

# Supporting information

## Silver-catalyzed stereoselective C-4 arylthiodifluoromethylation of coumarin-3-carboxylic acids *via* a double decarboxylative strategy

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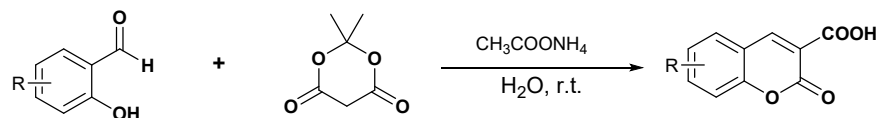
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## 1. General information

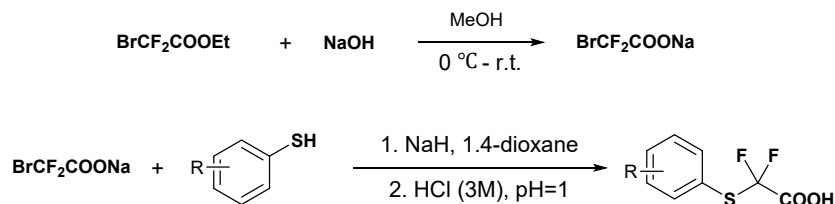
All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification unless otherwise indicated. The starting materials and **2n** were purchased from Aladdin (<https://www.aladdin-e.com/>). Silica gel for column chromatography was purchased from Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd. Reactions were stirred using Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was used to monitor the reaction. Melting points were determined using a Büchi B-540 capillary melting point apparatus.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400/600 MHz),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100/150 MHz) and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376/565 MHz) spectra were recorded with  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Chemical shifts are reported downfield from TMS (=0) for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR. For  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR, chemical shifts are reported in the scale relative to  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (= 77.0). High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analysis was performed on an Agilent 1290–6540 UHPLC Q-ToF HR-MS System (ESI) spectrometer.

### 2.1 General procedure for the synthesis of products **1**<sup>1</sup>



Add salicylaldehyde (2.0 g, 16.3 mmol), meldrum acid (3.5 g, 24.5 mmol) and ammonium acetate (125 mg, 1.6 mmol) to a 50.0 mL bottle, and add 25.0 mL of water. Stir at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was adjusted to pH 4 with 3M HCl (aq.), and then extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1 to 1/1, v/v) to obtain coumarin-3-carboxylic acids **1**.

## 2.2 General procedure for the synthesis of products 2<sup>2</sup>



To a 250 mL oven-dried round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar were added sodium hydroxide (4.0 g, 100.0 mmol) and MeOH (100 mL). Then, BrCF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et (20.3 g, 100.0 mmol) was added to the resulting solution at 0 °C. Upon addition, the mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum and the residue was further dried under reduced pressure to give BrCF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Na as a white solid (19.0 g, 97%) ◦

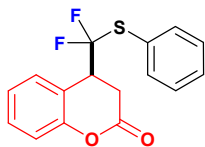
To a 100 mL oven-dried Schlenk tube equipped with a stir bar was added thiophenol (2.2 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. 1,4-Dioxane (30.0 mL) was added to dissolve the phenol or thiophenol. Then, NaH (60% purity) (880 mg, 22.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (5.0 mL) were added under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then BrCF<sub>2</sub>COONa (4.3 g, 22.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and 1,4-dioxane (5.0 mL) were added. After the mixture was heated at 60-70 °C in an oil bath for hours (monitor by TLC), then the mixture was cooled down to room temperature and acidified with 3M HCl (aq.) to pH 1. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic phase was washed by saturated brines and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexane/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) to give the product **2**.

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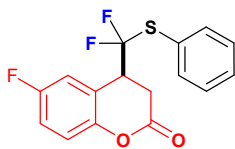
## 4. Analytical data of the synthesized derivatives

### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3aa)



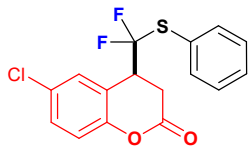
White solid; m.p.= 101.6-105.6 °C; 85% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8, 152.2, 136.3, 130.6, 130.4, 130.1, 129.2 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 283.8 Hz), 129.1, 125.1, 124.4, 117.5, 116.6, 43.9 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.2 Hz), 29.8 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -75.9, -76.4, -78.2, -78.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 307.0599, found 307.0603.

### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-6-fluorochroman-2-one (3ba)



White solid; m.p.= 91.6-93.8 °C; 70% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 3.70 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.32 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.2, 159.5, 157.8, 148.4 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 136.3, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 283.8 Hz), 125.0, 118.8 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 117.3 (d, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 117.0 (d, *J* = 24.4 Hz), 44.0 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.6 Hz), 29.5 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.6 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -75.6, -76.0, -78.4, -78.8, -117.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.0505, found 325.0508.

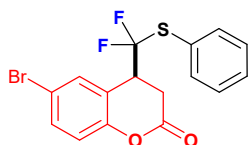
### 6-chloro-4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ca)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 109.5-112.8 °C; 65% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.85 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H),

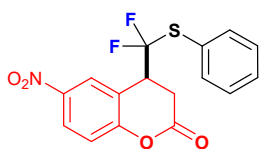
2.89 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 150.8, 136.3, 130.5, 130.3, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 124.9, 118.8, 118.2, 43.8 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.2$  Hz), 29.6 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.5, -76.0, -78.7, -79.2. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  341.0209, found 341.0214.

#### 6-bromo-4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3da)



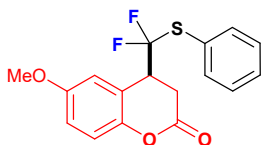
White solid; m.p.= 122.8-126.7 °C; 69% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.46 (m, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.0, 151.4, 136.3, 133.4, 133.2, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 124.9, 119.2, 118.6, 116.9, 43.7 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.2$  Hz), 29.6 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.4, -76.0, -78.7, -79.3. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  384.9704, found 384.9706.

#### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-6-nitrochroman-2-one (3ea)



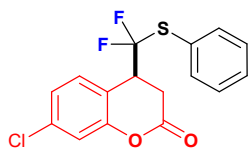
Brown solid; m.p.= 134.3-139.2 °C; 55% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.9, 151.4, 136.3, 133.4, 133.2, 130.3, 129.3, 129.0 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 125.0, 119.2, 118.7, 116.9, 43.8 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.2$  Hz), 29.6 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.7, -76.2, -79.3, -79.9. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  352.0450, found 352.0448.

#### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-6-methoxychroman-2-one (3fa)



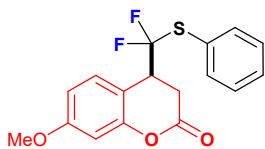
Yellow liquid; 73% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.71 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.29 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.0, 155.9, 146.1, 136.3, 130.1, 129.1 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 288.8 Hz), 125.1, 118.2, 118.1, 117.3, 115.7, 115.3, 55.7, 44.3 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 28.2 Hz), 29.8 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 4.0 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.7, -76.3, -77.7, -78.3. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  337.0704, found 337.0709.

#### 7-chloro-4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ga)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 103.2-104.3 °C; 53% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 3.70 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.9, 152.7, 136.3, 135.9, 131.4, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 283.8 Hz), 125.0, 124.7, 117.9, 115.2, 43.7 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 24.2 Hz), 29.6 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.0 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.0, -76.4, -78.4, -78.8. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  341.0209, found 341.0212.

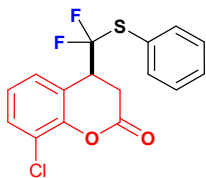
#### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-7-methoxychroman-2-one (3ha)



White solid; m.p.= 95.9-98.7 °C; 83% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.69 – 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.30 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 161.2, 153.2, 136.3, 131.1, 130.0, 129.4 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 284.8 Hz),

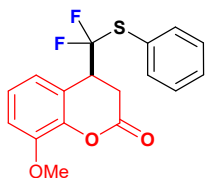
129.1, 125.3, 110.8, 108.3, 102.6, 55.5, 43.4 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.2$  Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.5, -77.0, -78.0, -78.5. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  337.0704, found 337.0707.

### 8-chloro-4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ia)



White solid; m.p.= 118.0-123.1°C; 67% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 – 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.8, 152.8, 136.3, 135.9, 131.4, 130.2, 129.2, 129.0 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 125.0, 124.7, 117.9, 115.2, 43.7 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.2$  Hz), 29.7 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.0, -76.4, -78.4, -78.8. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  341.0209, found 341.0215.

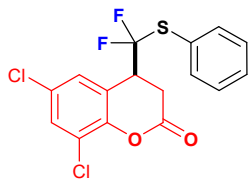
### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-8-methoxychroman-2-one (3ja)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 121.4-126.2 °C; 72% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.58 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 1H), 3.73 – 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.9, 155.9, 146.2, 136.3, 130.1, 129.2 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 129.2, 125.2, 118.3, 117.4, 115.8, 115.3, 55.7, 44.3 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.6$  Hz), 29.8 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.8, -76.2, -77.7, -78.1. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  337.0704, found 337.0708.

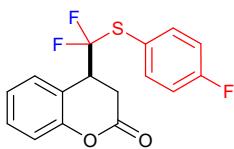
### 6,8-dichloro-4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ka)





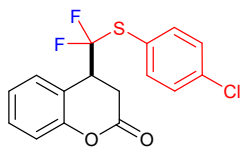
Brown solid; m.p.= 108.0-112.4 °C; 61% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.69 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.7, 147.2, 137.1, 136.6, 136.3, 130.9, 130.7 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 286.8 Hz), 130.4, 129.3, 128.7, 123.4, 119.6, 44.2 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.6 Hz), 29.4 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -75.3, -75.7, -78.6, -79.0. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 374.9819, found 374.9815.

#### 4-(difluoro((4-fluorophenyl)thio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ab)



White solid; m.p.= 104.1-105.7 °C; 55% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.80 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.31 (d, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 152.3, 138.7, 138.6, 130.5, 130.5, 129.0 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 284.8 Hz), 124.5, 120.3, 117.6, 116.5, 116.3, 44.1 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.2 Hz), 29.8 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.5, -77.0, -77.9, -78.5, -109.8. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 325.0505, found 325.0498.

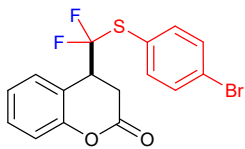
#### 4-(((4-chlorophenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-2-one (3ac)



White solid; m.p.= 132.3-135.1 °C; 46% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 152.3, 137.6, 136.8, 130.6, 130.5, 129.4, 129.0 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 285.8 Hz), 124.5, 123.5, 117.6, 116.4, 44.2 (t,

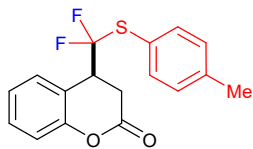
$J_{C-F} = 25.2$  Hz), 29.8 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 4.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.1, -76.7, -77.4, -77.9. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  341.0209, found 341.0206.

#### 4-(((4-bromophenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-2-one (3ad)



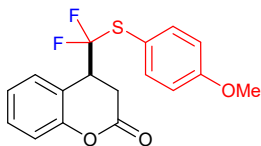
White solid; m.p.= 149.5-151.7 °C; 61% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 – 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.29 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.6, 152.2, 137.7, 132.4, 130.6, 130.5, 129.0 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 285.8$  Hz), 125.1, 124.5, 124.1, 117.6, 116.4, 44.1 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 25.2$  Hz), 29.8 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.0, -76.6, -77.3, -77.8. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  384.9704, found 384.9700.

#### 4-(difluoro(p-tolylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ae)



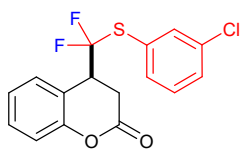
White solid; m.p.= 105.0-106.8 °C; 65% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.43 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.32 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 152.3, 140.6, 136.4, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 129.2 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 283.8$  Hz), 124.4, 121.7, 117.5, 116.8, 43.9 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 24.2$  Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 3.0$  Hz), 21.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.2, -76.6, -78.8, -79.1. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  321.0755, found 321.0758.

#### 4-(difluoro((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3af)



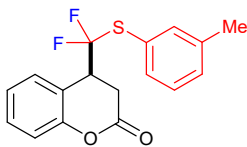
Yellow solid; m.p.= 109.3-113.6 °C; 68% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 – 3.78 (m, 3H), 3.71 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 161.3, 152.3, 138.2, 130.6, 130.4, 129.1 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 124.4, 117.5, 116.8, 115.5, 114.7, 55.4, 43.8 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 25.2$  Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.7, -77.2, -79.3, -79.9. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  337.0704, found 337.0709.

#### 4-(((3-chlorophenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-2-one (3ag)



White solid; m.p.= 104.3-106.0 °C; 64% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 – 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.39 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 152.3, 140.0, 138.7, 131.6, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.2 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 285.8$  Hz), 127.3, 124.8, 124.4, 117.5, 116.4, 44.3 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 24.2$  Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.0$  Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.1, -75.7, -78.0, -78.6. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  341.0209, found 341.0212.

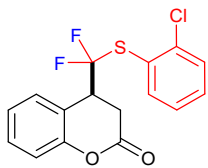
#### 4-(difluoro(m-tolylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3ah)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 81.3-83.2 °C; 68% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.32 (d,  $J = 17.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.7, 152.3, 139.1, 136.8, 133.3, 130.9, 130.6, 130.4, 129.3 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 283.8$  Hz), 128.9, 124.4, 117.5,

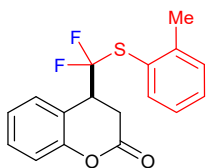
117.3, 116.7, 44.1 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 24.2 Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.0 Hz), 21.1.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.9, -76.2, -78.2, -78.6. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  321.0755, found 321.0759.

#### 4-(((2-chlorophenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-2-one (3ai)



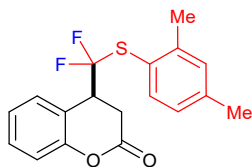
White solid; m.p.= 92.8-95.1 °C; 43% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 18.2, 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.26 (t,  $J$  = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.39 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.6, 152.3, 140.0, 138.7, 131.6, 130.6, 130.5, 130.4, 129.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 285.4 Hz), 127.3, 124.9, 124.4, 117.5, 116.4, 44.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 24.2 Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.0 Hz).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.2, -75.5, -78.0, -78.3. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  341.0209, found 341.0215.

#### 4-(difluoro(o-tolylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one (3aj)



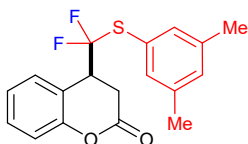
White solid; m.p.= 83.1-84.2 °C; 46% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (q,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 – 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.34 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 1H), 2.93 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 152.3, 144.0, 138.2, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 129.6 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 283.8 Hz), 126.5, 126.2, 124.4, 124.4, 117.5, 116.7, 44.3 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 24.2 Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J_{C-F}$  = 3.0 Hz), 21.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.9, -76.2, -77.2, -77.6. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  321.0755, found 321.0758.

#### 4-(((2,4-dimethylphenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-2-one (3ak)



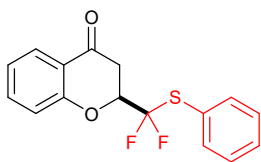
White solid; m.p.= 79.5-81.0 °C; 65% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 152.3, 143.8, 141.0, 138.2, 131.7, 130.6, 130.3, 129.6 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 283.8 Hz), 127.3, 124.4, 120.9, 117.5, 116.8, 44.3 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 24.2 Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.0 Hz), 21.2, 21.1.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.2, -76.5, -77.7, -78.0. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  335.0912, found 335.0915.

#### 4-(((3,5-dimethylphenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-2-one (3al)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 93.4-95.8 °C; 70% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.38 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 3.72 – 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.33 (d,  $J$  = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.8, 152.3, 138.8, 133.8, 131.9, 130.6, 130.4, 129.3 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 283.8 Hz), 124.6, 124.4, 117.5, 116.8, 44.1 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 24.2 Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}}$  = 3.0 Hz), 21.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.9, -76.2, -78.3, -78.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  335.0912, found 335.0914.

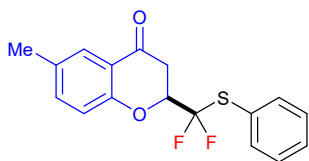
#### 2-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-4-one (5aa)



Colorless liquid; 55% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 4.85 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd,  $J$  = 17.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.5,

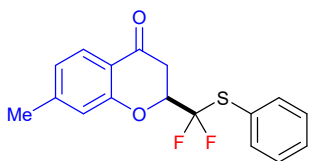
159.7, 136.7, 136.5, 136.4, 130.3, 129.2 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 12.0$  Hz), 126.9, 125.0, 122.4, 120.8, 118.0, 77.9 (dd,  $J_{C-F} = 32.0, 27.8$  Hz), 36.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -82.3, -82.7, -86.3, -86.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  307.0599, found 307.0595.

### 2-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-6-methylchroman-4-one (5ba)



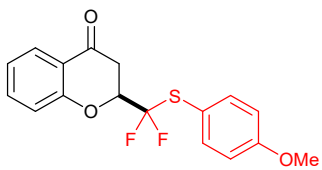
Colorless liquid; 50% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.8 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.7 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.5 – 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.4 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.9 – 6.9 (m, 2H), 4.8 – 4.6 (m, 1H), 3.0 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.9 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.4 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.2, 159.8, 148.2, 136.7, 130.2, 129.2, 127.2 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 282.4$  Hz), 126.8, 125.0, 123.7, 118.5, 118.0, 77.9 (dd,  $J_{C-F} = 31.8, 27.8$  Hz), 36.8, 21.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -82.3, -82.7, -86.3, -86.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  321.0755, found 321.0759.

### 2-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)-7-methylchroman-4-one (5ca)



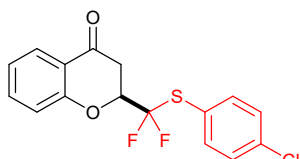
White solid; m.p. = 83.2-84.5 °C; 52% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.8 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.7 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.4 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.4 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.9 – 6.9 (m, 2H), 4.8 – 4.5 (m, 1H), 3.0 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.9 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.4 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.1, 159.7, 148.1, 136.7, 130.2, 129.2, 127.1 (t,  $J_{C-F} = 282.4$  Hz), 126.8, 125.0, 123.7, 118.5, 118.0, 77.9 (dd,  $J_{C-F} = 31.8, 27.8$  Hz), 36.8, 21.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -82.3, -82.6, -86.3, -86.7. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  321.0755, found 321.0760.

### 2-(difluoro((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)methyl)chroman-4-one (5ab)



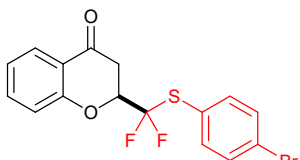
White solid; m.p.= 83.4-84.6 °C; 64% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.76 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.6, 161.4, 159.8, 138.5, 136.4, 127.0 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 280.8 Hz), 126.9, 122.4, 120.8, 118.0, 115.3, 114.8, 77.6 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.0, 27.8 Hz), 55.3, 36.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -83.3, -83.7, -87.5, -87.8. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 337.0704, found 337.0700.

### 2-(((4-chlorophenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-4-one (5ac)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 107.8-110.0 °C; 61% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 4.78 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.2, 159.6, 137.9, 137.7, 137.0, 136.5, 129.5 (t, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 12.0 Hz), 127.0, 123.3, 122.5, 120.8, 117.9, 77.9 (dd, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 31.8, 28.0 Hz), 36.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -81.9, -82.2, -86.1, -86.4. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>+</sup> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 341.0209, found 341.0204.

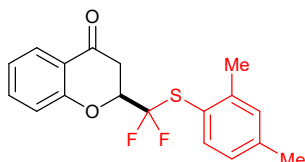
### 2-(((4-bromophenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-4-one (5ad)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 93.3-95.1 °C; 60% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 5H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.81 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 3.6

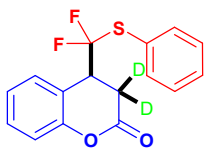
Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.2, 159.6, 138.1, 137.8, 136.5, 132.5 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 12.0$  Hz), 127.0, 125.3, 124.0, 122.5, 120.7, 117.9, 77.9 (dd,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 31.8, 28.0$  Hz), 36.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -81.8, -82.2, -86.0, -86.4. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  384.9704, found 384.9700.

### 2-(((2,4-dimethylphenyl)thio)difluoromethyl)chroman-4-one (5ae)



Yellow solid; m.p.= 79.0-80.2 °C; 76% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.9 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.6 – 7.5 (m, 2H), 7.2 – 7.1 (m, 3H), 7.0 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.8 – 4.6 (m, 1H), 3.1 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 12.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.9 (dd,  $J = 17.0, 3.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.5 (s, 3H), 2.3 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  189.6, 159.8, 144.0, 141.2, 138.5, 136.4, 131.8, 127.5, 127.5 (t,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 282.4$  Hz), 126.9, 122.4, 120.8, 120.8, 118.0, 77.9 (dd,  $J_{\text{C-F}} = 32.4, 27.8$  Hz), 37.0, 21.3, 21.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -81.9, -82.2, -86.7, -87.1. HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  335.0912, found 335.0916.

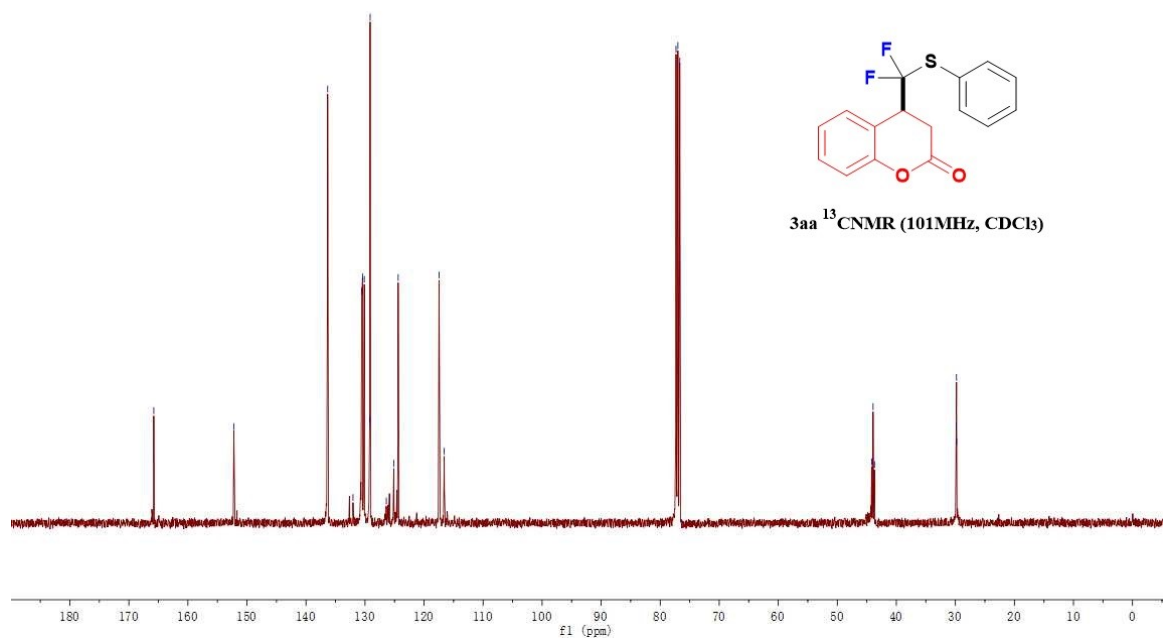
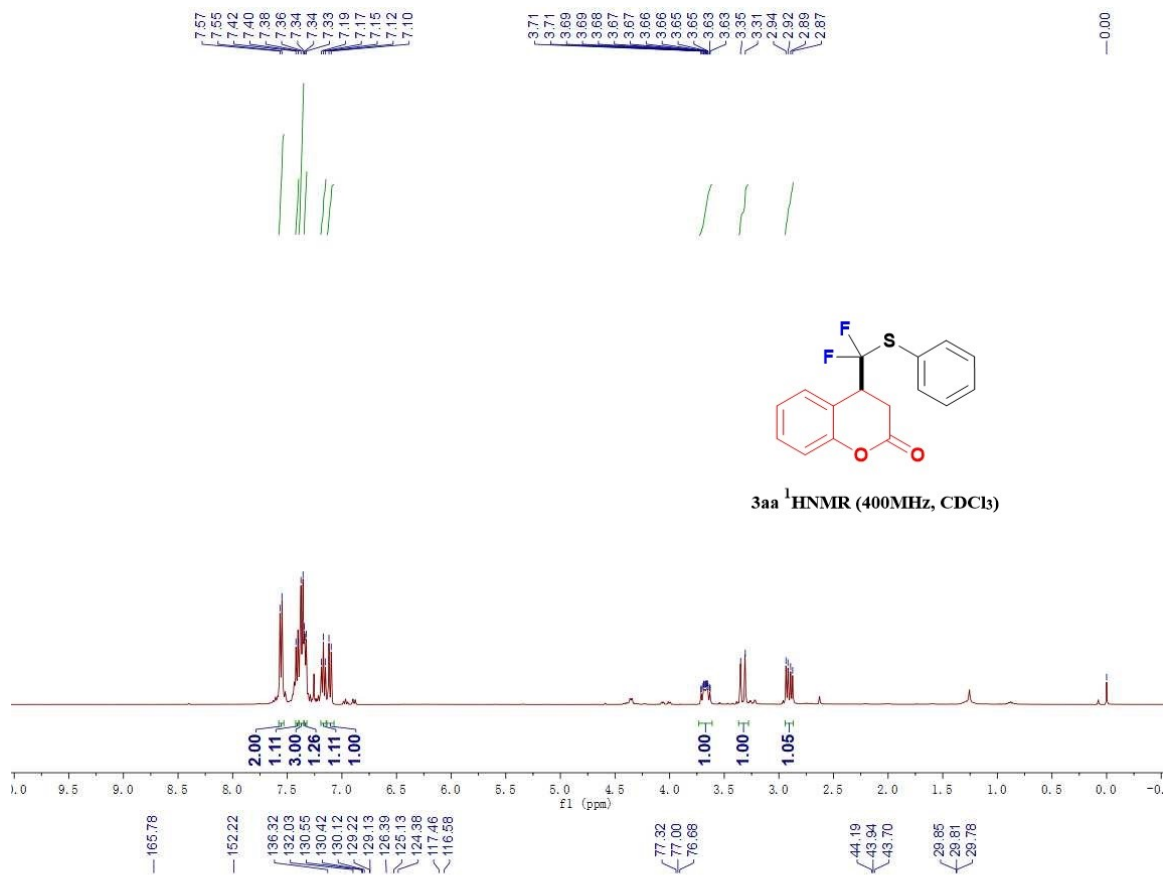
### 4-(difluoro(phenylthio)methyl)chroman-2-one-3,3- $d_2$ (3aa')



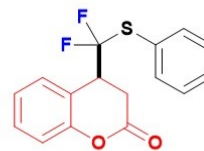
White solid; m.p.= 101.2-104.8 °C; 83% yield;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.55 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.65 (dd,  $J = 14.4, 10.8$  Hz, 1H). HRMS-ESI (m/z): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{D}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  309.0724, found 309.0722.



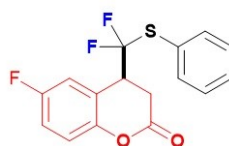
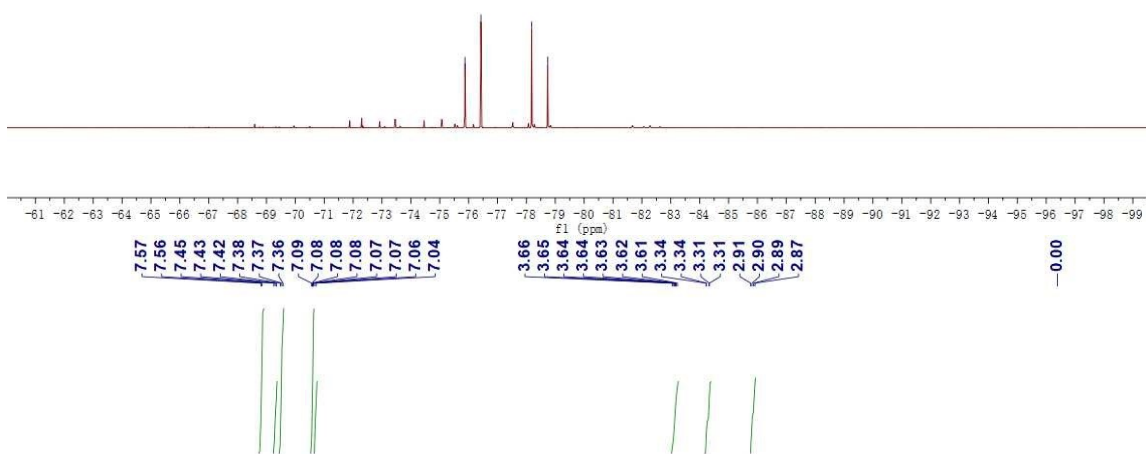
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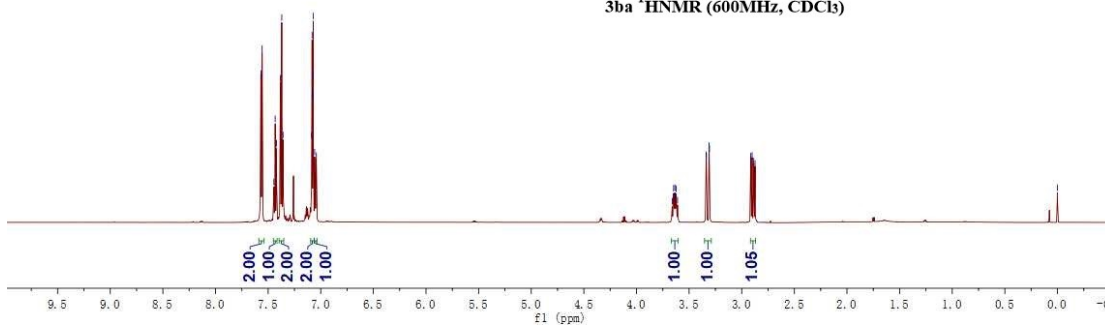
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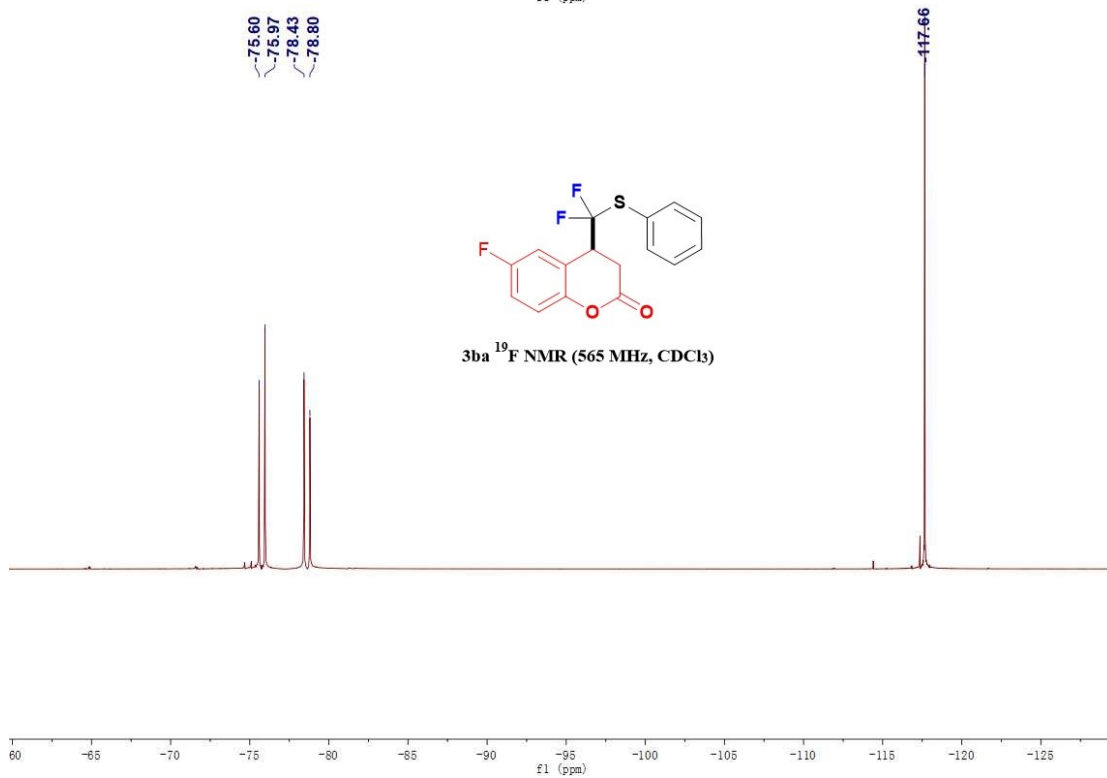
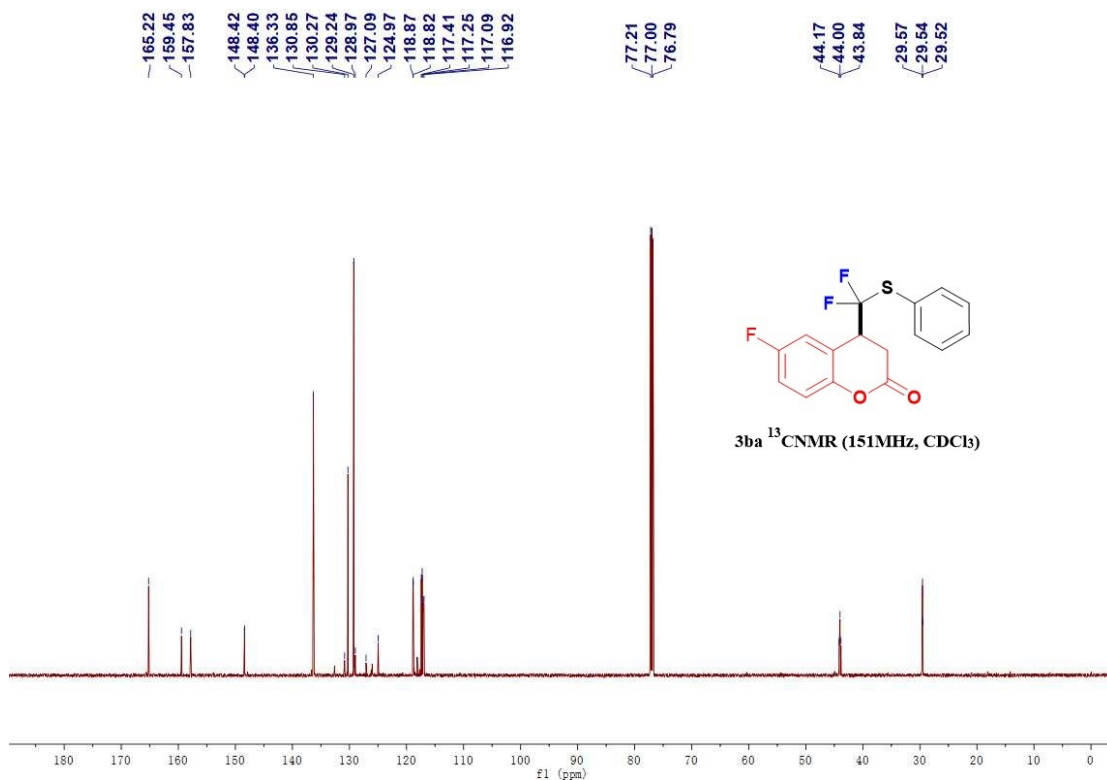


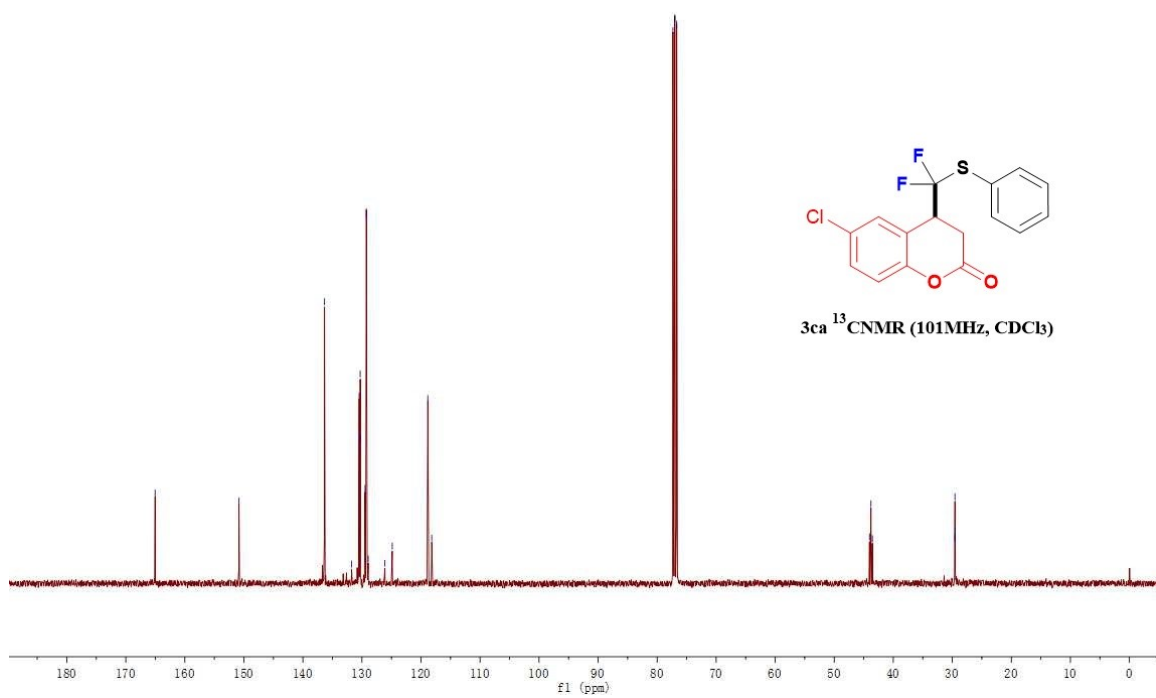
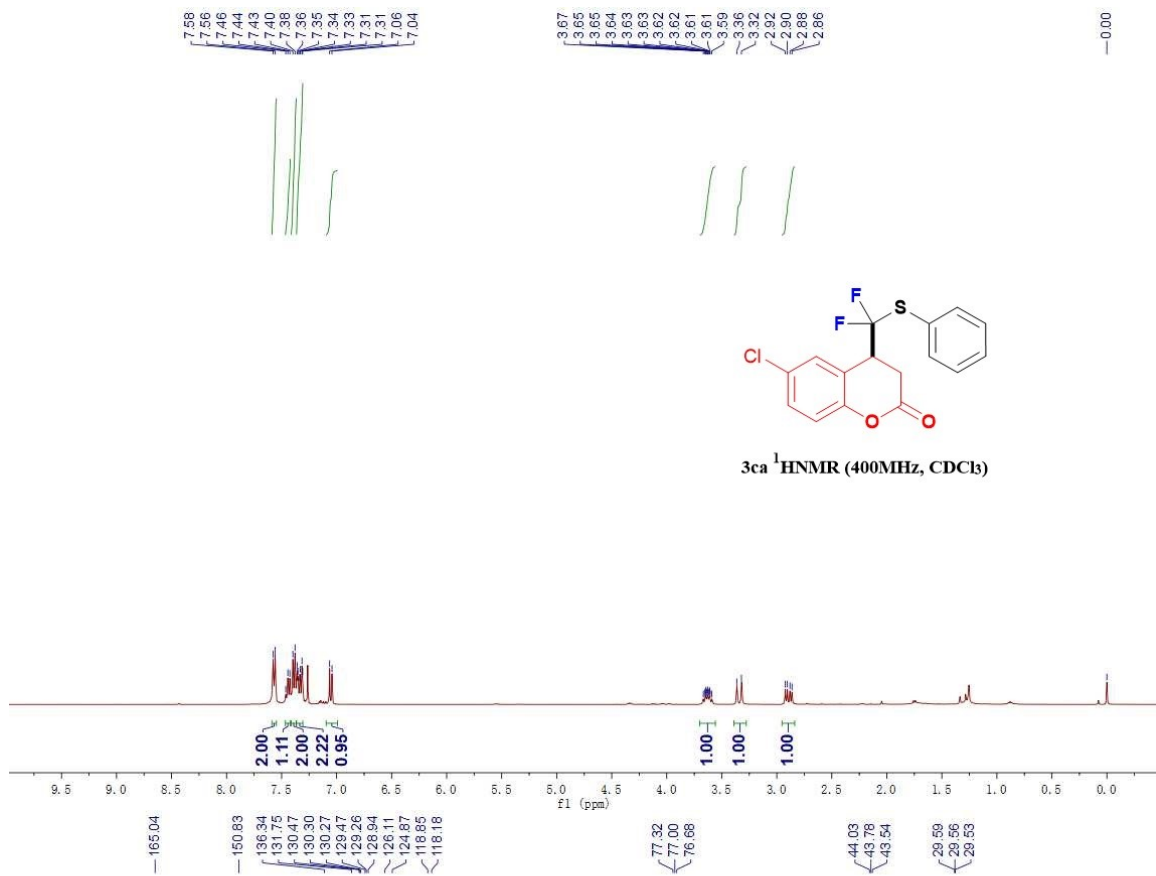
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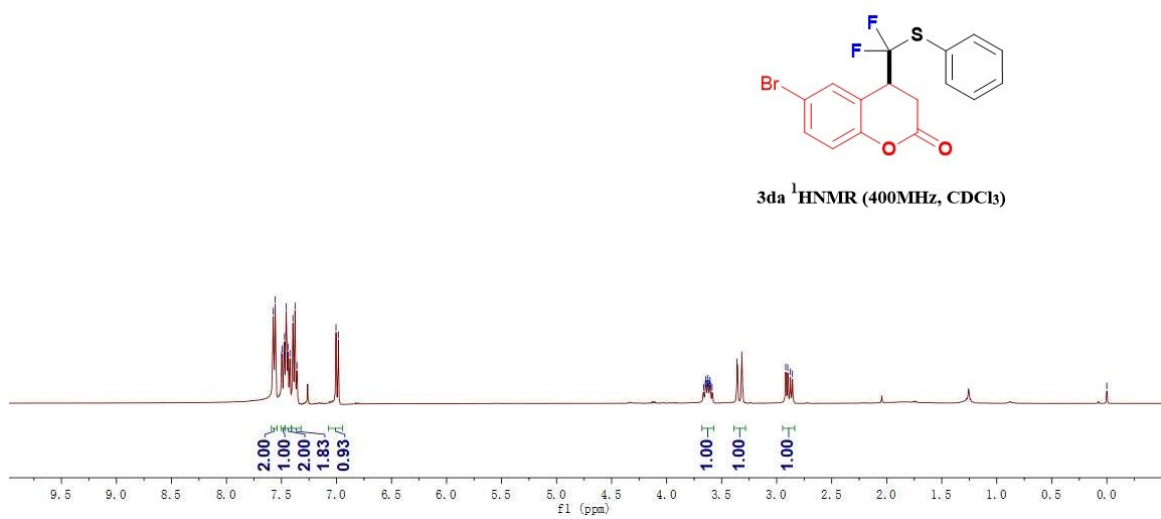
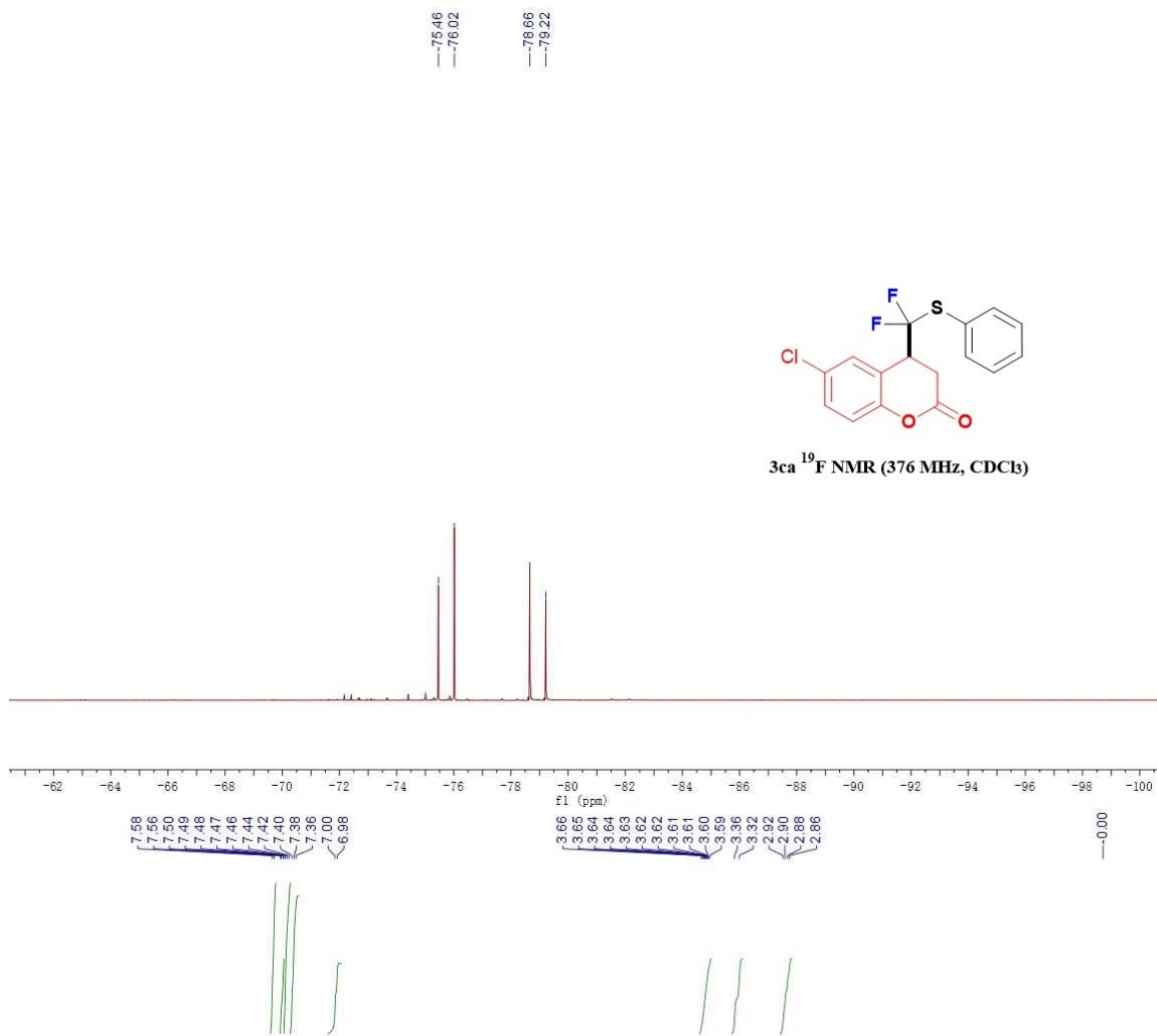


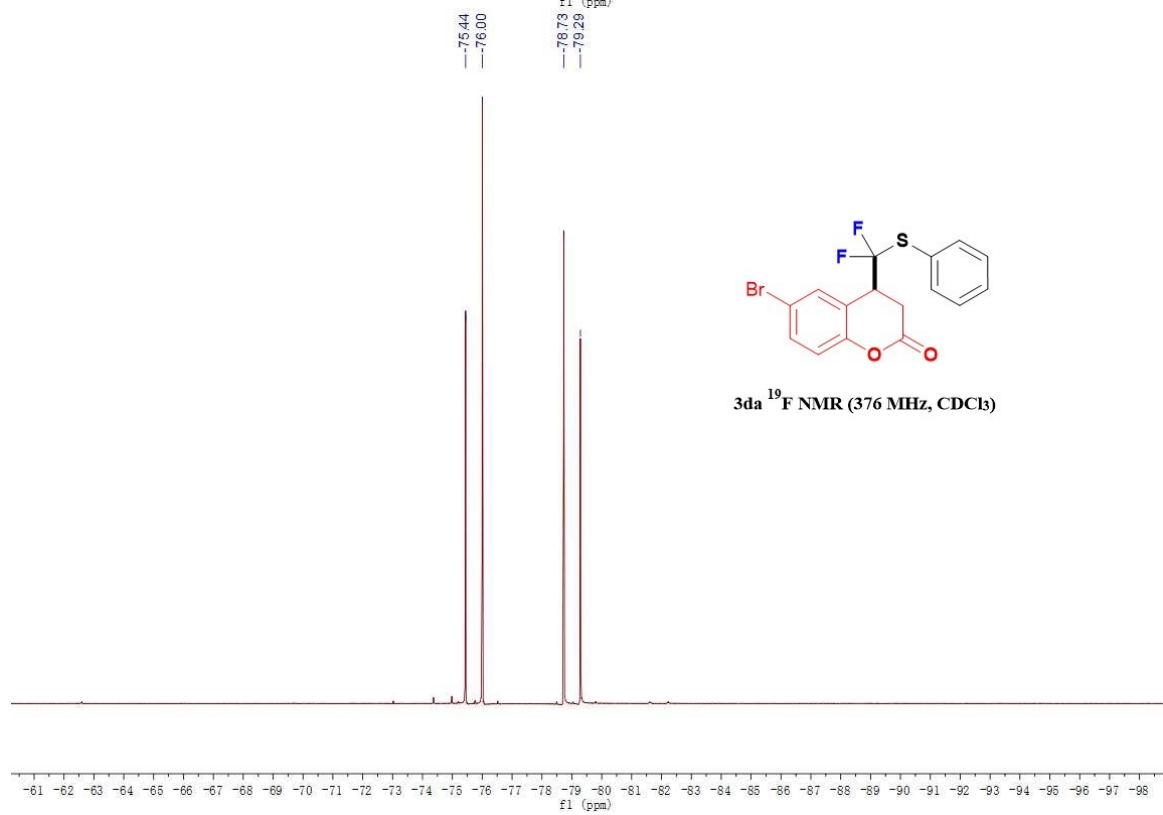
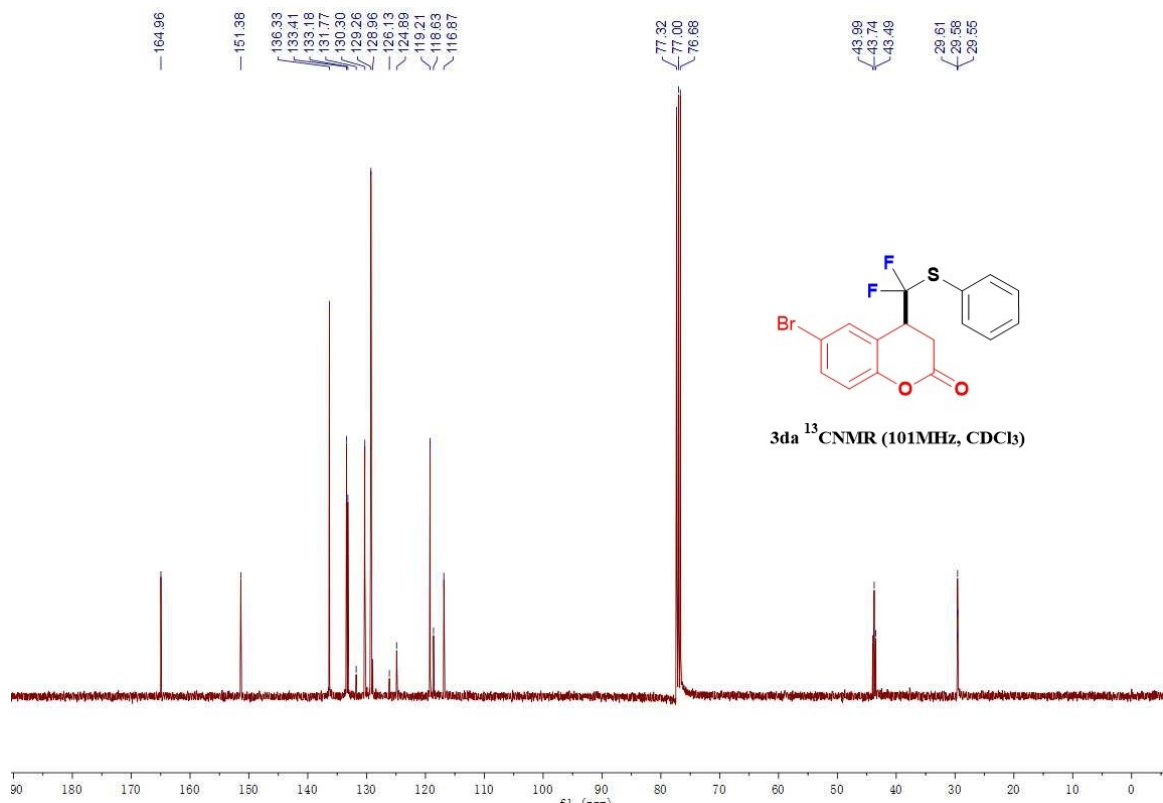
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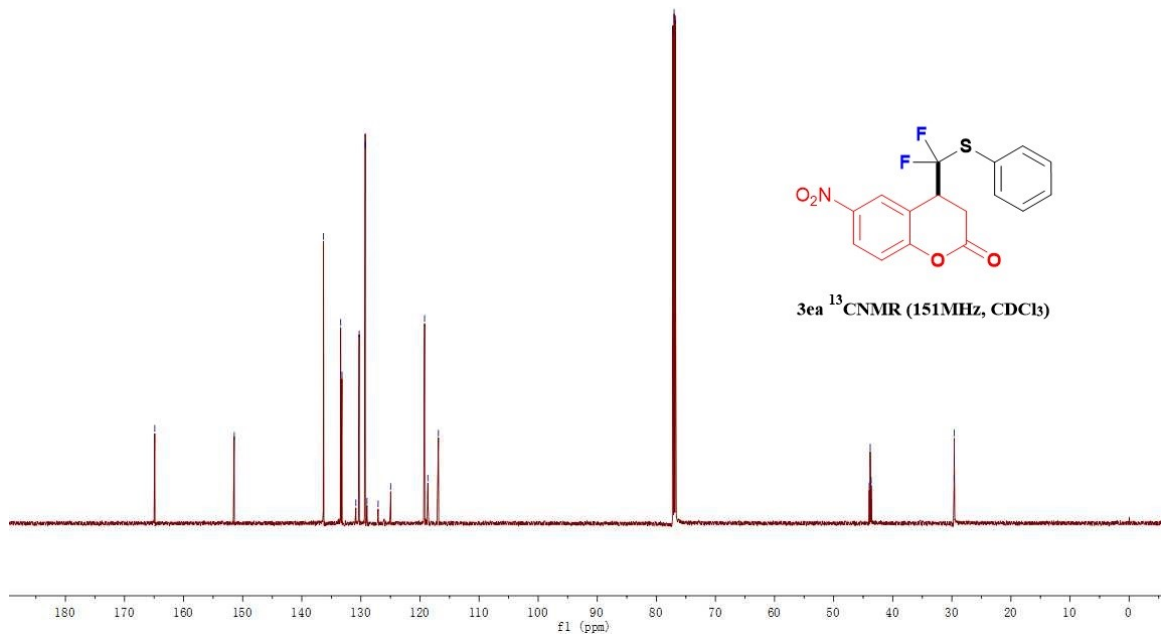
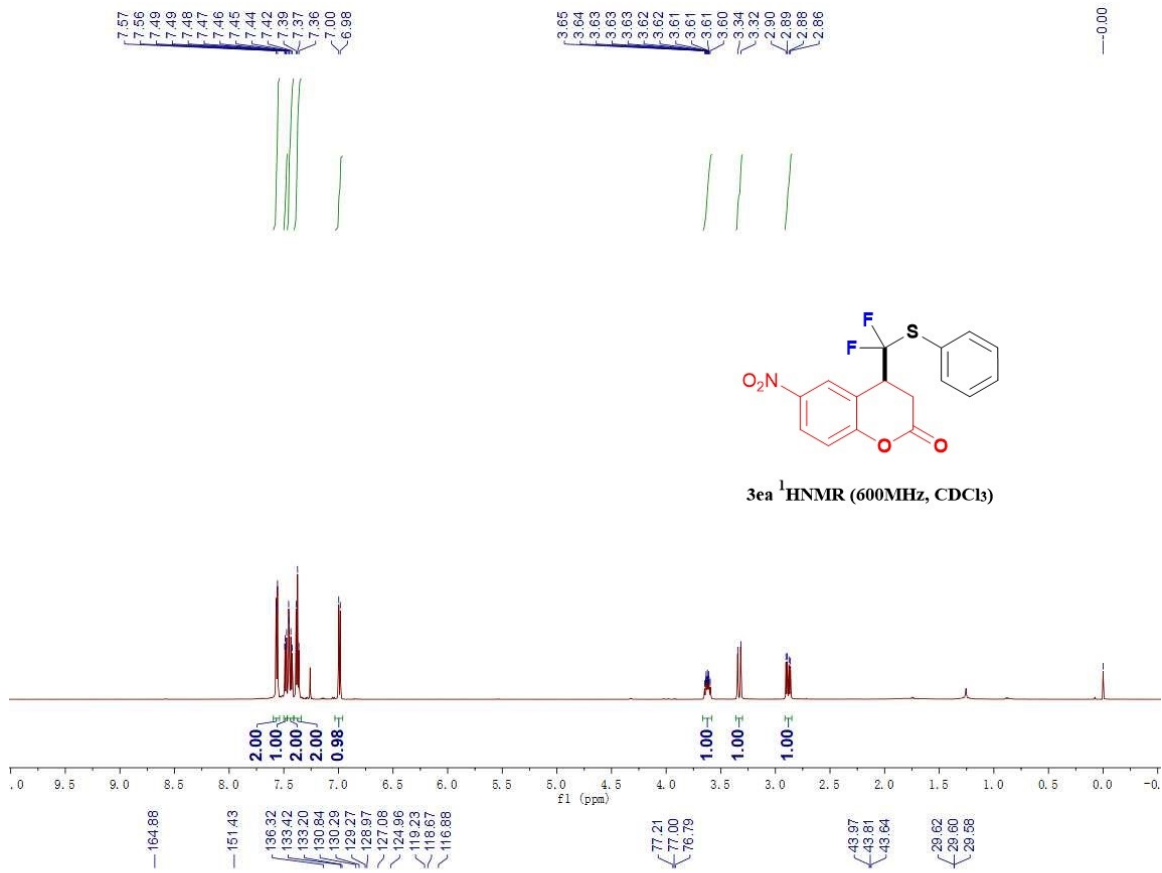




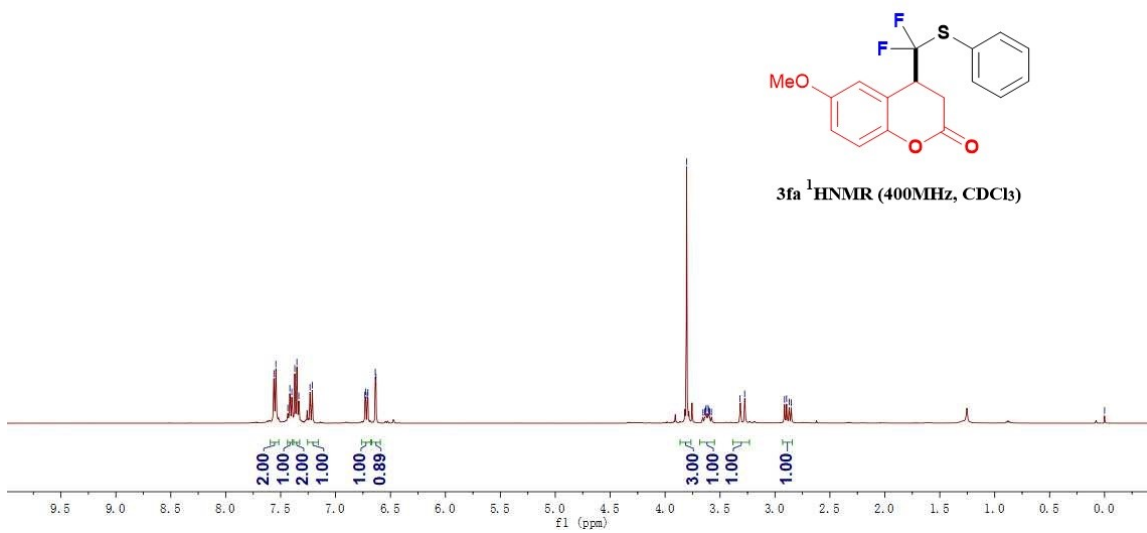
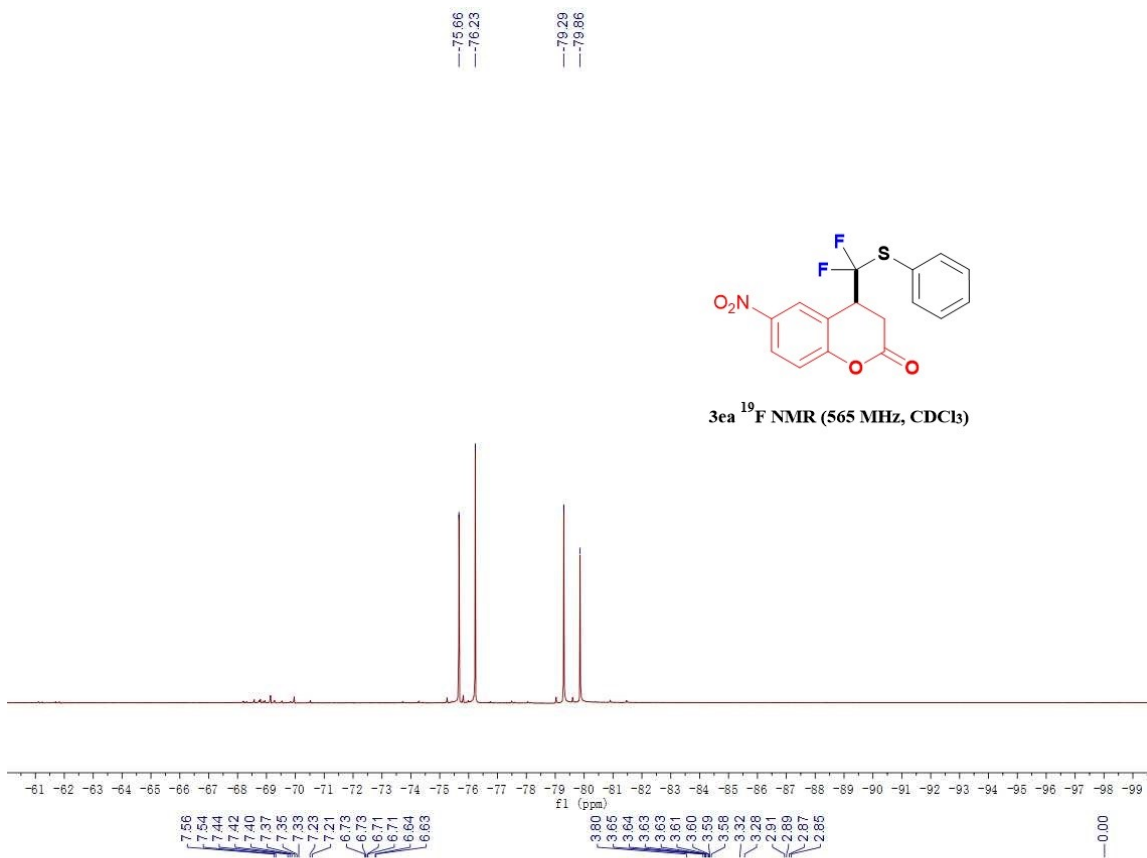


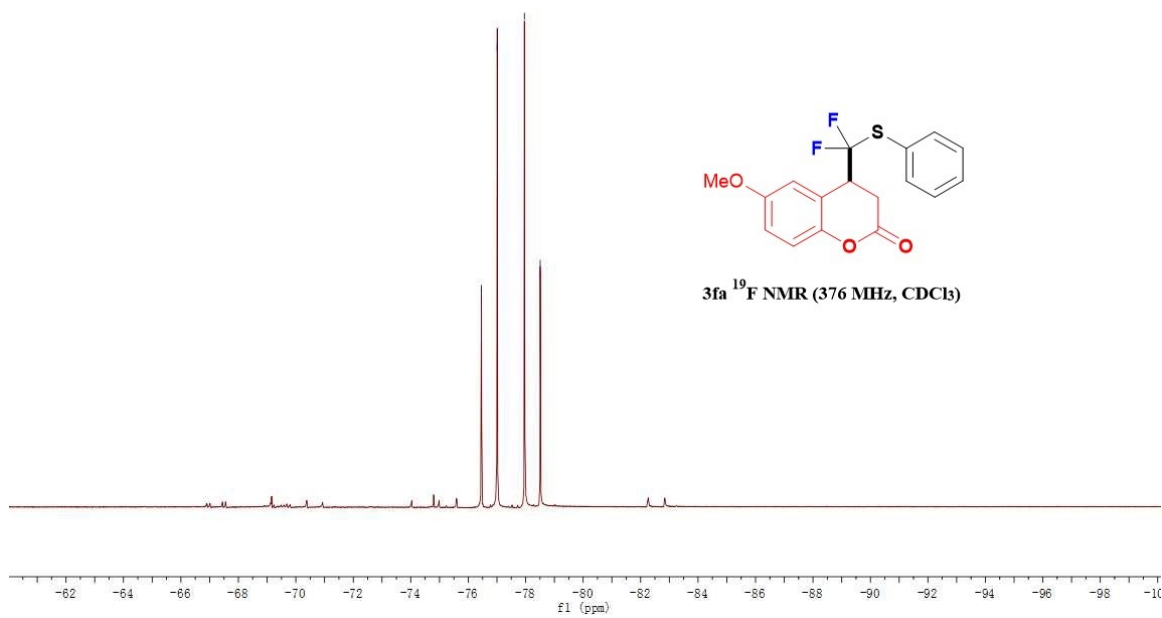
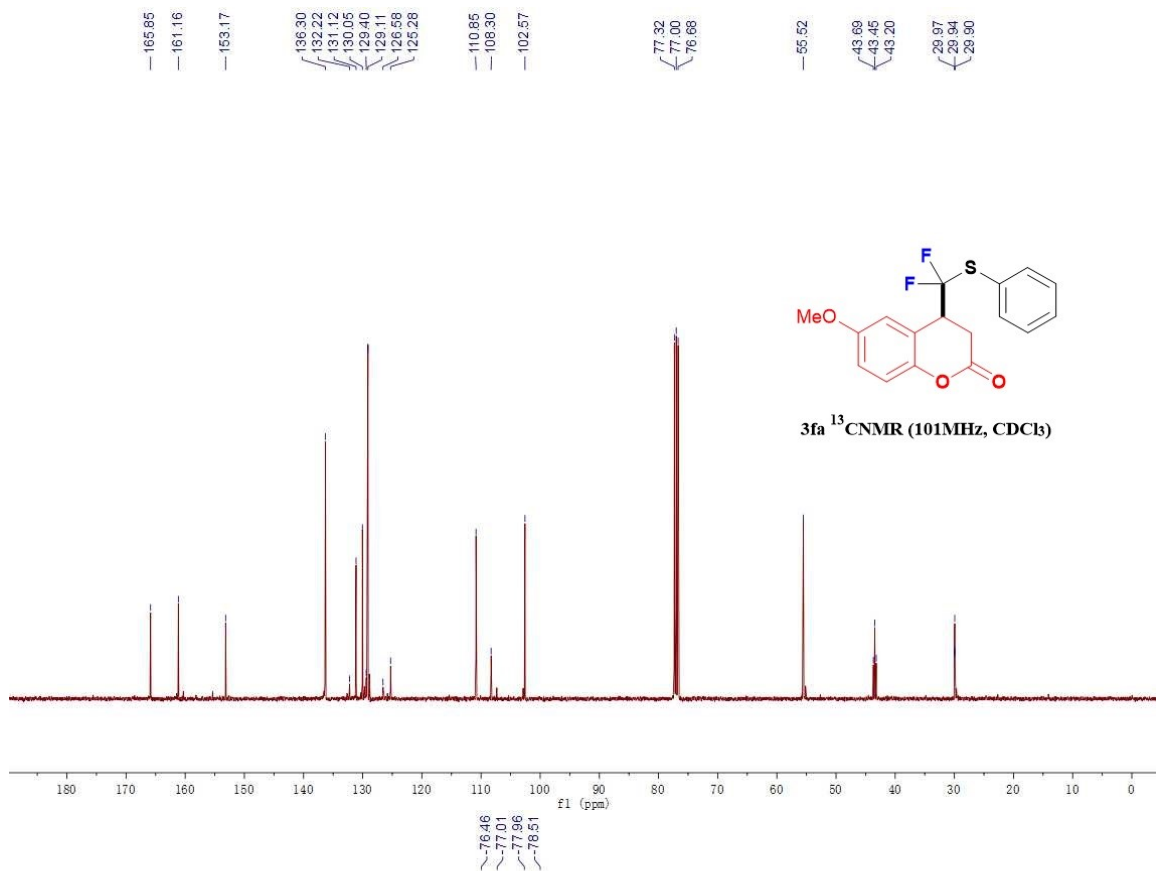


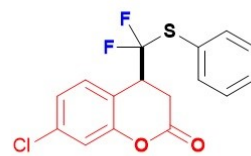




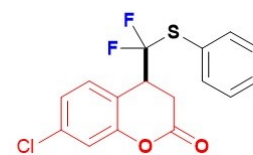
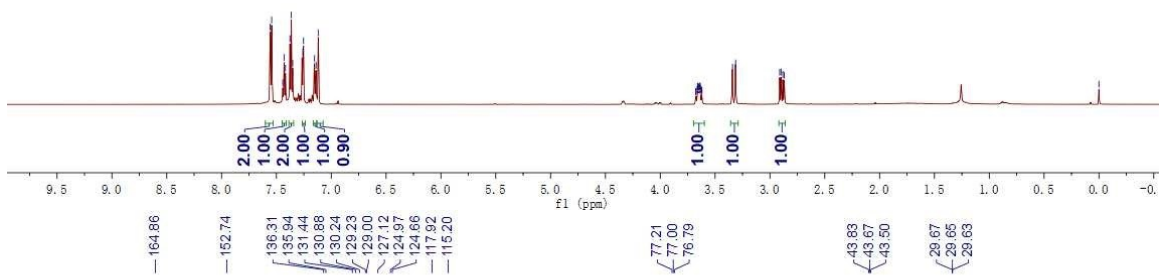




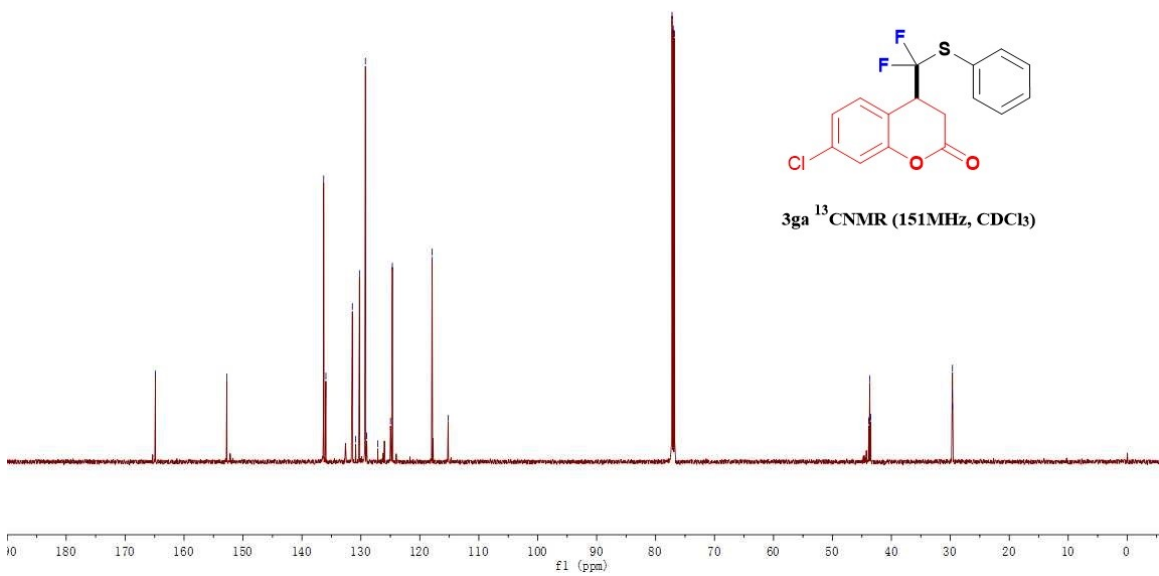


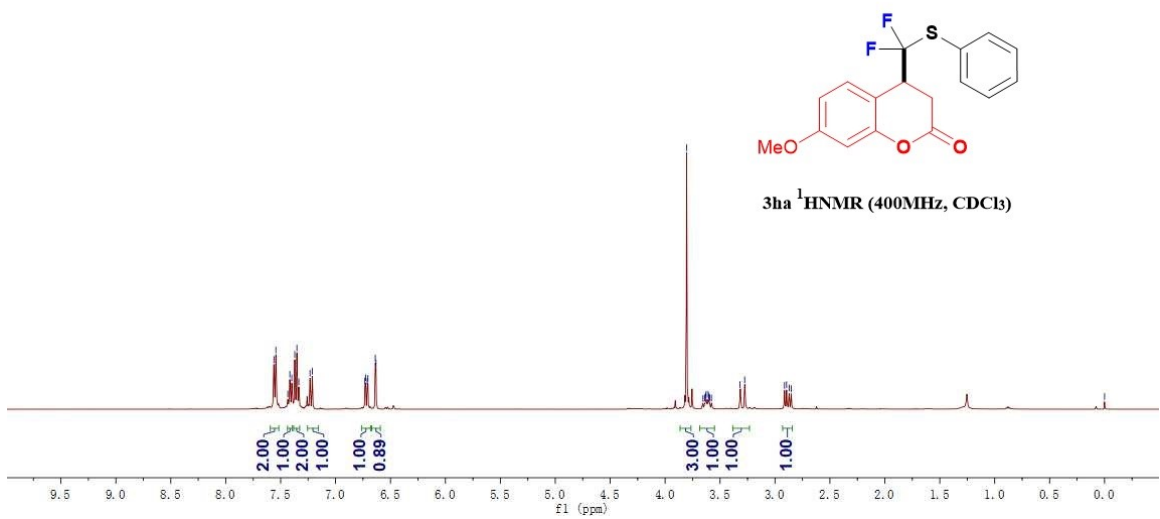
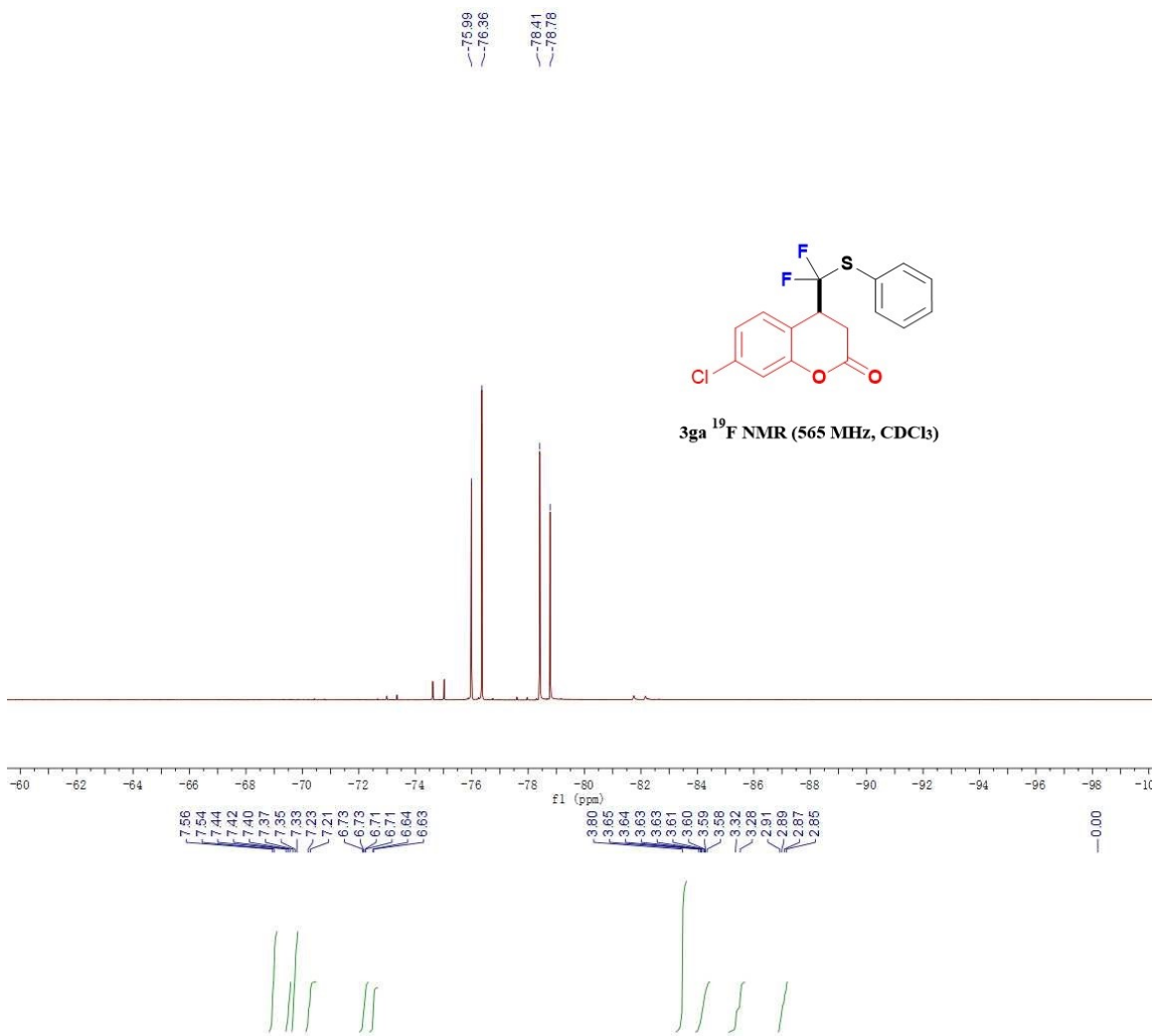


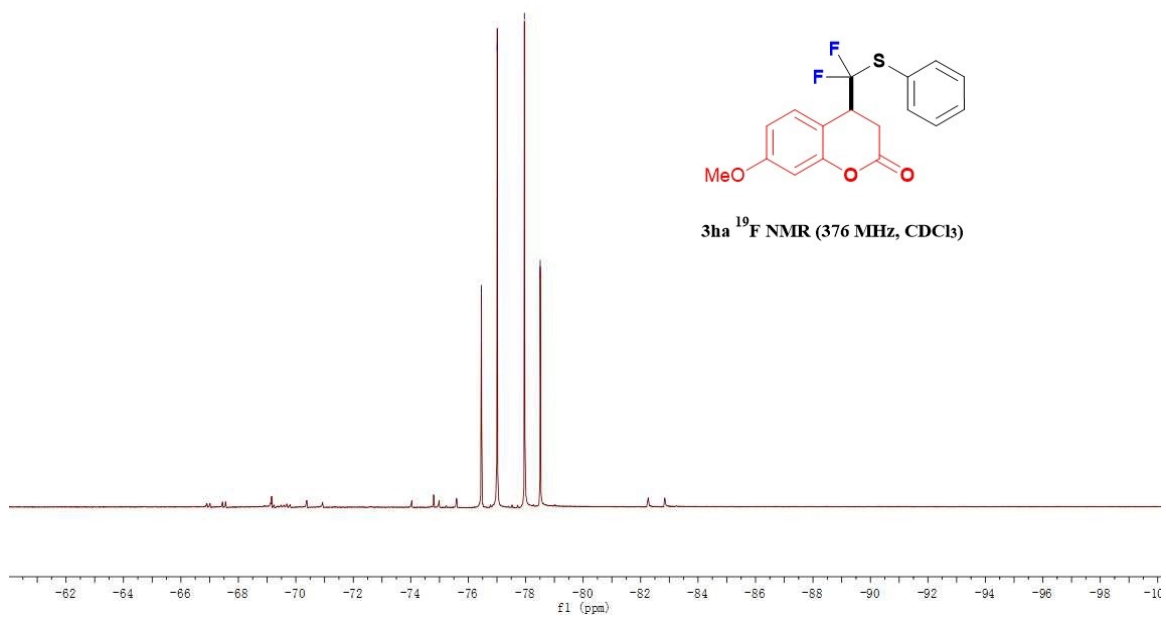
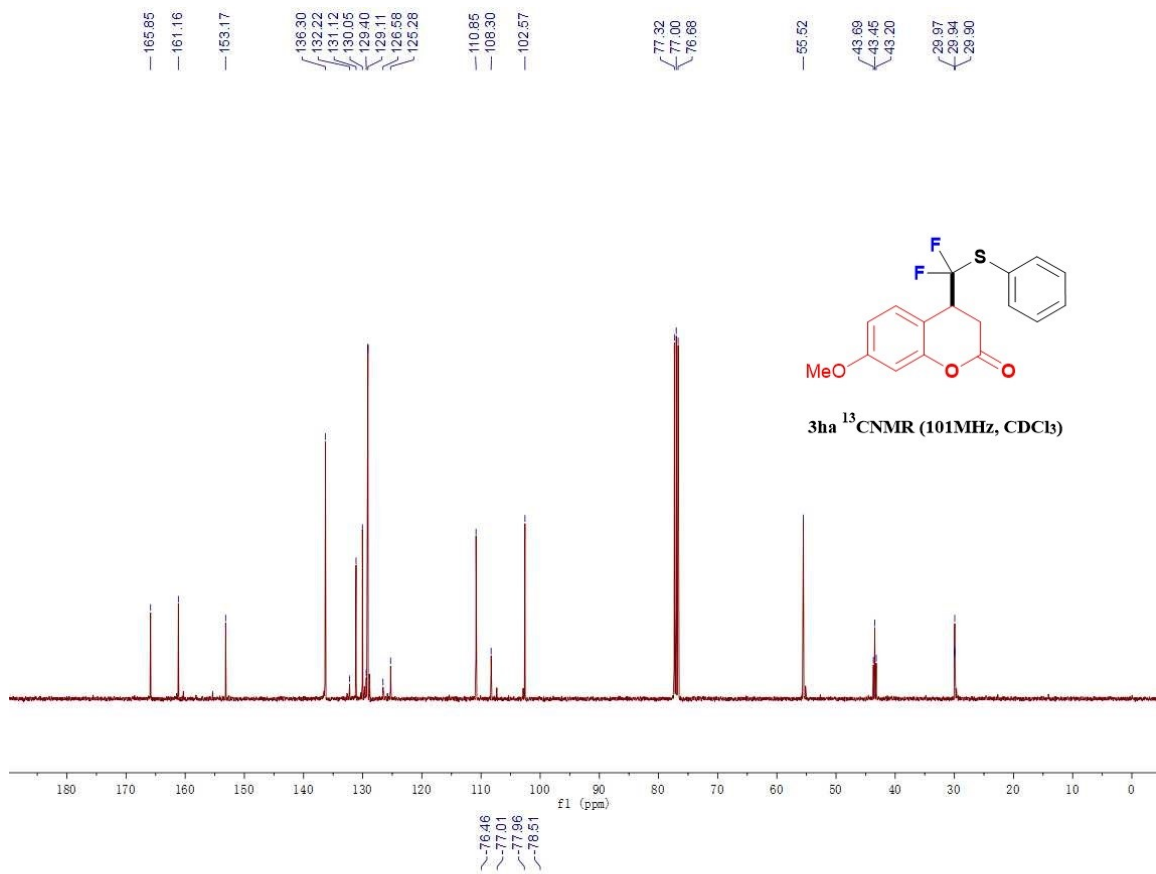
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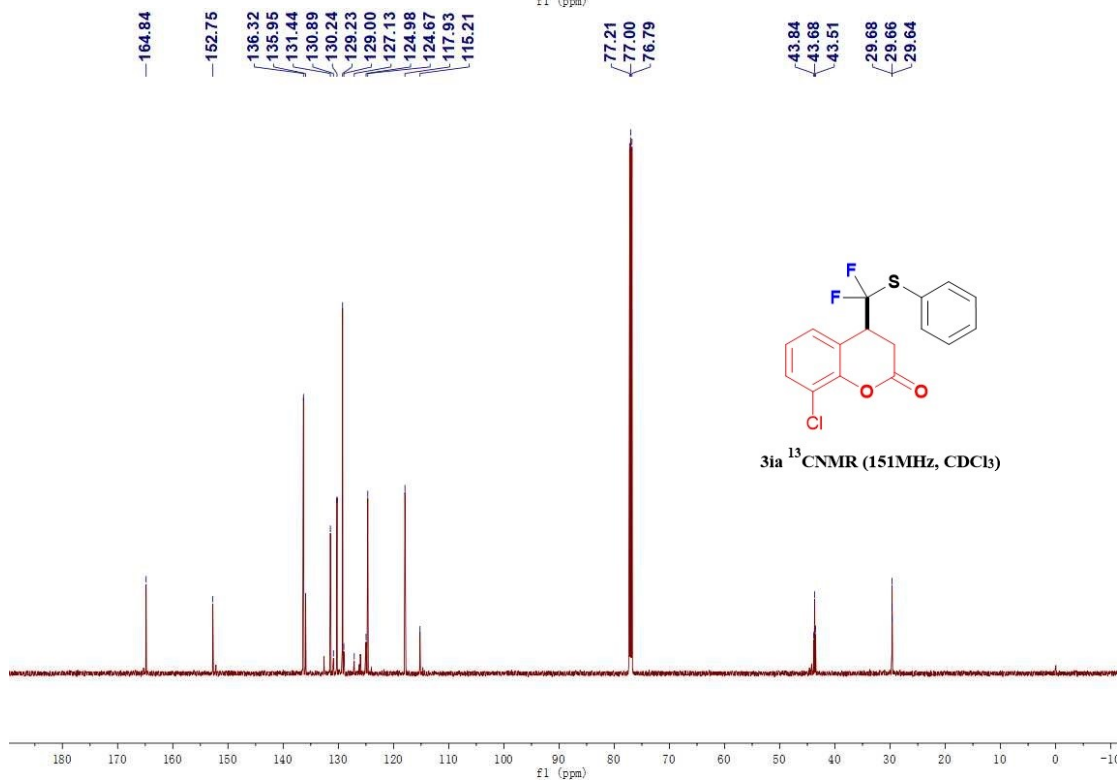
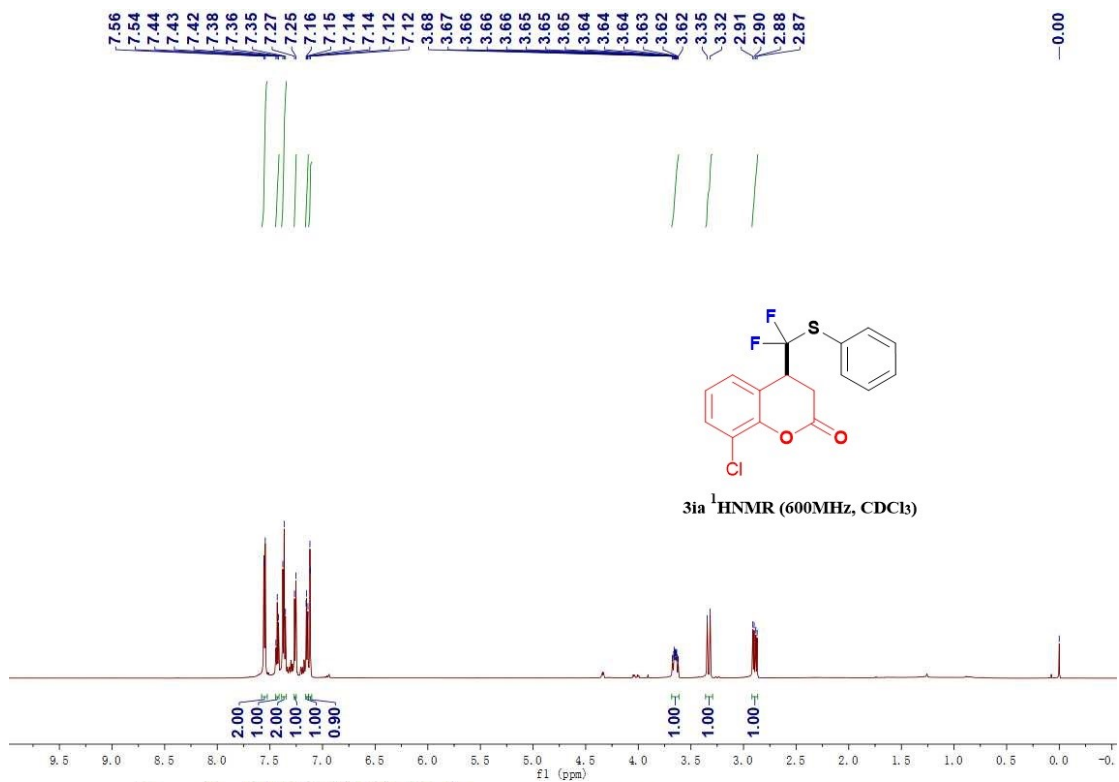


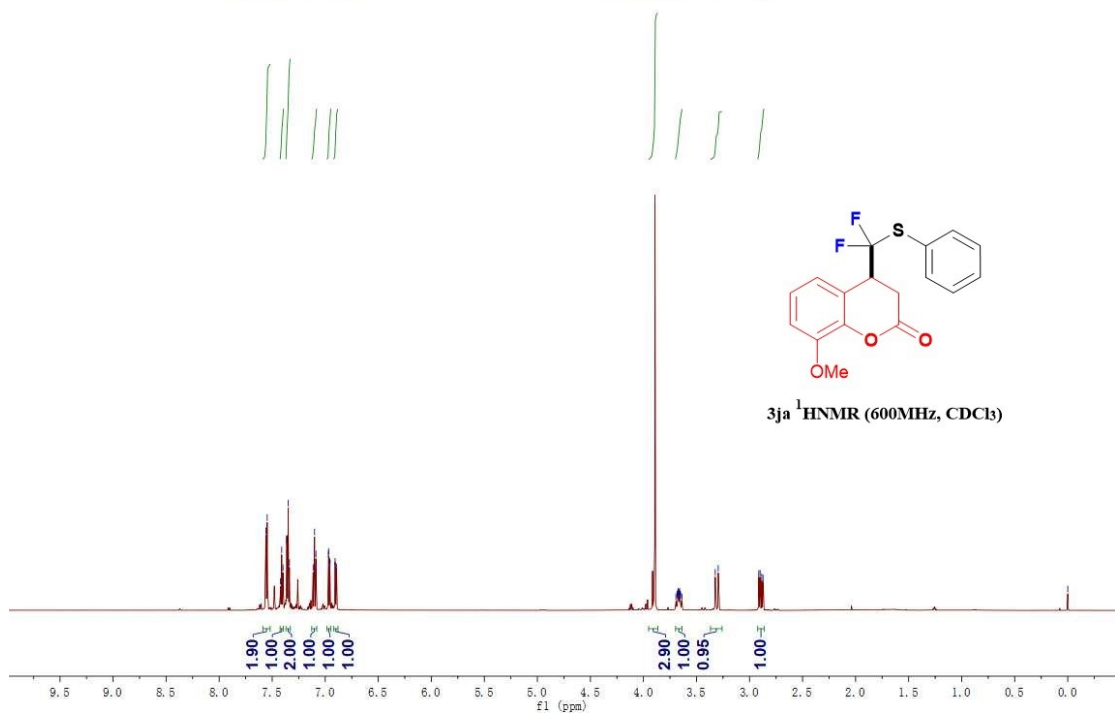
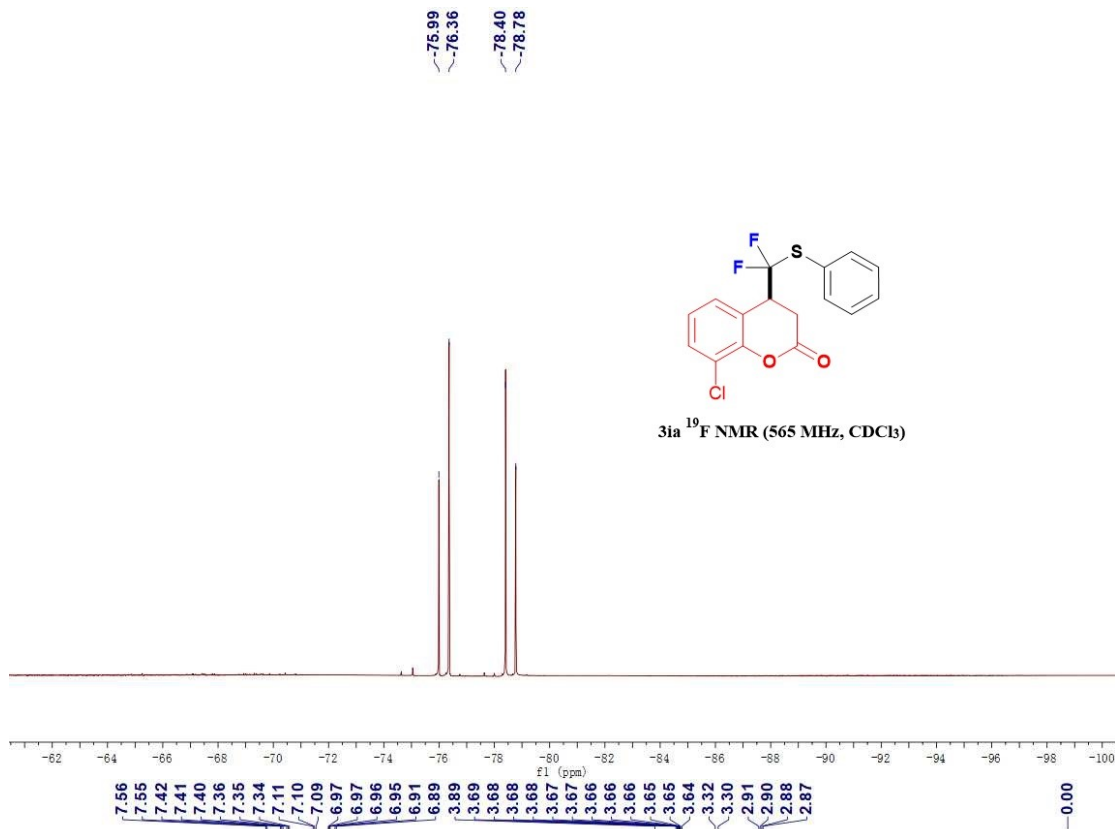
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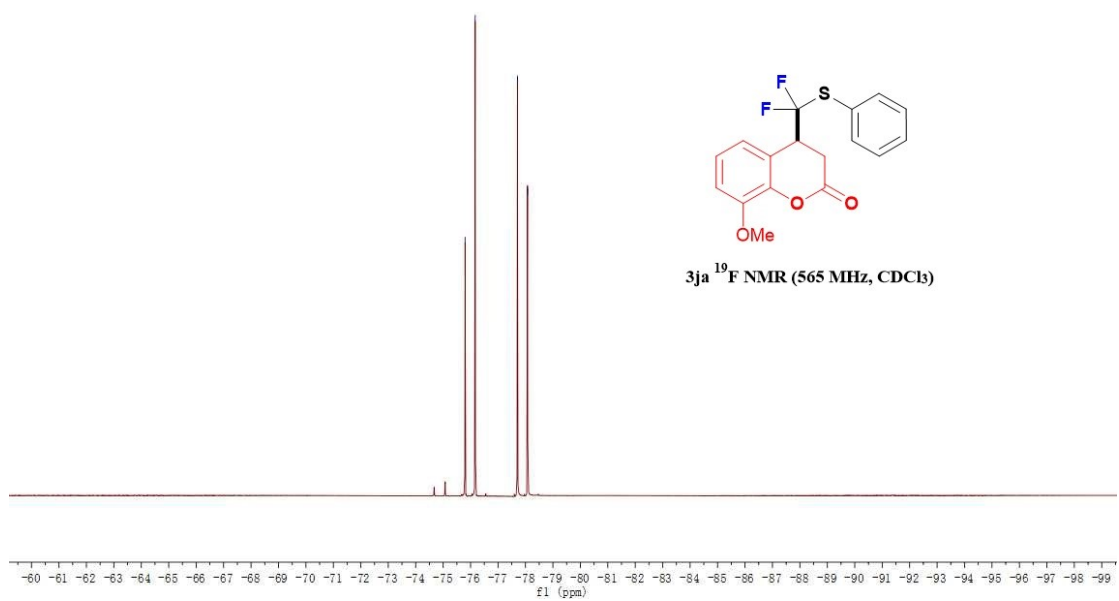
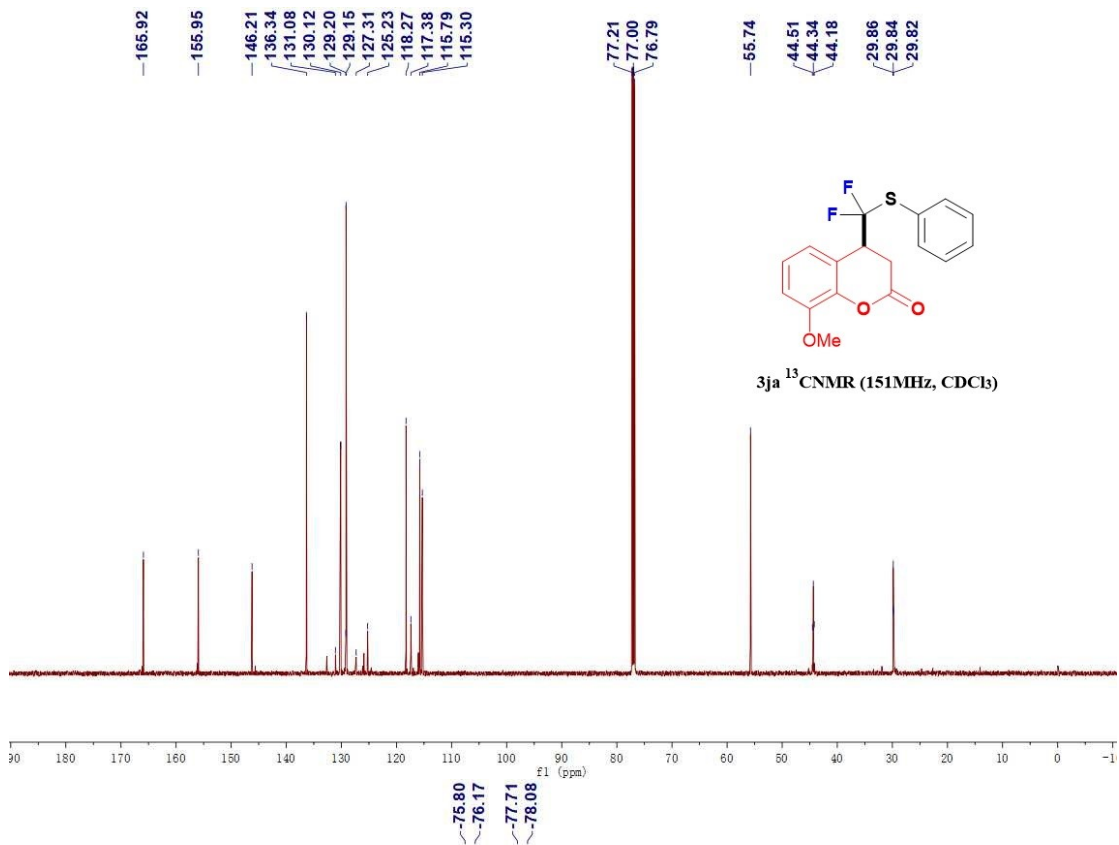




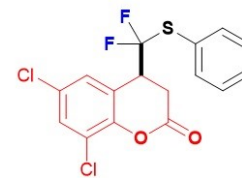
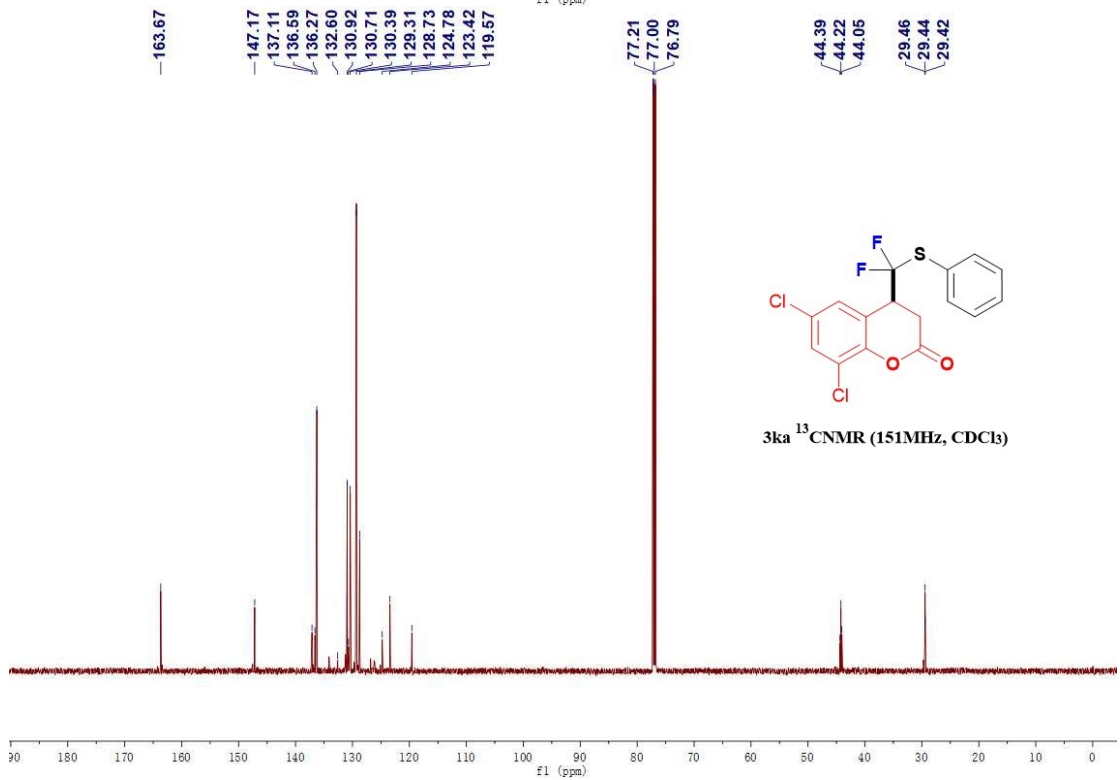
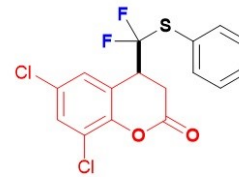
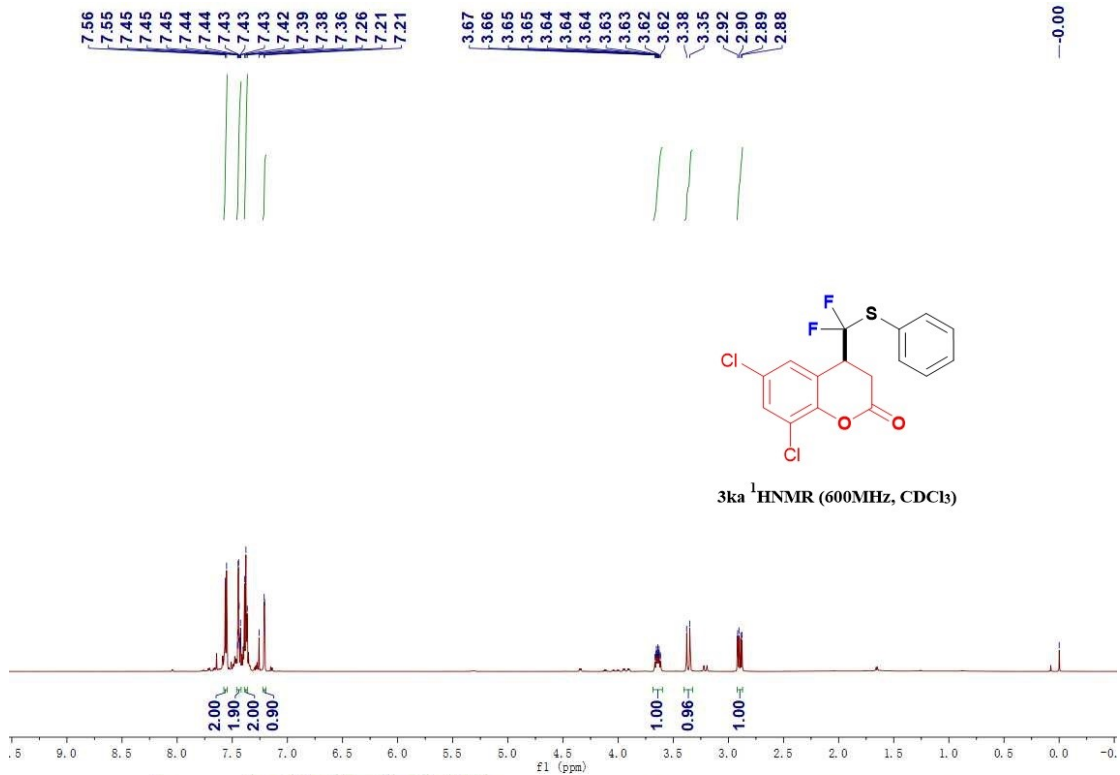


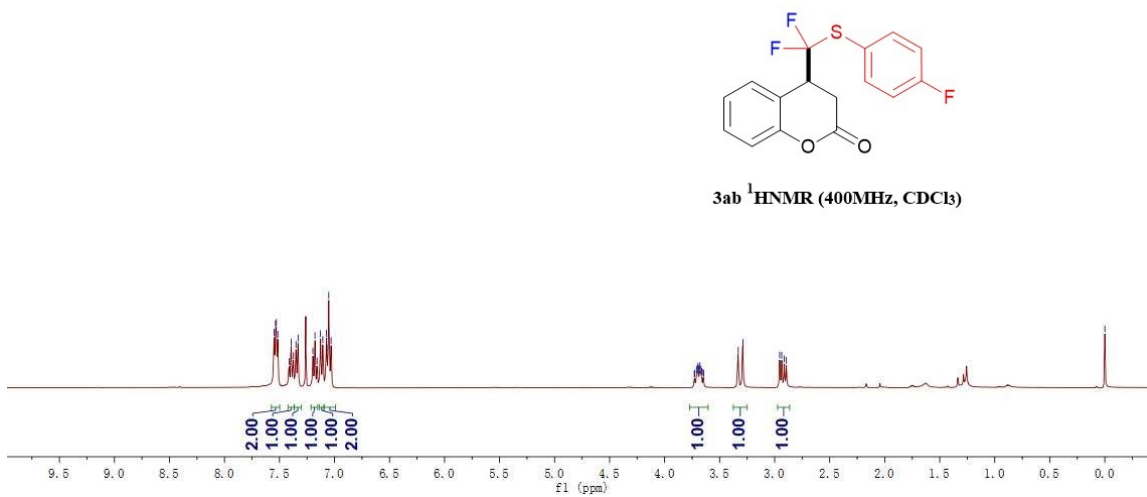
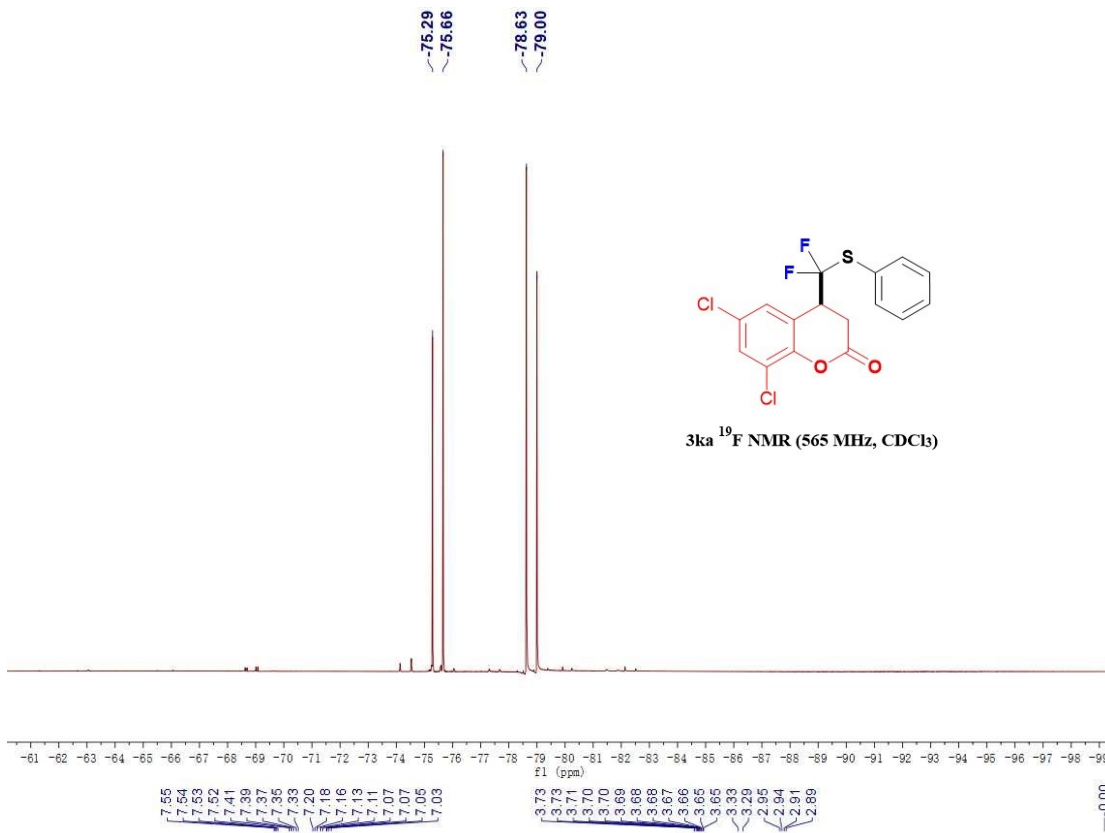


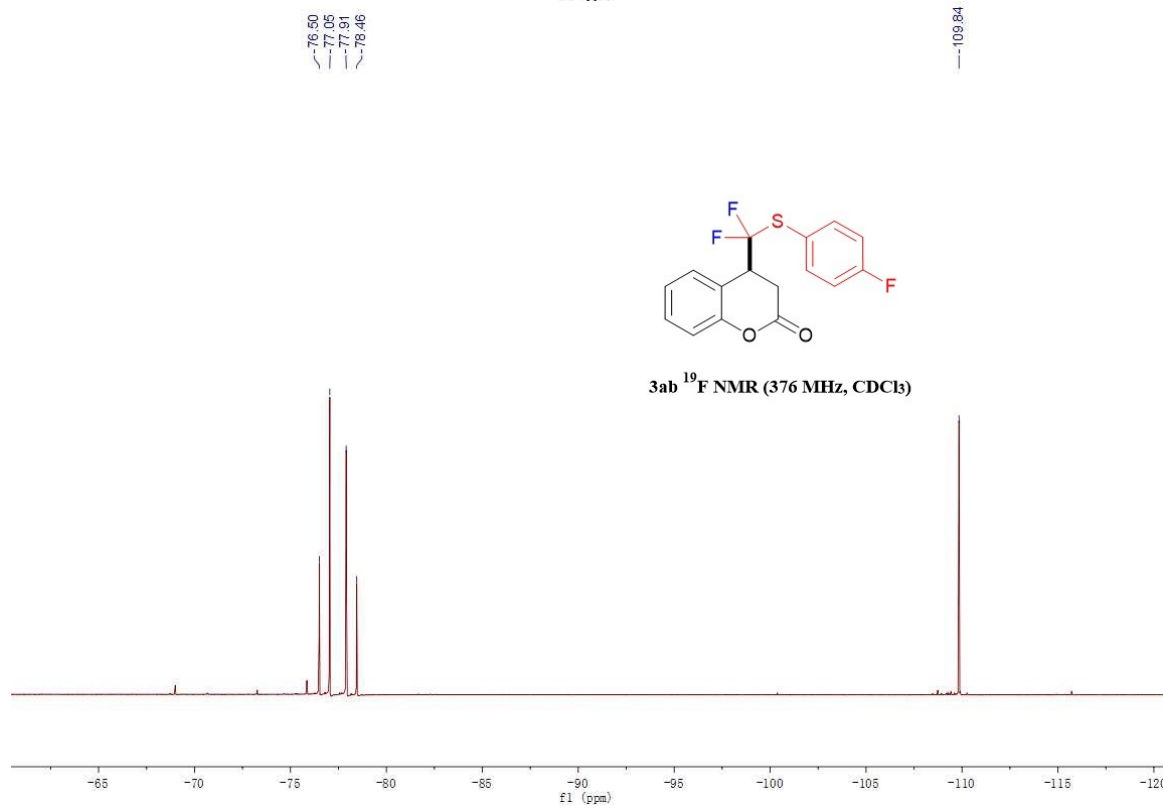
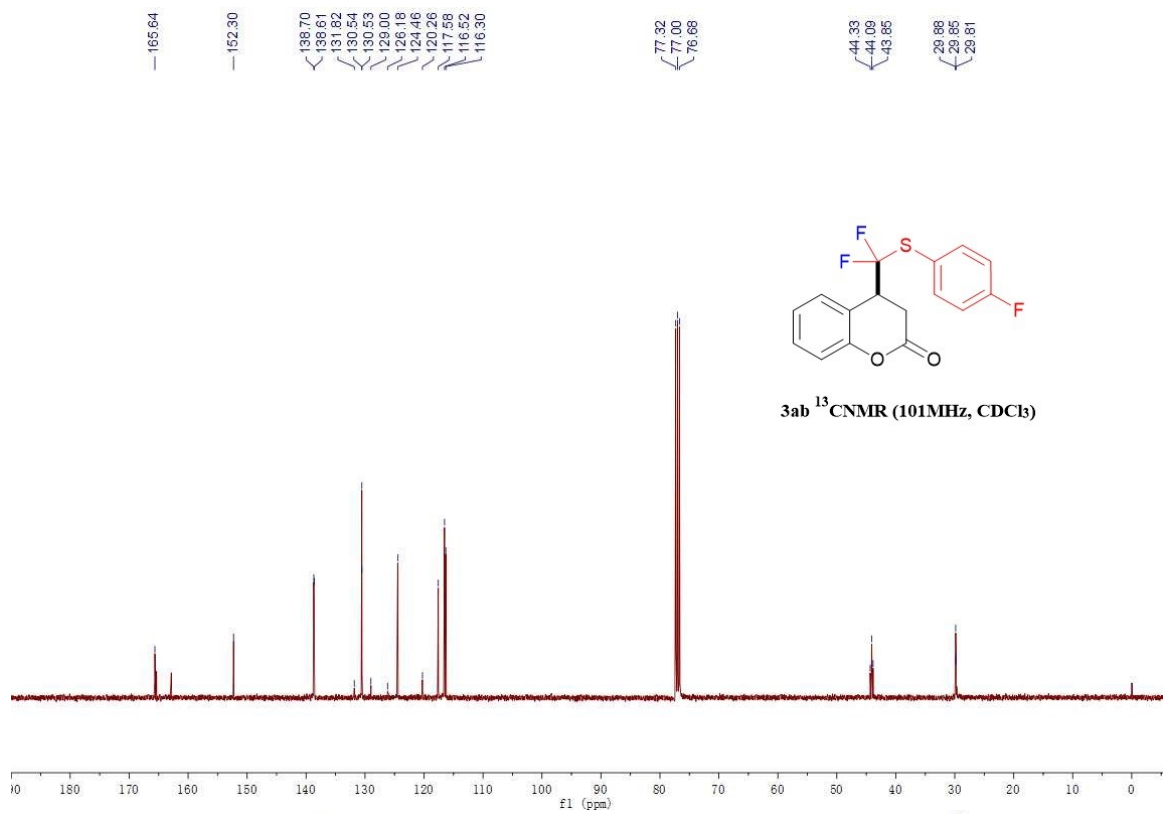




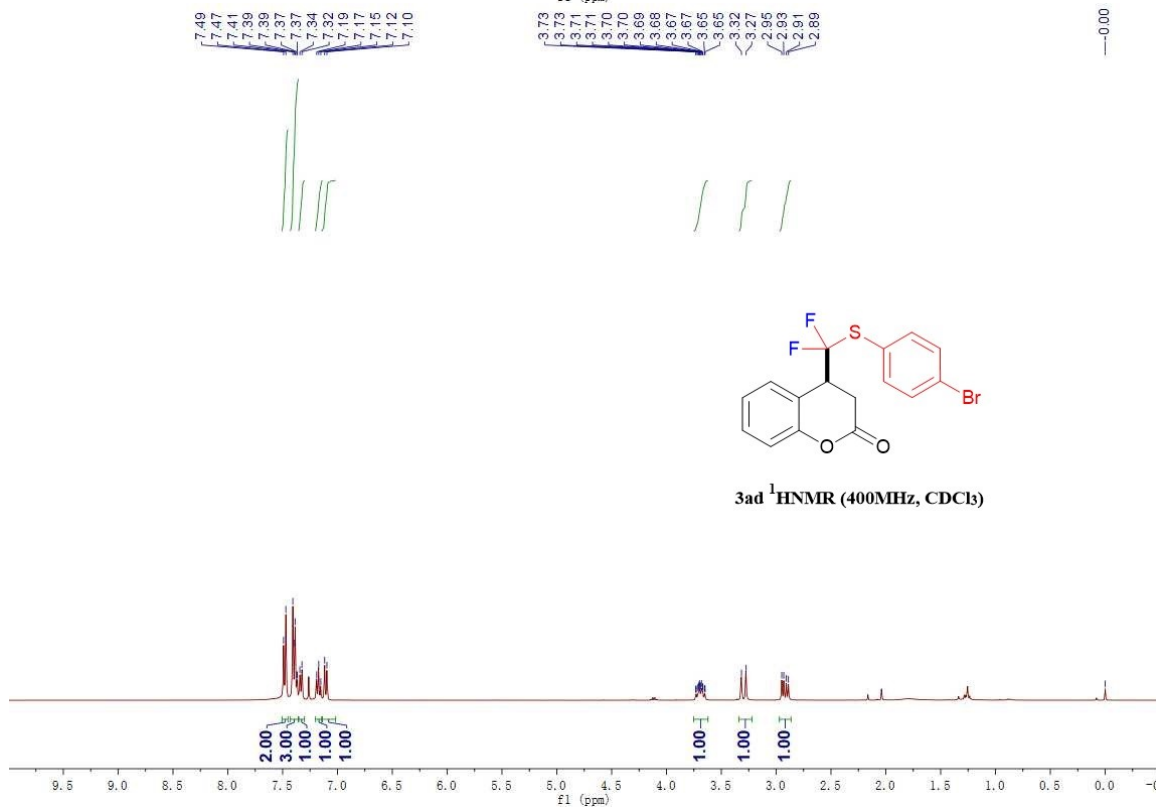
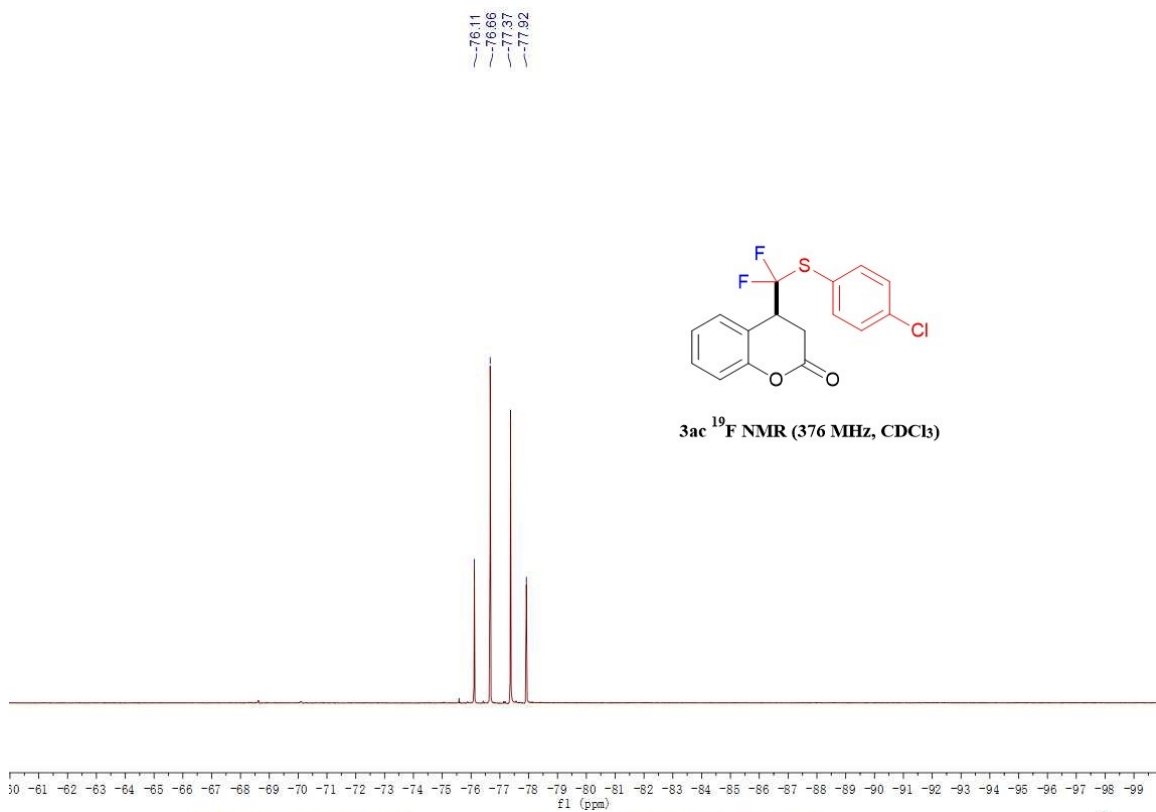


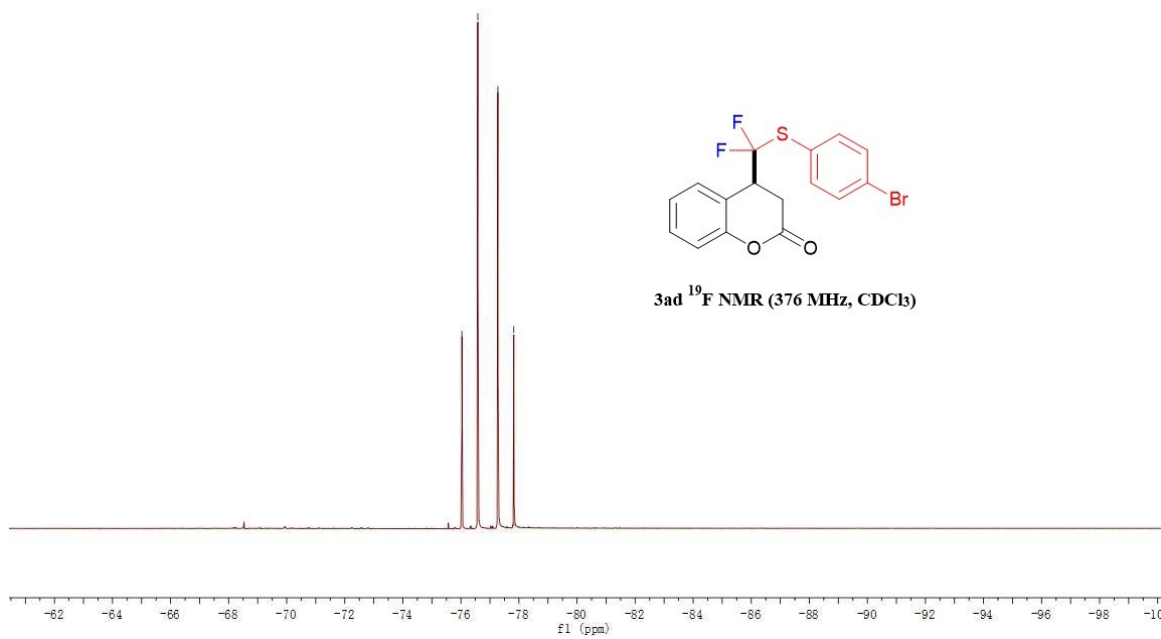
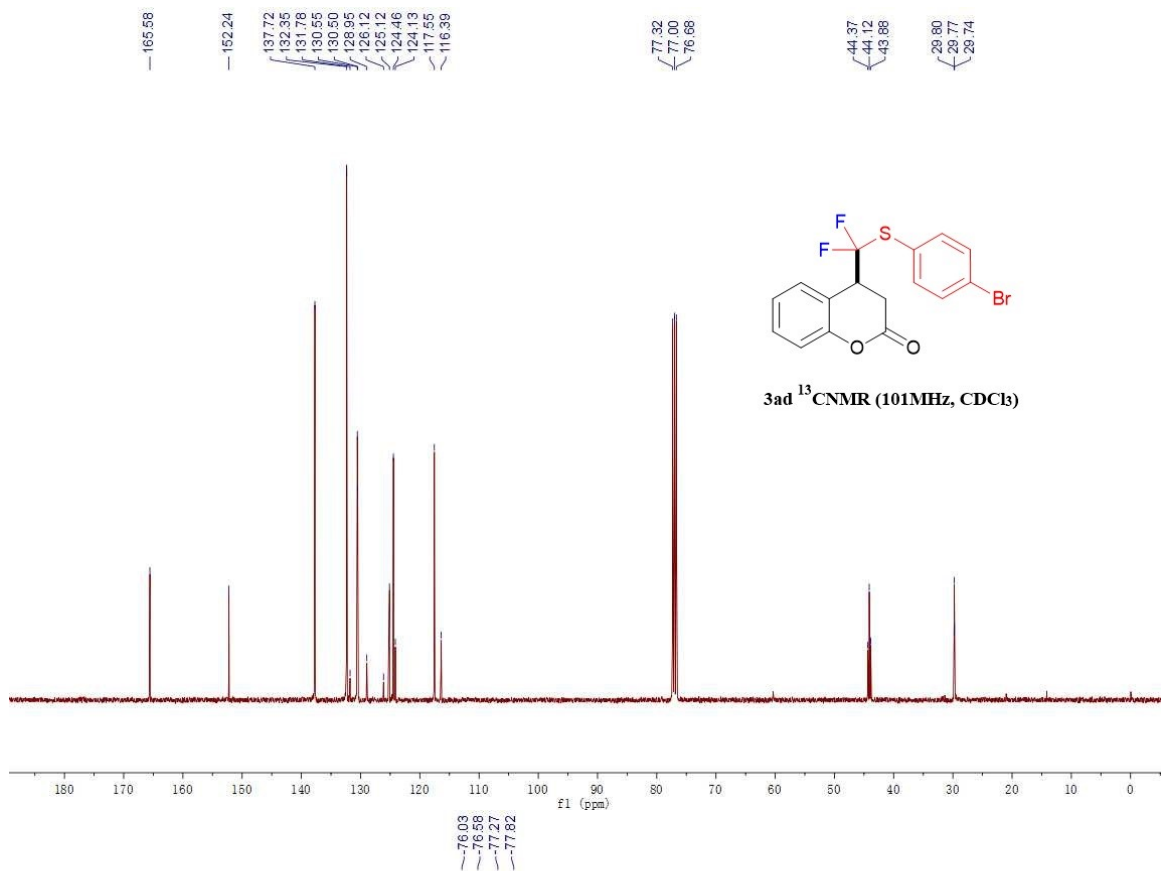


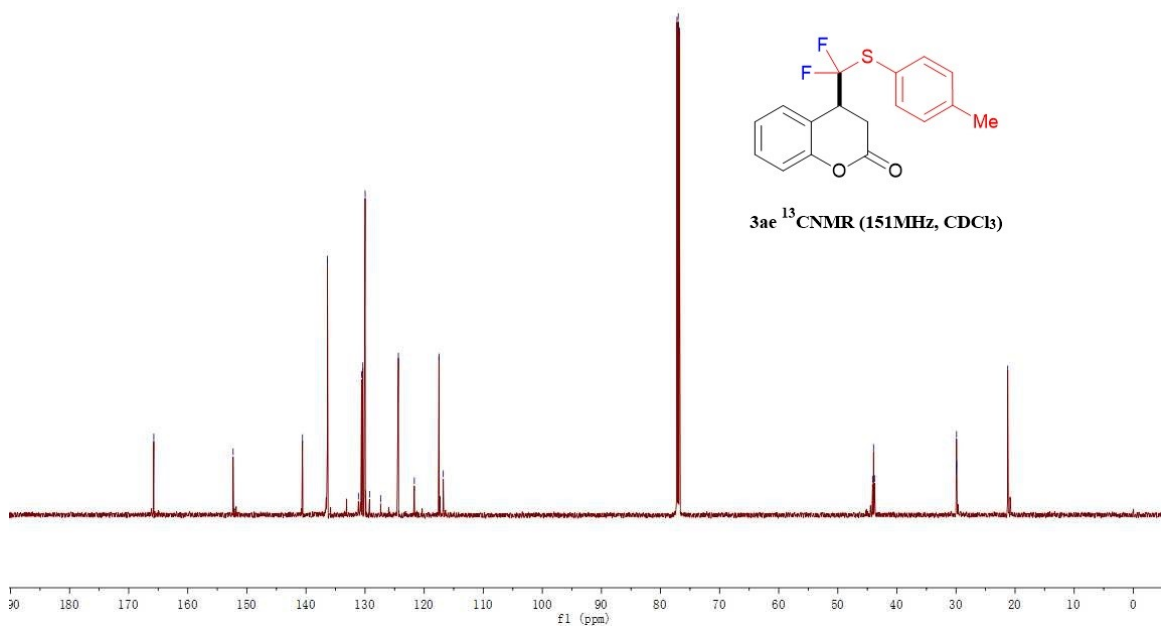
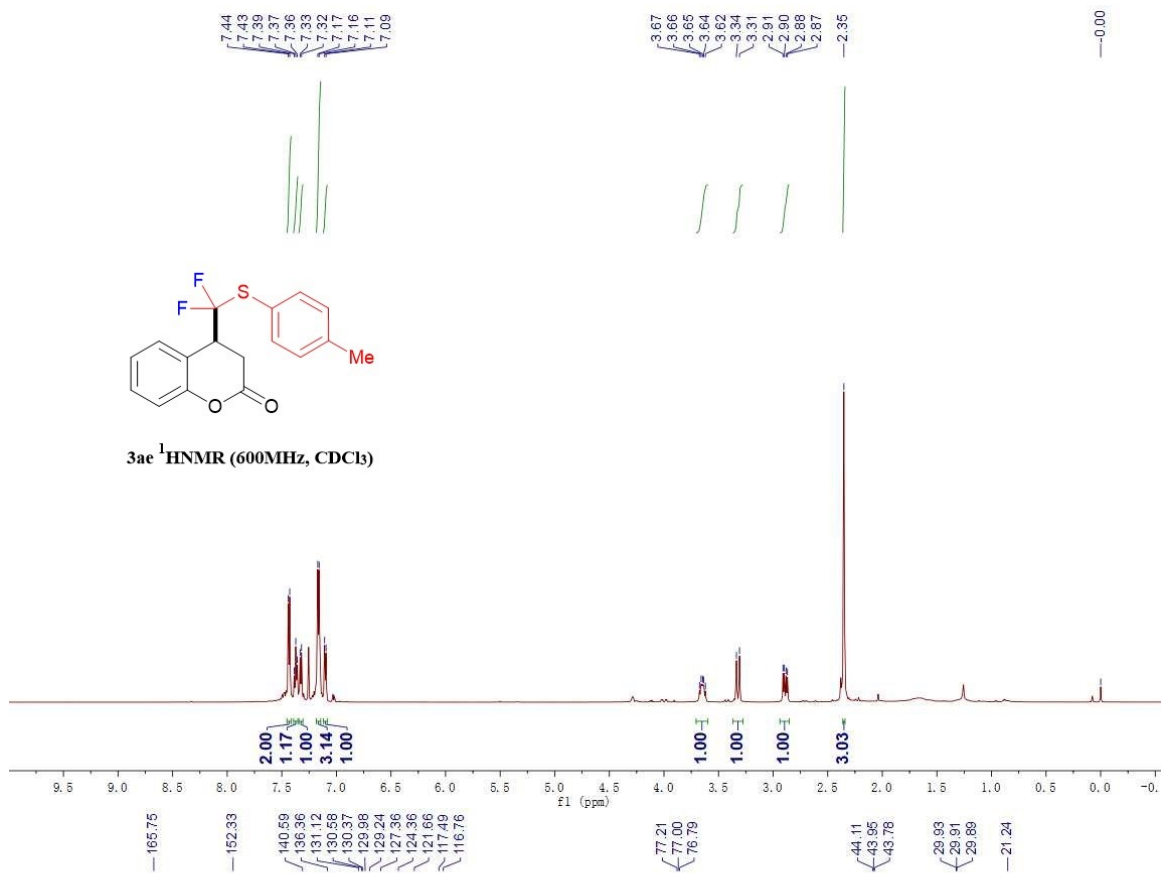




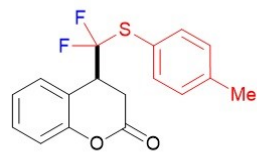




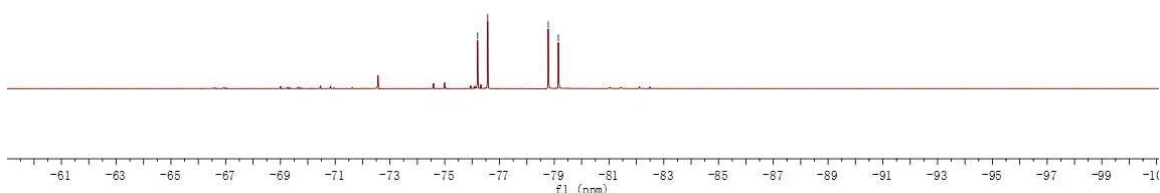




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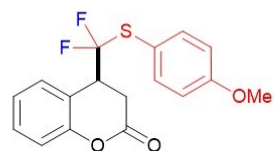
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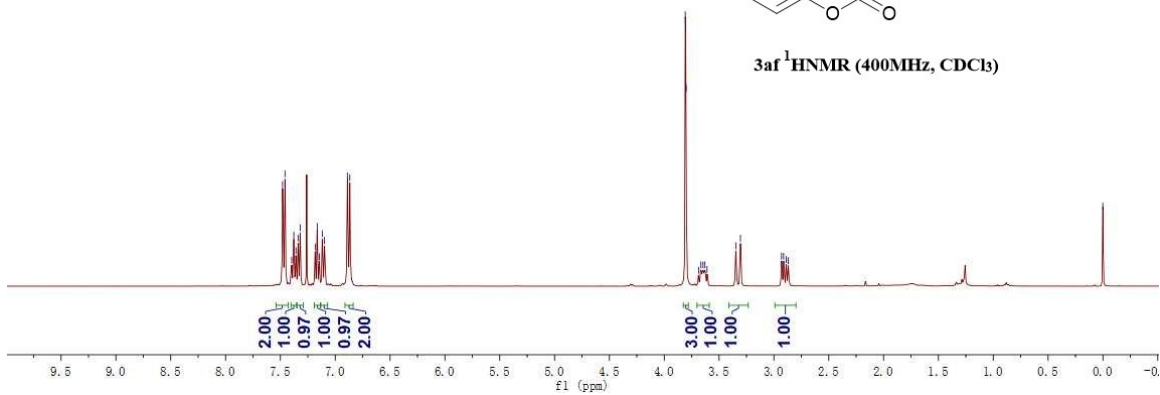
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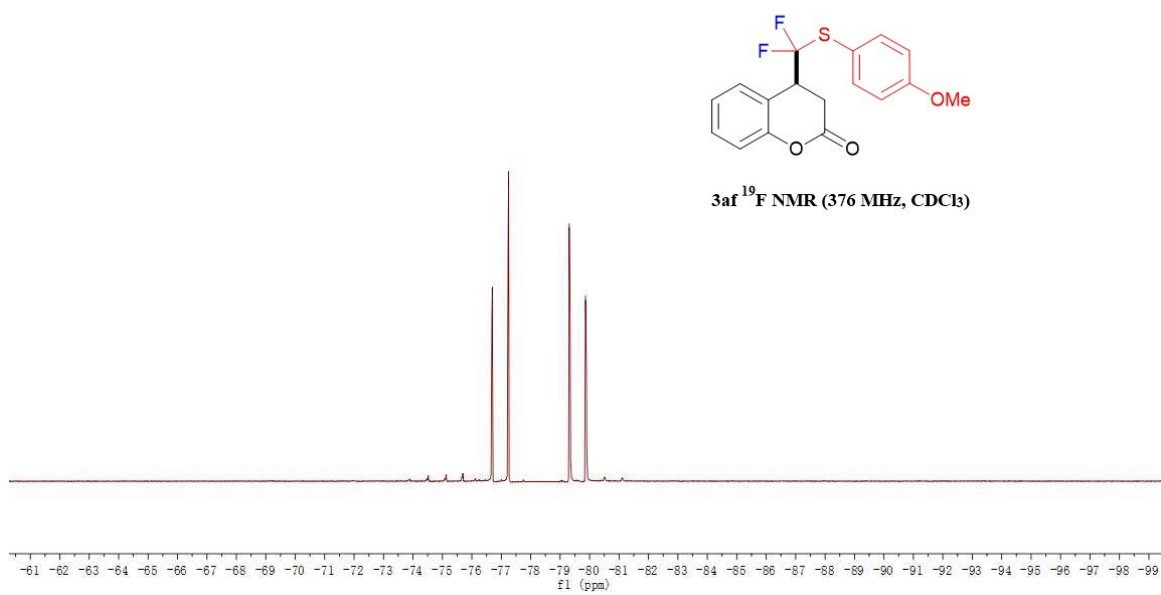
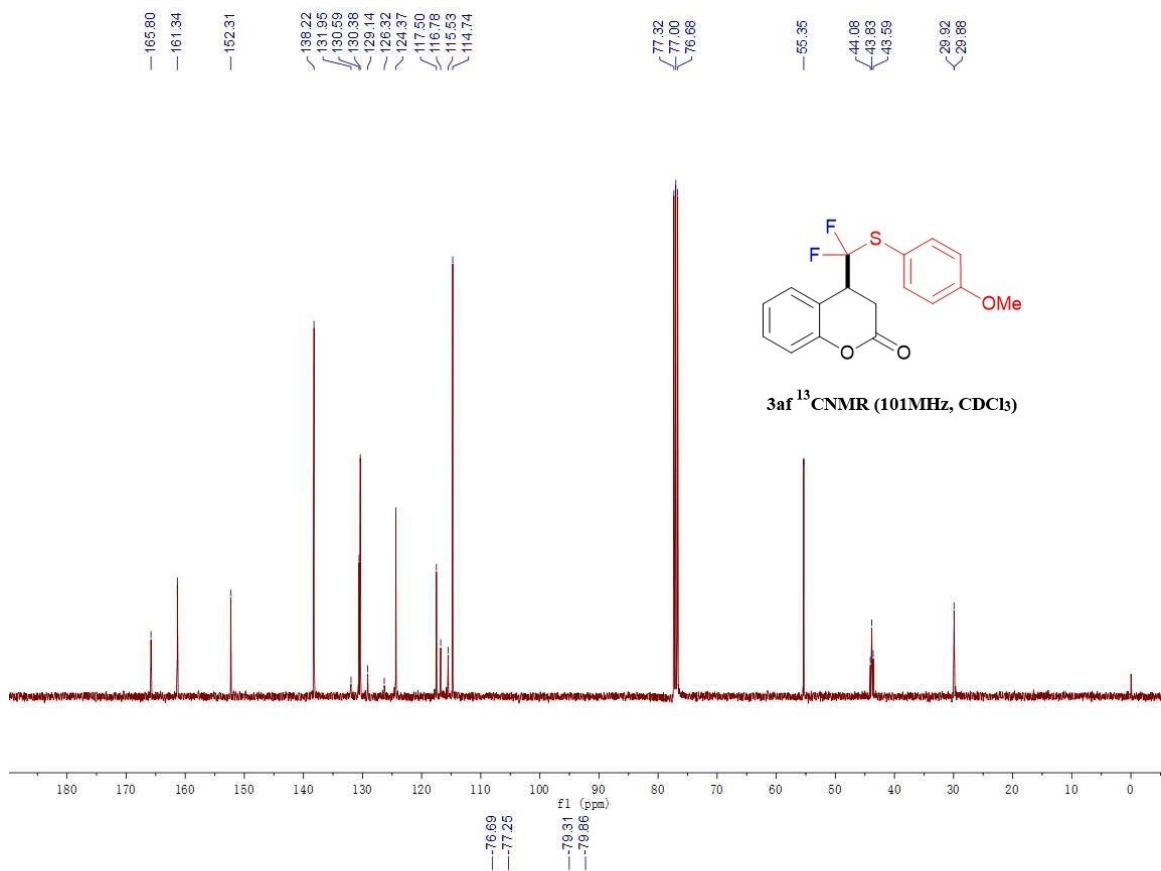
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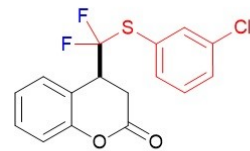
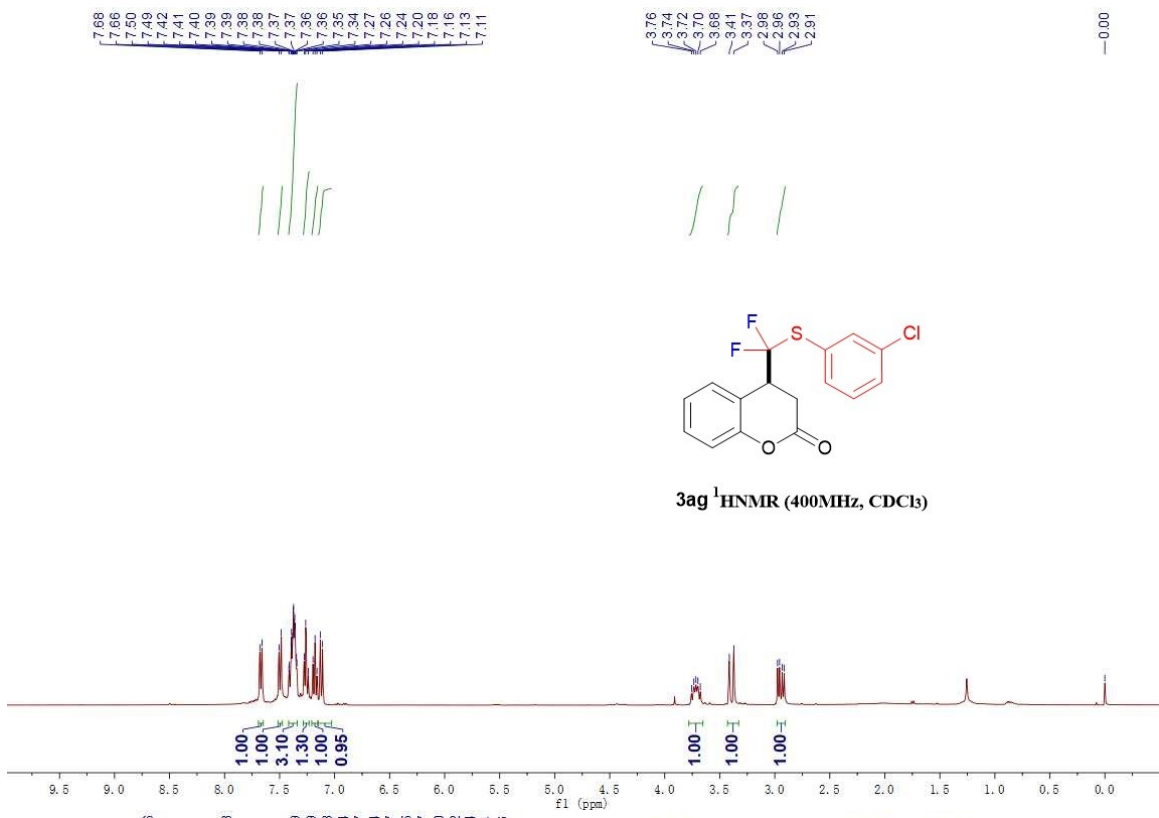


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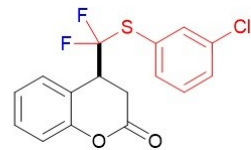
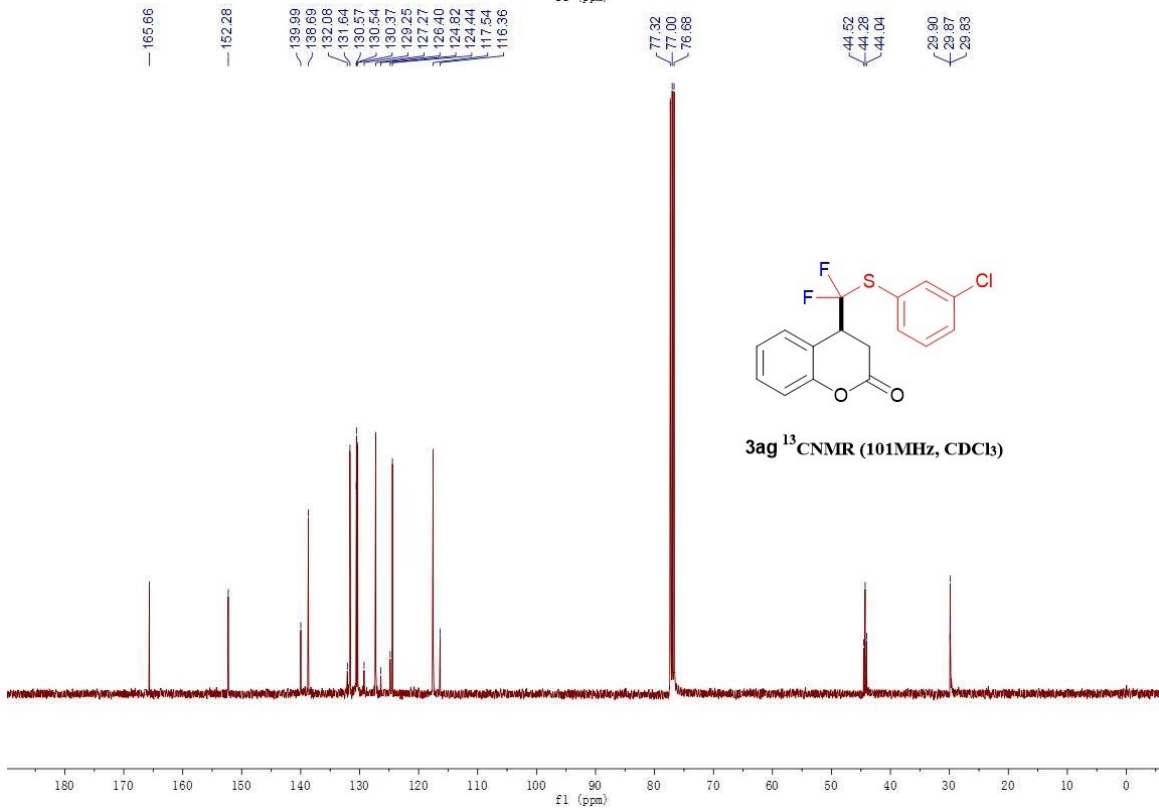




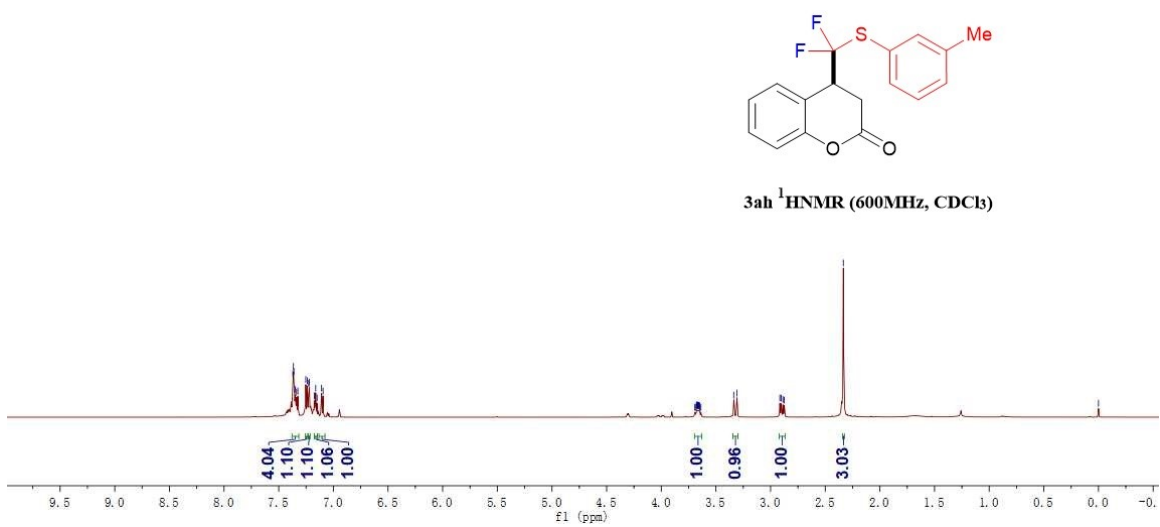
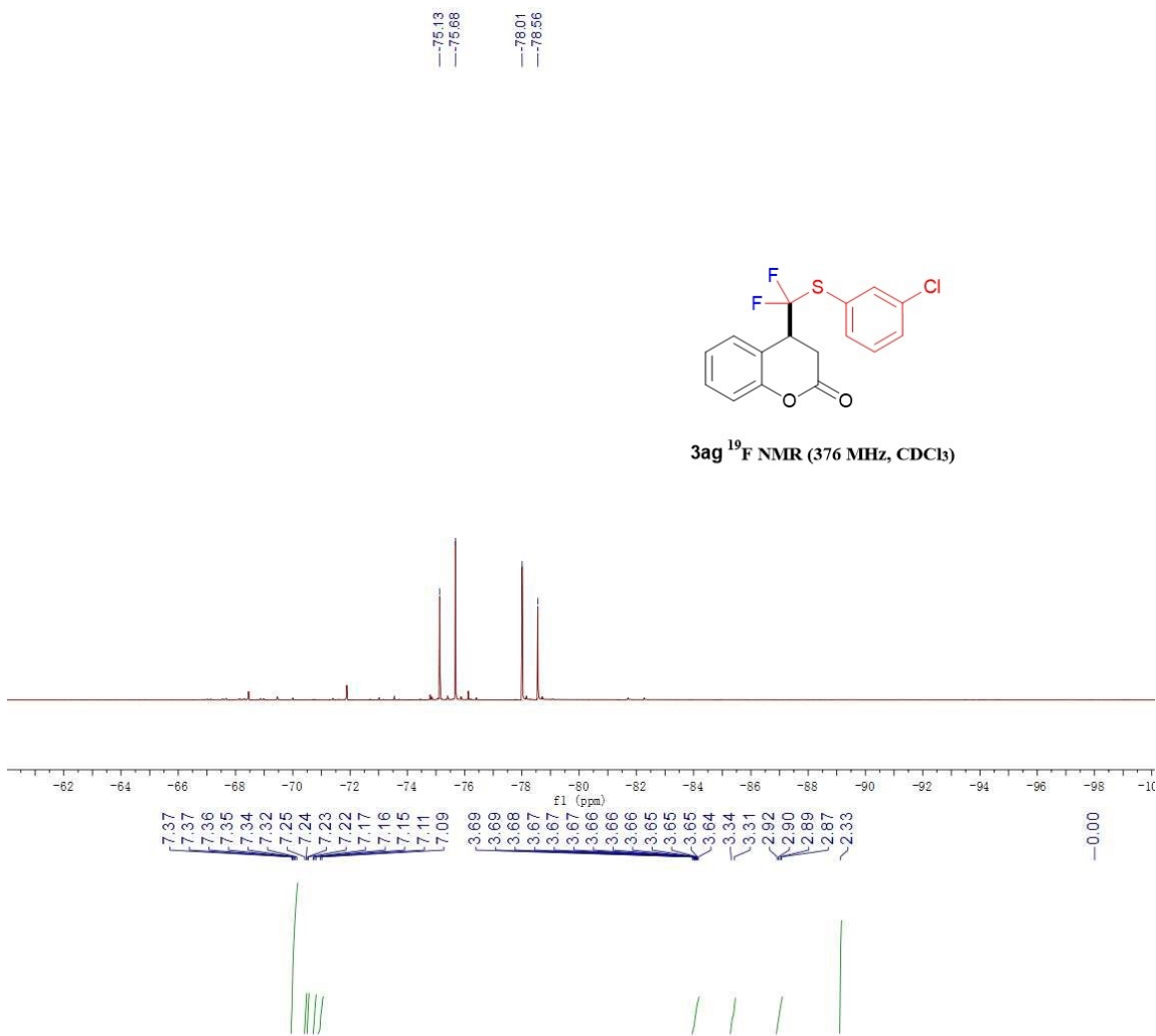


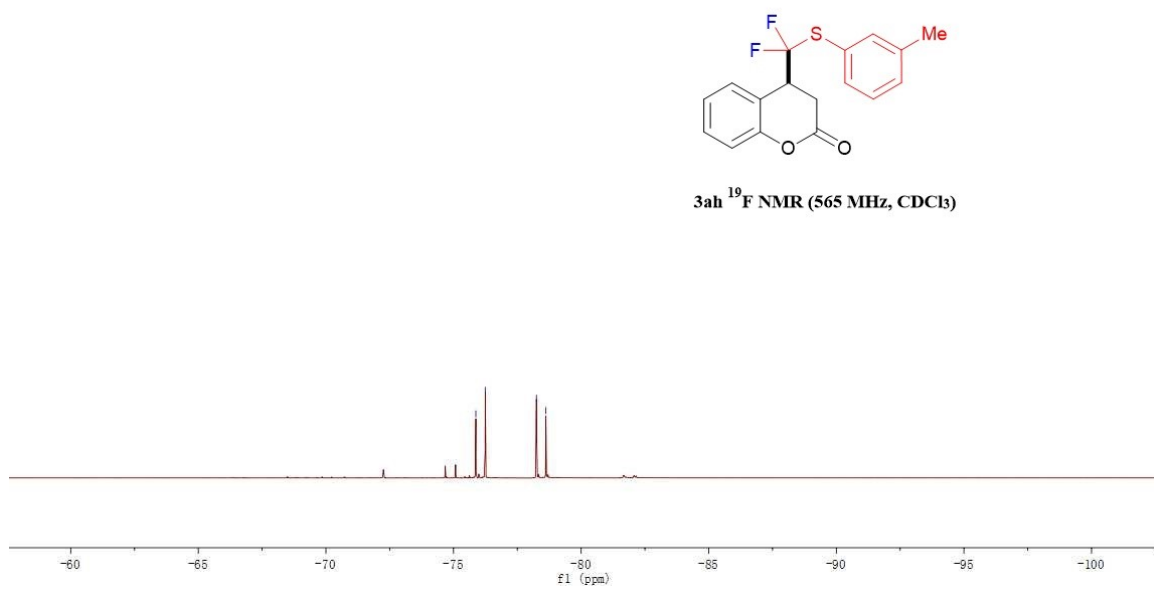
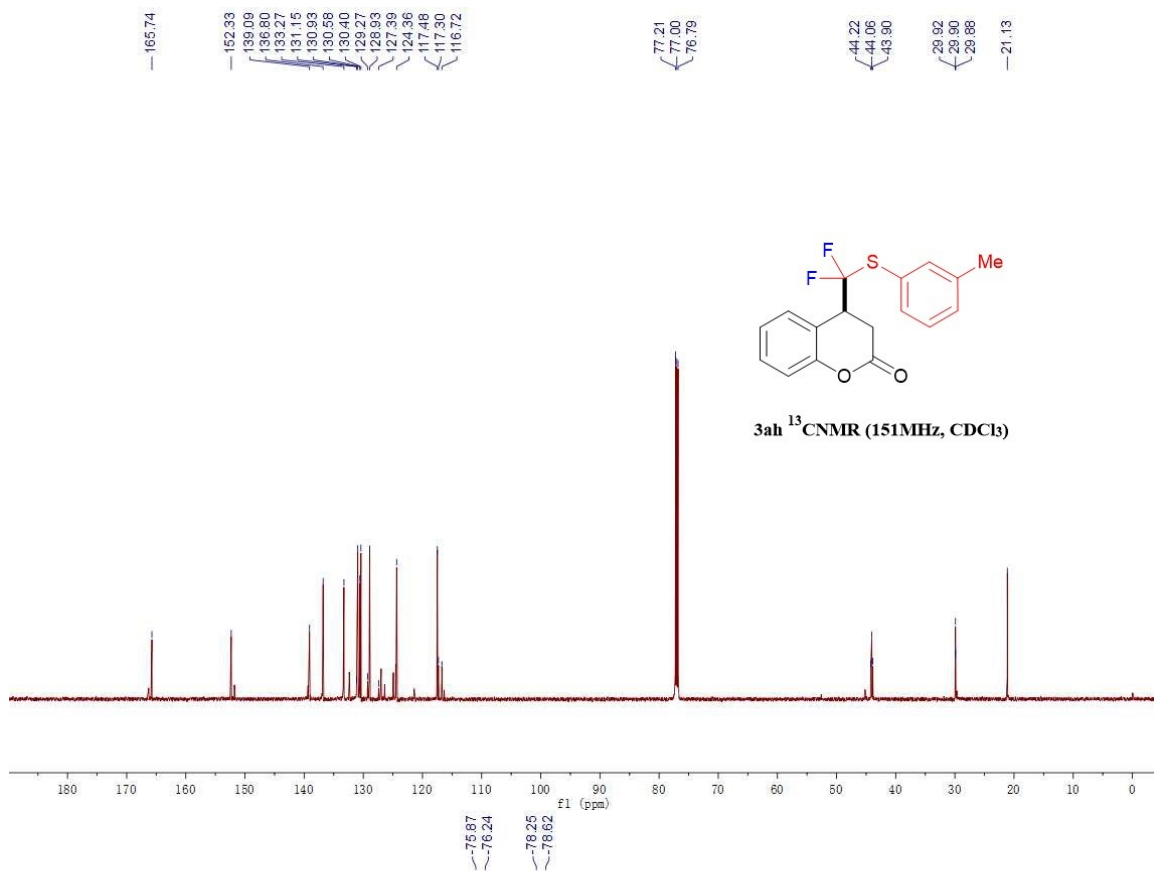


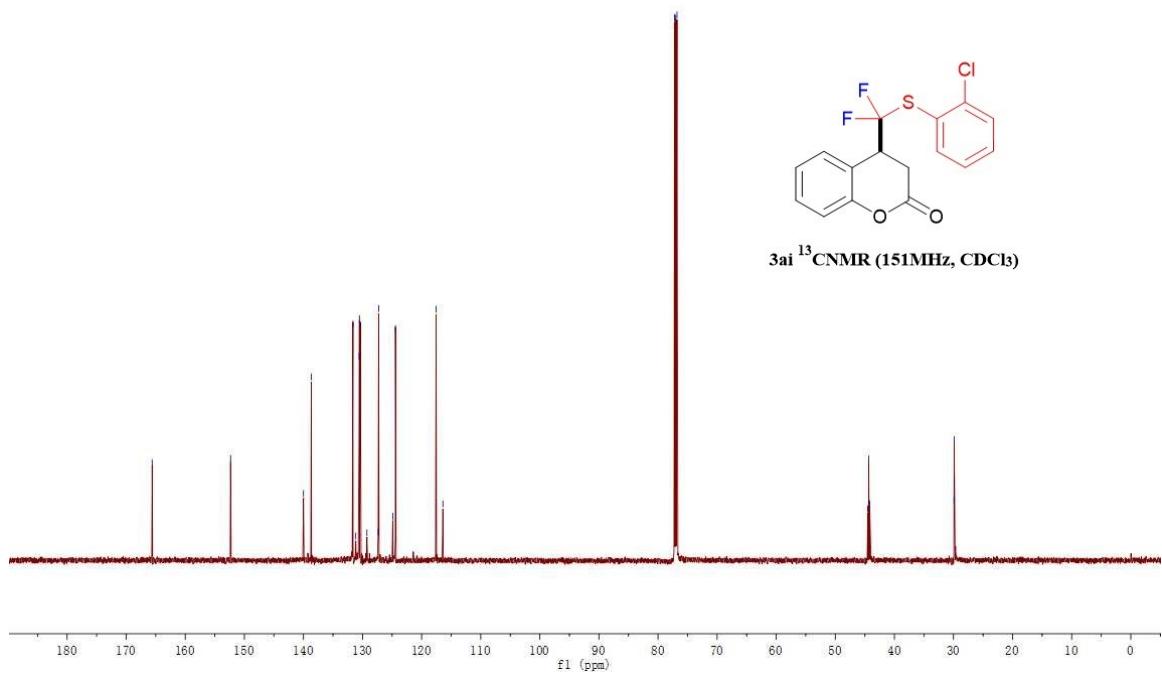
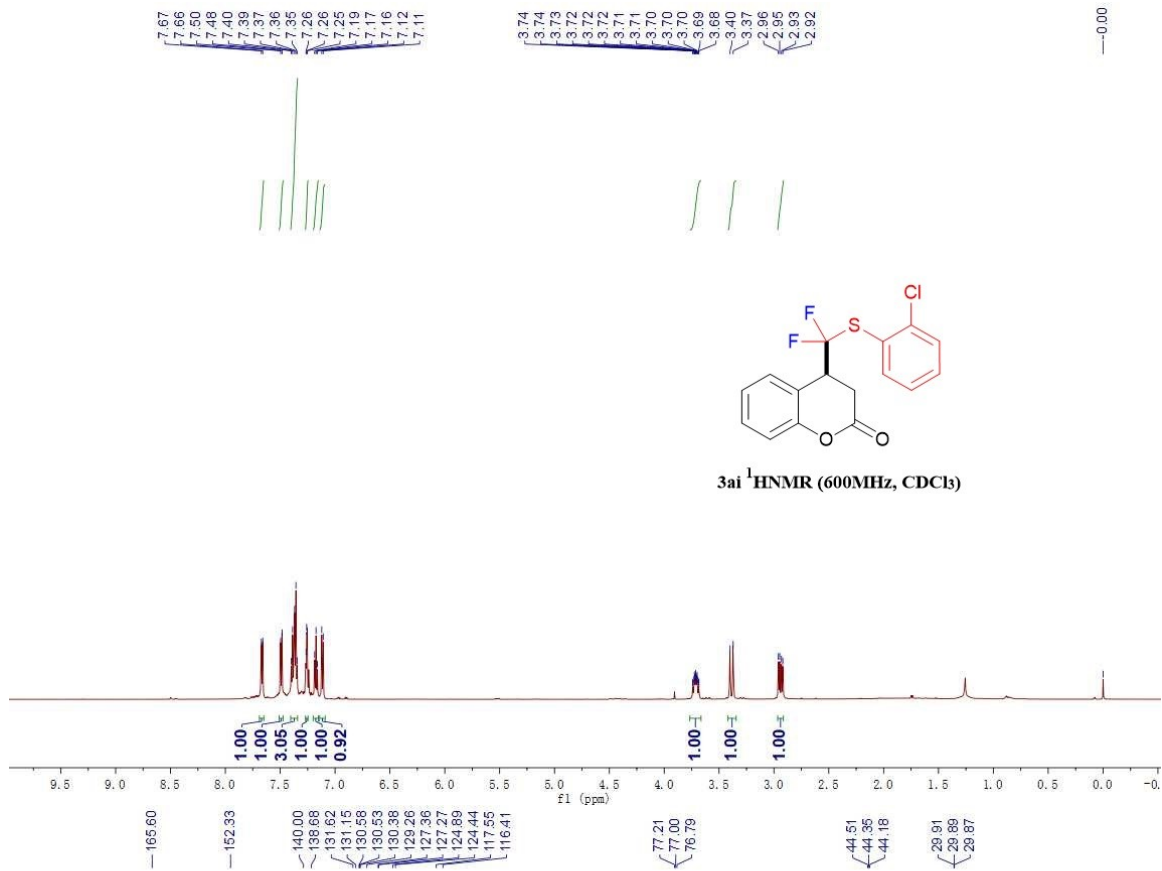
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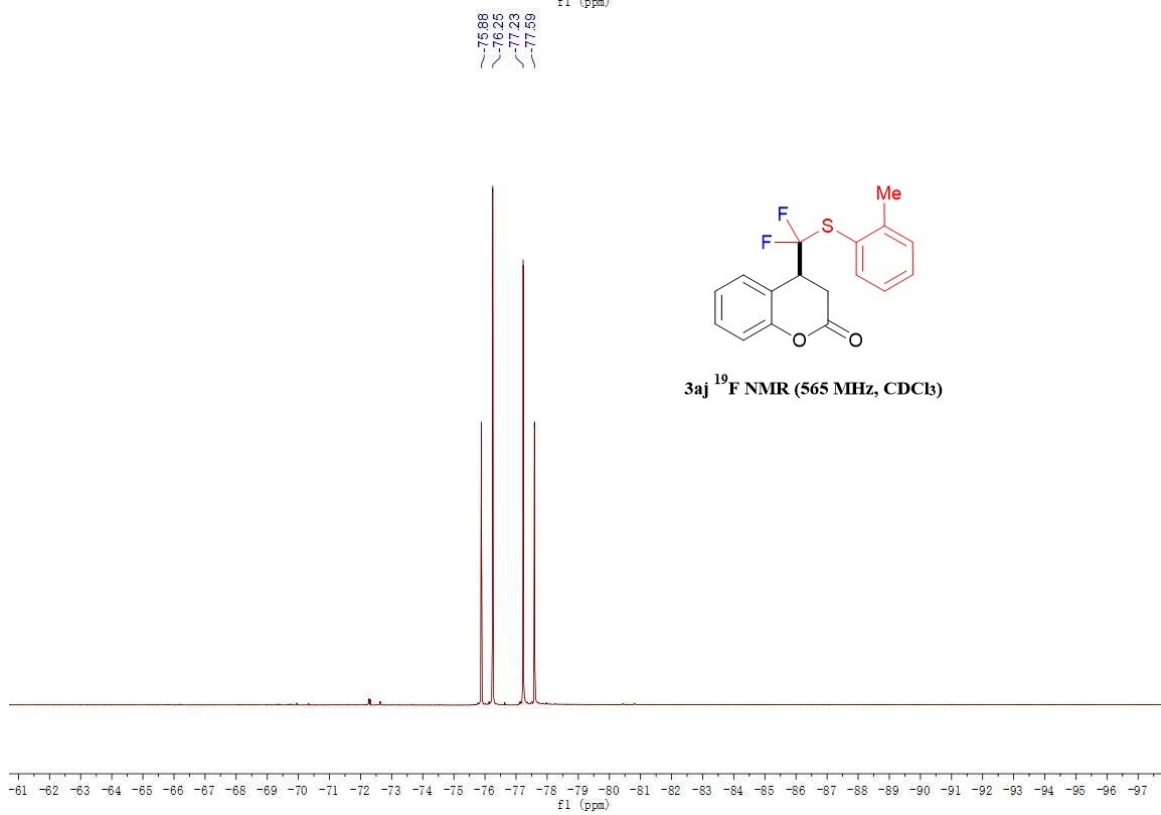
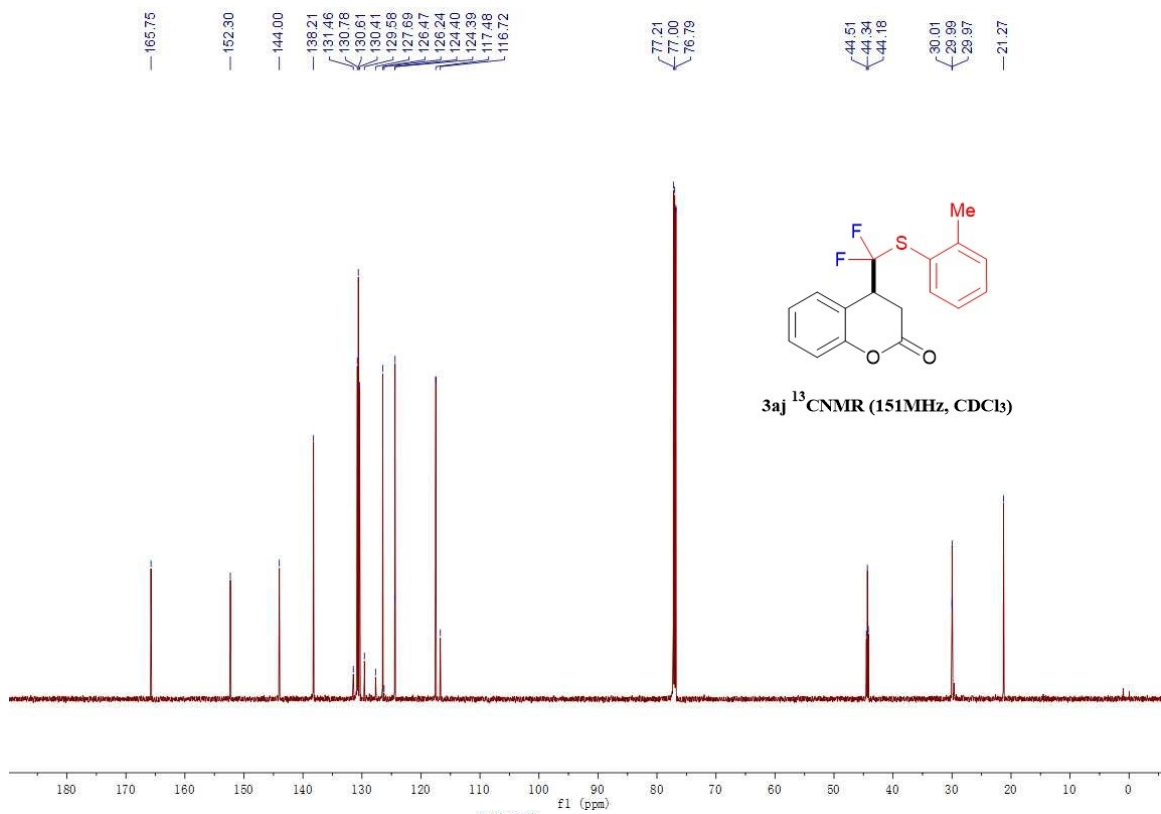
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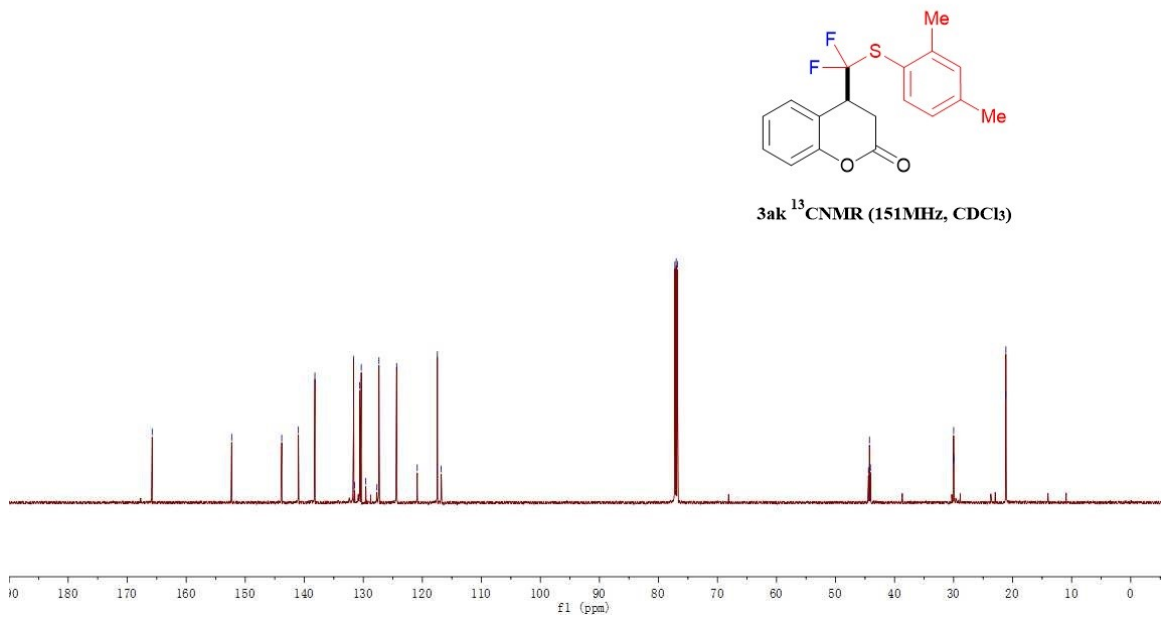
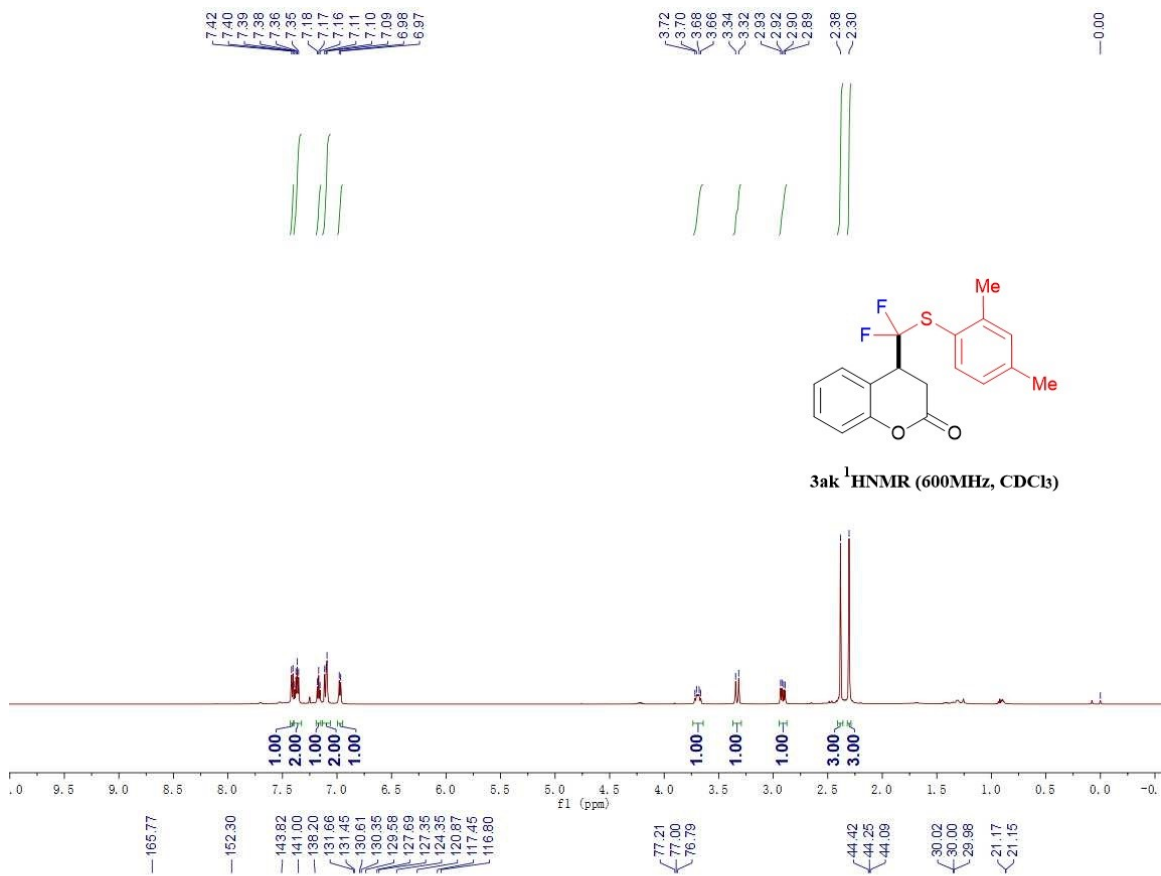




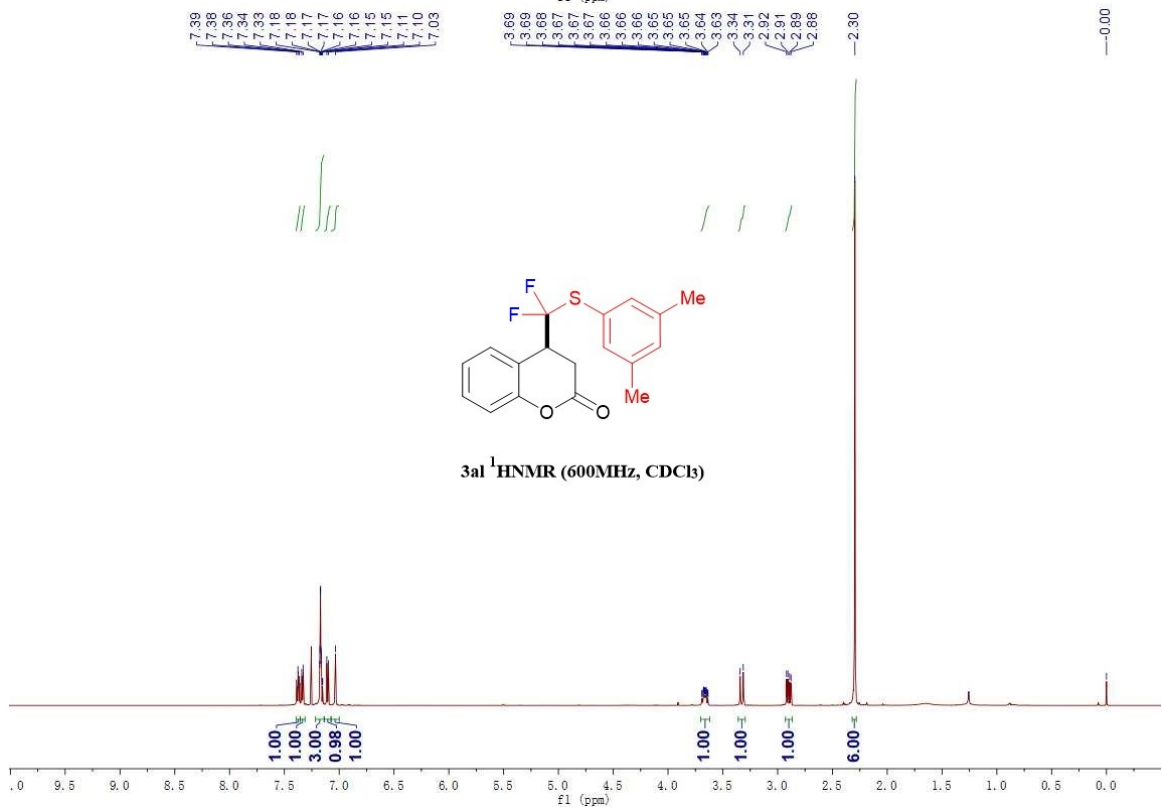
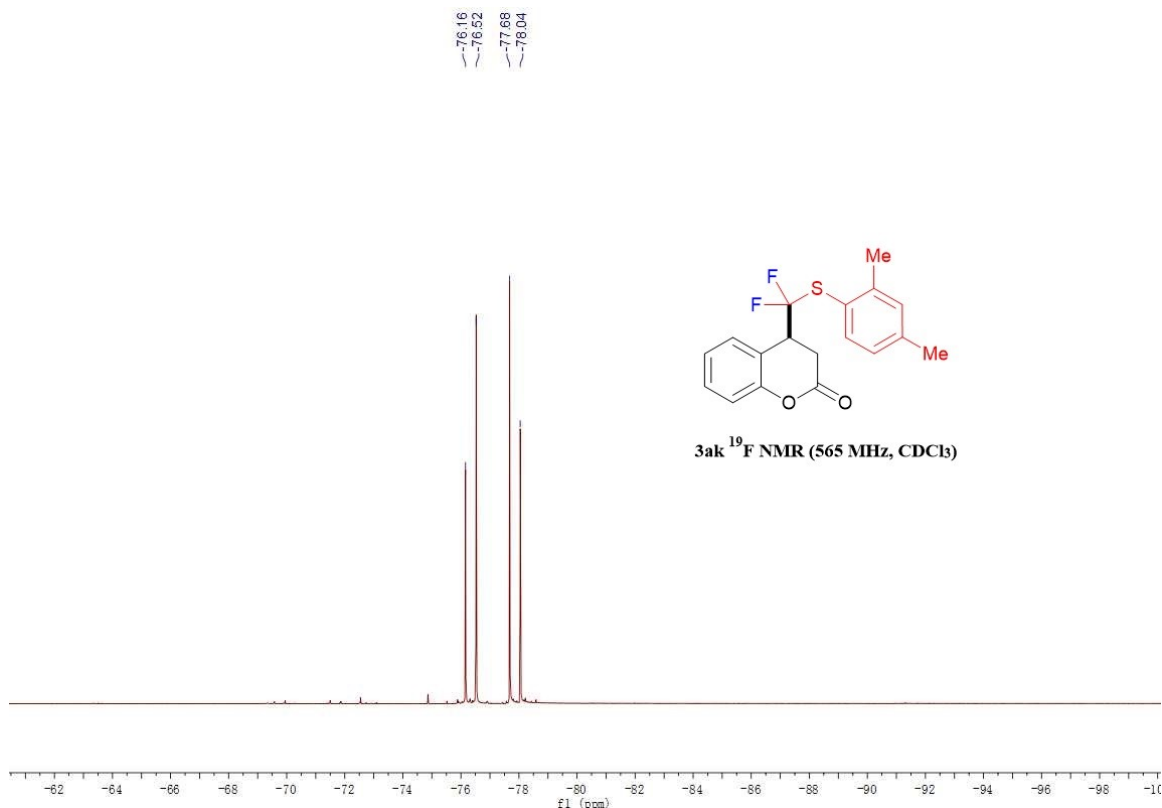


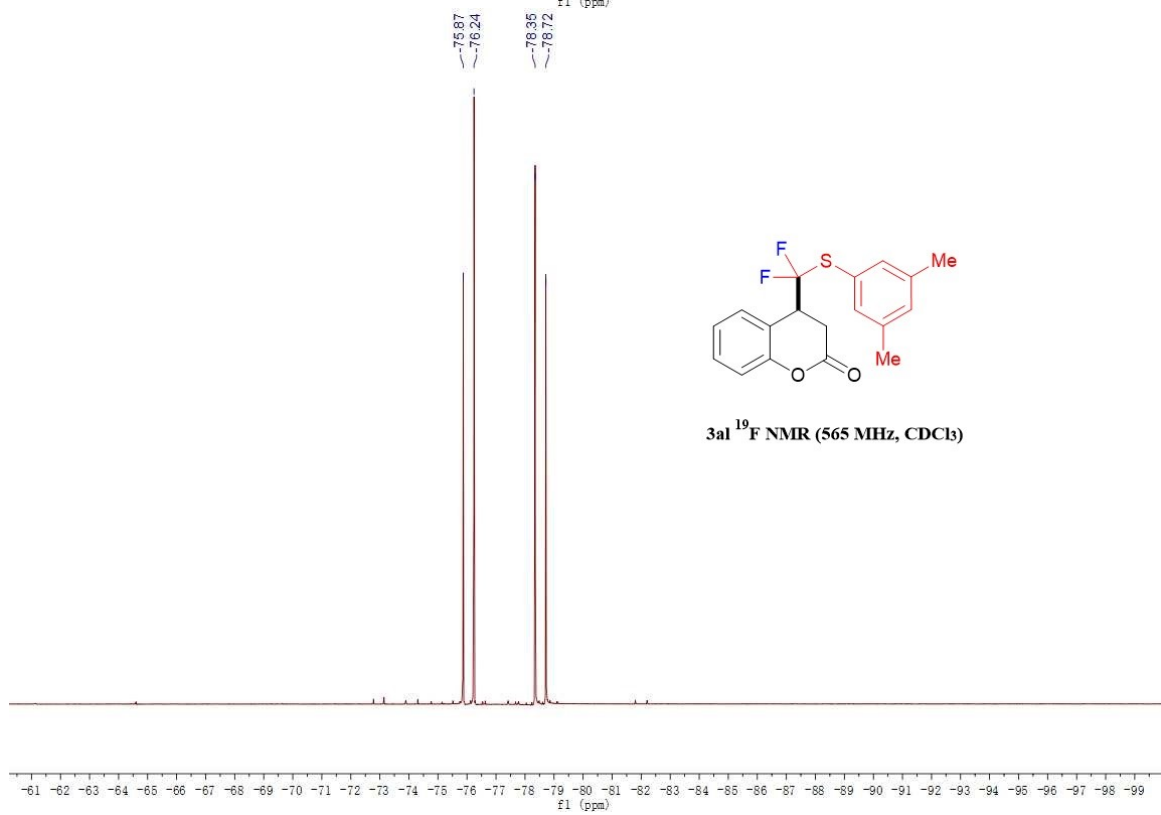
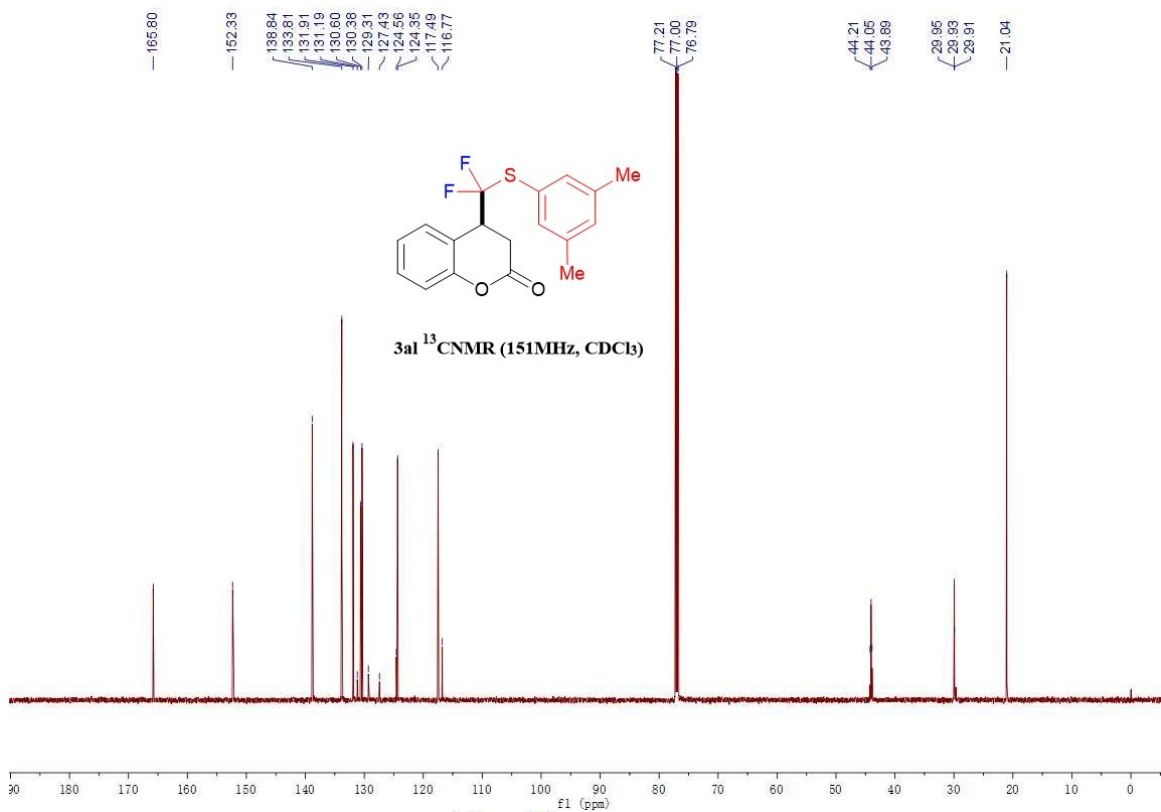


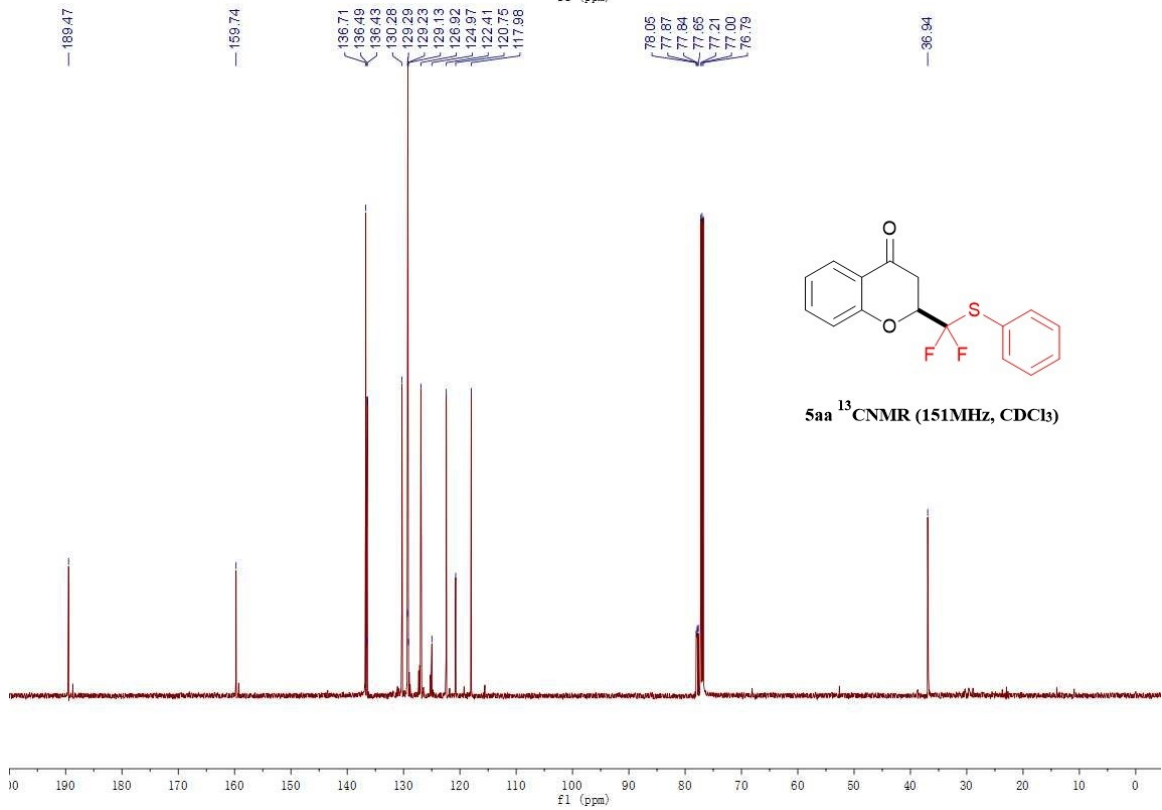
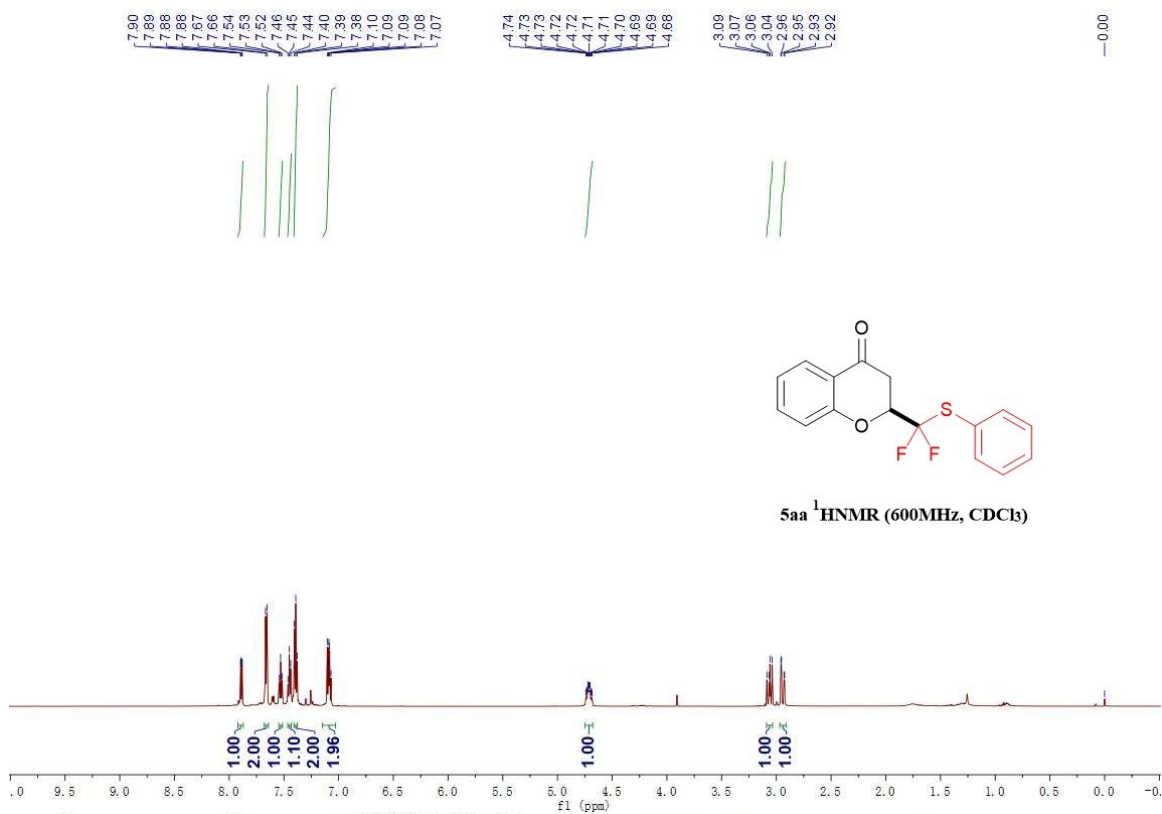




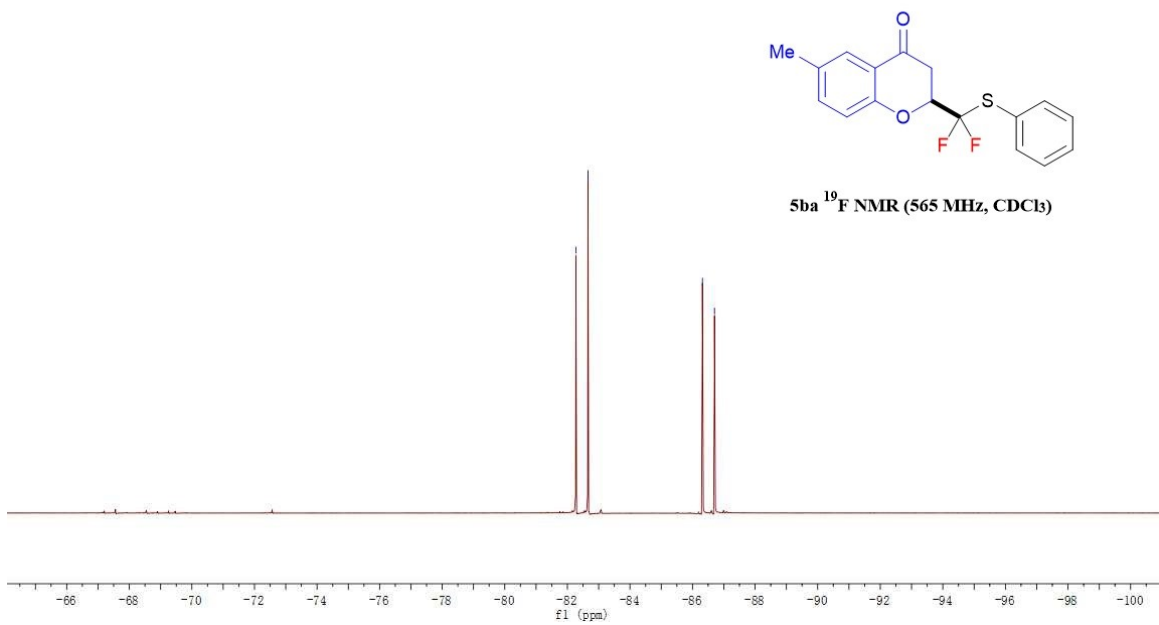
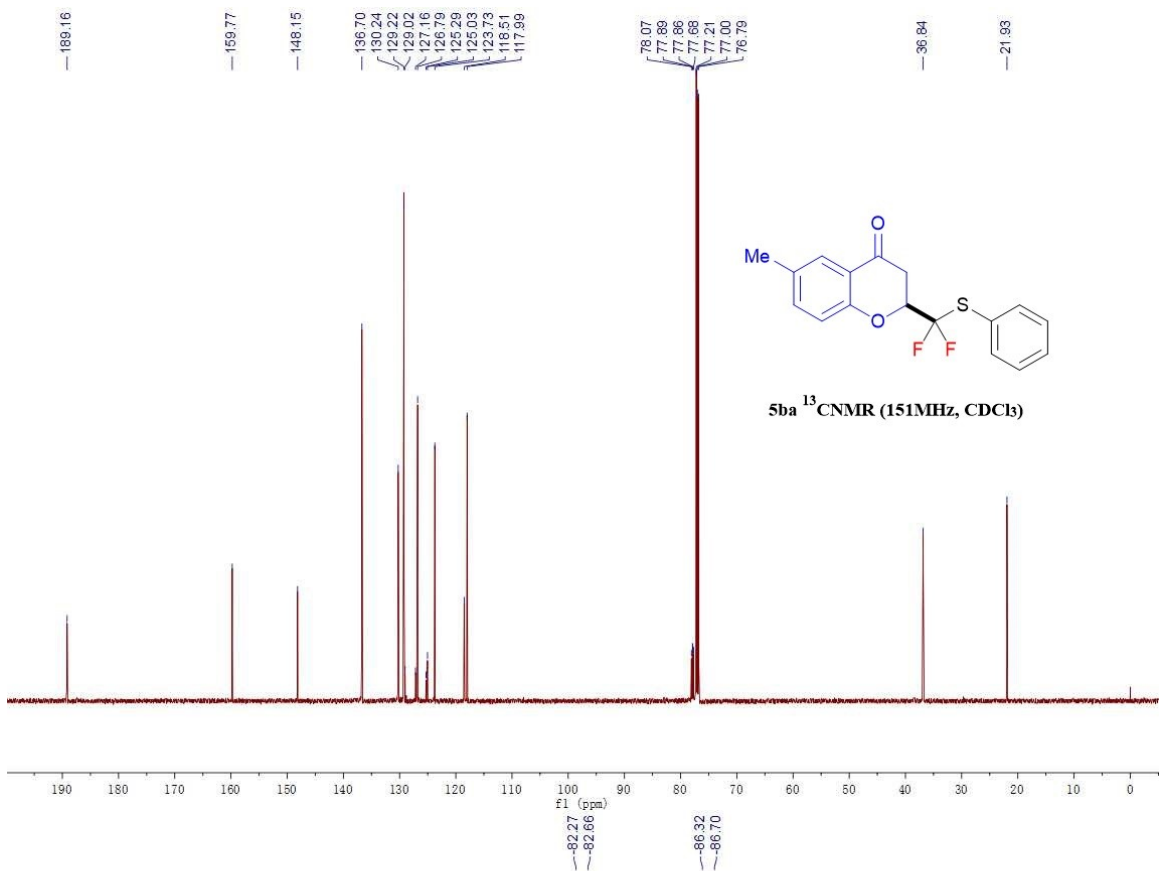


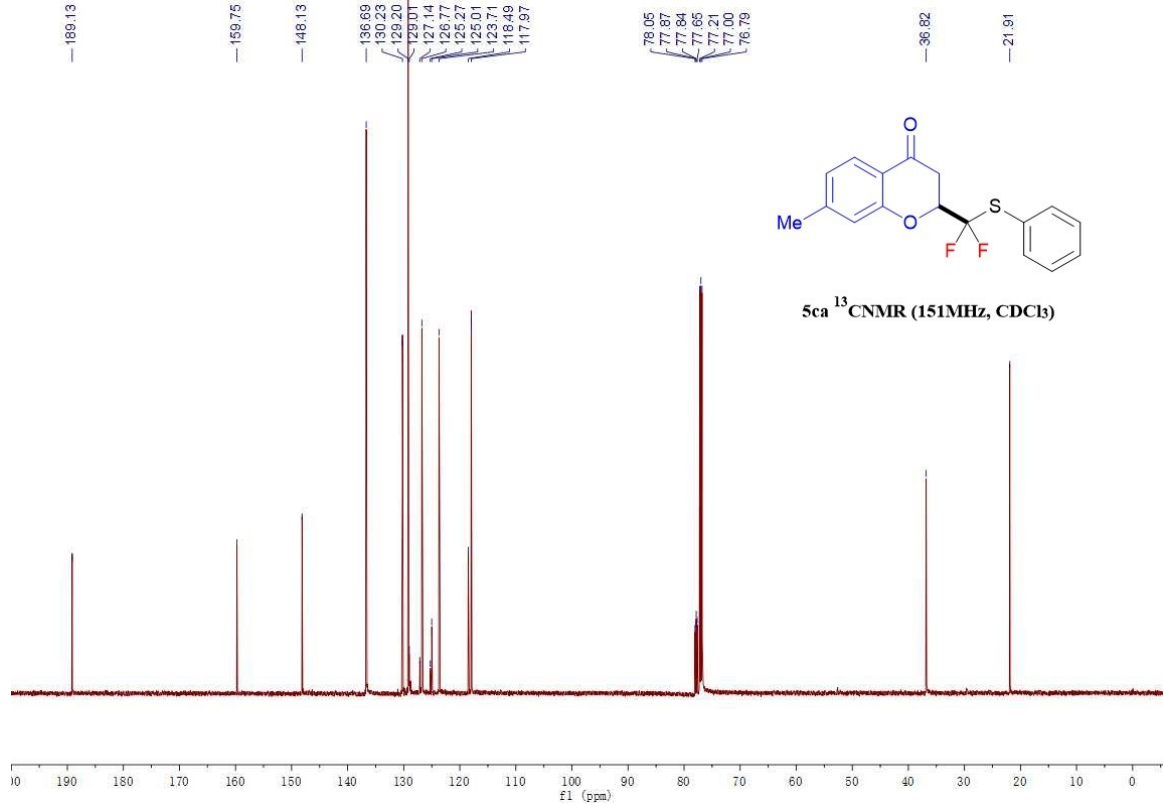
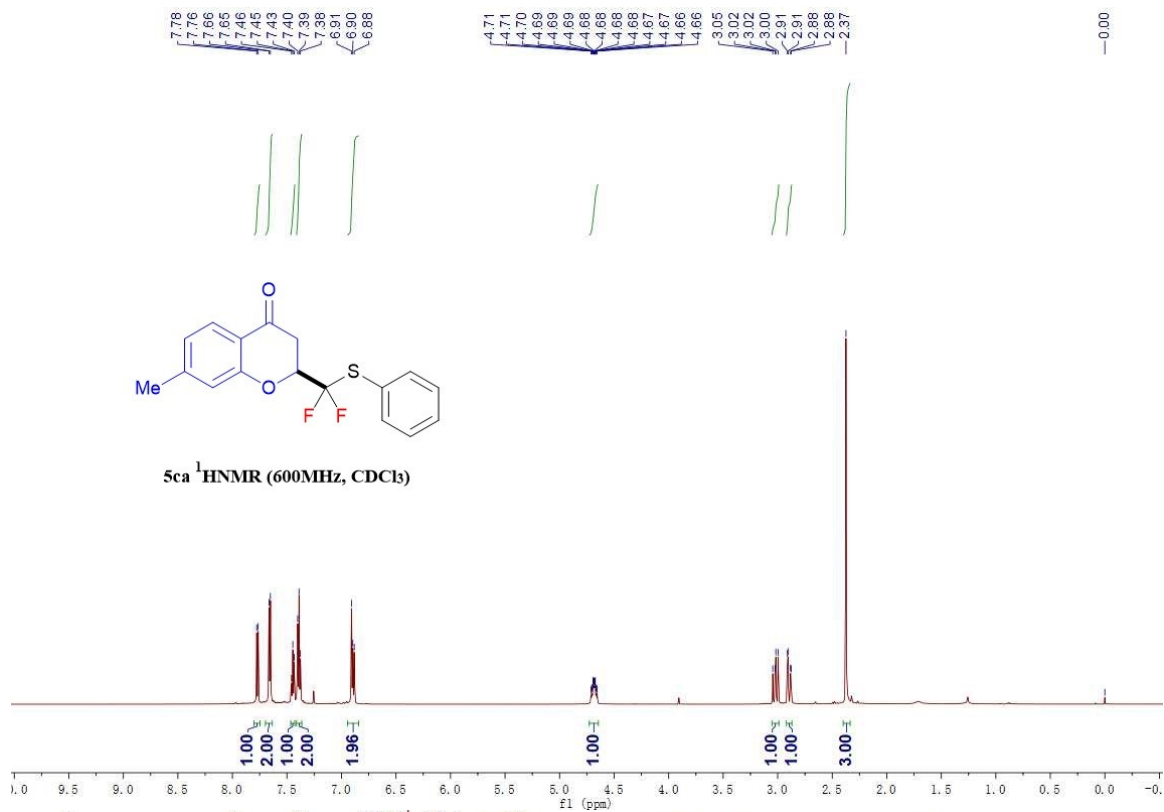


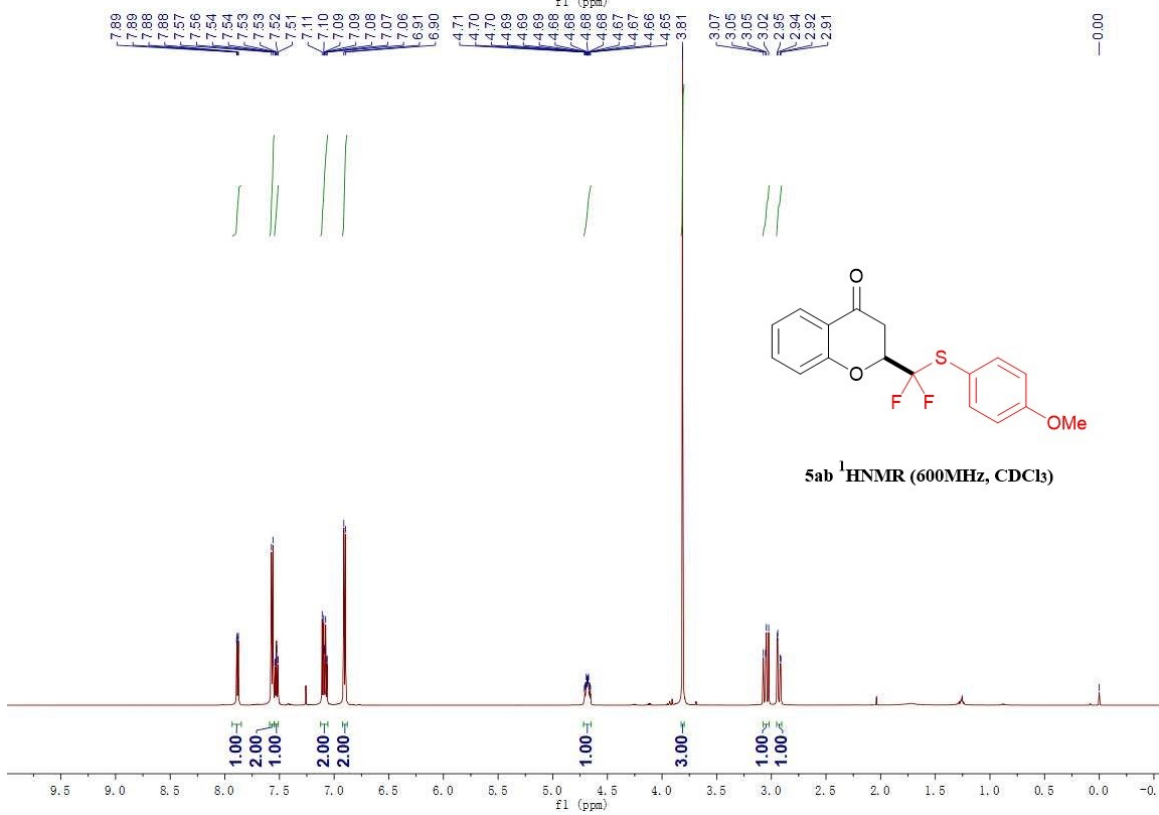
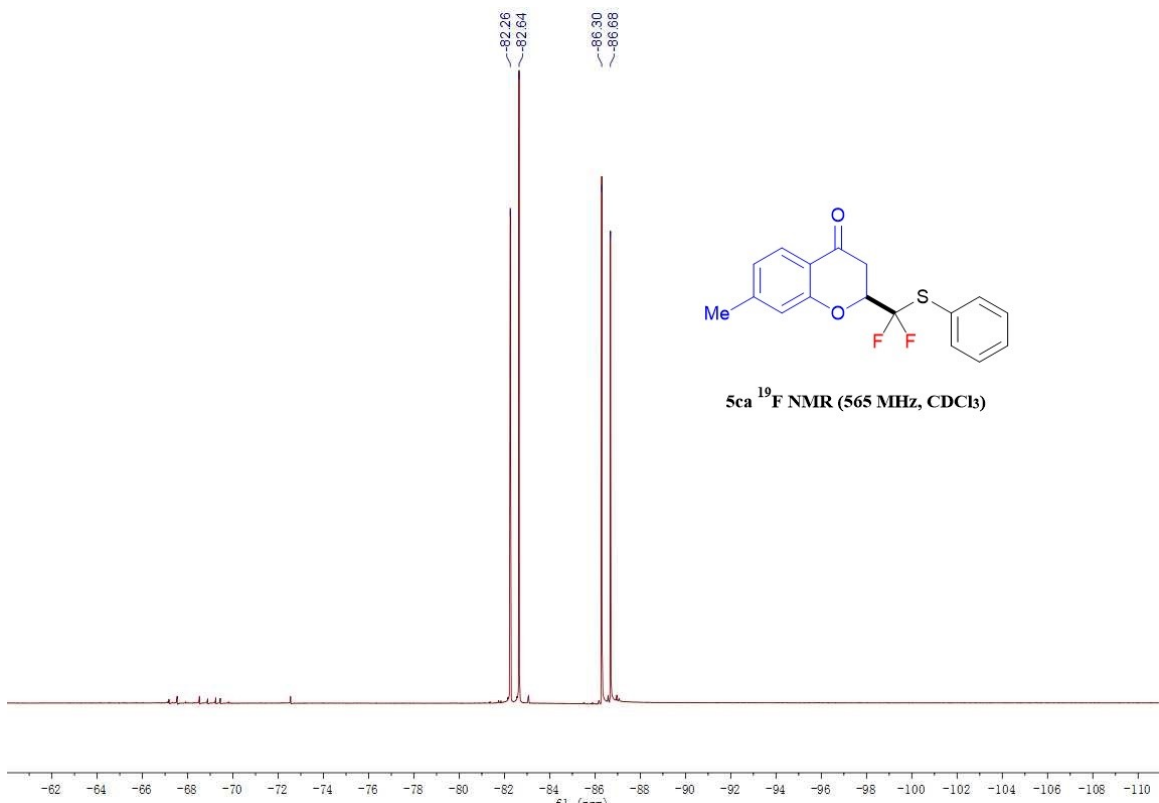


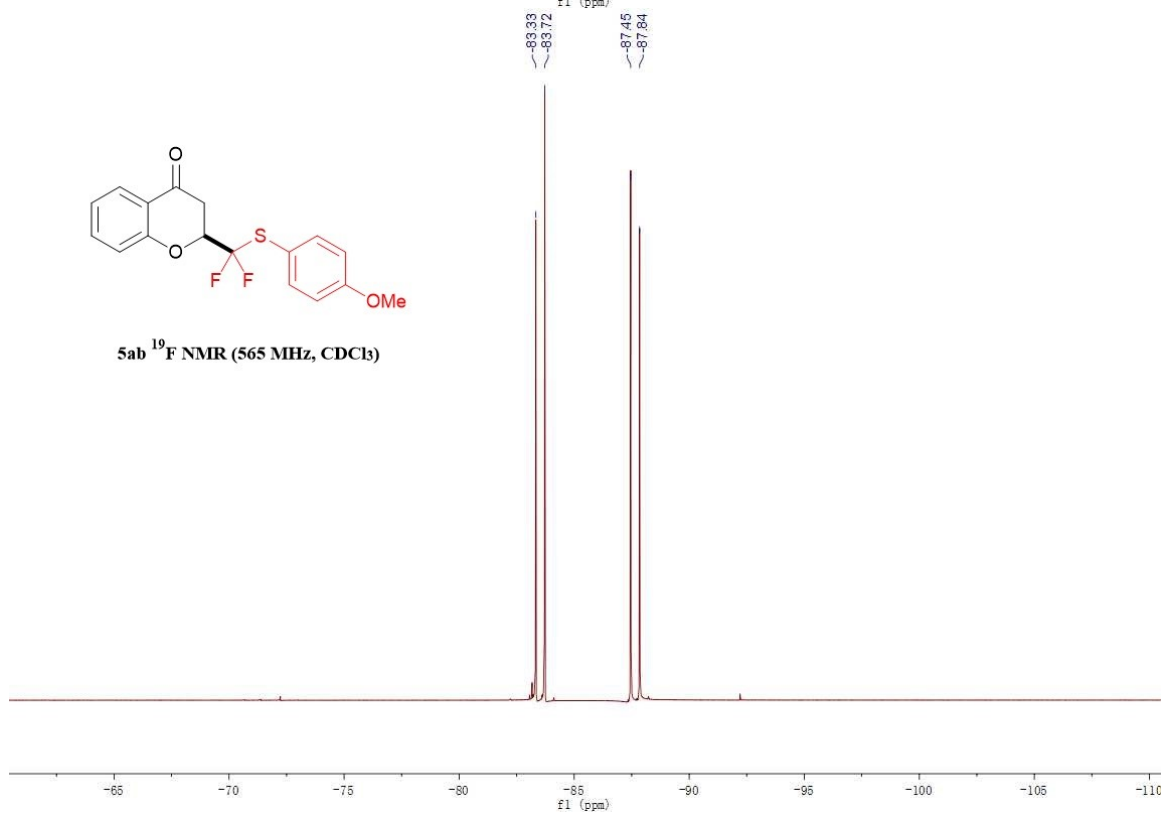
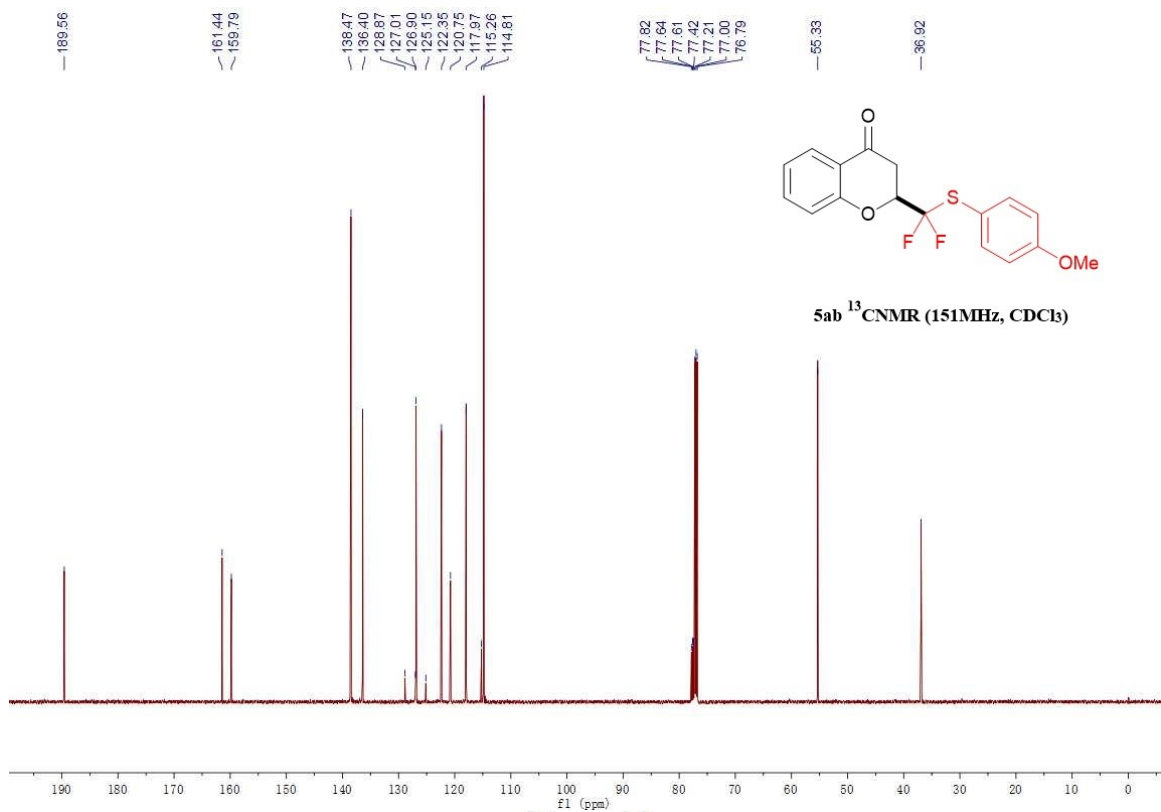




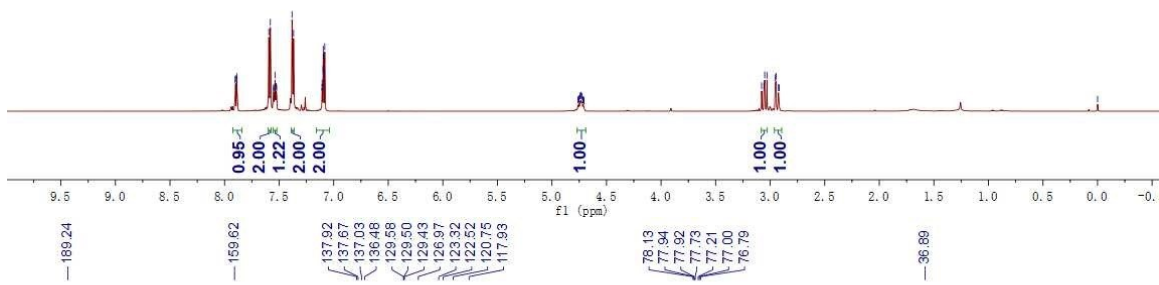
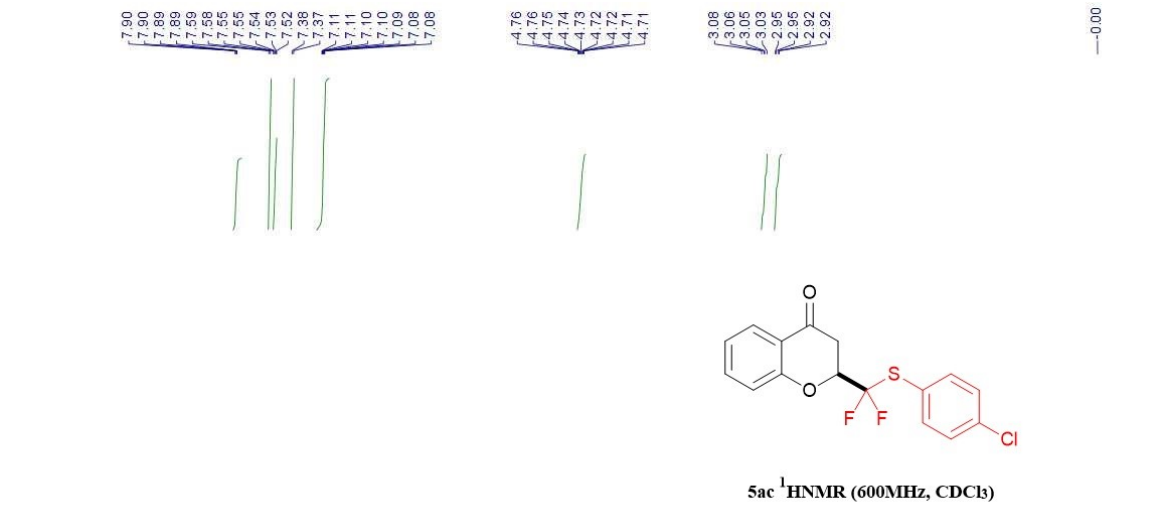


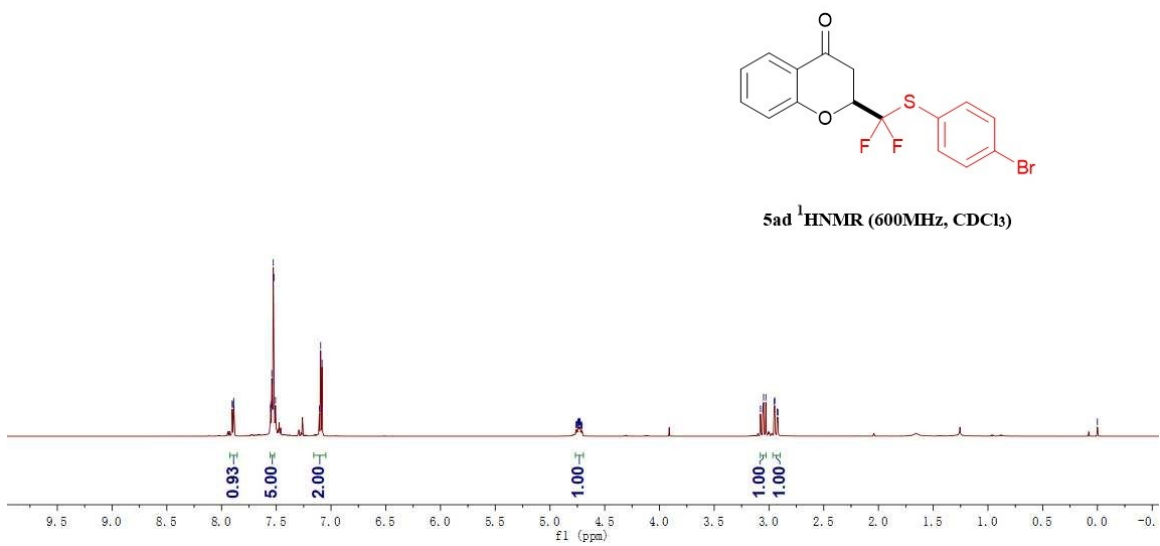
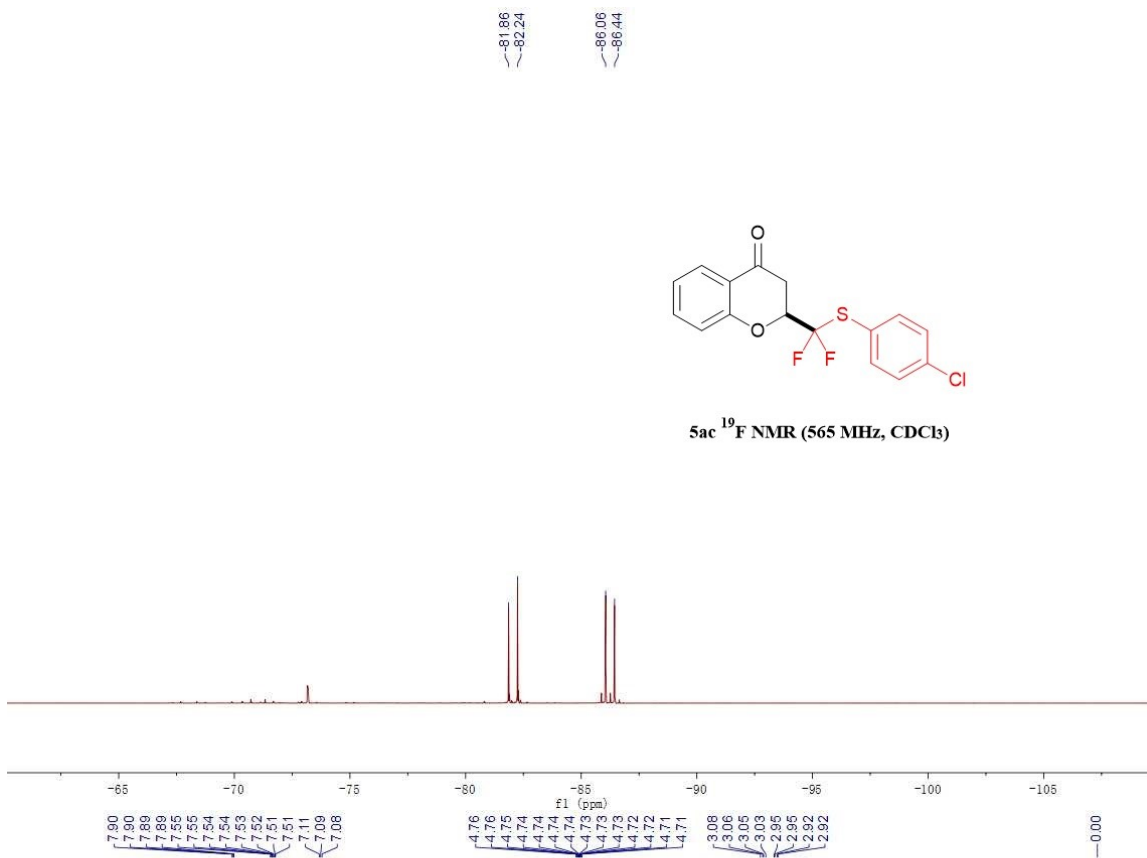


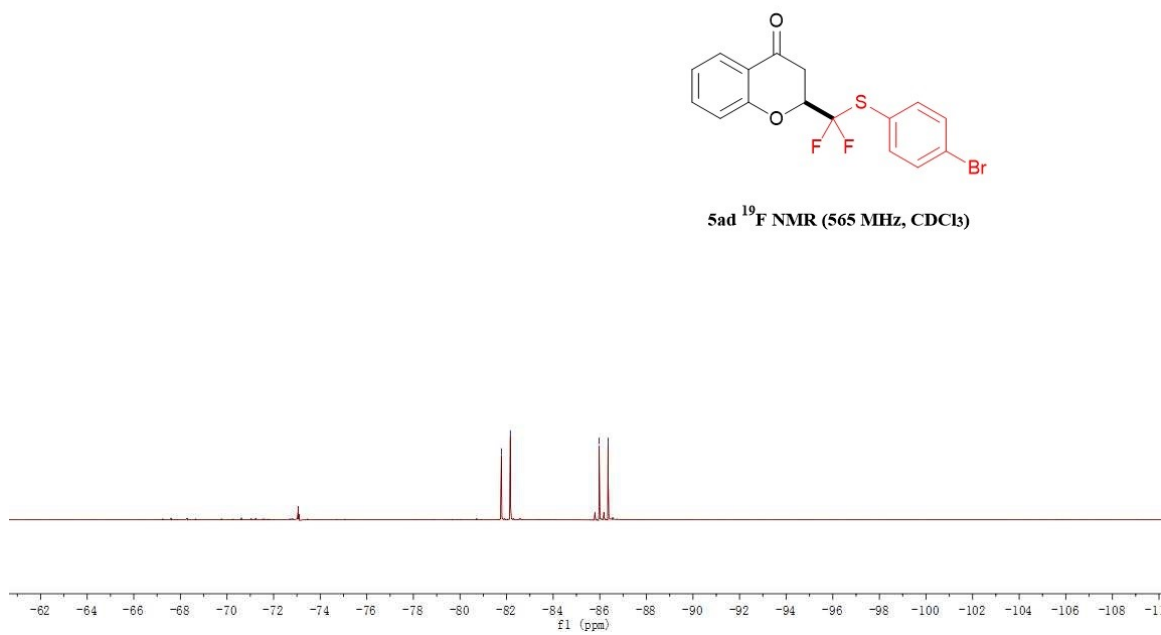
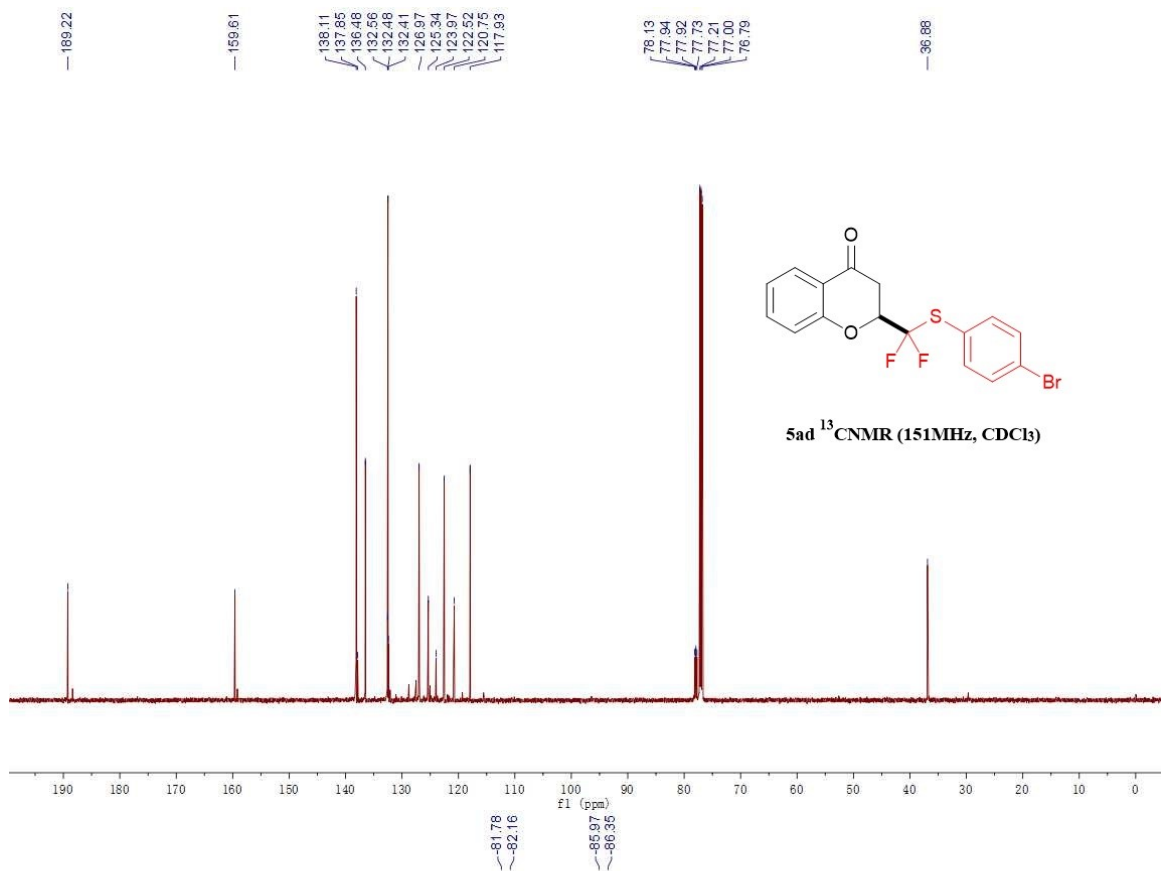


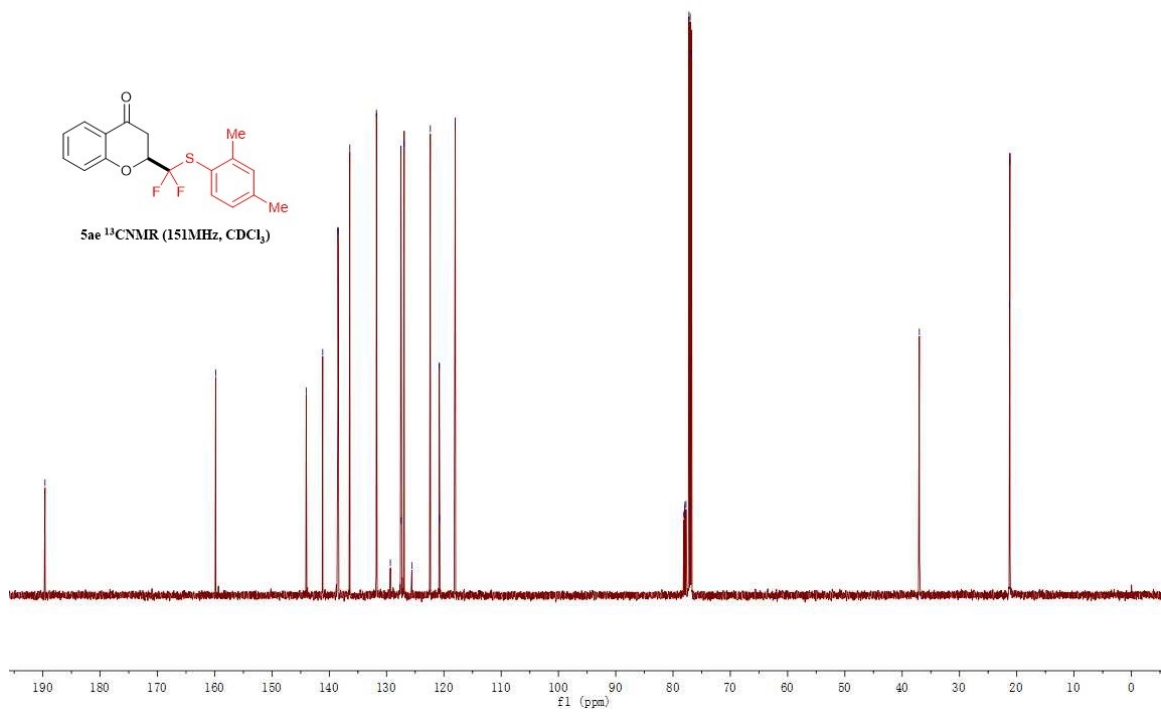
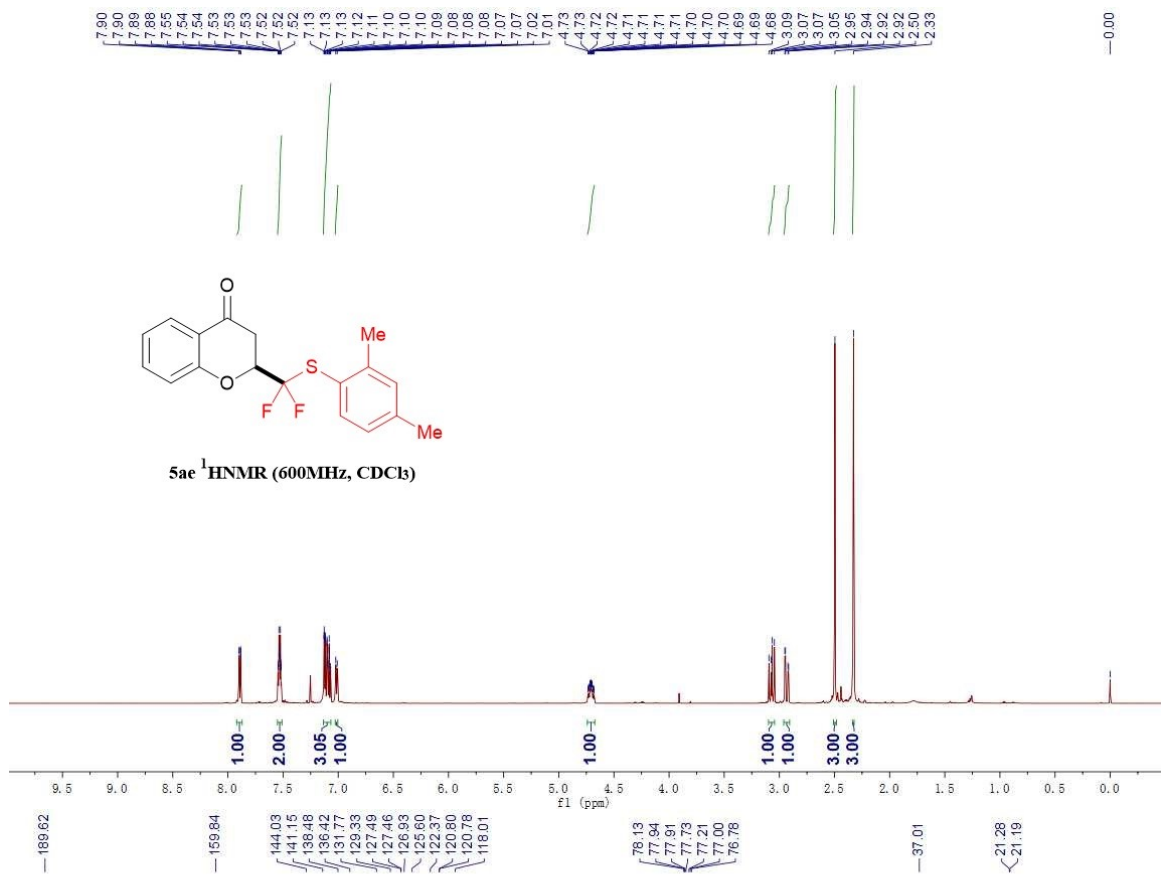


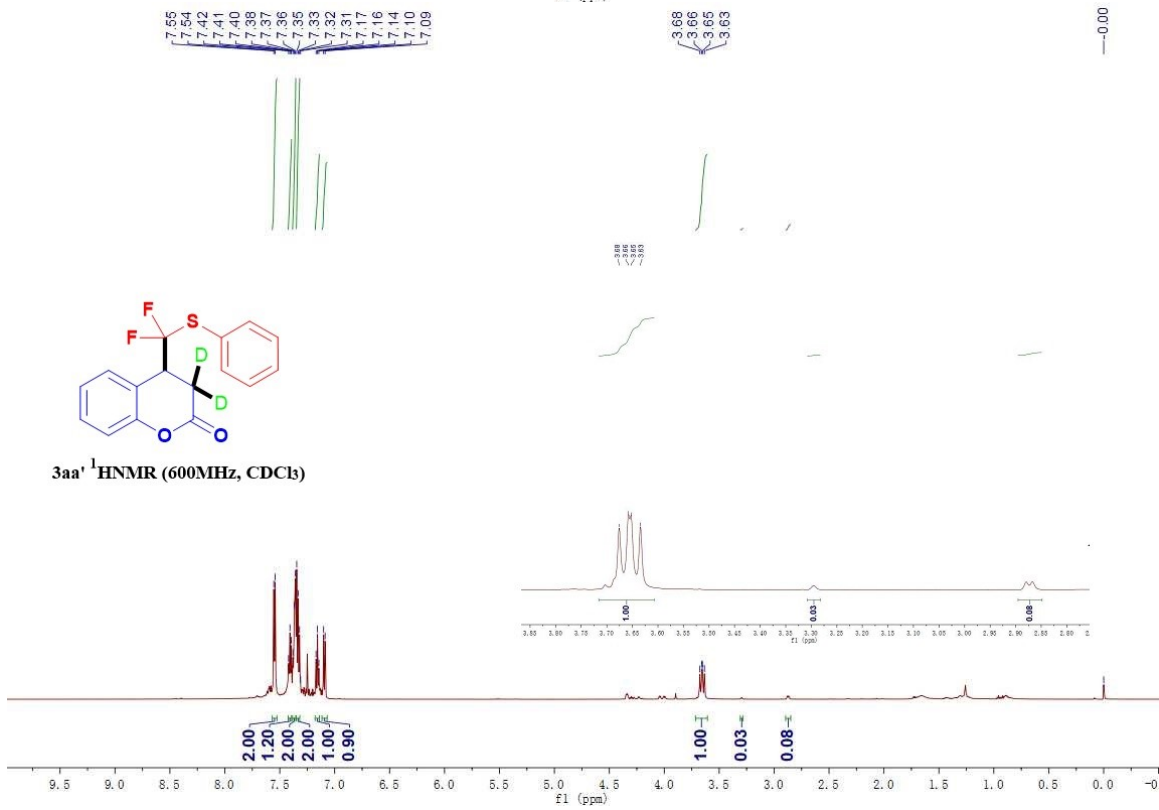
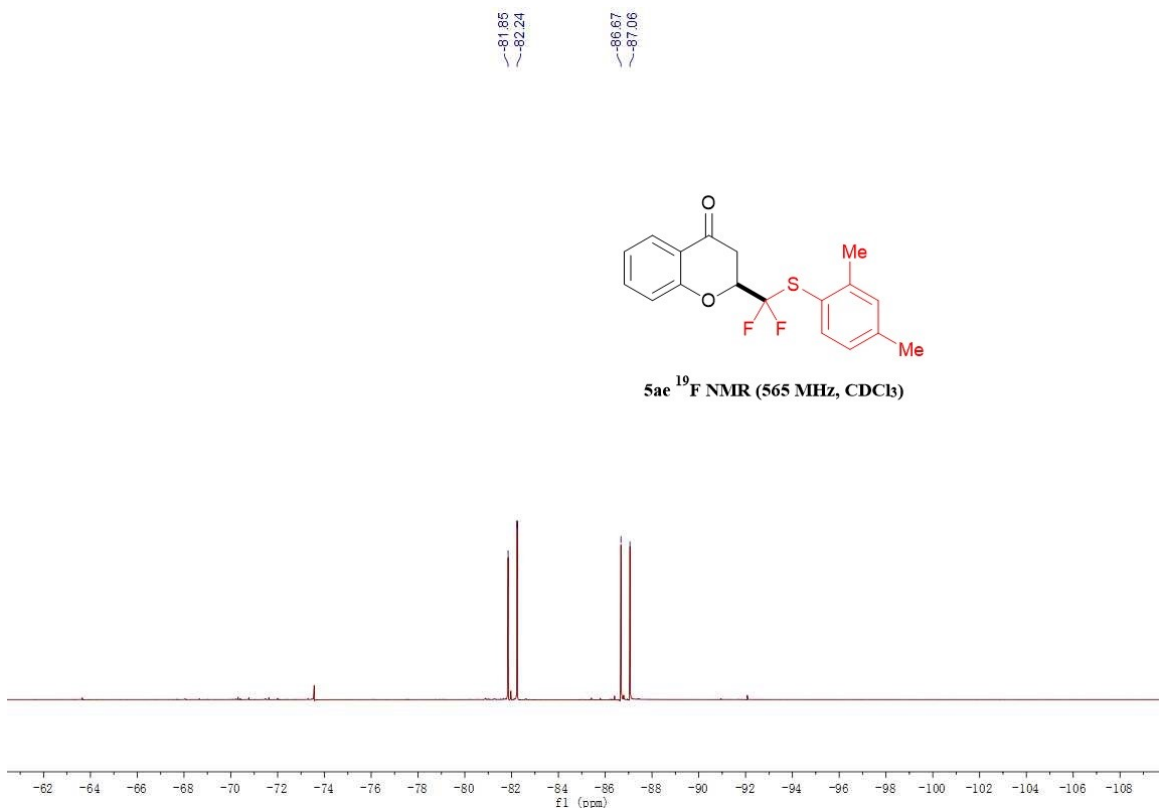












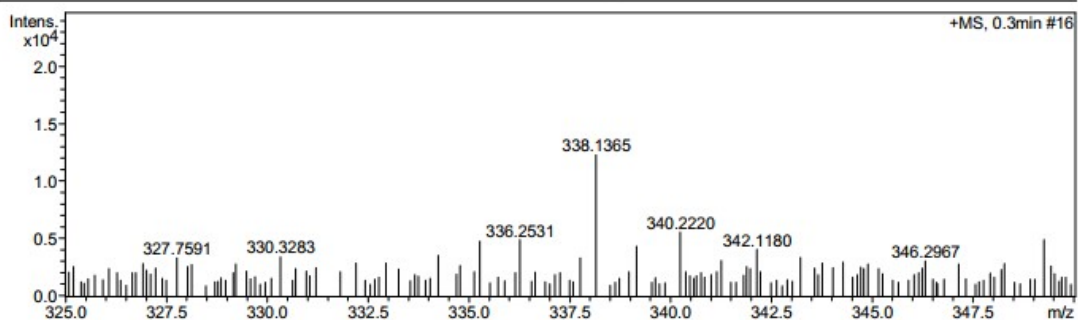
## 6.The HRMS spectra for Compound 7

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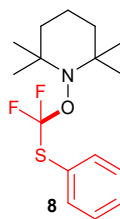
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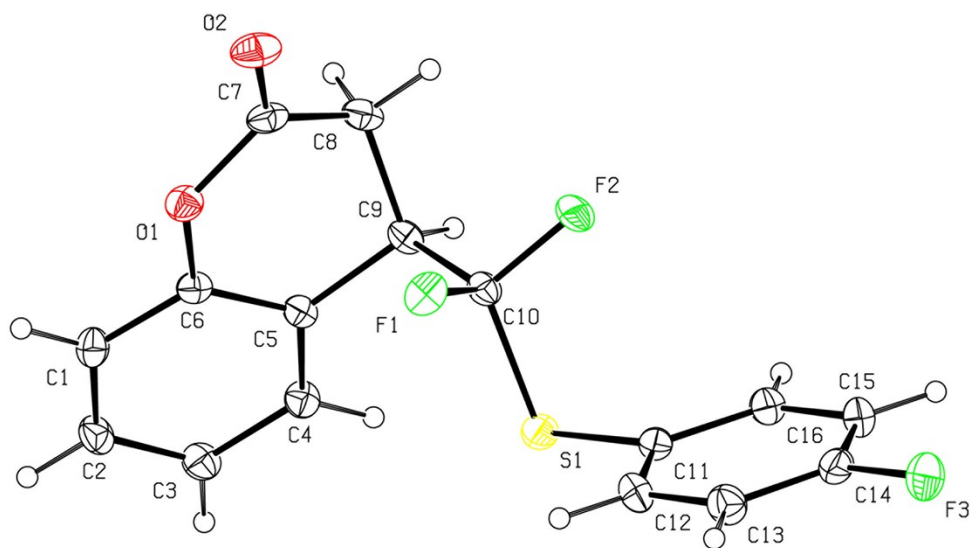
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Meas. m/z	Formula	m/z	err [ppm]	mSigma
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## 7.X-ray crystallography date of 3ab



### Crystal structure determination of 3ab.

Crystal Data for  $C_{16}H_{11}F_3O_2S$  ( $M=324.31$  g/mol): monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$  (no. 14),  $a = 15.060(7)$  Å,  $b = 5.814(3)$  Å,  $c = 17.346(7)$  Å,  $\beta = 114.484(18)^\circ$ ,  $V = 1382.2(11)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $T = 170.0$  K,  $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.273$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.558$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 22040 reflections measured ( $4.77^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 54.234^\circ$ ), 3064 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0280$ ,  $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0172$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final  $R_1$  was 0.0288 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) and  $wR_2$  was 0.0735 (all data).

**Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinement for 3ab.**

Identification code	mo_211008_sj_1_0m
Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{11}F_3O_2S$
Formula weight	324.31
Temperature/K	170.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$

a/Å	15.060(7)
b/Å	5.814(3)
c/Å	17.346(7)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	114.484(18)
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1382.2(11)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.558
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.273
F(000)	664.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.48 × 0.12 × 0.06
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.77 to 54.234
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -6 ≤ k ≤ 7, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	22040
Independent reflections	3064 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0280, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.0172]
Data/restraints/parameters	3064/0/199
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.056
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1$ = 0.0288, $wR_2$ = 0.0699
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1$ = 0.0338, $wR_2$ = 0.0735
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.28/-0.22

**Table 2 Bond lengths for 3ab.**

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
S1	C10	1.8077 (14)	C4	C5	1.3917 (18)
S1	C11	1.7776 (15)	C5	C6	1.3869 (18)
F1	C10	1.3709 (16)	C5	C9	1.5095 (17)
F2	C10	1.3660 (15)	C7	C8	1.496 (2)
F3	C14	1.3540 (16)	C8	C9	1.5323 (19)
O1	C6	1.3982 (15)	C9	C10	1.5210 (19)
O1	C7	1.3679 (17)	C11	C12	1.389 (2)
O2	C7	1.2011 (17)	C11	C16	1.3925 (19)
C1	C2	1.3828 (19)	C12	C13	1.384 (2)
C1	C6	1.3840 (18)	C13	C14	1.375 (2)
C2	C3	1.388 (2)	C14	C15	1.374 (2)
C3	C4	1.3889 (19)	C15	C16	1.385 (2)

**Table 3 Bond angles for 3ab.**

Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°	Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°
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C11	S1	C10	99.40 (7)	C10	C9	C8	110.57 (11)
C7	O1	C6	120.35 (11)	F1	C10	S1	110.59 (9)
C2	C1	C6	119.17 (13)	F1	C10	C9	110.32 (10)
C1	C2	C3	120.03 (12)	F2	C10	S1	110.10 (9)
C2	C3	C4	119.91 (12)	F2	C10	F1	104.52 (10)
C3	C4	C5	120.95 (13)	F2	C10	C9	108.58 (10)
C4	C5	C9	123.00 (12)	C9	C10	S1	112.42 (9)
C6	C5	C4	117.76 (11)	C12	C11	S1	120.69 (10)
C6	C5	C9	119.11 (11)	C12	C11	C16	119.97 (13)
C1	C6	O1	115.75 (12)	C16	C11	S1	119.32 (11)
C1	C6	C5	122.18 (12)	C13	C12	C11	120.45 (13)
C5	C6	O1	122.05 (11)	C14	C13	C12	118.05 (14)
O1	C7	C8	116.81 (11)	F3	C14	C13	118.20 (13)
O2	C7	O1	117.19 (14)	F3	C14	C15	118.65 (12)
O2	C7	C8	125.95 (13)	C15	C14	C13	123.15 (13)
C7	C8	C9	113.38 (11)	C14	C15	C16	118.41 (13)
C5	C9	C8	108.41 (11)	C15	C16	C11	119.97 (13)
C5	C9	C10	113.70 (10)				

**Table 4 Torsion angles for 3ab.**

A	B	C	D	Angle/°	A	B	C	D	Angle/°
S1	C11	C12	C13	178.28 (11)	C6	C5	C9	C10	95.58 (14)
S1	C11	C16	C15	-	C7	O1	C6	C1	-
F3	C14	C15	C16	178.68 (10)	C7	O1	C6	C5	161.63 (11)
O1	C7	C8	C9	-	C7	O1	C6	C5	19.71 (17)
O2	C7	C8	C9	179.72 (12)	C7	C8	C9	C5	49.29 (14)
C1	C2	C3	C4	-39.74 (16)	C7	C8	C9	C10	-75.97 (14)
C2	C1	C6	O1	142.73 (13)	C8	C9	C10	S1	-178.89 (9)
C2	C1	C6	C5	-0.3 (2)	C8	C9	C10	F1	57.17 (13)
C2	C3	C4	C5	177.75 (11)	C8	C9	C10	F2	-56.82 (14)
C3	C4	C5	C6	0.90 (19)	C9	C5	C6	O1	-5.91 (17)
C3	C4	C5	C9	0.8 (2)	C9	C5	C6	C1	175.52 (11)
C4	C5	C6	O1	-0.44 (19)	C10	S1	C11	C12	89.82 (12)
C4	C5	C9	C8	-	C10	S1	C11	C16	-91.92 (12)
C4	C5	C9	C10	176.22 (12)	C11	S1	C10	F1	-72.33 (9)
C5	C9	C10	S1	178.13 (11)	C11	S1	C10	F2	42.67 (10)
C5	C9	C10	F1	-0.43 (18)	C11	S1	C10	C9	163.88 (9)
C5	C9	C10	F2	147.91 (12)	C11	C12	C13	C14	0.4 (2)
				-88.69 (15)	C12	C11	C16	C15	-0.4 (2)
				58.89 (13)	C12	C13	C14	F3	179.36 (12)
				-65.05 (13)					
				-					

			179.04 (10)			
C6 O1	C7	O2	177.81 (11)	C12C13C14	C15	-0.4 (2)
C6 O1	C7	C8	4.44 (16)	C13C14C15	C16	0.0 (2)
C6 C1	C2	C3	-0.5 (2)	C14C15C16	C11	0.4 (2)
C6 C5	C9	C8	-27.82 (15)	C16C11C12	C13	0.0 (2)