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Photoredox 1,2-Dicarbofunctionalization of Unactivated Alkenes via Tandem Radical Difluoroalkylation and Alkynyl Migration

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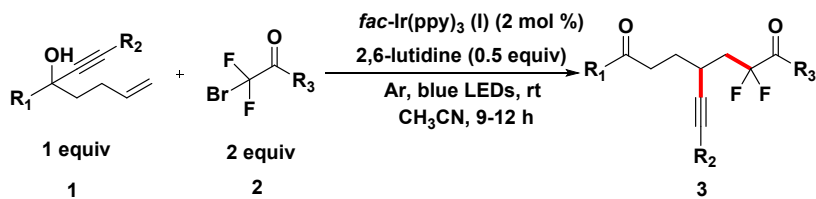
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1. General information

All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere with dry solvents in Schlenk-tube unless otherwise noted. Dry solvents were purchased from J&K®. All other reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. The luminescence quenching experiment was taken using a F-7000 FL Spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica coated glass plates (GF 254) with detection by UV ($\lambda = 254$ and 366 nm). Flash chromatography was performed on silica (200-300 mesh) with the indicated eluent mixtures. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. The configuration of product **3** were determined by NMR spectra (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F NMR). High resolution mass spectra were gained using an Agilent 6210 Series TOF LC-MS equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) probe operating in positive ion mode.

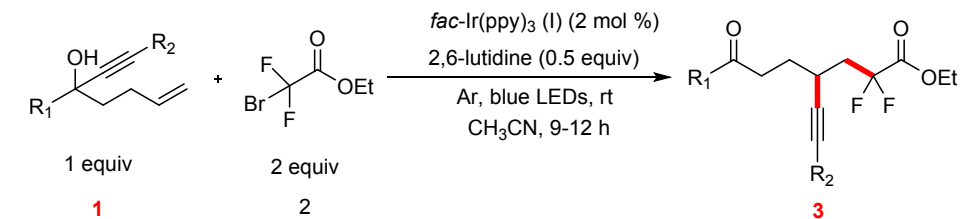
The substrates alkynyl-substituted tertiary alcohols **1** were prepared by the addition of freshly prepared alkynyllithium to the precursor ketones referring to the reported procedures.^[1-2]

2. General procedure for alkynyl migration of corresponding

substrates

In a 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stirring bar, alkyne-substituted tertiary alcohol **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.004 mmol, 2 mol %), bromodifluoro reagents **2** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 2,6-lutidine (0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv) and anhydrous MeCN (2.0 mL) were successively added. The resulting reaction mixture was subjected to evacuation/flushing with argon for three times under -78 °C. Then it was allowed to warm to room temperature and irradiated with 3 W blue LEDs until the starting material was fully consumed (monitored by TLC). Removing the solvent in vacuo, the resulting residues were purified by preparative thin layer chromatography (PTLC; PE/EA) to afford the desired akynyl migration product **3**.

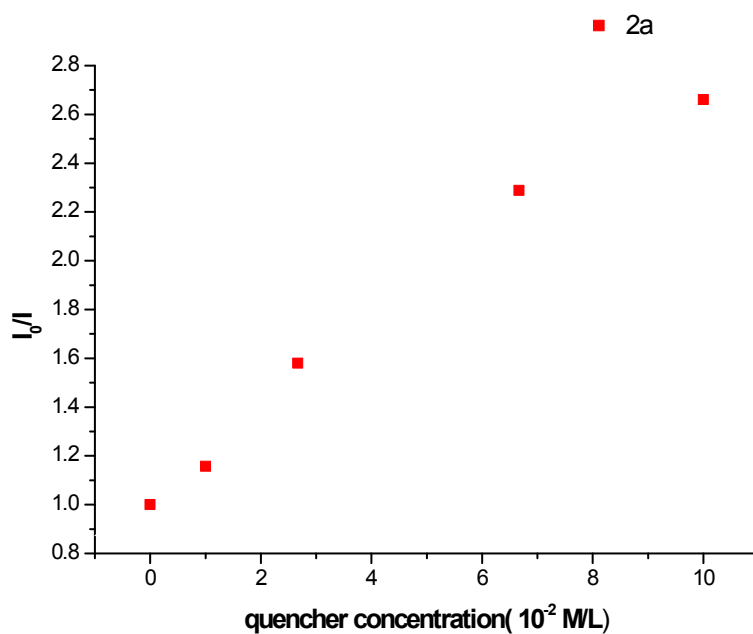
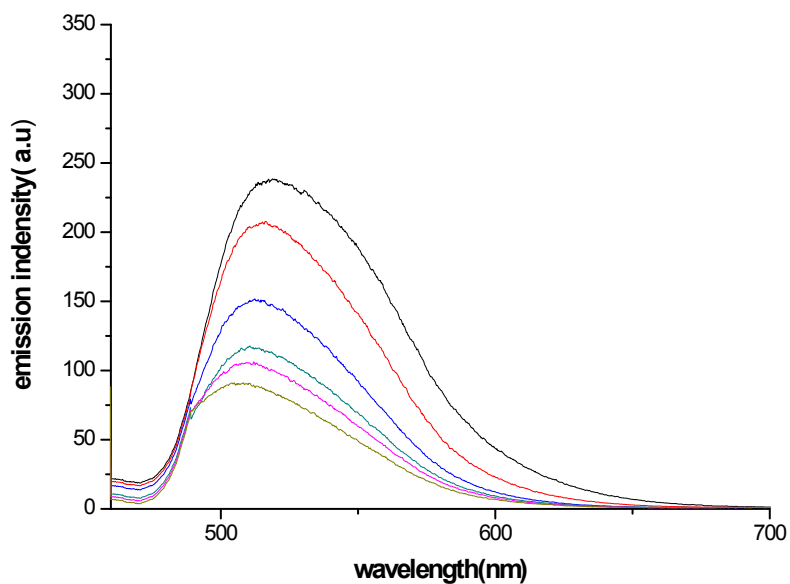
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3. Stern-Volmer plot (Luminescence quenching experiment)

The luminescence quenching experiment was taken using a F-7000 FL Spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan). The experiments were carried out in 3×10^{-5} mol/L of *fac*-Irppy₃ in anhydrous CH₃CN at 25 °C. The excitation wavelength was 375 nm and the emission intensity was collected at 516 nm. The concentrations of quencher (bromodifluoroacetate) in anhydrous CH₃CN were 0 mol/L, 1.00×10^{-2} mol/L, 2.7×10^{-2} mol/L, 6.7×10^{-2} mol/L, 1.00×10^{-1} mol/L.

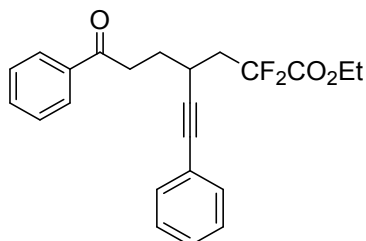


Luminescence quenching of *fac*-Irppy₃ by bromodifluoroacetate

4. Characterization of the products 3

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanoate (**3a**)

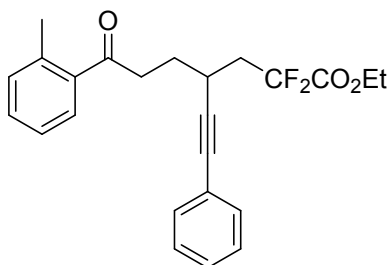
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1a** and **2a** as substrates.)



Yellow oil, yield 69%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.00 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 4.23 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.29 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.05 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.20 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.2, 163.9 (t, J = 32.3 Hz), 136.8, 133.2, 131.6, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 123.0, 115.4 (t, J = 249.2 Hz), 89.5, 83.7, 63.0, 40.0 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 36.0, 29.7, 25.8, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.8 Hz), -106.7 (d, J = 262.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 407.1429, found: 407.1426.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)-7-(*o*-tolyl)heptanoate (**3b**)

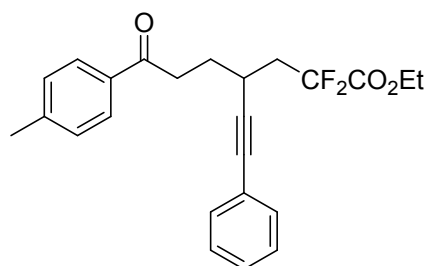
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1b** and **2a** as substrates.)



Yellow oil, yield 59%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.21 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 3.04 (hept, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 2.34 (qd, J = 14.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.06 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 203.3, 163.9 (t, J = 32.5 Hz), 138.1, 137.8, 132.0, 131.6, 131.4, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 125.7, 123.0, 115.4 (t, J = 247.9 Hz), 89.5, 83.7, 63.0, 40.0 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 38.8, 29.7, 25.7, 21.4, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.7 Hz), -106.8 (d, J = 262.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 421.1586, found: 421.1579.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)-7-(*p*-tolyl)heptanoate (**3c**)

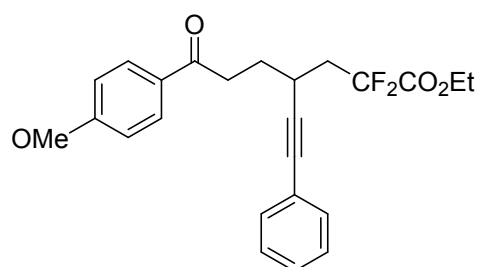
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1c** and **2a** as substrates.)



Yellow oil, yield 59%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.22 (m, 5H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.25 – 3.19 (m, 2H), 3.04 (hept, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 198.9, 163.9 (t, J = 32.3 Hz), 144.0, 134.3, 131.6, 129.3, 128.2 (t, J = 6.5 Hz), 123.0, 115.4 (t, J = 248.0 Hz), 89.6, 83.6, 63.0, 40.0 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 35.9, 29.8, 25.8, 21.7, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.7 Hz), -106.7 (d, J = 262.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 421.1586, found: 421.1583.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanoate (**3d**)

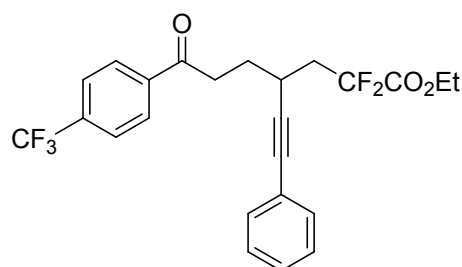
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1d** and **2a** as substrates.)



Faint yellow oil, 57% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 6.97 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.28 – 3.11 (m, 2H), 3.04 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.35 (qd, J = 14.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.08 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 197.8, 163.9 (t, J = 33.0 Hz), 163.5, 131.6, 130.3, 128.3, 128.1, 123.0, 115.4 (t, J = 251.9 Hz), 113.8, 89.6, 83.6, 63.0, 55.5, 40.0 (t, J = 23.4 Hz), 35.6, 29.9, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.6 Hz), -106.8 (d, J = 262.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 437.1535, found: 437.1531.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)-7-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)heptanoate (**3e**)

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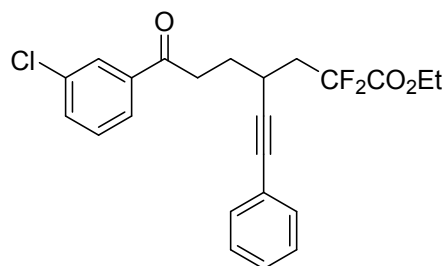


Orange yellow oil, yield 64%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.35 – 3.19 (m,

2H), 3.06 (hept, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.36 (qd, $J = 14.8, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.22 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 163.9 (t, $J = 32.5$ Hz), 139.4, 134.4 (q, $J = 32.6$ Hz), 131.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 125.7, 125.7, 122.8, 115.3 (t, $J = 249.6$ Hz), 89.3, 83.9, 63.0, 40.0 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz), 36.3, 29.4, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -63.1, -101.2 (d, $J = 262.9$ Hz), -106.8 (d, $J = 262.9$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_5\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 475.1303, found: 475.1295.

ethyl 7-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanoate (**3f**)

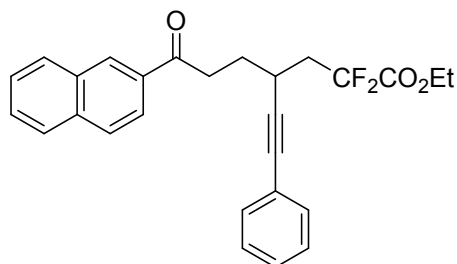
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1f** and **2a** as substrates.)



Faint yellow oil, yield 54%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.85 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 3.04 (hept, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.64 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.35 (qd, $J = 14.6, 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 197.9, 163.9 (t, $J = 32.4$ Hz), 138.3, 135.0, 133.1, 131.6, 130.0, 128.3, 128.2, 126.2, 122.9, 115.3 (t, $J = 249.5$ Hz), 89.3, 83.8, 63.0, 40.0 (t, $J = 23.2$ Hz), 36.1, 29.5, 25.7, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -101.1 (d, $J = 262.9$ Hz), -106.7 (d, $J = 263.0$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 441.1039, found: 441.1043.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-(naphthalen-2-yl)-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanoate (**3g**)

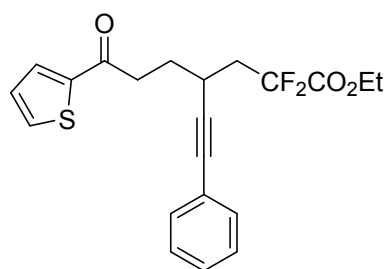
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1g** and **2a** as substrates.)



Yellow oil, yield 56%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.05 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.42 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 3.09 (hept, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.38 (qd, $J = 14.5, 4.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.25 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 199.2, 163.9 (t, $J = 32.1$ Hz), 135.6, 134.1, 132.5, 131.6, 129.8, 129.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 123.8, 115.4 (t, $J = 249.4$ Hz), 89.6, 83.7, 63.0, 40.0 (t, $J = 23.2$ Hz), 36.0, 29.9, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -101.1 (d, $J = 262.7$ Hz), -106.8 (d, $J = 262.8$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 457.1586, found: 457.1580.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)-7-(thiophen-2-yl)heptanoate (**3h**)

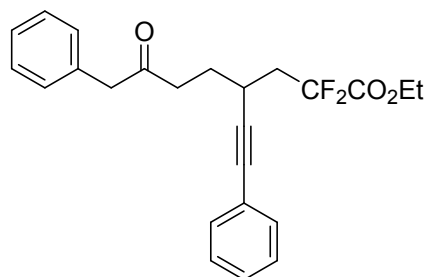
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Yellow oil, yield 45%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.76 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.24 – 3.16 (m, 3H), 3.03 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.34 (qd, J = 14.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.2, 163.9 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 144.1, 133.7, 132.0, 131.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 122.9, 115.3 (t, J = 249.0 Hz), 89.4, 83.8, 63.0, 39.9 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 36.7, 29.8, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.9 Hz), -106.7 (d, J = 262.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 413.0993, found: 413.0997.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-8-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)octanoate (**3i**)

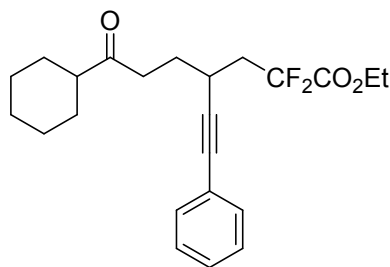
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Yellow oil, 20 % yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.89 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81 – 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.24 (qd, J = 14.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 207.4, 163.9 (t, J = 32.5 Hz), 134.1, 131.6, 129.4, 128.8, 128.2, 128.2, 127.1, 122.9, 115.3 (t, J = 248.0 Hz), 89.3, 83.6, 63.0, 50.3, 39.8 (t, J = 23.3 Hz), 39.2, 29.0, 25.5, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.2 (d, J = 262.8 Hz), -106.8 (d, J = 262.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$] $^+$: 421.1586, found: 421.1592.

ethyl 7-cyclohexyl-2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanoate (**3j**)

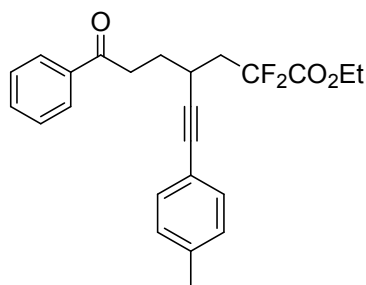
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Faint yellow oil, 65% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.72 (m, 5H), 1.68 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 213.1, 163.9 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 131.6, 128.3, 128.1, 123.1, 115.3 (t, J = 249.4 Hz), 89.5, 83.5, 63.0, 51.0, 39.9 (t, J = 23.3 Hz), 37.8, 29.1, 28.6, 28.5, 25.8, 25.7, 25.6, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.8 Hz), -106.9 (d, J = 262.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 413.1899, found: 413.1897.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-7-phenyl-4-(p-tolyethynyl)heptanoate (**3k**)

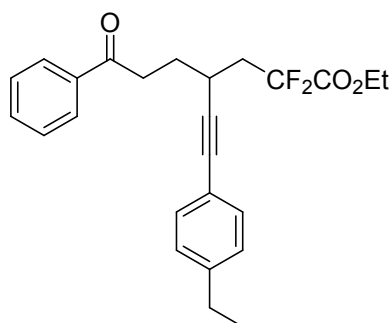
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1k** and **2a** as substrates.)



Colorless oil, yield 57%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.29 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.03 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.3, 163.9 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 138.2, 136.8, 133.1, 131.5, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 119.9, 115.4 (t, J = 246.1 Hz), 88.7, 83.8, 63.0, 40.0 (t, J = 23.0 Hz), 36.0, 29.7, 25.8, 21.4, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.0 (d, J = 262.6 Hz), -106.8 (d, J = 262.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 421.1586, found: 421.1581.

ethyl 4-((4-ethylphenyl)ethynyl)-2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (**3l**)

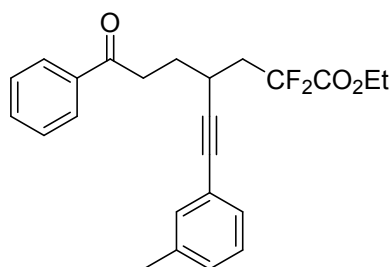
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Yellow oil, yield 67%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.32 – 3.17 (m, 2H), 3.03 (hept, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.59 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.34 (qd, J = 14.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.3, 163.9 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 144.5, 136.8, 133.1, 131.6, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 120.1, 115.4 (t, J = 244.0 Hz), 88.7, 83.8, 63.0, 40.1 (t, J = 23.3 Hz), 36.0, 29.7, 28.8, 25.9, 15.4, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.0 (d, J = 262.5 Hz), -106.8 (d, J = 262.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 435.1742, found: 435.1737.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-7-phenyl-4-(*m*-tolylethynyl)heptanoate (**3m**)

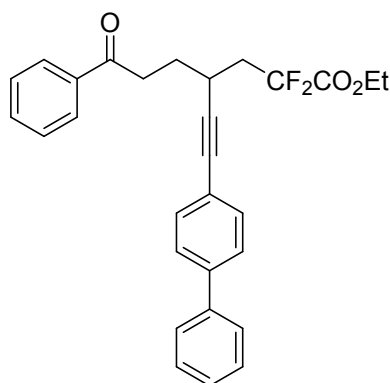
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Orange yellow oil, 57% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.33 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 3.04 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.41 – 2.28 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.3, 163.9 (t, J = 32.4 Hz), 137.9, 136.8, 133.2, 132.2, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 122.8, 115.4 (t, J = 249.9 Hz), 89.1, 83.8, 63.0, 40.0 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 36.0, 29.7, 25.8, 21.2, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.5 Hz), -106.7 (d, J = 262.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 421.1586, found: 421.1585.

ethyl 4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylethynyl)-2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-7-phenylheptanoate (**3n**)

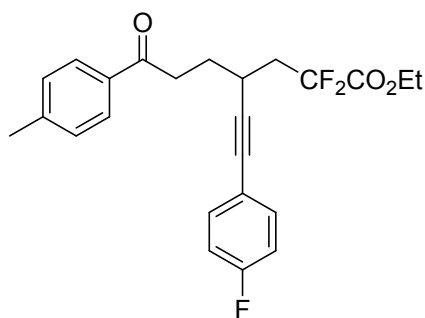
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Yellow oil, yield 53%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 5H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 6H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.30 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.07 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.37 (qd, J = 14.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.21 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.05 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.2, 163.9 (t, J = 32.5 Hz), 140.9, 140.3, 136.8, 133.2, 132.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0, 126.9, 121.9, 115.4 (t, J = 249.9 Hz), 90.2, 83.6, 63.1, 40.0 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 36.0, 29.7, 25.9, 13.9. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.4 Hz), -106.7 (d, J = 262.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 483.1742, found: 483.1750.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-((4-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-7-oxo-7-(*p*-tolyl)heptanoate (**3o**)

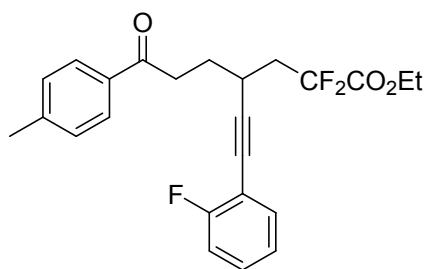
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Yellow oil, 56% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.02 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.26 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 3.03 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.27 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 198.8, 163.9 (t, J = 32.3 Hz), 162.9 (d, J = 247.5 Hz), 144.0, 134.3, 133.4 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 129.3, 128.2, 119.1 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 115.5 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 115.3 (t, J = 243.6 Hz), 89.3, 82.5, 63.0, 39.9 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 35.8, 29.7, 25.8, 21.6, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.3 (d, J = 262.9 Hz), -106.6 (d, J = 262.9 Hz), -111.2 (s). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 439.1492, found: 439.1485.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-((2-fluorophenyl)ethynyl)-7-oxo-7-(p-tolyl)heptanoate (**3p**)

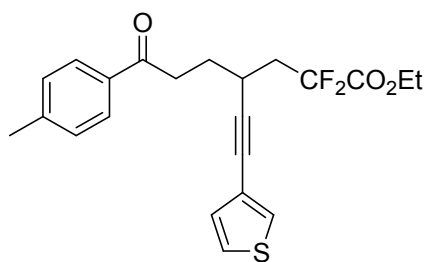
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Yellow oil, 48% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.34 – 3.18 (m, 2H), 3.09 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.30 (m, 4H), 2.23 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.0, 164.0 (t, J = 16.2 Hz), 163.5, 161.5, 143.9, 134.3, 133.5, 129.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 129.3, 128.2, 123.9 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 115.3 (t, J = 247.3 Hz), 111.5 (d, J = 15.7 Hz), 95.1, 63.0, 39.8 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 35.8, 29.7, 26.0, 21.6, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.7 (d, J = 262.8 Hz), -106.3 (d, J = 262.7 Hz), -110.5 (s). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 439.1492, found: 439.1482.

ethyl 2,2-difluoro-7-oxo-4-(thiophen-3-ylethynyl)-7-(p-tolyl)heptanoate (**3q**)

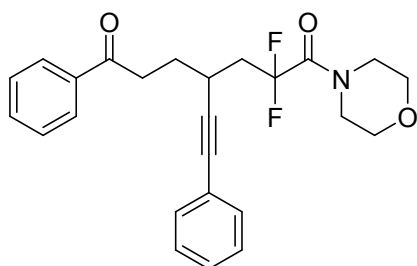
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Yellow oil, 33% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 3.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.04 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.28 – 3.12 (m, 2H), 3.01 (hept, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.27 (m, 4H), 2.17 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 198.9, 163.9 (t, J = 32.3 Hz), 144.0, 134.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.4, 128.2, 122.0, 115.4 (t, J = 251.8 Hz), 89.1, 78.7, 63.0, 39.9 (t, J = 23.3 Hz), 35.8, 29.7, 25.8, 21.7, 13.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.1 (d, J = 262.7 Hz), -106.9 (d, J = 262.7 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{SNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 427.1150, found: 427.1157.

2,2-difluoro-1-morpholino-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptane-1,7-dione (3s)

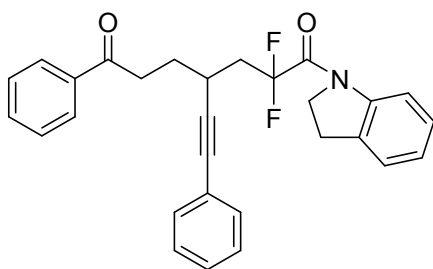
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1a** and **2b** as substrates.)



Colorless oil, yield 36%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 3.79 – 3.61 (m, 8H), 3.35 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.22 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.24 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.94 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.5, 161.8 (t, J = 28.9 Hz), 136.9, 133.1, 131.6, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 123.3, 118.8 (t, J = 255.8 Hz), 90.9, 82.8, 66.7 (d, J = 9.0 Hz), 46.6, 43.4, 39.9 (t, J = 22.0 Hz), 36.1, 29.8, 25.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -97.6 (d, J = 282.3 Hz), -98.9 (d, J = 282.1 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{H}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$: 426.1875, found: 426.1872.

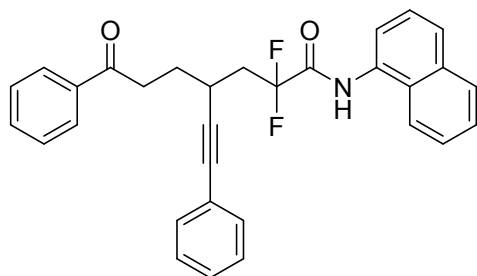
2,2-difluoro-1-(indolin-1-yl)-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptane-1,7-dione (3t)

(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1a** and **2c** as substrates.)



Brown oil, yield 36%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 7.13 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 3.33 – 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.23 – 3.14 (m, 3H), 2.80 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.28 – 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10 – 1.95 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.5, 161.2 (t, J = 30.0 Hz), 142.7, 136.9, 133.1, 131.7, 131.6, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 125.1, 124.7, 123.2, 118.5 (t, J = 255.9 Hz), 118.0, 90.6, 83.0, 48.0, 39.6 (t, J = 22.5 Hz), 36.1, 29.8, 28.7, 25.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -101.3 (s). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 480.1746, found: 480.1738.

2,2-difluoro-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanamide (**3u**)
(prepared according to the general procedure described above by using **1a** and **2d** as substrates.)



Khaki oil, 34% yield. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.01 – 7.92 (m, 3H), 7.89 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 3.30 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.15 (hept, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.95 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 199.3, 162.3 (t, J = 28.1 Hz), 136.8, 134.0, 133.2, 131.6, 130.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 126.7, 126.7, 126.2, 125.5, 122.8, 120.8, 120.1, 117.9 (t, J = 255.7 Hz), 89.5, 84.0, 39.1 (t, J = 22.8 Hz), 35.9, 29.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -100.7 (d, J = 257.4 Hz), -104.1 (d, J = 257.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 504.1746, found: 504.1741.

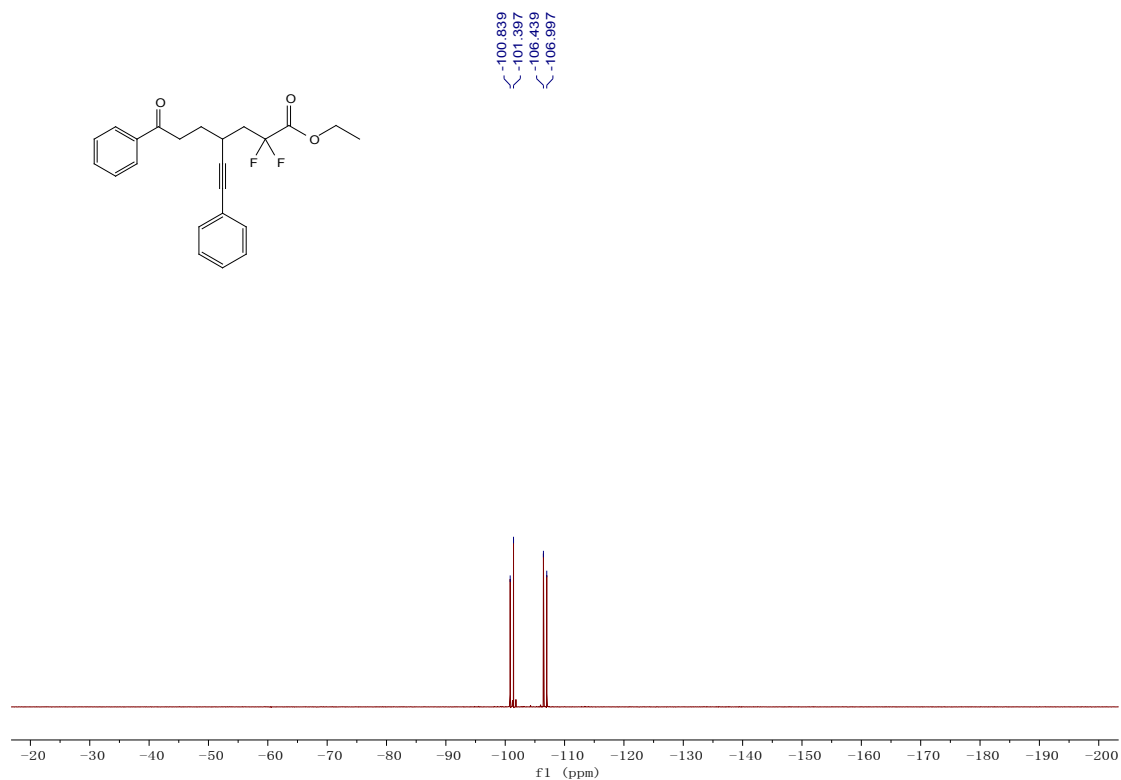
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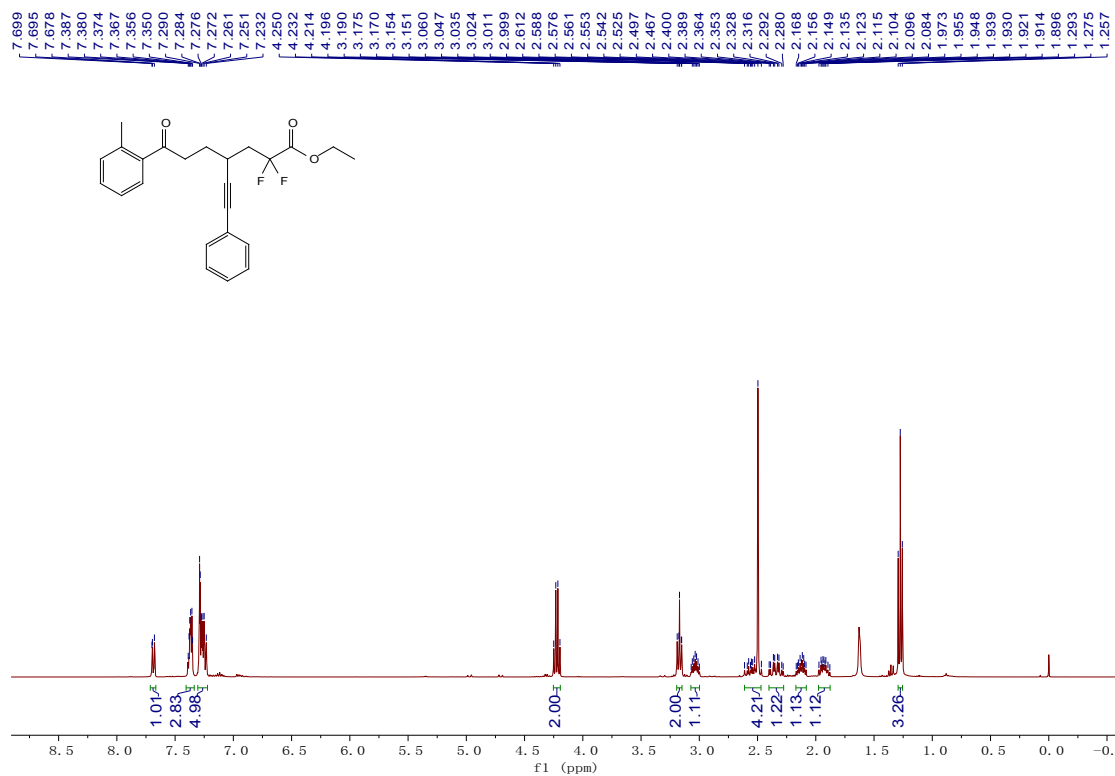
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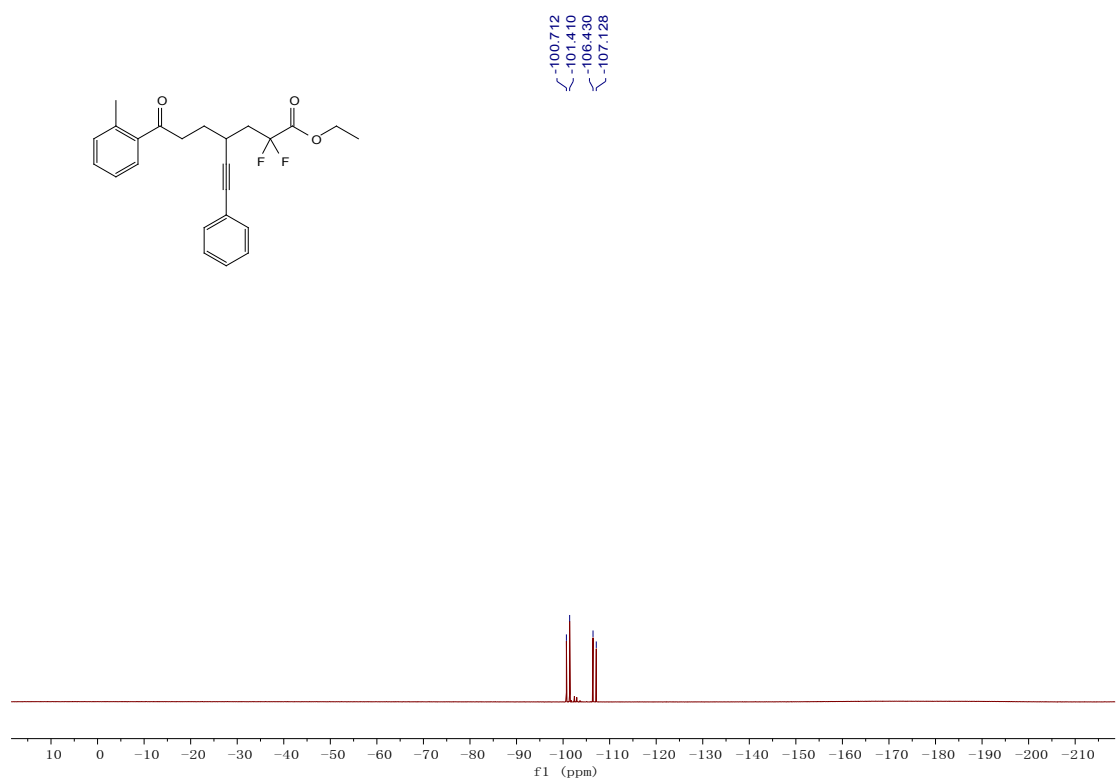
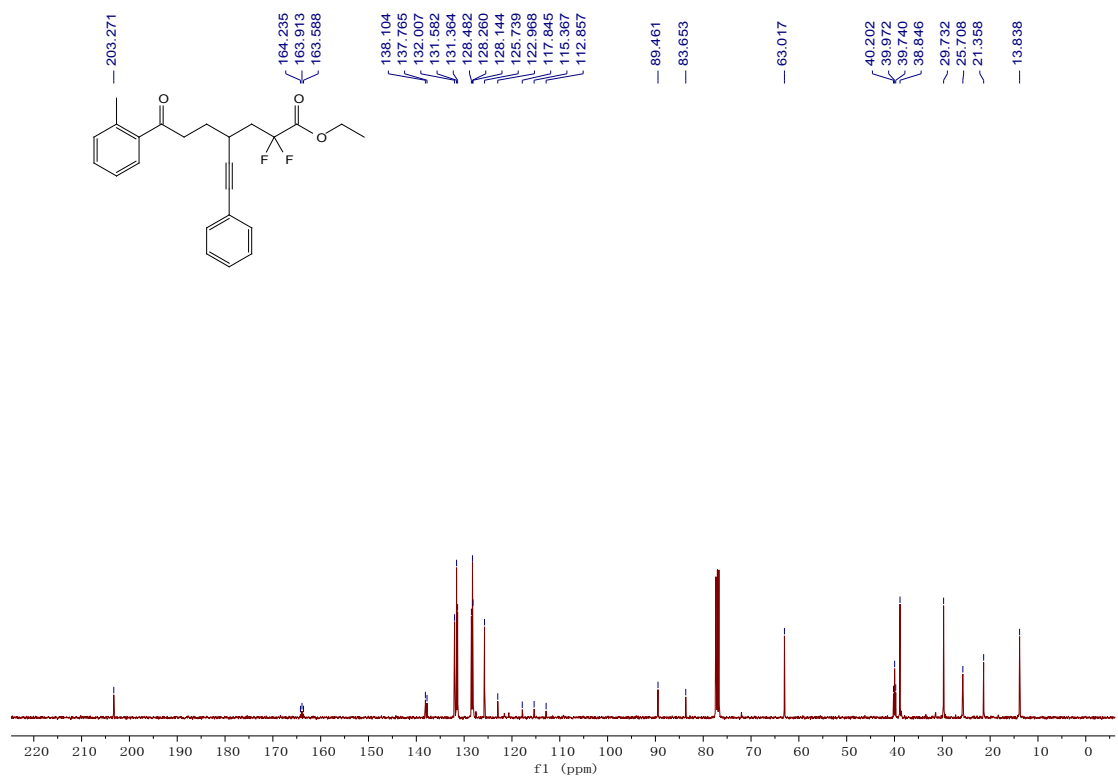
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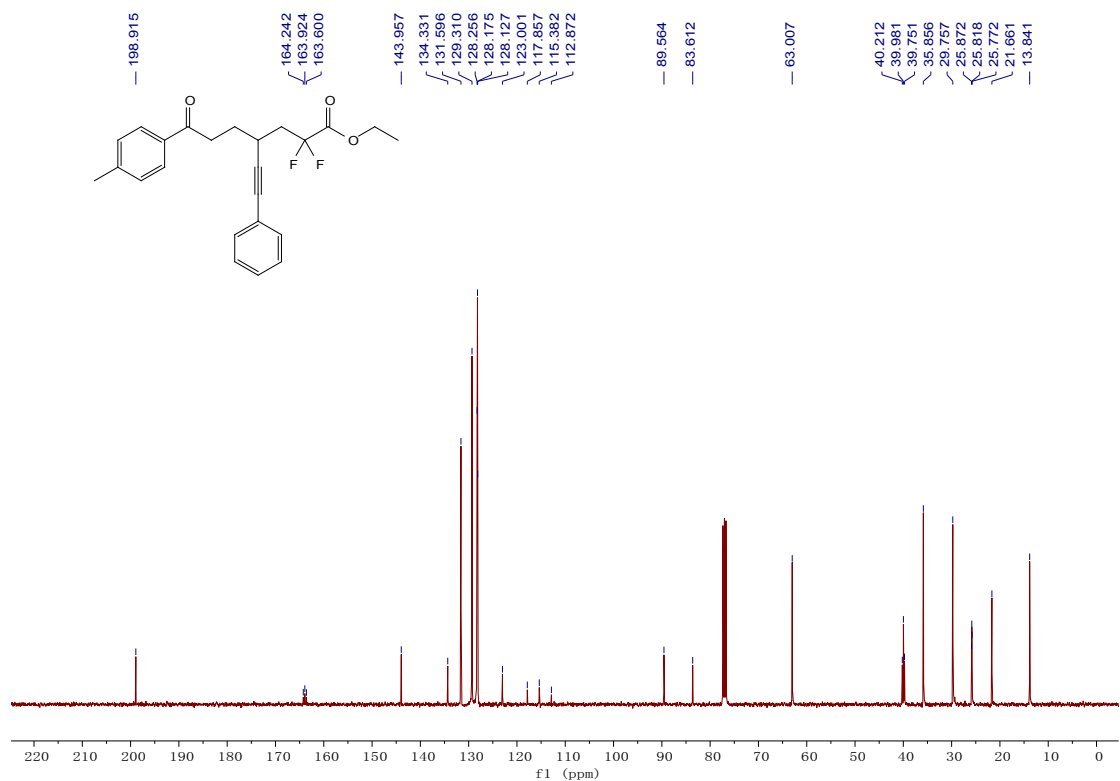
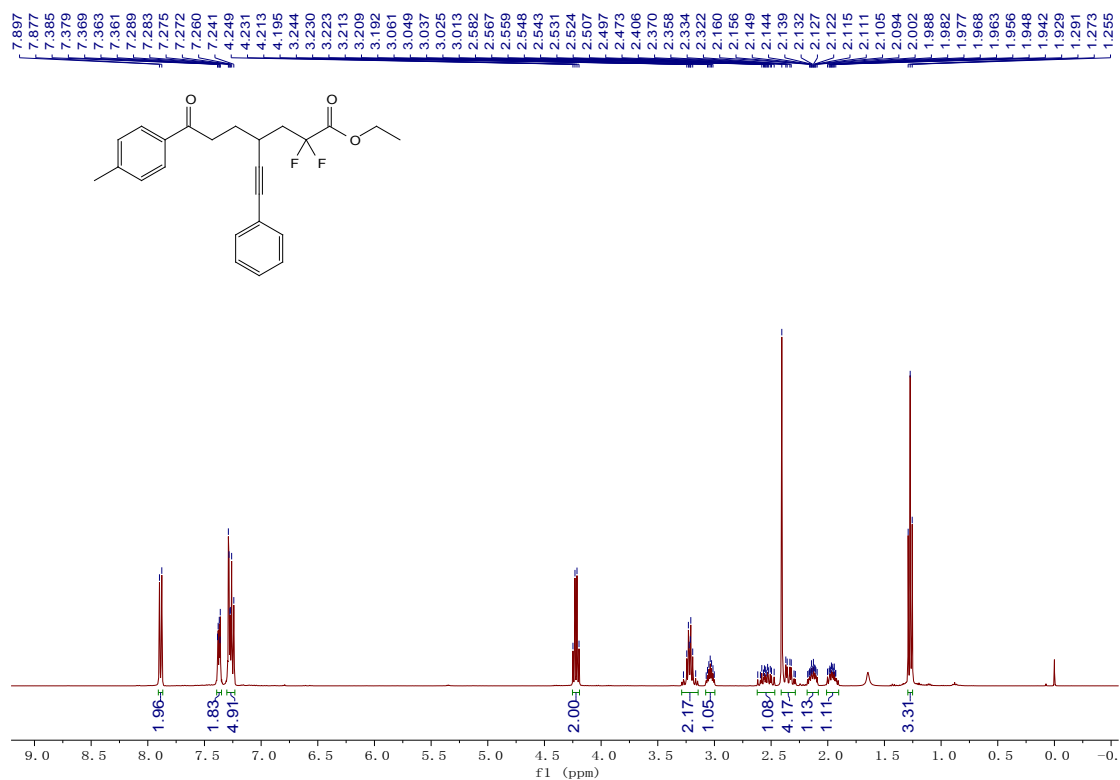


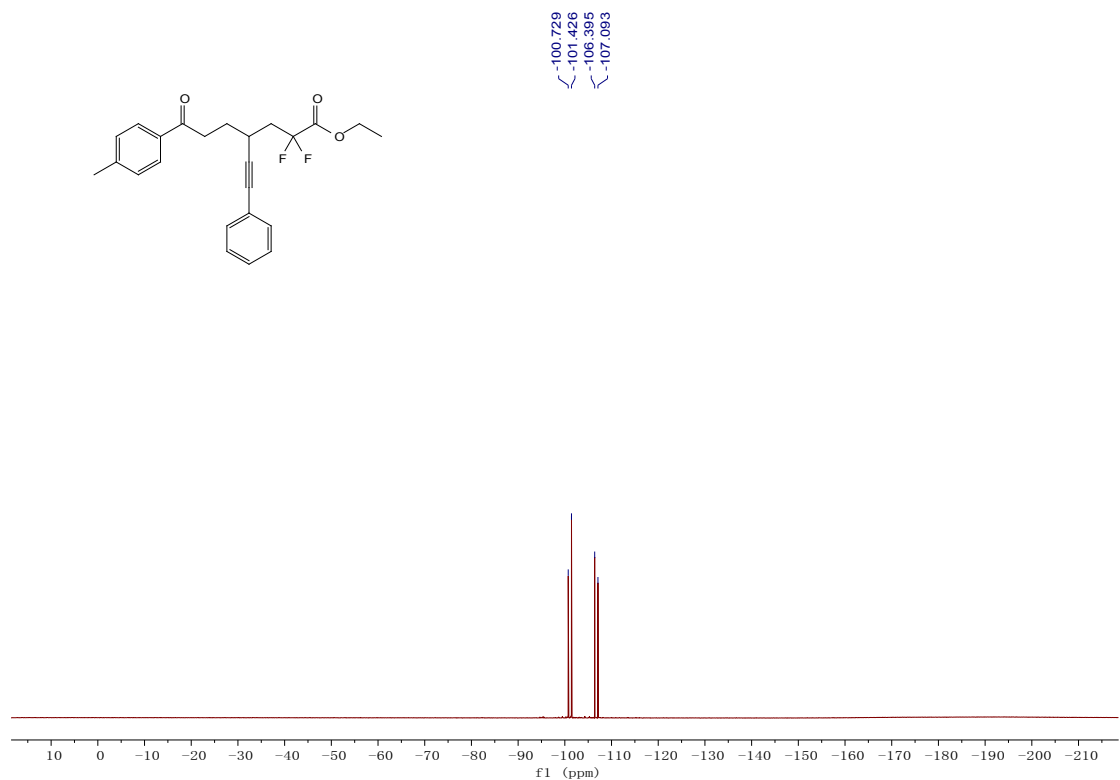
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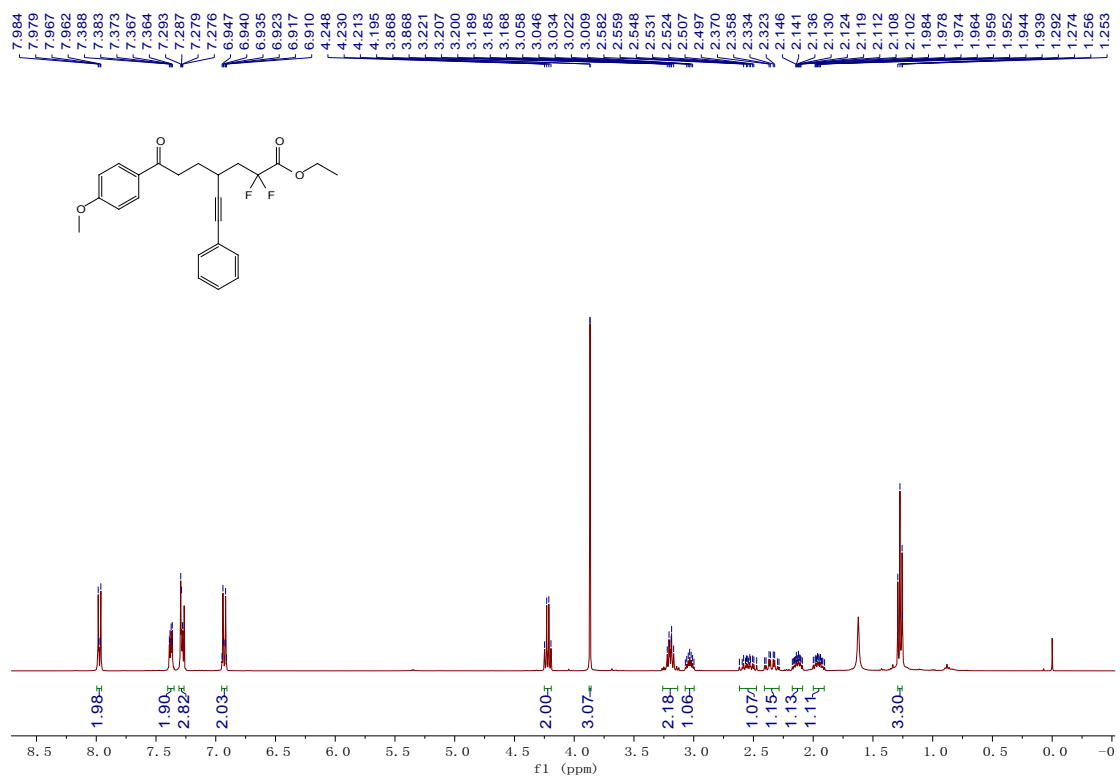


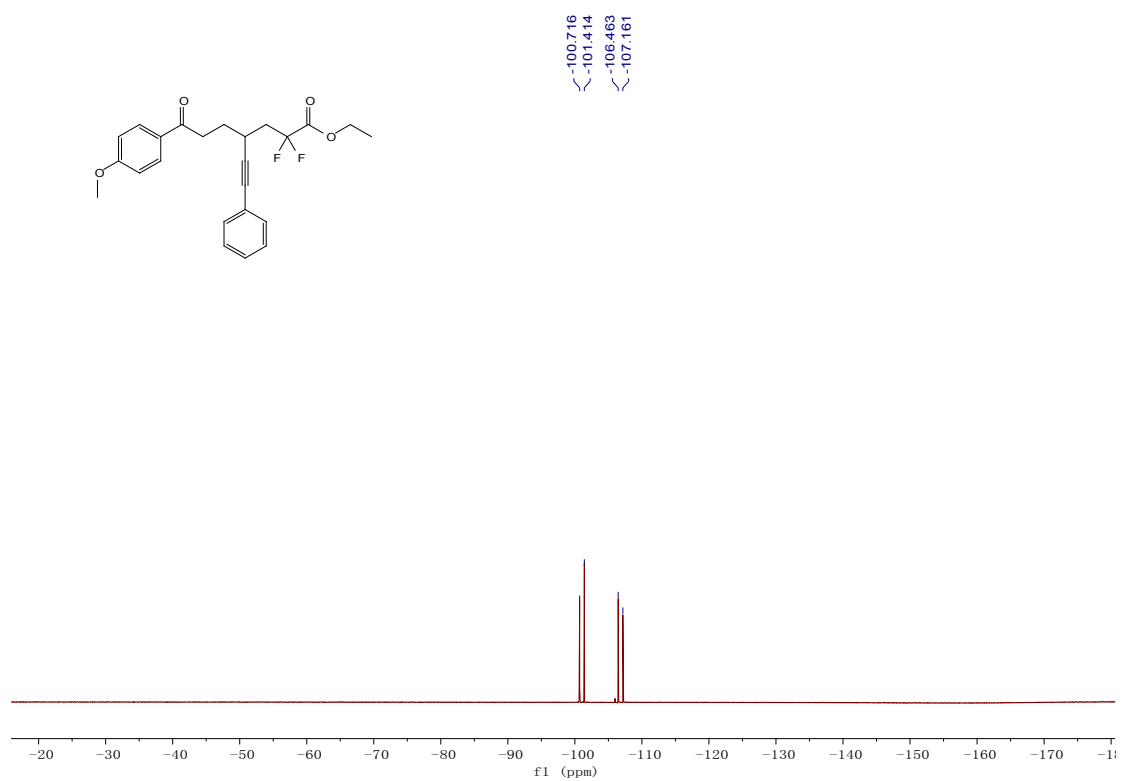
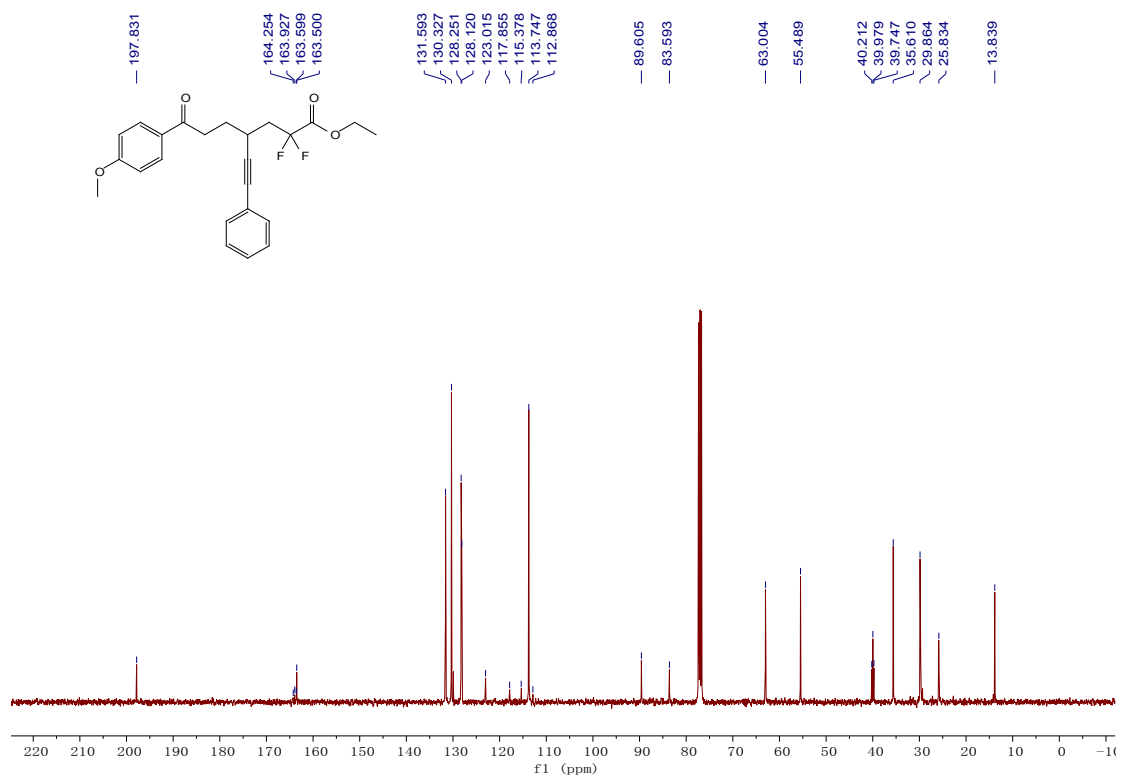
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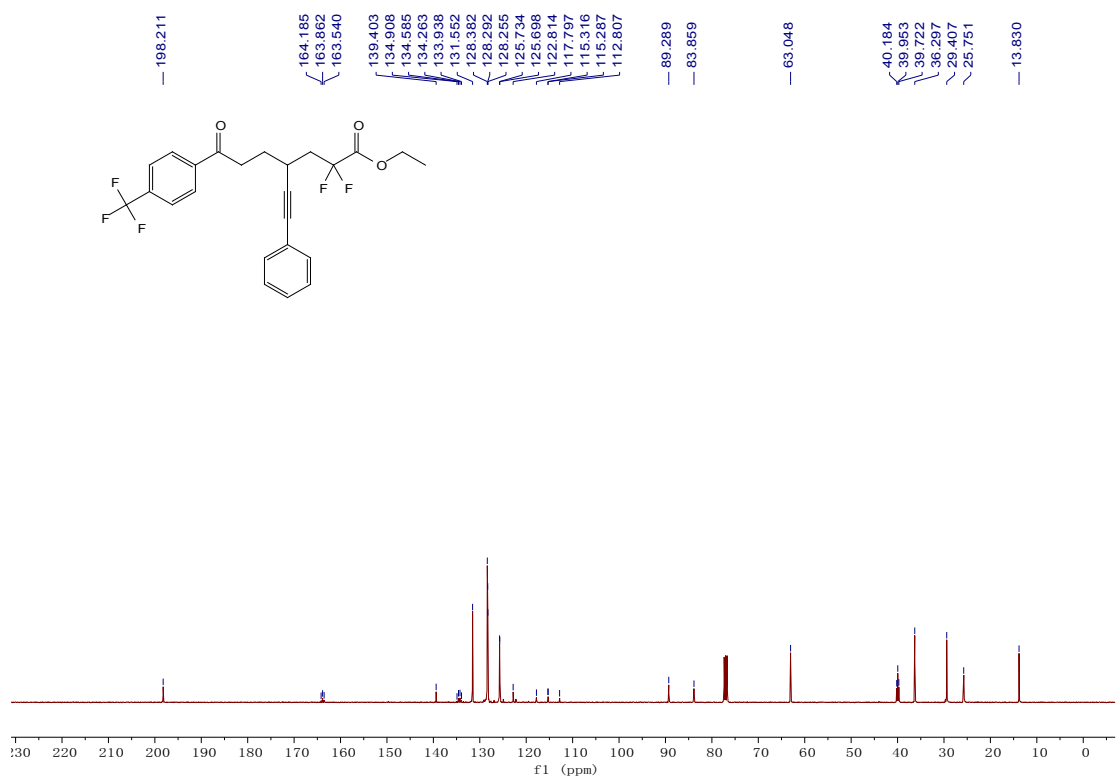
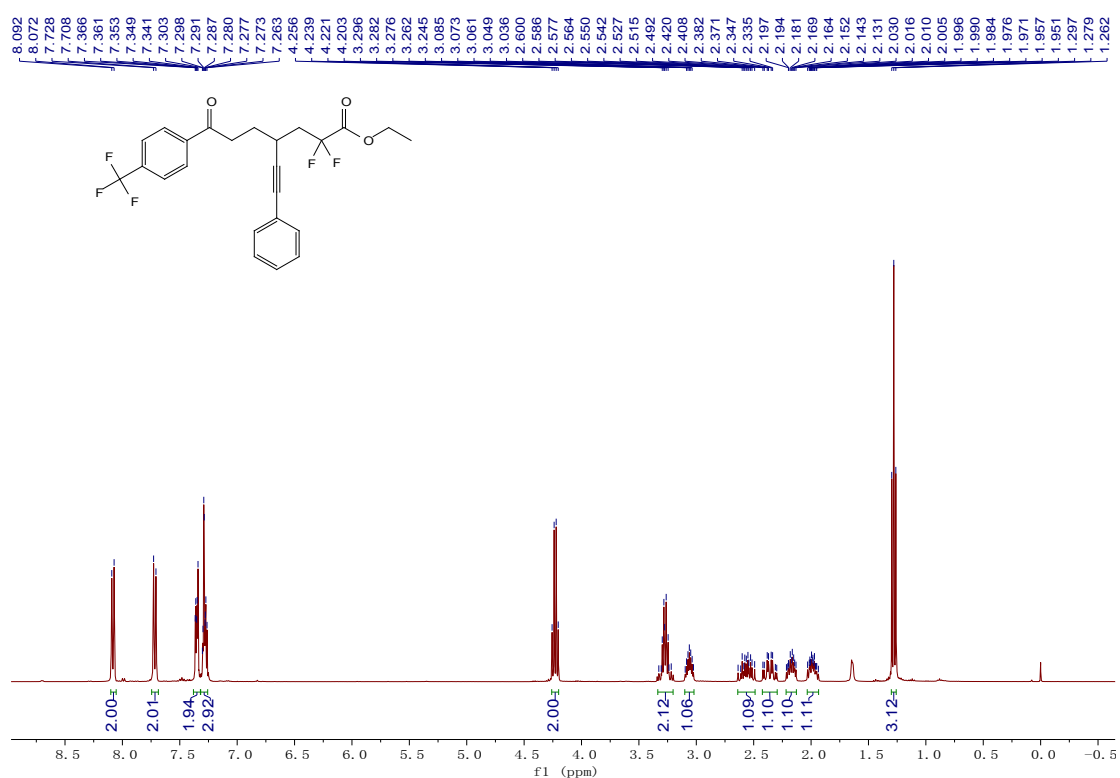


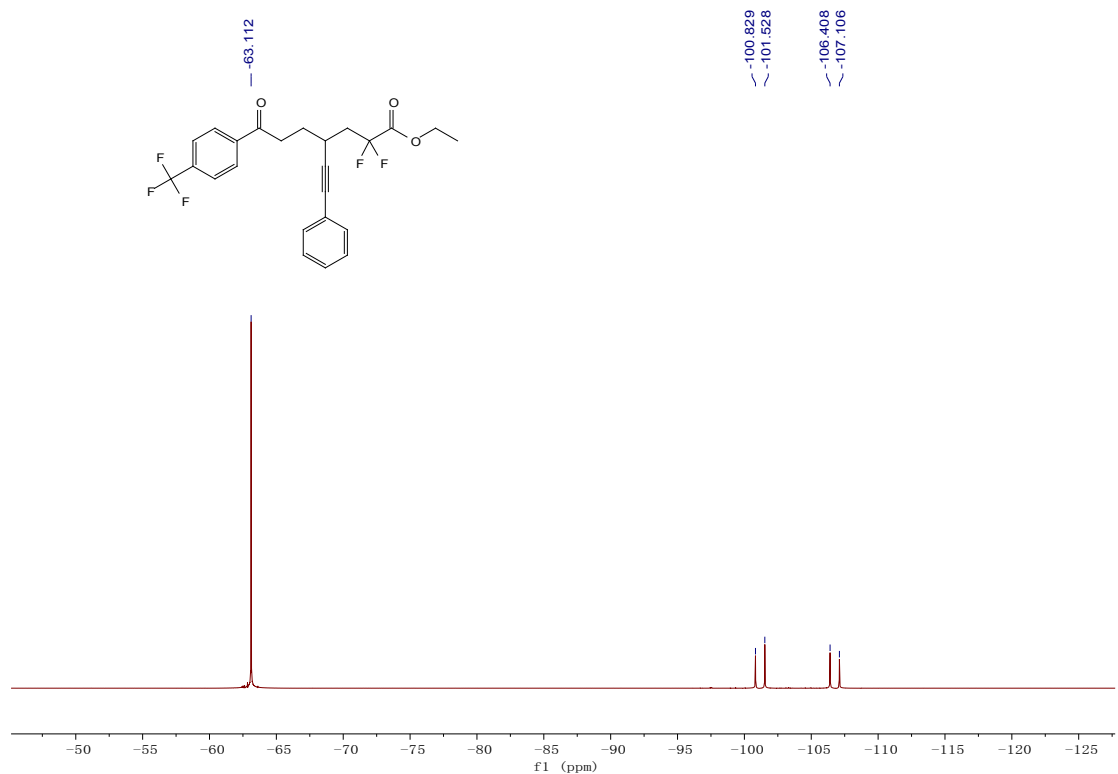


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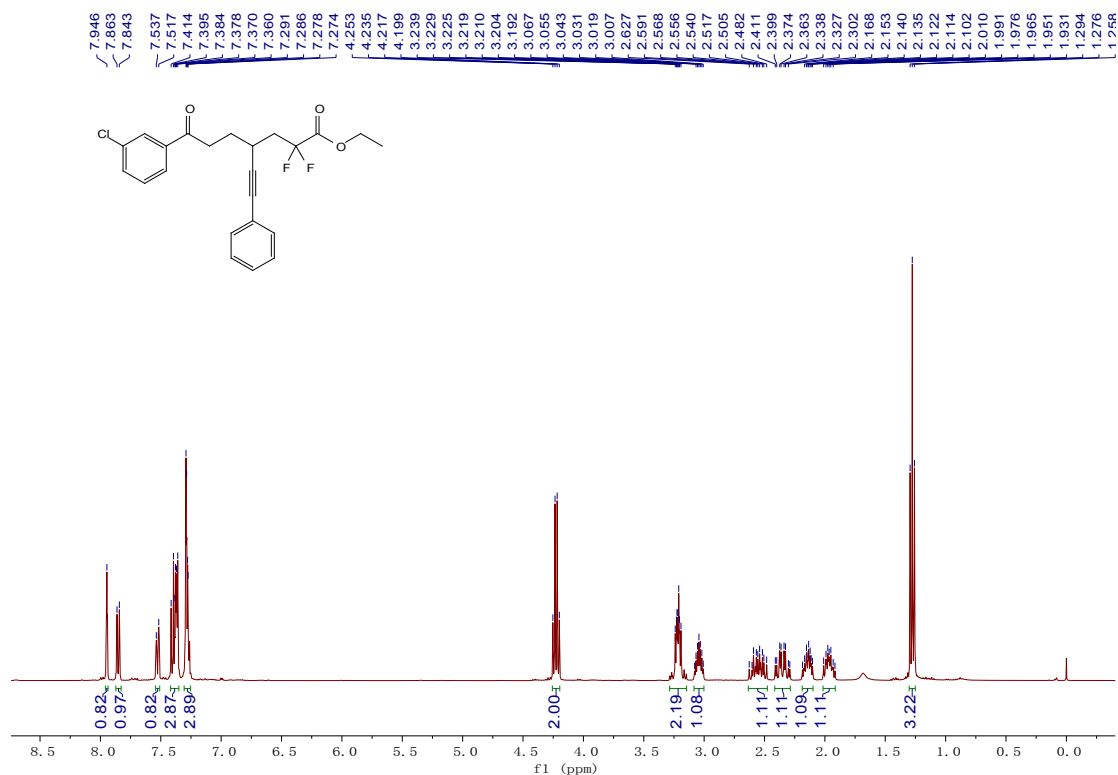


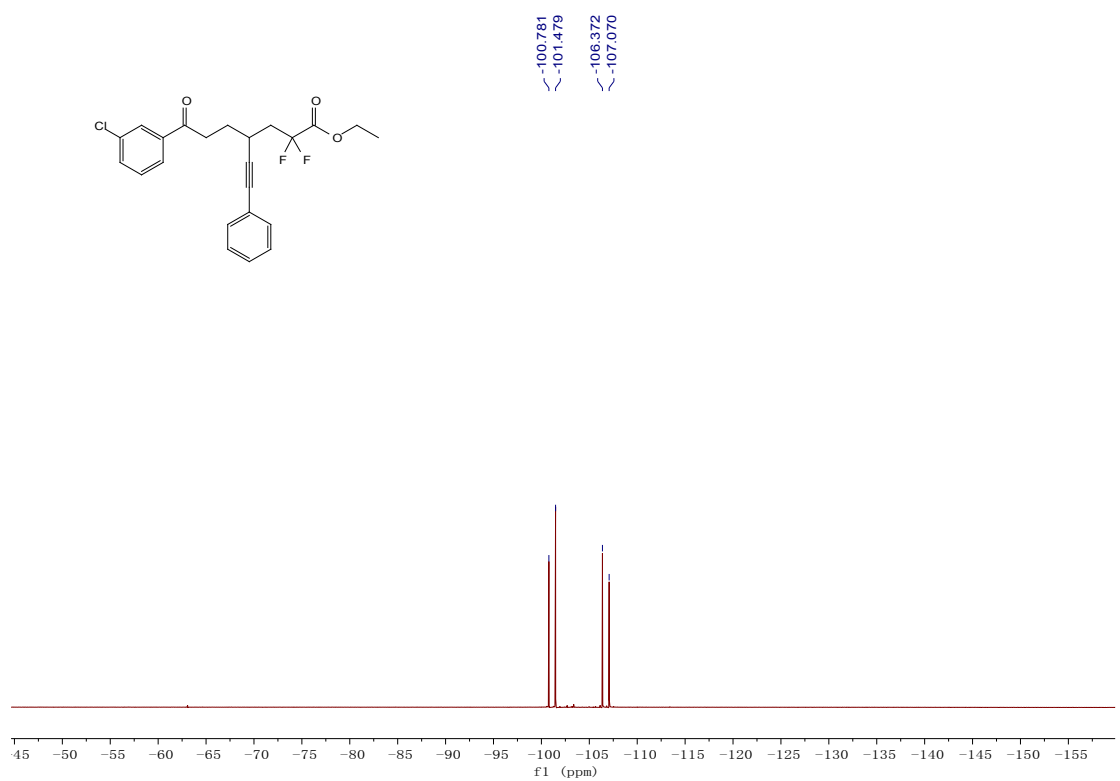
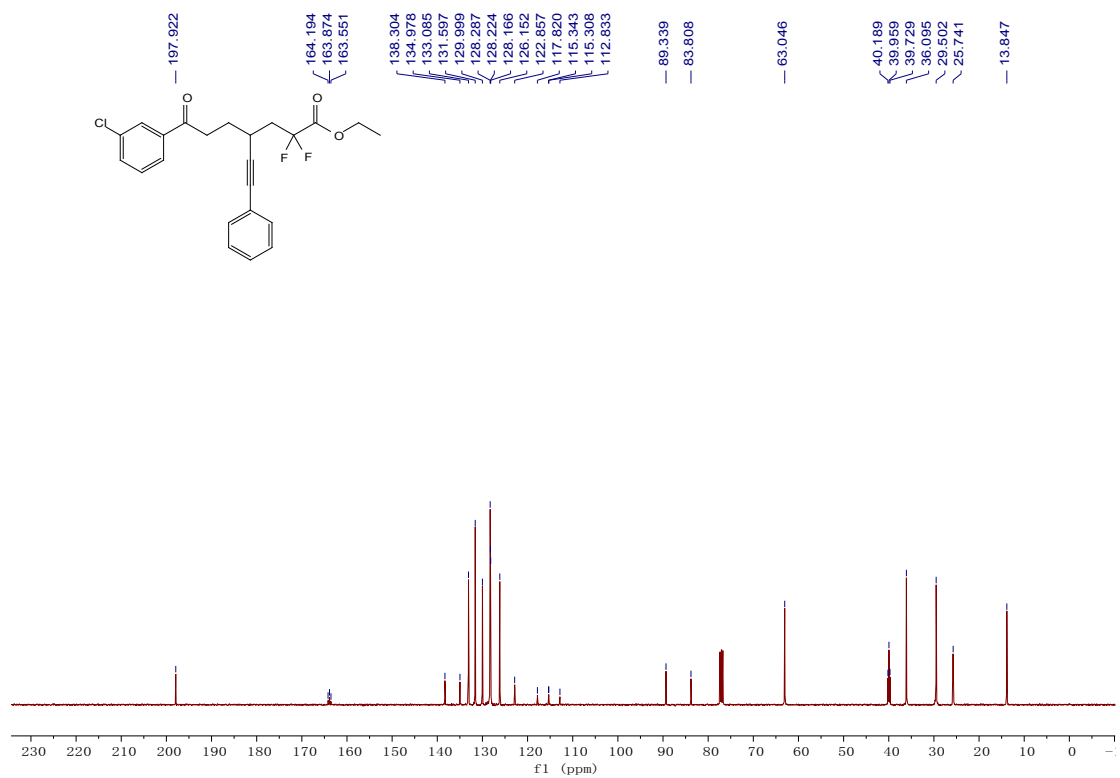


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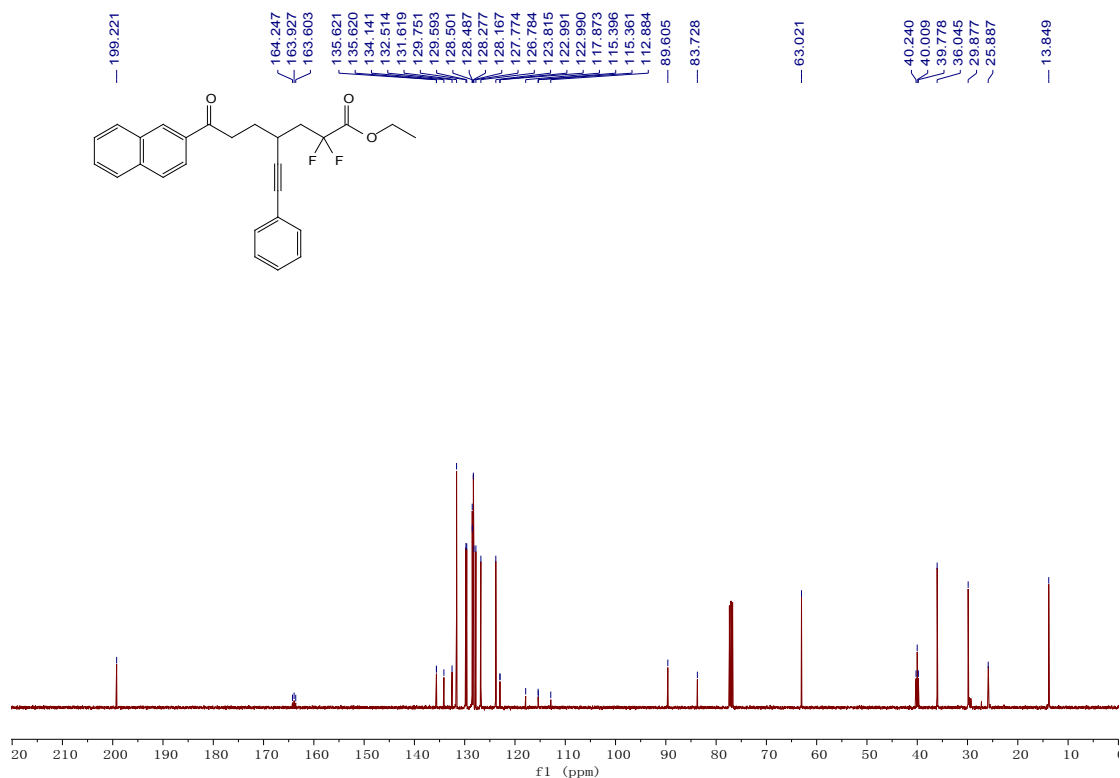
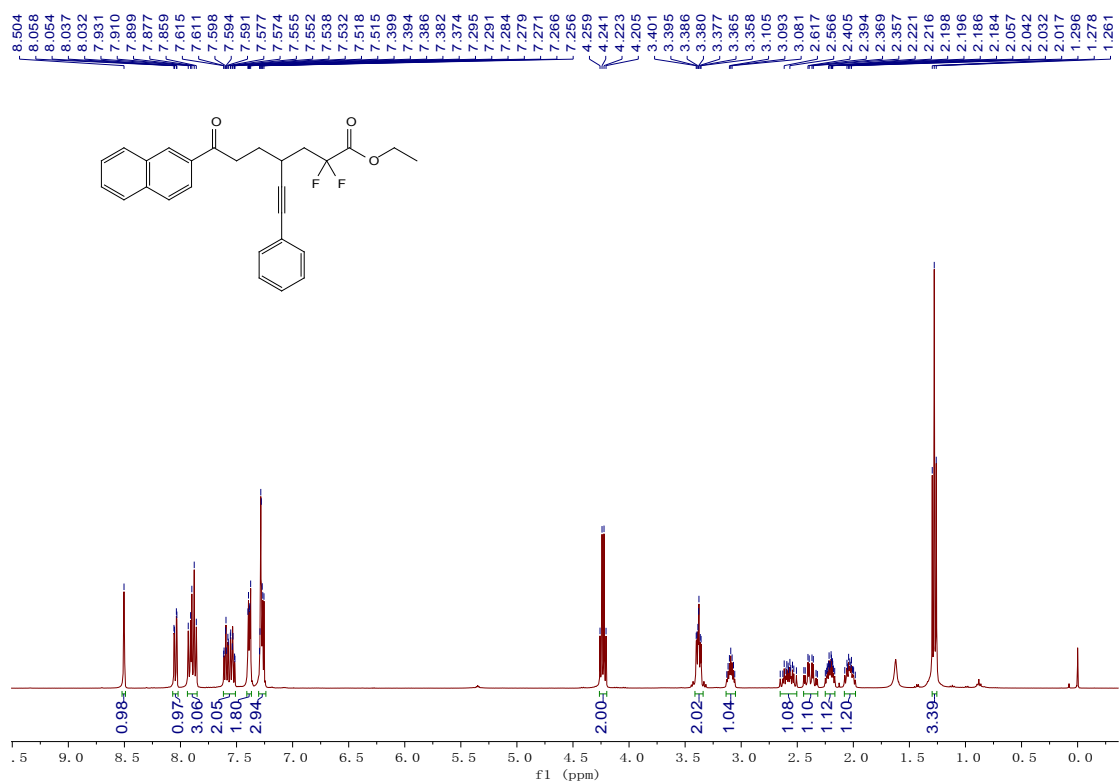


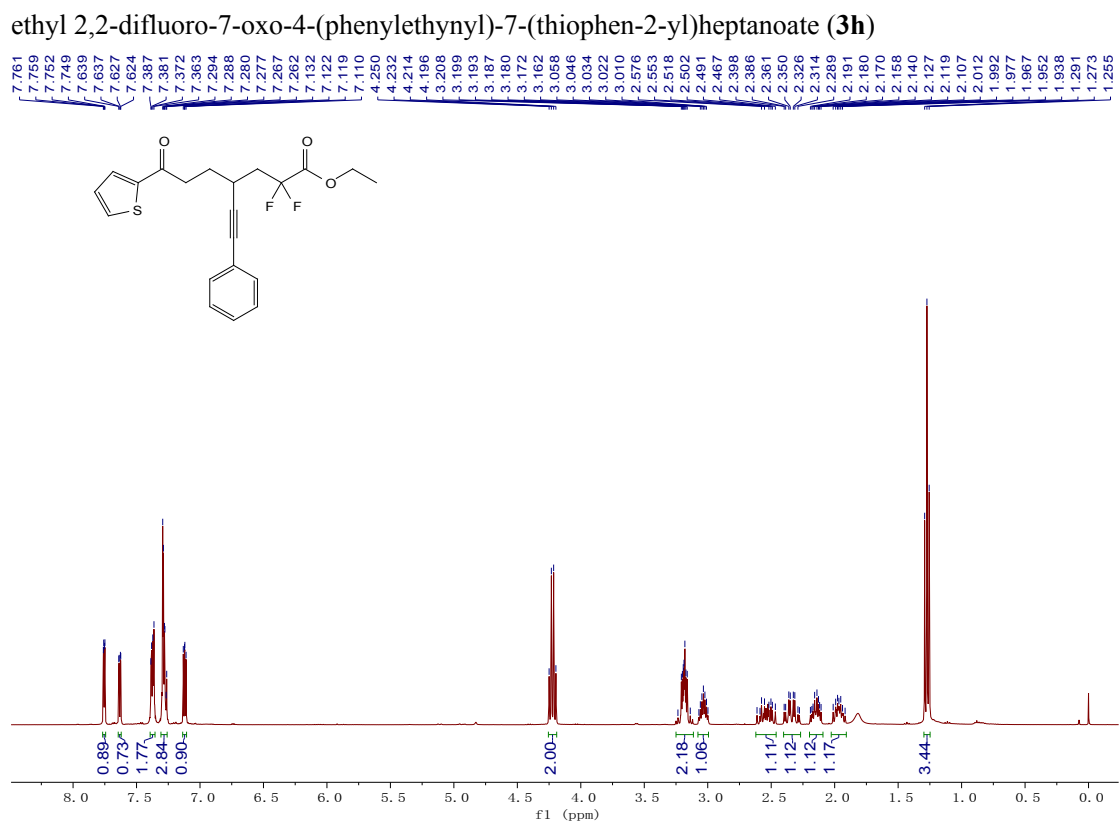
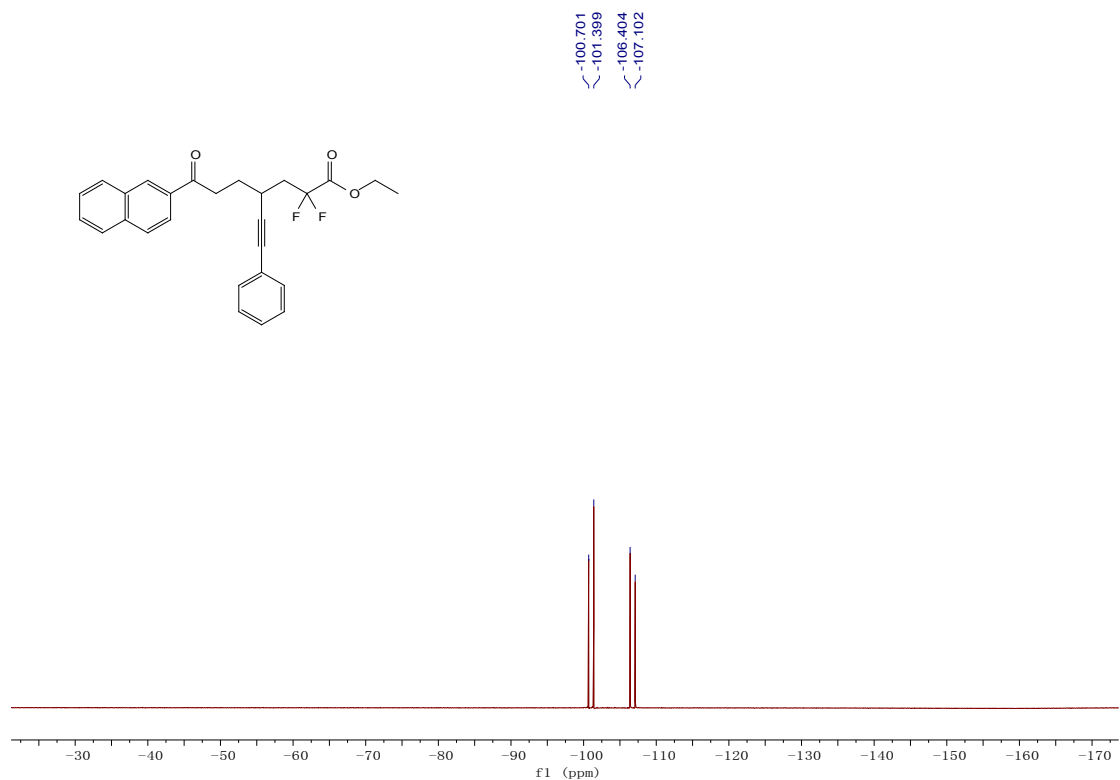
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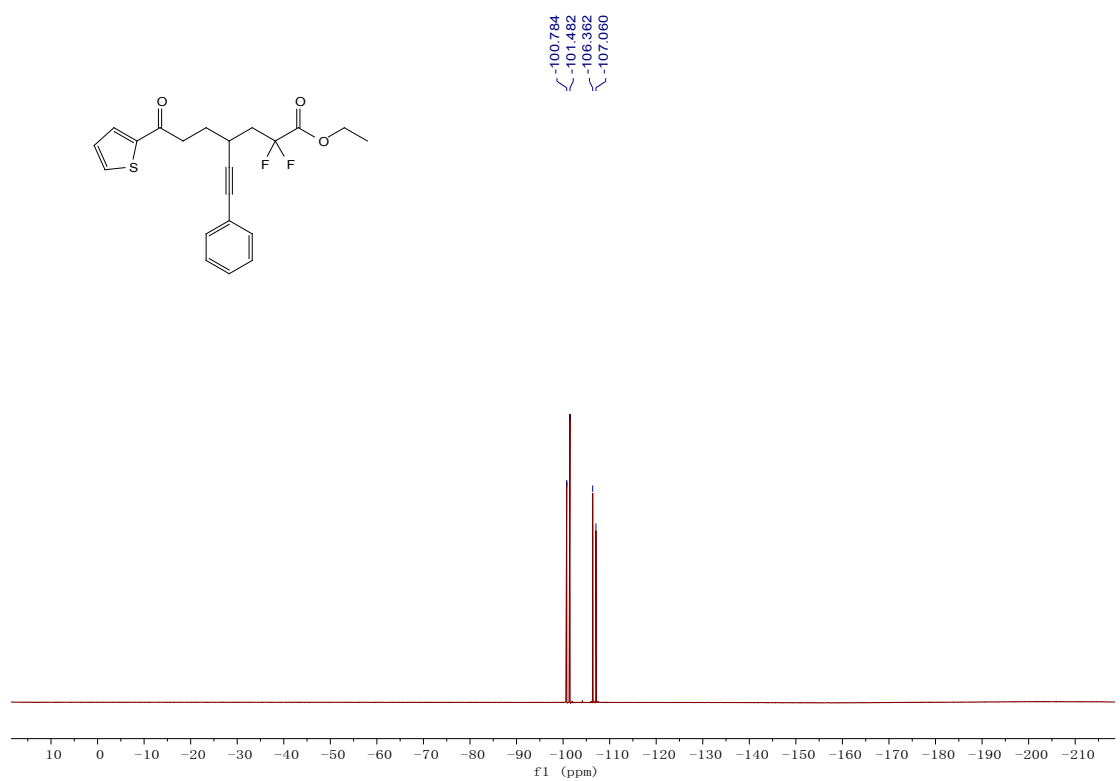
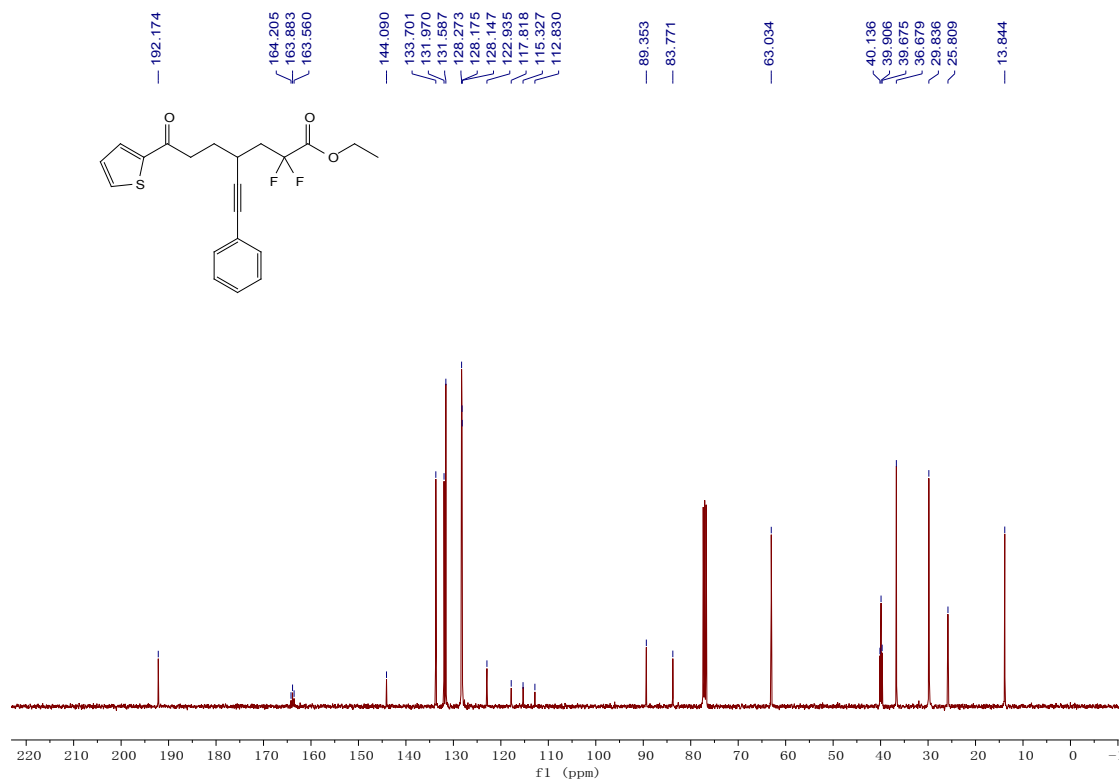




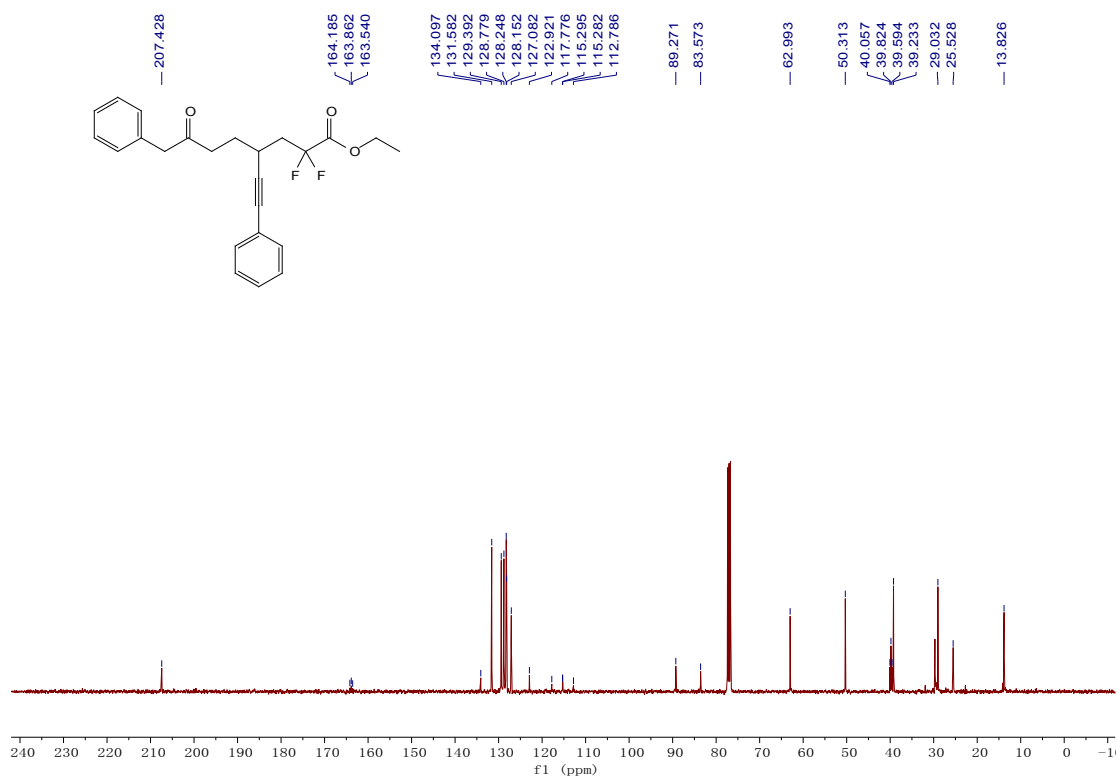
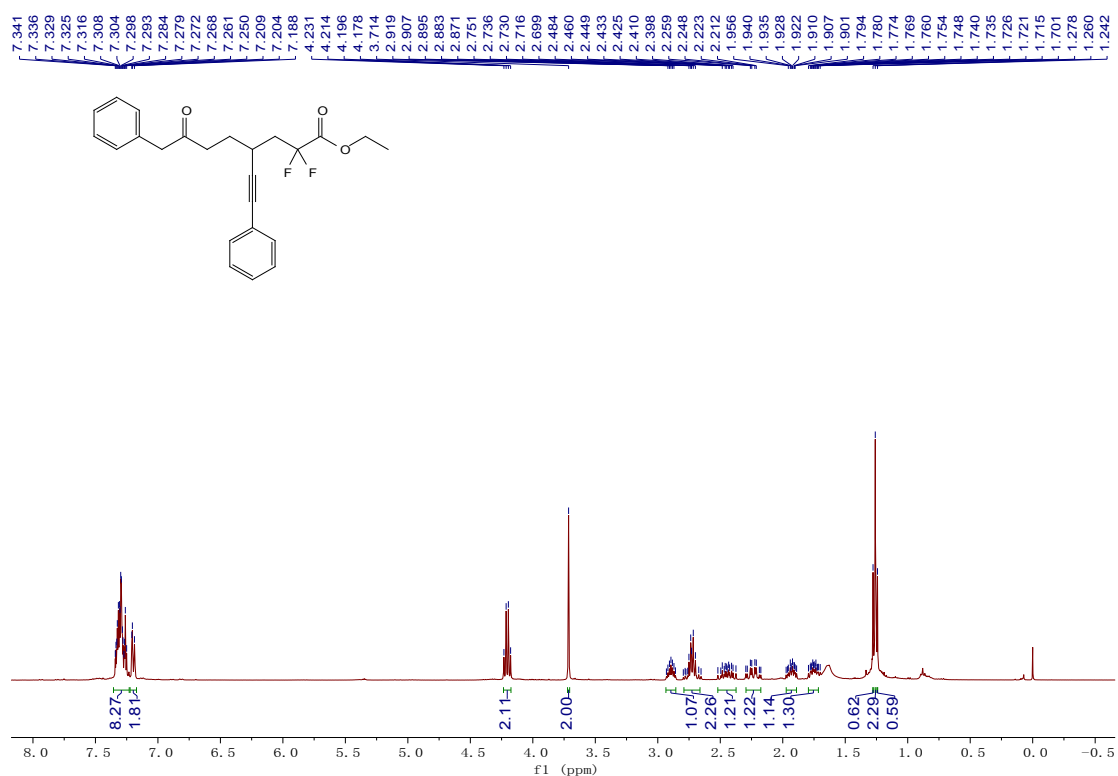
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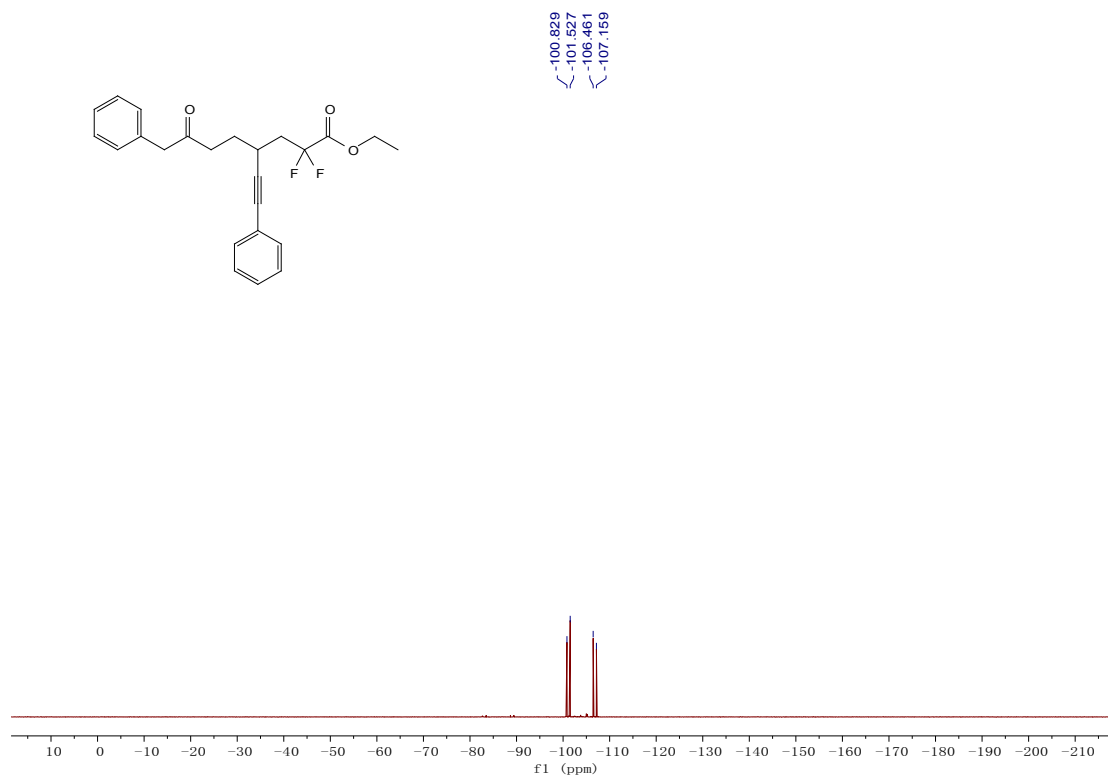




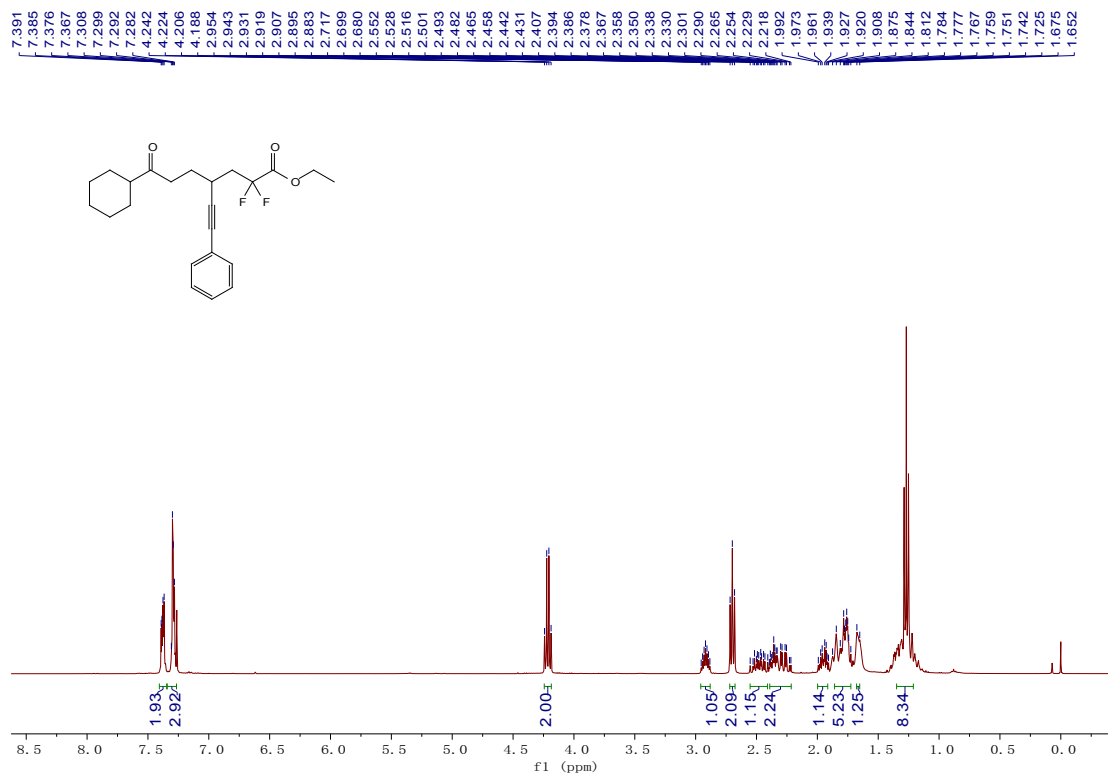


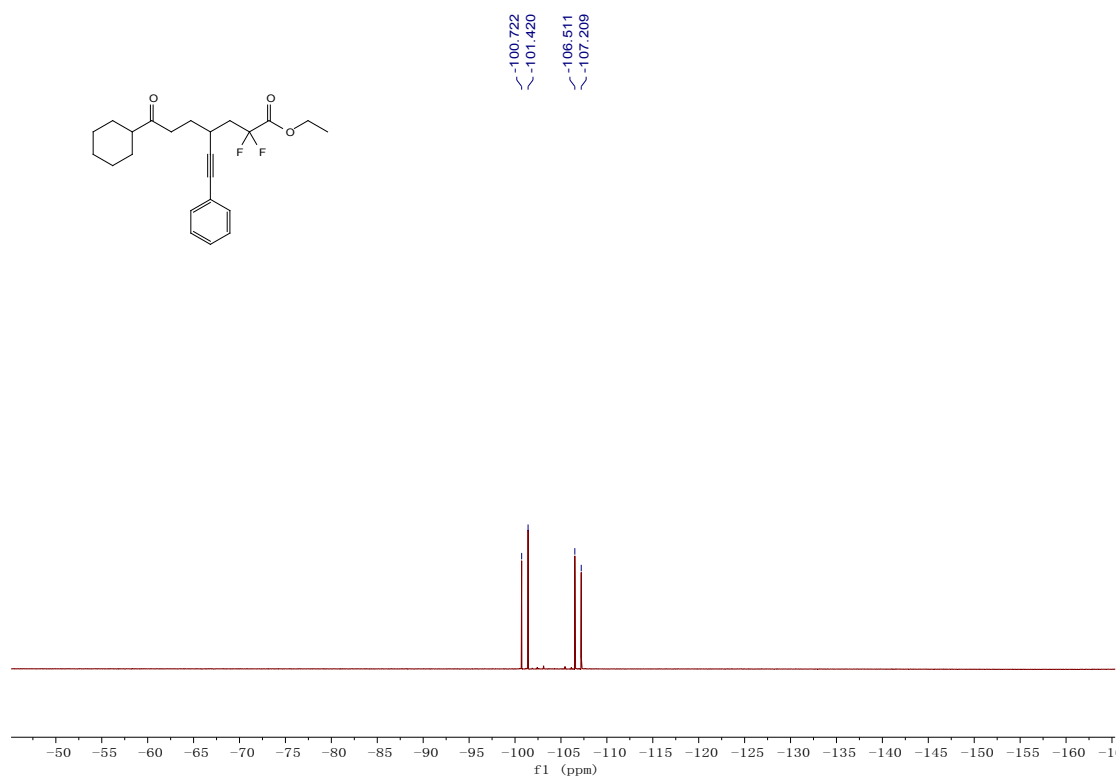
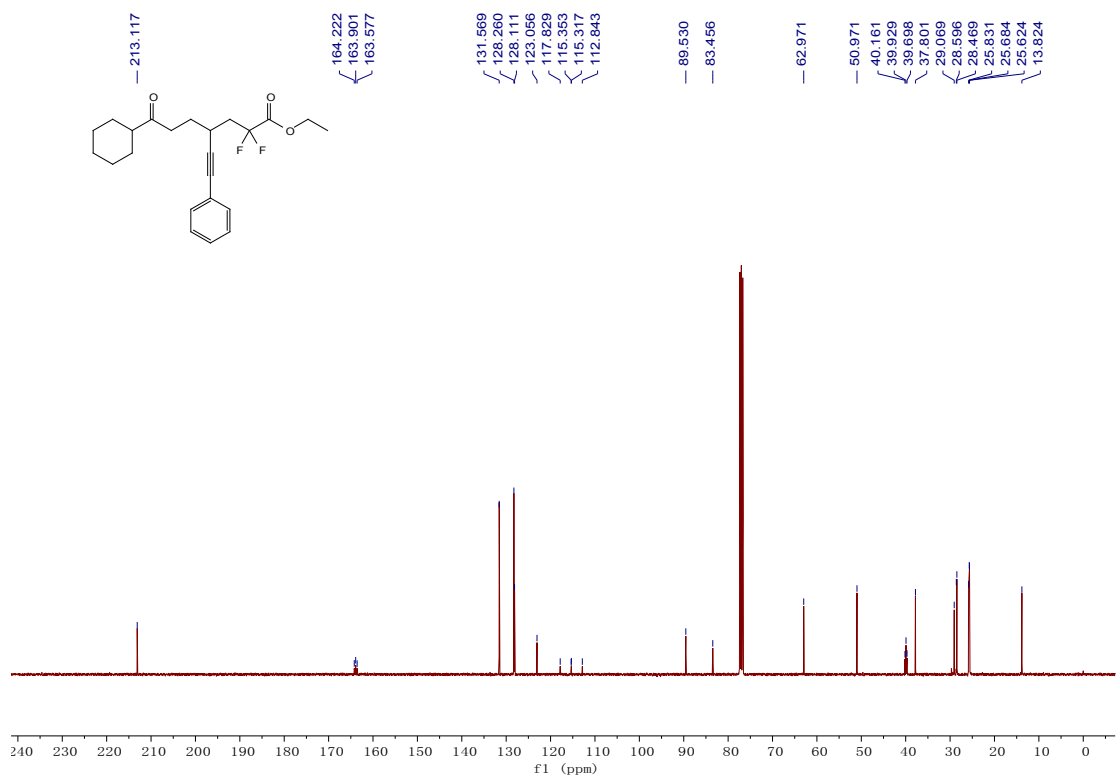
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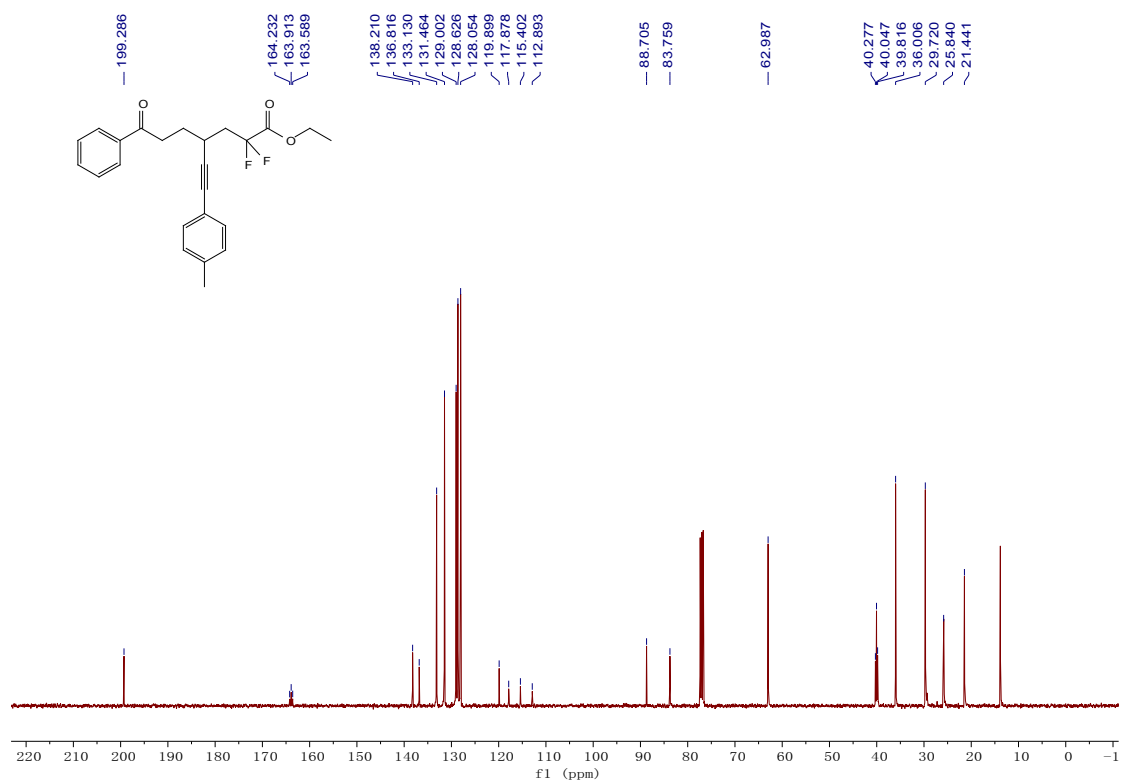
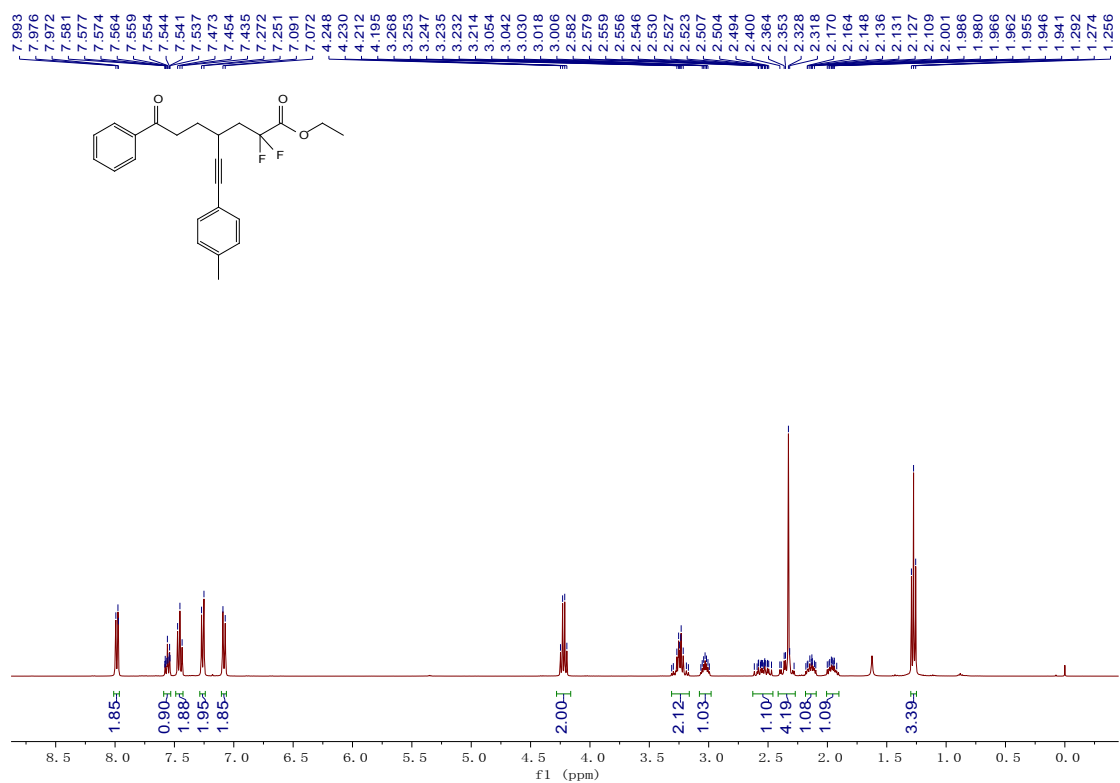


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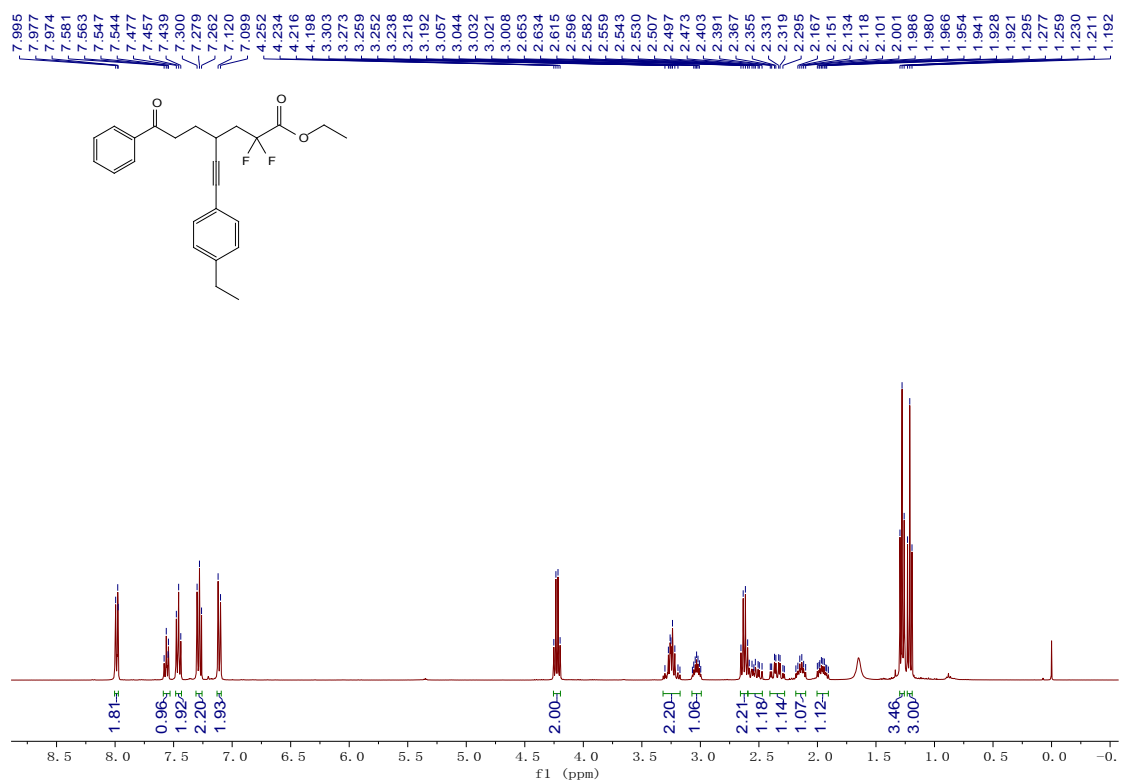


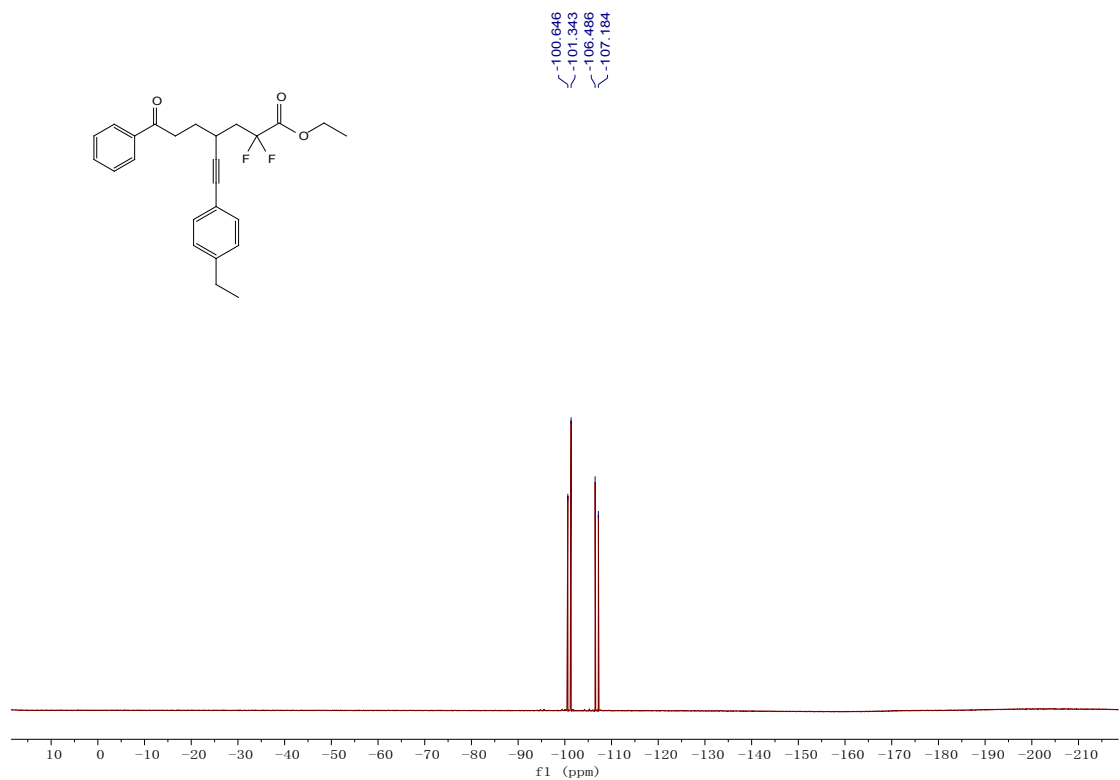
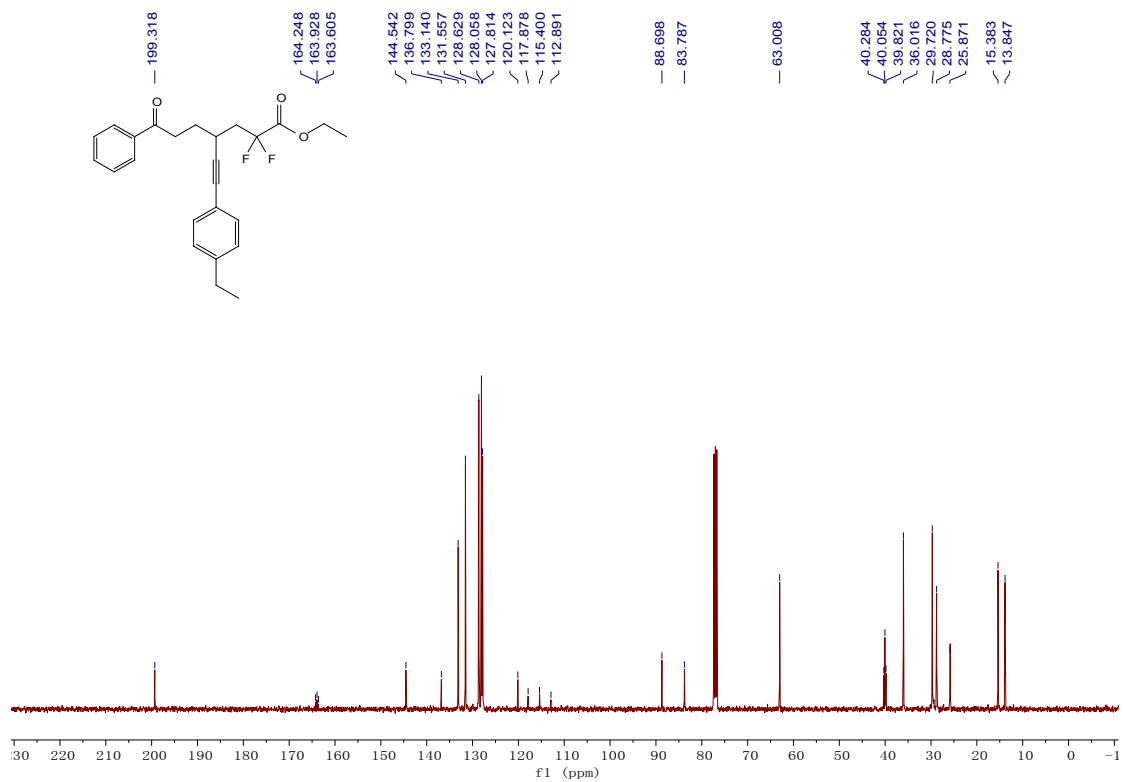
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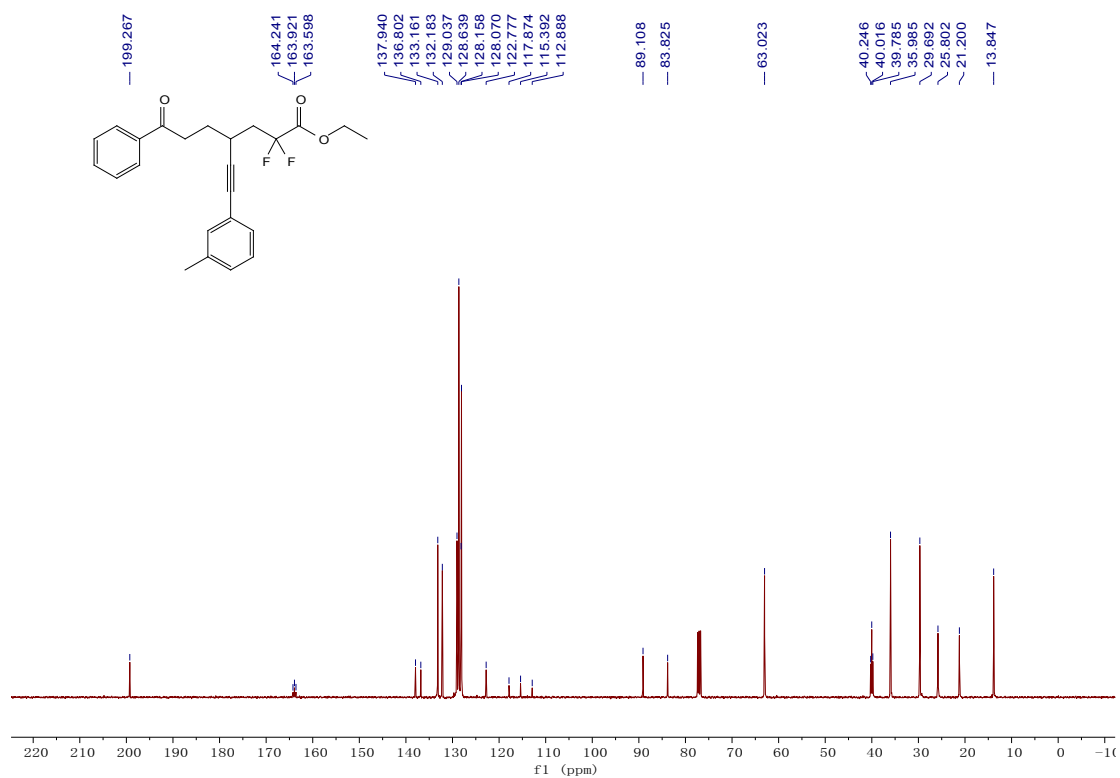
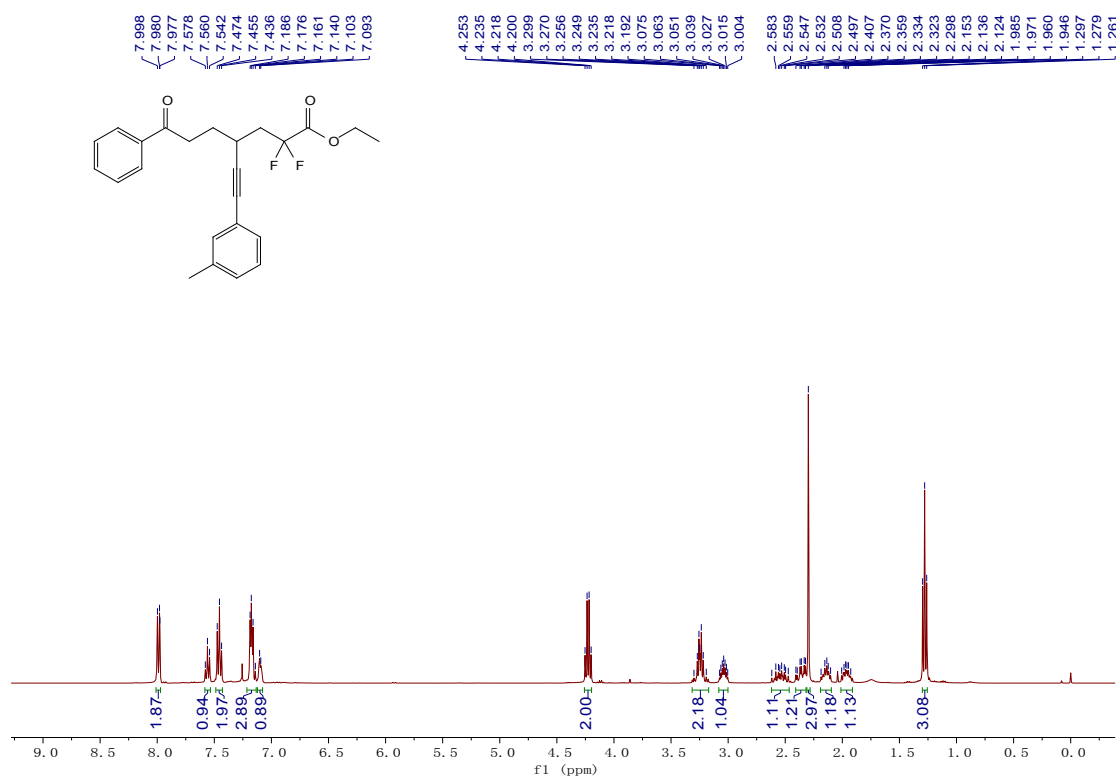


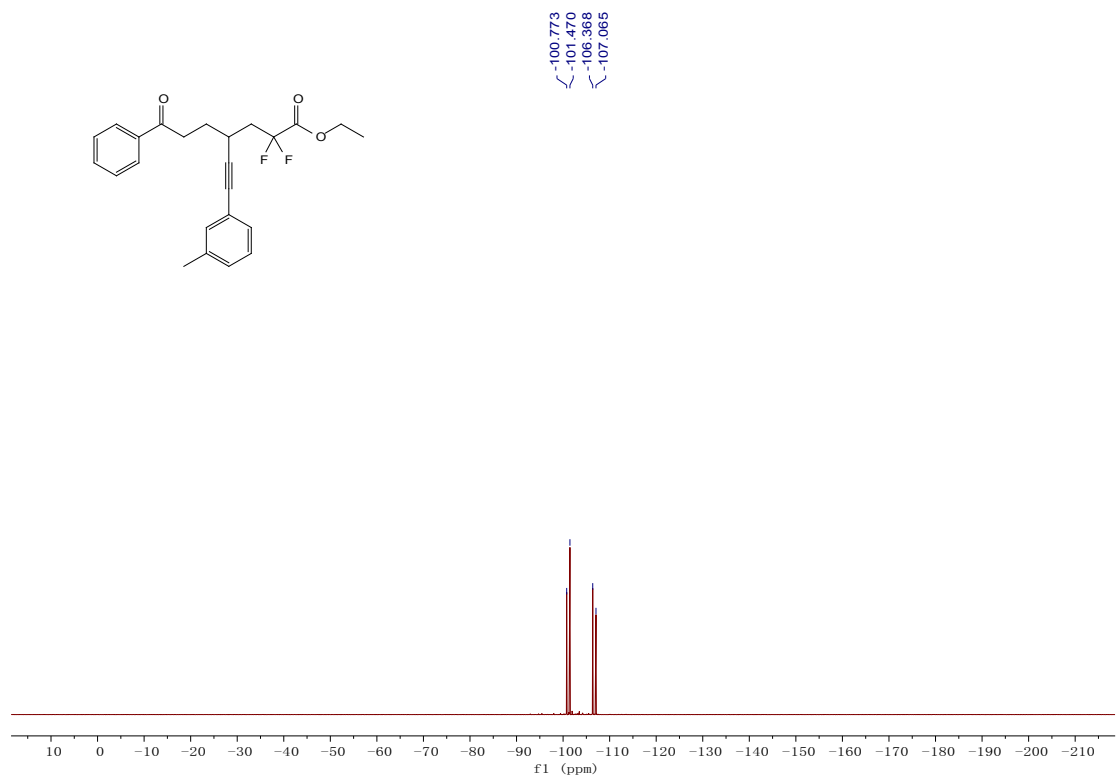
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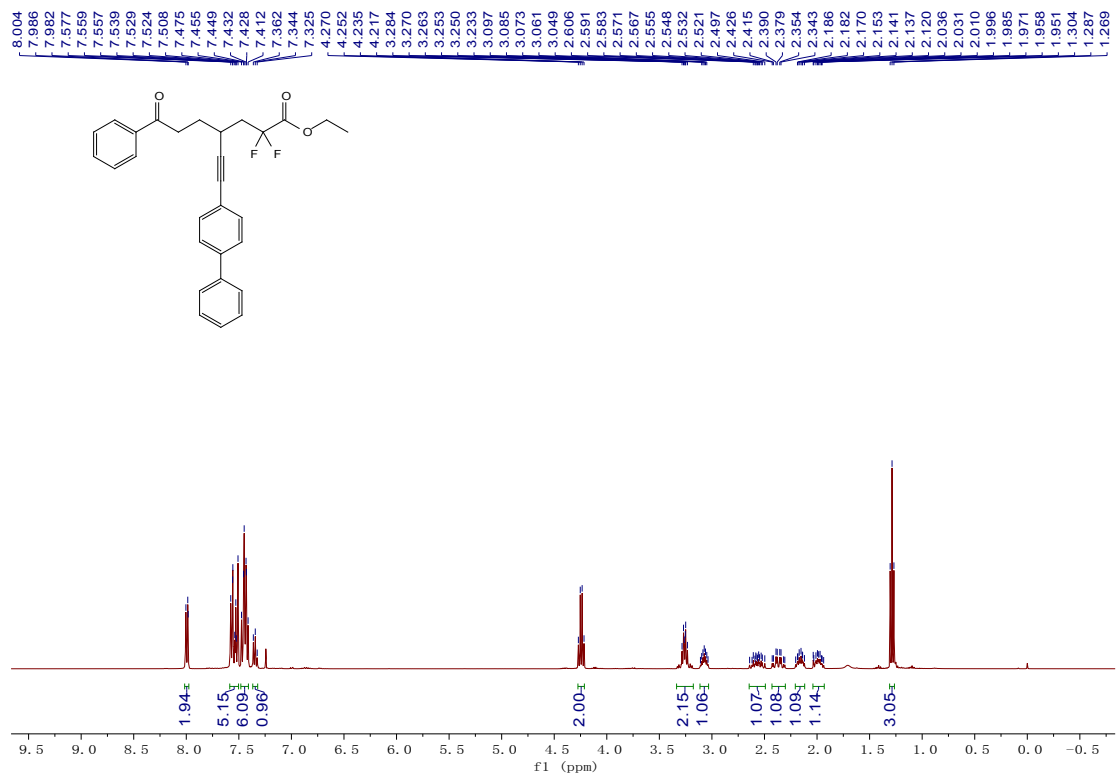


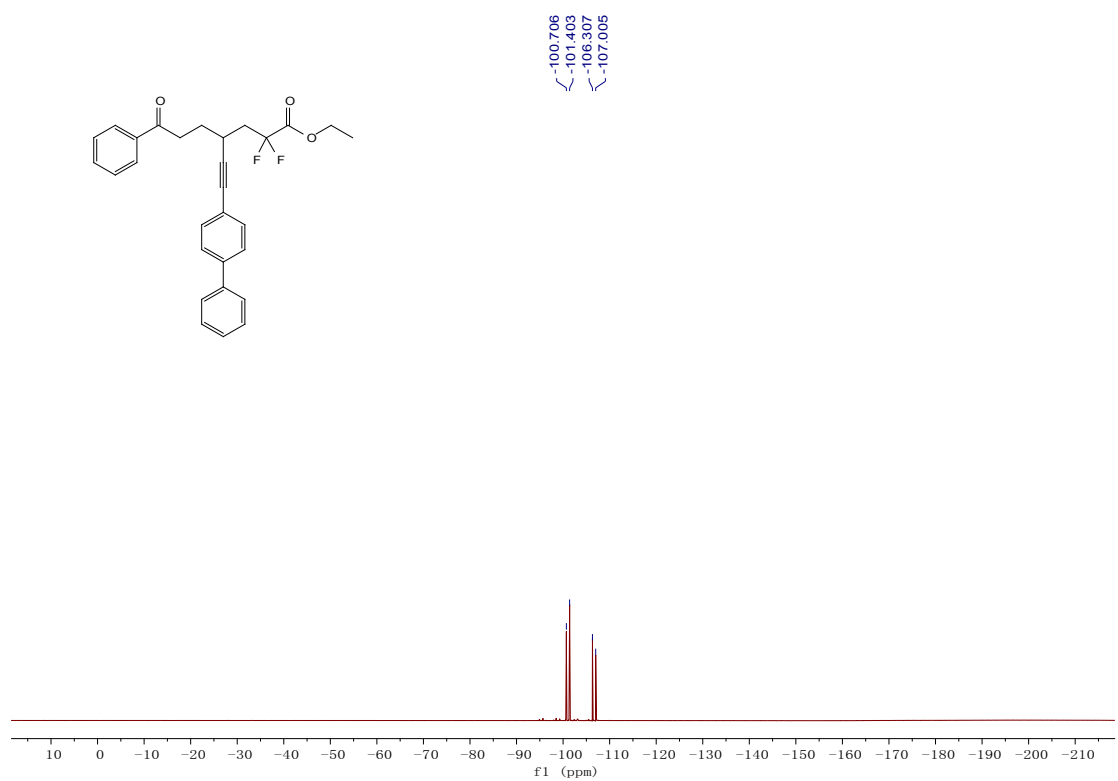
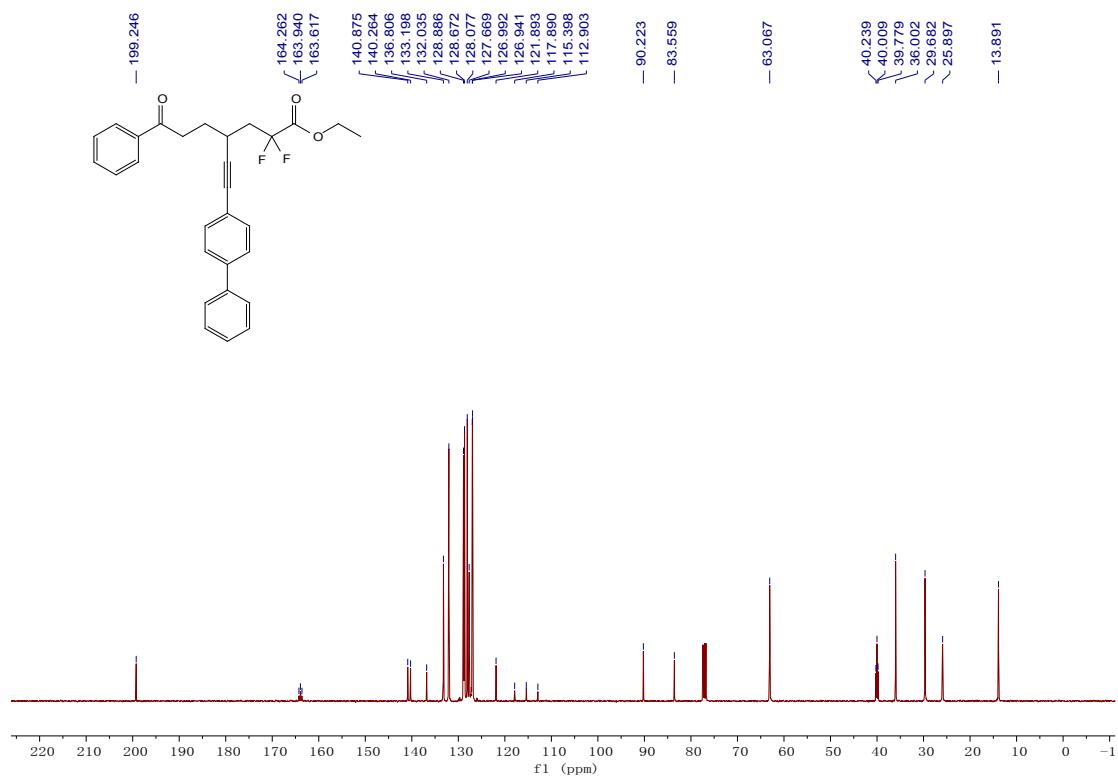
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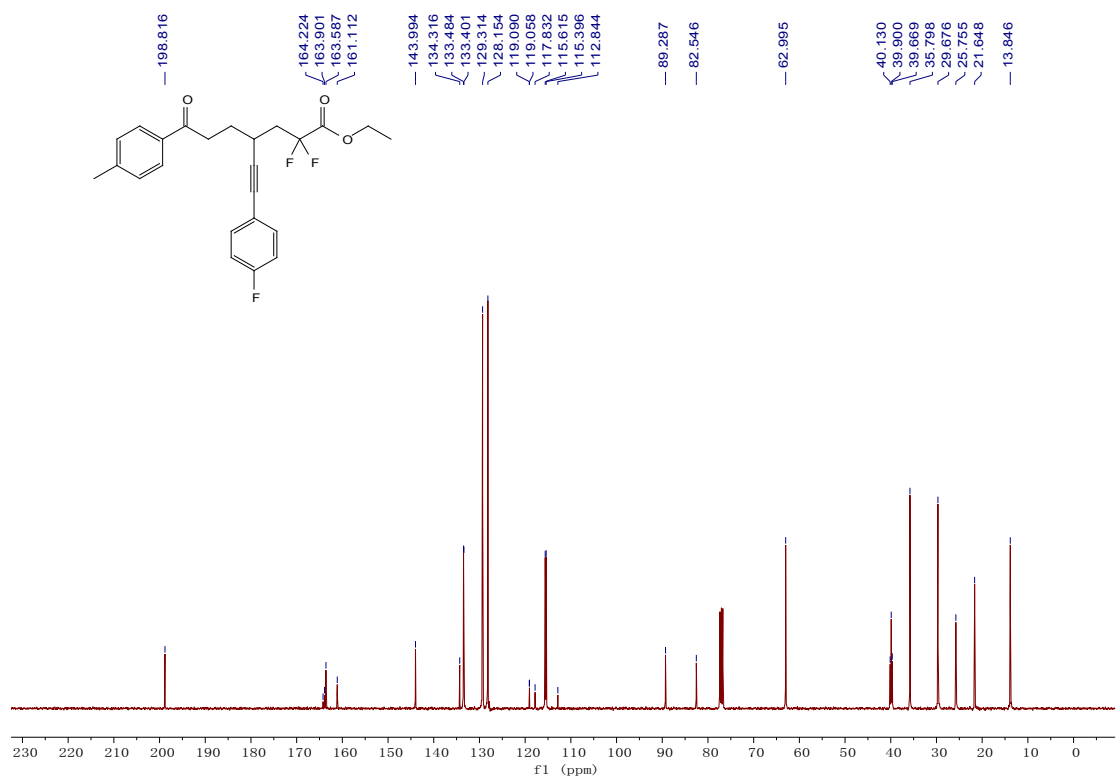
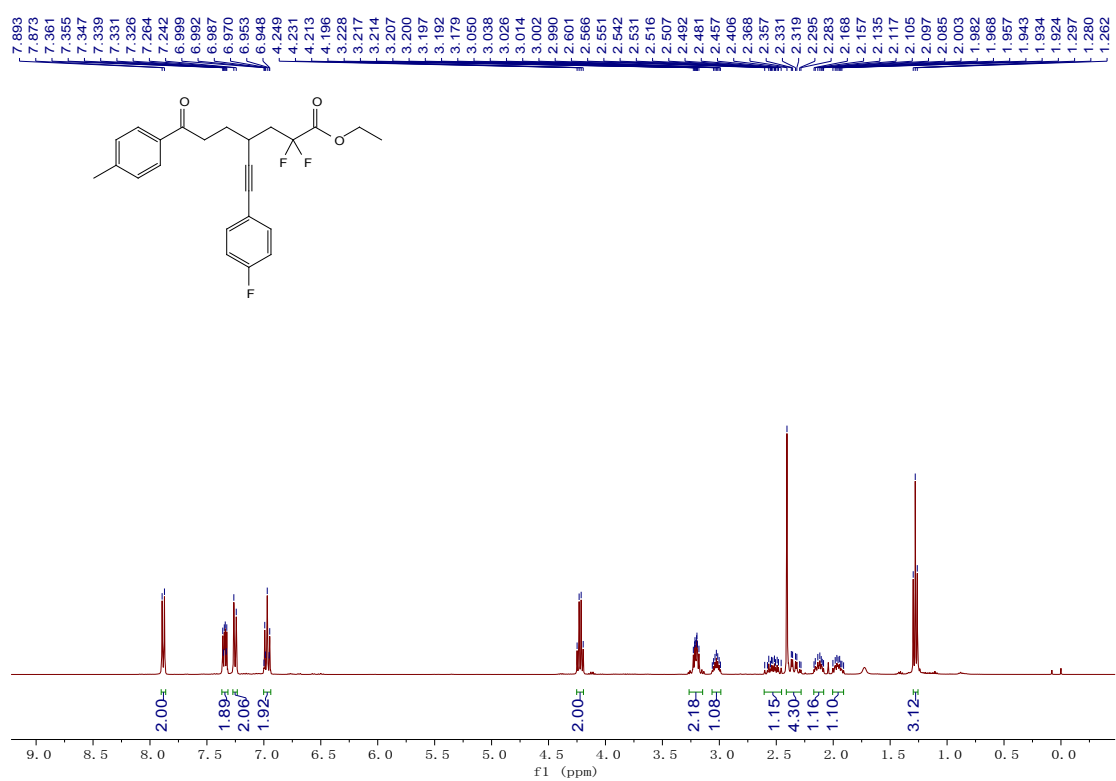


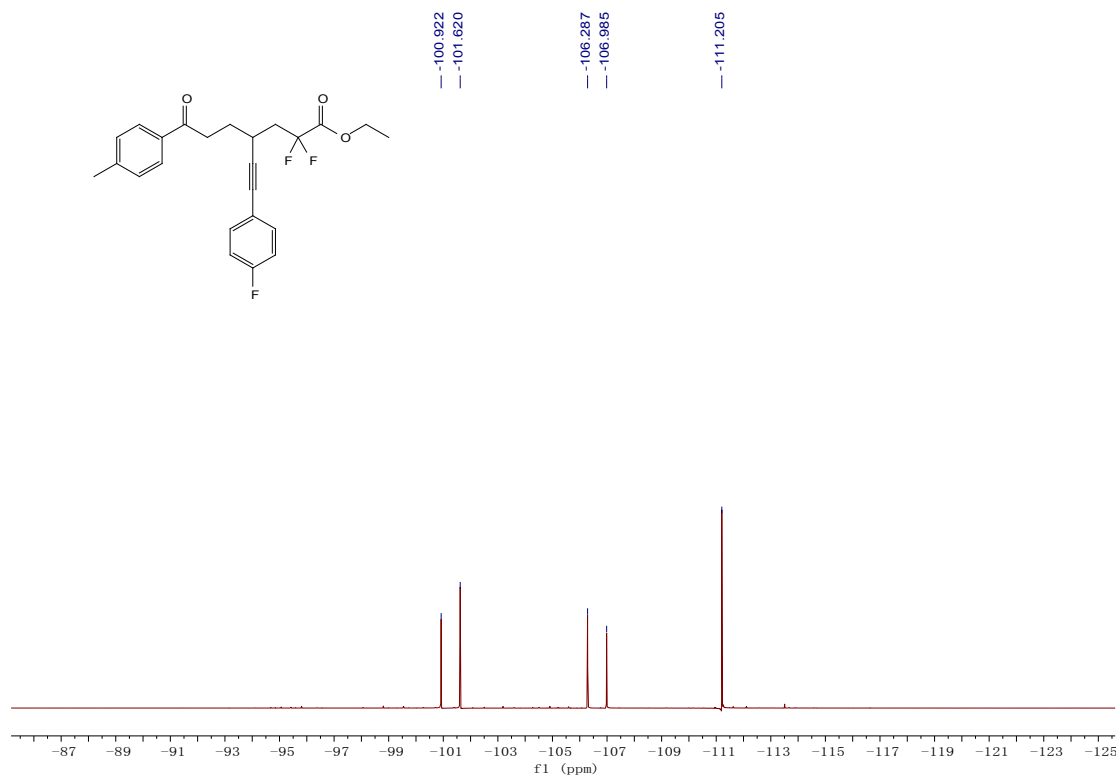
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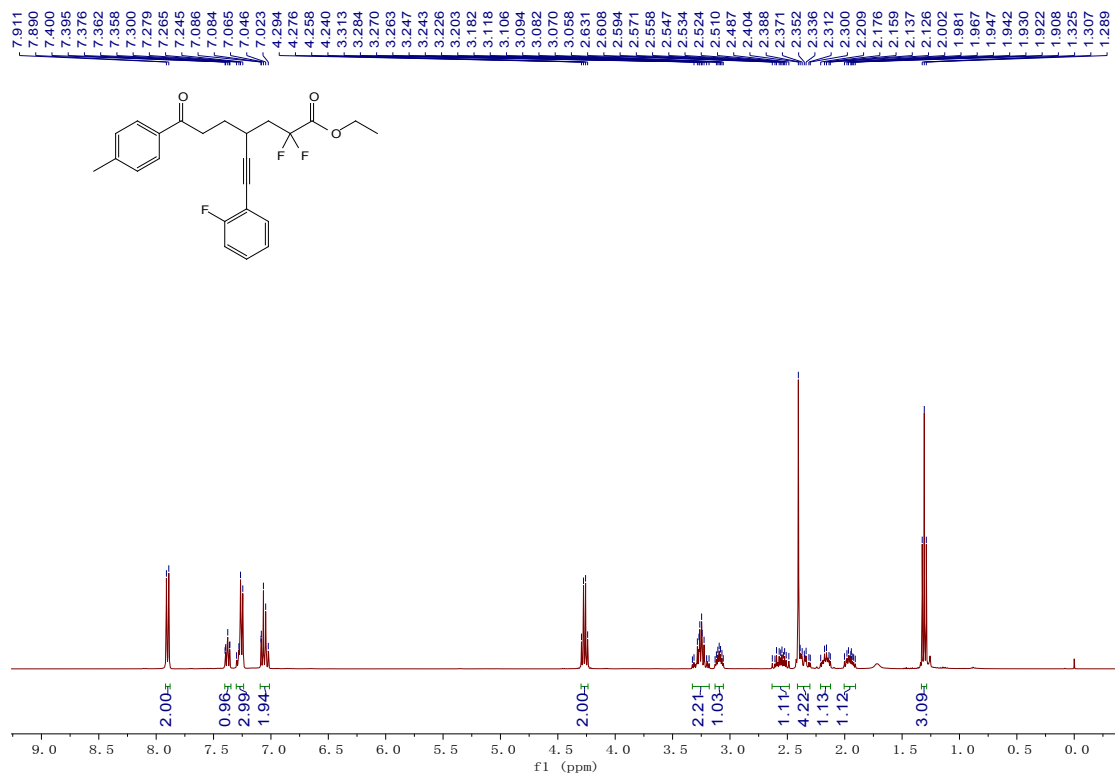


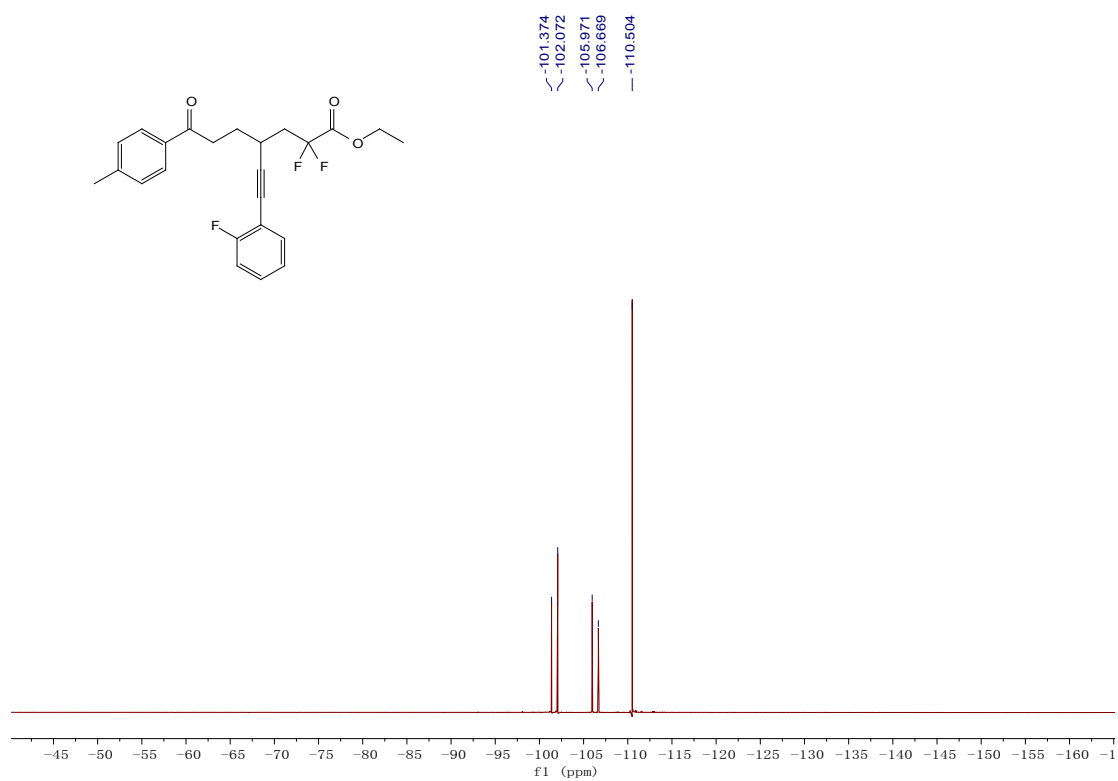
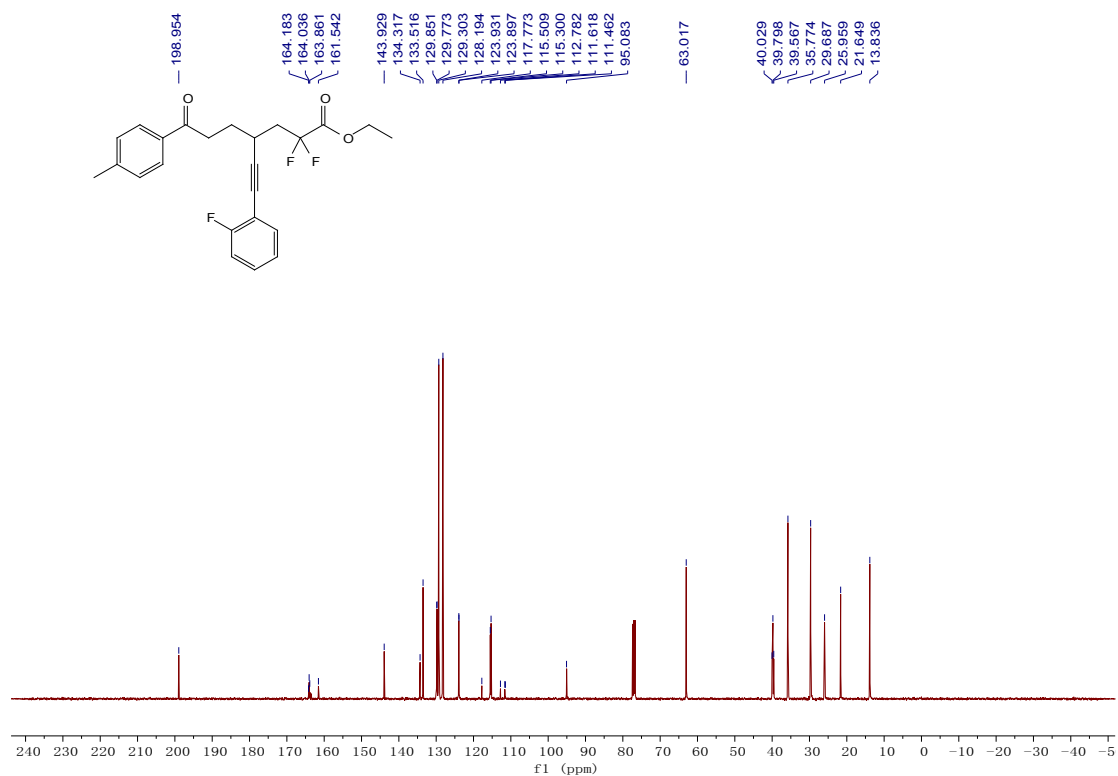
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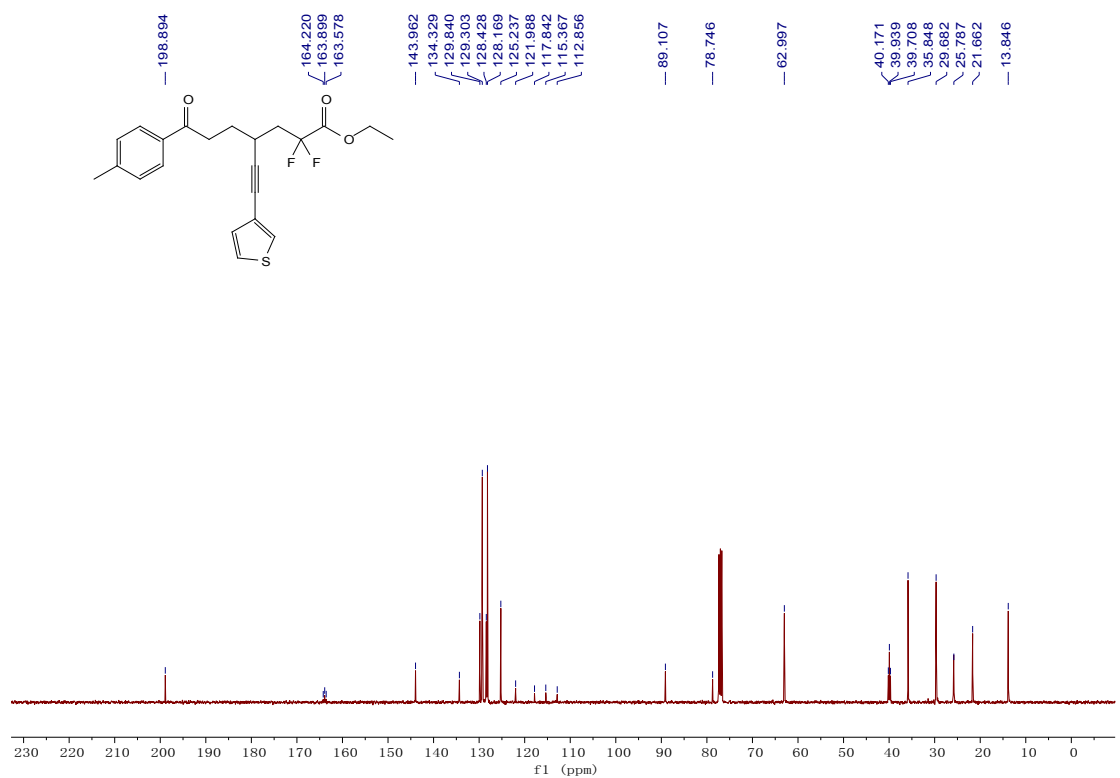
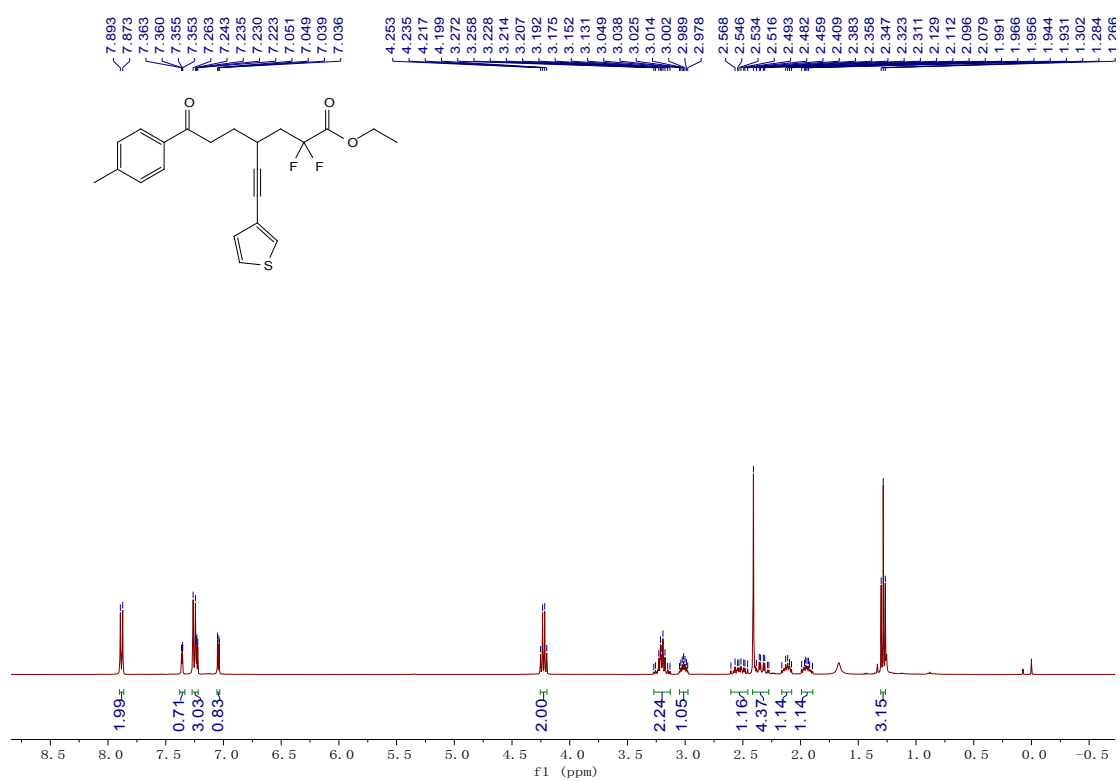


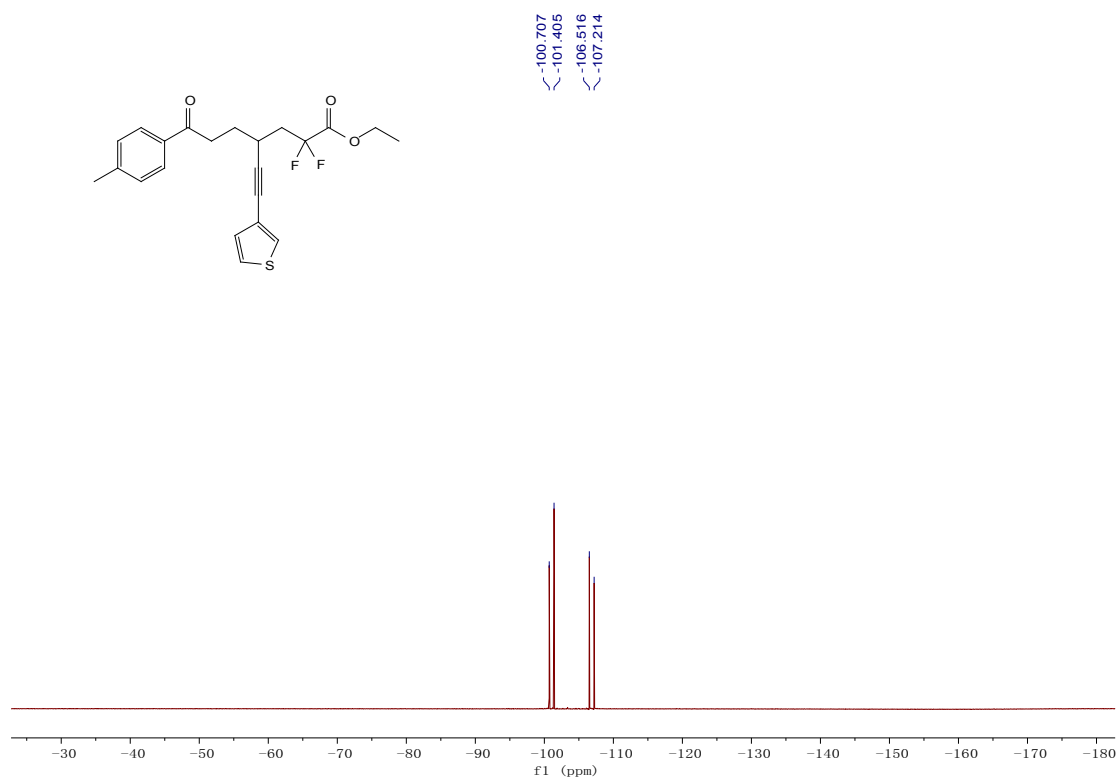
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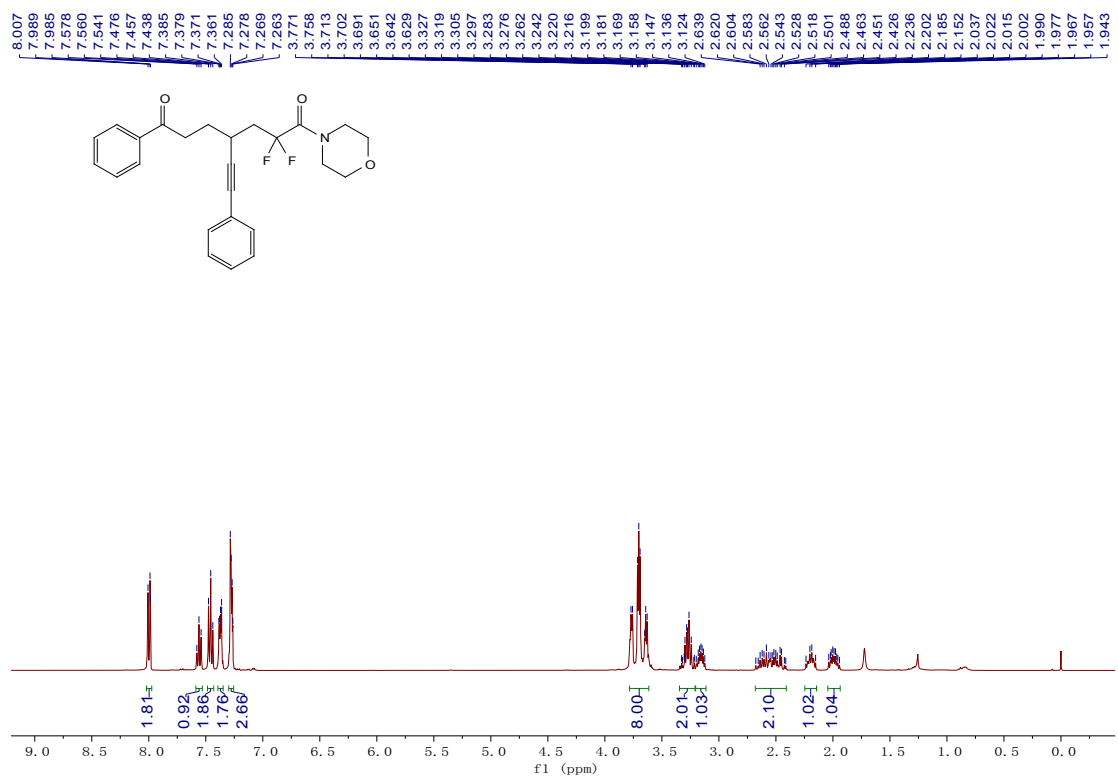


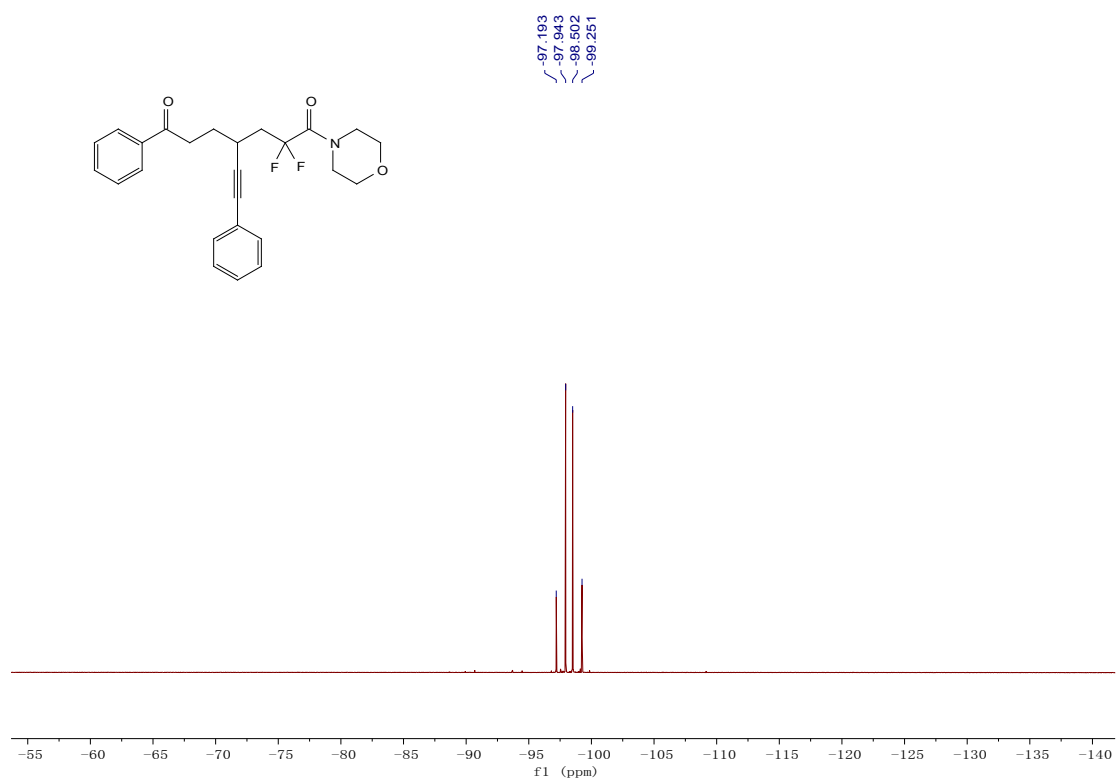
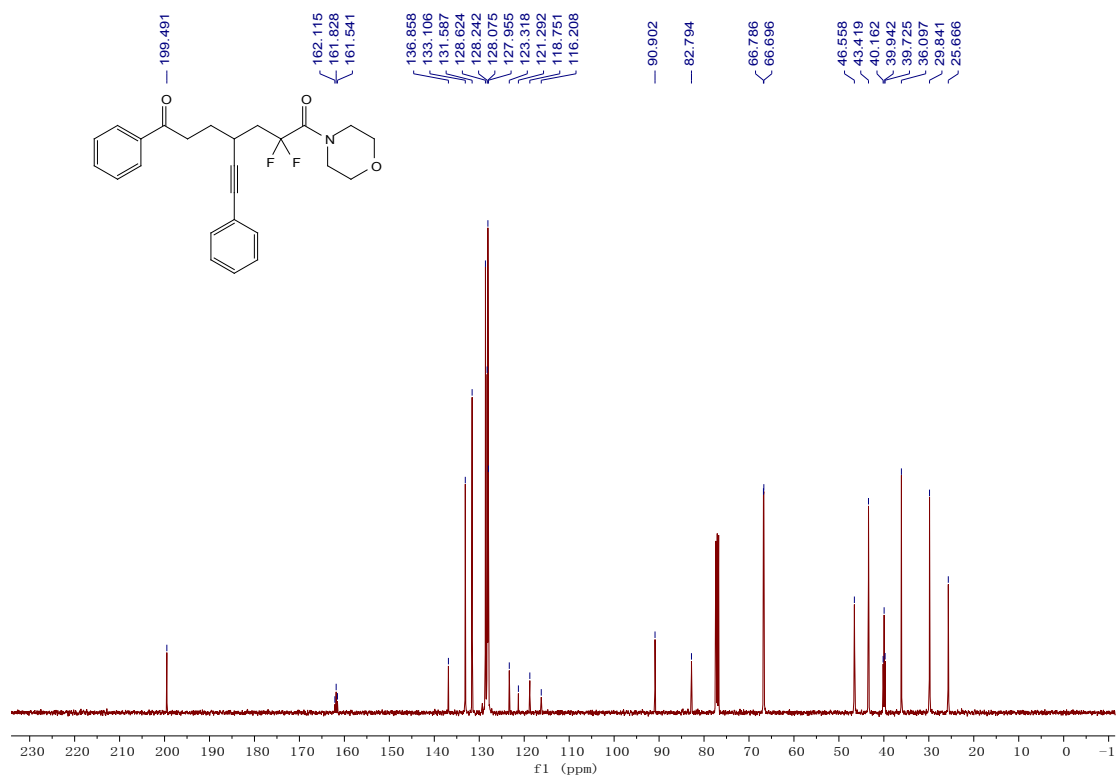
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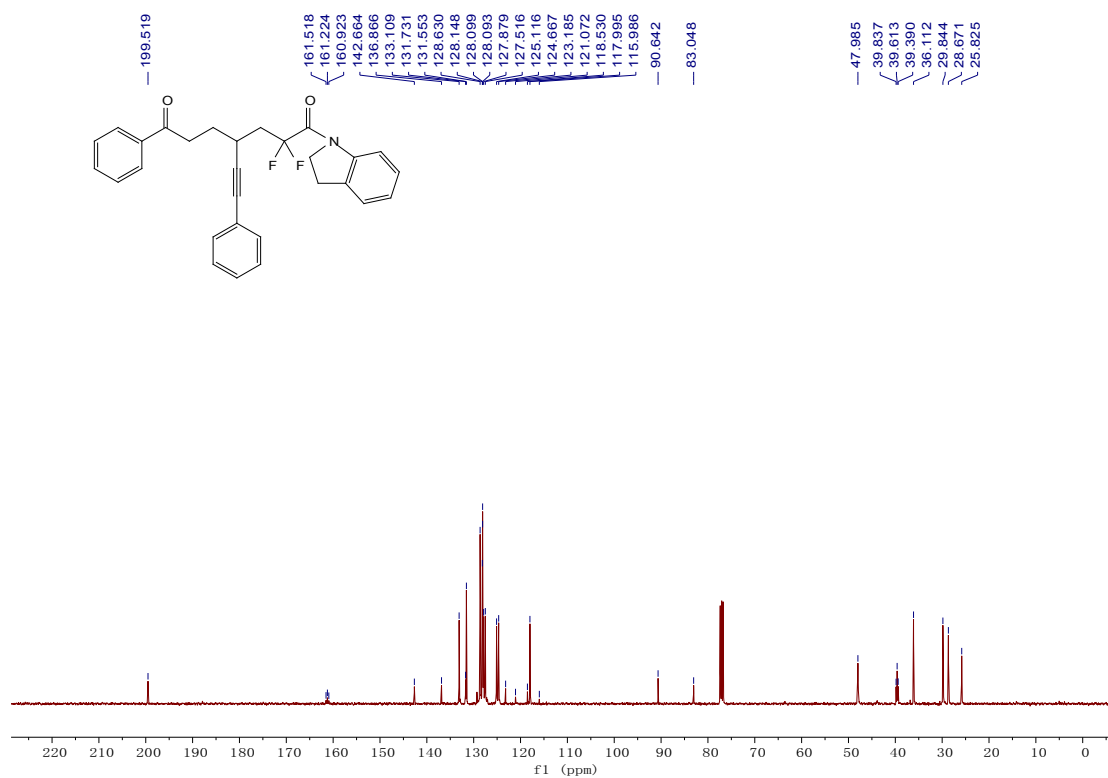
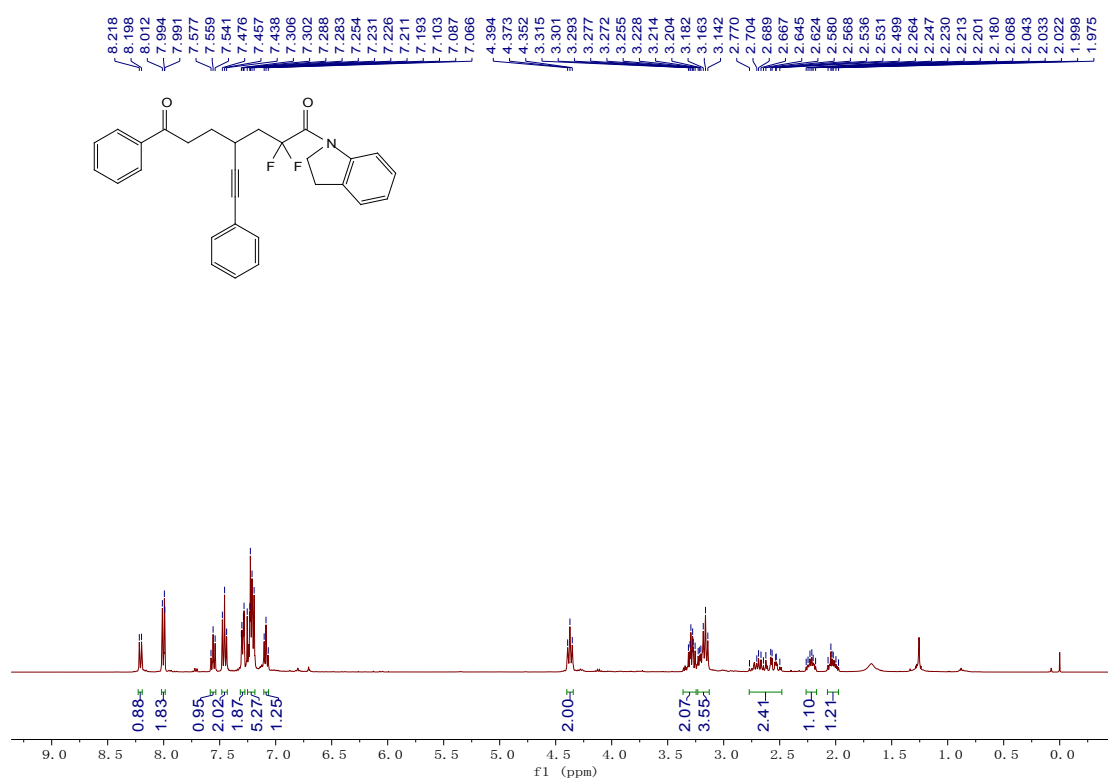


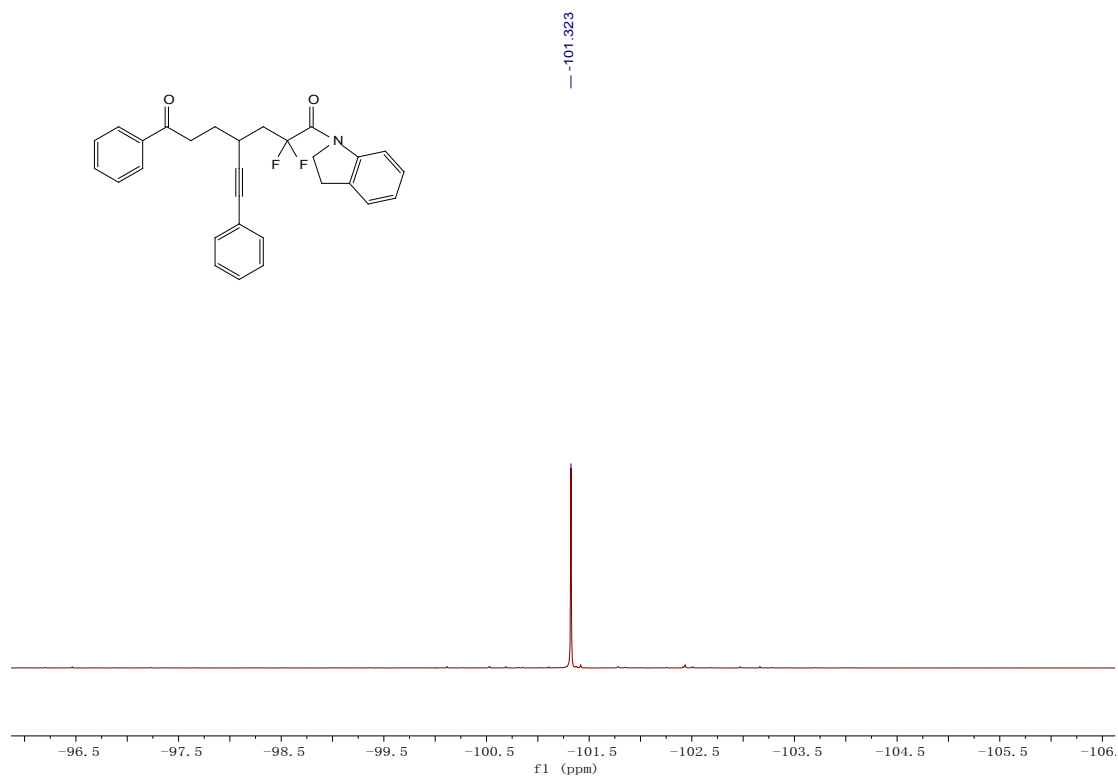
2,2-difluoro-1-morpholino-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptane-1,7-dione (3s)





2,2-difluoro-1-(indolin-1-yl)-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptane-1,7-dione (**3t**)





2,2-difluoro-N-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-oxo-7-phenyl-4-(phenylethynyl)heptanamide (**3u**)

