

Copper-Catalyzed Difluoromethylenation of C (sp²) -H Bonds of Alkenes

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1. General information

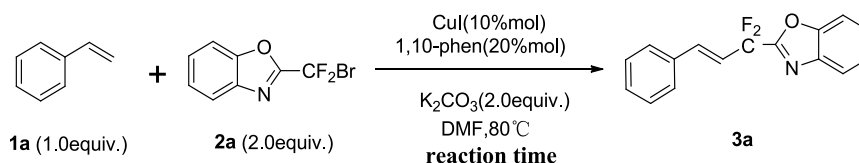
^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM400 and AM500 spectrometer. ^{19}F NMR was recorded on a Bruker AM400 spectrometer (CFCl_3 as an external standard and low field is positive). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. NMR yield was determined by ^{19}F NMR using trifluorotoluene as an internal standard before working up the reaction. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on AVATAR 370 FT-IR spectrometer, absorbance frequencies are given at maximum of intensity in cm^{-1} . Melting points were obtained on a X-4 digital melting point apparatus without correction. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured with JEOL JMX-SX 102A spectrometer (FAB) and electrospray (ESI). Some associative experiments were performed on a Varian Saturn 2200 GC-MS system.

Materials: All reagents were used as received from commercial sources.

2. Optimization of the reaction conditions

2.1 Optimization of reaction time

Table S1. Optimization of reaction time



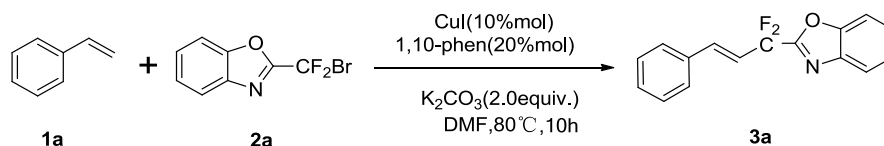
Entry	Reaction time (h)	3a Yield (%) ^a
1	8	67
2	10	89
3	19	88
4	24	91

^a Determined by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF_3 as an internal standard

Conclusion: From above, the yield of desired product obviously increased when the reaction time changed from 8 hours to 10 hours. However, the yield was almost constant when the time prolonged from 10 h, 19 h to 24 h. Therefore, the reaction time was selected 10 h.

2.2 Optimization of the substrate ratio

Table S2. Optimization of the substrate ratio



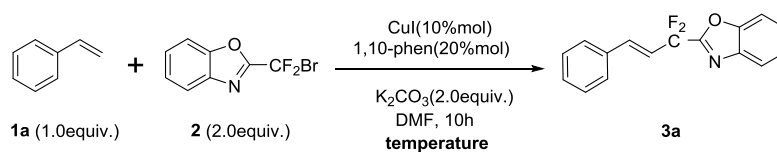
Entry	2a (equiv.)	1a (equiv.)	3a Yield (%) ^a
1	1.5	1.0	56
2	2.0	1.0	67
3	3.0	1.0	90
4	5.0	1.0	87

^a Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF₃ as an internal standard

Conclusion: From above, the yields of product **3a** have obvious change when the amount of the substrate **2a** increased from 2.0 to 3.0 equiv. Continue to increase the amount of substrate **2a** to 5.0 equiv, the yield was slightly lower. Therefore, the substrate ratio (**2/1a**) = 2:1 was selected in the optimized reaction condition.

2.3 Optimization of reaction temperature

Table S3. Optimization of reaction temperature



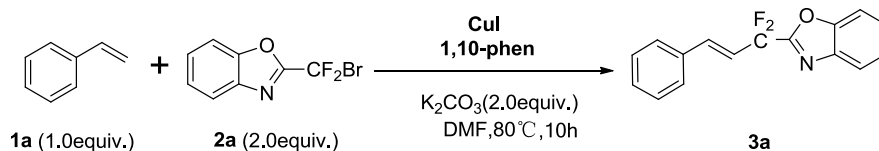
Entry	temperature (°C)	Yield (%) ^a
1	60	54
2	80	90
3	100	87
4	120	68

^a Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF₃ as an internal standard

Conclusion: From above, the lower yield was observed when the reaction was carried at 120°C. Therefore, the 80°C was selected as the best reaction temperature.

2.4 Optimization of ratio between catalyst and ligand

Table S4. Optimization of ratio between catalyst and ligand

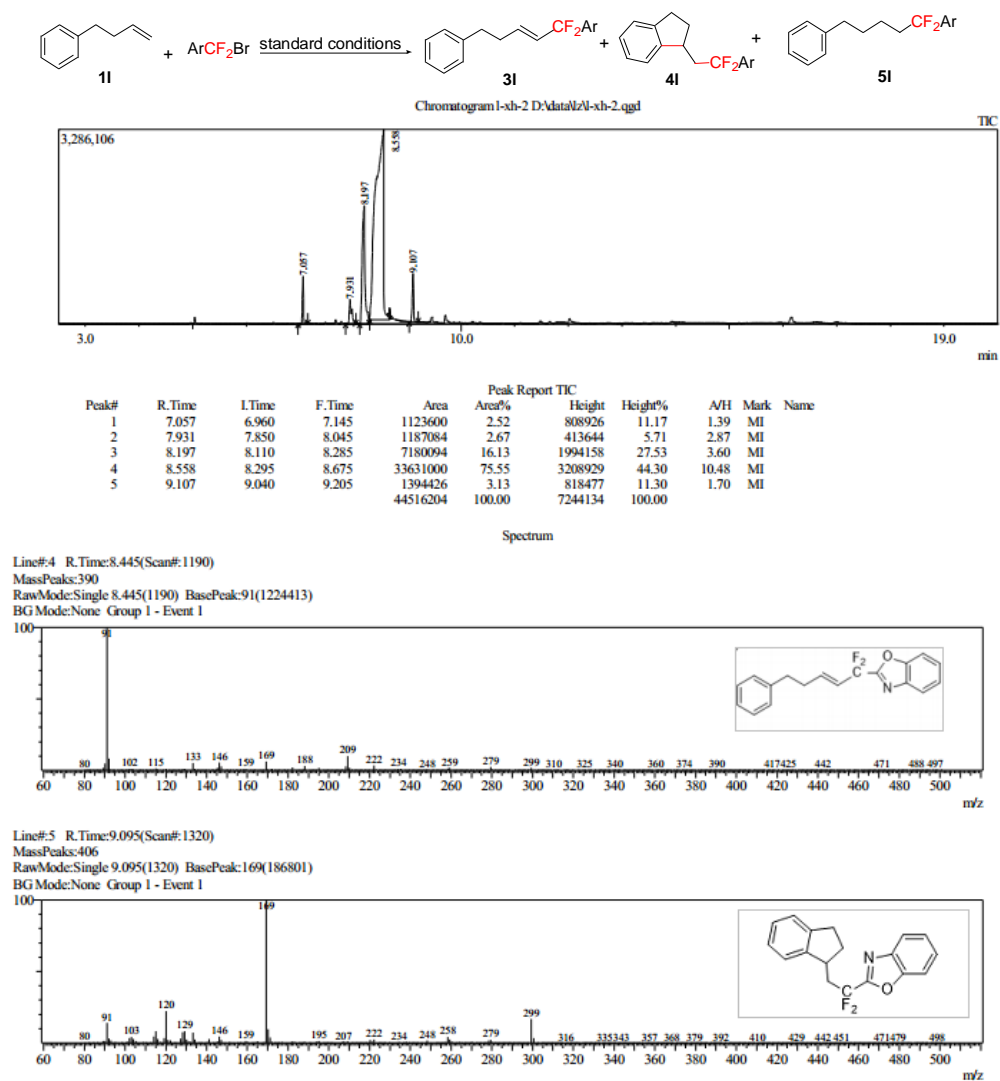


Entry	CuI (equiv)	1,10-phen (equiv)	Yield (%) ^a
1	0.005	0.012	38
2	0.01	0.02	88
3	0.01	0.015	49
4	0.01	0.01	42
5	0.01	0.03	90

^a Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF₃ as an internal standard
 Conclusion: From table S4, the combination of 0.01 equiv. CuI and 0.02 equiv. 1,10-phen was selected as the optimized reaction condition.

3. Monitored the *gem*-difluoromethylenation reaction by GC-MS

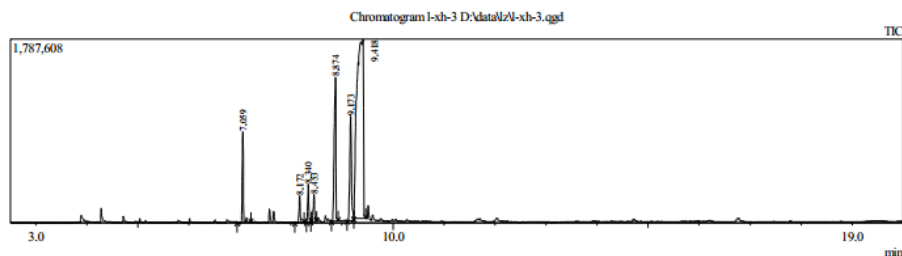
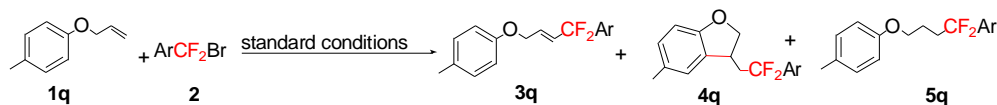
3.1 Exploring the reactions of **11** and **2a** by GC-MS



Scheme S1. The results of the reaction of **11** and **2a** by GC-MS

Conclusion: From scheme S1, the peak at 8.445 min is attributed to the main product **31**, and the peak at 9.095 min is that of **41**.

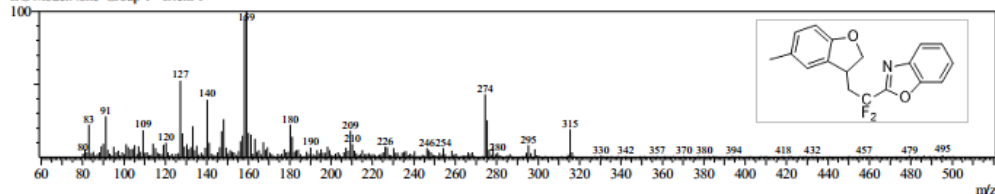
3.2 Exploring the reaction of **1q** and **2a** by GC-MS



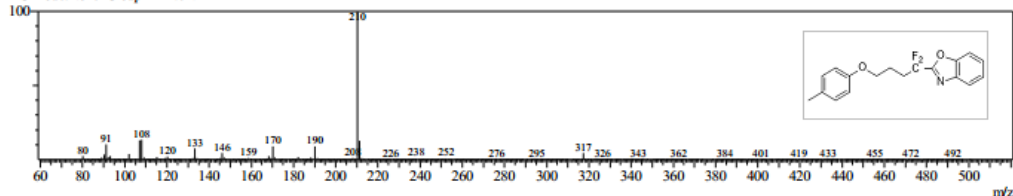
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2	8.172	8.080	8.260	406274	1.71	262307	4.42	1.55	MI	
3	8.340	8.300	8.400	540535	2.27	367370	6.18	1.47	MI	
4	8.453	8.390	8.505	492510	2.07	268085	4.51	1.84	MI	
5	8.874	8.795	8.930	3152420	13.27	1399733	23.56	2.25	MI	
6	9.173	9.105	9.235	2337858	9.84	1016833	17.12	2.30	MI	
7	9.418	9.235	9.470	15550987	65.45	1743415	29.35	8.92	MI	
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Spectrum

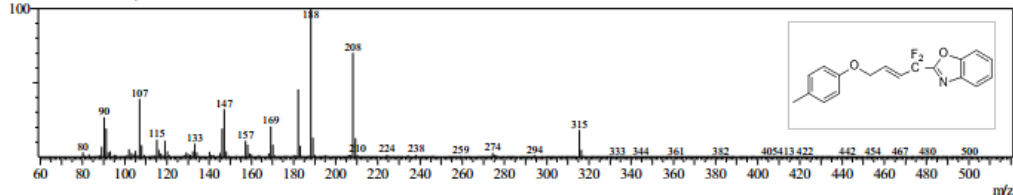
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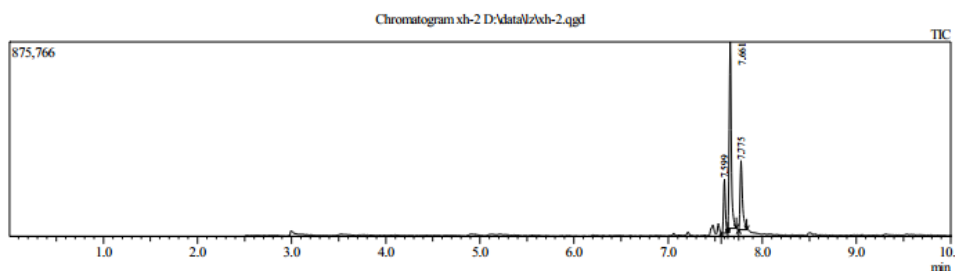
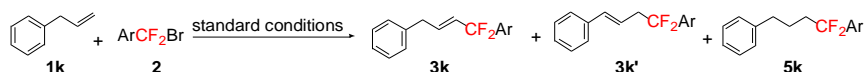
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Scheme S2. The results of the reaction of **1q** and **2a** by GC-MS

Conclusion: The desired product **3q**, the peak at 9.340 min, was obtained in 35% isolated yield. The product **5q** (GC-MS at 9.165 min) was formed through the active radical abstracting H. The product **4q**, detected by ^{19}F NMR and GC-MS (8.185 min), was a *gem*-difluoromethylation/cyclizaion cascade product.

3.3 Exploring the reaction of **2a** and **1k** by GC-MS



Peak#	R.Time	L.Time	F.Time	Area	Area%	Height	Height%	A/H	Mark	Name
1	7.599	7.565	7.635	331378	15.70	242985	17.42	1.36	MI	
2	7.661	7.635	7.725	1246693	59.06	839201	60.17	1.49	MI	
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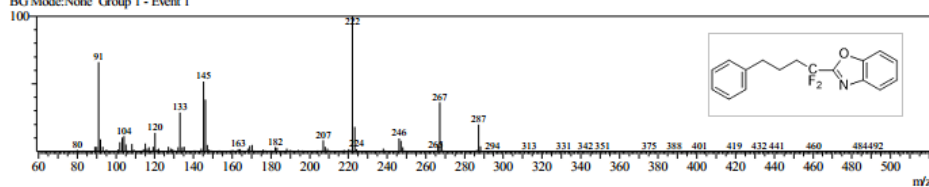
Spectrum

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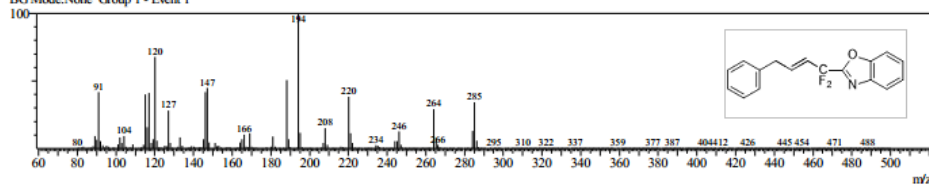


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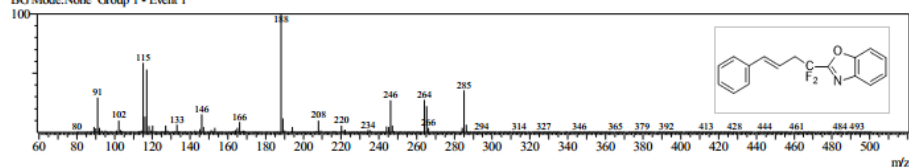


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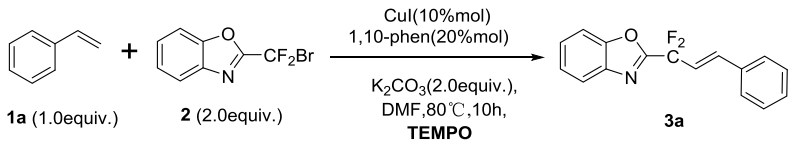
Scheme S3. The results of the reaction of **2** and **1k** by GC-MS

Conclusion: The alkane **5k** (GC-MS 7.600 min) arisen from radical abstracting hydrogen atom. The formation of **5k** was deduced that this reaction was to undergo a free radical process. The product **3k'** was isolated and detected by ^{19}F NMR and GC-MS (7.775 min).

4. Preliminary mechanistic study

4.1 The effect of TEMPO on the standard reaction

Table S5. The effect of TEMPO on the standard reaction

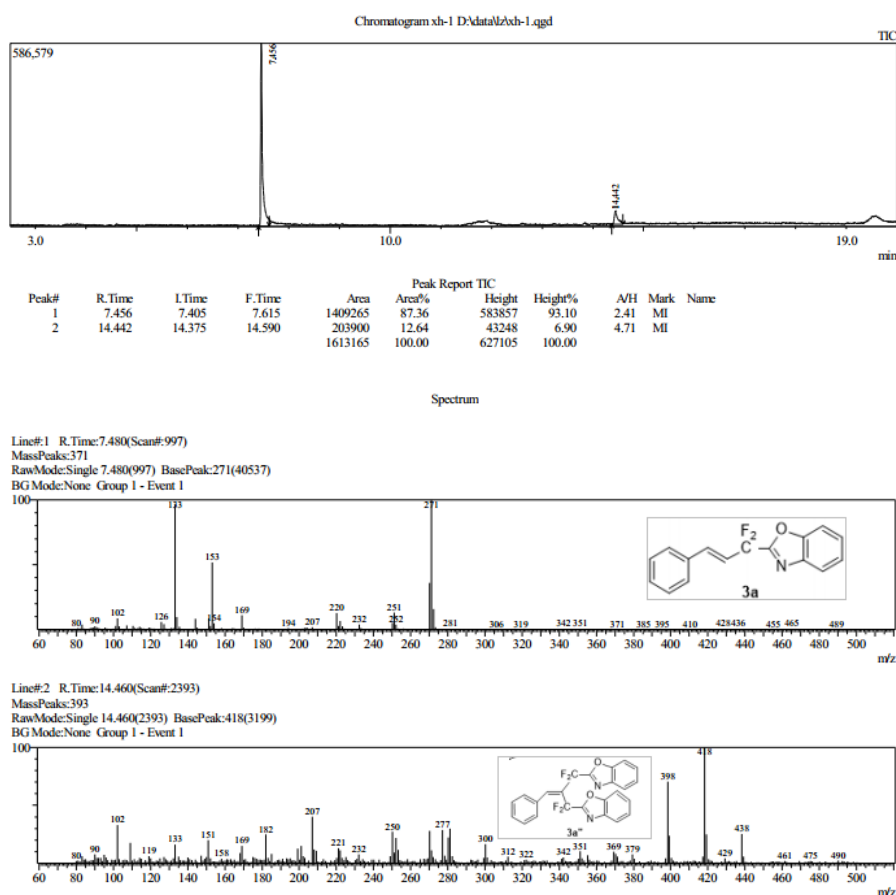


Entry	TEMPO (equiv)	Yield (%) ^a
1	—	94
2	1.0	51
3	2.0	trace

^a Determined by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy using PhCF₃ as an internal standard

Conclusion: The yield of the desired product **3a** was decreased from 94% to 51% when 1 equivalent TEMPO was added in the standard reaction system. Additionally, when 2 equivalents TEMPO was added, **3a** was hardly observed. The results implied that the reaction could involve in a radical process.

4.2 The results of standard reaction by GC-MS

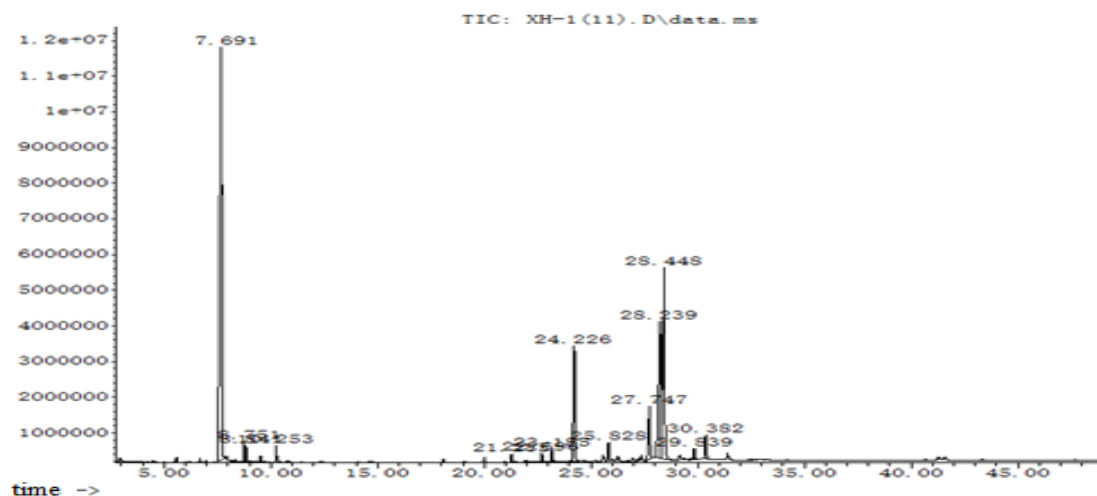
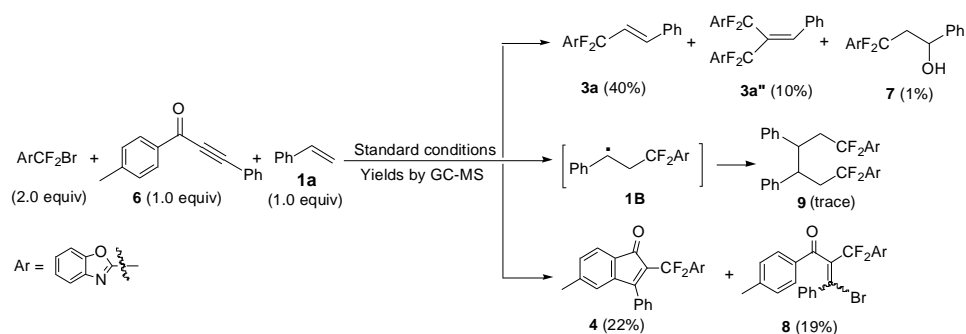


Scheme S4. The results of standard reaction by GC-MS

Conclusion: The product **3a''** was obtained in 8% isolated yields which was formed through the radical $\text{ArCF}_2\cdot$ adding to **3a**. Evidences of the formation of **3a** and **3a''** further confirmed that the difluoromethylenation of alkenes was *via* intermediate difluoromethylene radical.

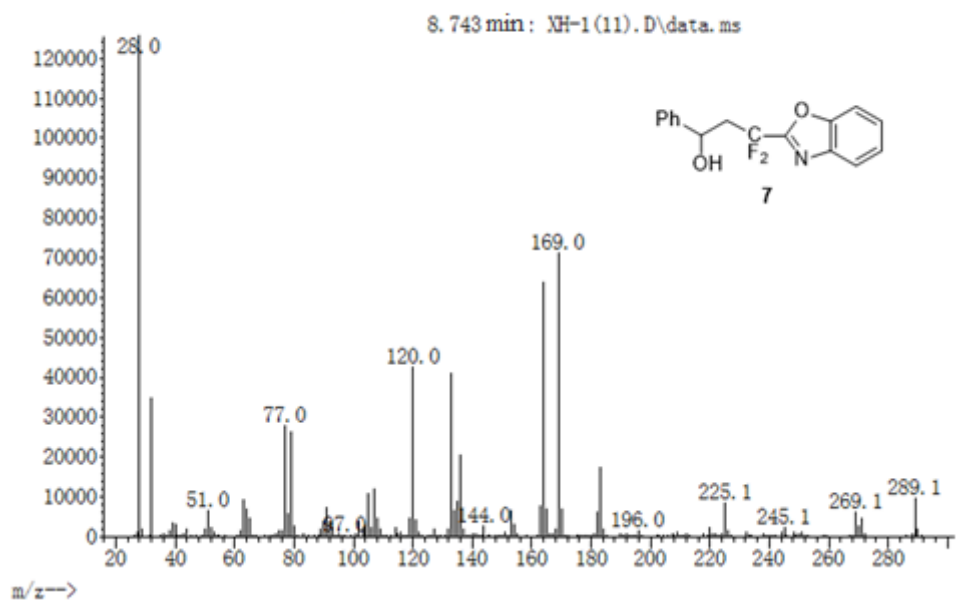
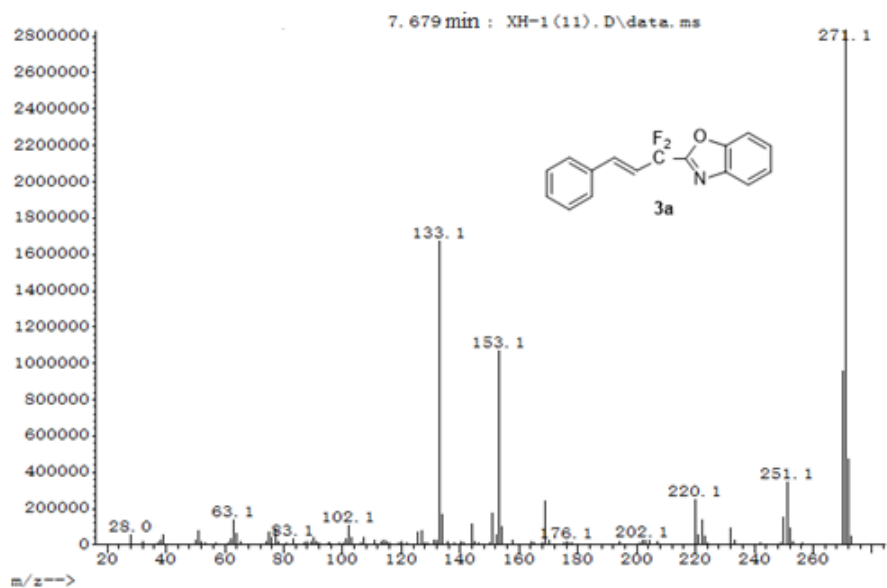
4.3 The results of the reaction of **1a**, **2a** and alkyne **6** by GC-MS

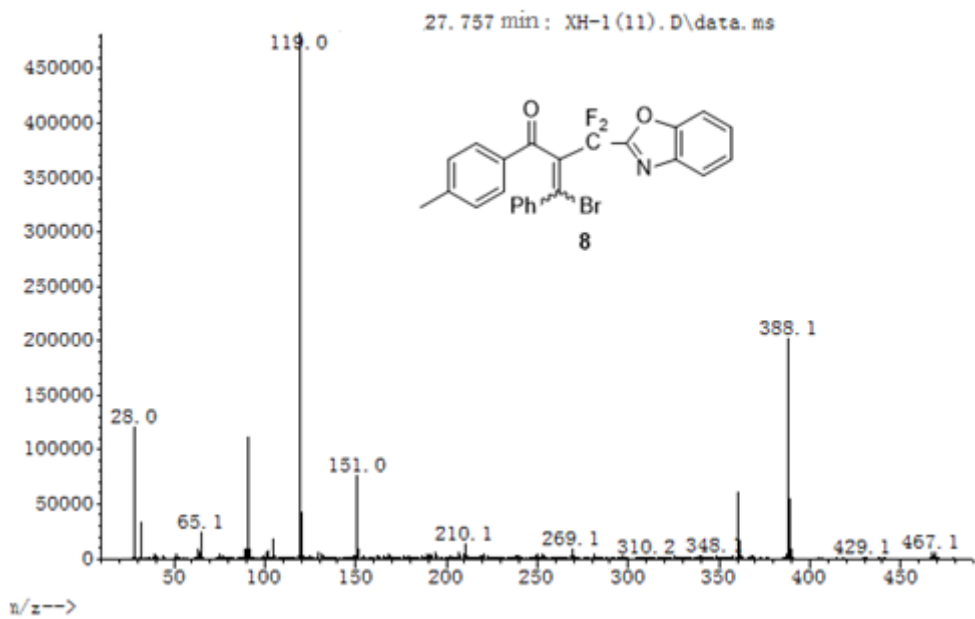
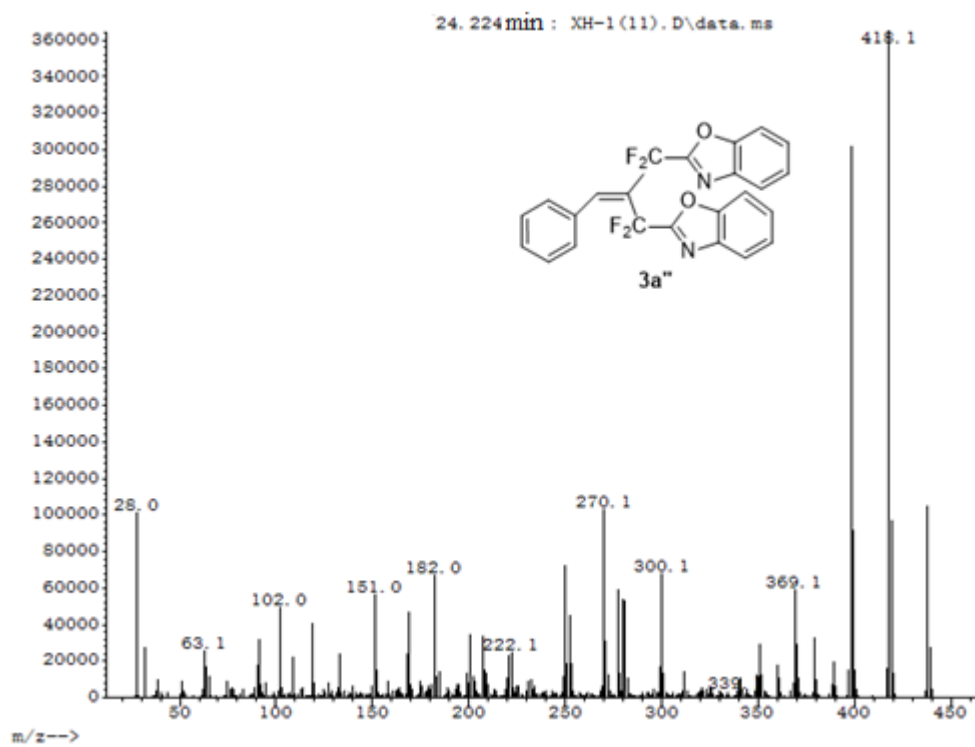
The mixture sample was prepared through the reaction of **6**, **1a**, and **2a** under the standard conditions, then tested by the Instrument model Agilent 7890A-5975C. Gradient temperature was 190-280°C (increasing speed: 3°C/min), and the volume injected was 1μL. The results see Scheme S5.

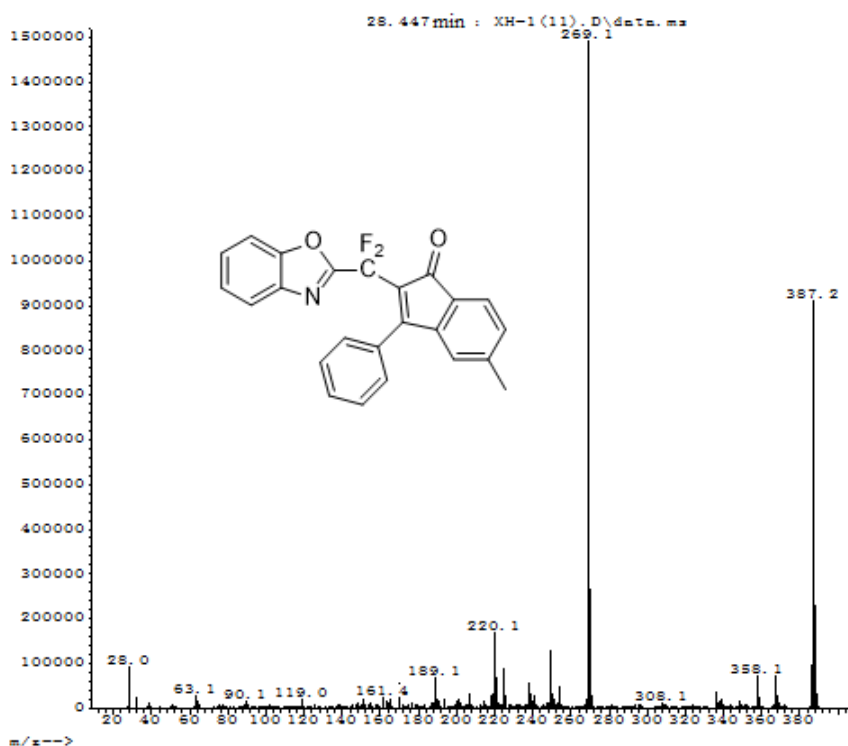
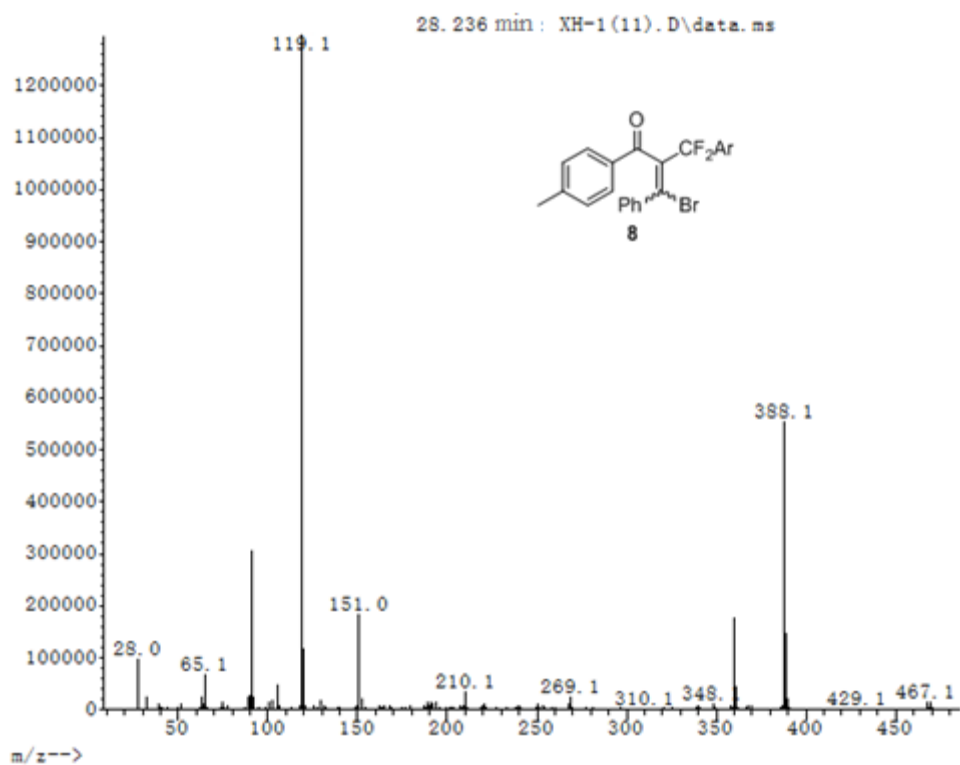


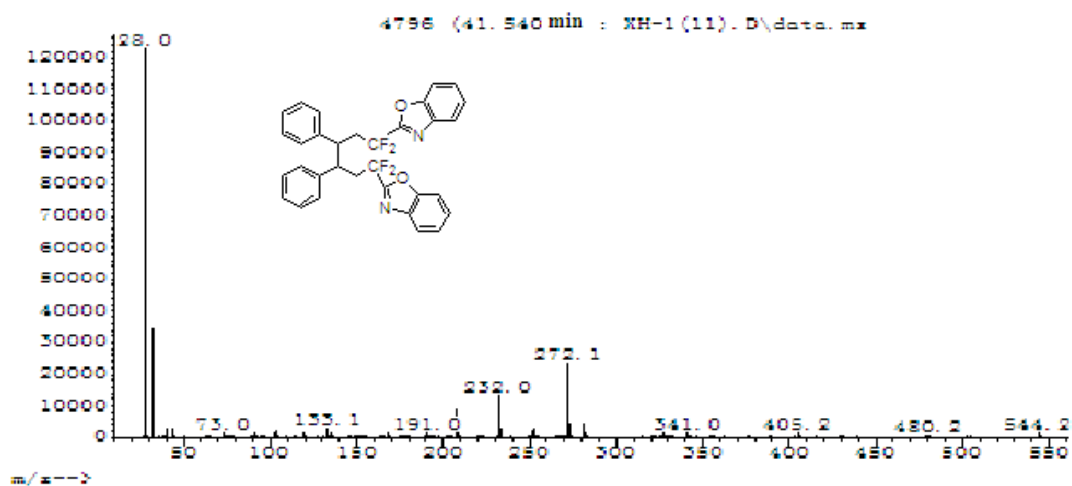
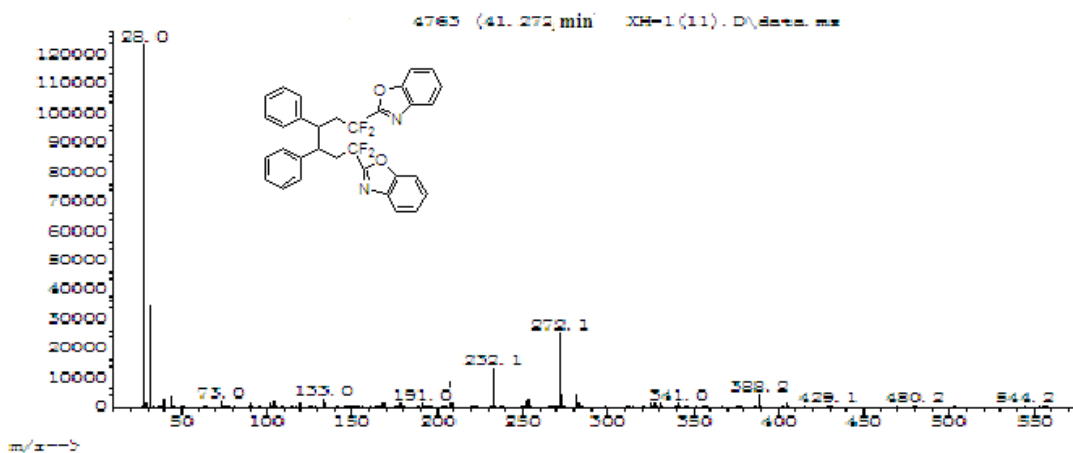
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3	8.751	744	759	765	BV	569303	18018062	2.62%	1.033%
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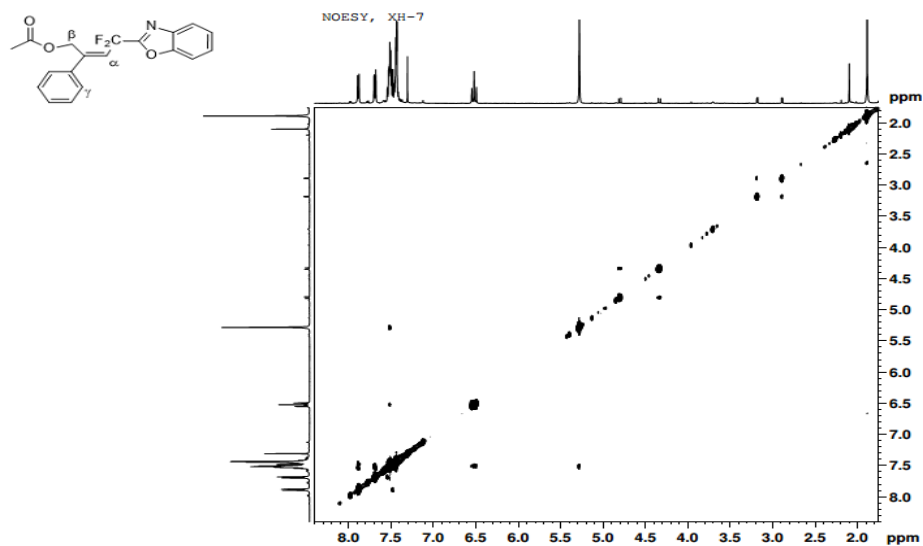




Scheme S5. The results of the reaction of **1a**, **2a** and alkyne **6** by GC-MS

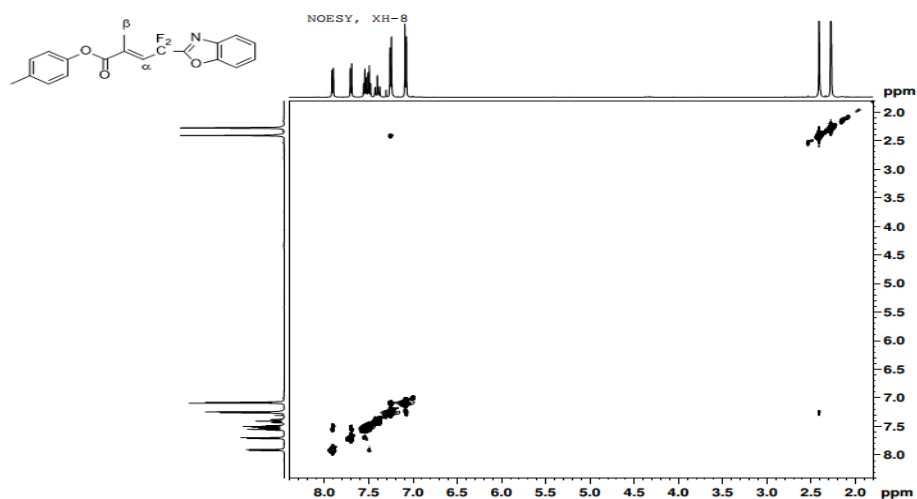
Conclusion: Besides the products **3a** and **3a''**, the product **4**, which formed by capturing radical A, was also isolated. The formation of those products further supported the speculated mechanism. The formation of hydroxyl adducts **7** and **8** (GC-MS 27.757 min and 28.236min) could be further inferred that the carbocation was involved in this reaction. The product **9** observed through GC-MS monitoring of the reaction mixture after 8 hours was homo-coupled product of radical **1B**

5. ^1H NOESY experiments of **3j** and **3t**



Scheme S6 ^1H , ^1H NOESY spectrum of **3j**

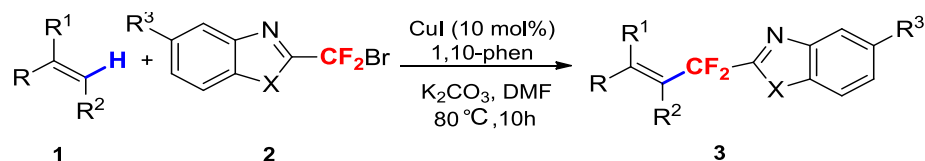
From the NOESY spectrum, the α -H ($\delta_{6.50}$) coupled with γ -H (an aromatic H), while the β -H ($\delta_{5.26}$) (displaying a single peak) had no couple with α -H. These results deduced that the geometric configuration for the double bonds of **3j** is indicated as *Z*.



Scheme S7 ^1H , ^1H NOESY spectrum of **3t**

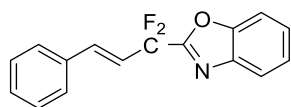
The NOESY spectrum showed that the α -H ($\delta_{7.37}$, td) had no couple with β -H ($\delta_{2.39}$, s). Therefore, the geometric configuration for the double bonds of **3t** is indicated as *E*.

6. New compounds characterization



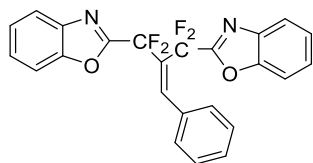
A 25 mL round-bottom flask was charged with CuI (10 mol %), 1,10-phen (20 mol %), K₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv), **2** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **1** (0.3 mmol) and DMF (2.5 mL) under air. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (oil bath) for 10 h. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The crude product was purified with silica gel chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give product **3**.

(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-phenylallyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (**3a**)



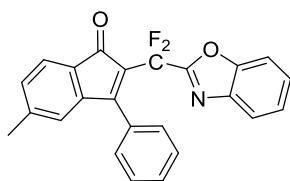
Light yellow solid, 86%, mp: 52-54 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dt, *J* = 16.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dt, *J* = 16.2, 11.0 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -94.63 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.0 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 36.0 Hz), 150.7, 140.1, 136.8 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 134.1, 129.7, 128.9, 127.6, 126.9, 125.4, 121.3, 119.5 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.1 Hz), 113.5 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 239.7 Hz), 111.4. IR: 3060, 1652, 1610, 1443, 1193, 1054, 977, 749 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂F₂NO [M+H]⁺ 272.0887, found: 272.0890.

2,2'-(2-benzylidene-1,1,3,3-tetrafluoropropane-1,3-diyl)bis(benzo[*d*]oxazole) (**3a''**)



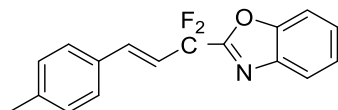
Colorless solid, 8%, mp: 109-110 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21-7.08 (m, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -88.26 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), -93.56 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.2 Hz), 156.5 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.5 Hz), 150.7, 150.3, 143.6-142.6 (m), 140.2, 139.8, 131.9, 129.2, 128.7, 127.9, 126.9, 126.9, 125.3, 125.2, 121.5, 121.3, 112.8 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 246.8 Hz), 112.6 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 246.8 Hz), 111.5, 111.2. IR: 3024, 1651, 1449, 1184, 1082, 752 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₄H₁₅F₄N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 438.0991, found: 438.0989.

2-(benzo[*d*]oxazol-2-ylidifluoromethyl)-5-methyl-3-phenyl-1H-inden-1-one (**4**)



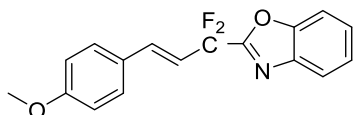
Yellow solid, 16%, mp: 164-166 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 (m, 6H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.51 (s). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.9 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.4$ Hz), 162.9 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.9$ Hz), 157.4 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 34.3$ Hz), 150.6, 145.1, 144.3, 140.1, 130.9, 130.8, 129.9, 128.3, 127.9, 126.7, 125.8, 125.2, 124.9 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.2$ Hz), 124.6, 123.6, 121.5, 121.3, 112.4 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 241.6$ Hz), 111.4, 22.0. IR: 3037, 2926, 1711, 1606, 1514, 1194, 1034, 743 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 388.1149, found: 388.1153.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-(p-tolyl)allyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3b)



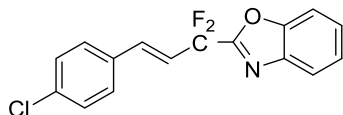
Light yellow solid, 61%, mp: 38-40 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.88-7.85 (m, 1H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.51-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.62 (dt, $J = 16.1, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.24 (d, $J = 11.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.1$ Hz), 150.7, 140.1, 139.9, 136.7 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.1$ Hz), 131.3, 129.6, 127.6, 126.8, 125.3, 121.3, 118.3 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.8$ Hz), 113.6 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.5$ Hz), 111.4, 21.4. IR: 3013, 2916, 1609, 1448, 1190, 1043, 980, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 286.1043, found: 286.1041.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3c)



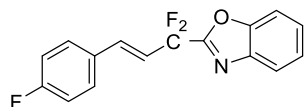
Yellow solid, 74%; mp: 81-82 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.16 (dt, $J = 16.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.96-6.89 (m, 2H), 6.52 (dt, $J = 16.1, 11.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -93.88 (dd, $J = 11.0, 2.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 158.3 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.4$ Hz), 150.7, 140.1, 136.2 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.1$ Hz), 129.1, 126.8, 125.3, 121.3, 117.0 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 114.2, 113.7 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.5$ Hz), 111.4, 55.4. IR: 3029, 2964, 1605, 1511, 1216, 1037, 969, 756 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.0993, found: 302.0995.

(E)-2-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1-difluoroallyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3d)



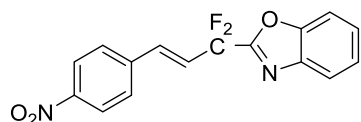
Light yellow solid, 89%, mp: 89-91 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dt, *J* = 16.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dt, *J* = 16.1, 10.9 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -94.66 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.8 Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 135.6, 135.4 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.1 Hz), 132.6, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 125.4, 121.3, 120.0 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.3 Hz), 113.3 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240.1 Hz), 110.4. IR: 3035, 1658, 1489, 1189, 1077, 1044, 970, 811, 745cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁ClF₂NO [M+H]⁺ 306.0497, found: 306.0495.

(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-(4-fluorophenyl)allyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3e)



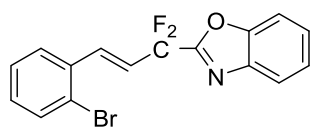
Light yellow solid, 83%, mp: 67-68 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.19 (dt, *J* = 16.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2H), 6.60 (dt, *J* = 16.2, 11.0 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -94.41 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.3 Hz), -110.72 (ddd, *J* = 13.6, 8.5, 5.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5 (d, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 250.1 Hz), 157.9 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.9 Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 135.5 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.1 Hz), 130.3, 129.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.4 Hz), 126.9, 125.4, 121.3, 119.2 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.0 Hz), 115.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.9 Hz), 112.4 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 239.9 Hz), 111.4. IR: 3040, 1605, 1059, 1223, 1161, 1044, 970, 746 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁F₃NO [M+H]⁺ 290.0793, found: 290.0798.

(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-(4-nitrophenyl)allyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3f)



Light yellow solid, 49%, mp: 151-152 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.56-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dt, *J* = 16.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dt, *J* = 16.1, 10.7 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -95.37 (dd, *J* = 10.7, 2.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.3 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.2 Hz), 150.7, 148.3, 140.2, 139.9, 134.4 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 9.0 Hz), 128.3, 127.2, 125.5, 124.1, 123.8 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.1 Hz), 121.4, 112.8 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240.4 Hz), 111.5. IR: 3024, 1602, 1518, 1343, 1192, 1061, 974, 747cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁F₂N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 317.0738, found: 317.0741.

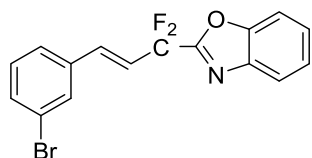
(*E*)-2-(3-(2-bromophenyl)-1,1-difluoroallyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3g)



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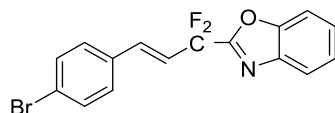
7.67 - 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td, $J = 7.2, 0.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, $J = 7.9, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dt, $J = 16.0, 10.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.82 (dd, $J = 10.9, 2.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 135.5 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.2$ Hz), 134.1, 133.3, 130.8, 127.7, 127.7, 122.1 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.9$ Hz), 121.3, 113.1 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 240.5$ Hz), 111.4. IR: 3023, 1610, 1457, 1193, 1049, 960, 752, 658 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 349.9992, found: 349.9996.

(E)-2-(3-(3-bromophenyl)-1,1-difluoroallyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3h)



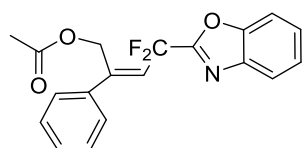
Yellow oil, 54%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dt, $J = 16.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dt, $J = 16.1, 10.8$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.77 (dd, $J = 10.8, 2.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.7$ Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 136.1, 135.2 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 132.6, 130.3, 127.0, 126.3, 125.4, 123.0, 121.4, 121.0 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 113.1 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 240.21$ Hz), 111.5. IR: 3023, 1659, 1565, 1195, 1038, 968, 747, 675 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 349.9992, found: 349.9987.

(E)-2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1-difluoroallyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3i)



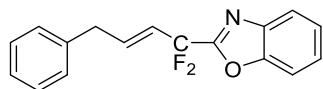
Yellow solid, 62%, mp: 111–112 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2H), 7.50 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dt, $J = 16.1, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dt, $J = 16.1, 10.9$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.73 (dd, $J = 10.9, 2.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.9$ Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 135.5 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.0$ Hz), 133.0, 132.1, 129.1, 127.0, 125.4, 123.9, 121.4, 120.2 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.2$ Hz), 113.2 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.7$ Hz), 111.5. IR: 3037, 1652, 1567, 1187, 1045, 969, 744, 562 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 349.9992, found: 349.9993.

(Z)-4-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-4,4-difluoro-2-phenylbut-2-en-1-yl acetate (3j)



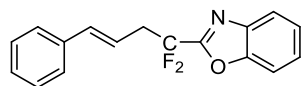
Light yellow solid, 51%, mp: 127-129°C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 4H), 6.50 (t, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -88.19 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 157.8 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.4 Hz), 150.8, 146.4 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 6.1 Hz), 140.0, 138.0, 129.2, 128.6, 127.0, 126.9, 125.4, 123.0 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 26.9 Hz), 121.4, 113.0 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 240.2 Hz), 111.5, 60.8 (t, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 2.4 Hz), 20.5. IR: 3012, 2925, 1743, 1646, 1514, 1231, 1034, 745, 696 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₆F₂NO [M+H]⁺ 344.1098, found: 344.1201.

(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-4-phenylbut-2-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3k)



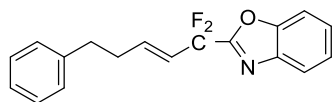
Colorless oil, 40%; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 6.58 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dt, *J* = 15.7, 10.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.49 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -94.45 (dd, *J* = 10.6, 2.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 35.6 Hz), 150.7, 140.0, 138.3 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.6 Hz), 137.7, 128.8, 128.7, 126.8, 126.7, 125.3, 122.9 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 25.3 Hz), 121.3, 113.0 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 239.2 Hz), 111.4, 38.1. IR: 3030, 2910, 1610, 1491, 1210, 1041, 975, 750 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₂NO [M+H]⁺ 286.1043, found: 286.1041.

(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-4-phenylbut-3-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3k')



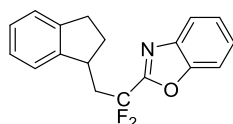
Light yellow oil, 15%; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (td, *J* = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (td, *J* = 16.0, 7.2 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -97.22 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.85 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 33.5 Hz), 150.67, 140.05, 136.76, 136.53, 128.61, 127.97, 126.90, 126.50, 125.33, 121.33, 118.19 (t, ³*J*_{C-F} = 4.8 Hz), 115.91 (t, ¹*J*_{C-F} = 242.2 Hz), 111.44, 39.80 (t, ²*J*_{C-F} = 24.3 Hz). IR: 3008, 1606, 1485, 1206, 1030, 968, 746 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₂NO [M+H]⁺ 286.1043, found: 286.1047.

(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-5-phenylpent-2-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3l)



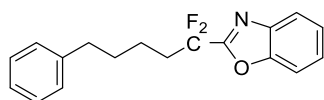
Light red oil, 58%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.62 (dd, $J = 7.8, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.51 (dtt, $J = 15.8, 6.7, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dt, $J = 15.8, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.64-2.52 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.77 (dd, $J = 10.9, 2.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.9$ Hz), 150.7, 140.8, 140.1, 138.9 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.6$ Hz), 128.5, 126.8, 126.2, 125.3, 122.4 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 121.3, 113.1 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.1$ Hz), 111.4, 34.6, 33.7. IR: 3029, 2931, 1676, 1448, 1213, 1032, 969, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 300.1200, found: 300.1205.

2-(2-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)-1,1-difluoroethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (4l)



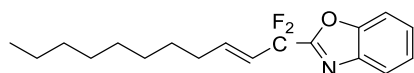
Light yellow oil, 7%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dtd, $J = 22.0, 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (m, 3H), 4.32 (dtd, $J = 9.9, 6.7, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (qd, $J = 15.9, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.04 (dtd, $J = 17.8, 12.1, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.96 (ddd, $J = 14.0, 9.1, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, $J = 16.0, 9.0, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 – 2.17 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -93.89 (ddd, $J = 278.2, 17.3, 12.1$ Hz), -99.19 (dt, $J = 278.2, 16.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.11 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.1$ Hz), 150.58, 140.21, 139.90, 128.53, 128.49, 127.02, 126.25, 125.41, 121.36, 115.51 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 243.1$ Hz), 111.48, 45.40 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 45.02 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.0$ Hz), 40.60, 33.32. IR: 3022, 2927, 1688, 1469, 1223, 1068, 978, 747 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 300.1200, found: 300.1204.

2-(1,1-difluoro-5-phenylpentyl)benzo[d]oxazole (5l)



Light yellow oil, 9%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.68 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -98.20 (t, $J = 16.7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.17 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.9$ Hz), 150.57, 141.87, 139.98, 128.35, 126.77, 125.85, 125.26, 121.24, 116.88 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 241.2$ Hz), 114.56, 111.40, 35.77 (t, $^2J = 23.5$ Hz), 35.55, 30.91, 21.37 (t, $^3J = 3.9$ Hz). IR: 3021, 2918, 1648, 1490, 1212, 1049, 972, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.1356, found: 302.1360.

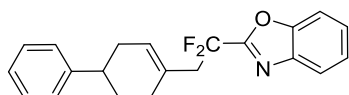
(E)-2-(1,1-difluoroundec-2-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3m)



Yellow oil, 94%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.83 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H),

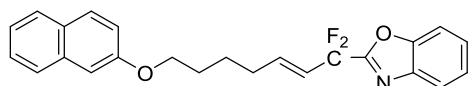
7.49-7.37 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.34 (m, 1H), 6.09-5.98 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.47 (p, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.39-1.19 (m, 10H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.32 (dd, $J = 10.6, 2.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.4$ Hz), 150.6, 140.06, 139.8 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 7.7$ Hz), 126.6, 125.1, 121.6 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 121.2, 113.0 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 238.9$ Hz), 111.2, 31.9, 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.1, 22.6, 14.0. IR: 3032, 2926, 1676, 1457, 1228, 1040, 972, 749 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 308.1826, found: 308.1832.

2-(1,1-difluoro-2-(4-phenylcyclohexylidene)ethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3n)



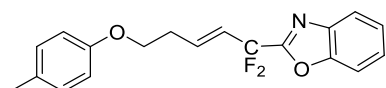
Light yellow solid, 95%, mp: 99-101 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 3H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.18 (t, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.84-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.73 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.75 (td, $J = 17.0, 3.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.9$ Hz), 150.6, 146.6, 140.1, 128.4, 128.3 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.8$ Hz), 126.8, 126.7, 126.1, 125.3, 121.3, 116.4 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 243.8$ Hz), 111.4, 44.0 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 23.7$ Hz), 39.4, 33.6, 30.0, 29.9. IR: 3026, 2918, 1609, 1489, 1445, 1198, 1022, 754 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1513, found: 340.1515.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-7-(naphthalen-2-yloxy)hept-2-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3o)



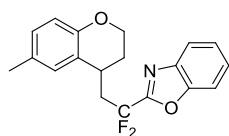
Light yellow solid, 52%, mp: 70-72 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.73 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 2H), 6.48 (dt, $J = 15.7, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dt, $J = 15.7, 10.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 2H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.79 (dd, $J = 10.8, 2.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.2 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.0$ Hz), 157.0, 150.7, 140.1, 139.4 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.5$ Hz), 134.6, 129.4, 129.0, 127.7, 126.8, 126.8, 126.4, 125.3, 123.6, 122.1 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 121.3, 119.0, 113.1 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 238.7$ Hz), 111.4, 106.6, 67.5, 31.7, 28.7, 24.9. IR: 3024, 2939, 1625, 1508, 1176, 1132, 1059, 970, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 394.1619, found: 394.1621.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-5-(p-tolyloxy)pent-2-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3p)



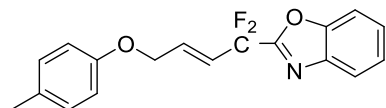
Yellow oil, 44%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.84-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.54 (dt, $J = 15.8, 6.8, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.22 (dt, $J = 15.8, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.87-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.90 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.0 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.7$ Hz), 156.5, 150.7, 140.0, 135.7 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.8$ Hz), 130.2, 129.9, 126.9, 125.3, 123.8 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.0$ Hz), 121.3, 114.5, 112.9 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.3$ Hz), 111.4, 66.2, 31.9, 20.5. IR: 3024, 2924, 1681, 1513, 1237, 1039, 968, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 330.1306, found: 330.1311.

2-[1,1-Difluoro-2-(6-methyl-chroman-4-yl)-ethyl]-benzoxazole (4p)



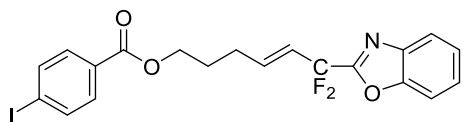
Yellow oil, 14%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (td, 1H), 7.47 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.26-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.42-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dtd, $J = 22.3, 15.8, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.26-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.00 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.22 (ddd, $J = 276.2, 22.4, 10.9$ Hz), -98.61 (ddd, $J = 276.1, 21.2, 16.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.9 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.6$ Hz), 152.4, 150.6, 139.9, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 127.0, 125.4, 123.9, 121.3, 116.9, 116.8 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 242.9$ Hz), 111.4, 62.9, 42.6 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 22.3$ Hz), 28.2 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.7$ Hz), 27.8, 20.6. IR: 3012, 2929, 1691, 1502, 1229, 1098, 1046, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 330.1306, found: 330.1310.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-4-(p-tolyloxy)but-2-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazole (3q)



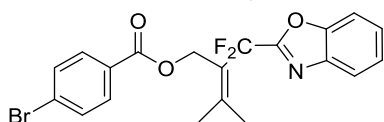
Light yellow solid, 35%, mp: 76-78 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.68-6.60 (m, 1H), 6.49 (dt, $J = 15.8, 10.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.78-4.56 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.52 (dd, $J = 10.4, 3.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.6 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.4$ Hz), 156.0, 150.7, 140.0, 134.2 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.5$ Hz), 130.7, 130.0, 126.9, 125.4, 122.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.5$ Hz), 121.3, 114.6, 112.9 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.7$ Hz), 111.4, 66.3, 20.5. IR: 3025, 2918, 1609, 1488, 1197, 1058, 1022, 936, 755 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 316.1149, found: 316.1152.

(E)-6-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-6,6-difluorohex-4-en-1-yl 4-iodobenzoate (3r)



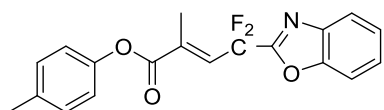
Yellow oil, 96%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.68 (m, 4H), 7.59 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dt, $J = 15.8, 6.8, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.11 (dt, $J = 15.8, 10.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.92 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.28 (dd, $J = 10.6, 2.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.0, 158.0 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.7$ Hz), 150.6, 139.9, 138.3 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.6$ Hz), 137.7, 131.7, 131.0, 129.6, 126.9, 125.3, 122.5 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.9$ Hz), 121.3, 112.8 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 238.8$ Hz), 111.4, 100.8, 64.4, 28.6, 27.3. IR: 3015, 2954, 1720, 1678, 1583, 1182, 1040, 972, 751 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{INO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 484.0221, found: 484.0225.

2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl 4-bromobenzoate (3s)



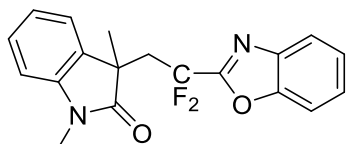
Yellow oil, 46%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.53–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.46–7.36 (m, 2H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.94 (s). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 158.66 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.7$ Hz), 150.6, 149.0 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.9$ Hz), 140.0, 131.6, 131.2, 129.0, 128.0, 126.8, 125.3, 122.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.0$ Hz), 121.3, 114.8 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 244.6$ Hz), 111.3, 60.6 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 4.5$ Hz), 22.9, 22.4 (t, $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 2.7$ Hz). IR: 3027, 2924, 1723, 1659, 1514, 1271, 1182, 1097, 751, 697 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 436.0360, found: 436.0358.

(E)-p-tolyl 4-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-4,4-difluoro-2-methylbut-2-enoate (3t)



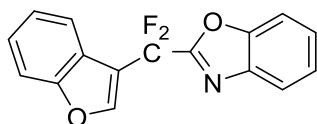
Yellow oil, 51%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (td, $J = 7.8, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, $J = 13.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.04 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.25 (dd, $J = 4.4, 2.9$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.97 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2, 157.1 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.9$ Hz), 150.8, 148.4, 139.9, 138.4 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.8$ Hz), 135.9, 131.0 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 27.1$ Hz), 130.1, 127.2, 125.5, 121.5, 121.1, 113.0 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 241.2$ Hz), 111.5, 20.9, 14.1. IR: 3019, 2927, 1741, 1659, 1510, 1192, 1038, 985, 745 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 344.1098, found: 344.1101.

3-(2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroethyl)-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one (4u)



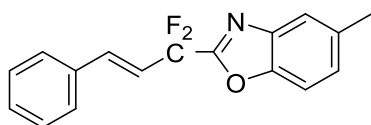
Light yellow solid, 96%, mp: 167-168°C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 7.5, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.57 (td, $J = 7.5, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (td, $J = 15.5, 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.09 (dt, $J = 20.9, 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.46 (dt, $J = 277.6, 12.4$ Hz), -101.16 (ddd, $J = 277.6, 20.9, 16.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.7, 157.3 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.5$ Hz), 150.4, 142.9, 139.9, 130.6, 128.1, 126.6, 125.1, 123.2, 121.9, 121.0, 115.4 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 244.6$ Hz), 111.2, 108.3, 44.6, 43.1 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.1$ Hz), 26.4, 25.6. IR: 3021, 2928, 1708, 1610, 1483, 1190, 1047, 748 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 343.1258, found: 343.1261.

2-(benzofuran-3-ylidifluoromethyl)benzo[d]oxazole (3v)



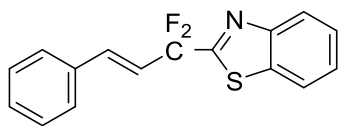
Light yellow solid, 48%, mp: 97-99°C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (dd, $J = 7.4, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, $J = 8.3, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.31 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.10 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.4 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 34.8$ Hz), 155.6, 150.8, 146.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.8$ Hz), 140.1, 127.2, 126.6, 126.51, 125.5, 123.8, 122.4, 121.6, 112.1, 111.5, 109.9 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 240.8$ Hz), 108.6 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.7$ Hz). IR: 3015, 1609, 1447, 1158, 1004, 750 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 286.0680, found: 286.0677.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-phenylallyl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3w)



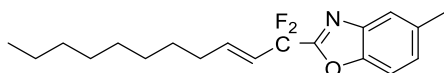
Light yellow solid, 85%, mp: 71-73°C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dt, $J = 16.1, 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.44 (d, $J = 10.7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.1 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.7$ Hz), 149.0, 140.3, 136.7 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.9$ Hz), 135.3, 134.1, 129.7, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 121.0, 119.6 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.3$ Hz), 113.5 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.4$ Hz), 110.8, 21.5. IR: 3010, 1661, 1612, 1453, 1214, 1067, 979 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 286.1043, found: 286.1047.

(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-phenylallyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3x)



Yellow oil, 49%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.21 (dt, $J = 16.1, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dt, $J = 16.1, 11.0$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -86.68 (dd, $J = 11.0, 2.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.6 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 36.4$ Hz), 152.8, 135.9 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 9.3$ Hz), 135.0, 134.4, 129.5, 128.8, 127.6, 126.8, 126.6, 124.4, 122.0, 120.9 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 26.2$ Hz), 116.6 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 239.9$ Hz). IR: 3011, 1647, 1598, 1436, 1186, 1029, 974, 741 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{NS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 288.0659, found: 288.0663.

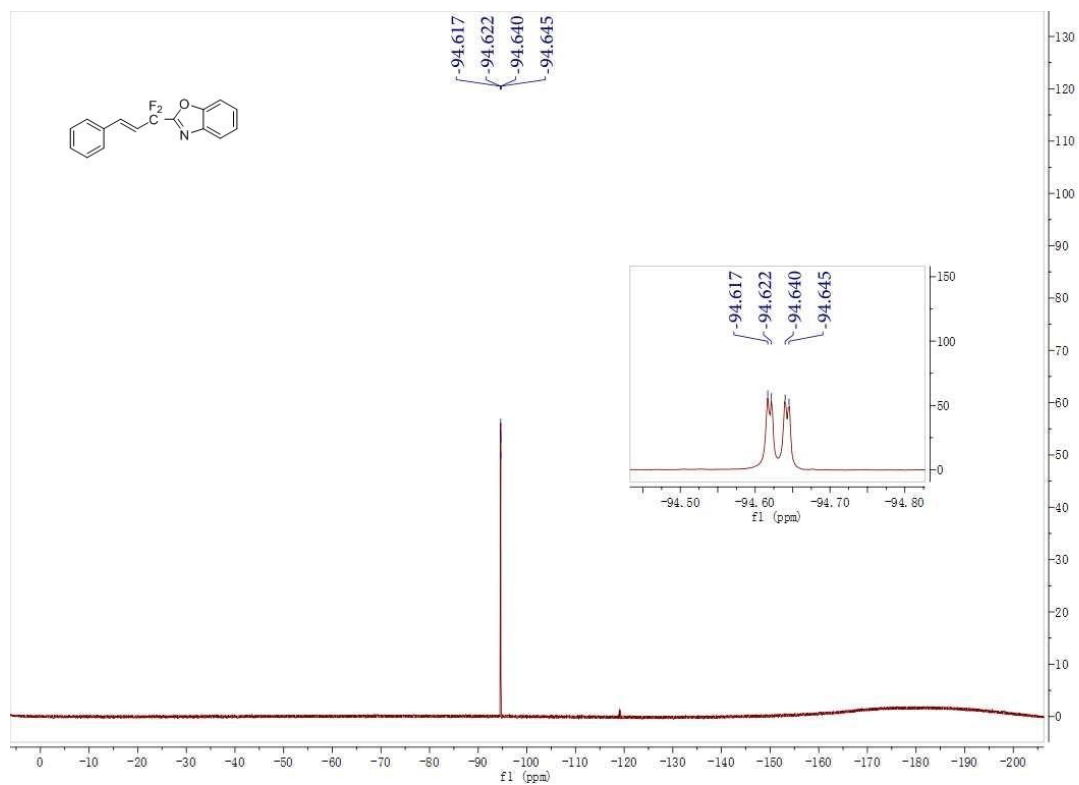
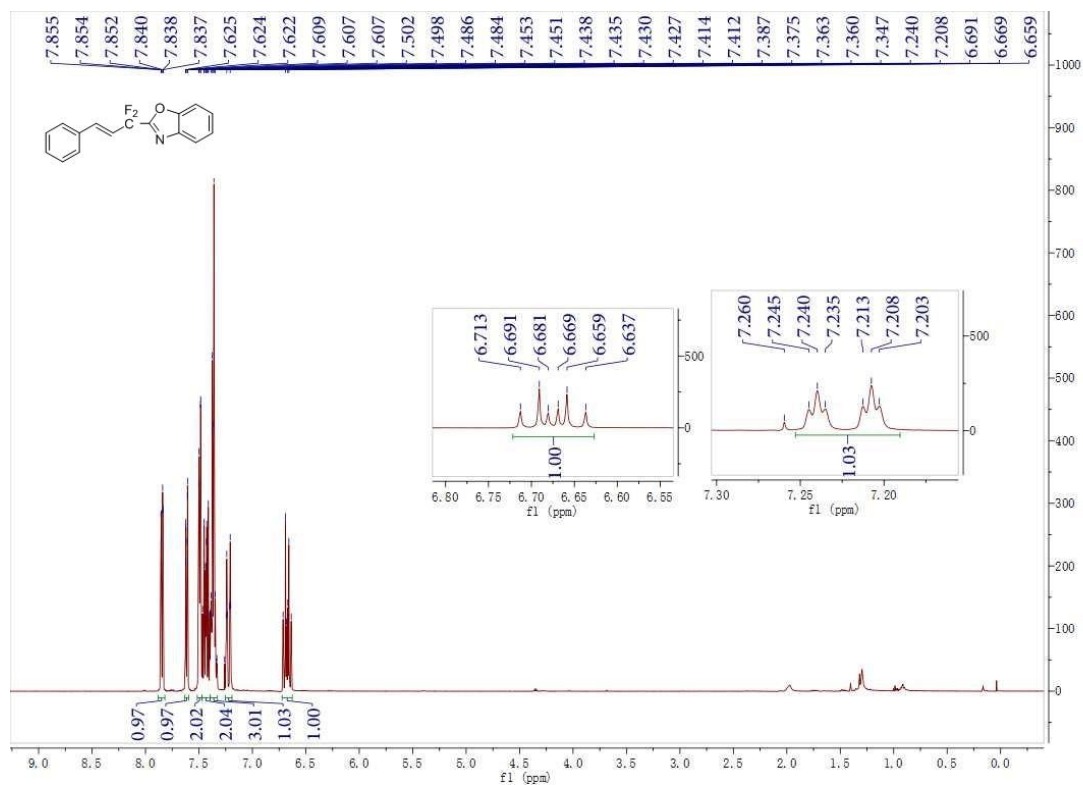
(E)-2-(1,1-difluoroundec-2-en-1-yl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3y)

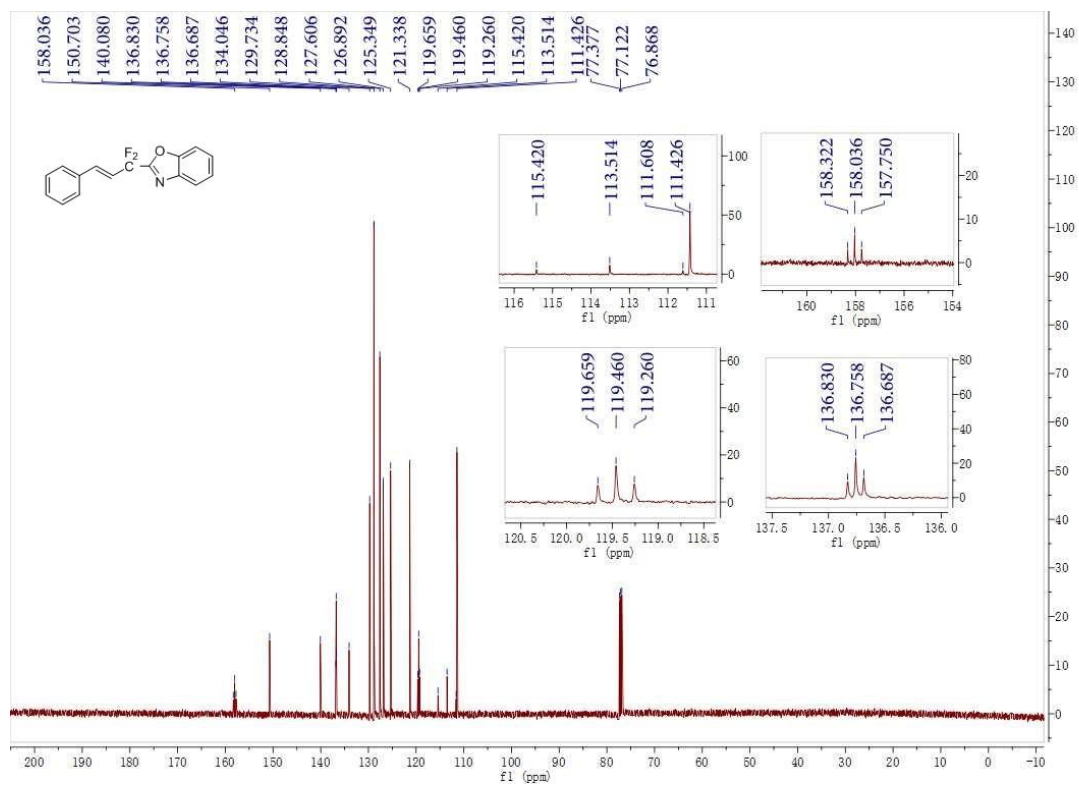


Yellow oil, 90%; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dt, $J = 15.7, 6.9, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dt, $J = 15.7, 10.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.23 (m, 10H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.23 (dd, $J = 10.6, 2.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.3 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.7$ Hz), 148.93, 140.3, 139.9 (t, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 8.6$ Hz), 135.2, 127.9, 121.7 (t, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.1$ Hz), 121.0, 113.1 (t, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 238.8$ Hz), 110.7, 31.9, 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.1, 22.7, 21.43, 14.1. IR: 3018, 2930, 1679, 1461, 1232, 1044, 975, 953 cm^{-1} . HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 322.1982, found: 322.1986.

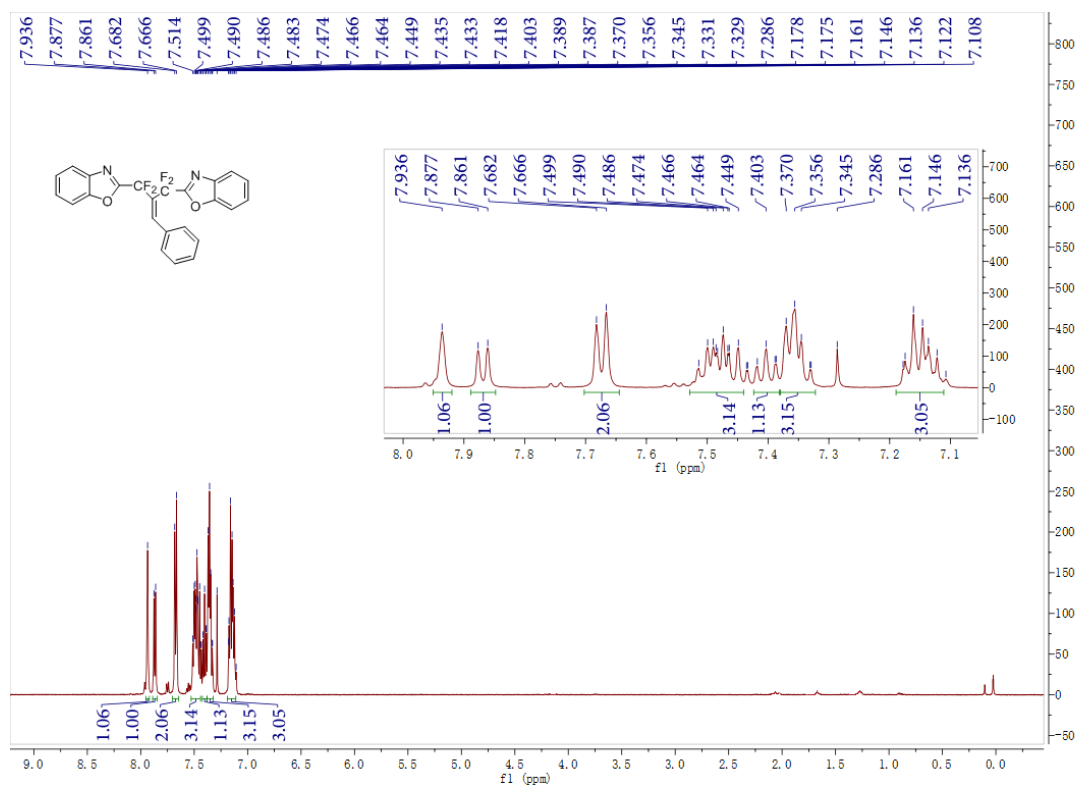
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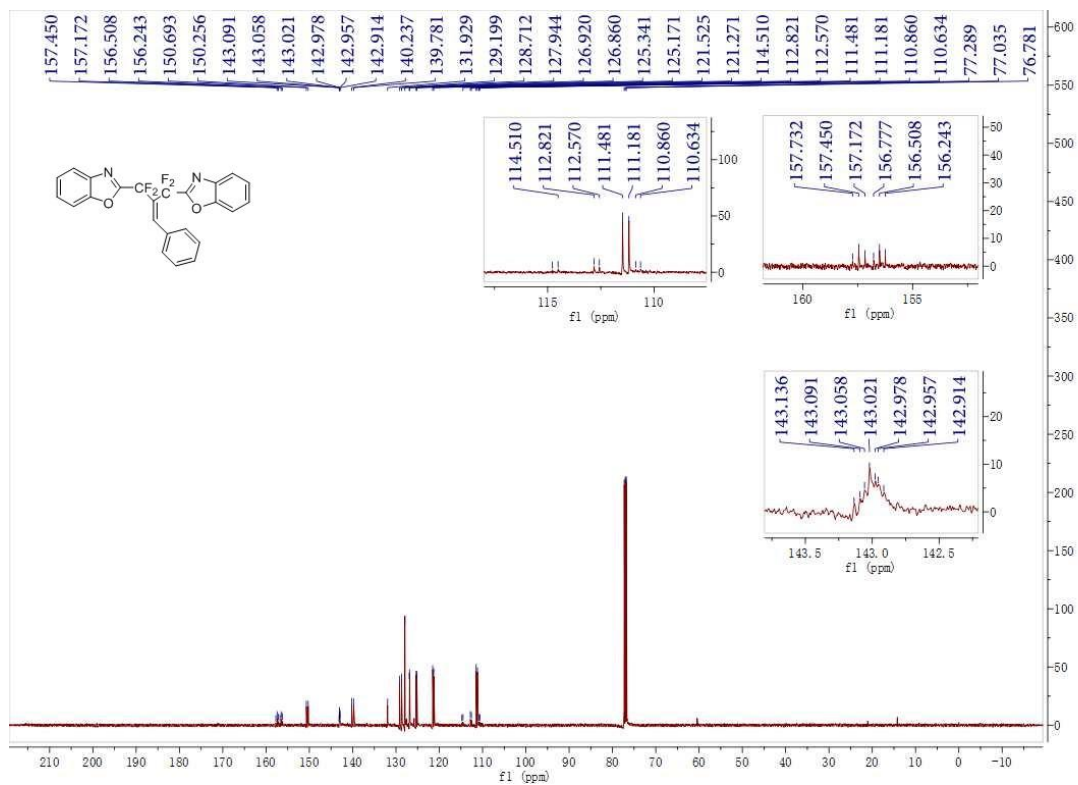
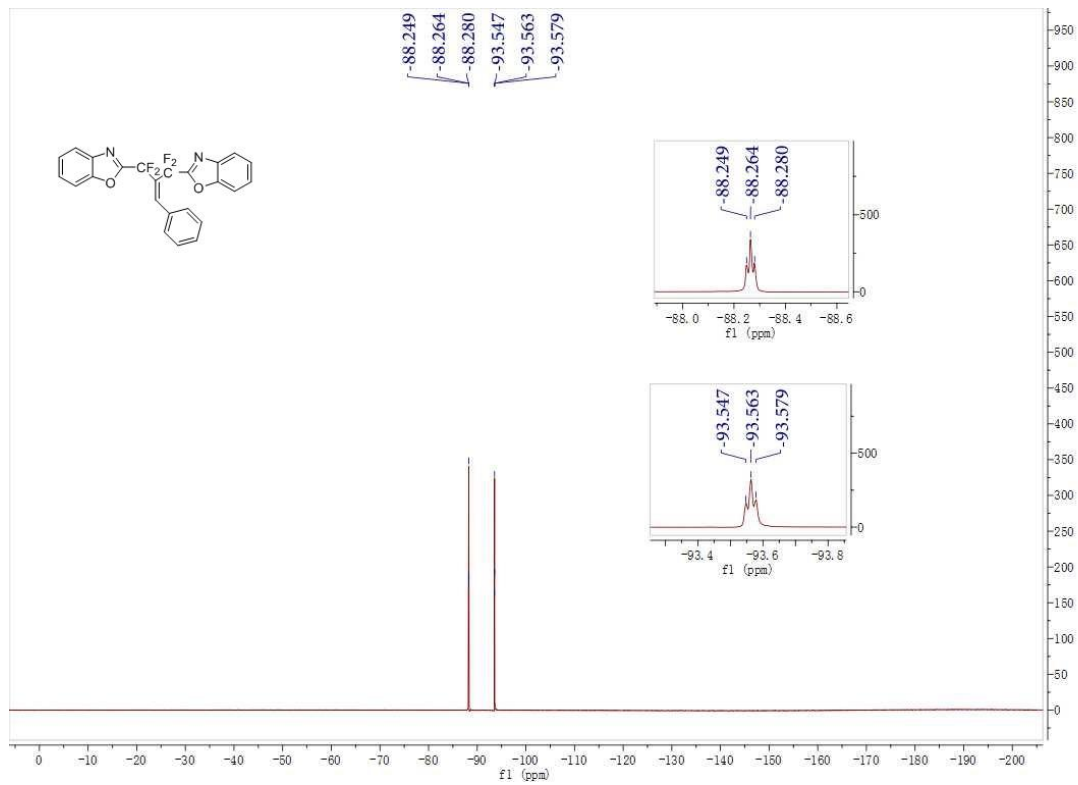
(*E*)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-phenylallyl)benzo[*d*]oxazole (3a)



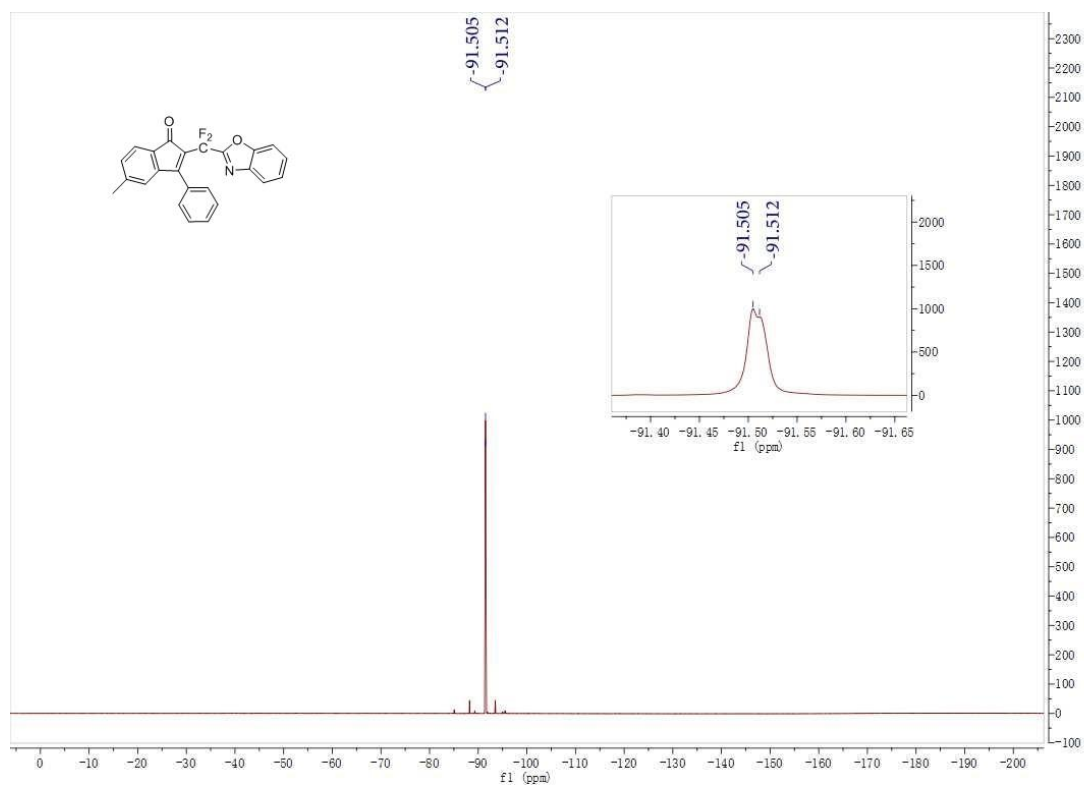
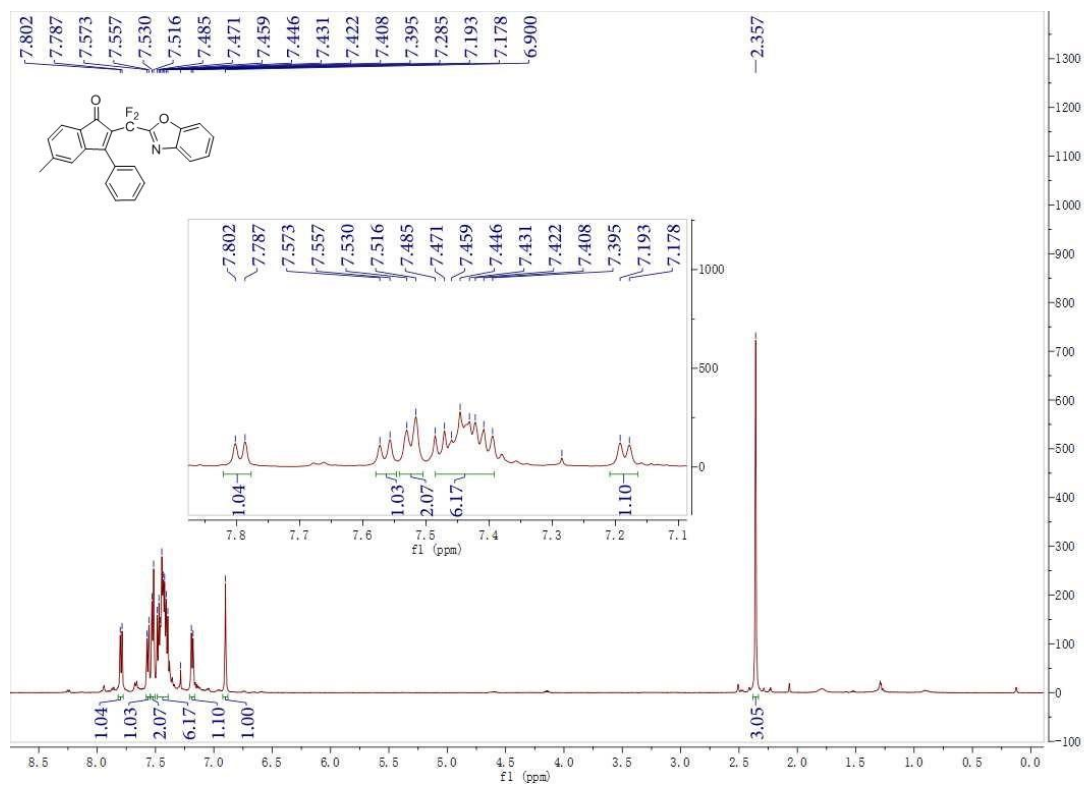


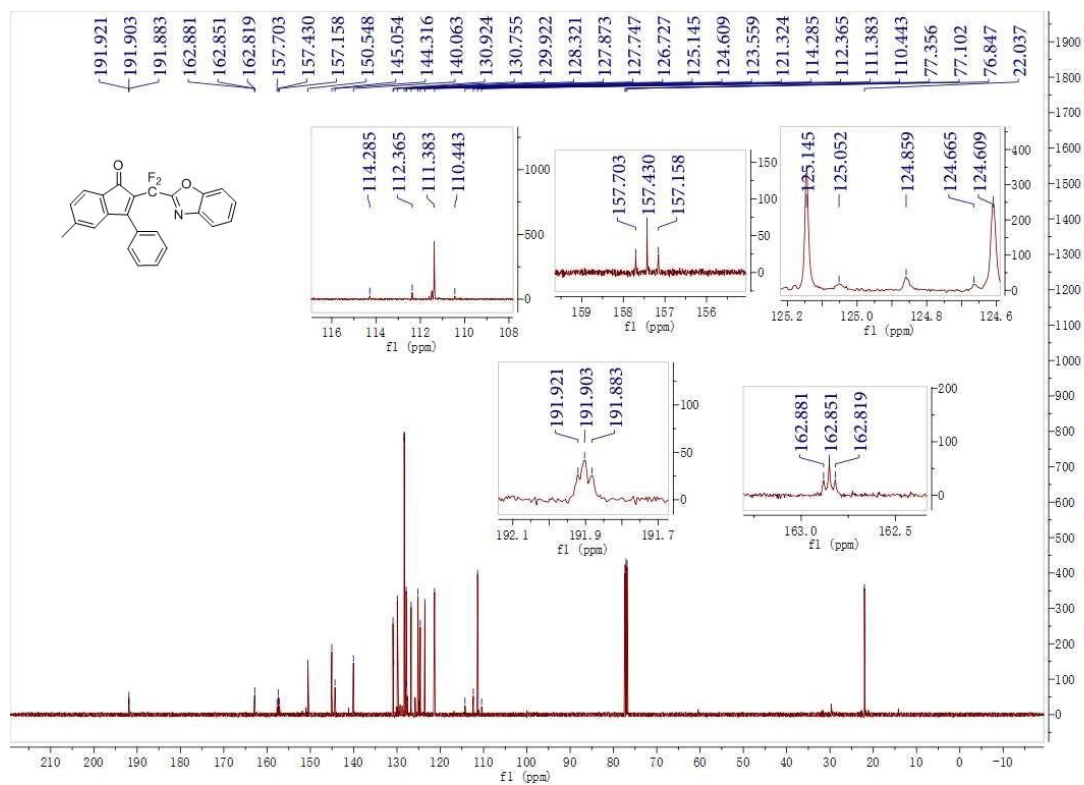
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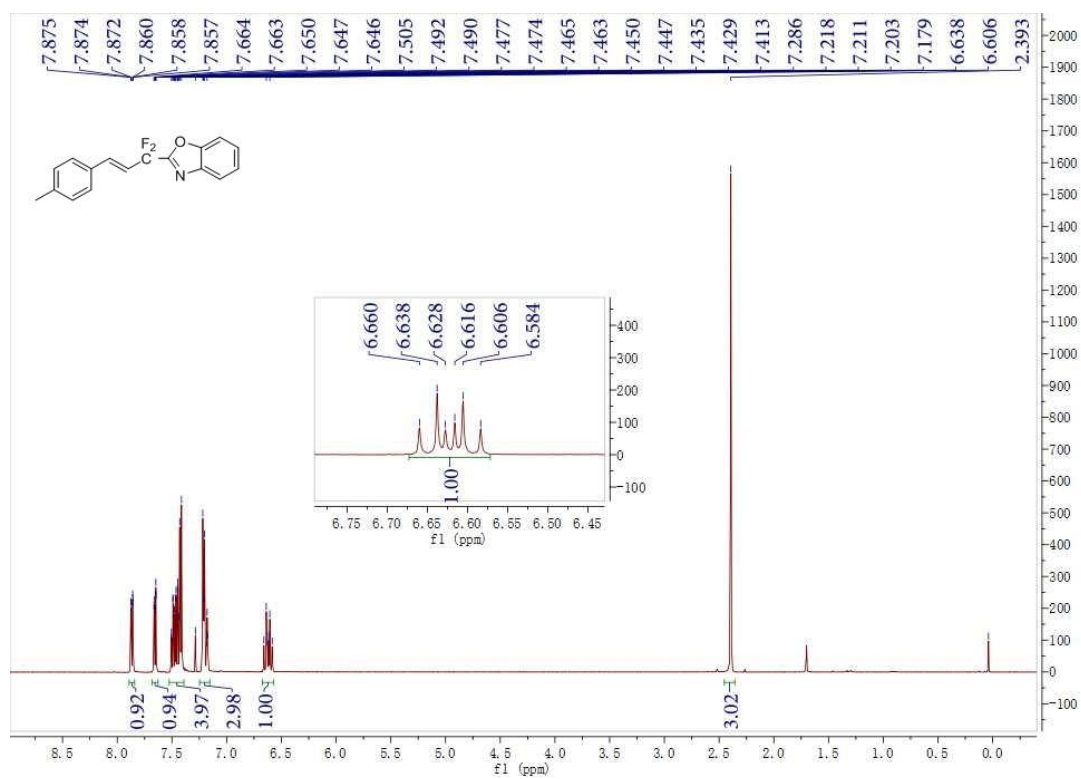


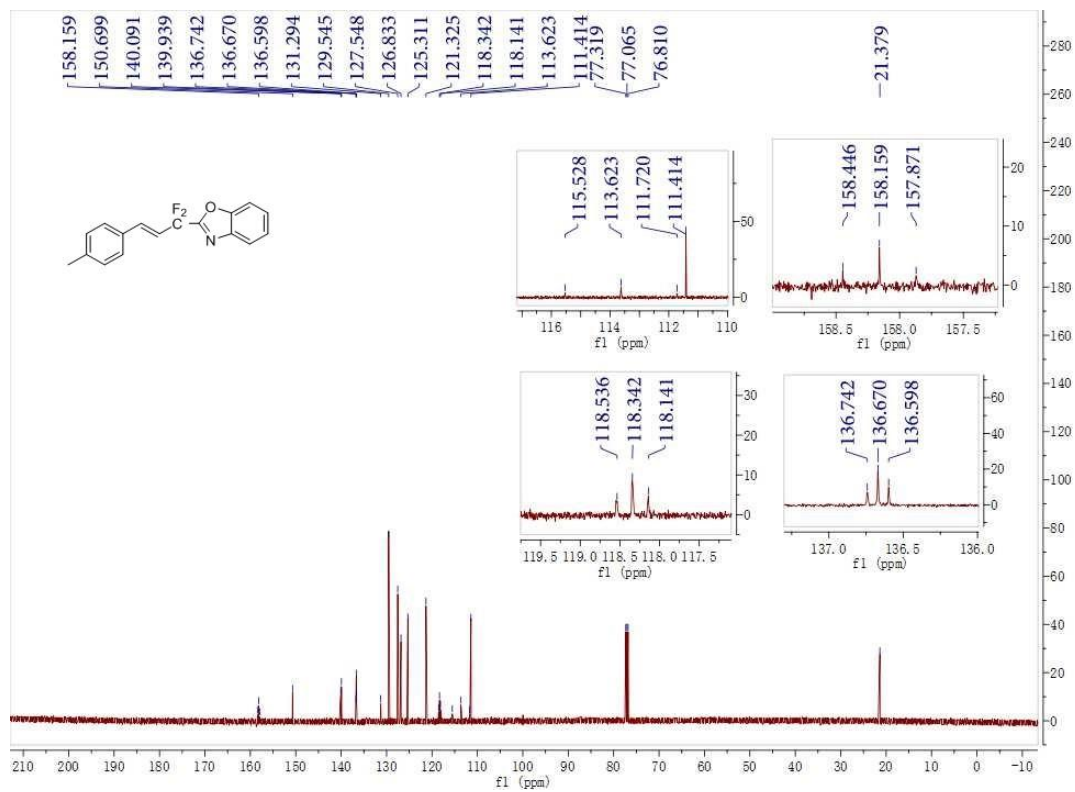
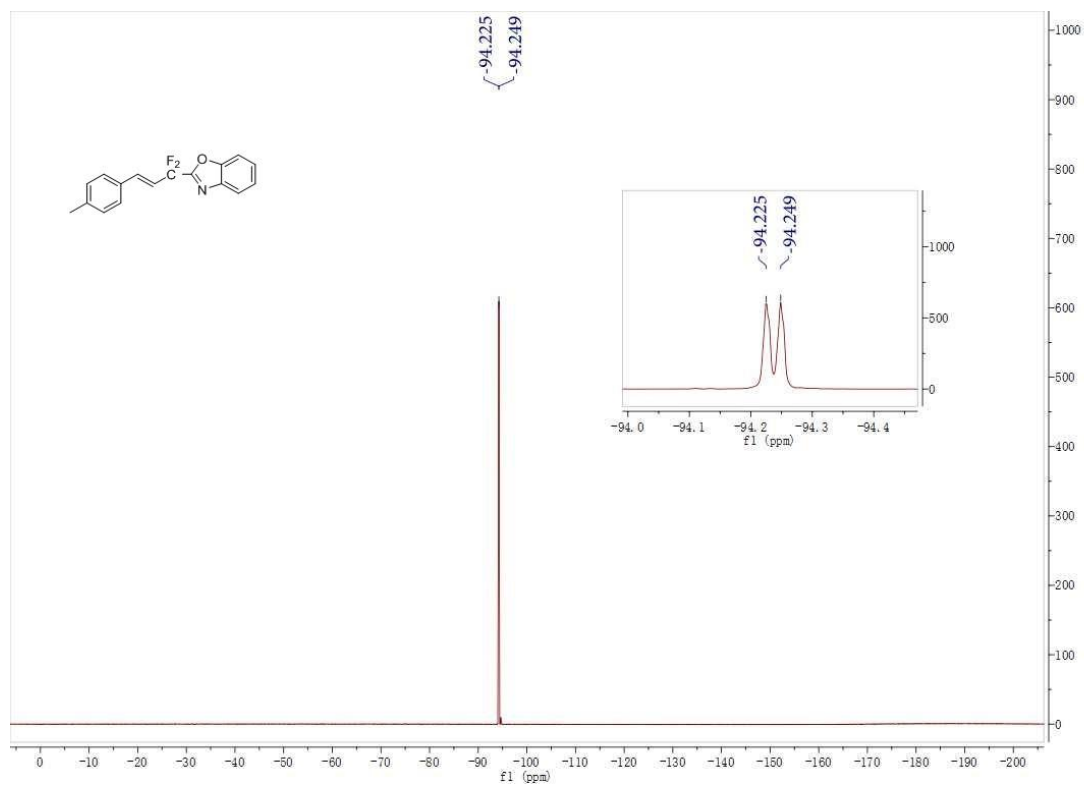
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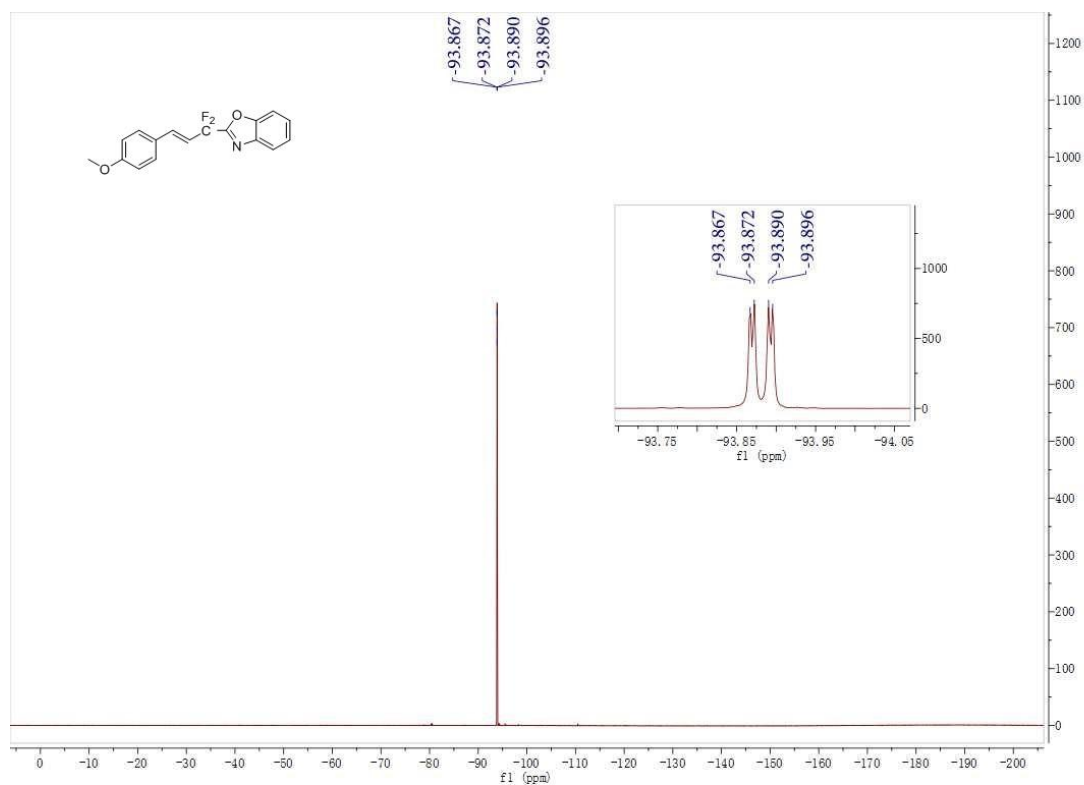
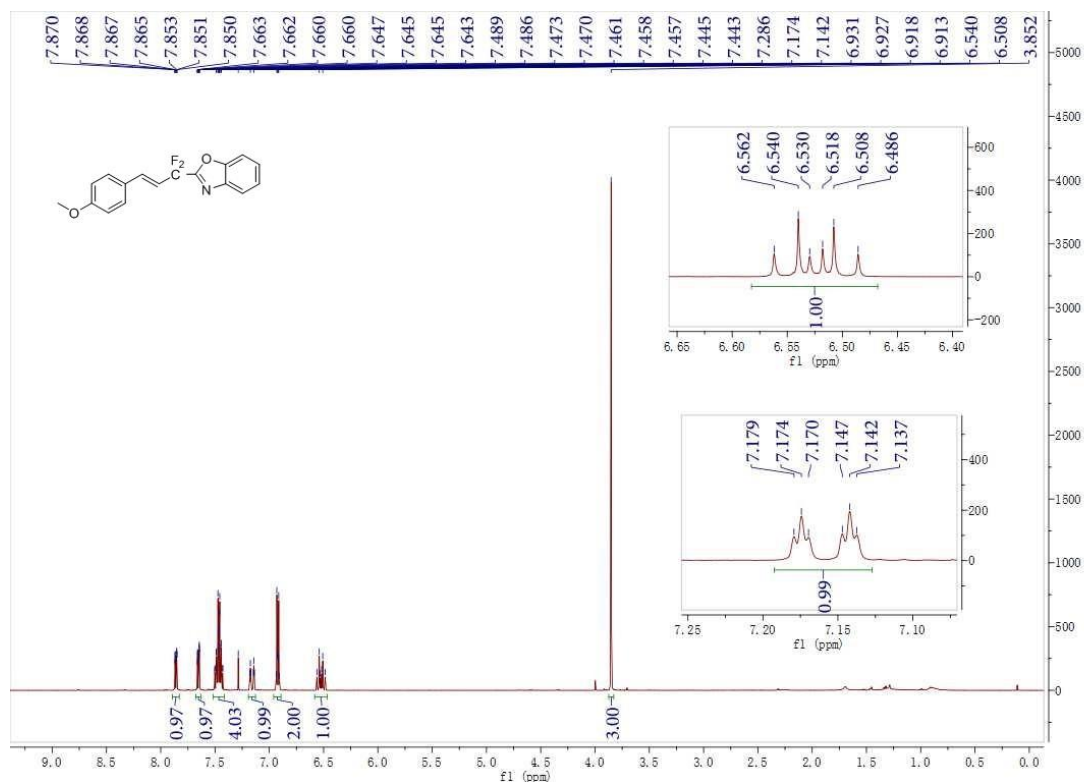


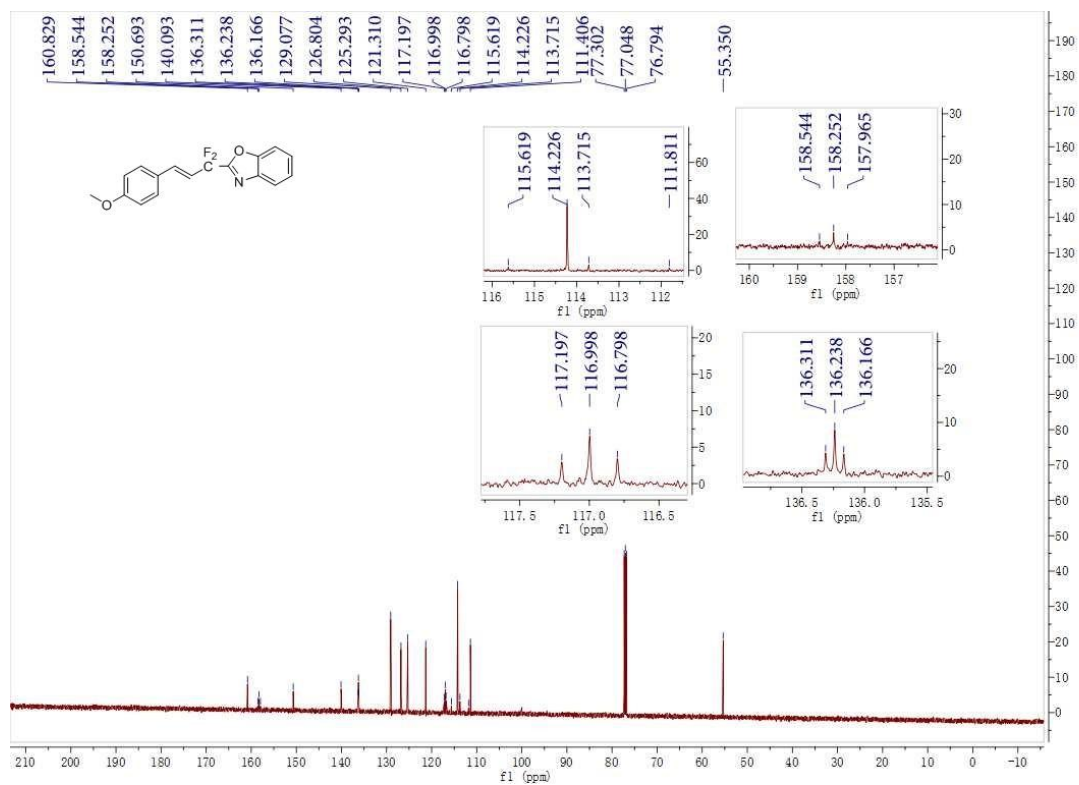
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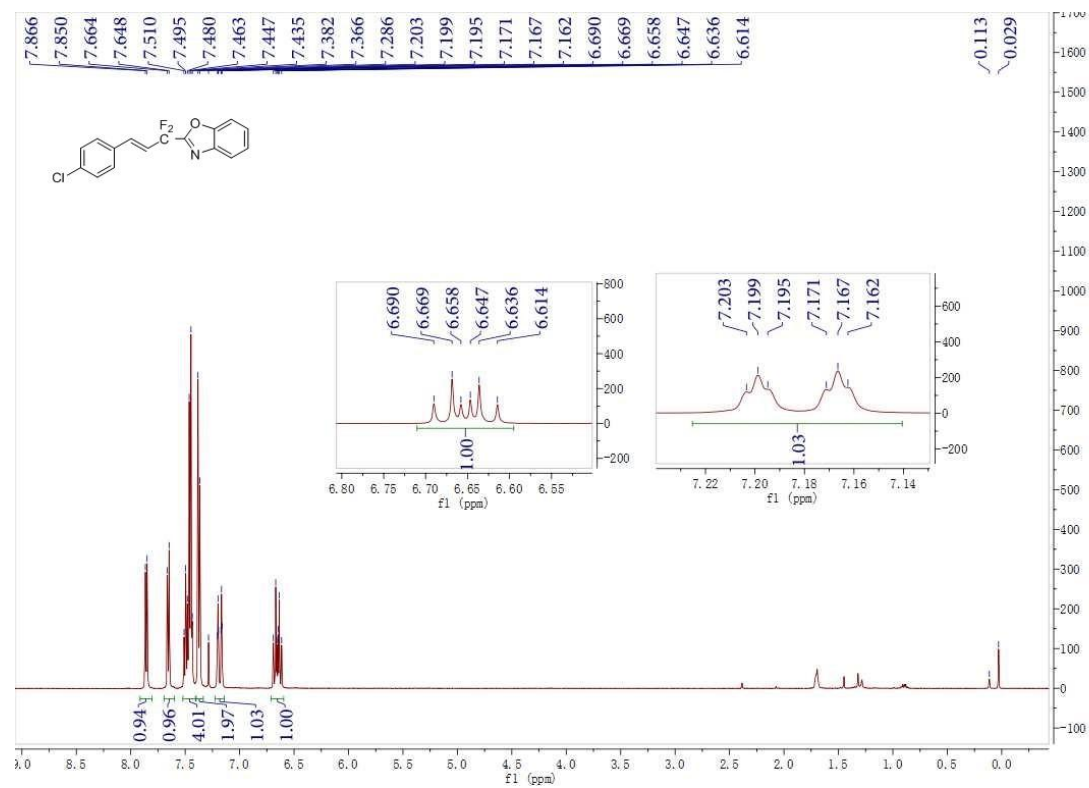


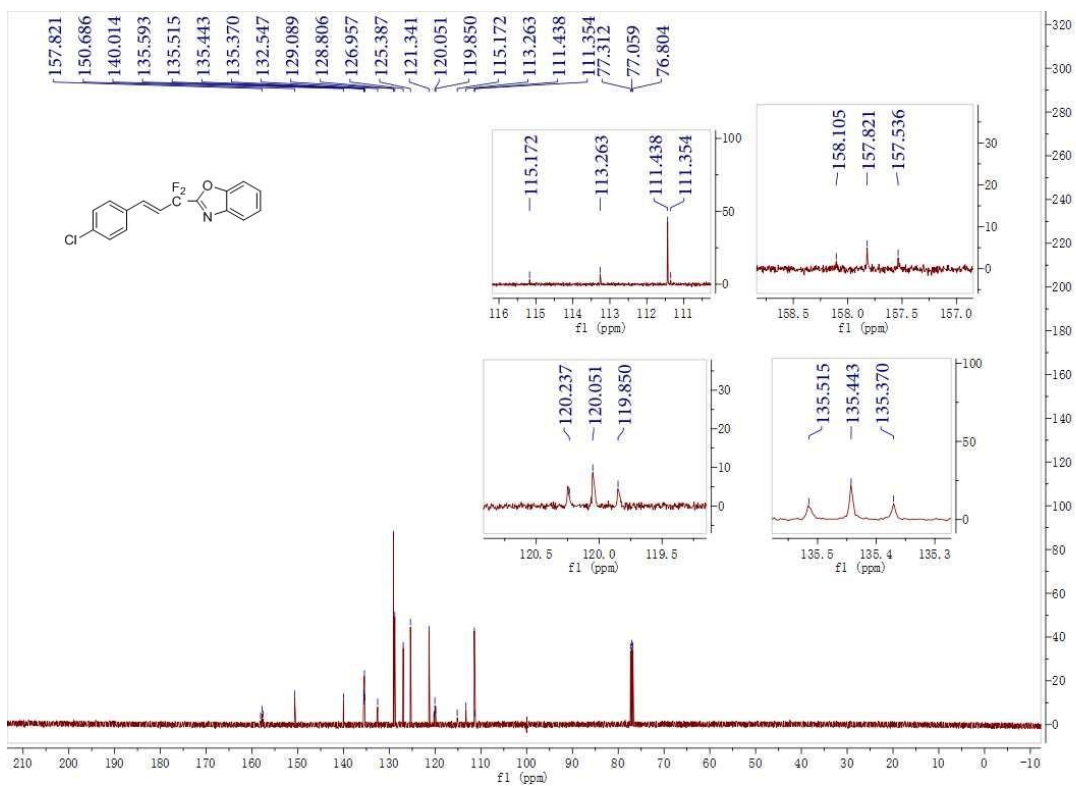
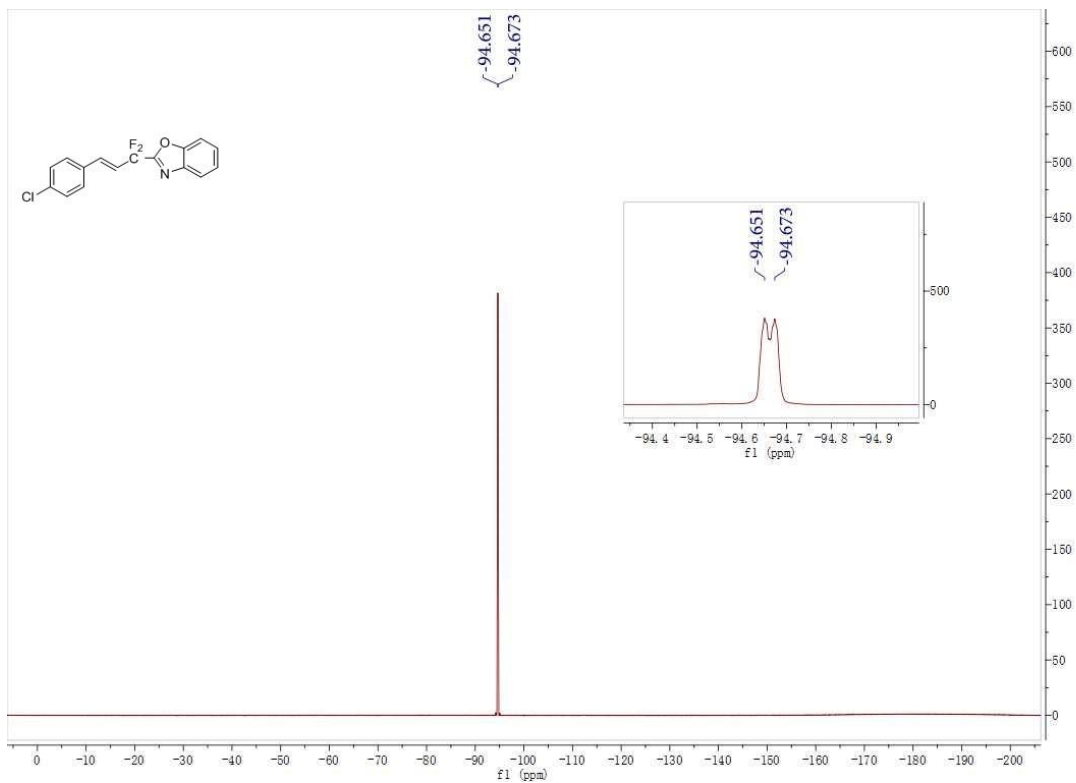
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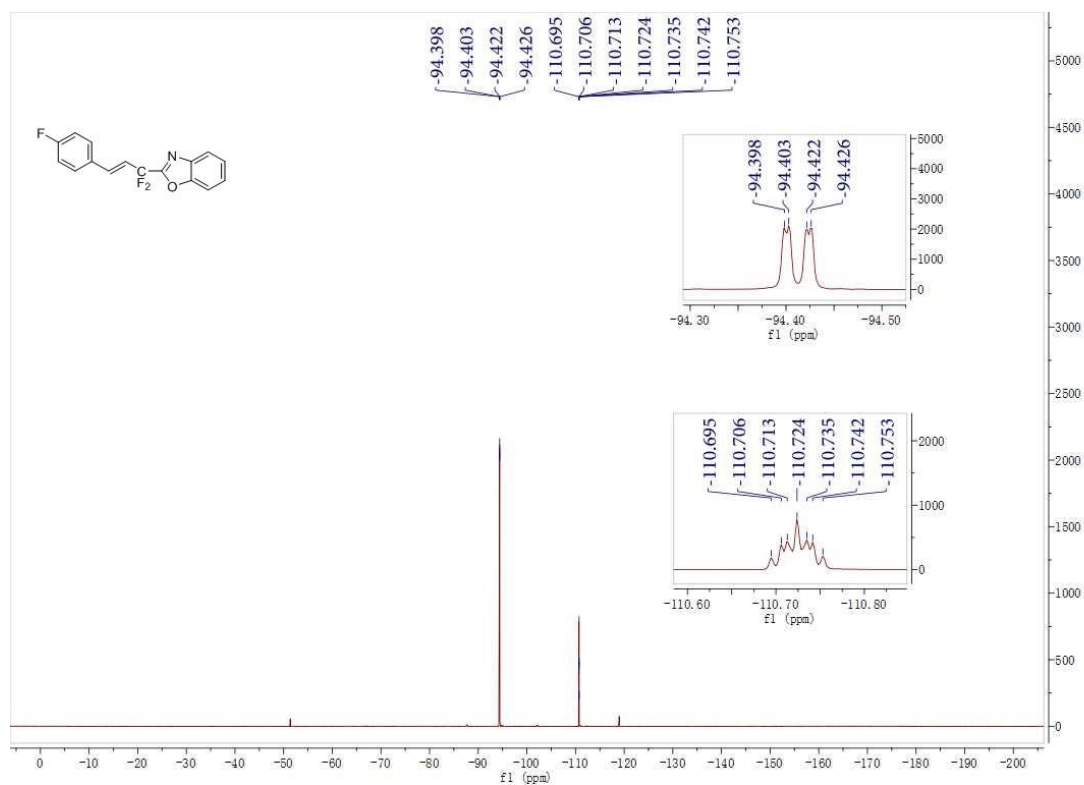
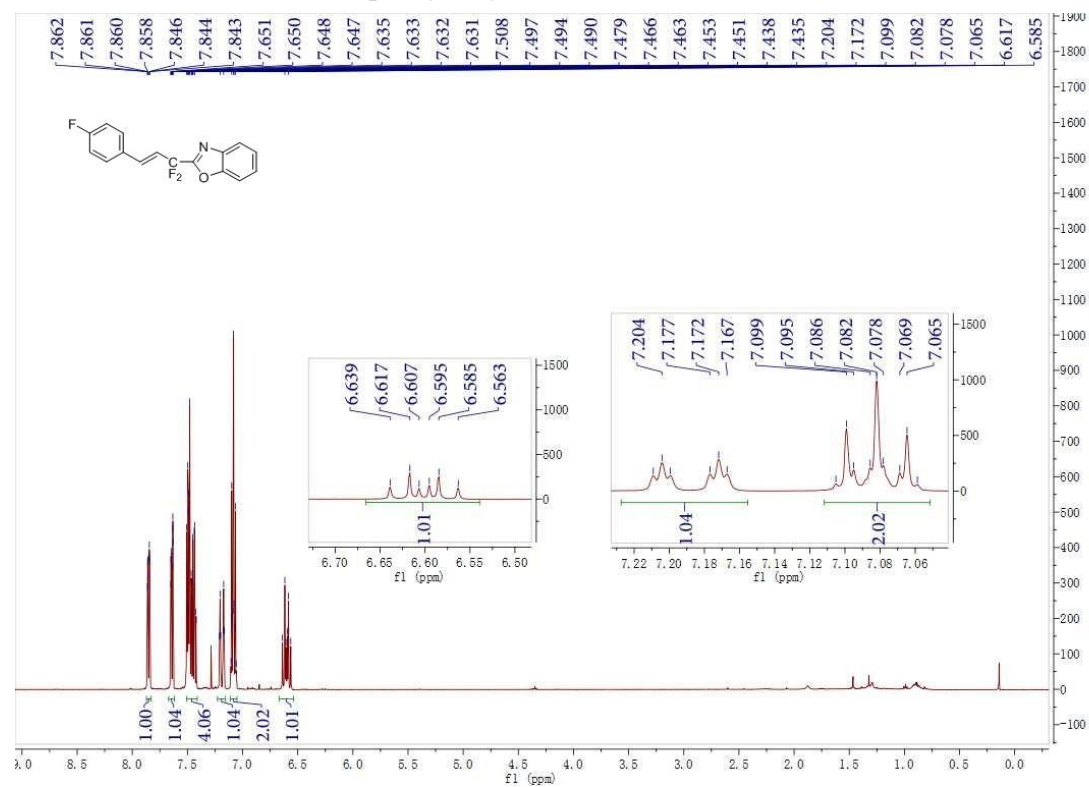


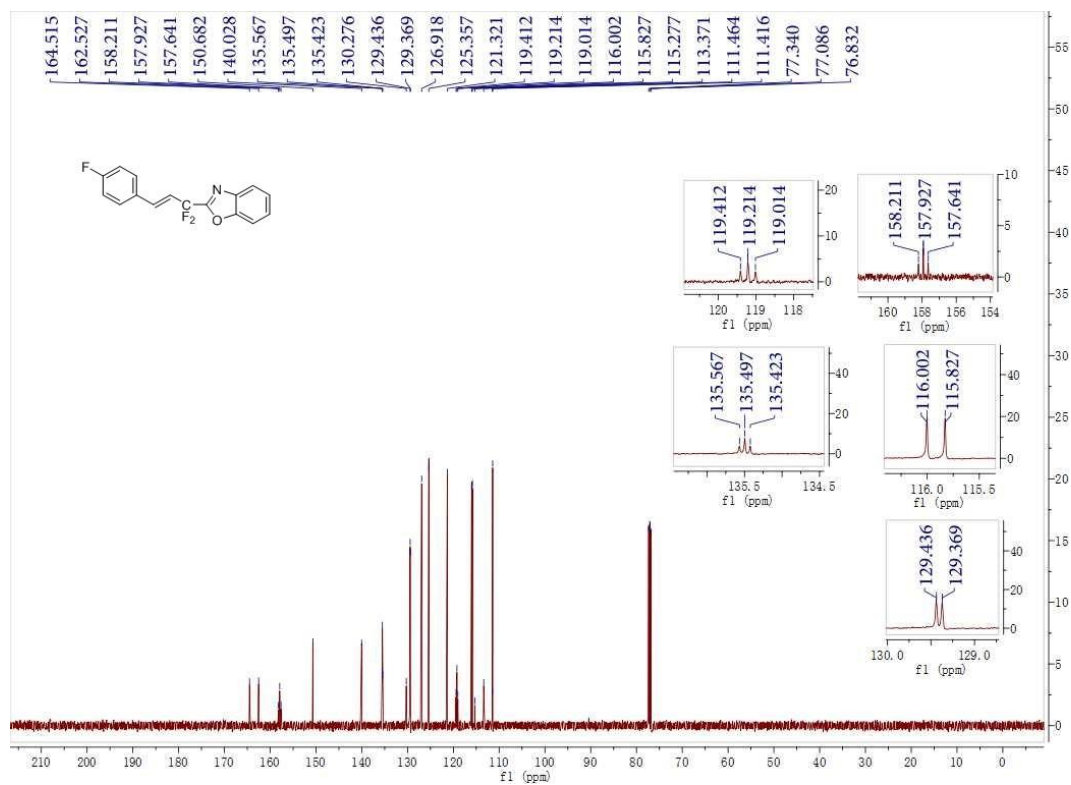
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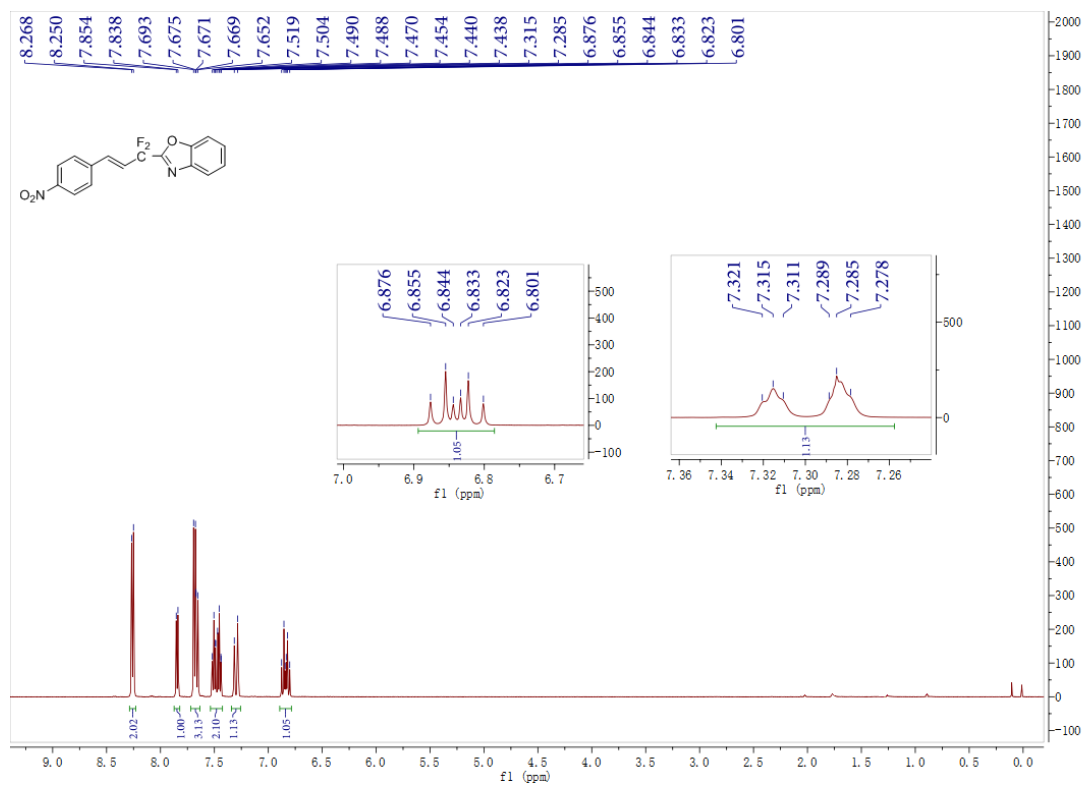


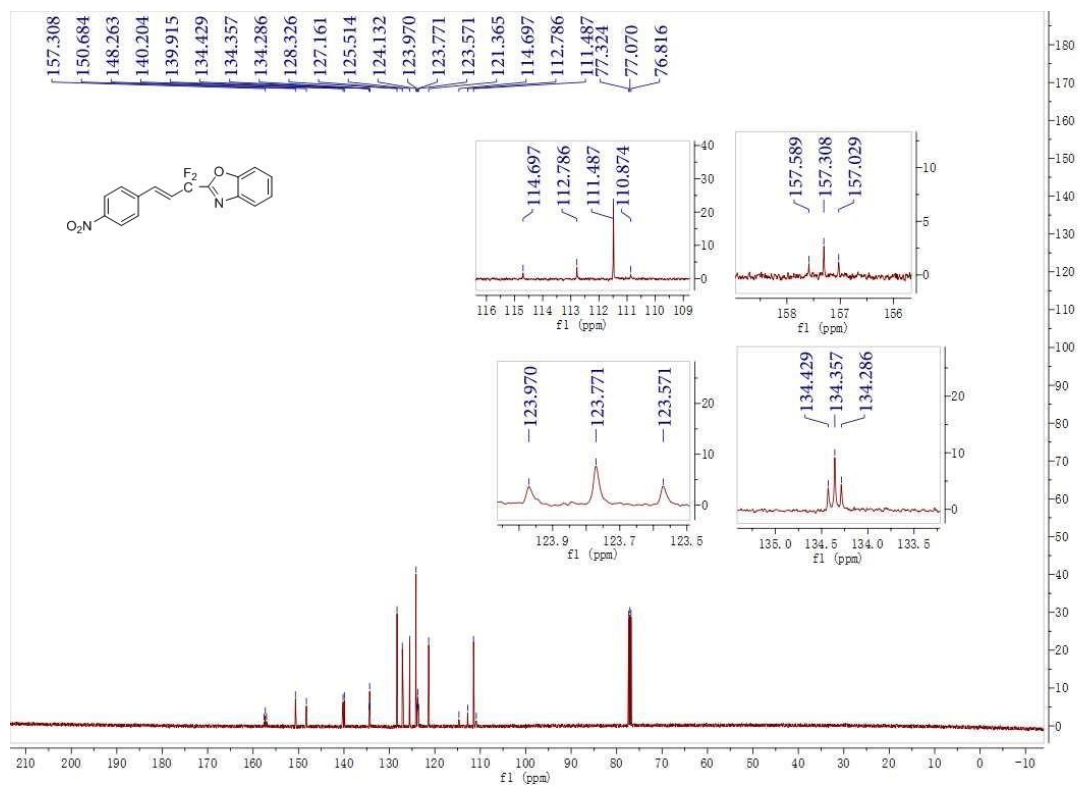
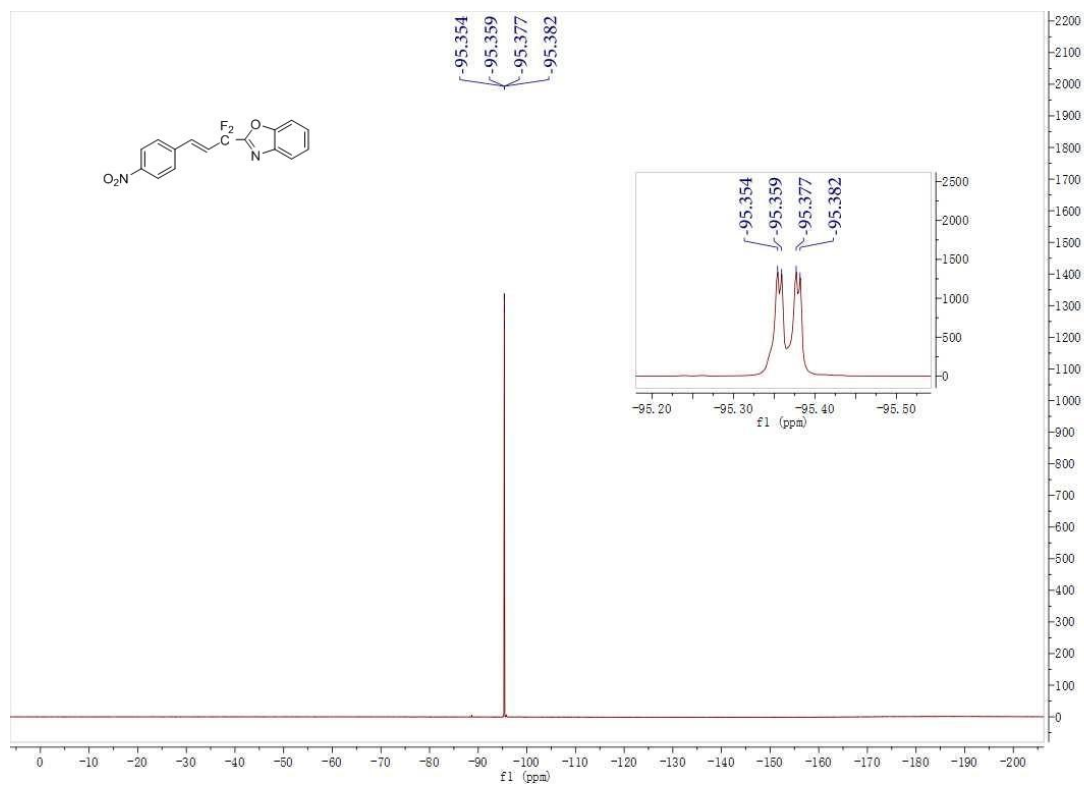
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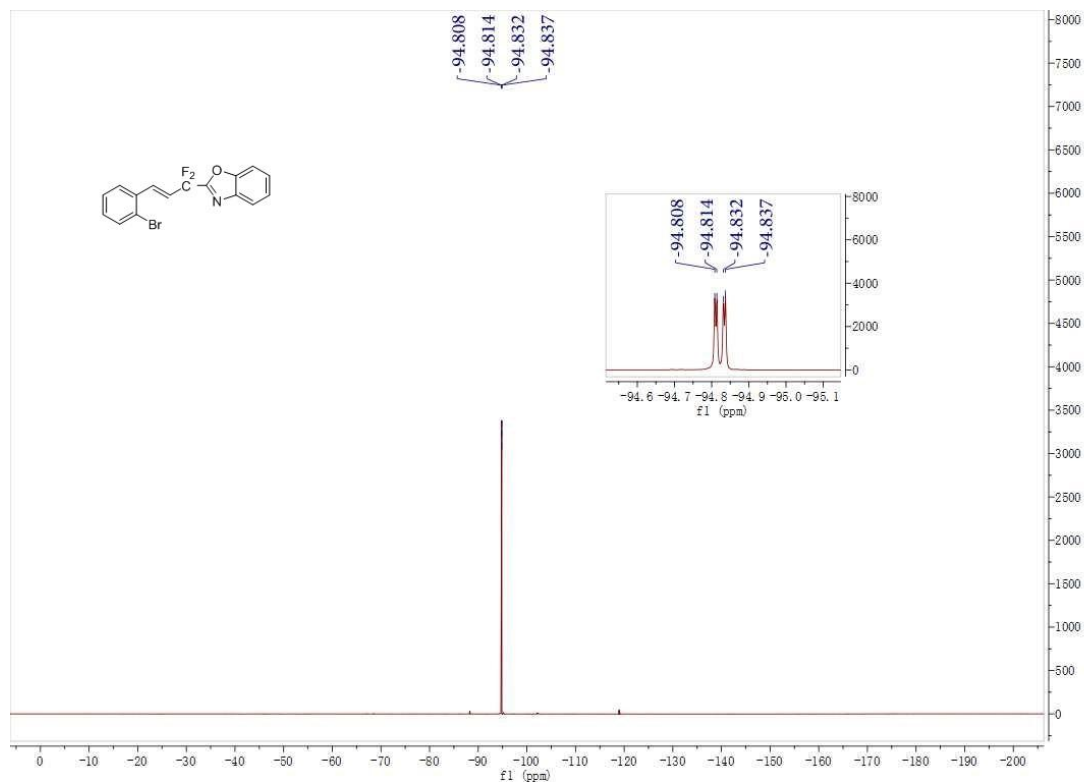
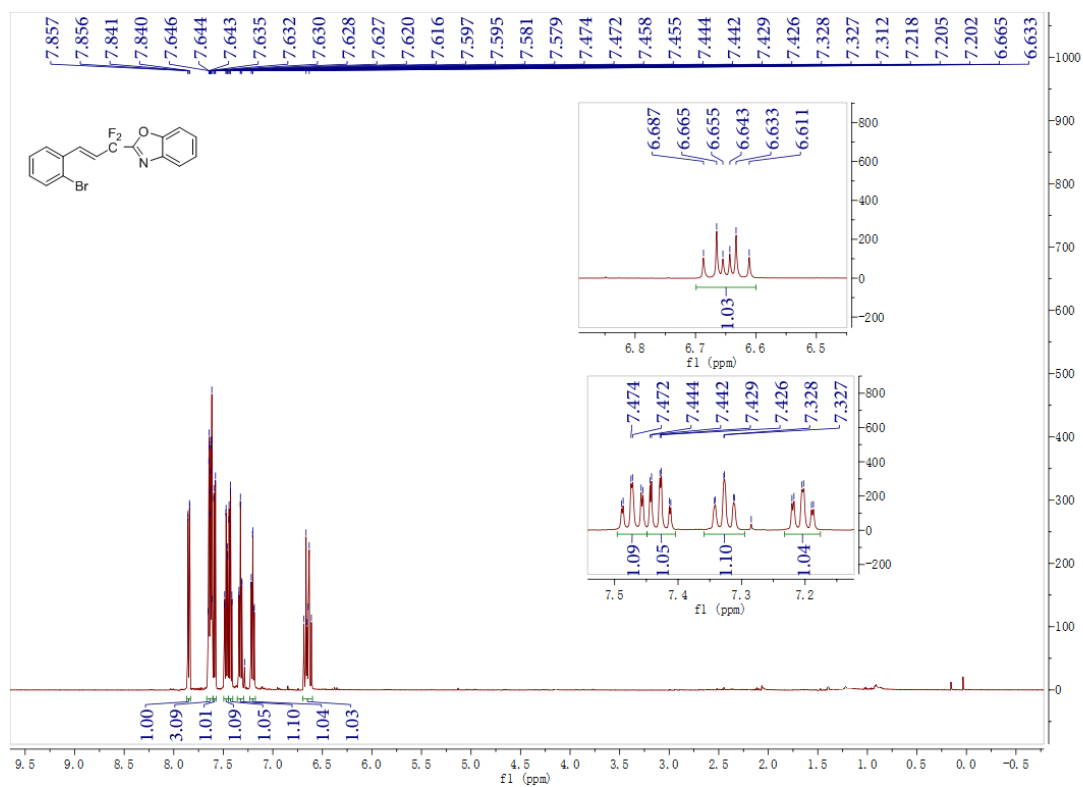


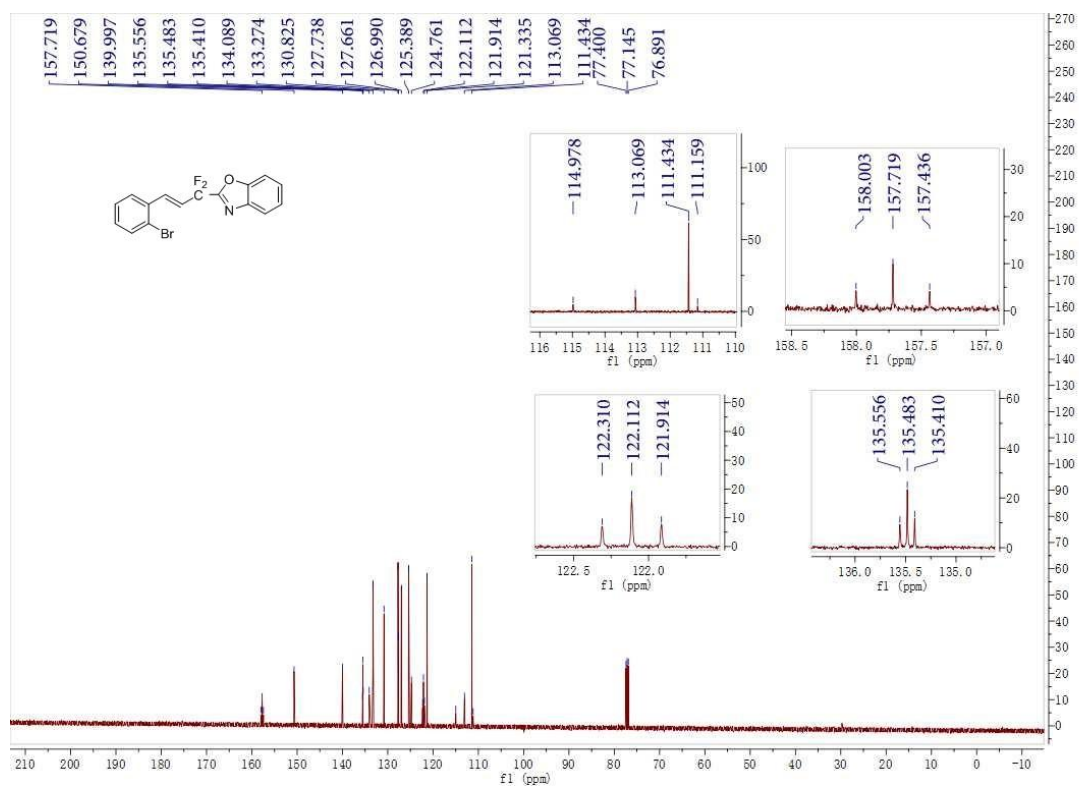
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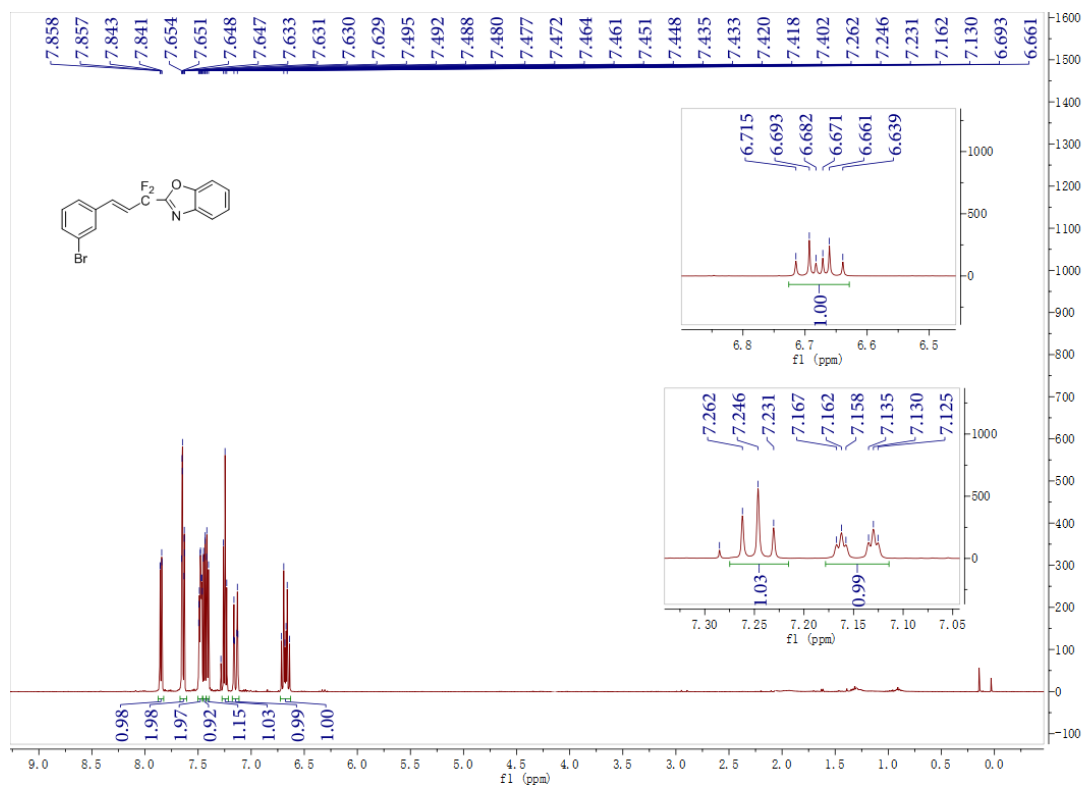


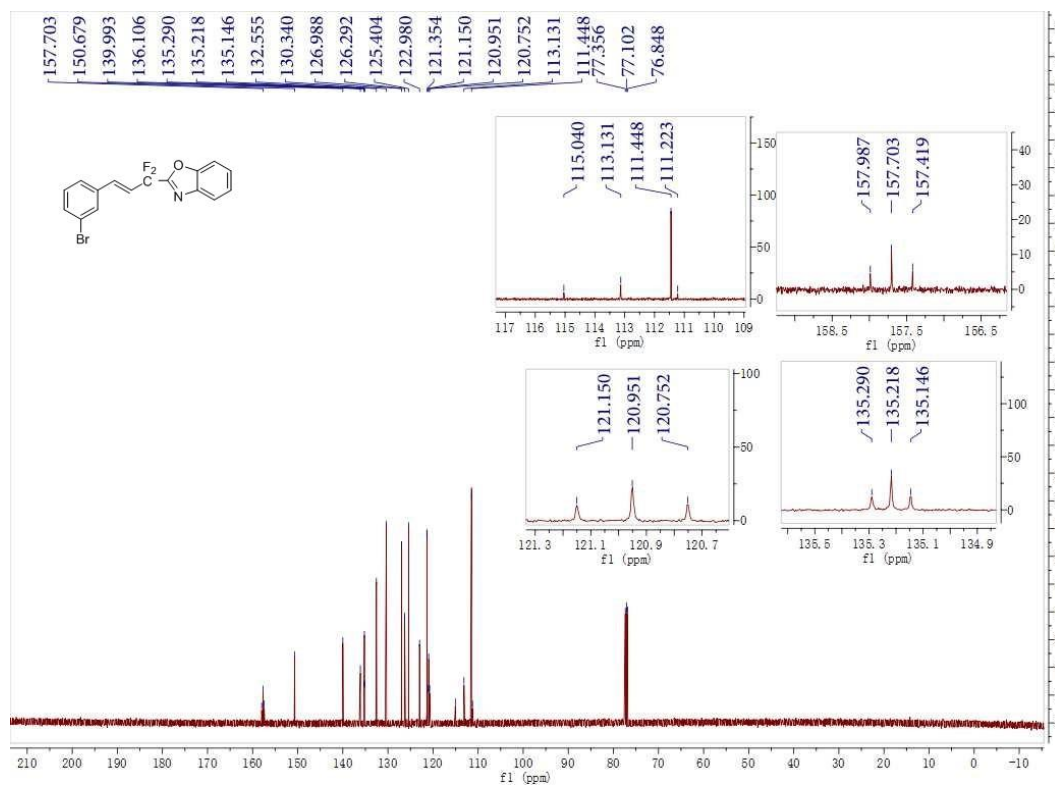
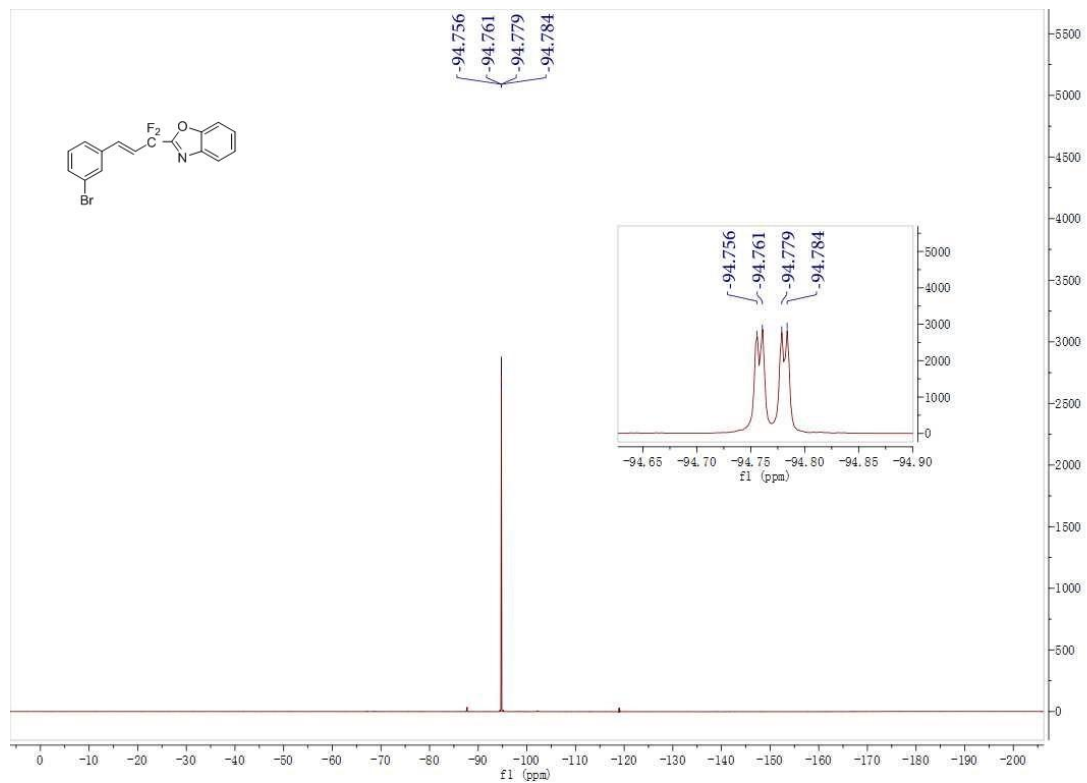
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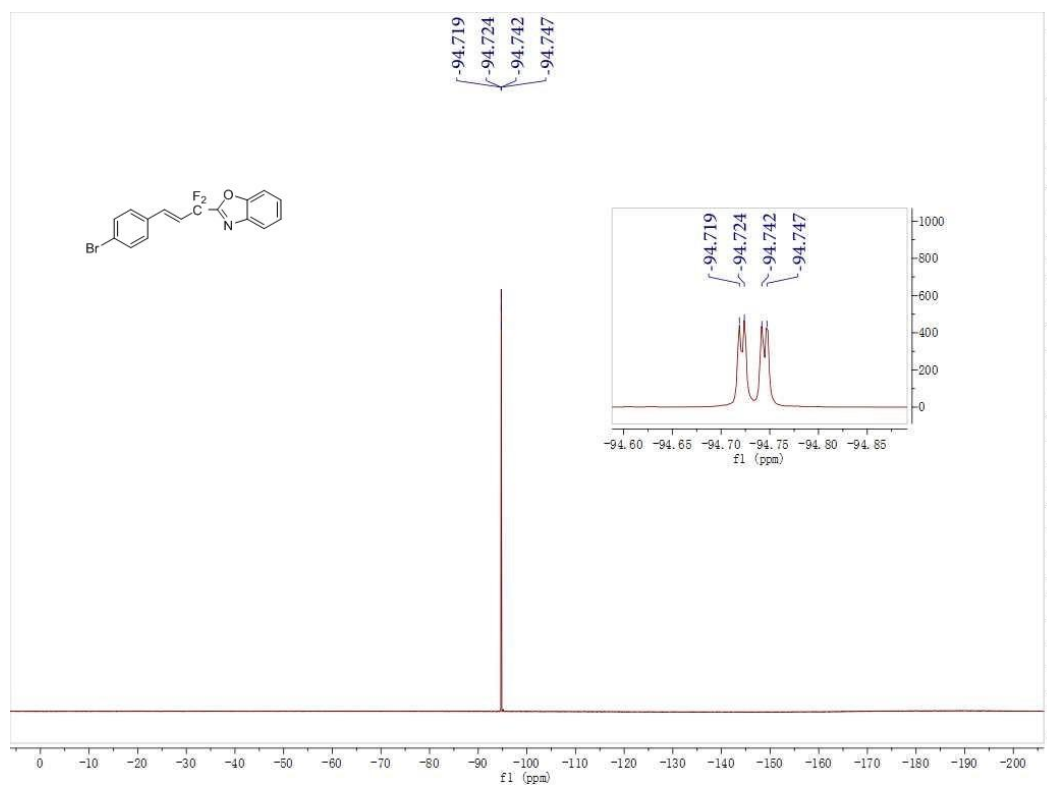
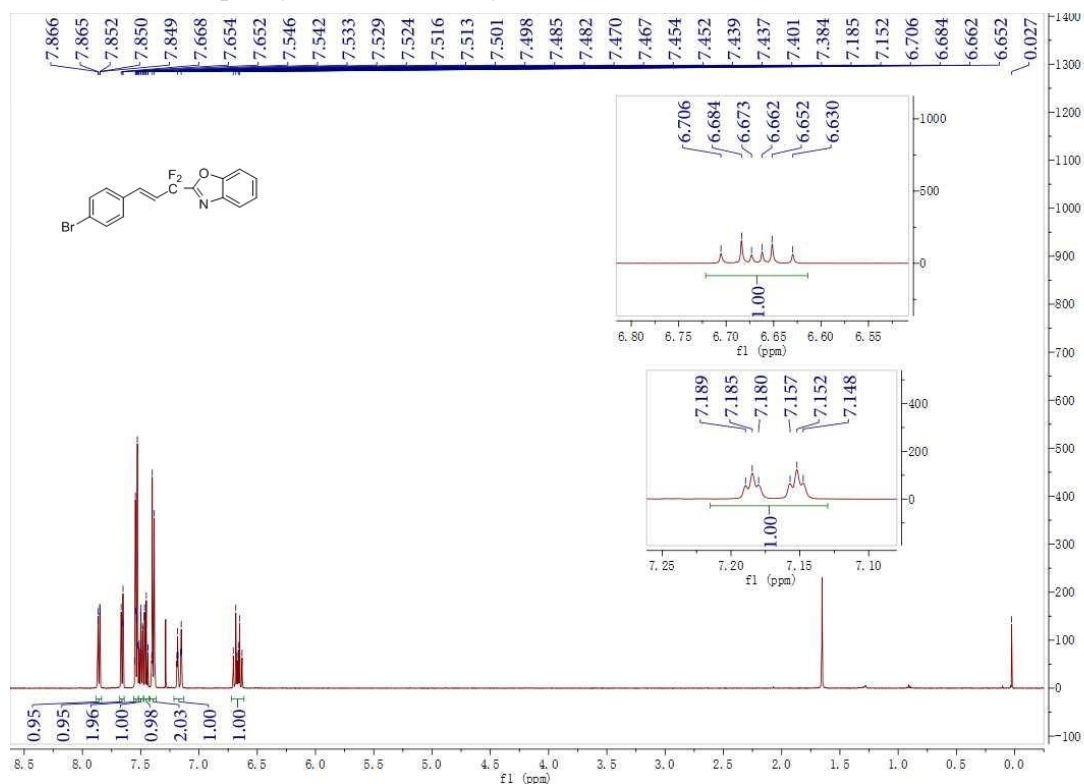


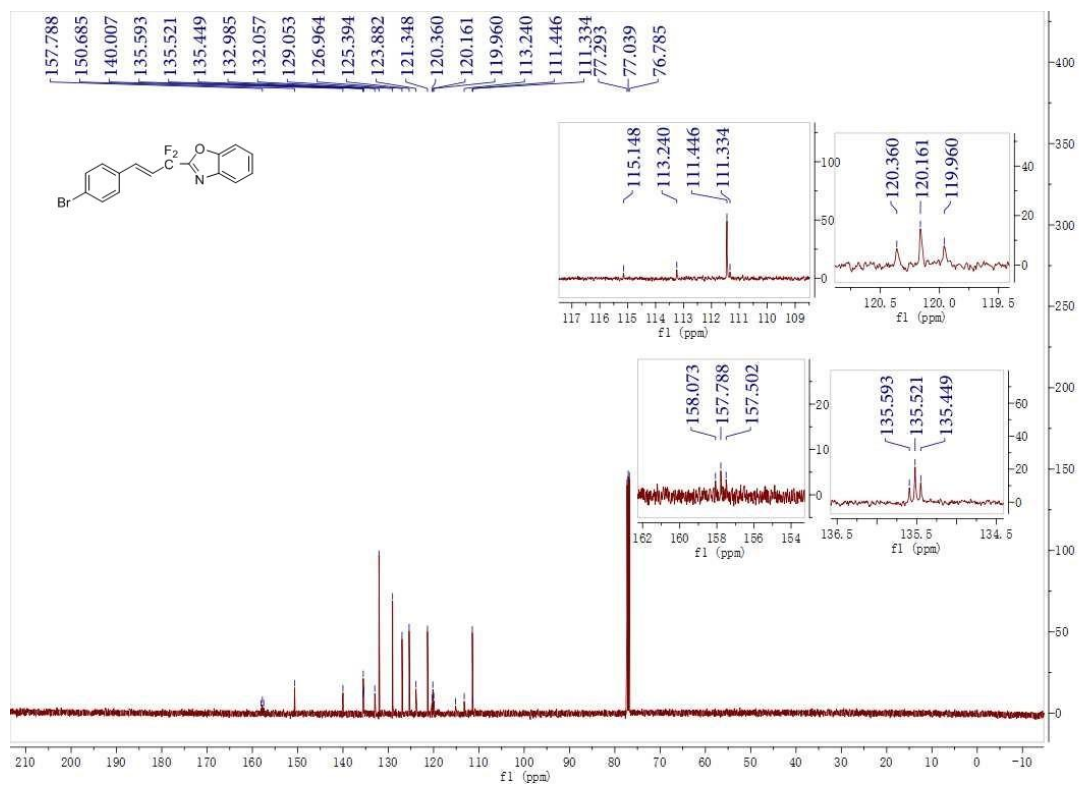
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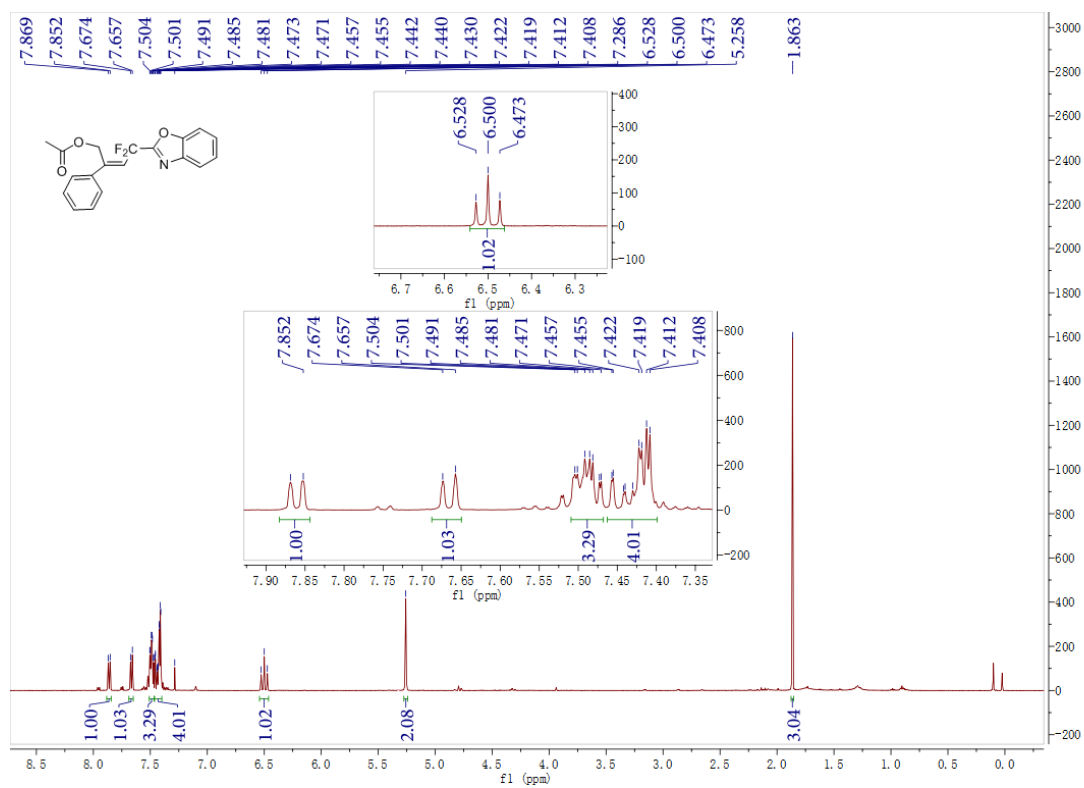


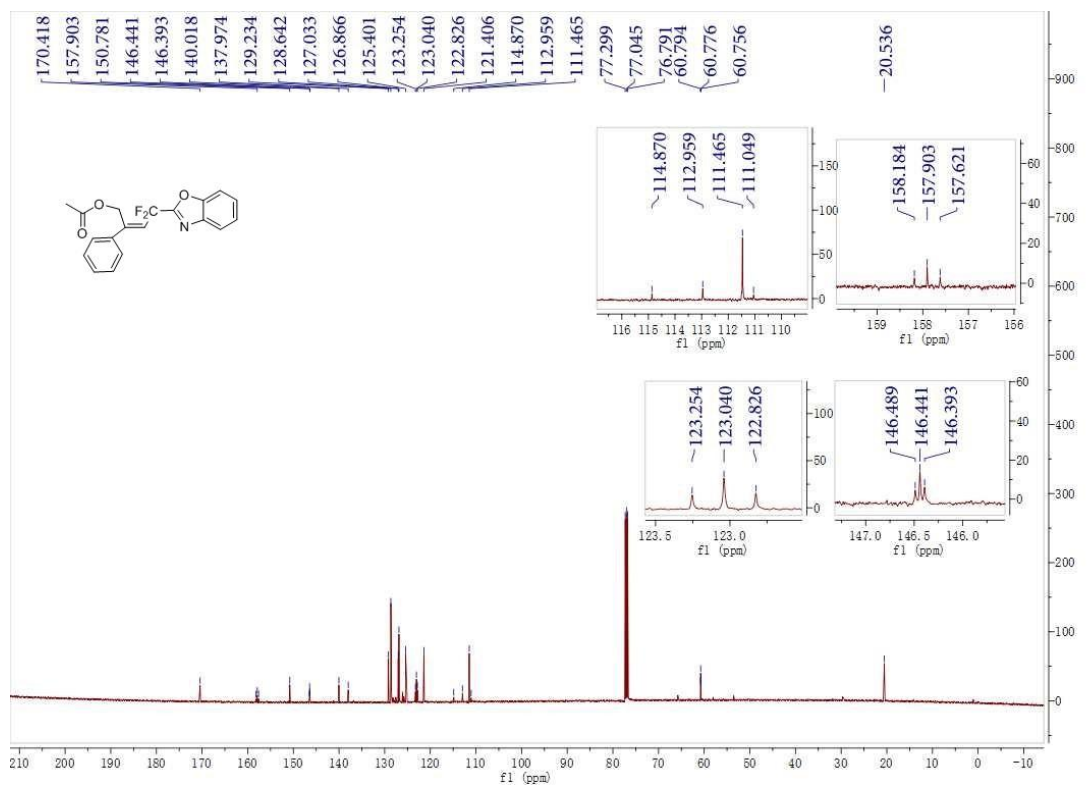
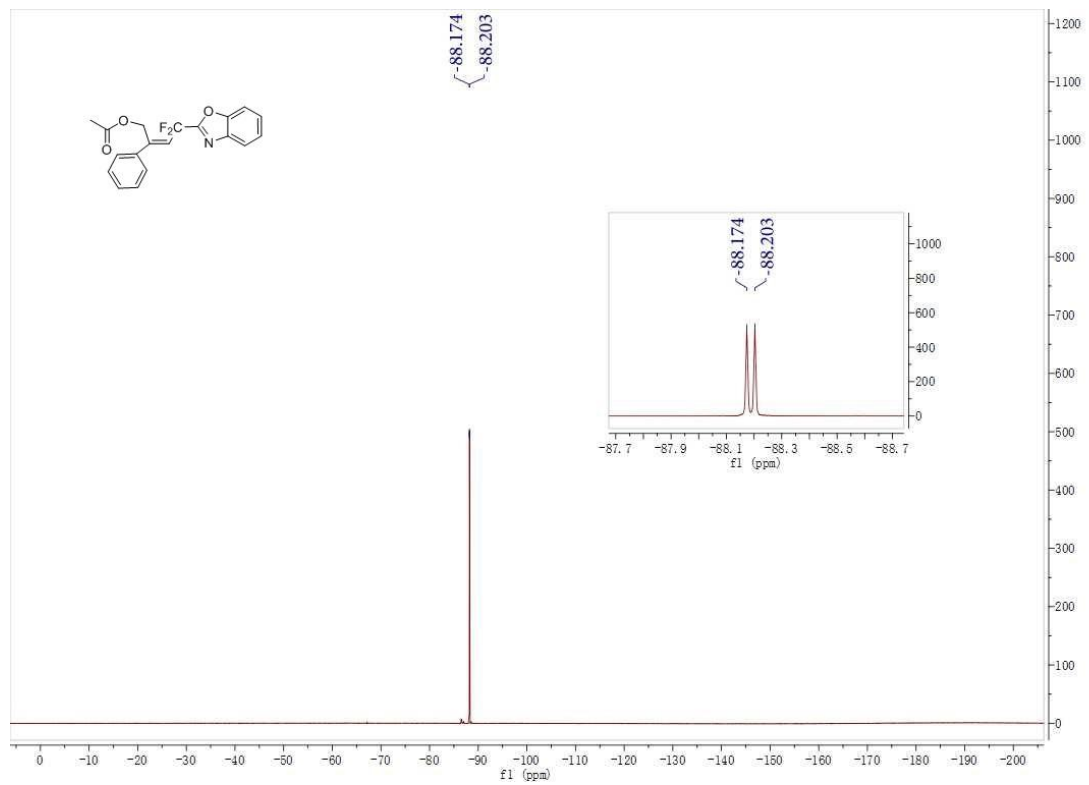
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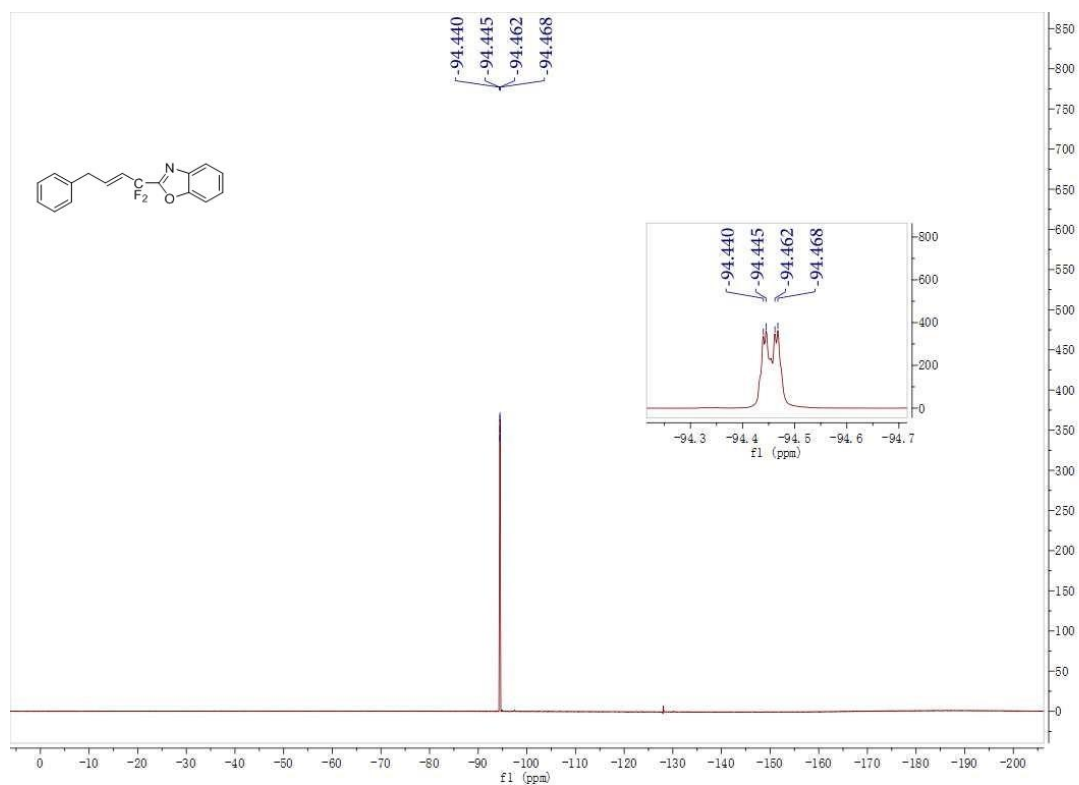
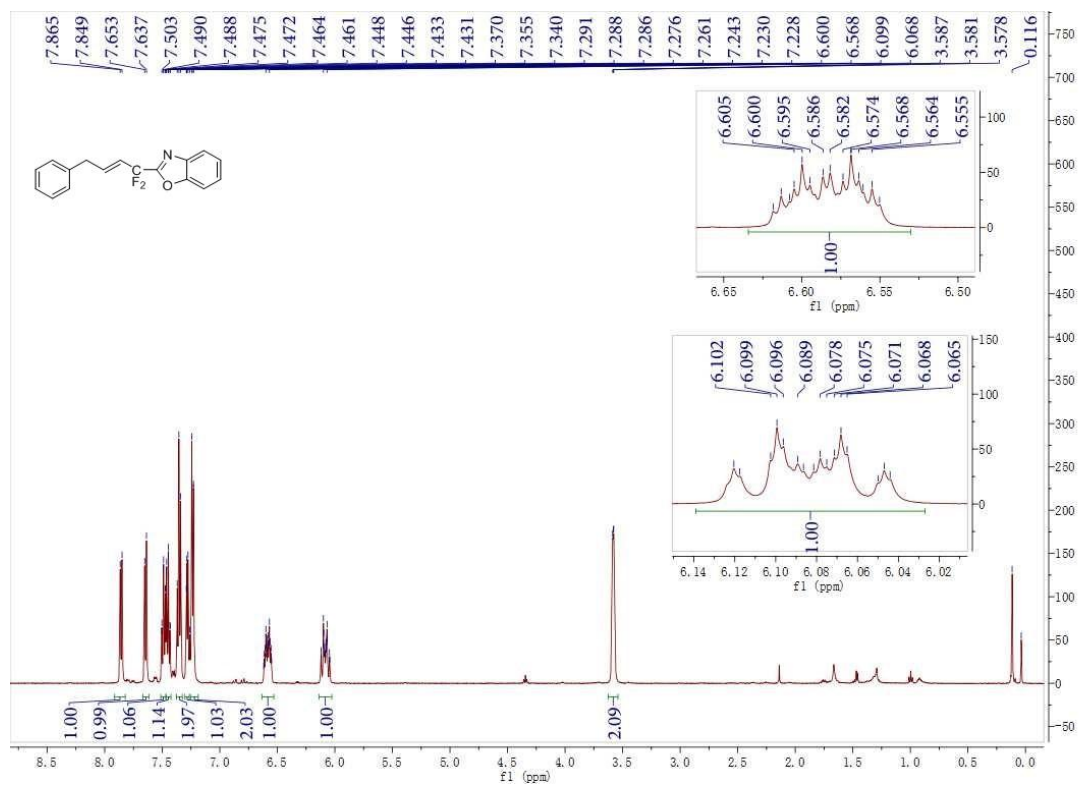


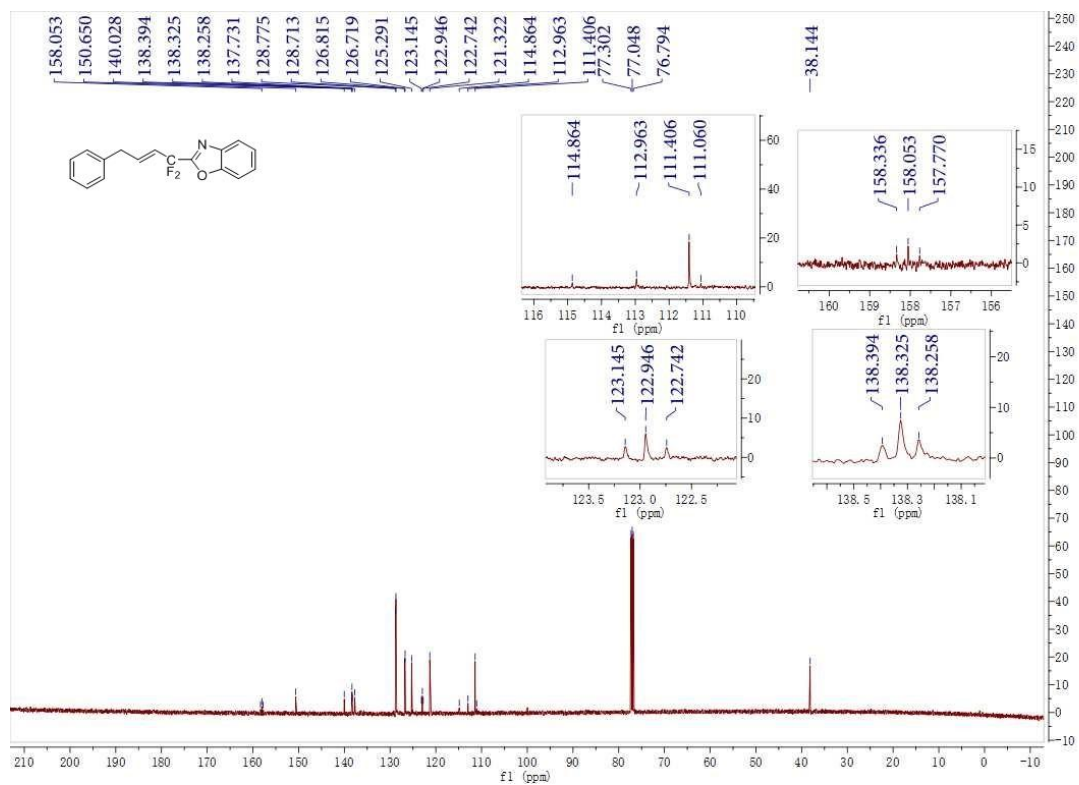
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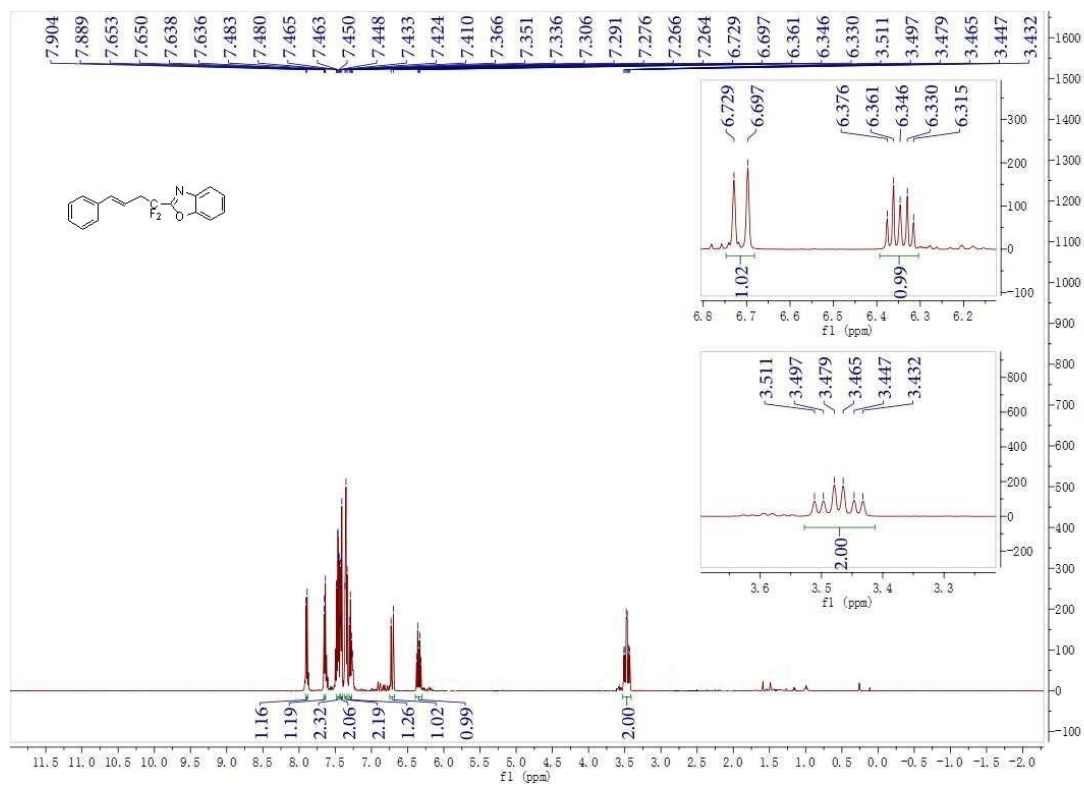


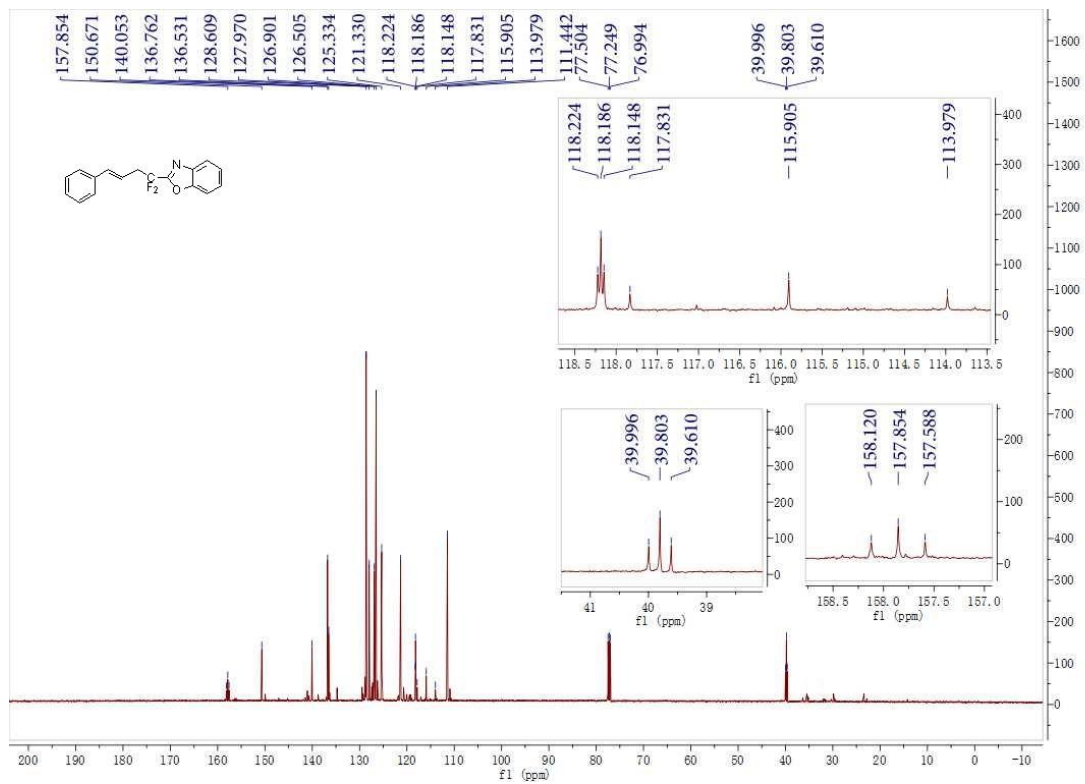
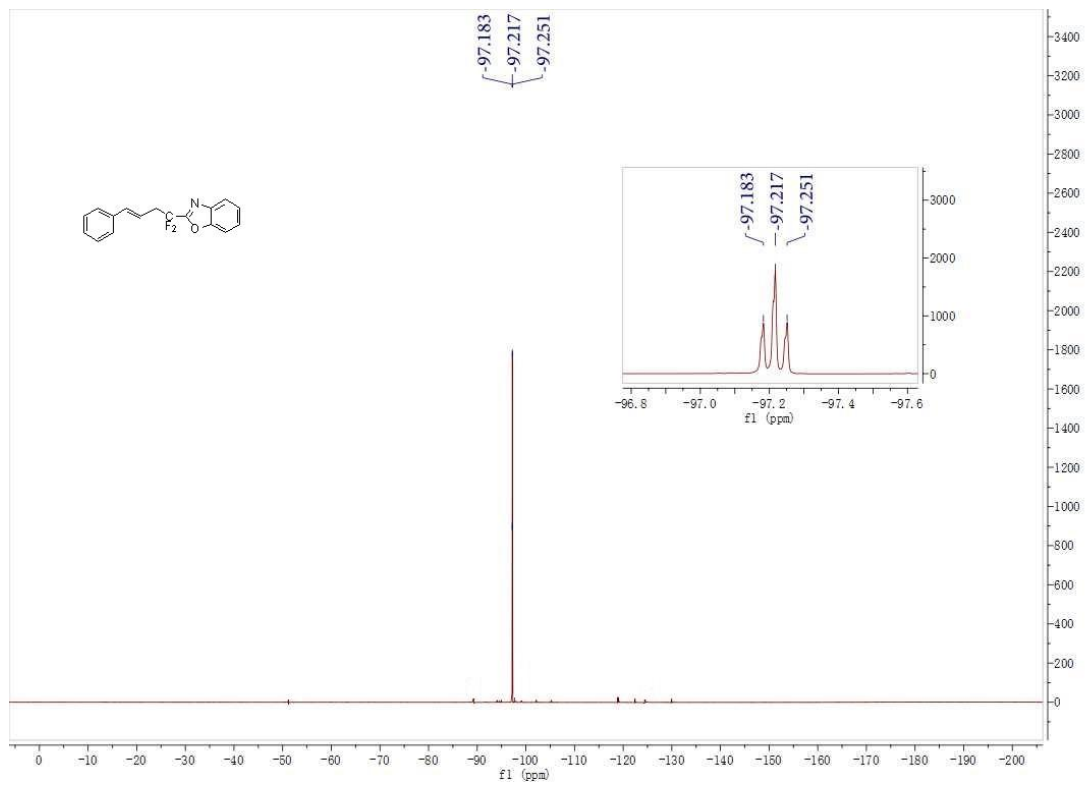
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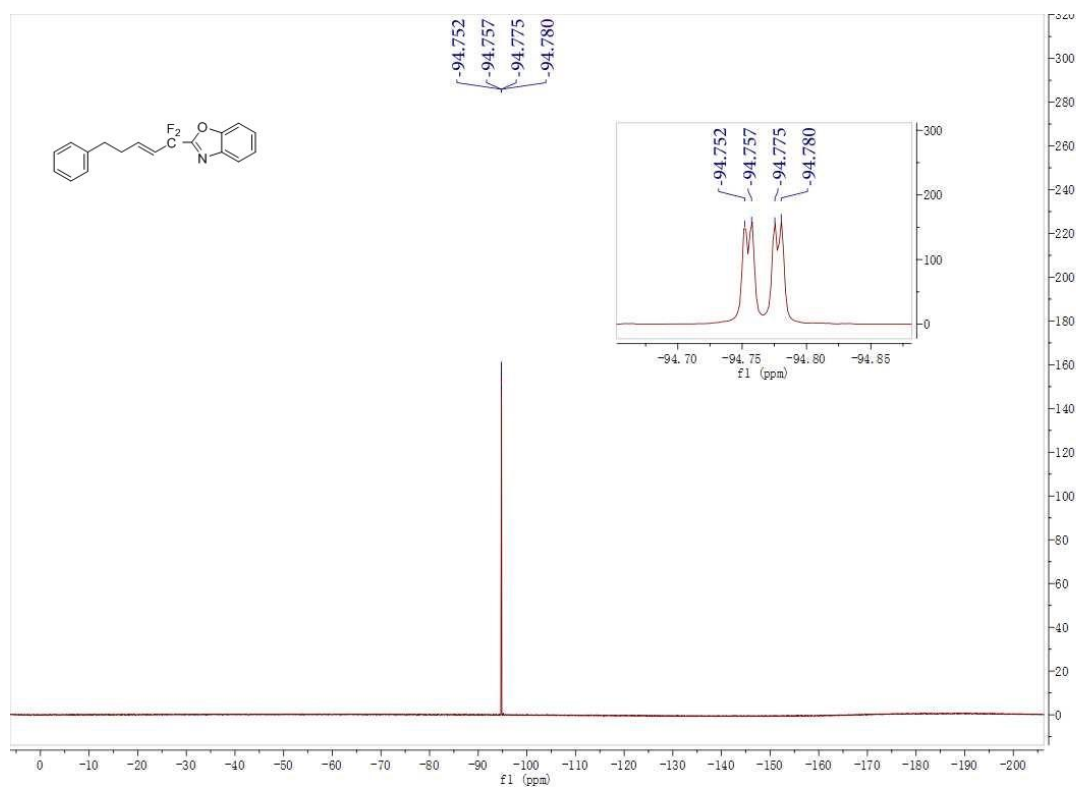
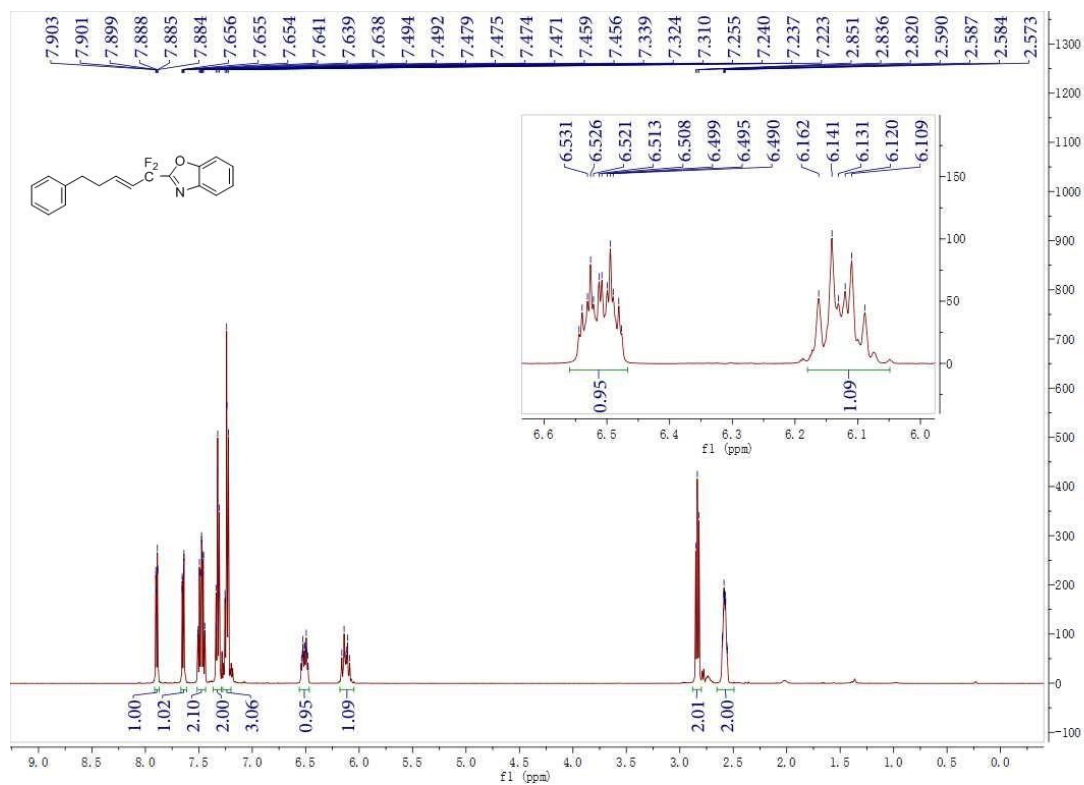


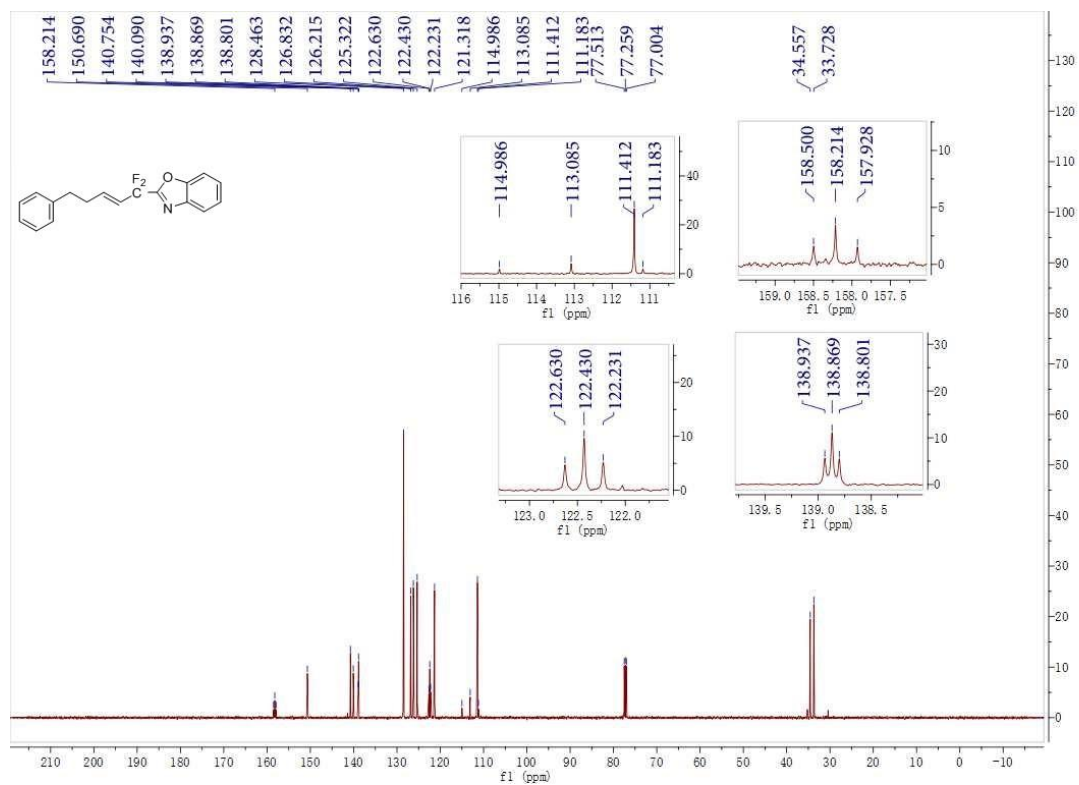
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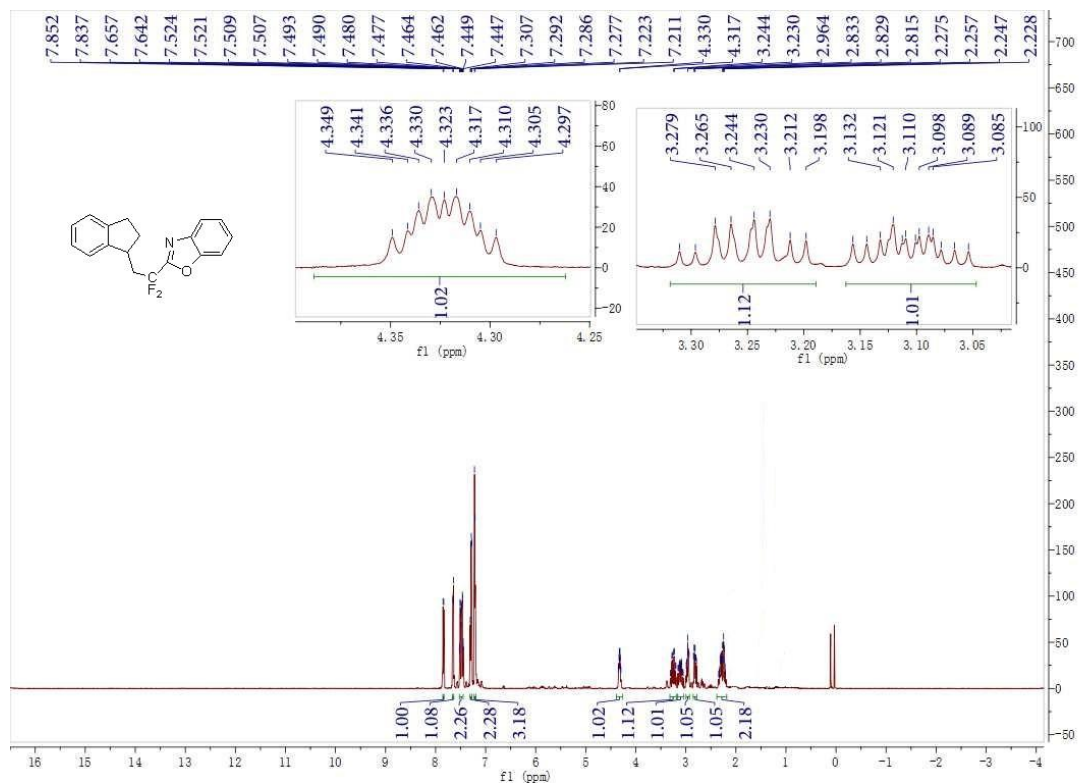


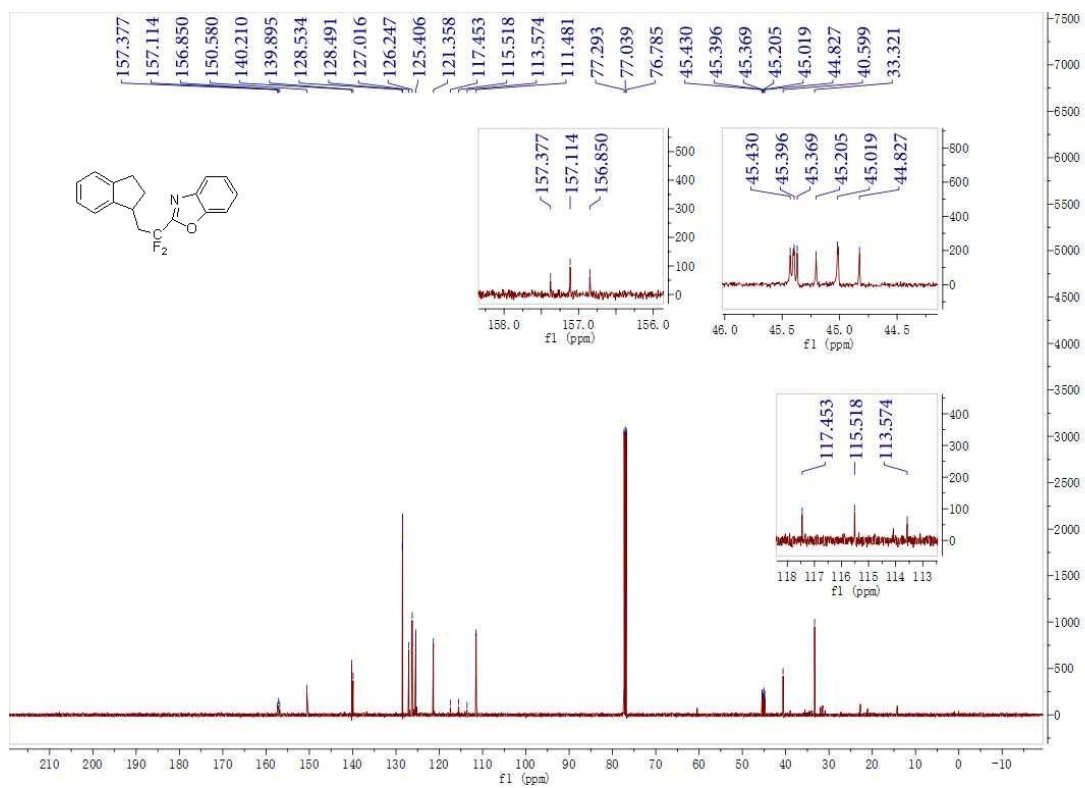
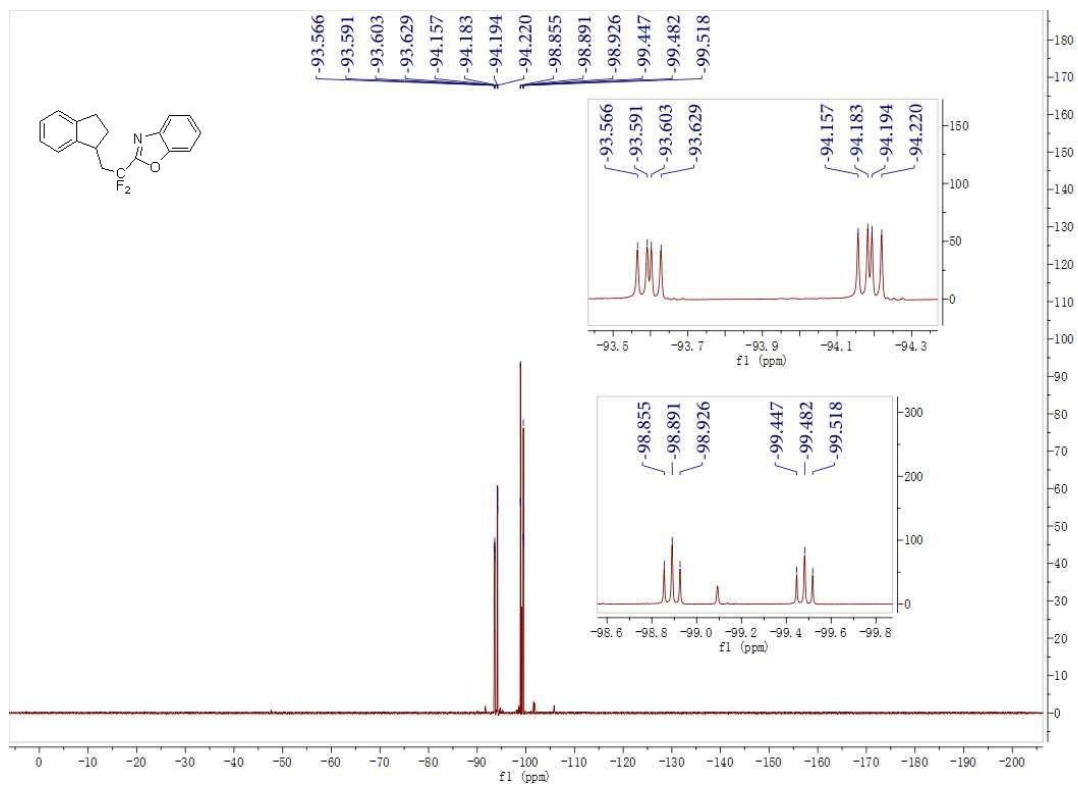
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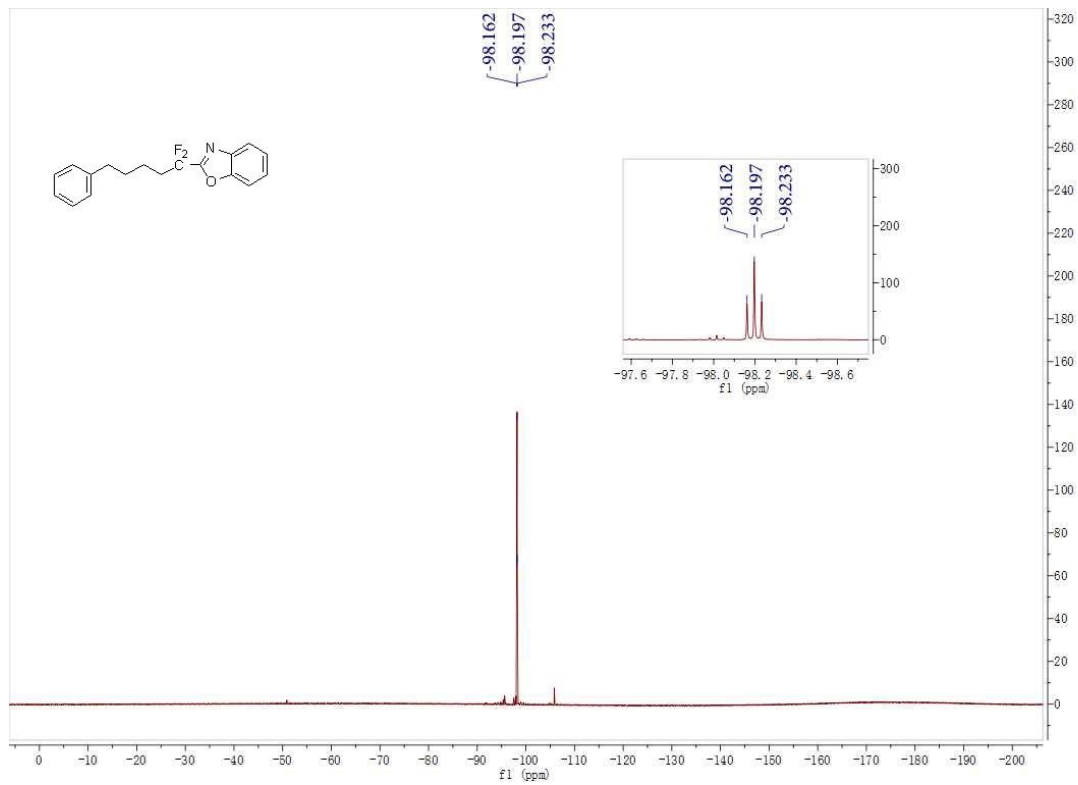
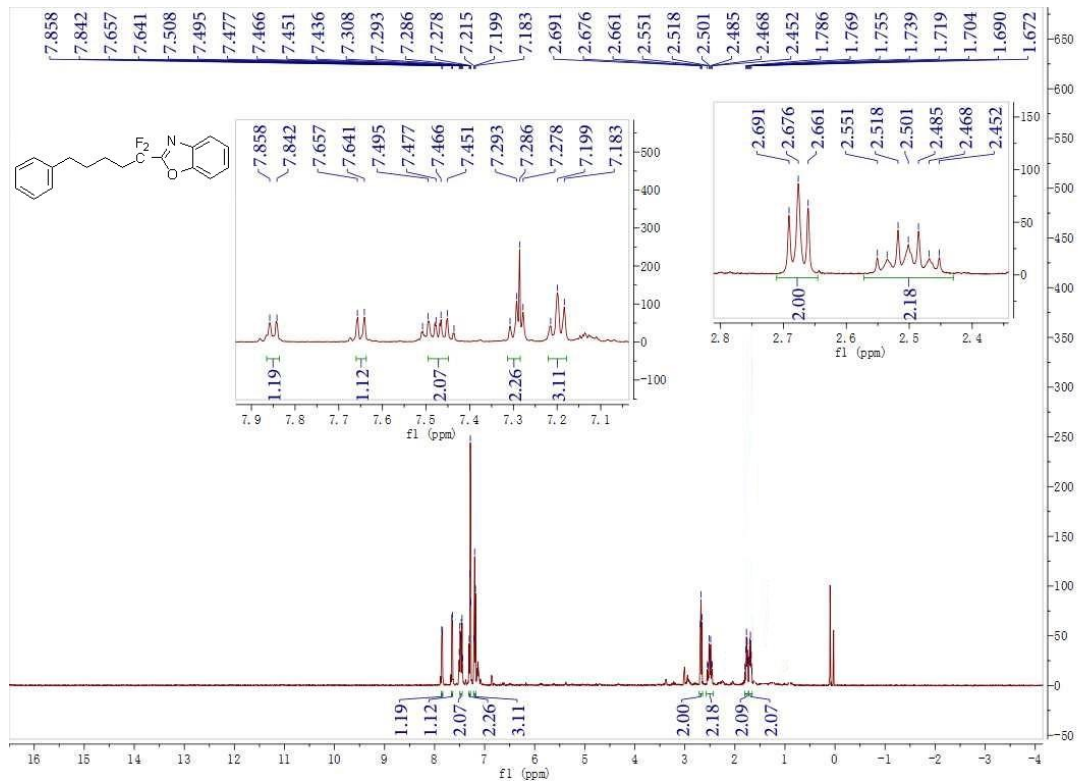


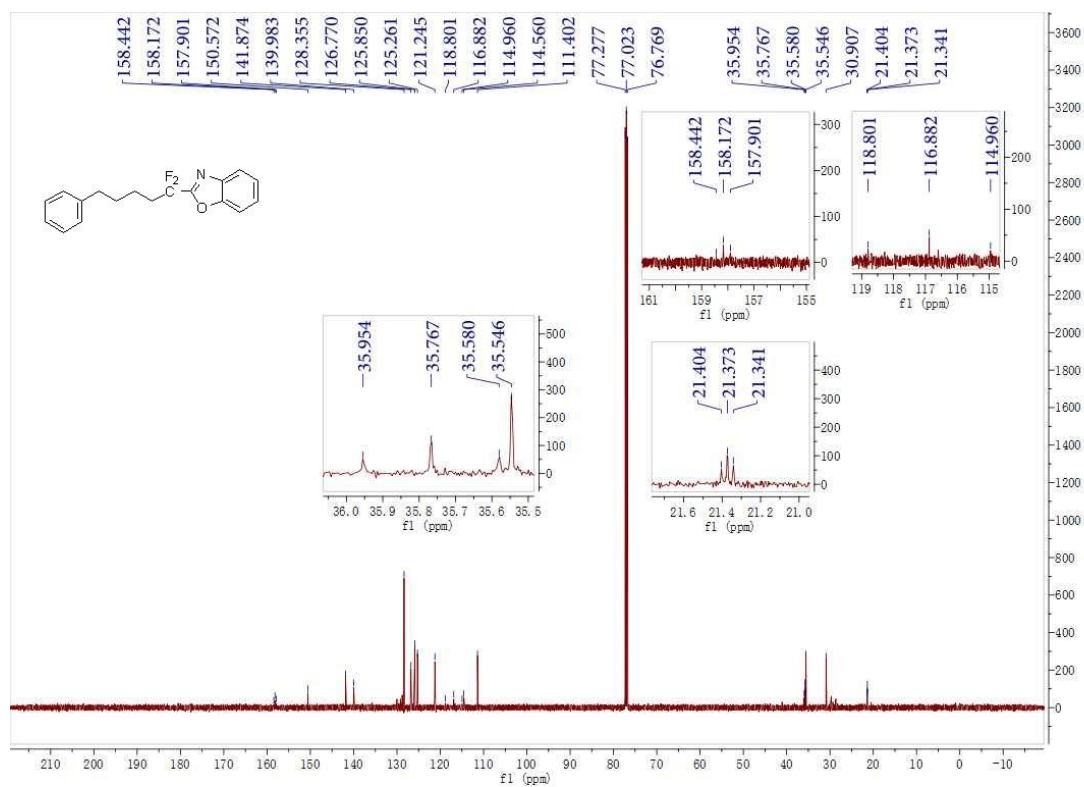
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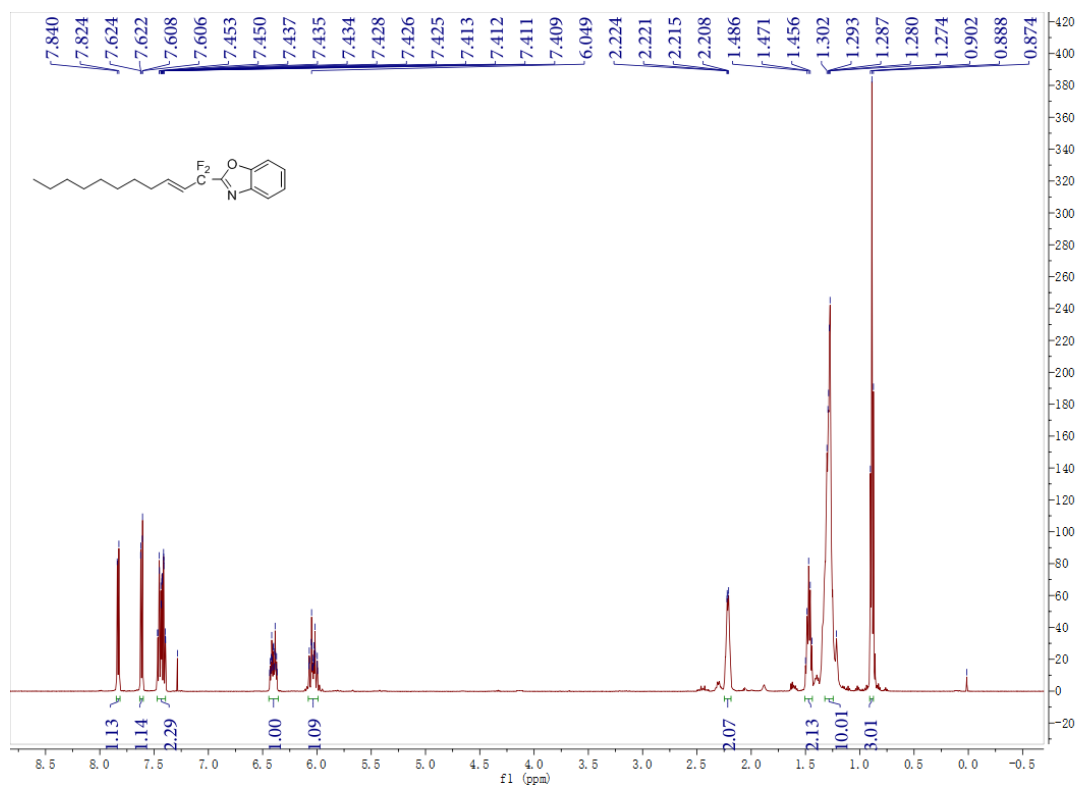


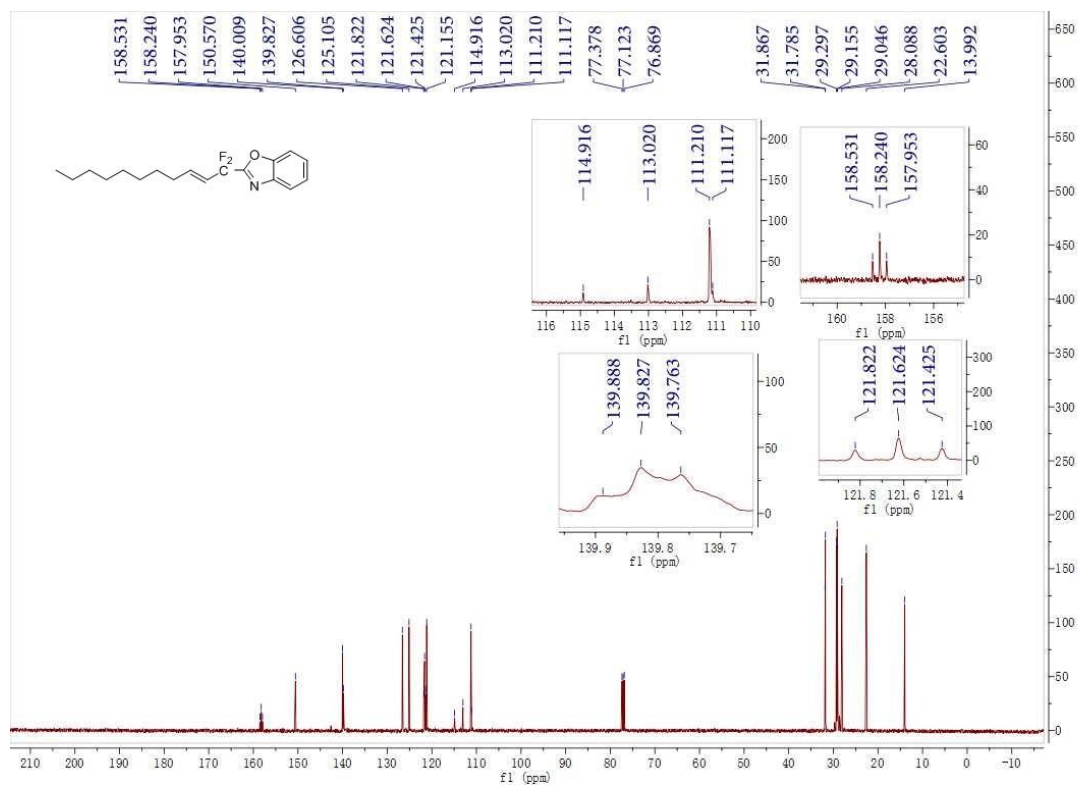
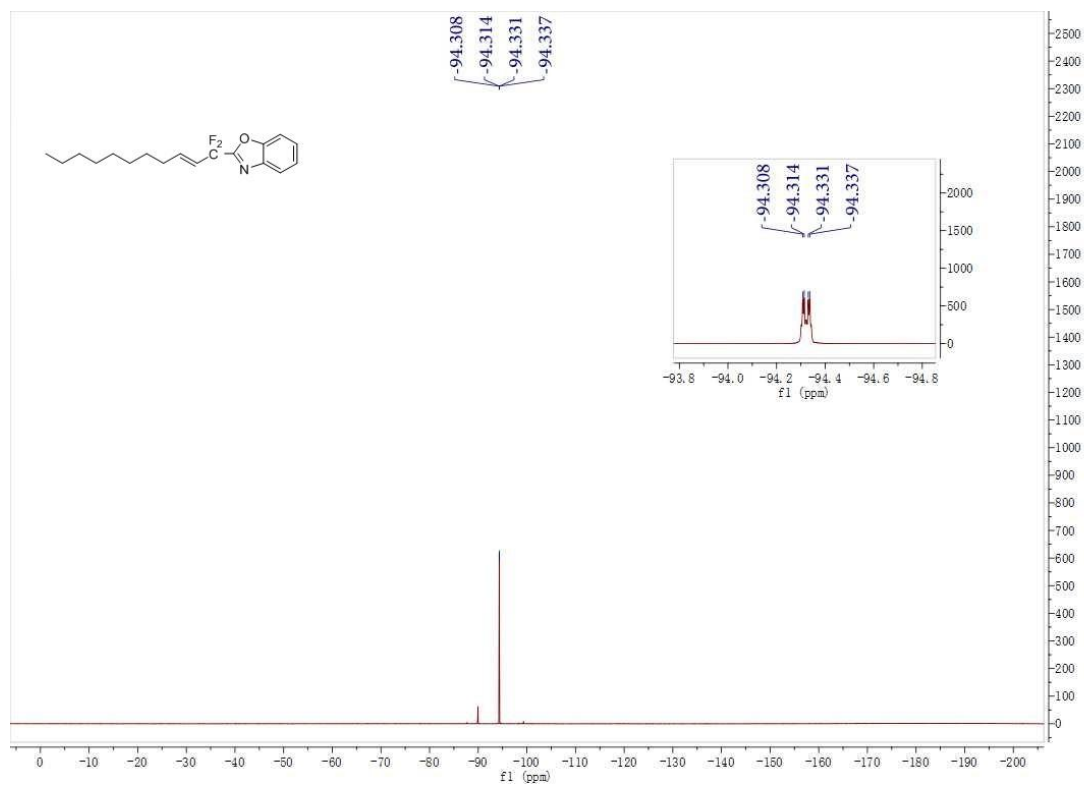
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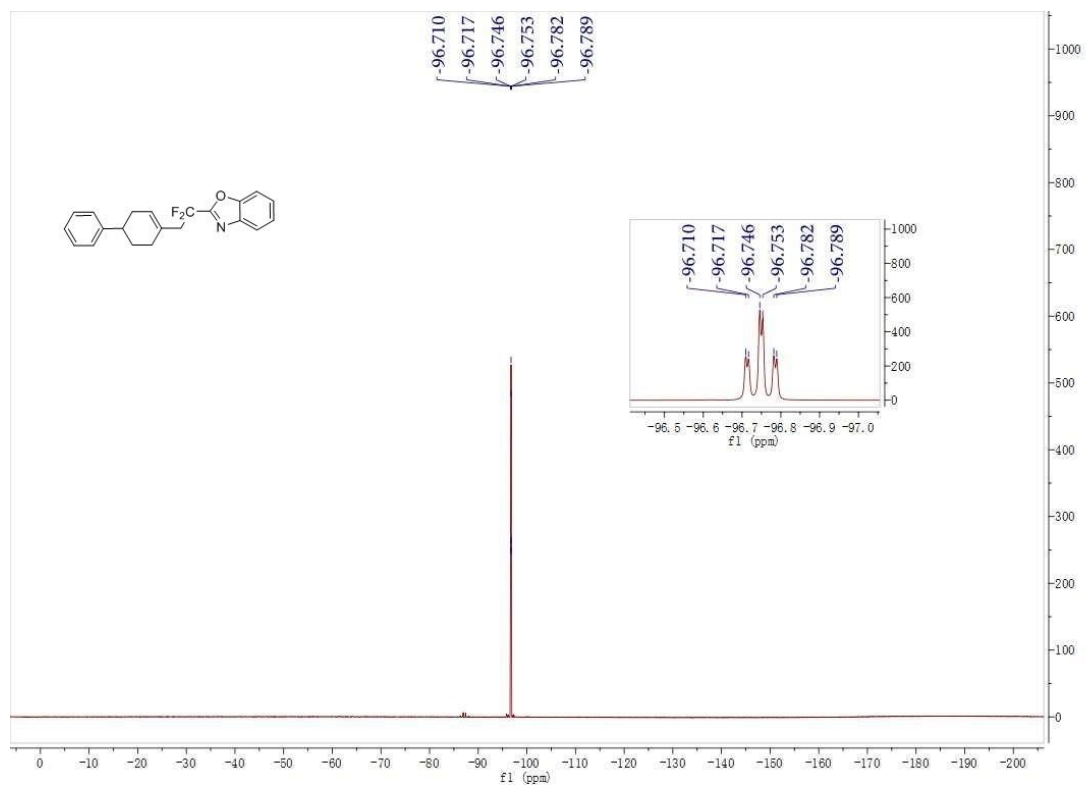
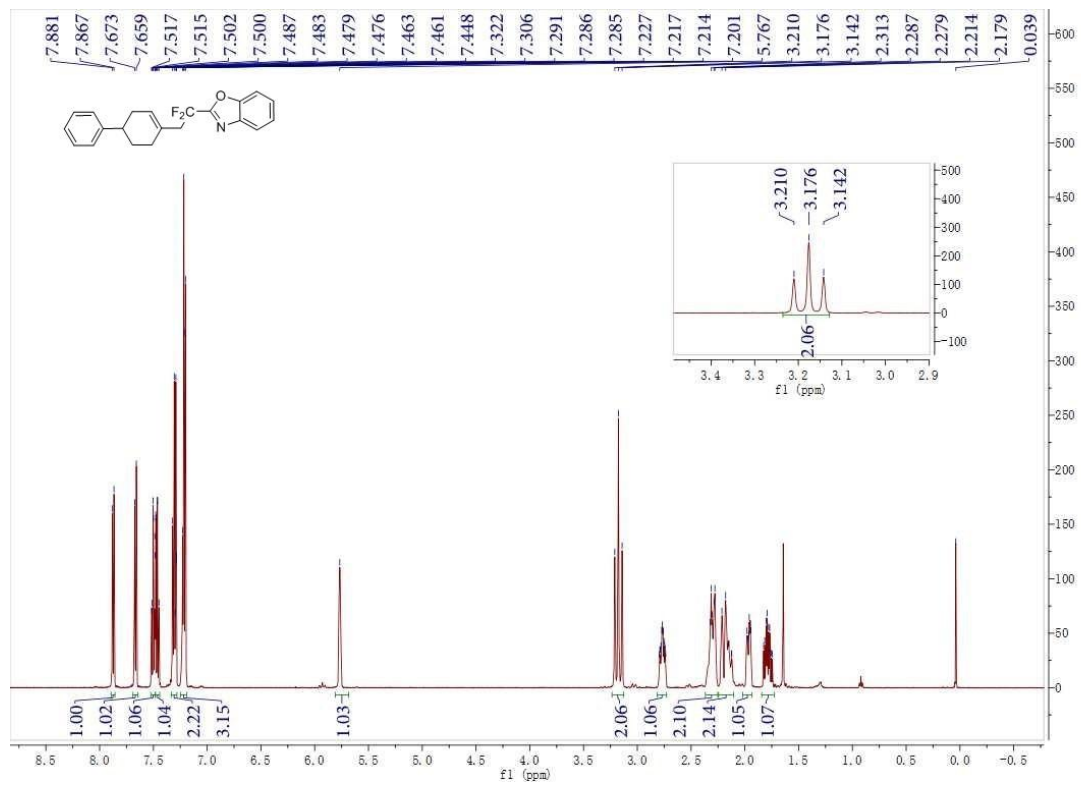


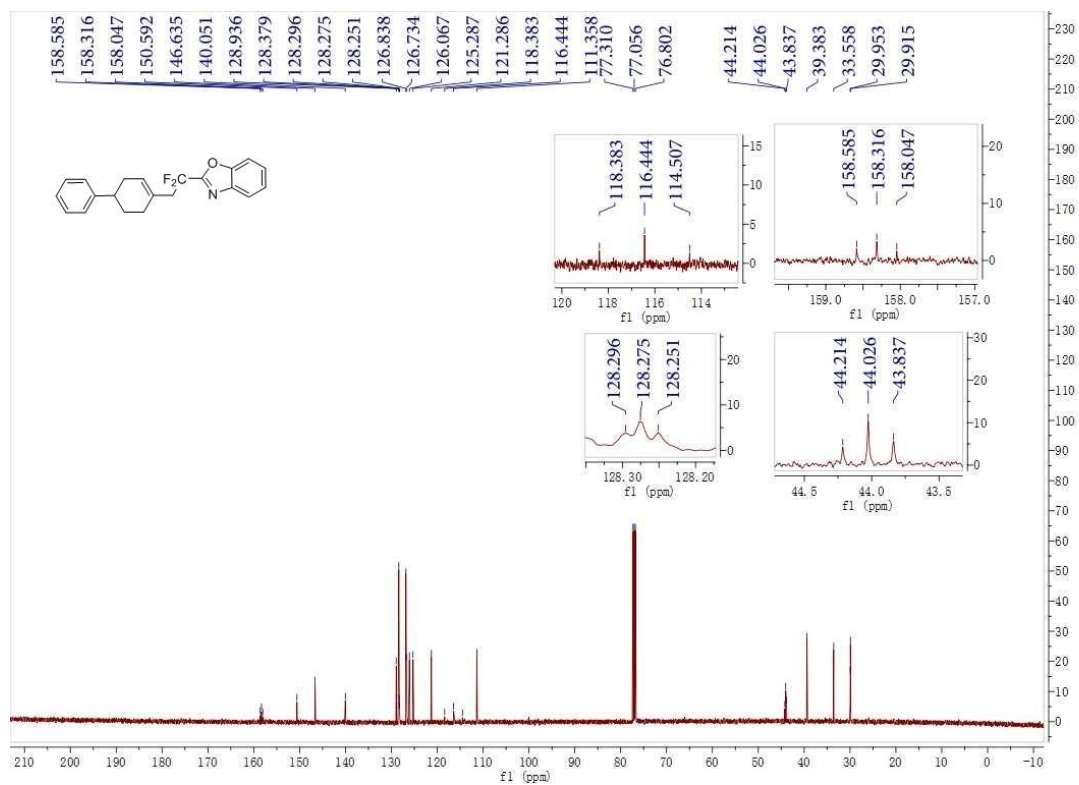
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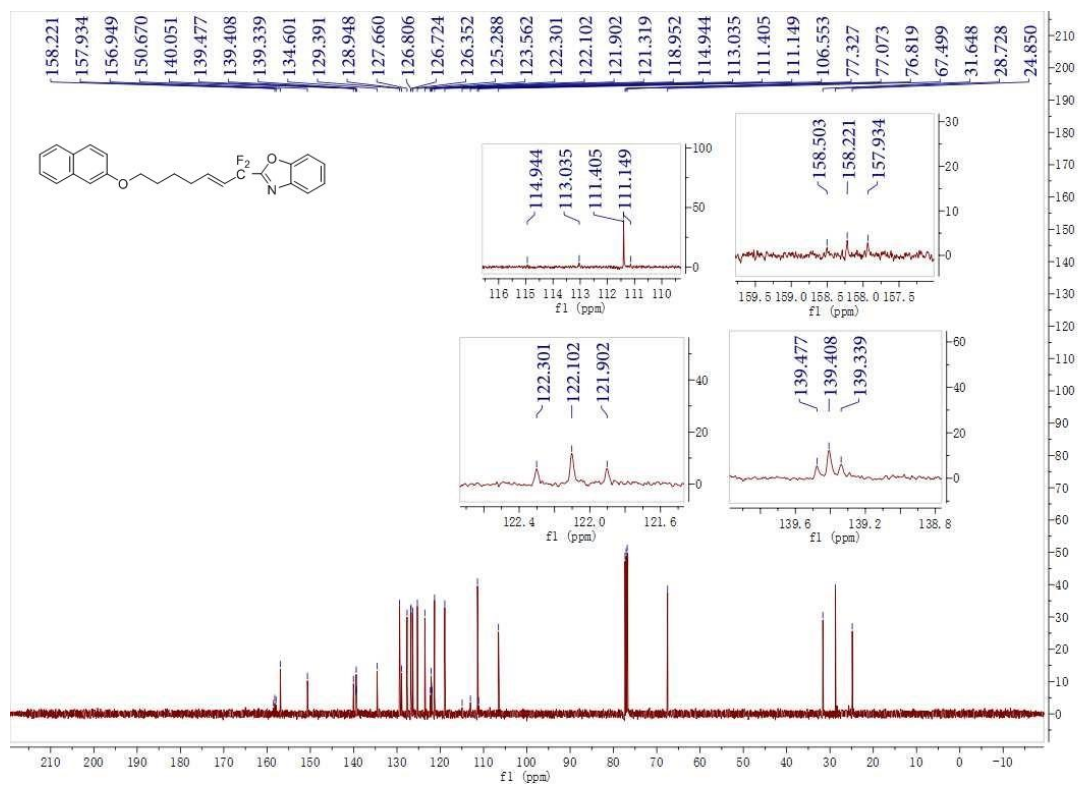


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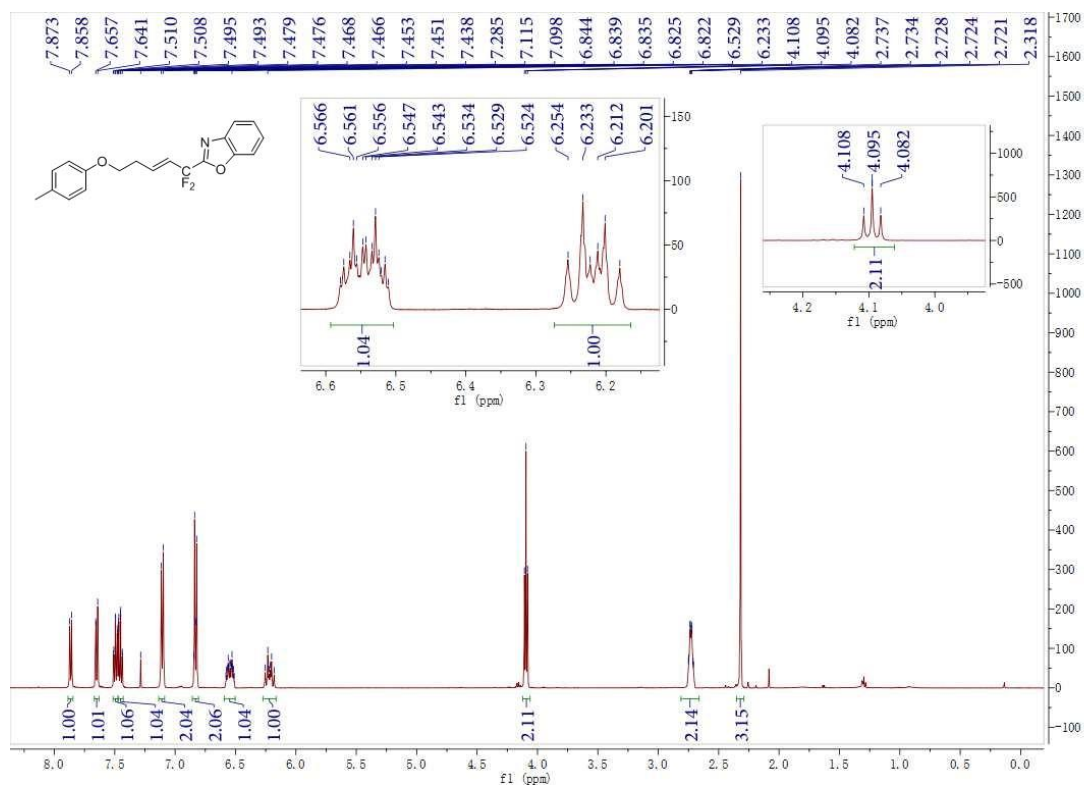


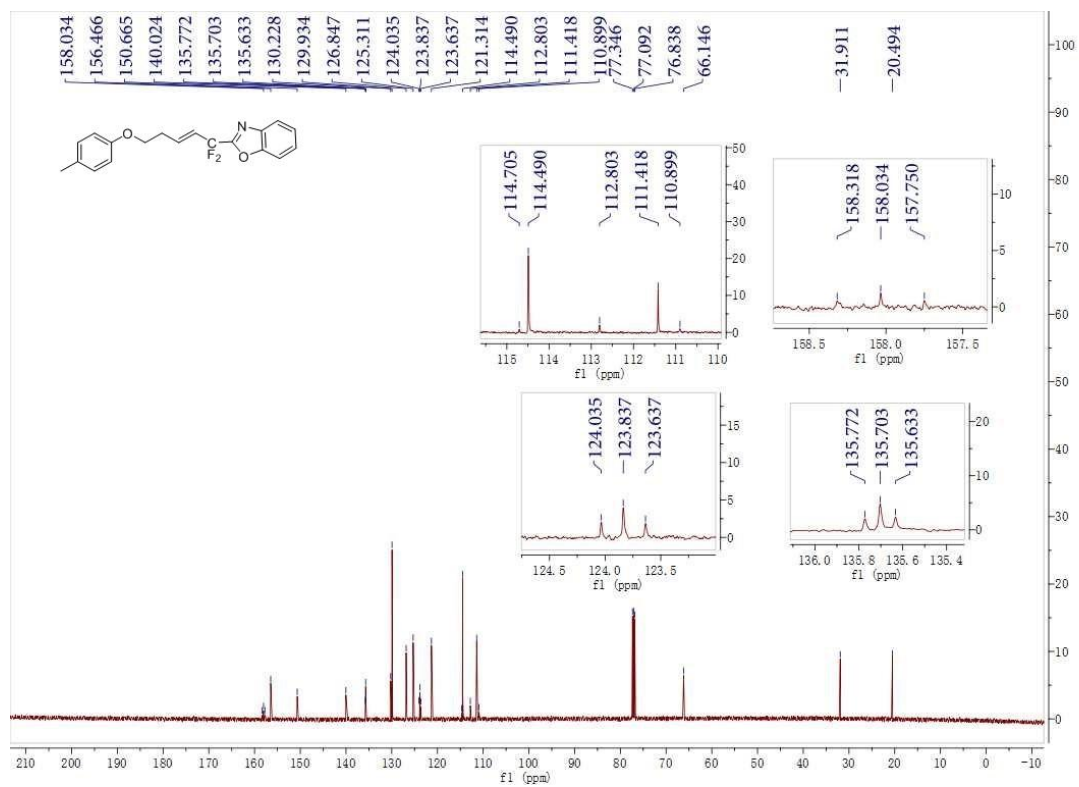
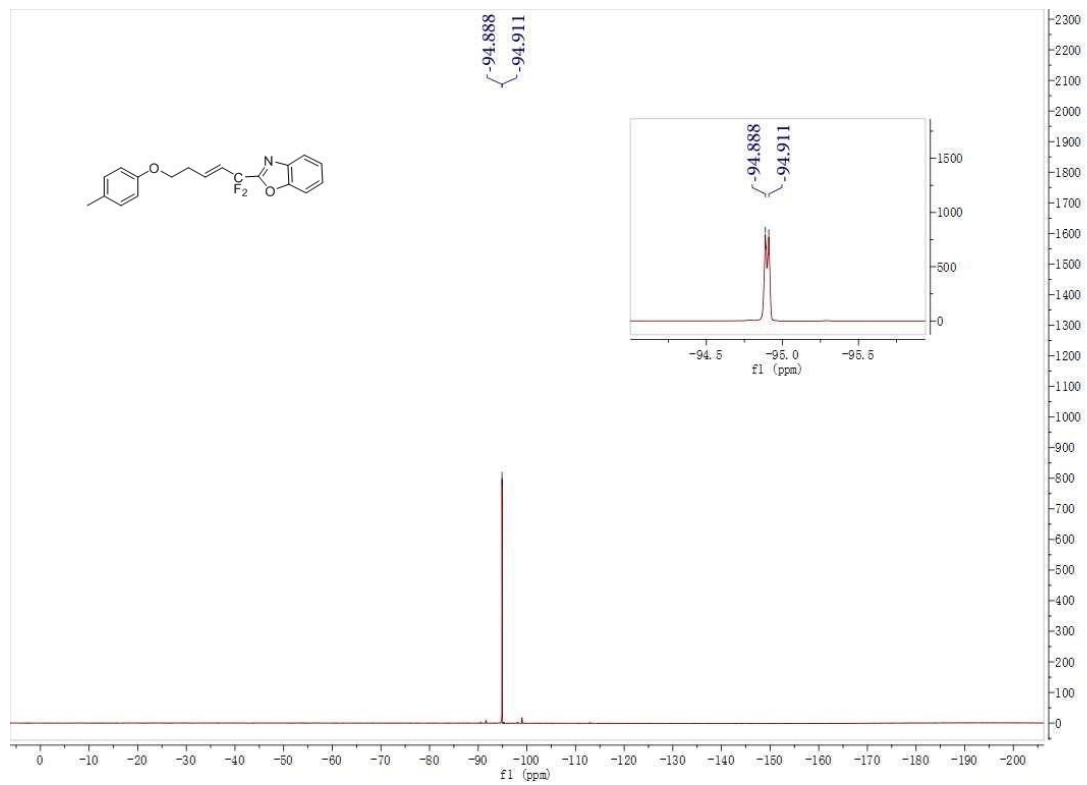


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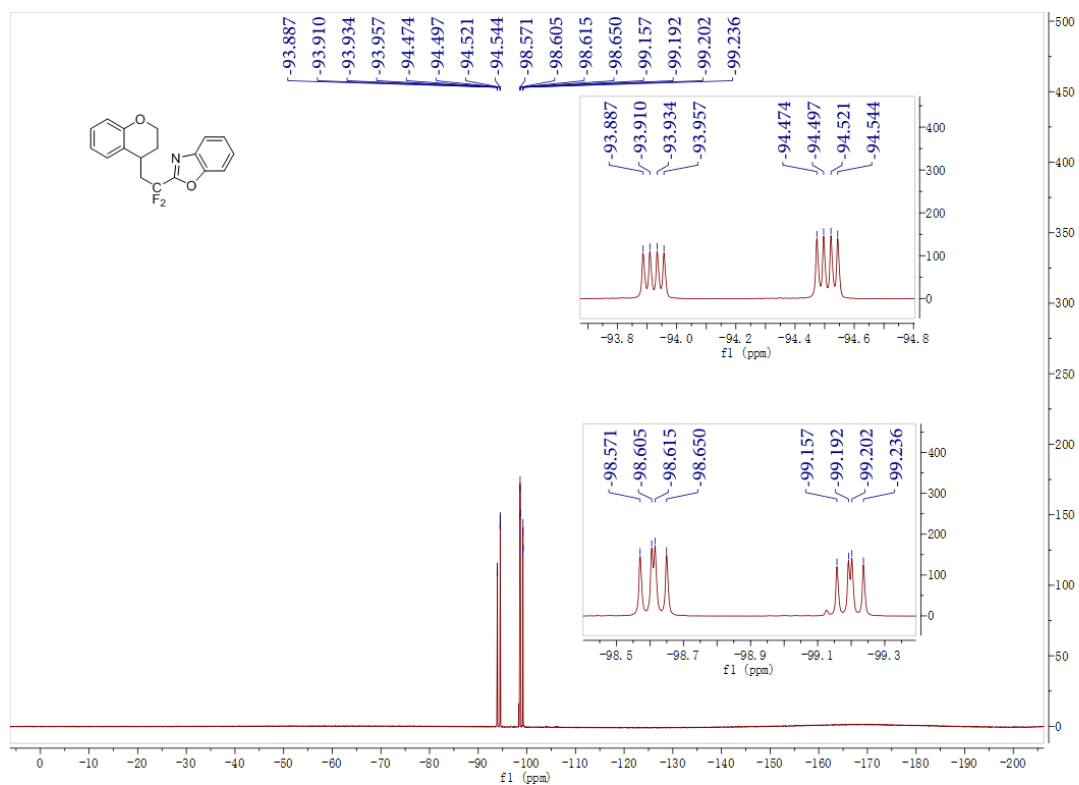
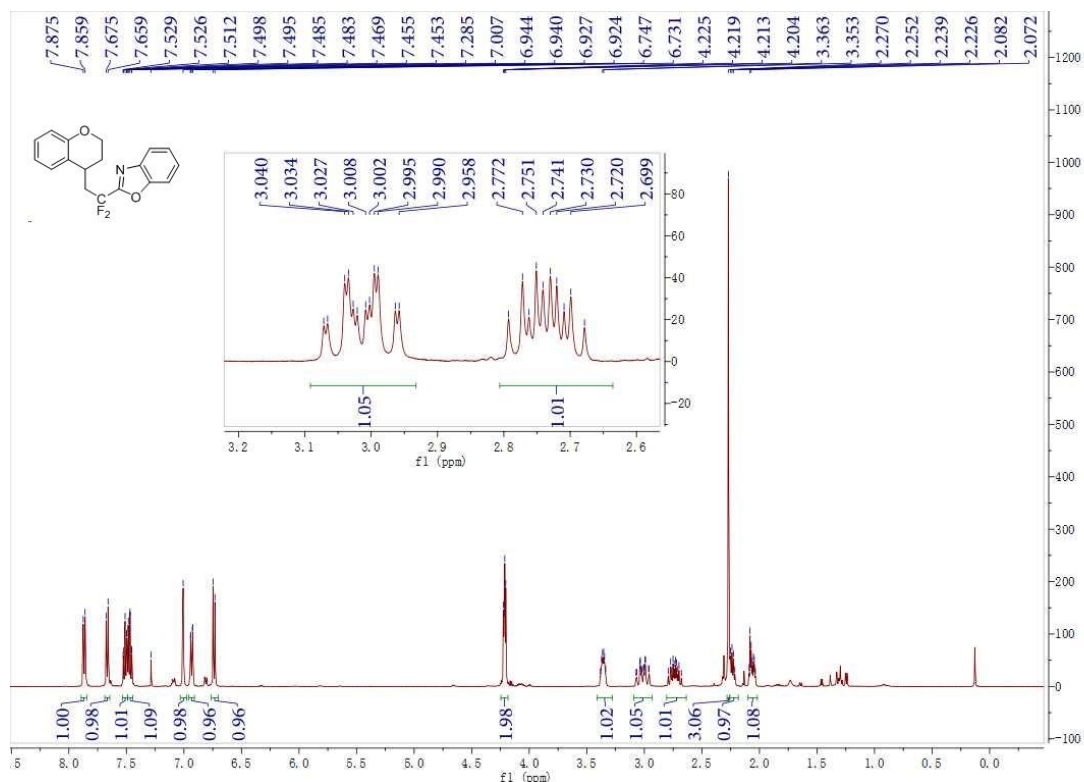


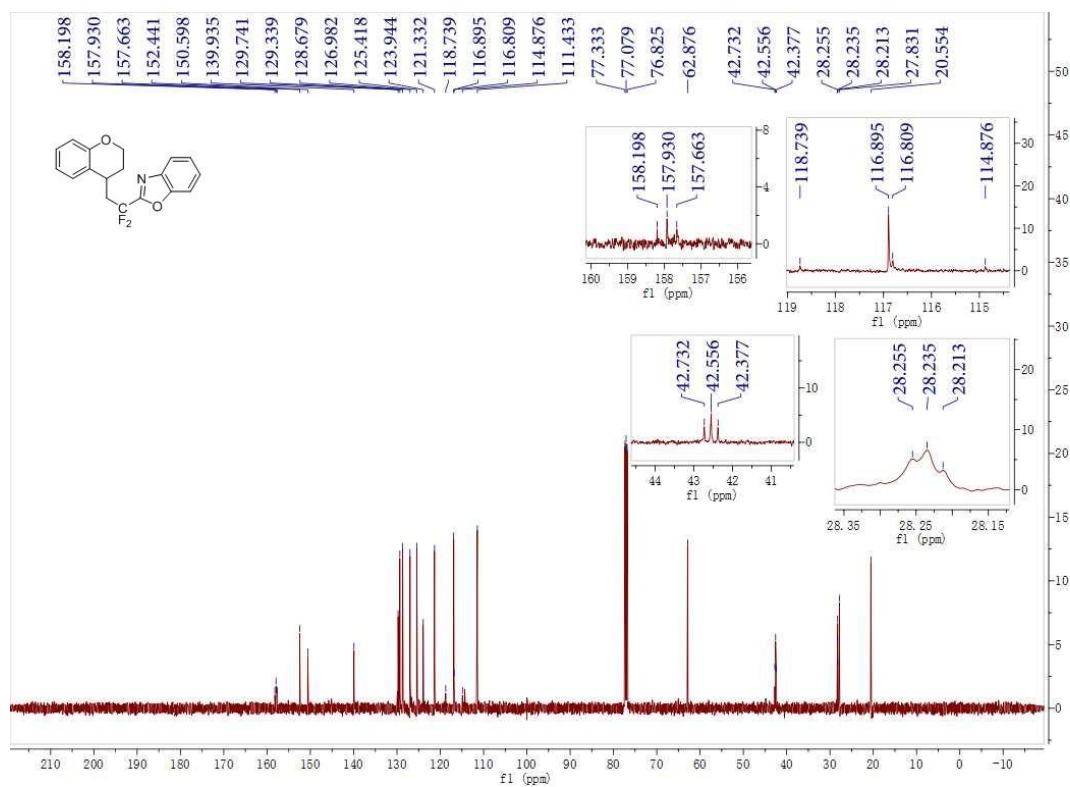
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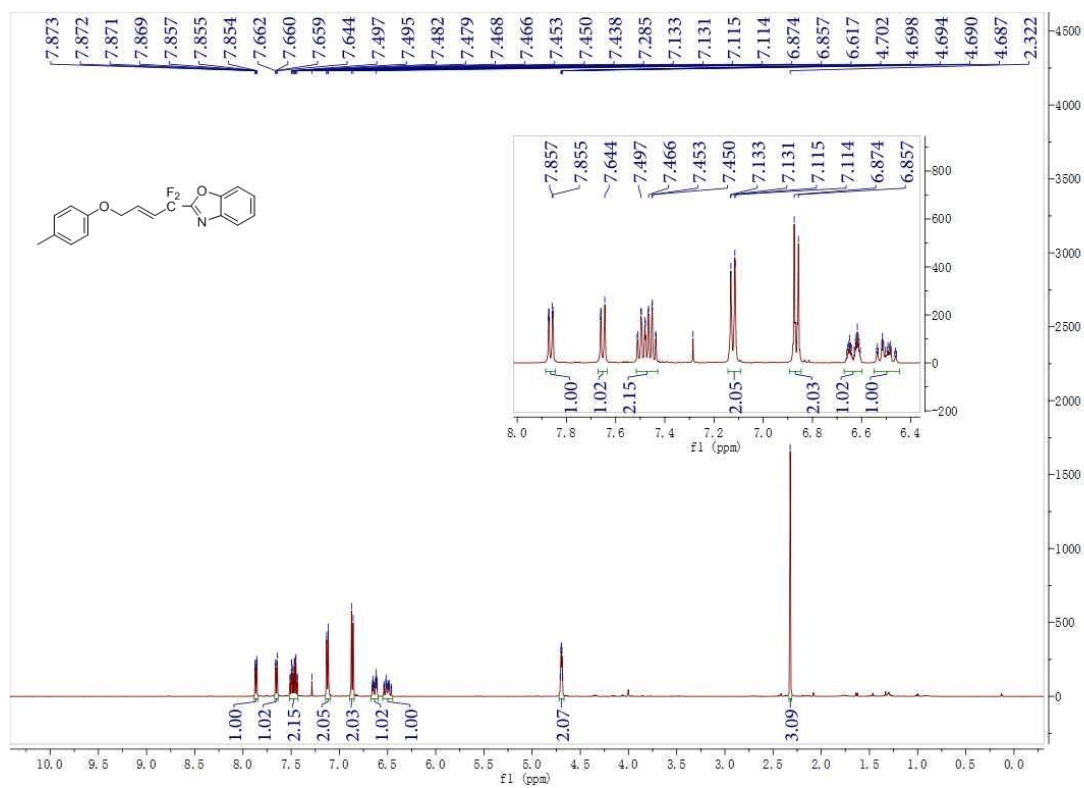


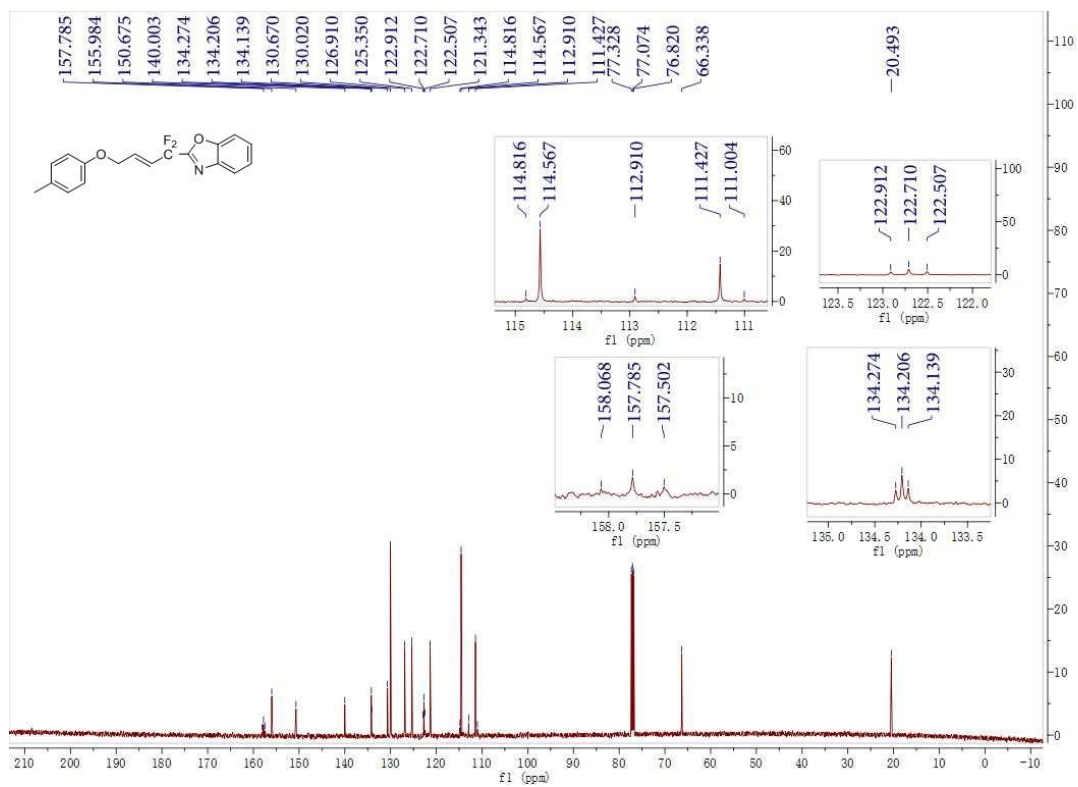
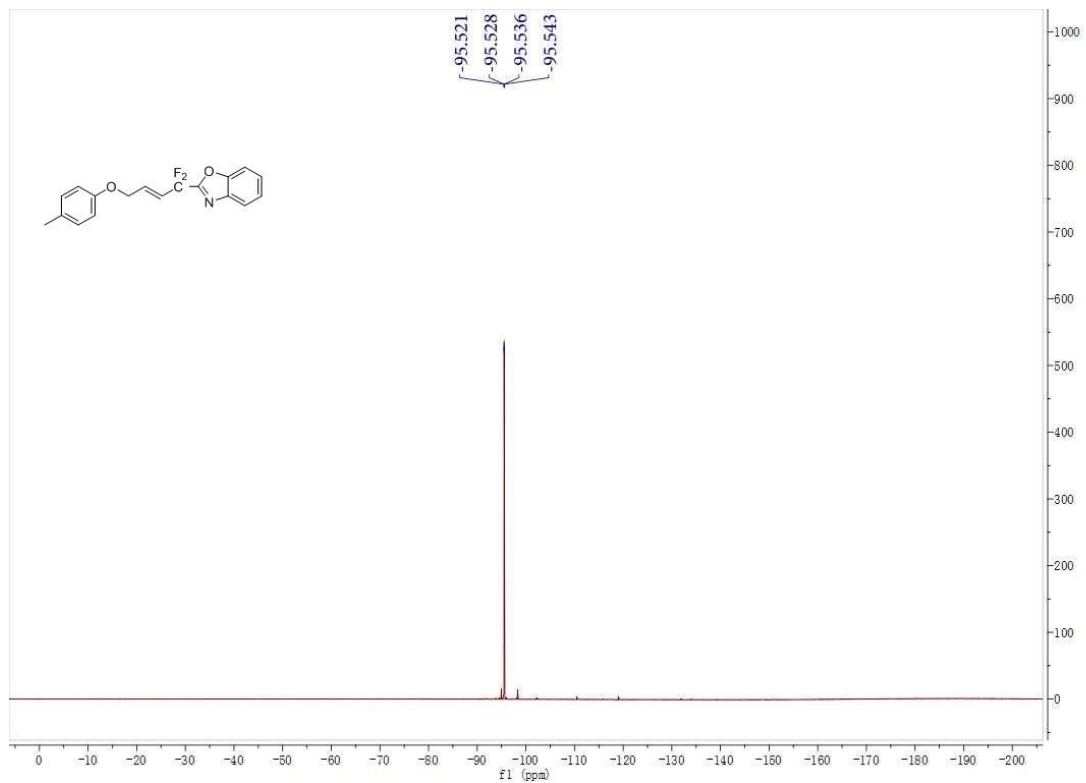
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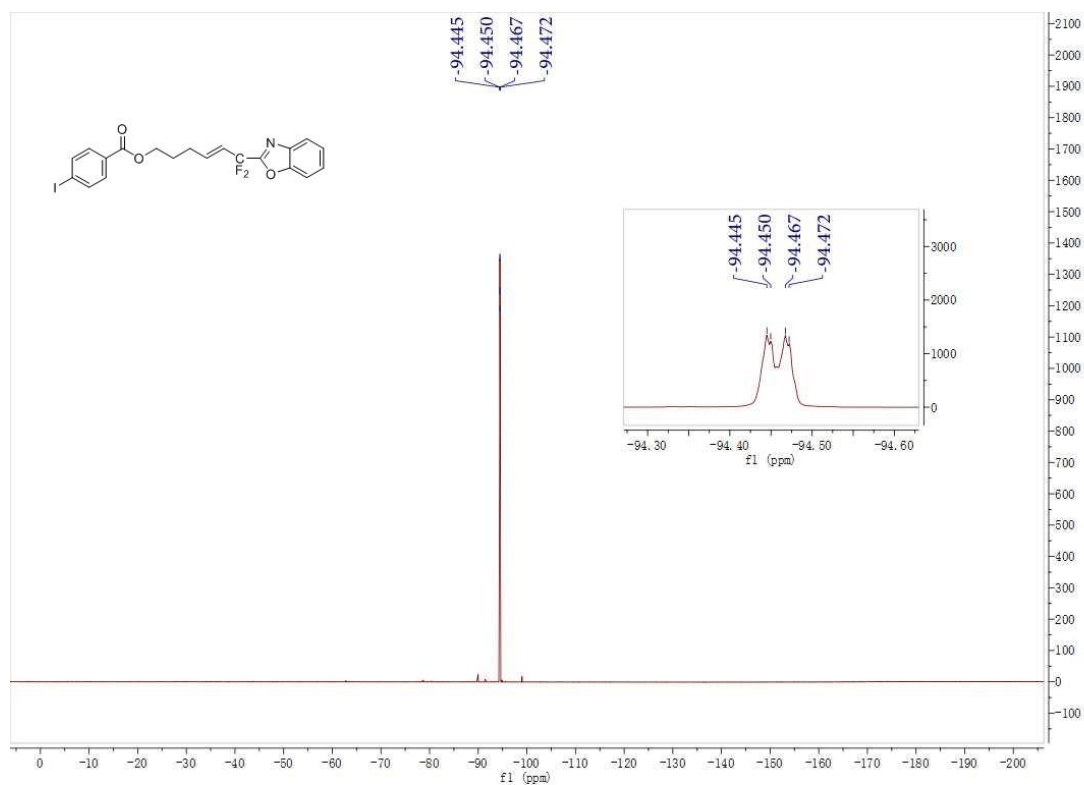
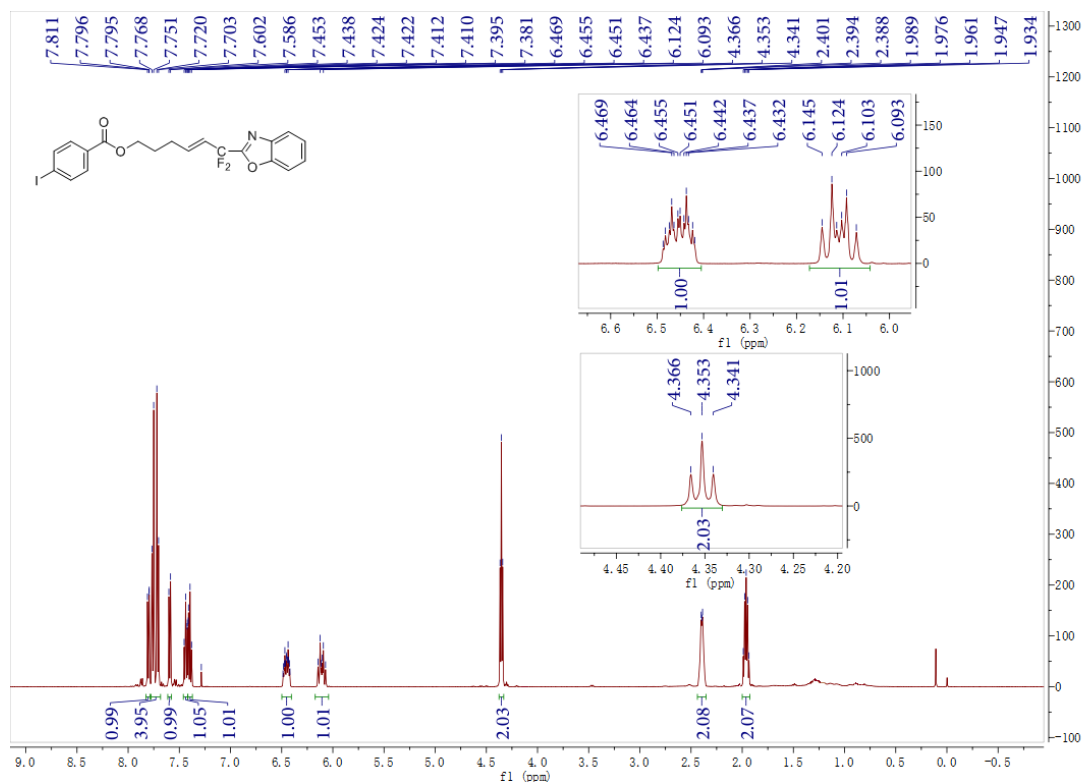


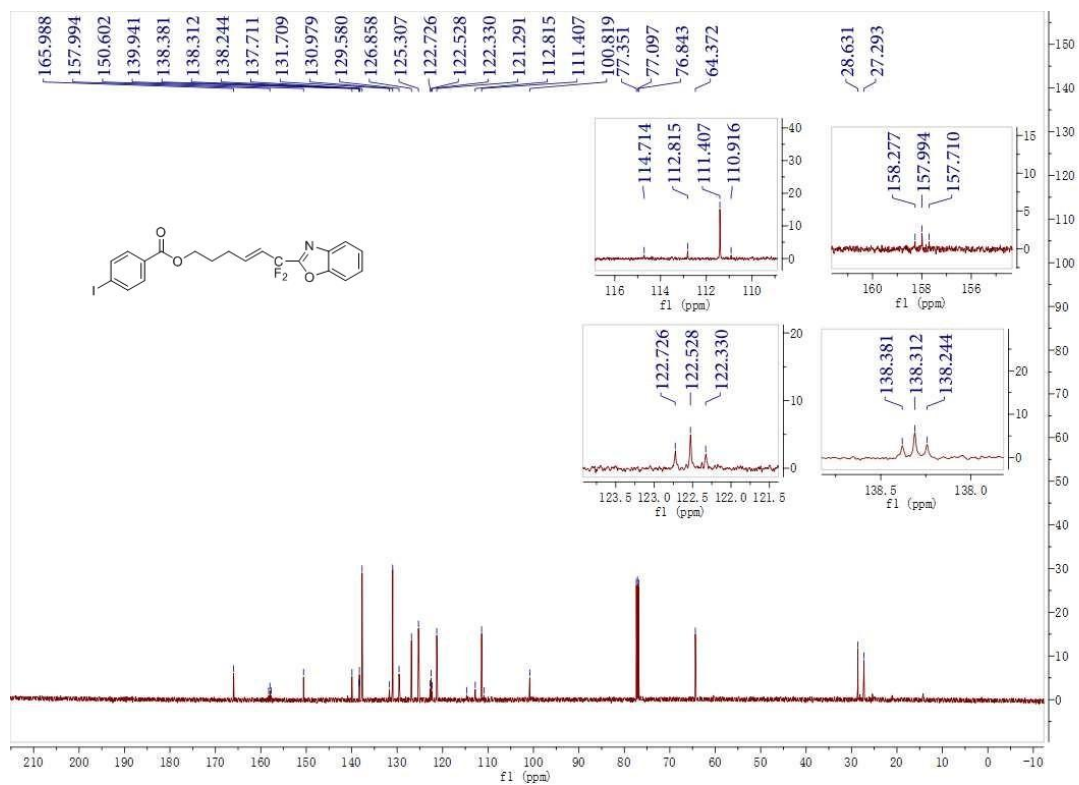
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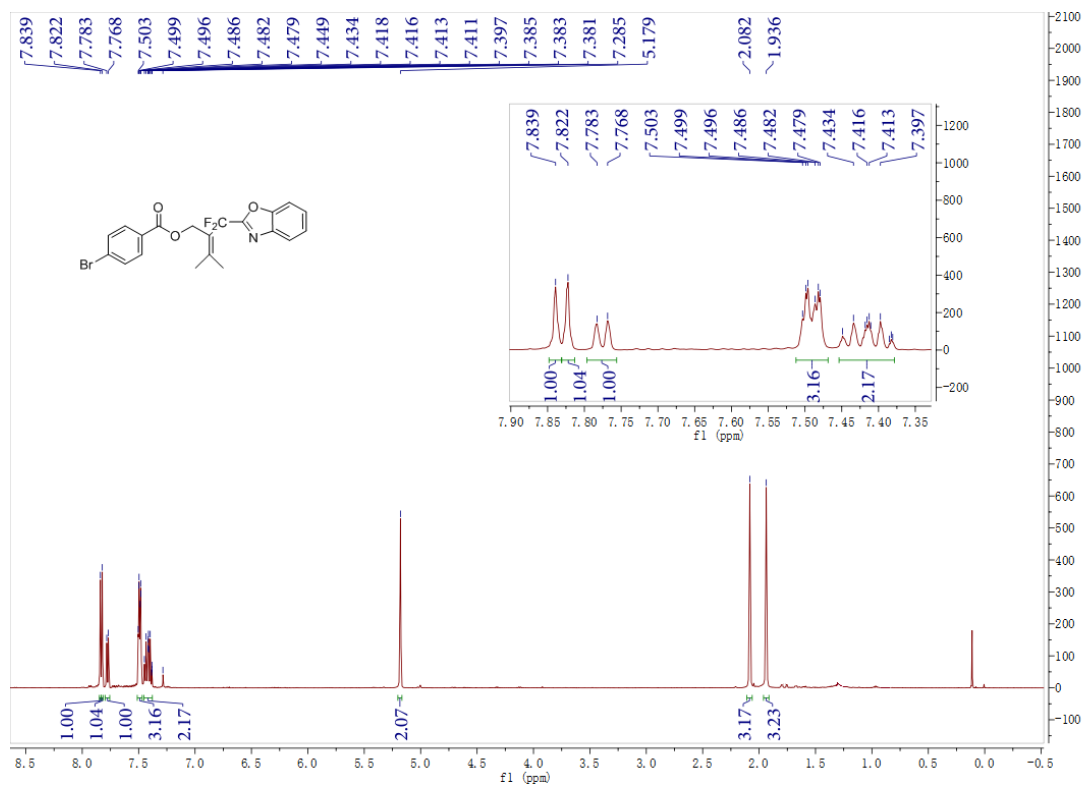


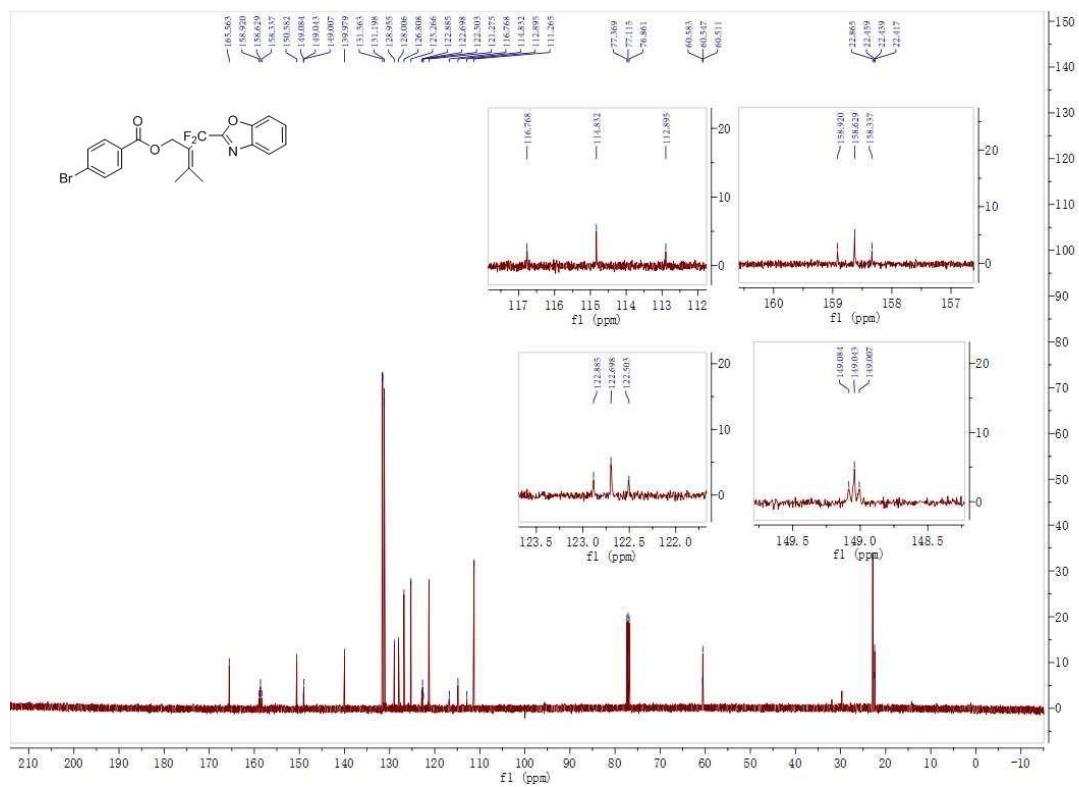
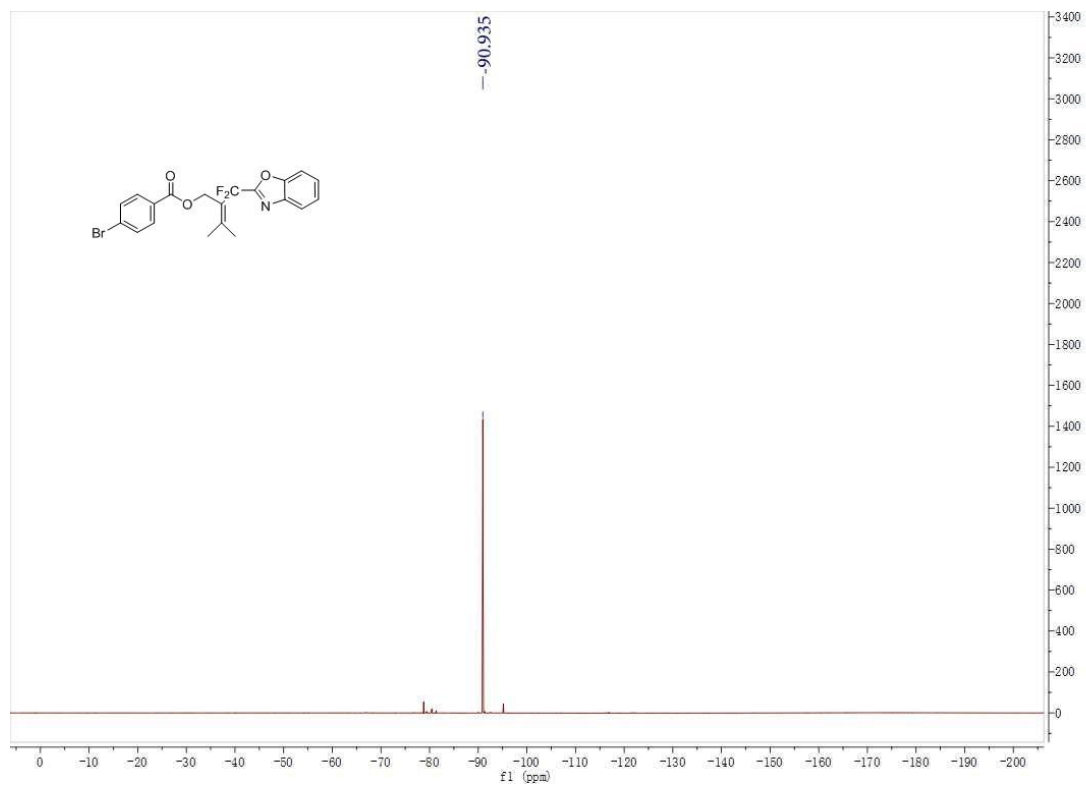
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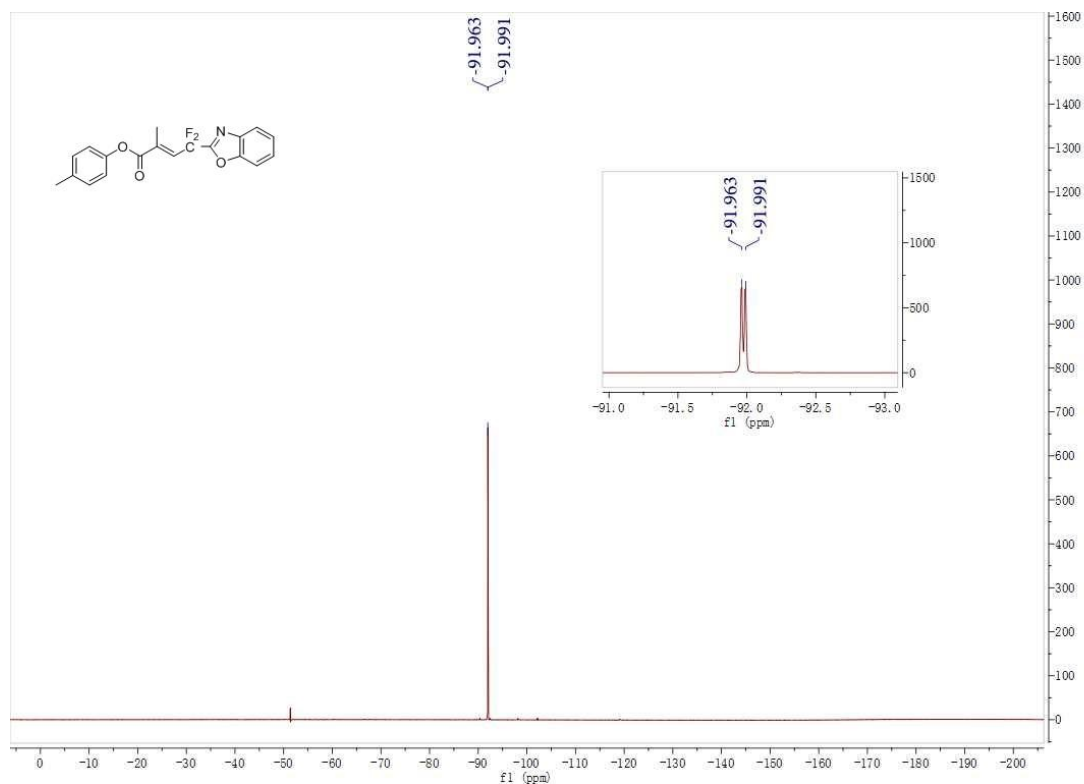
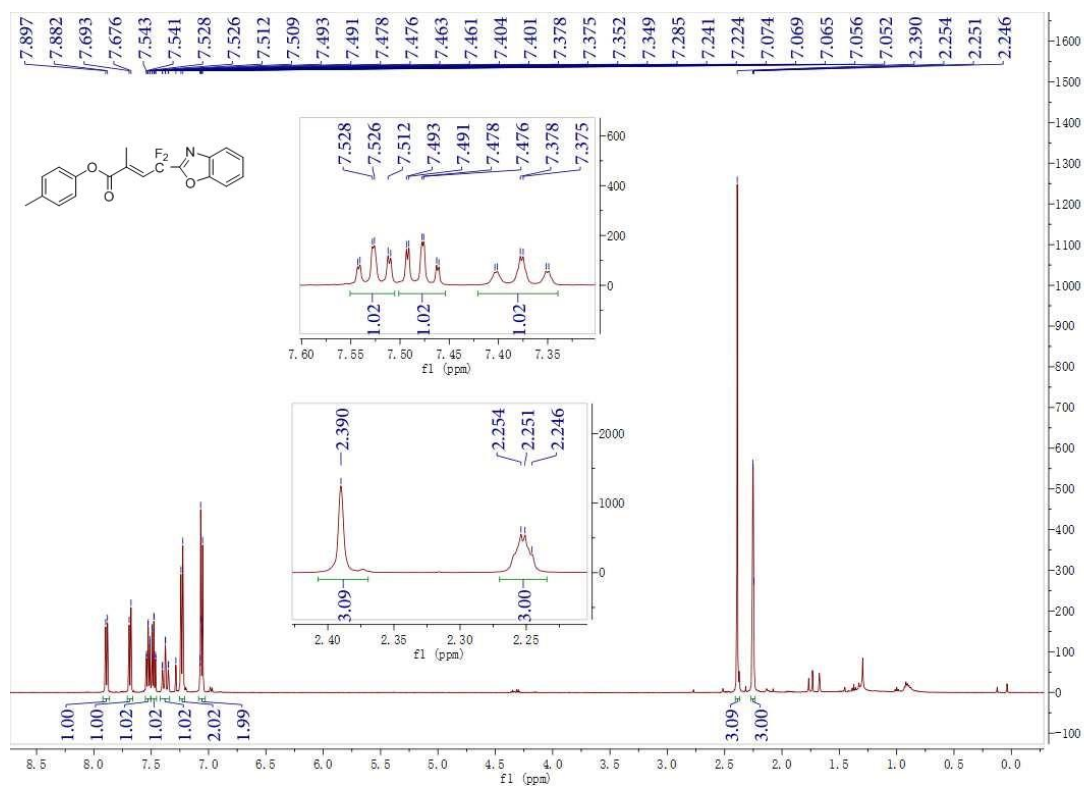


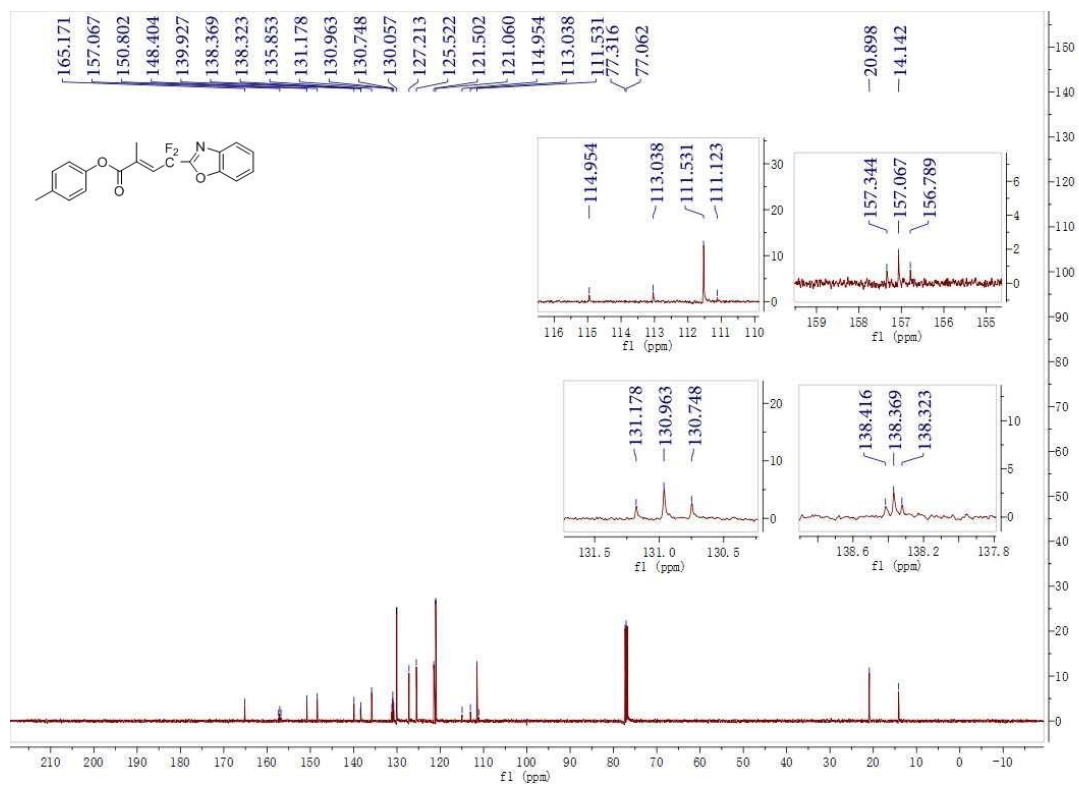
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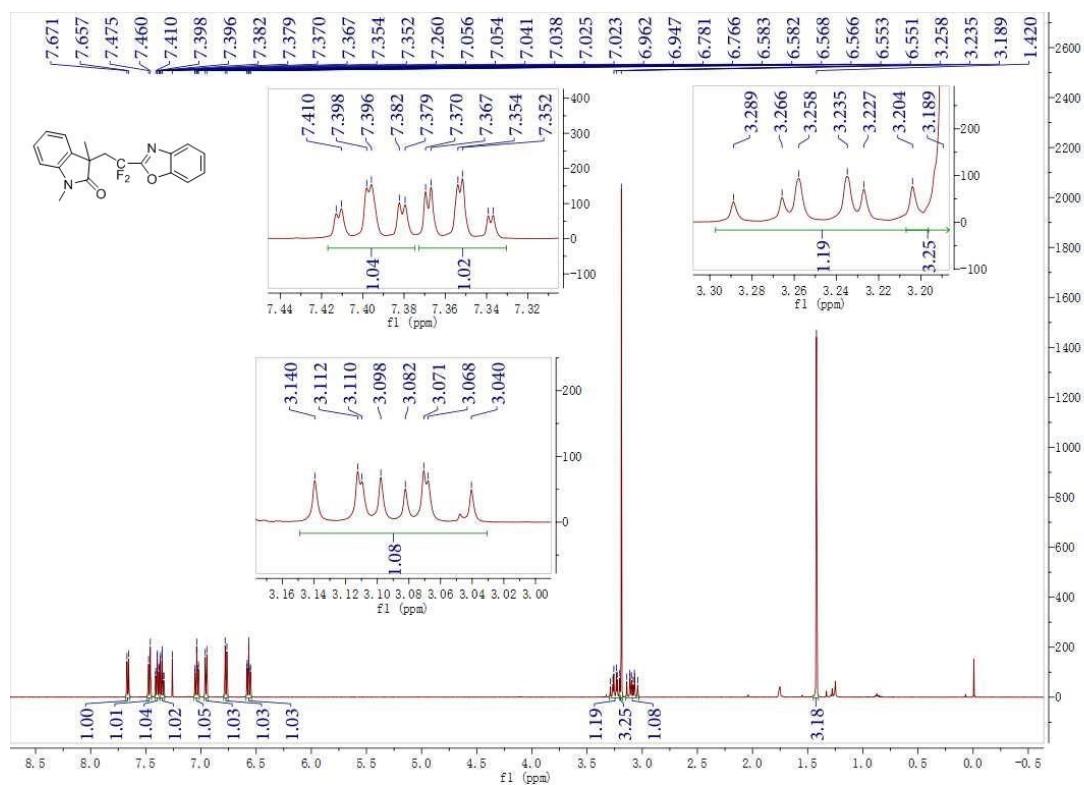


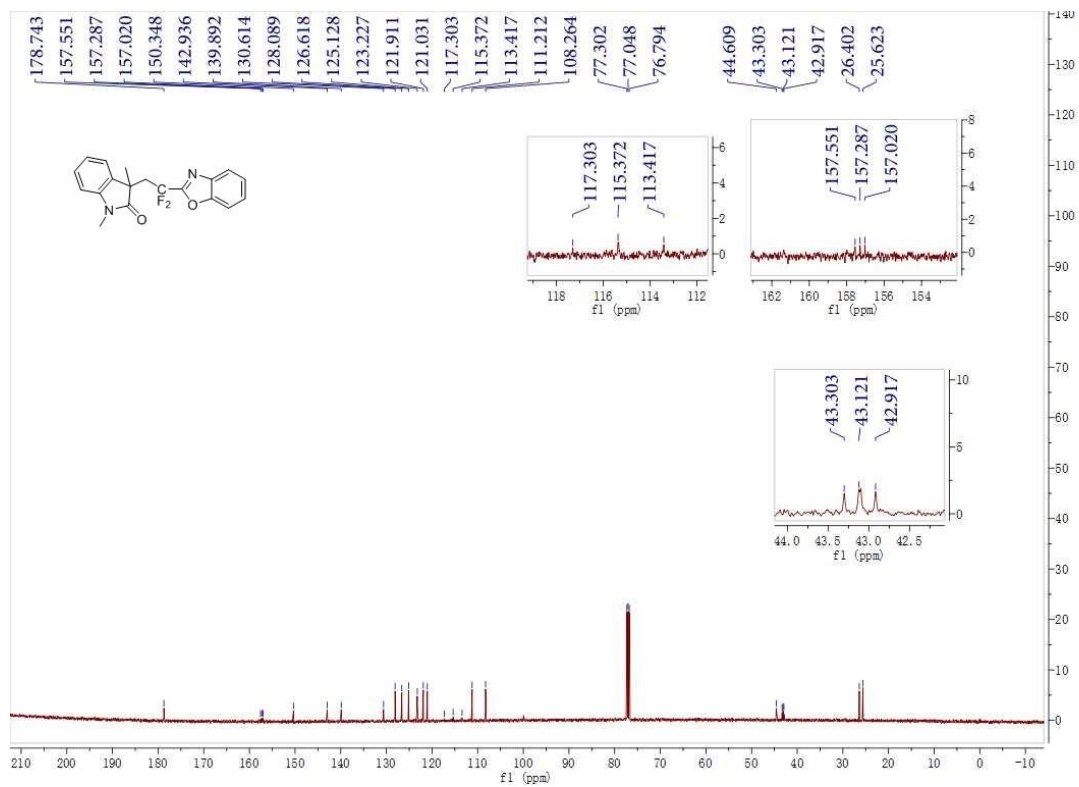
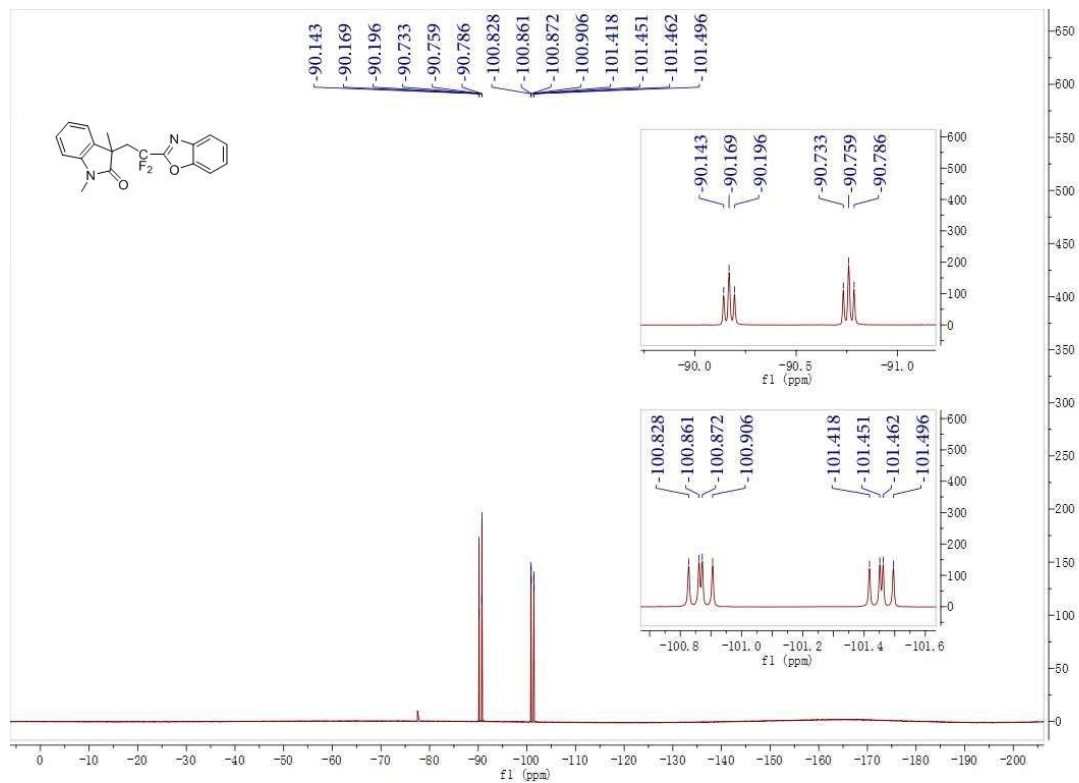
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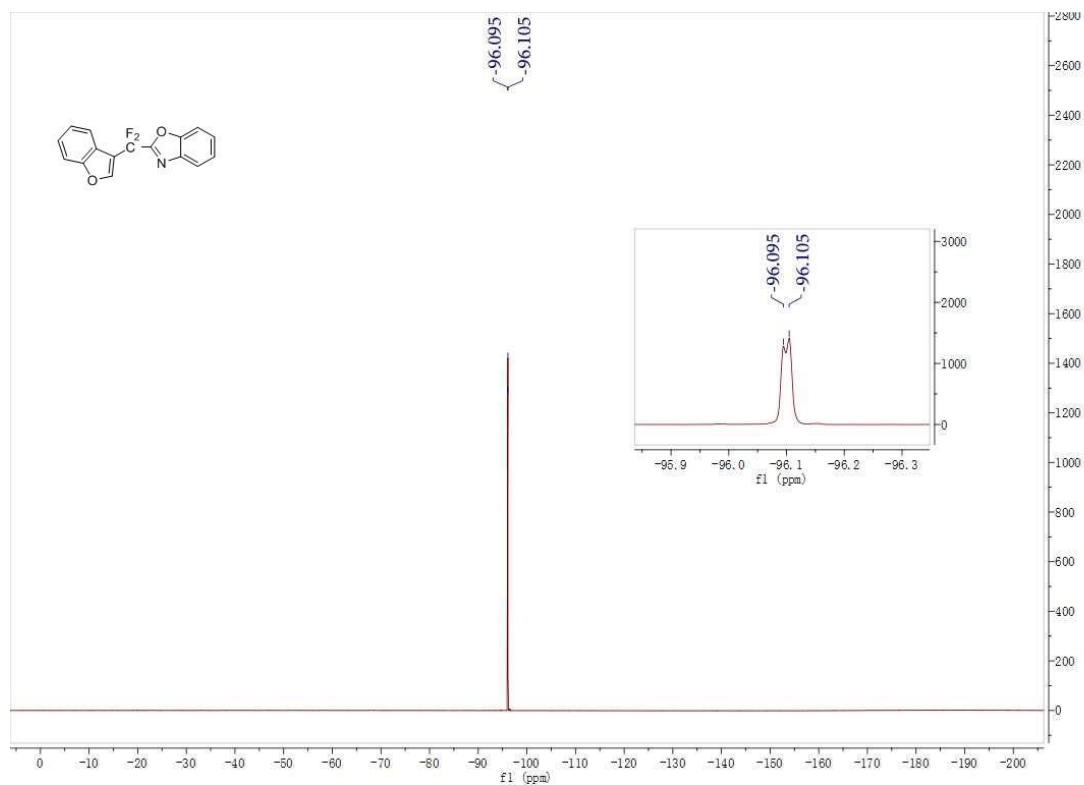
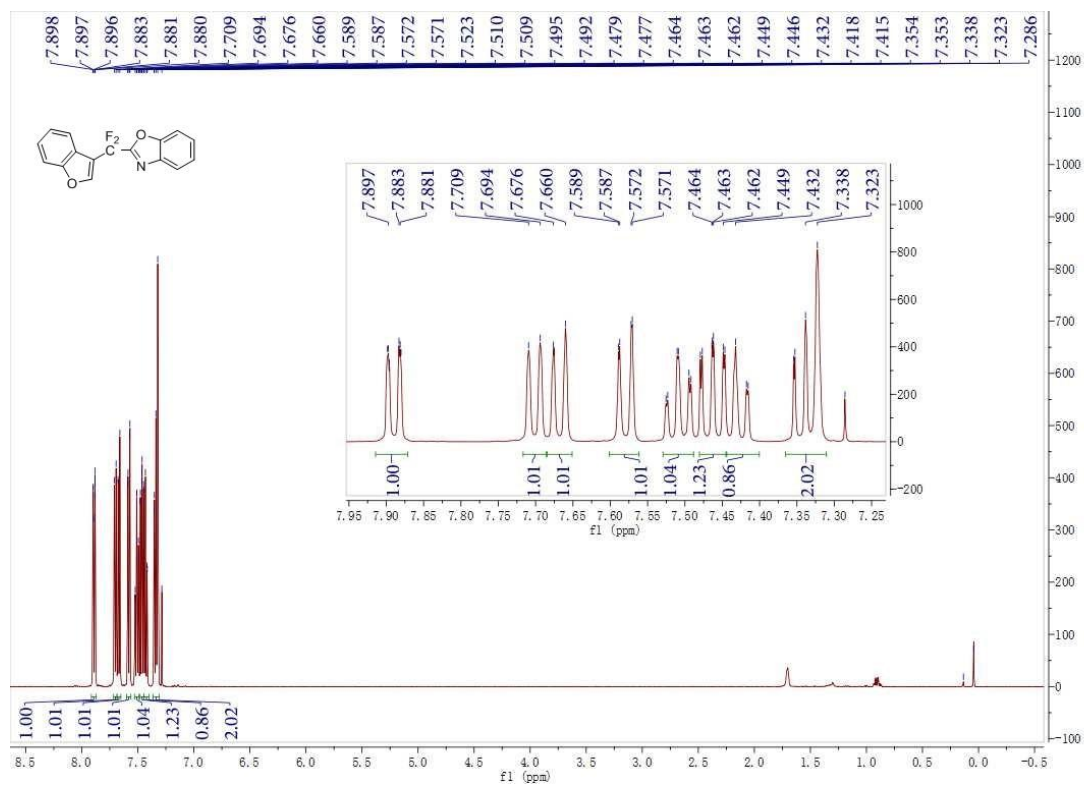


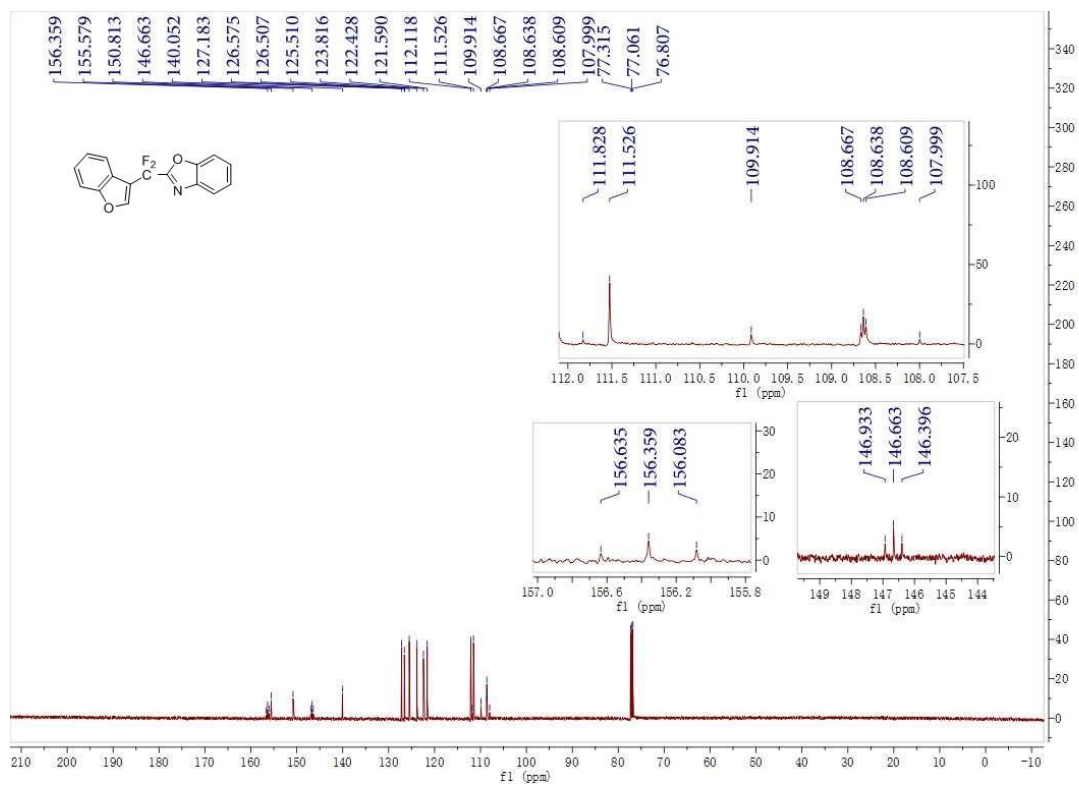
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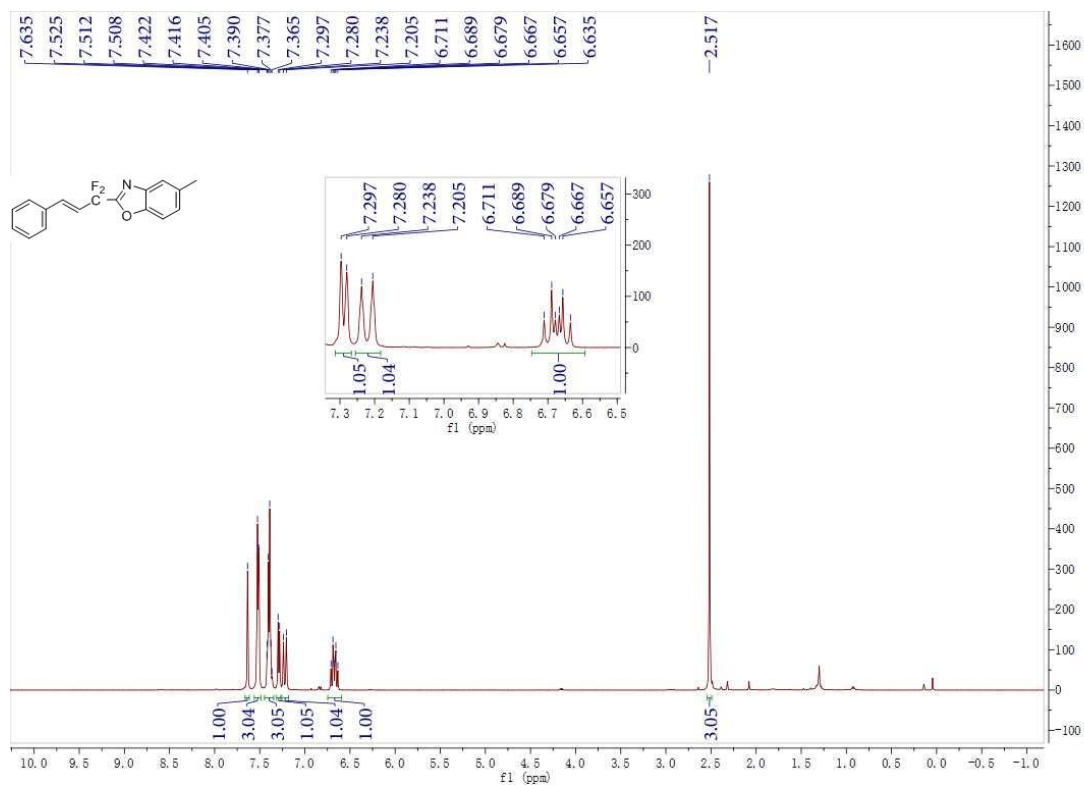


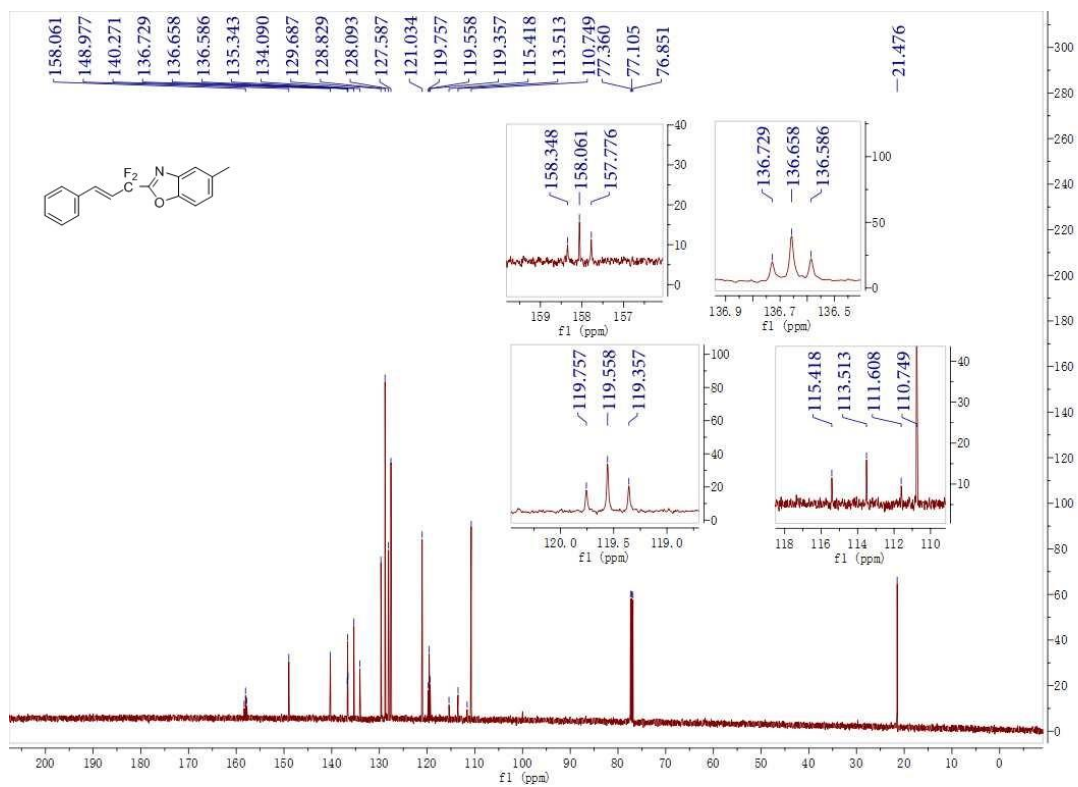
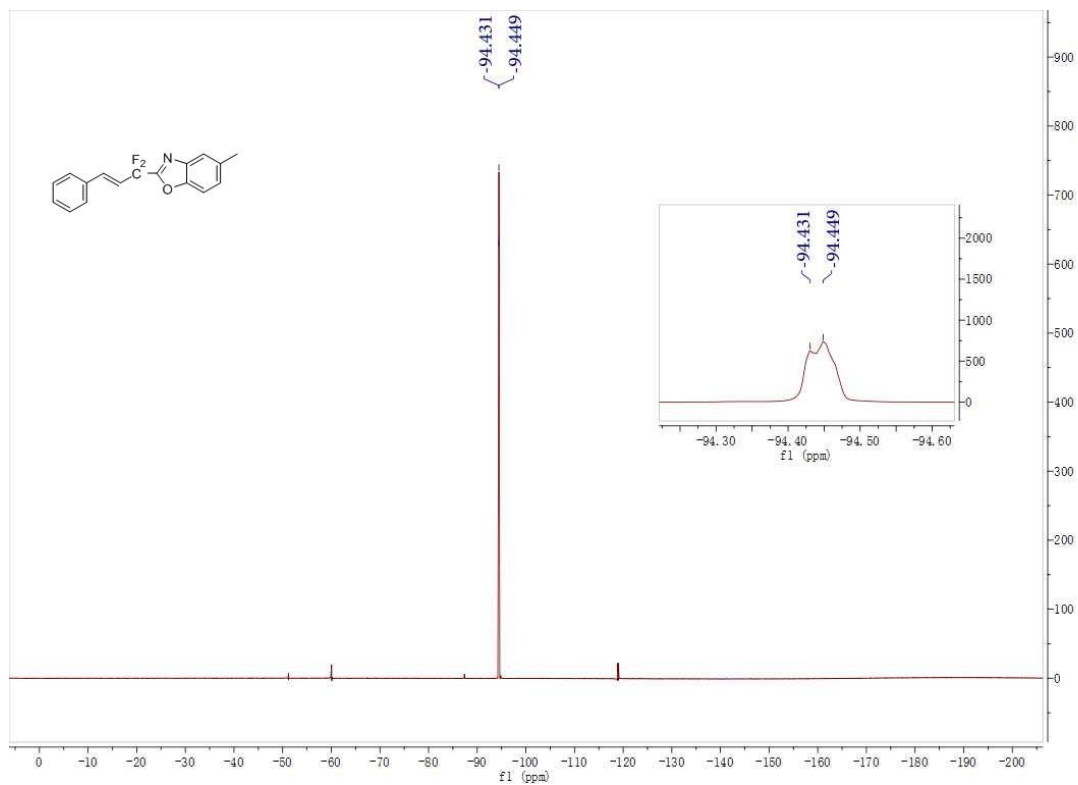
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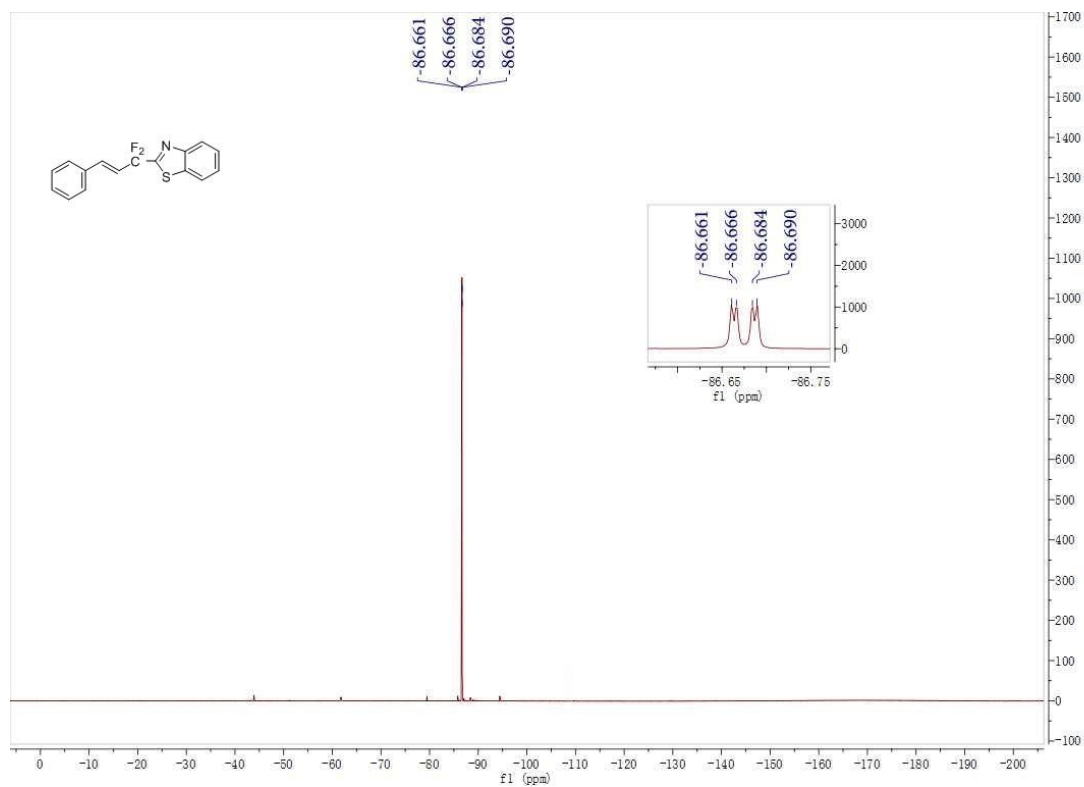
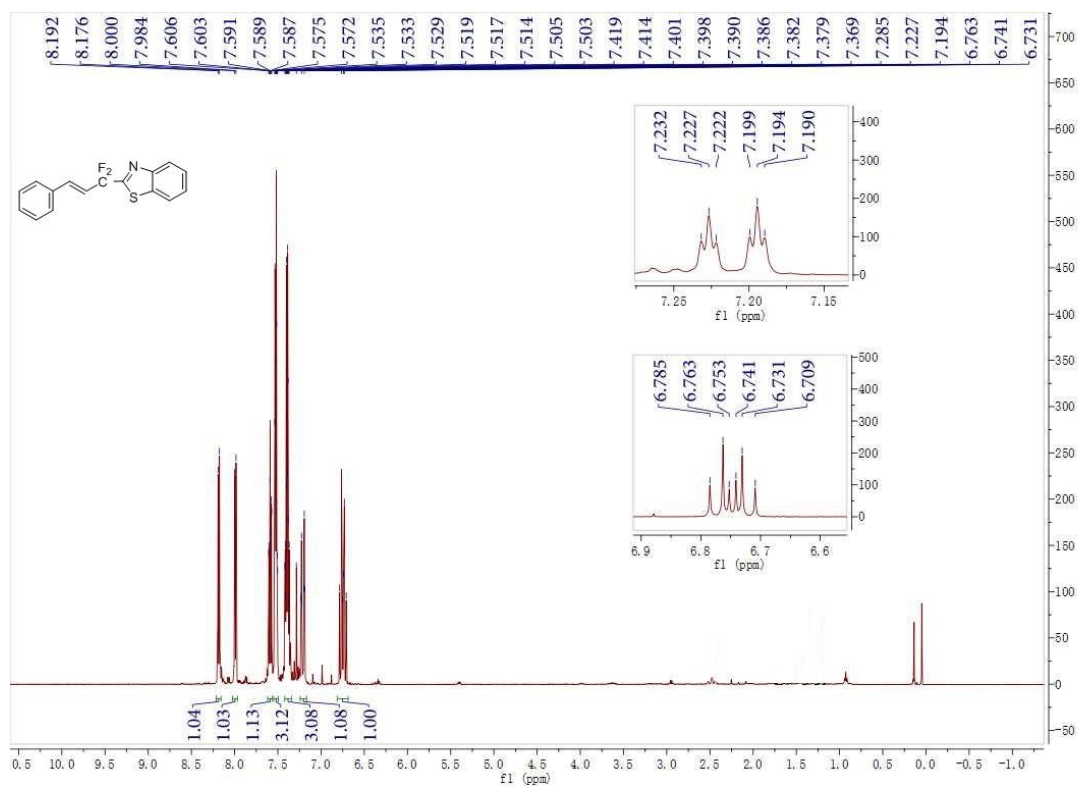


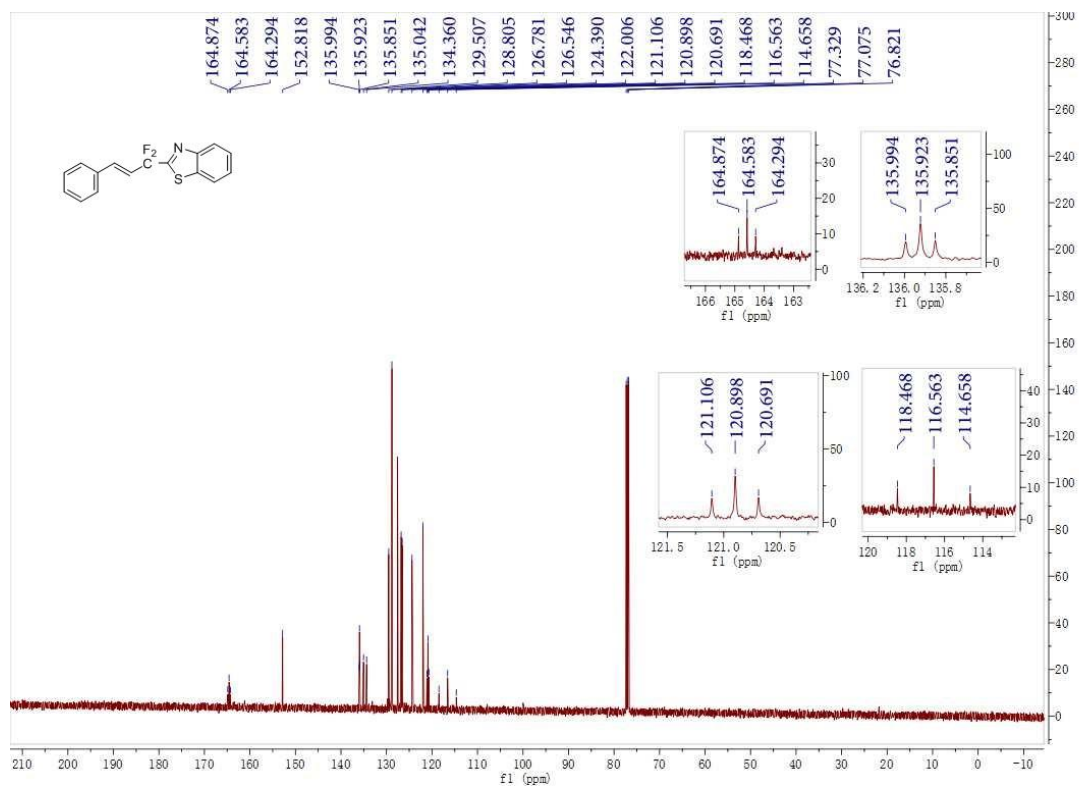
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(E)-2-(1,1-difluoro-3-phenylallyl)benzo[d]thiazole (3x)





(E)-2-(1,1-difluoroundec-2-en-1-yl)-5-methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3y)

