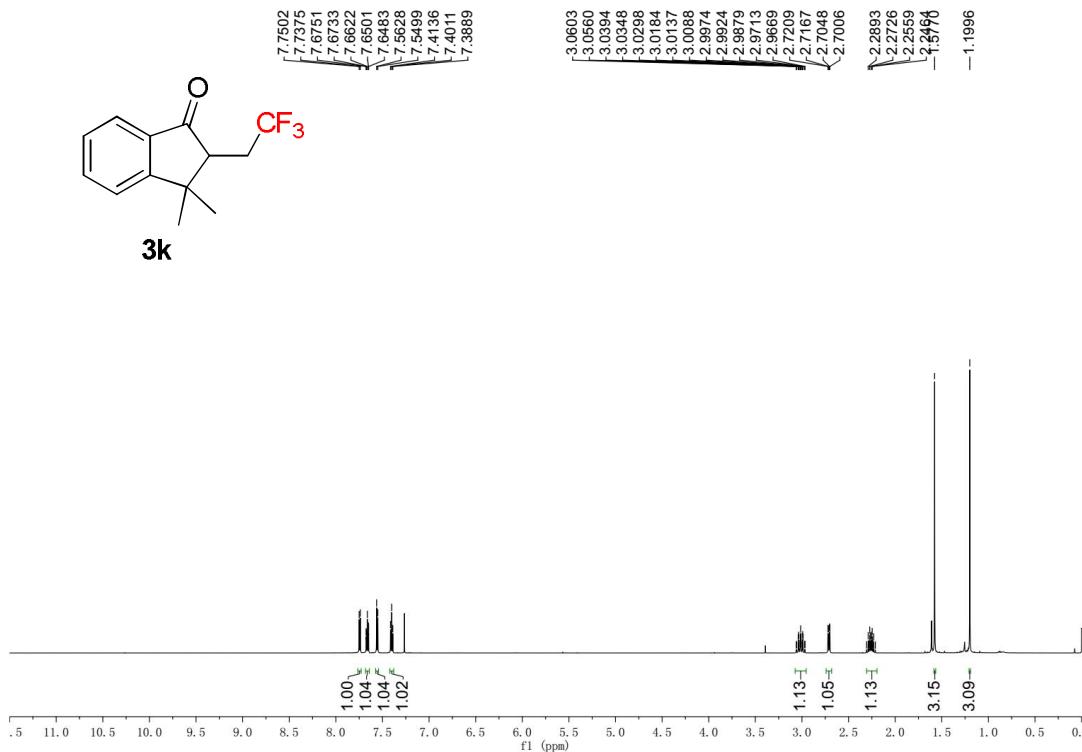
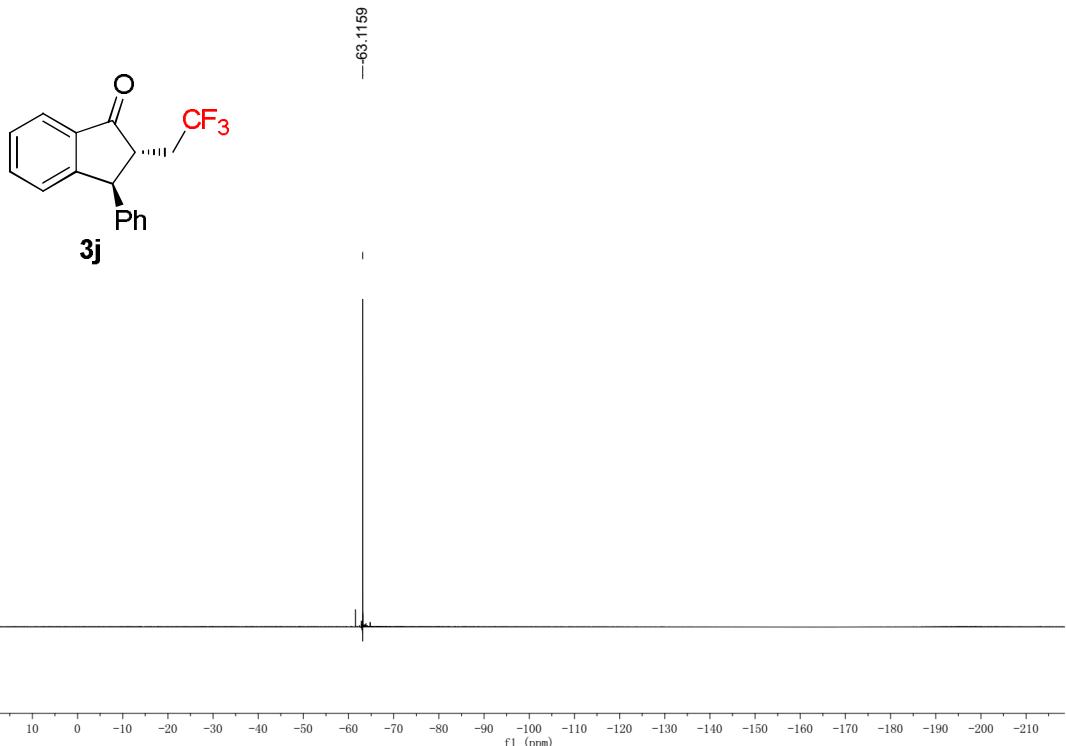


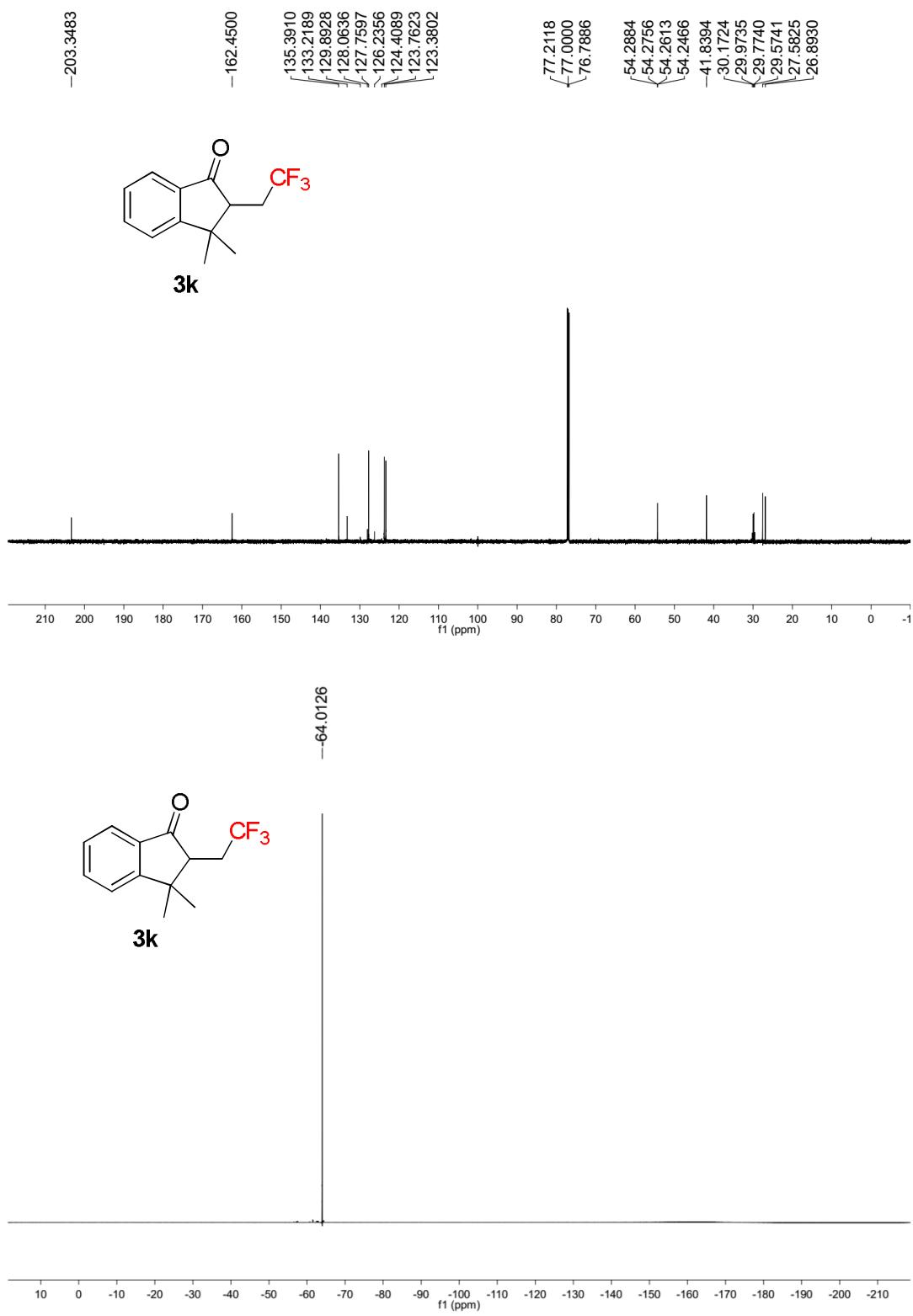
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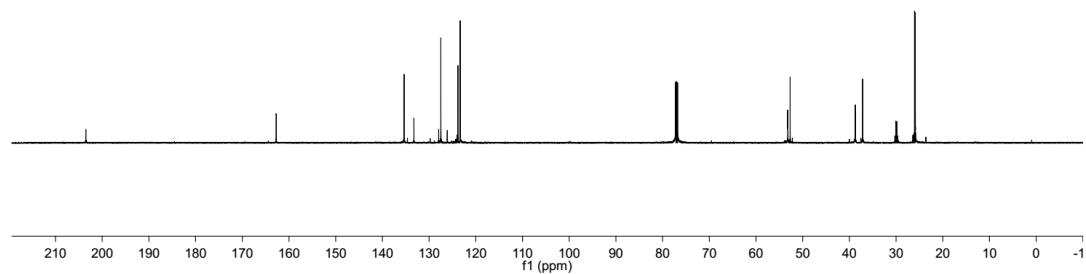
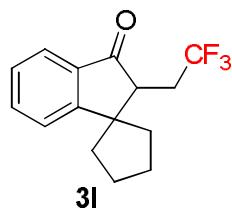
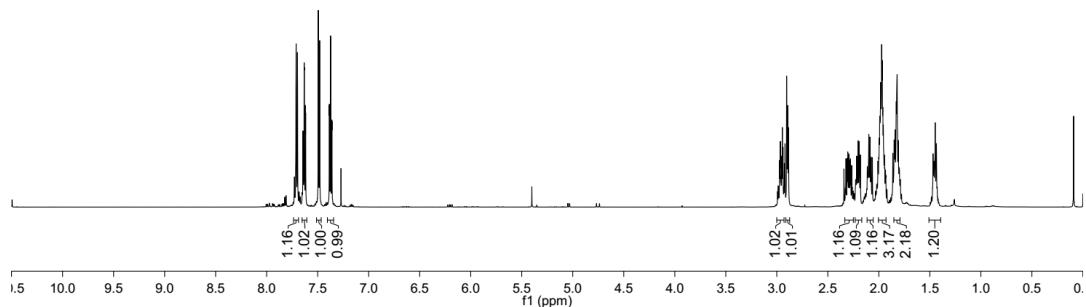
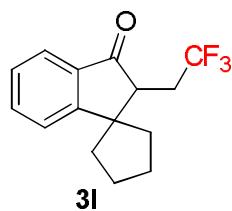
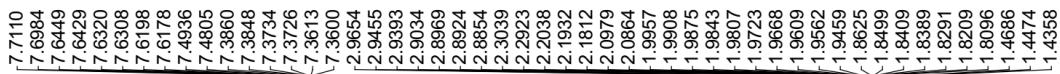
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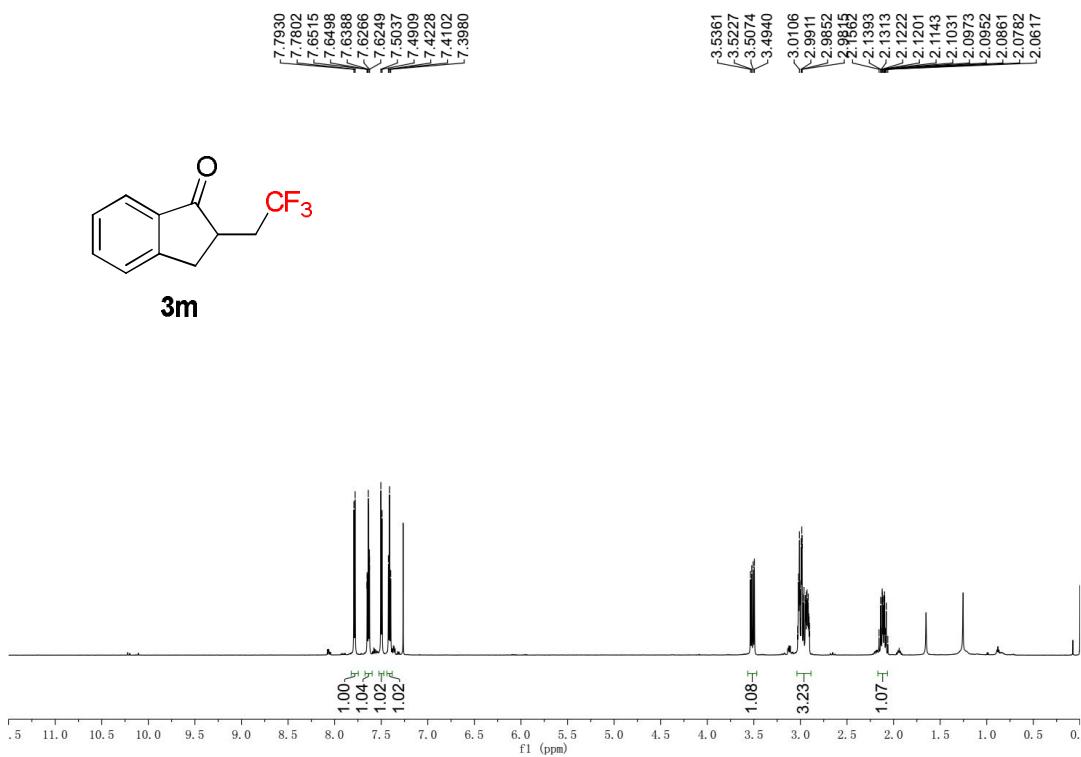
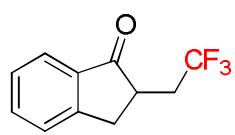
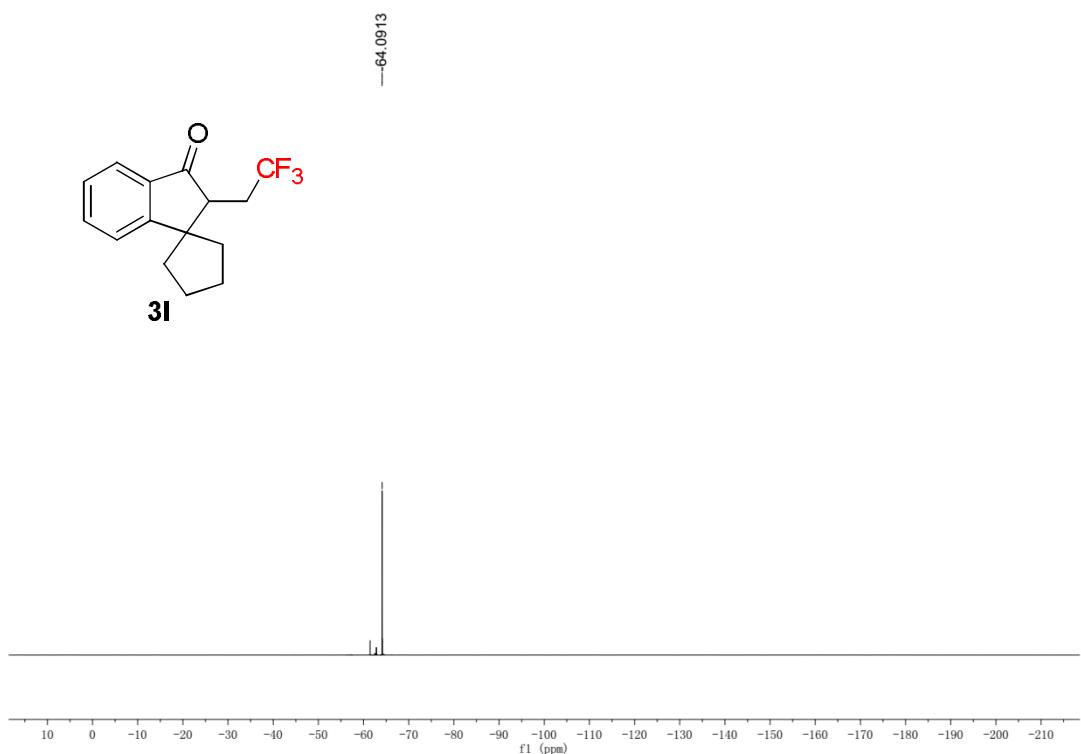
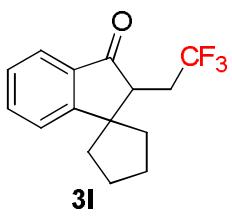
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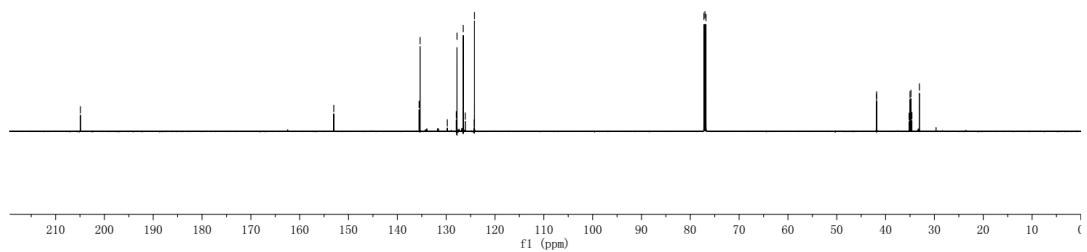
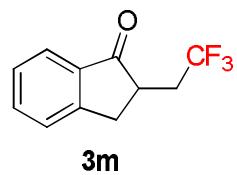




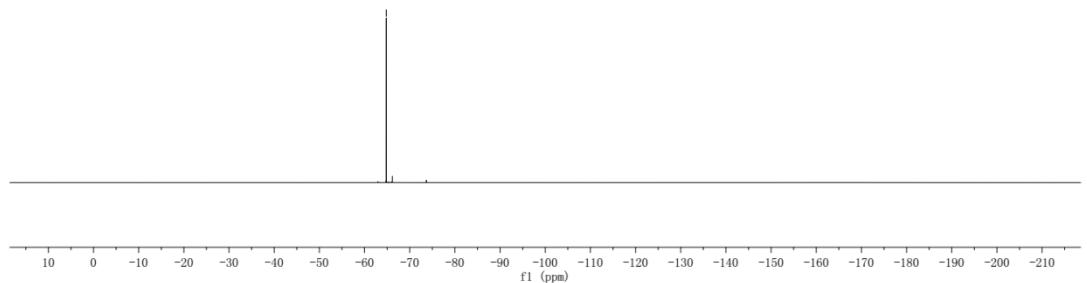
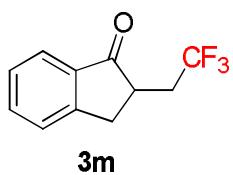


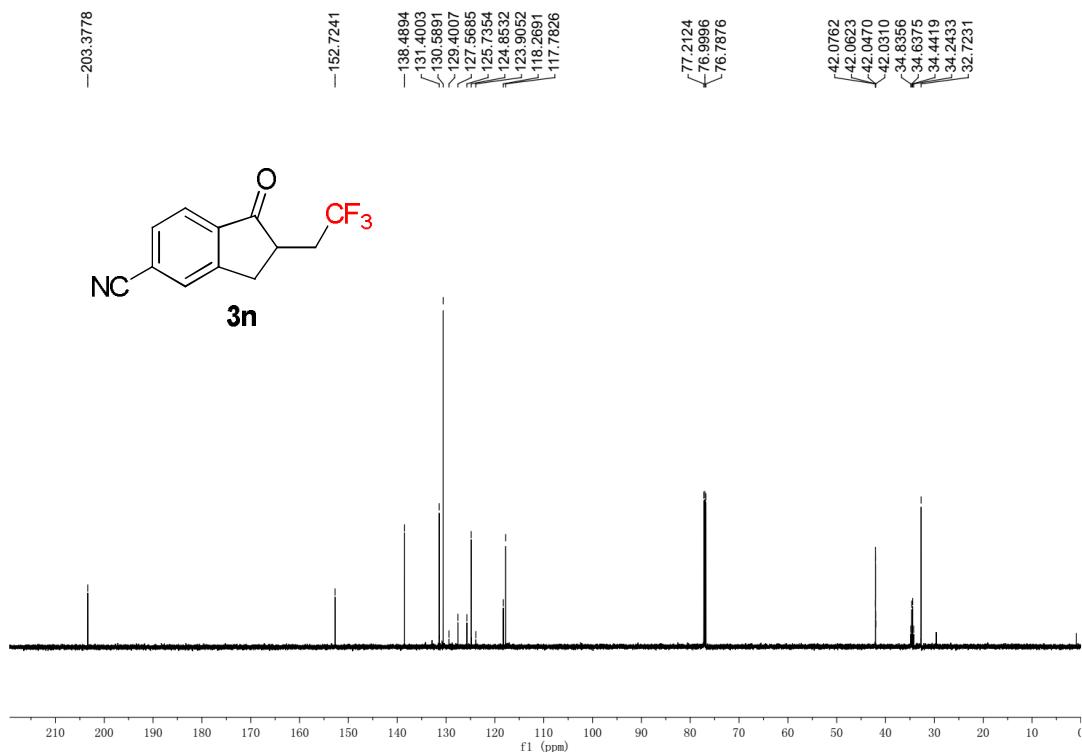
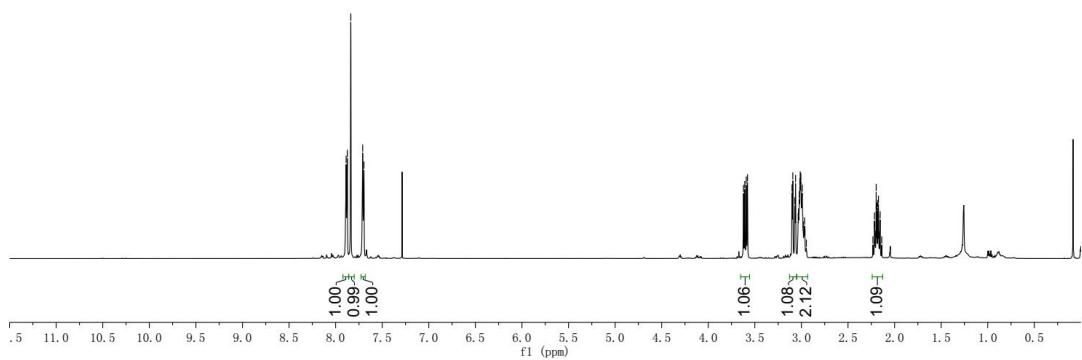
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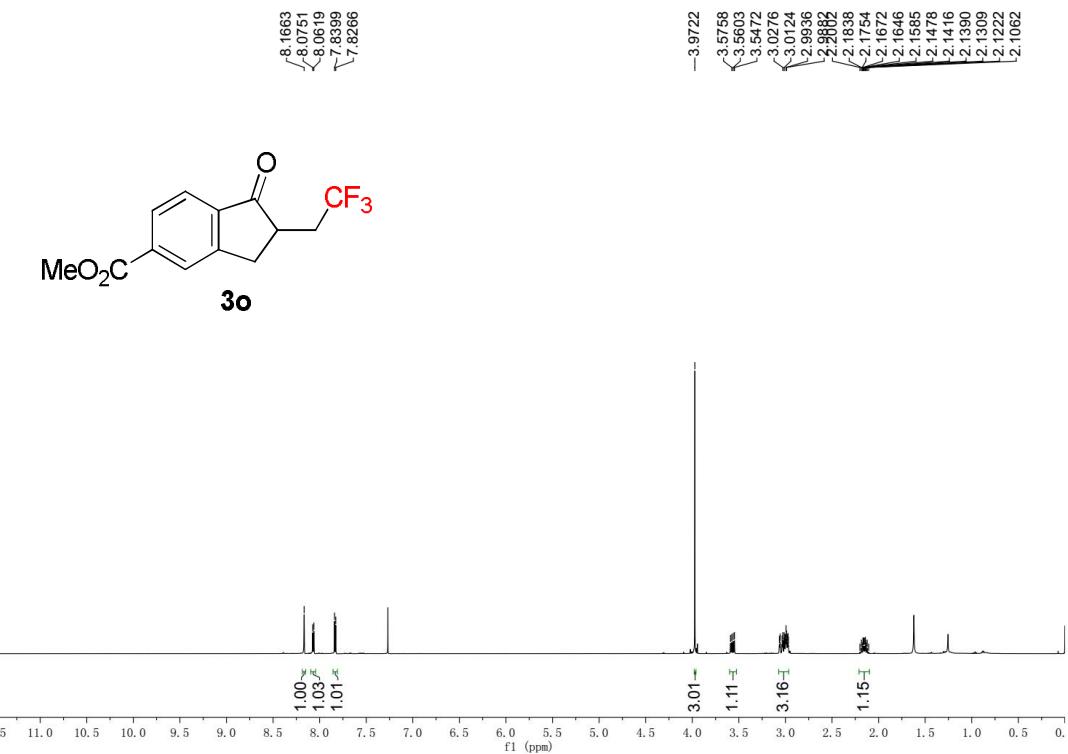
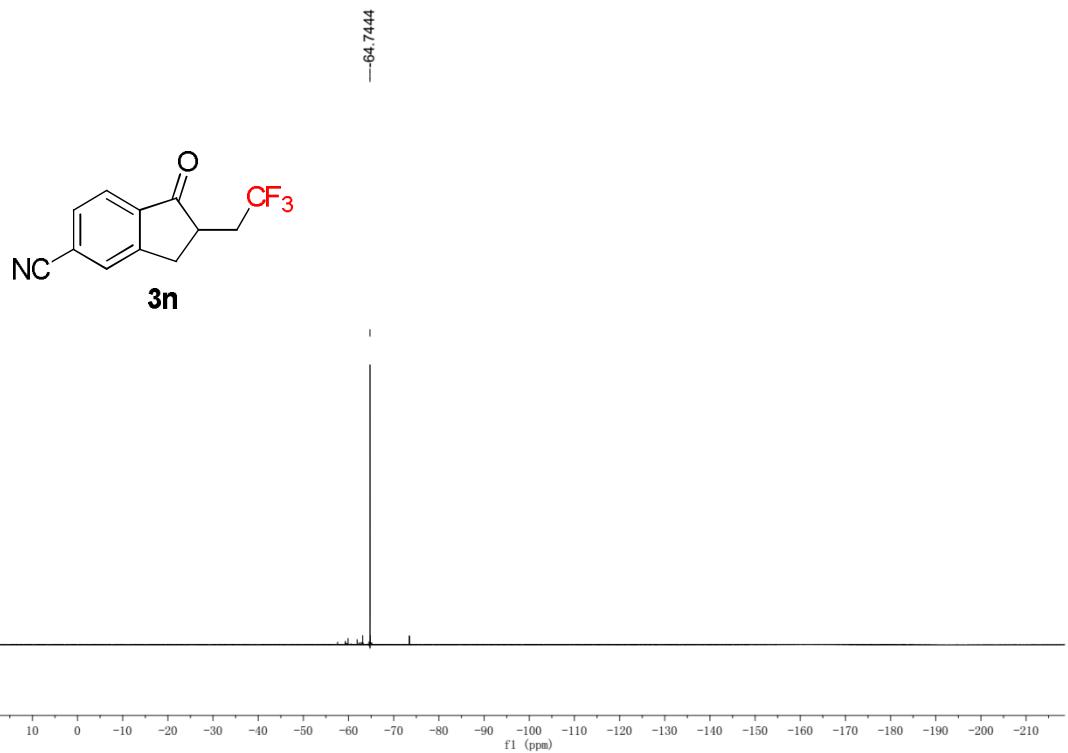
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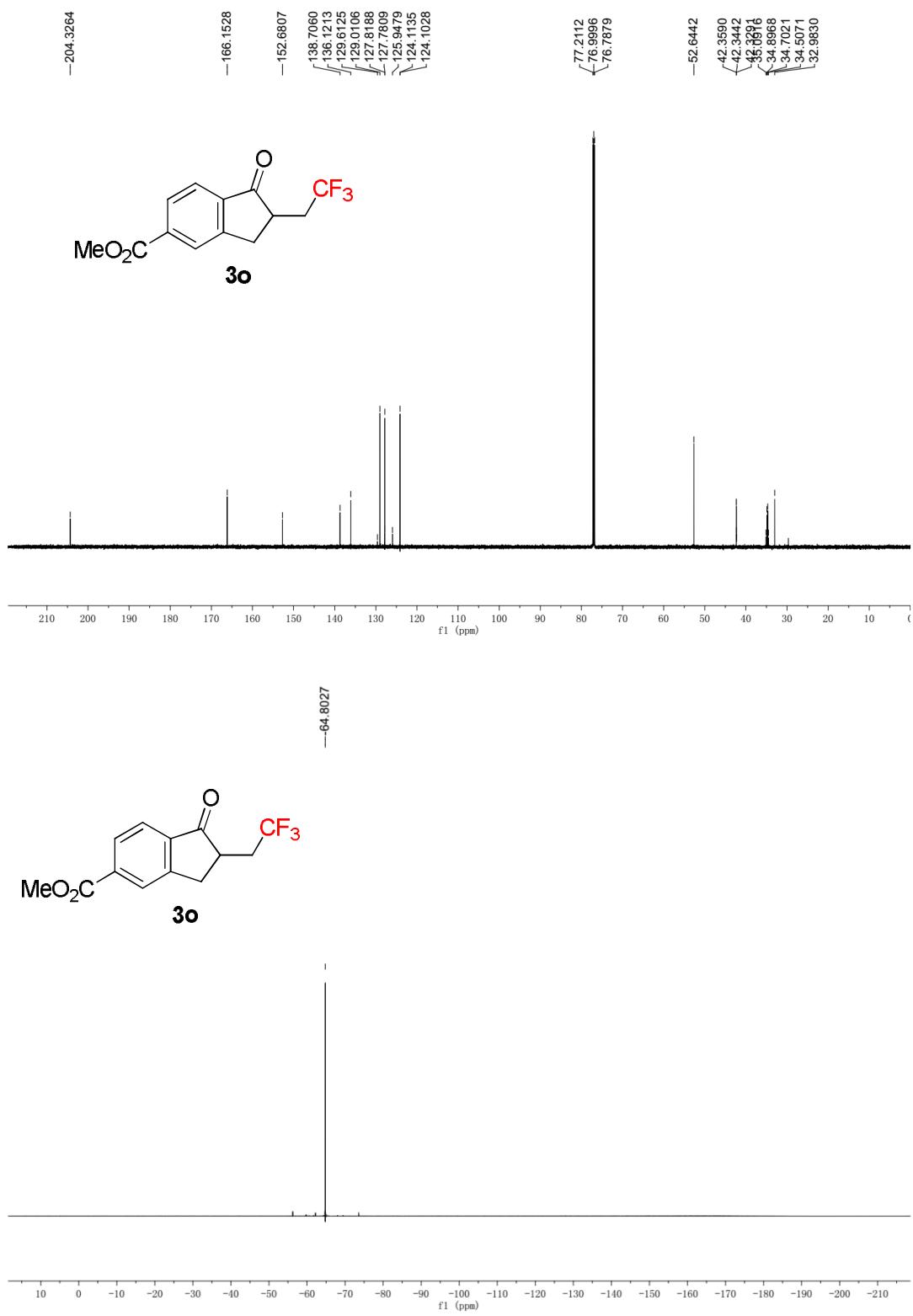


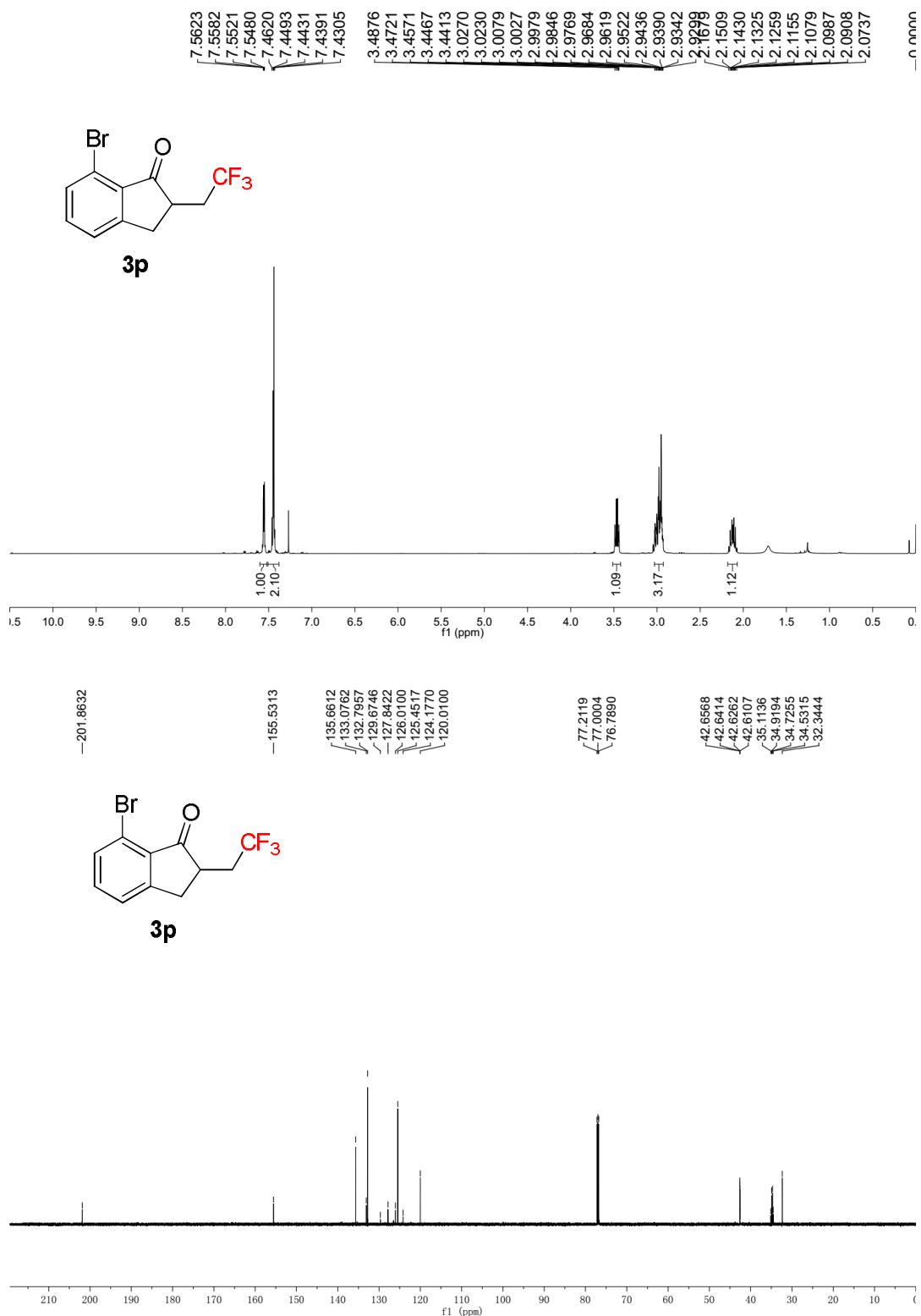
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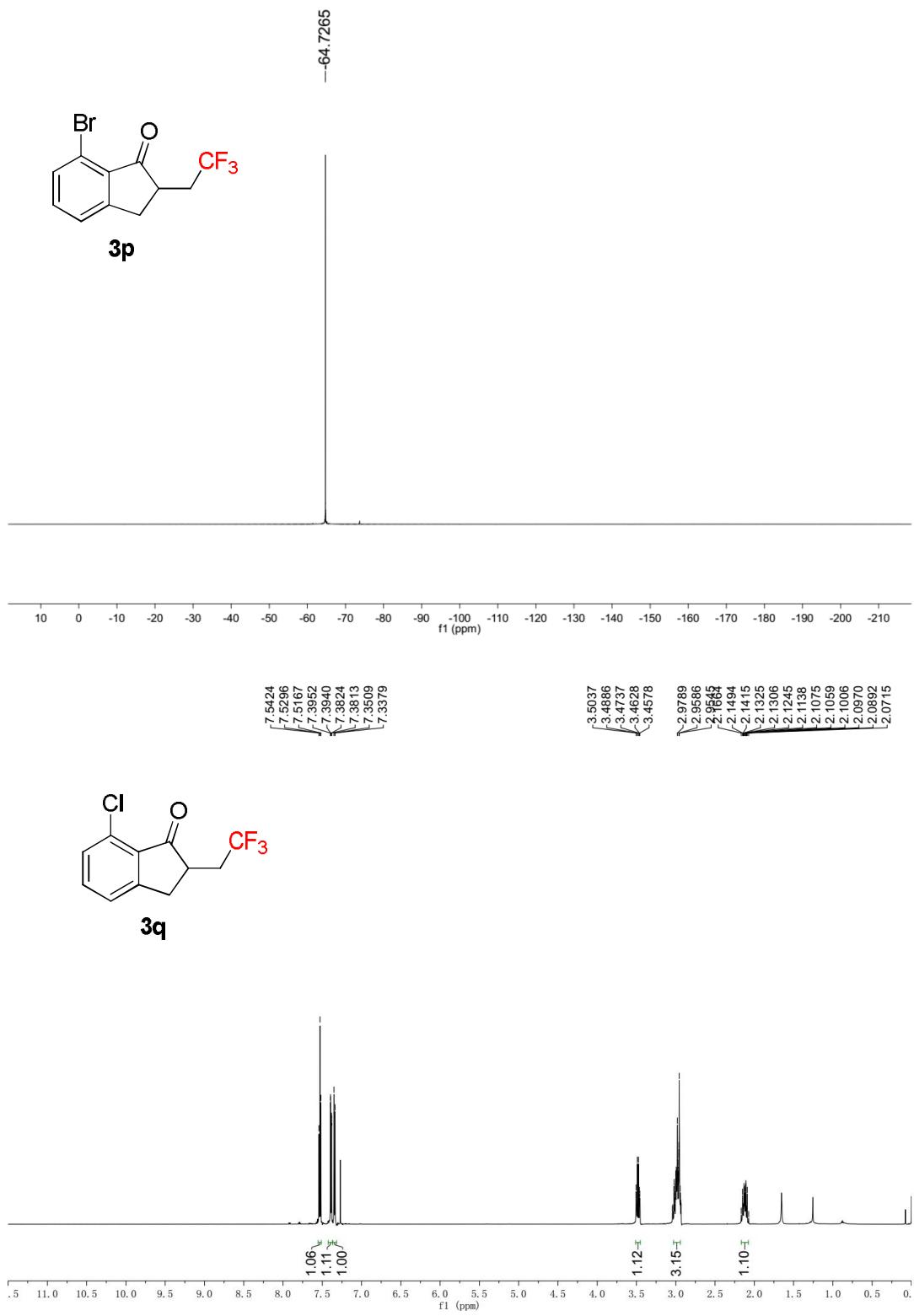












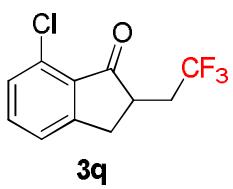
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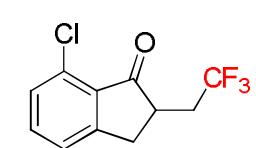
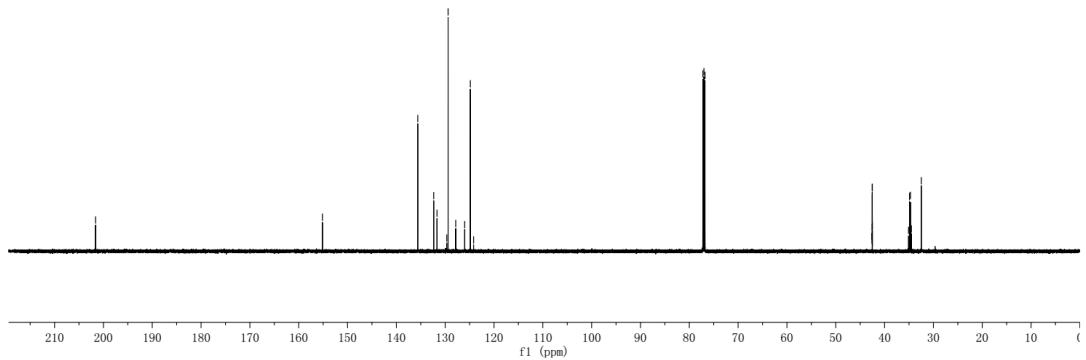
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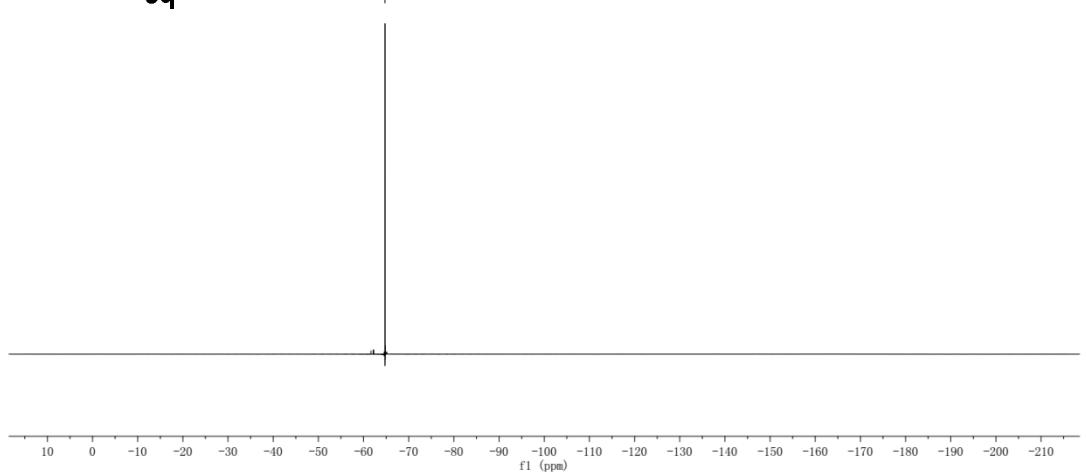
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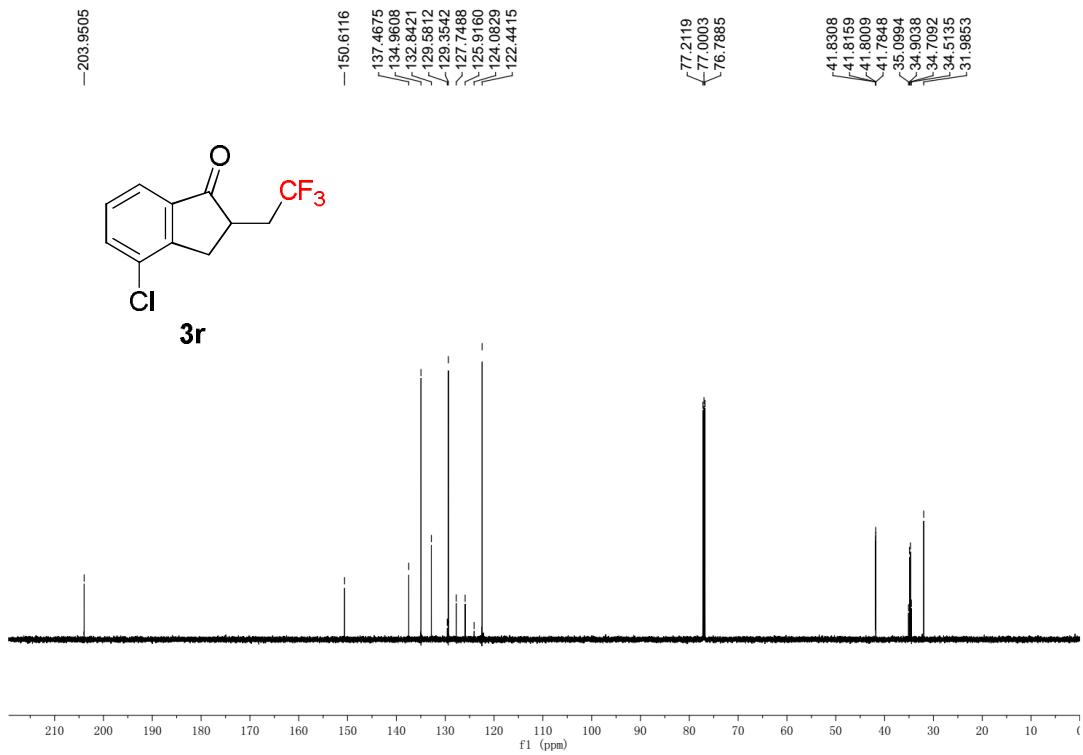
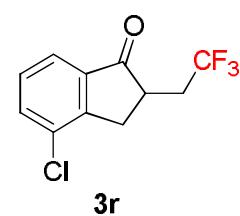
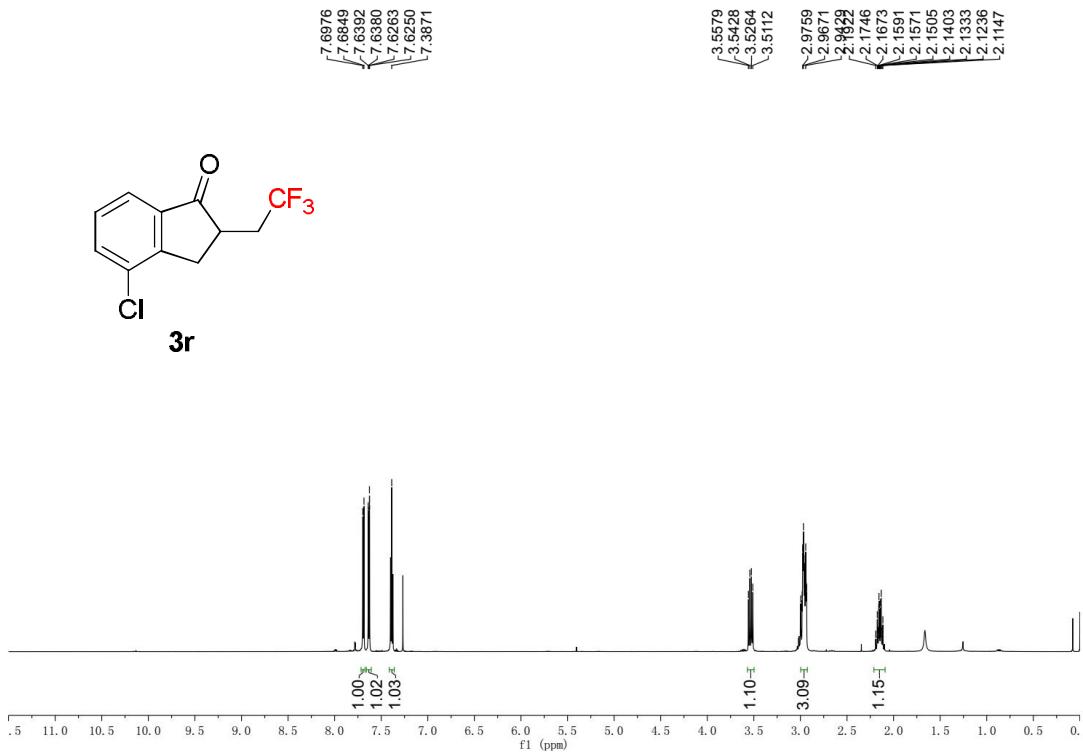
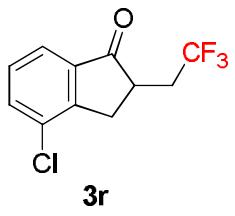


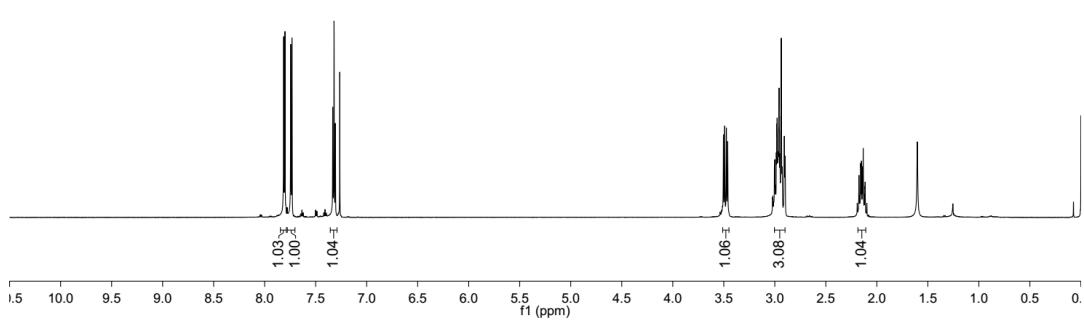
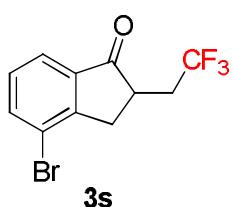
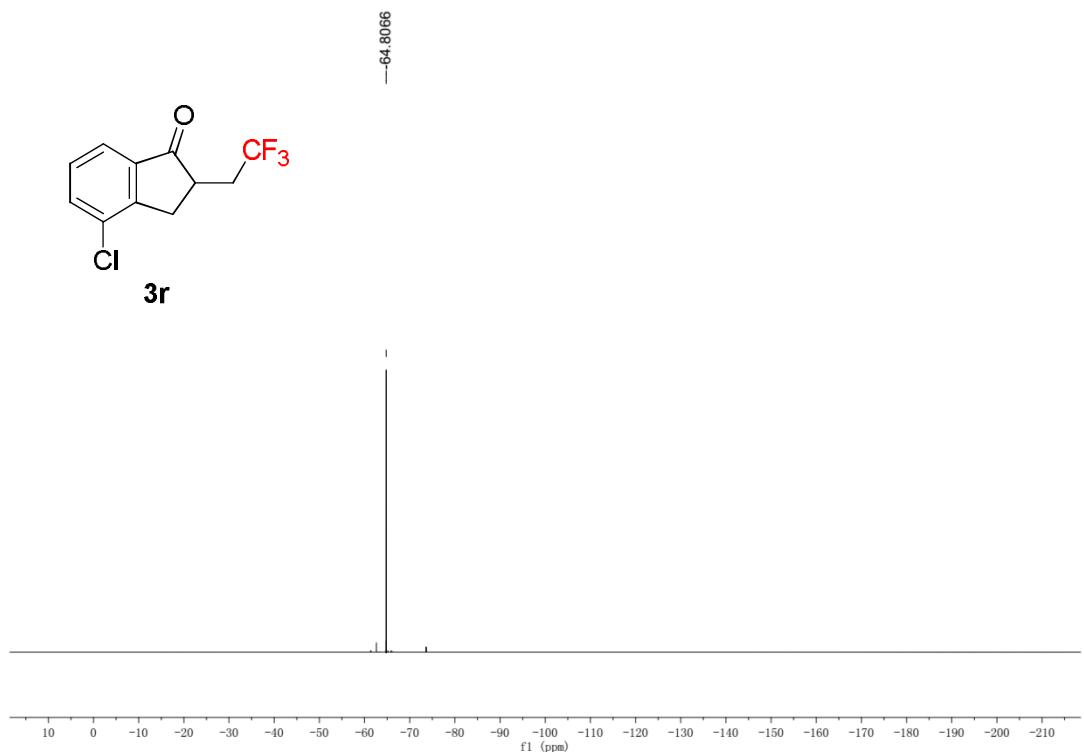
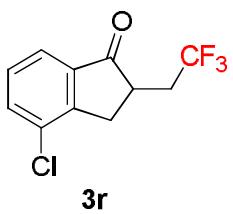
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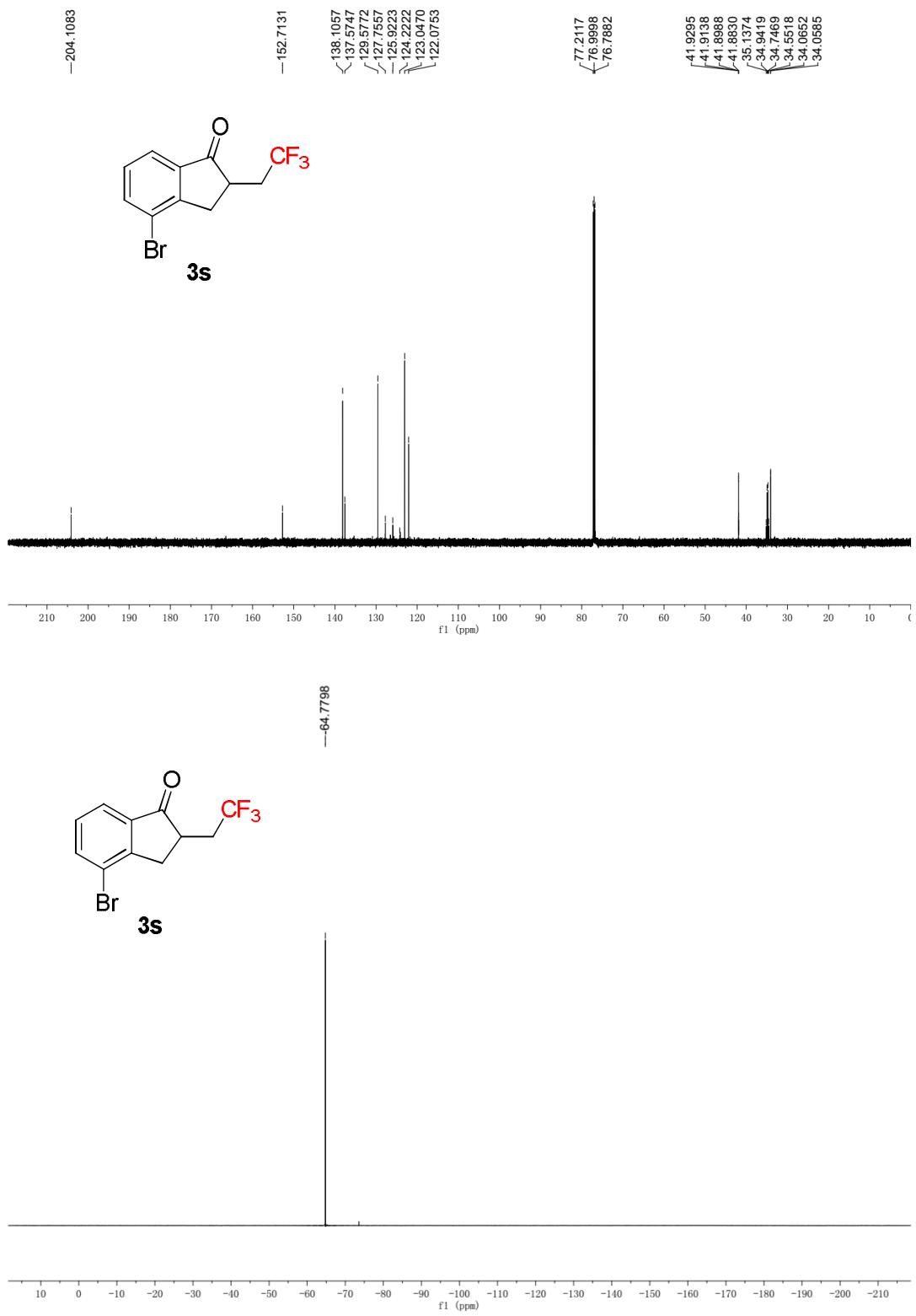


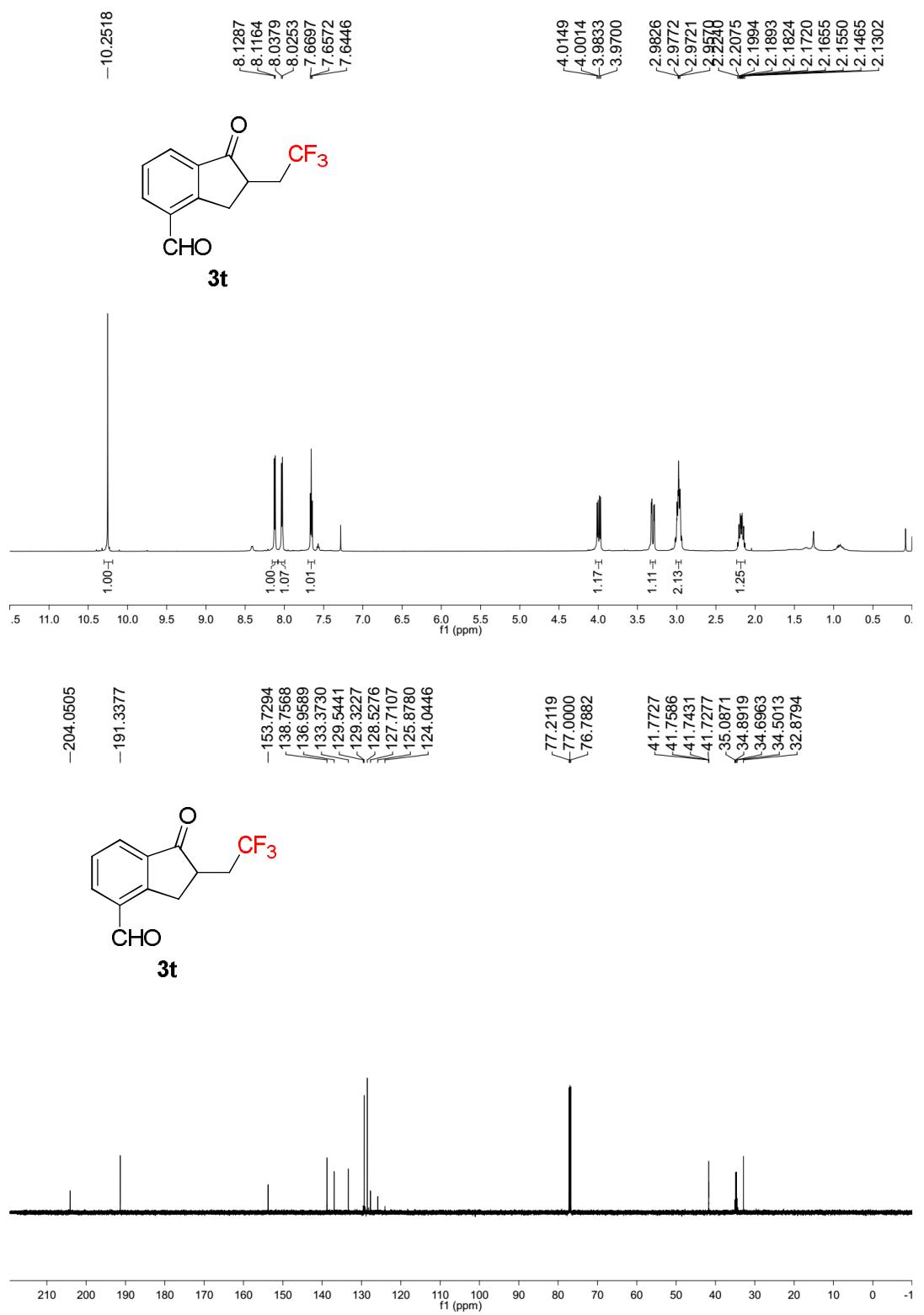
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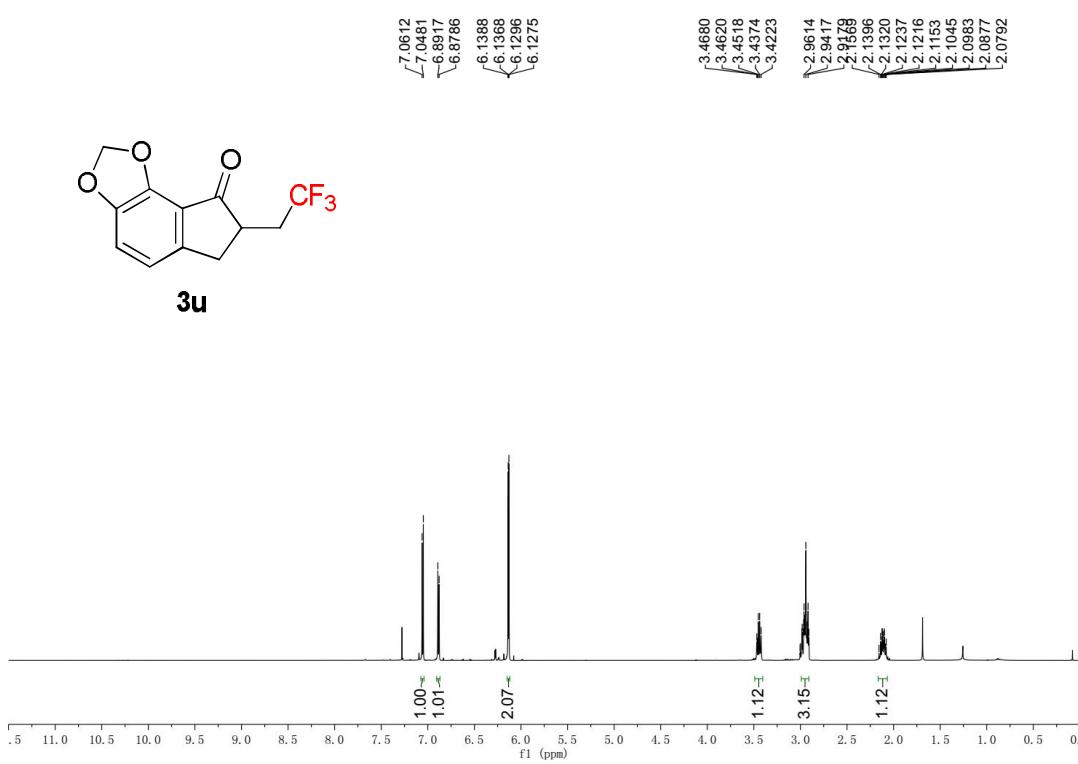
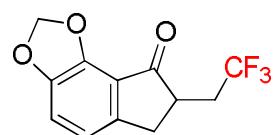
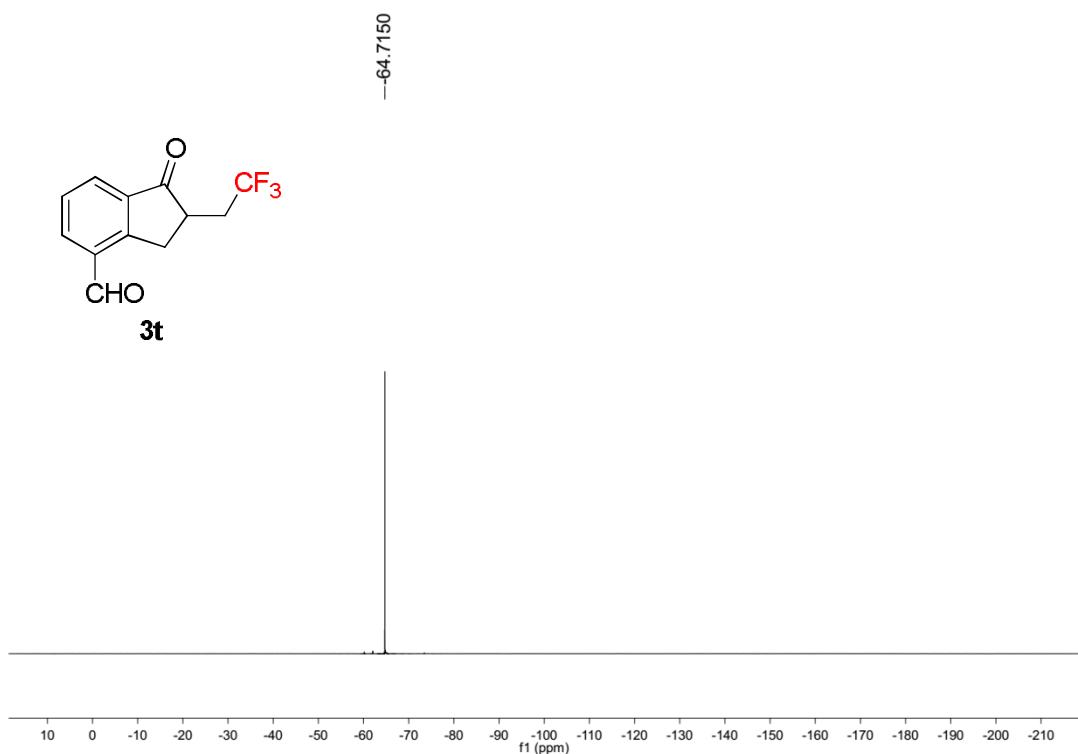
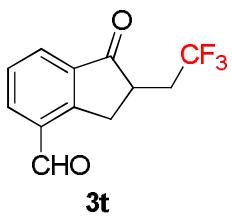


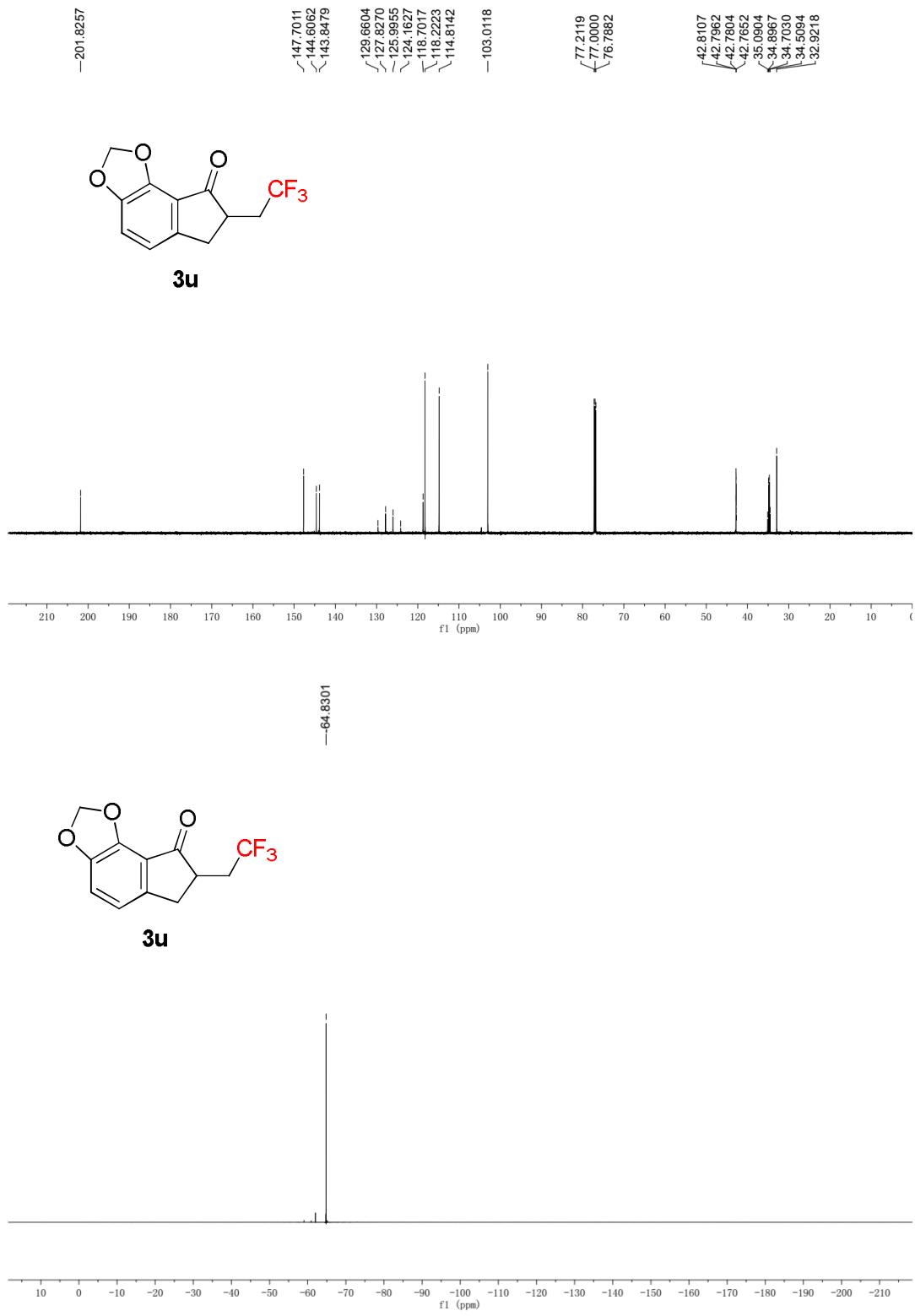


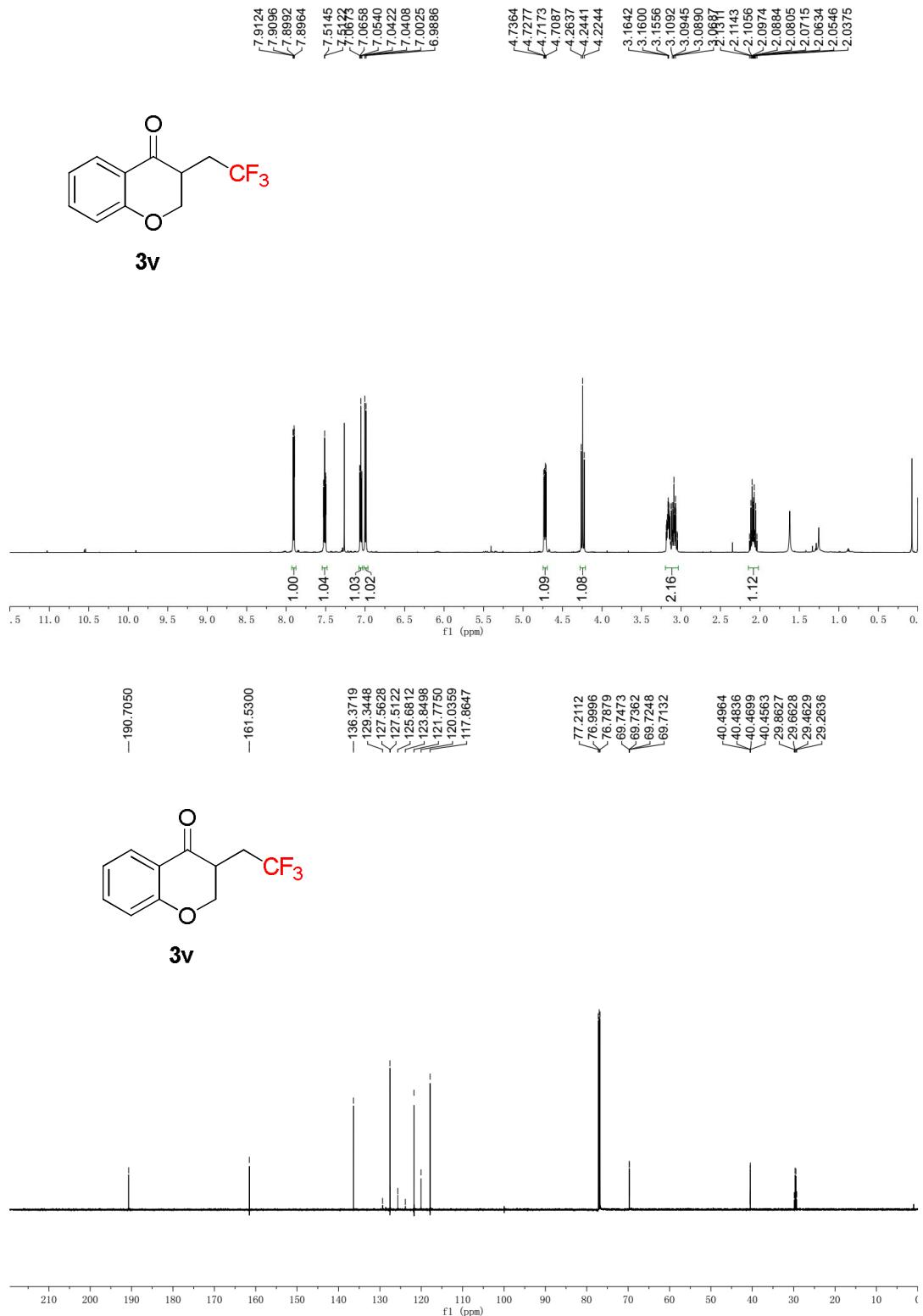


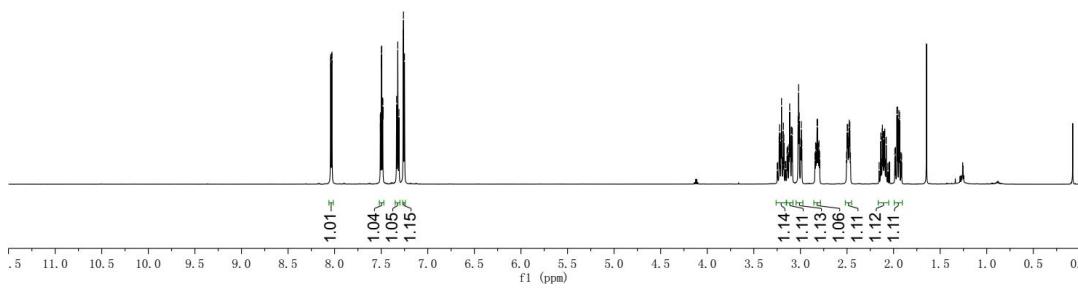
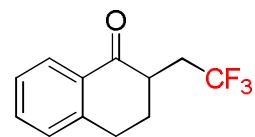
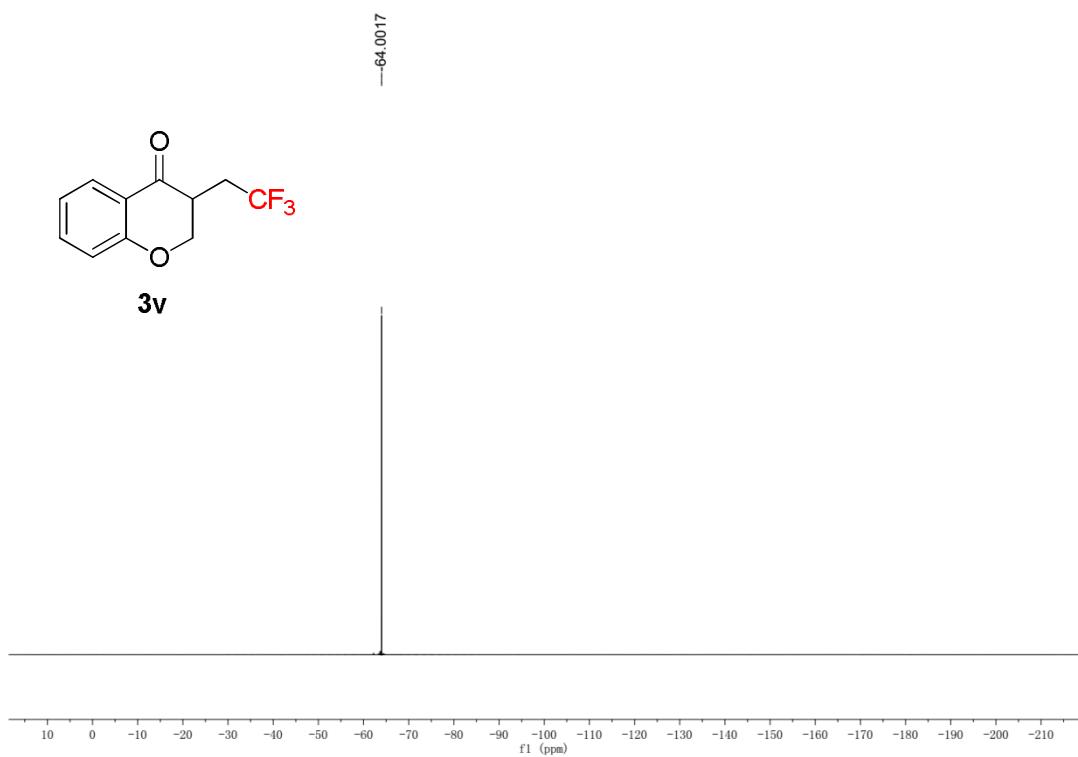
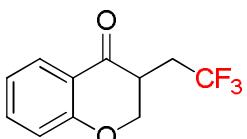


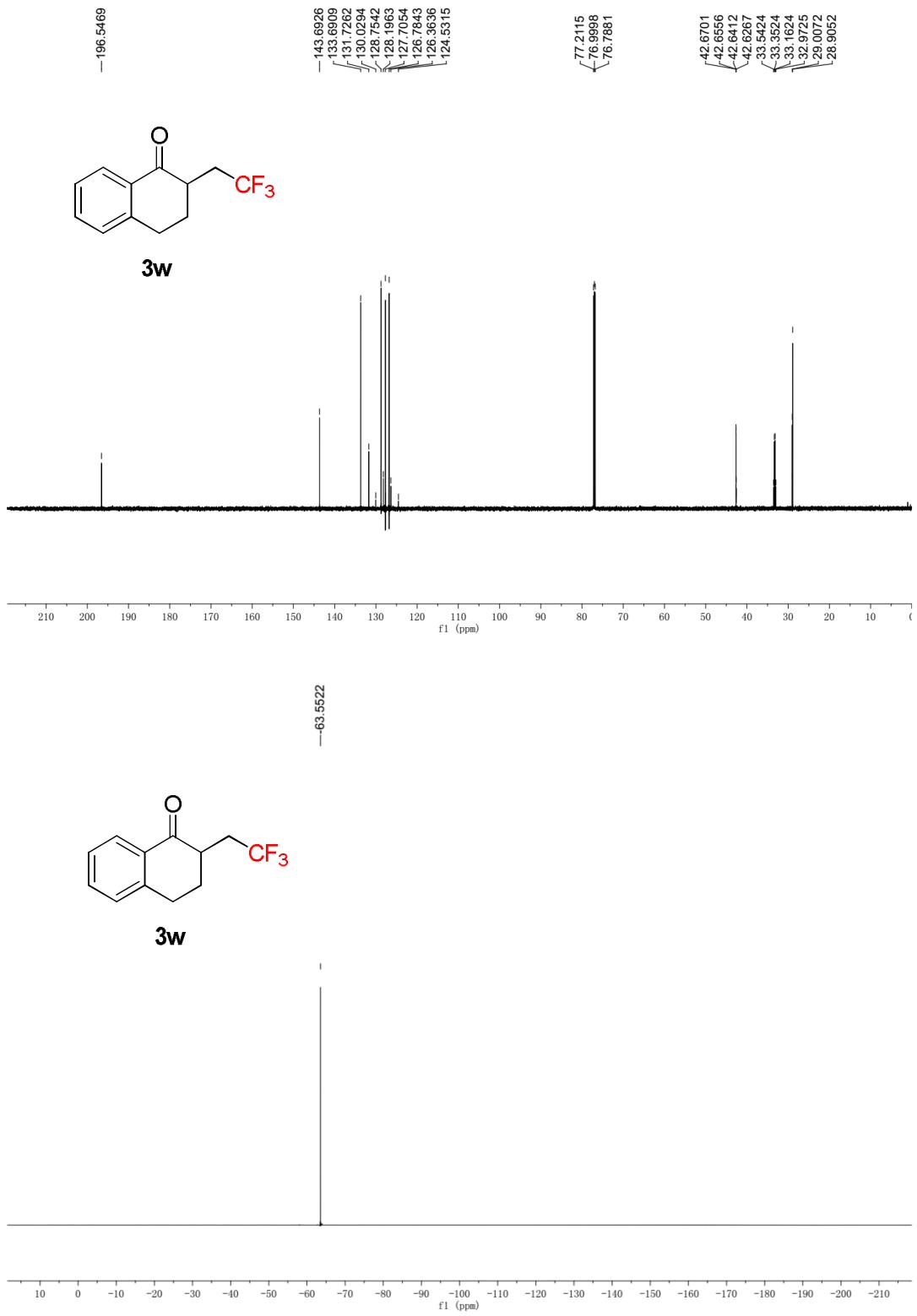


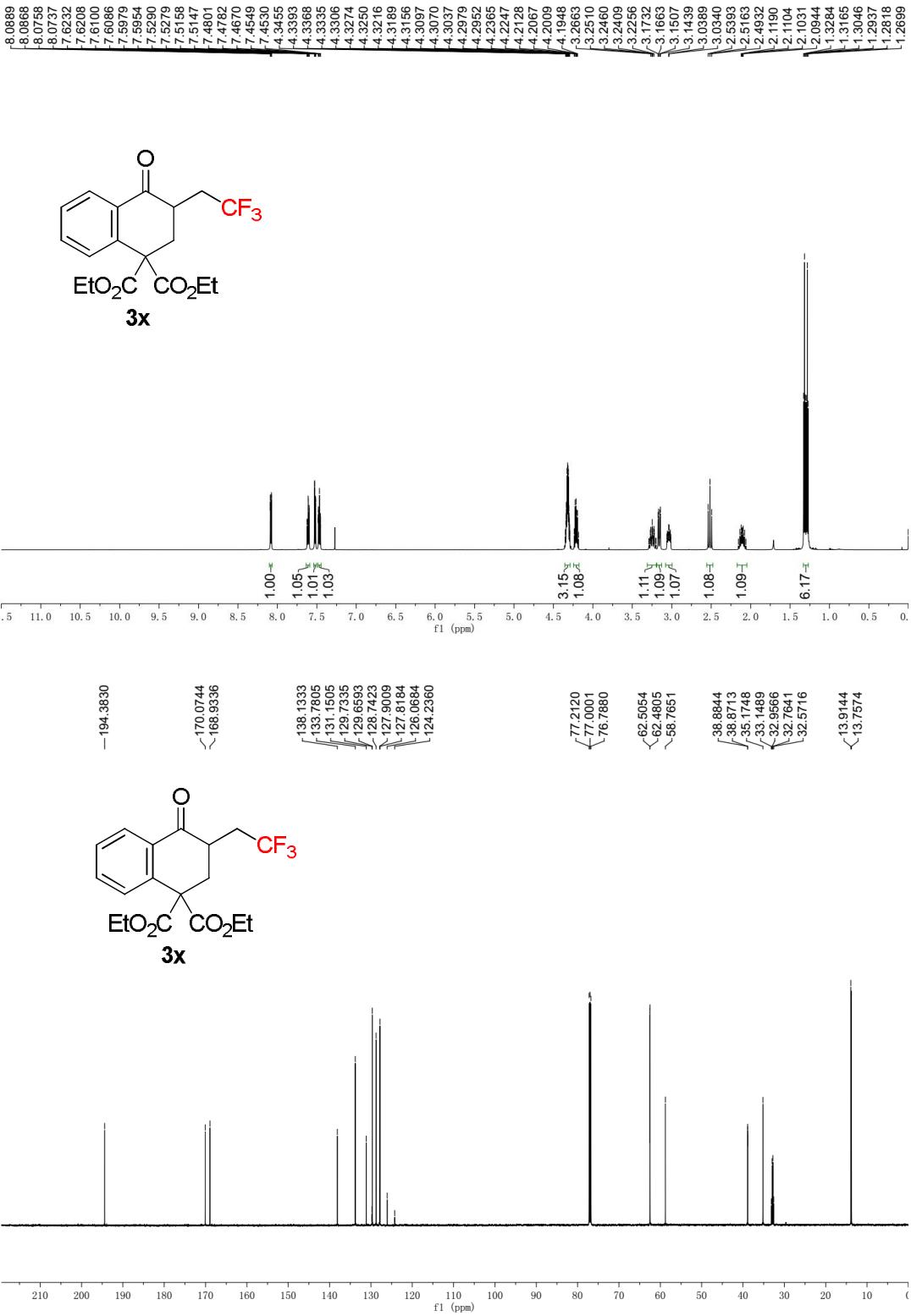


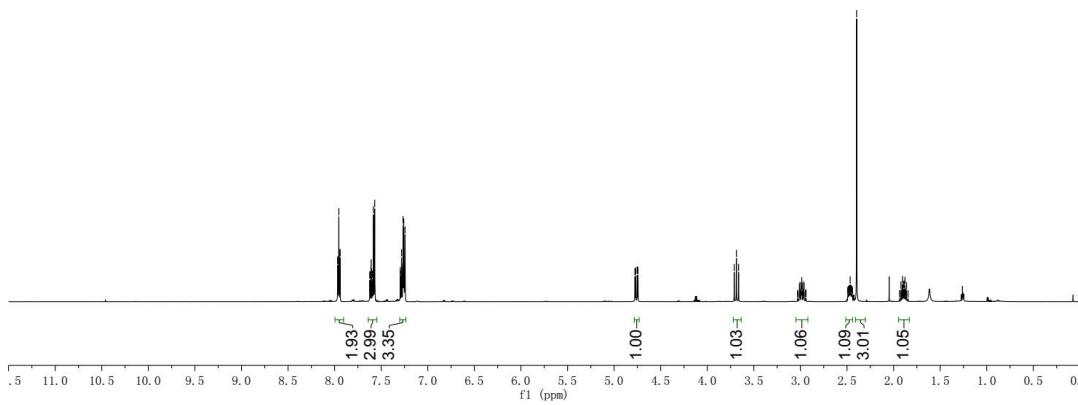
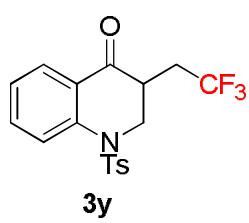
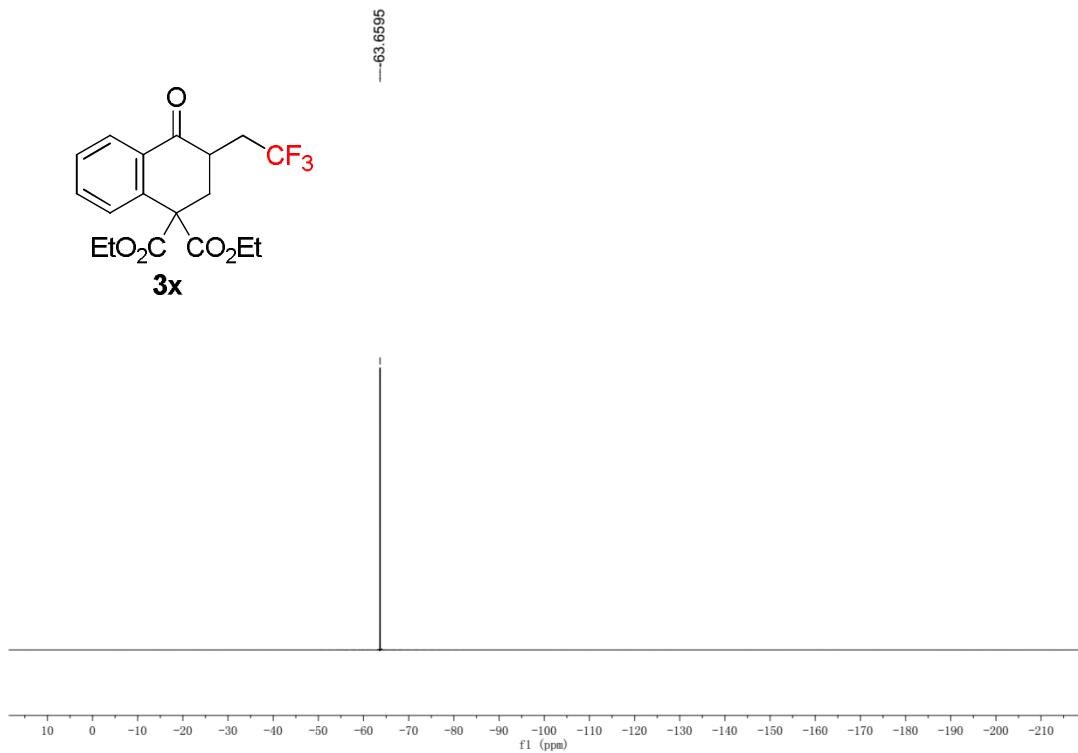
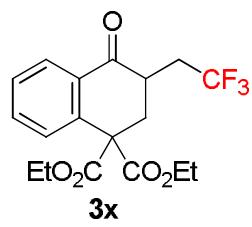


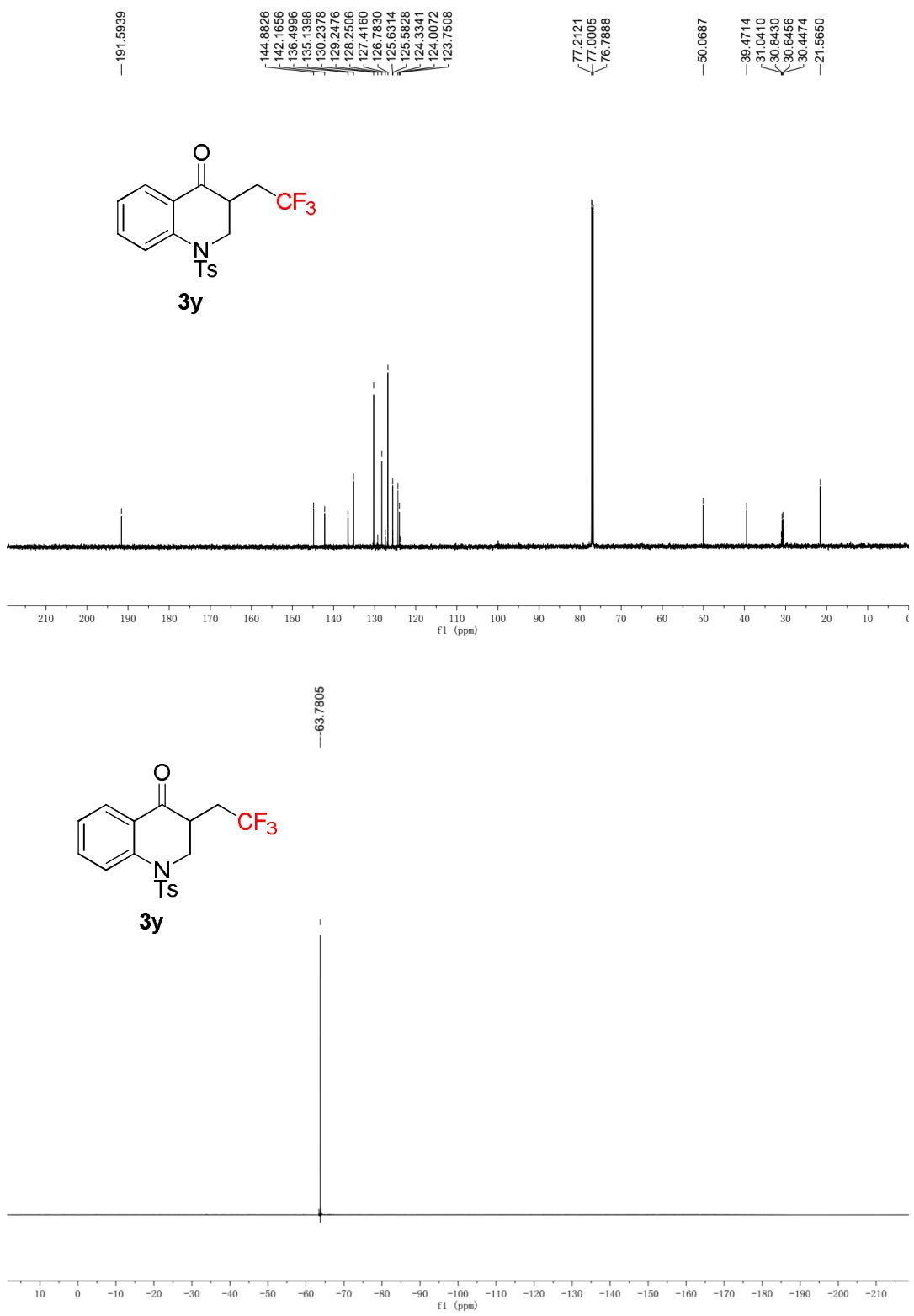


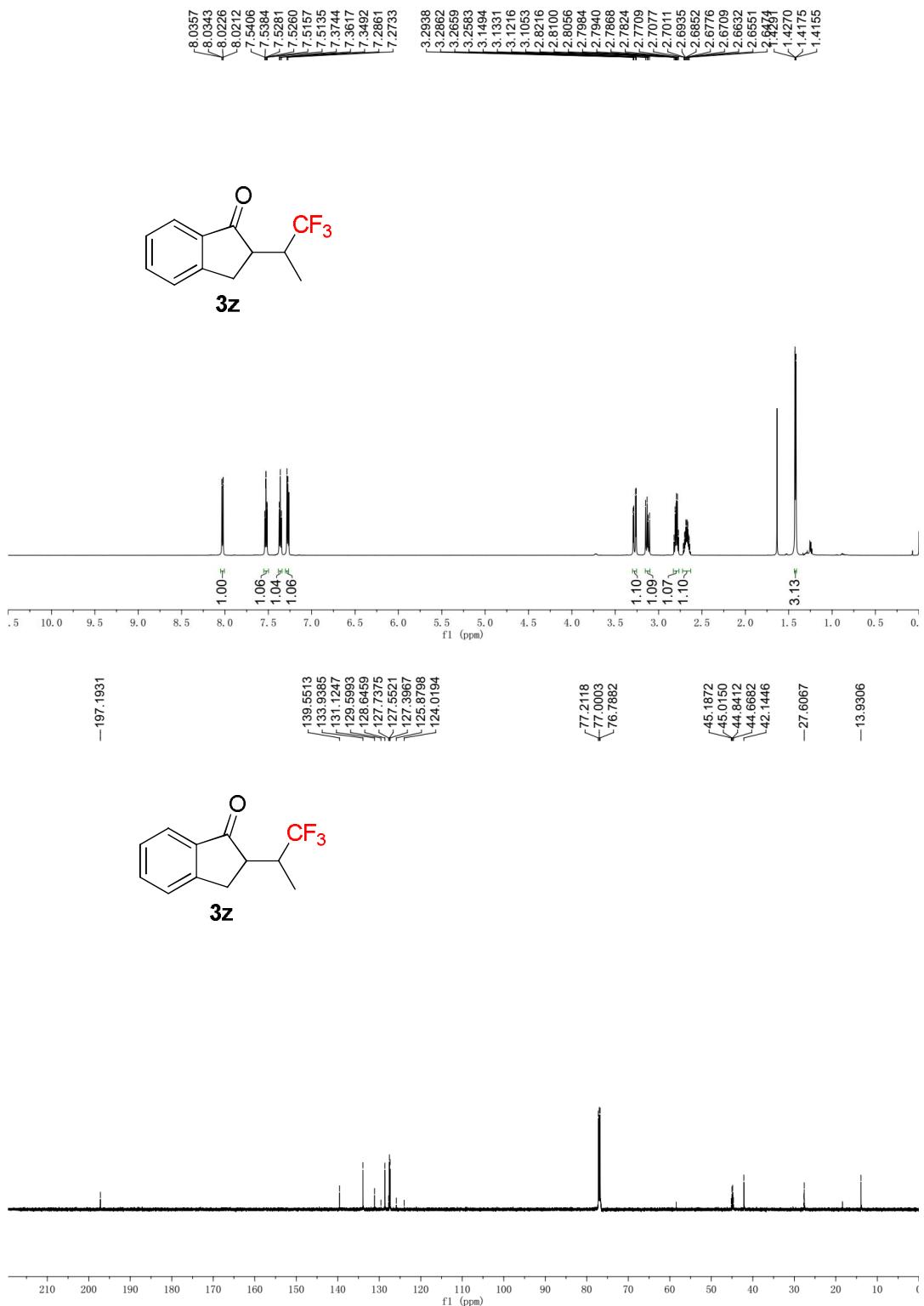


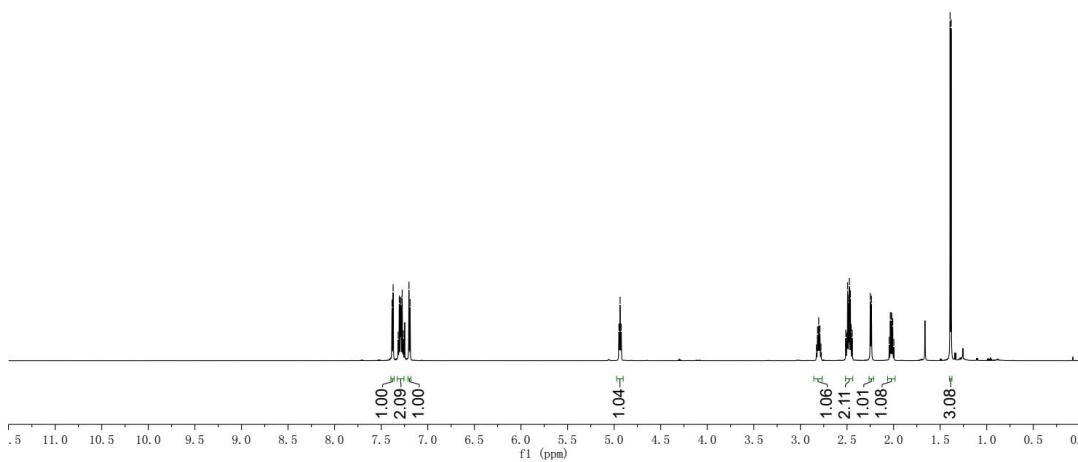
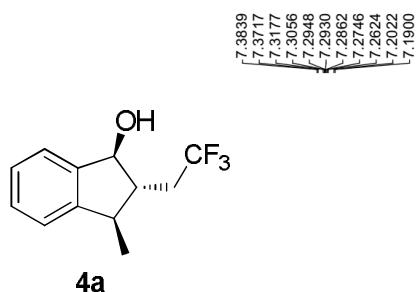
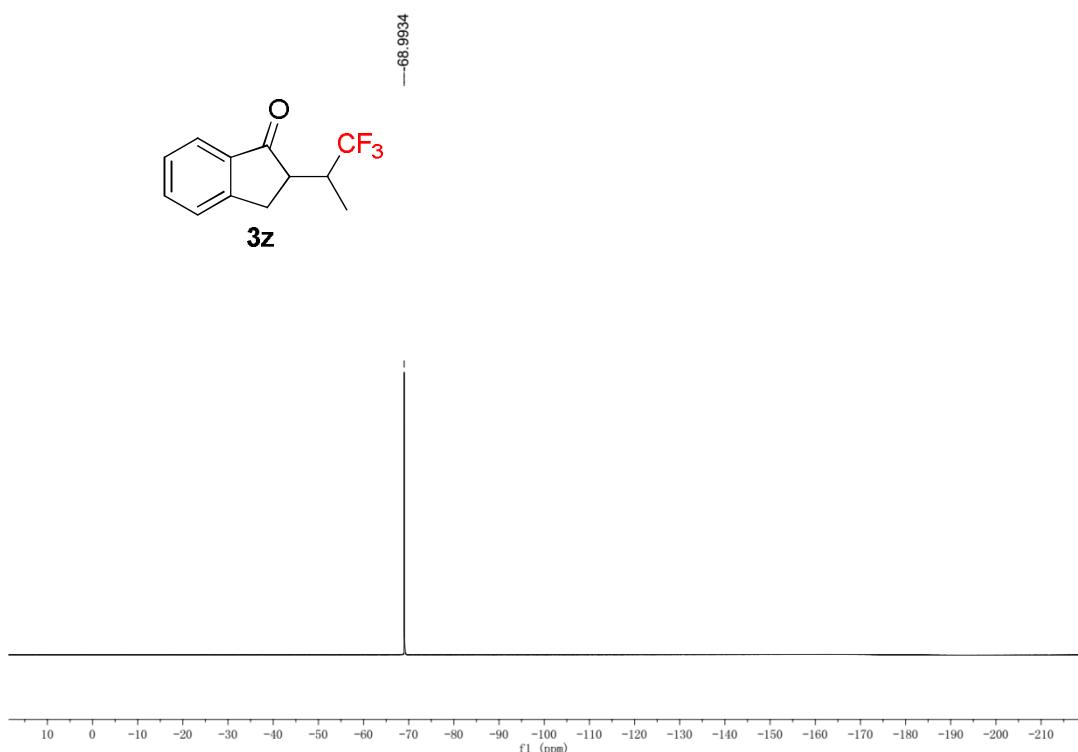
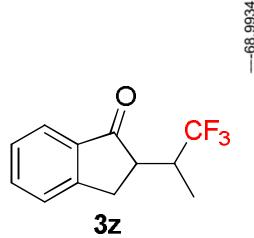


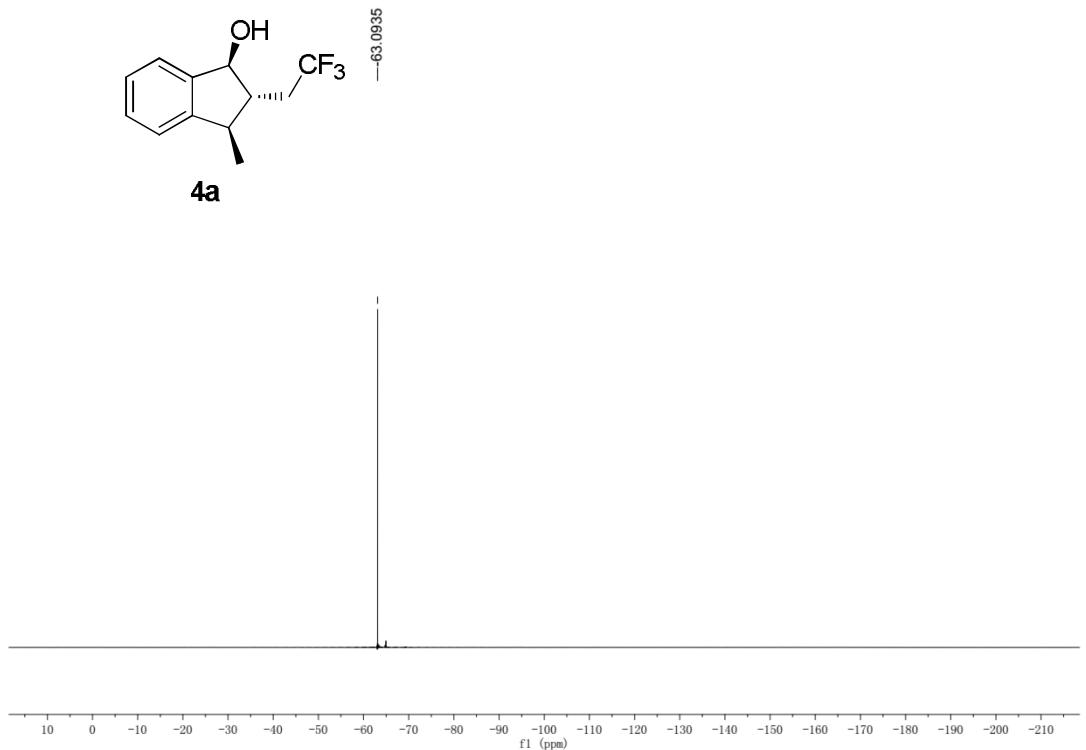
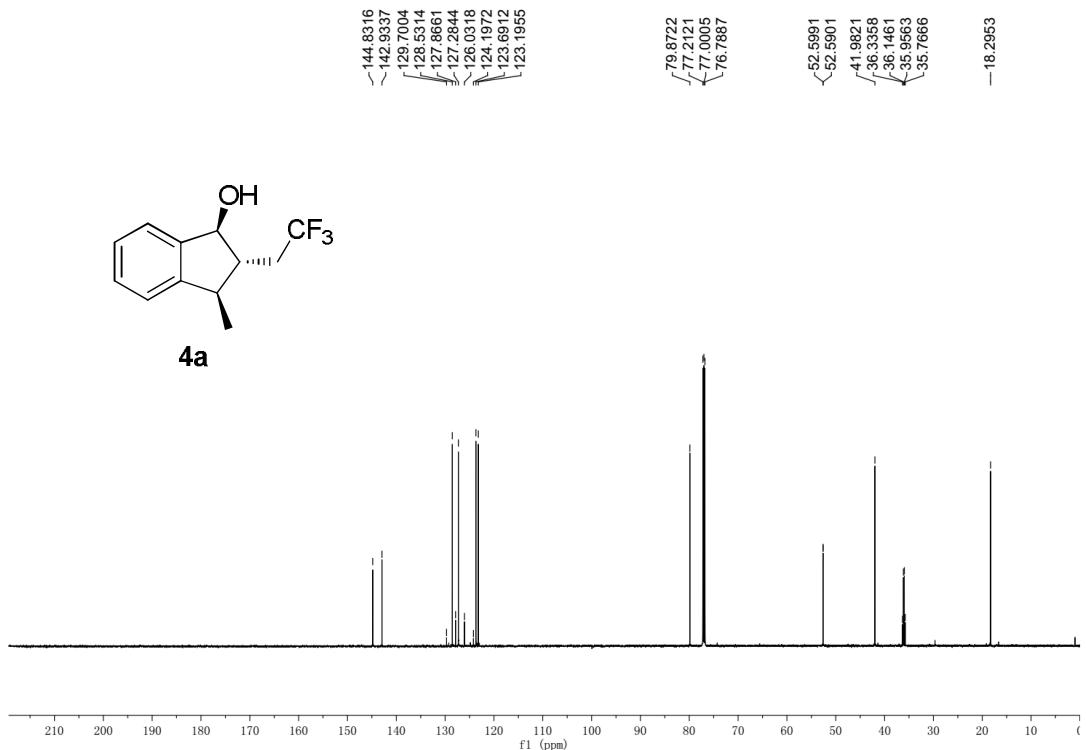


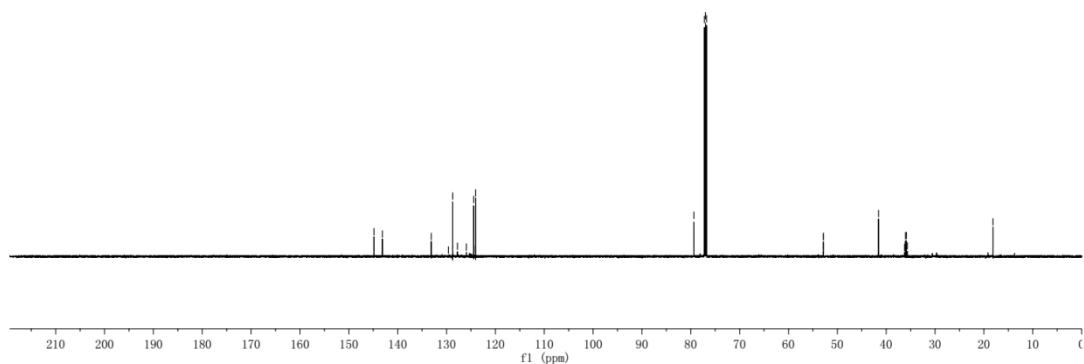
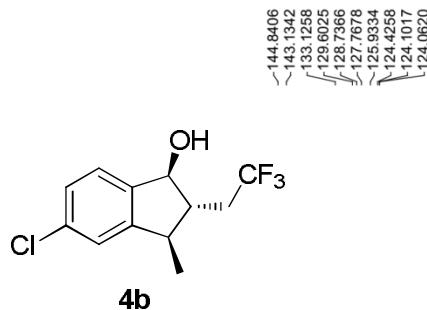
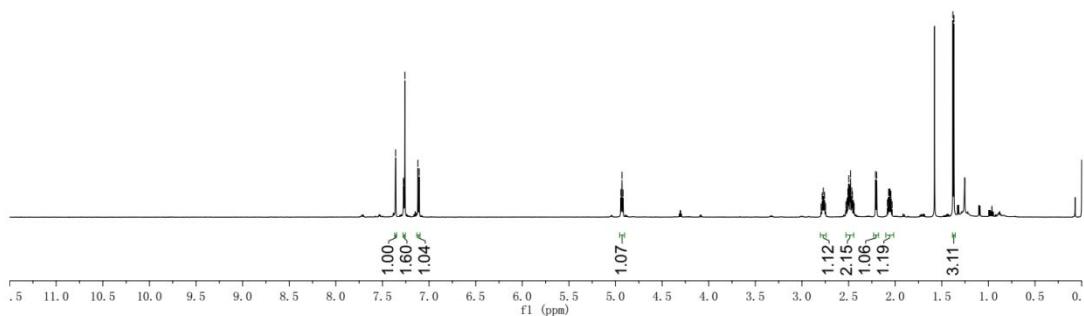
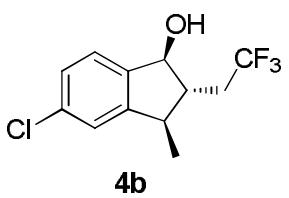


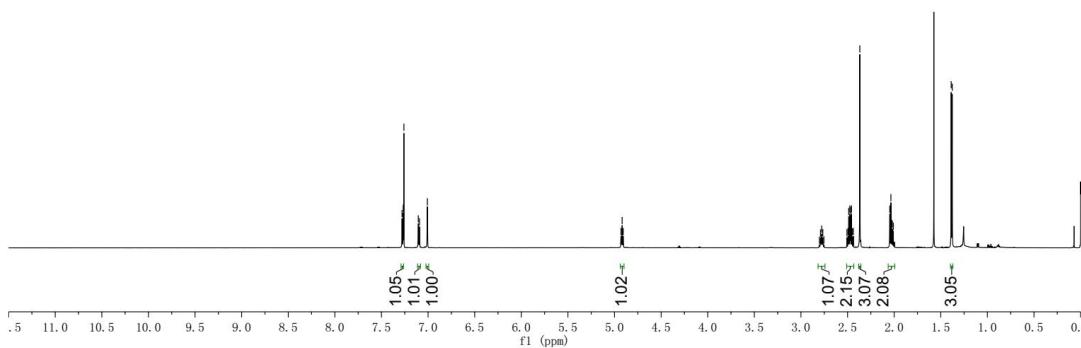
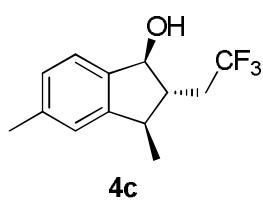
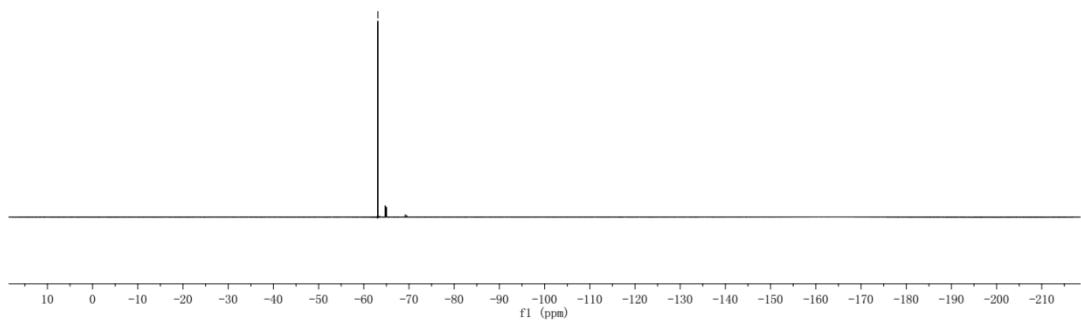
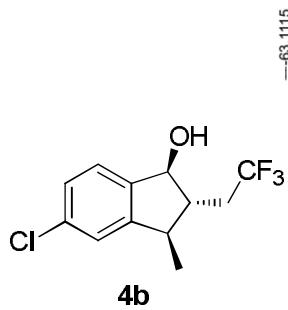


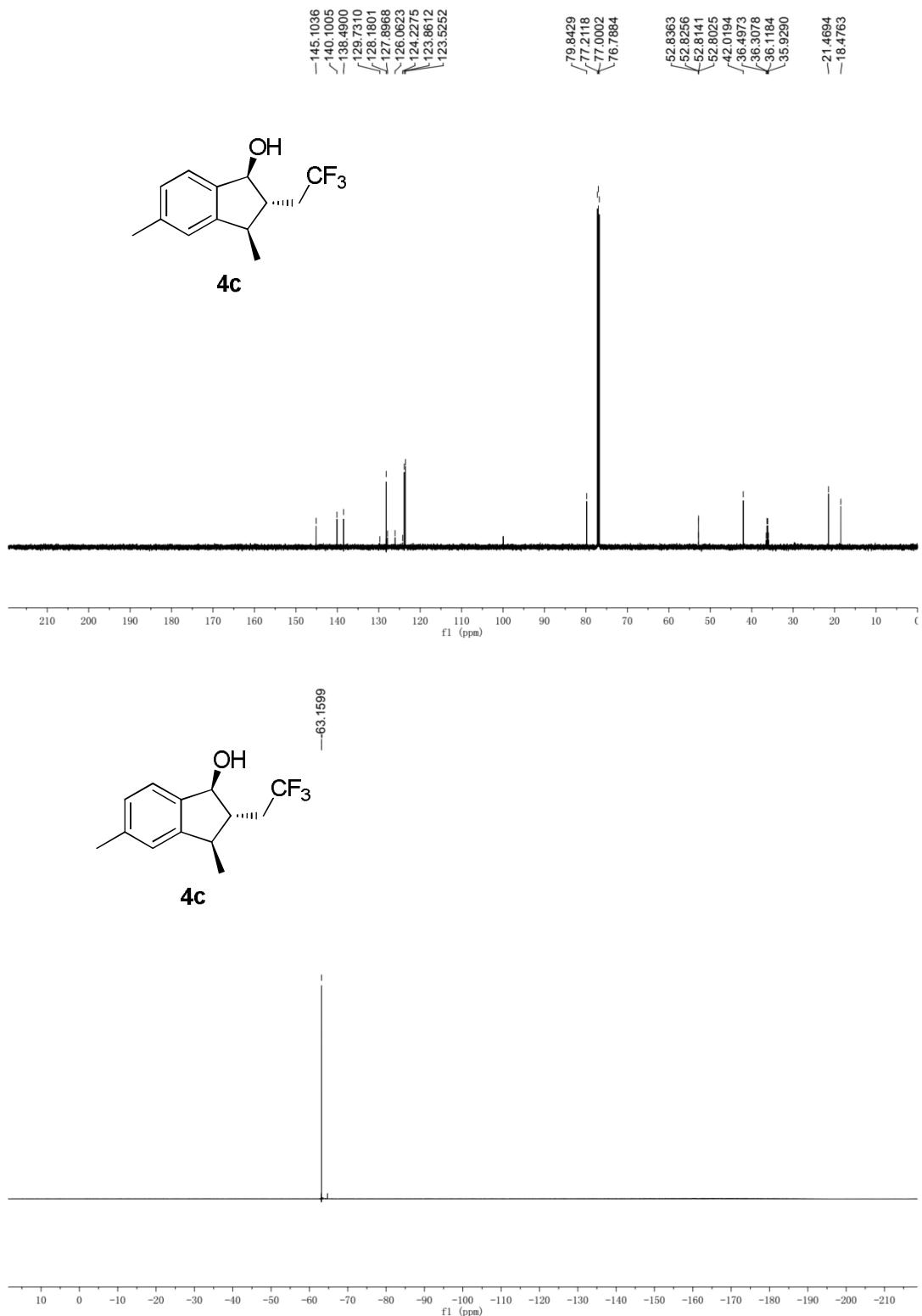


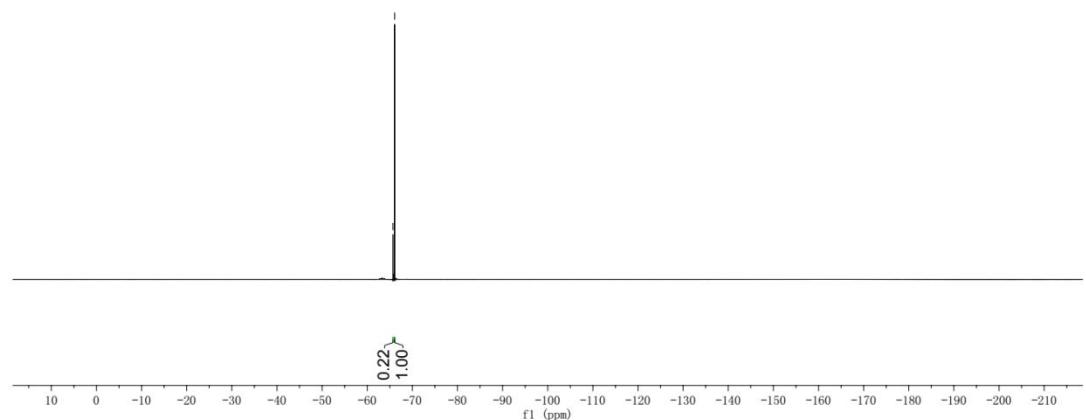
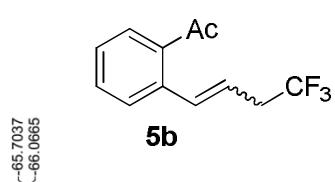
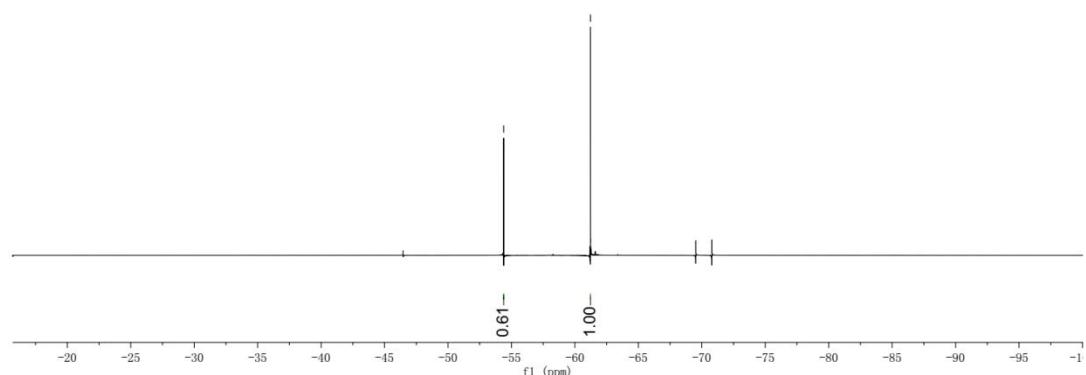
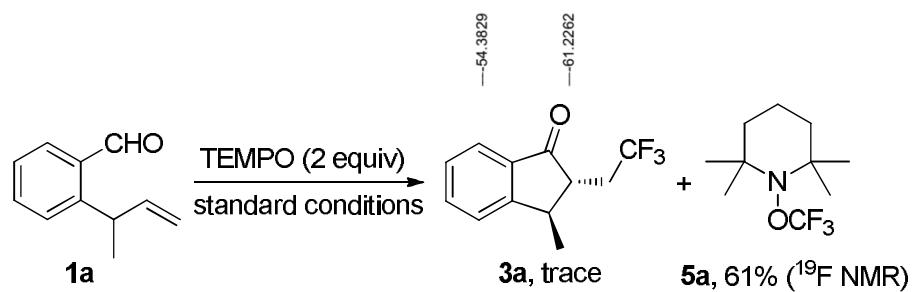


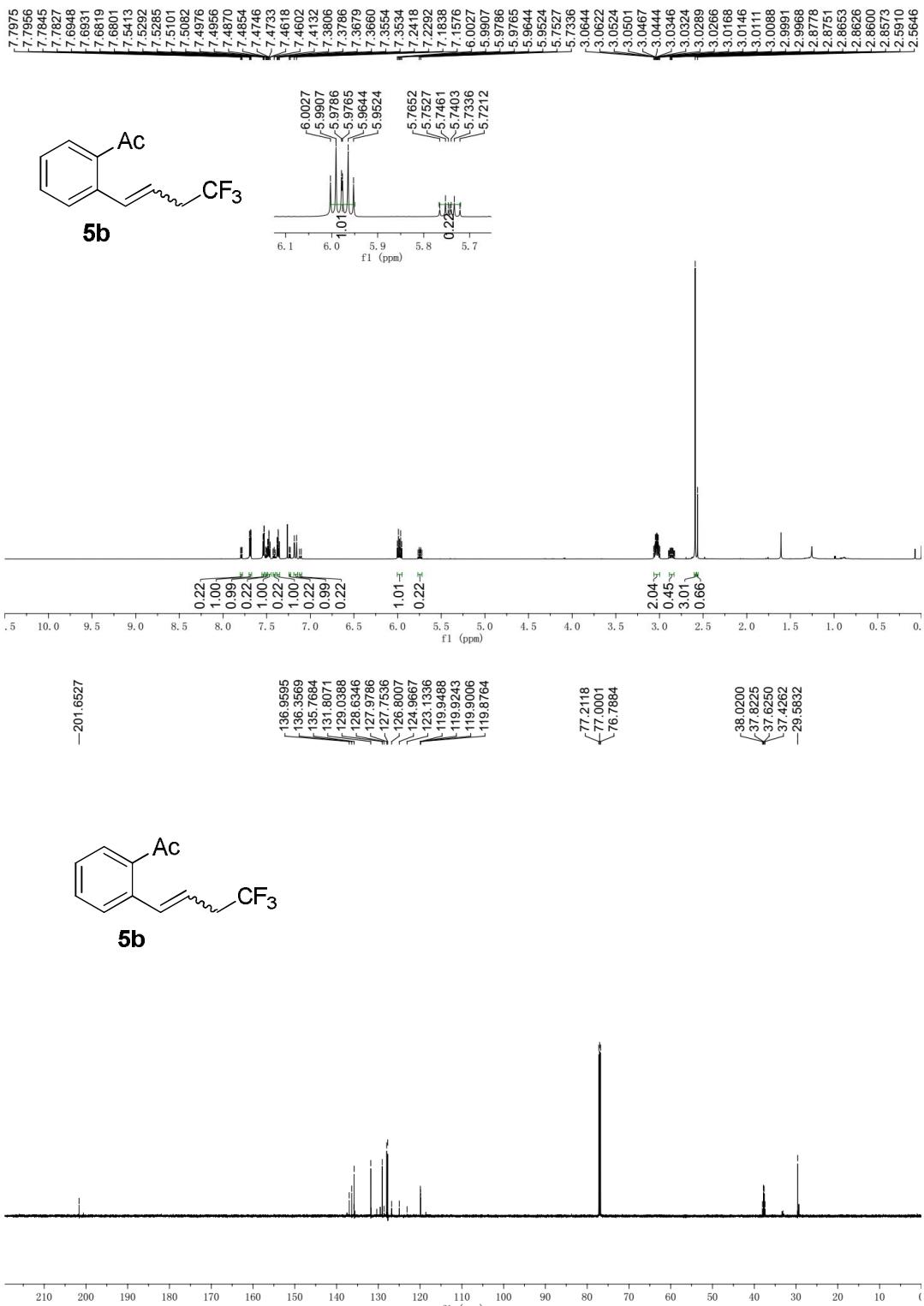












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