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Catalytic regioselective construction of phenylthio- and phenoxydifluoroalkyl tetrazoles from difluorodiazoketones

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General Information

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm down field from internal Me₄Si and external CHCl₃ or DMSO, respectively. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), qu (quintet), sex (sextet), sep (septet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet), and br (broad signal). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded with ¹H decoupling. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a Bruker micoTOF-QII instrument. Melting points were measured in a X-6 micro melting point apparatus purchased from Beijing TECH Instrumental Company. IR data were measured on Vertex 70 Bruker.

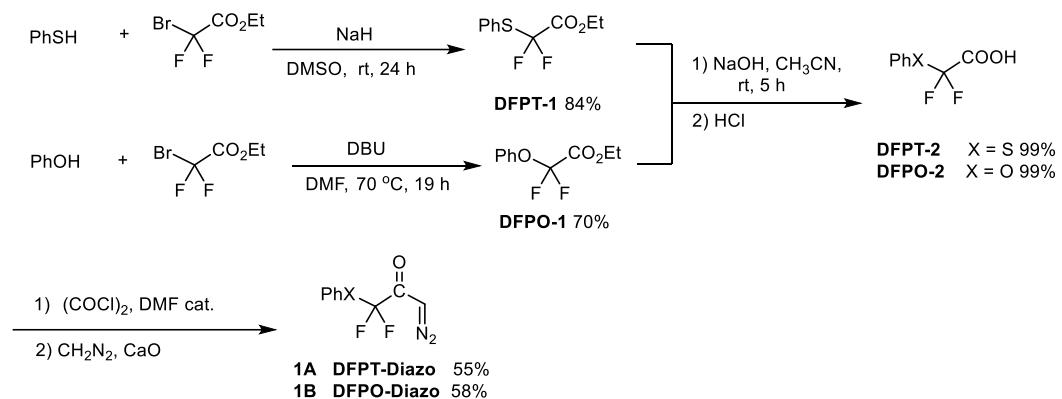
Materials: Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium/benzophenone prior to use; CH₃CN was distilled from P₂O₅; DMF, EtOH, and DCM were dried with 3 Å molecular sieves prior to use. All purchased reagents were used without further purification. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated GF254 silica gel plates (Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc.) and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Flash chromatography separations were carried out using silica gel (200–300 mesh, Qingdao Marine Chemical Inc.). The preparation of aryl diazonium salt¹ and diazomethane² was carried out according to the reported procedure.

Important Safety Note

The treatment of aryl diazonium salt and diazomethane should be carried out in a well-ventilated fume hood. During this study, no accidents occurred when handling these reagents, but readers should be aware of the potentially explosive nature of the aryl diazonium salt and diazomethane described in this article. When using aryl diazonium salt and diazomethane, general safety precautions should be followed. None of the reactions described in this manuscript should be carried out without a rigorous risk assessment.

Experimental Procedures

Synthesis of Difluorophenylthio- and Difluorophenoxy-diazoketone Reagents (1A DFPT-Diazo and 1B DFPO-Diazo)



DFPT-1³ and **DFPO-1**⁴ were prepared with reference to the previously reported literature.

2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)acetic acid (DFPT-2) or 2,2-difluoro-2-phenoxyacetic acid (DFPO-2)

The corresponding ester (8 mmol, 1 equiv.) was diluted in 40 mL of acetonitrile, and 5.0 M NaOH(aq) solution (8 mL, 5 equiv.) was added and stirred at room temperature for 5 h (TLC monitoring). The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting solution was washed with methyl tert-butyl ether. Then concentrated hydrochloric acid was added dropwise to the aqueous phase to pH = 1. The aqueous phase was extracted with methyl tert-butyl ether (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain pure acid **DFPT-2** or **DFPO-2**.

3-diazo-1,1-difluoro-1-(phenylthio)propan-2-one (1A**, DFPT-Diazo) or 3-diazo-1,1-difluoro-1-phenoxypropan-2-one (**1B**, DFPO-Diazo)**

Under an argon atmosphere, the corresponding acid **DFPT-2** or **DFPO-2** (8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), DMF (100 μ L), and dichloromethane (15 mL) were added to a dry 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. A mixture of oxalyl chloride (0.9 ml, 9.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, then concentrated in vacuo to remove excess oxalyl chloride. The corresponding acid chloride is directly used in the next reaction without purification.

Into a dry 250 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar, CaO (1 g, 18 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), diazomethane methyl tert-butyl ether solution (from 3 g nitrosated methyl urea dissolved in 40 mL methyl tert-butyl Ether prepared²) were carefully added. The acid chloride prepared in the previous step was dissolved in 40 mL of methyl tert-butyl ether solution and added dropwise to the diazomethane ether solution at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, then filtered, concentrated in vacuo, and purified by column chromatography (PE: EA=100:1) to obtain **1A** or **1B**.

Diazomethane can also be replaced by TMSCHN₂ (1.5 equiv., 12 mmol) in hexane. Under the same operation as above (without calcium oxide), **1A** (0.69g) and **1B** (0.41) were obtained with 37% and 24% yields, respectively.

1A yellow solid, 1.0 g, 55%, mp 49.8-53.1 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.70 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -83.13(s). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 181.5 (t, *J* = 29.9 Hz), 136.9, 130.7, 129.4, 124.7, 122.8 (t, *J* = 290.9 Hz), 55.1; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3226, 2967, 2121, 1637, 1474, 1436, 1370, 948, 832, 747, 688; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₉H₆N₂OSF₂Na⁺ ([M+Na]⁺): 251.0067, found 251.0066.

1B white solid, 0.98 g, 58%, mp 30.02-33.23 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.35 - 7.26 (m, 3H), 6.80 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -77.23 (s). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 178.5 (t, *J* = 36.5 Hz), 148.8,

130.0, 126.6, 121.4, 115.0 (t, $J = 272.0$ Hz), 56.8; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3125, 2982, 2125, 1634, 1494, 1386, 1264, 1133, 887, 736, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 213.1428, found 213.1429.

Thermogravimetric (TG) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) analysis of diazo reagents **1A** and **1B**

Thermogravimetric (TG) analysis was performed on a METTLER TOLEDO thermogravimetric analyzer. The masses of samples (**1A**, **1B**) are all about 20 mg, and alumina crucibles were used. After equilibrating at 25 °C, the temperature was raised to 350 °C (**1A**, **1B**) at a rate of 3 °C min⁻¹.

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) analysis was performed on NETZSCH DSC 214. After equilibrating at 25 °C, the sample was heated to their maximum decomposition temperature at a rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ under a nitrogen atmosphere.

DSC and TG analysis suggest that the initiating decomposition temperature is 133 °C for compound **1A**, and 142 °C for compound **1B**. These results indicate that both diazo reagents **1A** and **1B** are more stable than the benchmark ethyl diazoacetate (the decomposition temperature is around 100 °C for ethyl diazoacetate).⁵

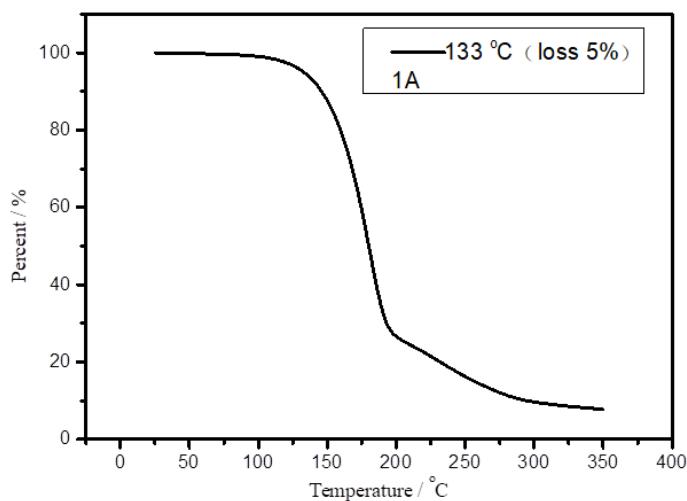


Figure S1 TG analysis curve of diazo **1A**

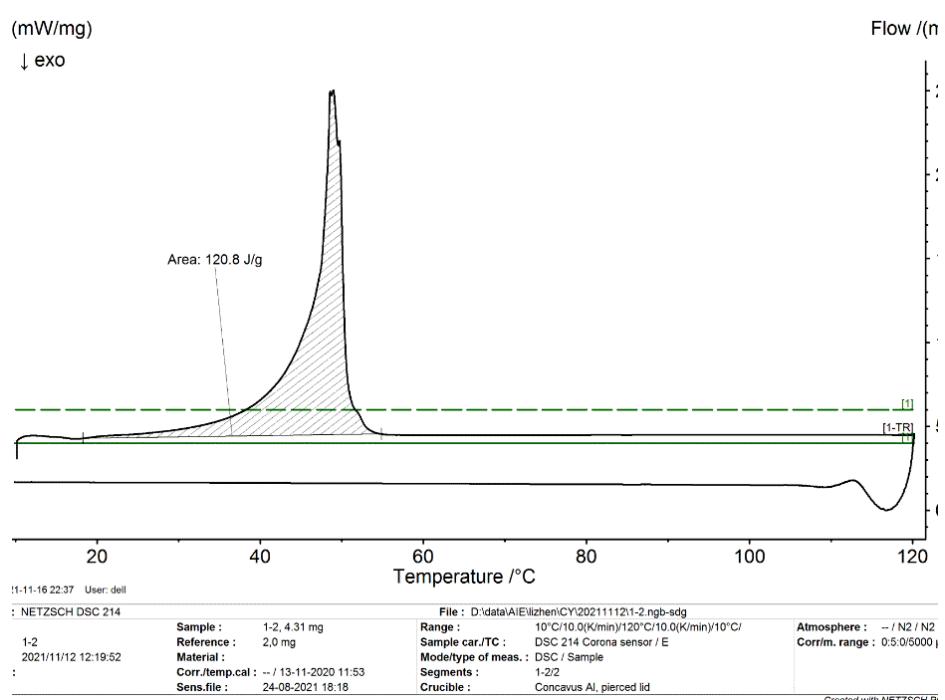


Figure S2 DSC analysis curve of diazo **1A**

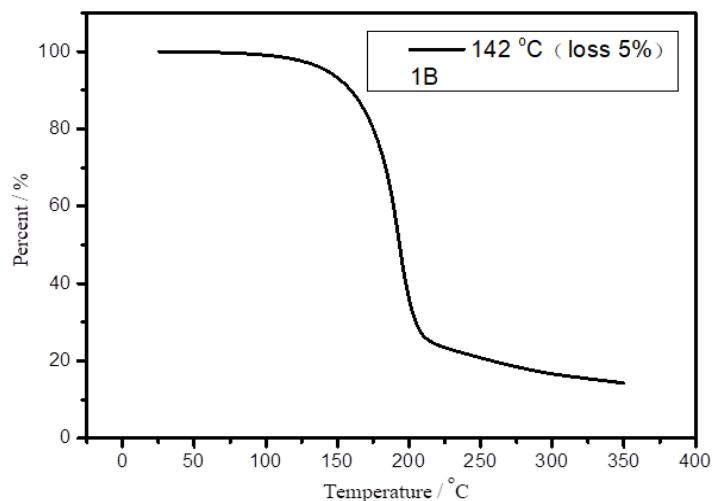


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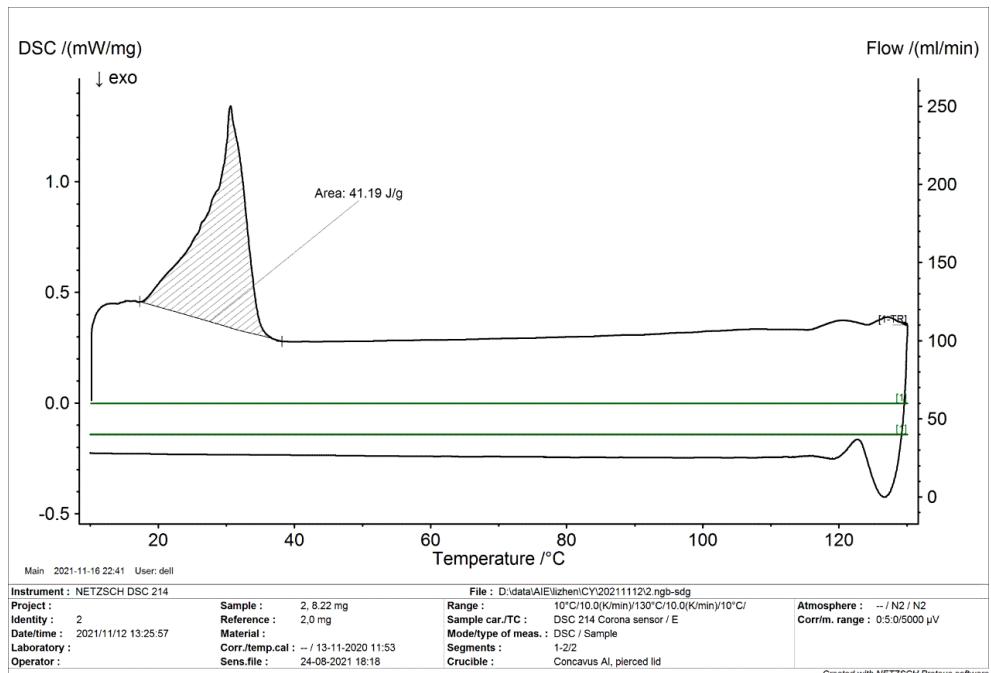
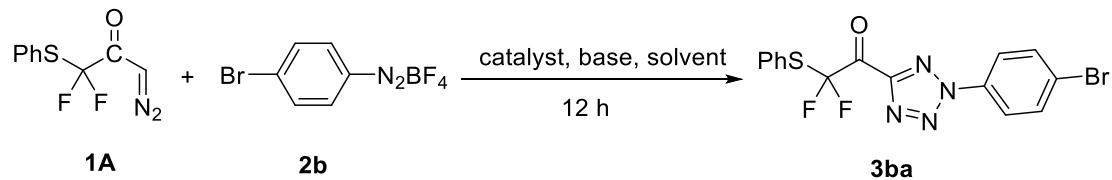


Figure S4 DSC analysis curve of diazo **1B**

Reaction Optimization

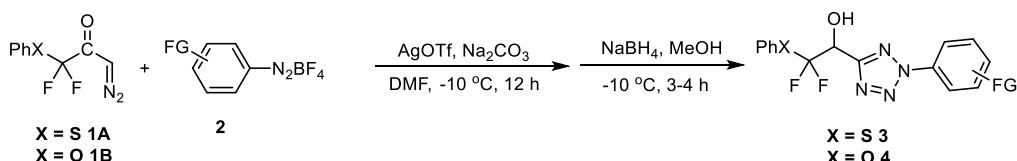


entry ^a	catalyst	base	solvent	T (°C)	yield (%) ^b
1	AgOAc	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	72
2	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	74
3	Ag ₂ O	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	51
4	Ag ₂ CO ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	56
5	AgF	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	54
6	CF ₃ COOAg	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	73
7	AgNO ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	73
8	\	Na ₂ CO ₃	CH ₃ CN	-10	nr
9	AgOAc	\	CH ₃ CN	-10	nr
10	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	THF	-10	40
11	AgOTf	Na₂CO₃	DMF	-10	81
12 ^c	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	-10	58
13	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	DCM	-10	15

14	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeOH	-10	trace
15	AgOTf	Cs ₂ CO ₃	DMF	-10	61
16	AgOTf	K ₃ PO ₄	DMF	-10	44
17	AgOTf	KOAc	DMF	-10	64
18	AgOTf	DBU	CH ₃ CN	-10	20
19	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	-30	58
20	AgOTf	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	0	74

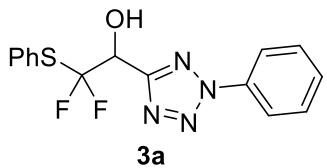
^a General reaction conditions: **1A** (0.3 mmol), **2b** (0.2 mmol), silver catalyst (0.02 mmol), and base (0.4 mmol) in solvent (2 mL) were stirred for 12 h under air atmosphere unless otherwise labelled. ^b Isolated yields. “nr” indicates no reaction. ^c The amount of AgOTf is 0.01 mmol.

Synthesis of Phenylthiodifluoroalkyl Tetrazoles and Phenoxydifluoroalkyl Tetrazoles



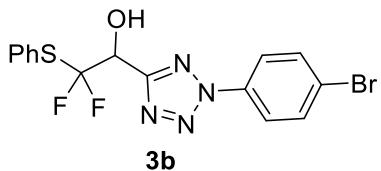
General procedure: A dry 10 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar is filled with **1A** or **1B** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), aryl diazonium salt **2** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv.), AgOTf (5 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) and Na₂CO₃ (42.3 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv.), and then dry DMF (2 mL) was added via a syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 12 h. After the reaction, 2 mL of methanol and NaBH₄ (220 mg, 0.6 mmol, 3 equiv.) were subsequently added. The reaction mixture continued to stir at -10 °C for 3 h. After the reaction was completed, it was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic phase was washed with water and saturated brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with eluent (EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give difluoroalkyltetrazolium **3** or **4**.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-phenyl-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3a)



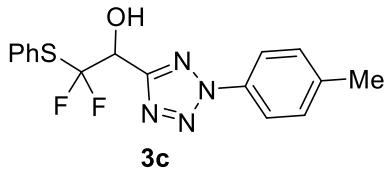
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (49 mg, 74%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 104.9–107.3 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.74 – 5.15 (m, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.53 (d, *J* = 214.7 Hz), -85.59 (d, *J* = 215.0 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.4, 136.8, 136.7, 130.3, 129.8, 129.3, 127.6 (t, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 125.4 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 120.2, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.3, 28.4 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3403, 3210, 2929, 1595, 1515, 1492, 1267, 1154, 1061, 1005, 961, 817, 752, 679, 628; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₄OF₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 335.0778, found 335.0779.

1-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3b)



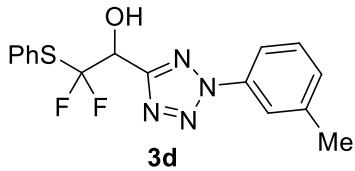
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (58 mg, 78%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 117.7–118.9 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 5.51 (ddd, *J* = 11.1, 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -80.69 (d, *J* = 208.0 Hz), -82.82 (d, *J* = 208.2 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.4, 136.3, 135.1, 133.2, 130.3, 129.4, 128.0 (t, *J* = 285.2 Hz), 125.1, 123.3, 121.8, 68.4 (t, *J* = 28.3 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3334, 3228, 2978, 1501, 1451, 1345, 1203, 1163, 1122, 1077, 995, 819, 761, 710, 680, 629, 584; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄OF₂SBr⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 412.9883, found 412.9882.

2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)-1-(2-(p-tolyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (3c)



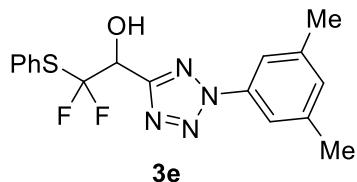
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (55 mg, 79 %) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. mp 101.6-103.8 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.46 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.50 (d, *J* = 214.6 Hz), -85.58 (d, *J* = 214.7 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 140.7, 136.8, 134.5, 130.3, 130.3, 129.3, 127.6 (t, *J* = 285.9 Hz), 125.4, 120.1, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.3, 28.4 Hz), 21.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3419, 3079, 2922, 1595, 1531, 1508, 1439, 1343, 1209, 1154, 1063, 991, 824, 747, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄OF₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 349.0935, found 349.0933.

2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)-1-(2-(m-tolyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (3d)



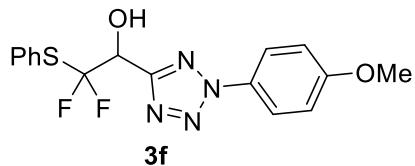
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (54 mg, 77%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 78.7-82.3 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.00 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.45 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.50 (dt, *J* = 214.7, 4.5 Hz), -85.70 (dt, *J* = 214.6, 4.0 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 140.2, 136.8, 136.6, 131.1, 130.3, 129.6, 129.3, 127.6 (t, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 125.4 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 120.7, 117.4, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.5, 28.4 Hz), 21.5; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3419, 3226, 2980, 1602, 1494, 1439, 1171, 1088, 1061, 987, 858, 792, 690, 628; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄OF₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 349.0935, found 349.0935.

**1-(2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol
(3e)**



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (46 mg, 64%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 105.2–107.6 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.69 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 5.43 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 6H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.56 (d, *J* = 214.7 Hz), -85.89 (d, *J* = 214.9 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.1, 139.9, 136.9, 136.6, 131.9, 130.4, 129.4, 127.6 (t, *J* = 286.0 Hz), 125.4, 117.9, 69.8 (dd, *J* = 30.4, 28.3 Hz), 21.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3242, 2978, 1621, 1474, 1303, 1216, 1173, 1065, 972, 860, 821, 747, 677, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄OF₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 363.1091, found 363.1093.

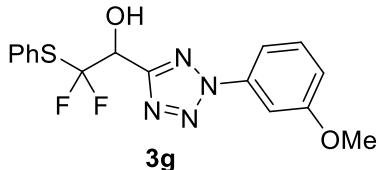
**2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol
(3f)**



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (45 mg, 62%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent.; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.40 (d, *J* = 214.3 Hz), -85.42 (d, *J* = 214.1 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.0, 160.8, 136.7, 130.1, 130.0, 129.1, 127.5 (t, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 125.3 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 121.6, 114.7, 69.6 (dd, *J* = 30.4, 28.3 Hz), 55.7; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3425, 3226, 2916, 1604, 1513, 1439, 1324, 1256, 1165, 1063, 998, 835, 745, 686; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄O₂F₂S⁺

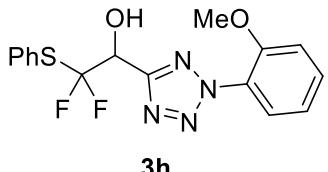
([M+H]⁺): 365.0884, found 365.0882.

**2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(3-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol
(3g)**



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a red solid after column chromatography (59 mg, 81%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. mp 94.8–95.9 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.30 (m, 4H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.47 (d, *J* = 214.5 Hz), -85.56 (d, *J* = 214.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3, 160.6, 137.5, 136.8, 130.7, 130.3, 129.3, 127.4 (t, *J* = 285.9 Hz), 125.3 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 116.5, 112.3, 105.6, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.3, 28.4 Hz), 55.8; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3329, 2929, 1610, 1494, 1241, 1165, 1040, 989, 851, 821, 779, 750, 679; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄O₂F₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 365.0884, found 365.0883.

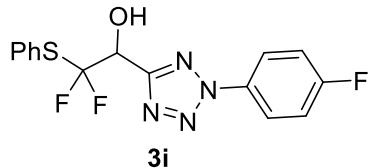
**2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol
(3h)**



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (45 mg, 62%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.19 (d, *J* = 214.0 Hz), -85.78 (d, *J* = 213.9 Hz). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.9, 153.4, 136.8, 132.4, 130.2, 129.2, 127.6 (t, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 127.0, 125.9, 125.4 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz),

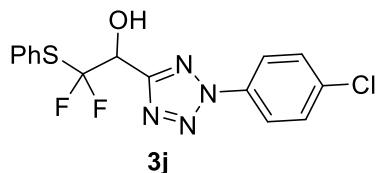
120.7, 112.9, 69.6 (dd, $J = 30.5, 28.1$ Hz), 56.3; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3219, 2978, 1602, 1513, 1324, 1283, 1253, 1163, 1124, 1058, 998, 824, 747, 686; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{F}_2\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 365.0884, found 365.0882.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3i)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (50 mg, 71%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 87.3-90.2 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.12 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 5.36 (dd, $J = 11.4, 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.65 (d, $J = 215.0$ Hz), -85.82 (d, $J = 215.3$ Hz), -109.64(s). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.4 (d, $J = 251.1$ Hz), 162.5, 136.8, 132.9 (d, $J = 3.2$ Hz), 130.4, 129.4, 127.5 (t, $J = 286.8$ Hz), 125.3, 122.3 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 117.0 (d, $J = 23.5$ Hz), 69.7 (dd, $J = 30.5, 28.5$ Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3230, 2924, 1593, 1506, 1230, 1169, 1080, 974, 842, 755, 690, 620; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{OF}_3\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 353.0684, found 353.0683.

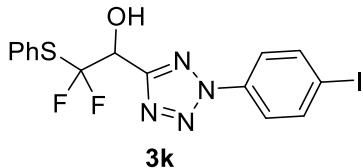
1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3j)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (60 mg, 82%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 104.5-106.1 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.49 (q, $J = 11.9, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.37 (d, $J = 214.5$ Hz), -85.52 (d, $J = 214.8$ Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.6, 136.8, 136.2, 135.0, 130.3, 130.0, 129.3, 127.5 (t, $J = 286.8$ Hz), 125.2 (t, $J =$

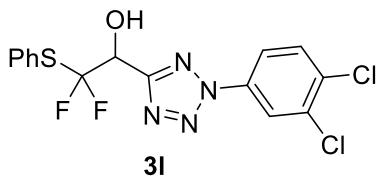
2.5 Hz), 121.4, 69.6 (dd, J = 30.5, 28.4 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3393, 3070, 2952, 1593, 1538, 1496, 1409, 1296, 1218, 1159, 1088, 1067, 987, 821, 688; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{OF}_2\text{SCl}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 369.0388, found 369.0388.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-iodophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3k)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (71 mg, 77%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 119.1–121.3 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.08 – 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.73 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.58 – 5.11 (m, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.57 (d, J = 215.0 Hz), -85.74 (d, J = 215.3 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.5, 139.0, 136.8, 136.2, 130.4, 129.4, 127.5 (t, J = 285.9 Hz), 125.2, 121.7, 95.9, 69.7 (t, J = 29.3 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3425, 3077, 2922, 1596, 1529, 1508, 1336, 1212, 1065, 989, 826, 747, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4\text{OF}_2\text{SI}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 460.9745, found 460.9740.

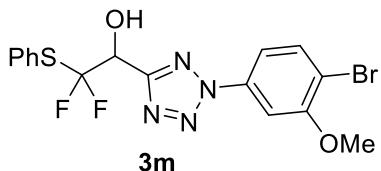
1-(2-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3l)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (56 mg, 70%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 110.9–112.4 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.73 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.46 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.44 (d, J = 215.2 Hz), -85.76 (d, J = 215.3 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.8, 136.8, 135.4, 134.7, 134.3, 131.7, 130.4, 129.4, 127.4 (t, J = 285.8 Hz), 125.2, 122.0, 119.2,

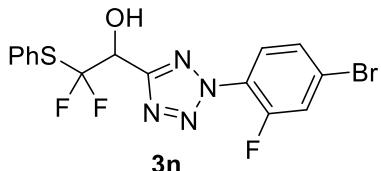
69.6 (dd, $J = 30.6, 28.4$ Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3416, 3077, 2922, 1595, 1533, 1508, 1343, 1212, 1110, 1061, 989, 828, 783, 752, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4\text{OF}_2\text{SCl}_2^+ ([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 402.9999, found 402.9997.

1-(2-(4-bromo-3-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3m)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (67 mg, 76%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 104.9–106.9 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 – 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.49 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.46 (dd, $J = 11.2, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.43 (d, $J = 214.9$ Hz), -85.72 (d, $J = 214.9$ Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.5, 157.0, 136.8, 136.6, 134.3, 130.4, 129.4, 127.5 (t, $J = 286.4$ Hz), 125.2 (t, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 113.8, 113.0, 103.8, 69.7 (dd, $J = 30.5, 28.3$ Hz), 56.9; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3370, 3302, 2982, 1602, 1489, 1417, 1256, 1046, 998, 874, 844, 750, 720, 690, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{F}_2\text{SBr}^+ ([\text{M}+\text{H}]^+)$: 442.9989, found 442.9992.

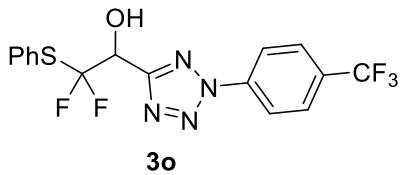
1-(2-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3n)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (62 mg, 72%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. mp 96.7–98.0 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.73 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dd, $J = 22.6, 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dt, $J = 14.8, 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 5.81 – 5.20 (m, 1H), 4.44 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.40 (d, $J = 214.9$ Hz), -85.54 (d, $J = 215.3$ Hz), -116.96. **13C NMR** (101 MHz,

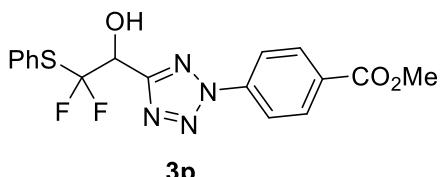
Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.6, 154.2 (d, *J* = 263.3 Hz), 136.7, 130.3, 129.3, 128.5 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 127.4, 126.3, 125.2 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 125.0 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 124.0 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 121.4 (d, *J* = 22.1 Hz), 69.5 (dd, *J* = 30.4, 28.3 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3260, 3058, 2920, 1593, 1506, 1419, 1235, 1165, 1055, 993, 879, 817, 750, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₁N₄OF₃SBr⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 430.9789, found 430.9786.

2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)-1-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (3o)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (64 mg, 79%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:6) as eluent. mp 86.2–87.3 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.55 (dt, *J* = 11.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.78, -82.32 (d, *J* = 214.7 Hz), -85.42 (d, *J* = 214.7 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.9, 138.8, 136.8, 132.2 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 130.3, 129.3, 127.5 (t, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 127.2 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 125.2 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J* = 272.4 Hz), 120.4, 69.6 (dd, *J* = 30.5, 28.4 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3408, 3079, 2922, 1614, 1439, 1379, 1175, 1118, 1065, 991, 851, 747, 692, 626; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂N₄OF₅S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 403.0652, found 403.0651.

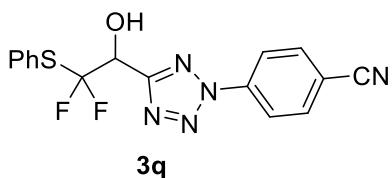
methyl 4-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)benzoate (3p)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (59 mg, 75%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 – 8.10 (m, 4H), 7.66 – 7.53 (m, 2H),

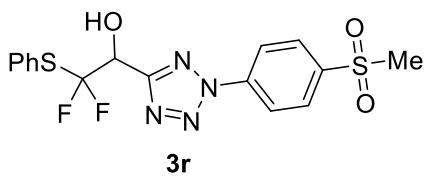
7.44 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.50 (dd, $J = 11.2$, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.42 (d, $J = 215.1$ Hz), -85.45 (d, $J = 215.1$ Hz). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.9, 162.8, 139.4, 136.7, 131.6, 131.3, 130.3, 129.3, 127.5 (t, $J = 285.8$ Hz), 125.2 (t, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 119.9, 69.6 (dd, $J = 30.5$, 28.4 Hz), 52.7; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3416, 3062, 2954, 1720, 1606, 1513, 1439, 1275, 1171, 1058, 998, 860, 828, 764, 750, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{F}_2\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 393.0833, found 393.0836.

4-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)benzonitrile (3q)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (57 mg, 72%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.28 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 5.75 – 5.15 (m, 1H), 4.18 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H). **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.35 (d, $J = 214.8$ Hz), -85.39 (d, $J = 215.0$ Hz). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.0, 139.0, 136.7, 134.0, 130.3, 129.3, 127.4 (t, $J = 285.9$ Hz), 125.1 (t, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 120.6, 117.5, 113.9, 69.5 (dd, $J = 30.5$, 28.4 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3315, 3056, 2922, 2231, 1606, 1508, 1413, 1306, 1186, 1154, 1085, 1065, 991, 851, 826, 792, 750, 695, 622; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5\text{OF}_2\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 360.0731, found 360.0733.

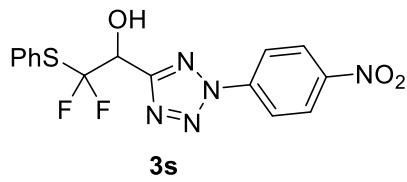
2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3r)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid

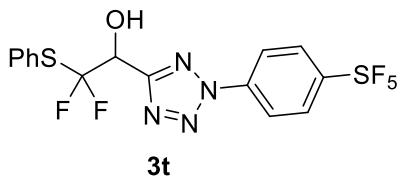
after column chromatography (69 mg, 84%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:1) as eluent. mp 114.1-115.5 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 5.54 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 9.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -80.57 (d, *J* = 208.3 Hz), -82.78 (d, *J* = 208.4 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.6, 142.0, 138.9, 136.2, 130.3, 129.4, 129.4, 128.0 (t, *J* = 285.8 Hz), 125.0, 120.7, 68.4 (t, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 43.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3421, 3251, 2994, 1667, 1591, 1309, 1154, 1048, 815, 760, 614; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄O₃F₂S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 413.0554, found 413.0552.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3s)



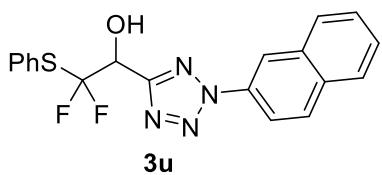
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (54 mg, 71%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. mp 127.2-129.1 °C; **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.52 – 8.42 (m, 2H), 8.41 – 8.30 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.46 (dt, *J* = 11.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.64 (d, *J* = 216.0 Hz), -85.99 (d, *J* = 216.0 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.2, 148.4, 140.4, 136.8, 130.5, 129.5, 127.4 (t, *J* = 286.8 Hz), 125.7, 125.1, 120.8, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.6, 28.5 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3313, 3118, 2927, 1610, 1531, 1510, 1413, 1343, 1311, 1061, 984, 851, 745, 622; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₅O₃F₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 380.0629, found 380.0626.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-(pentafluoro-λ⁶-sulfaneyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3t)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (54 mg, 59%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 87.6-92.5 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.08 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.72 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.38 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 8.1, 6.4 Hz, 3H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 82.54 (quintet, *J* = 150.4 Hz), 62.94 (d, *J* = 150.3 Hz), -82.58 (d, *J* = 215.3 Hz), -85.73 (d, *J* = 215.1 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.0, 154.5 (t, *J* = 18.9 Hz), 138.1, 136.8, 129.4, 128.7 – 127.8 (m), 127.5 (t, *J* = 285.9 Hz), 125.1 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 120.3, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.5, 28.5 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3421, 3075, 2952, 1579, 1508, 1407, 1101, 1063, 989, 821, 750, 713, 690, 665, 578; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄OF₇S₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 461.0341, found 461.0342.

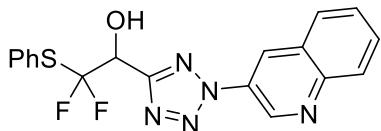
2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(phenylthio)ethan-1-ol (3u)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a brown oil after column chromatography (35 mg, 45%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 – 7.76 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.59 (dt, *J* = 11.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.11 (d, *J* = 214.4 Hz), -85.35 (d, *J* = 214.4 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.5, 136.8, 133.8, 133.6, 132.9, 130.2, 130.0, 129.3, 128.7, 128.0, 127.7, 127.7, 127.6 (t, *J* = 285.6 Hz), 125.4 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 118.7, 117.7, 69.7 (dd, *J* = 30.4, 28.3 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3363, 3302, 2978, 1604, 1487, 1417, 1258, 1212, 1159, 1110, 1053, 995, 876, 844, 777, 750, 722, 688, 584; **HRMS** (ESI)

m/z calcd. for C₁₉H₁₅N₄OF₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 385.0935, found 385.0932.

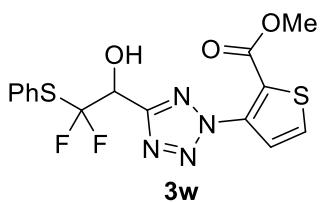
2,2-difluoro-2-(phenylthio)-1-(2-(quinolin-3-yl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (3v)



3v

Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (32 mg, 41%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. mp 172.4–174.6 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 9.57 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 9.13 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.68 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 5.56 (ddd, *J* = 11.5, 8.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ -80.47 (d, *J* = 208.3 Hz), -82.83 (d, *J* = 208.4 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.5, 147.5, 142.0, 136.2, 131.3, 130.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 128.0 (t, *J* = 285.2 Hz), 126.7, 126.6, 125.1, 68.8 – 67.9 (m); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3368, 3060, 2943, 1680, 1612, 1494, 1434, 1303, 1165, 1055, 982, 953, 785, 745, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₈H₁₄N₅OF₂S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 386.0887, found 386.0883.

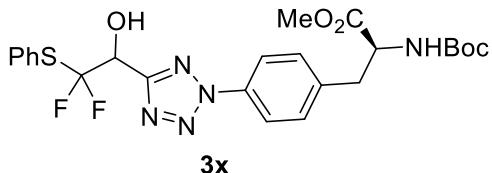
Methyl 3-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)thiophene-2-carboxylate (3w)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (37 mg, 46%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.77 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.50 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 5.46 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.17 (d, *J* = 214.5 Hz), -86.05 (d, *J* = 214.4 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.2, 160.0, 136.8, 135.9, 131.1, 130.3, 129.3, 128.5, 127.6 (t, *J* = 285.7 Hz), 126.4, 125.3 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 69.5 (dd, *J* = 30.6, 28.0 Hz), 52.9; **IR** (KBr,

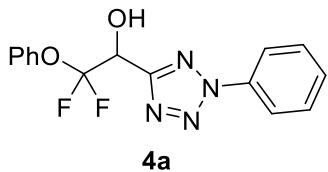
cm^{-1}) 3419, 3113, 2952, 1722, 1554, 1434, 1328, 1256, 1161, 1061, 998, 895, 771, 750, 690; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{F}_2\text{S}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 399.0397, found 399.0395.

Methyl (2S)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-3-(4-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)phenyl)propanoate (3x)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (44 mg, 41%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.45 (dd, $J = 11.2, 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, $J = 32.0, 16.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H). **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -82.50 (d, $J = 213.8$ Hz), -85.34 (d, $J = 214.2$ Hz). **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 172.1, 162.5, 155.2, 138.8, 136.8, 135.6, 130.7, 130.3, 129.3, 127.6 (t, $J = 285.7$ Hz), 125.4, 120.2, 80.4, 69.6 (t, $J = 29.4$ Hz), 54.4, 52.6, 38.1, 28.4; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3425, 3079, 2925, 1733, 1697, 1595, 1533, 1508, 1338, 1212, 1156, 1061, 991, 826, 747, 692, 624; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_5\text{O}_5\text{F}_2\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 536.1779, found 536.1773.

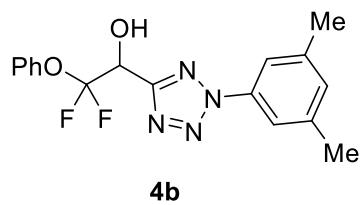
2,2-difluoro-2-phenoxy-1-(2-phenyl-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (4a)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (52 mg, 82%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. mp 68.6-69.1 °C; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.15 (dd, $J = 7.4, 1.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 - 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 5.62 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1H). **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.61 (d,

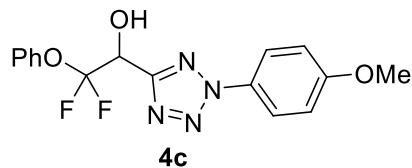
J = 140.6 Hz), -81.21 (d, *J* = 140.7 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.6, 149.7, 136.7, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 126.1, 121.9, 121.4 (t, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 120.2, 68.2 (t, *J* = 34.7 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3221, 2973, 1593, 1253, 1165, 1069, 1003, 862, 824, 764, 739, 679; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃N₄O₂F₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 319.1007, found 319.1003.

1-(2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-phenoxyethan-1-ol (**4b**)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (44 mg, 63%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 5.82 – 5.41 (m, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.57 (d, *J* = 140.7 Hz), -81.17 (d, *J* = 144.0 Hz). **13C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3, 149.8 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 139.9, 136.6, 131.9, 129.5, 126.0, 121.9, 121.4 (t, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 117.9, 68.2 (t, *J* = 34.7 Hz), 21.4; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3428, 3205, 2925, 1618, 1593, 1494, 1251, 1159, 1063, 1016, 858, 736, 681, 546; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₄O₂F₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 347.1320, found 347.1319.

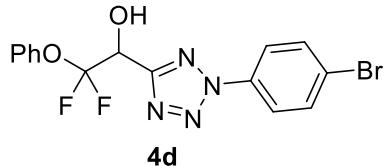
2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenoxyethan-1-ol (**4c**)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (43 mg, 61%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. **1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 6.96 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 5.54 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H). **19F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.53 (d, *J* = 140.3 Hz), -

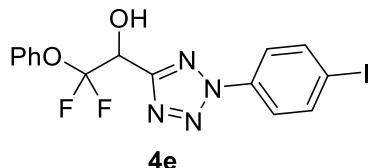
81.10 (d, $J = 140.6$ Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.3, 160.9, 149.8, 130.2, 129.5, 126.0, 121.9, 121.7, 121.5 (t, $J = 272.0$ Hz), 114.8, 68.1 (t, $J = 34.6$ Hz), 55.8; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3336, 2922, 1604, 1591, 1517, 1487, 1462, 1248, 1161, 1061, 1012, 1000, 828, 688, 620; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₄O₃F₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 349.1112, found 349.1114.

1-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoro-2-phenoxyethan-1-ol (**4d**)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (50 mg, 64%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 86.5-87.7 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 5.61 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.59 (d, $J = 140.3$ Hz), -81.15 (d, $J = 140.7$ Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.7, 149.7 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 135.6, 133.1, 129.6, 126.1, 124.3, 121.8, 121.6, 121.3 (t, $J = 272.0$ Hz), 68.2 (t, $J = 34.7$ Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3380, 3232, 2971, 1589, 1487, 1251, 1171, 1063, 1005, 868, 832, 757, 722, 690, 555, 516; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄O₂F₂Br⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 397.0112, found 397.0115.

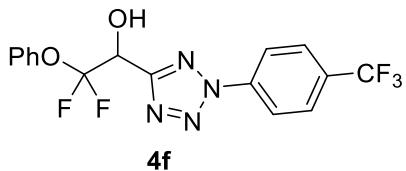
2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-iodophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenoxyethan-1-ol (**4e**)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (49 mg, 55%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:4) as eluent. mp 122.6-123.8 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.05 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dt, $J = 9.3, 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)

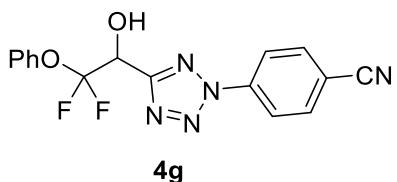
δ -78.84 (d, J = 139.0 Hz), -80.32 (d, J = 139.0 Hz). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 163.4, 149.2, 139.0, 135.6, 129.8, 126.1, 121.8, 121.7 (t, J = 272.7), 121.7, 96.7, 66.4 (t, J = 33.1 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3359, 3100, 2922, 1586, 1487, 1402, 1315, 1248, 1169, 1061, 998, 865, 828, 722, 686, 553; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄O₂F₂I⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 444.9973, found 444.9973.

2,2-difluoro-2-phenoxy-1-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (4f)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (59 mg, 76%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.89 (m, 3H), 5.60 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (s, 1H). **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.83, -80.47 (d, J = 140.5 Hz), -81.03 (d, J = 140.7 Hz). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.1, 148.7 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 137.8 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 131.1 (q, J = 33.2 Hz), 128.5, 126.2 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 125.1, 122.5 (q, J = 272.4 Hz) 120.8, 120.4 (t, J = 272.0 Hz), 119.4, 67.1 (t, J = 34.7 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3442, 3242, 2973, 1616, 1489, 1322, 1258, 1159, 1124, 1067, 995, 887, 849, 805, 745, 686, 592; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂N₄O₂F₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 387.0880, found 387.0884.

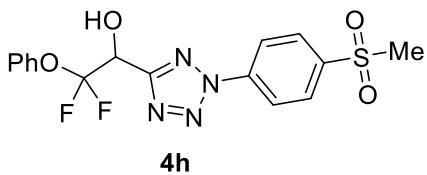
4-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)benzonitrile (4g)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (35 mg, 51%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. mp 116.5–121.1 °C; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz,

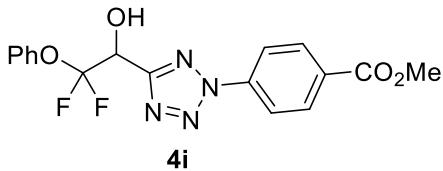
2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 5.65 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H). **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.47 (d, J = 140.5 Hz), -81.04 (d, J = 140.7 Hz). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.24, 149.63, 139.15, 134.06, 129.62, 126.22, 121.78, 121.31 (t, J = 272.1 Hz), 120.68, 117.60, 114.00, 68.14 (t, J = 34.8 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3350, 3107, 2922, 2229, 1300, 1515, 1492, 1417, 1273, 1207, 1173, 1120, 1083, 998, 900, 844, 800, 739, 704, 550; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{F}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 344.0959, found 344.0948.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenoxyethan-1-ol (4h)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (42 mg, 53%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:1) as eluent. mp 90.2–92.1 °C; **^1H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.36 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 5.69 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (s, 3H). **^{19}F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.39 (d, J = 140.3 Hz), -80.99 (d, J = 140.3 Hz). **^{13}C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.2 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 149.5 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 141.7, 139.9, 129.5, 129.5, 126.1, 121.7, 121.3 (t, J = 272.0 Hz), 120.8, 68.0 (t, J = 34.6 Hz), 44.4; **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3340, 3107, 2922, 1591, 1489, 1294, 1256, 1148, 1083, 1005, 966, 779, 684, 541; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{F}_2\text{S}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 397.0782, found 397.0778.

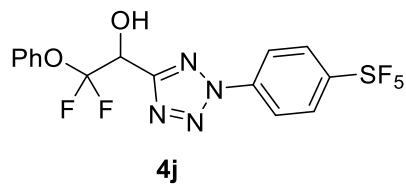
methyl 4-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)benzoate (4i)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid

after column chromatography (42 mg, 56%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. mp 92.8–96.4 °C; **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (s, 4H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 5.67 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -80.49 (d, *J* = 140.5 Hz), -81.07 (d, *J* = 140.6 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.9, 163.0, 149.7 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 139.4, 131.6, 131.4, 129.5, 126.1, 121.8, 121.4 (t, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 119.9, 68.1 (t, *J* = 34.8 Hz), 52.7; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3476, 3217, 2920, 1726, 1610, 1487, 1441, 1273, 1244, 1165, 1086, 1000, 764, 684; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N₄O₄F₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 377.1061, found 377.1058.

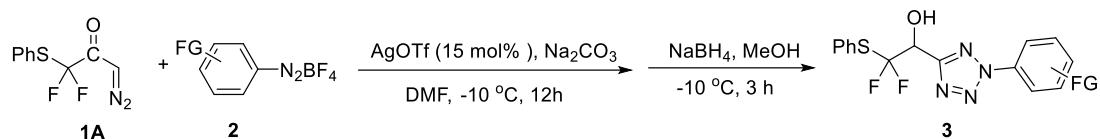
2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-(pentafluoro-λ⁶-sulfaneyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-phenoxyethan-1-ol (4j)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (45 mg, 51%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 5.72 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 82.55 (quintet, *J* = 150.4 Hz), 62.90 (d, *J* = 149.8 Hz), -80.14 – -81.70 (m). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.29, 155.34 – 153.21 (m), 149.69 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 138.17, 129.63, 128.02 (q, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 126.21, 121.82, 121.40 (t, *J* = 272.0 Hz), 120.27, 68.19 (t, *J* = 34.8 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3329, 2920, 1597, 1492, 1428, 1343, 1253, 1165, 1083, 1003, 824, 736, 665, 580; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄O₂F₇S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 445.0569, found 445.0568.

Gram-experiment and Synthesis Transformation

Gram-level synthesis



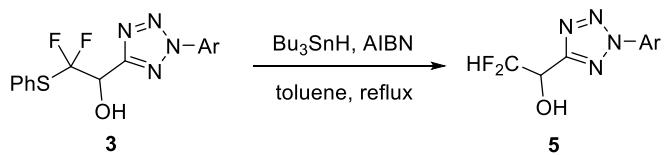
Difluoro-diazoketone **1A** (1.2 equiv.), aryl diazonium salt **2** (1 equiv.), Na₂CO₃ (2 equiv.), and AgOTf (15 mol%) were added to a dry 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with magnets in sequence, and then 30 mL DMF was added with a syringe under argon atmosphere at -10 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10 °C for 12 h. After the reaction, 30 mL of anhydrous methanol and NaBH₄ (3 equiv.) was subsequently added in batches. The reaction mixture was stirred at -10°C for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, the reaction solution was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution and extracted with 40 mL of ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with water and saturated brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was further purified by silica gel column chromatography using EtOAc/petroleum ether as an eluent to obtain **3**.

Following the general procedure, the compound **3a** was prepared using aryl diazonium salt **2a** (1 equiv., 6 mmol) and **1A** (1.2 equiv., 7.2 mmol) using PE/EA (5:1) as an eluent (1.18 g, 58% yield).

Following the general procedure, the compound **3b** was prepared using aryl diazonium salt **2b** (1 equiv., 5 mmol) and **1A** (1.2 equiv., 6 mmol) using PE/EA (4:1) as an eluent (1.37 g, 66% yield).

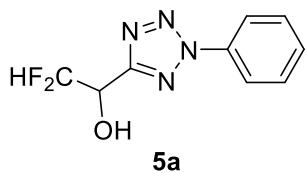
Following the general procedure, the compound **3e** was prepared using aryl diazonium salt **2e** (1 equiv., 5 mmol) and **1A** (1.2 equiv., 6 mmol) using PE/EA (5:1) as an eluent (1.30 g, 71% yield).

Desulfurization Reduction Reaction



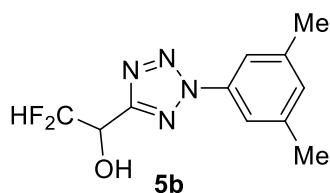
General procedure: Argon was bubbled through a solution of **3** (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry toluene (5 mL) for 30 minutes, then Bu_3SnH (0.25 mL, 0.875 mmol, 1.75 equiv.) was added. The reaction mixture was subjected to deoxygenate by bubbling argon for 5 minutes via an argon balloon. AIBN (12.5 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.15 equiv.) was added and the solution was refluxed for 15 hours.⁶ The volatiles were evaporated and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (5 mL). The solution was stirred with $\text{KF}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (30 mg/0.3 mL) overnight and extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL). The organic phase was washed successively with water and brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removing the solvent, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain **5**.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-phenyl-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (**5a**)



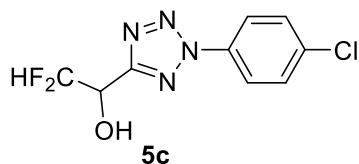
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (107 mg, 95%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. mp. 82.3–83.6 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 6.23 (t, *J* = 55.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (td, *J* = 10.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -128.26 (d, *J* = 289.5 Hz), -129.15 (d, *J* = 289.5 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.7, 136.6, 130.4, 129.9, 120.2, 114.3 (t, *J* = 246.0 Hz), 66.8 (t, *J* = 26.8 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3285, 2922, 1600, 1468, 1182, 1055, 1010, 915, 851, 757, 681, 527; **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{N}_4\text{OF}_2^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 227.0744, found 227.0745.

1-(2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoroethan-1-ol (5b**)**



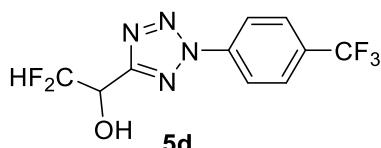
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (129 mg, 98%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.68 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.23 (td, *J* = 55.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (tt, *J* = 10.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 2.38 (s, 6H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -128.13 (d, *J* = 289.5 Hz), -129.10 (d, *J* = 285.7 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.4, 139.8, 136.4, 131.9, 117.8, 114.2 (t, *J* = 246.1 Hz), 66.8 (t, *J* = 26.7 Hz), 21.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3373, 3304, 2922, 1621, 1597, 1476, 1182, 1074, 849, 677, 628; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃N₄OF₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 255.1057, found 255.1059.

1-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,2-difluoroethan-1-ol (5c**)**



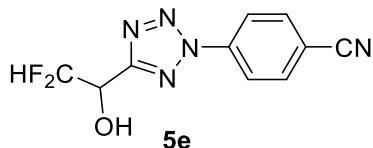
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (119 mg, 91%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (td, *J* = 55.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.37 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -128.21 (d, *J* = 289.5 Hz), -129.01 (d, *J* = 285.7 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.8, 136.3, 134.9, 130.0, 121.3, 114.1 (t, *J* = 246.1 Hz), 66.7 (t, *J* = 27.3 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3403, 3079, 2920, 1597, 1492, 1065, 1000, 830, 752, 692; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₉H₈N₄OF₂Cl⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 261.0355, found 261.0353.

2,2-difluoro-1-(2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol (5d**)**



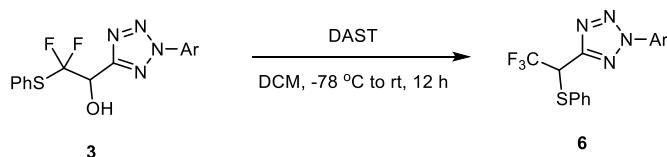
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (117 mg, 80 %) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:5) as eluent. mp. 85.2-88.9 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (td, *J* = 55.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (td, *J* = 10.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.90, -128.73 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.2, 138.8, 132.4 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 127.3 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.5 (q, *J* = 272.5 Hz), 120.4, 114.2 (t, *J* = 246.2 Hz), 66.9 (t, *J* = 26.8 Hz). **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3247, 2922, 1621, 1428, 1322, 1143, 1058, 1005, 847, 624; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₀H₈N₄OF₅⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 295.0618, found 295.0620.

4-(5-(2,2-difluoro-1-hydroxyethyl)-2*H*-tetrazol-2-yl)benzonitrile (5e)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow solid after column chromatography (61 mg, 49 %) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent. mp. 118.7-122.3 °C. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (td, *J* = 55.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (td, *J* = 10.3, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -128.74 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.3, 139.1, 134.1, 120.7, 117.5, 114.2, 114.0 (t, *J* = 246.5 Hz), 66.9 (t, *J* = 26.8 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3395, 3113, 2925, 2246, 1602, 1501, 1373, 1248, 1124, 1061, 849, 557; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₀H₈N₅OF₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 252.0697, found 252.0694.

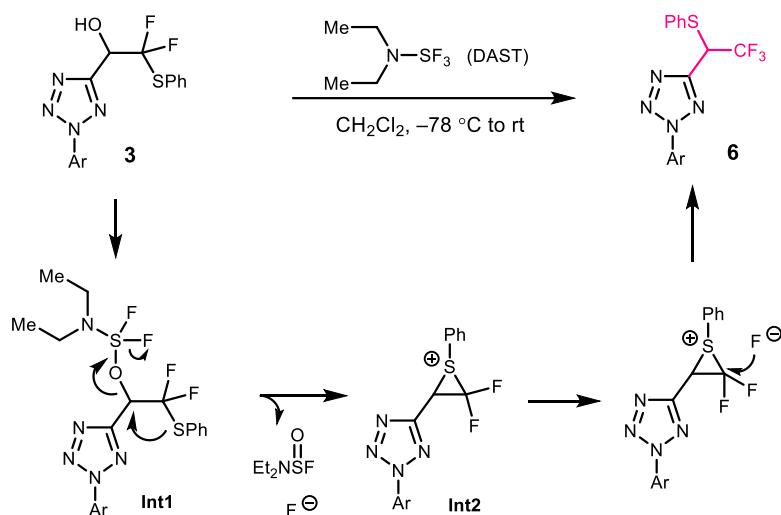
Phenylthiol Migration / Fluorination Reaction



General procedure: compound **3** (0.5 mmol, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in 5 mL DCM and cooled to -78 °C, then DAST (201 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) was added dropwise.

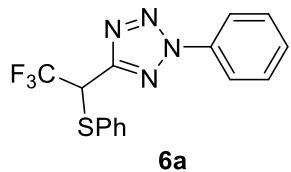
After the addition, the temperature was raised to room temperature and reacted for 12 hours (TLC monitoring). After the reaction, it was quenched with saturated NaHCO_3 solution, extracted with DCM ($5 \text{ mL} \times 2$), the combined organic phase was washed with saturated brine, and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. Finally, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to obtain **6**.

A reasonable mechanism for the migration reaction of phenylthio group



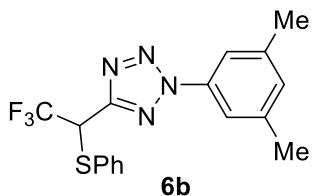
We have proposed a plausible mechanism for the rearrangement of difluoromethyl carbinols **3** to trifluoromethyl thioethers **6** based on the previous studies and experimental results.⁷ The reaction might start with the activation of the alcohol group of **3** by DAST to give an alkoxyaminosulfur difluoride intermediate **Int1**. Then an intramolecular substitution process (S_{Ni} reaction) could proceed fast to produce a difluorinated three-membered sulfonium species **Int2**. In situ generated fluoride anion then attacked at the difluorinated carbon atom and led to the formation of trifluoromethyl thioether product **6**.

2-phenyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2H-tetrazole (**6a**)



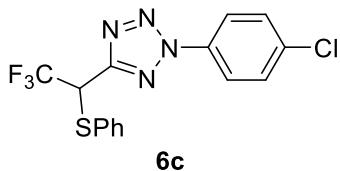
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (101 mg, 60%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:70) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.18 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.62 – 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.13 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.73. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.5 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 136.5, 134.5, 131.4, 130.2, 129.8, 129.5, 129.5, 124.5 (q, *J* = 280.78 Hz), 120.0, 48.5 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3226, 2927, 1597, 1494, 1260, 1154, 1063, 1005, 966, 819, 752, 686, 626; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₄F₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 337.0735, found 337.0736.

2-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazole (6b)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (115 mg, 63%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:80) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 5.13 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.75. **¹³C NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.3 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 139.8, 136.4, 134.4, 131.8, 131.5, 129.5, 129.4, 124.5 (q, *J* = 279.7 Hz), 117.7, 48.5 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 21.3; **IR** (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3226, 2980, 1596, 1494, 1251, 1161, 1065, 847, 743, 658; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆N₄F₃S⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 365.1048, found 365.1044.

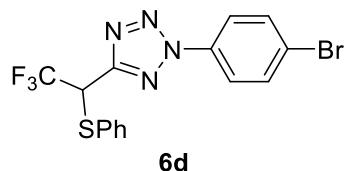
2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazole (6c)



Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a yellow oil after column chromatography (118 mg, 64%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:80) as eluent. **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.34 (m,

4H), 7.29 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.01 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.73. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.8 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 136.2, 134.9, 134.5, 131.3, 130.0, 129.6, 129.5, 124.4 (q, J = 280.7 Hz), 121.3, 48.4 (q, J = 32.3 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3104, 2954, 1589, 1489, 1290, 1251, 1150, 1093, 1005, 832, 747, 686; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4\text{F}_3\text{SCl}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 371.0345, found 371.0345.

2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(phenylthio)ethyl)-2*H*-tetrazole (6d)



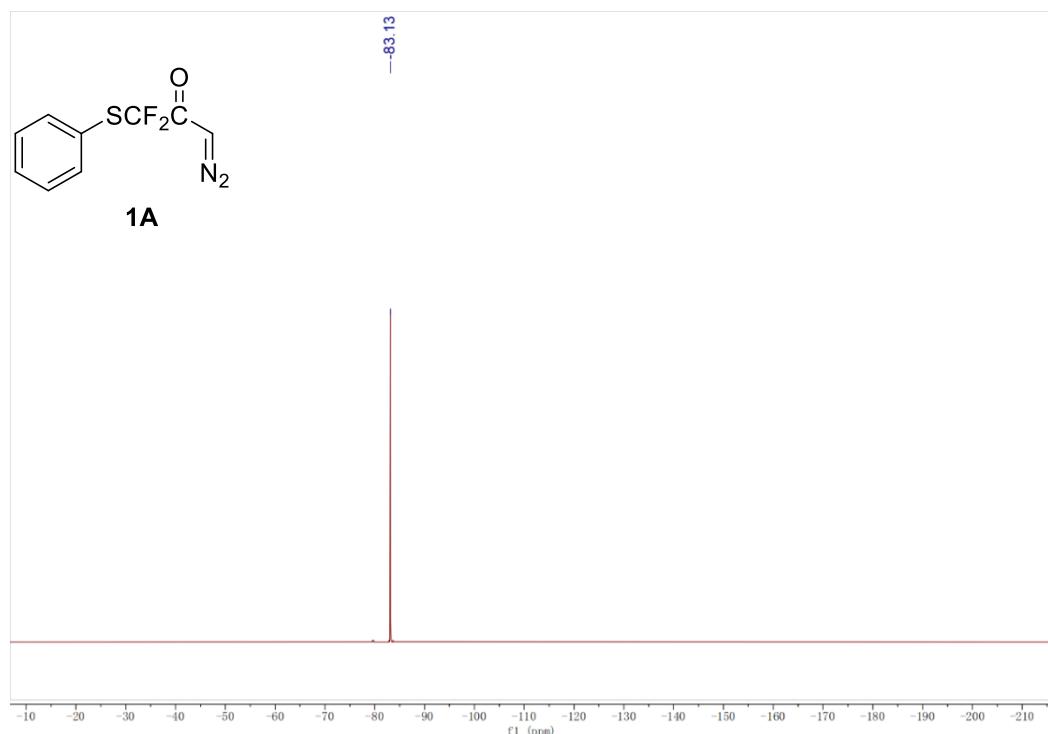
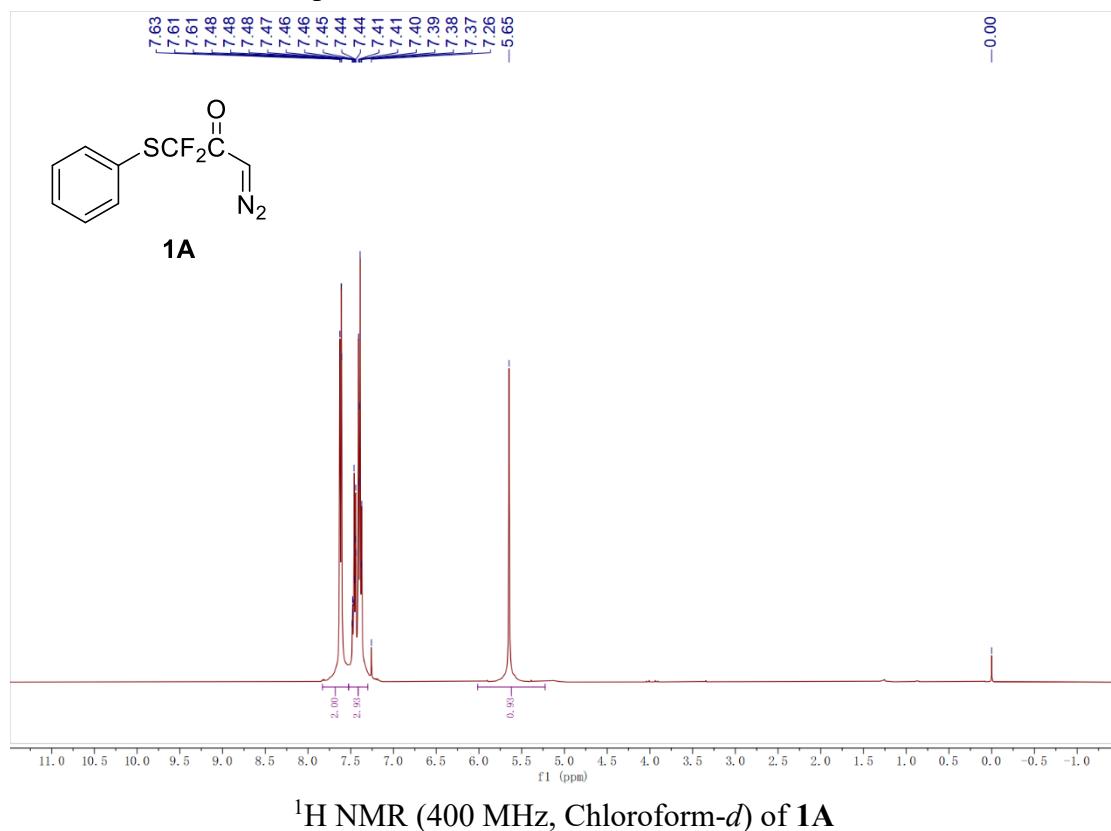
Using the general procedure, the titled compound was obtained as a white solid after column chromatography (115 mg, 56%) using EtOAc/petroleum ether (1:80) as eluent. mp 63.2-65.9 °C; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.97 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.38 - 7.28 (m, 3H), 5.11 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -67.70. **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.8 (d, J = 1.8 Hz), 135.5, 134.6, 133.0, 131.4, 129.6, 129.5, 124.3 (q, J = 279.7 Hz), 124.3, 121.5, 48.5 (q, J = 32.4 Hz); **IR** (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3107, 2952, 1492, 1419, 1251, 1090, 1000, 835, 750, 684; **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_4\text{F}_3\text{SBr}^+$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 414.9840, found 414.9844.

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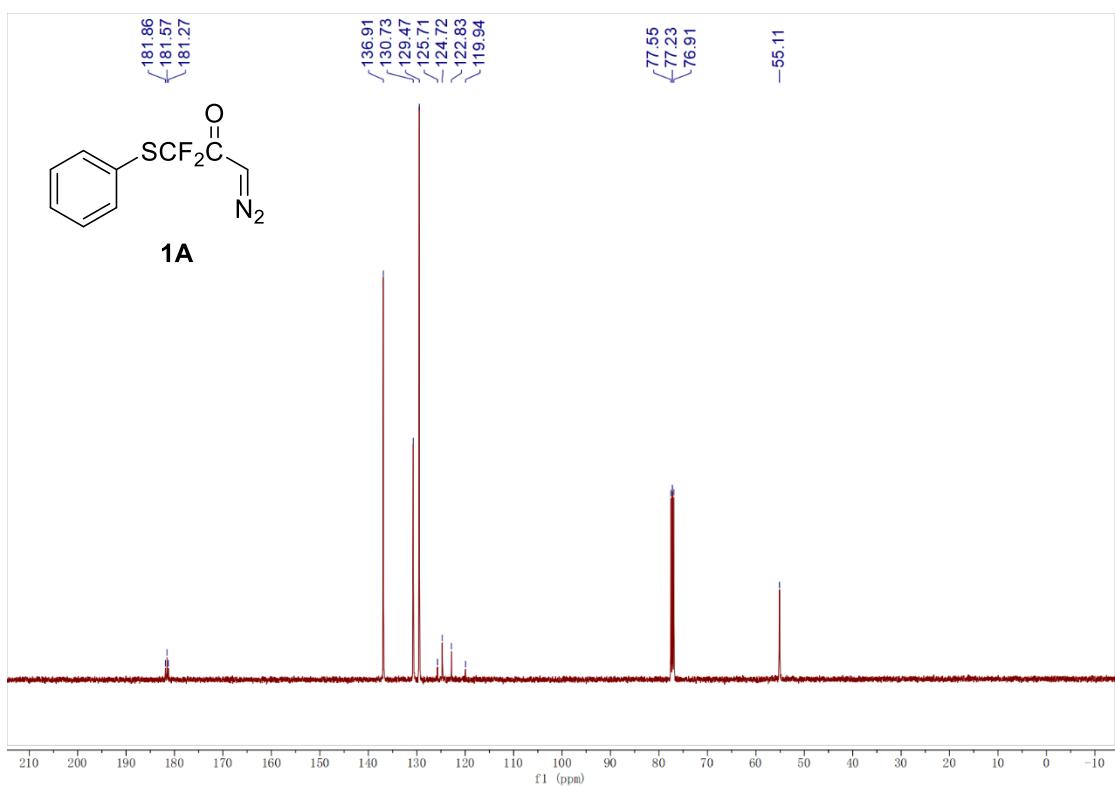
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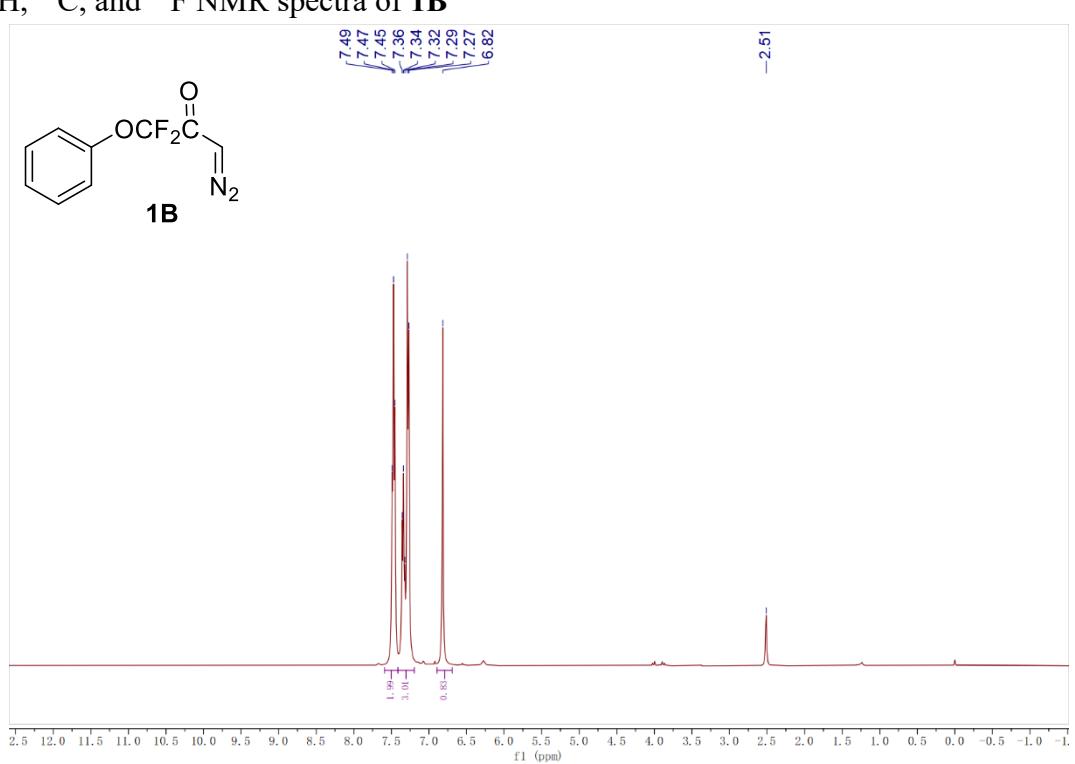
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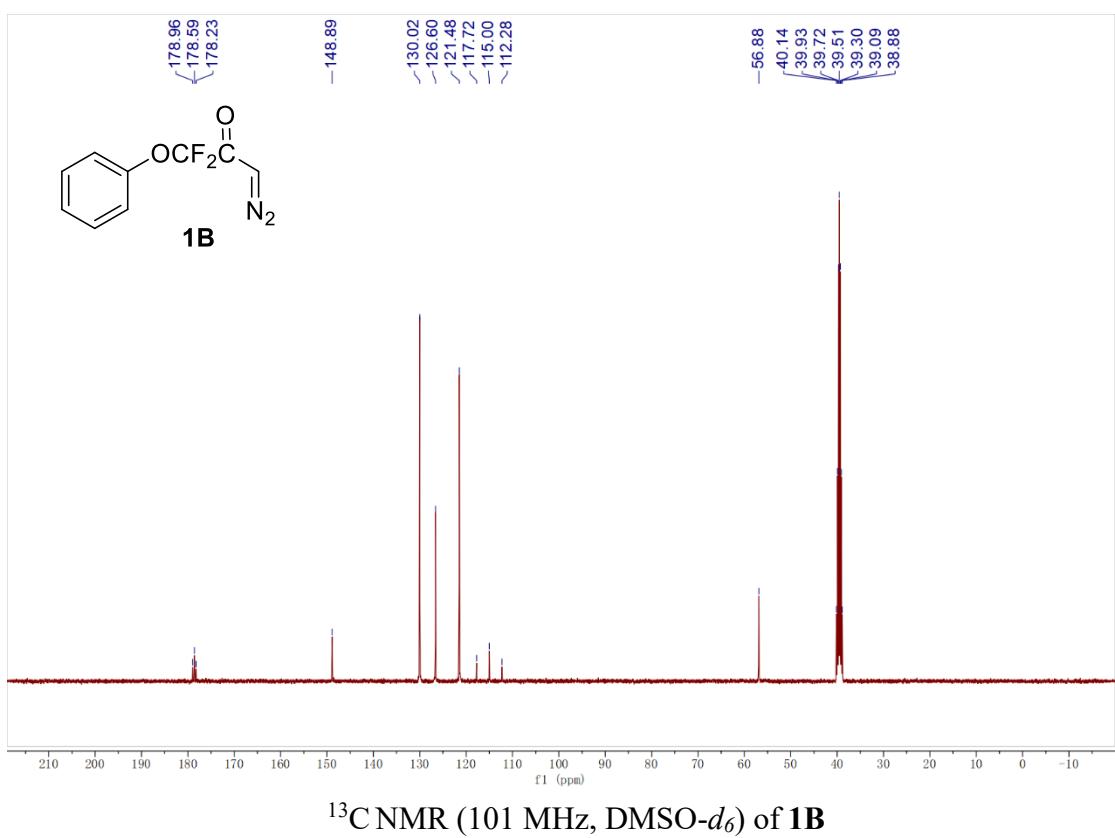
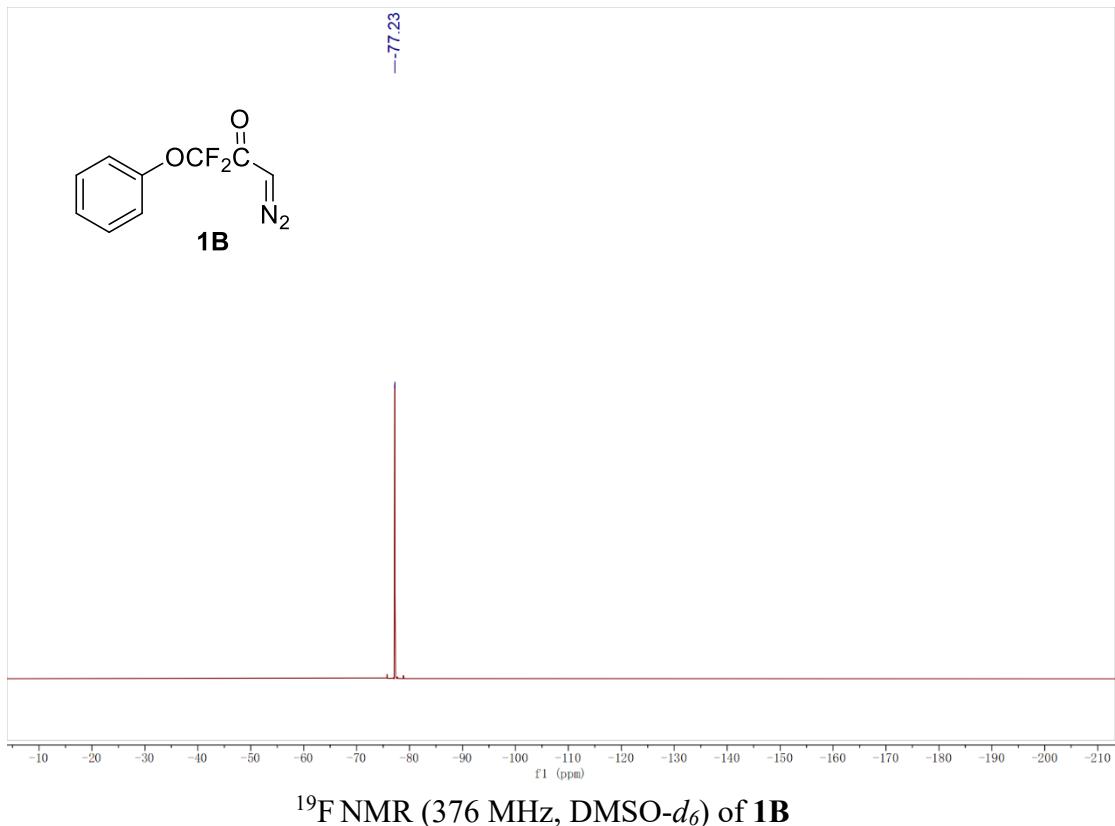


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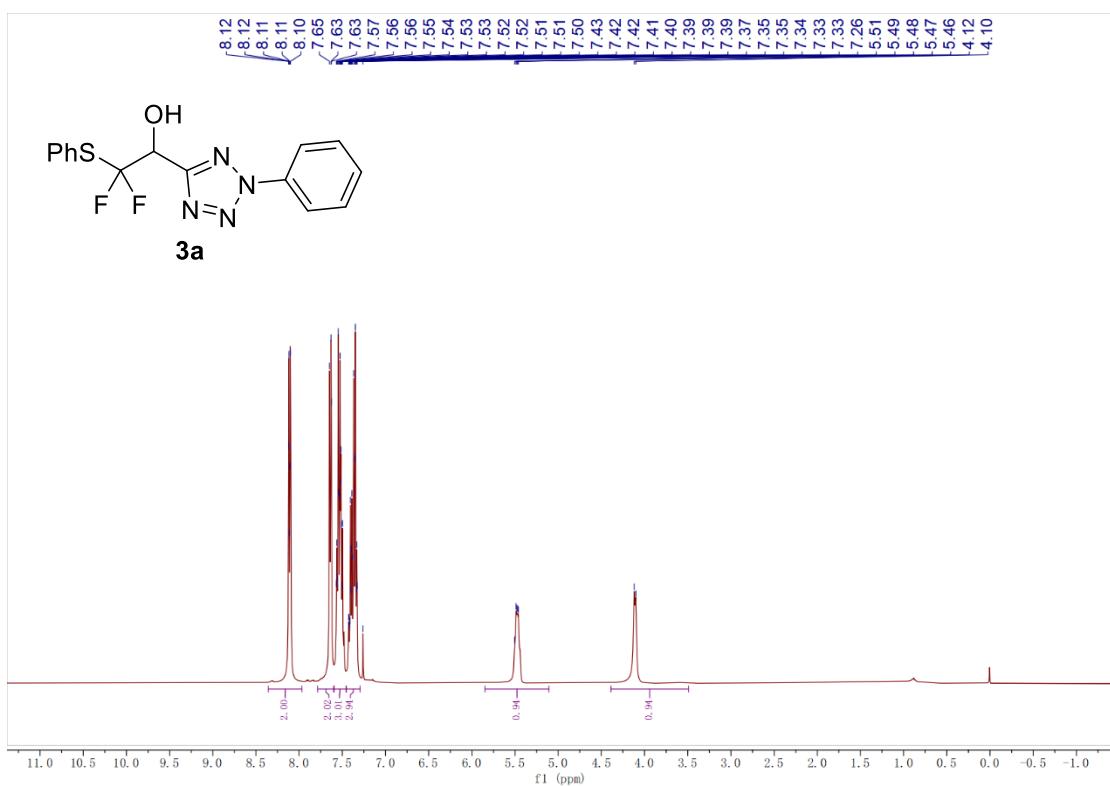


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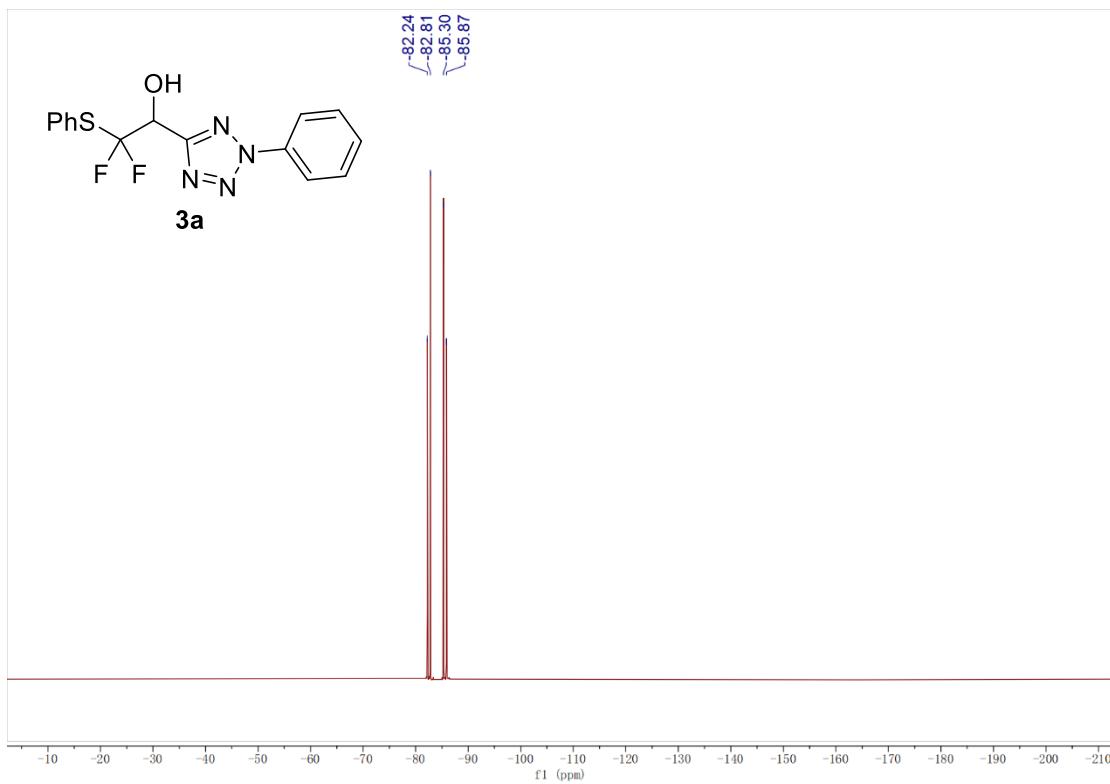




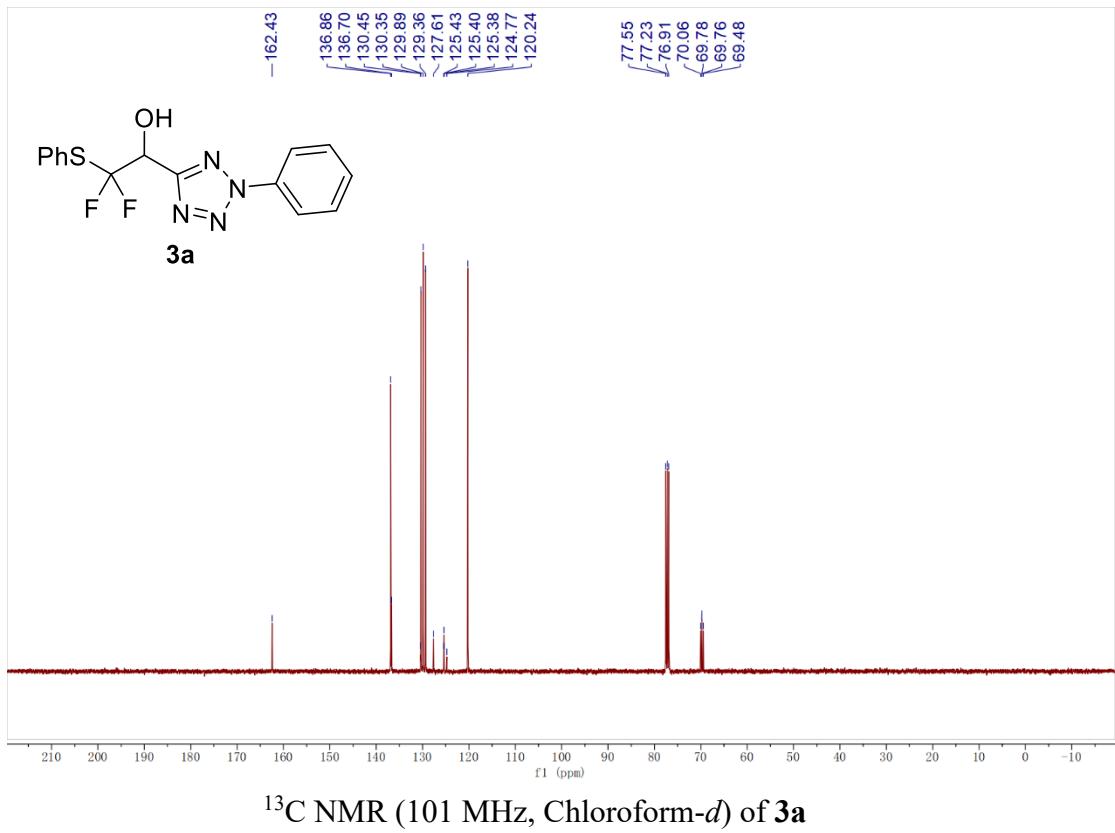
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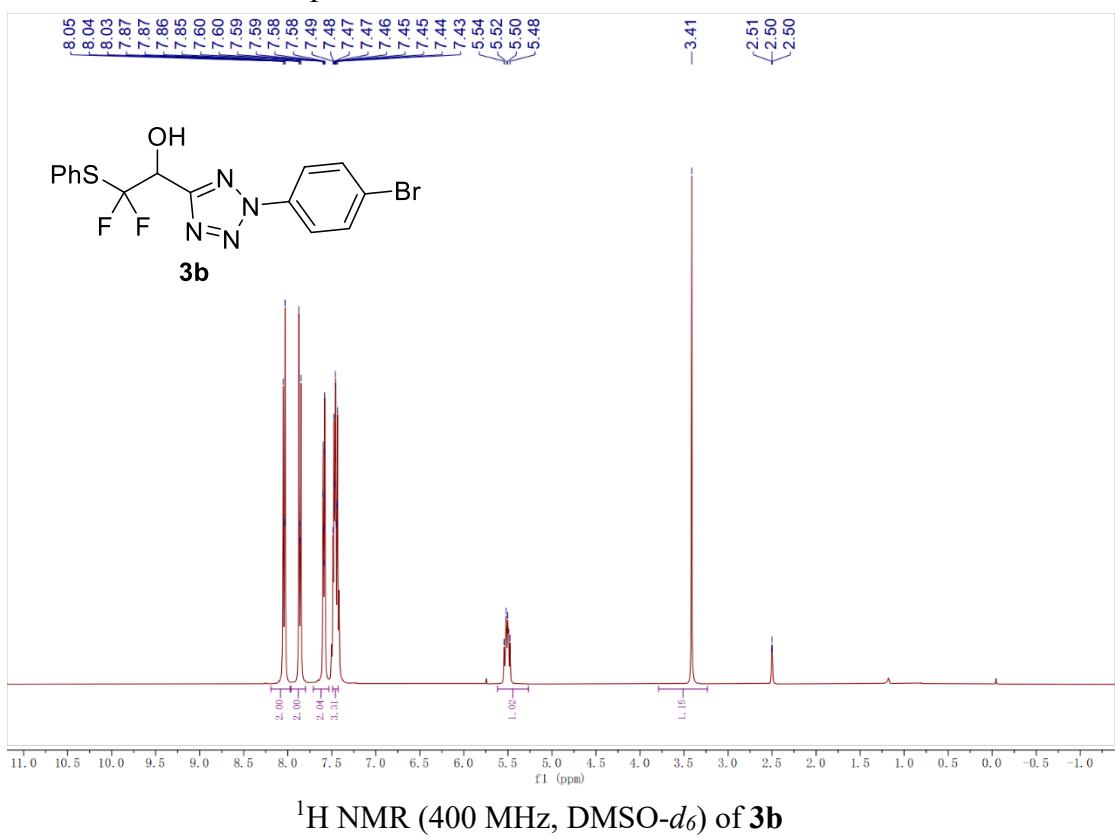
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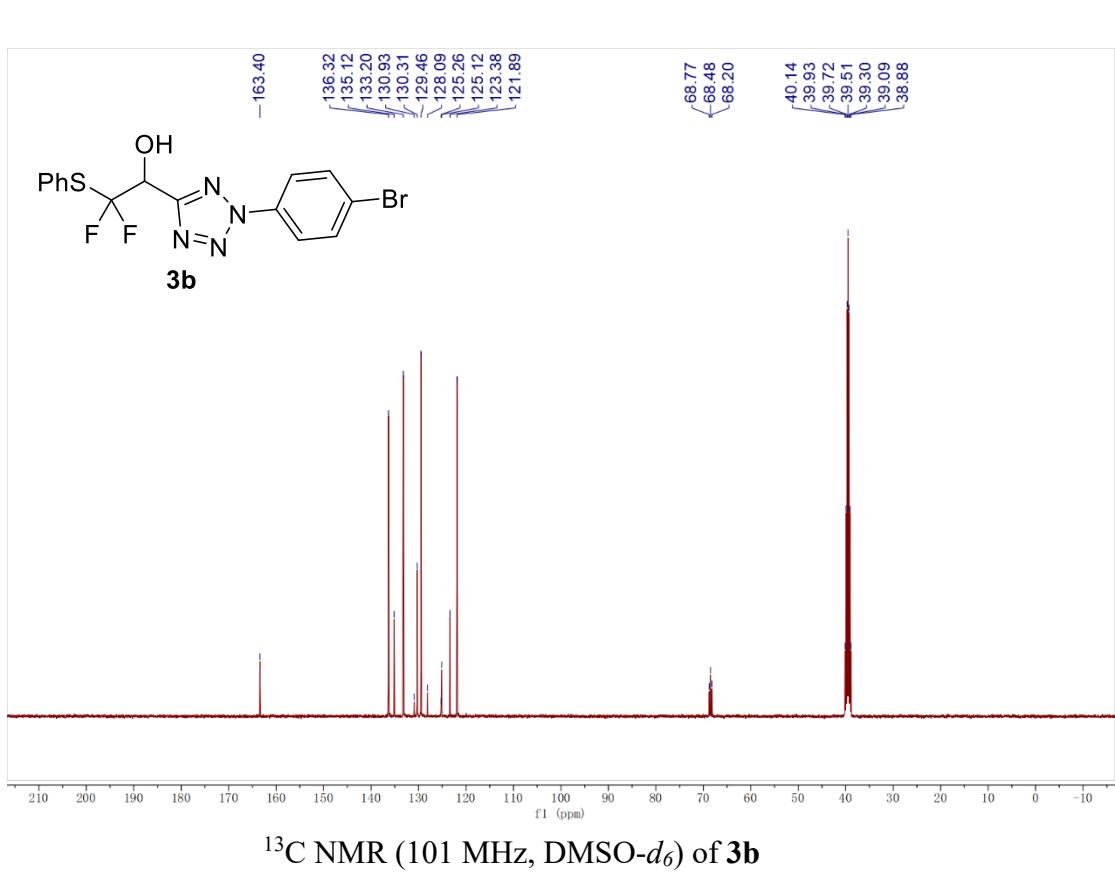
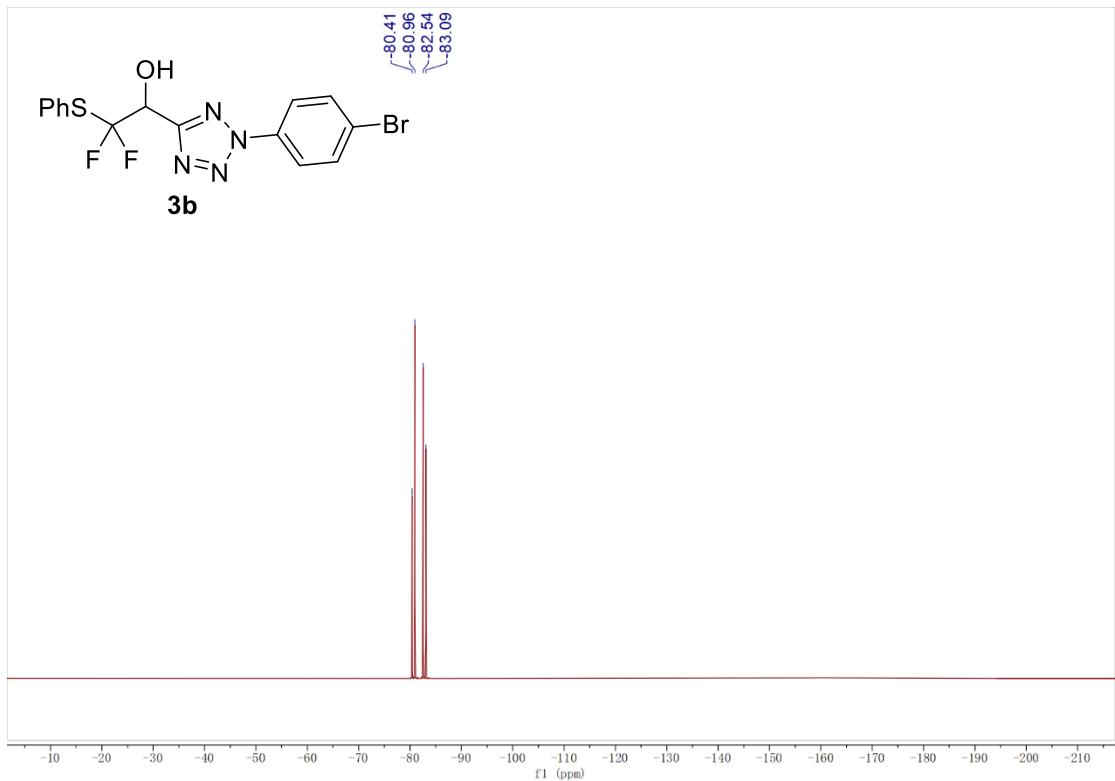


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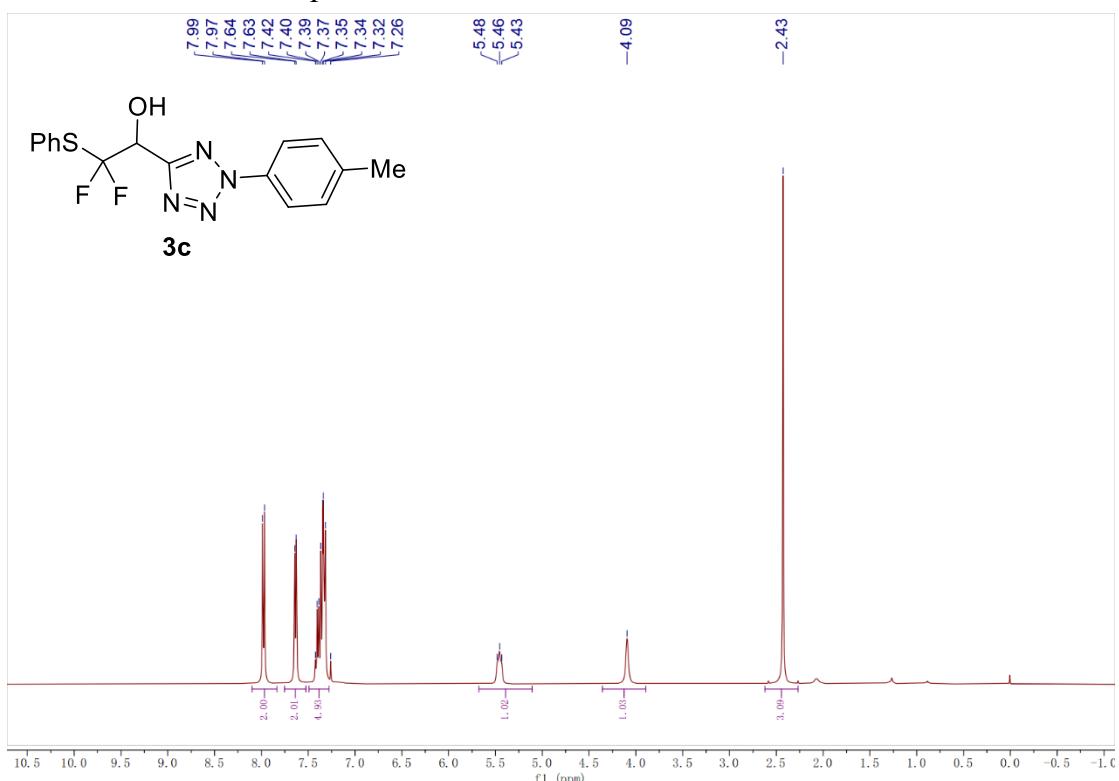


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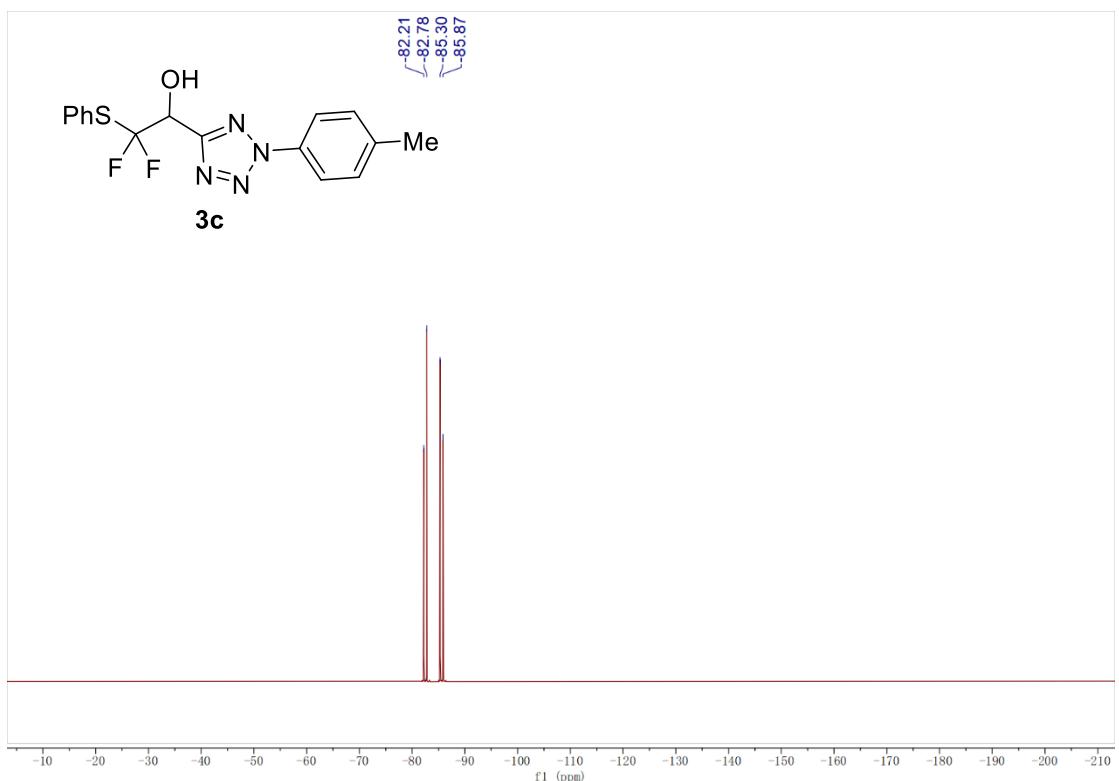


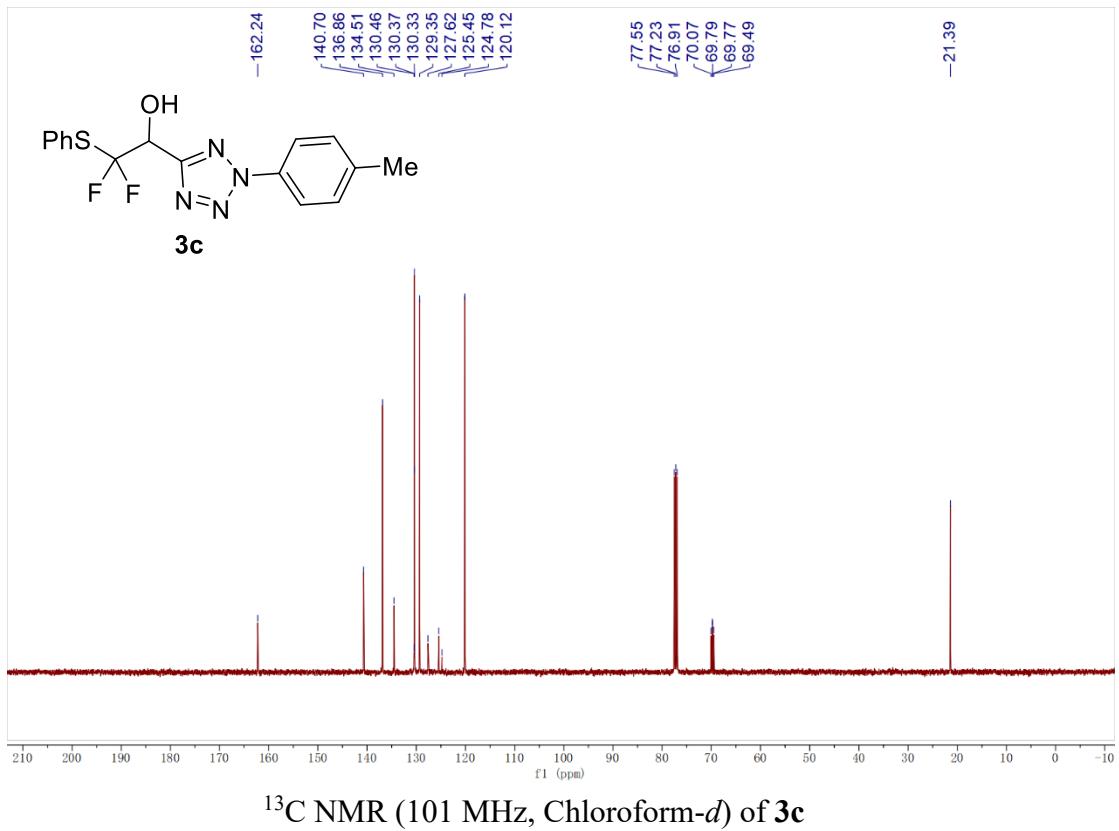


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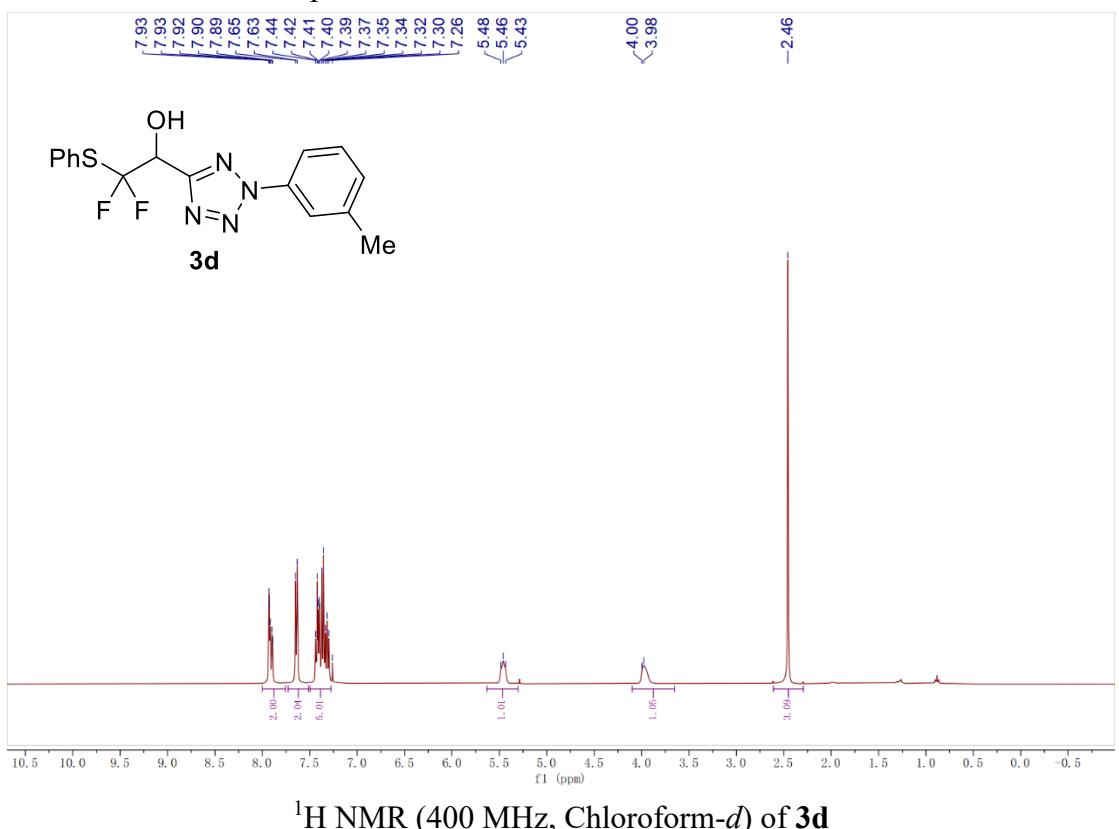


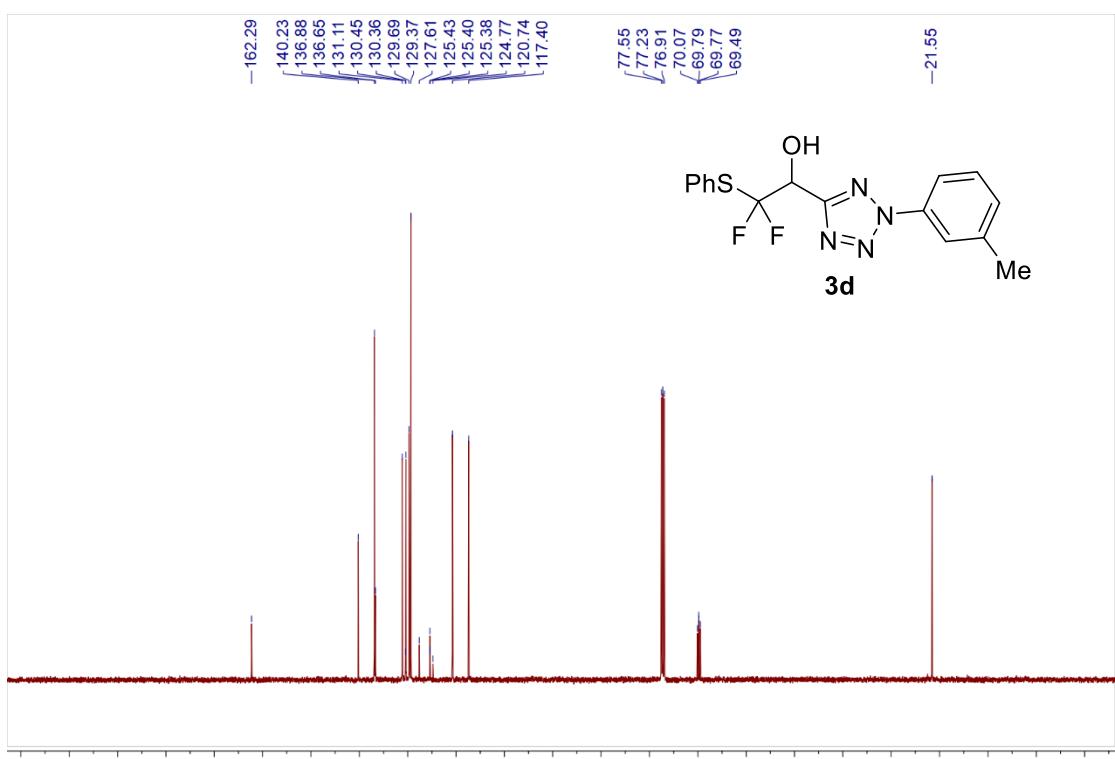
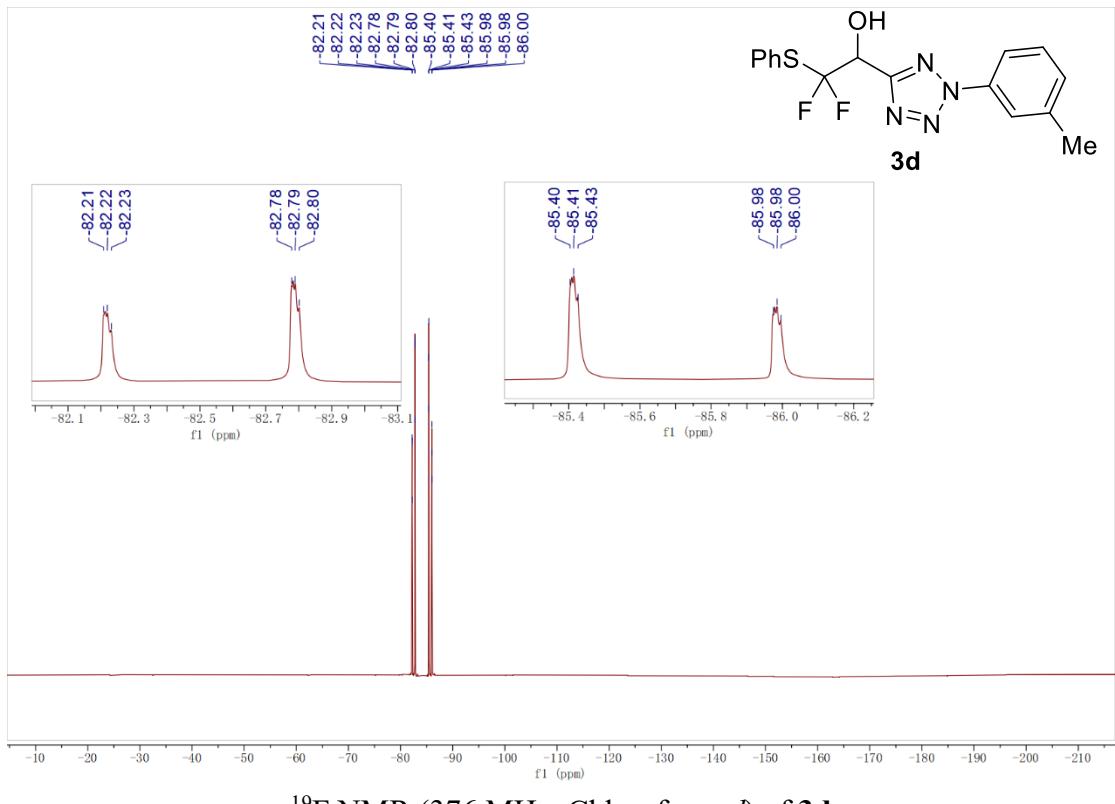
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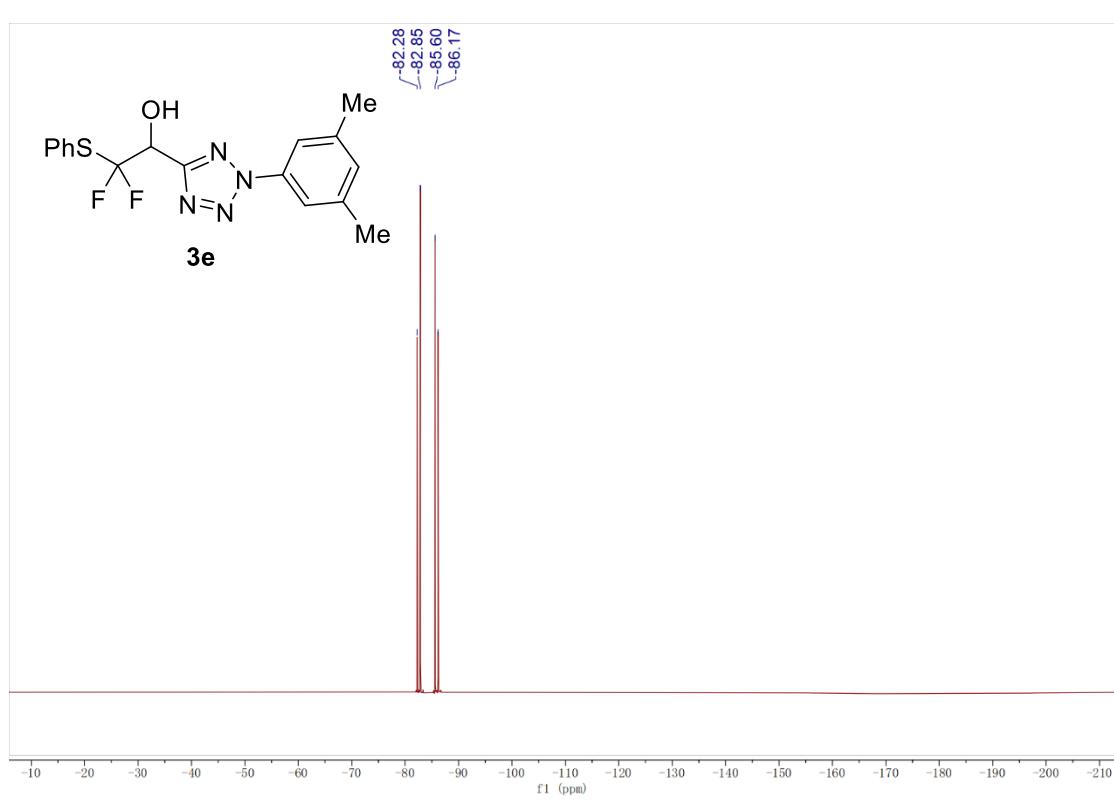
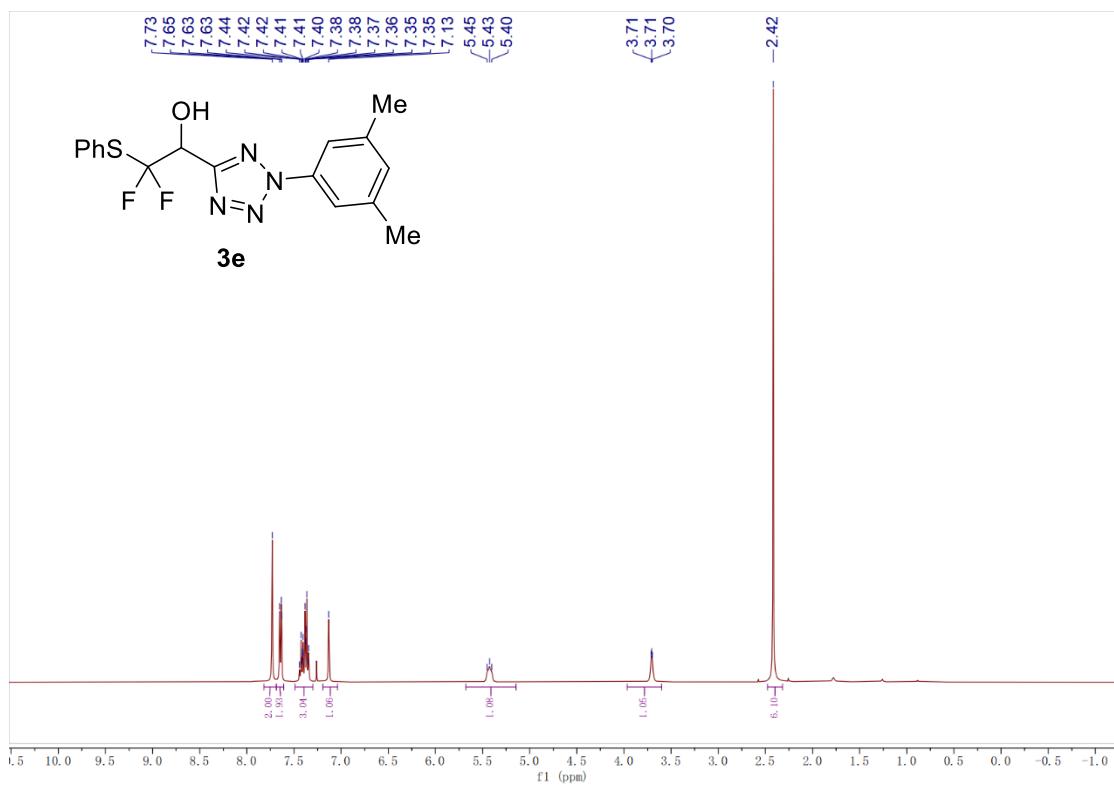
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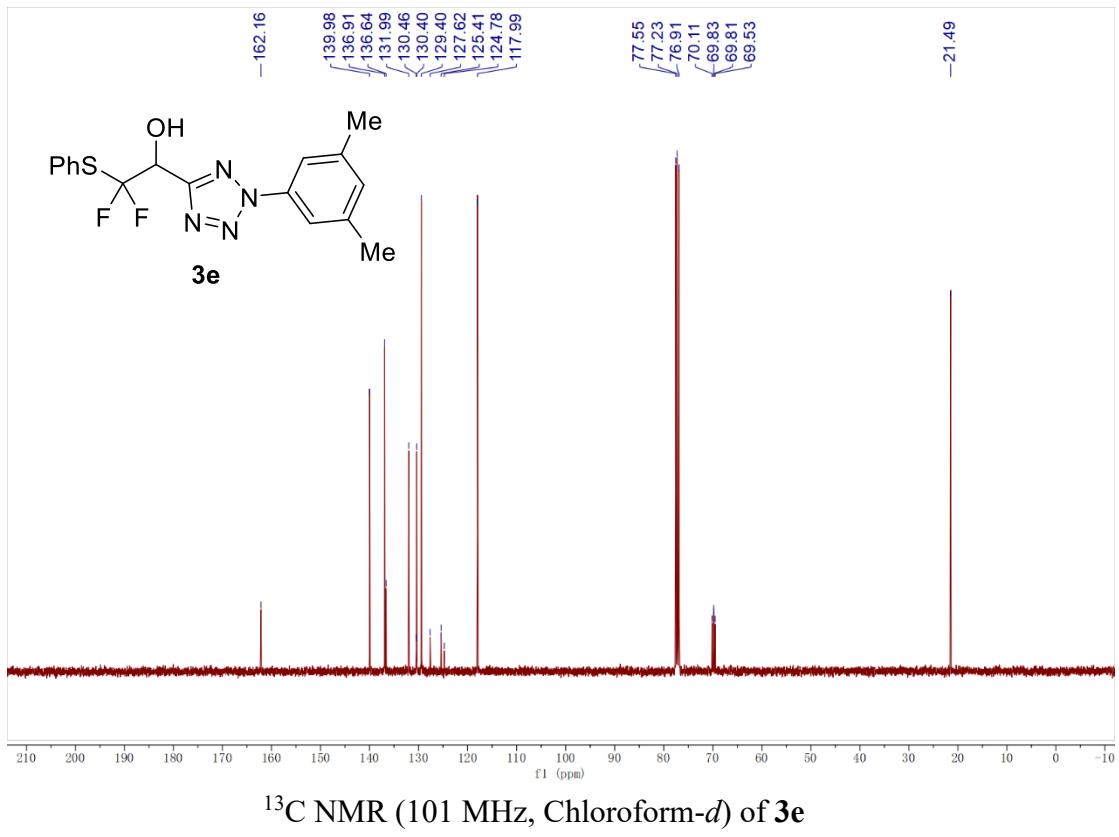




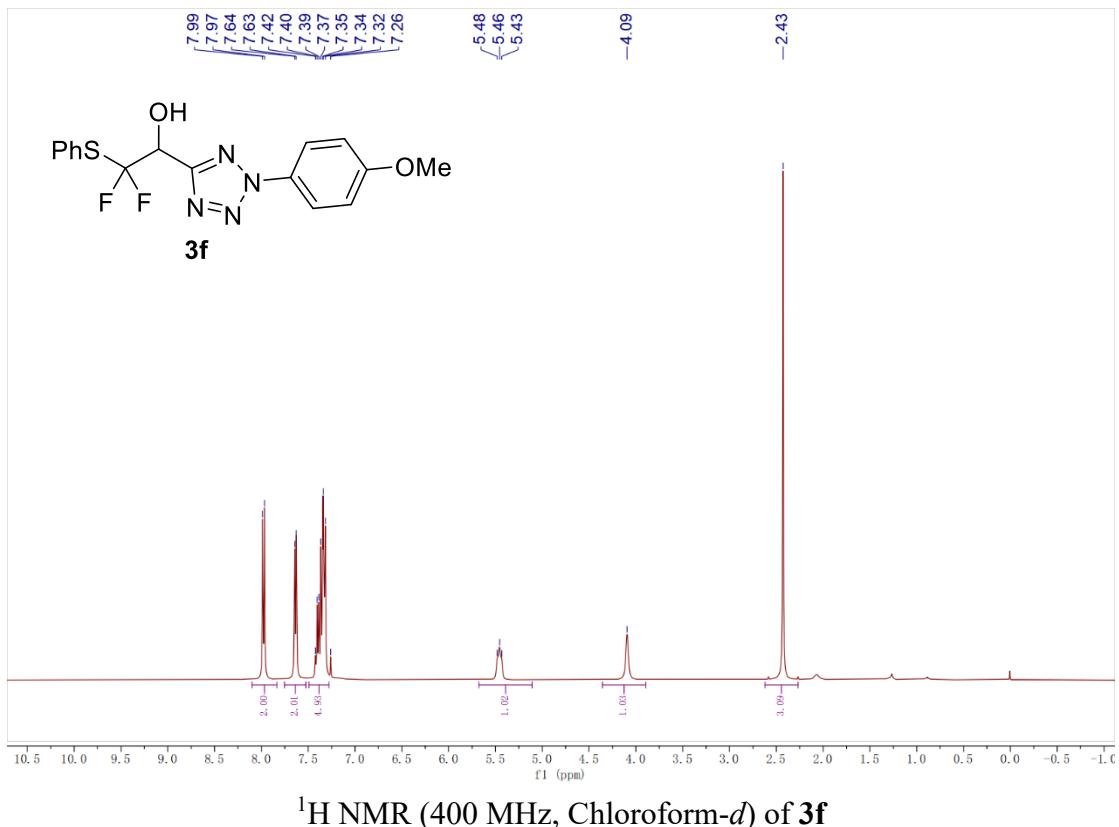
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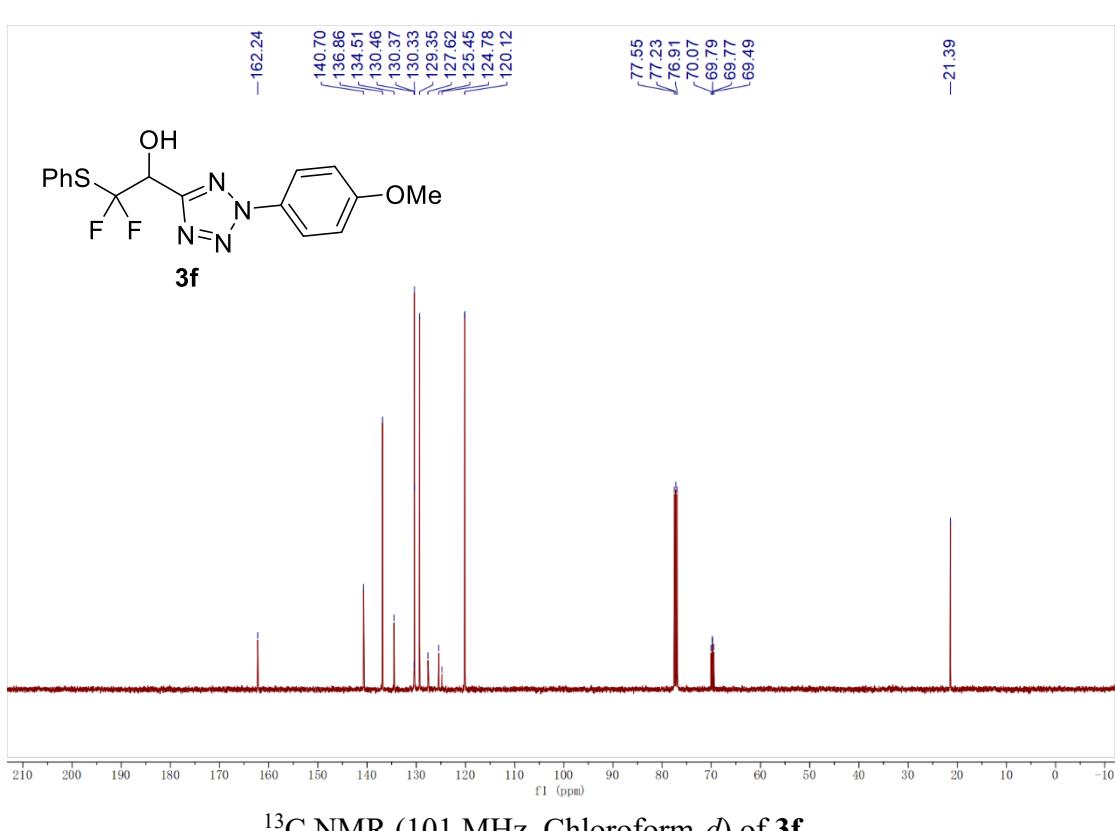
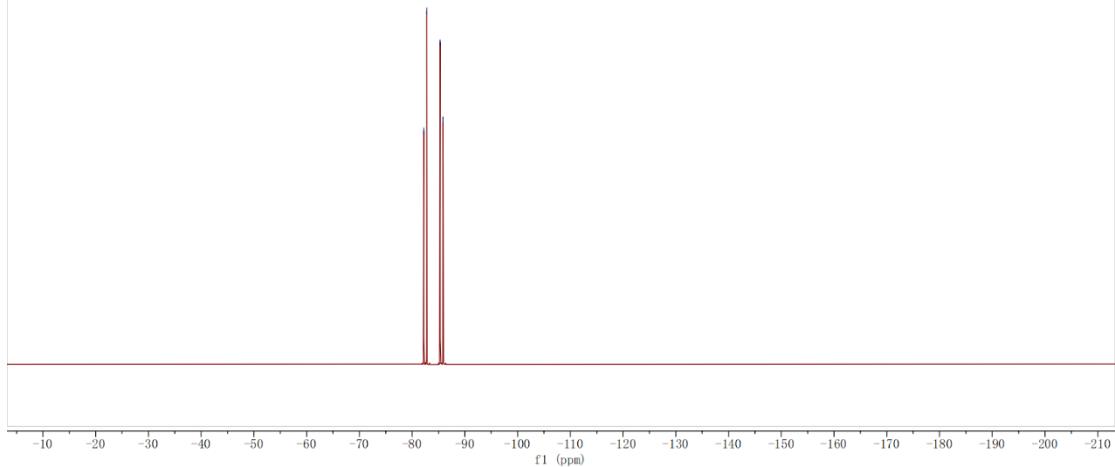
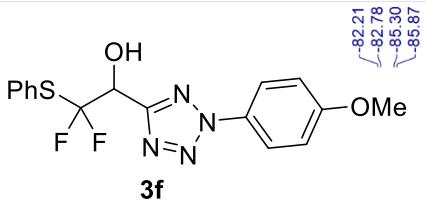
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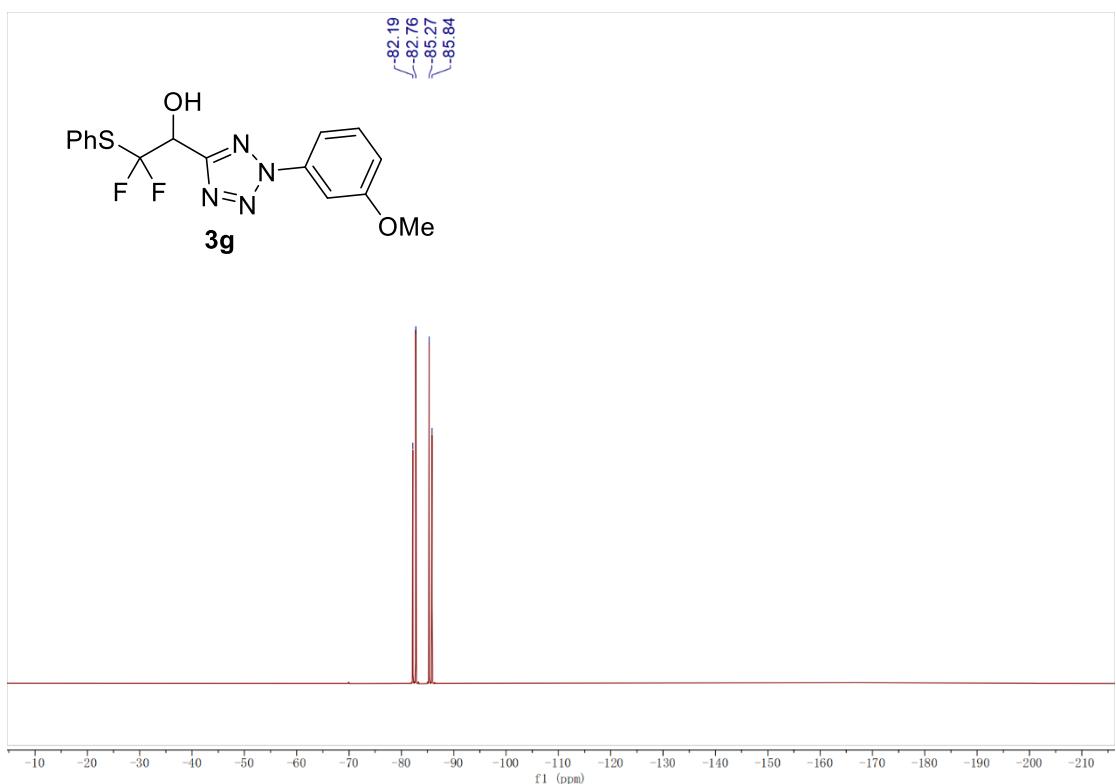
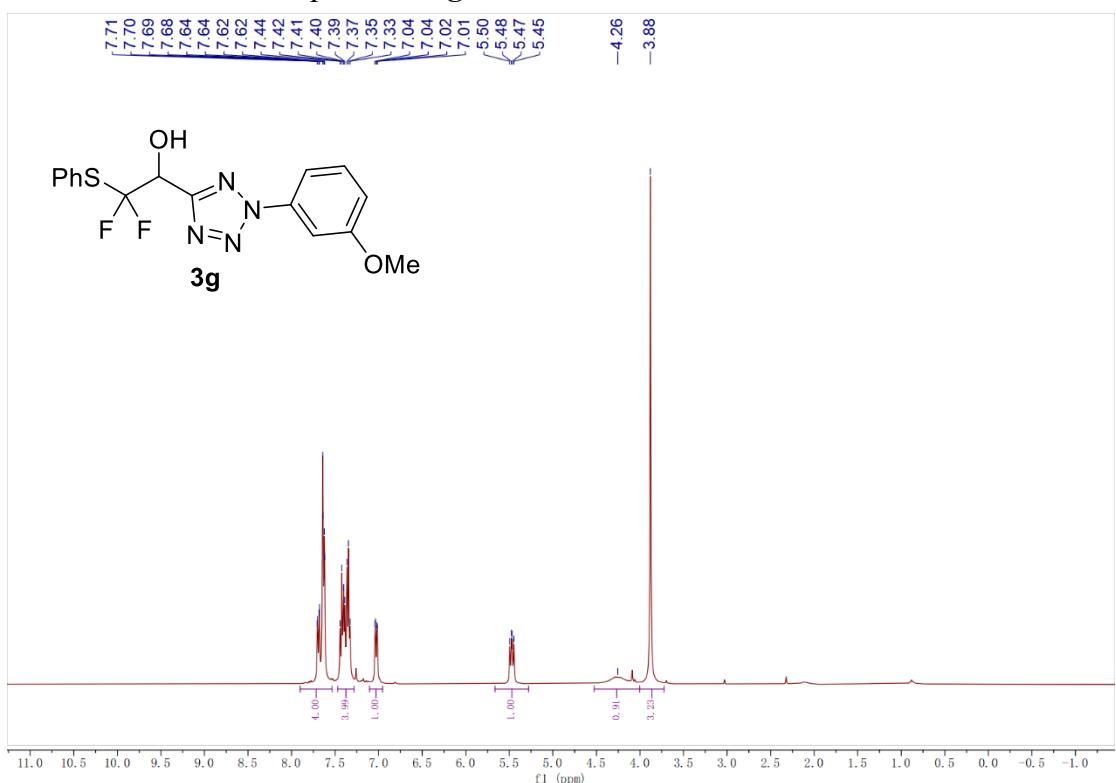


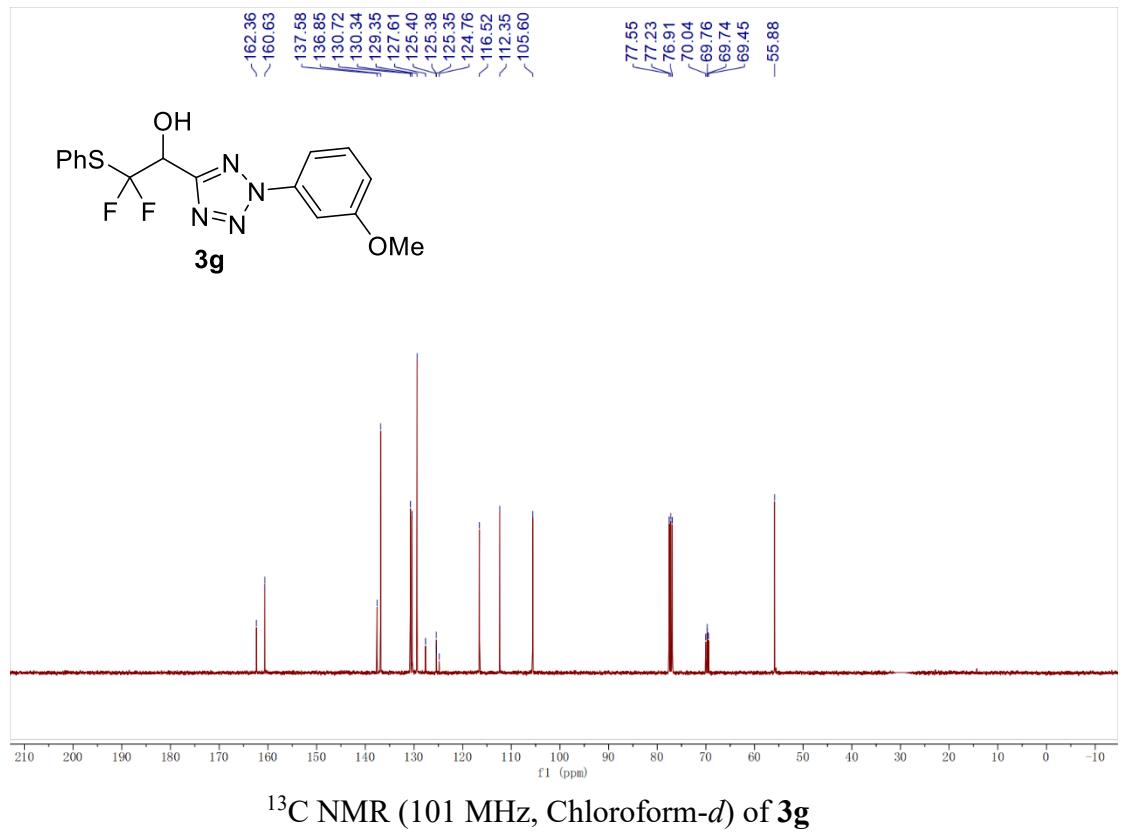
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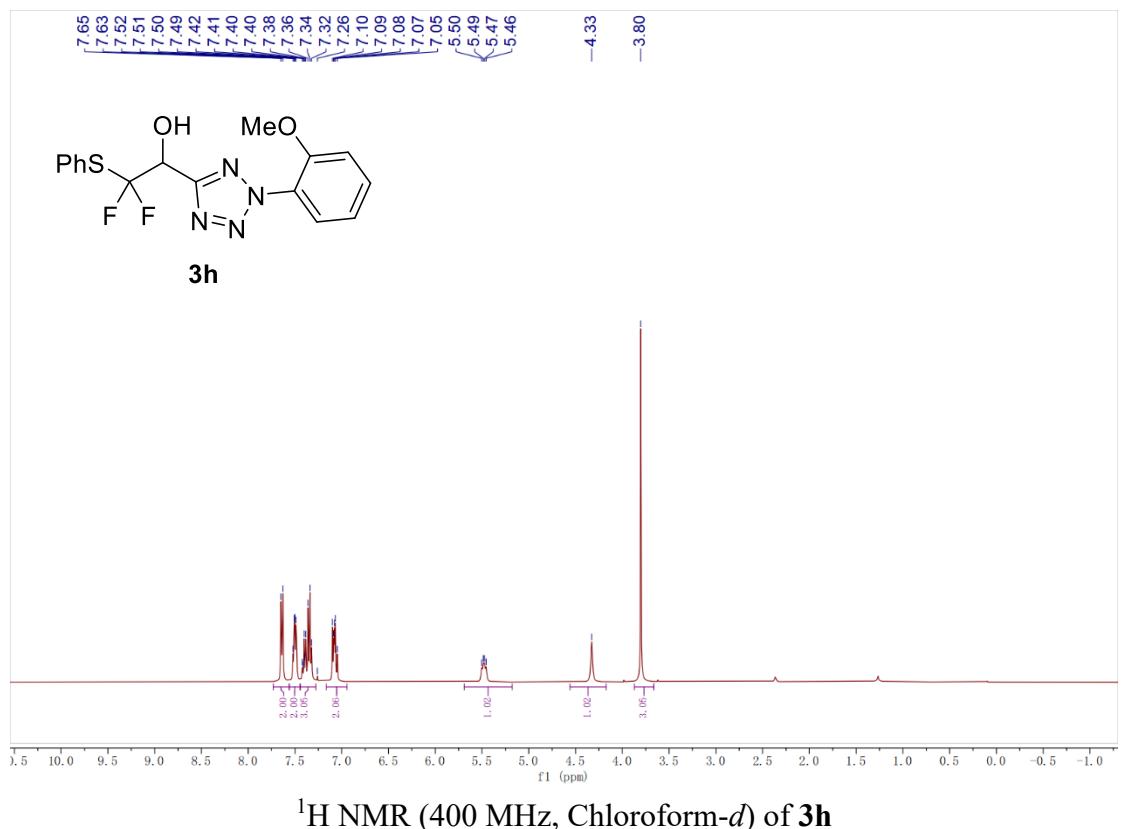


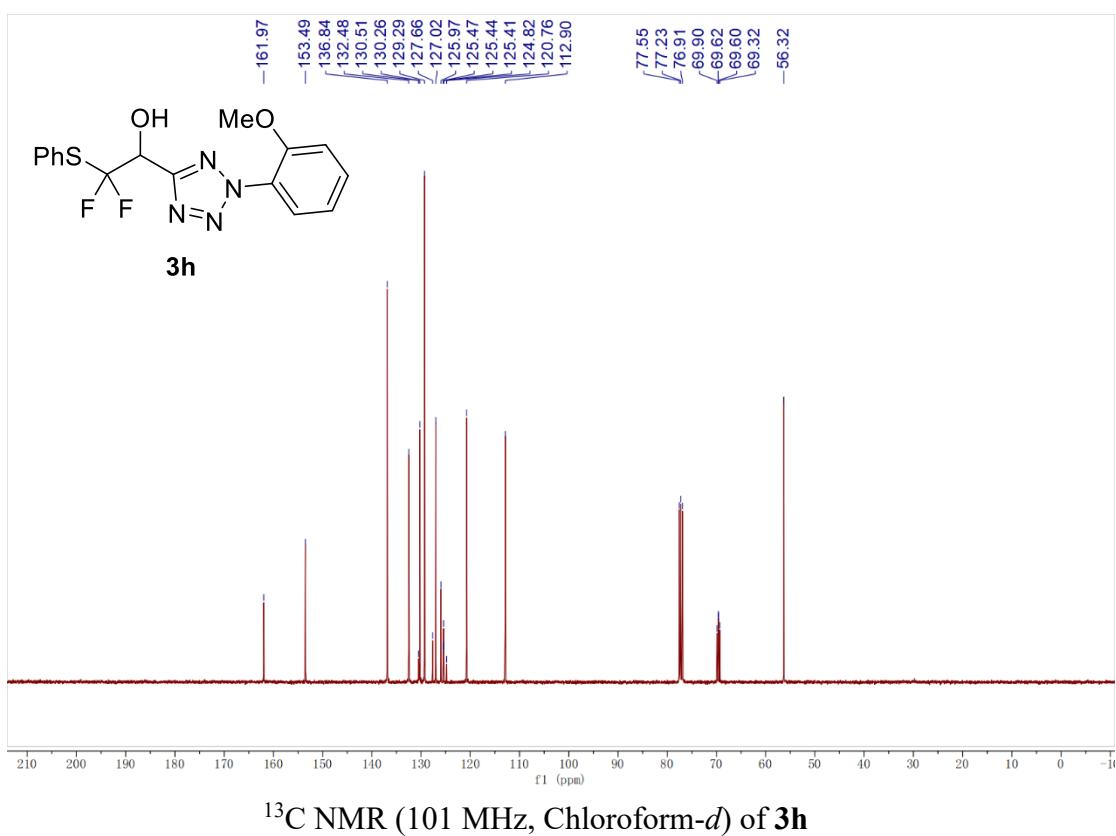
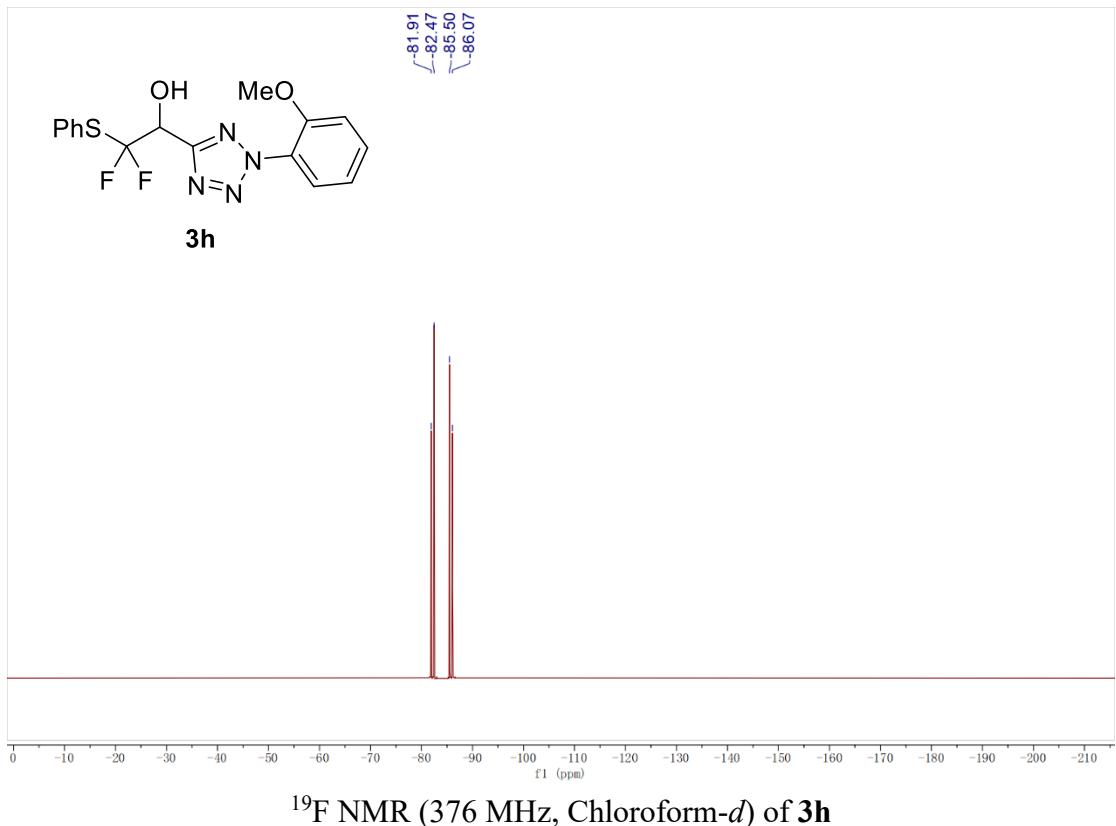
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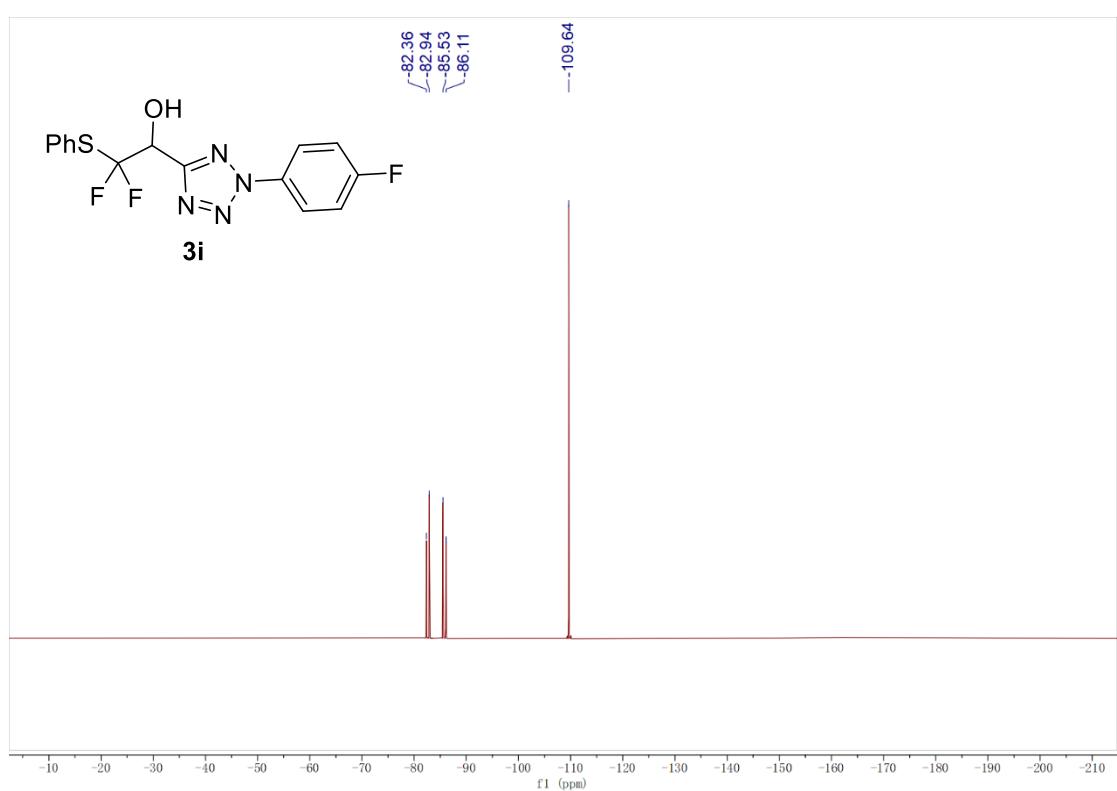
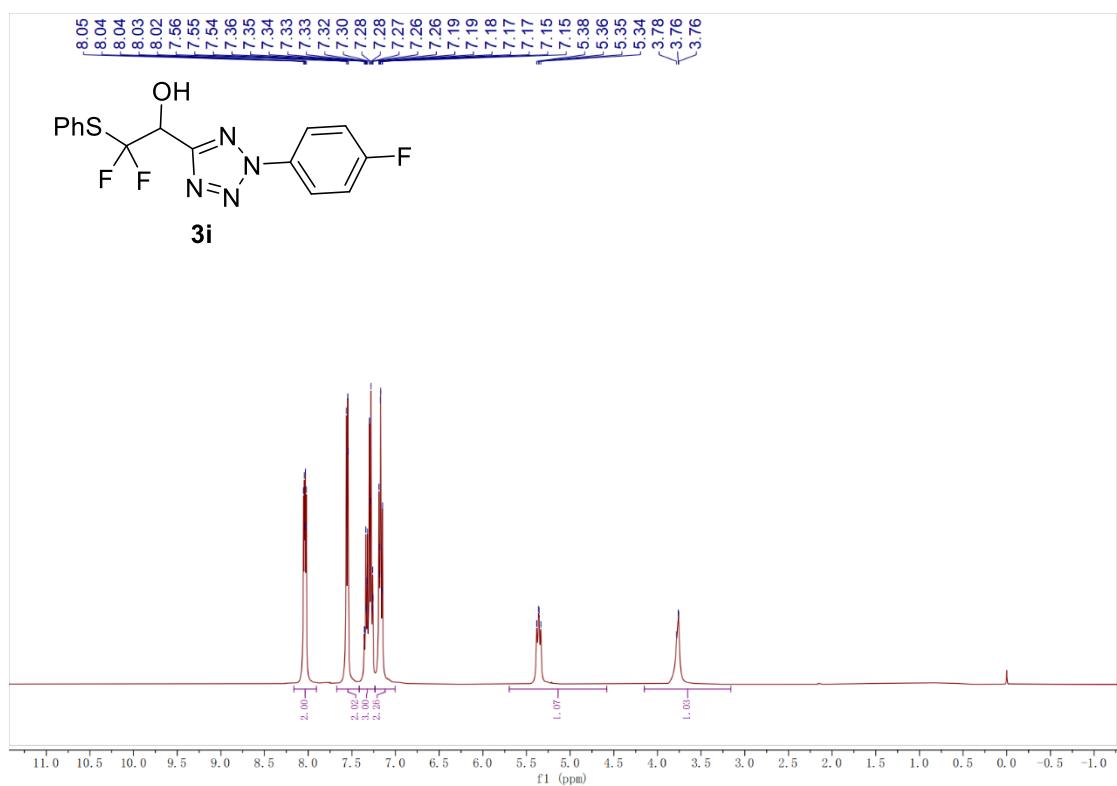


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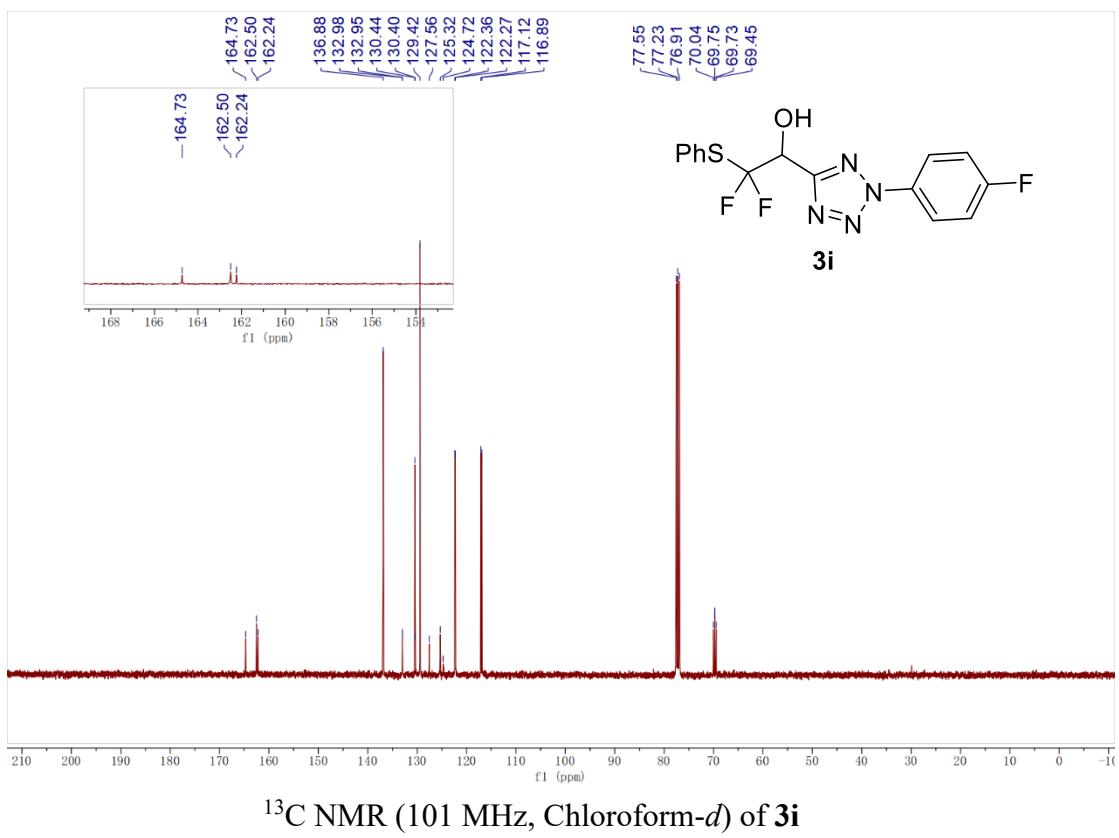




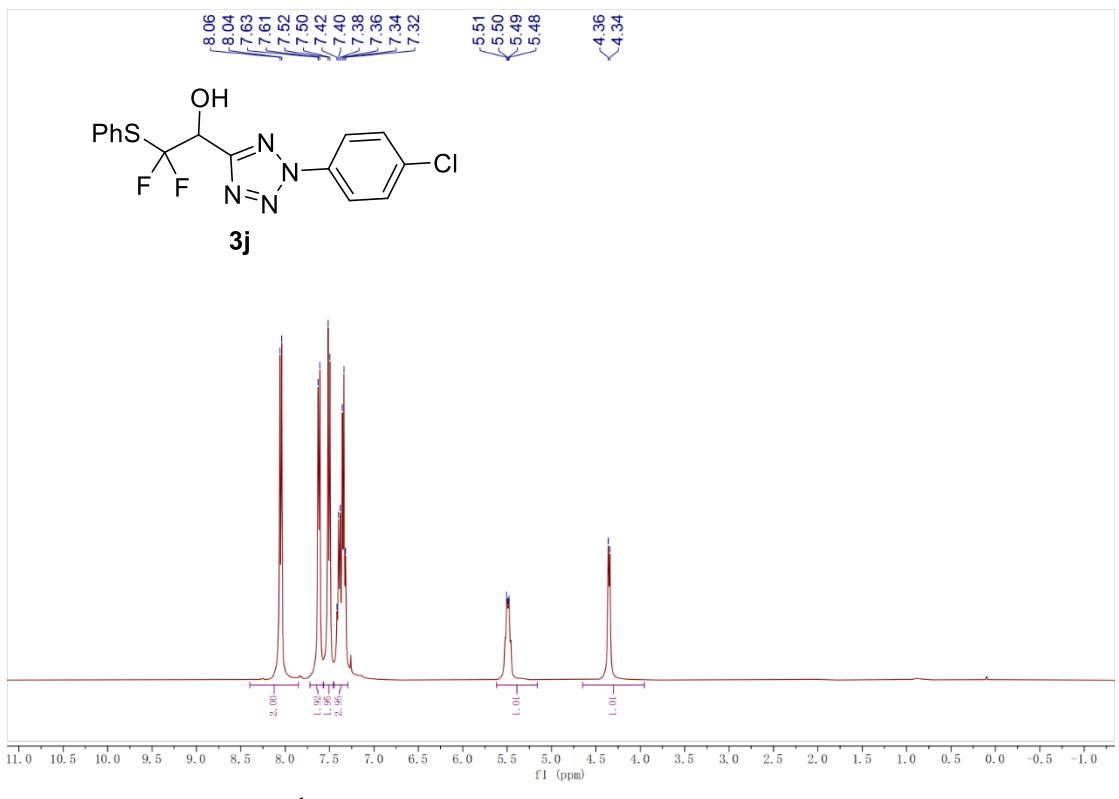
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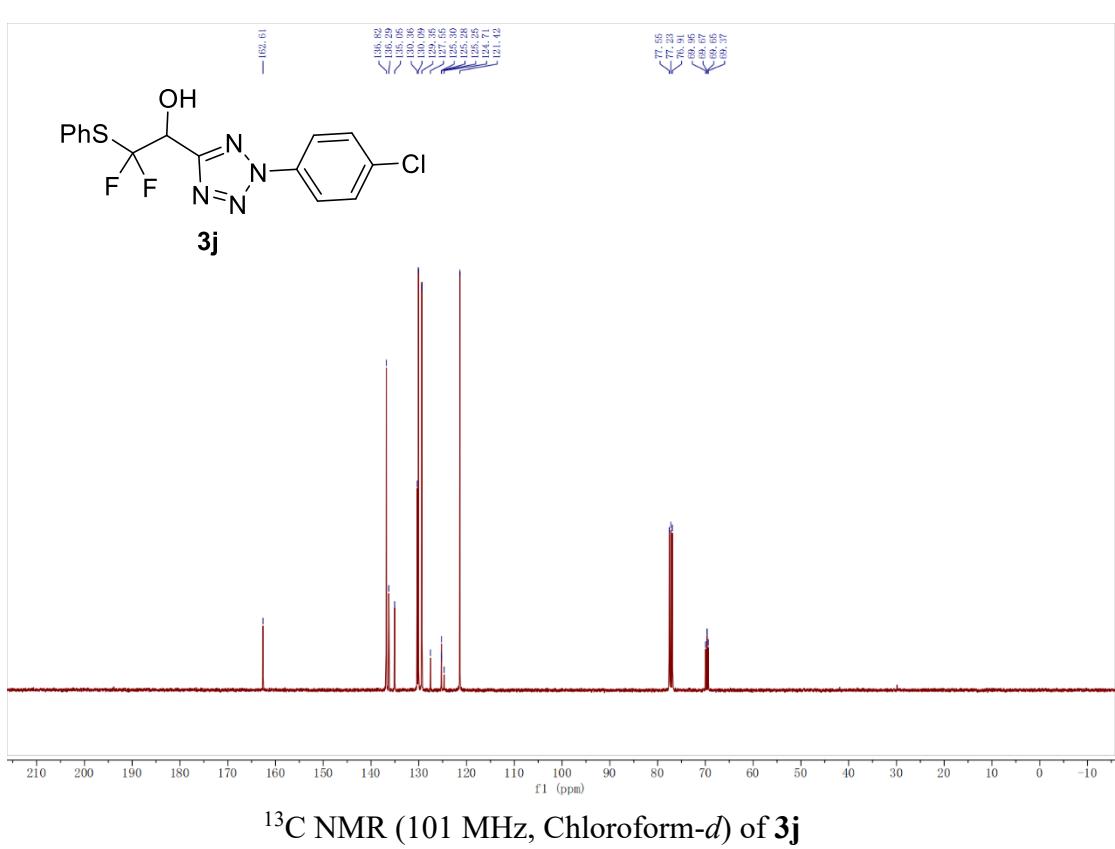
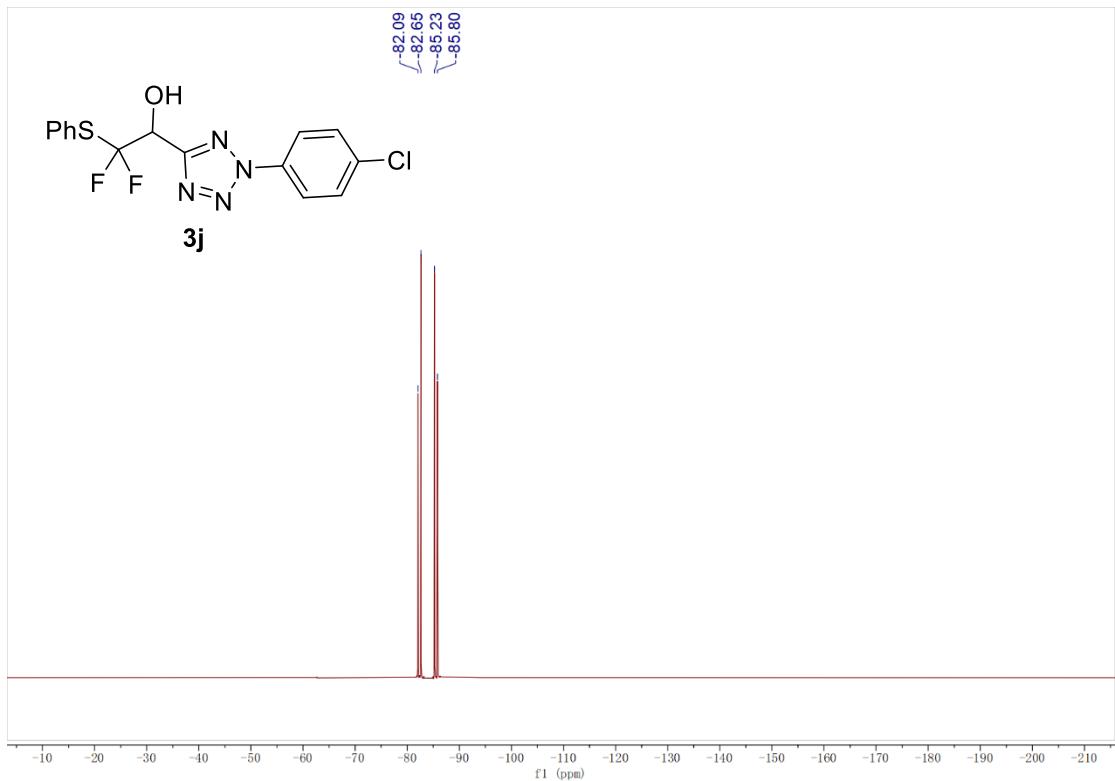


¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of **3i**

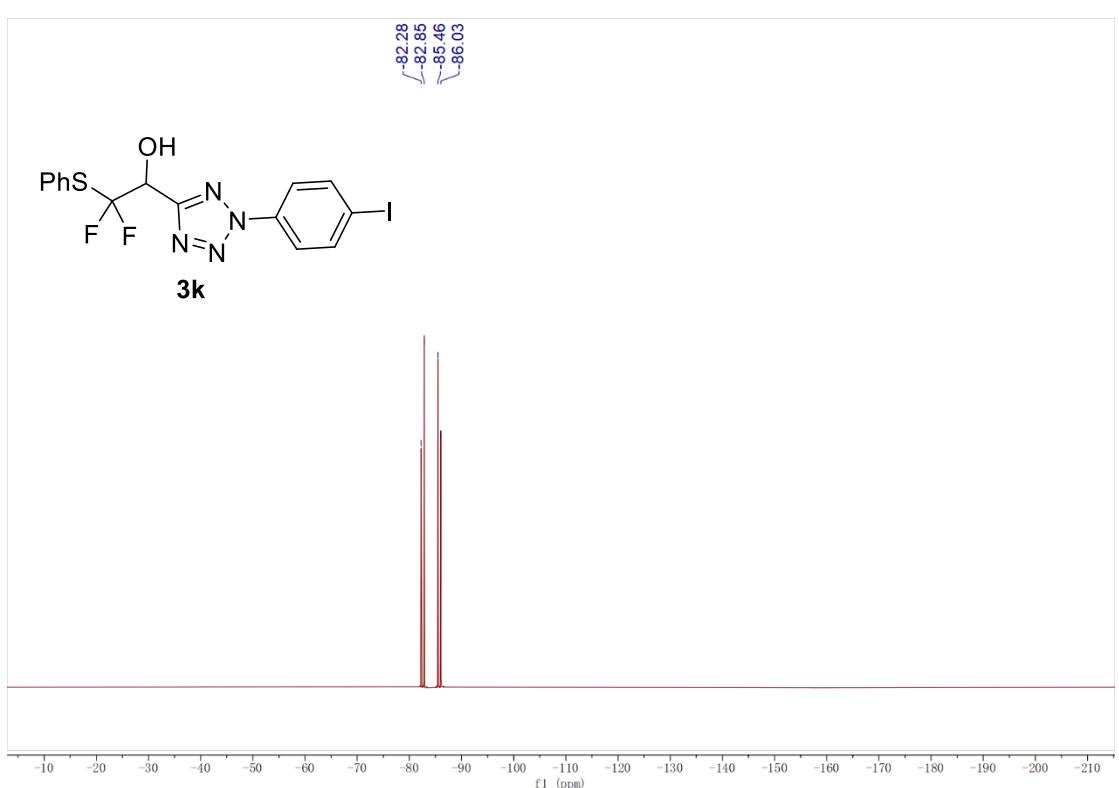
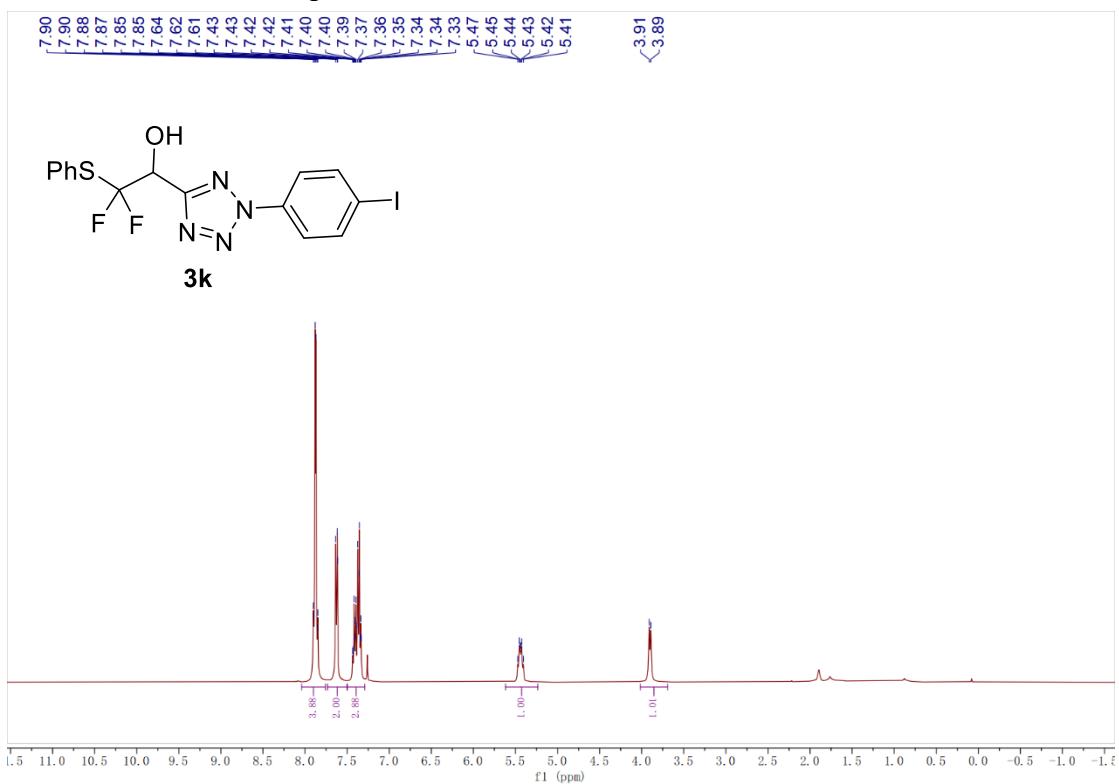


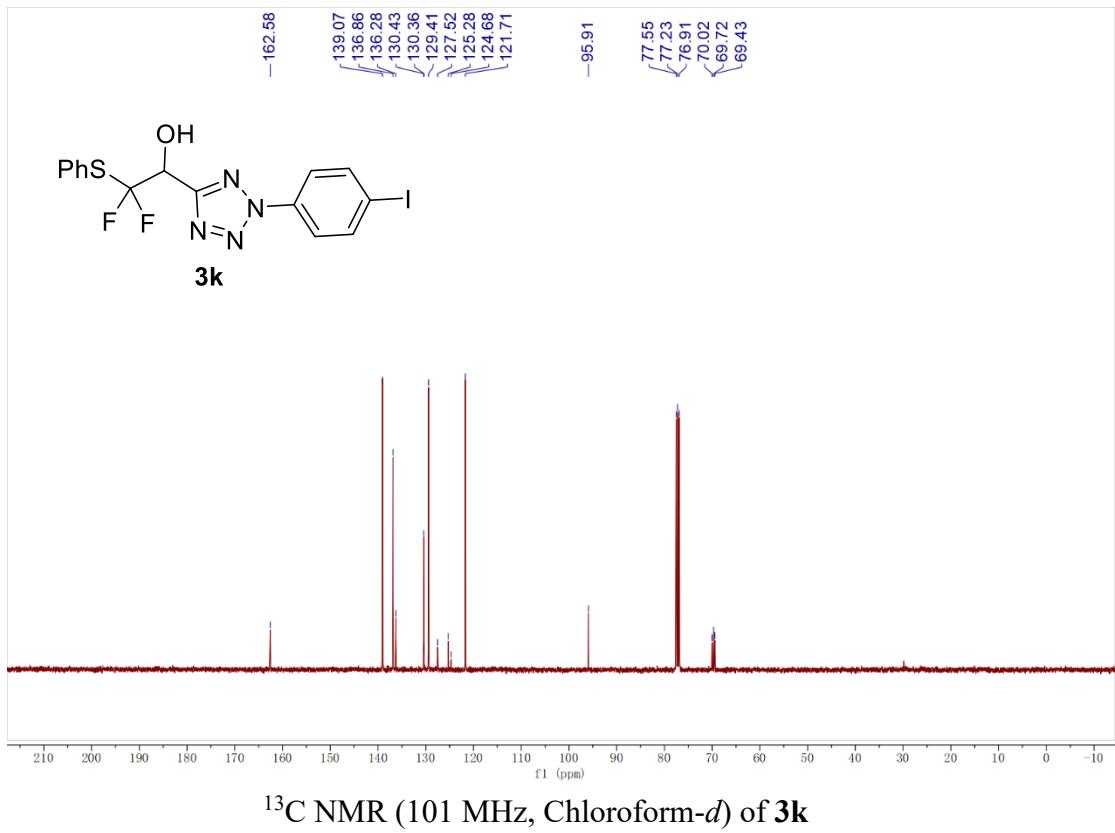
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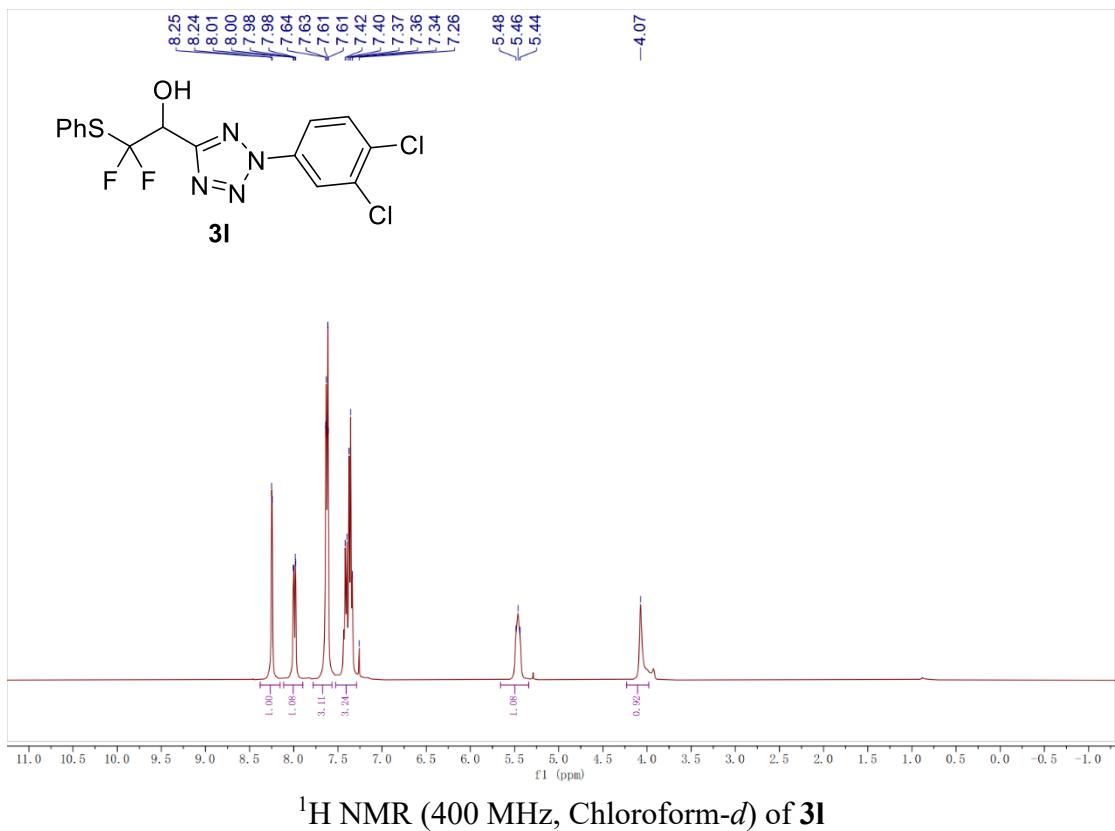


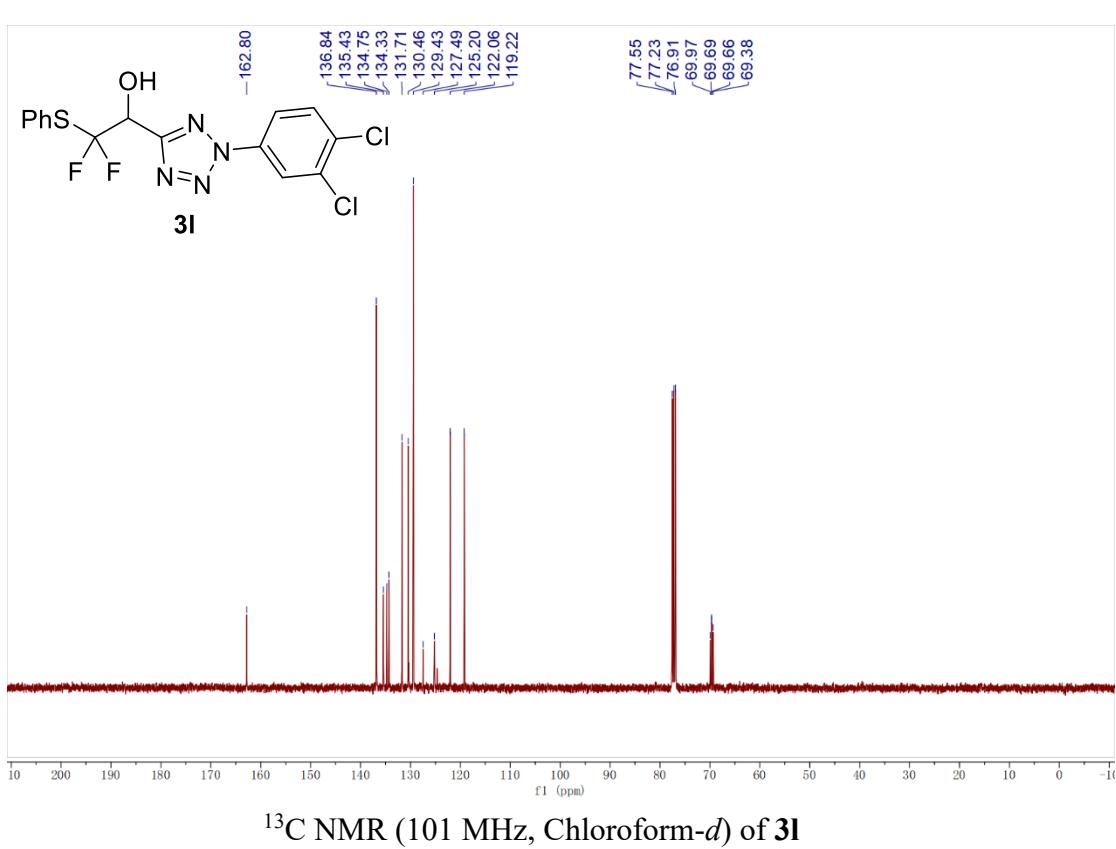
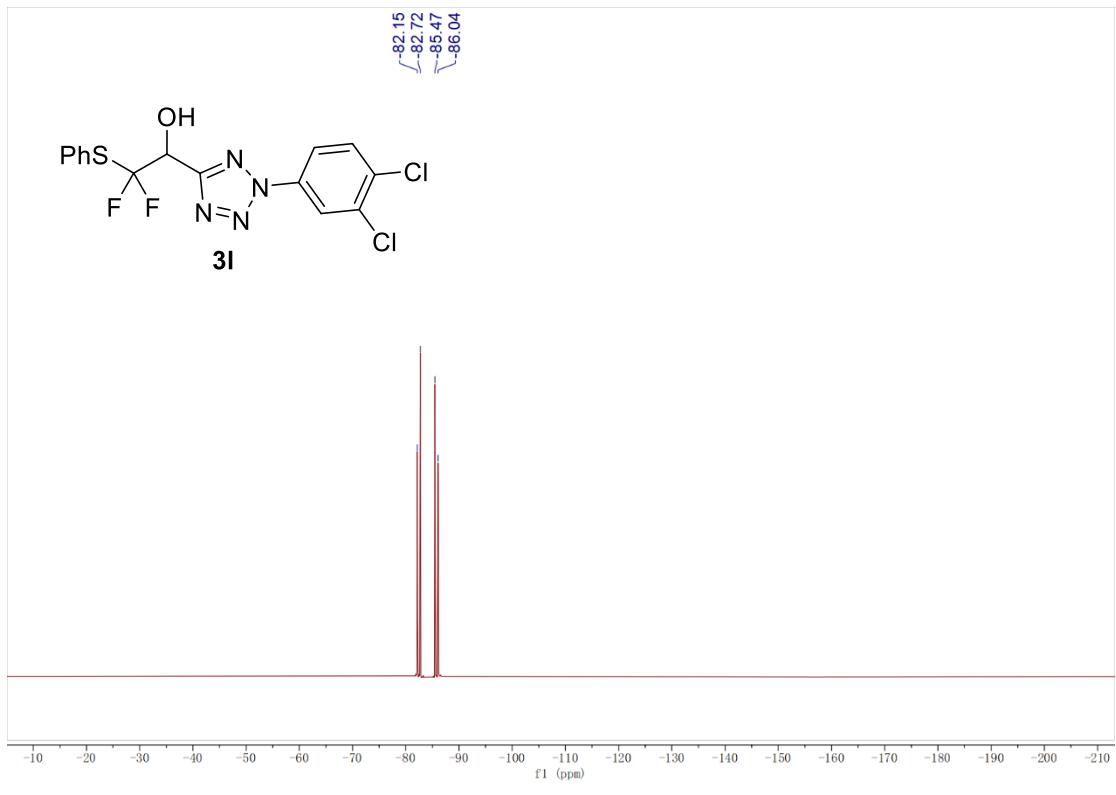
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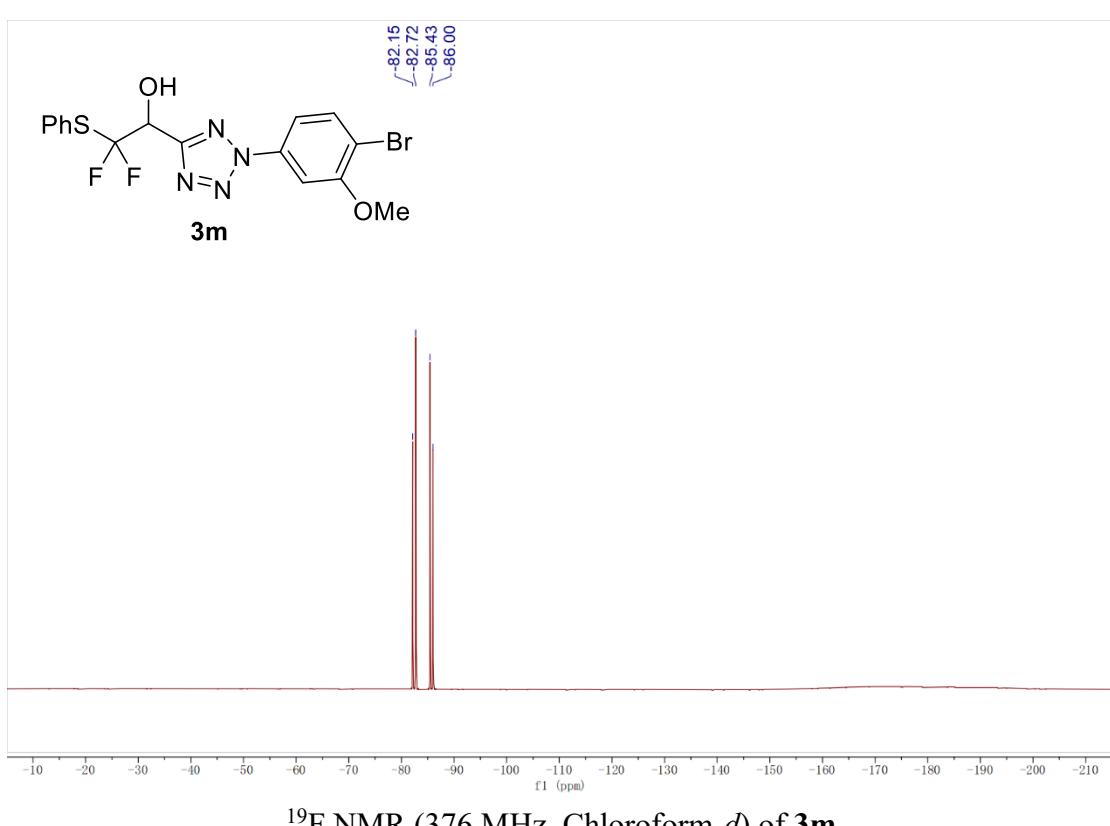
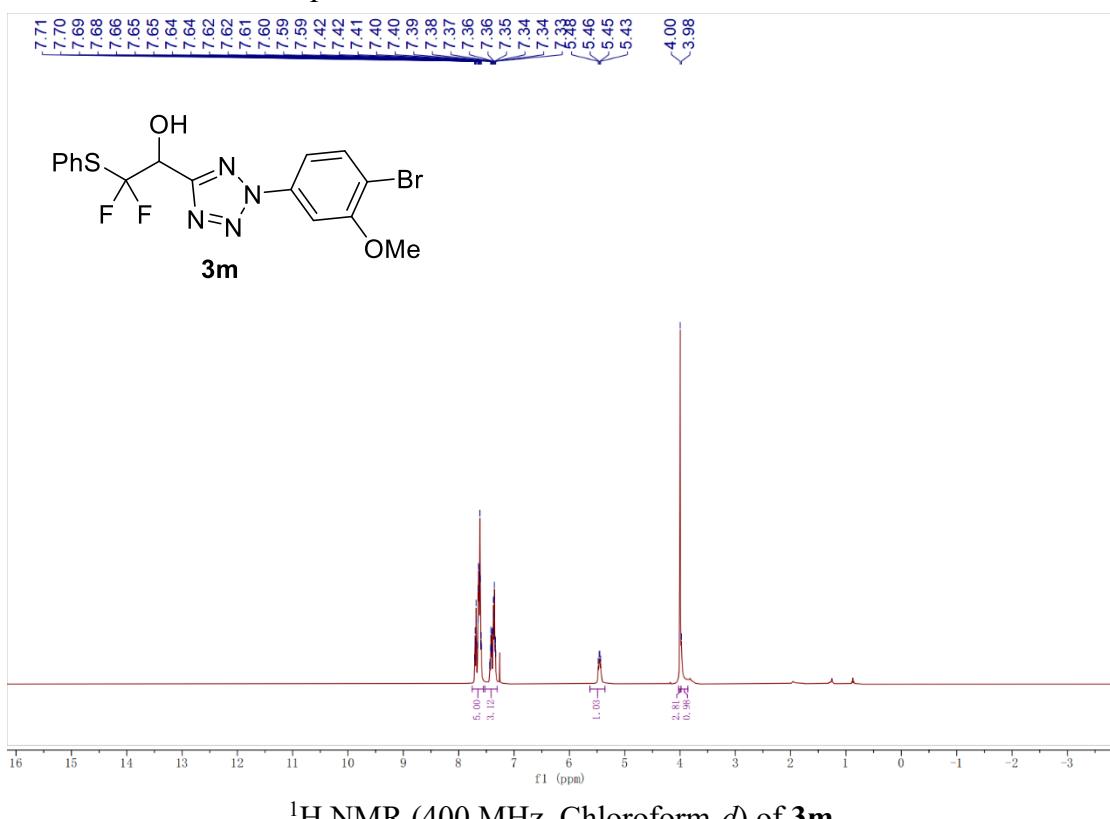


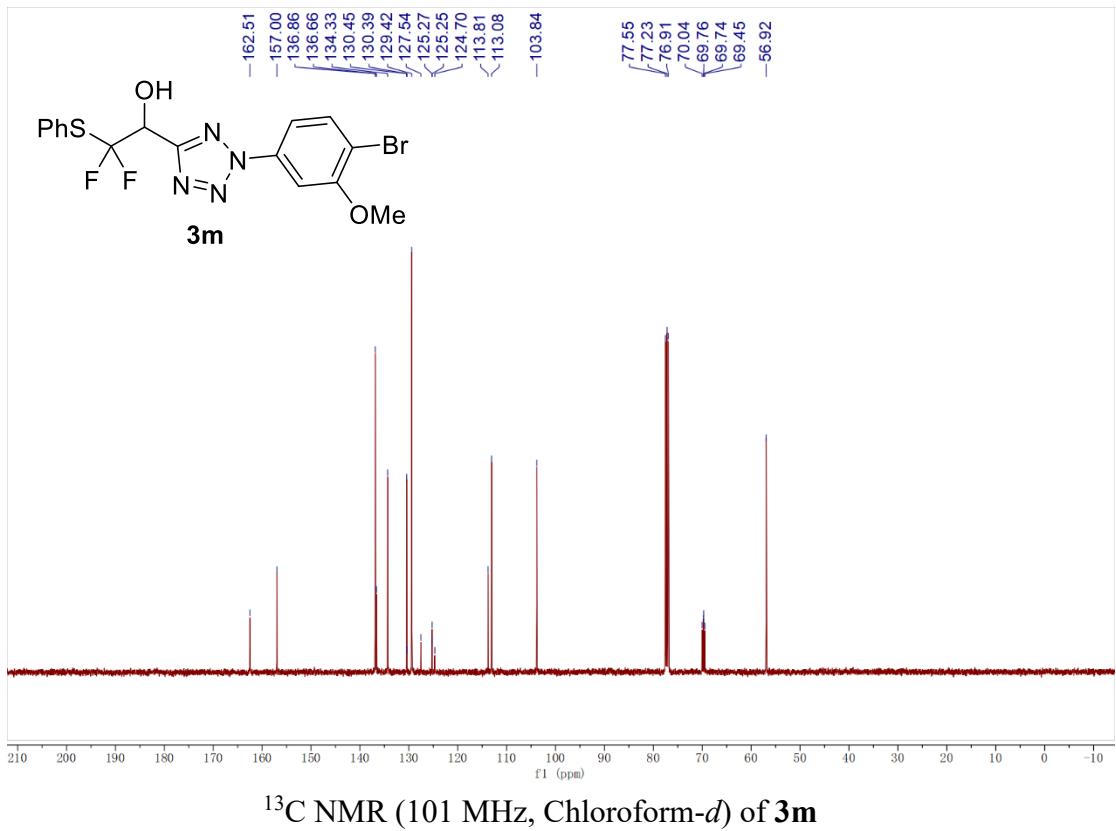
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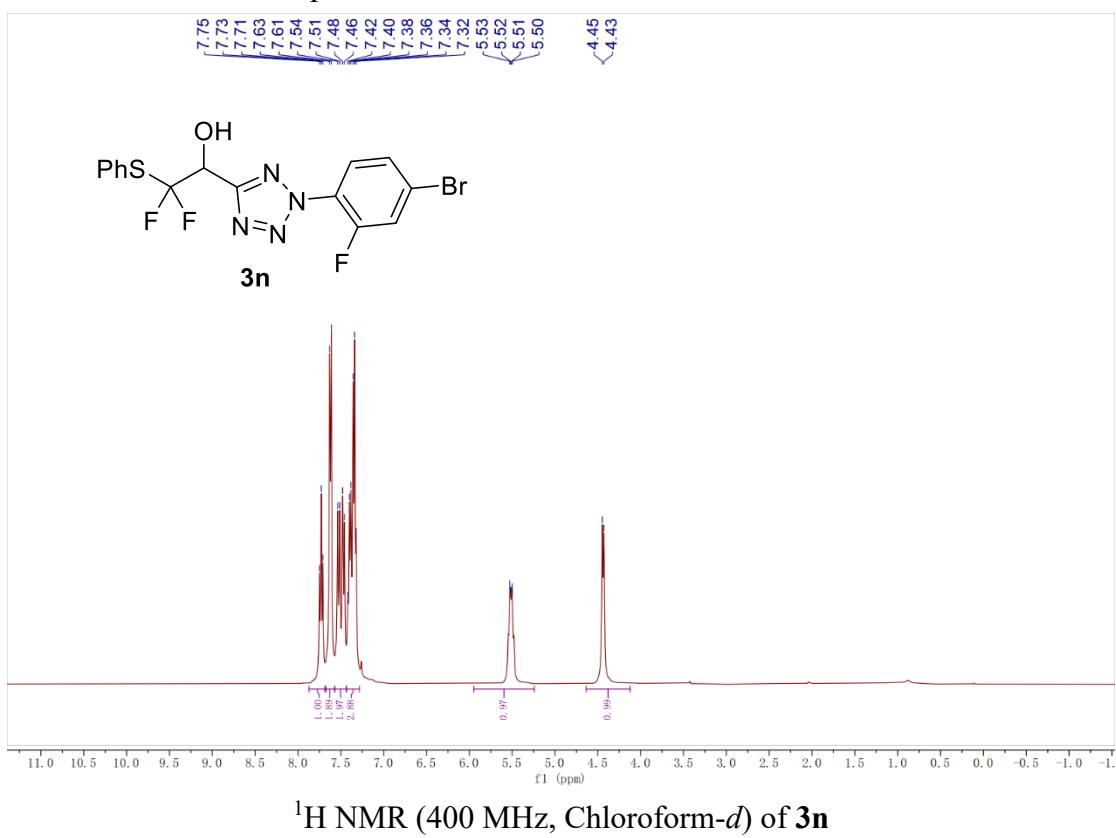


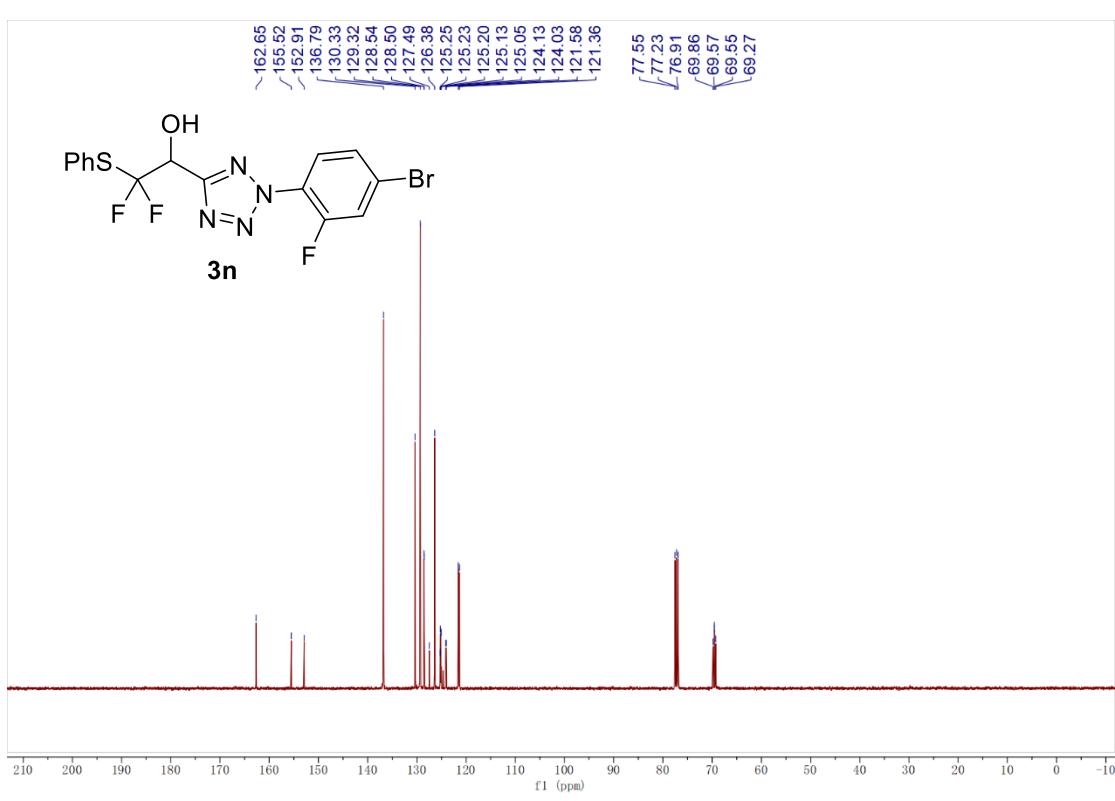
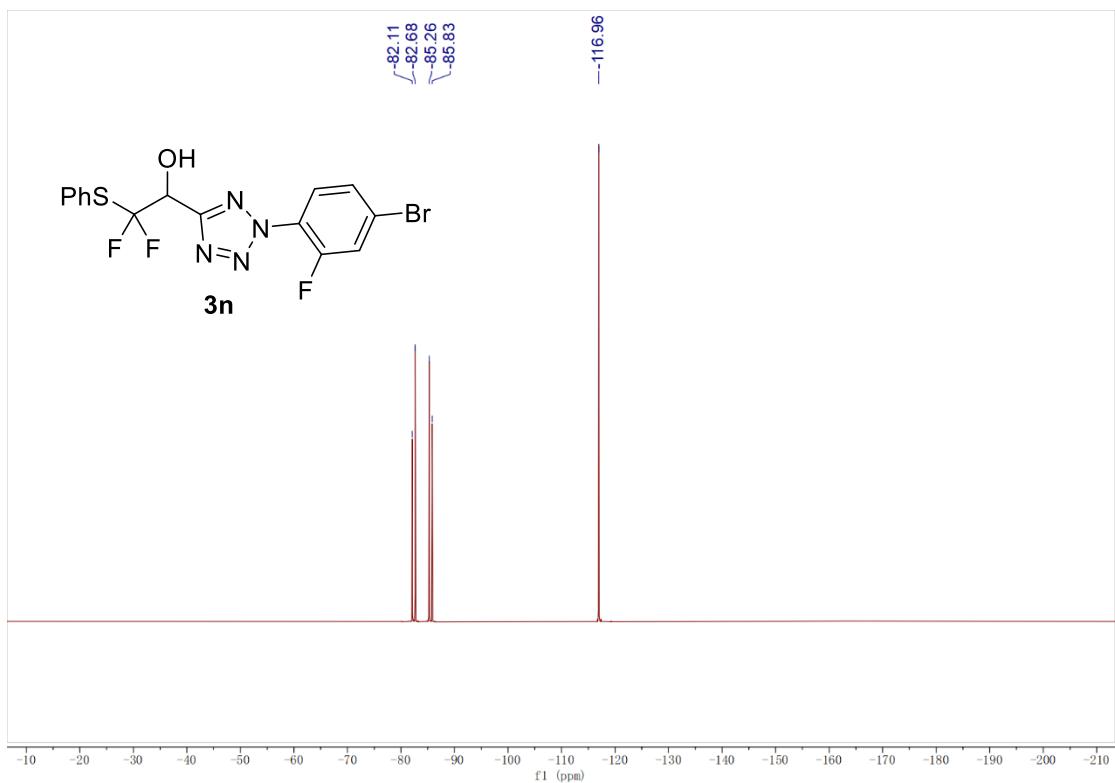
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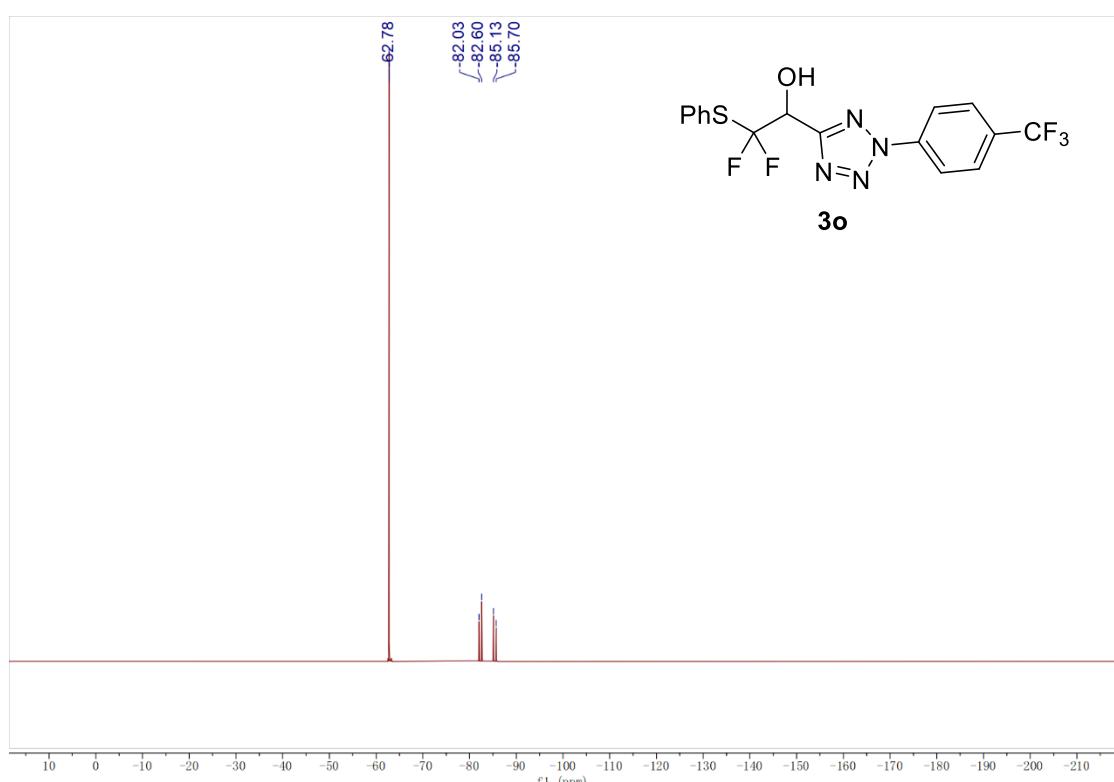
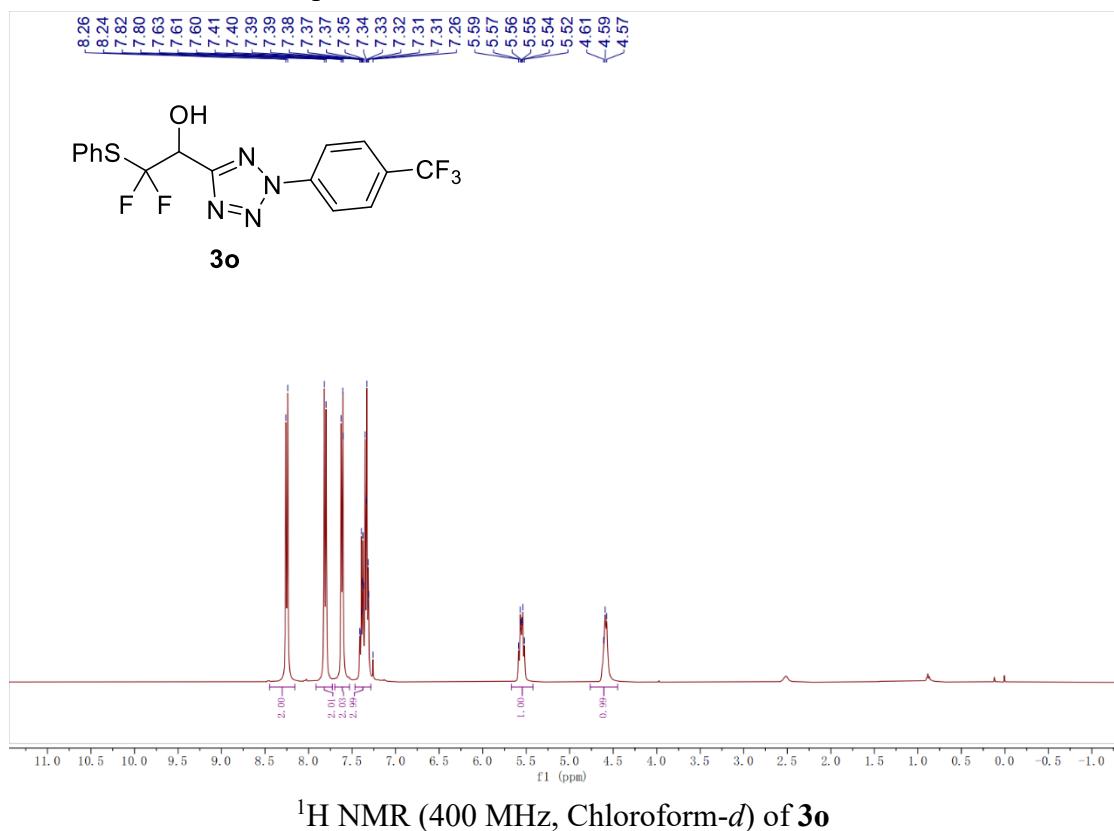


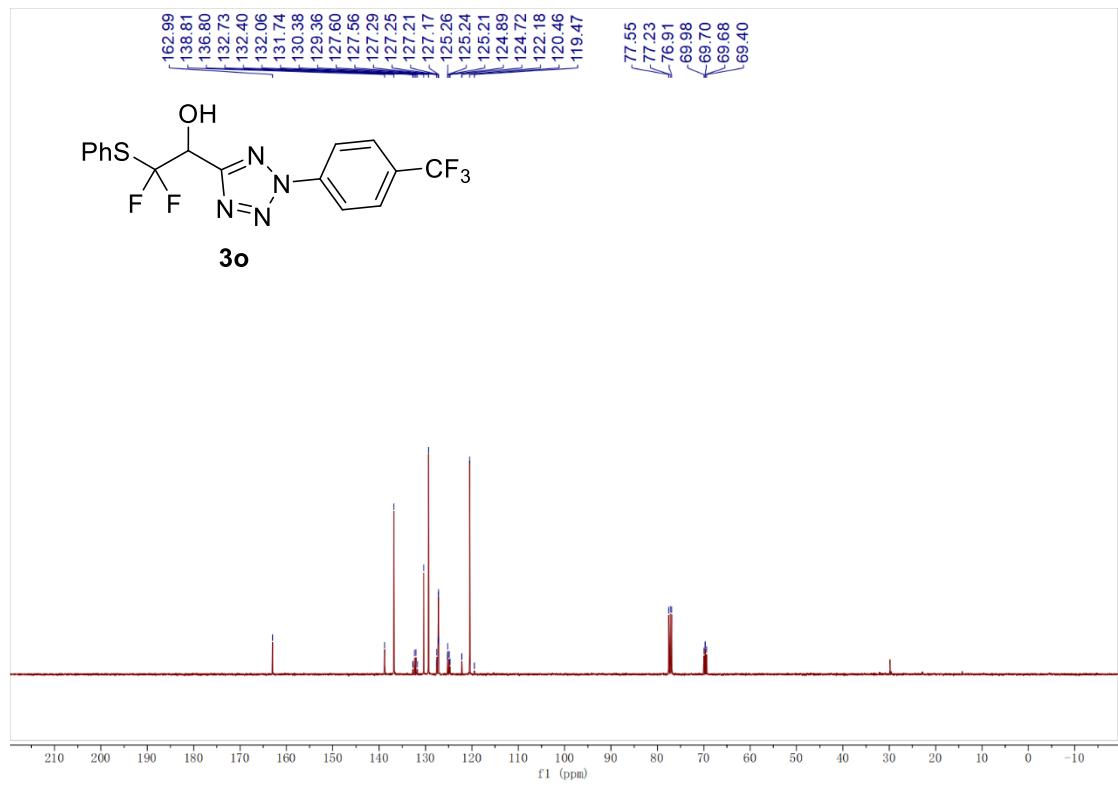
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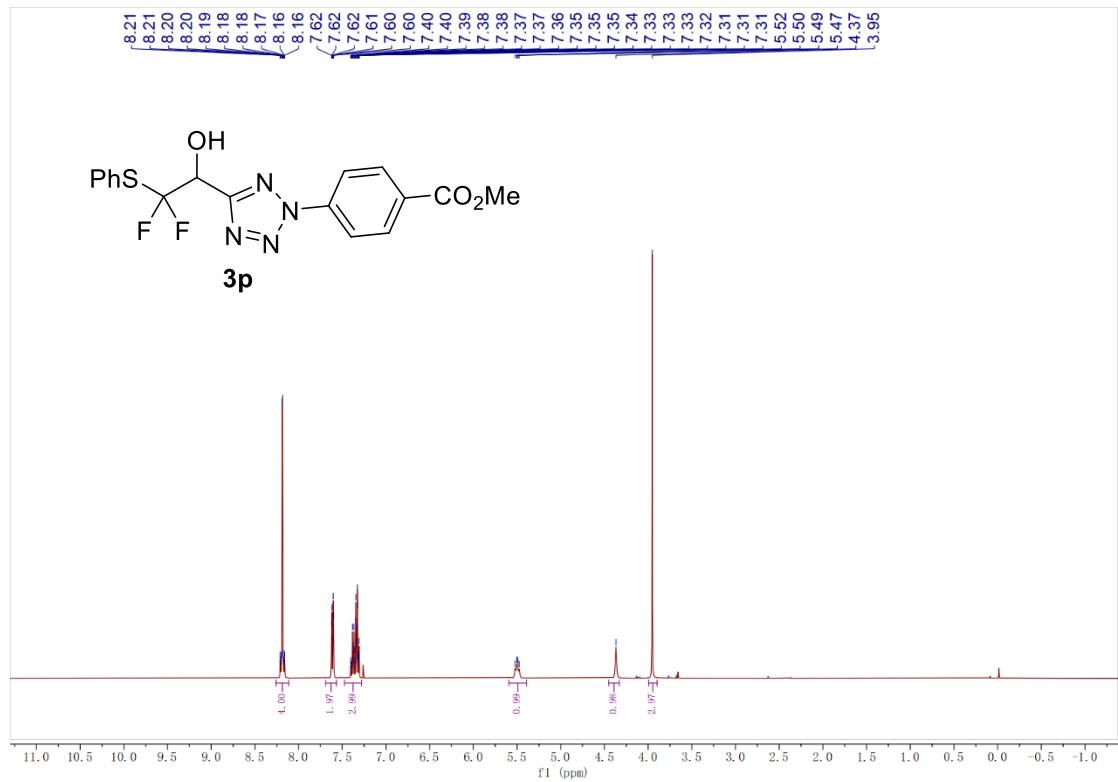
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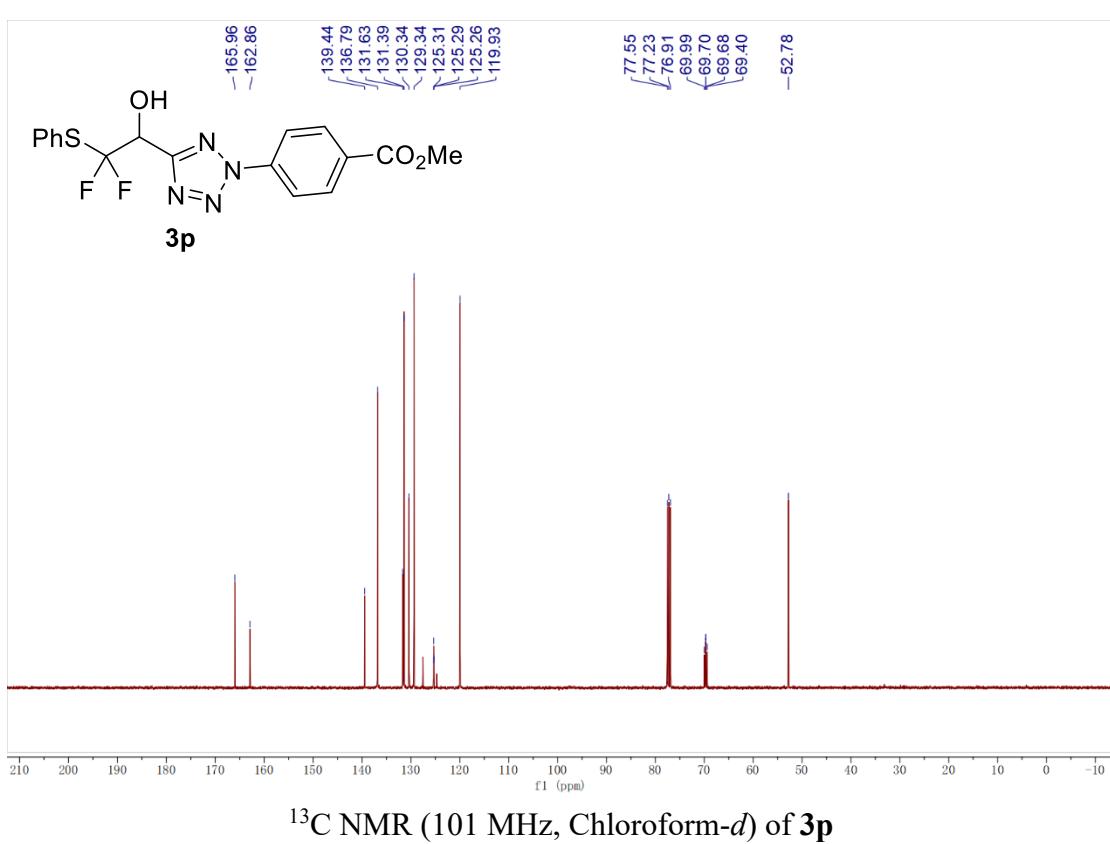
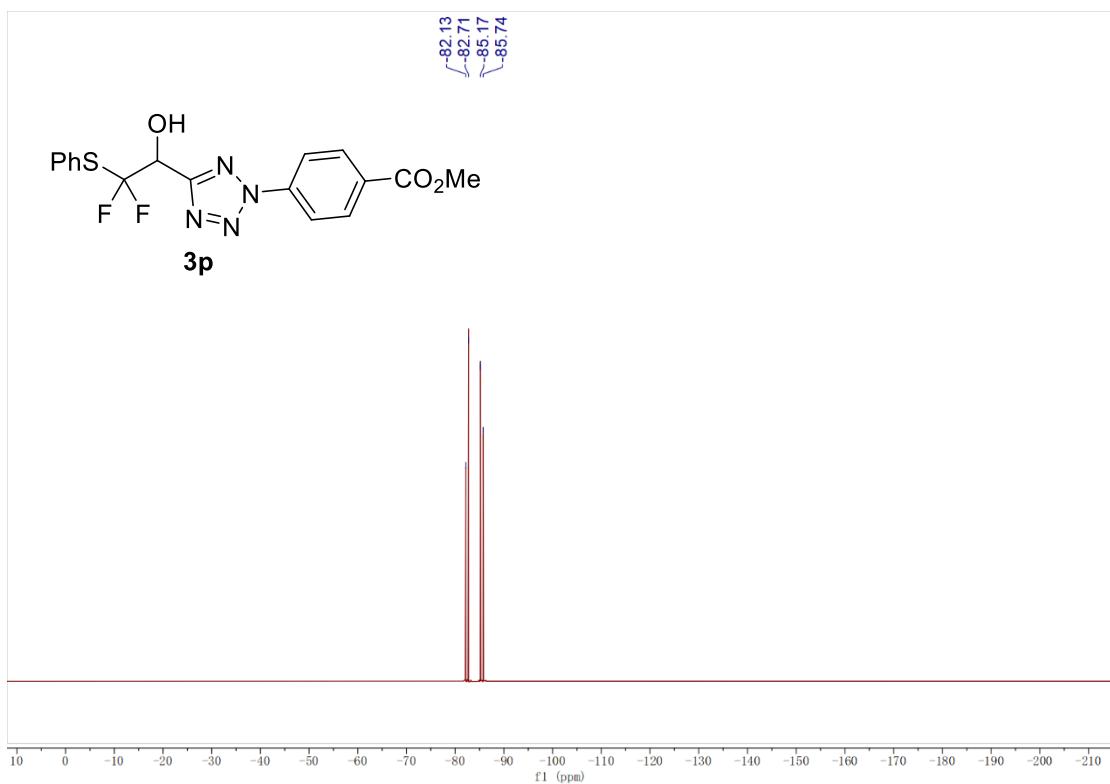


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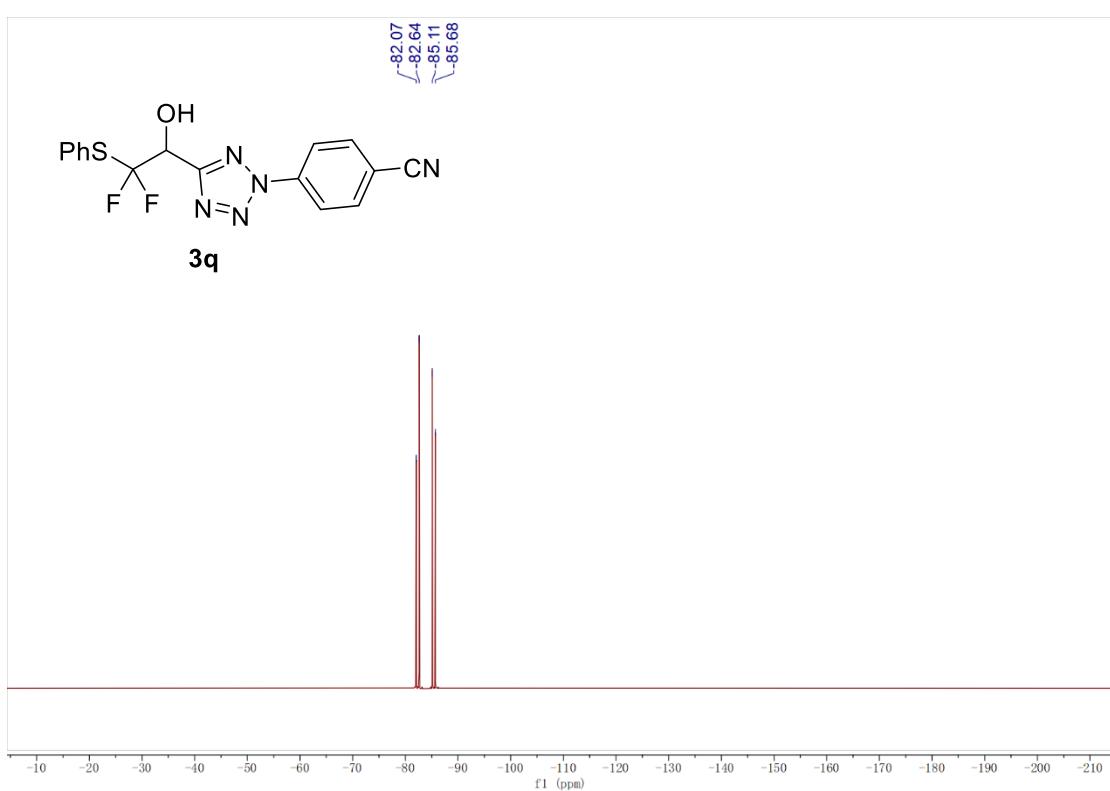
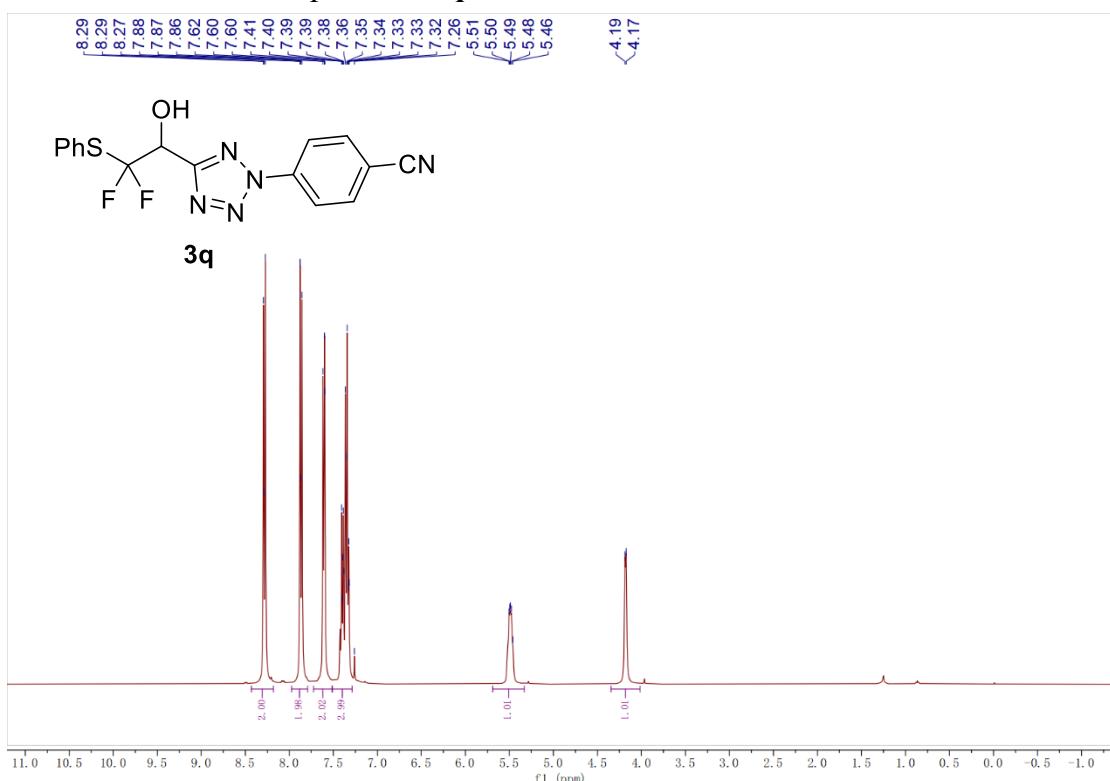
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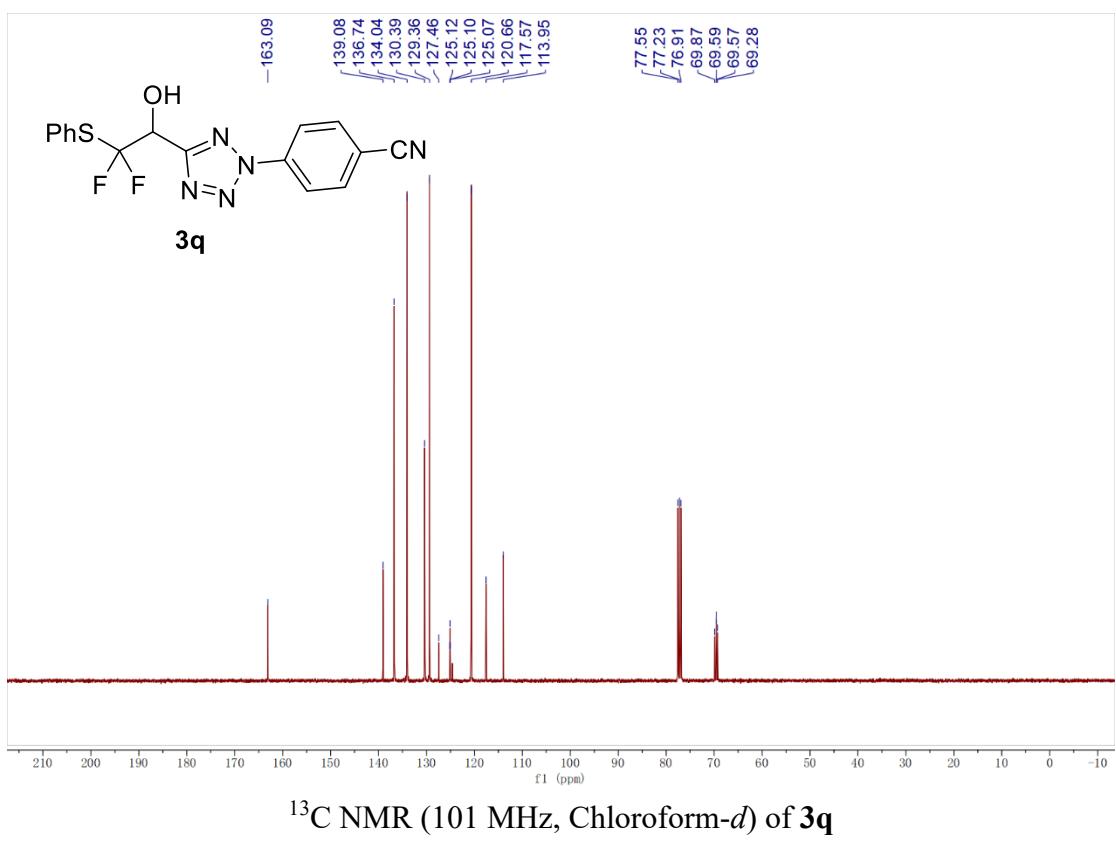


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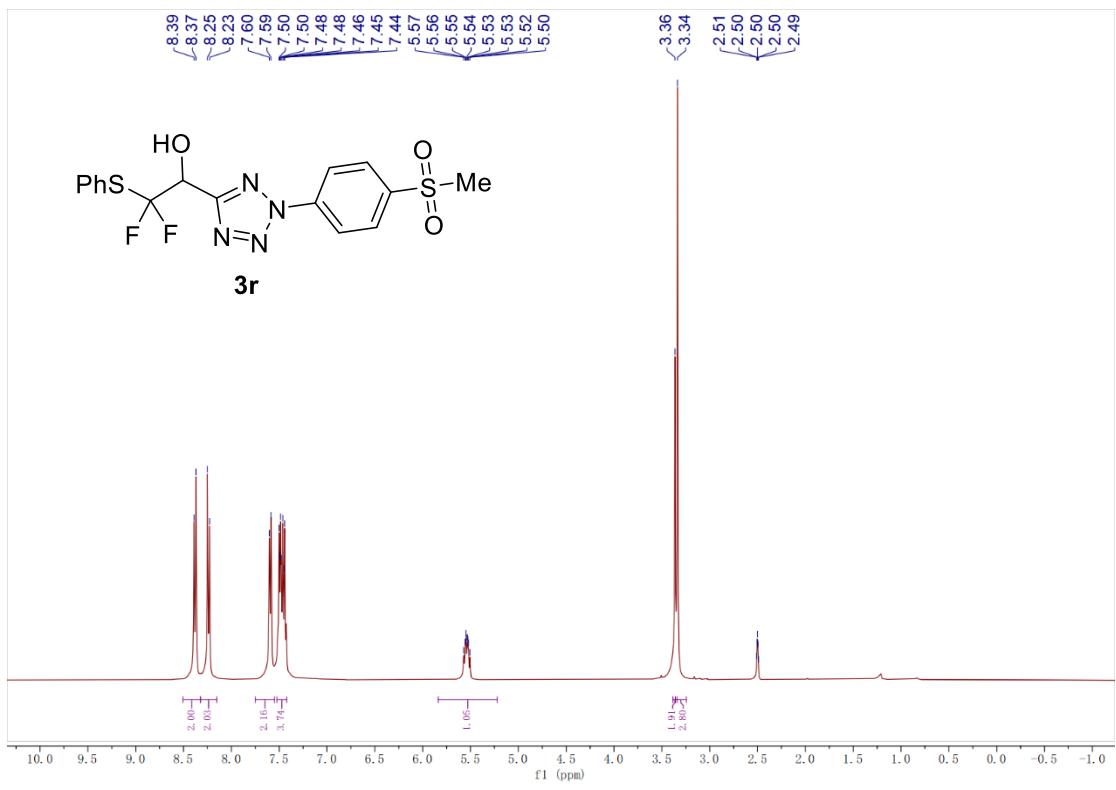
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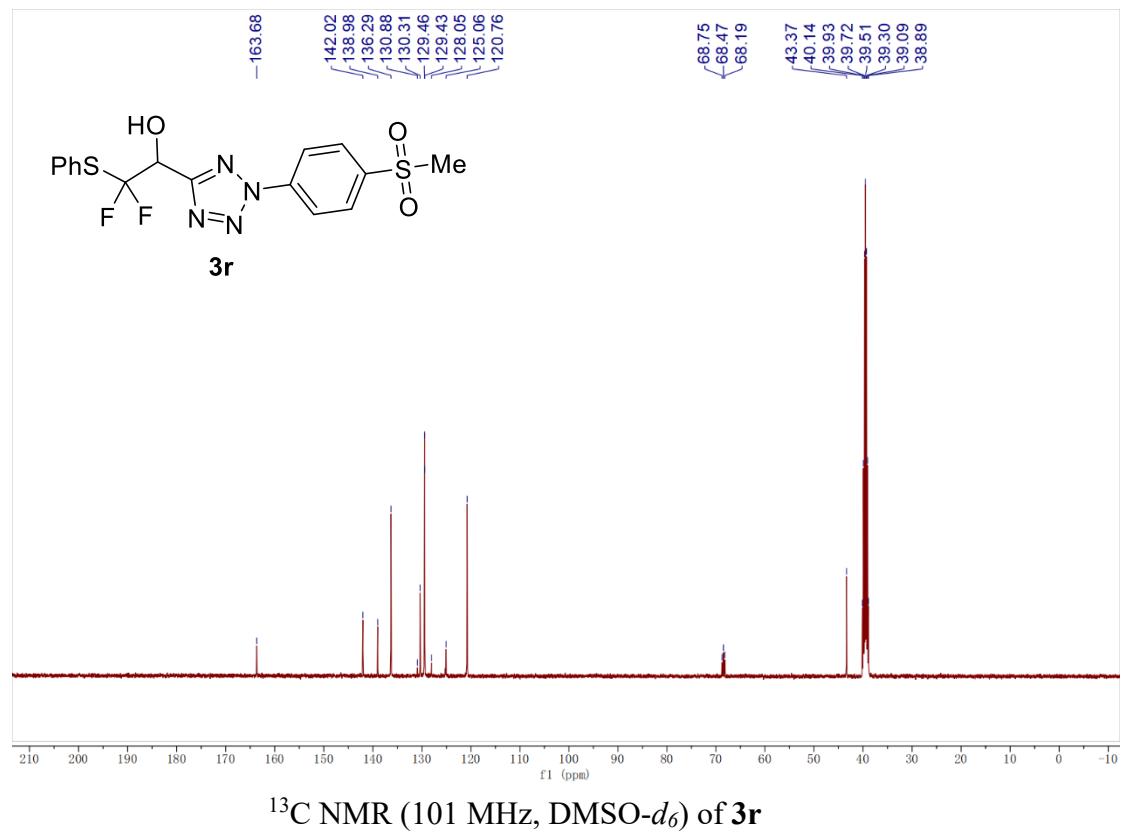
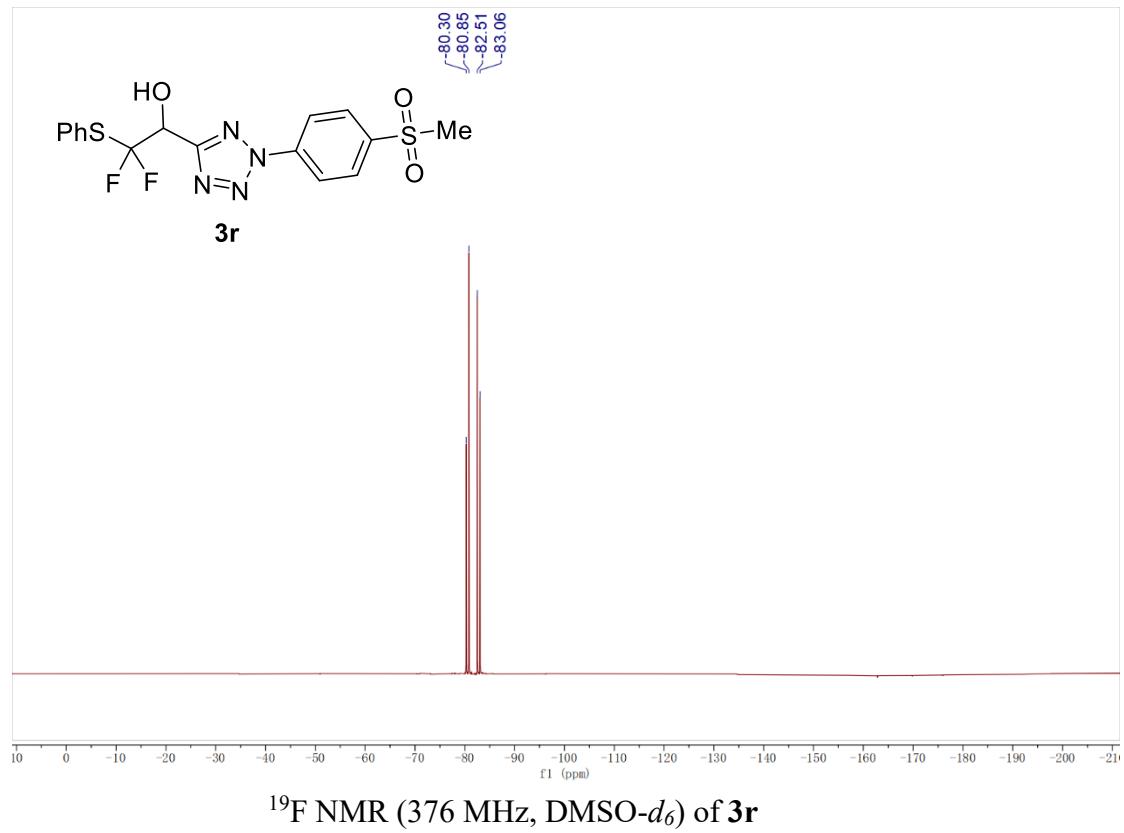


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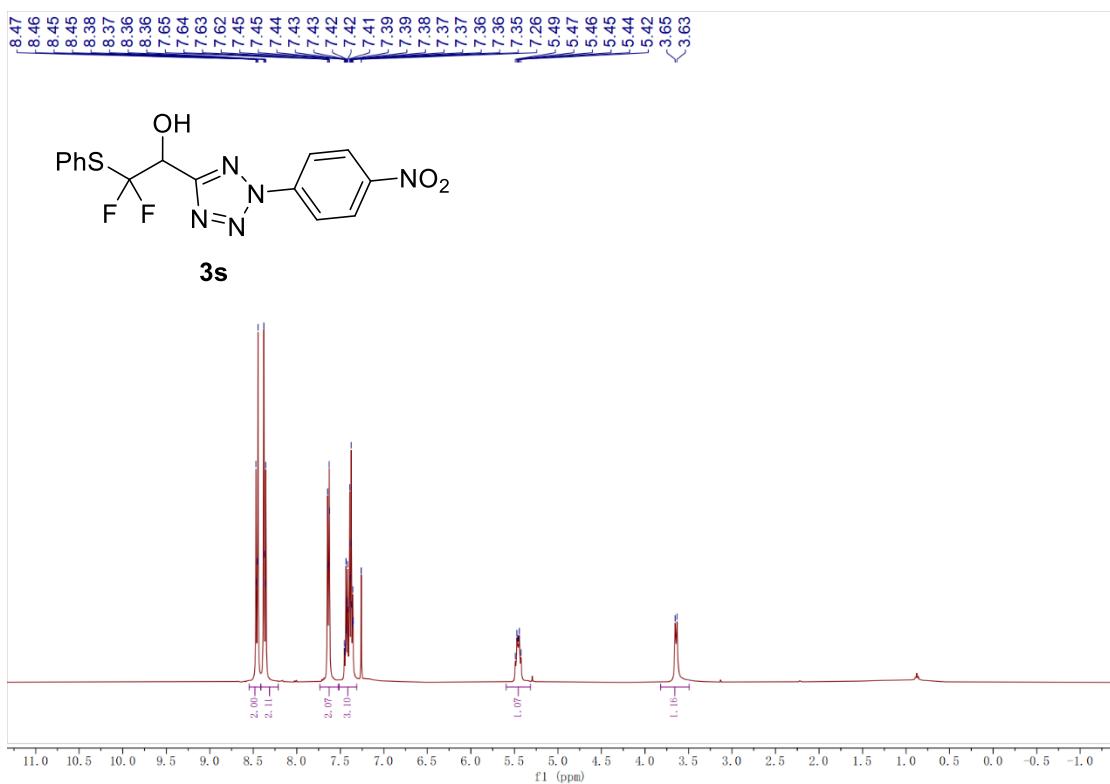
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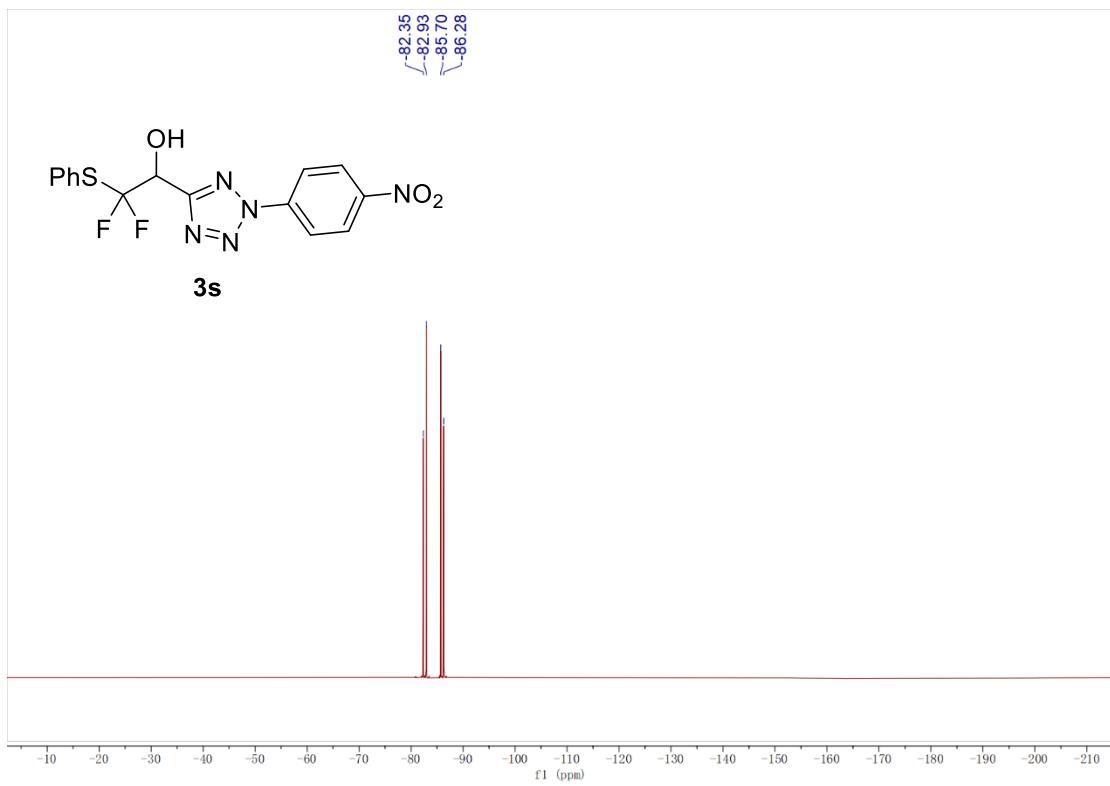
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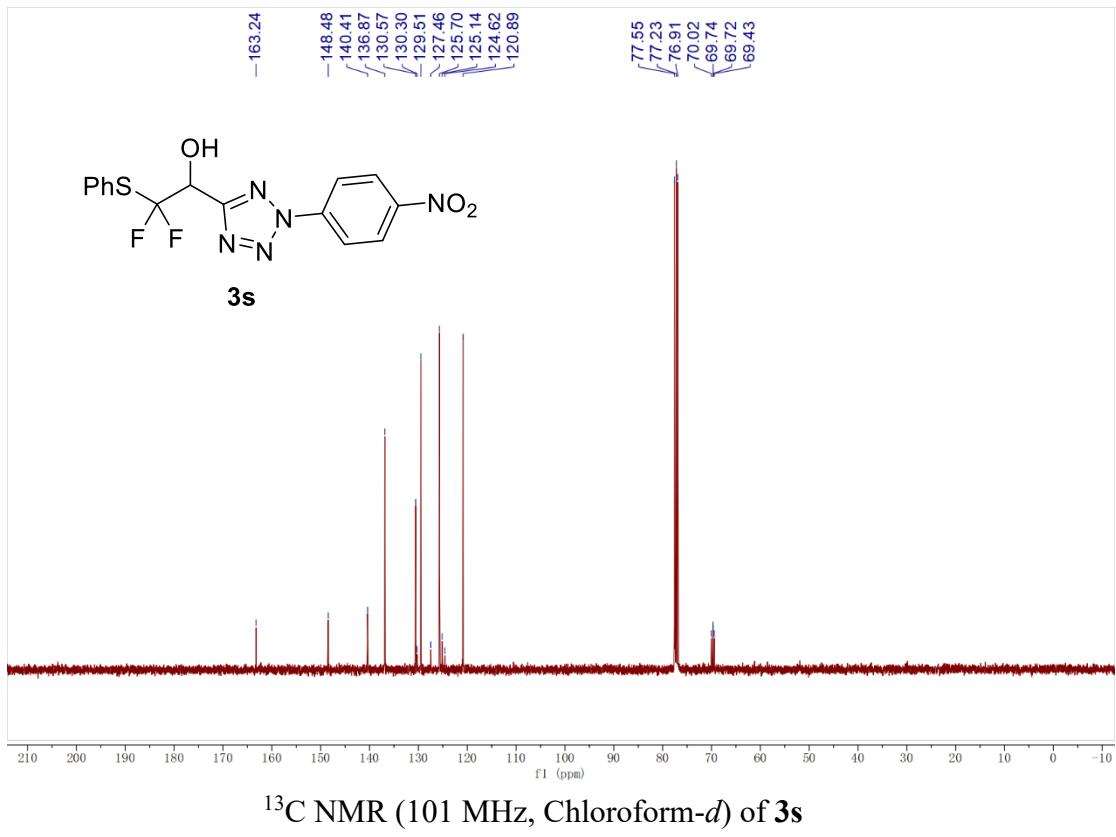
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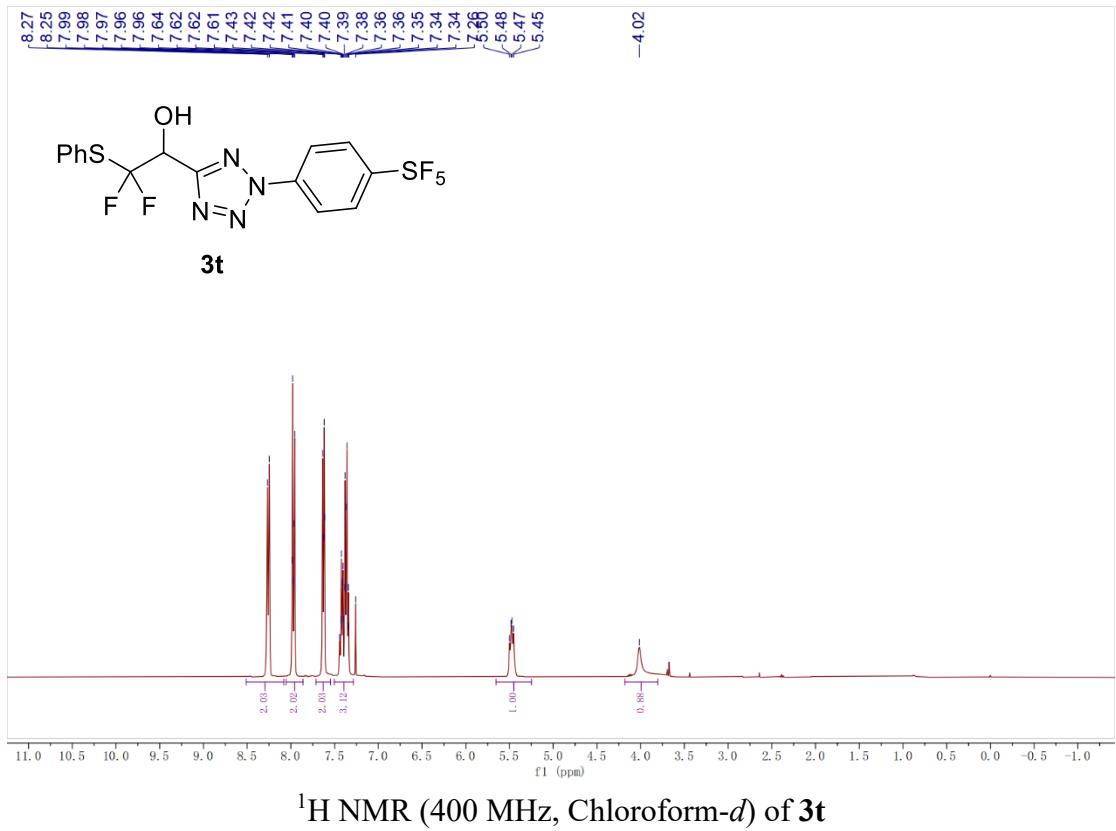
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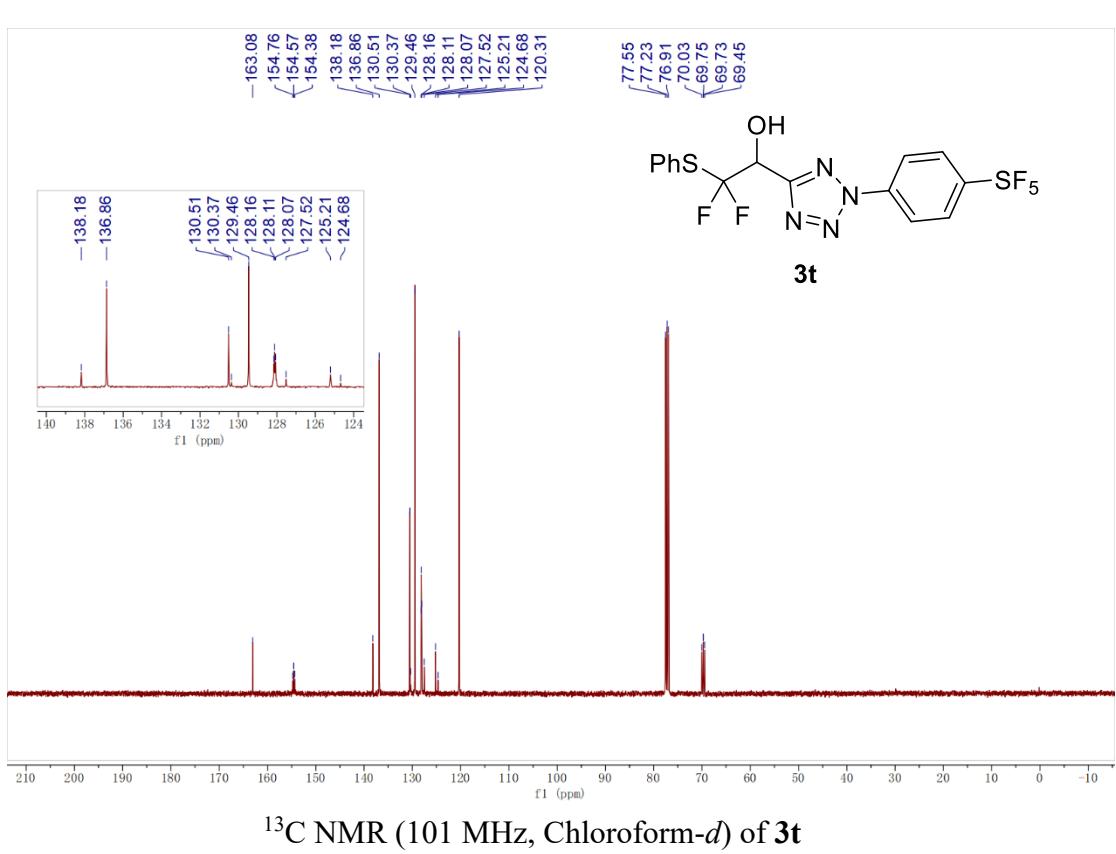
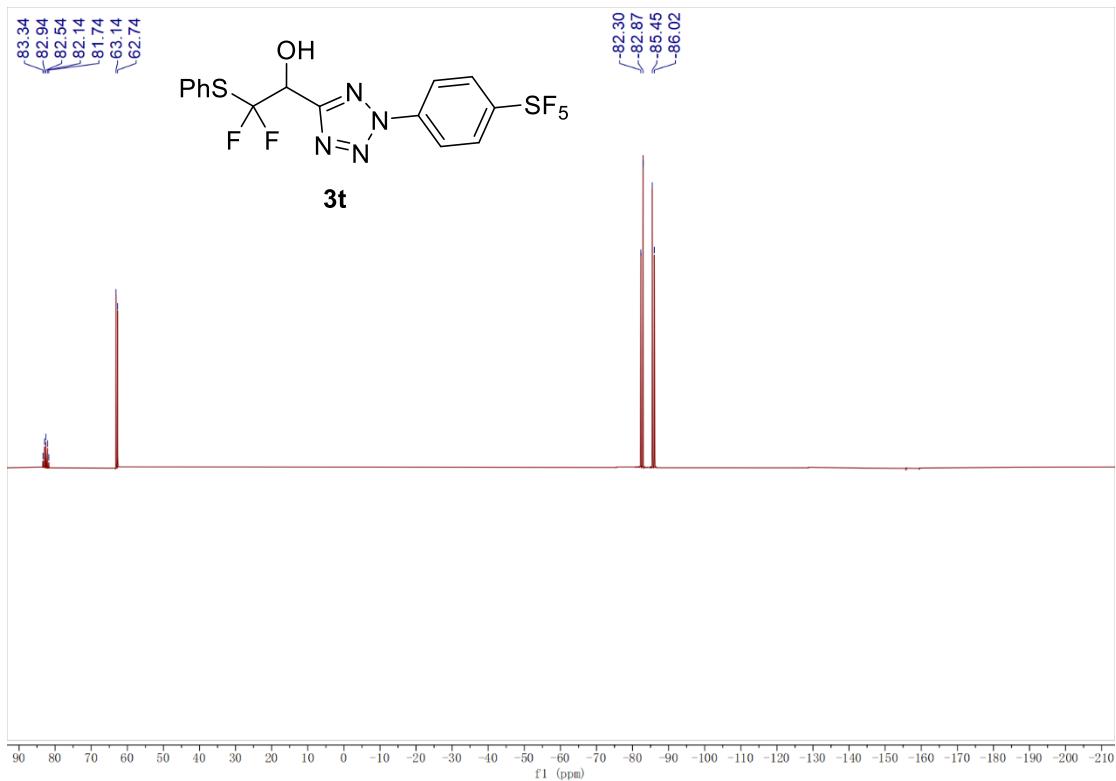


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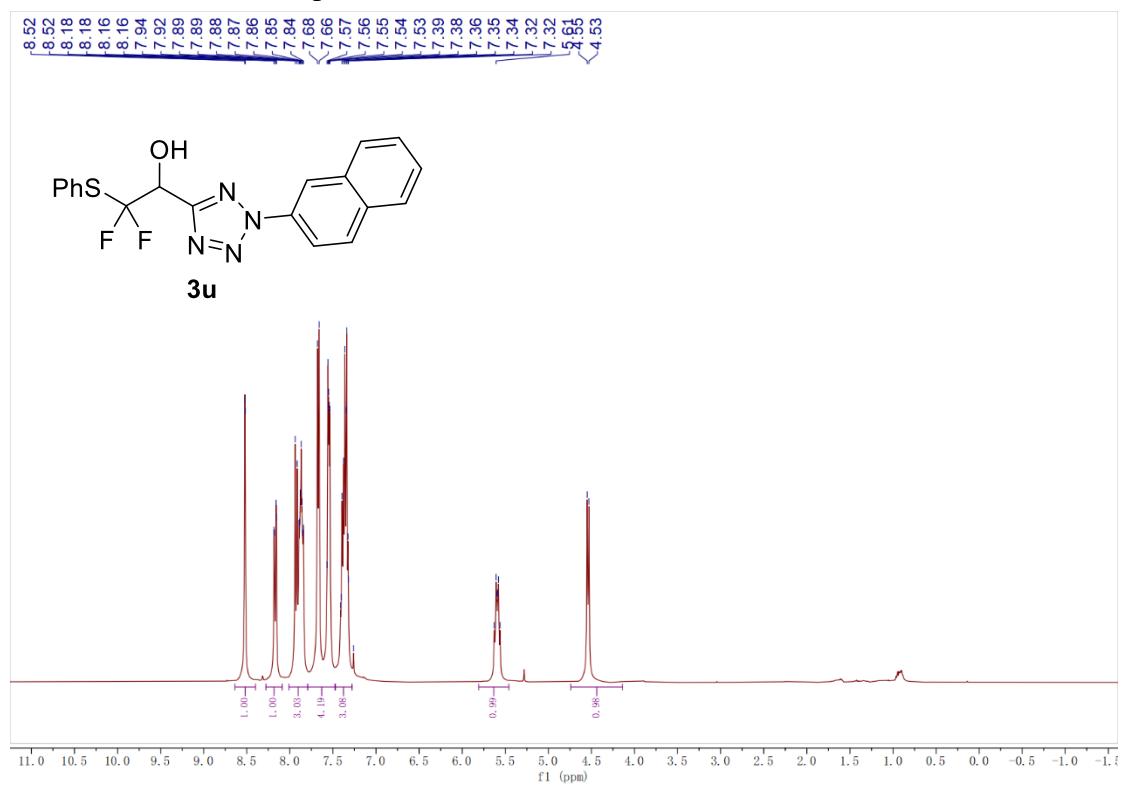


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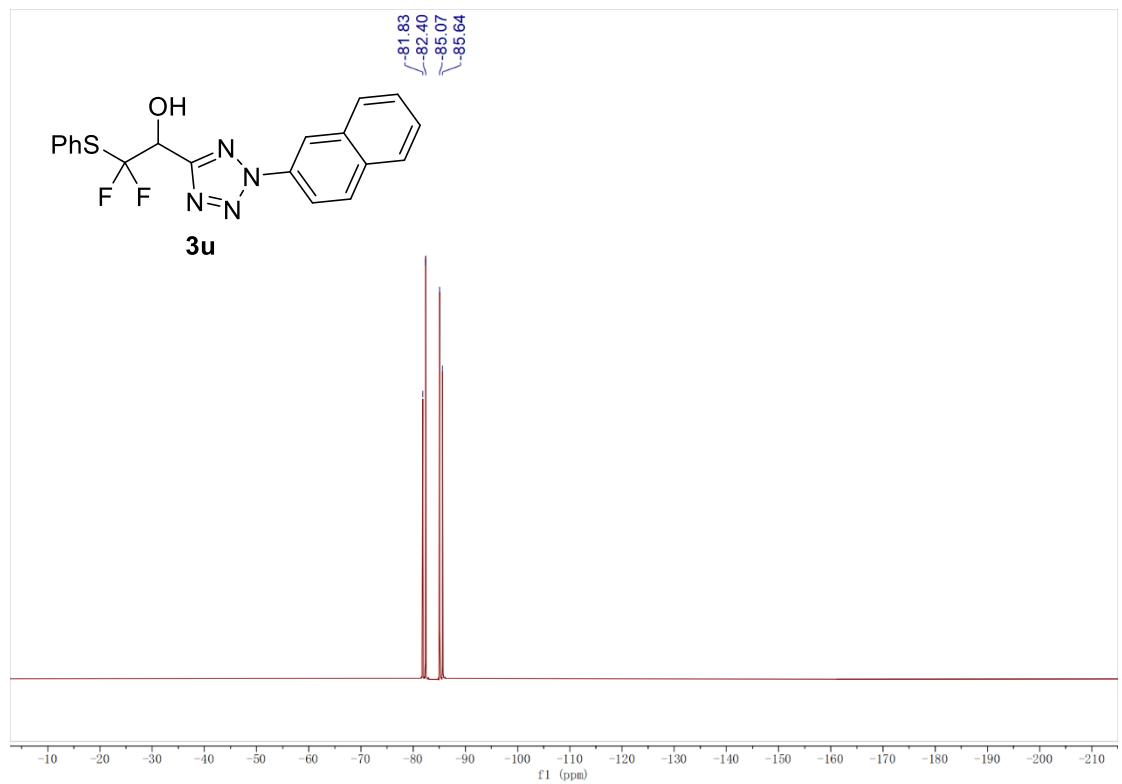




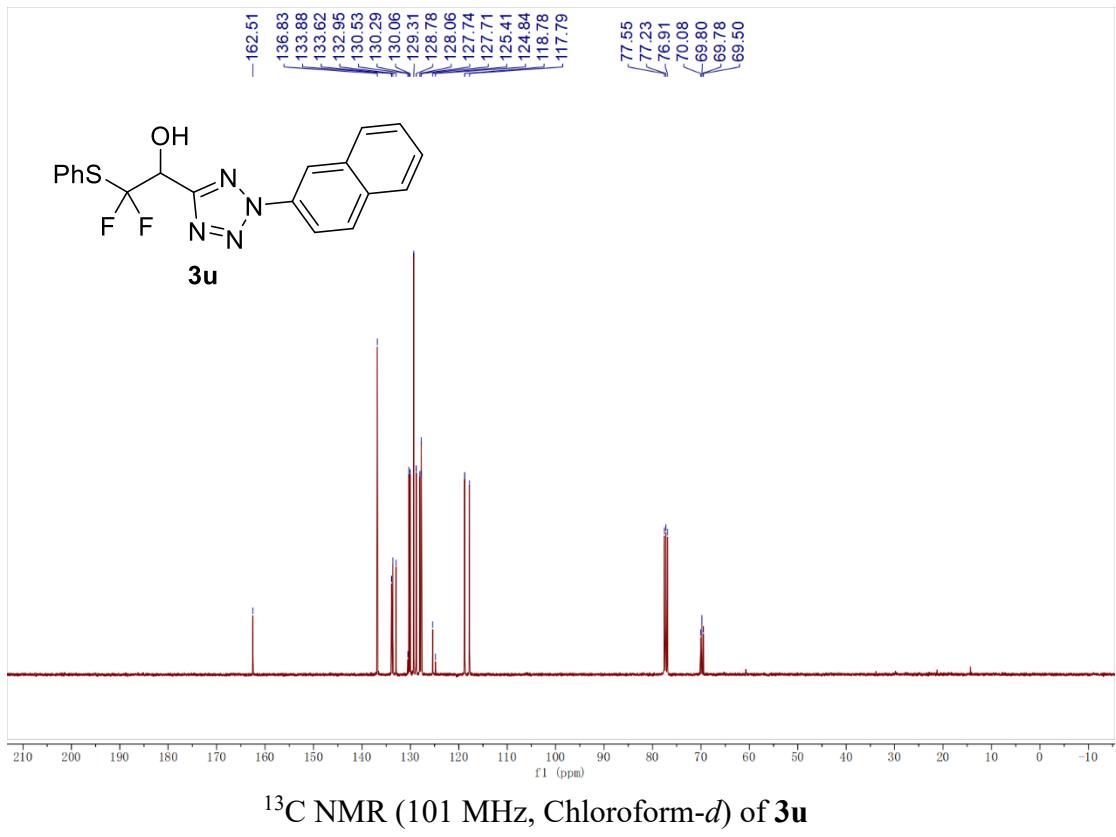
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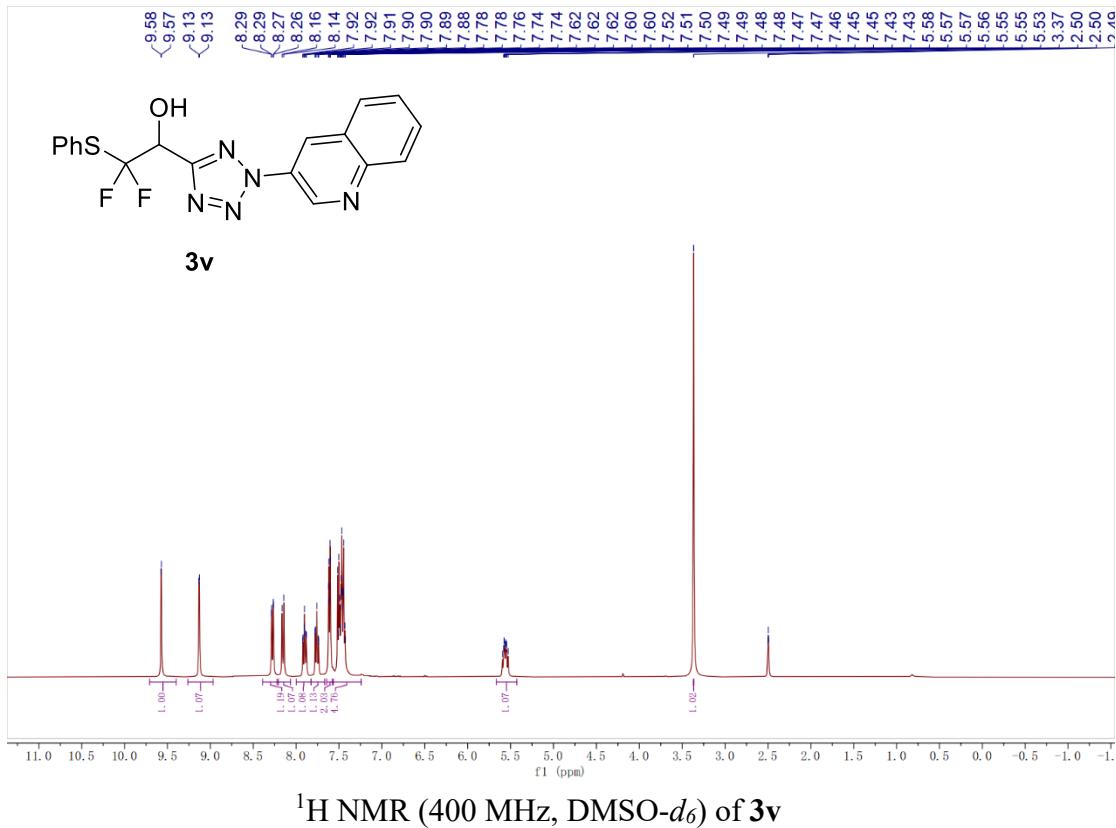
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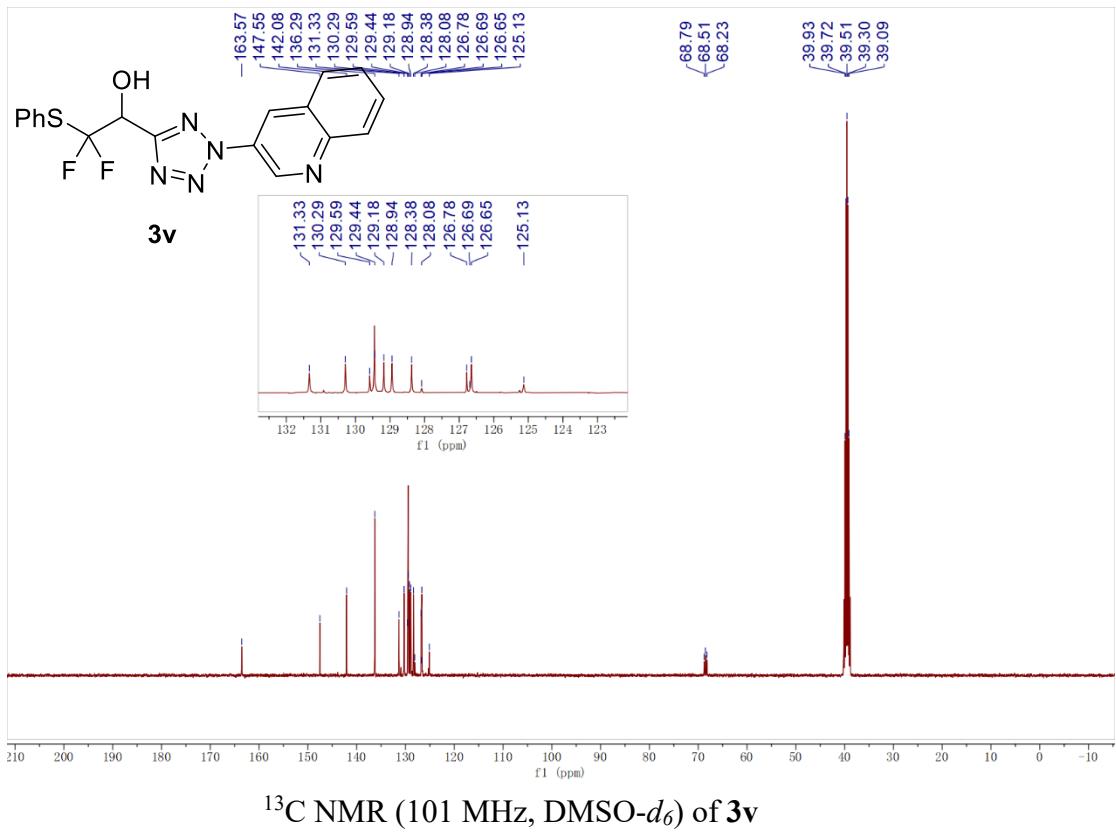
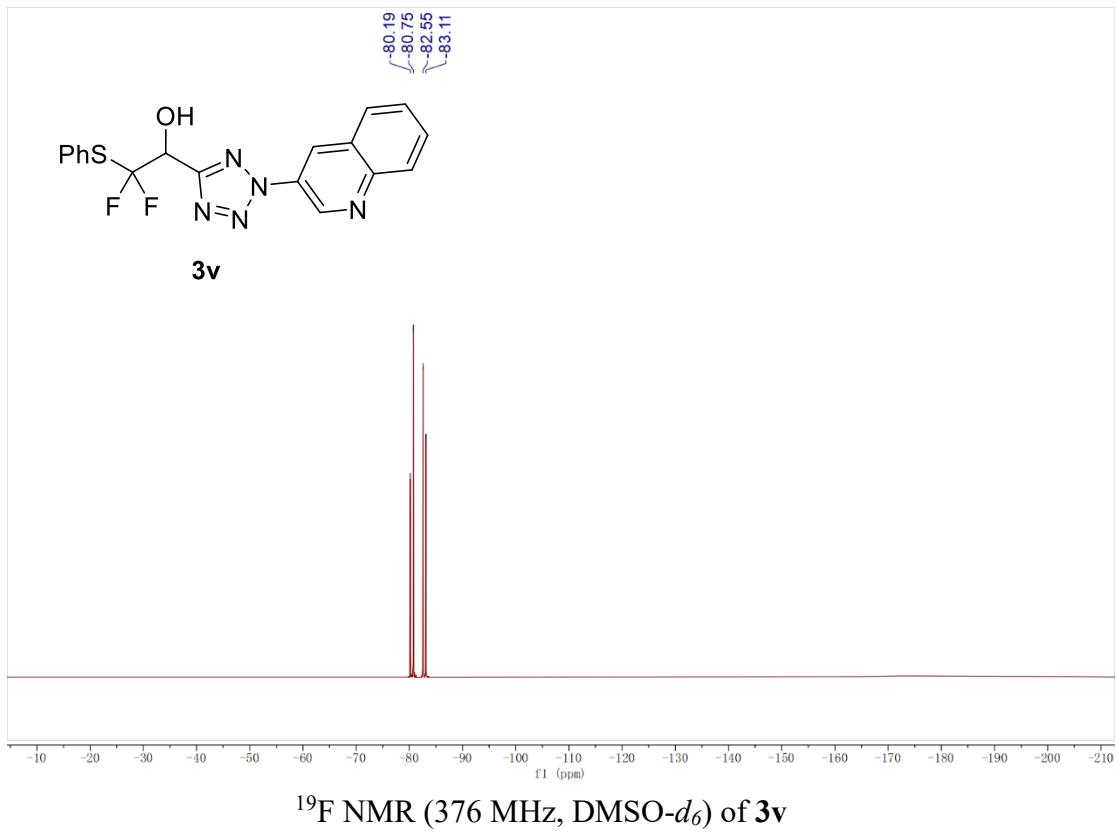


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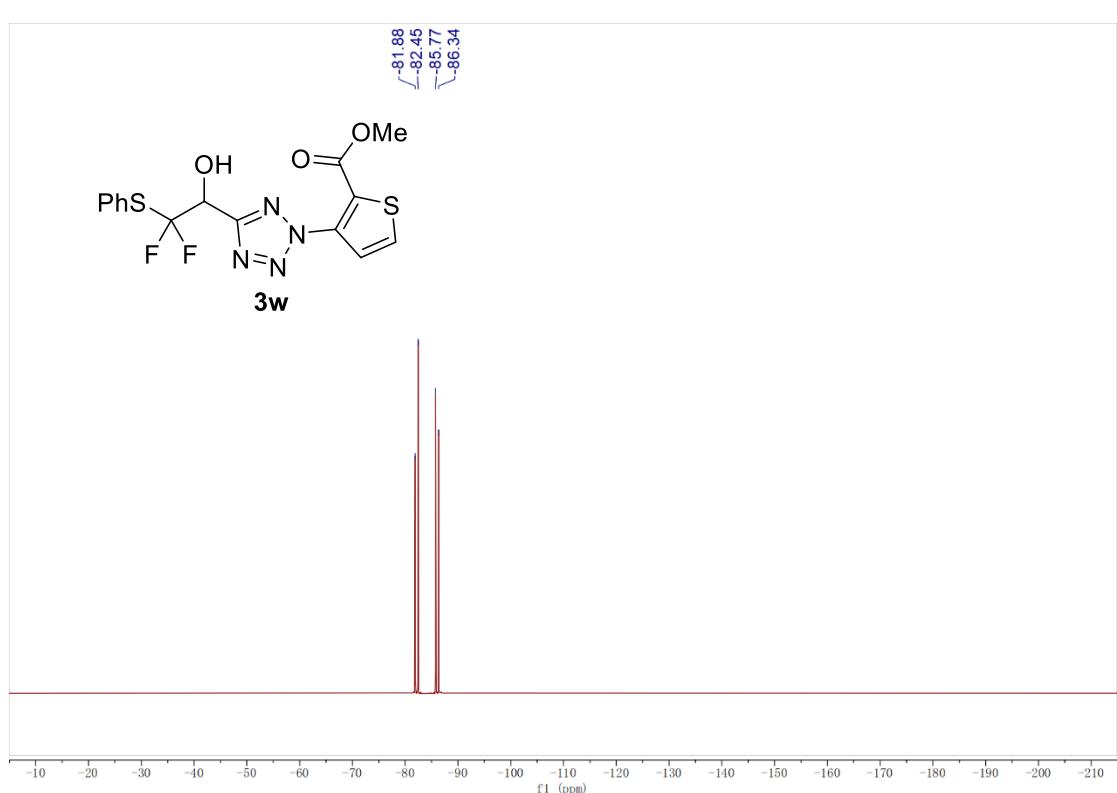
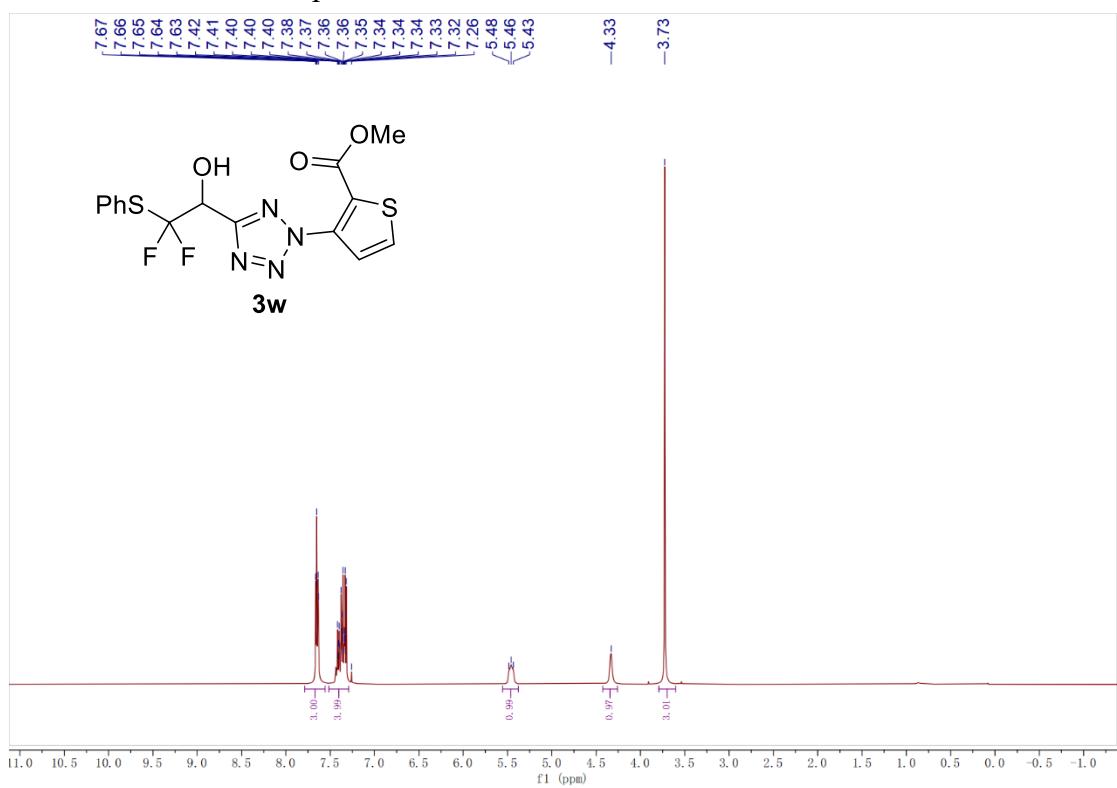


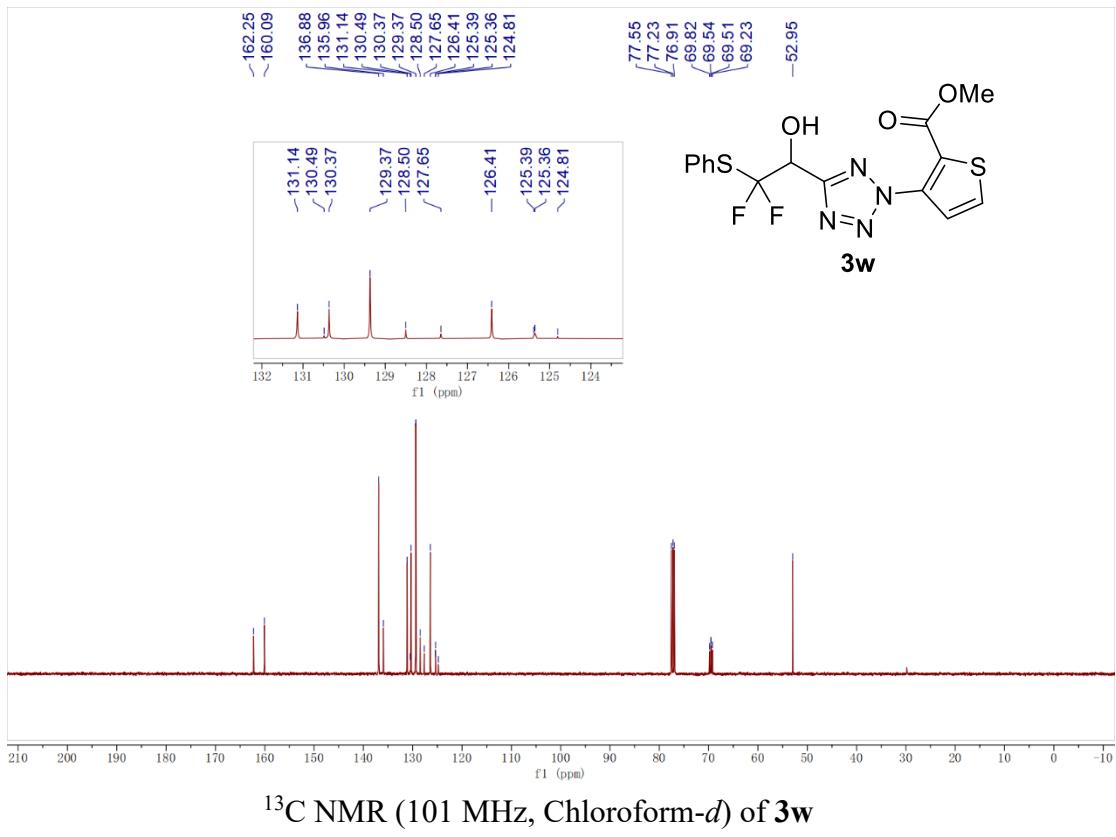
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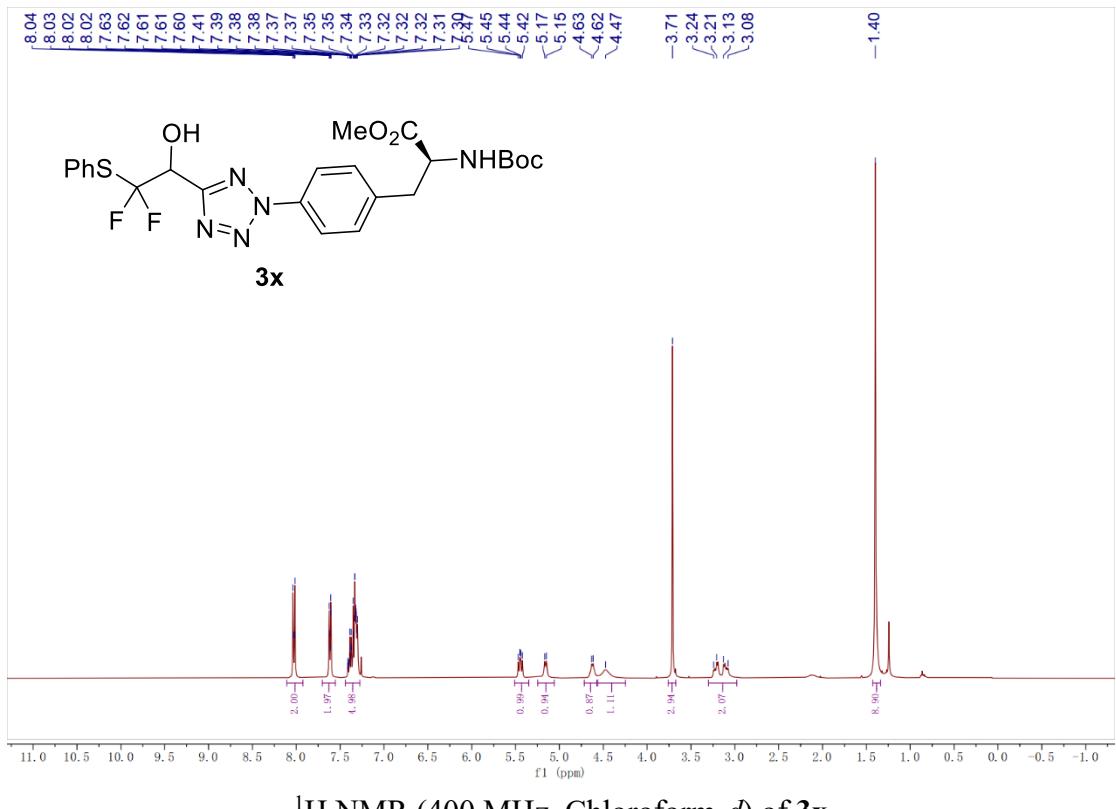


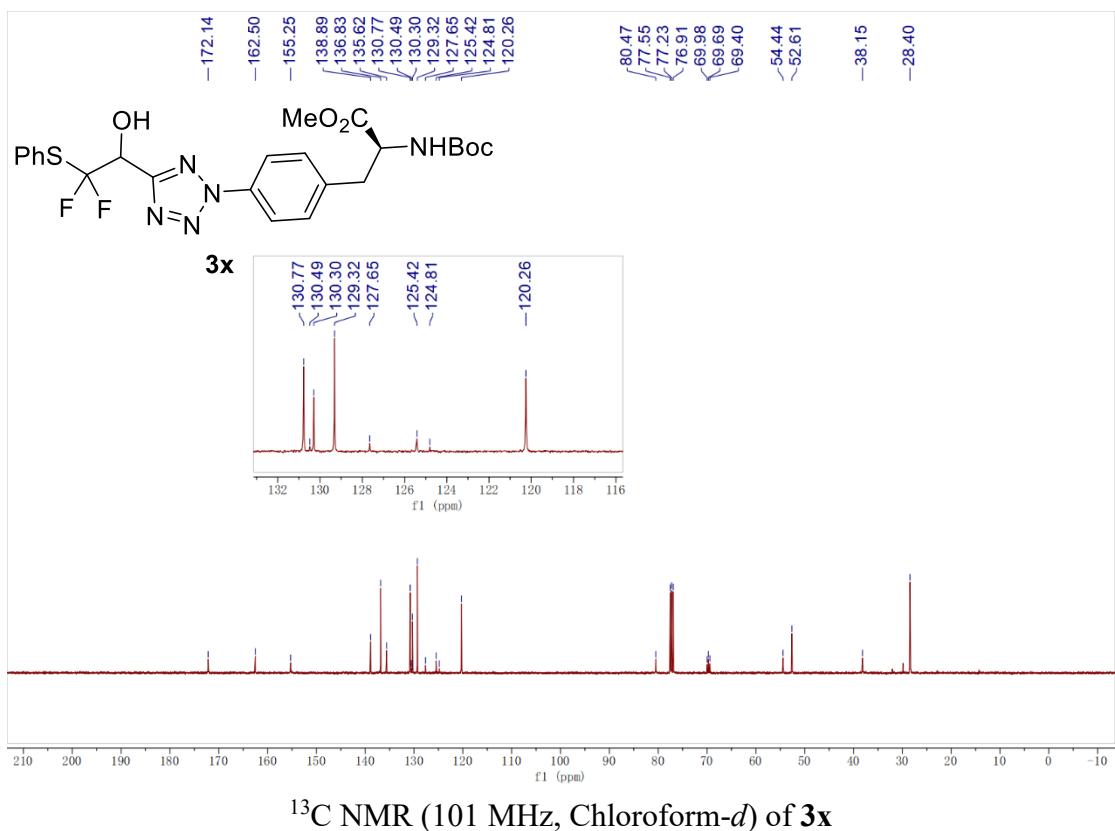
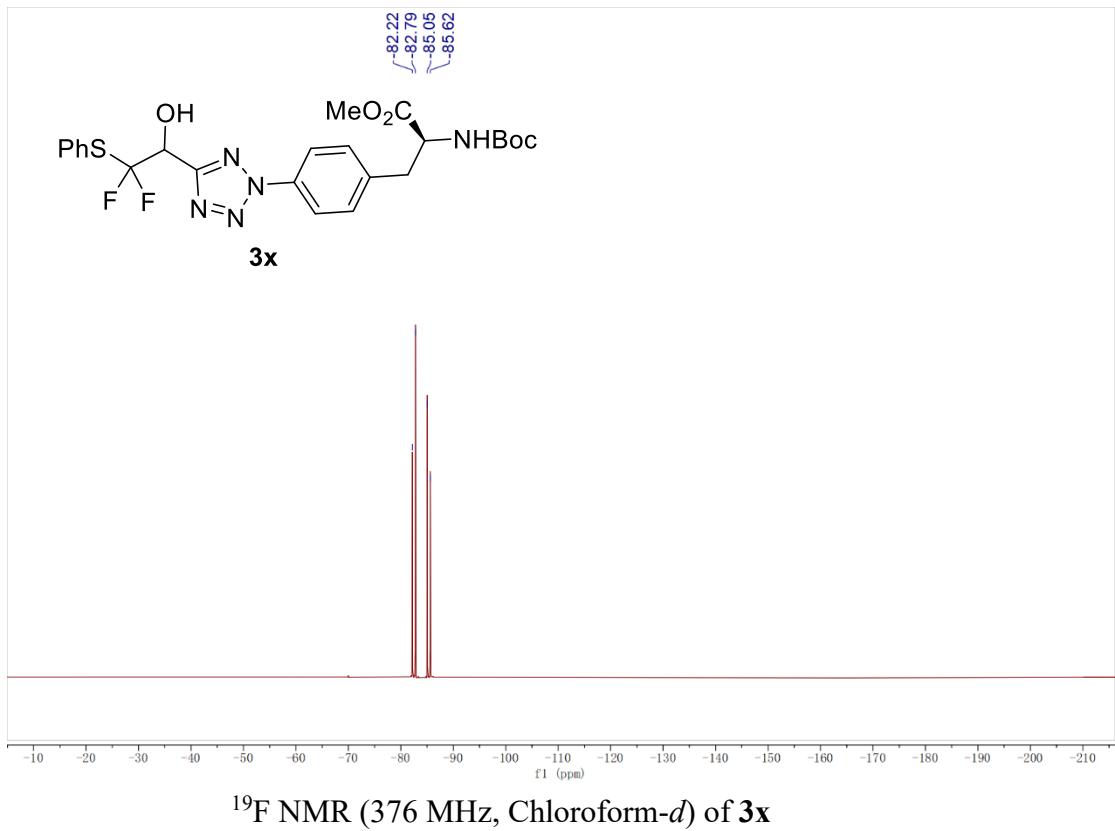
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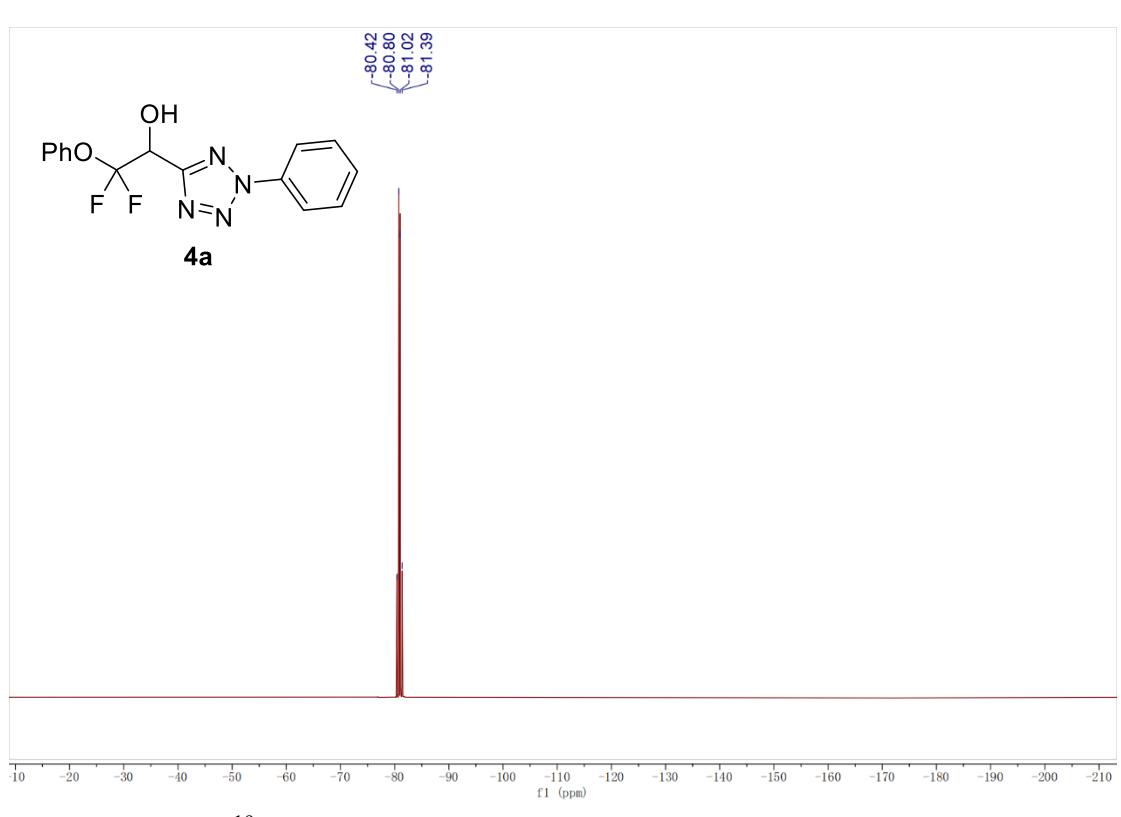
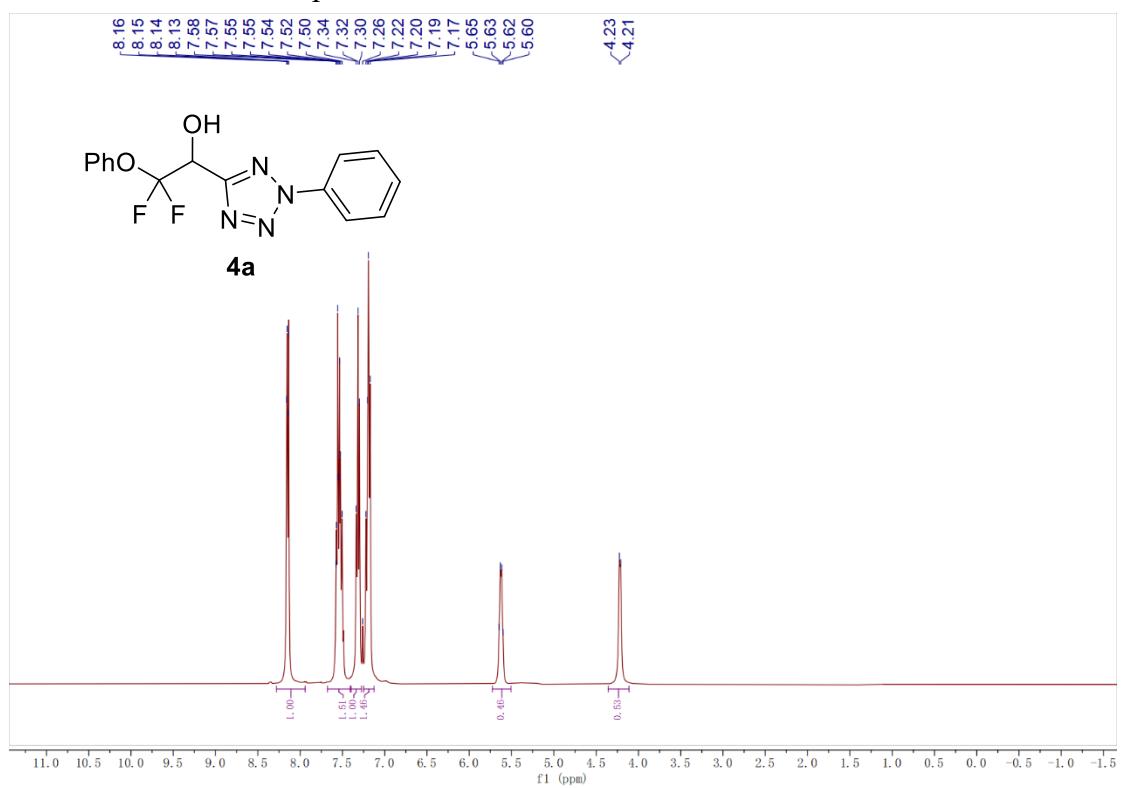


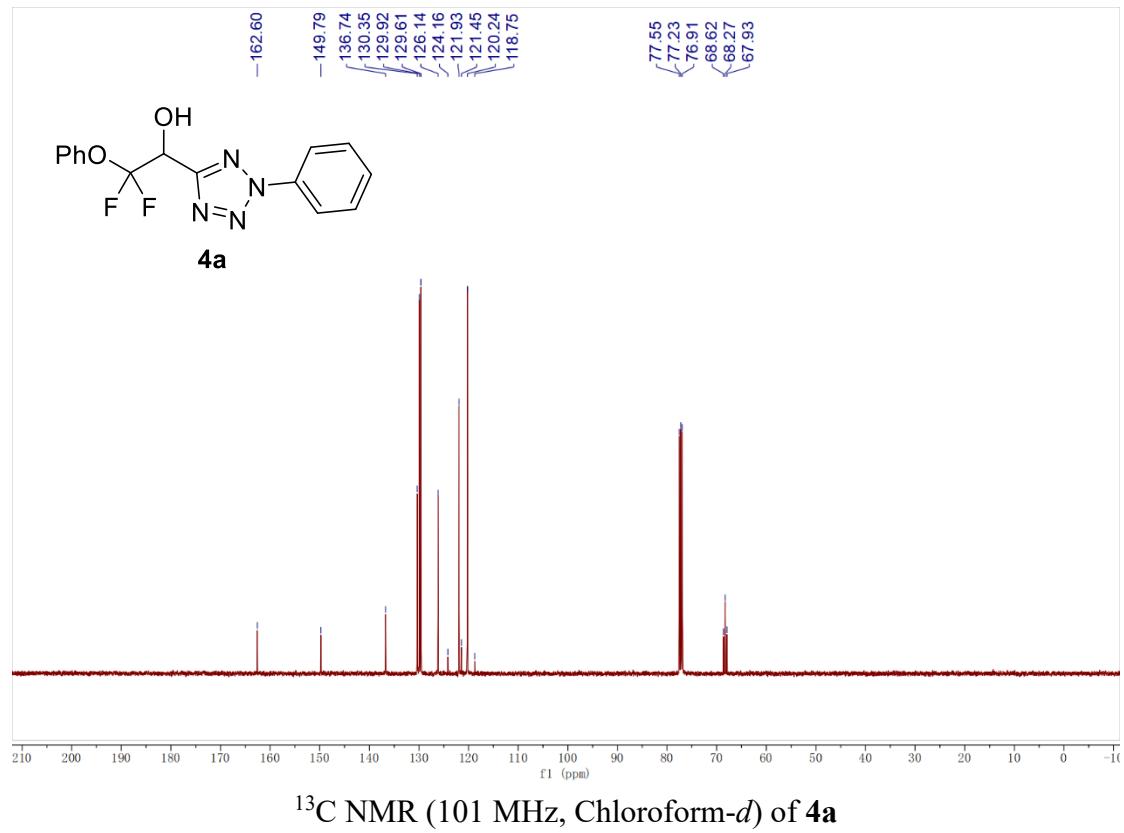
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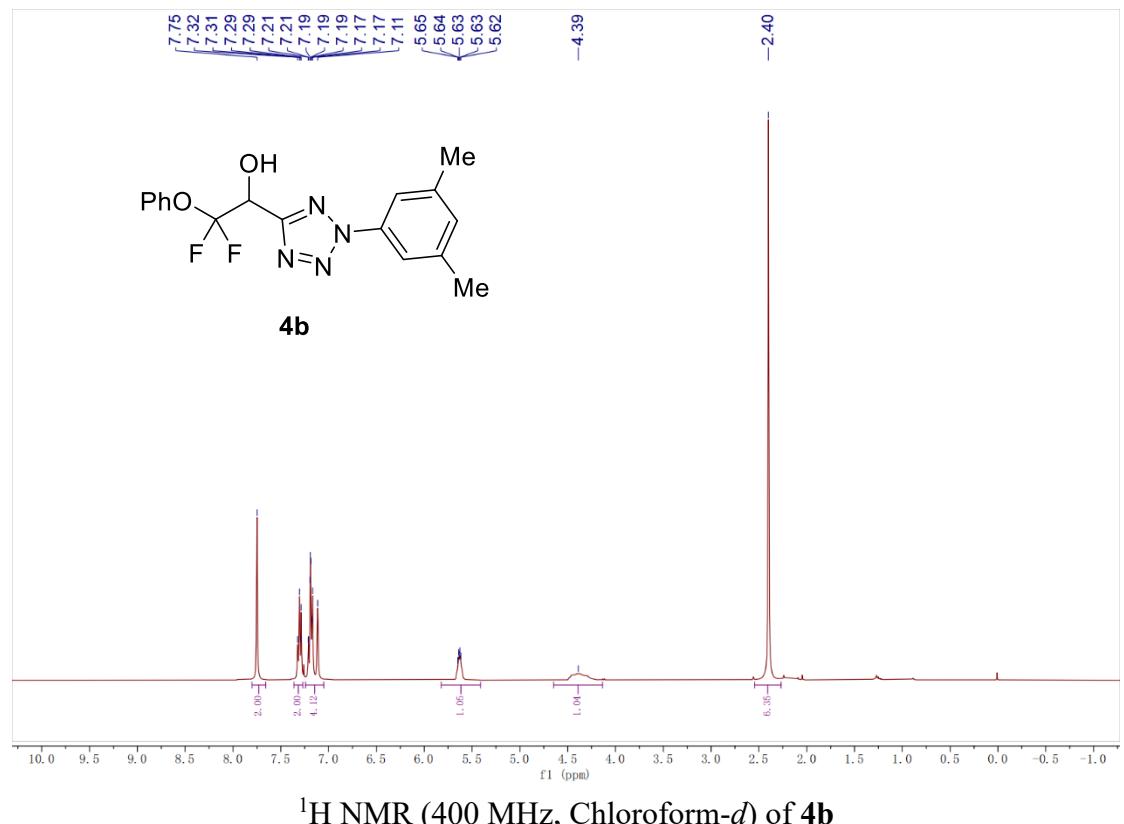


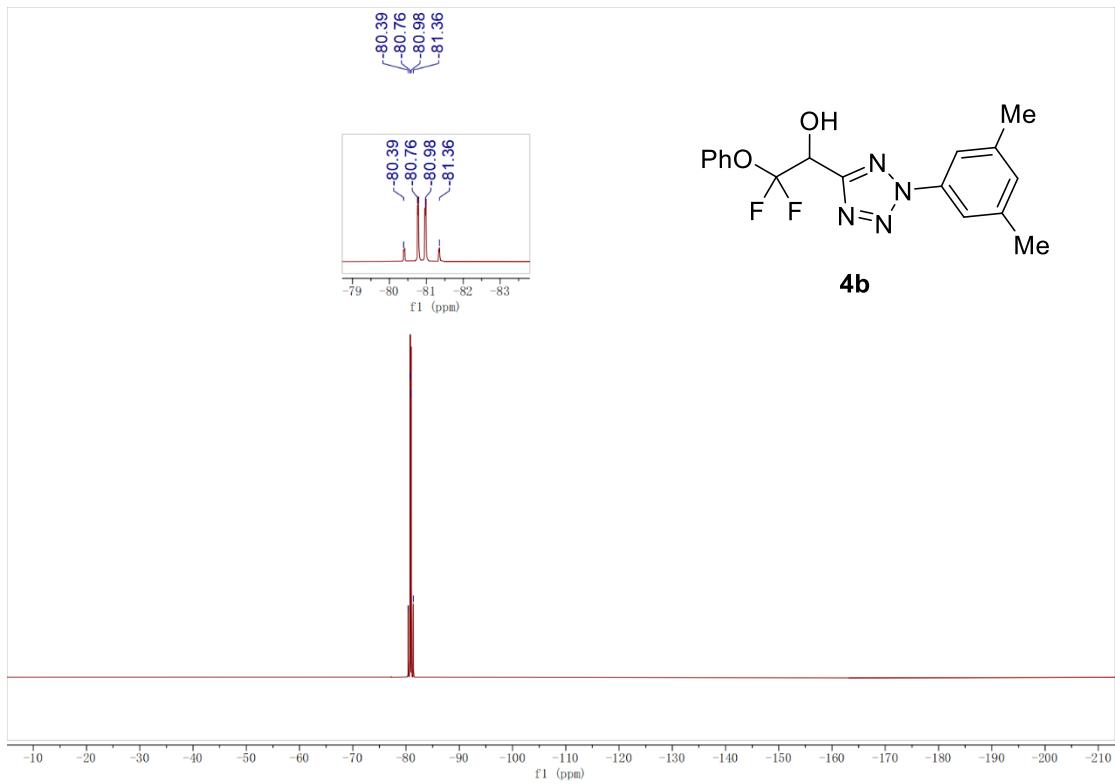
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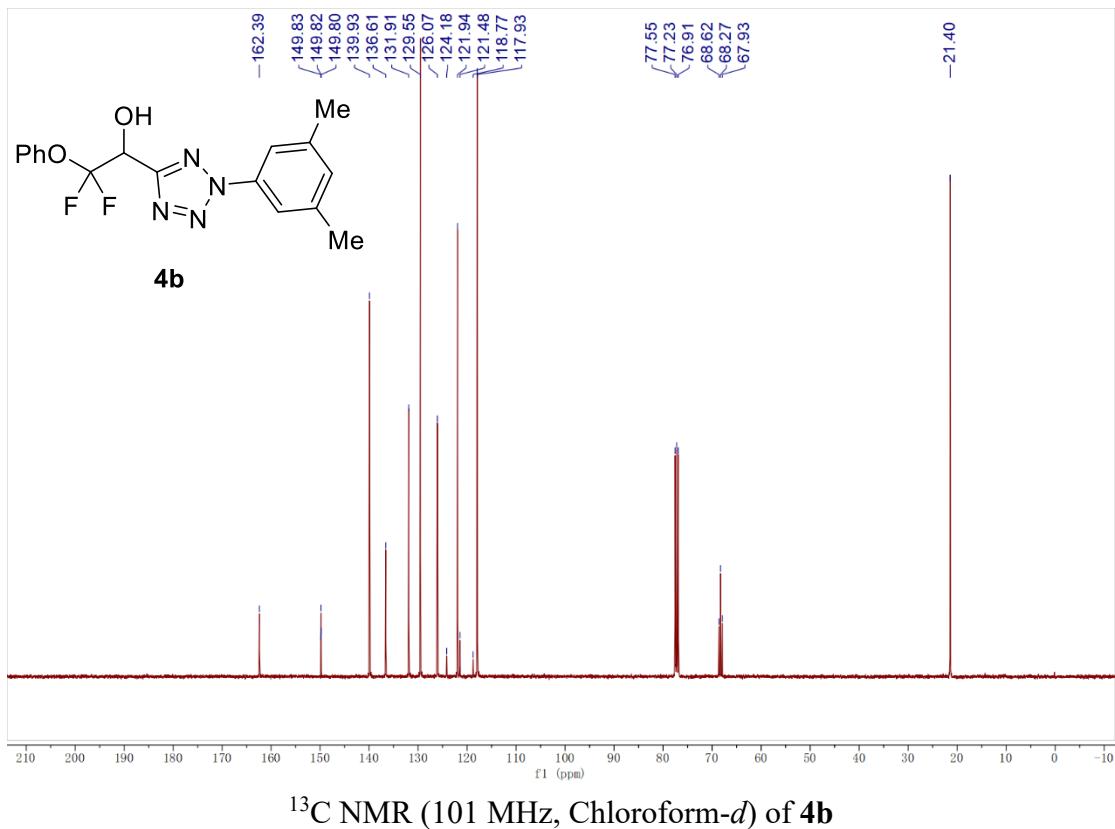


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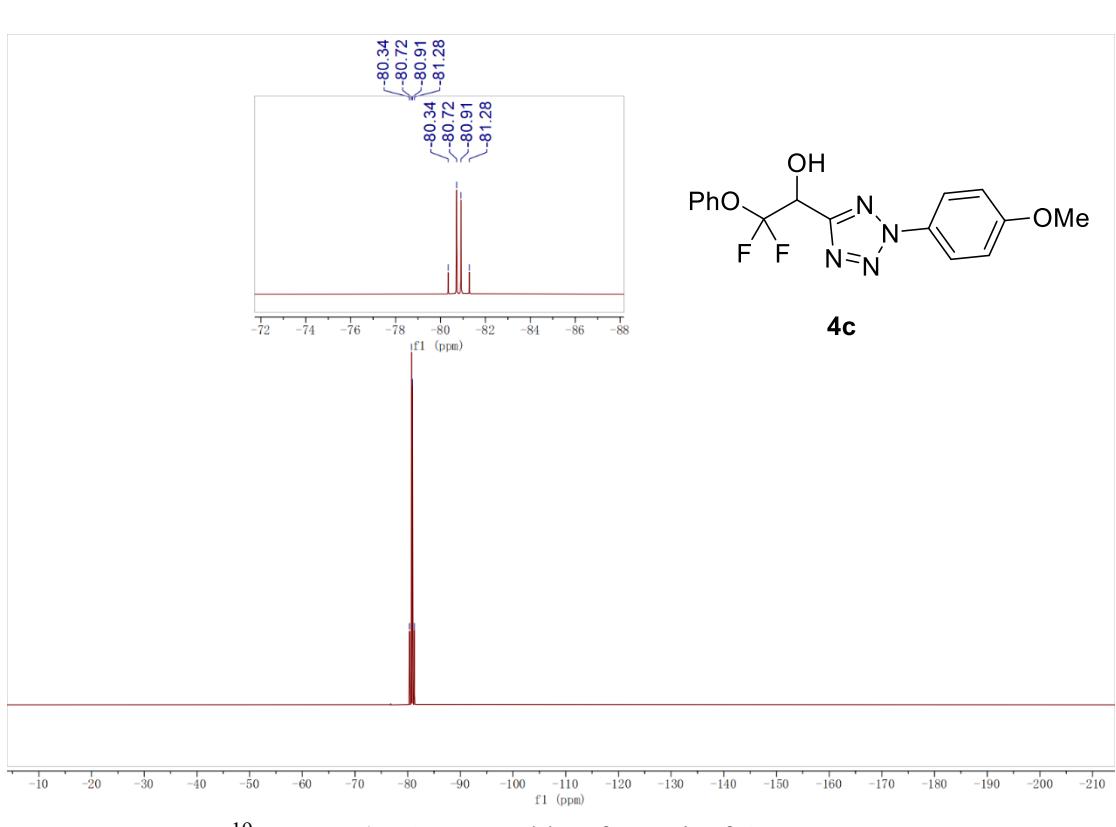
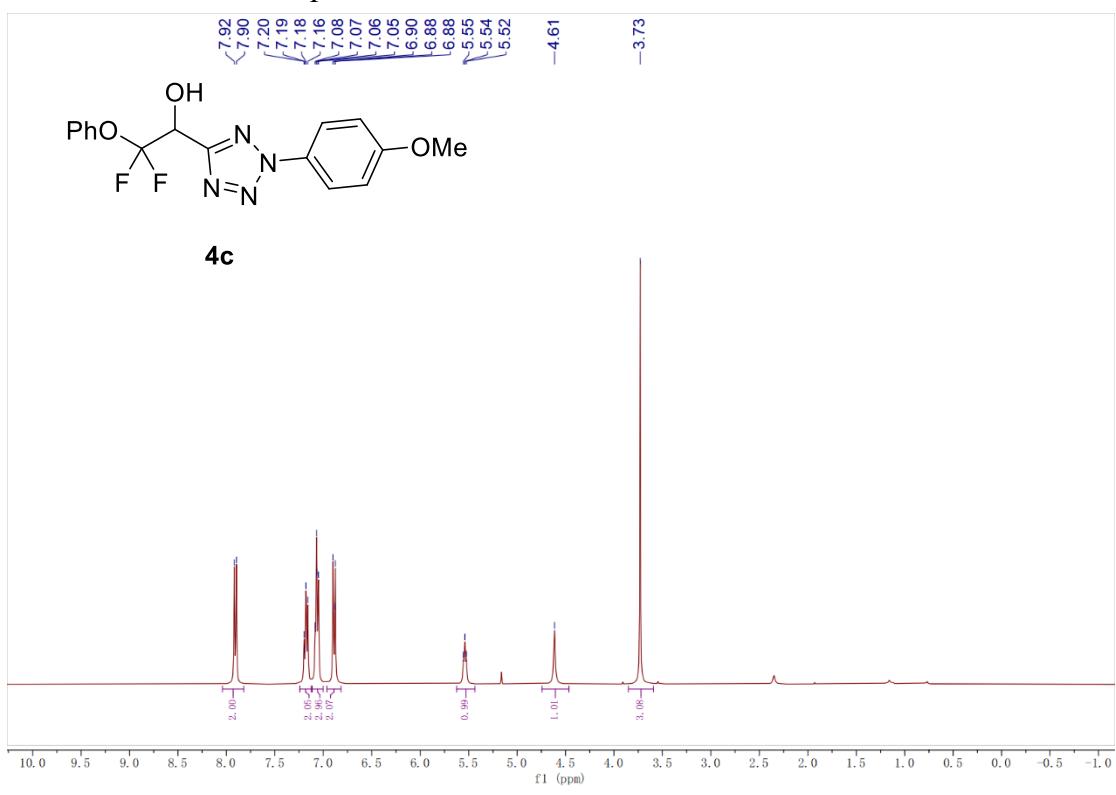


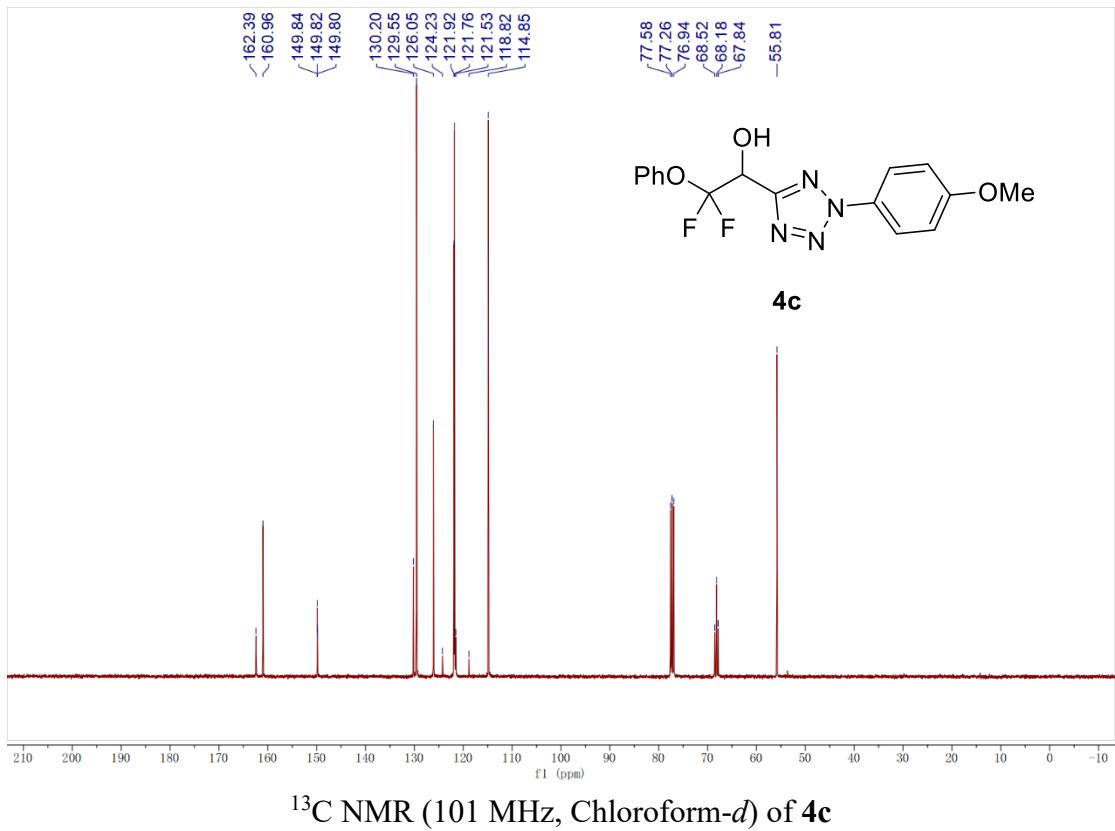
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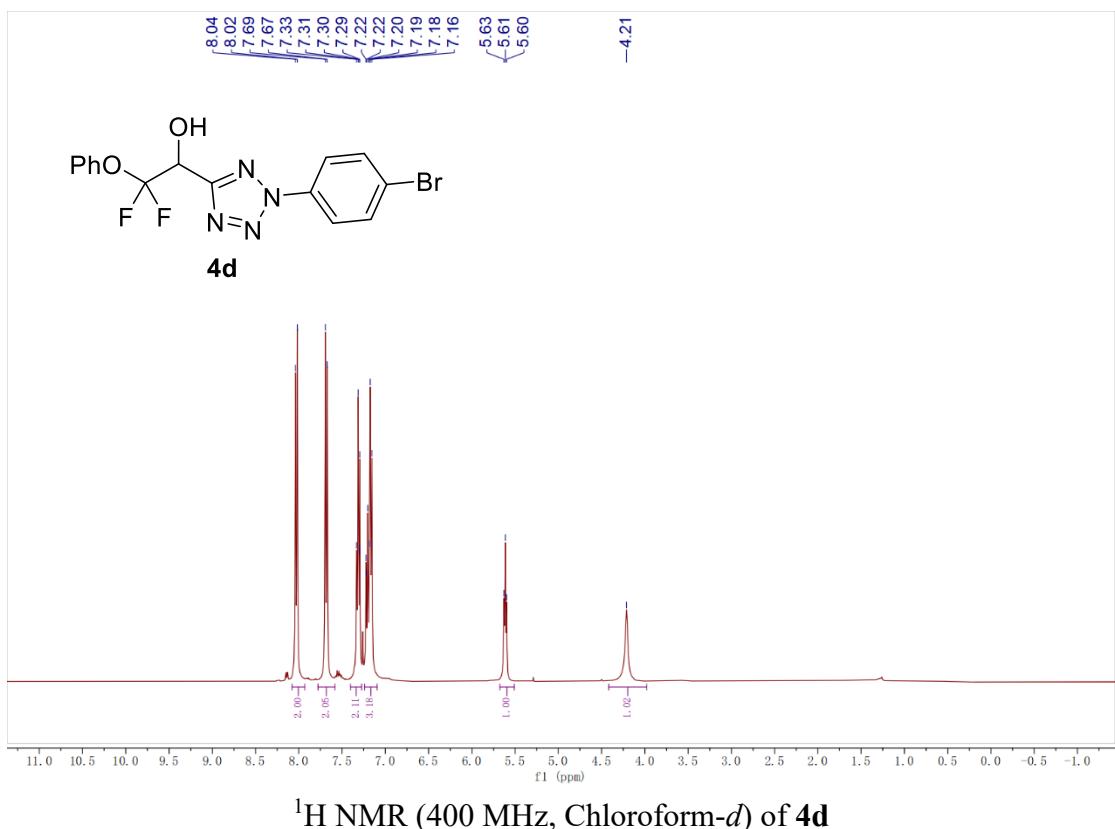
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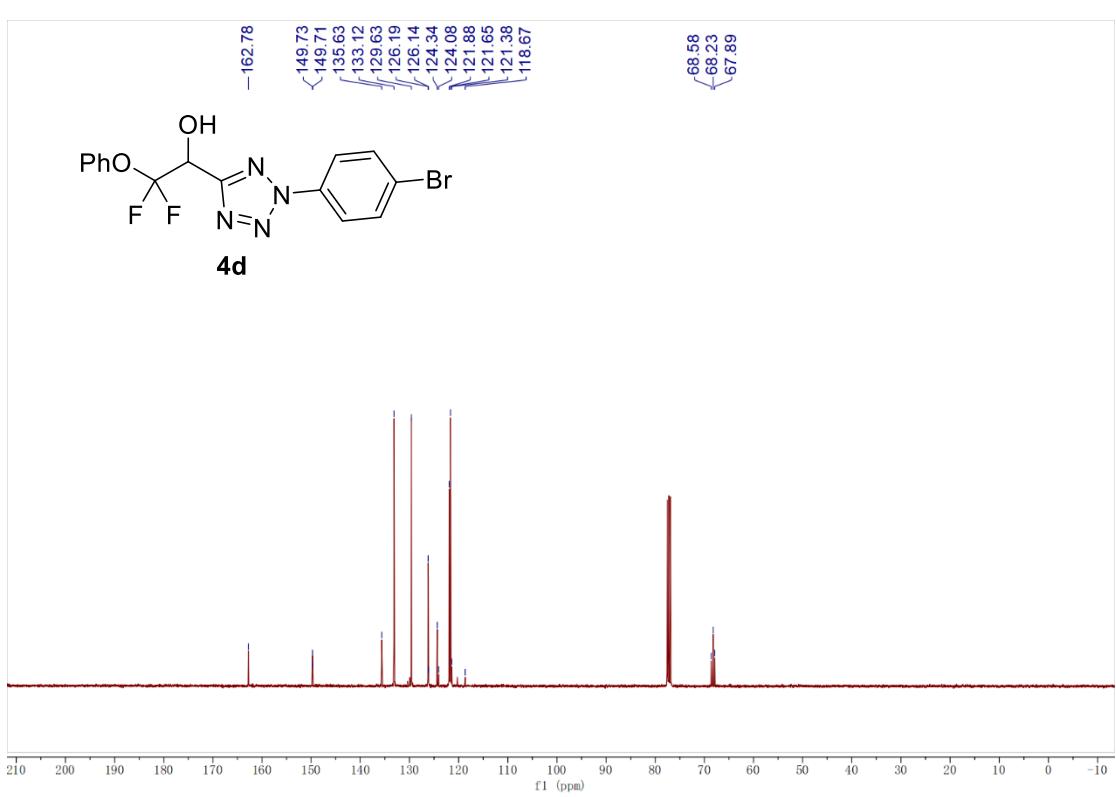
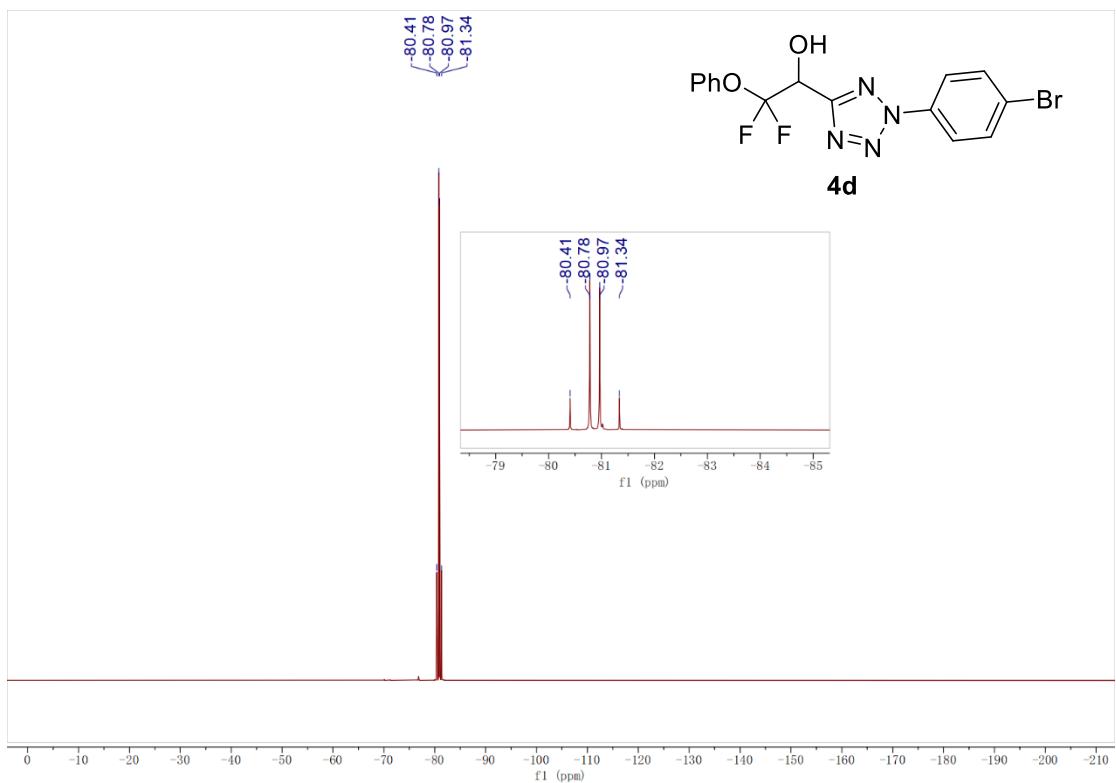
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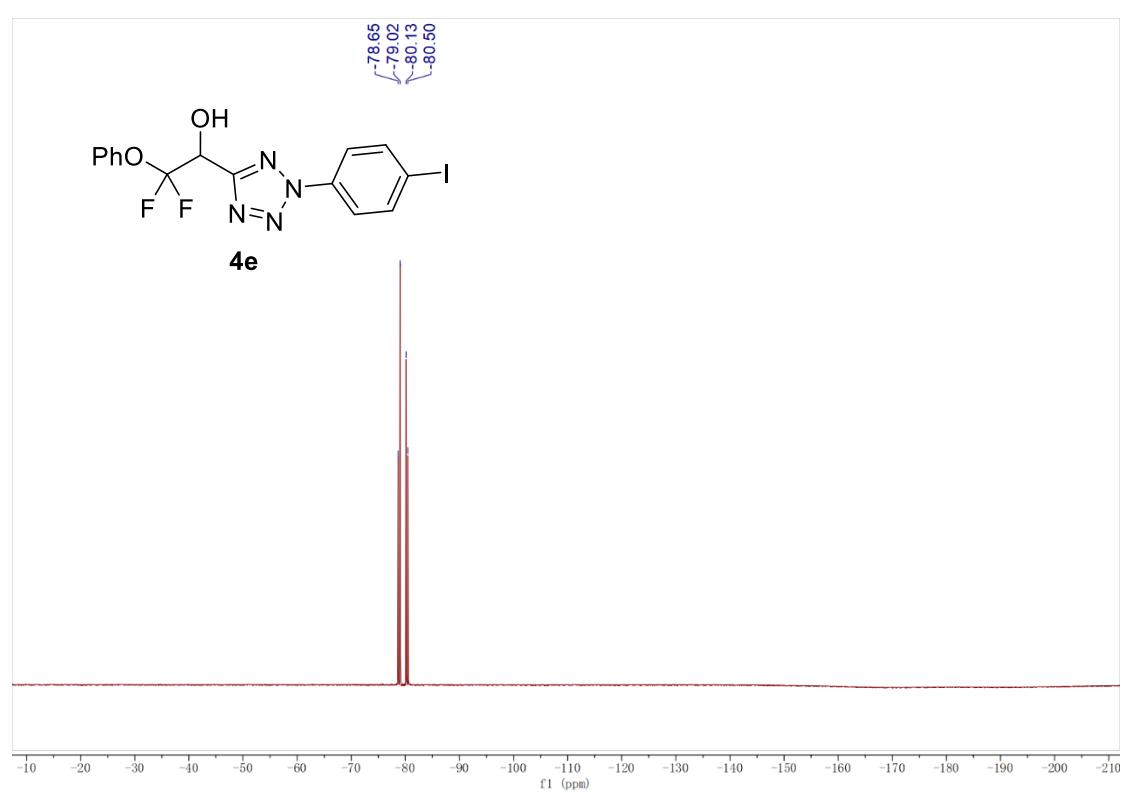
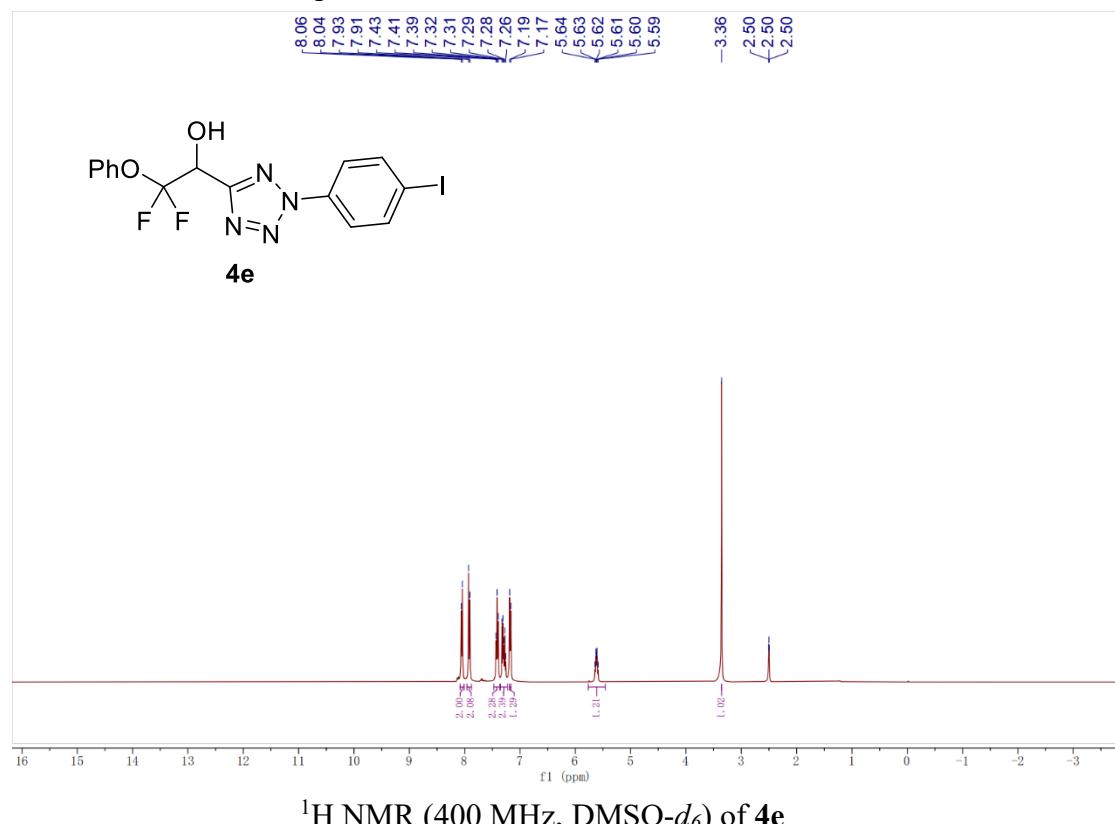


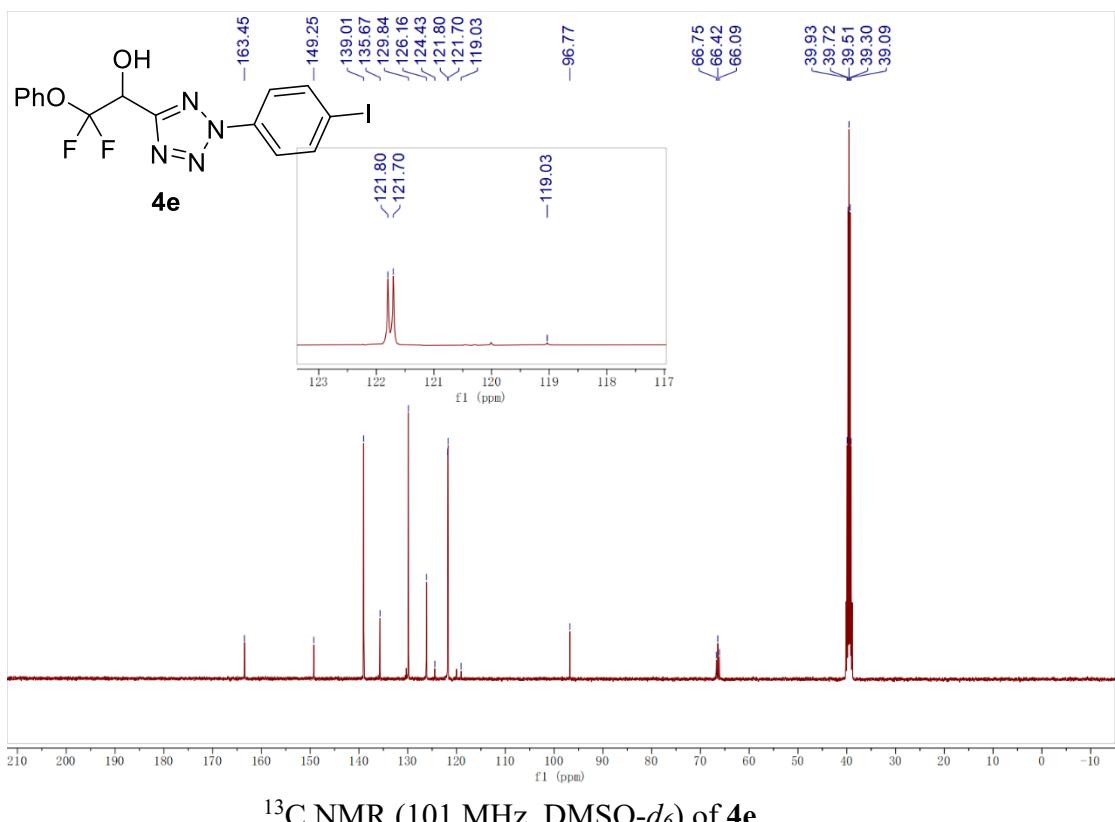
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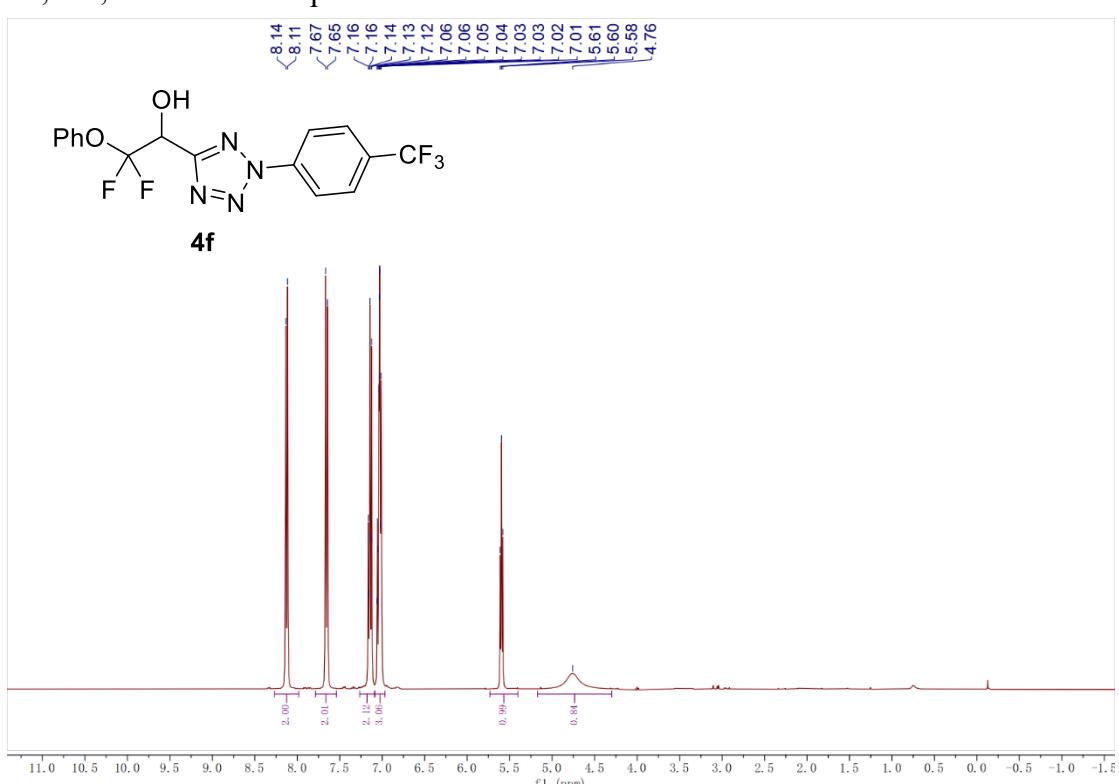


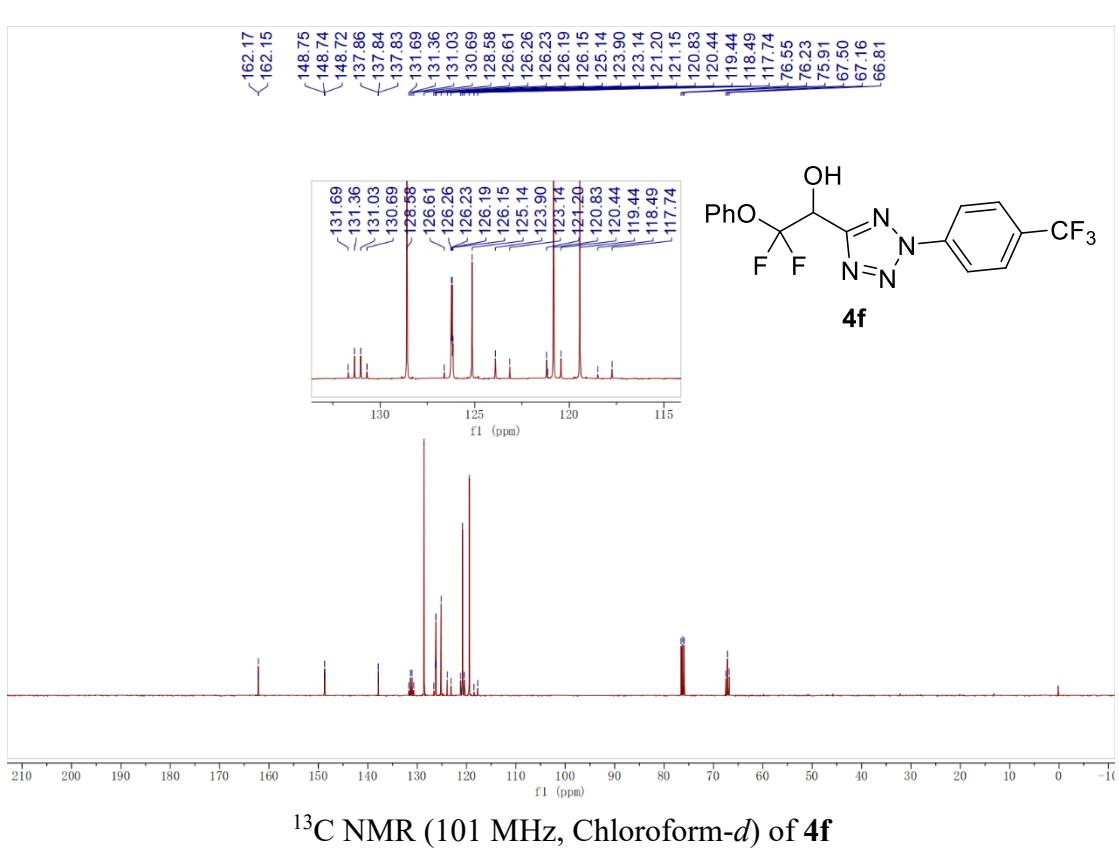
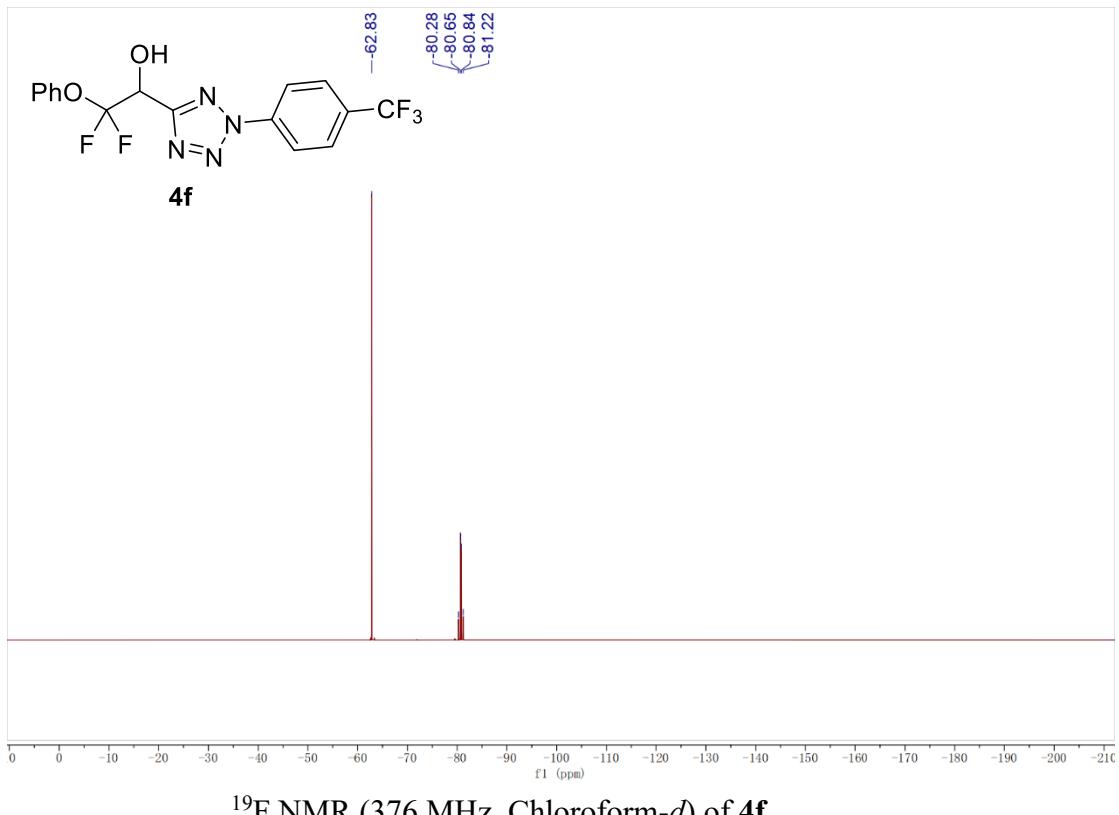
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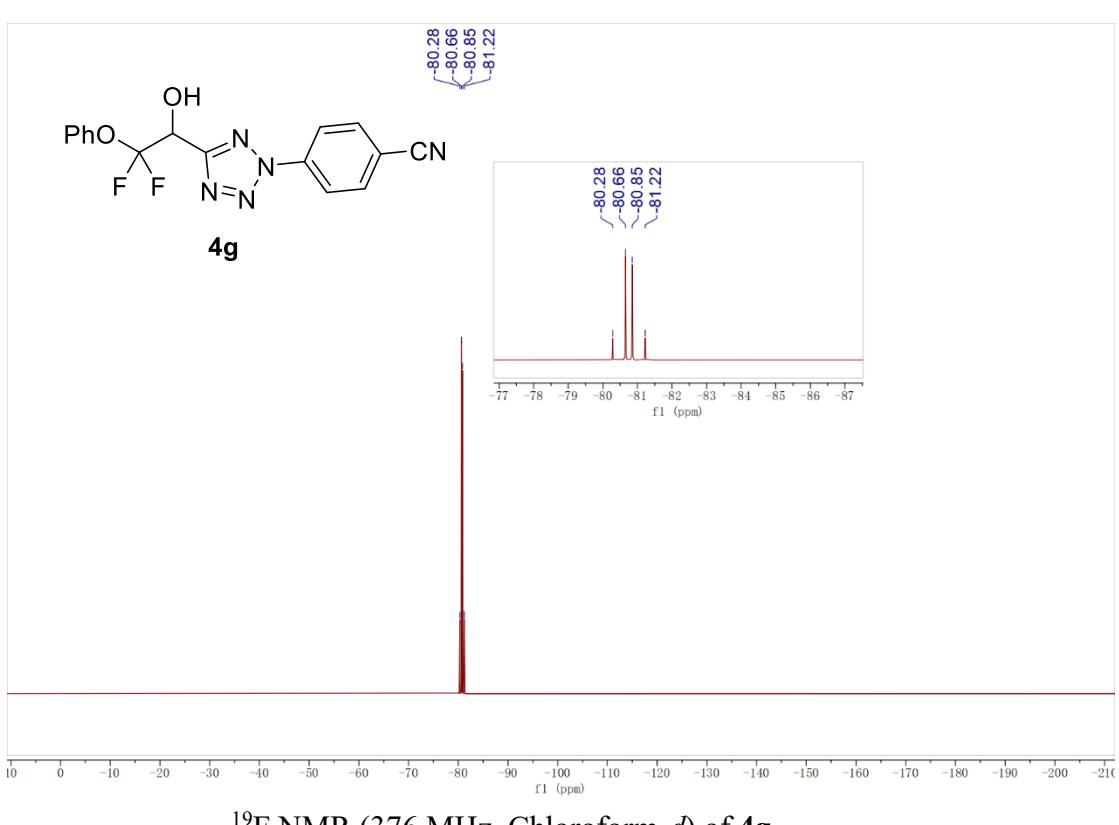
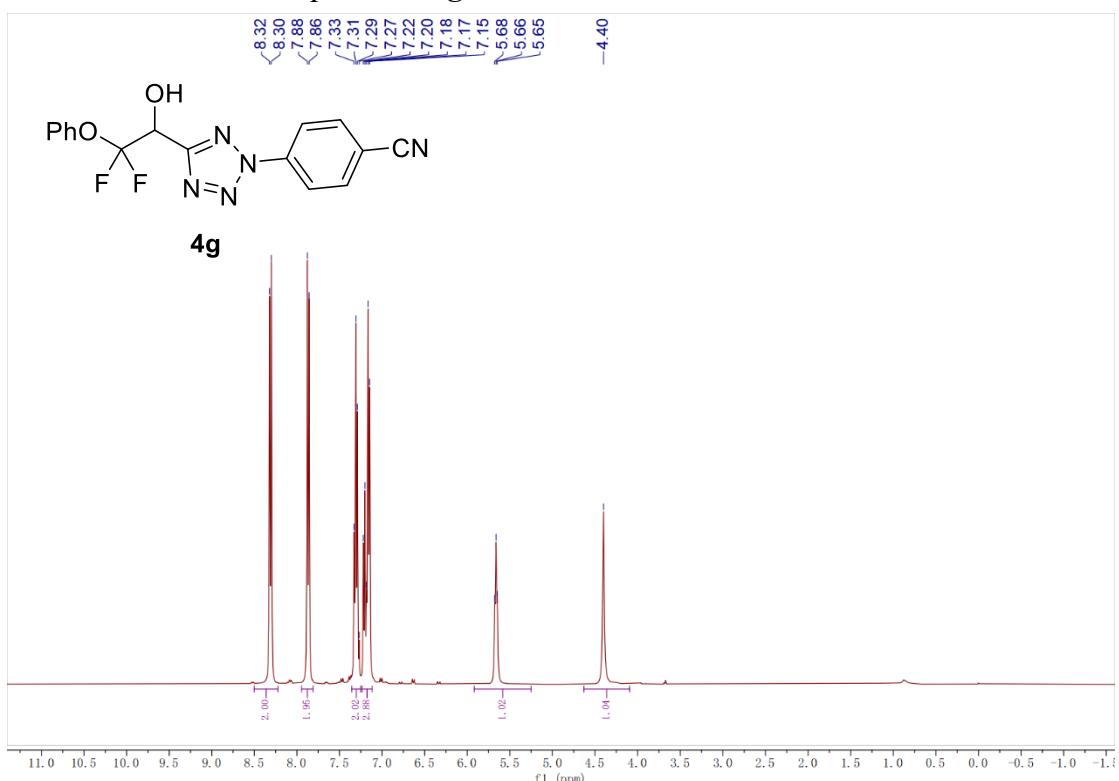


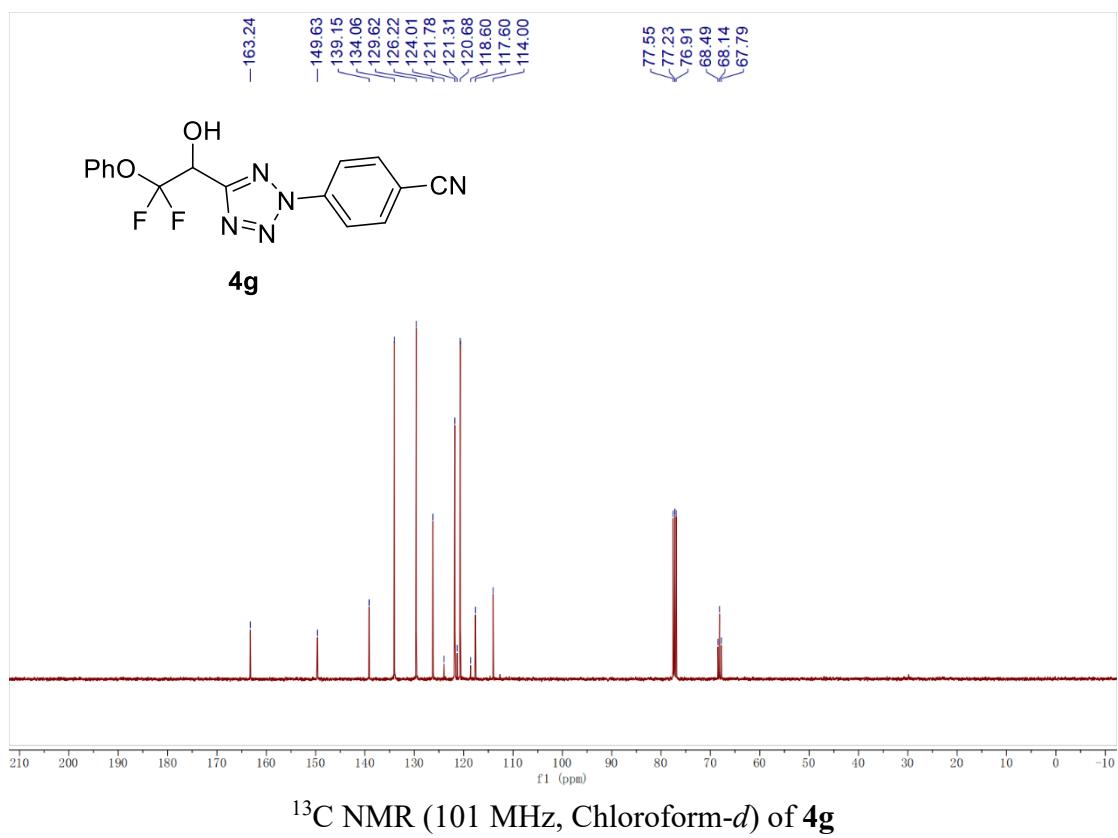
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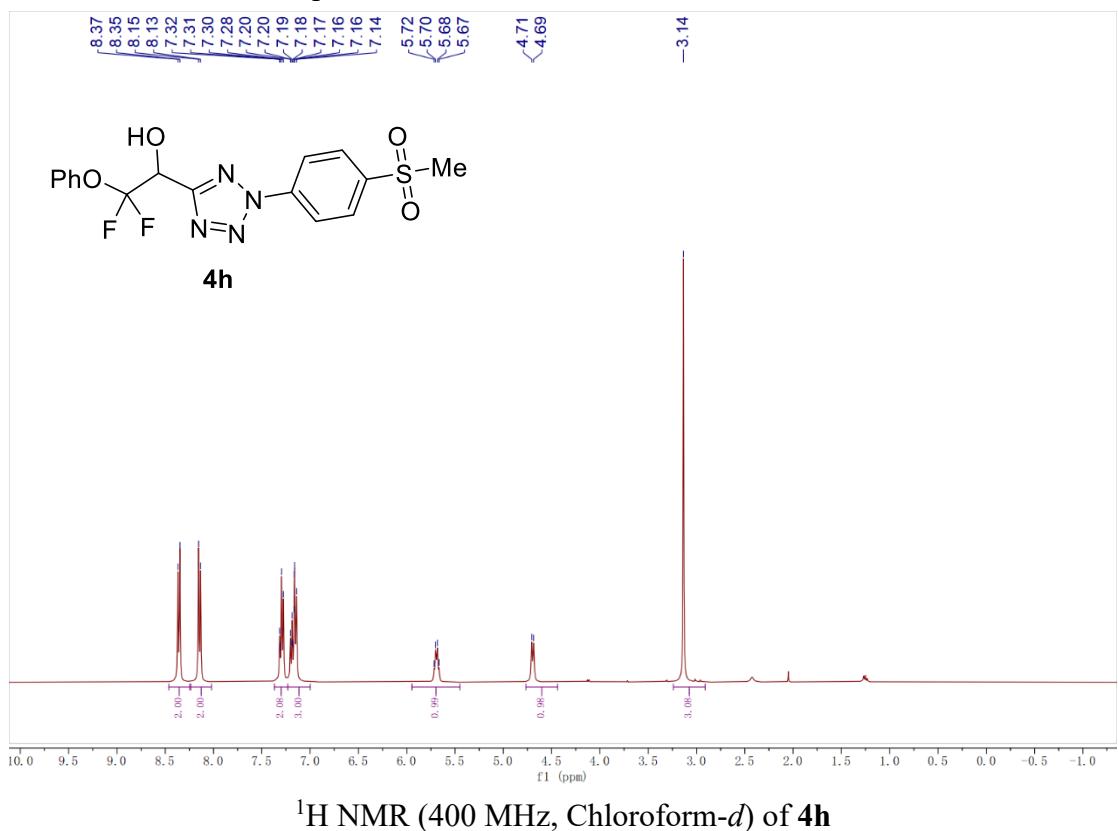


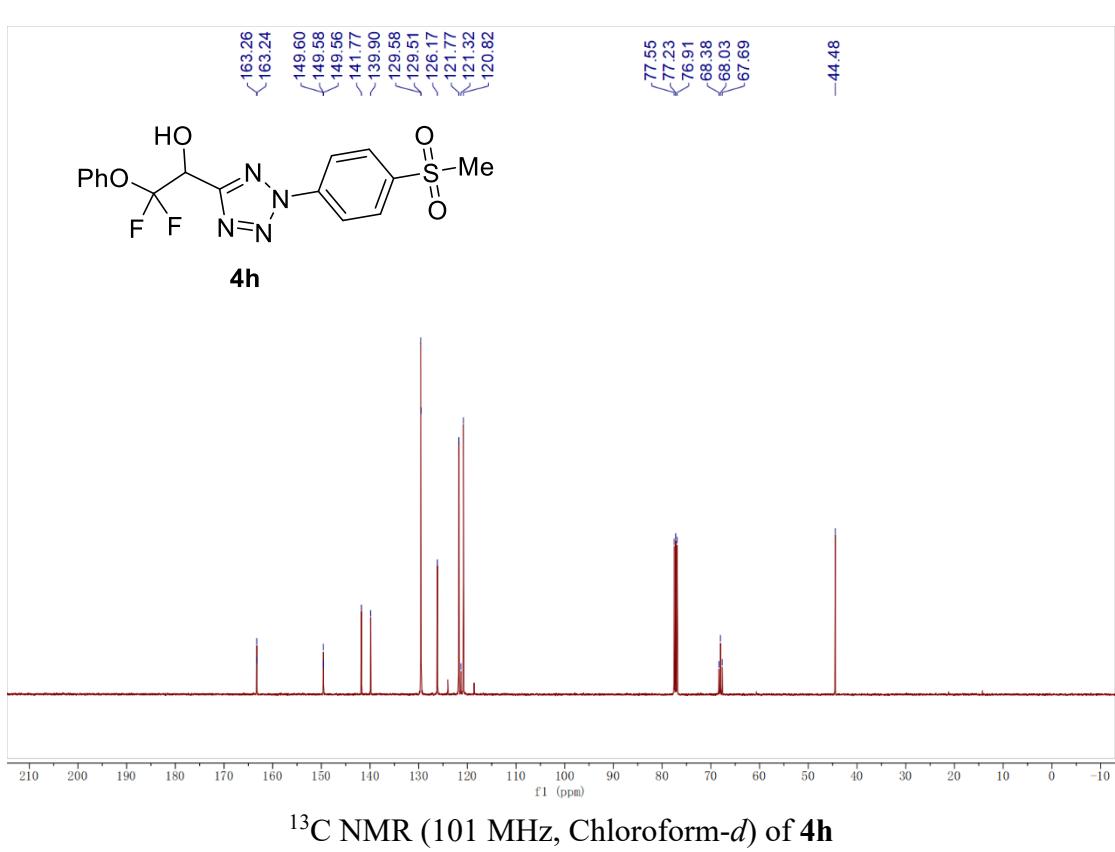
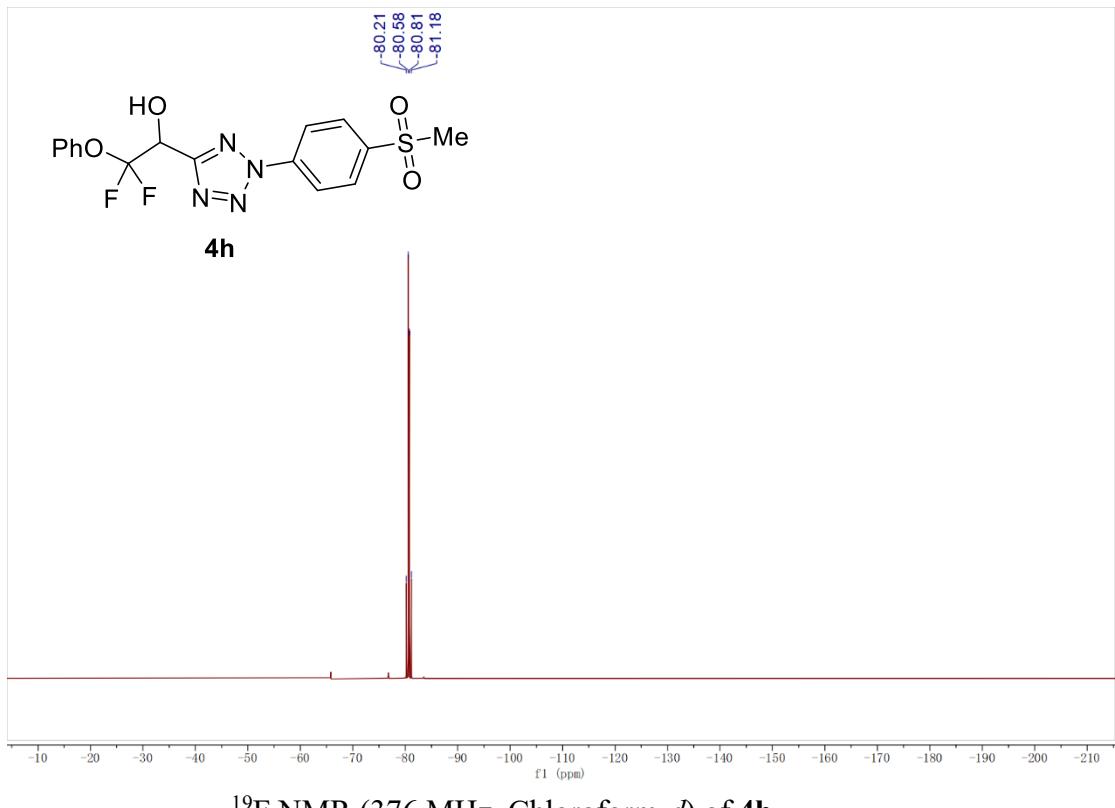
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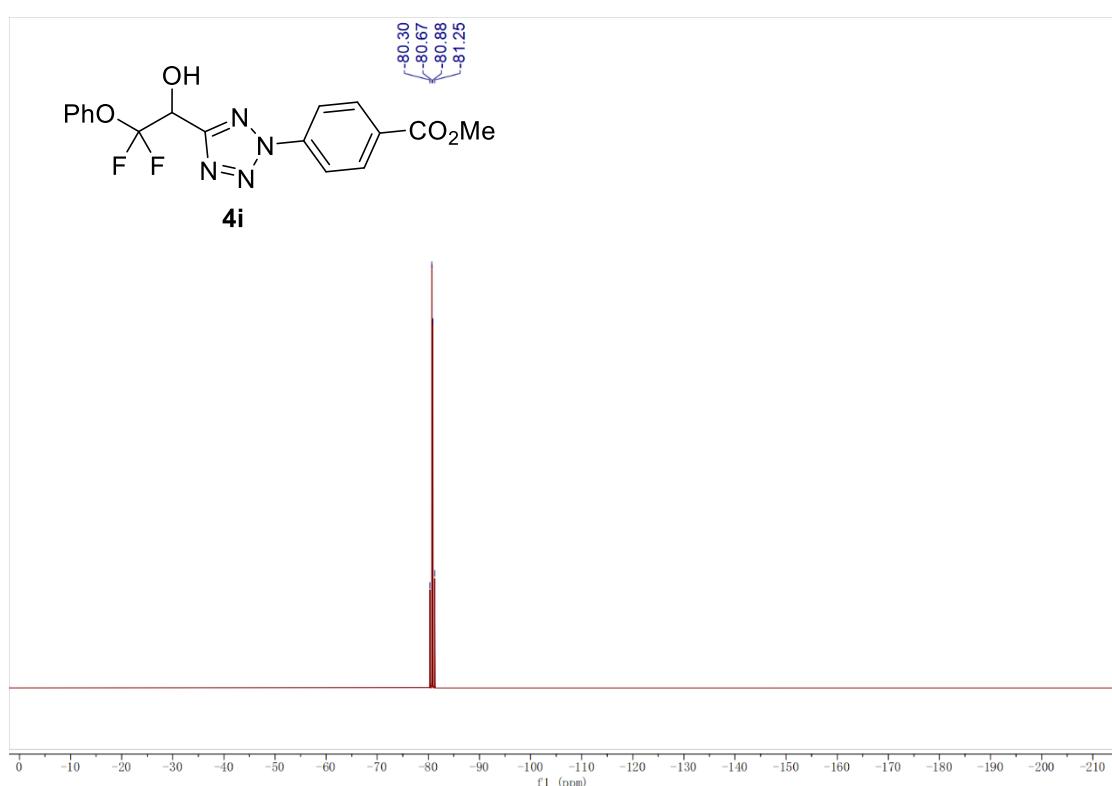
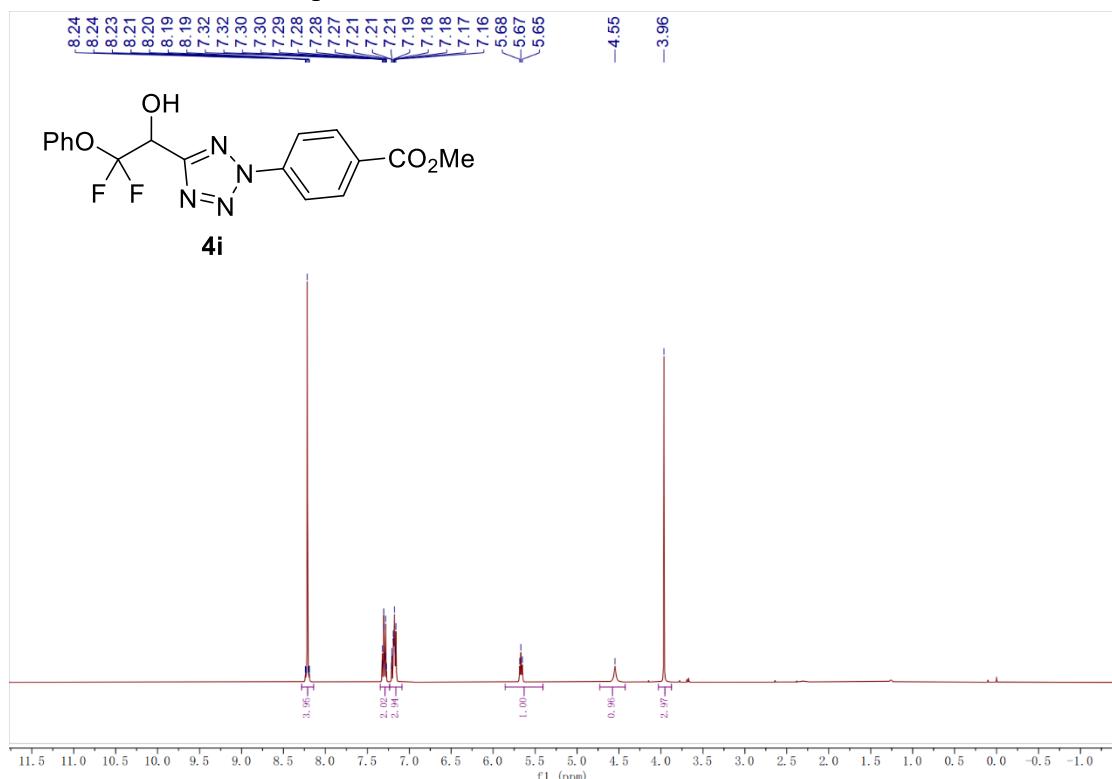


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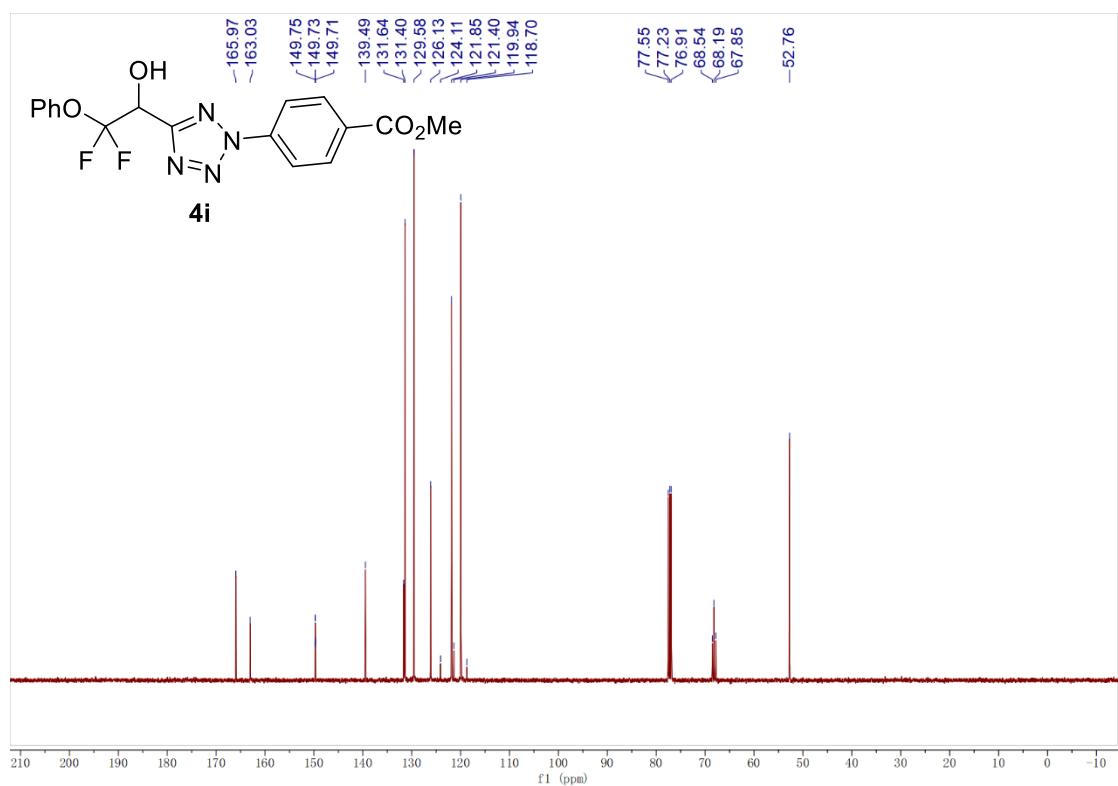




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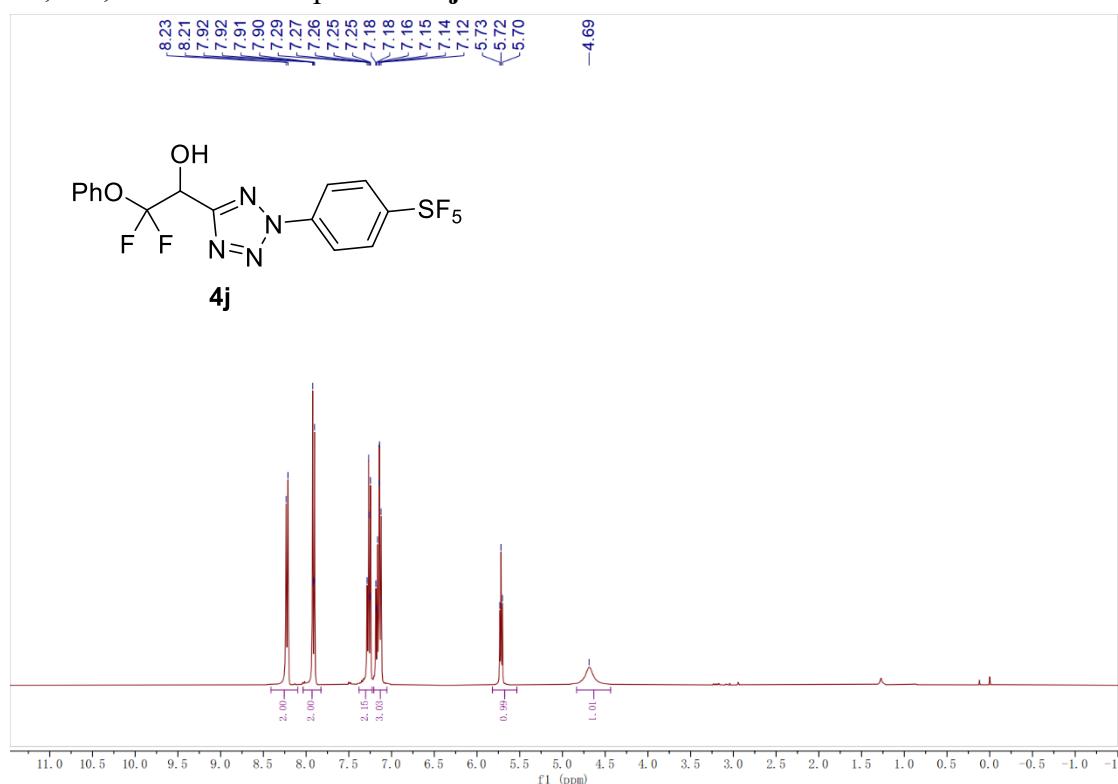


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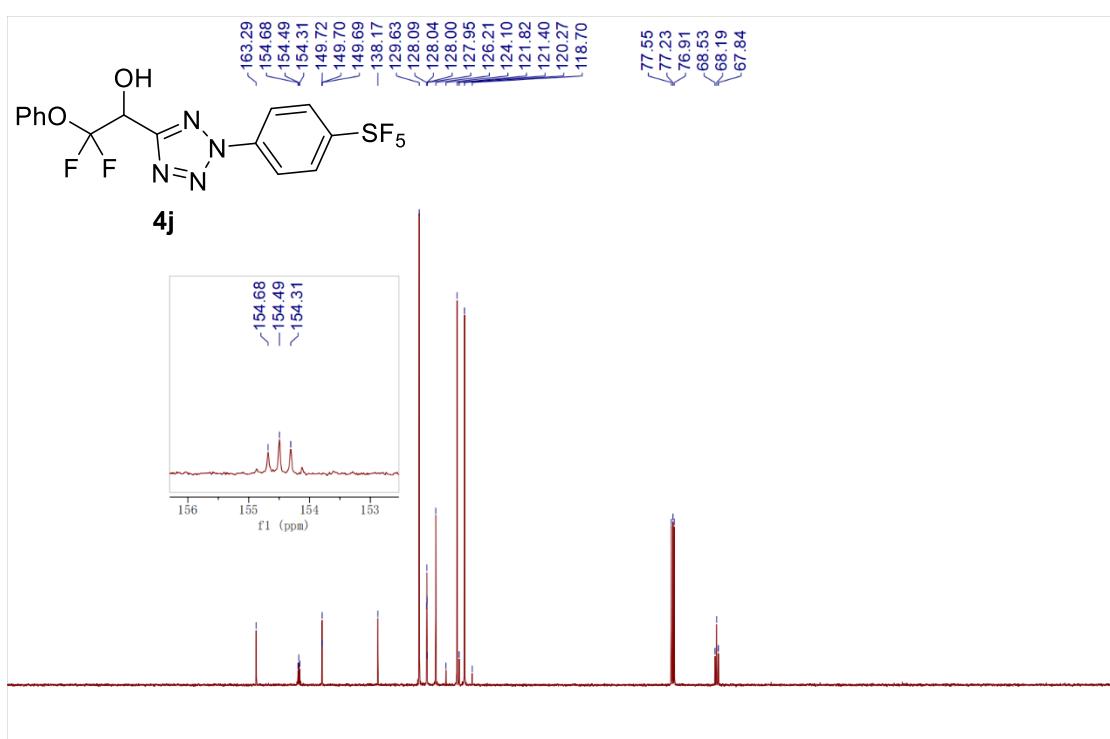
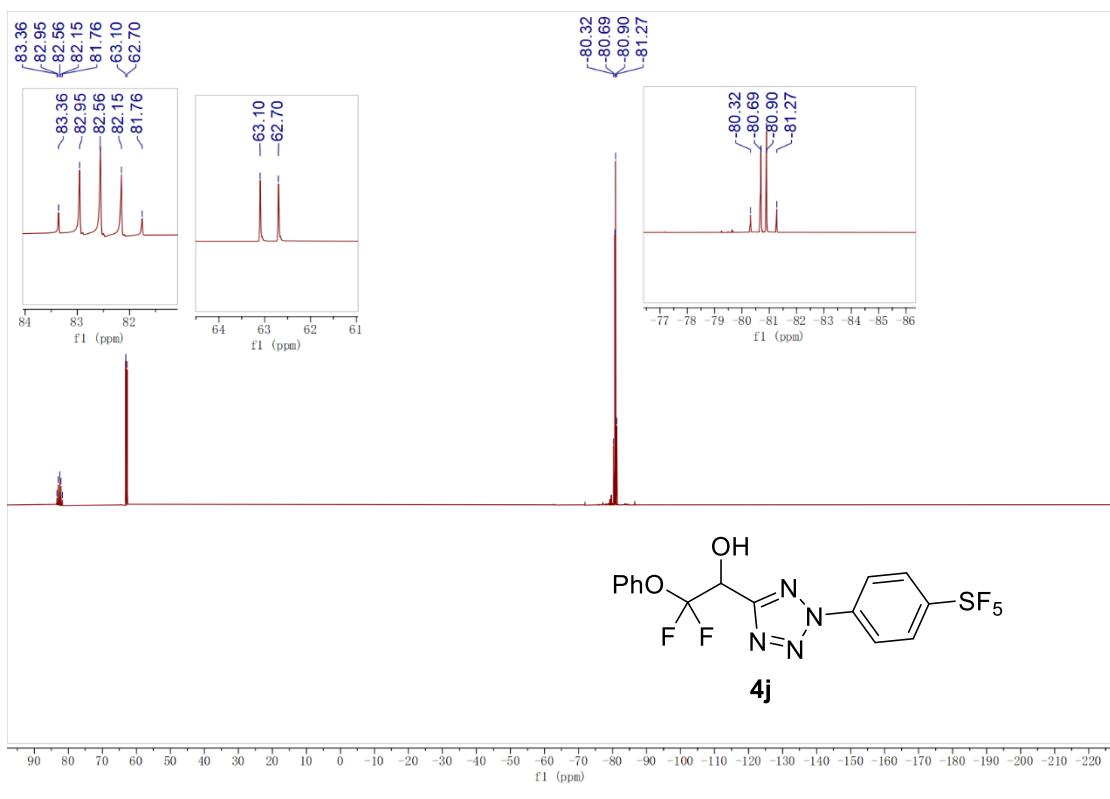


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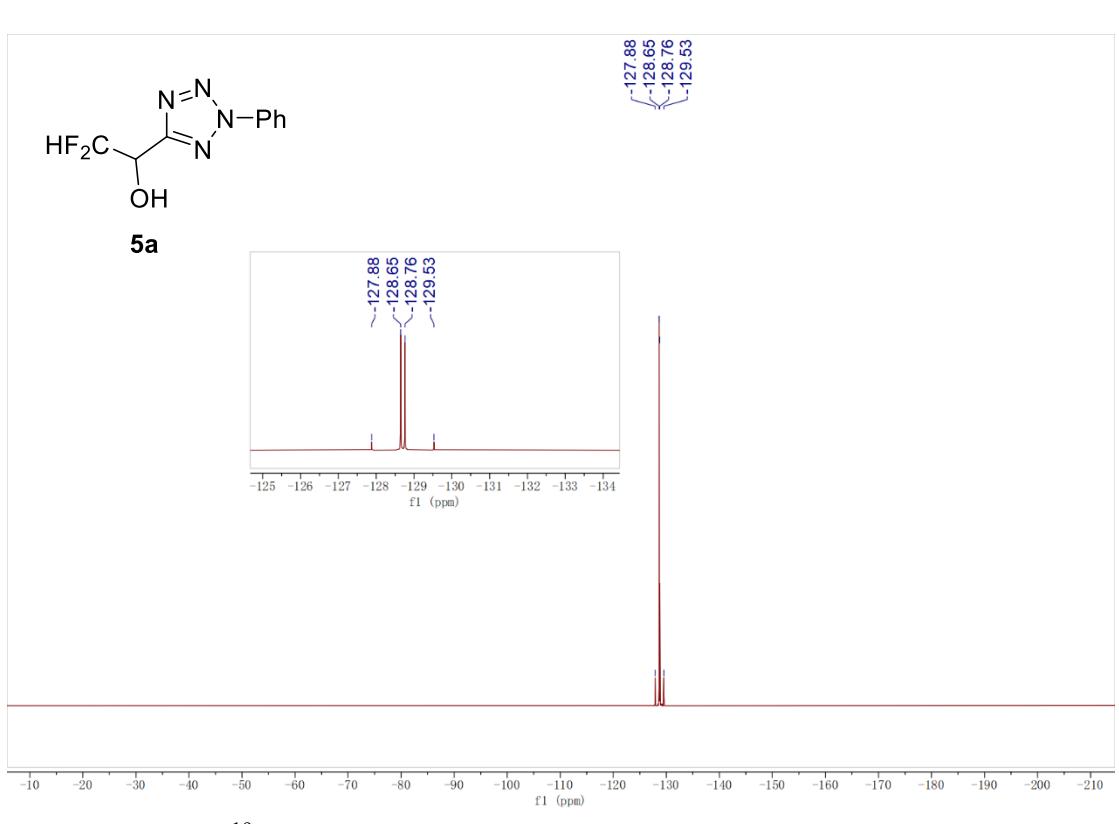
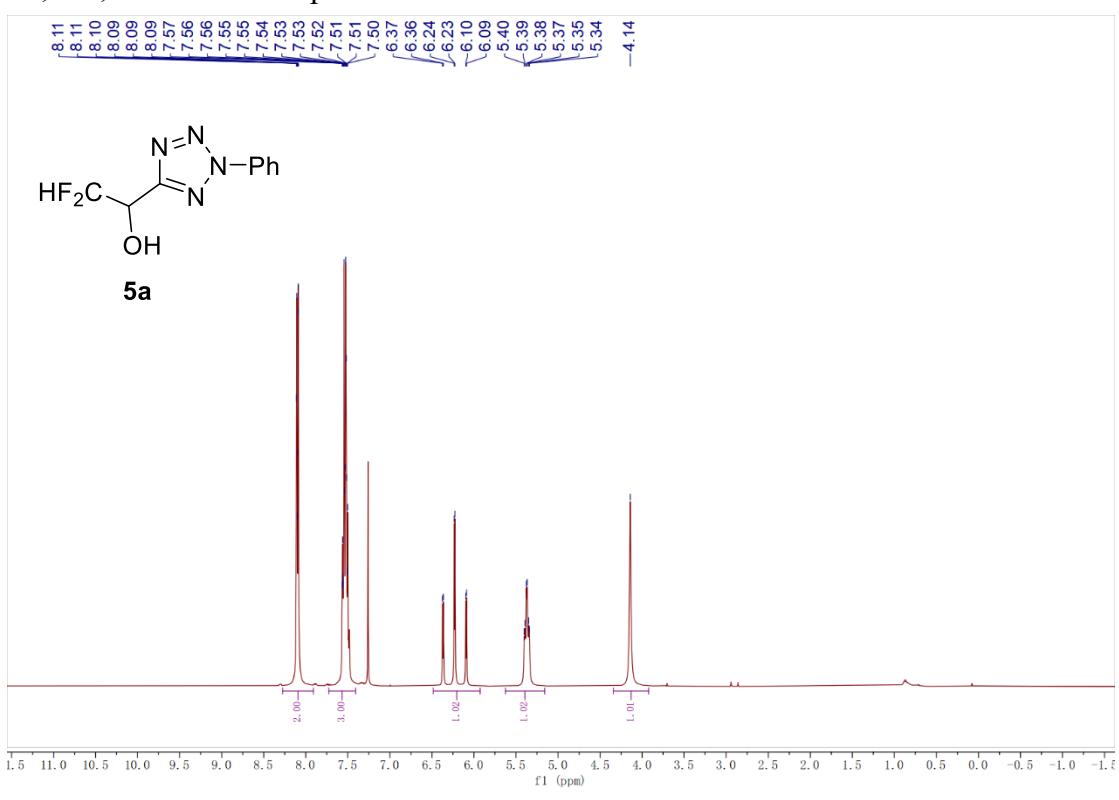
¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of **4j**

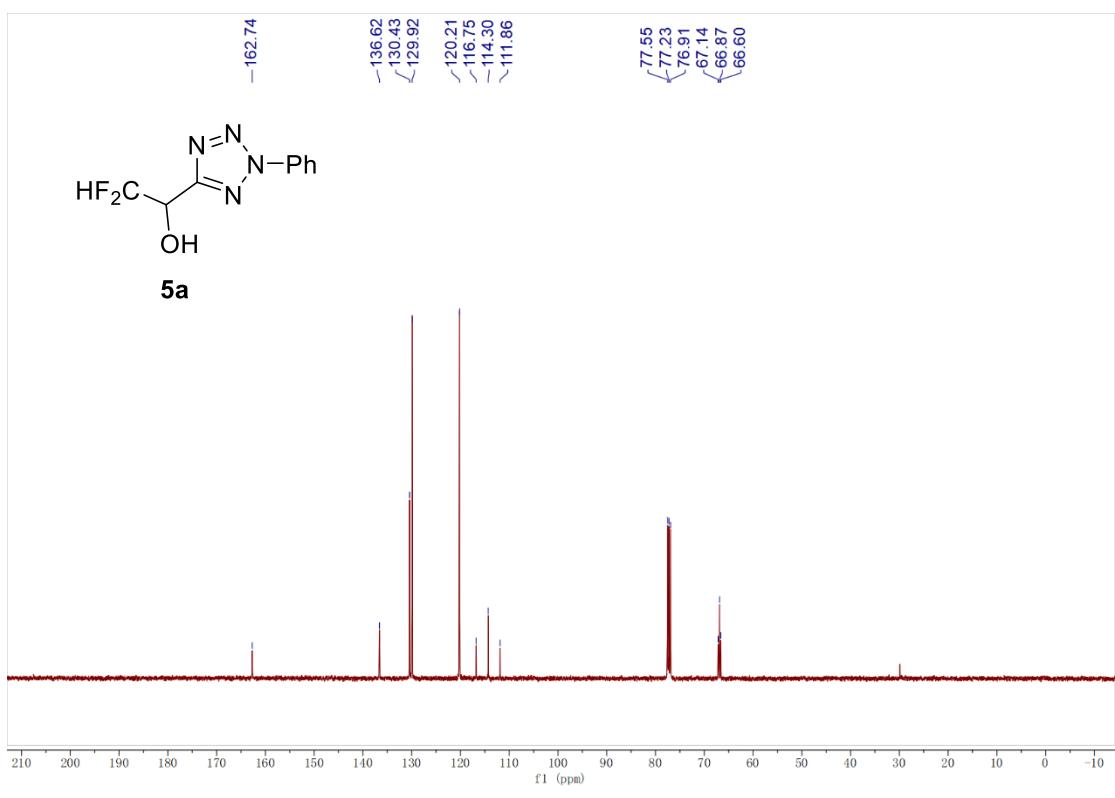


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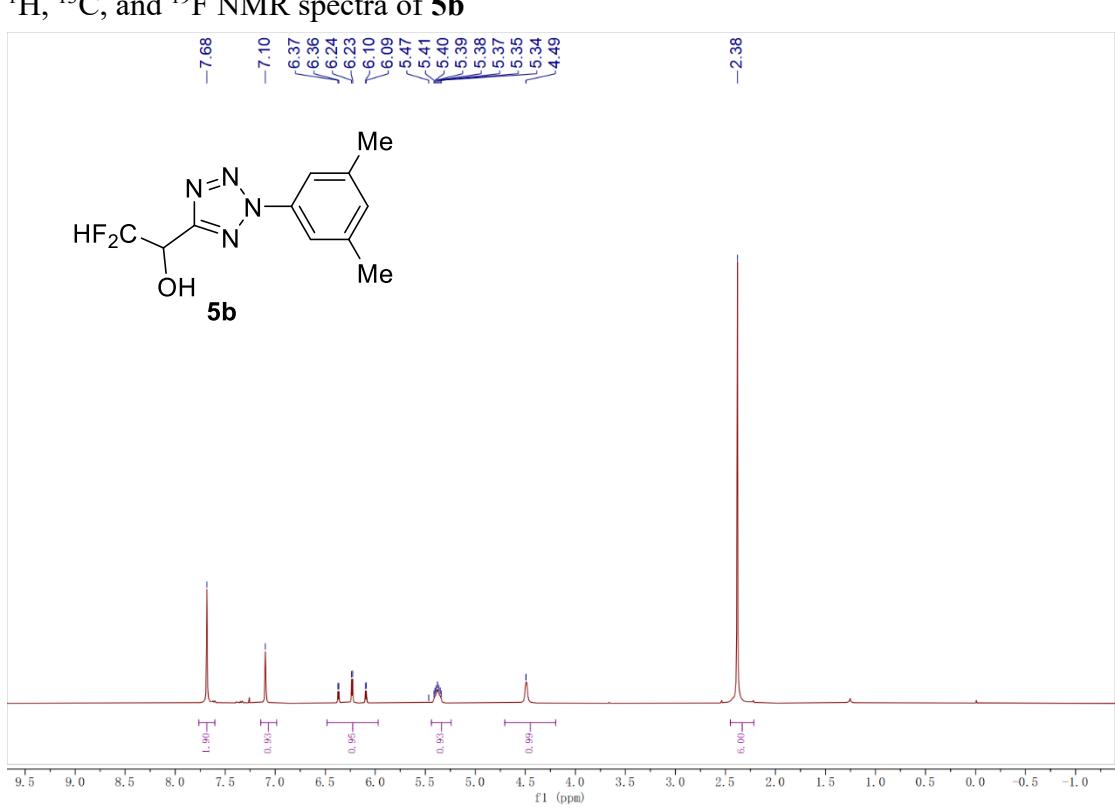


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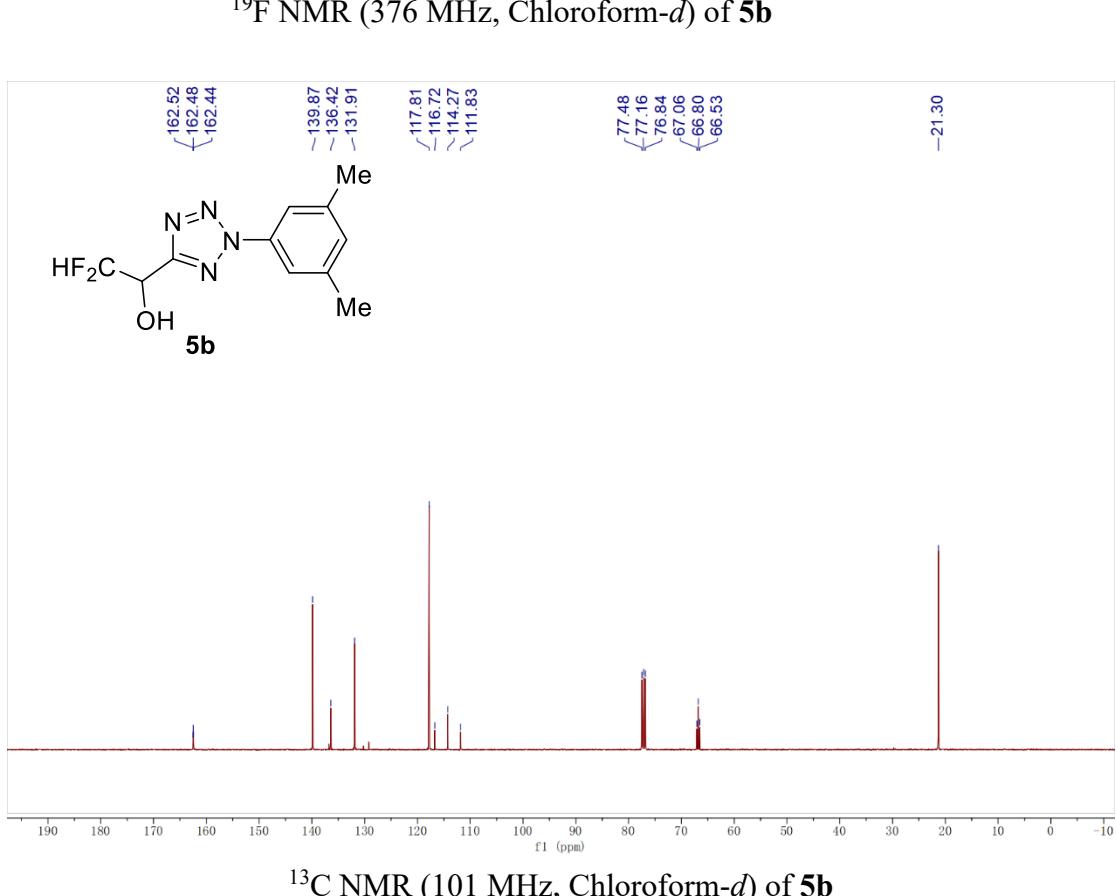
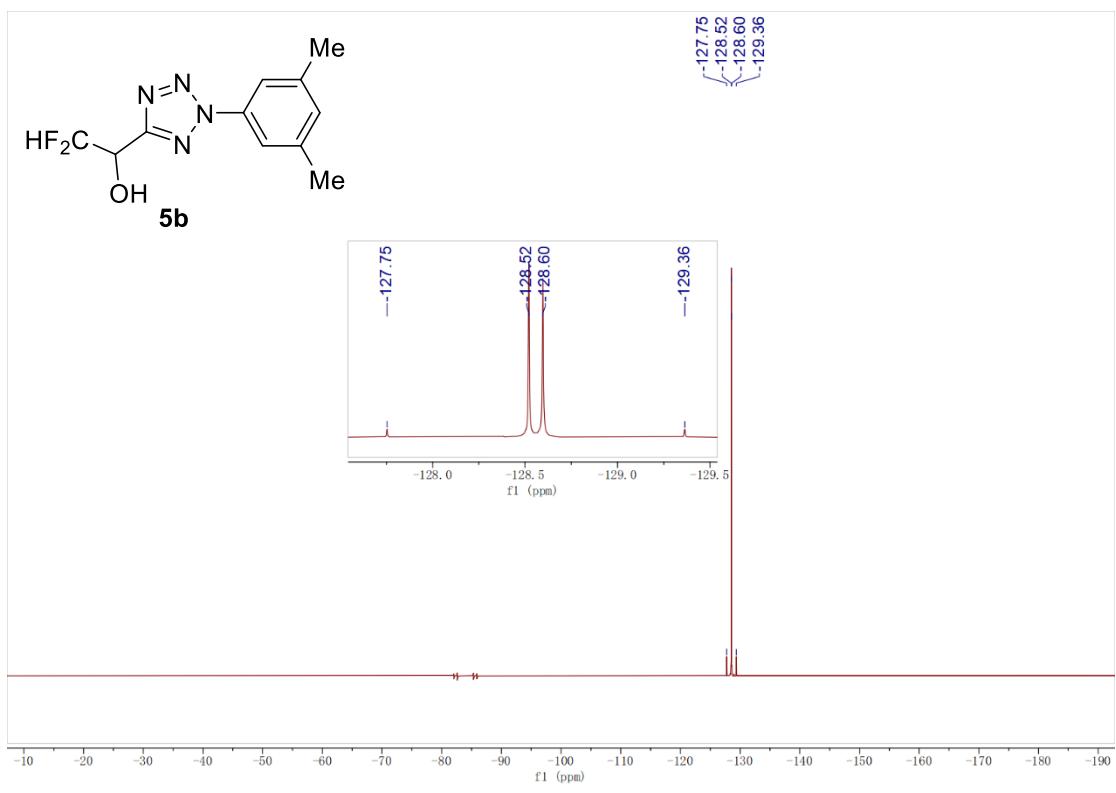




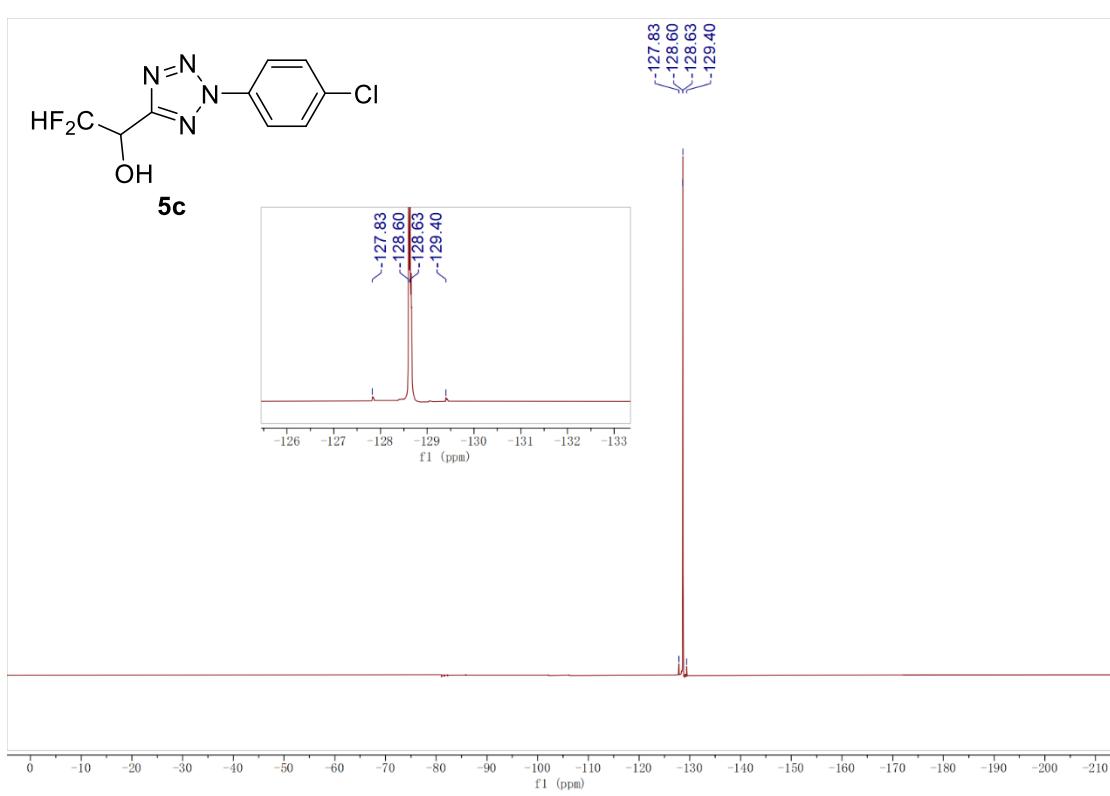
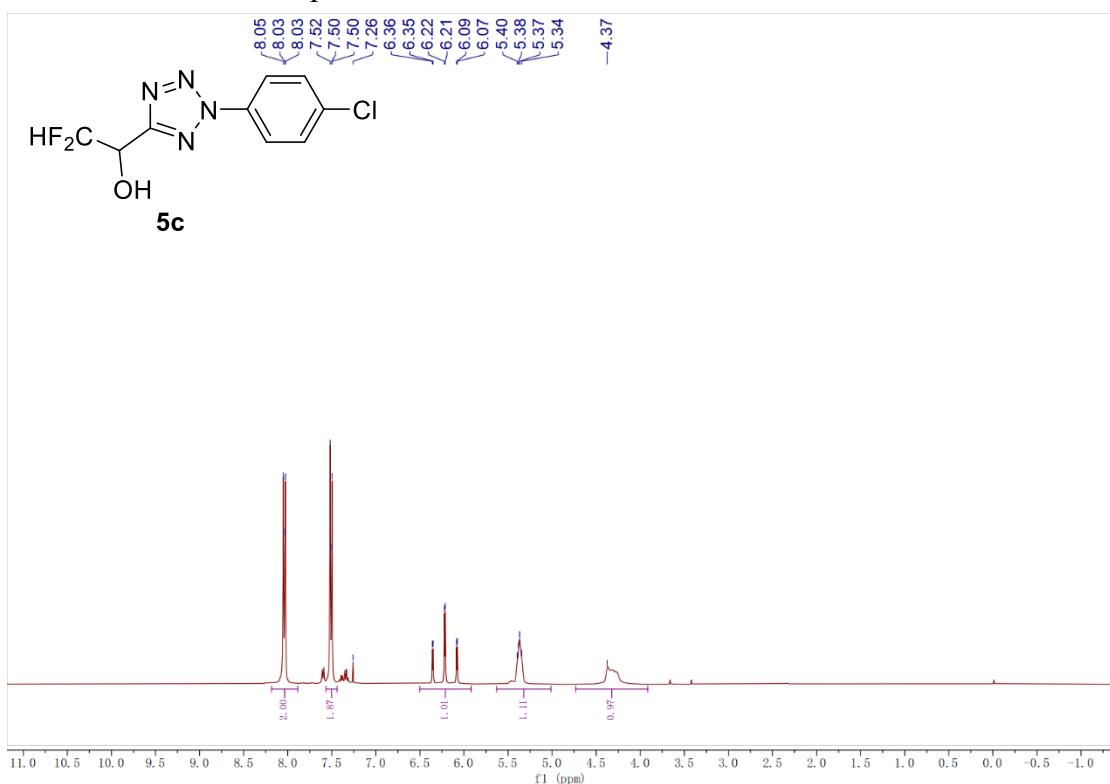
^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra of **5b**

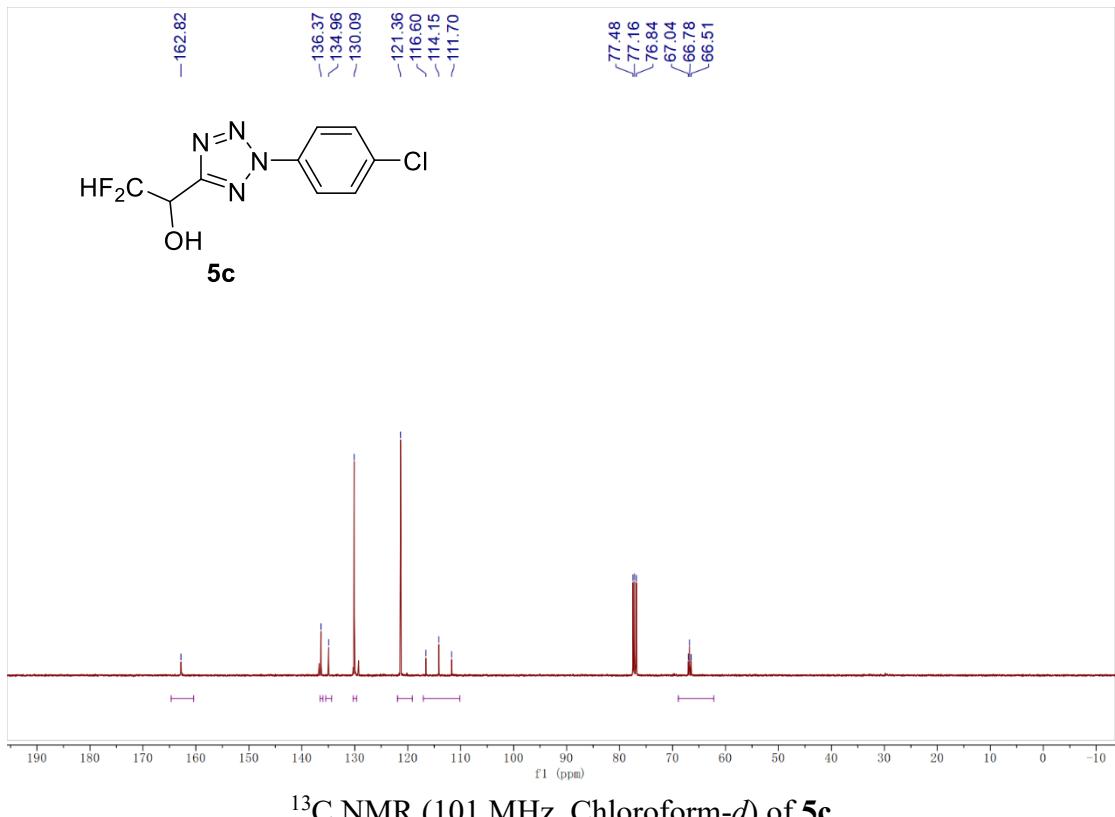


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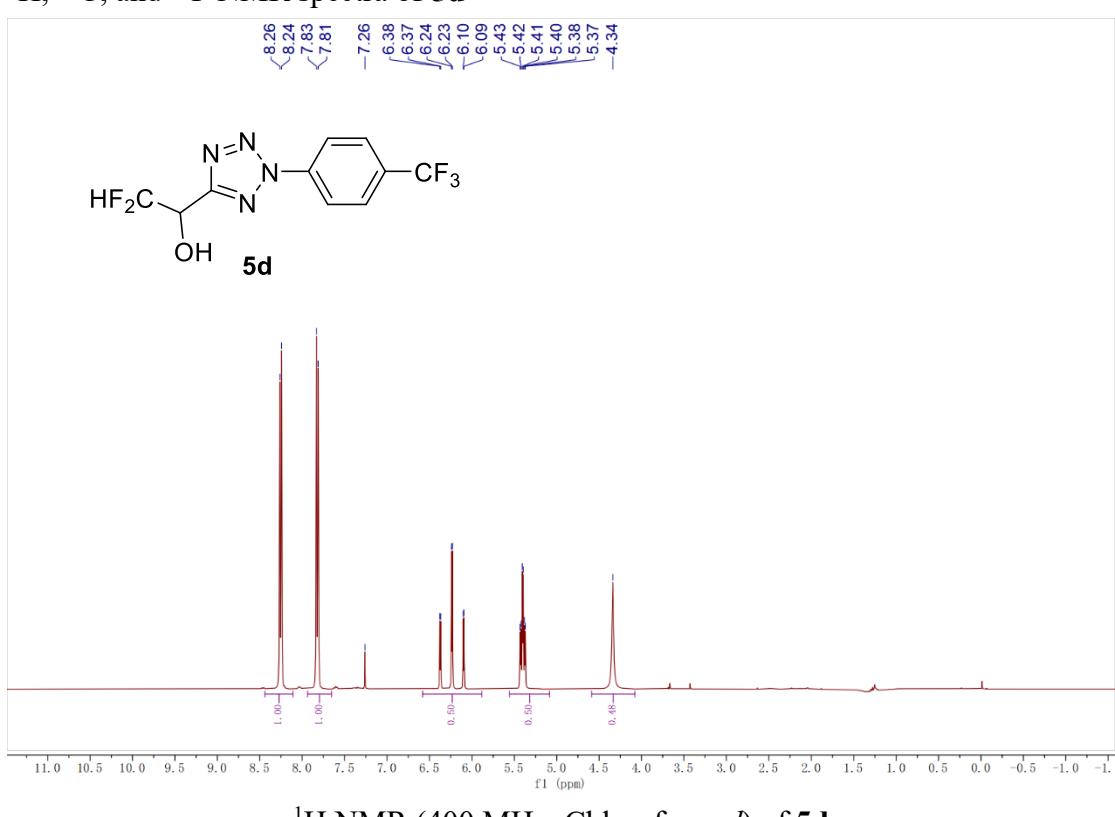


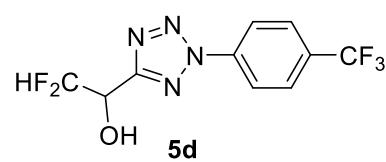
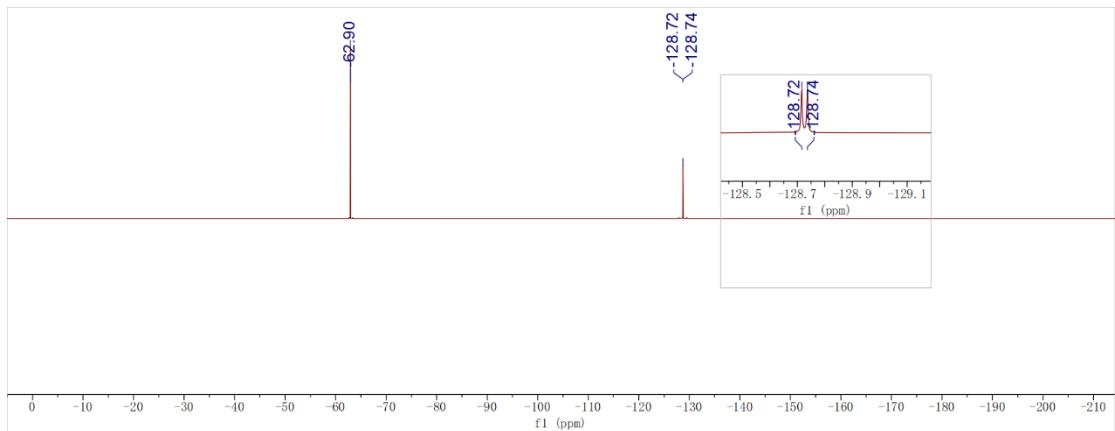
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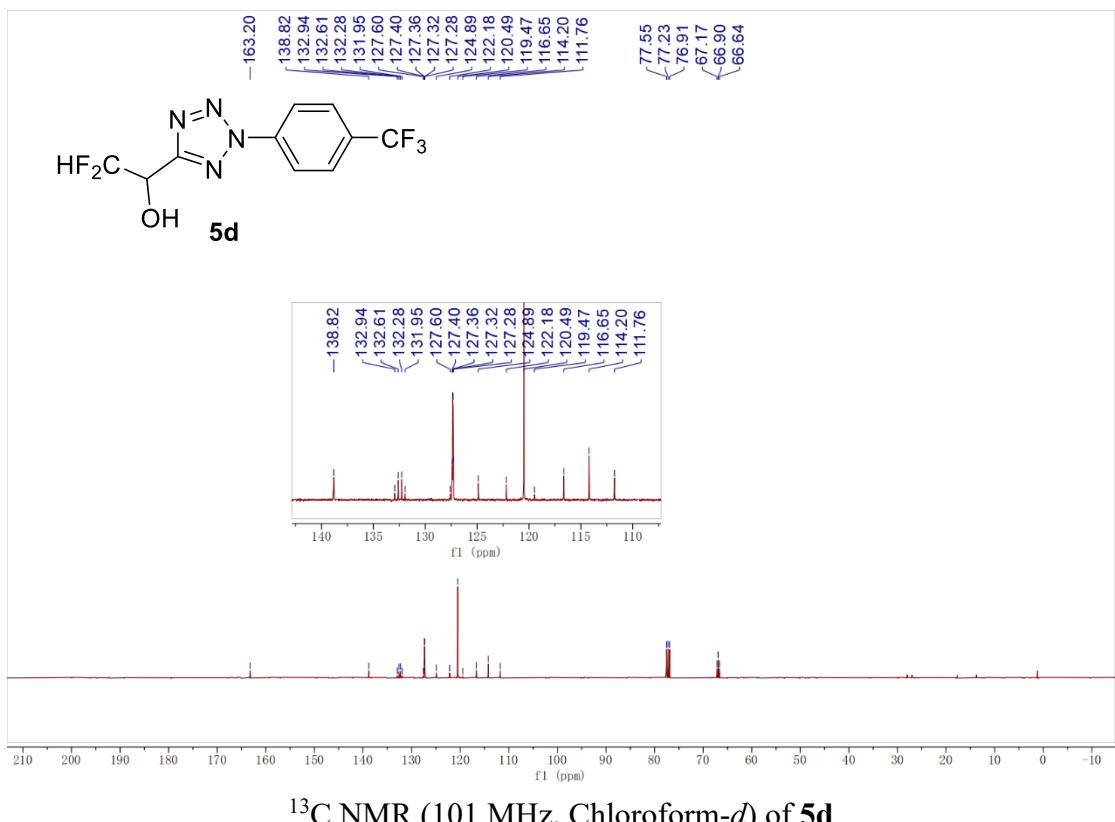


¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of **5d**



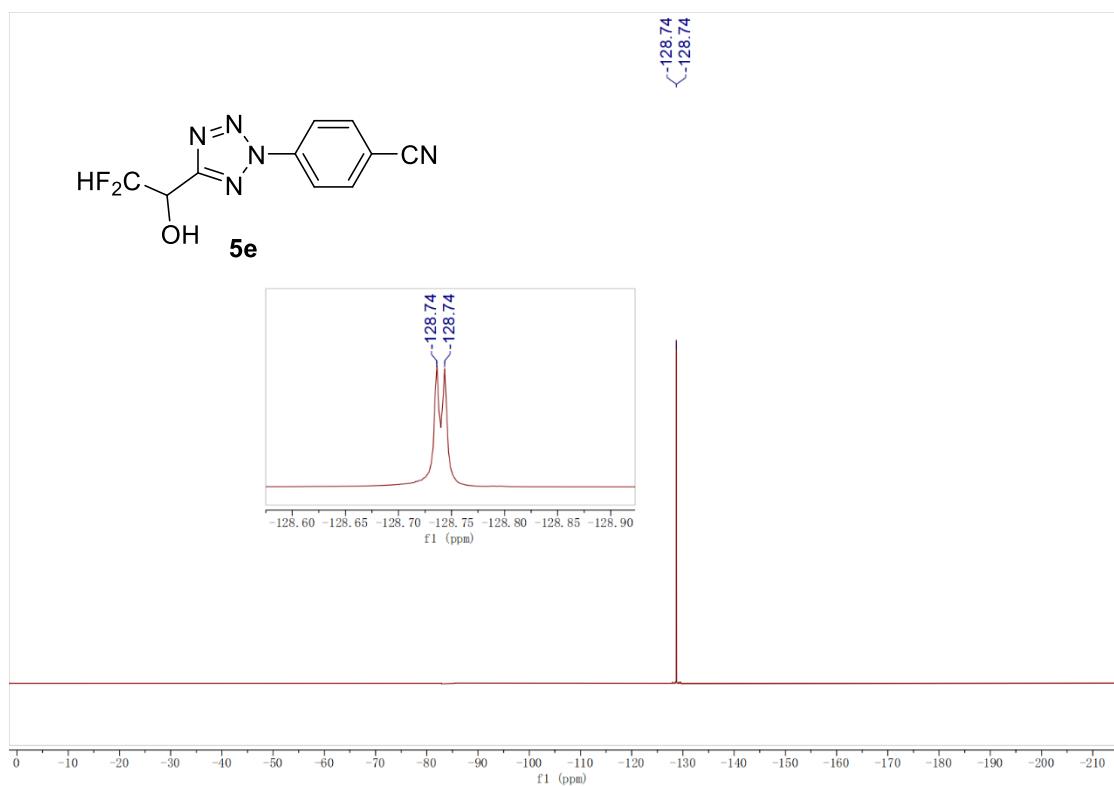
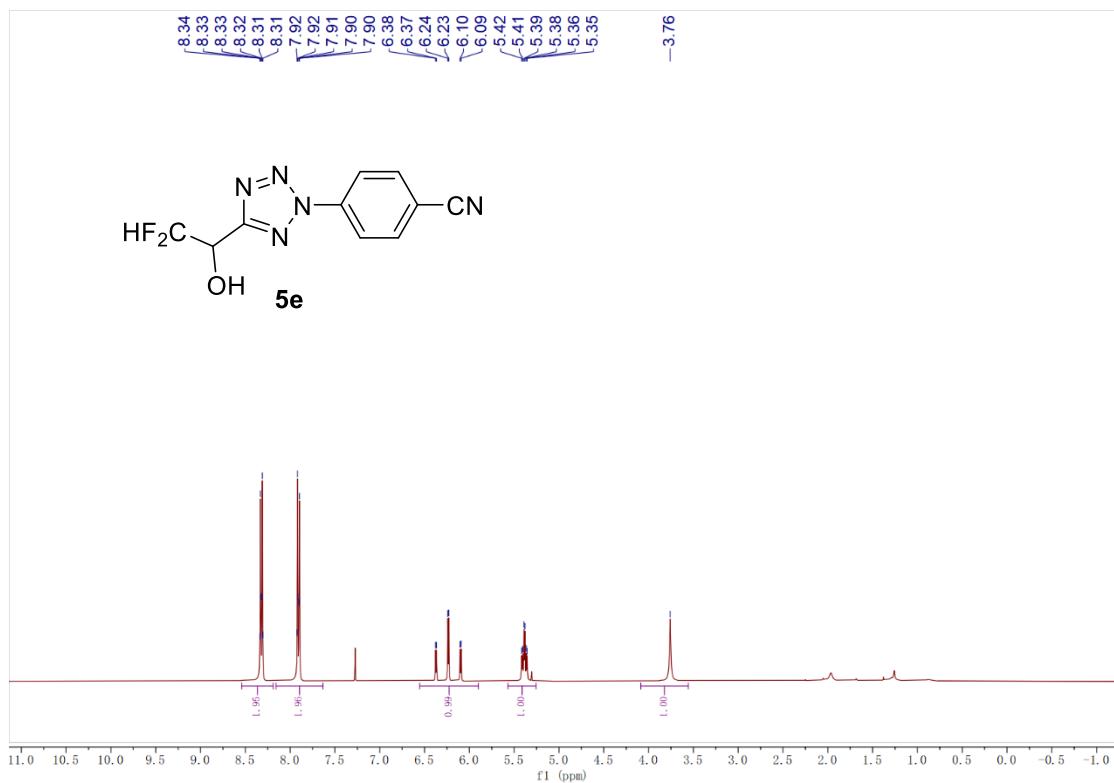


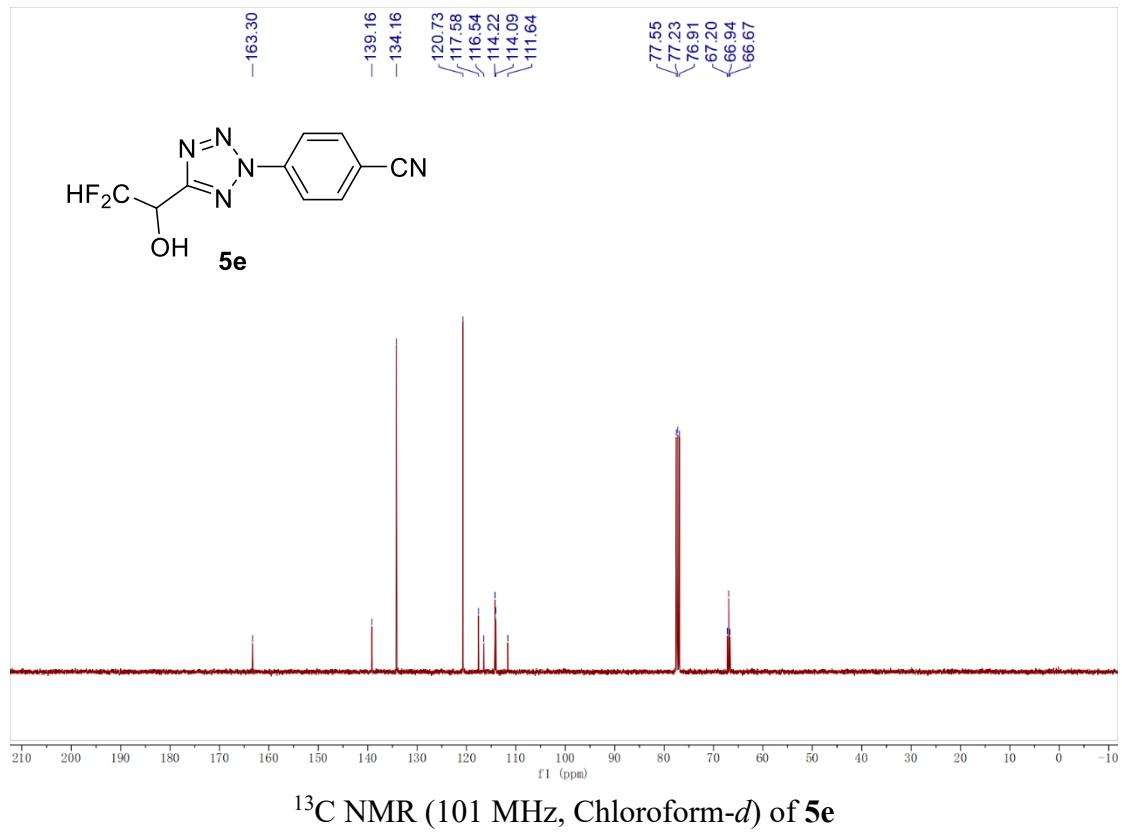
¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of **5d**



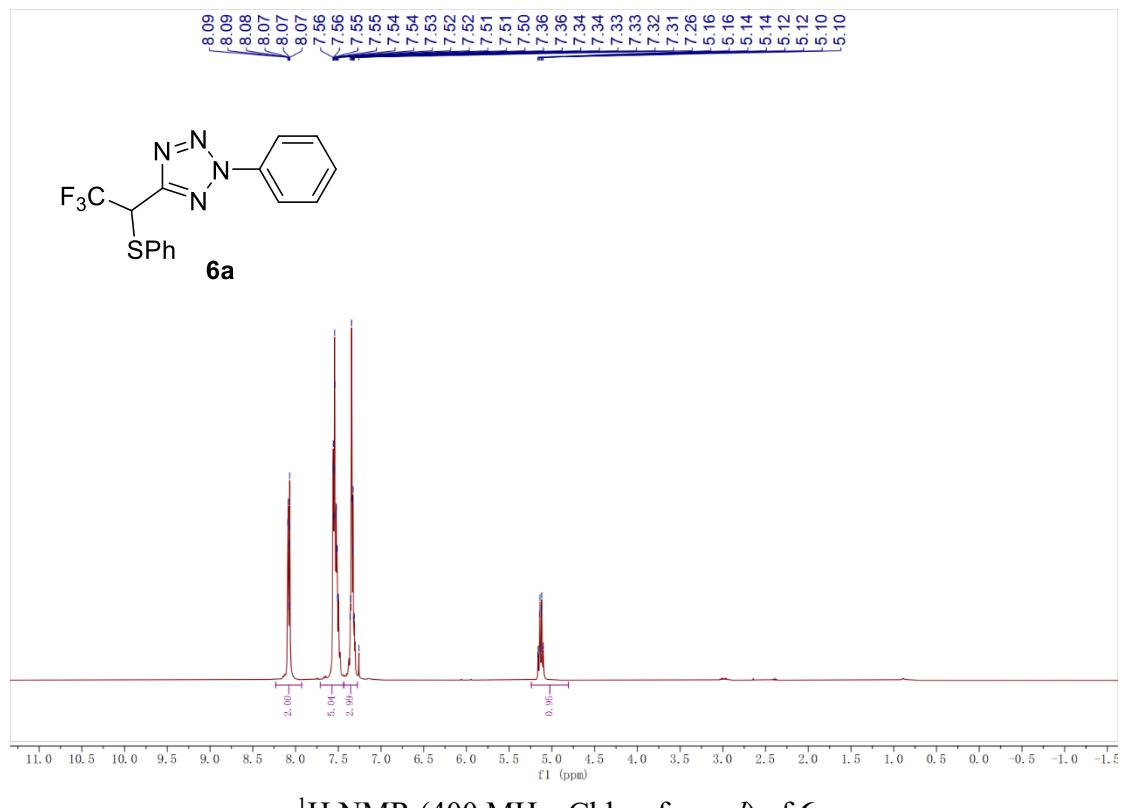
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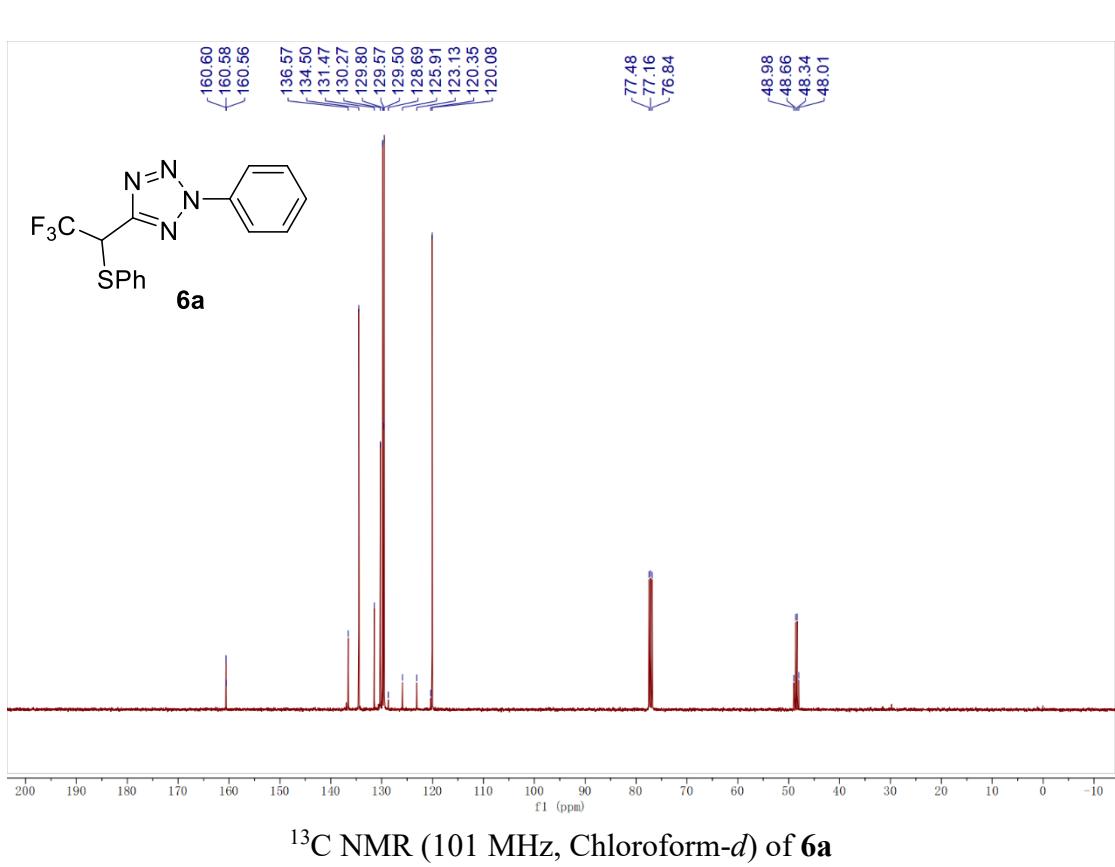
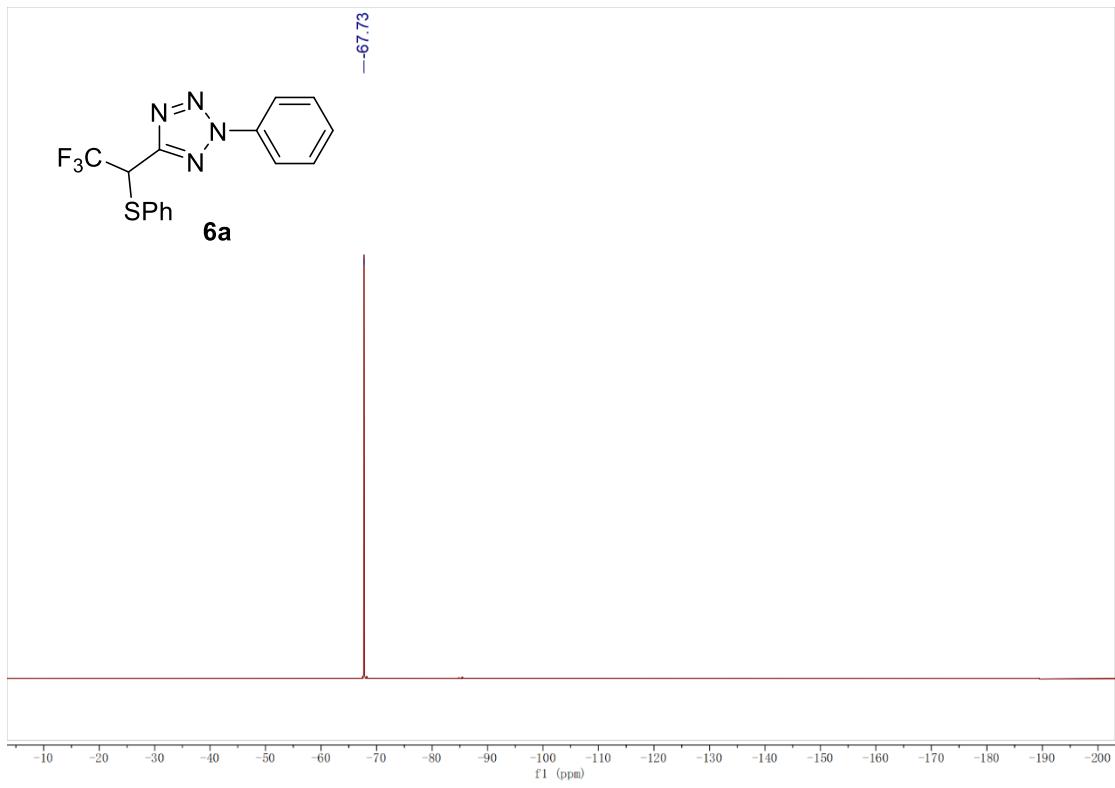
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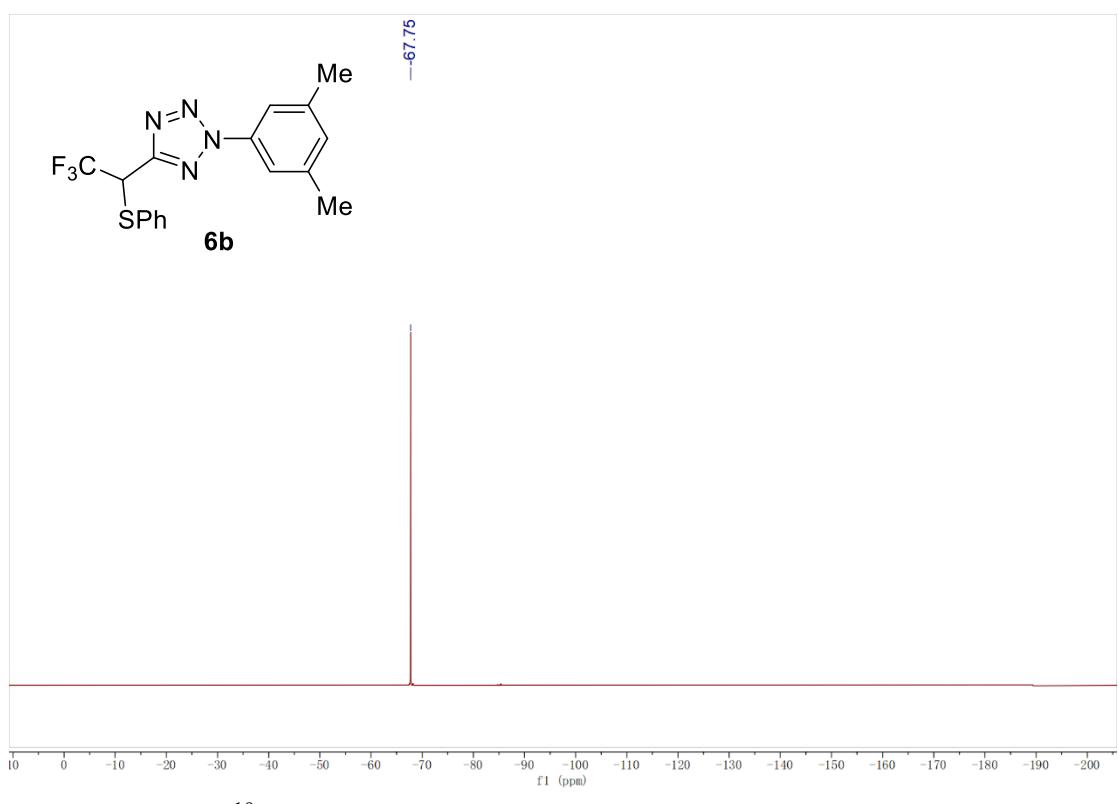
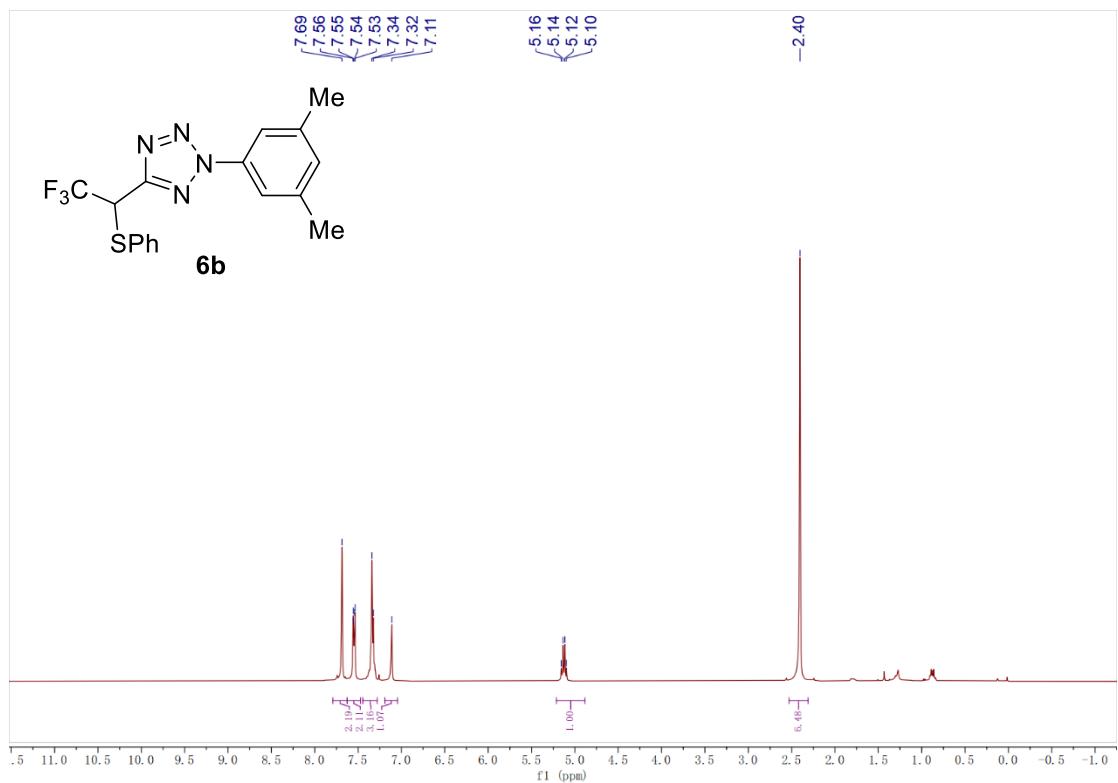


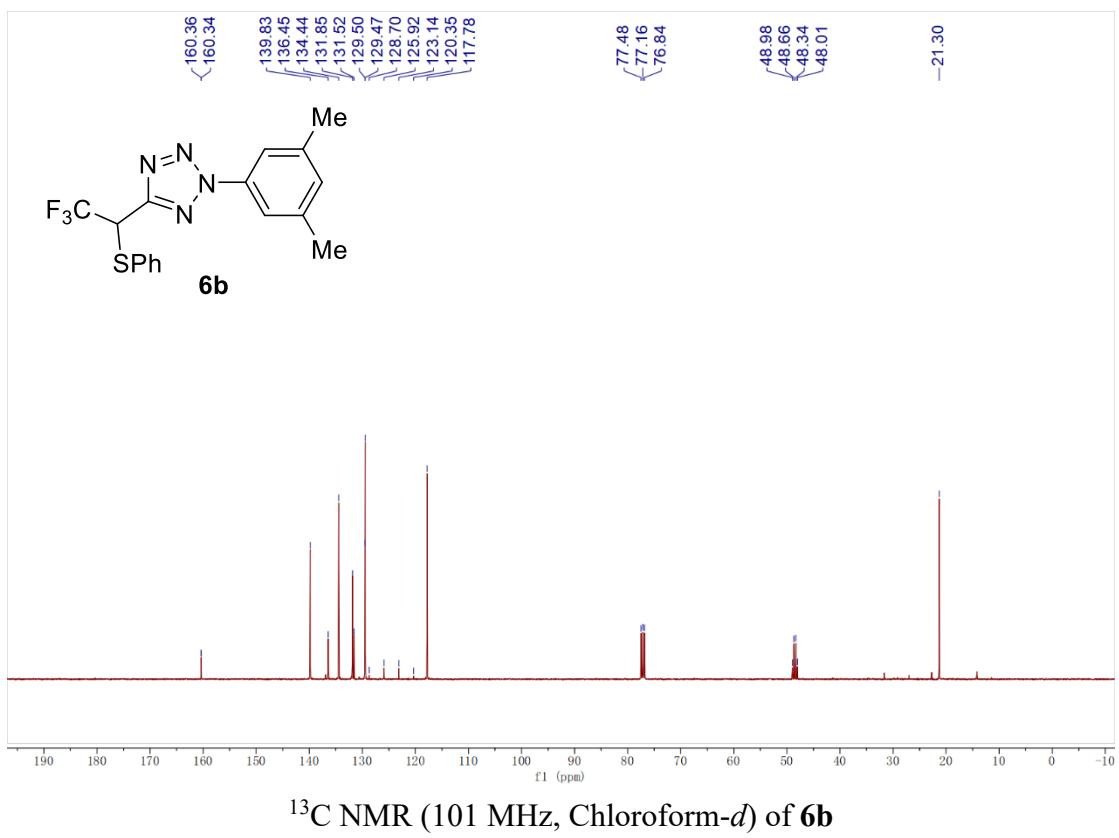
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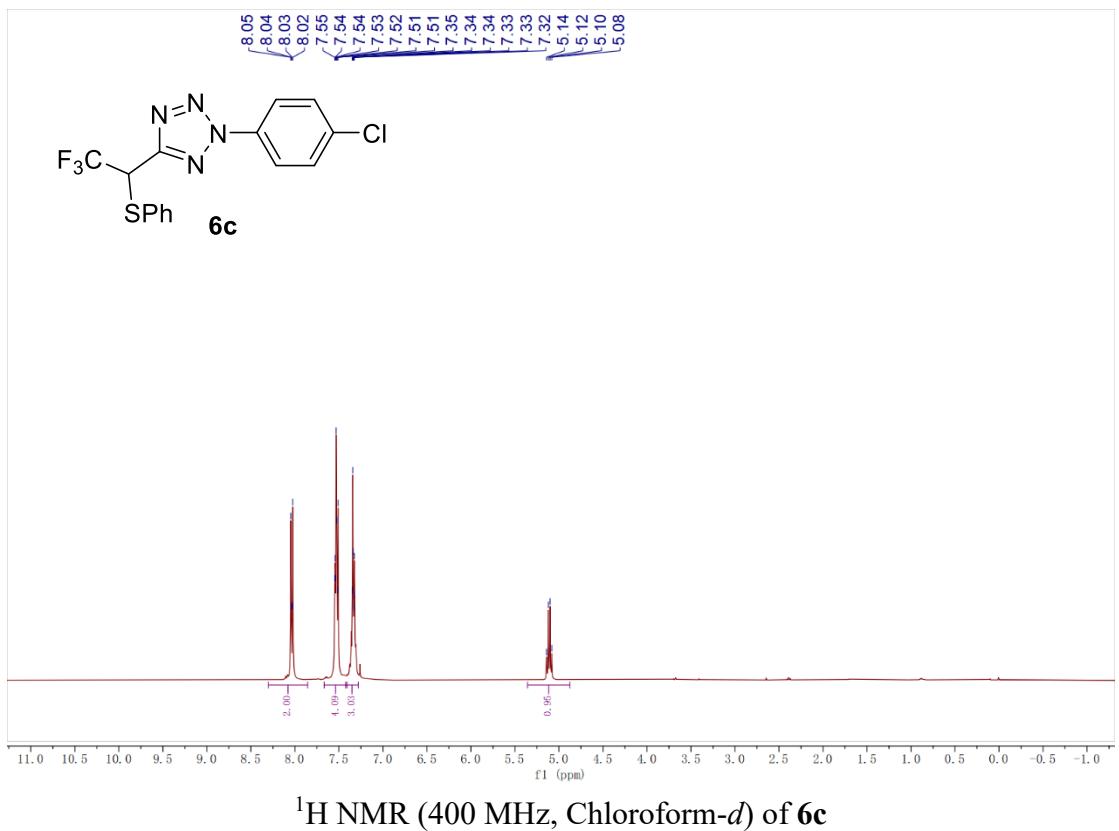


¹H, ¹³C, and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of **6b**

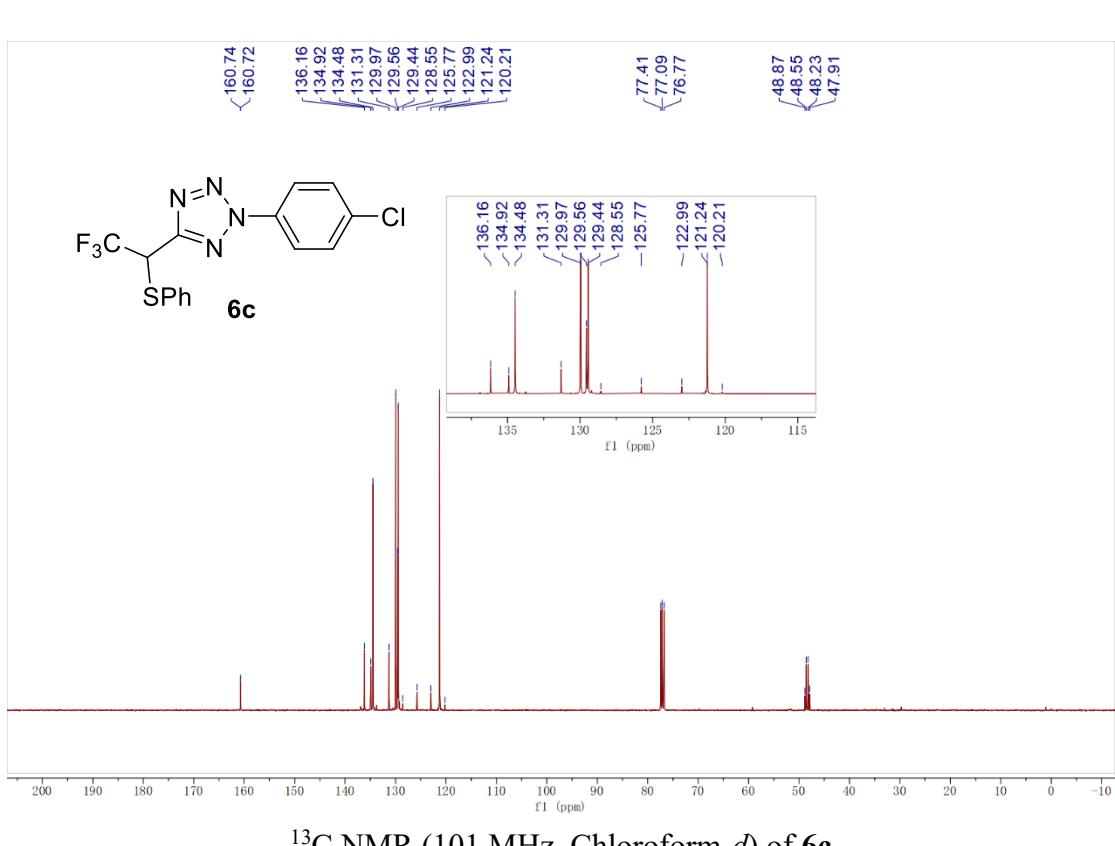
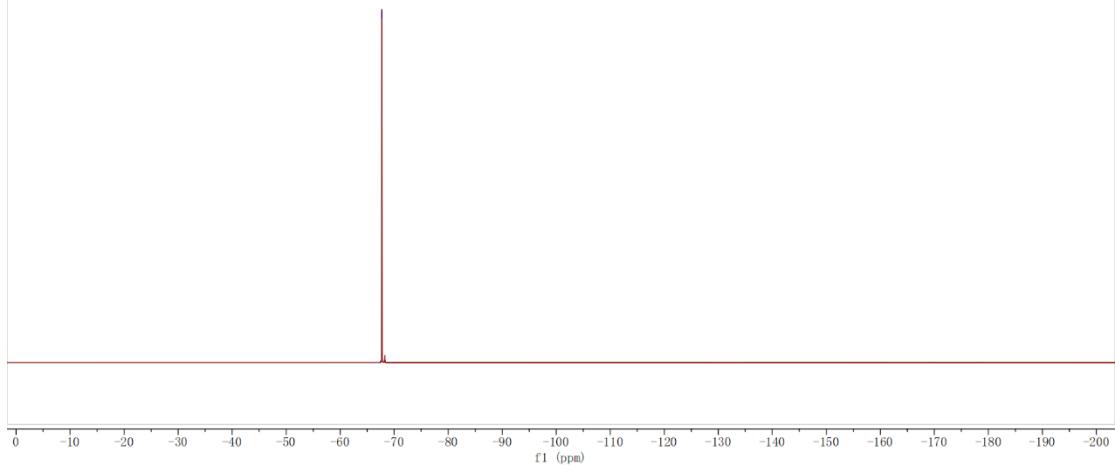
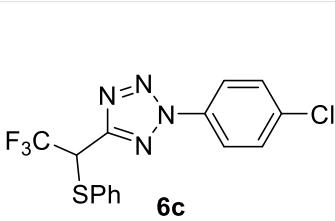




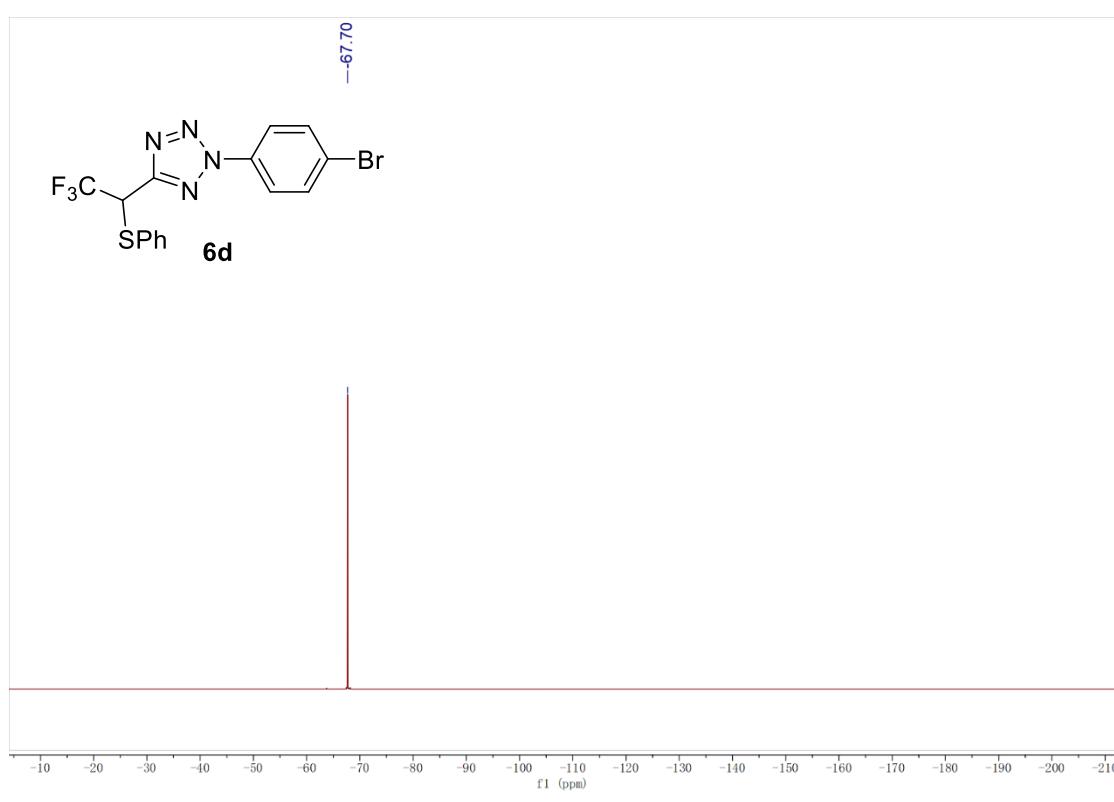
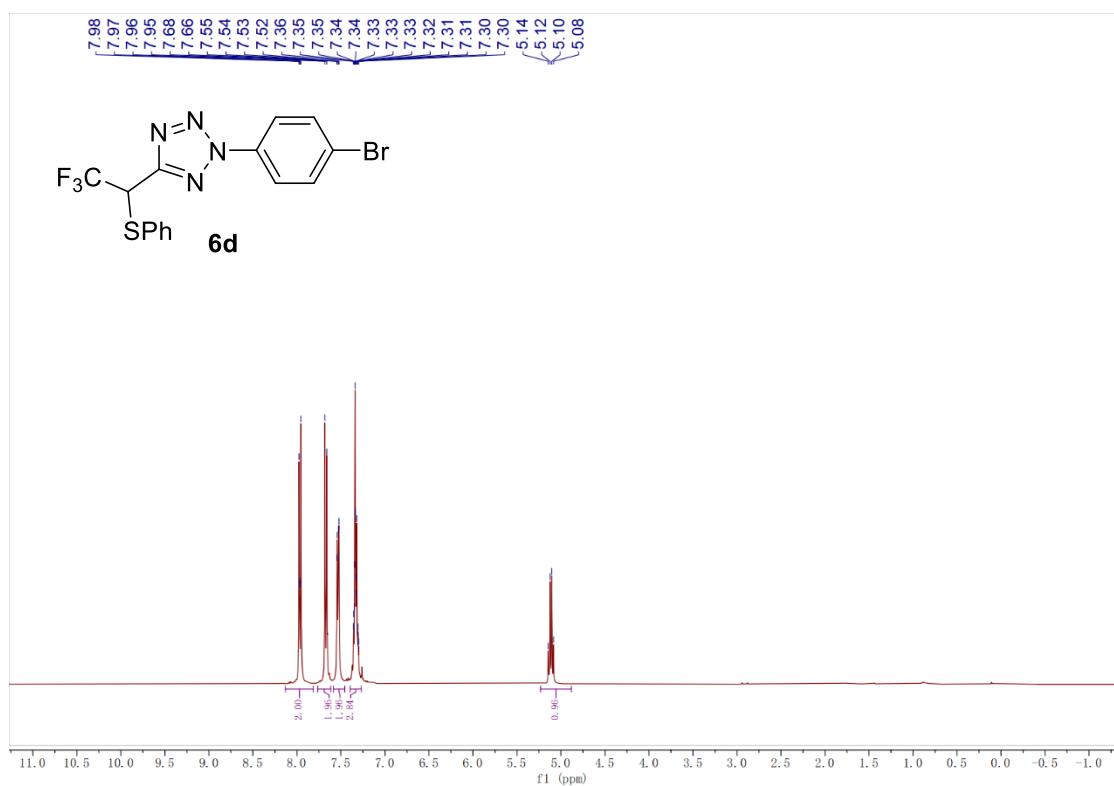
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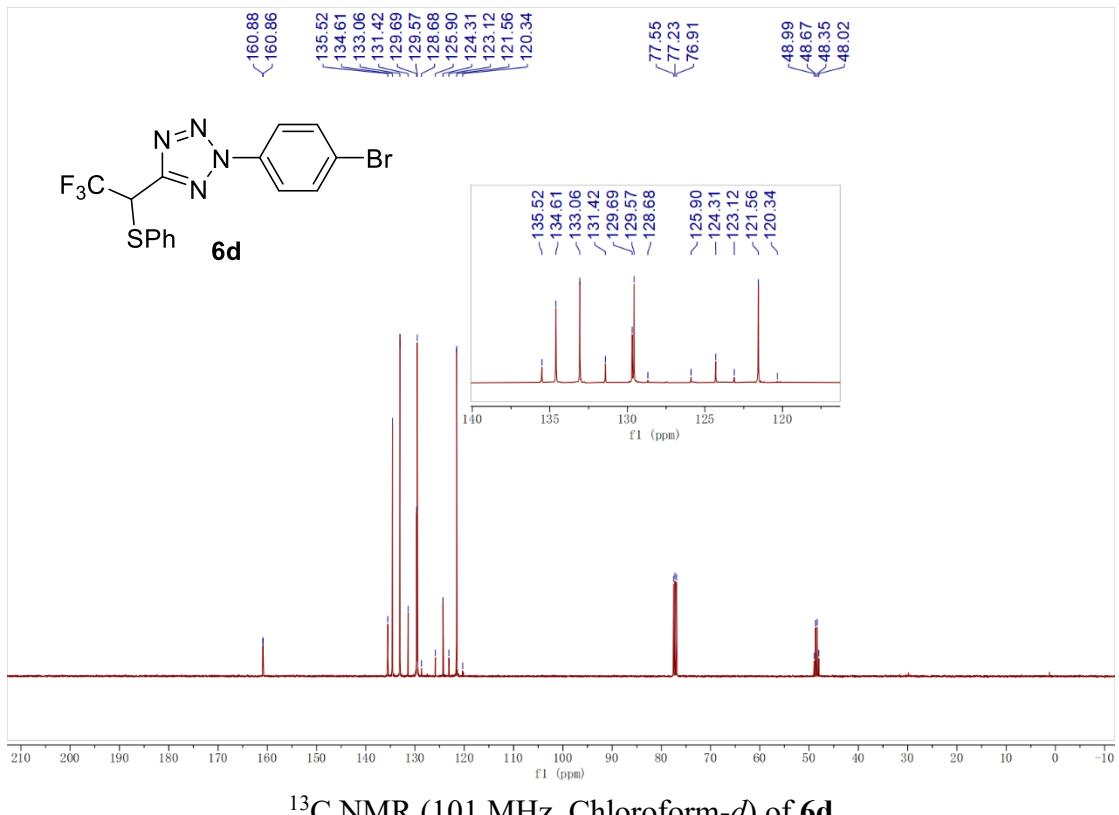


¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) of **6c**



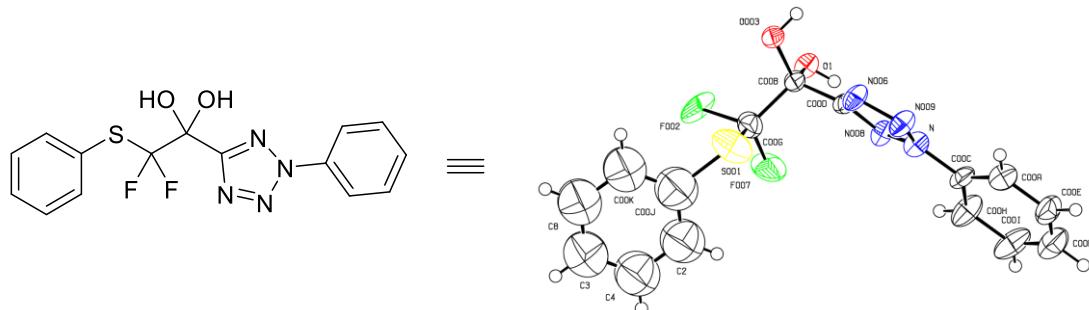
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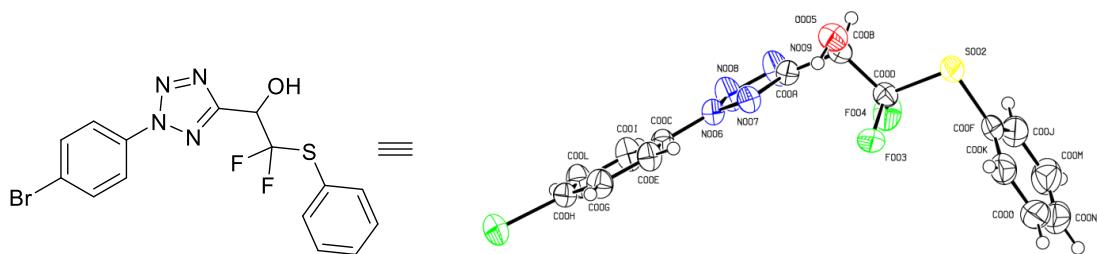
X-Ray Crystallographic Data

The X-ray crystallographic structure for ketal compound (**3ab**). Crystal data has been deposited to CCDC, number 2116297.



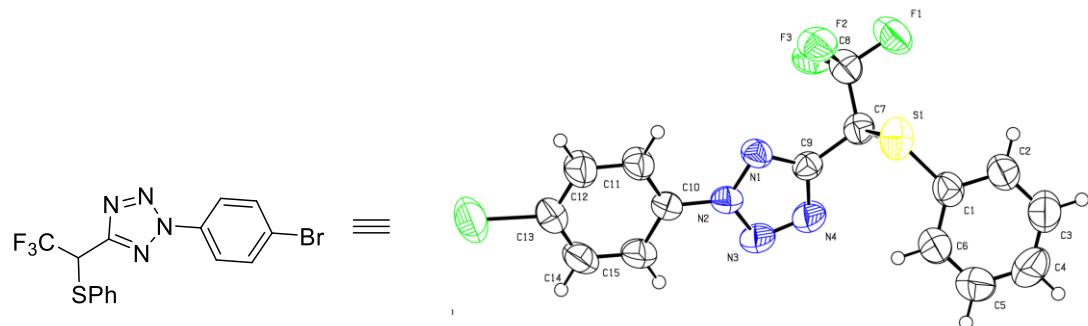
Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₂ F ₂ N ₄ O ₂ S
Formula weight	350.35
Temperature/K	293.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	Ia
a/Å	5.4470(4)
b/Å	26.496(4)
c/Å	11.3845(12)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	102.428(7)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/Å ³	1604.6(3)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.450
μ/mm^{-1}	0.239
F(000)	720.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.26 × 0.18 × 0.12
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	3.972 to 50.05
Index ranges	-5 ≤ h ≤ 6, -31 ≤ k ≤ 31, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	10241
Independent reflections	2544 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0328$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0371$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2544/98/195
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.059
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0879$, $wR_2 = 0.2488$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0969$, $wR_2 = 0.2626$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.88/-0.59
Flack parameter	0.13(6)

The X-ray crystallographic structure for **3b**. Crystal data has been deposited to CCDC, number 2116301.



Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₁ BrF ₂ N ₄ OS
Formula weight	413.25
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	15.5290(10)
b/Å	10.7691(7)
c/Å	9.7943(6)
α/°	90
β/°	94.839(5)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1632.10(18)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.682
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.678
F(000)	824.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.38 × 0.32 × 0.29
Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.634 to 58.926
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 16, -11 ≤ k ≤ 14, -12 ≤ l ≤ 13
Reflections collected	12938
Independent reflections	3856 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0290$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0401$]
Data/restraints/parameters	3856/0/218
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.013
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0456$, $wR_2 = 0.0923$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0830$, $wR_2 = 0.1042$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.91/-0.45

The X-ray crystallographic structure for **6d**. Crystal data has been deposited to CCDC, number 2116304.



Empirical formula	C ₁₅ H ₁₀ BrF ₃ N ₄ S
Formula weight	415.24
Temperature/K	296.15
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	10.1584(16)
b/Å	4.7541(7)
c/Å	34.462(5)
α/°	90
β/°	96.312(7)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	1654.2(4)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.667
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.646
F(000)	824.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.32× 0.12 × 0.11
Radiation	Mo Kα ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.078 to 50.05
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -5 ≤ k ≤ 5, -41 ≤ l ≤ 41
Reflections collected	30213
Independent reflections	2932 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0776$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0366$]
Data/restraints/parameters	2932/0/217
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.003
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0338$, $wR_2 = 0.0677$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0762$, $wR_2 = 0.0783$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.14/-0.28