

**Amine-catalyzed and functional group-controlled chemo- and  
regioselective synthesis of multi-functionalized CF<sub>3</sub>-benzene  
via a metal-free process**

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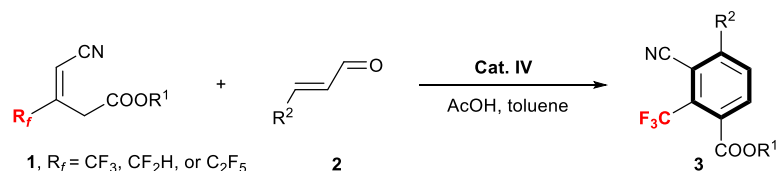
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## 1. General methods

- Proton nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker Avance III 400 MHz spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$  scale), and are referenced using residual protium in the NMR solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\delta$  7.26). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br s = broad singlet), coupling constant(s) (Hz), integration].
- Carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR) spectra were recorded with Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometers. Carbon chemical shifts are reported in parts per million ( $\delta$  scale), and are referenced using the carbon resonances of the solvent ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\delta$  77.0). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift [multiplicity (if not singlet), assignment ( $\text{C}_q$  = fully substituted carbon)].
- High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Waters SYNAPT G2 or Agilent G1969-85000 using an electrospray (ESI) ionization source.
- Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (400-500 mesh) eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. TLC was performed on glass-backed silica plates. UV light and  $\text{I}_2$  were used to visualize products.
- Melting points were determined on a Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected.

## 2. The synthesis of $\text{CF}_3$ -functionalized multi-substituted benzenes

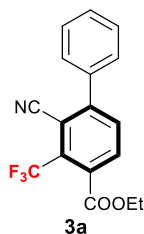
### 2.1 Procedure for 3



The reaction was carried out with **1** (0.20 mmol) and **2** (0.30 mmol), amine catalyst **IV** (0.05 mmol) and AcOH (0.08 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) under an open atmosphere at 70 °C for 8 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) to

give the final CF<sub>3</sub>-functionlized tetra-substuted benzenes **3**, which was further analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C HMR, HRMS analysis.

**ethyl 2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3a** as a white solid with 76% yield (48.6 mg). m.p. 68-70 °C.

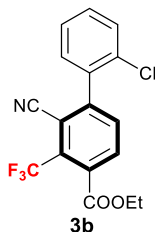
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3a:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 5H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.4 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.4, 149.8, 136.6, 133.4, 132.9 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.2, 131.2 (d, *J* = 36.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 122.1 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.5, 110.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 62.9, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 342.0718, found 342.0714.

**ethyl 2'-chloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 2-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3b** as a white solid with 73% yield (51.6 mg). m.p. 68-70 °C.

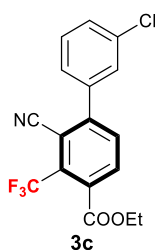
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3b:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.3, 147.2, 135.5, 134.0, 133.6 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.8, 132.0, 131.1, 130.8, 130.7 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 130.2, 127.2, 122.0 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.7, 112.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 376.0328, found 376.0325.

**ethyl 3'-chloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 3-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3c** as a white solid with 78% yield (54.9 mg). m.p. 89-91 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3c:*

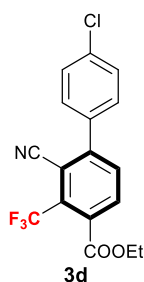
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 148.1, 138.2, 135.0, 133.5 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.2, 132.4, 131.3 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.2, 130.0, 129.0, 127.2, 122.0 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.1, 110.4 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 376.0328, found 376.0326.



**ethyl 4'-chloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 4-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3d** as a white solid with 77% yield (54.2 mg). m.p. 94-96 °C.

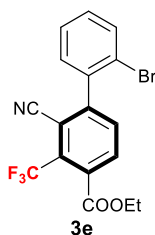
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3d:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm;

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 148.5, 136.3, 134.9, 133.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.2, 132.4, 131.3 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.3, 129.3, 122.0 (d, *J* = 275.0 Hz), 114.3, 110.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm;

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 376.0328, found 376.0331.

**ethyl 2'-bromo-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3e** as a white solid with 71% yield (56.5 mg). m.p. 96-98 °C.

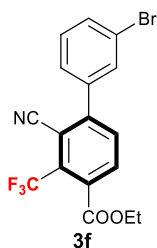
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3e:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.31 (m, 2H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.3, 148.8, 137.5, 133.9, 133.6 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.4, 132.0, 131.2, 130.7, 130.6 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 127.8, 122.5, 122.0 (, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.6, 110.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 419.9823, found 419.9819.

**ethyl 3'-bromo-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3f** as a white solid with 76% yield (60.3 mg). m.p. 102-104 °C.

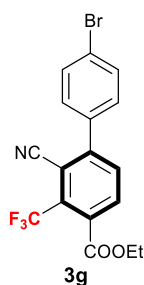
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3f:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.40 (td, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 148.0, 138.4, 133.5 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.3, 132.8, 132.4, 131.8, 131.3 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 130.4, 127.7, 123.0, 122.0 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.1, 110.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 419.9823, found 419.9821.

**ethyl 4'-bromo-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3g** as a white solid with 78% yield (61.8 mg). m.p. 101-103 °C.

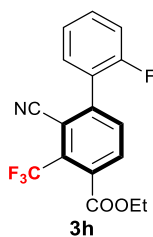
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3g:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 148.5, 135.4, 133.3 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.2, 132.4, 132.2, 131.3 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.5, 124.5, 122.0 (, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.3, 110.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 419.9823, found 419.9826.

**ethyl 2-cyano-2'-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3h** as a white solid with 72% yield (48.7 mg). m.p. 82-84 °C.

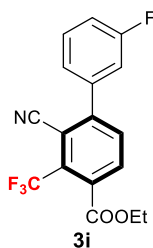
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3h:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.40 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 159.3 (d, *J* = 248.0 Hz), 143.9, 134.2, 133.6 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.1, 132.0 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 124.7 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 124.3 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 122.0 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 116.4 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 113.9, 111.8 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 360.0624, found 360.0621.

**ethyl 2-cyano-3'-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3i** as a white solid with 73% yield (49.1 mg). m.p. 95-97 °C.

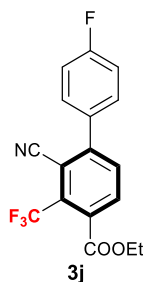
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3i:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 162.7 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 148.3, 138.4 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 133.5 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.3, 132.4, 131.3 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 124.8 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 122.0 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 116.8 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 114.1, 110.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 360.0624, found 360.0625.

**ethyl 2-cyano-4'-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3j** as a white solid with 75% yield (50.7 mg). m.p. 44-46 °C.

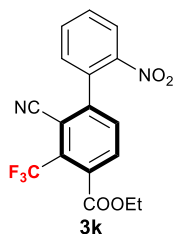
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3j:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.3, 163.6 (d, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 148.7, 133.3, 133.1 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.6 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.3, 131.2 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 131.0 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 122.0 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 114.4, 110.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 360.0624, found 360.0627.

**ethyl 2-cyano-2'-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-nitrocinnamaldehyde (53.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered

**3k** as a white solid with 64% yield (46.3 mg). m.p. 74-76 °C.

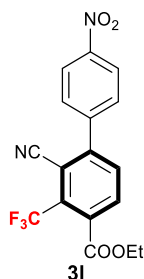
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3k:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.29 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.0, 147.4, 146.9, 134.0, 133.6 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.5, 132.1, 132.0, 131.9, 130.9, 130.8 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 125.5, 121.9 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.6, 111.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na 387.0569, found 387.0570.

**ethyl 2-cyano-4'-nitro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-nitrocinnamaldehyde (53.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3l** as a white solid with 68% yield (49.5 mg). m.p. 140-142 °C.

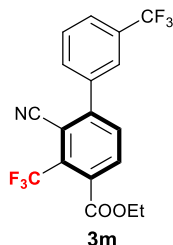
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3l:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.41-8.39 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 2H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 165.9, 148.6, 147.1, 142.6, 134.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.1, 132.7, 131.5 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.2, 124.2, 121.8 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.9, 110.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.2, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na 387.0569, found 387.0569.

**ethyl 2-cyano-3,3'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(trifluoromethyl) cinnamaldehyde (60.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3m** as a white solid with 70% yield (53.9 mg). m.p. 58-60 °C.

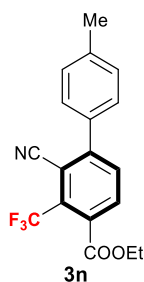
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3m:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.74 (m, 3H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 148.0, 137.3, 133.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.3, 132.5, 132.4 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 131.6 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 131.4 (q, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.6, 126.5 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 125.9 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 123.7 (d, *J* = 271.0 Hz), 121.9 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.1, 110.5 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 410.0592, found 410.0591.

**ethyl 2-cyano-4'-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and trans-4-methylcinnamaldehyde (43.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3n** as a white solid with 81% yield (53.7 mg). m.p. 62-64 °C.

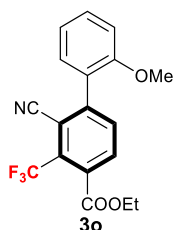
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3n:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.5, 149.8, 140.0, 133.7, 133.3, 132.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.1, 131.1 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.0, 122.1 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.7, 110.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 62.9, 21.3, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 356.0874, found 356.0877.

**ethyl 2-cyano-2'-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3o** as a white solid with 79% yield (55.4 mg). m.p. 86-87 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3o:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

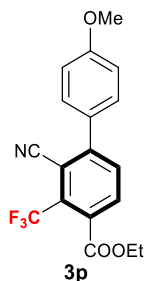
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.6, 156.4, 147.1, 134.2, 132.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.9, 131.4, 130.6, 130.5 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 125.7, 122.2 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 120.9, 114.4,



112.3 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 111.5, 62.8, 55.5, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{18}H_{14}F_3NO_3+Na$  372.0823, found 372.0825.

**ethyl 2-cyano-4'-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3p** as a white solid with 83% yield (57.8 mg). m.p. 101-103 °C.

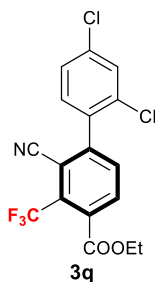
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3p:*

**$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):**  $\delta$  = 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.42 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):**  $\delta$  = 166.5, 160.9, 149.5, 133.3, 132.4 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 132.1, 131.2 (d,  $J = 32.0$  Hz), 130.4, 128.8, 122.1 (d,  $J = 274.0$  Hz), 114.8, 114.4, 109.9 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 62.9, 55.4, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{18}H_{14}F_3NO_3+Na$  372.0823, found 372.0821.

**ethyl 2,4'-dichloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-

(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (60.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3q** as a white solid with 76% yield (59.1 mg). m.p. 110-112 °C.

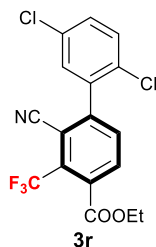
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3q:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 146.1, 136.7, 133.9, 133.9, 133.7, 133.3 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.2, 131.6, 130.9 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.2, 127.7, 121.9 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.6, 112.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 409.9938, found 409.9937.

**ethyl 2',5'-dichloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2,5-dichlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (60.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3r** as a white solid with 74% yield (57.2 mg). m.p. 134-136 °C.

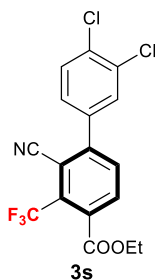
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3r:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.0, 145.8, 136.8, 134.0 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.7, 133.2, 132.3, 131.3, 131.2, 130.9 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.6, 121.9 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.4, 112.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 409.9938, found 409.9940.

**ethyl 3',4'-dichloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (60.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3s** as a white solid with 77% yield (59.6 mg). m.p. 118-120 °C.

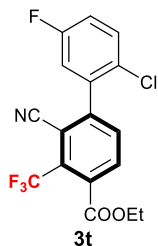
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3s:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 147.0, 136.2, 134.6, 133.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.4, 133.1, 132.5, 131.4 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 131.02, 130.8, 128.2, 121.9 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.0, 110.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 409.9938, found 409.9941.

**ethyl 2'-chloro-2-cyano-5'-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (55.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3t** as a white solid with 75% yield (55.4 mg). m.p. 65-67 °C.

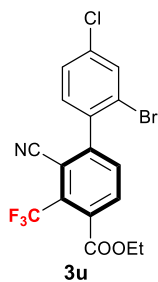
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3t:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 7.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 161.0 (d, *J* = 248.0 Hz), 146.0, 136.9 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 134.0 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.7, 132.3, 131.7 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 130.9 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.1 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 121.9 (q, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 118.3 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 118.0 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 113.4, 111.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClF<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 394.0234, found 394.0235.

**ethyl 2'-bromo-4'-chloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2-bromo-4-

chlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (73.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3u** as a white solid with 73% yield (62.8 mg). m.p. 102-104 °C.

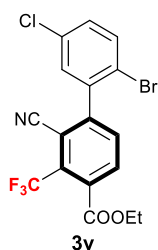
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3u:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 147.7, 136.6, 136.0, 133.9, 133.2, 132.2, 131.4, 130.8 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.3, 126.0 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 123.1, 121.9 (d, *J* = 275.0 Hz), 113.5, 111.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 453.9433, found 453.9435.

**ethyl 2'-bromo-5'-chloro-2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2-bromo-5-chlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (73.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3v** as a white solid with 72% yield (62.3 mg). m.p. 156-158 °C.

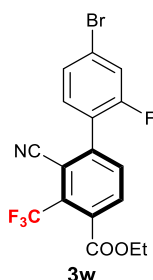
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3v:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 166.1, 147.4, 138.9, 134.5, 134.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 134.0, 133.6, 132.3, 131.3, 130.8 (d,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 130.6, 121.9 (d,  $J$  = 274.0 Hz), 120.6, 113.4, 111.9 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrClF<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 453.9433, found 453.9431.

**ethyl 4'-bromo-2-cyano-2'-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (68.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3w** as a white solid with 70% yield (58.1 mg). m.p. 98-100 °C.

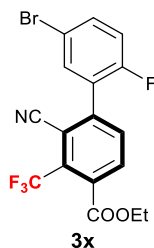
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3w:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 1H), 4.44 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 166.1, 159.1 (d,  $J$  = 253.0 Hz), 142.7, 134.0, 133.9 (q,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 132.3, 132.0 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 131.1 (d,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 128.2 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 124.9 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz), 123.4, 121.9 (q,  $J$  = 274.0 Hz), 120.2 (d,  $J$  = 25.0 Hz), 113.8, 111.7 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrF<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 437.9729, found 437.9727.

**ethyl 5'-bromo-2-cyano-2'-fluoro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (68.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3x** as a white solid with 71% yield (58.7 mg). m.p. 74-76 °C.

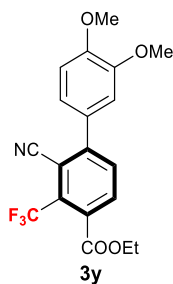
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3x:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.0, 158.5 (d, *J* = 249 Hz), 142.3, 134.9 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 134.1 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.9, 13.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.4, 131.1 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 126.3 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 121.9 (d, *J* = 275.0 Hz), 118.2 (d, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 117.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 113.6, 111.9 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 63.1, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrF<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 437.9729, found 437.9730.

**ethyl 2-cyano-3',4'-dimethoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylaldehyde (57.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product

via column chromatography delivered **3y** as a white solid with 79% yield (60.2 mg). m.p. 128-130 °C.

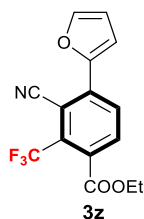
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3y:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.75 (q, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 6H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.5, 150.4, 149.5, 149.1, 133.3, 132.5, 132.1, 131.2 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.0, 122.1 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 122.0, 114.8, 112.2, 111.4, 110.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 62.9, 56.2, 56.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>+Na 402.0929, found 402.0926.

**ethyl 3-cyano-4-(furan-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(furan-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (36.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3z** as a white solid with 67% yield (41.4 mg). m.p. 86-87 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3z:*

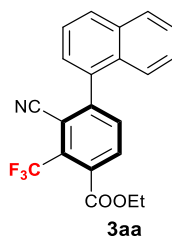
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 0.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.4, 147.8, 144.7, 136.8, 132.4, 129.1, 122.1 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 115.0, 113.8, 112.9, 111.7, 110.5, 105.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 62.9, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** calcd. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 332.0510, found 332.0515.



**ethyl 3-cyano-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)acrylaldehyde (54.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3aa** as a white solid with 71% yield (52.6 mg). m.p. 99-101 °C.

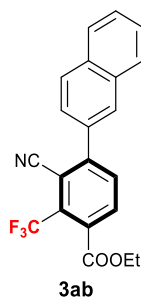
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3aa:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.4, 148.8, 134.7, 134.1, 133.7, 133.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.8, 131.0, 130.9 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 130.2, 128.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.5, 125.2, 124.6, 122.1 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 113.9, 112.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 392.0874, found 392.0876.

**ethyl 3-cyano-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (54.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column

chromatography delivered **3ab** as a white solid with 73% yield (53.8 mg). m.p. 110-111 °C.

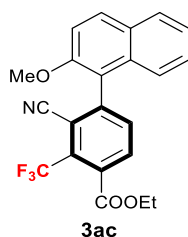
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3ab:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.62-7.55 (m, 2H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.4, 149.8, 133.9, 133.6, 133.5, 133.0, 133.0 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.2, 131.3 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.4, 127.0, 125.9, 122.1 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.6, 110.5 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 63.0, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 392.0874, found 392.0871.

**ethyl 3-cyano-4-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (41.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)acrylaldehyde (63.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3ac** as a white solid with 64% yield (50.9 mg). m.p. 148-149°C.

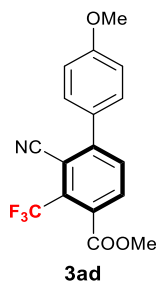
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3ac:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.7, 154.2, 145.6, 135.5, 132.9, 132.4, 132.0, 131.8, 130.8 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.5, 127.6, 124.0, 123.3, 122.2 (d, *J* = 282.0 Hz), 118.8, 114.2, 113.7, 112.9, 62.9, 56.4, 13.9 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 422.0980, found 422.0982.

**methyl 2-cyano-4'-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using methyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (38.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3ad** as a white solid with 74% yield (49.7 mg). m.p. 127-128 °C.

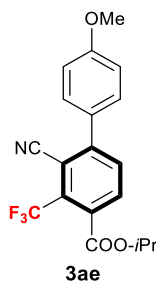
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3ad:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 160.8, 149.4, 133.2, 132.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 132.1, 131.0 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz) 130.4, 128.8, 122.2 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.8, 114.4, 109.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 71.0, 55.4, 21.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 358.0667, found 358.0665.

**isopropyl 2-cyano-4'-methoxy-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using isopropyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (44.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography

delivered **3ae** as a white solid with 72% yield (52.1 mg). m.p. 82-83 °C.

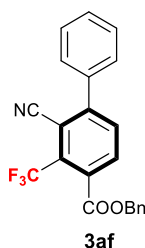
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3ae:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 5.31-5.25 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.1, 160.8, 149.4, 133.2, 132.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.1, 131.0 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 130.4, 128.8, 122.2 (d, *J* = 274.0 Hz), 114.8, 114.4, 109.9 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 71.0, 55.4, 21.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 386.0980, found 386.0975.

**benzyl 2-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using benzyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(trifluoromethyl)but-3-enoate (53.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3af** as a white solid with 73% yield (55.7 mg). m.p. 91-93 °C.

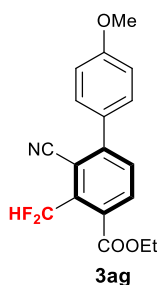
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3af:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 5H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 5.38 (s, 2H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.2, 149.9, 136.5, 134.5, 133.4, 132.5, 132.2, 131.2 (q, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 128.74, 128.71, 122.0 (d, *J* = 274.5 Hz), 114.4, 110.3, 68.7 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+Na 404.0874, found 404.0870.

**ethyl 2-cyano-3-(difluoro- $\lambda^3$ -methyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(difluoro- $\lambda^3$ -methyl)but-3-enoate (37.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product via column chromatography delivered **3ag** as a white solid with 78% yield (51.7 mg). m.p. 103-105 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3ag:*

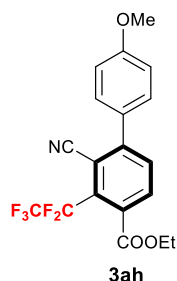
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 53.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.45 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 165.1, 160.8, 150.6, 137.9 (t, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 133.7, 132.0, 130.4, 129.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 129.0, 115.5, 114.4, 110.83 (t, *J* = 238.5 Hz), 110.3, 62.6, 55.4, 14.1 ppm.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = -110.24 (d, *J* = 50.76 Hz, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 354.0918, found 354.0915.

**ethyl 2-cyano-4'-methoxy-3-(perfluoroethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-3-(cyanomethylene)-4,4,5,5,5-pentafluoropentanoate (51.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **3ah** as a white solid with 66% yield (53.1 mg). m.p. 118-120 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 3ah:*

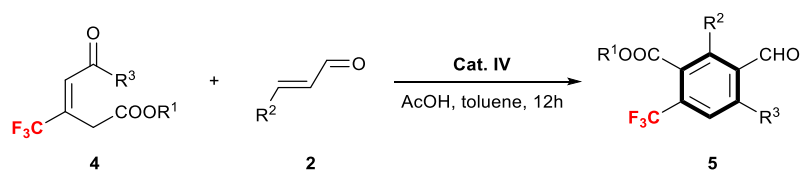
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 7.72-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.41 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 166.7, 160.8, 149.9, 134.3 (t,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 133.7, 132.2, 130.5, 128.8, 128.7 (t,  $J$  = 22.5 Hz), 118.9 (d,  $J$  = 286.5 Hz), 114.9, 114.4, 113.1 (d,  $J$  = 40.5 Hz), 111.1, 62.8, 55.4, 13.8 ppm.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR (564 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = -81.0 (s, 3F), -105.2 (s, 2F).

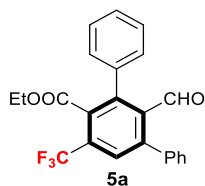
**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 422.0792, found 422.0788.

## 2.2 Procedure for 5



The reaction was carried out with **4** (0.20 mmol) and **2** (0.30 mmol), amine catalyst **IV** (0.05 mmol) and AcOH (0.08 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) under an open atmosphere at 70 °C for 12 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1) to give the final CF<sub>3</sub>-functionlized penta-substuted benzenes **5**, which was further analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C HMR, HRMS analysis.

### ethyl 2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5a** as a white solid with 75% yield (59.4 mg). m.p. 84-86 °C.

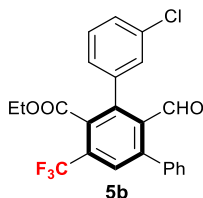
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5a:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 192.0, 165.9, 144.7, 142.1, 137.5, 136.9, 135.1, 133.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.5, 129.4 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 128.7, 128.64, 128.62, 128.1, 128.0 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 122.9 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.0, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 421.1027, found 421.1025.

**ethyl 3''-chloro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5b** as a white solid with 74% yield (63.7 mg). m.p. 130-132 °C.

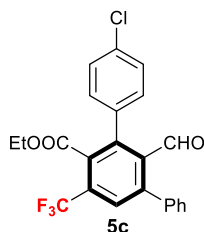
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5b:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 1H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.6, 165.6, 145.3, 140.1, 137.1, 136.9, 136.5, 134.0, 133.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.7, 129.8 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 128.1, 122.8 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 455.0638, found 455.0641.

**ethyl 4''-chloro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5c** as a white solid with 79% yield (68.6 mg). m.p. 96-98 °C.

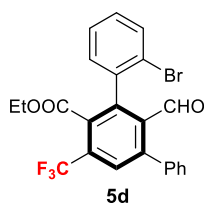
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5c:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.22 (s, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.7, 165.7, 145.2, 140.4, 136.9, 136.7, 134.8, 133.8, 133.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.1, 129.6 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 122.8 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 455.0638, found 455.0635.

**ethyl 2''-bromo-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5d** as a white solid with 70% yield (67.1 mg). m.p. 86-88 °C.



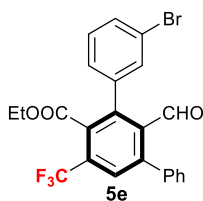
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5d:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.34- 7.28 (m, 2H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.8, 165.4, 145.4, 140.1, 136.8, 136.7, 136.2, 132.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.3, 131.2, 130.1 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 130.0, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 127.0, 123.6, 122.8 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.0, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 499.0133, found 499.0116.

**ethyl 3''-bromo-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5e** as a white solid with 75% yield (71.3 mg). m.p. 134-136 °C.

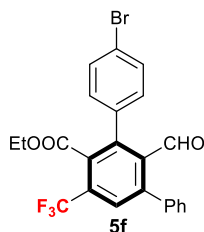
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5e:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.5, 165.6, 145.3, 140.0, 137.3, 136.9, 136.4, 133.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.5, 131.6, 129.7 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 122.8 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 122.1, 62.2, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 499.0133, found 499.0140.

**ethyl 4''-bromo-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5f** as a white solid with 80% yield (76.2 mg). m.p. 102-104 °C.

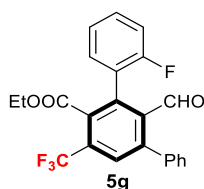
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5f:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.7, 165.7, 145.3, 140.4, 136.9, 136.6, 134.3, 133.0 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 131.3, 131.2, 129.6 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.3 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 123.0, 122.8 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 499.0133, found 499.0130.

**ethyl 2''-fluoro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5g** as a white solid with 71% yield (58.9 mg). m.p. 100-102 °C.

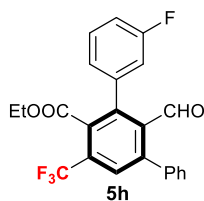
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5g:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.84 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.27 (td, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 4.06-3.98 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.2, 165.6, 159.6 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 145.6, 136.6, 136.5, 134.9, 133.6 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 130.7 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 130.1 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.1, 128.6 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 123.8 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 123.6 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 122.8 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 115.2 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 62.1, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 439.0933, found 439.0930.

**ethyl 3''-fluoro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5h** as a white solid with 76% yield (63.4 mg). m.p. 102-104 °C.

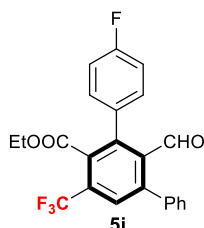
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5h:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.14-7.02 (m, 3H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.6, 165.6, 162.2 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 145.2, 140.3, 137.4 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 137.0, 136.6, 133.0 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 129.7 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 125.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 122.8 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 117.1 (d, *J* = 22.0 Hz), 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 62.1, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 439.0933, found 439.0932.

**ethyl 4''-fluoro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5i** as a white solid with 82% yield (68.5 mg). m.p. 98-100 °C.

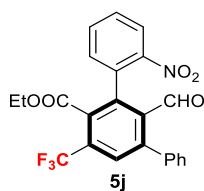
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5i:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.9, 165.8, 162.8 (d, *J* = 247.0 Hz), 145.1, 140.7, 137.1, 136.9, 133.3, 131.6 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 131.1 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 129.6, 129.5 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.8, 128.2 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 122.8 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 62.1, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 439.0933, found 439.0934.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-2''-nitro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-nitrocinnamaldehyde (53.2

mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5j** as a white solid with 72% yield (63.7 mg). m.p. 80-81 °C.

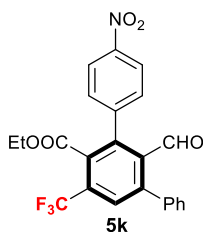
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5j:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.80 (s, 1H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.01-3.85 (m, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.9, 165.4, 148.0, 146.8, 137.9, 136.1, 134.9 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 133.0, 132.2, 131.8, 133.4 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 130.4 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 124.5, 122.7 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>+Na 466.0878, found 466.0879.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-4''-nitro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-nitrocinnamaldehyde (53.2 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5k** as a white solid with 75% yield (66.2 mg). m.p. 150-152 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5k:*

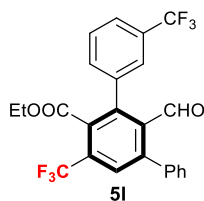
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 8.28-8.26 (m, 2H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.38 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.9, 165.4, 148.0, 146.8, 137.9, 136.1, 134.9 (d,

$J = 1.0$  Hz), 133.0, 132.2, 131.8, 133.4 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 33.0$  Hz), 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.5 (q,  $J = 5.0$  Hz), 124.5, 122.7 (q,  $J = 273.0$  Hz), 62.2, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{23}H_{16}F_3NO_5+Na$  466.0878, found 466.0881.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-3'',5'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-trifluoromethylcinnamaldehyde (60.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5I** as a white solid with 69% yield (64.8 mg). m.p. 142-144 °C.

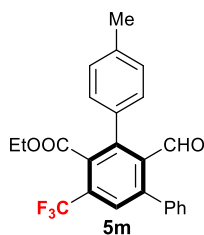
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5I:*

**$^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):**  $\delta$  = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 2H), 4.05-3.95 (m, 2H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ):**  $\delta$  = 191.4, 165.5, 145.8, 139.9, 136.6, 136.4, 136.3 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz), 133.3 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 133.2 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz), 130.4 (d,  $J = 33.0$  Hz), 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 128.4, 126.4 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 125.2 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 122.7 (d,  $J = 273.0$  Hz), 122.5, 62.2, 13.4 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{24}H_{16}F_6O_3+Na$  489.0901, found 489.0906.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-4''-methyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methylcinnamaldehyde (43.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5m** as a white solid with 83% yield (68.6 mg). m.p. 101-103 °C.

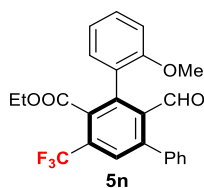
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5m:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 4H), 4.03 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 192.2, 166.0, 144.5, 142.3, 138.6, 137.7, 137.1, 133.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.3 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 128.8, 128.6, 127.9 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 122.7 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.0, 21.3, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 435.1184, found 435.1188.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-2''-methoxy-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5n** as a white solid with 80% yield (68.2 mg). m.p. 108-110 °C.

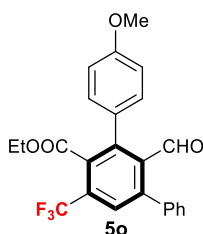
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5n:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.7.35 (m, 3H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.6, 166.0, 156.2, 144.2, 138.4, 137.5, 137.2, 133.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 130.7, 130.4, 129.9 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.6, 128.7, 127.9 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 124.5, 123.0 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 120.5, 110.7, 61.8, 55.6, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na 451.1133, found 451.1135.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-4''-methoxy-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5o** as a white solid with 84% yield (72.3 mg). m.p. 88-90 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5o:*

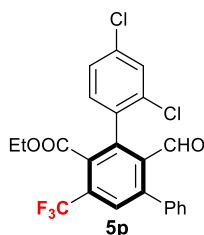
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 192.3, 166.0, 159.9, 144.5, 142.0, 137.7, 137.3, 133.2 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 131.1, 129.4, 129.3 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 128.6, 127.8 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 127.0, 122.9 (q, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 113.6, 62.0, 55.3, 13.7 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na 451.1133, found 451.1131.

**ethyl 2'',4''-dichloro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**





Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (60.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5p** as a white solid with 75% yield (69.7 mg). m.p. 90-92 °C.

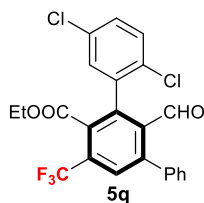
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5p:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.6, 165.3, 146.0, 137.1, 136.3, 136.1, 135.2, 134.2, 133.6, 131.7, 130.3 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 126.8, 122.7 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 489.0248, found 489.0246.

**ethyl 2'',5''-dichloro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2,5-dichlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (60.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5q** as a white solid with 71% yield (66.4 mg). m.p. 172-174 °C.

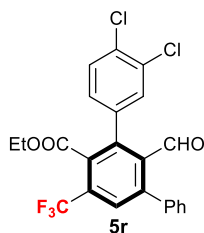
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5q:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.31 (m, 1H), 4.08 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.5, 165.2, 146.0, 136.9, 136.6, 136.2, 135.9, 132.8 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.4, 131.8, 130.8, 130.5, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 489.0248, found 489.0247.

**ethyl 3'',4''-dichloro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (60.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5r** as a white solid with 74% yield (69.1 mg). m.p. 146-148 °C.

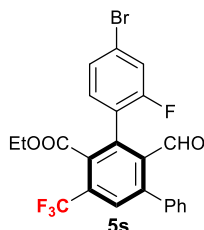
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5r:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.4, 165.5, 145.8, 138.8, 136.5, 136.3, 135.4, 133.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 132.9, 132.3, 131.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.3, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 489.0248, found 489.0250.

**ethyl 4''-bromo-2''-fluoro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (68.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5s** as a white solid with 76% yield (75.2 mg). m.p. 136-137 °C.

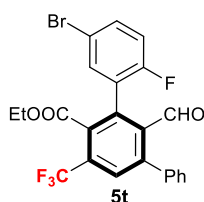
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5s:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.9, 165.4, 159.5 (d, *J* = 249.0 Hz), 146.1, 136.2, 133.7, 133.5 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz), 131.9 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 127.2 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 126.0, 123.3 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 123.0 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 118.9 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 62.3, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrF<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 517.0038, found 517.0041.

**ethyl 5''-bromo-2''-fluoro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-

(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(5-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (68.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5t** as a white solid with 73% yield (71.9 mg). m.p. 140-142 °C.

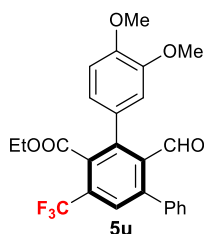
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5t:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.01 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.07 (m, 2H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 190.8, 165.3, 158.8 (d, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 146.2, 136.12, 136.09, 133.54 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.47, 133.41 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 133.2, 130.4 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 129.1 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 129.0, 125.9 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz), 122.7 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 116.9 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 62.3, 13.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrF<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 517.0038, found 517.0043.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-3'',4''-dimethoxy-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)acrylaldehyde (57.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5u** as a white solid with 78% yield (71.3 mg). m.p. 110-111 °C.

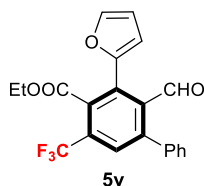
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5u:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.90 (m, 1H), 6.86-6.84 (m, 2H), 4.10-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 1.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 192.3, 166.1, 149.4, 148.6, 144.3, 142.0, 137.7, 137.4, 133.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.4, 129.3 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.6, 127.9 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 127.1, 122.9 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 122.8, 113.2, 110.7, 62.1, 56.0, 55.9, 13.7 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>+Na: 481.1239, found 481.1236

**ethyl 2-formyl-3-(furan-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(furan-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (36.6 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5v** as a white solid with 64% yield (49.8 mg). m.p. 76-77 °C.

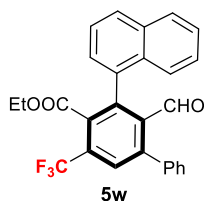
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5v:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.91 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 2H), 6.58 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.5, 165.9, 146.9, 144.8, 144.0, 137.5, 137.0, 132.8 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 130.5, 129.8 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz), 129.5, 128.9 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 128.8, 128.7, 122.7 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 113.0, 111.6, 62.4, 13.8 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na 411.0820, found 411.0822.

**ethyl 2-formyl-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(naphthalen-1-yl)acrylaldehyde (54.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5w** as a white solid with 69% yield (61.7 mg). m.p. 110-112 °C.

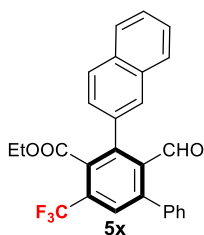
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5w:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.67 (s, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.53-7.45 (m, 5H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 5H), 3.77-3.68 (m, 2H), 0.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.4, 165.6, 144.8, 140.8, 137.5, 137.3, 133.7 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 133.1, 132.5, 132.4, 129.9 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.5, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 126.8, 126.2, 125.7, 124.8, 122.9 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.6, 13.0 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 471.1184, found 471.1182.

**ethyl 2-formyl-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(naphthalen-2-yl)acrylaldehyde (54.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5x** as a white solid with 72% yield (64.5 mg). m.p. 116-118 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5x:*

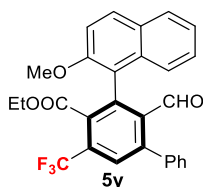
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.83 (s, 1H), 7.89-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.81 (m, 1H),

7.79 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 3.96-3.87 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 191.9, 165.9, 144.8, 142.1, 137.5, 137.0, 133.2$  (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 132.9, 132.7, 132.6, 129.5 (d,  $J = 32.0$  Hz), 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 126.7, 122.9 (d,  $J = 273.0$  Hz), 62.0, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3 + \text{Na}$  471.1184, found 471.1181.

**ethyl 2-formyl-3-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (57.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)acrylaldehyde (63.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5y** as a white solid with 61% yield (58.6 mg). m.p. 119-121 °C.

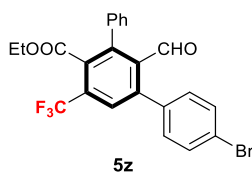
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5y:*

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 9.69$  (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.73-3.64 (m, 2H), 0.55 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 191.6, 165.6, 154.6, 144.8, 137.8, 137.7, 137.6, 133.9$  (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 133.4, 131.0, 130.1 (d,  $J = 32.0$  Hz), 129.5, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 127.9, 127.0, 124.7, 123.8, 123.0 (d,  $J = 273.0$  Hz), 117.5, 112.7, 100.0, 61.4, 56.5, 13.0 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{O}_4 + \text{Na}$  501.1290, found 501.1287.

**ethyl 4-bromo-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (E)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-5-oxo-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (73.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5z** as a white solid with 76% yield (72.2 mg). m.p. 135-136 °C.

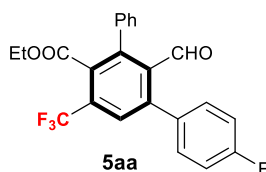
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5z:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.60-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.20 (m, 2H), 4.01 (q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 191.8, 165.7, 143.1, 142.8, 136.7, 136.6, 134.6, 133.2, 131.7, 130.9, 129.8, 129.6 (d,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.2, 127.9 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 123.1, 122.7 (d,  $J$  = 273.0 Hz), 62.1, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 499.0133, found 499.0129.

**ethyl 4-fluoro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (E)-5-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-oxo-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (60.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5aa** as a white solid with 74% yield (61.4 mg). m.p. 107-109 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5aa:*

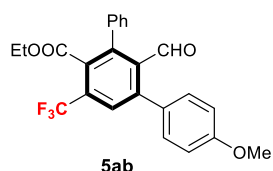


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.9, 165.8, 162.9 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 143.3, 142.6, 136.8, 134.7, 133.6 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 133.1, 131 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 129.8, 129.5 (d, *J* = 31.5 Hz), 128.8, 128.2, 128.1 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 122.8 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J* = 22.5 Hz), 62.1, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 439.0933, found 439.0930.

**ethyl 2'-formyl-4-methoxy-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-oxo-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (63.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5ab** as a white solid with 77% yield (66.3 mg). m.p. 77-79 °C.

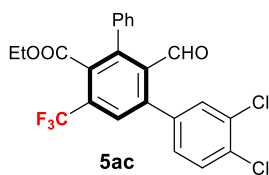
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5ab:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.01-6.98 (m, 2H), 3.99 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 192.3, 166.0, 160.1, 144.4, 141.9, 136.8, 135.2, 132.5, 130.9, 129.3, 129.4, 129.2 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 122.9 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 114.2, 61.9, 55.4, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>+Na 451.4133, found 451.1134.

**ethyl 3,4-dichloro-2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-5-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-oxo-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (71.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5ac** as a white solid with 72% yield (67.1 mg). m.p. 123-124 °C.

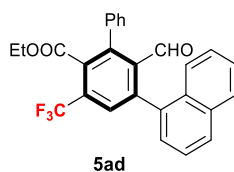
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5ac:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 191.4, 165.5, 143.3, 141.6, 138.0, 136.4, 134.2, 133.6, 133.0, 132.8, 130.9, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.1, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 122.6 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 62.2, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 521.0510, found 521.0509.

**ethyl 6-formyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl (*E*)-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-oxo-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (67.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5ad** as a white solid with 70% yield (54.7 mg). m.p. 96-97 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5ad:*

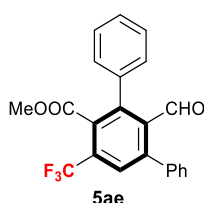
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.85 (s, 1H), 7.93-7.51 (m, 5H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H)

ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 192.0, 165.9, 144.7, 142.3, 136.9, 135.1, 135.0, 133.0, 132.9, 129.8, 129.5 (d,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.9, 122.9 (d,  $J$  = 273.0 Hz), 62.0, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 471.1184, found 471.1186.

**methyl 2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using methyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (54.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5ae** as a white solid with 71% yield (54.7 mg). m.p. 119-121 °C.

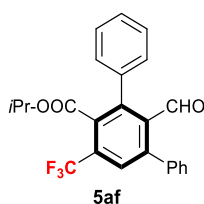
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5ae:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 2H), 3.54 (s, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 192.0, 166.4, 144.8, 142.2, 137.4, 136.8, 135.0, 132.7, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.5 Hz), 122.8 (d,  $J$  = 273.0 Hz), 52.6 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 407.0871, found 407.0872.

**isopropyl 2'-formyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using isopropyl (*E*)-5-oxo-5-phenyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)pent-3-enoate (60.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **5af** as a white solid with 67% yield (55.2 mg). m.p. 102-103 °C.

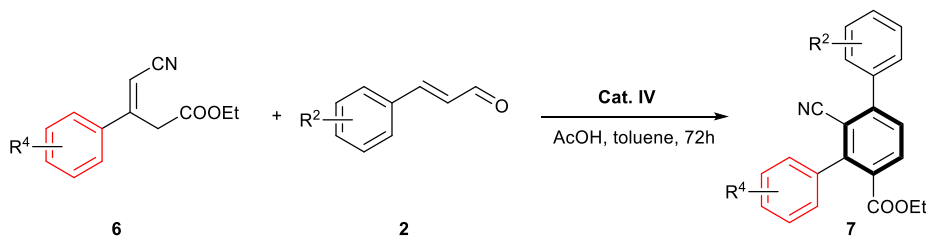
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 5af:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 9.81 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.30 (m, 2H), 4.92-4.88 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 192.11, 165.33, 144.5, 141.9, 137.5, 136.8, 135.0, 133.2, 129.9, 129.4, 129.2 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz), 128.6, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 122.9 (d, *J* = 273.0 Hz), 70.0, 29.7, 21.1 ppm.

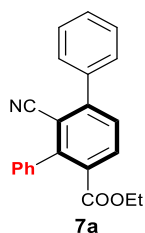
**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 435.1184, found 435.1186.

### 2.3 Procedure for 7



The reaction was carried out with **6** (0.20 mmol) and **2** (0.30 mmol), amine catalyst **IV** (0.05 mmol) and AcOH (0.08 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) under an open atmosphere at 70 °C for 72 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 80:1) to give the final diaryl substituted benzenes **7**, which was further analyzed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C HMR, HRMS analysis.

#### ethyl 2'-cyano-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and cinnamaldehyde (39.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product via column chromatography delivered **7a** as a white solid with 68% yield (44.3 mg). m.p. 78-79 °C.

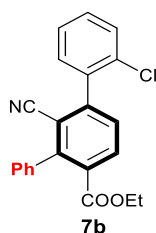
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7a:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.41 (m, 6H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.8, 148.9, 147.0, 137.8, 137.7, 133.3, 131.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 116.8, 113.3, 61.4, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 350.1157, found 350.1160.

#### **ethyl 2-chloro-2'-cyano-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7b** as a white solid with 61% yield (43.8 mg). m.p. 108-109 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7b:*

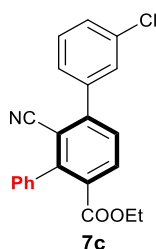
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.95

(t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 166.8, 146.4, 146.3, 137.4, 136.7, 132.9, 132.8, 132.4, 130.9, 130.5, 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.1, 126.1, 116.1, 61.6, 13.6$  ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2 + \text{Na}$  384.0767, found 384.0770.

**ethyl 3-chloro-2'-cyano-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7c** as a white solid with 63% yield (45.6 mg). m.p. 126-128 °C.

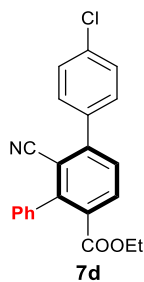
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7c:*

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 8.08$  (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 166.6, 147.3, 147.1, 139.4, 137.5, 134.7, 133.4, 132.2, 130.1, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.2, 116.5, 113.4, 61.5, 13.5$  ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClNO}_2 + \text{Na}$  384.0767, found 384.0768.

**ethyl 4-chloro-2'-cyano-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-chlorocinnamaldehyde (50.0 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7d** as a white solid with 66% yield (47.5 mg). m.p. 104-106 °C.

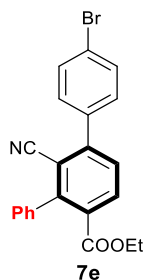
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7d:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.7, 147.6, 147.1, 137.5, 136.0, 135.6, 133.4, 131.9, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 116.7, 113.2, 61.5, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>+Na 384.0767, found 384.0771.

**ethyl 4-bromo-2'-cyano-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-bromocinnamaldehyde (63.3 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7e** as a white solid with 67% yield (54.3 mg). m.p. 118-120 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7e:*

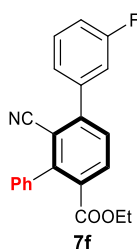
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d,

$J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.46 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 166.7, 147.6, 147.1, 137.5, 136.5, 133.4, 132.0, 132.0, 130.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 123.9, 116.7, 113.2, 61.5, 13.5$  ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{BrNO}_2 + \text{Na}$  428.0262, found 428.0262.

**ethyl 2'-cyano-3-fluoro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7f** as a white solid with 65% yield (44.7 mg). m.p. 72-74 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7f:*

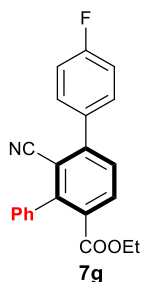
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 8.09$  (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 1H), 4.05 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):**  $\delta = 166.7, 162.6$  (d,  $J = 246.0$  Hz), 147.4 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 147.1, 139.7 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz), 137.5, 133.4, 132.1, 130.5 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz), 128.8 (d,  $J = 33.0$  Hz), 128.7, 128.3, 124.8 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 116.5, 116.3, 116.2 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 116.0, 113.3, 61.6, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2 + \text{Na}$  368.1063, found 368.1064.

**ethyl 2'-cyano-4-fluoro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**





Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-fluorocinnamaldehyde (45.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7g** as a white solid with 64% yield (44.1 mg). m.p. 70-72 °C.

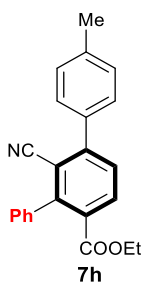
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7g:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.7, 163.4 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 147.8, 147.1, 137.6, 133.7 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 133.4, 131.7, 130.9, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 116.8, 116.0, 115.9, 113.3, 61.5, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>+Na 368.1063, found 368.1060.

**ethyl 2'-cyano-4-methyl-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methylcinnamaldehyde (43.9 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7h** as a white solid with 72% yield (49.2 mg). m.p. 81-82 °C.

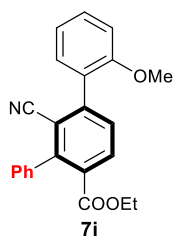
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7h:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.29 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.8, 149.0, 147.0, 139.3, 137.9, 134.8, 133.2, 131.3, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 117.0, 113.2, 61.4, 21.3, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>+Na 364.1313, found 364.1313

**ethyl 2'-cyano-2-methoxy-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7i** as a white solid with 70% yield (50.3 mg). m.p. 158-160 °C.

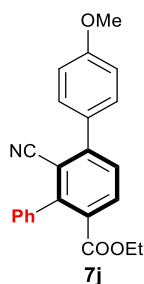
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7i:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 167.0, 156.4, 146.2, 146.0, 137.8, 132.9, 131.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 126.8, 120.8, 116.8, 115.2, 111.3, 61.4, 55.5, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 380.1263, found 380.1261.

**ethyl 2'-cyano-4-methoxy-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7j** as a white solid with 74% yield (52.6 mg). m.p. 98-100 °C.

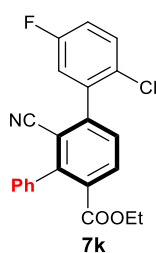
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7j:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.8, 160.5, 148.6, 147.1, 137.9, 133.3, 131.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 117.1, 114.3, 113.1, 61.4, 55.4, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** m/z calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>+Na 380.1263, found 380.1264.

**ethyl 2-chloro-2'-cyano-5-fluoro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-phenylbut-3-enoate (43.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 3-(2-chloro-5-fluorophenyl)acrylaldehyde (55.4 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7k** as a white solid with 62% yield (47.4 mg). m.p. 132-134 °C.

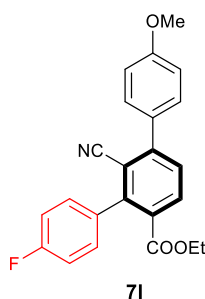
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7k:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.45 (m, , 5H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 4.07 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.7, 161.0 (d, *J* = 165.0 Hz), 146.4, 145.1, 138.1 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 137.2, 133.1, 132.8, 131.5 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 129.3, 128.8, 128.7 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 128.3, 128.0 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 118.0 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 117.7 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 115.8, 114.8, 61.6, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClFNO<sub>2</sub>+Na 402.0673, found 402.0674.

**ethyl 2'-cyano-4''-fluoro-4-methoxy-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate**



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(4-fluorophenyl)but-3-enoate (46.7 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **71** as a white solid with 71% yield (53.5 mg). m.p. 127-128 °C.

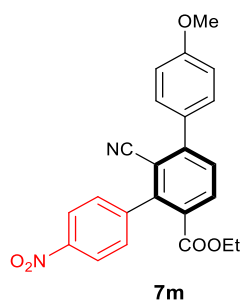
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 71:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.08 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.02 (m, 2H), 4.08 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.5, 162.9 (d, *J* = 247.5 Hz), 160.5, 148.7, 146.1, 133.9, 133.5, 130.9, 130.5 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 130.3, 129.8, 129.1, 117.1, 115.4 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 114.3, 113.2, 61.5, 55.4, 13.7 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>+Na 398.1168, found 398.1165.

### ethyl 2'-cyano-4''-nitro-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-4'-carboxylate



Prepared according to the general procedure using ethyl ethyl (*E*)-4-cyano-3-(4-nitrophenyl)but-3-enoate (52.1 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 4-methoxycinnamaldehyde (48.7 mg, 0.3 mmol). Purification of the crude product *via* column chromatography delivered **7m** as a white solid with 69% yield (52.1 mg). m.p. 162-163 °C.

*NMR and HRMS data for the product 7m:*

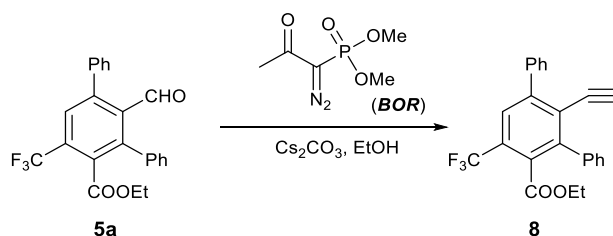
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.36-8.34 (m, 2H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 5H), 7.05-7.03 (m, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 165.4, 160.8, 149.2, 147.8, 145.3, 144.9, 134.1, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 129.3, 123.5, 116.6, 114.4, 112.8, 61.7, 55.4, 13.7 ppm.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>+Na 425.1113, found 425.1118.

## 3. Synthetic transformations of **5a**

### 3.1 Procedure of terminal alkyne **8**



To a solution of **5a** (39.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) in ethyl alcohol (2 mL) was added BOR (48.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (97.7 mg, 0.30 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature. When the reaction was complete (based on TLC monitoring), the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash

chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **8** as a white solid in 83% yield (32.7 mg). m.p. 78-79 °C.

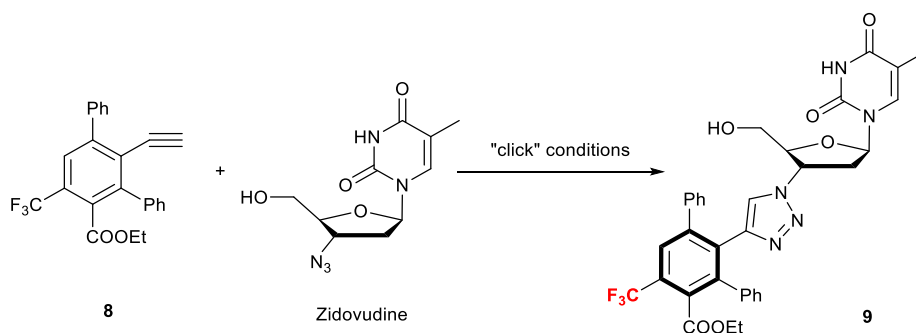
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 8:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 5H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (s, 1H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 166.3, 146.4, 144.8, 138.8, 137.3, 131.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.7 (d, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 129.3 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 124.6, 123.2 (d, *J* = 271.5 Hz), 87.5, 80.0, 61.8, 13.5 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):** *m/z* calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+Na 417.1078, found 417.1079.

### 3.2 Procedure of CF<sub>3</sub>-functionalized multi-substituted benzene-bridged Zidovudine **9**



To a solution of **8** (39.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added Zidovudine (26.7 mg, 0.10 mmol), a freshly prepared solution of CuSO<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (25.0 mg, 0.10 mmol) and sodium ascorbate (19.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL). When the reaction was complete (based on TLC monitoring), the reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 6:1) to give **9** as a white solid in 81% yield (53.6 mg). m.p. 153-154 °C.

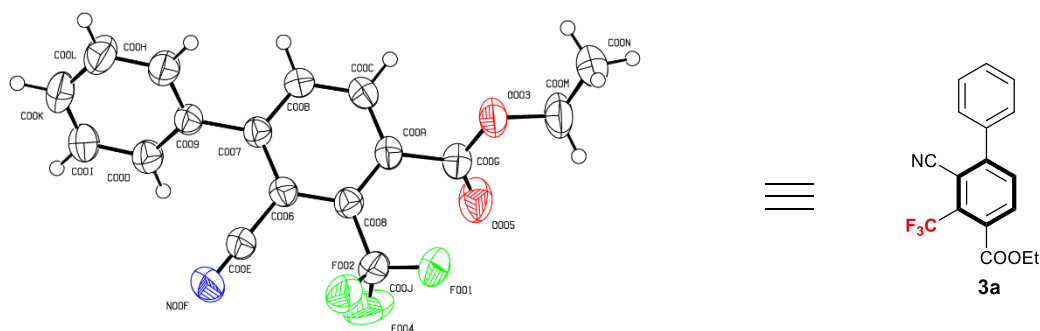
*NMR and HRMS data for the product 9:*

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):** δ = 8.81 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 10H), 7.11-7.09 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 5.97 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.06 (m, 1H), 4.00 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (br, 1H), 2.81-2.64 (m, 2H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**  $\delta$  = 166.5, 163.4, 150.2, 144.4, 144.0, 142.1, 139.5, 137.9, 137.2, 132.8, 132.0, 130.0 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 129.4, 128.1, 127.7 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 127.6 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 127.0 (d,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 123.7, 123.4 (d,  $J$  = 273.0 Hz), 111.3, 89.1, 85.3, 61.8, 61.2, 58.6, 36.7, 31.6, 22.7, 14.1, 13.5, 12.4 ppm.

**HRMS (ESI):**  $m/z$  calculated for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub>+Na 684.2046, found 684.2047.

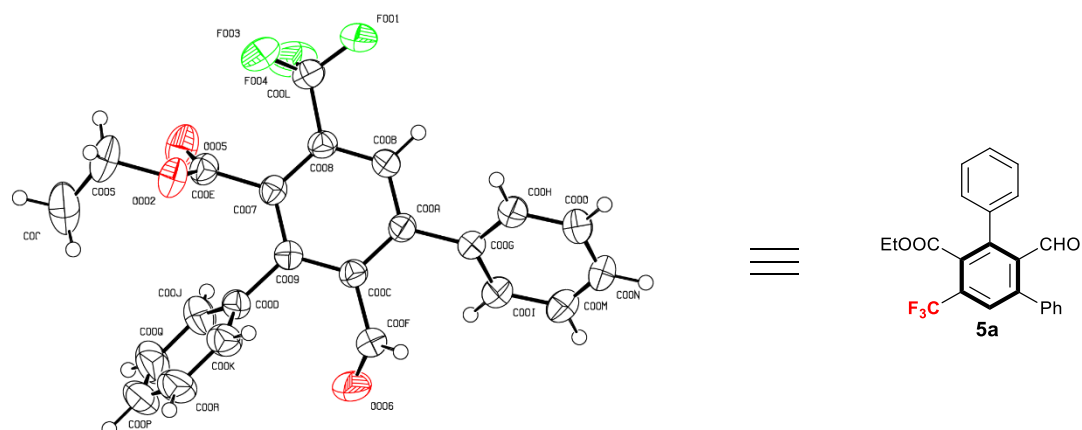
#### 4. Crystal data of 3a



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Formula weight	319.28
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	7.9917(5)
b/Å	8.3050(6)
c/Å	11.8750(7)
α/°	107.623(6)
β/°	97.098(5)
γ/°	91.682(5)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	743.55(9)
Z	2
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.426
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.025
F(000)	328.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.8 × 0.6 × 0.5
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	11.186 to 145.5
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -9 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	6956
Independent reflections	2880 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0222, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0211]
Data/restraints/parameters	2880/0/209
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.038
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0570, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1626
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0624, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1702
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.27/-0.32

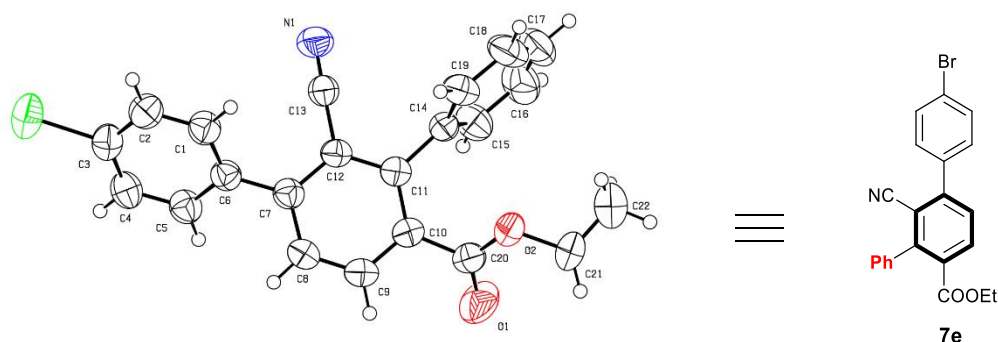


## 5. Crystal data of 5a



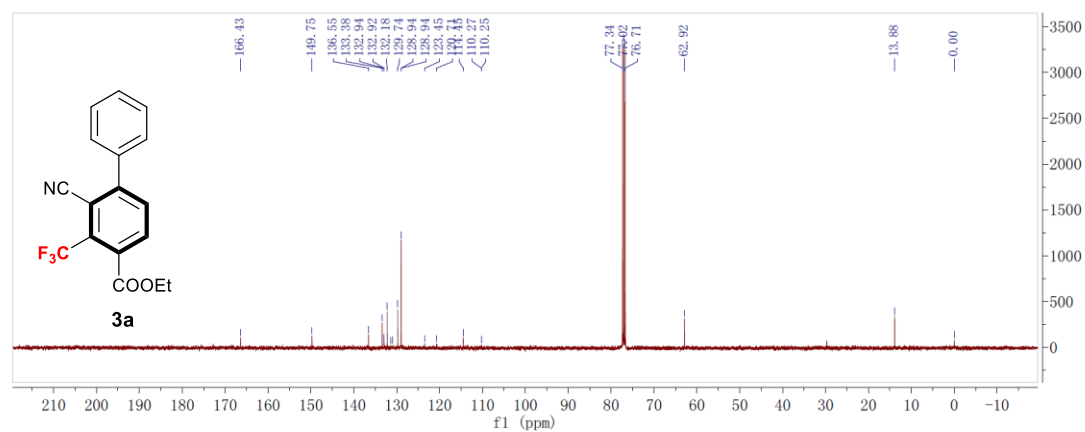
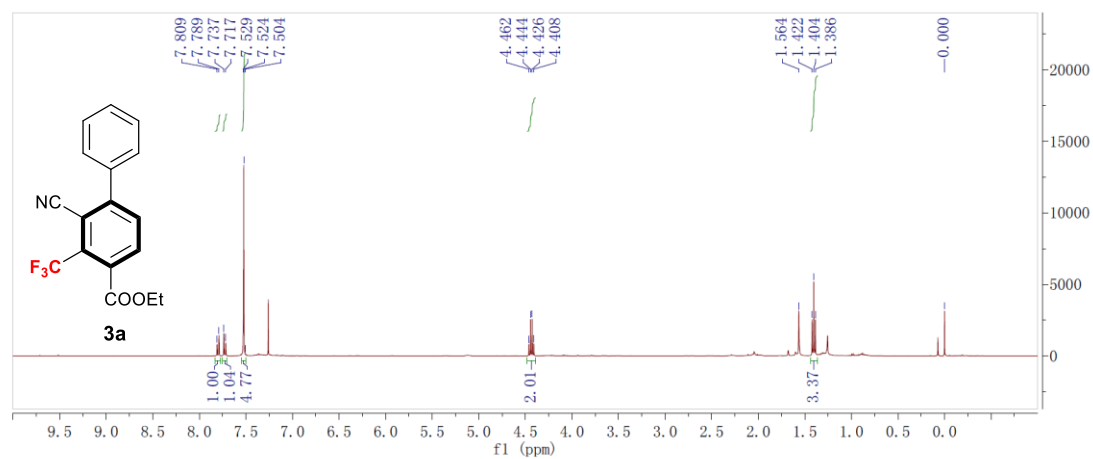
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Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
a/Å	17.2218(6)
b/Å	13.2420(4)
c/Å	17.2998(5)
α/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3945.3(2)
Z	8
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.341
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.909
F(000)	1648.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.75 × 0.6 × 0.5
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	9.856 to 144.854
Index ranges	-21 ≤ h ≤ 13, -10 ≤ k ≤ 16, -13 ≤ l ≤ 21
Reflections collected	11346
Independent reflections	3809 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0276, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0225]
Data/restraints/parameters	3809/0/263
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.085
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0650, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1607
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0739, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1709
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.30/-0.53

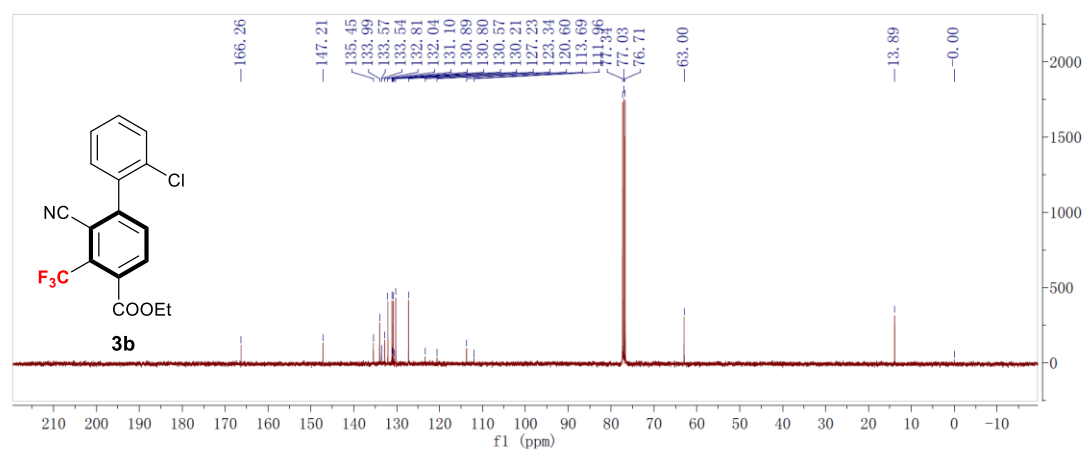
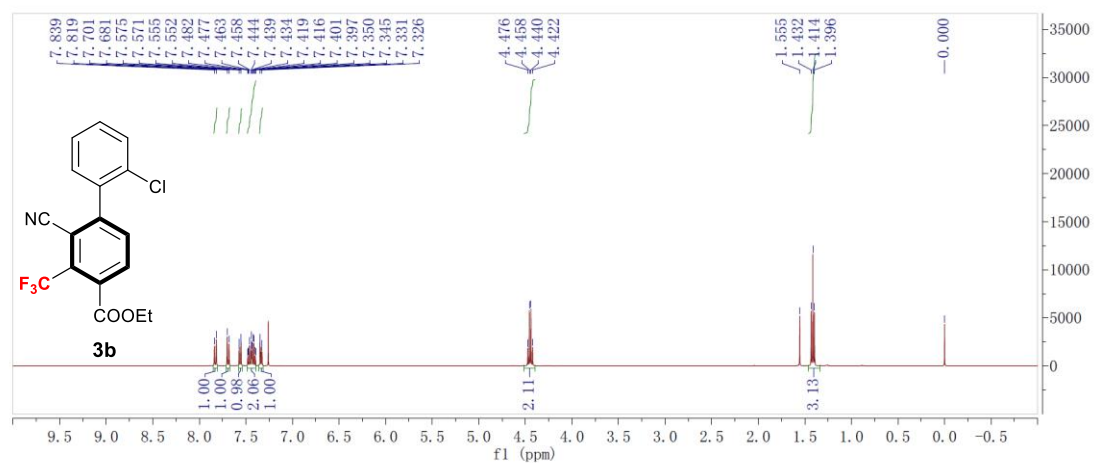
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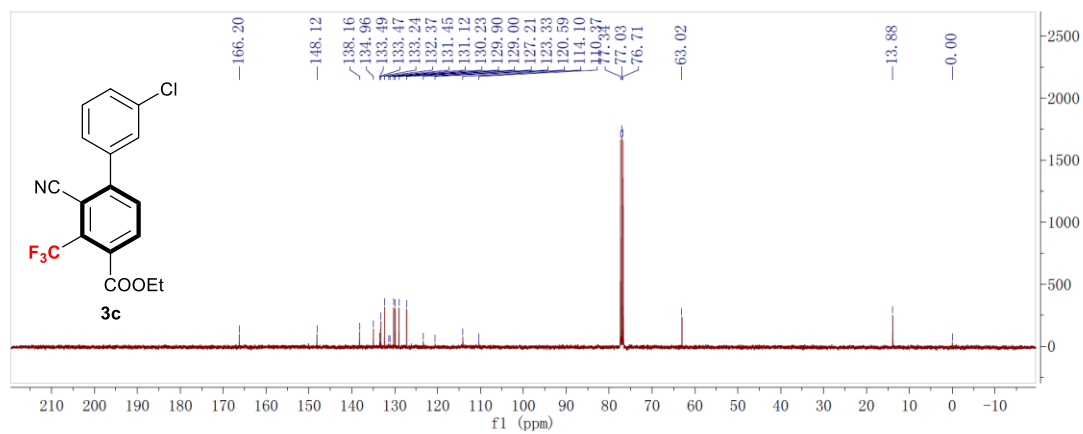
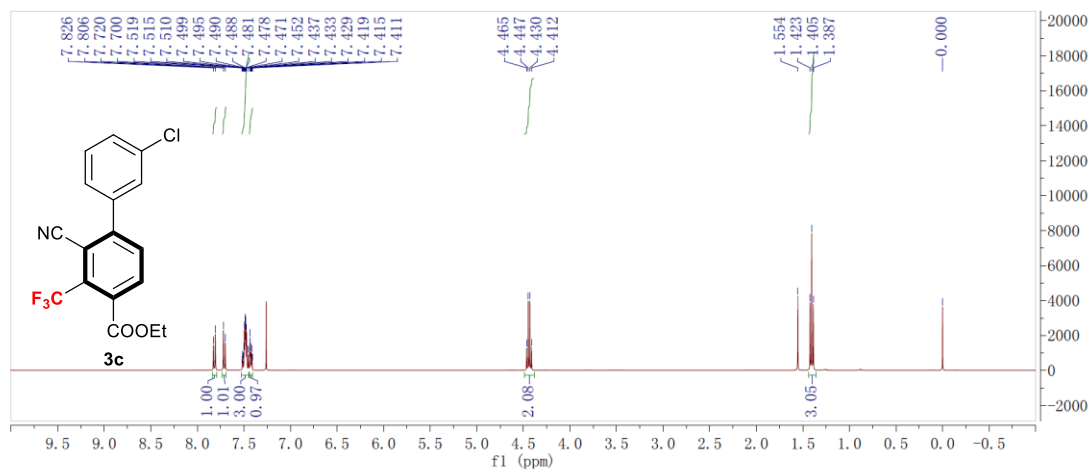


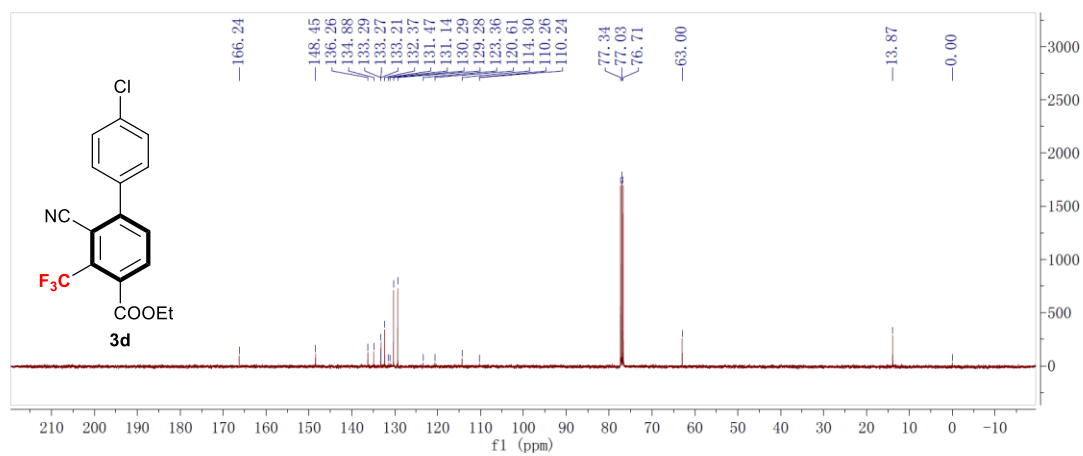
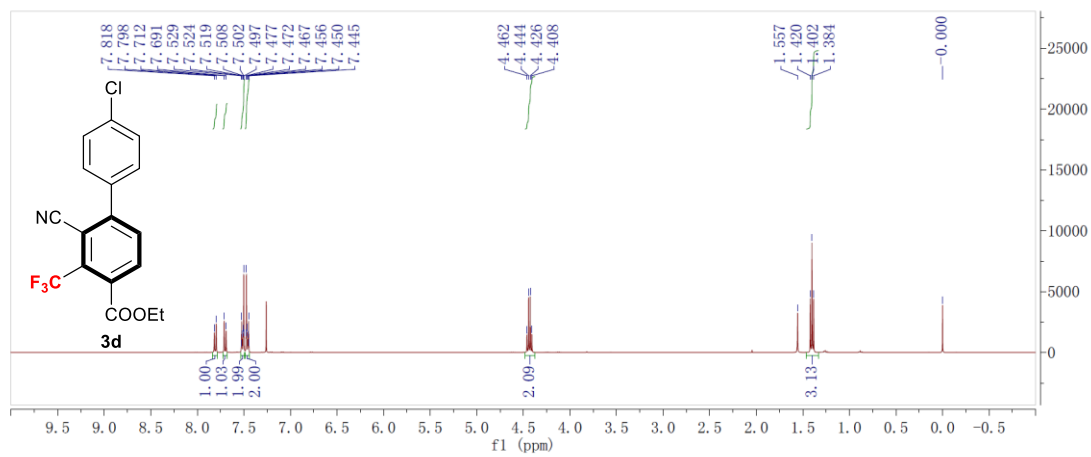
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>15</sub> BrNO <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	405.26
Temperature/K	292.4(5)
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Space group	I2/a
a/Å	15.8840(6)
b/Å	7.2300(2)
c/Å	32.8613(11)
α/°	90
β/°	90.675(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3773.5(2)
Z	8
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.427
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.089
F(000)	1640.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.6 × 0.4 × 0.3
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	10.77 to 145.068
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 16, -5 ≤ k ≤ 8, -36 ≤ l ≤ 40
Reflections collected	10640
Independent reflections	3658 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0337, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0270]
Data/restraints/parameters	3658/0/236
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.022
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0582, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1593
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0641, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1688
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.47/-0.75

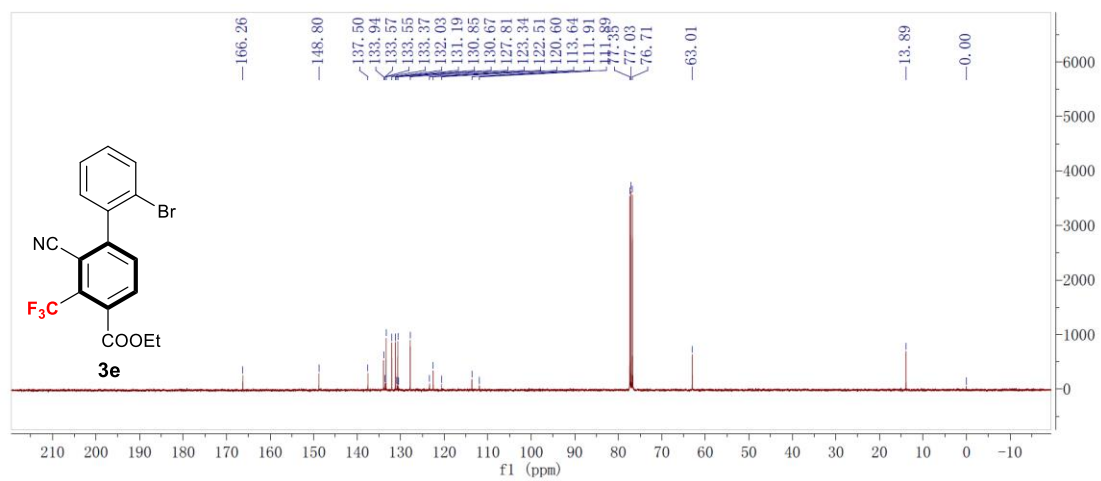
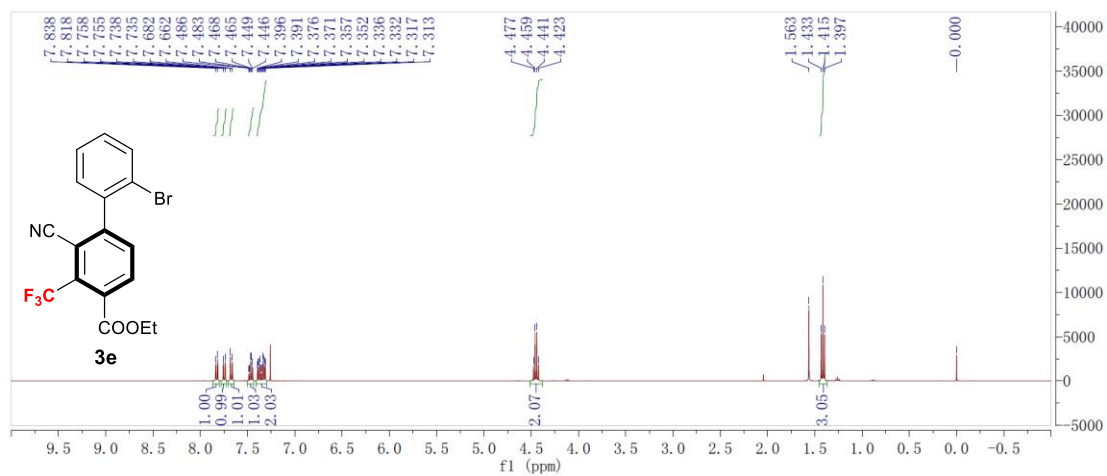
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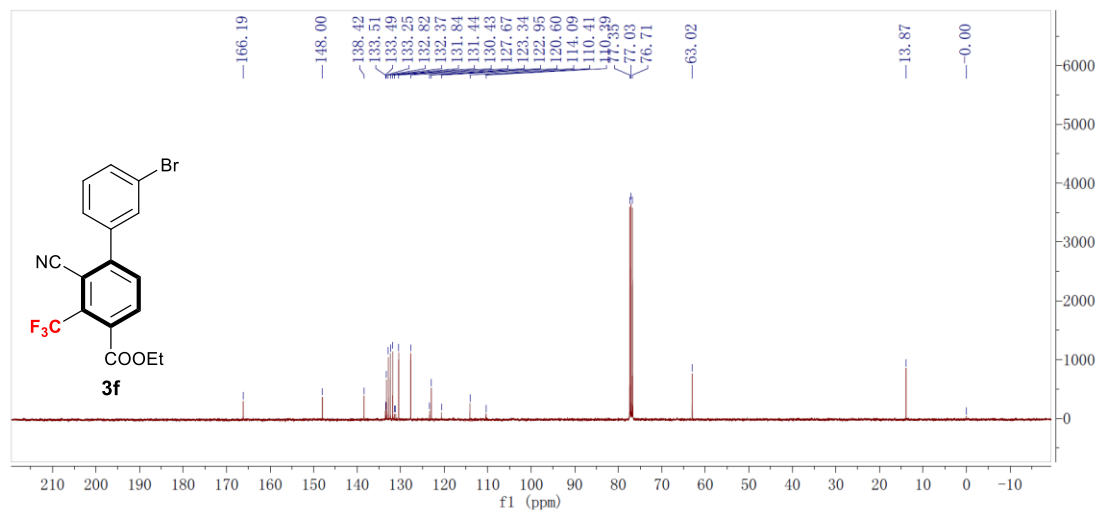
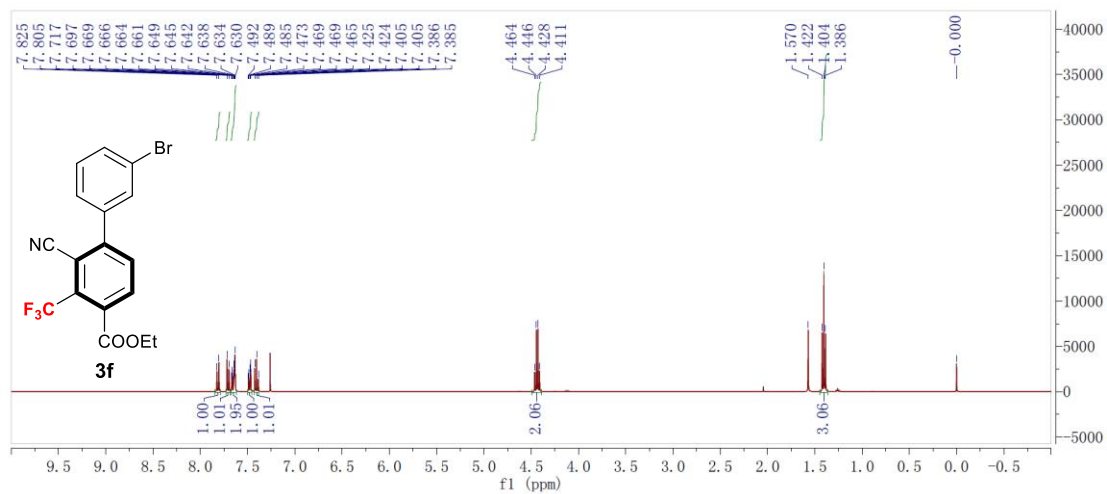




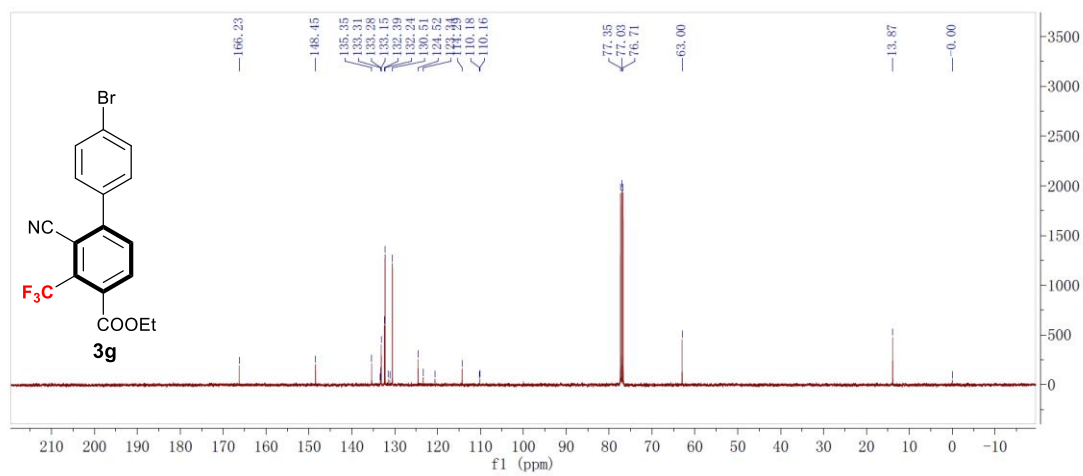
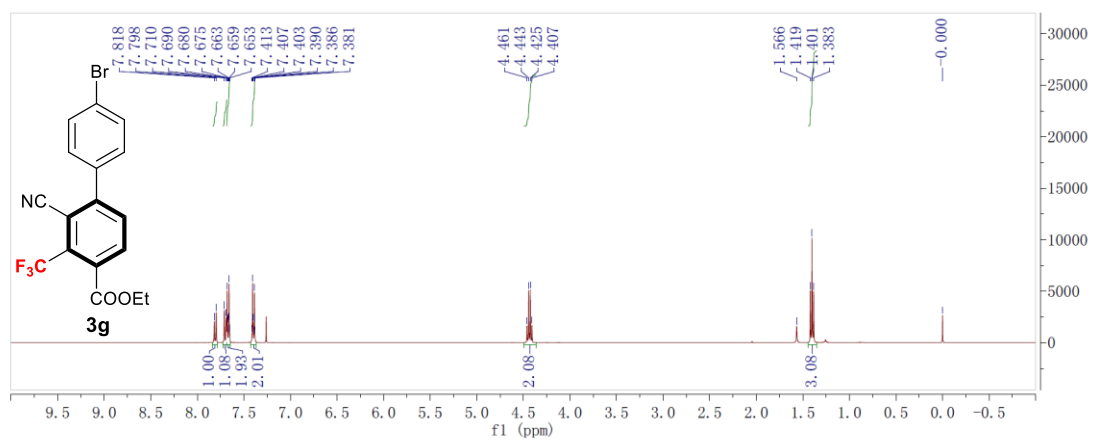


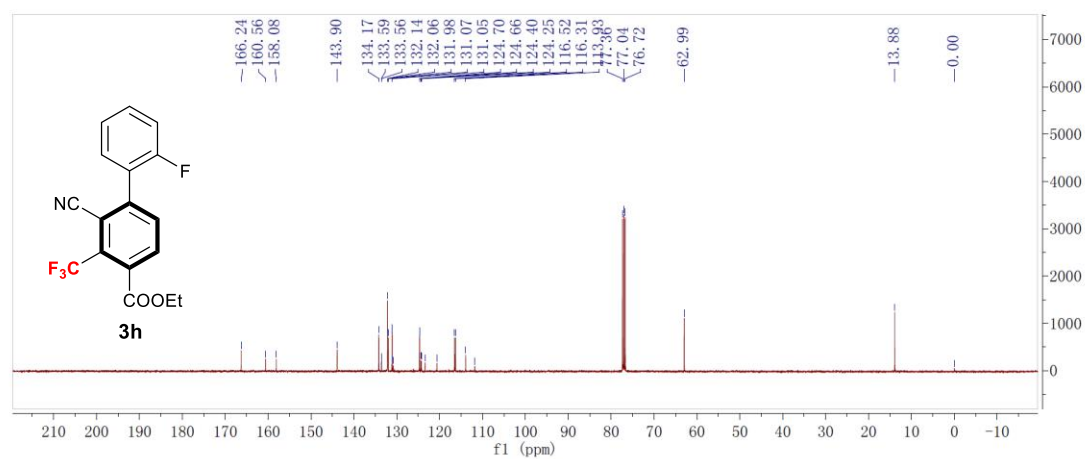
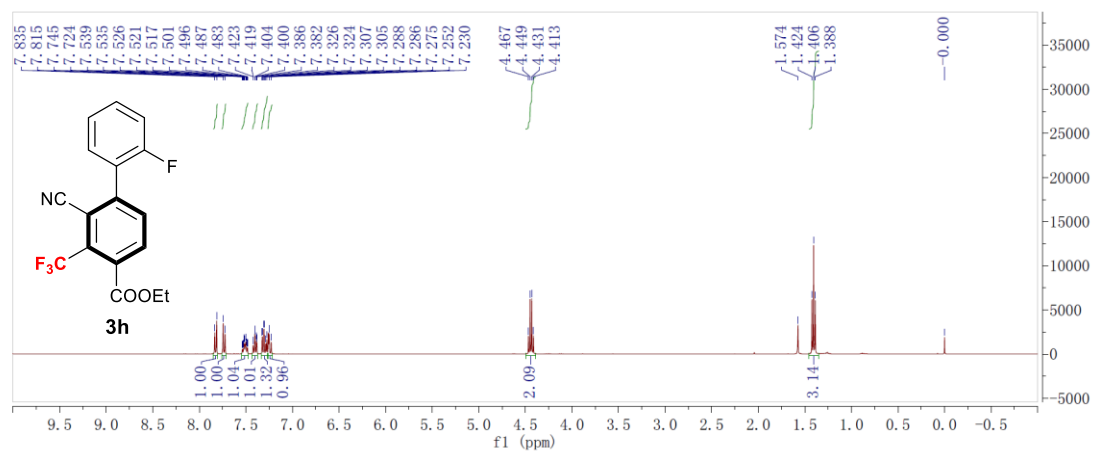


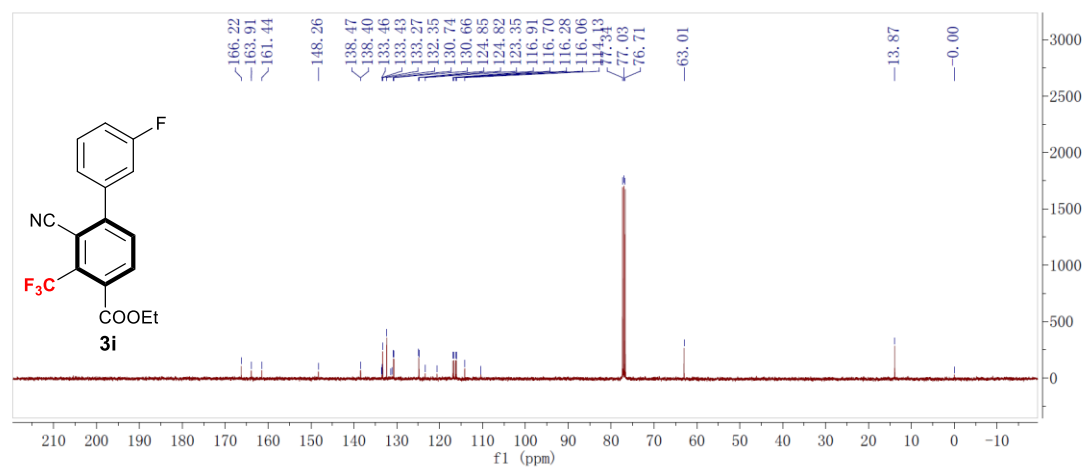
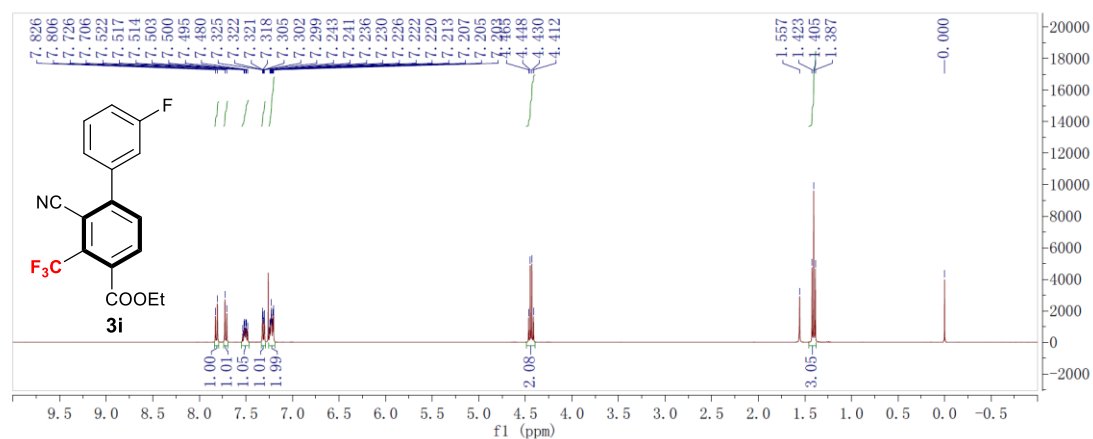


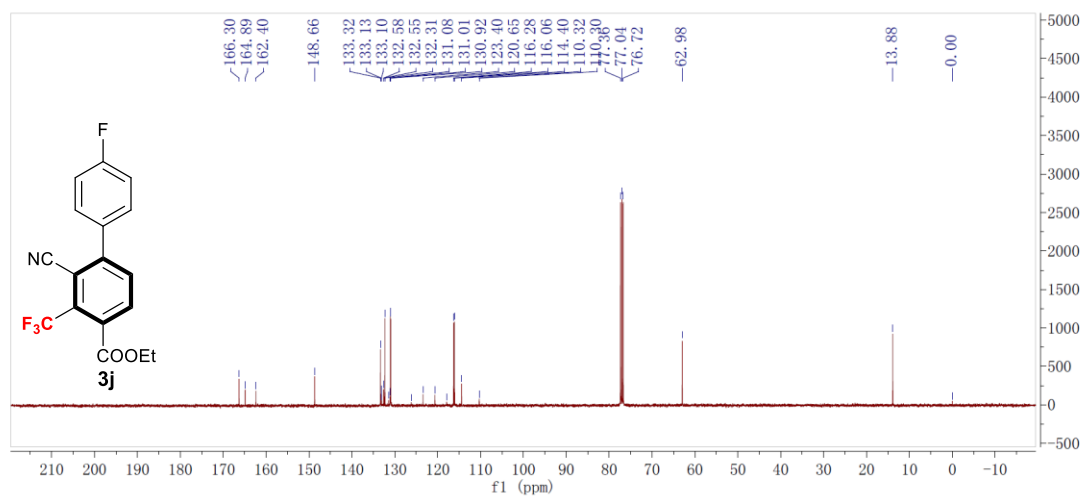
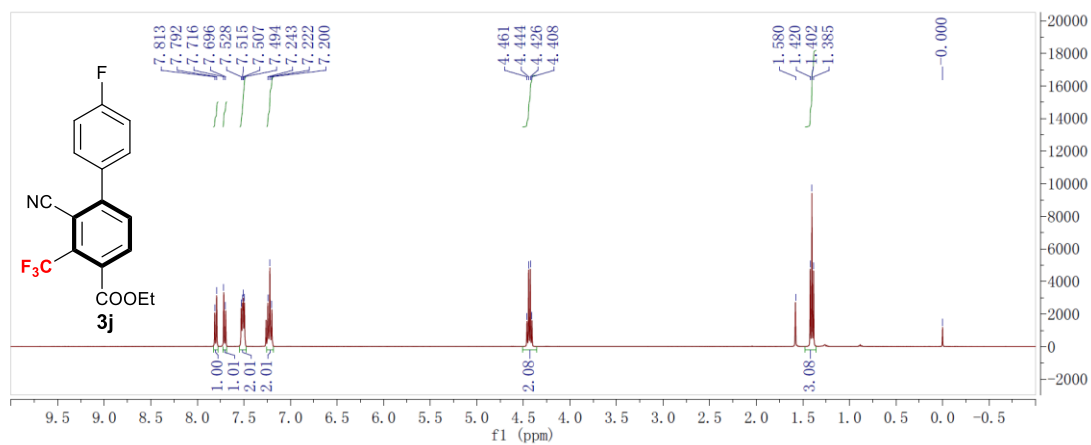


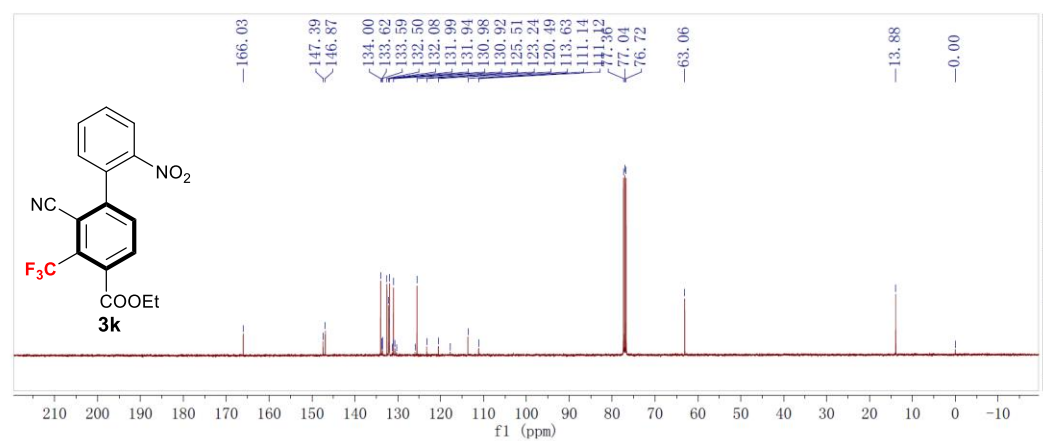
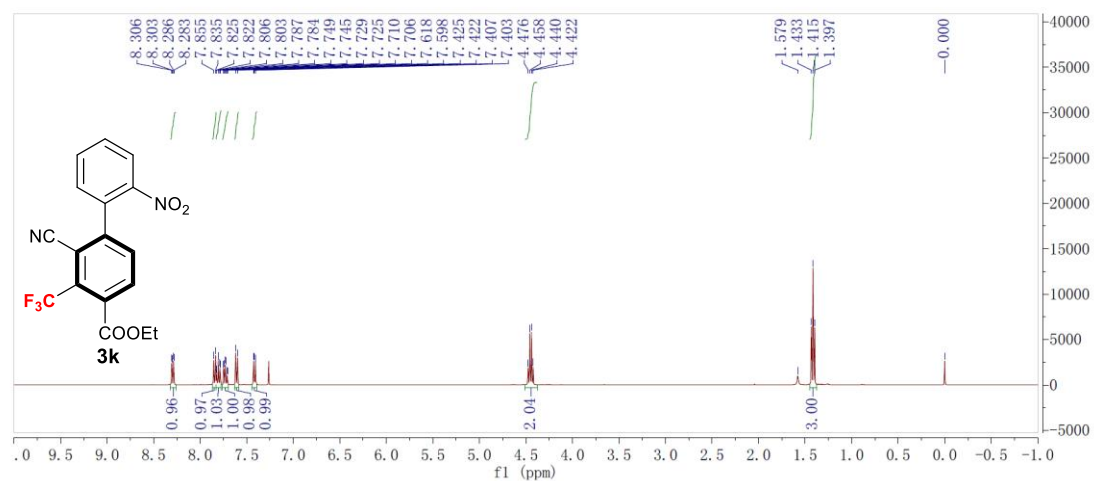


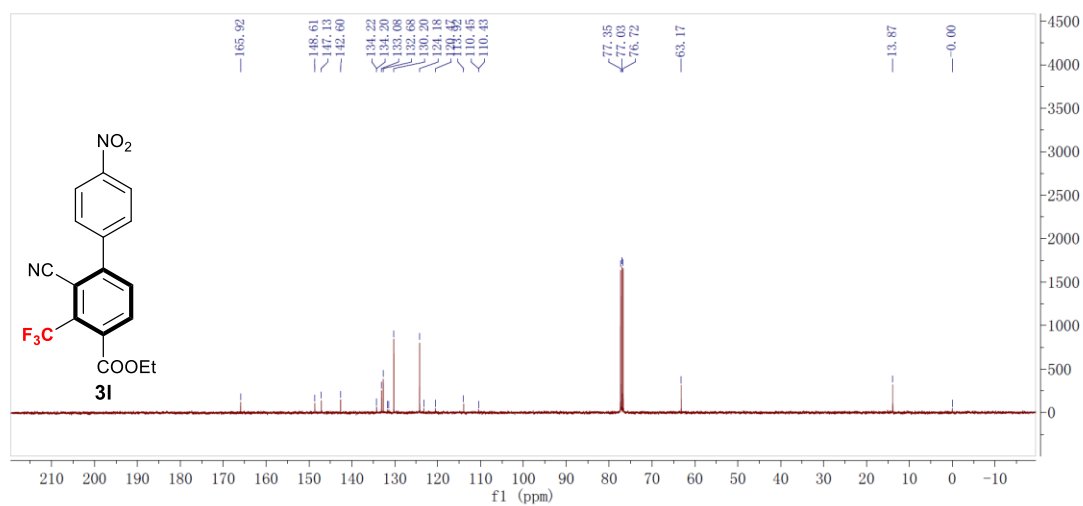
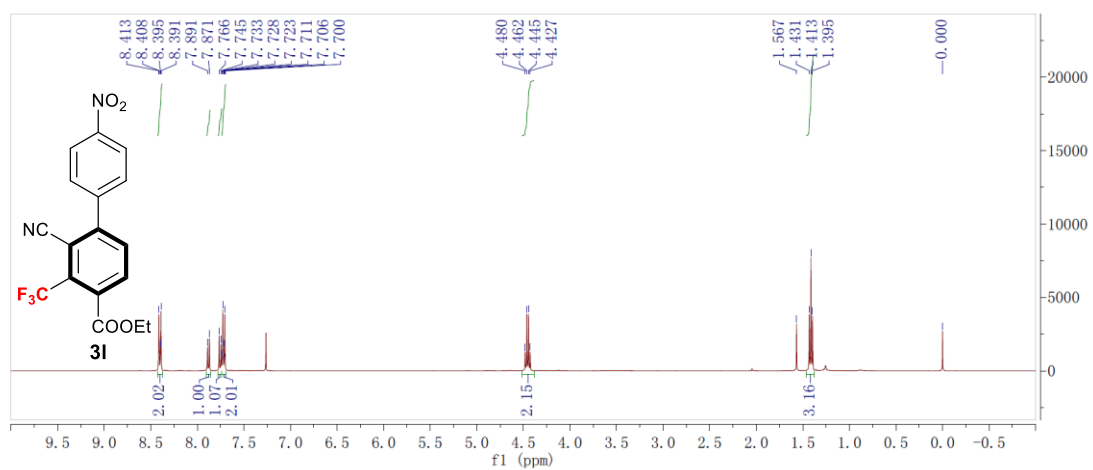


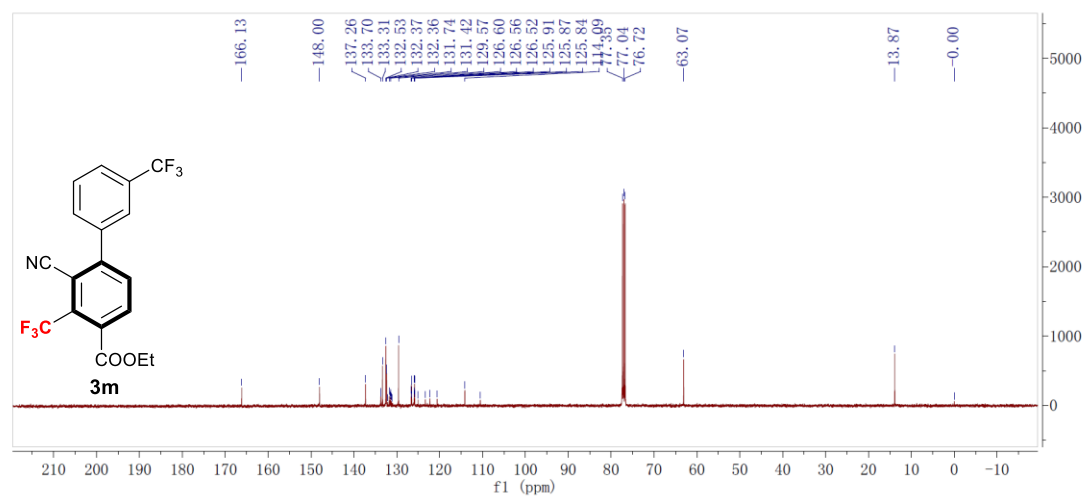
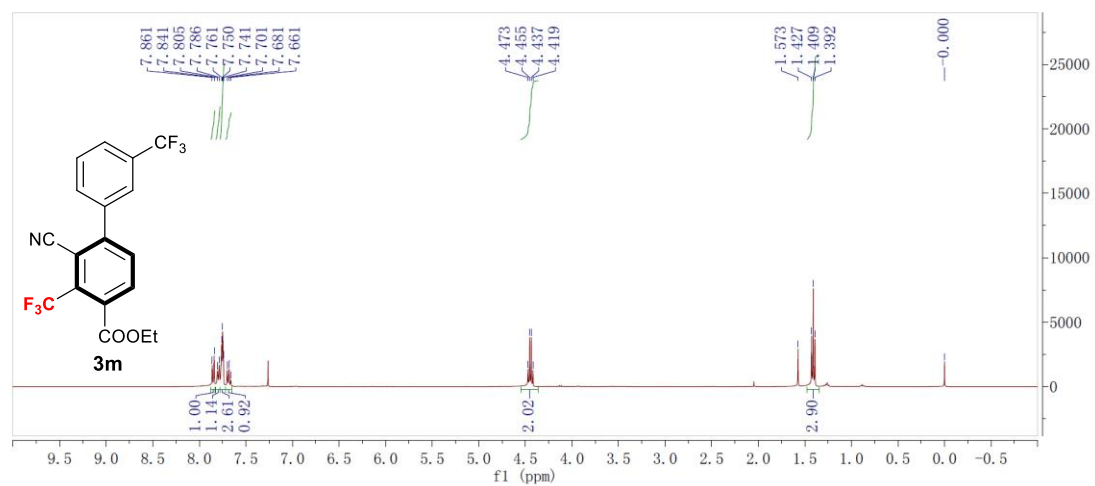


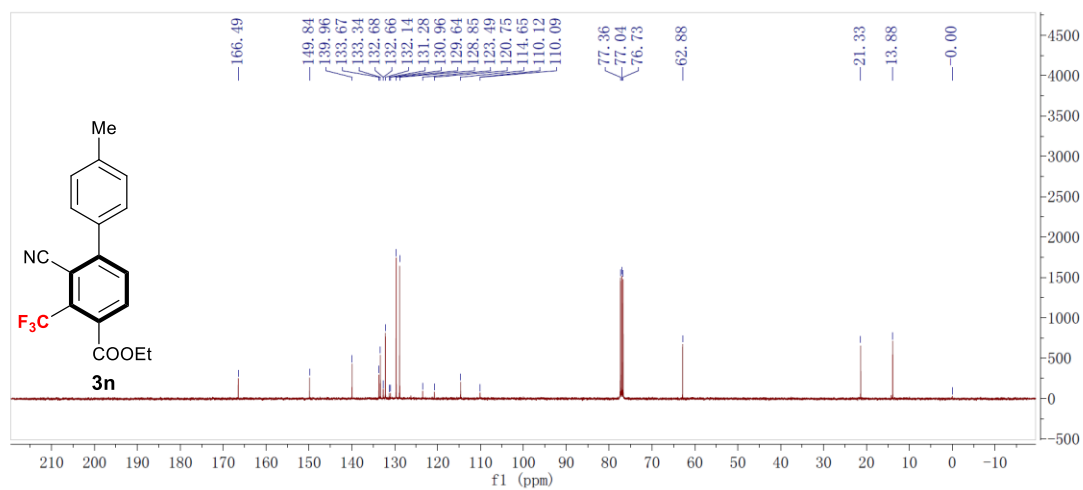
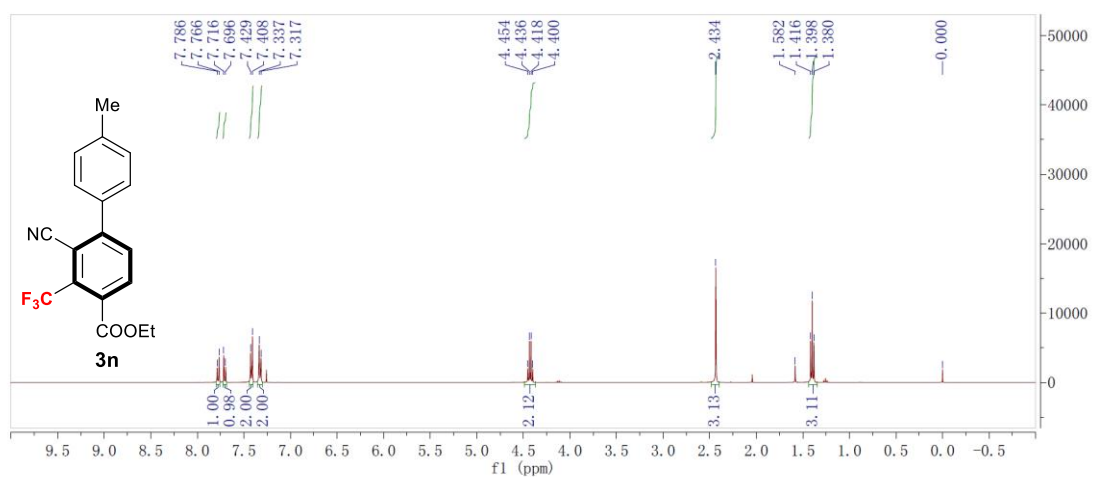




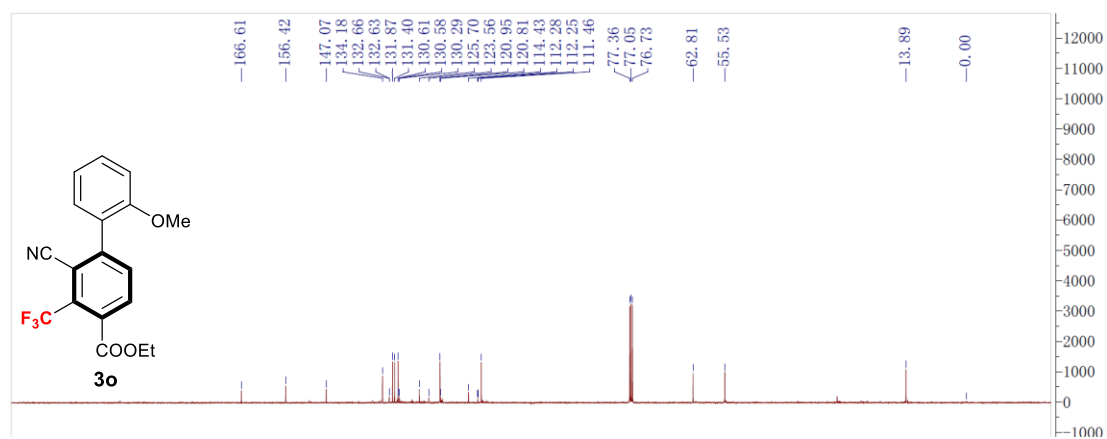
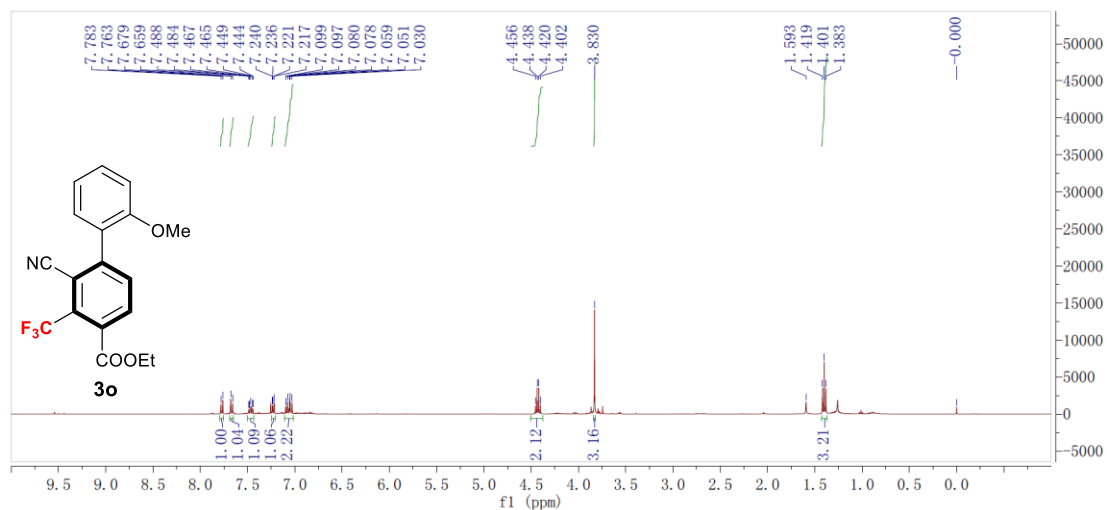


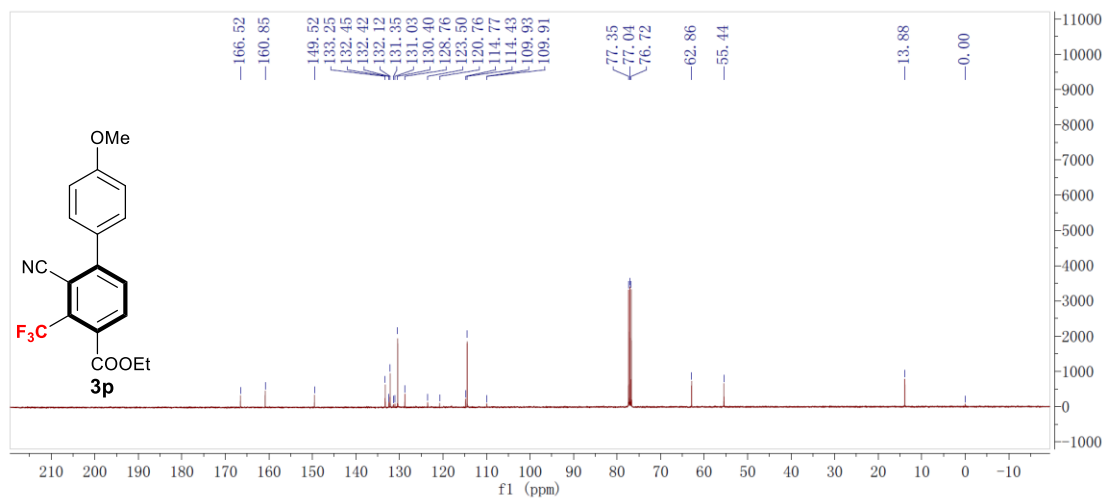
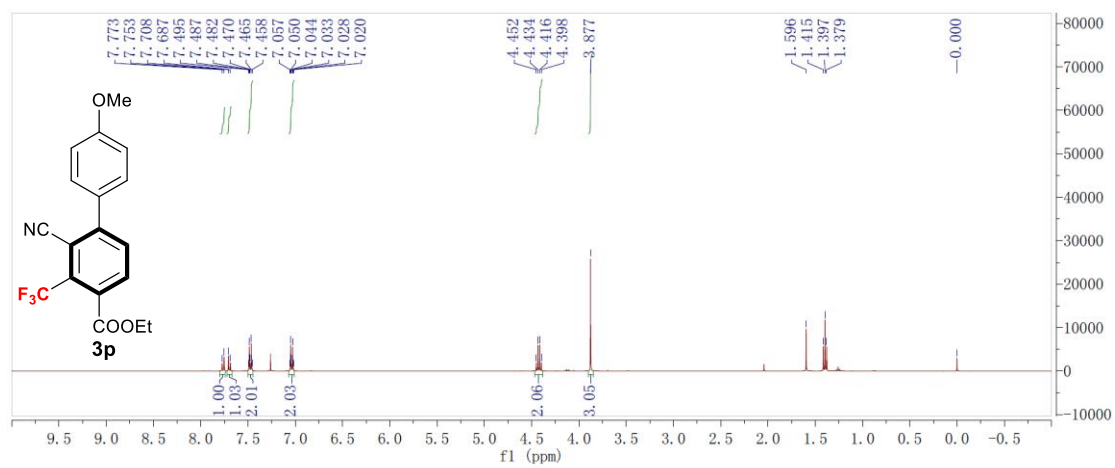


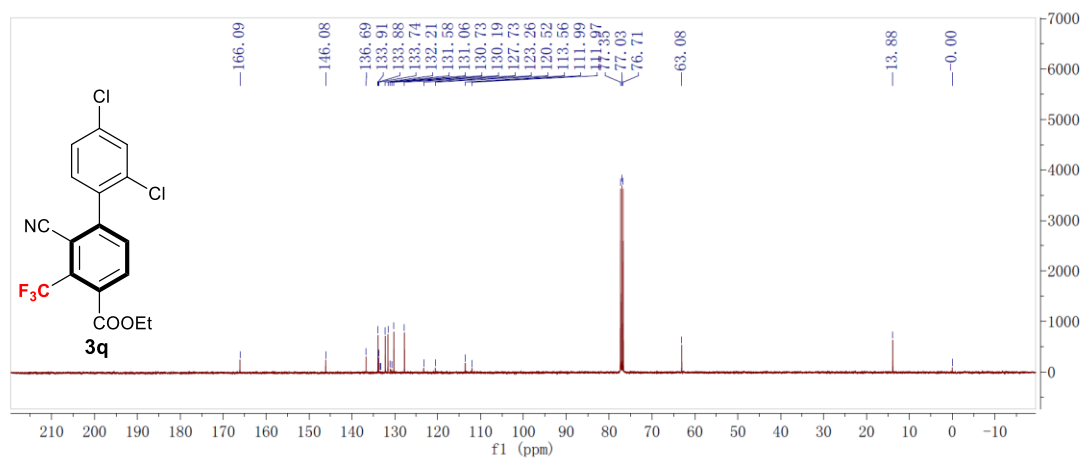
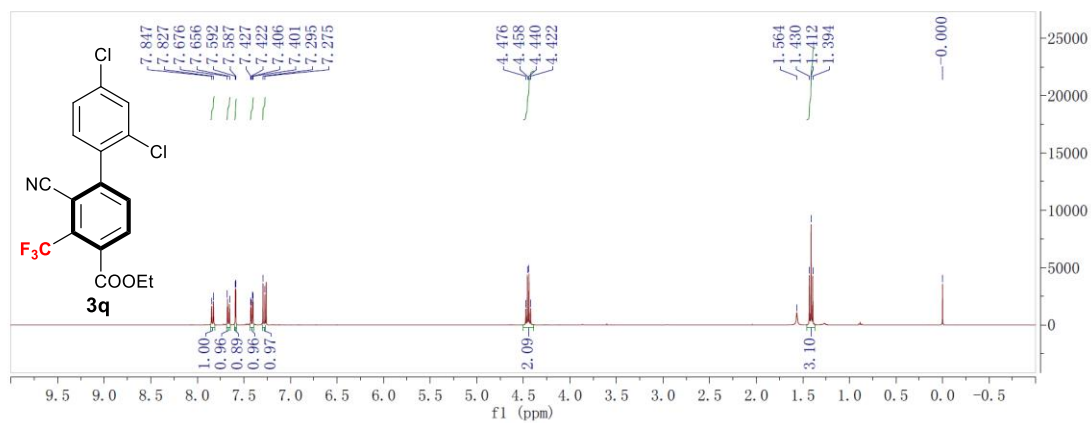


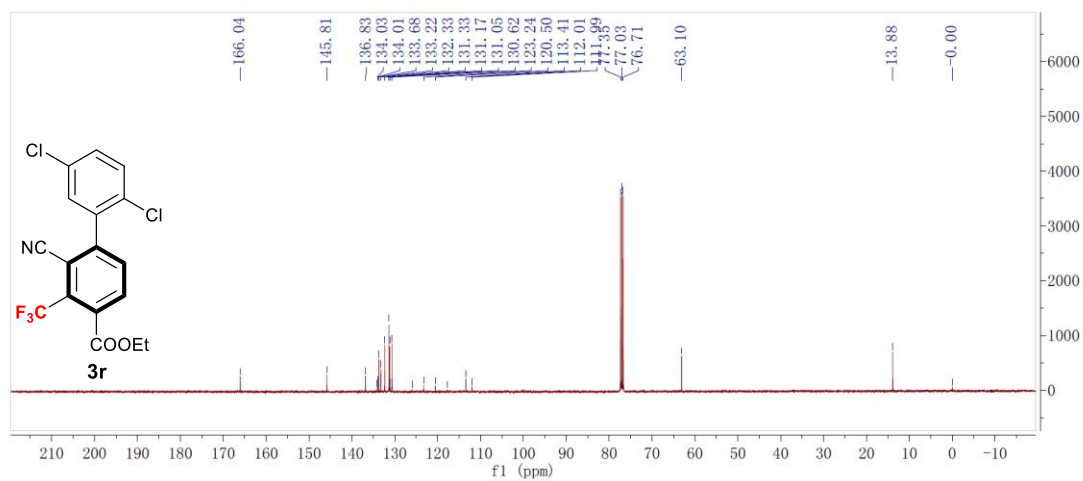
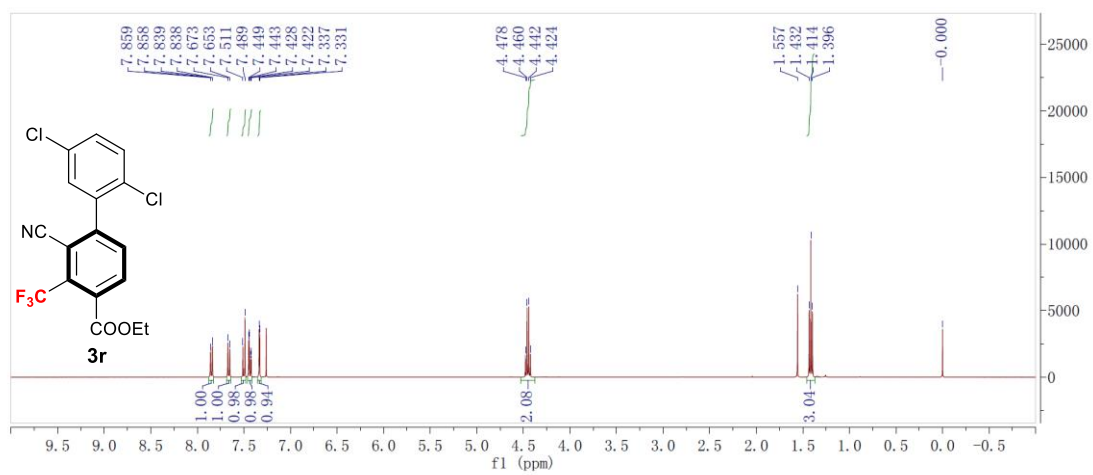


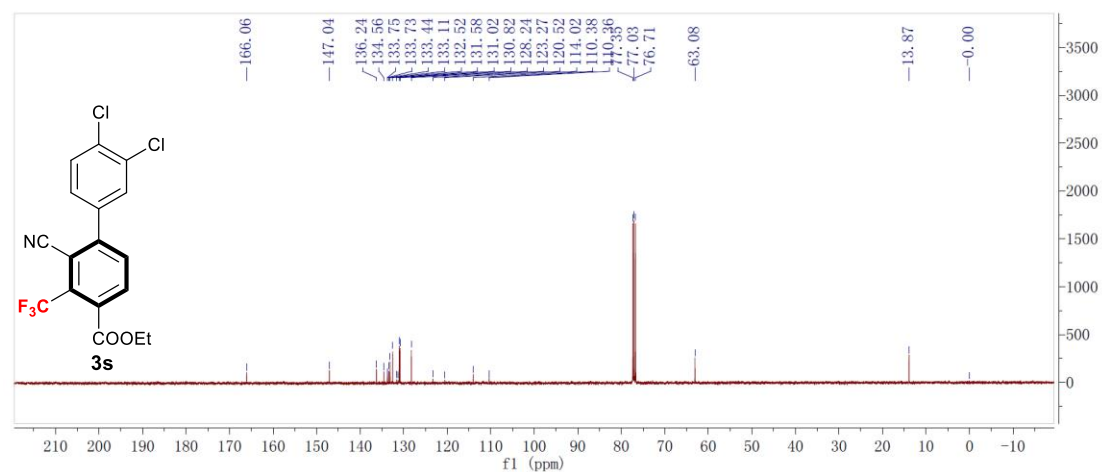
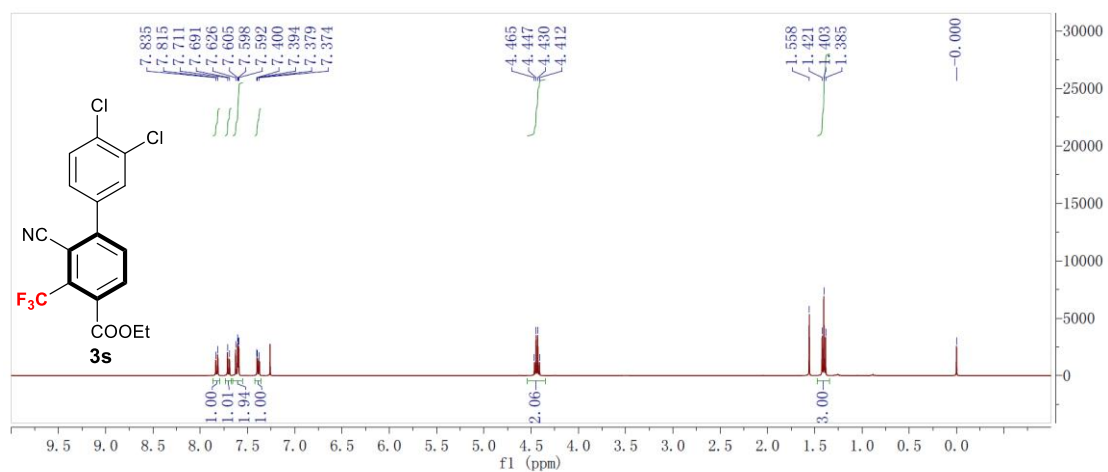


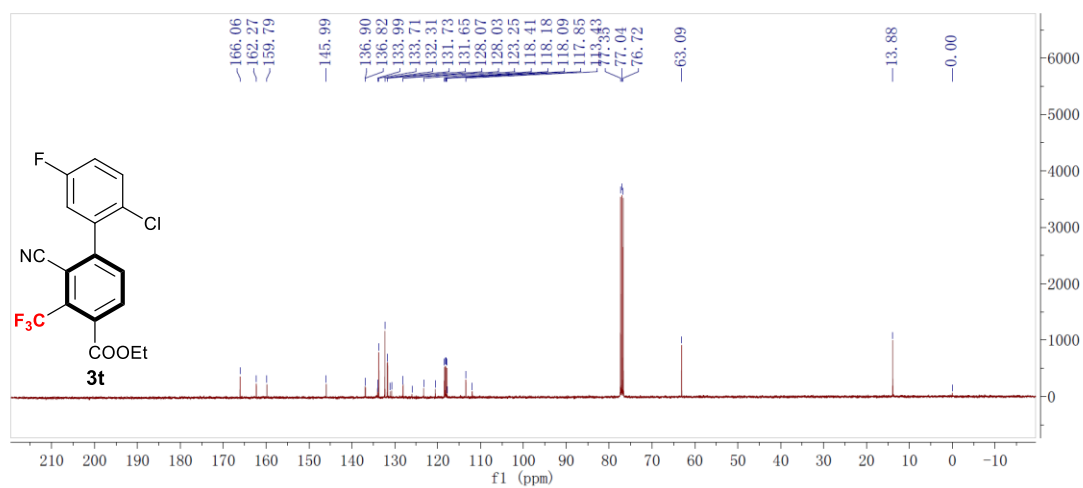
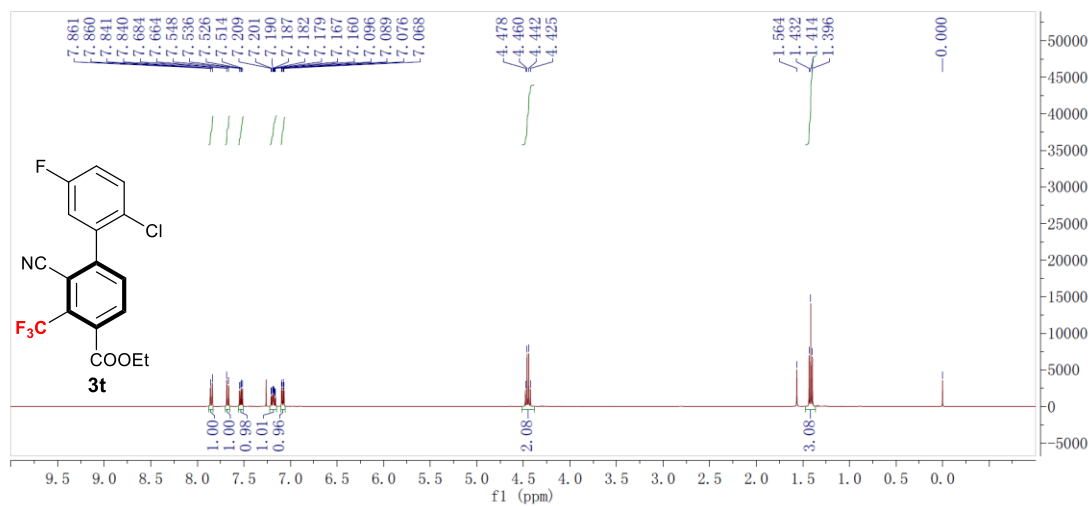


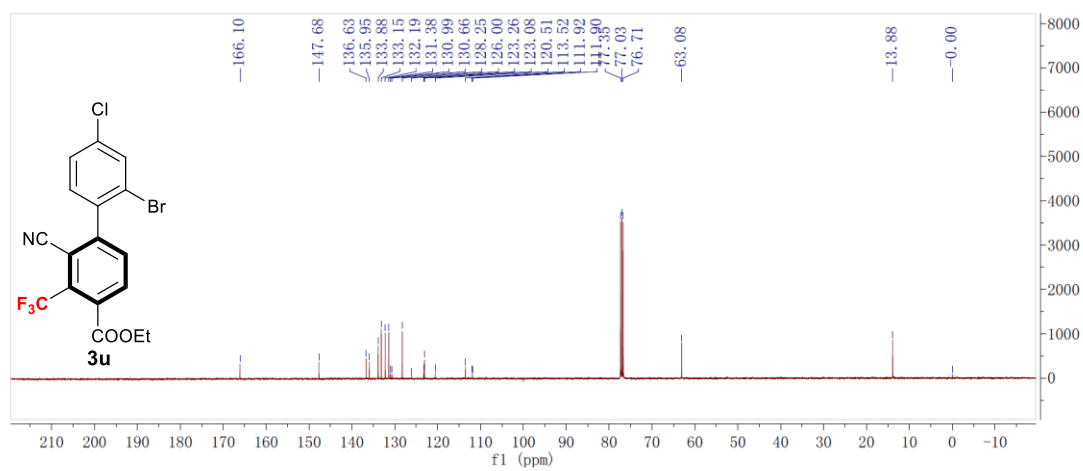
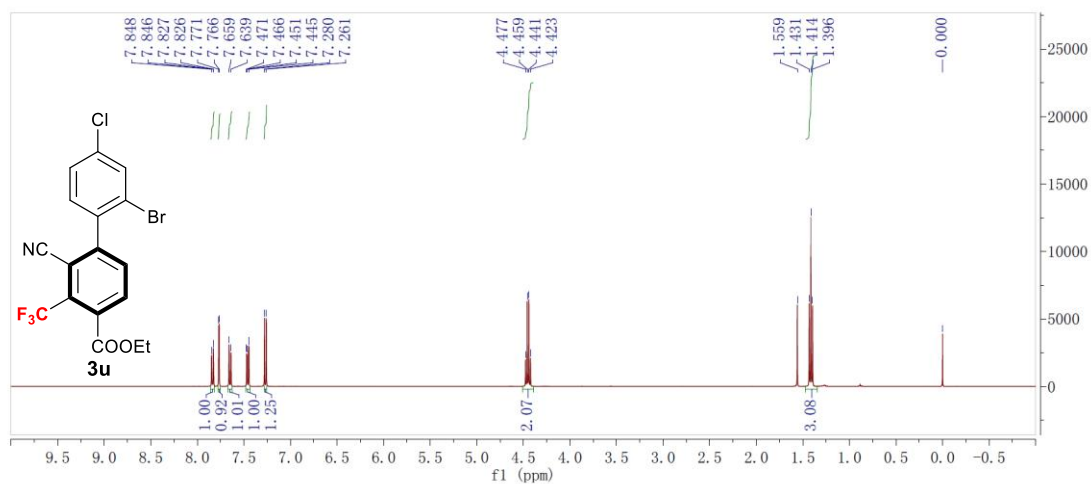


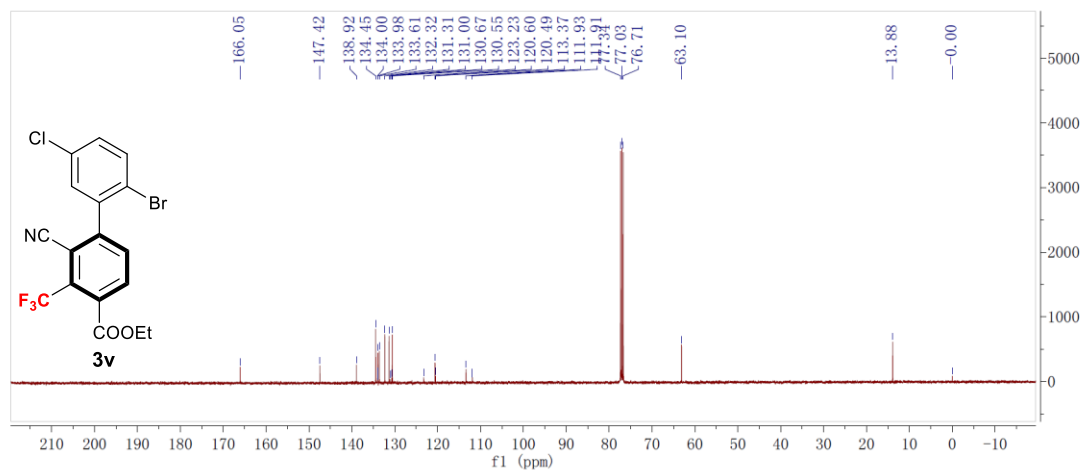
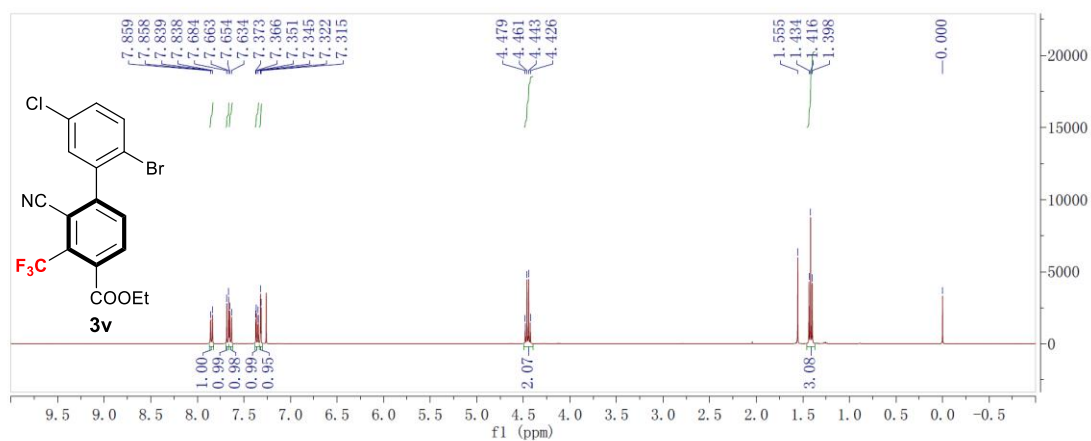




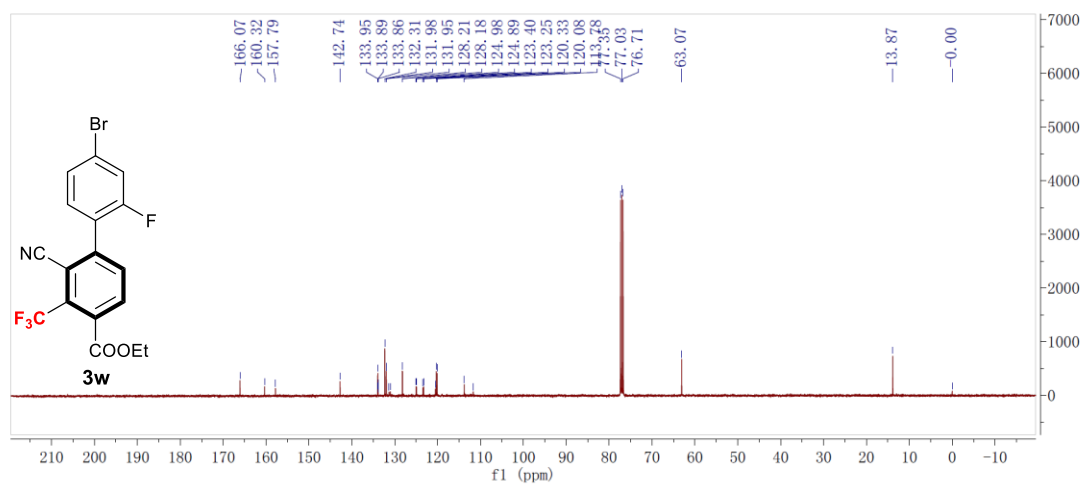
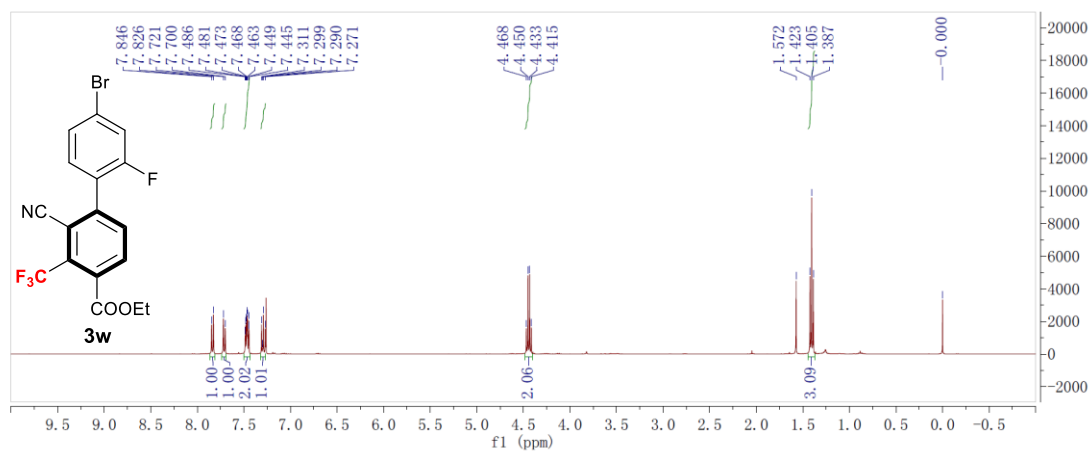


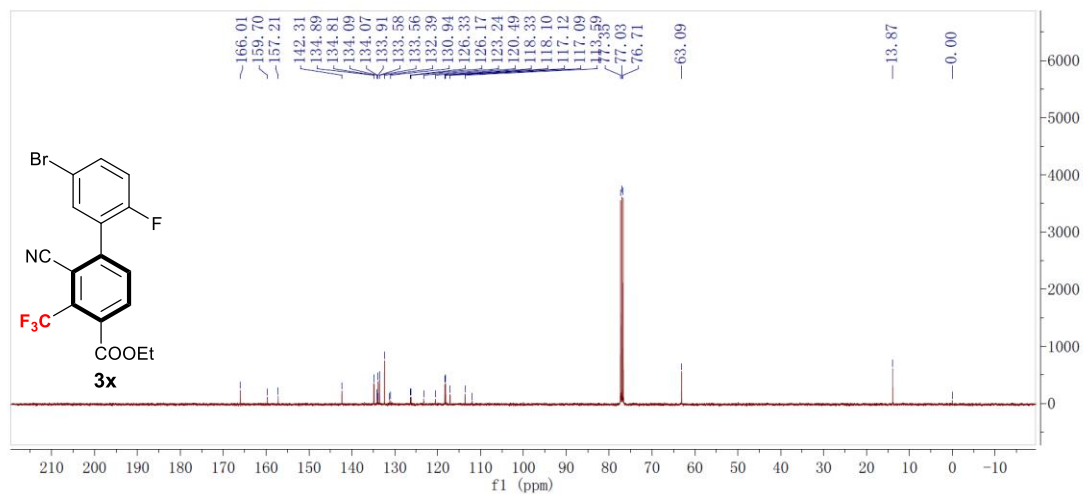
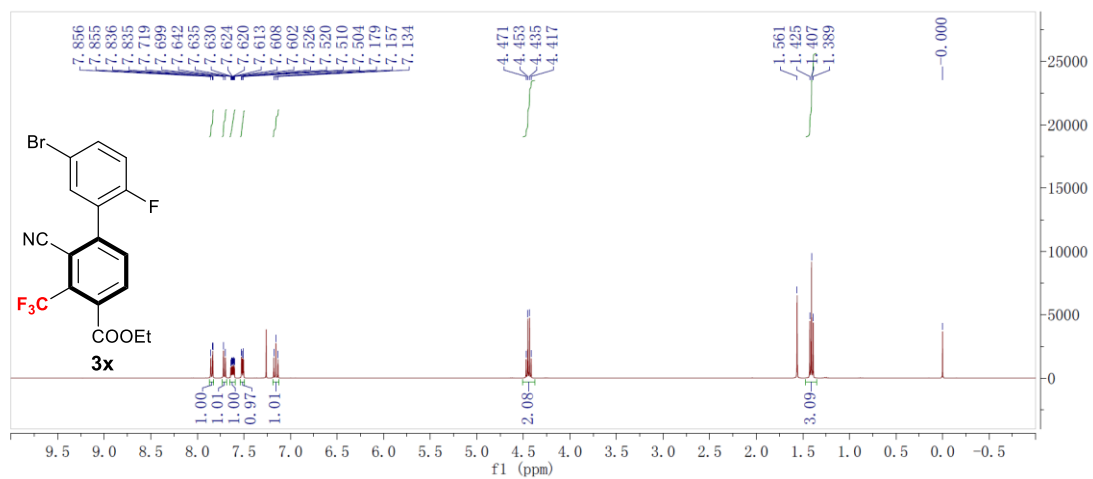


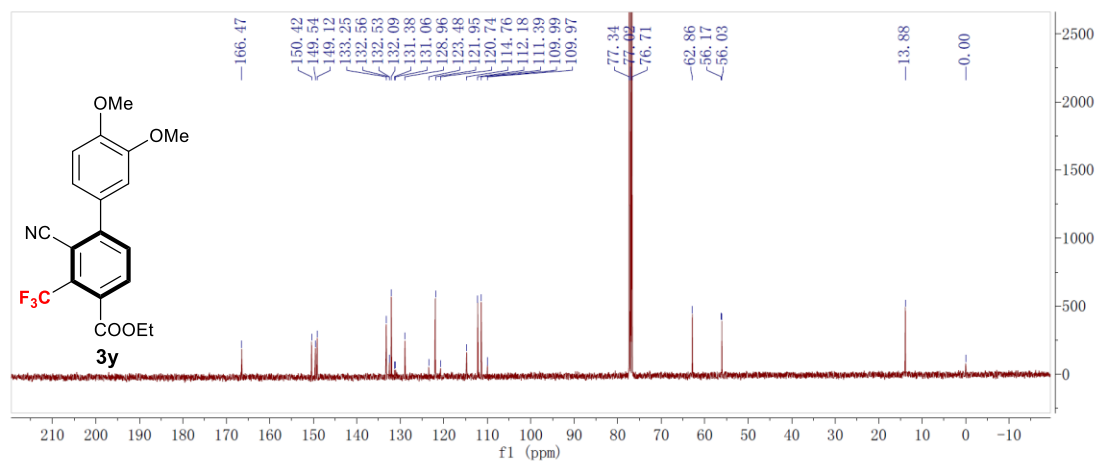
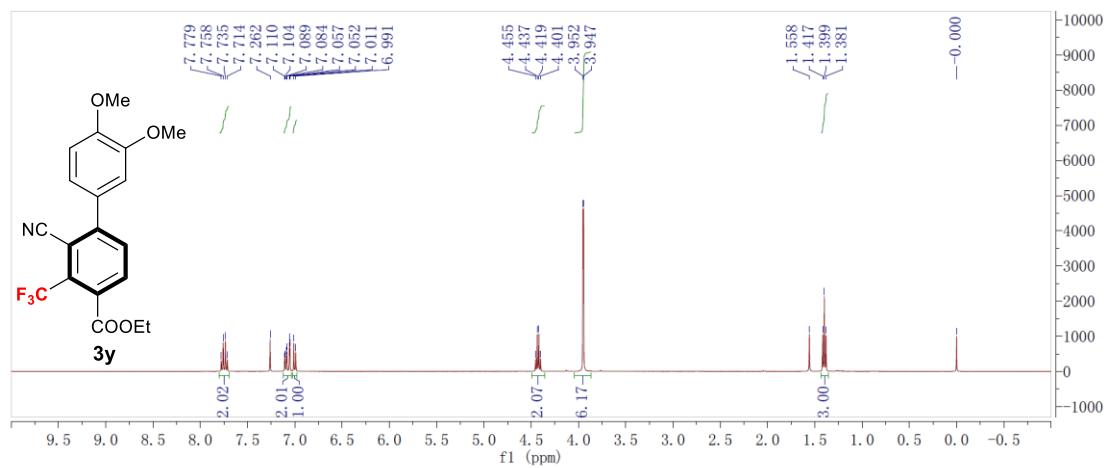


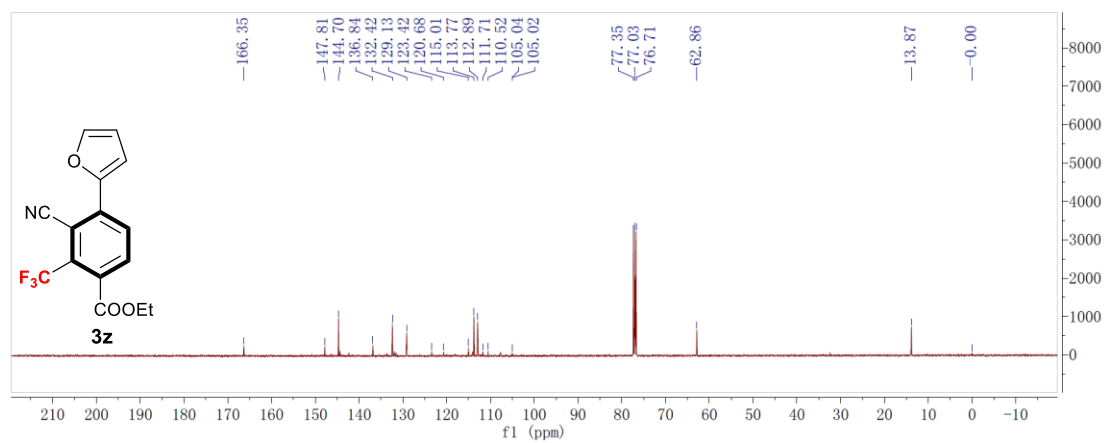
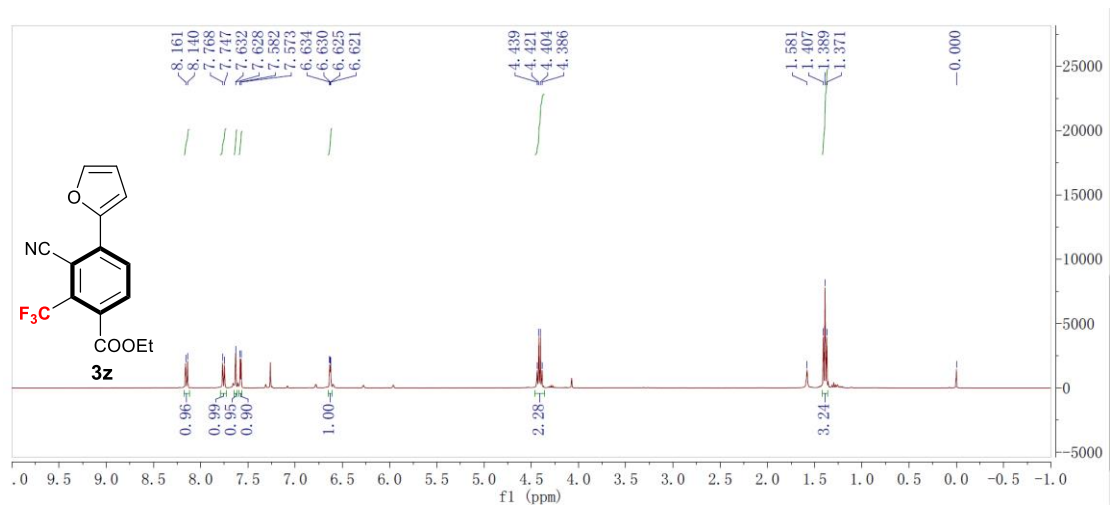


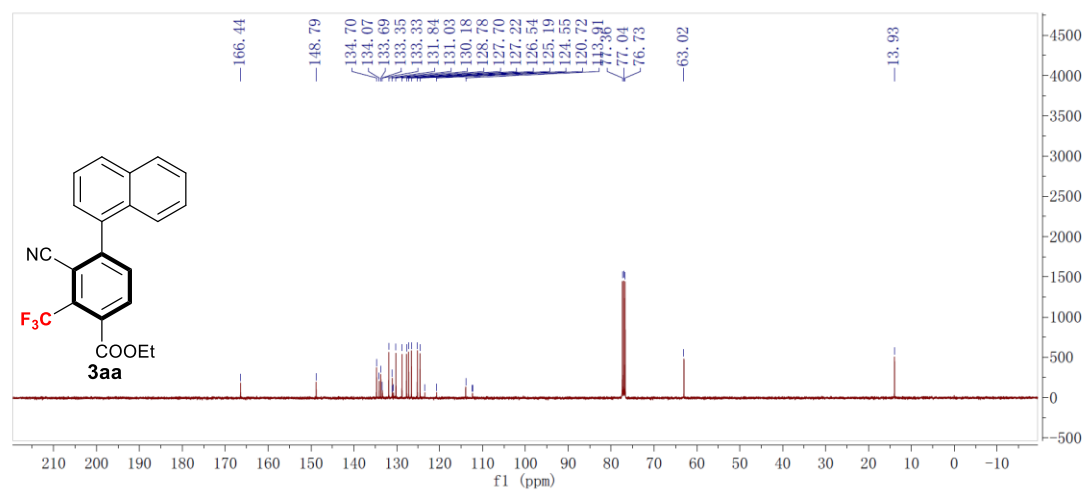
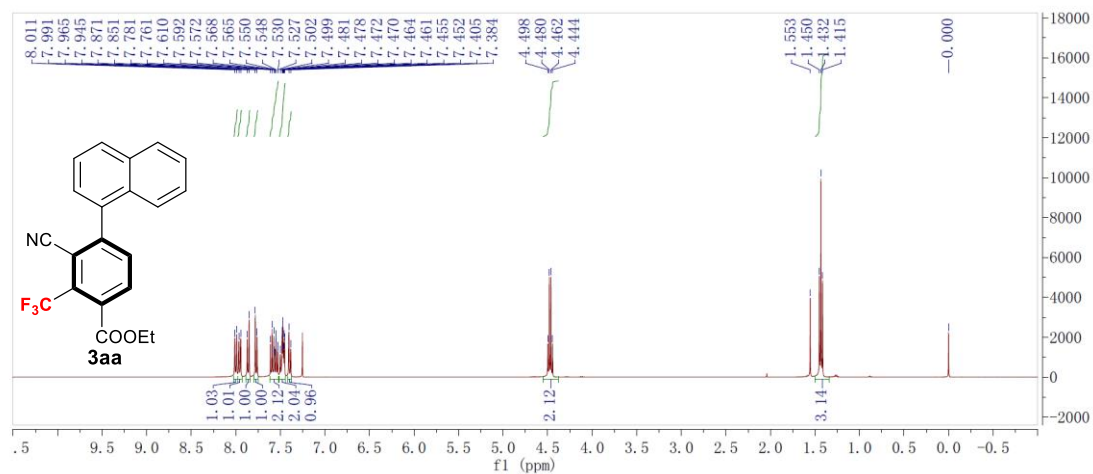


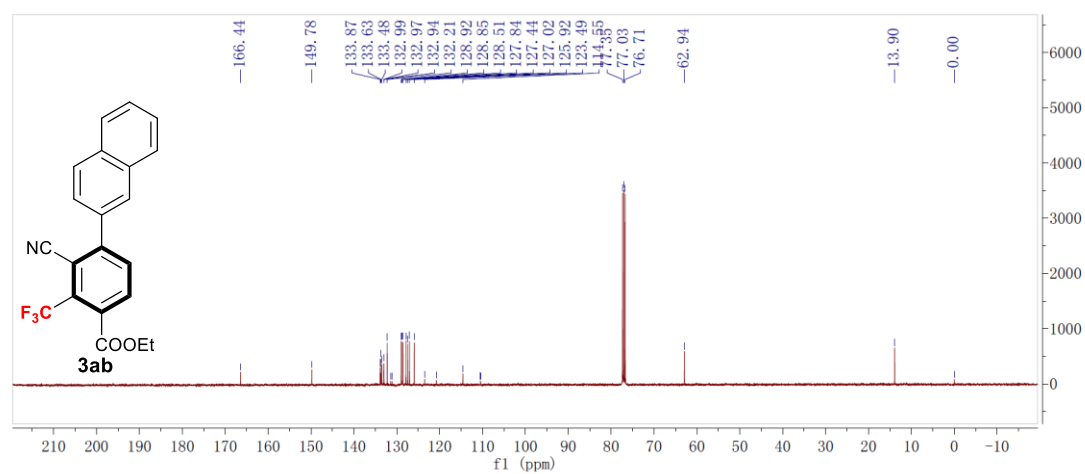
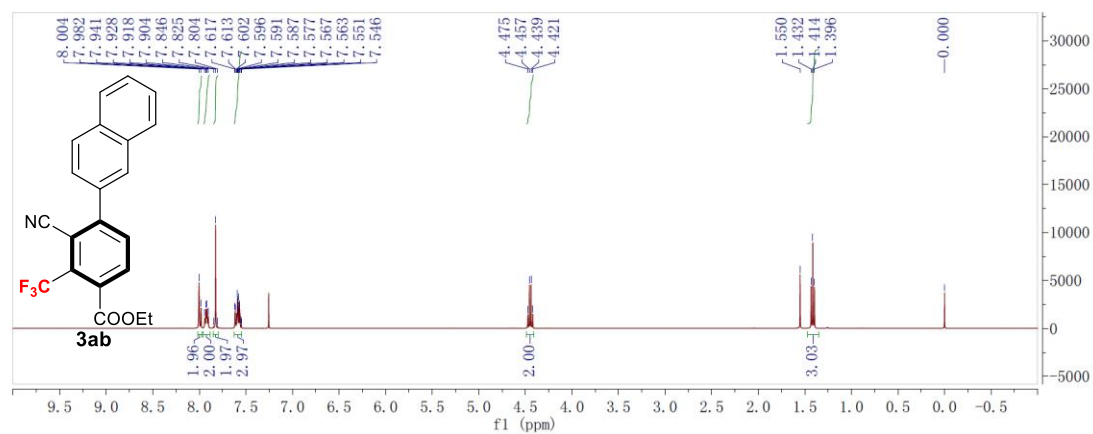


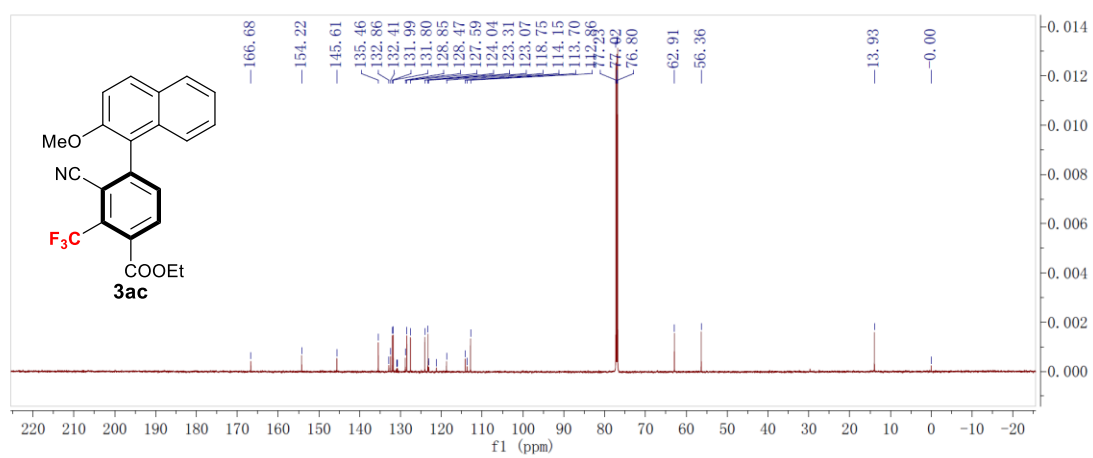
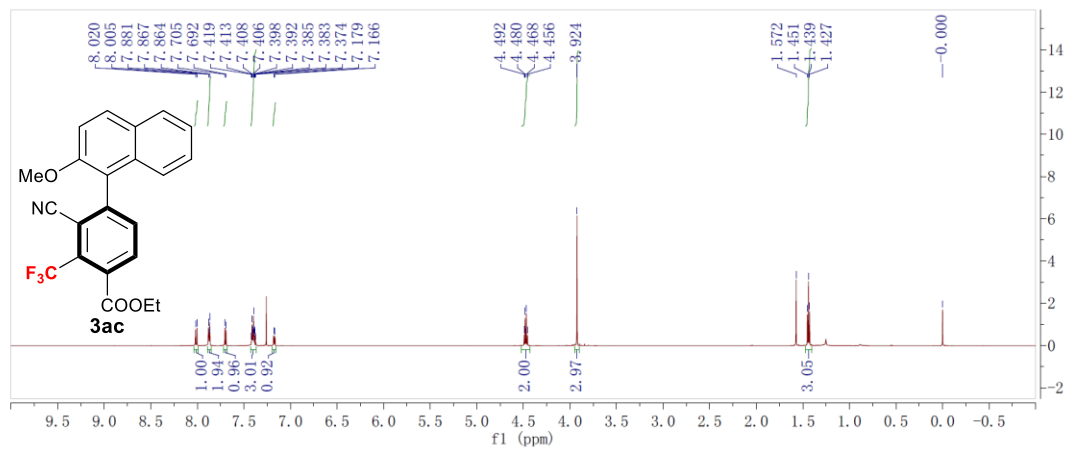


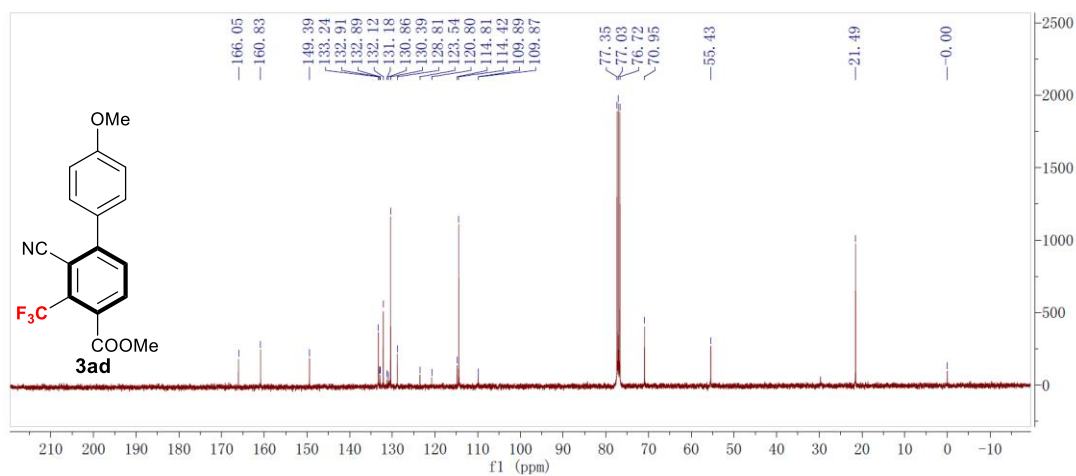
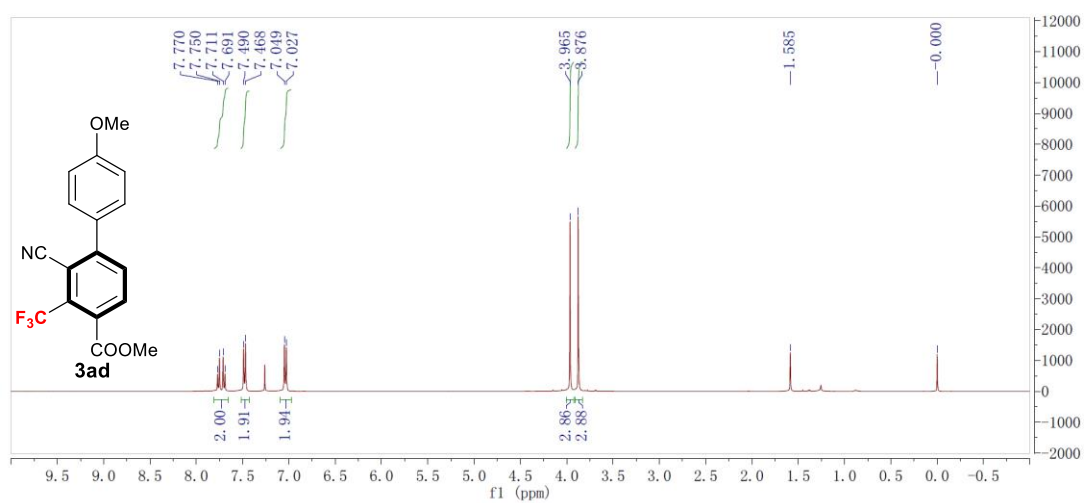




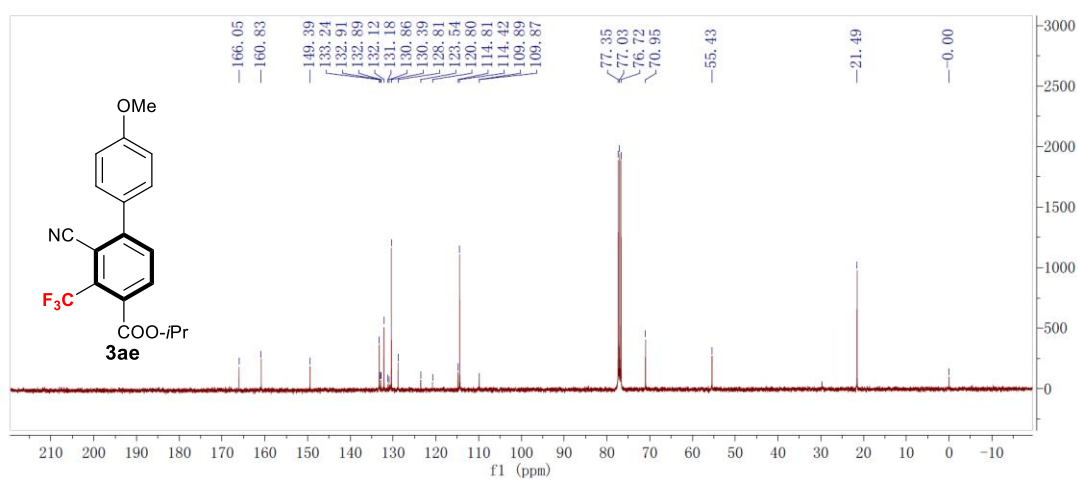
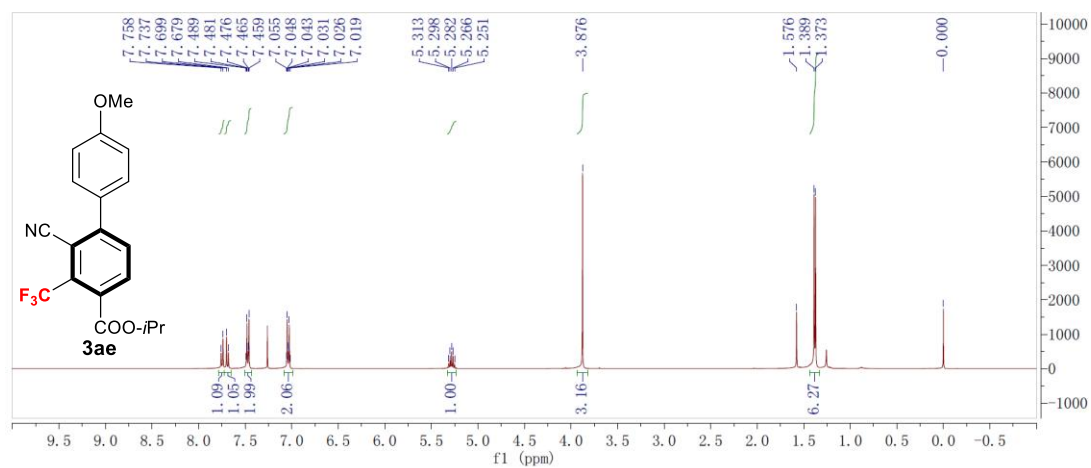


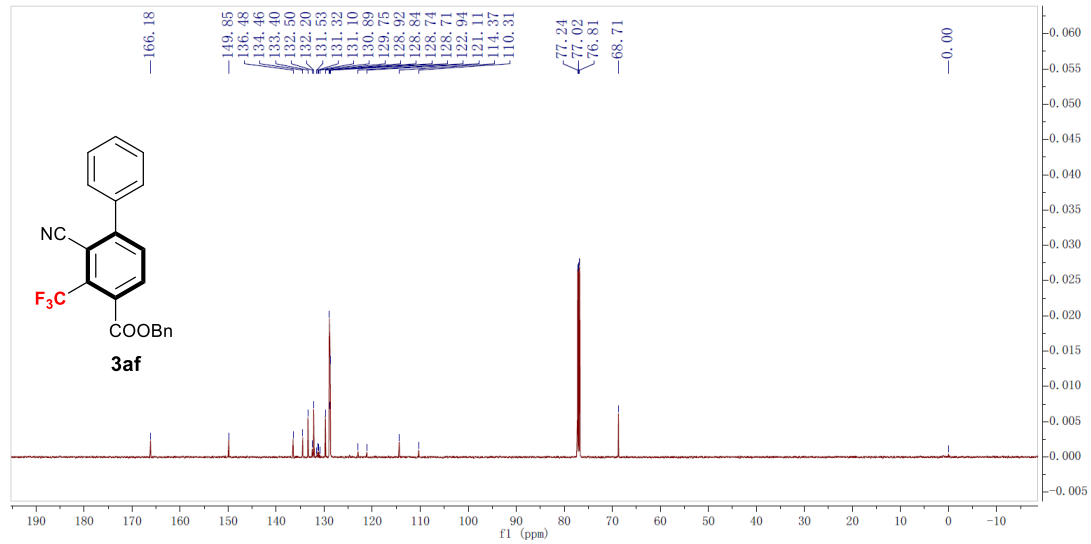
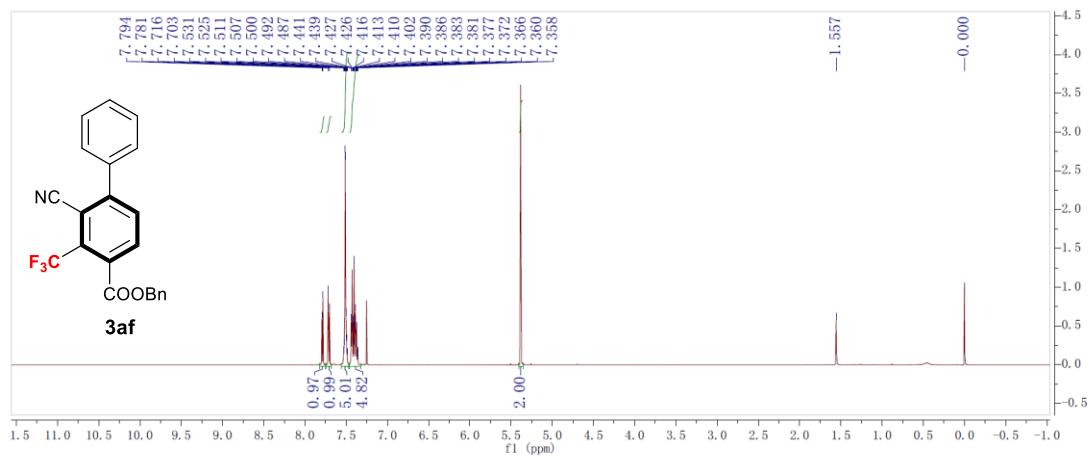




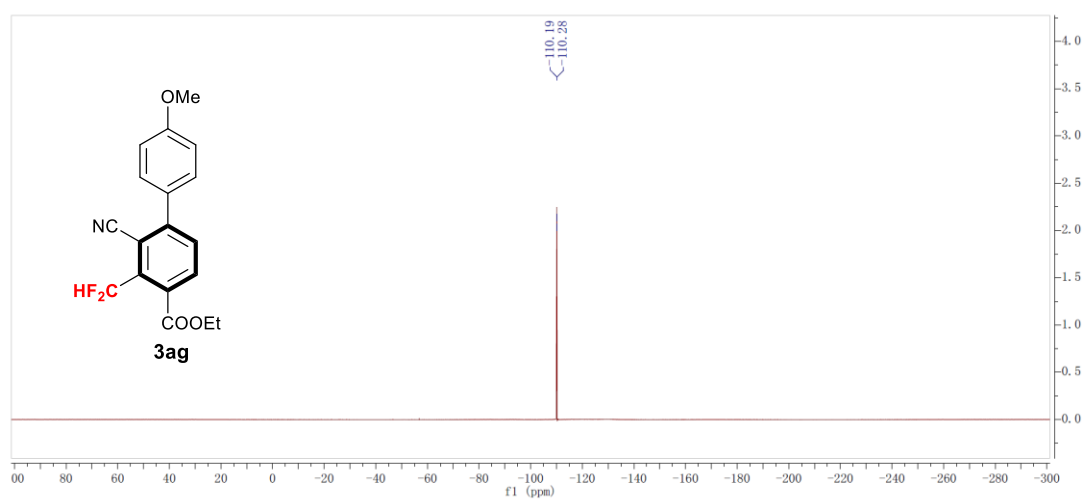


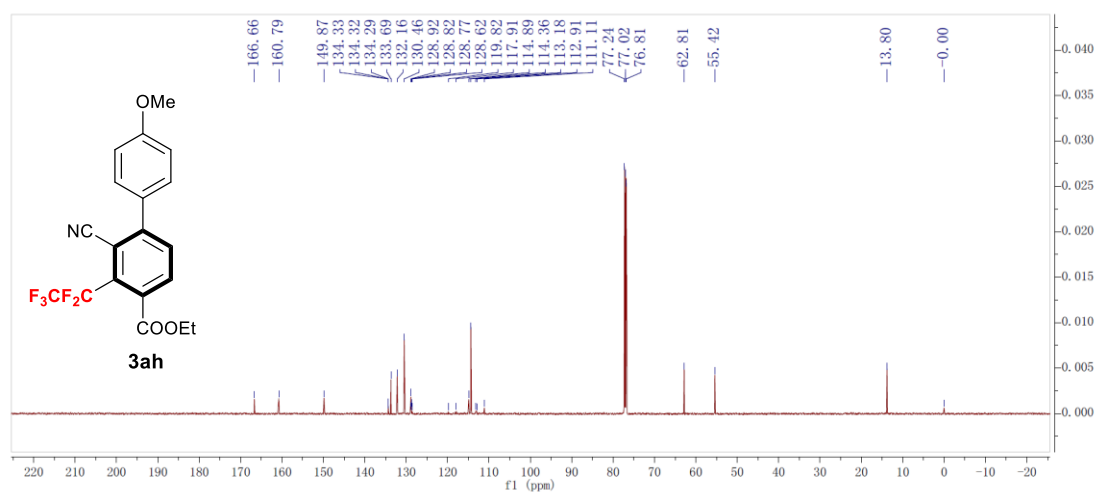
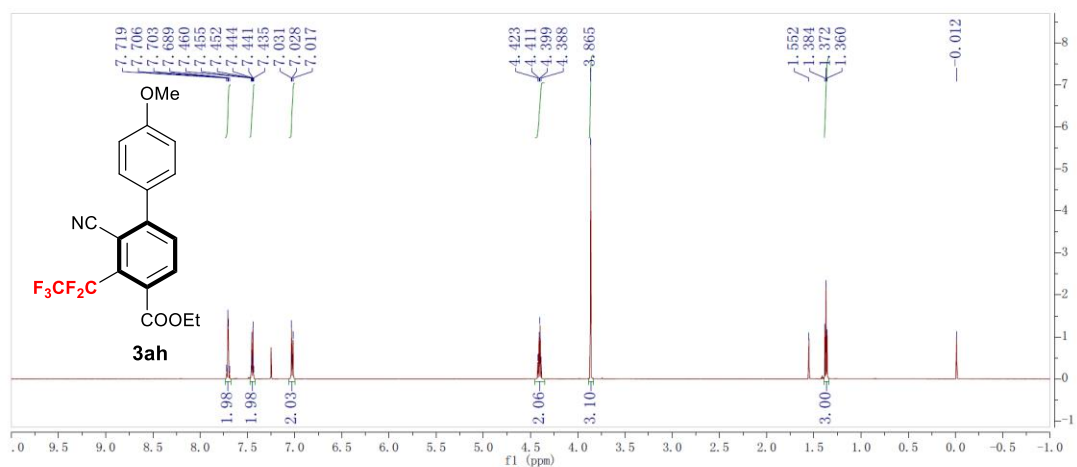


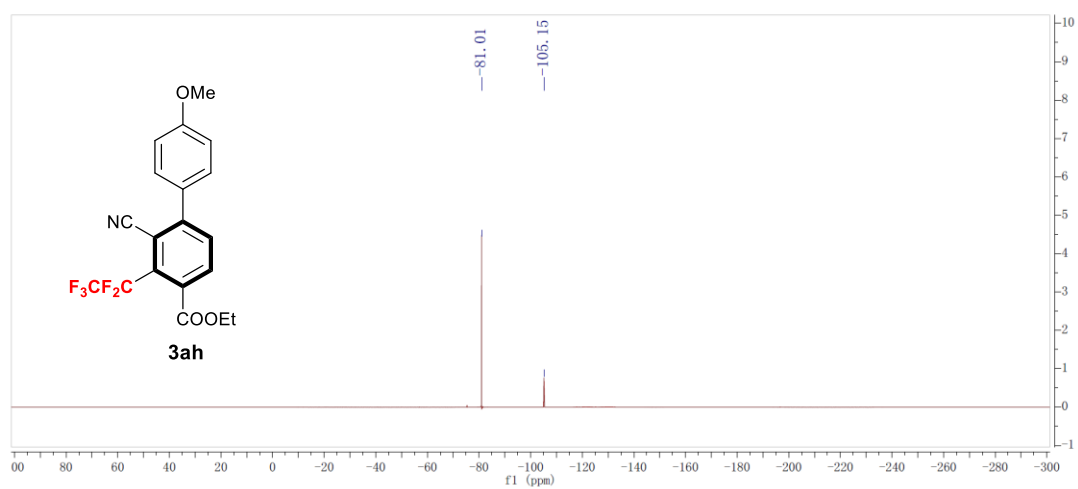


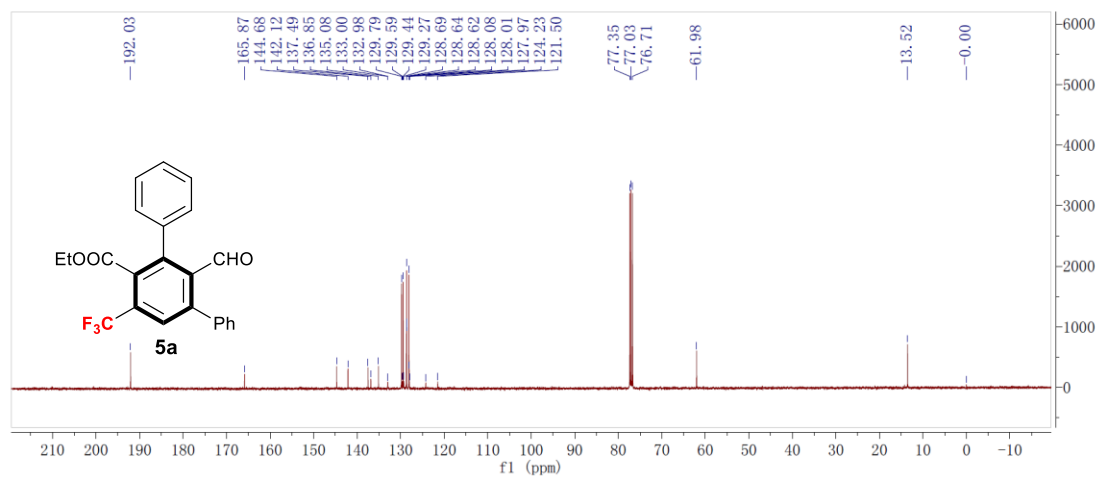
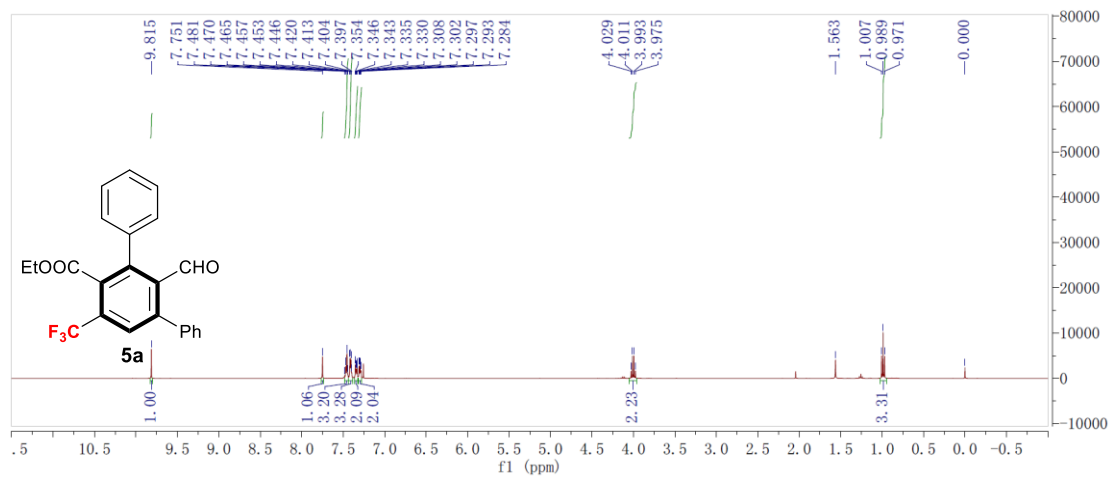


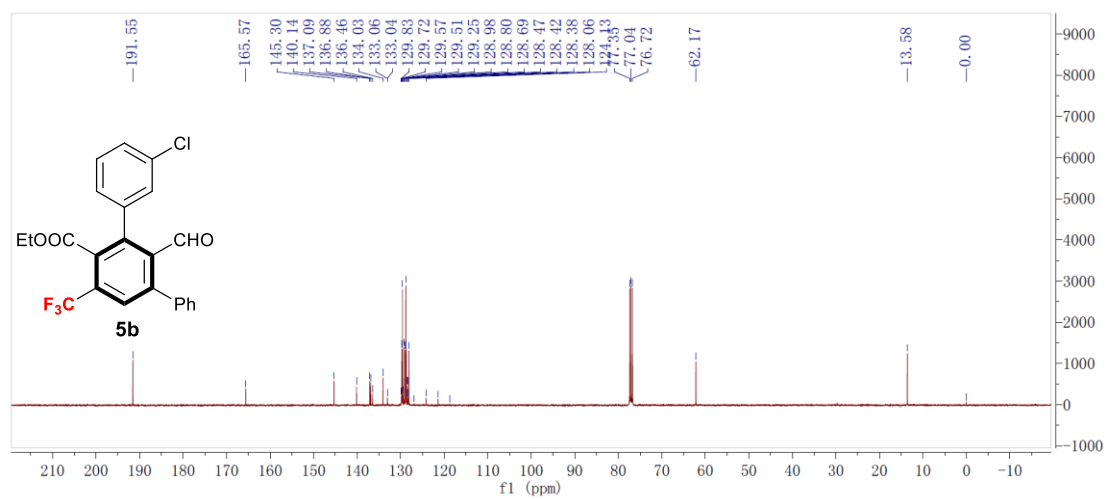
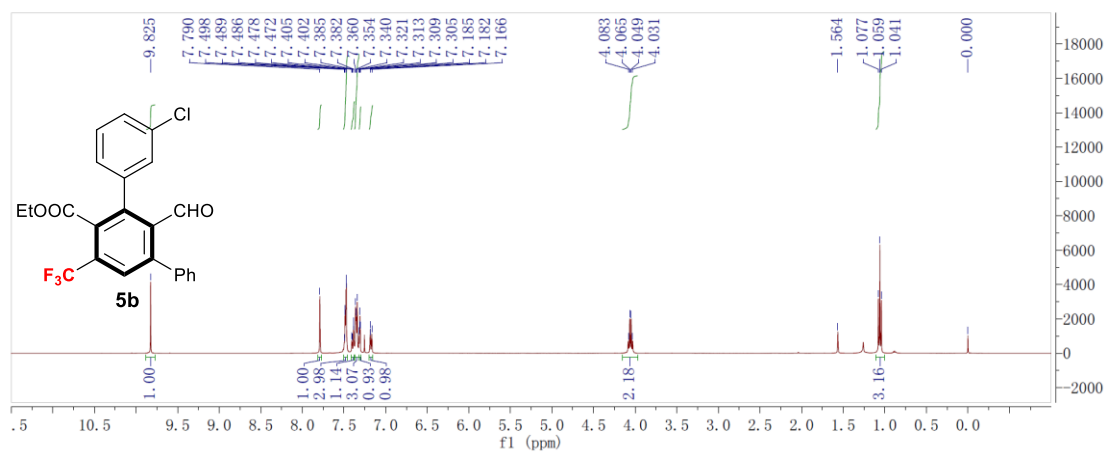




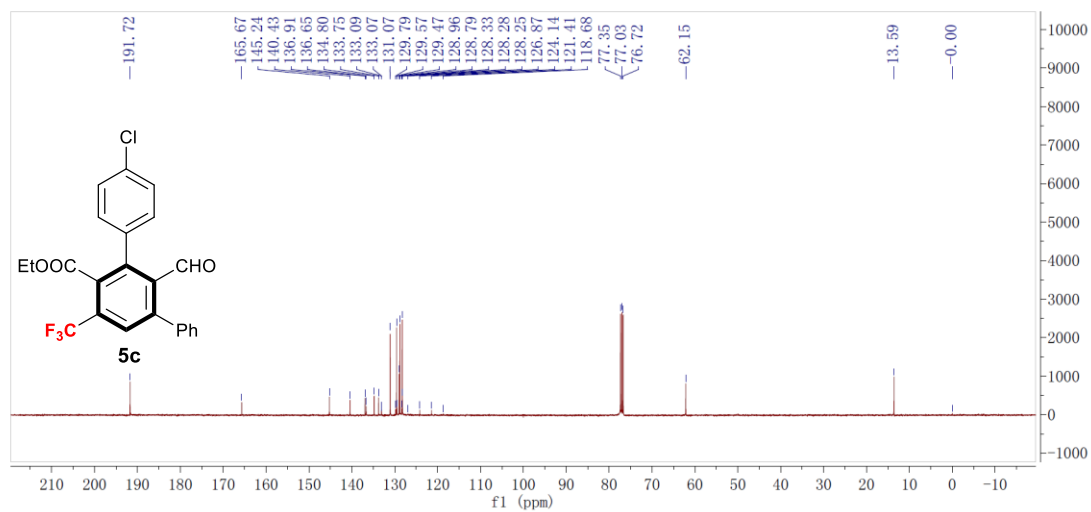
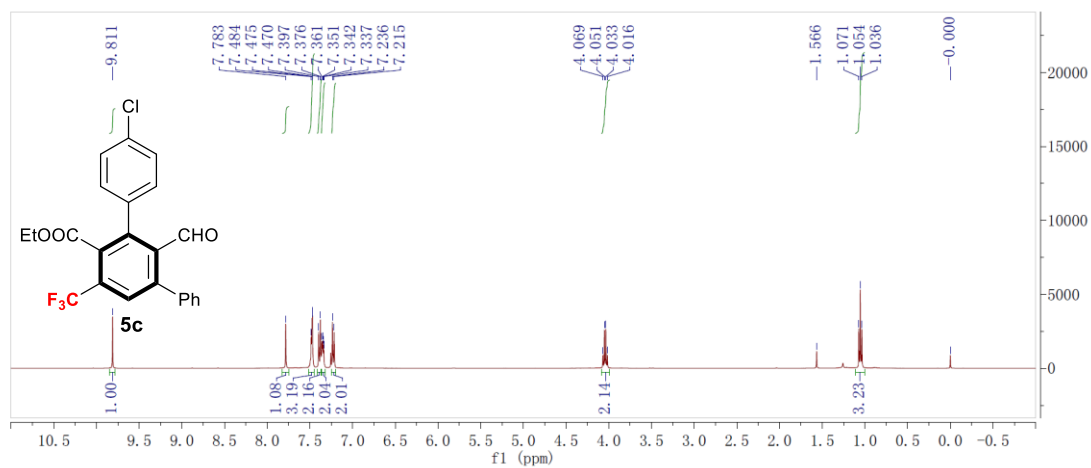


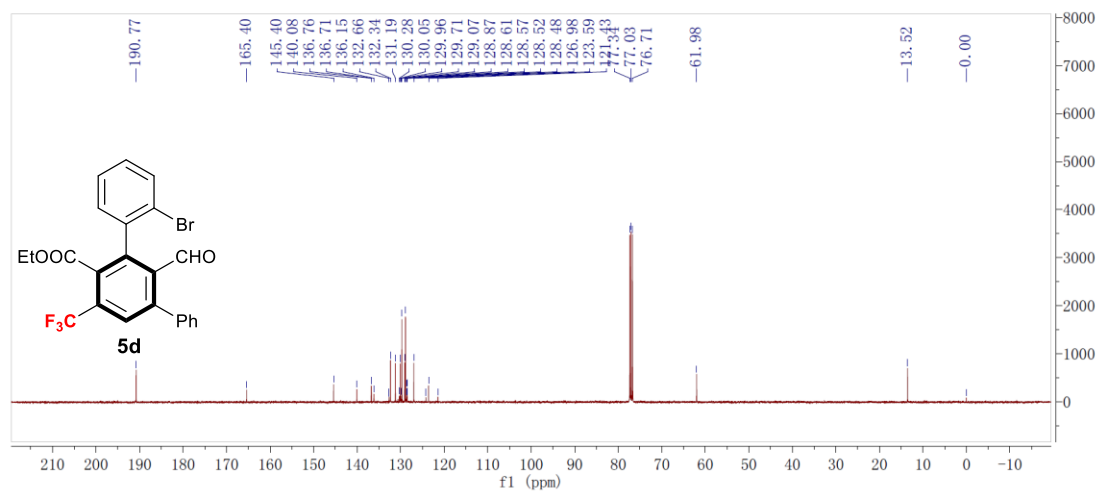
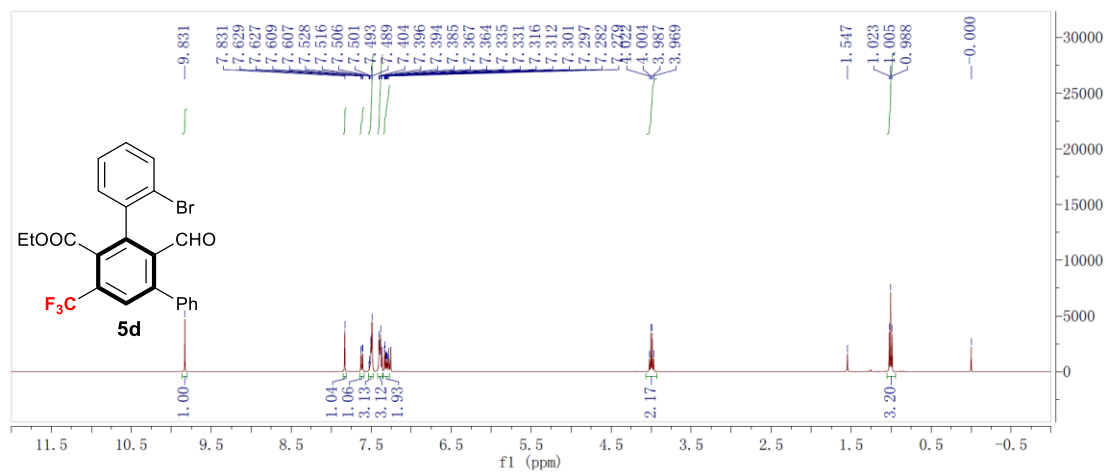


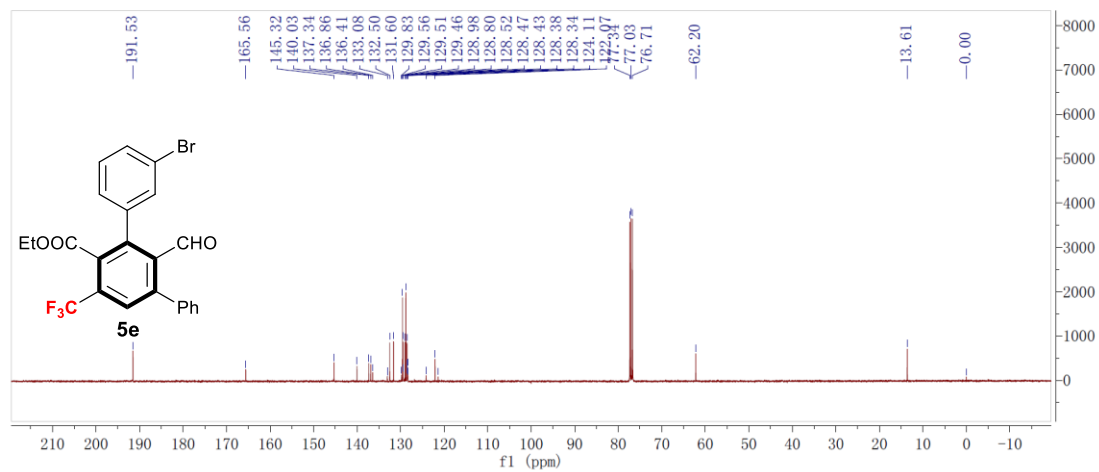
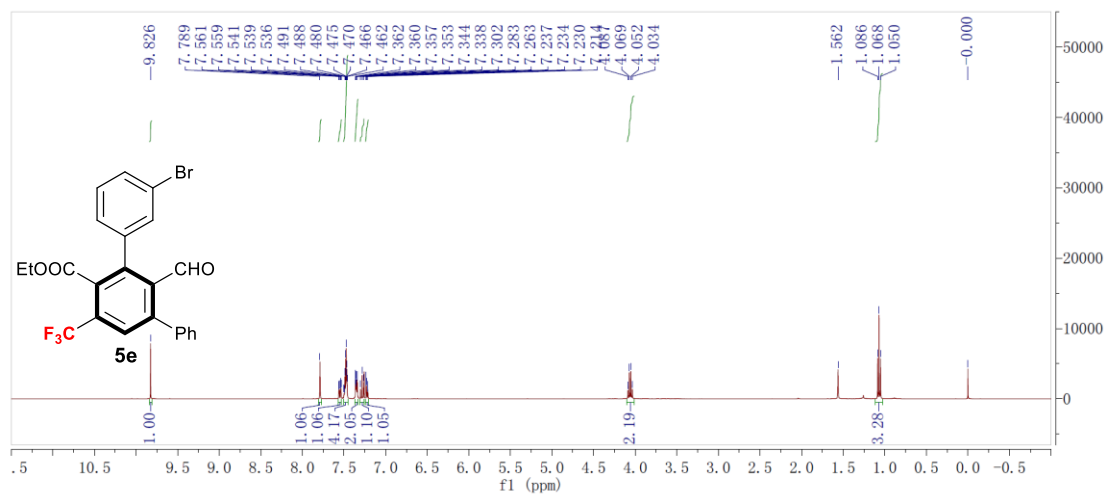


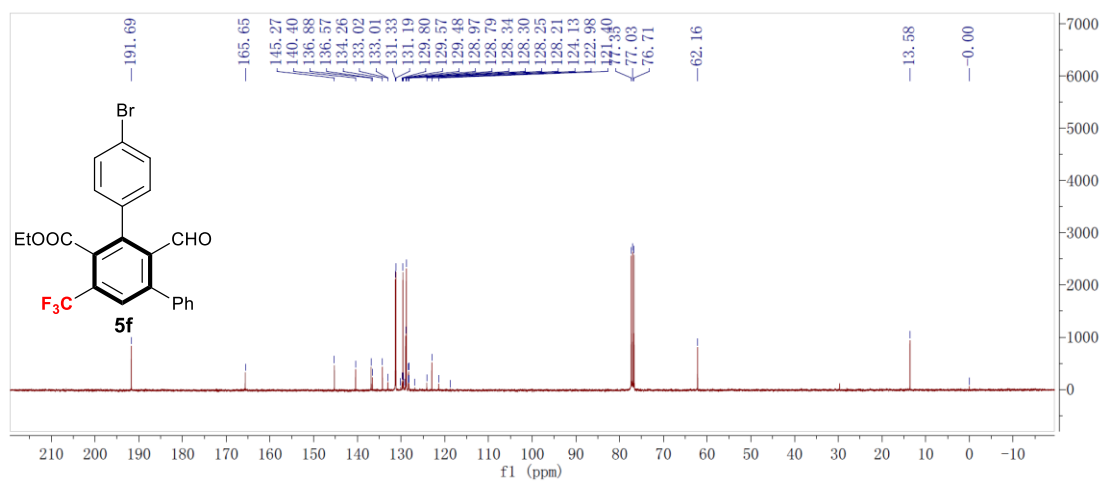
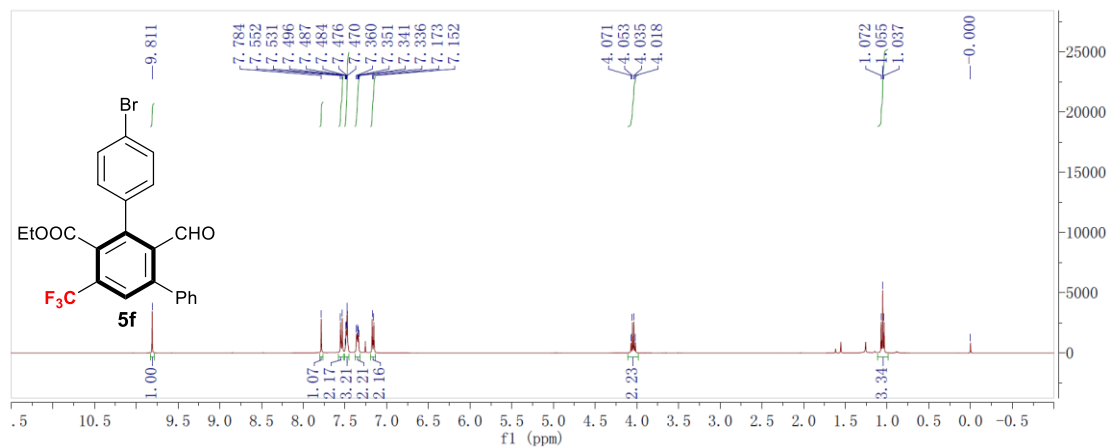


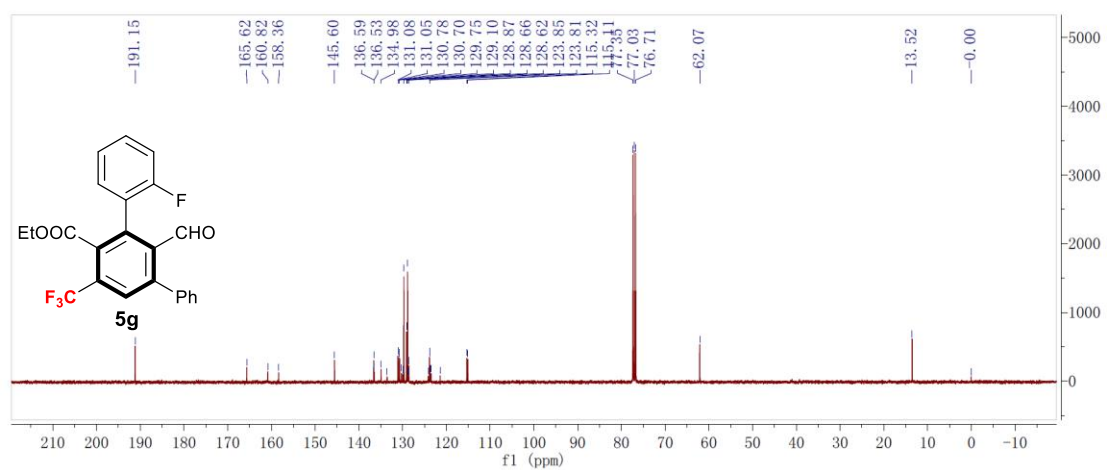
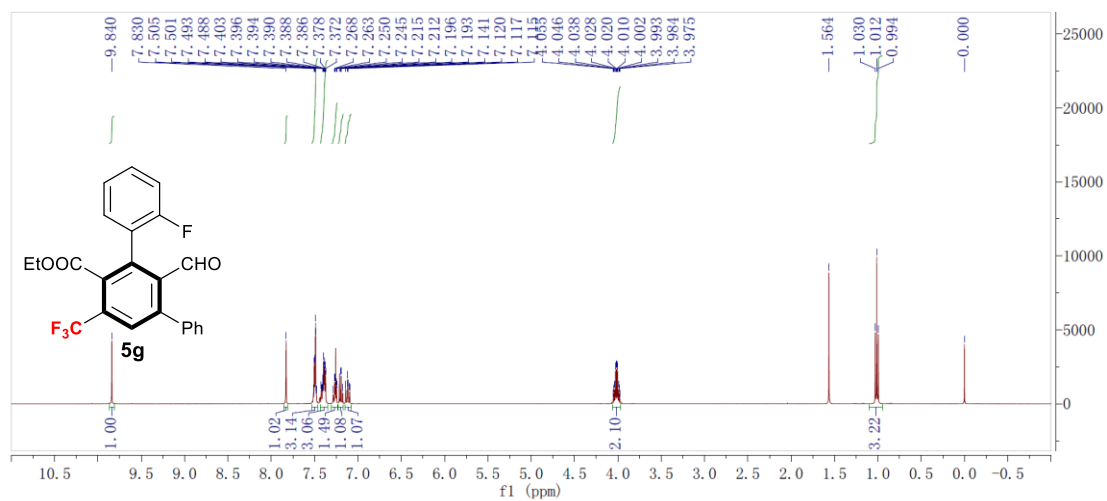


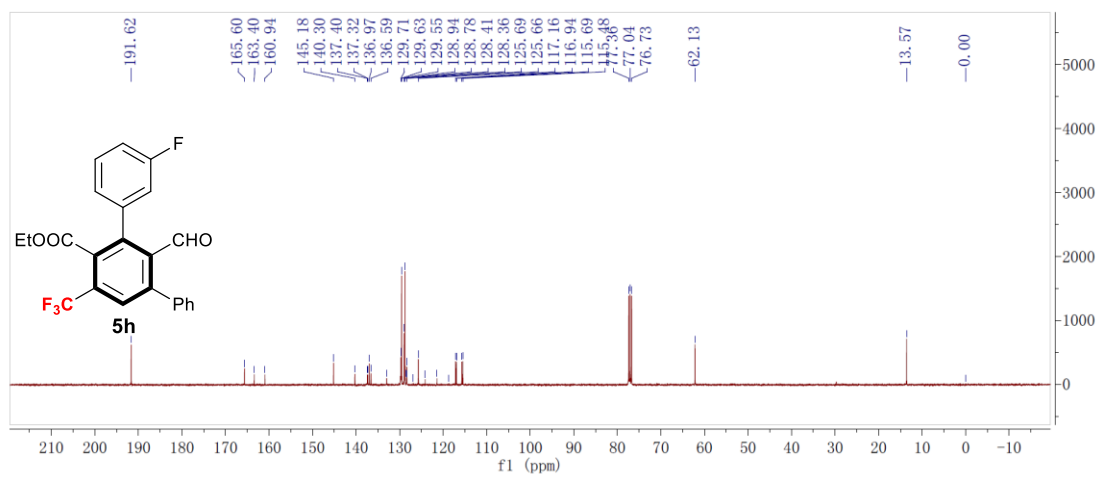
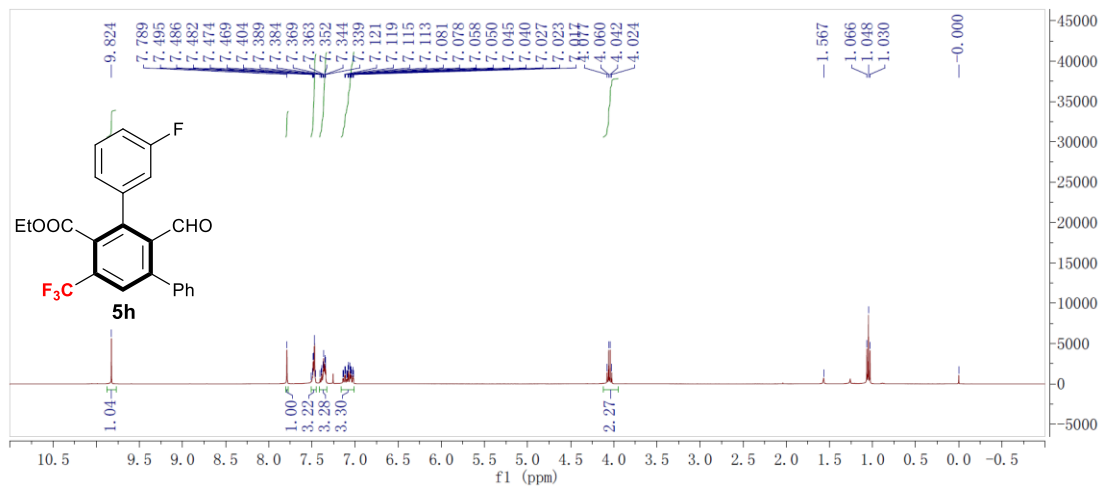


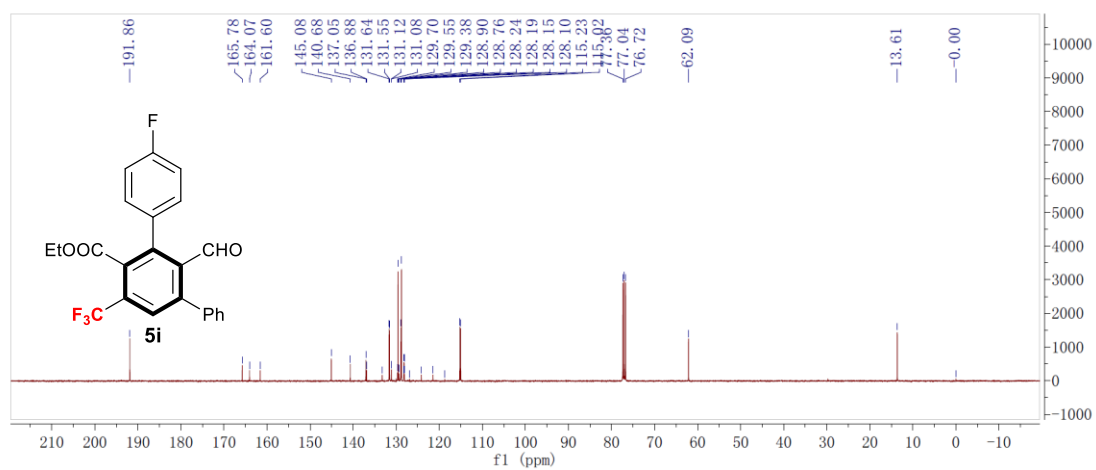
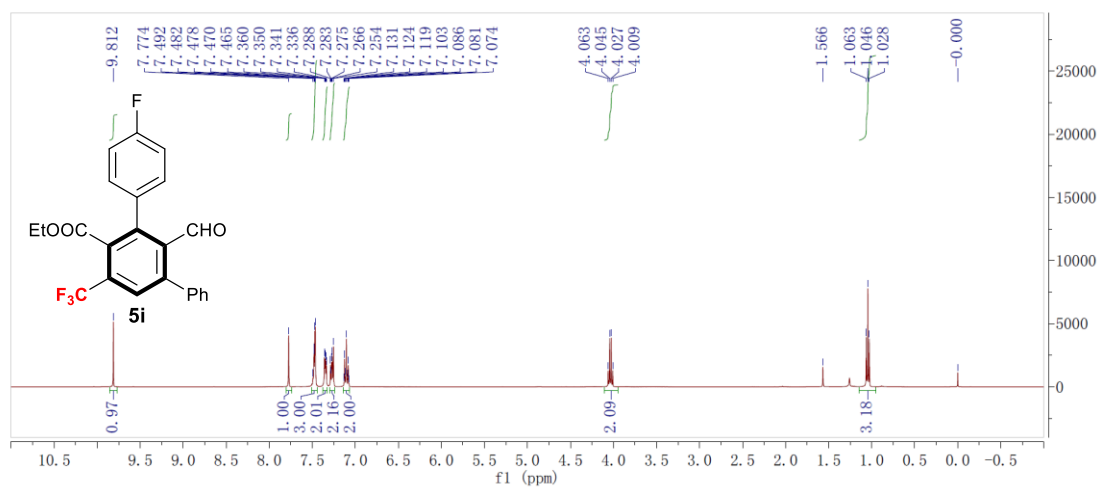


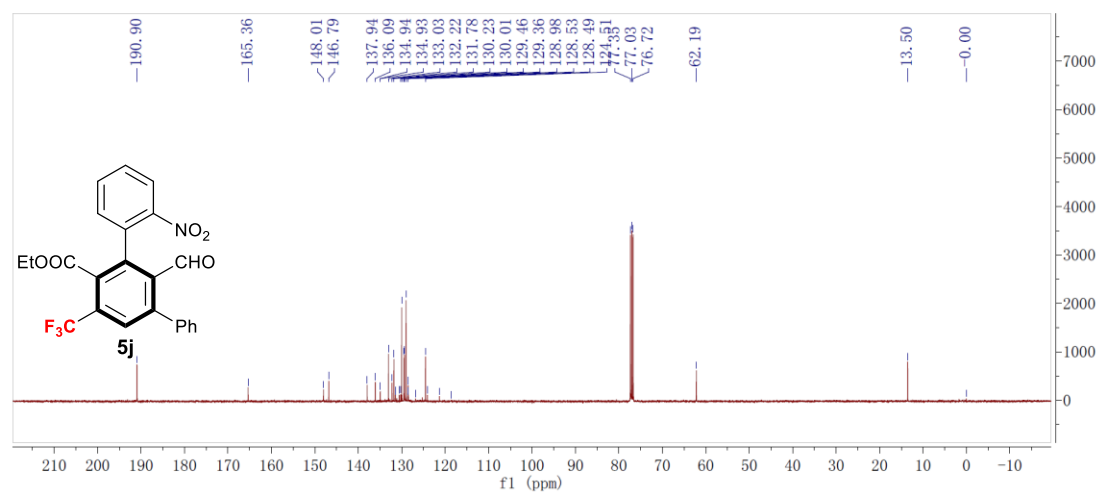
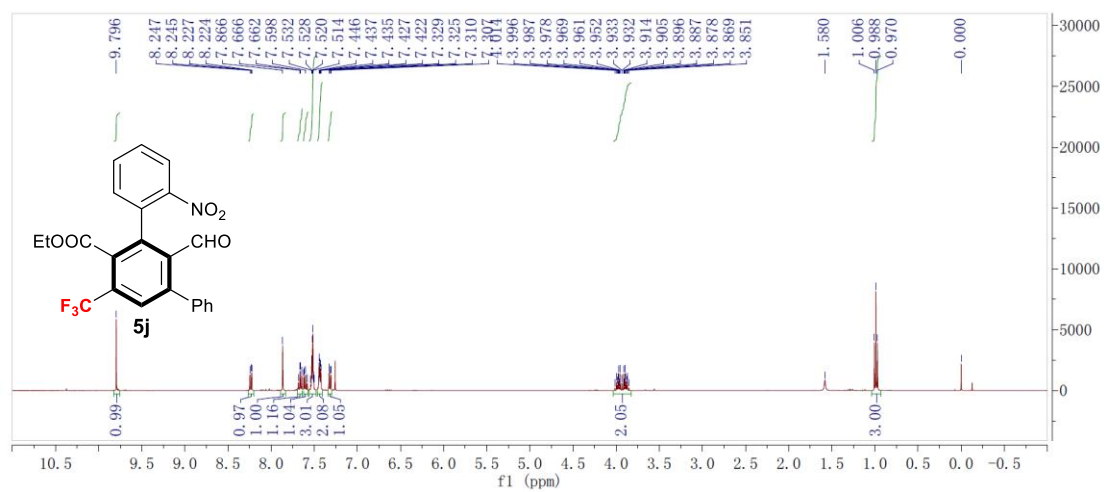




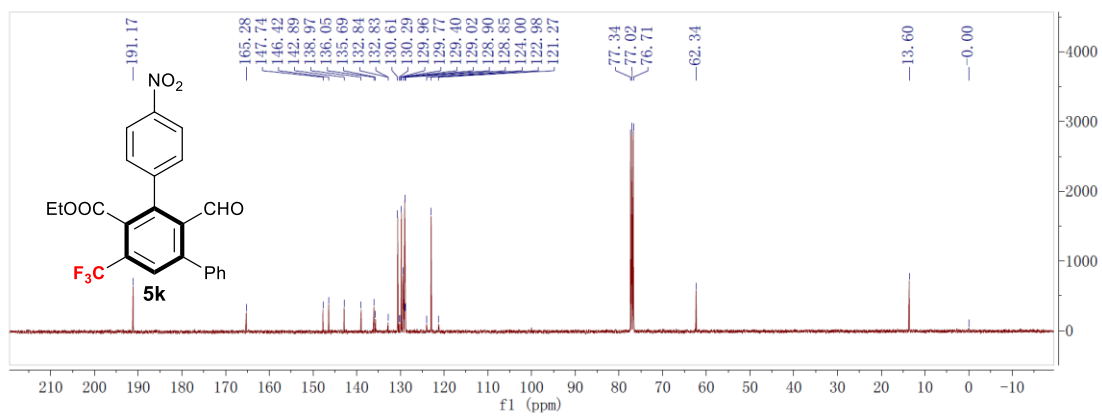
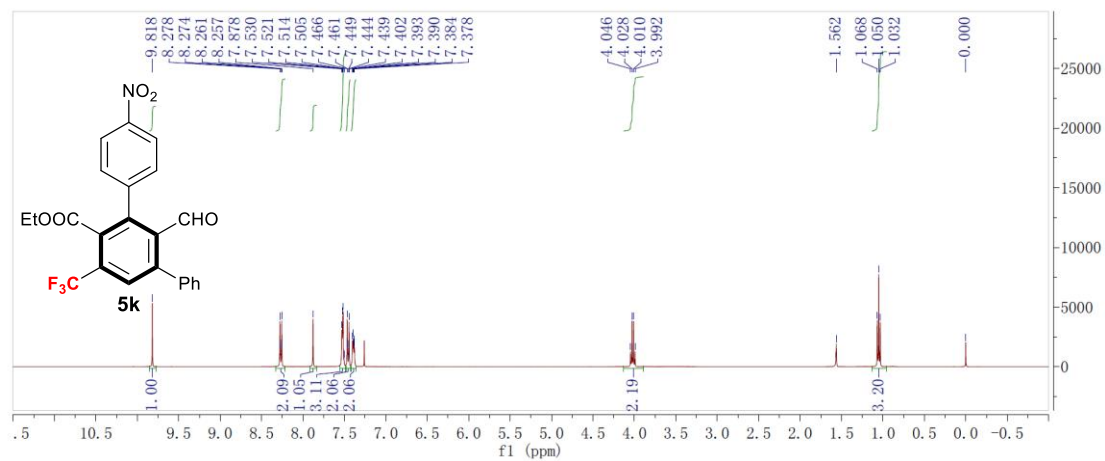


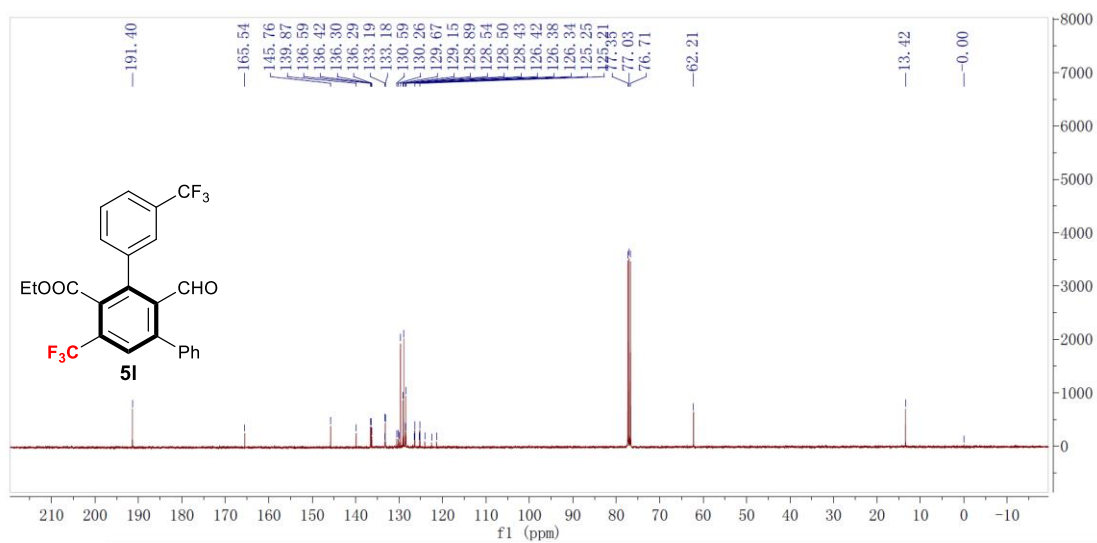
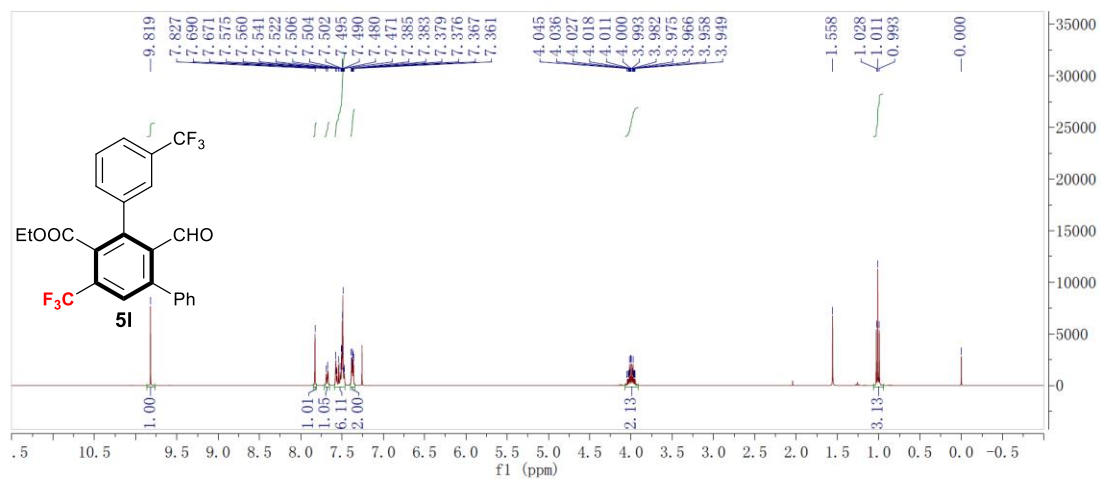


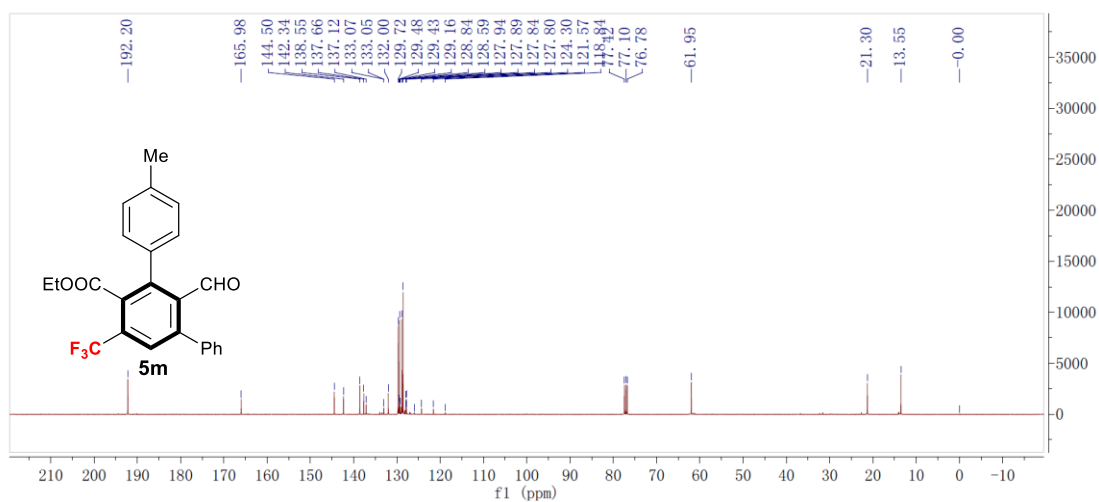
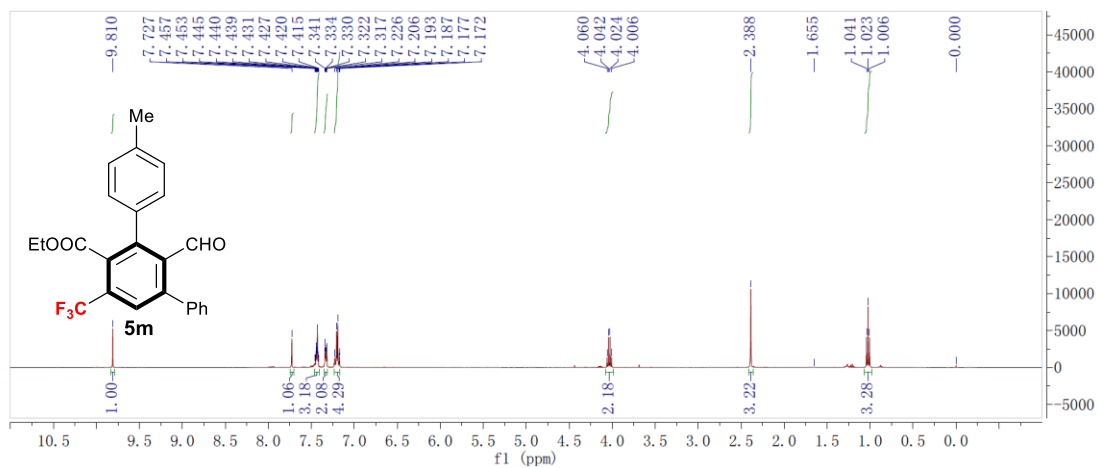


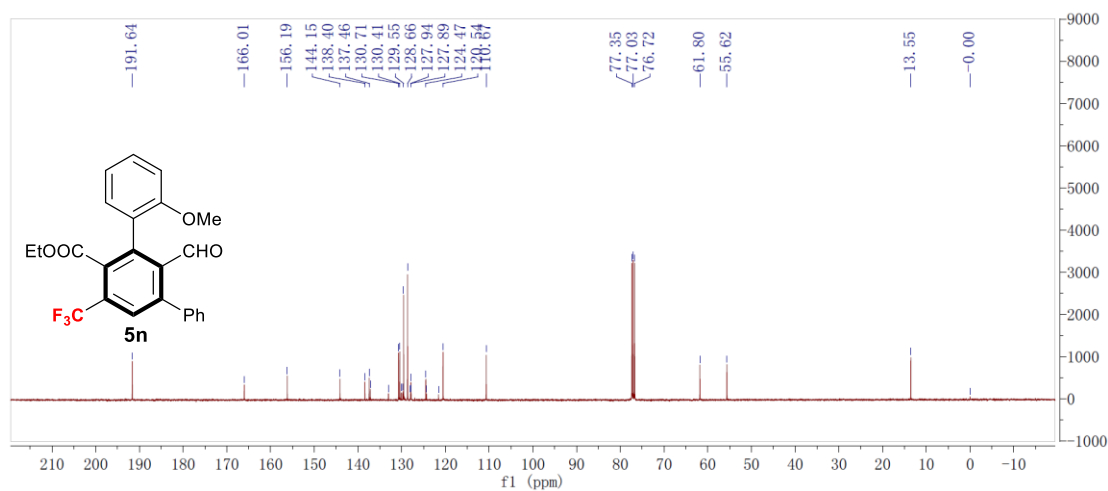
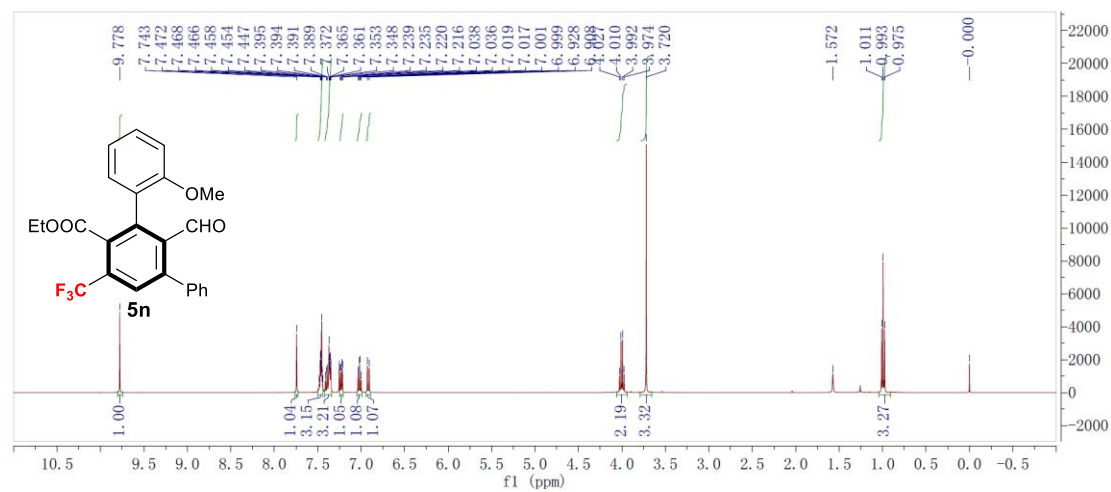


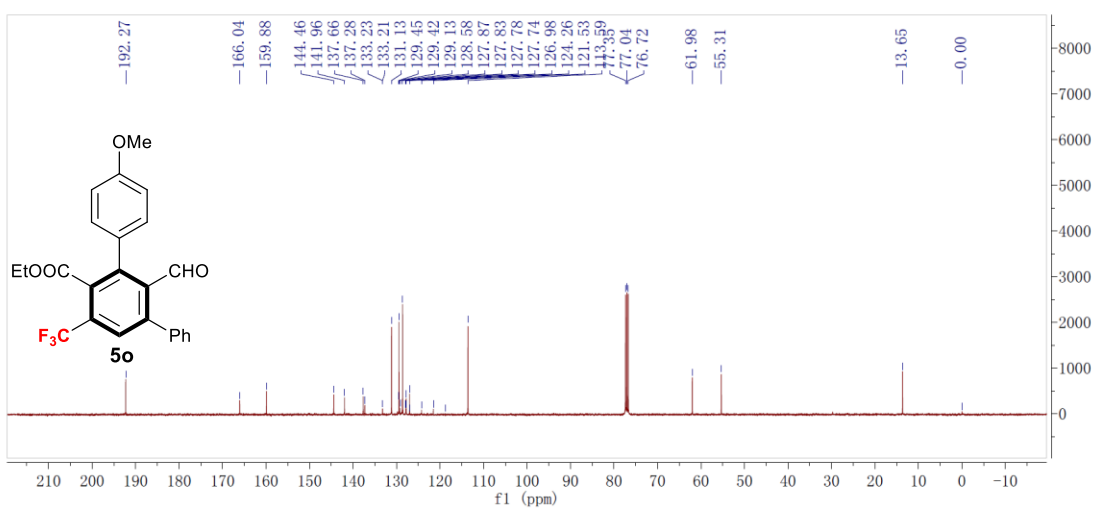
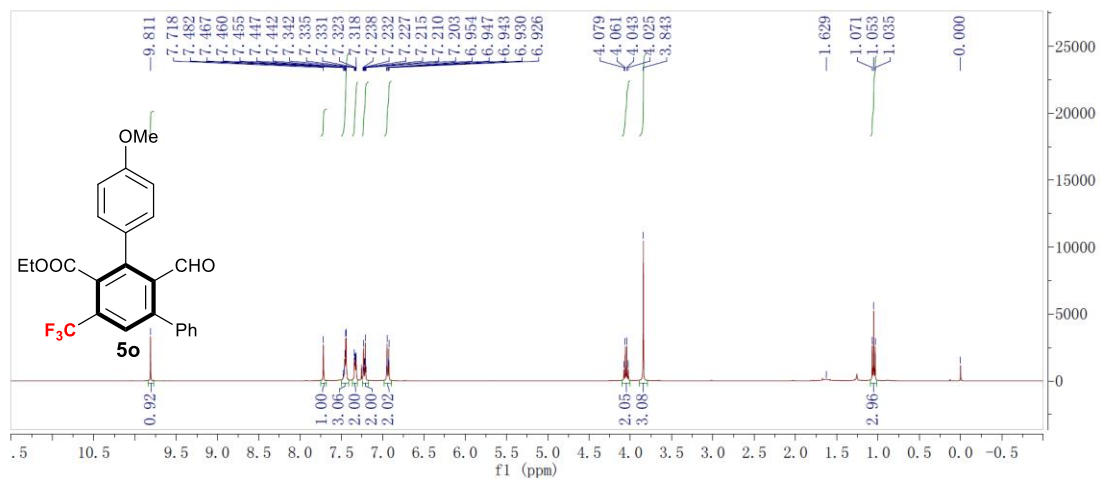


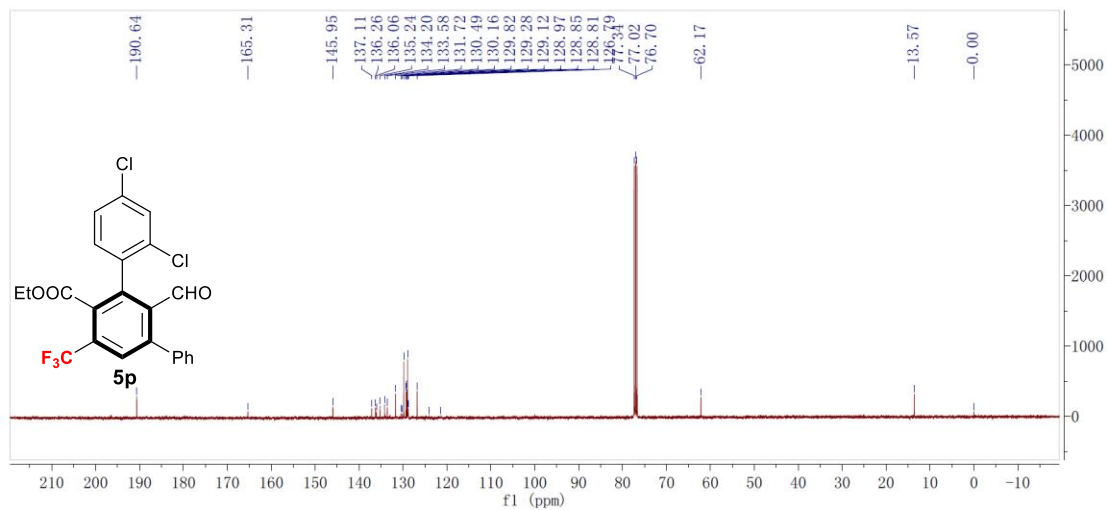
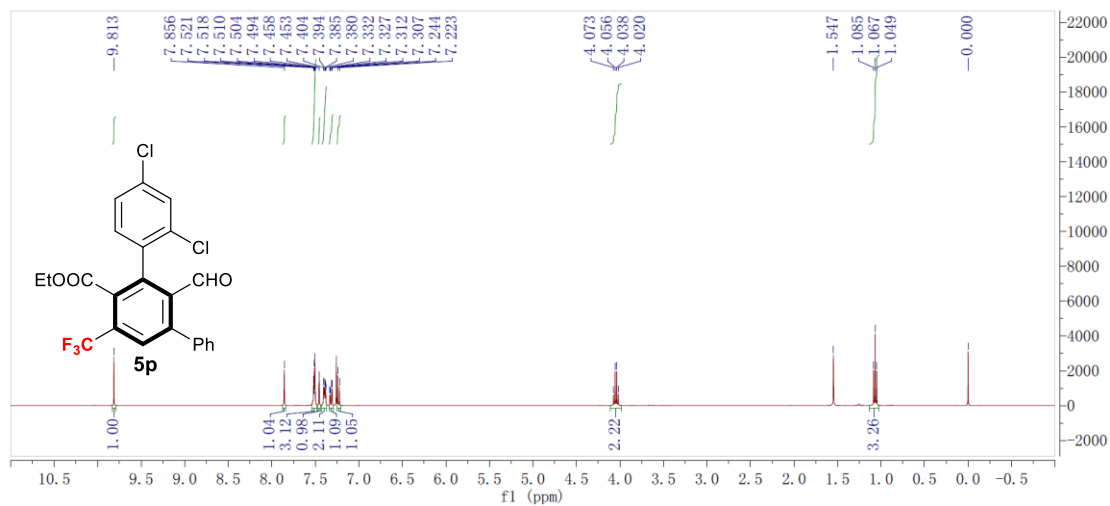


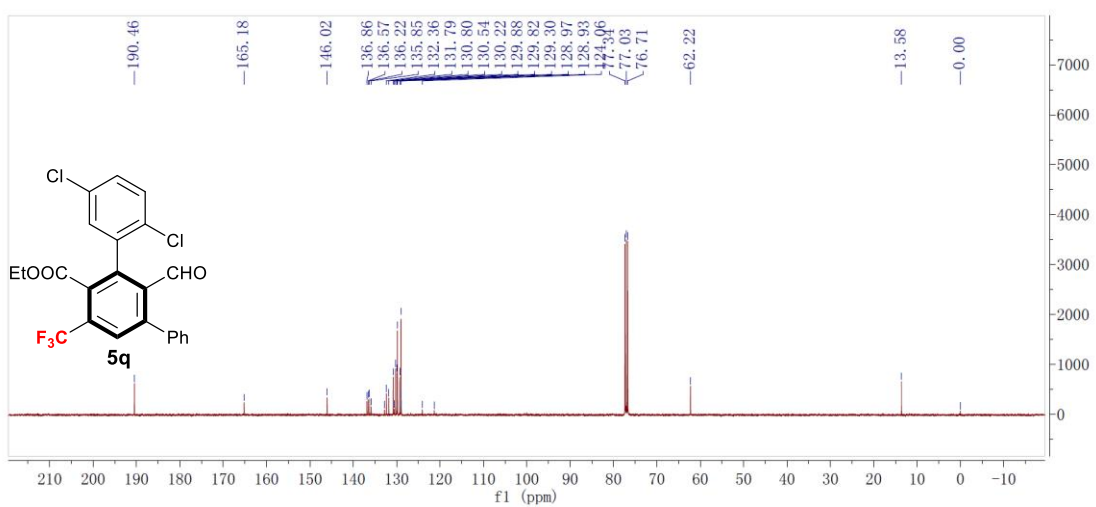
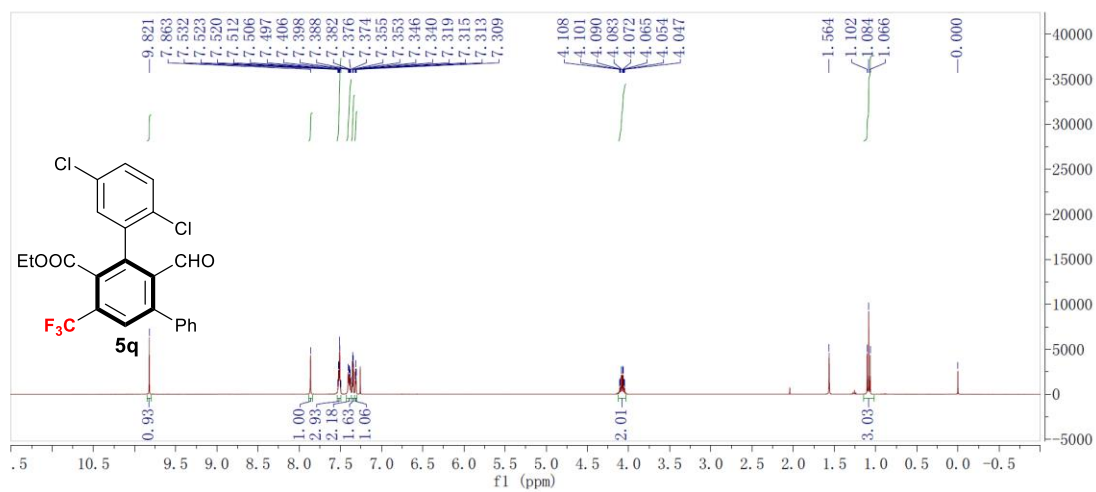


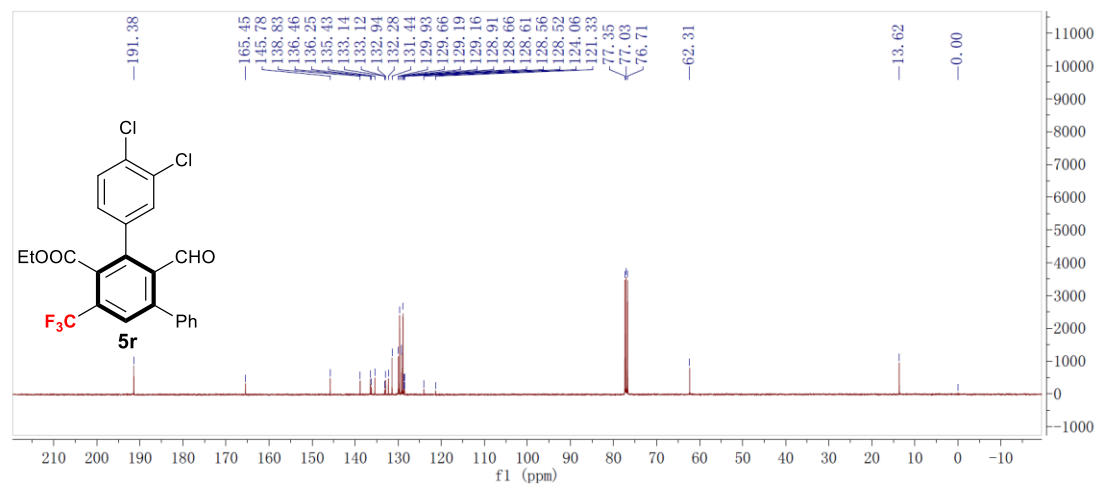
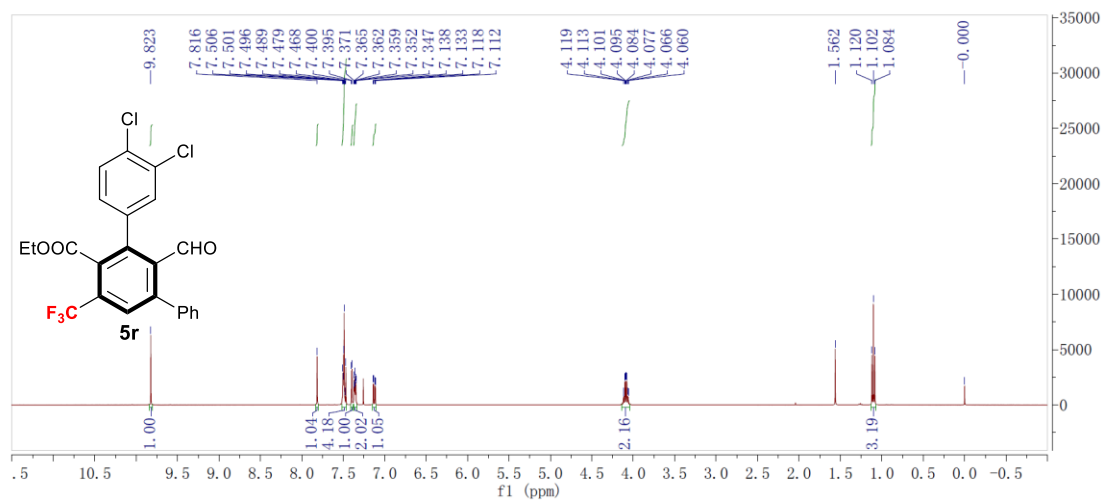




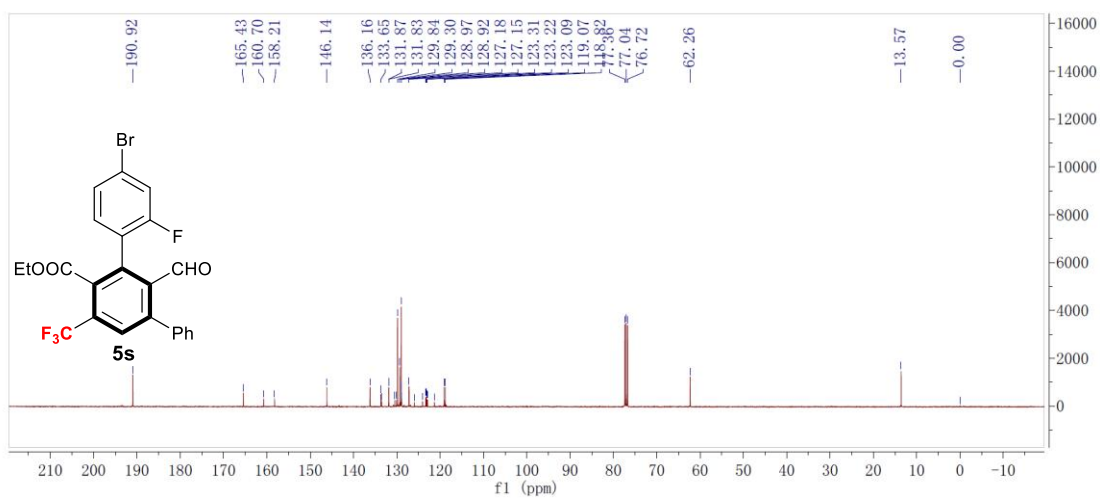
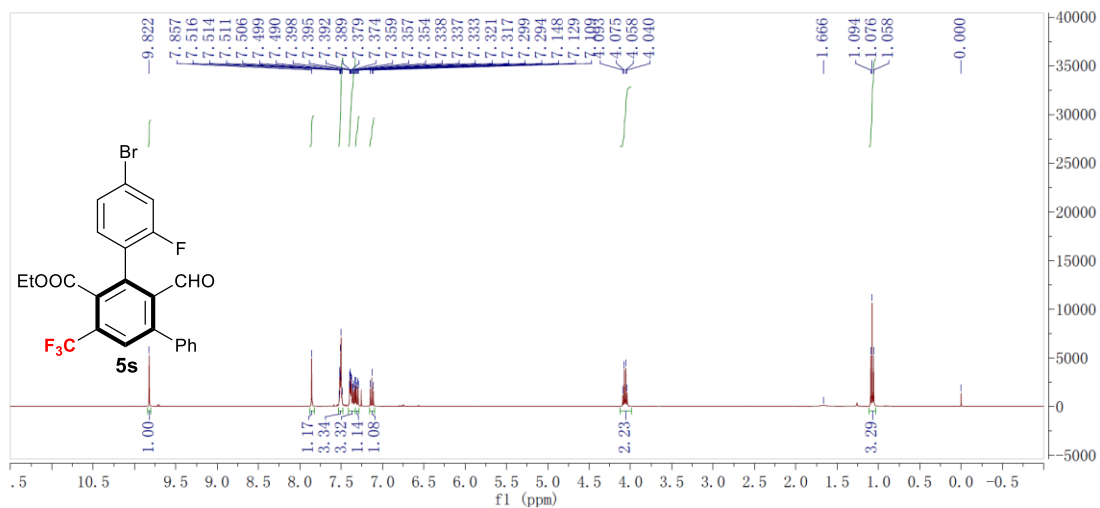


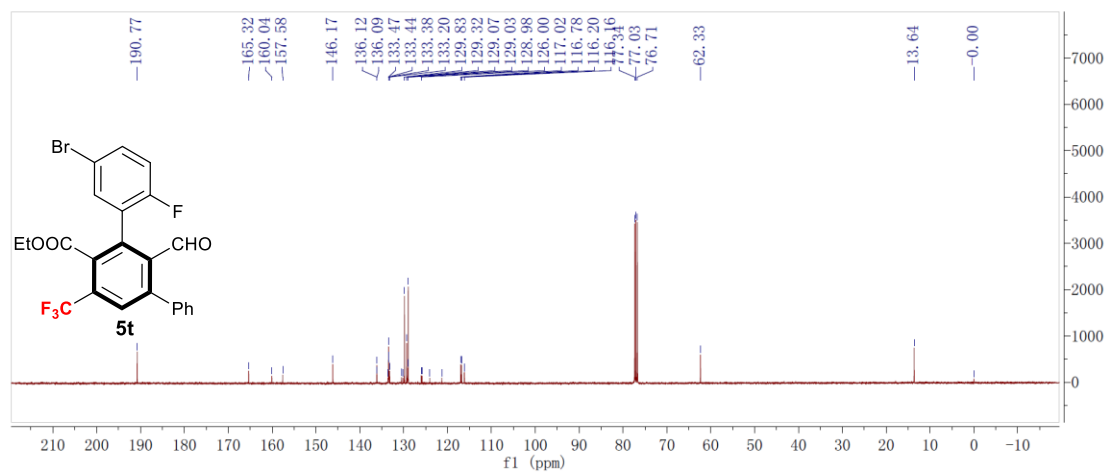
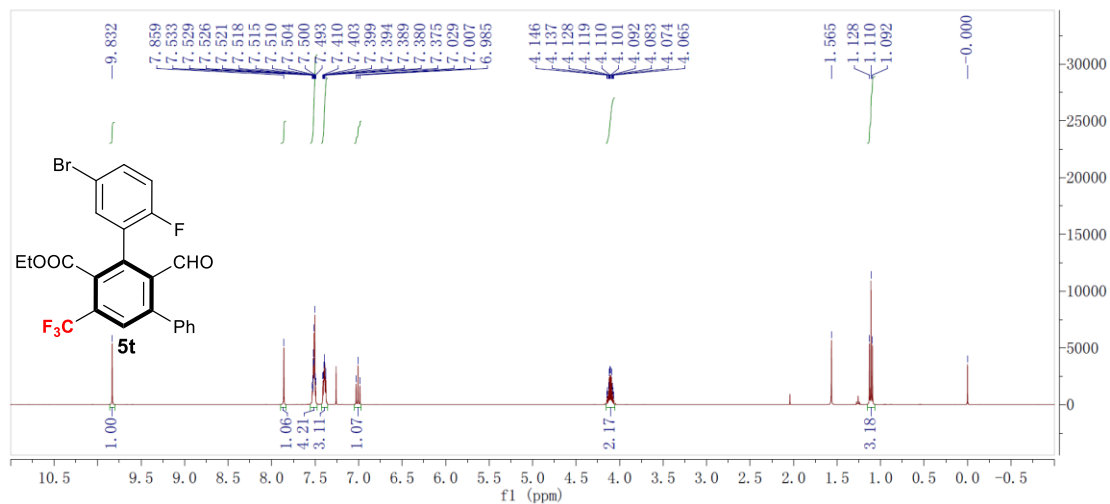


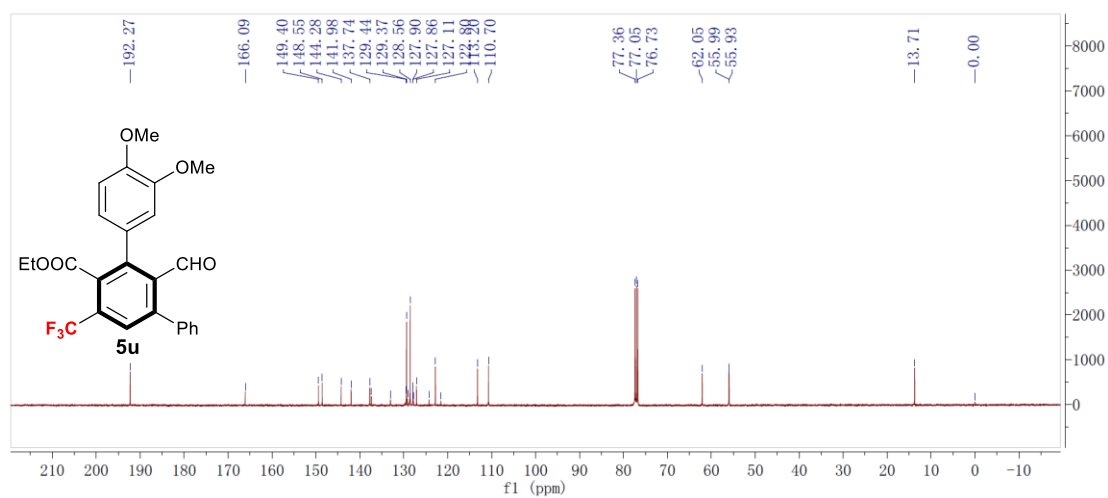
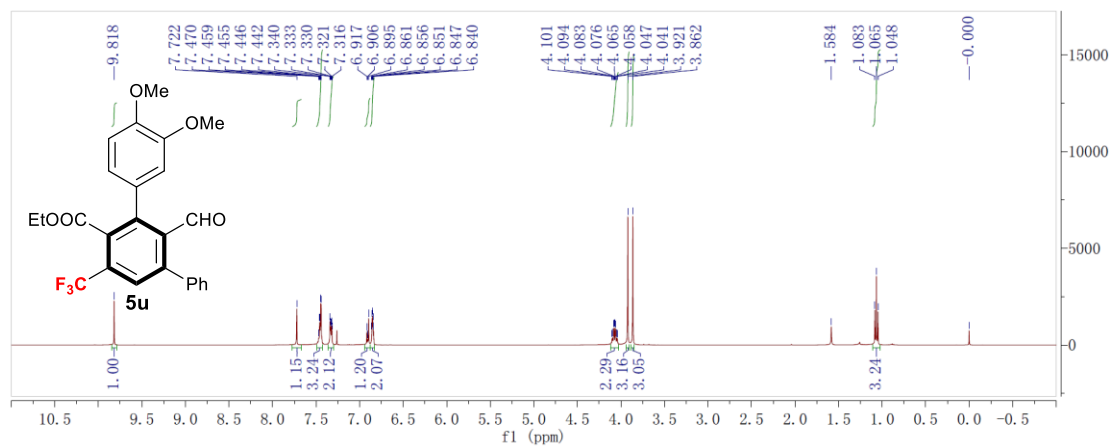


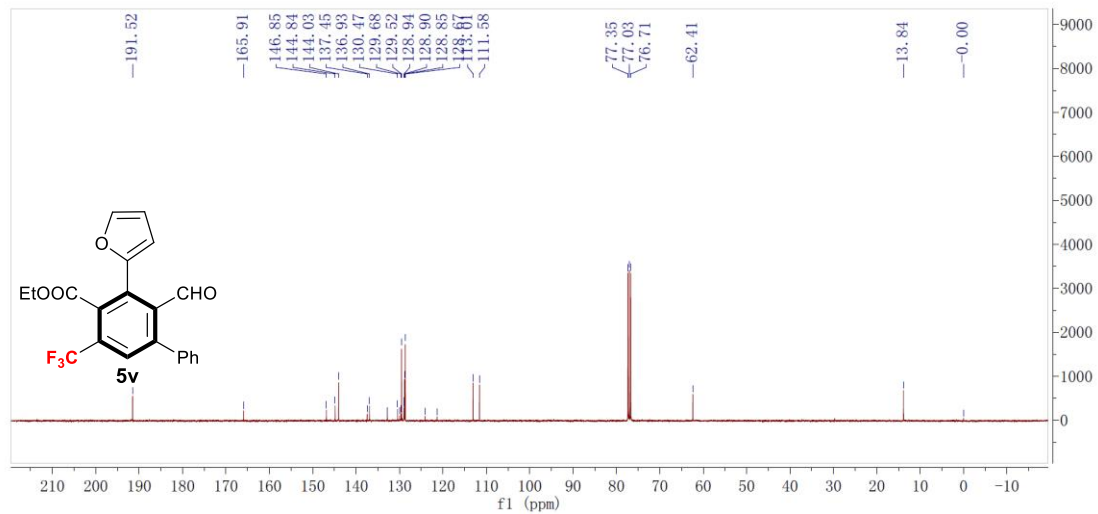
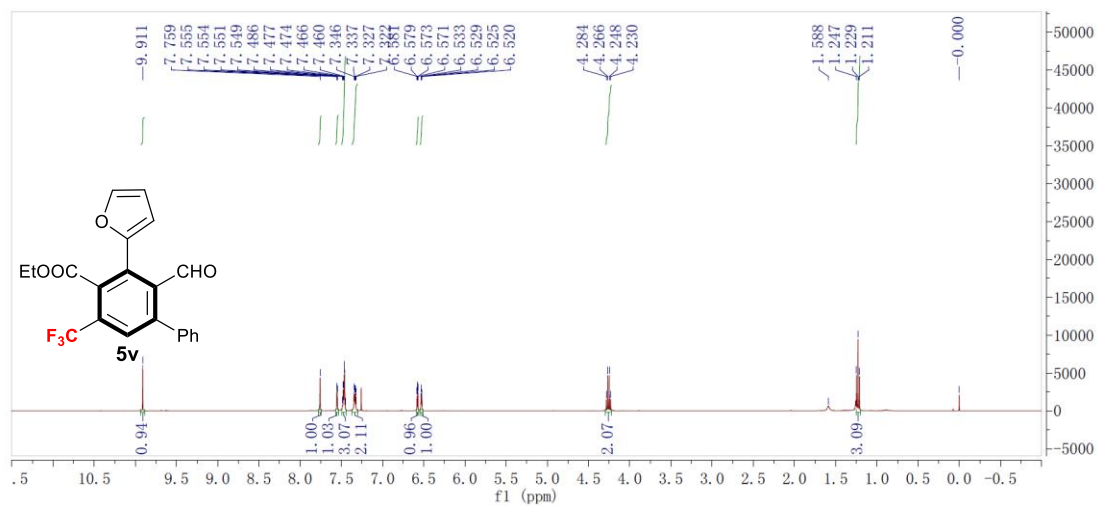


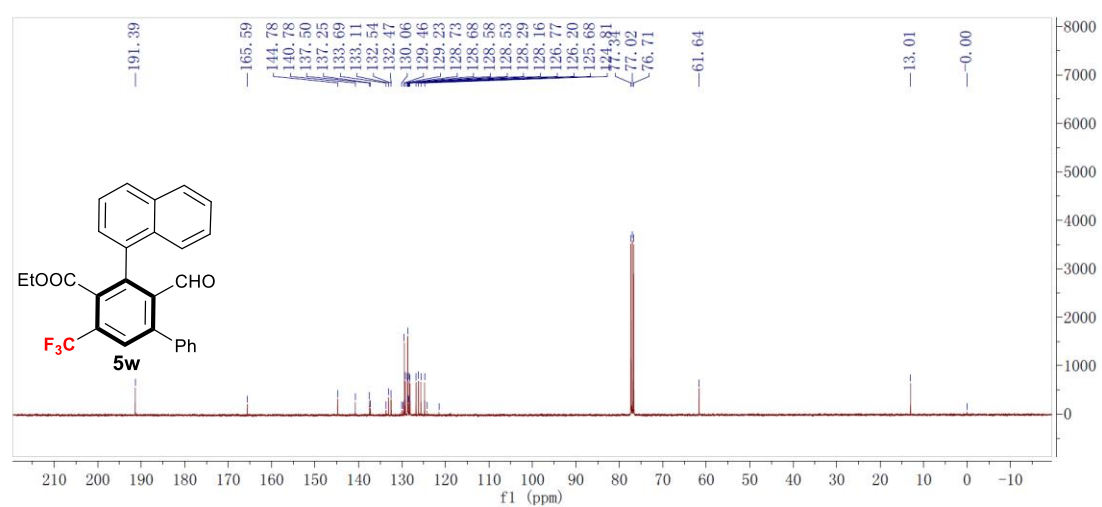
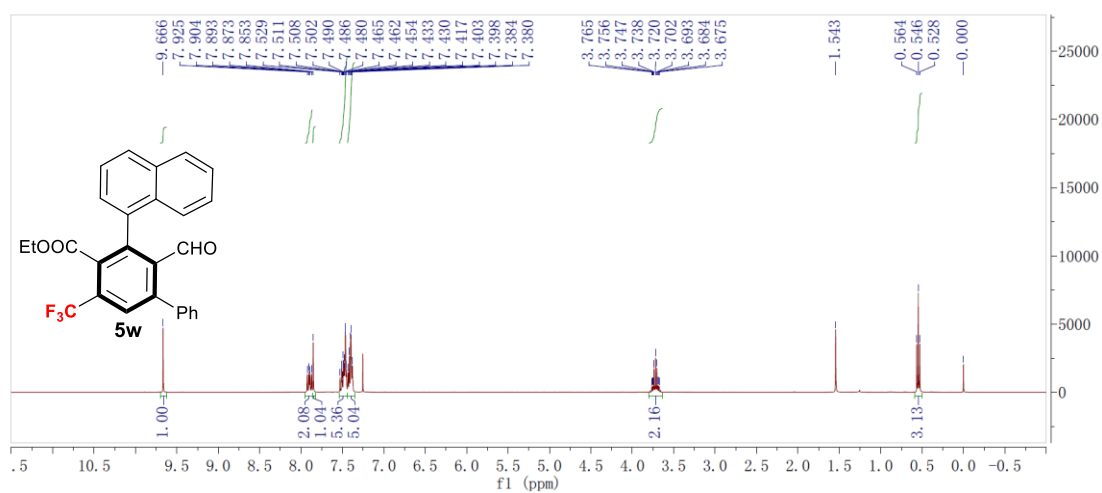


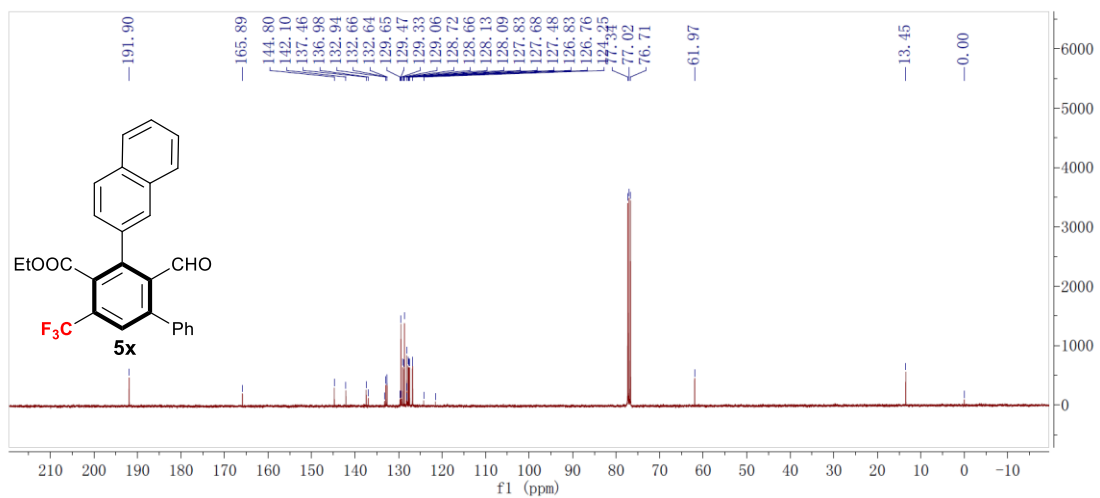
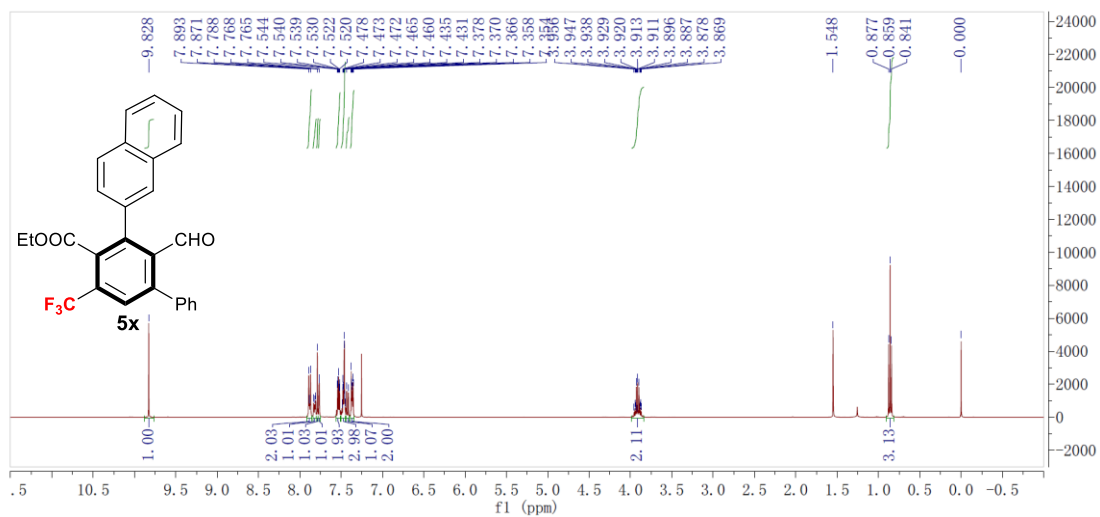


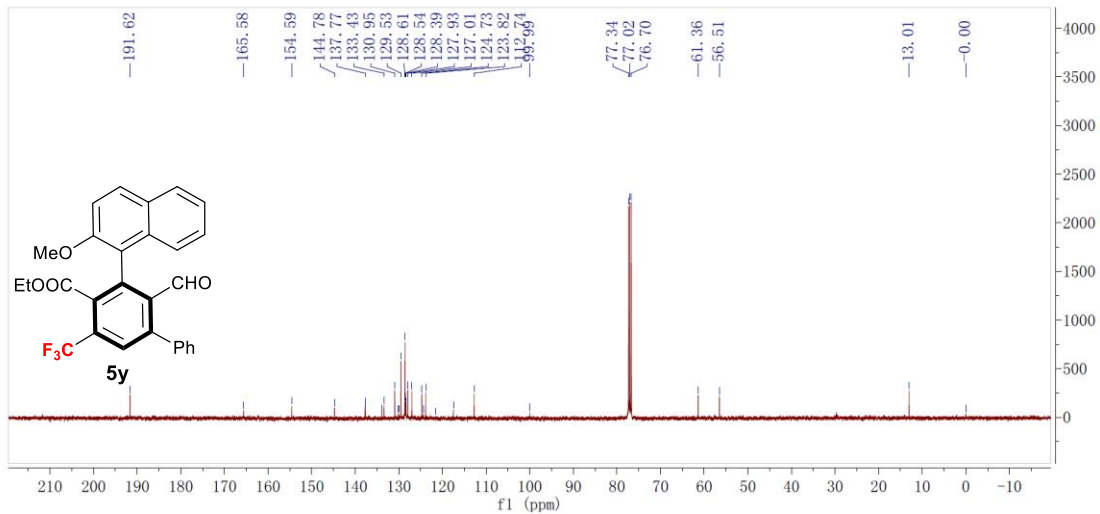
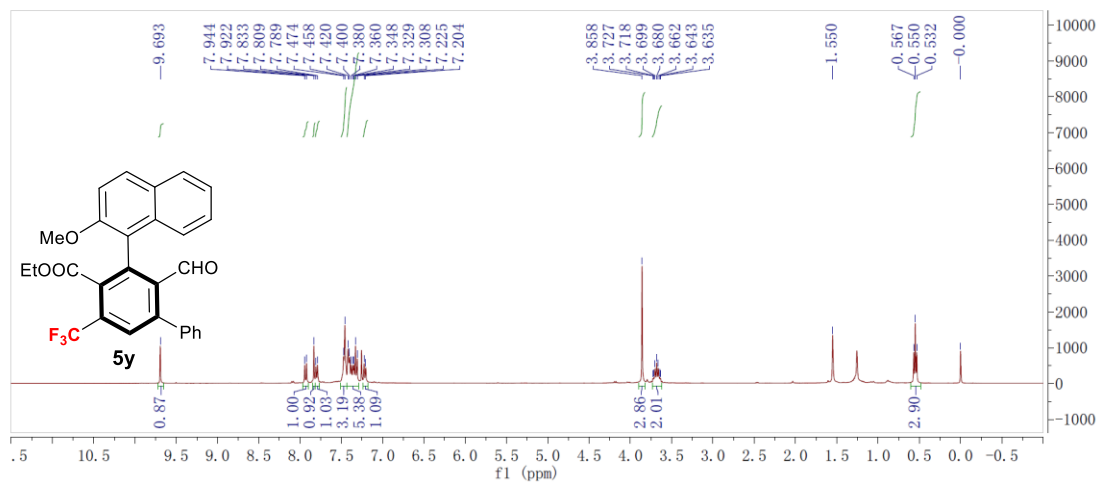


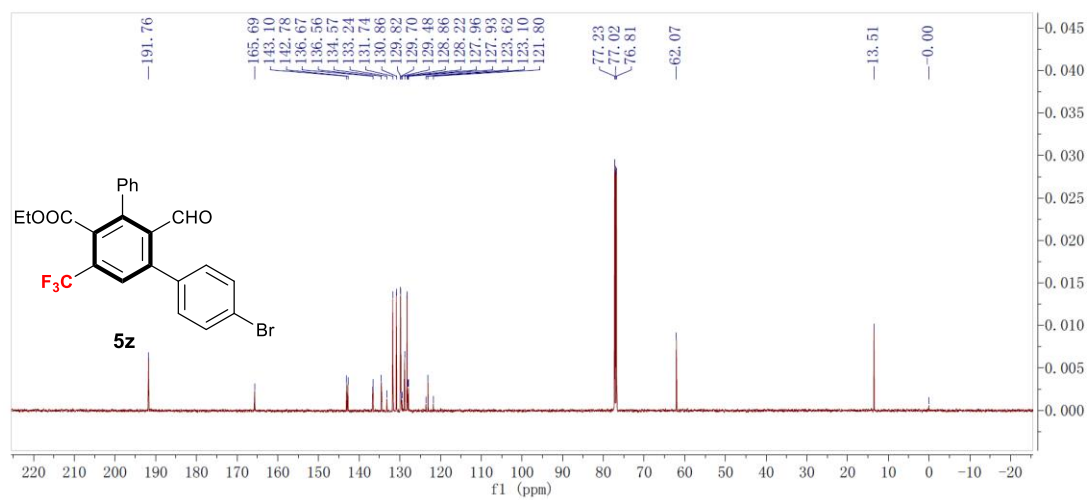
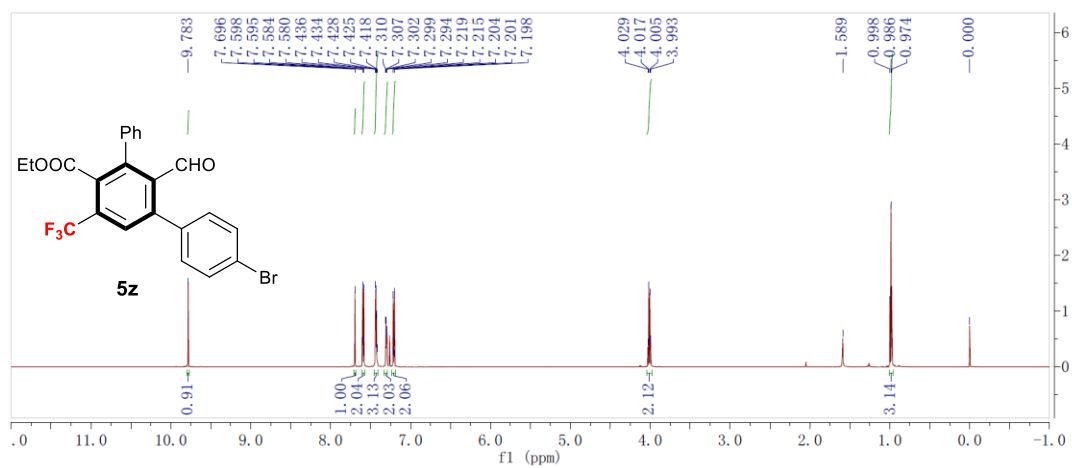




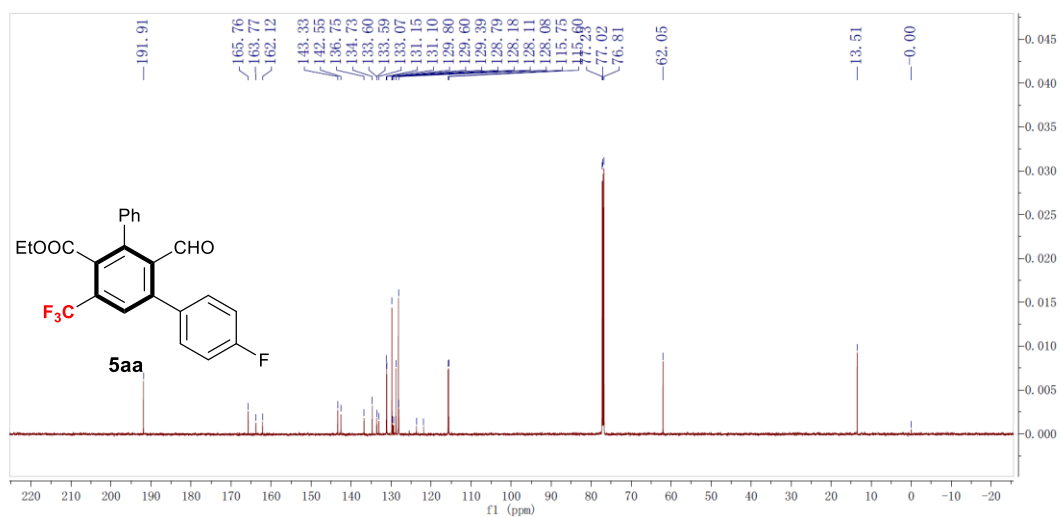
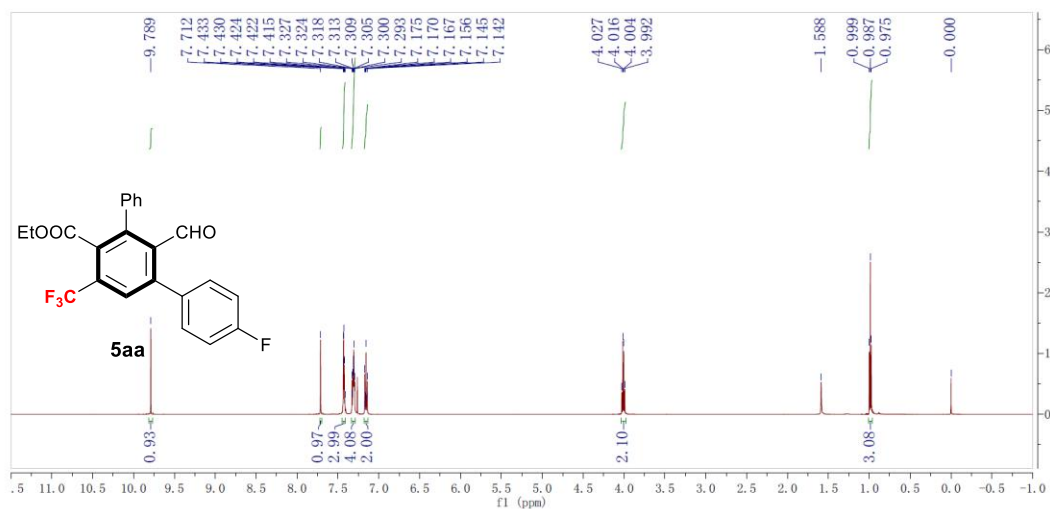


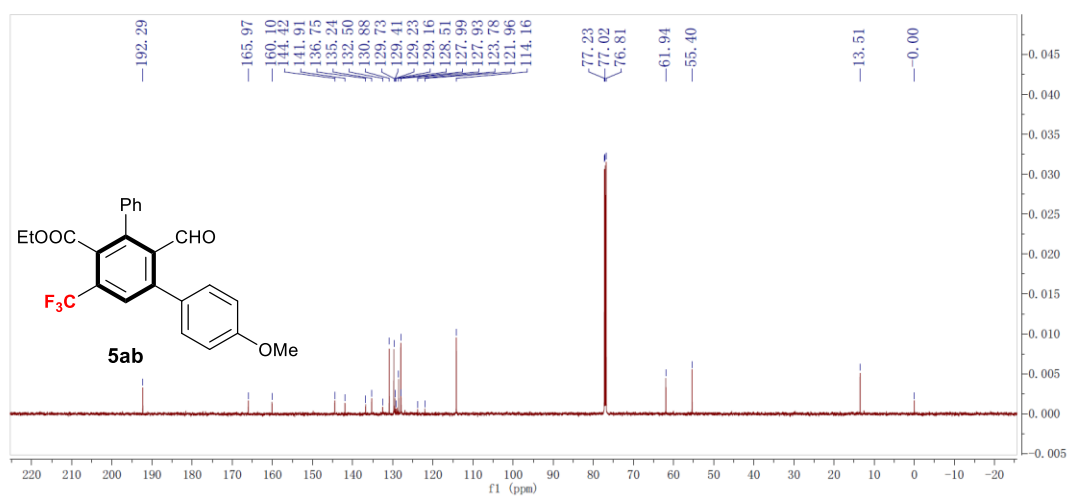
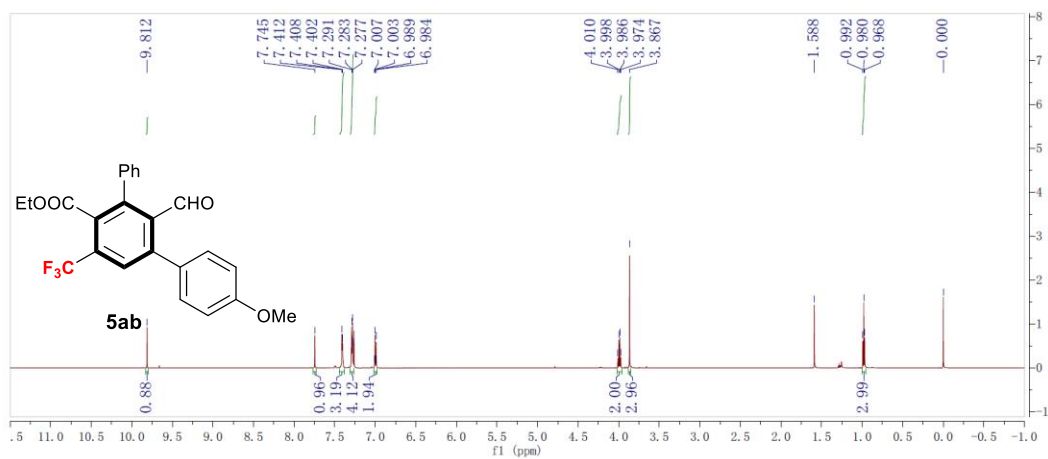


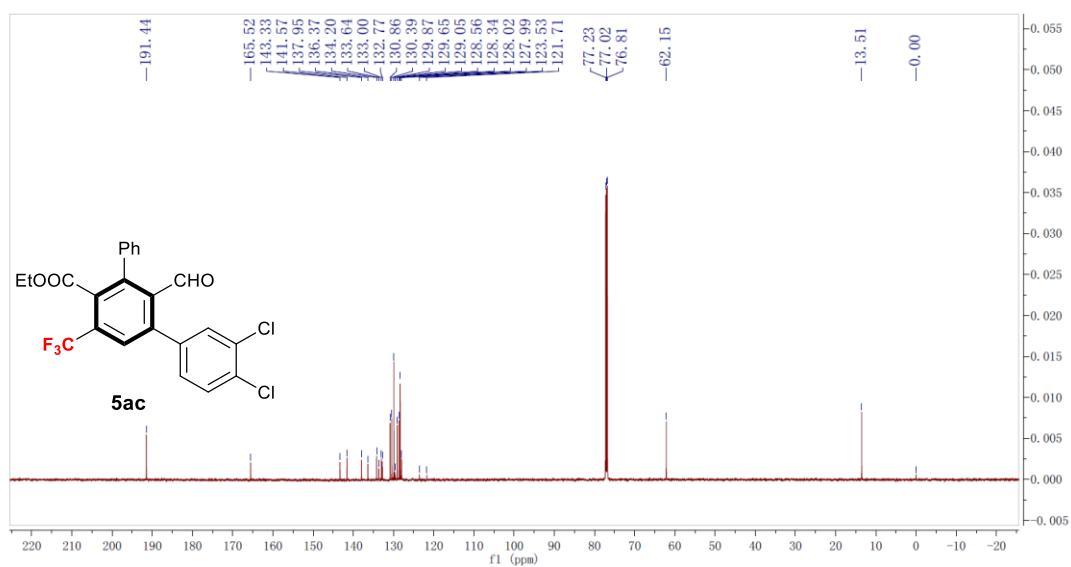
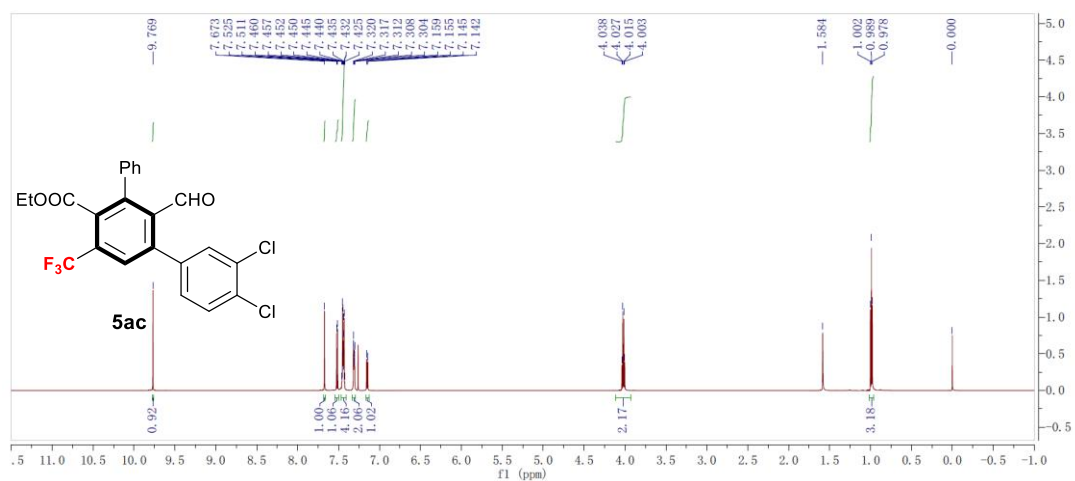


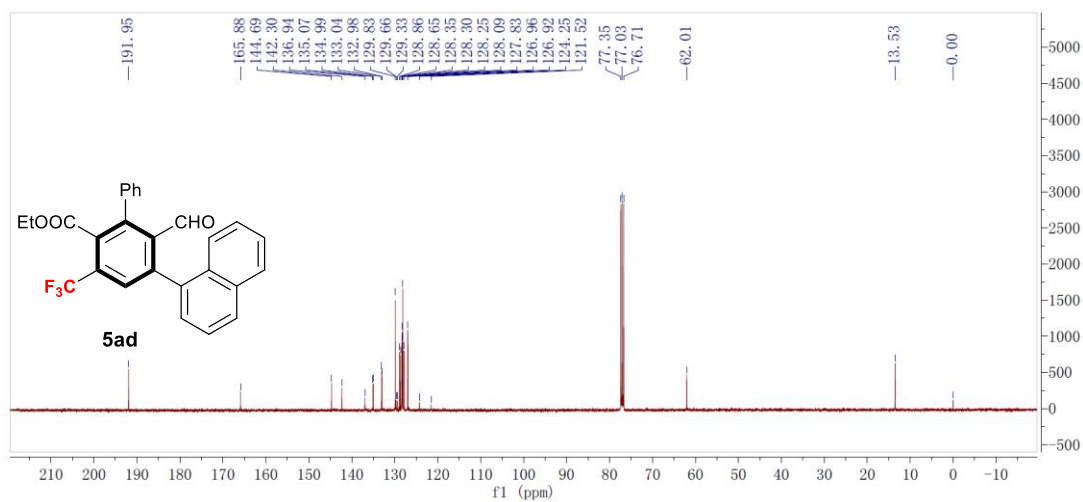
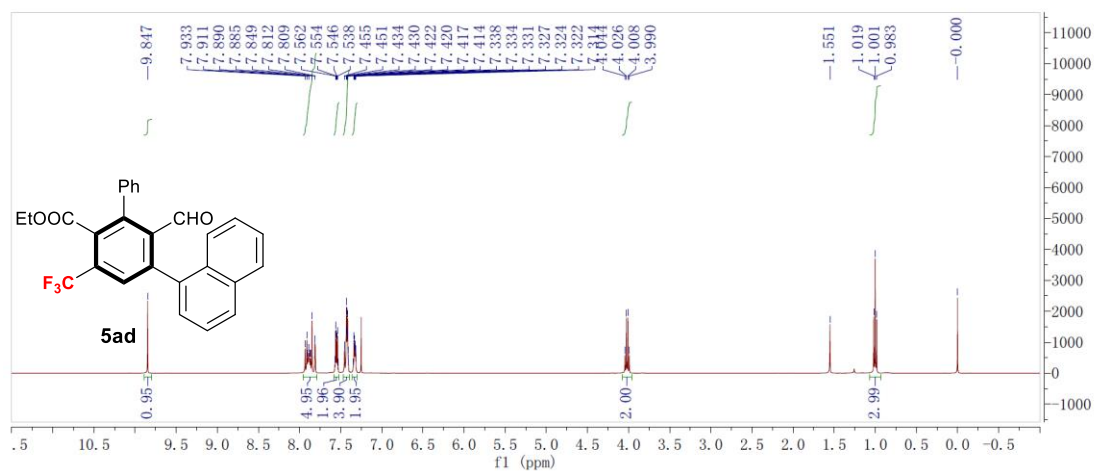


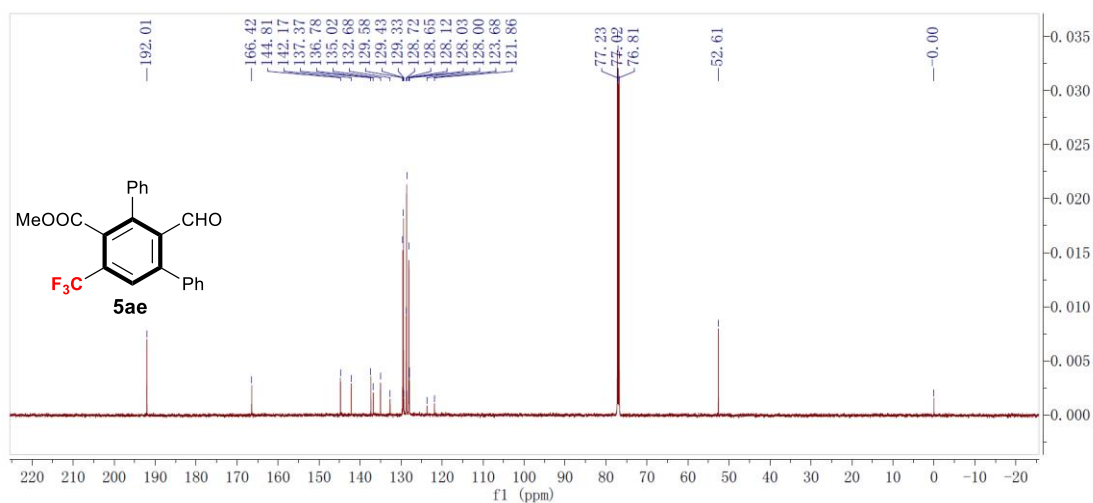
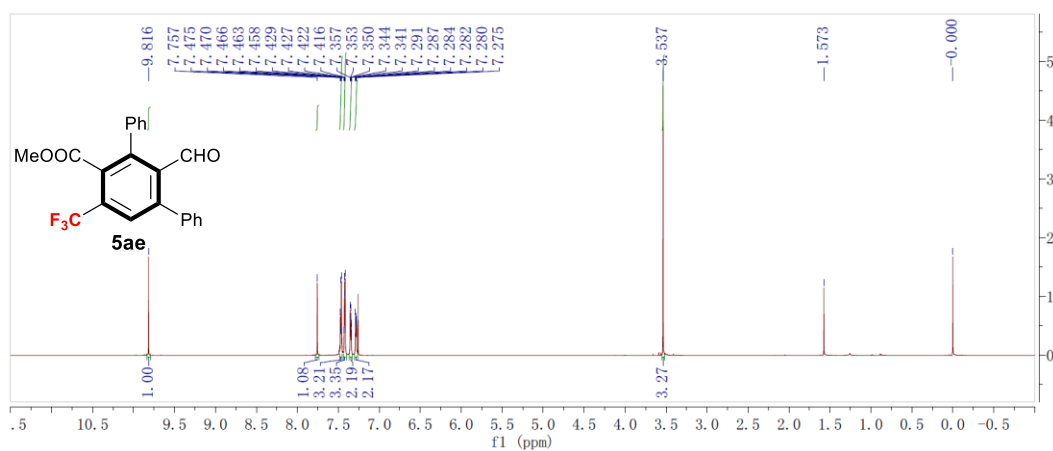


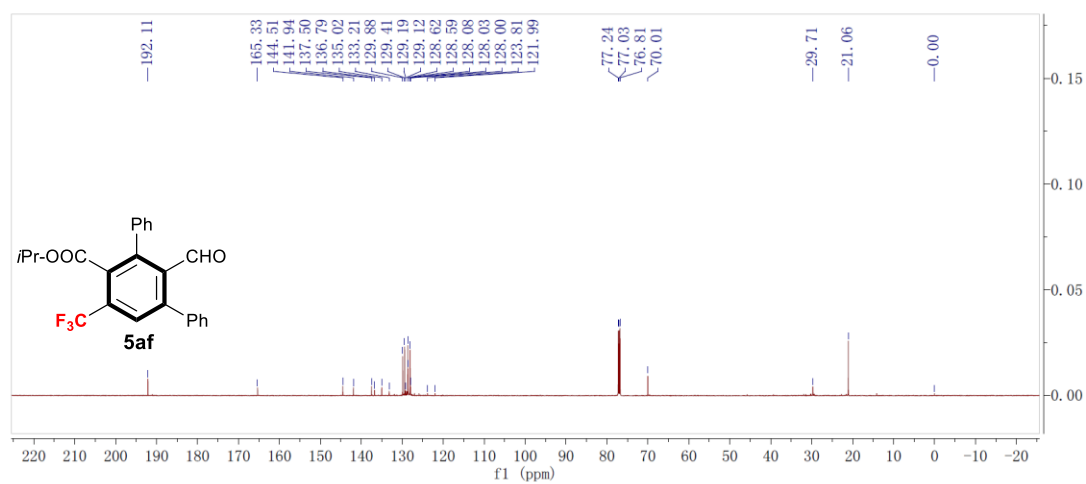
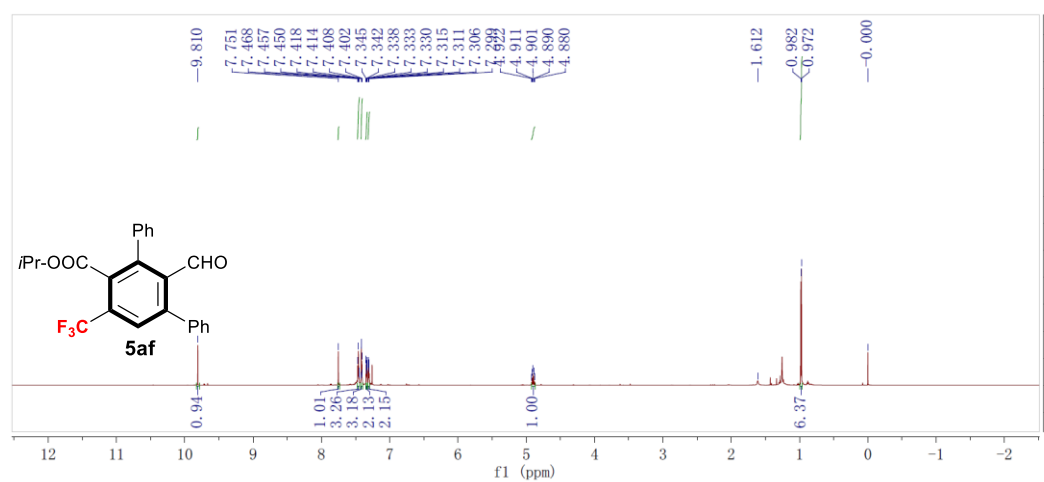


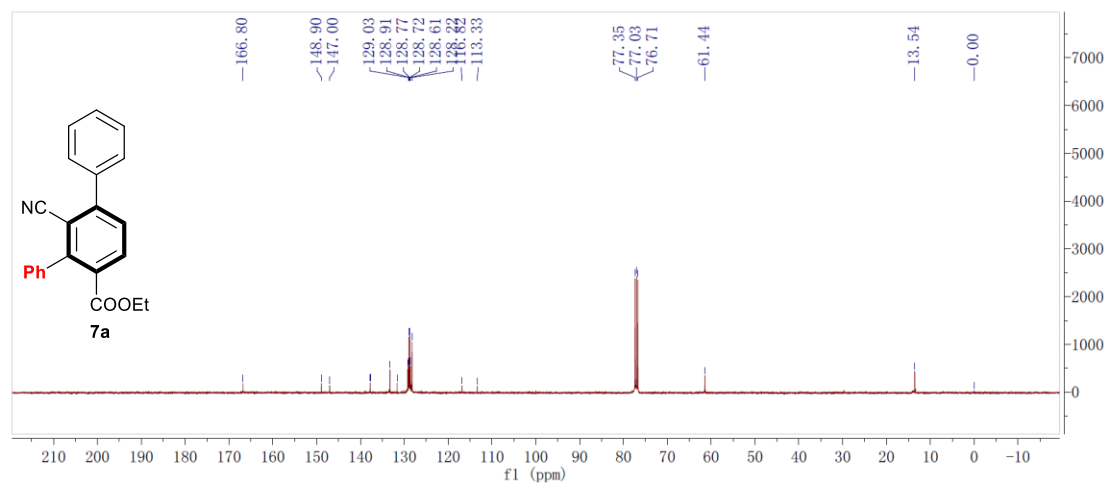
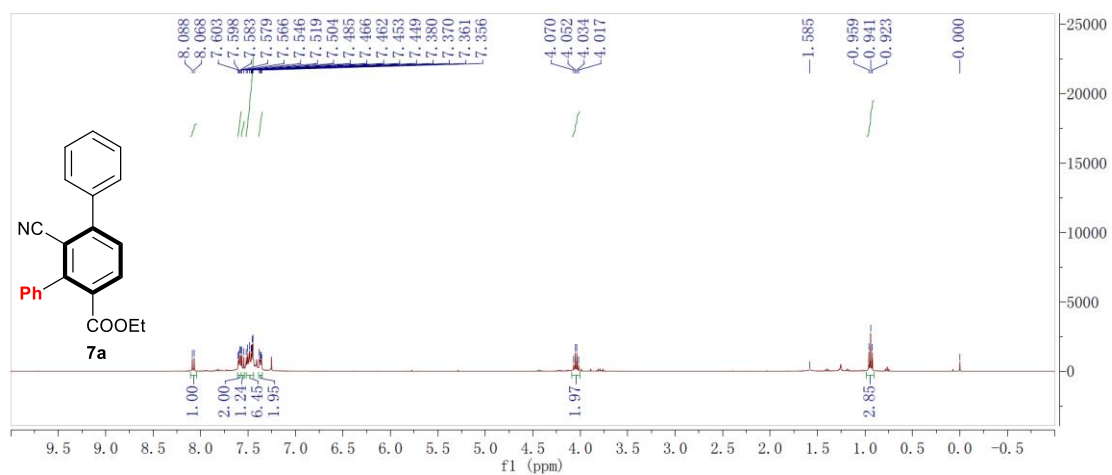


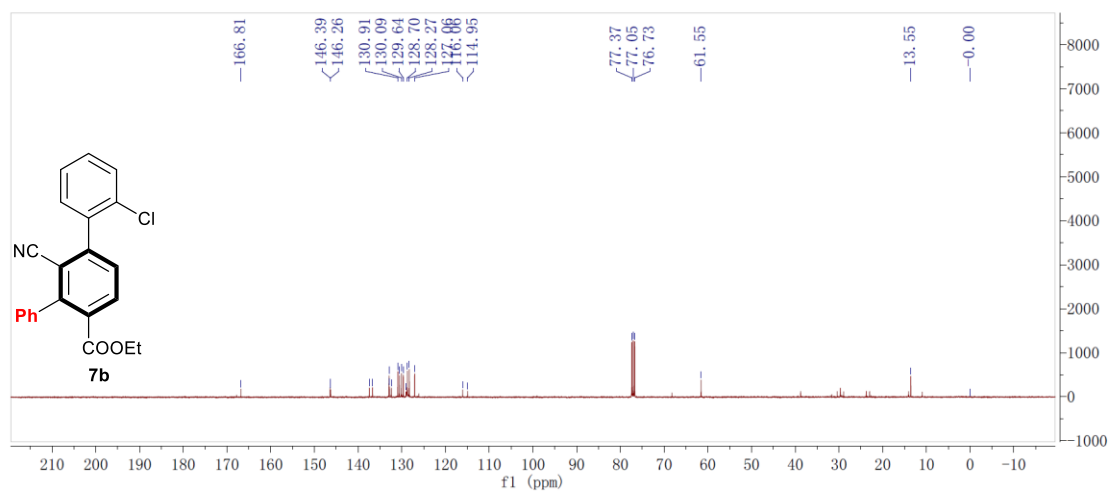
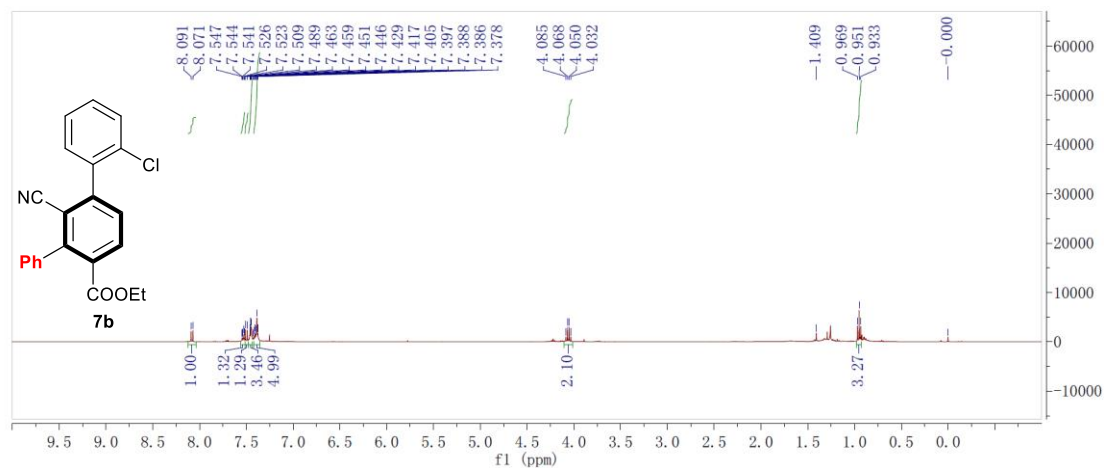




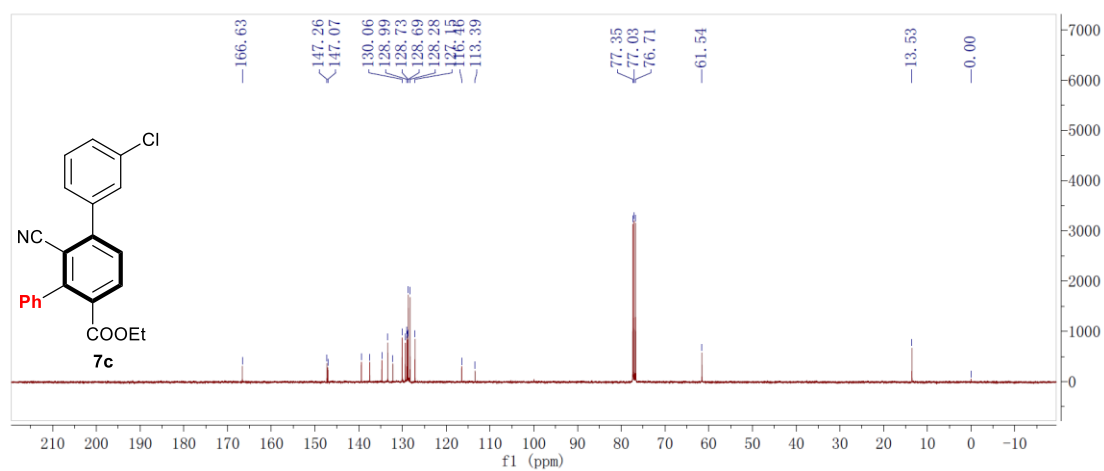
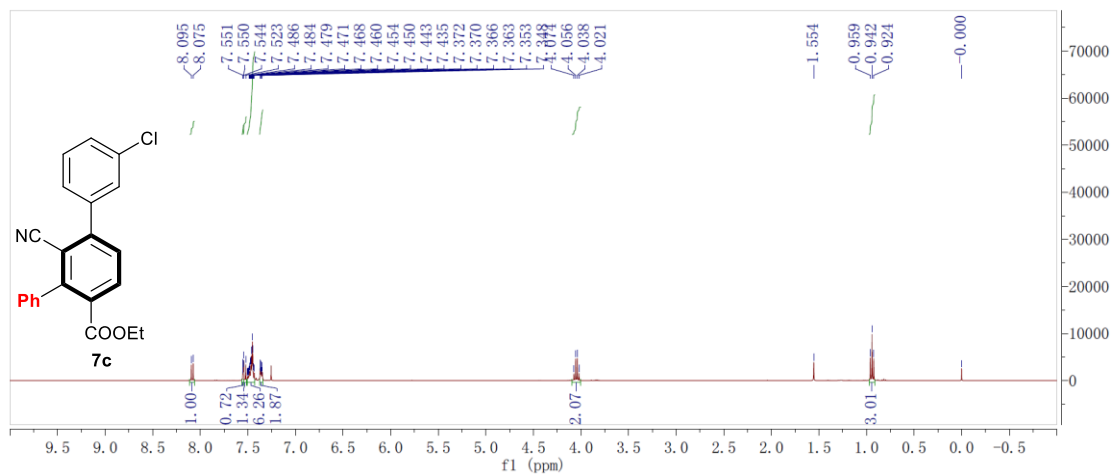


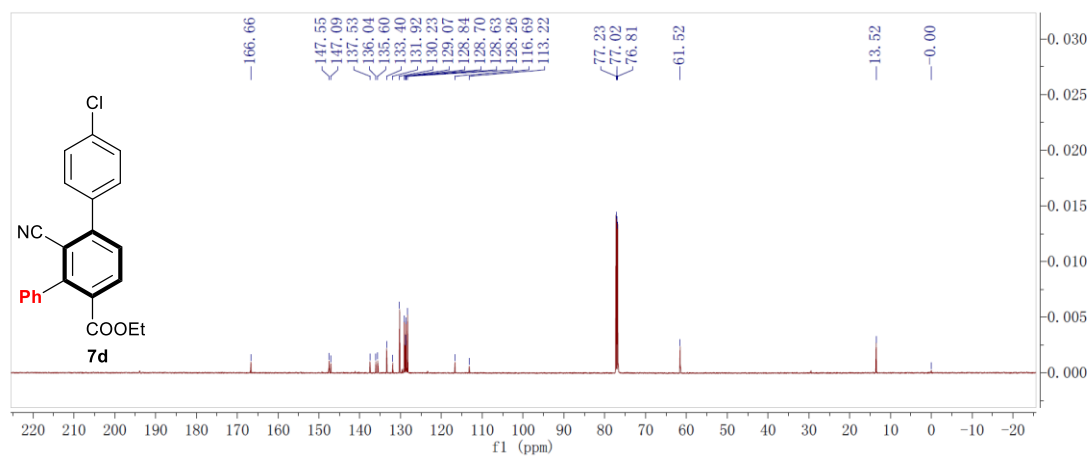
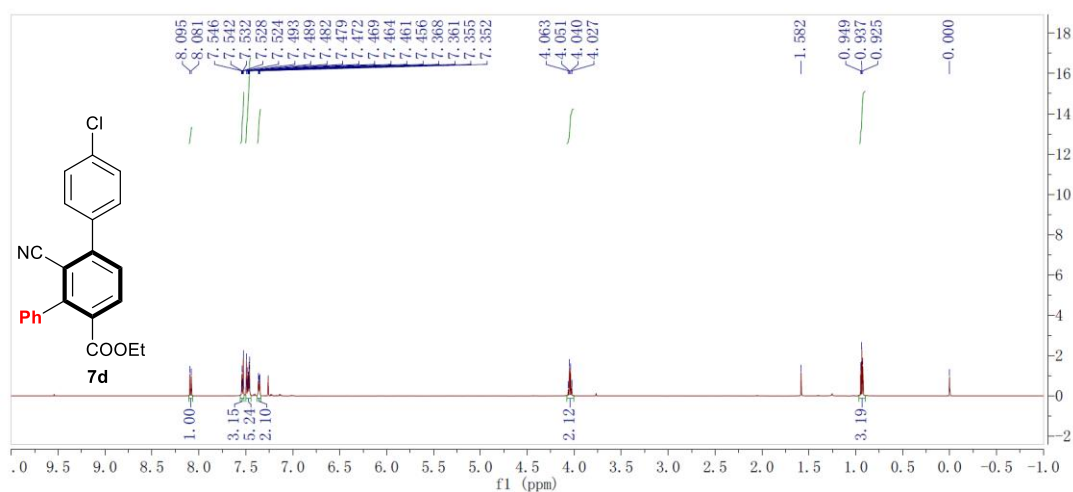


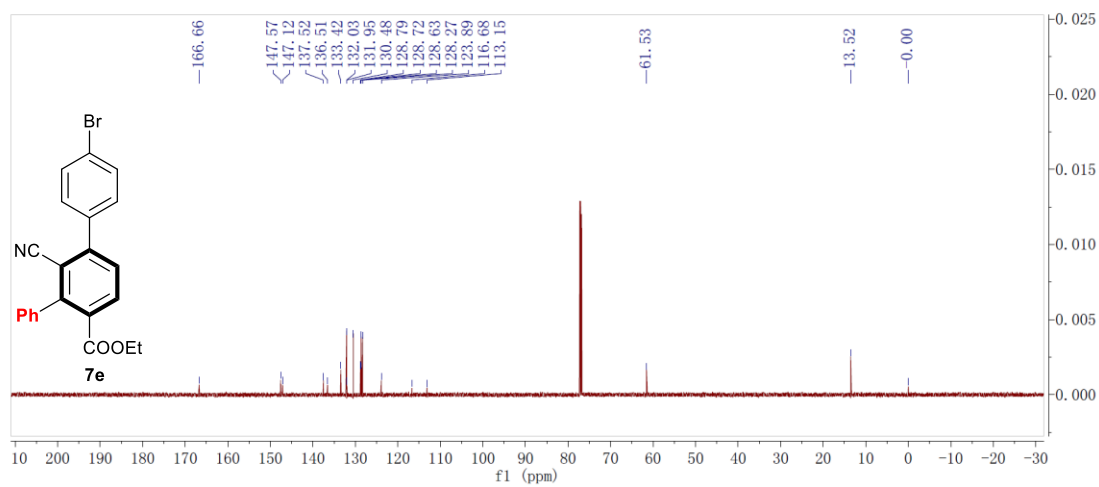
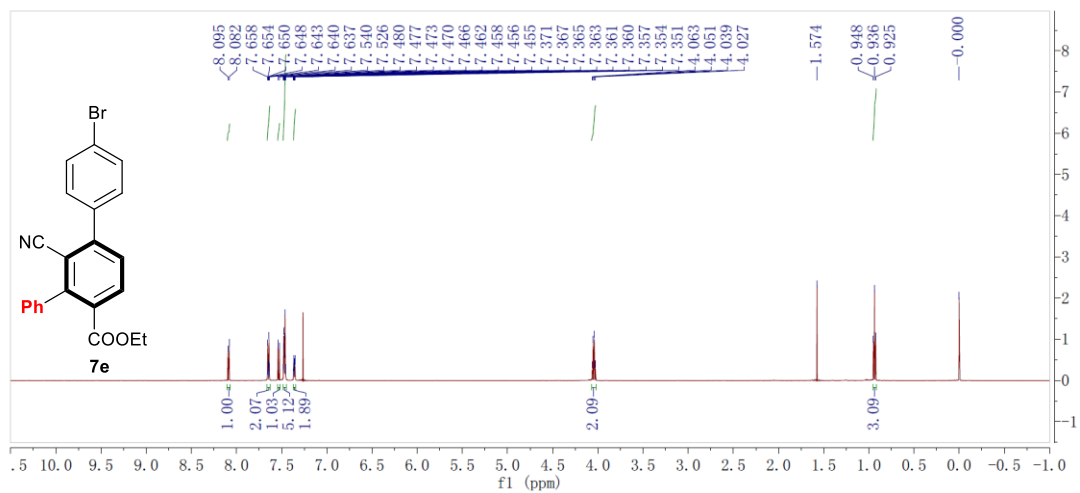


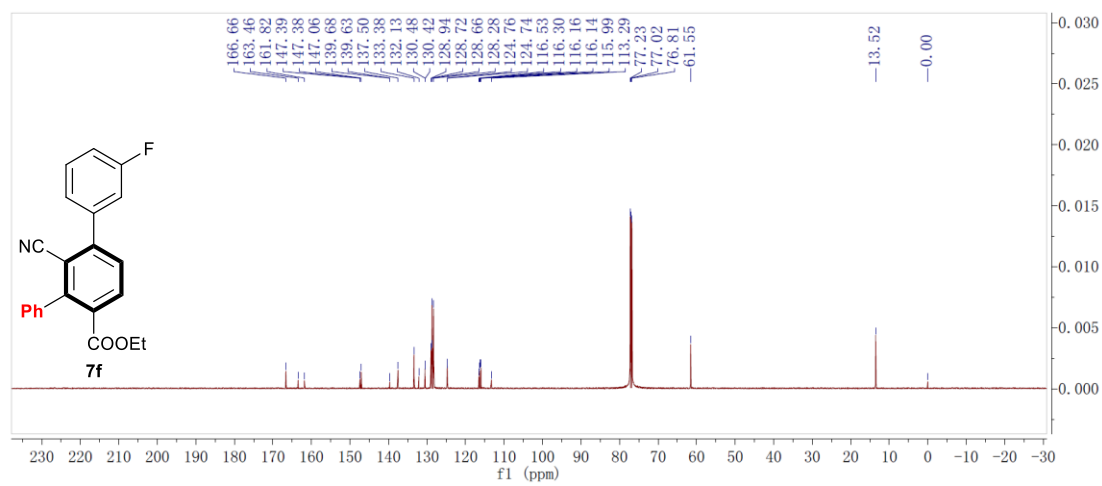
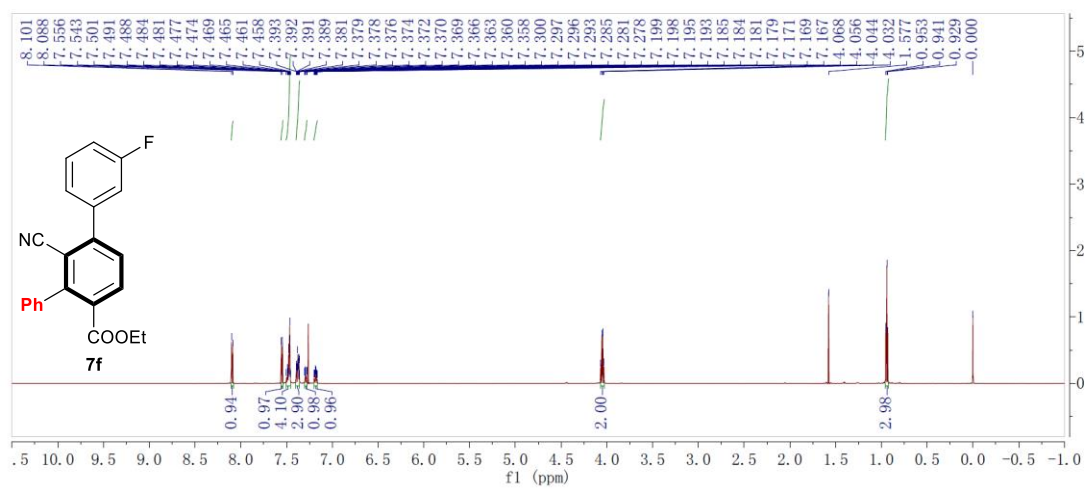


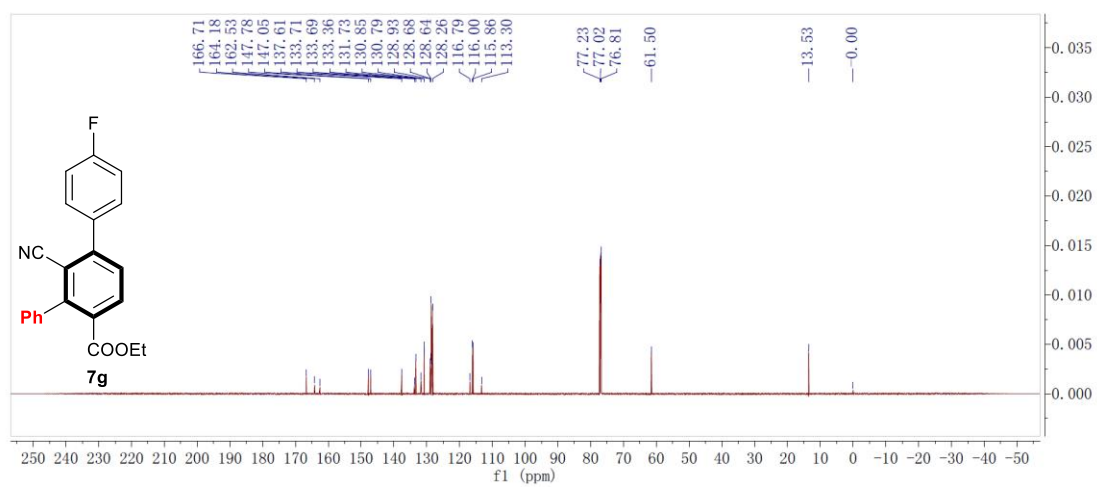
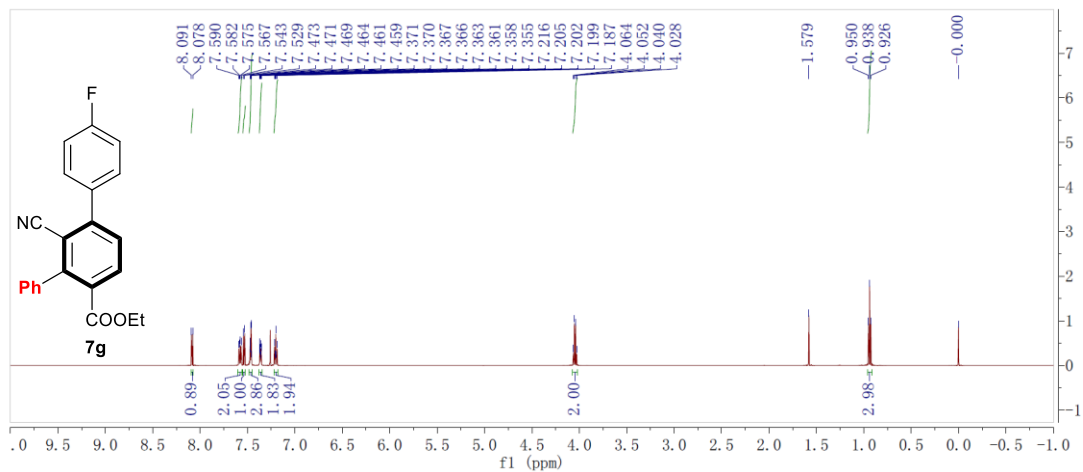


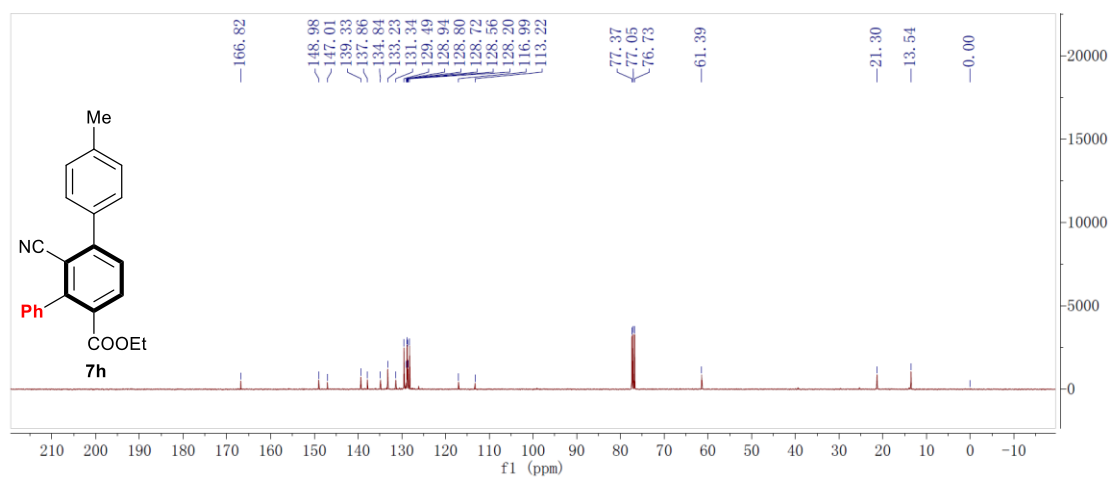
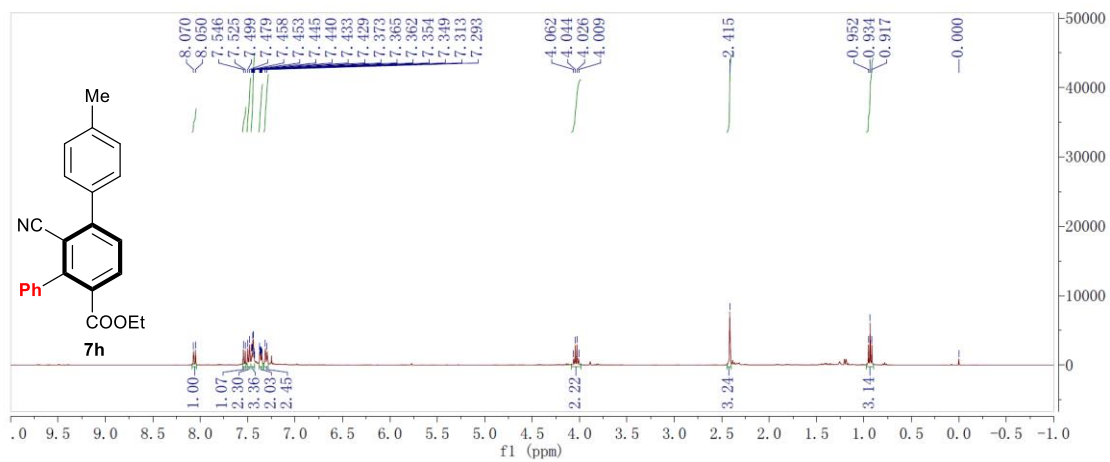


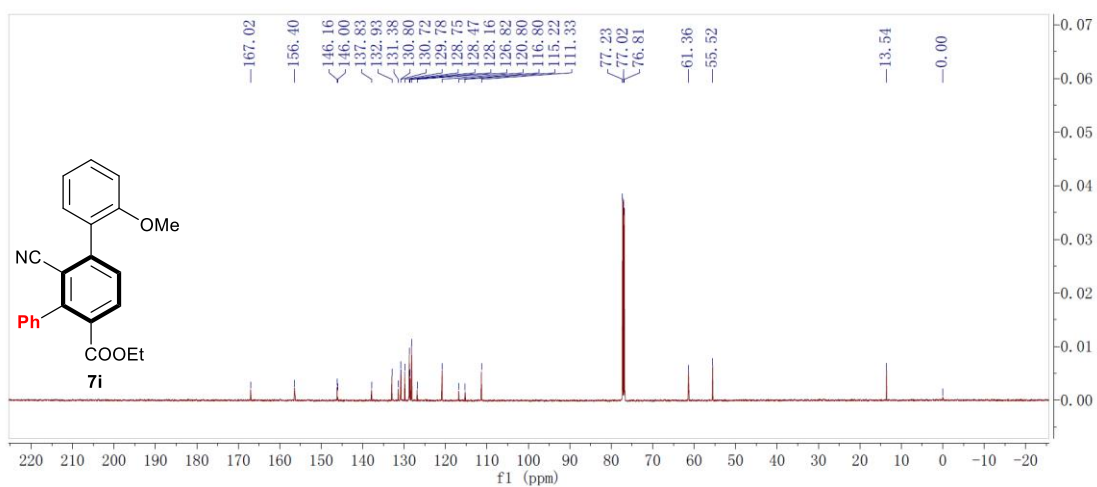
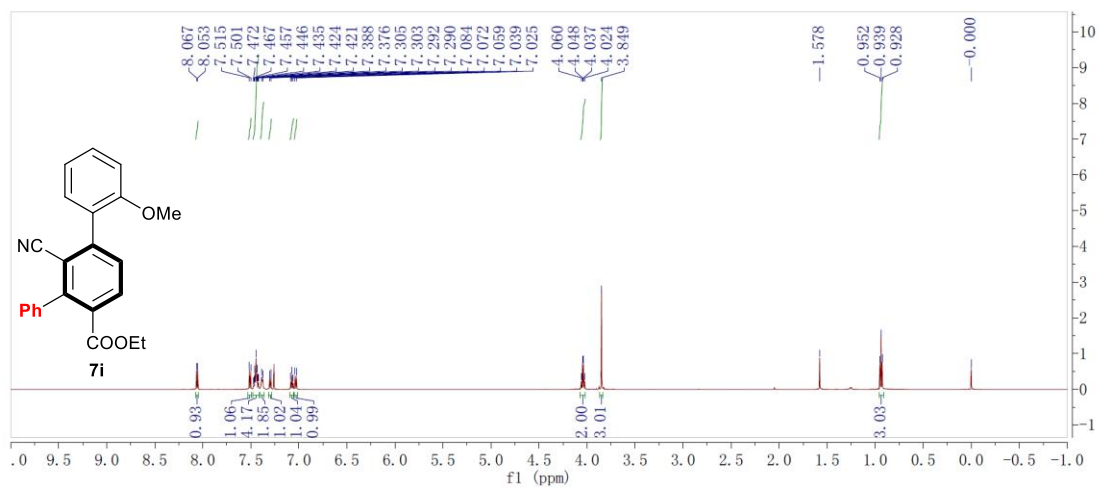


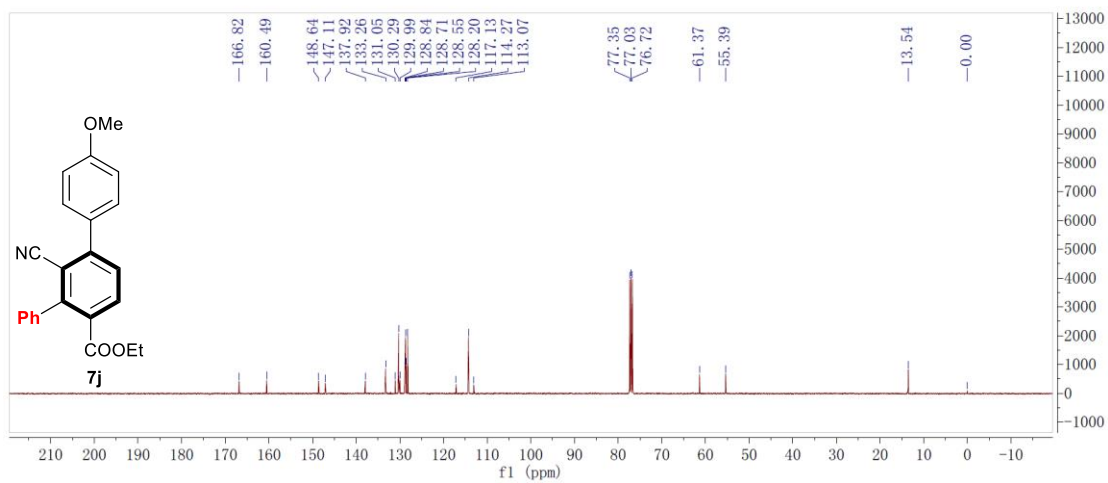
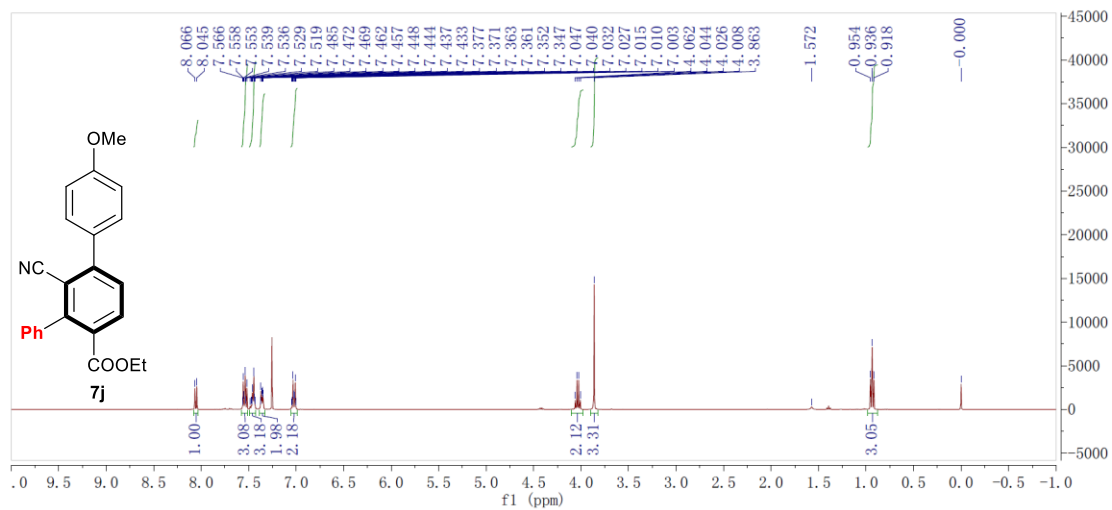




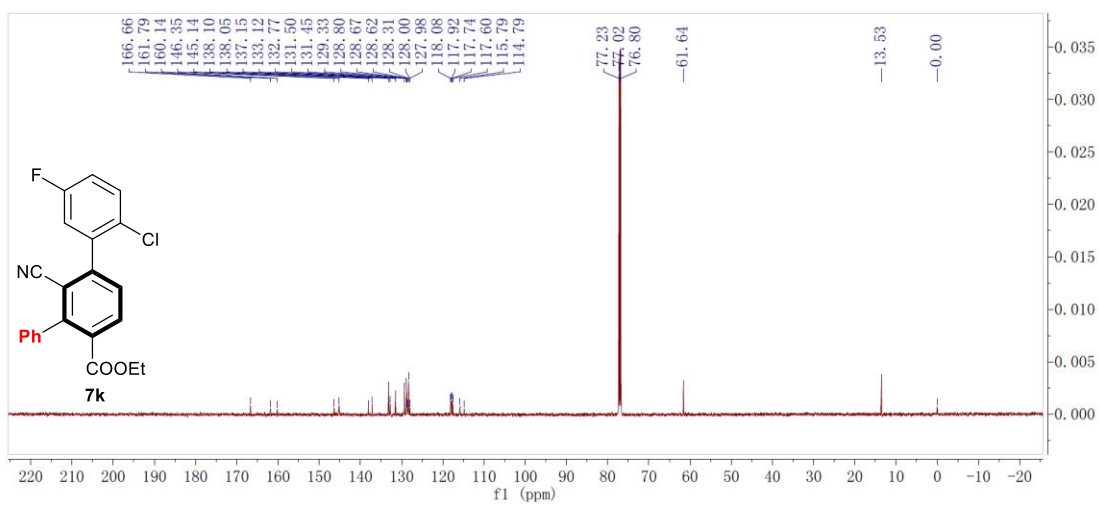
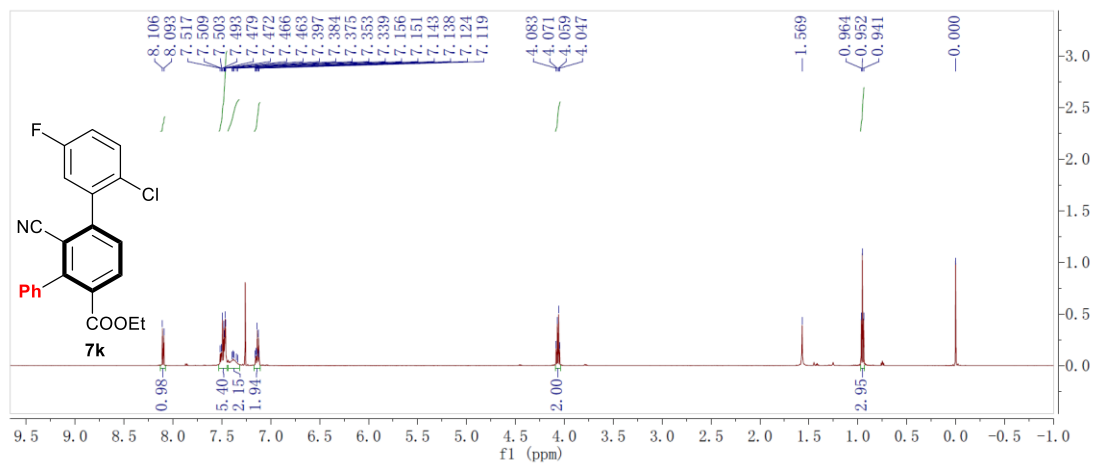


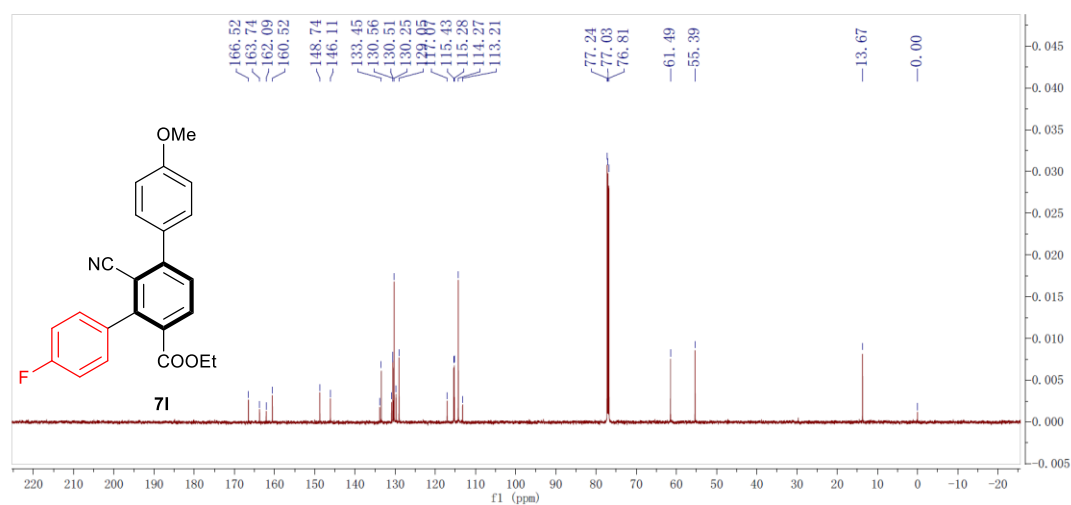
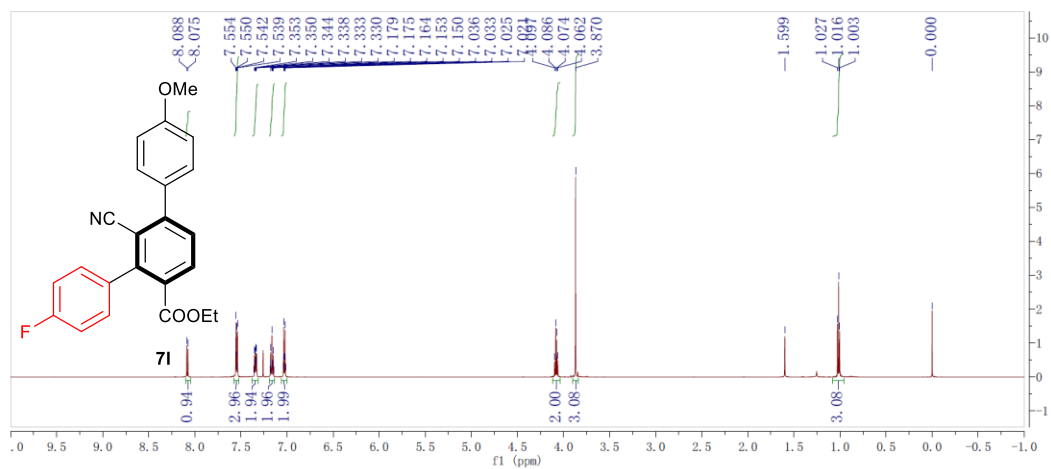


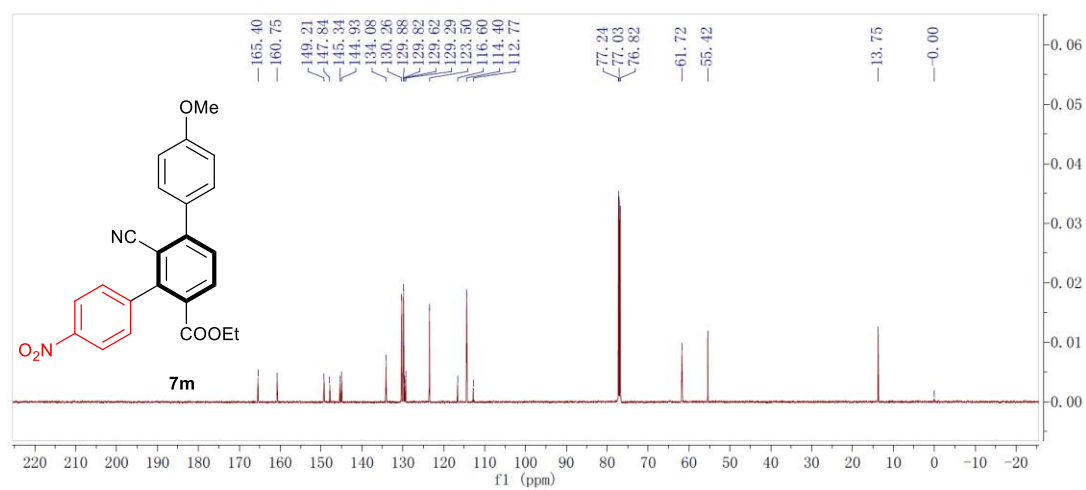
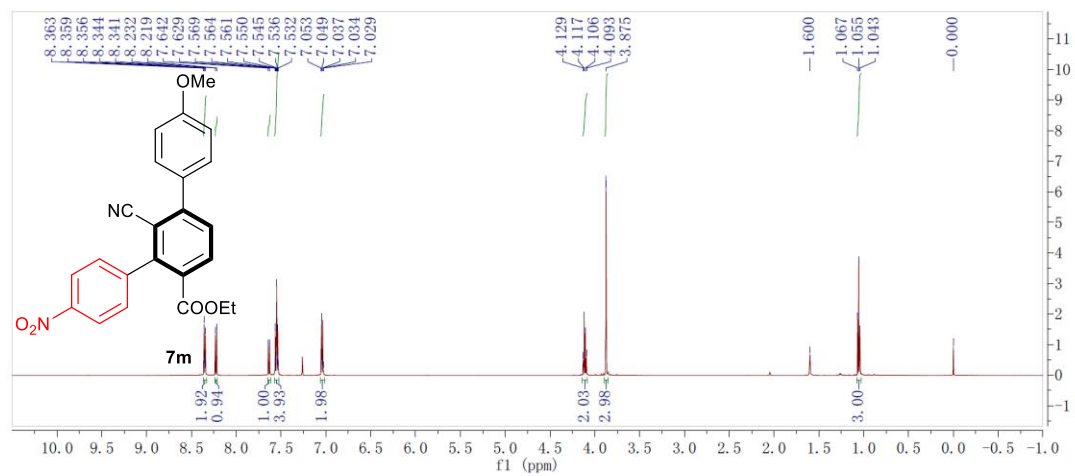




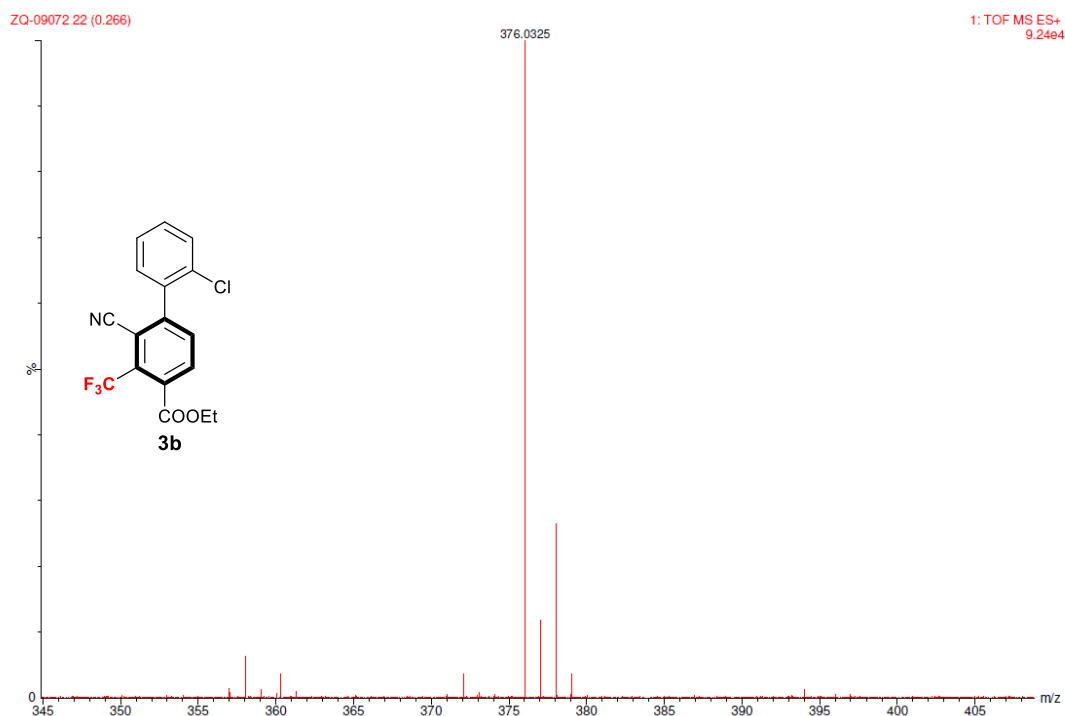






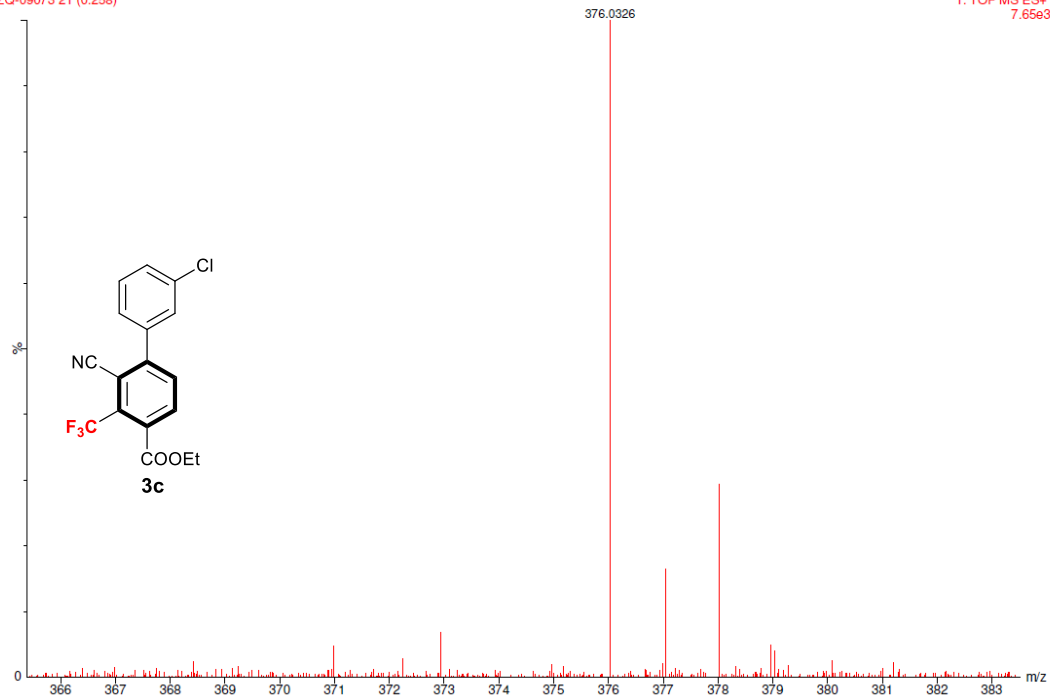


## 8. HRMS spectra



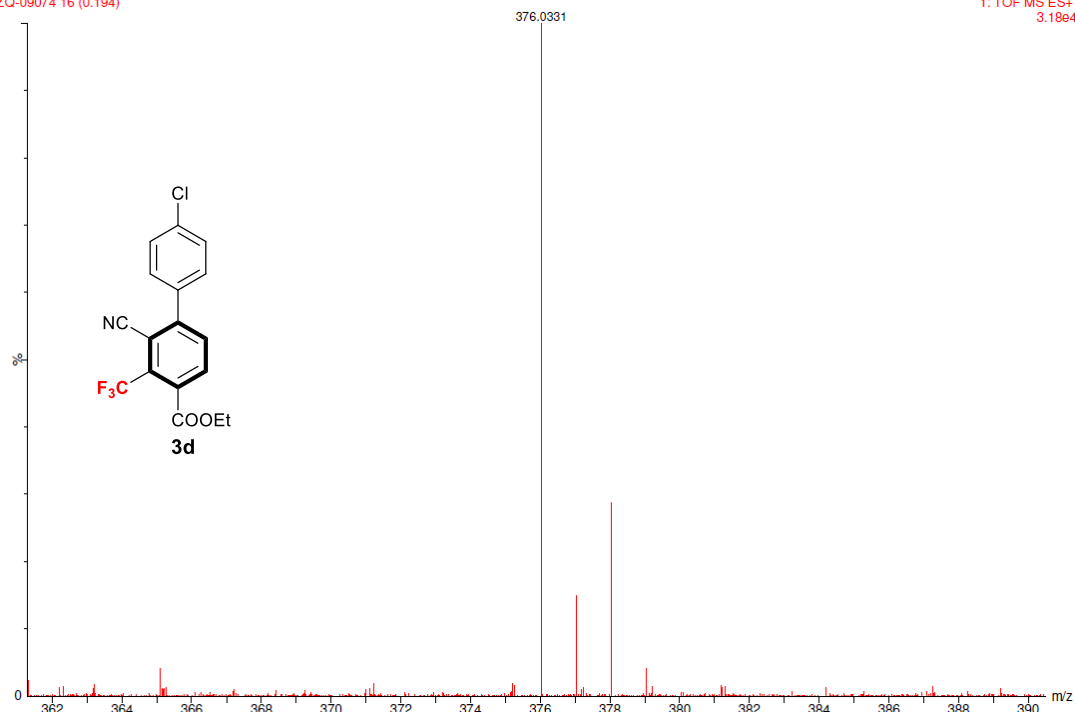
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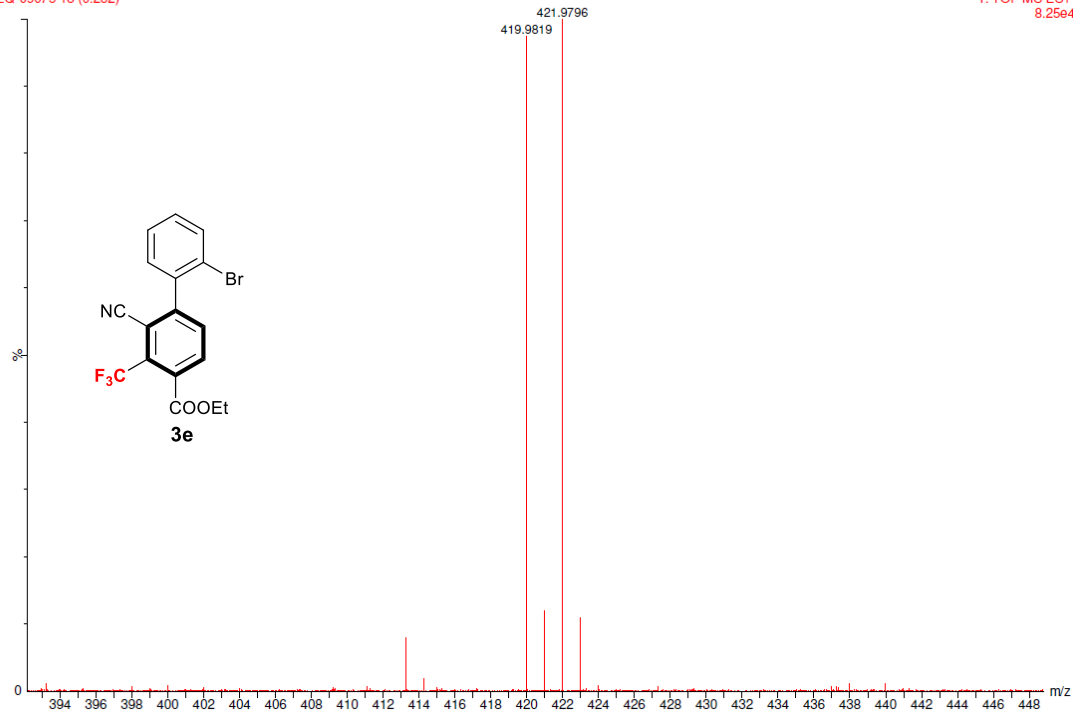
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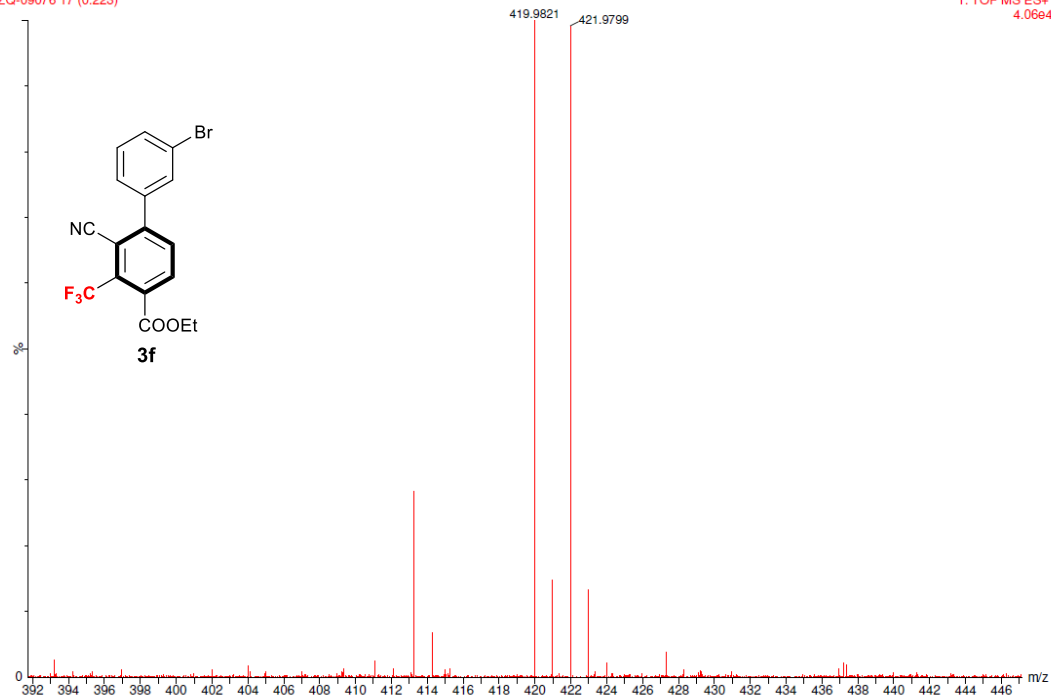
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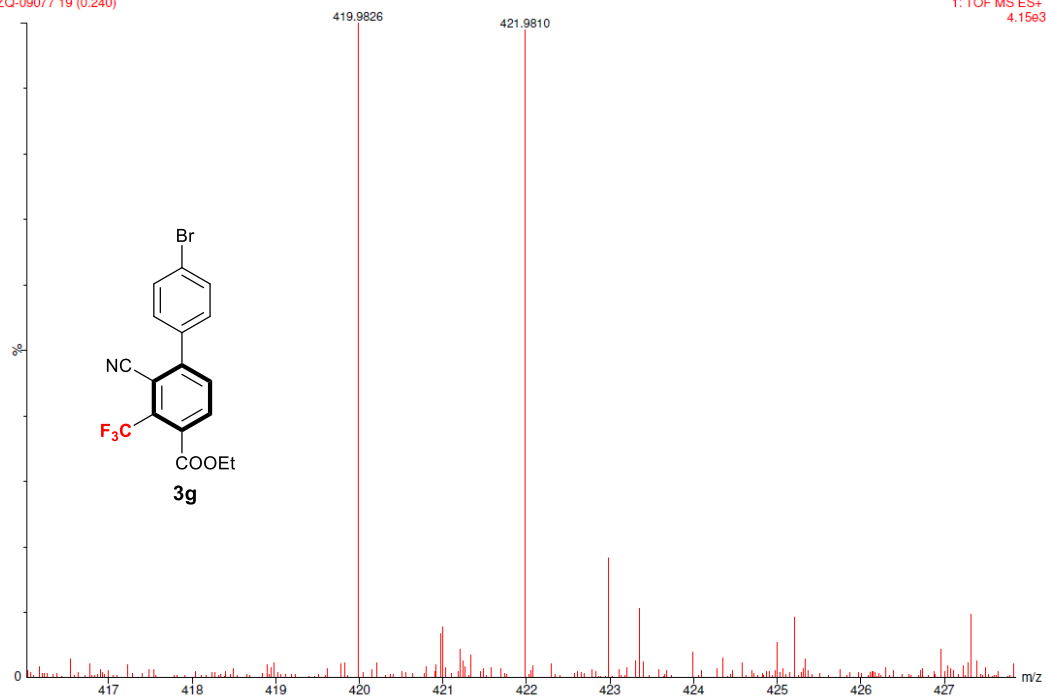
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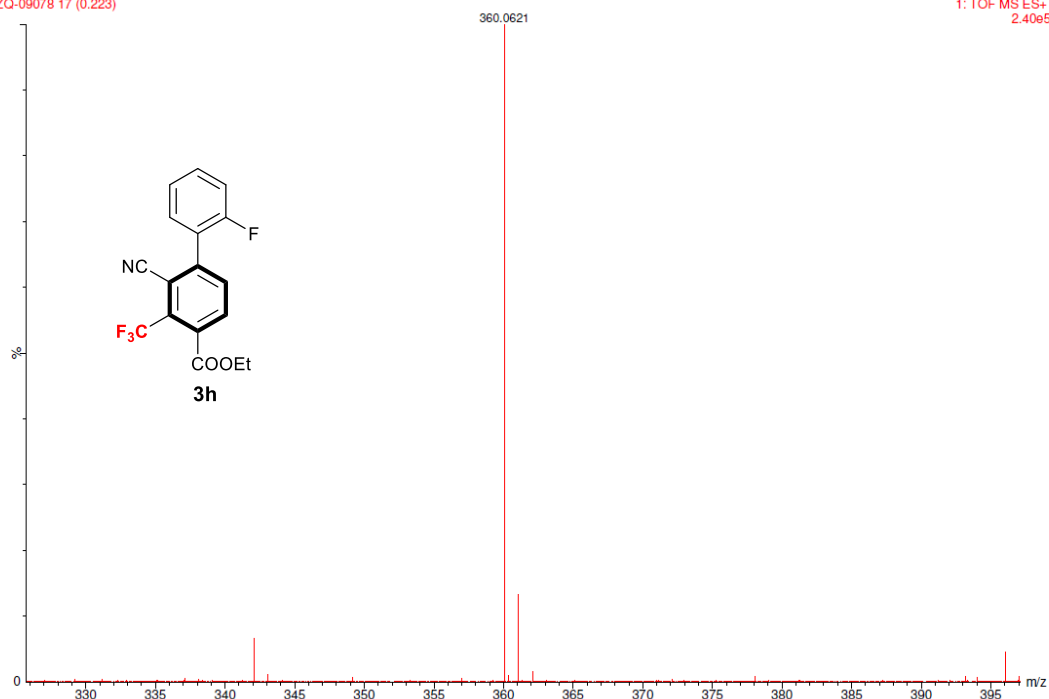
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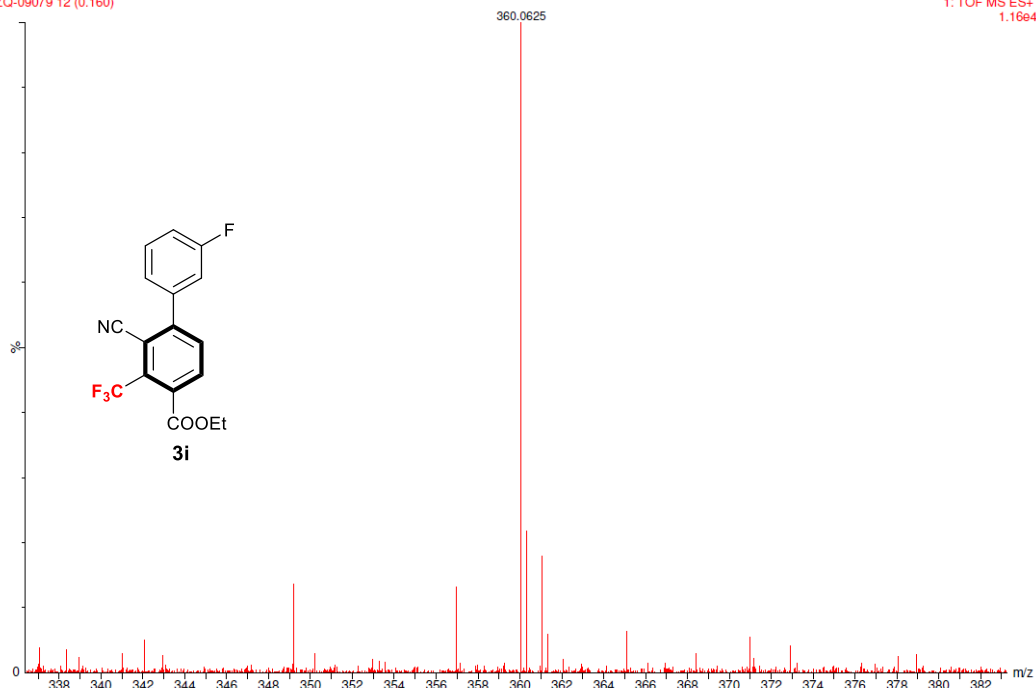
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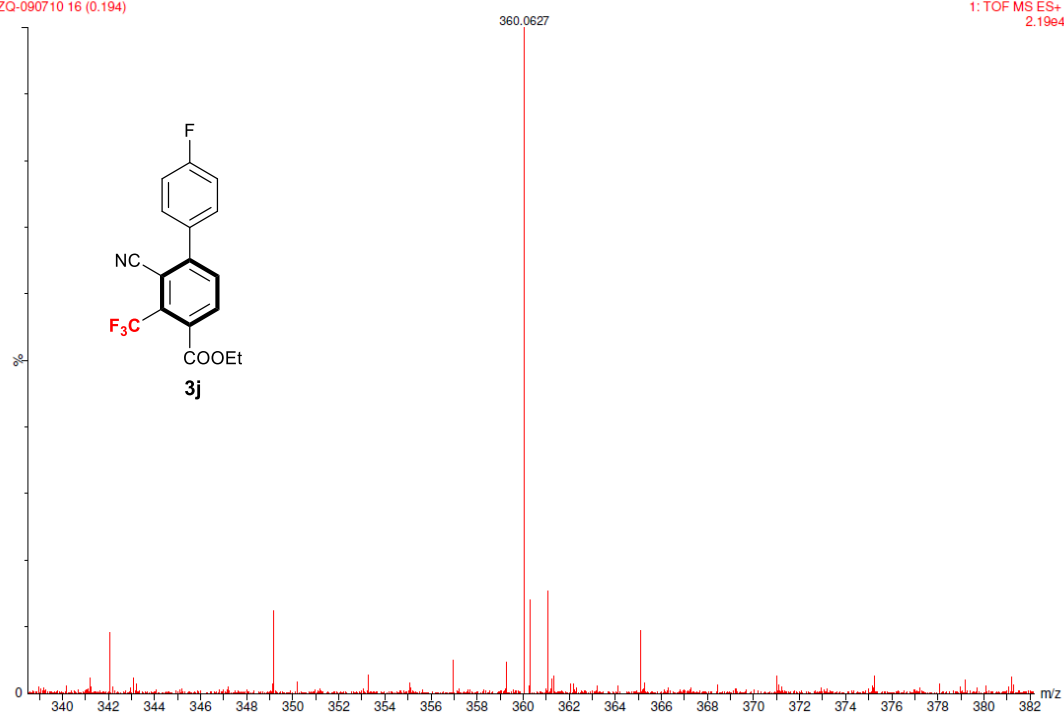
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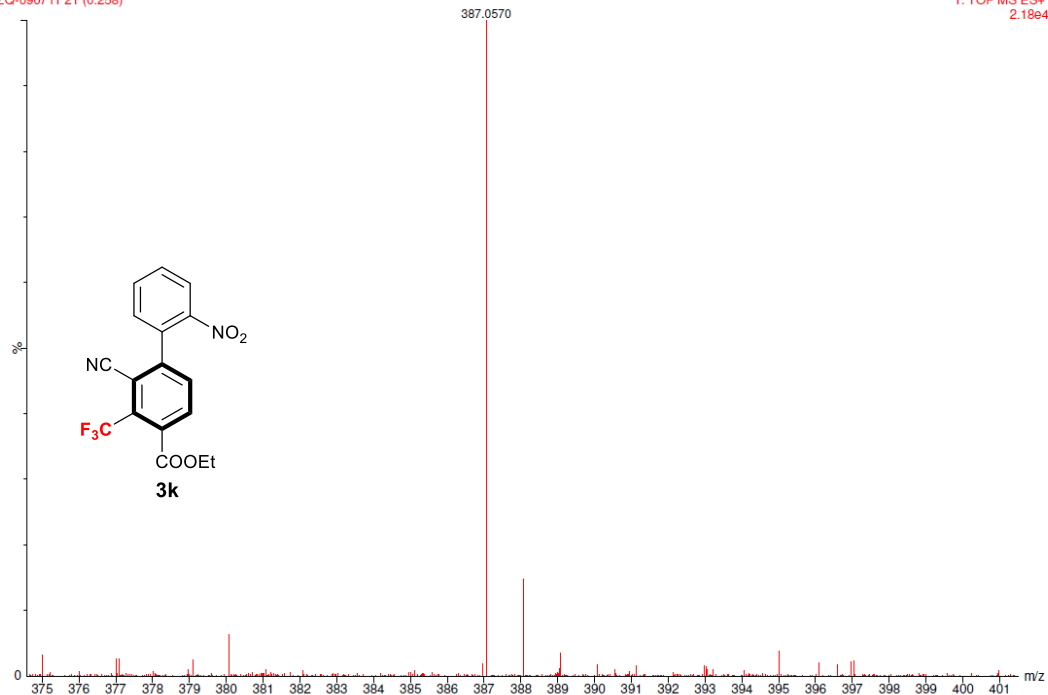
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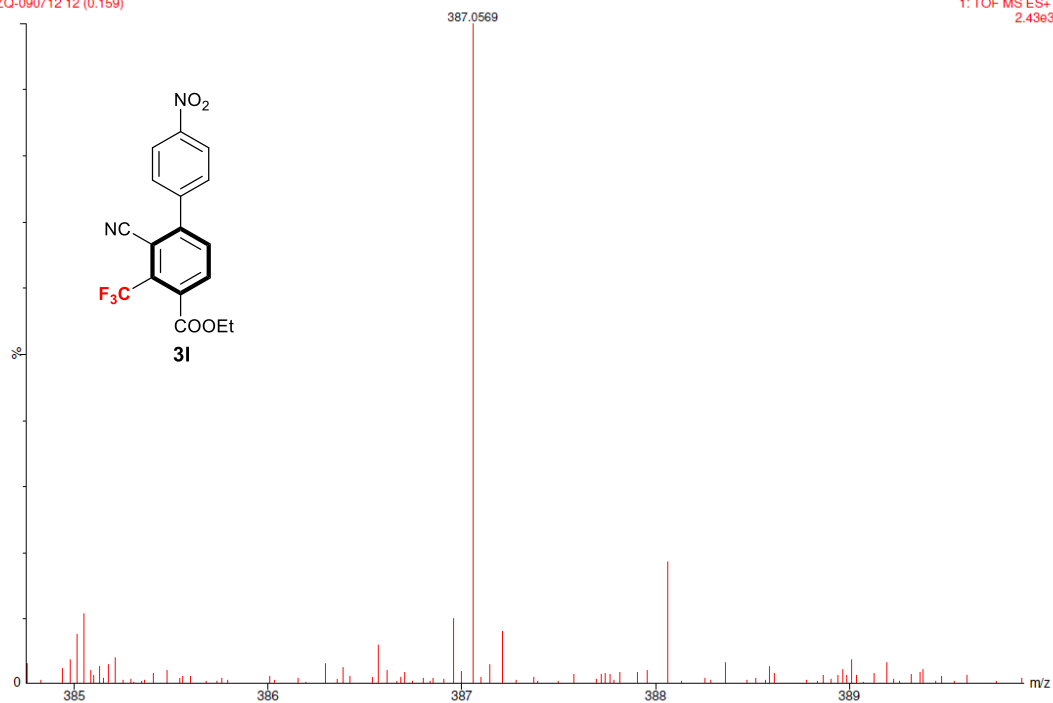
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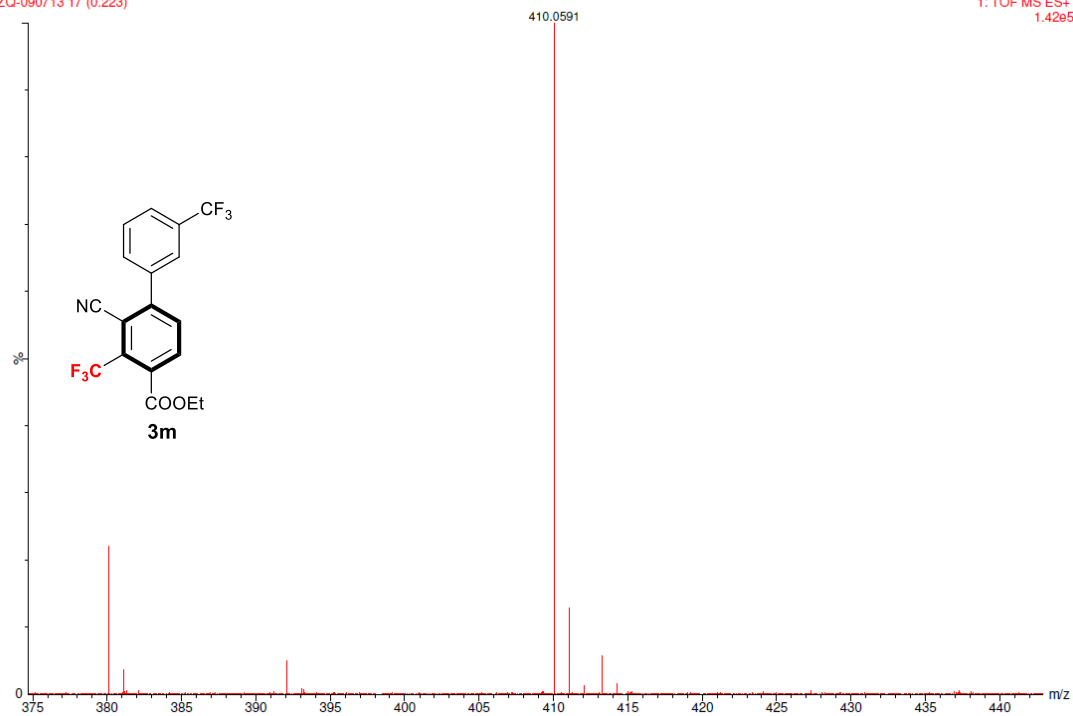
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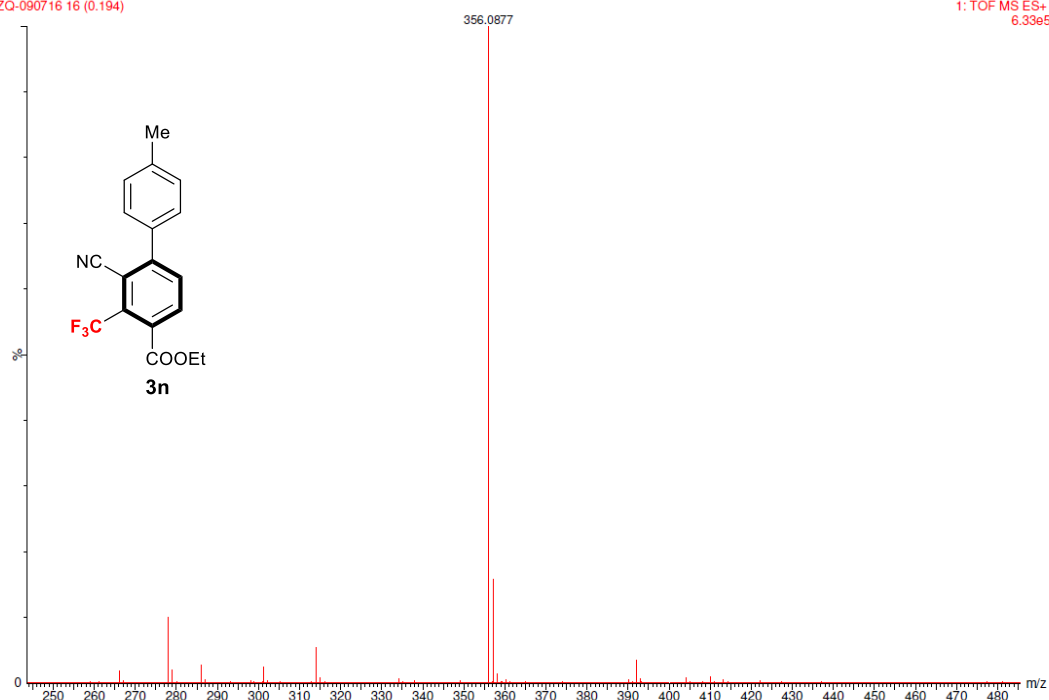
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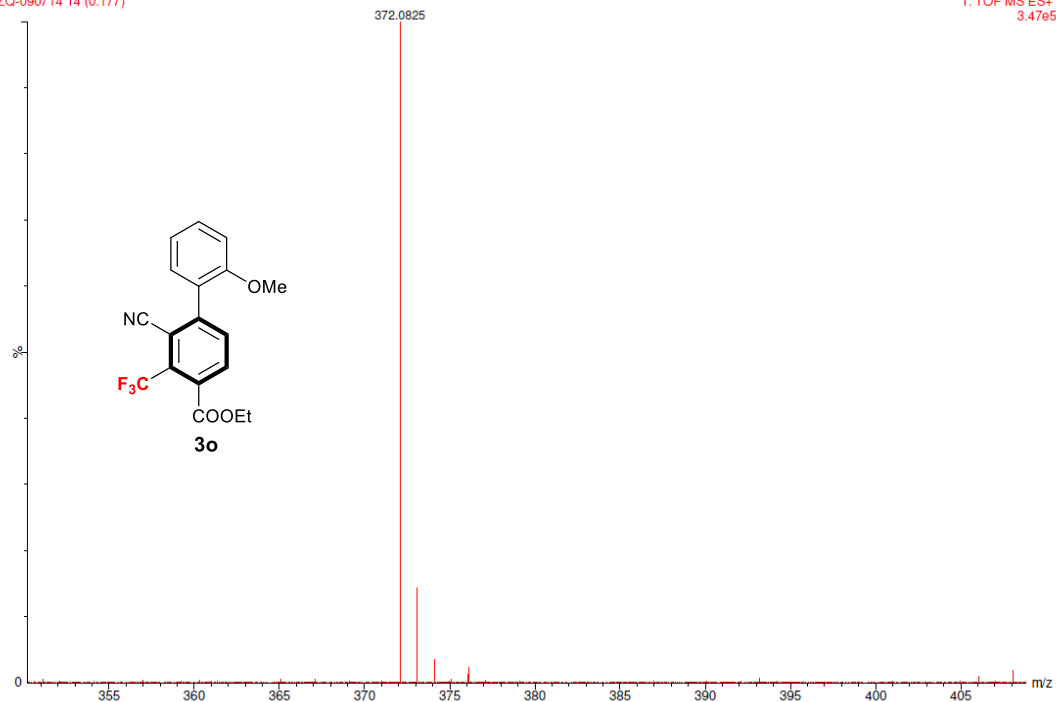
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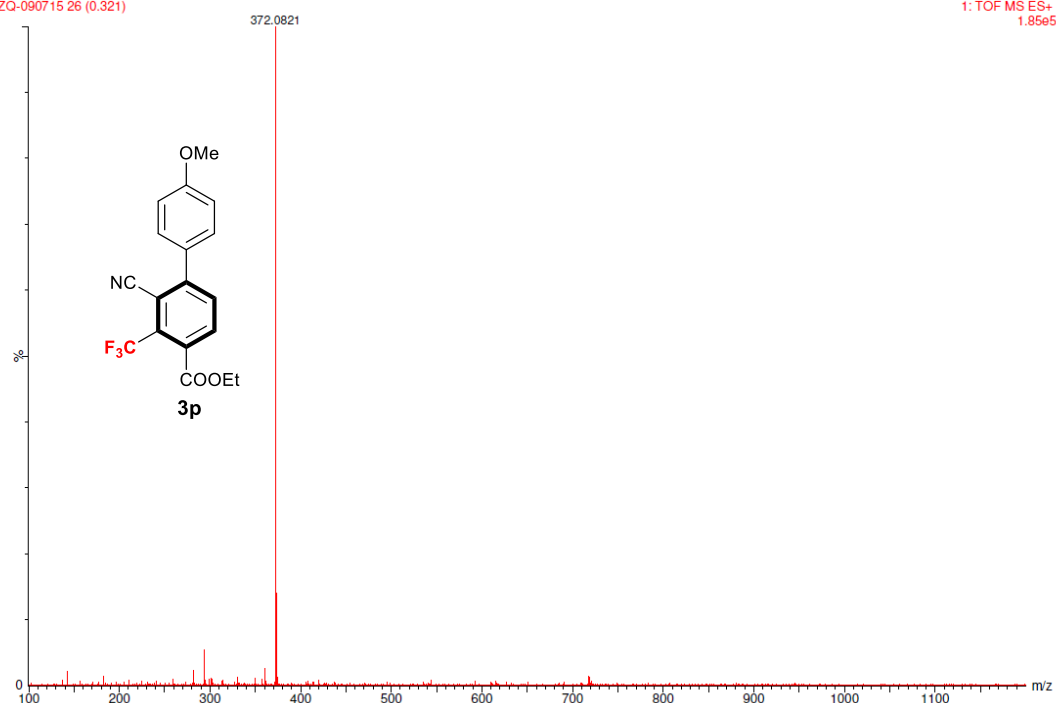
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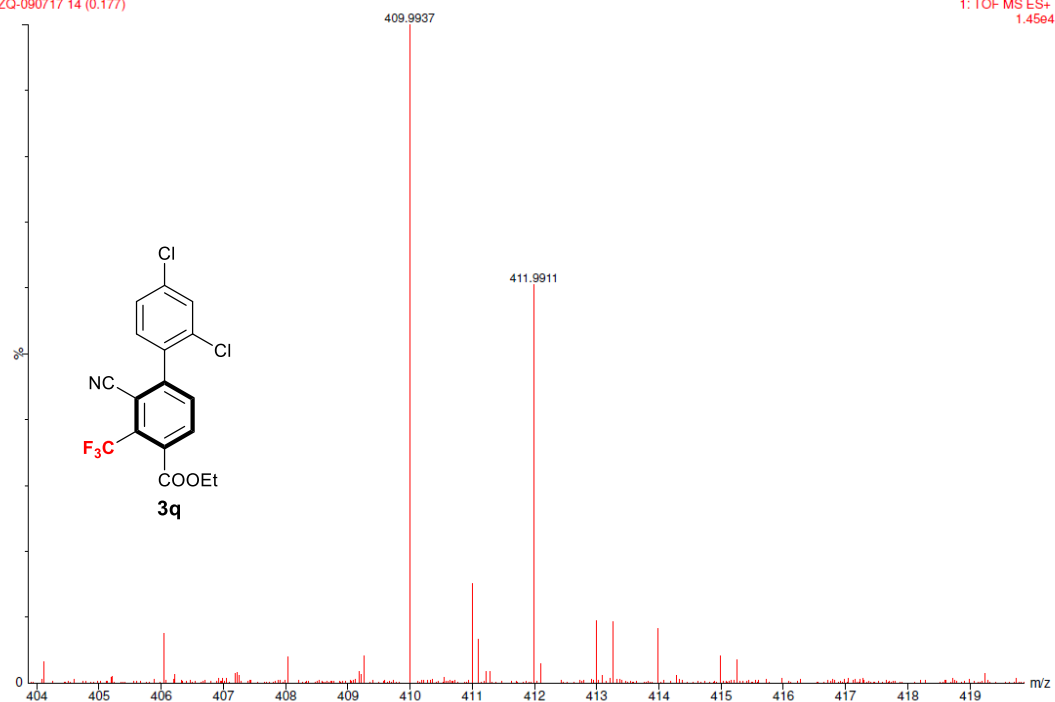
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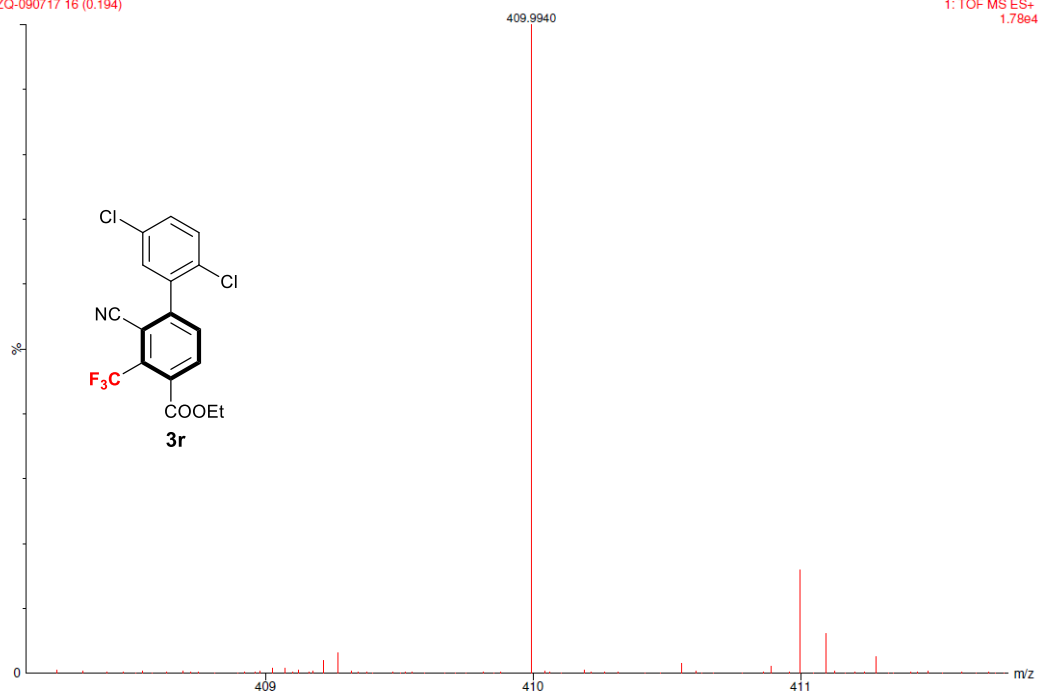
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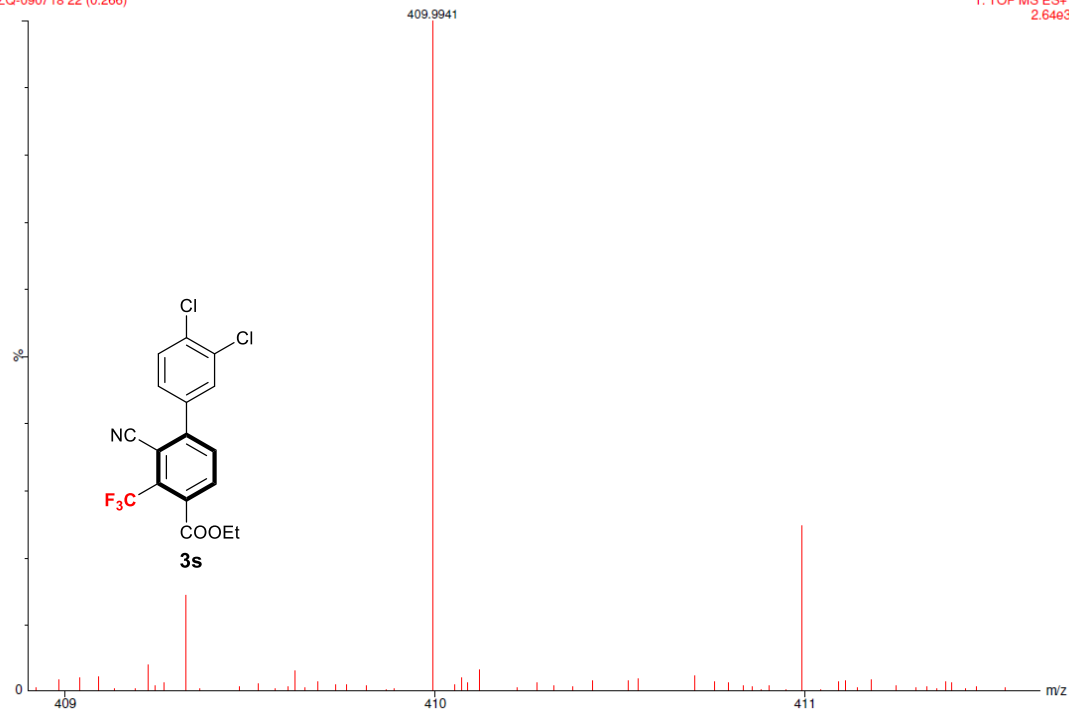
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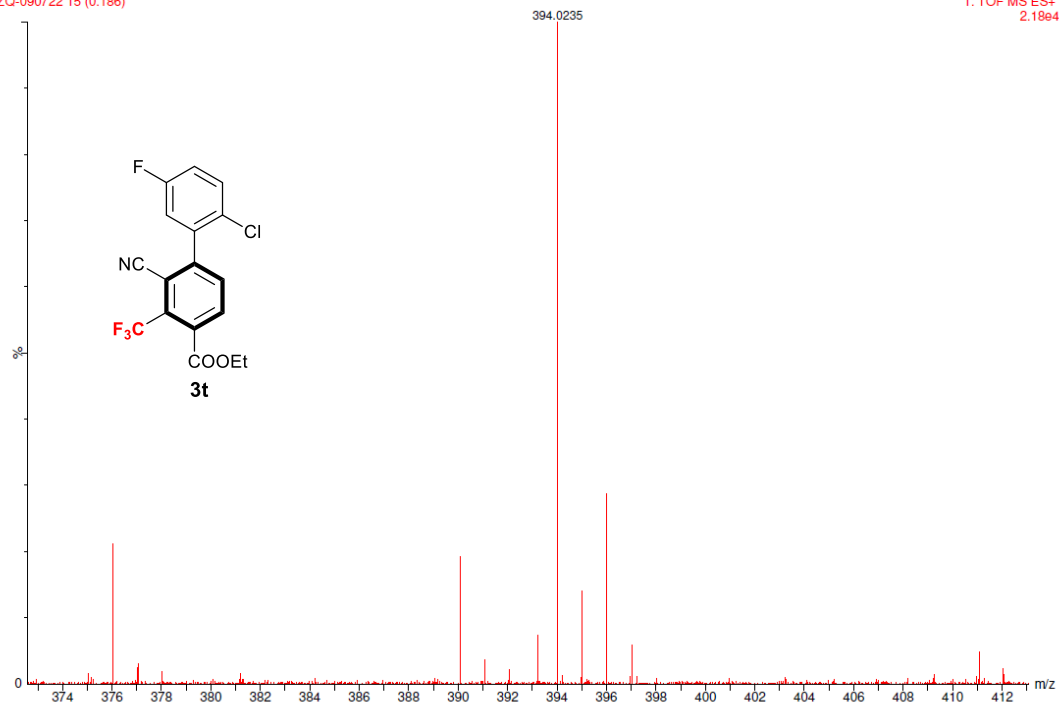
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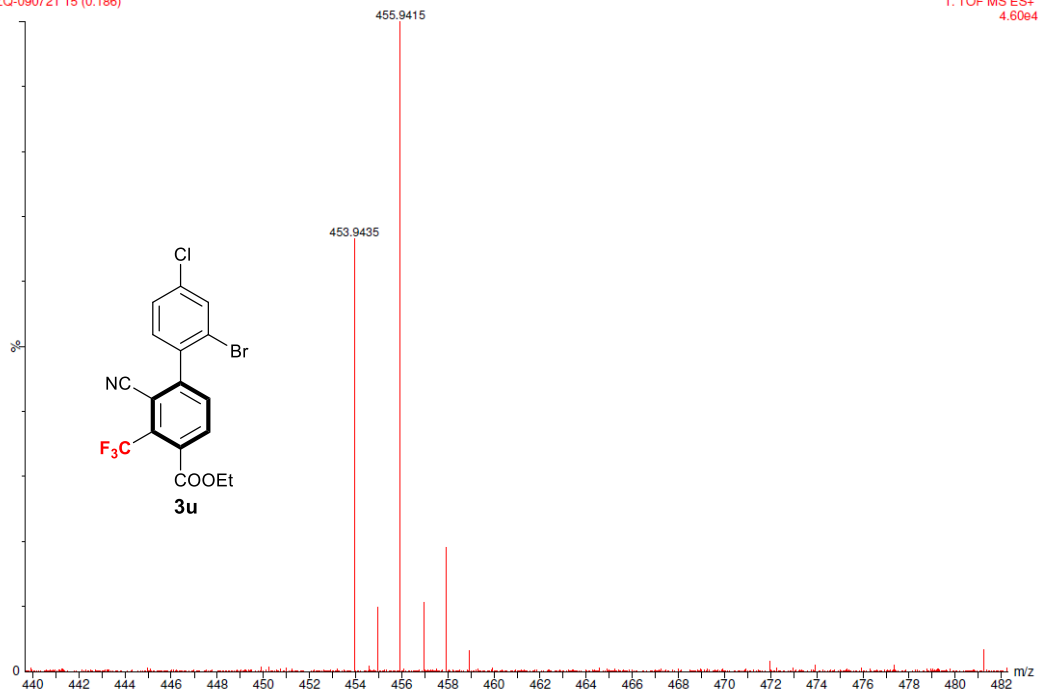
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1: TOF MS ES+  
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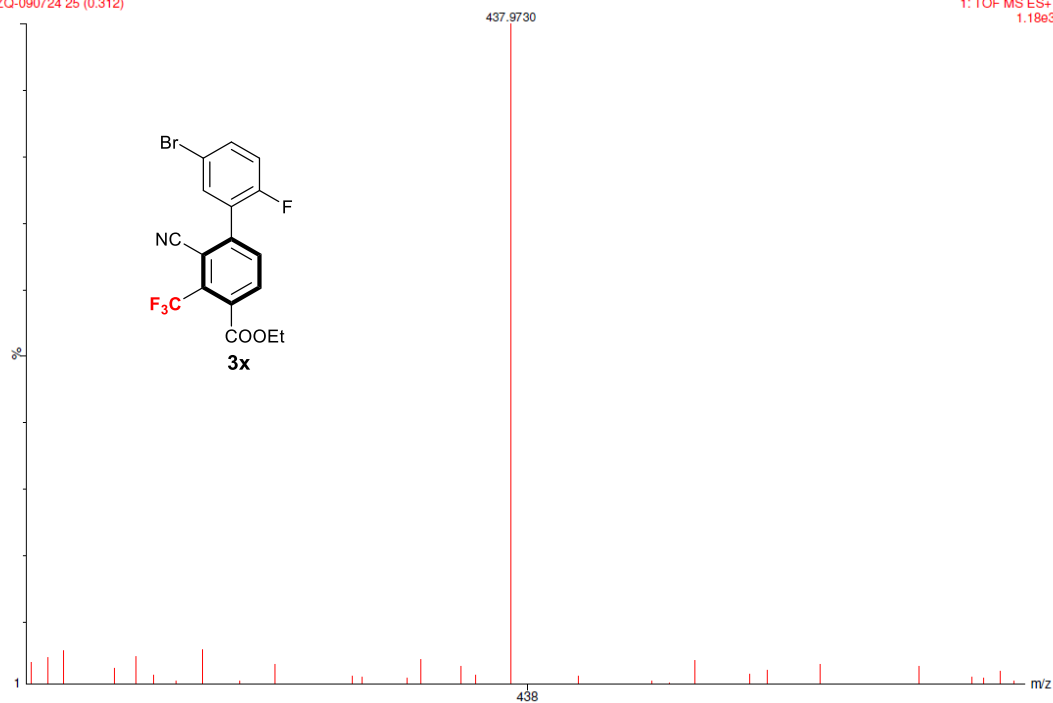
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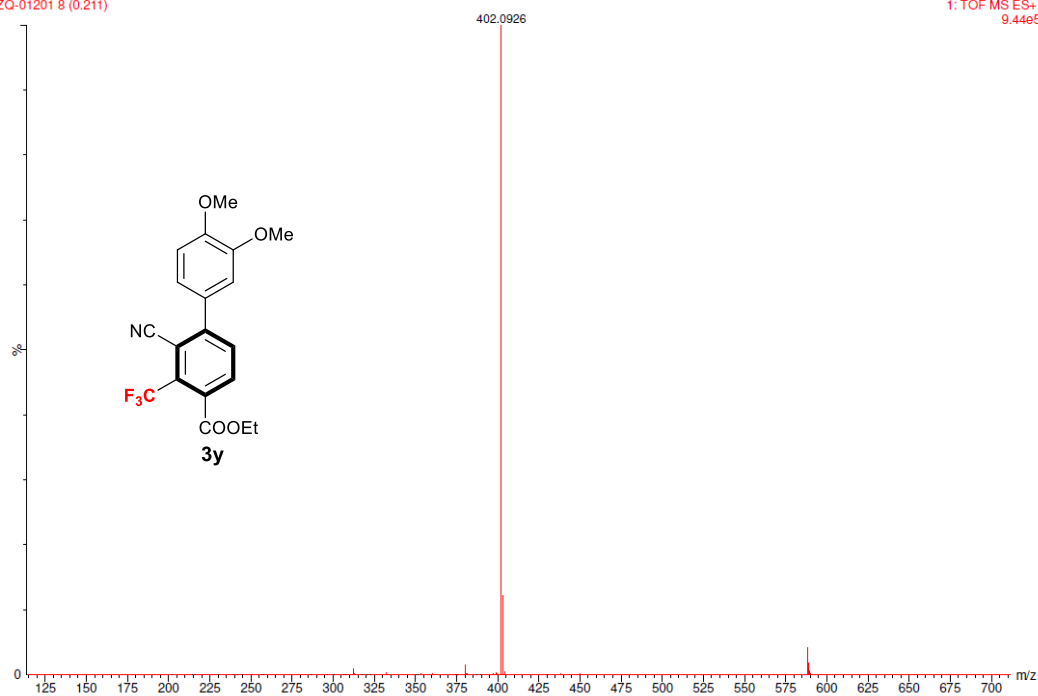
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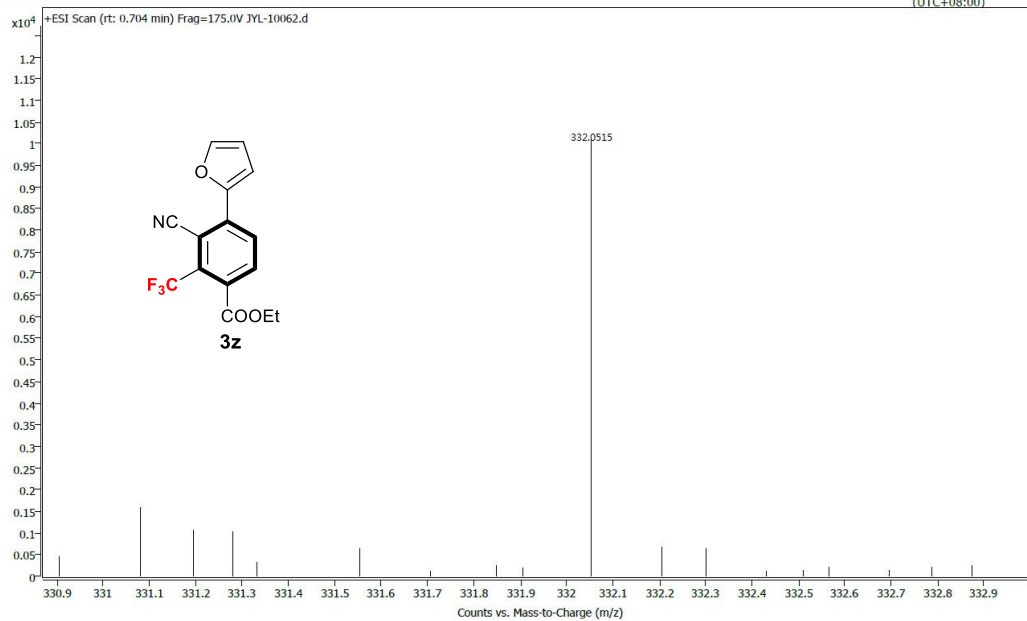
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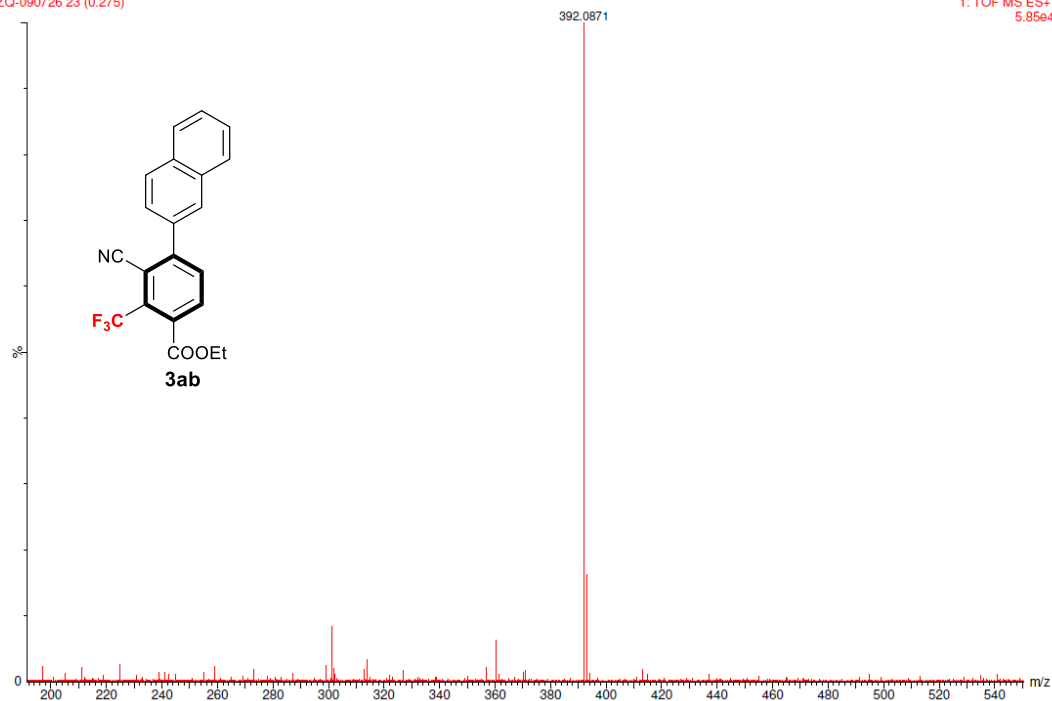
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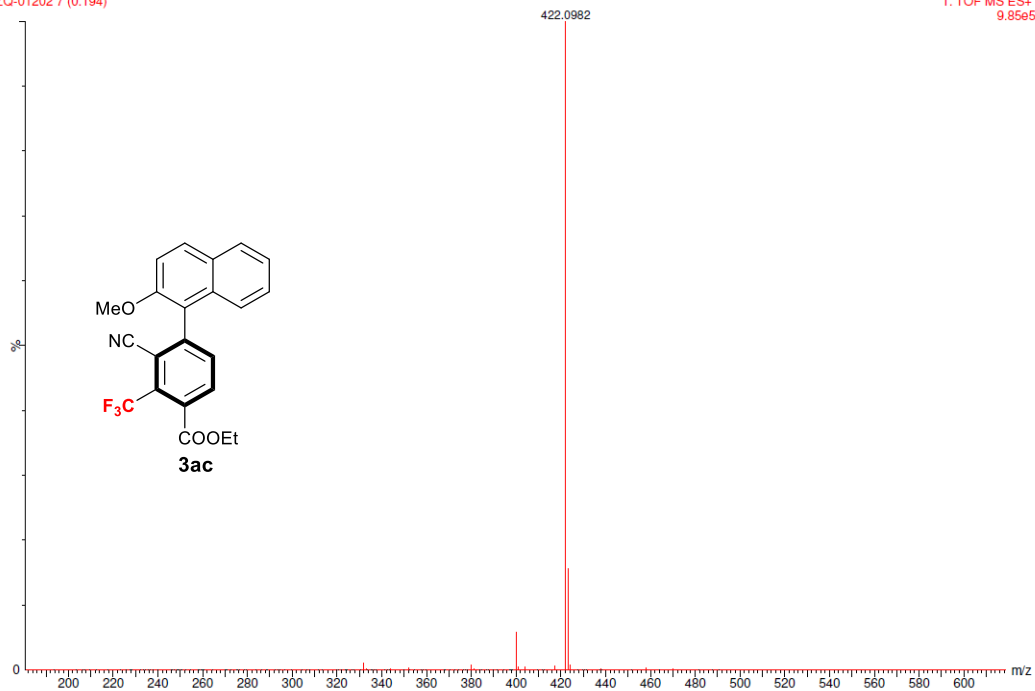
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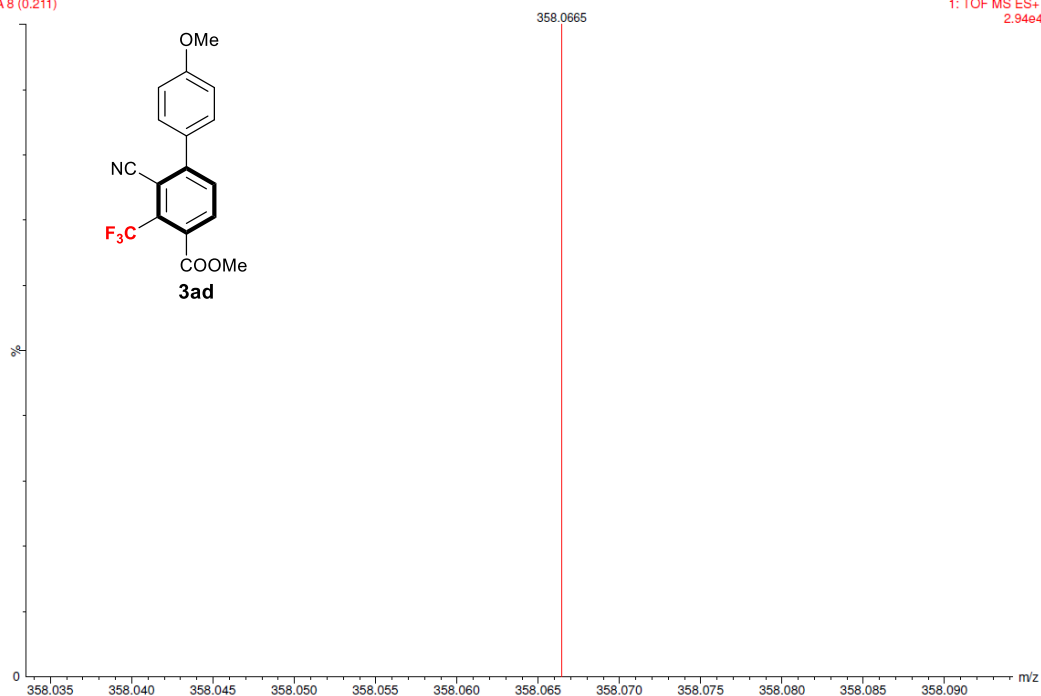
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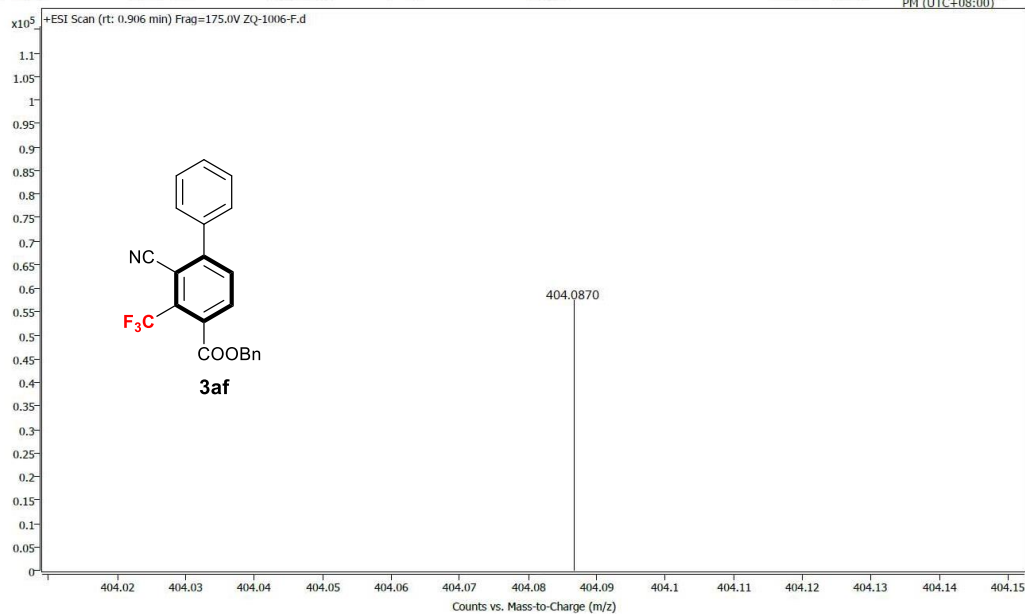
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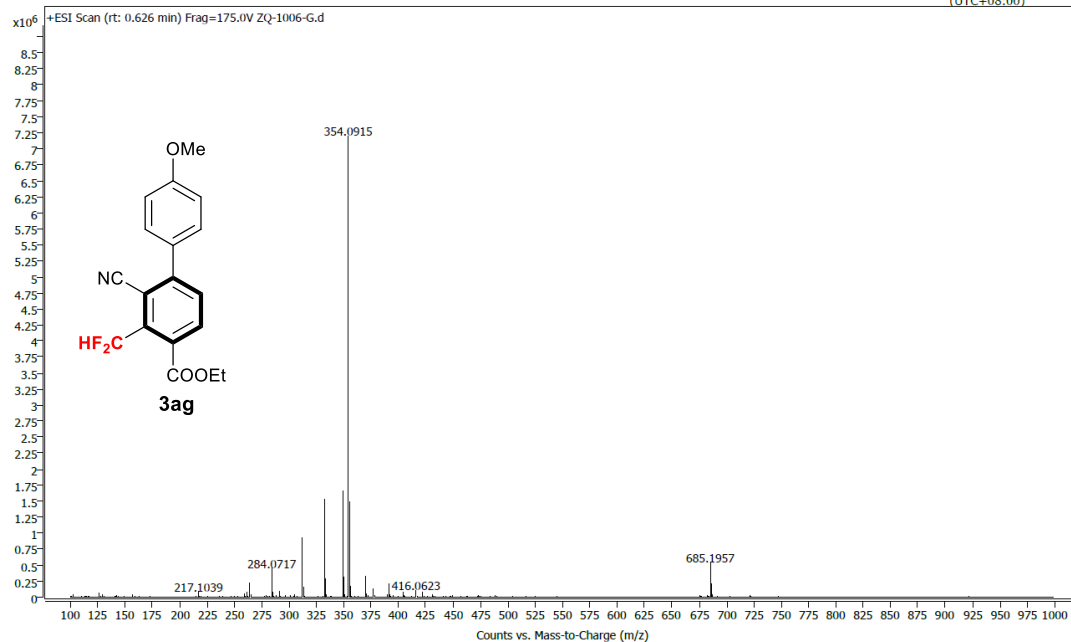




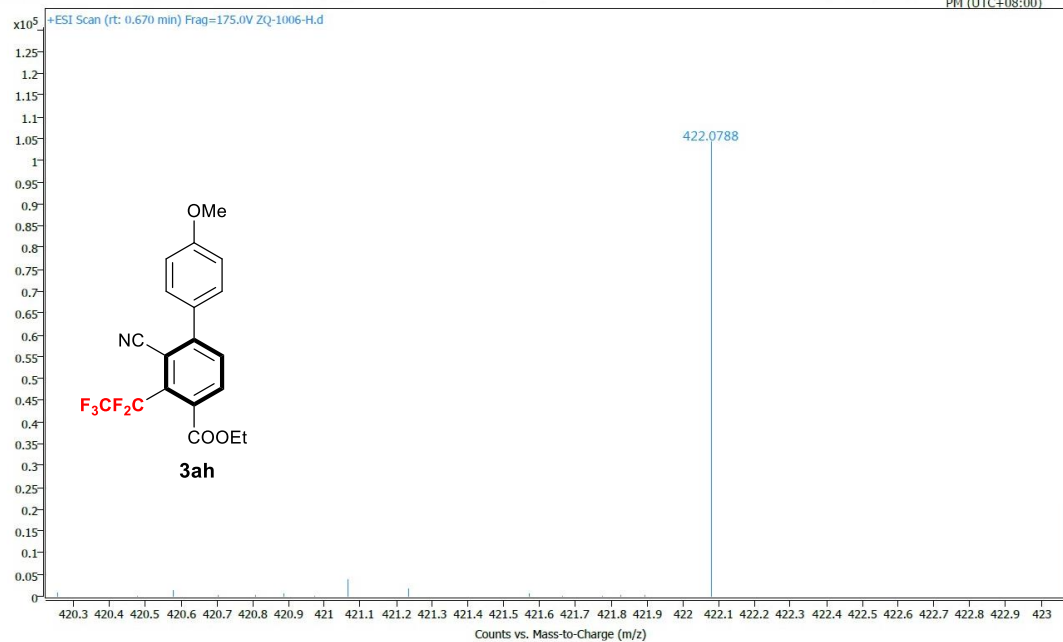
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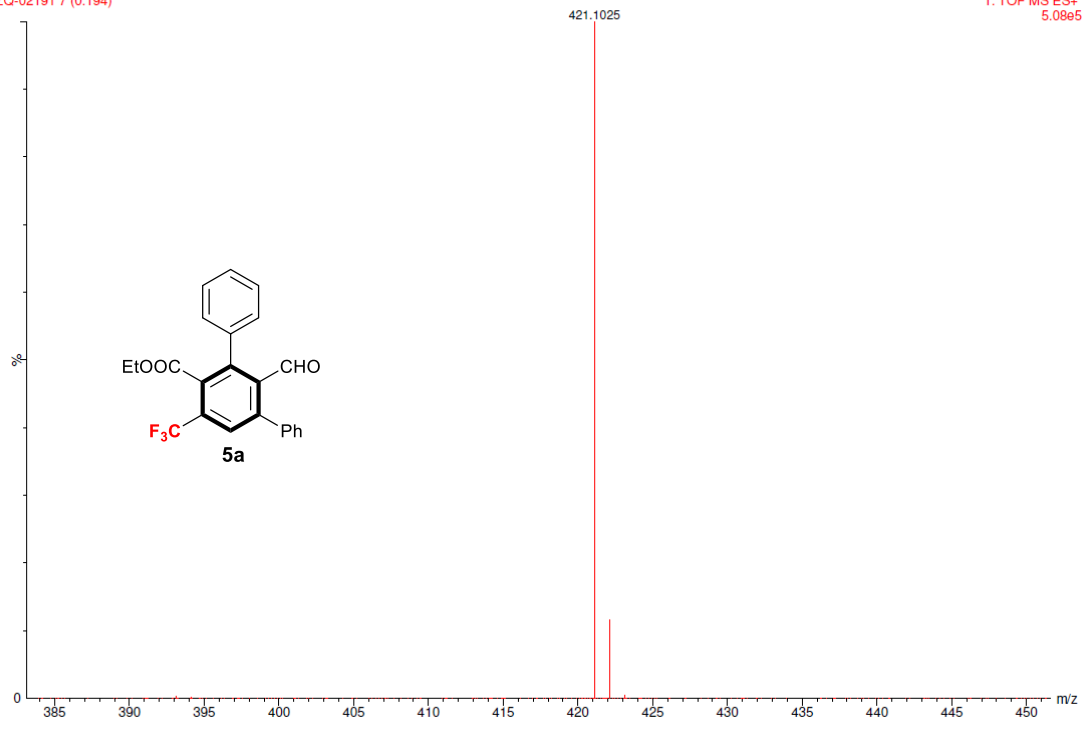


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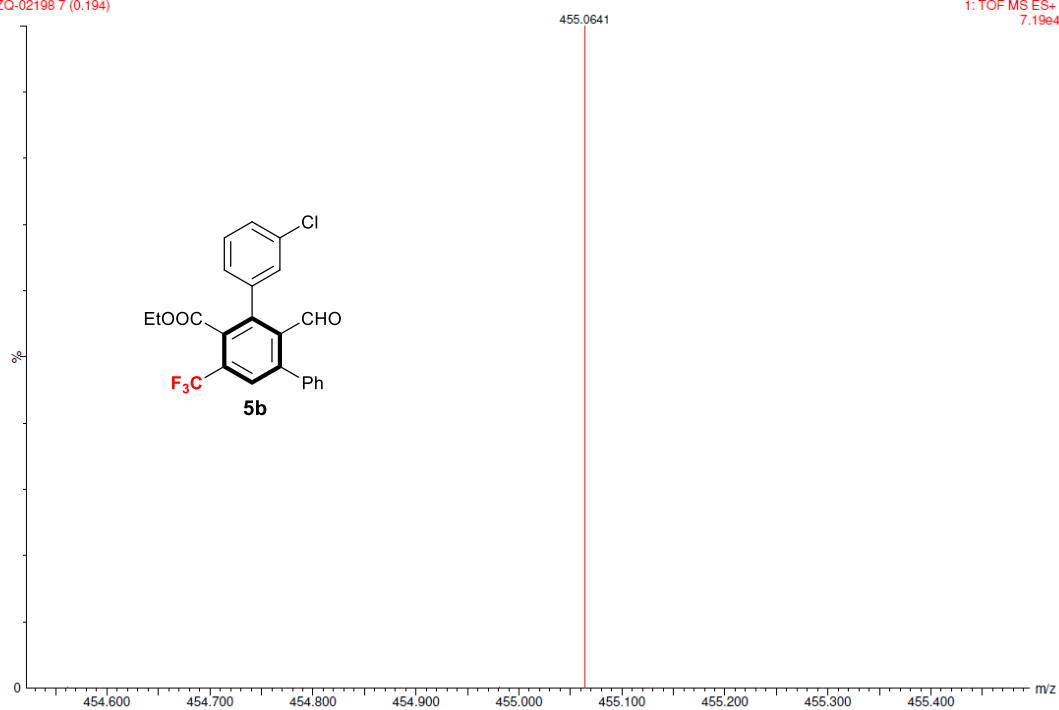
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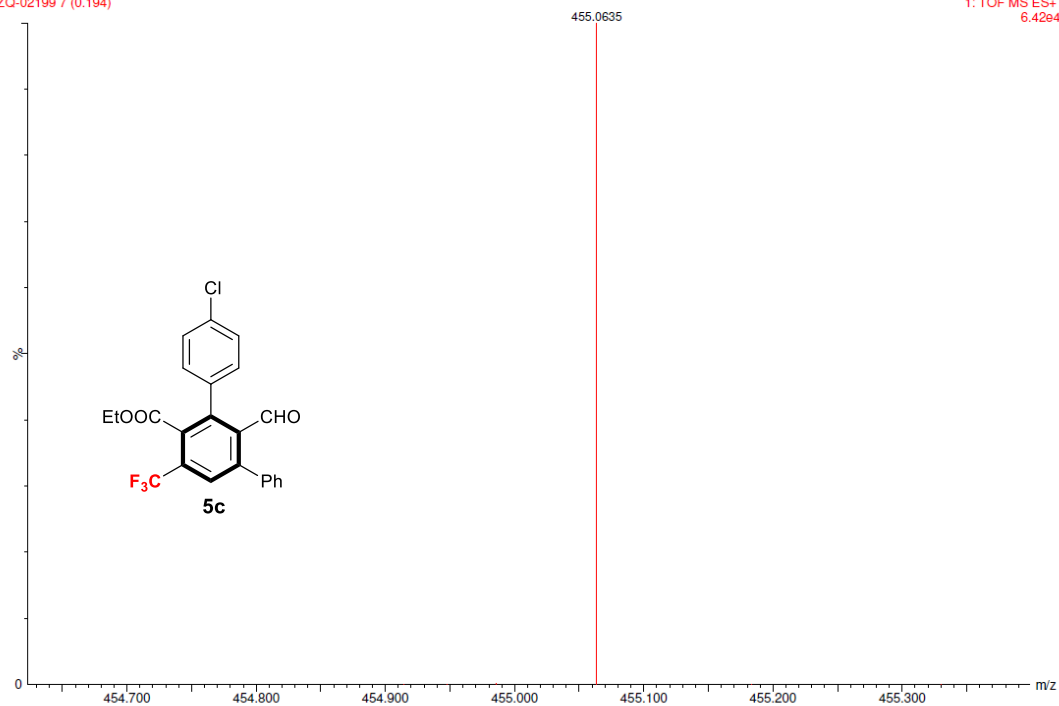
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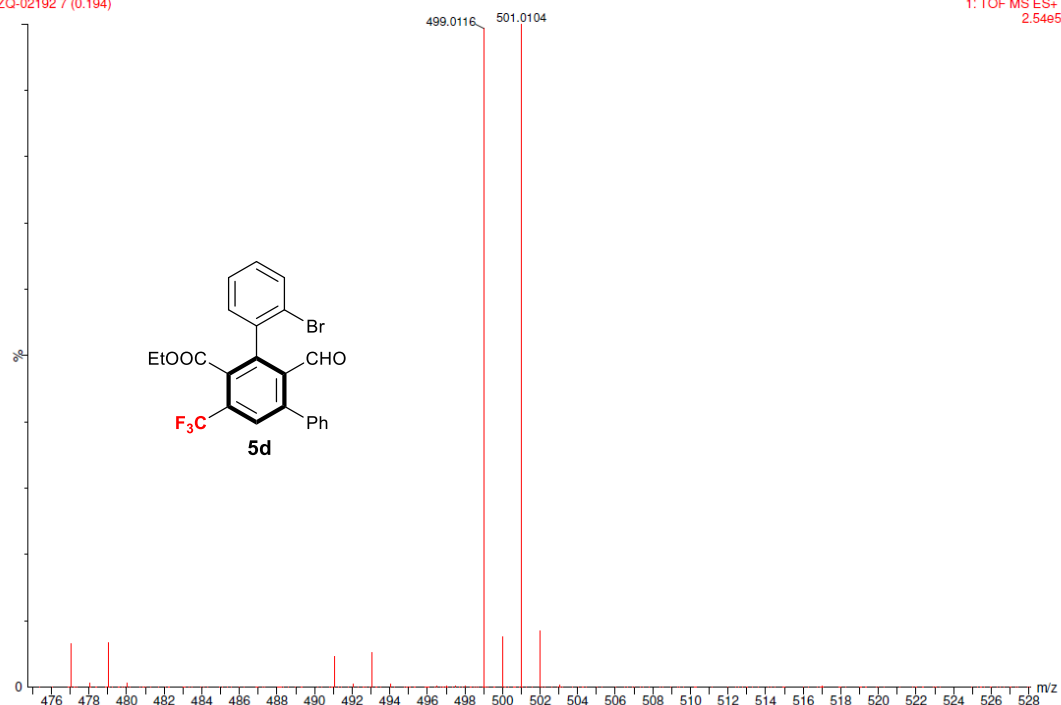
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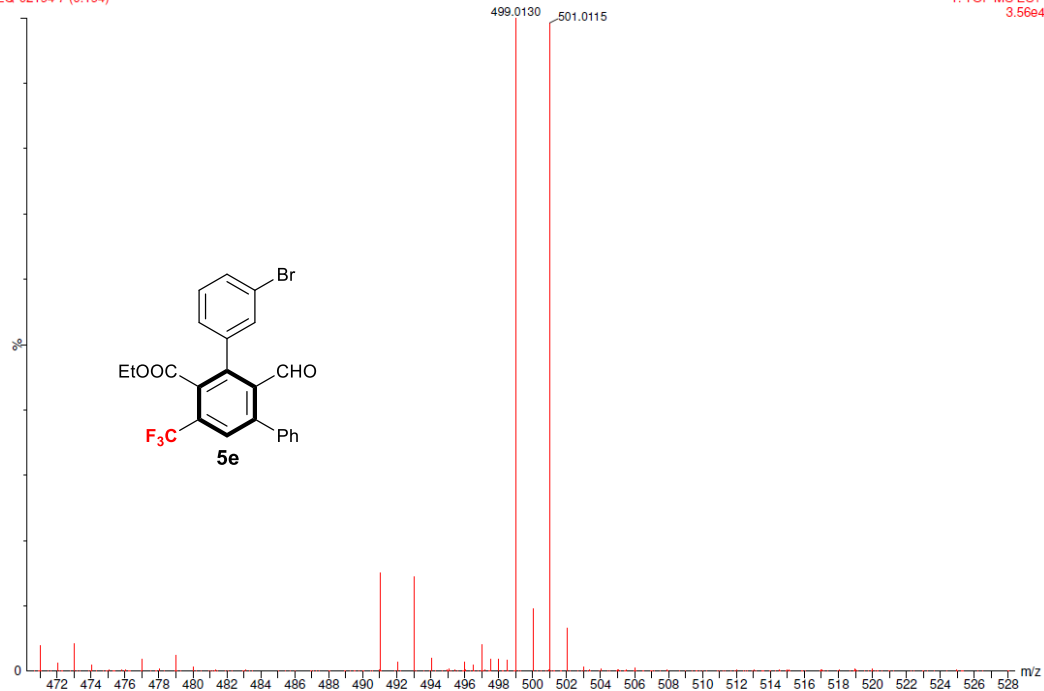
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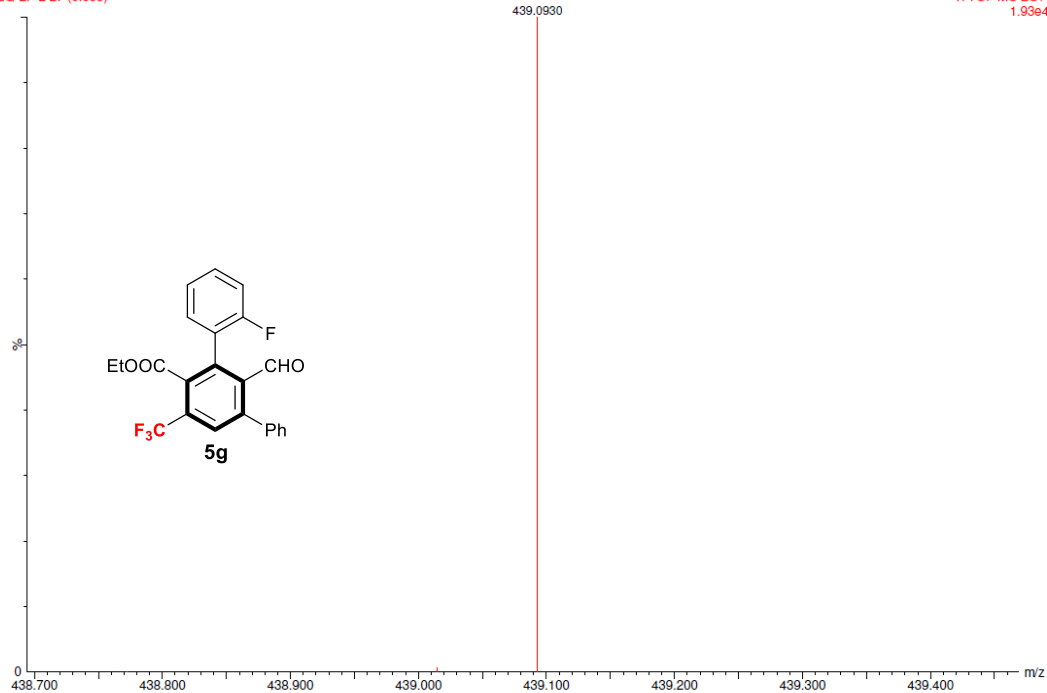
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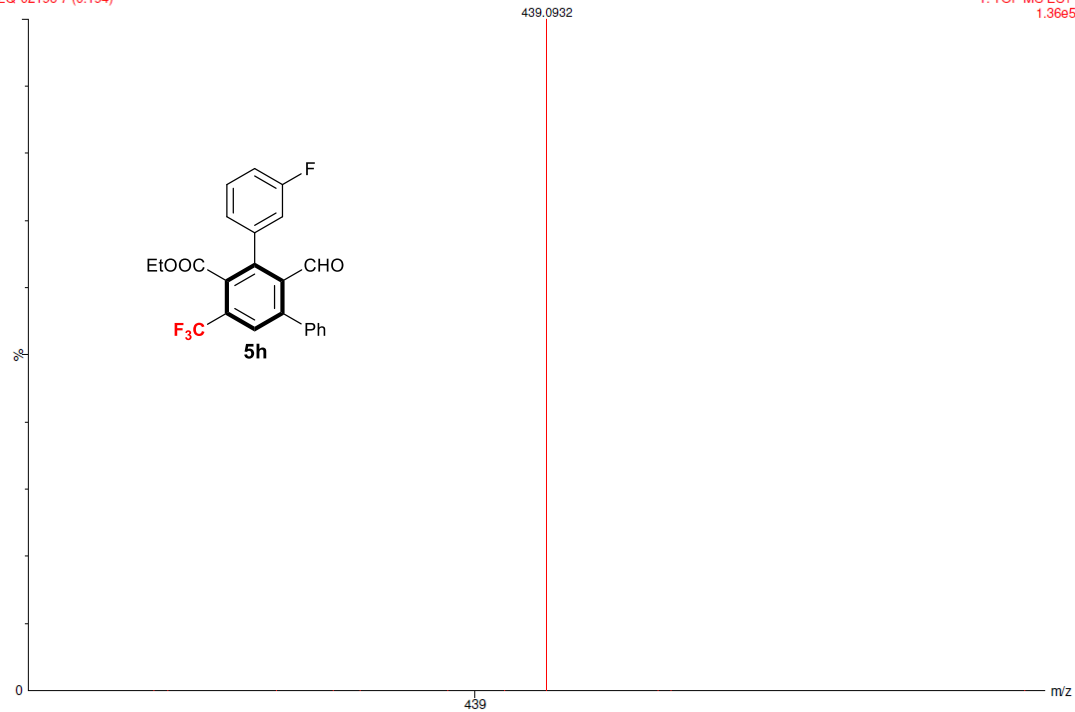
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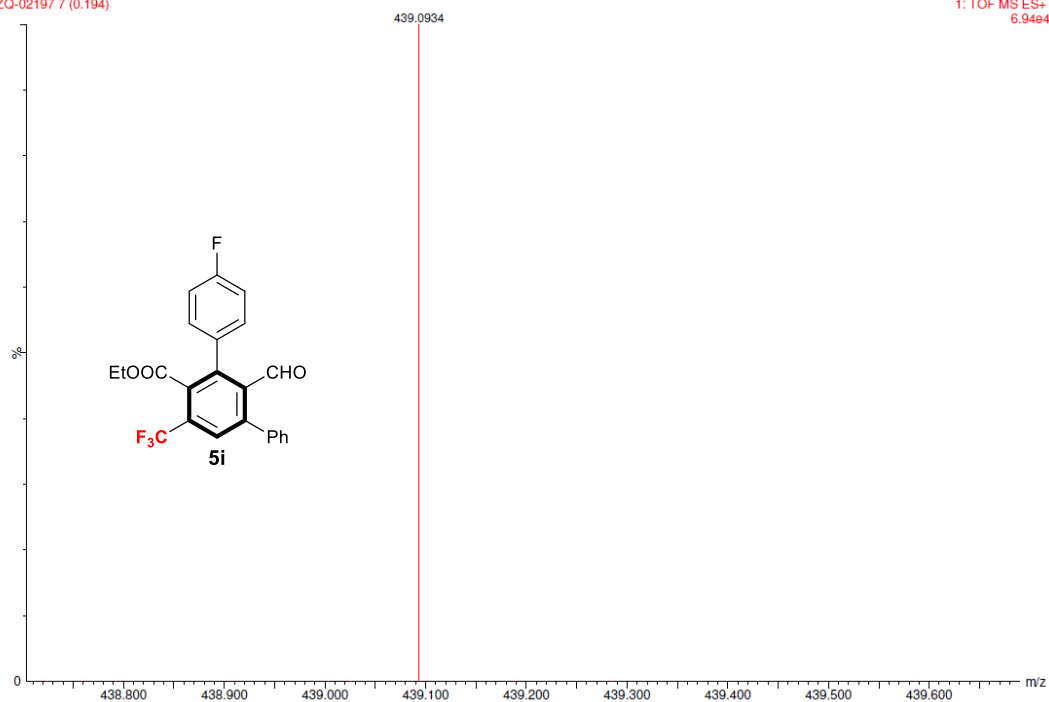
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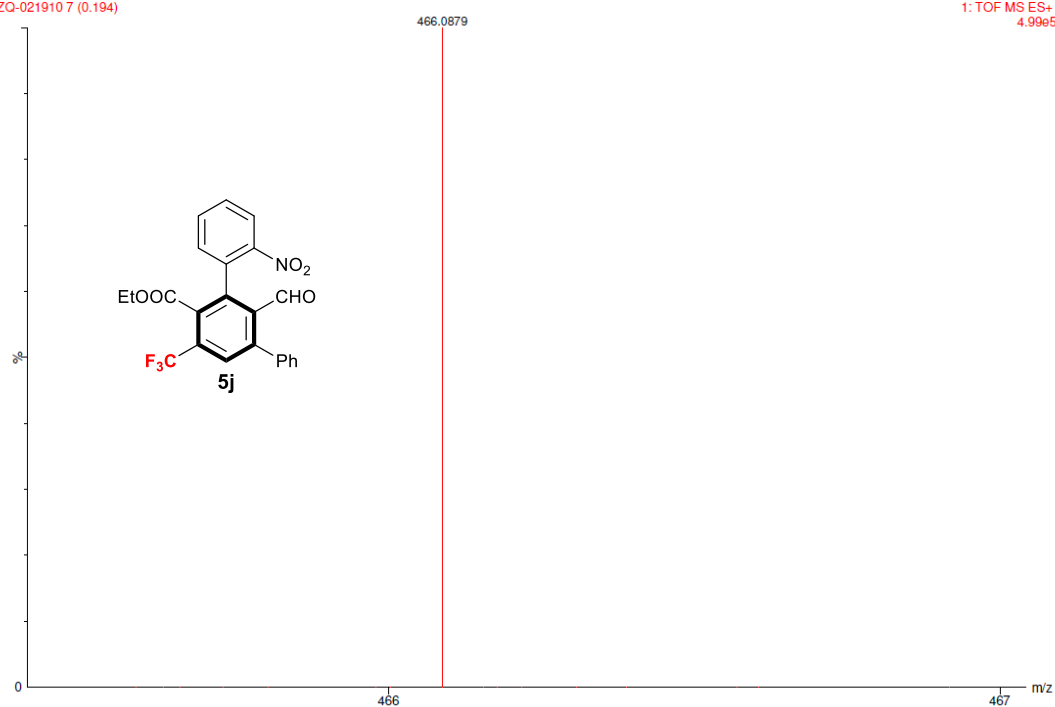
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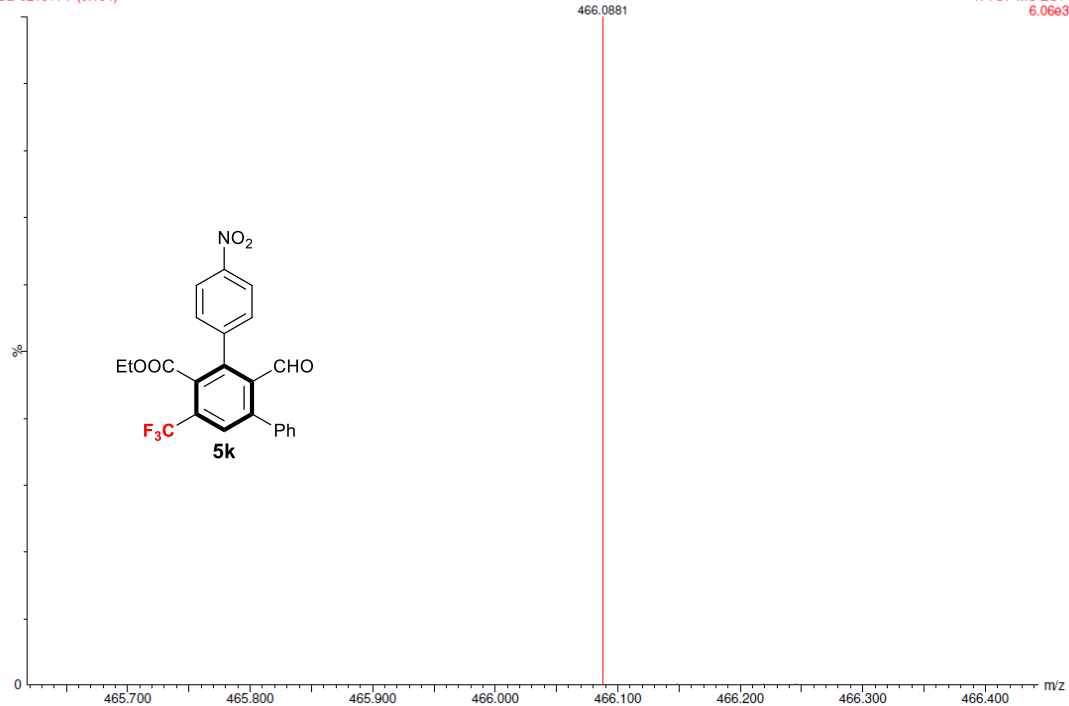
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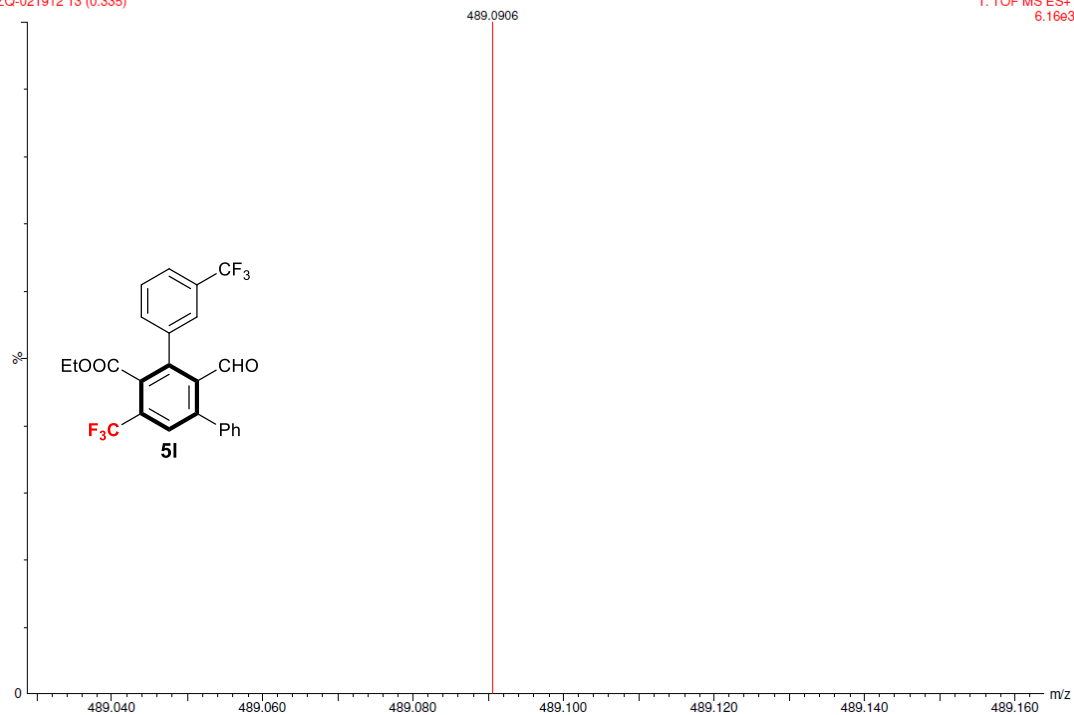
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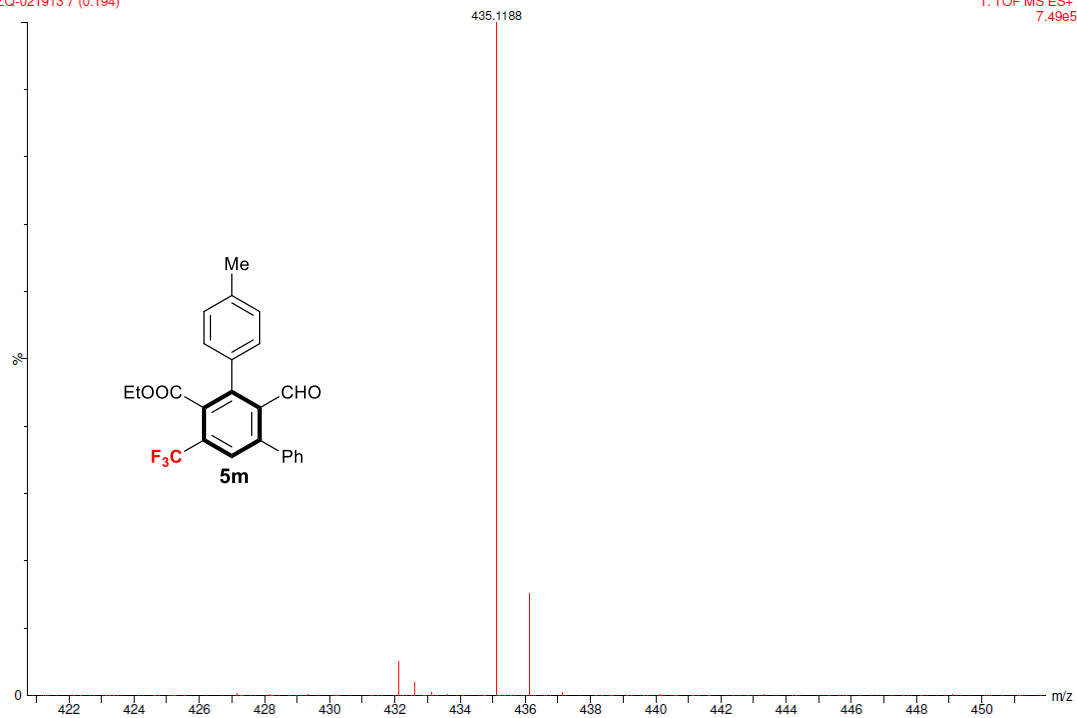
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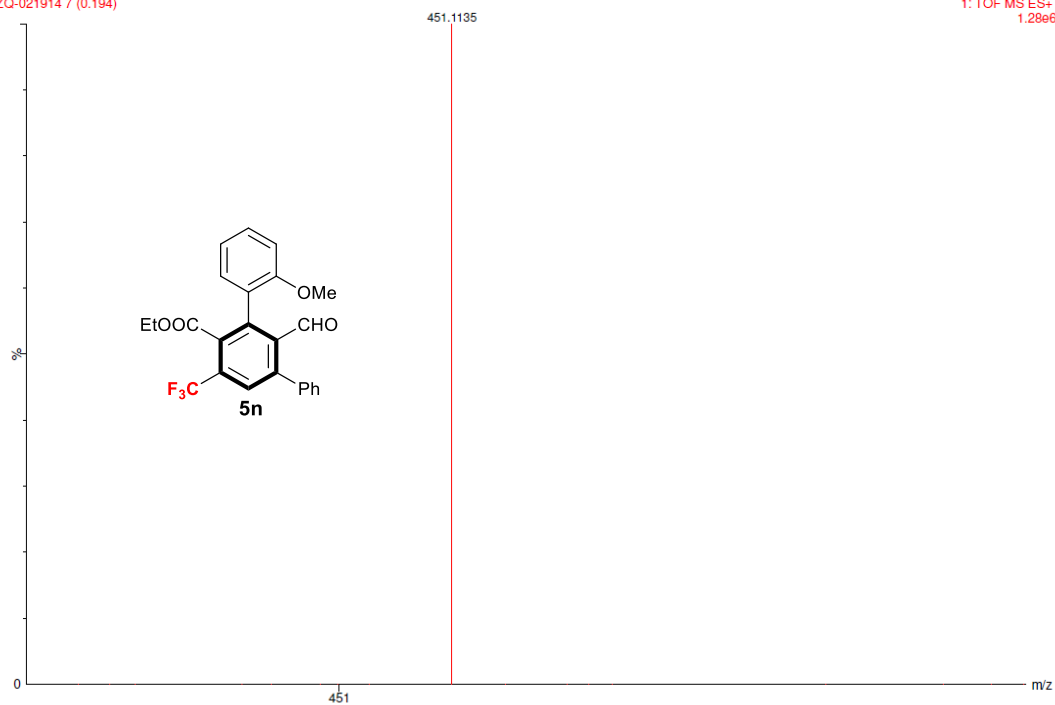
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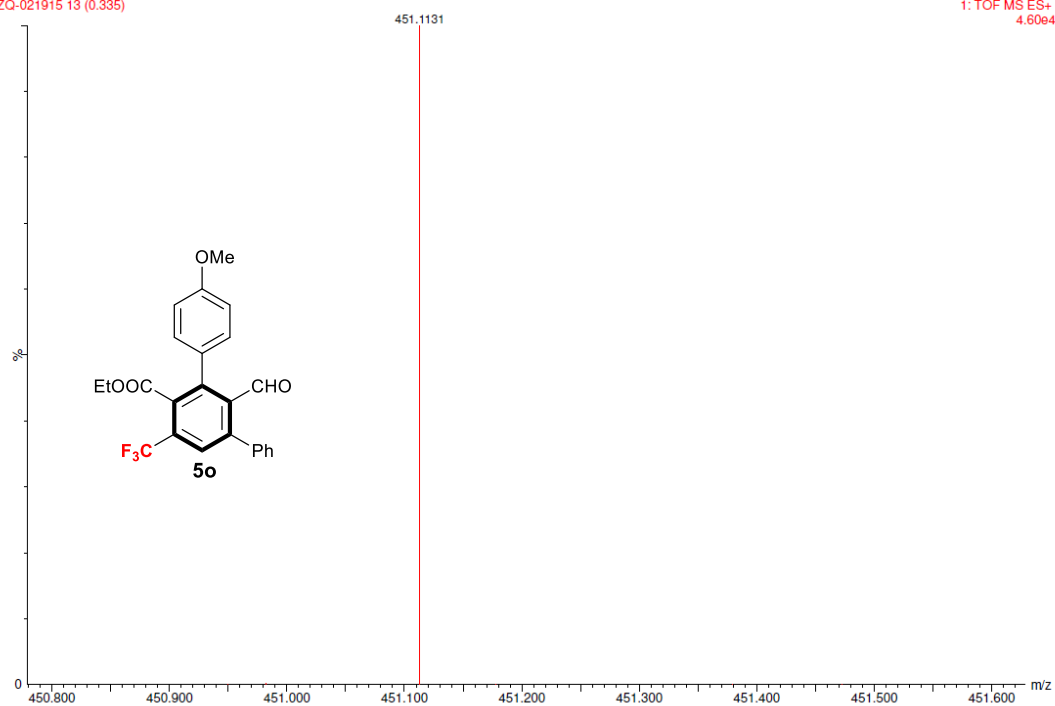
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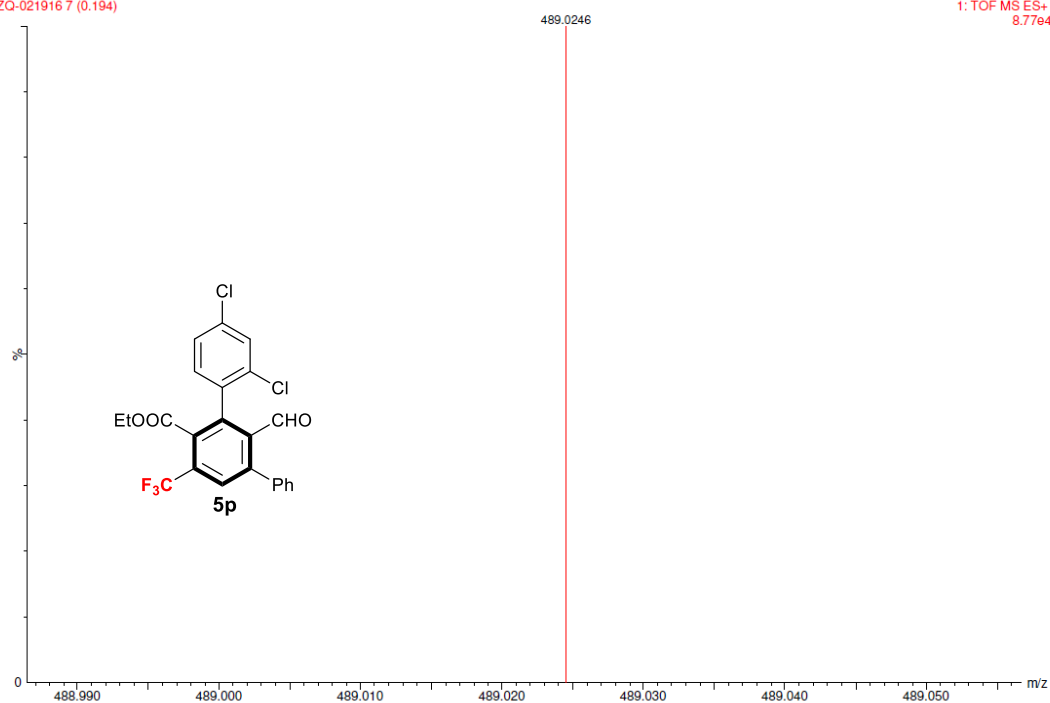
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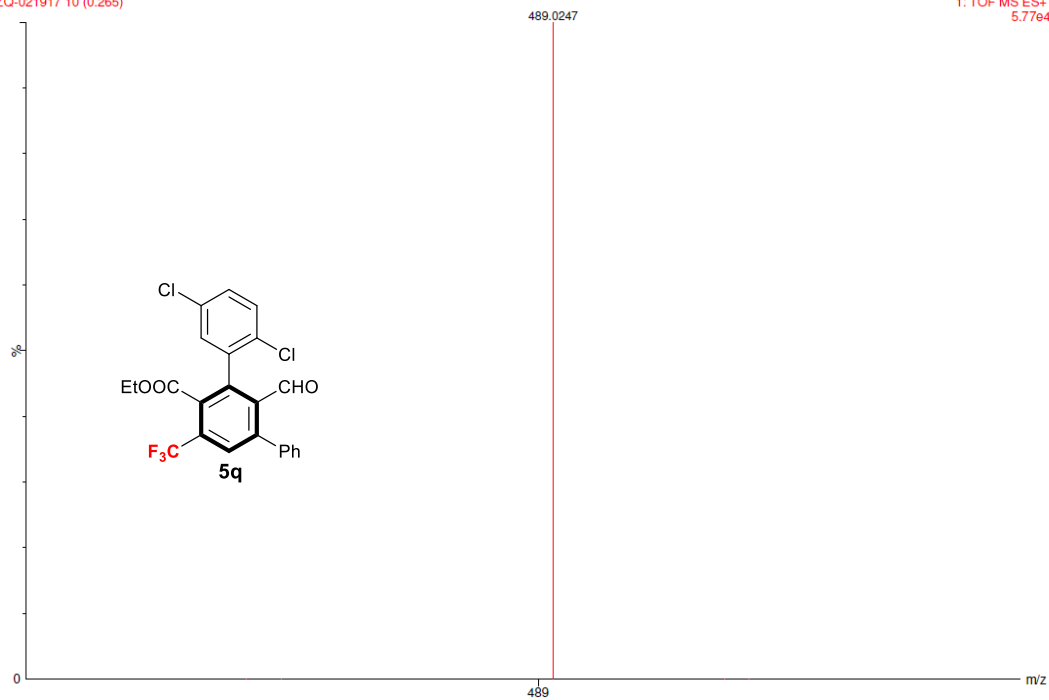
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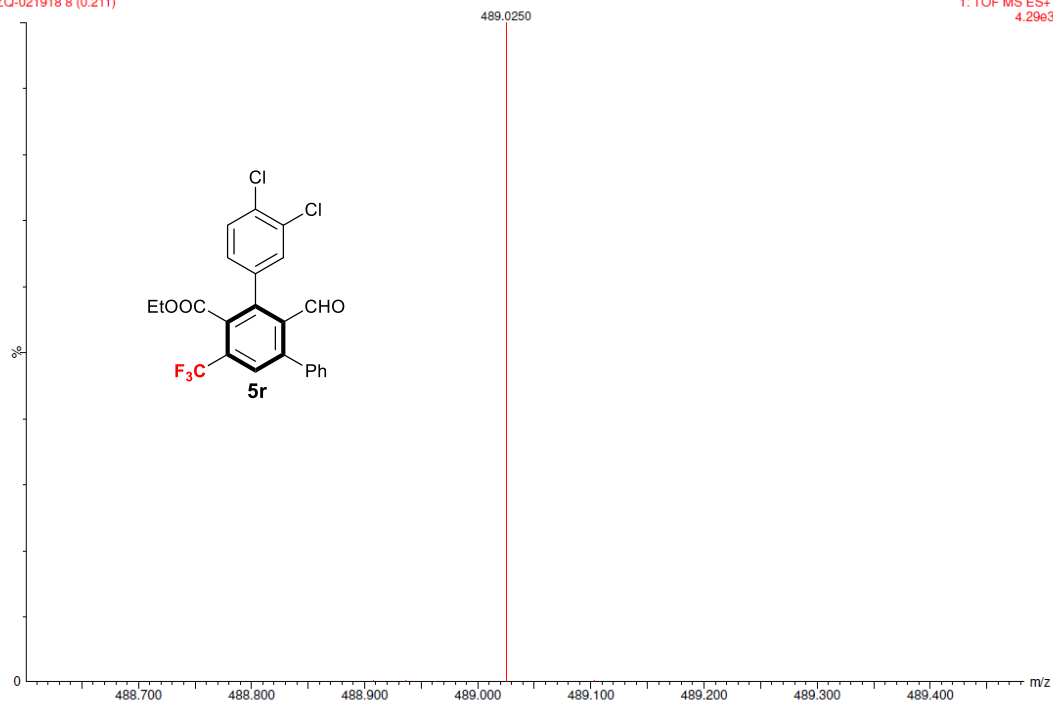
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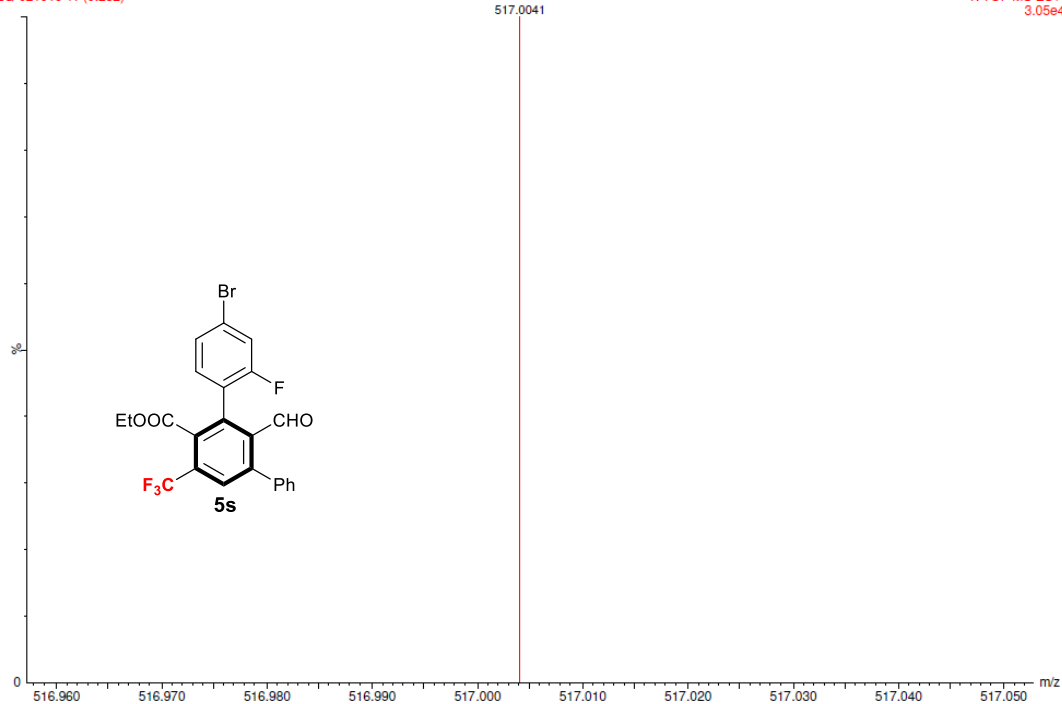
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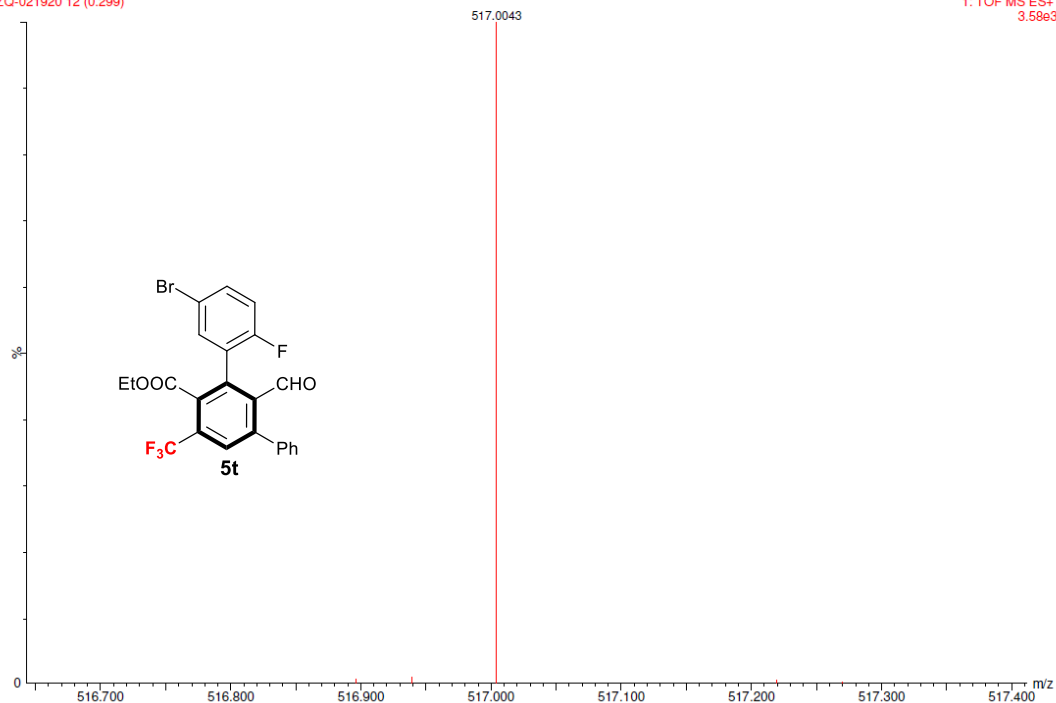
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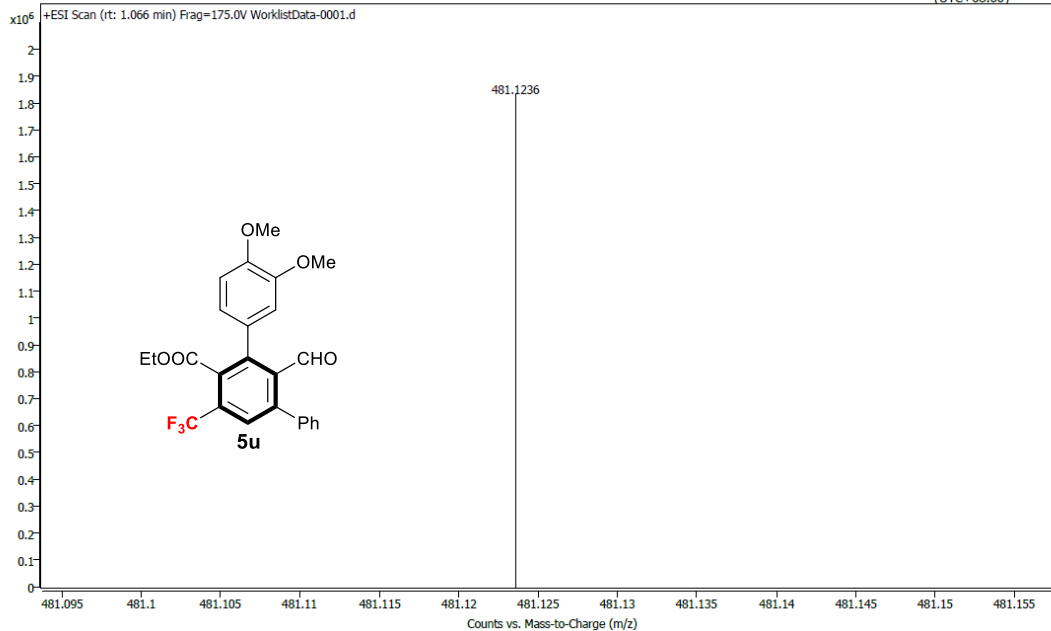
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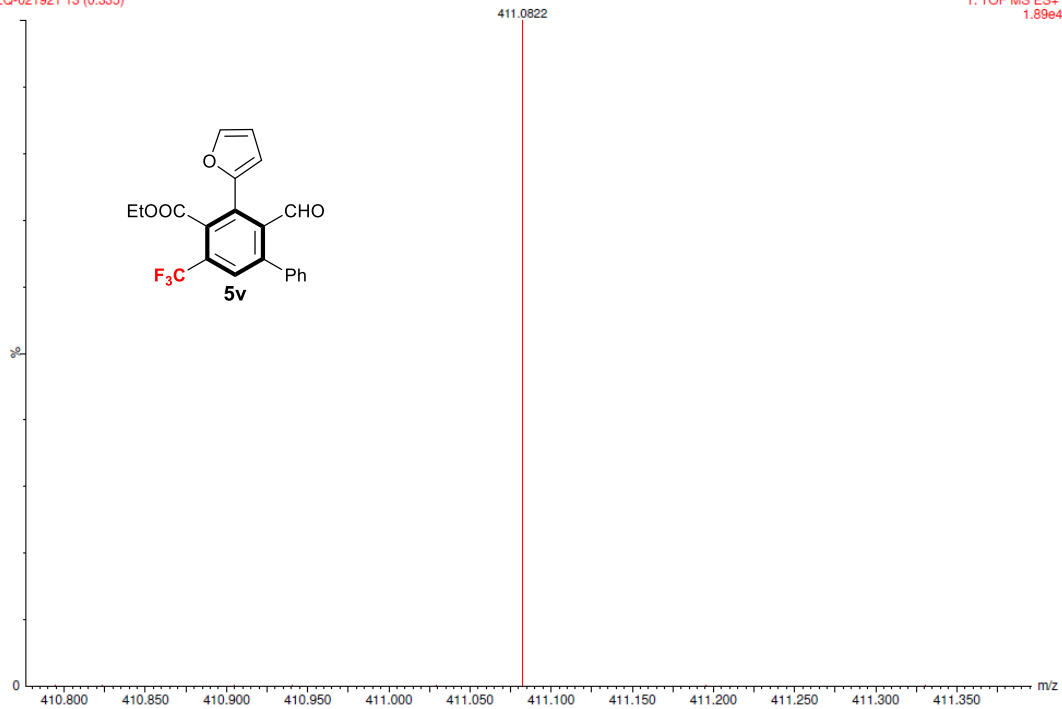
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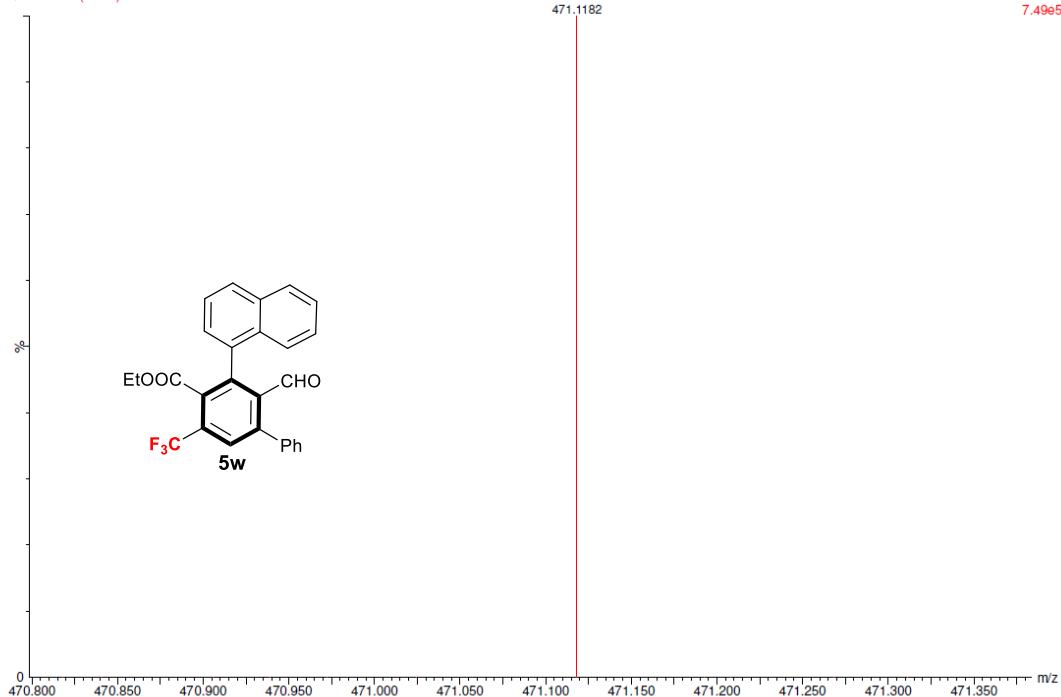


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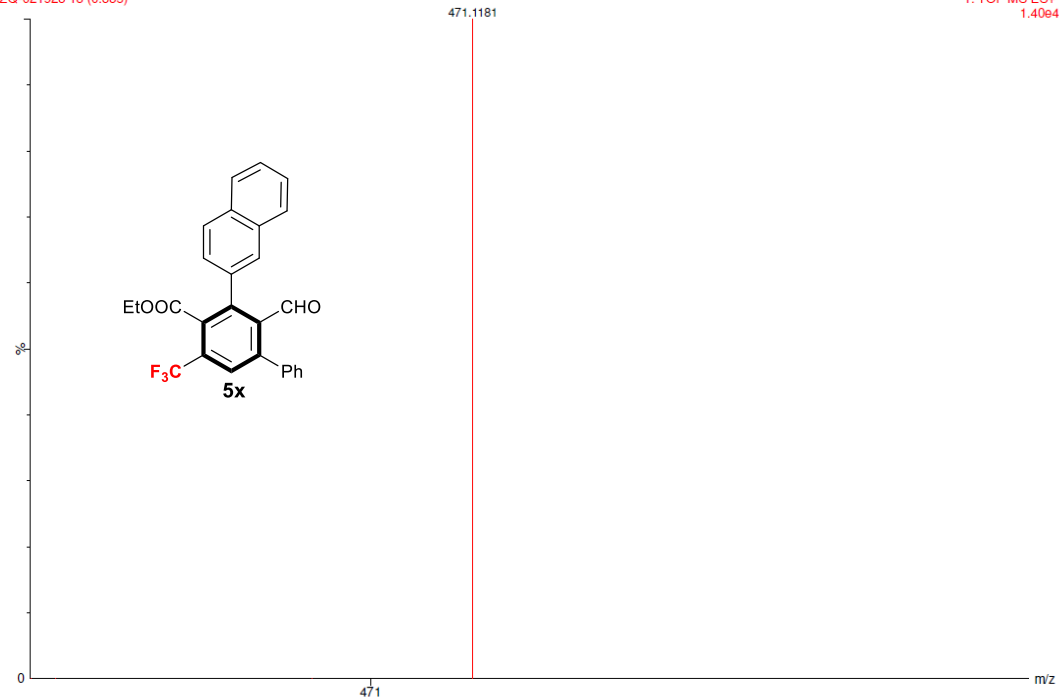
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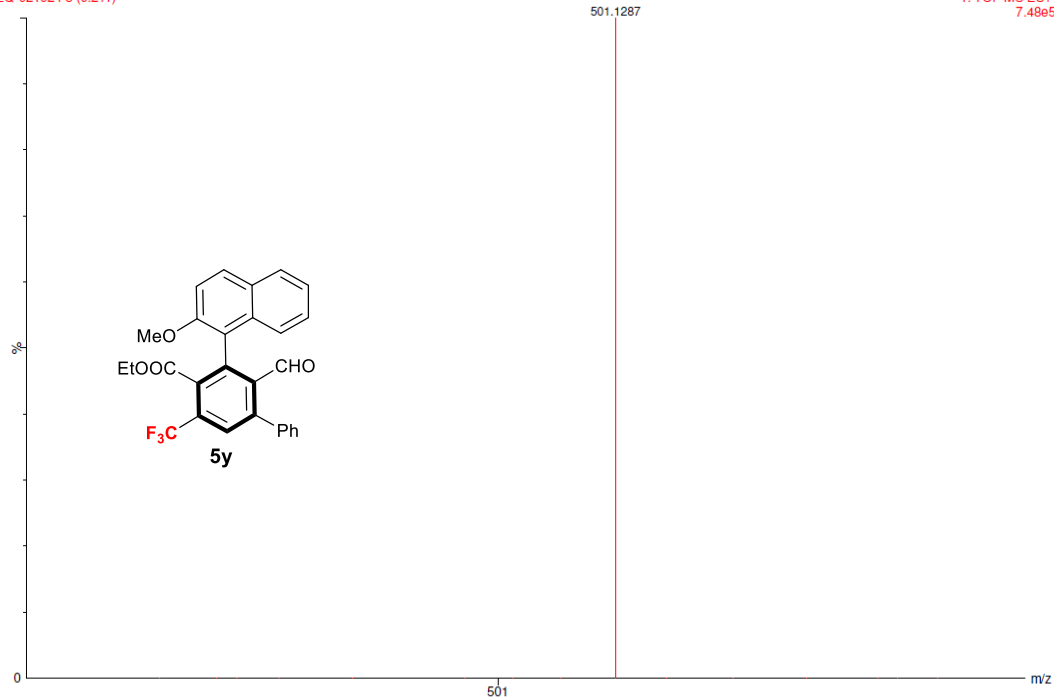
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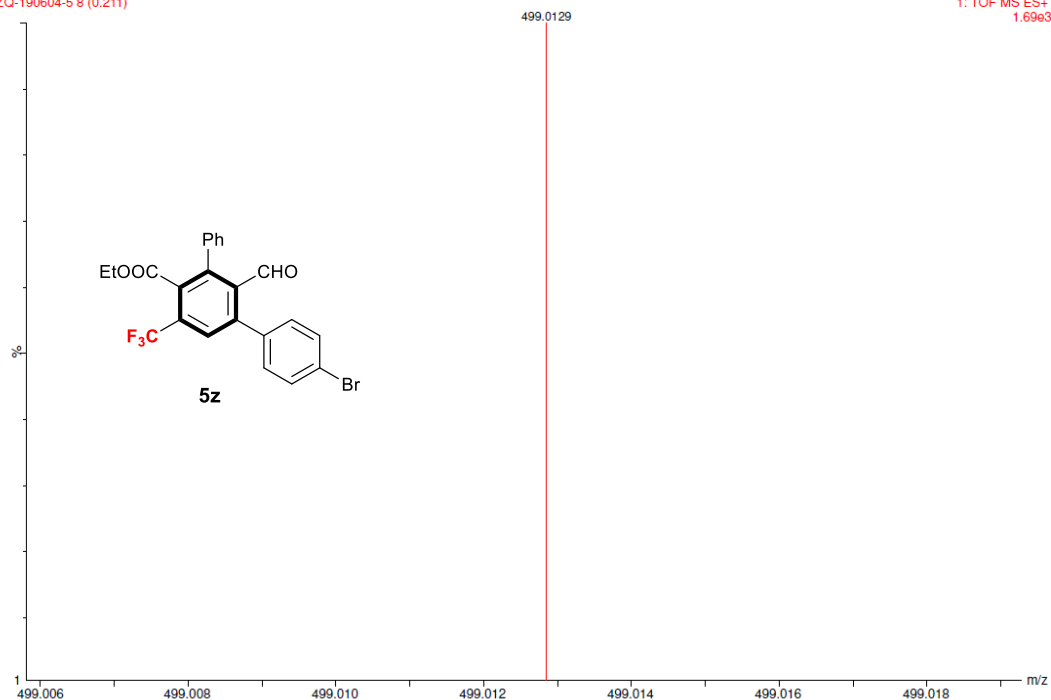
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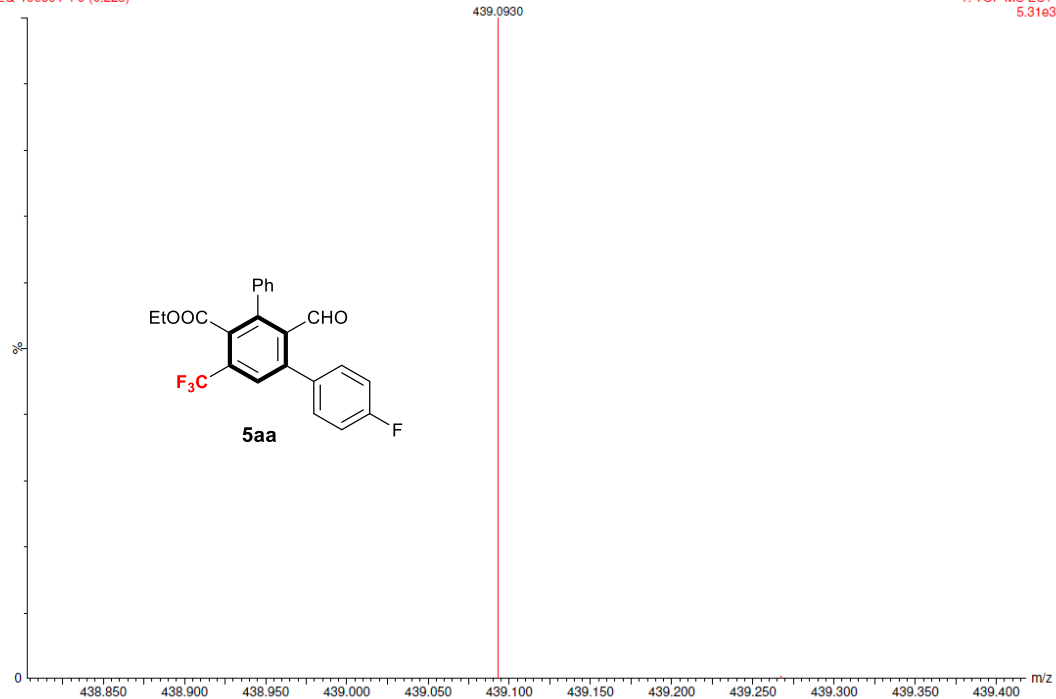
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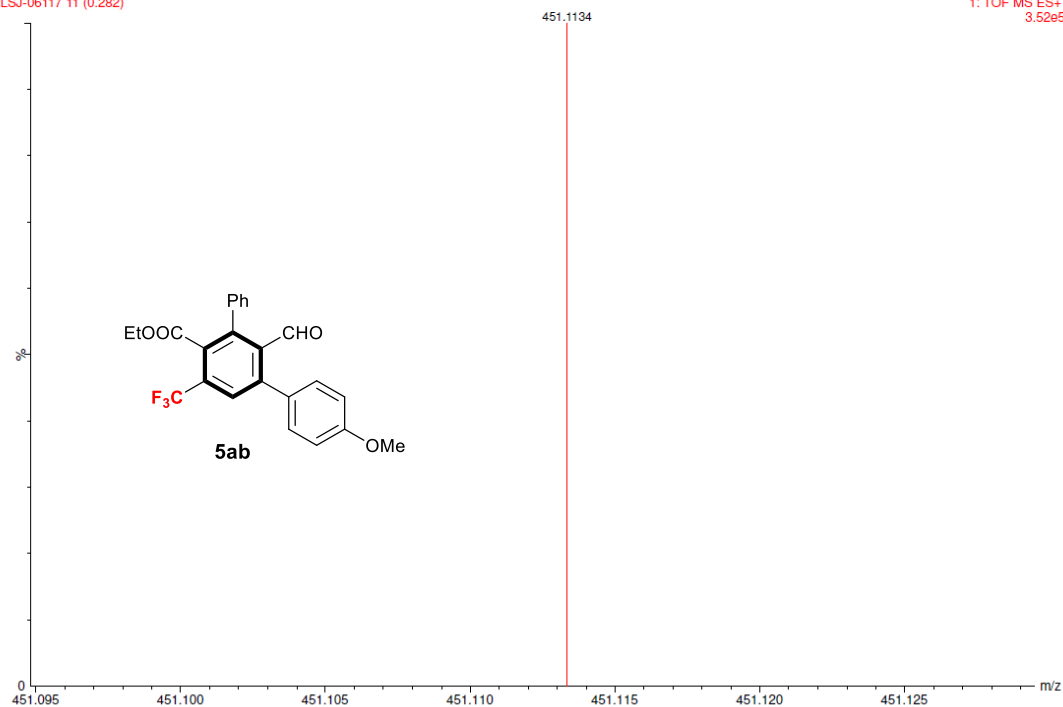
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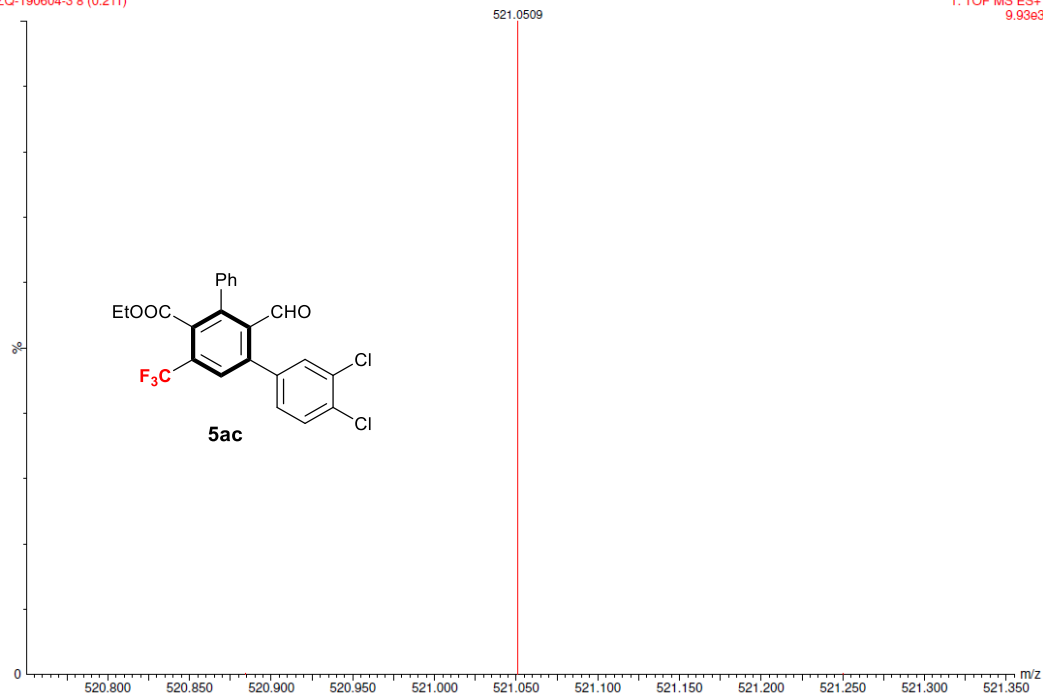
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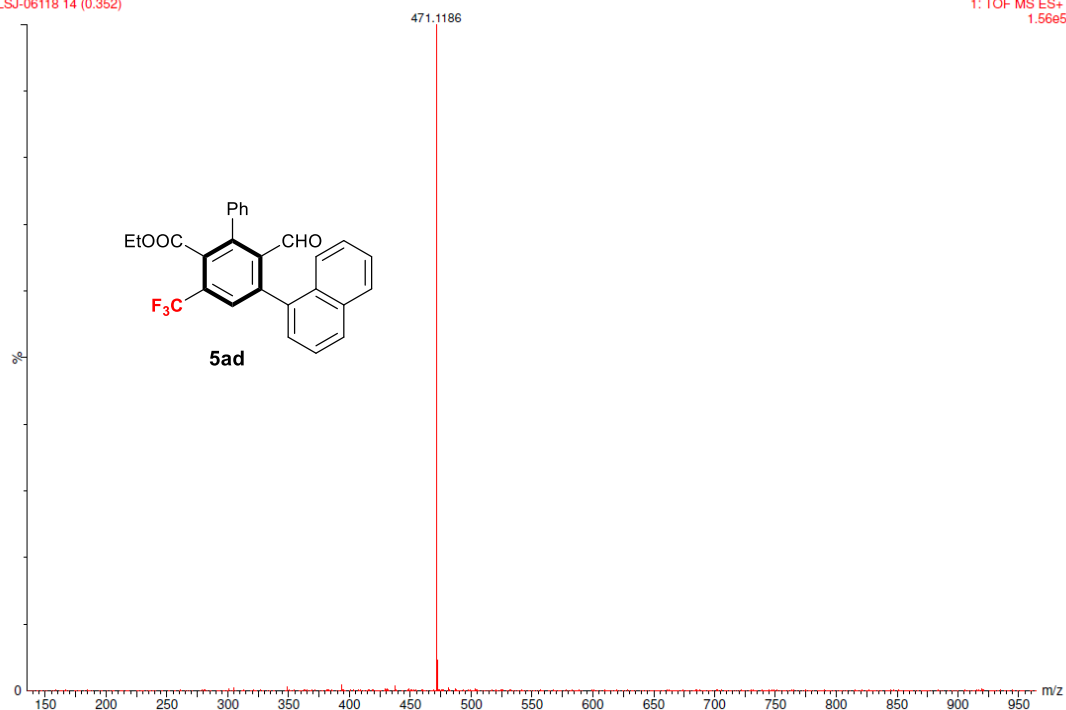
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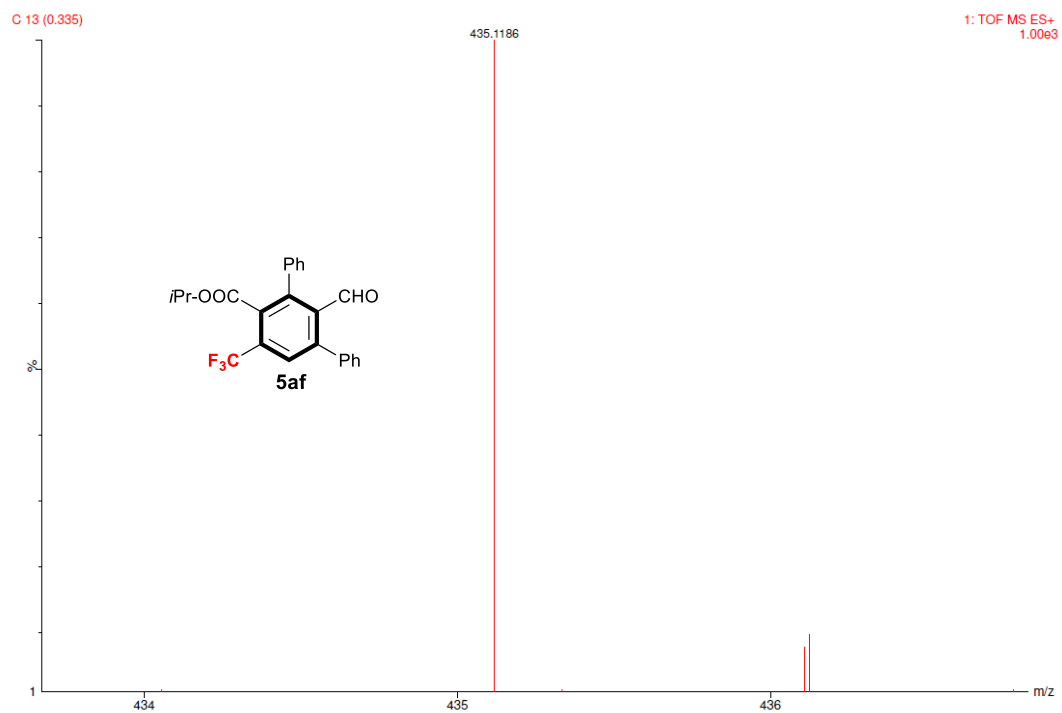
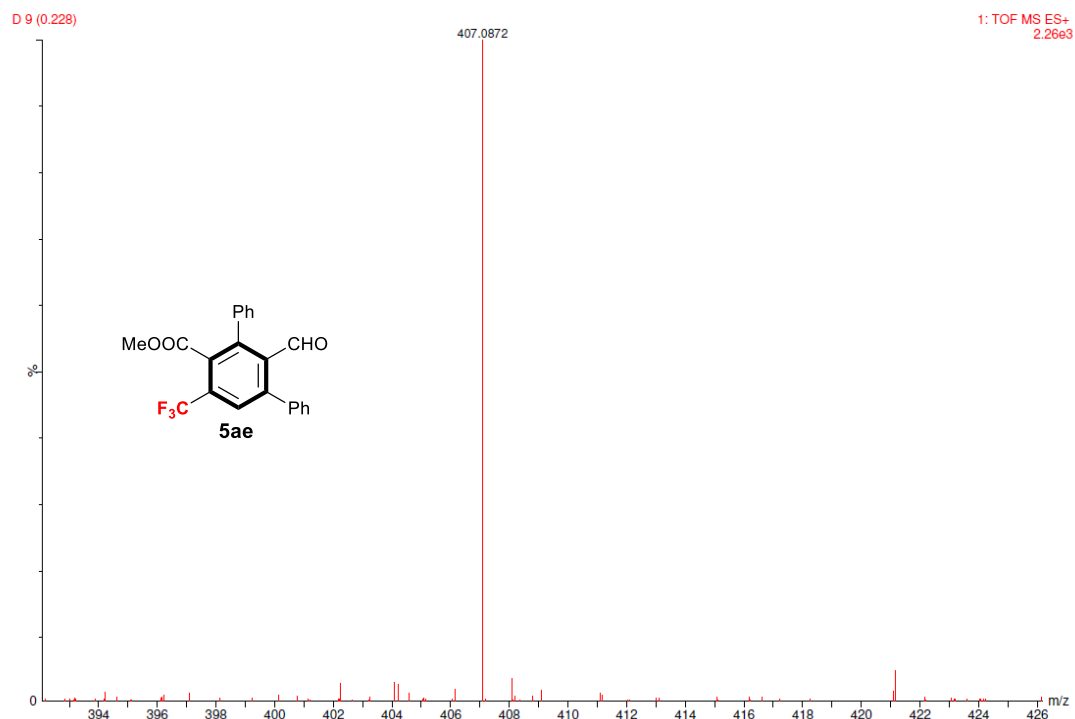
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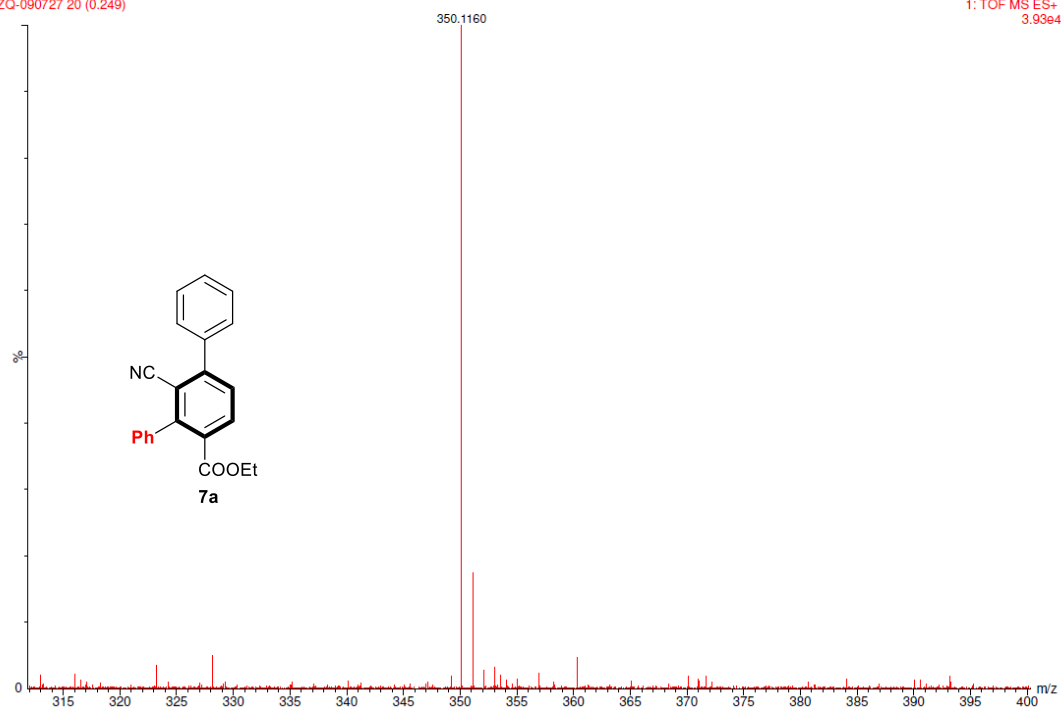
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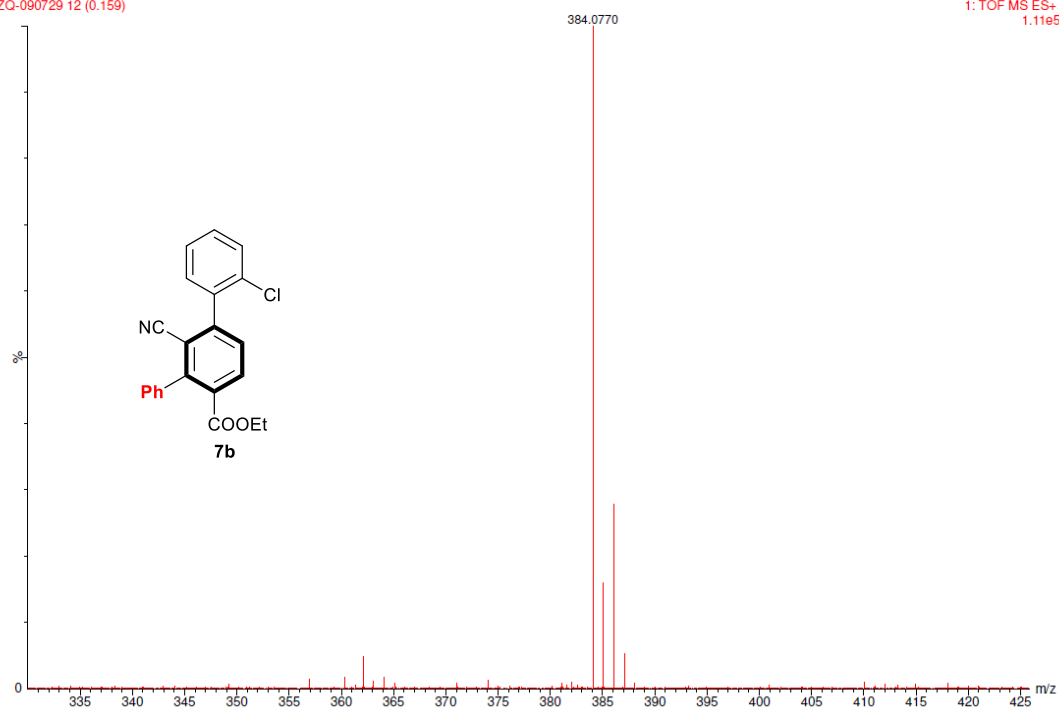
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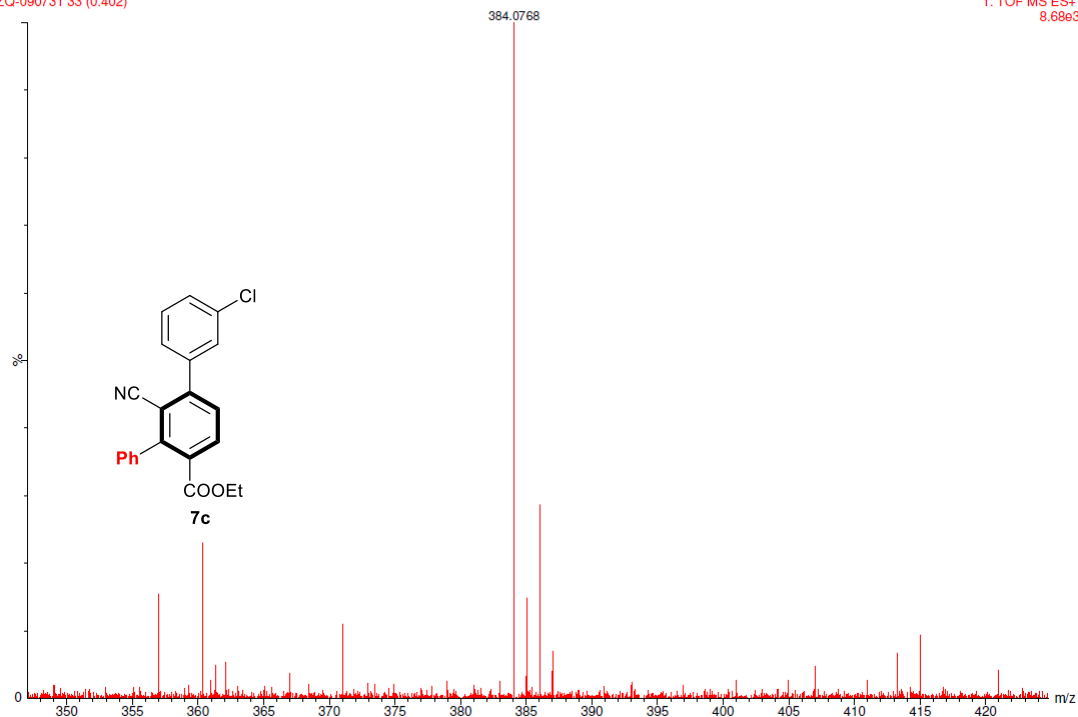
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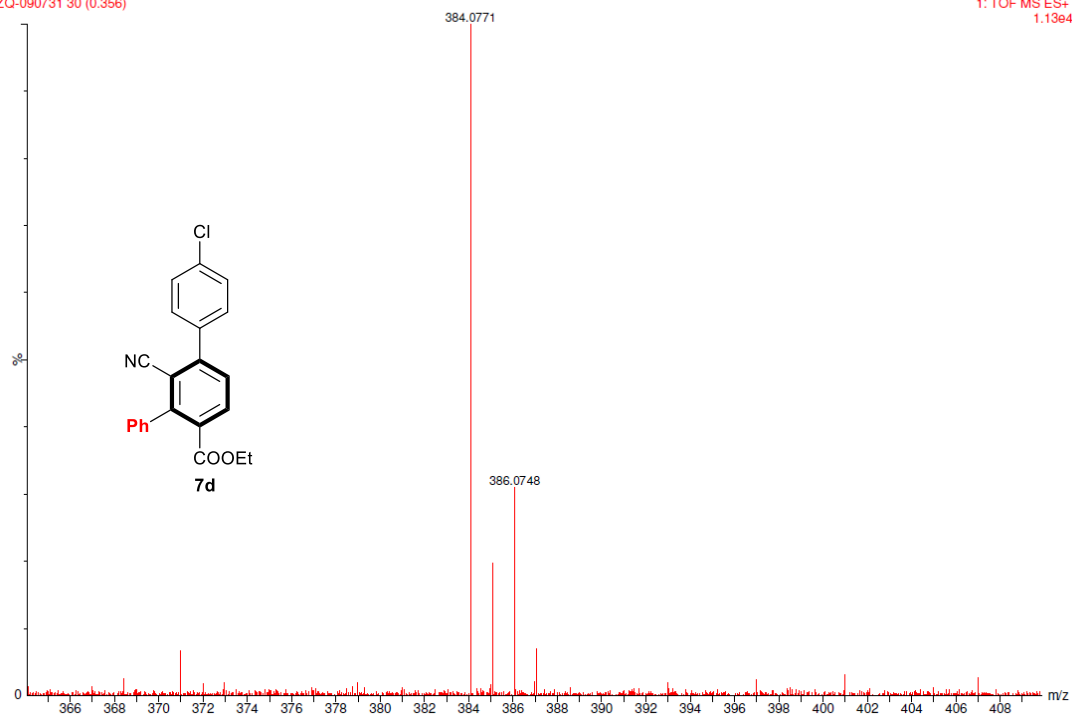
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1: TOF MS ES+  
8.68e3



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1: TOF MS ES+  
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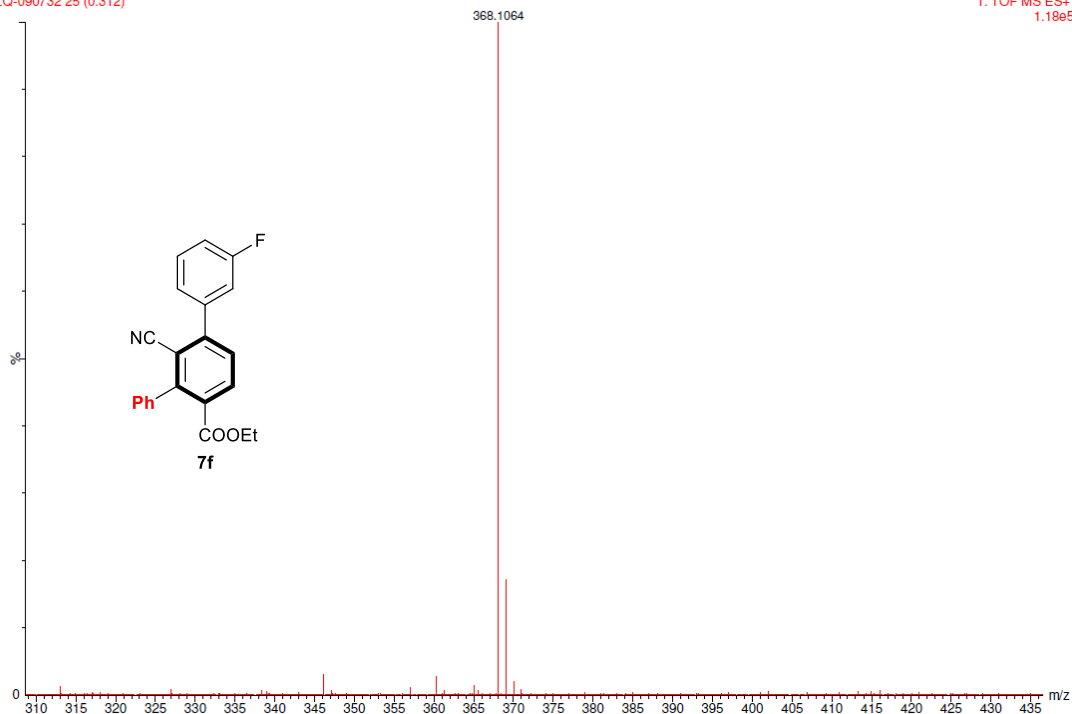
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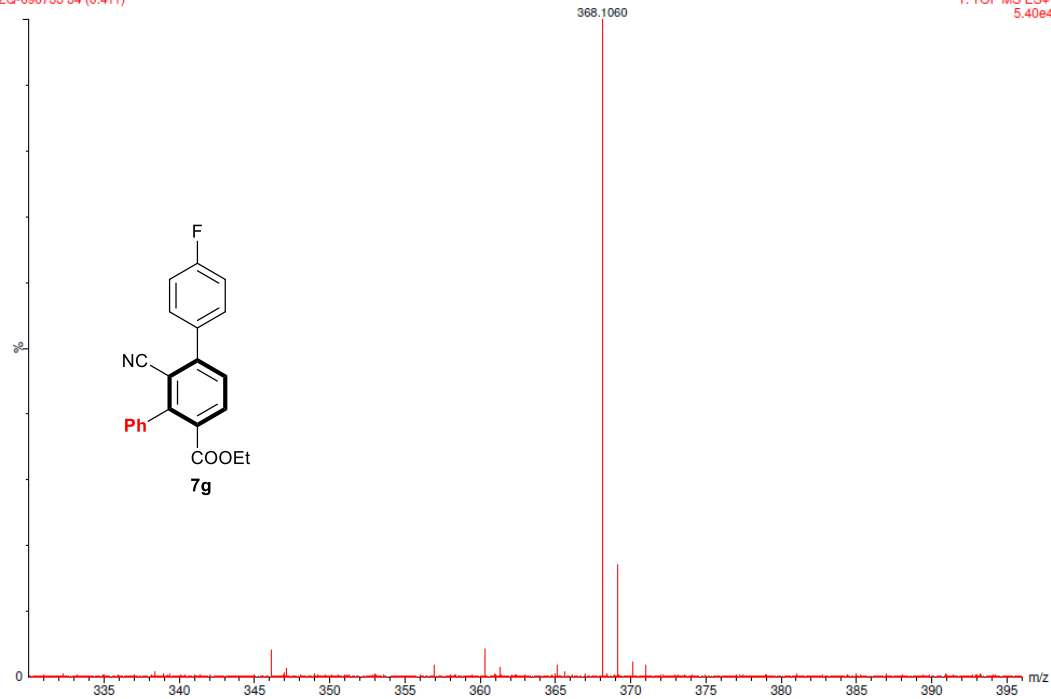
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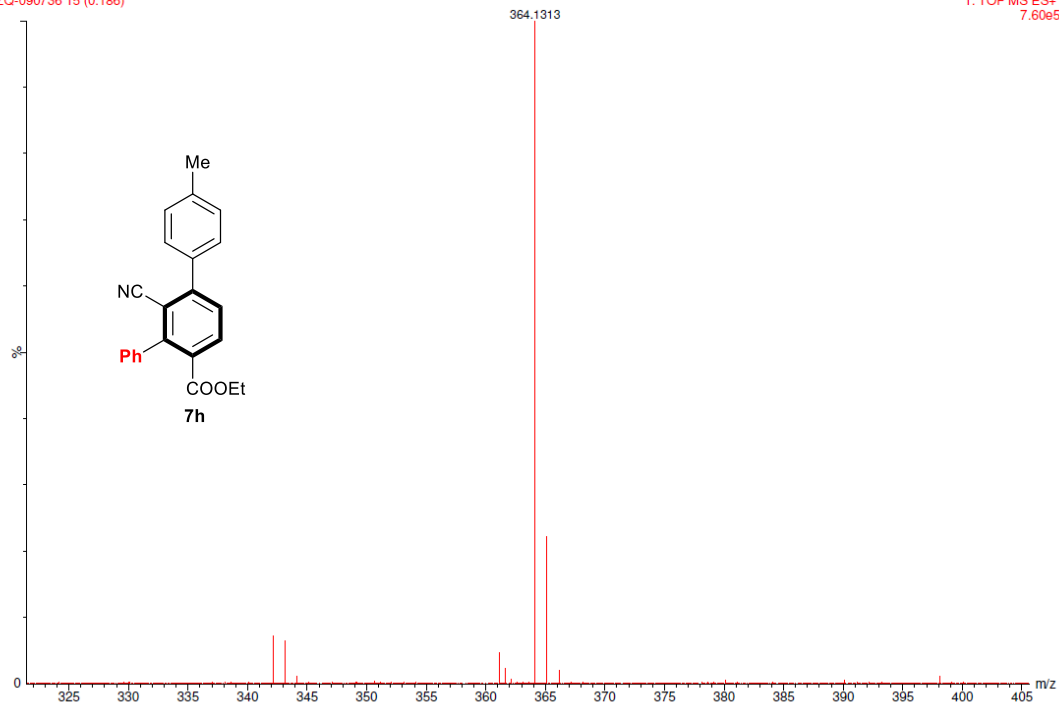
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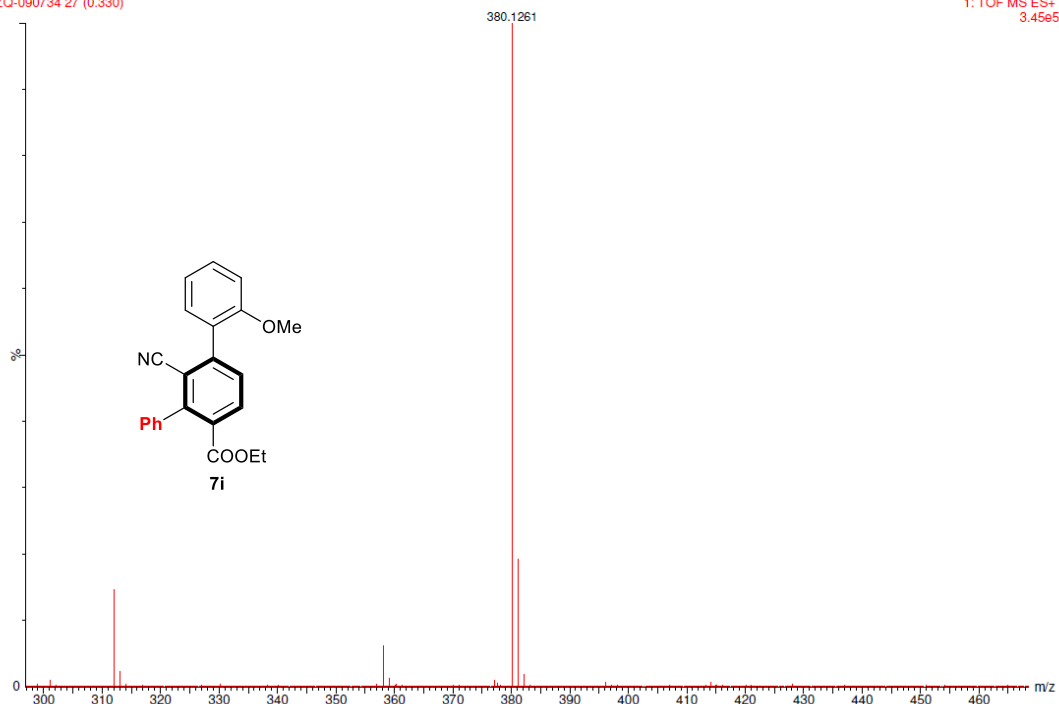
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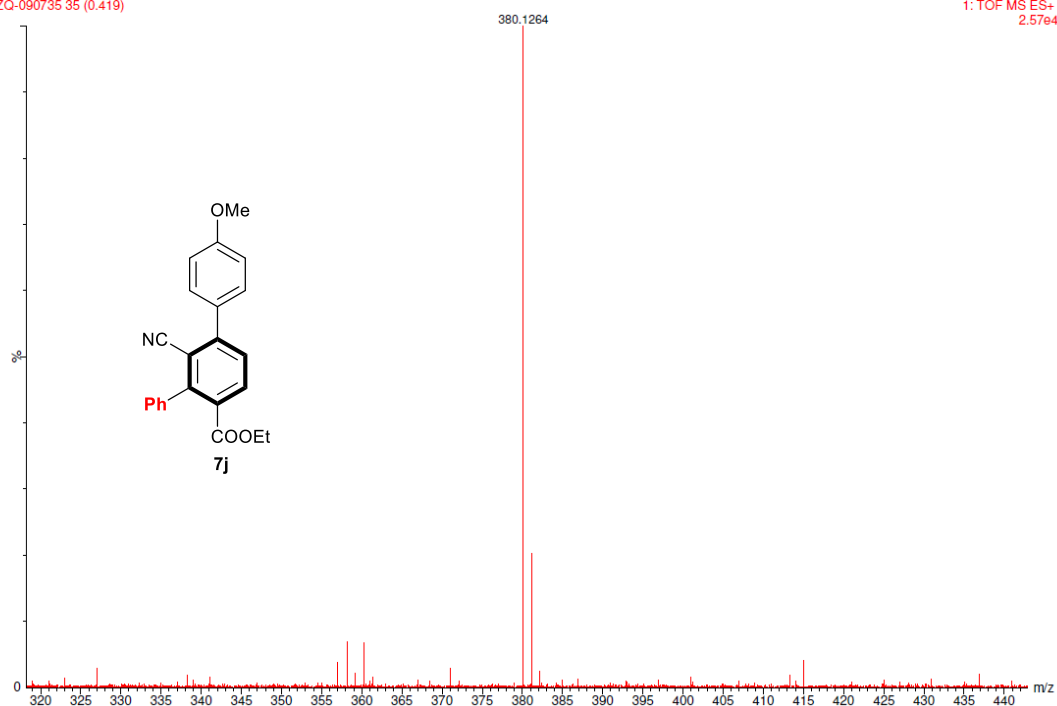
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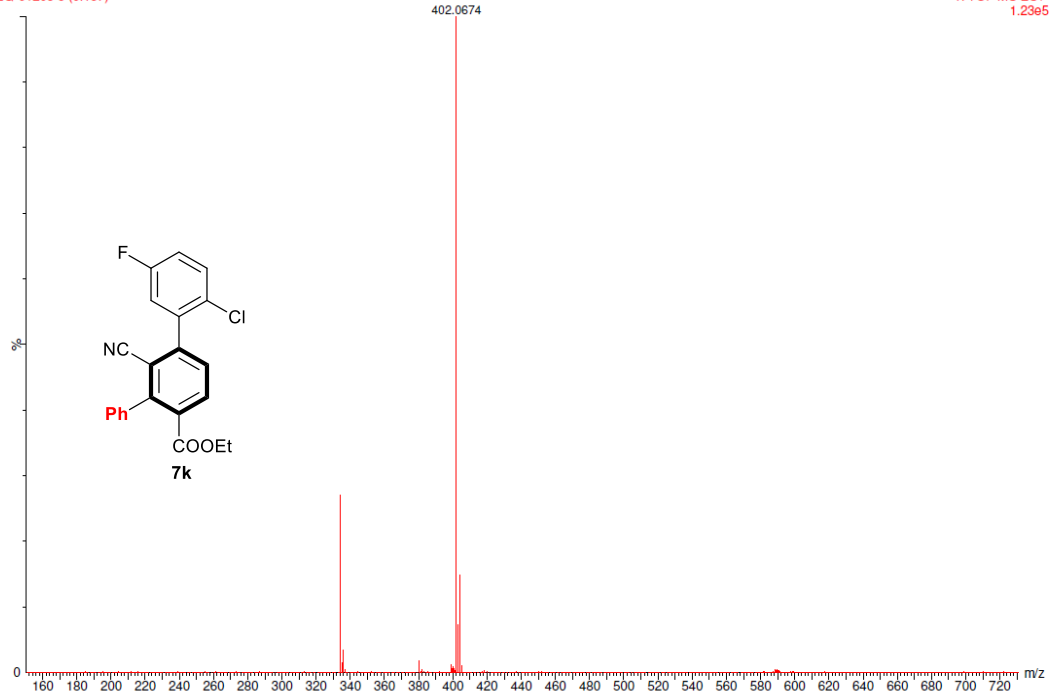
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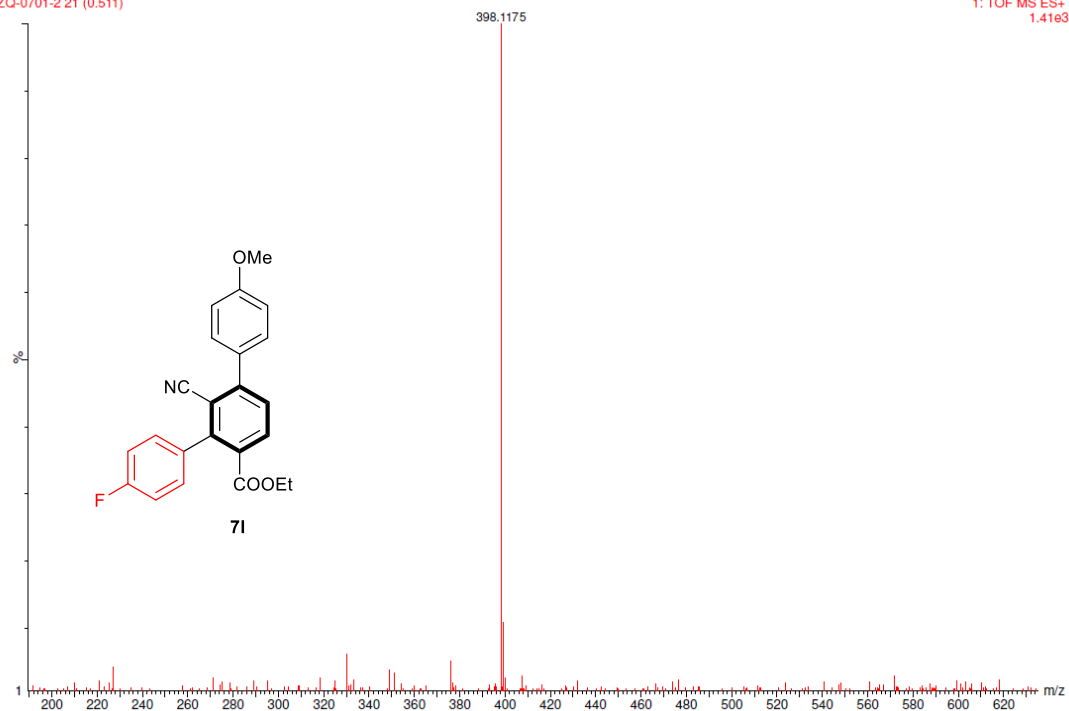
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1: TOF MS ES+  
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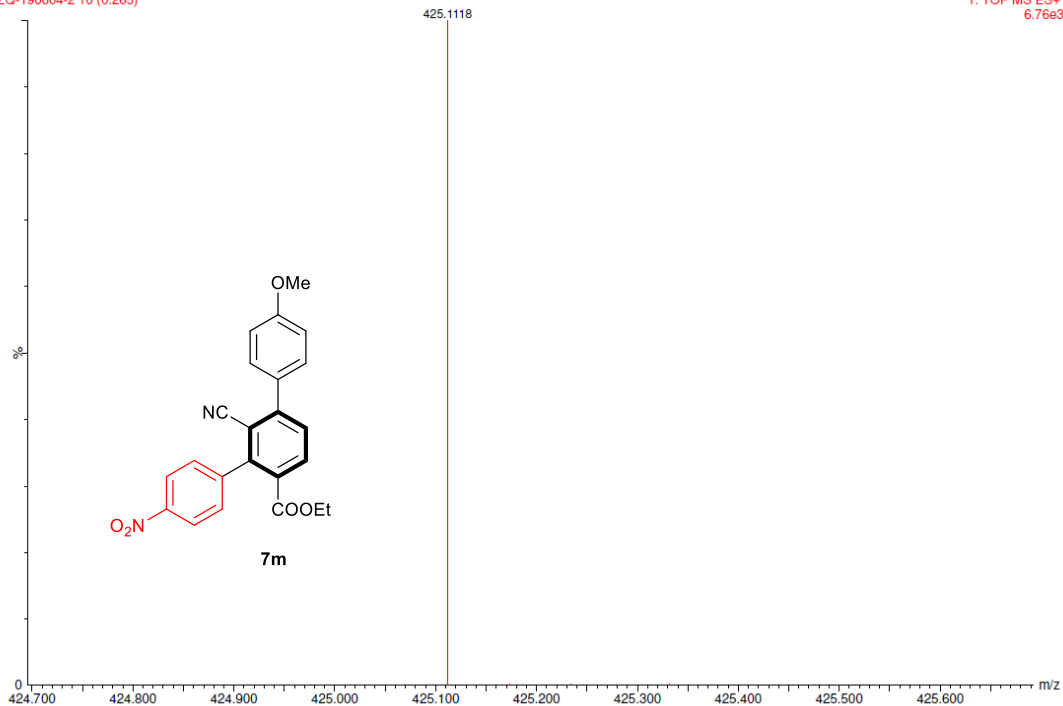
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1: TOF MS ES+  
1.41e3



ZQ-190604-2 10 (0.265)

1: TOF MS ES+  
6.76e3



## 9. Control experiments results

