

Supplementary Information

Synthesis of gem-difluoroalkenes via Nickel-Catalyzed Allylic Defluorinative Reductive Cross-Coupling of Trifluoromethyl Alkenes with Epoxides

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1. General Information

1.1 Materials

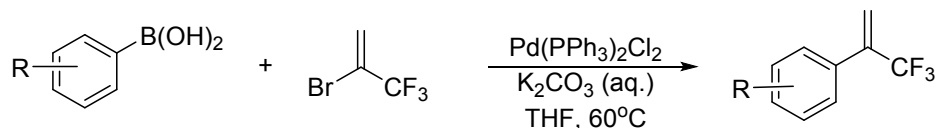
The following chemicals were purchased and used as received: NiBr₂·diglyme (Aldrich, CAS: 312696-09-6), 4,4'-Di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine (dtbpy, CAS: 72914-19-3, Energy-Chemical), NiCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (CAS: 14264-16-5, Adamas-beta), Ni(acac)₂ (CAS: 3264-82-2, Adamas-beta), Cyclohexene oxide (CAS: 286-20-4, Adamas-beta), Et₃N·HCl (CAS: 554-68-7, Adamas-beta), Isobutylene Oxide (CAS: 558-30-5, TCI), Cyclopentene oxide (CAS: 285-67-6, Adamas-beta), 3,6-dioxabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (CAS: 285-69-8, Adamas-beta), NaI (dry, anhydrous, Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd.), DMAc (Hengyue Chemical Technology Co., Ltd., 4 Å molecular sieves), N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (Hengyue Chemical Technology Co., Ltd., 4 Å molecular sieves). All the other reagents and solvents mentioned in this text were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification.

1.2 Analytical Methods

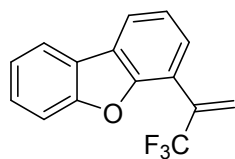
¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer at 295 K in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. ¹⁹F NMR were reported as 19F exp. comp. pulse decoupling (F19CPD) unless otherwise noted. Data for ¹H-NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, integration, and coupling constant (Hz). Data for ¹³C-NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity, and coupling constant (Hz). Gas chromatographic (GC) analysis was acquired on a Shimadzu GC-2014 Series GC System equipped with a flame-ionization detector. GC-MS analysis was performed on Thermo Scientific AS 3000 Series GC-MS System. HRMS ESI-mass data were acquired on Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a Buchi rotary evaporator. Column chromatographic purification of products was accomplished using forced-flow chromatography on Silica Gel (200-300 mesh).

2. Preparation of Substrates

2.1 Preparation of Trifluoromethyl Alkenes

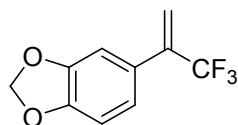


In a Schlenk tube equipped with stir bar, arylboronic acids (1.0 equiv., 10 mmol) and $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (3 mol%, 0.3 mmol, 210.6 mg) were added. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles), then aqueous K_2CO_3 (2.0 M, 20 mL) and THF (30 mL) were added. After the addition of 2-bromo-3,3,3-trifluoropropene (2.0 equiv., 20 mmol, 2.1 mL), the solution was stirred at 60 °C for over night. The mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford the corresponding trifluoromethyl alkenes.¹



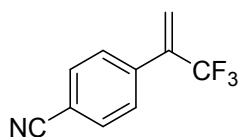
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.01 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 6.41 – 6.35 (m, 2H).



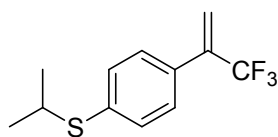
5-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 6.81 – 6.73 (m, 1H), 5.98 (s, 2H), 5.86 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (dd, J = 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H).



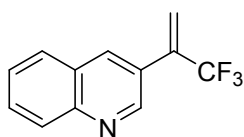
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^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 – 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.12 (q, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H).



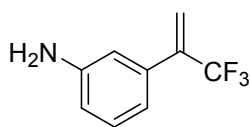
isopropyl(4-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)phenyl)sulfane

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 5.95 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H).



3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)quinolone

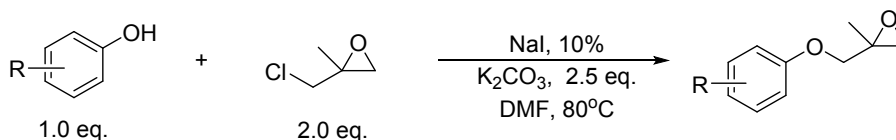
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.93 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (m, 1H), 8.10 (m, 1H), 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H).



3-(3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-en-2-yl)aniline

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (q, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H).

2.2 Preparation of Epoxides



The respective phenol (1.0 eq) was dissolved in DMF (10 mL/mmol), K_2CO_3 (3.0 eq), NaI (10 mol%), and 2-(chloromethyl)-2-methyloxirane (2.5 eq) were added and the mixture was heated to 80 °C for 12 h. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.²

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3. General Experimental Procedures

3.1 General procedure for Table 1

In air, Nickel source (10 mol%), Ligand (12 mol%), reductant (3.0 equiv.), NaI (0.5 equiv.), and additive (1.2 equiv.) were added to a schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). To these solids, **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (3 equiv.) and Solvent (1.0 mL) were added in turn by syringe. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature (about 25 °C to 30 °C) for 20 h. Triphenylmethane was added as internal standard. The product was yielded by GC.

Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions

Entry ^a	Ni source	Ligand	Additive	Solvent	Yield%
1	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L1	-	DMAc	trace
2	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	-	DMAc	trace
3	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L1	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	52
4	NiBr₂·diglyme	L2	Et₃N·HCl	DMAc	96
5	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L3	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	43
6	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L4	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	61
7	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L5	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	66
8	NiBr₂·diglyme	L6	Et₃N·HCl	DMAc	95
9	NiCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	57
10	Ni(acac) ₂	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	26
11	Ni(cod) ₂	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	92
12	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	MeCN	51
13	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	NMP	73
14 ^b	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	2
15	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	H ₂ O	DMAc	5
16 ^c	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	MeOH	DMAc	80
17 ^c	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	EtOH	DMAc	66
18	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	NH ₄ Cl	DMAc	31
19 ^d	-	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	0
20 ^e	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	0

21 ^f	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	0
22 ^g	NiBr ₂ ·diglyme	L2	Et ₃ N·HCl	DMAc	trace

^a **Reaction conditions:** 1a (0.2 mmol), 2a (3 eq.), Reductant (3 equiv.), NaI (0.5 equiv.) in 1.0 mL solvent at room temperature for 20 h. ^b Mn instead of Zn. ^c 5 equiv. alcohol instead of Et₃N·HCl. ^d no Ni source. ^e no NaI. ^f NaCl as additive. ^g NaBr as additive. The yield was determined by GC using Triphenylmethane as internal standard. NMP = 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone.

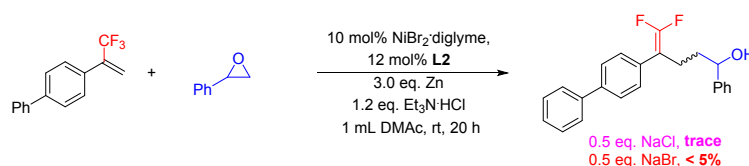
3.2 General procedure for Table 2

In air, NiBr₂·diglyme (10 mol%), dtbpy (**L2**, 12 mol%), Zn (3.0 equiv.), NaI (0.5 equiv.), and Et₃N·HCl (1.2 equiv.) were added to a schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). To these solids, DMAc (1.0 mL) trifluoromethyl alkenes and epoxy (3 equiv.) were added in turn by syringe. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature (about 25 °C to 30 °C) for 20 h. The mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired products.

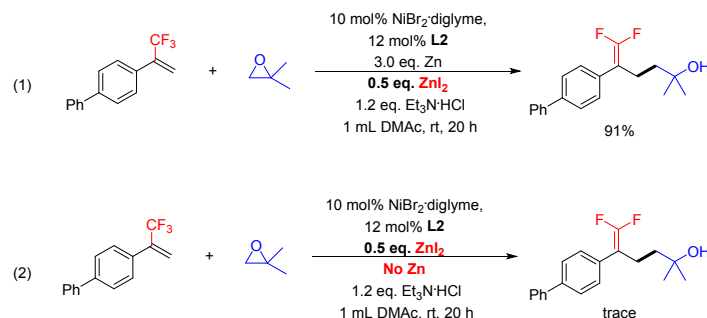
3.3 General procedure for Table 3

In air, NiBr₂·diglyme (10 mol%), **L2** (12 mol%), Zn (3.0 equiv.), NaI (0.5 equiv.), and Et₃N·HCl (1.2 equiv.) or MeOH (50 µL) were added to a schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar. The vessel was evacuated and filled with argon (three cycles). To these solids, DMAc (1.0 mL) trifluoromethyl alkenes (0.2 mmol) and epoxy (3 equiv.) were added in turn by syringe. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature (about 25 °C to 30 °C) for 20 h. The mixture was purified by column chromatography to afford the desired products.

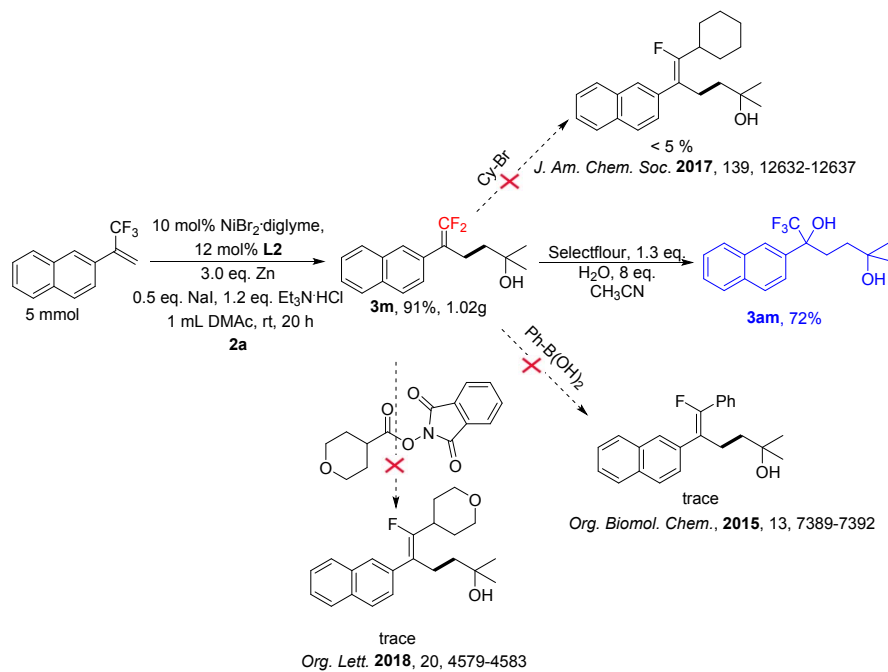
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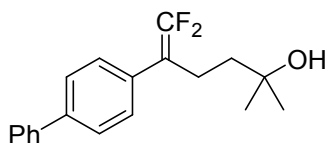
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Gram-scale reaction and derivatization of product



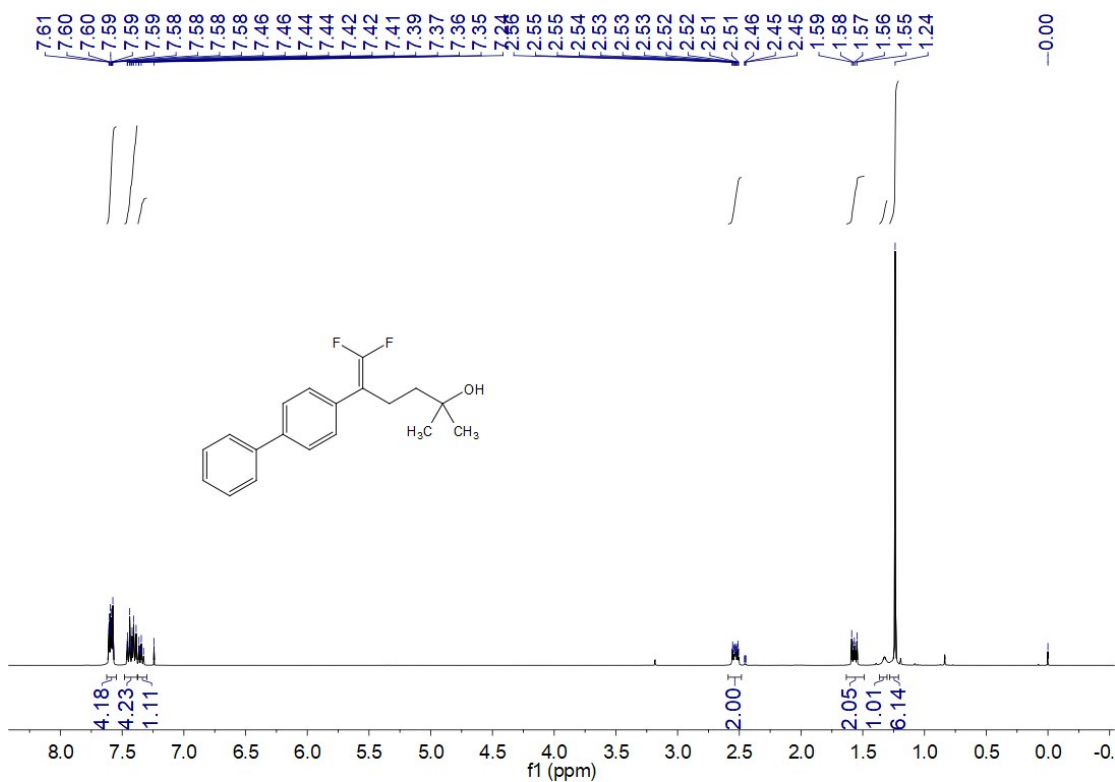
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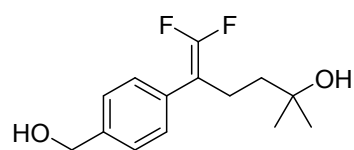
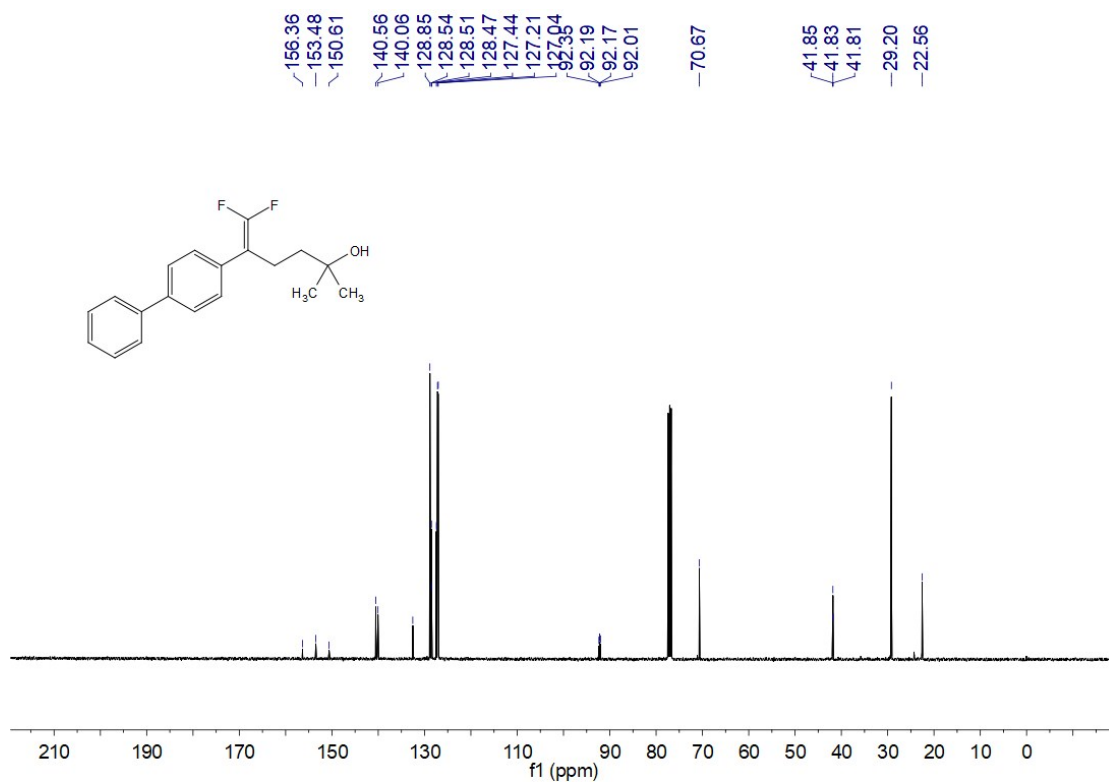
5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3a)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 45:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.30 (br s, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.88 (d, $J = 43.1$ Hz), -91.00 (d, $J = 43.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.49 (dd, $J = 290.7$, 286.3 Hz), 140.56, 140.06, 132.55 (dd, $J = 0.9$ Hz, $J = 1.0$ Hz), 128.85, 128.51 (dd, $J = 3.4$, 3.4 Hz), 127.44, 127.21, 127.04, 92.18 (t, $J = 16.0$ Hz), 70.67, 41.83 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 29.20, 22.56. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 325.1374; found: 325.1377. IR (KBr/ cm^{-1}) 3419, 2987, 1616, 1488, 1395, 1356, 1185, 1172, 1001, 787, 773, 612.



Supplementary Information

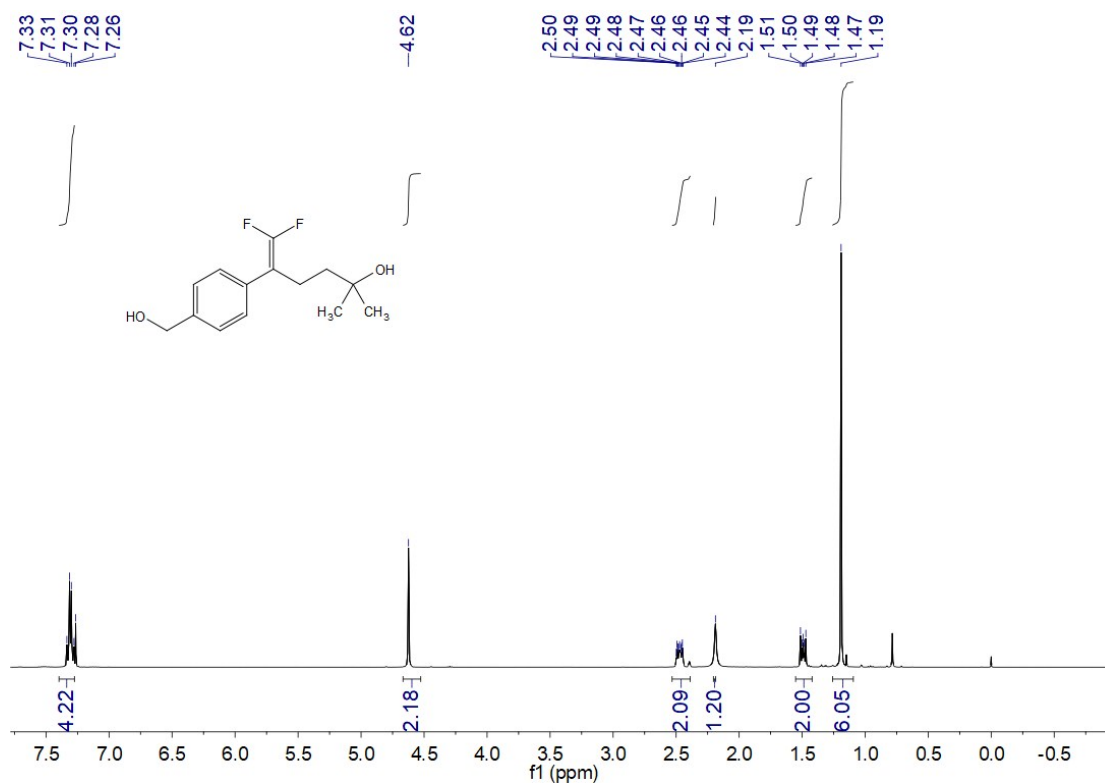


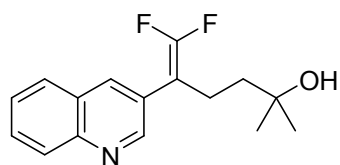
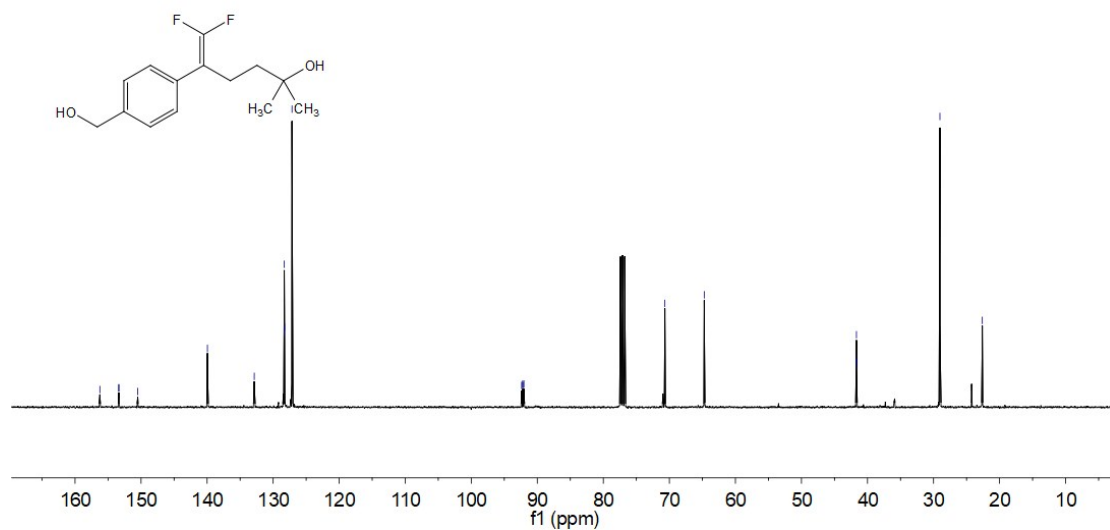
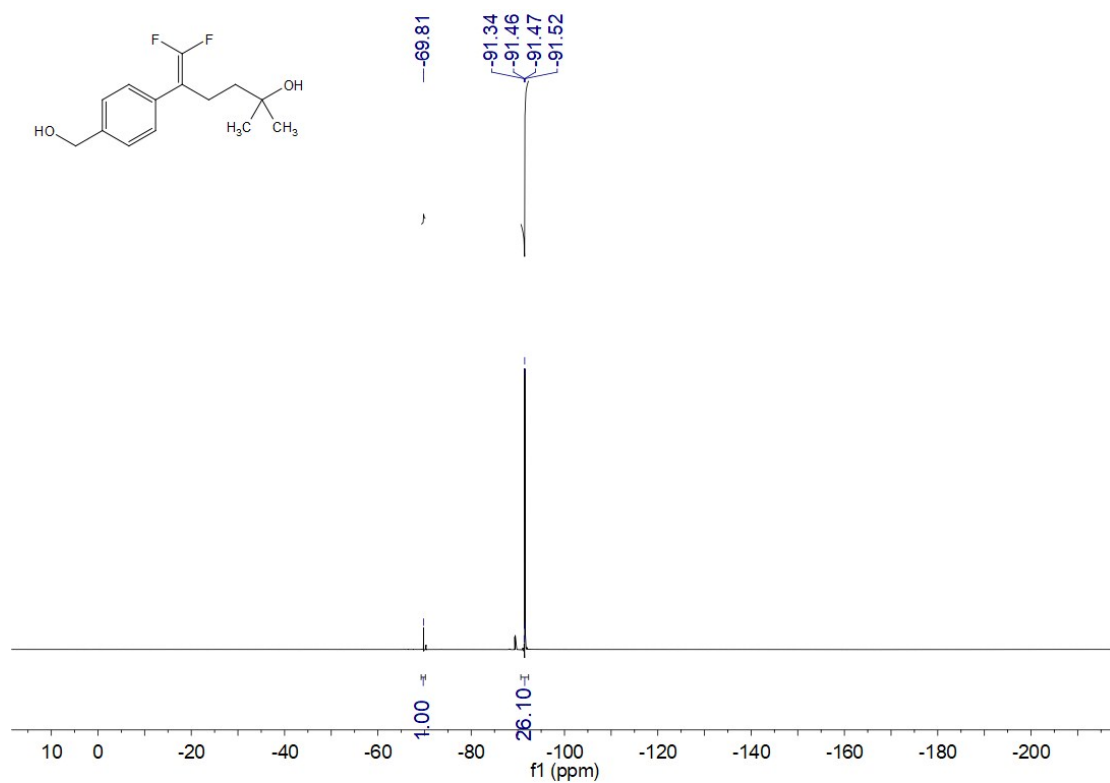
6,6-difluoro-5-(4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3l)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 35:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 4.62 (s, 2H), 2.52 – 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.19 (br s, 1H), 1.53 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.37 (dd, J = 289.3, 287.9 Hz), 139.95, 132.86, 128.31 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 127.14, 92.20 (dd, J = 19.1, 15.5 Hz), 70.68, 64.72, 41.67 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 29.03, 22.61. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.40 (d, J = 43.8 Hz), -91.49 (d, J = 19.1 Hz). HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 279.1167; found: 279.1171. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3422, 2981 2071, 1719, 1637, 1616, 1487, 1454, 1395, 1353, 1255, 1173, 750, 613.



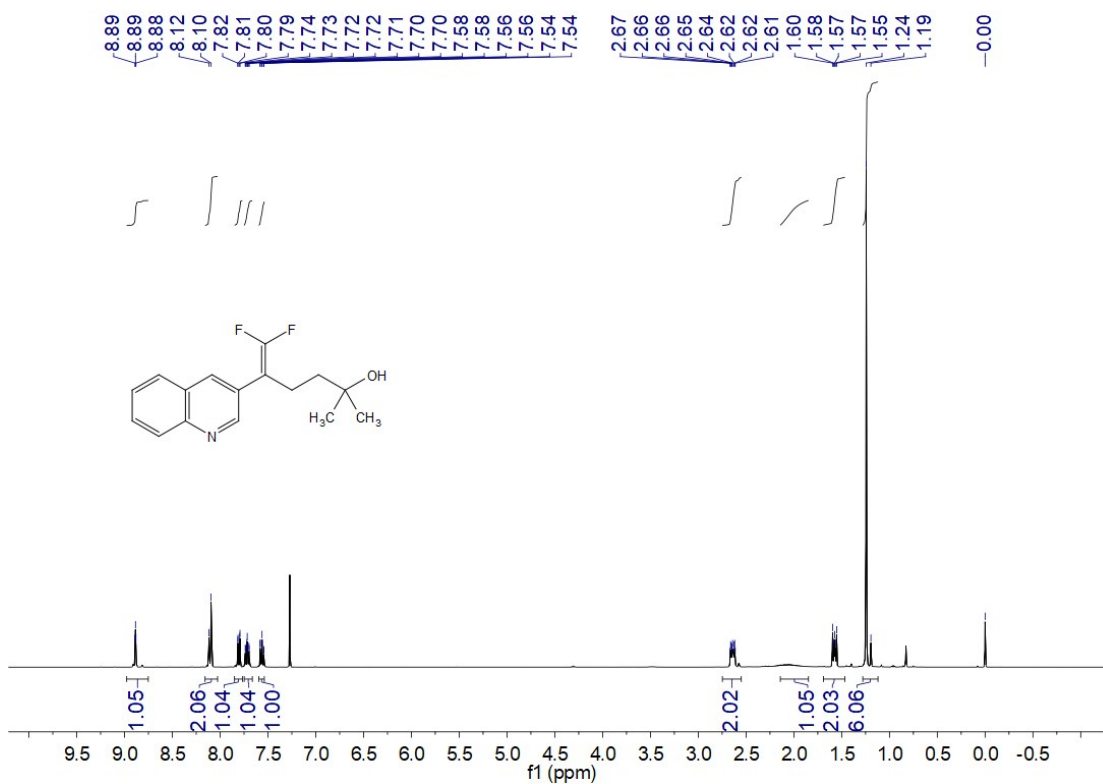


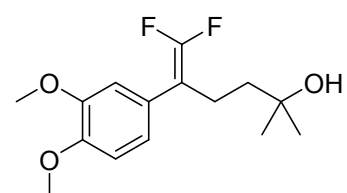
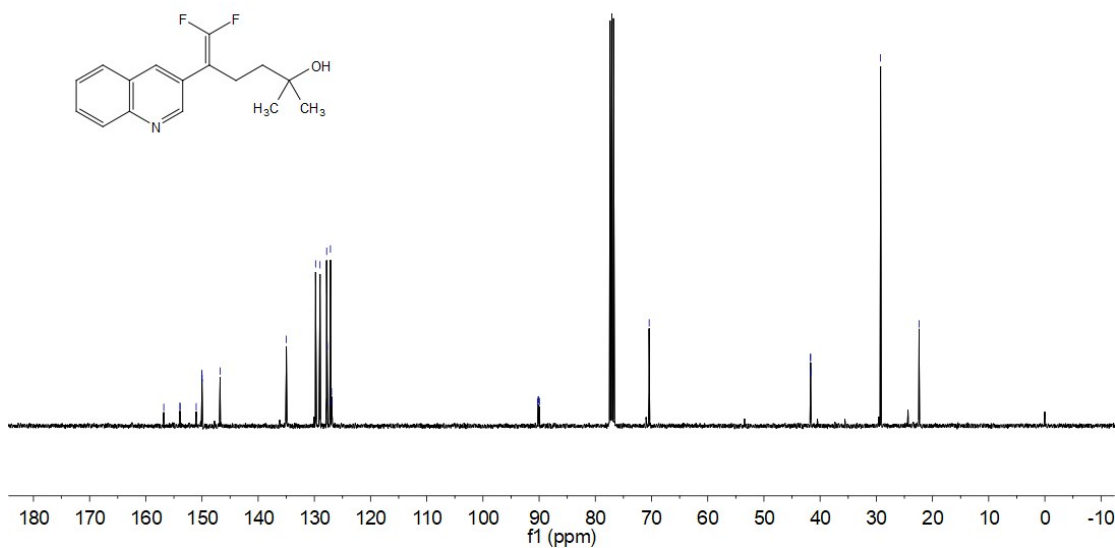
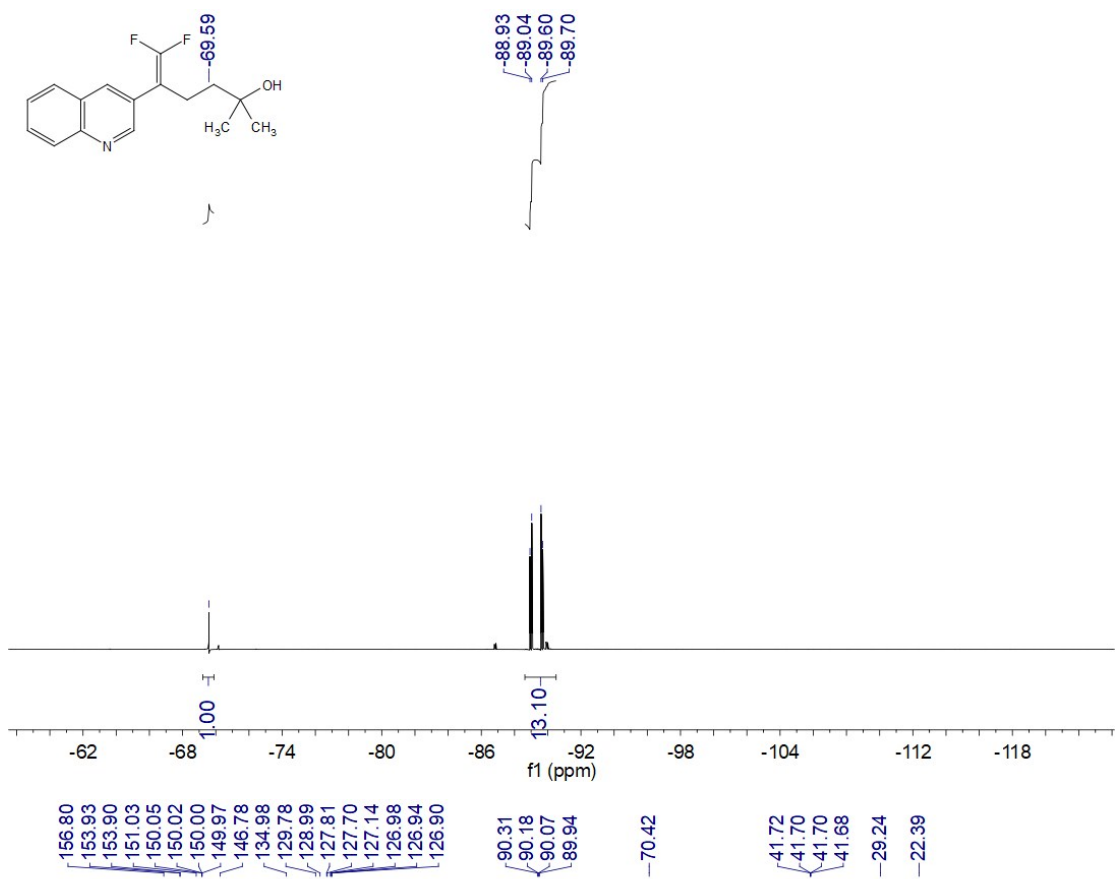
6,6-difluoro-2-methyl-5-(quinolin-3-yl)hex-5-en-2-ol (3n)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 35:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.89 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 8.2, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.72 (ddd, $J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 2.64 (ddd, $J = 11.0, 4.6, 2.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.09 (brs, 1H), 1.69 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.92 (dd, $J = 292.0, 288.9$ Hz), 150.01 (dd, $J = 4.6, 2.8$ Hz), 146.78, 134.98, 129.78, 128.99, 127.81, 127.70, 127.14, 126.94 (t, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 90.12 (dd, $J = 23.4, 13.0$ Hz), 70.42, 41.70 (dd, $J = 2.5, 1.9$ Hz), 29.24, 22.39. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -88.98 (d, $J = 39.4$ Hz), -89.65 (d, $J = 39.4$ Hz). HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 300.1170; found: 300.1173. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2980, 1637, 1616, 1488, 1396, 1350, 1173, 751, 615.

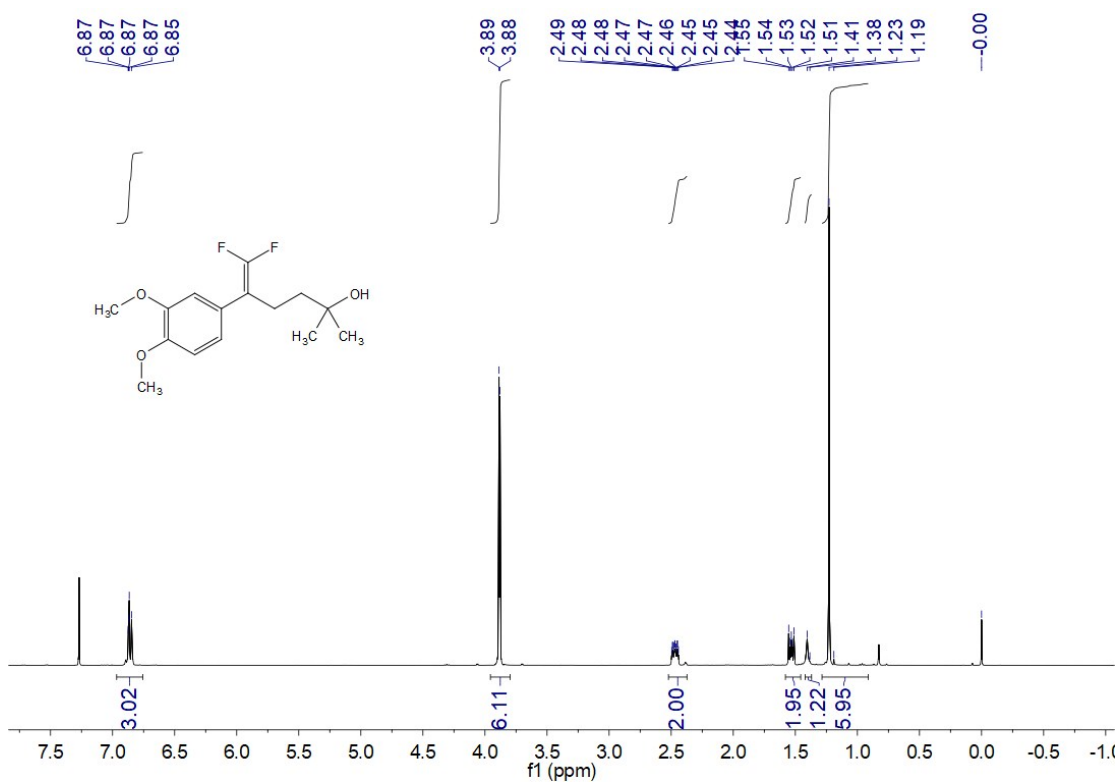


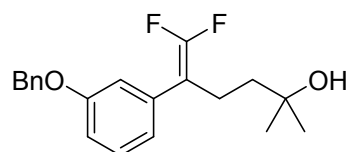
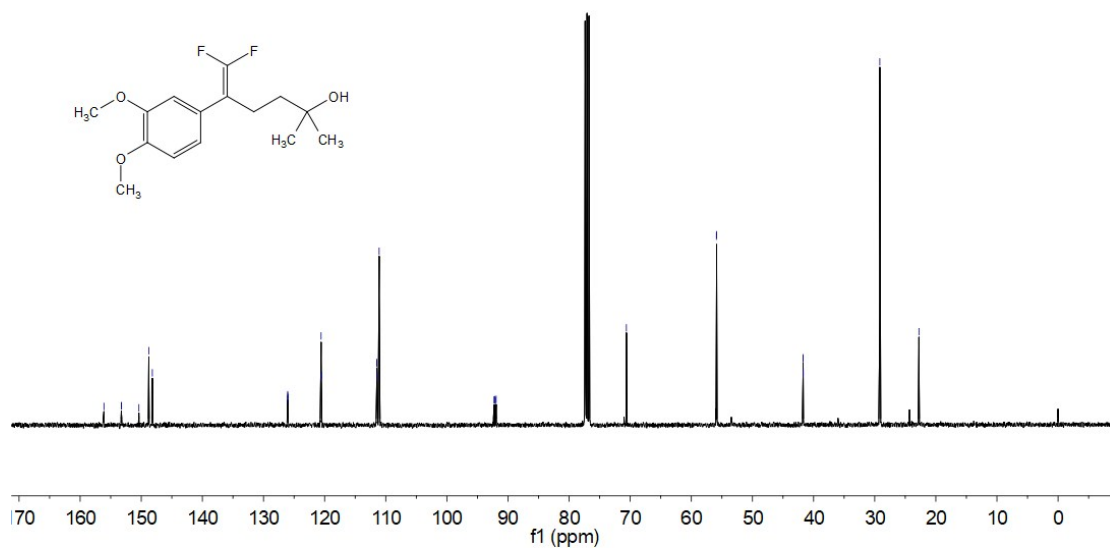
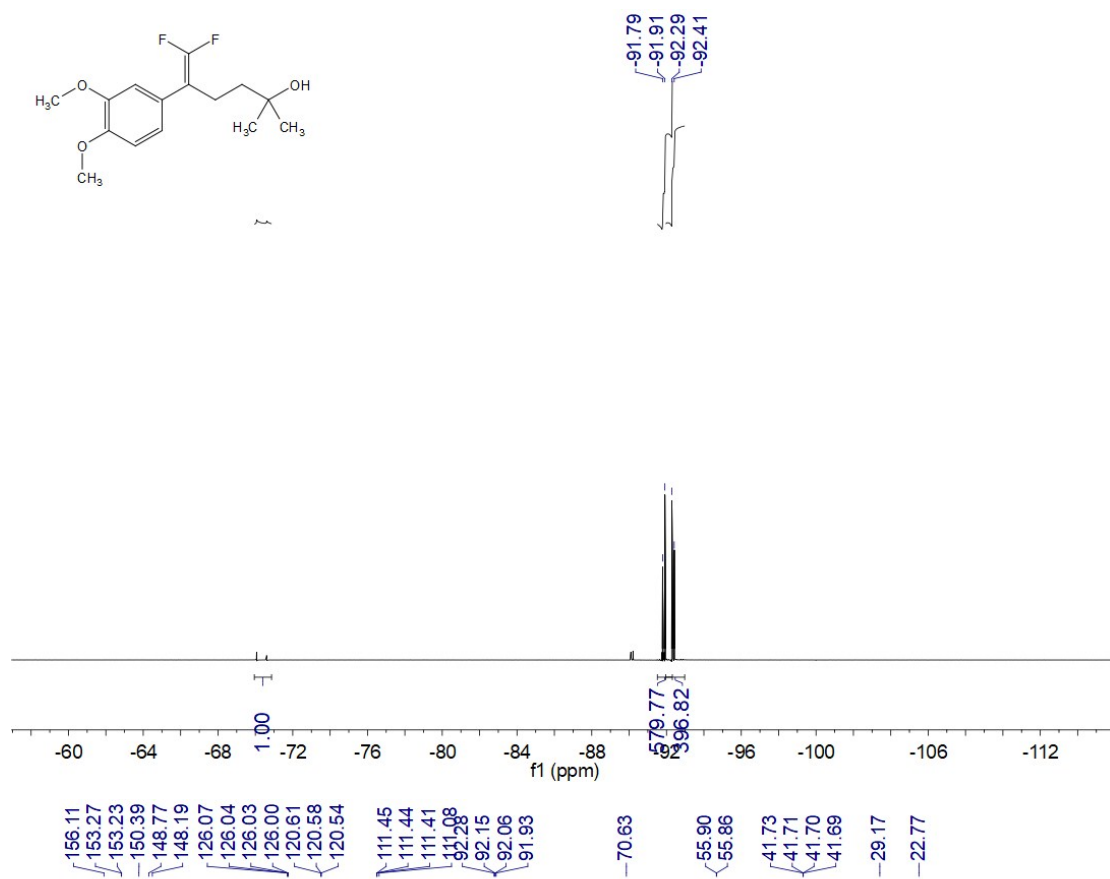


5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3b)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 40:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.94 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 2.57 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.41 (br s, 1H), 1.23 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.85 (d, $J = 46.0$ Hz), -92.35 (d, $J = 46.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.25 (dd, $J = 289.6, 286.0$ Hz), 148.77, 148.19, 126.04 (dd, $J = 4.2, 3.4$ Hz), 120.58 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 111.45 (dd, $J = 3.9, 3.1$ Hz), 111.08, 92.11 (dd, $J = 21.8, 13.0$ Hz), 70.63, 55.90, 55.86, 41.71 (dd, $J = 2.5, 1.9$ Hz), 29.17, 22.77. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 309.1273; found: 309.1271. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2985, 1632, 1616, 1485, 1244, 1174, 1027, 1001, 787, 696, 612.



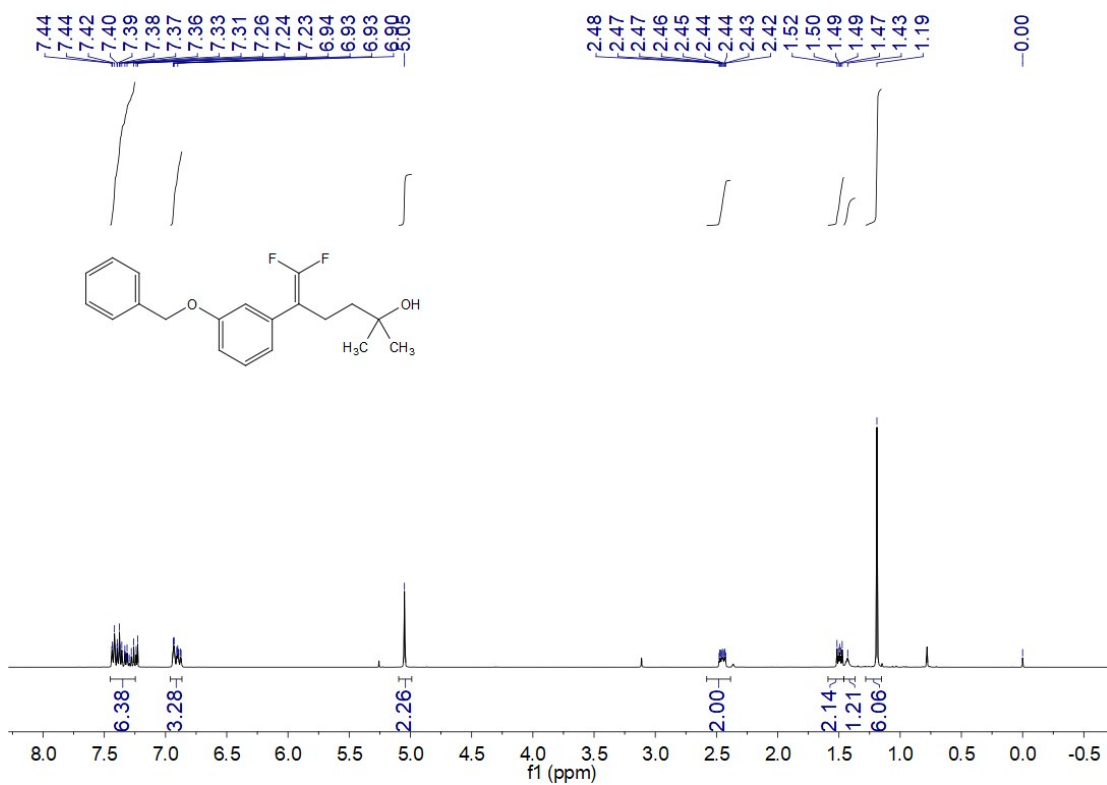


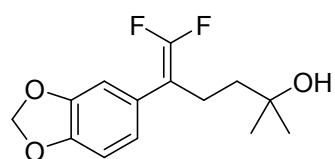
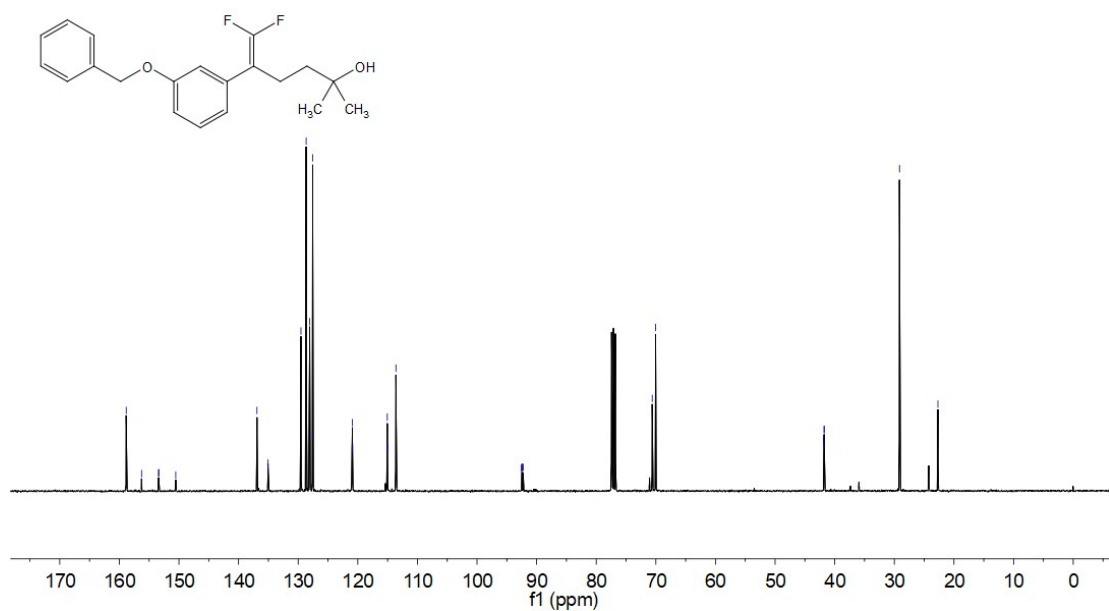
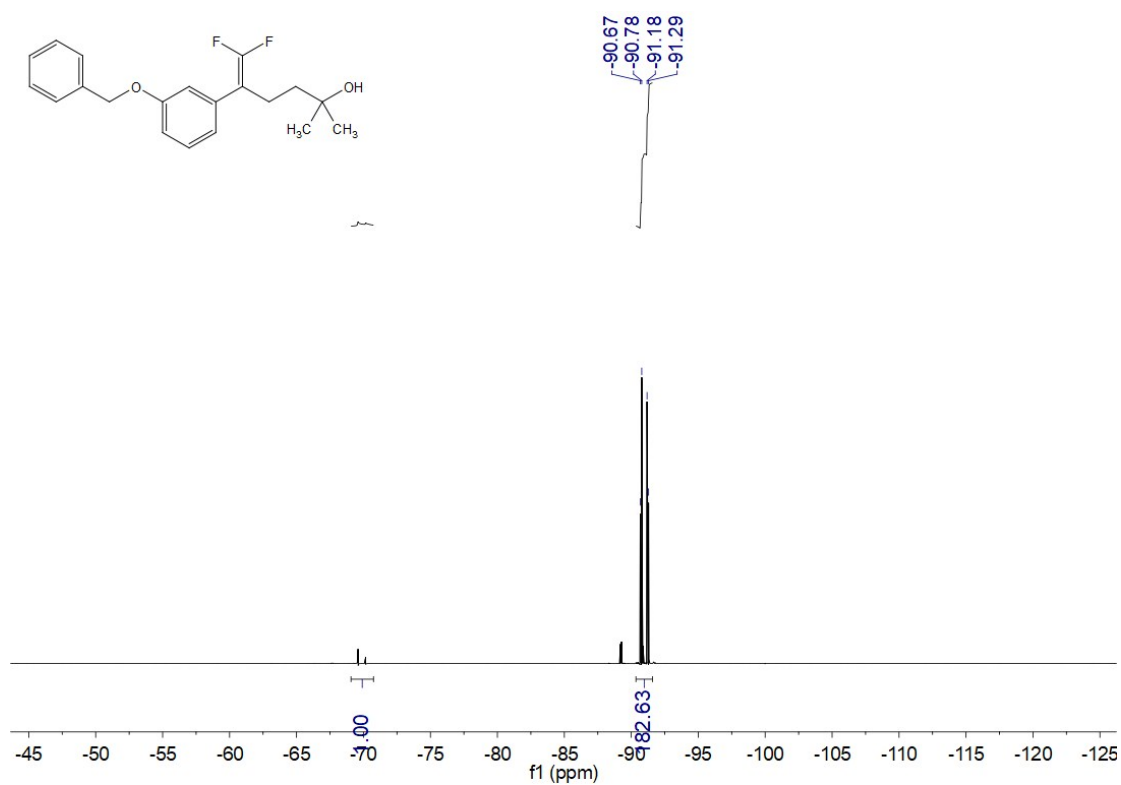
5-(3-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3e)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.53 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.02 – 6.68 (m, 3H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 2.51 – 2.34 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.43 (br s, 1H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.84, 153.40 (dd, $J = 290.9$, 286.5 Hz), 136.91, 135.06 (dd, $J = 4.5$, 3.4 Hz), 129.53, 128.66, 128.06, 127.57, 120.91 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 115.05 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 113.60, 92.43 (dd, $J = 21.8$, 12.7 Hz), 70.61, 70.04, 41.78 (dd, $J = 2.6$, 1.9 Hz), 29.14, 22.69. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.73 (d, $J = 43.1$ Hz), -91.24 (d, $J = 43.0$ Hz). HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 355.1480; found: 355.1487. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3414, 2978, 1727, 1637, 1616, 1488, 1455, 1395, 1244, 1174, 1027, 1002, 786, 695, 618.



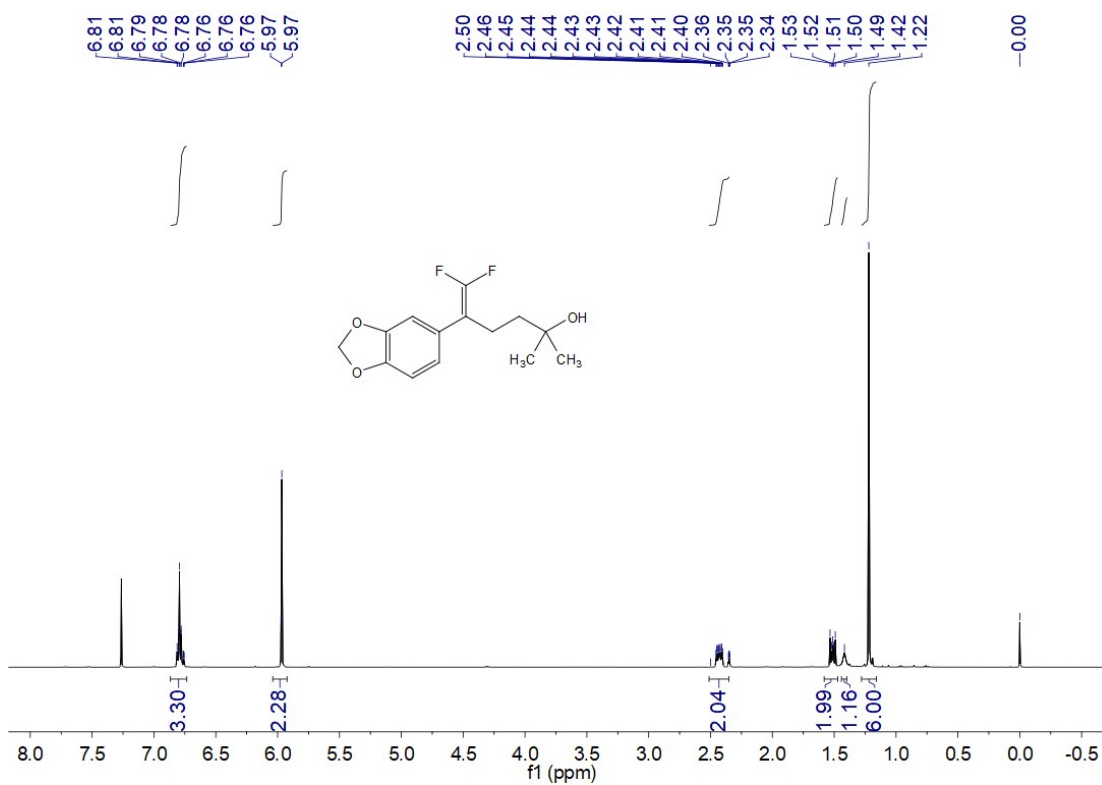


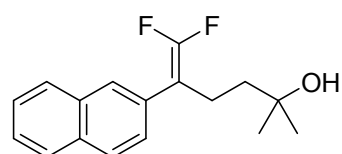
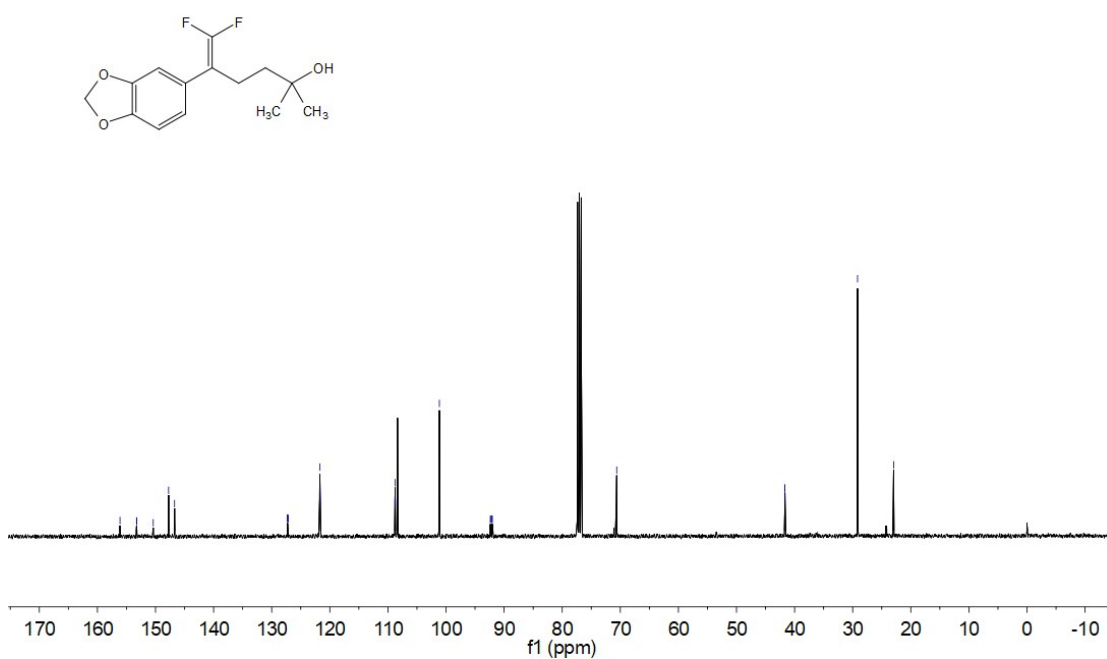
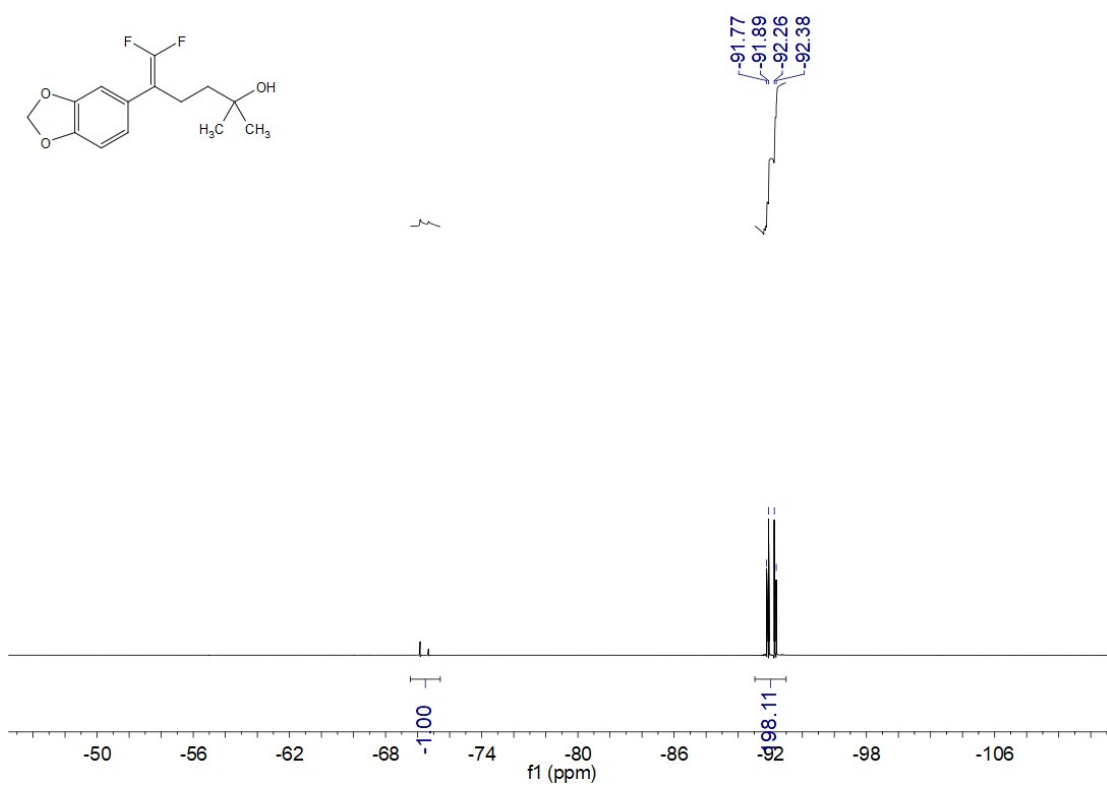
5-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3f)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.93 – 6.55 (m, 3H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 2.47 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.42 (br s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.83 (d, J = 45.6 Hz), -92.32 (d, J = 45.5 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.25 (dd, J = 289.5, 286.2 Hz), 147.75, 146.72, 127.24 (dd, J = 4.5, 3.1 Hz), 121.71 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 108.76 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 108.35, 101.14, 92.20 (dd, J = 22.2, 13.2 Hz), 70.62, 41.67 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.8 Hz), 29.16, 22.96. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 293.0960; found: 293.0965. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3418, 2980, 1637, 1616, 1487, 1453, 1352, 1172, 751, 617.



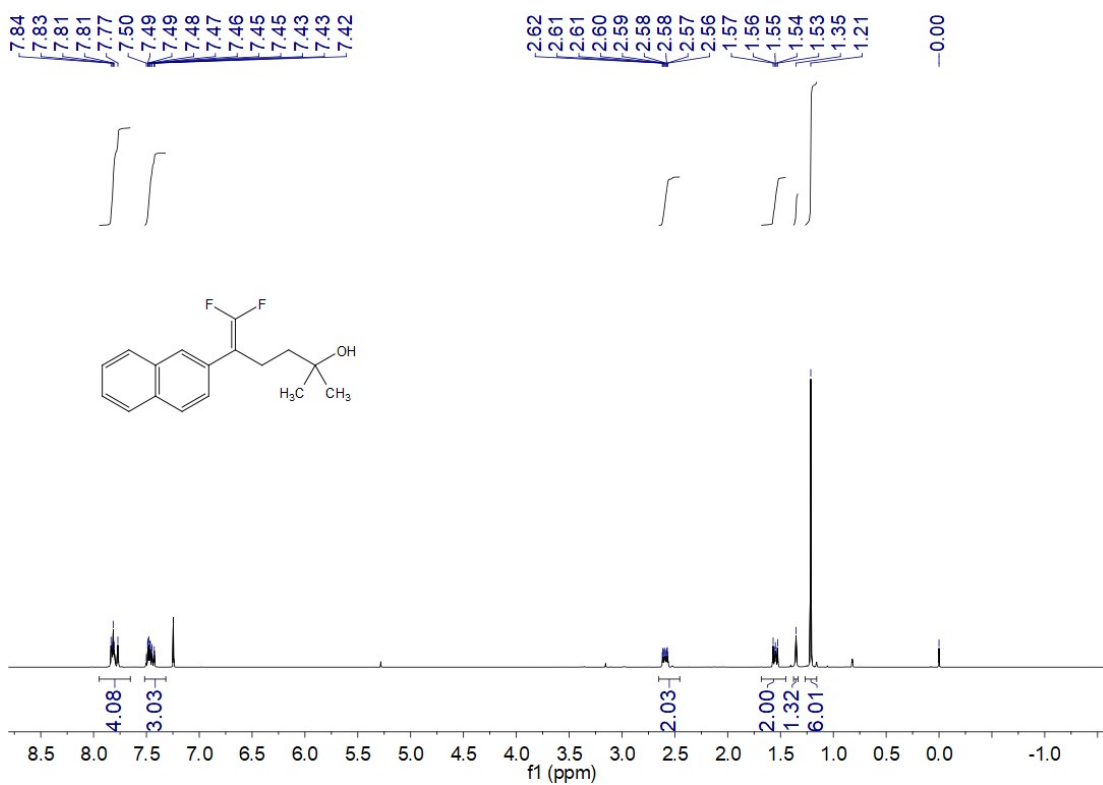


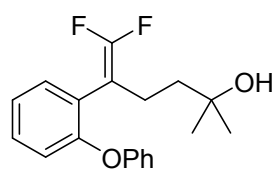
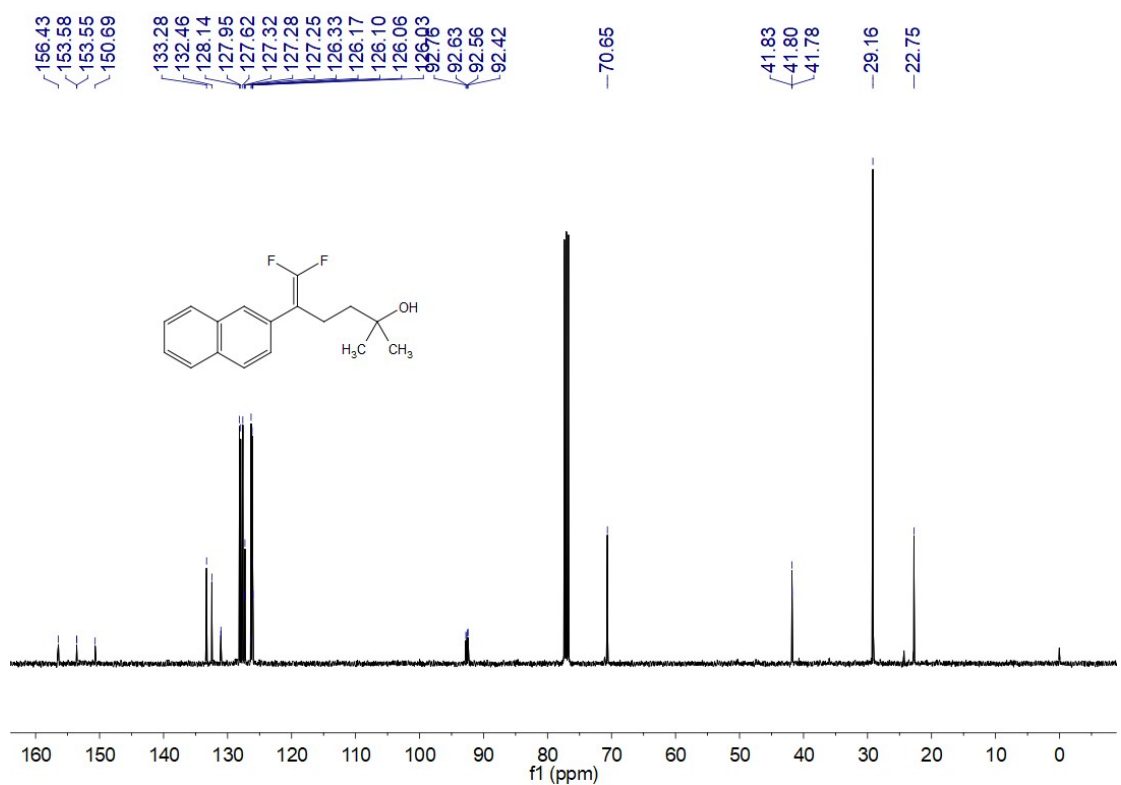
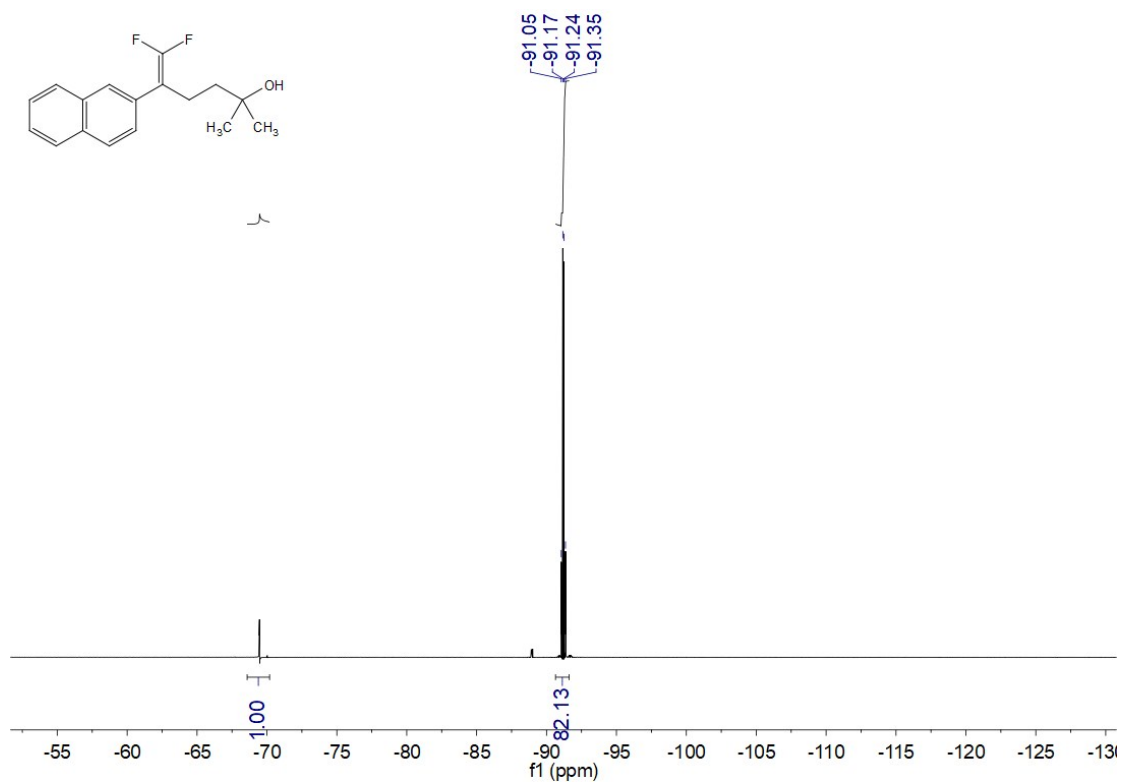
6,6-difluoro-2-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)hex-5-en-2-ol (3m)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93 – 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.62 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 2.75 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.35 (br s, 1H), 1.21 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.11 (d, $J = 43.3$ Hz), -91.30 (d, $J = 43.3$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.56 (dd, $J = 290.3, 287.3$ Hz), 133.28, 132.46, 131.03 (dd, $J = 3.6, 2.5$ Hz), 128.14, 127.95, 127.62, 127.28 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 126.33, 126.17, 126.06 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 92.59 (dd, $J = 20.9, 13.9$ Hz), 70.65, 41.79 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 29.16, 22.75. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 299.1218; found: 299.1216. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3412, 2983, 2829, 1717, 1617, 1489, 1457, 1396, 1369, 1356, 1244, 1173, 1103, 1002, 787, 773, 610.



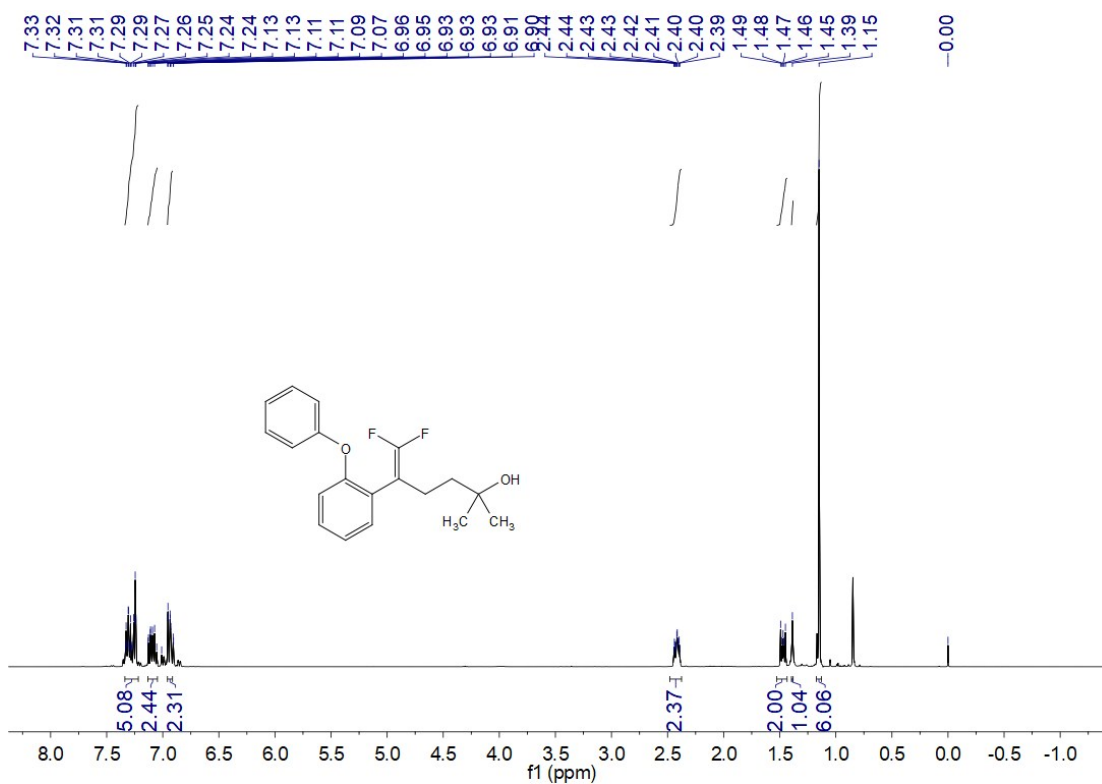


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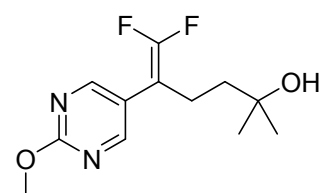
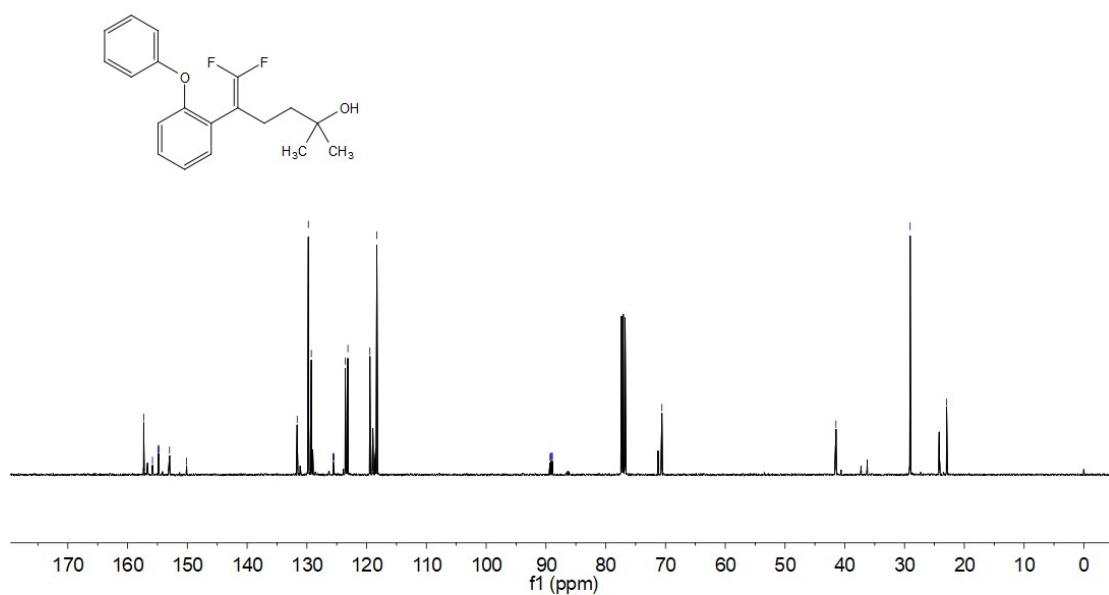
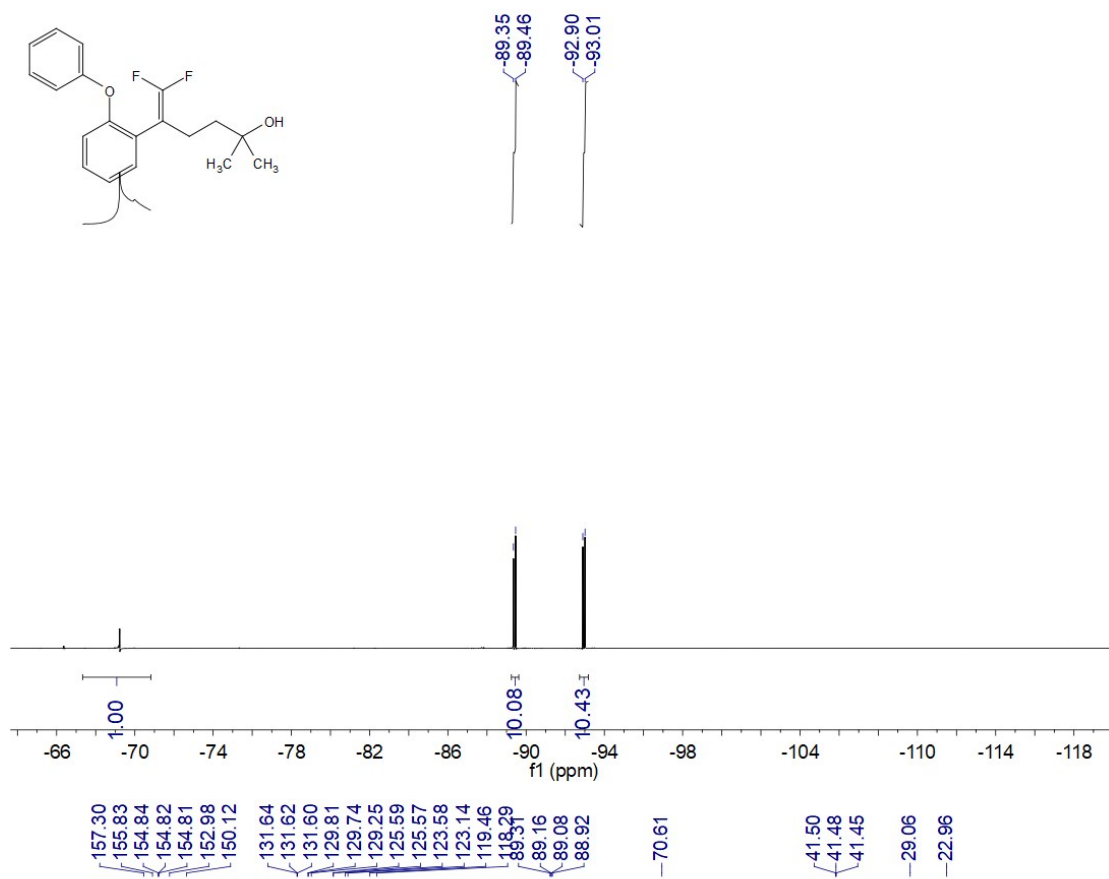
Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 15:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.12 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.99 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 2.48 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.47 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (br s, 1H), 1.15 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.41 (d, J = 42.6 Hz), -92.96 (d, J = 42.7 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.30, 154.82 (dd, J = 2.3, 1.0 Hz), 152.98 (dd, J = 288.1, 287.3 Hz), 131.62 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 129.74, 129.25, 125.55 (dd, J = 5.1, 1.9 Hz), 123.58, 123.14, 119.46, 118.29, 89.12 (dd, J = 23.9, 16.0 Hz), 70.61, 41.46 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 29.06, 22.96. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 341.1324; found: 341.1331. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2976, 2830, 2359, 2064, 1738, 1600, 1488, 1447, 1396, 1368, 1356, 1241, 1186, 1173, 798, 787, 752, 691, 613.



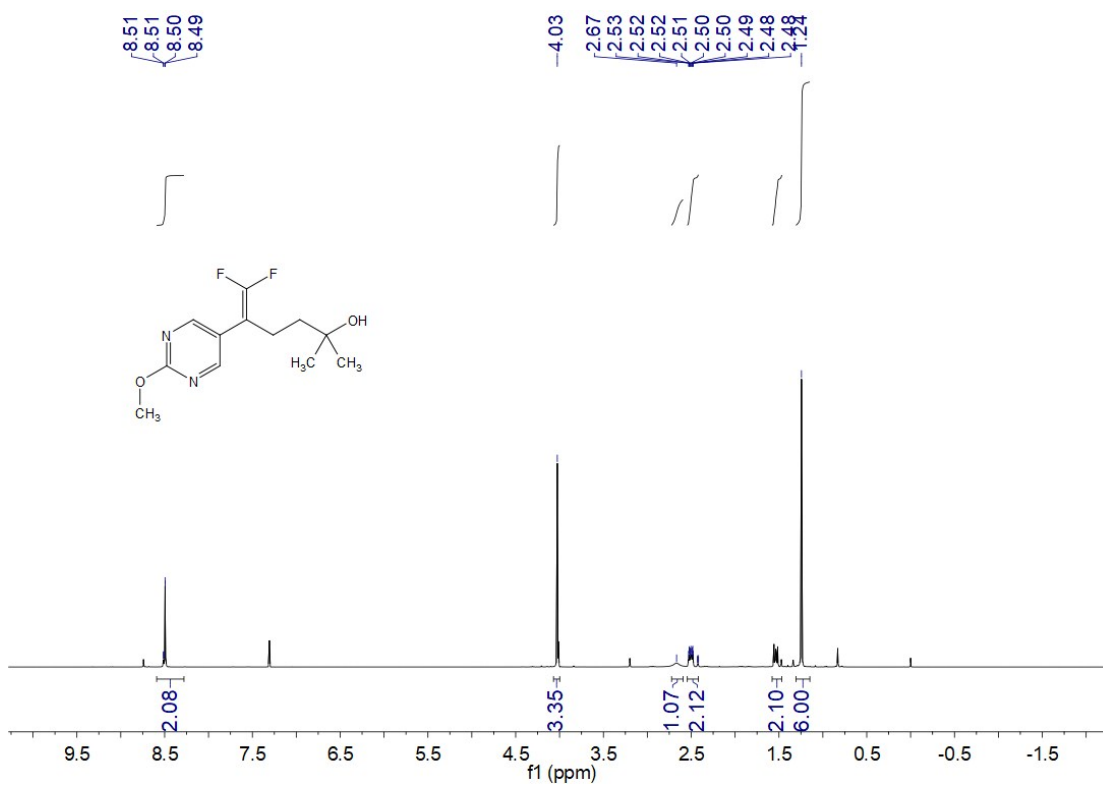
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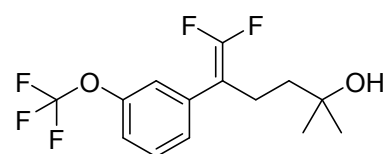
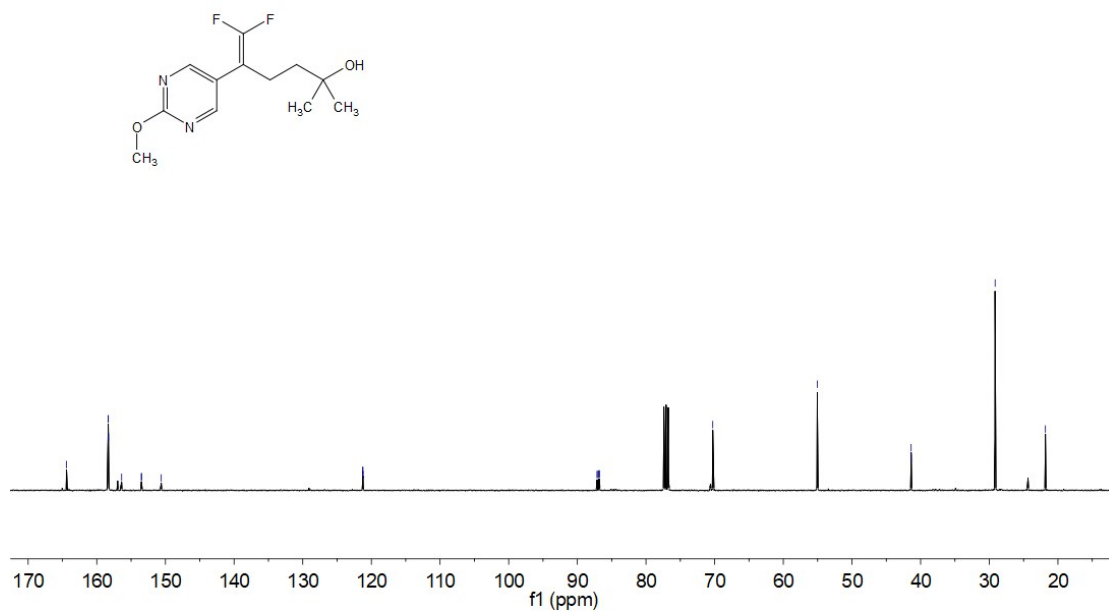
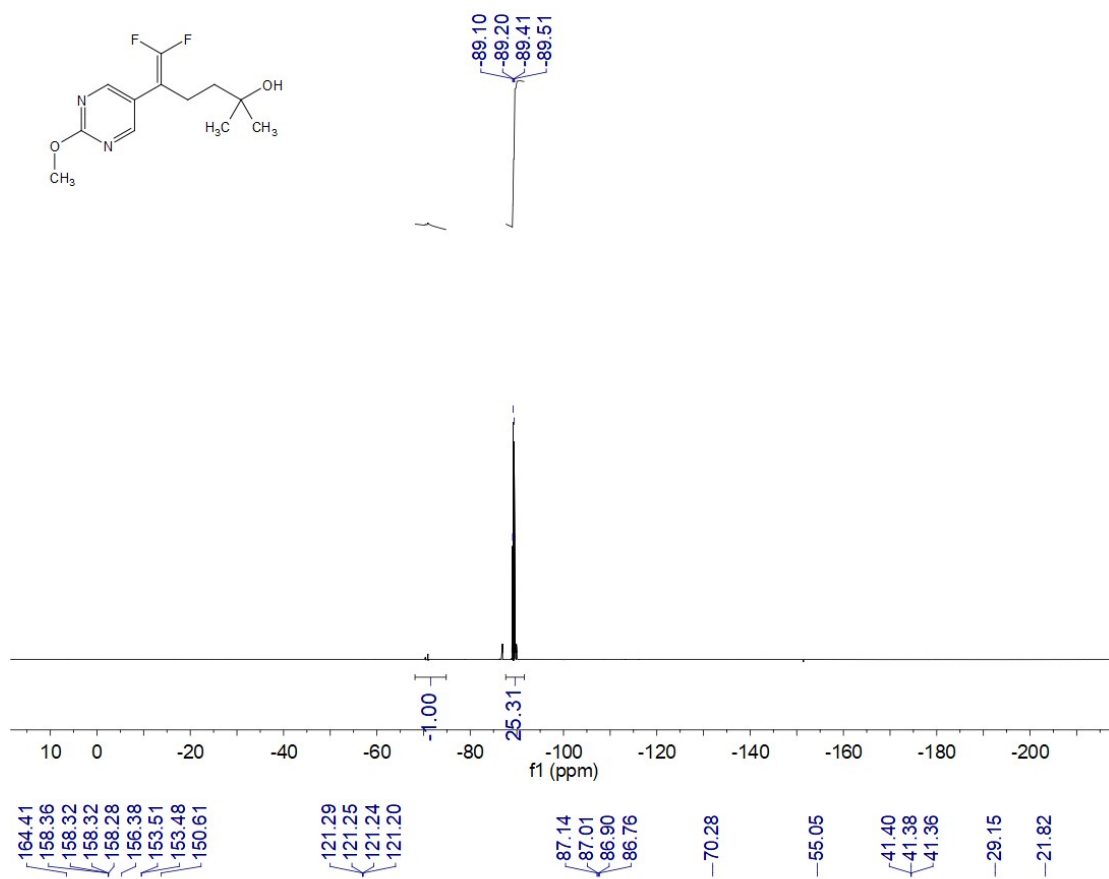


6,6-difluoro-5-(2-methoxypyrimidin-5-yl)-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3p)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 35:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 – 8.36 (m, 2H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 2.67 (br s, 1H), 2.54 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.15 (d, $J = 40.2$ Hz), -89.46 (d, $J = 40.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.41, 158.32 (dd, $J = 4.1, 3.6$ Hz), 153.50 (dd, $J = 291.5, 289.0$ Hz), 121.22 (dd, $J = 4.0, 3.9$ Hz), 86.95 (dd, $J = 24.7, 13.6$ Hz), 70.28, 55.05, 41.37 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 29.15, 21.82. **HRMS** (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 281.1072; found: 281.1078. **IR** ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2981, 2830, 1727, 1598, 1478, 1415, 1368, 1355, 1245, 1033, 611



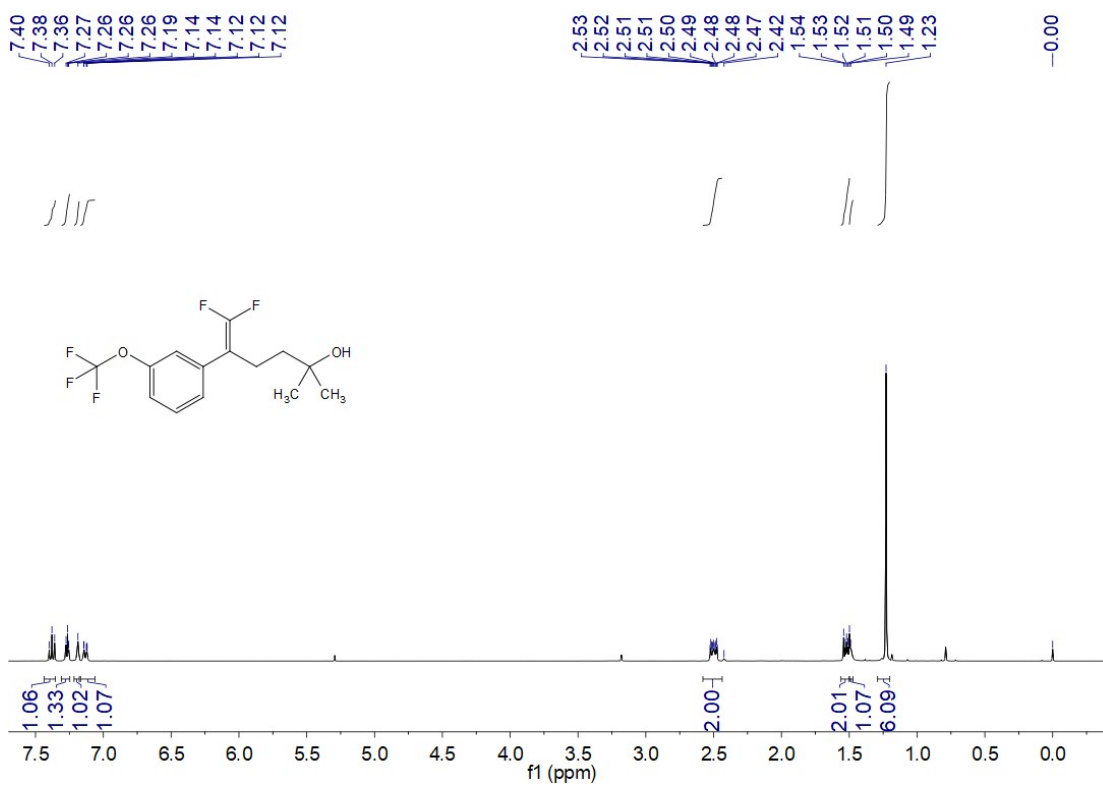


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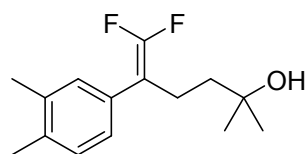
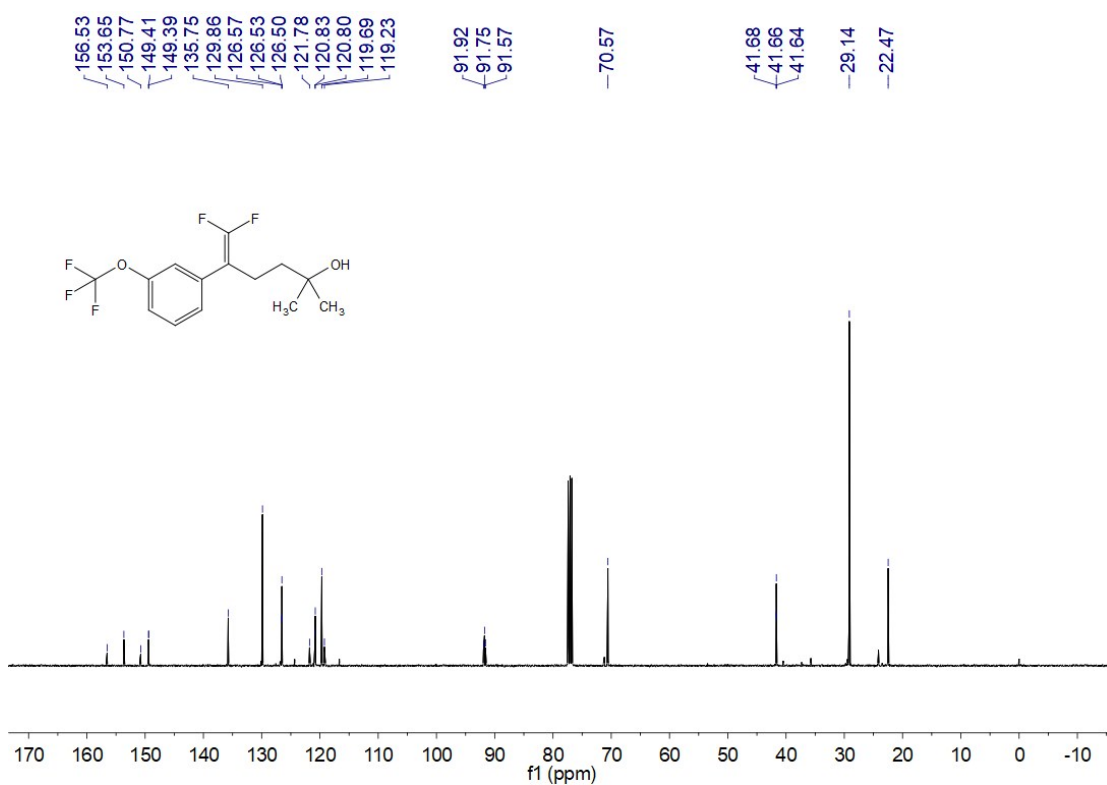
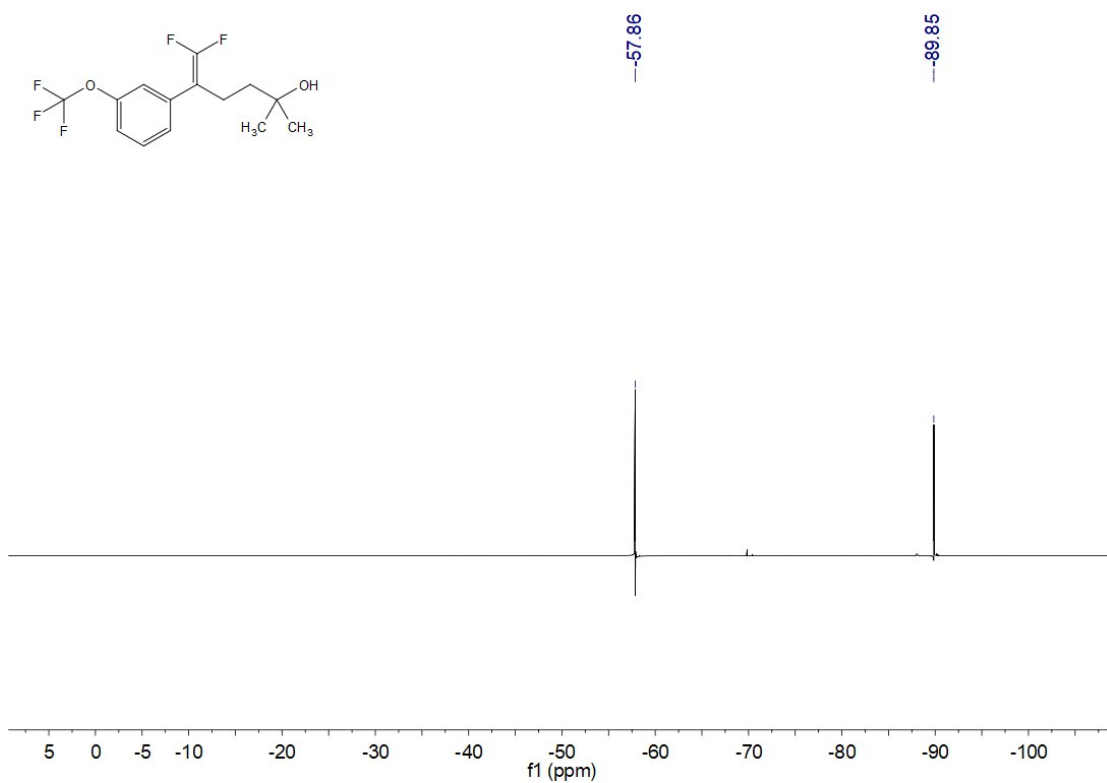
Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 5.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 2.55 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.44 (br s, 1H), 1.23 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.86, -89.85. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.65 (dd, J = 289.9, 289.1 Hz), 149.40 (dd, J = 3.3, 1.6 Hz), 135.75, 129.86, 126.53 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 120.80 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 120.51 (q, J = 257.2 Hz), 119.69, 91.75 (t, J = 17.6 Hz), 70.57, 41.66 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 29.14, 22.47. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_5\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 333.0884; found: 333.0886. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3421, 2981, 1726, 1616, 1488, 1395, 1353, 1255, 1218, 1173, 788, 619.



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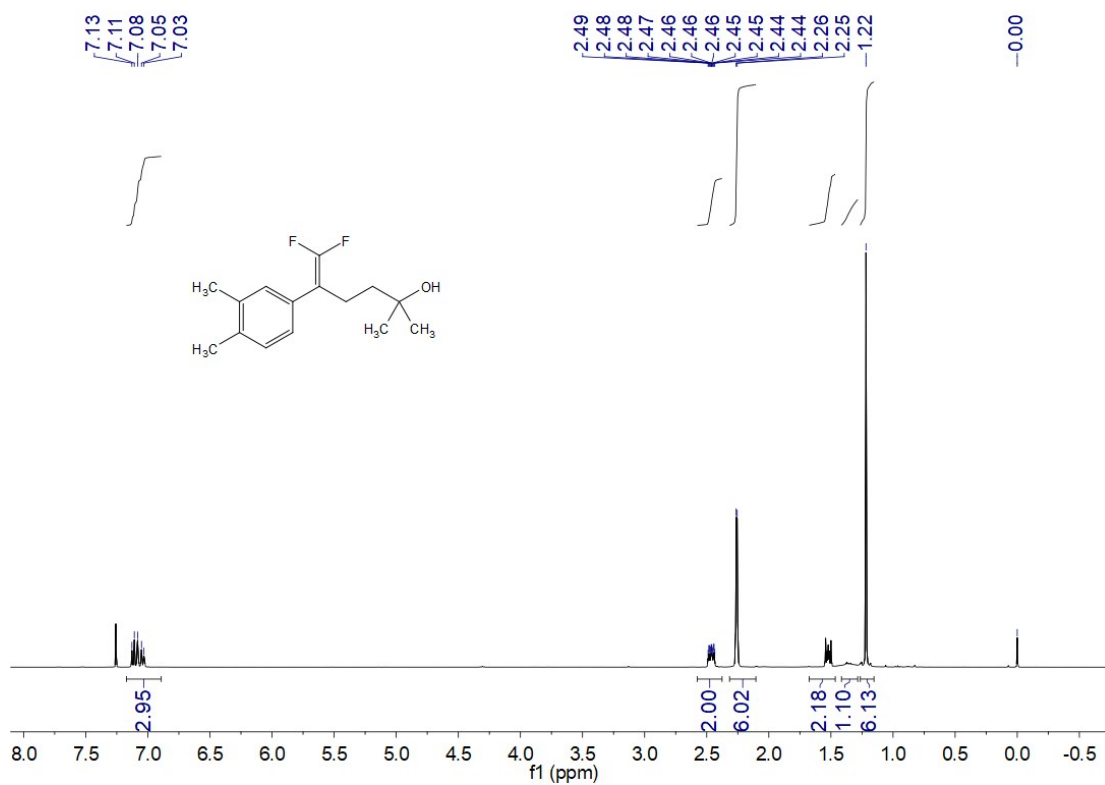


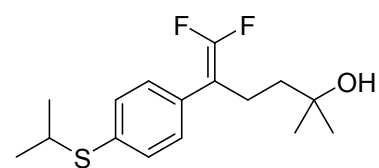
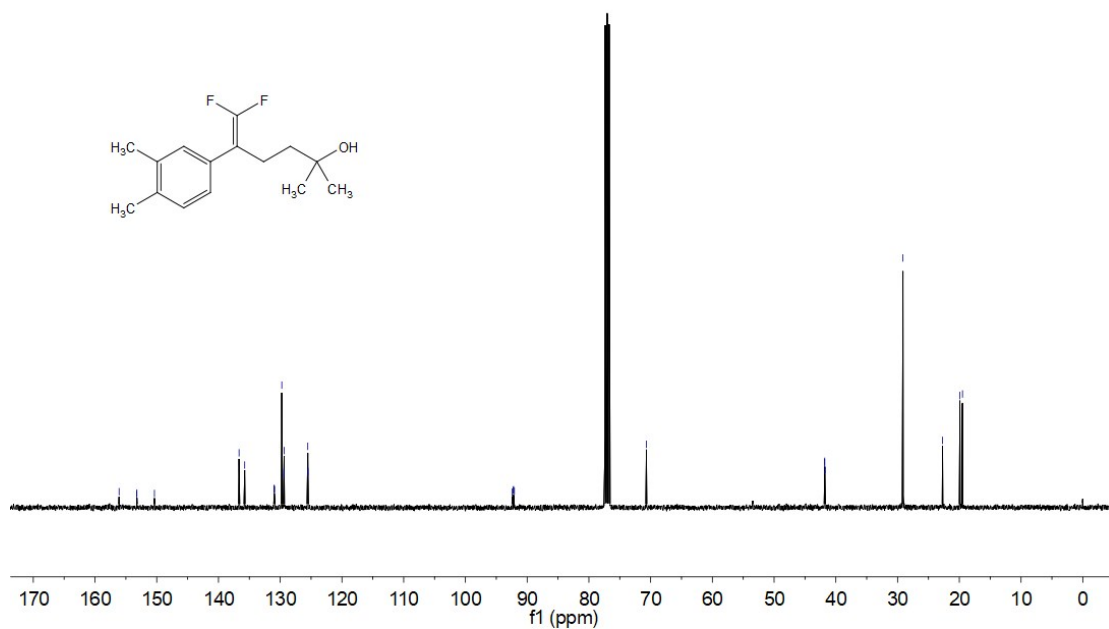
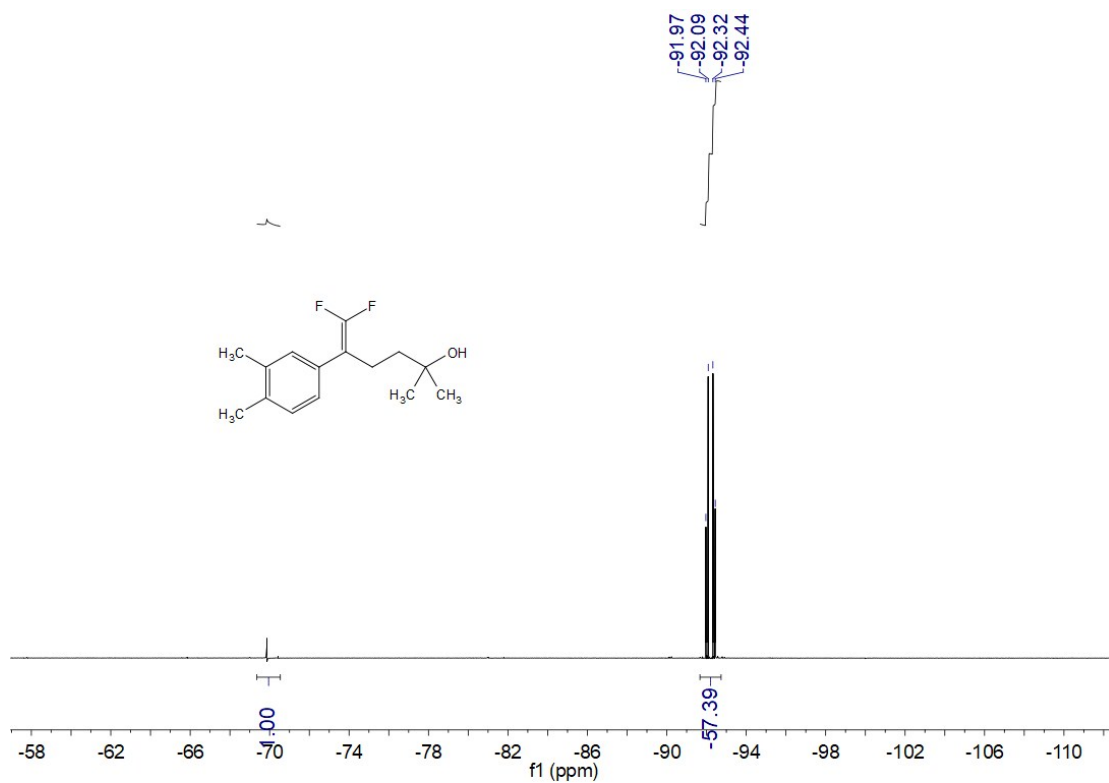
5-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3c)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 2.55 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.62 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.35 (br s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -92.03 (d, J = 45.6 Hz), -92.38 (d, J = 45.6 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.23 (dd, J = 289.6, 286.1 Hz), 136.66, 135.75, 130.96 (dd, J = 4.1, 3.2 Hz), 129.74, 129.37 (t, J = 3.2 Hz), 125.53 (t, J = 3.2 Hz), 92.24 (dd, J = 21.2, 13.3 Hz), 70.69, 41.80 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.9 Hz), 29.13, 22.72, 19.90, 19.49. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 277.1374; found: 277.1375. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3429, 2986, 2829, 1616, 1488, 1457, 1396, 1368, 1356, 1185, 1174, 1002, 787, 773, 598.



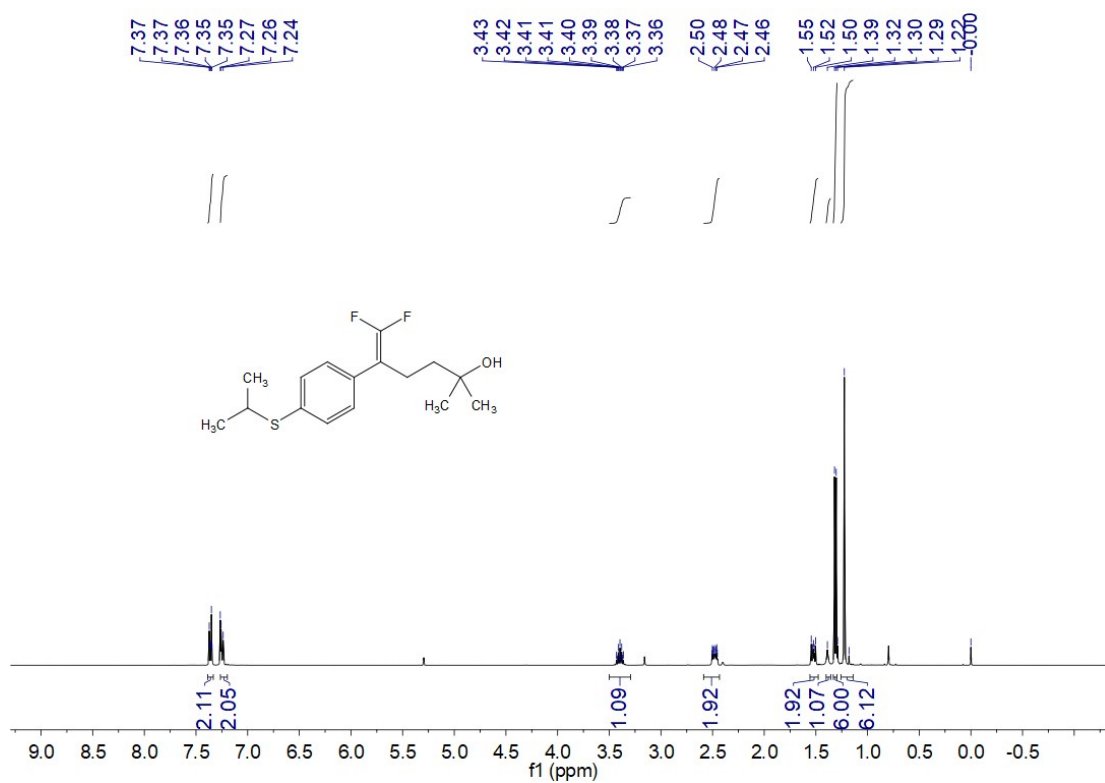


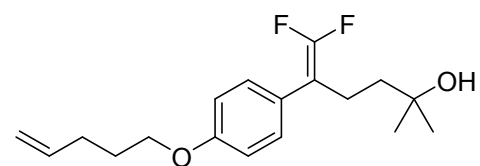
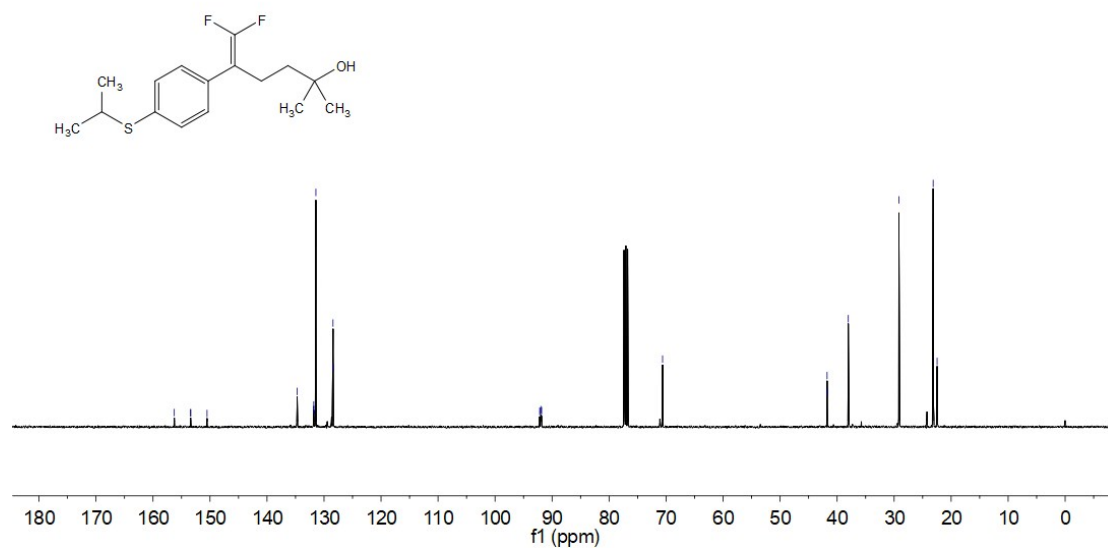
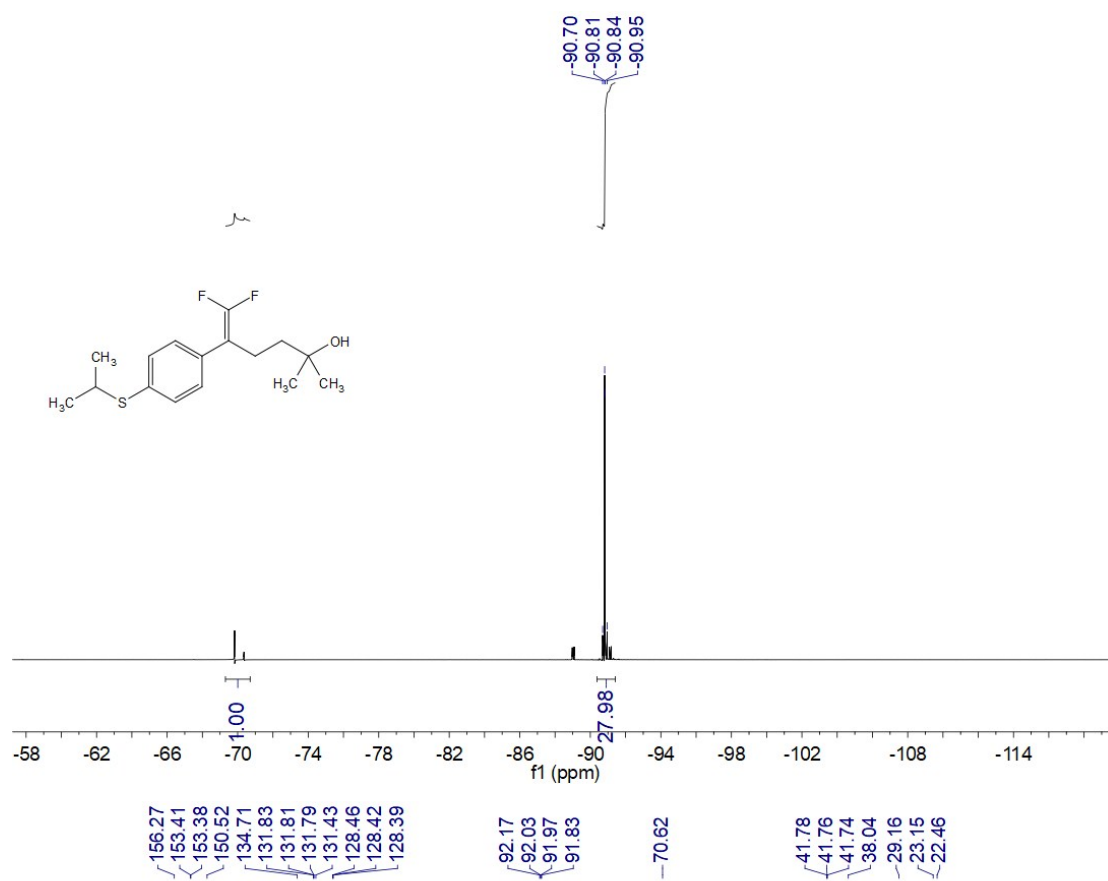
6,6-difluoro-5-(4-(isopropylthio)phenyl)-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3g)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 40:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.24 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.39 (br s, 1H), 1.31 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H), 1.22 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.76 (d, $J = 42.8$ Hz), -90.90 (d, $J = 42.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.39 (dd, $J = 290.4, 287.8$ Hz), 134.71, 131.80 (t, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 131.43, 128.42 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 92.00 (dd, $J = 20.1, 14.3$ Hz), 70.62, 41.76 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 38.04, 29.16, 23.15, 22.46. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaOS}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 323.1252; found: 323.1250. IR (KBr/ cm^{-1}) 3420, 2982, 1616, 1488, 1396, 1355, 1235, 1174, 1091, 1002, 786, 619.

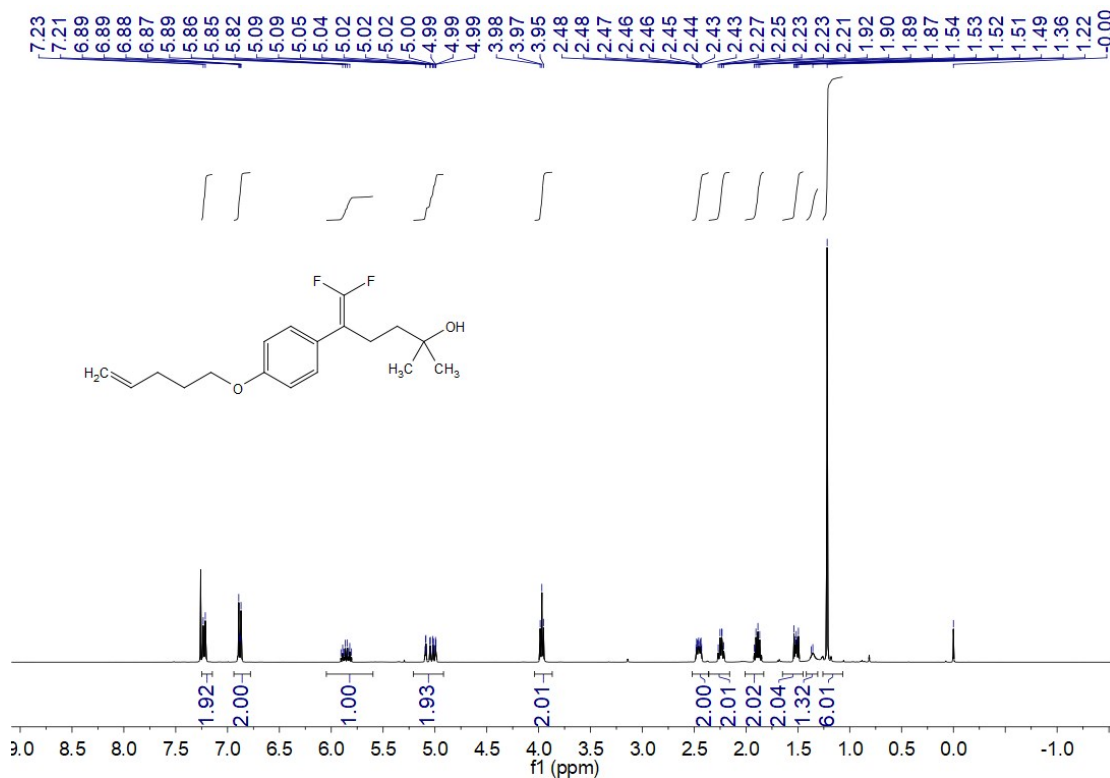


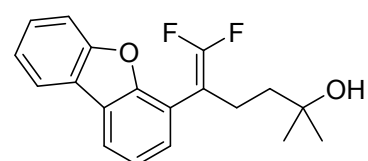
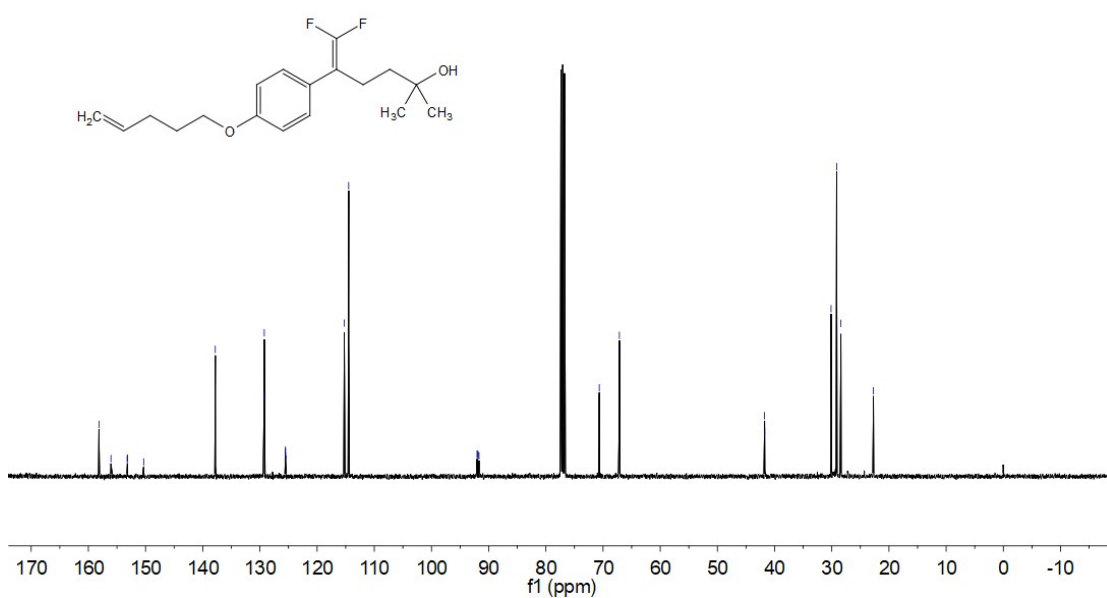
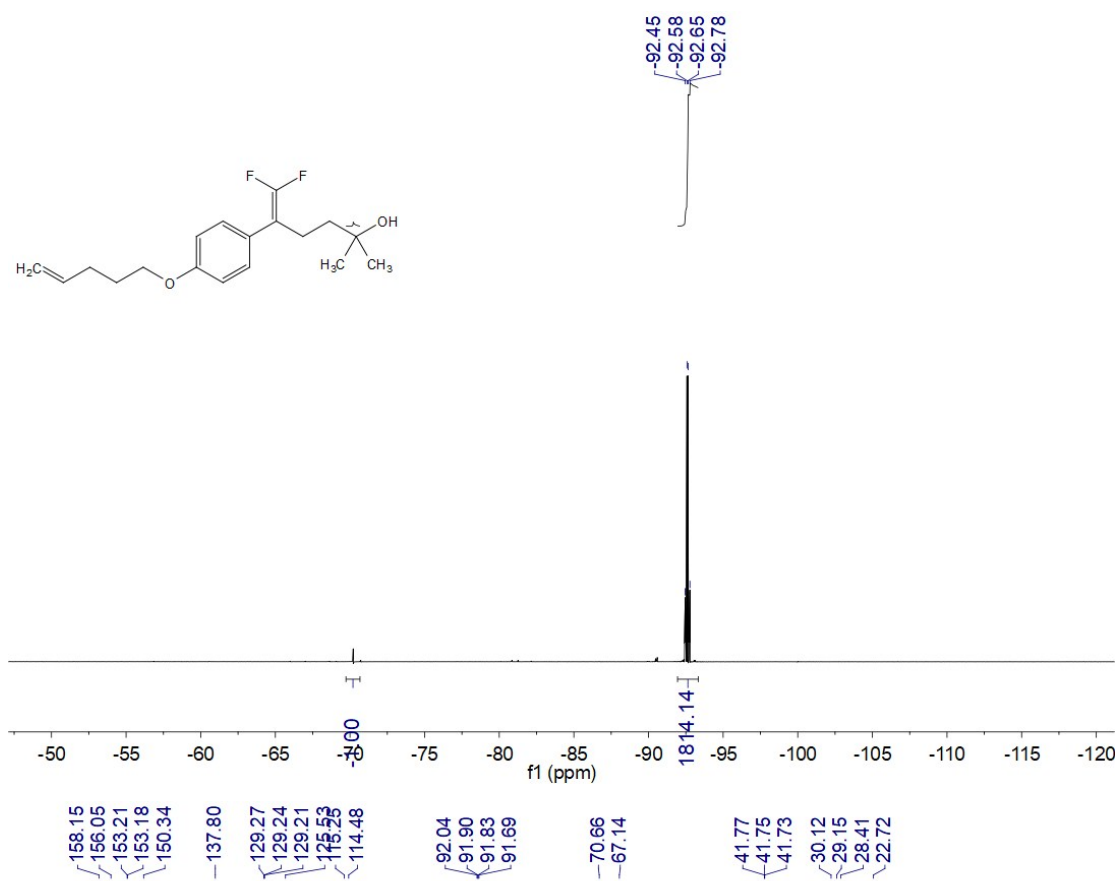


6,6-difluoro-2-methyl-5-(4-(pent-4-en-1-yloxy)phenyl)hex-5-en-2-ol (3h)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 5.99 – 5.68 (m, 1H), 5.29 – 4.80 (m, 2H), 3.97 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.09 (m, 2H), 1.89 (dd, J = 14.4, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.36 (br s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -92.52 (d, J = 46.7 Hz), -92.71 (d, J = 46.5 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.15, 153.19 (dd, J = 289.0, 286.0 Hz), 137.80, 129.24 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 125.53 (dd, J = 3.4, 2.6 Hz), 115.25, 114.48, 91.87 (dd, J = 20.9, 14.0 Hz), 70.66, 67.14, 41.74 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 30.12, 29.15, 28.41, 22.72. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 333.1637; found: 333.1639. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2981, 2830, 1727, 1611, 1514, 1488, 1441, 1396, 1356, 1248, 1233, 1174, 1090, 757, 661, 609.



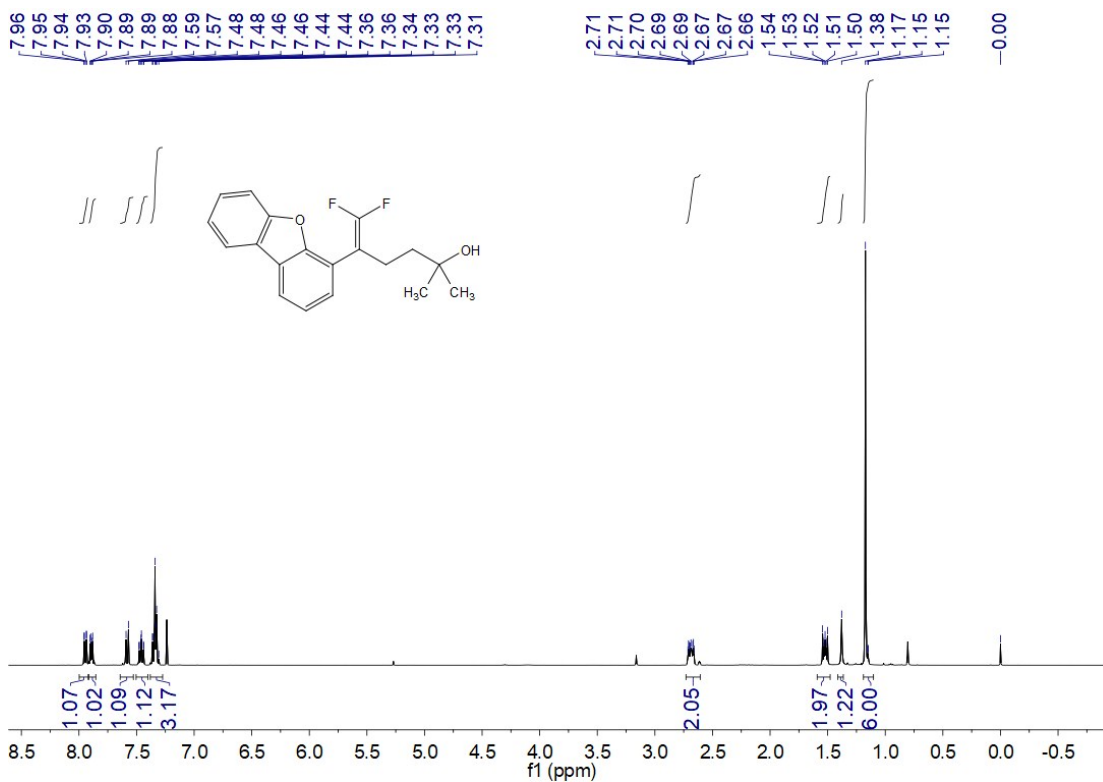


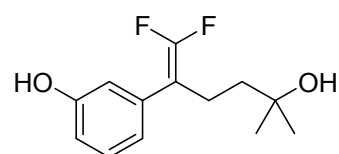
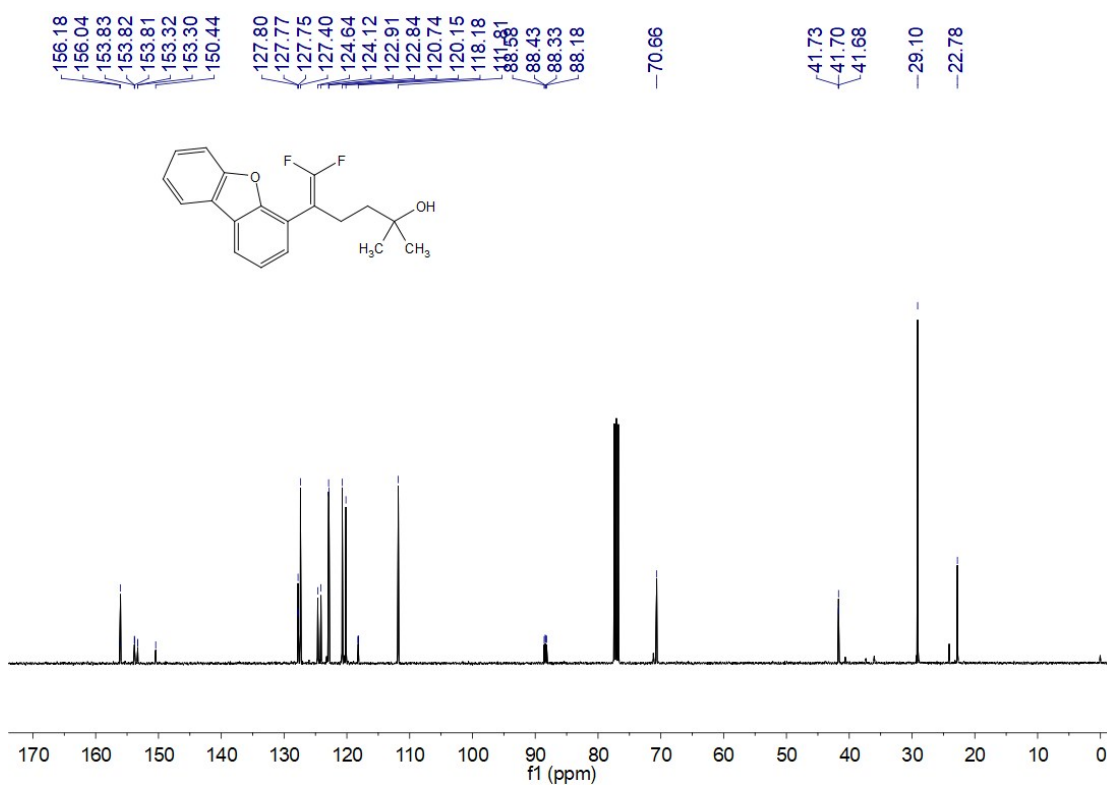
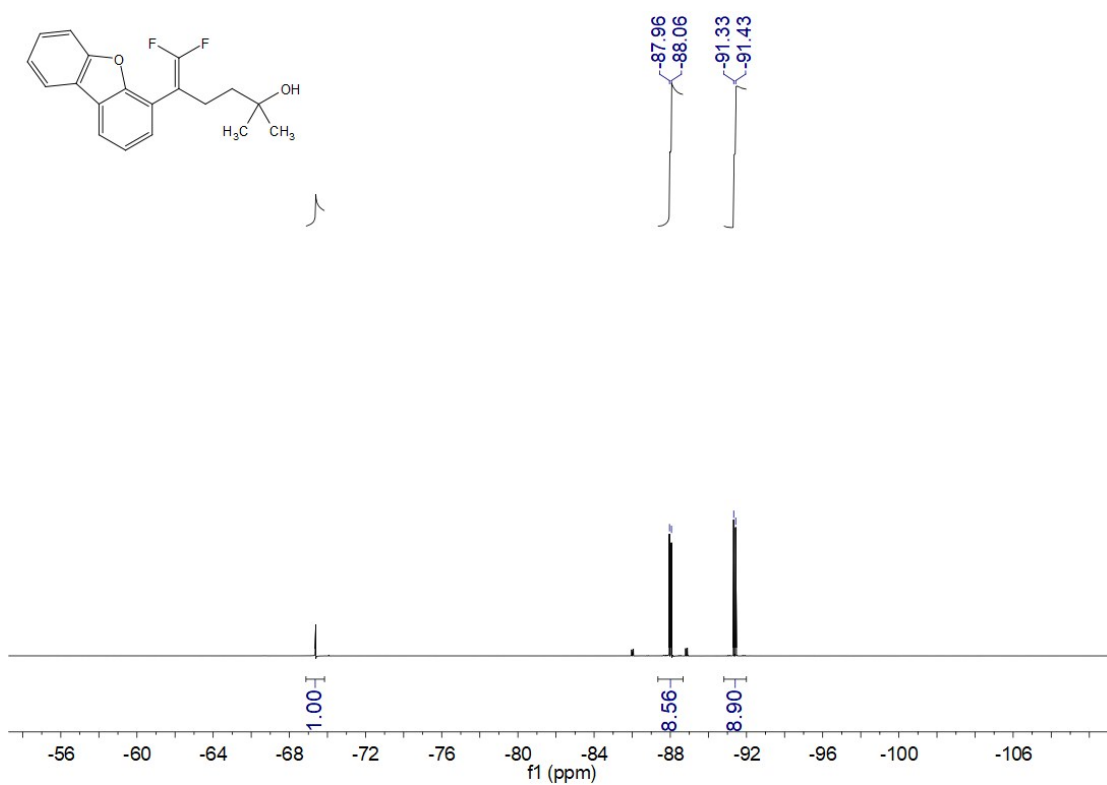
5-(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-yl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3o)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 16:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (dd, $J = 7.7, 0.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, $J = 5.4, 3.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 2.73 – 2.66 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.38 (br s, 1H), 1.17 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -88.01 (d, $J = 39.2$ Hz), -91.38 (d, $J = 39.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.04, 153.83 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz), 153.31 (dd, $J = 290.0, 287.7$ Hz), 127.77 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 127.40, 124.64, 124.12, 122.91, 122.84, 120.74, 120.15, 118.19 (dd, $J = 5.1, 2.3$ Hz), 111.81, 88.38 (dd, $J = 24.7, 15.2$ Hz), 70.66, 41.69 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 29.10, 22.78. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 339.1167; found: 339.1163. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3418, 2360, 1733, 1616, 1487, 1451, 1396, 1353, 1246, 1190, 1112, 1002, 787, 752, 616.



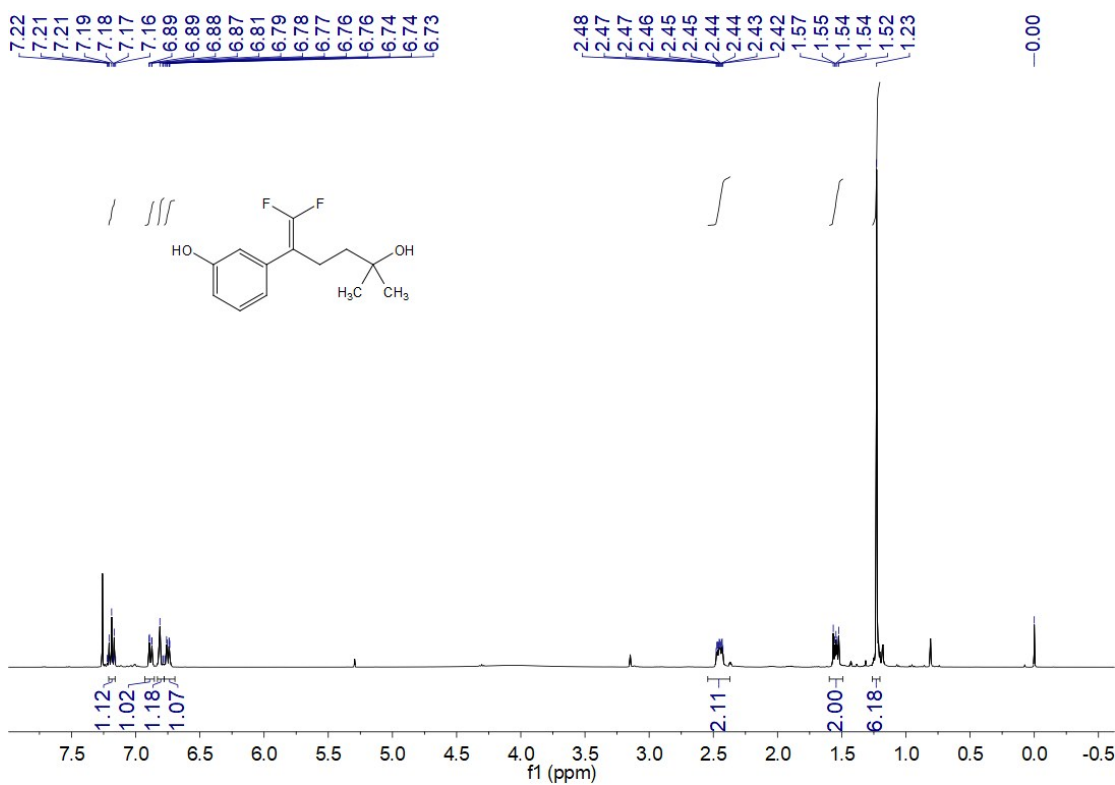


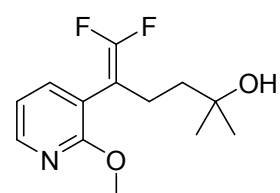
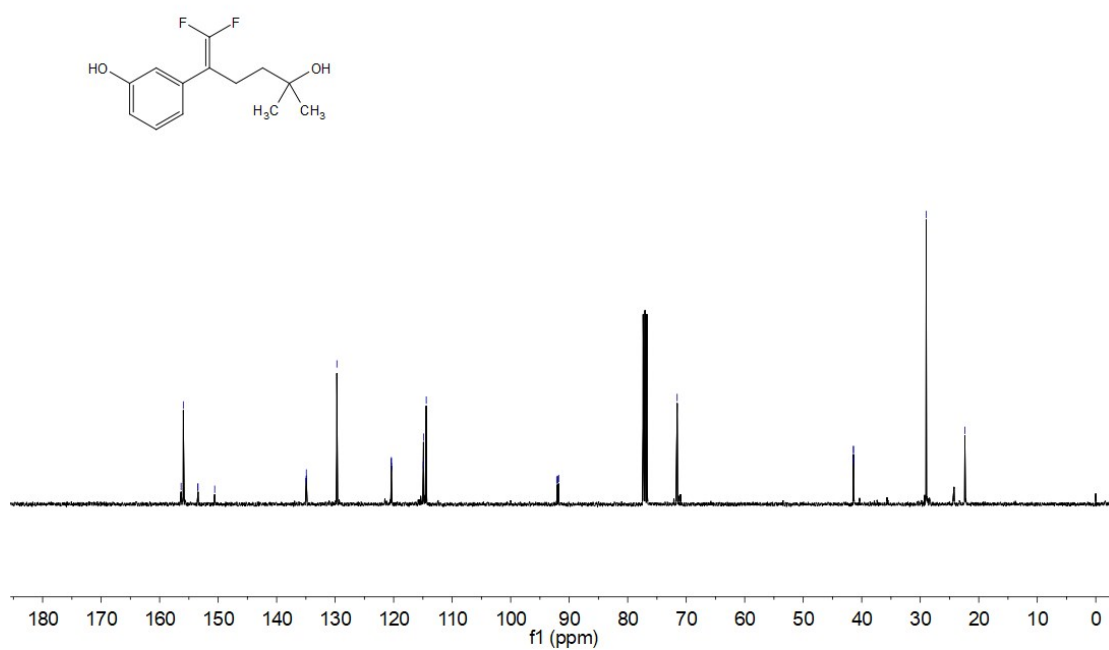
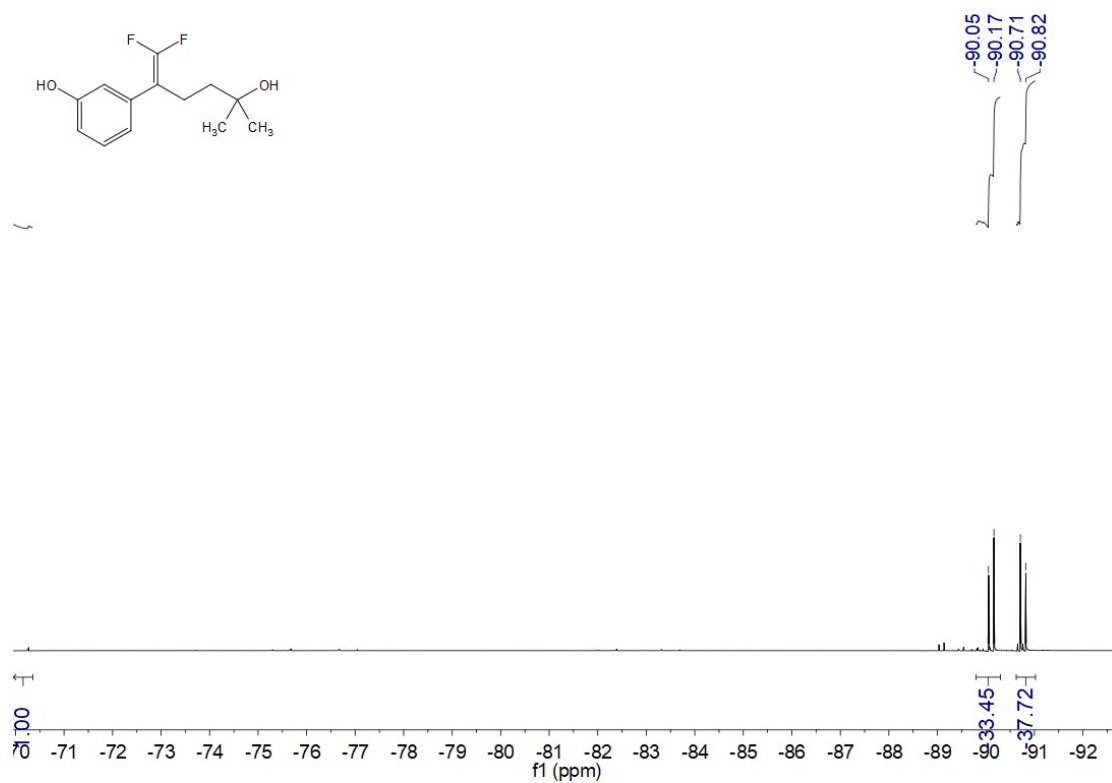
3-(1,1-difluoro-5-hydroxy-5-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)phenol (3k)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 40:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.25 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.88 (dd, $J = 7.7, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.77 – 6.71 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 1.63 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.11 (d, $J = 42.4$ Hz), -90.77 (d, $J = 42.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.95, 153.46 (dd, $J = 291.8, 286.3$ Hz), 134.91 (t, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 129.71, 120.39 (dd, $J = 5.0, 2.8$ Hz), 114.91 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 114.43, 91.96 (dd, $J = 21.9, 12.4$ Hz), 71.55, 41.42 (dd, $J = 2.2, 1.7$ Hz), 28.99, 22.37. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 265.1011; found: 265.1016. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3422, 2982, 1617, 1485, 1452, 1396, 1355, 1243, 1103, 1001, 787, 773, 619.

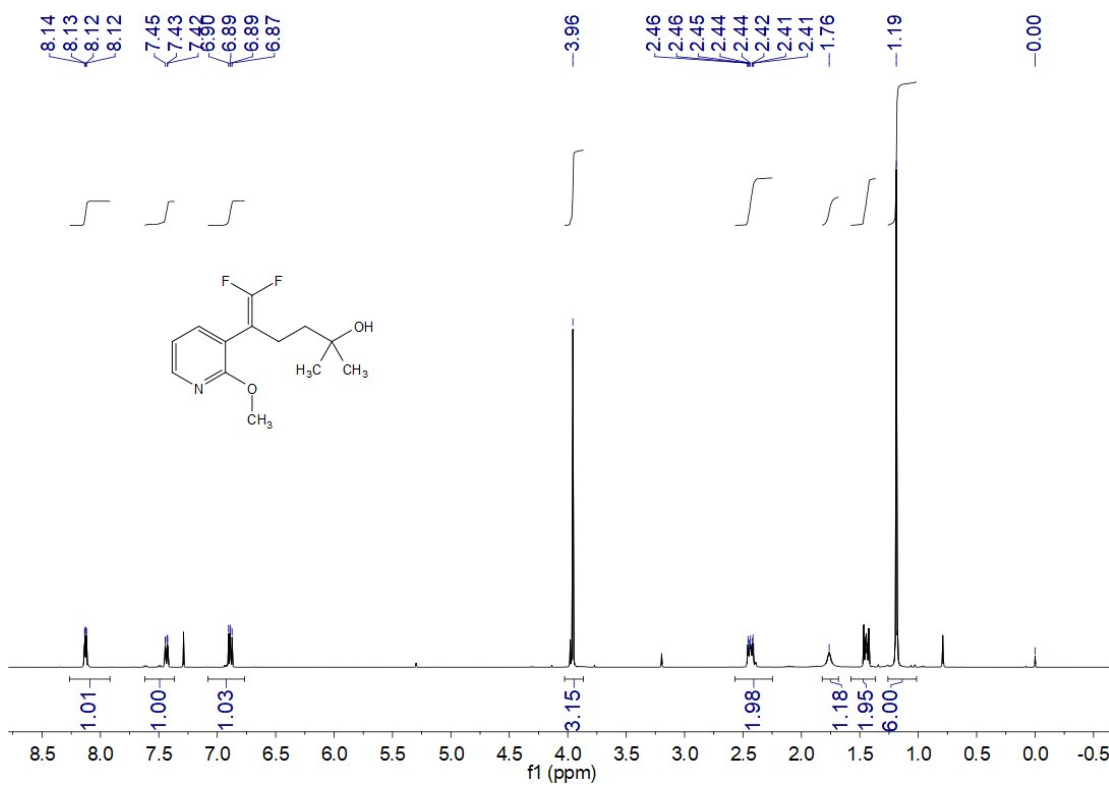


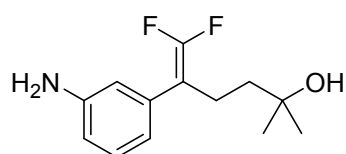
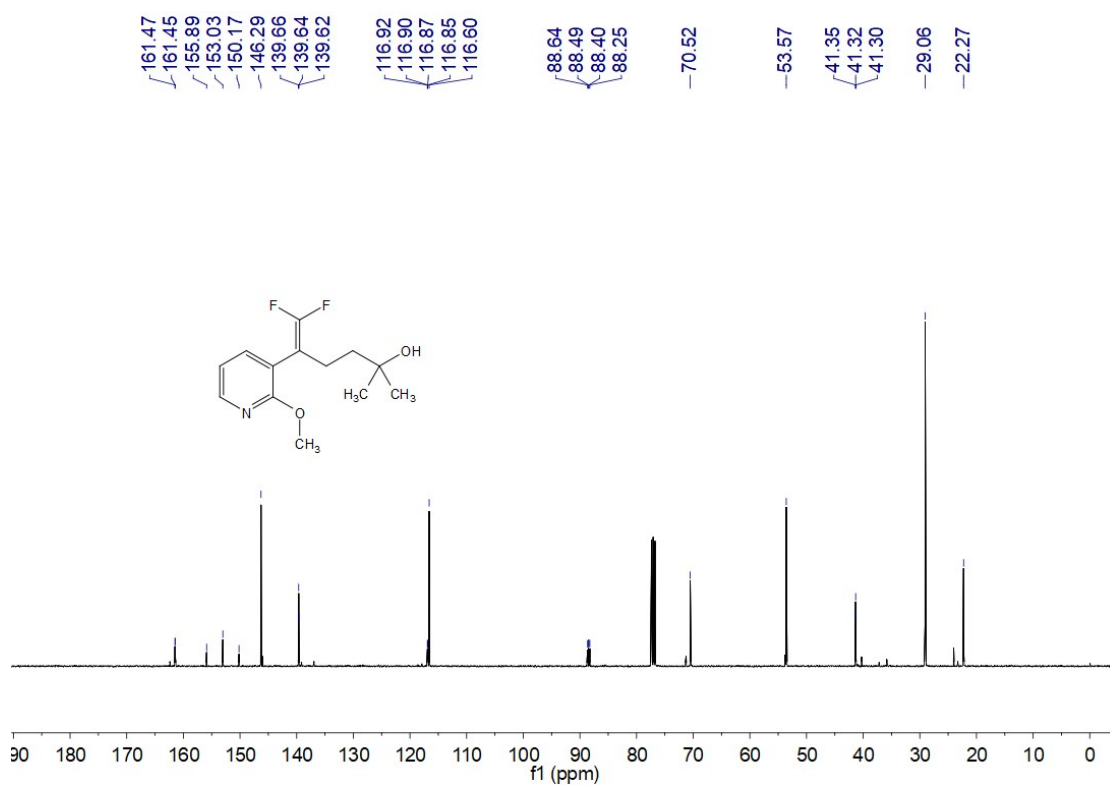
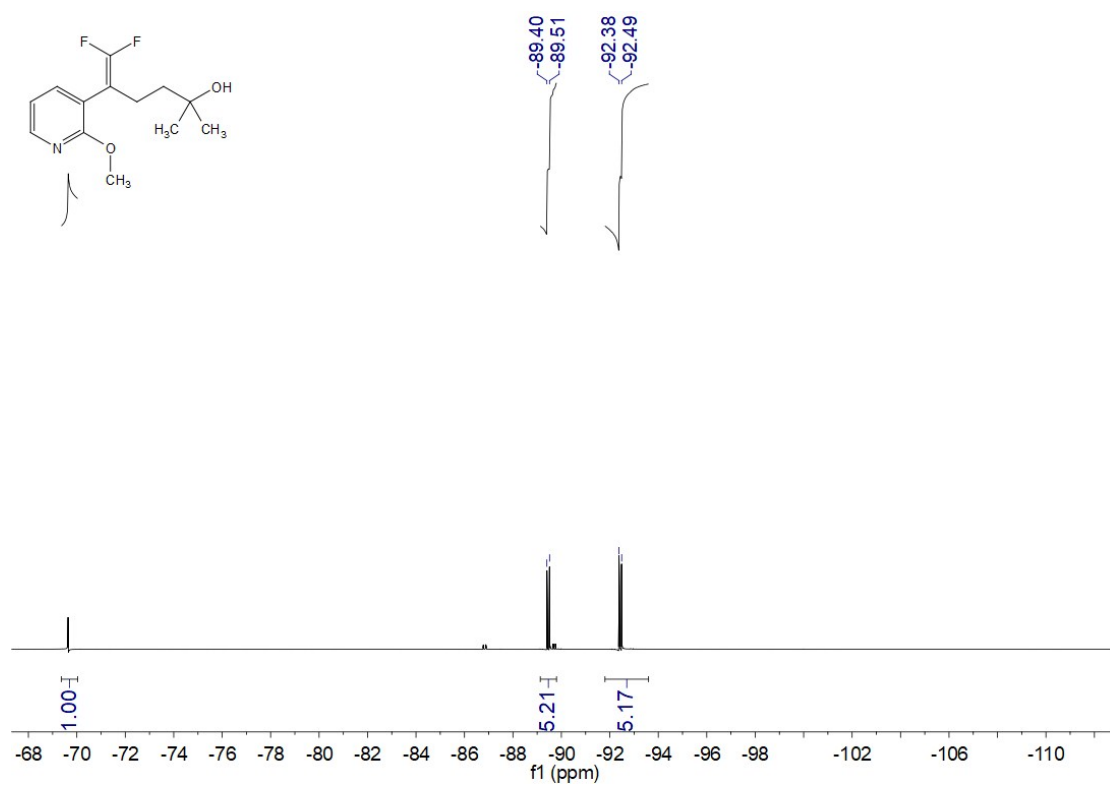


6,6-difluoro-5-(2-methoxypyridin-3-yl)-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3q)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 12:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (dd, $J = 5.0, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 7.2, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.3, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.50 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 1.76 (br s, 1H), 1.52 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.46 (d, $J = 41.8$ Hz), -92.43 (d, $J = 41.7$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.46 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 153.03 (dd, $J = 288.1, 287.9$ Hz), 146.29, 139.64 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 116.89 (dd, $J = 5.2, 1.9$ Hz), 116.60, 88.45 (dd, $J = 24.3, 15.5$ Hz), 70.52, 53.57, 41.31 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 29.06, 22.27. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 280.1120; found: 280.1123. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2976, 1743, 1590, 1465, 1404, 1368, 1249, 1173, 1096, 1020, 775, 600.



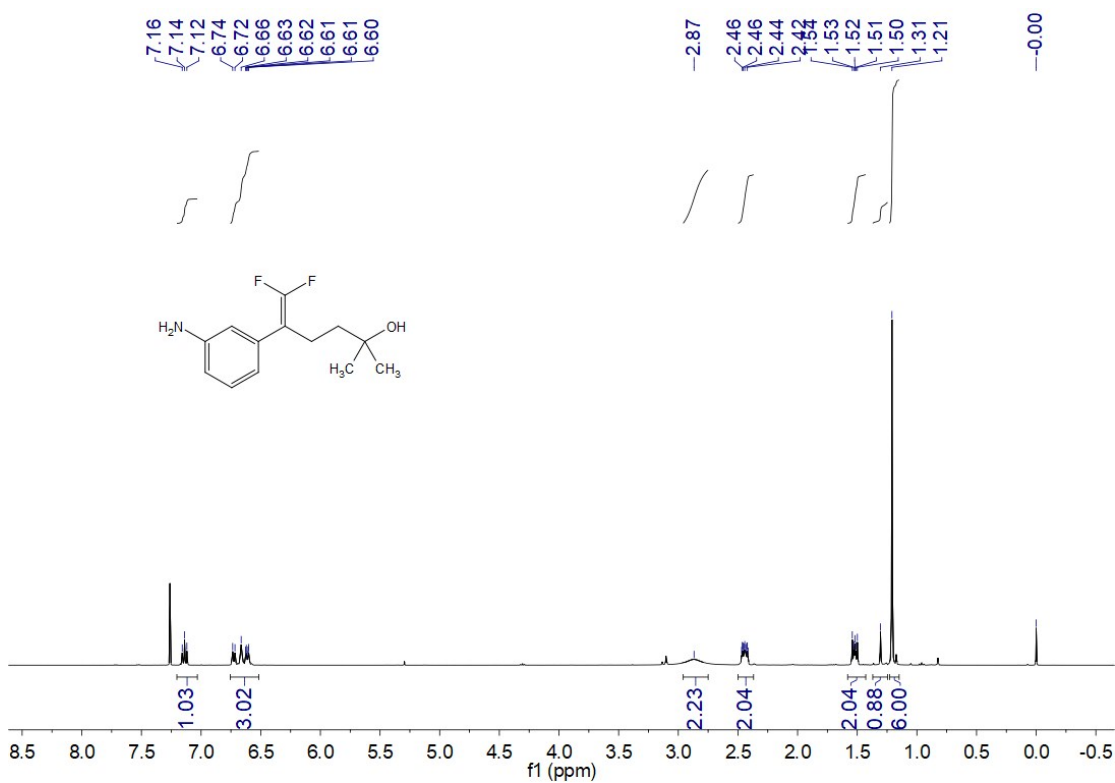


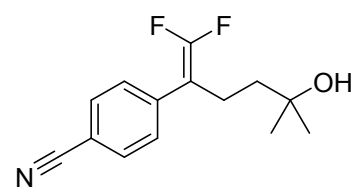
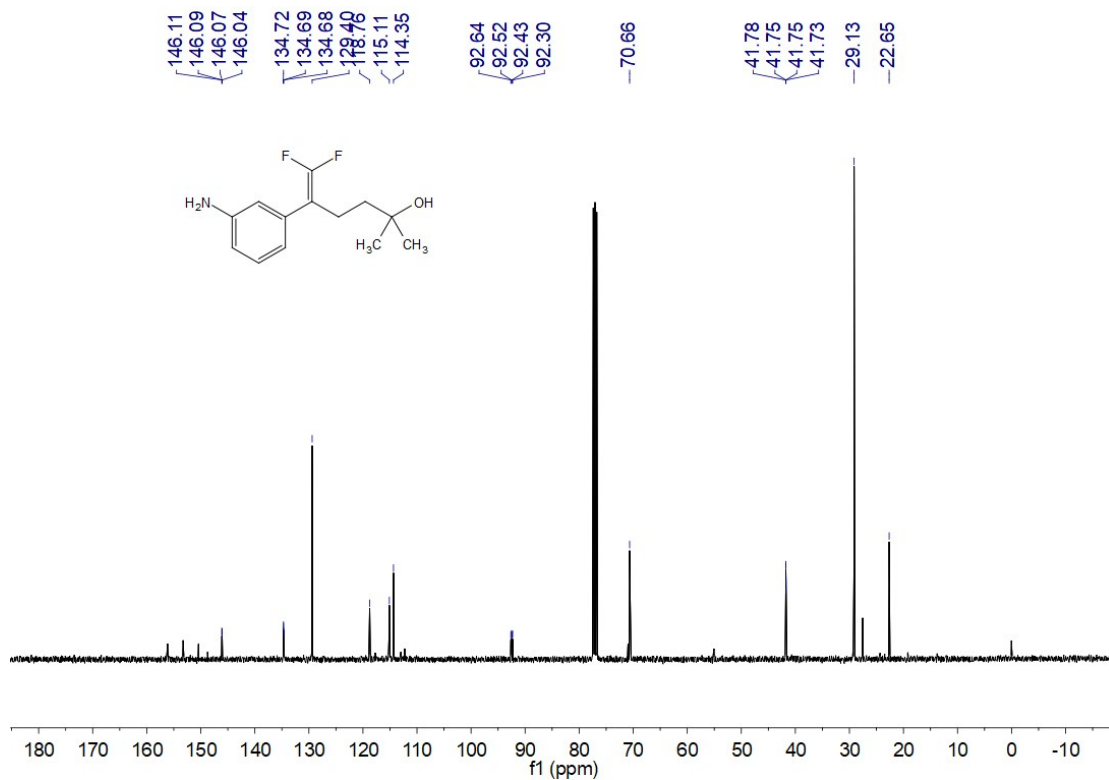
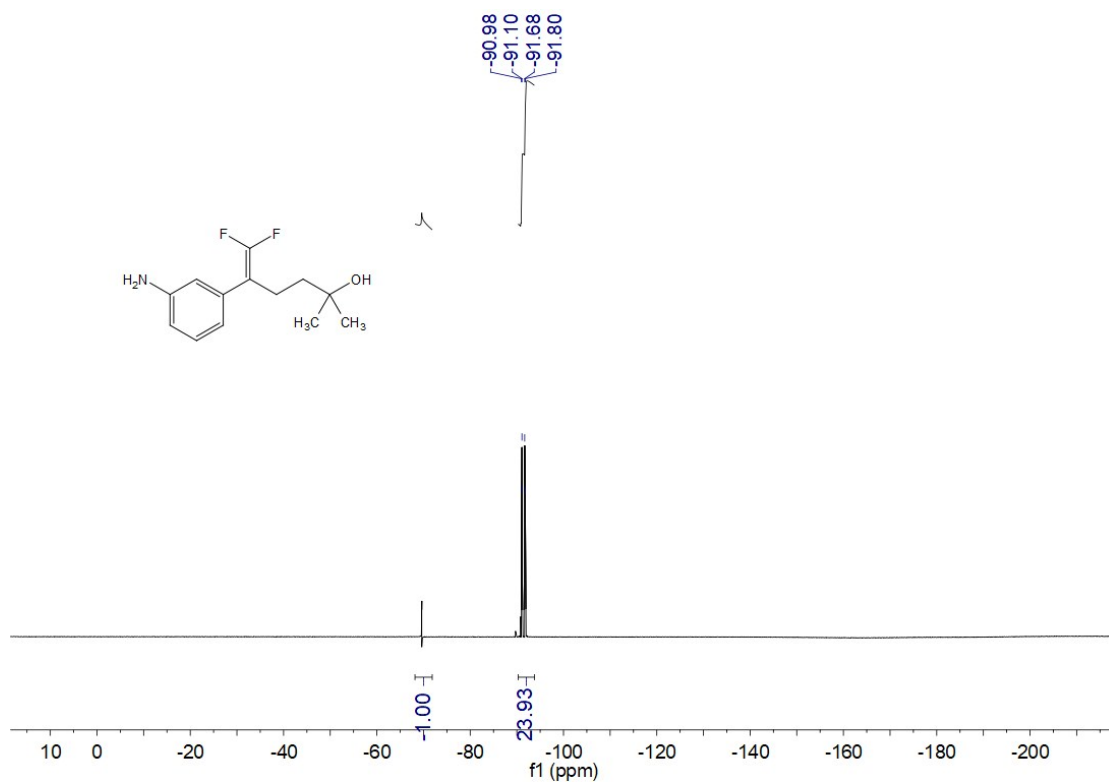
5-(3-aminophenyl)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (3u)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined)

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) >35:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.14 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.51 (m, 3H), 2.87 (br s, 2H), 2.55 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.31 (br s, 1H), 1.21 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.04 (d, $J = 44.1$ Hz), -91.74 (d, $J = 44.1$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.28 (dd, $J = 290.5, 286.0$ Hz), 146.08 (dd, $J = 4.9, 2.6$ Hz), 134.69 (dd, $J = 4.4, 3.3$ Hz), 129.40, 118.76, 115.11, 114.35, 92.47 (dd, $J = 21.6, 12.9$ Hz), 70.66, 41.75 (dd, $J = 2.5, 2.0$ Hz), 29.13, 22.65. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 264.1170; found: 264.1172. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3423, 2981, 1637, 1617, 1487, 1456, 1396, 1356, 1172, 1101, 1001, 787, 775, 618.

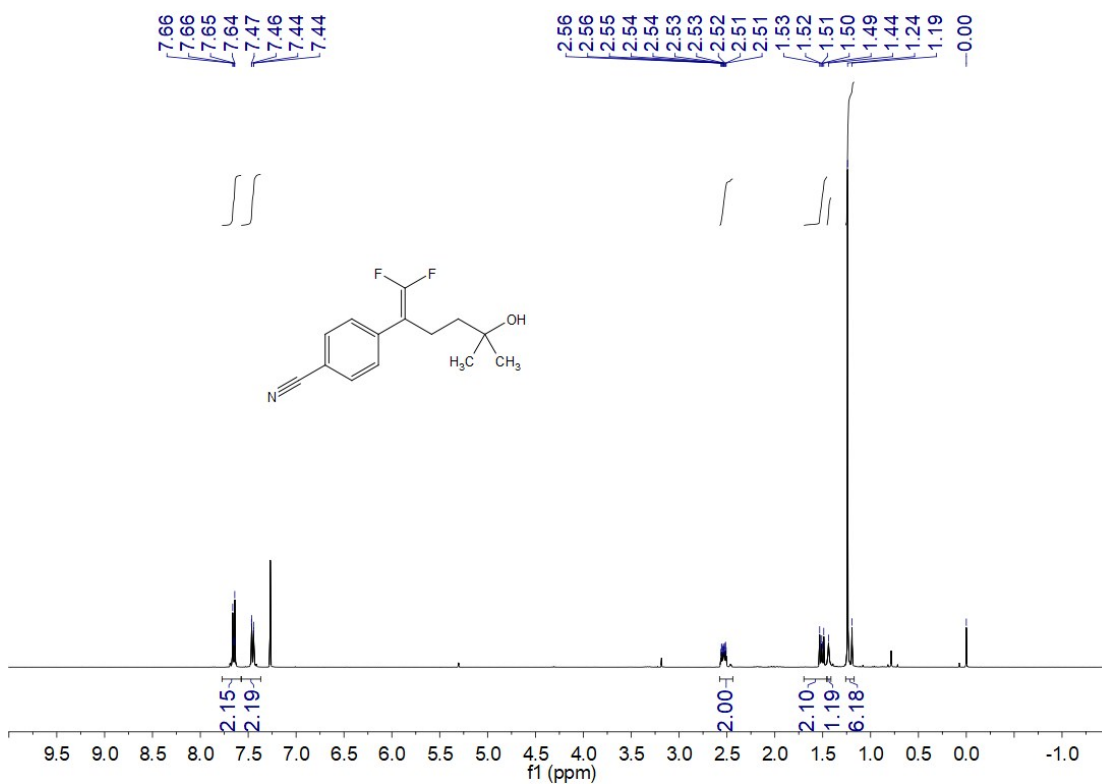


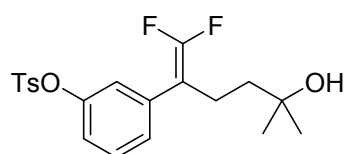
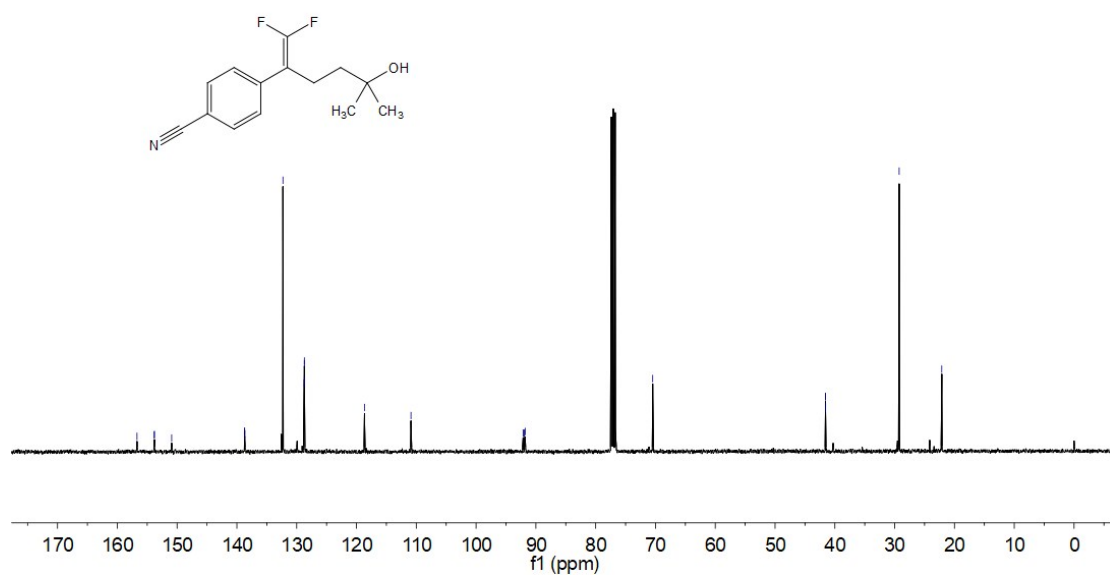


4-(1,1-difluoro-5-hydroxy-5-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)benzonitrile (3j)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 18:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.71 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.44 (br s, 1H), 1.24 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -87.74 (d, J = 36.0 Hz), -88.14 (d, J = 36.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.81 (dd, J = 294.0, 289.2 Hz), 138.70 (dd, J = 4.8, 4.0 Hz), 132.30, 128.72 (dd, J = 4.2, 3.4 Hz), 118.67, 110.89, 91.96 (dd, J = 23.0, 11.7 Hz), 70.46, 41.57 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.9 Hz), 29.25, 22.12. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 274.1014; found: 274.1018. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3416, 2981, 2229, 1637, 1616, 1487, 1395, 1242, 1174, 1002, 786, 620.



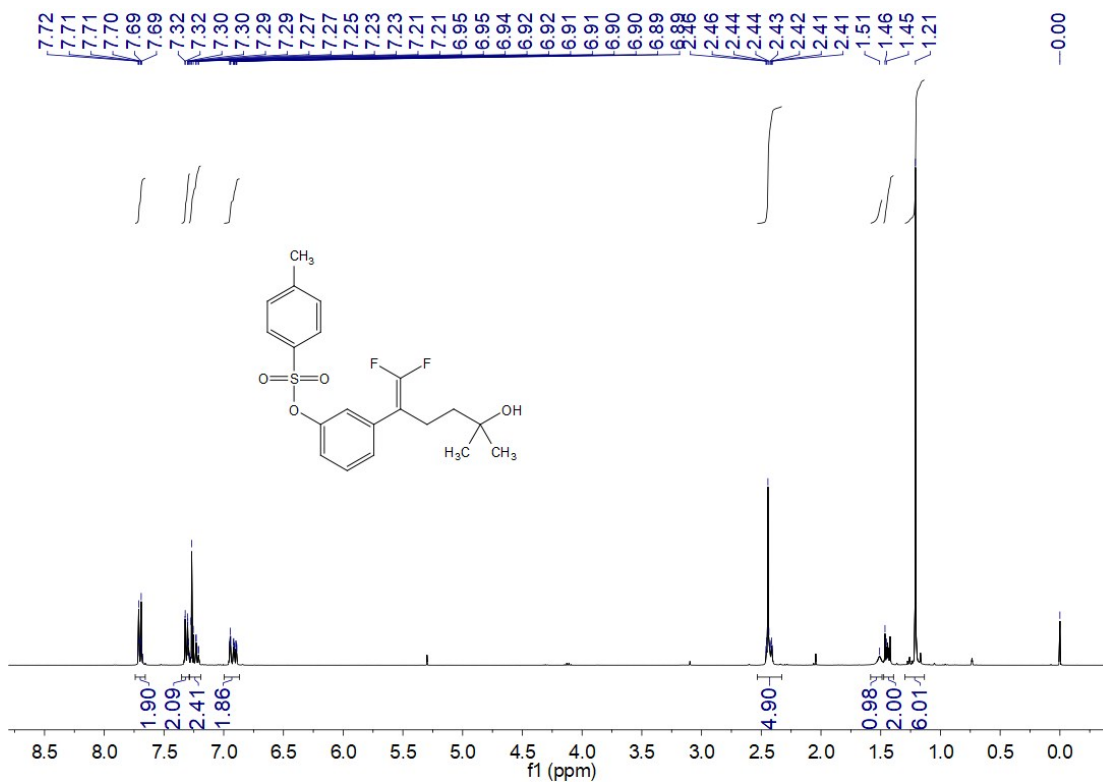


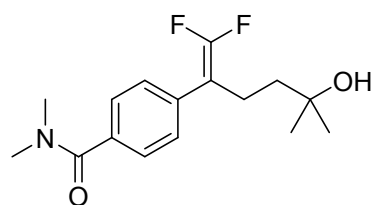
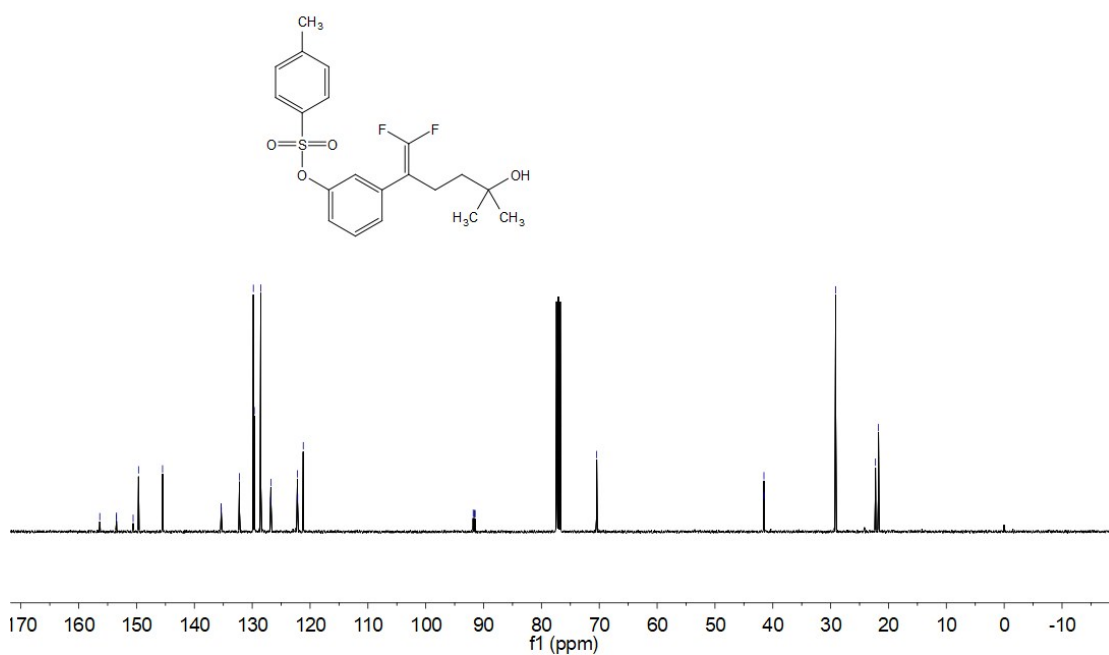
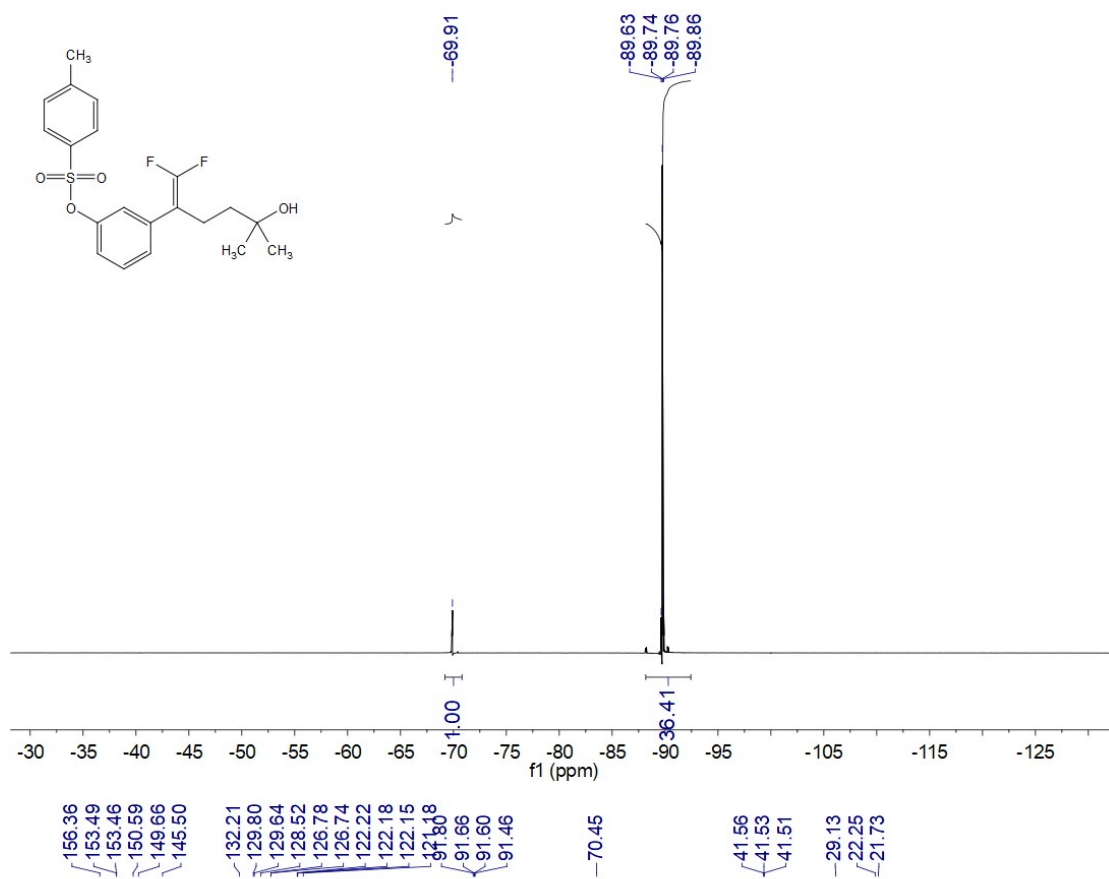
3-(1,1-difluoro-5-hydroxy-5-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)phenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (3i)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined

by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 2.53 – 2.38 (m, 5H), 1.51 (br s, 1H), 1.47 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.21 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.68 (d, J = 39.8 Hz), -89.81 (d, J = 39.9 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.48 (dd, J = 291.4, 288.6 Hz), 149.66, 145.50, 135.36 (dd, J = 2.8, 1.8 Hz), 132.21, 129.80, 129.64, 128.52, 126.78 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 122.18 (t, J = 3.6 Hz), 121.18, 91.63 (dd, J = 20.5, 14.4 Hz), 70.45, 41.53 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 29.13, 22.25, 21.73. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 419.1099; found: 419.1103. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2981, 2829, 2361, 1721, 1608, 1488, 1456, 1396, 1370, 1240, 1193, 1179, 1150, 1093, 800, 772, 759, 662, 609.

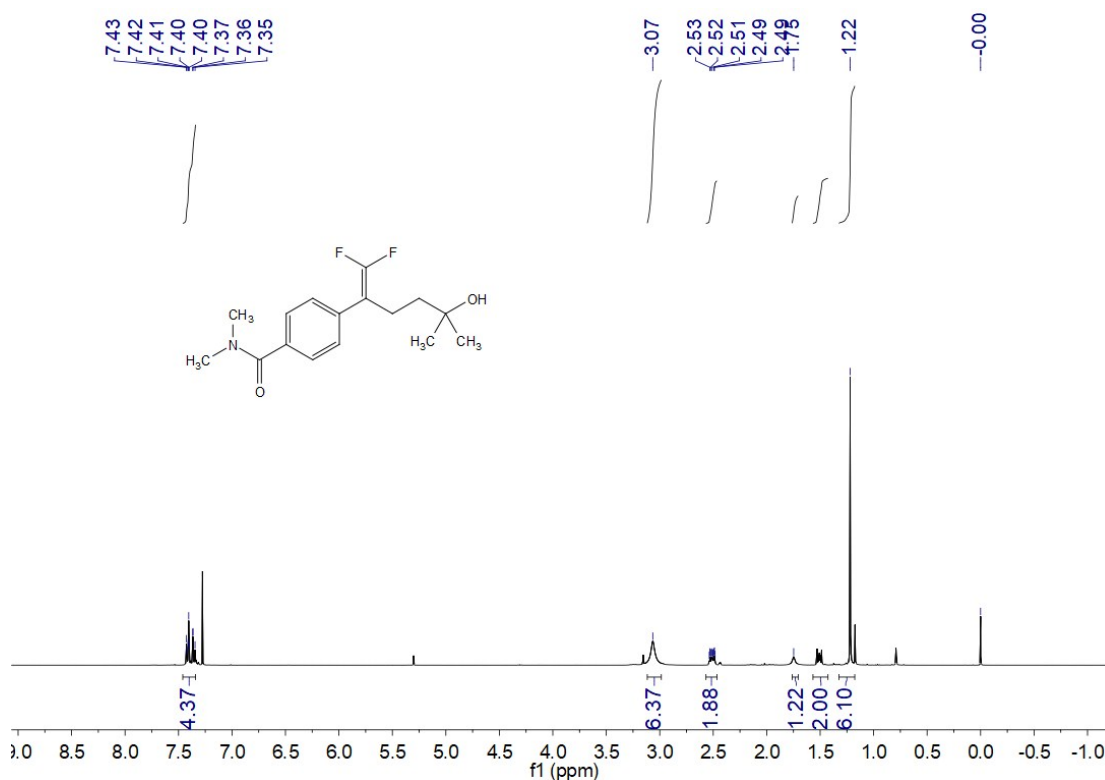


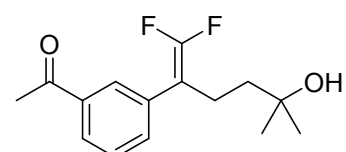
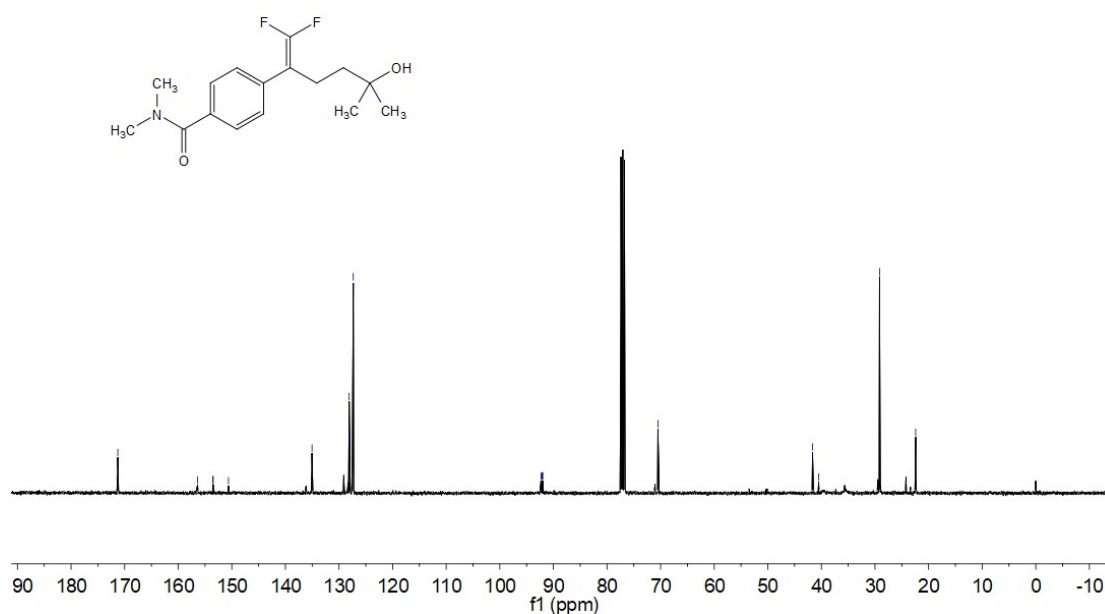
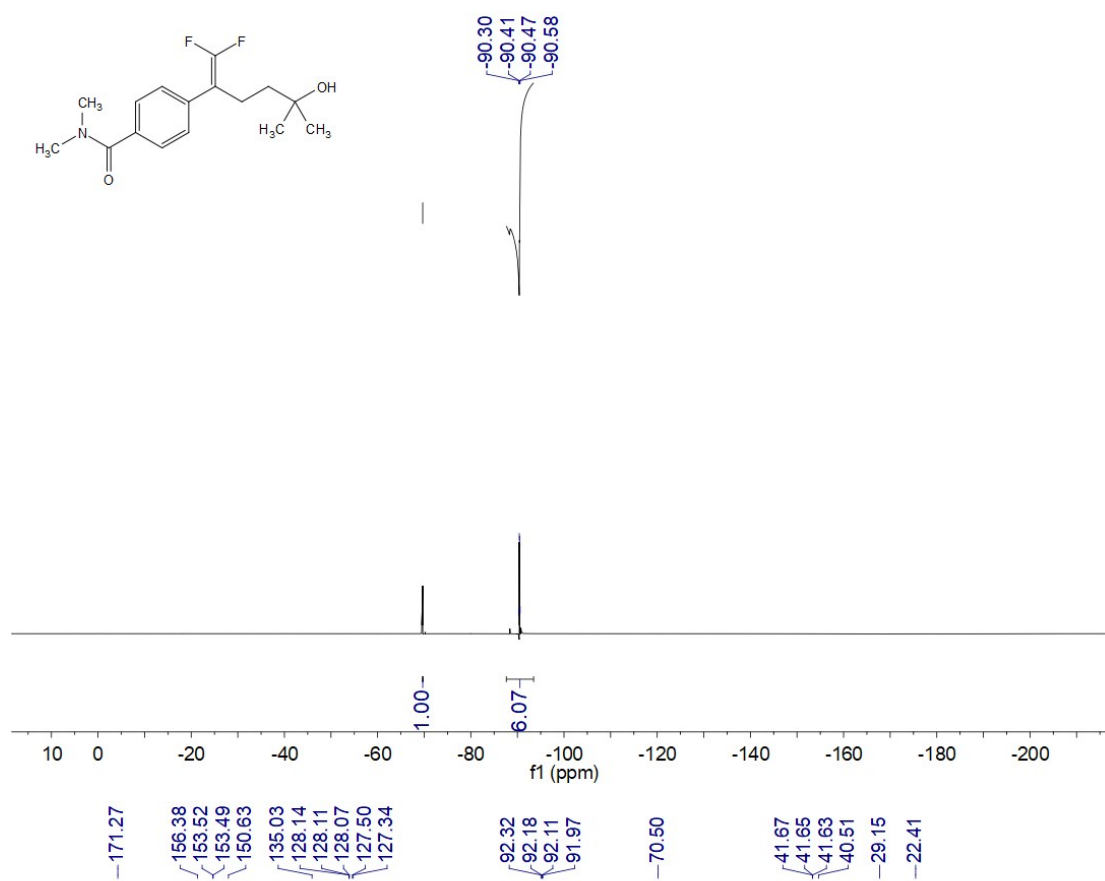


4-(1,1-difluoro-5-hydroxy-5-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)-N,N-dimethylbenzamide (3s)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 10:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 3.07 (br s, 6H), 2.58 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.75 (br s, 1H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.35 (d, J = 41.4 Hz), -90.52 (d, J = 41.3 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.27, 153.50 (dd, J = 291.0, 287.9 Hz), 135.03, 128.11 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.50, 127.34, 92.14 (dd, J = 20.9, 13.7 Hz), 70.50, 41.64 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 40.51, 29.15, 22.41. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 320.1433; found: 320.1437. IR (KBr/ cm^{-1}) 3410, 2983, 2068, 1714, 1637, 1617, 1488, 1396, 1353, 1235, 1173, 615.



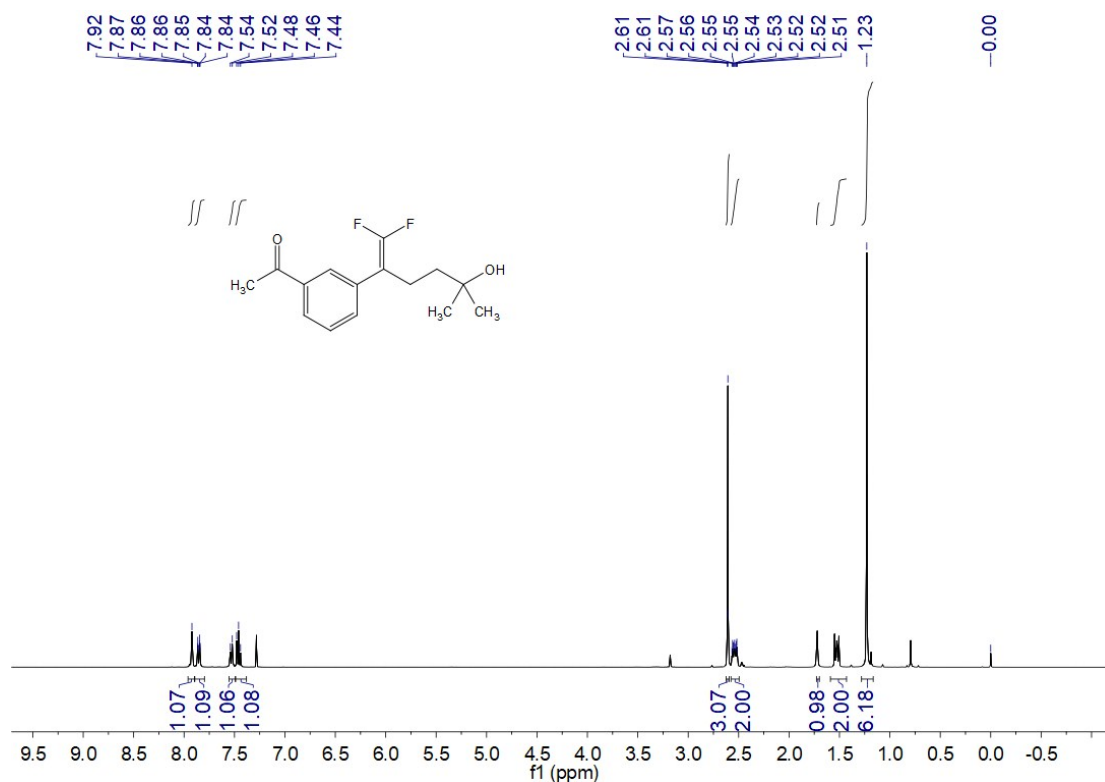


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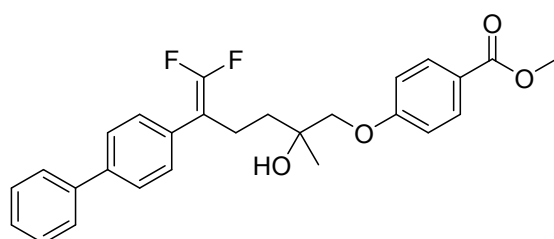
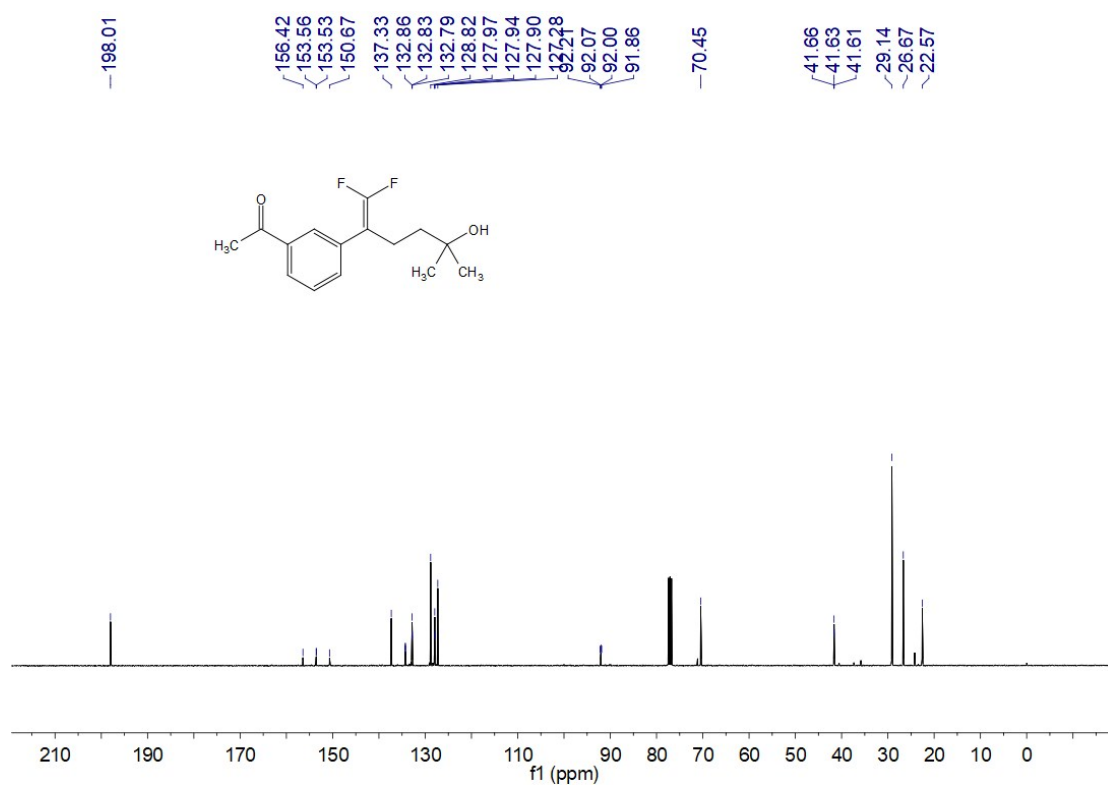
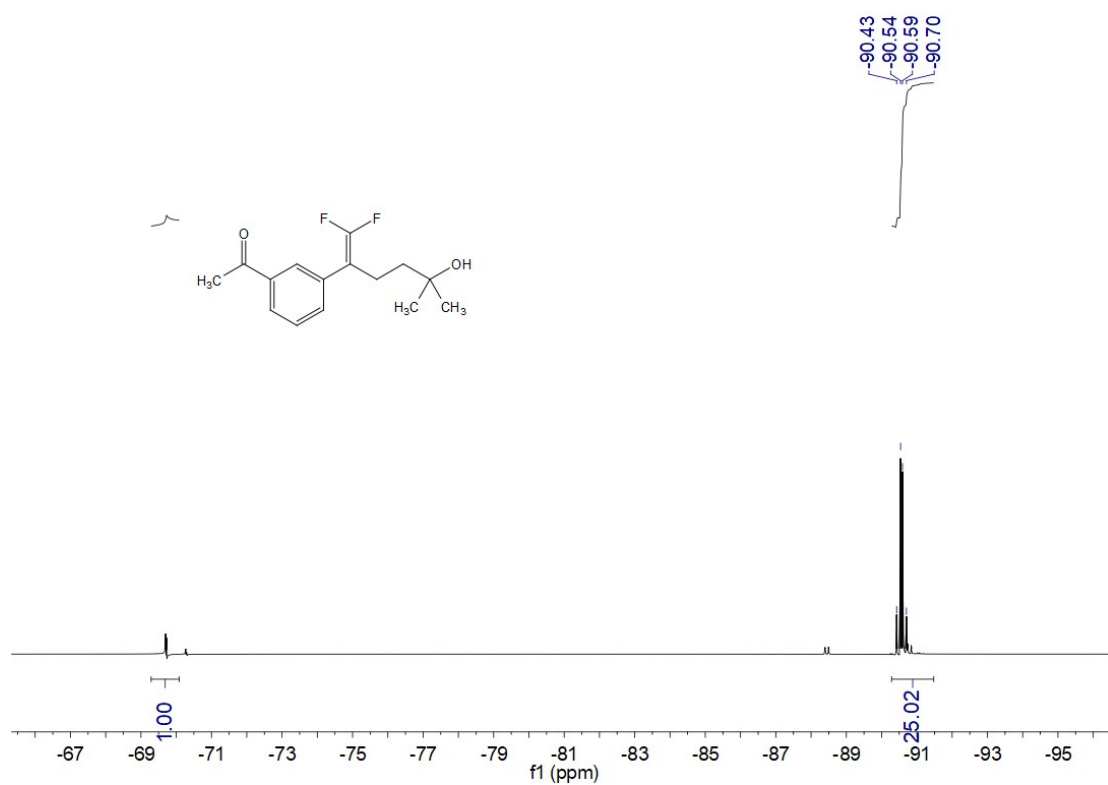
Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by

^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 35:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.90 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 2.57 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.72 (br s, 1H), 1.57 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.48 (d, $J = 41.9$ Hz), -90.65 (d, $J = 41.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.01, 153.54 (dd, $J = 290.7$, 288.0 Hz), 137.33, 134.29 (dd, $J = 3.7$, 2.4 Hz), 132.83 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 128.82, 127.94 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 127.28, 92.04 (dd, $J = 21.2$, 13.8 Hz), 70.45, 41.62 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 29.14, 26.67, 22.57. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 291.1167; found: 291.1171. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3413, 2986, 1637, 1616, 1488, 1461, 1396, 1355, 1173, 1011, 792, 779, 620.



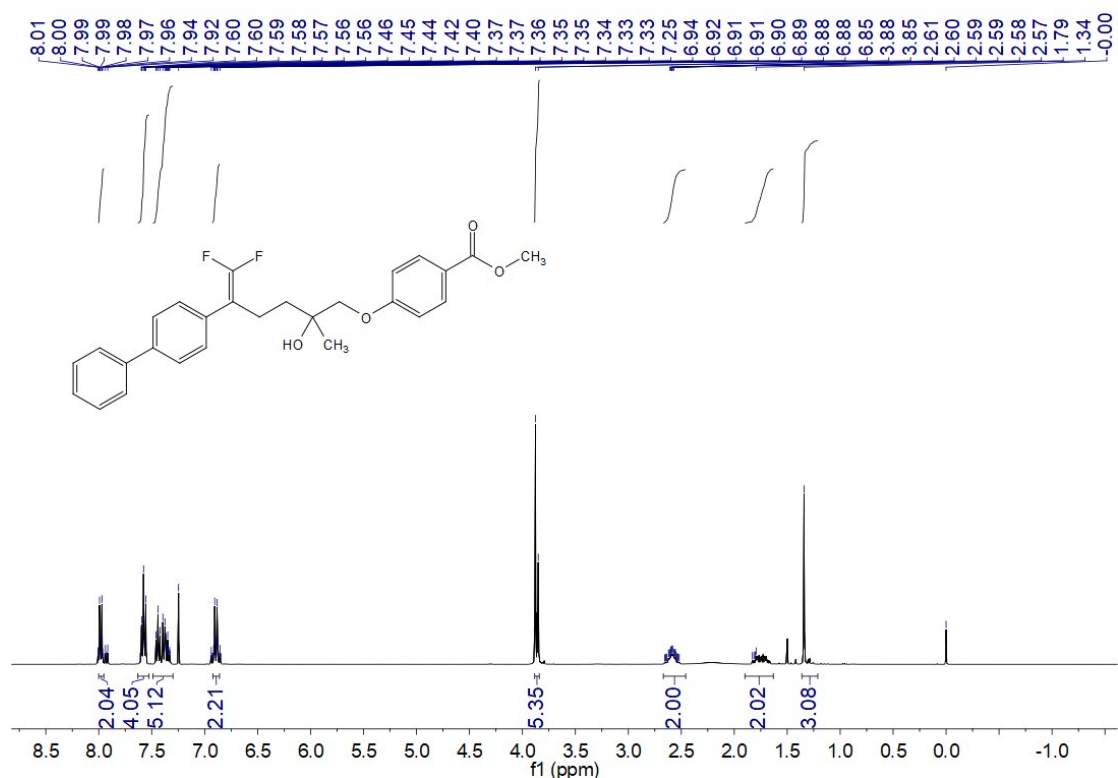
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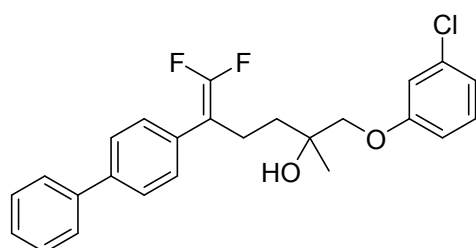
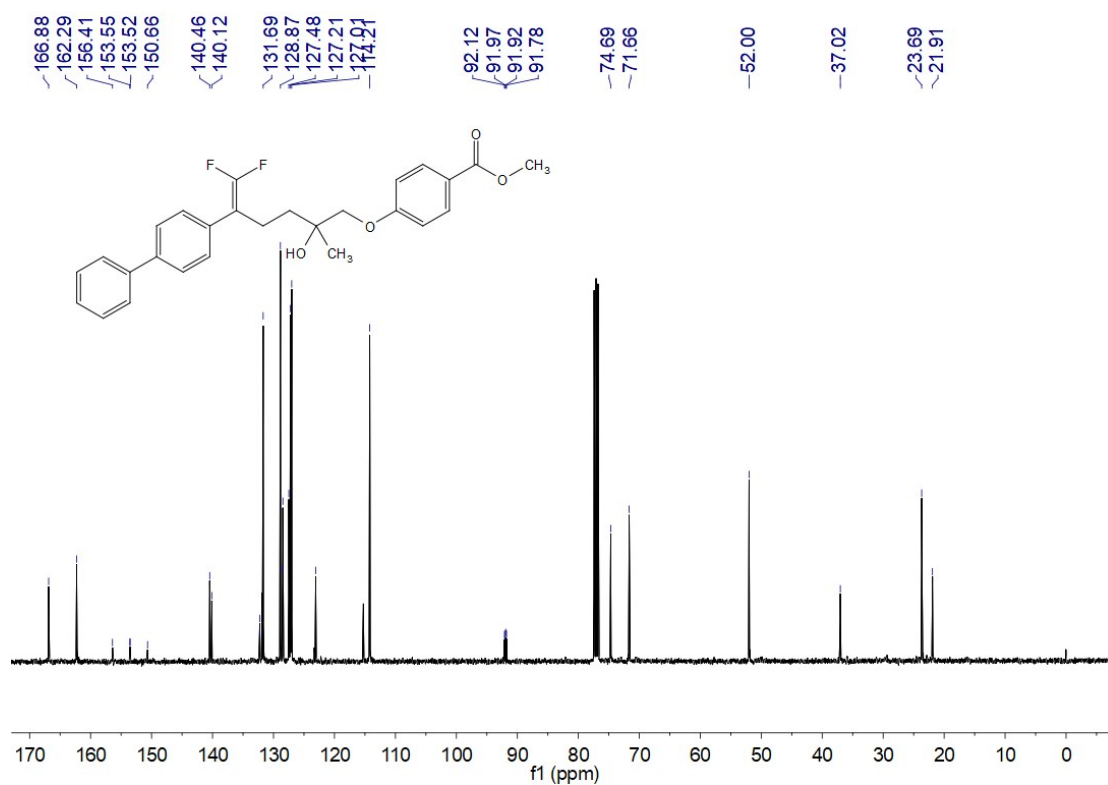
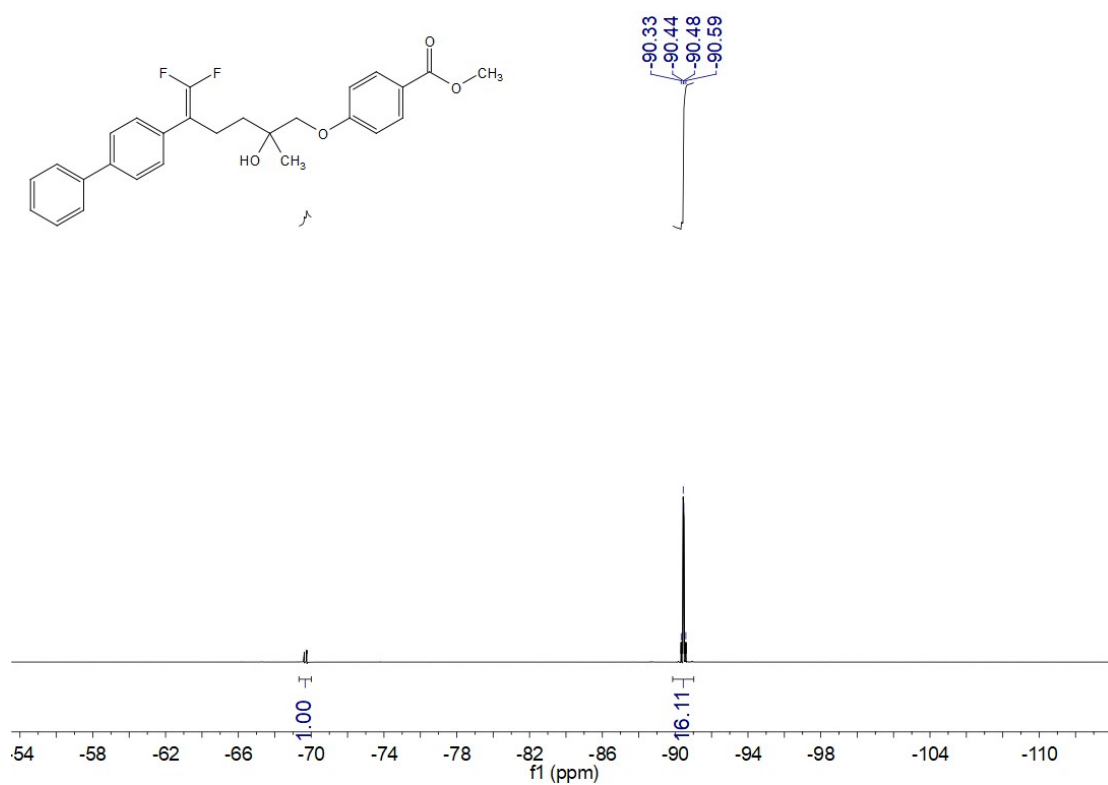
methyl-4-((5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-6,6-difluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylhex-5-en-1-yl)oxy)benzoate (4b)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 25:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 6.93 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.94 – 3.76 (m, 5H), 2.68 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.81 (dd, J = 9.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.39 (d, J = 42.2 Hz), -90.53 (d, J = 42.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.88, 162.29, 153.53 (dd, J = 290.6, 288.0 Hz), 140.46, 140.12, 132.25 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 131.69, 128.87, 128.46 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.48, 127.21, 127.01, 123.07, 114.21, 91.95 (dd, J = 19.9, 14.6 Hz), 74.69, 71.66, 52.00, 37.02, 23.69, 21.91. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 475.1691; found: 475.1685. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3421, 2982, 2068, 1716, 1637, 1616, 1487, 1395, 1368, 1277, 1184, 1108, 705, 619.



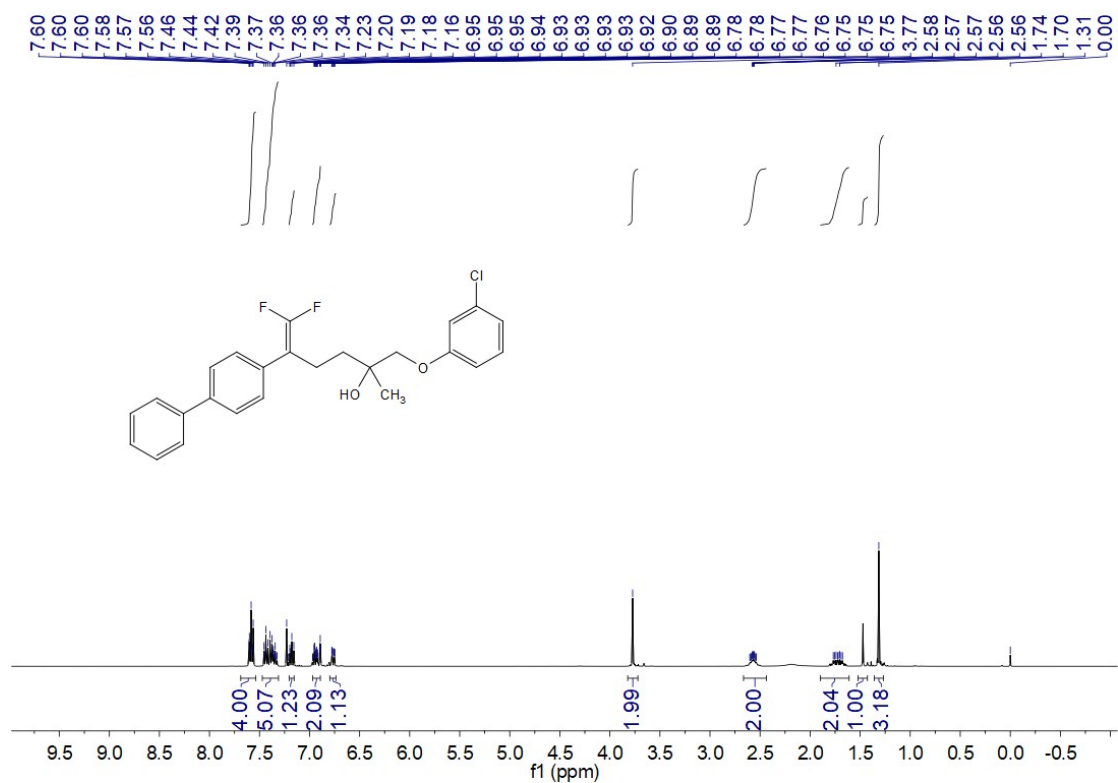
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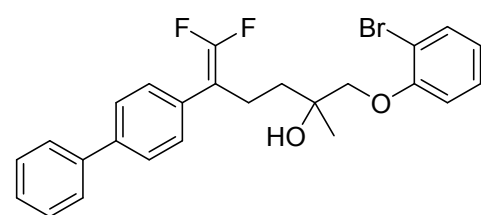
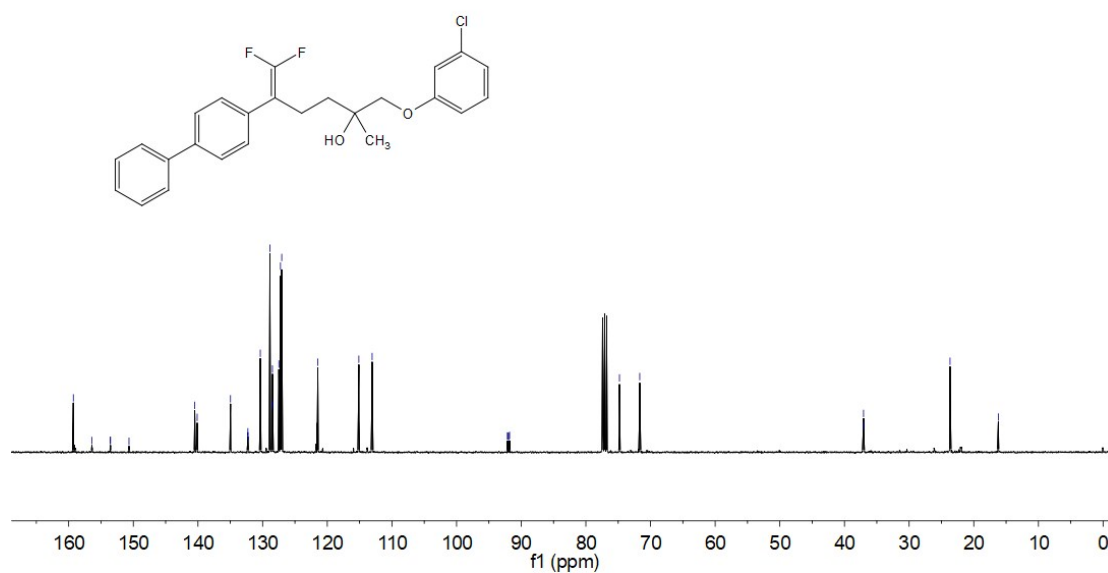
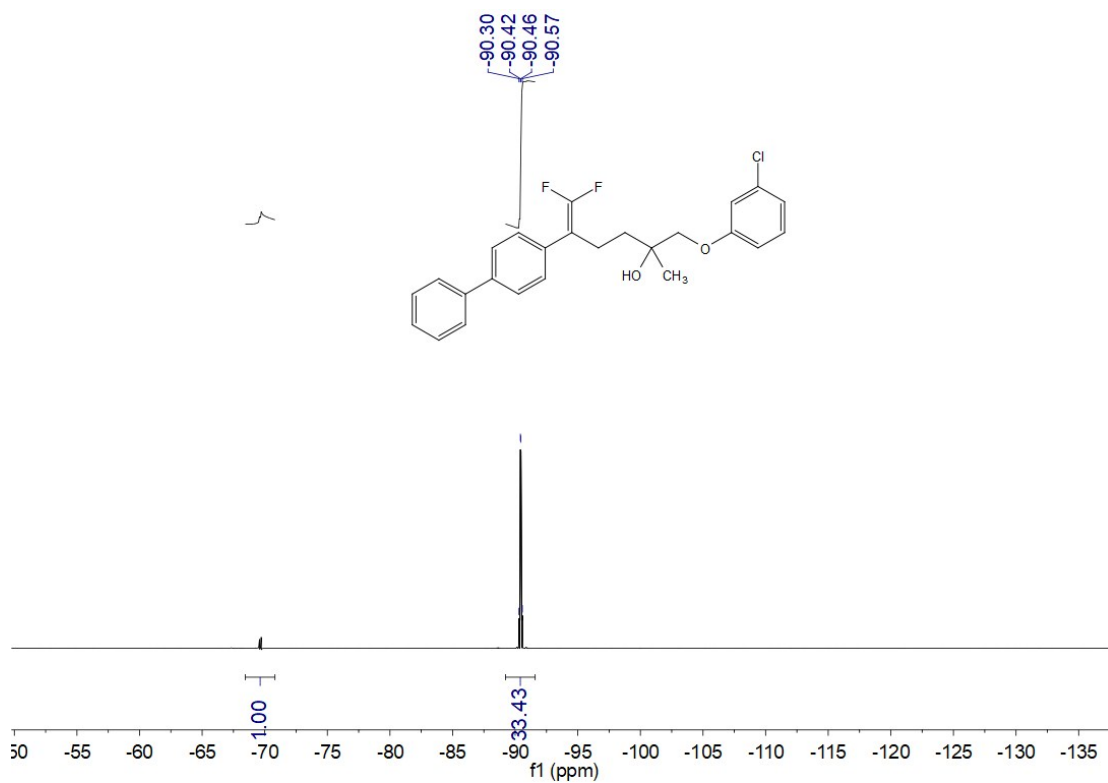
5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-(3-chlorophenoxy)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (4e)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 45:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.22 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.99 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.80 – 6.71 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.63 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.47 (br s, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.36 (d, $J = 42.1$ Hz), -90.51 (d, $J = 42.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.28, 153.54 (dd, $J = 290.7$, 287.8 Hz), 140.50, 140.12, 134.97, 132.27 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 130.36, 128.88, 128.48 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 127.49, 127.24, 127.04, 121.46, 115.12, 113.06, 91.97 (dd, $J = 20.2$, 14.3 Hz), 74.80, 71.67, 37.05 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 23.67, 16.20. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClF}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 451.1247; found: 451.1251. IR (KBr/ cm^{-1}) 3417, 2983, 2830, 1719, 1595, 1487, 1461, 1369, 1356, 1233, 1173, 1044, 1005, 772, 680, 602.



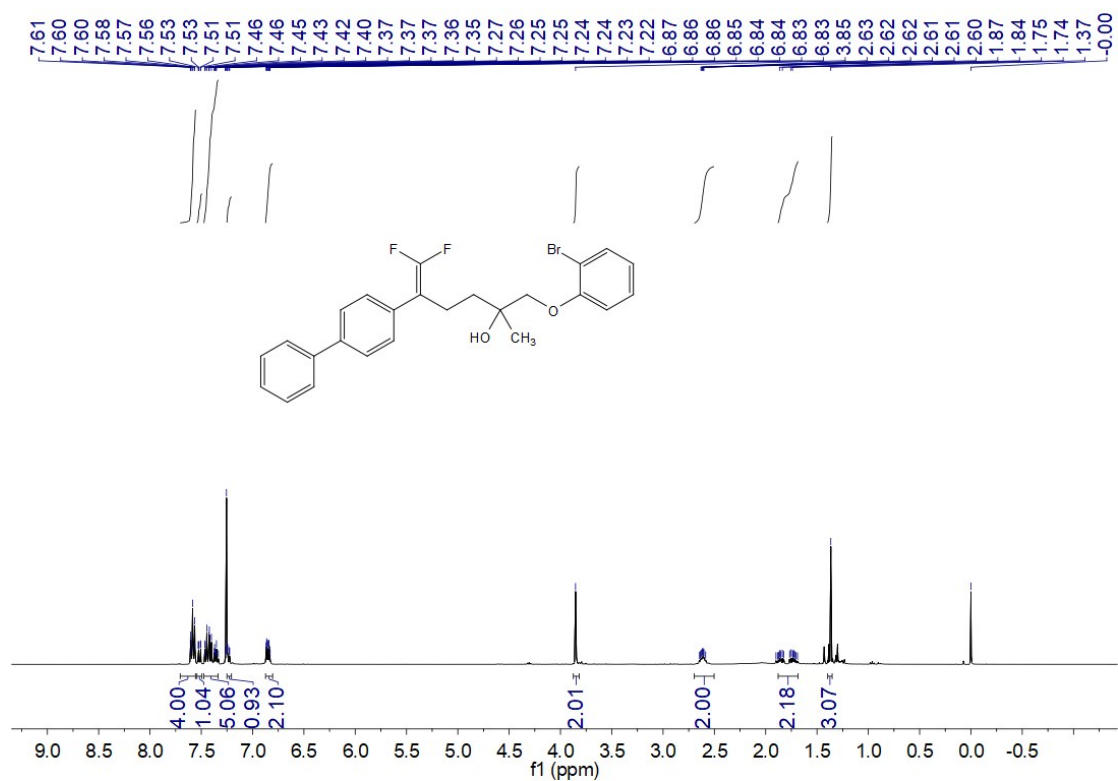
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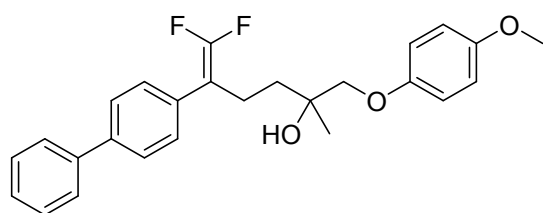
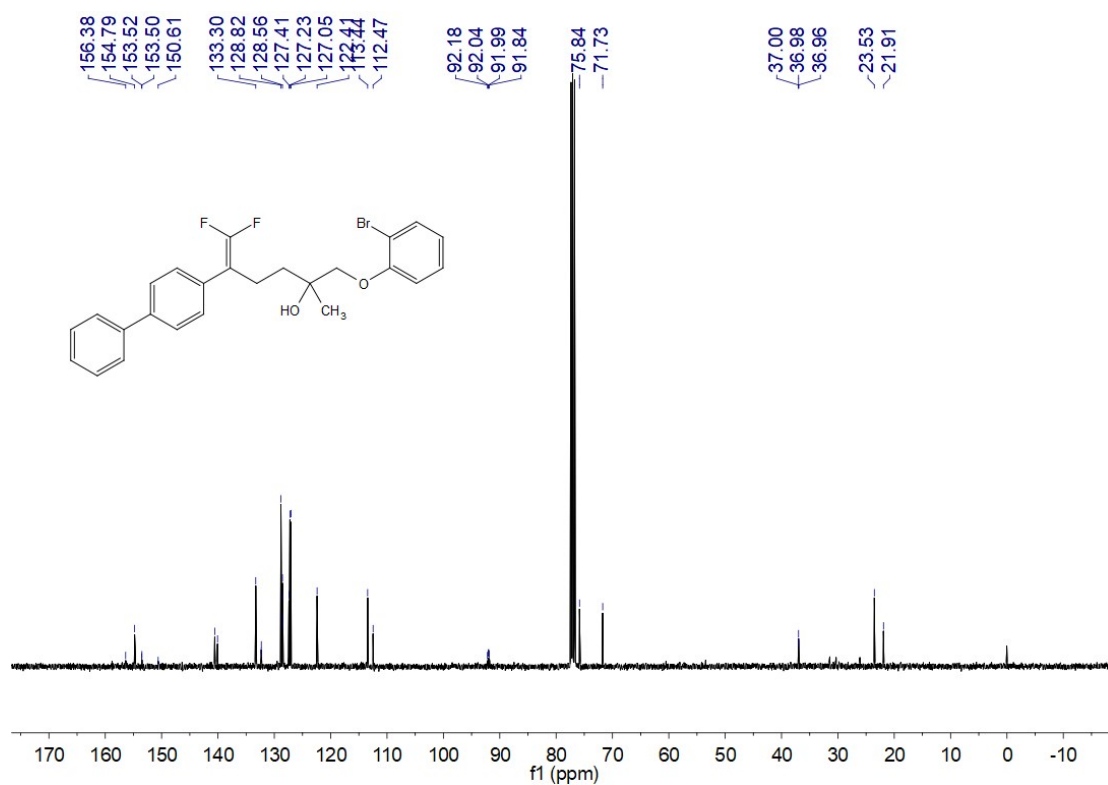
5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-1-(2-bromophenoxy)-6,6-difluoro-2-methylhex-5-en-2-ol (4f)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 30:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.52 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 6.85 (ddd, J = 8.1, 3.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 2H), 2.68 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.51 (d, J = 42.5 Hz), -90.65 (d, J = 42.5 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.79, 153.50 (dd, J = 291.5, 289.2 Hz), 140.58, 140.08, 133.30, 132.31 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 128.82, 128.56, 128.50 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.41, 127.23, 127.05, 122.41, 113.44, 112.47, 92.01 (dd, J = 19.7, 14.7 Hz), 75.84, 71.73, 36.97 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 23.53, 21.91. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrF}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 495.0742; found: 495.0748. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3415, 2986, 1637, 1616, 1396, 1353, 1174, 1003, 786, 619.



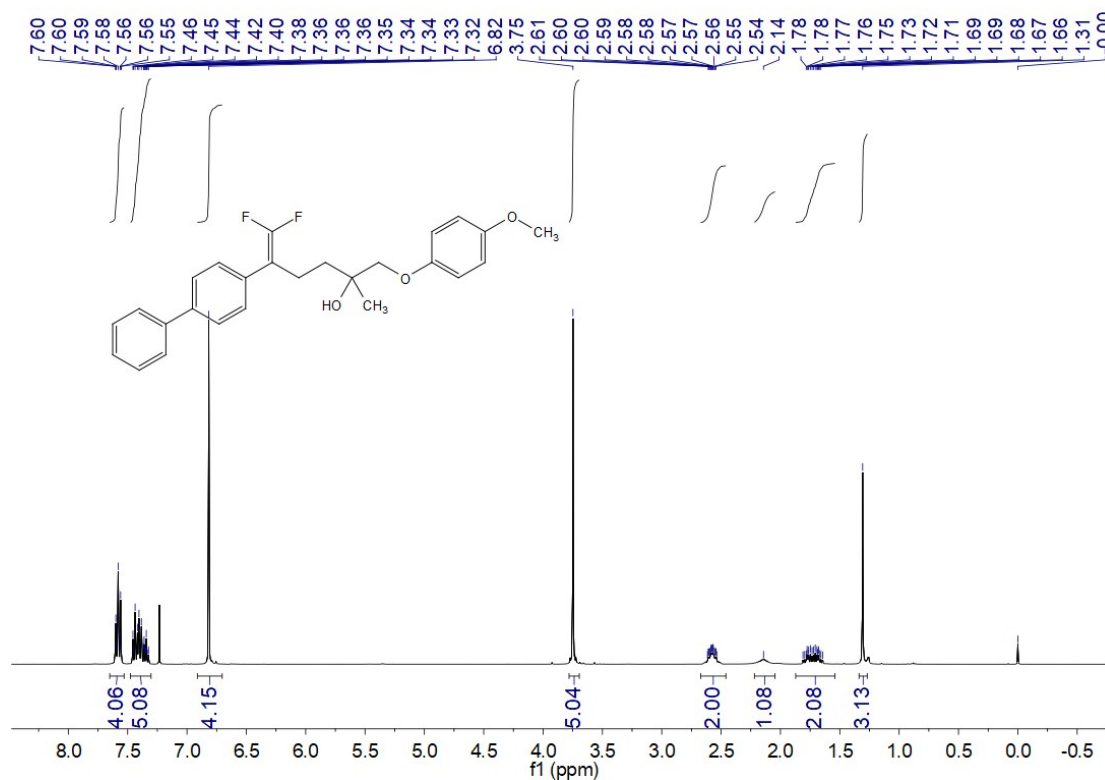
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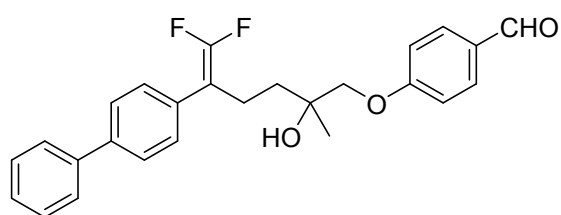
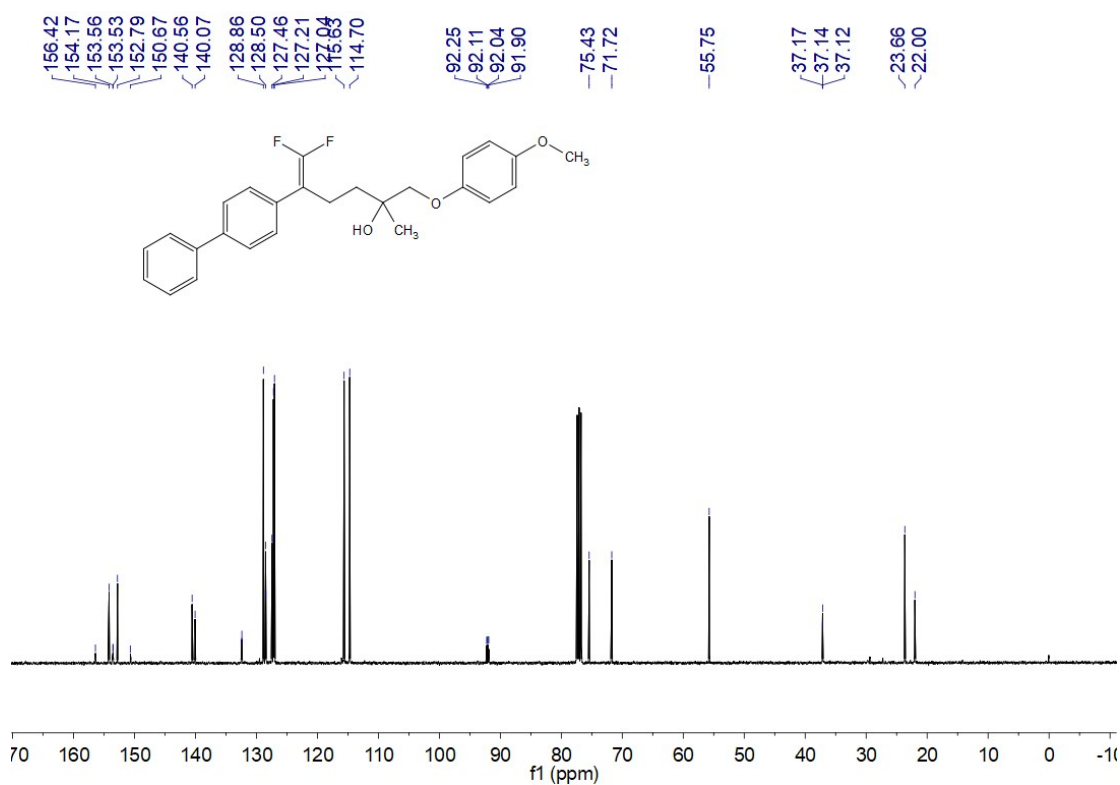
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Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 6.82 (s, 4H), 3.75 (s, 5H), 2.65 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.14 (br s, 1H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.48 (d, $J = 42.4$ Hz), -90.64 (d, $J = 42.4$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.17, 153.54 (dd, $J = 290.8, 287.6$ Hz), 152.79, 140.56, 140.07, 132.38 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 128.86, 128.50 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 127.46, 127.21, 127.04, 115.63, 114.70 (s), 92.08 (dd, $J = 20.5, 13.9$ Hz), 75.43, 71.72, 55.75, 37.14 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 23.66, 22.00. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 447.1742; found: 447.1748. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2978, 1616, 1486, 1456, 1245, 1174, 1028, 1001, 786, 695, 619.



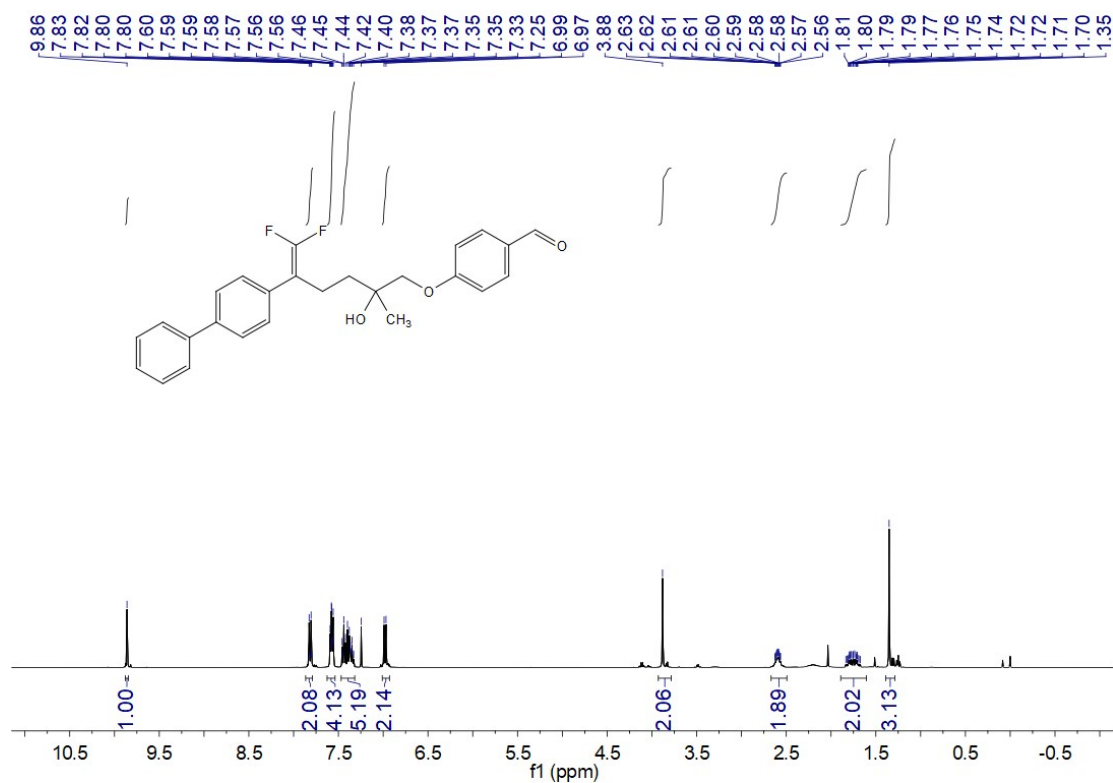
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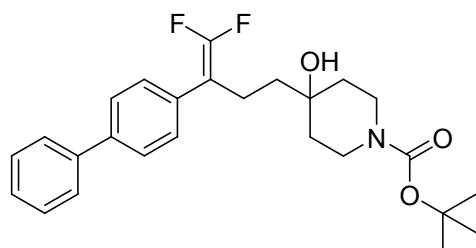
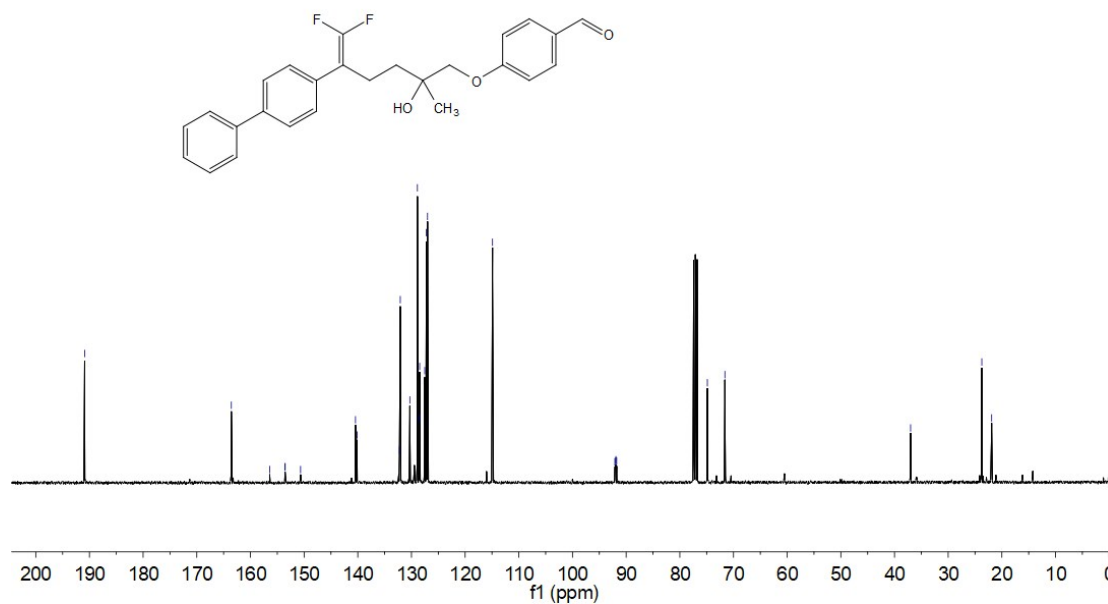
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Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 30:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.86 (s, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 2H), 2.65 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 1.87 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.37 (d, J = 42.3 Hz), -90.49 (d, J = 43.6 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.90, 163.56, 153.54 (dd, J = 290.3, 288.4 Hz), 140.43, 140.14, 132.24, 132.08, 130.31, 128.89, 128.47 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.52, 127.22, 127.00, 114.90, 91.93 (dd, J = 19.2, 15.3 Hz), 74.87, 71.60, 37.00, 23.73, 21.90. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 445.1586; found: 445.1592. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3418, 2986, 1614, 1487, 1461, 1441, 1395, 1354, 1173, 1002, 786, 695, 618.



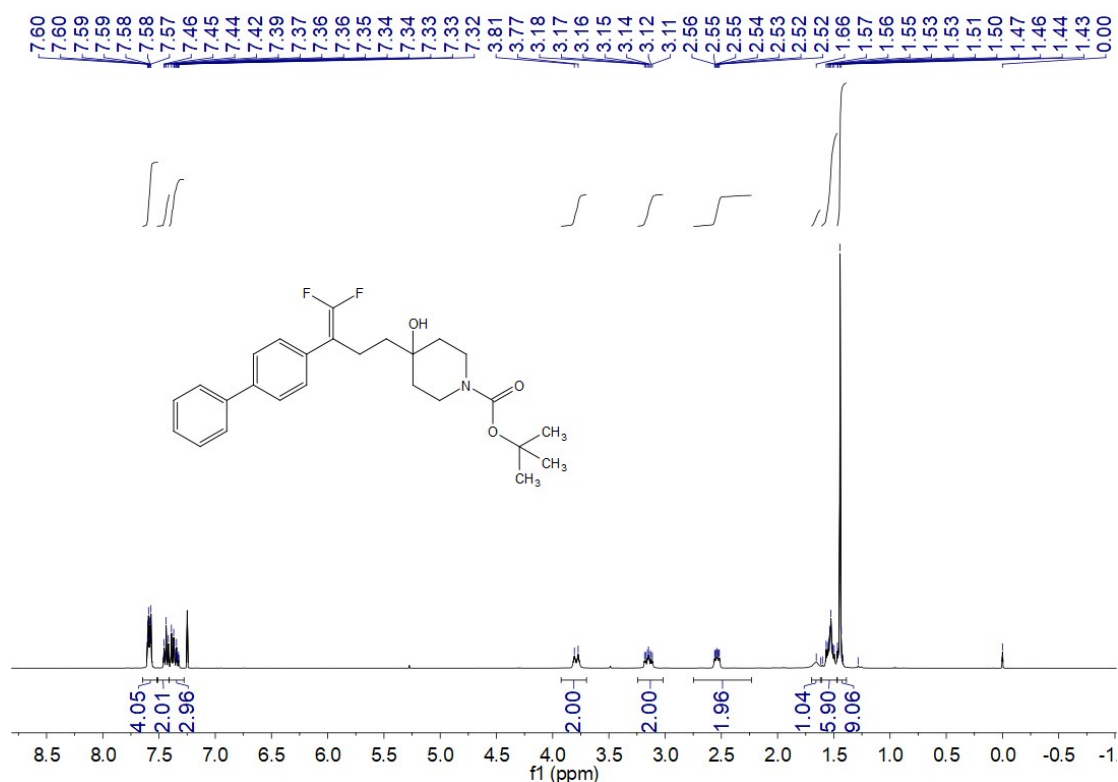
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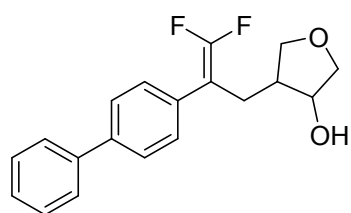
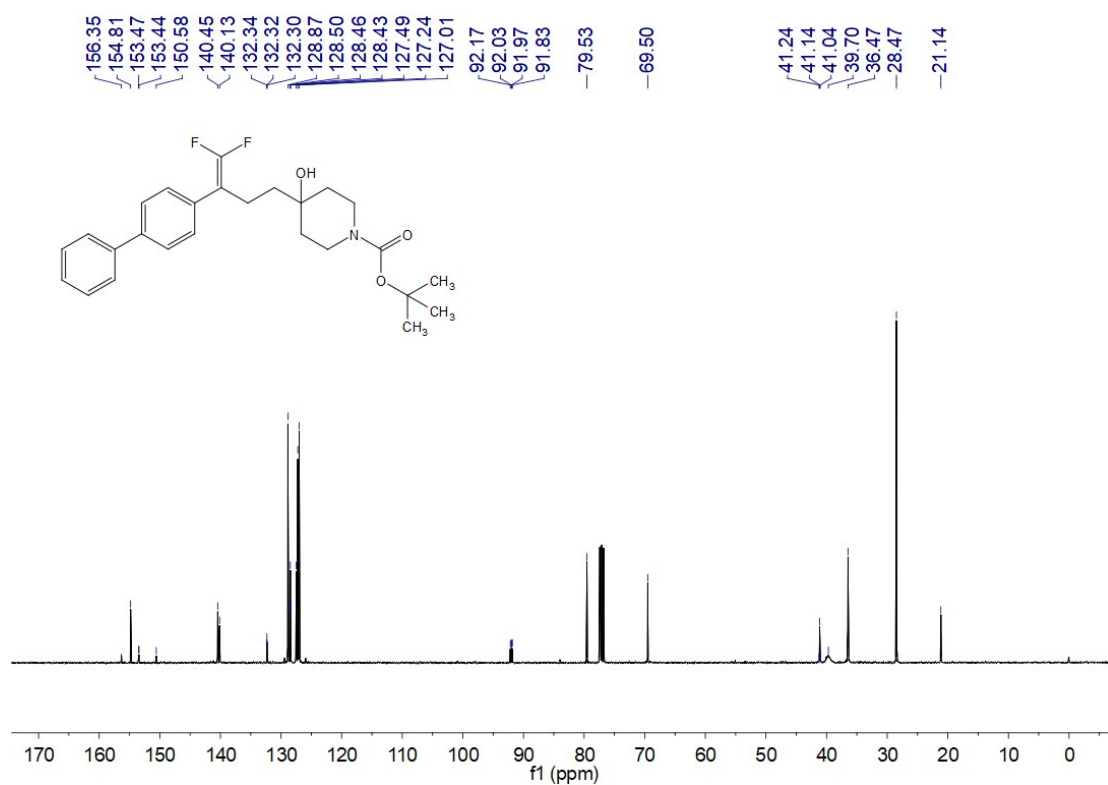
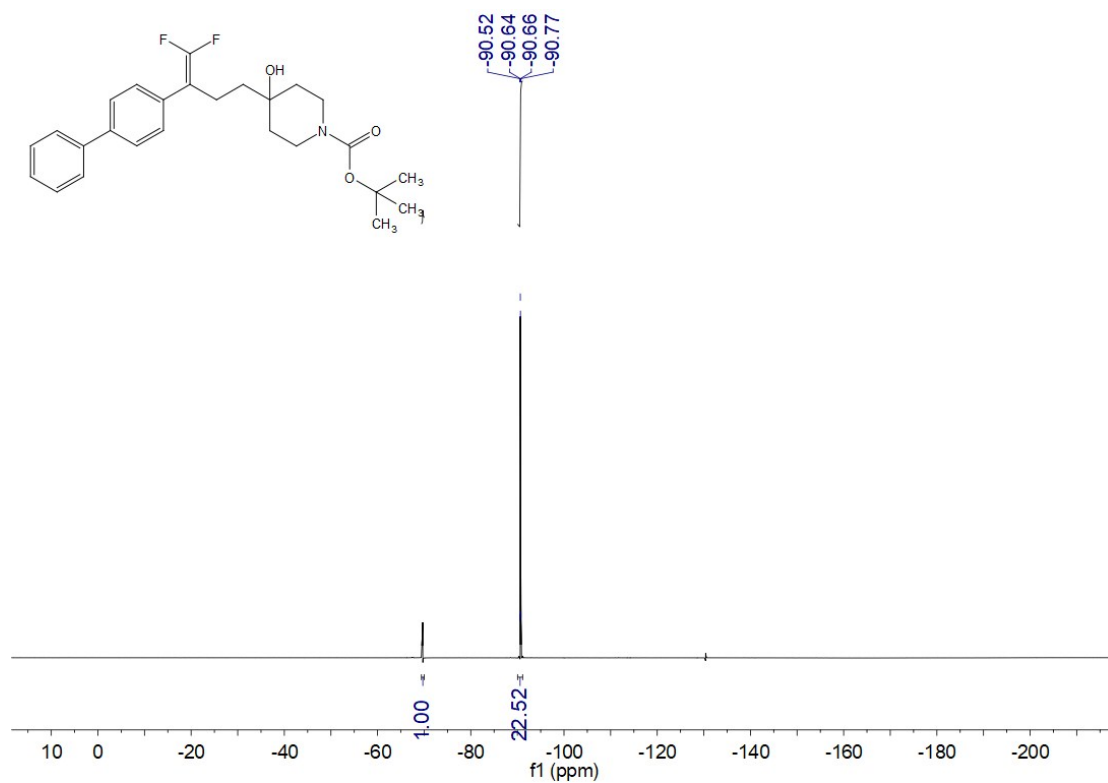
tert-butyl-4-(3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4,4-difluorobut-3-en-1-yl)-4-hydroxypiperidine-1-carboxylate (4h)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 35:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 3.79 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 – 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.64 – 2.32 (m, 2H), 1.66 (br s, 1H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.58 (d, $J = 42.5$ Hz), -90.72 (d, $J = 42.5$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.81, 153.45 (dd, $J = 290.6, 287.8$ Hz), 140.45, 140.13, 132.32 (t, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 128.87, 128.46 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz), 127.49, 127.24, 127.01, 92.00 (dd, $J = 20.1, 14.4$ Hz), 79.53, 69.50, 41.14 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 39.70, 36.47, 28.47, 21.14. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{F}_2\text{NNaO}_3$ ($\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$): 466.2164; found: 466.2167. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3418, 2989, 2351, 1636, 1615, 1557, 1511, 1487, 1462, 1396, 1356, 1268, 1241, 1173, 1110, 1002, 786, 735, 607.



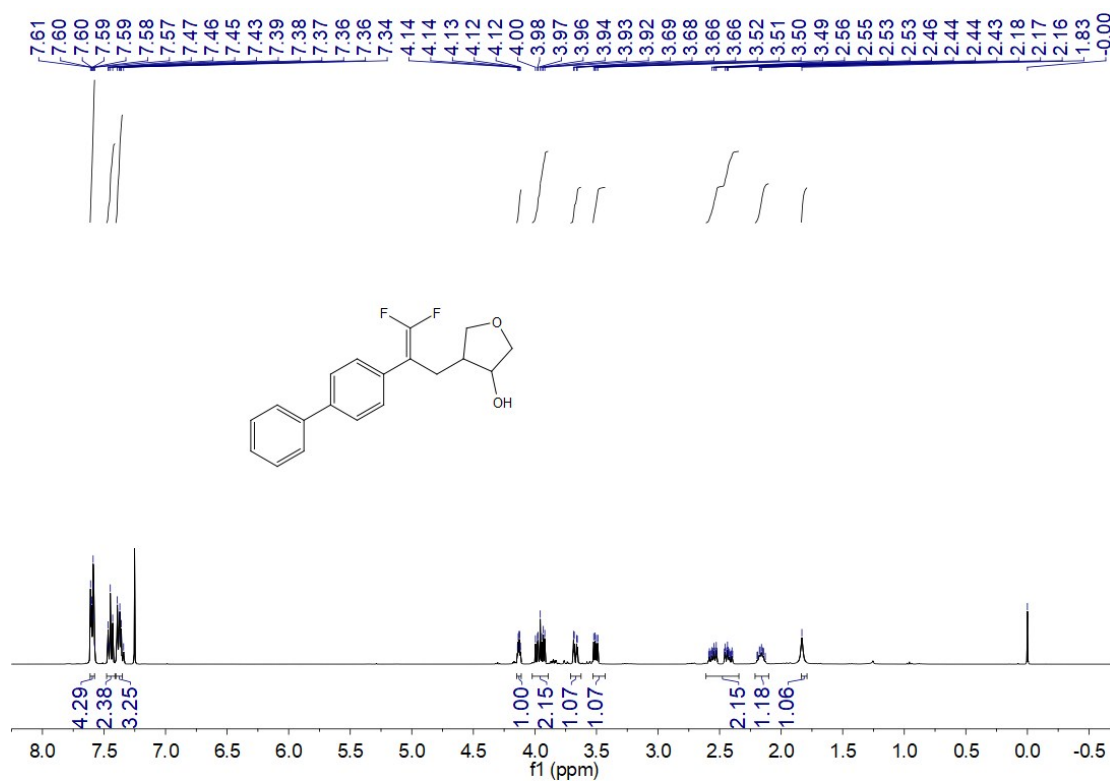
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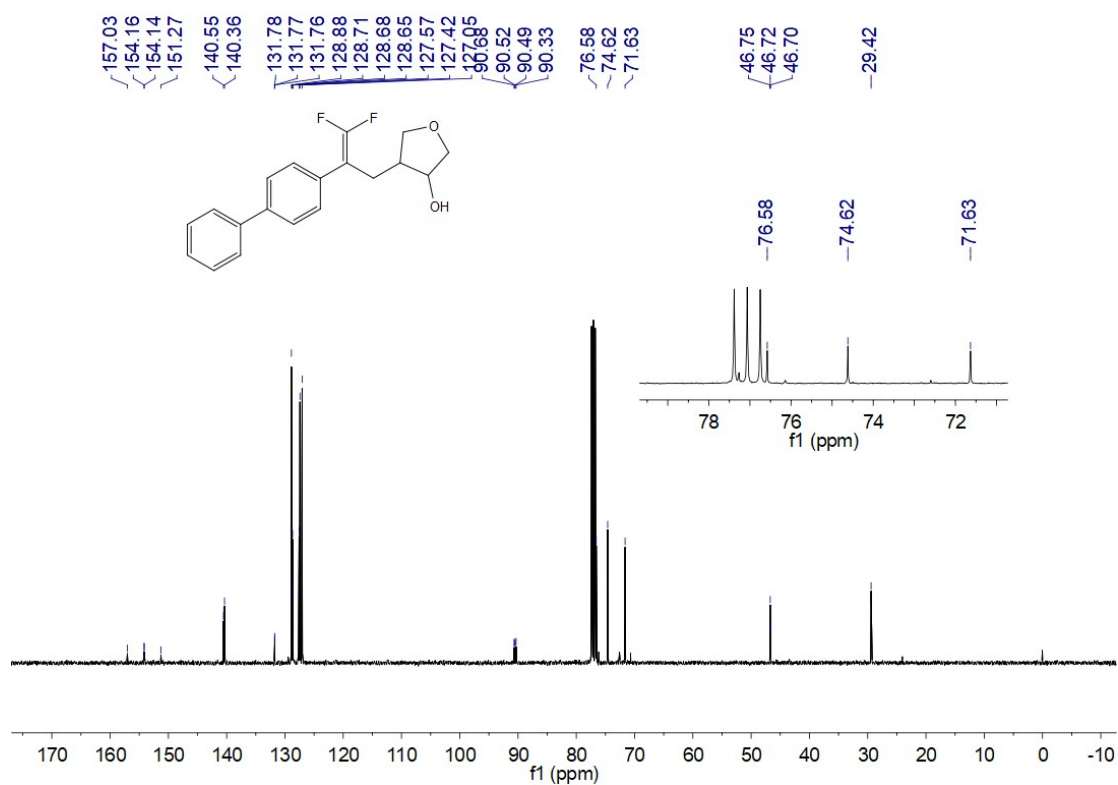


4-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-difluoroallyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (**4k**)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 35:1, **d.r. = 9:1.**

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.45 (dd, J = 10.3, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 4.13 (dt, J = 4.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 – 3.91 (m, 2H), 3.67 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.16 (qd, J = 7.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (br s, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.92 (d, J = 41.1 Hz), -90.04 (d, J = 33.5 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.15 (dd, J = 290.4, 288.6 Hz), 140.55, 140.36, 131.76 (dd, J = 2.1, 0.9 Hz), 128.88, 128.68 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 127.57, 127.42, 127.05, 90.51 (dd, J = 19.6, 16.1 Hz), 76.58, 74.62, 71.63, 46.72 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 29.42. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 339.1167; found: 339.1171. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2988, 2069, 1726, 1637, 1616, 1487, 1456, 1396, 1353, 1238, 1184, 1107, 1002, 786, 763, 697, 620.

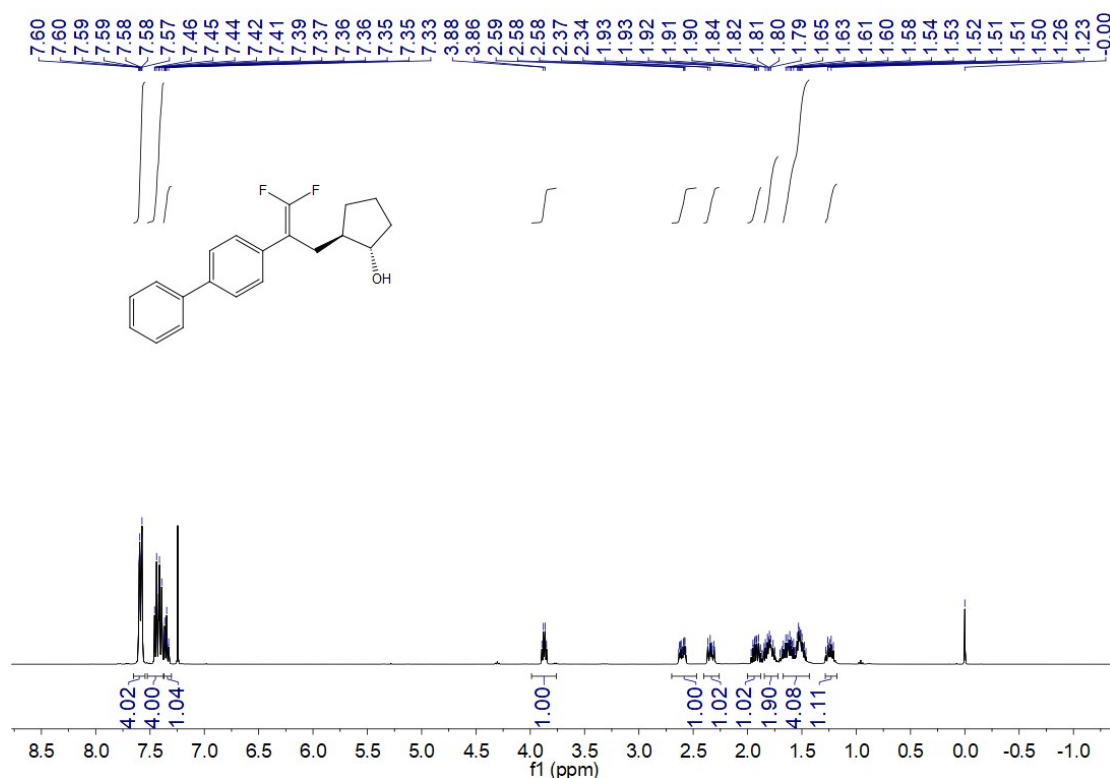


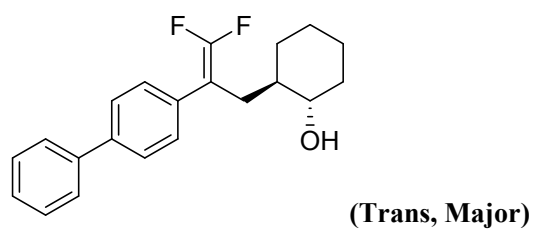
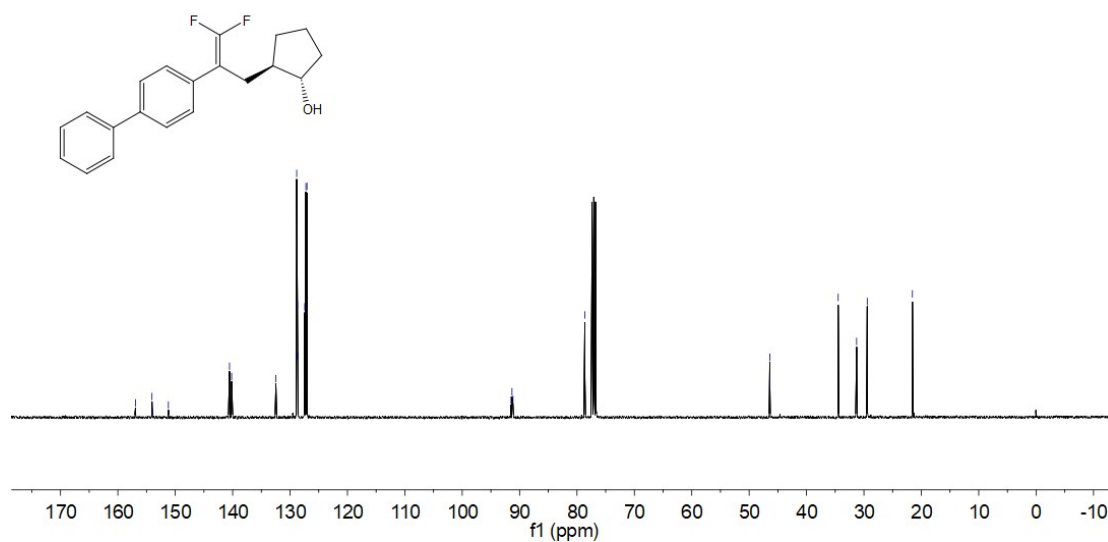


2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-difluoroallyl)cyclopentan-1-ol (4i)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) $> 35:1$, **d.r. $> 10:1$** .

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. The assignment of the major *trans* configuration was based on the large coupling constant at 3.87 ppm. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.35 (ddd, $J = 7.4, 3.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, $J = 11.7, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.60 (ddt, $J = 14.2, 6.0, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.03 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.32 – 1.16 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.99. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.06 (t, $J = 288.5$ Hz), 140.55, 140.17, 132.47, 128.84, 128.71 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 127.45, 127.24, 127.05, 91.33 (t, $J = 17.4$ Hz), 78.64, 46.40 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 34.49, 31.28, 29.42, 21.55. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 337.1374; found: 337.1379. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3416, 2988, 2829, 1617, 1489, 1396, 1357, 1173, 1003, 787, 610

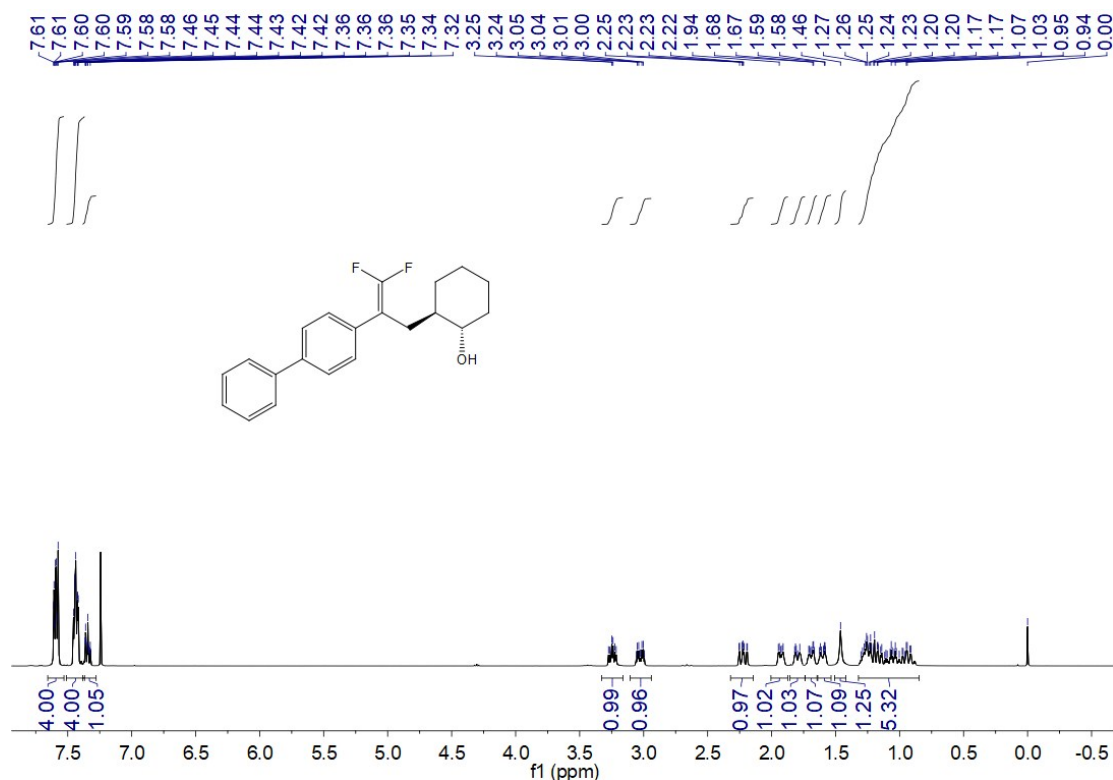


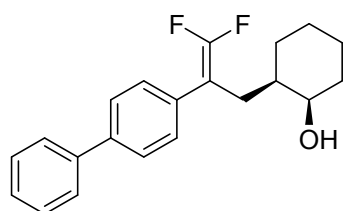
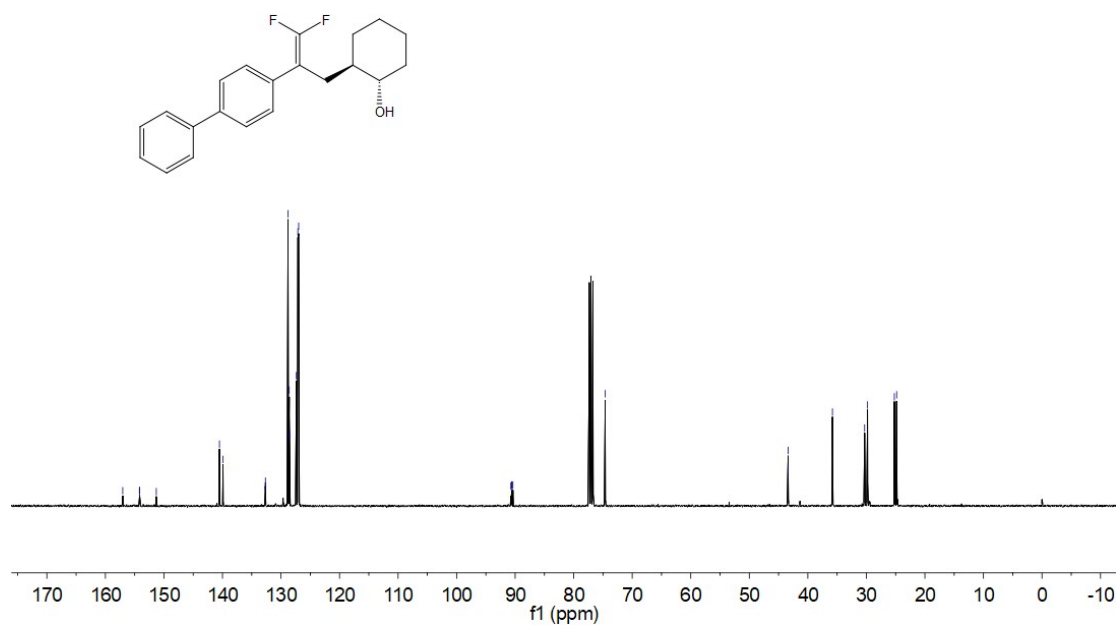
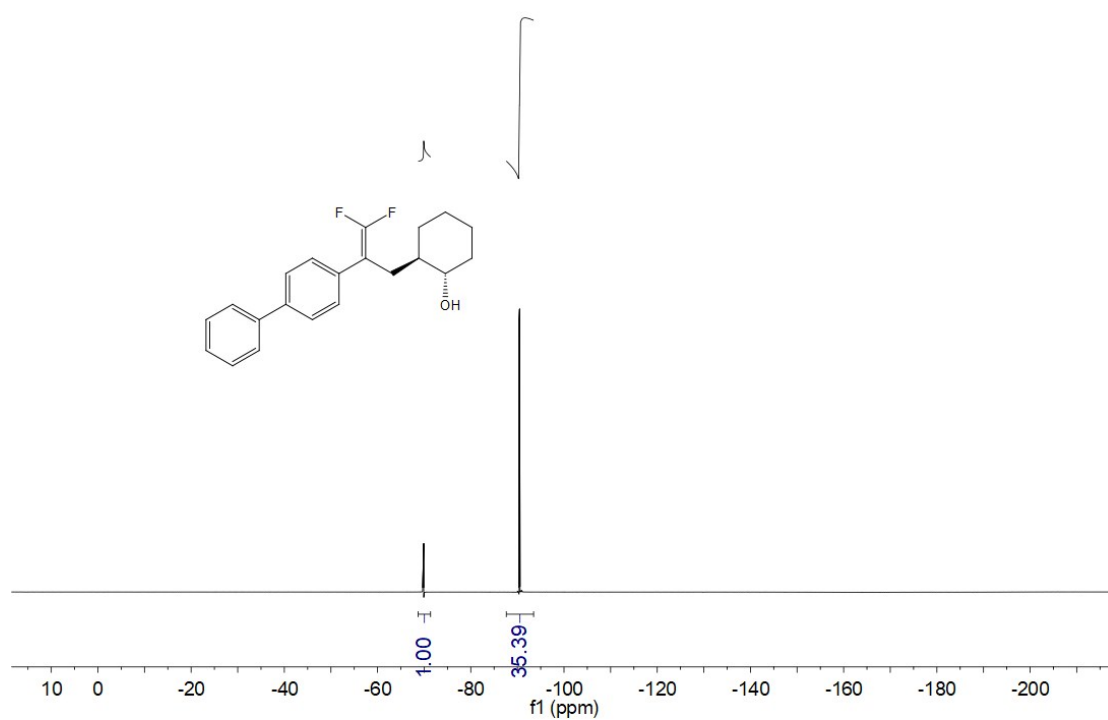


(trans)-2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-difluoroallyl)cyclohexan-1-ol (4j, Trans)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1, d.r. = 2.5:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. The assignment of the major *trans* configuration was based on the large coupling constant at 3.24 and 3.03 ppm. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 3.24 (td, J = 10.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (ddd, J = 14.3, 8.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (ddd, J = 14.3, 10.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.46 (br s, 1H), 1.31 – 0.86 (m, 5H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.32 (d, J = 42.9 Hz), -90.54 (d, J = 42.9 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.17 (dd, J = 290.6, 286.5 Hz), 140.51, 139.90, 132.65 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 128.80, 128.60 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 127.38, 127.13, 126.98, 90.56 (dd, J = 21.4, 13.2 Hz), 74.62, 43.37 (t, J = 2.0 Hz), 35.80, 30.30, 29.80, 25.22, 24.83. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 351.1531; found: 351.1536. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3418, 2988, 2931, 2856, 1715, 1616, 1488, 1448, 1368, 1356, 788, 751, 610.

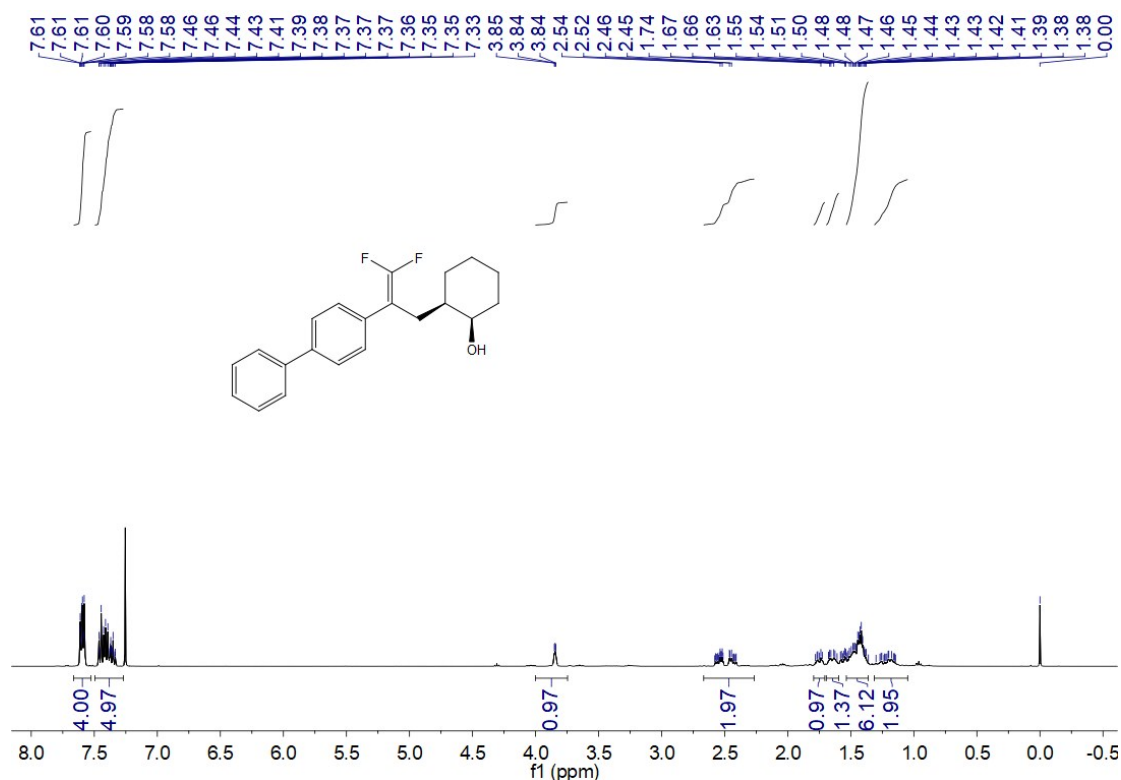




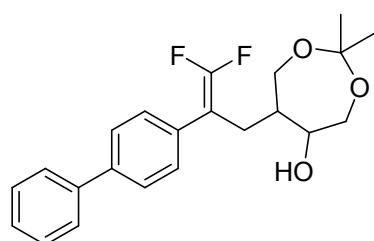
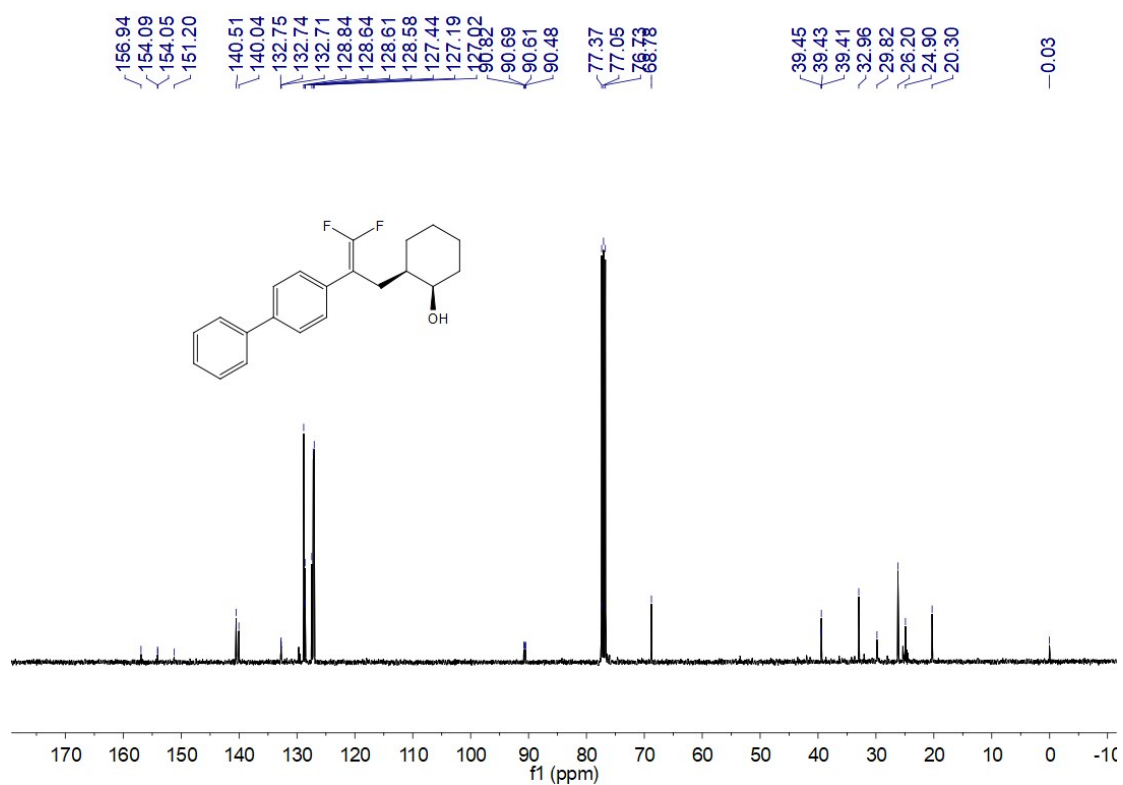
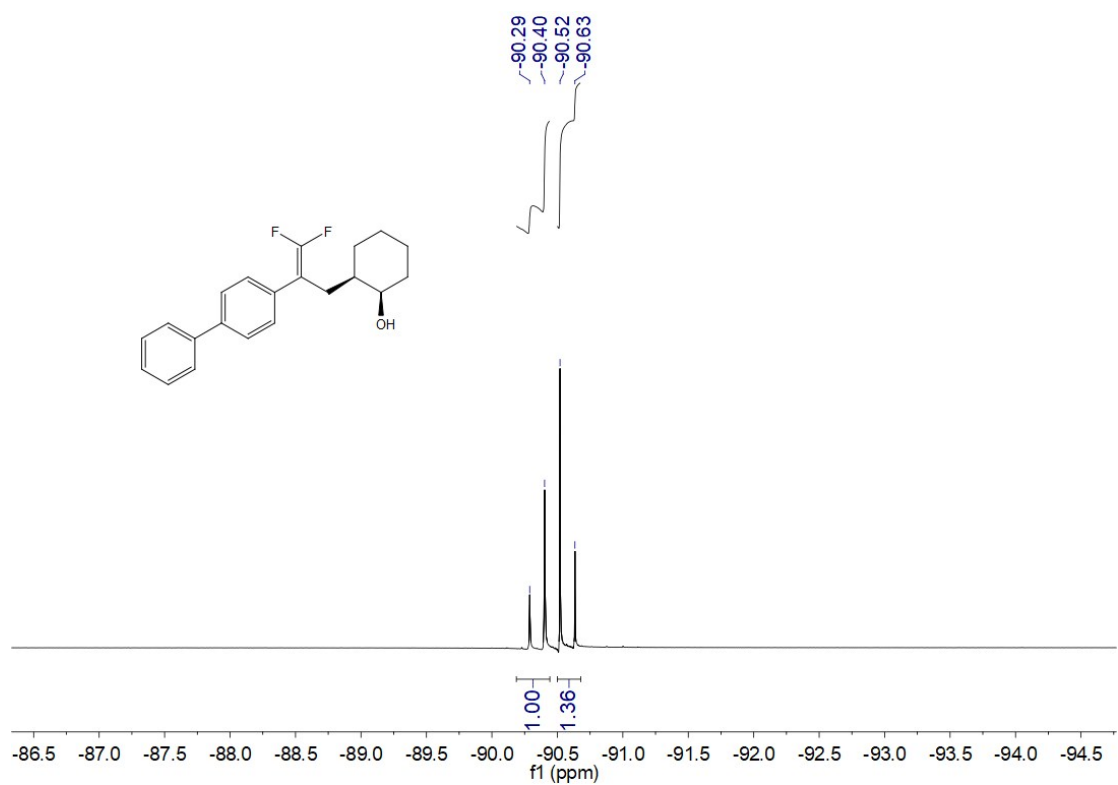
(cis)-2-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-difluoroallyl)cyclohexan-1-ol (4j, cis)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. The assignment of the major *cis* configuration was based on the large coupling constant at 3.85 ppm. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 3.85 (t, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.36 (m, 6H), 1.31 – 1.08 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.35 (d, $J = 42.9$ Hz), -90.58 (d, $J = 42.9$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 154.07 (dd, $J = 290.9$, 286.9 Hz), 140.51, 140.04, 132.75 (dd, $J = 4.0$, 2.8 Hz), 128.84, 128.61 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 127.44, 127.19, 127.02, 90.65 (dd, $J = 21.6$, 13.2 Hz), 68.78, 39.43 (t, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 32.96, 29.82, 26.20, 24.90, 20.30. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 351.1531; found: 351.1537. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2987, 1616, 1483, 1368, 1353, 788, 750, 609.



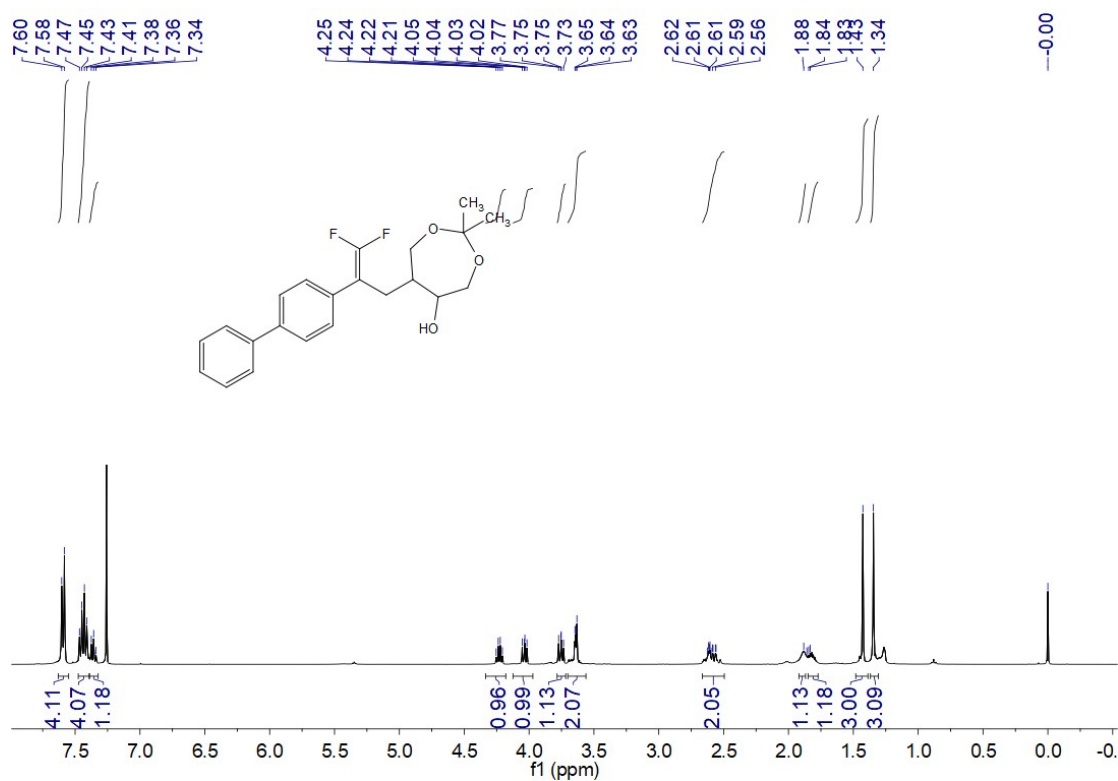
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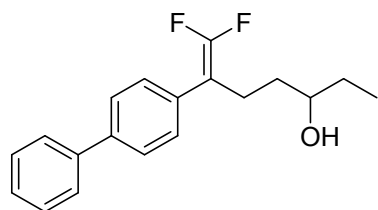
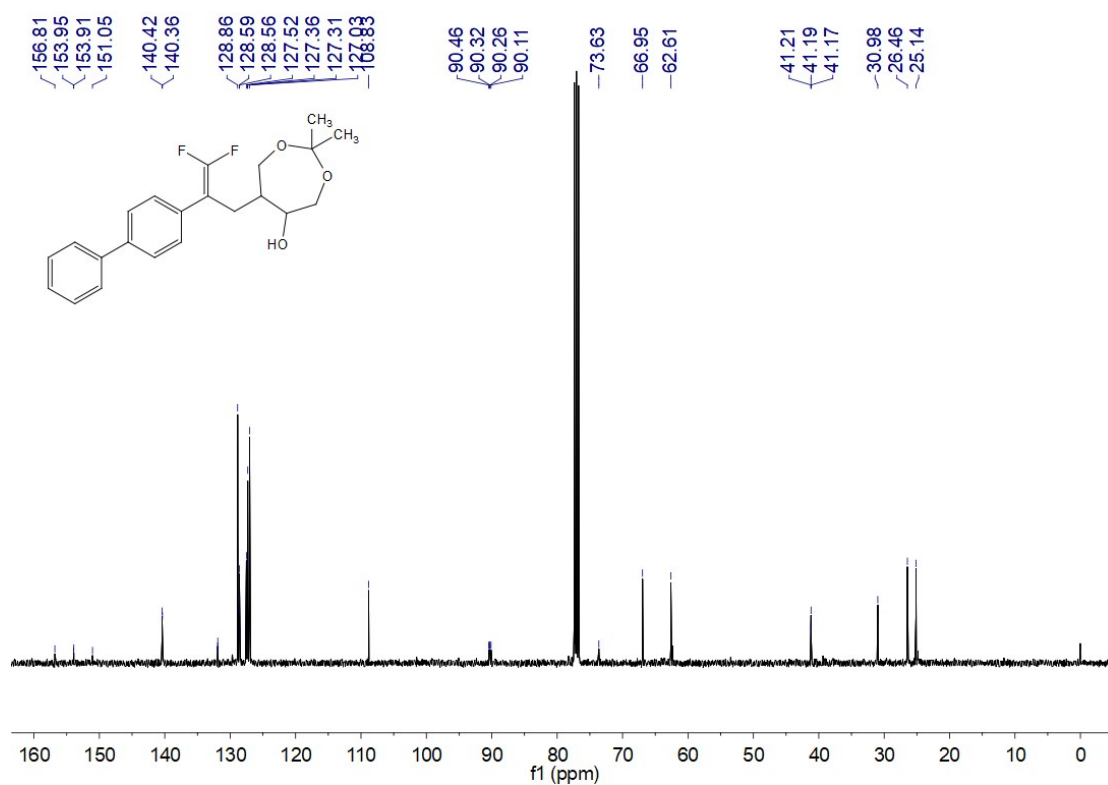
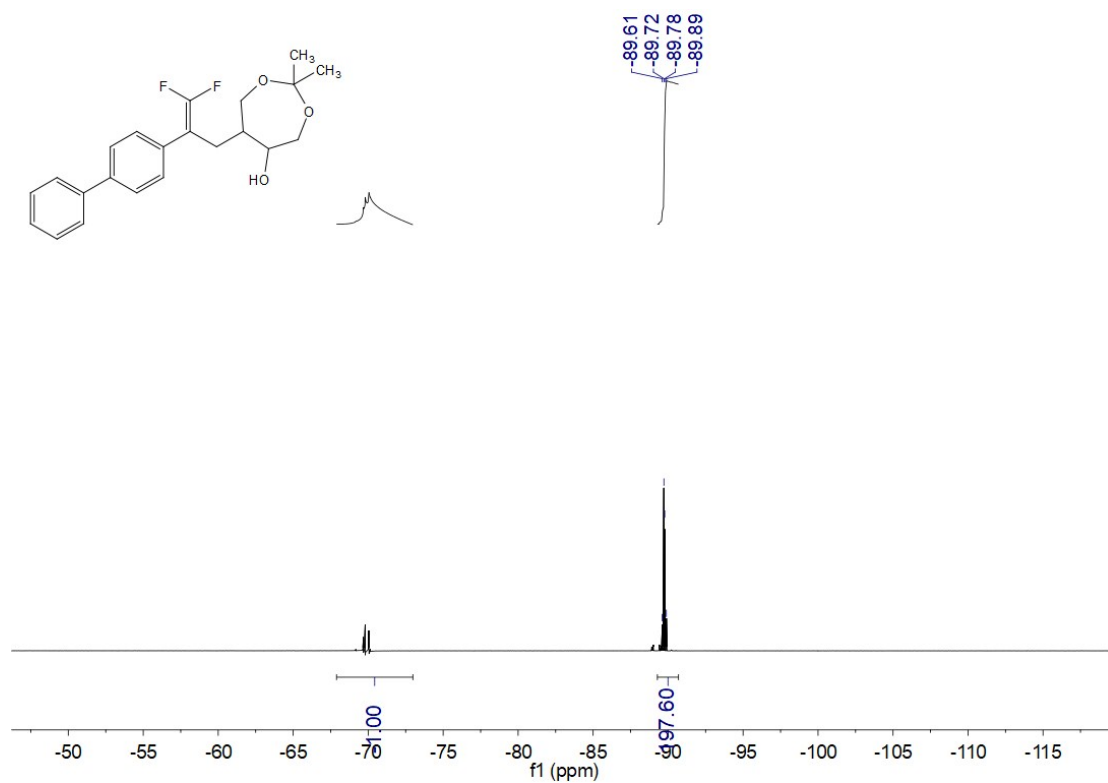
6-(2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3,3-difluoroallyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxepan-5-ol (4l)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) **> 50:1, d. r. = 7:1**

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 4H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 15.3, 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 7.36 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, $J = 12.8, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, $J = 8.4, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.75 (dd, $J = 8.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.60 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 1.88 (br s, 1H), 1.85 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -89.66 (d, $J = 41.3$ Hz), -89.83 (d, $J = 41.2$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.93 (dd, $J = 291.4, 287.7$ Hz), 140.42, 140.36, 131.90 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 128.86, 128.58 (dd, $J = 7.2, 3.9$ Hz), 127.52, 127.36, 127.31, 127.03, 108.83, 90.29 (dd, $J = 20.7, 14.4$ Hz), 73.63, 66.95, 62.61, 41.19 (t, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 30.98, 26.46, 25.14. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_3$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 397.1586; found: 397.1589. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2989, 2829, 1617, 1498, 1441, 1396, 1369, 1356, 1245, 1032, 610.



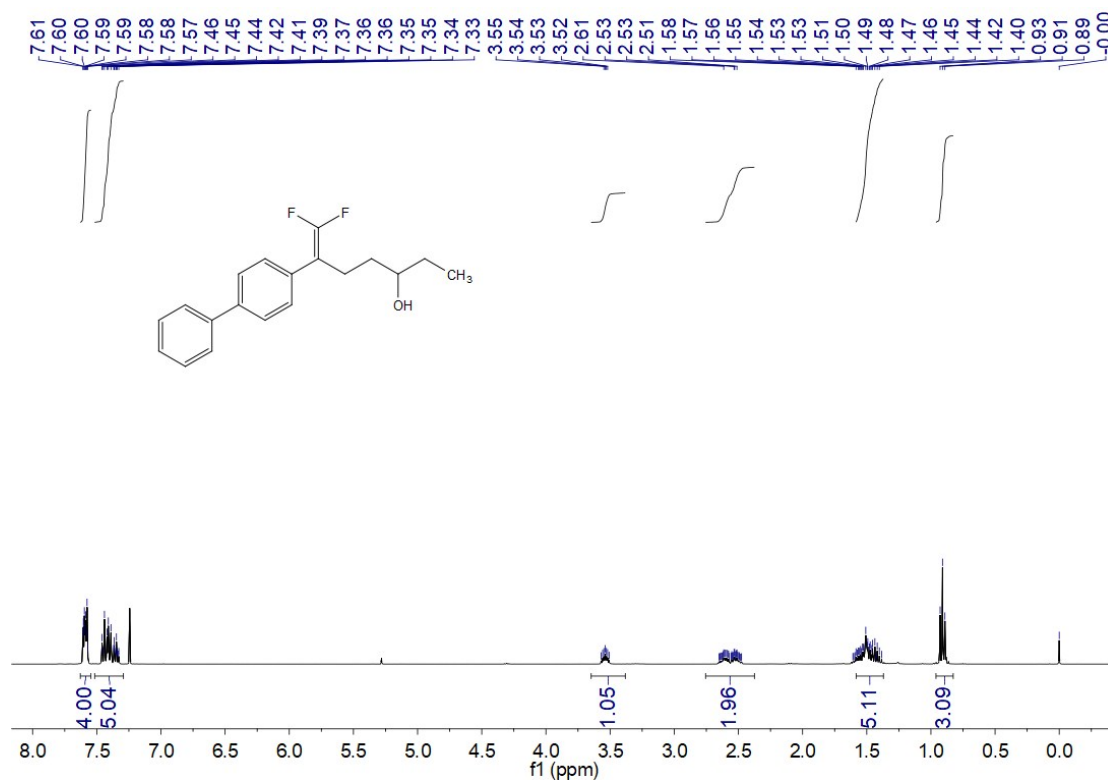
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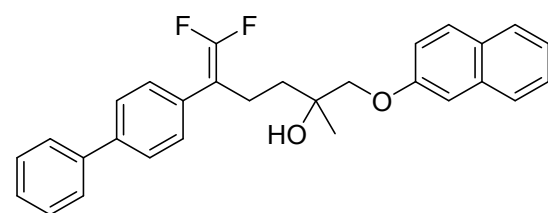
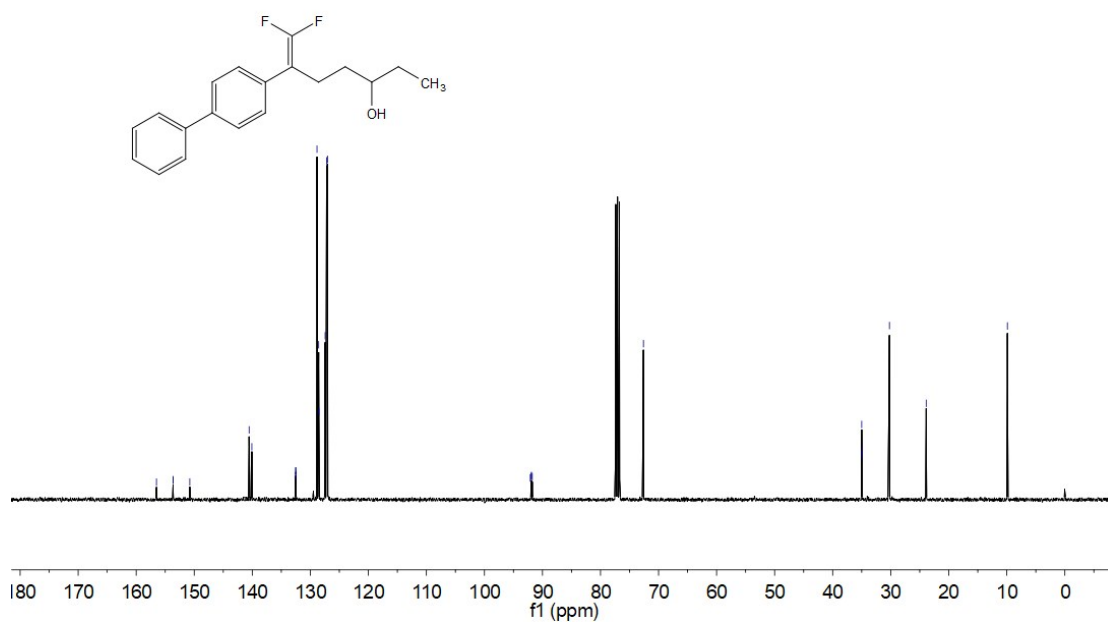
6-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-7,7-difluorohept-6-en-3-ol (4m)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, Determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 35:1, L: B = 14:1.

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 3.59 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.72 – 2.32 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.33 (m, 5H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.74 (d, J = 42.9 Hz), -90.88 (d, J = 42.9 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.64 (dd, J = 290.1, 287.8 Hz), 140.54, 140.07, 132.52 (dd, J = 2.6, 1.7 Hz), 128.85, 128.56 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 127.44, 127.19, 127.03, 91.93 (dd, J = 19.9, 14.7 Hz), 72.60, 35.00 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 30.22, 23.88, 9.90. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 325.1374; found: 325.1378. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2988, 2829, 1615, 1487, 1460, 1396, 1355, 1186, 1173, 1001, 787, 773, 613.



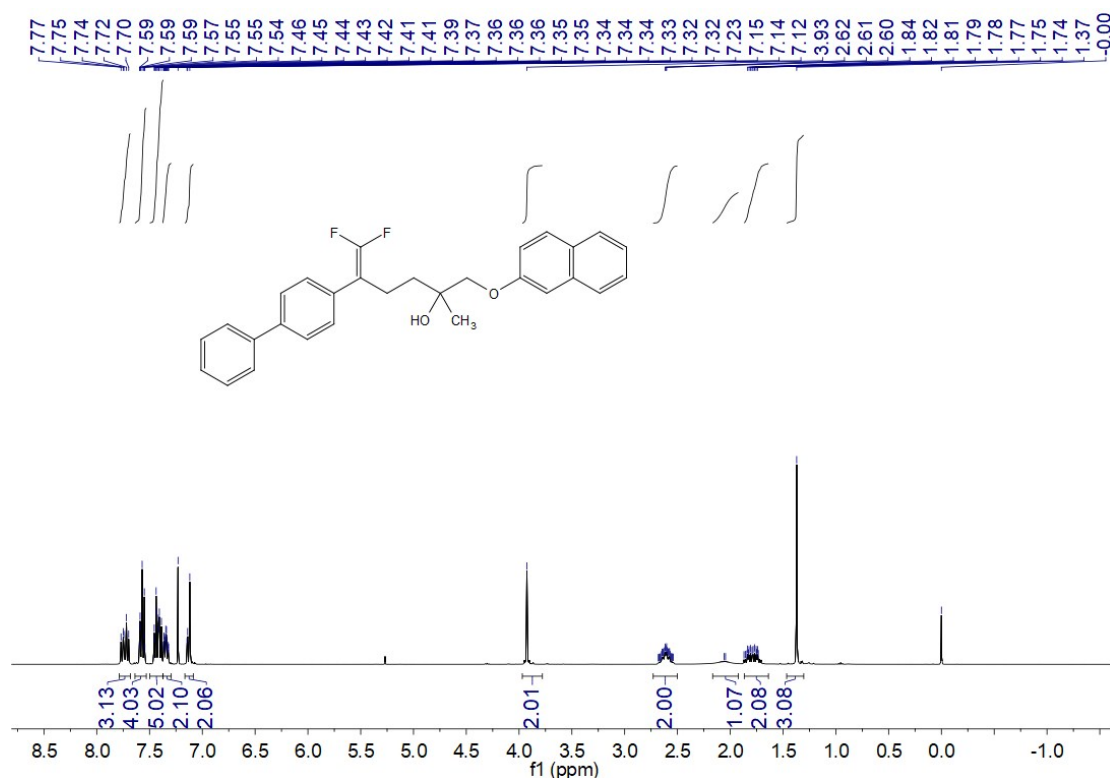
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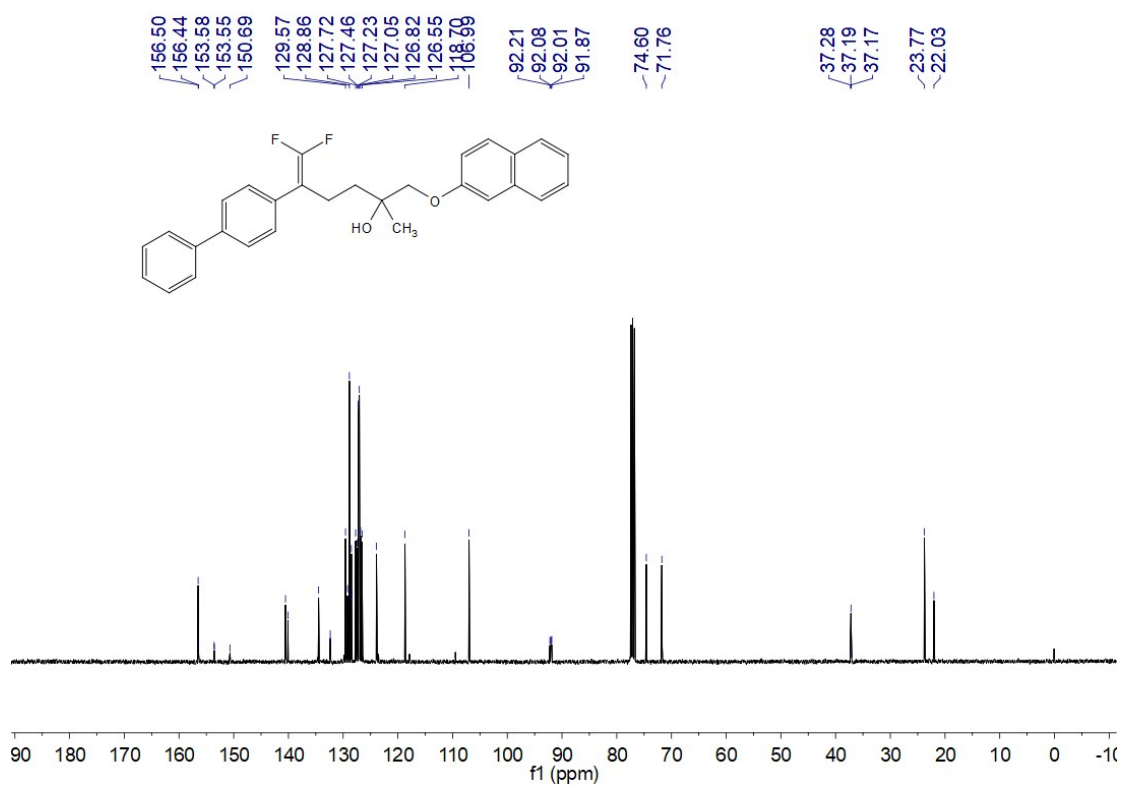
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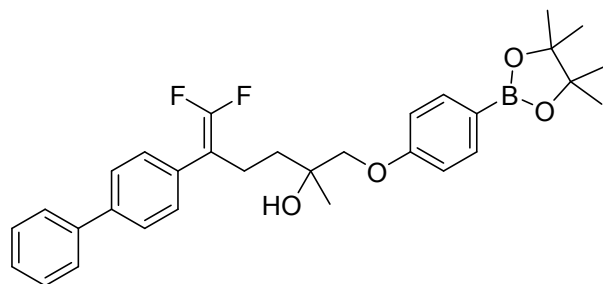
Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, Determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.37 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 3.93 (s, 2H), 2.80 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.06 (br s, 1H), 1.93 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.40 (d, $J = 42.3$ Hz), -90.57 (d, $J = 42.3$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.50, 153.56 (dd, $J = 291.0, 287.6$ Hz), 140.54, 140.09, 134.49, 132.36 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 129.57, 129.20, 128.86, 128.50 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 127.72, 127.46, 127.23, 127.05, 126.82, 126.55, 123.91, 118.70, 106.99, 92.04 (dd, $J = 20.5, 13.9$ Hz), 74.60, 71.76, 37.18 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 23.77, 22.03. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 467.1793; found: 467.1796. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3418, 2985, 1617, 1488, 1457, 1370, 1355, 1172, 1101, 1001, 788, 615.



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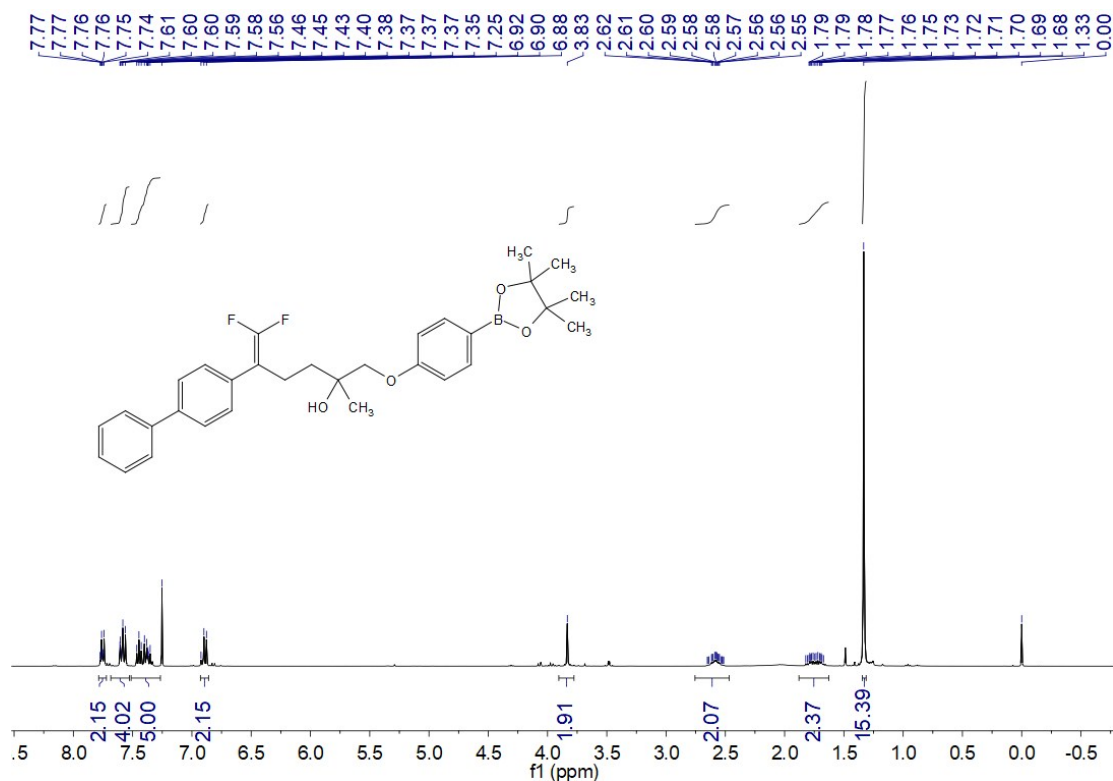




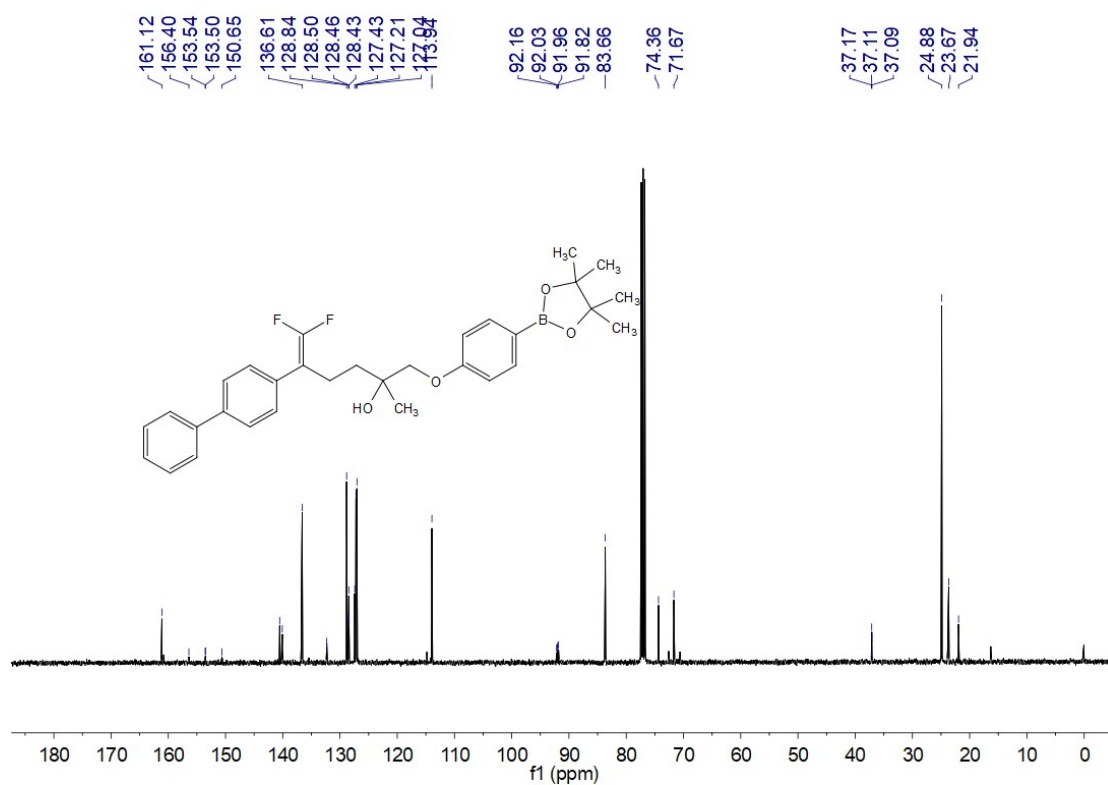
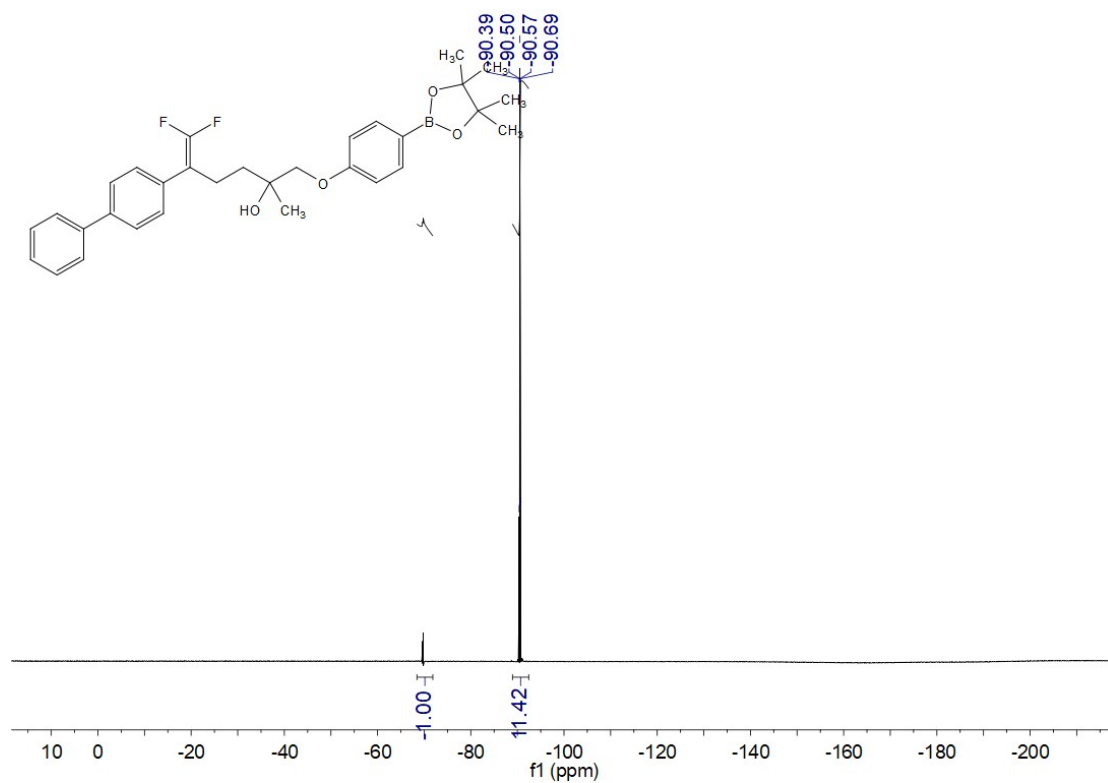
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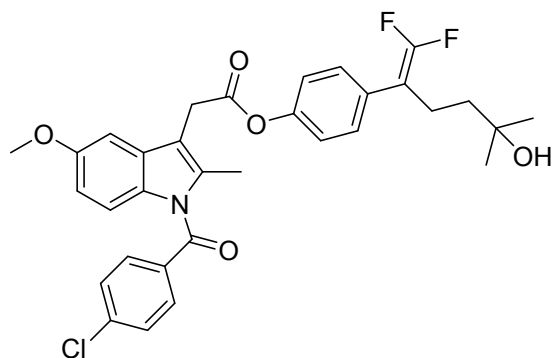
Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, Determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) = 18:1

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.90 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 2.63 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.86 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 15H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.45 (d, J = 42.3 Hz), -90.63 (d, J = 42.3 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.12, 153.52 (dd, J = 291.1, 287.5 Hz), 140.54, 140.08, 136.61, 132.31 (t, J = 3.1 Hz), 128.84, 128.46 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 127.43, 127.21, 127.04, 113.94, 91.99 (dd, J = 20.7, 13.8 Hz), 83.66, 74.36, 71.67, 37.10 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 24.88, 23.67, 21.94. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{35}\text{BF}_2\text{NaO}_4$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 543.2489; found: 543.2496. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2984, 2829, 1604, 1490, 1458, 1396, 1358, 1173, 1143, 772, 607.



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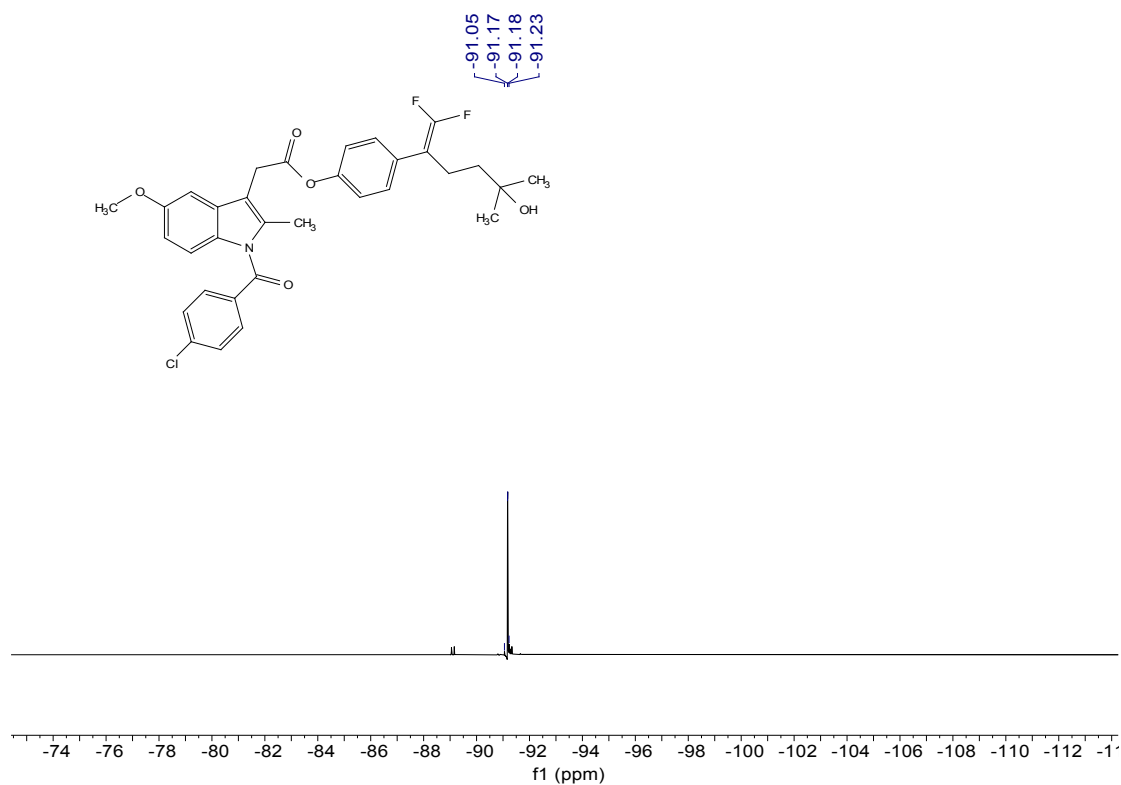
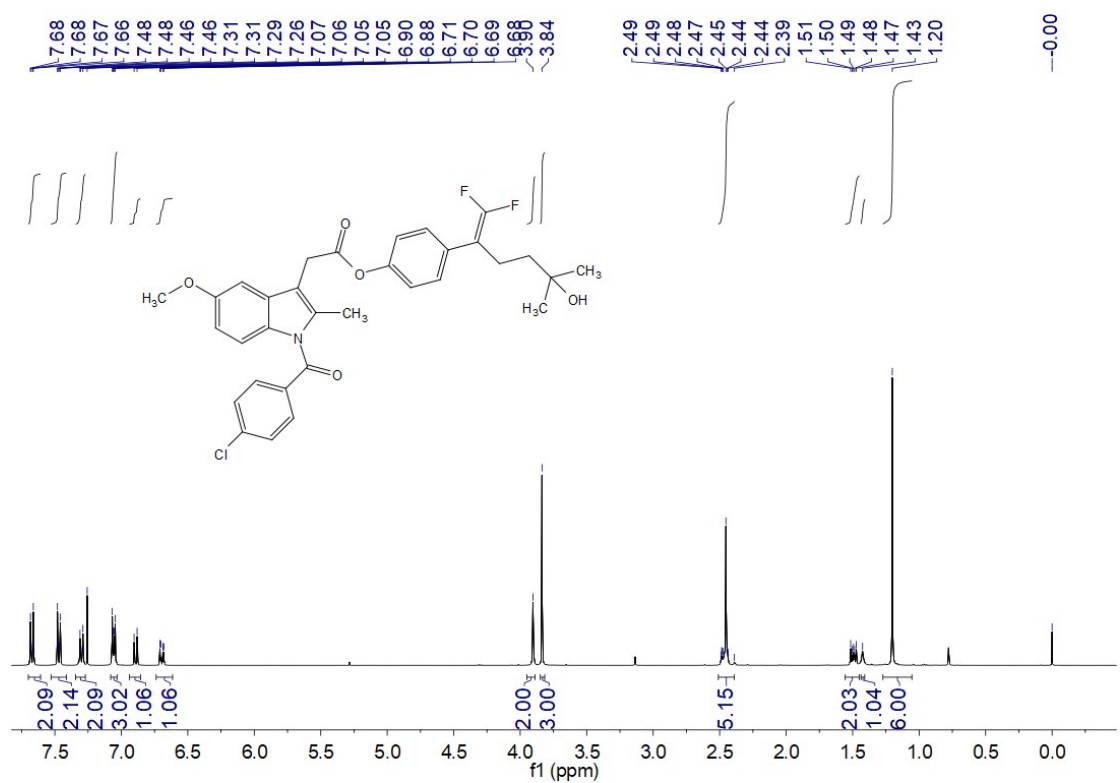


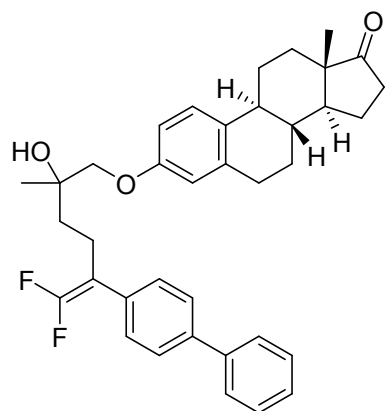
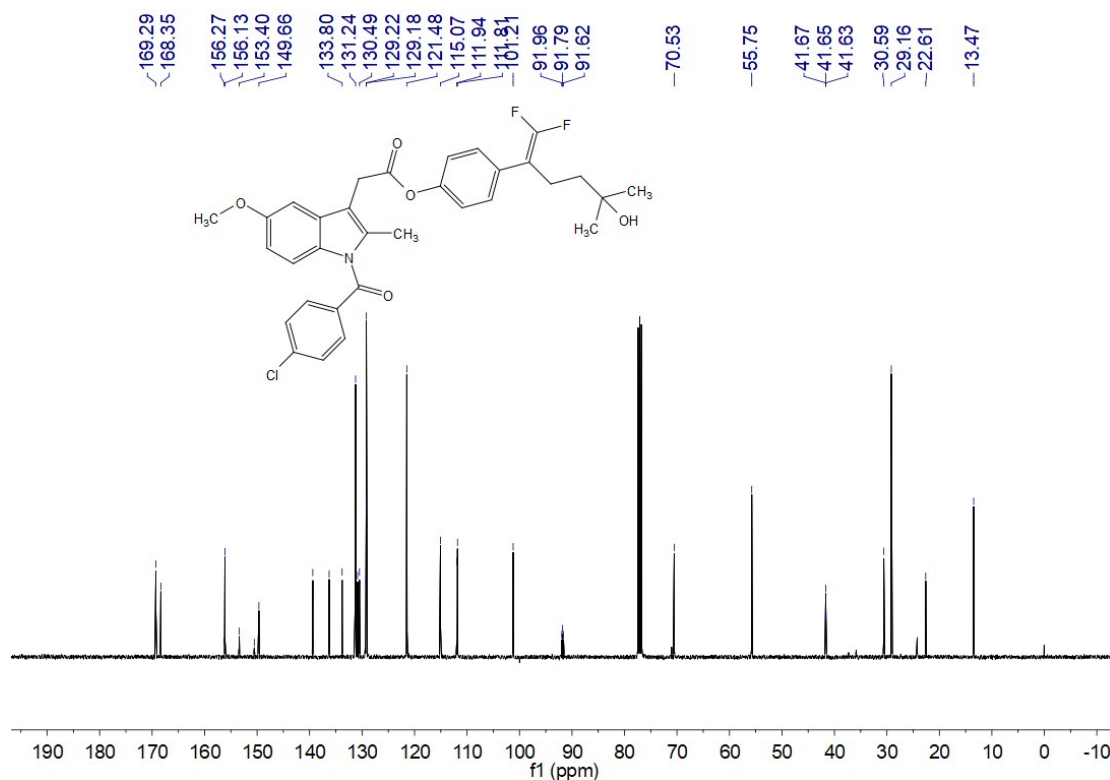
4-(1,1-difluoro-5-hydroxy-5-methylhex-1-en-2-yl)phenyl-2-(1-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)acetate (5a)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, Determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.06 (dd, J = 5.7, 3.0 Hz, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.51 – 2.40 (m, 5H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.43 (br s, 1H), 1.20 (s, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.11 (d, J = 45.1 Hz), -91.20 (d, J = 45.1 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.29, 168.35, 156.13, 153.40 (t, J = 288.7 Hz), 149.66, 139.39, 136.27, 133.80, 131.34, 131.24, 130.85, 130.49, 129.22, 129.18, 121.48, 115.07, 111.94, 111.81, 101.21, 91.79 (t, J = 17.6 Hz), 70.53, 55.75, 41.65 (t, J = 2.1 Hz), 30.59, 29.16, 22.61, 13.47. **HRMS** (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{30}\text{ClF}_2\text{NNaO}_5$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 604.1673; found: 604.1681. **IR** ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3417, 2989, 1637, 1616, 1485, 1451, 1395, 1246, 1172, 1026, 1002, 619.

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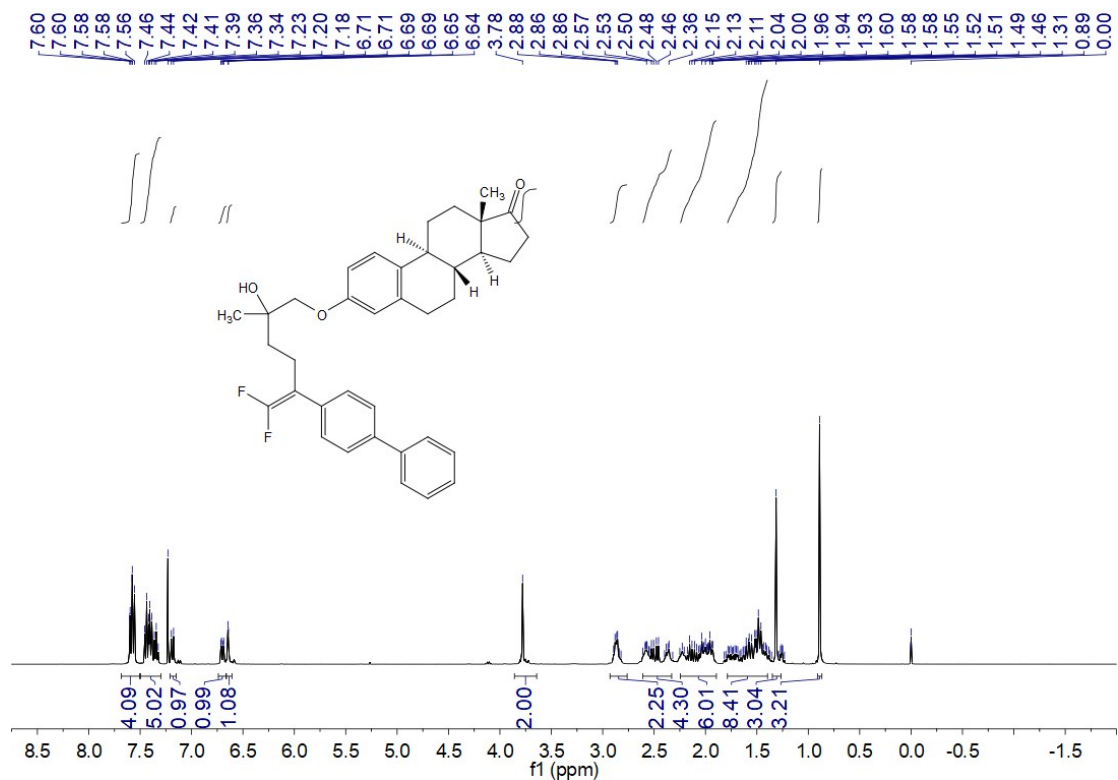
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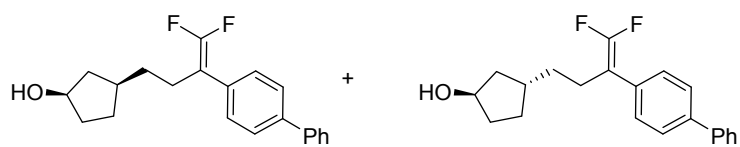
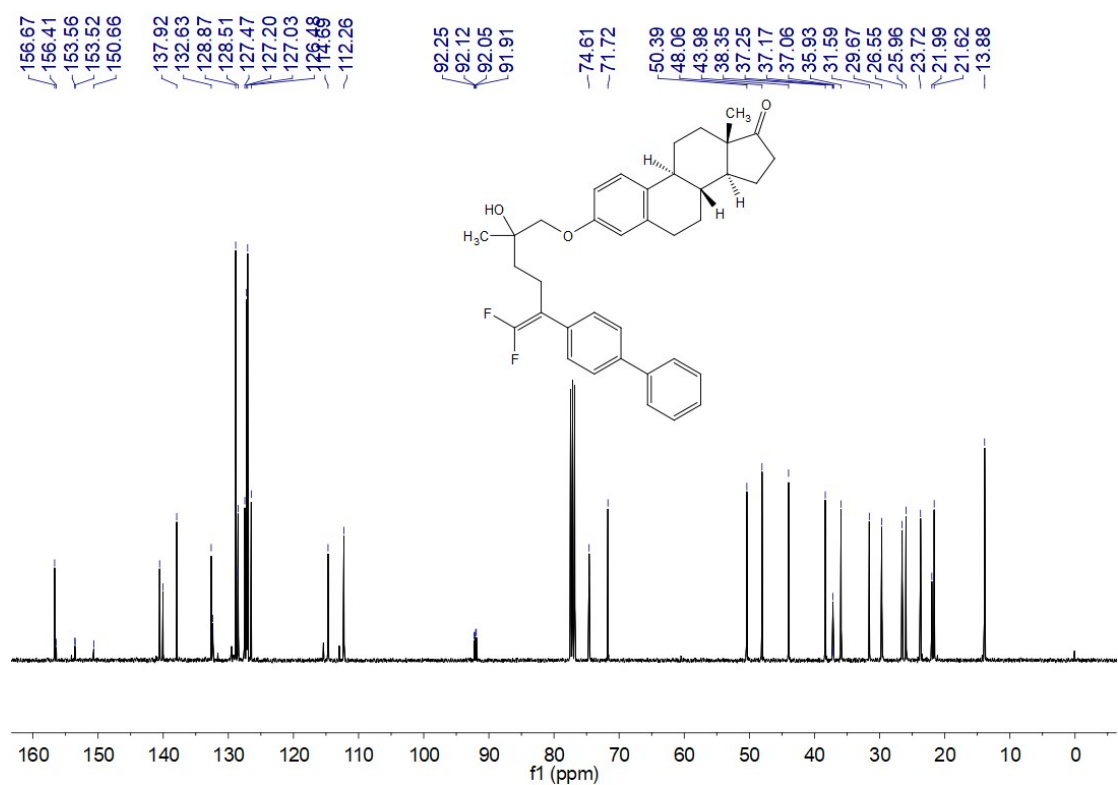
Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, Determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 50:1

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 2.95 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.68 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.24 – 1.86 (m, 6H), 1.83 – 1.39 (m, 8H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -90.40 (d, J = 42.3 Hz), -90.59 (d, J = 42.3 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.67, 153.54 (dd, J = 291.1, 287.4 Hz), 140.55, 140.03,

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137.92, 132.63, 132.39 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 128.87, 128.51 (t, $J = 3.5$ Hz), 127.47, 127.20, 127.03, 126.48, 114.69, 112.26, 92.08 (dd, $J = 20.9, 13.4$ Hz), 74.61, 71.72, 50.39, 48.06, 43.98, 38.35, 37.12 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 35.93, 31.59, 29.67, 26.55, 25.96, 23.72, 21.99, 21.62, 13.88. **HRMS** (APCI) calcd for $C_{37}H_{40}F_2NaO_3$ ($M+Na^+$): 593.2838; found: 593.2843. **IR** (KBr/cm^{-1}) 3418, 2981, 2932, 2868, 2831, 2248, 1732, 1611, 1488, 1455, 1396, 1370, 1356, 1235, 1173, 1006, 766, 732, 581.

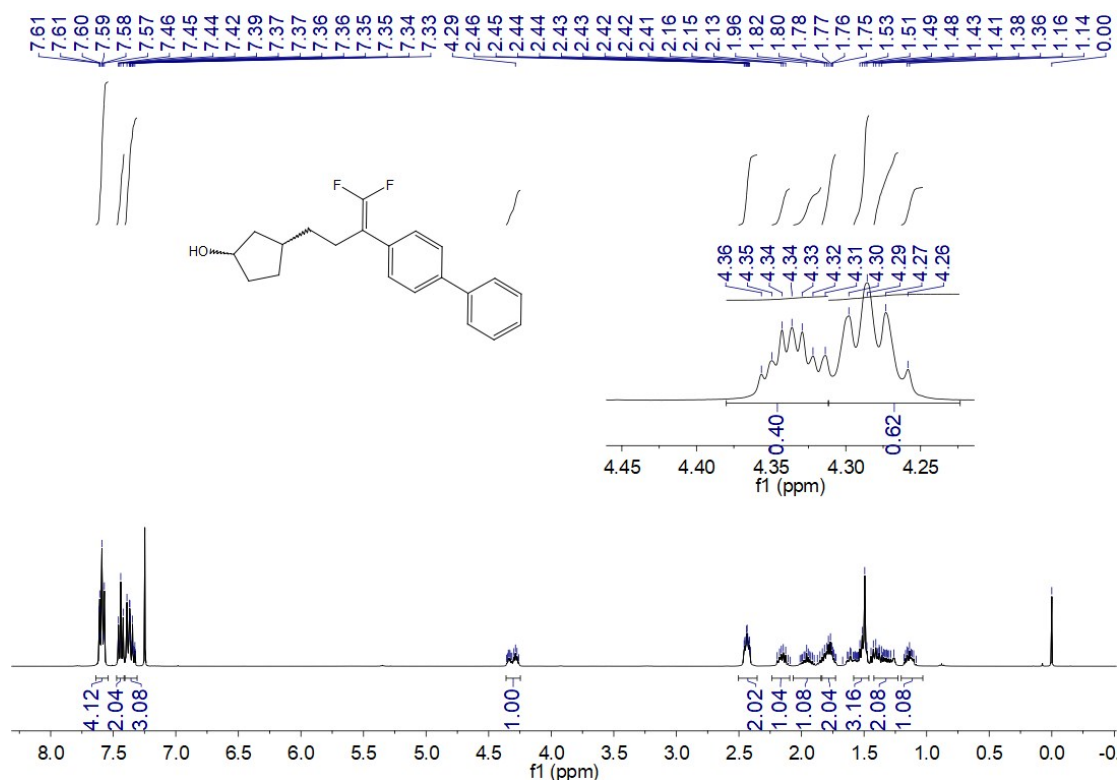


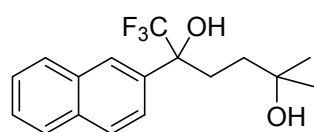
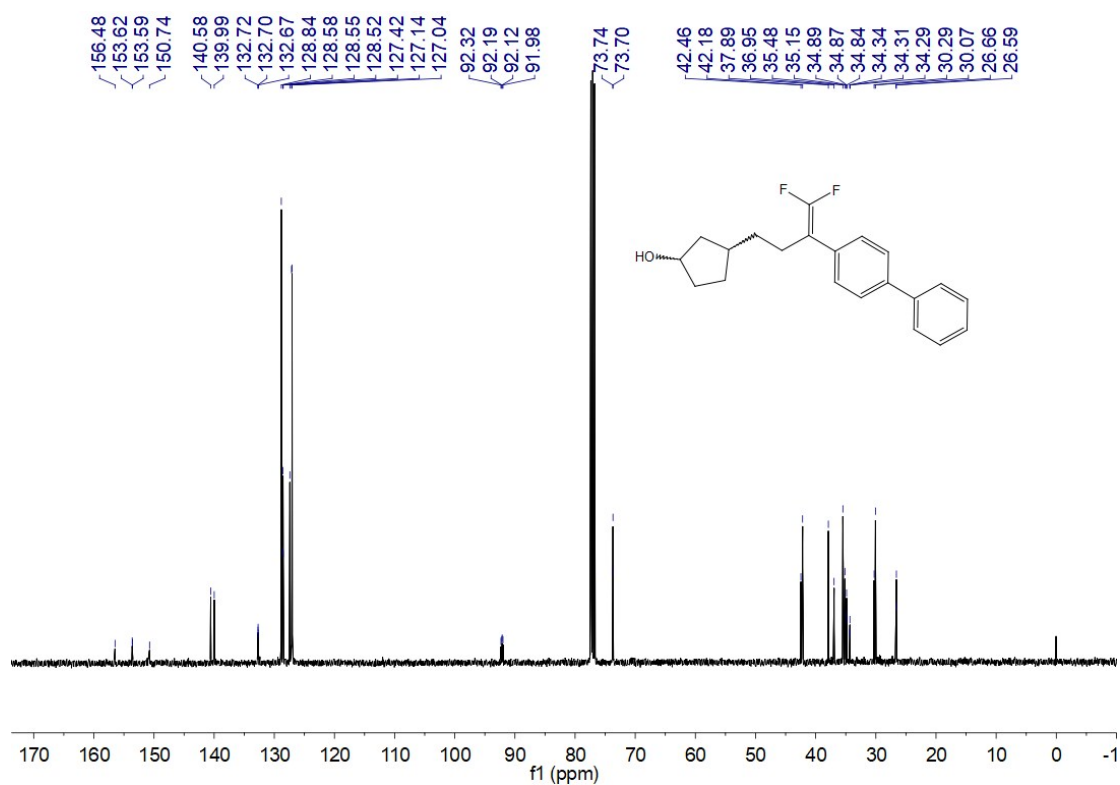
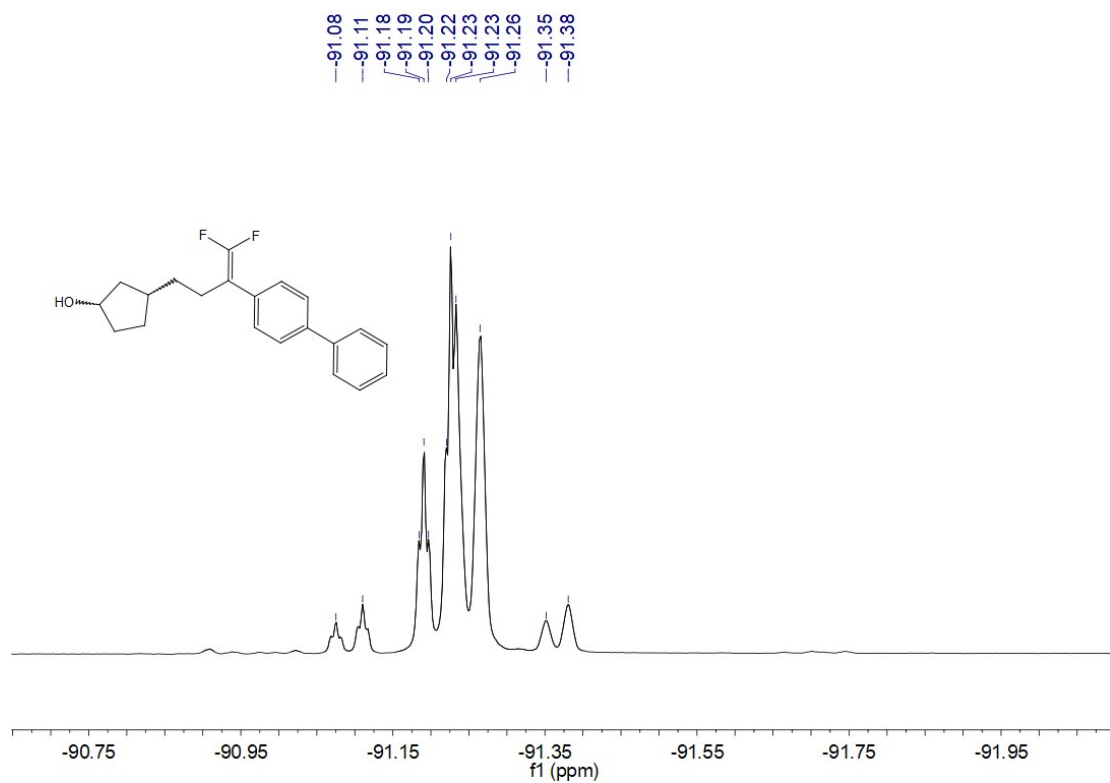


3-(3-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4,4-difluorobut-3-en-1-yl)cyclopentan-1-ol (6a)

Selectivity (desired C-F cleavage product: addition by-product, Determined by ^1H NMR and ^{19}F NMR) > 30:1, d.r. = 1.5:1

Prepared according to the general procedure, as a sticky solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.38 – 4.21 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.14 (tt, J = 14.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.45 (m, 3H), 1.43 – 1.22 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.02 (m, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -91.08, -91.11, -91.18, -91.19, -91.20, -91.22, -91.23, -91.23, -91.26, -91.35, -91.38. ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.61 (dd, J = 290.2, 287.5 Hz), 140.58, 139.99, 132.71 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 128.84, 128.55 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), 127.42, 127.14, 127.04, 92.15 (dd, J = 20.4, 13.9 Hz), 73.74, 73.70, 42.46, 42.18, 37.89, 36.95, 35.48, 35.15, 34.87 (t, J = 2.2 Hz), 34.31 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 30.29, 30.07, 26.66, 26.59. HRMS (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NaO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$): 351.1531; found: 351.1536. IR ($\text{KBr}/\text{cm}^{-1}$) 3419, 2986, 1616, 1488, 1461, 1396, 1187, 1173, 1002, 773, 615.



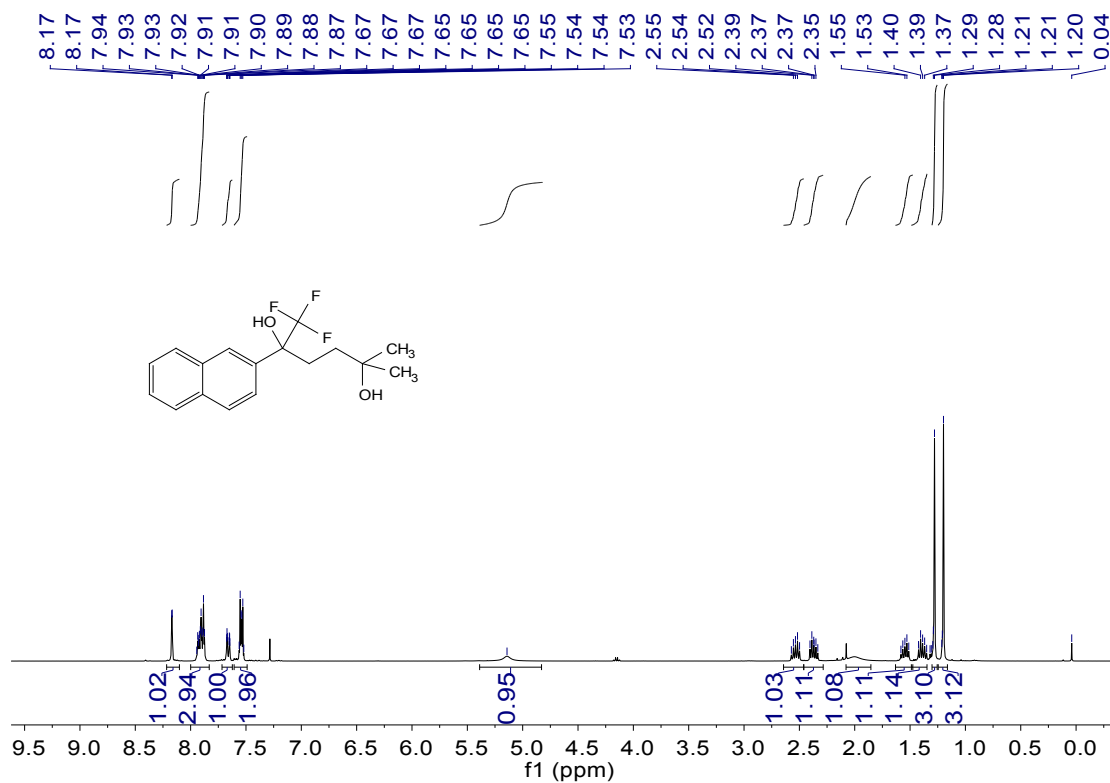


1,1,1-trifluoro-5-methyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)hexane-2,5-diol (3am)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.83 (m, 3H), 7.75 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.54

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(dt, $J = 6.3, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 2.61 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.45 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.00 (s, 1H), 1.55 (dt, $J = 14.0, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.39 (dt, $J = 14.6, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H). **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -79.69. **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.89, 133.00, 132.97, 128.53, 127.94, 127.51, 126.76, 126.26, 125.97 (q, $J = 285.7$ Hz), 125.51, 124.19, 71.08, 35.37, 30.90, 28.95, 28.27. **HRMS** (APCI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$): 313.1410; found: 313.1413.



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