

Supporting Information for

A visible light photoredox catalyzed carbon radical-mediated generation of *o*-QMs for 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran synthesis

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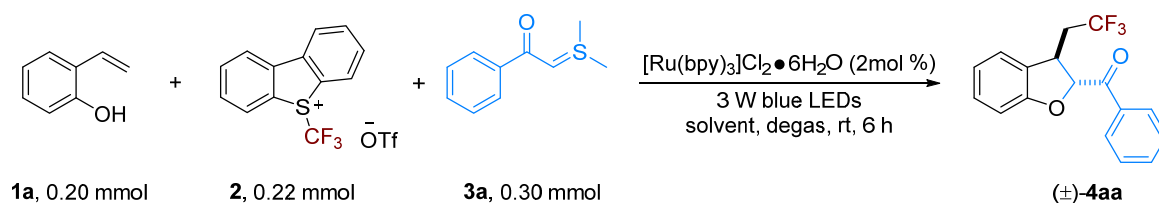
1. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ was prepared according to literature.¹ The solvents used were treated by distillation over the drying agents. Flash column chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on 400 or 600 MHz spectrophotometers. Chemical shifts are reported in delta (δ (ppm)) units in parts per million (ppm) relative to the singlet (0 ppm) for tetramethylsilane (TMS). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Mercury 400 (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometers (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm). The high resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Bruker ESI-O-TOF MS mass spectrometer. 2-Vinylphenols **1**,² sulfonium bromides **5** and sulfur ylides **2** were prepared according to previous reported procedures.³

2. Detailed Optimization of Reaction Conditions and Control Experiments

2.1 Optimization of Reaction Conditions

Table S1. Screen of the solvents

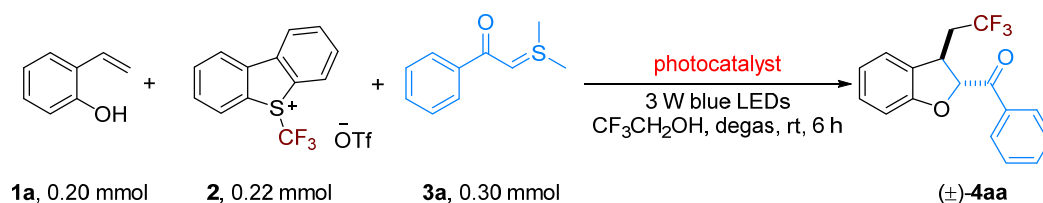


Entry ^[a]	solvent	Yield ^[b] [%]
1	CH ₂ Cl ₂	36
2	Toluene	13
3	DMF	20
4	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH	42

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with **1a** (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (54.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂•6H₂O (2 mol%) in solvent (2.0 mL) at rt under irradiation of 3 W blue LEDs. [b] Determined by ¹H NMR yield using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

As shown in *Table S1*, among all the solvents tested, CF₃CH₂OH gave the best results in terms of yield (42% yield), and was thus selected for further optimization studies.

Table S2. Screen of the photocatalysts

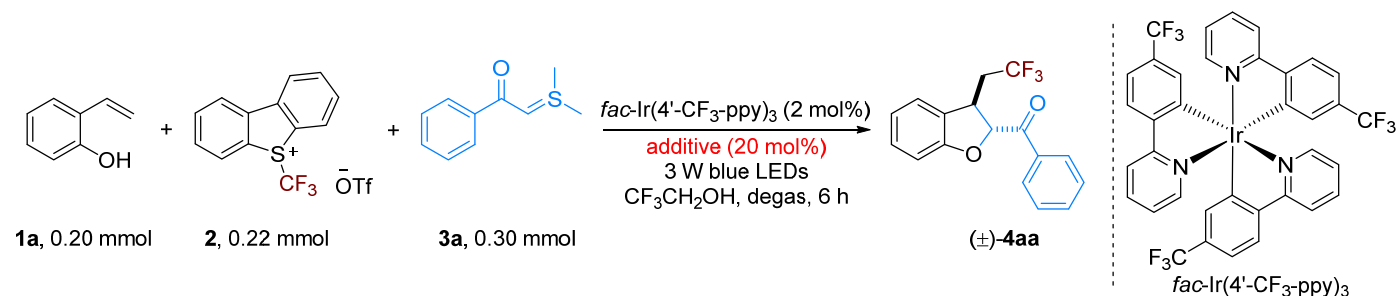


Entry ^[a]	photocatalyst	Yield ^[b] [%]
1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	51
2	[Ru(bpz) ₃]PF ₆	49
3	[Ir(dtbbpy)(ppy) ₂]PF ₆	57
4	[Ir(dF(CF ₃ ppy) ₂ (dtbpy))]PF ₆	60
5	<i>fac</i>-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃	73
6	Ir(4-Fppy) ₃	52
7	Eosin Y	53
8	No photocatalyst	45

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with **1a** (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (54.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), photocatalyst (2 mol%) in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL) at rt under irradiation of 3 W blue LEDs. [b] Determined by ¹HNMR yield using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

As shown in Table S2, among all the photocatalysts tested, *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ gave the best results in terms of yield (73% yield), and was thus selected for further optimization studies.

Table S3. Screen of the additives

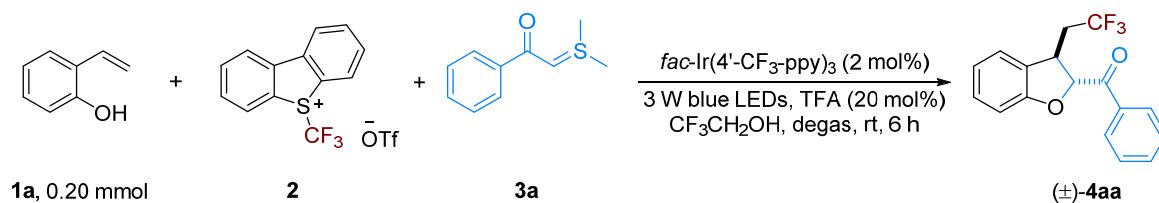


Entry ^[a]	additive	Yield ^[b] [%]
1	TFA	77
2	TsOH	47
3	Isobutyric acid	30
4	Pivalic acid	70
5	1-Adamantane carboxylic acid	55
6	-	73

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with **1a** (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (54.0mg, 0.30 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (2 mol%), additive (20 mol%) in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL) at rt under irradiation of 3 W blue LEDs. [b] Determined by ¹HNMR yield using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

As shown in Table S3, among all the additives tested, TFA gave the best result in terms of yield (77% yield), and was thus selected for further optimization studies.

Table S4. Screen of the ratio of the substrates



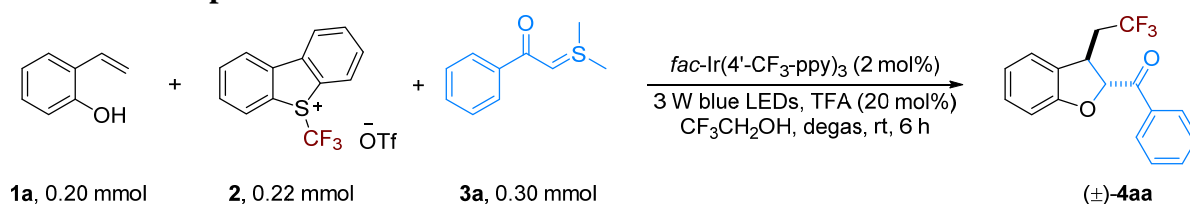
Entry ^[a]	Equivalent of 2	Equivalent of 3a	Yield ^[b] [%]
1	1.1	1.5	77
2	1.5	1.5	66
3	2.0	1.5	62
4	1.1	2.0	81
5	1.1	3.0	62

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with **1a** (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2**, **3a**, *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (2 mol%), TFA (20 mol%) in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL) at rt under irradiation of 3 W blue LEDs. [b] Determined by ¹HNMR yield using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard.

As shown in Table S4, among all the conditions tested, 1.1 equivalent of **2**, 2.0 equivalent of **3a** gave the best results in terms of yield (81% yield), and was thus selected for further optimization studies.

2.2 Control Experiments

Table S5. Control experiments



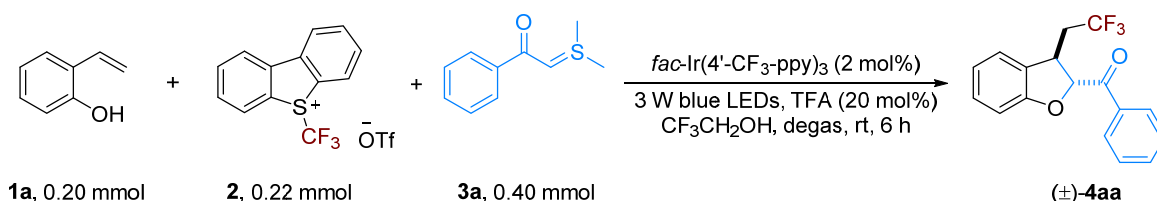
Entry ^[a]	hν	photocatalyst	Yield ^[b] (%)
1	+	+	75
2	-	+	Trace
3	+	-	40
4	-	-	No reaction

[a] Unless otherwise noted, reactions were carried out with **1a** (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (54.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (2 mol%), TFA (20 mol%) in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL) at rt under irradiation of 3 W blue LEDs. [b] Determined by isolated yield.

The results of Table S5 revealed that synthesis of **4aa** is indeed a photoredox catalysis process.

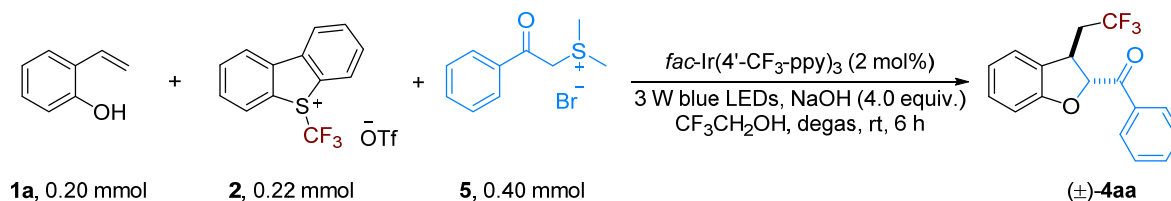
3. Experimental Procedure and Spectral Data of Products

3.1 General Process



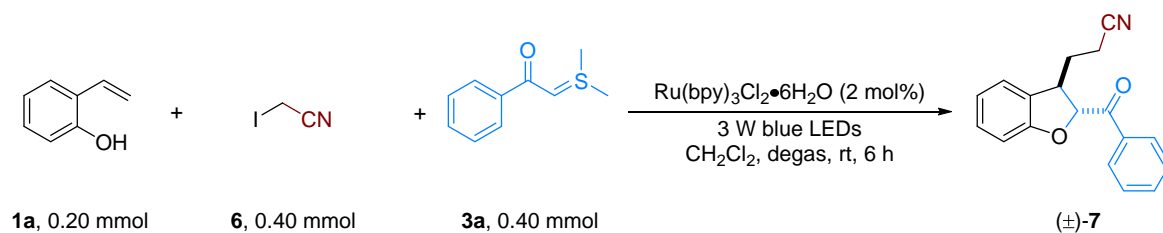
1a (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (72.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (3.4 mg, 2 mol%), TFA (4.5 mg, 20 mol%) were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature about 6 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **4aa** in 81% isolated yield as a white solid. Other products were prepared according to the above procedure.

3.2 Experimental Procedure of Reaction Using Sulfonium Bromide



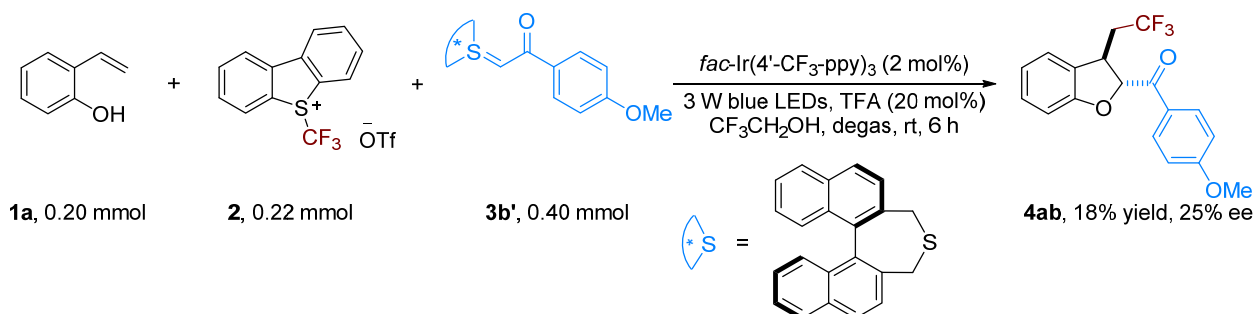
1a (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **5** (104.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), NaOH (32.0 mg, 0.80 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (3.4 mg, 2 mol%), were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature about 6 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **4aa** in 50% isolated yield as a white solid.

3.3 Experimental Procedure of Reaction Using Iodoacetonitrile as Radical Source



1a (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **6** (66.8 mg, 0.40 mmol), **3a** (72.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂·6H₂O (3.0 mg, 2 mol%), were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature about 6 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **7** in 70% isolated yield as a yellow oil.

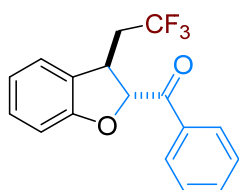
3.4 Experimental Procedure of Reaction Using (R)-BINOL-derived Chiral Sulfur Ylide



1a (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3b'** (92.1 mg, 0.40 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (3.4 mg, 2 mol%), TFA (4.5 mg, 20 mol%) were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature about 6 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **4ab** in 18% isolated yield as a white solid.

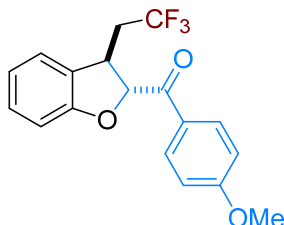
3.5 Spectral Data of Products

Product 4aa



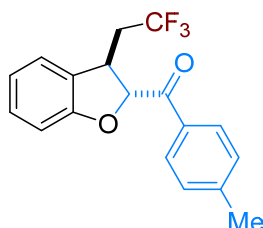
48 mg, white solid, yield: 80%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.10 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.46 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.49 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.5, 158.0, 134.7, 133.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 127.0, 126.0 (q, $J = 275.9$ Hz), 124.5, 121.7, 110.1, 87.0, 38.9 (q, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 37.4 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.14. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 307.0940, found: 307.0950.

Product 4ab



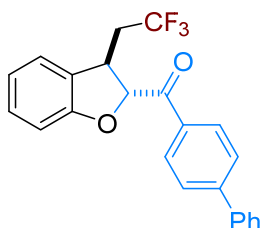
37 mg, white solid, yield: 55%. The ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, n-hexane/isopropanol 80:20 v/v, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, 25 °C). Retention times: $R_t = 9.246$ min (major), $R_t = 12.158$ min (minor). ee = 25%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.10 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.74 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 191.7, 164.1, 158.1, 131.9, 129.2, 127.6, 127.5 (q, $J = 275.7$ Hz), 127.2, 124.5, 122.2, 121.6, 114.0, 110.0, 87.0, 55.5, 38.7 (q, $J = 27.2$ Hz), 37.3 (q, $J = 2.5$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.12. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{K}]^+$: calcd: 375.0605, found: 375.0602.

Product 4ac



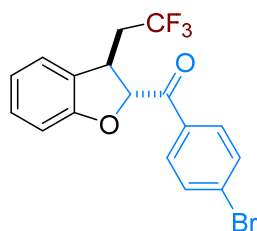
38 mg, white solid, yield: 60%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.00 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.68 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.40 (m, 1H), 2.71 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.1, 158.1, 144.9, 132.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 127.4 (q, $J = 275.7$ Hz), 127.1, 124.5, 121.6, 110.1, 86.9, 39.0 (q, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 37.3 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 21.7. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.09. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 321.1097, found: 321.1096.

Product 4ad



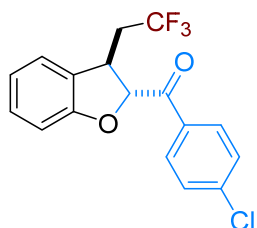
48 mg, white solid, yield: 63%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.18 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 – 4.45 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.50 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.1, 158.1, 146.5, 139.7, 133.3, 130.1, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 126.1 (q, $J = 275.9$ Hz), 124.5, 121.7, 110.1, 87.1, 38.9 (q, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 37.32 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.09. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 383.1253, found: 383.1255.

Product 4ae



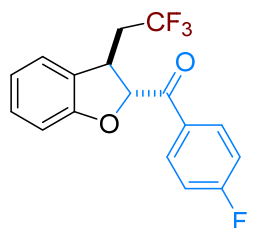
54 mg, white solid, yield: 71%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.37 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 192.7, 157.8, 133.4, 132.1, 131.0, 129.4, 129.2, 126.9, 126.0 (q, J = 275.8 Hz), 124.5, 121.9, 110.1, 87.1, 38.9 (q, J = 27.8 Hz), 37.2 (q, J = 2.6 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.17. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 385.0046, found: 385.0042.

Product 4af



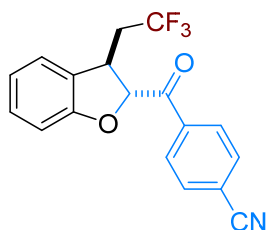
44 mg, white solid, yield: 65%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.47 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 2.75 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 192.5, 157.8, 140.4, 132.9, 130.9, 129.3, 129.0, 127.4 (q, J = 276.1 Hz), 126.9, 124.5, 121.8, 110.1, 87.0, 38.7 (q, J = 27.7 Hz), 37.1 (q, J = 2.4 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.20. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 341.0551, found: 341.0558.

Product 4ag



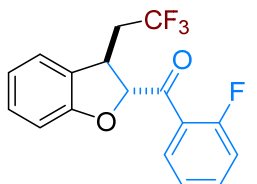
43 mg, white solid, yield: 66%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.16 – 8.11 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 192.0, 166.2 (d, J = 254.8 Hz), 157.9, 132.3, 131.1, 129.3, 127.0, 126.0 (q, J = 275.8 Hz), 124.5, 121.8, 116.0, 110.1, 87.1, 38.9 (q, J = 27.7 Hz), 37.2 (q, J = 2.7 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.20, -103.48. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 325.0846, found: 325.0851.

Product 4ah



35 mg, white solid, yield: 53%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.49 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 2.74 – 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.49 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 192.7, 157.5, 137.7, 132.4, 129.9, 129.4, 127.3 (q, J = 275.7 Hz), 126.6, 124.5, 122.0, 117.8, 116.9, 110.1, 87.1, 38.9 (q, J = 27.7 Hz), 37.1 (q, J = 2.3 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.22. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: calcd: 354.0712, found: 354.0722.

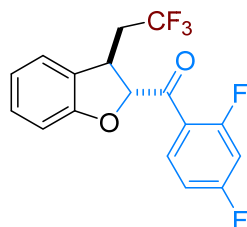
Product 4ai



40 mg, white solid, yield: 62%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.82 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 6.94 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 – 5.62 (m, 1H), 4.21 (dd, J = 11.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.56 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.6, 162.9 (d, J = 252.7 Hz), 158.4, 135.3 (d, J = 9.1 Hz), 131.3 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 129.4, 126.7, 126.0 (q, J = 275.7 Hz), 124.8 (m), 123.6 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 121.6, 116.7 (d, J = 23.2 Hz), 110.1, 89.7 (d, J = 16 Hz), 39.4

(q, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 38.0 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.06, -109.65. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: calcd: 325.0846, found: 325.0851.

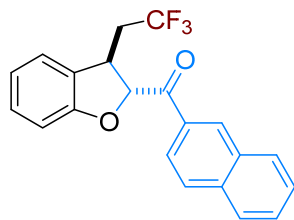
Product 4aj



38 mg, white solid, yield: 58%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.84 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dd, $J = 3.6$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.22 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.52 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 192.1 (d, $J = 4.2$, Hz), 167.6 (dd, $J = 256.6$, 12.4 Hz), 163.9 (dd, $J = 255.9$, 12.6 Hz), 158.2, 133.3 (dd, $J = 10.6$, 4.5 Hz), 129.4, 127.4 (q, $J = 275.8$ Hz), 126.7, 124.8, 121.7, 120.2 (dd, $J = 13.5$, 3.5 Hz), 112.7 (dd, $J = 21.5$, 3.3 Hz), 110.1, 104.8 (dd, $J = 27.0$, 17.5 Hz), 89.5 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 39.4 (q, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 37.8 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.15, -100.32, -104.81. HRMS

(ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_5\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: calcd: 365.0571, found: 365.0589.

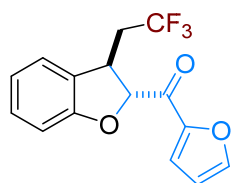
Product 4ak



44 mg, white solid, yield: 62%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.66 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 2.77 – 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.53 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.4, 158.1, 135.9, 132.4, 131.9, 131.7, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.1, 126.8, 126.0 (q, $J = 275.9$ Hz) 124.5, 124.4, 121.7, 110.1, 87.0,

38.9 (q, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 37.4 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.09. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: calcd: 357.1097, found: 357.1095.

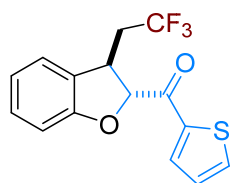
Product 4al



40 mg, white solid, yield: 68%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.69 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.47 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.97 – 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, $J = 1.0$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.54 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 183.3, 158.4, 150.5, 147.7, 129.4, 127.3 (q, $J = 275.8$ Hz), 126.7, 124.7, 121.8, 120.6, 112.6, 110.1, 87.1, 39.2 (q, $J = 27.9$ Hz), 38.6 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm)

-64.01. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$: calcd: 297.0733, found: 297.0731.

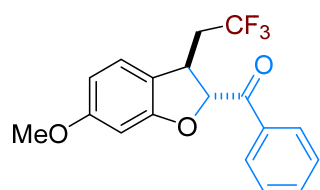
Product 4am



38 mg, colorless oil, yield: 61%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.04 (dd, $J = 4.0$, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, $J = 4.8$, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.30 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.52 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 188.1, 158.1, 140.7, 135.4, 134.6, 129.4, 128.3, 126.8, 126.0 (q, $J = 275.8$ Hz), 124.7, 121.9, 110.2, 88.3, 39.0 (q, $J = 27.8$ Hz), 38.7 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -63.93. HRMS

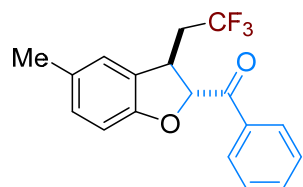
(ESI) for: $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$: calcd: 335.0324, found: 335.0325.

Product 4ba



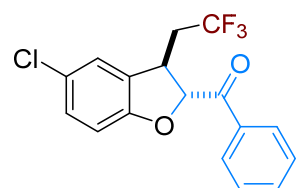
27 mg, yellow oil, yield: 41%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.08 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H) 7.63 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 1H), 2.66 – 2.47 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.7, 161.2, 159.4, 134.6, 133.9, 129.4, 128.7, 127.4 (q, $J = 276.0$ Hz) 124.7, 118.8, 107.6, 96.5, 87.9, 55.5, 39.3 (q, $J = 27.4$ Hz), 37.0 (q, $J = 2.5$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.09. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: calcd: 337.1046, found: 337.1042.

Product 4ca



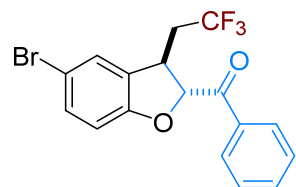
41 mg, white solid, yield: 64%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.09 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.98 – 6.96 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.71 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 – 5.66 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.40 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 2.69 – 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.7, 156.0, 134.7, 133.8, 131.1, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 127.0, 126.1 (q, $J = 275.8$ Hz), 124.9, 109.6, 87.1, 38.9 (q, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 37.4 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 20.8. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.2. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: calcd: 343.0916, found: 343.0900.

Product 4da



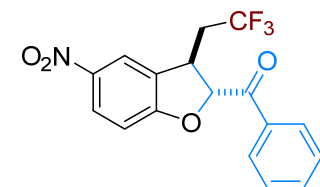
43 mg, white solid, yield: 63%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.01 – 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.70 – 6.68 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.66 – 5.64 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.42 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 193.0, 156.7, 134.3, 134.0, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 126.5, 125.8 (q, $J = 275.9$ Hz), 124.7, 111.1, 87.3, 38.6 (q, $J = 27.9$ Hz), 37.3 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.10. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: calcd: 363.0370, found: 363.0380.

Product 4ea



52 mg, white solid, yield: 68%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.00 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.38 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 2.61 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.42 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 192.9, 157.2, 134.4, 134.0, 132.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 127.6, 125.8 (q, $J = 275.8$ Hz) 113.5, 111.7, 87.3, 38.7 (q, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 37.3 (q, $J = 2.7$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) -64.12. HRMS (ESI) for: $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: calcd: 406.9865, found: 406.9882.

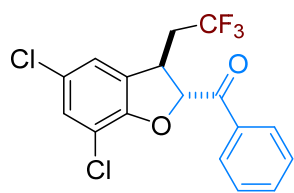
Product 4fa



14 mg, white solid, yield: 20%. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 8.12 (m, 2H), 8.02 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.87 – 6.84 (m, 1H), 5.86 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.48 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 2.71 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.49 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 191.9, 163.1, 142.9, 134.4, 134.0, 129.5, 128.9, 128.7 (q, $J = 276.0$ Hz), 127.0, 126.7, 121.1, 110.2, 88.2, 38.7 (q, $J = 28.2$ Hz), 36.8 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376

MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -63.97. HRMS (ESI) for: C₁₇H₁₂F₃NO₄ [M + Na]⁺: calcd: 374.0611, found: 374.0617.

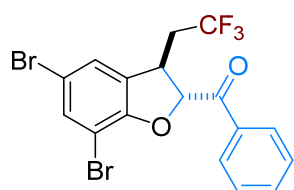
Product 4ga



43 mg, white solid, yield: 58%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.03 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 – 4.38 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 192.5, 153.1, 134.2, 134.2, 130.1, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 127.1 (q, *J* = 275.8 Hz), 126.9, 123.2, 116.3, 87.7, 38.7 (q, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 38.3 (q, *J* = 2.6 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -64.05. HRMS (ESI)

for: C₁₇H₁₁F₃O₃ [M + Na]⁺: calcd: 396.9980, found: 396.9976.

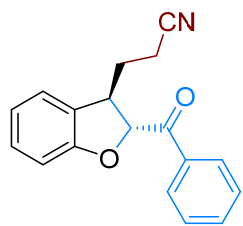
Product 4ha



46 mg, white solid, yield: 61%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.51 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 192.5, 155.0, 134.6, 134.2, 134.1, 130.1, 129.5, 128.8, 126.6, 125.7 (q, *J* = 275.8 Hz), 113.8, 103.9, 87.4, 38.6 (q, *J* = 28.2 Hz), 38.5 (q, *J* = 2.7 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) -64.04. HRMS (ESI)

for: C₁₇H₁₁Br₂F₃O₃ [M + K]⁺: calcd: 500.8709, found: 500.8704.

Product 7



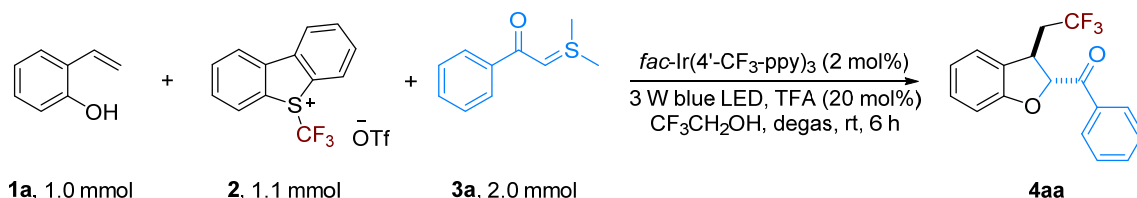
39 mg, yellow oil, yield: 70%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.12 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 195.4, 158.6, 134.3, 133.9, 129.3, 129.3, 128.8, 126.9, 124.4, 121.6, 119.0, 110.3, 88.0, 43.1, 30.5, 14.5. IR (in KBr): 1688, 1596, 1478, 1461, 1448, 1221, 751, 691 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) for: C₁₈H₁₅NO₂ [M + Na]⁺: calcd: 300.0995, found: 300.0998.

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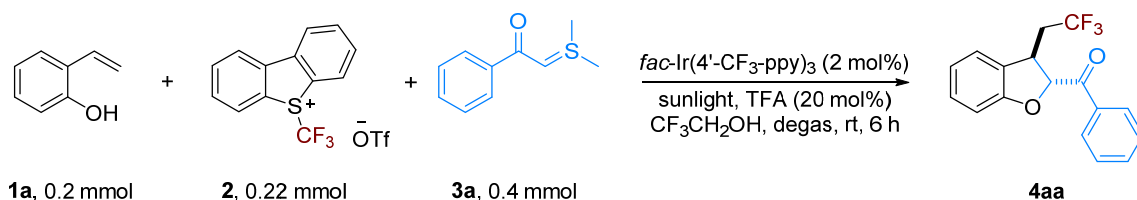
4. Synthetic Utility

4.1 1.0 mmol Scale Reaction



1a (120.0 mg, 1.0 mmol), **2** (440.0 mg, 1.1 mmol), **3a** (360.0 mg, 2.0 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (17.2 mg, 2 mol%), TFA (22.8 mg, 20 mol%) were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (10 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the resulting mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at rt about 6 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **4aa** in 76% isolated yield as a white solid.

4.2 Sunlight-driven Reaction

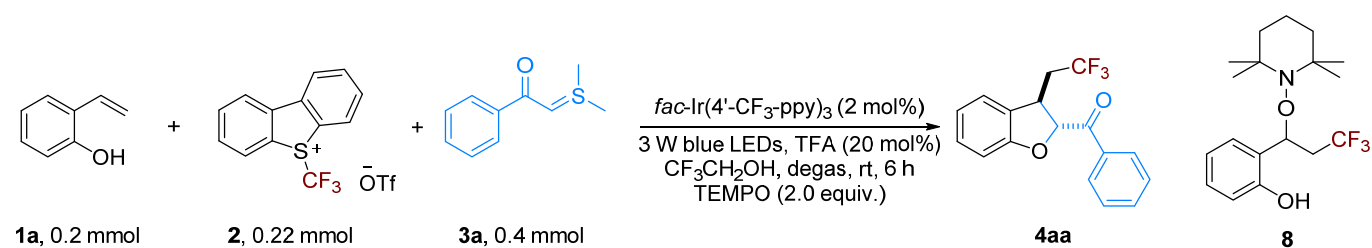


1a (24.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), **2** (88.0 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (72.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (3.4 mg, 2 mol%), TFA (4.5 mg, 20 mol%) were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (2 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the resulting mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at rt about 6 h until the reaction was completed, as monitored by TLC analysis. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **4aa** in 57% isolated yield as a white solid.



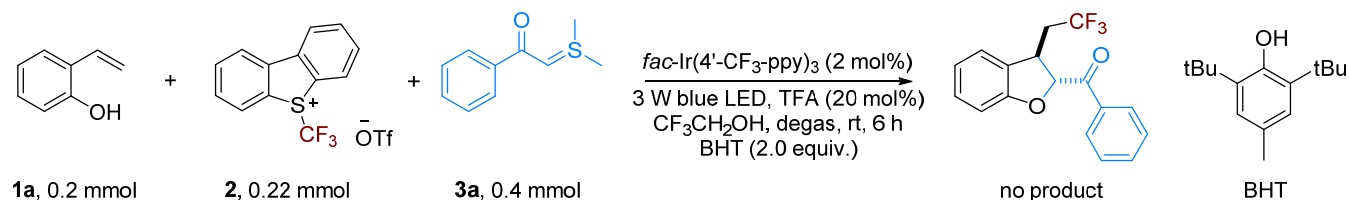
5. Mechanism Study

TEMPO Trapping Experiment



1a (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (72.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (3.4 mg, 2 mol%), TFA (4.5 mg, 20 mol%), TEMPO (62.4 mg, 2.0 equiv.) were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 mL). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature about 6 h. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 200:1) directly to give the desired product **4aa** in 28% isolated yield as a white solid. The TEMPO trapped intermediate **8** was detected by HRMS. HRMS (ESI) for: (C₁₈H₂₆F₃NO₂) [M + H]⁺ calcd: 346.1988, found: 346.1991.

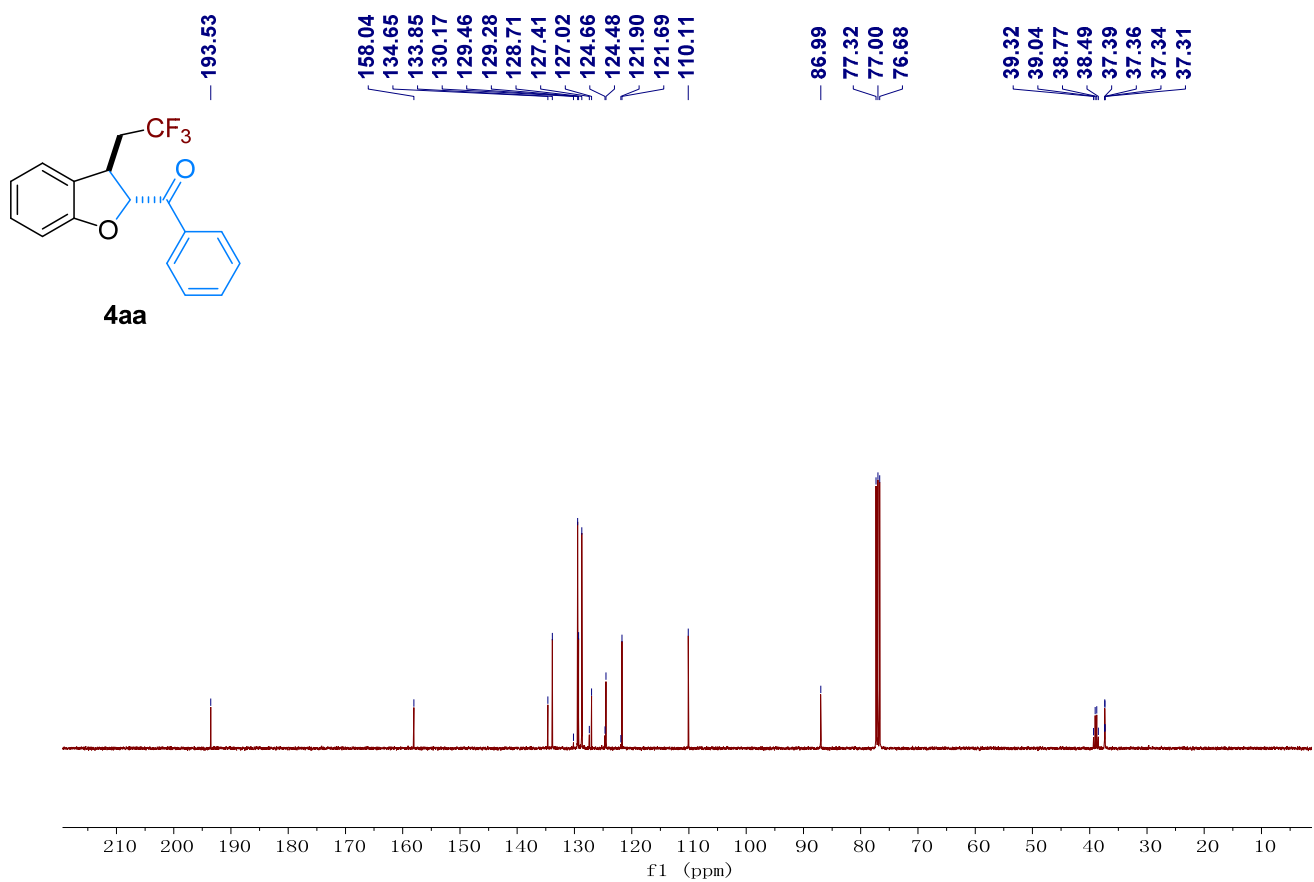
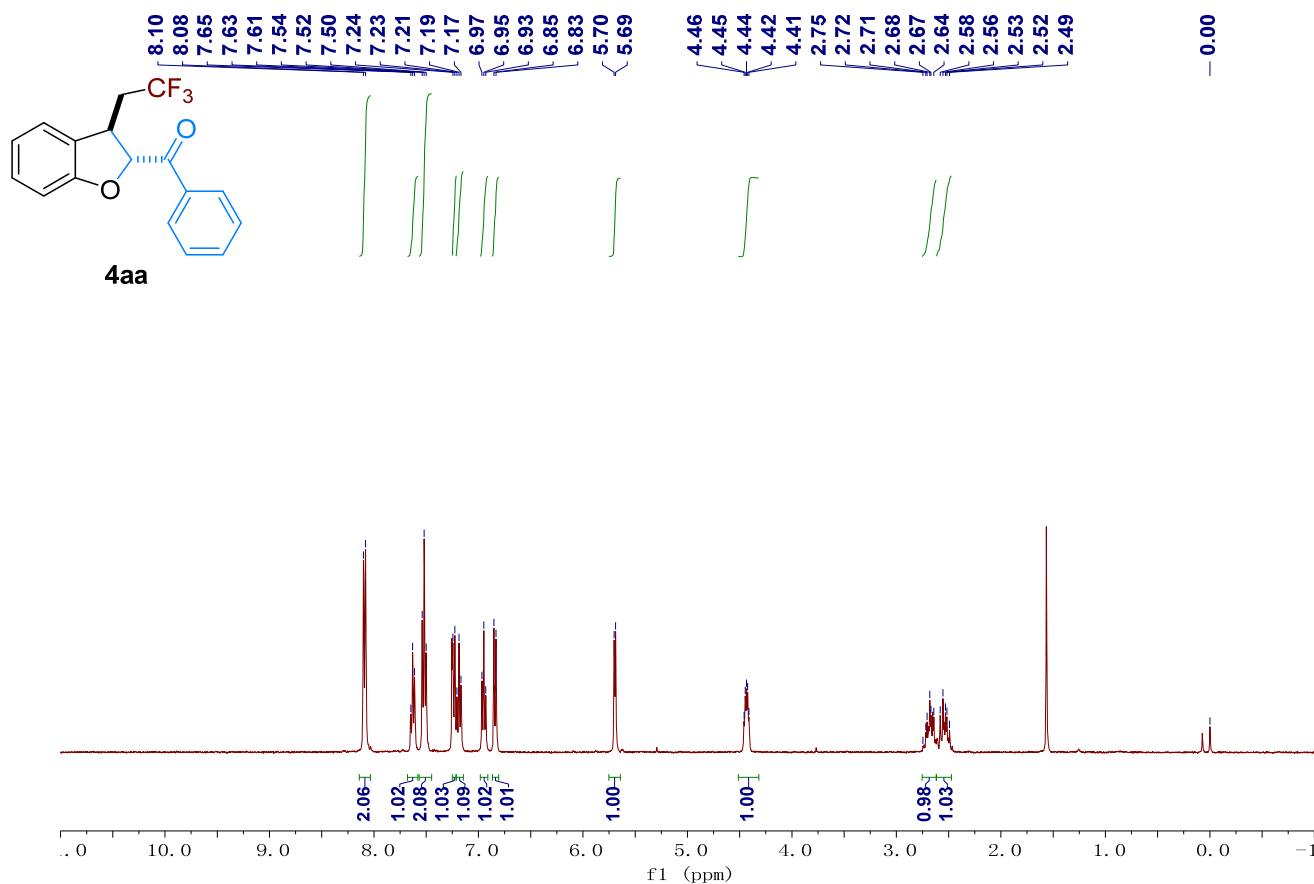
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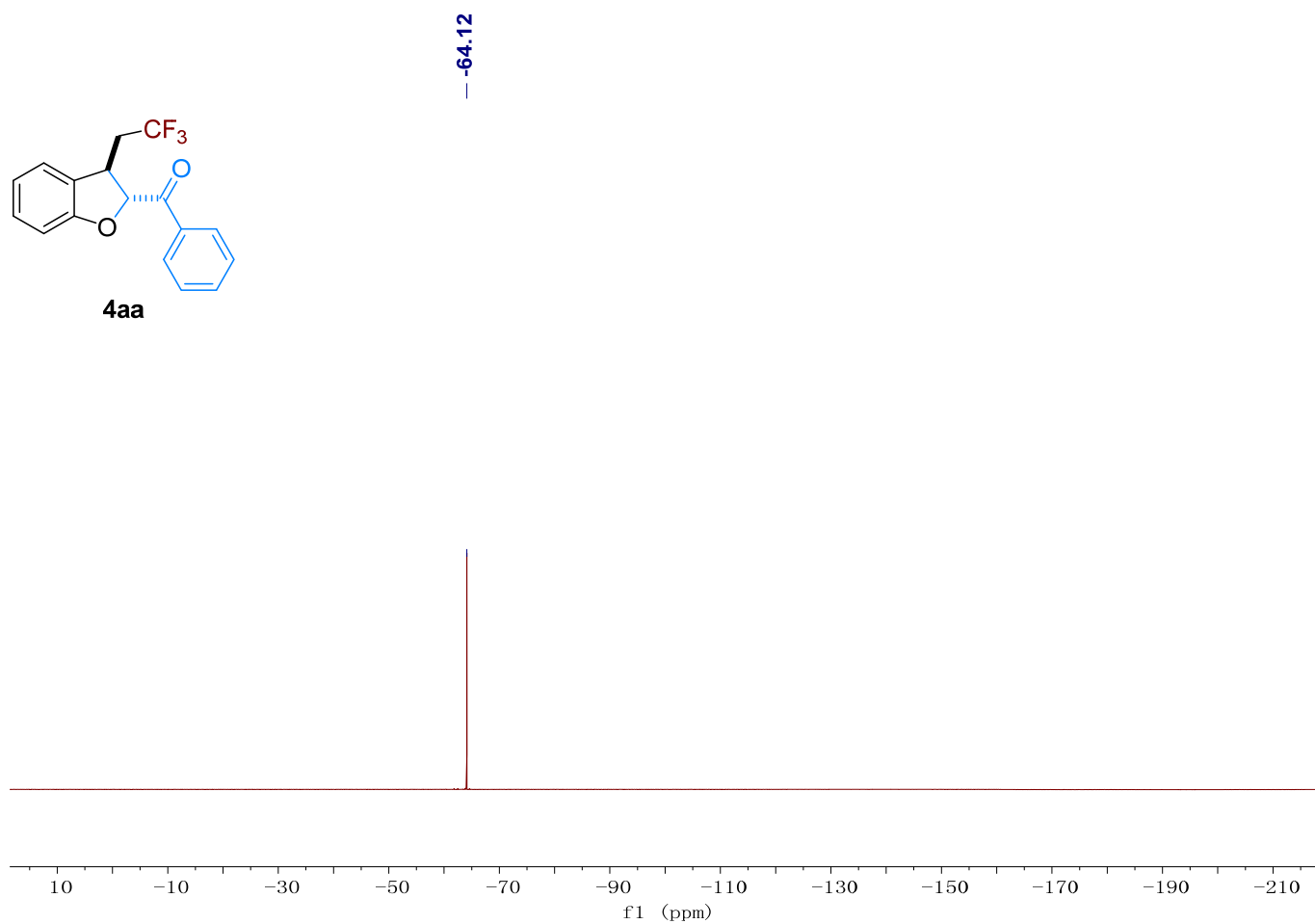


1a (24.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **2** (88.4 mg, 0.22 mmol), **3a** (72.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), *fac*-Ir(4'-CF₃-ppy)₃ (3.4 mg, 2 mol%), TFA (4.5 mg, 20 mol%), BHT (88.1 mg, 2.0 equiv.) were dissolved in CF₃CH₂OH (2.0 ml). The resulting mixture was degassed by a “freeze-pump-thaw” procedure (3 times). Then, the mixture was stirred at 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature about 6 h. No desired product **4aa** can be detected.

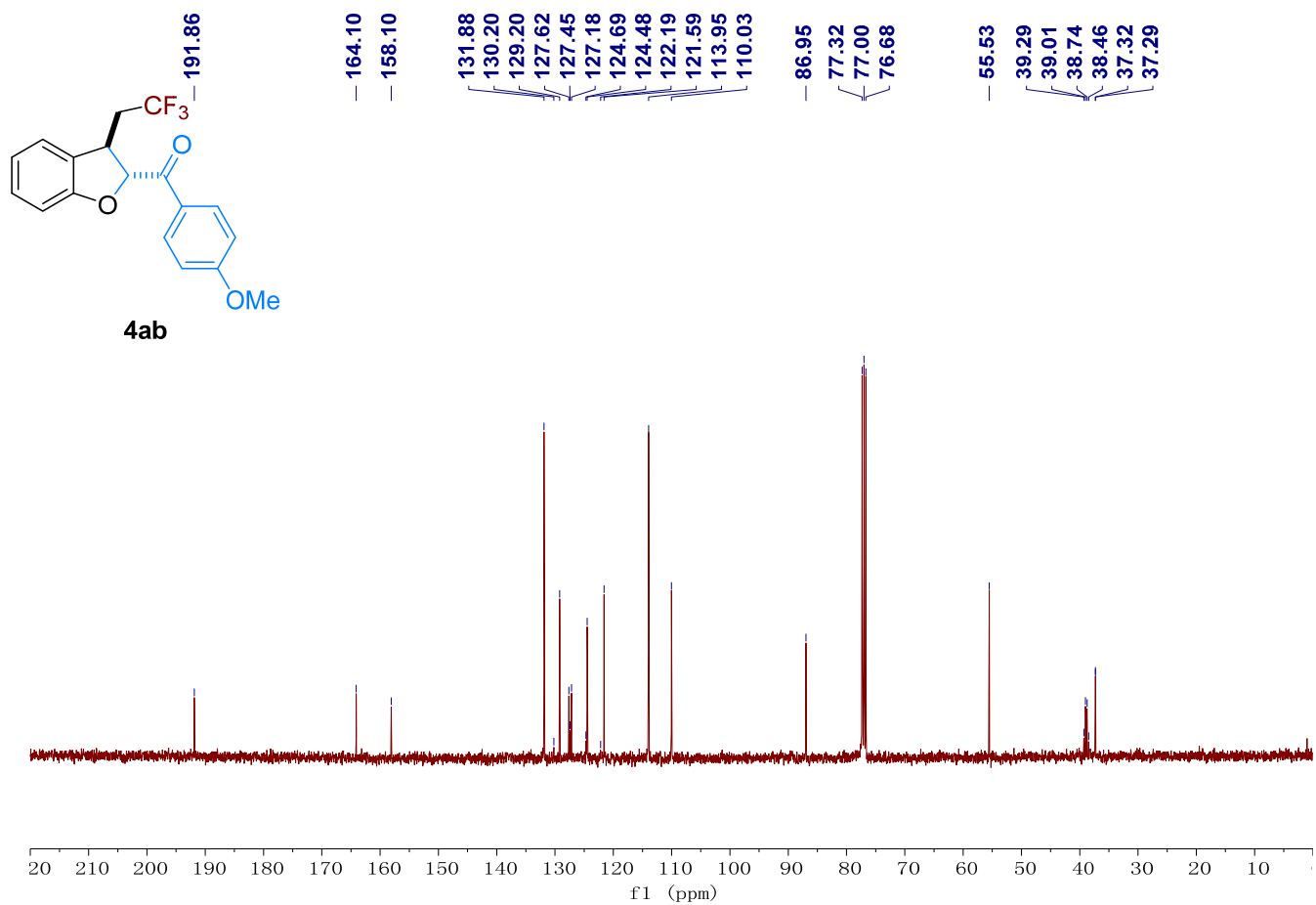
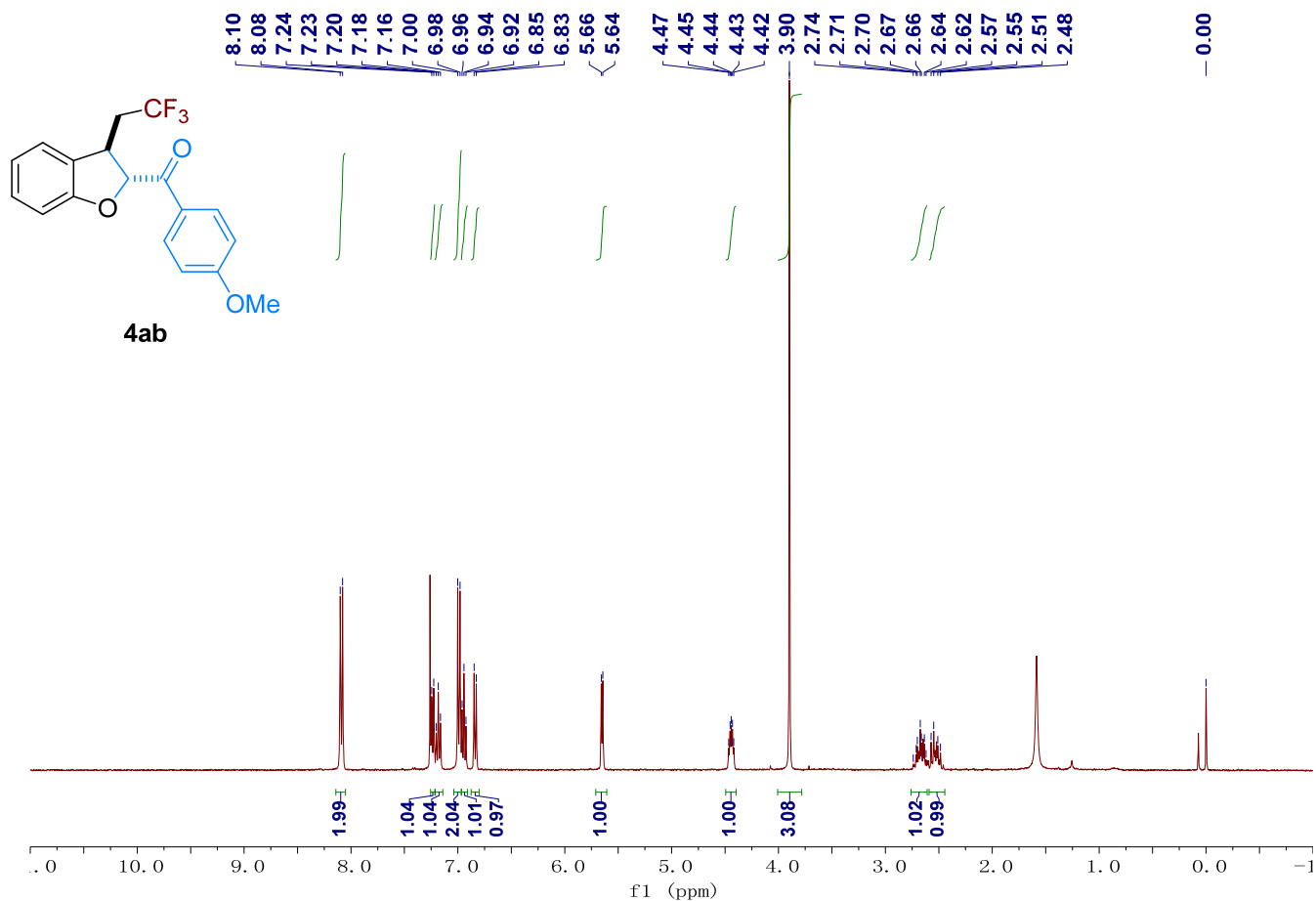
6. Spectra of Products

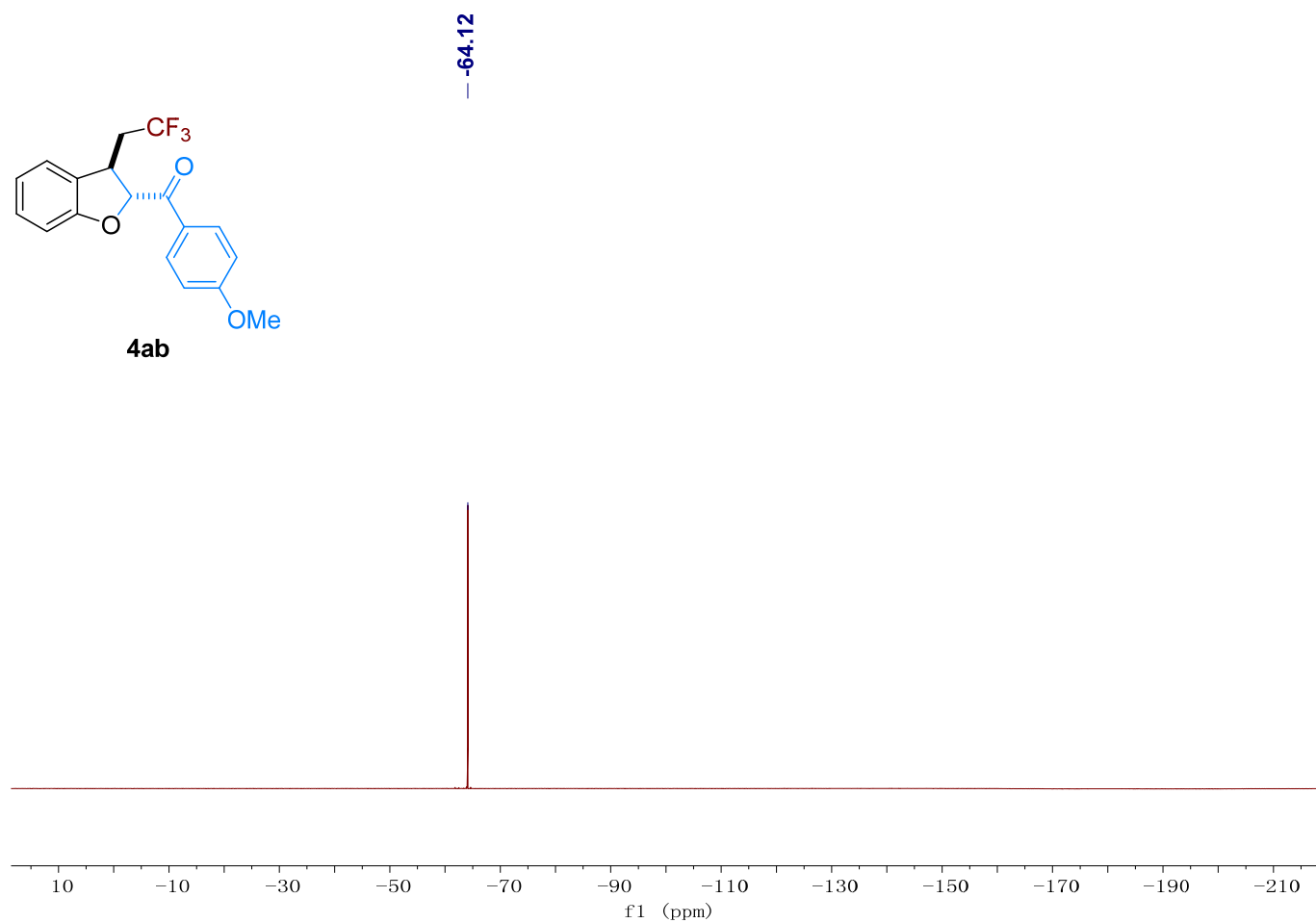
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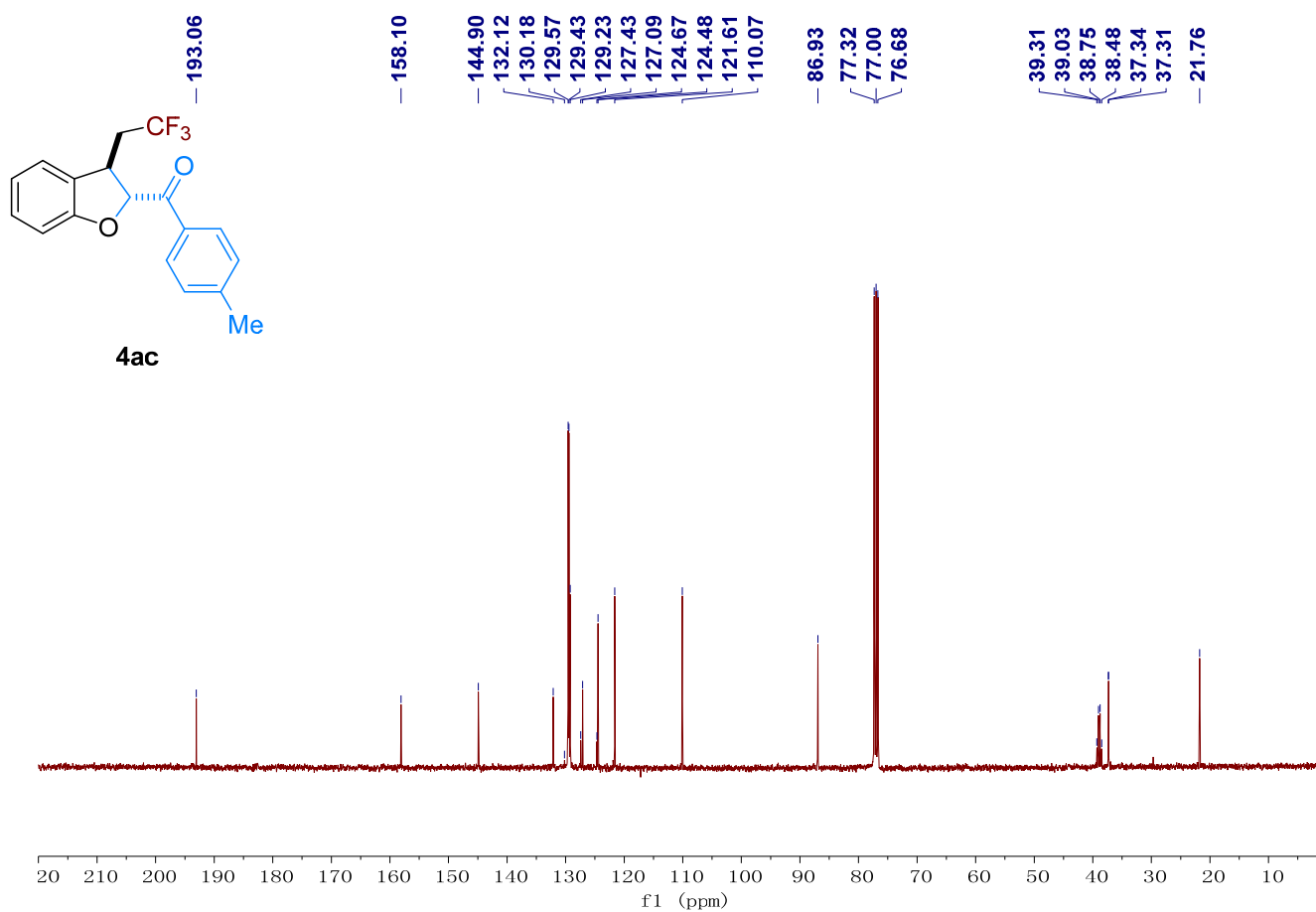
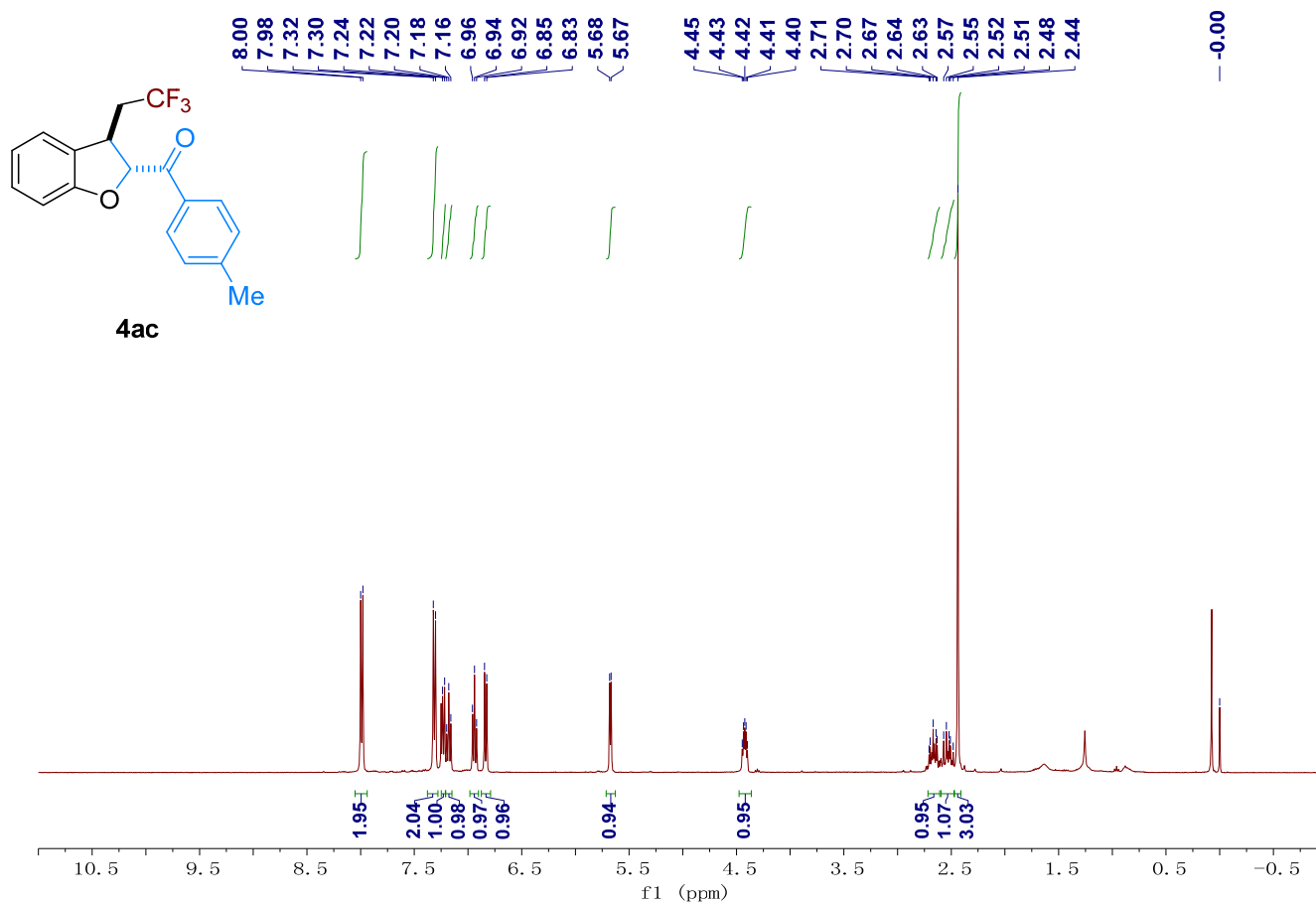


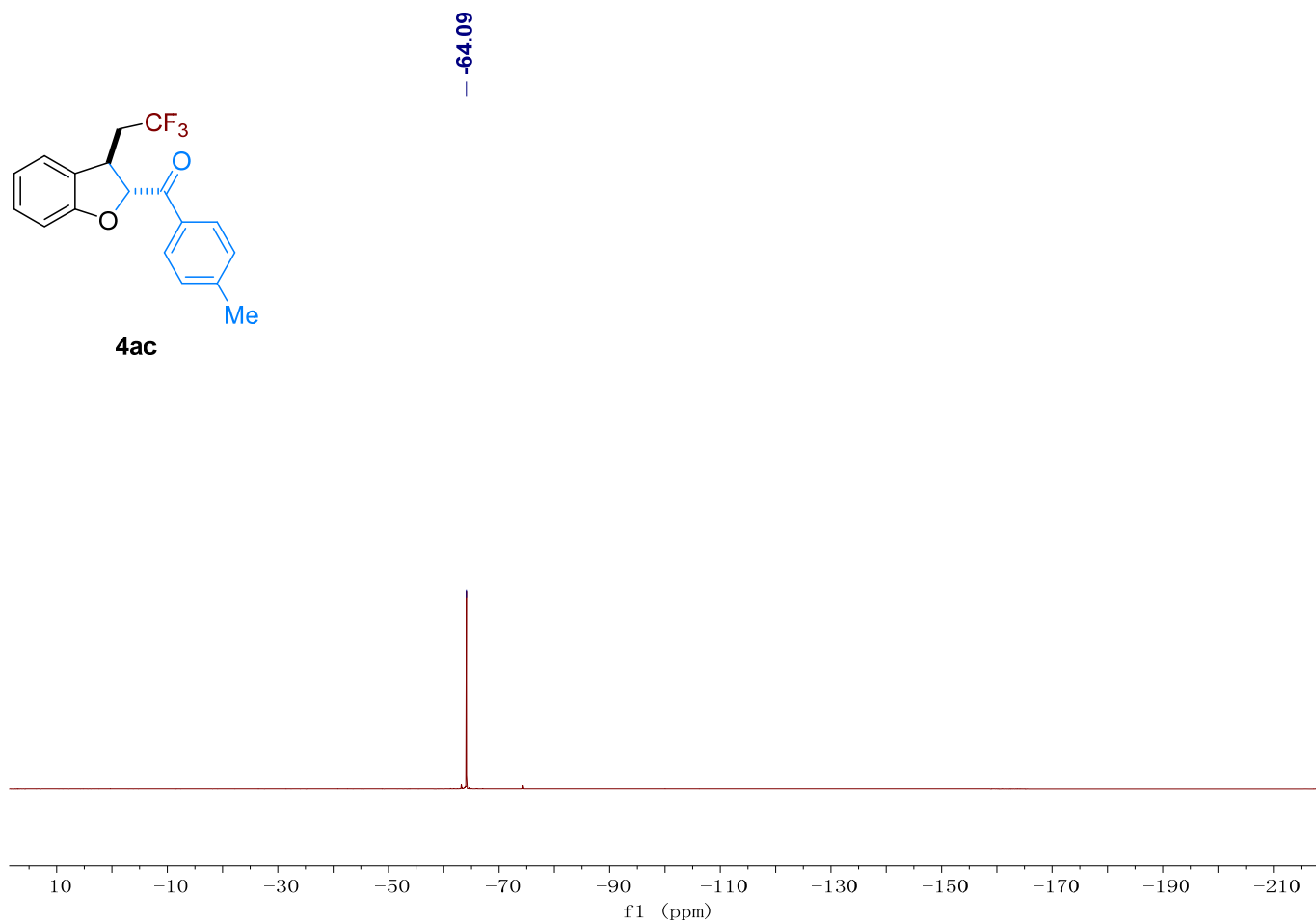
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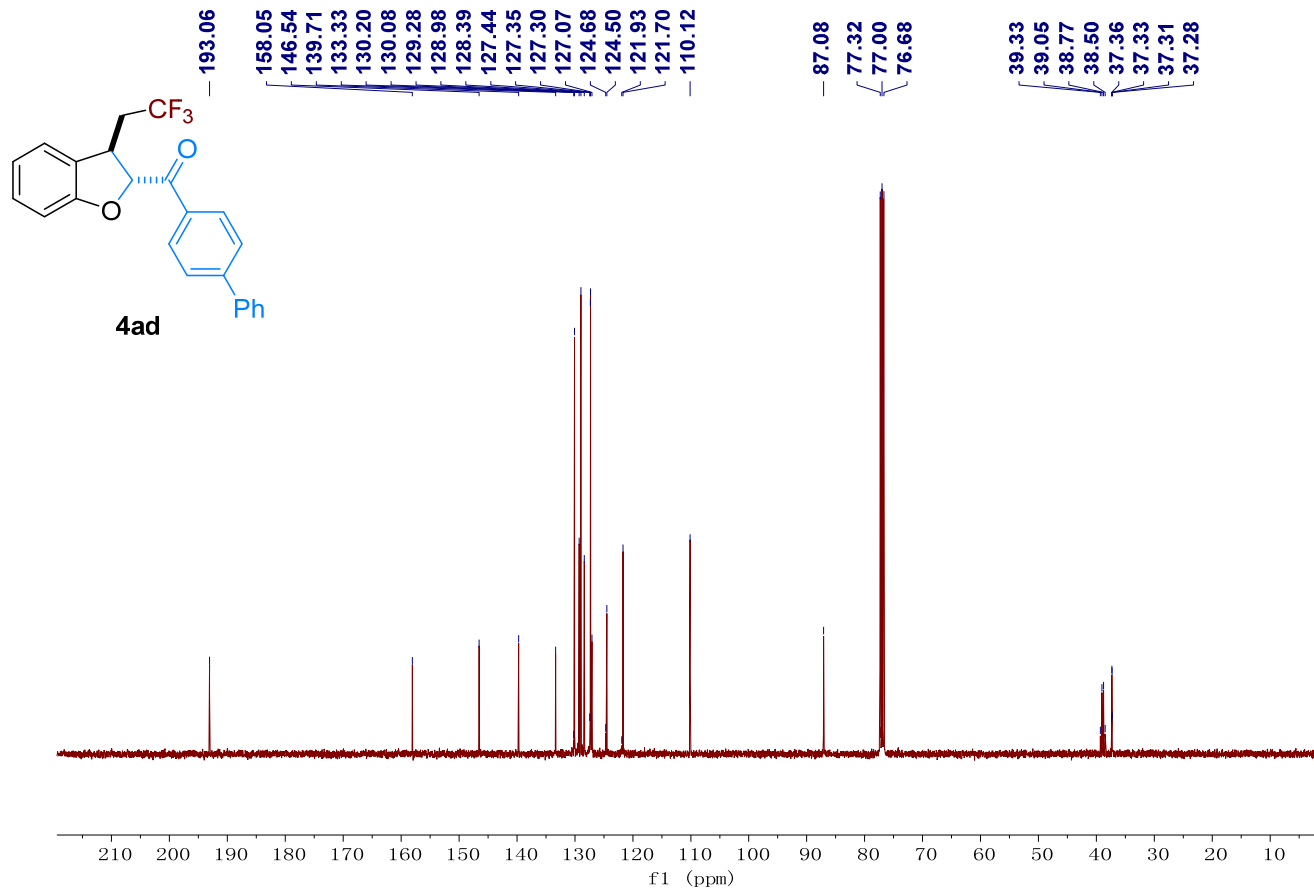
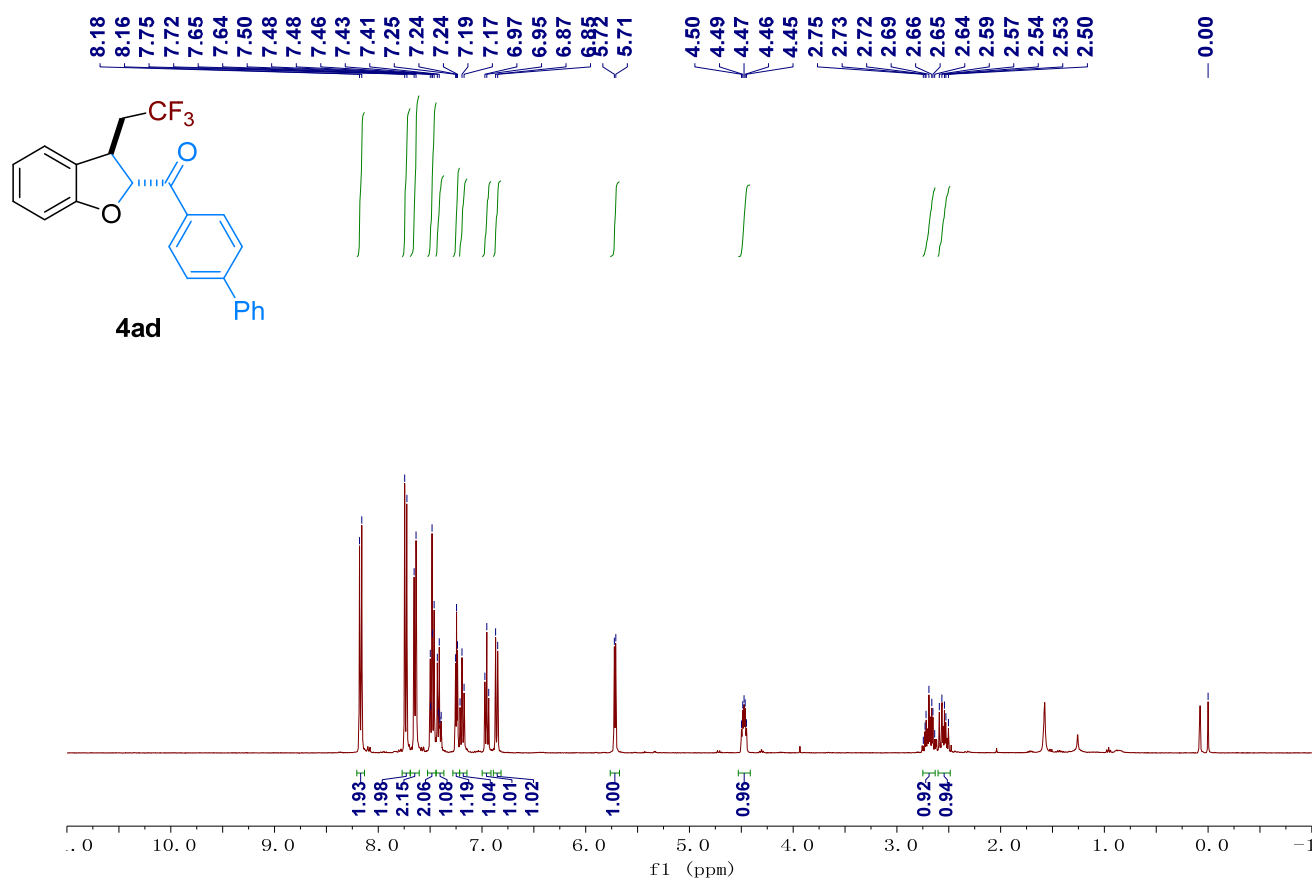


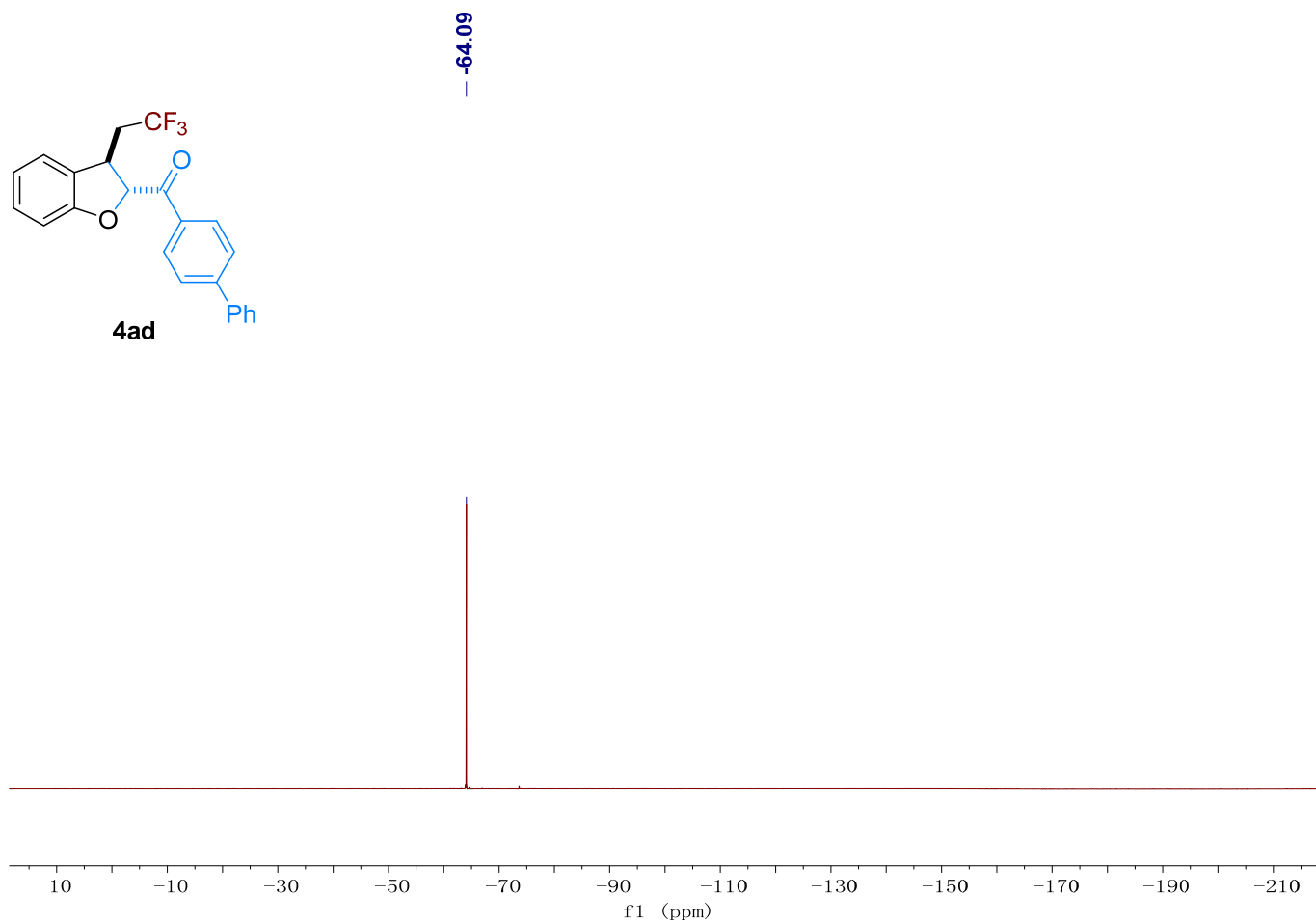
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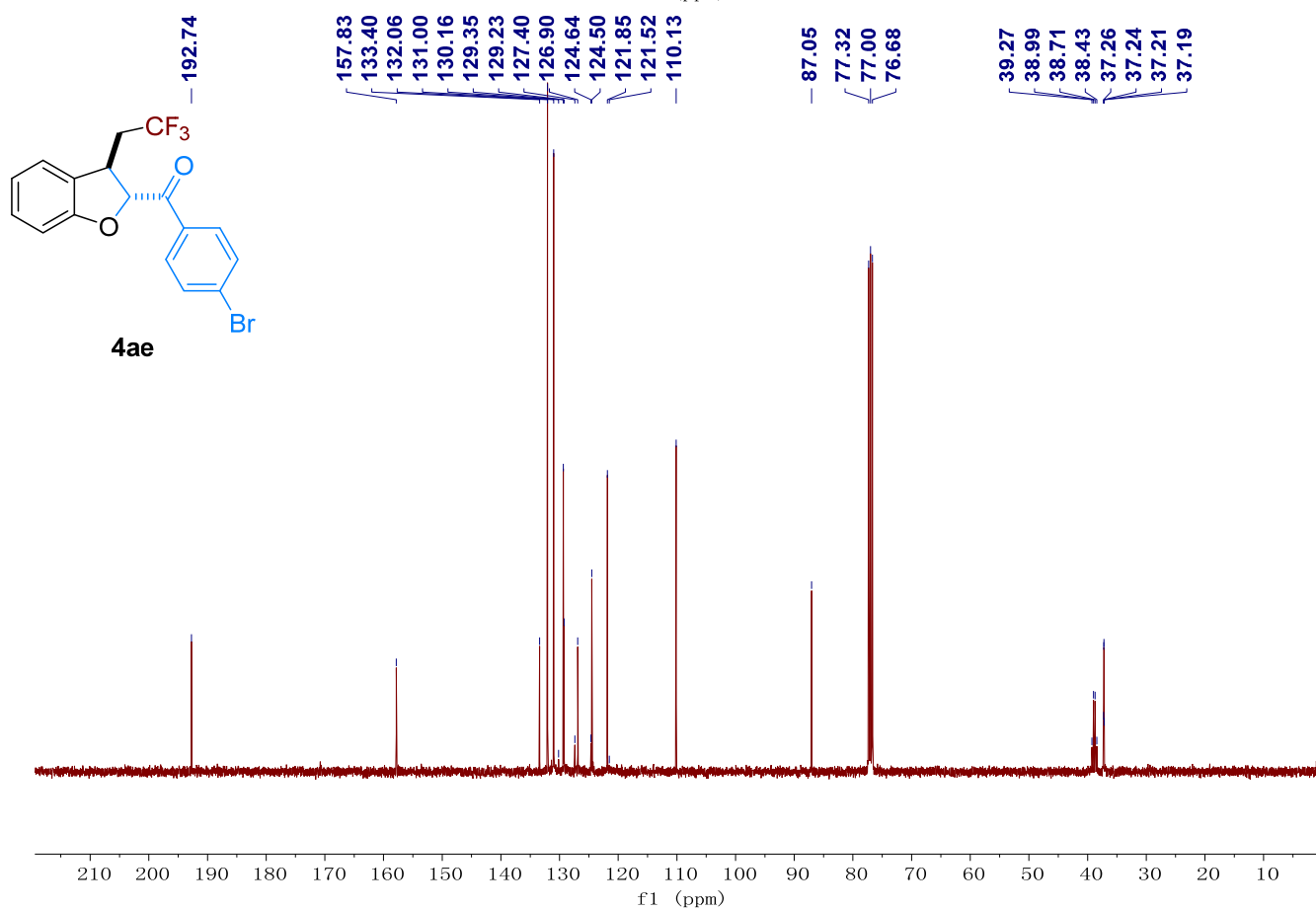
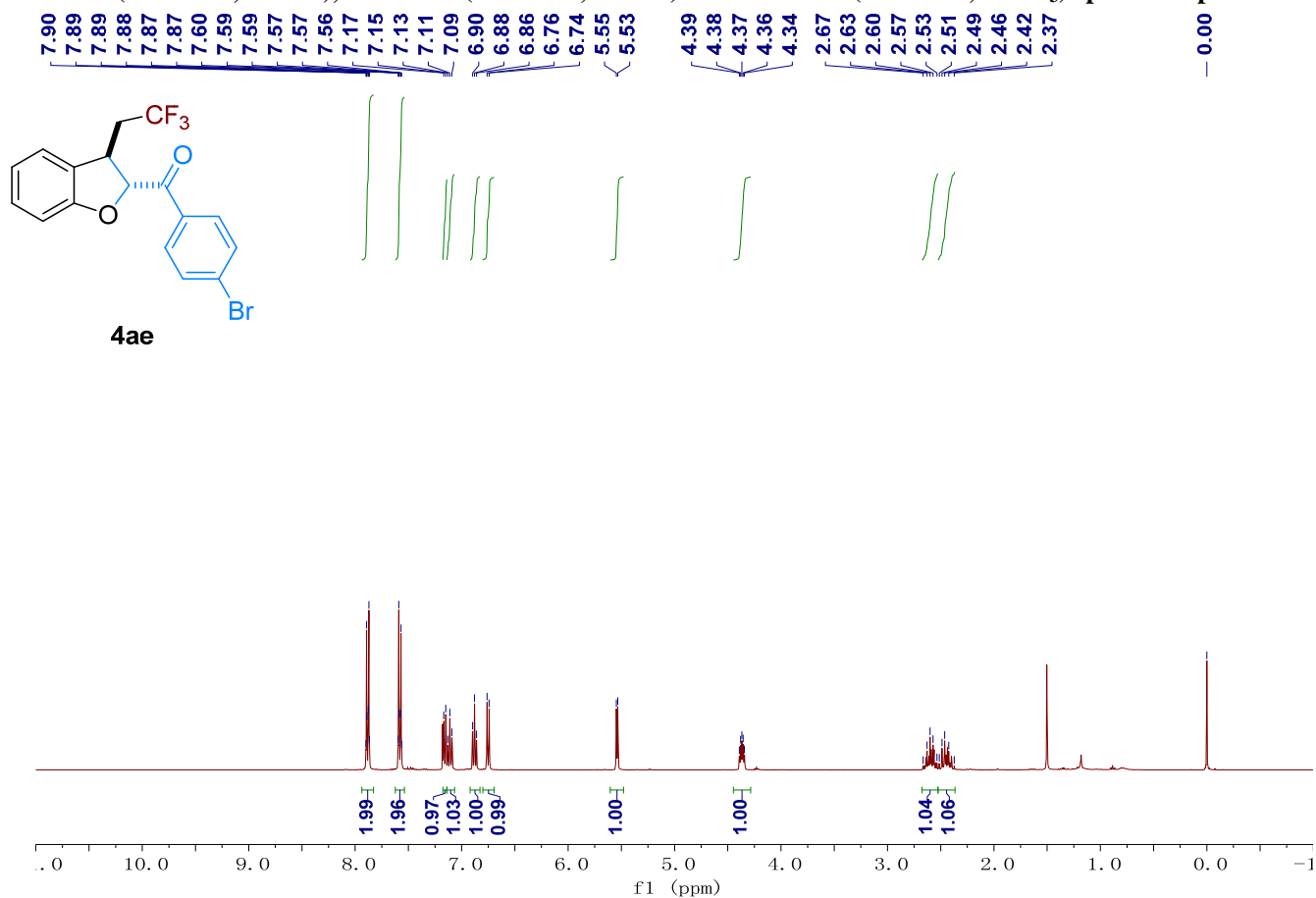


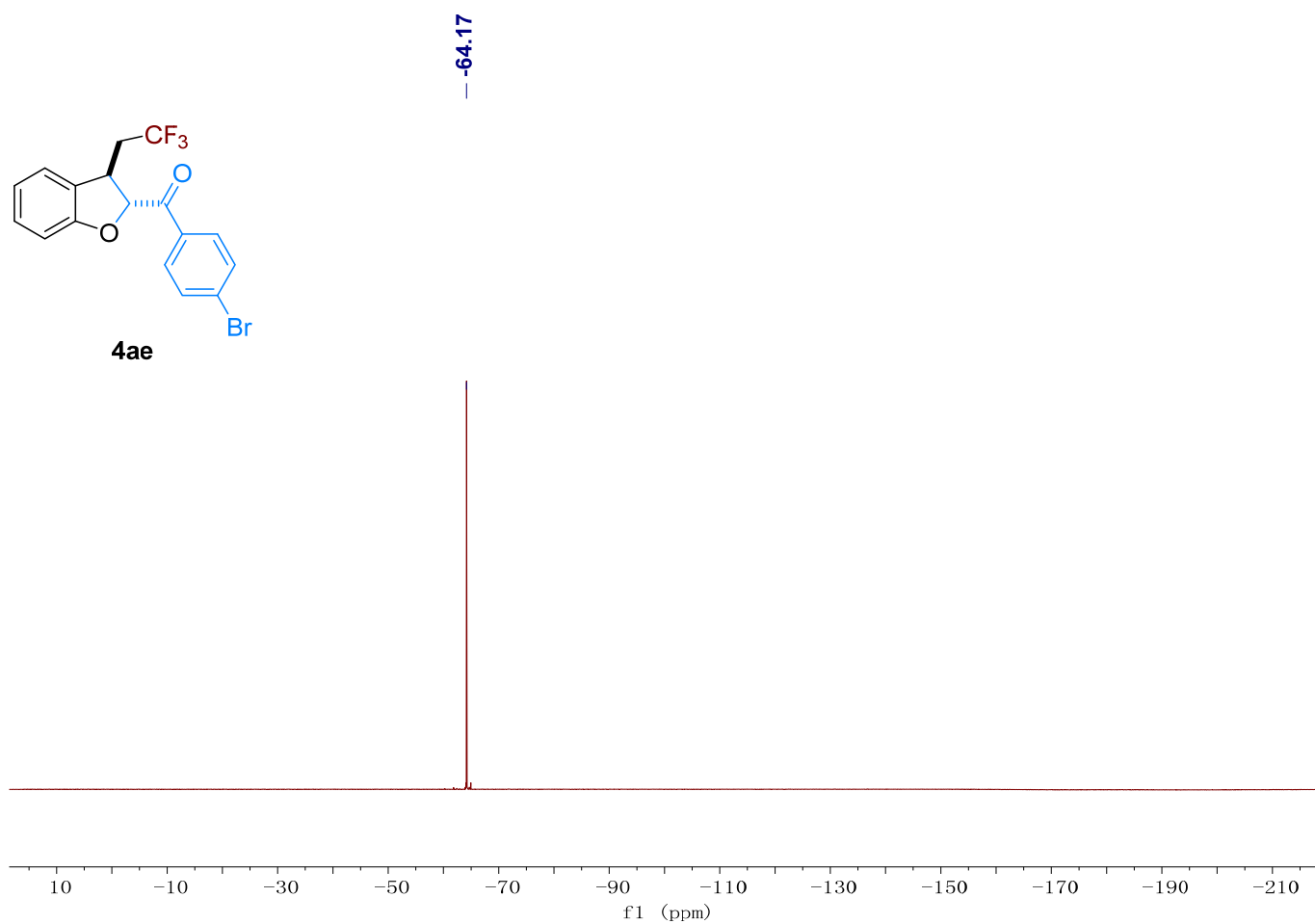
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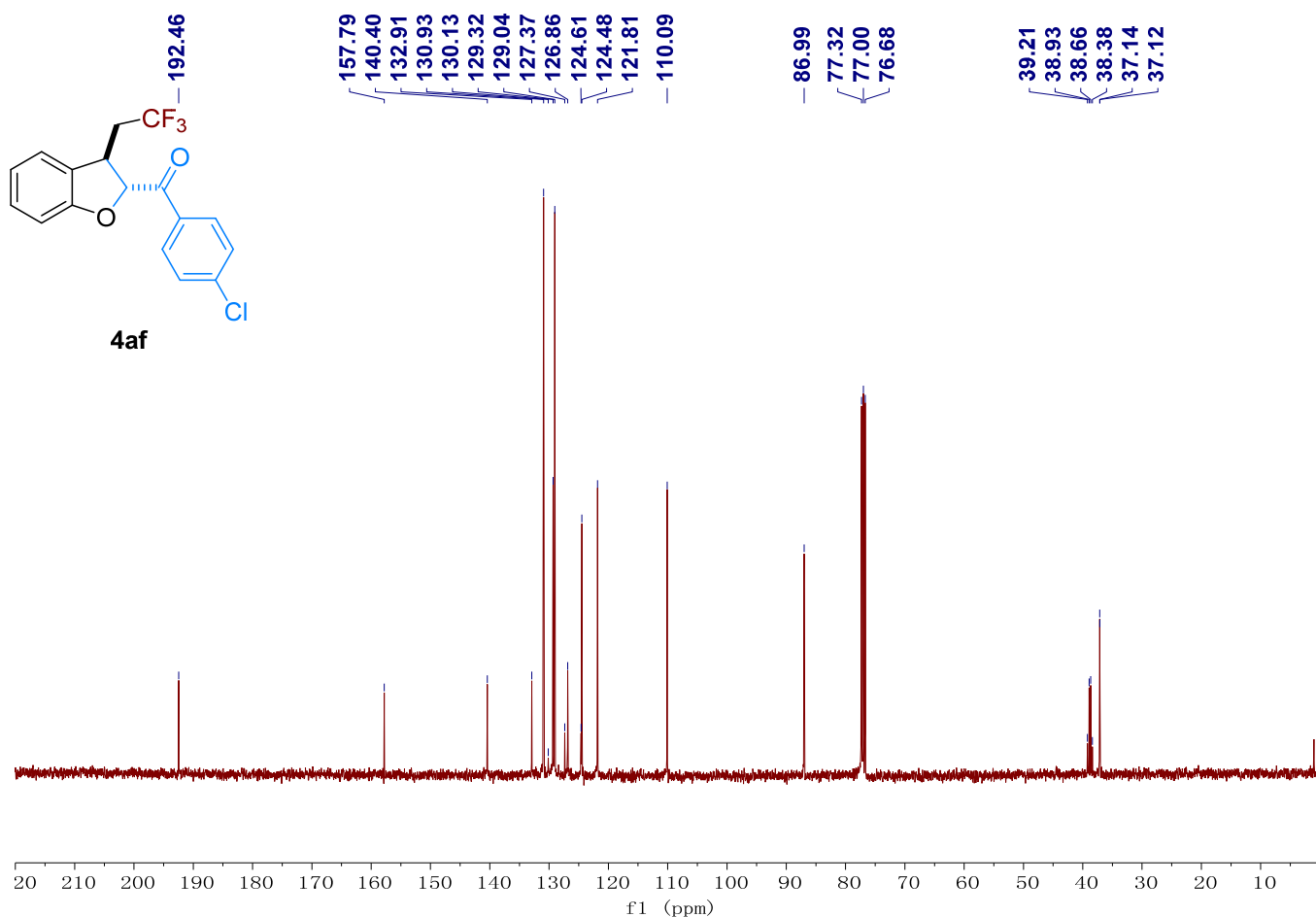
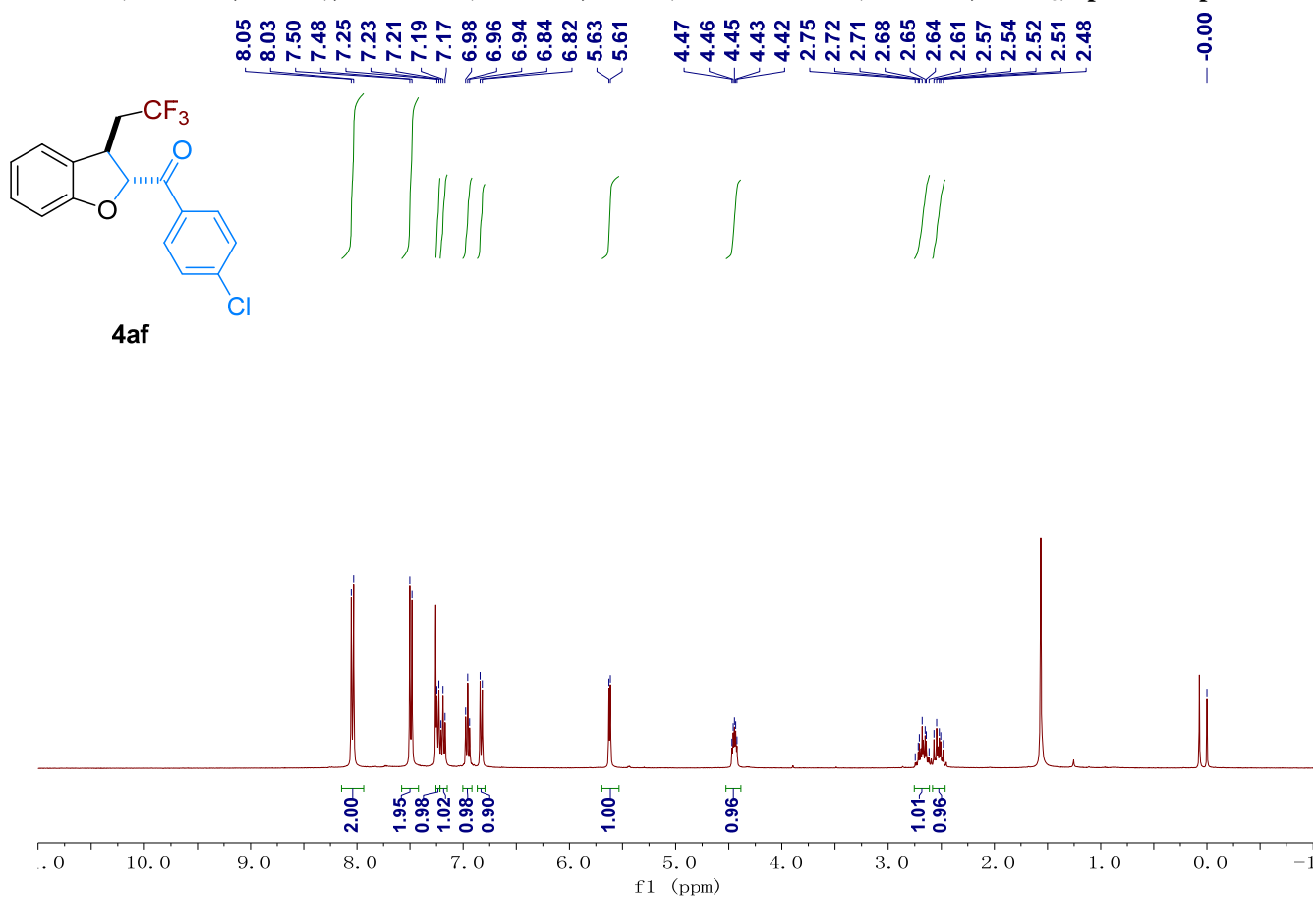


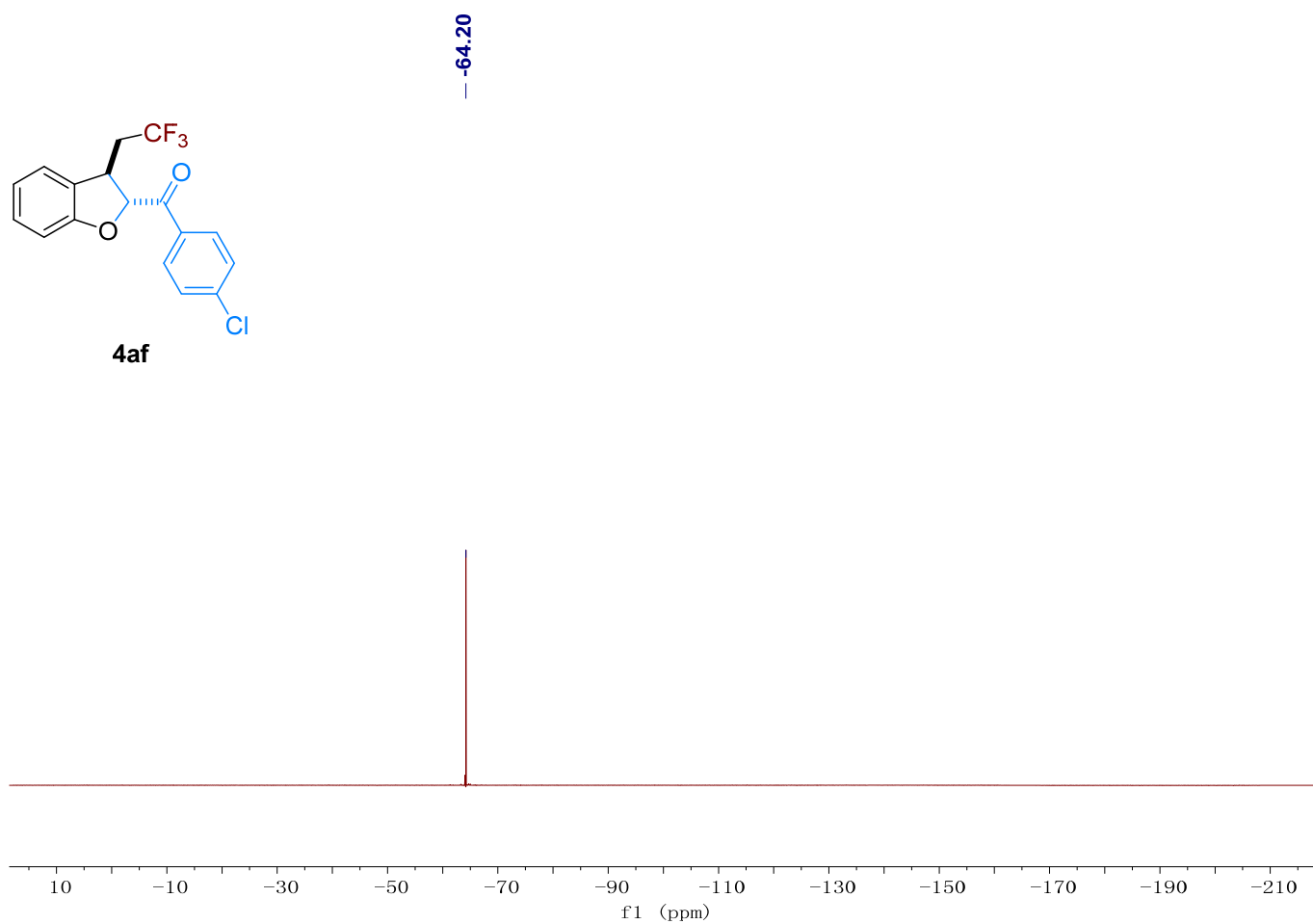
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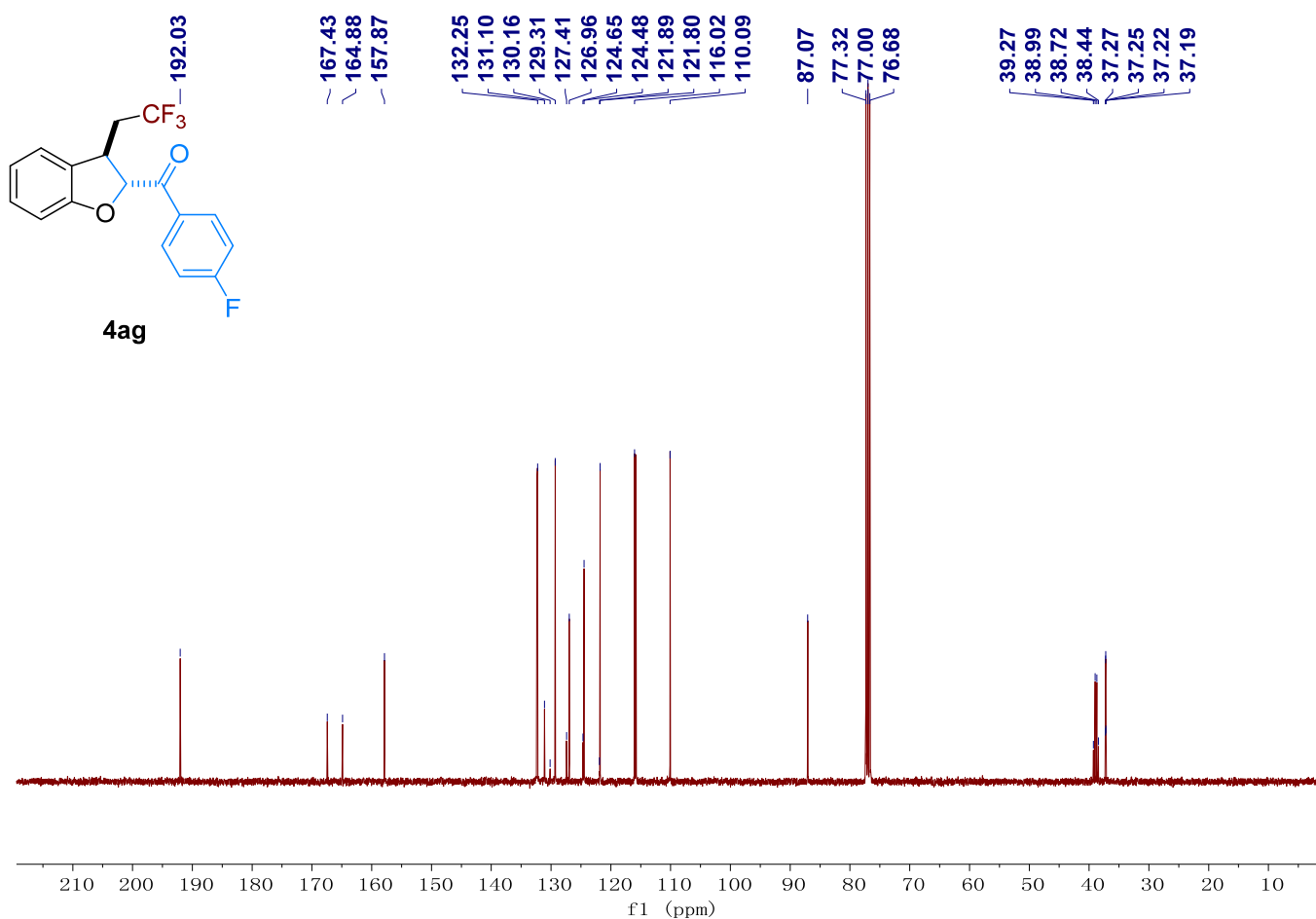
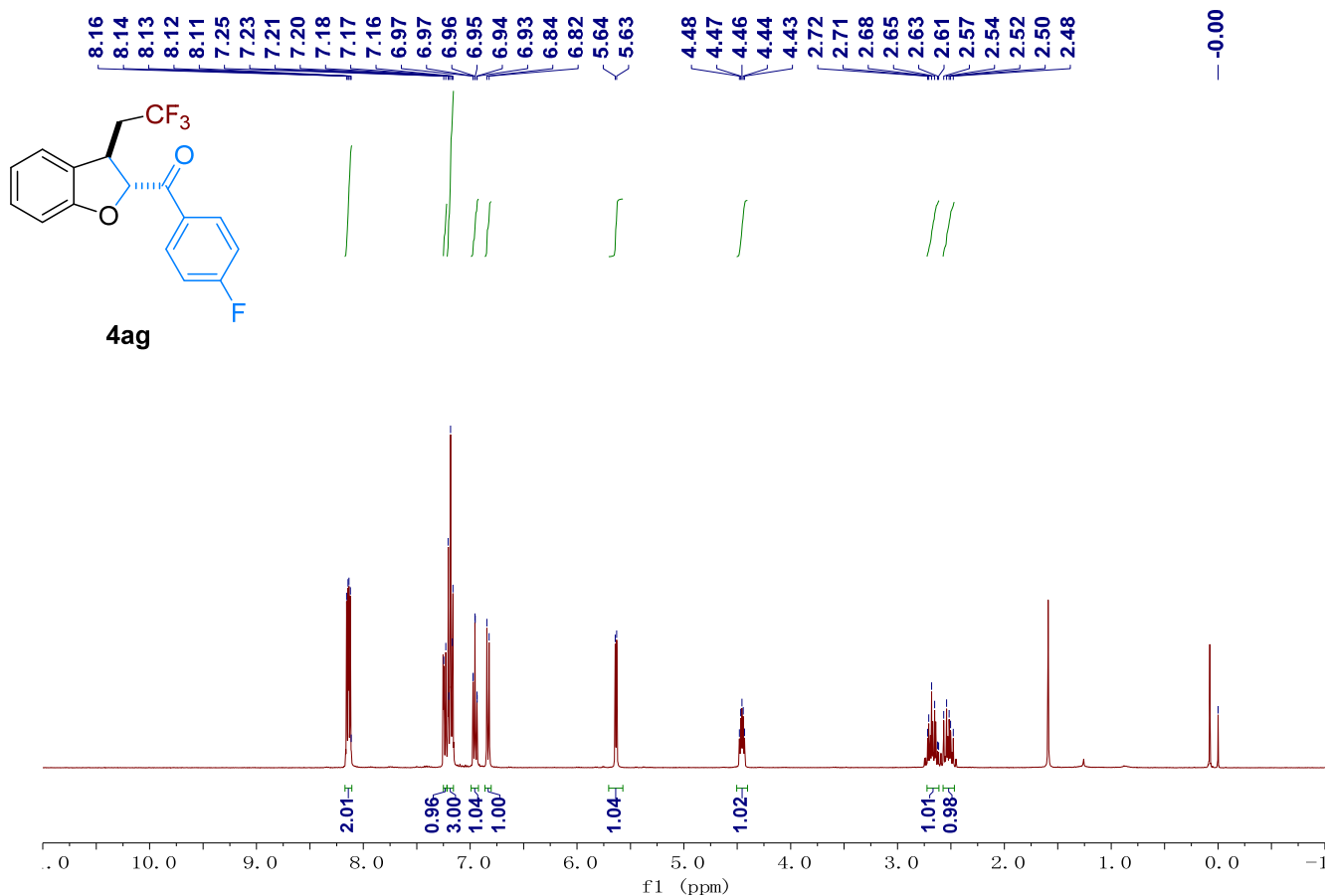


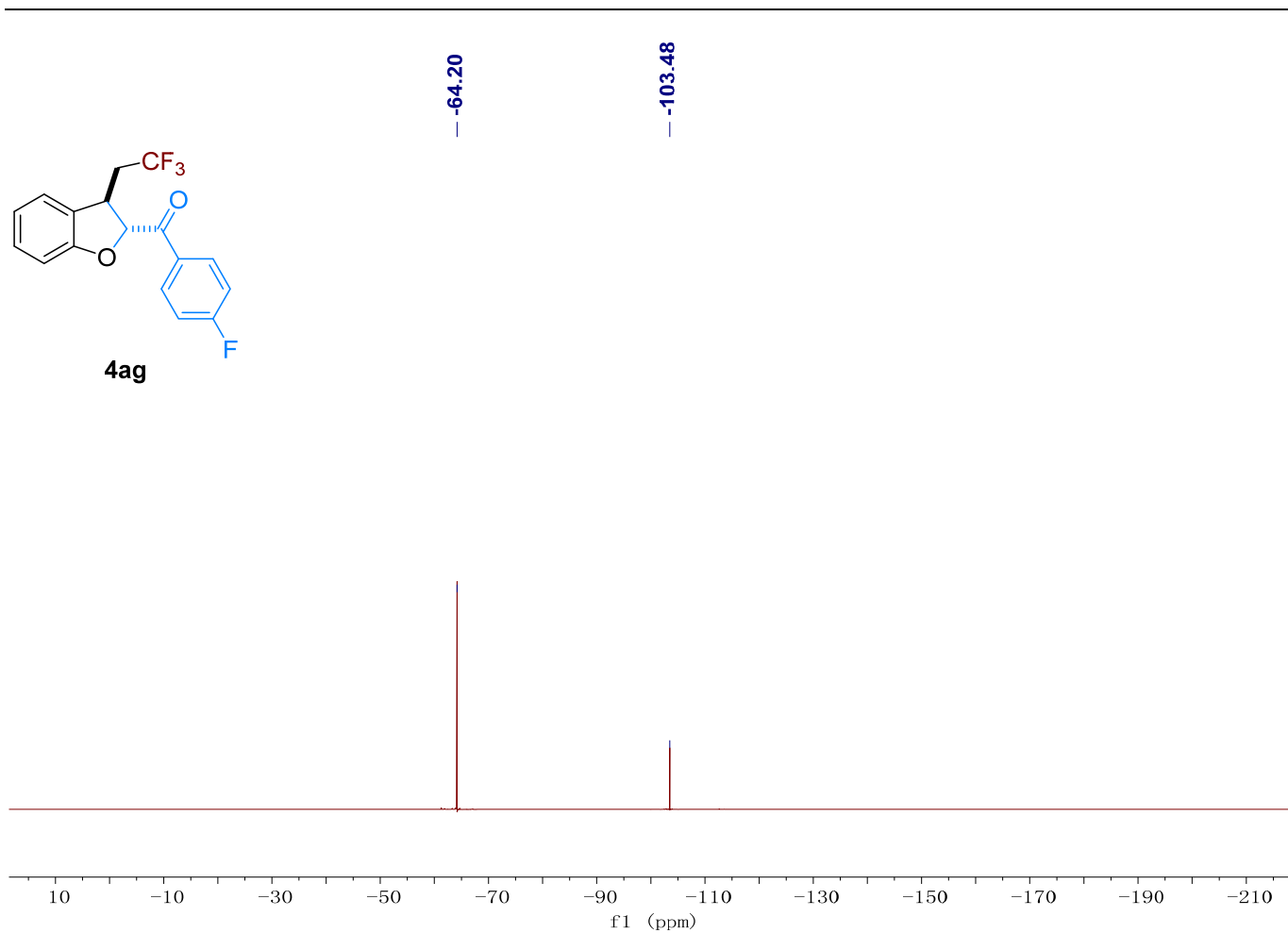
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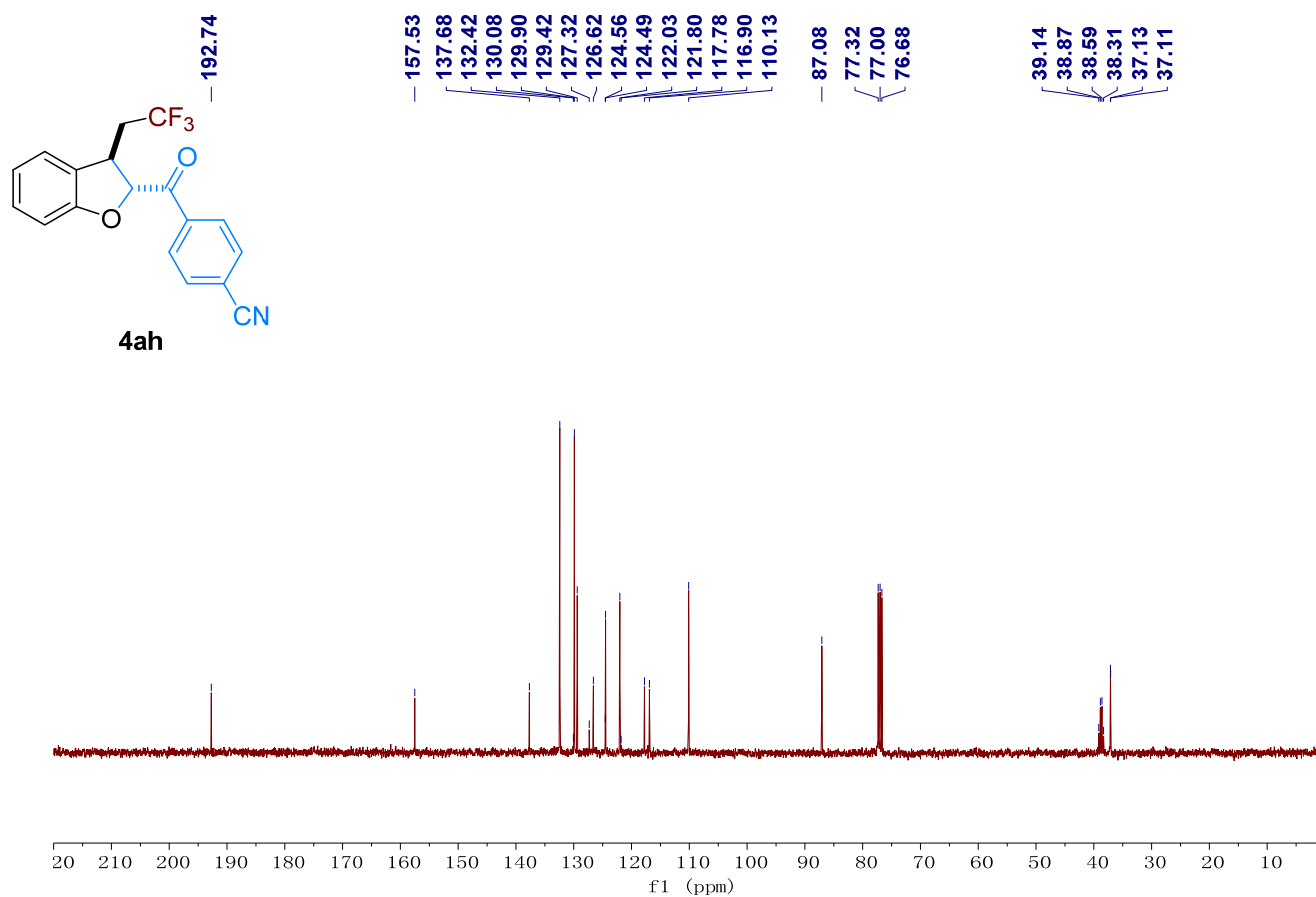
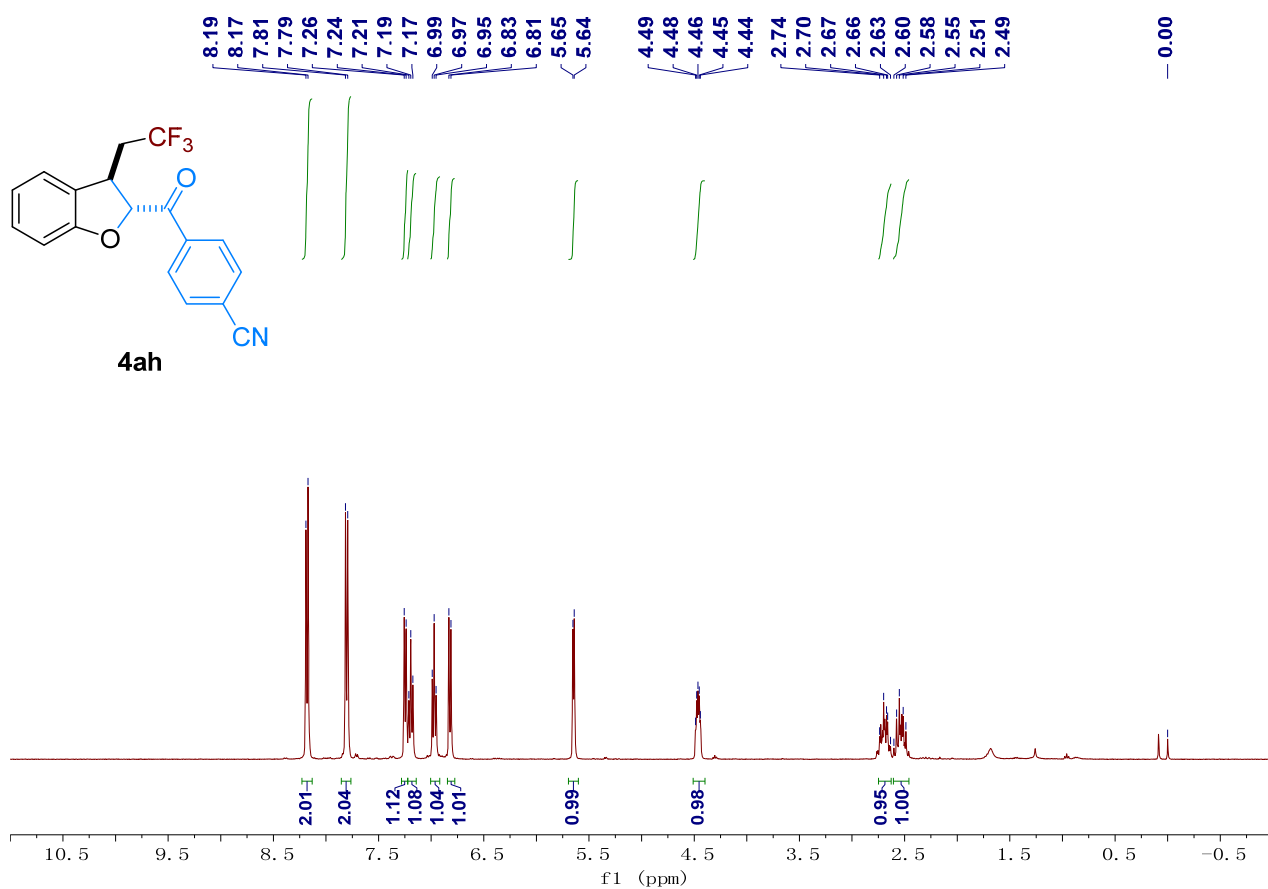


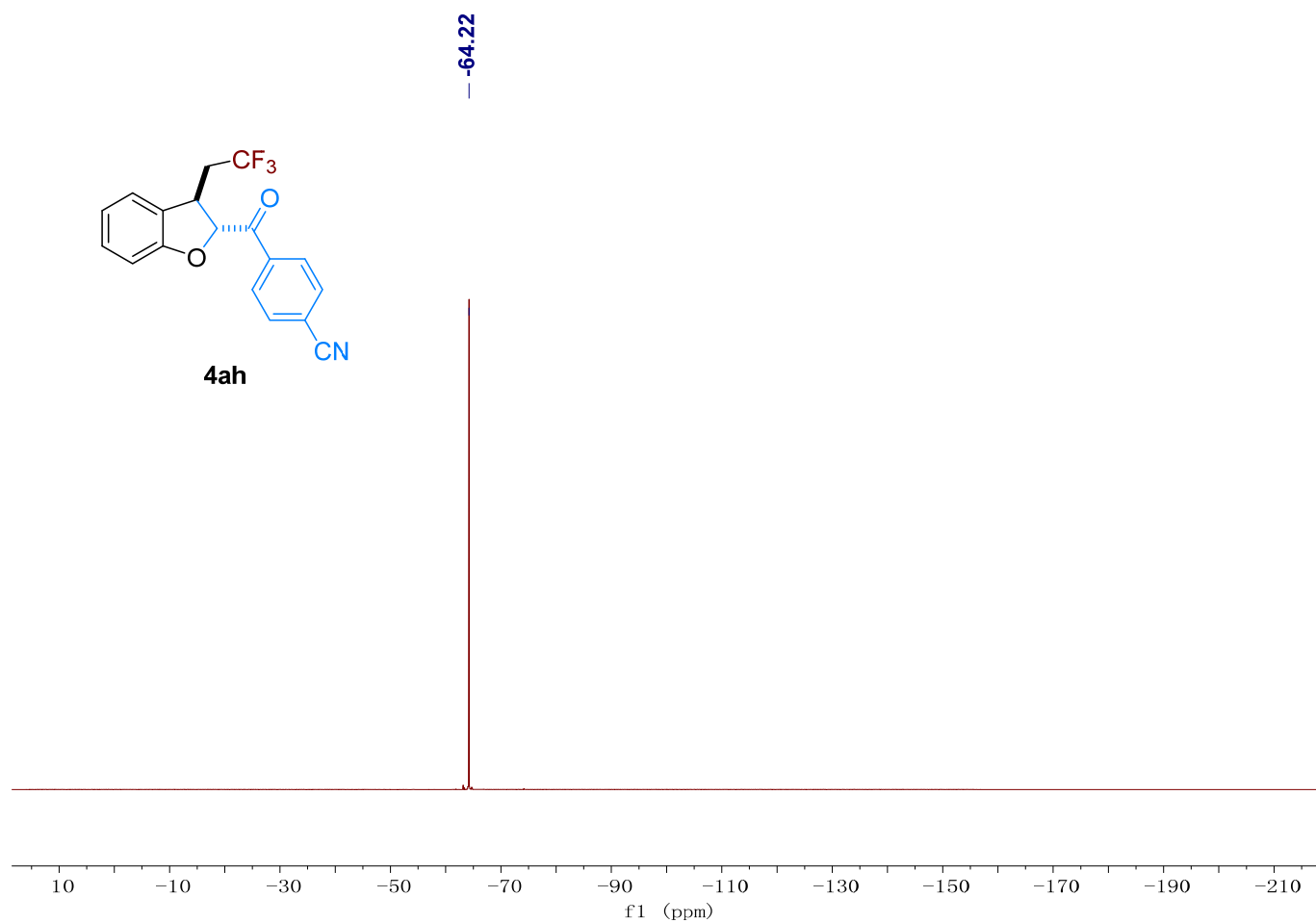
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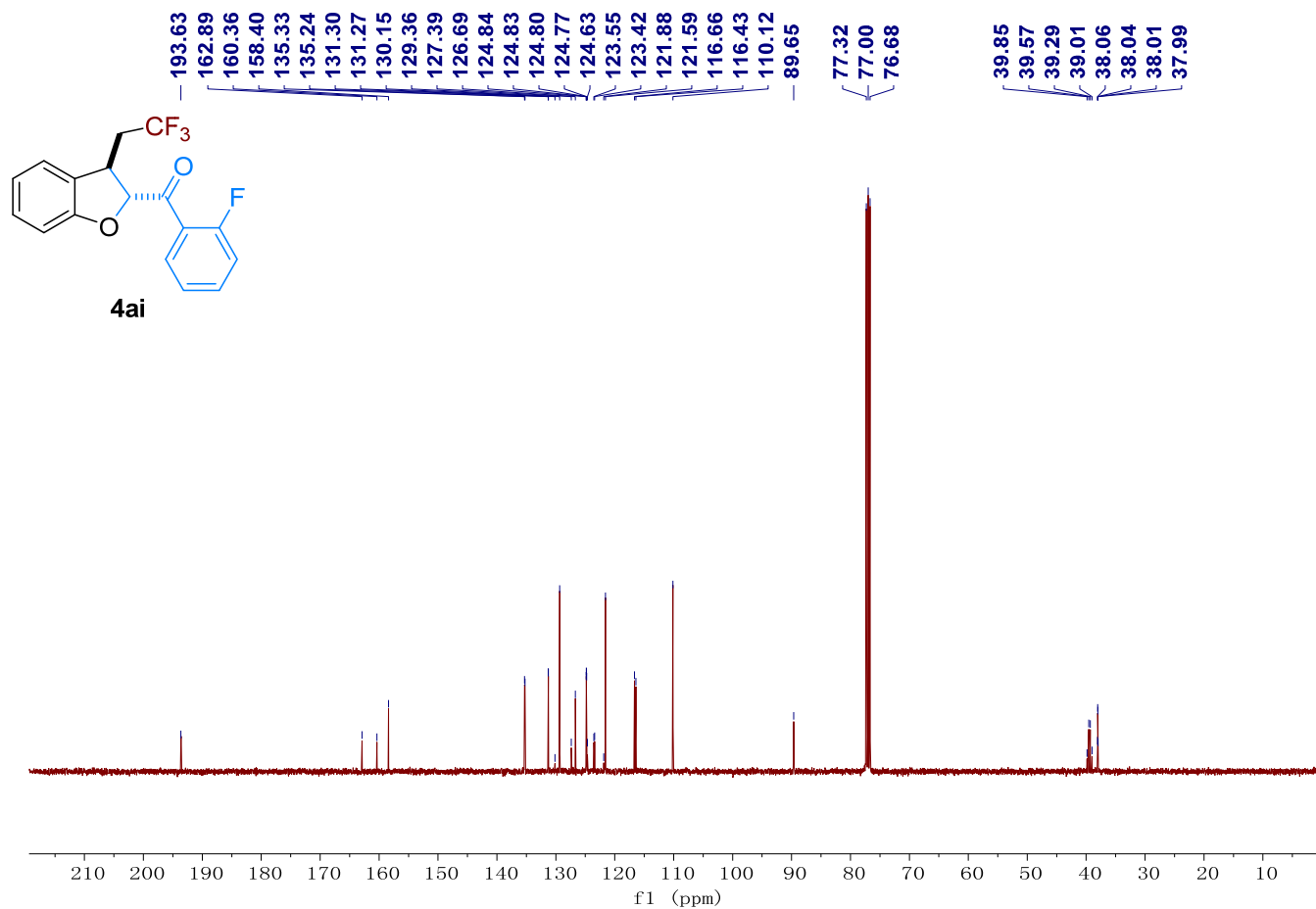
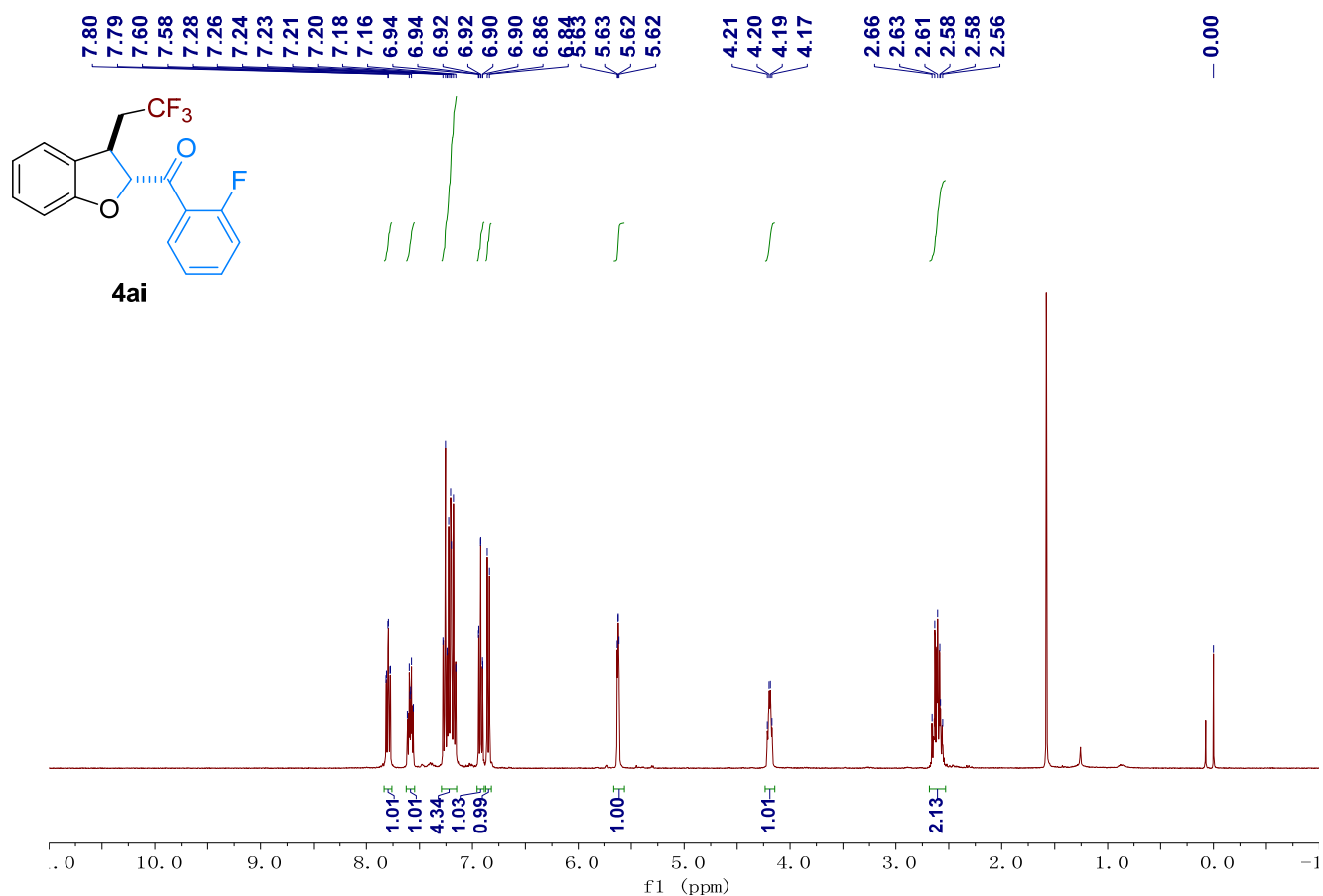


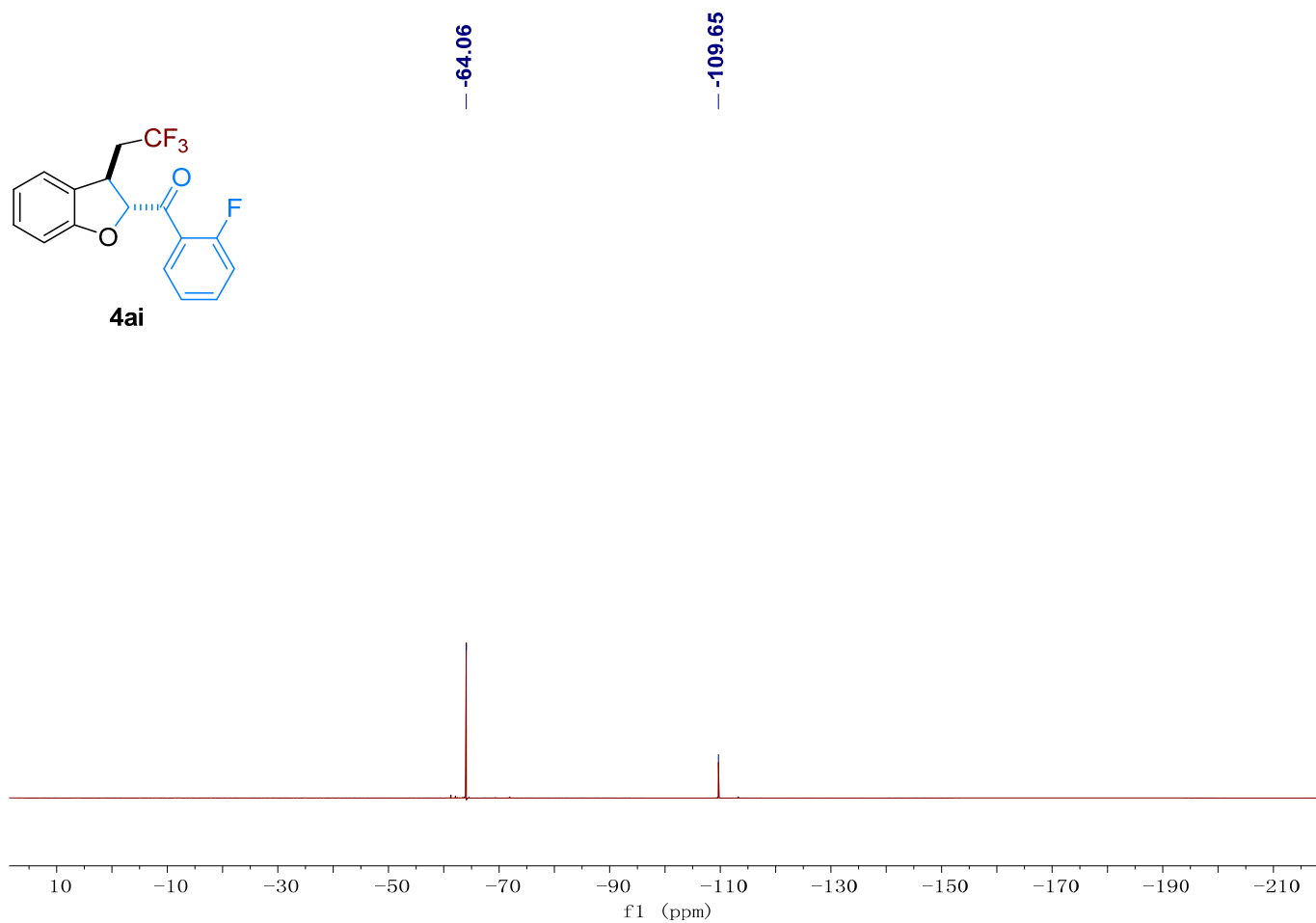
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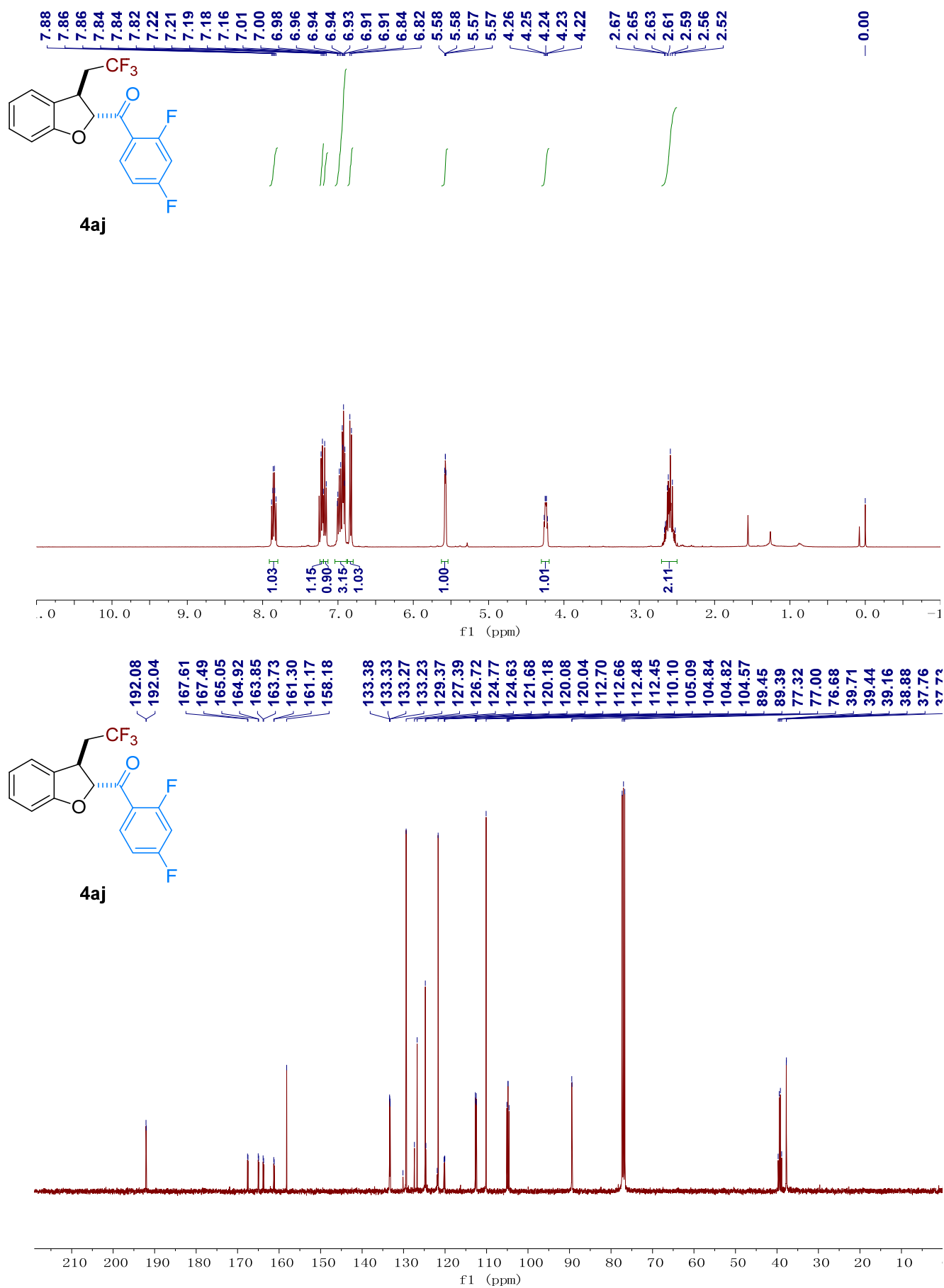


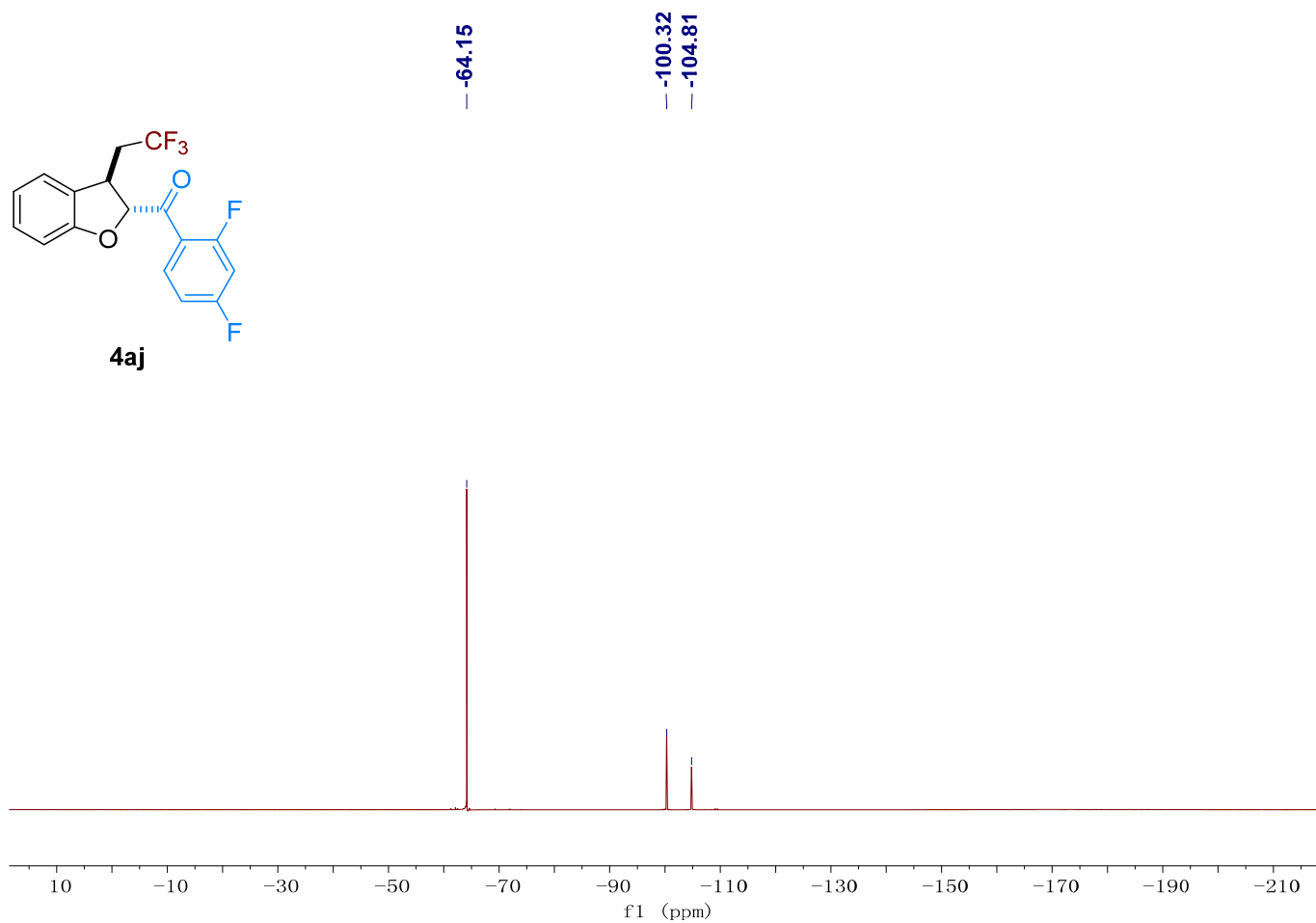
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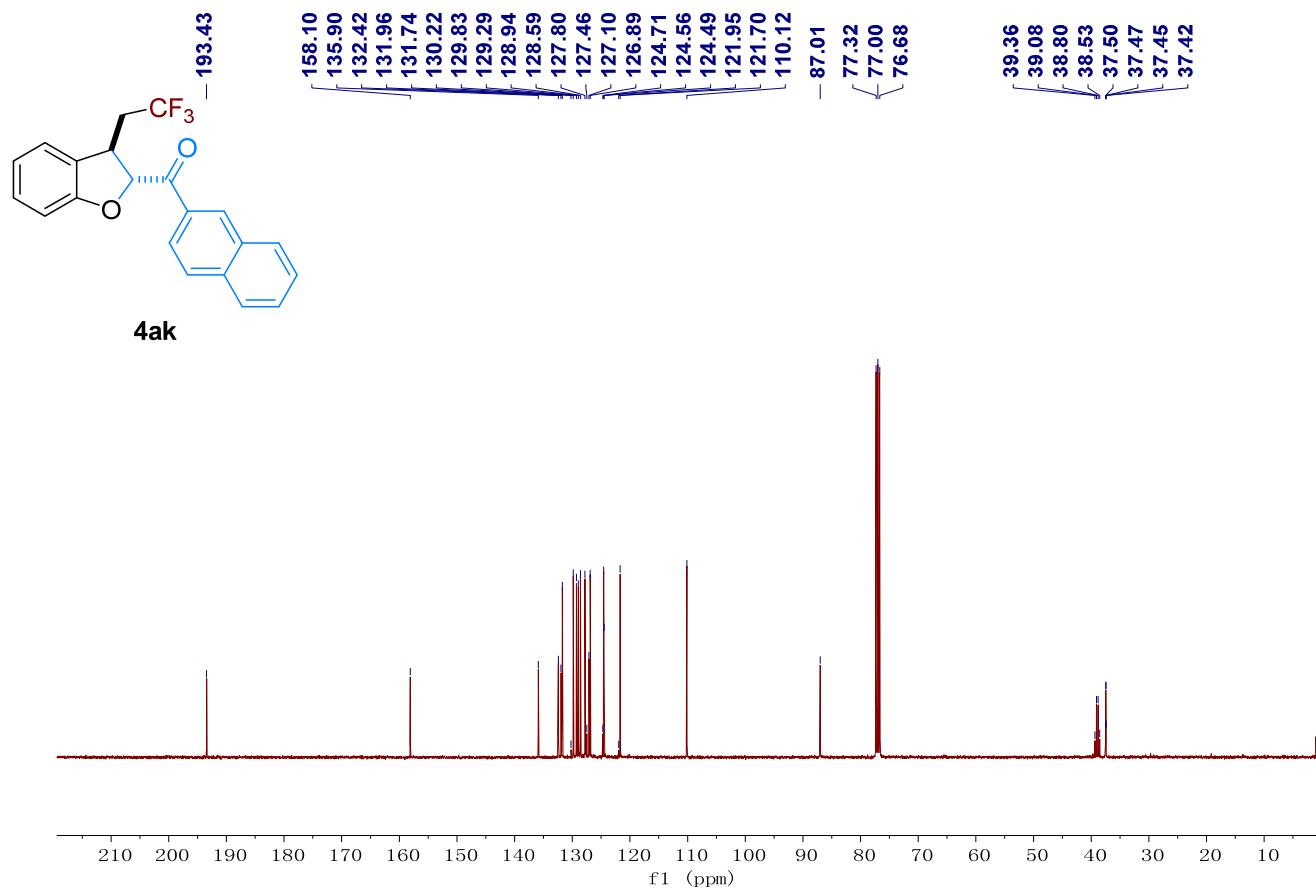
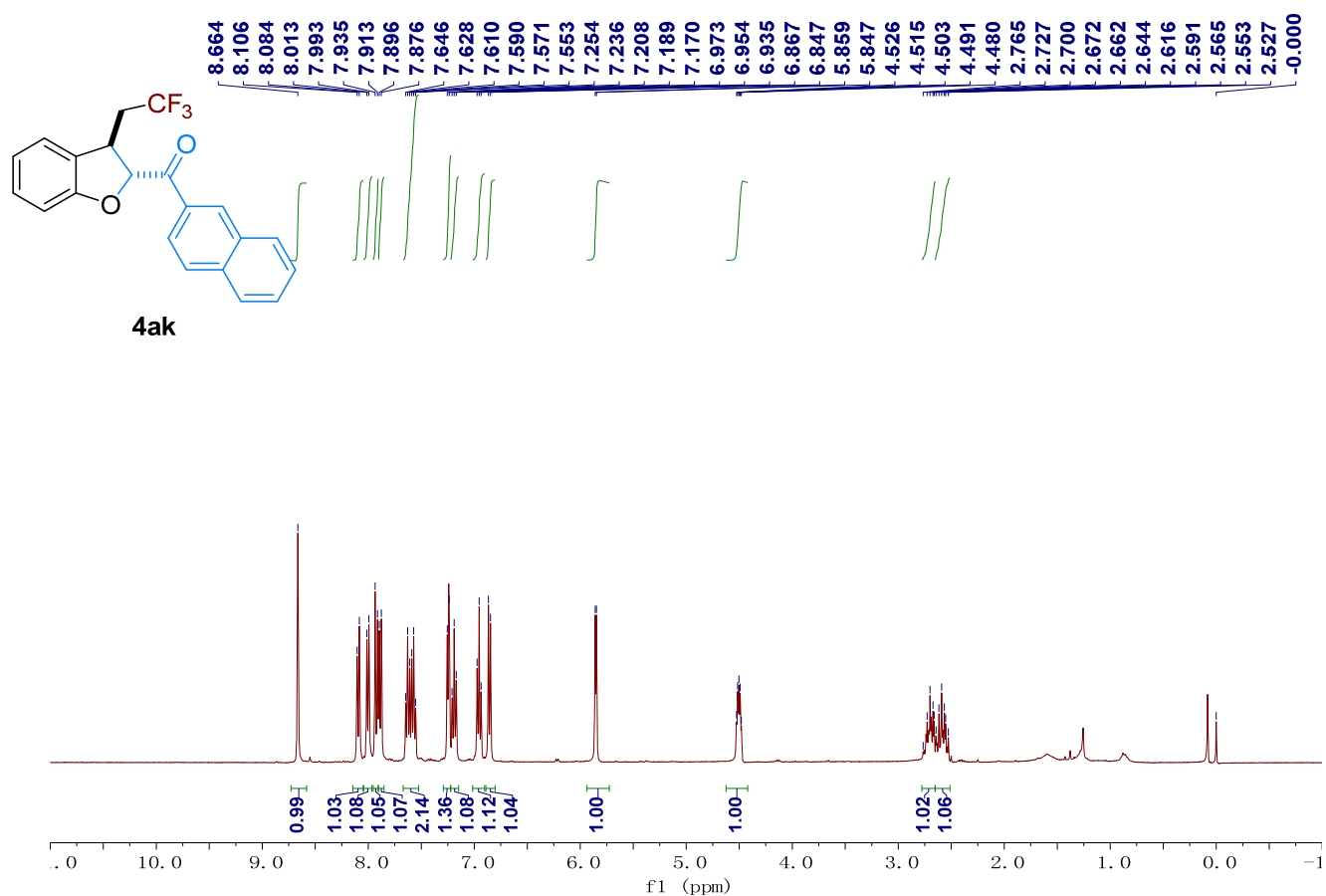


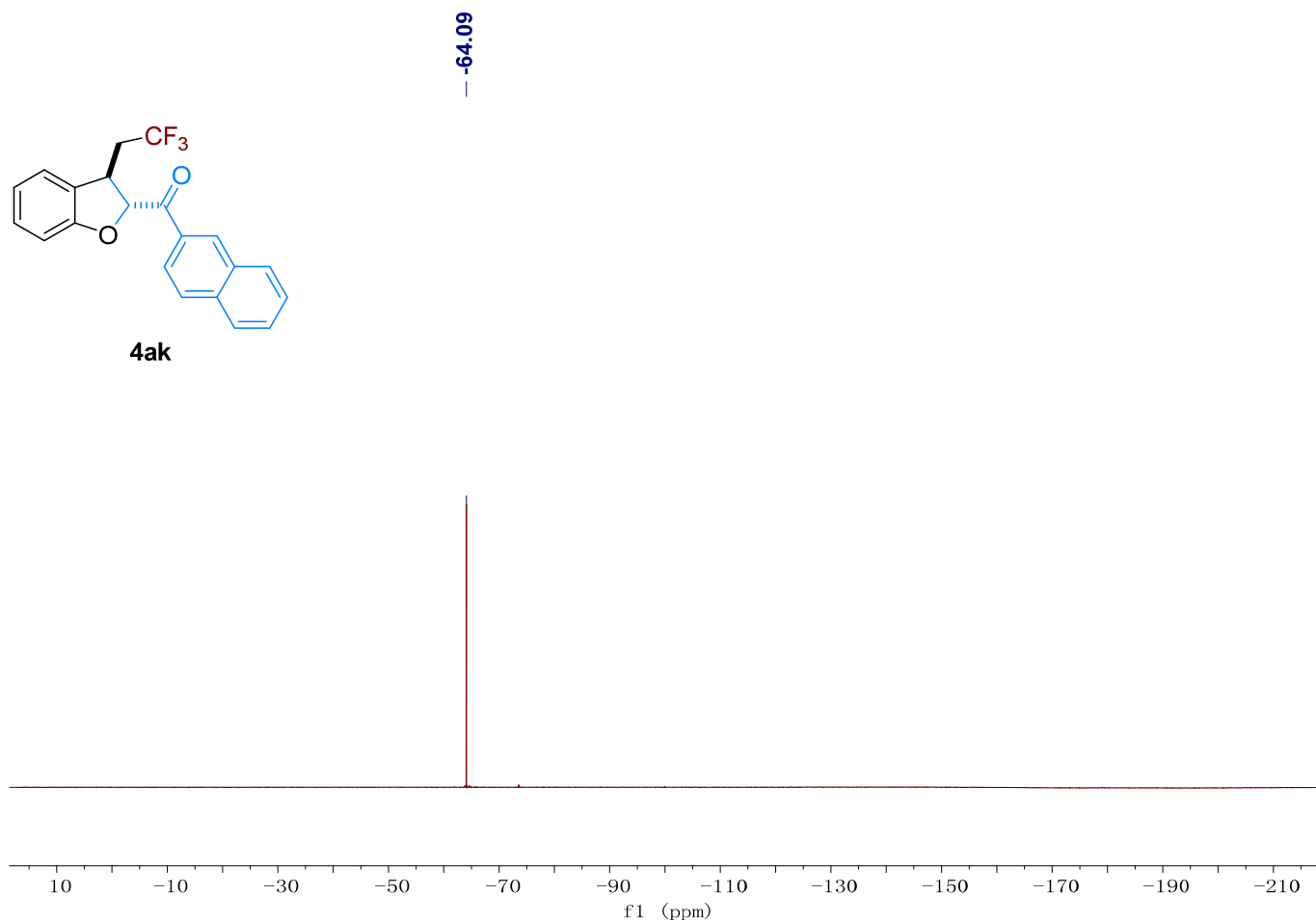
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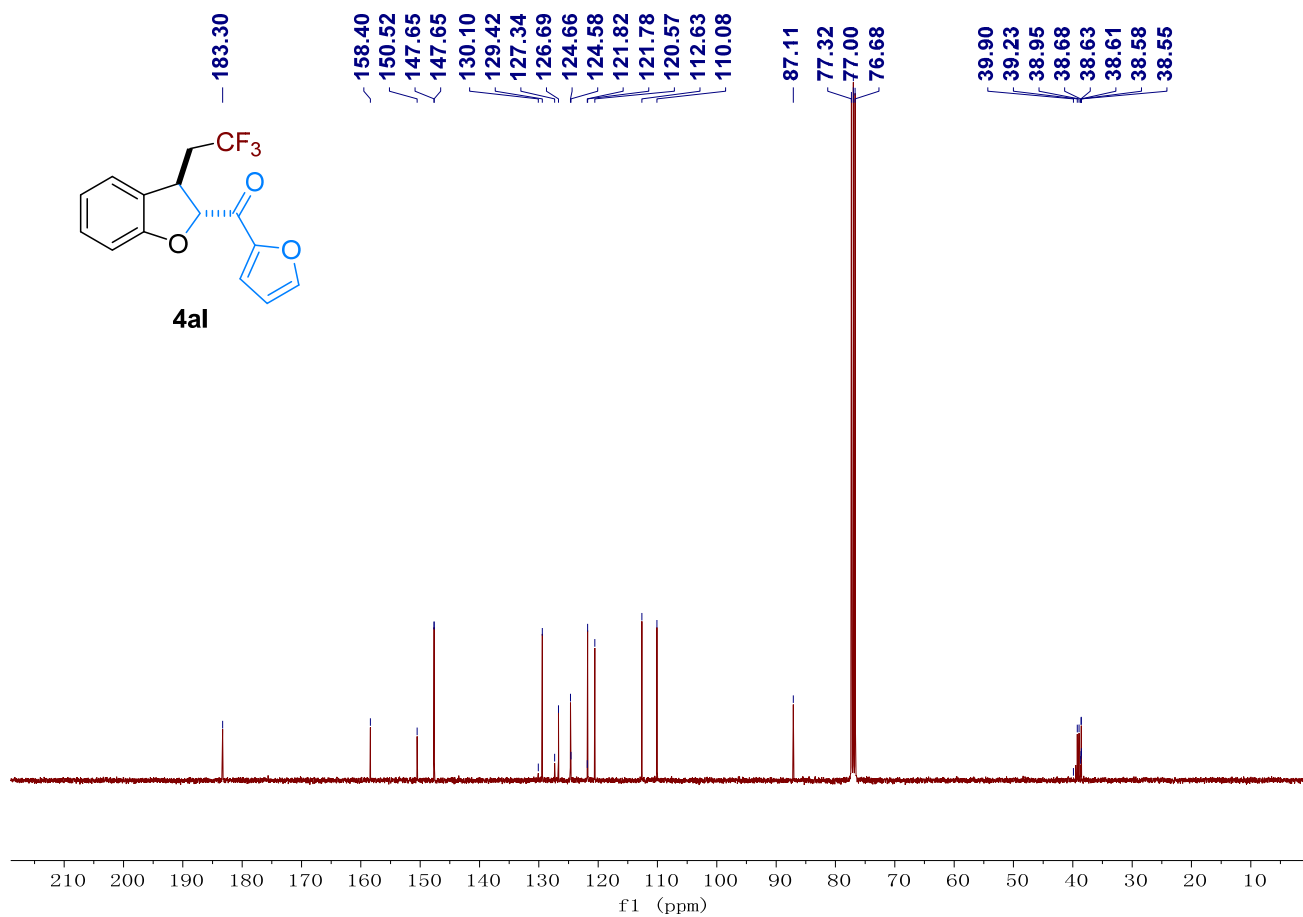
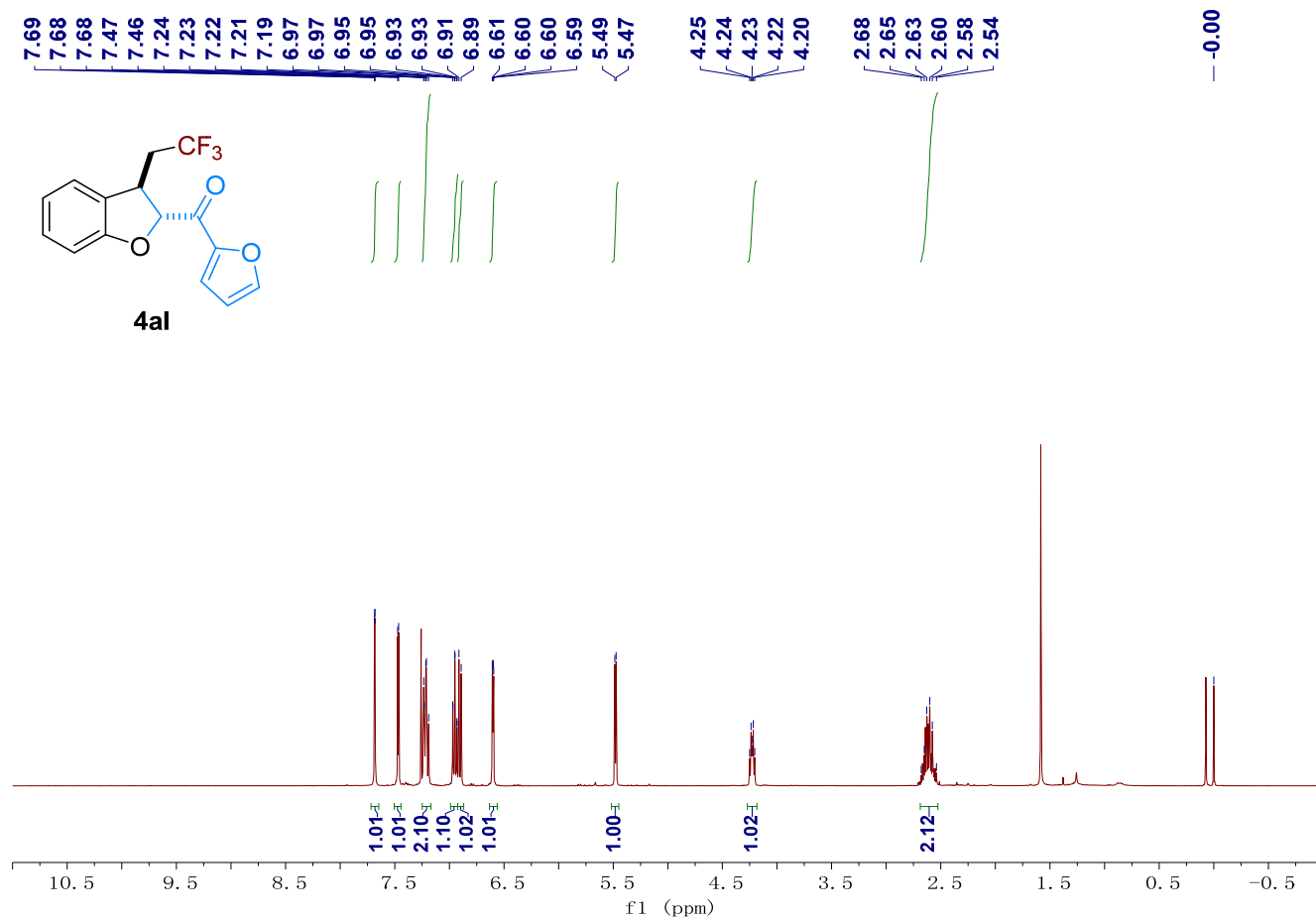


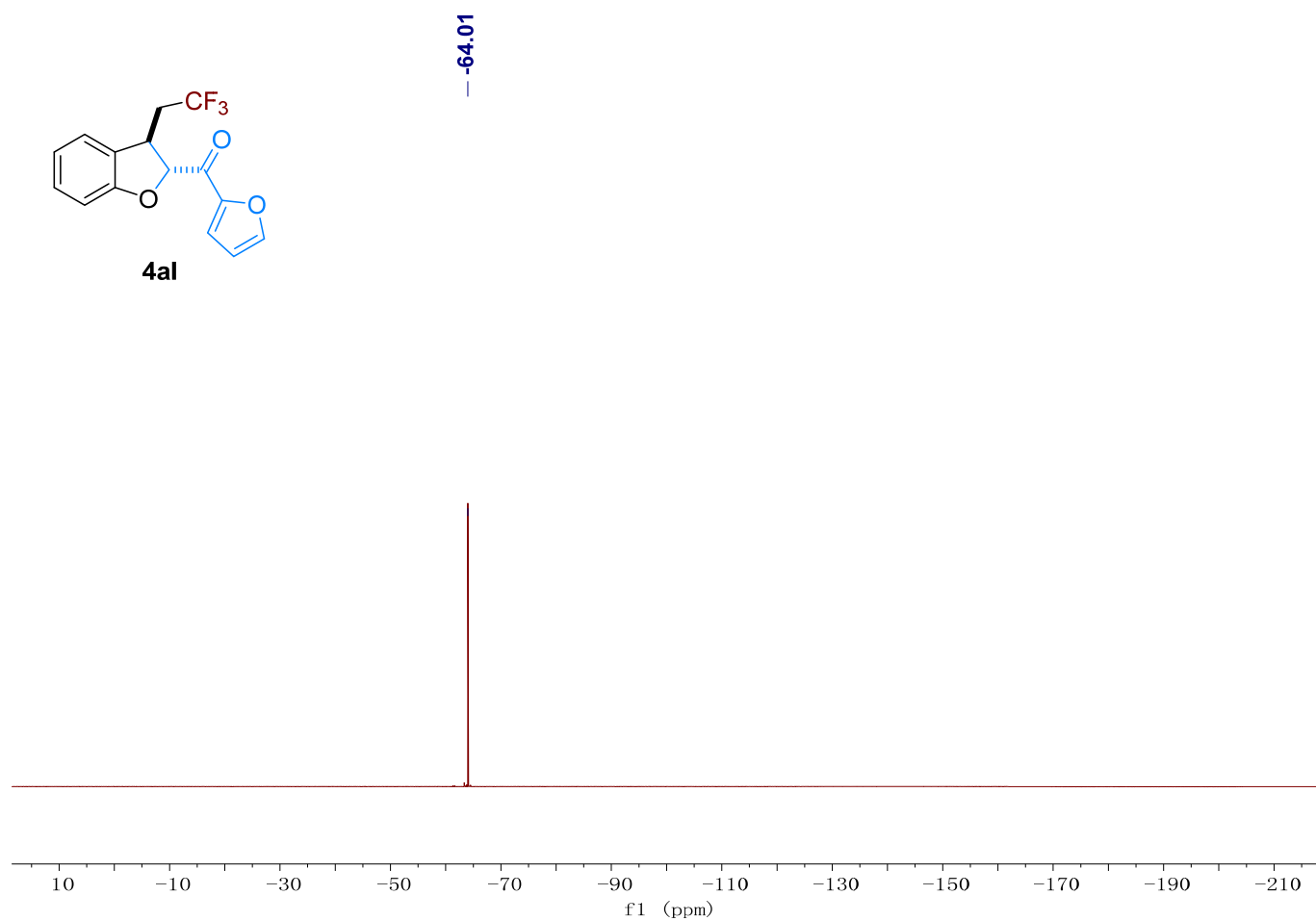
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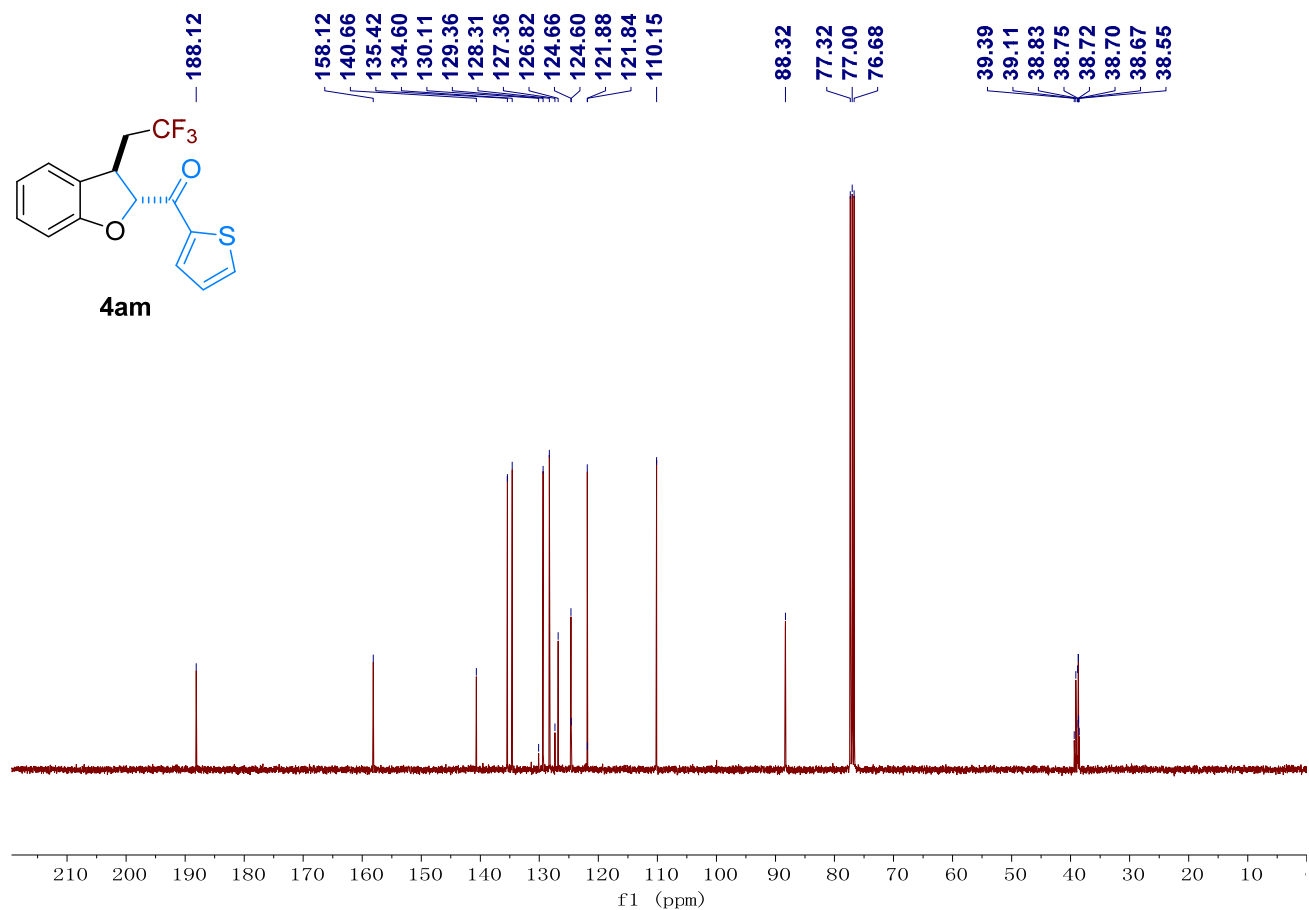
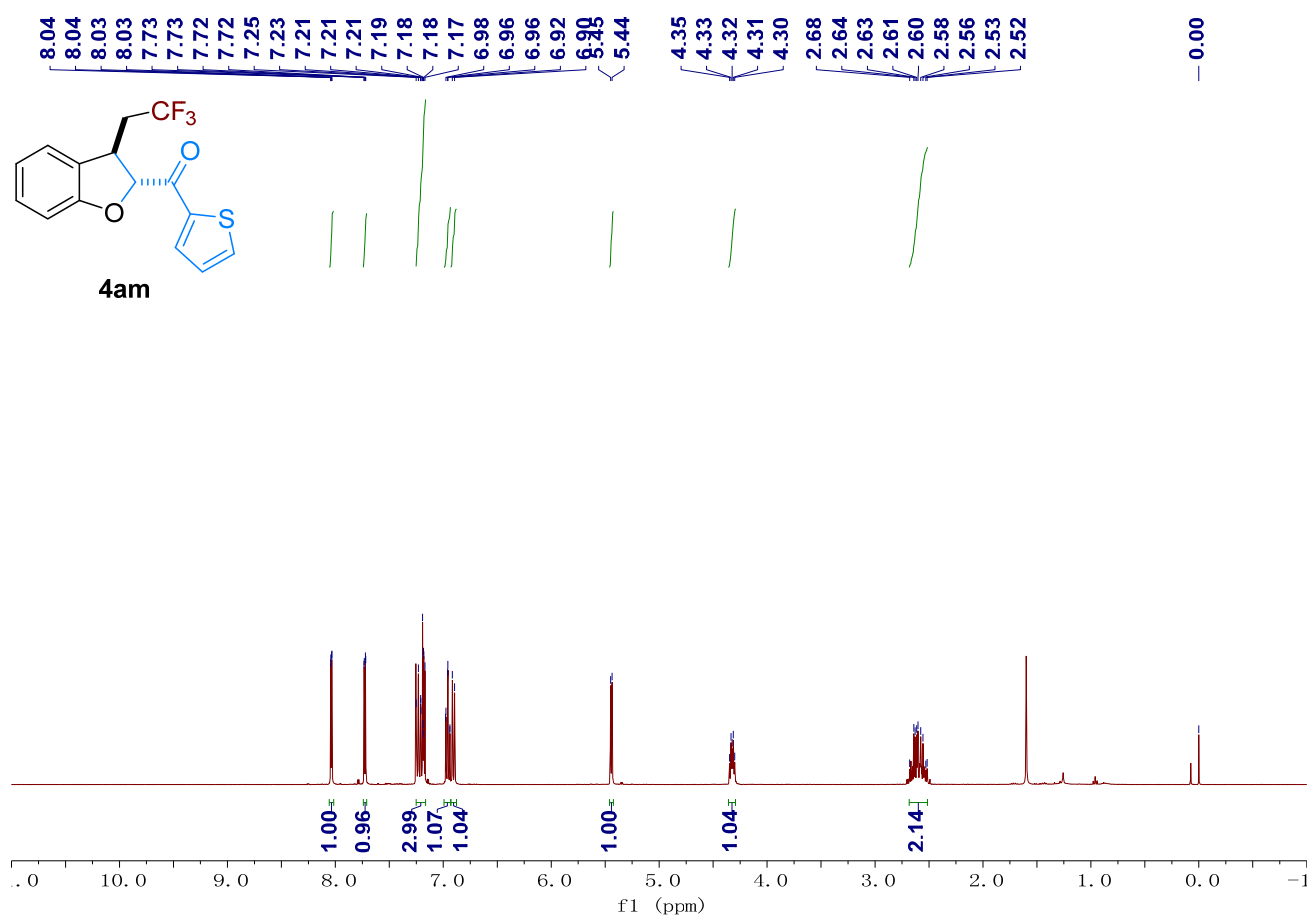
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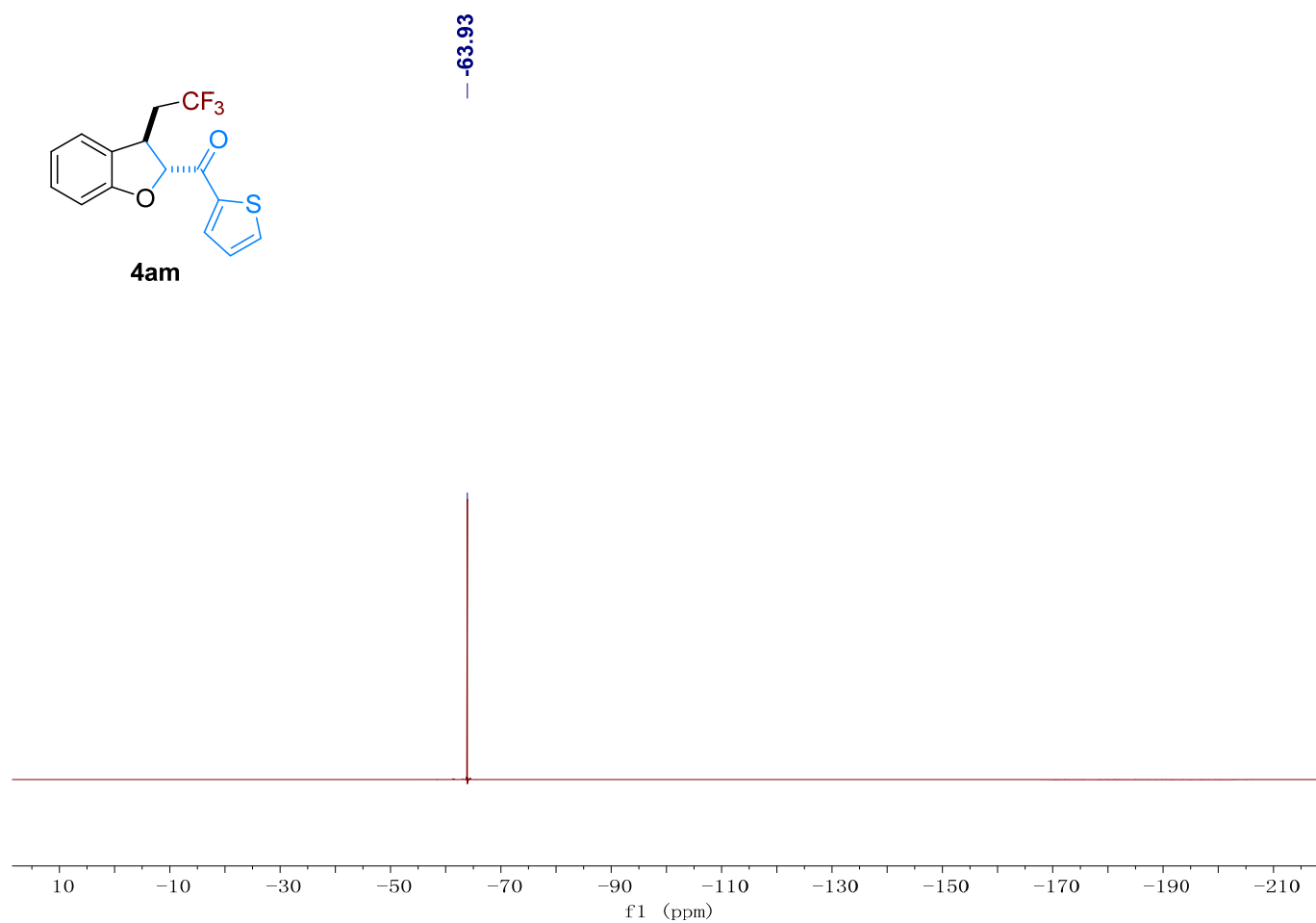




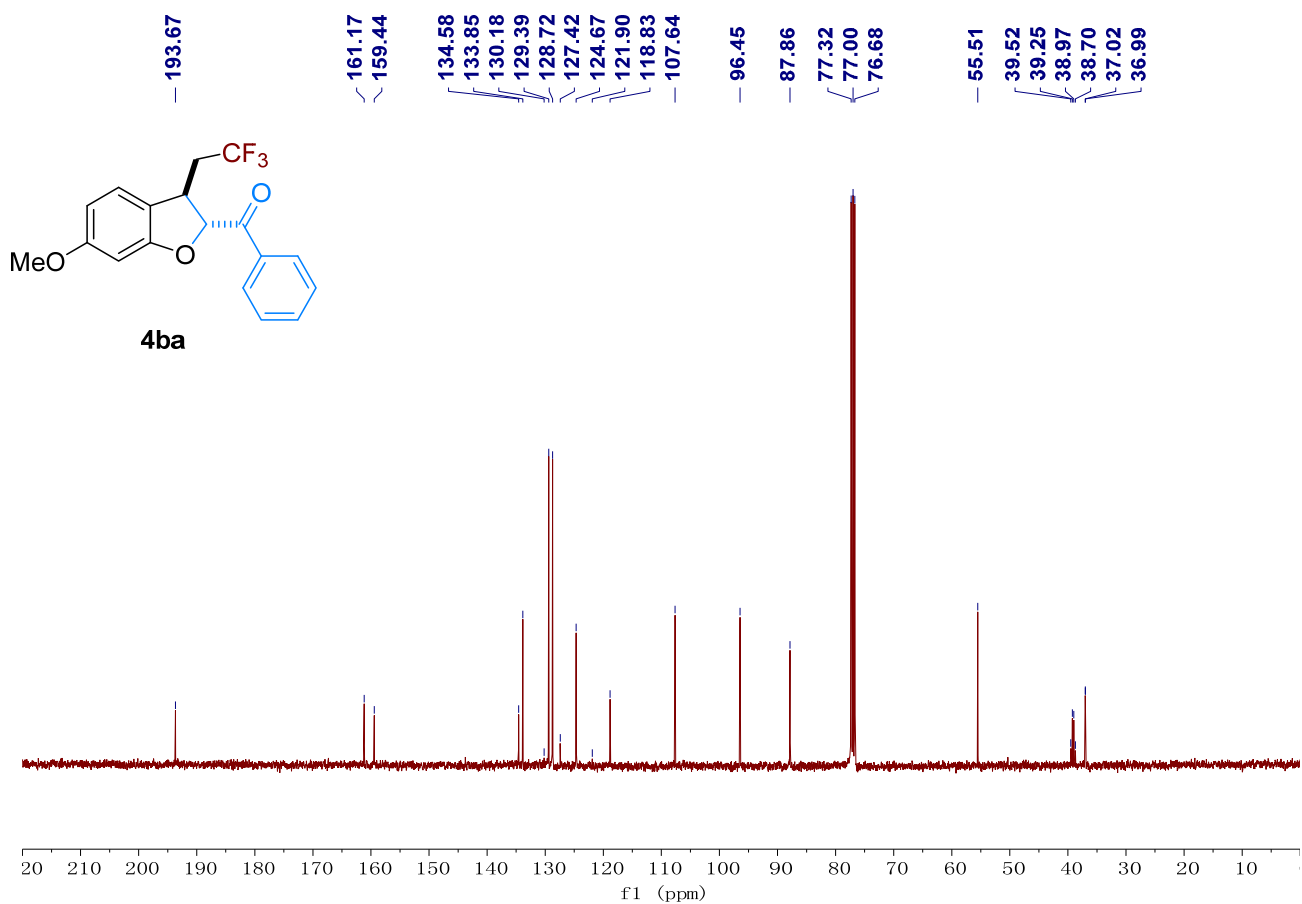
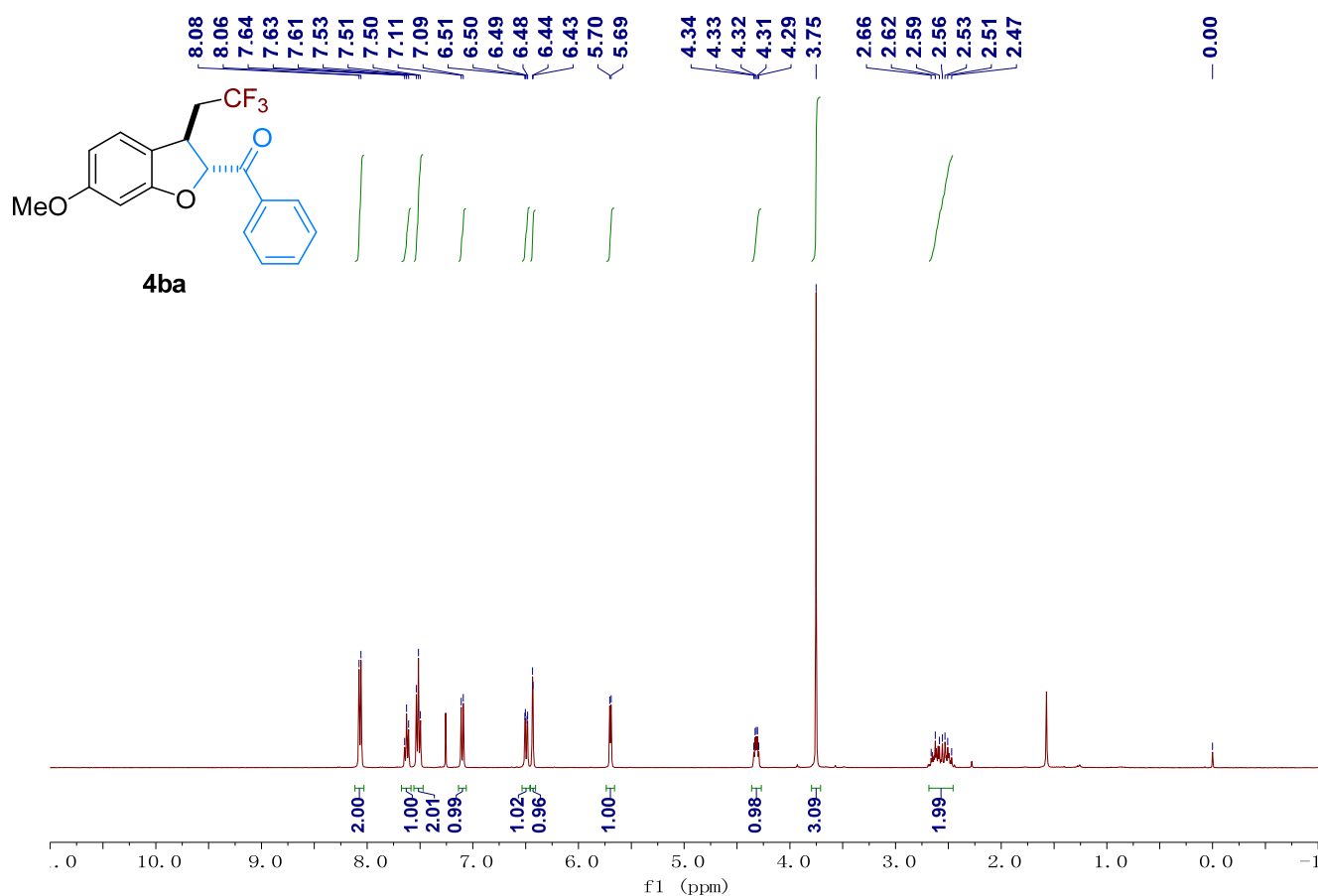
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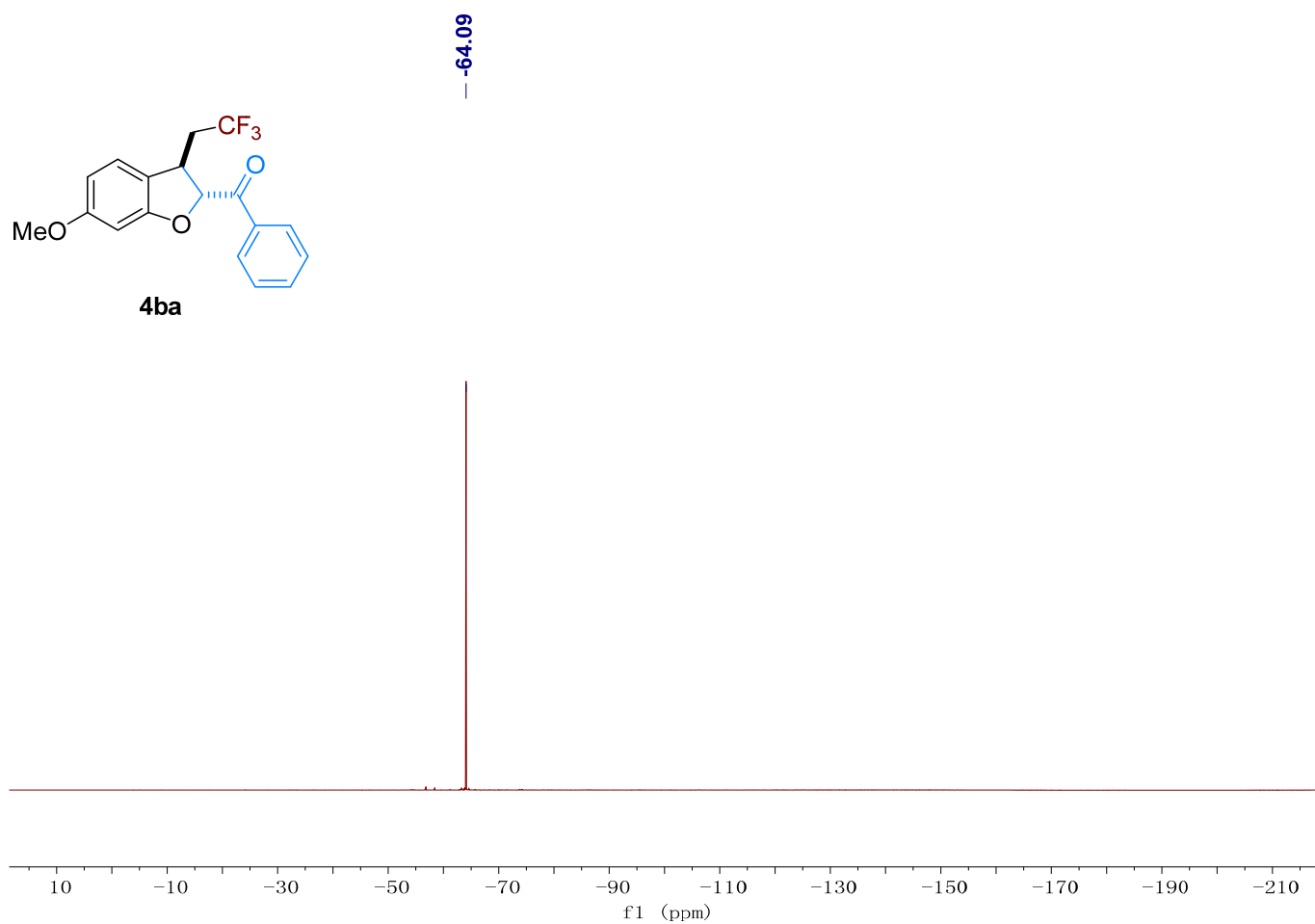
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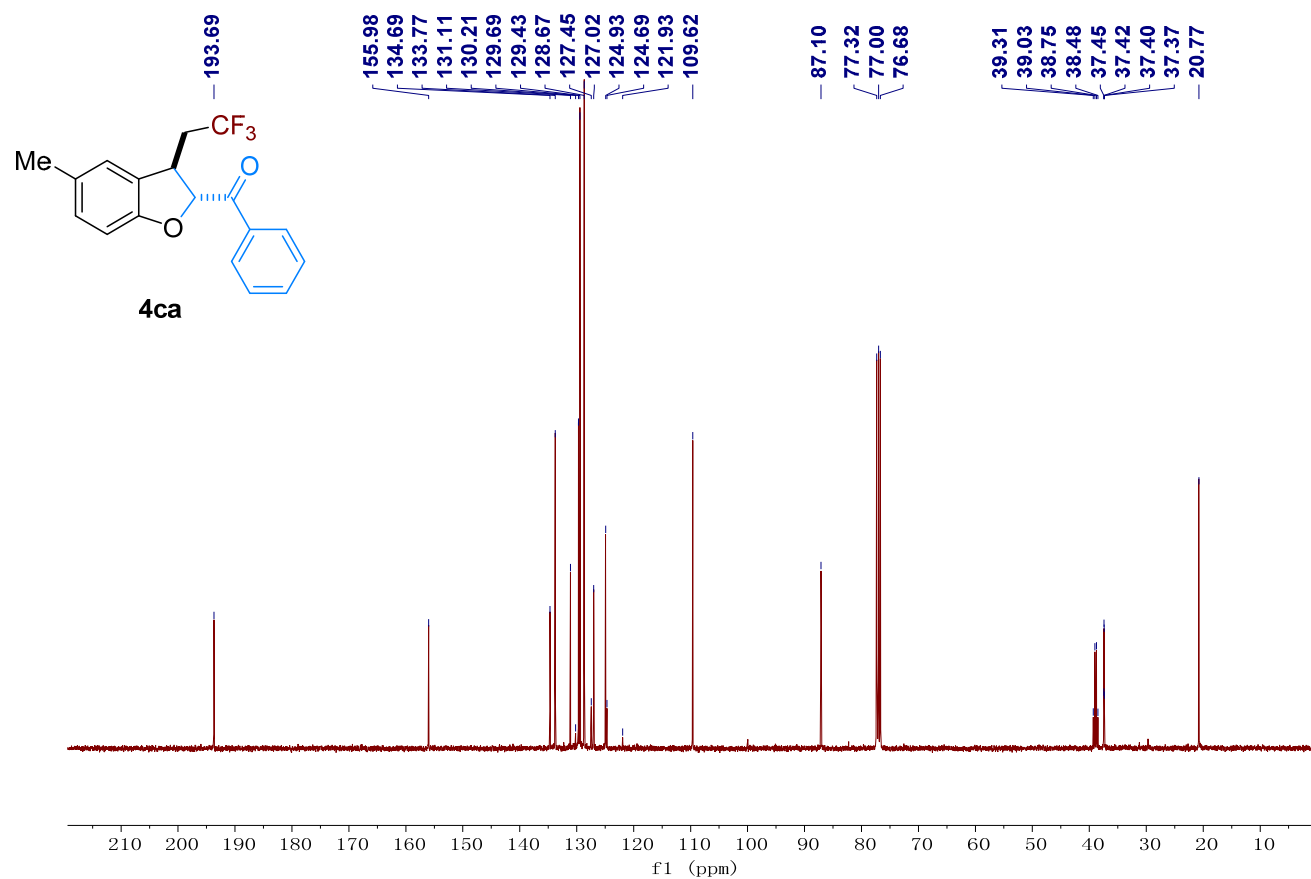
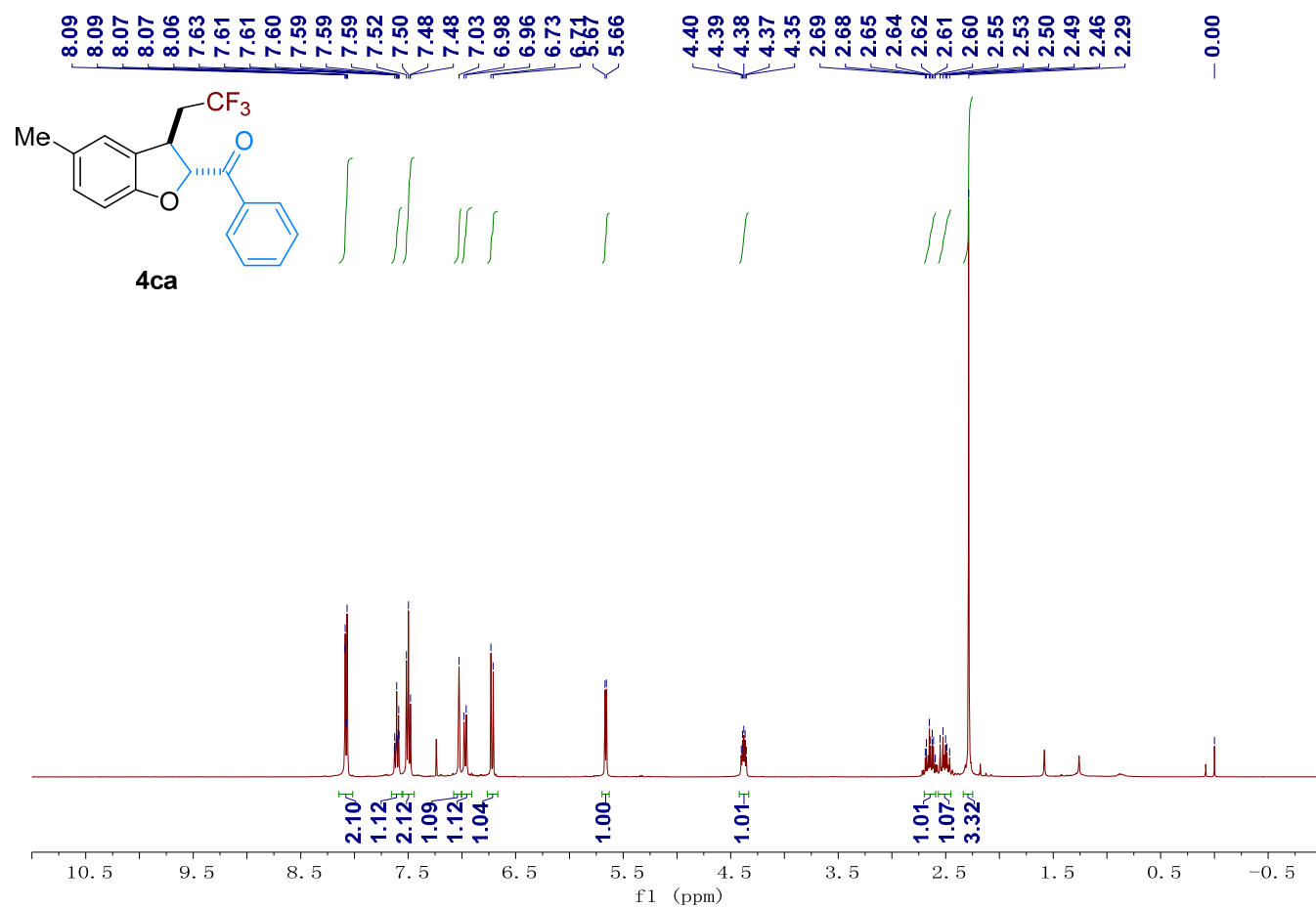


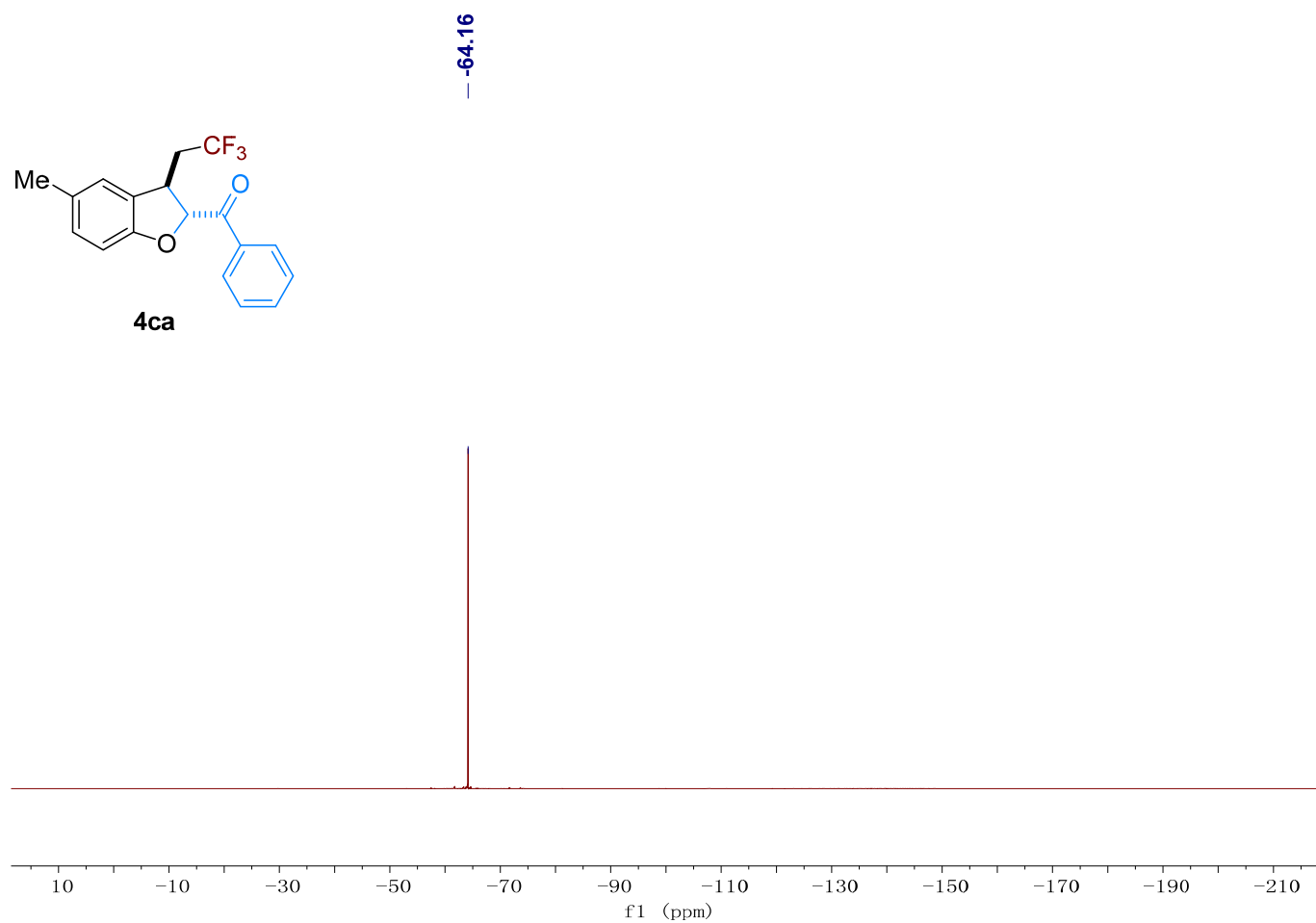
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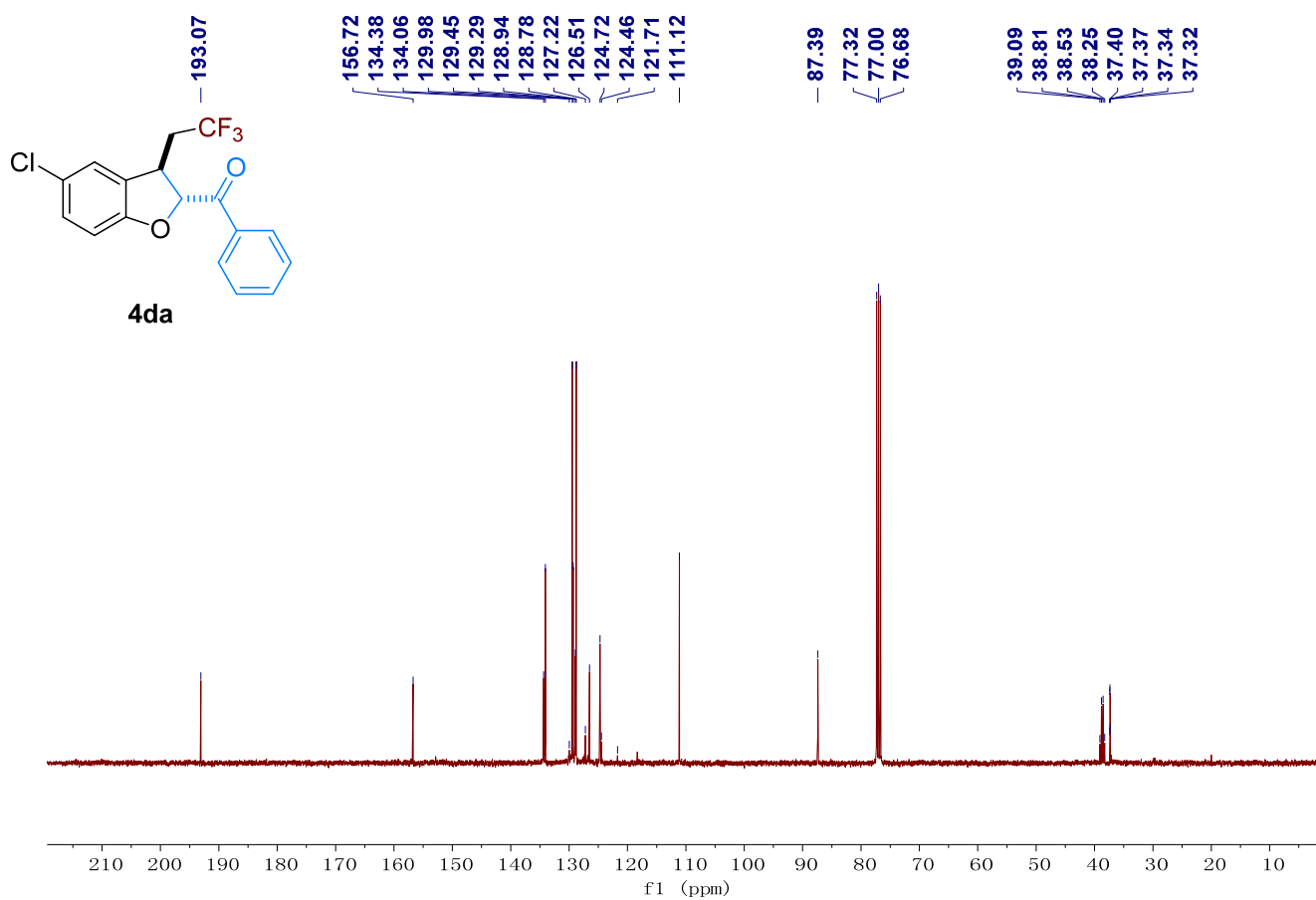
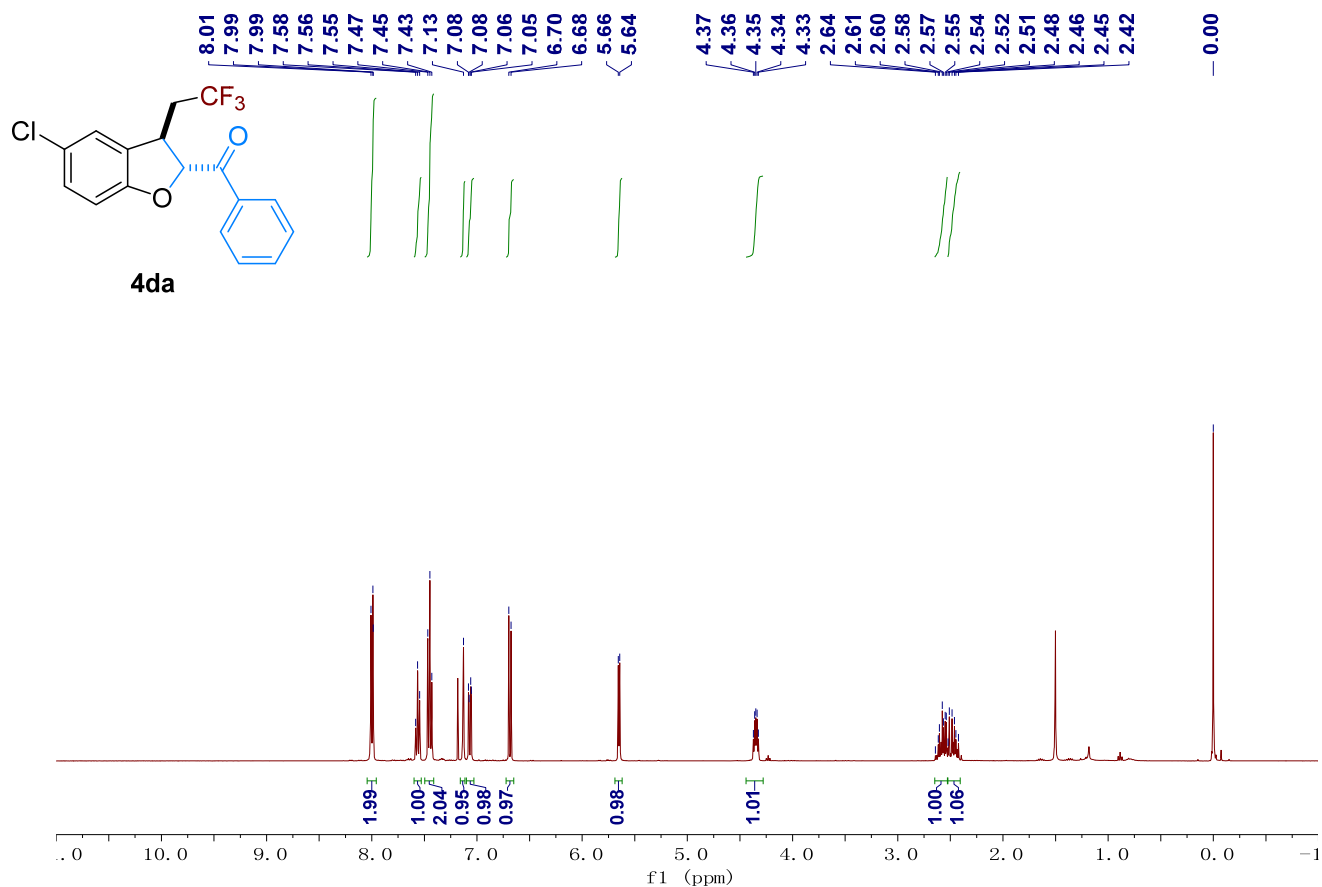


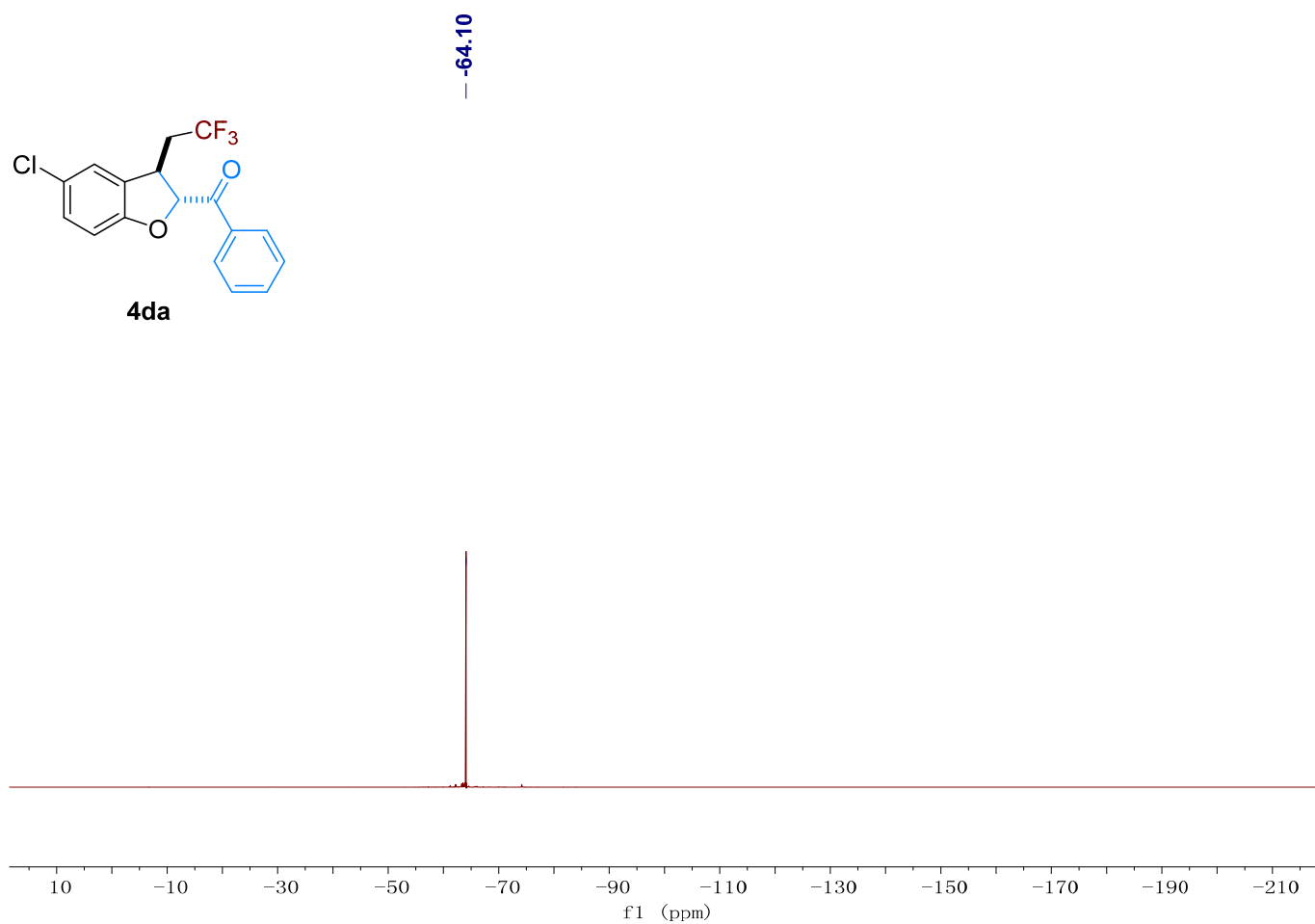
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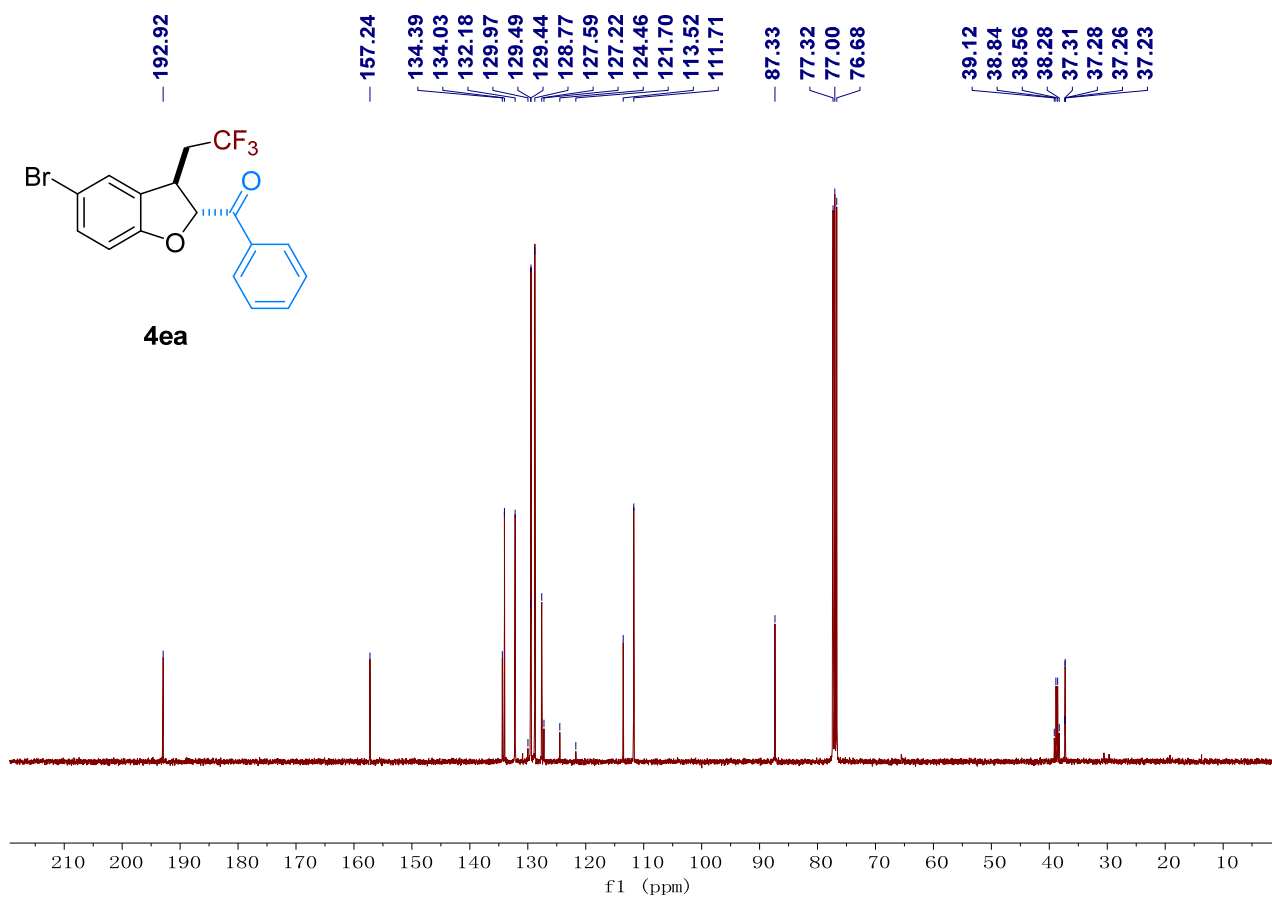
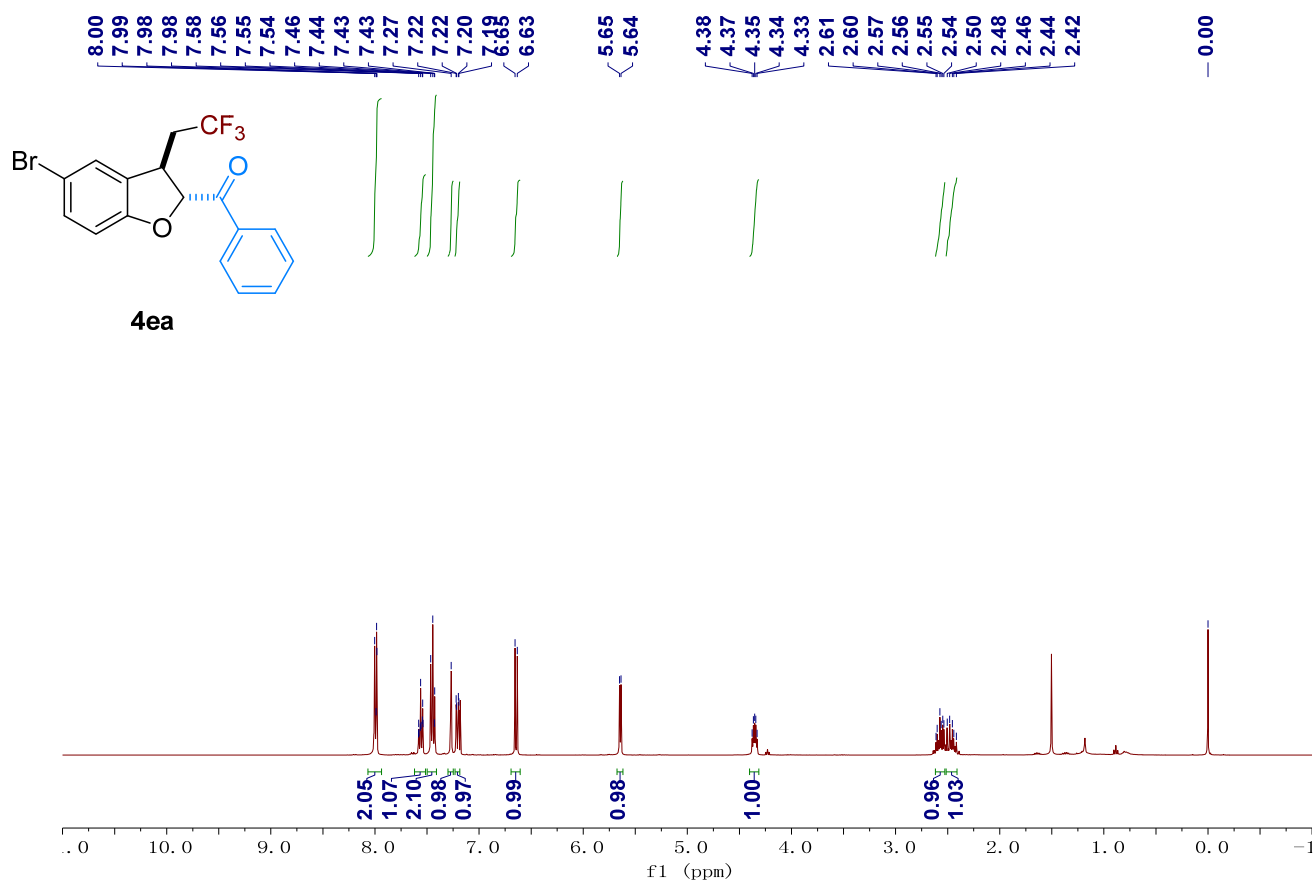


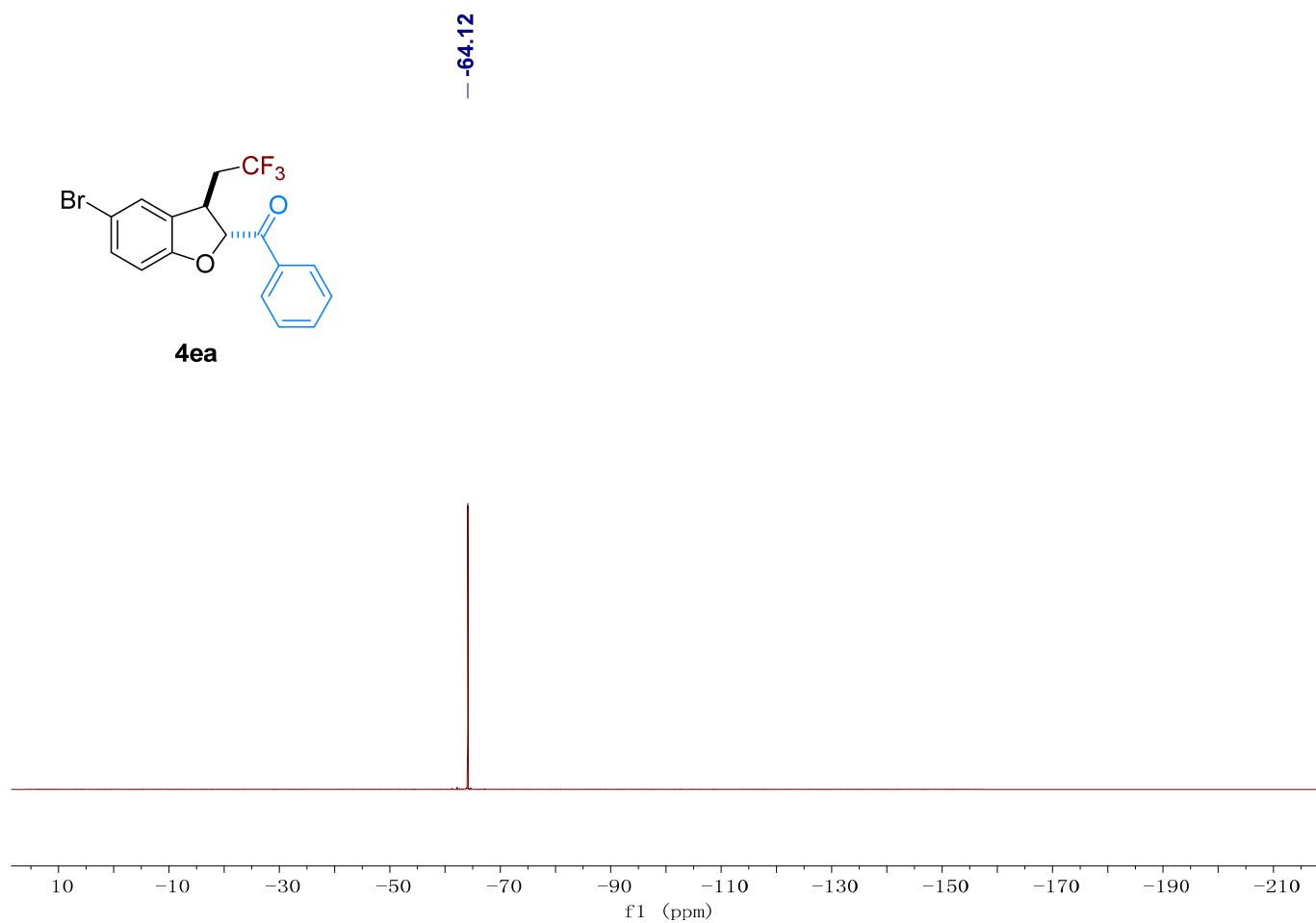
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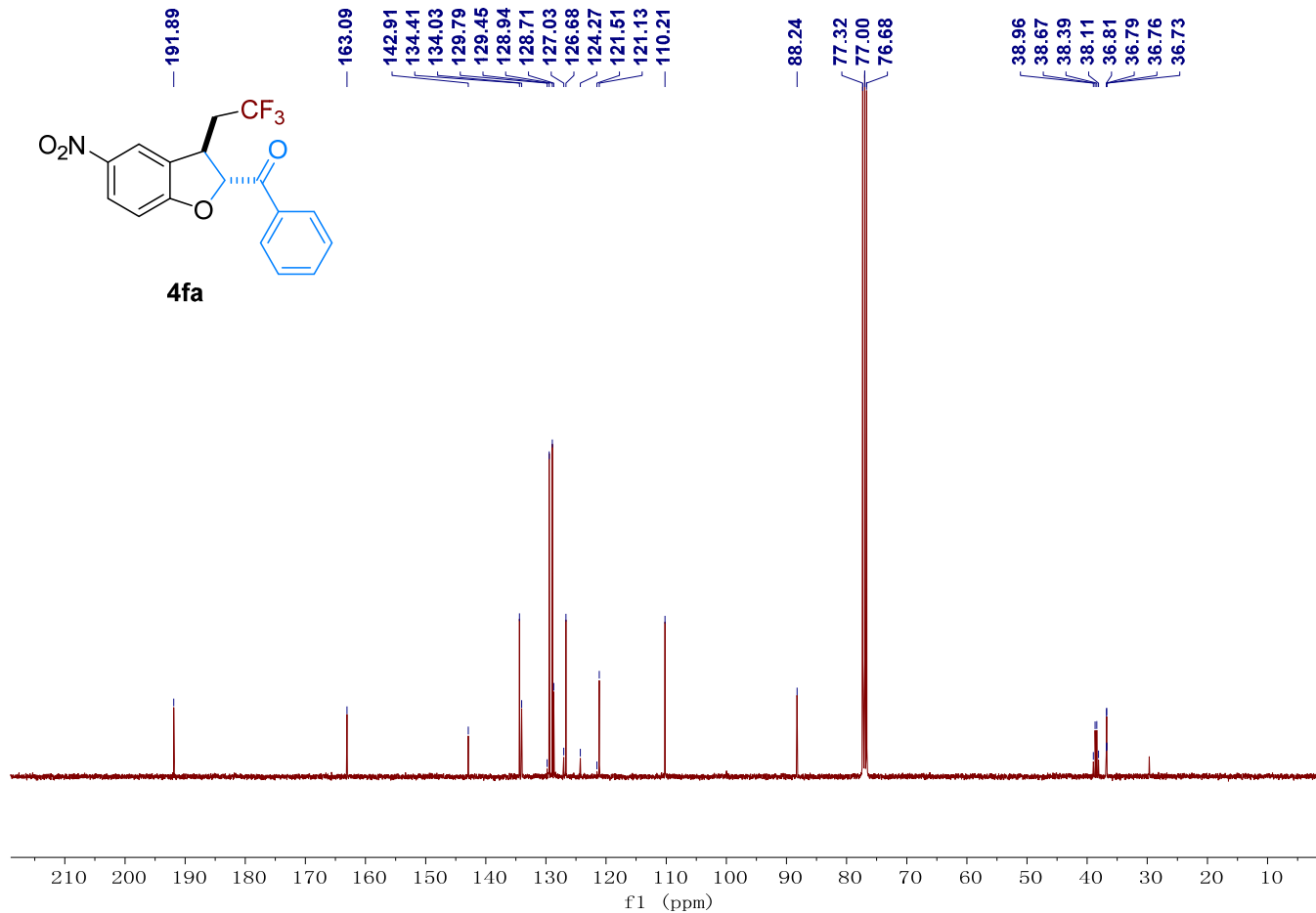
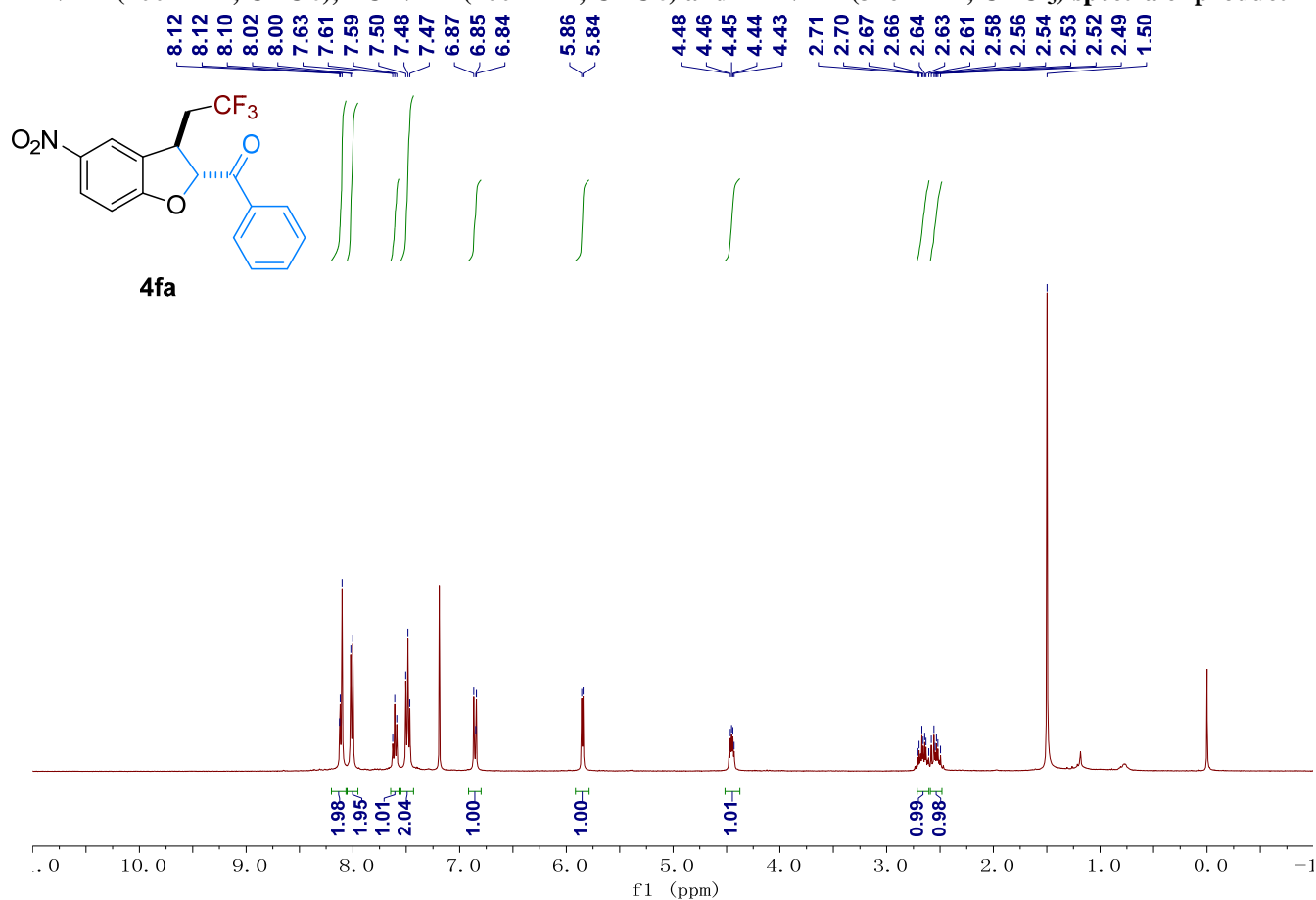


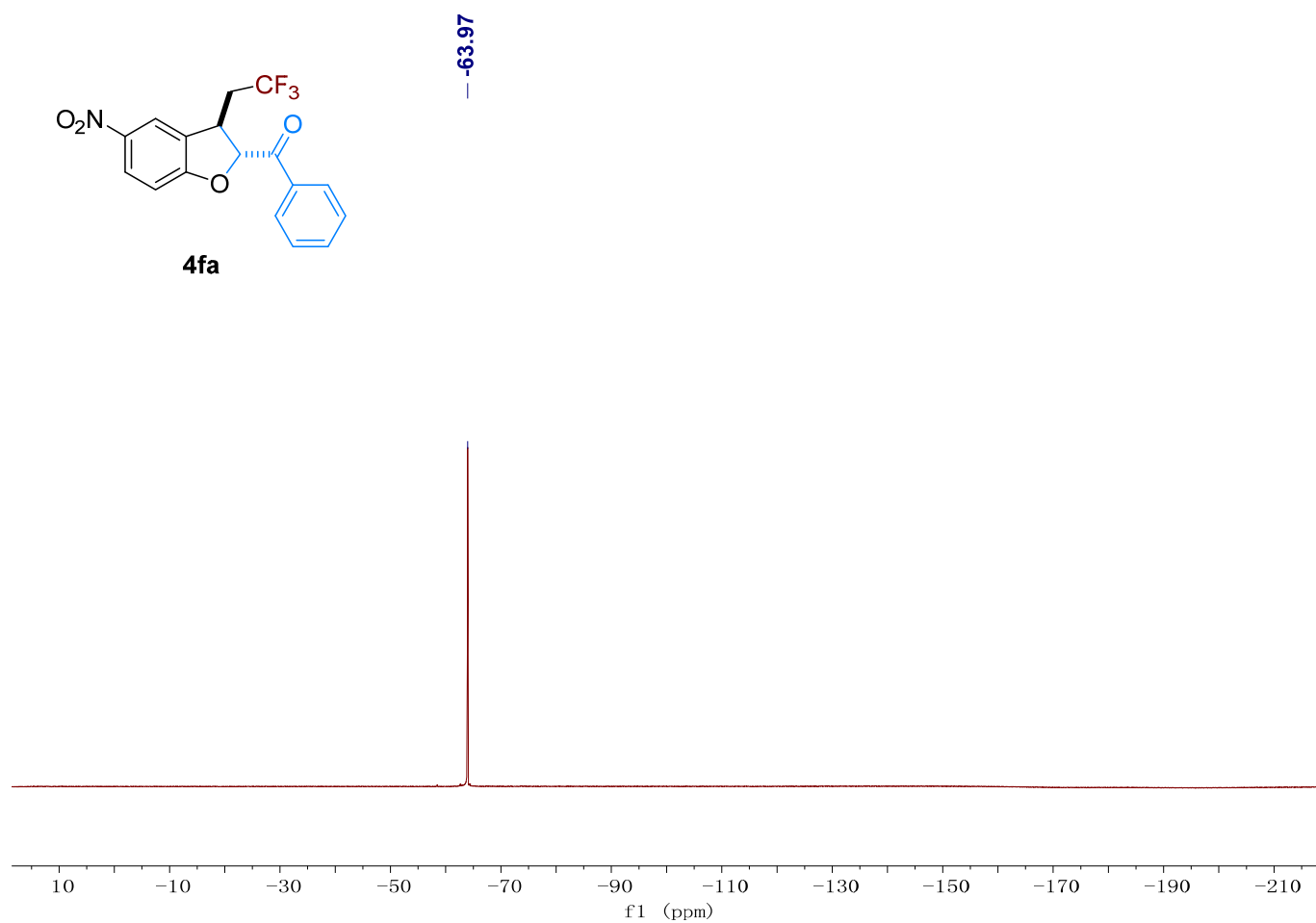
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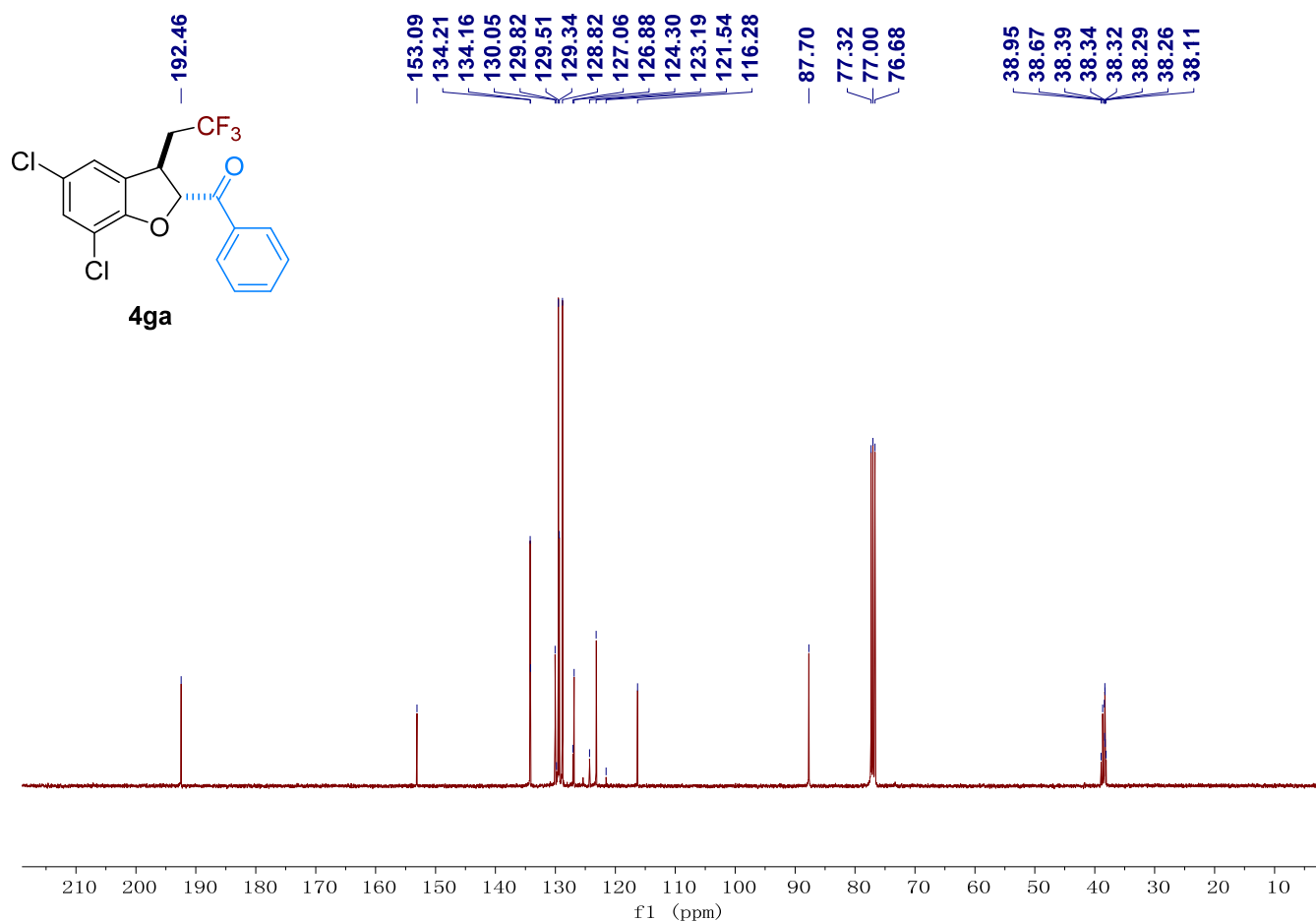
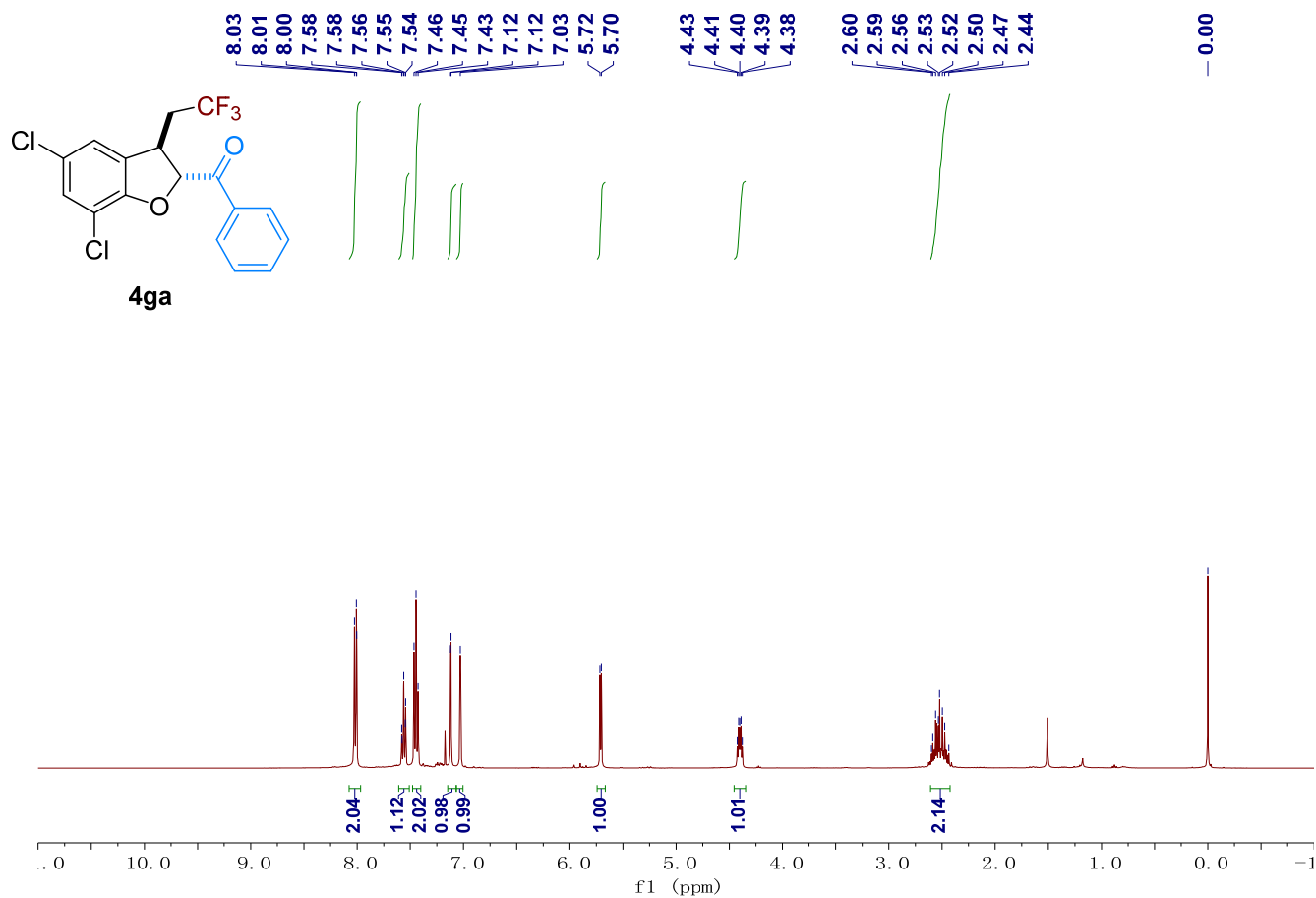


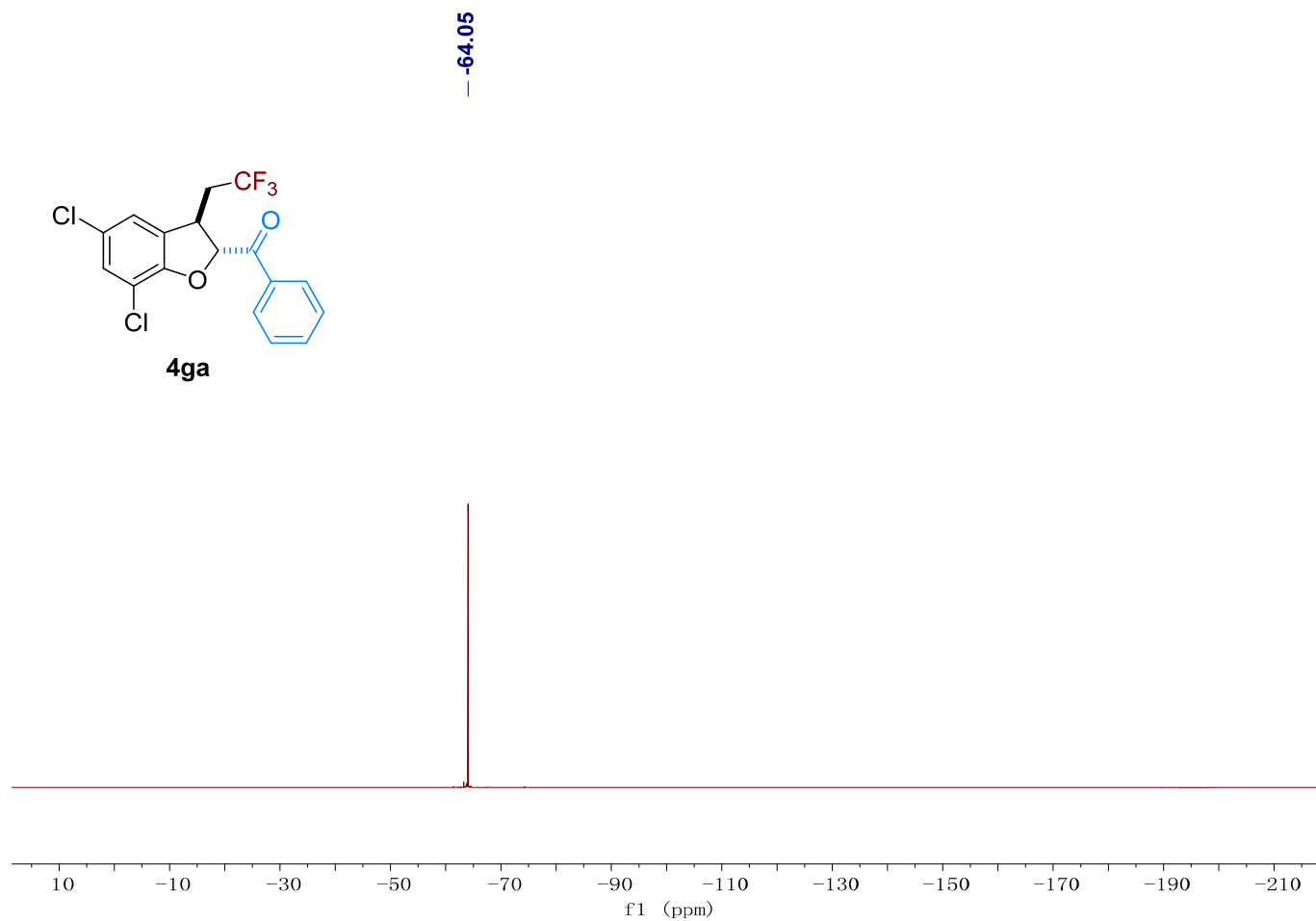
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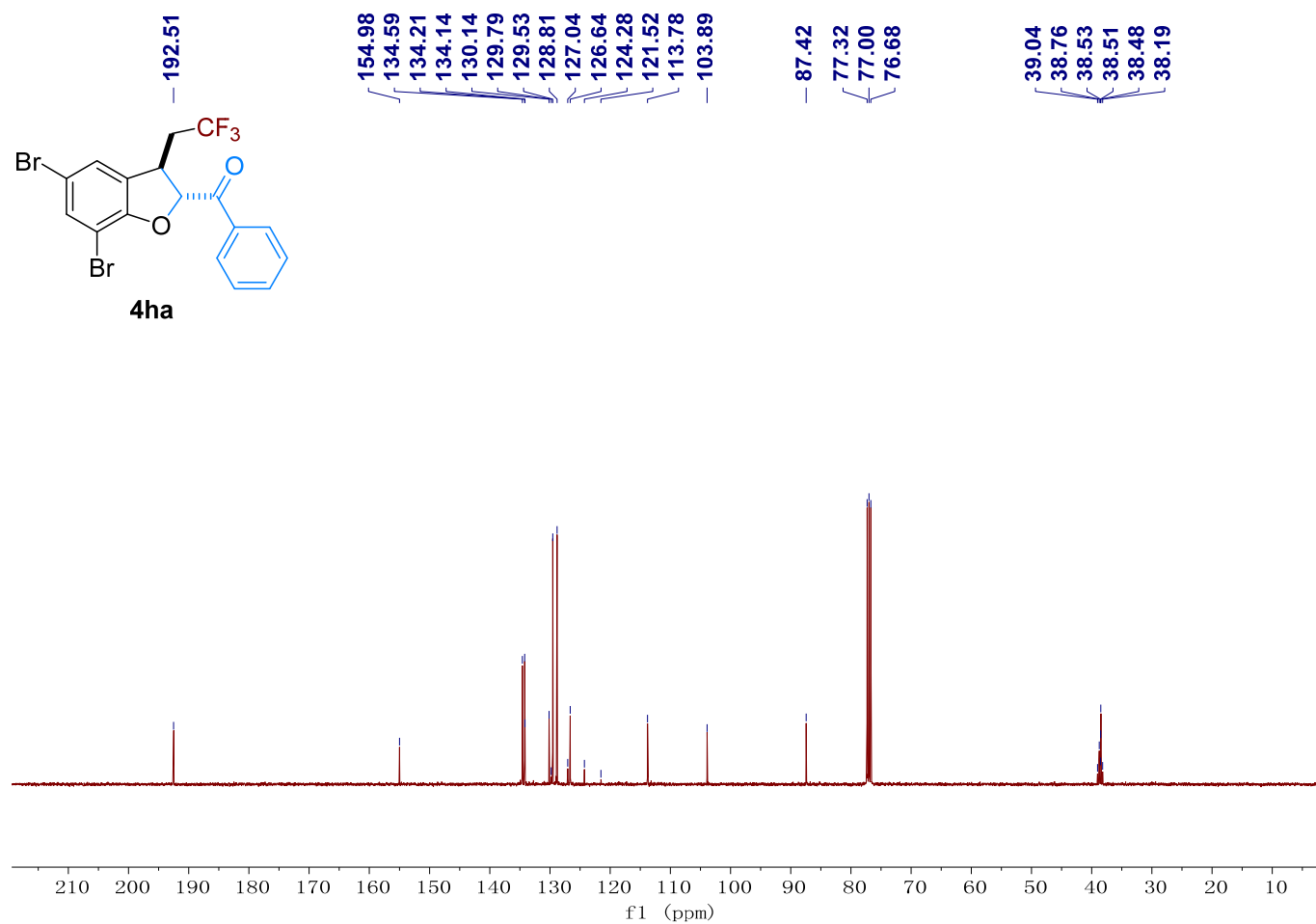
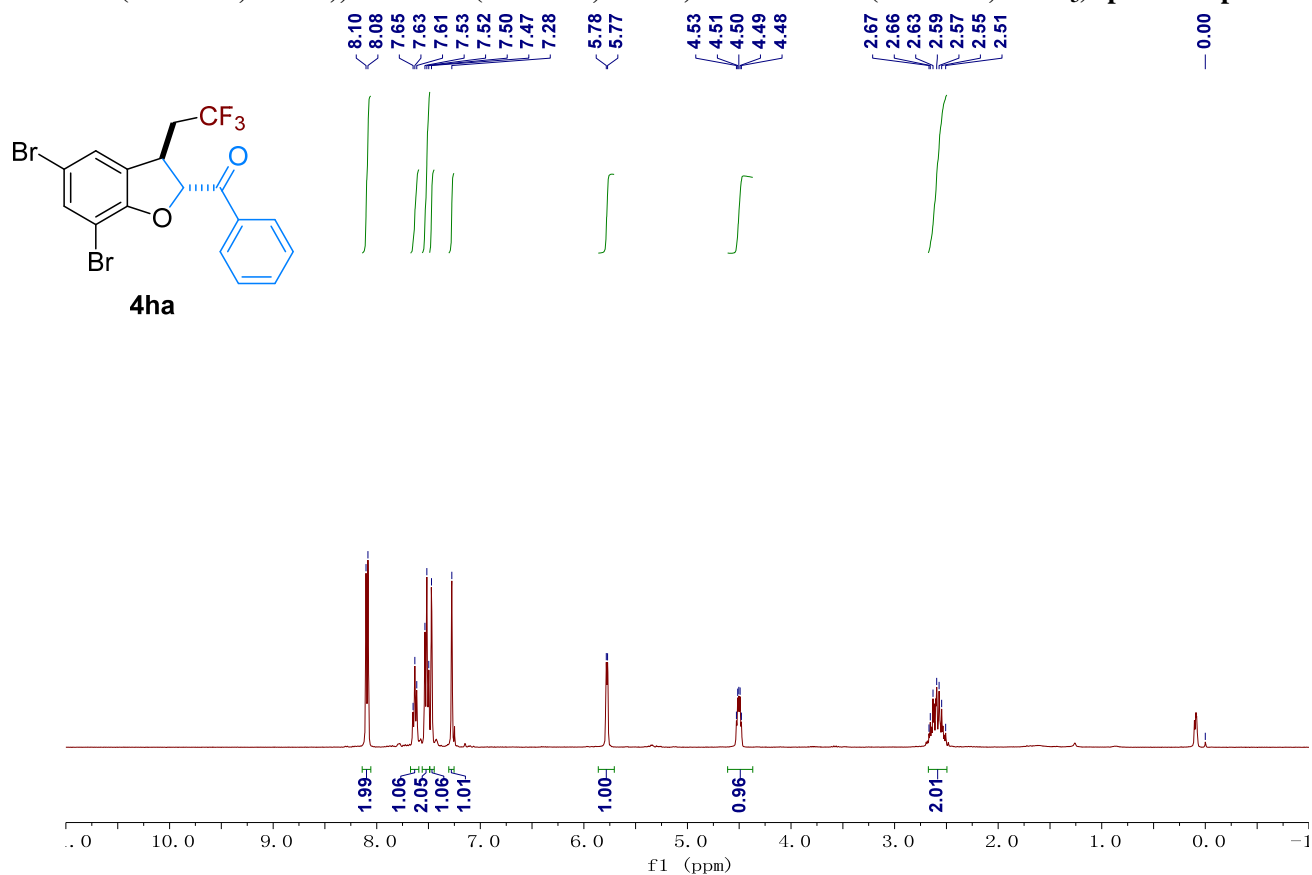


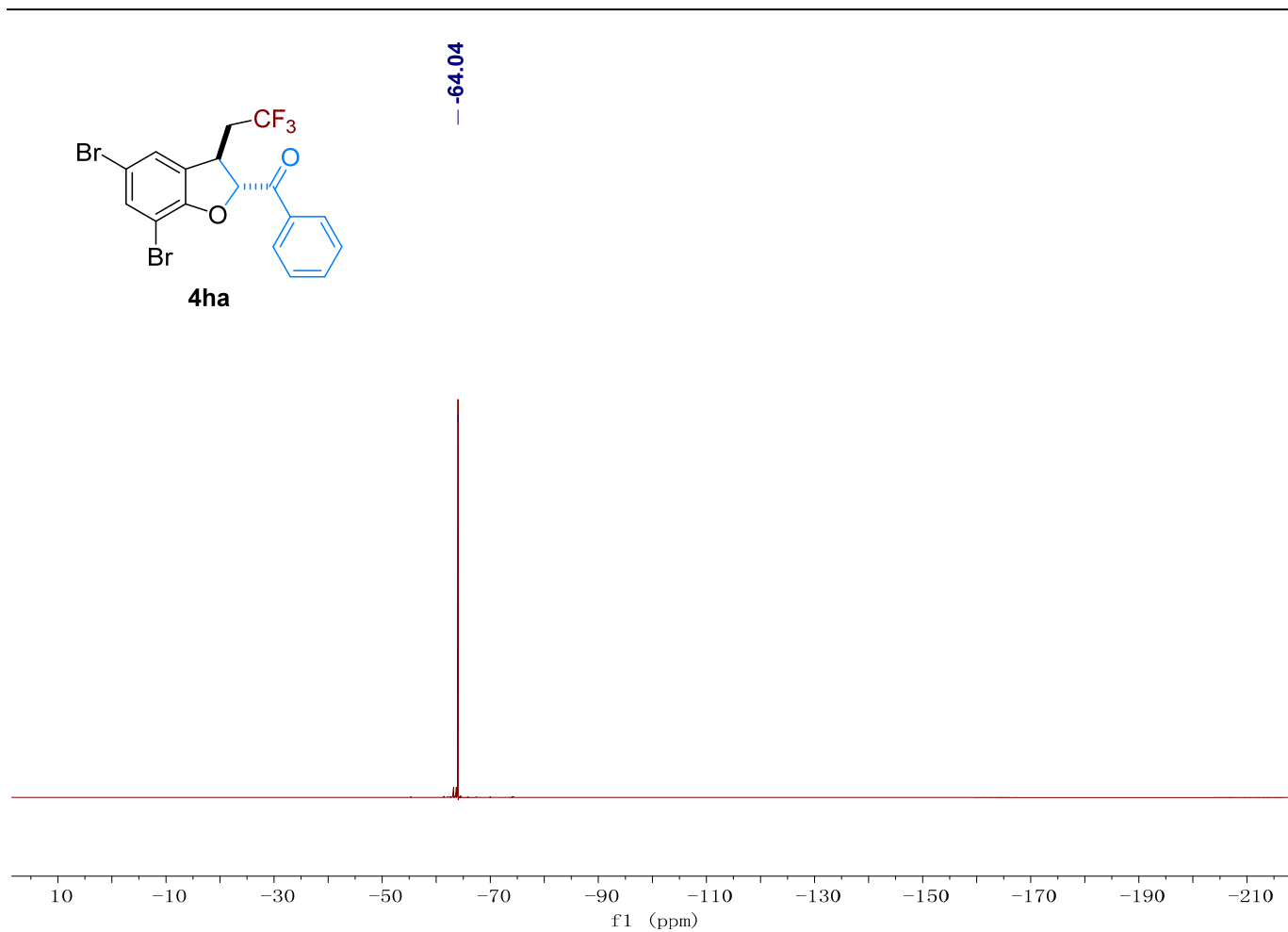
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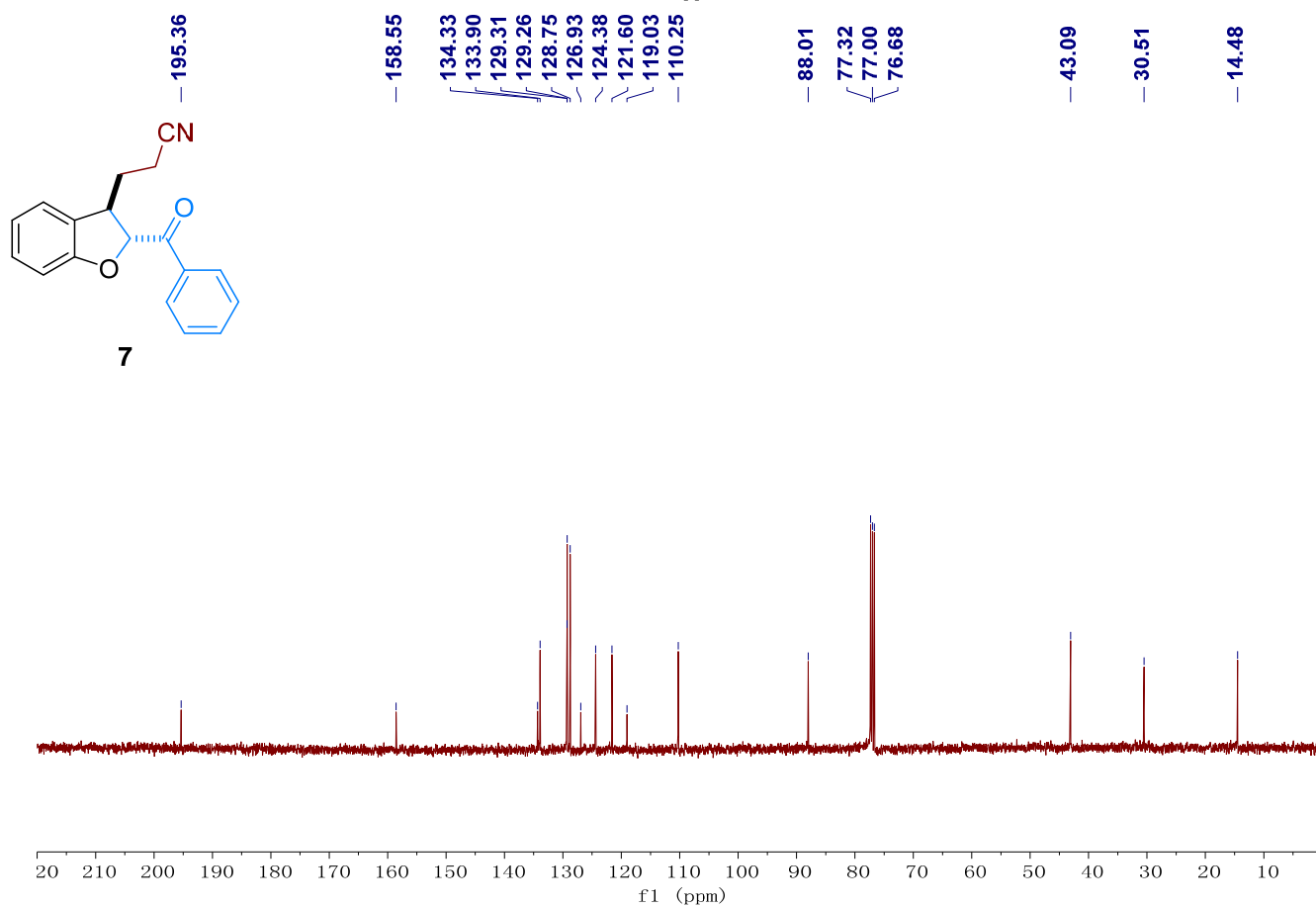
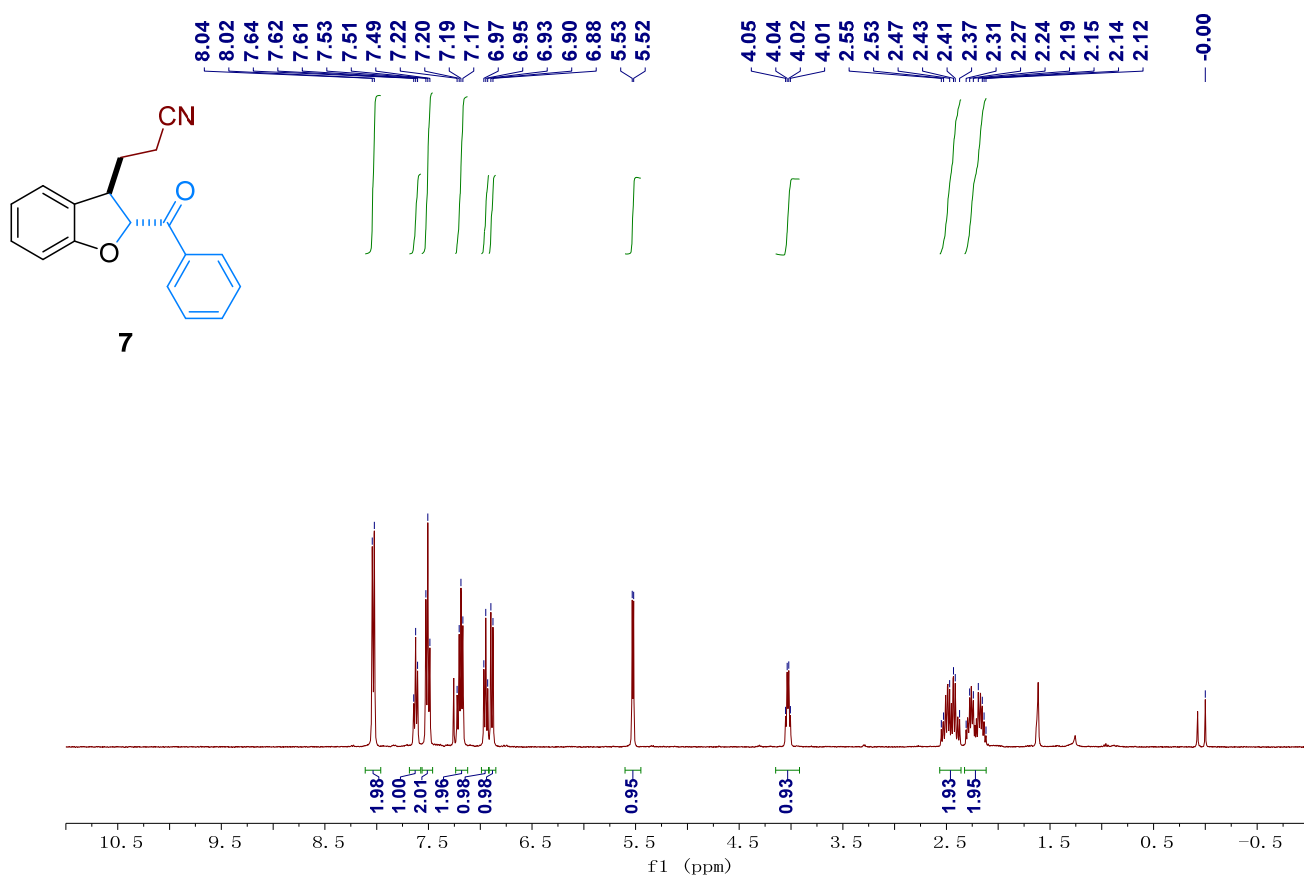


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7. Copy of HPLC Chromatograms

