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Supporting Information

Dearomatization of Aryl Sulfoxides:

A Switch between Mono- and Dual-Difluoroalkylation

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1 General information

Unless otherwise indicated, all glassware was oven dried before use and all reactions were performed under an atmosphere of Nitrogen. All solvents were distilled from appropriate drying agents prior to use. All reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers. Reaction progress was monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on plastic plates coated with silica gel GF254 with 0.2 mm thickness. Chromatograms were visualized by fluorescence quenching with UV light at 254 nm or by staining using potassium permanganate. Compound isolation was performed on chromatography column using silica gel 60 (160-200 mesh) or Biotage Isolera Prime flash column system. Neat infrared spectra were recorded using a NEXUS670 FT-IR spectrometer. Wavelengths (v) are reported in cm⁻¹. MS (EI) analysis was performed on Agilent GC-MS instrument. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analysis was carried out using a TOF MS instrument with ESI or APCI source. All ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-400 or AV-600. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26, methanol δ 3.31), carbon (chloroform δ 77.16, methanol δ 49.00). ¹⁹F-NMR chemical shift were determined relative to CFCl₃ as inter standard. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz).

2 Preparation of starting materials

Difluoroenol silvl ether $2a^1$, $2b^2$, $2c^3$ and $2d^4$ are known compounds.

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General procedure: To a solution of sulfide (3.0-10 mmol) in DCM (0.1 M) was added a solution

of *m*-CPBA (1.1 equiv.) in DCM (0.5 M) at -5 °C. After the starting sulfide completely consumed, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated in vacuum. The obtained residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding sulfoxides 1.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (1a):

O N-Bu

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 20 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 3.1 g, 73% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.28 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 1.81 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.4, 138.3, 130.8, 130.3, 52.1, 25.8, 22.0, 19.4, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2957, 2928, 2871, 1580, 1458, 1380, 913, 773.

HRMS (**APCI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{12}H_{18}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 233.0971, found: 233.1006.

1,3-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfinyl)benzene (1b):

O S Me

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 10 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as white solid, m.p. $51 - 52 \, \text{C}$, 1.3 g, 80% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.1, 137.9, 130.9, 130.3, 38.3, 19.1.

IR (neat): 3057, 2919, 1579, 1459, 1381, 774.

The expected MS of title compound was not detected by LC/TOF-MS with ESI and APCI sources under both positive and negative models.

EI-MS: found 168.0.

1,3-dimethyl-2-((4-phenylbutyl)sulfinyl)benzene (1c):

O Me Me

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 1.1 g, 75% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.35 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.68 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (s, 6H), 1.93 – 1.73 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.6, 138.4, 138.3, 130.8, 130.3, 128.5, 128.4, 126.0, 52.3, 35.6, 30.6, 23.5, 19.3.

IR (neat): 3057, 3024, 2927, 2857, 1602, 1581, 1458, 1380, 910, 773.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{18}H_{22}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 309.1284, found: 309.1308.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (1d):

O S n-Bu

Me

Me

Me

1d

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 1.8 g, 82% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.84 (s, 2H), 3.27 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 6H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.56 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.0, 138.4, 135.1, 131.0, 52.3, 25.9, 22.1, 21.1, 19.3, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2957, 2927, 2870, 1600, 1567, 1456, 1378, 1291, 1075, 1023, 850, 615.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{13}H_{20}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 247.1127, found: 247.1164.

4-(butylsulfinyl)-3,5-dimethyl-1,1'-biphenyl (1e):

O S n-Bu
Me
Ph
1e

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as white solid, m.p. $93 - 94 \, \text{°C}$, 958 mg, 67% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 3.33 – 3.27 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.64 (s, 6H), 1.87 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.59 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.5, 139.8, 138.9, 137.2, 128.92, 128.89, 129.1, 127.2, 52.4,

25.9, 22.1, 19.6, 13.8.

IR (neat): 3061, 2956, 2926, 2868, 1594, 1560, 1071, 1022, 766, 697.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{18}H_{22}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 309.1284, found: 309.1300.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-5-(chloromethyl)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (1f):

O_S n-Bu Me Me Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 929 mg, 72% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.04 (s, 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.26 – 3.21 (m, 1H),

1f 2.83 - 2.77 (m, 1H), 2.55 (s, 6H), 1.84 - 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.58 - 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t,

J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.9, 139.0, 138.4, 130.2, 52.2, 45.2, 25.8, 22.0, 19.3, 13.7.

IR (neat): 2957, 2928, 2870, 1600, 1571, 1445, 1380, 1075, 1027, 728, 699.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{13}H_{19}CIOSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 281.0737, found: 281.0783.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-5-(methoxymethyl)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (1g):

O S n-Bu

1g

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 660 mg, 52% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.98 (s, 2H), 4.35 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.26 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.76 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.39

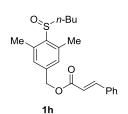
(m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.0, 138.6, 137.3, 129.1, 73.9, 58.5, 52.2, 25.7, 22.0, 19.3, 13.7.

IR (neat): 2957, 2927, 2871, 1601, 1567, 1449, 1419, 1379, 1100, 1074, 1023, 859.

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{14}H_{22}O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 277.1233, found: 277.1276.

4-(butylsulfinyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzyl cinnamate (1h):



Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 1.2 g, 63% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 3.29 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.85 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.58 (s, 6H), 1.78 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.8, 145.6, 138.9, 138.8, 138.3, 134.3, 130.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.3, 117.6, 65.5, 52.3, 25.8, 22.1, 19.4, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2957, 2928, 2871, 1708, 1634, 1156, 1028, 980, 863, 767.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{26}O_3SNa\ (M + Na^+)]$: 393.1495, found: 393.1496.

methyl 4-(butylsulfinyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzoate (1i):

O_S n-Bu Me Me CO₂Me

1i

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 884 mg, 66% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.68 (s, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.28 – 3.22 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.60 (s, 6H), 1.81 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t,

J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 143.3, 138.7, 131.8, 131.0, 52.5, 52.2, 25.8, 22.0, 19.4, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2955, 2931, 2871, 1719, 1569, 1435, 1406, 1306, 1214, 1017, 756.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{14}H_{20}O_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 291.1025, found: 291.1059.

4-(butylsulfinyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzonitrile (1j):

O S n-Bu

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as white solid, m.p. $67 - 68 \, \text{C}$, 846 mg, 72% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30 (s, 2H), 3.29 – 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.82 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.56 (s, 6H), 1.82 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.8, 139.5, 133.1, 117.8, 114.2, 52.0, 25.5, 21.8, 19.0, 13.6.

IR (neat): 2957, 2923, 2855, 2220, 1560, 1442, 1379, 1077, 1031, 881, 607.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{13}H_{17}NOSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 258.0923, found: 258.0953.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1,3-dimethyl-5-(phenylethynyl)benzene (1k):

O≳S n-Bu Me Me Ph 1k

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 1.1 g, 73% yield.

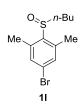
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.52 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 3.29 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.86 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.81 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.56 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.6, 138.4, 132.9, 131.8, 128.7, 128.5, 125.8, 122.8, 91.3, 88.3, 52.3, 25.8, 22.0, 19.2, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2958, 2928, 2971, 2232, 1598, 1588, 1074, 1026, 909, 871, 755.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{20}H_{22}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 333.1284, found: 333.1302.

5-bromo-2-(butylsulfinyl)-1,3-dimethylbenzene (11):



3H).

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 1.2 g, 82% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.21 (s, 2H), 3.26 – 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.78, 1H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.3 Hz,

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 140.4, 137.5, 132.9, 125.8, 52.3, 25.8, 22.1, 19.2, 13.8.

IR (neat): 3051, 2957, 2928, 2870, 1561, 1457, 1398, 1379, 1246, 1075, 1029, 832.

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{12}H_{17}BrOSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 311.0076, found: 311.0027.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1,3-diethylbenzene (1m):

O_S n-Bu Et Et Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 892 mg, 75% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 -7.29 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.41 – 3.30 (m, 1H), 3.07 (s, 2H), 2.97 – 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.82 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.2, 138.1, 131.3, 128.6, 54.0, 26.3, 25.3, 22.1, 16.4, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2940, 2930, 2871, 1579, 1458, 1401, 1379, 1073, 1030, 801, 739.

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{14}H_{22}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 261.1284, found: 261.1314.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1-ethyl-3-methylbenzene (1n):

O S n-Bu

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 862 mg, 77% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.03 – 2.80 (m, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.87 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.8, 138.8, 131.1, 130.6, 128.4, 26.1, 25.6, 22.1, 19.4, 16.5, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2959, 2929, 2870, 1580, 1458, 1380, 1073, 1029, 784, 756, 732.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{13}H_{20}OSNa (M + Na^{+})]$: 247.1127, found: 247.1167.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-3-methyl-1,1'-biphenyl (10):

O S n-Bu Me Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 1.1 g, 81% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.24 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.83 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.23 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 143.1, 139.9, 139.5, 138.3, 132.8, 130.5, 129.7, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 52.4, 25.8, 21.7, 18.9, 13.6.

IR (neat):

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{17}H_{20}OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 295.1127, found: 296.1162.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1-(methoxymethyl)-3-methylbenzene (1p):

OS n-Bu MeO Me Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as white solid, m.p. 48-49~°C, 864 mg, 72% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.40 – 3.32 (m, 4H), 2.85 – 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.88 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).kk

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 139.9, 139.1, 137.9, 132.9, 130.7, 128.1, 58.1, 52.9, 26.2, 21.9,

19.0, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2954, 2927, 2869, 1582, 1453, 1389, 1087, 1029, 797, 777.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{13}H_{20}O2SNa (M + Na^{+})]$: 263.1076, found: 263.1125.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-3-methylbenzyl 4-chlorobutanoate (1q):

O S n-Bu O Me Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as colorless oil, 974 mg, 59% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 – 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.2

Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.49 – 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.91 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.57 (s, 3H), 2.53 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 172.1, 139.5, 138.4, 136.4, 132.6, 131.1, 128.8, 62.9, 53.1, 44.1, 31.2, 27.6, 26.0, 22.1, 19.3, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2958, 2930, 2871, 1733, 1583, 1459, 1169, 1141, 1073, 784, 730.

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{16}H_{23}ClO_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 353.0949, found: 353.0957.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-3-methylbenzyl ethyl fumarate (1r):

EtO₂C O Me

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as white solid, m.p. 88-89~%, 1.1~g, 62% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (s, 2H), 5.78 (s, 1H), 5.50 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.47 – 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.82 (s, 1H), 2.56 (s, 3H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 164.8, 164.4, 139.6, 138.3, 135.9, 134.4, 133.1, 132.7, 131.1, 128.9, 63.6, 61.5, 53.2, 26.0, 22.0, 19.2, 14.2, 13.8.

IR (neat):

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{18}H_{24}O_5SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 375.1237, found: XXXXX

2-(butylsulfinyl)-3-methylbenzyl 5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxylate (1s):

O O S n-Bu

No

CI

1s

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as light yellow semi solid, 1.2 g, 67% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.47 – 3.42 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.7, 139.6, 138.4, 137.8, 136.2, 133.5, 132.7, 131.5, 131.1, 128.9, 127.5, 63.6, 53.2, 26.1, 22.1, 19.3, 13.8

IR (neat): 2958, 2929, 2870, 1707, 1421, 1272, 1243, 1081, 1032, 783, 711.

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{17}H_{19}ClO_3S_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 393.0356, found: 393.0364.

2-(butylsulfinyl)-1-chloro-3-methylbenzene (1t):

O_S n-Bu CI Me Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as white solid, m.p. $62 - 64 \, \text{°C}$, 886 mg, 77% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 3.30 – 3.23 (m, 1H), 3.01 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.67 (s, 3H), 1.83 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 141.5, 137.8, 133.0, 131.8, 131.5, 128.5, 52.4, 25.6, 21.9, 18.6, 13.7.

IR (neat): 2951, 2900, 2869, 1582, 1453, 1389, 1075, 1029, 797, 720.

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{11}H_{15}ClOSNa (M + Na^{+})]$: 253.0424, found: 253.0409.

2-methyl-3-(methylsulfinyl)furan (1u):



Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as light yellow semi solid, 518 mg, 72% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 142.6, 123.7, 106.2, 40.9, 12.3.

IR (neat): 3448, 3110, 2996, 1586, 1515, 1418, 1388, 1035, 1011, 939, 888, 738.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_6H_8O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 167.0137, found: 167.0136.

1-(butylsulfinyl)-2-methylnaphthalene (1v):

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as light yellow semi solid, 947 mg, 77% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 3.62 - 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.10 - 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 1.90 - 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.71 - 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.57 - 1.43 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 137.4, 134.2, 133.3, 131.9, 131.2, 129.3, 129.0, 127.3, 126.0, 123.6, 52.8, 25.9, 22.0, 20.0, 13.8.

IR (neat): 2960, 2930, 2872, 1961, 1596, 1447, 1270, 1167, 1054, 859, 710, 686

HRMS (APCI -TOF): calculated for $[C_{15}H_{18}OSNa (M + Na^{+})]$: 269.0971, found: 269.0968

3-(butyllsulfinyl)-2-methyl-1-tosyl-1H-indole (1w):

Following general procedure, the title compound was prepared from 5 mmol of corresponding aryl sulfide and was obtained as light yellow semi solid, 1.1 g, 63% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.18 (m, 4H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 145.8, 138.3, 136.5, 135.6, 130.3, 126.6, 125.3, 124.8, 124.2, 120.8, 119.8, 114.8, 40.2, 21.7, 13.6.

IR (neat): 2956, 2927, 2871, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1275, 1091, 1045, 910, 713, 686.

HRMS (**APCI -TOF**): calculated for $[C_{17}H_{17}NO_3S_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 370.0542, found: 370.0541.

3 Optimization of reaction conditions

entry	activator	solvent	temp (°C)	" H ""	x (equiv) of 2a	yield of 3a (%)	yield of 4a (%)
1	TFAA	DCM	-78	Et ₃ SiH	1.5	0	0
2	TFAA	CHCl₃	-60	Et ₃ SiH	1.5	0	0
3	TFAA	MeCN	-50	Et ₃ SiH	1.5	47	15
6	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (1/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	19	26
7	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (10/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	50	20
8	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	65	5
9	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (8/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	27	29
10	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-40	Et₃SiH	1.5	47	23
11	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	(MeO) ₃ SiH	1.5	43	9
12	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	<i>i</i> -Pr₃SiH	1.5	54	9
13	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	L-selectride	1.5	0	0
14	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	DIBAL-H	1.5	32	trace
15	TFAA	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	2.0	58	16
17	Ts ₂ O	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	0	trace
18	Tf ₂ O	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	0	17
19	(CIF ₂ CO) ₂ O	MeCN/DCM (9/1)	-50	Et₃SiH	1.5	61	10
20	Tf ₂ O	DCM	-78	none	3.0	0	48
21	Tf ₂ O	MeCN	-50	none	3.0	0	19
22	Tf ₂ O	DCM	-50	none	3.0	0	35
23	Tf ₂ O	DCM	-100	none	3.0	0	73
24	Tf ₂ O	DCM	-100	none	2.5	0	66

General procedure for entries 1 to 19: To a stirred solution of sulfoxide **1a** (63 mg, 0.3 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether **2a** (1.5 to 2.0 equiv) in indicated solvent (3 mL) was added anhydride (1.5 equiv) at indicated temperature (-50 to -78 °C). The mixture was stirred for 24 h. After that, to the mixture was added reducing agent "H" (3.0 equiv), and the resulting mixture was then slowly warmed up to -20 °C. After stirring for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compounds **3a** and **4a**.

General procedure for entries 20 to 24: To a stirred solution of sulfoxide 1a (63 mg, 0.3 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether 2a (1.5 to 2.0 equiv) in indicated solvent (3 mL) was added Tf₂O (76 μ L, 1.5 equiv) at indicated temperature (-50 to -100 °C). The mixture was stirred for 24 h. After that, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound 4a.

4 Identification of dearomatized key intermediate IM1.

To a stirred solution of sulfoxide **1b** (17 mg, 0.1 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether **2a** (36 mg, 1.5 equiv) in CD₃CN/DCM (0.45/0.05 mL) was added TFAA (21 μ L, 1.5 equiv) at -50 °C. The NMR tube charged with reaction mixture was kept at -50 °C for 24 h. After that, the reaction mixture was brought for NMR analysis. The obtained ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum were shown at page

X-ray structure of 5 (CCDC 1973270)

S17.

Reduction: to the obtained mixture of **IM1** was added Et₃SiH (35 mg, 3 equiv), and the resulting mixture was then slowly warmed up to -20 °C. After stirring for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound **3b**, as light yellow oil, 15 mg, 42% yield

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H),

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$$(s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H).$$
 $(s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H).$

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.8 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.9, 134.8, 133.6, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 126.6, 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 49.6 (t,

J = 21.1 Hz), 34.8, 22.6, 22.2, 22.1, 20.1.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.7 (s, 1F), -104. 8(s, 1F).

IR (neat): 3037, 2980, 2920, 1691, 1596, 1577, 1447, 1092, 1050, 910, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{17}H_{18}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 331.0939, found: 331.0939.

Hydrolysis: to the obtained mixture of **IM1** was added at. aq. NaHCO₃ (0.5 mL). The mixture was warmed to 0 °C. After that, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound **5**, as light yellow solid, 22 mg, m.p. 87 - 89 °C, 69% yield. (Rf = 0.23, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1). The crystal of **5** was obtained by crystallization from DCM and hexane at room temperature.

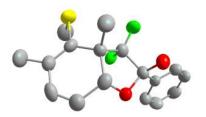
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 6.04 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dd, J = 9.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (bs, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 136.8, 135.5, 131.1, 129.9, 129.5, 128.3, 126.9, 125.9 (t, J = 271.3 Hz), 121.8, 98.4 (m), 79.6, 50.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 23.7 (dd, J = 9.0, 1.5 Hz), 21.1, 18.8 (d, J = 6.0 Hz).

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -101.1 (d, J = 231.8 Hz, 1F), -121.3 (d, J = 231.8 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3371, 2927, 1576, 1448, 1234, 1142, 1102, 1064, 1018, 976, 921, 709.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{17}H_{18}F_2O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 347.0888, found: 347.0879.



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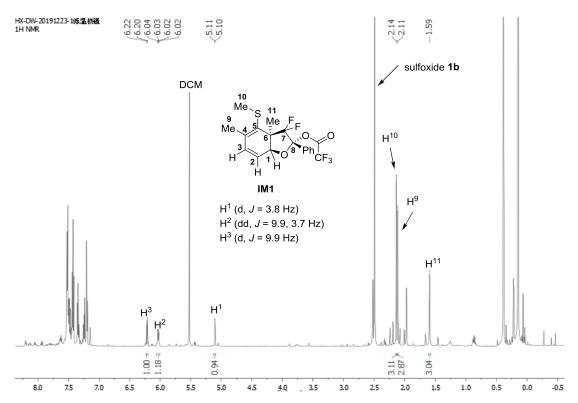
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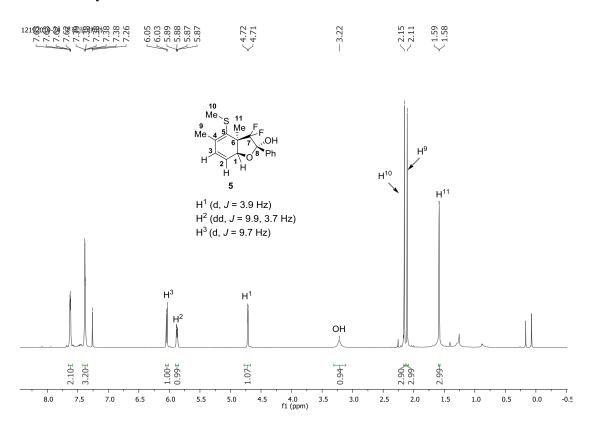
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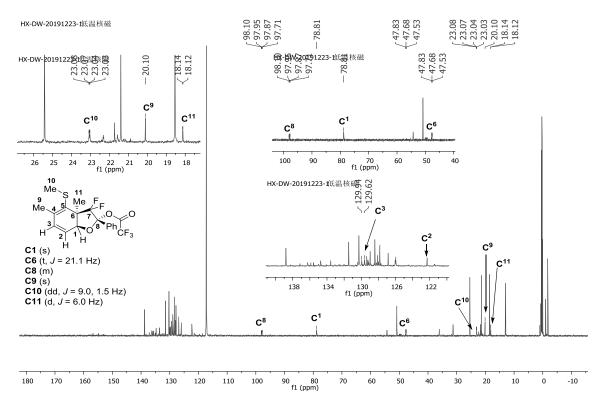
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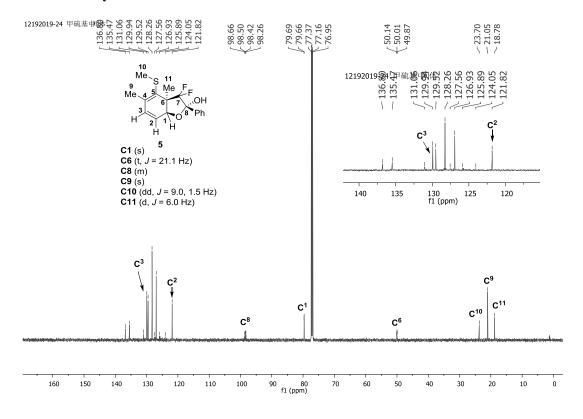
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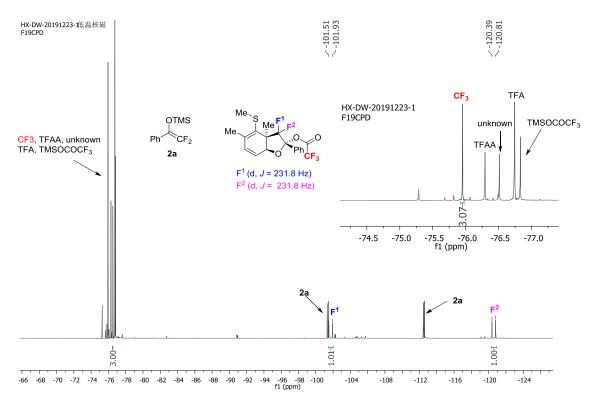
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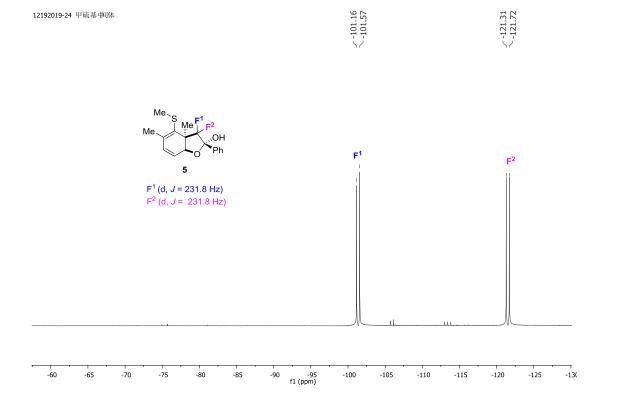
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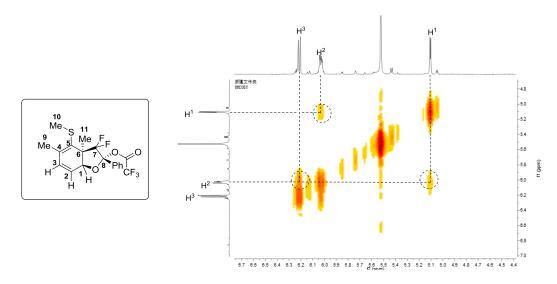
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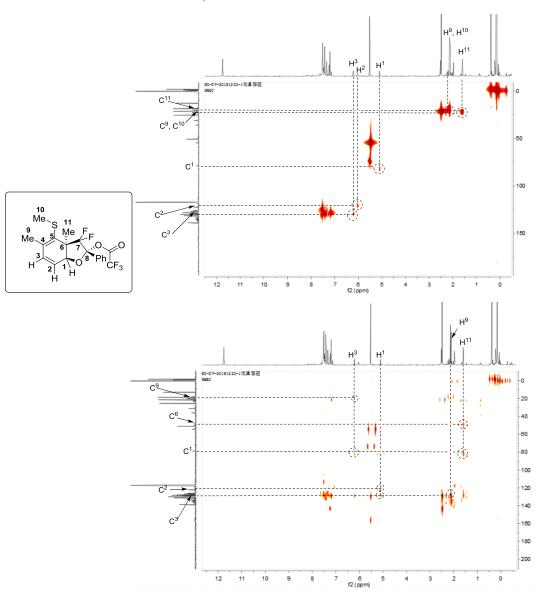
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In-situ COSEY-NMR analysis of IM1



In-situ HMQC AND HMQC analysis OF IM1



5 General procedure for the dearomative mono- and dual-difluoroalkylation of aryl sulfoxides

General procedure A for "Conditions A": To a stirred solution of sulfoxide 1 (0.3 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether 2a (103 mg, 1.5 equiv) in MeCN/DCM (9/1, 3 mL) was added TFAA (63 μ L, 1.5 equiv) at -50 °C. The mixture was then stirred at -50 °C for 24 h. After that, to the mixture was added Et₃SiH (104 mg, 3.0 equiv), and the resulting mixture was then slowly warmed up to -20 °C. After stirring for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound 3 (Note: After Et3SiH was added, reaction mixture was slowly warmed up to 0 °C for 1i, 1j, 1q, 1r, 1s or 20 °C for 1k).

General procedure B for "Conditions B": To a stirred solution of sulfoxide 1 (0.3 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether 2a (205 mg, 3.0 equiv) in DCM (3 mL) was added Tf₂O (76 μL, 1.5 equiv) at -100 °C. The mixture was stirred for 12 h. After that, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound 4.

2-(2-(butylthio)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (3a):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 68 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.28, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 5.83 – 5.79 (m, 1H), 5.68 – 5.65 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.51 (m, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.52 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.8 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.9, 134.7, 133.3, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.9, 126.9, 126.6, 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 49.4 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.9, 34.9, 31.6, 22.6, 22.4, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.1 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.7 (d, J = 204.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3057, 2958, 2930, 2872, 1694, 1597, 1448, 1101, 1043, 912, 821.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{20}H_{24}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 373.1408, found: 373.1407.

2-(1,3-dimethyl-2-((4-phenylbutyl)thio)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1 -one (3c):

S (CH₂)₄Ph

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 73 mg, 57% yield. (Rf = 0.26, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.87 – 5.83 (m,

1H), 5.71 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 - 2.54 (m, 6H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.75 - 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.62 - 1.56 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 146.1, 142.3, 134.7, 133.5, 130.3 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 126.7, 126.6, 125.9, 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 49.4 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.9, 35.7, 34.9, 30.8, 29.1, 22.6, 22.5.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -104.1 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.7 (d, J = 204.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3025, 2931, 2854, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1367, 1092, 1050, 910, 733, 679.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{26}H_{28}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 449.1721, found: 449.1718.

2-(2-(butylthio)-1,3,5-trimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (3d):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 86 mg, 79% yield. (Rf = 0.28, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H),

7.42 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 2.61 - 2.33 (m, 4H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H),

1.57 (s, 3H), 1.53 - 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.6, 134.8, 133.4, 134.3, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.1, 126.8, 123.8, 120.7 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 49.9 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 39.5, 36.8, 31.7, 22.4, 22.33, 22.26, 22.22, 13.9.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2956, 2929, 2871, 1692, 1596, 1446, 1272, 1089, 1048, 914, 714, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{21}H_{26}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 387.1565, found: 387.1559.

2-(4-(butylthio)-3,5-dimethyl-3,6-dihydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (3e):

S n-Bu Me Me Ph Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 73 mg, 57% yield. (Rf = 0.25, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 5.97 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, J = 21.9 Hz,

1H), 2.88 (d, J = 21.9, 1H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.56 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.8 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.8, 139.6, 136.6, 134.7, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.3, 127.6, 126.7, 125.6, 125.5, 120.7 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 50.4 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 37.1, 36.9, 31.7, 22.7, 22.6, 22.3, 13.9.

¹⁹F NMR (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -104.3 (s, 2F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2928, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1446, 1272, 1094, 1049, 889, 714, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{26}H_{28}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 449.1721, found: 449.1722.

2-(2-(butylthio)-5-(chloromethyl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl ethan-1-one (3f):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light vellow oil, 84 mg, 71% yield. (Rf = 0.30, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 3.96 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H),

2.77 (d, J = 22.2 Hz, 1H), 2.62 - 2.48 (m, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.52 - 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.2, 134.6, 134.1, 133.7, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.4, 128.3, 126.5, 120.7 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 50.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 47.8, 36.9, 35.5, 31.6, 22.5, 22.2, 22.1, 13.9.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.9 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.5 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2956, 2929, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1446, 1262, 1100, 1045, 906, 715, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{21}H_{25}ClF_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 421.1175, found: 421.1174.

2-(2-(butylthio)-5-(methoxymethyl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phen ylethan-1-one (3g):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 85 mg, 72% yield. (Rf = 0.43, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.42

-7.38 (m, 2H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.77 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H),

3.26 (s, 3H), 2.65 (d, J = 22.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 - 2.45 (m, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.51 - 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.8 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.7, 135.0, 134.7, 133.5, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.3, 126.7, 125.9, 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 75.2, 58.0, 50.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.9, 35.4, 31.6, 22.5, 22.3, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.0 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.6 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2956, 292 9, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1446, 1262, 1100, 1045, 906, 715, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{28}F_2O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 417.1670, found: 417.1667.

(4-(butylthio)-3-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,5-dimethylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)meth yl cinnamate (3h):

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 109 mg, 68% yield. (Rf = 0.33, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.44 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H),

5.74 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 2.66 (d, J = 22.3 Hz, 1H), 2.60 - 2.50 (m, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.54 - 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 166.6, 145.4, 145.0, 134.6, 134.3, 133.6, 133.1, 130.5, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.3, 128.2, 127.0, 126.8, 120.4 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 117.7, 66.5, 49.9 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.8, 35.4, 31.6, 22.5, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -104.4 (s, 2F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2928, 2870, 1710, 1692, 1635, 1596, 1447, 1154, 1094, 766, 713.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{30}H_{32}F_2O_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 533.1932, found: 533.1931.

methyl

4-(butylthio)-3-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,5-dimethylcyclohexa-1,4-diene-1-carbox ylate (3i):

Me Me R

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 73 mg, 59% yield. (Rf = 0.41, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.00 (d, J = 22.8 Hz, 1H),

2.77 (d, J = 22.8, 1H), 2.53 - 2.43 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.48 - 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 166.3, 145.8, 138.8, 134.2, 133.8, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 129.4, 128.4, 125.8, 119.9 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 52.0, 50.8 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.9, 34.0, 31.5, 22.6, 22.2, 21.9, 13.9

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2954, 2871, 1717, 1692, 1596, 1436, 1267, 1100, 1044, 906, 711,

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{26}F_2O_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 431.1463, found: 431.1458.

4-(butylthio)-3-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,5-dimethylcyclohexa-1,4-diene-1-carbon itrile (3j):

S n-Bu Me Me Rf Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 45 mg, 40% yield. (Rf = 0.19, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹**H NMR** (**600 MHz, CDCl₃**): δ 7.95 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 2H), 2.53 – 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.49 – 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.4 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 144.4, 143.7, 134.2, 133.7, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.6, 126.3, 119.3 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 117.4, 112.2, 50.5 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.9, 35.6, 31.5, 22.4, 22.1, 21.8, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.7 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -103.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2957, 2930, 2871, 2221, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1274, 1108, 1044, 907, 715.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{21}H_{23}F_2NOSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 398.1361, found: 398.1359.

2-(2-(butylthio)-1,3-dimethyl-5-(phenylethynyl)cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-pheny lethan-1-one (3k):

n-Bu Ρ'n

3k

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 71.5 mg, 53% yield. (Rf = 0.21, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46 -7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 2.90 - 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.57 - 2.49(m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.53 - 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.39 - 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.88(t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.4 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.5, 134.6, 134.4, 133.7, 133.2, 131.8, 131.6, 130.2 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.6, 123.1, 122.0, 120.4 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 89.8, 88.4, 50.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.6, 37.0, 31.6, 22.5, 22.3, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.0 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2926, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1272, 1100, 1044, 754, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{28}H_{28}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 473.1721, found: 473.1722.

2-(5-bromo-2-(butylthio)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1one (31):

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 83 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.32, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.46 -7.42 (m, 2H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 3.01 -2.85 (m, 2H), 2.59 -2.46 (m, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H),

1.63 (s, 3H), 1.53 - 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.0, 134.4, 133.8, 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 129.9, 128.4, 126.6, 121.6, 119.6 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 52.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 43.5, 36.8, 31.6, 22.2, 22.1, 22.0, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.7 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2928, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1271, 1097, 1047, 712, 662.

2-(2-(butylthio)-1,3-diethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (3m):

S n-Bu Et Et Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 70 mg, 62% yield. (Rf = 0.41, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 5.96 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 10.0, 1H), 2.72 – 2.51 (m, 6H),

2.43 - 2.36 (m, 1H), 1.80 - 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.56 - 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.41 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 152.3, 134.9, 133.5, 130.4 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 129.3, 127.1, 124.6, 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 53.8 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 37.0, 31.9, 31.8, 29.4, 25.2, 22.3, 13.9, 12.7, 8.9.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -102.5 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -103.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2928, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1271, 1097, 1047, 712, 662.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{28}F_{2}OSNa (M + Na^{+})]$: 401.1721, found: 401.1726.

2-(2-(butylthio)-3-ethyl-1-methylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (3n):

S n-Bu S Me Et E Rf Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as a mixture of C2/C5 65/35, light yellow oil, 69 mg, 63% yield. (Rf = 0.32, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 5.88 – 5.83 (m, 3H), 5.68 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 0.66H), 5.49 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 0.32H), 2.69 – 2.51 (m, 5H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 0.66H), 1.95 (s, 1H), 1.77 – 1.73 (m, 0.38H), 1.64 (s, 2.14H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.92 – 0.84 (m, 5H), 0.74 – 0.70 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 190.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 151.7, 146.3, 134.9, 134.6, 133.6, 133.4, 130.4 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 130.2 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.2, 126.9, 126.2, 125.4, 120.6 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 53.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 49.8 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.1, 36.2, 34.9, 31.9, 31.7, 31.6, 29.2, 25.2, 22.9, 22.4, 22.3, 13.9, 13.8, 12.4, 8.9.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.0 – -104.8 (m, 2F).

IR (neat): 2959, 2931, 2872, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1059, 907, 729, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{21}H_{26}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 387.1565, found: 387.1562.

2-(2-(butylthio)-3-methyl-3,6-dihydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (30):



Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 91.5 mg, 74% yield. (Rf = 0.27, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 5.92 – 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.71

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.6 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 147.0, 142.6, 133.8, 130.4 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 129.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 126.9, 120.5 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 49.4 (t, J = 21.1

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.5 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2959, 2931, 2872, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1059, 907, 729, 686.

(s, 3H), 1.19 - 1.01 (m, 4H), 0.70 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

Hz), 36.2, 36.1, 31.2, 22.5, 21.9, 13.6.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{25}H_{26}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 435.1565, found: 435.1559.

2-(2-(butylthio)-3-(methoxymethyl)-1-methylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylet han-1-one (3p):



Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 63 mg, 55% yield. (Rf = 0.20, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 5.91 – 5.87 (m, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, J = 23.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.52 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 146.8, 134.6, 133.7, 130.4 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 130.2, 128.4, 127.2, 120.4 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 73.9, 58.3, 49.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.2, 31.6, 30.5, 22.4, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.7 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.3 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2956, 2927, 2871, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1275, 1091, 1045, 910, 713, 686.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{21}H_{26}F_2O_2SNa~(M+Na^+)]$: 403.1514, found: 403.1508

(2-(butylthio)-3-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-methylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl 4-chlorobutanoate (3q):

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 76 mg, 54% yield. (Rf = 0.37, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m 2H), 5.92 – 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.68 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.78 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.59 – 2.54 (m, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.53 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.4 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 172.5, 144.0, 134.5, 133.8, 132.2, 130.4 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.6, 128.4, 126.5, 120.2 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 66.2, 49.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 44.2, 38.3, 31.6, 31.2, 30.5, 27.7, 22.3, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -103.7 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2957, 2927, 2871, 1734, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1169, 1094, 1044, 912, 714, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{24}H_{29}ClF_2O_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 493.1386, found: 493.1384.

(2-(butylthio)-3-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-methylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl ethyl maleate (3r):

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 84 mg, 57% yield. (Rf = 0.34, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.97 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 6.83 (s, 2H), 5.88 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.77 – 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.67 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.53 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.28 (m, 5H),

0.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.3 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 164.9, 164.7, 143.5, 134.4, 134.3, 133.8, 133.1, 132.7, 130.3 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 126.3, 120.1 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 66.8, 61.5, 49.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.3, 31.6, 30.5, 22.2, 22.1, 14.2, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -103.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.3 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2957, 2927, 2871, 1734, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1169, 1094, 1044, 912, 714, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{26}H_{30}F_2O_5SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 515.1674, found: 515.1670.

(2-(butylthio)-3-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-methylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)methyl 5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxylate (3s):

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 79.5 mg, 52% yield. (Rf = 0.51, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.91 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.69 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.73 – 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.64 – 2.57 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.55 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 160.9, 143.8, 137.8, 134.5, 133.8, 133.4, 132.4, 131.5, 130.3 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 127.5, 126.4, 120.2 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 66.6, 49.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.2, 31.7, 30.5, 22.2, 22.1, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -103.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.4 (d, J = 204.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2956, 2928, 2871, 1707, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1421, 1274, 1243, 1085, 909, 737, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{25}H_{25}ClF_2O_3S_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 533.0794, found: 533.0794.

2-(2-(butylthio)-3-chloro-1-methylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (3t):

Following the general procedure A, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 63 mg, 55% yield. (Rf = 0.41, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 5.79 – 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06 – 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 142.4, 134.3, 133.9, 130.3 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.4, 125.9, 119.6 (t, J = 262.7 Hz), 51.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 37.2, 35.7, 31.5, 22.4, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.1 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.1 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2959, 2920, 2870, 1705, 1596, 1447, 1271, 1097, 1047, 712, 660.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{19}H_{21}ClF_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 393.0862, found: 393.0866.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1 -one) (4a):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 110 mg, 73% yield. (Rf = 0.46, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.47 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.54 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 138.0, 134.8, 134.5, 134.4, 133.5, 132.8, 132.6, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.0 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 121.3 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 119.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 118.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 49.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 47.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.5, 31.6, 23.1, 22.3, 22.2, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -97.9 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F), -100.9 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F), -103.7 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F), -103.8 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3057, 2958, 2930, 2872, 1694, 1597, 1448, 1101, 1043, 912, 821.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{28}H_{28}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 527.1638, found: 527.1664.

2,2'-(1,3-dimethyl-2-(methylthio)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan -1-one) (4b):

Me Me R

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 76 mg, 55% yield. (Rf = 0.44, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.66 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.58 (m,

1H), 2.47 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 2.07 (m, 6H), 1.57 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 138.3, 135.4, 134.8, 134.5, 133.6, 132.8, 132.5, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.0 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 121.4, 119.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 118.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 49.9 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 47.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 22.6, 21.9, 19.7.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -97.7 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F), -100.2 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F), -103.4 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F), -103.9 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3063, 2988, 2924, 1693, 1596, 1448, 1101, 1043, 714, 685, 672.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{25}H_{22}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 485.1169, found: 485.1191.

2,2'-(1,3-dimethyl-2-((4-phenylbutyl)thio)cyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phe nylethan-1-one) (4c):

S (CH₂)₄Ph Me Me Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 104 mg, 60% yield. (Rf = 0.44, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.41

(m, 2H), 7.31 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 5.97 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 16.7, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 - 2.58 (m, 3H), 2.55 - 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.74 - 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.65 - 1.57 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.4 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 142.2, 138.2, 134.8, 134.5, 134.3, 133.6, 132.7, 132.6, 130.4 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 121.3 (t, J = 6.0 Hz), 119.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 118.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 49.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 47.8 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.6, 35.6, 30.7, 29.1, 23.1, 22.3.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -97.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -100.9 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -103.2 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F), -103.8 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3063, 2931, 2856, 1694, 1597, 1448, 1102, 1043, 908, 821.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{34}H_{32}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 603.1951, found: 603.1986.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-1,3,5-trimethylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan -1-one) (4d):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 112 mg, 72% yield. (Rf = 0.40, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H),

7.65 - 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.54 - 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 - 7.38 (m, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 3.70 -

3.66 (m, 1H), 2.58 - 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.45 - 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.50 - 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 137.5, 135.4, 135.2, 134.5, 133.1, 132.9, 130.2, 129.8 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.3, 120.5 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 117.9 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 52.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 50.9 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.1, 31.7, 24.1, 23.5, 22.1, 21.3, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -98.2 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -98.5 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.6 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F), -104.5 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3158, 2929, 2872, 1696, 1597, 1447, 1104, 1065, 1047, 910, 872.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{29}H_{30}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 541.1795, found: 541.1819.

2,2'-(4-(butylthio)-3,5-dimethyl-2,5-dihydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,5-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-pheny lethan-1-one) (4e):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow solid, m.p. 72 - 74 °C, 96 mg, 55% yield. (Rf = 0.38, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H),

7.55 - 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 - 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.14 - 7.06 (m, 3H),

7.02 - 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 4.44 - 4.40 (m, 1H), 2.68 - 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.58 - 2.53 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.56 - 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.41 - 1.36 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 139.6, 137.8, 135.1, 134.9, 134.1, 134.3, 132.7 (m), 129.8 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.0, 120.1 (t, J = 259.7 Hz), 117.9 (t, J = 259.7 Hz), 51.8 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 50.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.3,

31.7, 24.3, 22.2, 21.5, 13.8

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -96.7 (d, J = 259.9 Hz, 1F), -101.4 (d, J = 259.7 Hz, 1F), -101.9 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -103.9 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2959, 2920, 2849, 1698, 1684, 1597, 1449, 713, 692.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{34}H_{32}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 603.1951, found: 603.1974.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-5-(chloromethyl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro -1-phenylethan-1-one) (4f):

Me Me R

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 99.5 mg, 60% yield. (Rf = 0.19, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.63 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.48 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 4.28 (d,

J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 - 4.19 (m, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.62 - 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.44 - 2.38 (m, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.51 - 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

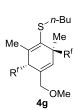
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 136.9, 135.1, 134.8, 134.7, 133.7, 132.5, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 119.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.5 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 51.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 48.2, 48.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.2, 31.6, 23.9, 22.1, 21.2, 13.7.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -96.5 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -100.1 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -101.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -103.6 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2958, 2929, 2872, 1697, 1597, 1448, 1264, 1152, 1065, 1064.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{29}H_{29}ClF_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 575.1405, found: 575.1437.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-5-(methoxymethyl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-diflu oro-1-phenylethan-1-one) (4g):



Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 86 mg, 52% yield. (Rf = 0.36, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 4.17 –

4.12 (m, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 2.62 - 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.53 - 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.53 - 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 138.0, 135.0, 134.7, 134.2, 132.2, 132.8, 132.7, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 119.3 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.7 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 75.2, 57.4, 51.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 48.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.3, 31.6, 24.3, 22.1, 21.7, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -96.8 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -100.0 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -101.4 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -103.4 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2962, 2928, 2875, 1700, 1597, 1448, 1378, 1264, 1104, 1065, 1064.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{30}H_{32}F_4O_3SNa~(M + Na^+)]$: 571.1900, found: 571.1924.

(4-(butylthio)-3,6-bis(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,5-dimethylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl) methyl cinnamate (4h):

Me Me Rf O Ph

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow solid, m.p. 74-76 °C, 102 mg, 51% yield. (Rf = 0.25, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

^{4h} 1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 9H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.53 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 166.3, 145.2, 137.3, 134.9, 134.6, 134.3, 134.0, 133.3, 132.4, 130.5, 130.3 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 120.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.5 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 117.6, 66.6, 51.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 48.5 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.2, 31.6, 24.1, 22.1, 21.5, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -97.2 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -98.4 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -101.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -103.7 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2956, 2925, 2853, 1719, 1712, 1636, 1598, 1448, 1101, 1055.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{38}H_{36}F_4O_4SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 687.2163, found: 687.2175.

methyl

4-(butylthio)-3,6-bis(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,5-dimethylcyclohexa-1,4-diene-1-ca rboxylate (4i):

Me Me RI RI CO₂Me

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 115 mg, 68% yield. (Rf = 0.28, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 4.60 –

4.54 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 2.64 - 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.55 - 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.52 - 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.8 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 166.3, 143.9, 137.7, 134.5, 134.3, 133.6, 133.5, 132.5, 130.3 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.4, 124.4, 120.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.8 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 52.2, 52.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 47.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.3, 31.6, 23.7, 22.1, 20.9, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -98.6 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -101.1 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -101.6 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -102.7 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2872, 1701, 1597, 1448, 1112, 1045, 907, 822, 711.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{30}H_{30}F_4O_4SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 585.1693, found: 585.1719.

4-(butylthio)-3,6-bis(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,5-dimethylcyclohexa-1,4-diene-1-ca rbonitrile (4j):

Me Me Rf N R

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 103 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.26, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H),

7.06 (s, 1H), 4.25 - 4.12 (m, 1H), 2.59 - 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.50 - 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.49 - 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.34 - 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 150.4, 135.9, 135.0, 134.0, 133.9, 133.7, 132.1, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.0 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.1, 128.7, 119.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 117.5, 106.8, 51.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 48.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.3,

31.5, 23.5, 22.0, 21.2, 13.7.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -96.3 (d, J = 276.9 Hz, 1F), -99.8 (d, J = 276.9 Hz, 1F), -100.7 (d, J = 276.9 Hz, 1F), -102.1 (d, J = 276.9 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2958, 2926, 2872, 2224, 1697, 1596, 1448, 1153, 1114, 1068, 1046.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{29}H_{27}F_4NO_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 552.1591, found: 552.1614.

2,2'-(5-bromo-2-(butylthio)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phen ylethan-1-one) (4l):

Me Me Rf''' Br

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 119 mg, 68% yield. (Rf = 0.49, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H),

7.68 - 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.59 - 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.53 - 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 - 7.41 (m, 2H),

6.53 (s, 1H), 4.25 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.56 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.55 – 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.8 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 137.6, 136.5 t, J = 7.6 Hz), 134.7, 134.6, 134.5, 133.6, 132.9, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.5, 118.6 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 116.9 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 114.4, 55.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 54.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.3, 31.5, 24.1, 22.1, 21.1, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -97.3 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -101.5 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.3 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1F), -103.2 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2958, 2929, 1697, 1577, 1448, 1111, 1044, 907, 873, 713.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{28}H_{27}F_4NaO_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 605.0743, found: 605.0779.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-1,3-diethylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-o ne) (4m):

S n-Bu Et Et Rf Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 104 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.55, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.87H), 8.05 – 8.00 (m, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 5.87 – 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.74 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.4 Hz, 0.6H), 5.61 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 0.38H), 4.15

-4.06 (m, 0.39H), 3.94 - 3.86 (m, 0.6H), 3.34 - 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.71 - 2.65 (m, 1.42H), 2.58 - 2.38 (m, 1.68H), 2.33 - 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.95 - 1.88 (m, 0.62H), 1.77 - 1.71 (m, 0.43H), 1.58 - 1.32 (m, 4H), 1.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1.2H), 0.95 - 0.84 (m, 5H), 0.77 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.92H), 0.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 190.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 190.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 145.4, 145.1, 134.8, 134.7, 134.5, 134.4, 133.7, 133.6, 132.8, 132.3, 131.8, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 124.8, 123.2, 120.5 – 117.0 (m), 55.2, (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 54.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 43.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 42.9 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 37.8, 36.7, 31.8, 31.3, 28.5, 28.1, 26.0, 25.5, 22.3, 22.2, 13.9, 13.8, 12.9, 12.5, 9.0, 8.4.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.7 – -103.8 (m, 4F)

IR (neat): 3057, 2958, 2930, 2872, 1694, 1597, 1448, 1101, 1043, 912, 821.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{30}H_{32}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 555.1951, found: 555.1961.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-3-ethyl-1-methylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenyleth an-1-one) (4n):

S Me Me f 2 Rf 4n(C2/C5 85/15)

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as a mixture of C2/C5 85/15, light yellow oil, 95 mg, 61% yield. (Rf = 0.53, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 0.37H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.84H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.62H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 0.19H), 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 6.02(d, J = 10.3 Hz, 0.85H), 5.85 (dd, J = 10.3, 4.0 Hz, 0.15H), 5.71 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.9 Hz, 0.85H), 5.66 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 0.13H), 3.97 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.25 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 1.97 (s, 0.36H), 1.57 (s, 2.64H), 1.54 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2.59H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.61 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 0.40H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 144.1, 134.8, 134.6, 134.4, 133.5, 133.4, 133.3, 133.2, 132.7, 131.6, 130.6, 130.3, 130.19, 130.17, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.34, 128.30, 120.9, 120.8, 119.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 118.6 (t, J = 255.2 Hz), 50.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 43.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 37.8, 35.3, 31.8, 31.5, 31.1, 28.1, 23.7, 22.2, 21.8, 13.8, 12.6.

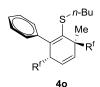
¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -97.7 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F, C5), -102.1 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F, C5),

-102.2 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F, C5), -103.2 (d, J = 273.5 Hz, 1F, C5).

IR (neat): 2959, 2931, 2873, 1693, 1597, 1448, 1102, 1042, 731, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{29}H_{30}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 541.1795, found: 541.1818.

2,2'-(6-(butylthio)-5-methyl-2,5-dihydro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2,5-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenyleth an-1-one) (40):



Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 73 mg, 43% yield. (Rf = 0.51, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.08

(m, 5H), 6.27 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 – 4.43 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 0.92 – 0.81 (m, 4H), 0.58 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.4 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 140.4, 140.2, 136.0, 134.7, 134.0, 133.4, 132.5, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.4, 120.6, 120.5, 119.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 51.4 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 48.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.2, 30.6, 23.4, 21.9, 13.5.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -98.3 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -98.8 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F), -101.7 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F), -102.8 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat):

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{33}H_{30}F_4O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 589.1795, found: 589.1810.

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-3-(methoxymethyl)-1-methylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one) (4p):

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 91 mg, 57% yield. (Rf = 0.43, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39

(m, 2H), 6.02 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.14 (m, 2H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.65 - 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.54 - 2.46 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.58 - 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.37 - 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 138.4, 137.7, 134.6, 134.2, 133.7, 132.7, 132.2, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.1 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 121.0, 119.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 72.5, 57.4, 50.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 42.8 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.1, 31.7, 29.9, 22.3, 22.1, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -100.2 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.1 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F), -102.2 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F), -103.5 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3057, 2962, 2928, 1697, 1597, 1448, 1101, 1072, 1043, 911, 829.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{29}H_{30}F_4O_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 557.1744, found: 557.1767.

(2-(butylthio)-3,6-bis(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-methylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)met hyl 4-chlorobutanoate (4q):

CI S n-Bu Me

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 97 mg, 52% yield. (Rf = 0.27, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 5.99 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.57 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.67 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.53 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.42 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.08 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.2 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 171.9, 140.2, 135.7, 134.6, 133.8, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.1 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.5, 120.7, 119.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.3 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 95.4, 50.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 44.1, 43.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.2, 31.7, 31.2, 29.8, 27.7, 22.2, 22.1, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -98.4 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.3 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F), -102.6 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F), -103.5 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2958, 2919, 2849, 1736, 1696, 1597, 1448, 1107, 1043, 912, 821.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{32}H_{33}ClF_4O_4SNa~(M + Na^+)]$: 647.1616, found: 647.1646.

(2-(butylthio)-3,6-bis(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-methylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)met hyl ethyl fumarate (4r):

EtO₂C S N-Bu

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow solid, m.p. 88-89~°C, 128~mg, 66%~yield. (Rf = 0.25, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (dd, J = 10.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.13 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 2.68 – 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.54 – 2.49 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 164.8, 164.1, 140.9, 135.0, 134.8, 134.4, 134.1, 133.8, 132.9, 132.5, 132.3, 130.07 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.05 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.0, 128.4, 120.5, 119.9 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 66.1, 61.6, 50.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 43.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.3, 31.7, 22.2, 22.1, 14.2, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -98.8 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.5 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -103.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2958, 2930, 2870, 1719, 1701, 1645, 1596, 1447, 1291, 1255, 1148, 1035, 976, 913, 714, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{34}H_{34}F_4O_6SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 669.1904, found: 669.1900.

(2-(butylthio)-3,6-bis(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3-methylcyclohexa-1,4-dien-1-yl)met hyl 5-chlorothiophene-2-carboxylate (4s):

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow solid, m.p. 69 - 71 °C, 119.5 mg, 60% yield,. (Rf = 0.36, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1). The crystal of **4s** was obtained by crystallization from DCM and hexane at room temperature. ¹H NMR

(600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (dd,

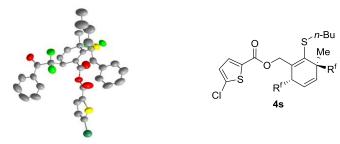
J = 10.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 – 4.12 (m, 1H), 2.70 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.58 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.59 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 160.3, 141.0, 137.8, 135.4, 134.7, 134.6, 133.7, 133.3, 132.6, 132.3, 130.2 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.0 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.9, 128.5, 127.4, 120.5, 119.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.2 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 66.2, 50.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 43.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 38.3, 31.8, 22.2, 22.1, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -98.7 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.8 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -102.9 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -103.7 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2929, 2854, 1714, 1702, 1687, 1423, 1270, 1688, 1061, 912, 826.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{33}H_{29}ClF_4O_4S_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 687.1024, found: 687.1042.



Bond precision	c-c=0.0048 Å Wavelen	gth=0.71073
Cell		45 (5) c=13.5012 (6) 30(1) γ=75.627(1)
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	Calculated	Reported
Volumn	1569.19(12)	1569.19(12)
Space group	P -1	P-1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
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Sum formula	C33 H29 C1 F4 O4 S2	C33 H29 C1 F4 O4 S2
Mr	665.13	665.13
Dx,g cm ⁻³	1.408	1.408
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F000'	689.17	

h,k,lmax	13,17,17	13,17,17
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Tmin'	0.887	

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.903 Tmax=0.954 AbsCorr = EMPIRICAL

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S = 1.021 Npar= 397

Crystallographic data (excluding structural factors) for compound **4s** also has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre under the deposition number CCDC 1973271.

2,2'-2-meth

2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-3-chloro-1-methylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylet han-1-one) (4t)

and 2,2'-(2-(butylthio)-3-methyl-1,4-phenylene)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one) (4t'):

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as the mixture of 4q and 4q' with the ratio of 1.3/1, light yellow oil, 110 mg, 72% yield. (Rf = 0.46, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H, 4t'), 8.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 4t), 7.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H, 4t), 7.83 (s, 2H, 4t'), 7.67 – 7.56 (m, 4H, 4t&4t'), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 8H, 4t&4t'), 6.07 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H, 4t), 5.89 (dd, J = 10.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H, 4t), 4.28 – 4.14 (m, 1H, 4t), 2.77 – 2.68 (m, 2H, 4t), 2.50 (s, 3H, 4t'), 2.44 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, 4t'), 1.67 (s, 3H, 4t), 1.53 – 1.47 (m, 2H, 4t), 1.37 – 1.29 (m, 4H, 4t'), 1.24 – 1.18 (m, 2H, 4t'), 0.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H, 4t), 0.78 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, 4t').

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.6 – 188.4 (m), 143.1, 136.7, 135.7, 135.5, 134.6, 134.4, 134.1, 133.9, 133.8, 133.6, 132.8, 132.2, 132.1, 130.4, 130.2, 130.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 126.9, 124.3, 120.9, 118.9 – 116.5 (m), 51.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 4t), 49.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz, 4t), 36.3 (4t'), 35.8 (4t), 31.5 (4t), 30.7 (4t'), 22.14 (4t), 22.10 (4t), 22.0 (4t'), 17.9 (4t'), 13.74 (4t), 13.67 (4t').

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -93.3 (s, 2F, 4t'), -95.6 (s, 2F, 4t'), -98.2 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F, 4t),

-101.1 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F, 4t), -103.2 (d, J = 282.5 Hz, 1F, 4t), -104.7 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F, 4t).

IR (neat): 2958, 2929, 2872, 1701, 1597, 1448, 1254, 1125, 1057, 908, 870, 816.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for **4t** [$C_{27}H_{25}ClF_4O_2SNa$ (M + Na⁺)]: 547.1092, found: 547.1122; **4t'** [$C_{27}H_{24}F_4O_2SNa$ (M + Na⁺)]: 511.1325, found: 511.1353.

$1,1'-(2-methyl-3-(methylthio)-2,5-dihydrofuran-2,5-diyl) bis (2,2-difluoro-2-phenylethan-1-one) \end{substitute}$

R^f\ O R^f

Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 78 mg, 61% yield. (Rf = 0.35, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 1H), 5.09 – 5.03 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 189.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 189.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 144.3, 134.6, 134.2, 133.6, 132.5, 130.6, 130.3, 128.8, 128.5, 117.0 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 116.9 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 113.4, 93.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 85.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 29.8, 20.3, 16.3.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -106.2 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -108.7 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -108.9 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -113.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3077, 2923, 1693, 1596, 1448, 1280, 1113, 1069, 913, 825, 711.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{18}F_4O_3SNa\ (M + Na^+)]$: 461.0805, found: 461.0803.

6 General procedure for mono-difluoroalkylative dearomatization of aryl sulfoxide 1a

To a stirred solution of sulfoxide 1a (63 mg, 0.3 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether 2a (103 mg, 1.5 equiv) in MeCN/DCM (9/1, 3 mL) was added TFAA (63 μ L, 1.5 equiv) at -50 °C. The mixture was then stirred at -50 °C for 24 h. After that, to the mixture was added different nucleophiles (2 equiv), and the resulting mixture was then slowly warmed up to -20 °C. After stirring for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound 6.

2-(4-allyl-2-(butylthio)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-on e (6a):

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz,

1H), 7.45 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 5.86 (dd, J = 10.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.82 - 5.74 (m, 1H),

5.66 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 - 4.92 (m, 2H), 2.78 - 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.58 - 2.46 (m, 3H), 2.10 (s, 2.10 (s,

3H), 2.03 - 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.50 - 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3)

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 148.3, 136.2, 134.8, 133.6, 130.7 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 119.9 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 116.8, 50.2 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 43.9, 39.1, 36.8, 31.5, 22.9, 22.3, 21.2, 13.9.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.9 (s, 2F).

Hz, 3H).

IR (neat): 2956, 2928, 2870, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1275, 1094, 1042, 910, 713, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{23}H_{28}F_2OSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 413.1721, found: 413.1721.

2-(2-(butylthio)-4-ethyl-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-o ne (6b):

Me Me R

Following the general procedure, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 74 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.23, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 5.72 (dd, J = 10.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H),

2.57 - 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.45 - 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.64 - 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.53 - 1.44 (m, 3H), 1.38 - 1.32 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.62 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 146.9, 135.1, 133.3, 130.5, 130.1 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.3, 128.5, 128.2, 120.4 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 49.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 42.8, 36.8, 31.7, 25.4, 23.1, 22.2, 20.8, 13.8, 8.6.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -104.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -105.0 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2958, 2930, 2871, 1692, 1596, 1447, 1276, 1094, 1041, 912, 804, 713, 687.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{22}H_{28}F_{2}OSNa (M + Na^{+})]$: 401.1721, found: 401.1719.

ethyl-3-(butylthio)-4-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2,4-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl) acetate (6c):

Me Me R'

6c

Following the general procedure, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 80 mg, 62% yield. (Rf = 0.20, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹**H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 7.99 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 5.93 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (d, J = 10.0 Hz,

1H), 4.21 - 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.26 - 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J = 15.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (dd, J = 15.9, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.52 - 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.6 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 172.3, 147.3, 134.6, 133.7, 130.6, 130.1, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 119.7 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 60.8, 50.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 40.5, 39.1, 36.7, 31.5, 22.7, 22.3, 20.9, 14.3, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.7 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -103.2 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2957, 2930, 2871, 1730, 1691, 1596, 1447, 1368, 1271, 1153, 1093, 1040, 910, 737, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{24}H_{30}F_2O_3SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 459.1776, found: 459.1784.

2-(butylthio)-4-(5-methoxythiophen-3-yl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1 -phenylethan-1-one (6d):

Following the general procedure, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 98 mg, 71% yield. (Rf = 0.31, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.96 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H),

5.80 - 5.71 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 1H), 2.52 - 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.52 - 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.38 - 1.31 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

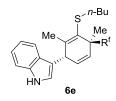
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 165.9 146.1, 134.9, 133.6, 132.8, 130.1 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.0, 128.3, 127.0, 122.3, 120.1 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 102.6, 60.1, 49.1 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 45.4, 36.5, 31.7, 22.7, 22.2, 21.9, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl**₃) δ -103.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.5 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 2955, 2931, 2871, 1691, 1596, 1560, 1501, 1447, 1208, 1094, 1036, 908, 806, 729, 687.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{25}H_{28}F_2O_2S_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 485.1391, found: 485.1378.

2-(2-(butylthio)-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenyl ethan-1-one (6e):



Following the general procedure, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 91 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.21, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 5/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (bs, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 -7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 -7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 -7.15 (m,

1H), 7.07 - 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.54 - 1.45 (m, 2H), 1.36 - 1.30 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.1 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 148.1, 136.6, 134.9, 133.6, 131.5, 130.2 (t,

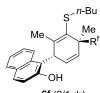
J = 3.0 Hz), 128.3, 127.5, 126.6, 126.5, 122.4, 122.3, 120.6 (t, *J* = 261.2 Hz), 119.4, 119.1, 118.8, 111.5, 49.4 (t, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 41.4, 36.7, 31.8, 22.6, 22.2, 22.1, 13.8.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.8 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F), -104.6 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3408, 2955, 2870, 1688, 1595, 1454, 1275, 1092, 1039, 909, 811, 735, 687.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{28}H_{29}F_2NOSNa (M + Na^+)]$: 488.1830, found: 488.1832.

2-(2-(butylthio)-4-(2-hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-diflu oro-1-phenylethan-1-one (6f):



Following the general procedure B, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 74 mg, 51% yield. (Rf = 0.37, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 3/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 7.89 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.76 – 7.68 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 0.45H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 0.84H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 0.67H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 1.18H, overlap with protons of CDCl₃), 7.07 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.03 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.6 Hz, 0.64H), 5.89 – 5.77 (m, 1.43H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 0.39H), 4.60 (s, 0.63H), 2.65 – 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.89 (s, 1.21H), 1.82 (s, 1.97H), 1.71 (s, 2H), 1.60 (s, 1.25H), 1.56 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1.95H), 0.83 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1.2H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 191.3 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 190.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 153.5, 150.5, 150.2, 147.8, 134.7, 134.5, 134.0, 133.7, 133.6, 132.9, 132.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 127.2, 126.4, 125.8, 123.7, 123.4, 123.3, 121.9, 120.1 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 119.6 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.9, 117.9, 117.7, 50.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 49.4 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 40.6, 40.5, 36.9, 36.5, 31.9, 31.7, 22.7, 22.3, 22.2, 22.1, 21.4, 21.3, 13.8, 13.7.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.8 – -105.6 (m, 2F).

IR (neat): 3438, 2955, 2927, 2870, 1681, 1625, 1596, 1513, 1446, 1271, 1095, 1040, 909, 803, 716, 686.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{30}H_{30}F_2O_2SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 515.1827, found: 515.1828.

2-(2-(butylthio)-4-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1,3-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one (6g):

Following the general procedure, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 96 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.26, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 30/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 0.30H), 7.89 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1.70H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.36 (m, 2.37H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz,

2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.62H), 6.01 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.2 Hz, 0.12H), 5.93 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, 0.84H), 5.79 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 0.15H), 5.74 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 0.84H), 4.06 (s, 0.12H), 3.79 (s, 0.85H), 2.38 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 0.40H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 3.62H), 1.42 – 1.26 (m, 4.31H), 1.20 (s, 2.84H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.5 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 143.7, 142.6, 136.9, 135.2, 135.0, 134.4, 133.7, 133.5, 133.0, 130.7 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 130.0 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 119.6 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 52.6, 51.5, 49.3 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.9, 36.7, 31.6, 31.4, 22.4, 22.3, 22.2, 21.9, 21.7, 13.8.

¹⁹**F NMR** (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -101.3 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 0.25F), -102.3 (d, J = 271.2 Hz, 0.25F), -104.2 (s, 3.46F).

IR (neat): 2956, 2928, 2871, 1692, 1596, 1474, 1173, 1092, 1013, 907, 805, 726, 688.

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{26}H_{27}ClF_2OS_2Na (M + Na^{+})]$: 515.1052, found: 515.1057.

N-(3-(butylthio)-4-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2,4-dimethylcyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (6h):

Me Me Rf

Following the general procedure, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 101 mg, 65% yield. (Rf = 0.23, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 9.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 10.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 – 2.37 (m, 5H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.26 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 190.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 143.7, 143.6, 138.6, 134.4, 135.5, 132.7, 132.3, 130.4 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.9, 128.7, 127.1, 125.9, 118.8 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 52.3, 48.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 36.3, 31.5, 22.1, 21.7, 19.9, 13.7.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.3 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -101.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3326, 2956, 2871, 1692, 1596, 1447, 1330, 1156, 1093, 1044, 906, 814, 713, 662.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{27}H_{31}F_2NO_3S_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 542.1606, found: 542.1601.

2-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-methylnaphthalen-1(2H)-one (7a):

To a stirred solution of sulfoxide 1v (74 mg, 0.3 mmol) and difluoroenol silyl ether 2a (103 mg, 1.5 equiv) in MeCN (1.5 mL) was added TFAA (63 μ L, 1.5 equiv) at -50 °C. The mixture was then stirred for 24 h. After that, to the mixture was added NaHCO₃ (1.0 mL), and the resulting mixture was then slowly warmed up to rt. After stirring for 12 h, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving the title compound 7a as light yellow oil, 48 mg, 61% yield. (Rf = 37, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.11 – 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 196.9, 187.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 137.7, 134.6, 134.5, 132.5 (m), 131.9, 130.5 (t, J = 3.0 Hz), 129.3, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 125.9, 120.1, 120.0 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 53.0 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 19.4 (m).

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -101.0 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -103.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3059, 2936, 1677, 1596, 1448, 1291, 1145, 1064, 945, 785, 713, 684.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{19}H_{14}F_2O_2Na (M + Na^+)]$: 335.0854, found: 335.0854.

2-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-2-methyl-1-tosylindolin-3-one (7b):

Following a similar procedure for the synthesis of **7b**, the title compound was obtained as light yellow oil, 78 mg, 57% yield. (Rf = 0.29, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.06 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 193.1, 187.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 152.6, 144.8, 137.2, 134.5, 132.3,

130.4, 130.3, 129.7, 128.5, 127.1, 124.9, 124.6, 123.9, 116.9 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 116.5, 29.8, 21.6, 17.0.

¹⁹F NMR (**565 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ -103.1 (s, 1F), -103.6 (s, 1F).

IR (neat): 2923, 2853, 1722, 1692, 1611, 1596, 1466, 1322, 1166, 1084, 1067, 750, 714, 659, 575.

HRMS (**ESI-TOF**): calculated for $[C_{24}H_{19}F_2NO_4SNa (M + Na^+)]$: 478.0895, found: 478.0891.

7 Examination of difluoroenol silly ethers 2b-2d.

Following the general procedure A and B, the reaction of sulfoxide **1a** (63 mg, 0.3 mmol) with difluoroenol silly ethers **2b-2d** was carried out. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. During the whole process, no expected product was determined from these reactions.

8 Gram-scale reactions and conversion of product 3a to highly substituted difluoroalkylated cyclohexenones.

8.1 Gram-scale reactions for the synthesis of 3a and 4a

Following the general procedure A, the reaction of sulfoxide **1a** (2.1 g, 10 mmol) produced the title compound **3a**, 2.17 g, 62% yield.

Following the general procedure B, the reaction of sulfoxide **1a** (2.1 g, 10 mmol) produced the title compound **4a**, 3.38 g, 67% yield.

8.2 Conversion of products 3a to highly substituted difluoroalkylated cyclohexenones.

To a solution of sulfide 3a (70 mg, 0.2 mmol) in DCM (2 mL, 0.1 M) was added a solution of m-CPBA (38 mg, 1.1 equiv.) in DCM (0.44 mL, 0.5 M) at 0 °C. After sulfides 3a was completely consumed, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with

brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtrated and concentrated in vacuum. The obtained sulfoxides were directly used for the next step.

To the solution of sulfoxides obtained following the above procedure was added nucleophiles difluoroenol silyl ether 2a (69 mg, 1.5 equiv) or α-stannyl nitrile (99 mg, 1.5 equiv), and TFAA (42 μL, 1.5 equiv) at -40 °C. After stirring for 12 h, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (1.0 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was then slowly warmed up to rt and kept stirring for another 12 h. After that, the mixture was passed through a short silica gel column and concentrated under vacuum. The obtained residue was further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel giving compound 8a or **8b**.

2,2'-(1,3-dimethyl-2-oxocyclohex-4-ene-1,3-diyl)bis(2,2-difluoro-1-phenylethan-1-one) (8a):

Following the general procedure, the title compound 8a was obtained as light yellow oil, 46 mg, 53% yield. (Rf = 0.55, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 15.8, 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.06 - 5.90 (m, 2H), 2.99 - 2.94(m, 1H), 2.50 - 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, <math>J = 1.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.7, 188.9 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 188.7 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 134.3, 134.2, 133.1, 130.4, 130.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 125.5, 119.8 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 119.1 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 54.6 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 52.3 (t, J = 21.2 Hz), 31.6, 20.8, 20.3.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -99.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -101.8 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -102.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -104.4 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F).

IR (neat): 3062, 2950, 2852, 1701, 1596, 1449, 1298, 1147, 1051, 994, 844, 709, 659.

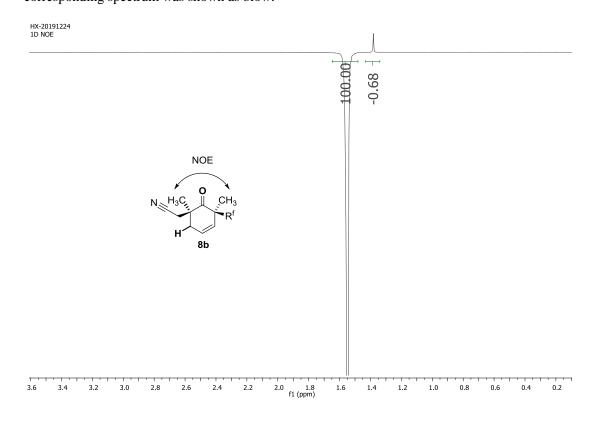
HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for $[C_{24}H_{20}F_4O_3Na (M + Na^+)]$: 455.1241, found: 455.1240.

2-(5-(1,1-difluoro-2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-1,5-dimethyl-6-oxocyclohex-3-en-1-yl)acetonitrile (8b):

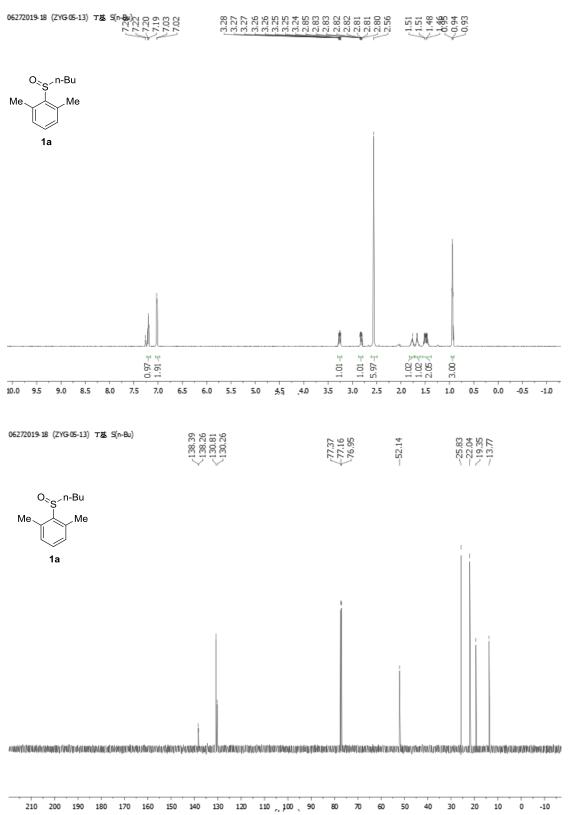
Following the general procedure, the title compound 8b was obtained as light Me, Me, Me yellow oil, 53 mg, 56% yield. (Rf = 43, eluent: PE/EtOAc = 10/1)

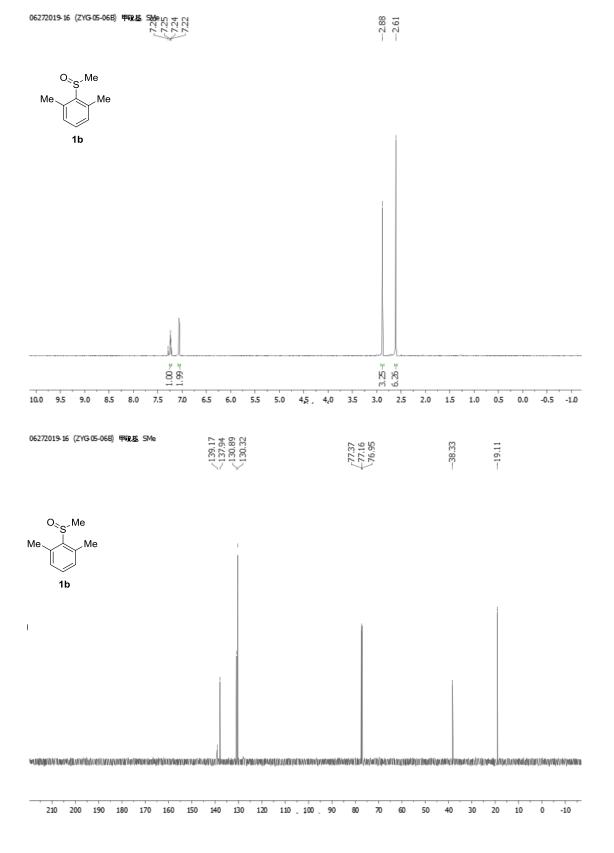
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 - 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 6.05 - 5.95 (m, 1H), 5.63 - 5.59 (m, 1H), 3.03 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 17.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H).

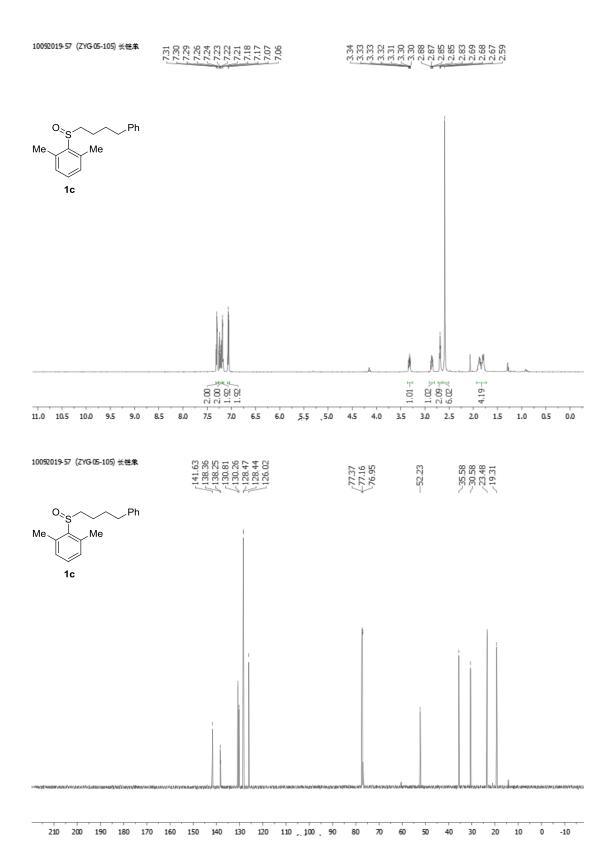
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 208.7, 188.0 (t, J = 28.7 Hz), 134.9, 131.5, 130.5, 128.8, 128.1, 127.1, 120.1 (t, J = 261.2 Hz), 118.2, 50.7 (t, J = 21.1 Hz), 45.2, 36.5, 26.7, 24.2, 20.0, 19.9. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -96.6 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F), -102.5 (d, J = 254.3 Hz, 1F). IR (neat): 2982, 2939, 2245, 1693, 1596, 1448, 1203, 1149, 1064, 1003, 930, 882, 711, 648. HRMS (ESI-TOF): calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇F₂NO₂Na (M + Na⁺)]: 340.1120, found: 340.1117 The relative configuration of **8b** was assigned according to the NOE analysis, and the corresponding spectrum was shown as blow.

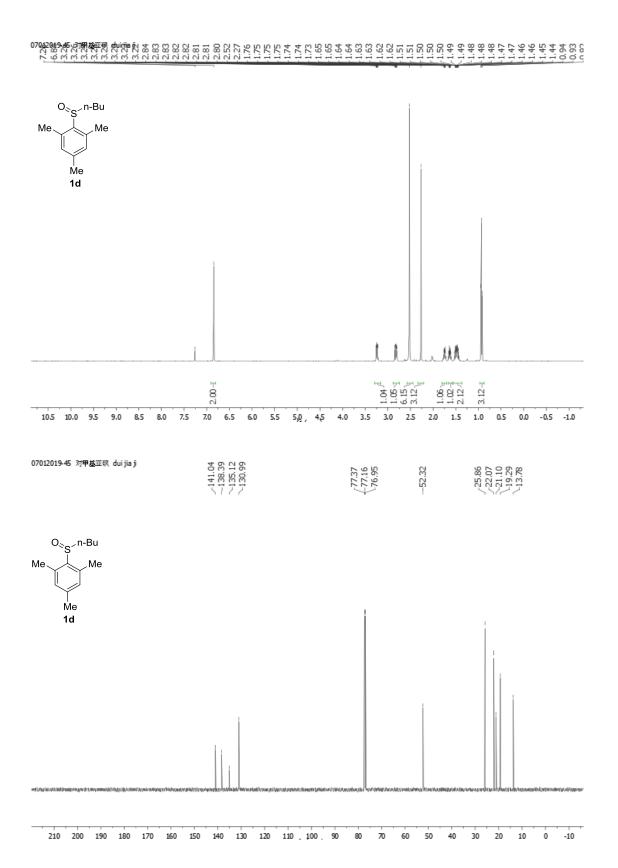


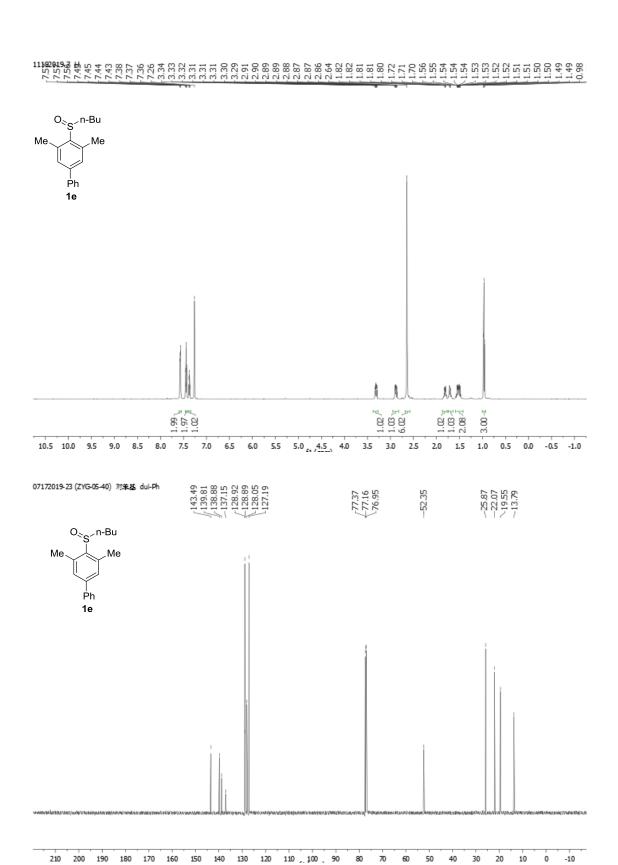
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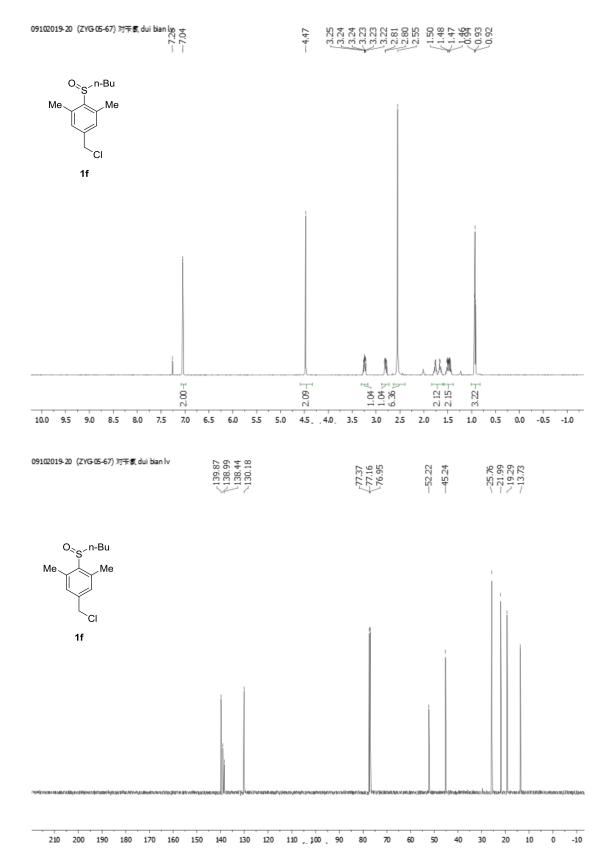


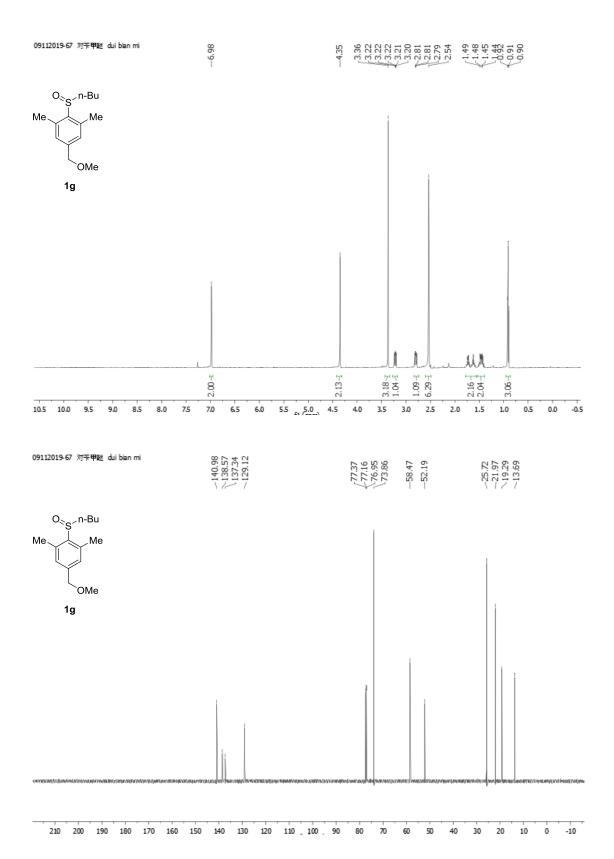


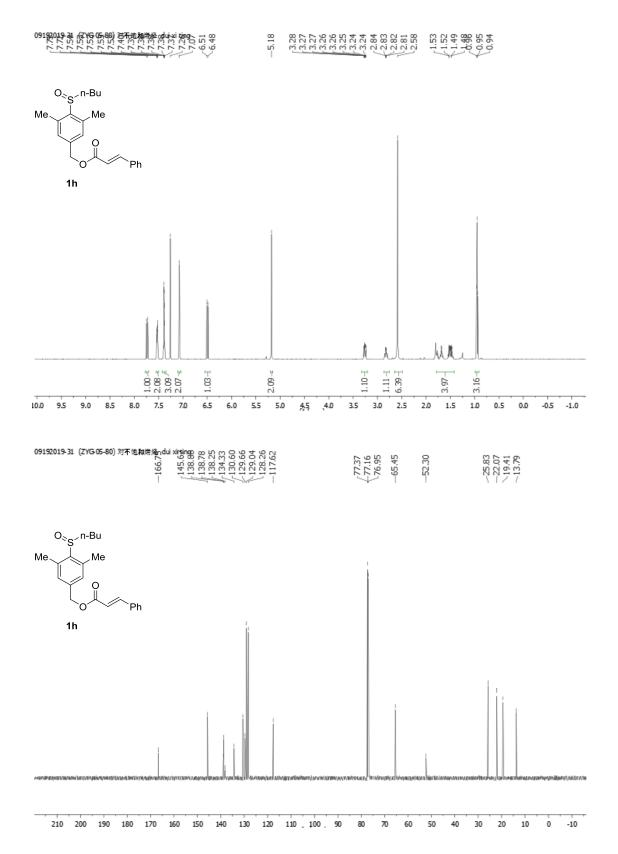


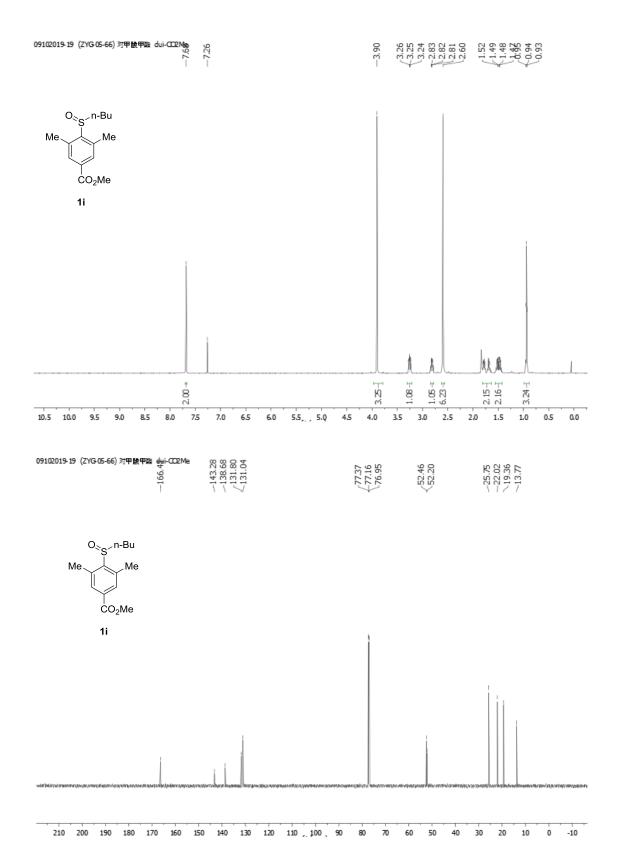


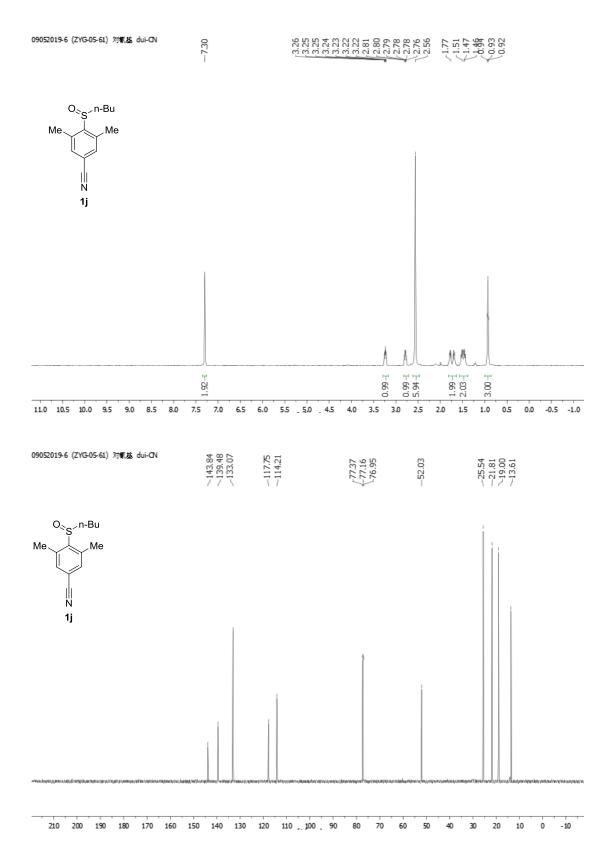


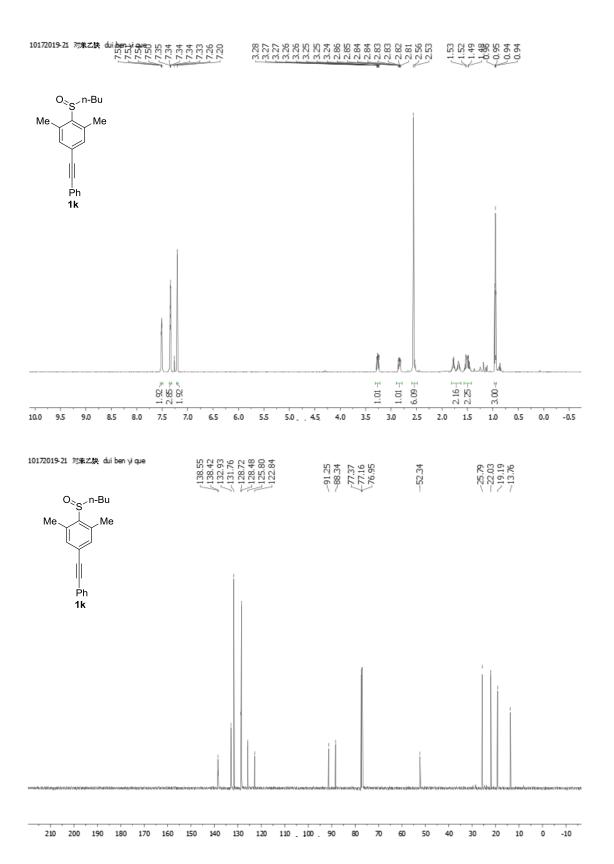


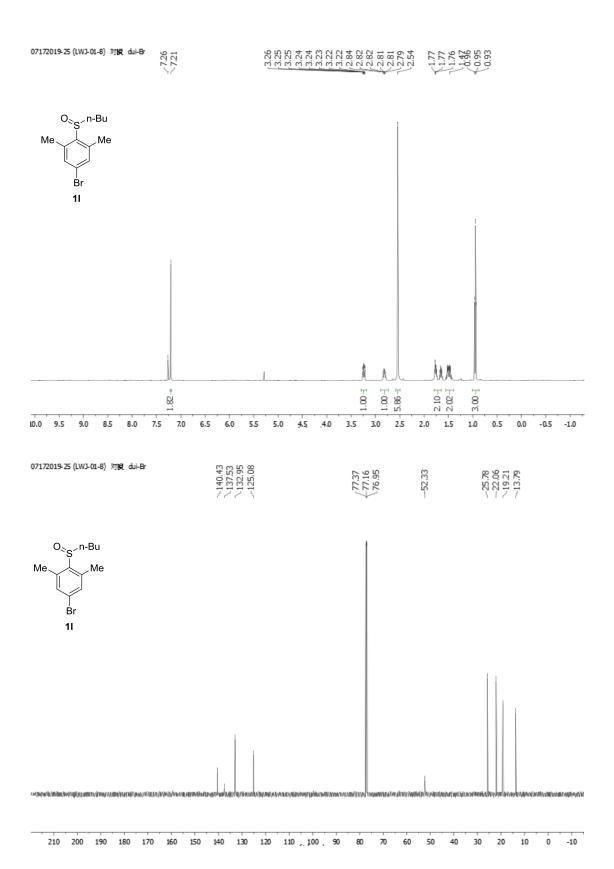


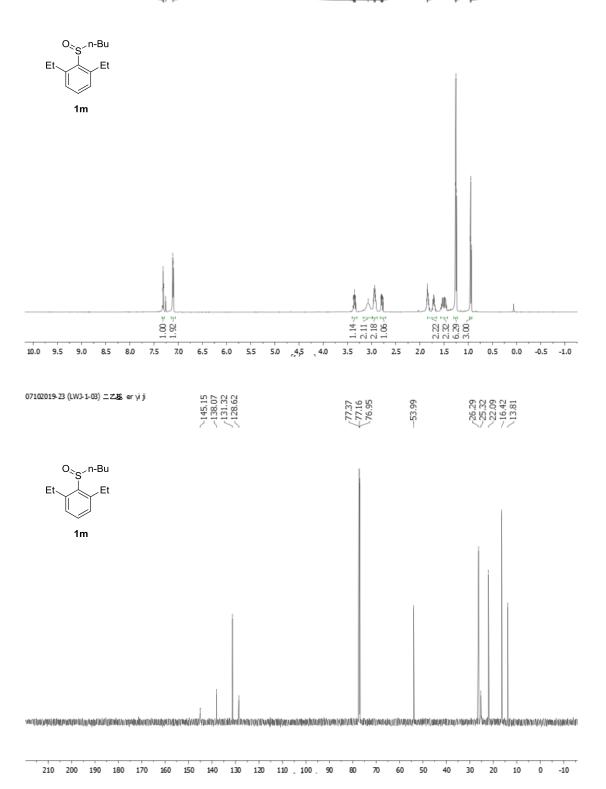


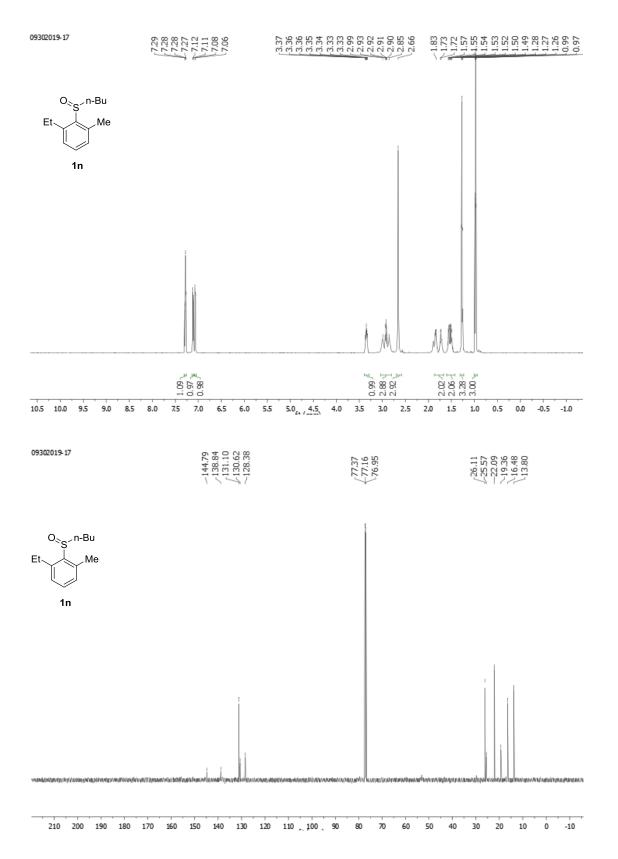


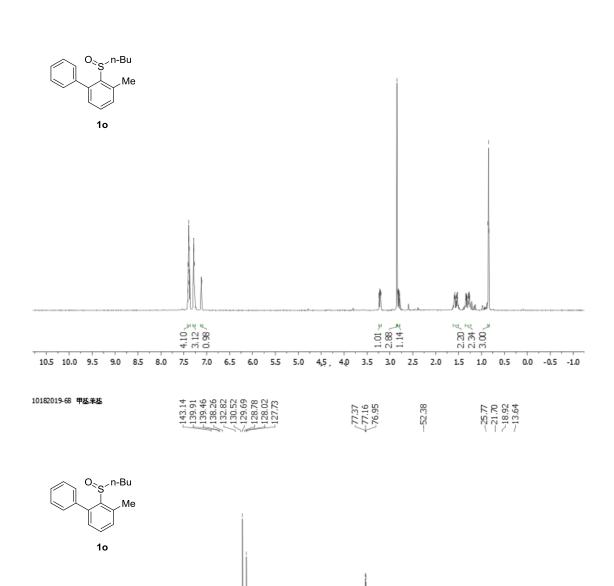












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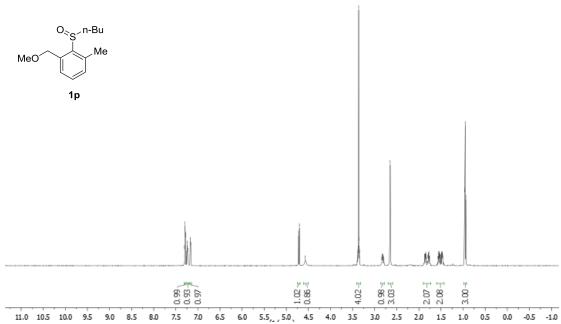
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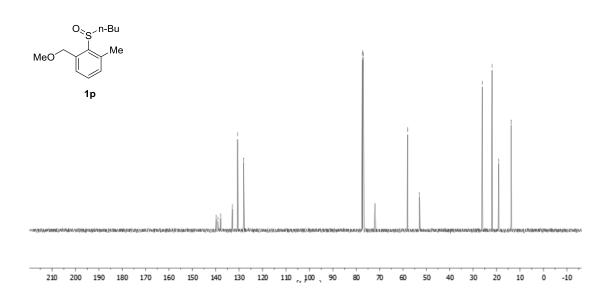


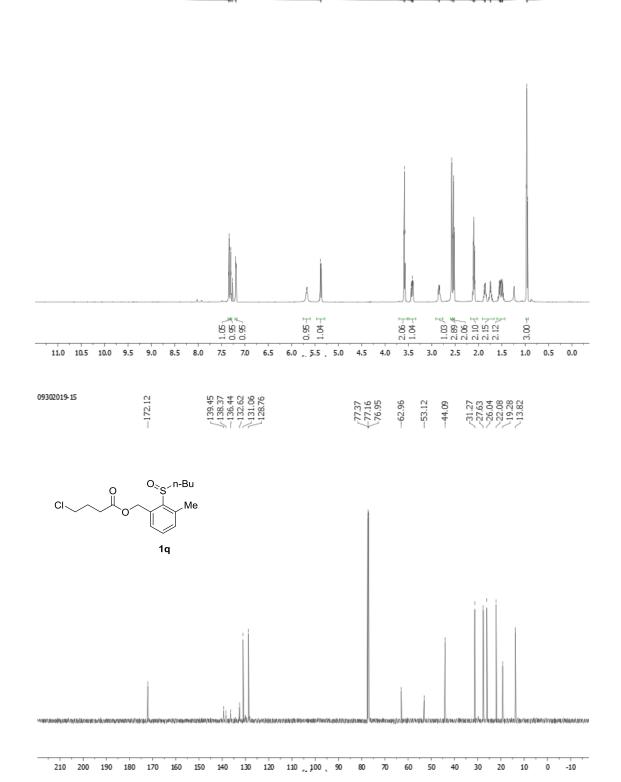


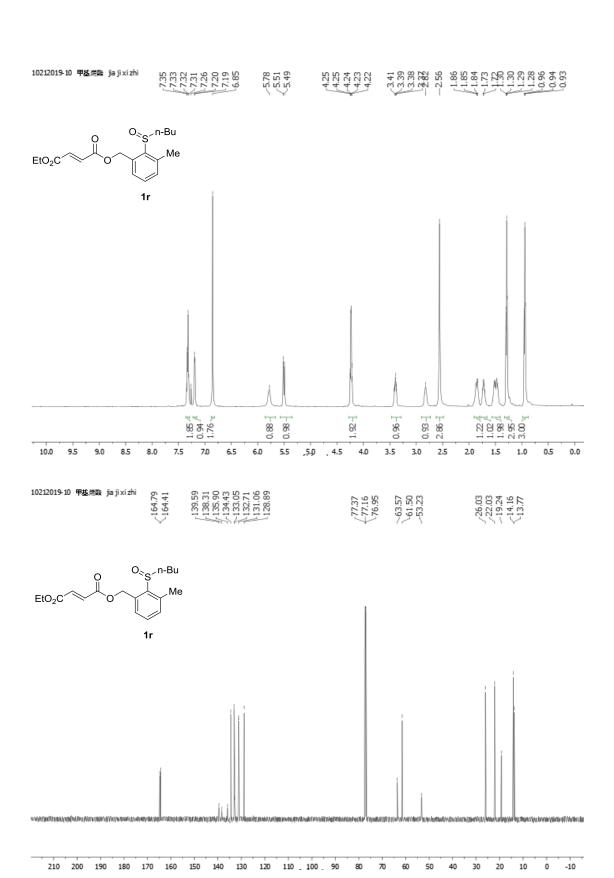
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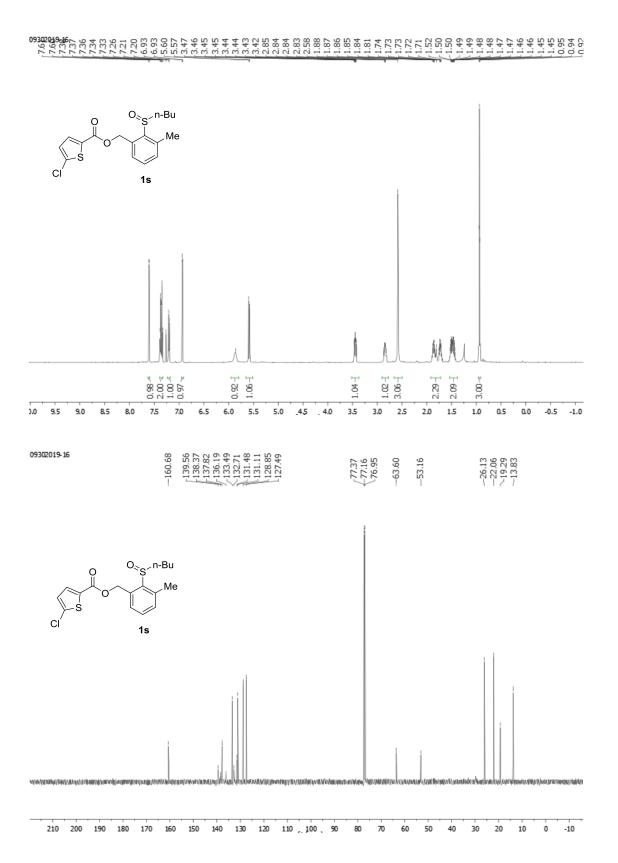
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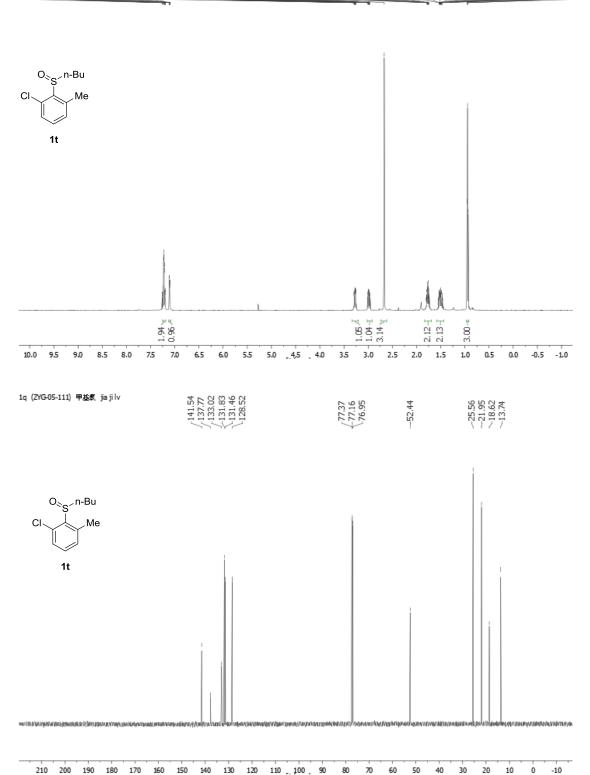
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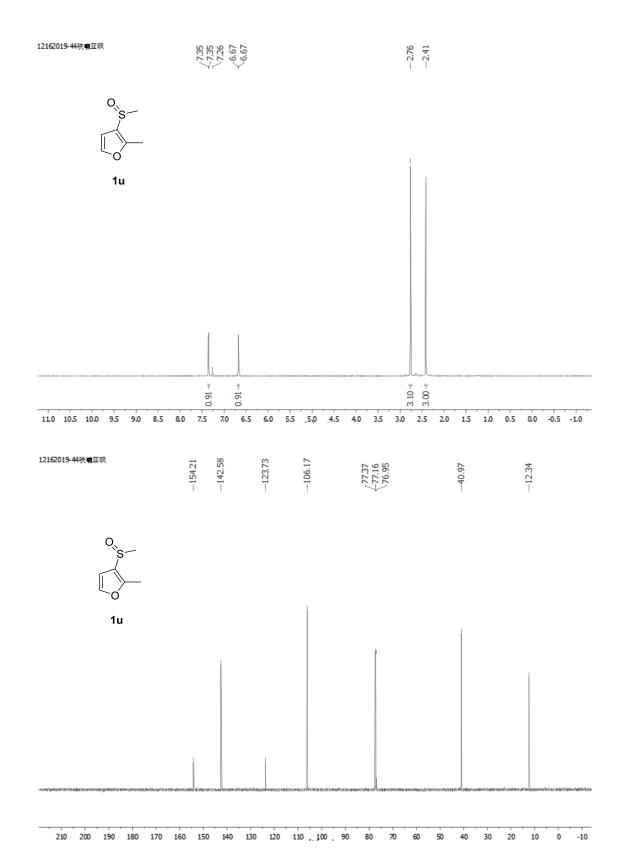








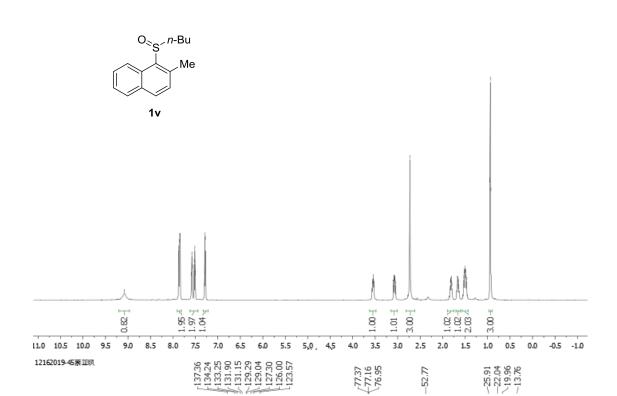


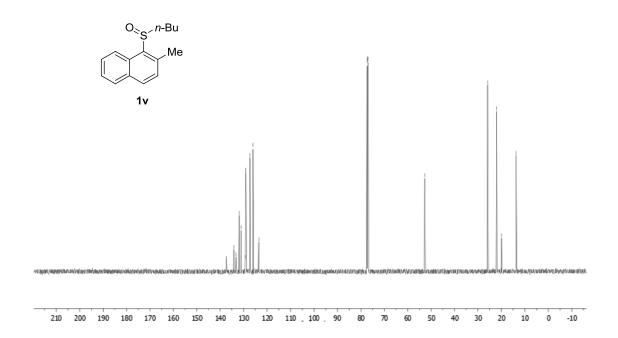


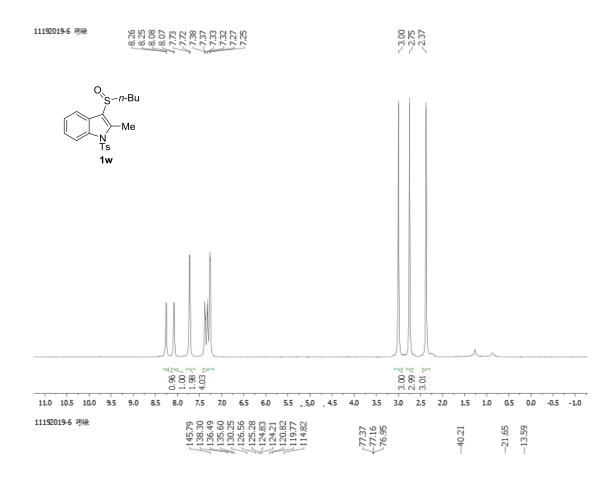


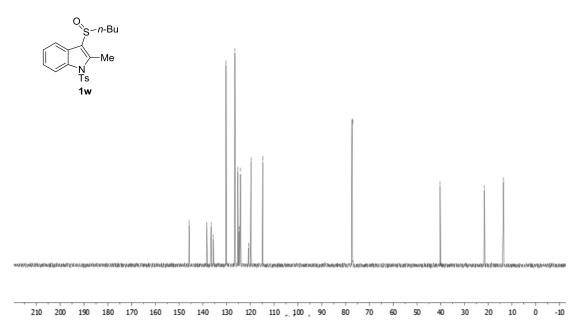


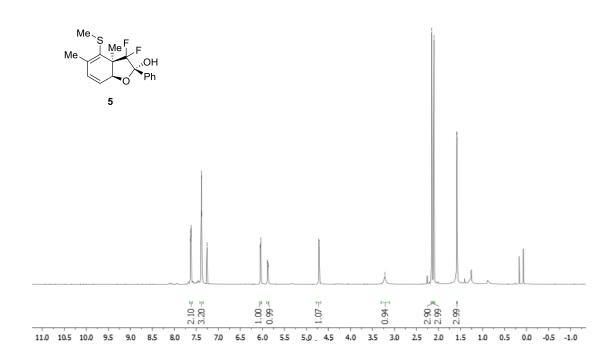
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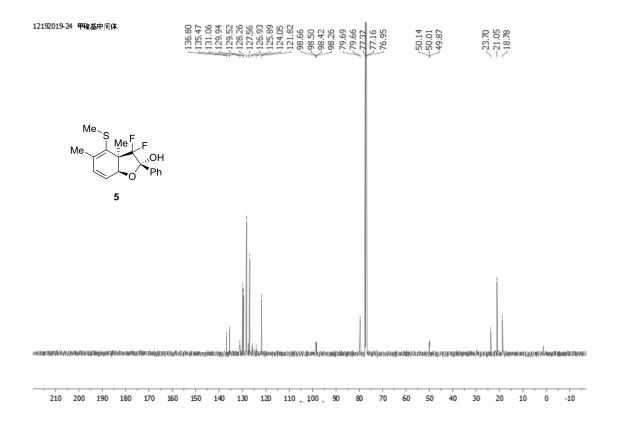






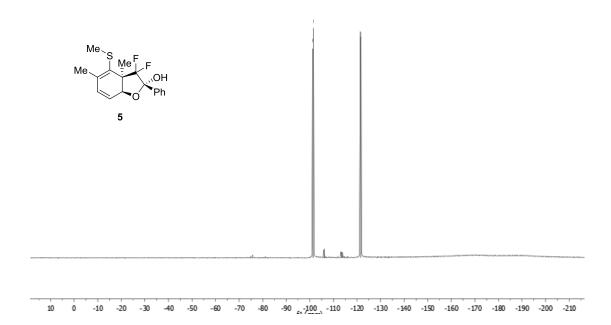




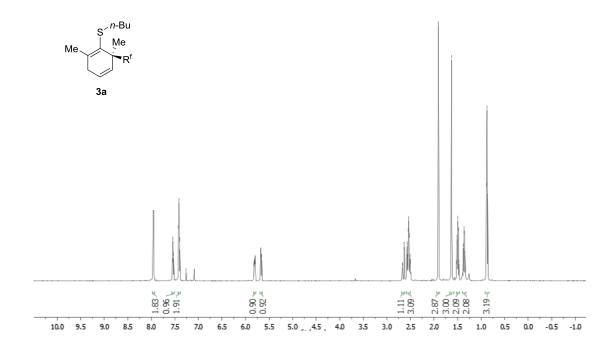


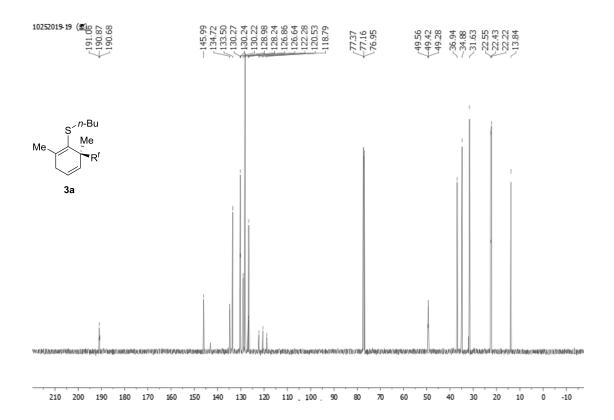


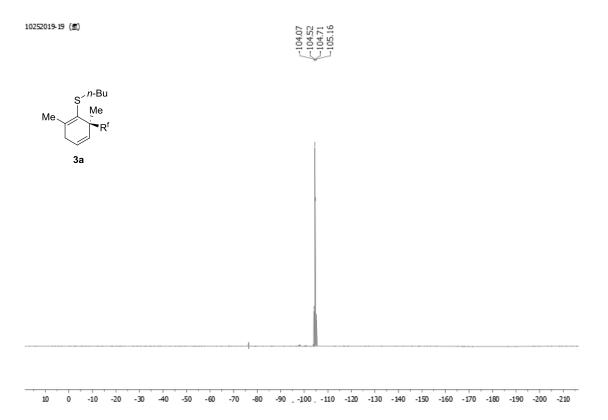


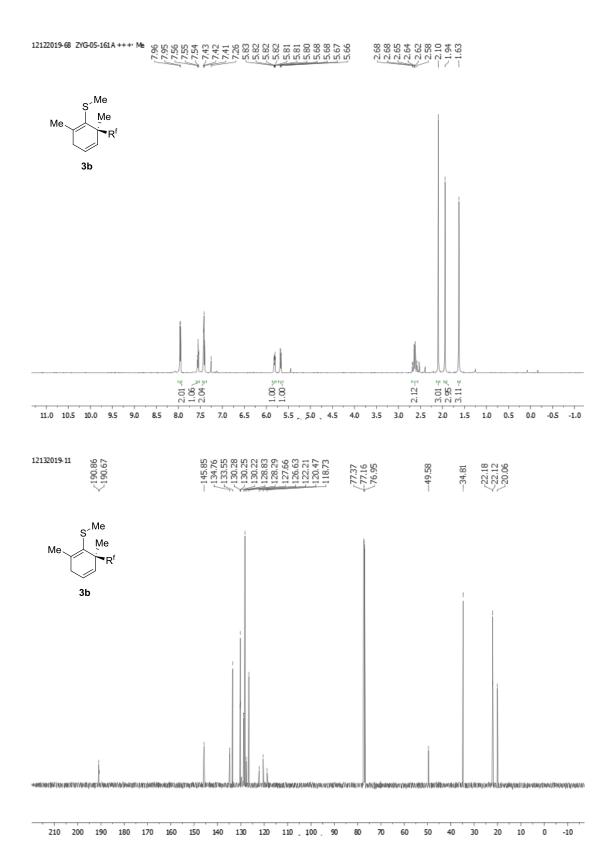


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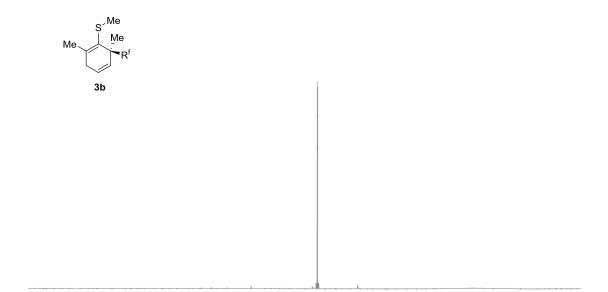






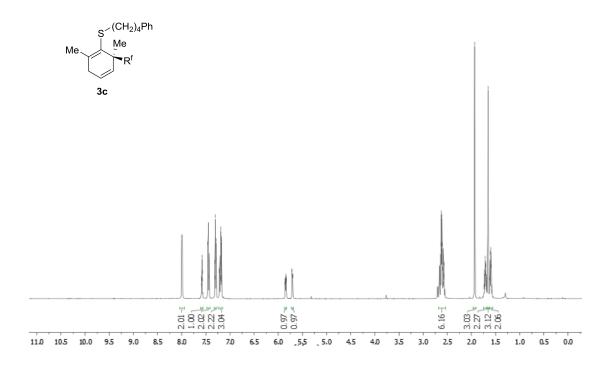


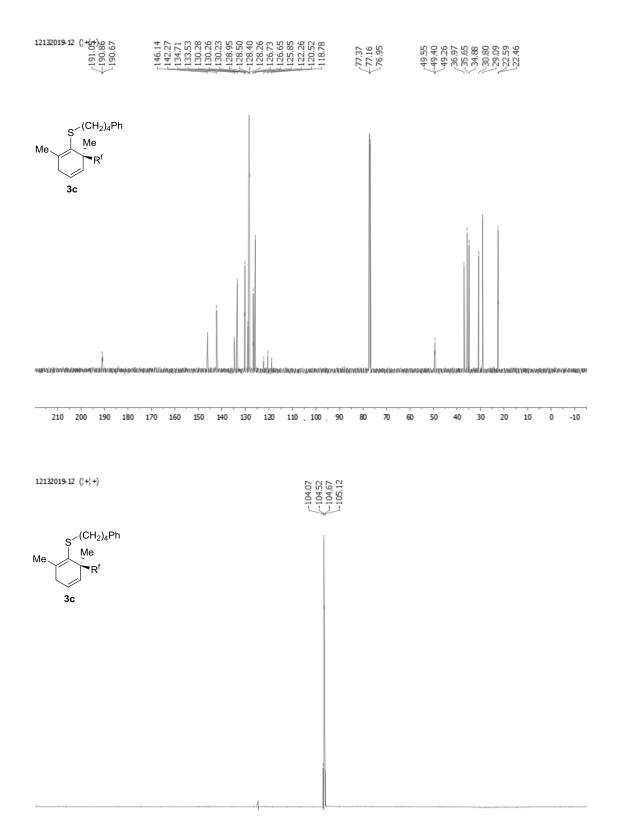
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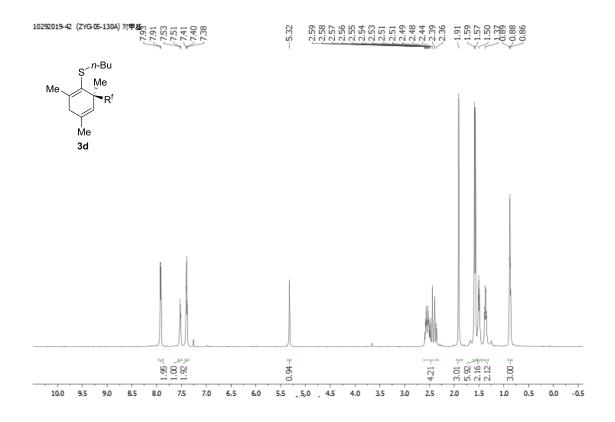
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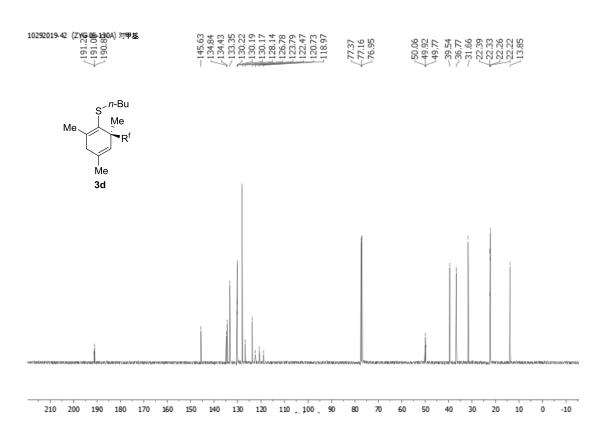
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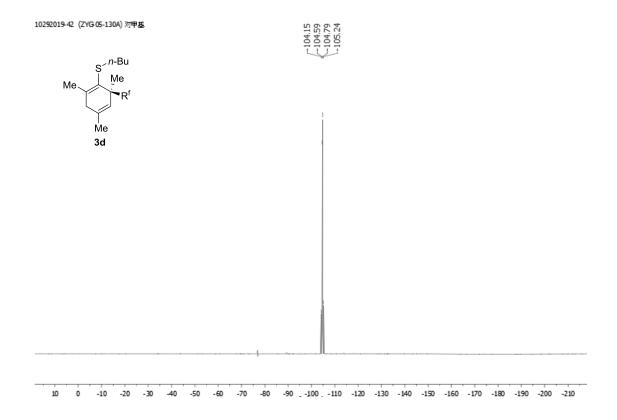


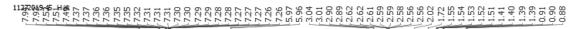


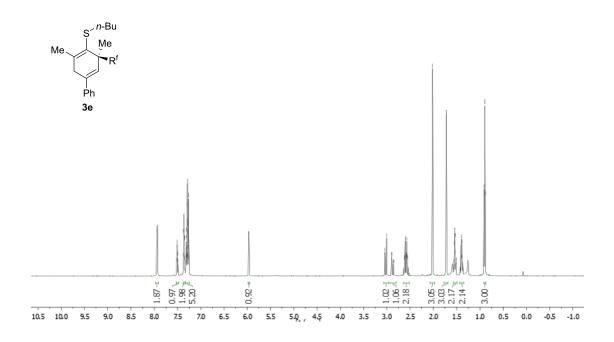
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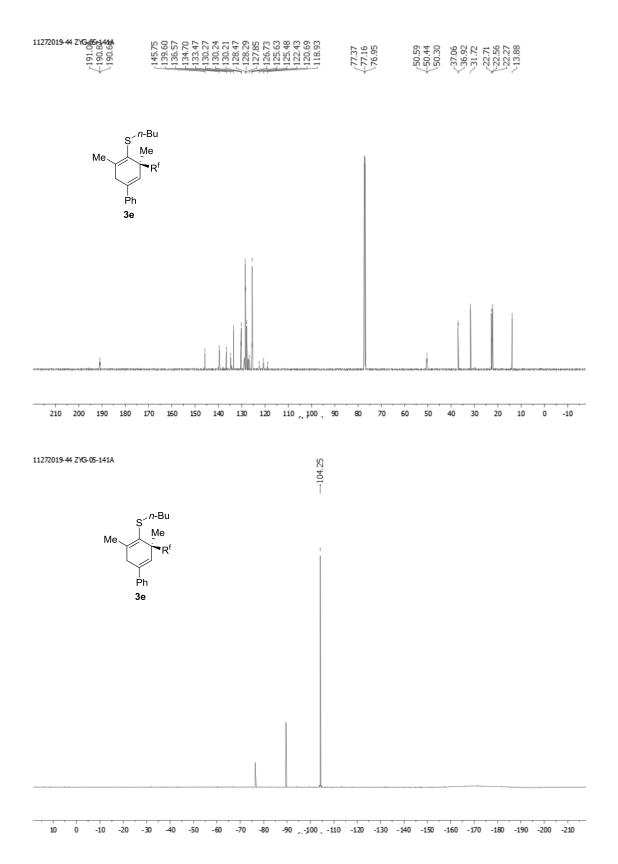


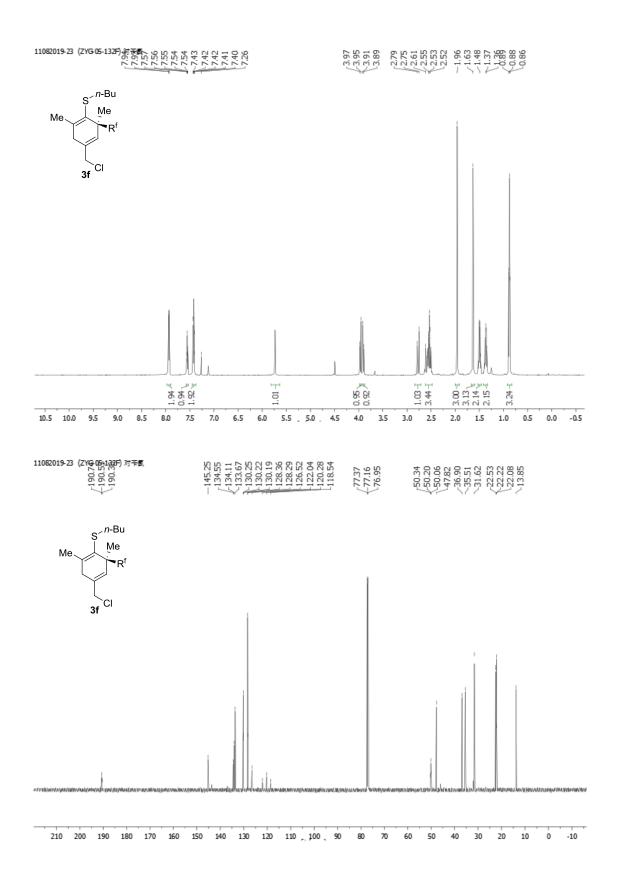


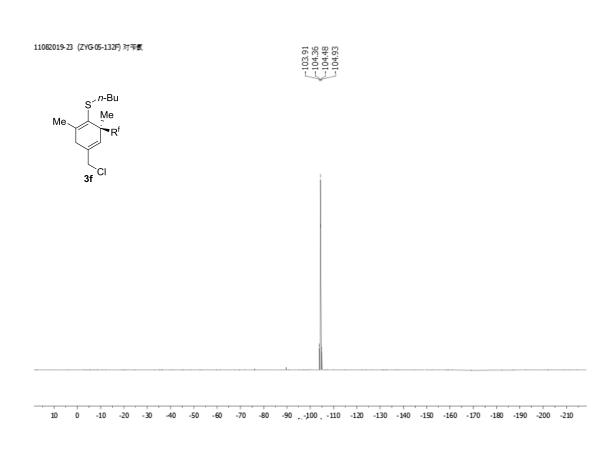


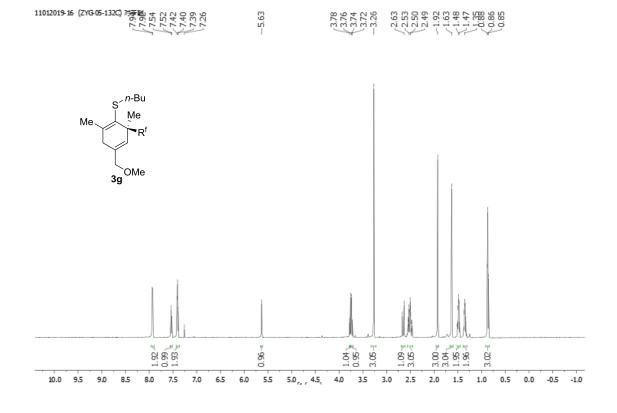


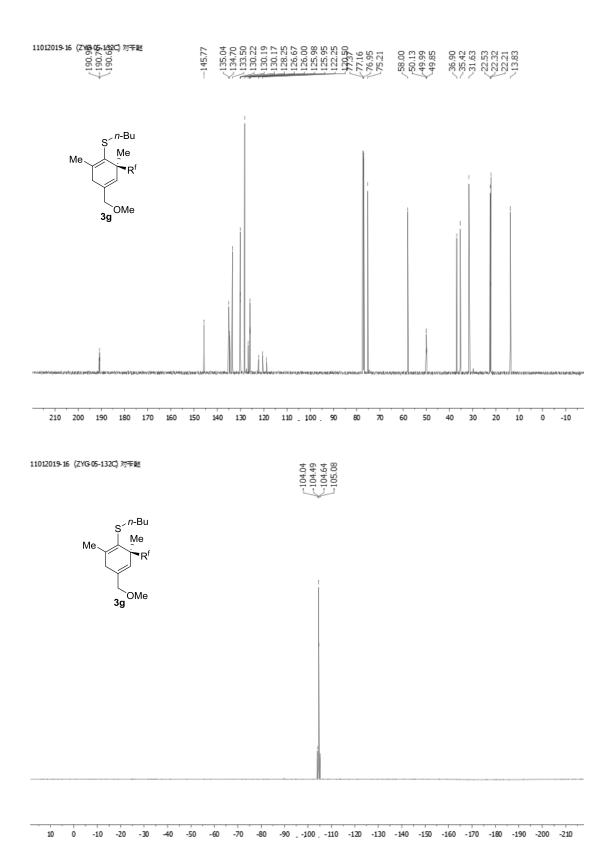




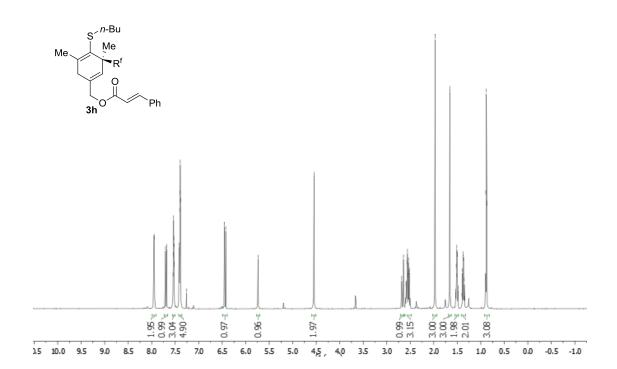




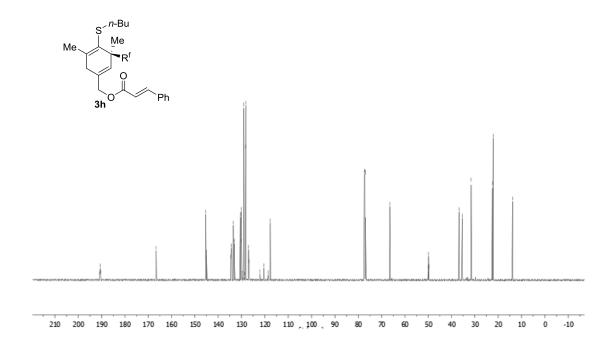


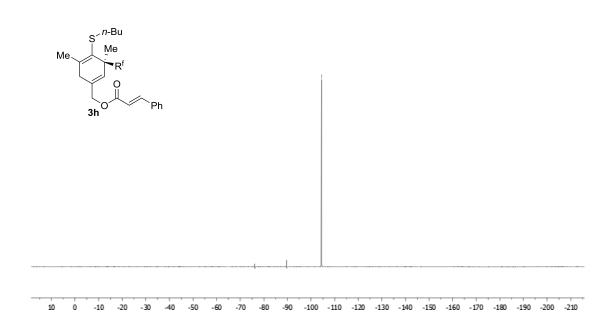


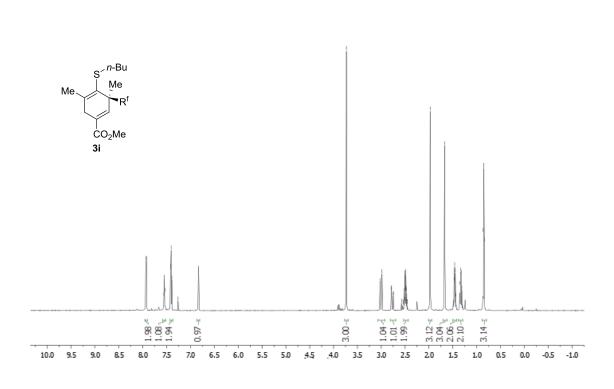


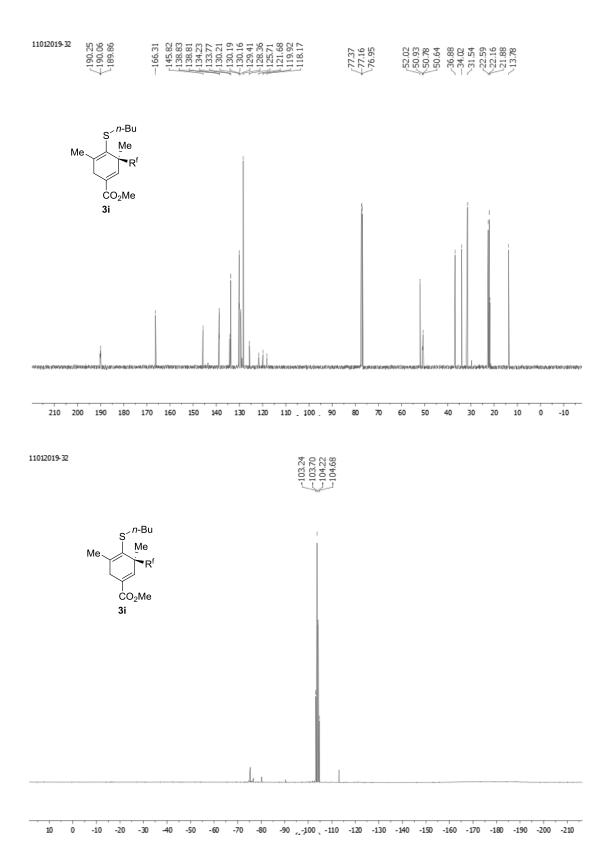




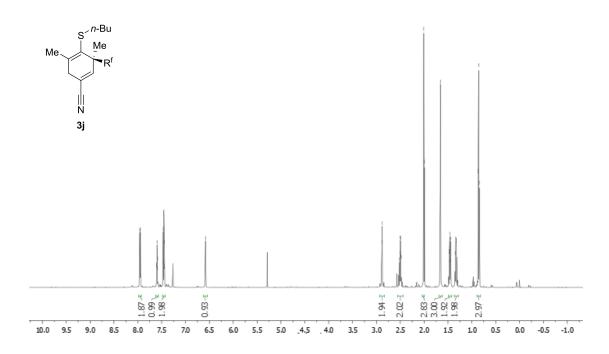








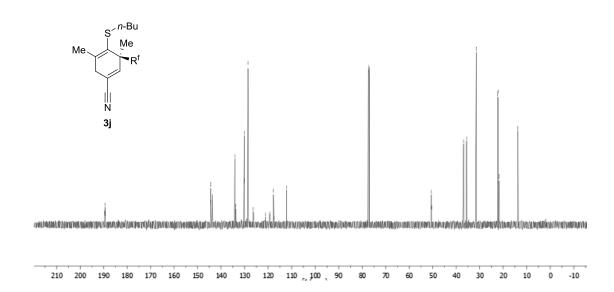


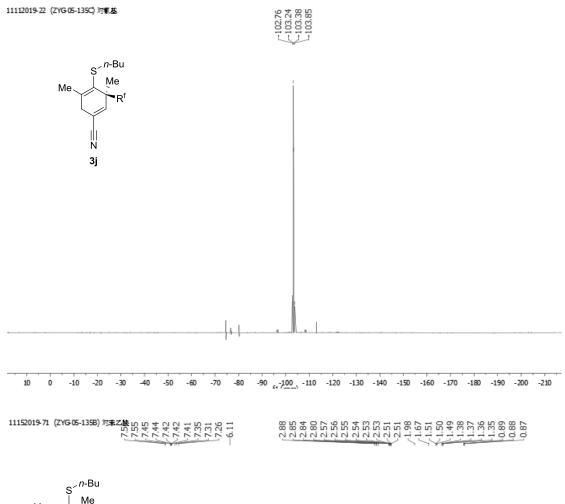


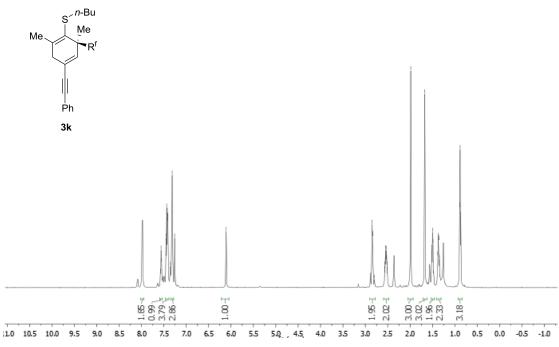
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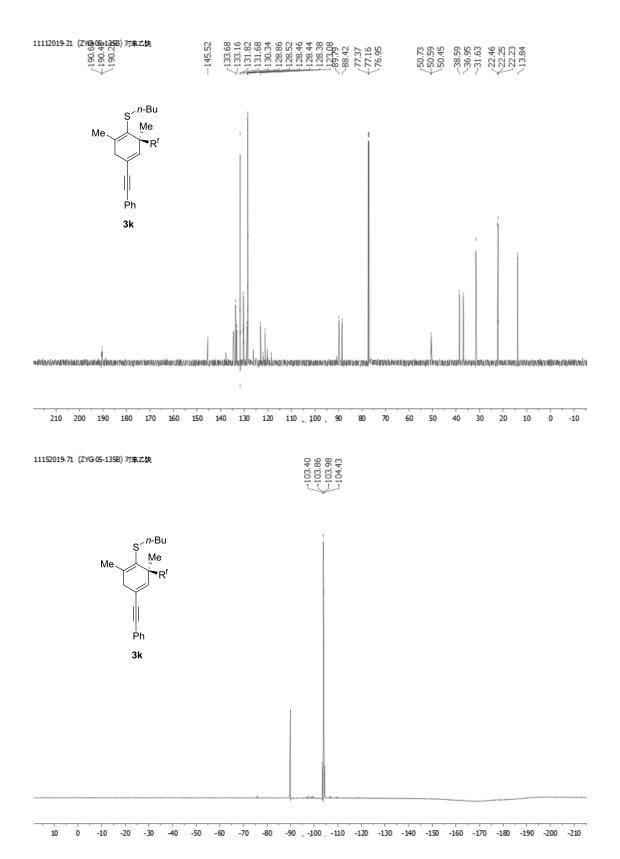
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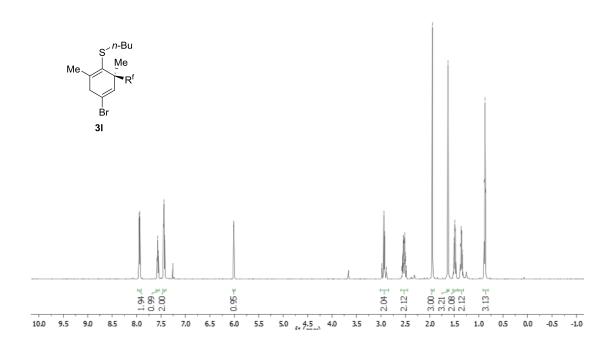
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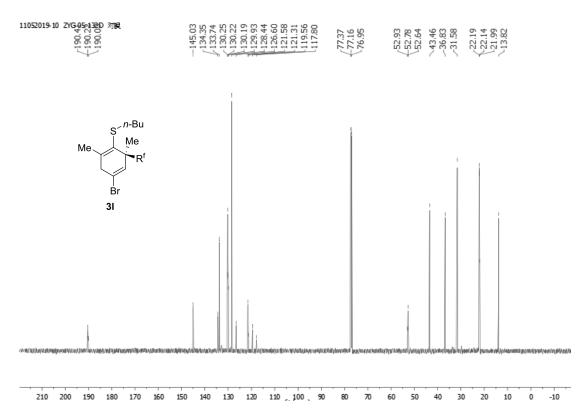






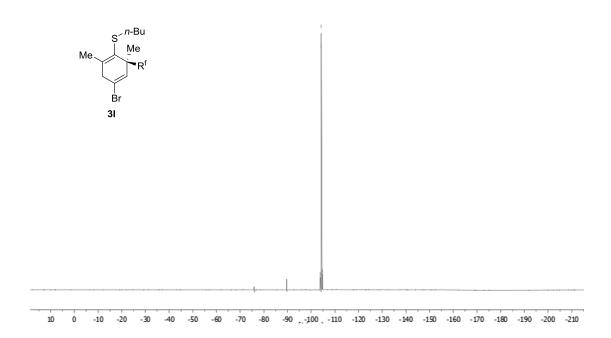




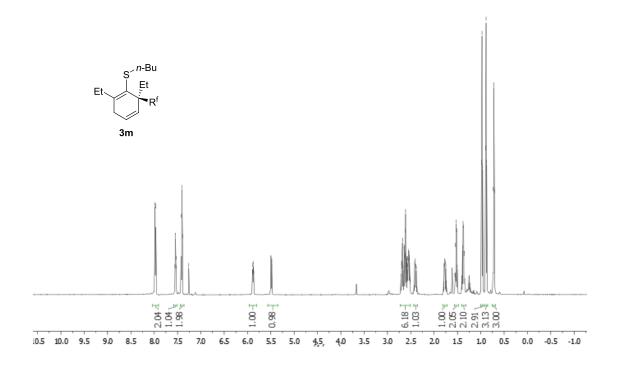








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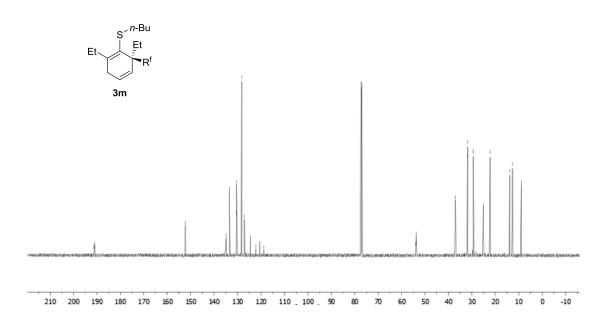






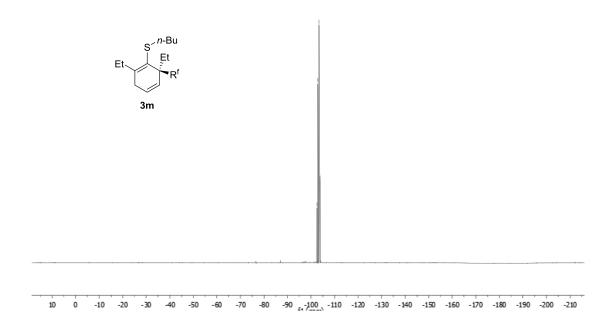


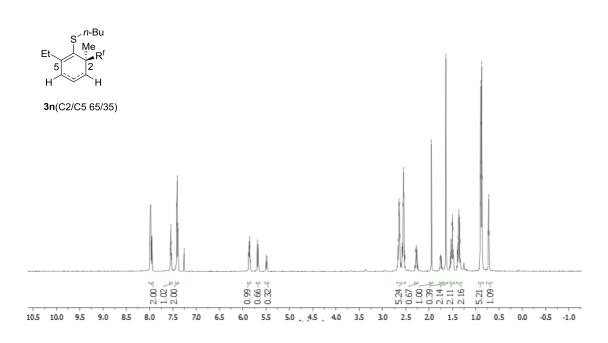


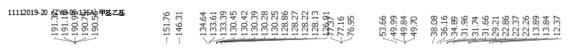


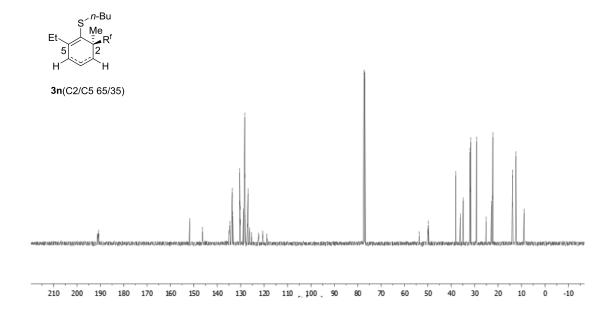
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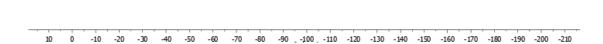


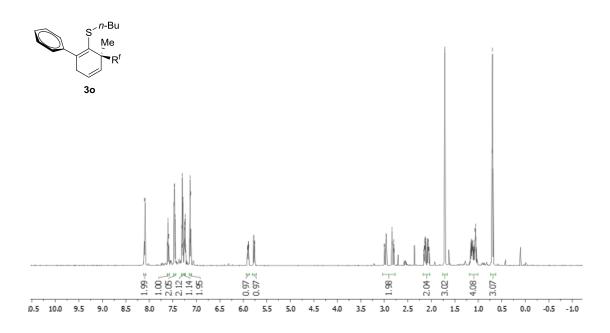






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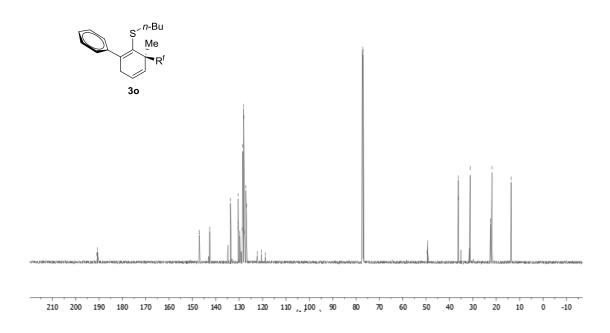






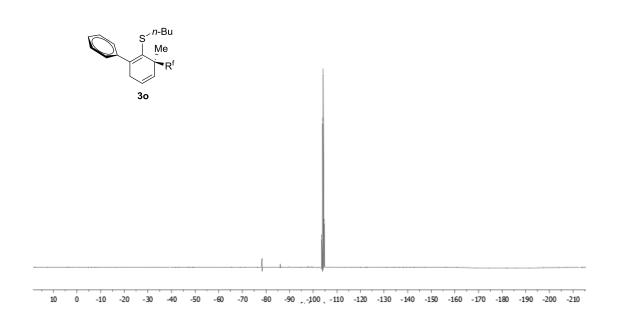


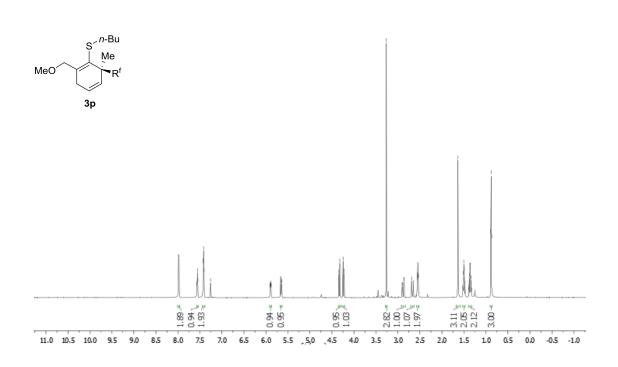




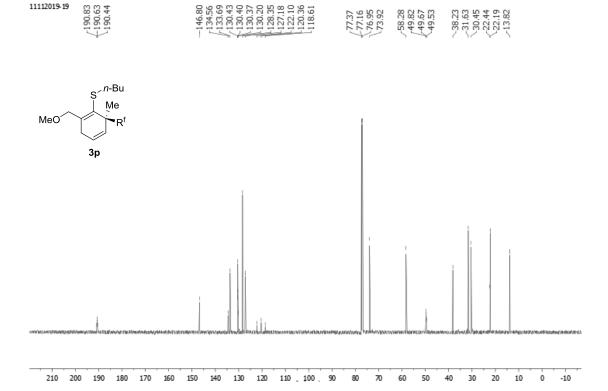
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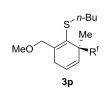


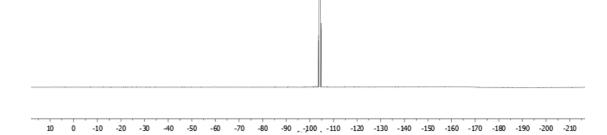
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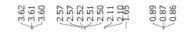


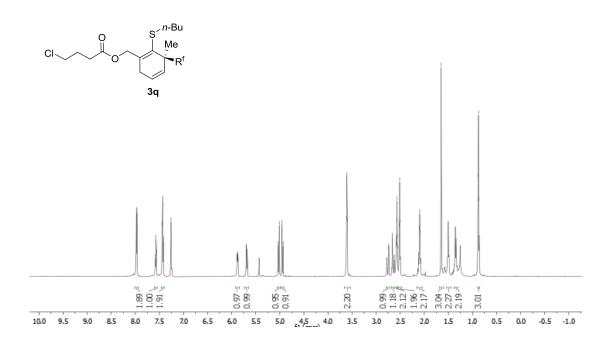


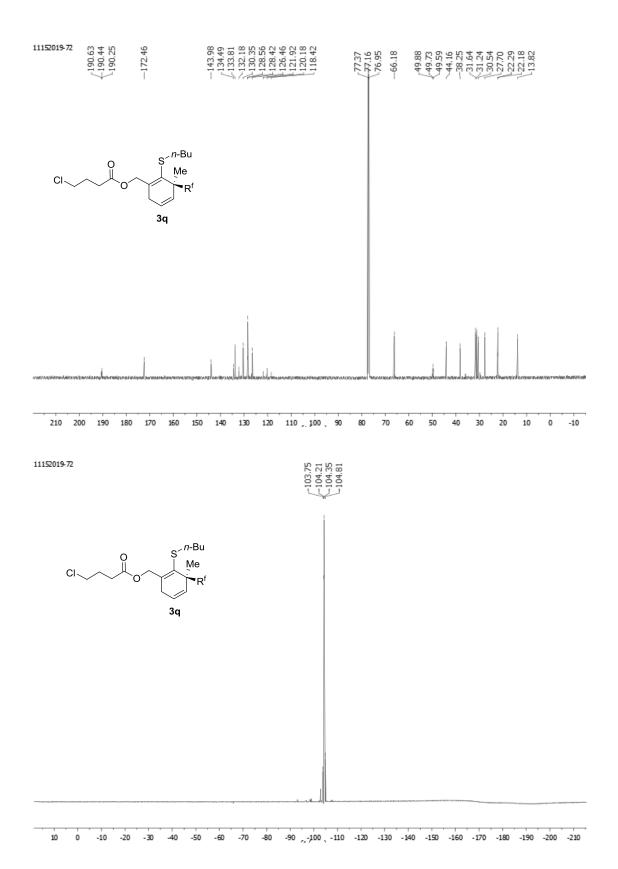


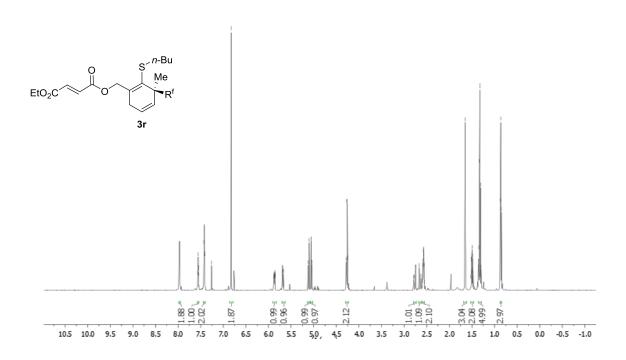




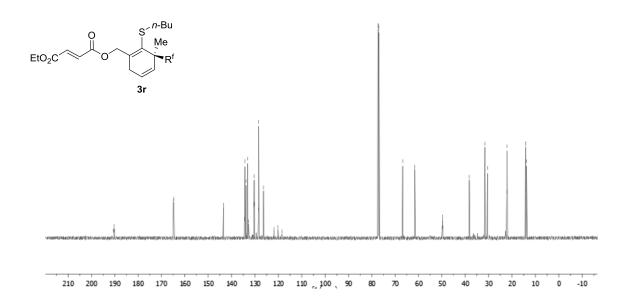




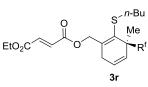




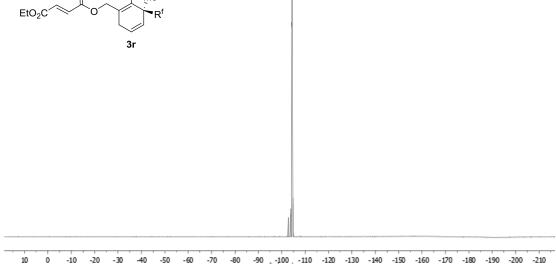
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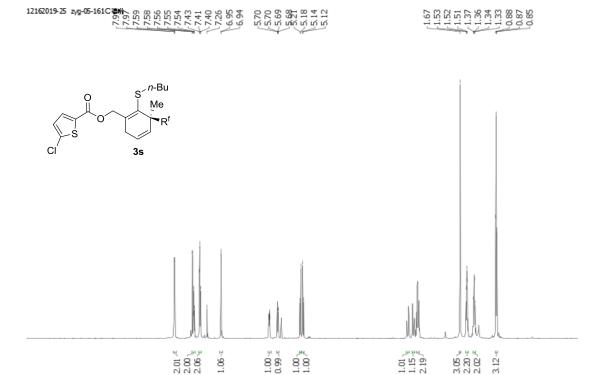


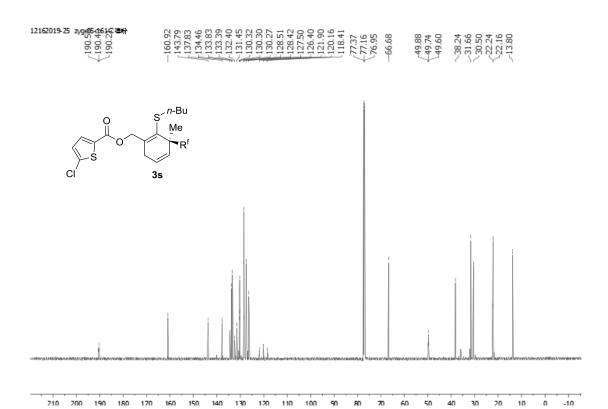


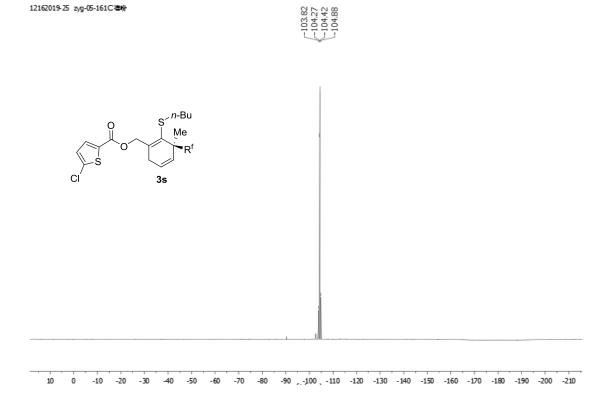


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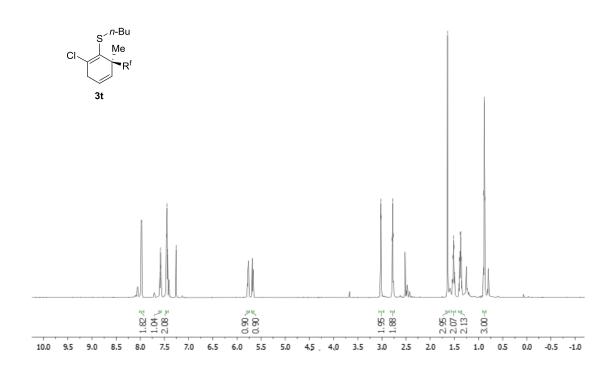


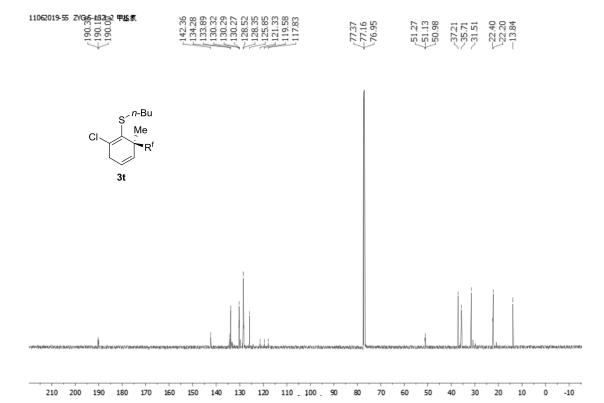


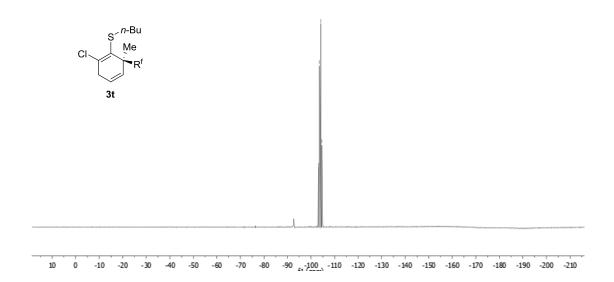




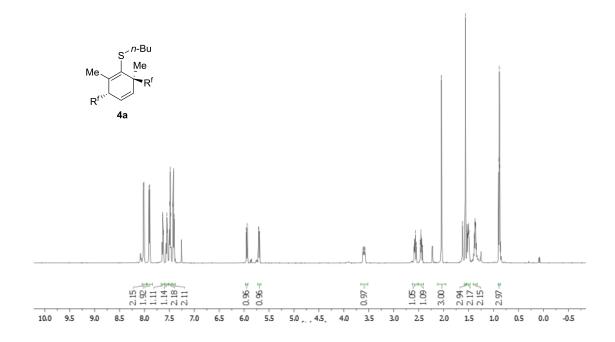


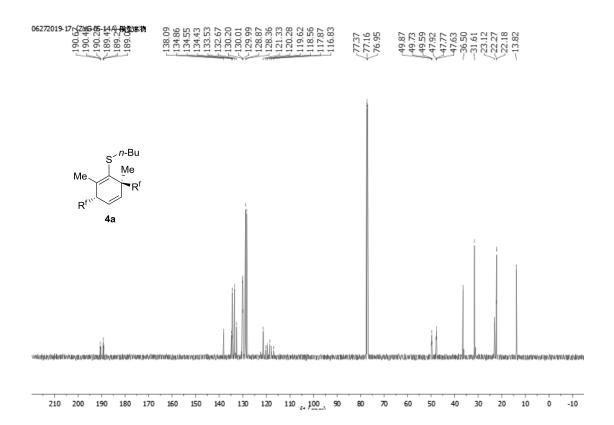








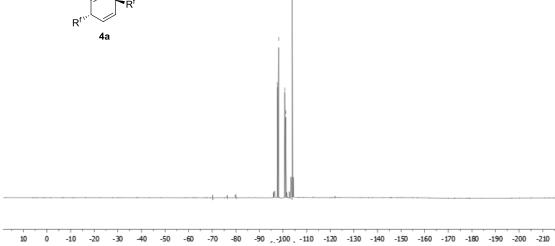




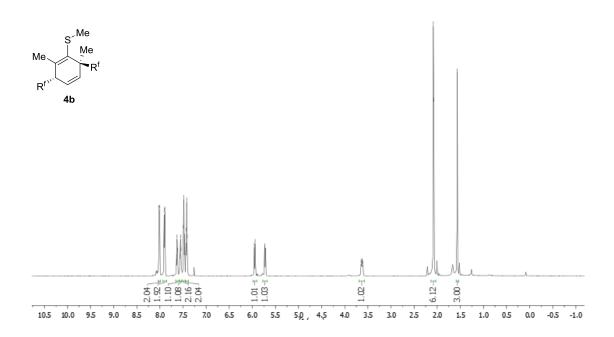
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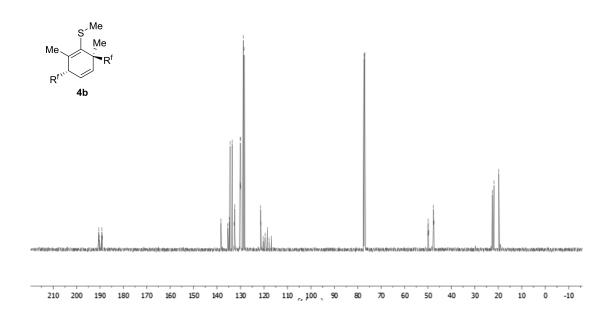
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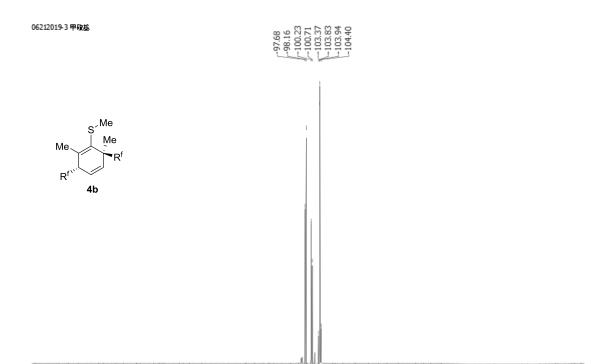


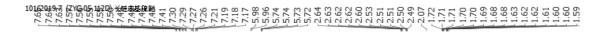










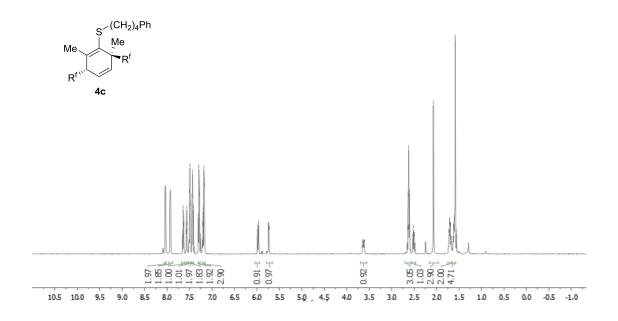


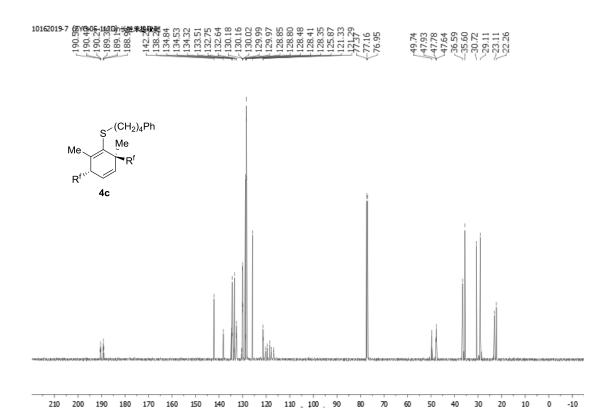
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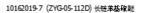
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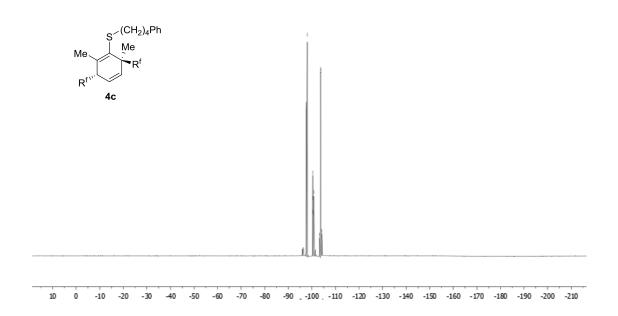
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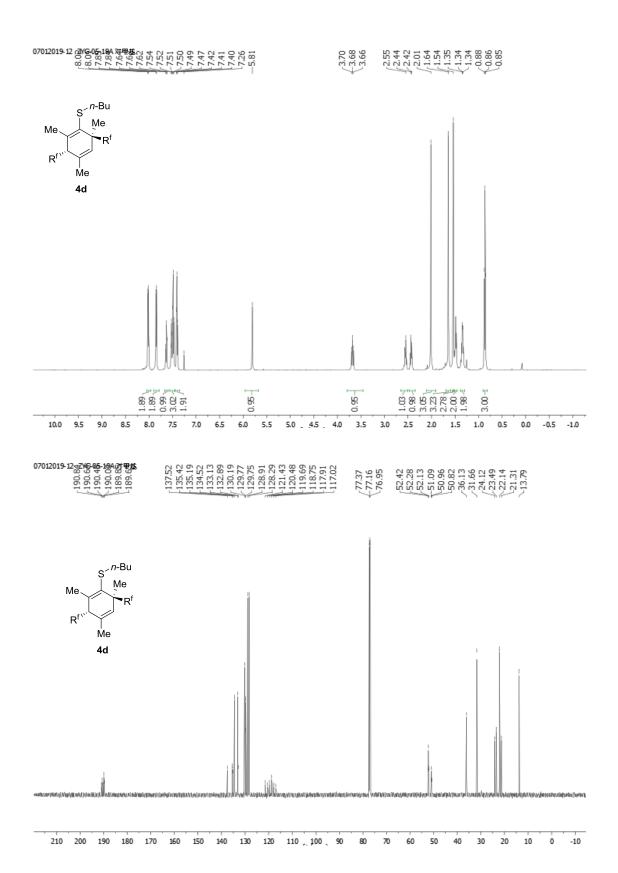






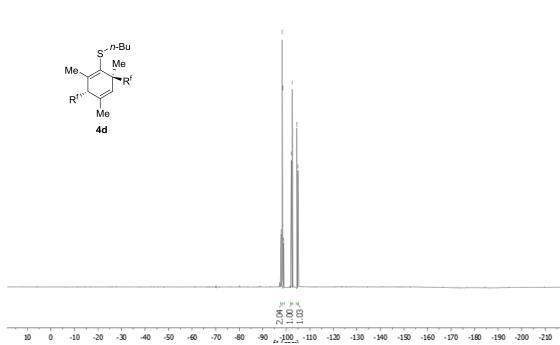


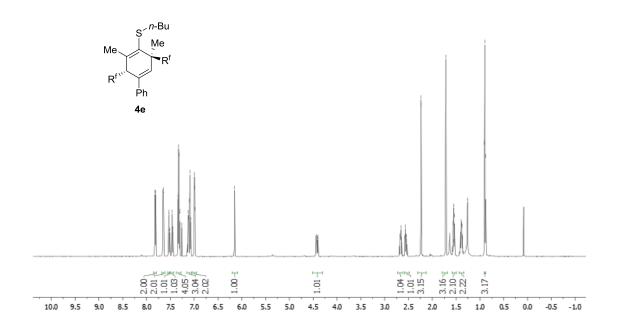




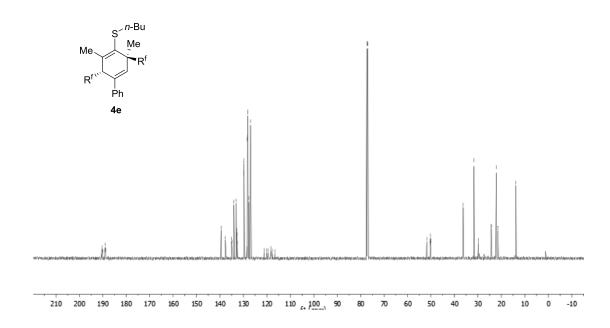






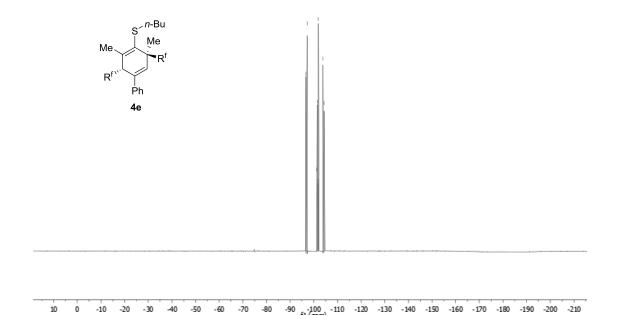


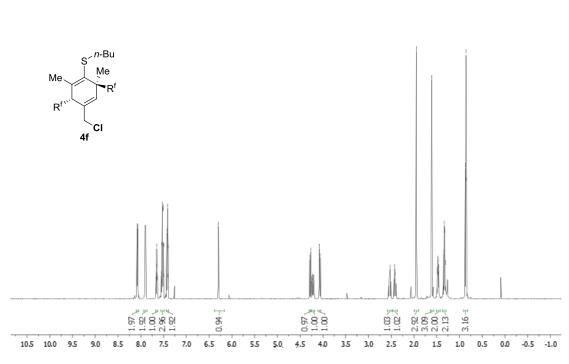


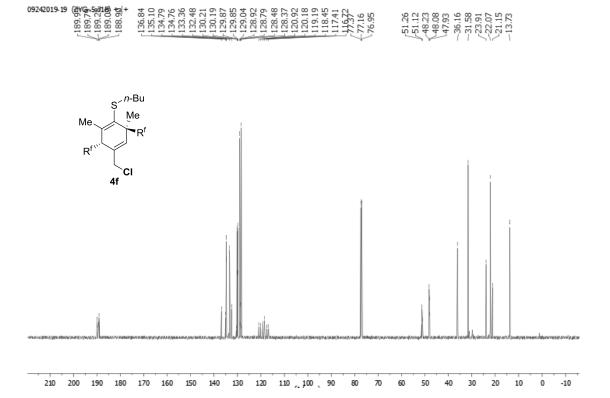


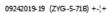


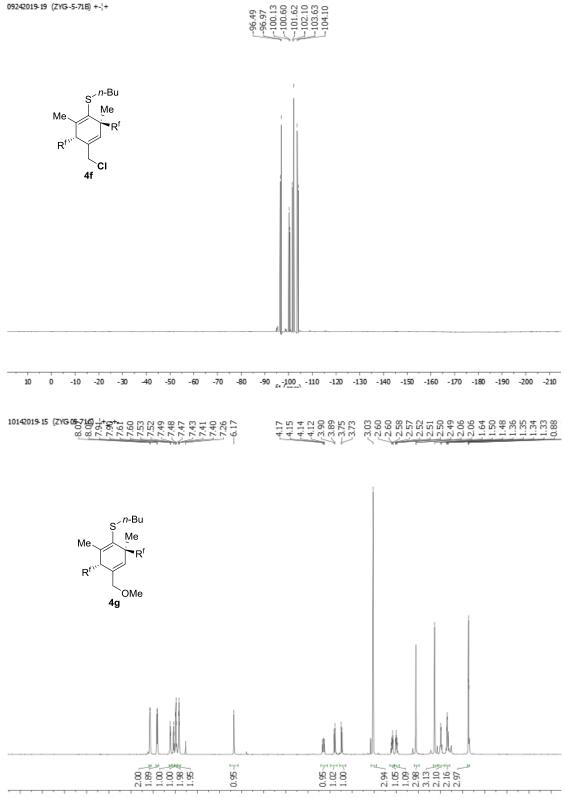




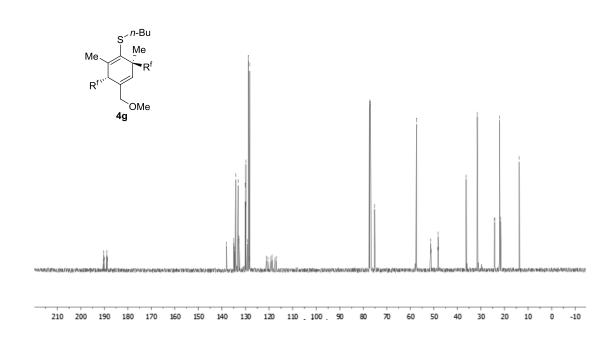




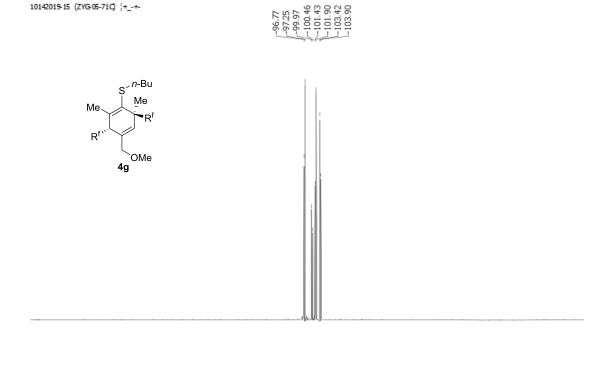




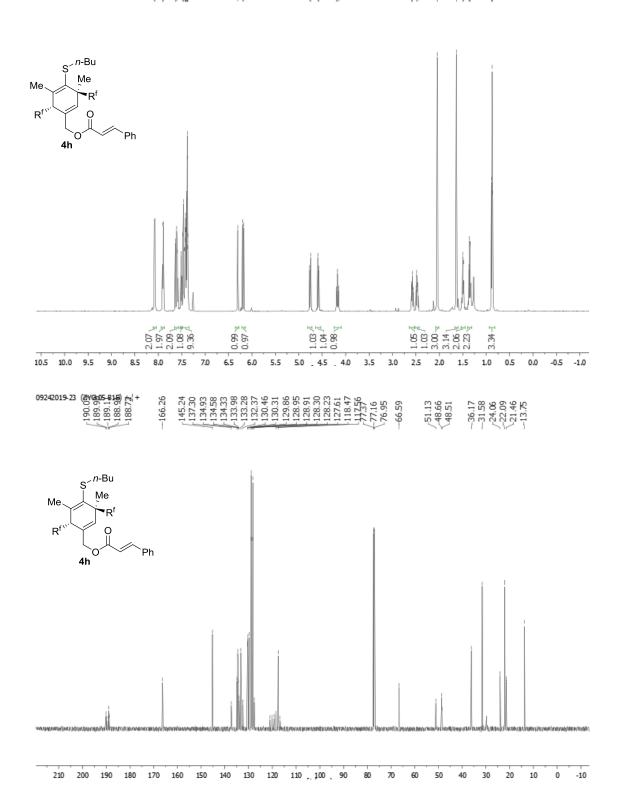
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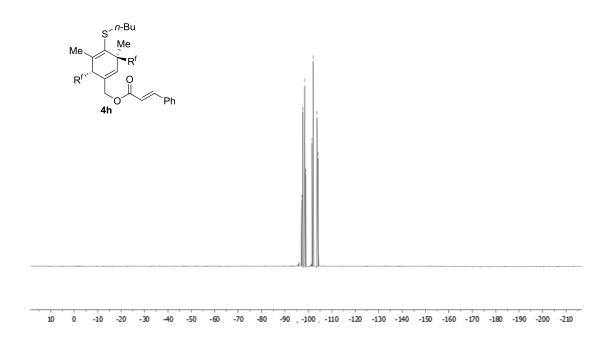
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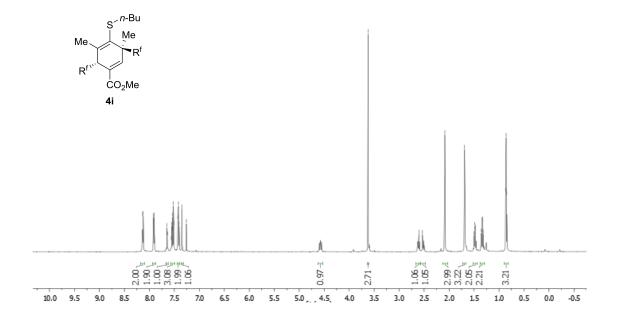
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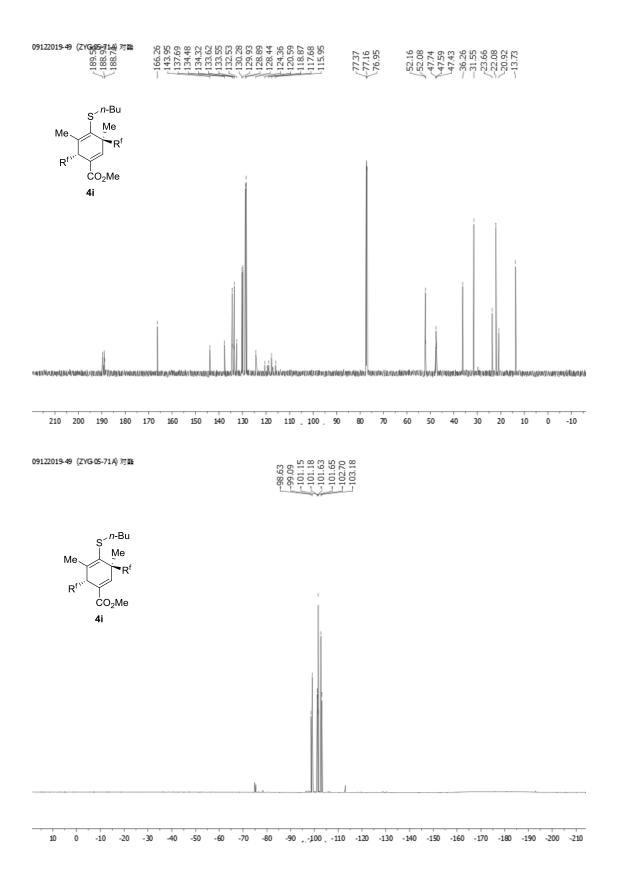


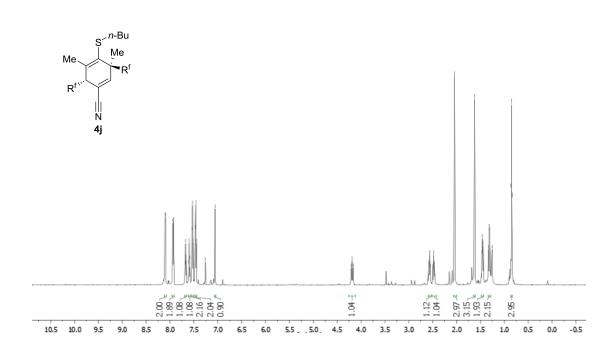


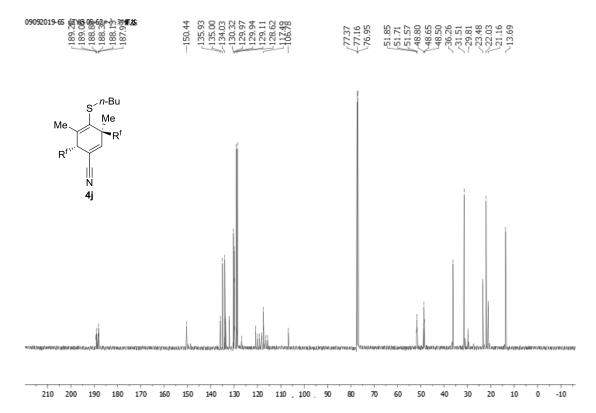






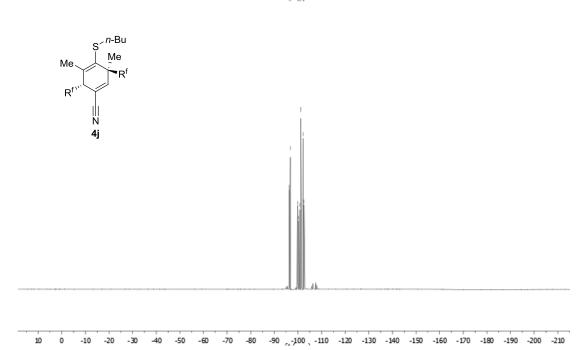


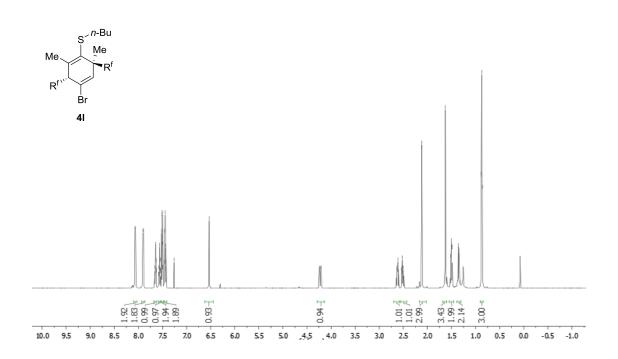


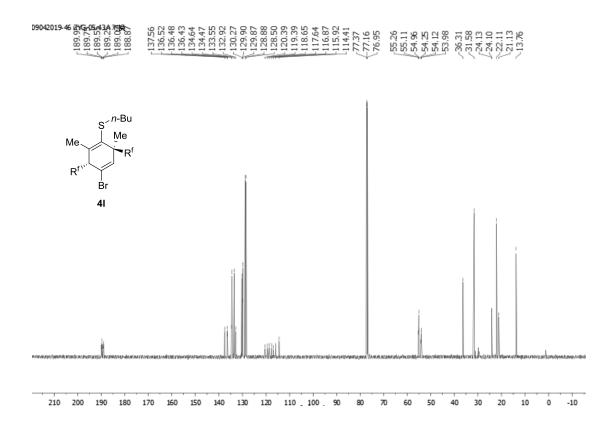




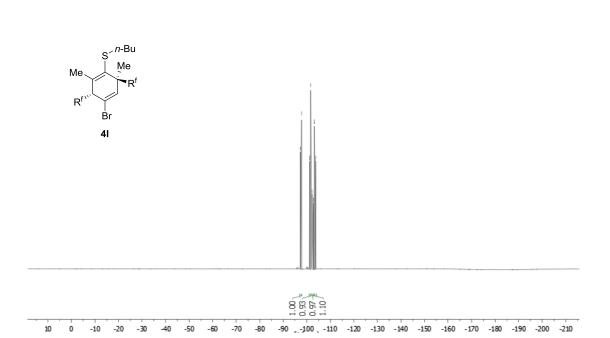




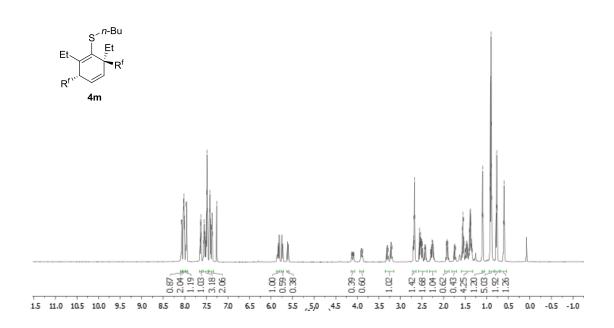




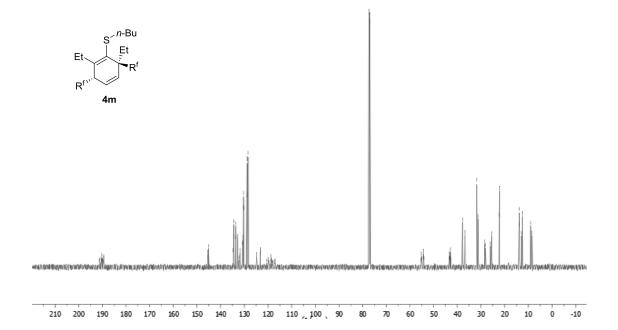
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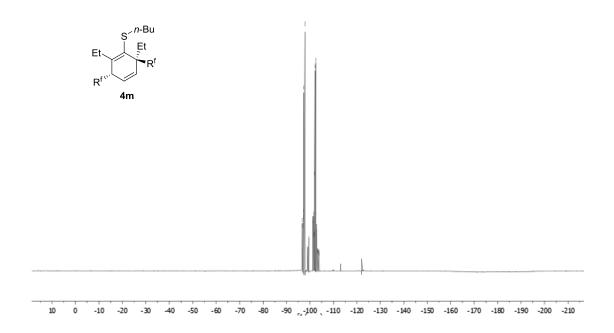
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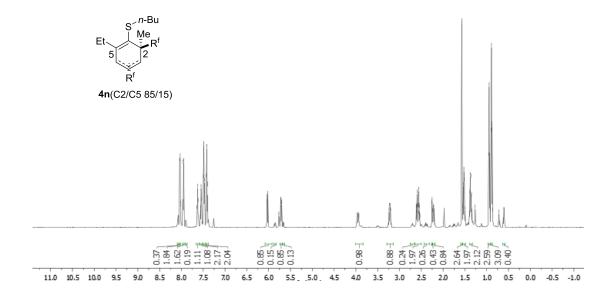




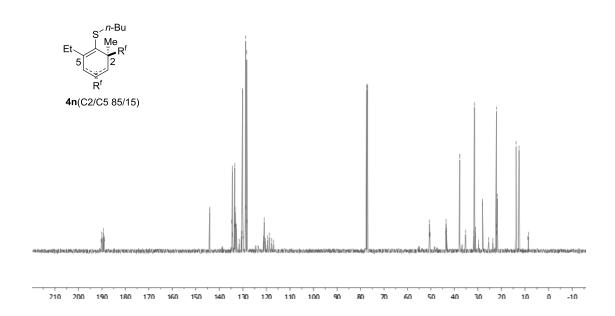






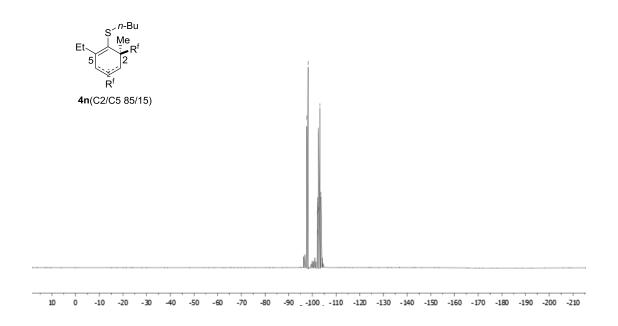


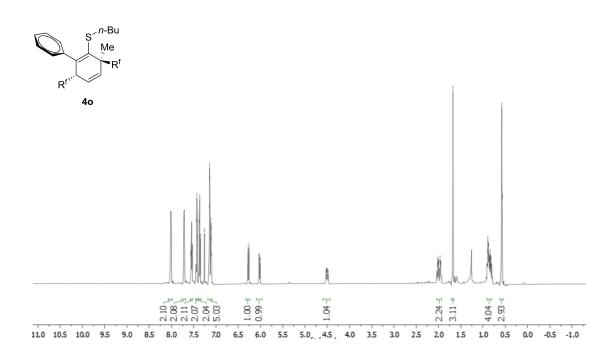


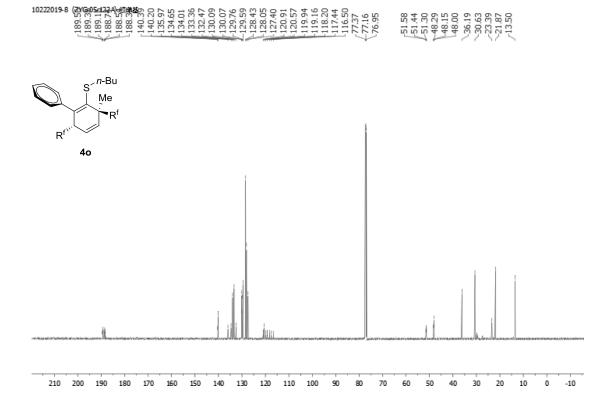


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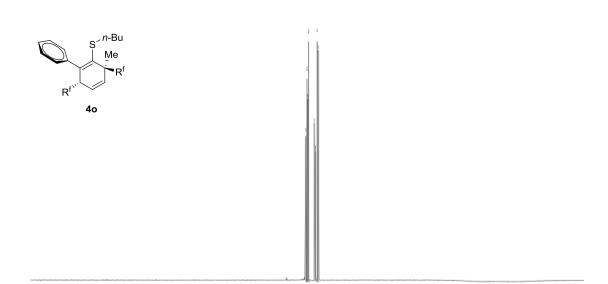






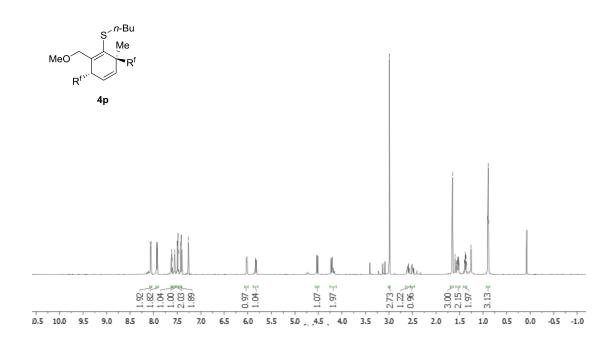


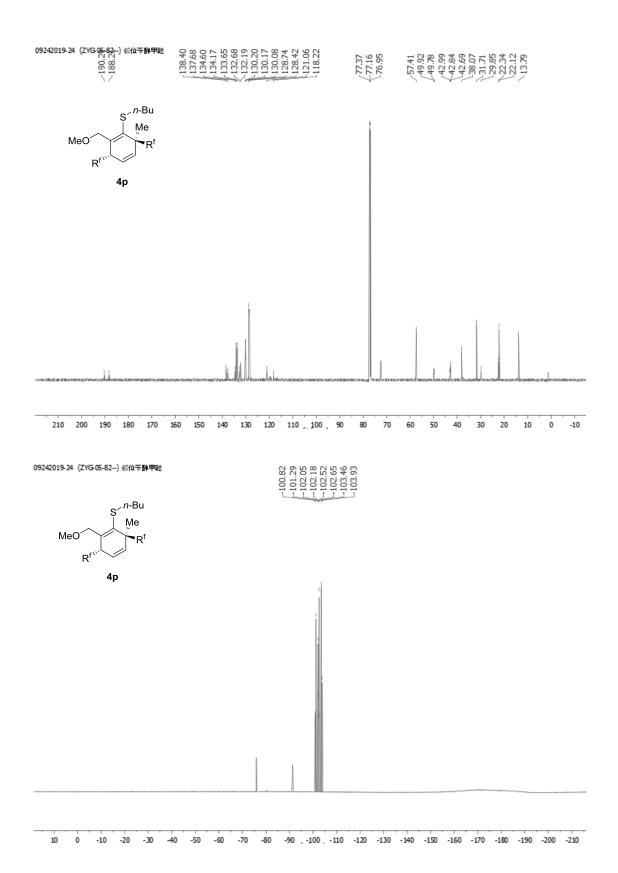


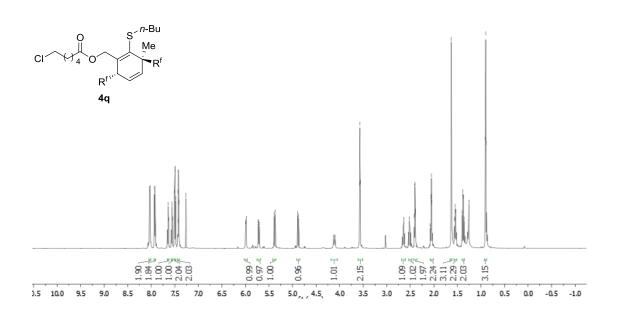


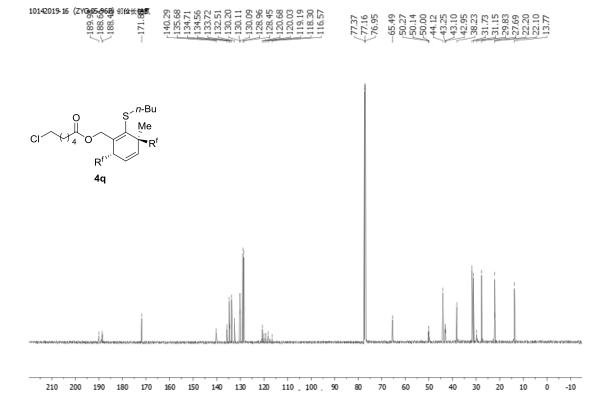


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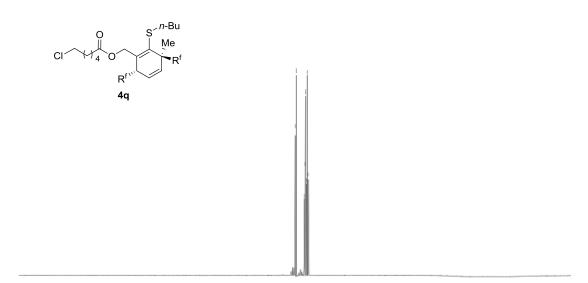






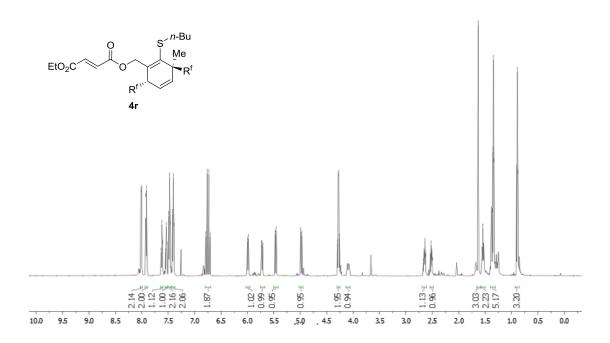


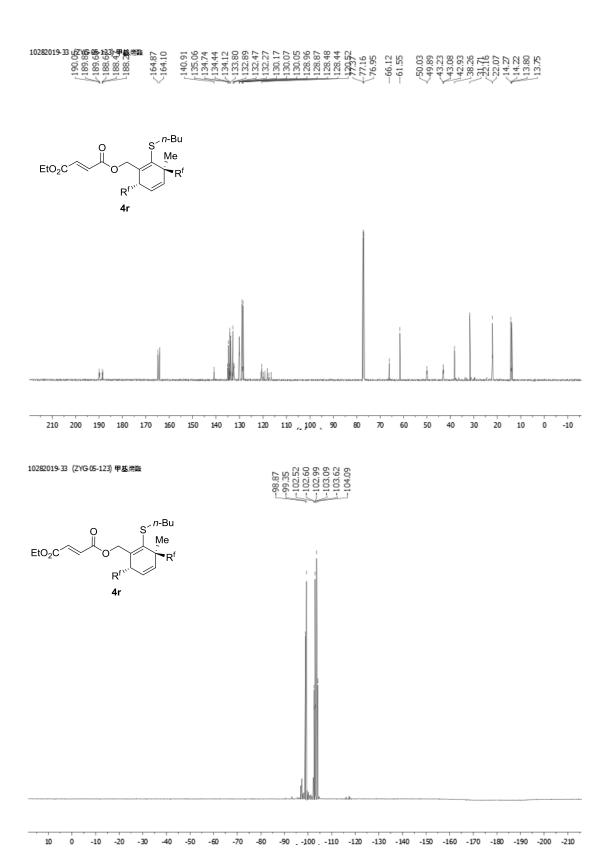


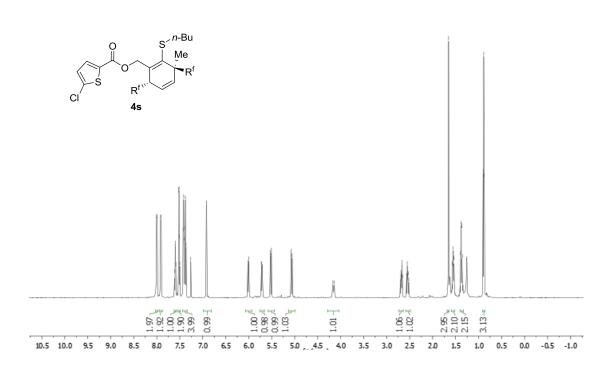


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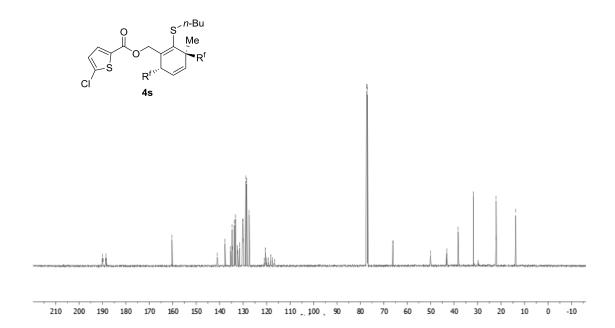








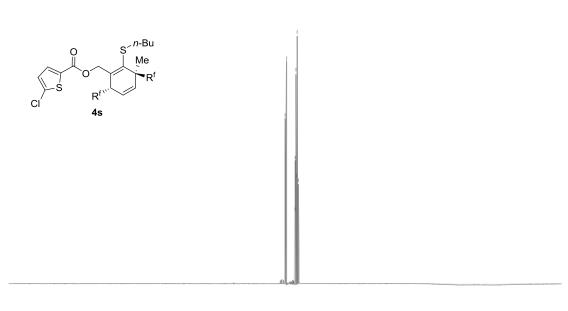
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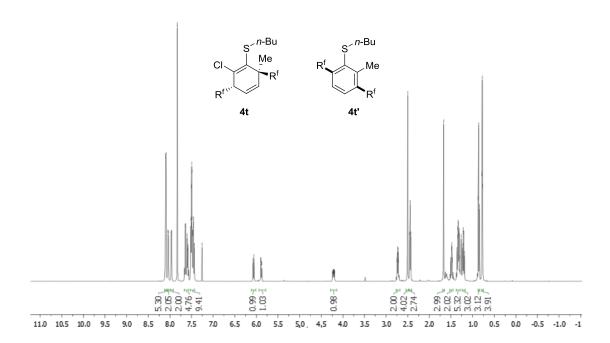
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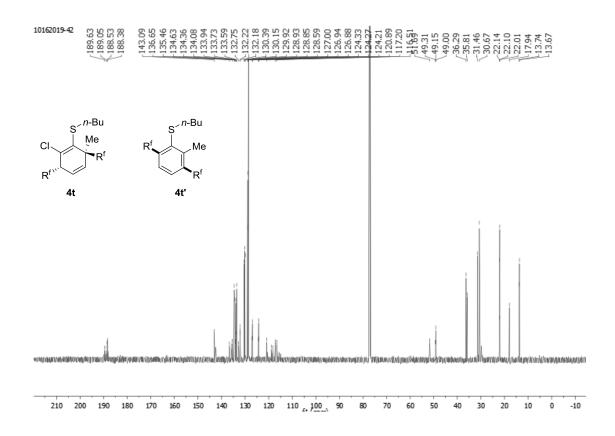


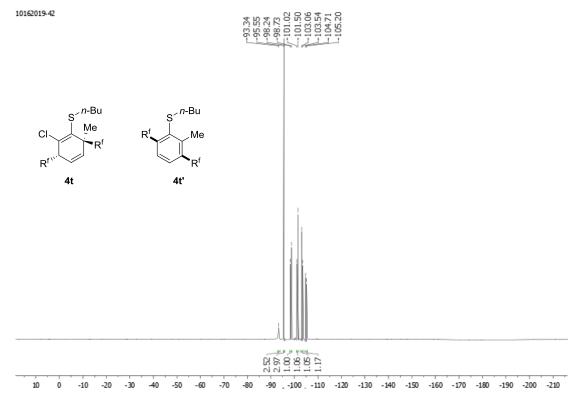


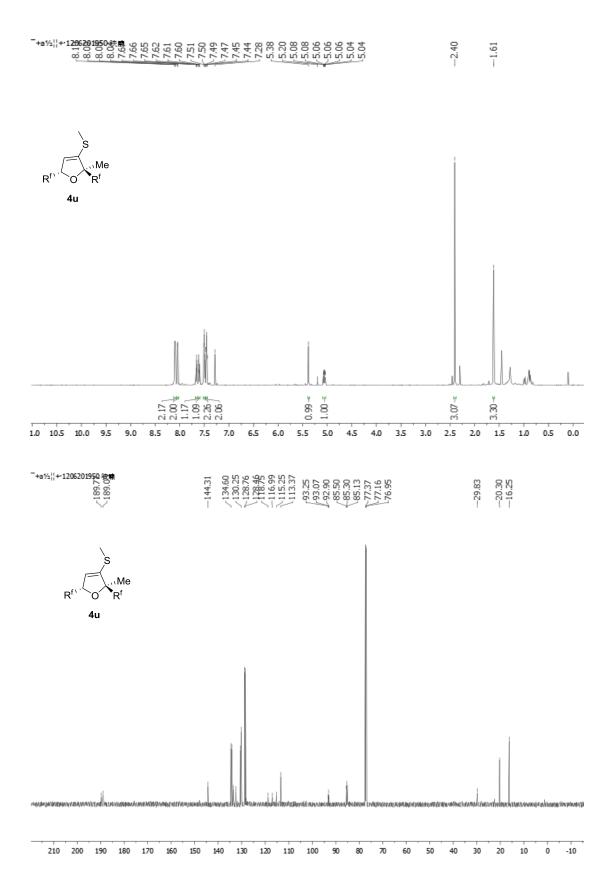
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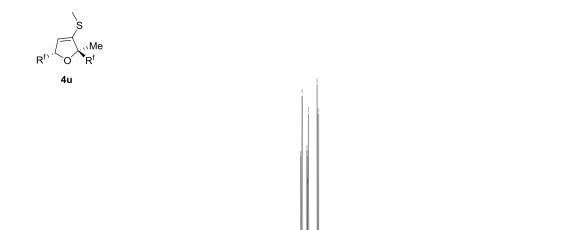




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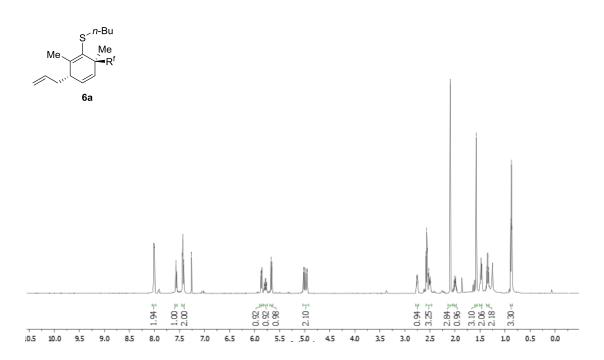


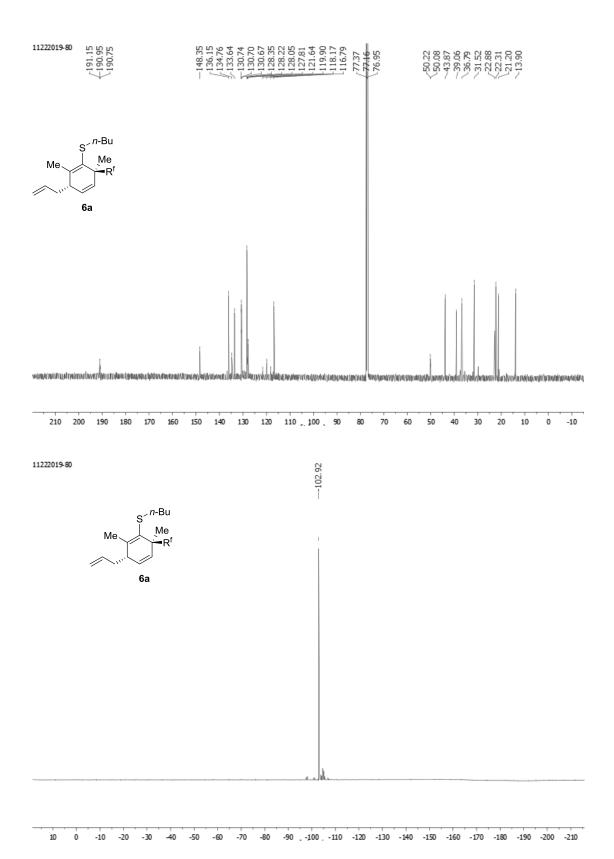


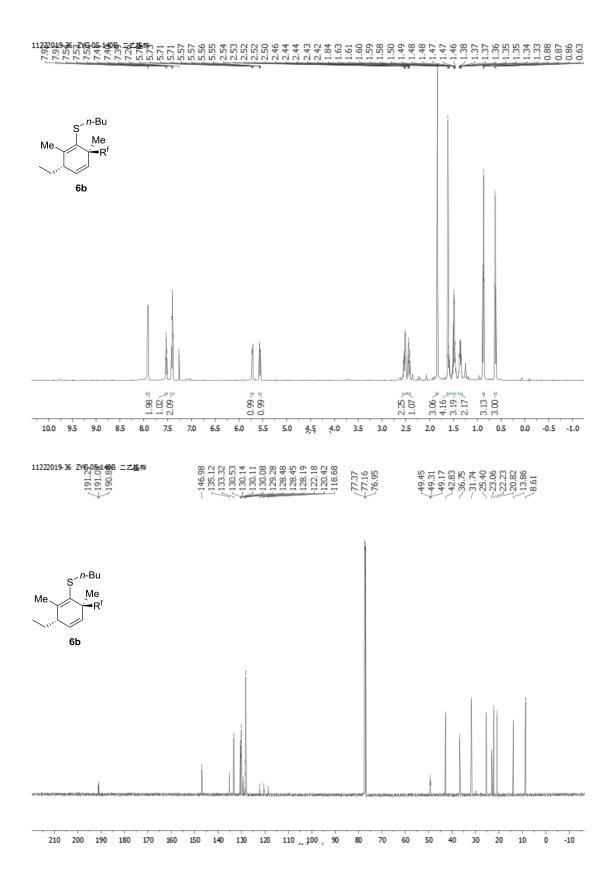
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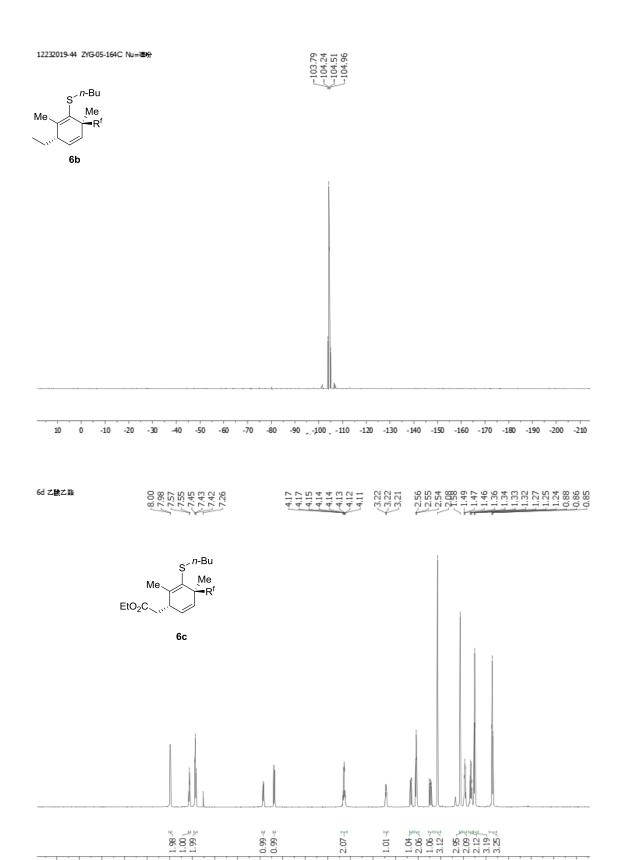
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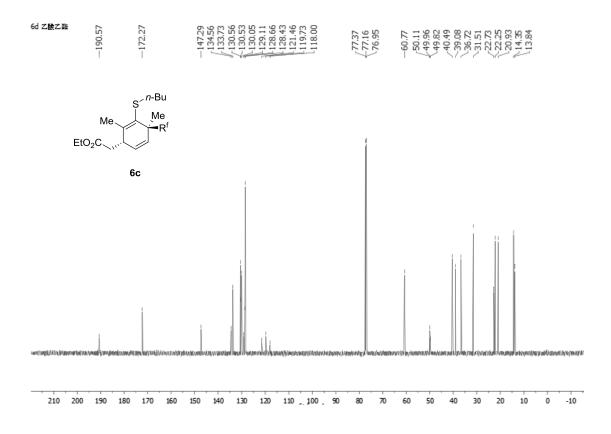


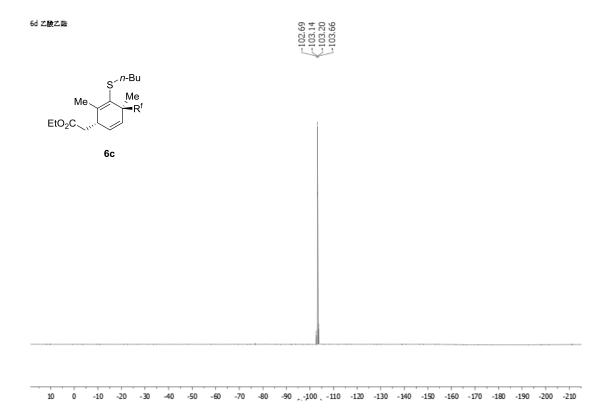
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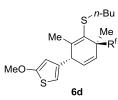
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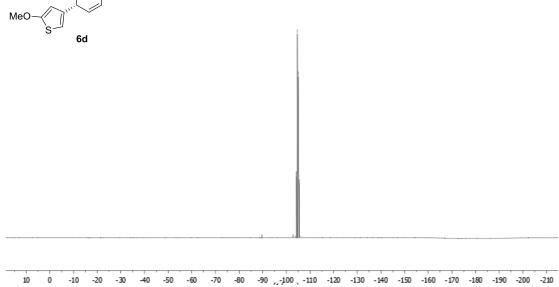


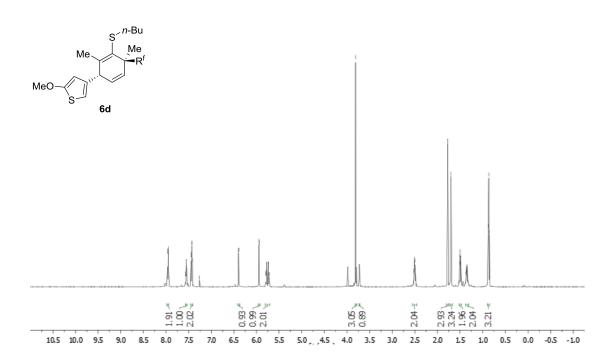


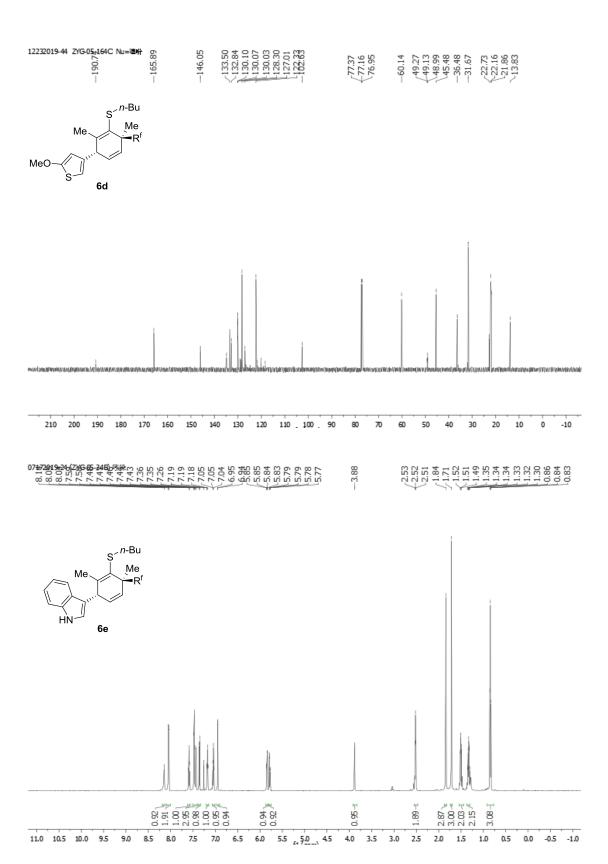


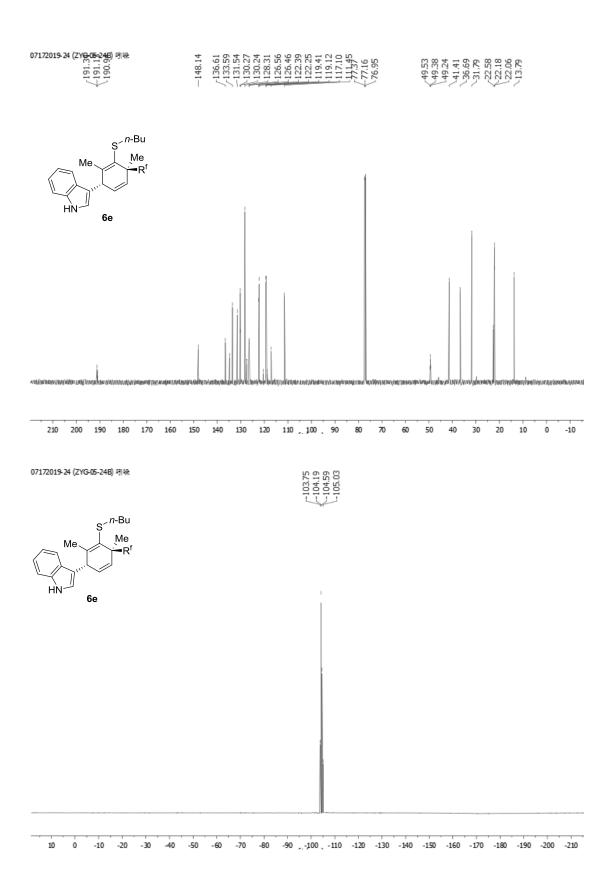
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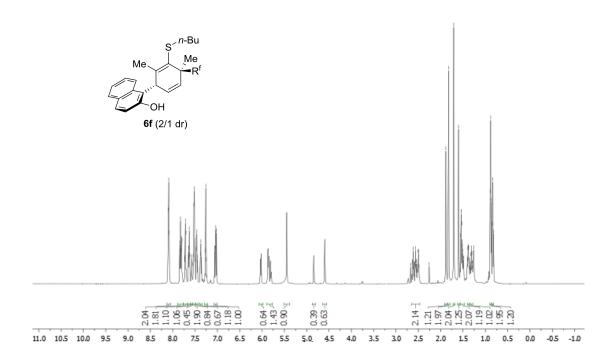




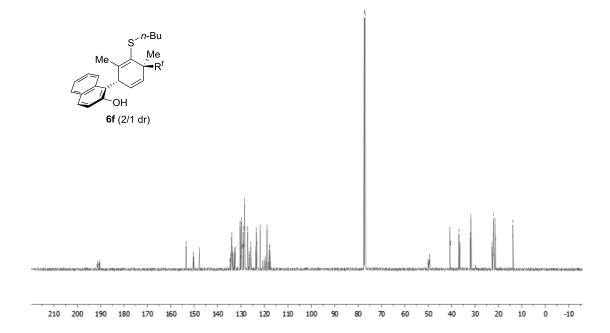


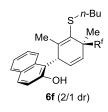




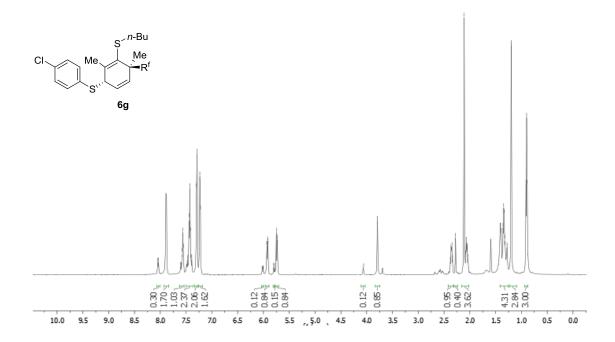


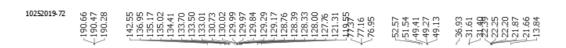
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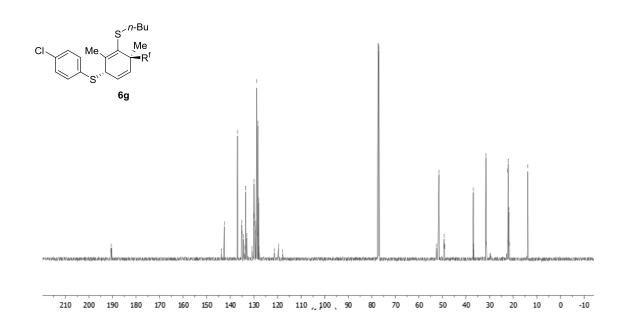




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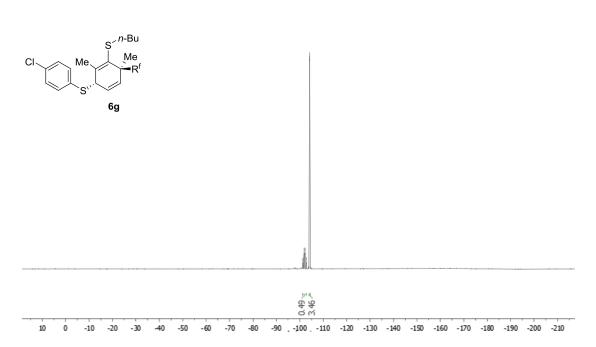


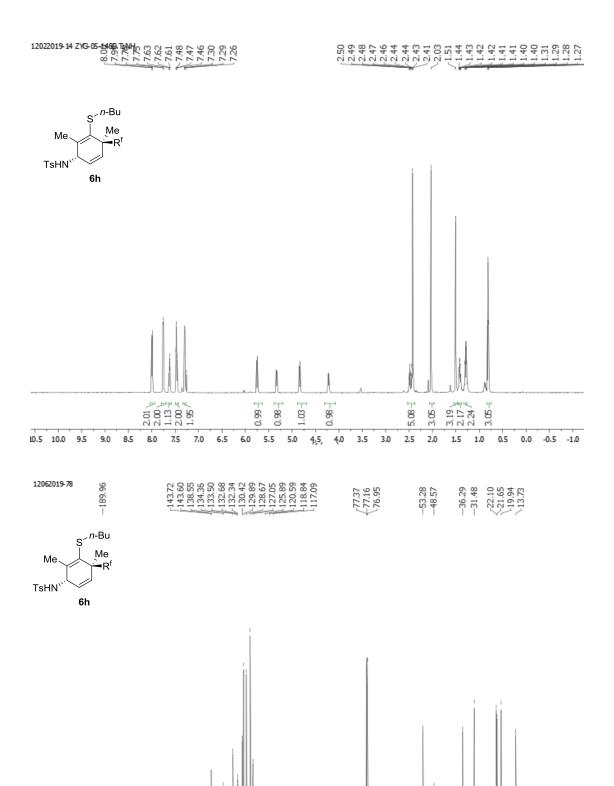




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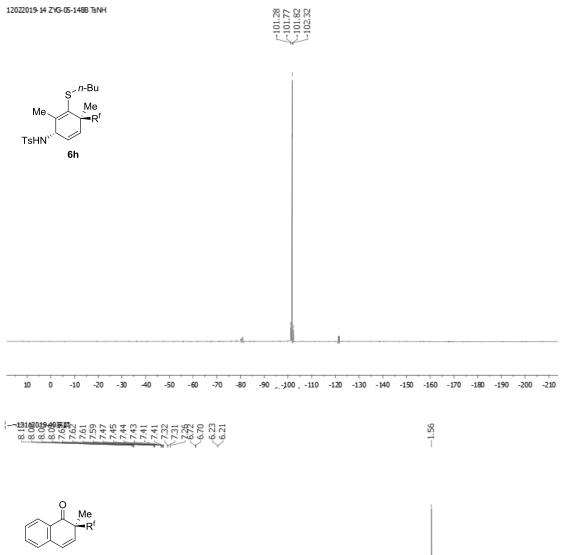
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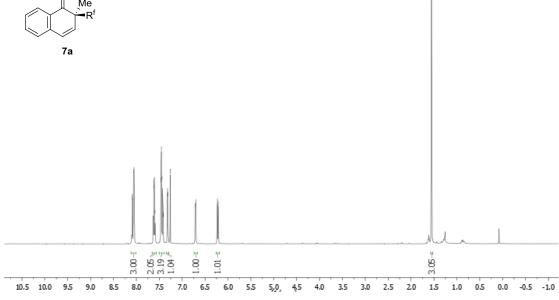
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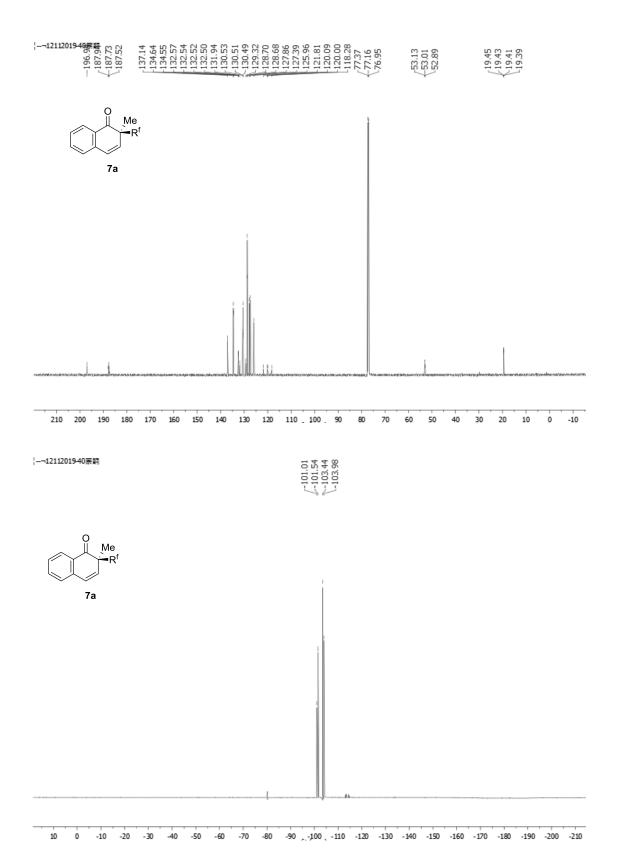
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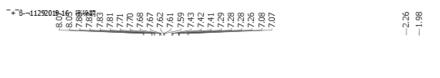
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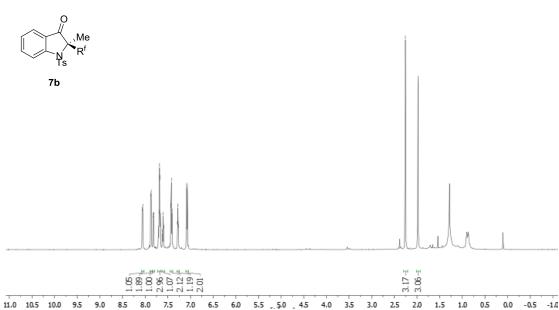
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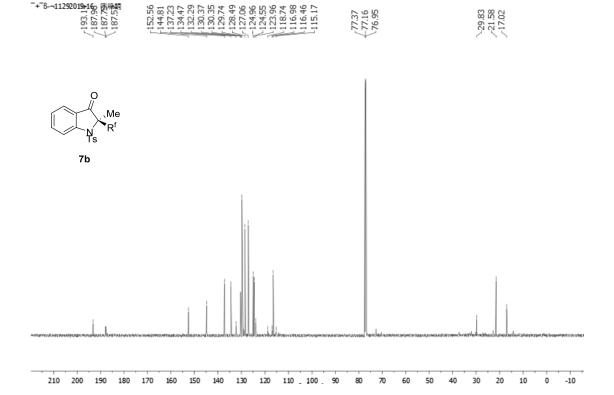


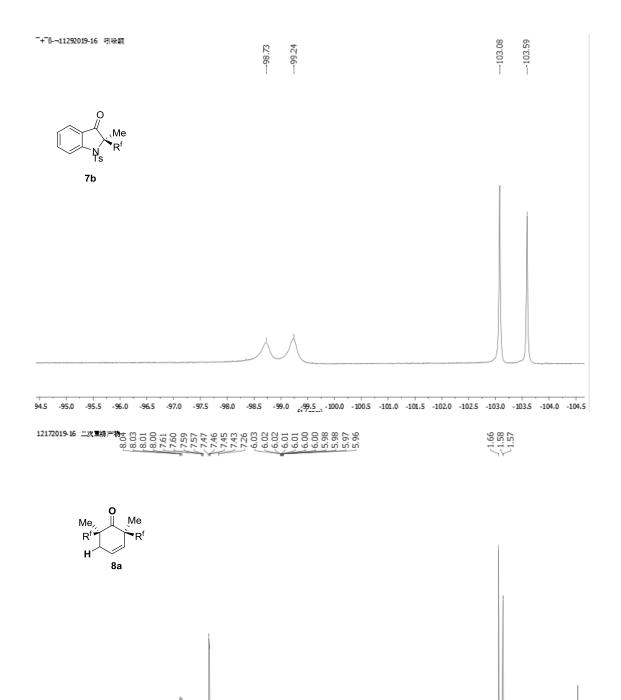












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