

Supporting Information

Facile difluoromethylation of aliphatic alcohols by S-(difluoromethyl)sulfonium salt: reaction, scope and mechanistic study

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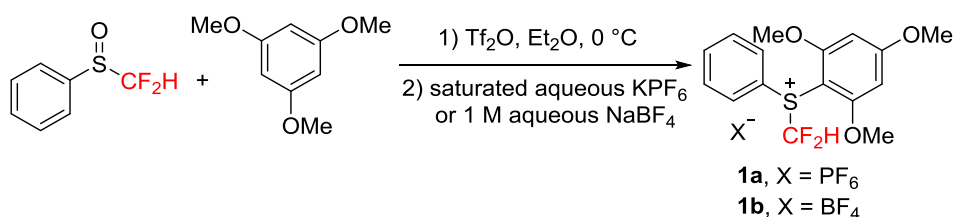
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1. General Experimental Information

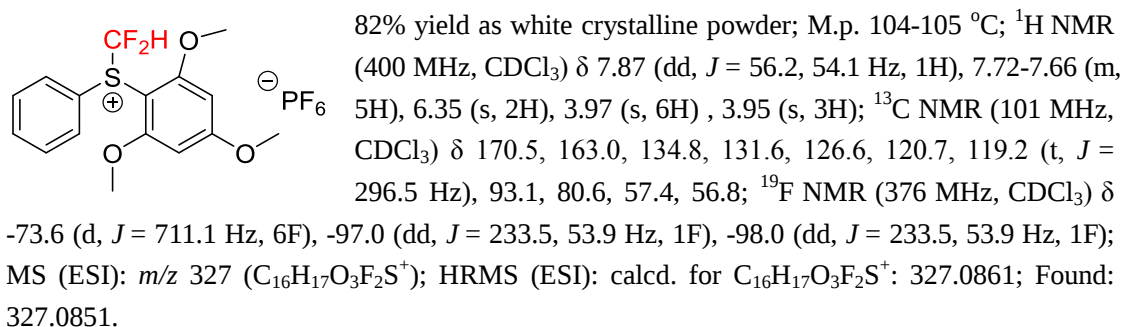
^1H NMR spectra were recorded on either a Bruker AscendTM 400MHz (400 MHz) spectrometer, or a Bruker AscendTM 500MHz (500 MHz) spectrometer at ambient temperature unless otherwise indicated. Data were reported as follows: chemical shifts in ppm from tetramethylsilane as an internal standard in CDCl_3 , integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet-doublet, m = multiplet, br = broad), coupling constants (Hz), and assignment. ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on either a Bruker AscendTM 500MHz (126 MHz) spectrometer or a Bruker AscendTM 400MHz (101 MHz) spectrometer at ambient temperature and were proton decoupled. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane on the scale with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard. ^{19}F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AscendTM 400MHz (376 MHz) spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from CFCl_3 as the internal standard. ESI-MS analyses were performed in positive ionization mode on an Agilent 1260-Infinity LC/MSD or a Q-Exactive high resolution mass spectrometer. EI-MS analyses were performed on an Agilent Technologies 7820A-GC/5977E-MSD System or a ThermoFinnigan MAT 95XL. Commercially available reagents were used as received. Reactions were monitored by TLC: Detection with UV light followed by staining potassium permanganate (KMnO_4). Flash chromatography: silica gel (300-400 mesh).

2. General Procedure for the Preparation of *S*-Difluoromethyl-*S*-phenyl-2,4,6-trimethoxyphenylsulfonium salts (1)

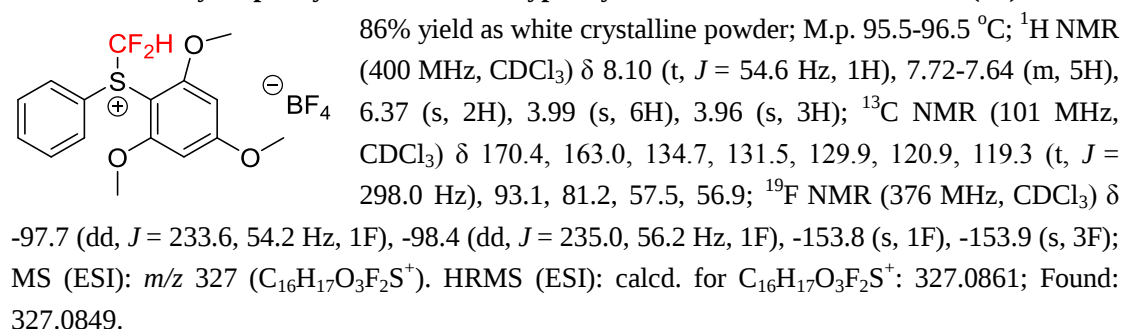
S-Difluoromethyl-*S*-phenyl-2,4,6-trimethoxyphenylsulfonium salts (**1a** and **1b**) were prepared according to the procedure reported by us¹: Trifluoromethanesulfonic acid anhydride (Tf_2O , 10 mmol) was added dropwise slowly into the stirring solution of (Difluoromethyl)phenylsulfoxide (10 mmol) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (11 mmol) in dry Et_2O (20 mL) at 0 °C under N_2 atmosphere. After the reaction was finished, stopped stirring and the upper layer was removed, another dry Et_2O (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred again, after stirring for 5 min, the upper Et_2O layer was removed. This procedure aforementioned was repeated three times and the product was precipitated, filtered and washed with dry Et_2O , to give *S*-difluoromethyl-*S*-phenyl-2,4,6-trimethoxyphenylsulfonium trifluoromethanesulfonate. The solid was dissolved in dichloromethane and extracted with saturated aqueous KPF_6 (50 mL $\times$ 4) or NaBF_4 aqueous solution (1 M, 50 mL $\times$ 4). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and evaporated in vacuum at 30 °C. Recrystallization from dichloromethane and hexane afforded **1a** or **1b**.



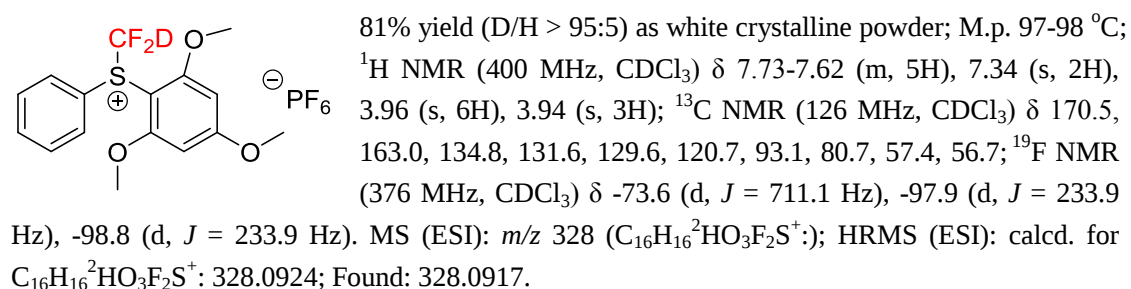
S-Difluoromethyl-S-phenyl-2,4,6-trimethoxyphenylsulfonium Hexafluorophosphate(V) (1a):



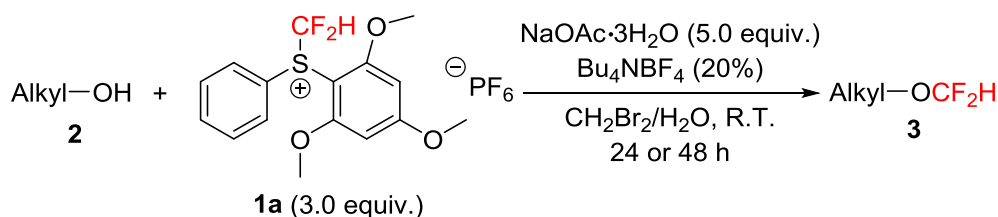
S-Difluoromethyl-S-phenyl-2,4,6-trimethoxyphenylsulfonium Tetrafluoroborate (1b):



[D]-1a:



3. General Procedure for Electrophilic Difluoromethylation of Alcohols with Reagent 1a

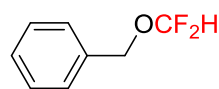


In a small vial (2.0 mL), a magnetic stir bar, alcohol 2 (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 1a (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv.), NaOAc $3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv.), Bu_4NBF_4 (0.04 mmol, 20%), CH_2Br_2 (0.2 mL) and H_2O (0.2 mL) were successively added. After stirring vigorously for 24 or 48 hours at room temperature, benzotrifluoride (0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) and CDCl_3 (0.5 mL) were added for the determination of ^{19}F -NMR Yield. Then the mixture was diluted by dichloromethane, dried over

anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give product **3**.

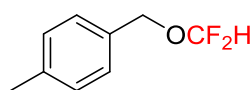
The characterization data of known compounds **3a-e**, **3g**, **3j-k**, **3m-v**, **3x**, **3aa**, **3ab**, **3ad**, **3ae**, **3af** and **3ah** are consistent with the previous report.²

((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)benzene (3a):



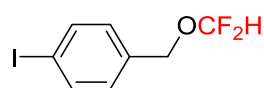
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 65% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.34 (m, 5H), 6.31 (t, *J* = 74.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.8 (d, *J* = 74.3 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 158 (M⁺).

1-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)-4-methylbenzene (3b):



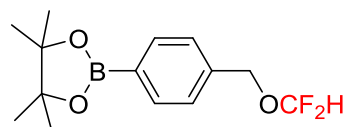
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 78% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (t, *J* = 74.6 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.6 (d, *J* = 74.6 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 172 (M⁺).

1-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)-4-iodobenzene (3c):



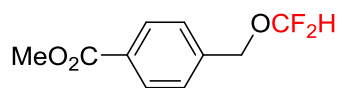
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 70% yield as semisolid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (t, *J* = 74.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 2H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.9 (d, *J* = 73.9 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 284 (M⁺).

2-(4-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (3d):



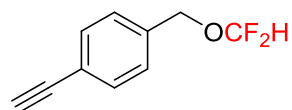
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 57% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (t, *J* = 74.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 2H), 1.35 (s, 12H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.8 (d, *J* = 74.3 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 284 (M⁺).

Methyl 4-((difluoromethoxy)methyl)benzoate (3e):



The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 100:1) in 63% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.34 (t, *J* = 74.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -85.0 (d, *J* = 73.8 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 216 (M⁺).

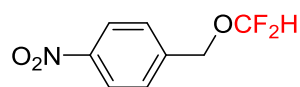
1-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)-4-ethynylbenzene (3f):



The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 60% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.31 (t, *J* = 74.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 3.10 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.2, 132.5, 127.8, 122.3, 113.3 (t, *J* = 262.7 Hz), 83.3, 77.8, 64.8 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.9 (d, *J* = 74.0

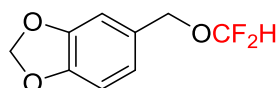
Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 182 (M^+); HRMS (APCI): calcd. for $C_{11}H_{13}F_2O_2^+$ ($[M+H+CH_3OH]^+$): 215.0878; found: 215.0879.

1-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)-4-nitrobenzene (3g):



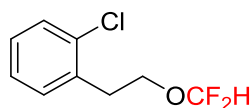
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 50:1) in 50% yield as white solid; M.p. 38-39 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.24 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (t, J = 73.4 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -85.3 (d, J = 73.3 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 203 (M^+).

5-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole (3h):



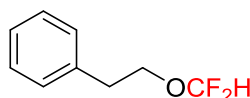
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 84% yield as colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 6.86-6.79 (m, 3H), 6.27 (t, J = 74.5 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 148.0, 147.8, 129.0, 122.0, 115.9 (t, J = 261.6 Hz), 108.8, 108.3, 101.2, 65.5 (t, J = 6.1 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -84.6 (d, J = 74.4 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 202 (M^+); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_9H_9F_2O_3^+$: 203.0514; found: 203.0515.

1-Chloro-2-(2-(difluoromethoxy)ethyl)benzene (3i):



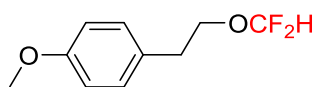
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 90% yield as colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.38-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.18 (t, J = 74.7 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 135.2, 134.3, 131.4, 129.7, 128.4, 127.0, 116.2 (t, J = 258.3 Hz), 62.4 (t, J = 5.5 Hz), 33.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -84.6 (d, J = 74.6 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 206 (M^+); HRMS (APCI): calcd. for $C_8H_8Cl^+$ ($[M-HCF_2O]^+$): 139.0309; found: 139.0309.

(2-(Difluoromethoxy)ethyl)benzene (3j):



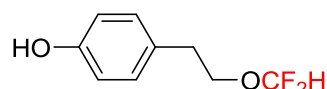
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 78% yield as colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 3H), 6.19 (t, J = 74.7 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 137.6, 129.0, 128.7, 126.8, 116.1 (t, J = 261.4 Hz), 64.1 (t, J = 5.4 Hz), 35.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -84.7 (d, J = 74.6 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 172 (M^+).

1-(2-(Difluoromethoxy)ethyl)-4-methoxybenzene (3k):



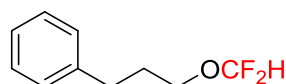
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 91% yield (93% isolated yield in 2.0 mmol scale) as colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (t, J = 74.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -84.6 (d, J = 74.8 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 202 (M^+).

4-(2-(Difluoromethoxy)ethyl)phenol (3l):



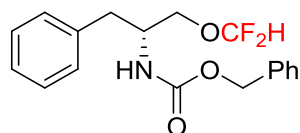
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 20:1) in 62% yield as semisolid; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (t, J = 74.9 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.5, 130.2, 129.7, 116.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 115.6, 64.5 (t, J = 5.3 Hz), 34.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.5 (d, J = 74.9 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 120 ($[\text{M}-\text{HCF}_2\text{OH}]^+$); HRMS (APCI): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{O}^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{HCF}_2\text{O}]^+$): 121.0648; found: 121.0649.

(3-(Difluoromethoxy)propyl)benzene (3m):



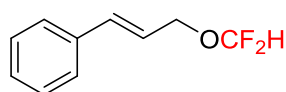
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 78% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 3H), 6.22 (t, J = 75.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.2, 128.6, 126.2, 116.3 (t, J = 260.7 Hz), 62.9 (t, J = 5.3 Hz), 32.0, 30.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -83.8 (d, J = 75.0 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 186 (M^+).

Benzyl (R)-(1-(difluoromethoxy)-3-phenylpropan-2-yl)carbamate (3n):



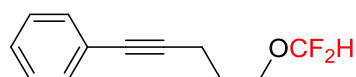
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 10:1) in 61% yield as white solid; M.p. 68-69 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 7.39-7.22 (m, 10H), 6.38 (t, J = 75.7 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.00 (m, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CD_3CN) δ 155.9, 138.1, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.5, 126.5, 117.4, 116.9 (t, J = 258.2 Hz), 65.7, 63.9 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 52.0, 36.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CD_3CN) δ -84.6 (d, J = 74.3 Hz, 2F); MS (ESI): m/z 336.1 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3^+$: 336.1406; found: 336.1394.

(E)-(3-(difluoromethoxy)prop-1-en-1-yl)benzene (3o):



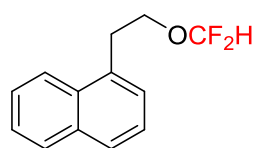
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 73% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (t, J = 74.6 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.5 (d, J = 74.6 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 184 (M^+).

(5-(Difluoromethoxy)pent-1-yn-1-yl)benzene (3p):



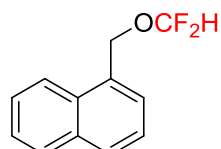
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 80% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.43-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 3H), 6.23 (t, J = 75.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (quint, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.4 (d, J = 74.9 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 210 (M^+).

1-(2-(Difluoromethoxy)ethyl)naphthalene (3q):



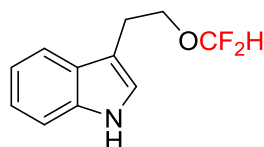
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 92% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 2H), 6.23 (t, J = 74.7 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.5 (d, J = 74.6 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 222 (M^+).

1-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)naphthalene (3r):



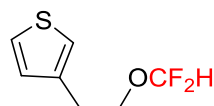
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 85% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 1H), 6.40 (t, J = 74.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.7 (d, J = 74.4 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 208 (M^+).

3-(2-(Difluoromethoxy)ethyl)-1H-indole (3s):



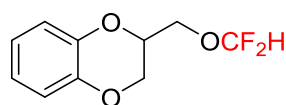
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 20:1) in 88% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 (br, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.23 (t, J = 75.1 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.2 (d, J = 75.0 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 211 (M^+).

3-(2-(Difluoromethoxy)ethyl)thiophene (3t):



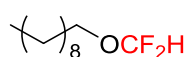
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 81% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 (dd, J = 4.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (t, J = 74.7 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.7 (d, J = 74.5, 2.0 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 178 (M^+).

2-((Difluoromethoxy)methyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]dioxine (3u):



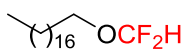
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 200:1) in 60% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.92-6.85 (m, 4H), 6.29 (t, J = 73.7 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.37 (m, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J = 11.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.14-4.03 (m, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -85.5 (d, J = 73.6 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 216 (M^+).

1-(Difluoromethoxy)decane (3v):

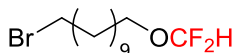


The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 91% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.18 (t, J = 75.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.38-1.27 (m, 14H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.2 (d, J = 75.2 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 140 ($[\text{M}-\text{HCF}_2\text{OH}]^+$).

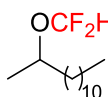
1-(Difluoromethoxy)octadecane (3w):

 The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 95% yield as semisolid; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.18 (t, *J* = 75.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (quint, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36-1.25 (m, 30H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.3 (t, *J* = 260.4 Hz), 63.9 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 32.1, 29.9, 29.83, 29.81, 29.73, 29.68, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 25.9, 22.9, 14.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.3 (d, *J* = 75.3 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 252 ([M-HCF₂OH]⁺); HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₈H₃₆⁺ ([M-HCF₂OH]⁺): 252.2812; found: 252.2811.

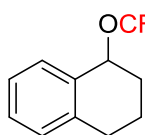
1-Bromo-11-(difluoromethoxy)undecane (3x):

 The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 98% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.18 (t, *J* = 75.3 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (quint, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.43-1.28 (m, 14H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -84.2 (d, *J* = 75.2 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): *m/z* 232 ([M-HCF₂OH]⁺).

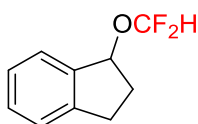
2-(Difluoromethoxy)tridecane (3aa):

 The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 75% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.20 (t, *J* = 75.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.17 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.25 (m, 21H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 116.6 (t, *J* = 258.5 Hz), 72.9 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 37.0, 32.1, 29.81, 29.78, 29.74, 29.70, 29.59, 29.52, 25.4, 22.9, 21.3, 14.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.5 (dd, *J* = 161.3, 75.9 Hz, 1F), -81.1 (dd, *J* = 161.3, 75.9 Hz, 1F); MS (EI): *m/z* 182 ([M-HCF₂OH]⁺).

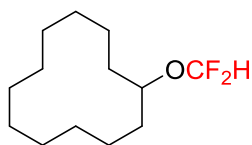
1-(Difluoromethoxy)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (3ab):

 The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 70% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.12 (m, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 75.4, 74.4 Hz, 1H), 5.32-5.30 (m, 1H), 2.88 (dt, *J* = 16.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.78 (m, 1H); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.1 (dd, *J* = 160.0, 75.5 Hz, 1F), -81.5 (dd, *J* = 160.0, 75.5 Hz, 1F); MS (EI): *m/z* 198 (M⁺).

1-(Difluoromethoxy)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene (3ac):

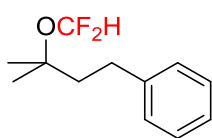
 The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 77% yield as colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.24 (m, 3H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 74.6 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ddd, *J* = 16.0, 8.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (ddd, *J* = 16.1, 8.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* = 20.8, 7.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 140.7, 129.2, 126.9, 125.4, 125.0, 116.2 (t, *J* = 261.1 Hz), 78.7 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 33.5, 30.1; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -80.9 (dd, *J* = 160.0, 74.9 Hz, 1F), -81.5 (dd, *J* = 160.0, 74.9 Hz, 1F); MS (EI): *m/z* 184 (M⁺); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁F₂O⁺: 185.0773; found: 185.0775.

(Difluoromethoxy)cyclododecane (3ad):



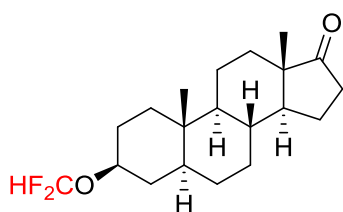
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 93% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.21 (t, J = 75.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (tt, J = 7.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.33 (m, 18H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -80.5 (d, J = 75.8 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 166 ($[\text{M}-\text{HCF}_2\text{OH}]^+$).

(3-(Difluoromethoxy)-3-methylbutyl)benzene (3ae):



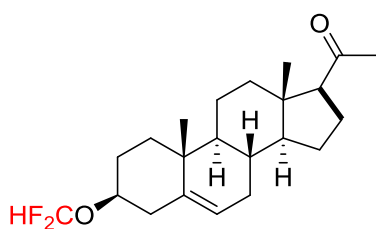
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 38% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.33 (t, J = 76.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.71 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 6H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -76.8 (d, J = 76.7 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 214 (M^+), 146 ($[\text{M}-\text{OCF}_2\text{H}_2]^+$).

(3S,5S,8R,9S,10S,13S,14S)-3-(difluoromethoxy)-10,13-dimethylhexadecahydro-17H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-one (3af):



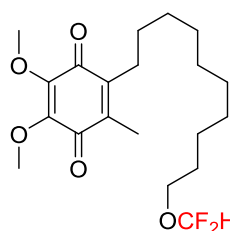
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 6:1) in 71% yield as white solid; M.p. 91-92 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.21 (t, J = 75.8 Hz, 1H), 4.07-3.98 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dd, J = 19.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.10-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.72 (m, 6H), 1.66-1.42 (m, 6H), 1.36-1.22 (m, 4H), 1.19-1.10 (m, 1H), 1.03-0.96 (m, 2H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H), 0.69 (td, J = 11.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -80.3 (dd, J = 161.2, 75.7 Hz, 1F), -80.8 (dd, J = 161.2, 75.7 Hz, 1F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 116.4 (t, J = 258.7 Hz), 75.1 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 54.4, 51.5, 47.9, 44.8, 36.8, 35.9, 35.6, 35.4, 35.1, 31.6, 30.9, 28.8, 28.4, 21.8, 20.5, 13.9, 12.3; MS (ESI): m/z 341.4 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 341.2287; found: 341.2284.

1-((3S,8S,9S,10R,13S,14S,17S)-3-(difluoromethoxy)-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)ethan-1-one (3ag)



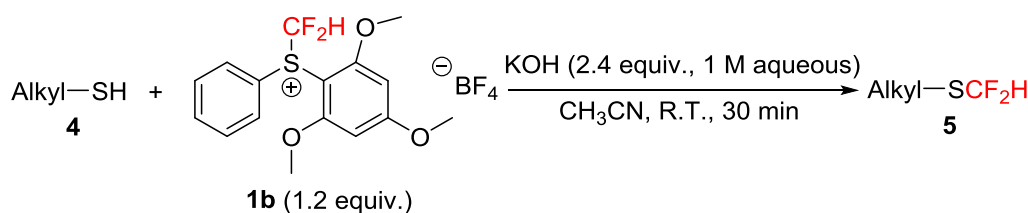
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 30:1) in 60% yield as white solid; M.p. 127-128 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.21 (t, J = 75.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.91 (m, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.20-2.15 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.05-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.56 (m, 5H), 1.52-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.27-0.94 (m, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.62 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -80.7 (d, J = 75.6 Hz, 2F); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.6, 139.8, 122.5, 116.3 (t, J = 259.2 Hz), 75.3 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 63.8, 57.0, 50.0, 44.1, 39.6, 38.9, 37.1, 36.6, 31.9, 31.9, 31.6, 29.1, 24.6, 22.9, 21.1, 19.4, 13.3; MS (ESI): m/z 367.2 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$); HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2^+$: 367.2443; found: 367.2432.

2-(10-(Difluoromethoxy)decyl)-5,6-dimethoxy-3-methylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (**3ah**):



The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/Ethyl acetate = 10:1) in 62% yield as dark yellow oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.15 (t, J = 75.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 3.79 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.60 (quint, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 14H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -84.2 (d, J = 75.3 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 388 (M^+).

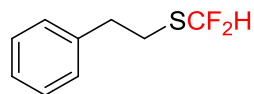
4. General Procedure for Electrophilic Difluoromethylation of Thioalcohols with Reagent **1b**



To a solution of **4** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in acetonitrile (0.2 mL), KOH (0.48 mmol, 2.4 equiv., 1 M aqueous) was added. After stirring for 30 min at room temperature, **1b** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 30 min, then benzotrifluoride (0.1 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) and CDCl_3 (0.5 mL) were added for the determination of ^{19}F -NMR Yield. Followed quenching with saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl , and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL $\times$ 3). The combined extracts was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give product **5**.

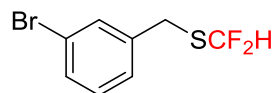
The characterization data of known compounds **5a** and **5c** are consistent with the previous report.³

(Difluoromethyl)(phenethyl)sulfane (**5a**):



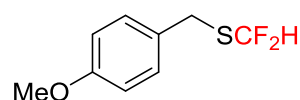
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 50% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 6.78 (t, J = 56.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09-3.05 (m, 2H), 3.01-2.97 (m, 2H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -92.7 (d, J = 56.2 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 188 (M^+).

(3-Bromobenzyl)(difluoromethyl)sulfane (**5b**):



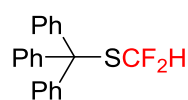
The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 50% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.51 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (t, J = 56.2 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.9, 132.0, 130.9, 130.4, 127.6, 122.8, 120.1 (t, J = 274.8 Hz), 31.1 (t, J = 3.8 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.7 (d, J = 56.1 Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 252 (M^+), 254 (M^+); HRMS (EI): calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7^{79}\text{BrF}_2\text{S}^+$: 251.9414; found: 251.9415.

(Difluoromethyl)(4-methoxybenzyl)sulfane (5c):



The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 57% yield as colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.27 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.73 (t, $J = 56.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.0 (d, $J = 56.6$ Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 204 (M^+).

(Difluoromethyl)(trityl)sulfane (5d):



The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane) in 46% yield as white solid; M.p. 96-97 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45-7.26 (m, 15H), 6.05 (t, $J = 55.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 129.7, 128.3, 127.6, 123.3 (t, $J = 269.0$ Hz), 68.7 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.1 (d, $J = 55.8$ Hz, 2F); MS (EI): m/z 243 (M^+); HRMS (APCI): calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}^+$ ($[\text{M}-\text{SCF}_2\text{H}]^+$): 243.1168; found: 243.1168.

5. Control Experiments of Mechanistic Study

Control experiments were done as the procedure for electrophilic difluoromethylation of alcohols described above, and the results were determined by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy analysis.

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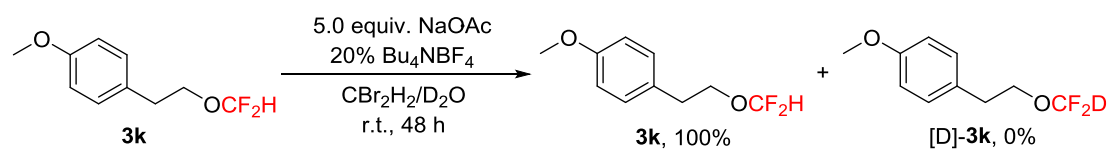
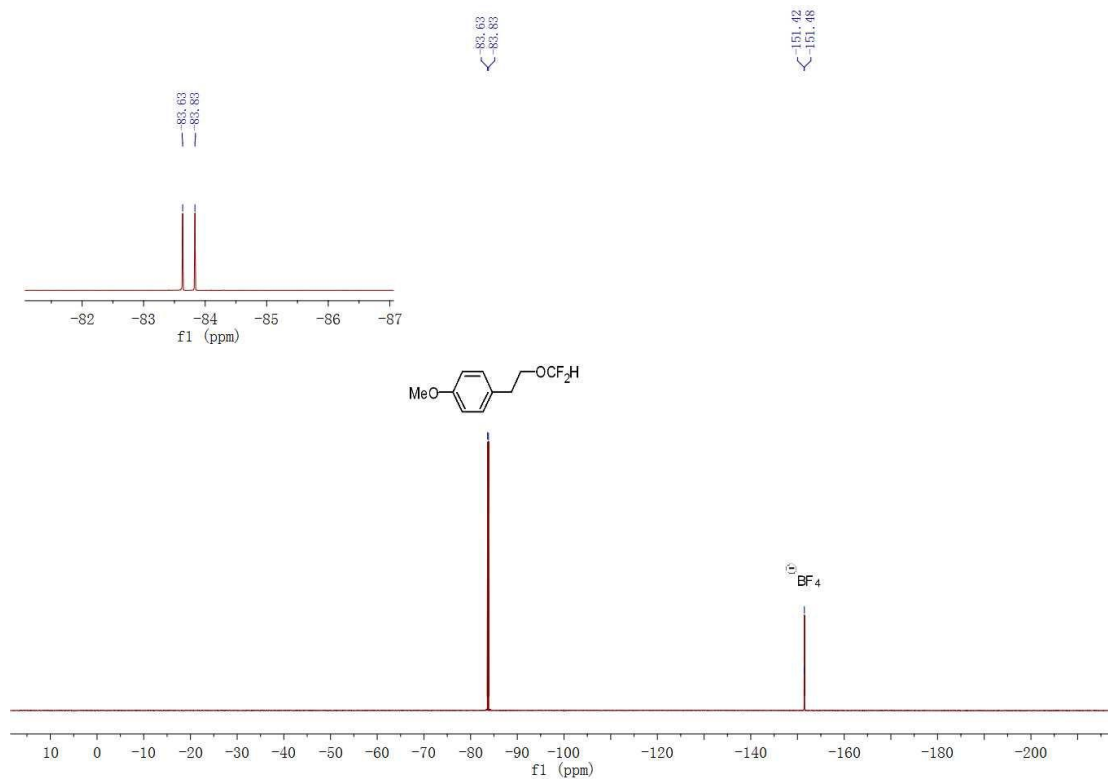


Figure S1. Control Experiment A)



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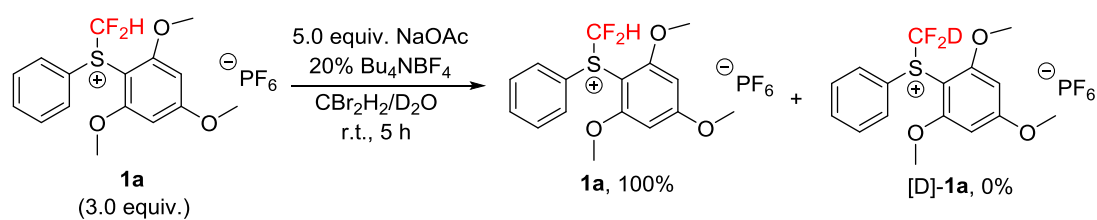
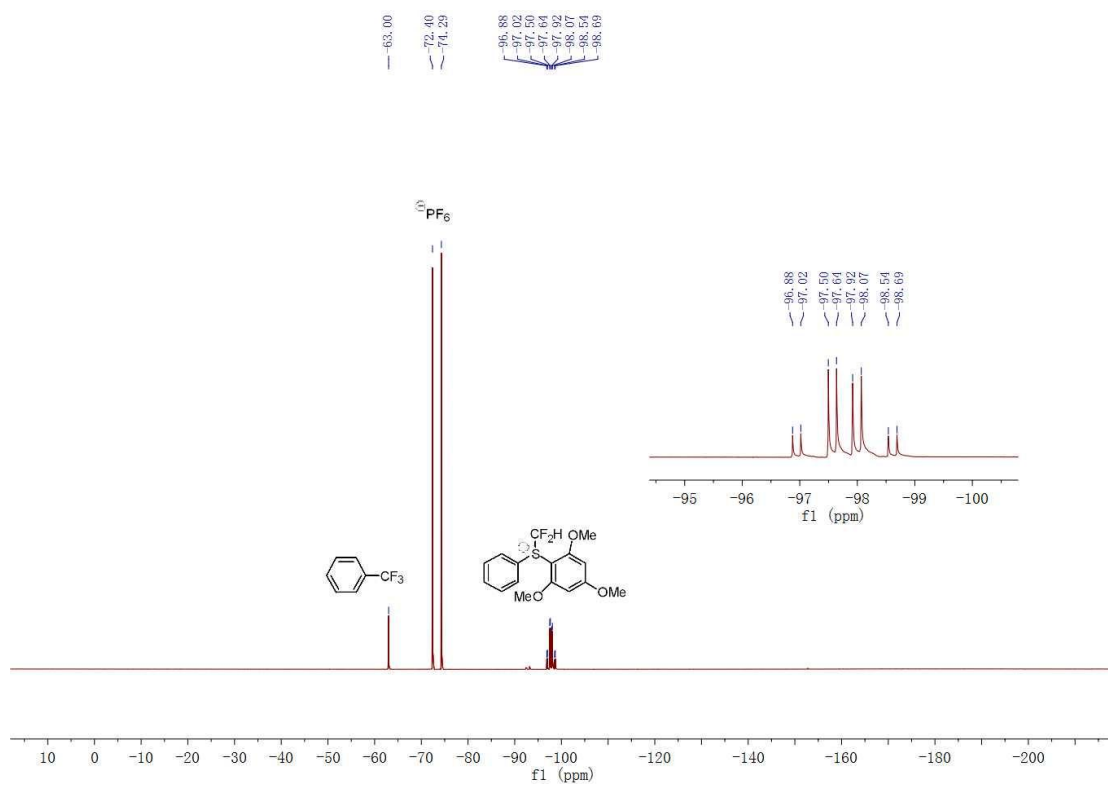


Figure S2. Control Experiment B)



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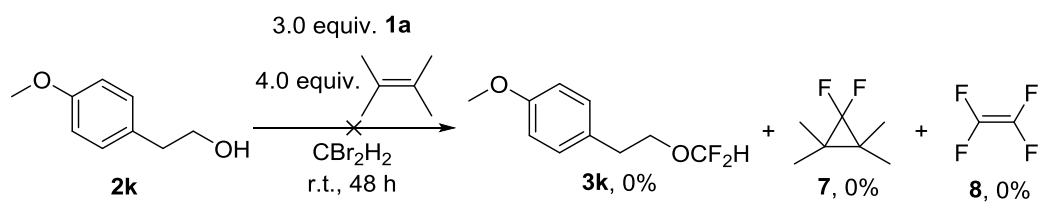
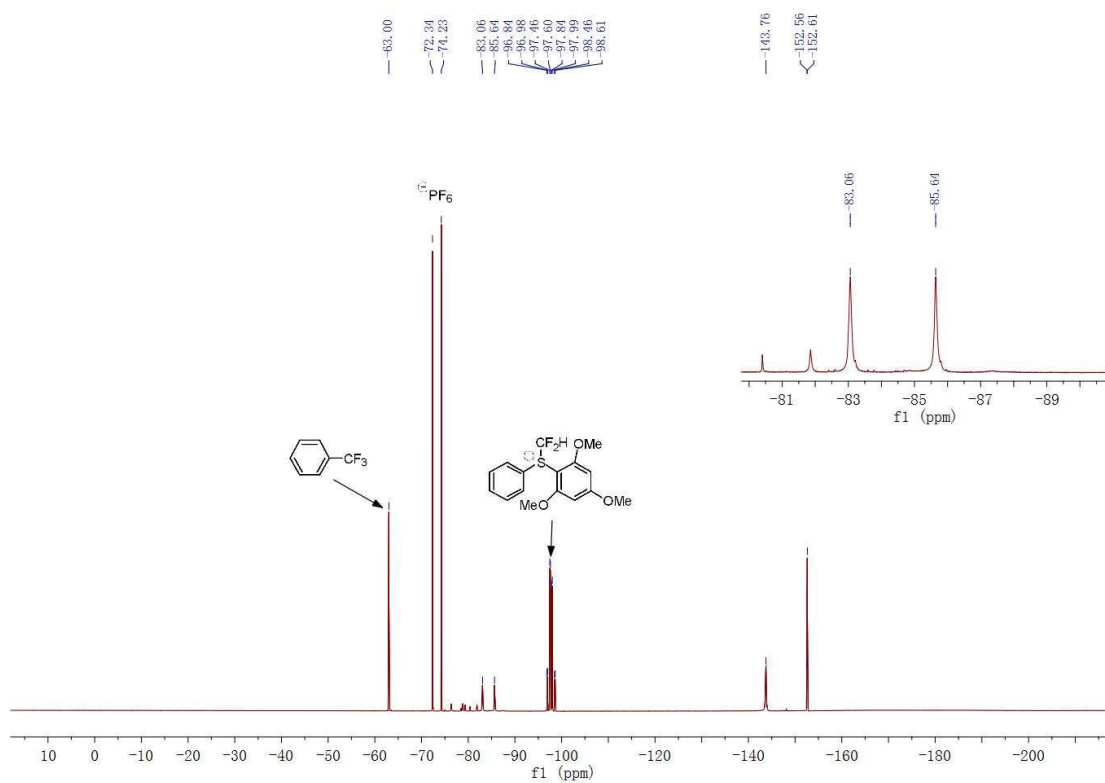


Figure S3. Control Experiment C)



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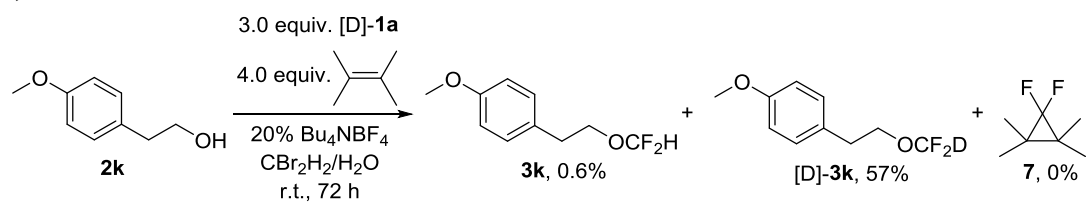
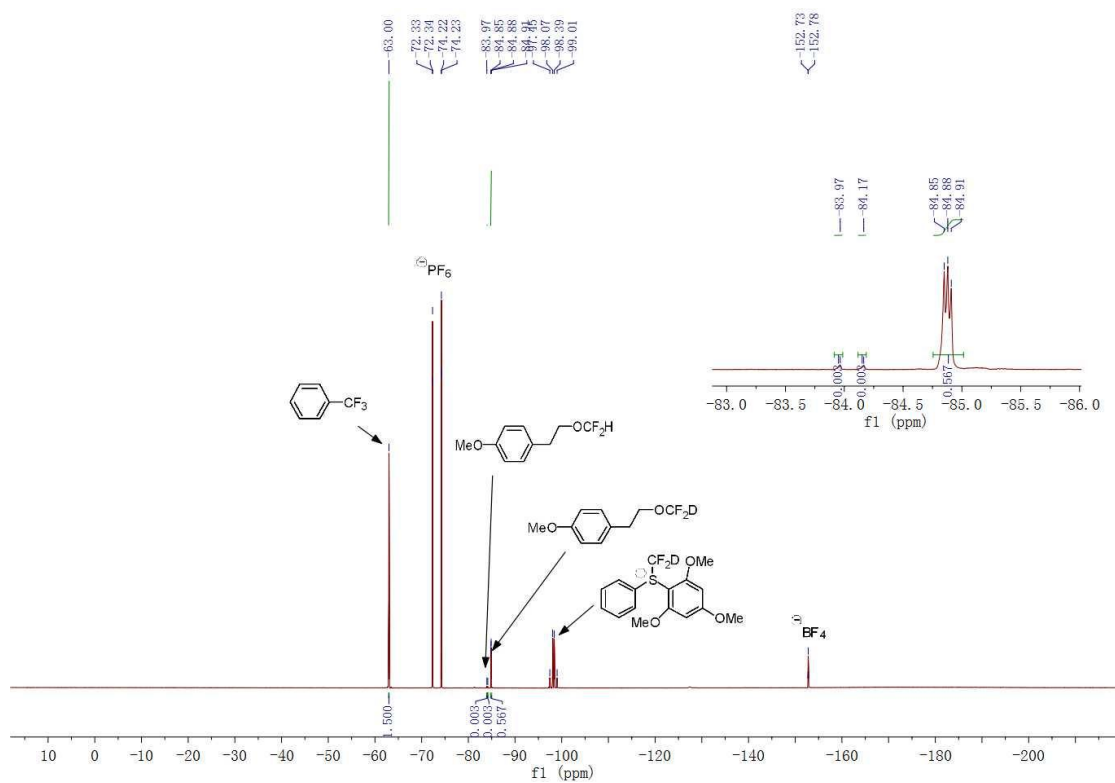


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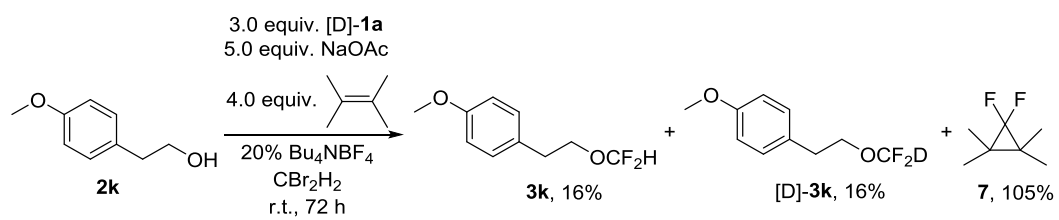
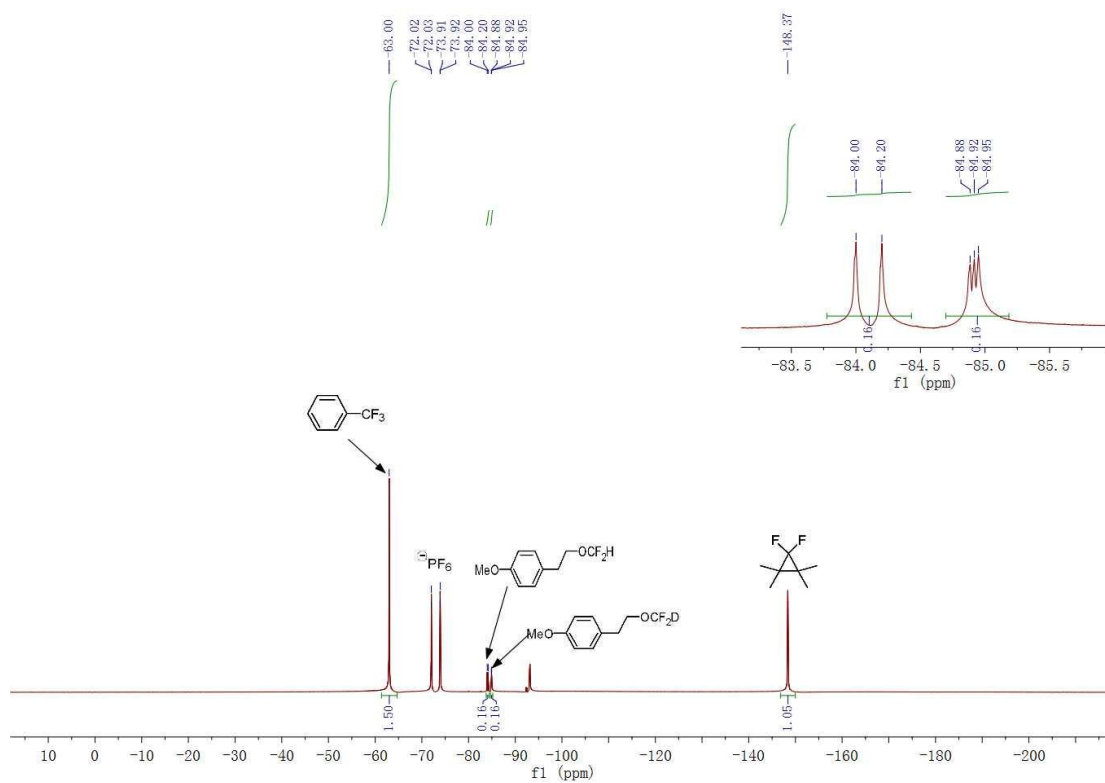


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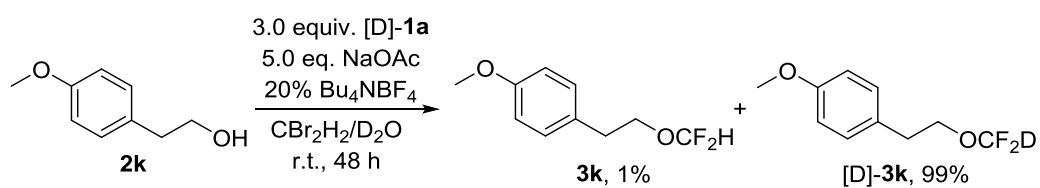
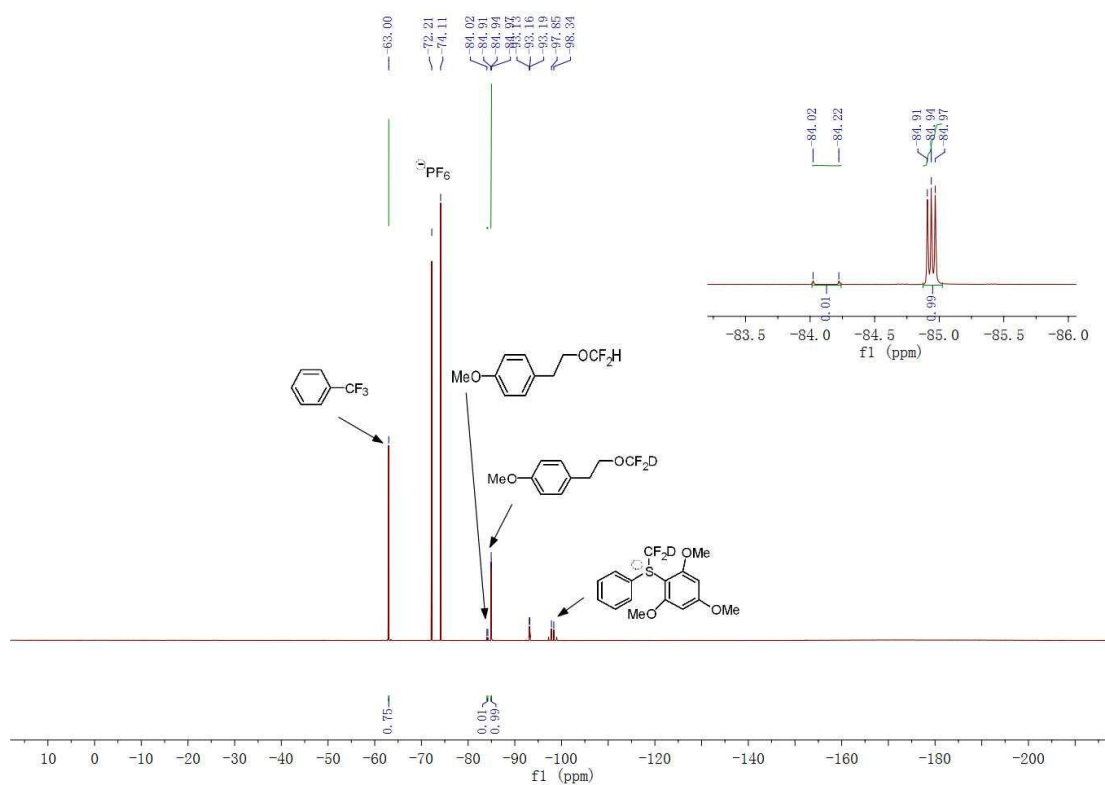


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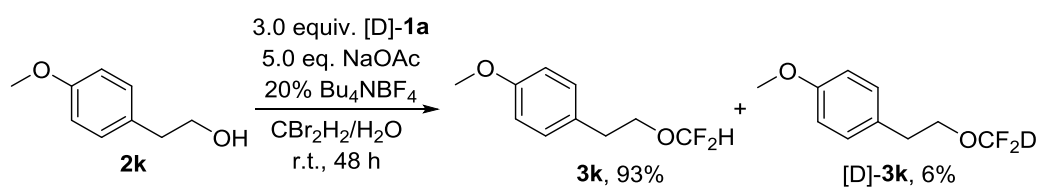


Figure S7. Control Experiment G)

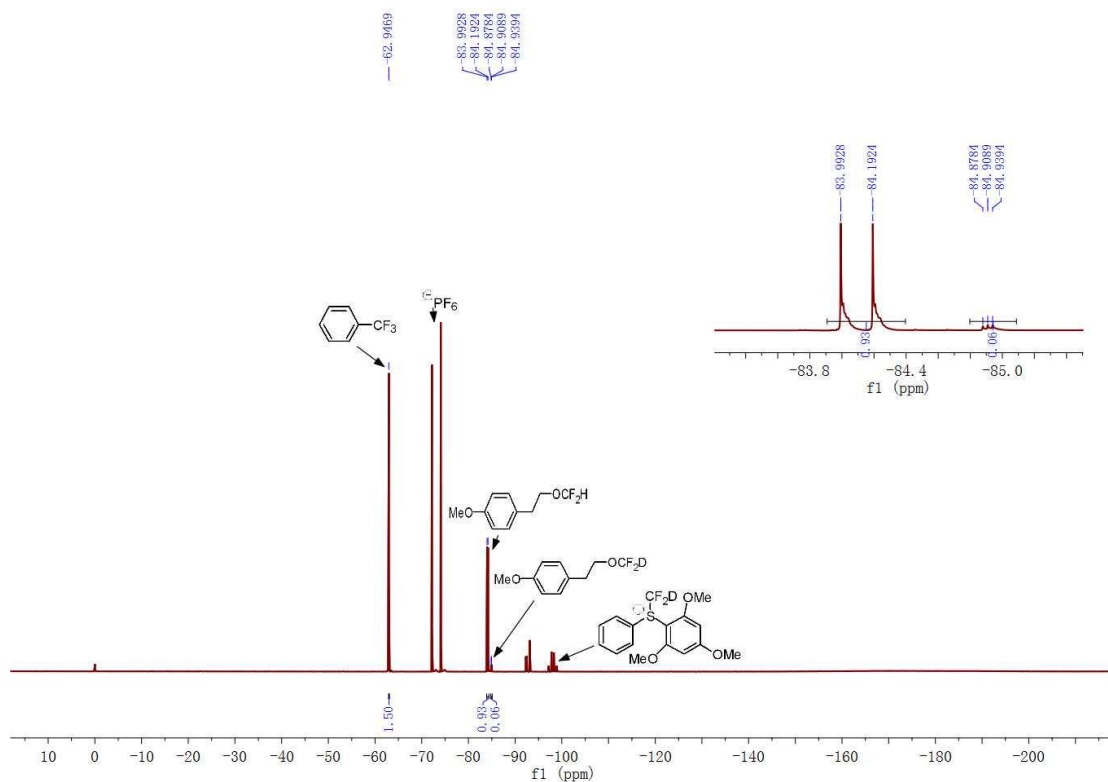
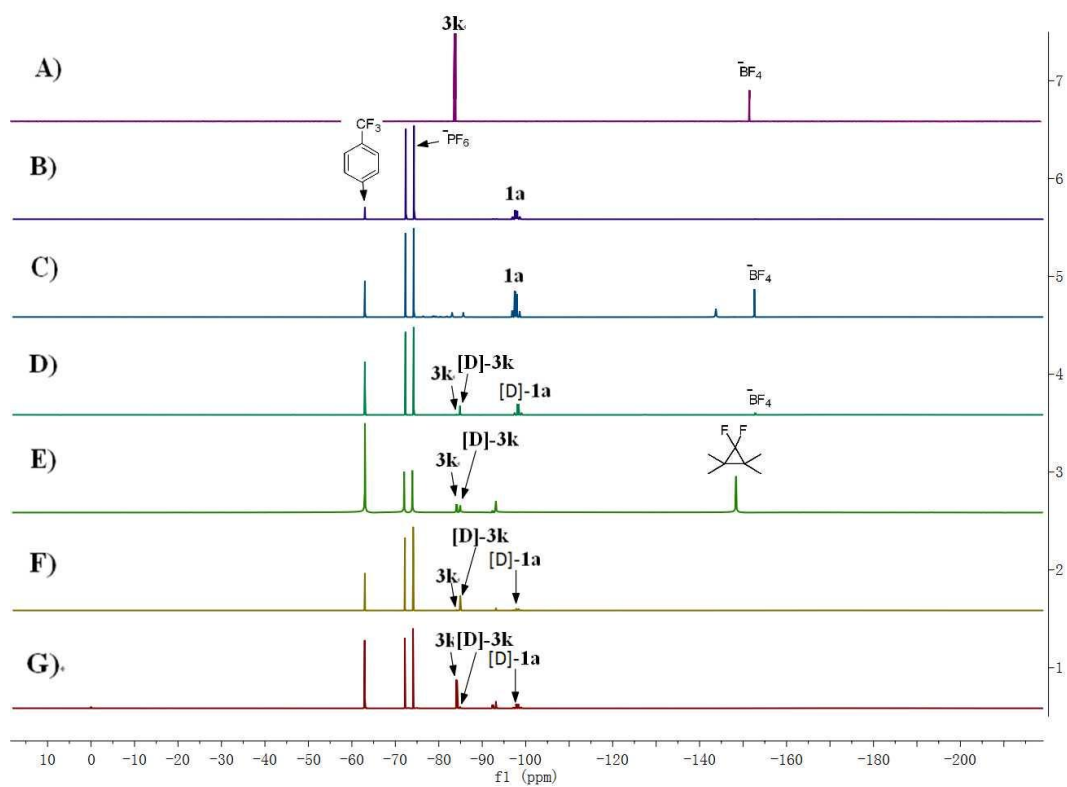


Figure S8. Control Experiments A-G



6. DFT Calculations of Mechanistic Study

All DFT computations were carried out with the Gaussian 09 program package.⁴ Geometry optimizations were performed using Truhlar's M06-2X density functional, which performs well for the study of main-group thermochemistry and kinetics.⁵ The 6-31G(d) basis set was adopted for all atoms.⁶ Solvent effects were taken into account during geometry optimizations *via* SMD in dibromomethane.⁷ Frequency analyses were performed at the same level to obtain thermal corrections at 298.15K, and to confirm the stationary points with zero imaginary frequency and transition states with only one imaginary frequency. SMD(dibromomethane)-M06-2X/6-311++G(d,p) single-point energies were computed on the SMD(dibromomethane)-M06-2X/6-31G(d)-optimized structures.⁸ The ultrafine integration grid was used in all DFT calculations.⁹ All structures shown here in figures were generated with the CYLview program.¹⁰

Calculated Enthalpy and Gibbs Free Energy

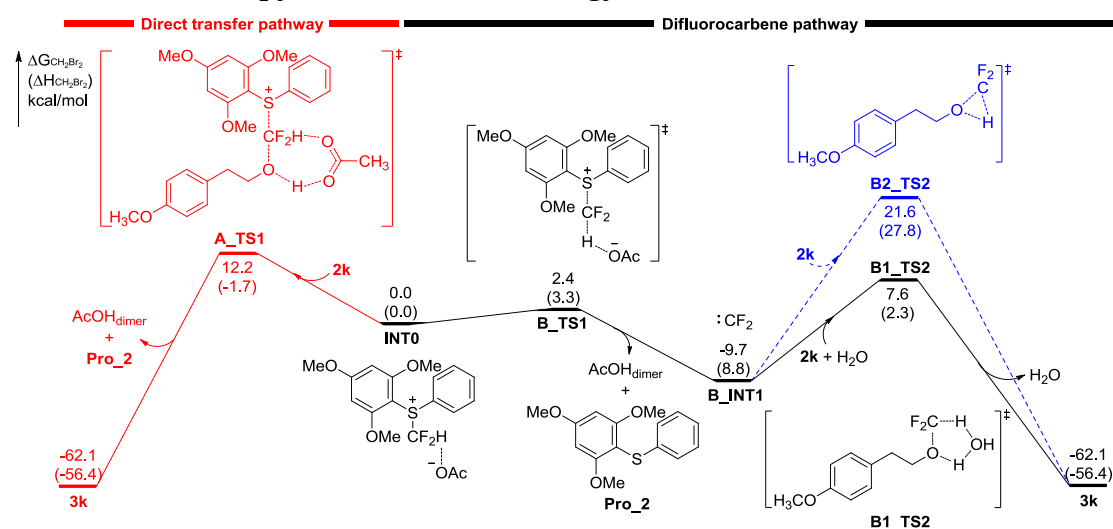


Figure S9. The free energy profile for the difluoromethylation of alcohol. Free energies and enthalpies (in parenthesis) are given in kcal/mol

Table S1. Energies of structures on reaction between **1** and **2k** (units of H and G are Hartree, ΔH and ΔG are kcal/mol).

	H	G	ΔH	ΔG
H ₂ O	-76.40332	-76.424765	/	/
AcOH _{dimer}	-458.027291	-458.073912	/	/
2k	-500.34433	-500.393691	/	/
Pro_2	-1204.647829	-1204.714754	/	/
INT0	-1671.353579	-1671.441543	0.0	0.0
A_TS1	-2171.700633	-2171.815809	-1.7	12.2
B_TS1	-1671.348316	-1671.437689	3.3	2.4
B_INT1	-237.678038	-237.705349	8.8	-9.7
B1_TS2	-814.436054	-814.496153	2.3	7.6
B2_TS2	-737.992064	-738.049063	27.8	21.6
3k	-738.126262	-738.182488	-56.4	-62.1

Cartesian Coordinates**H₂O**

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H	0.00000000	-0.76212300	-0.47802200

AcOH_{dimer}

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2k

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Pro_2

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INT0

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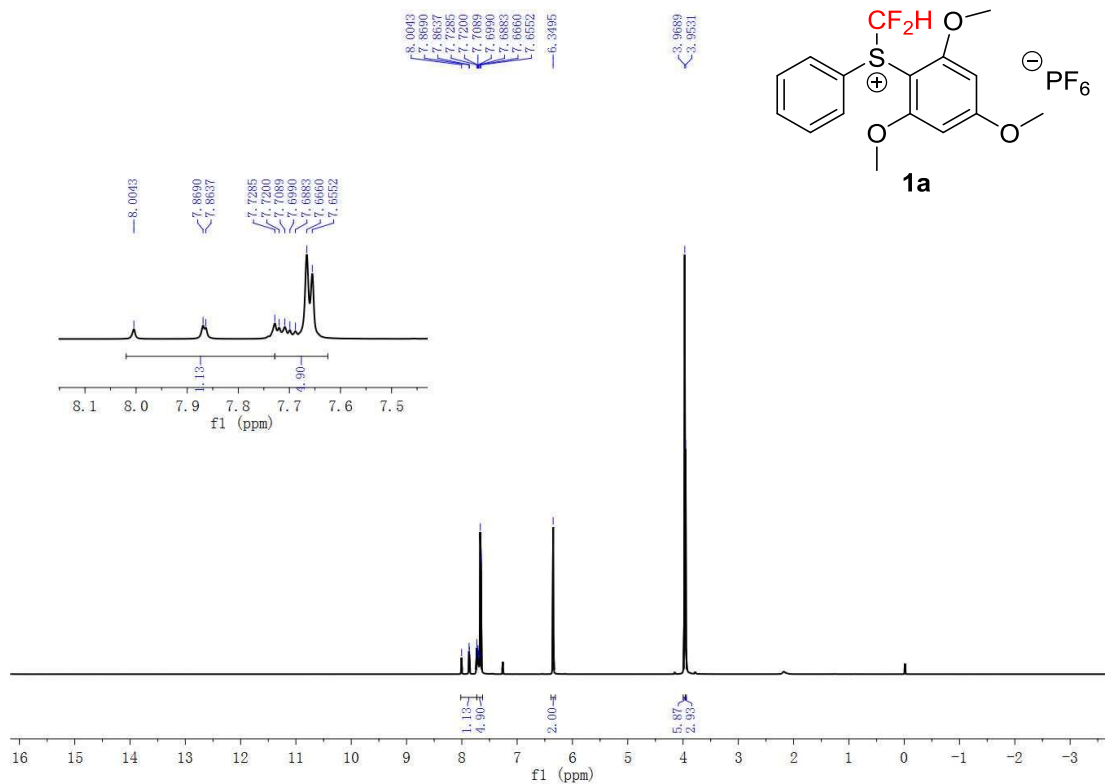
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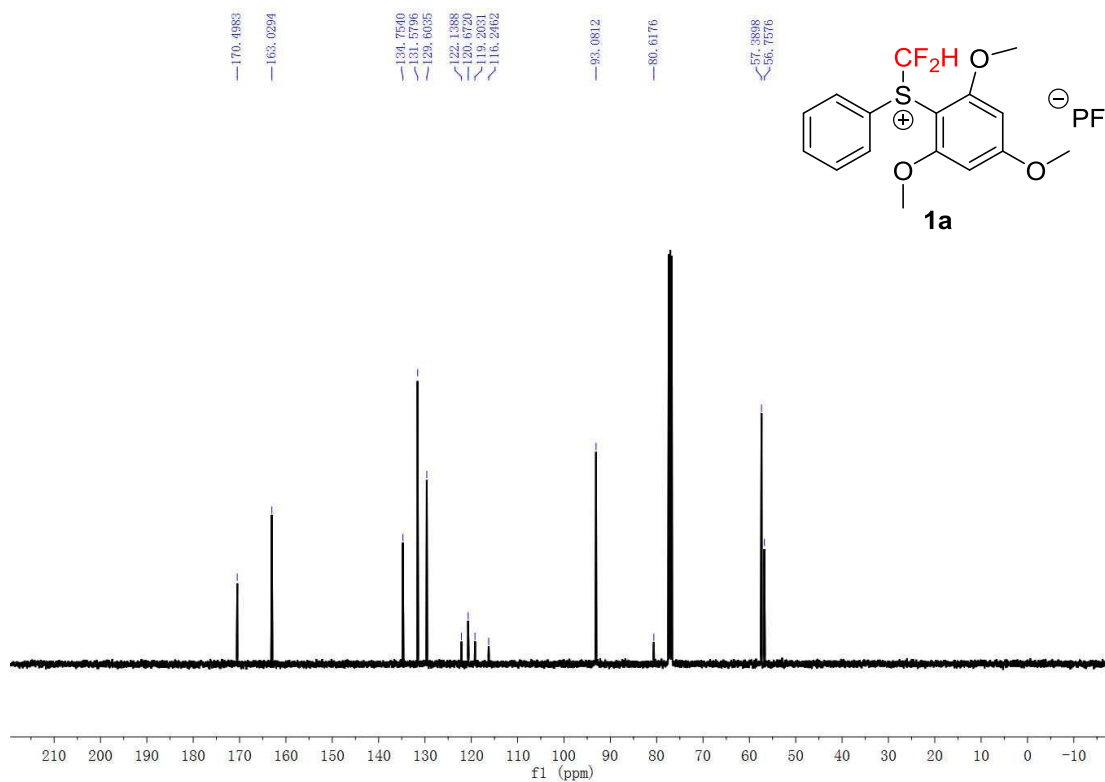
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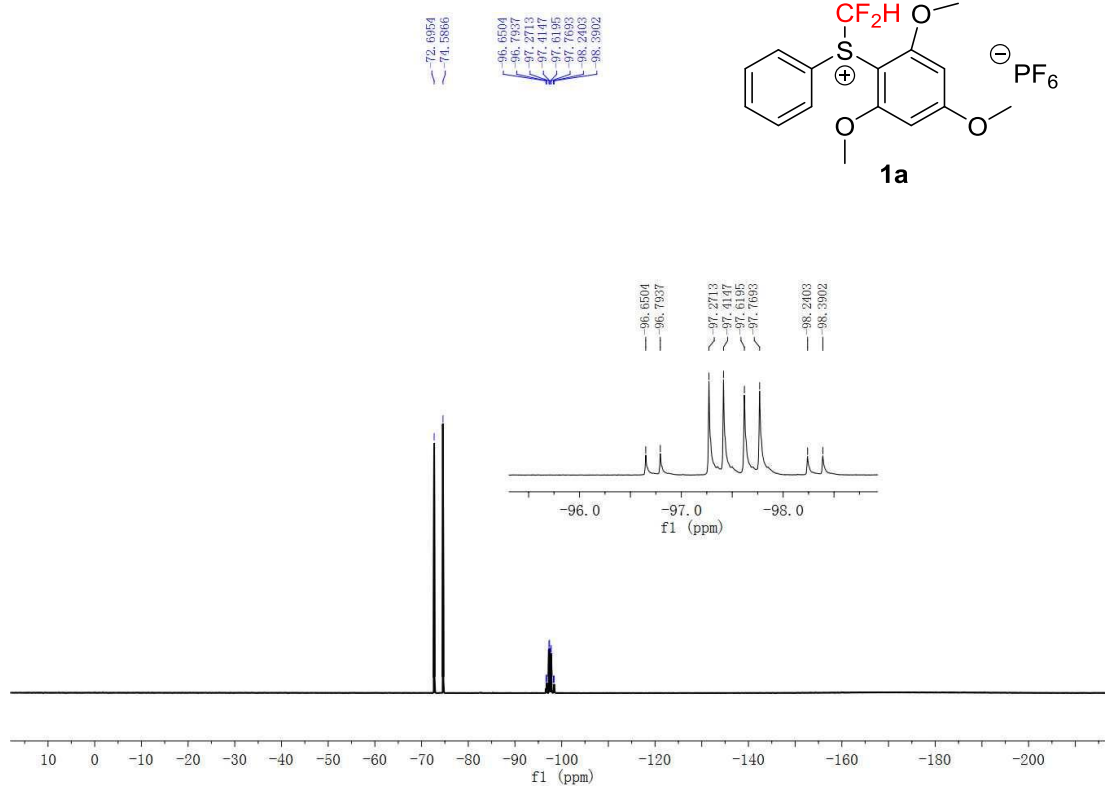
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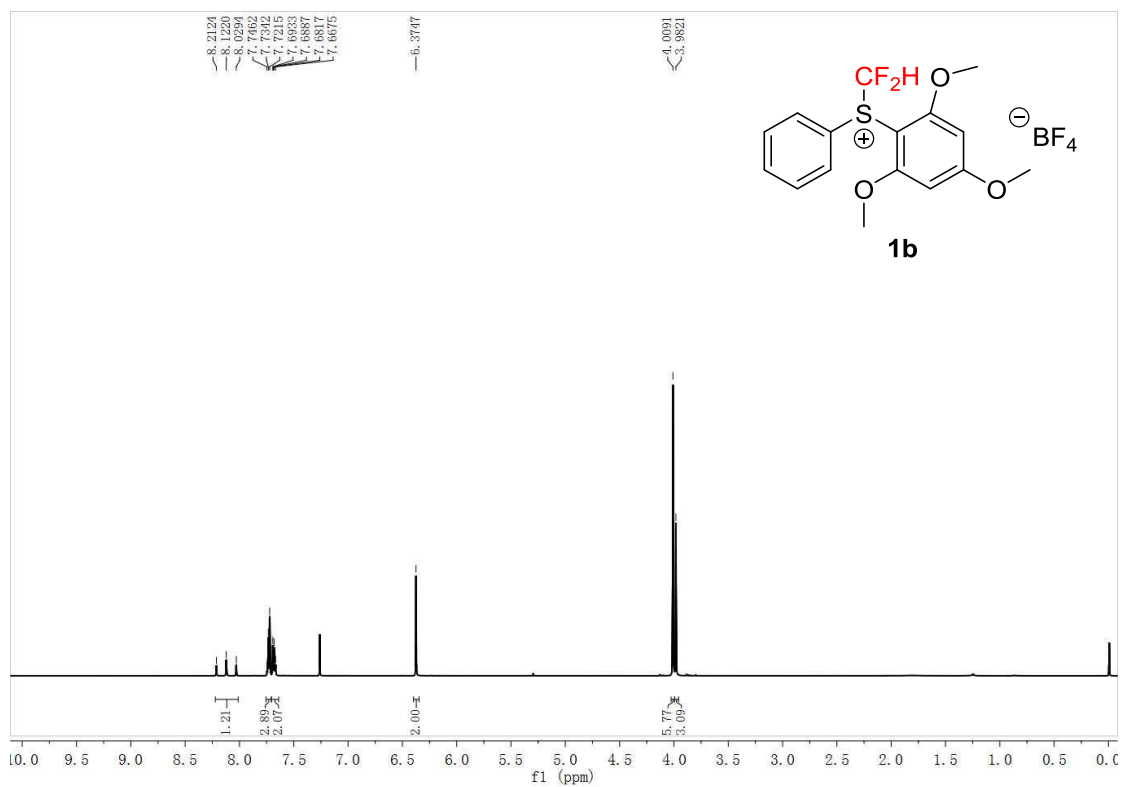
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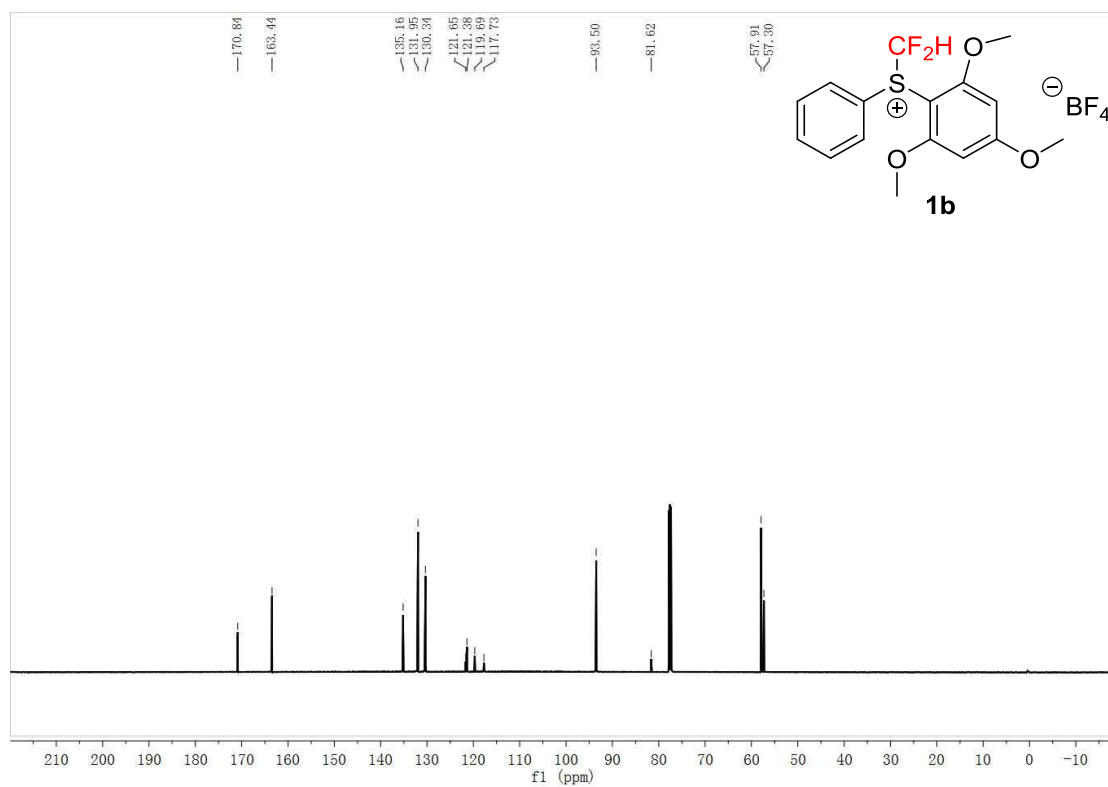
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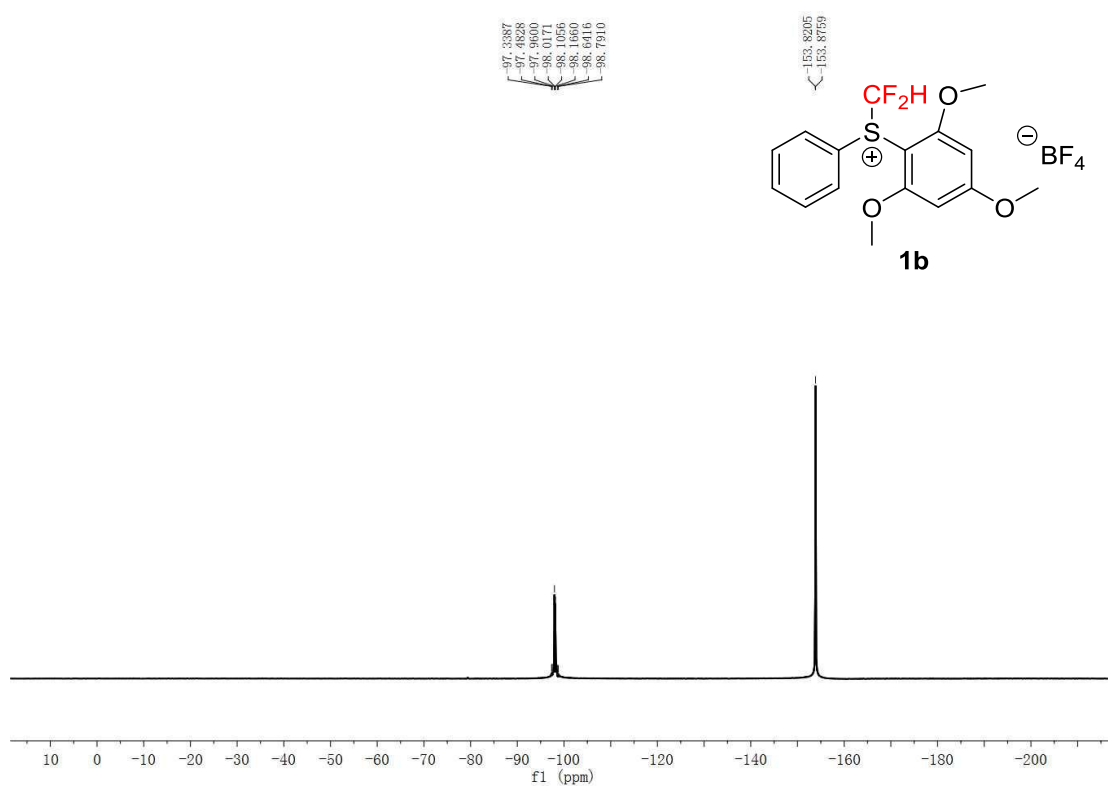
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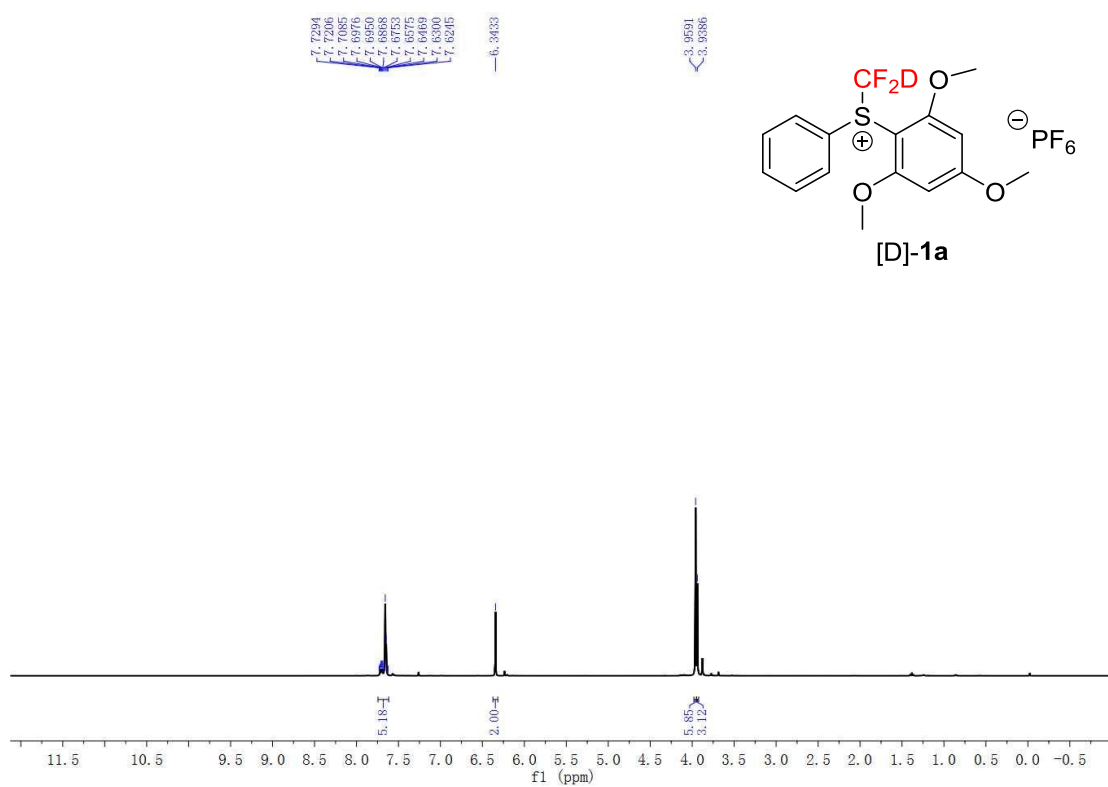
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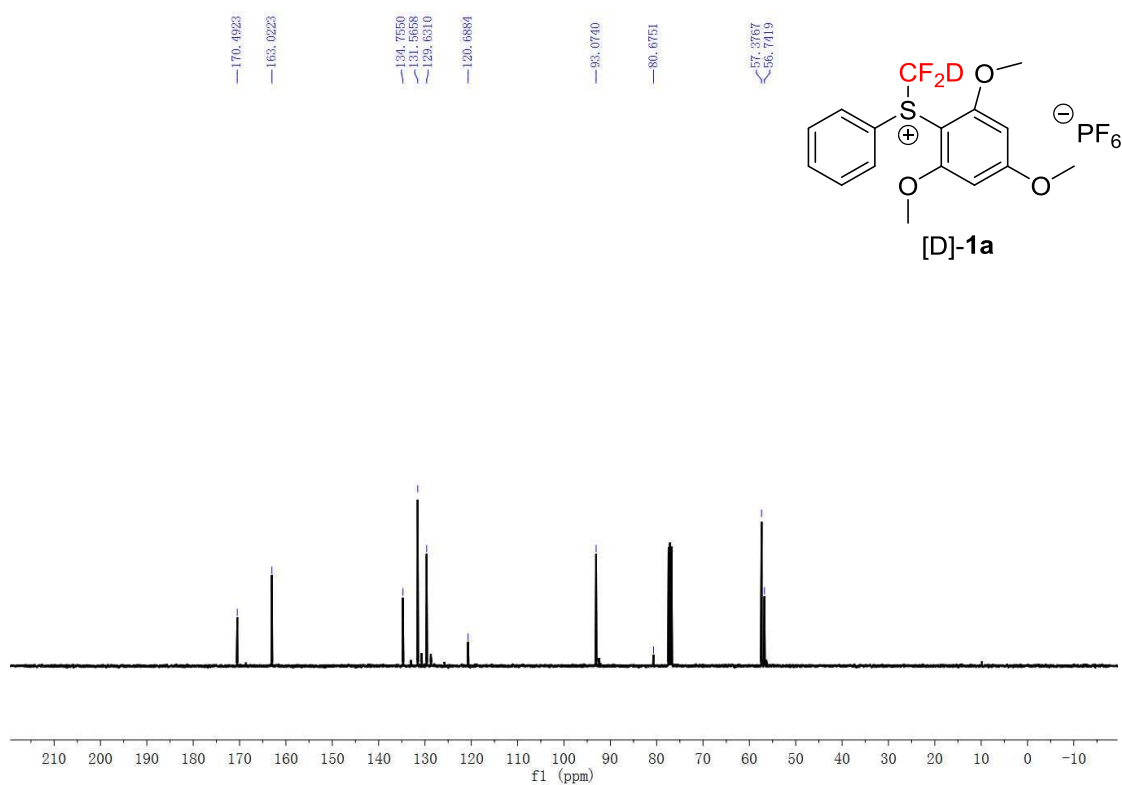
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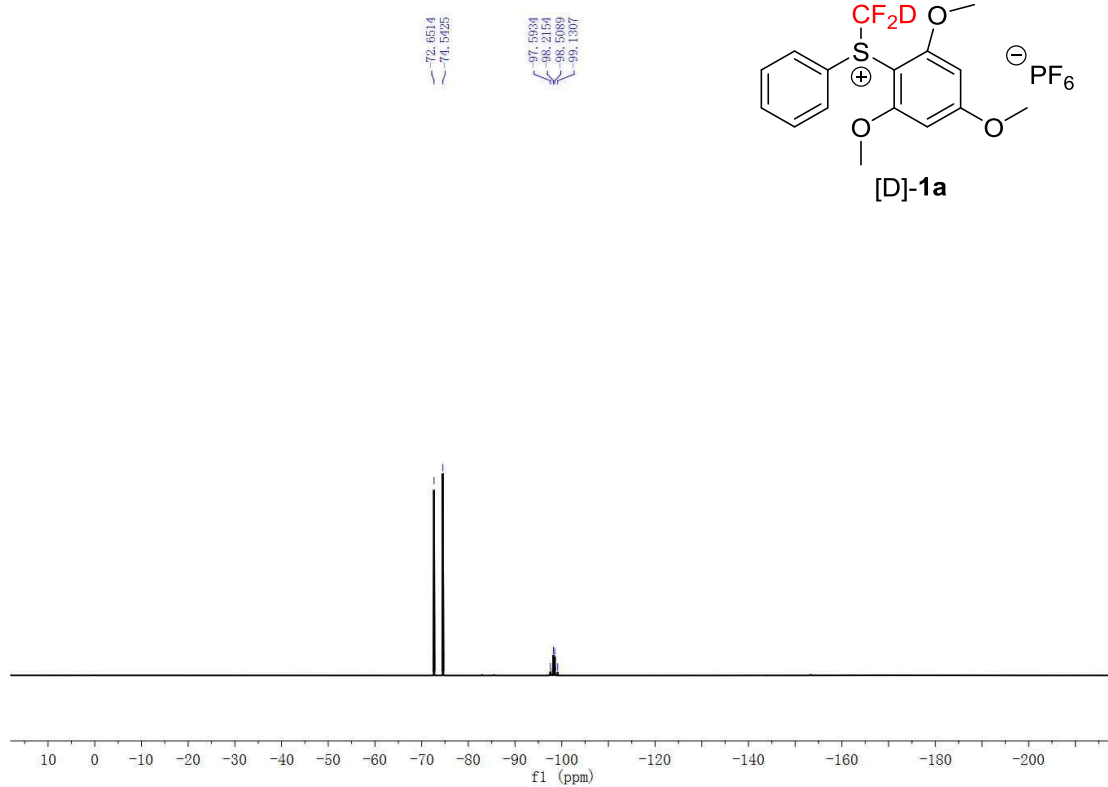
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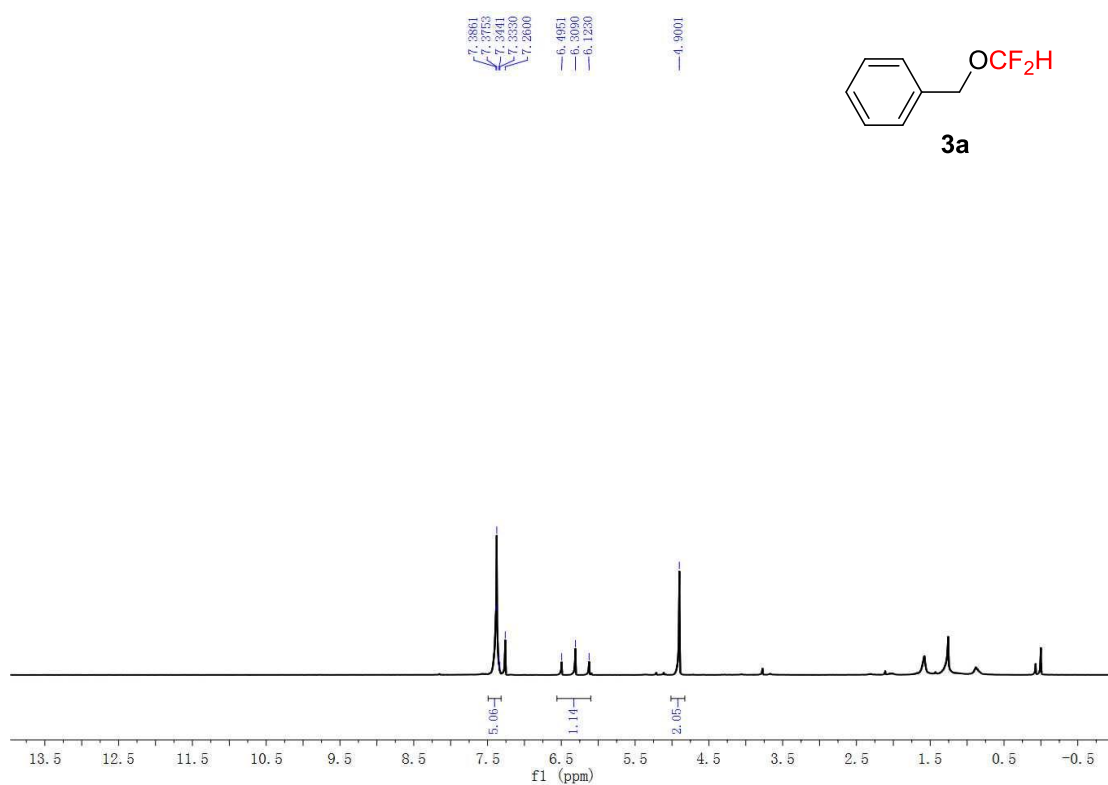
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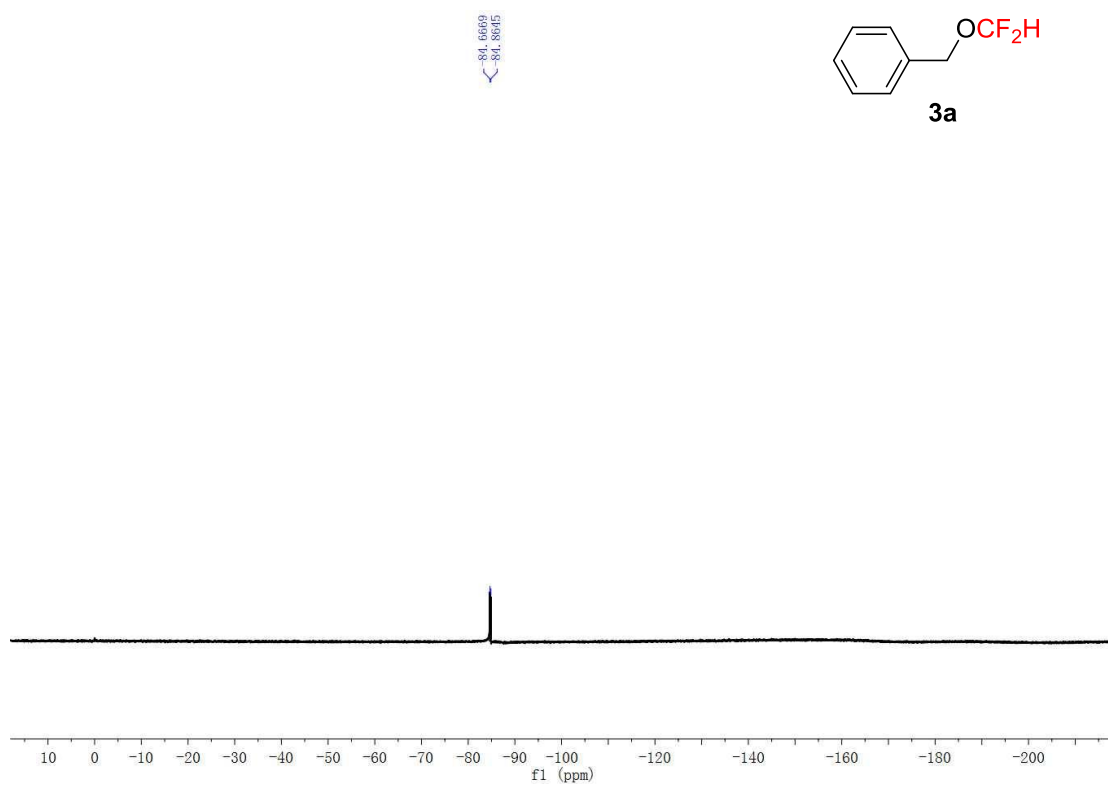
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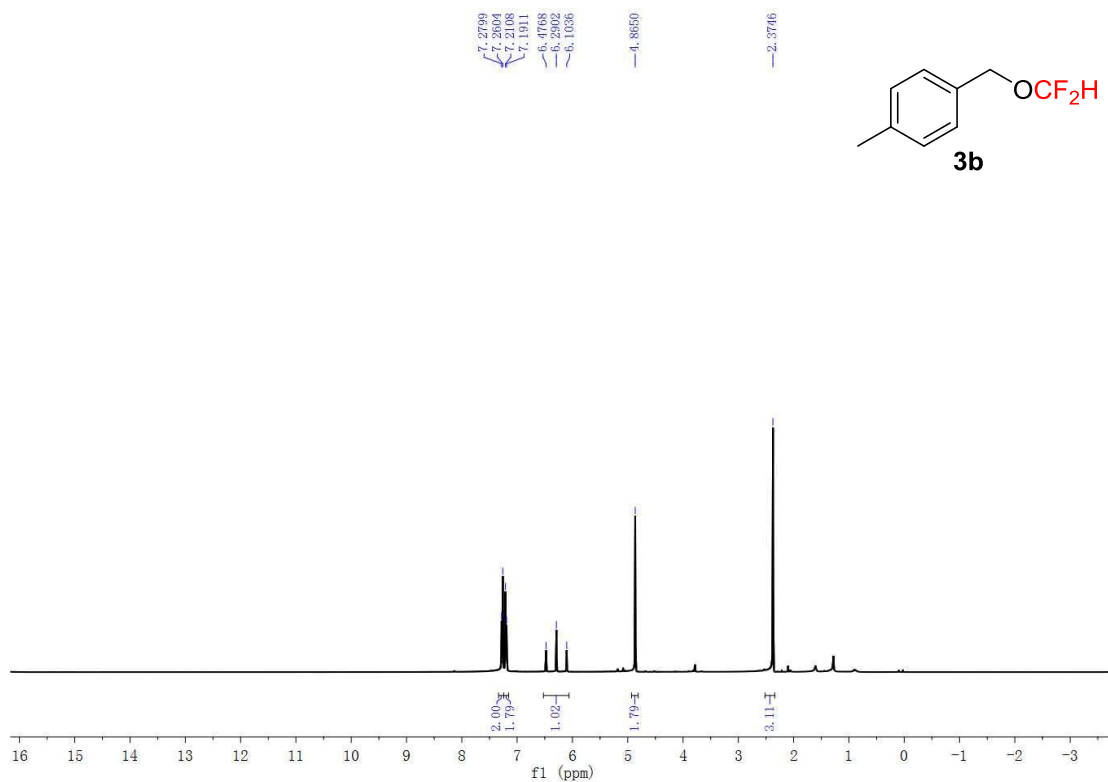
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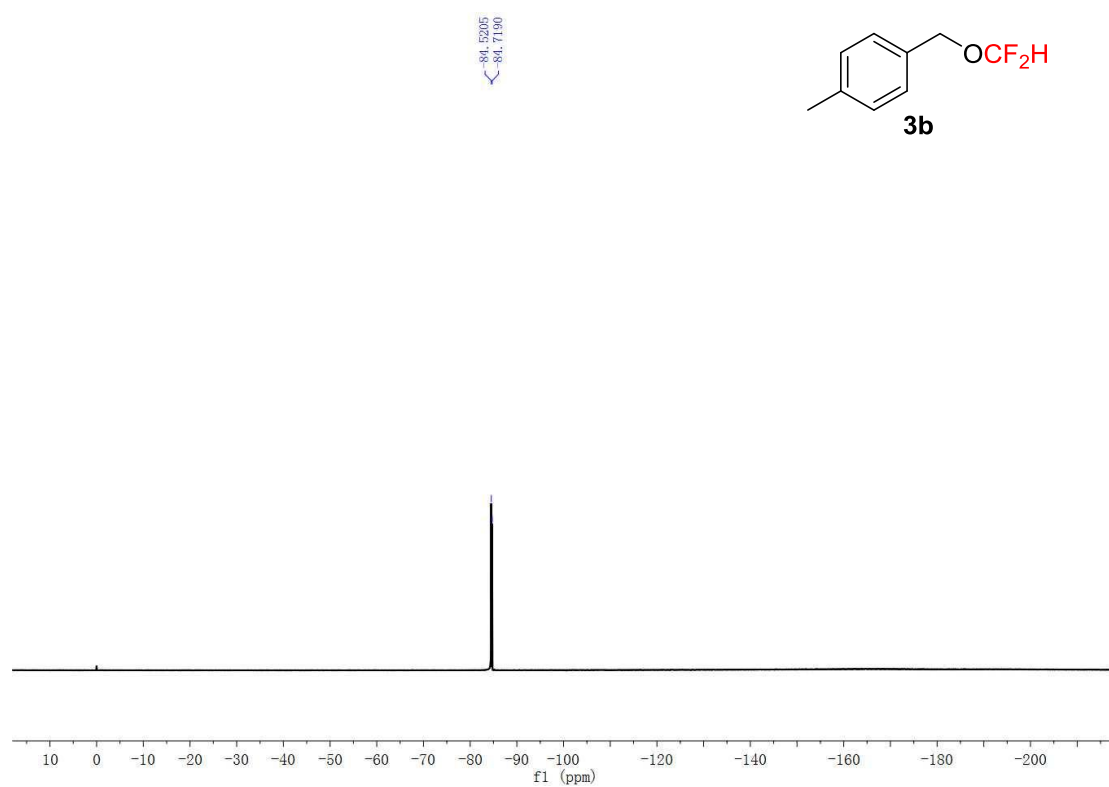
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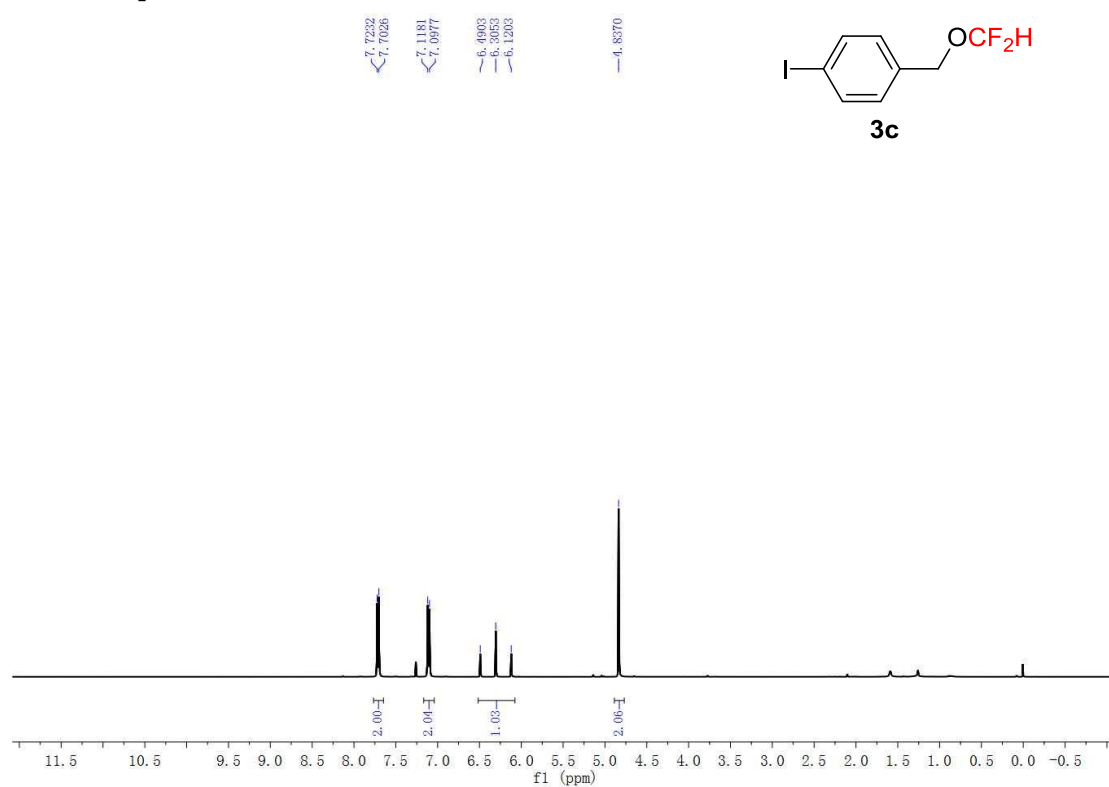
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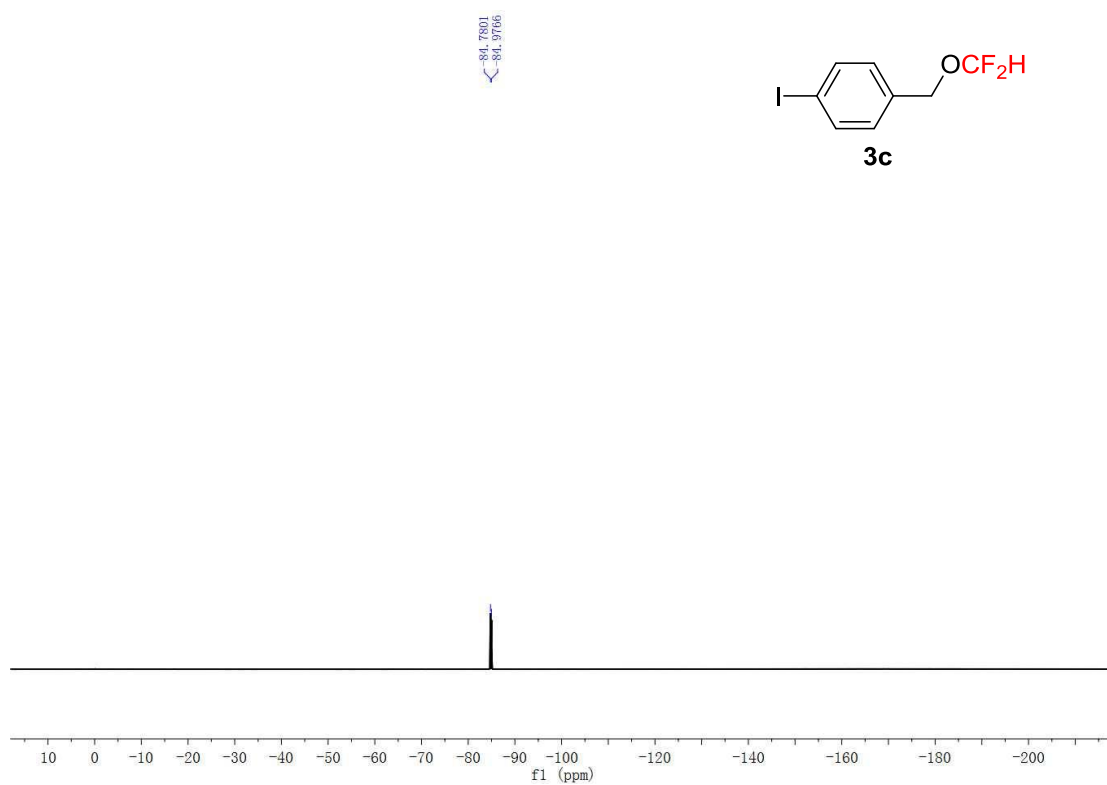
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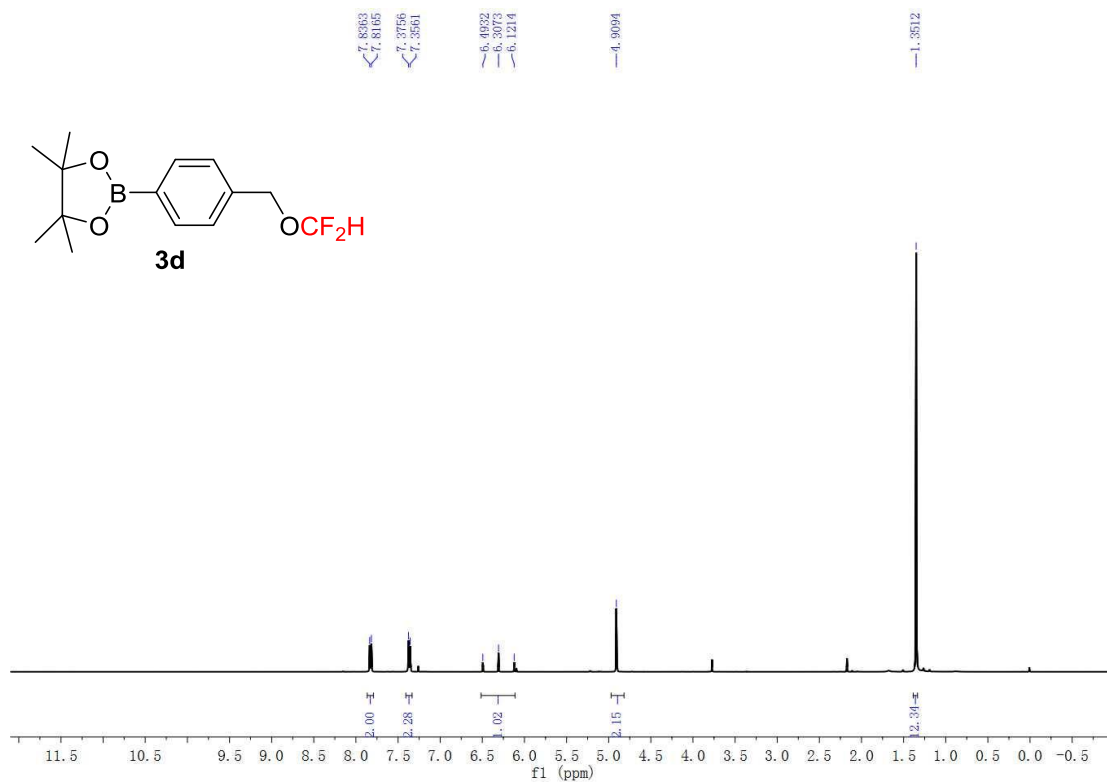
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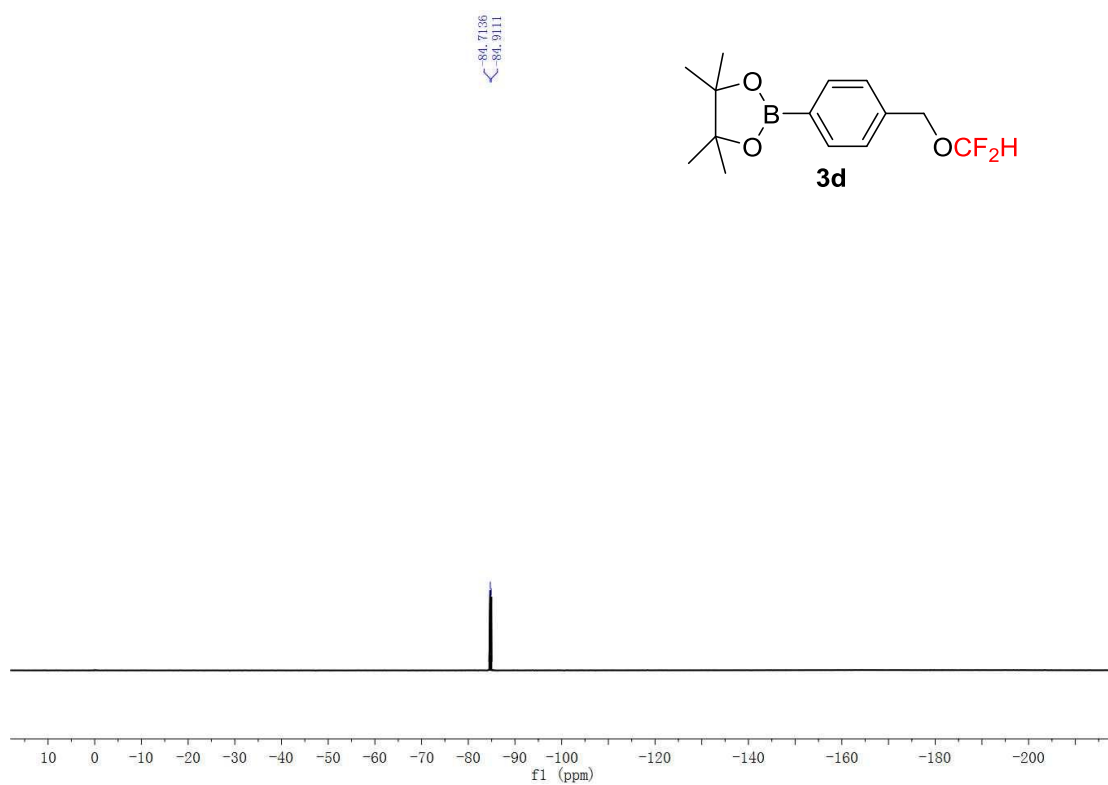
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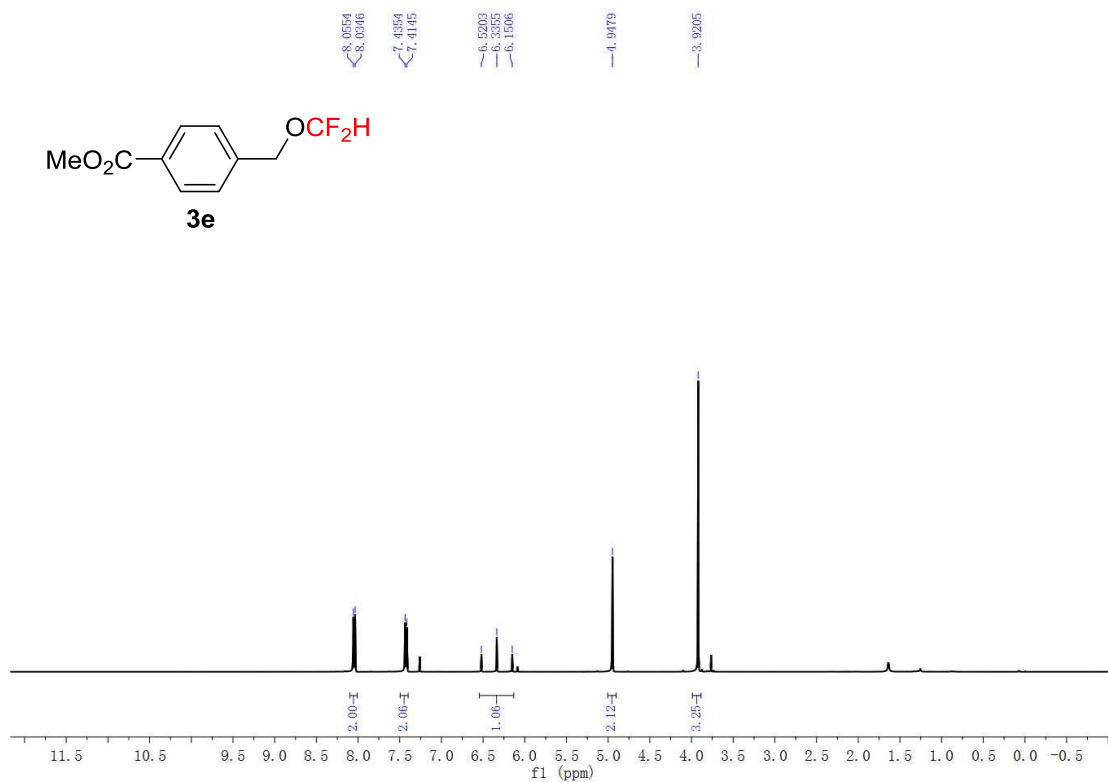
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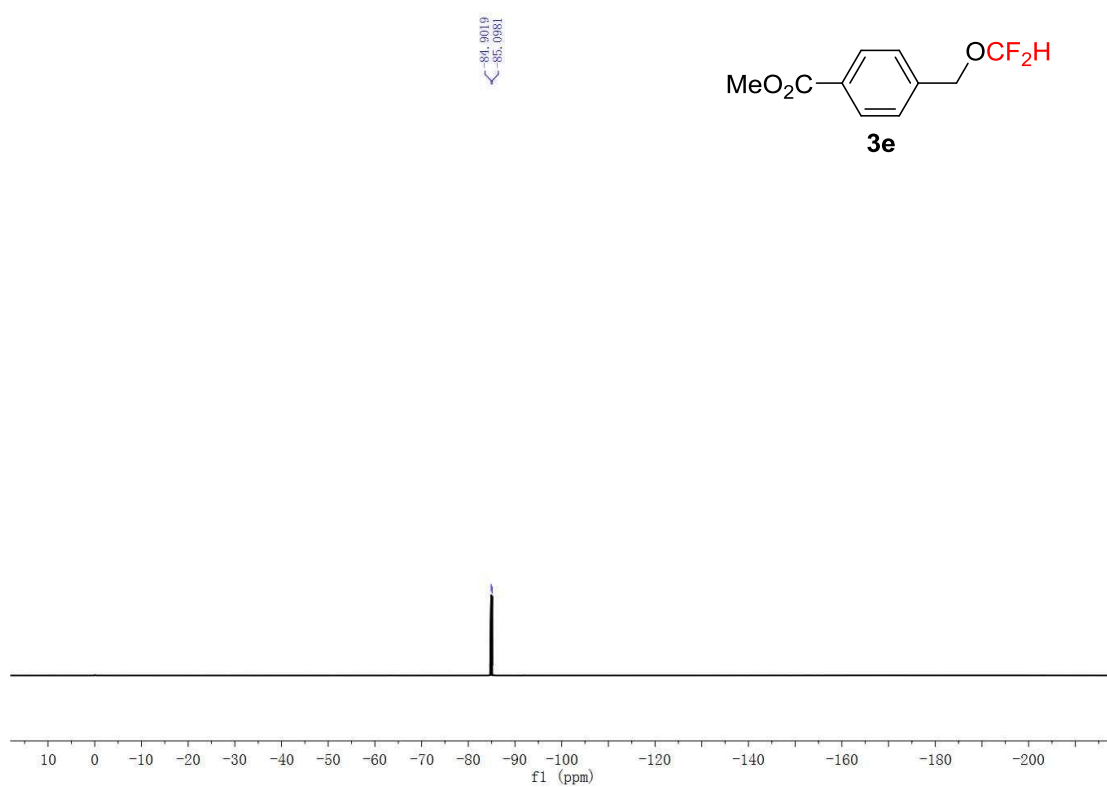
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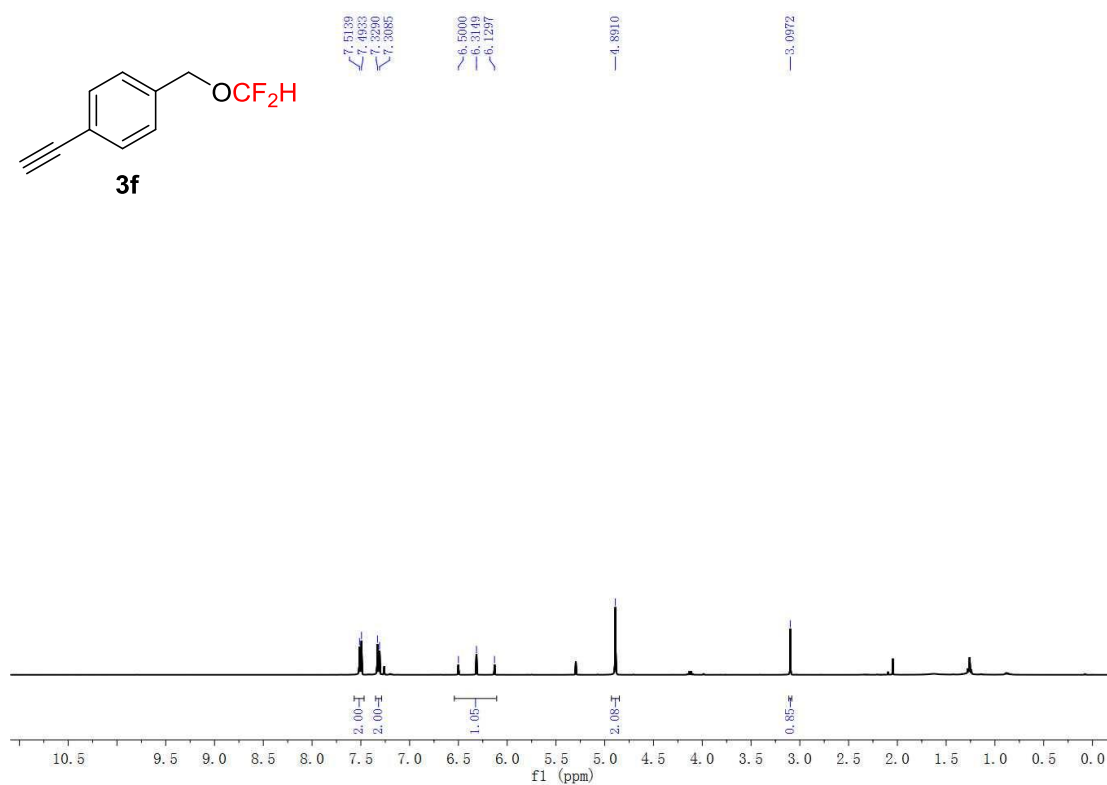
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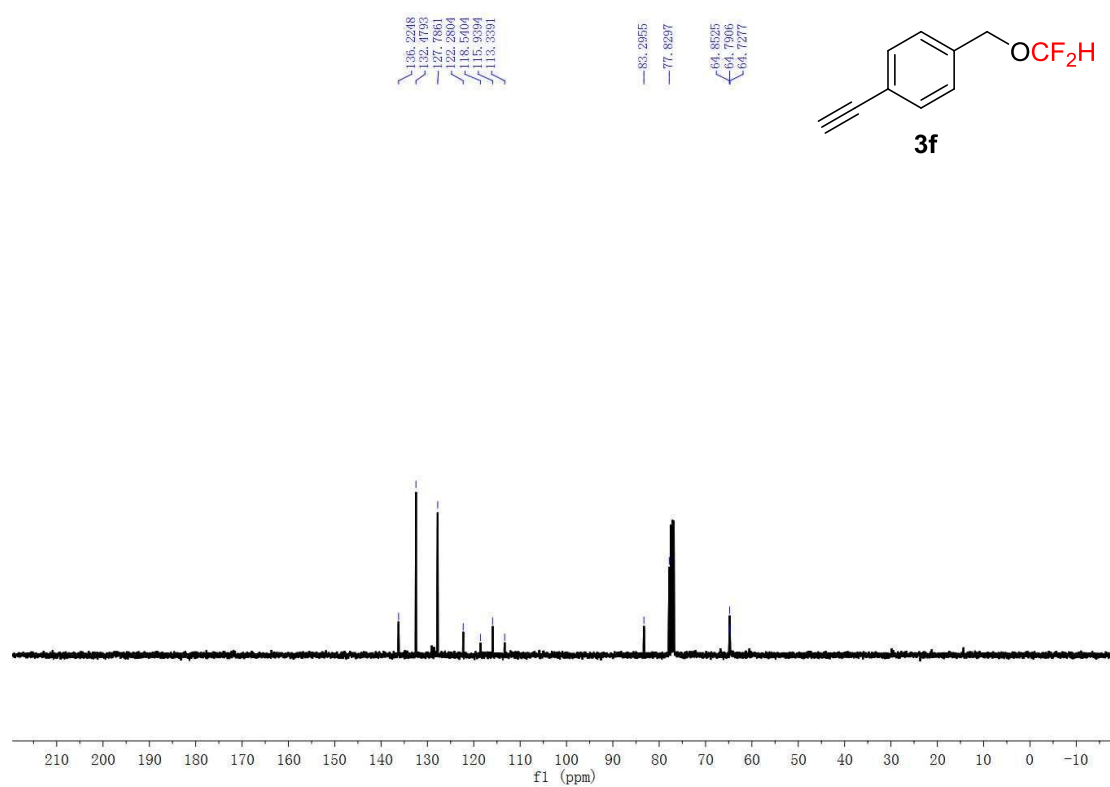
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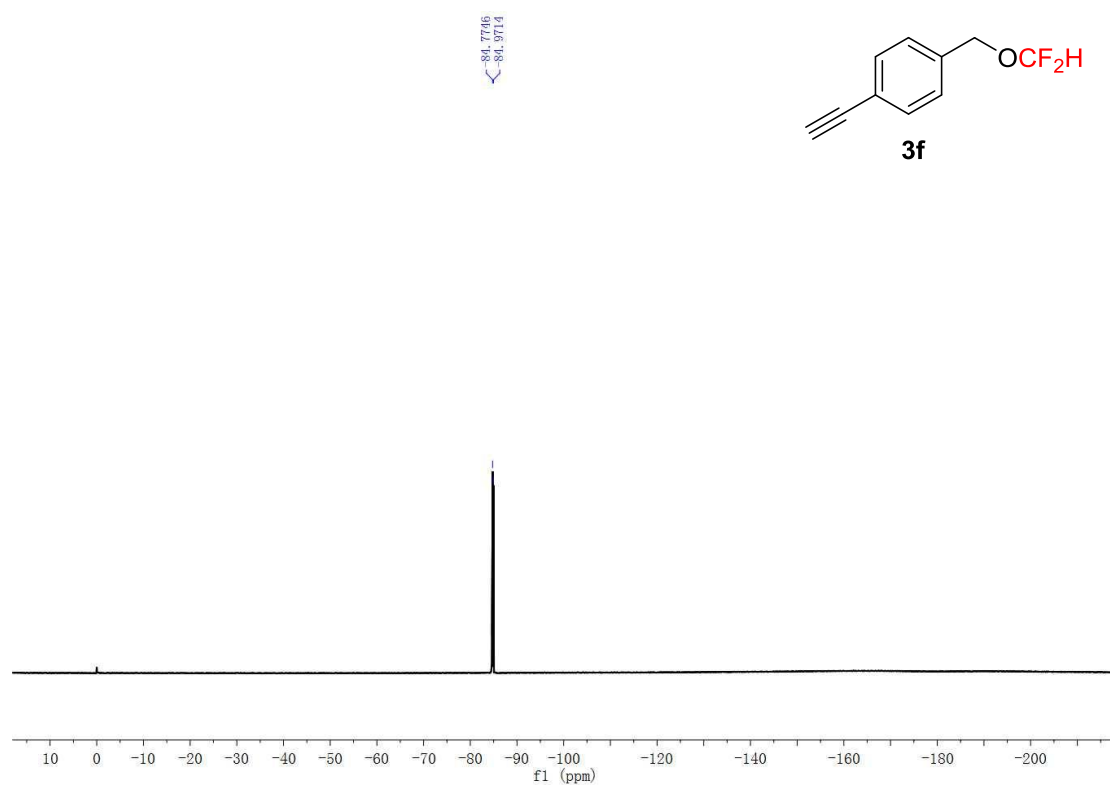
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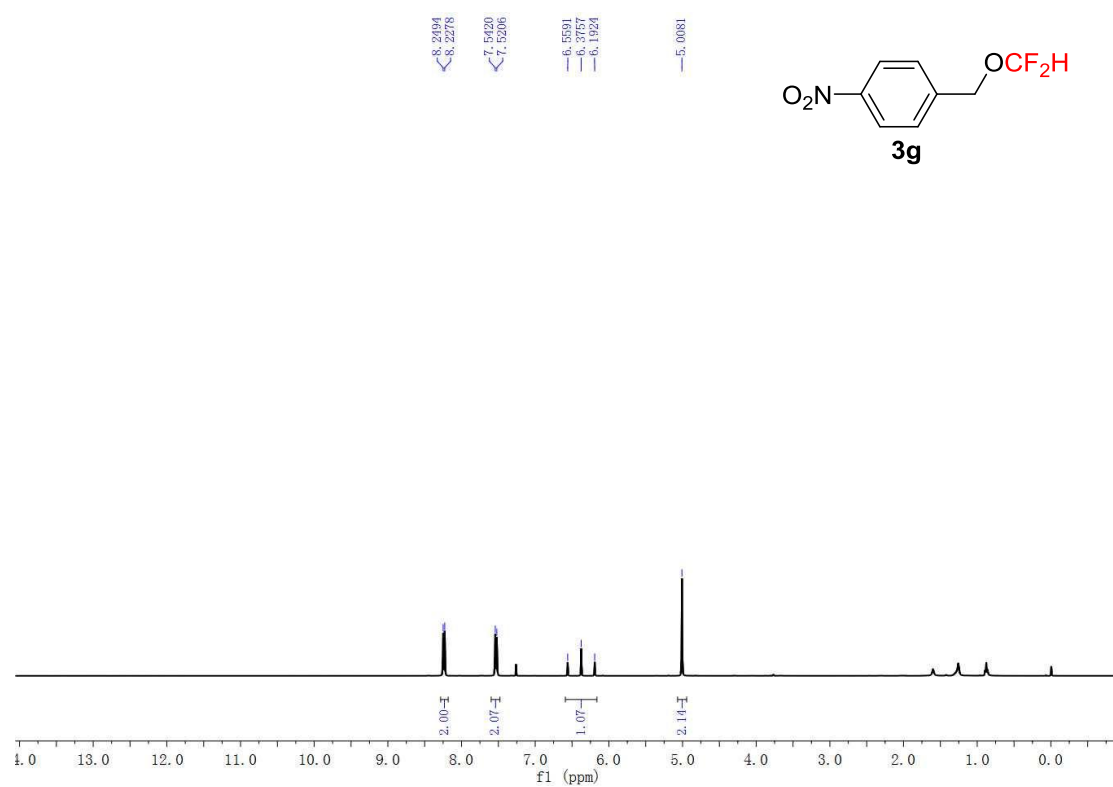
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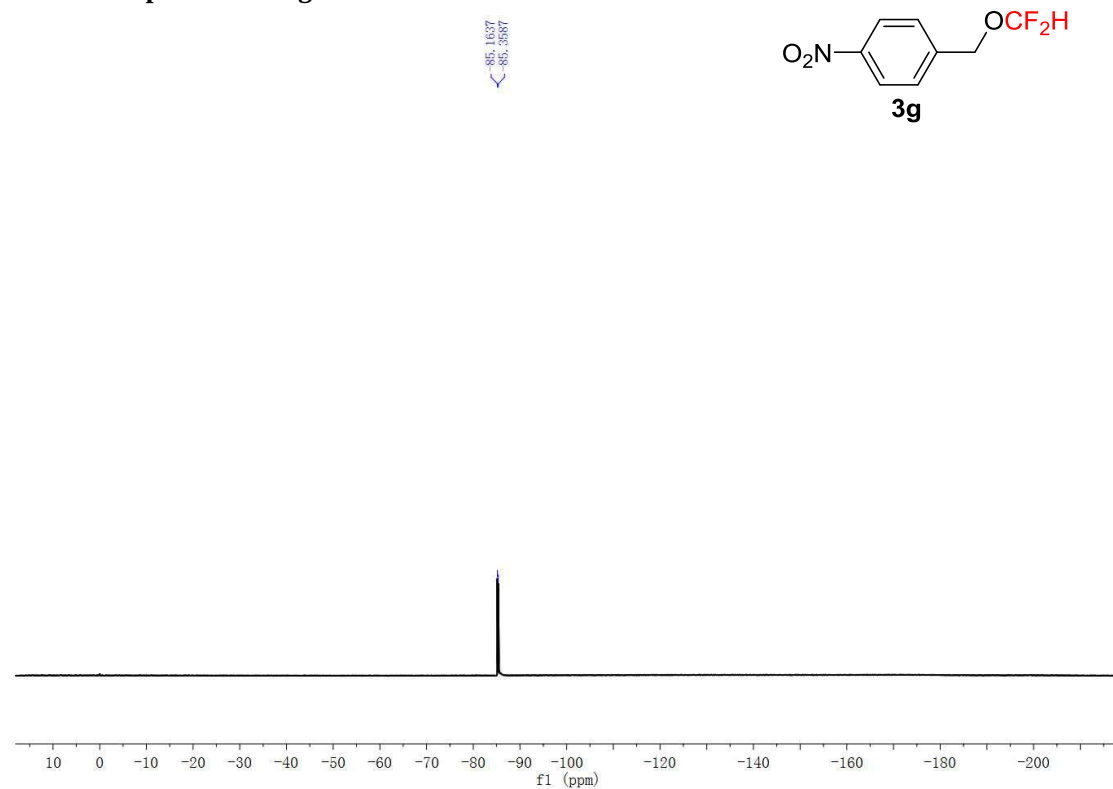
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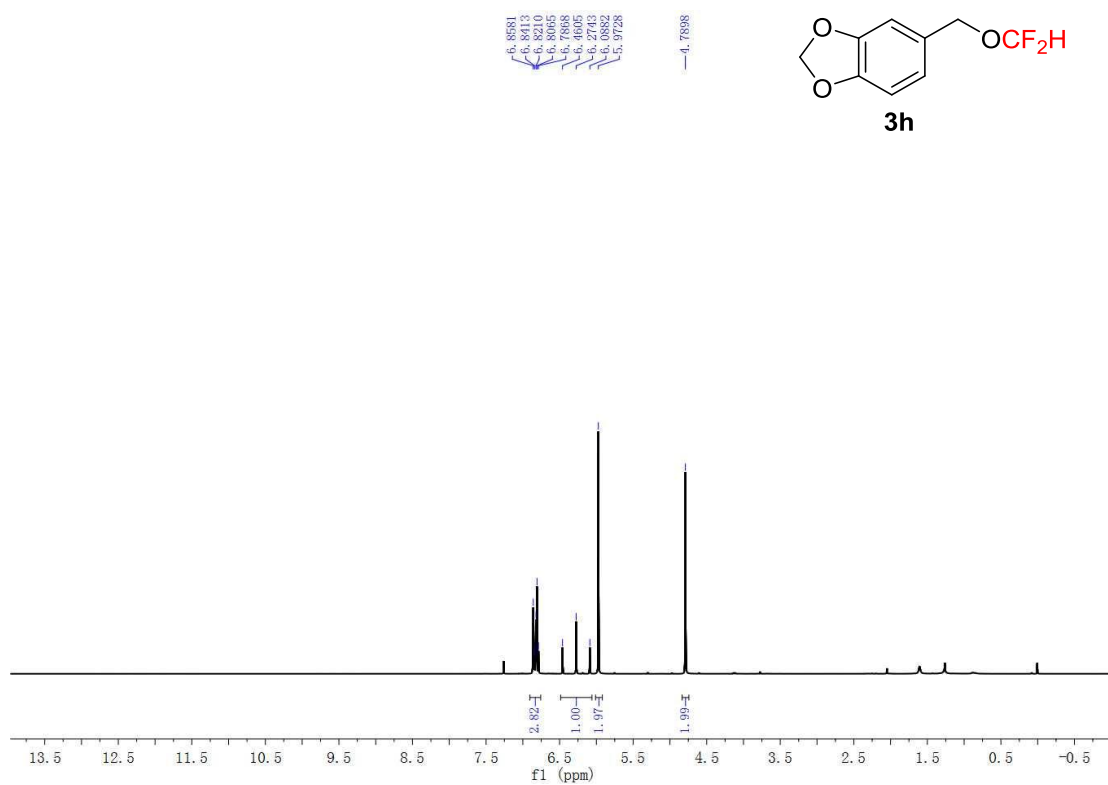
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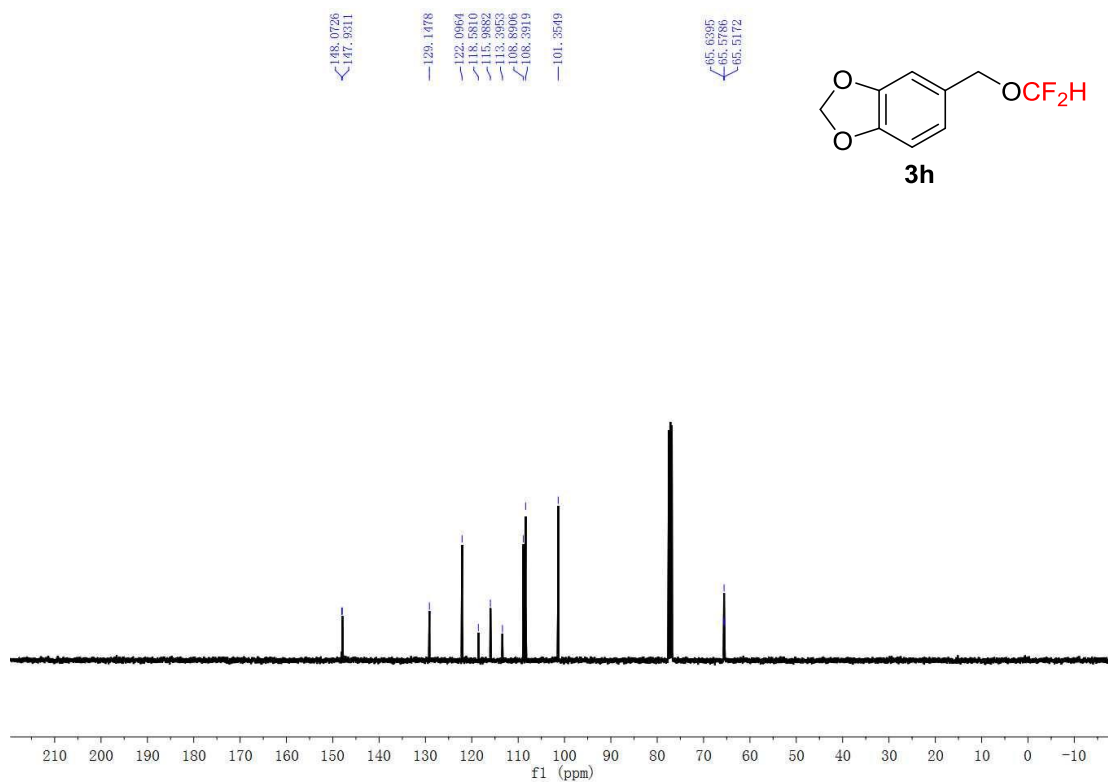
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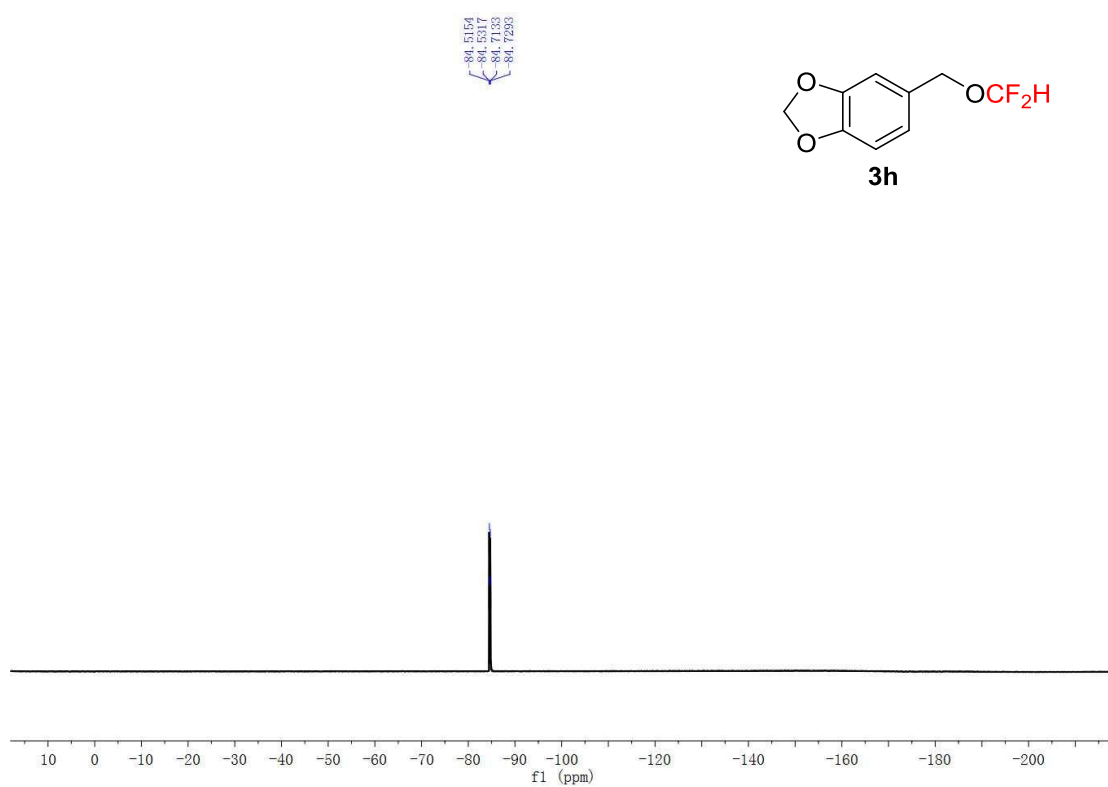
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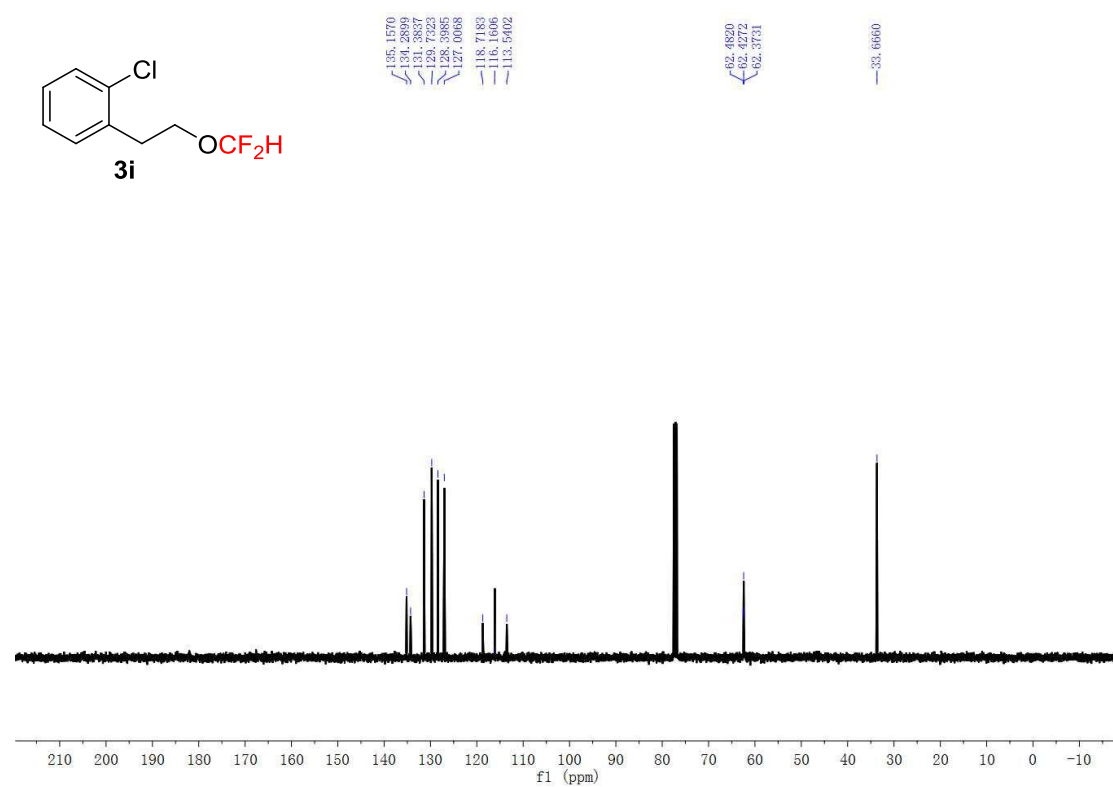
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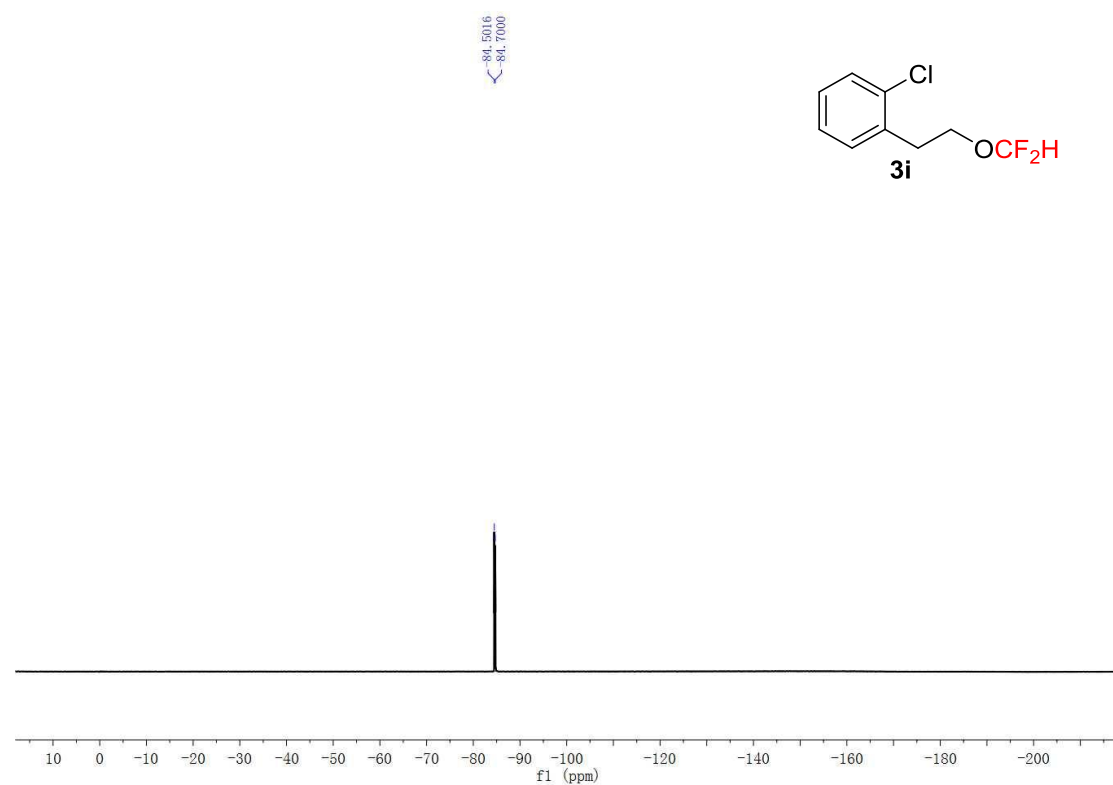
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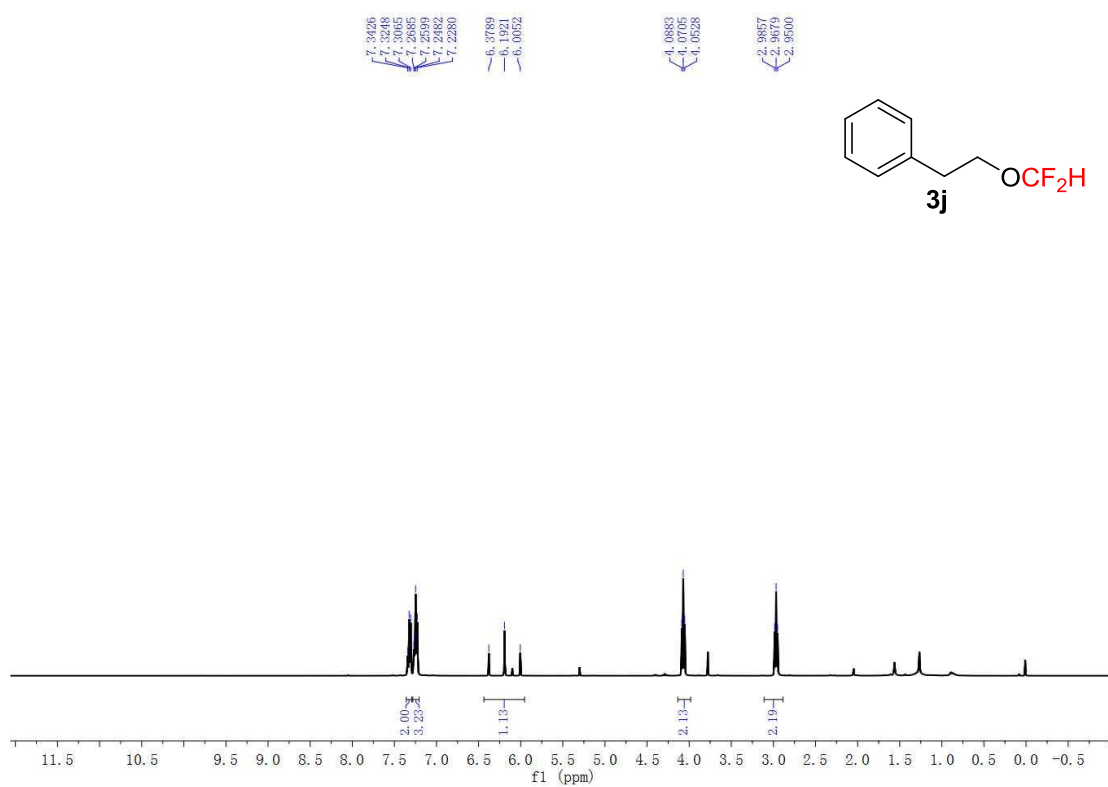
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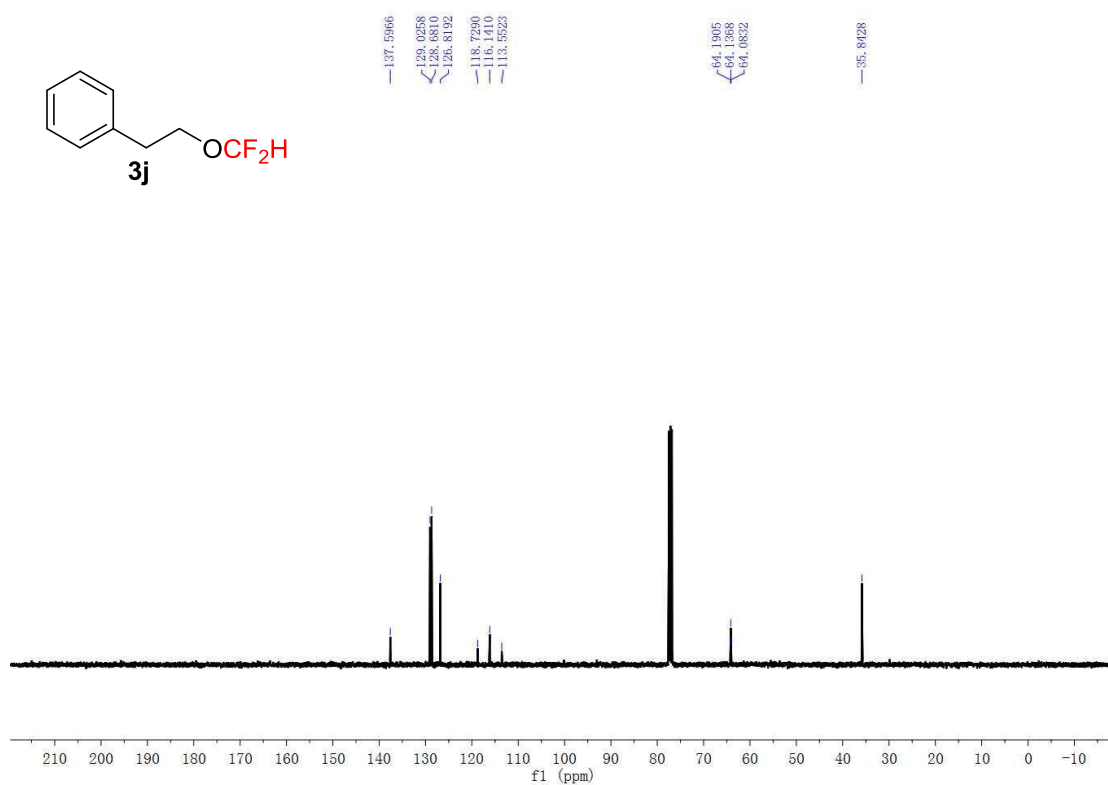
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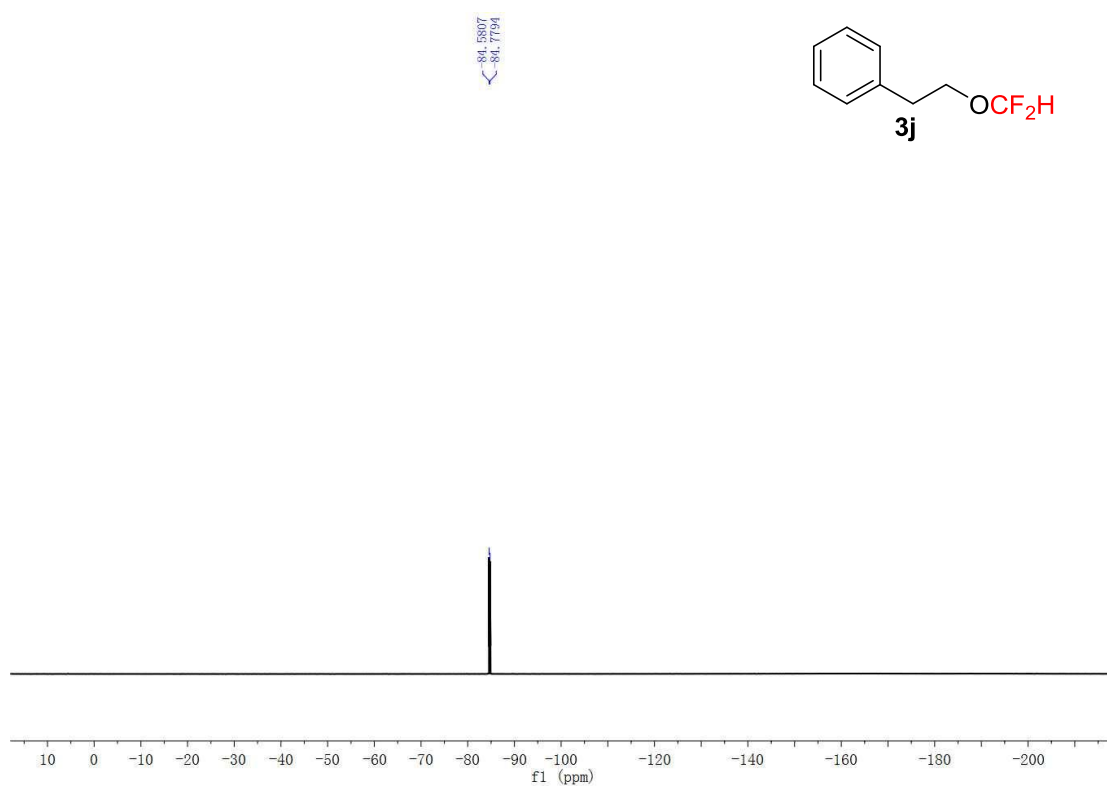
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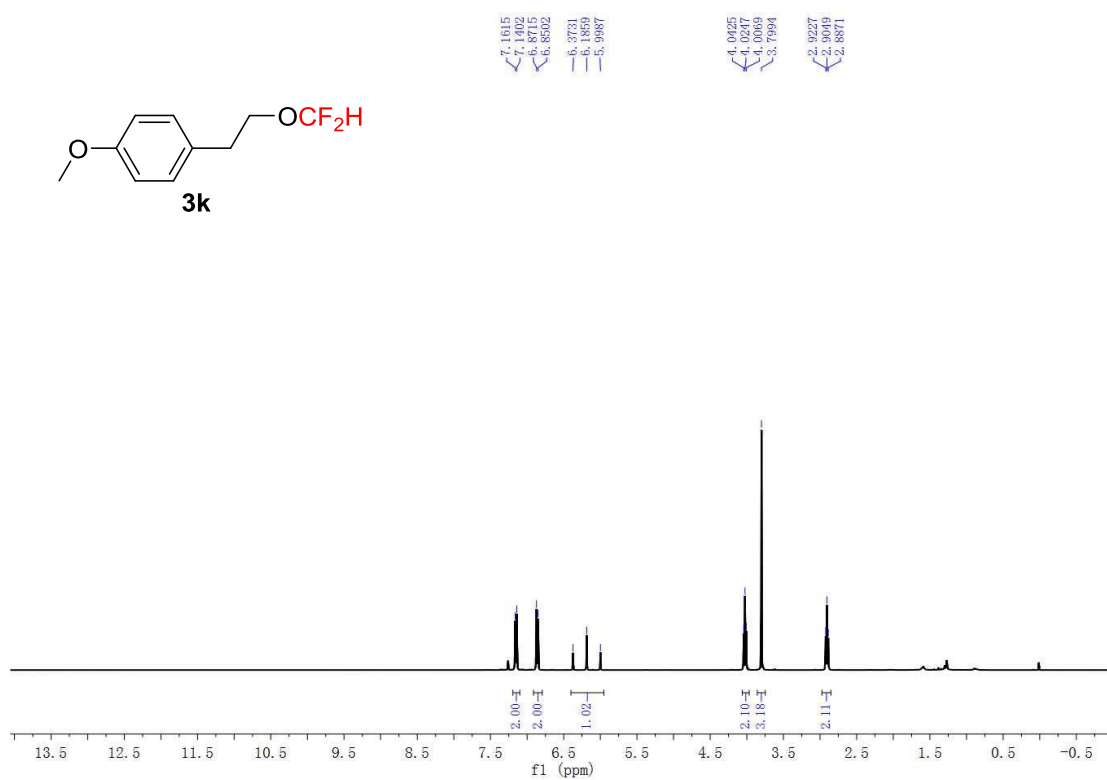
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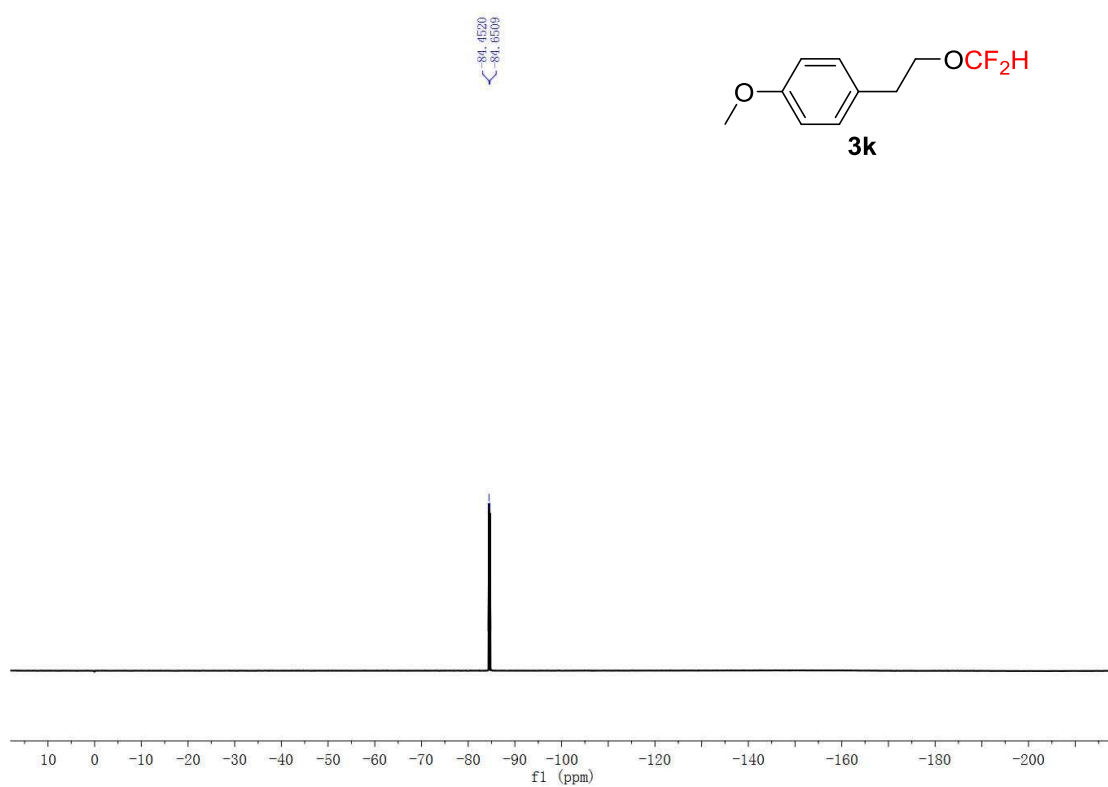
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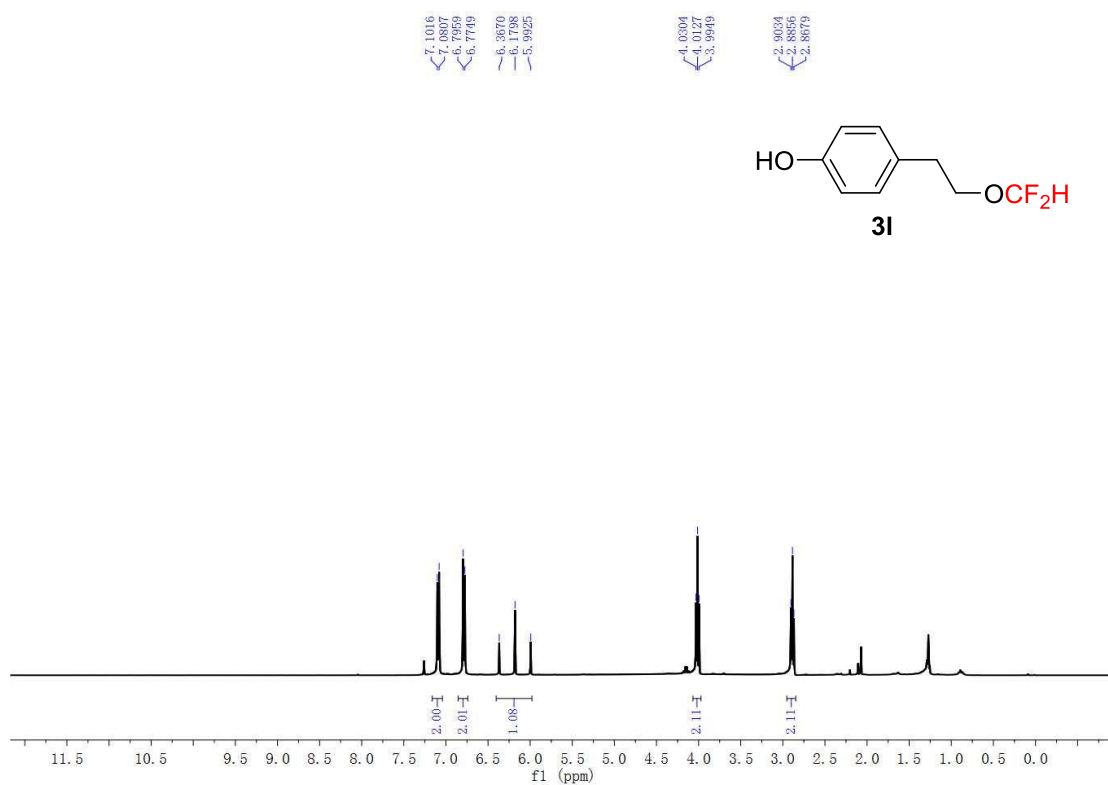
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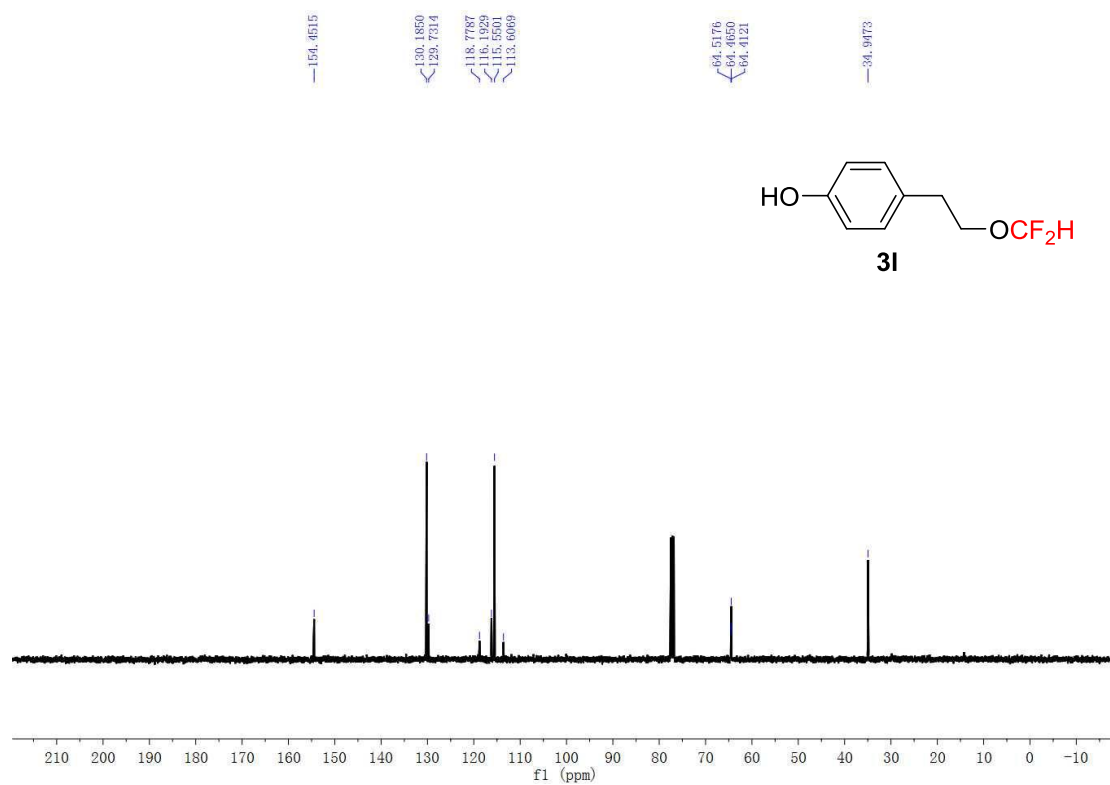
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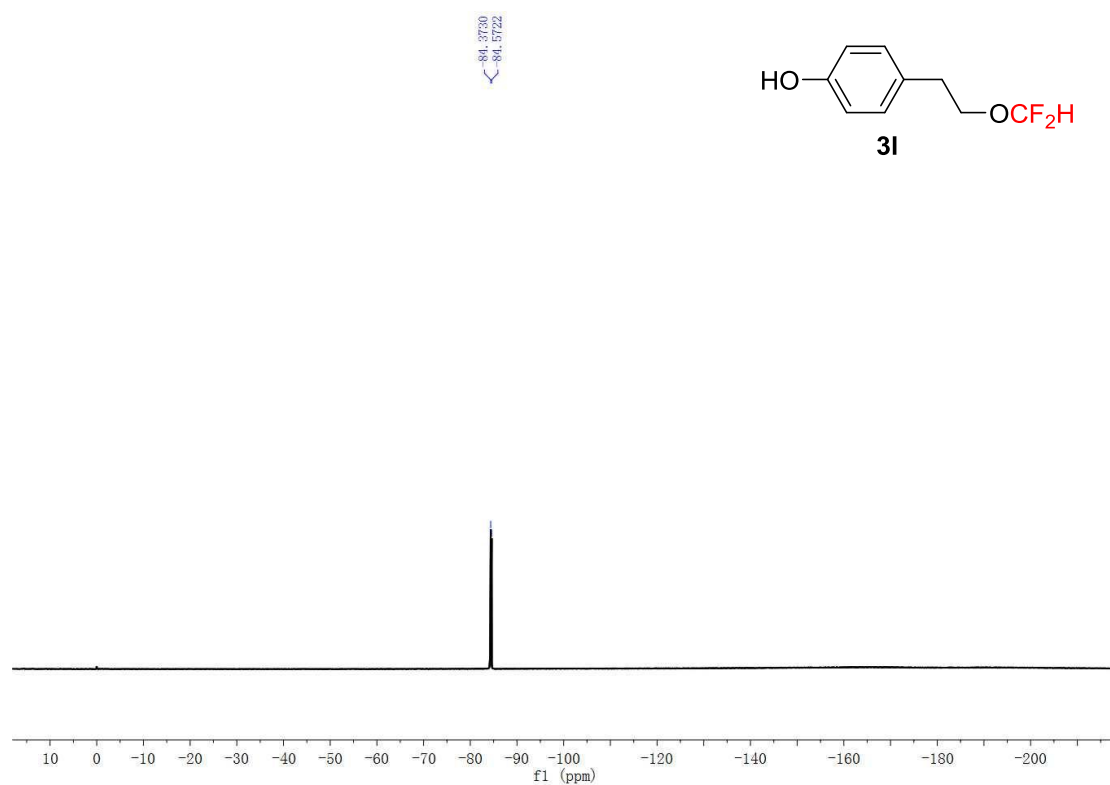
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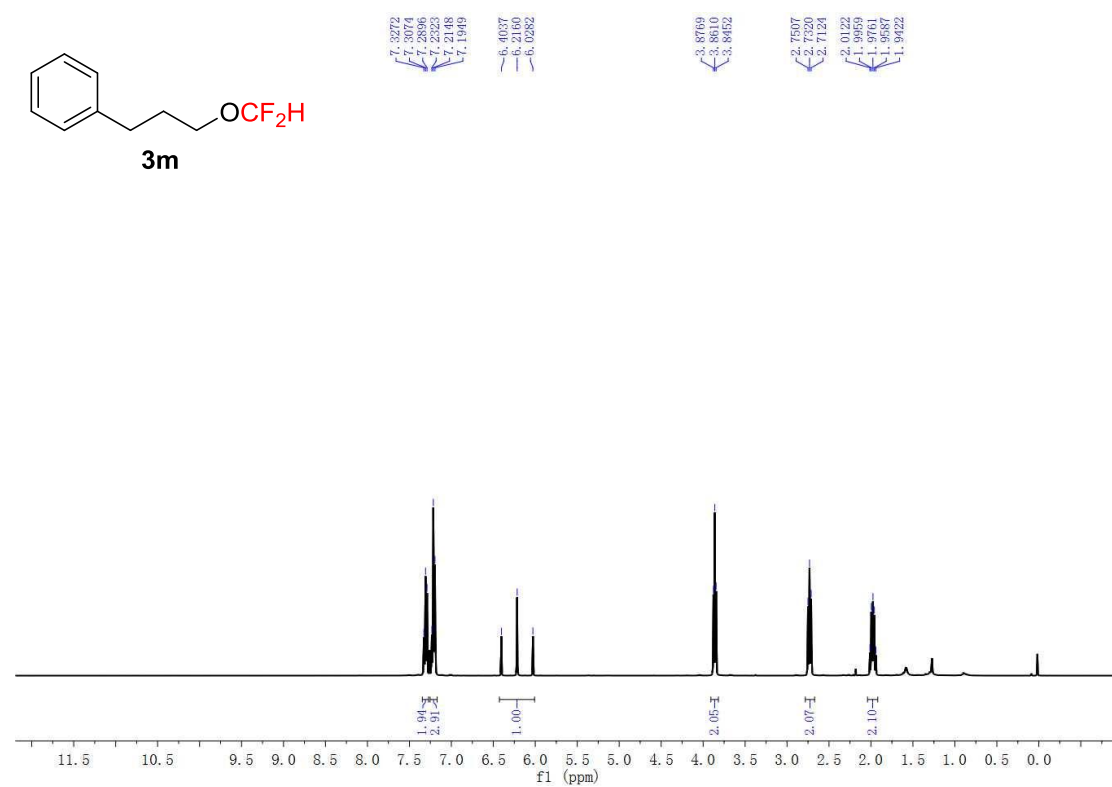
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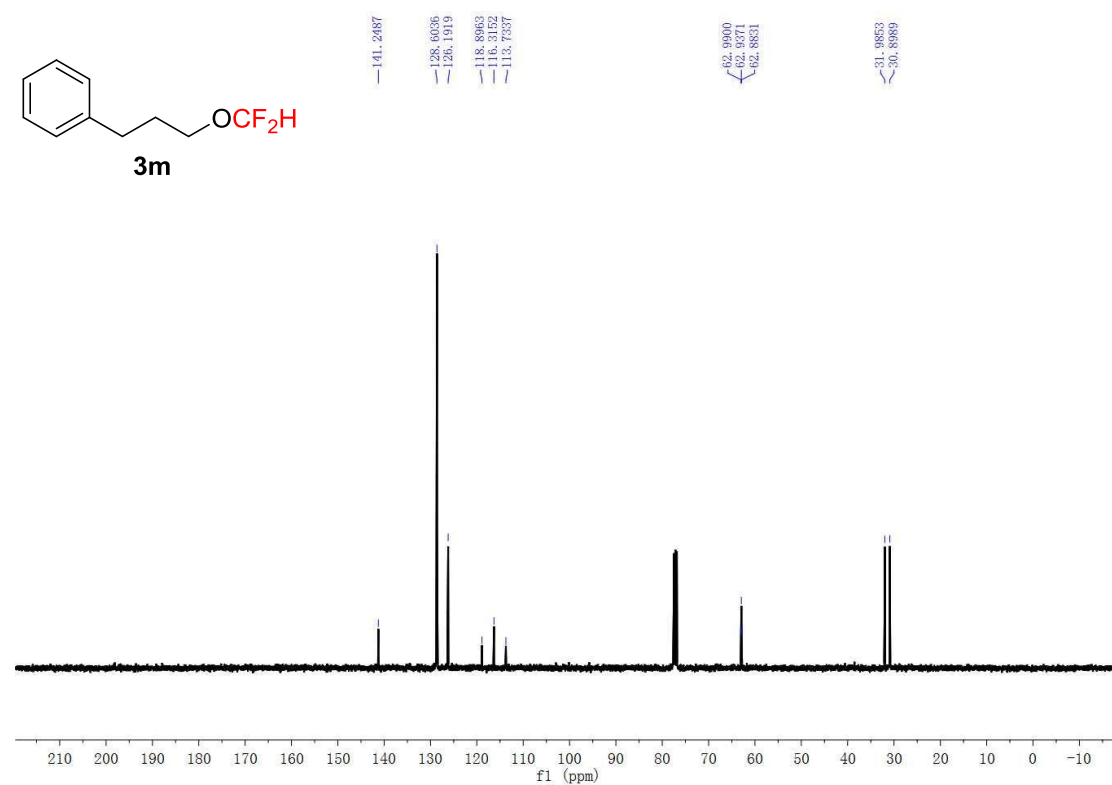
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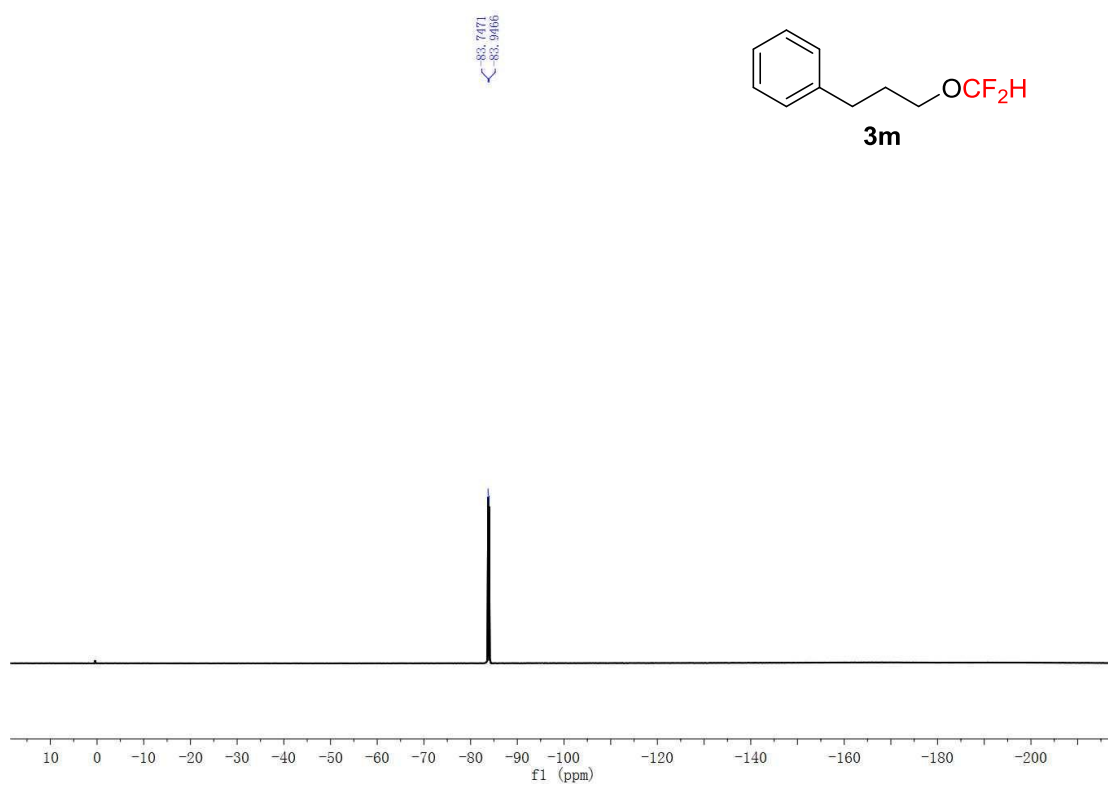
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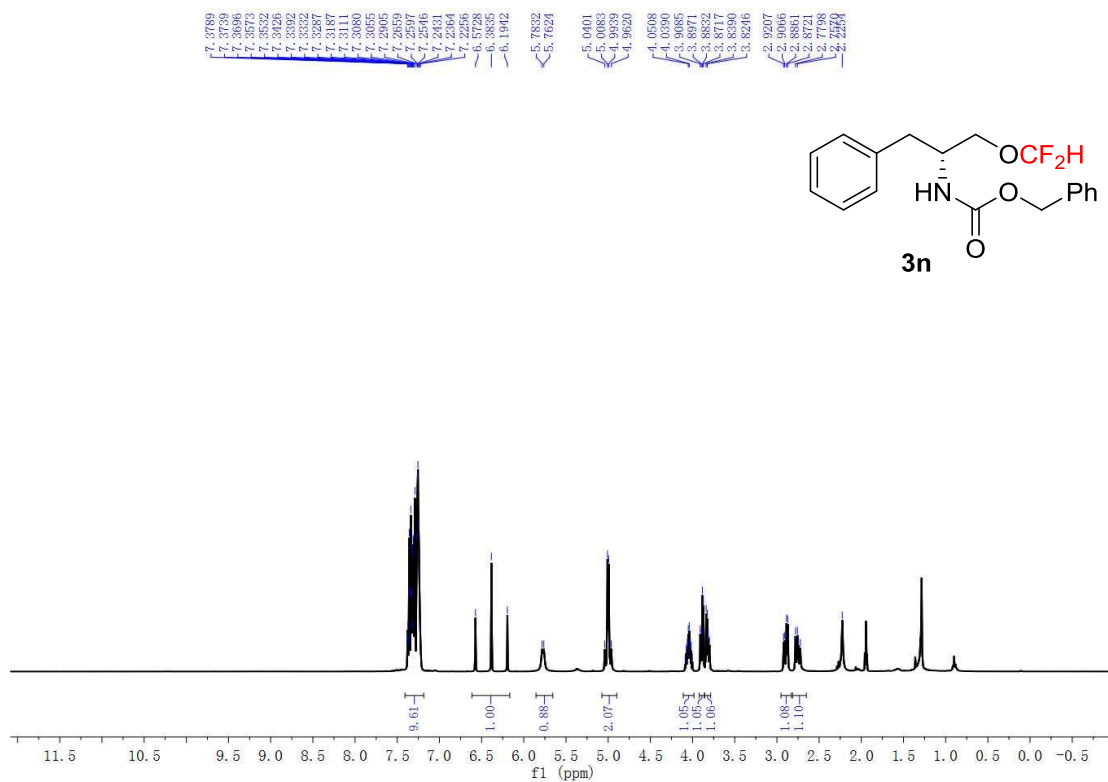
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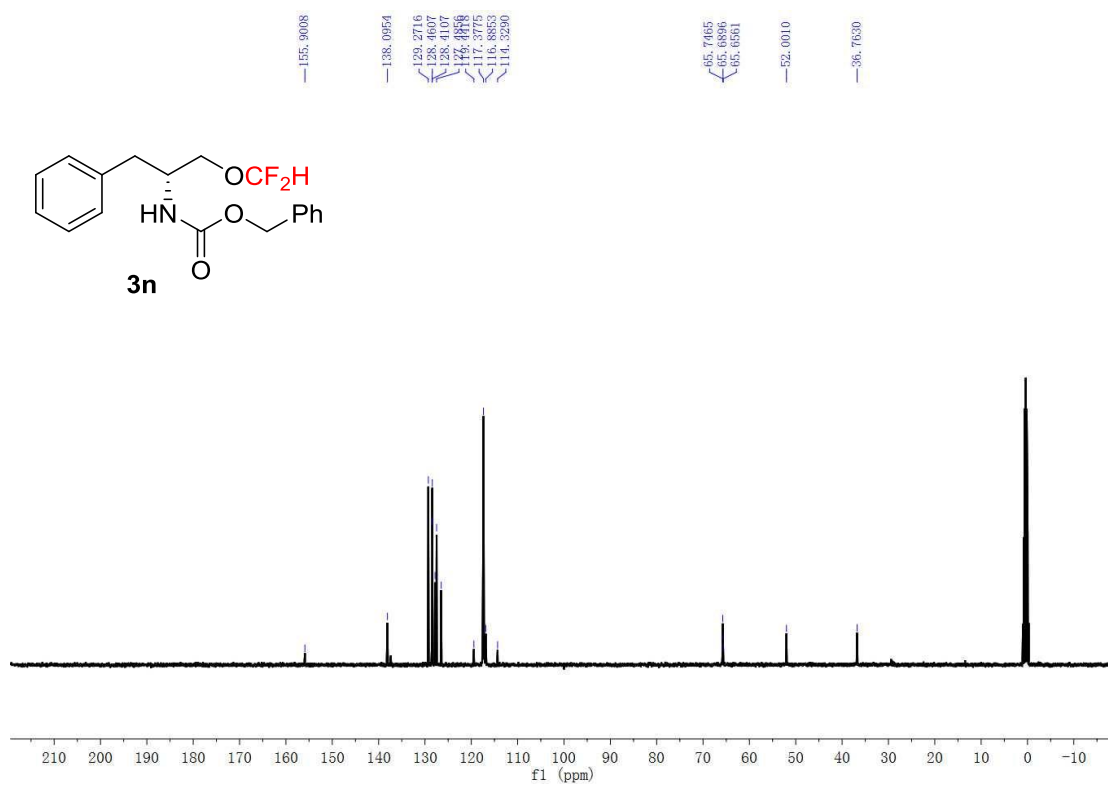
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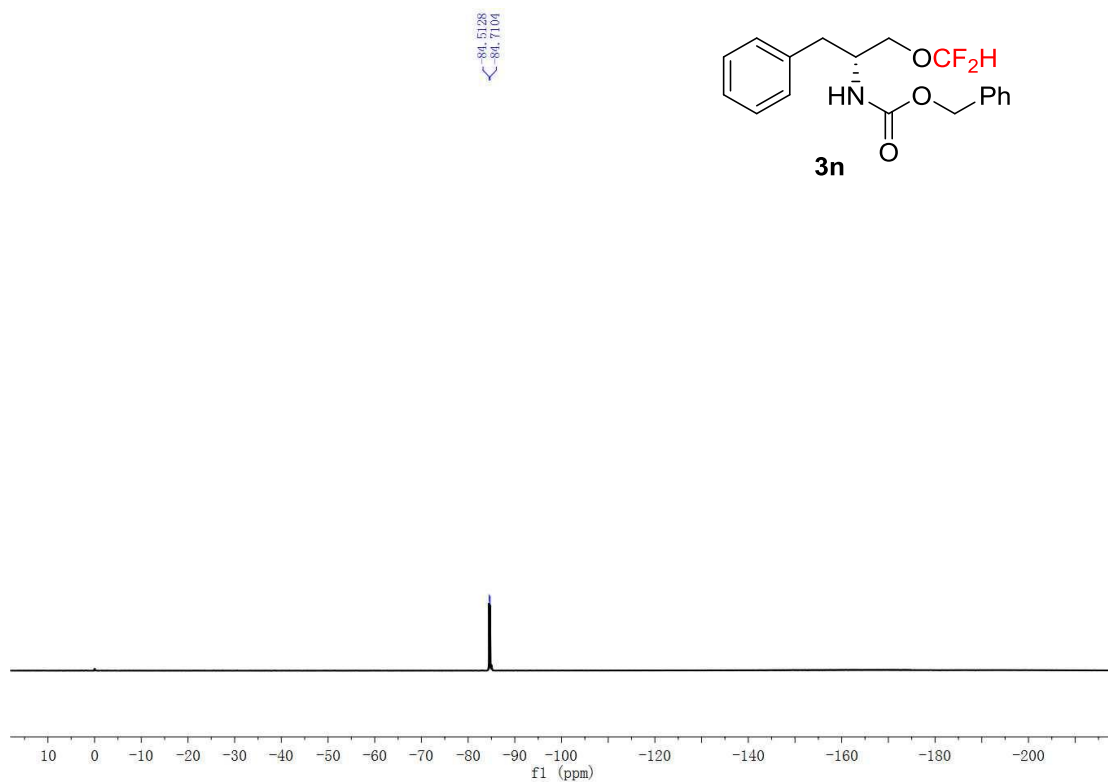
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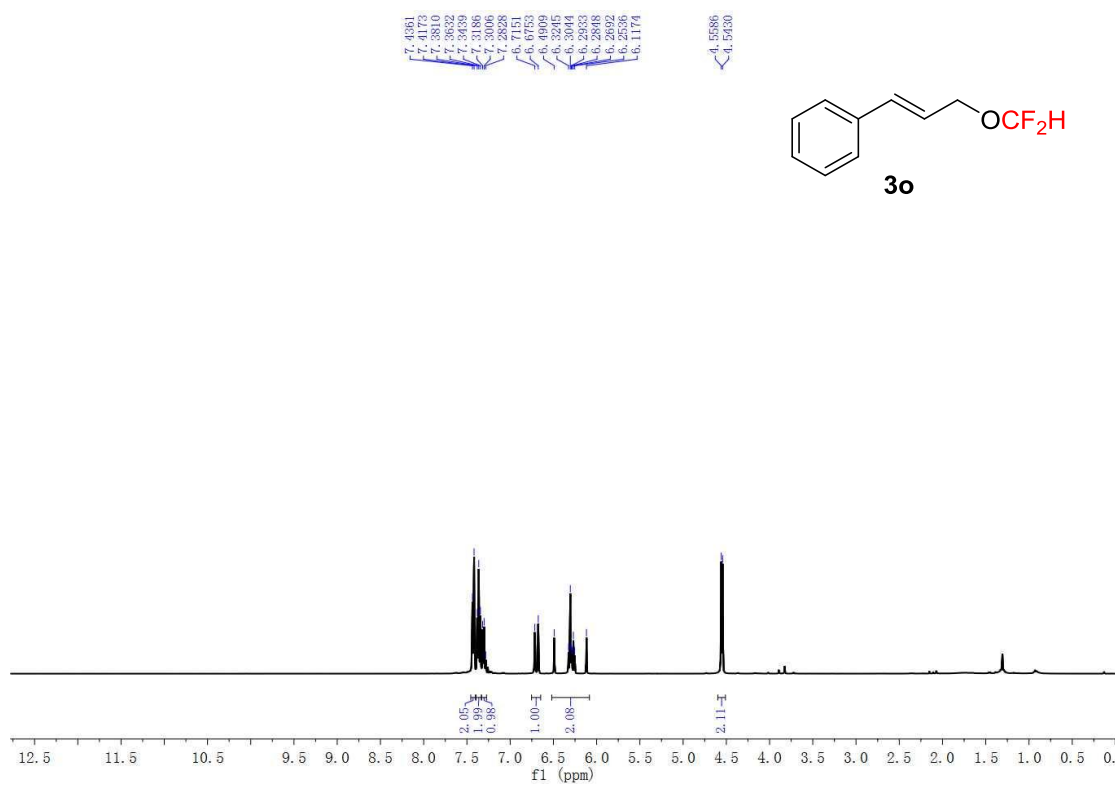
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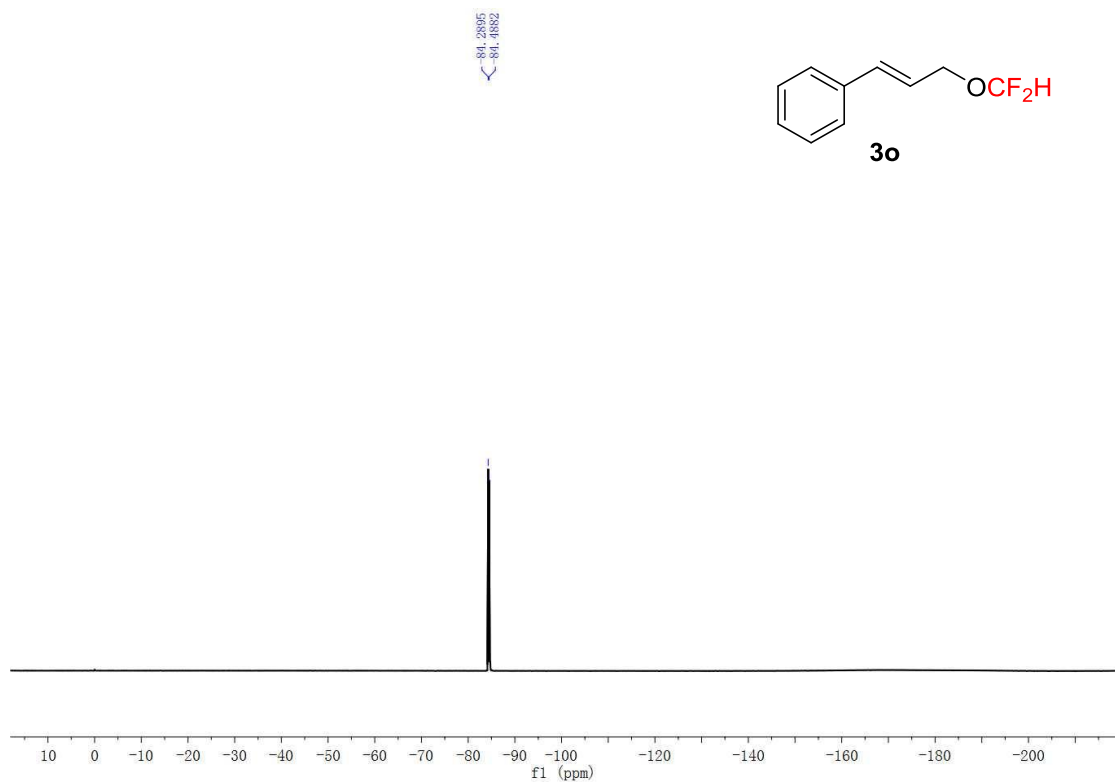
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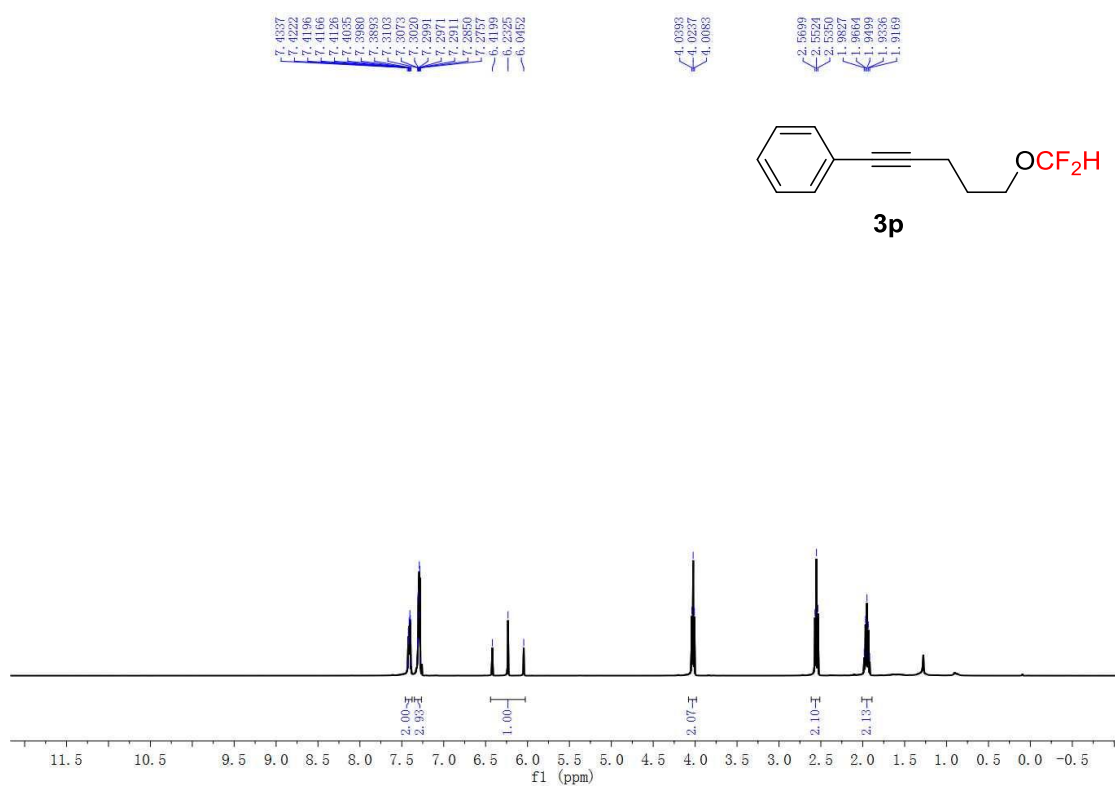
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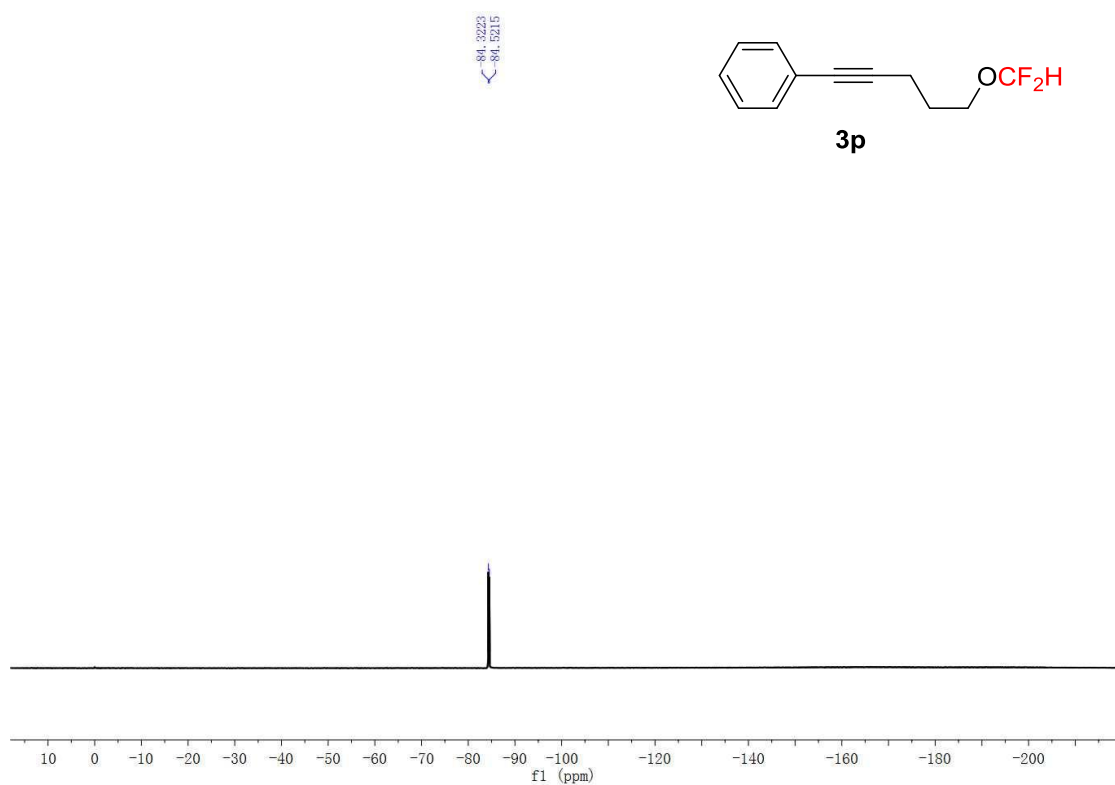
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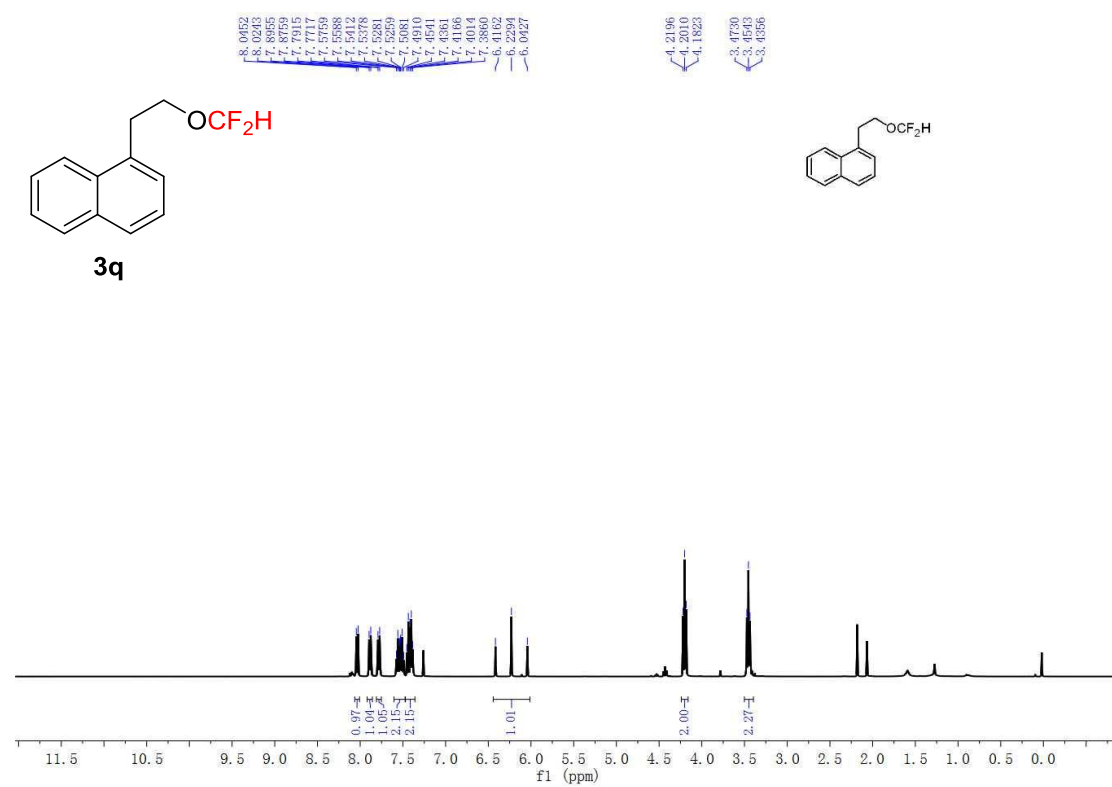
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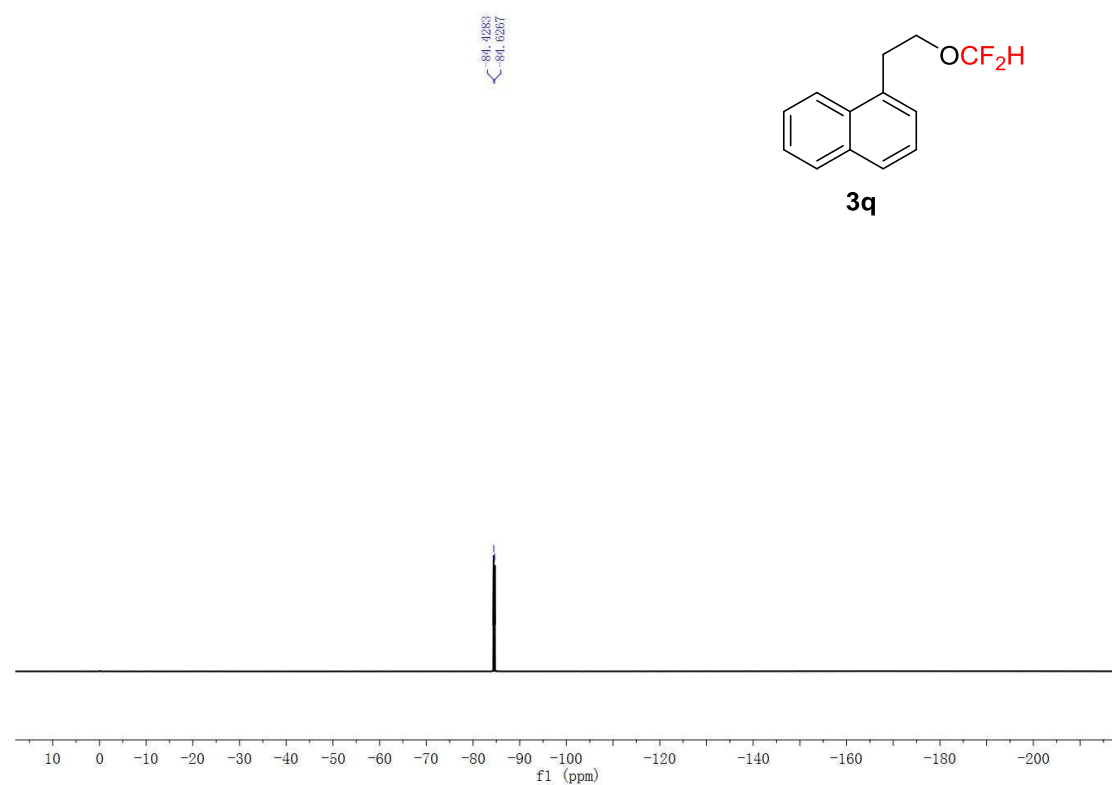
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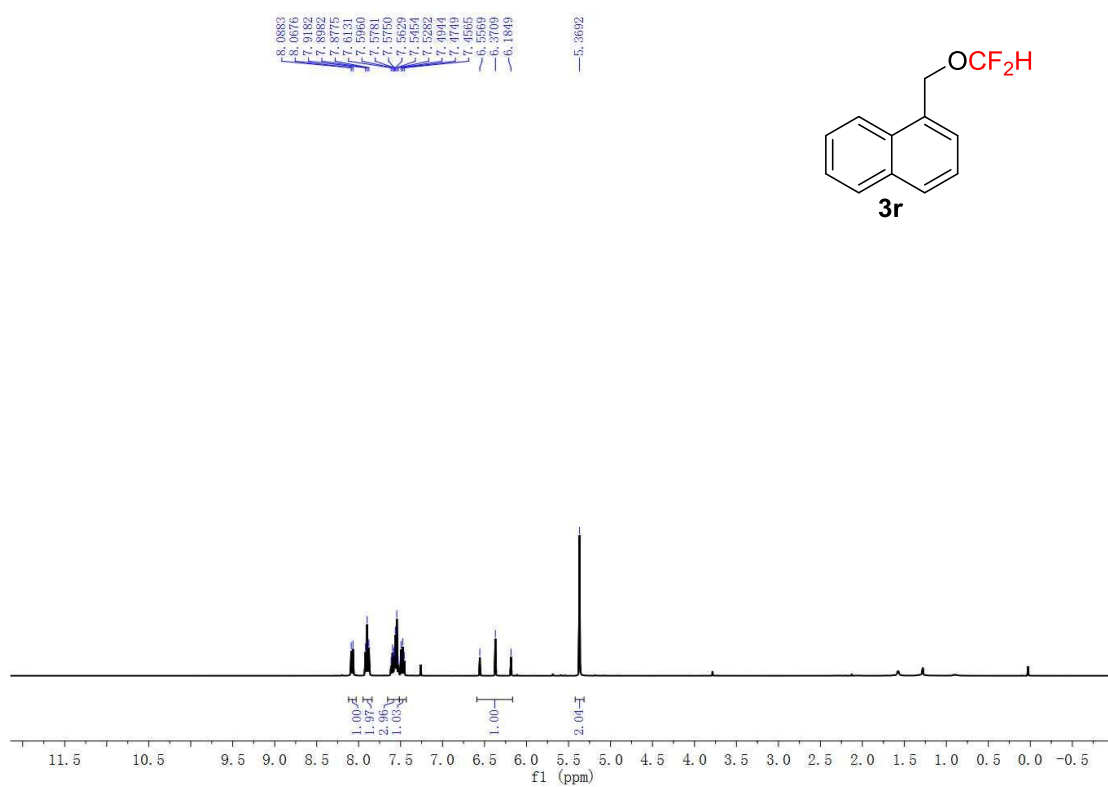
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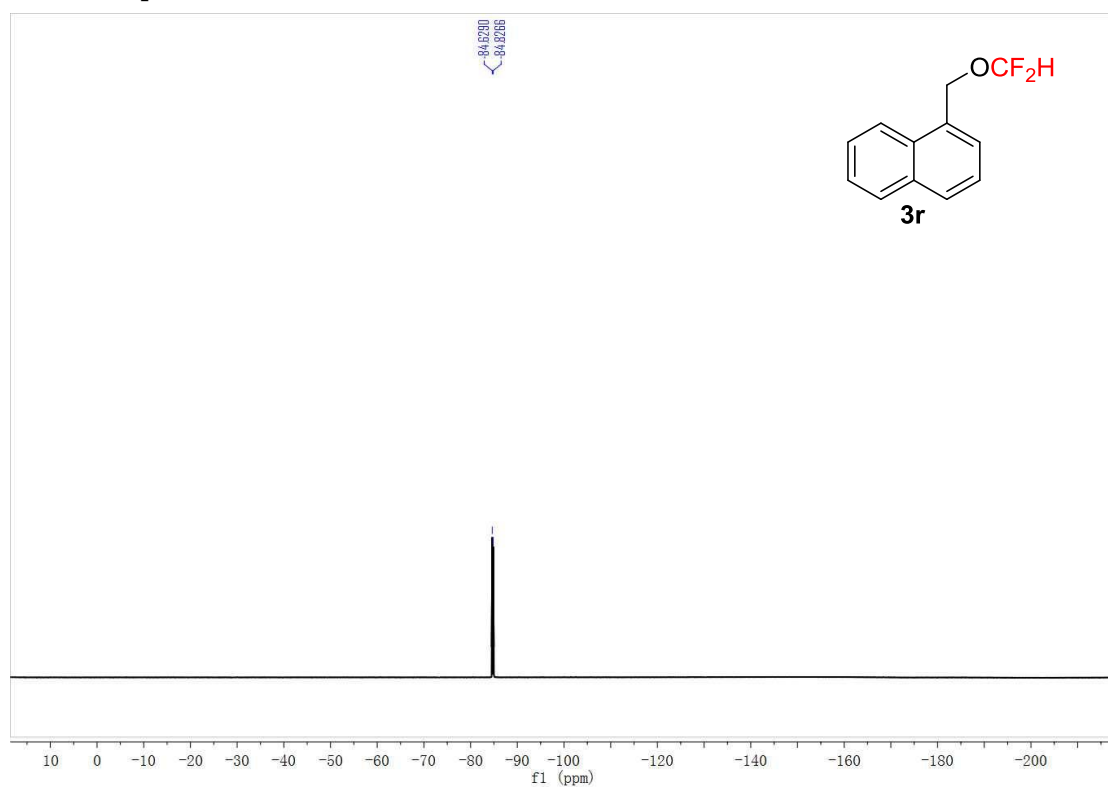
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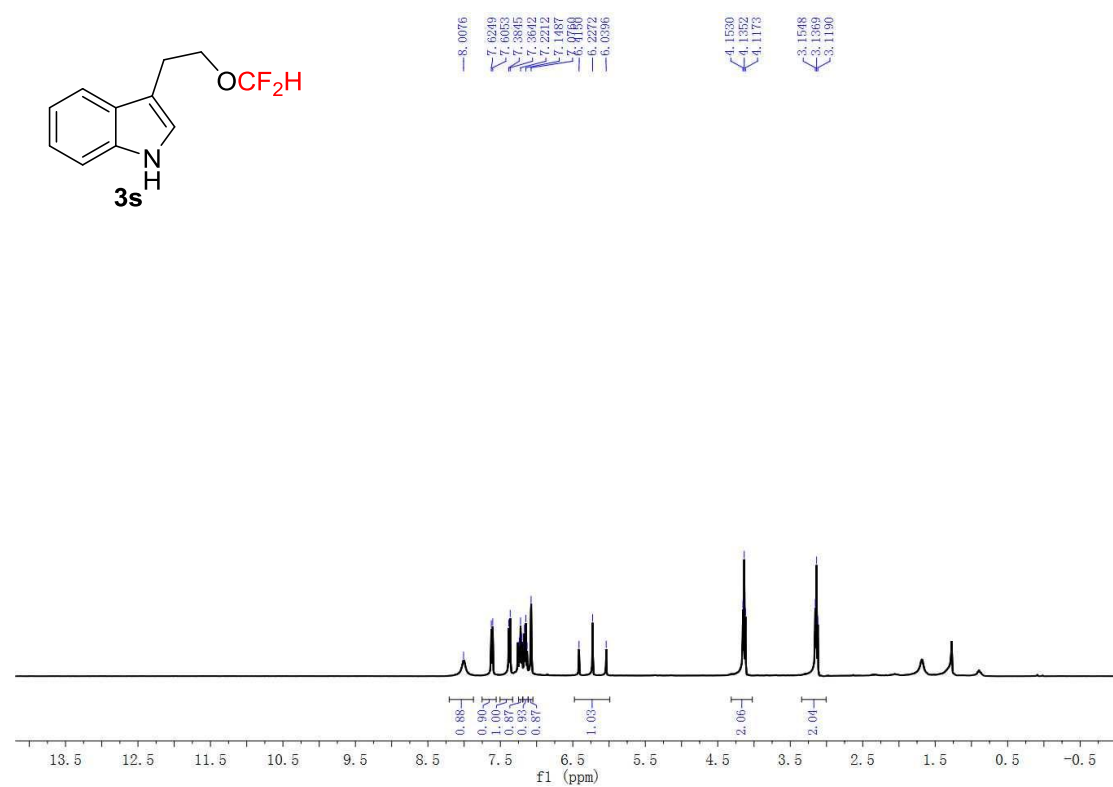
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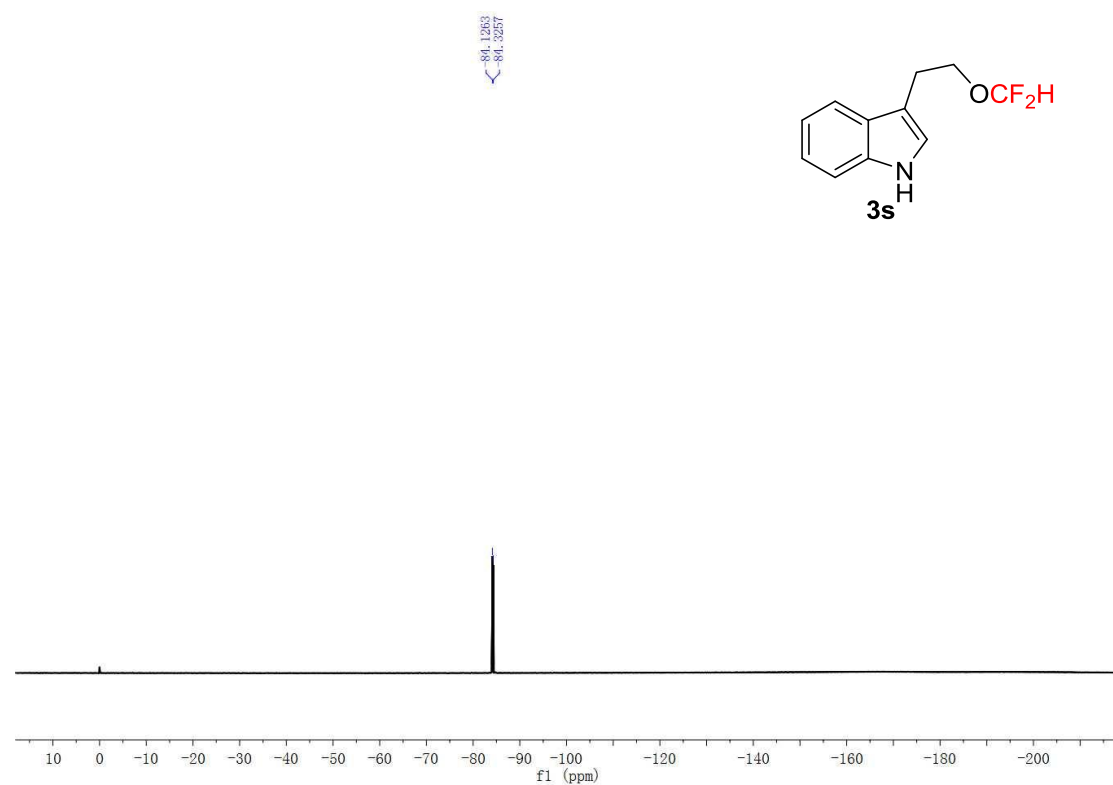
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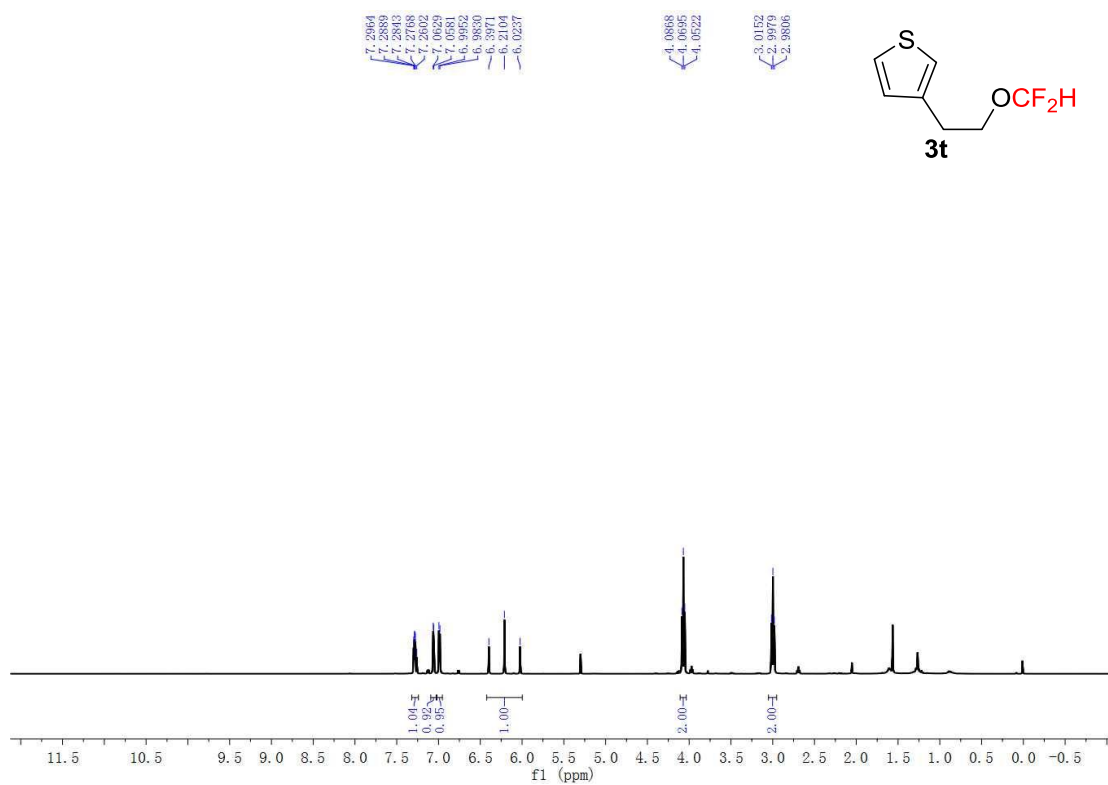
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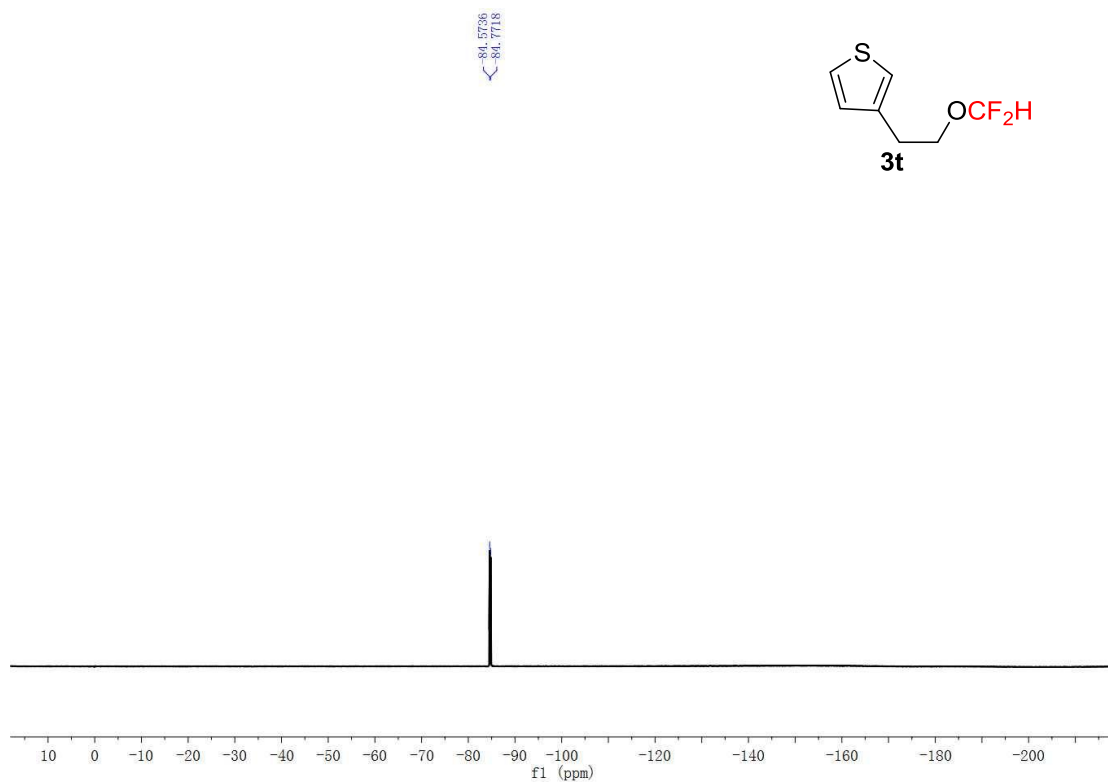
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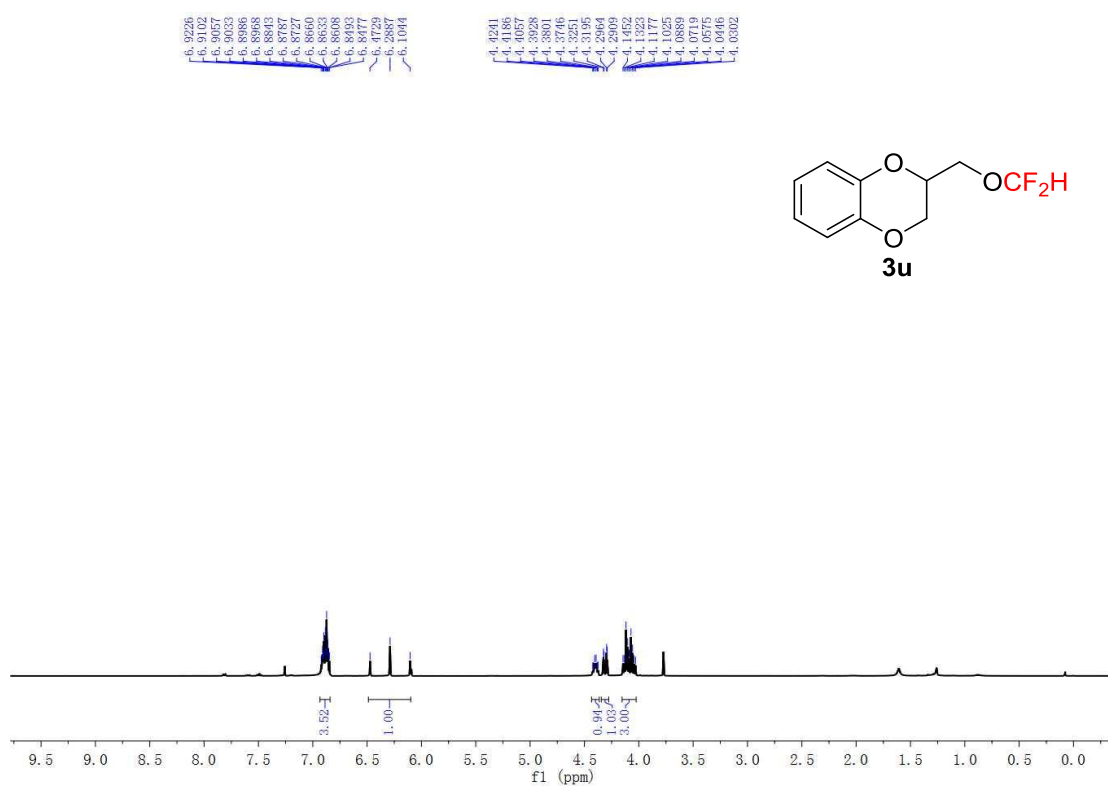
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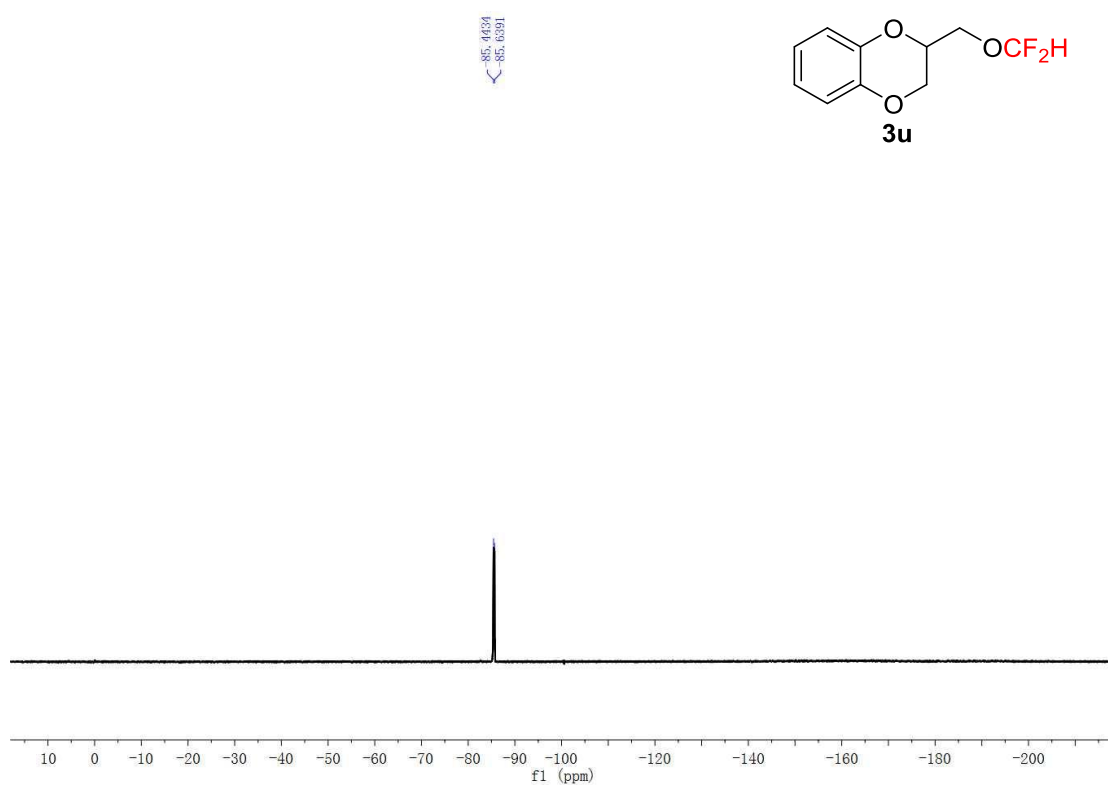
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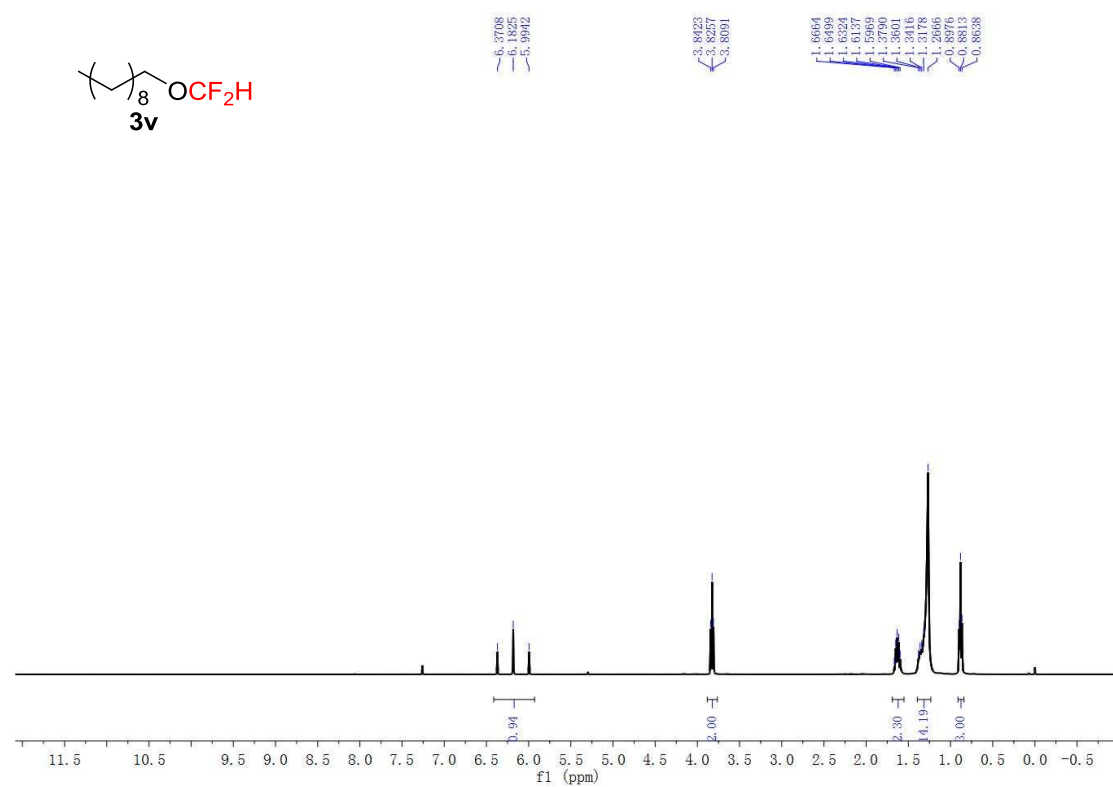
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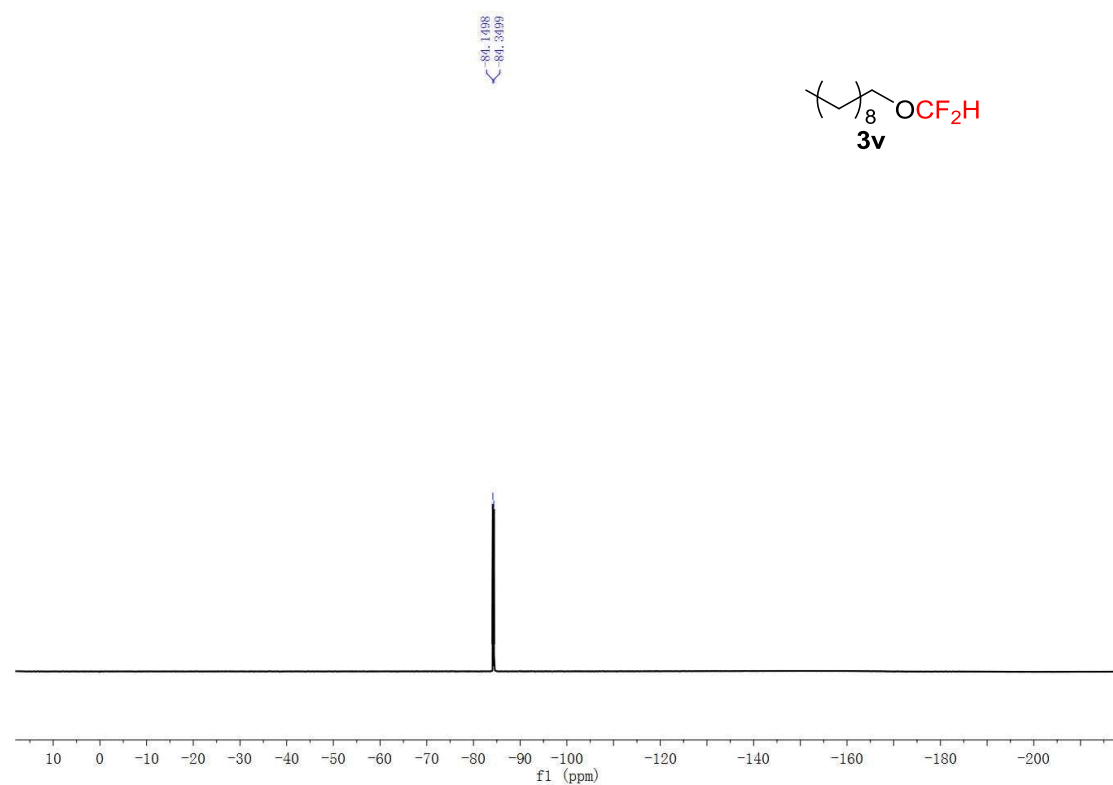
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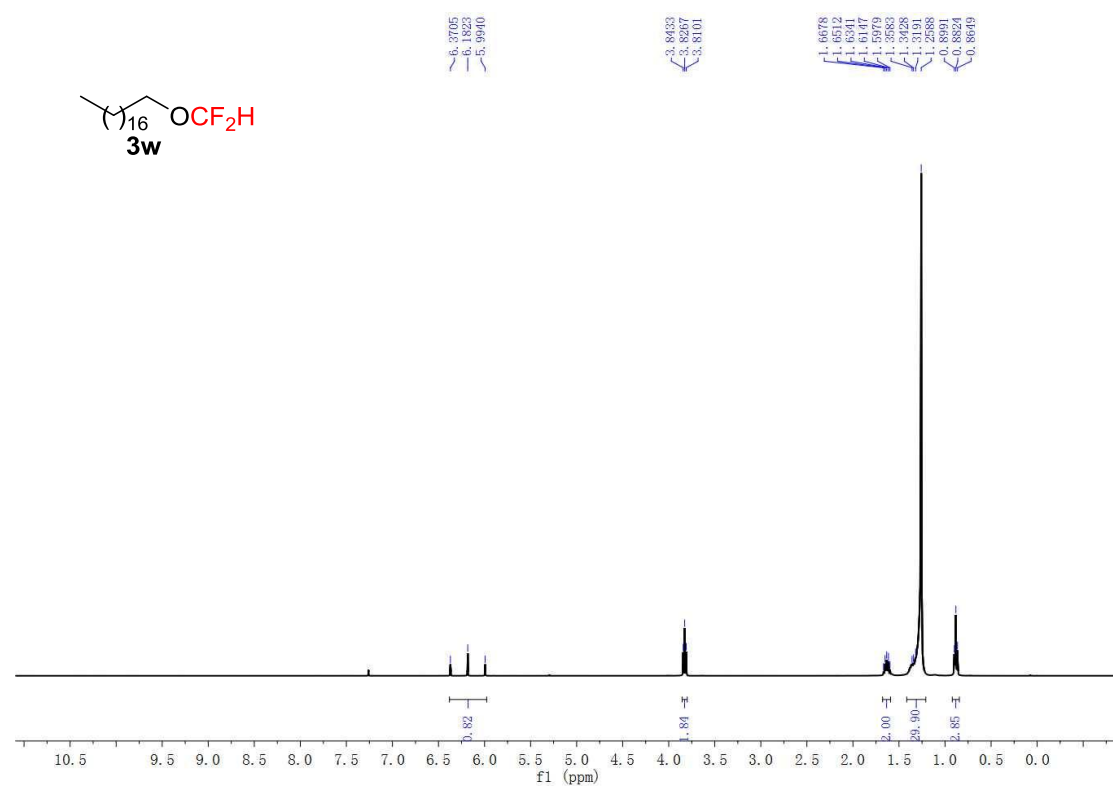
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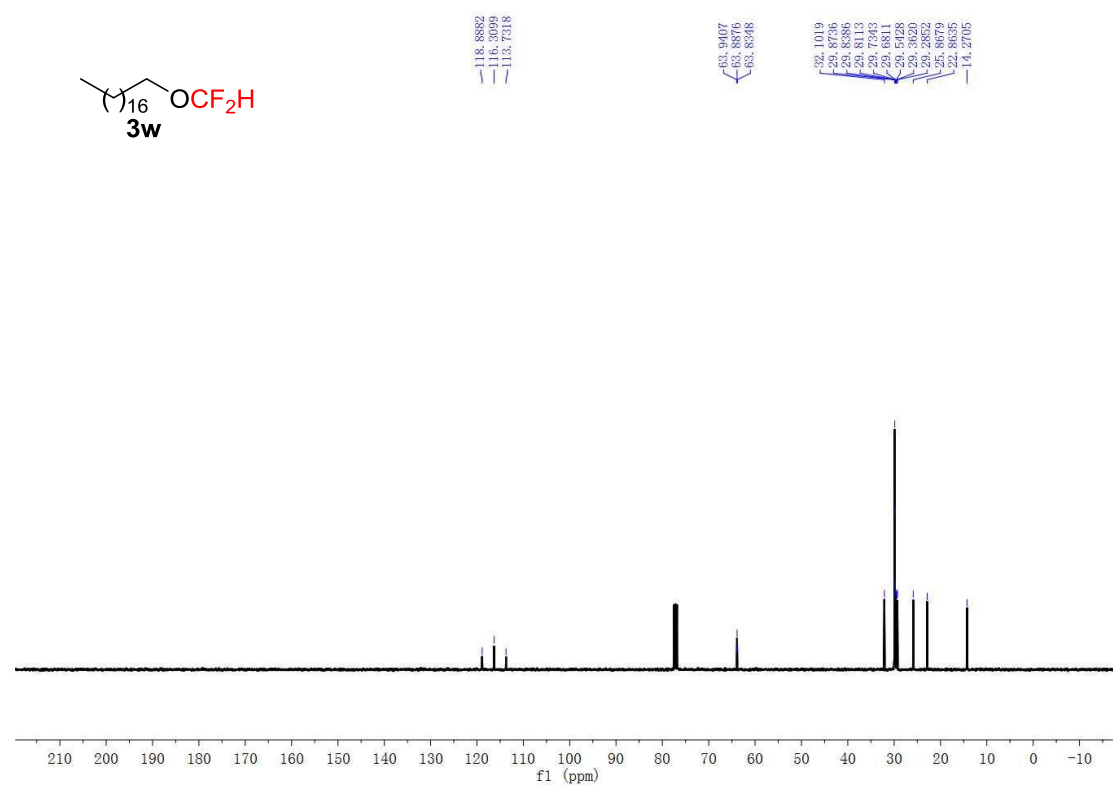
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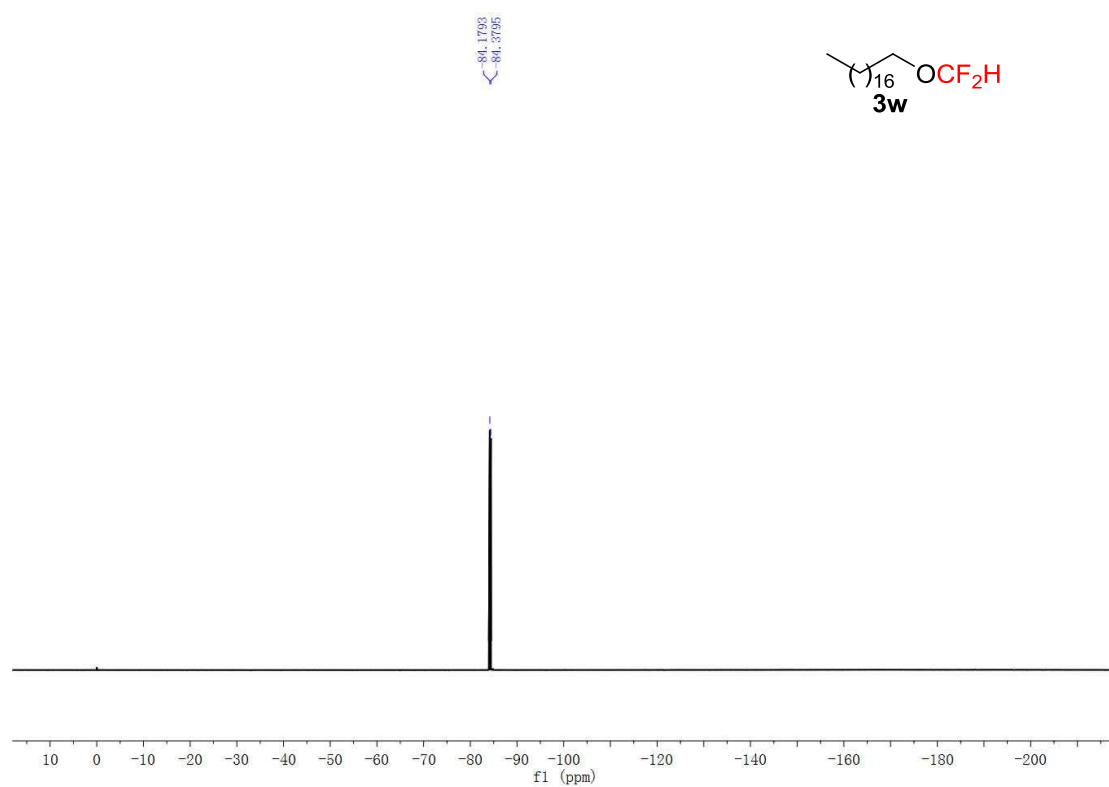
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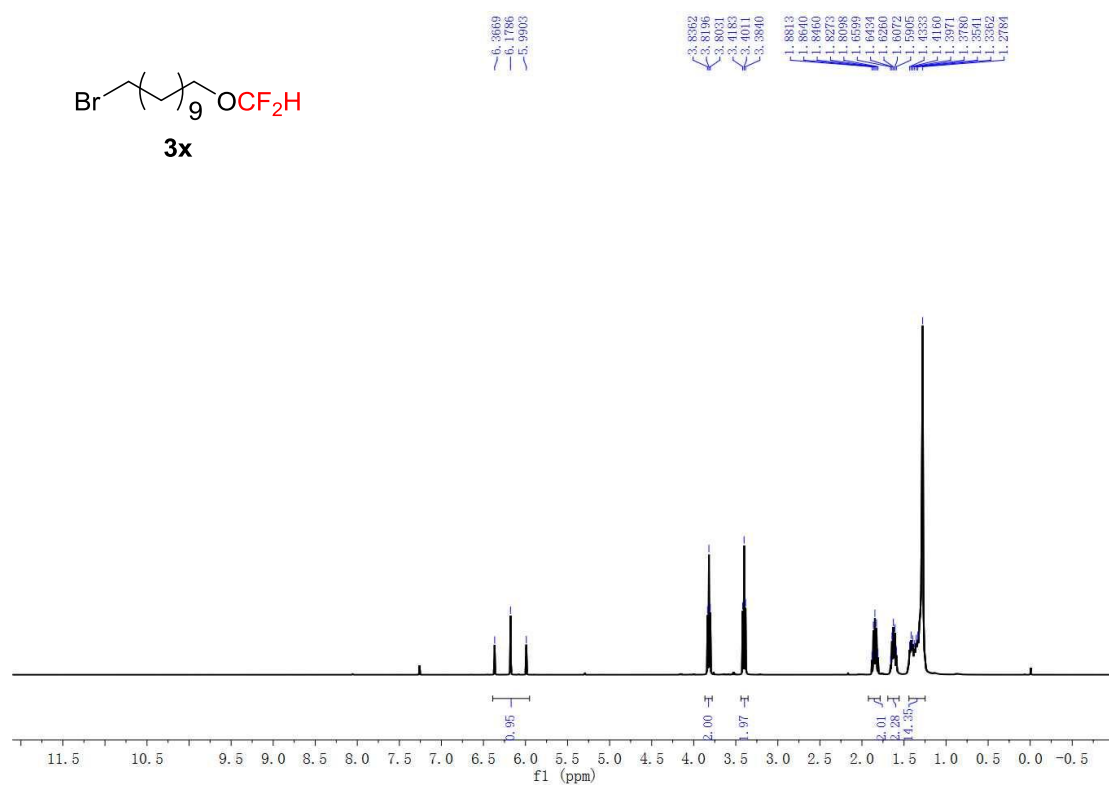
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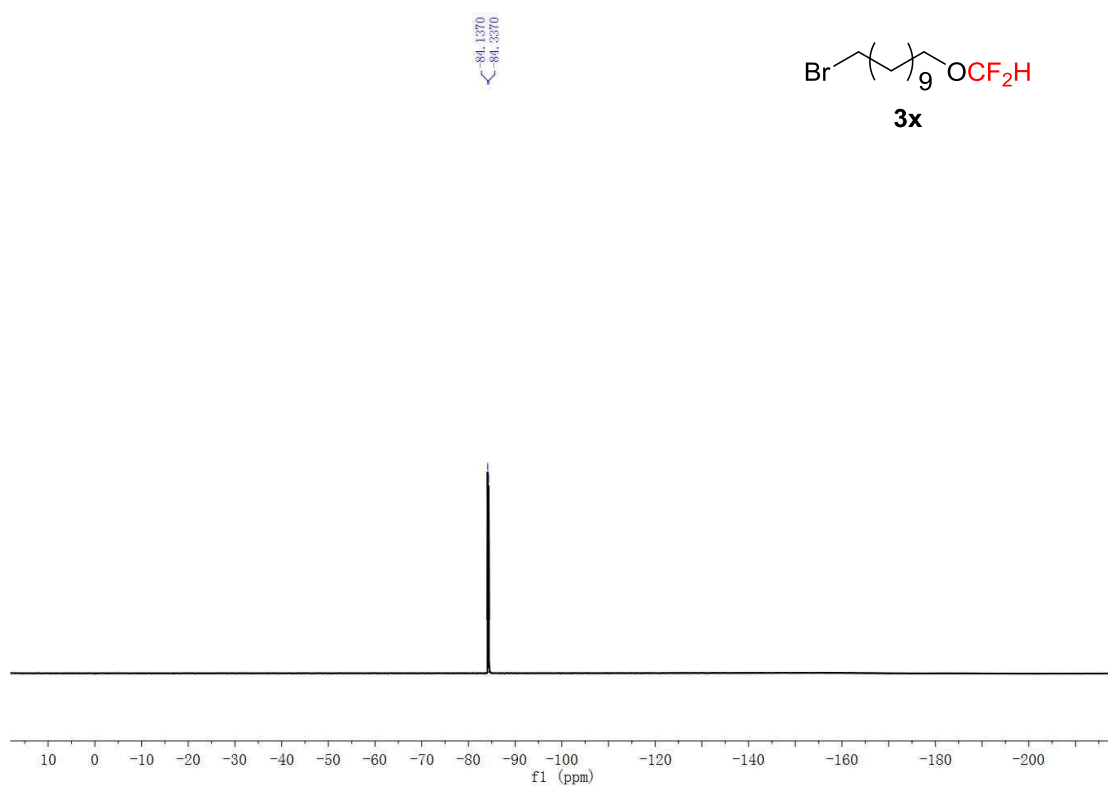
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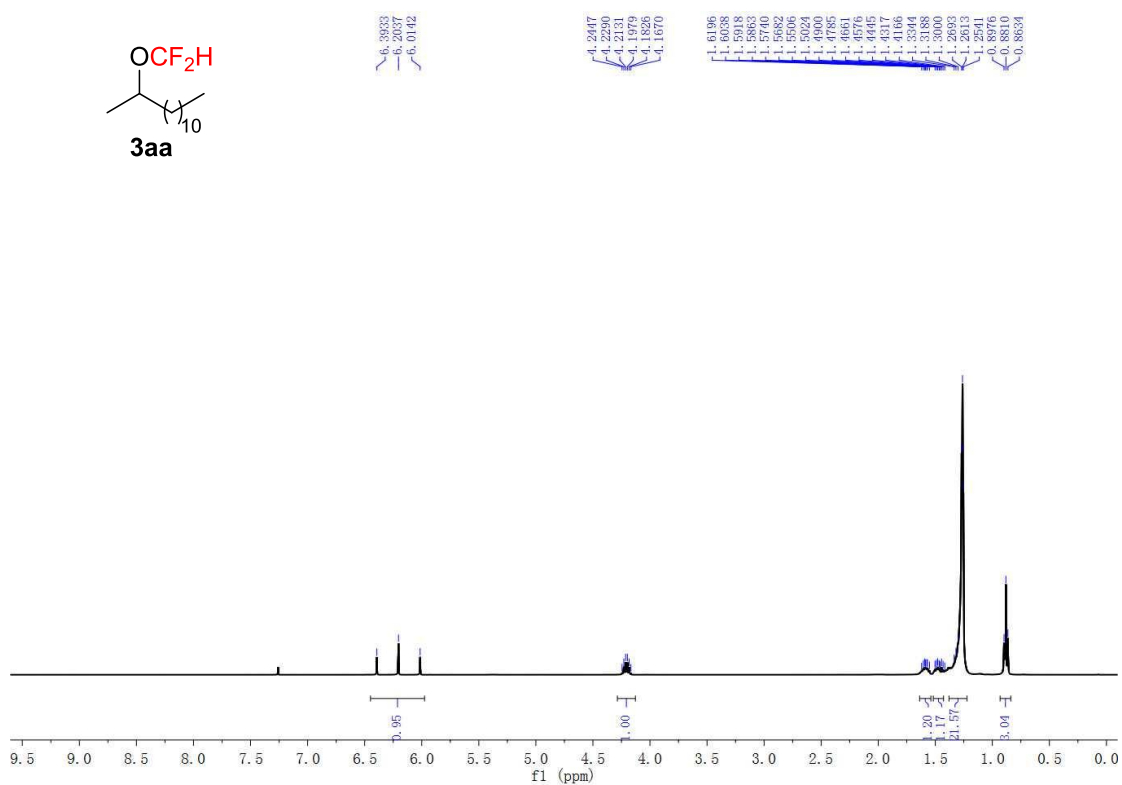
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¹⁹F-NMR Spectrum of 3x



¹H-NMR Spectrum of 3aa



3aa

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Chemical structure of compound **3aa**, which is 2-methyl-2-(difluoromethoxy)propane.

The ¹³C NMR spectrum shows peaks at the following chemical shifts (ppm): 119.12894, 116.5703, 114.0204, 72.9230, 72.8879, 72.8524, 37.0064, 32.0831, 29.8112, 29.7858, 29.7492, 29.6996, 29.5875, 29.5171, 25.3550, 22.3525, 21.3176, and 14.2536.

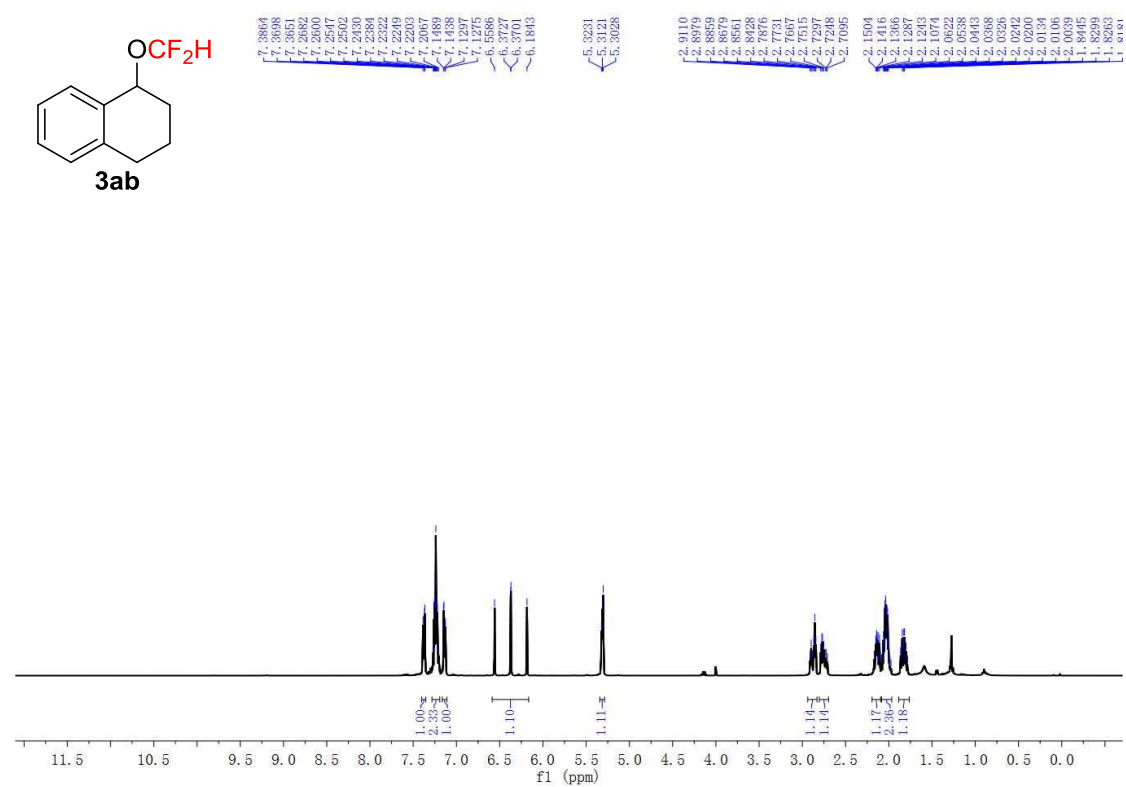
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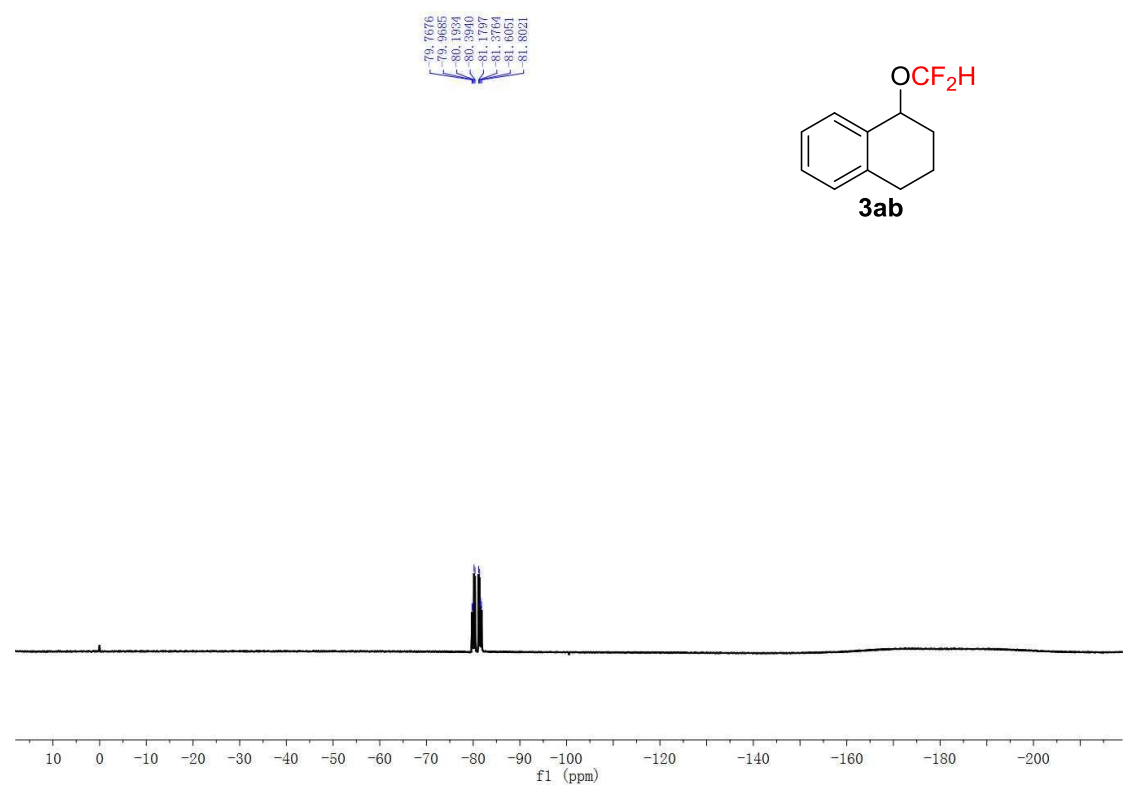
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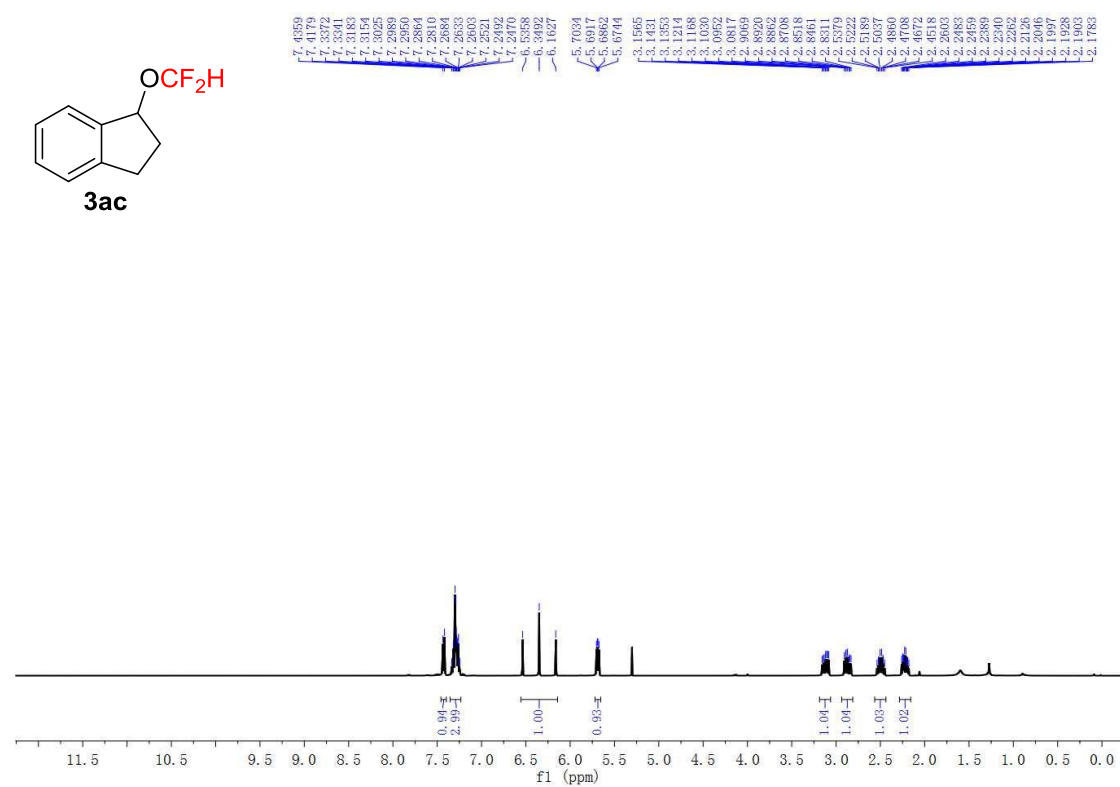
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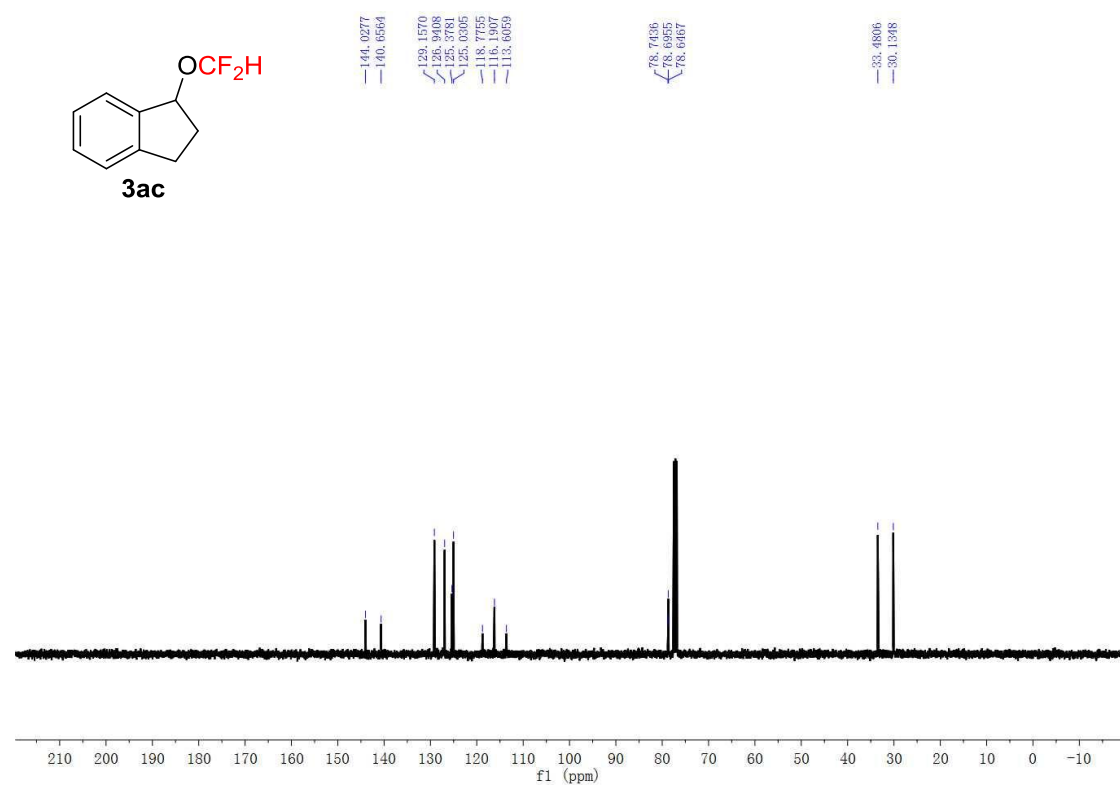
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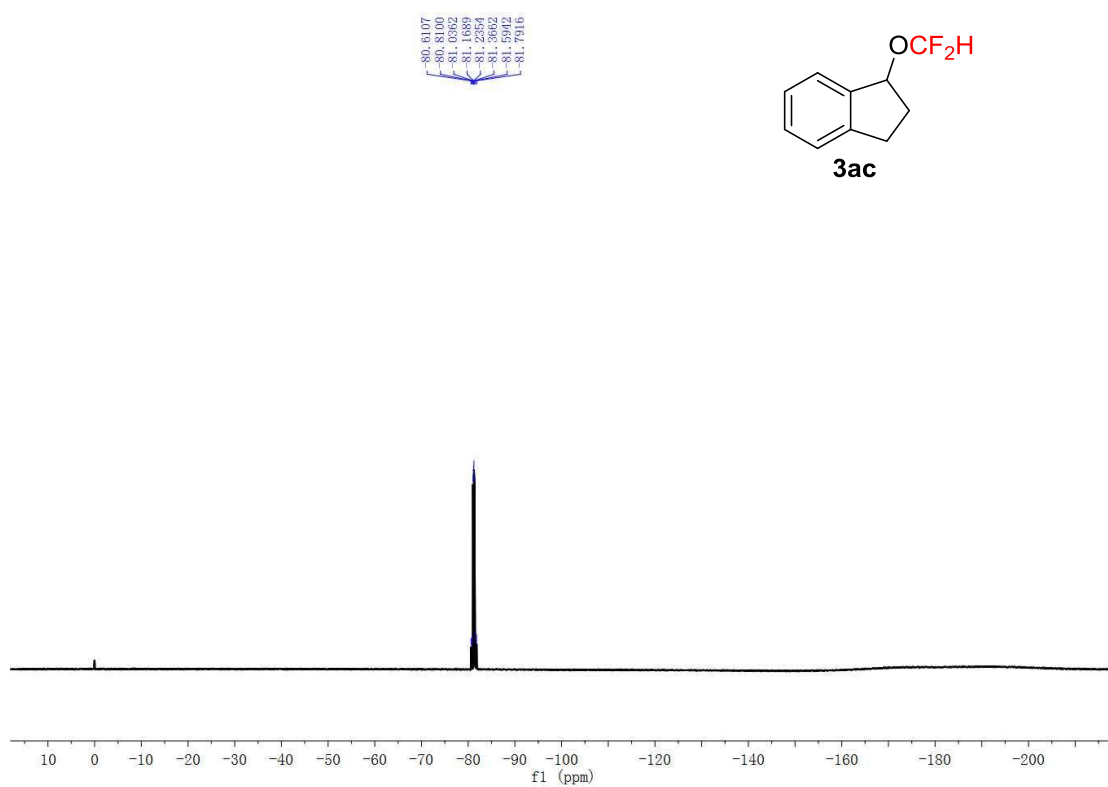
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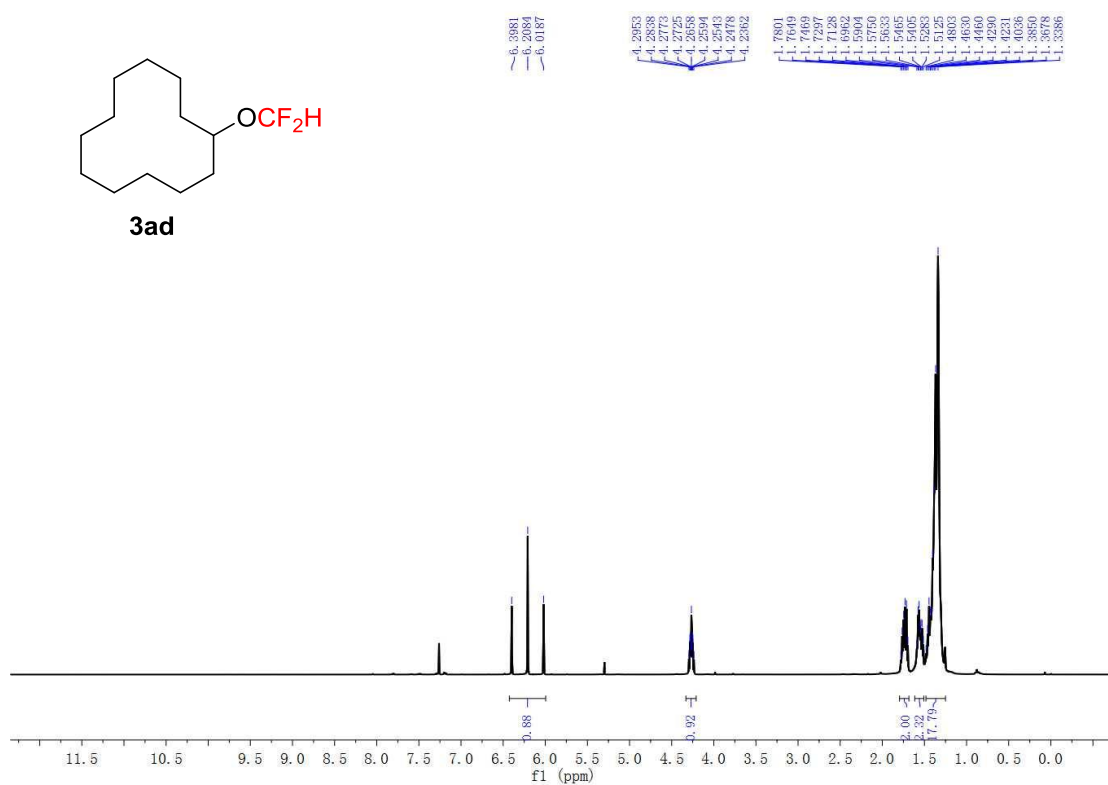
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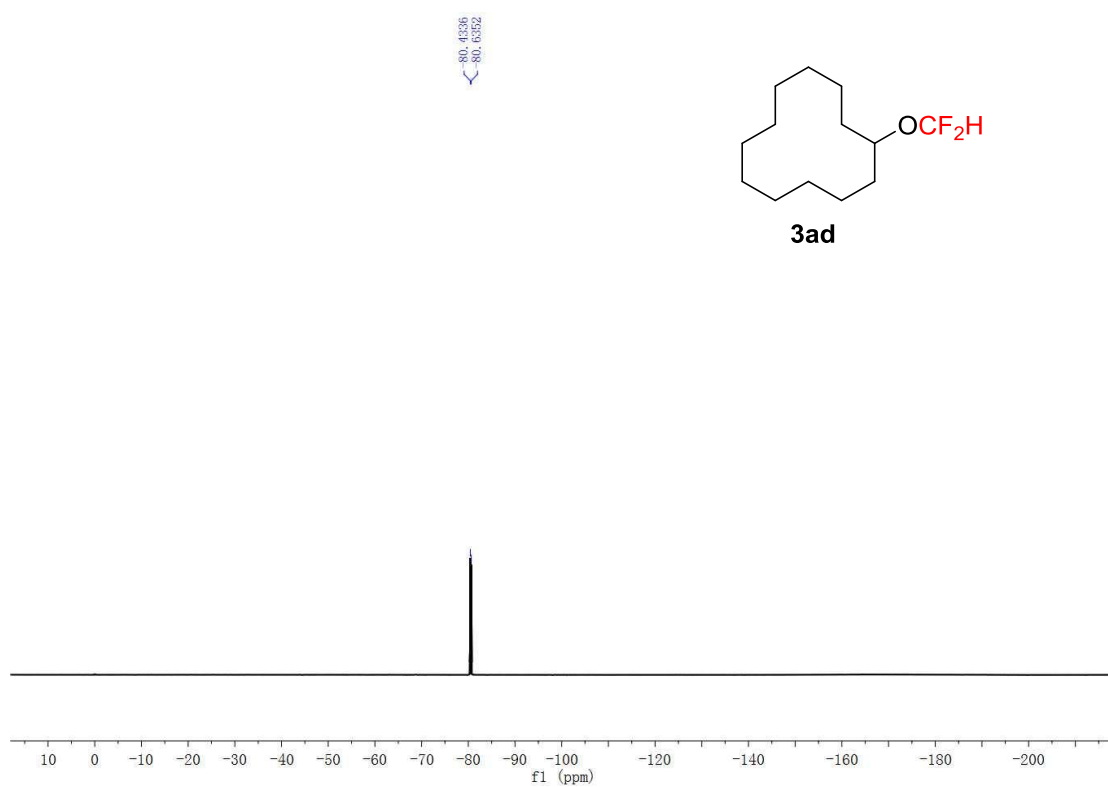
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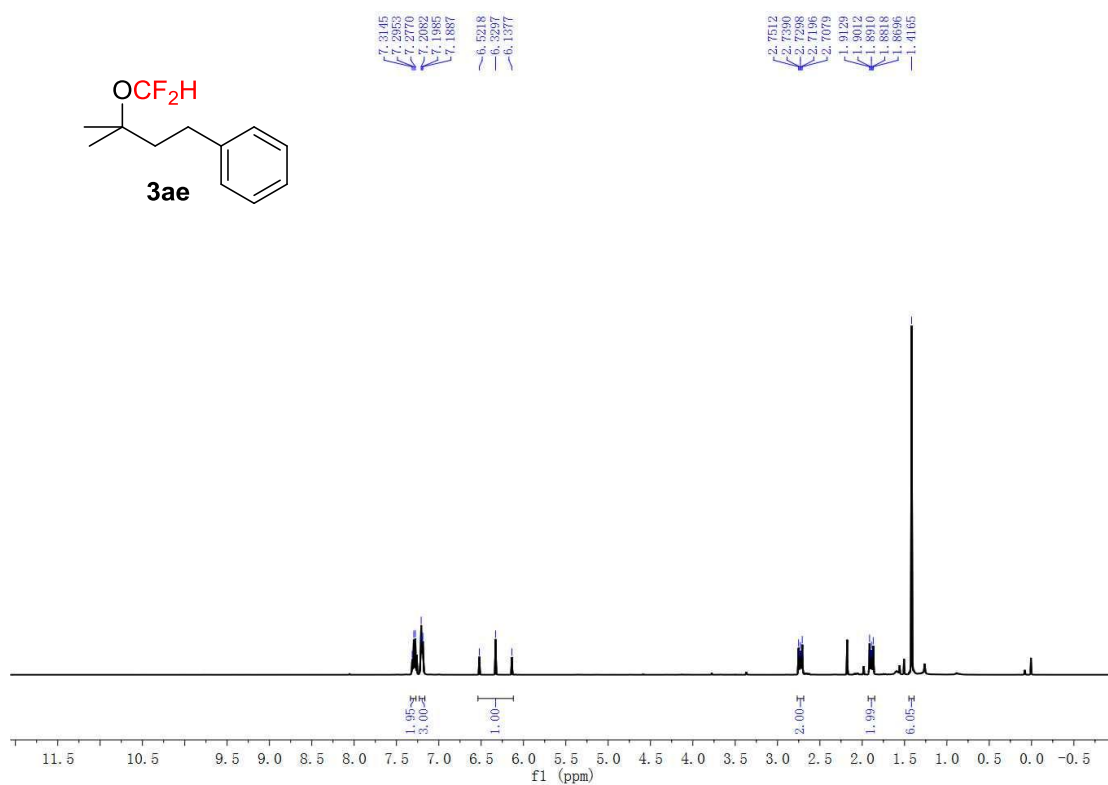
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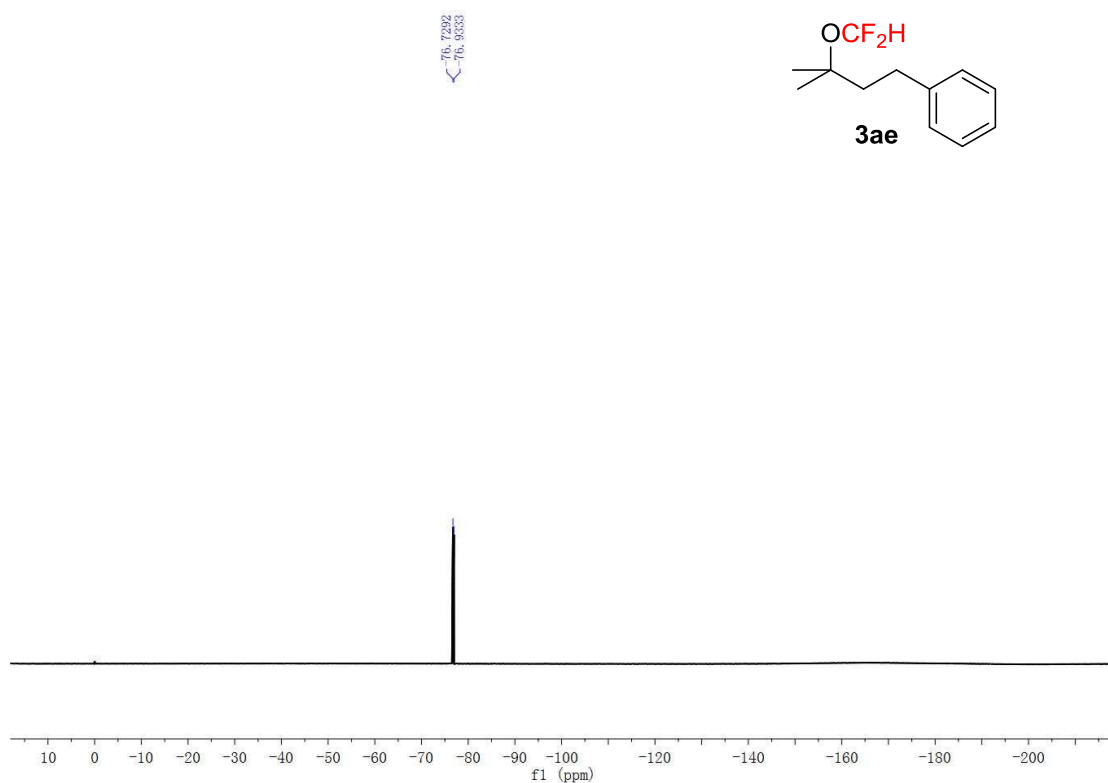
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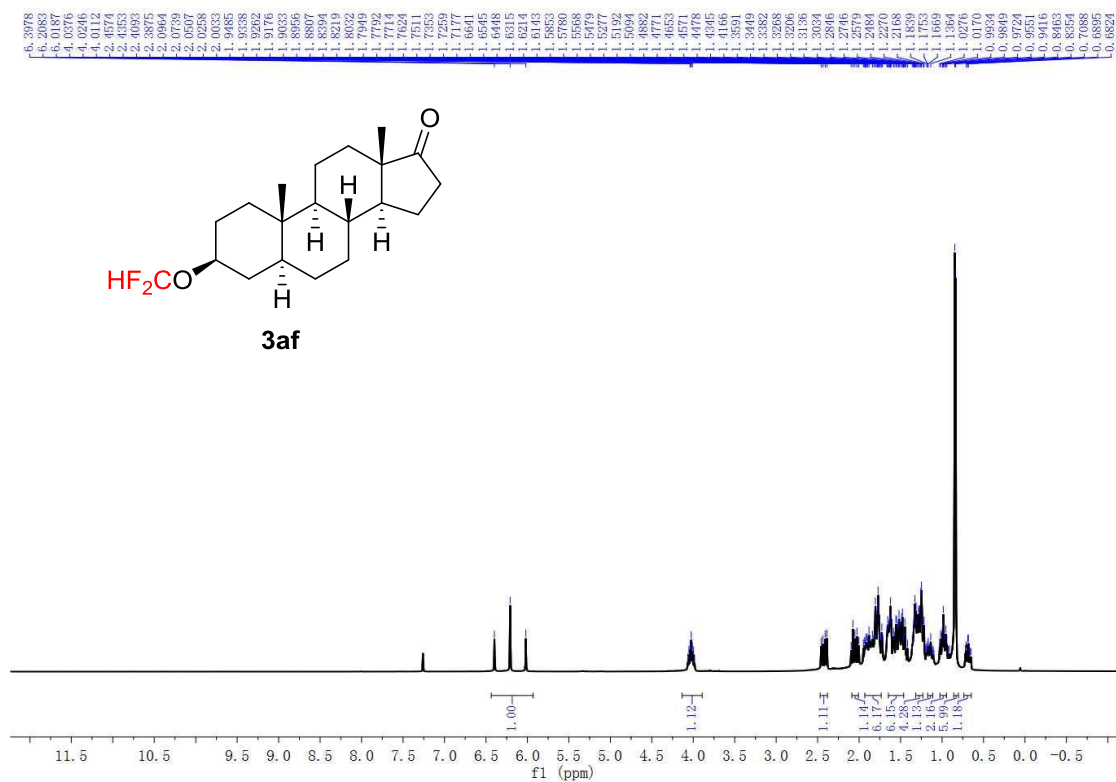
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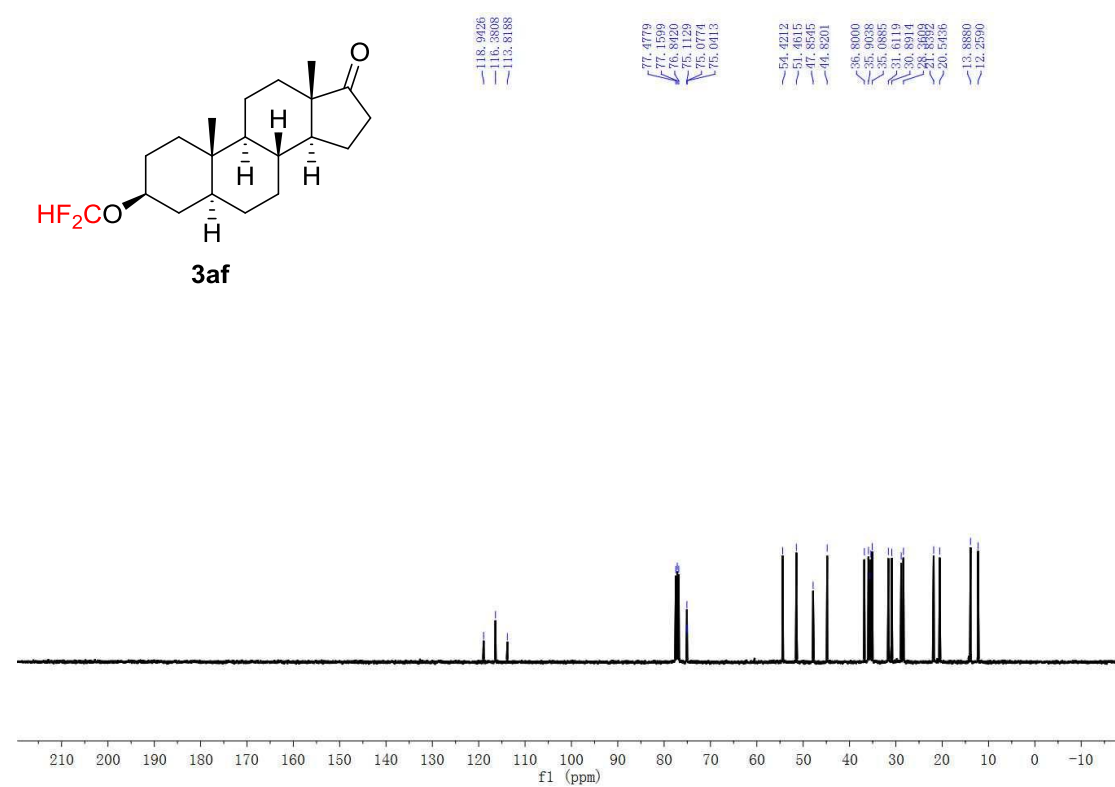
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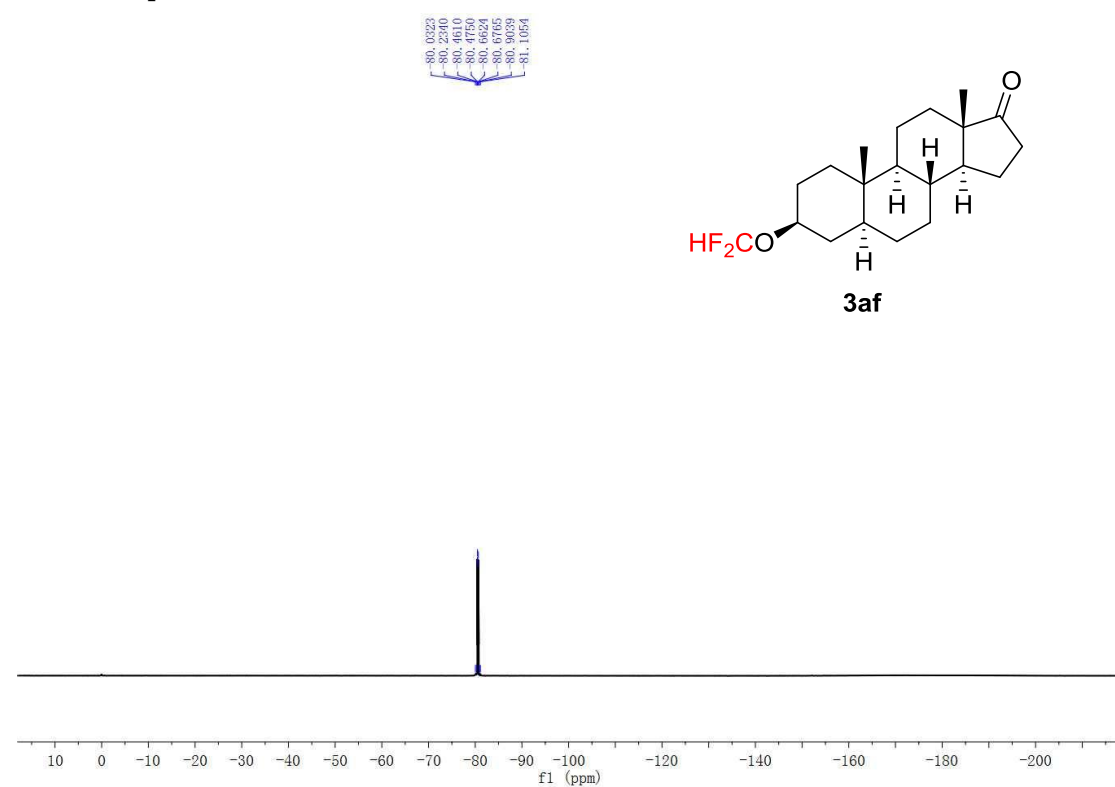
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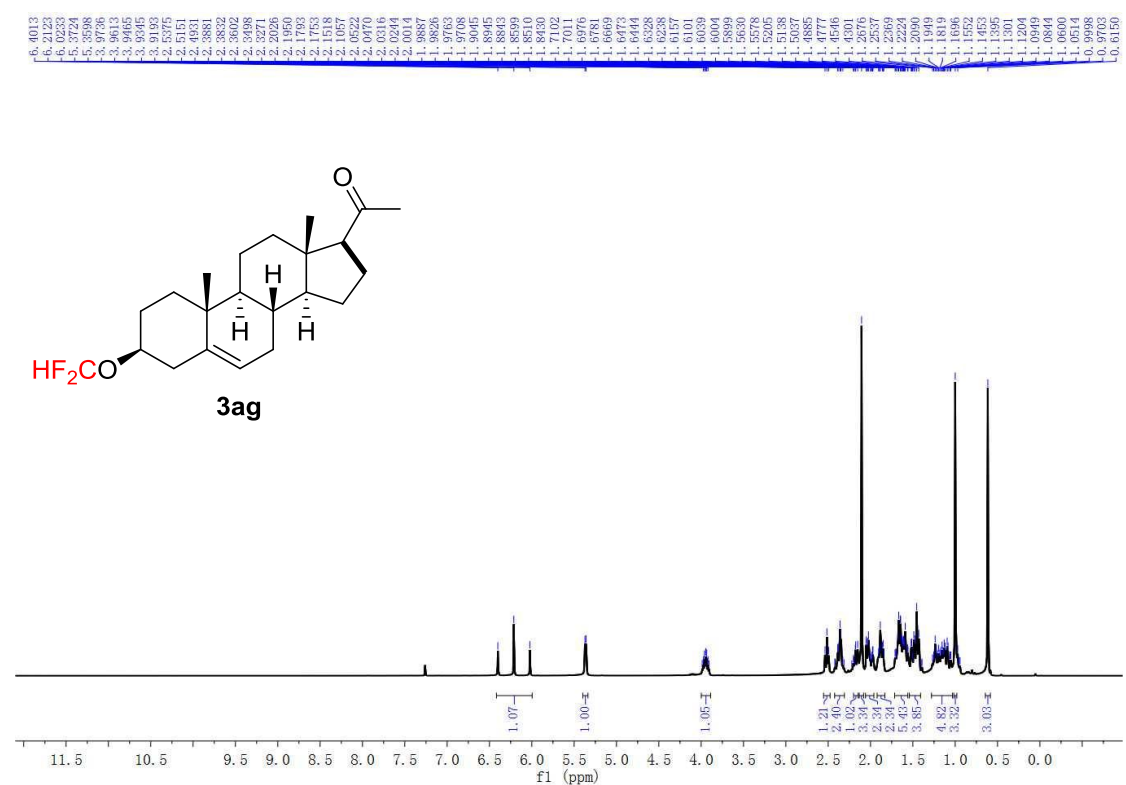
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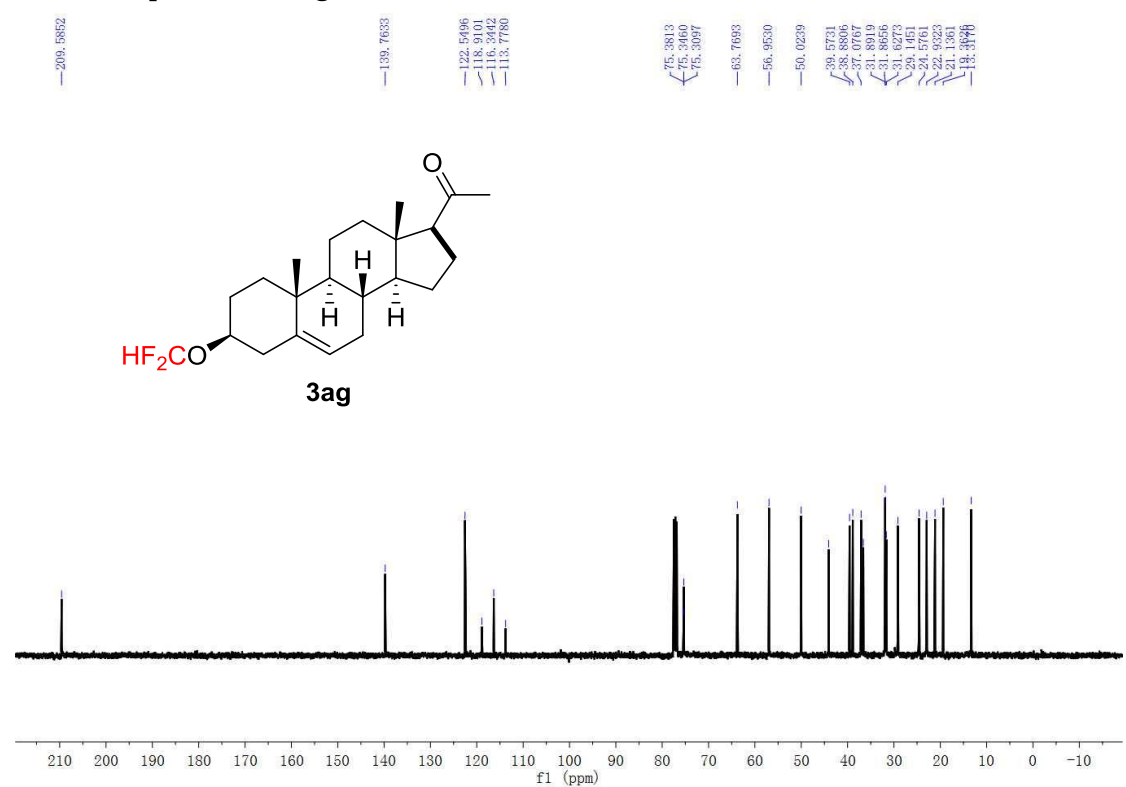
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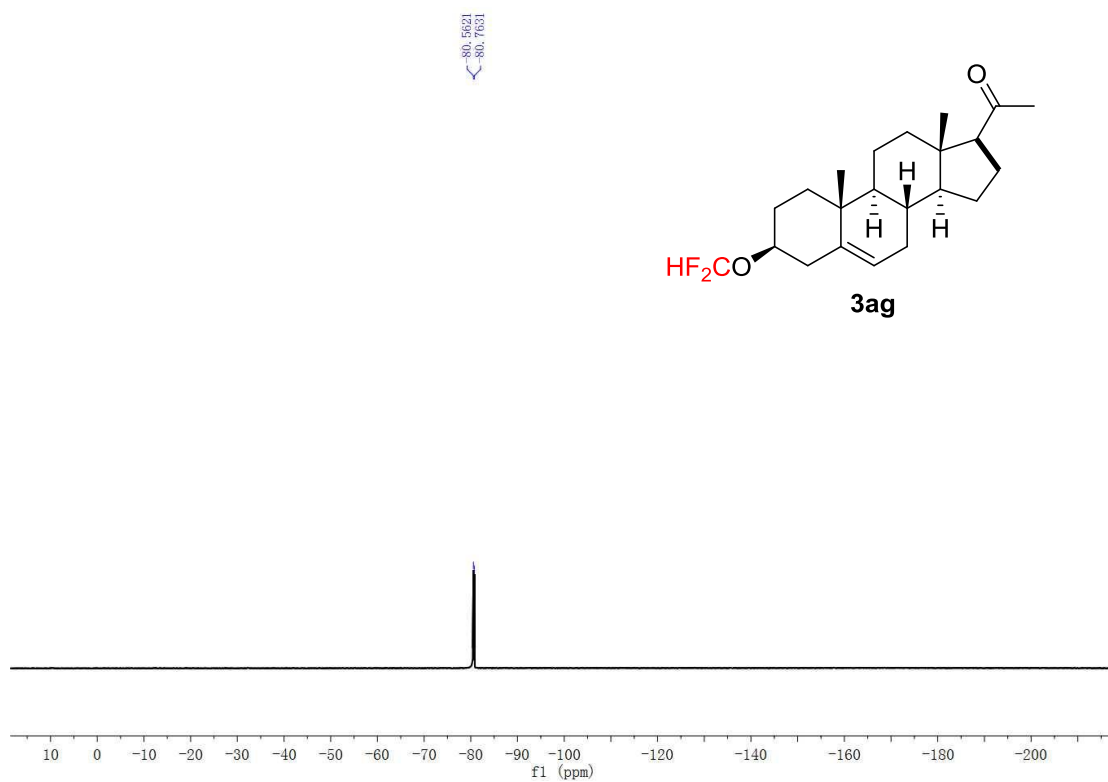
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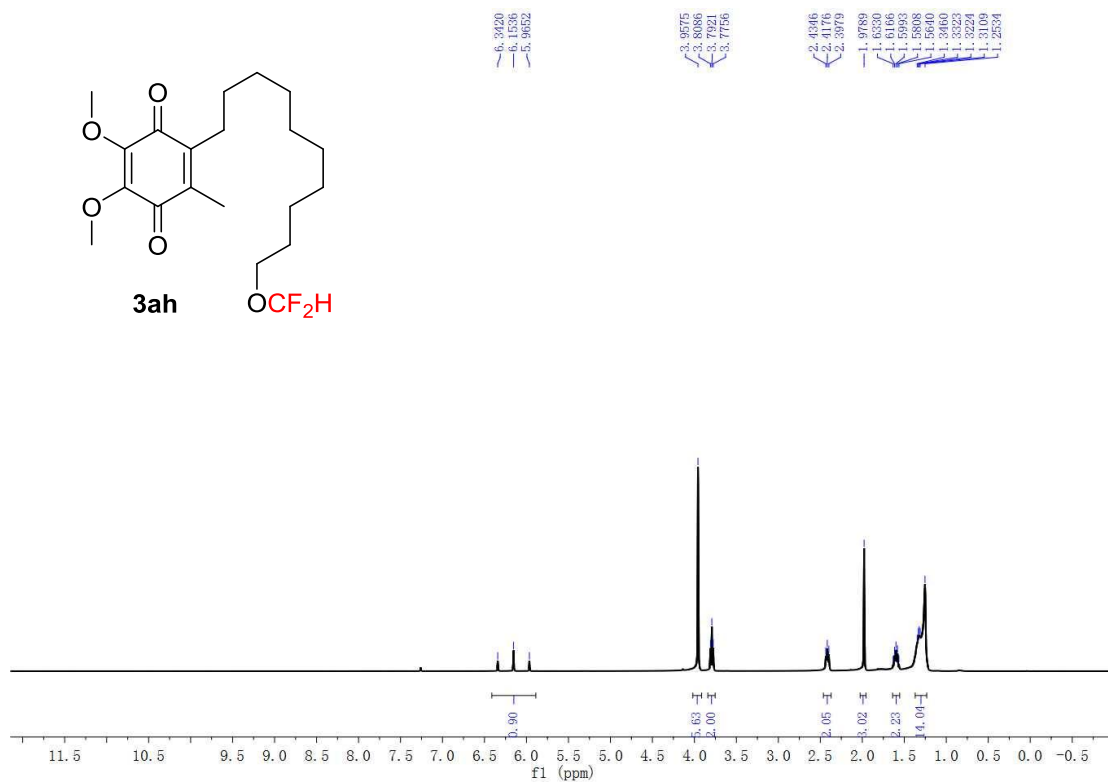
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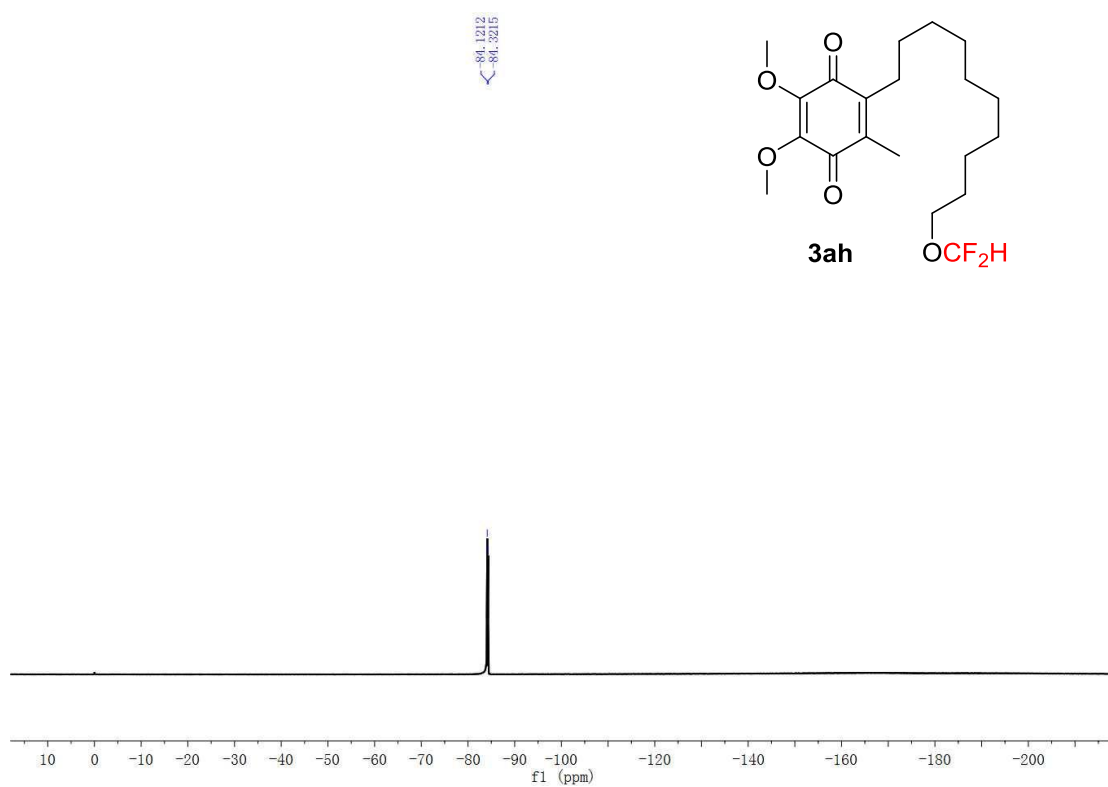
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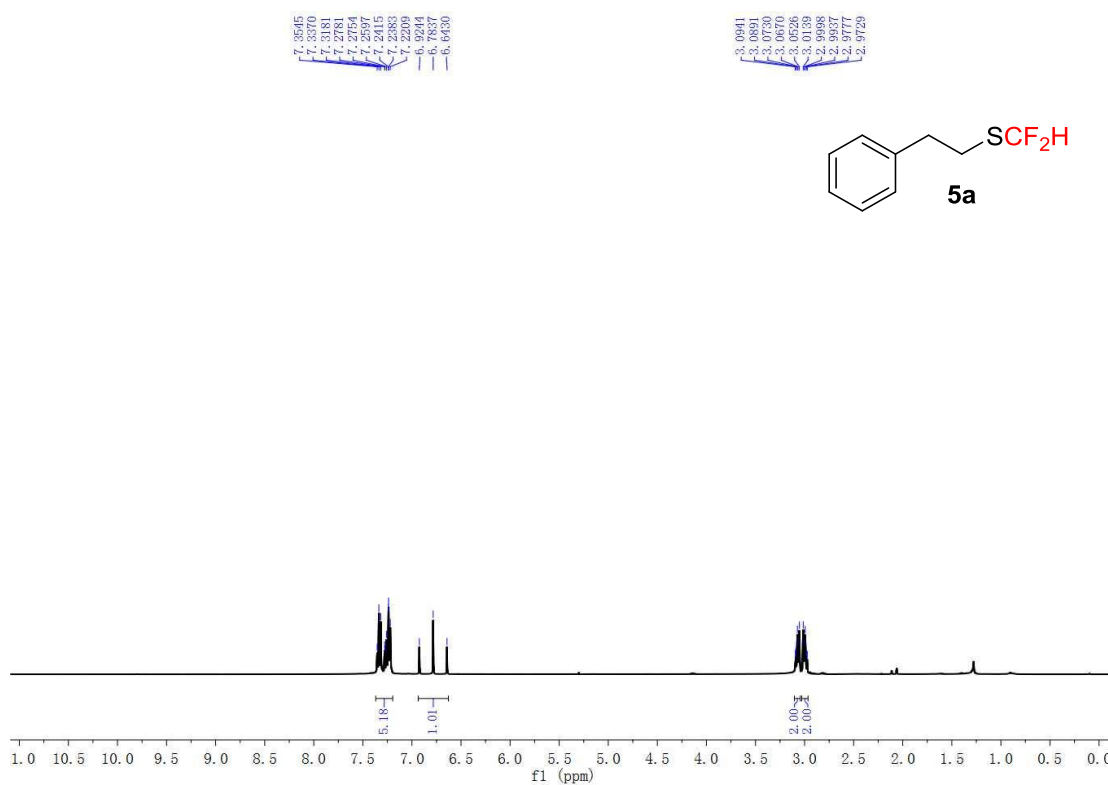
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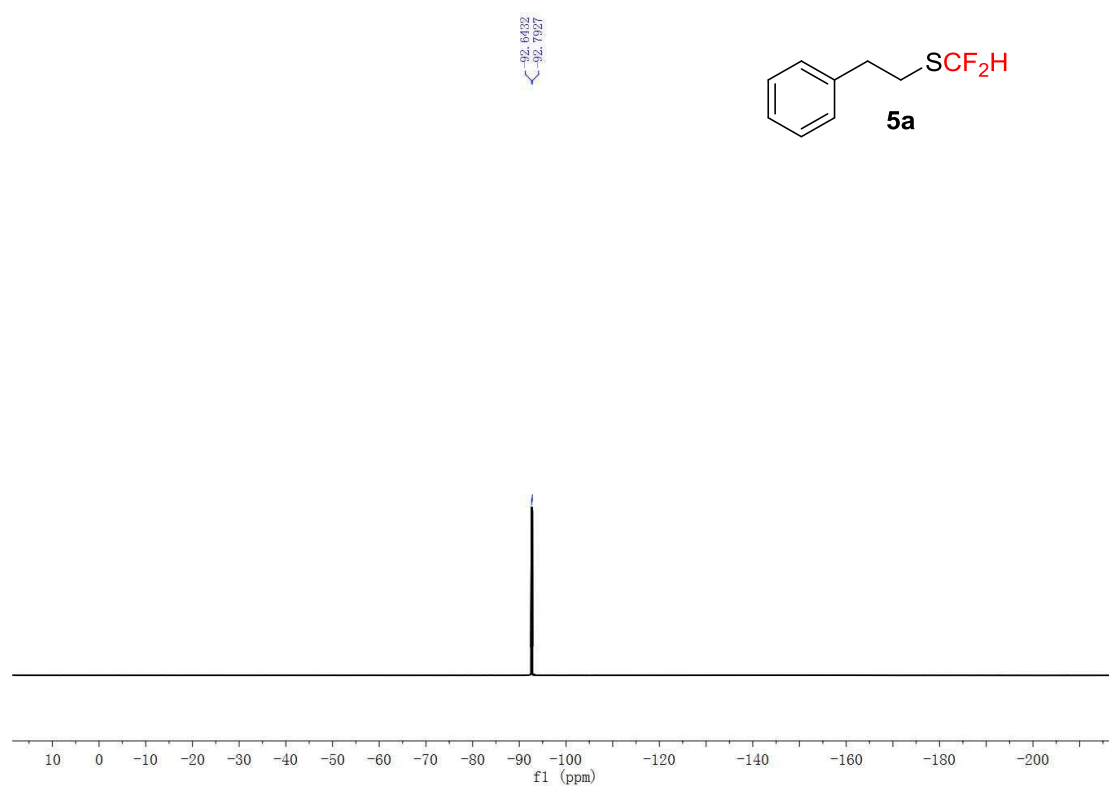
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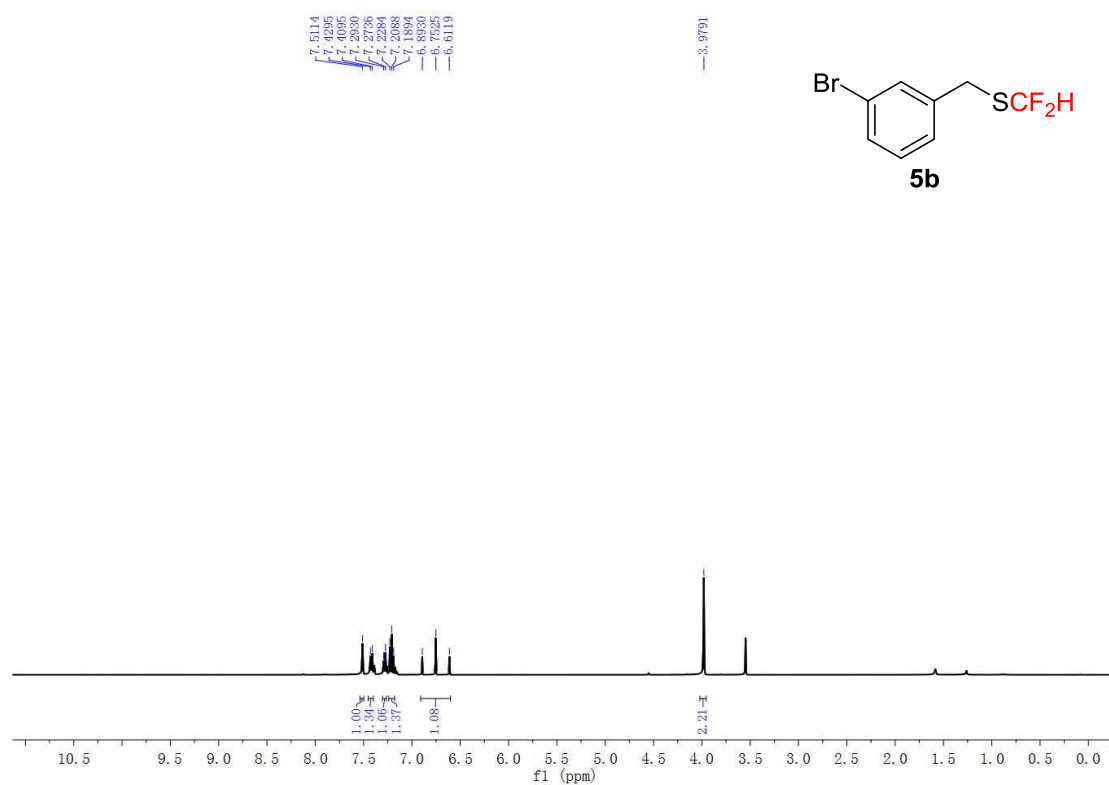
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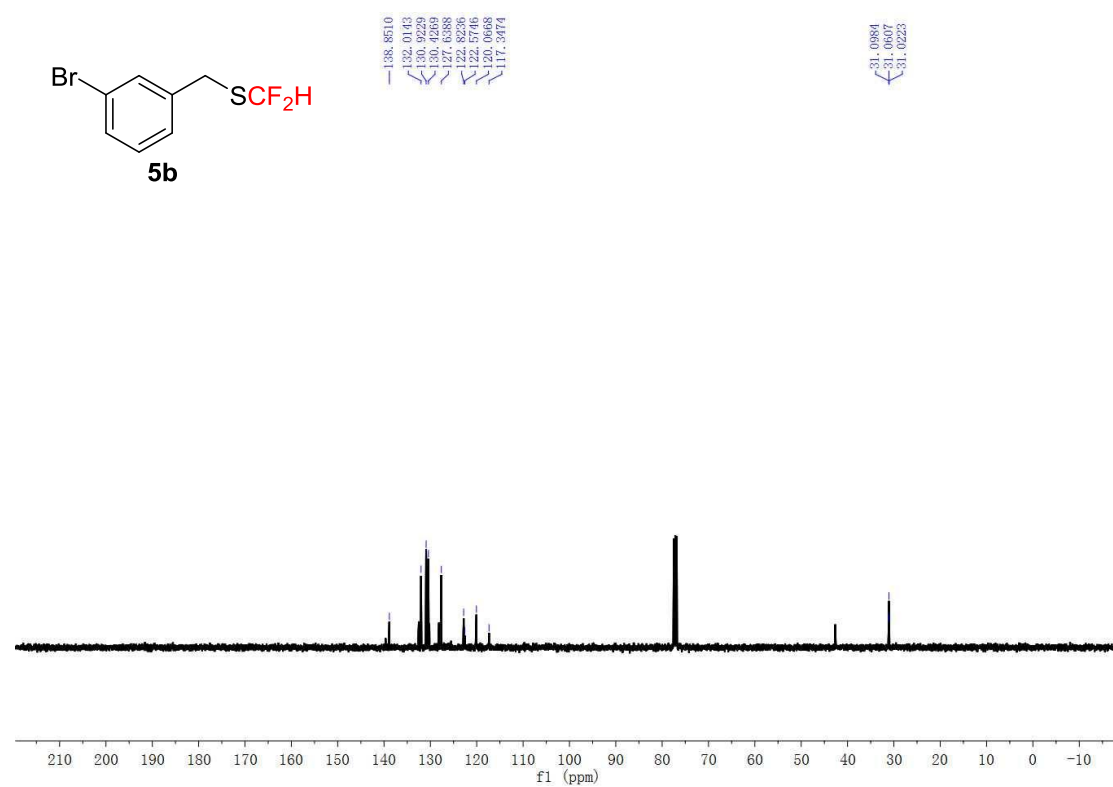
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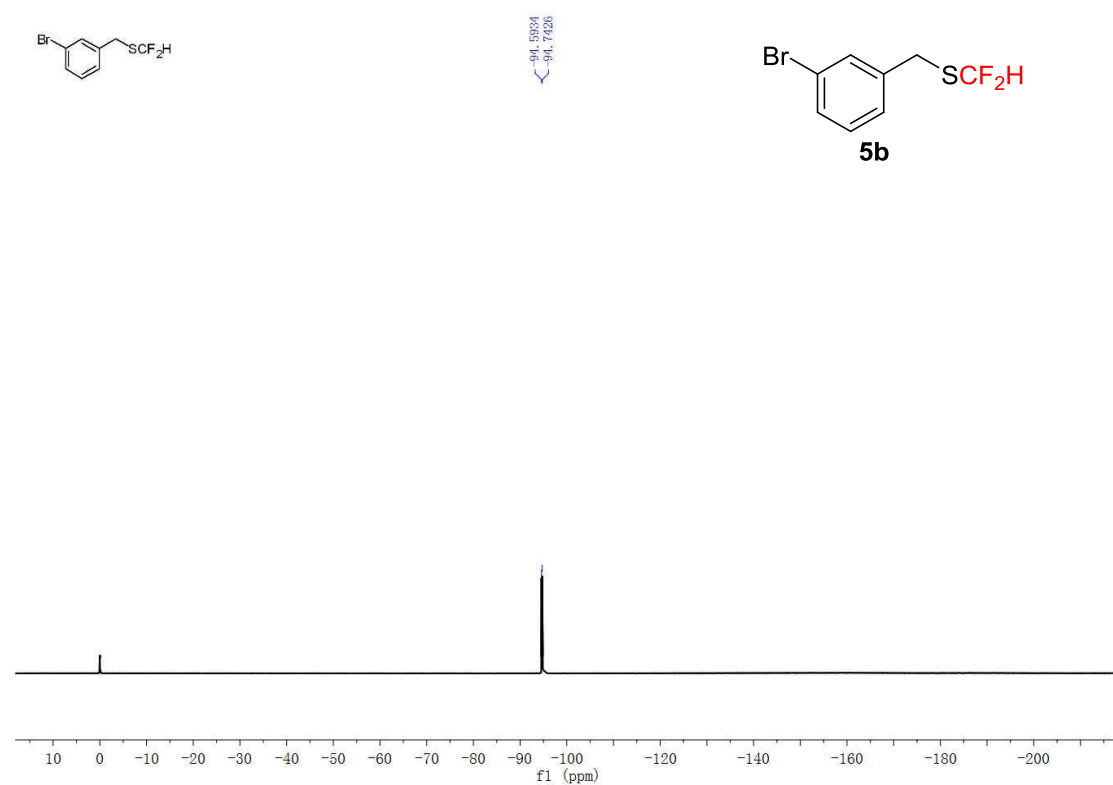
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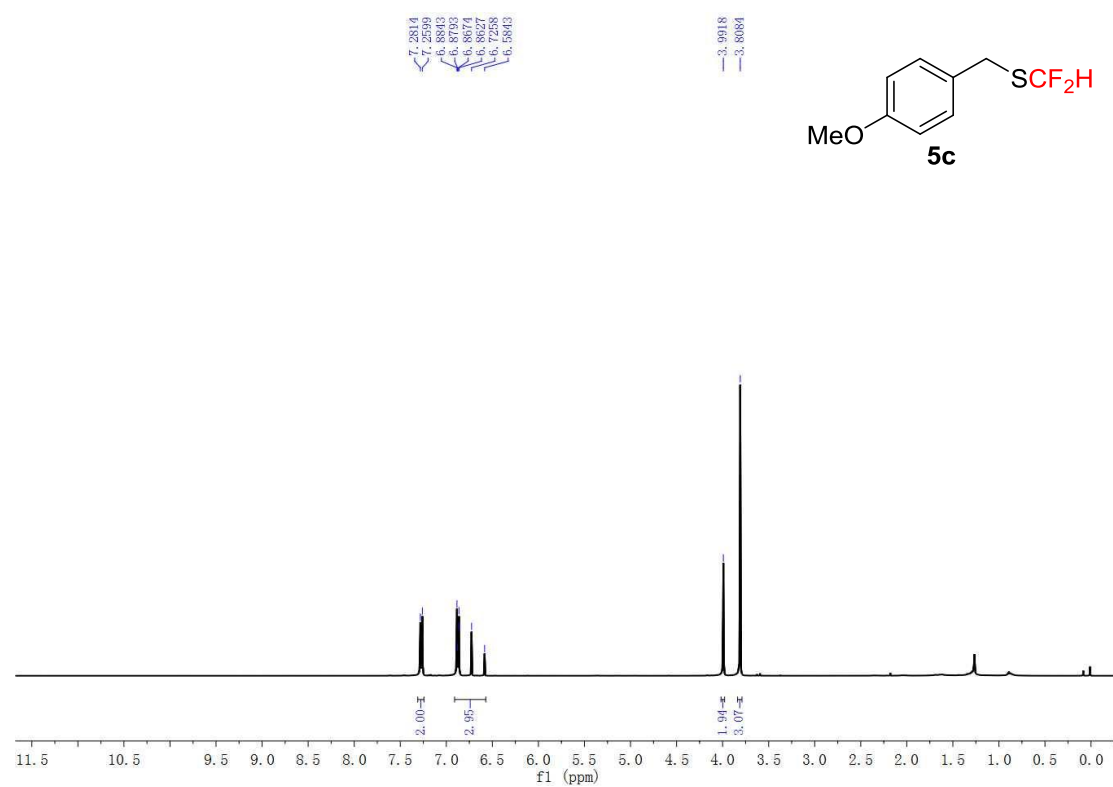
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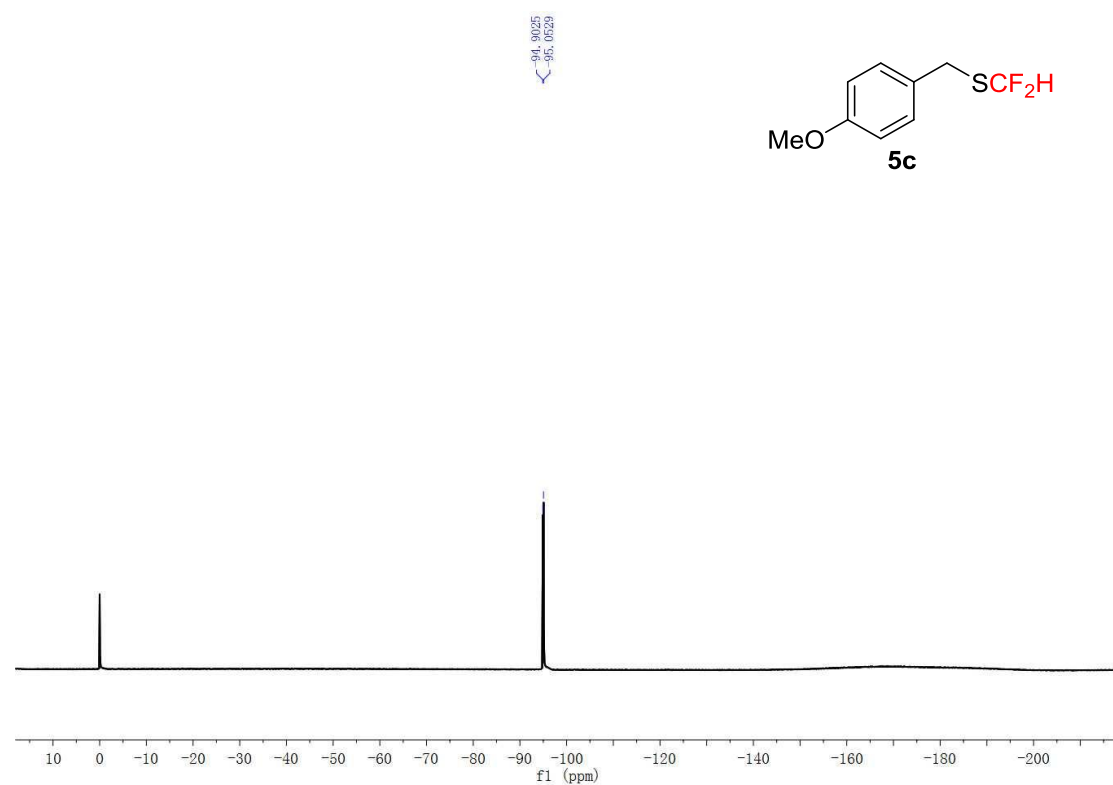
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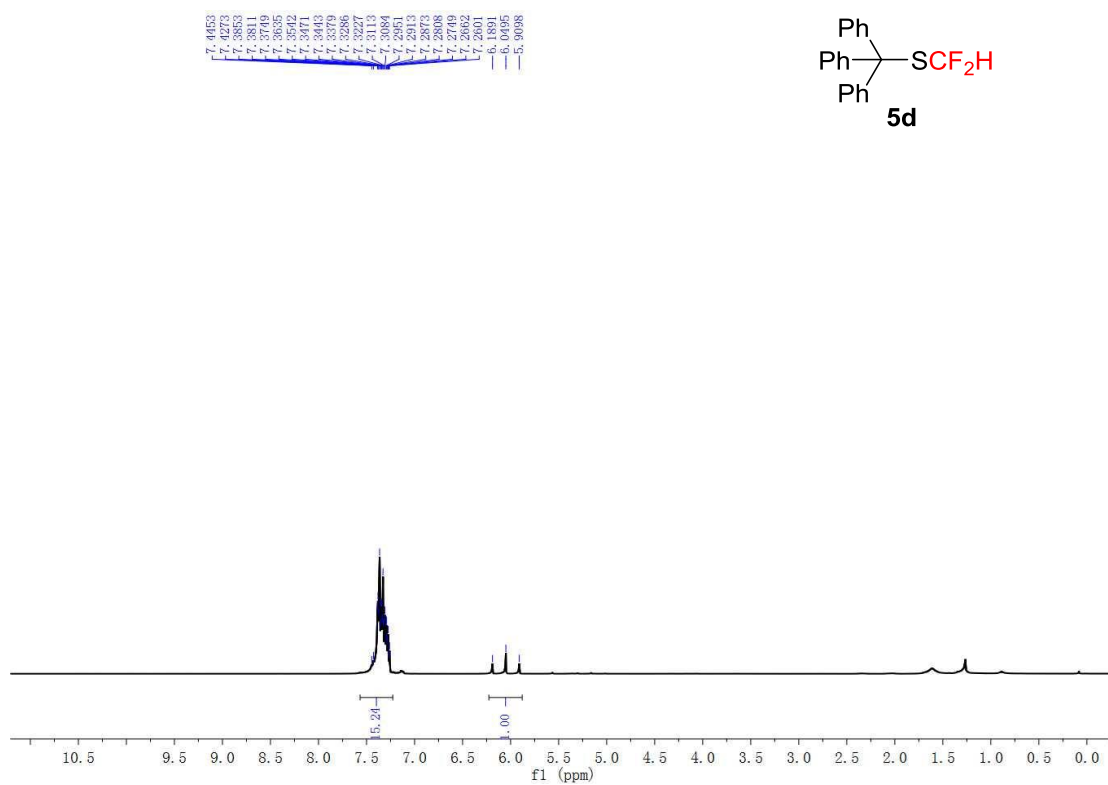
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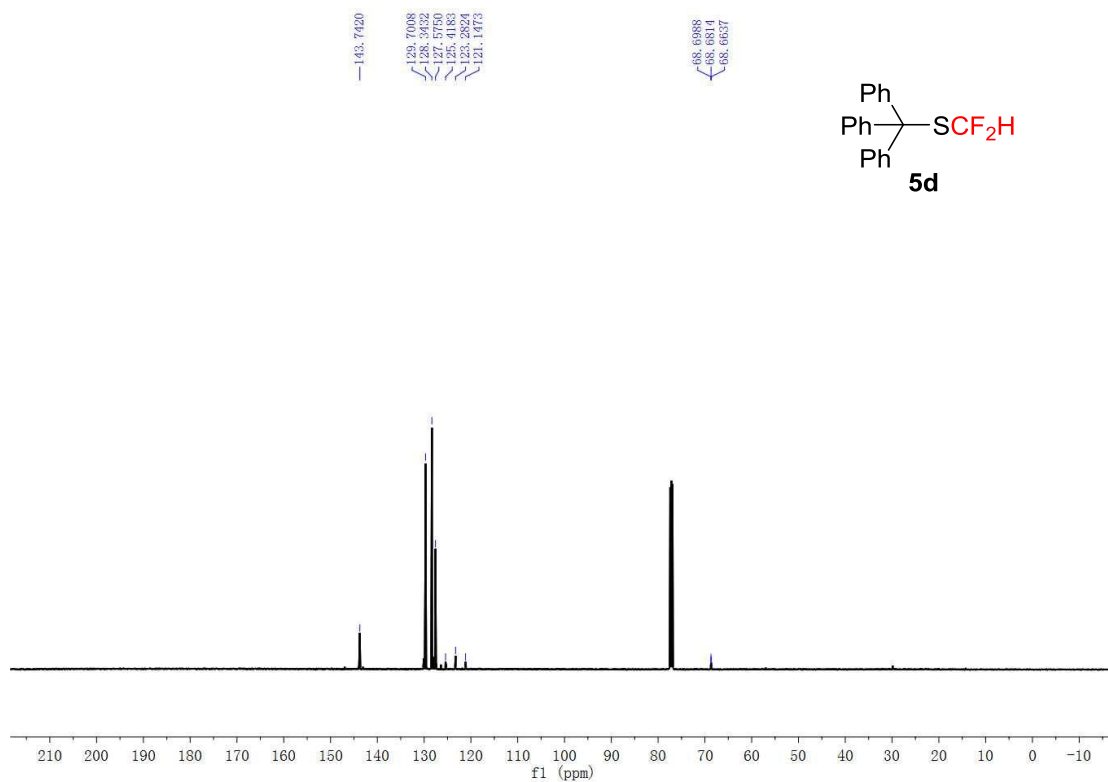
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¹H-NMR Spectrum of 5d



¹³C-NMR Spectrum of 5d



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