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Visible-light-induced direct C(sp³) -H of tetrahydroisoquinolines with the in-situ generated difluoroenolates

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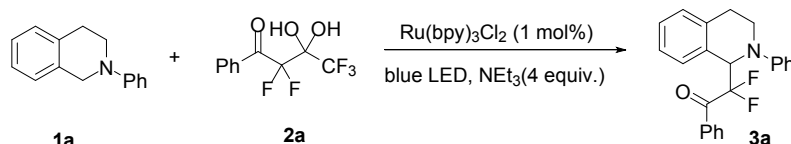
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General Information

All reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere unless otherwise noted. CH₃CN was distilled from CaH₂. NEt₃ and CCl₄ were purified according to the procedure from ‘Purification of Laboratory Chemicals book’. Reactions were monitored by TLC on silica gel plates (GF254), and the analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated, glass-backed silica gel plates. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on 400 MHz spectrometer at room temperature. CDCl₃ was purchased from J&K. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethyl silane. Abbreviations for signal couplings are: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. High resolution mass spectra were obtained using an Agilent 6210 Series TOF LC-MS equipped with electrospray ionization (ESI) probe operating in positive ion mode. Melting points (m.p.) were determined with a digital electrothermal apparatus without further correction. The 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline derivatives were prepared according to reported procedures ¹. The gem diol substrates were prepared according to David. A. Colby’s reports without modification ².

General experimental details

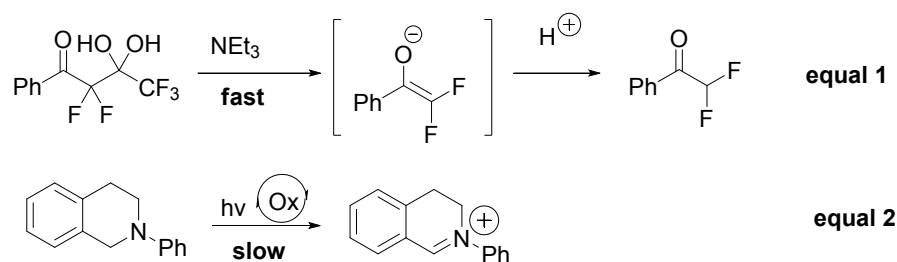
Table 1 unsuccessful conditions ^a



Entry	Oxidant	Solvent	additives	Yield ^b (%)
1	air	CH ₃ CN	-	NP
2	air	CH ₃ CN	LiCl (2 equiv.)	11
3 ^c	DNB	CH ₃ CN	LiCl (2 equiv.)	14
4 ^c	CCl ₄	CH ₃ CN	LiCl (2 equiv.)	8
5 ^c	CBr ₄	CH ₃ CN	LiCl (2 equiv.)	14
6 ^c	CBrCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	LiCl (2 equiv.)	28
7 ^c	CBrCl ₃	CH ₂ Cl ₂	LiCl (2 equiv.)	trace
8 ^c	CBrCl ₃	THF	LiCl (2 equiv.)	NR
9 ^c	CBrCl ₃	DMF	LiCl (2 equiv.)	Trace
10 ^c	CBrCl ₃	DMSO	LiCl (2 equiv.)	17
11 ^c	CBrCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	LiBF ₄ (2 equiv.)	22
12 ^c	CBrCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	LiBr · H ₂ O (2 equiv.)	18
13 ^c	CBrCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	Sc(OTf) ₃ (2 equiv.)	NP
14 ^c	CBrCl ₃	CH ₃ CN	Cu(NO ₃) ₂ ·3H ₂ O (2 equiv.)	NR

^a To a solution of Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂ and **1a** (0.2 mmol) in 2 mL solvent was added **2a** (0.4 mmol), oxidant (0.4 mmol), additive (0.4 mmol) and NEt₃ (0.8 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 24 h with a 3W blue LED 100 cm trip at room temperature. ^b Isolated yield. ^c under Ar atmosphere. DNB = 1,3-dinitrobenzene. NR = no reaction. NP = no desired product.

The low yields of above reaction can be rationalized by the mismatch between the reaction rates of the C-C bond cleavage of α, α-difluorinated gem-diol **2a** (Scheme 1, equal 1) and the formation of imine (Scheme 1, equal 2). The release of trifluoroacetate occurs rapidly under alkaline condition, which happens in several minutes at room temperature. In contrast, the C-H activation of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline is sluggish. The active difluoroenolate was soon consumed before it could be trapped by the iminium ion. To solve the problem mentioned above, α, α-difluorinated gem-diol was added to the system after full conversion of the iminiums.



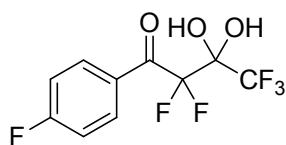
Scheme 1

General procedure for the photoredox catalyzed functionalization of tetrahydroisoquinoline.

A 10 mL Shrek bottle equipped with a magnetic stir bar was added tetrahydroisoquinoline (0.2 mmol), [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ (0.002 mmol, 1 mol%) and acetonitrile (1 mL). The tube was degassed by alternating vacuum evacuation (5 min) and argon backfill three times. CCl₄ (78 μL, 0.8 mmol, 4 equiv) was added and the mixture was then irradiated by a 3W blue LED 100 cm trip for 24h at room temperature. After the starting material was consumed as indicated by TLC, the blue LED was removed. Then gem diol (0.4 mmol) was added followed by NEt₃ (0.8 mmol, 112 μL), and kept stirring for 30 min. When the reaction finished, the mixture was subjected to flash chromatography (petroleum ether 60-90: EtOAc, 15:1) on silica gel to give the desired product.

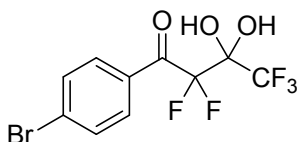
Characterization data of unknown substrates

2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3-dihydroxybutan-1-one (4b)



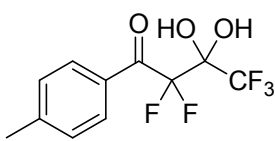
White solid, m.p.: 66-68 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (dd, J = 8.8, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 4.79 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.81 (t, J = 29.1 Hz), 167.26 (d, J = 260.2 Hz), 133.78 (dt, J = 10.0, 3.7 Hz), 128.20 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 120.93 (d, J = 289.7 Hz), 116.42 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 111.51 (t, J = 268.5 Hz), 92.78 (tq, J = 33.0, 16.5 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.07 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), -99.38 (s, 1F), -111.88 (q, J = 11.5 Hz, 2F).

1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxybutan-1-one (4d)



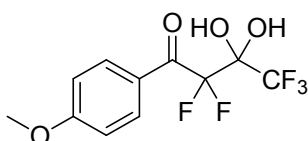
White solid, m.p.: 63-65 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.50 (t, J = 29.3 Hz), 132.39, 131.92 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 131.59, 130.47, 120.87 (q, J = 288.5 Hz), 111.44 (t, J = 268.5 Hz), 92.82 (qt, J = 33.1, 5.9 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.05 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 3F), -112.10 (q, J = 11.3 Hz, 2F).

2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxy-1-(p-tolyl)butan-1-one (4e)



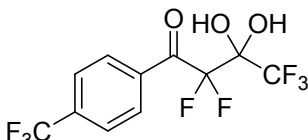
White solid, m.p.: 51-53 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.07 (t, J = 29.0 Hz), 147.40, 130.82 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 129.70, 129.19, 120.99 (q, J = 288.5 Hz), 111.34 (t, J = 268.8 Hz), 92.99 (qt, J = 27.1, 5.81 Hz), 21.98. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.05 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), -111.78 (q, J = 11.4 Hz, 2F).

2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)butan-1-one (4f)



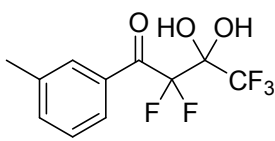
White solid, m.p.: 58-60 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.91 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.51 (t, J = 26.8 Hz), 165.73, 133.53 (t, 3.8 Hz), 124.44, 121.17 (q, J = 288.5 Hz), 114.38, 111.50 (t, J = 268.7 Hz), 93.09 (qt, J = 32.8, 5.8), 55.77. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.04 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), -111.42 (q, J = 11.4 Hz, 2F).

2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxy-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)butan-1-one (4g)



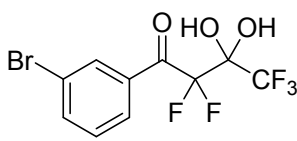
Colorless oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.20 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.66 (t, J = 29.2 Hz), 136.36 (q, J = 33.1 Hz), 134.75, 130.91 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 125.89 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.25 (q, J = 273.0), 111.66 (t, J = 268.1 Hz), 92.79 (qt, J = 33.1, 8.0 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.64 (s, 3F), -81.07 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 3F), -112.56 (q, J = 11.2 Hz, 2F).

2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxy-1-(m-tolyl)butan-1-one (4h)

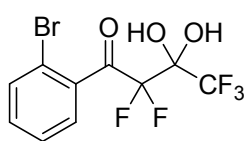


White solid, m.p.: 50-52 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.85 (t, J = 29.1 Hz), 138.94, 136.52, 131.79, 130.90 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 128.79, 127.90 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 121.00 (q, J = 288.6 Hz), 111.31 (t, J = 268.7 Hz), 92.99 (qt, J = 32.9, 5.8 Hz), 21.31. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.02 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 3F), -111.79 (q, J = 11.4 Hz, 2F).

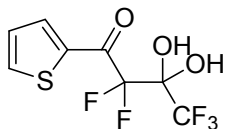
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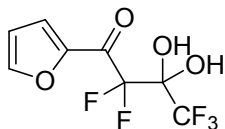
White solid, m.p.: 58-60 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.19 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 – 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.20 (t, J = 29.3 Hz), 138.36, 133.45, 133.23 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 130.42, 129.09 (t, J = 4.0 Hz), 123.10, 121.30 (q, J = 288.5 Hz), 111.40 (t, J = 268.5 Hz), 92.79 (qt, J = 33.1, 6.0 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.02 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 3F), -112.17 (q, J = 11.2 Hz, 2F).

1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxybutan-1-one (4j)

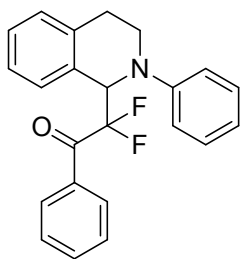
Colorless oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.32 (t, J = 30.2 Hz), 134.48, 134.23, 133.61, 129.97 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 127.10, 120.84 (d, J = 286.9 Hz), 120.47, 110.15 (t, J = 269.0 Hz), 92.83 (qt, J = 33.2, 5.7 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -80.98 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 3F), -113.99 (q, J = 11.2 Hz, 2F).

2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-3,3-dihydroxy-1-(thiophen-2-yl)butan-1-one (4k)

Colorless oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 8.04 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.31 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 4.93 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.64 (t, J = 29.3 Hz), 139.24, 138.21 (t, J = 6.2 Hz), 137.46, 129.47, 120.90 (q, J = 288.2 Hz), 111.01 (t, J = 268.0 Hz), 92.84 (qt, J = 33.0, 5.8 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.09 (t, J = 11.1 Hz), -113.79 (q, J = 11.1 Hz).

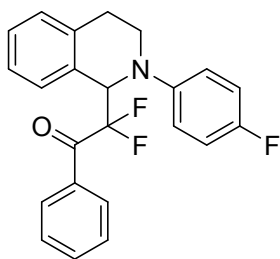
2,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-1-(furan-2-yl)-3,3-dihydroxybutan-1-one (4l)

Colorless oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.71 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 3.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.84 (t, J = 29.1 Hz), 150.87, 147.86, 147.86, 126.67 (t, J = 6.9 Hz), 120.95 (q, J = 288.5 Hz), 113.67, 111.02 (d, J = 266.8 Hz), 92.73 (qt, J = 33.1, 6.0 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -81.17 (t, J = 10.9 Hz, 3F), -115.99 (q, J = 11.0 Hz, 2F).

Characterization data of products**2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(3a)**

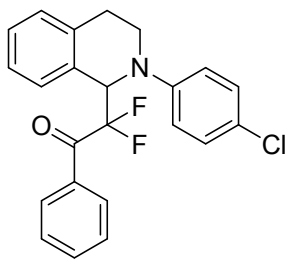
Yield 77%, yellow solid, m.p.: 108-120 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 3H), 5.52 (dd, J = 16.6, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dt, J = 10.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (ddd, J = 15.3, 9.3, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dt, J = 16.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.28 (t, J = 28.0 Hz), 149.20, 136.83, 133.83, 133.55, 129.31 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.11, 129.10, 129.04, 128.99, 128.54, 128.49, 128.46, 128.23, 126.23, 120.03, 116.62, 61.26 (dd, J = 26.3, 23.5 Hz), 43.82 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 25.43. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.45 (d, J = 259.4 Hz, 1F), -105.84 (d, J = 259.4 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$

$[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 386.1327, found 386.1330.

2,2-difluoro-2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone(3b)

Yield 72%, white solid, m.p.: 91-92 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 2H), 6.70 – 6.63 (m, 2H), 5.36 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dt, J = 13.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dt, J = 16.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.02 (t, 27.8 Hz), 157.51 (d, 239.85), 145.91, 136.74, 133.85, 133.61, 129.25 (t, J = 3.41 Hz), 129.16, 128.84, 128.54, 128.47, 128.32, 126.39, 119.34 (d, J = 7.74 Hz), 115.52 (d, J = 22.25 Hz), 61.82 (dd, J = 26.52, 23.68 Hz), 44.95, 24.96. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.28 (d, J = 259.2 Hz, 1F), -107.51 (dd, J =

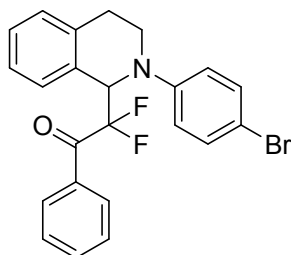
259.1, 19.7 Hz, 1F), -123.40. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 382.1413, found 382.1415.

2-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone(3c)

Yield 63%, white solid, m.p.: 124-126 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.30 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.73 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 5.46 (dd, J = 15.5, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.46 – 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.79 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.15 (t, J = 28.0 Hz), 147.85, 136.61, 133.75, 133.66, 129.32 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 128.98, 128.91, 128.82, 128.80, 128.57, 128.53, 128.40, 126.36, 124.88, 117.66, 61.26 (dd, J = 26.2, 23.5 Hz), 43.99 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 25.56. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -98.22 (d, J = 260.9 Hz, 1F), -105.40 (d, J = 260.9 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{ClNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 398.1118,

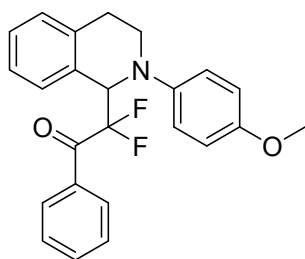
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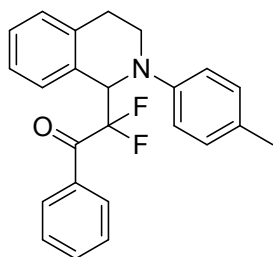
Yield 55%, white solid, m.p.: 124-126 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.14 (m, 5H), 6.66 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.52 – 5.43 (m, 1H), 3.79 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.45 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.95 – 2.80 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.16 (t, J = 28.0 Hz), 148.25, 136.58, 133.77, 133.62, 131.81, 129.33 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 128.95, 128.81, 128.79, 128.58, 128.54, 128.42, 126.35, 117.90, 112.10, 61.17 (dd, J = 26.1, 23.5 Hz), 43.71, 25.64. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -98.51 (d, J = 261.1 Hz, 1F), -105.06 (d, J = 261.1 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{BrNO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 464.0432, found 464.0433.

2,2-difluoro-2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone(3e)



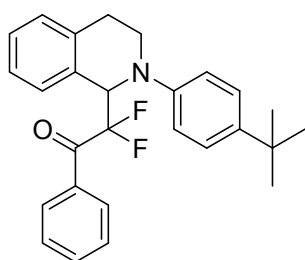
Yield 77%, yellow solid, m.p.: 103-105 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 4H), 5.29 (dd, J = 19.6, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.64 (dt, J = 16.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.97 (t, 28.66 Hz), 154.36, 143.51, 136.89, 134.02, 133.36, 129.17 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 129.06, 128.44, 128.41, 128.36, 128.08, 126.24, 120.23, 114.26, 62.02 (dd, J = 26.6, 23.7 Hz), 55.42, 45.25 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 24.53. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -94.92 (d, J = 257.1 Hz, 1F), -108.75 (d, J = 257.1 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 416.1433, found 416.1437.

2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(2-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(3f)



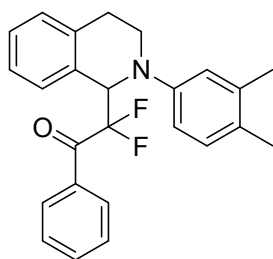
Yield 63%, yellow solid, mp 125-127 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (dd, J = 18.0, 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.41 (dt, J = 13.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 2.72 (dt, J = 16.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.26 (t, 27.28 Hz), 147.07, 136.86, 133.98, 133.44, 129.75, 129.56, 129.28 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 129.12, 129.05, 128.51, 128.47, 128.43, 128.13, 126.18, 117.37, 61.55 (dd, J = 26.7, 23.5 Hz), 44.16, 25.04, 20.34. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.28 (d, J = 258.2 Hz, 1F), -107.04 (d, J = 258.2, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 400.1483, found 400.1487.

2-(2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone(3g)



Yield 89%, yellow solid, m.p.: 120-122 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.19 (m, 5H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (dd, J = 17.0, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.98 – 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dt, J = 16.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.52 (t, J = 27.9 Hz), 146.85, 142.75, 136.94, 133.99, 133.50, 129.41 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.27, 129.00, 128.62, 128.57, 128.47, 128.19, 126.18, 125.86, 116.35, 61.62 (dd, J = 26.3, 23.5 Hz), 43.78 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 33.89, 31.41, 25.48. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.22 (d, J = 259.1 Hz, 1F), -106.13 (d, J = 259.1, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 420.2133, found 420.2134.

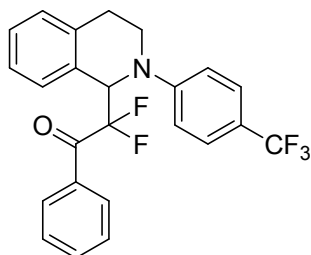
2-(2-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone(3h)



Yield 95%, yellow solid, m.p.: 114-116 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.47 (m, 2H), 5.44 (dd, J = 18.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dt, J = 13.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dt, J = 16.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.26 (t, 27.7), 147.44, 137.09, 136.92, 134.06, 133.50, 130.11, 129.40 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 129.24, 129.13, 128.58, 128.54, 128.49, 128.16, 126.17, 118.91, 114.68, 61.69 (dd, J = 26.5, 23.6 Hz), 43.95 (d, J = 4.2 Hz), 25.13, 20.17, 18.74. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.98 (d, J = 258.0 Hz, 1F), -107.10 (d, J = 258.0, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{25}H_{23}F_2NNaO$ $[M+Na]^+$ 414.1640, found 414.1641.

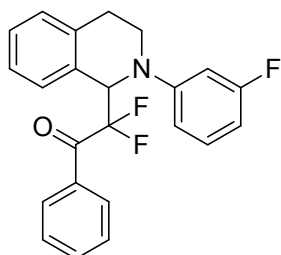
2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(3i)



Yield 36%, yellow solid, m.p.: 112-114 °C, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.83 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.15 (m 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (dd, J = 15.5, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.86 – 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.58 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 2.92 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.33 (t, J = 28.3 Hz), 151.40, 136.53, 134.01, 133.39, 129.49 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 128.88, 128.86, 128.80, 128.69, 128.66, 128.63, 128.58, 126.46, 126.36 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 114.19 (s), 60.67 (t, J = 25.3 Hz), 43.35 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 26.46 (d, J = 3.0 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -61.41, -101.11 (d, J = 264.3 Hz, 1F), -102.55 (d, J = 264.3 Hz, 1F). HRMS

(ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{19}F_5NO$ $[M+H]^+$ 432.1381, found 432.1380.

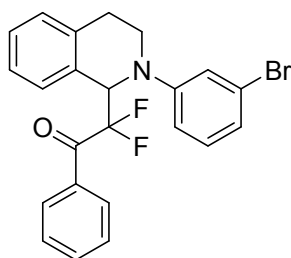
2,2-difluoro-2-(2-(3-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone(3j)



Yield 60%, yellow solid, m.p.: 88-90 °C, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.53 – 6.43 (m, 2H), 5.54 (t, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.49 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.88 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 191.20 (t, J = 28.1 Hz), 163.66 (d, J = 243.3 Hz), 150.88 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 136.62, 133.81, 133.61, 130.09 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 129.41 (t, 3.5 Hz), 128.89, 128.63 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 128.54, 128.46, 126.37, 111.11, 106.03 (d, J = 21.4 Hz), 102.82 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 61.18 (dd, J = 26.2, 23.4 Hz), 43.64 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 25.97 (d, J = 2.8

Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -99.49 (d, J = 262.0 Hz, 1F), -104.07 (d, J = 262.0 Hz, 1F), -112.11 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}F_3NNaO$ $[M+Na]^+$ 404.1233, found 404.1235.

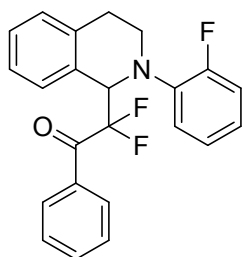
2-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone(3k)



Yield 52%, yellow solid, m.p.: 83-85 °C, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.95 (m, 1H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.76 – 6.71 (m, 1H), 5.52 (t, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.40 (m, 1H), 2.99 – 2.84 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 189.18 (t, J = 28.0 Hz), 148.52, 134.67, 132.02, 131.68, 128.42, 127.53 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.09, 126.94, 126.72, 126.62, 124.51, 121.24, 120.59, 116.89, 112.51, 59.21 (dd, J = 26.1, 23.5 Hz), 41.68 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 24.01 (d, J = 2.2 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -98.91 (d, J = 261.9 Hz), -104.46 (d, J = 261.8 Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z

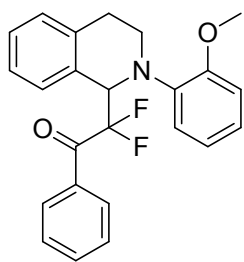
calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}BrF_2NNaO$ $[M+Na]^+$ 464.0432, found 464.0437.

2,2-difluoro-2-(2-(2-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone(3l)

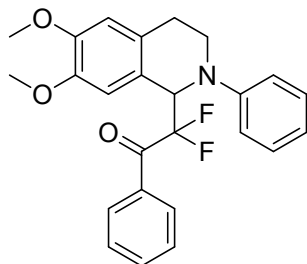


Yield 62%, yellow solid, m.p.: 126-128 °C, 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 6.87 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 6.65 (m, 1H), 5.25 (dd, J = 21.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.80 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, J = 16.6, 3.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 190.57 (dd, J = 29.0, 26.1 Hz), 156.13 (d, J = 247.4 Hz), 137.81 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 136.78, 133.87, 133.28, 129.34, 129.19 (t, J = 3.2 Hz), 129.00, 128.91, 128.32, 128.22, 128.16, 126.35, 124.16, 124.11 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 123.33 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 116.18 (t, J = 12.9 Hz), 61.53 (t, 23.8 Hz), 45.12 (t, J = 4.1 Hz), 25.06. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -93.07 (d, J = 259.2 Hz, 1F), -

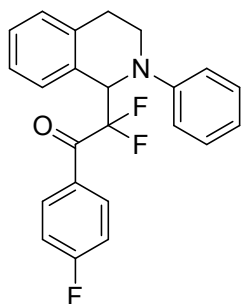
110.75 (d, J = 259.2 Hz, 1F), -121.95 (s, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{18}F_3NNaO$ $[M+Na]^+$ 404.1233, found 404.1237.

2,2-difluoro-2-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-phenylethanone(3m)

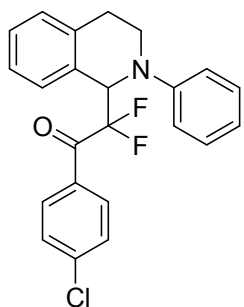
Yield 87%, yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.50 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.14 (m 1H), 6.90-6.82 (m, 1H), 6.67 – 6.55 (m, 3H), 5.31 (dd, $J = 22.3$, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.63 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.49(s,3H) 3.37 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.58 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.56 (dd, $J = 29.0$, 26.3 Hz), 153.03, 138.80, 137.14, 133.91, 132.99, 129.73, 129.31 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 129.18, 128.16, 128.10, 127.95, 127.85, 126.05, 124.20, 123.18, 120.48, 111.36, 54.89, 44.47 (d, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 25.43. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -92.20 (d, $J = 256.3$ Hz, 1F), -110.78 (d, $J = 256.3$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 394.1613, found 394.1613.

2-(6,7-dimethoxy-2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethanone(3n)

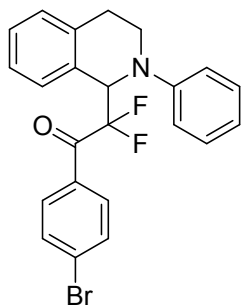
Yield 76%, yellow solid, m.p.: 131-133 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 5.41 (dd, $J = 17.3$, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (m, 6H), 3.73 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.46 (dt, $J = 13.4$, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.64 (dt, $J = 16.2$, 4.1 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.39 (t, $J = 28.4$ Hz), 149.32, 148.93, 147.33, 133.92, 133.55, 129.80, 129.25 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 129.16, 129.01, 128.47, 120.53, 120.24, 117.05, 111.54, 111.15 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 61.10 (dd, $J = 26.6$, 23.6 Hz), 55.96, 55.80, 43.93 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 24.68. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.59 (d, $J = 257.5$ Hz), -106.90 (d, $J = 257.6$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 424.1719, found 424.1721.

2,2-difluoro-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(4b)

Yield 78%, yellow solid, m.p.: 125-127 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.79 (m, 3H), 5.50 (dd, $J = 16.5$, 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.75 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.11, 189.83, 189.55, 167.22, 164.67, 149.22, 136.88, 132.34, 132.30, 132.26, 132.25, 132.21, 132.17, 129.14, 129.03, 128.59, 128.55, 128.34, 126.32, 120.19, 116.65, 115.88, 115.66, 61.56, 61.33, 61.30, 61.07, 44.01, 43.97, 25.60. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.49 (d, $J = 259.5$ Hz, 1F), -103.34 (s, 1F), -105.73 (d, $J = 259.5$, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 382.1413, found 382.1414.

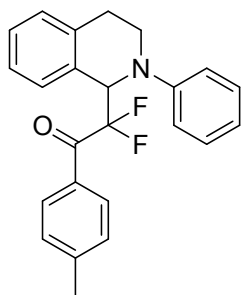
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(4c)

Yield 83%, yellow solid, m.p.: 111-113 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 6.83 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 5.49 (dd, $J = 16.8$, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dt, $J = 16.4$, 4.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.35 (t, $J = 28.3$ Hz), 149.15, 140.24, 136.87, 132.23, 130.78 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 129.18, 129.07, 128.94, 128.88, 128.57, 128.54, 128.38, 126.36, 120.34, 116.77, 61.33 (dd, $J = 26.3$, 23.6 Hz), 44.08 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 25.52. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.35 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz, 1F), -106.12 (d, $J = 259.1$ Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 398.1118, found 398.1120.

1-(4-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(4d)

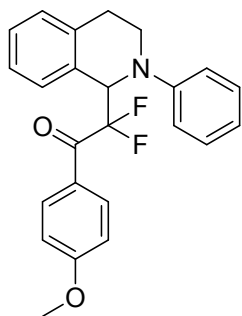
Yield 58%, yellow solid, m.p.: 131-133 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 6.80 (m, 3H), 5.48 (dd, $J = 16.8$, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.50 – 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.91 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dt, $J = 16.4$, 4.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.56(t, 28Hz), 149.09, 136.82, 132.63, 131.82, 130.76 (t, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 129.14, 129.03, 129.00, 128.87, 128.52, 128.49, 128.34, 126.32, 120.34, 116.75, 61.28 (dd, $J = 26.3$, 23.6 Hz), 44.06 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 25.47. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.35 (d, $J = 258.9$ Hz, 1F), -106.31 (d, $J = 258.9$, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 442.0613, found 442.0615.

2,2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(p-tolyl)ethanone(4e)



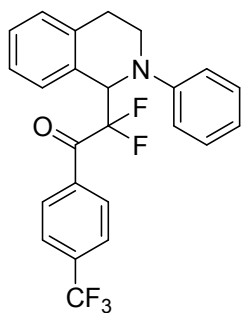
Yield 78%, yellow solid, m.p.: 125-127 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.10 (m, 7H), 6.78 (m, 3H), 5.54 (t, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.51 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.97 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.26 (t, 27.28 Hz), 147.07, 136.86, 133.98, 133.44, 129.75, 129.56, 129.28 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 129.12, 129.05, 128.51, 128.47, 128.43, 128.13, 126.18, 117.37, 61.55 (dd, J = 26.7, 23.5 Hz), 44.16, 25.04, 20.34. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -98.00 (d, J = 259.8 Hz, 1F), -105.15 (d, J = 259.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 378.1664, found 378.1667.

2, 2-difluoro-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(4f)



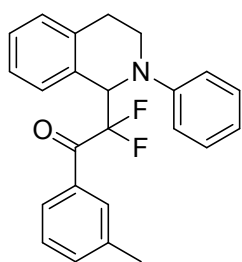
Yield 89%, yellow solid, m.p.: 118-120 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 6.88 – 6.75 (m, 5H), 5.56 (t, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.83 – 3.73 (m, 4H), 3.52 – 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.00 – 2.82 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.49 (t, J = 27.8 Hz), 164.07, 149.37, 136.91, 132.15 (t, J = 3.8 Hz), 129.44, 129.11, 128.88, 128.74, 128.70, 128.24, 126.59, 126.21, 119.77, 116.22, 113.84, 61.50 (dd, J = 26.0, 23.4 Hz), 55.52, 43.89 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 25.90 (d, J = 1.9 Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -98.33 (d, J = 260.1 Hz, 1F), -104.32 (d, J = 260.1 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 394.1613, found 394.1615.

2,2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethanone(4g)



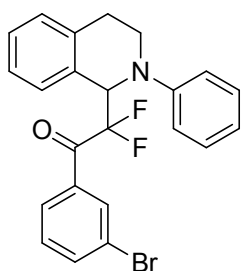
Yield 71%, yellow solid, 129-131 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 6.84 – 6.70 (m, 3H), 5.47 (dd, J = 17.8, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.72 – 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dt, J = 13.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.75 (dt, J = 16.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.80 (t, 28.3 Hz), 148.95, 136.86, 136.82, 134.54 (q, J = 32.8 Hz), 129.47 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 129.16, 128.63, 128.44, 128.41, 126.43, 125.47 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 120.66, 117.06, 61.15 (dd, J = 26.5, 23.6 Hz), 44.17 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 25.26. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.31 (s, 3F), -96.54 (d, J = 258.8 Hz, 1F), -107.39 (d, J = 258.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_5\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 432.1381, found 432.1383.

2, 2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(m-tolyl)ethanone(4h)



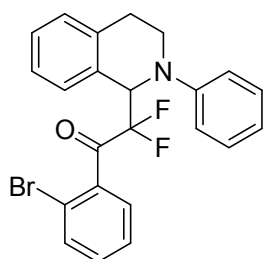
Yield 64%, white solid, m.p.: 134-136 °C, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.22 (m, 8H), 6.78 (m, 3H), 5.52 (dd, J = 16.1, 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.52 – 3.44 (m, 1H), 2.96 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 189.59 (t, J = 27.8 Hz), 147.38, 136.45, 135.01, 132.49, 131.98, 128.08 (t, J = 2.9 Hz), 127.34 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 127.18, 127.11, 126.72 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 126.44, 126.38, 124.60 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 124.37, 118.13, 114.73, 59.41 (dd, J = 26.3, 23.5 Hz), 42.05 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 23.74 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), 19.46. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -97.67 (d, J = 259.6 Hz, 1F), -105.55 (d, J = 259.6 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 378.1664, found 378.1664.

2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone (4i)



Yield 52%, yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 6.83 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 5.46 (dd, J = 17.3, 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dt, J = 16.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.12 (t, 28.1 Hz), 149.06, 136.86, 136.32, 135.59, 132.25 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 130.02, 129.16, 129.10, 128.77, 128.51, 128.48, 128.42, 127.64 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 126.39, 122.72, 120.50, 117.01, 61.20 (dd, J = 26.4, 23.6 Hz), 44.19 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 25.45. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -96.83 (d, J = 259.1 Hz, 1F), -106.66 (d, J = 259.1 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 442.0613, found 442.0616.

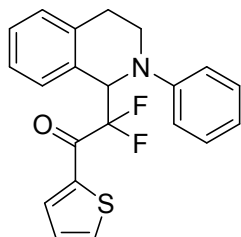
1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(4j)



Yield 61%, yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.33 – 7.17 (m, 8H), 7.14 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 19.2, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 8.0, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.67 (dt, J = 16.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.71 (dd, J = 34.7, 26.7 Hz), 148.86, 137.02, 136.68, 133.68, 132.07, 129.27, 129.18, 128.70, 128.64, 128.44 (t, J = 2.5 Hz), 128.31, 126.94, 126.31, 120.46, 120.25, 116.67, 60.62 (dd, J = 27.5, 23.1 Hz), 43.47 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 24.72. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -95.10 (d, J = 260.2 Hz, 1F), -108.96 (d, J = 260.2 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{BrF}_2\text{NO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 442.0613, found

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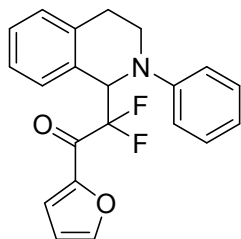
2,2-difluoro-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)ethanone(4k)



Yield 59%, yellow solid, m.p.: 125-127 $^\circ\text{C}$, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 1H), 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 6.98 (m, 6H), 6.81 – 6.69 (m, 3H), 5.43 (dd, J = 16.7, 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.45 – 3.37 (m, 1H), 2.89 (m, 1H), 2.78 (dt, J = 16.3, 4.9 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.83 (dd, J = 30.4, 28.7 Hz), 148.28, 138.31, 135.81, 134.98, 133.92 (t, J = 5.3 Hz), 128.08, 127.88, 127.66, 127.61, 127.45, 127.24, 125.15, 118.87, 115.33, 60.45 (dd, J = 26.5, 23.3 Hz), 42.66 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 24.70. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -99.22 (d, J = 255.9 Hz, 1F), -107.71 (d, J = 255.9 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NOS}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 392.0891, found 392.0897.

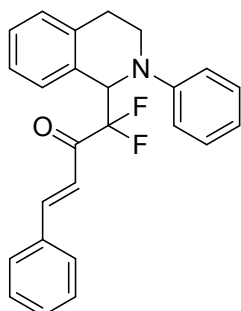
2,2-difluoro-1-(furan-2-yl)-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(4l)



Yield 86%, yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.89 – 6.77 (m, 3H), 6.49 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dd, J = 17.3, 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.52 (dt, J = 13.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dt, J = 16.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.60 (t, J = 29 Hz), 149.26, 149.22, 148.28, 136.71, 129.10, 128.99, 128.51, 128.48, 128.25, 126.19, 121.90 (dd, J = 6.3, 4.4 Hz), 120.05, 116.58, 112.61, 61.30 (dd, J = 26.9, 23.4 Hz), 43.56 (d, J = 3.9 Hz), 25.38. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -99.85 (d, J = 257.7 Hz, 1F), -109.84 (d, J = 257.7

Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 376.1120, found 376.1123.

(E)-1,1-difluoro-4-phenyl-1-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)but-3-en-2-one(4m)



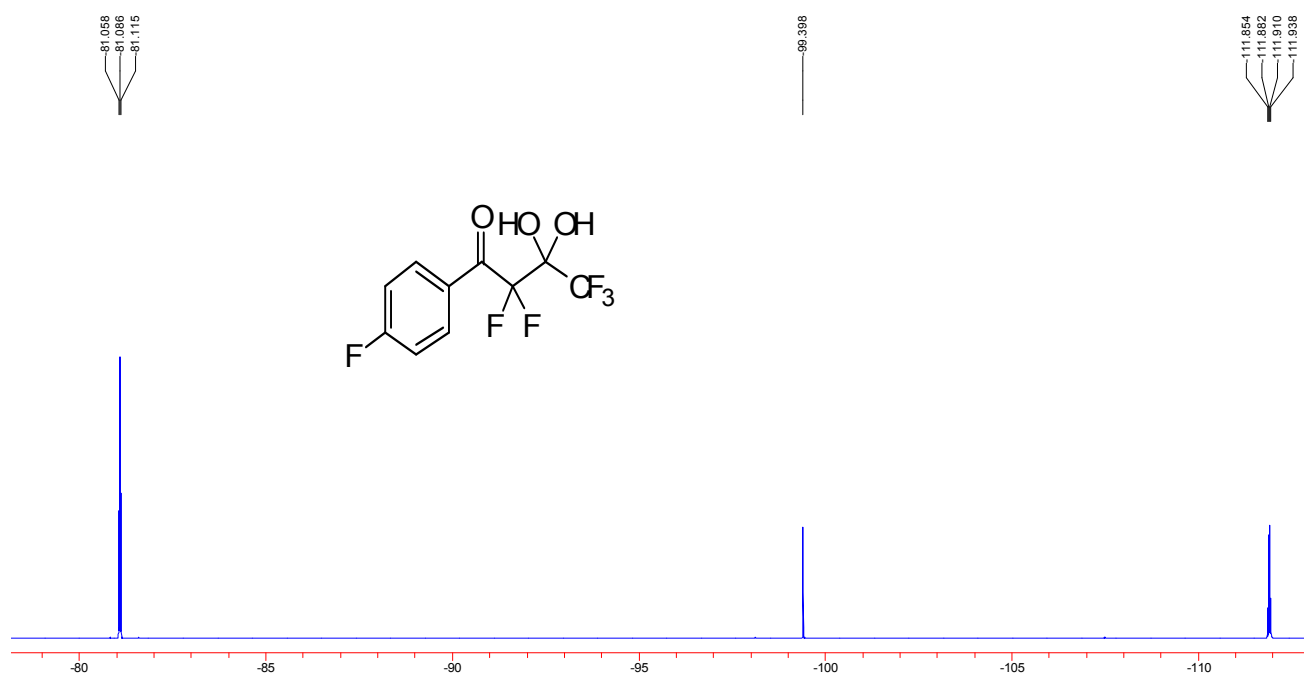
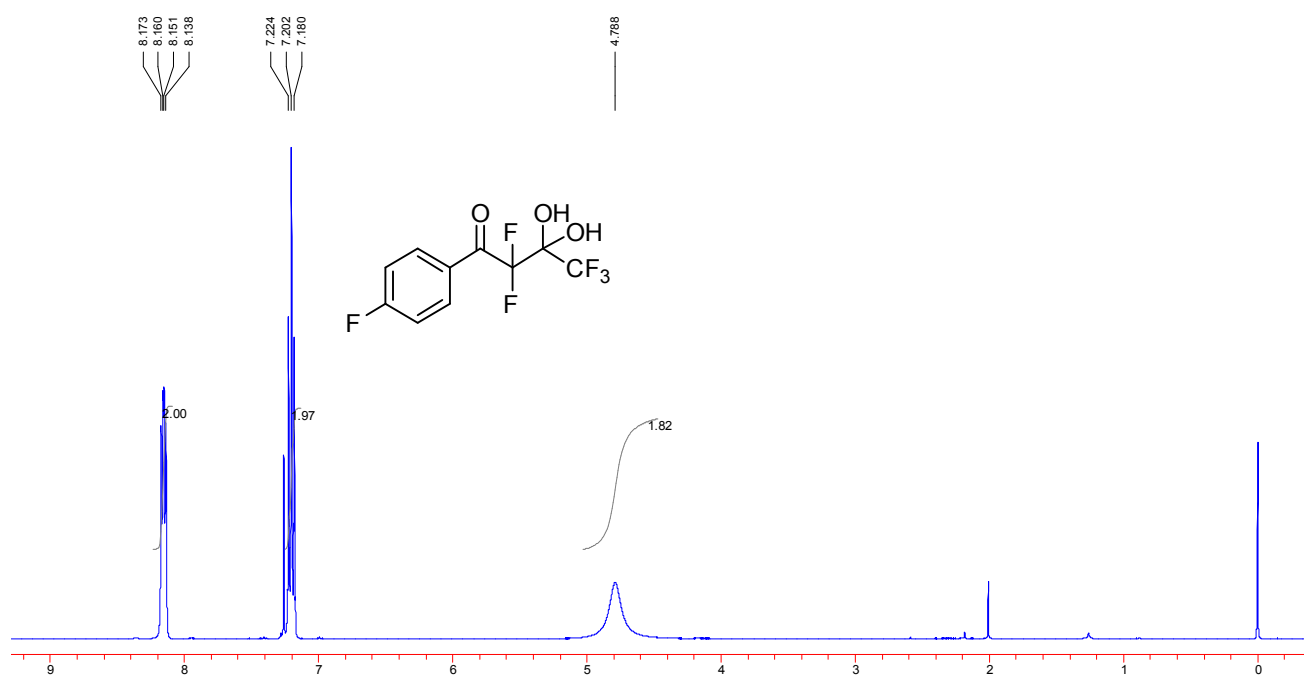
Yield 55%, yellow oil, ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.05 (dt, J = 6.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 17.7, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.88 – 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.03 – 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.88 – 2.80 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.44 (dd, J = 30.3, 26.7 Hz), 149.35, 146.33, 136.78, 134.10, 131.31, 129.19, 128.97, 128.88, 128.60, 128.55, 128.19, 126.22, 120.01, 118.44, 116.44, 60.93 (dd, J = 27.1, 23.4 Hz), 43.68 (d, J = 4.1 Hz), 25.56. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.57 (d, J = 252.0 Hz), -112.83 (d, J = 252.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 412.1483, found 412.1489.

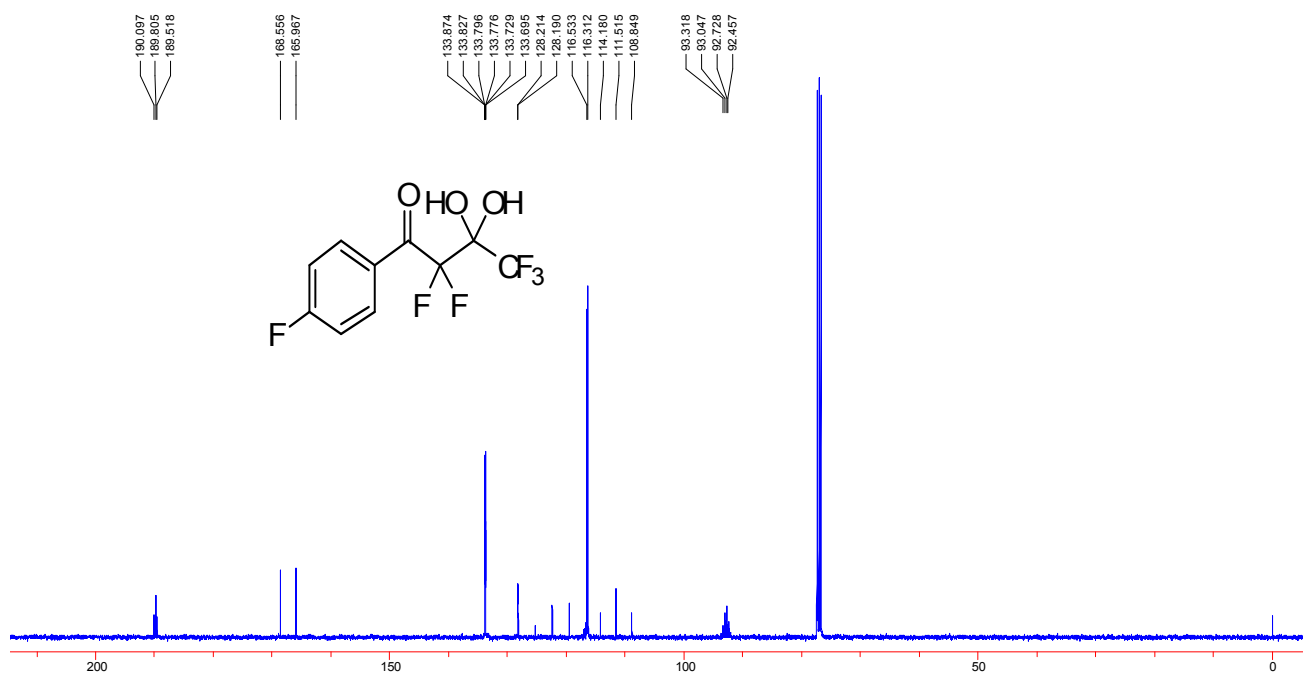
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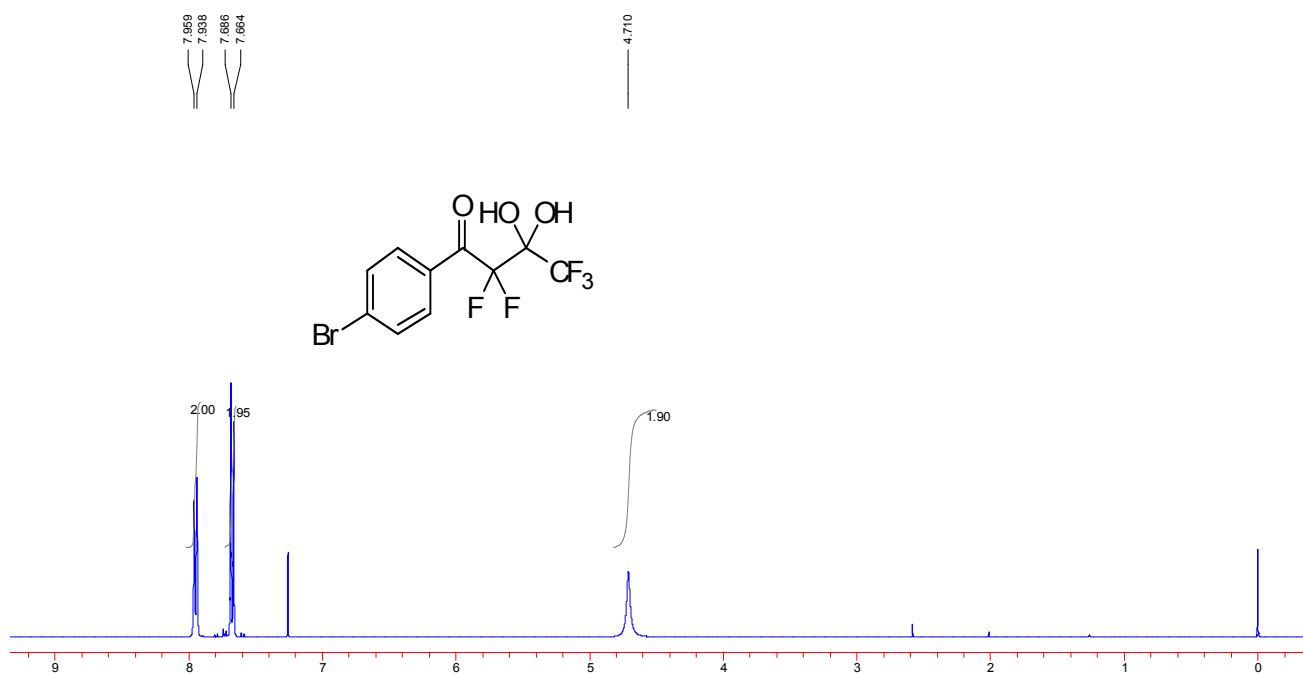
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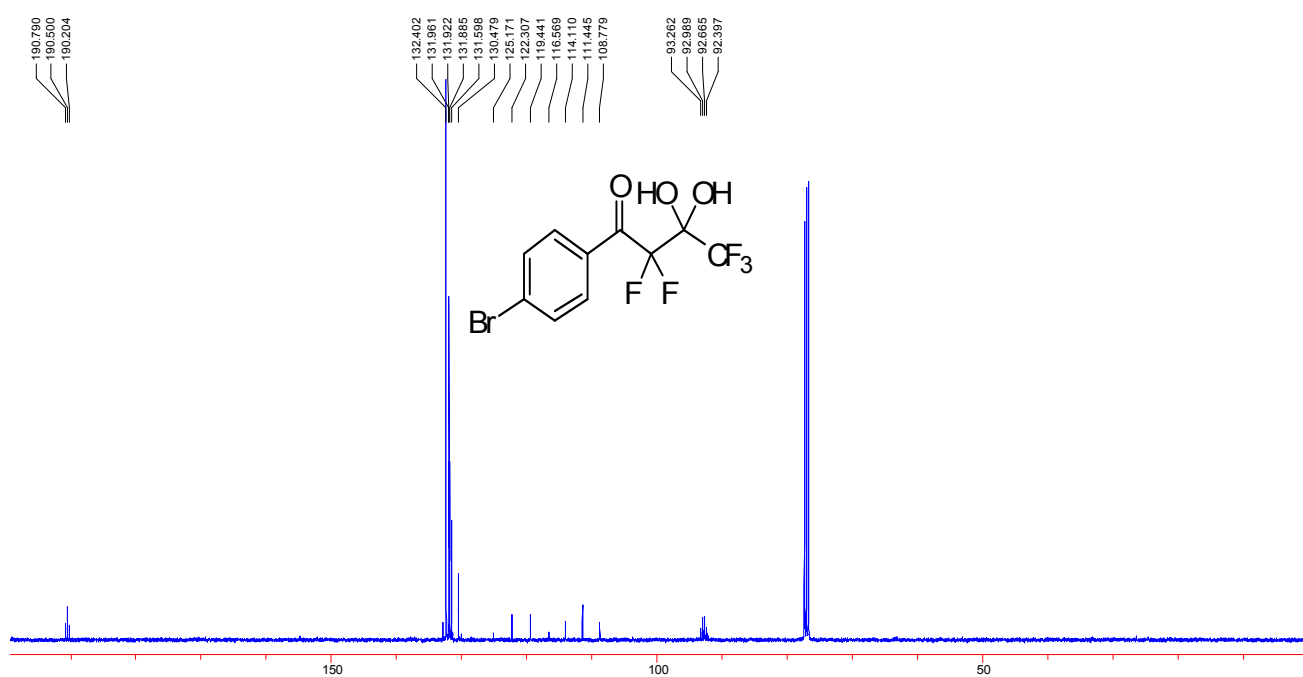
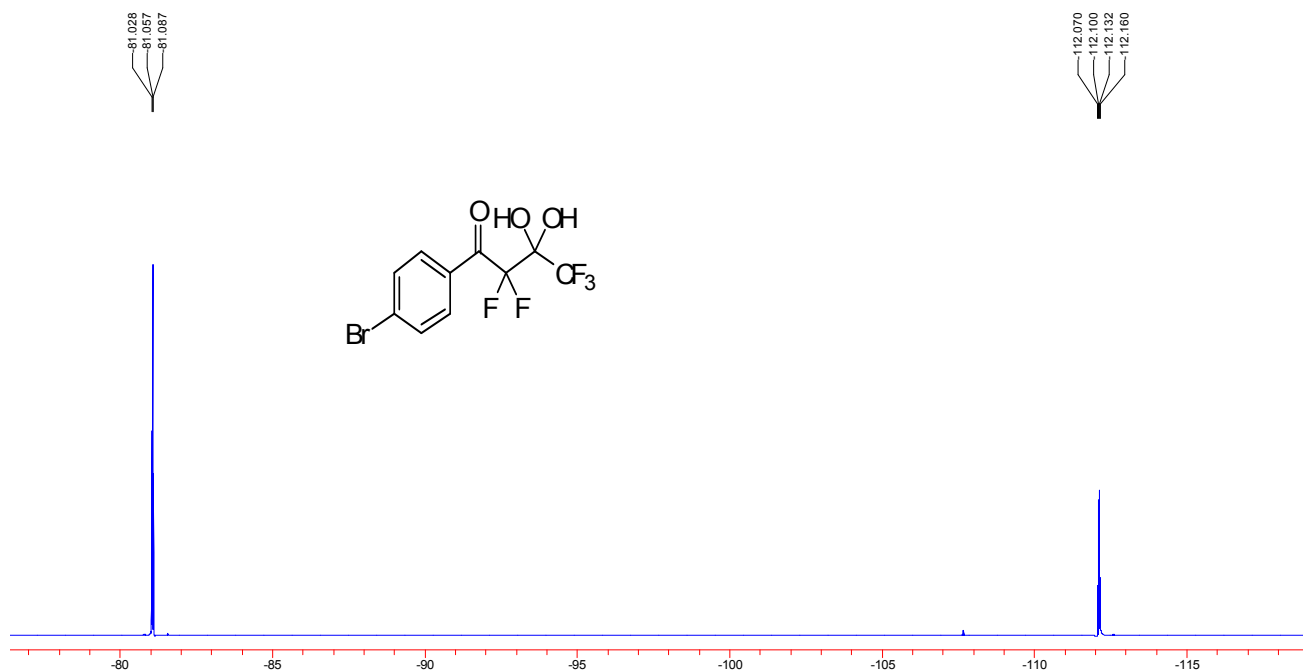
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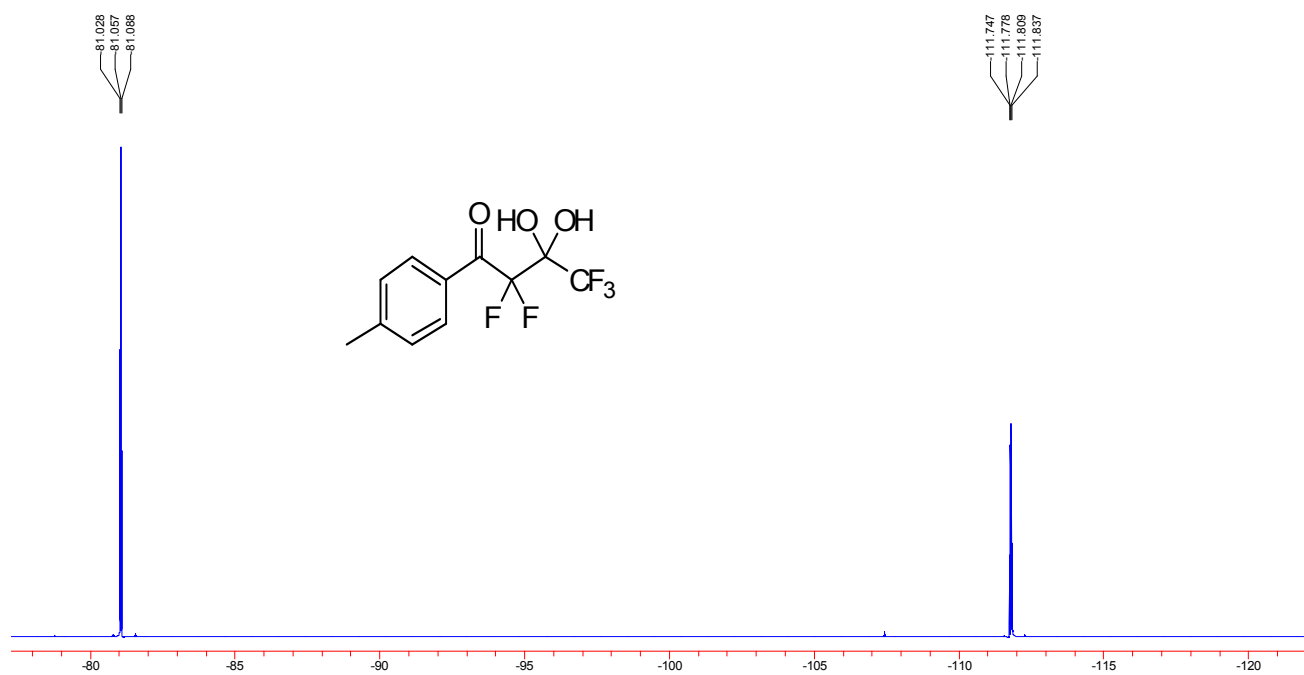
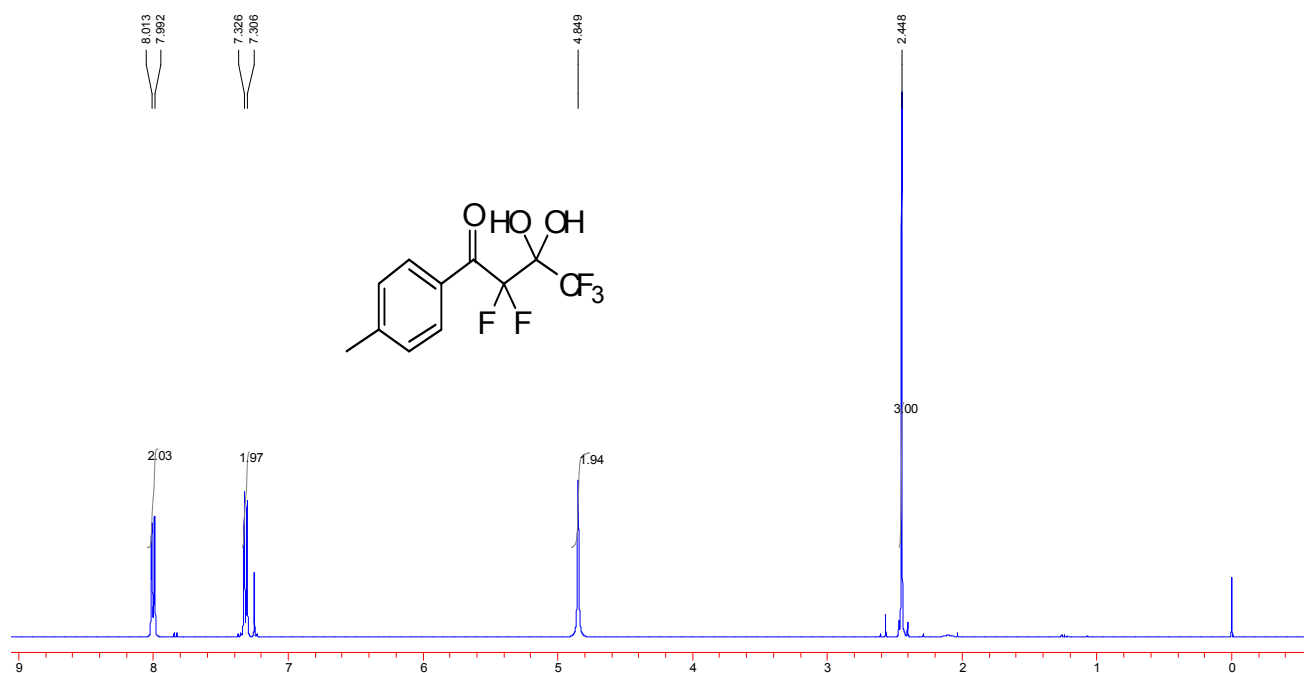


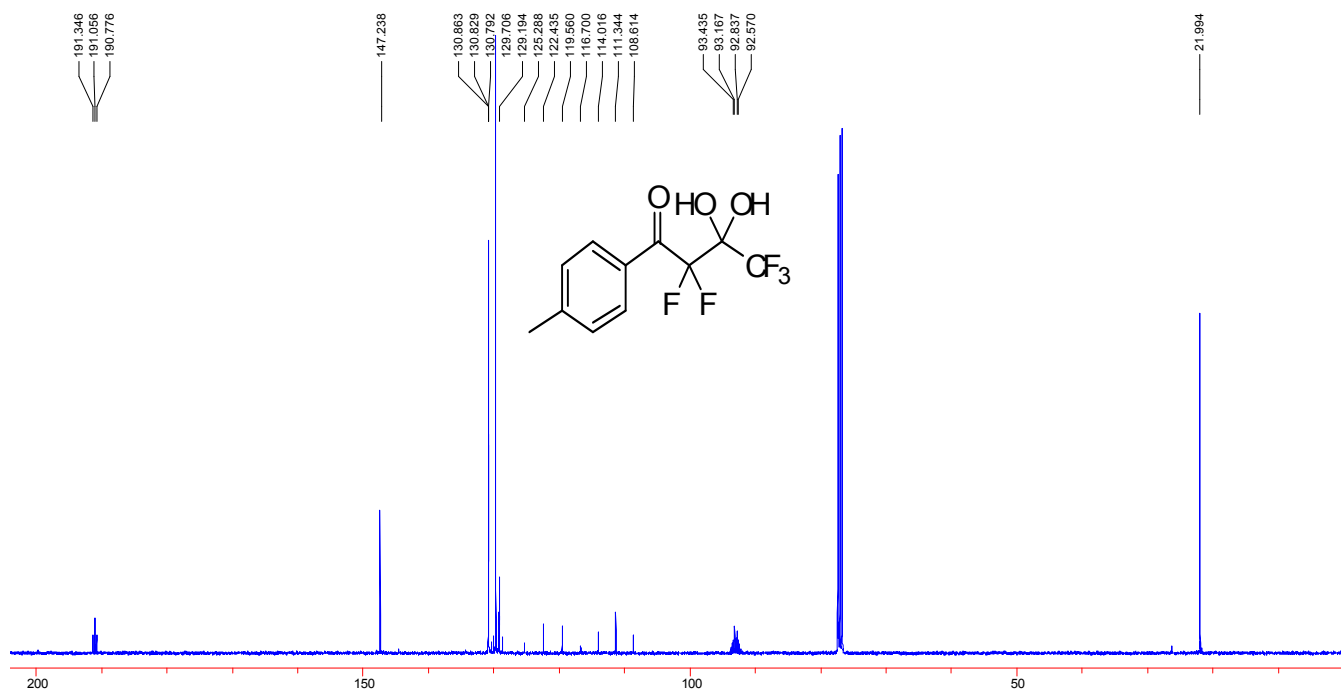
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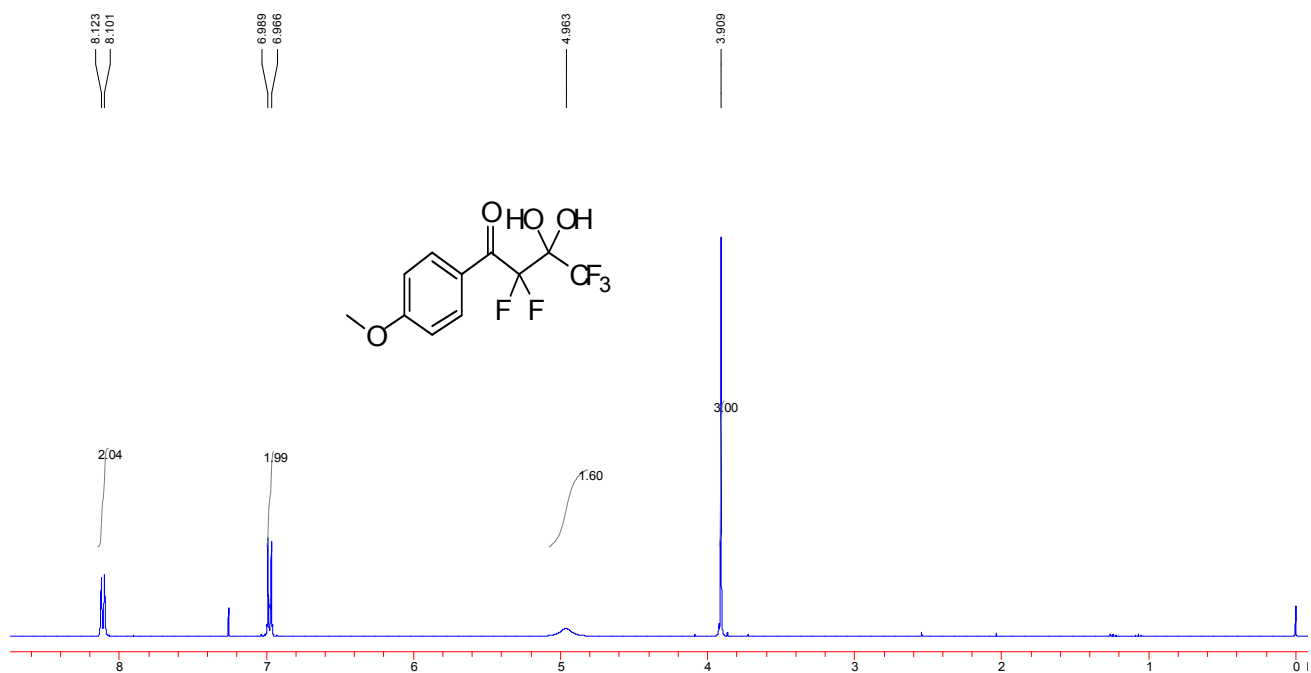


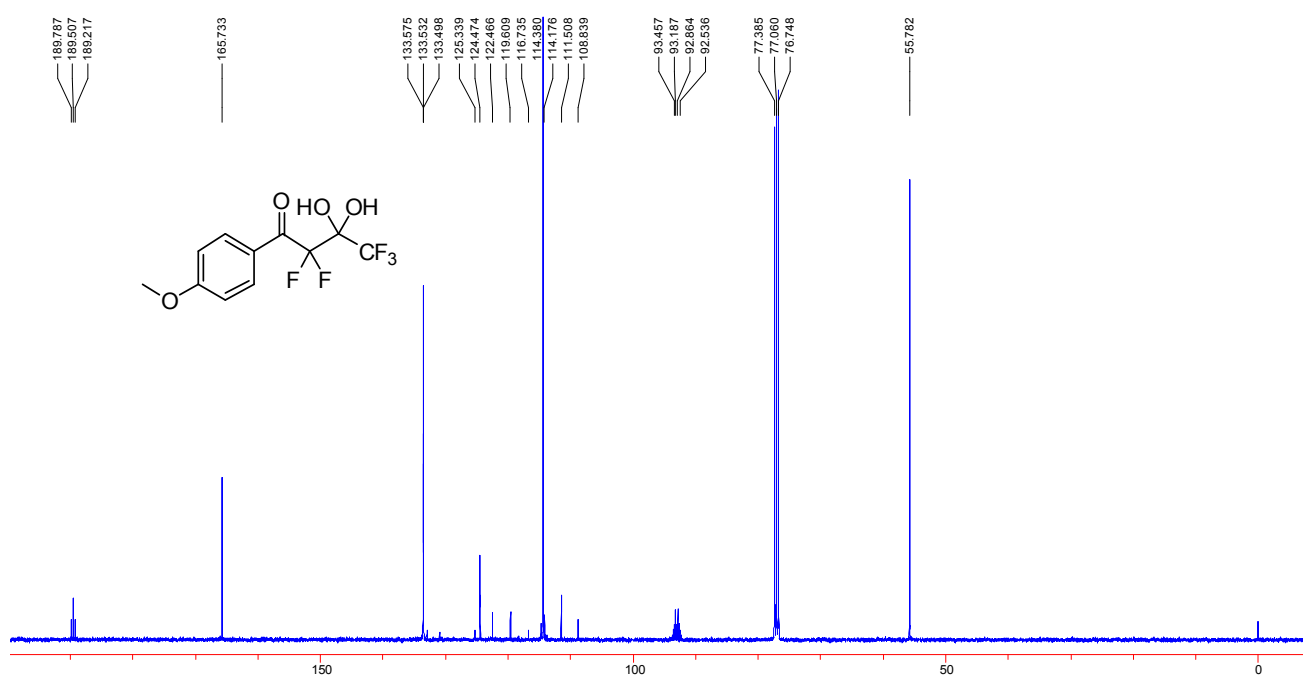
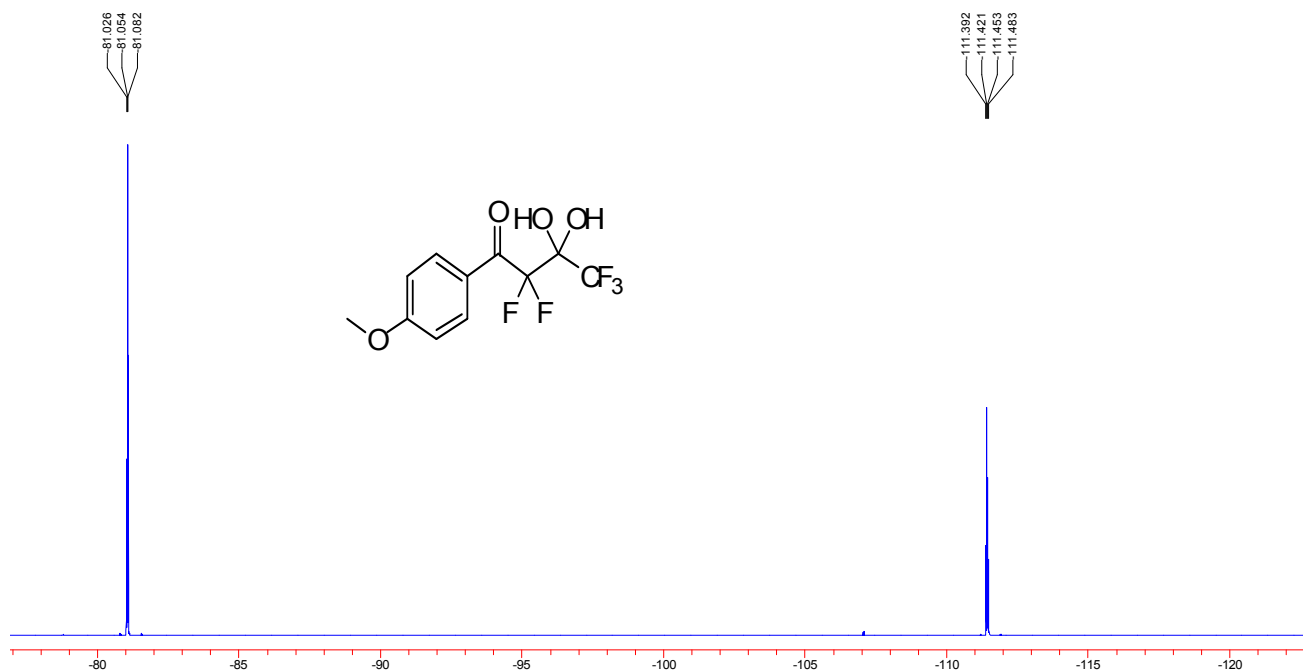
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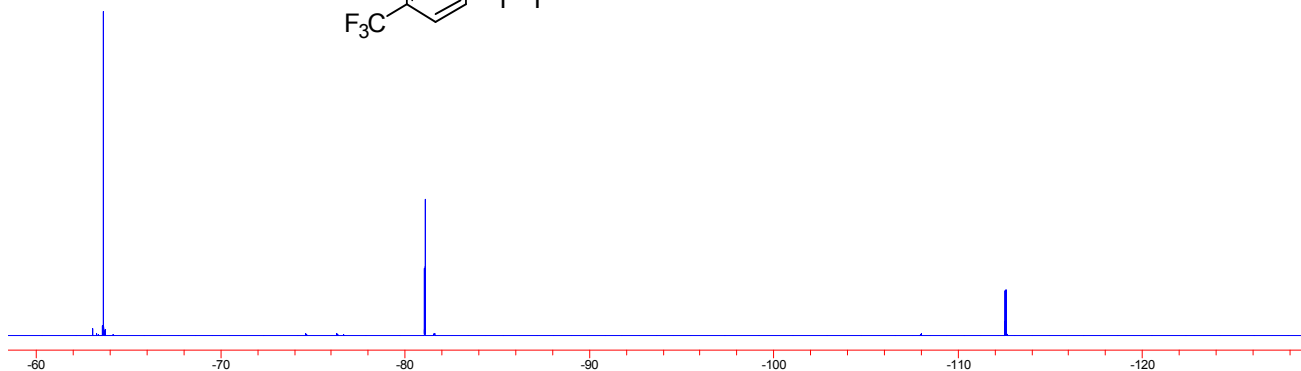
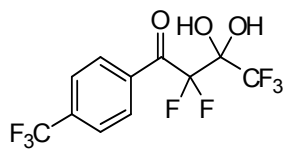
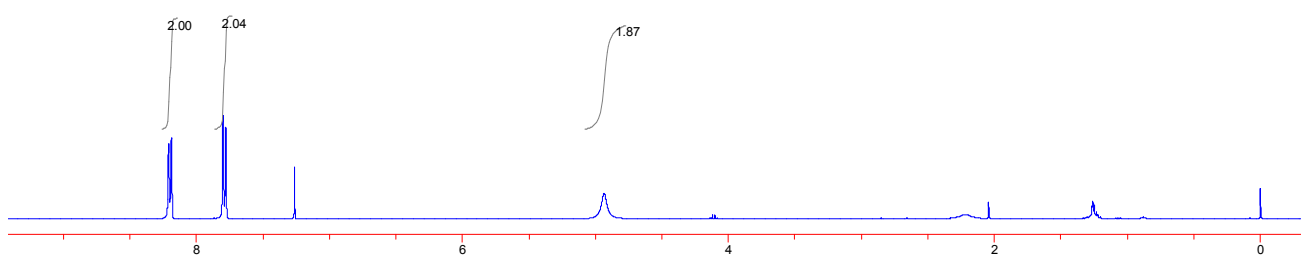
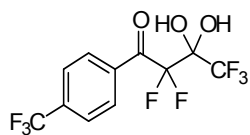


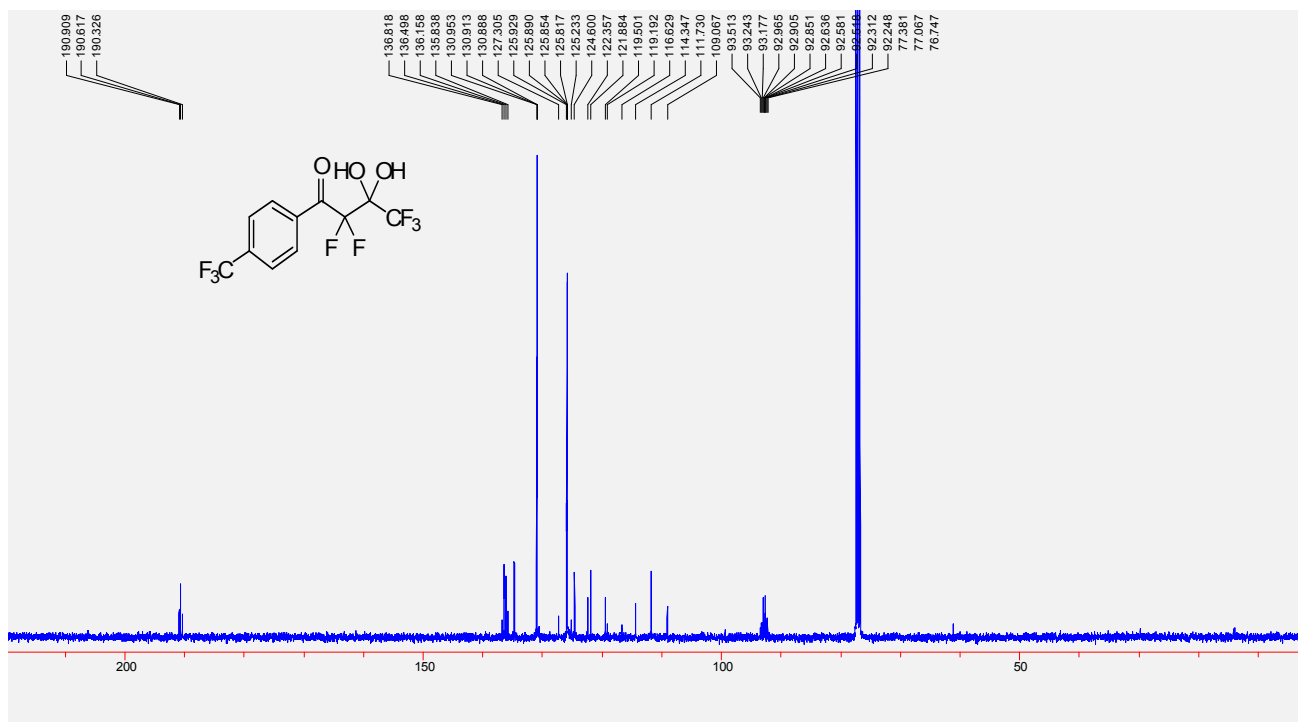
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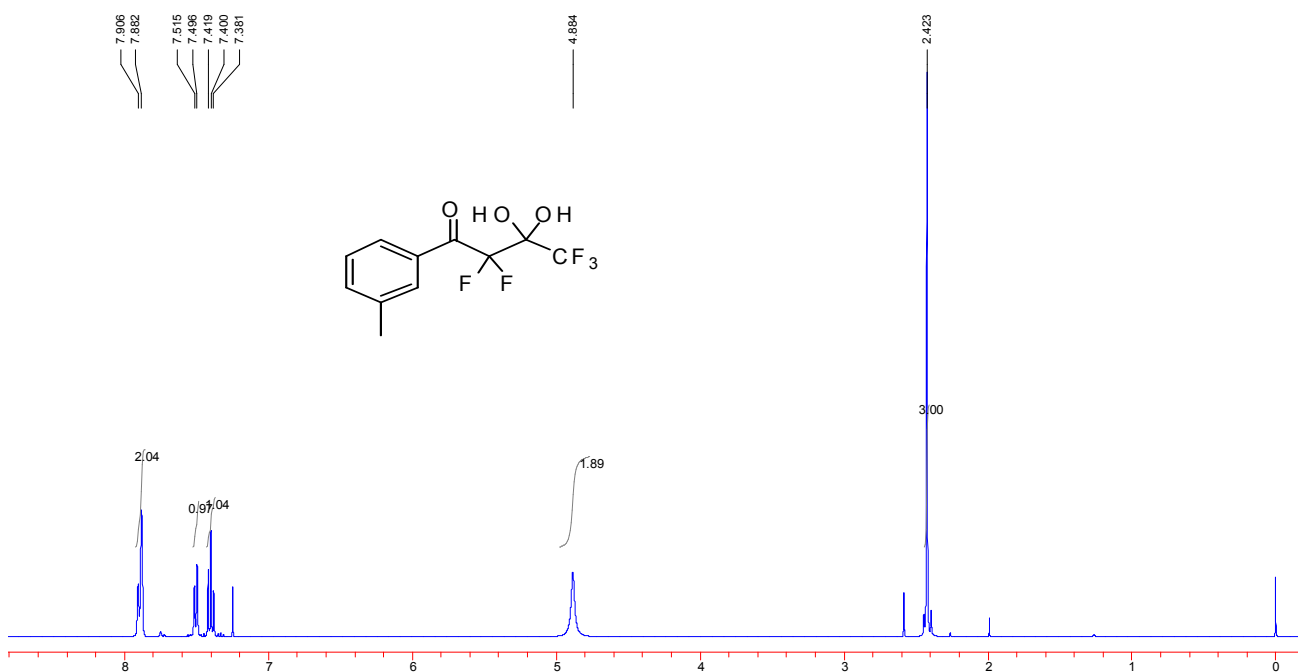


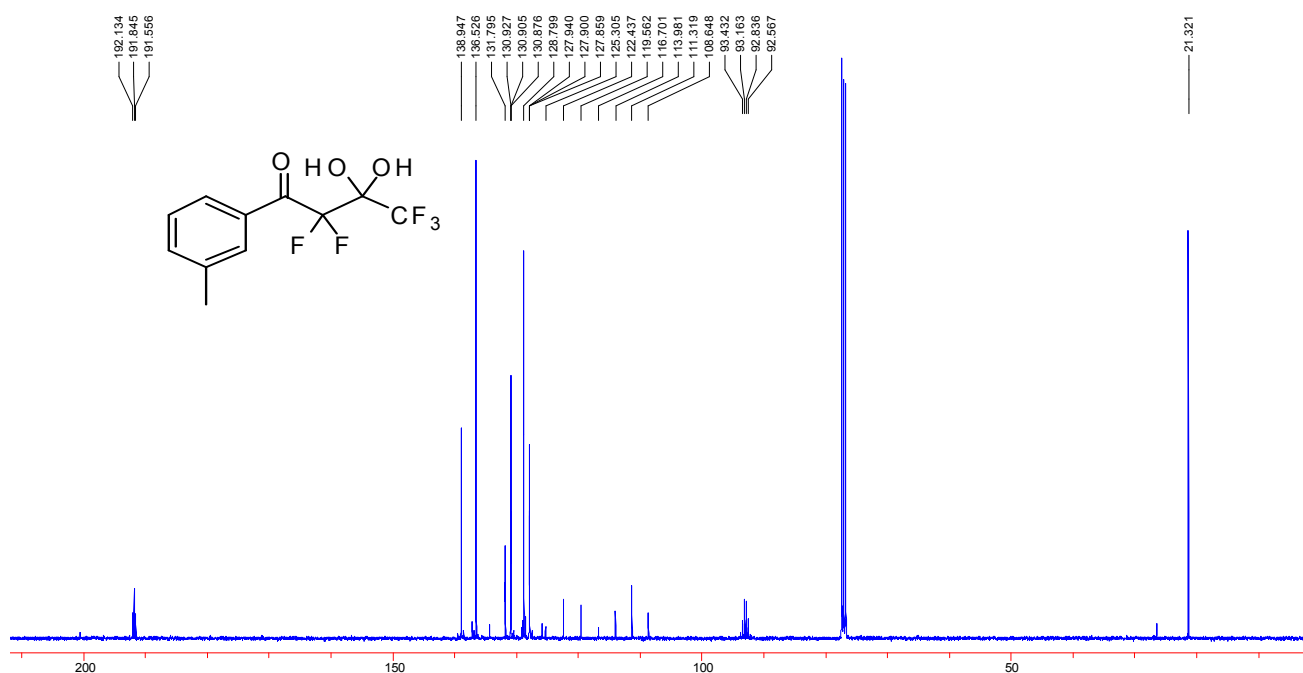
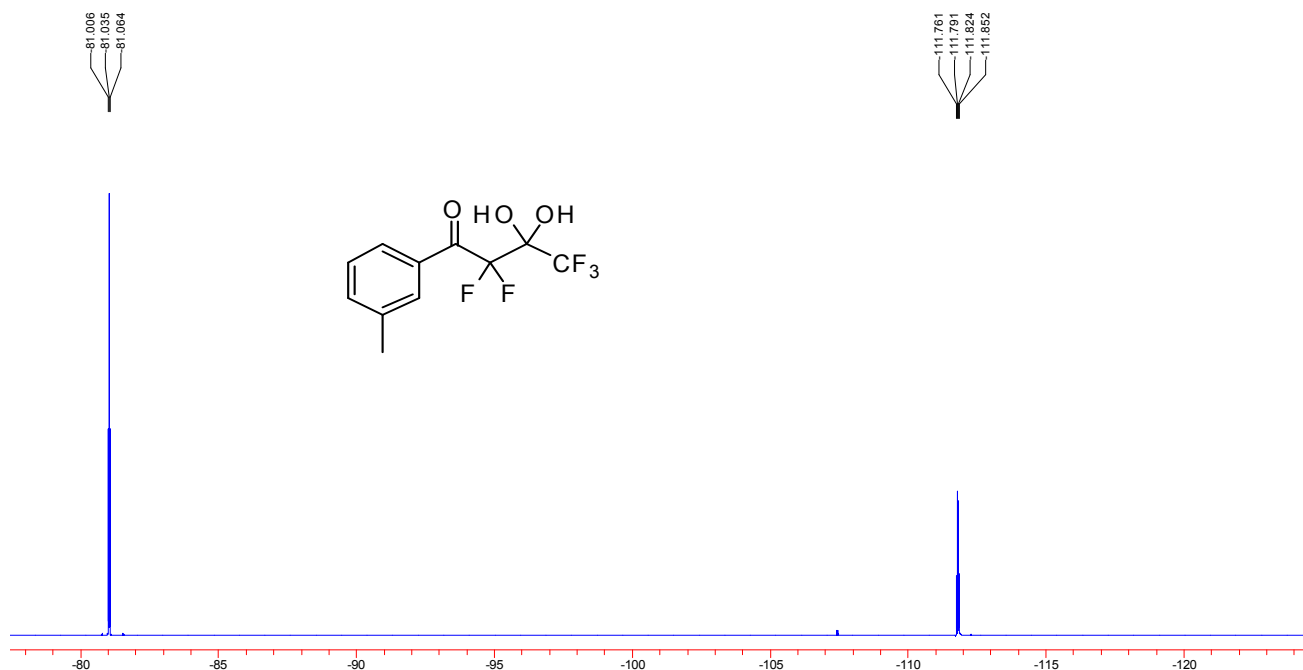
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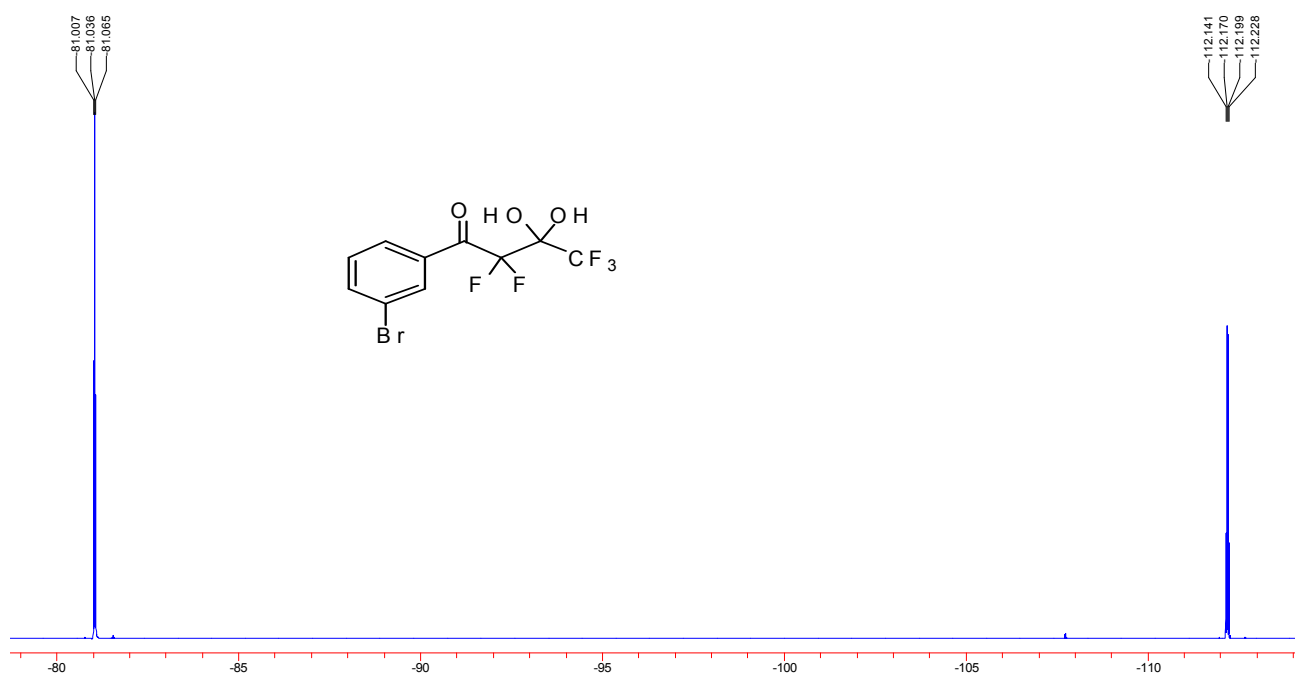
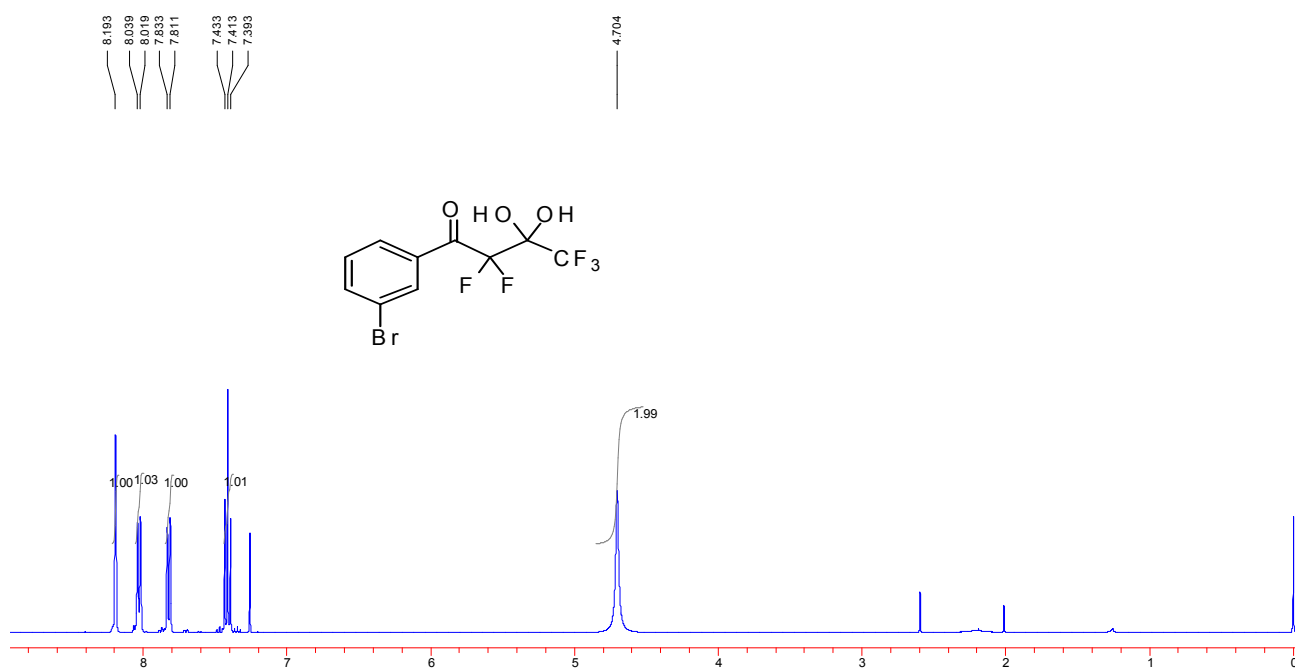


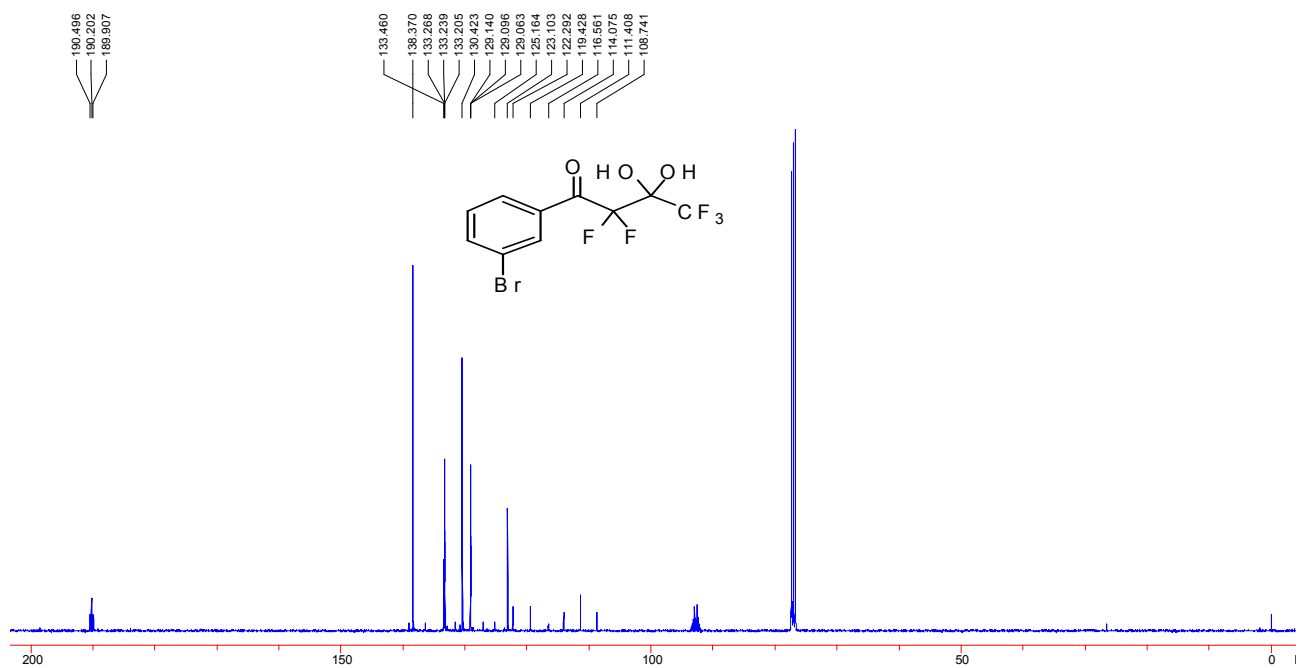
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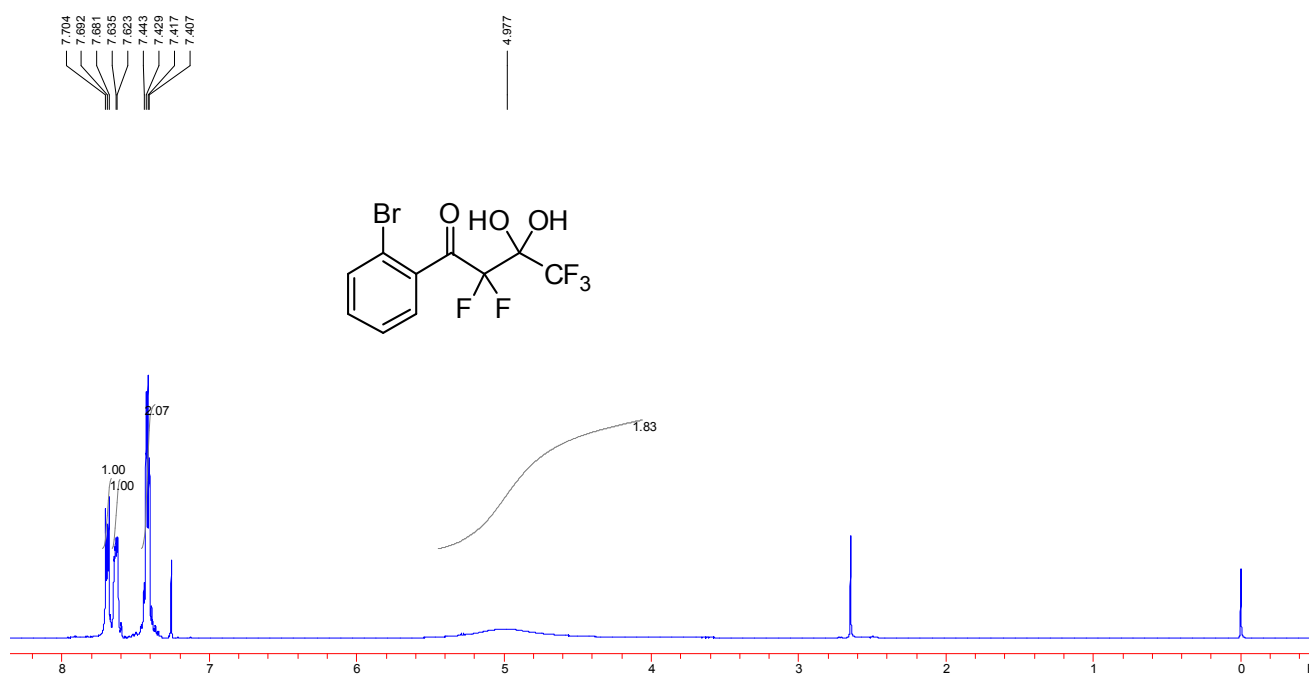


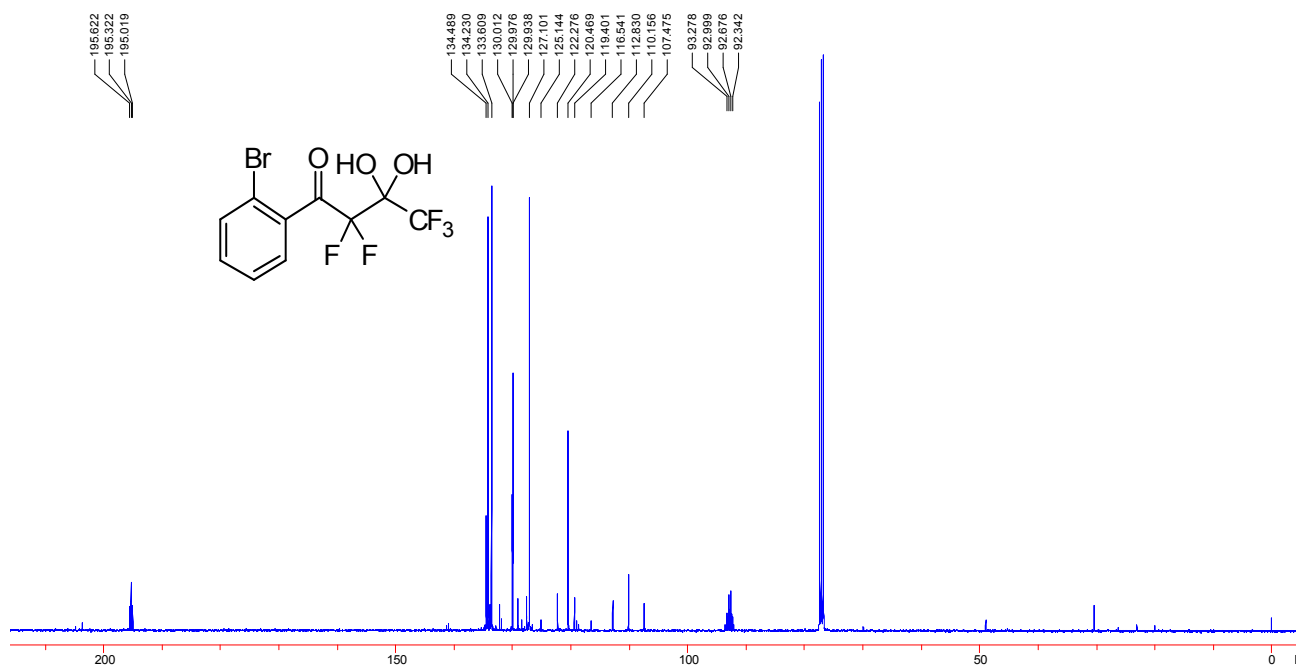
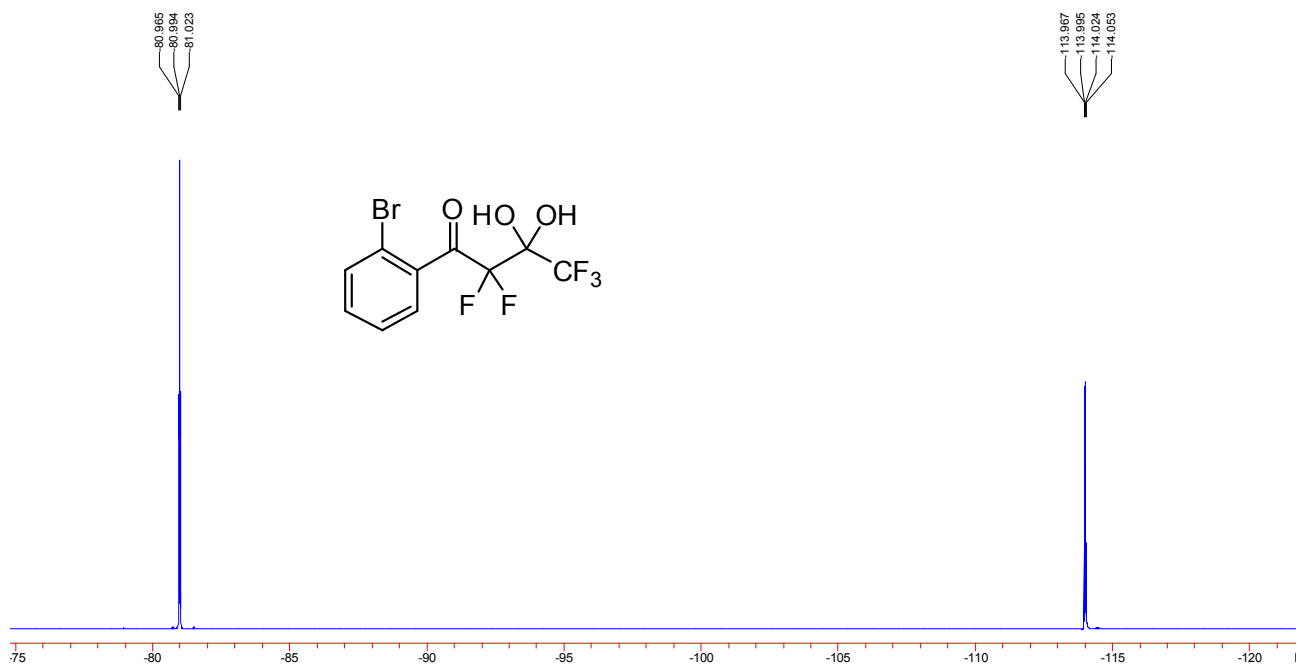
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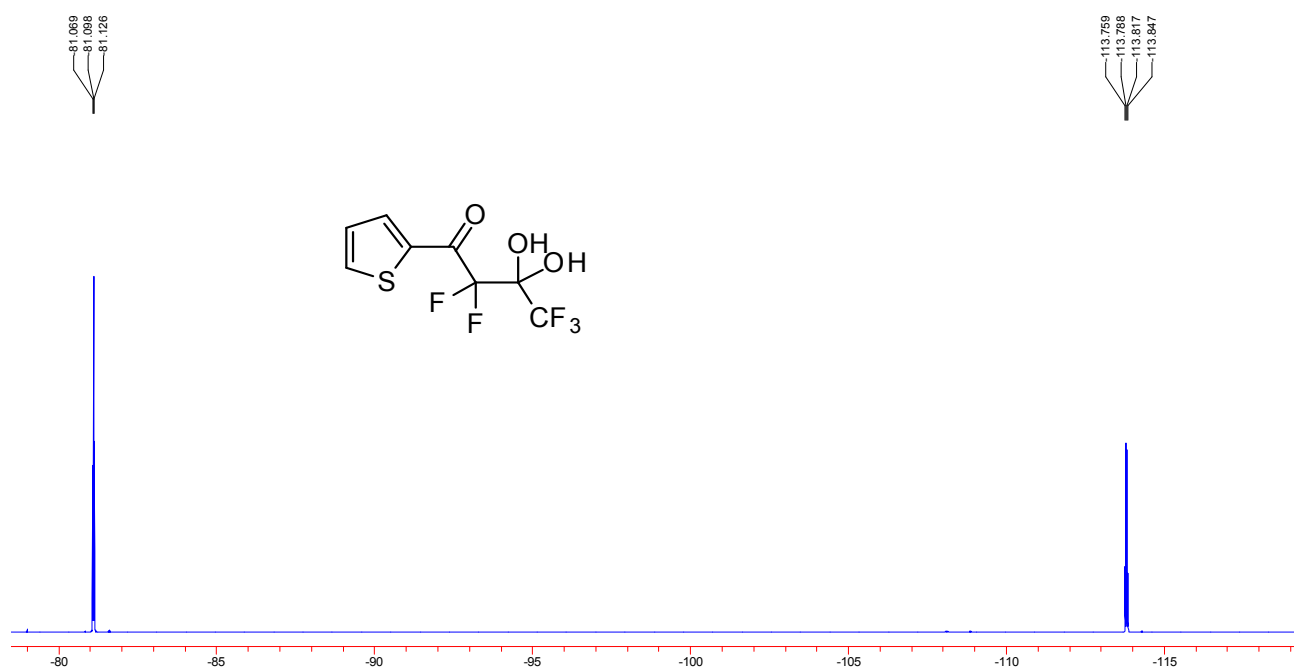
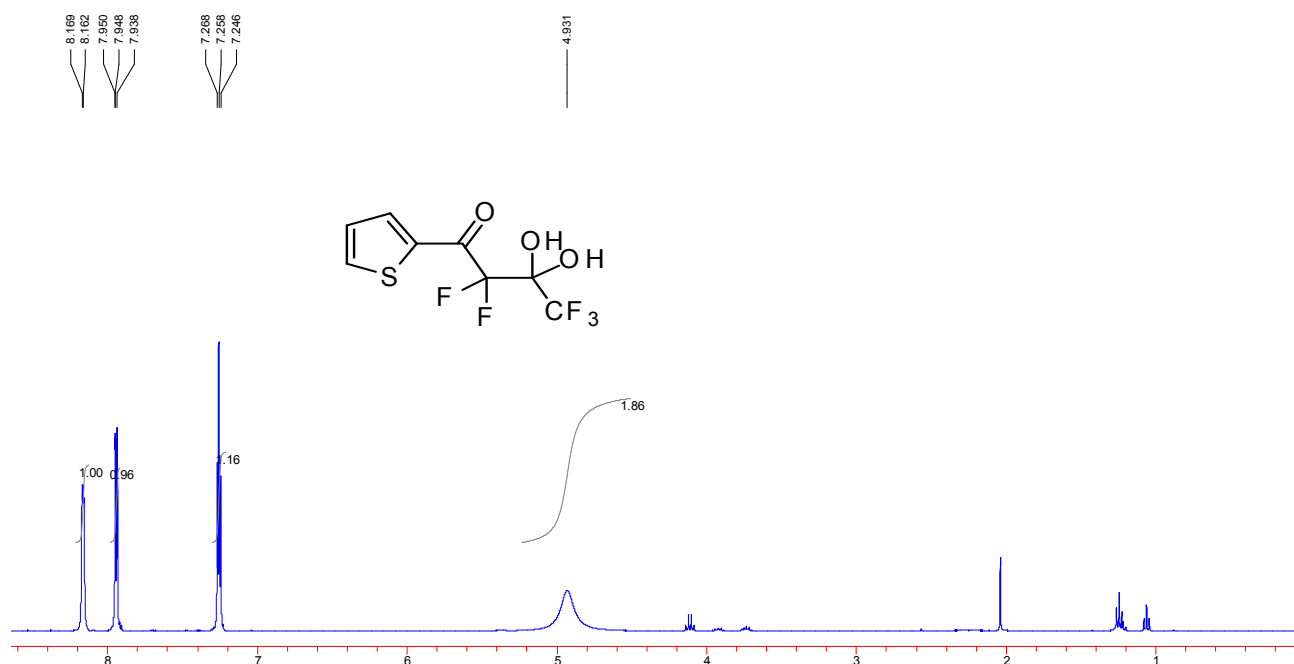


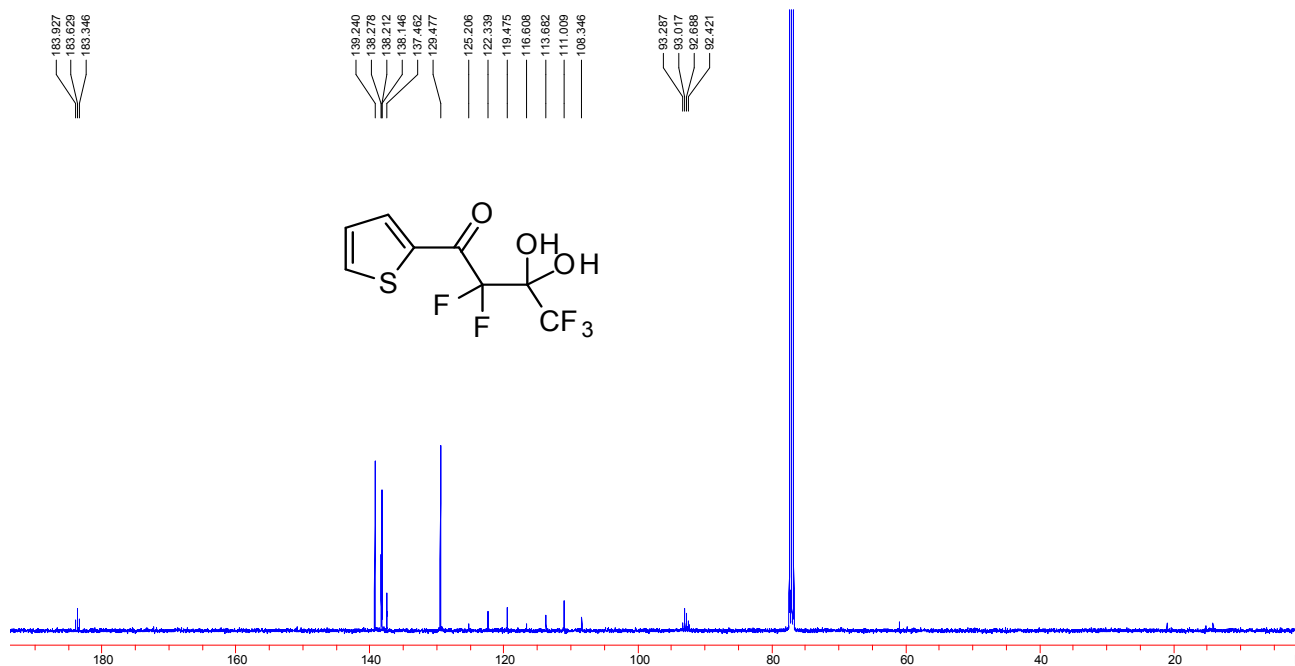
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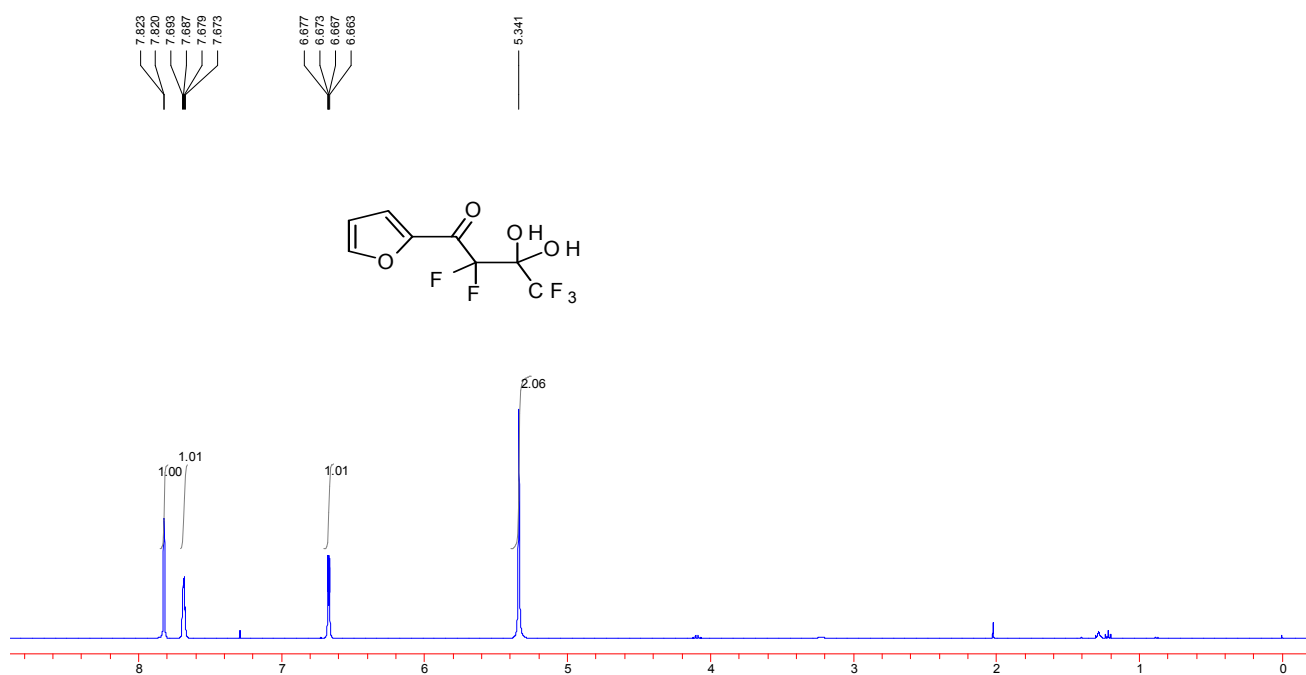


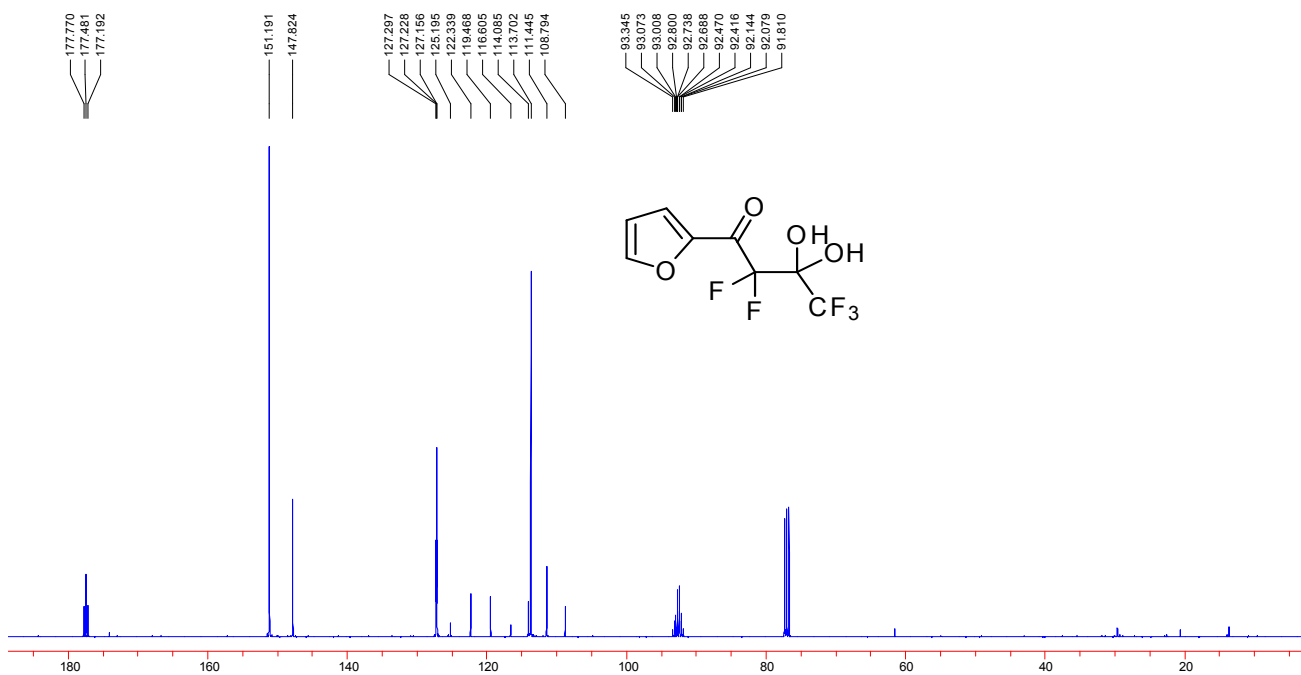
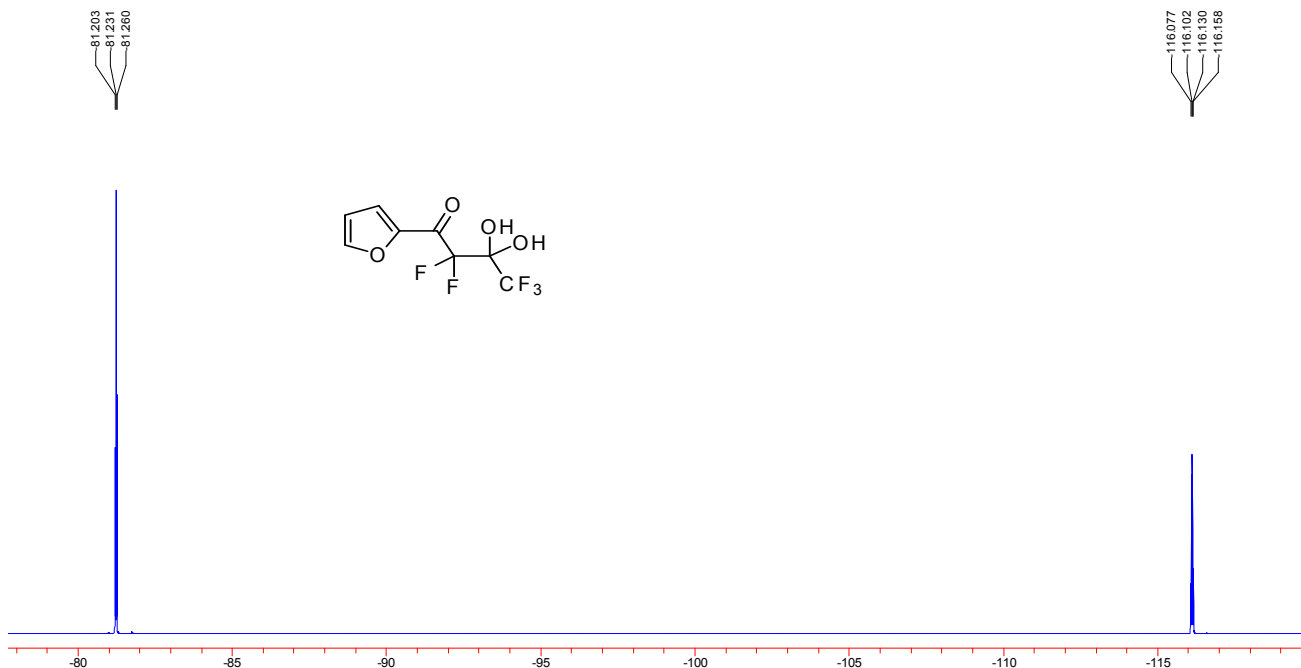
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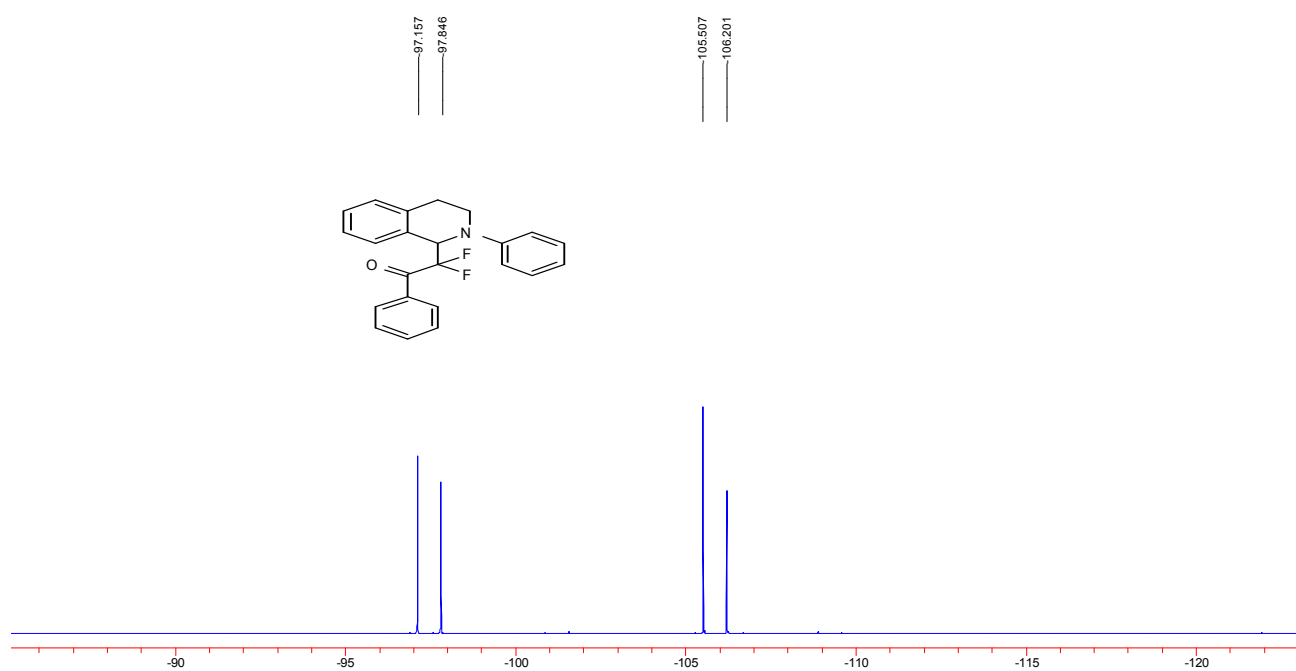
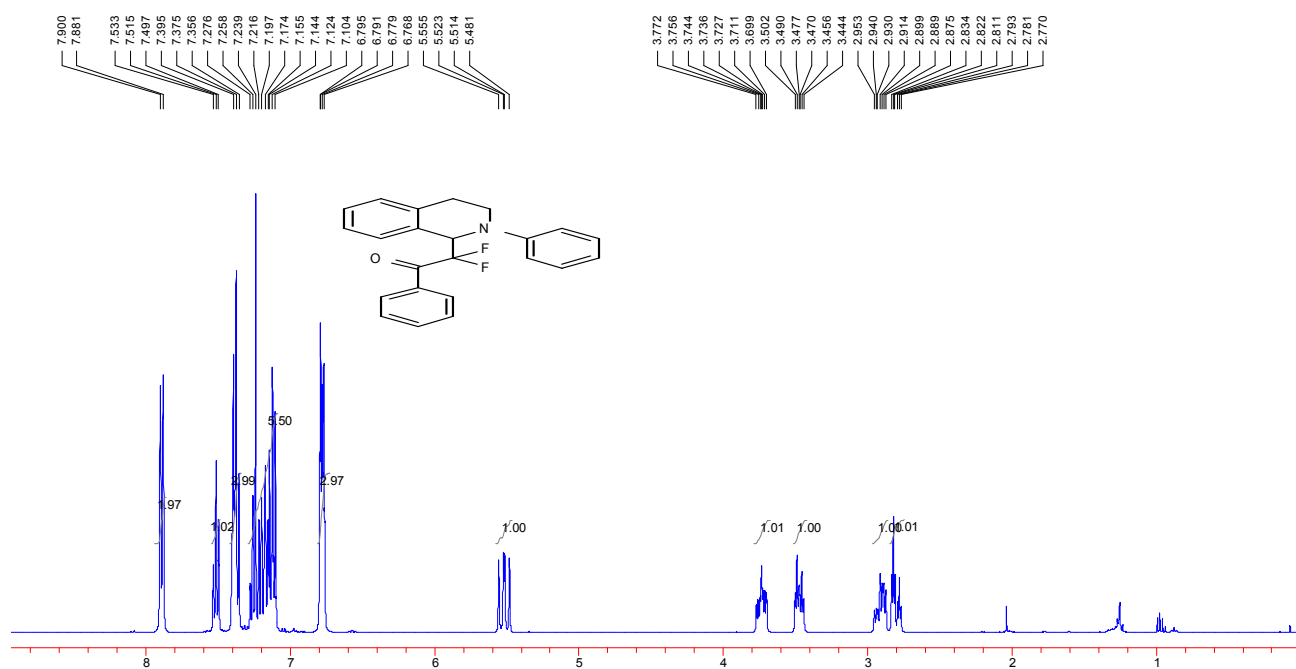


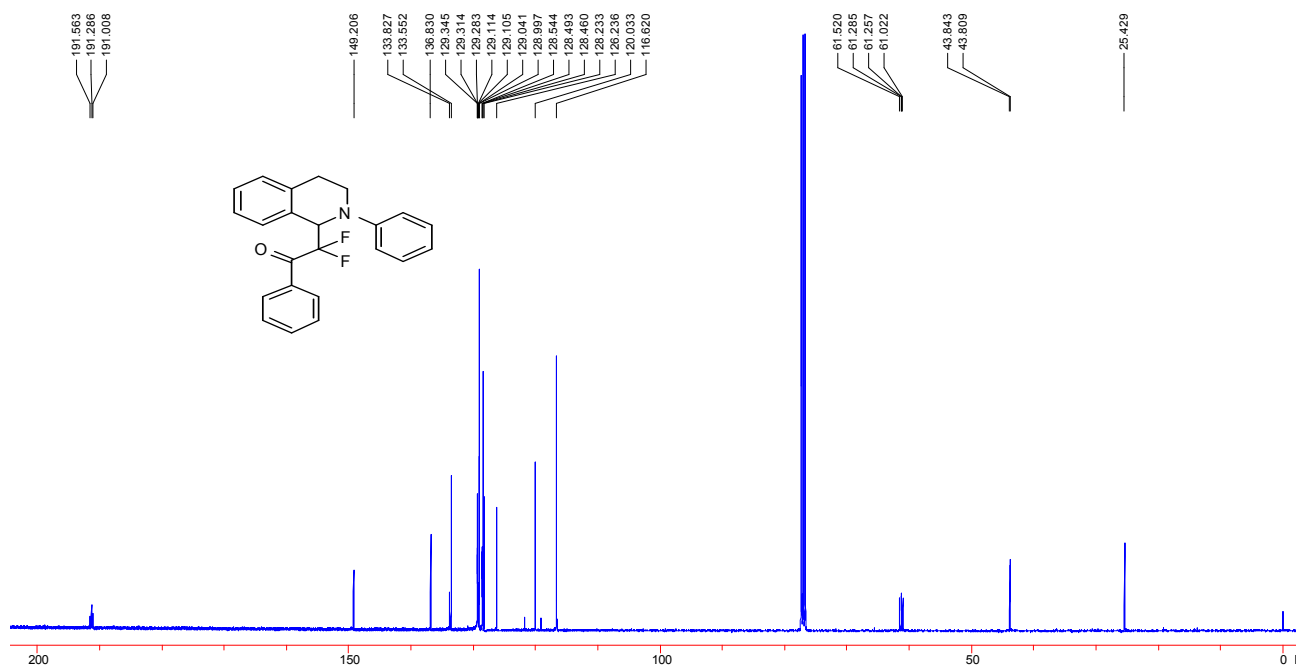
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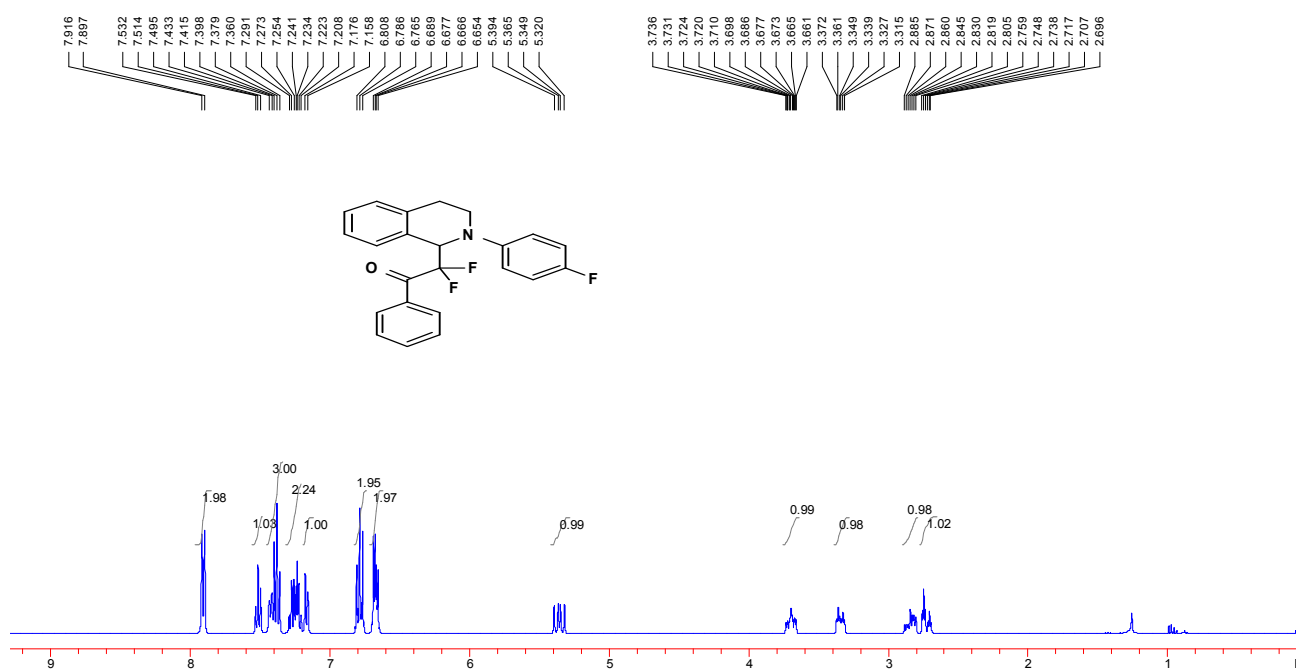


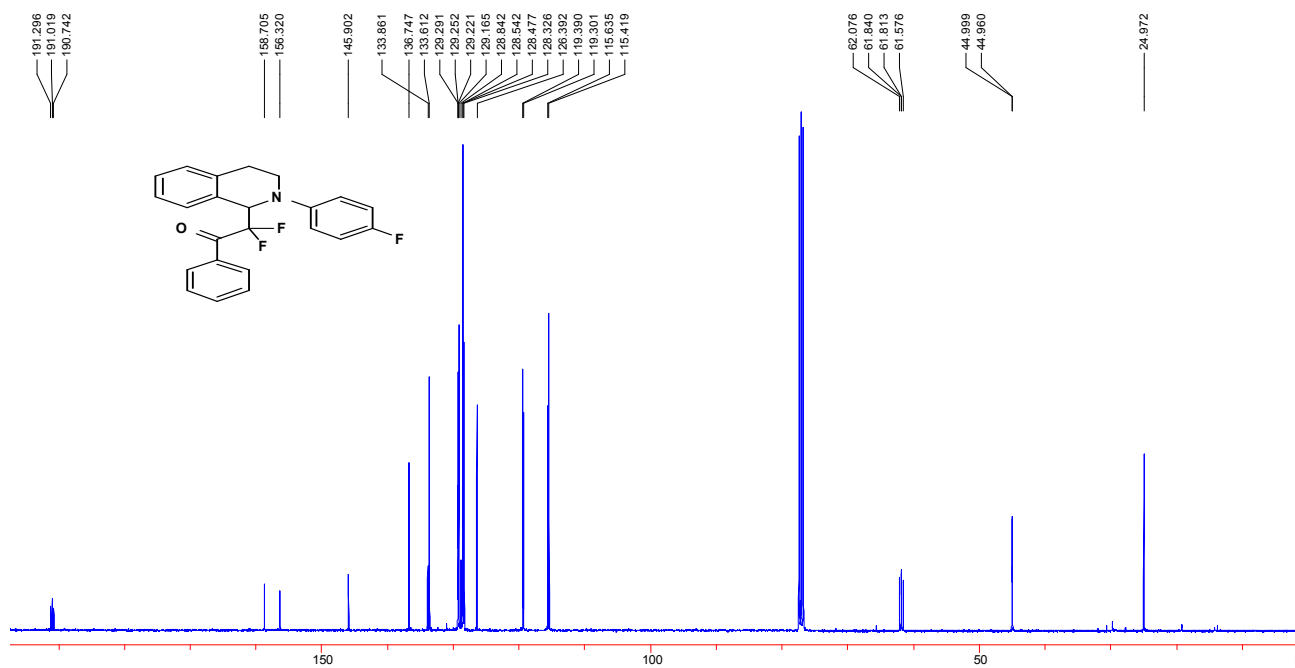
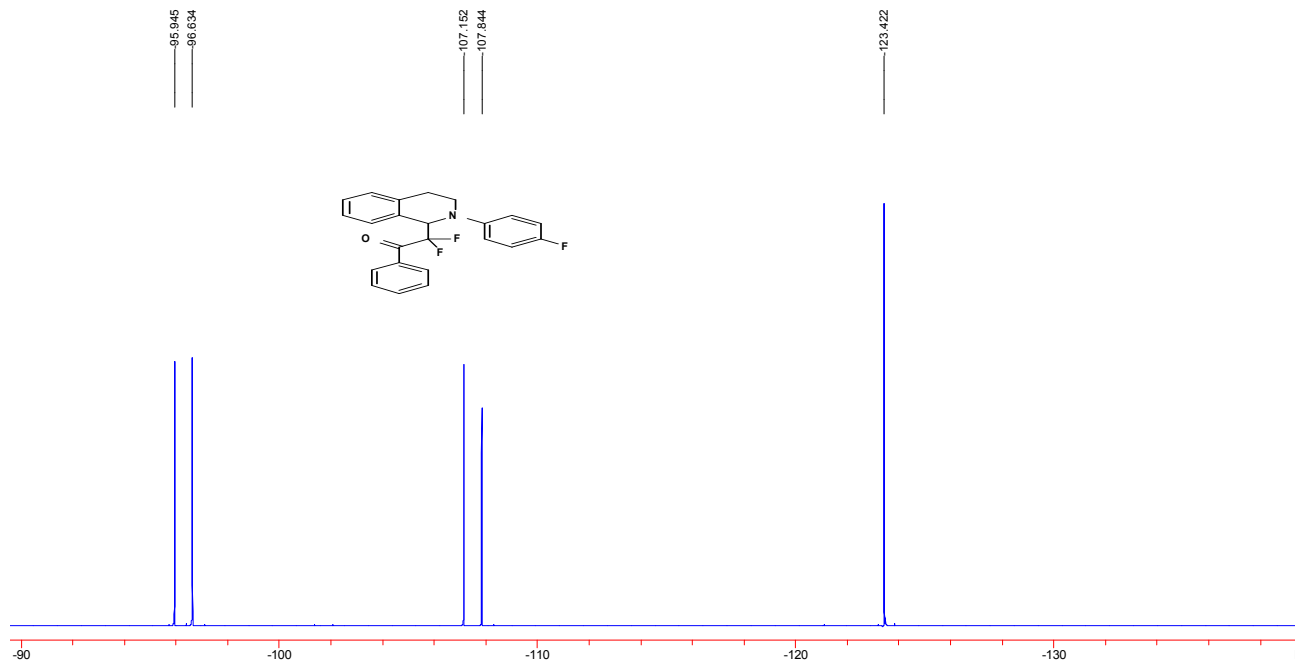
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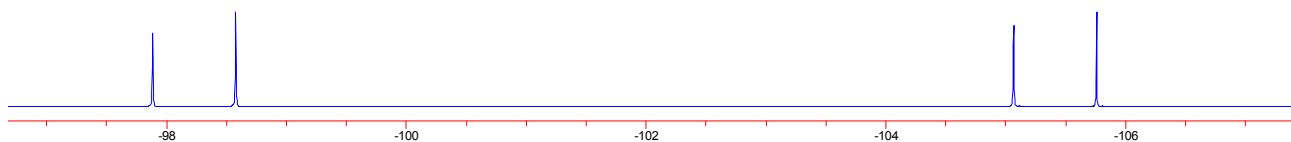
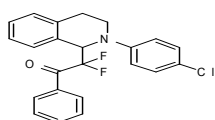
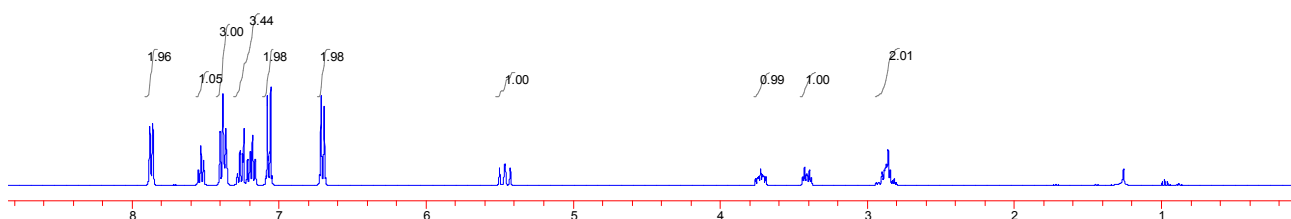
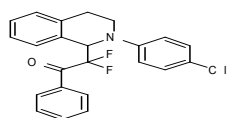
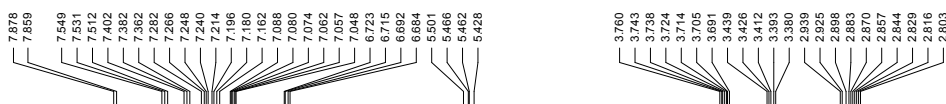


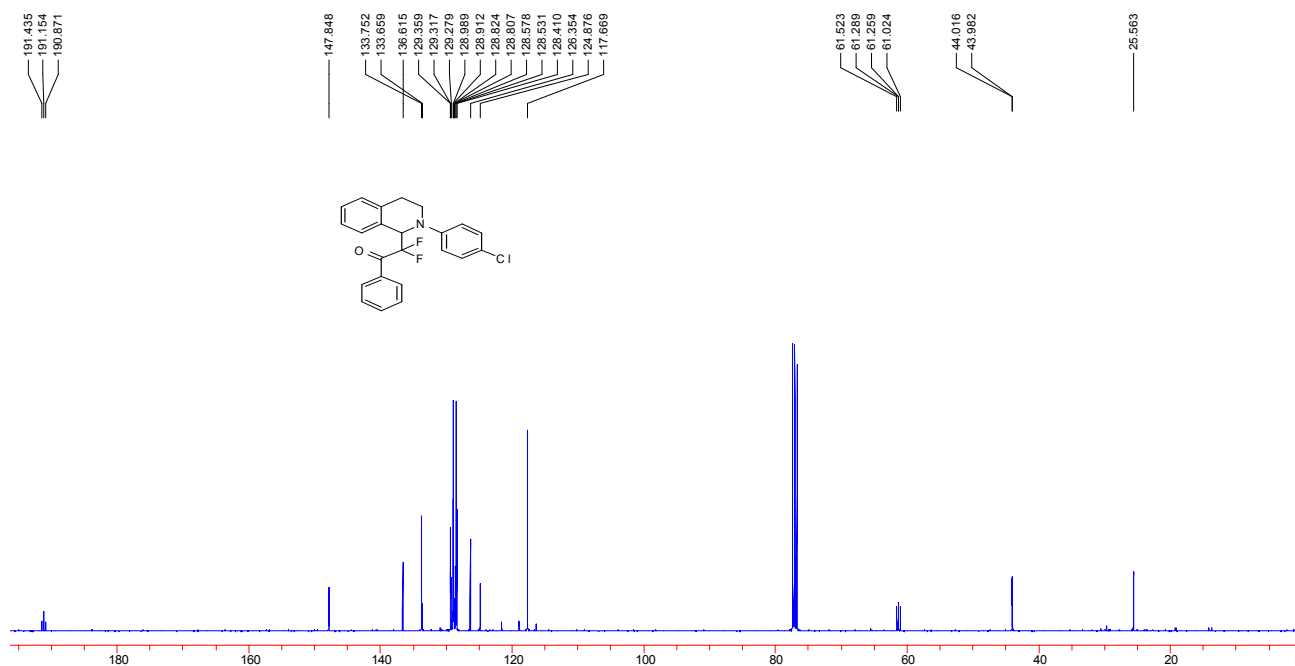
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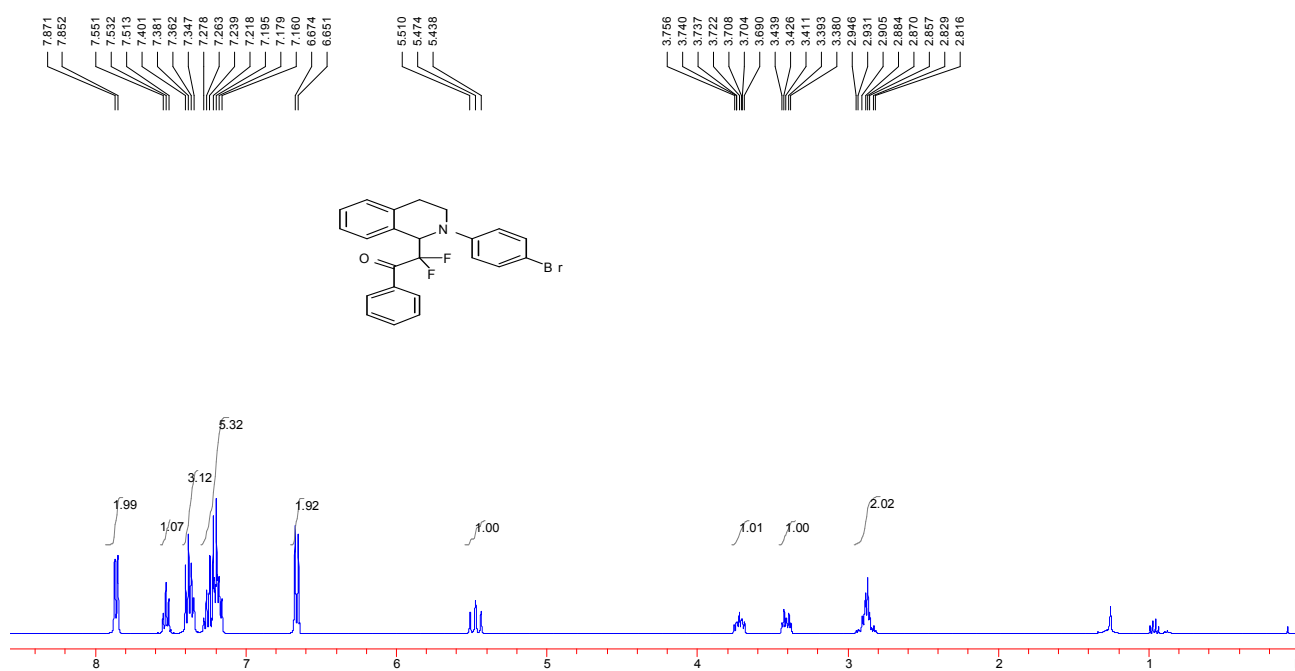


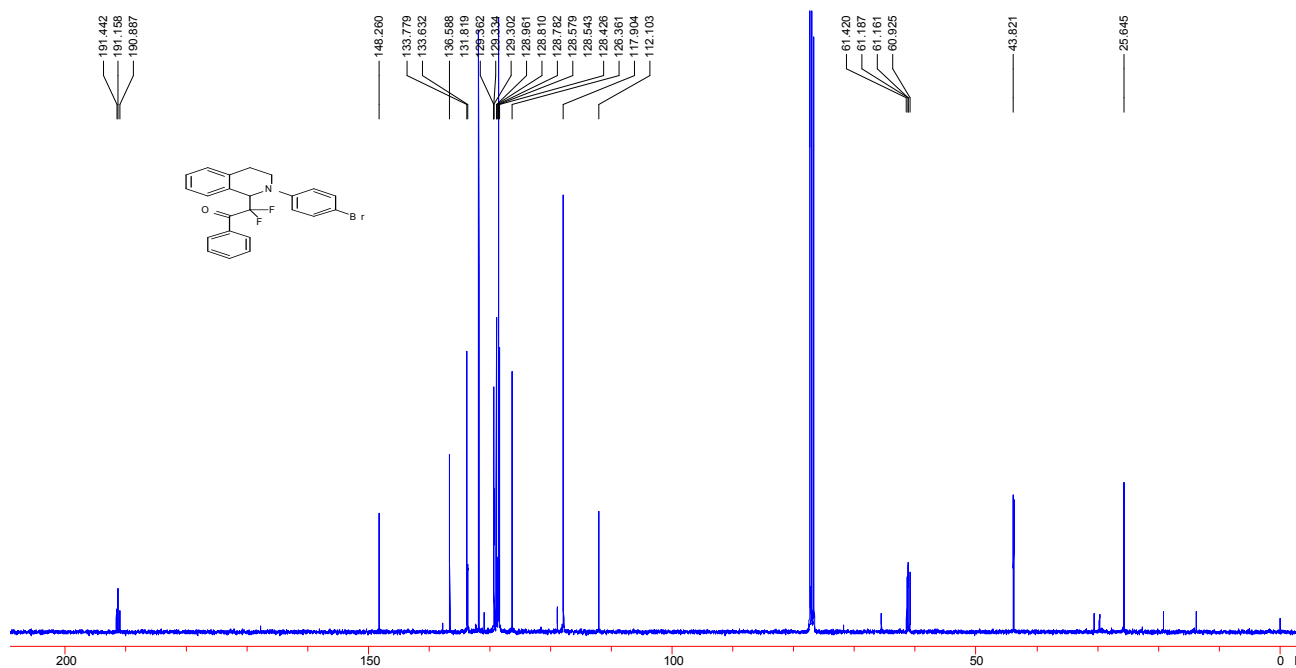
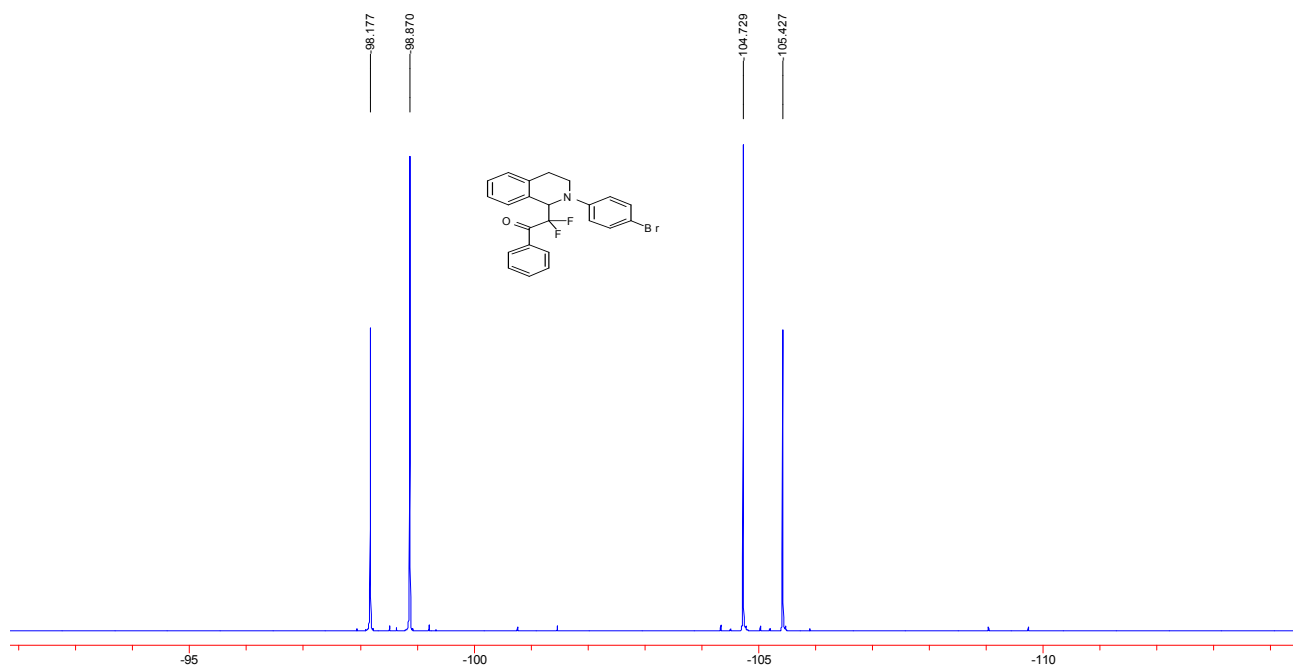
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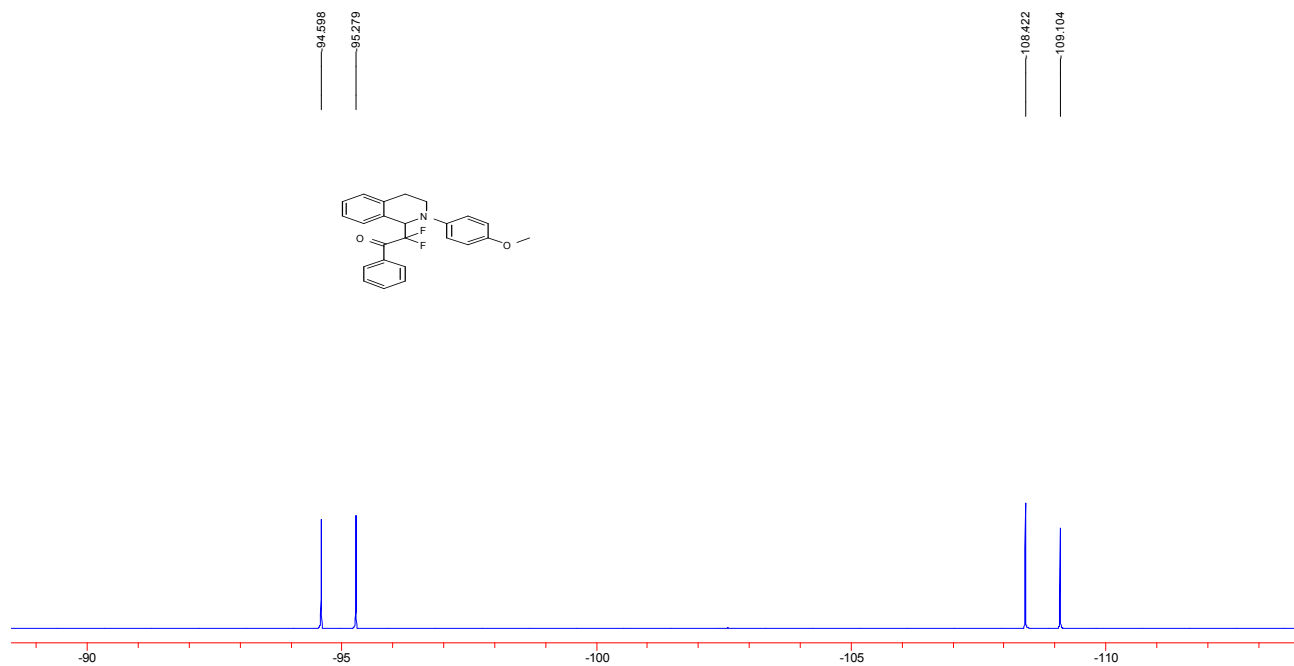
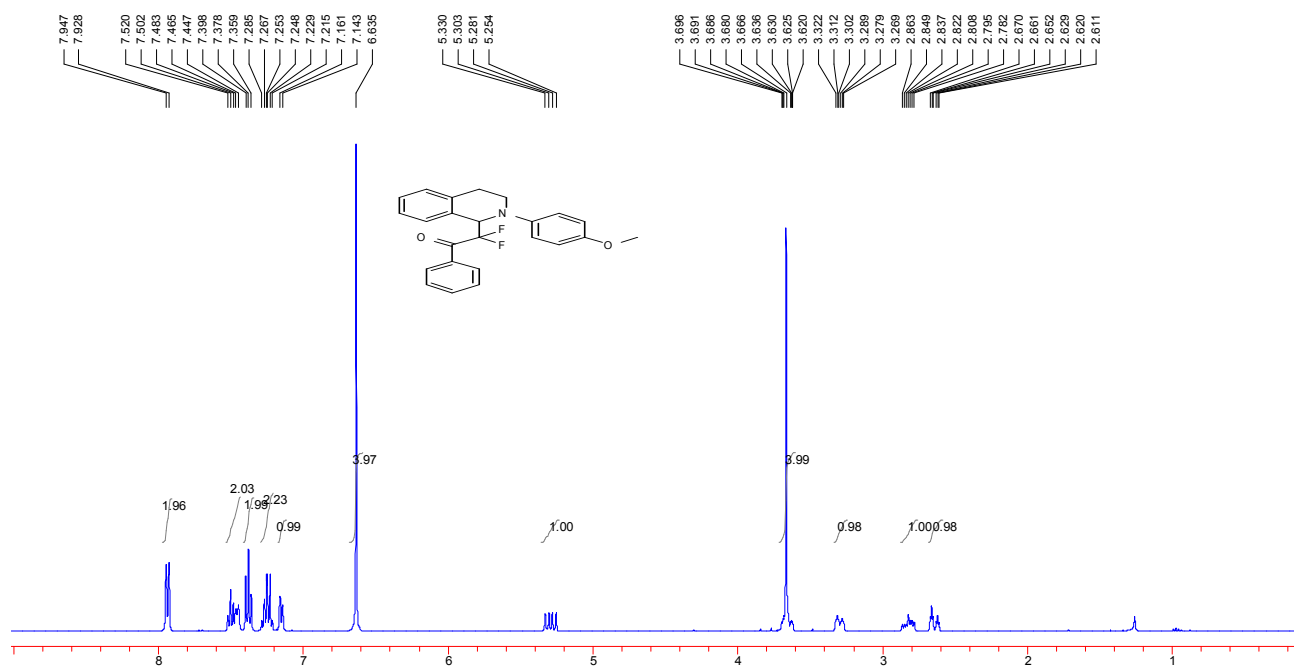


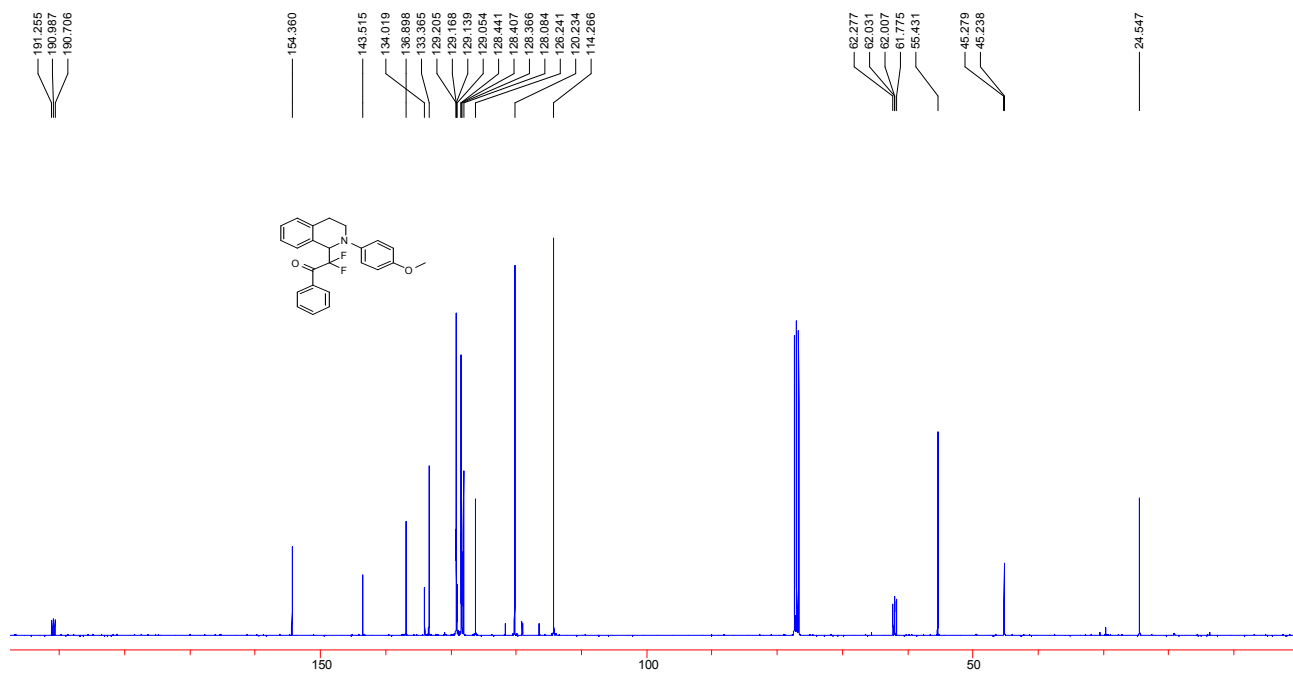
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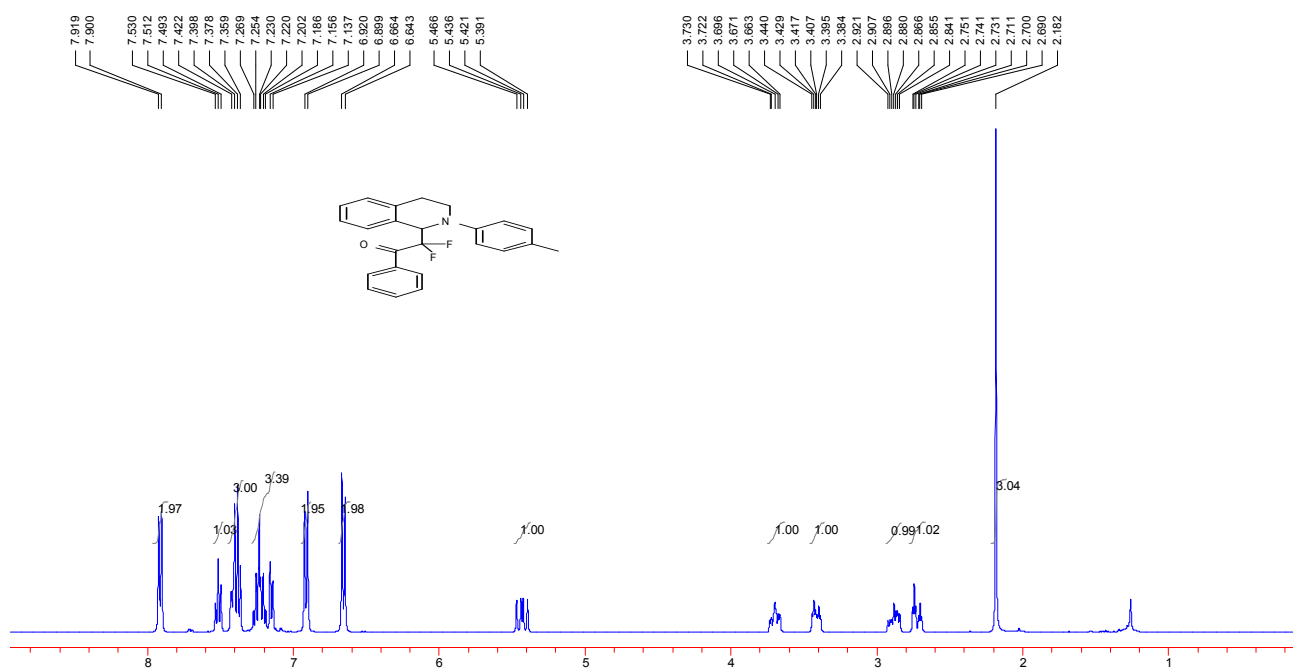


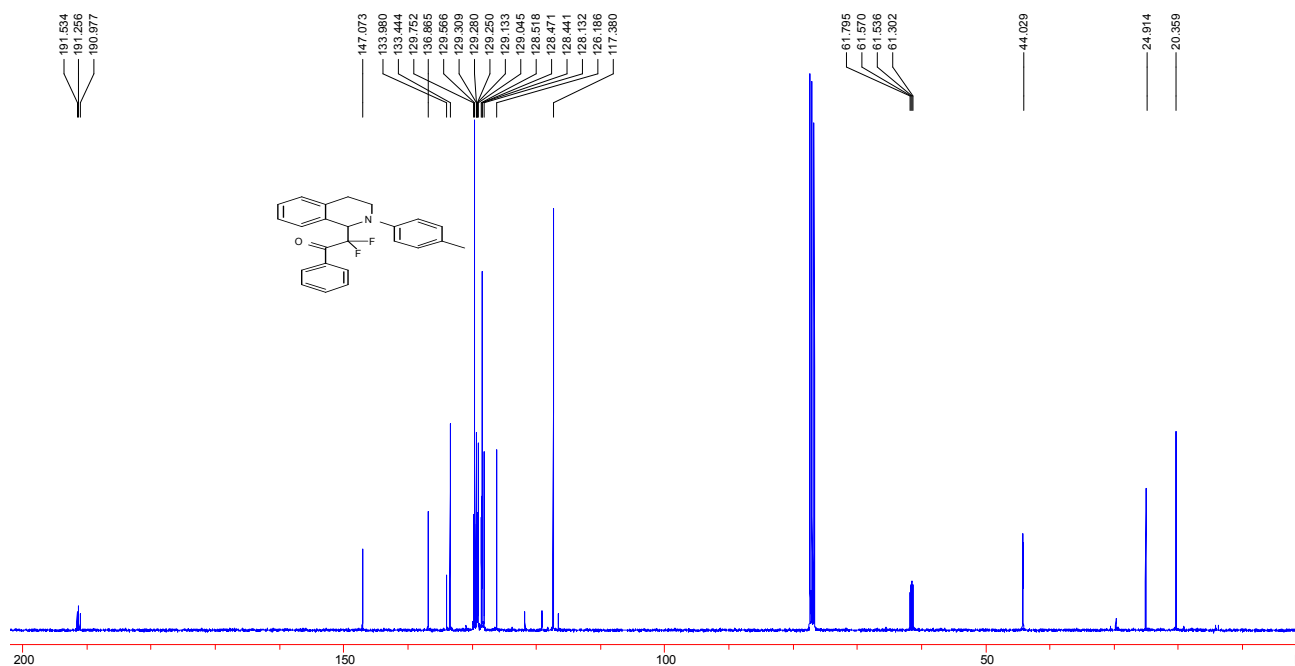
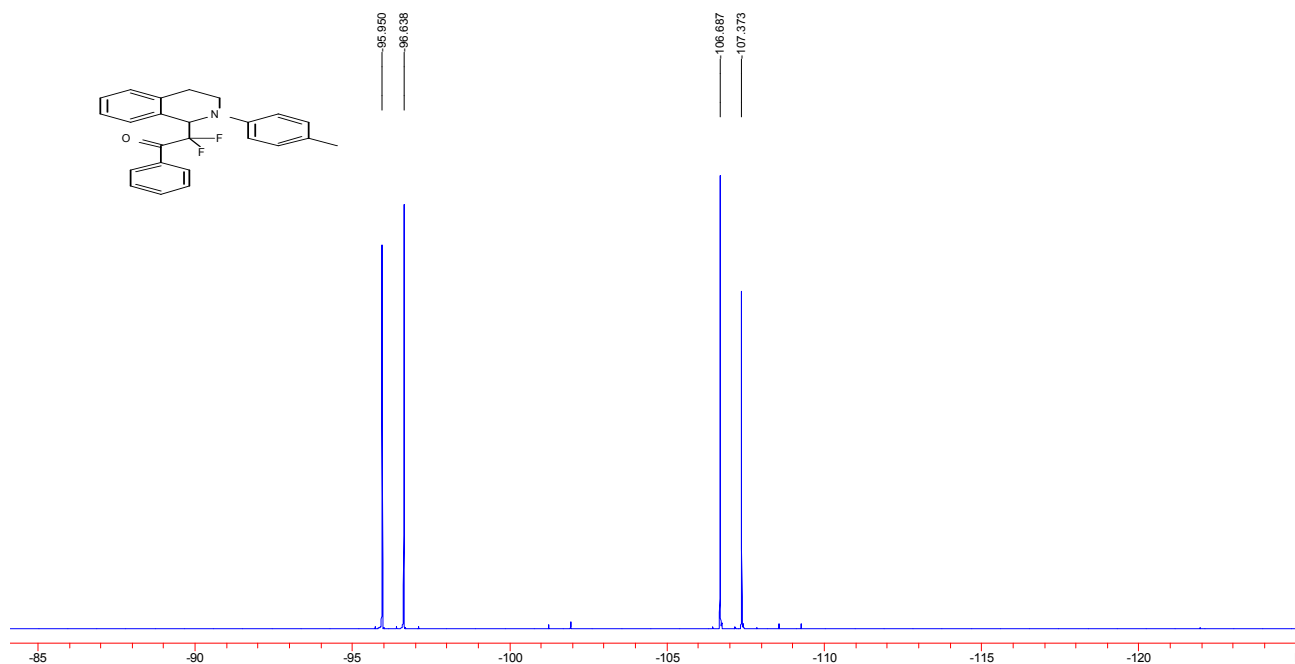
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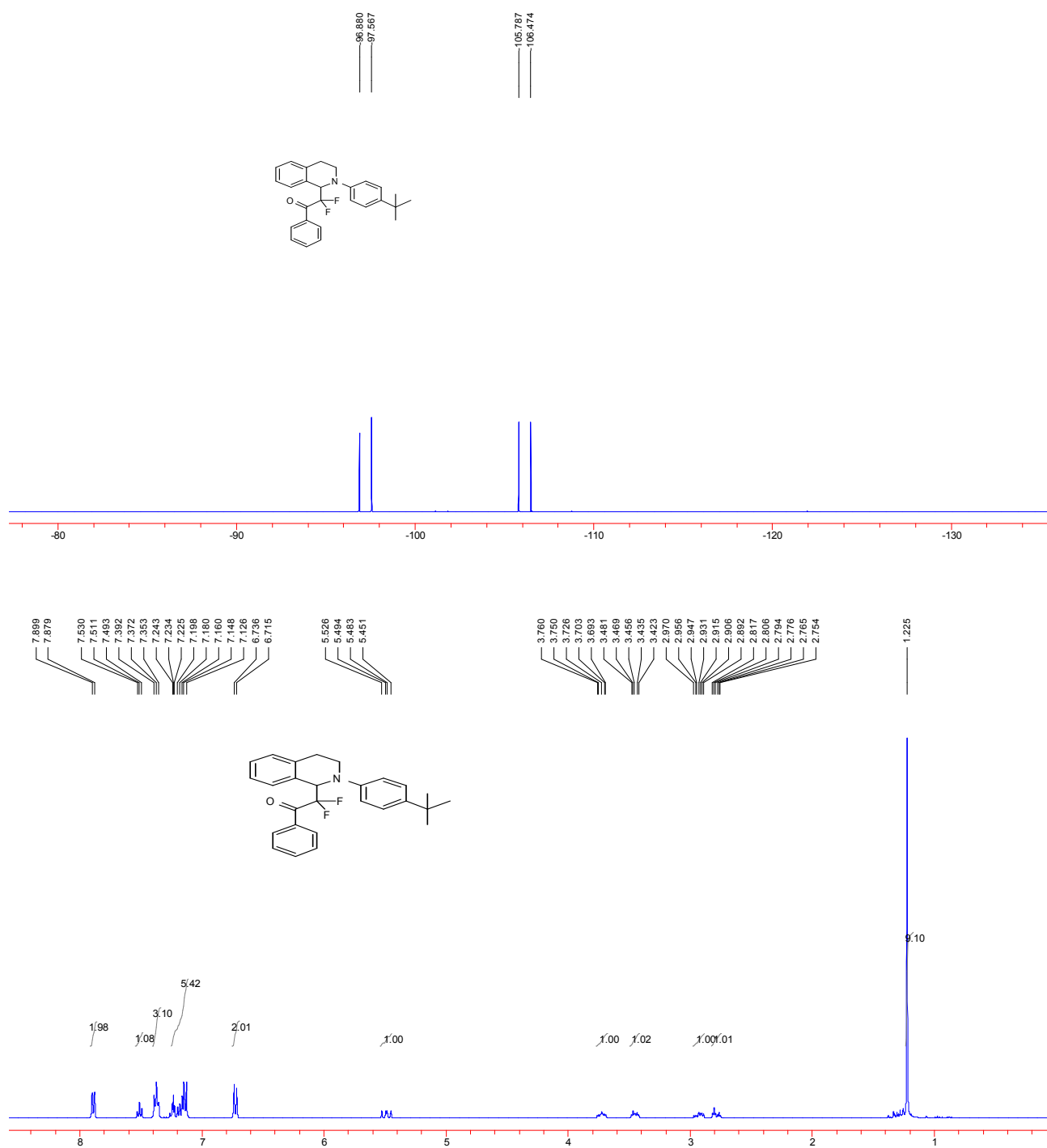


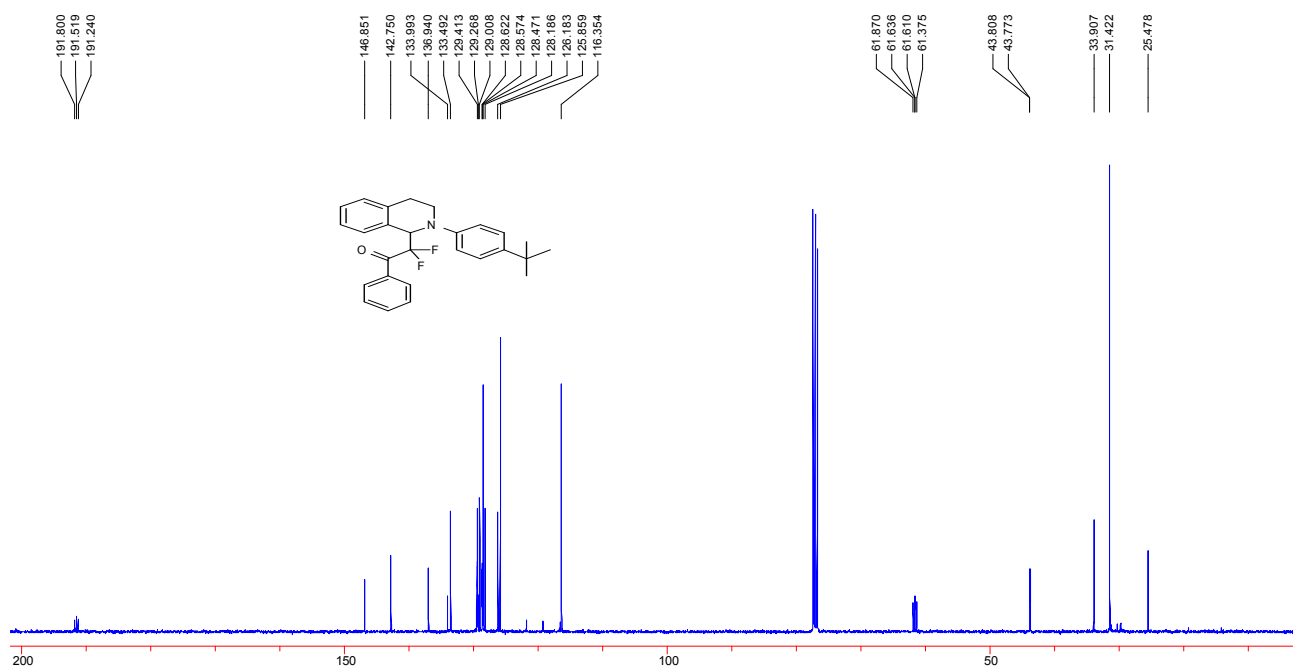
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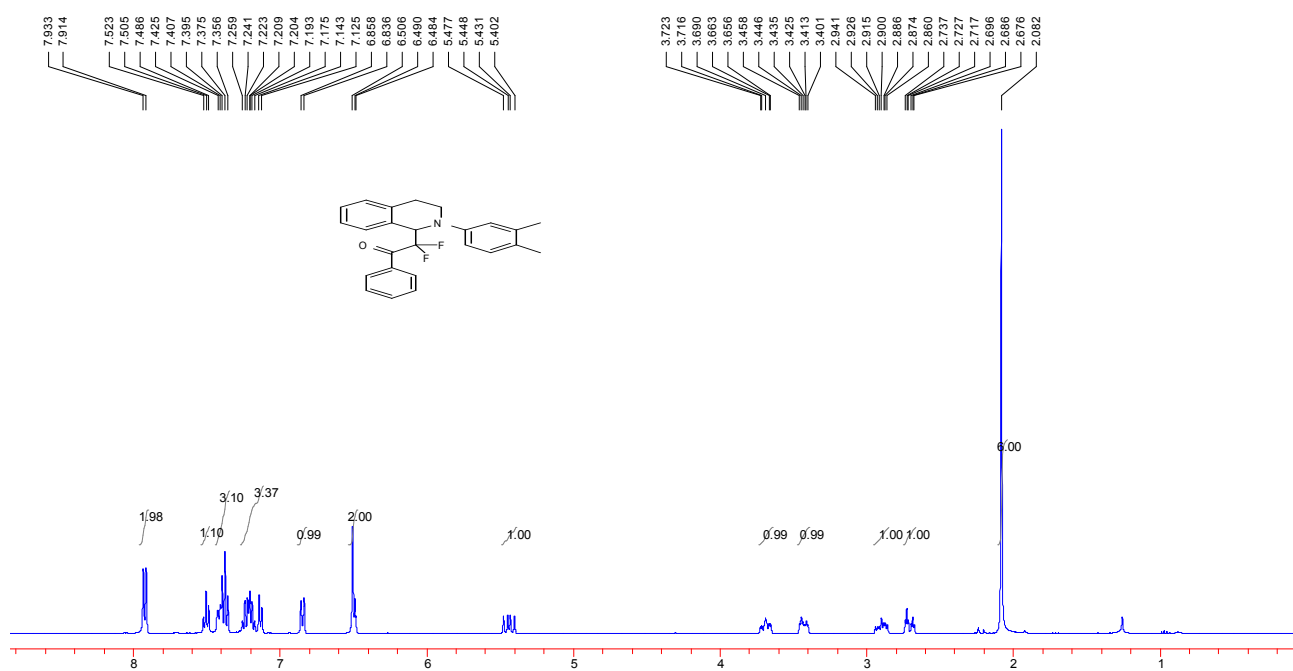
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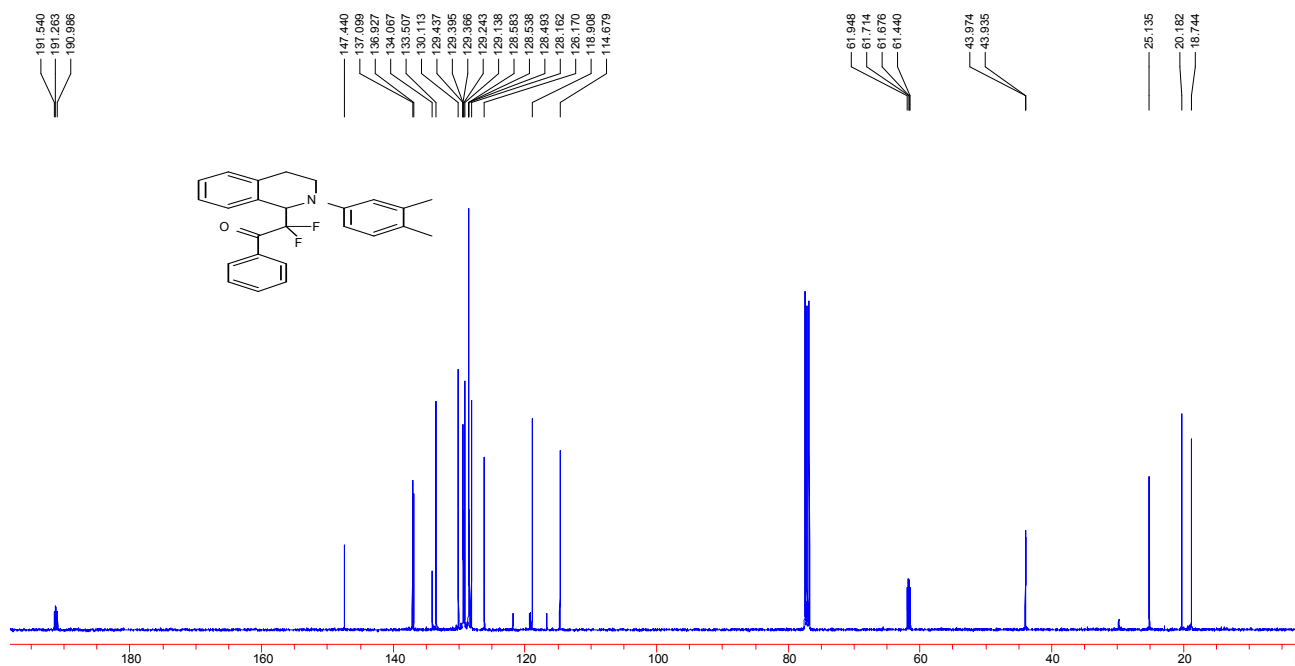
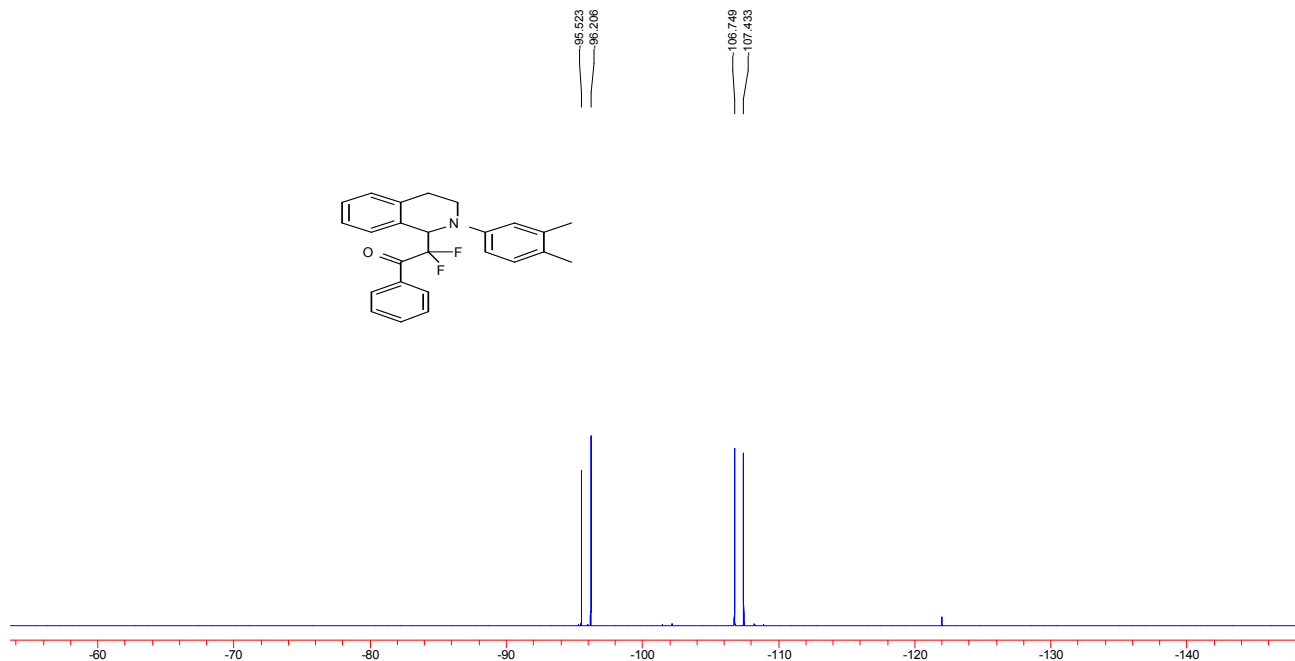




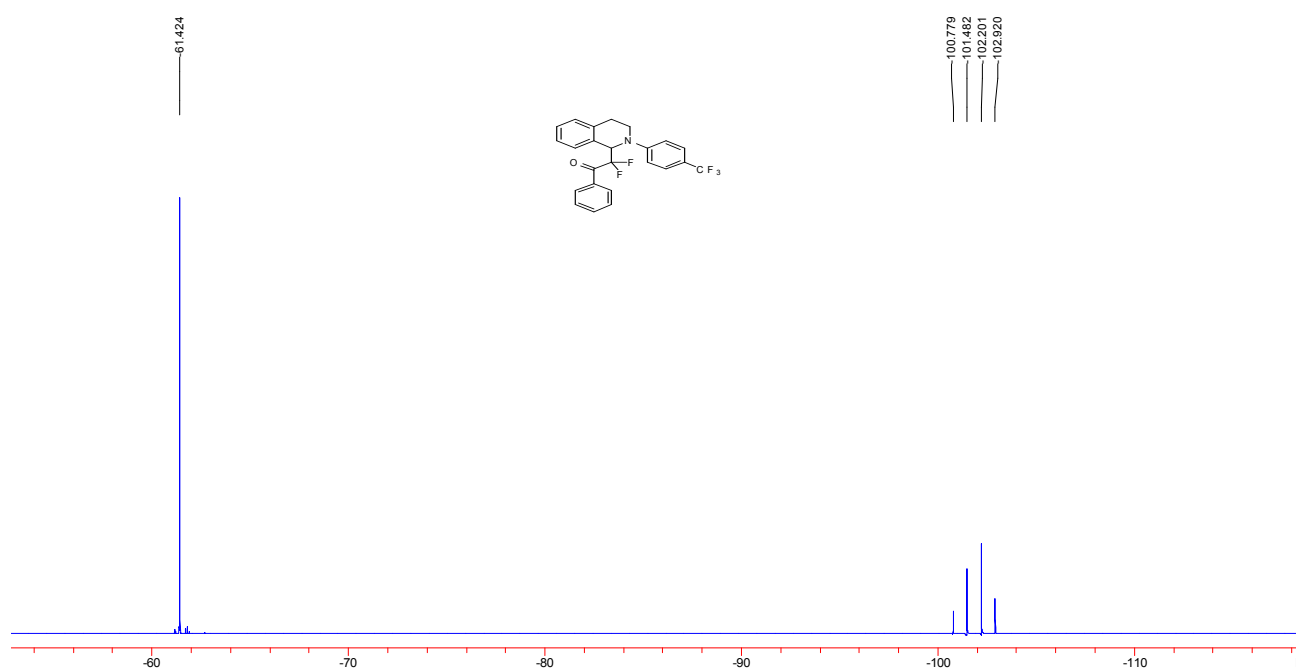
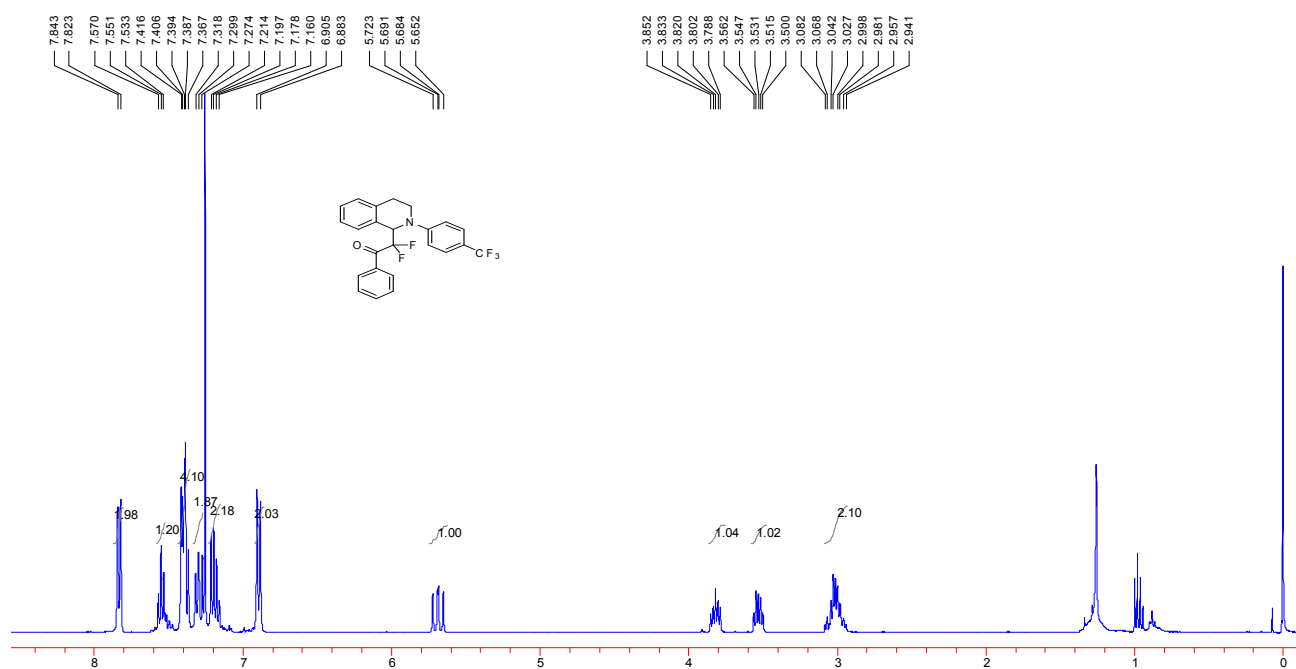
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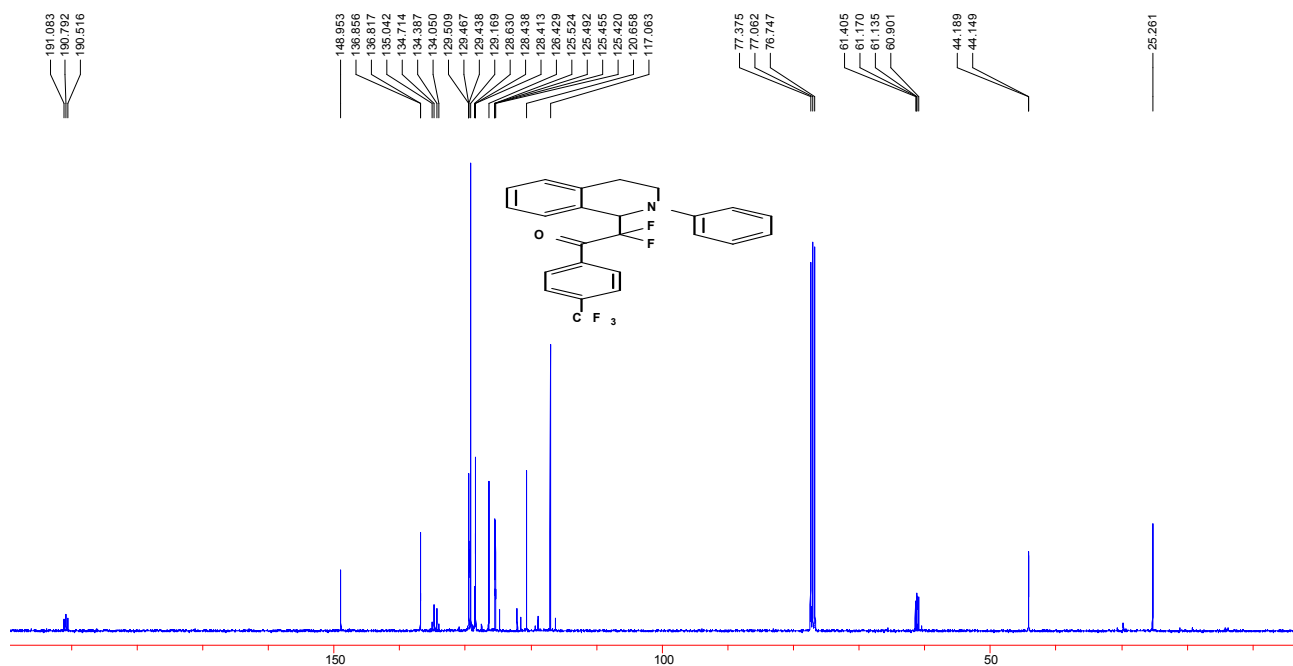
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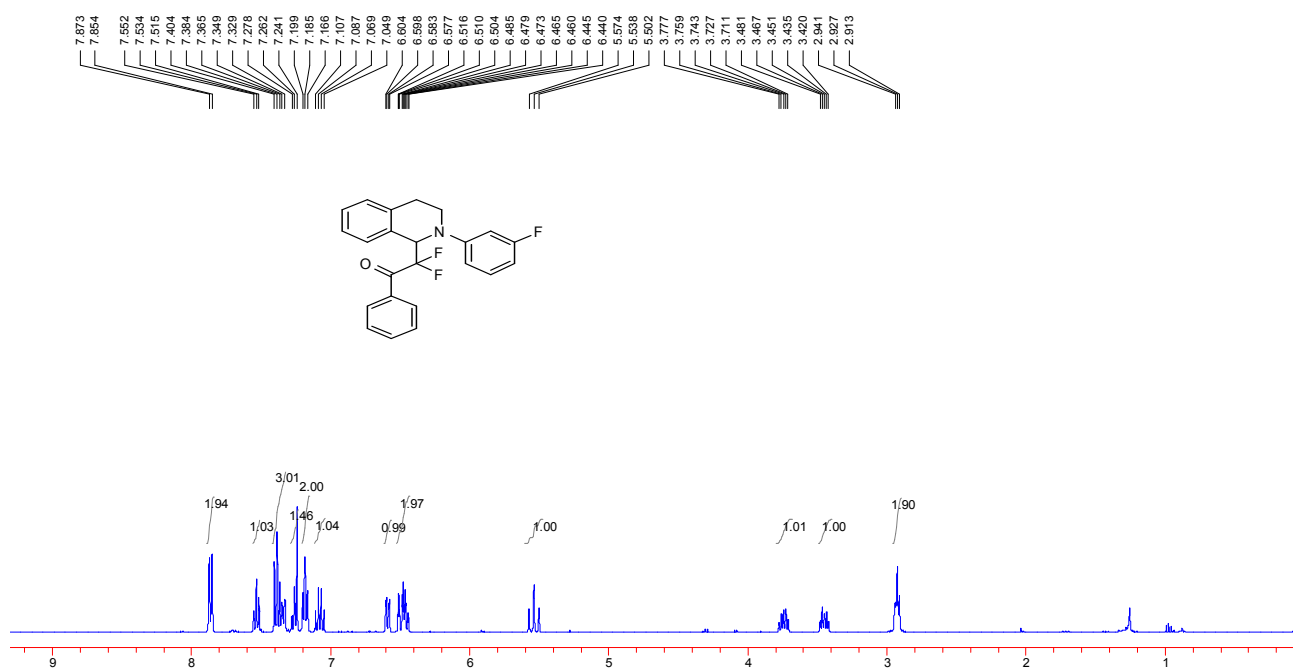


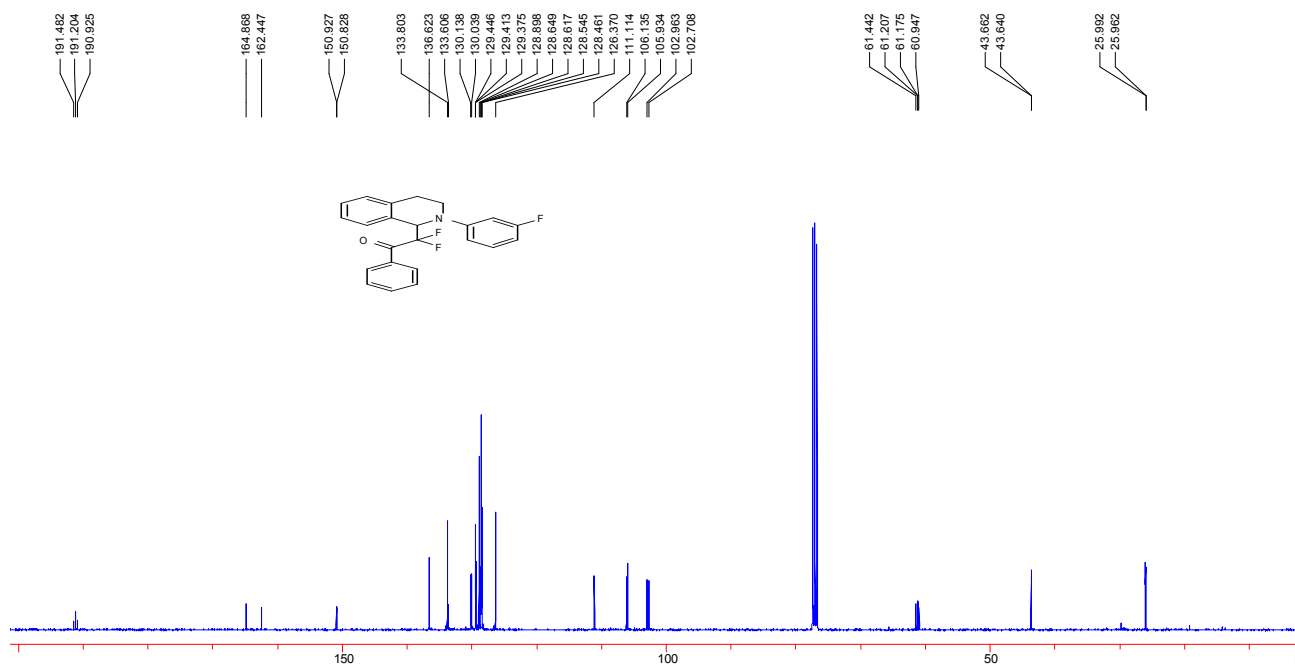
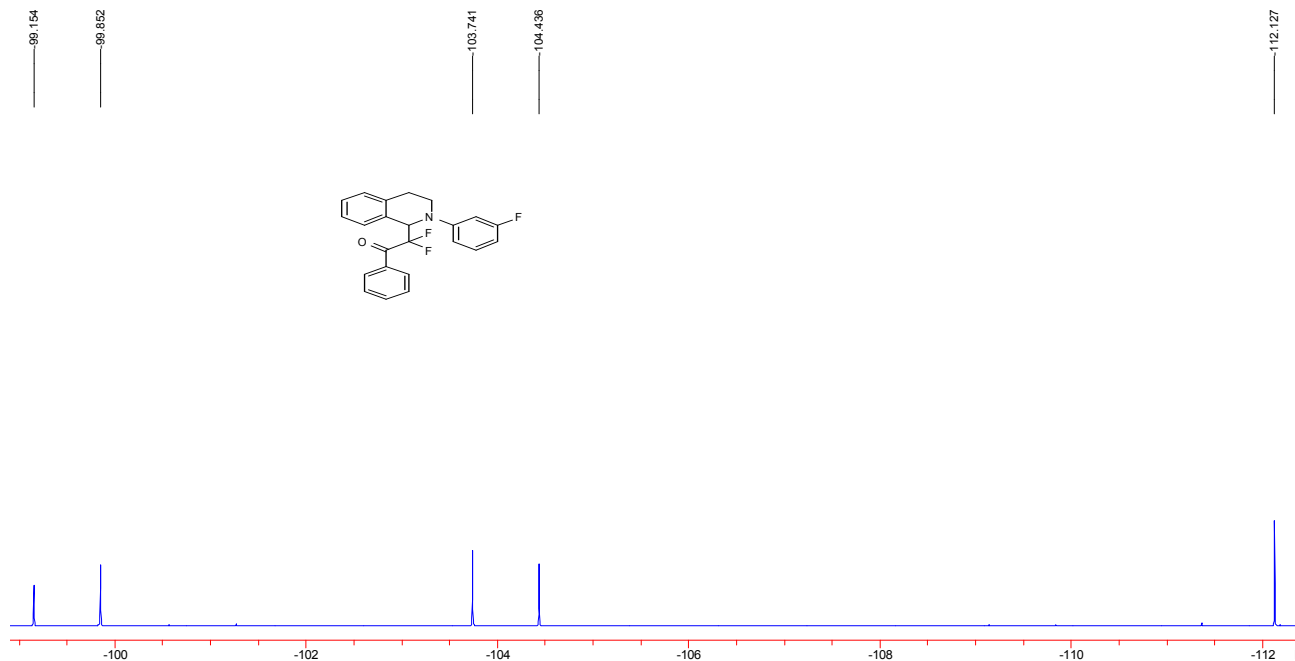
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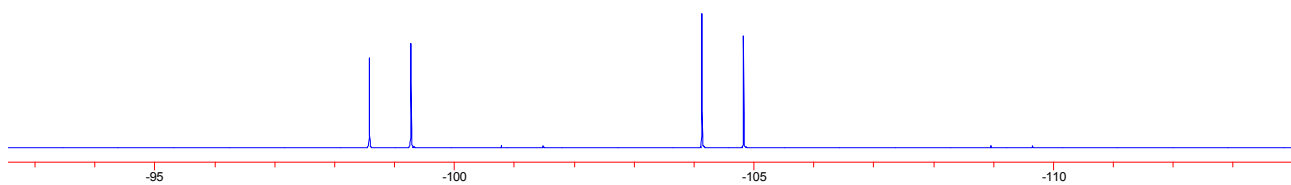
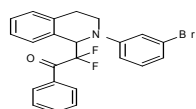
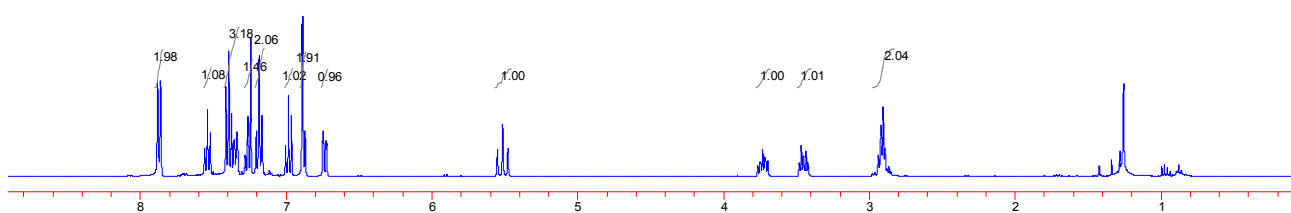
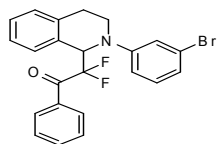
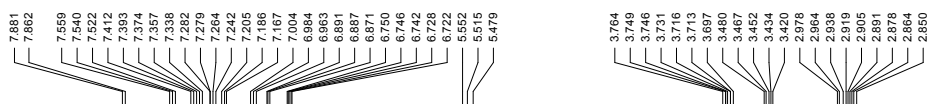


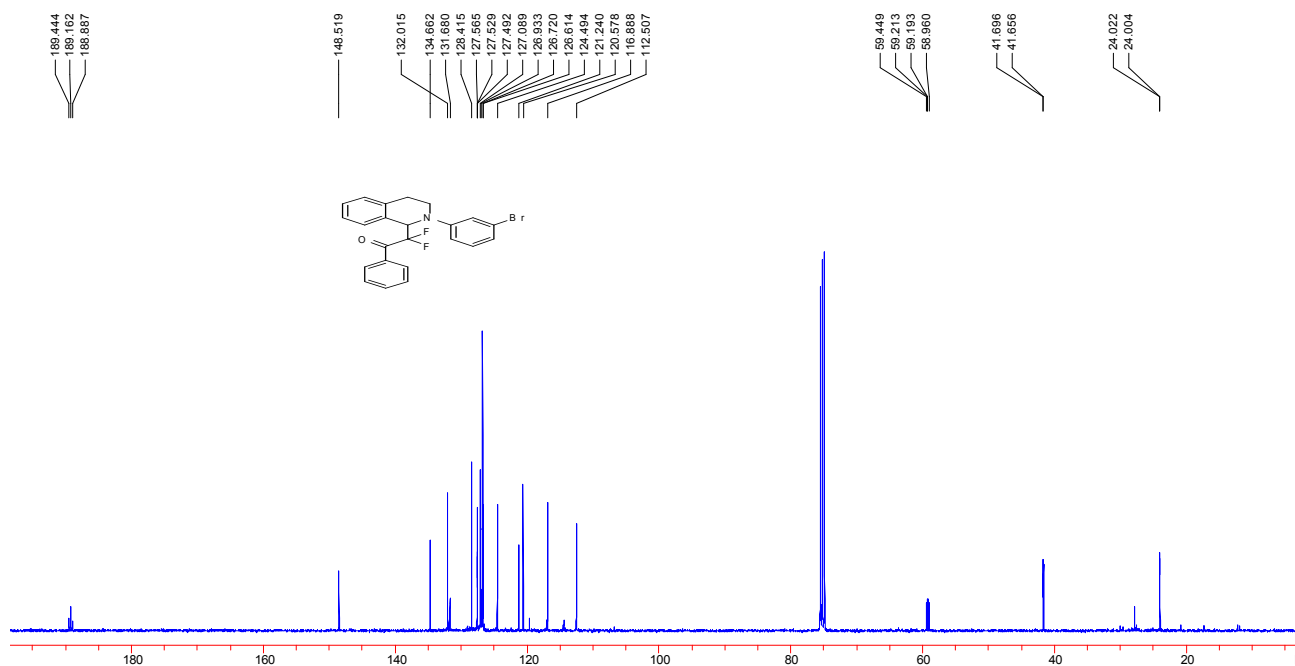
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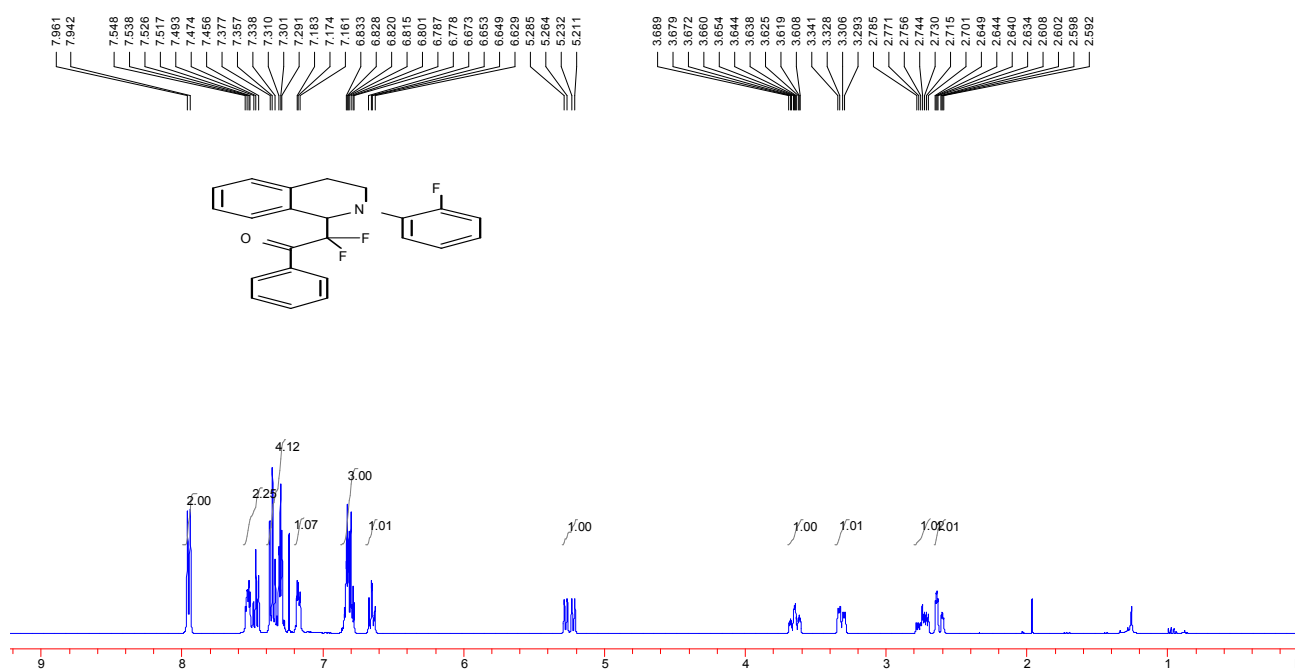


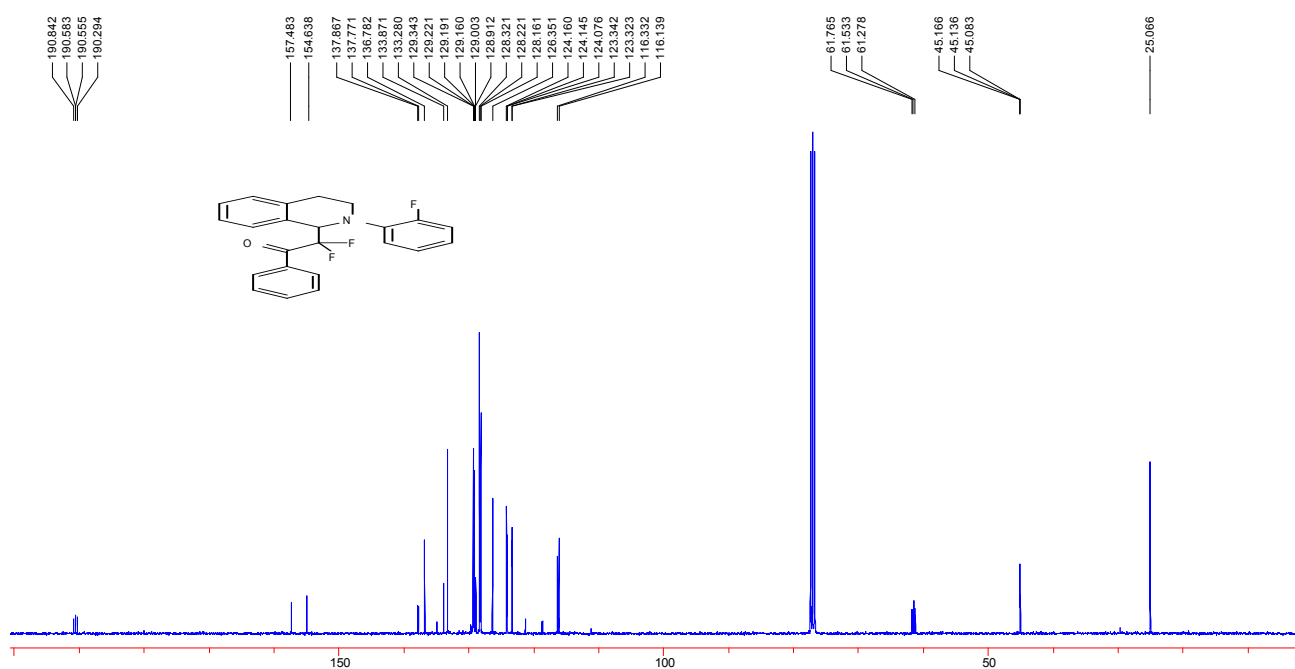
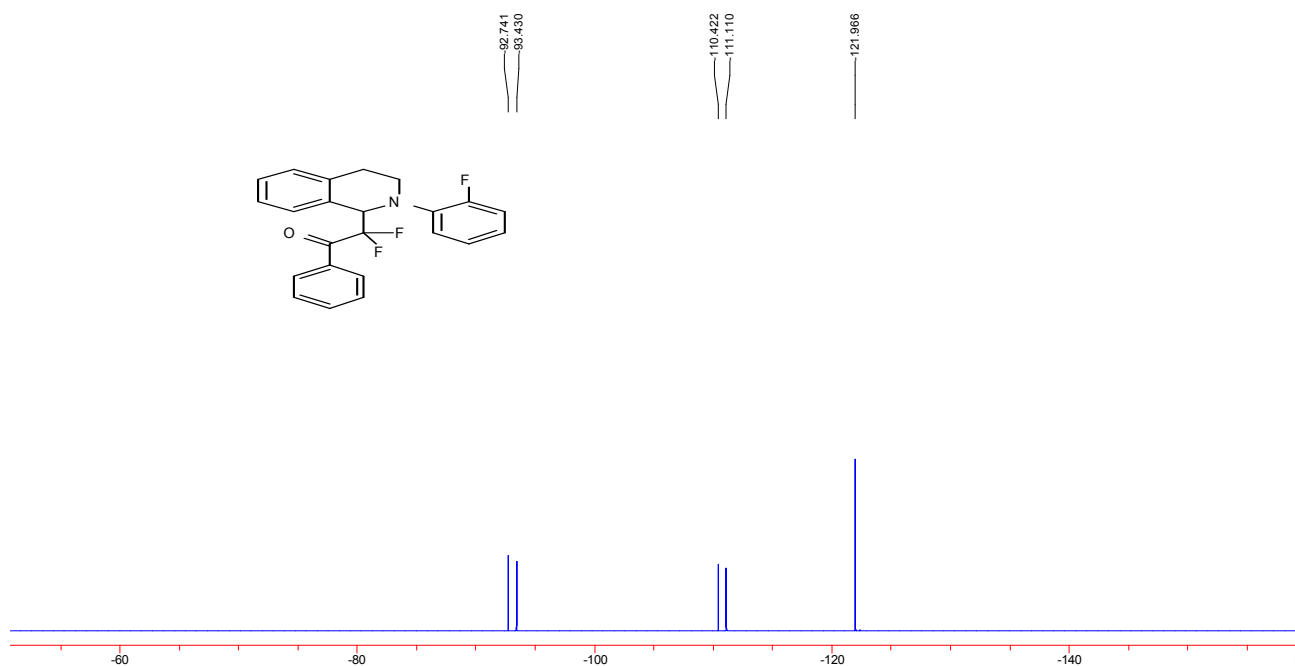
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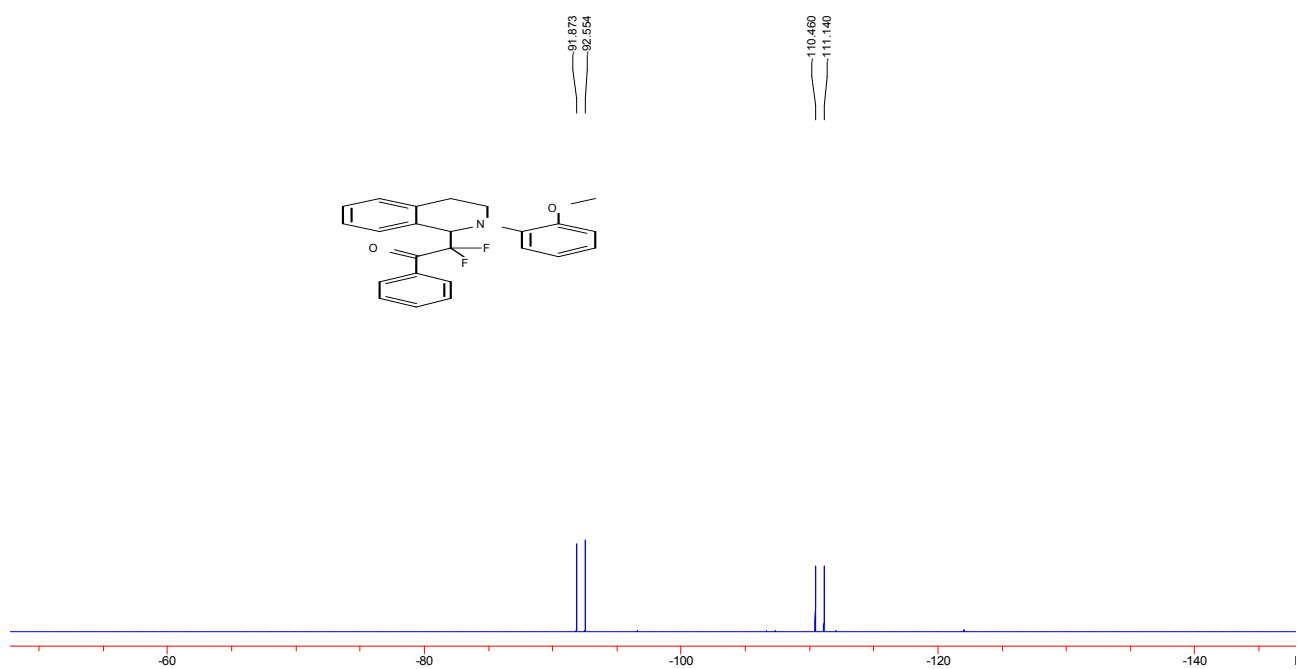
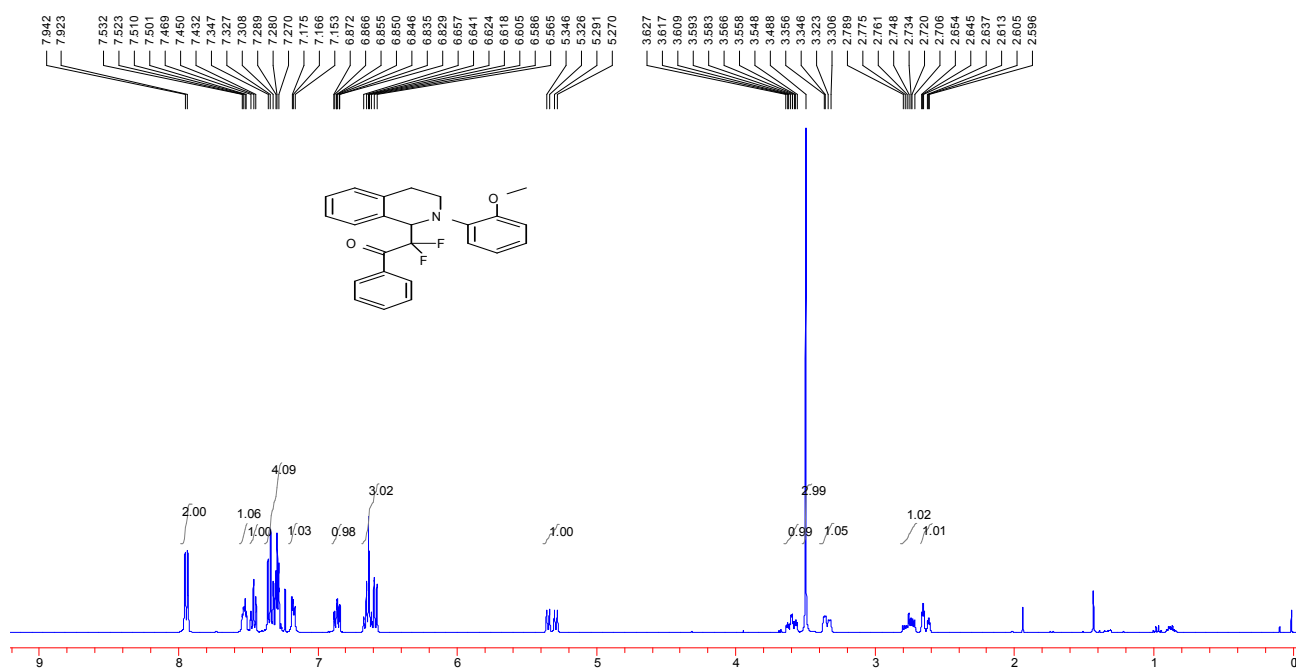


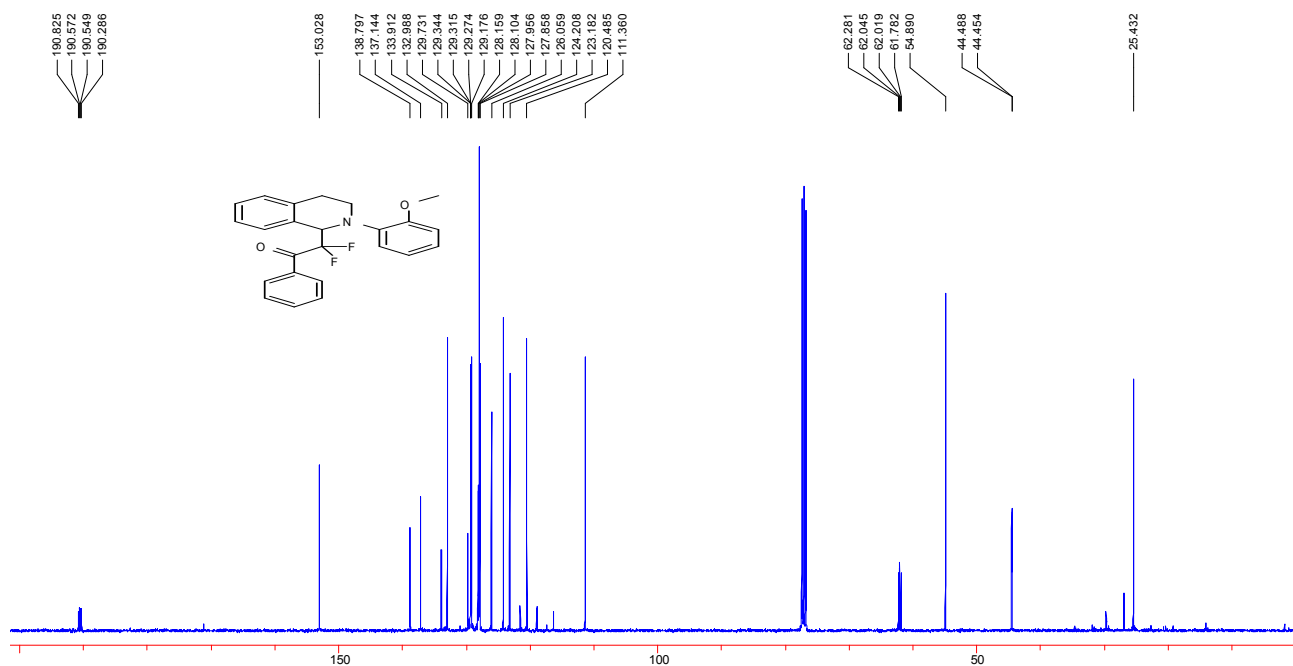
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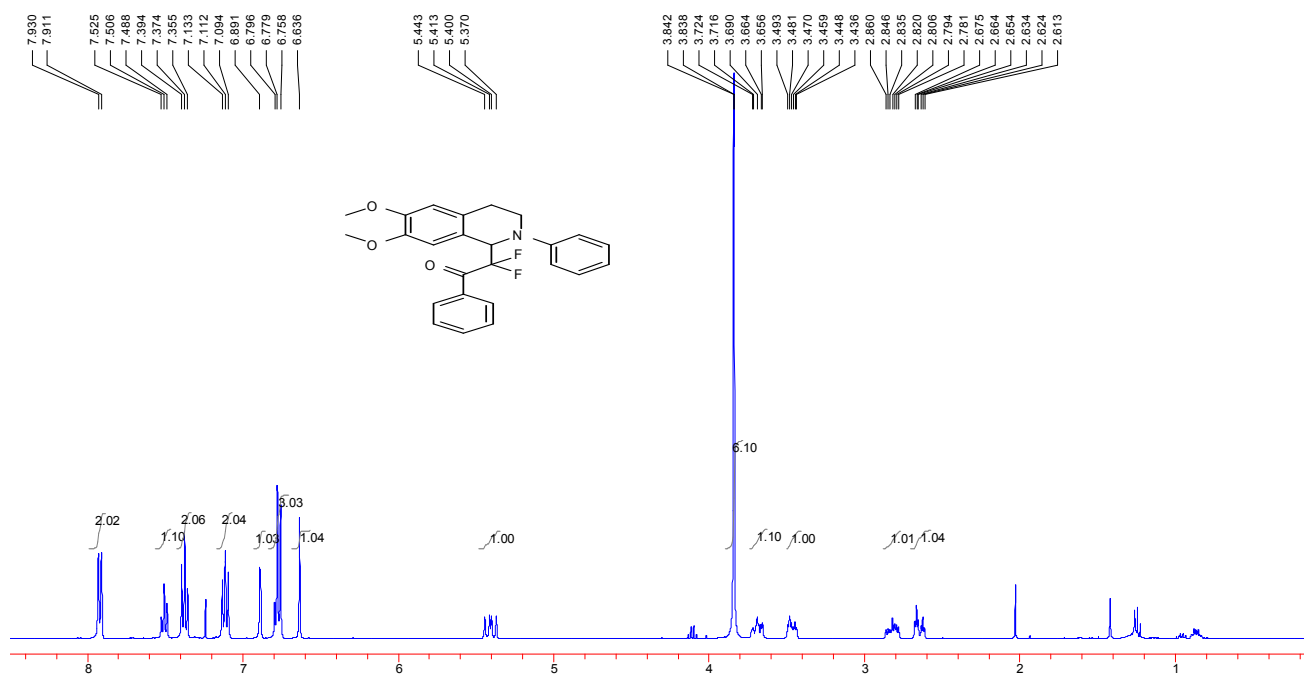


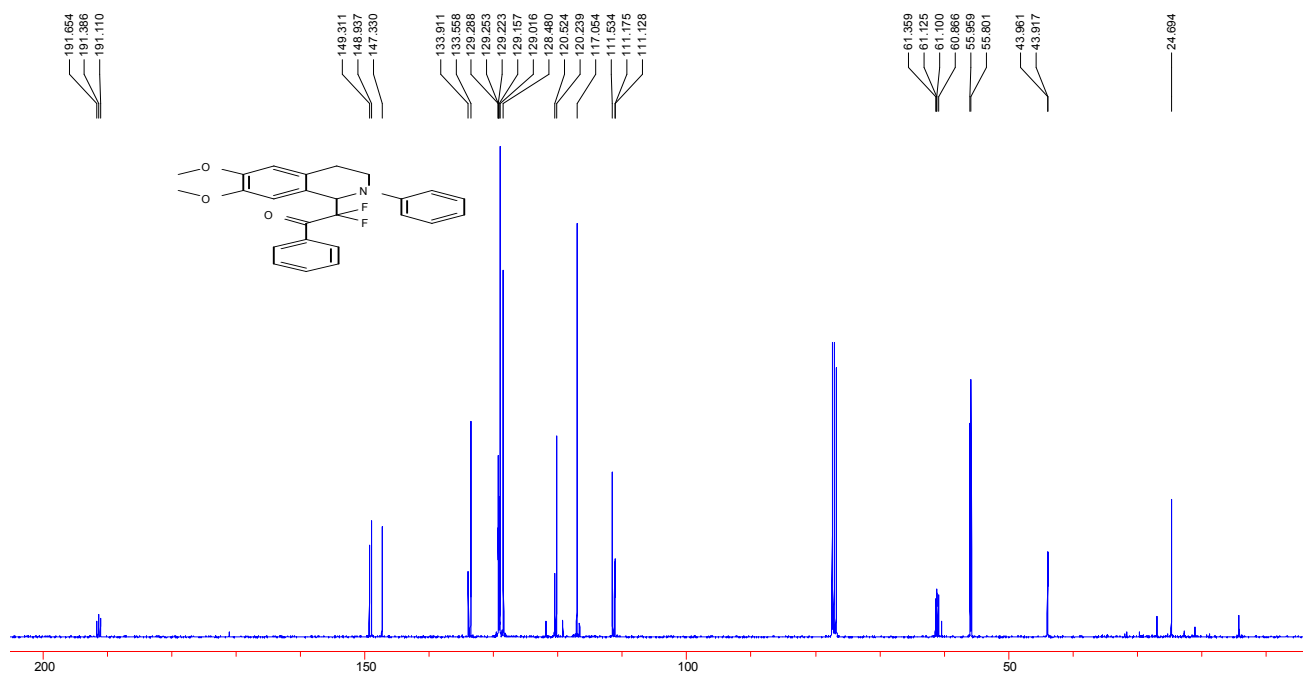
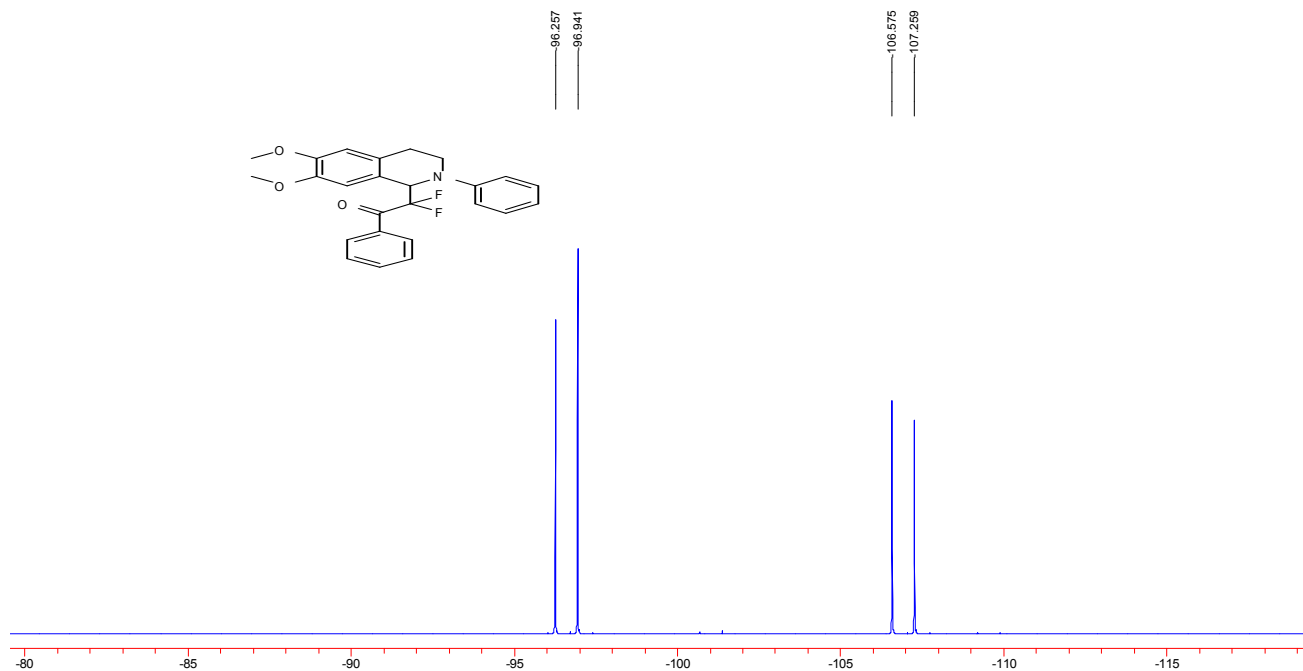
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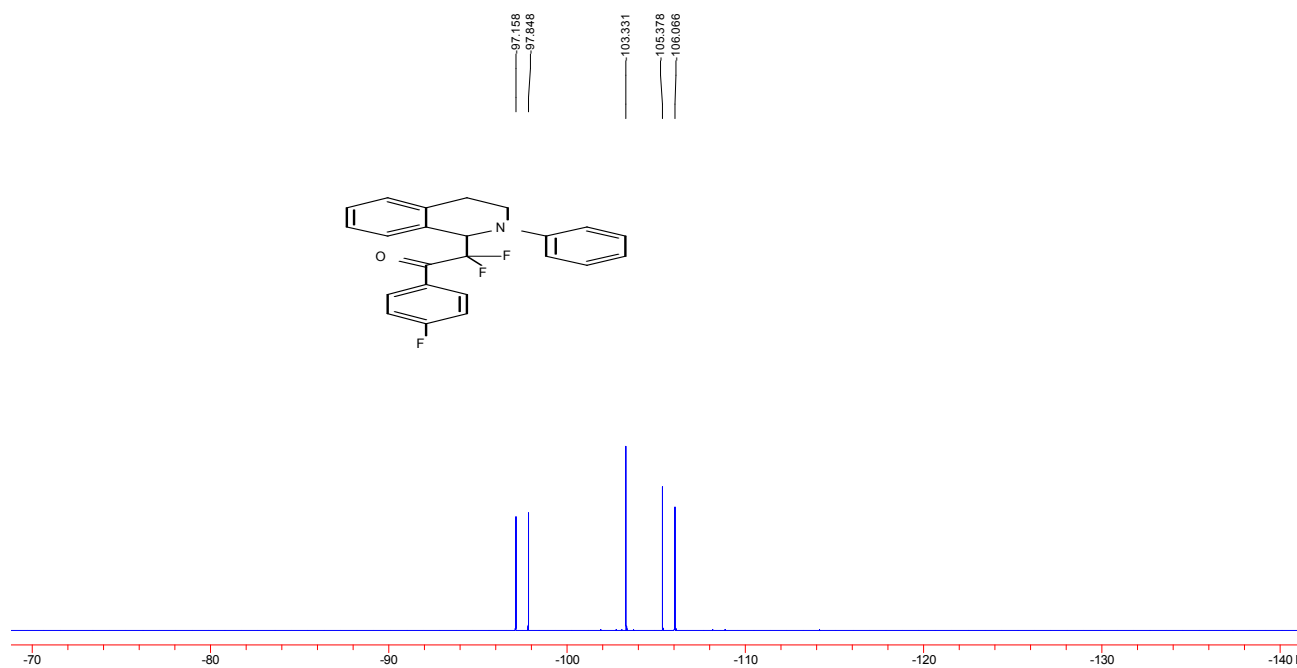
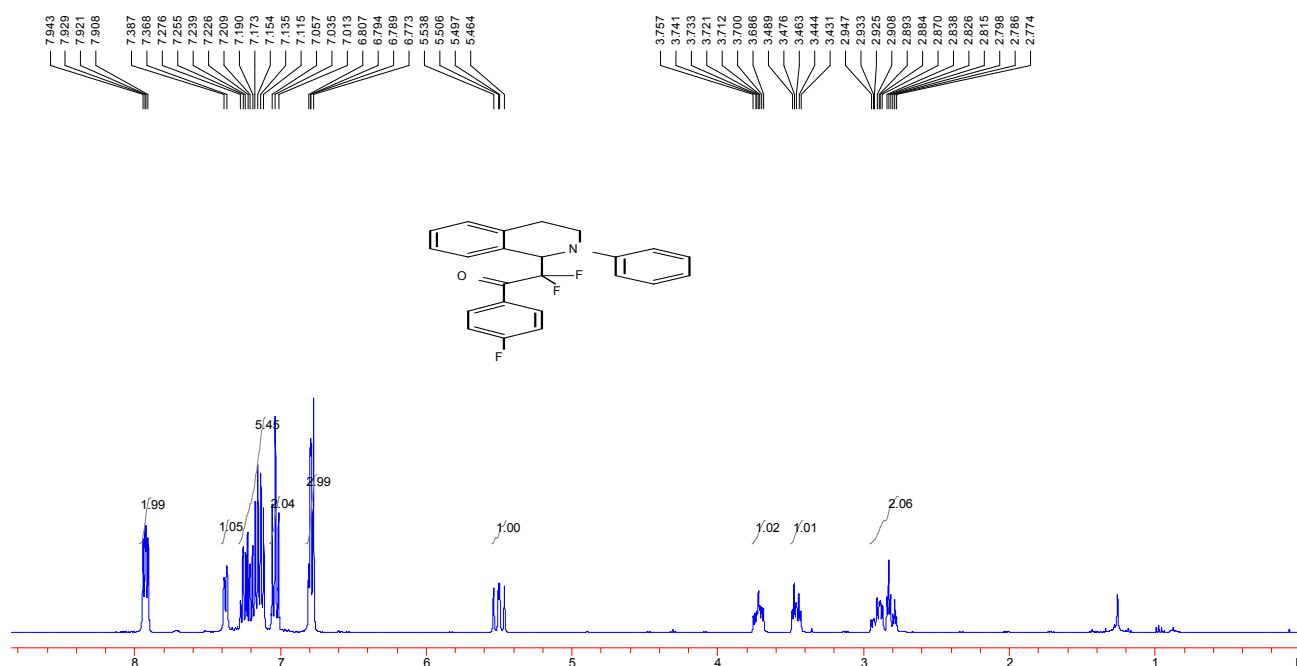


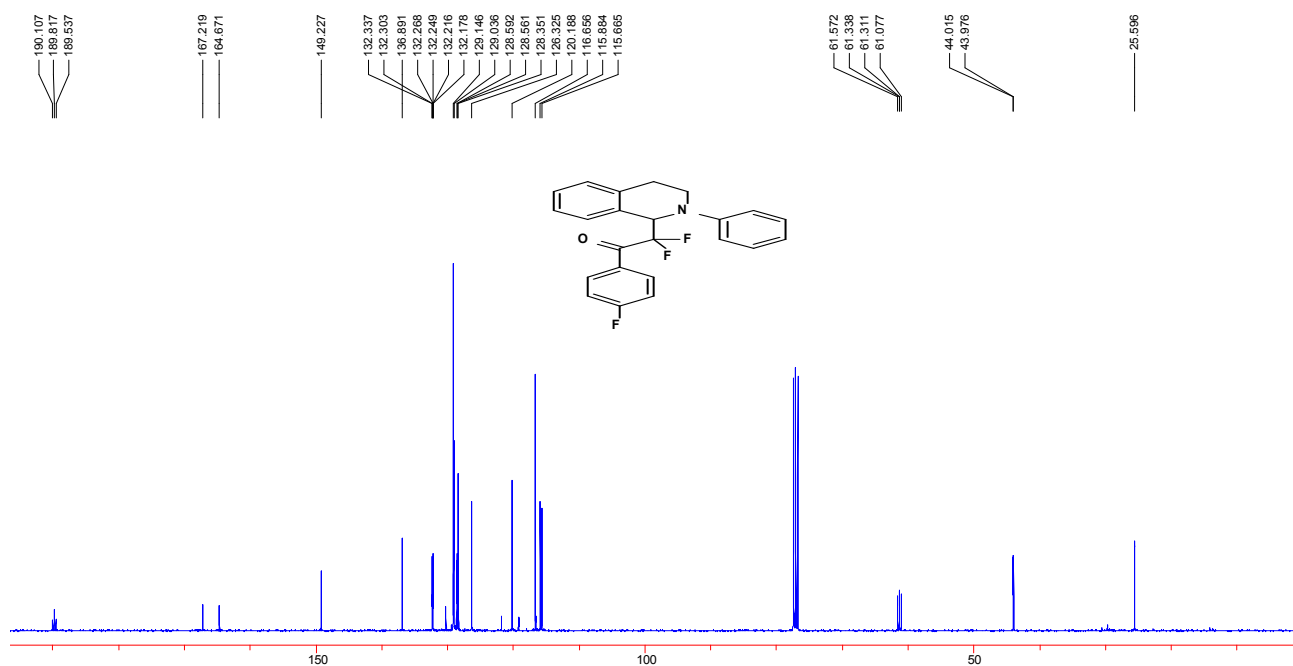
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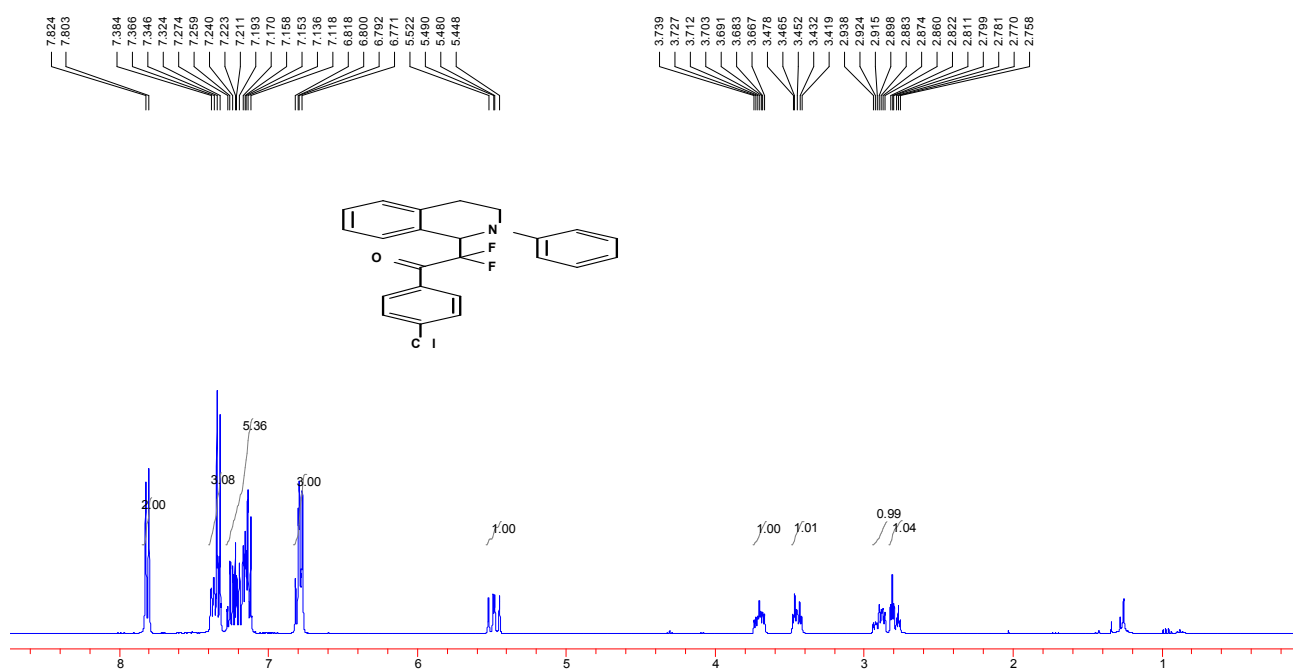


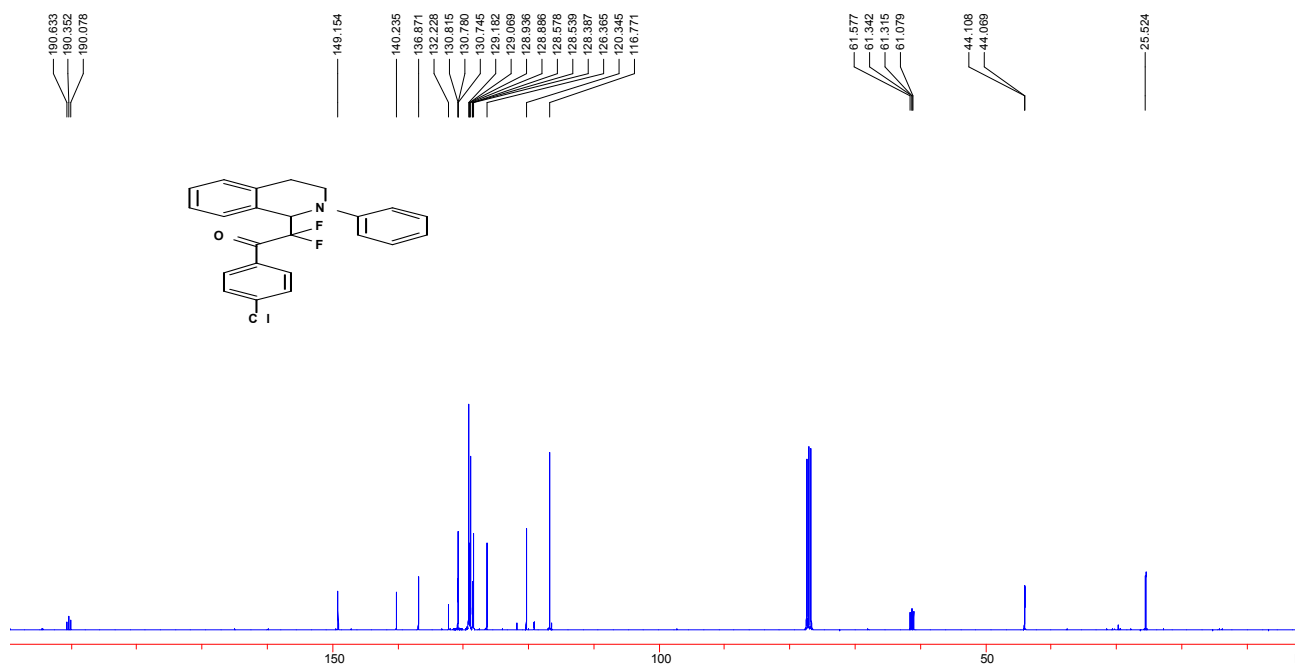
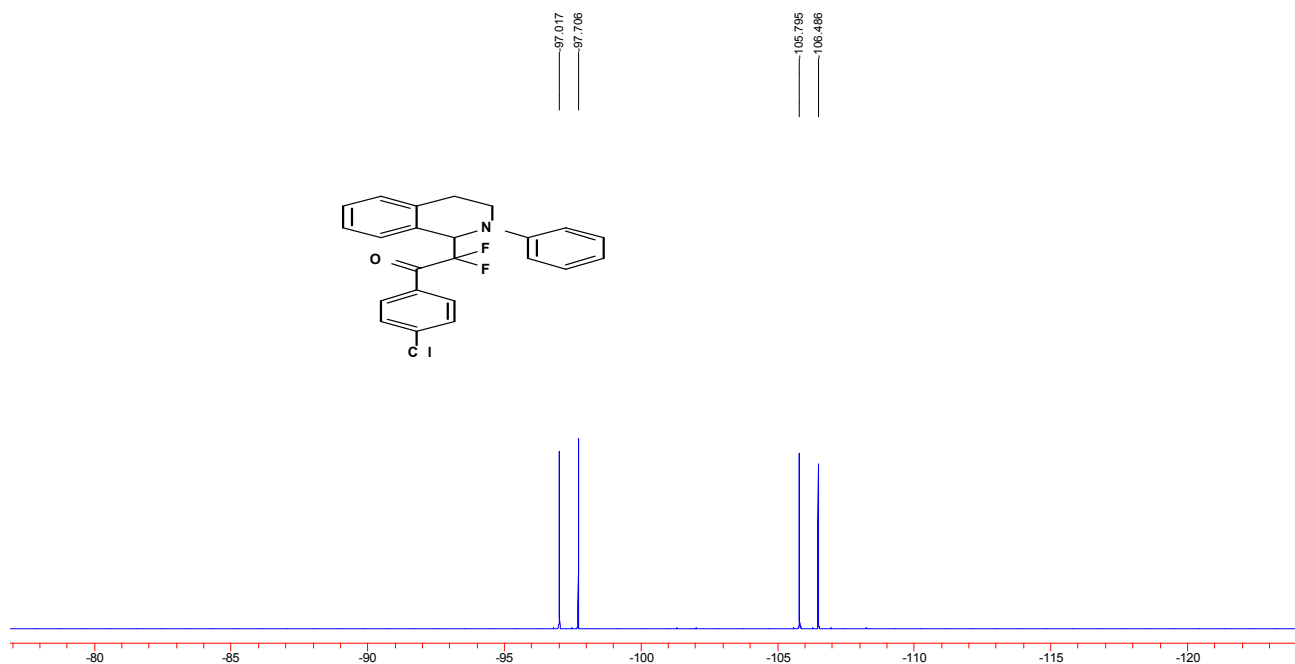
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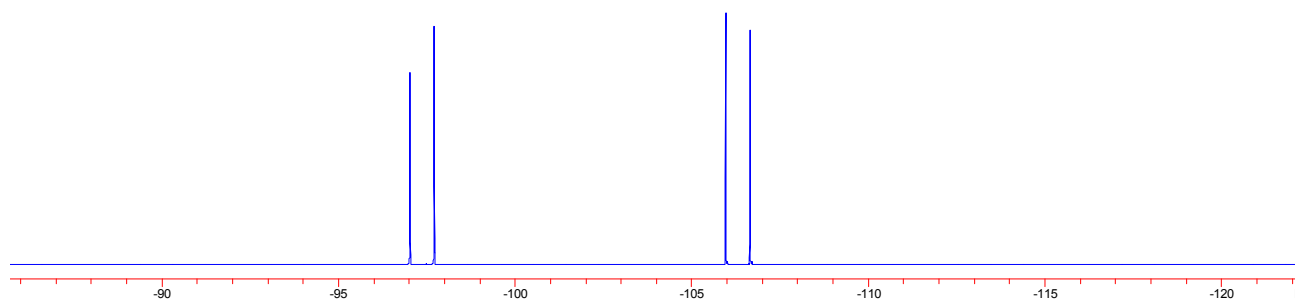
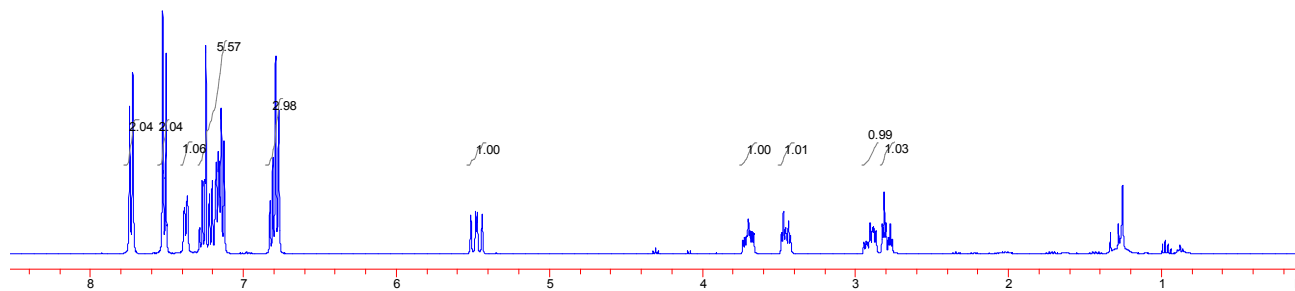


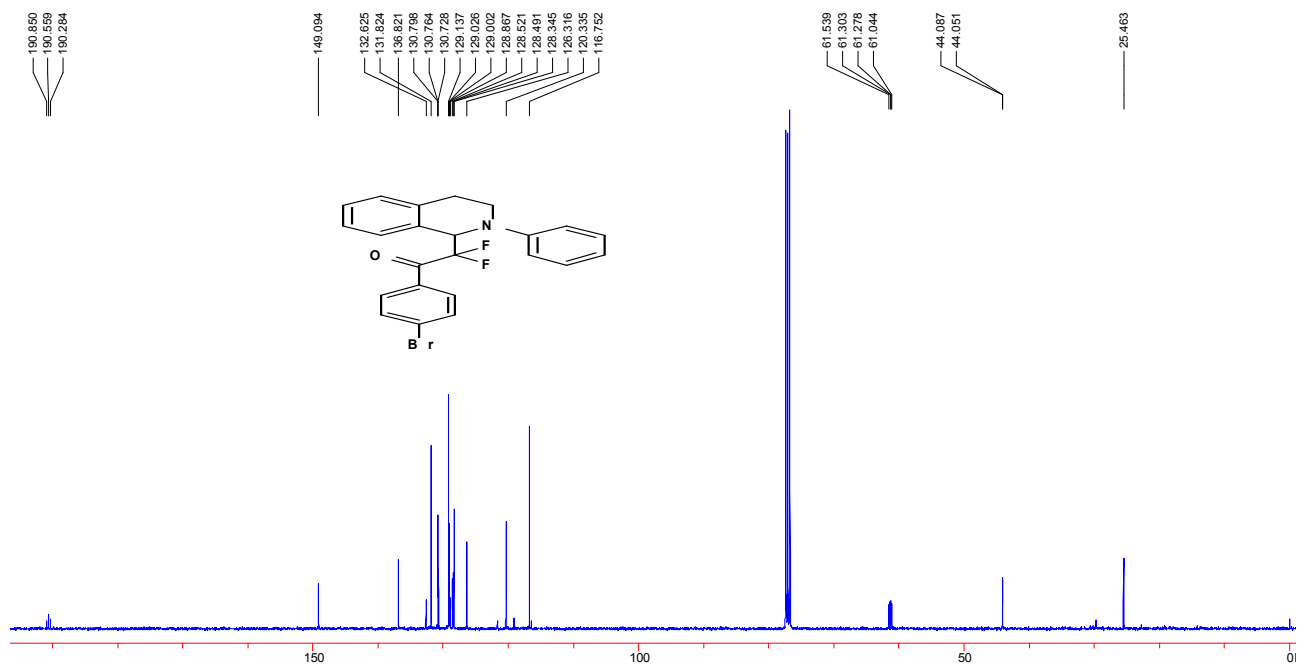
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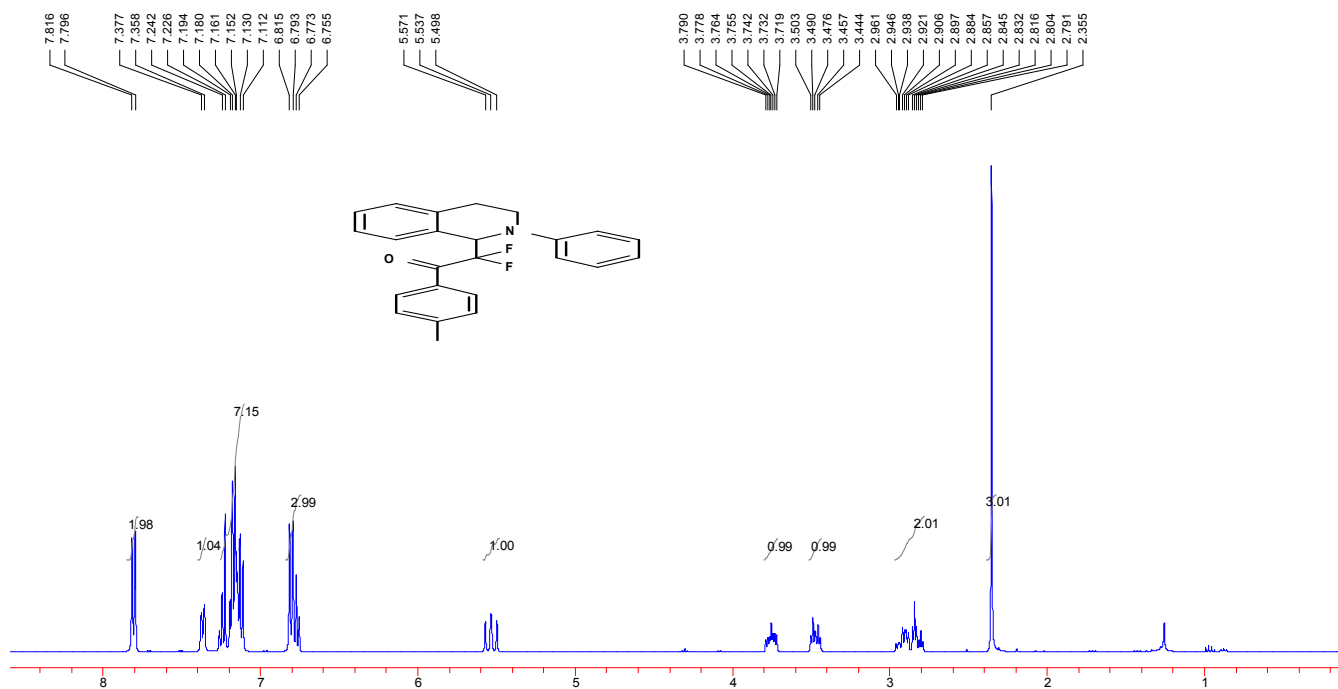


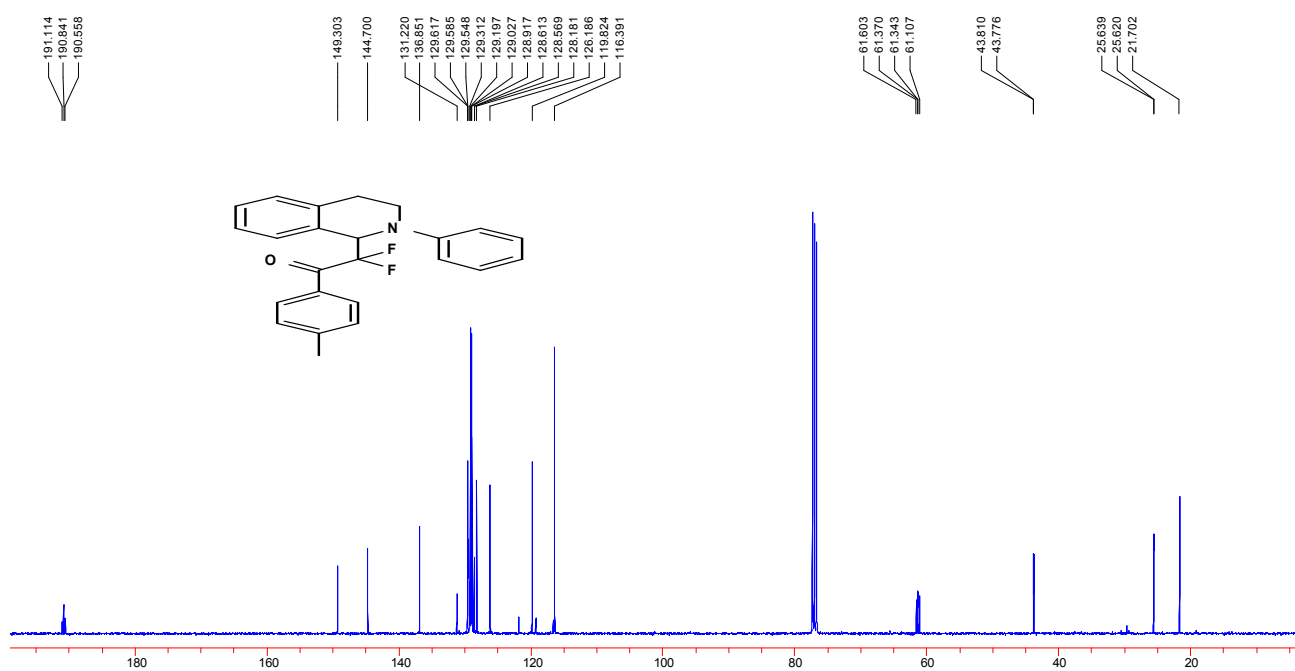
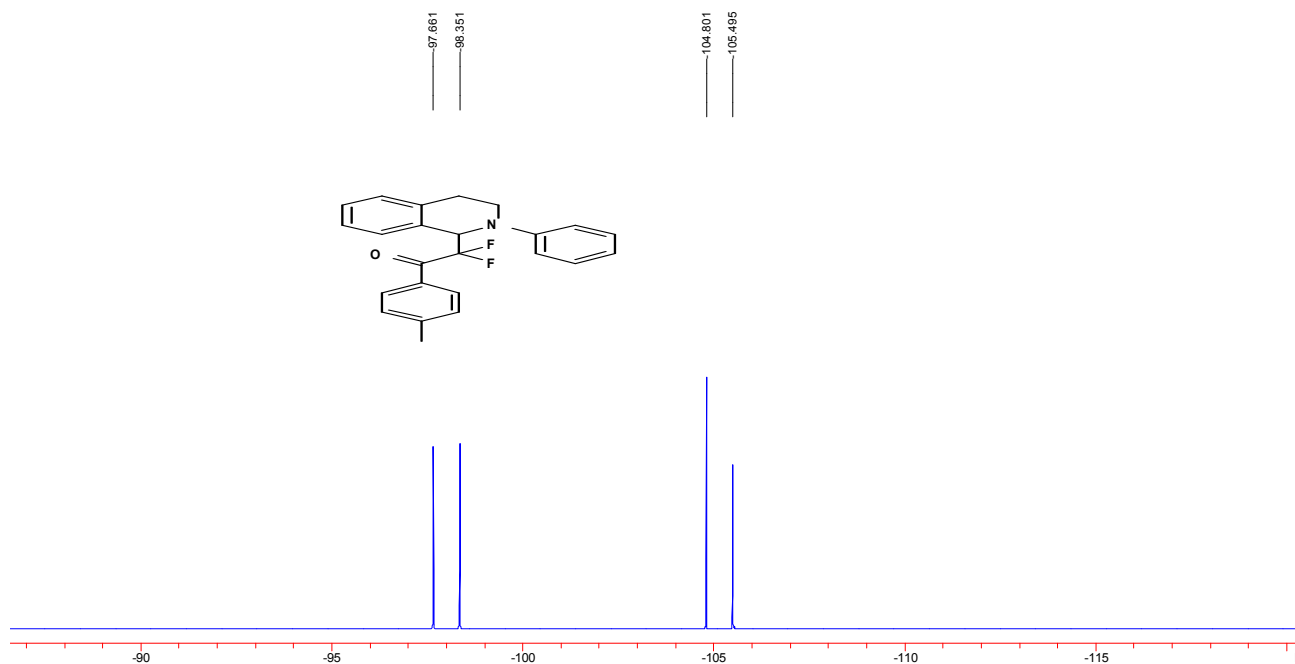
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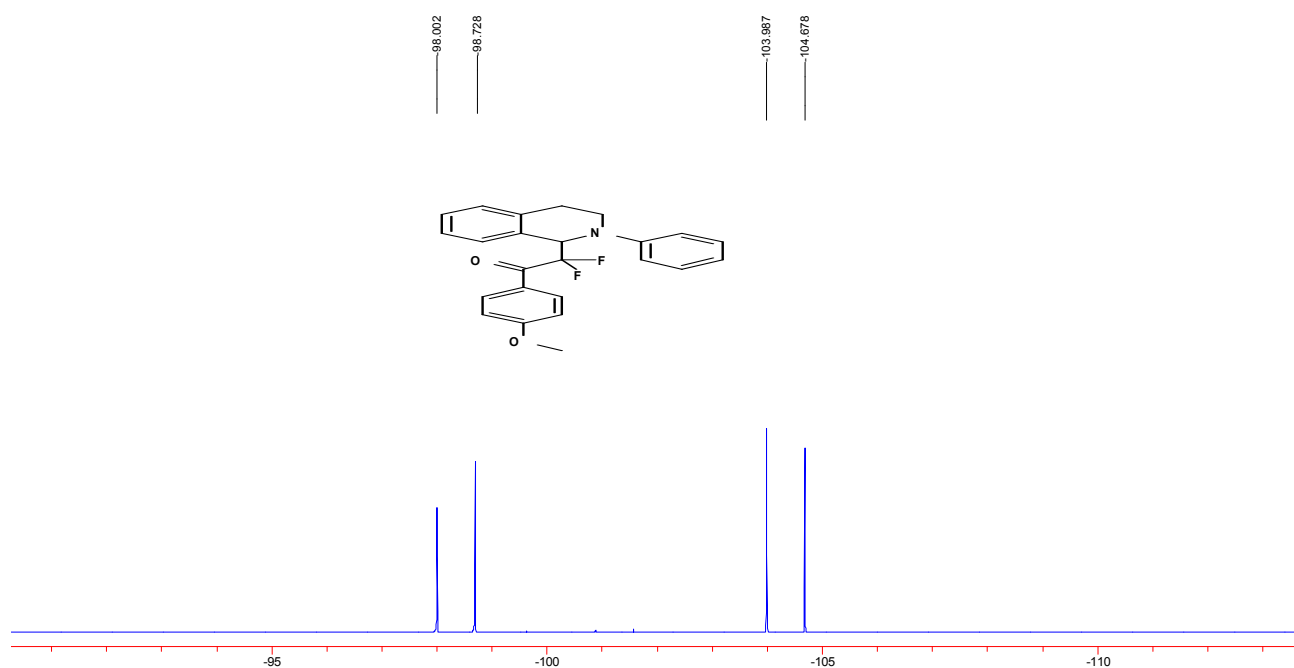
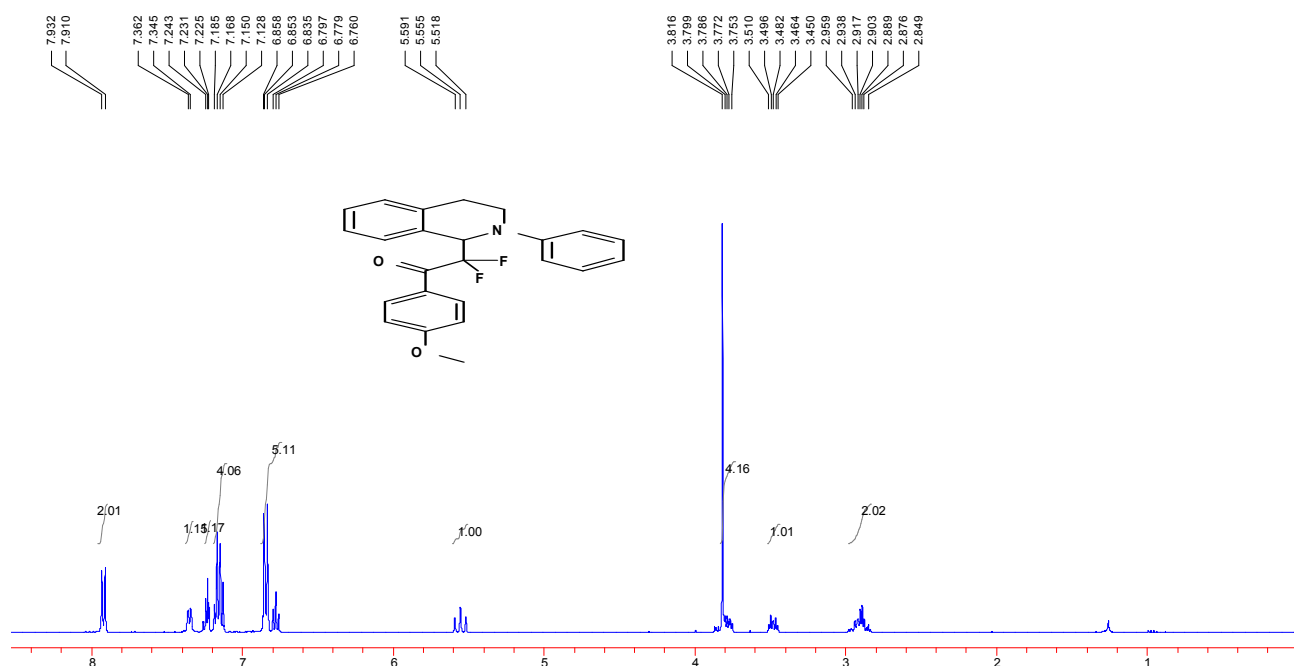


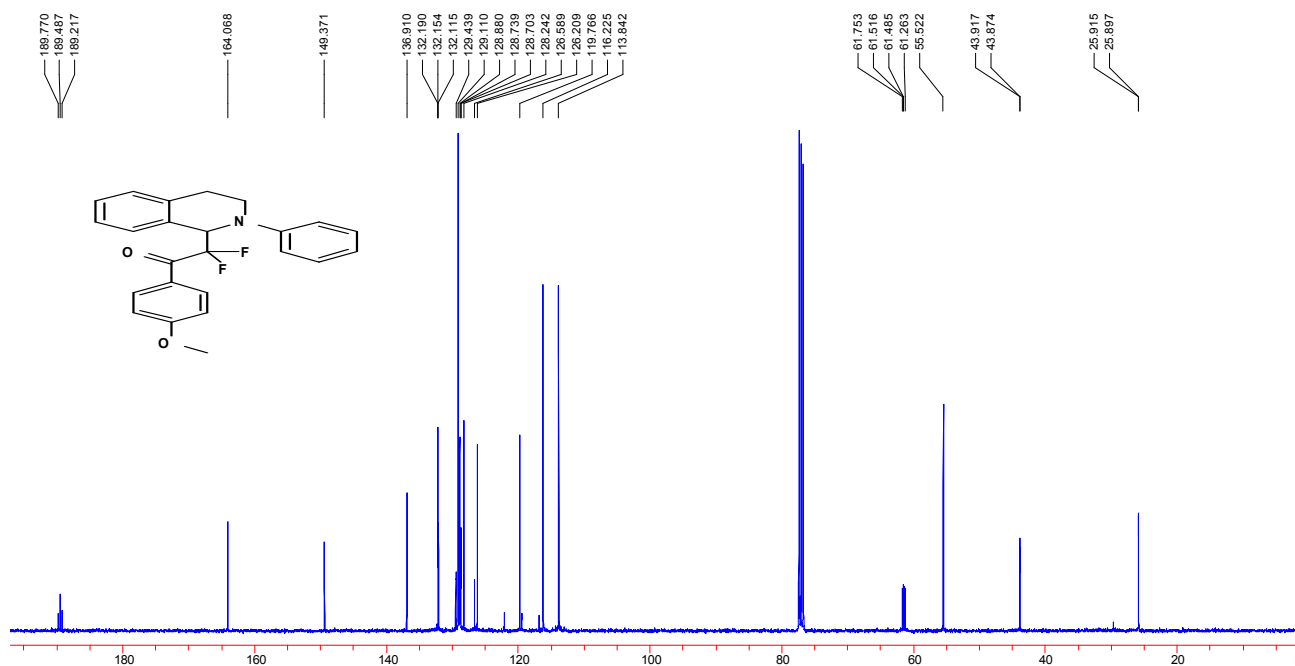
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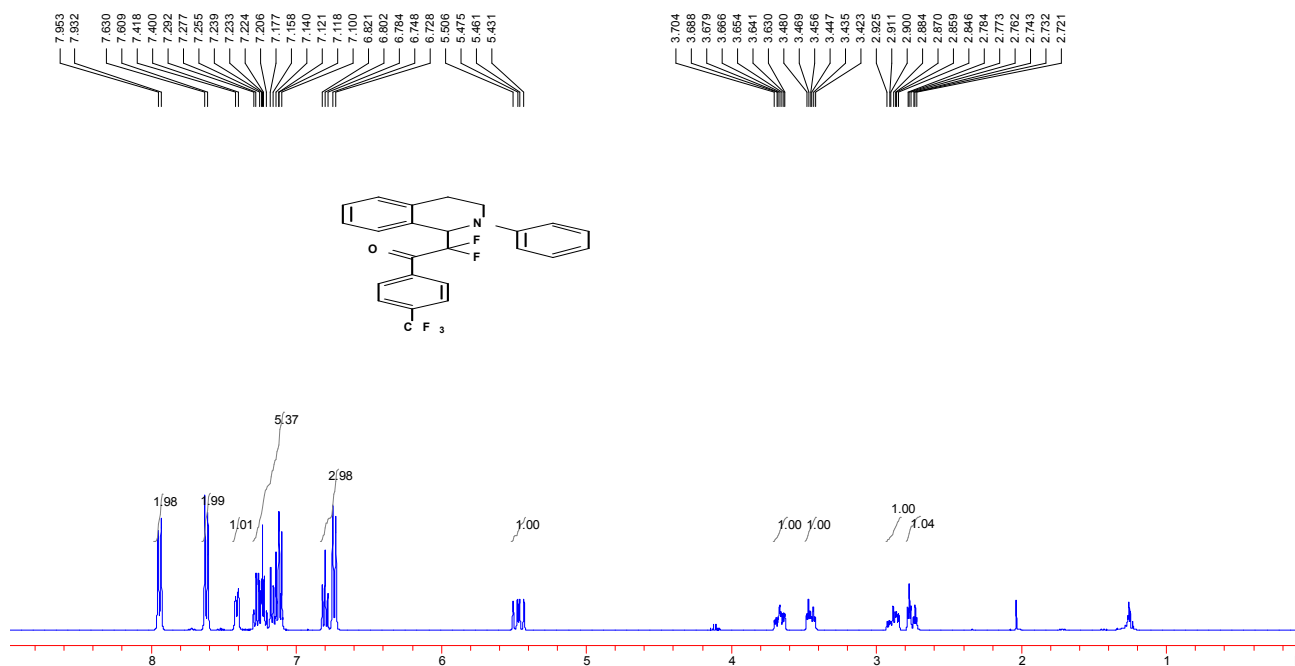


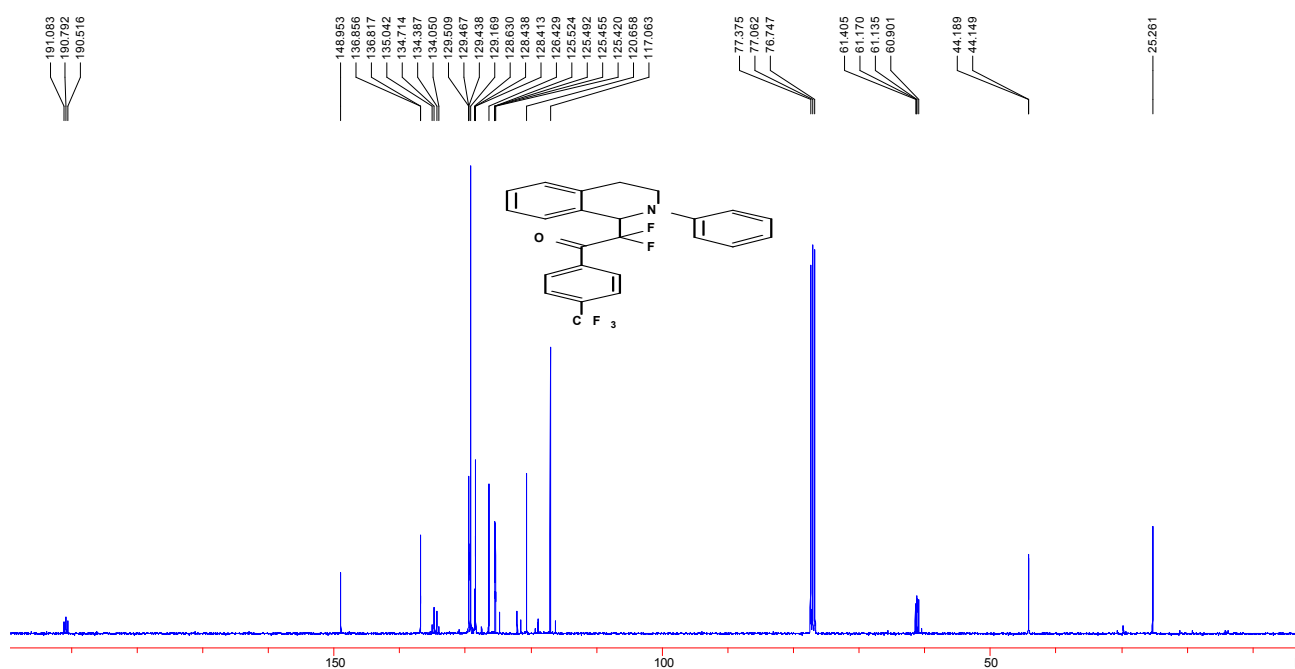
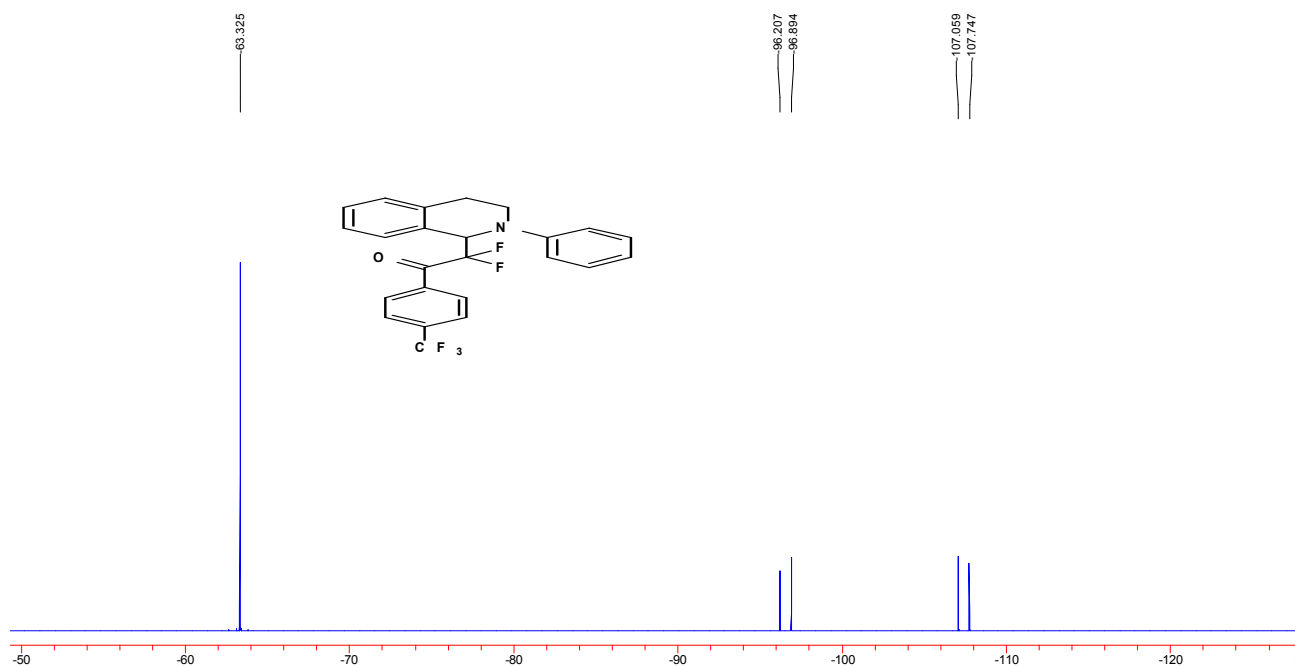
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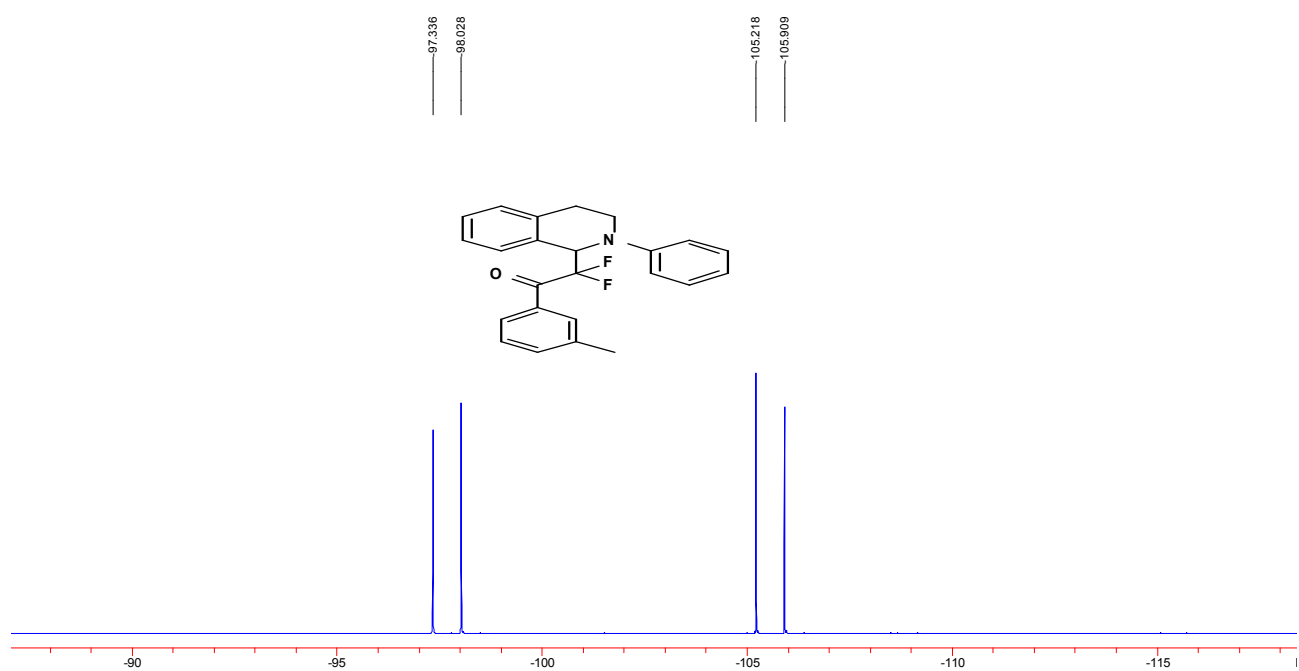
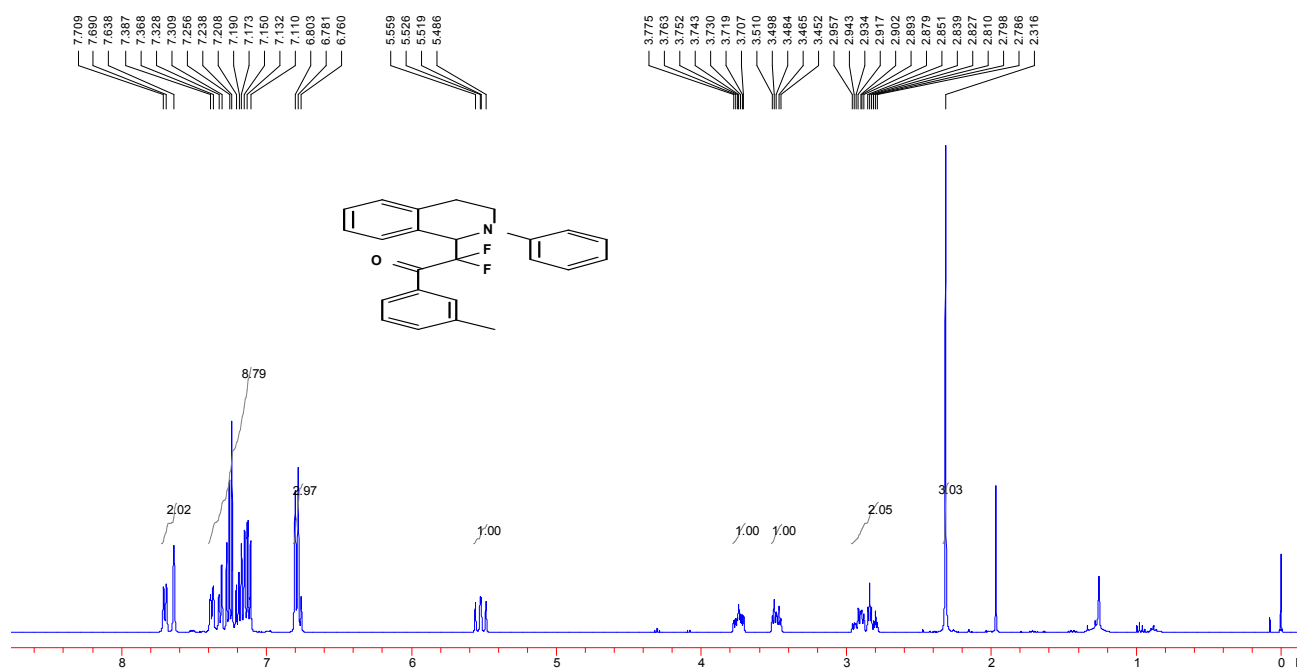


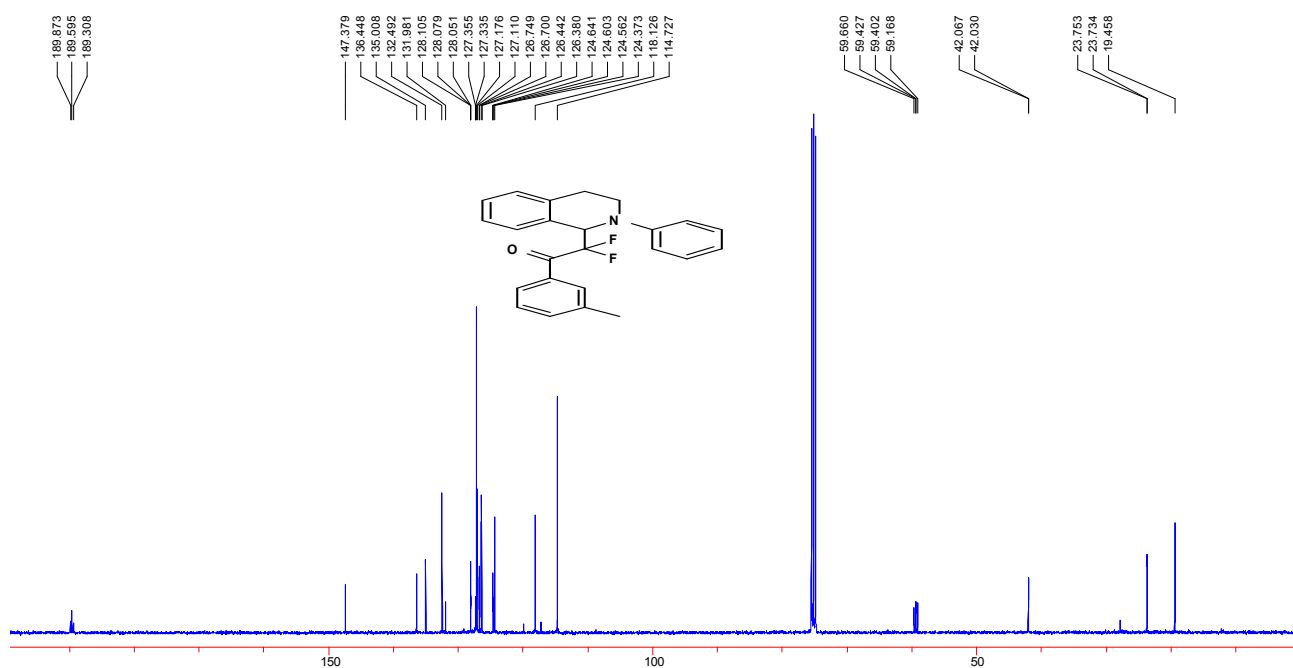
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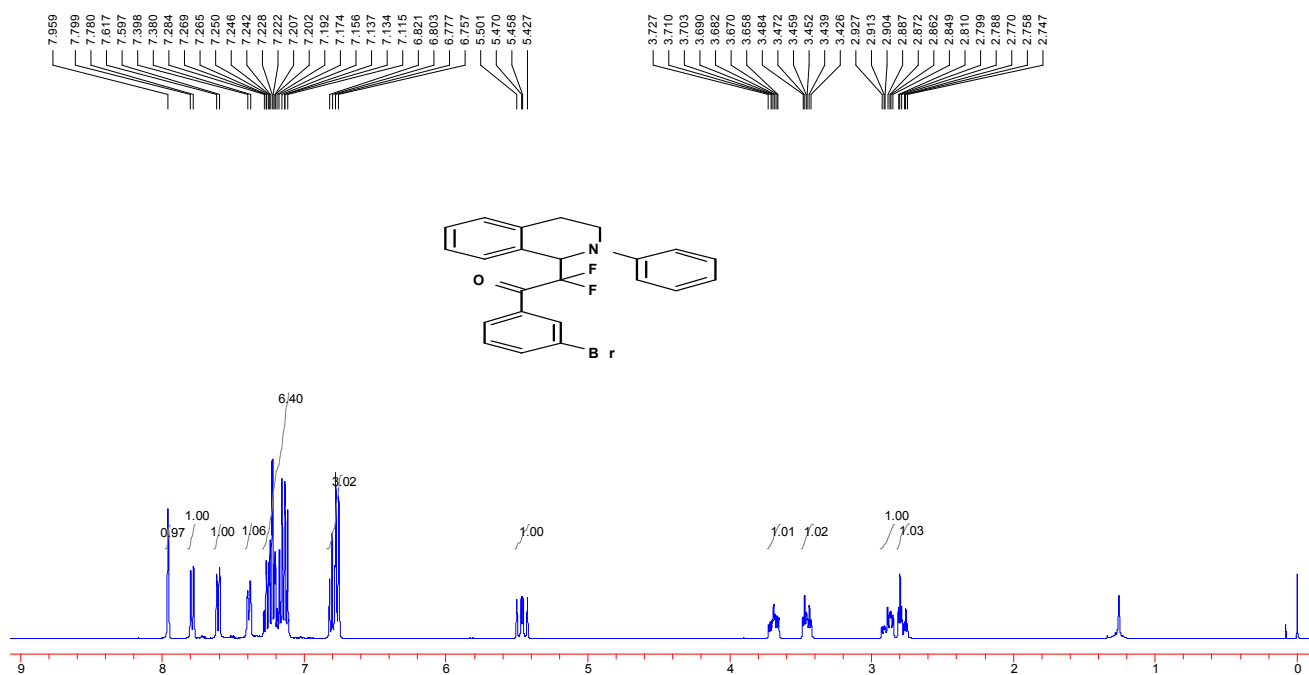


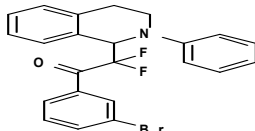
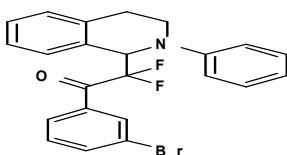
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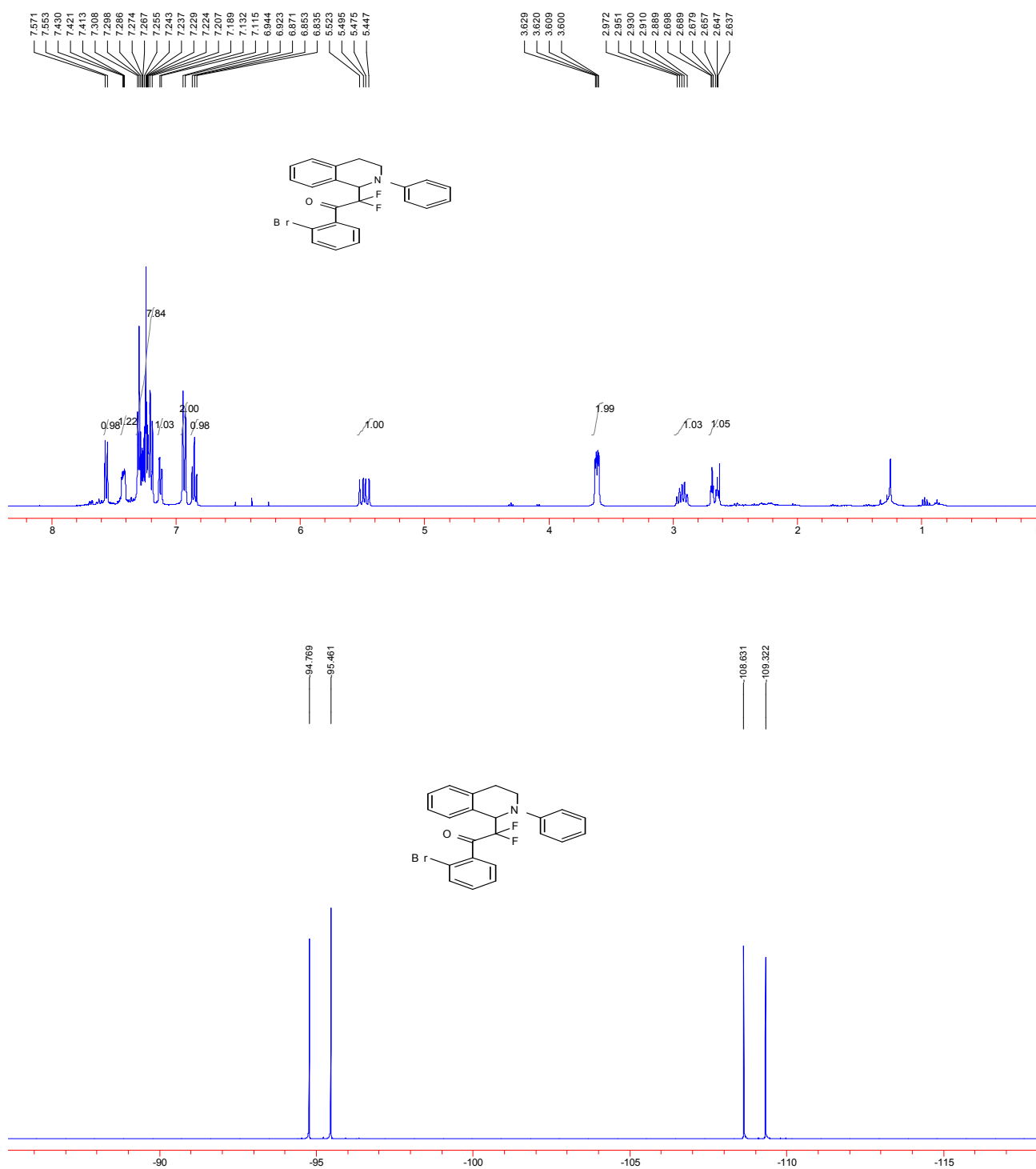


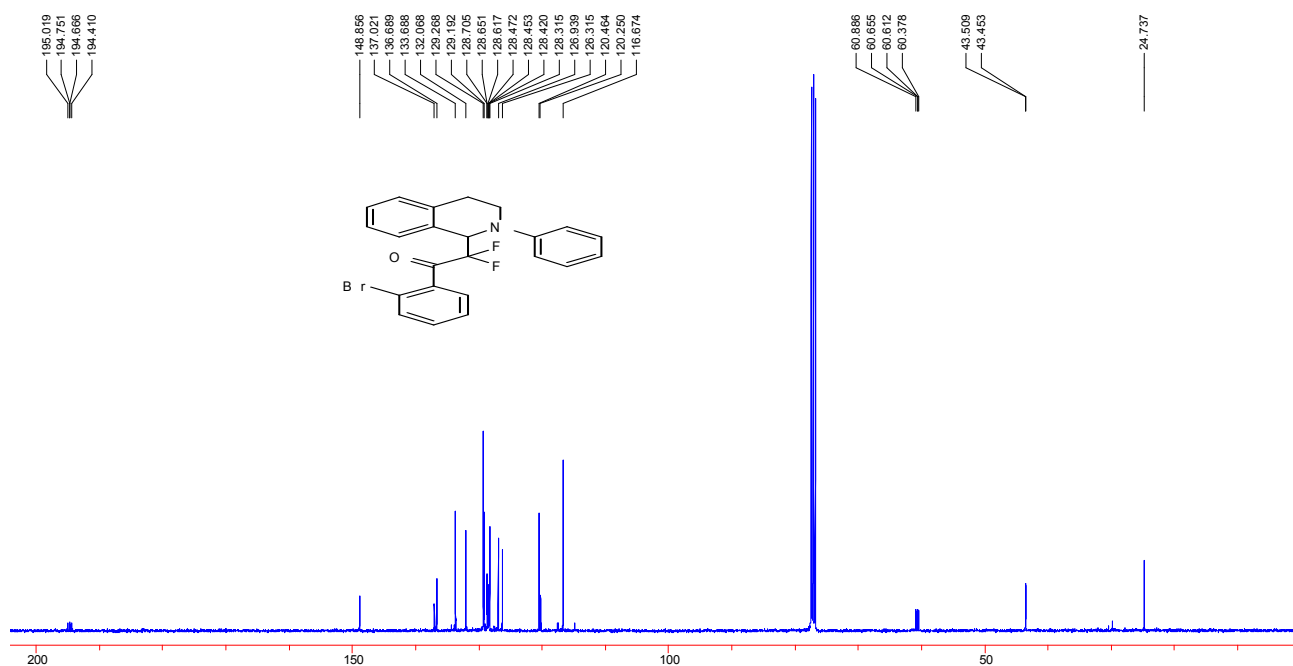
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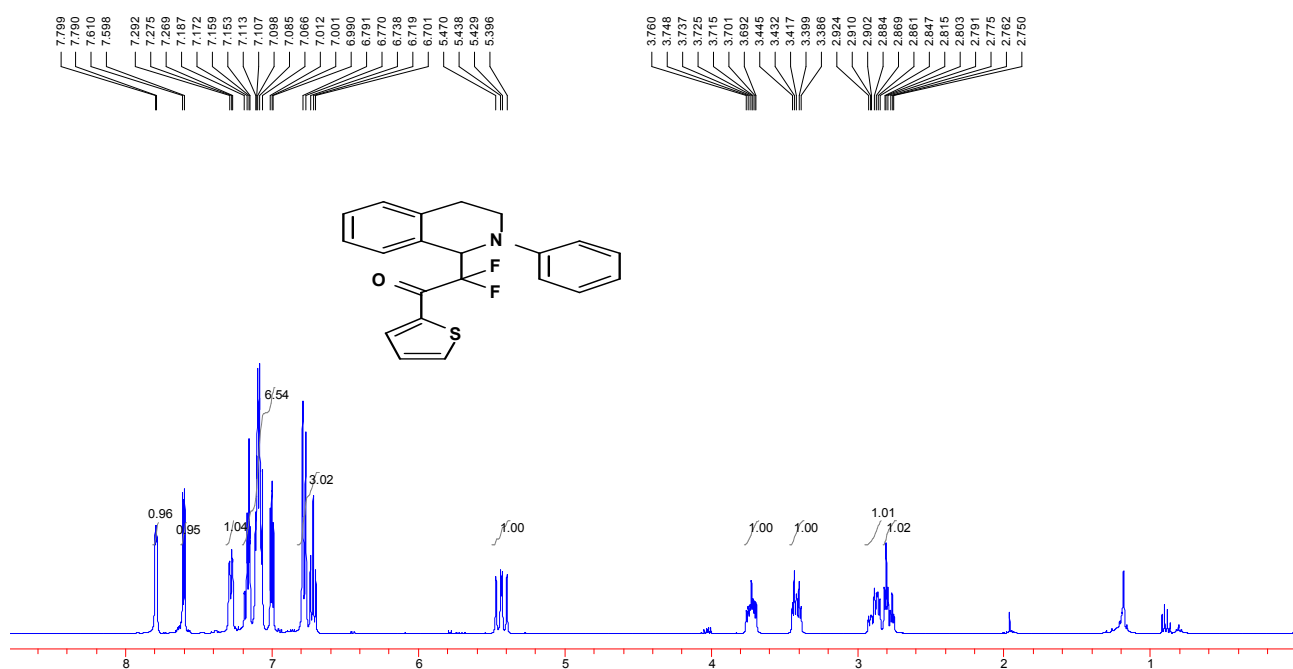


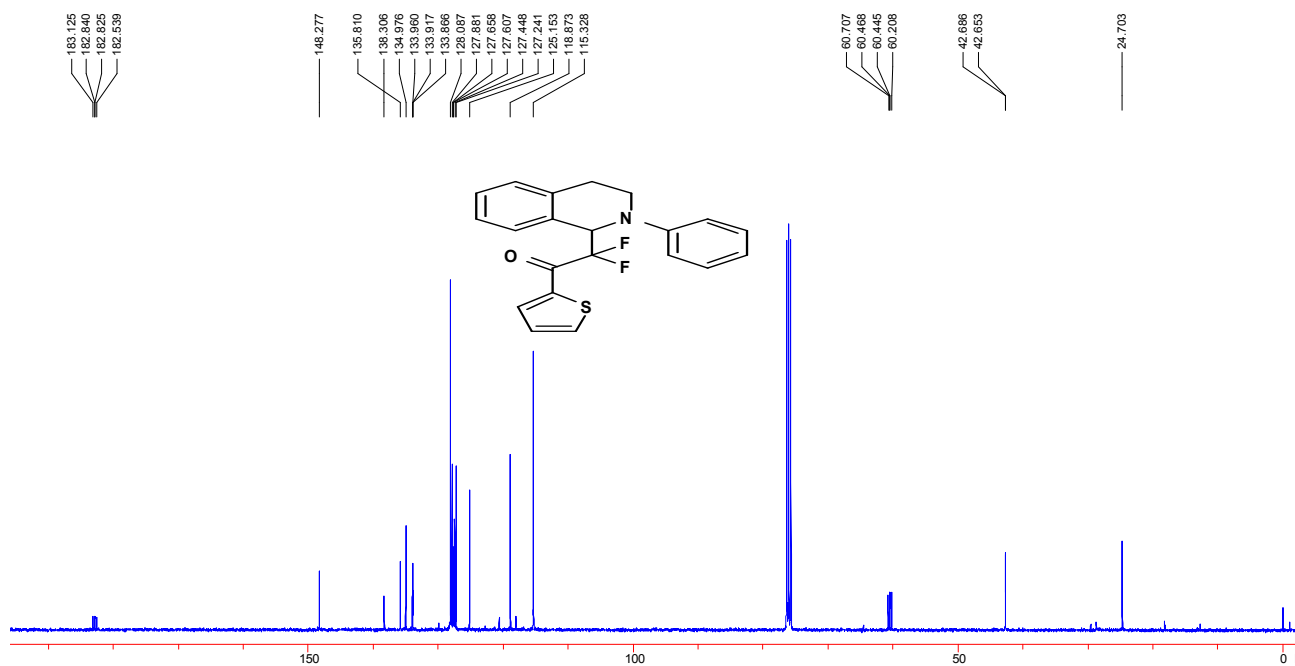
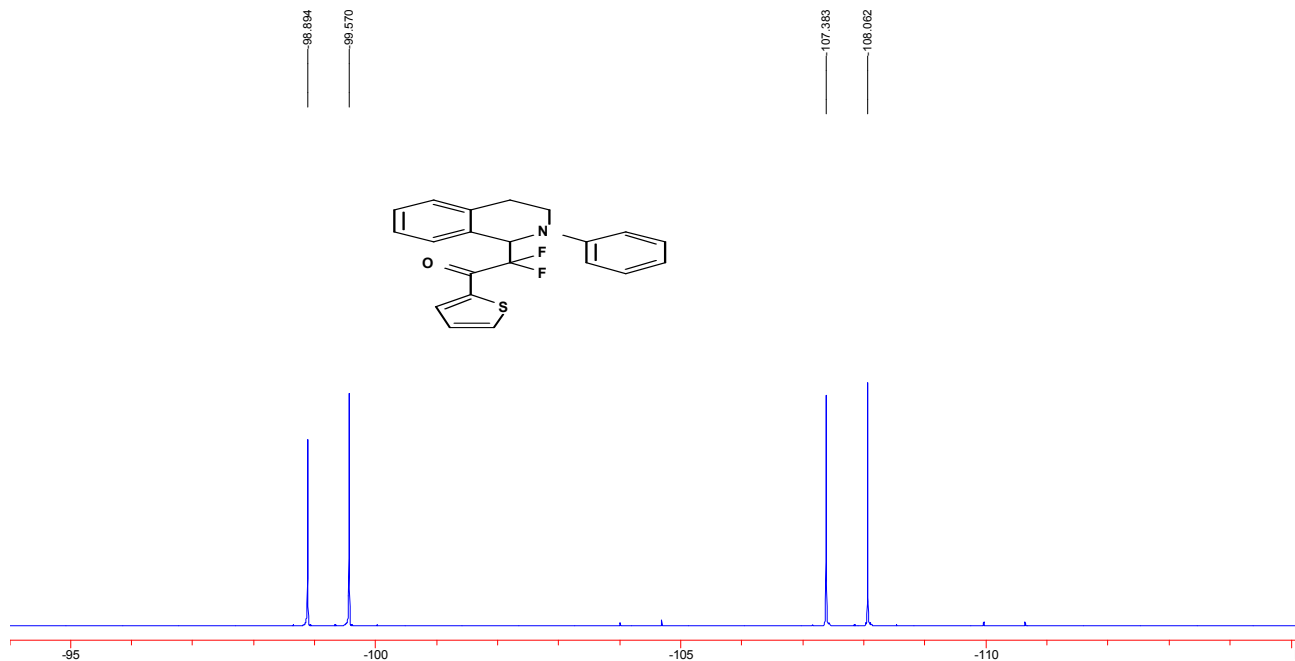
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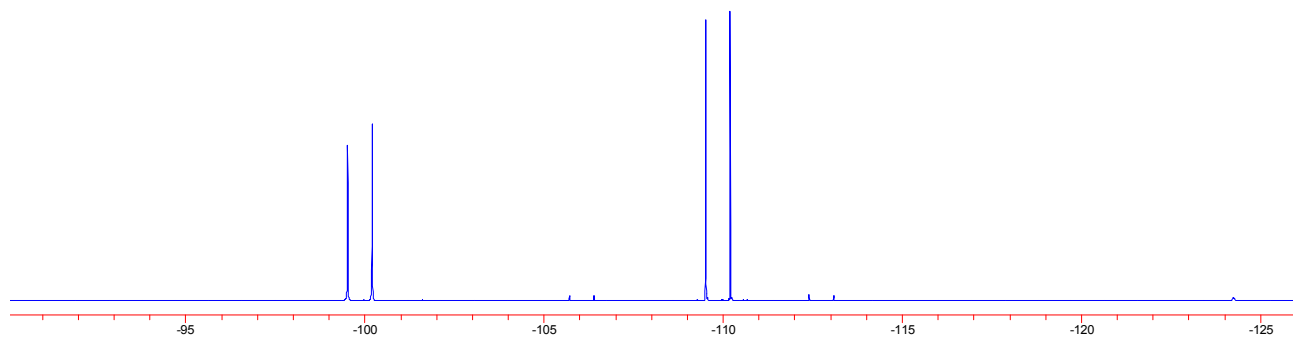
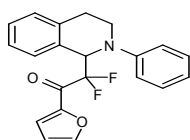
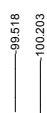
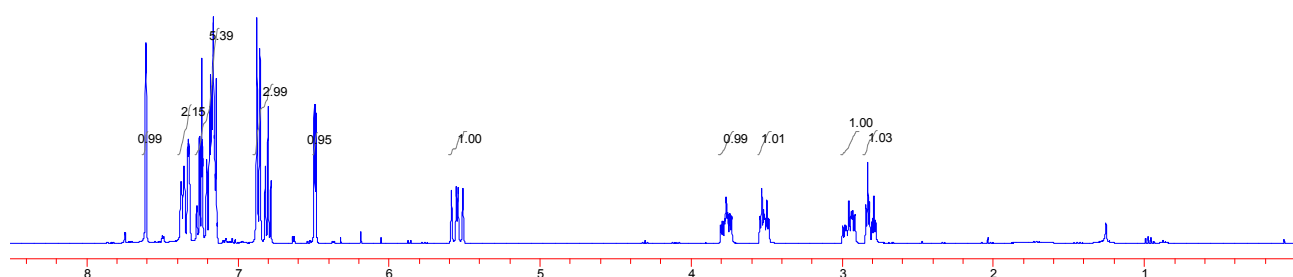
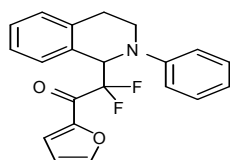


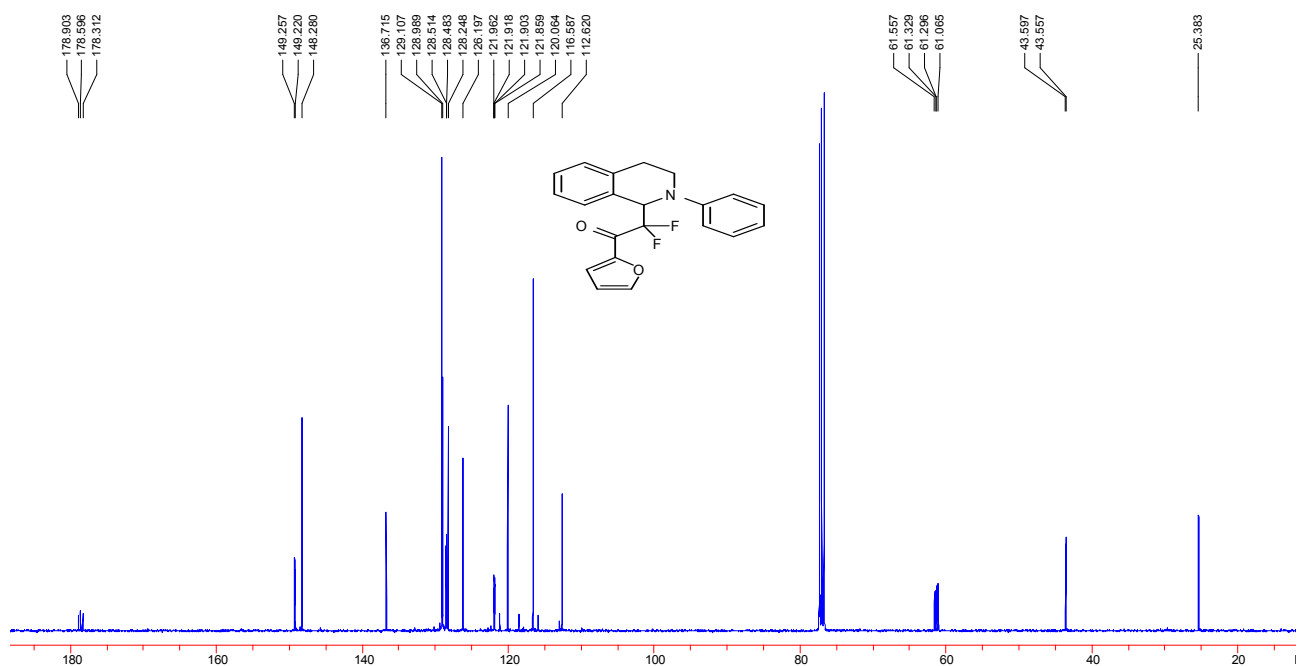
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2,2-difluoro-1-(furan-2-yl)-2-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)ethanone(**41**)





(E)-1,1-difluoro-4-phenyl-1-(2-phenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-1-yl)but-3-en-2-one (**4m**)

