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## **Electrooxidative Dearomatization of Biaryls: Synthesis of Tri- and Difluoromethylated Spiro[5.5]trienones**

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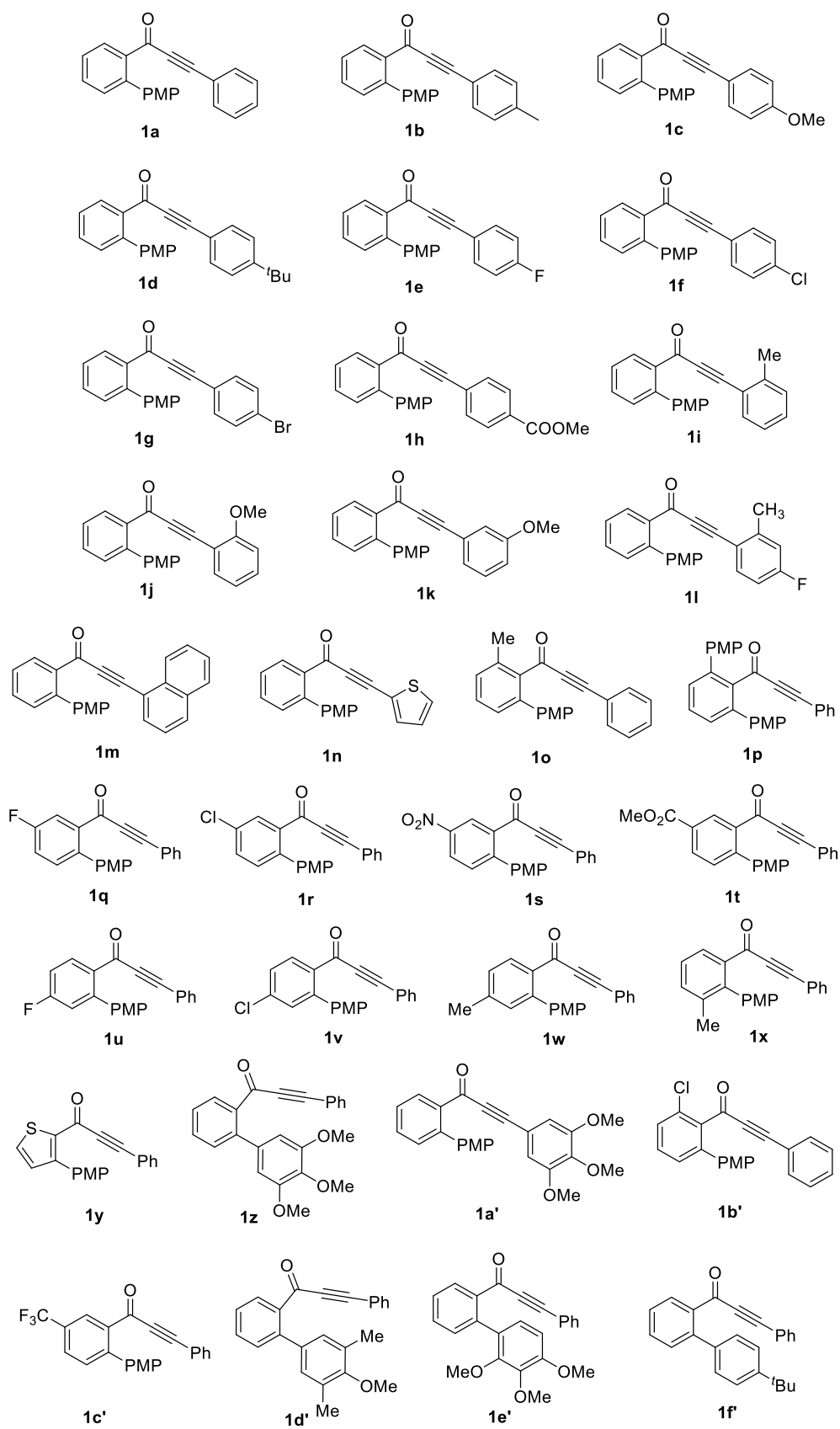
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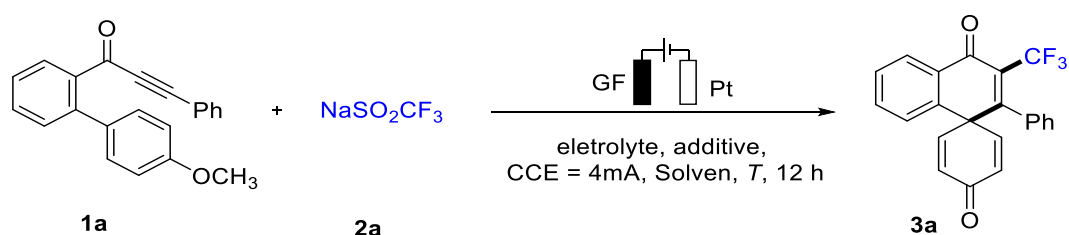
## 1. General Remarks

Catalytic reactions were carried out in undivided electrochemical cells using pre-dried glassware under air, if not noted otherwise. Hydrogen gas is generated during the reaction and can lead to an explosive gaseous mixture with atmospheric oxygen. Therefore, the reactions should be performed in a well-ventilated fume-hood and specialized reaction equipment should be used. NMR spectra were recorded on BRUKER AVANCE III 400 or BRUKER AVANCE III 600. CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> were used as the solvent. Chemical shifts were referenced relative to residual solvent signal (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.26 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 77.16 ppm; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 2.50 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 39.52 ppm). The following abbreviations are used to describe peak patterns where appropriate: br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). All IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker FT-IR Alpha-P device. Electrospray-ionization (ESI) mass spectra were obtained on AB Sciex LC 30A-Triple TOF 4600 apparatus. All systems are equipped with time-of-flight (TOF) analyzers. Melting points were measured with micro melting point apparatus. Electrocatalysis was conducted using an AXIOMET AX-3003P potentiostat in constant current mode. Platinum electrodes (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm, 99.9%; obtained from ChemPur® Karlsruhe, Germany) and graphite felt (GF) electrodes (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm, SIGRACELL® GFA 6 EA, obtained from SGL Carbon, Wiesbaden, Germany) were connected using stainless steel adapters. Unless otherwise noted, some materials obtained from commercial suppliers were used directly without further purification. Biarylone **1** were prepared according to the literature.<sup>[1, 2]</sup>

**Table S-1.** Scopes of Biarylnone **1**. (PMP = *para*-methoxyphenyl)



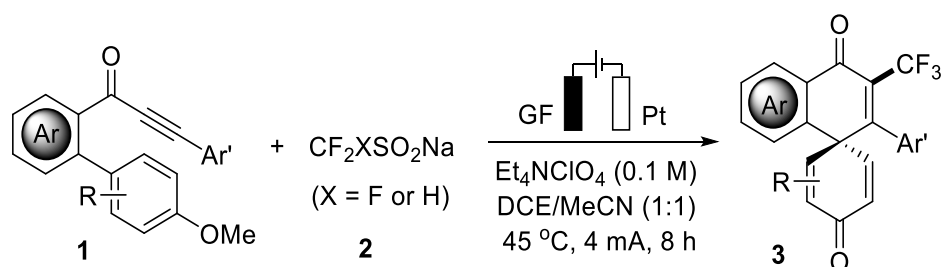


**Table S-2.** Electrooxidative dearomatization of biaryls.<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	Solvent	Additive	Electrolyte	<i>T</i> / °C	Yield / %
1	MeCN	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	40
2	MeCN/THF (1:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	10
3	MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	15
4	DCE/MeCN/MeOH (2:2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	25
5	DCE/MeCN/ <i>i</i> -PrOH (2:2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	16
6	DCE/EA/H <sub>2</sub> O (2:2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	20
7	DCE/MeCN/DMF (2:2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	28
8	DCE/DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O (2:2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	34
9	DCE/MeCN/H <sub>2</sub> O (2:2:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	40
10	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (2.0 eq)	–	50	46
11	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	–	50	46
12	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub>	50	20
13	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	LiOBu	50	30
14	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	<i>n</i> -Bu <sub>4</sub> NI	50	0
15	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	60
16	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NPF <sub>6</sub>	50	18
17	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	<i>n</i> -	50	40
18 <sup>[b]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	Cp <sub>2</sub> Fe (10% mol)	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	45
19 <sup>[c]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	[Mes-Acr]ClO <sub>4</sub> (10% mol)	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	49
20 <sup>[d]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	BQ (10% mol)	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	55
21 <sup>[e]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	37
22 <sup>[f]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	30
23	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	30	38
24	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	60	36
25 <sup>[g]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	58
27 <sup>[h]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	60
27 <sup>[i]</sup>	DCE/MeCN (1:1)	–	Et <sub>4</sub> NClO <sub>4</sub>	50	0

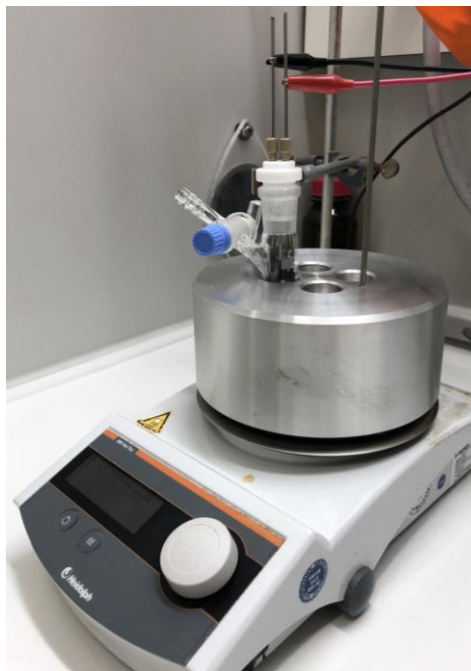
[a] Undivided cell, GF anode, Pt cathode, constant current = 4 mA, **1** (0.30 mmol), **2a** (0.90 mmol, 3.0 equiv), additive (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), electrolyte (0.1 M), solvent (4 mL), under air, 8 h. Yield of isolated products. [b] Cp<sub>2</sub>Fe = ferrocene. [c] [Mes-Acr]ClO<sub>4</sub>, blue LEDs, 30 W. [d] BQ = benzoquinone. [e] Constant potential electrolysis (CPE) at 2.5 V. [f] Constant potential electrolysis (CPE) at 2.0 V. [g] Pt(+)|Ni(–) instead of GF(+)|Pt(–). [h] Experiment under N<sub>2</sub>. [i] No electricity.

## 2. General Procedure for Electrooxidative dearomatization of biaryls.

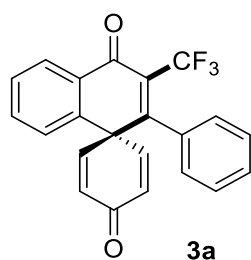


The electrocatalysis was carried out in an undivided cell under air with a graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm) and a platinum cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). Biarylynone **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), [CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na (**2a**, 140 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv) or CF<sub>2</sub>HSO<sub>2</sub>Na (**2b**, 110 mg, 0.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv)] and Et<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> (92 mg, 0.1 M) were dissolved in a mixture of DCE/MeCN (1:1, 4 mL). Electrocatalysis was performed at 45 °C with a constant current of 4.0 mA maintained for 8 h. The GF anode was washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL) in an ultrasonic bath and transferred to the round bottom flask with the crude reaction solution. Silica was added to the flask and all volatiles were evaporated under vacuum. Purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel using *n*-hexane/EtOAc as the eluent to give the corresponding products **3**.



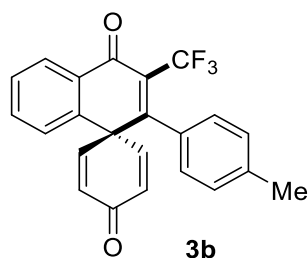


### 3. Characterization Data of Products 3 and 4



#### 2'-Phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (**3a**)

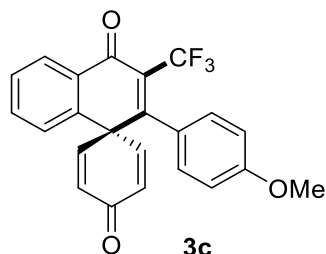
The general procedure was followed using **1a** (93.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3a** (65.9 mg, 60%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 185–187 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.22 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.14 (m, 4H), 7.04–6.93 (m, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.1, 179.4, 159.0 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 147.0, 137.1, 134.2, 134.0, 130.7, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9 (q, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 128.0, 127.9, 127.3, 126.7 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 121.8 (q, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 51.3. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.46. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.0940, found: 367.0942.



#### 2'-(*p*-Tolyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (**3b**)

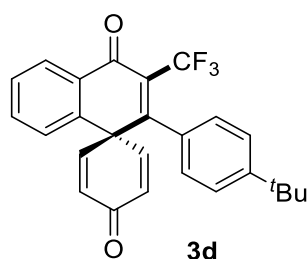
The general procedure was followed using **1b** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3b** (70.8 mg, 62%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 109–111 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.4, 179.5, 159.4 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 147.3, 139.2, 137.1,

134.0, 131.5, 130.8, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1 (q,  $J = 26.9$  Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.7 (q,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 121.9 (q,  $J = 277.8$  Hz), 51.5, 21.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.48. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 381.1097, found: 381.1098.



**2'-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3c)**

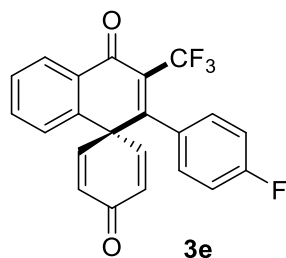
The general procedure was followed using **1c** (102.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3c** (64.2 mg, 54%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 125–127 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.26–7.25 (m, 1H), 6.98 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.3, 179.5, 160.1, 159.2 (q,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 147.4, 137.1, 134.0, 130.7, 130.0, 129.3 (q,  $J = 26.7$  Hz), 129.2, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0 (q,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 126.6, 121.9 (q,  $J = 277.8$  Hz), 113.0, 55.2, 51.6.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.46. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 397.1046, found: 397.1050.



**2'-(4-(*tert*-Butyl)phenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3d)**

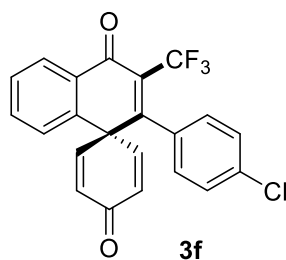
The general procedure was followed using **1d** (110.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3d** (71 mg, 56%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 158–160 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.27 (s, 1H), 7.58 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.5$

Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.22 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.31 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.4, 179.6, 159.6, 152.4, 147.4, 137.2, 134.0, 131.5, 130.7, 130.1, 129.3, 129.1 (q,  $J = 26.6$  Hz), 128.0 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz), 126.5, 124.3, 121.9 (q,  $J = 278.0$  Hz), 51.5, 34.7, 31.2, 26.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.50. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 423.1566, found: 423.1566.



**2'-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3e)**

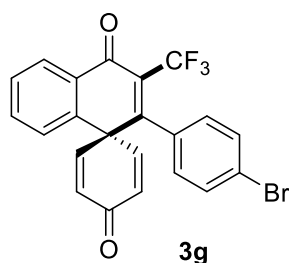
The general procedure was followed using **1e** (99.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3e** (57.6 mg, 50%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 163–165 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.26 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd,  $J = 7.8, 7.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.06–7.02 (m, 2H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 11.7, 5.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd,  $J = 6.4, 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.40–6.27 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.0, 179.3, 162.9 (d,  $J = 249.9$  Hz), 158.0 (q,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 147.0, 137.0, 134.2, 131.0, 130.2 (q,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 129.9, 129.6 (q,  $J = 27.0$  Hz), 129.4, 128.9 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 128.9 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 128.1, 121.8 (q,  $J = 278.1$  Hz), 114.9 (q,  $J = 22.0$  Hz), 51.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.43, -111.24. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 385.0846, found: 385.0846.



**2'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3f)**

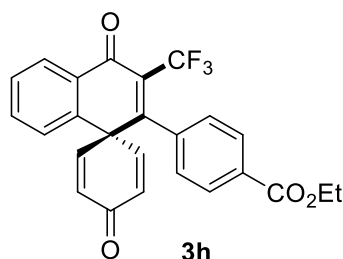
The general procedure was followed using **1f** (103.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg,

0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3f** (62.4 mg, 52%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 178–180 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.0, 179.2, 157.7, 146.9, 136.9, 135.4, 134.2, 132.6, 131.1, 130.7 (q, *J* = 13.4 Hz), 129.9, 129.5 (q, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 128.3 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 121.7 (q, *J* = 278.1 Hz), 51.2. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.39. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>35</sup>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 401.0551, found: 401.0549.



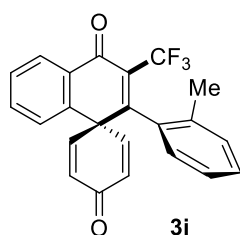
**2'-(4-Bromophenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3g)**

The general procedure was followed using **1g** (117.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3g** (60.1 mg, 45%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 177–179 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.32–8.24 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 4.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11–6.92 (m, 2H), 6.77–6.66 (m, 2H), 6.41–6.30 (m, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.9, 179.1, 157.6 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 146.8, 136.9, 134.2, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 129.5 (q, *J* = 27.1 Hz), 129.5, 128.5 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 123.7, 121.7 (q, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 51.1. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.38. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>79</sup>BrF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 445.0046, found: 445.0041.



**Methyl-4-(4,4'-dioxo-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-dien-2'-yl)benzoate (3h)**

The general procedure was followed using **1h** (111.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3h** (60.1 mg, 45%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 160–162 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.68–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 184.4, 179.6, 165.7, 158.5 (q, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 148.4, 139.7, 137.8, 134.8, 130.6, 130.4, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8 (q, *J* = 37.7 Hz), 128.2, 128.1, 127.4, 122.5 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 61.4, 51.1, 14.6. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -55.43. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 439.1152, found: 439.1156.

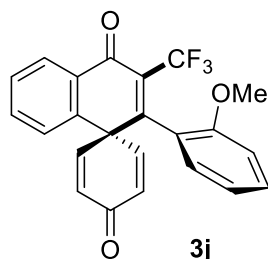


**2'-(*o*-Tolyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3i)**

The general procedure was followed using **1i** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3i** (68.4 mg, 60%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 145–147 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (tdd, *J* = 15.0, 10.8, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.1, 179.3, 158.9 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 147.9, 145.9, 137.8, 134.1, 133.8 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 133.4, 131.0, 130.7, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8 (q, *J* = 27.2 Hz), 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 127.7, 126.5, 124.5, 121.9 (q, *J* = 277.9 Hz), 52.2, 20.4. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -58.65. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:

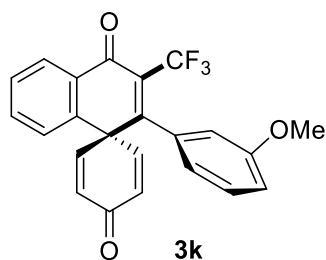


381.1097, found: 381.1098.



**2'-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3j)**

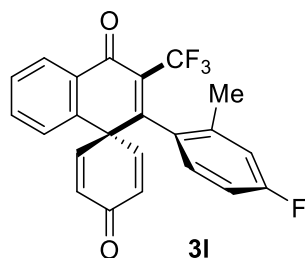
The general procedure was followed using **1j** (102.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3j** (67.7 mg, 57%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 170–172 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 3.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.24 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87–6.83 (m, 3H), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.4, 179.5, 156.1, 155.2, 147.5 (q, *J* = 17.9 Hz), 137.7, 133.9, 130.7 (q, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 130.2, 130.1 (q, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 129.8, 129.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.9, 123.0, 121.9 (q, *J* = 277.7 Hz), 120.0, 119.3, 111.3, 110.8, 55.4, 51.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -59.05. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 397.1046, found: 397.1048.



**2'-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3k)**

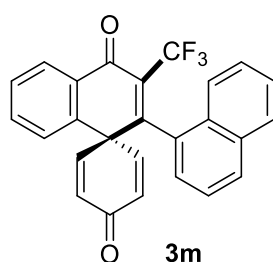
The general procedure was followed using **1k** (102.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3k** (71.3 mg, 60%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 88–90 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90–6.85 (m, 1H), 6.75–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.60–6.56 (m, 1H),

6.35 (ddd,  $J = 23.1, 10.0, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.3, 179.4, 158.8 (q,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 158.5, 147.2 (q,  $J = 4.7$  Hz), 137.1, 135.6, 134.1, 130.8, 130.6, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0 (q,  $J = 26.5$  Hz), 128.8, 128.1, 128.0, 121.8 (q,  $J = 278.0$  Hz), 119.4 (q,  $J = 1.4$  Hz), 114.0, 113.8, 113.4 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 55.3, 51.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.66. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 397.1046, found: 397.1048.



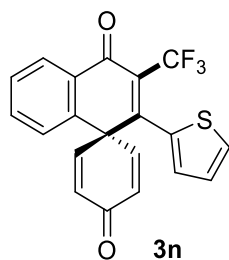
**2'-(4-Fluoro-2-methylphenyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3l)**

The general procedure was followed using **1l** (99.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3l** (56.1 mg, 47%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 88–90 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.31 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd,  $J = 11.1, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 6.93–6.86 (m, 2H), 6.80 (ddd,  $J = 13.2, 9.1, 2.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.42 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd,  $J = 10.1, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.9, 179.1, 162.6 (d,  $J = 249.1$  Hz), 157.8, 147.7, 145.7, 137.6, 136.9 (dq,  $J = 8.0, 1.9$  Hz), 134.2, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4 (q,  $J = 26.9$  Hz), 129.9, 129.5, 129.3 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 128.3 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz), 128.2, 127.8, 121.8 (q,  $J = 278.0$  Hz), 117.1 (d,  $J = 21.6$  Hz), 111.9 (d,  $J = 21.7$  Hz), 52.2, 20.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -58.59, -112.31. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 399.1003, found: 399.1002.



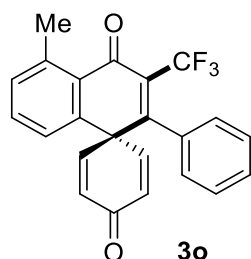
**2'-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3m)**

The general procedure was followed using **1m** (108.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3m** (31.2 mg, 22%) with a purity of > 90% as a yellow oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.37 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 17.9, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.68–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 15.1, 13.7, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81–6.58 (m, 2H), 6.41 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.0, 179.3, 158.0, 148.1, 146.5, 137.9, 134.2, 132.9, 131.3, 130.6, 130.3, 130.2, 129.7, 129.5, 129.0, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.2, 125.5 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 124.9 (q, *J* = 35.0 Hz), 124.3, 124.1, 123.9, 121.8 (q, *J* = 278.1 Hz), 52.3. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -58.29. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 417.1097, found: 417.1092.



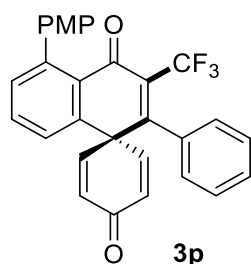
**2'-(Thiophen-2-yl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3n)**

The general procedure was followed using **1n** (95.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3n** (33.5 mg, 30%) as a yellow oil. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.4, 179.2, 152.9 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 146.8, 136.8, 134.2, 133.8, 131.3, 130.6 (q, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 129.9, 129.4, 129.2 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 121.9 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz), 51.3. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.90. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 373.0505, found: 373.0505.



**5'-Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3o)**

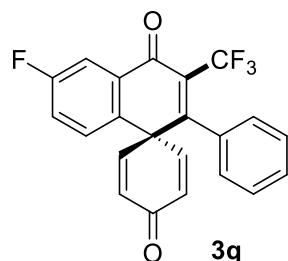
The general procedure was followed using **1o** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3o** (58.1 mg, 51%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 130–132 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.45 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.79 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.3, 181.7, 156.0 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 147.8, 142.3, 138.6, 133.9, 133.0, 132.9, 130.5 (q, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 130.8, 129.0, 128.8, 127.3, 127.0, 125.9, 121.9 (q, *J* = 277.7 Hz), 51.7, 23.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.45. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 381.1097, found: 381.1095.



**2'-Phenyl-5'-(*p*-tolyl)-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3p)**

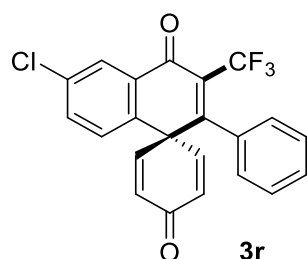
The general procedure was followed using **1p** (125.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3p** (51 mg, 36%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 73–75 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.2, 181.2, 159.1, 156.4 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 148.2, 147.6, 144.1, 138.4, 133.6, 133.0, 132.8, 132.6, 130.7, 129.6,

129.6 (q,  $J = 45.8$  Hz), 129.1 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 121.6 (q,  $J = 277.6$  Hz), 113.8, 55.3, 51.6.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.57; **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 473.1359, found: 473.1356.



**6'-Fluoro-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3q)**

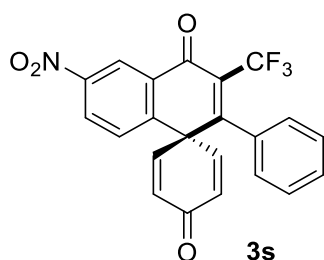
The general procedure was followed using **1q** (99.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3q** (54.1 mg, 47%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 115–117 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.07–7.01 (m, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.9, 178.5 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 162.9 (d,  $J = 251.9$  Hz), 159.5, 146.7, 134.1, 133.0 (d,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 132.1 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 131.0, 130.6 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz), 129.3, 128.9 (q,  $J = 27.1$  Hz), 127.5, 126.8 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 121.9 (d,  $J = 22.9$  Hz), 121.7 (q,  $J = 278.1$  Hz), 114.0 (d,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 51.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.60, -109.82. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 385.0846, found: 385.0844.



**6'-Chloro-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3r)**

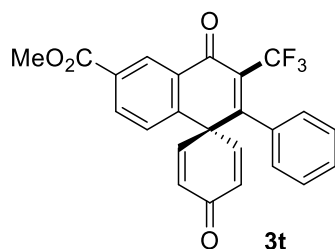
The general procedure was followed using **1r** (103.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3r** (60 mg, 50%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 100–102 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.6, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 1H), 7.30 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.10–6.91 (m, 2H),

6.81–6.57 (m, 2H), 6.44–6.19 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.9, 178.4, 159.4, 146.5, 136.1, 135.5, 134.2, 134.0, 131.3, 131.1, 129.8, 129.4, 129.2 (q,  $J = 31.7$  Hz), 127.7, 127.5, 126.7 (q,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 121.7 (q,  $J = 278.1$  Hz), 51.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.59. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}^{35}\text{ClF}_3\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 401.0551, found: 401.0547.



**6'-Nitro-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3s)**

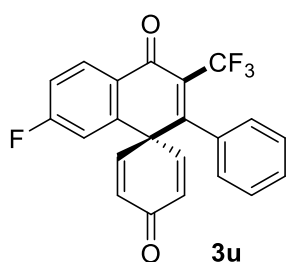
The general procedure was followed using **1s** (107.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3s** (40.7 mg, 33%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 160–162 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.04 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.42 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.4, 177.7, 159.8 (q,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 148.4, 145.4, 143.3, 133.6, 131.8, 131.2, 130.2, 129.6, 129.0 (q,  $J = 27.6$  Hz), 127.8, 127.6, 126.7 (q,  $J = 1.0$  Hz), 123.2, 121.5 (q,  $J = 278.2$  Hz), 51.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.65. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 482.0791, found: 482.0804.



**Methyl,4,4'-dioxo-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-6'-carboxylate (3t)**

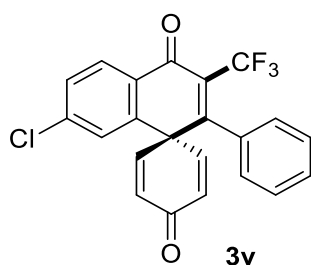
The general procedure was followed using **1t** (111.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc =

3:1) yielded **3t** (80.1 mg, 63%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 215–217 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.89 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.76–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.40–6.35 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.8, 178.7, 165.4, 159.2 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 146.3, 141.4, 134.3, 134.0, 131.4, 131.3, 130.2, 129.4, 129.1 (q, *J* = 27.4 Hz), 128.6, 127.5, 126.8, 121.7 (q, *J* = 278.2 Hz), 52.7, 51.4. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.55. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 425.0995, found: 425.0992.



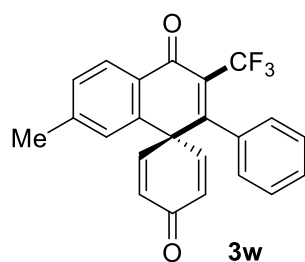
**7'-Fluoro-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (**3u**)**

The general procedure was followed using **1u** (99.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3u** (58.8 mg, 51%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 153–155 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.34 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1H), 7.05–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74–6.69 (m, 2H), 6.40–6.32 (m, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.8, 178.3, 166.0 (d, *J* = 258.1 Hz), 158.9, 146.4, 140.3 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 134.0, 131.4 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 131.2, 129.3, 129.0 (q, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 127.5, 126.8 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 126.6, 121.7 (q, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 117.5 (d, *J* = 22.2 Hz), 114.7 (d, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 51.2. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.51, -101.60. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 385.0846, found: 385.0841.



**7'-Chloro-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3v)**

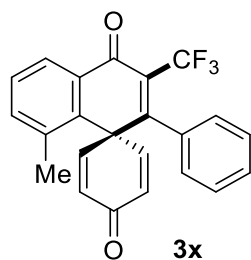
The general procedure was followed using **1v** (103.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3v** (69.6 mg, 58%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 158–160 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.8, 178.5, 159.0 (q, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 146.3, 140.9, 139.0, 134.0, 131.3, 130.0, 129.7, 129.3, 129.0 (q, *J* = 27.1 Hz), 128.4, 128.0, 127.5, 126.8 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 121.7 (q, *J* = 278.0 Hz), 51.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.51. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>35</sup>ClF<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 401.0551, found: 401.0540.



**7'-Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3w)**

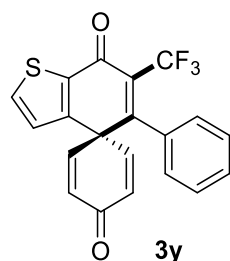
The general procedure was followed using **1w** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3w** (45.6 mg, 40%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 158–160 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 6.80–6.59 (m, 2H), 6.39–6.27 (m, 2H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.3, 179.2, 158.6, 147.3, 145.3, 137.1, 134.4, 131.1 130.8, 130.5, 129.1, 129.0 (q, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.9 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 121.9 (q, *J* = 278.3 Hz), 51.3, 21.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.43. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 381.1097, found: 381.1089.





**8'-Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3x)**

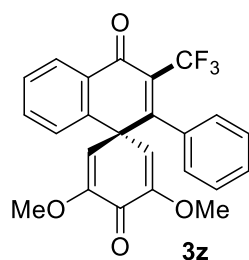
The general procedure was followed using **1x** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3x** (51.3 mg, 45%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 143–145 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.30 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, *J* = 6.9, 4.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 3H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68–6.63 (m, 2H), 6.45–6.40 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.7, 180.0, 158.3 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 144.9, 138.3, 137.8, 135.4, 133.6, 132.7, 130.8, 129.5 (q, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 129.5, 128.9, 128.9 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 126.9, 126.7, 121.7 (q, *J* = 278.2 Hz), 51.6, 21.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.67. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 381.1097, found: 381.1092.



**5-Phenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-7*H*-spiro[benzo[*b*]thiophene-4,1'-cyclohexane]-2',5'-diene-4',7'-dione (3y)**

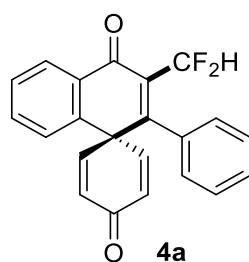
The general procedure was followed using **1y** (95.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3y** (31.2 mg, 28%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 170–172 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.9, 174.2, 159.3 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 145.3, 144.5, 136.6, 135.4, 134.1, 131.2, 129.3, 129.0 (q, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 127.6, 127.3, 126.7 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 121.8 (q, *J* = 278.2 Hz), 51.3. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -55.99. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 373.0505, found: 373.0498.



**3,5-Dimethoxy-2'-phenyl-3'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (3z)**

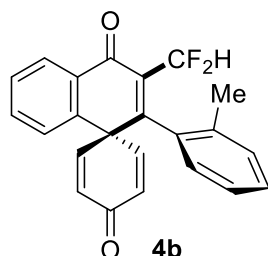
The general procedure was followed using **1z** (111.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2a** (140 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **3z** (63.9 mg, 50%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 170–172 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.00 (dd,  $J$  = 5.2, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 5.69 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.6, 174.9, 161.3 (q,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 152.6, 140.4, 134.1, 134.0, 129.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.1 (q,  $J$  = 24.1 Hz), 127.8, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1 (q,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz), 122.0 (q,  $J$  = 277.9 Hz), 115.4, 55.6, 48.7. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.34. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 427.1152, found: 427.1146.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-2'-phenyl-4'H-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4a)**

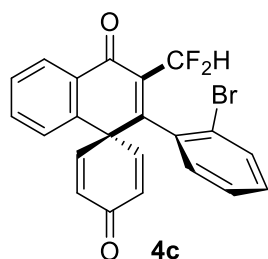
The general procedure was followed using **1a** (93.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4a** (57.4 mg, 55%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 175–177 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58–7.54 (m, 1H), 7.41–7.31 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J$  = 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.76–6.71 (m, 1H), 6.42 (t,  $J$  = 53.4 Hz, 1H), 6.37–6.33 (m, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$

184.4, 180.6, 158.5 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 149.4, 147.5, 137.6, 133.9, 133.2, 131.3 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 130.7, 130.1, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 111.8 (t,  $J = 240.3$  Hz), 50.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.92. HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 349.1035, found: 349.1026.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-2'-(*o*-tolyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4b)**

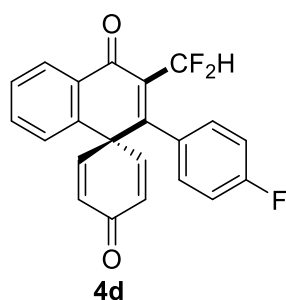
The general procedure was followed using **11** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4b** (60.8 mg, 56%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 175–178 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.34 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd,  $J = 10.0, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.28–6.25 (m, 1H), 6.26 (t,  $J = 53.4$  Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.2, 180.3, 158.4 (t,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 148.2, 146.3, 138.1, 134.8, 133.9, 132.1, 131.9 (t,  $J = 20.9$  Hz), 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 128.0, 124.8, 112.1 (t,  $J = 240.5$  Hz), 51.6, 20.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -117.58 (d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 2F). HR-MS (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 363.1191, found: 363.1184.



**2'-(2-Bromophenyl)-3'-(difluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4c)**

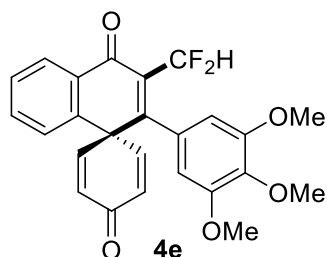
The general procedure was followed using **1g** (117.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc =

3:1) yielded **4c** (76.7 mg, 60%) as a white solid. **M.p.:** 164–168 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.31 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.48–6.12 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.3, 180.5, 156.3, 148.0, 146.5, 138.0, 134.1, 133.7, 133.1, 132.4 (t, *J* = 20.8 Hz), 131.0, 131.0, 130.5, 130.0, 129.6, 129.3, 128.0, 128.0, 126.5, 122.43, 111.7 (t, *J* = 241.1 Hz), 51.4. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -116.73 (d, *J* = 320.8 Hz, 1F), -118.00 (d, *J* = 320.9 Hz, F). **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>79</sup>BrF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 427.014, found: 427.0127.



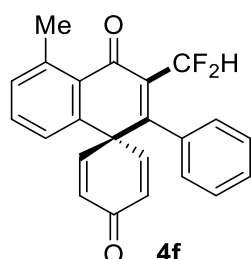
**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-2'-(4-fluorophenyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4d)**

The general procedure was followed using **1e** (99.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4d** (67 mg, 61%) as a white solid. **M.p.:** 175–179 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 53.5 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.2, 180.7, 163.8, 162.2, 157.4 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 147.4, 137.6, 134.0, 131.9 (t, *J* = 20.2 Hz), 130.9, 129.9 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 129.8, 129.3, 129.3, 128.1 (d, *J* = 49.6 Hz), 115.0 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 111.4 (t, *J* = 240.5 Hz), 50.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.01, -115.48. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.094, found: 367.0933.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-2'-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4e)**

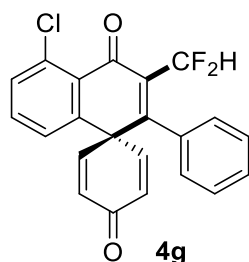
The general procedure was followed using **1a'** (111.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4e** (68.3 mg, 52%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 163–165 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 1H), 6.79–6.65 (m, 2H), 6.52–6.24 (m, 5H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.5, 180.5, 158.3 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 152.8, 148.0, 139.0, 137.5, 133.9, 131.1 (t, *J* = 20.8 Hz), 130.4, 130.1, 129.3, 128.9, 128.0, 128.0, 112.2 (t, *J* = 240.3 Hz), 105.4, 61.0, 56.3, 50.8. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.85. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 439.1352, found: 439.1343.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-5'-methyl-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4f)**

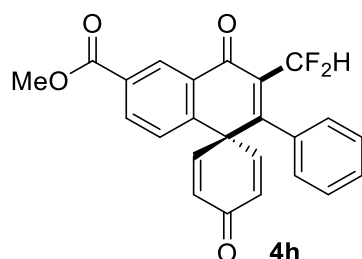
The general procedure was followed using **1o** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4f** (58.6 mg, 54%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 178–182 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78–6.72 (m, 2H), 6.39 (t, *J* = 46.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 184.5, 182.8, 156.2 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 148.3, 142.7, 139.0, 133.1, 132.9, 132.9, 132.4 (t, *J* = 20.3 Hz), 130.3, 129.3, 128.4, 127.8, 127.8, 126.3, 112.0 (t, *J* = 240.3 Hz), 51.3, 23.5. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.74. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 363.1191, found: 363.1194.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-5'-methyl-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4g)**

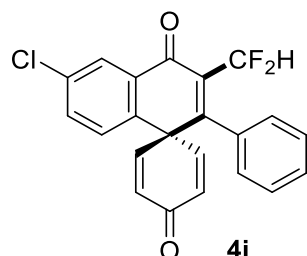
The general procedure was followed using **1b'** (103.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4g** (57.3 mg, 50%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 152–155 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.74–6.65 (m, 2H), 6.53–6.27 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.1, 179.7, 156.1 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 147.5, 140.7, 135.6, 133.4, 132.9, 132.8, 132.4 (t,  $J$  = 20.6 Hz), 130.7, 129.5, 127.8, 127.8, 127.1, 127.1, 111.5 (t,  $J$  = 240.8 Hz), 50.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.46. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub><sup>35</sup>ClF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.0645, found: 383.0645.



**Methyl-3'-(difluoromethyl)-4,4'-dioxo-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-6'-carboxylate (4h)**

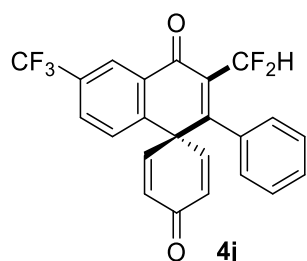
The general procedure was followed using **1t** (111.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4h** (54.8 mg, 45%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 175–178 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.93 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd,  $J$  = 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41–7.32 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (t,  $J$  = 53.3 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.0, 179.9, 165.5, 158.6 (t,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz), 146.7,

141.8, 134.1, 132.9, 131.3 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 131.2, 130.2, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 127.8, 127.7, 111.6 (t,  $J = 240.6$  Hz), 60.4, 52.7, 50.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.94. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 407.1089, found: 407.1091.



**6'-Chloro-3'-(difluoromethyl)-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4i)**

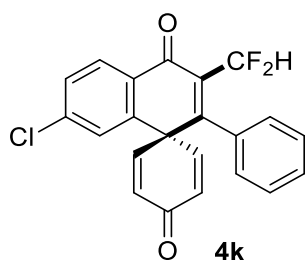
The general procedure was followed using **1r** (103.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4i** (59.6 mg, 52%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 161–165 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.25 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd,  $J = 6.6, 3.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 10.3, 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.13–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.78–6.68 (m, 2H), 6.37 (t,  $J = 53.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dt,  $J = 11.0, 2.4$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  184.0, 179.5, 158.9 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 146.9, 135.9, 135.9, 134.0, 132.9, 131.4, 131.2 (t,  $J = 20.9$  Hz), 131.0, 130.0, 129.6, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 111.7 (t,  $J = 240.7$  Hz), 50.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -116.00. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}^{35}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 383.0645, found: 383.0645.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-2'-phenyl-6'-(trifluoromethyl)-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4j)**

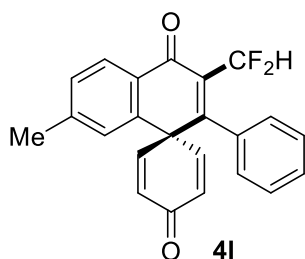
The general procedure was followed using **1c'** (114.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4j** (54.9 mg, 44%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 120–122 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.58 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 6.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 6.76–6.67 (m, 2H), 6.53–6.26 (m,

3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.8, 179.5, 158.9 (t,  $J = 4.6$  Hz), 146.4, 141.2, 132.8, 131.4 (t,  $J = 20.4$  Hz), 131.9 (q,  $J = 33.8$  Hz), 131.3, 130.5, 130.0 (q,  $J = 3.2$  Hz), 129.7, 129.3, 127.9, 127.7, 125.3 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 123.2 (q,  $J = 272.8$  Hz), 111.5 (t,  $J = 240.7$  Hz), 50.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.06, -116.03. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_5\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 417.0909, found: 417.0908.



**7'-Chloro-3'-(difluoromethyl)-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4k)**

The general procedure was followed using **1v** (103.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4k** (57.3 mg, 50%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 198–202 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.24 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.38 (t,  $J = 53.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.9, 179.7, 158.4 (t,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 146.7, 140.7, 139.5, 132.9, 131.2 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 131.2, 129.9, 129.6, 129.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.8, 111.7 (t,  $J = 240.6$  Hz), 50.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.97. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}^{35}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 383.0645, found: 383.0649.

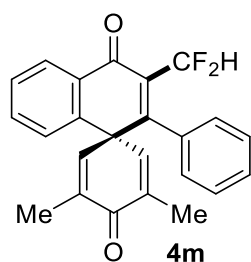


**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-7'-methyl-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4l)**

The general procedure was followed using **1w** (97.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4l** (45.6 mg, 42%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 197–200 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,

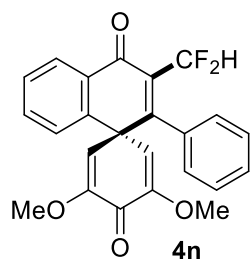


CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.92 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.07 (m, 2H), 6.75–6.70 (m, 2H), 6.42–6.31 (m, 3H), 3.97 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.6, 180.5, 158.1 (t,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz), 147.7, 145.1, 137.6, 133.3, 131.3 (t,  $J$  = 20.5 Hz), 130.7, 130.4, 129.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.7, 111.8 (t,  $J$  = 240.2 Hz), 50.8, 21.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.94. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 395.1089, found: 395.1100.



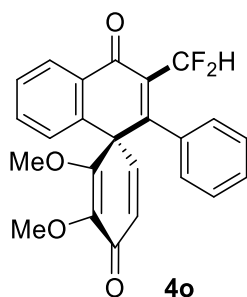
**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-3,5-dimethyl-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4m)**

The general procedure was followed using **1d'** (102.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4m** (69.9 mg, 62%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 126–130 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.30 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.7, 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.38–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07–7.00 (m, 2H), 6.50 (s, 2H), 6.36 (d,  $J$  = 53.5 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.6, 180.9, 160.0 (t,  $J$  = 4.6 Hz), 142.3, 139.3, 137.5, 133.6, 133.4, 130.8 (t,  $J$  = 20.5 Hz), 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.3, 112.0 (t,  $J$  = 240.0 Hz), 50.5, 16.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -115.76. **HR-MS** (ESI)  $m/z$  calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 375.1191, found: 375.1191.



**3'-(Difluoromethyl)-3,5-dimethoxy-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4n)**

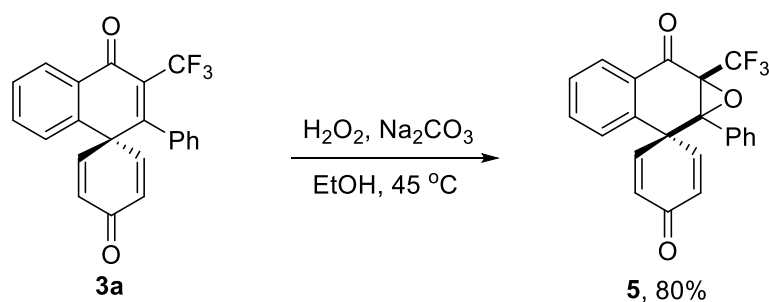
The general procedure was followed using **1z** (111.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4n** (73.44 mg, 60%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 158–162 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.37–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.09–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.39 (t, *J* = 53.5 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.65–3.62 (m, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 180.8, 175.1, 160.9 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 152.3, 140.8, 133.9, 133.1, 130.3 (t, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 129.6, 129.3, 128.7, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 115.7, 112.1 (t, *J* = 240.1 Hz), 55.6, 48.1. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.74. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 409.1246, found: 409.1250.



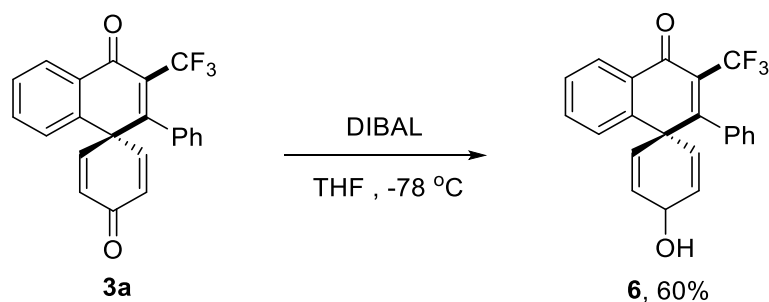
**(S)-3'-(Difluoromethyl)-2,3-dimethoxy-2'-phenyl-4'*H*-spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-naphthalene]-2,5-diene-4,4'-dione (4o)**

The general procedure was followed using **1v'** (111.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and **2b** (110 mg, 0.9 mmol). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) yielded **4o** (64.9 mg, 53%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 143–148 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.30 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.27–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (t, *J* = 53.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (dd, *J* = 56.1, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 183.9, 180.9, 159.5, 158.5 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 142.4, 140.1, 138.6, 133.8, 133.0, 131.9 (t, *J* = 20.4 Hz), 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 111.8 (t, *J* = 240.2 Hz), 61.2, 60.6, 55.2. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.04 (d, *J* = 320.1 Hz, 1F), -116.48 (d, *J* = 320.3 Hz, 1F). **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 409.1246, found: 409.1248.

**4. Derivation of naphthoquinone 3a to 5, 6, 7 and 8:**

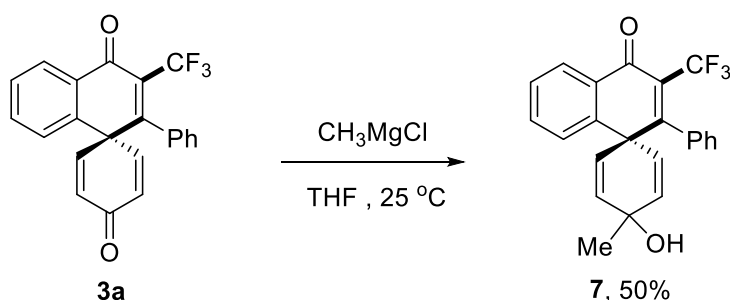


Trifluoromethylated spiro[5.5]trienone **3a** (0.3 mmol, 109.8 mg) was placed into a flask, EtOH (5 mL) was added and the solution was stirred for 5 min, before Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (48 mg, 1.5 equiv) was added. Then H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30%, 1.5 equiv) was added to the biphasic solution and the reaction mixture was kept at 45 °C for 3 h. Then the mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was added to the flask and volatiles were evaporated under vacuum. The purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:5) gave product **8** (91.7 mg, 80% yield) as a white solid. **M.p.:** 150–154 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.99 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, *J* = 6.4, 2.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 4H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 188.4, 184.3, 148.0, 146.0, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.4, 127.4, 127.0, 121.2 (q, *J* = 281.1 Hz), 70.1, 63.6 (q, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 51.6. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -65.61. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.089; found: 383.089.



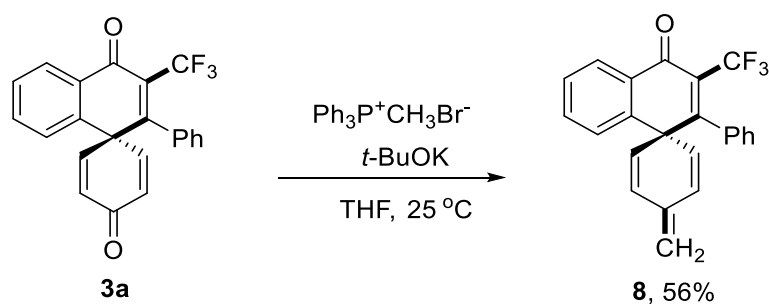
To a solution of trifluoromethylated spiro[5.5]trienones **3a** (0.3 mmol, 109.8 mg) in anhydrous THF at -78 °C, DIBAL (0.3 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added. The solution was stirred for 3 hour at -78 °C. It was quenched by addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL) solution and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The

combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent removed in vacuo. The crude compound was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:2) gave the corresponding alcohol **6** (66.6 mg, 60 %) as white solid. **M.p.**: 167–171 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.24 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.27–7.23 (m, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.10–6.02 (m, 2H), 5.69 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 180.1, 161.4 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 143.1, 135.5, 133.6, 130.2, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.4 (q, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 128.3, 128.2 (q, *J* = 26.2 Hz), 127.0, 126.6, 122.1 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz), 60.2, 49.2. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.50. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 369.1097, found: 369.1102.



To a solution of trifluoromethylated spiro[5.5]trienones **3a** (0.3 mmol, 109.8 mg) in anhydrous THF at °C was added CH<sub>3</sub>MgCl (0.6 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The solution was stirred for 3 hour. To quench the reaction, saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (15 mL) was added and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent removed in vacuo. The crude compound was purified by silica gel chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:2) gave the corresponding alcohol **7** (57.3 mg, 50% yield) as white solid. **M.p.**: 160–164 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.42 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 5.77 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 180.1, 161.4 (q, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 143.0, 135.5, 134.2, 133.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9 (q, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 127.0, 126.7, 122.1 (q, *J* = 277.7 Hz), 63.4, 49.3, 28.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.48. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

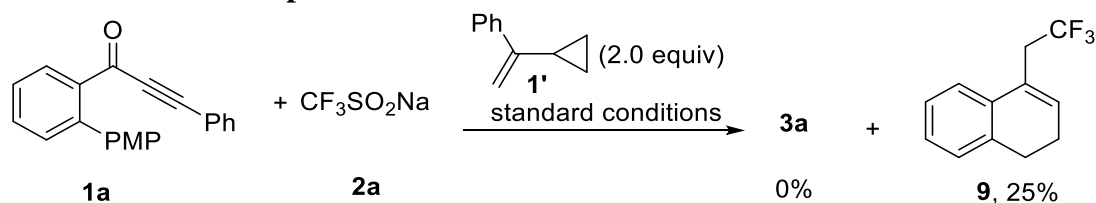
[M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 383.1253, found: 383.1255.



To a solution of methyltriphenylphosphoniumbromide (214.3 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 eq.) in THF (10 mL) under Ar atmosphere, potassium *tert*-butoxide (67.3 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added as a solution in THF (5 mL) at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then trifluoromethylated spiro[5.5]trienones **3a** (0.3 mmol, 109.8 mg) was added and the reaction was stirred for 6 h at room temperature and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution (15 mL). The solvent was removed in vacuo and the resulting mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) gave compound **8** (61.2 mg, 56%) as a white solid. **M.p.:** 143–146 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.08 (ddd, *J* = 6.9, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.93 (s, 2H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 180.3, 163.2, 144.2, 136.2, 135.0, 133.6, 129.5, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0 (q, *J* = 47.4 Hz), 127.3 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 127.1, 126.8, 122.3 (q, *J* = 277.8 Hz), 116.4, 50.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.28. **HR-MS** (ESI) *m/z* calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 365.1148, found 365.1153.

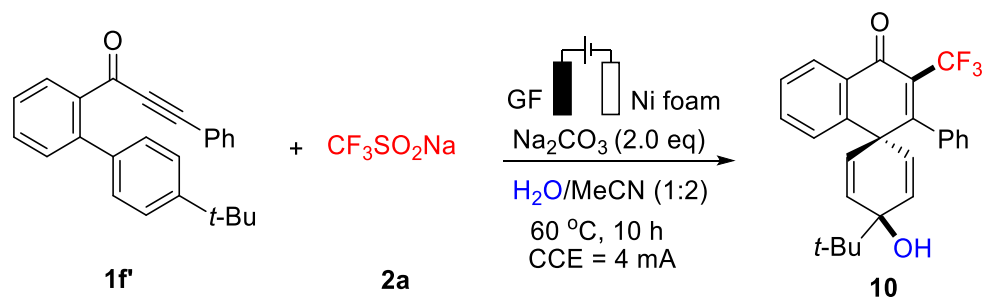
## 5. Mechanistic Studies

### 5.1 Radical Clock Experiment



The electrocatalysis was carried out in an undivided cell under air with a graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm) and a nickel cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 0.25 mm). 1-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv),  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_2\text{Na}$  **2a** (0.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were dissolved in a mixture of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeCN}$  (1 : 2, 4 mL), then (1-cyclopropylvinyl) benzene **1'** (86.5 mg, 0.6 mmol, 0.2 eq.) was added as the radical-trapping reagent. Electrocatalysis was performed at 60 °C with a constant current of 4.0 mA maintained for 10 h. The GF anode was washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL) in an ultrasonic bath and the solvent was transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was added to the flask and all volatiles were evaporated under vacuum. Purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 20:1) gave the corresponding products **9** (31.8 mg, 25%) as a colorless oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.36–7.30 (m, 4H), 5.94 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51–4.47 (m, 1H), 4.27–4.24 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.32 (m, 2H), 2.74–2.70 (m, 2H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -63.65. The NMR data was consistent with the literature.<sup>[3]</sup>

### 5.2 Trapping Experiment for Key Intermediate



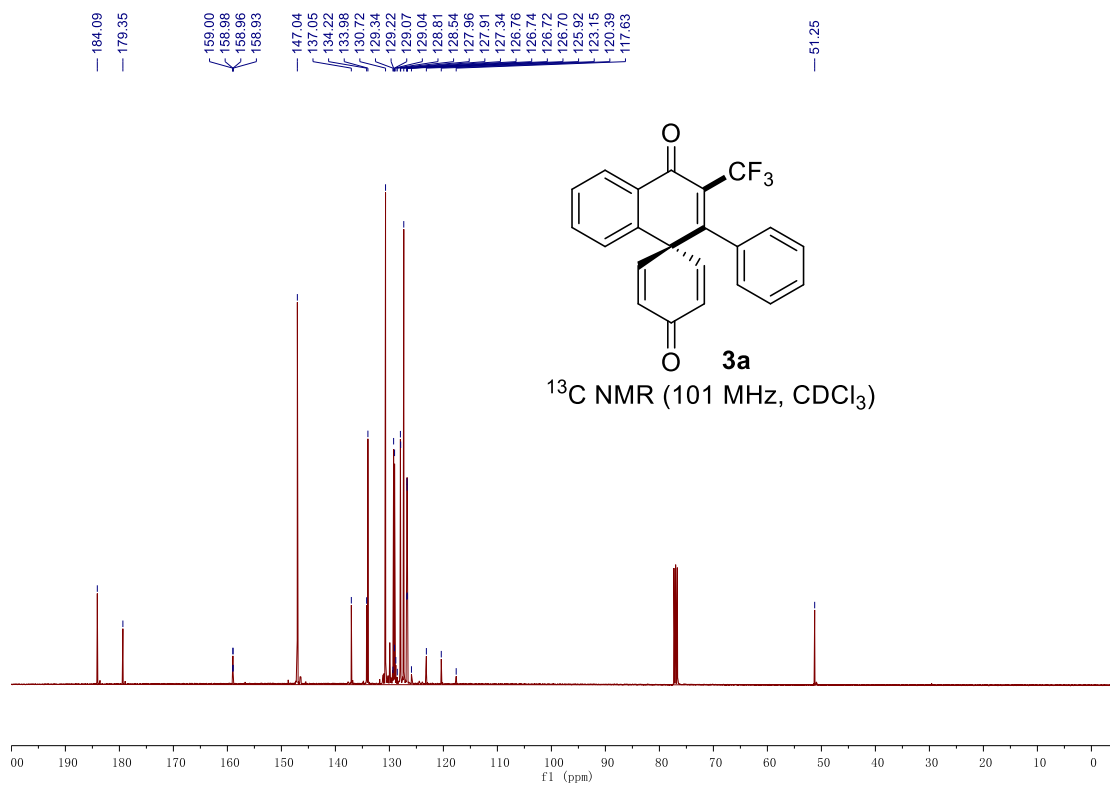
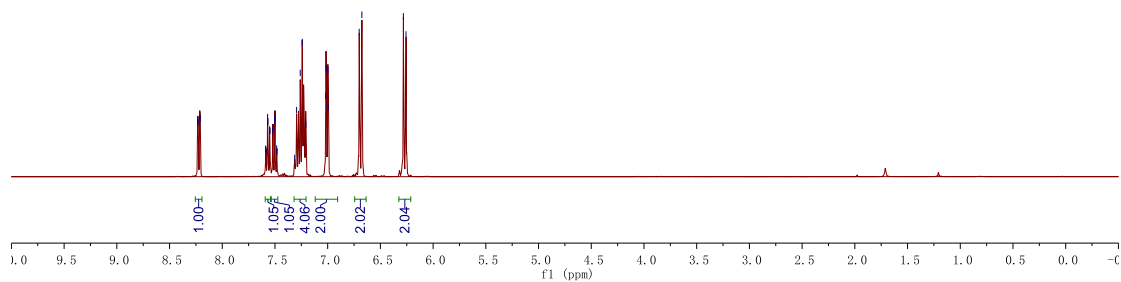
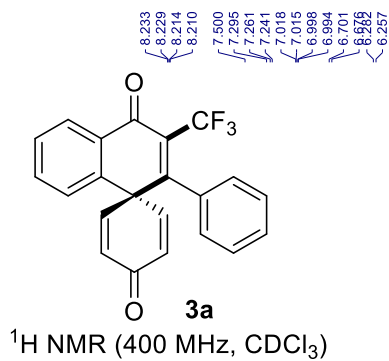
The electrocatalysis was carried out in an undivided cell under air with a graphite felt (GF) anode (10 mm × 15 mm × 6 mm) and a nickel cathode (10 mm × 15 mm × 2 mm). 1-(4'-(*tert*-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-one **1f'** (0.3 mmol, 1.0

equiv), CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>Na **2a** (0.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mmol, 3.0 equiv) were dissolved in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O/MeCN (1 : 2 mL). Electrocatalysis was performed at 60 °C with a constant current of 4.0 mA maintained for 10 h. The GF anode was washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL) in an ultrasonic bath and the solvent was transferred to a round bottom flask. Silica was added to the flask and all volatiles were evaporated under vacuum. Purification was performed by flash column chromatography on silica gel (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) gave the corresponding products **10** (38.2 mg, 30%) as a white solid. **M.p.**: 149–152 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 0.47 (s, 9H). **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 180.5, 162.6 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 142.5, 135.5, 133.7, 130.5, 130.2, 129.5, 128.2, 128.1 (q, *J* = 26.4 Hz), 128.0, 127.6 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 127.3, 126.8, 122.2 (q, *J* = 277.9 Hz), 70.1, 49.6, 36.8, 24.4. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.15. **HRMS** (ESI) (*m/z*): calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>): 425.1723, found: 425.1728.

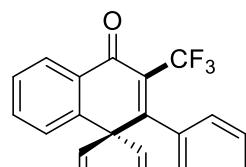
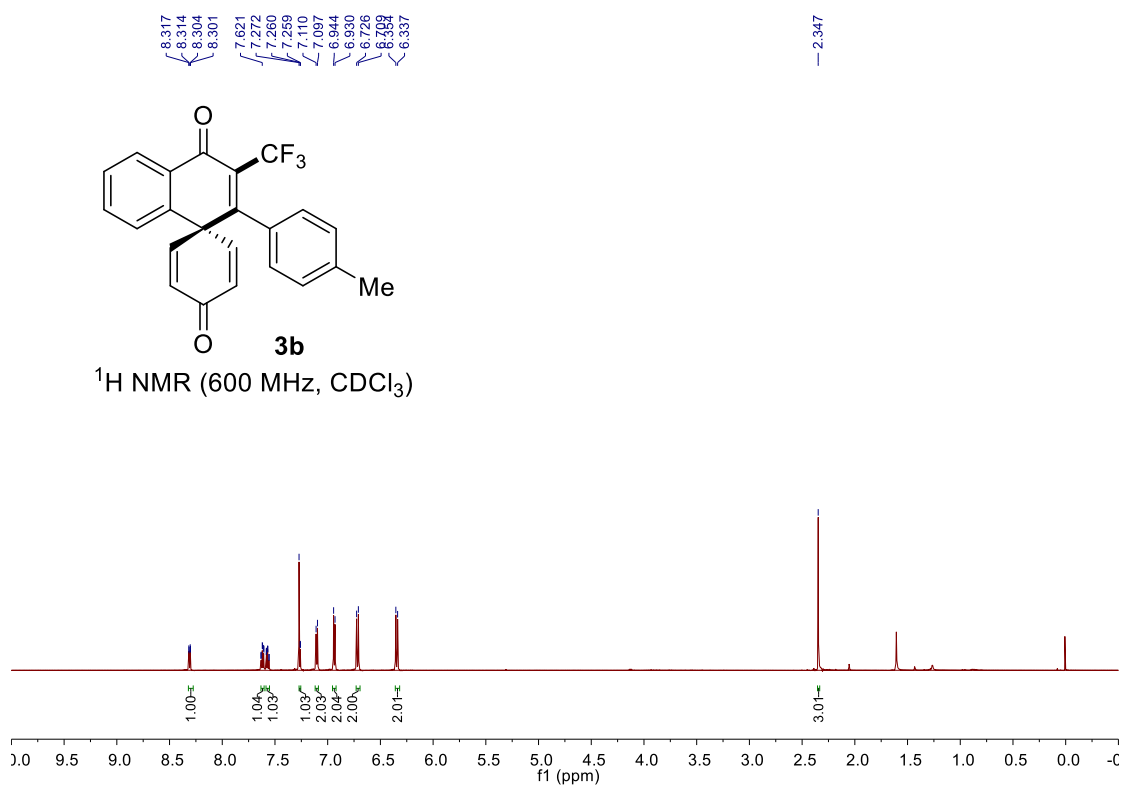
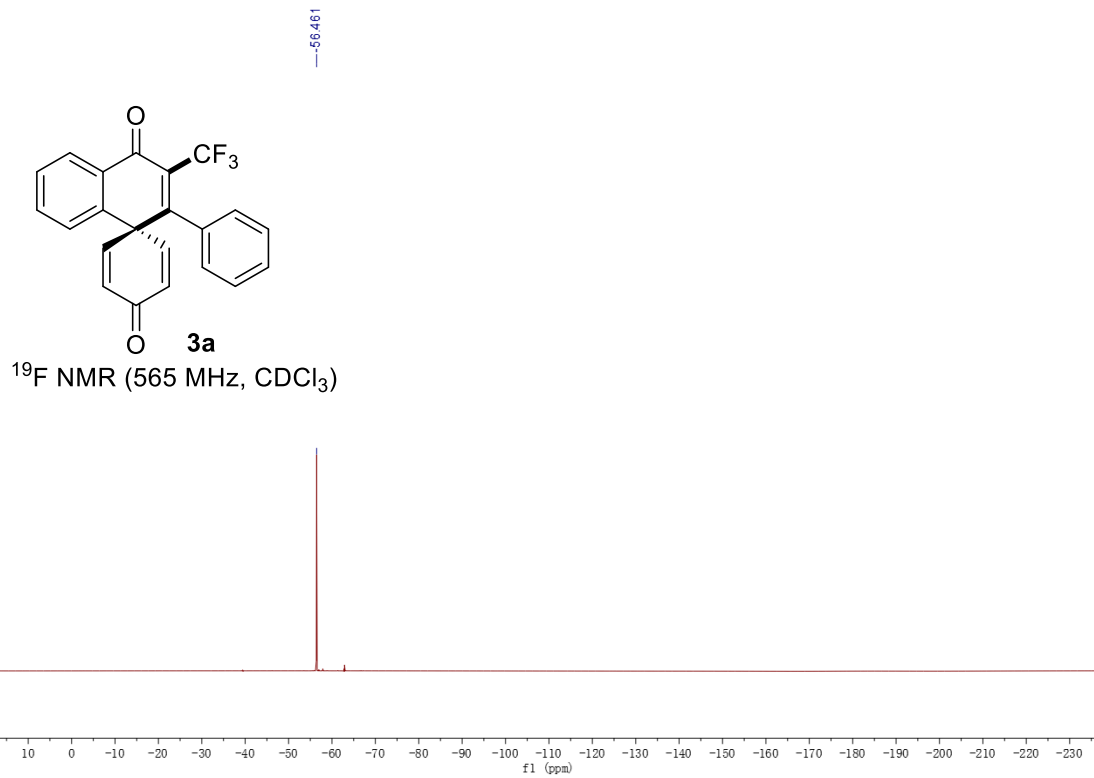
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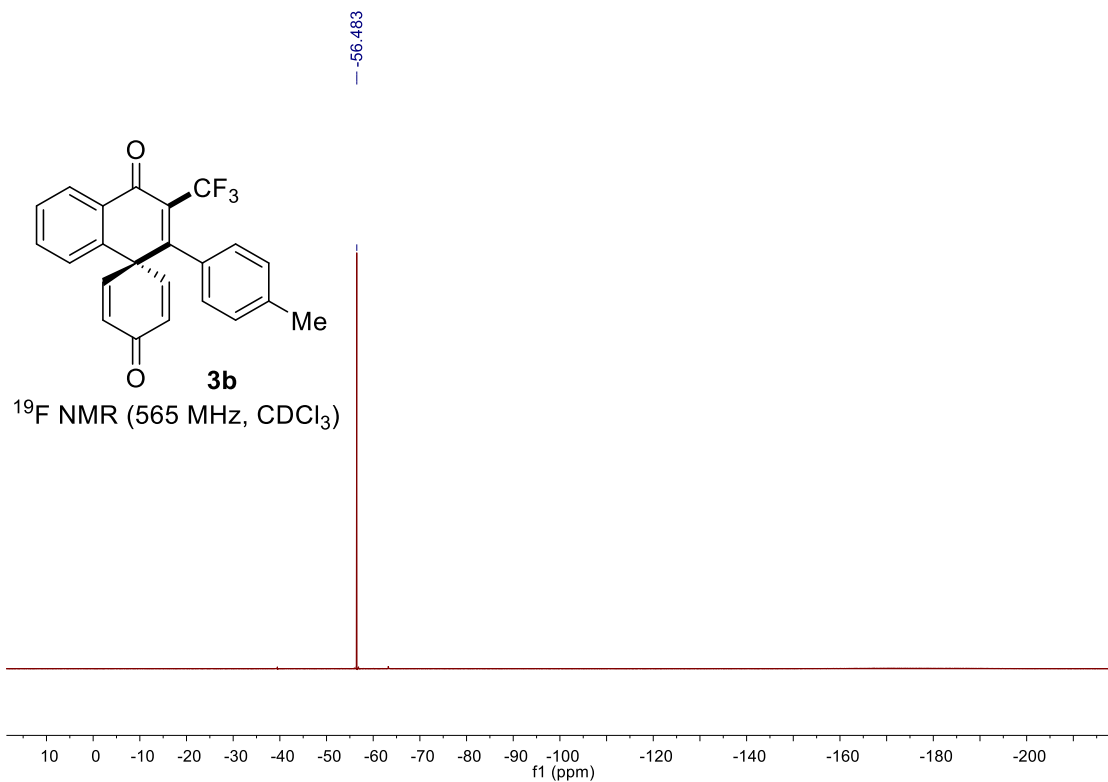
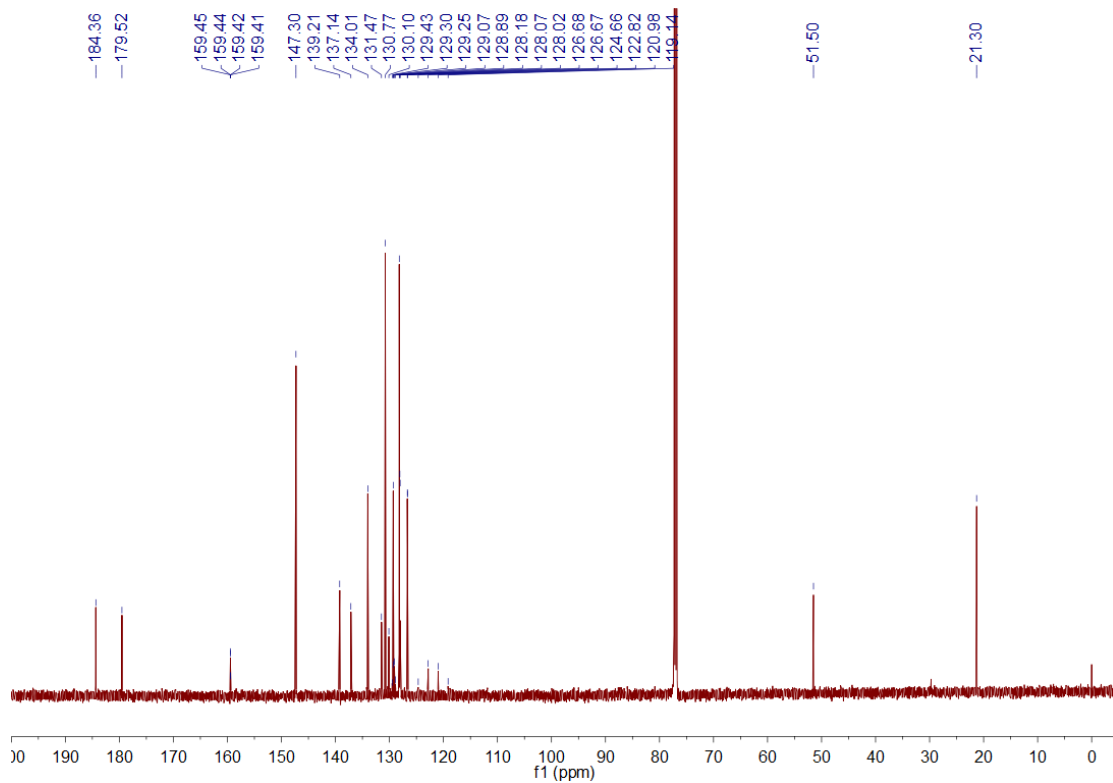
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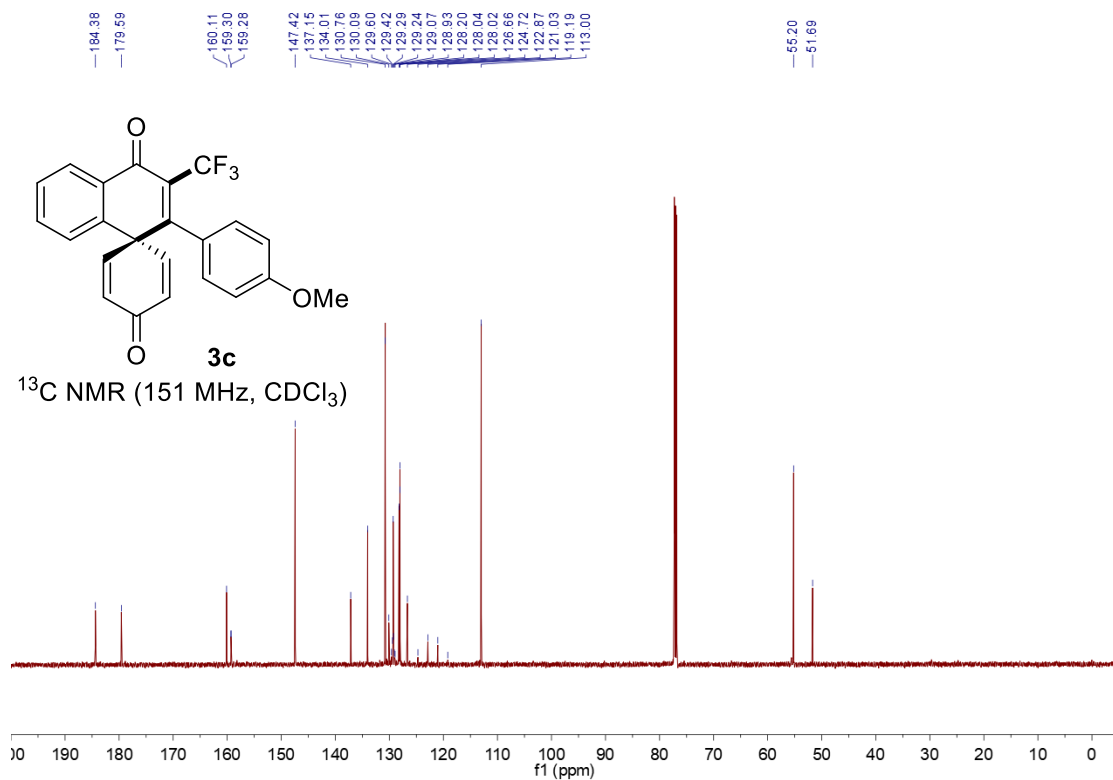
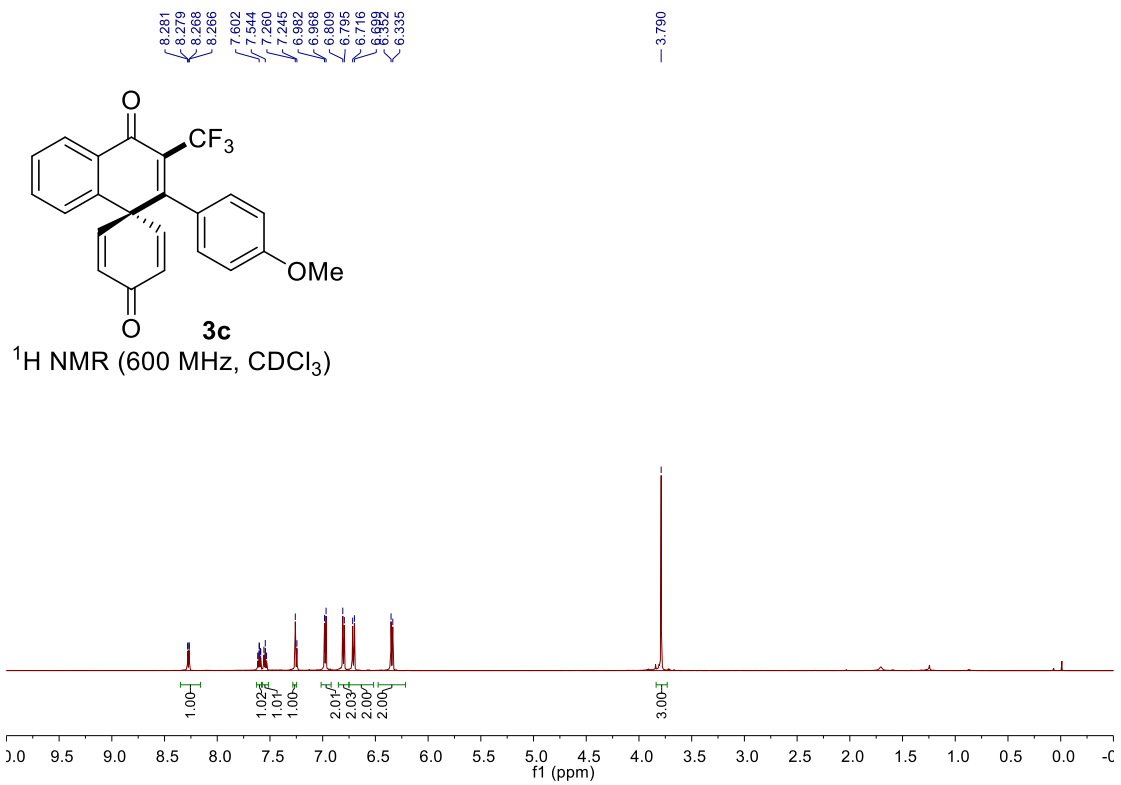
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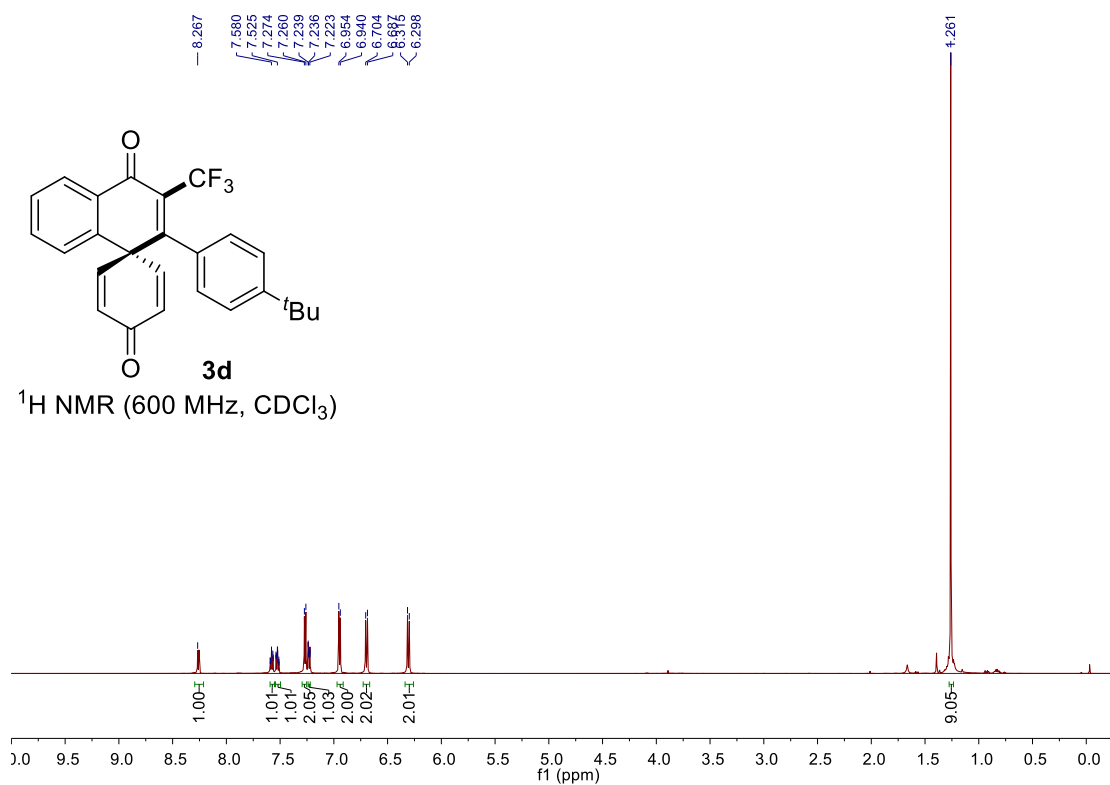
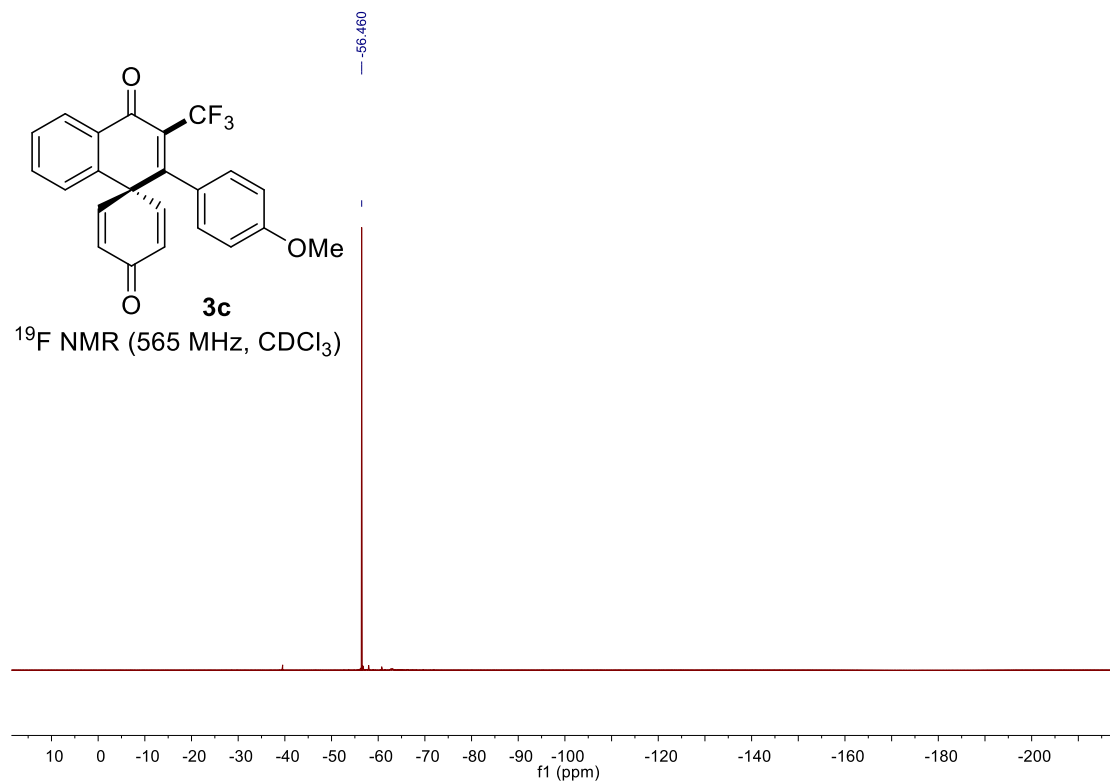


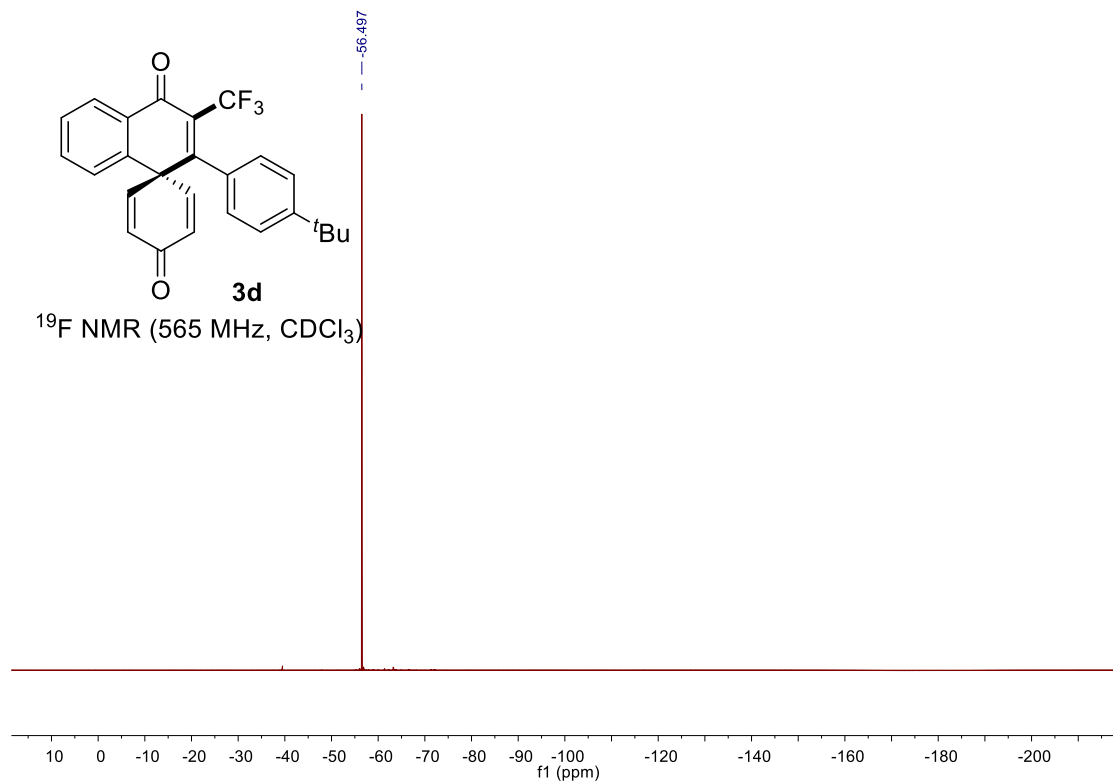
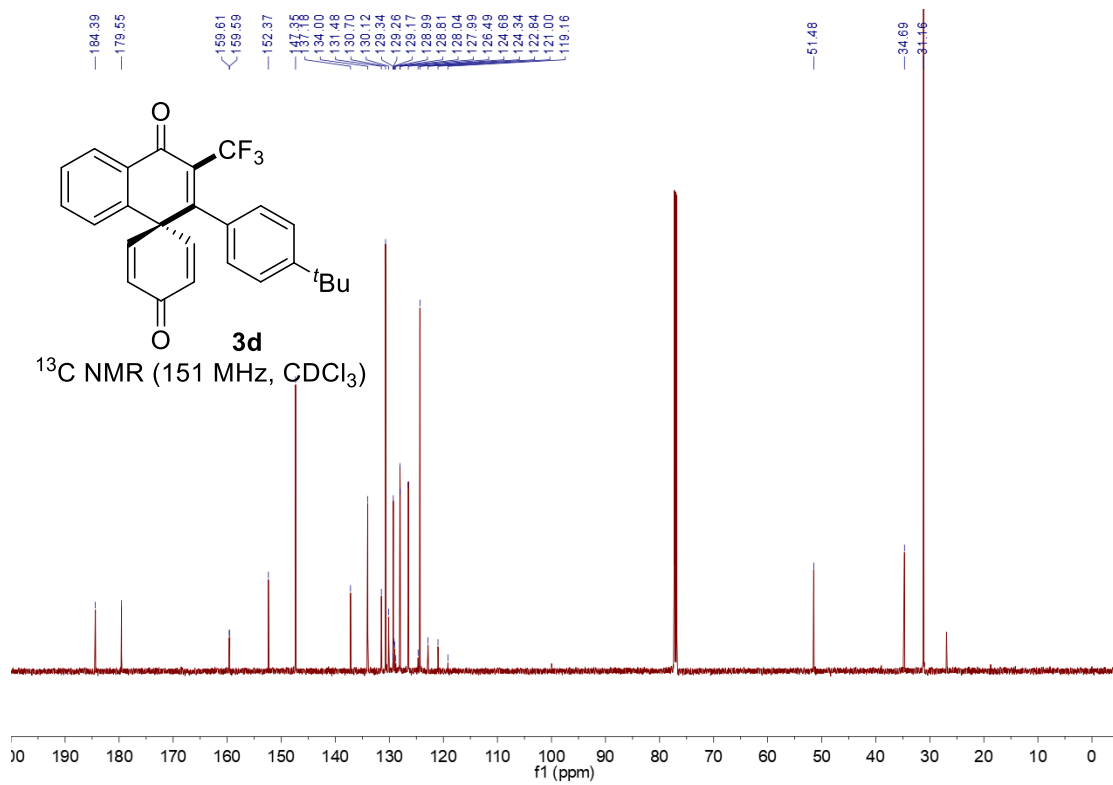


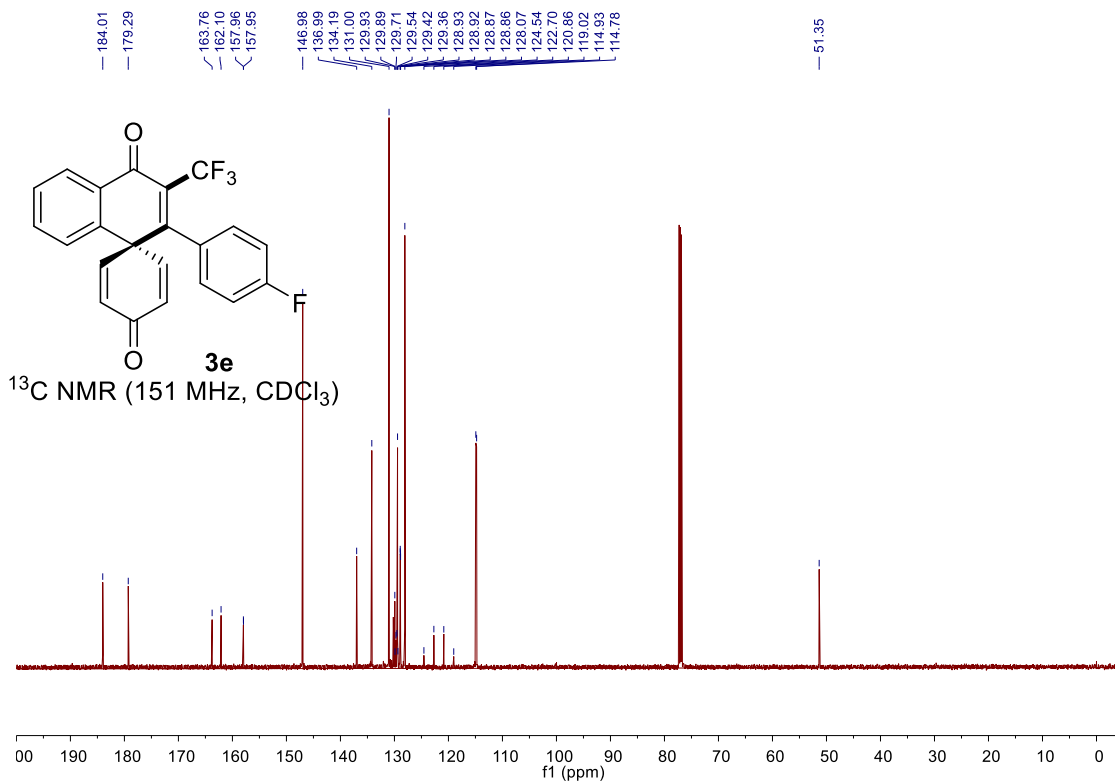
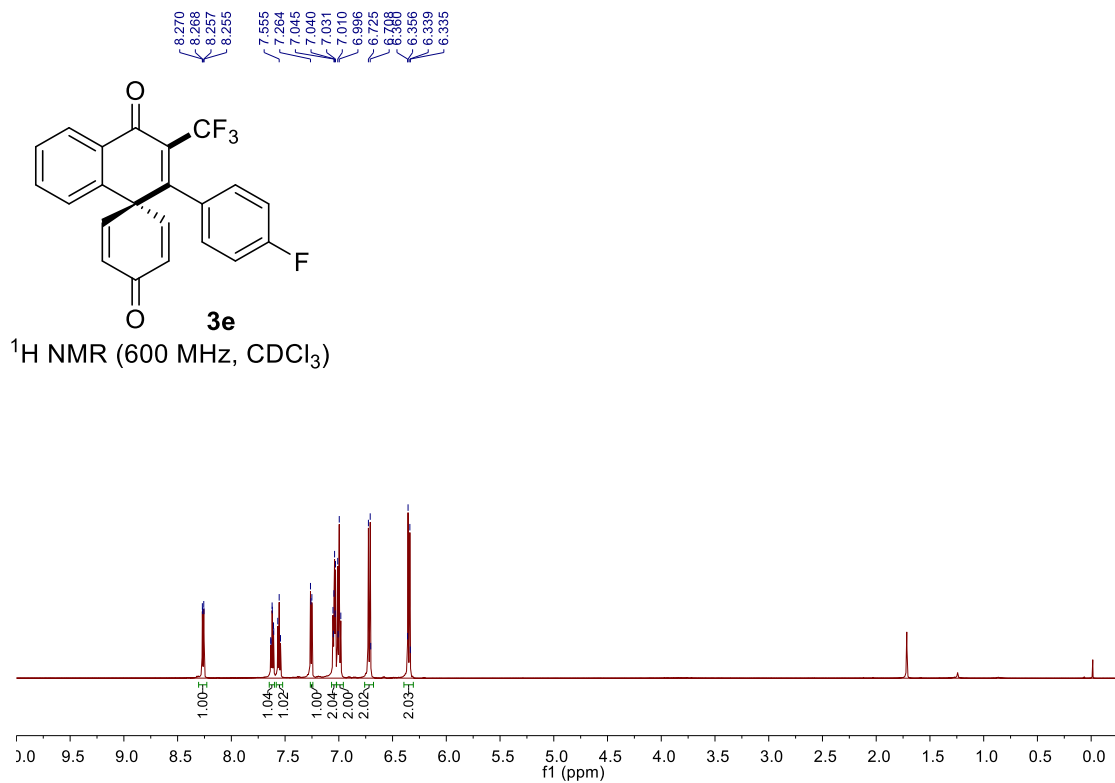


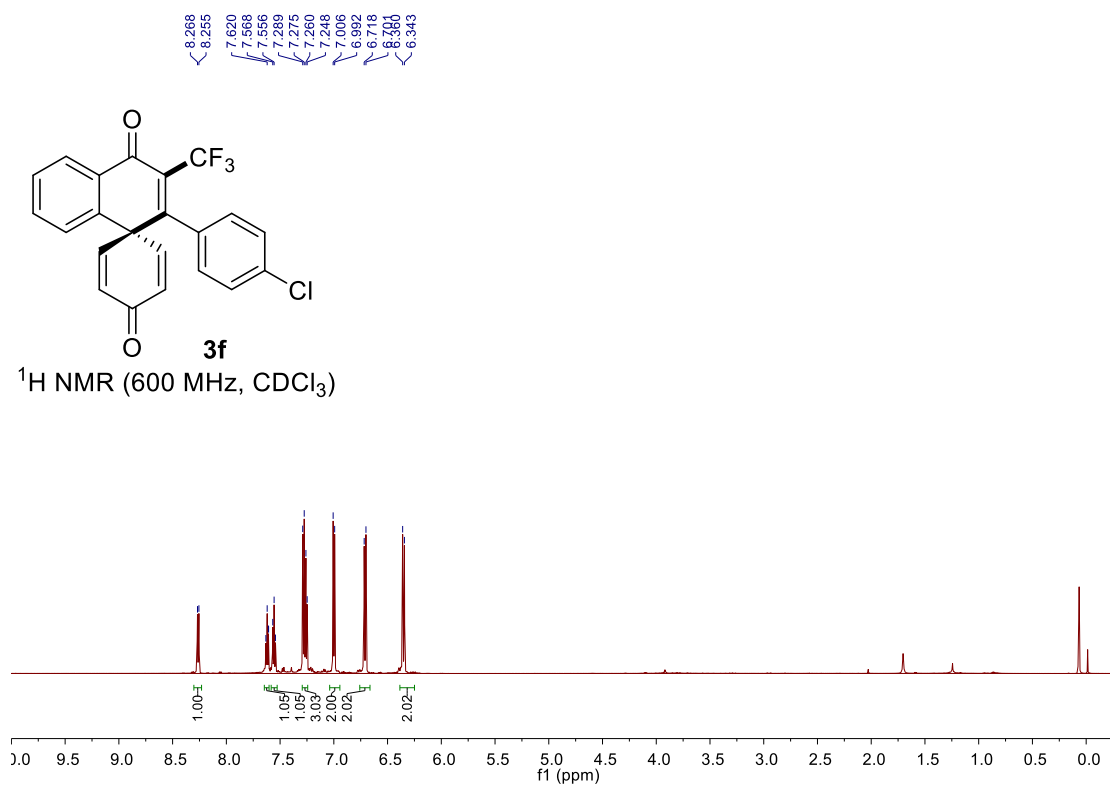
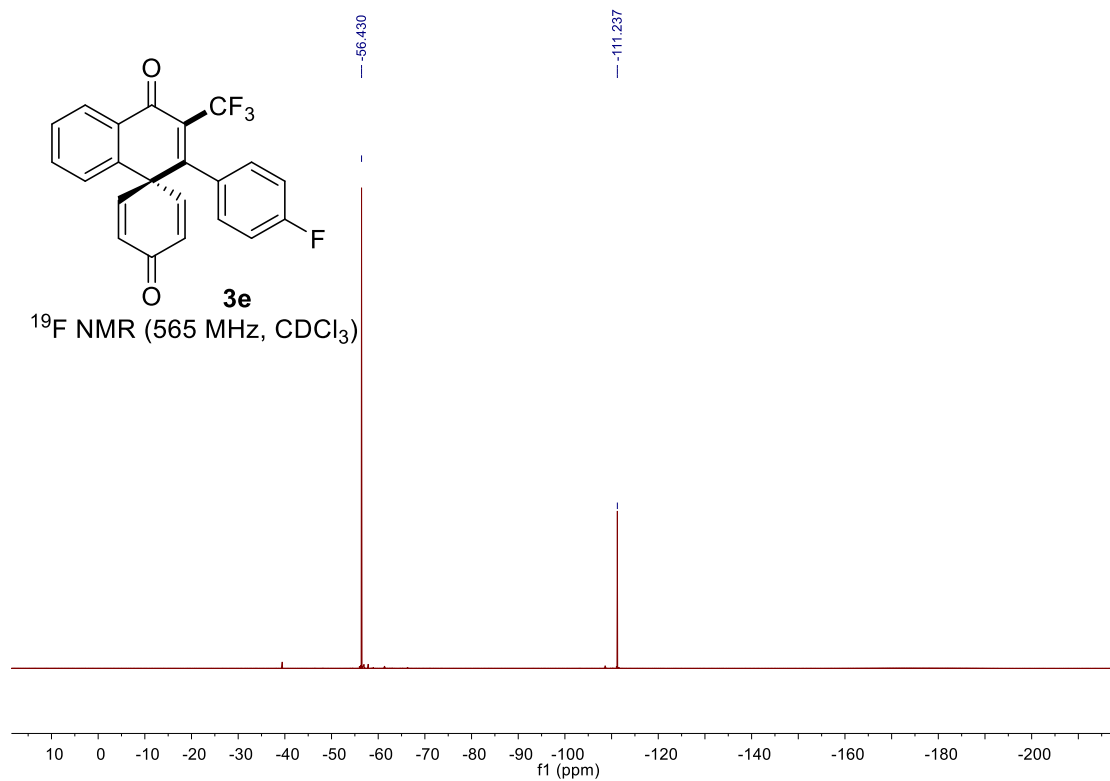


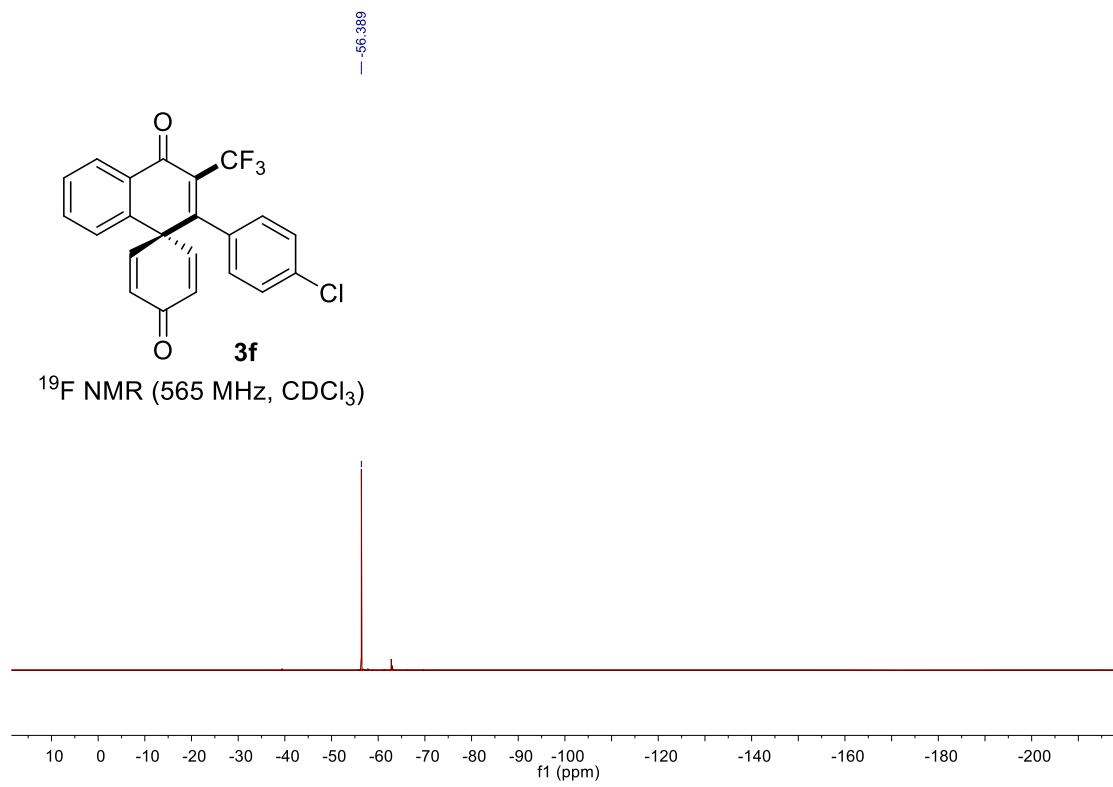
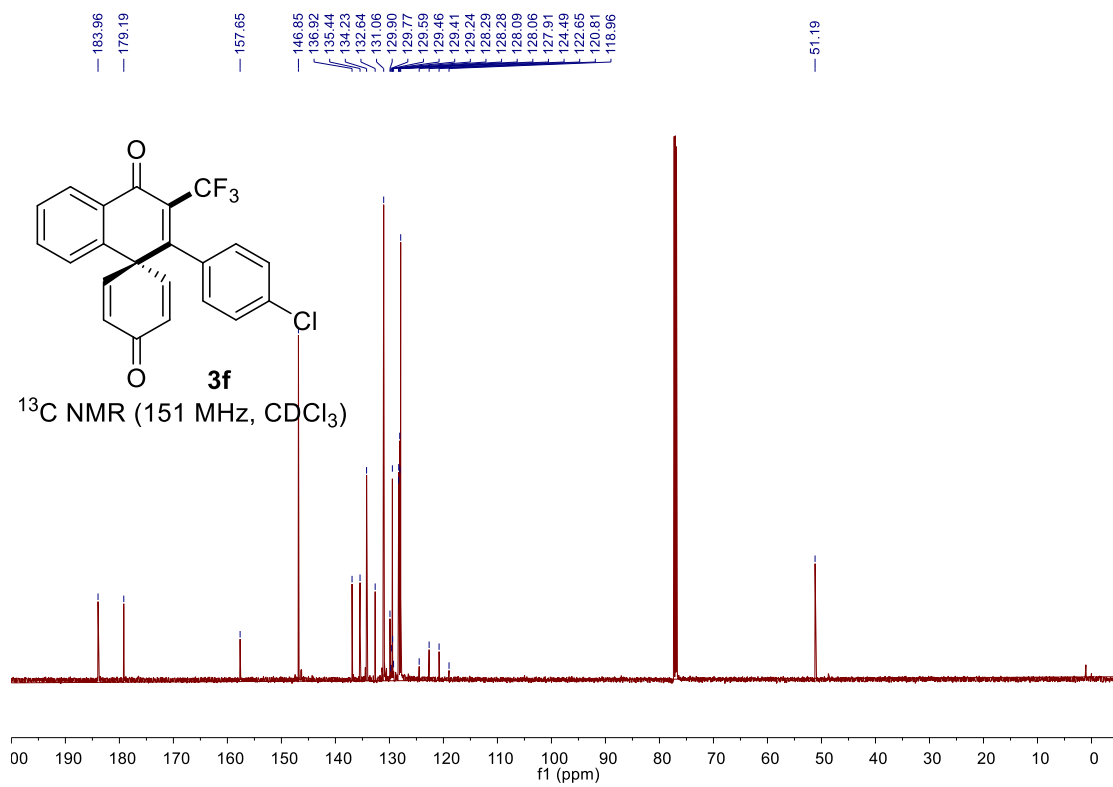




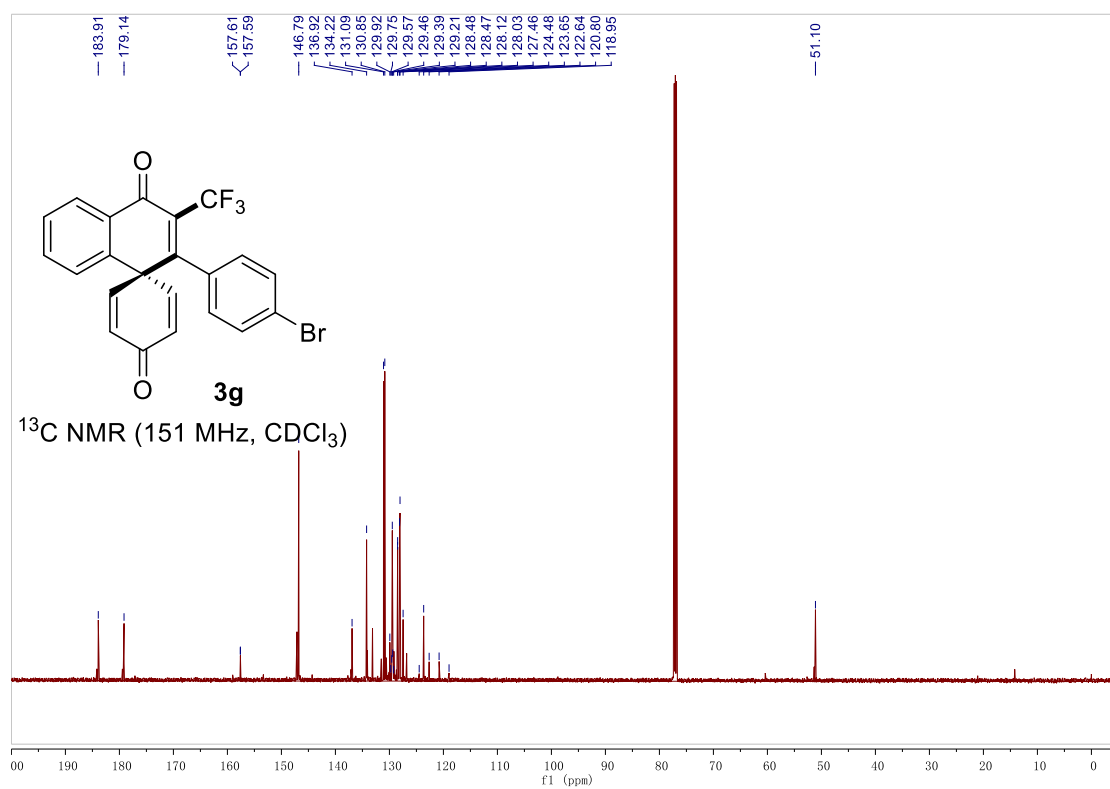
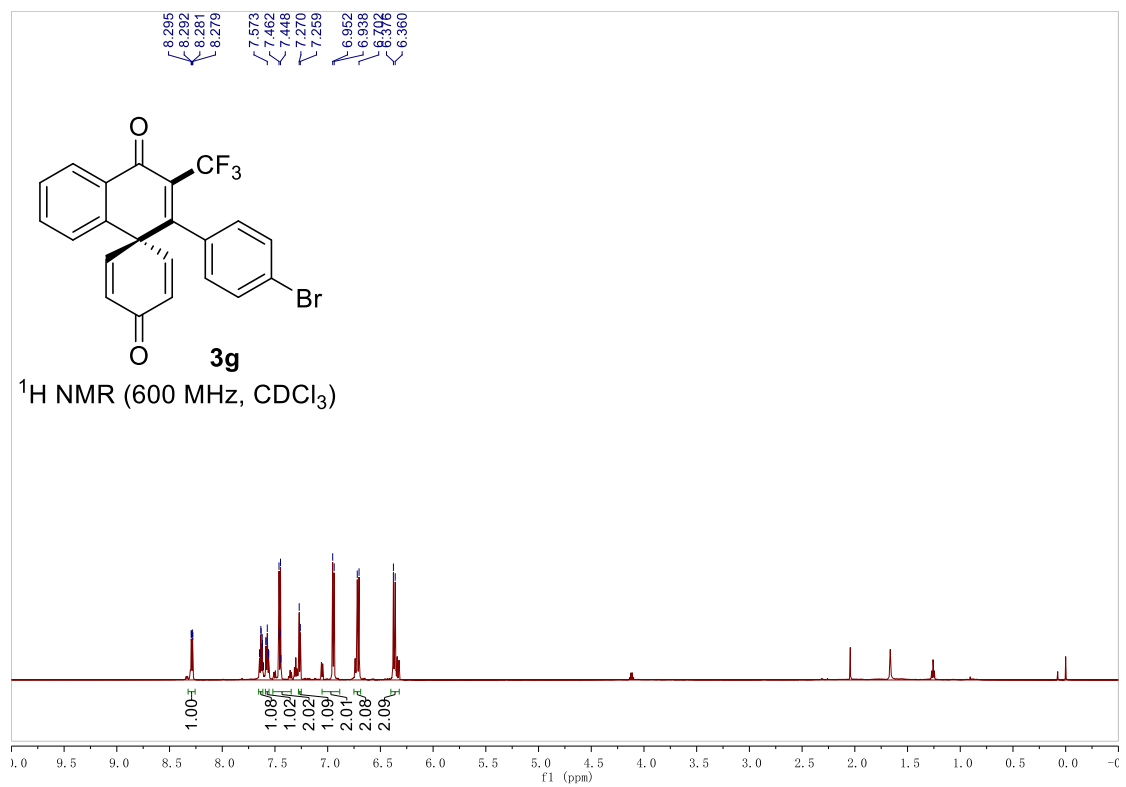


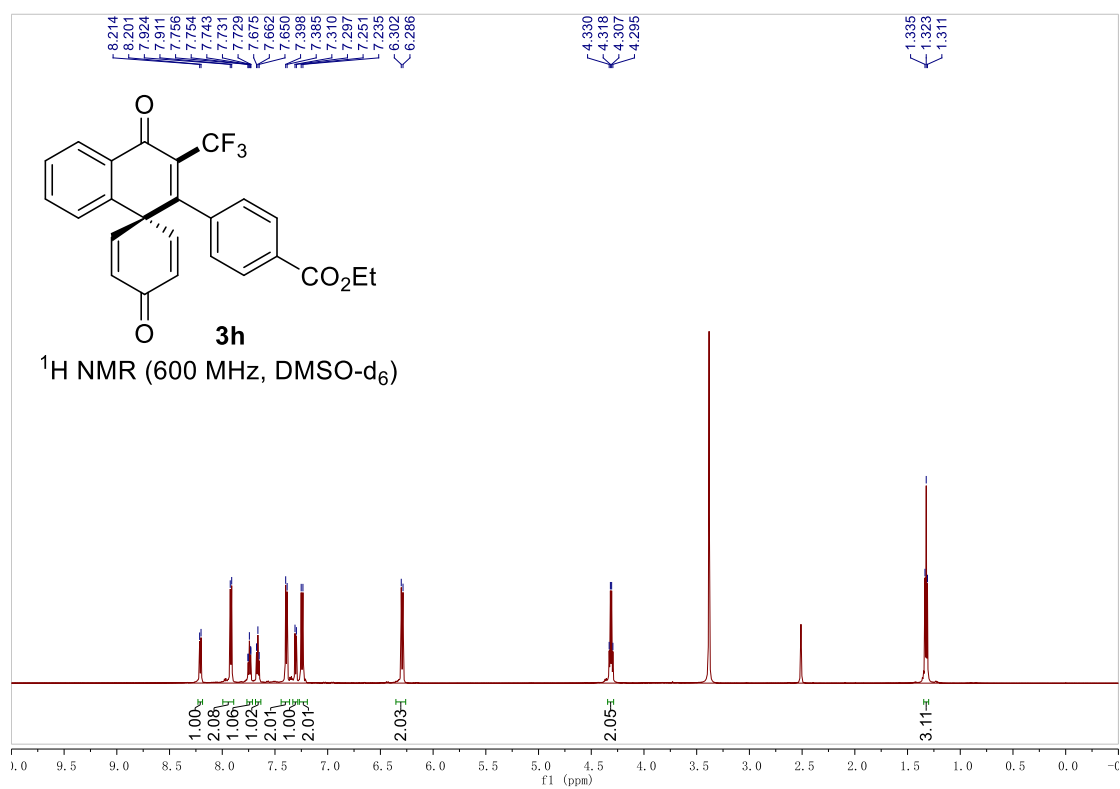
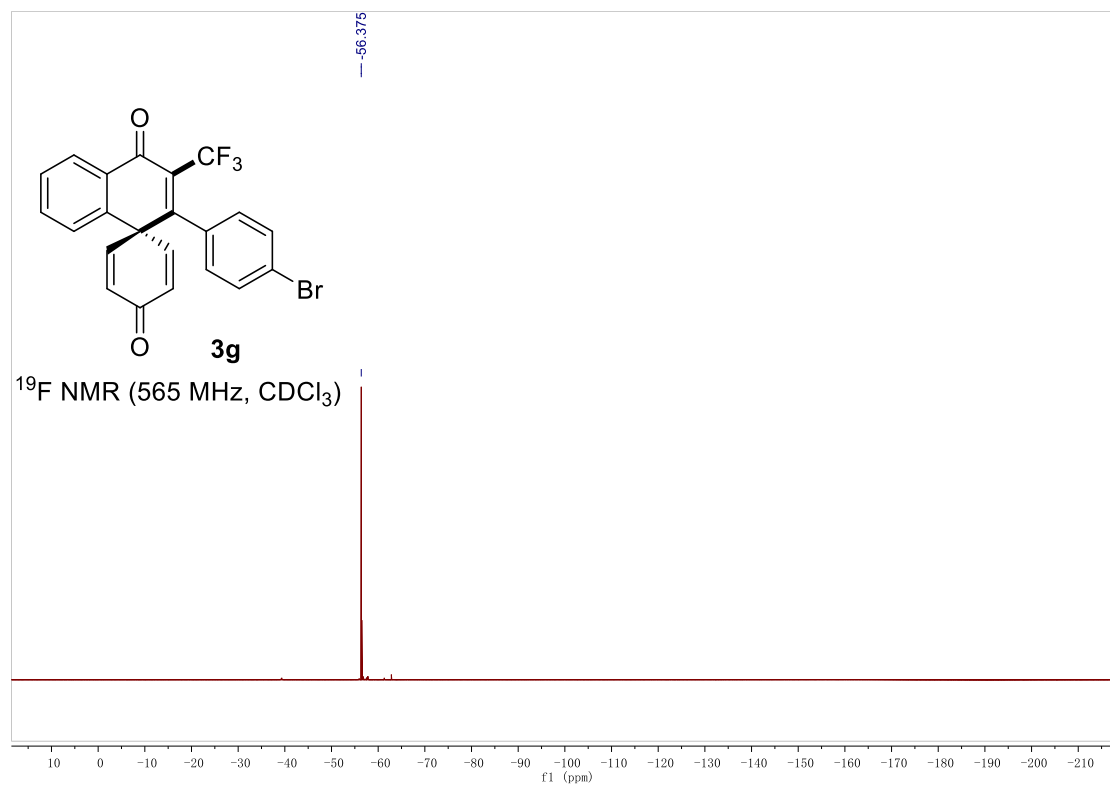


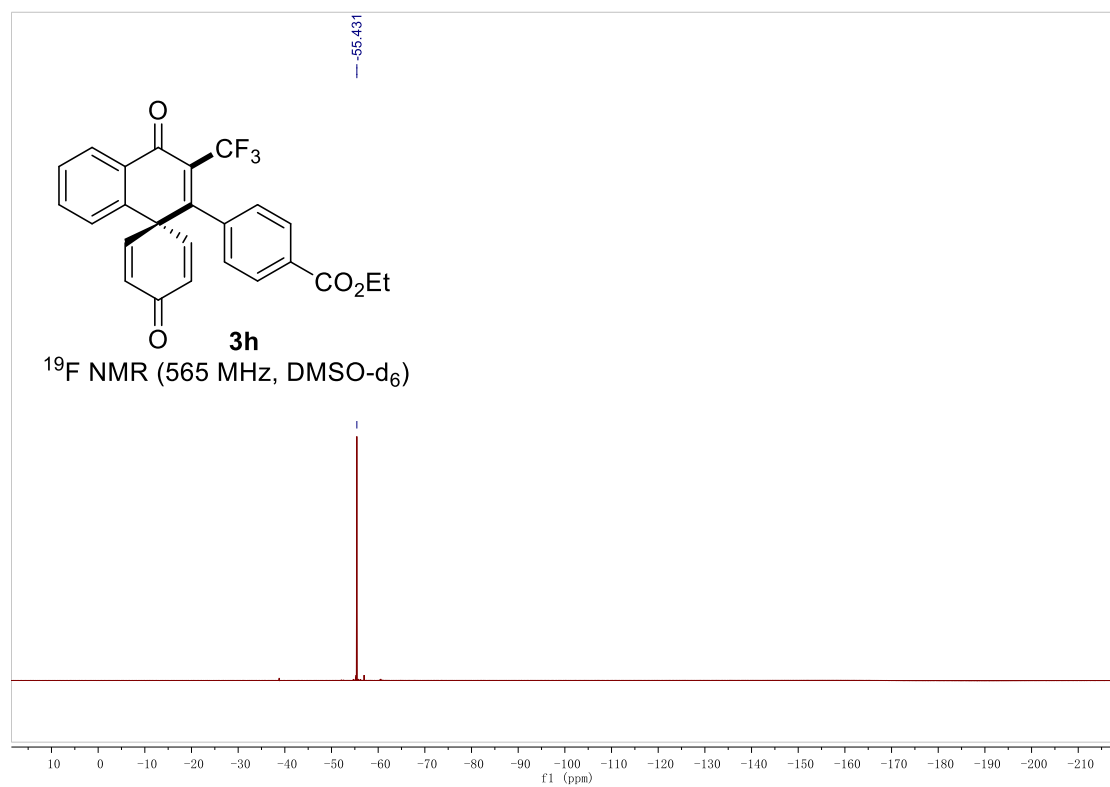
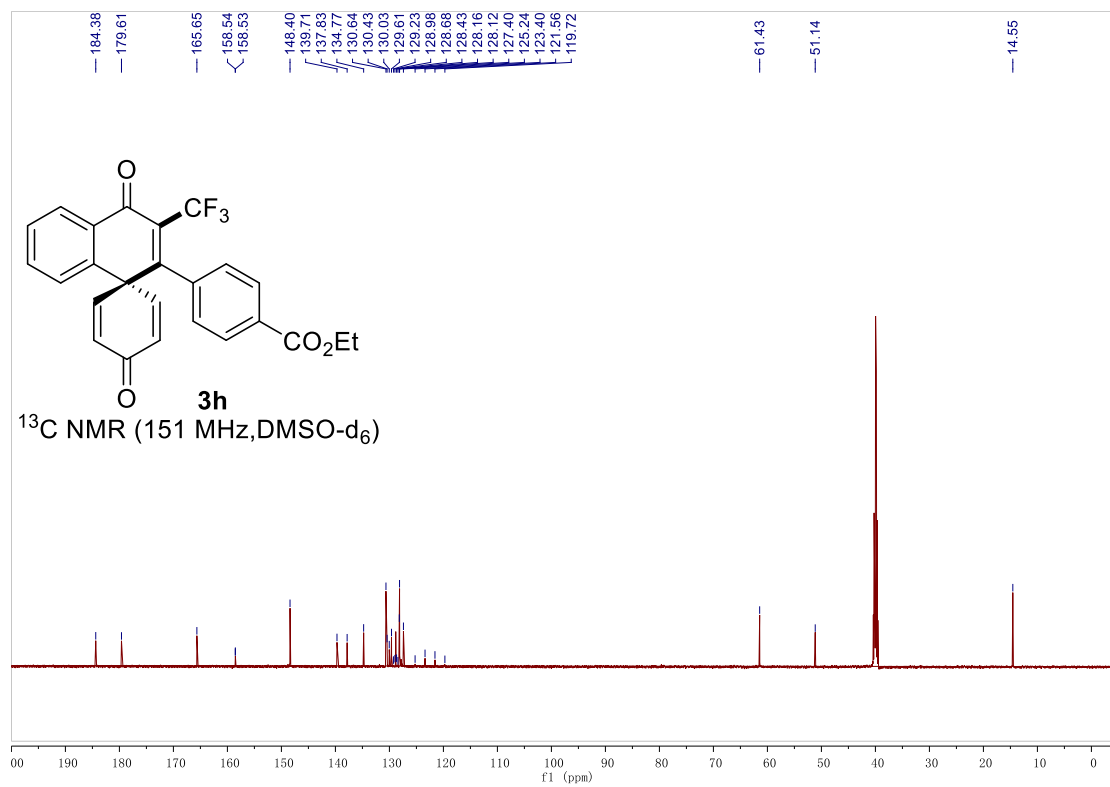


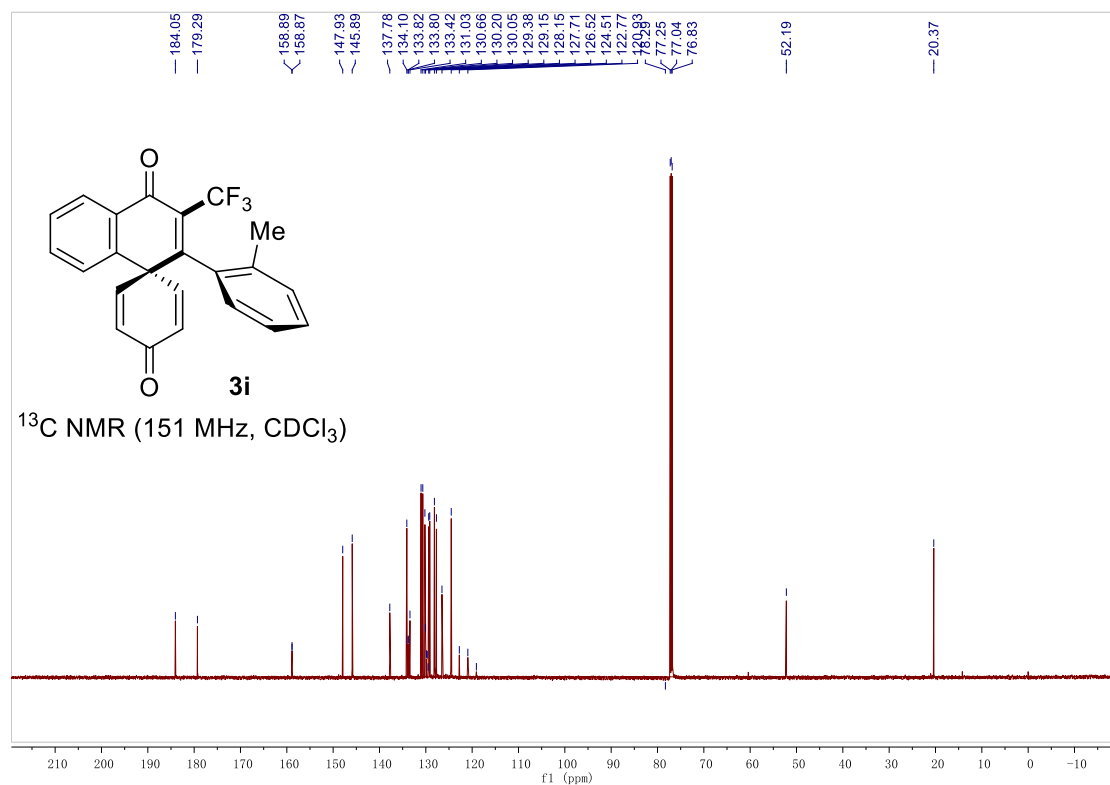
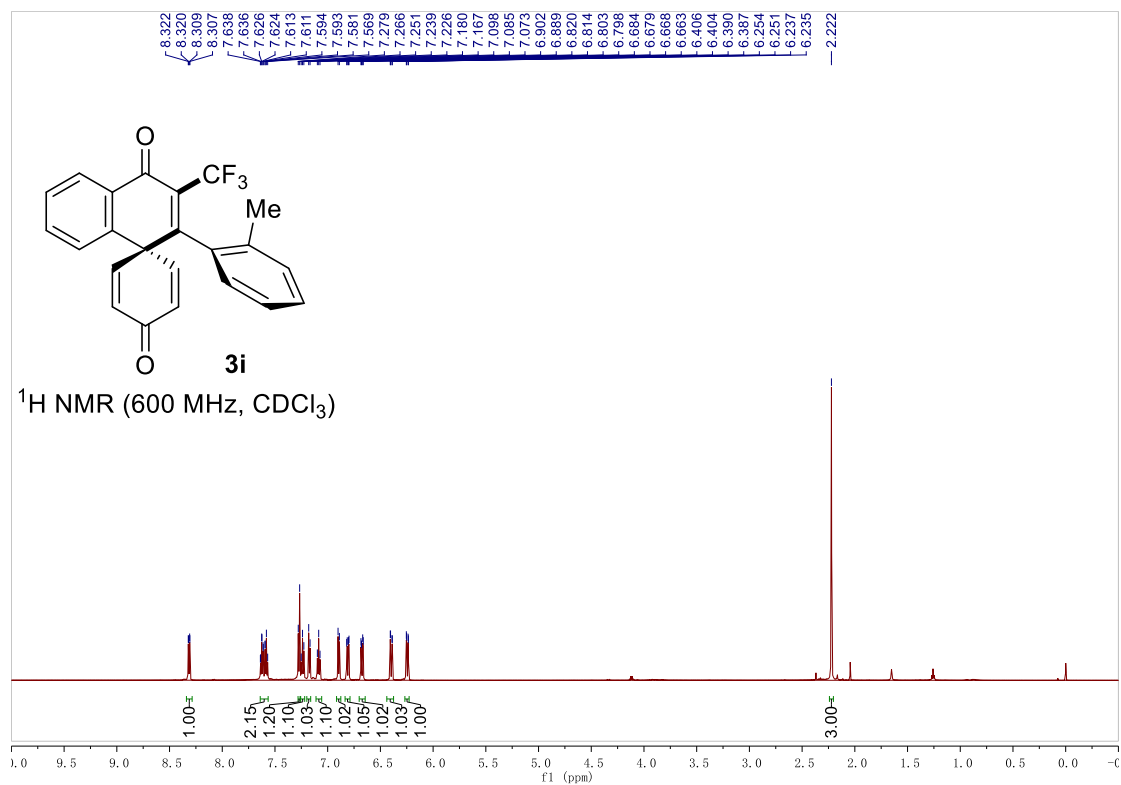


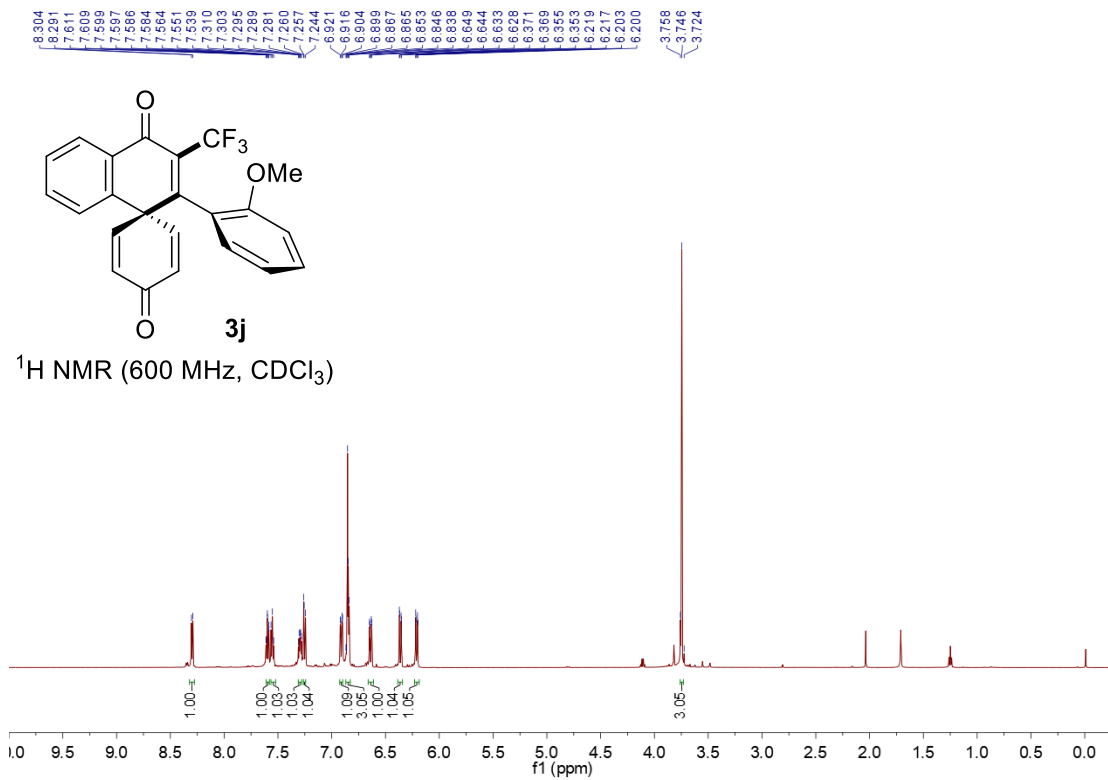
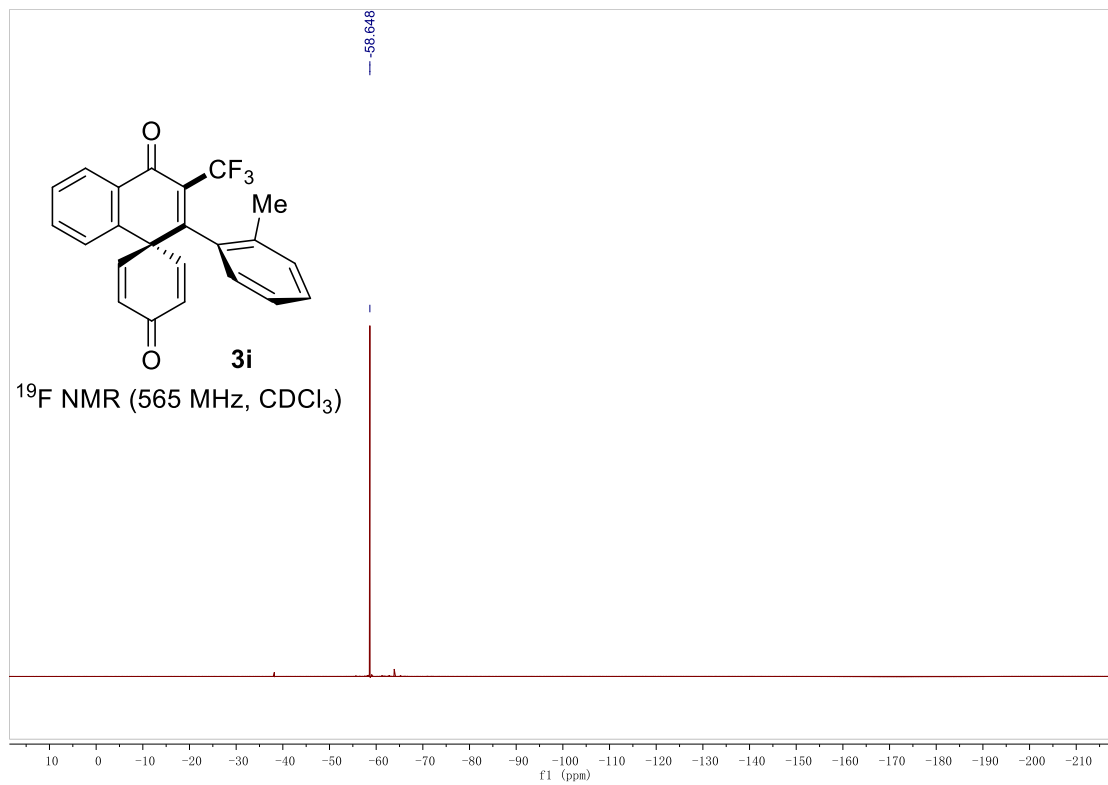


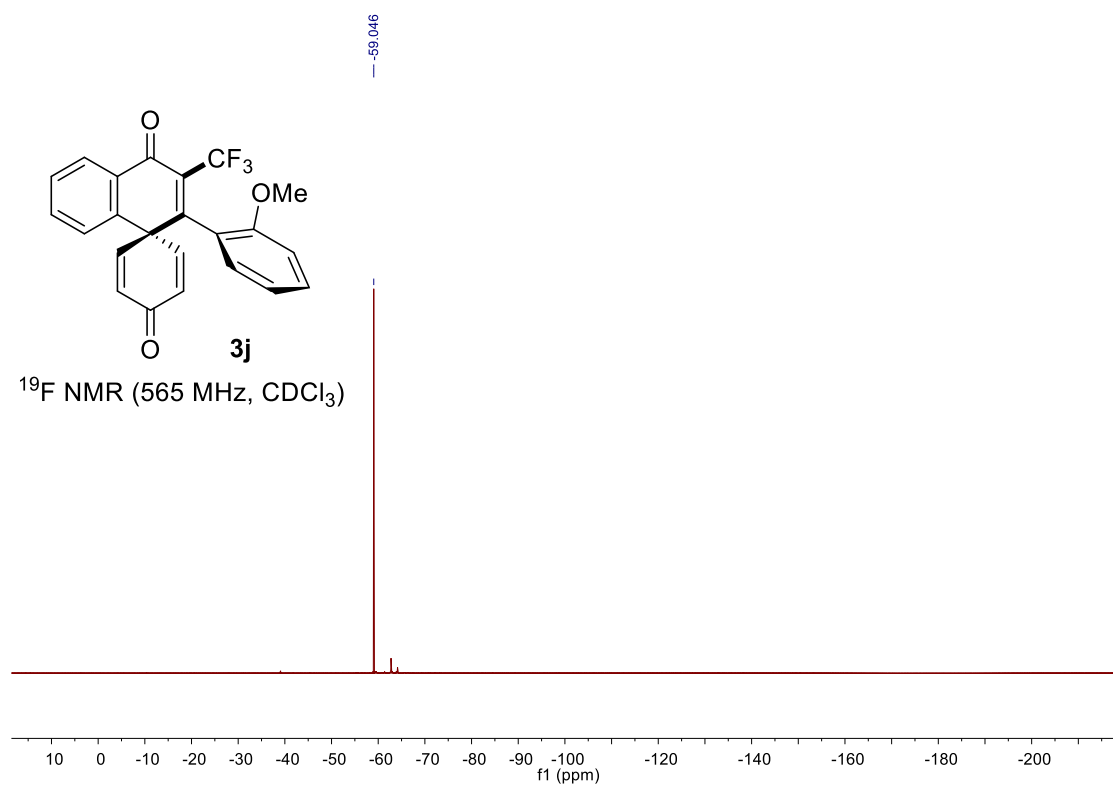
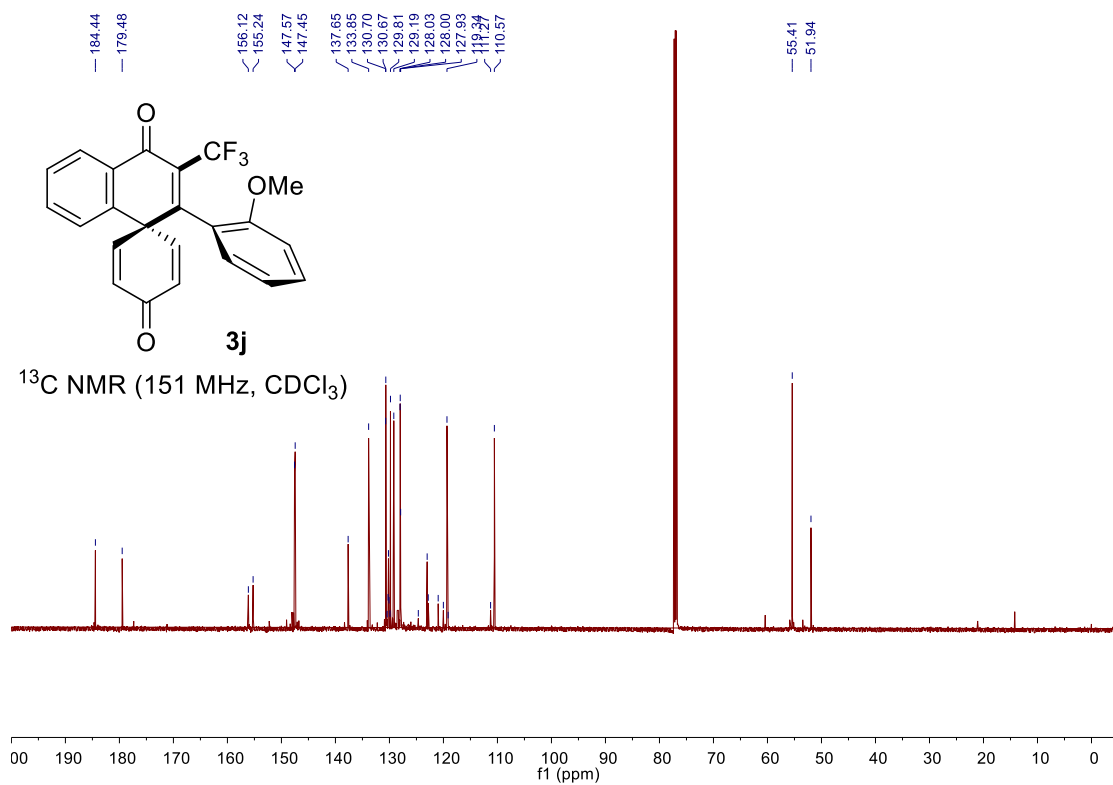


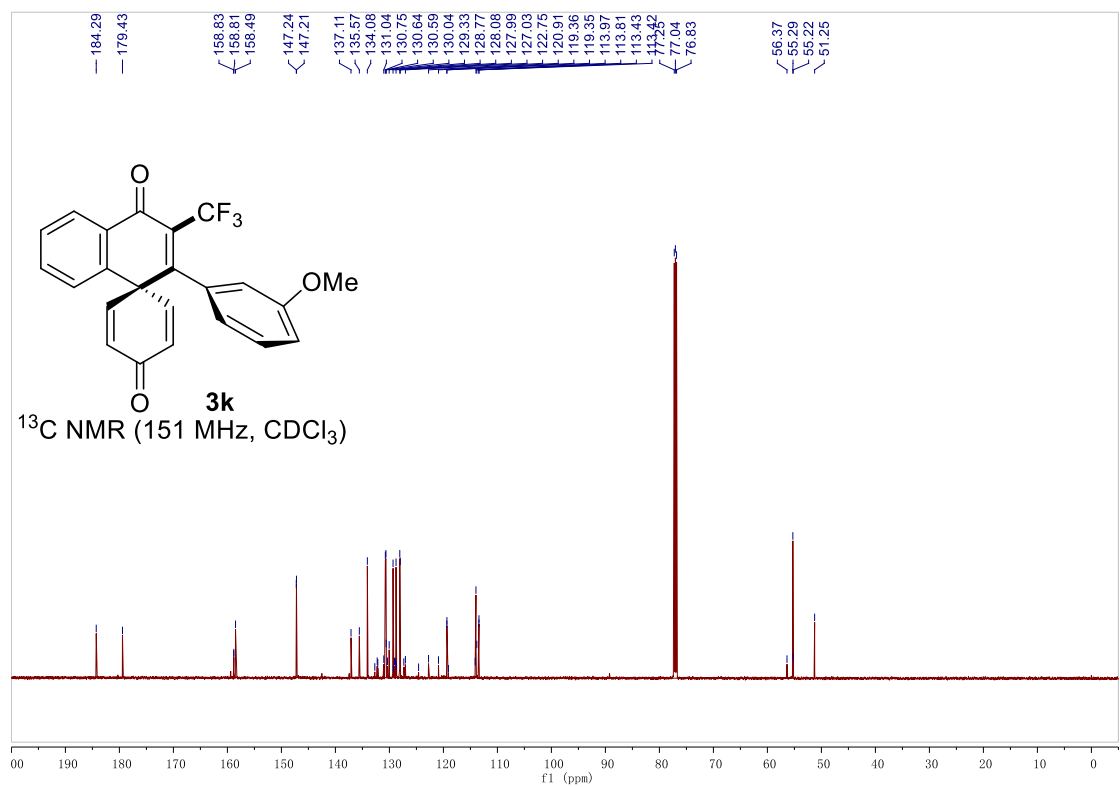
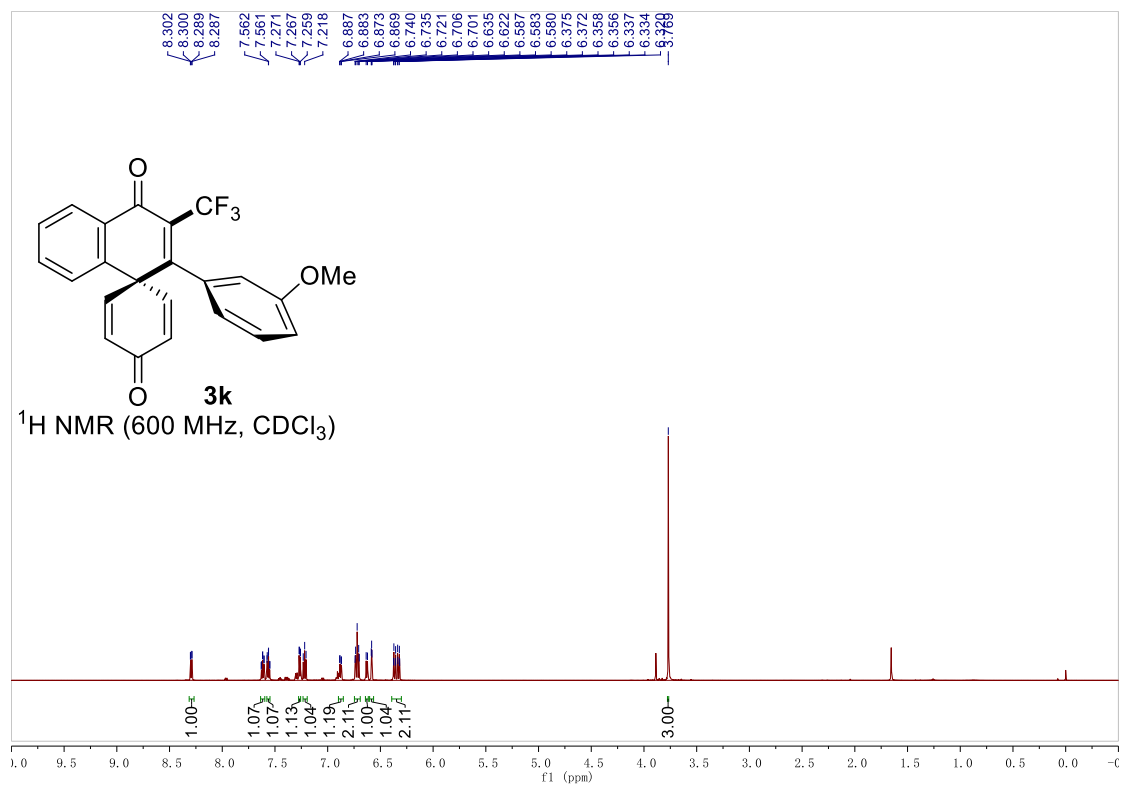


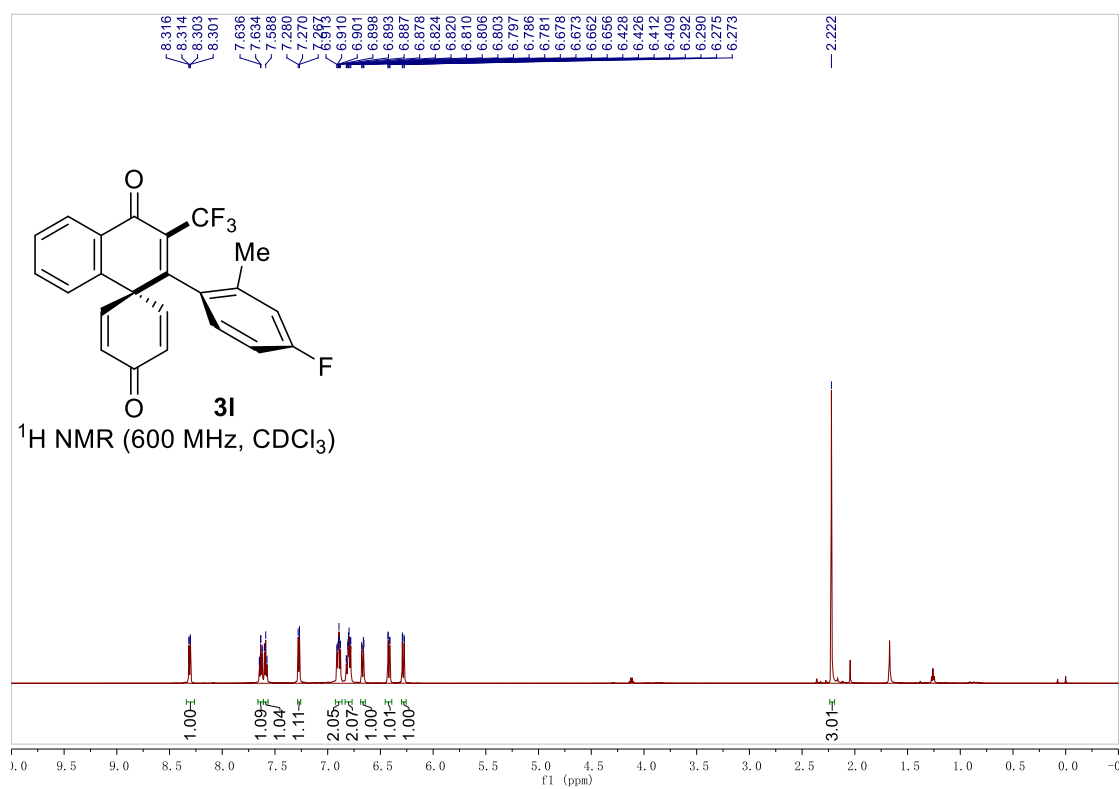
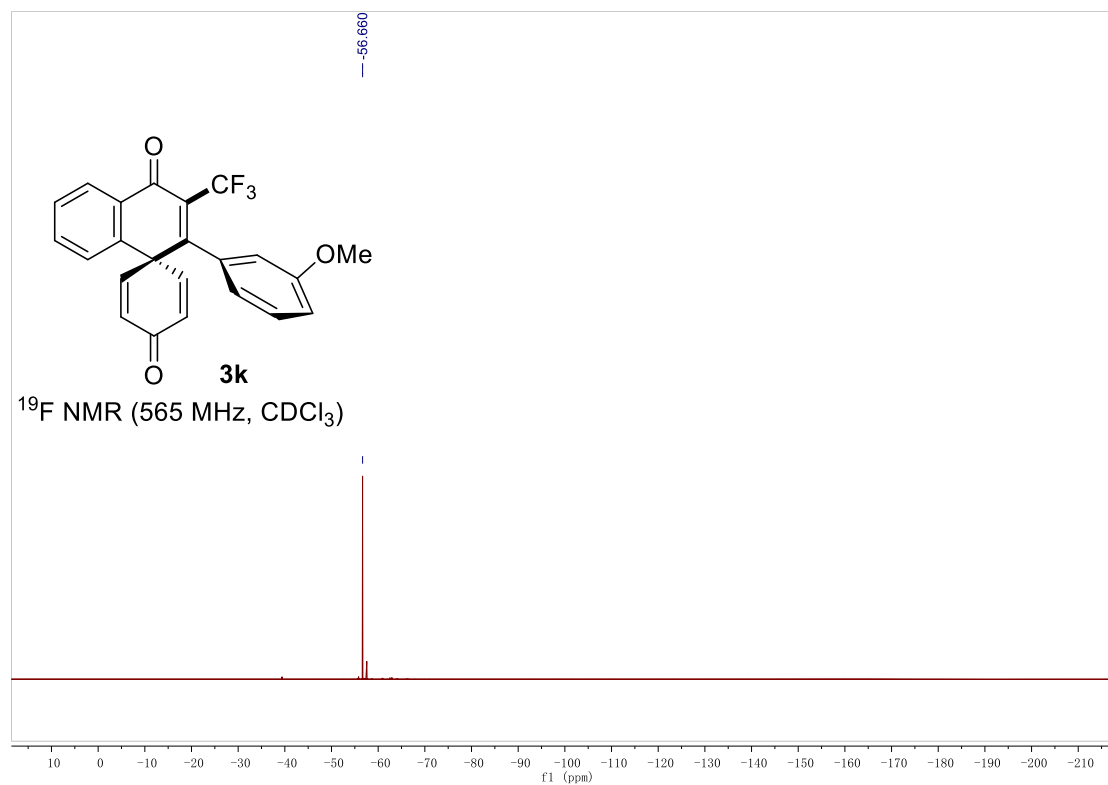




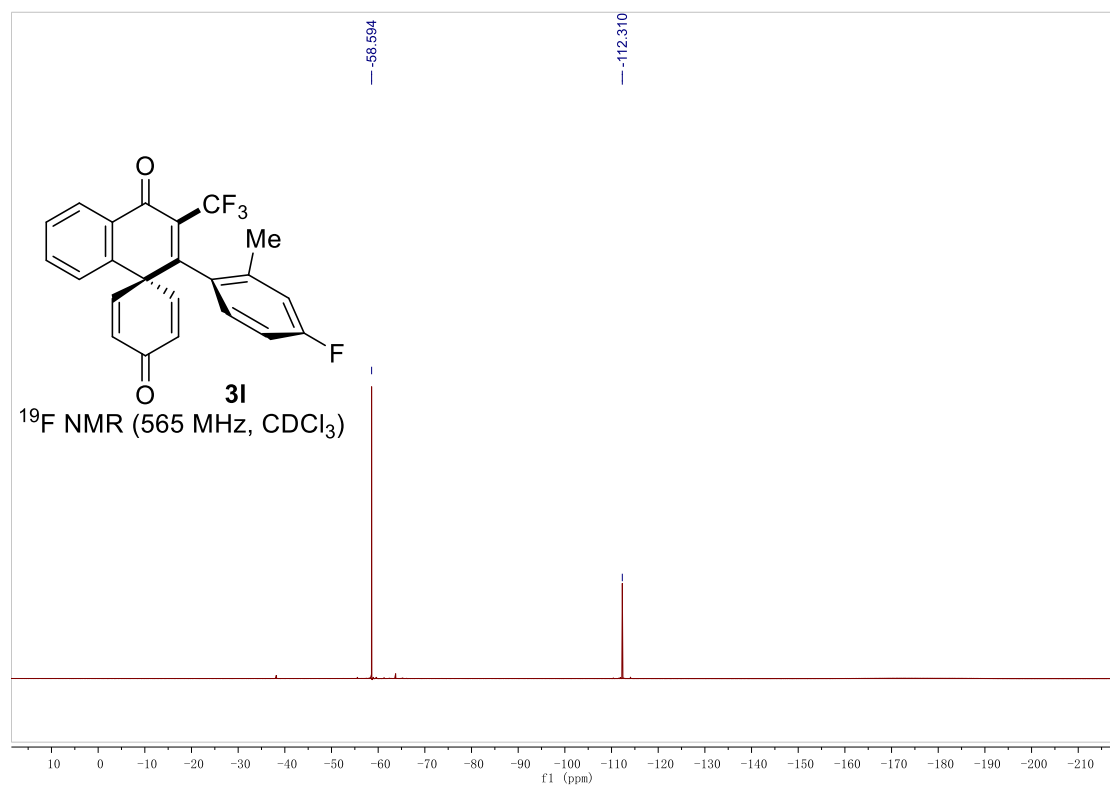
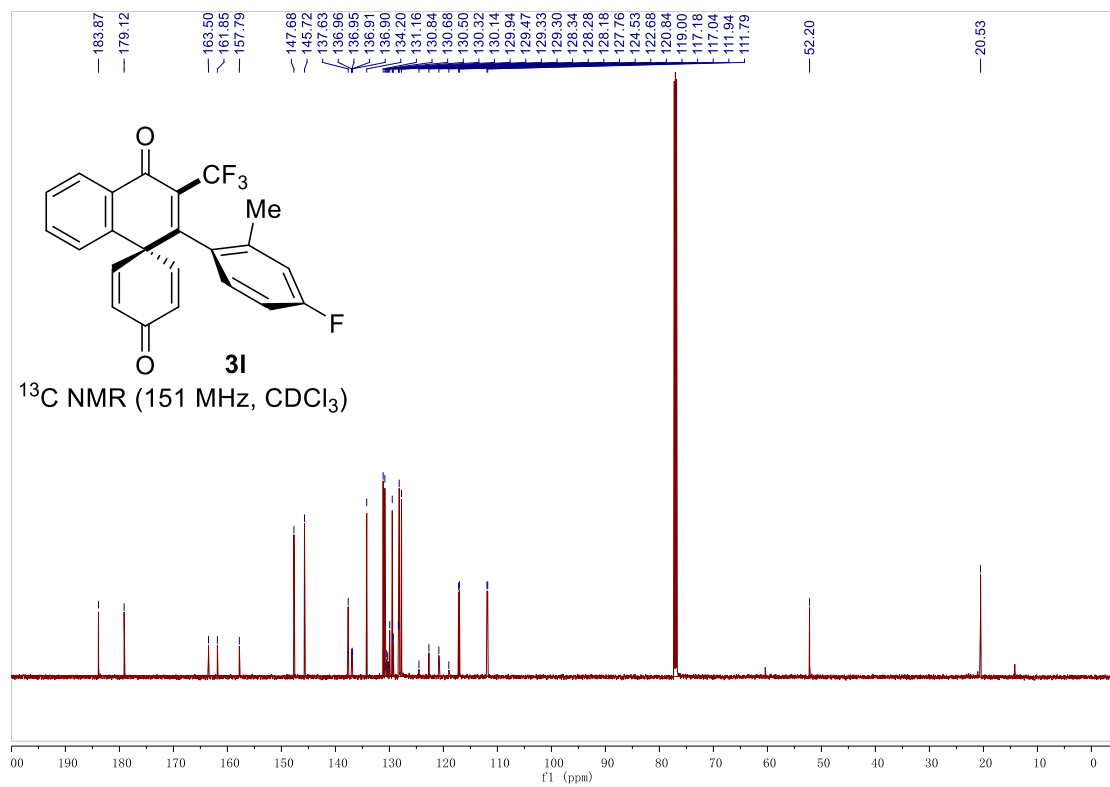


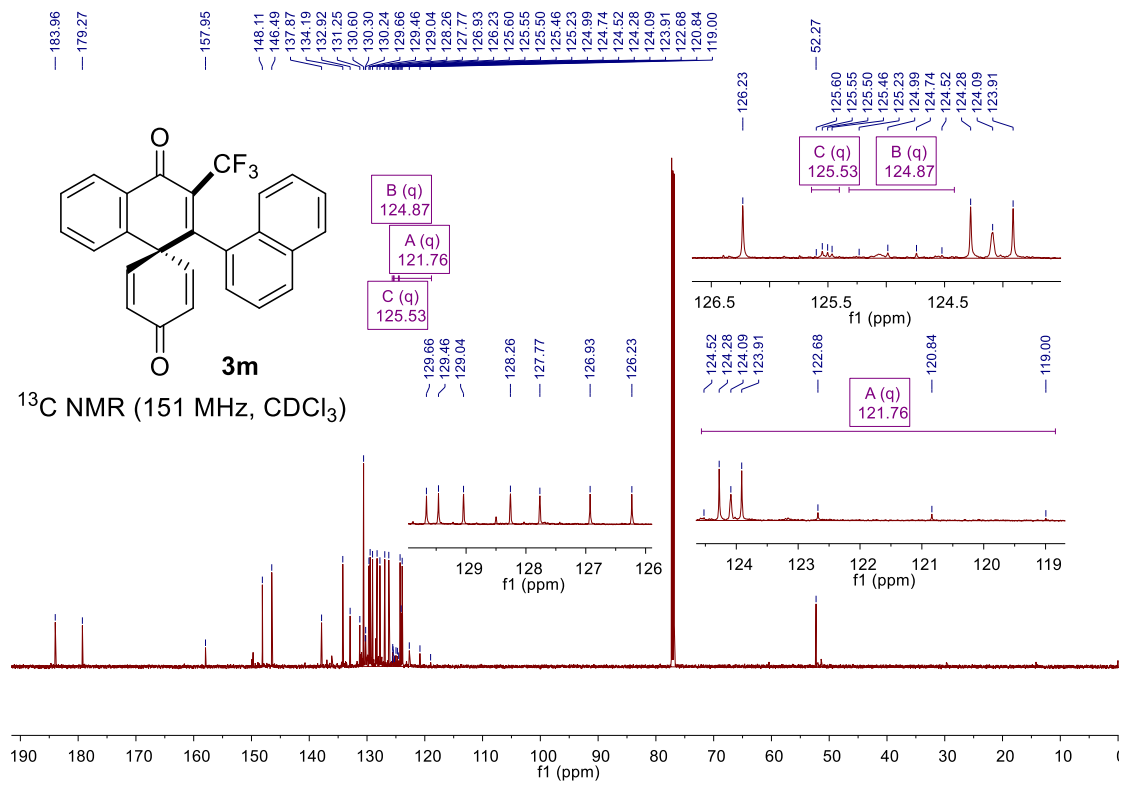
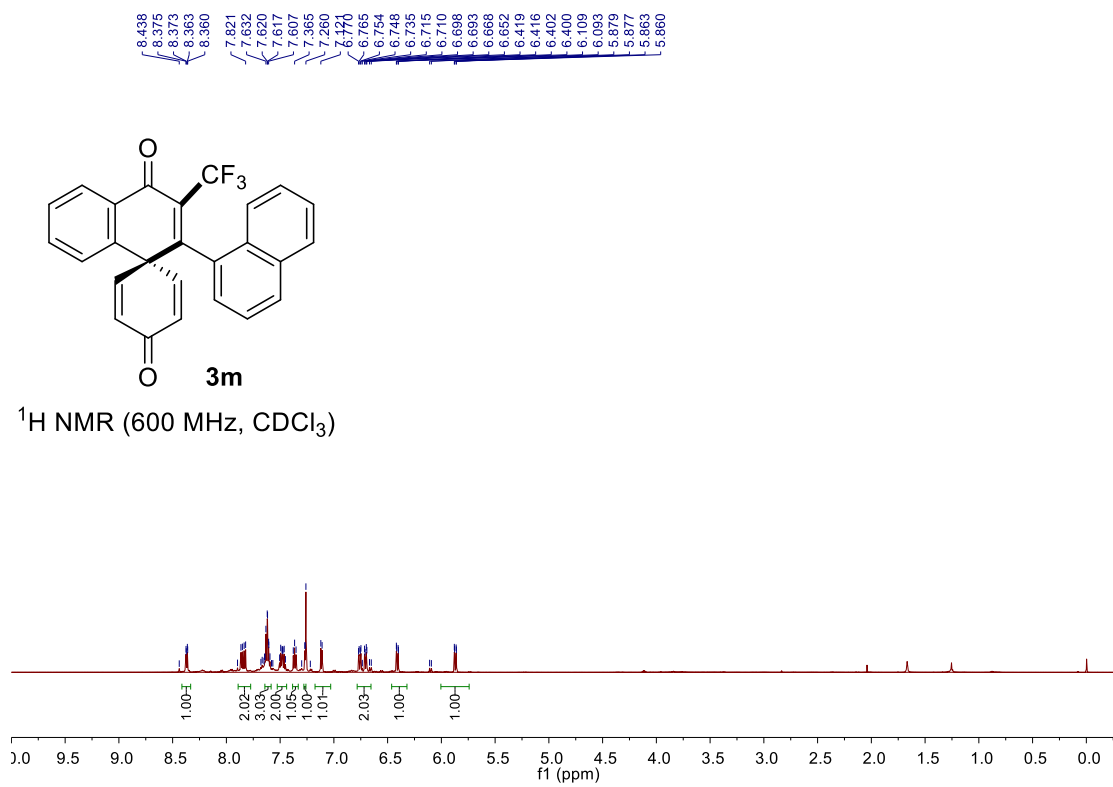


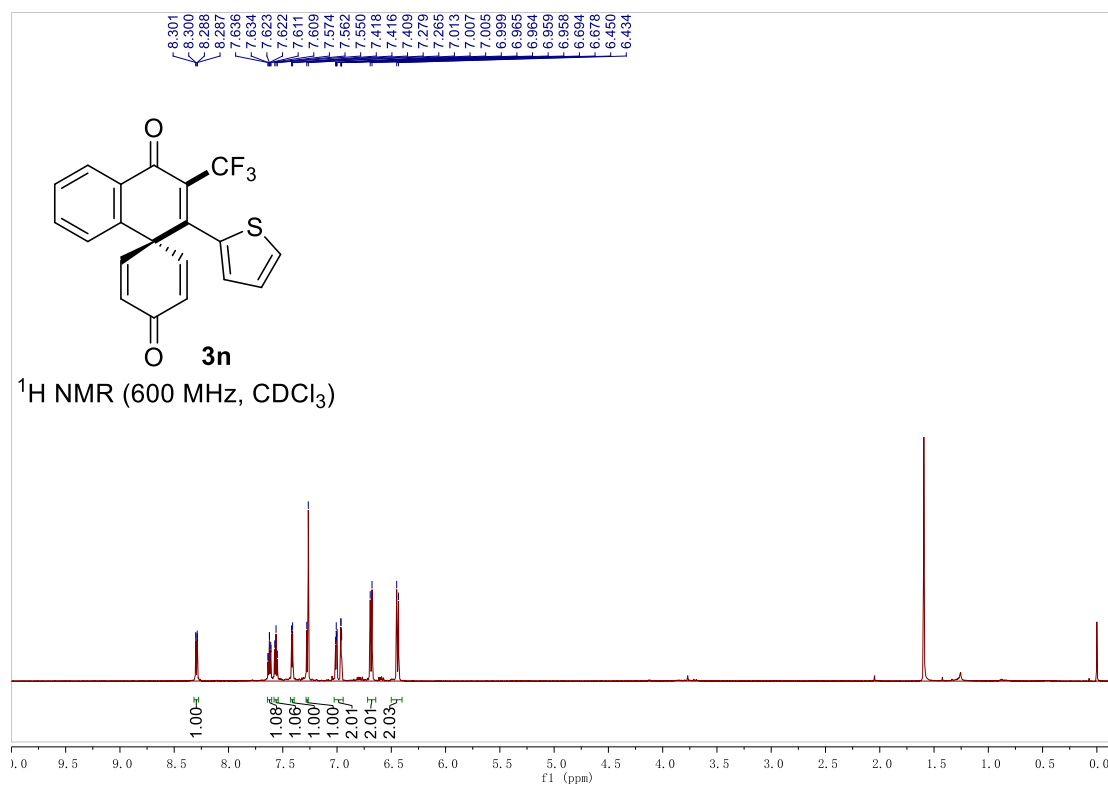
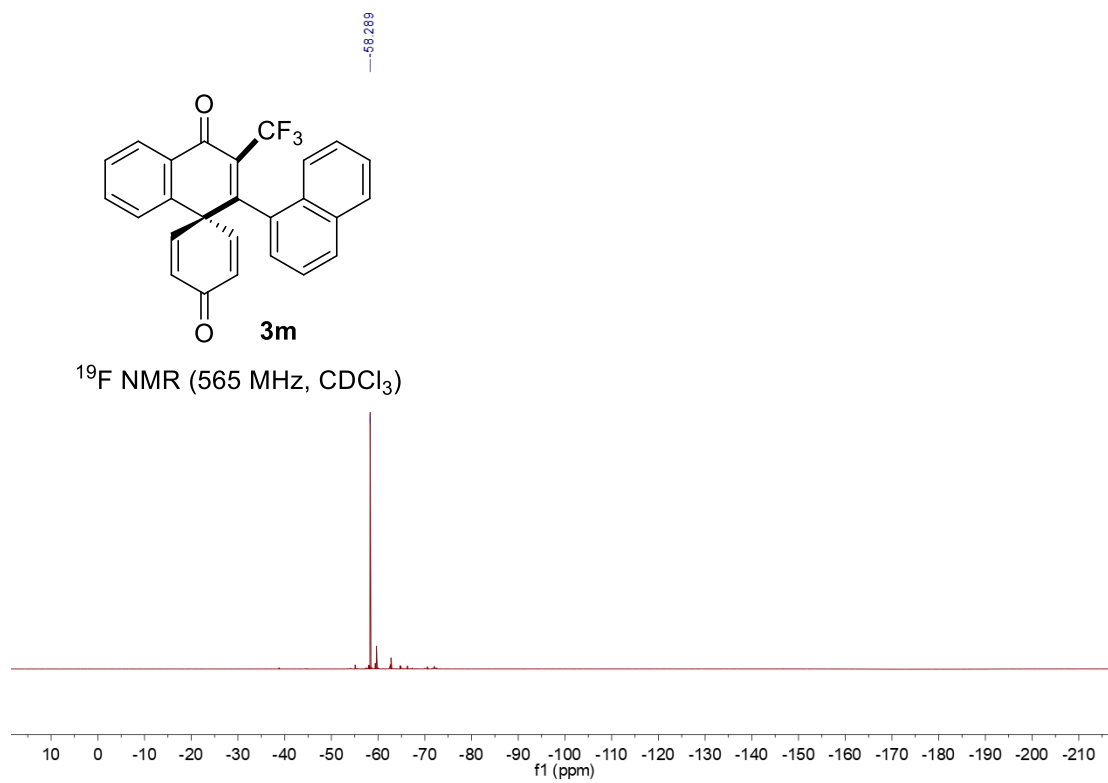


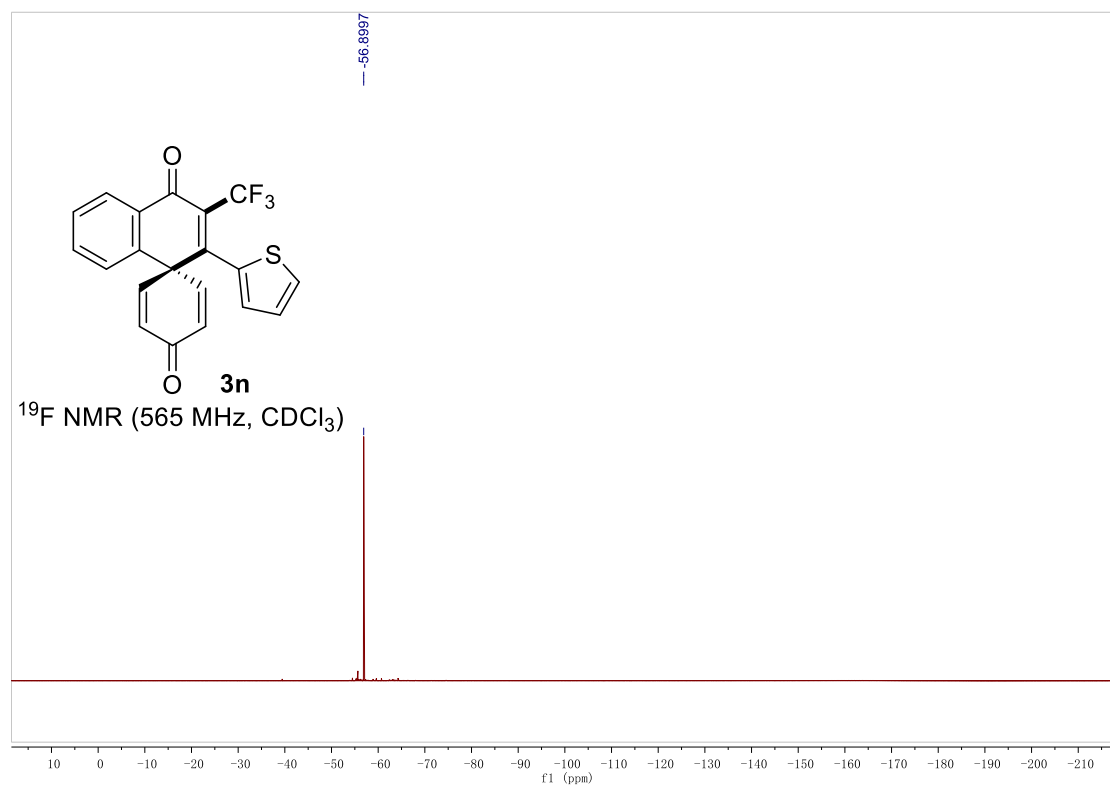
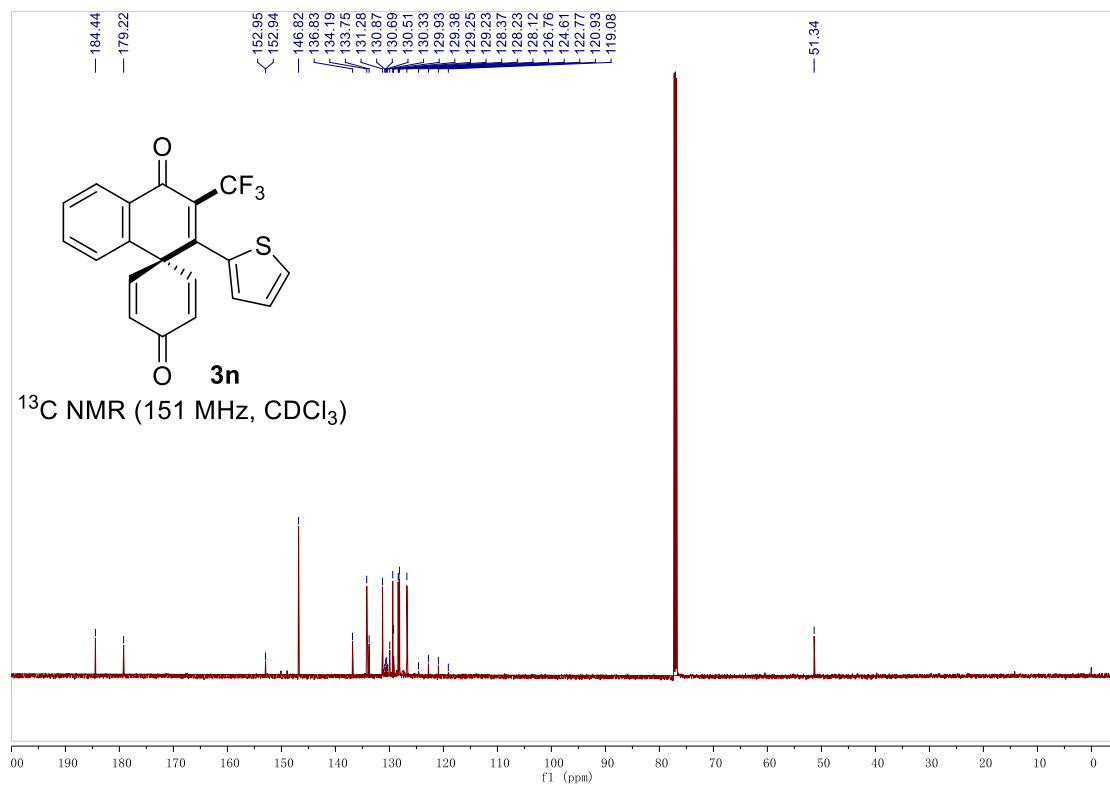


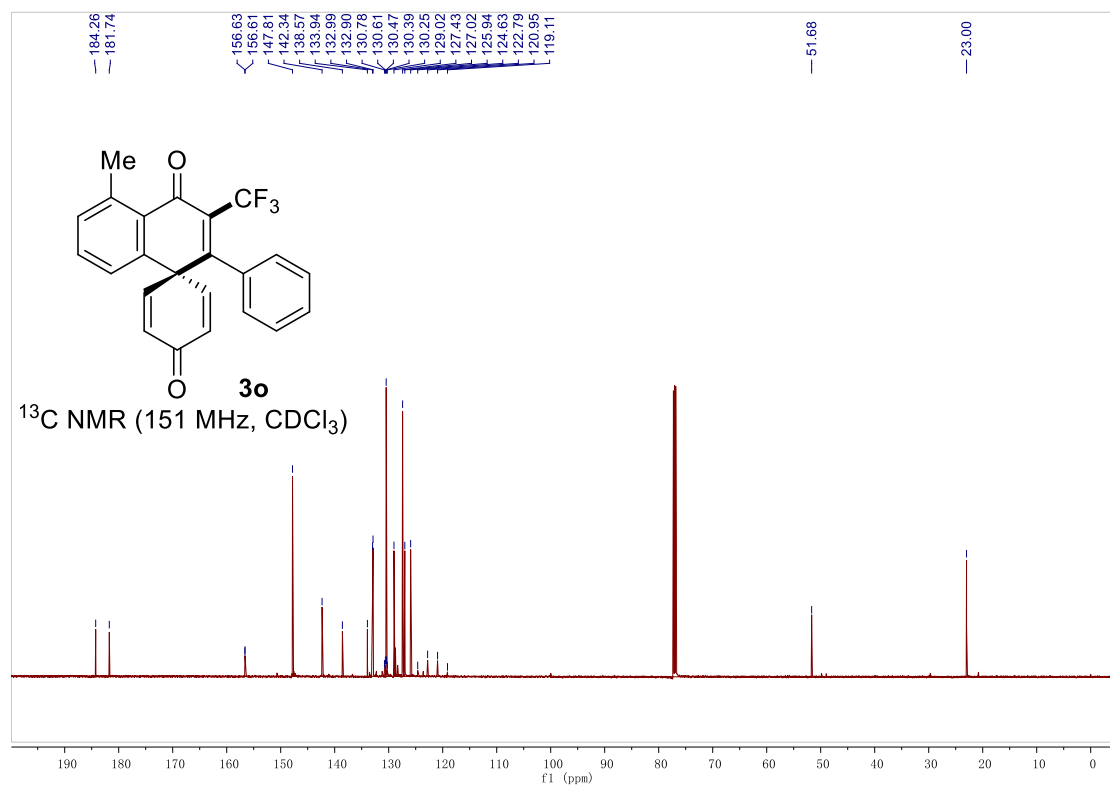
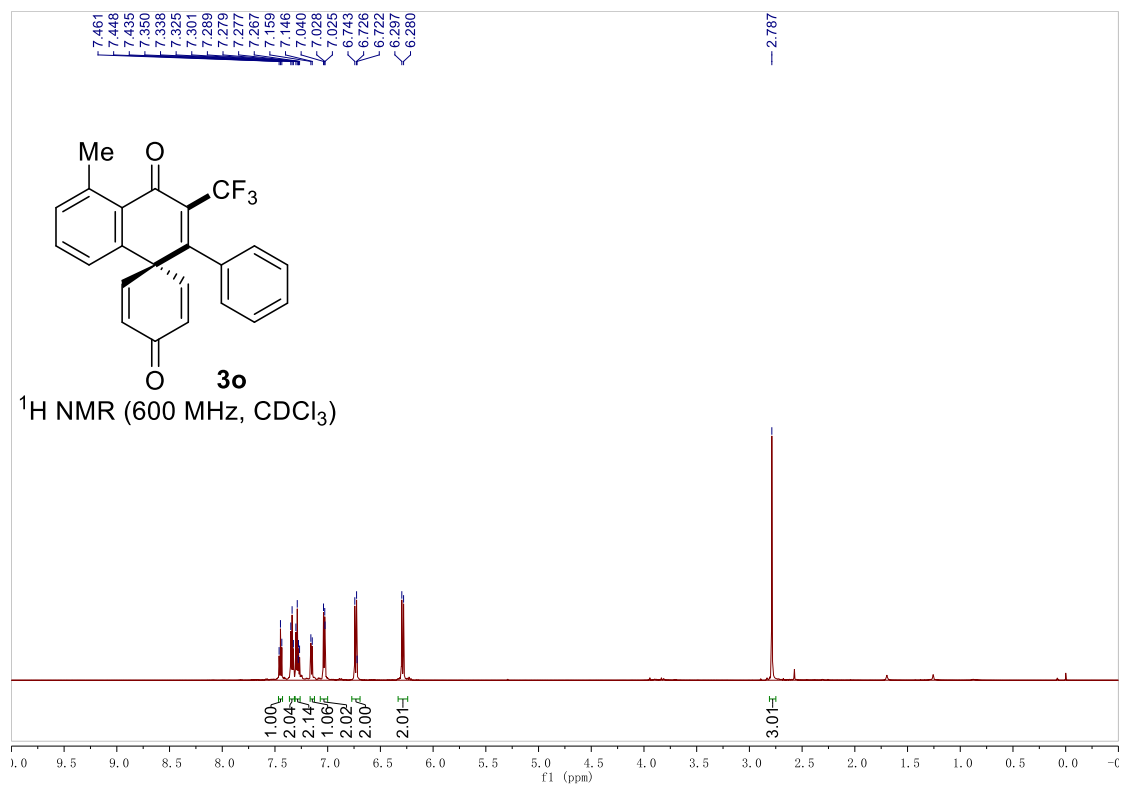


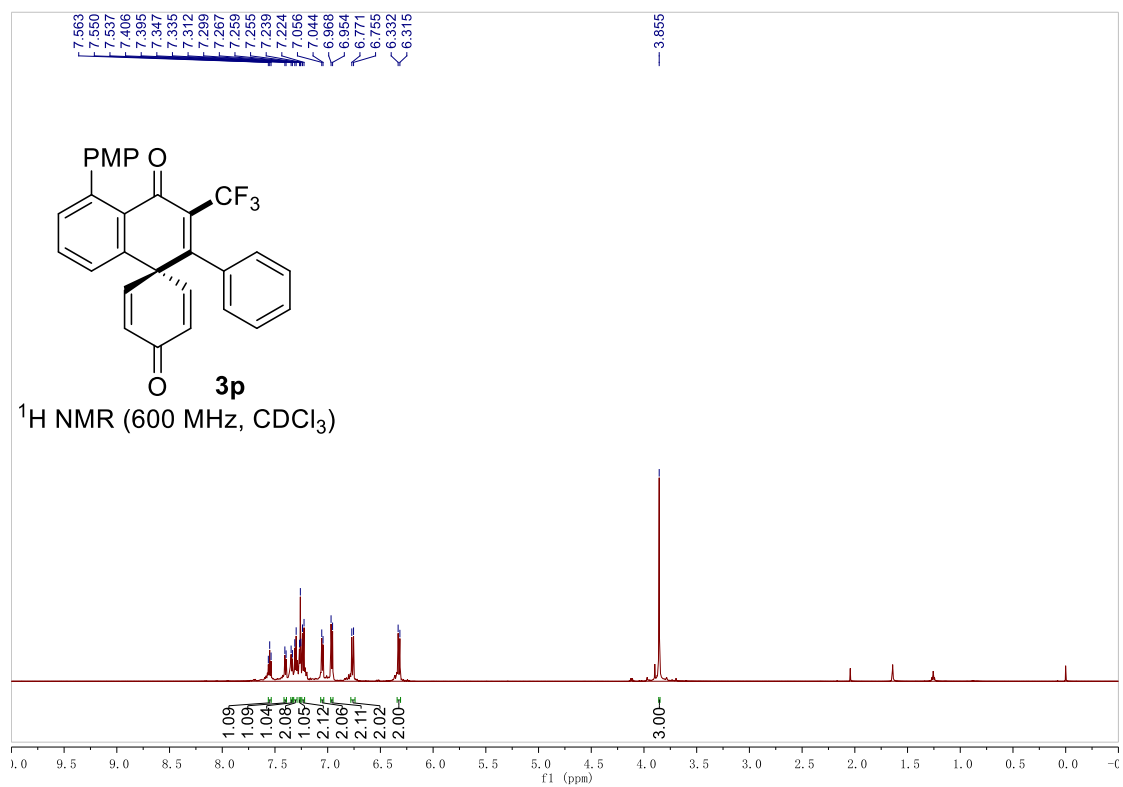
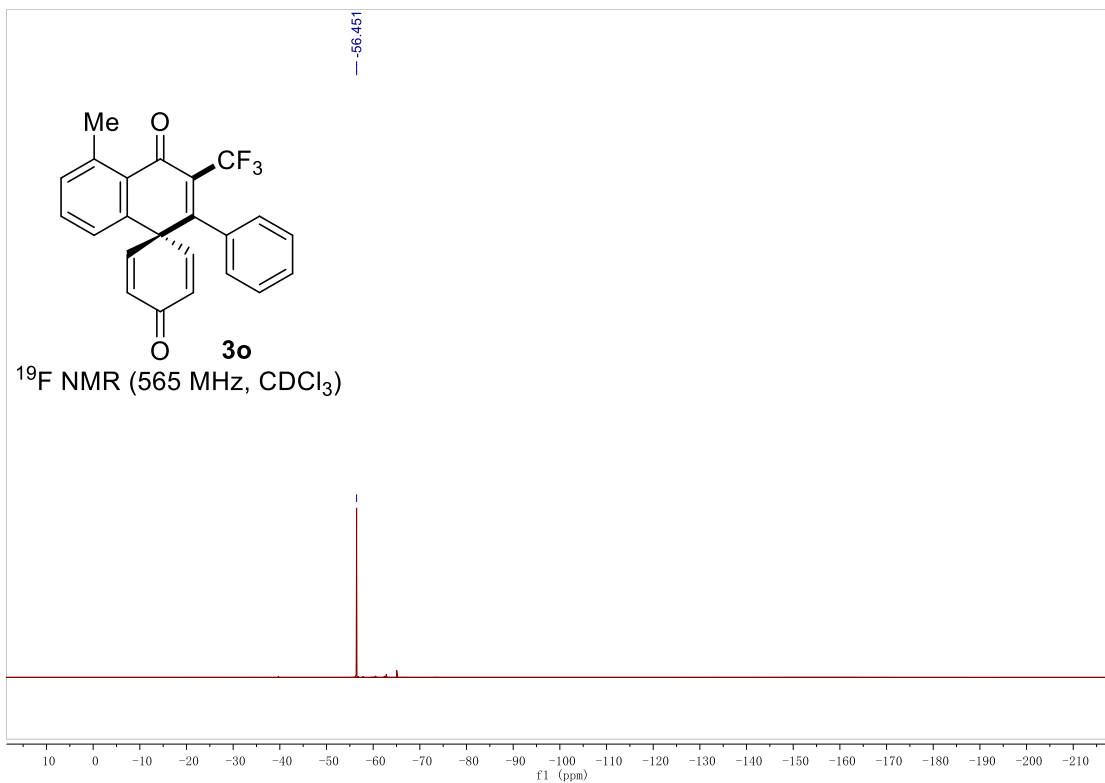


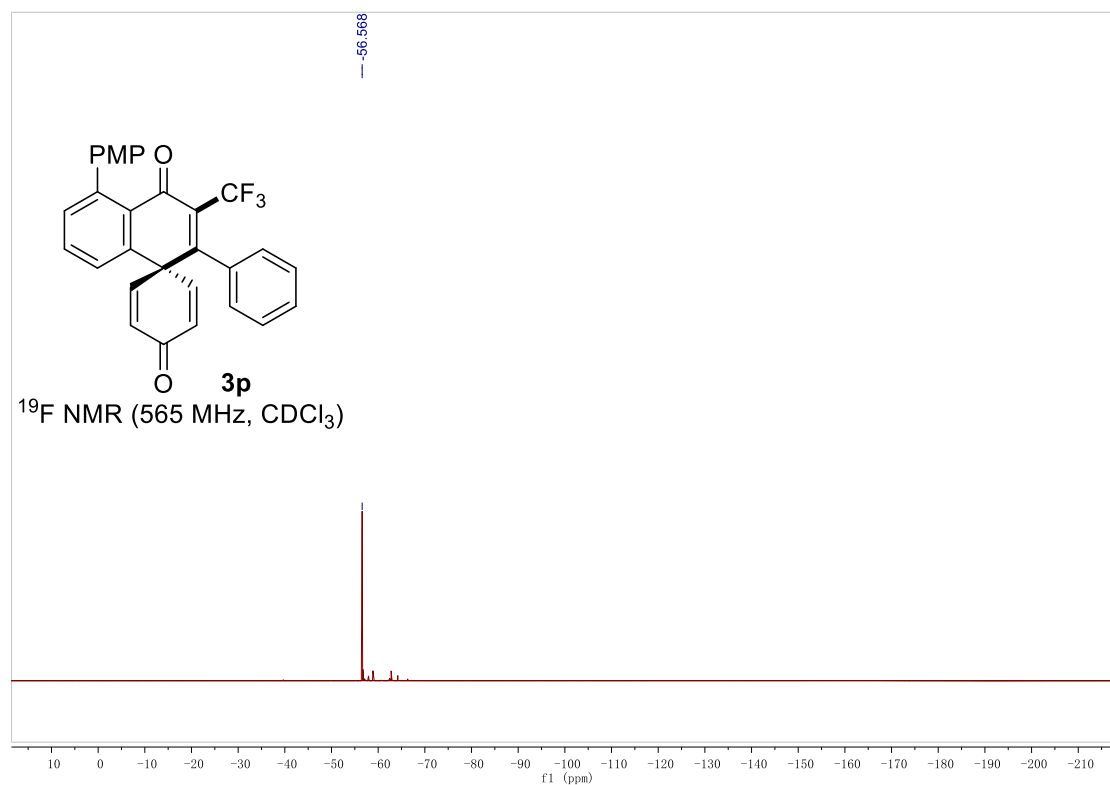
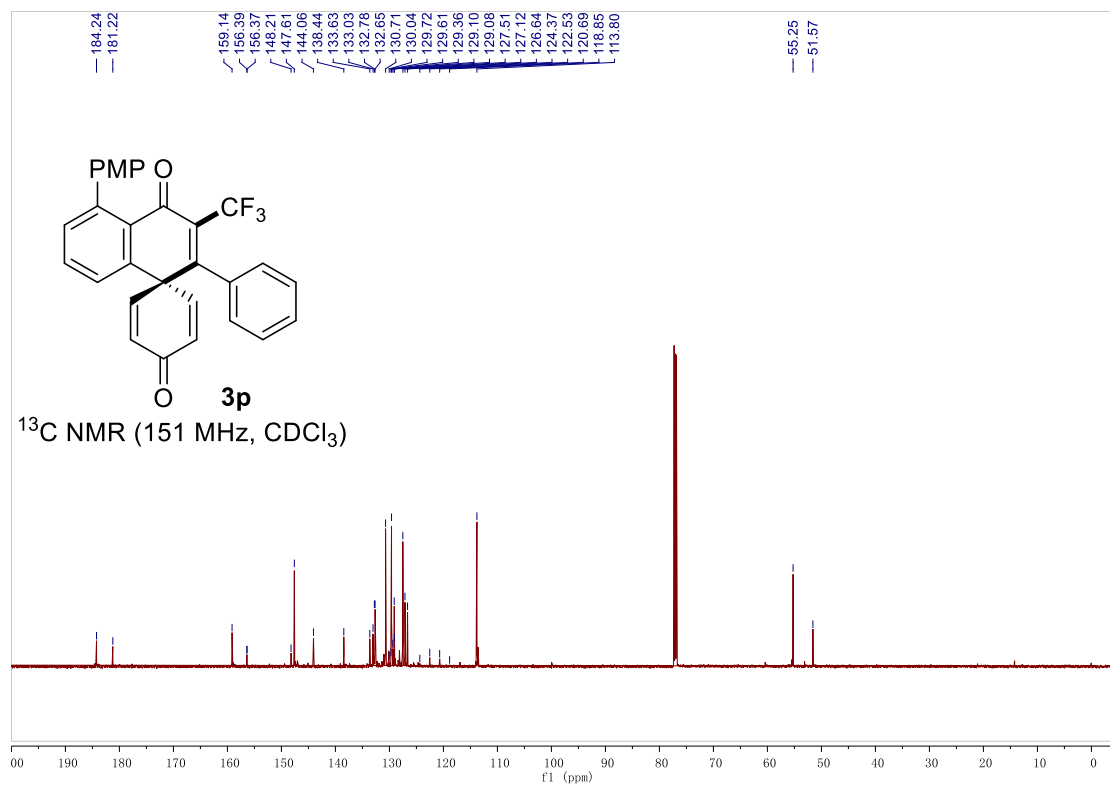


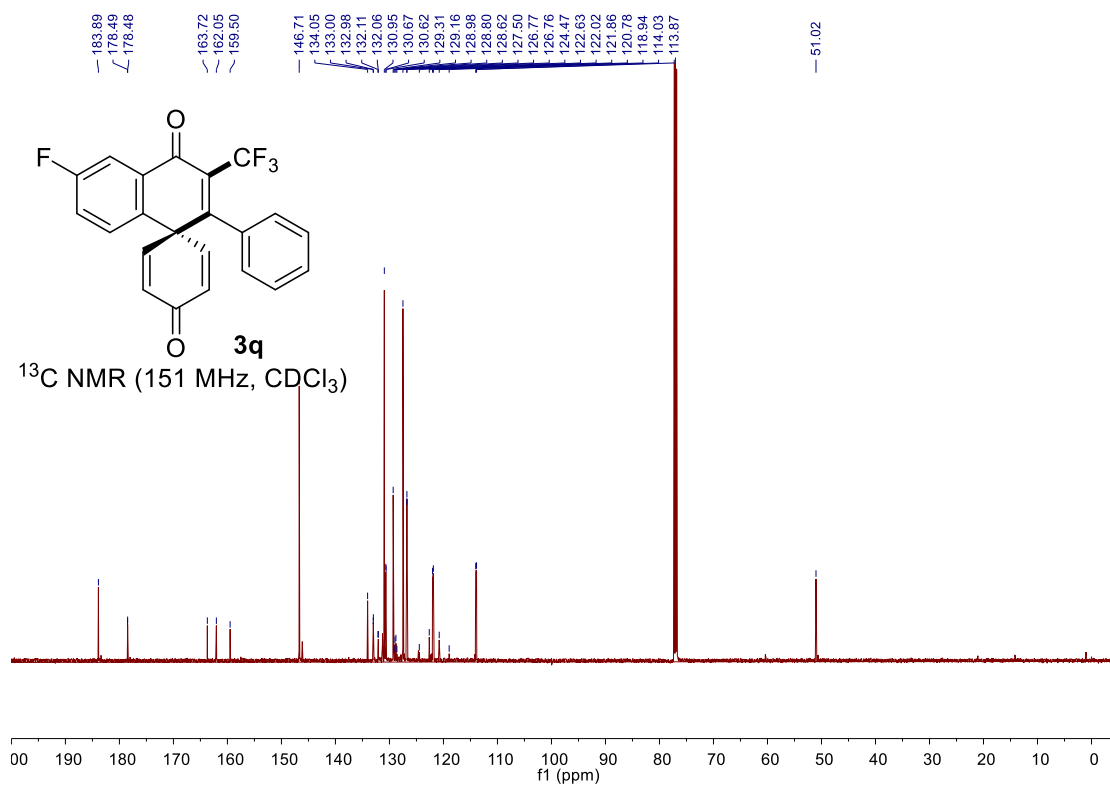
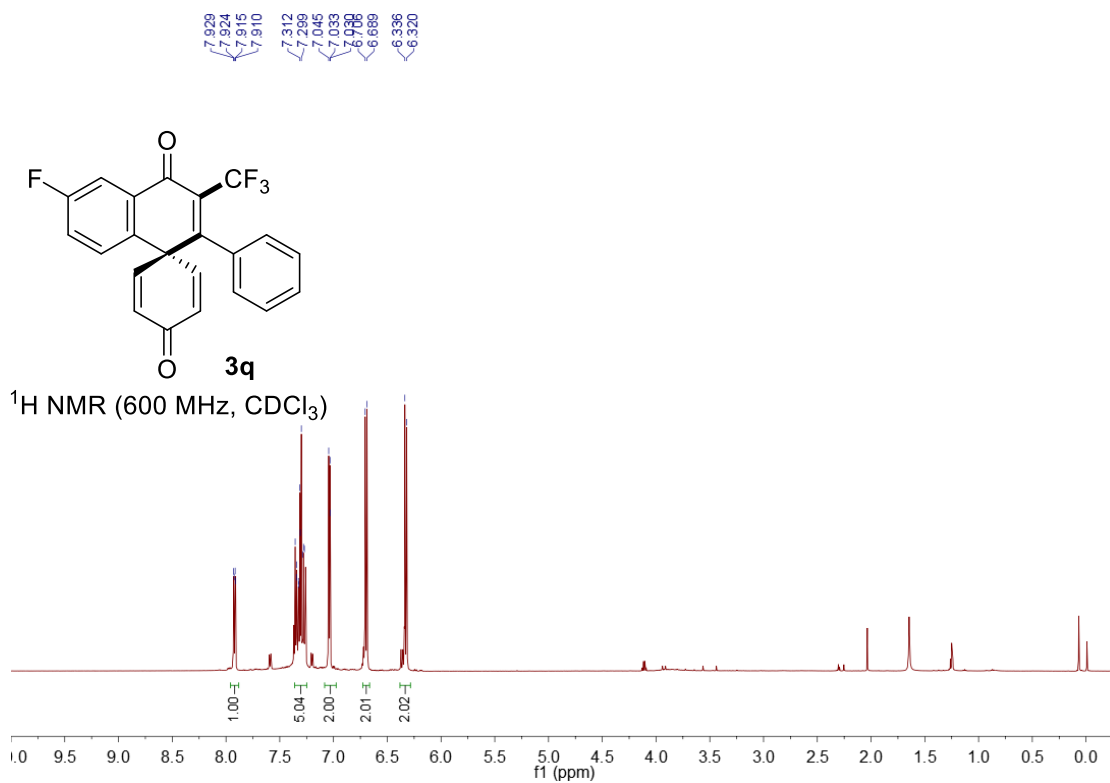




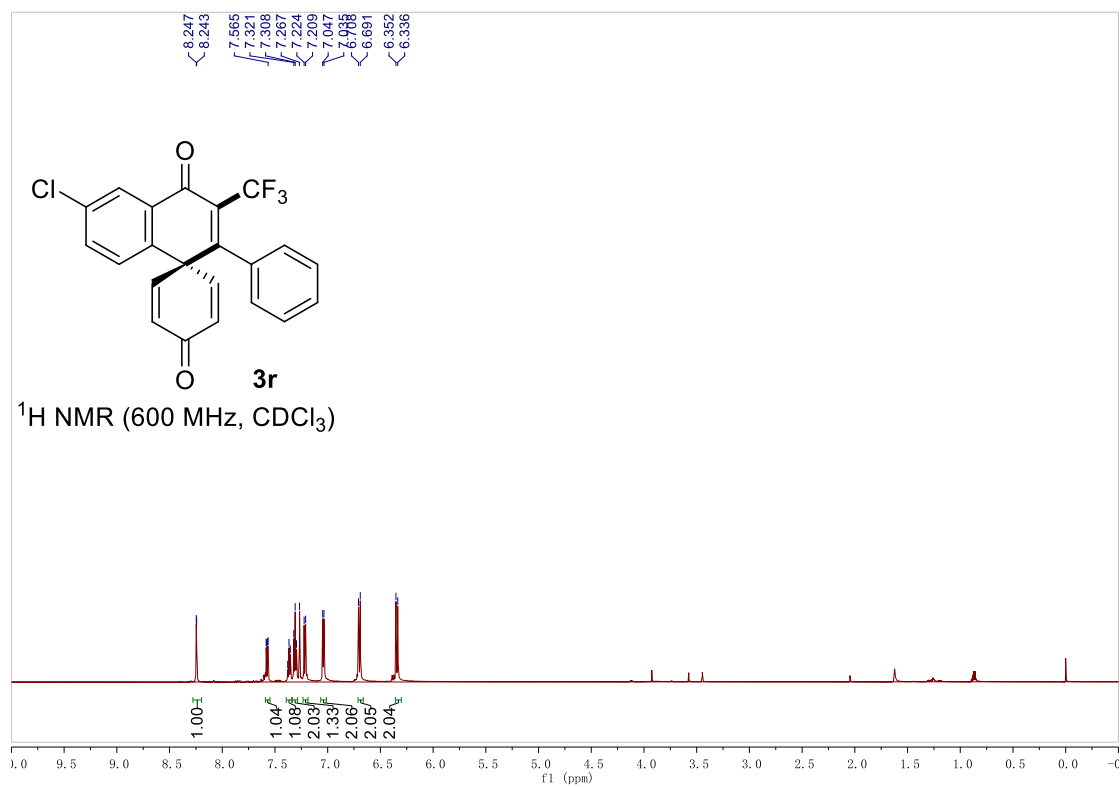
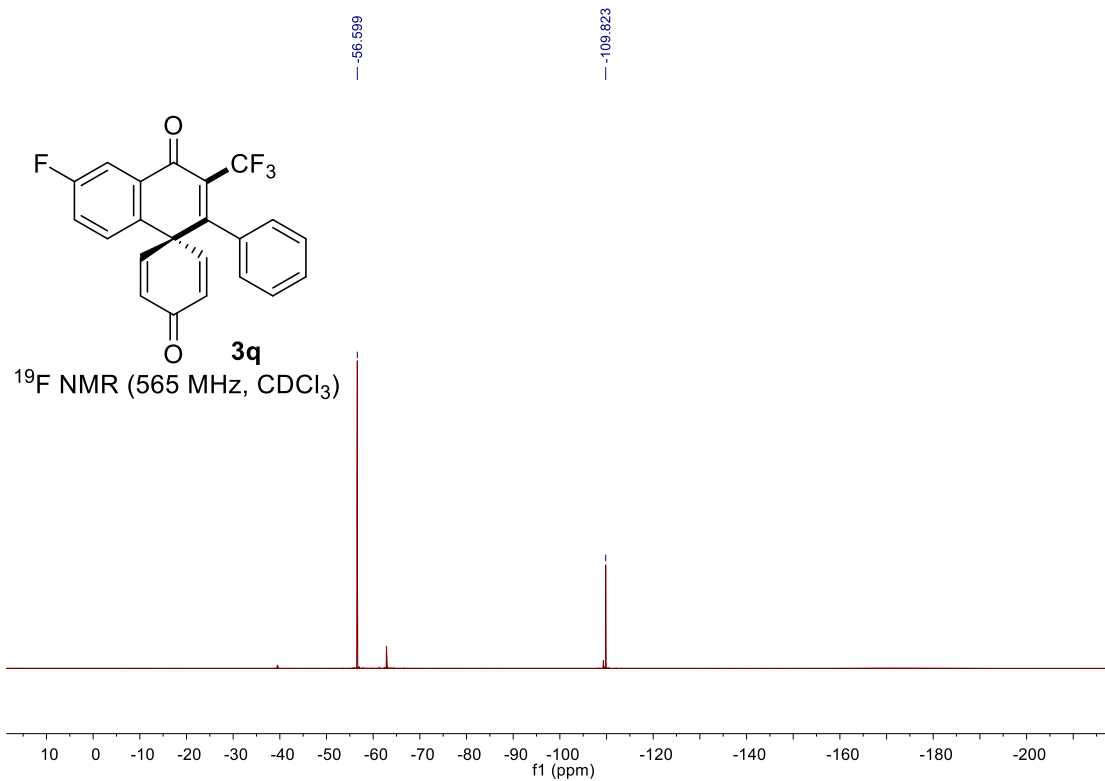


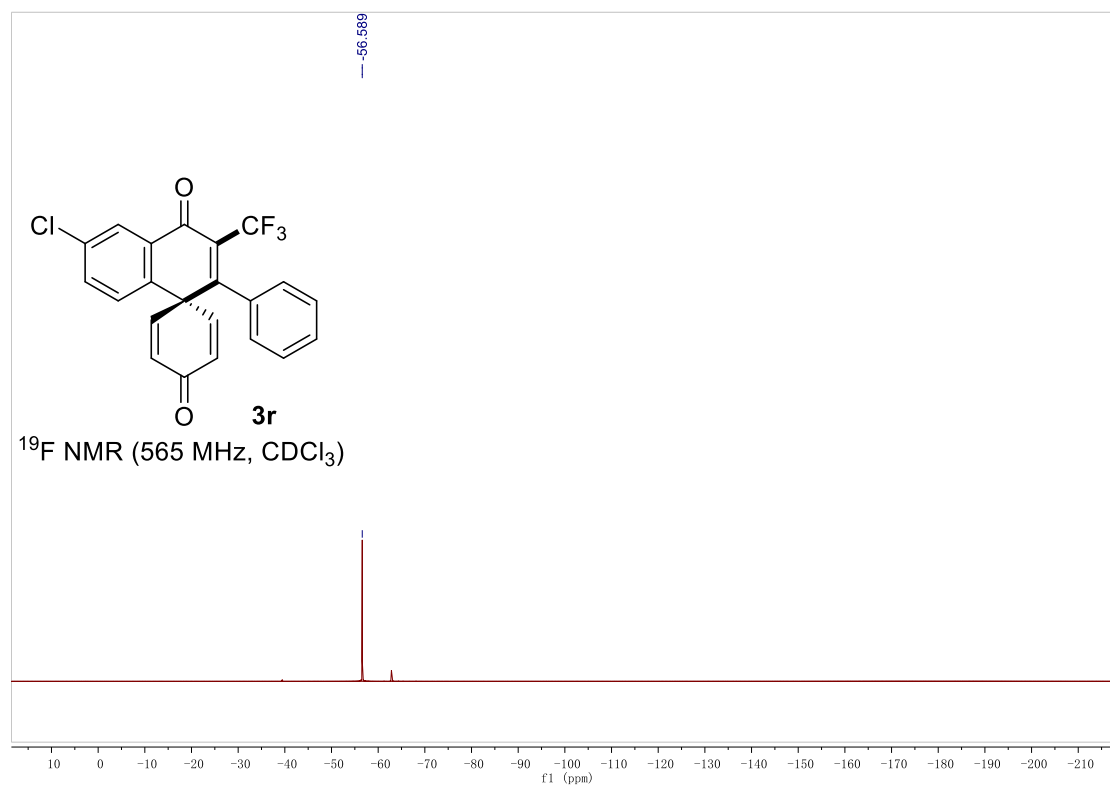
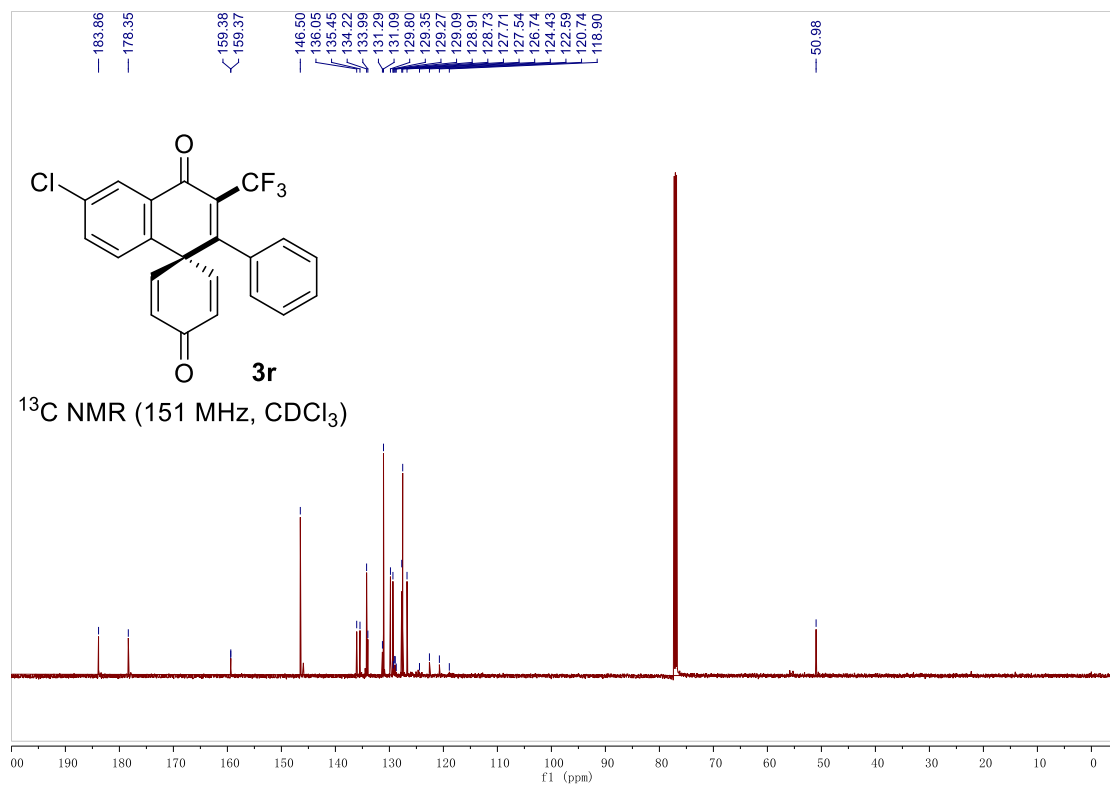


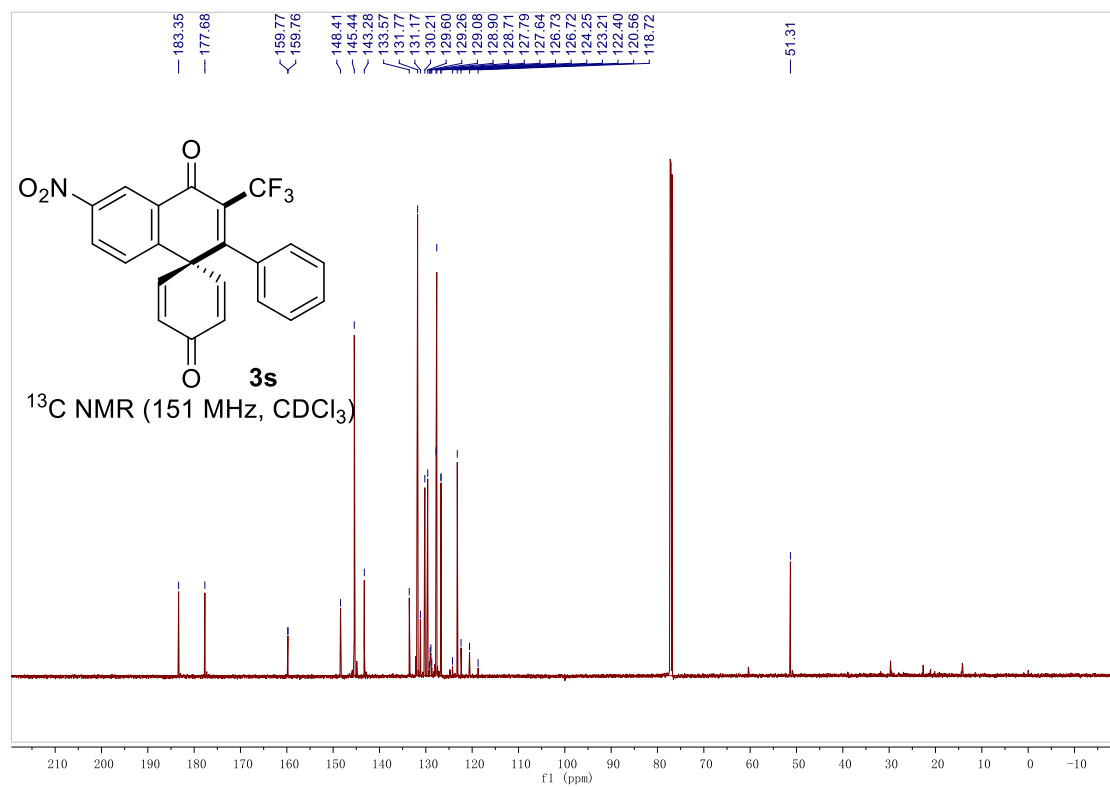
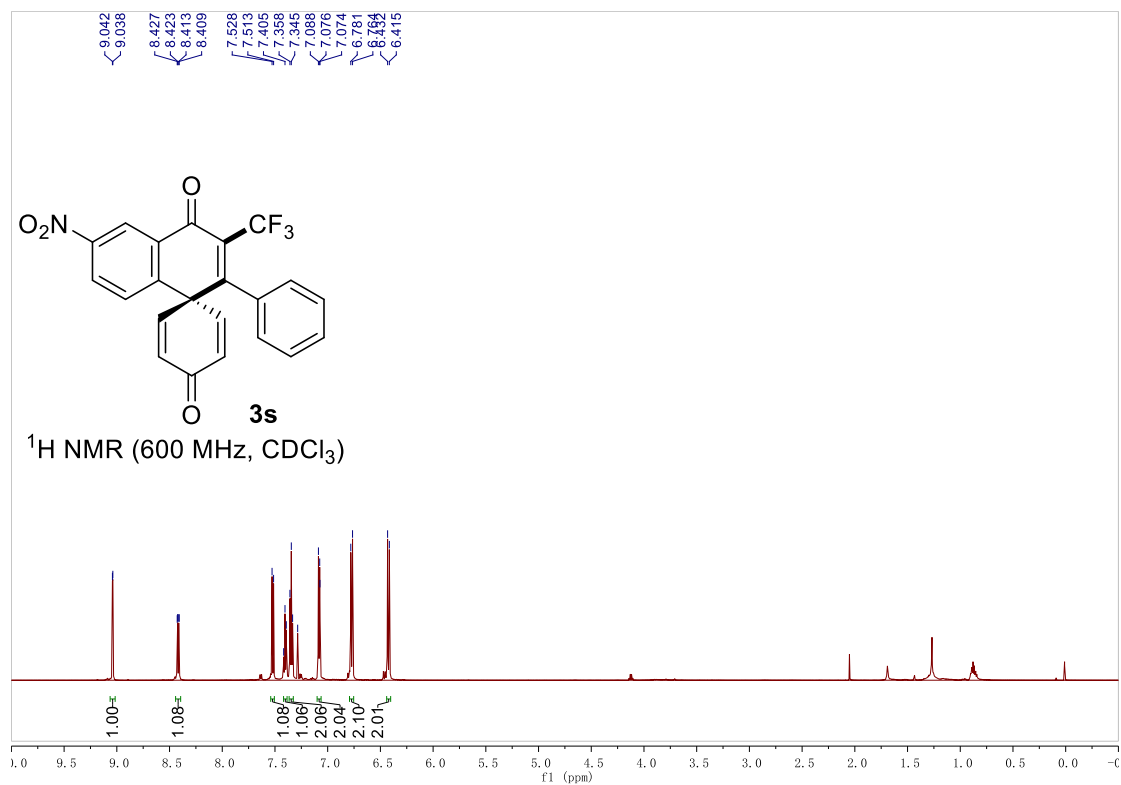


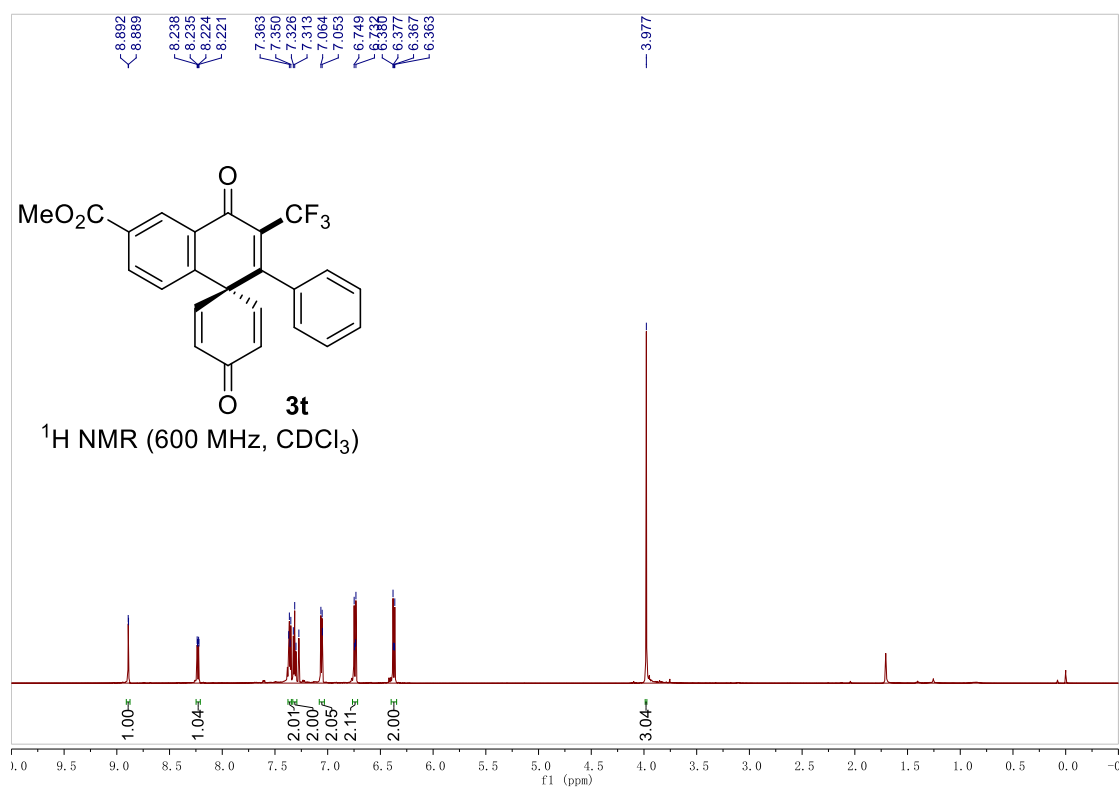
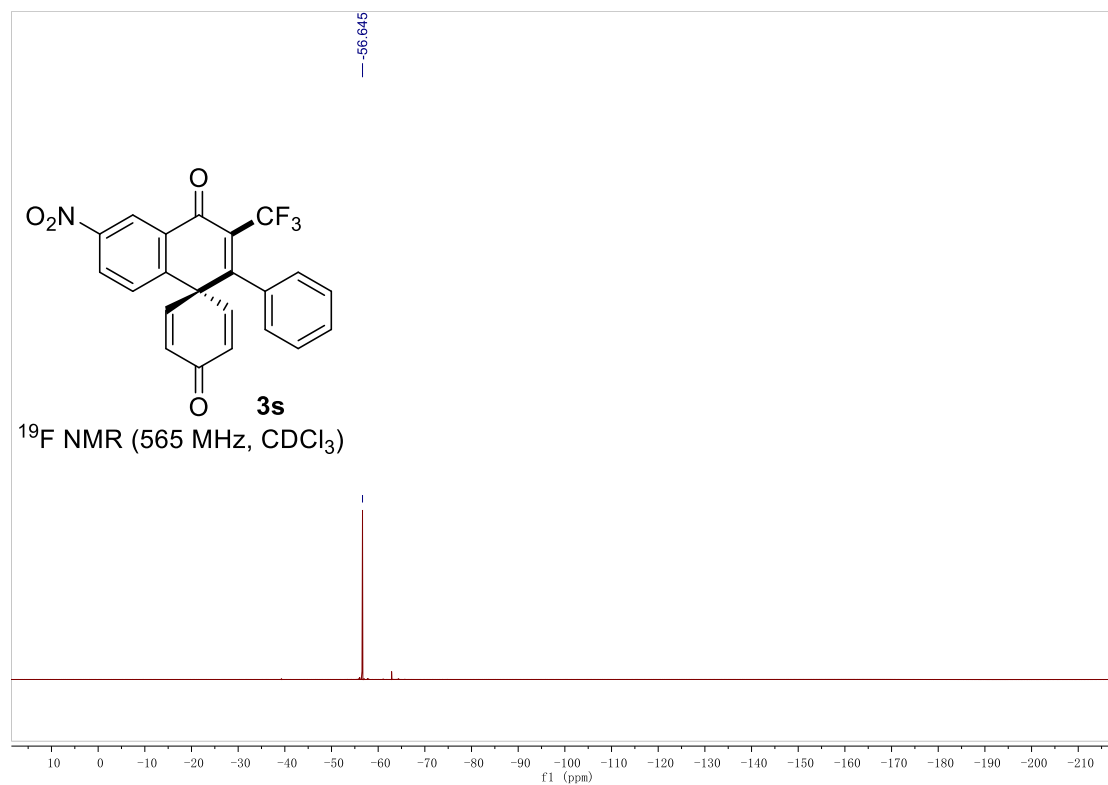


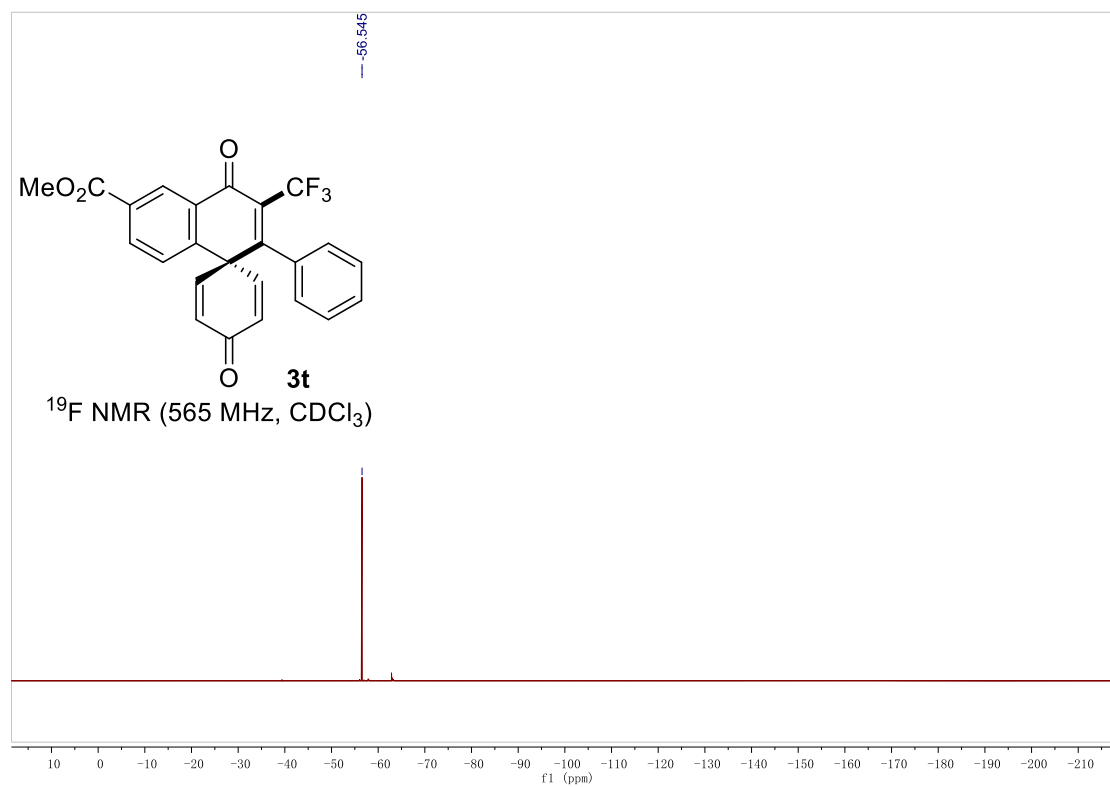
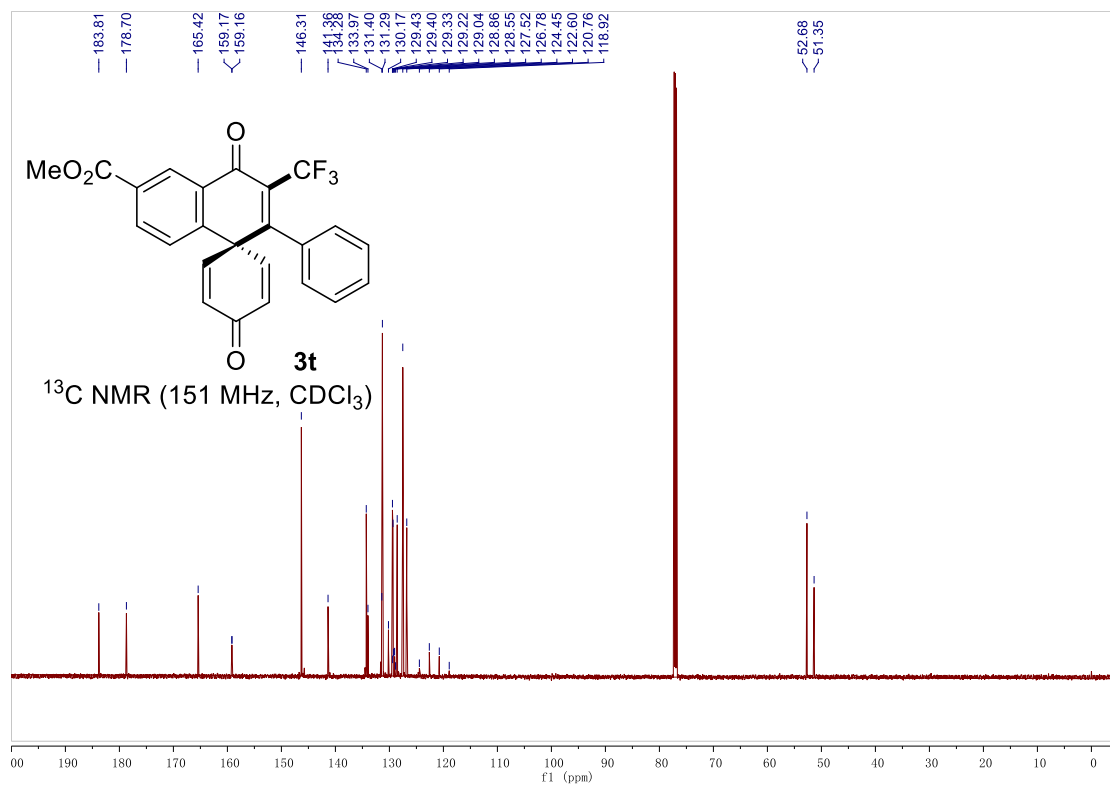


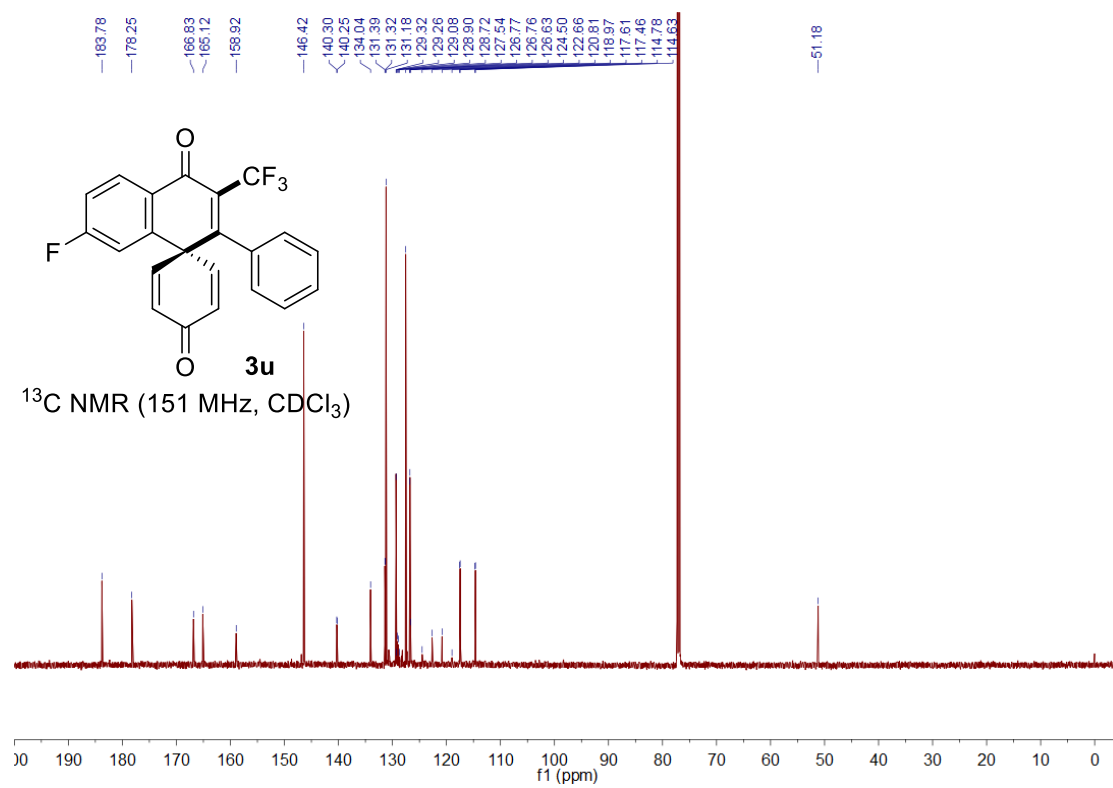
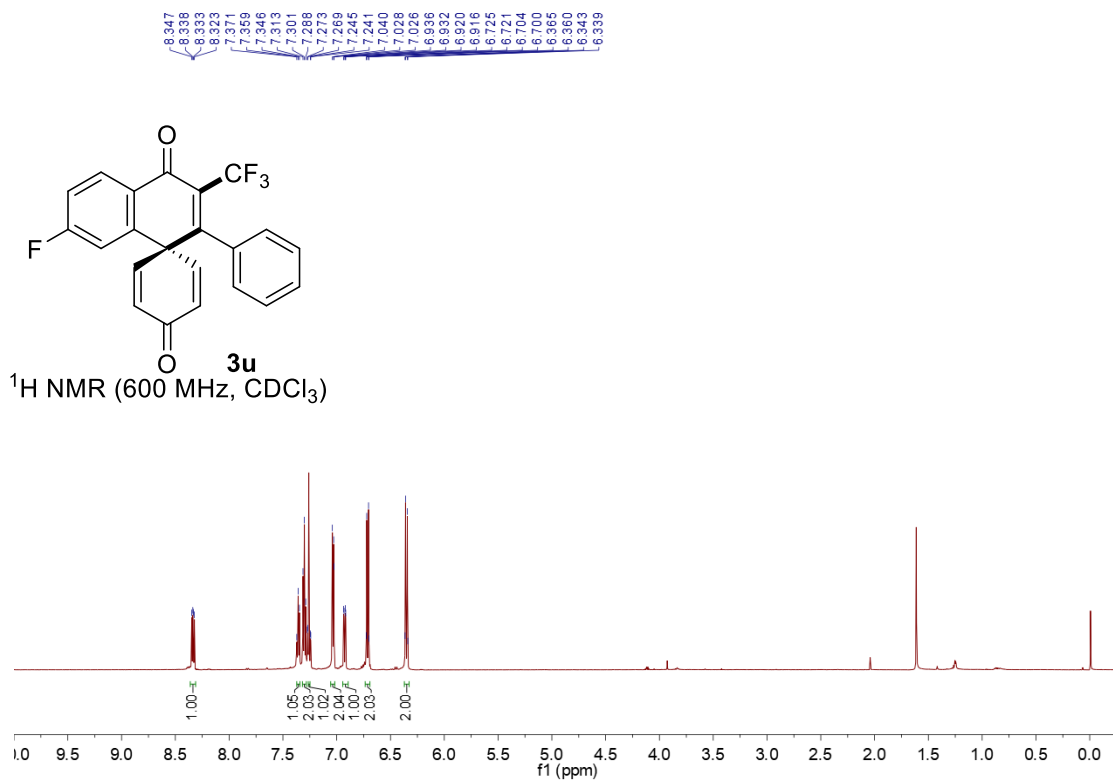


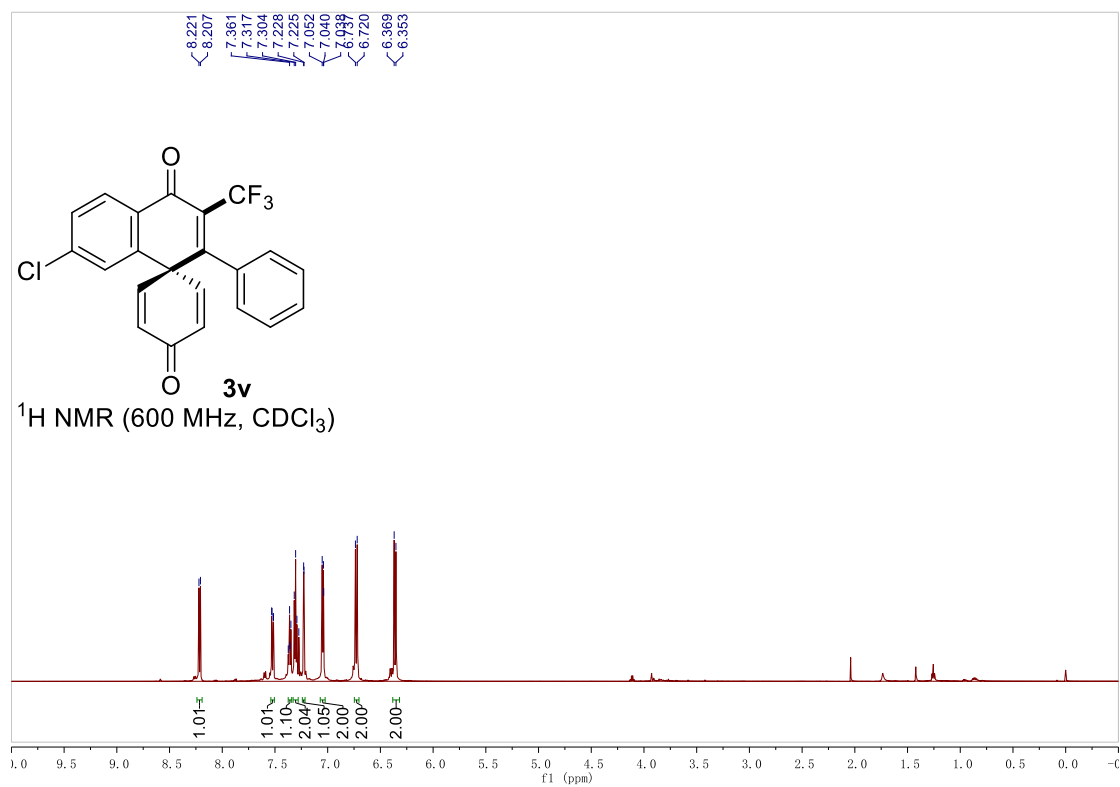
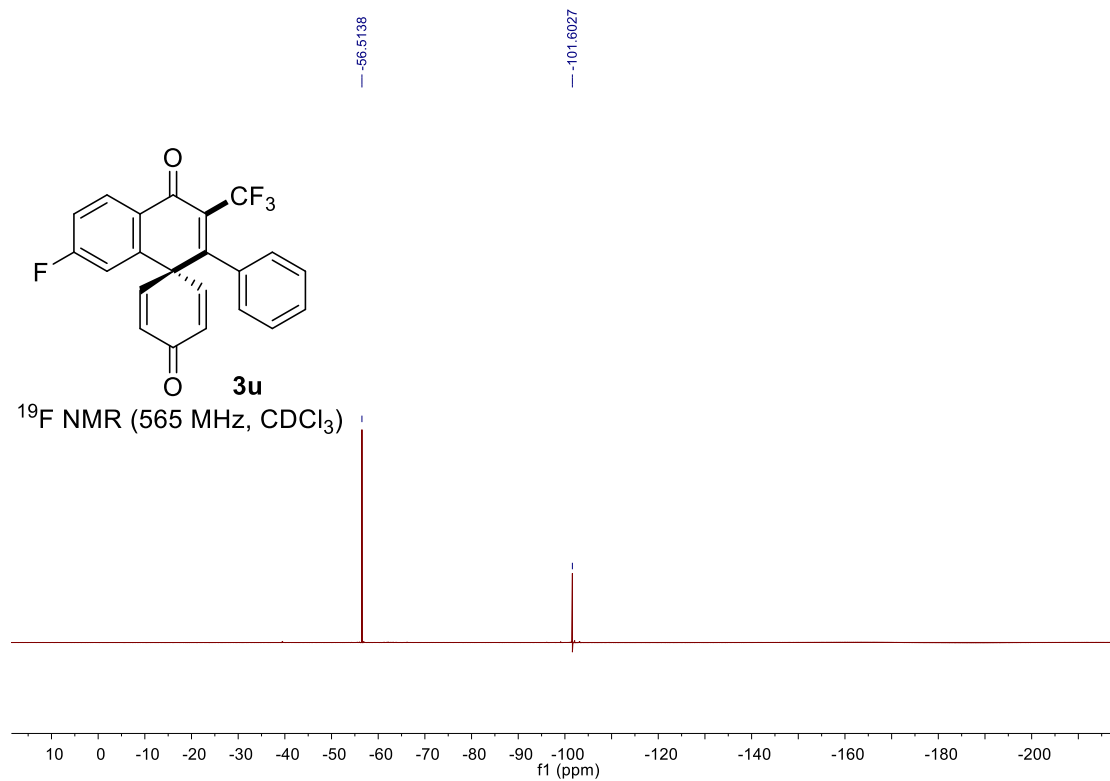


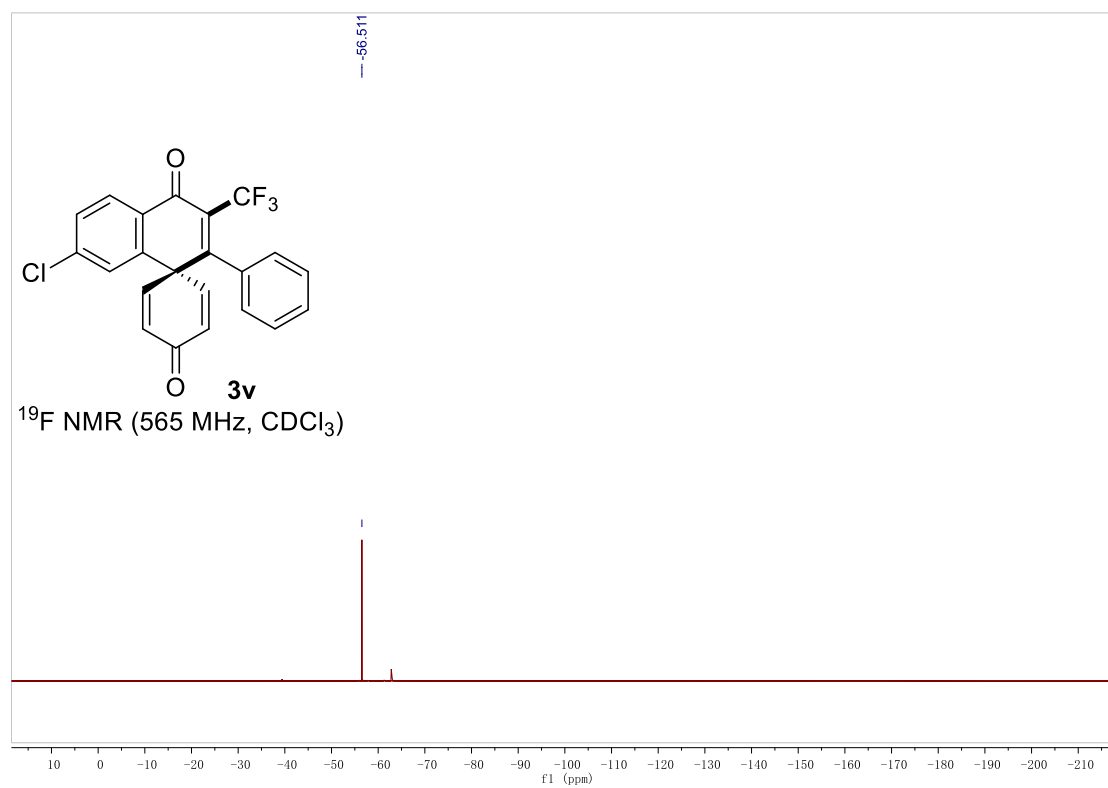
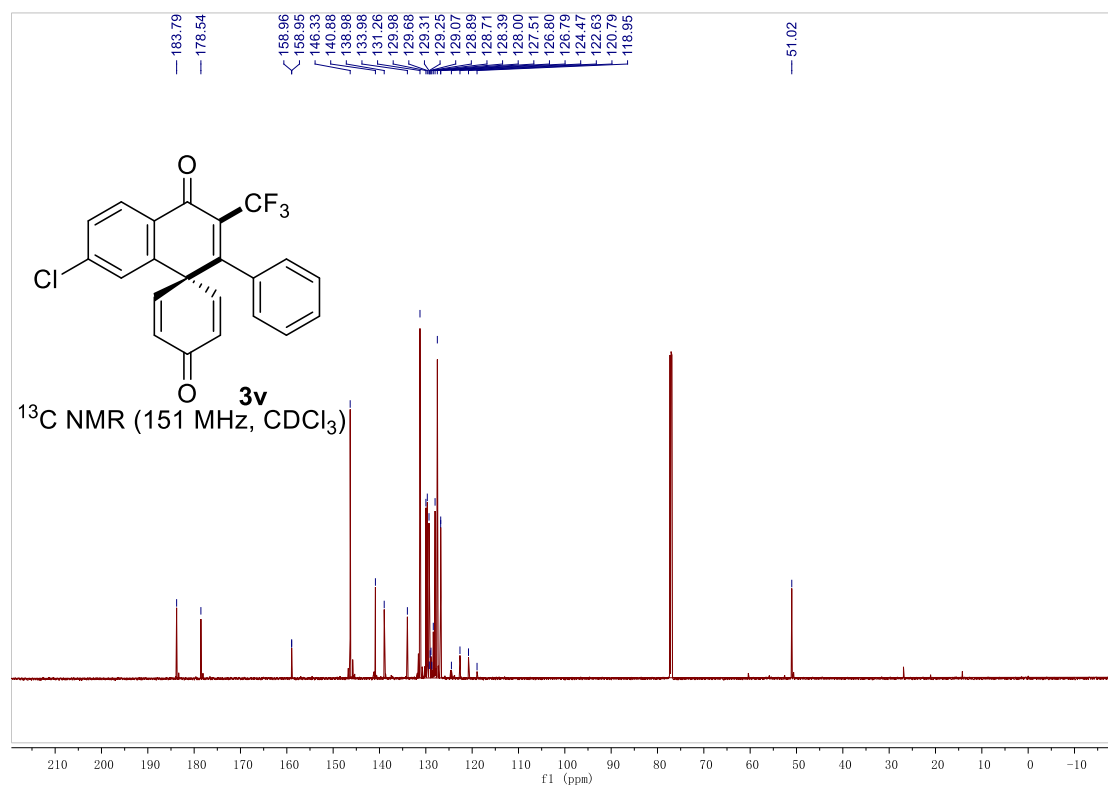




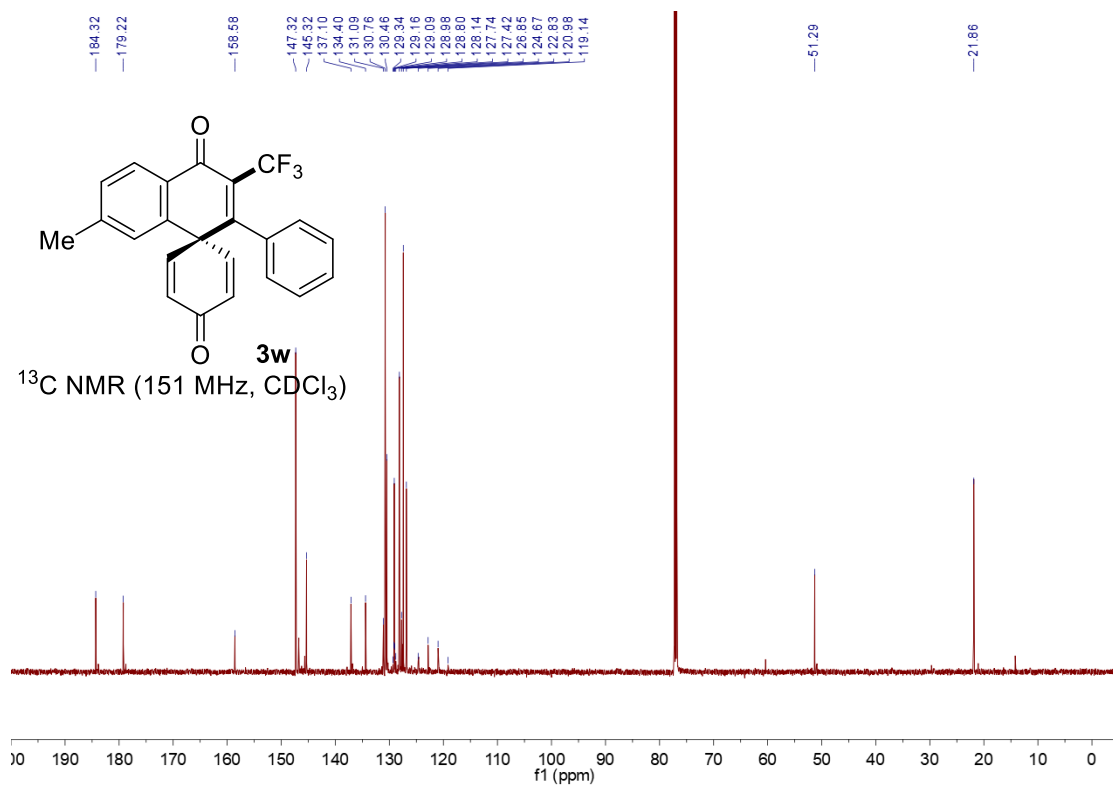
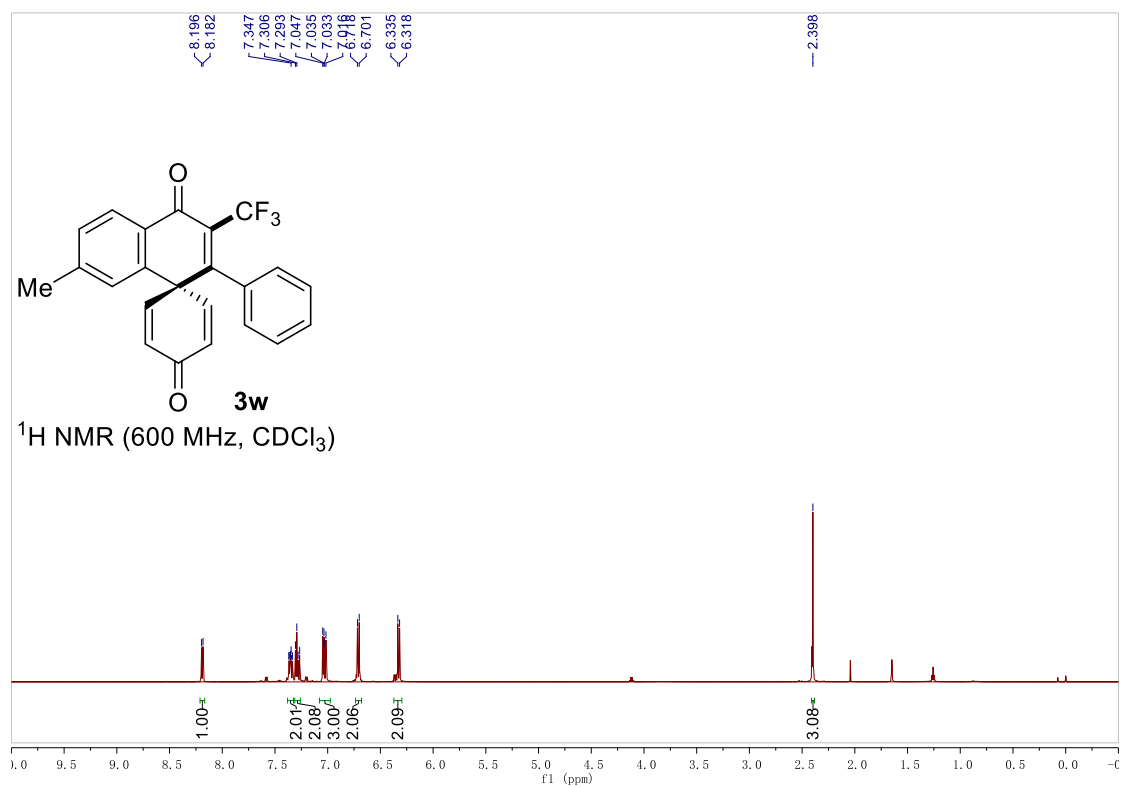


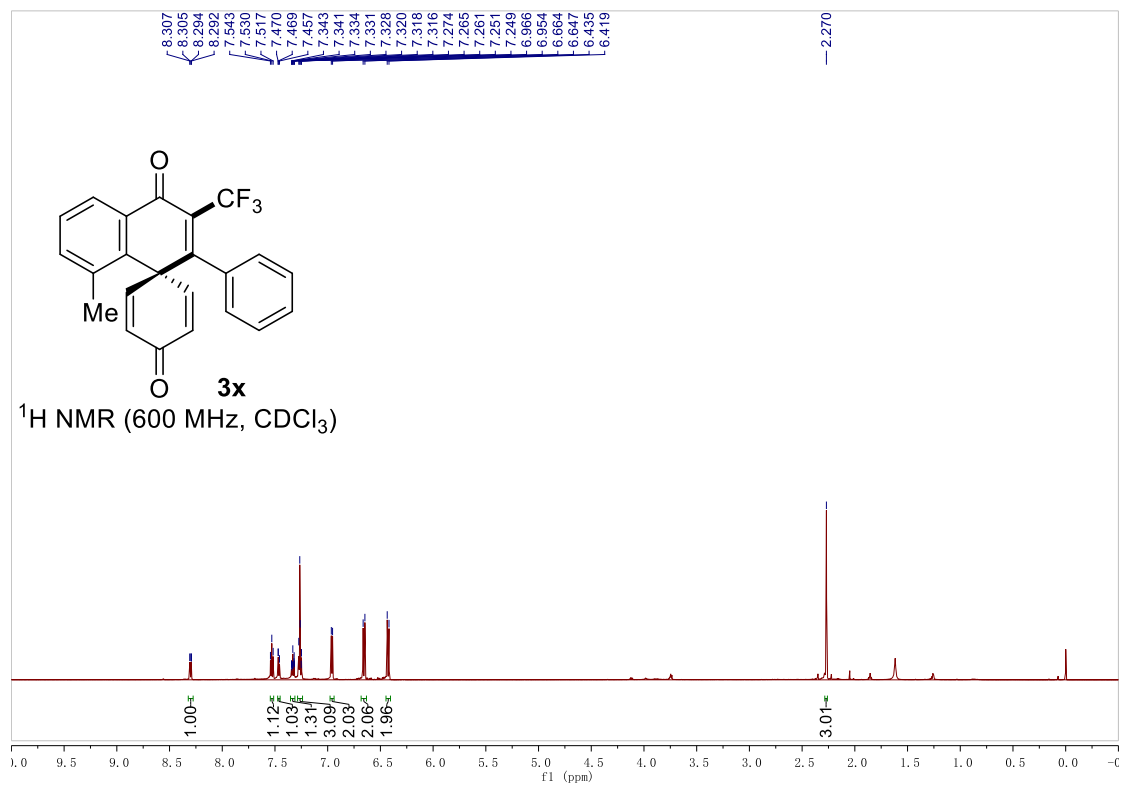
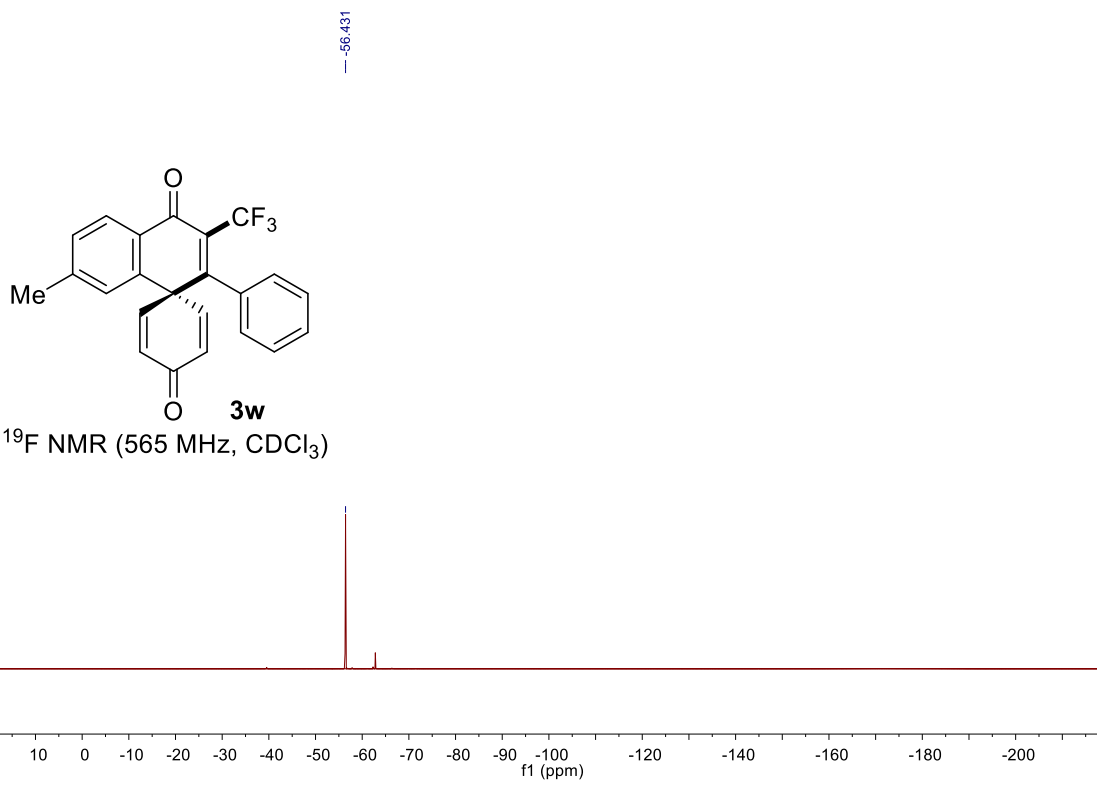


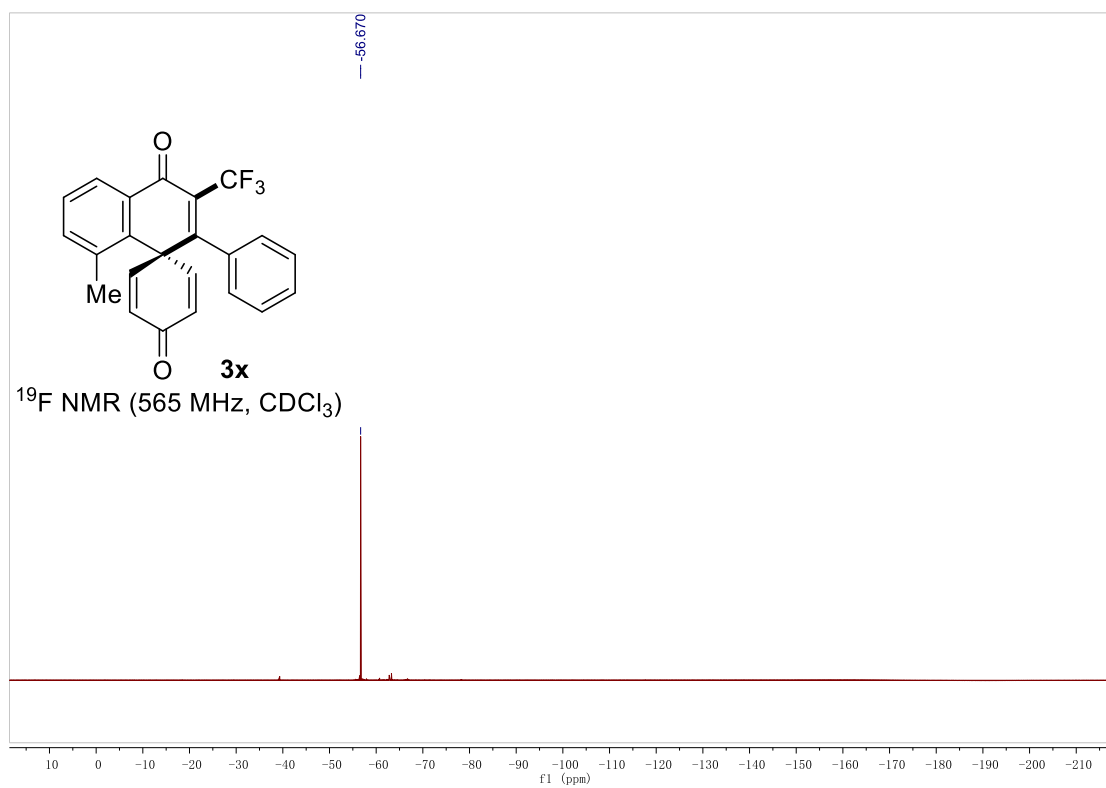
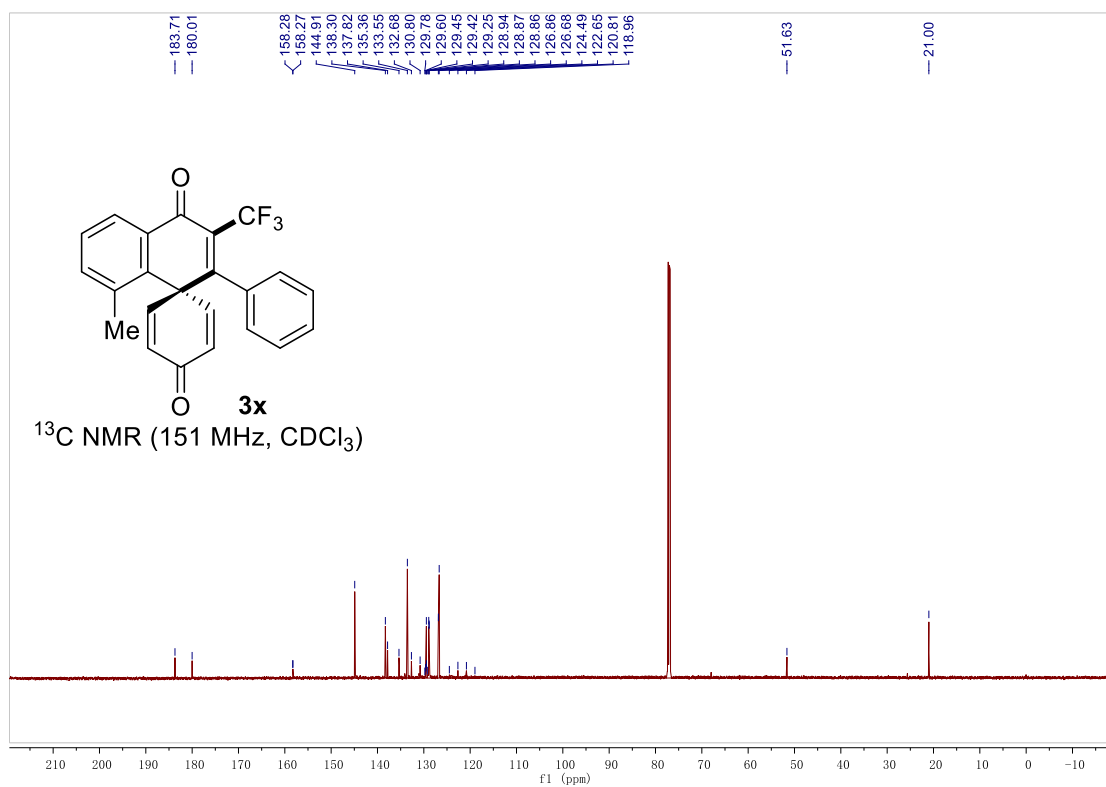


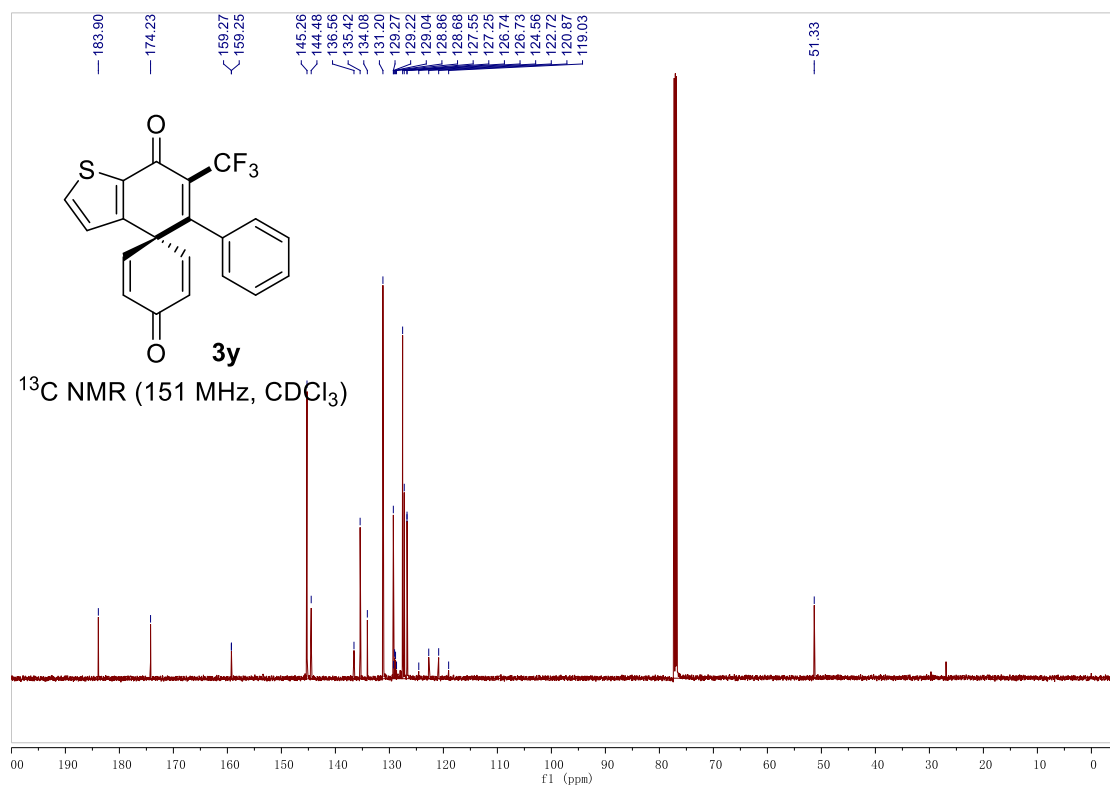
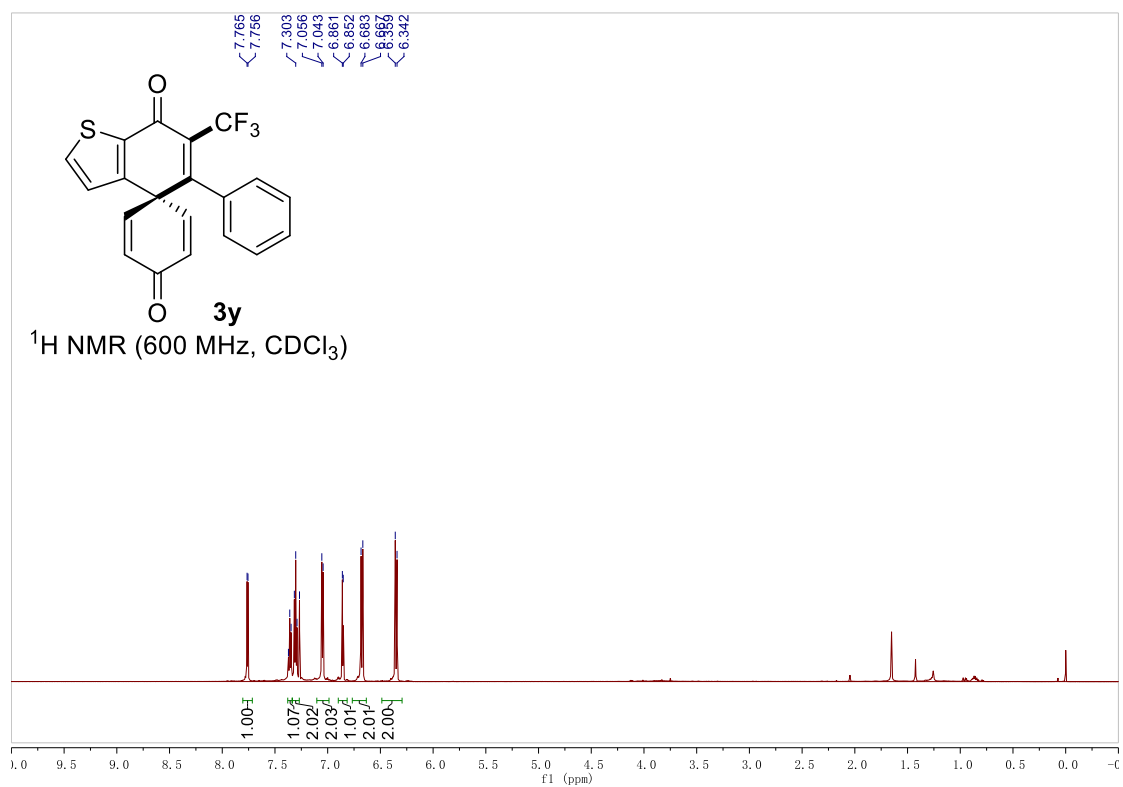


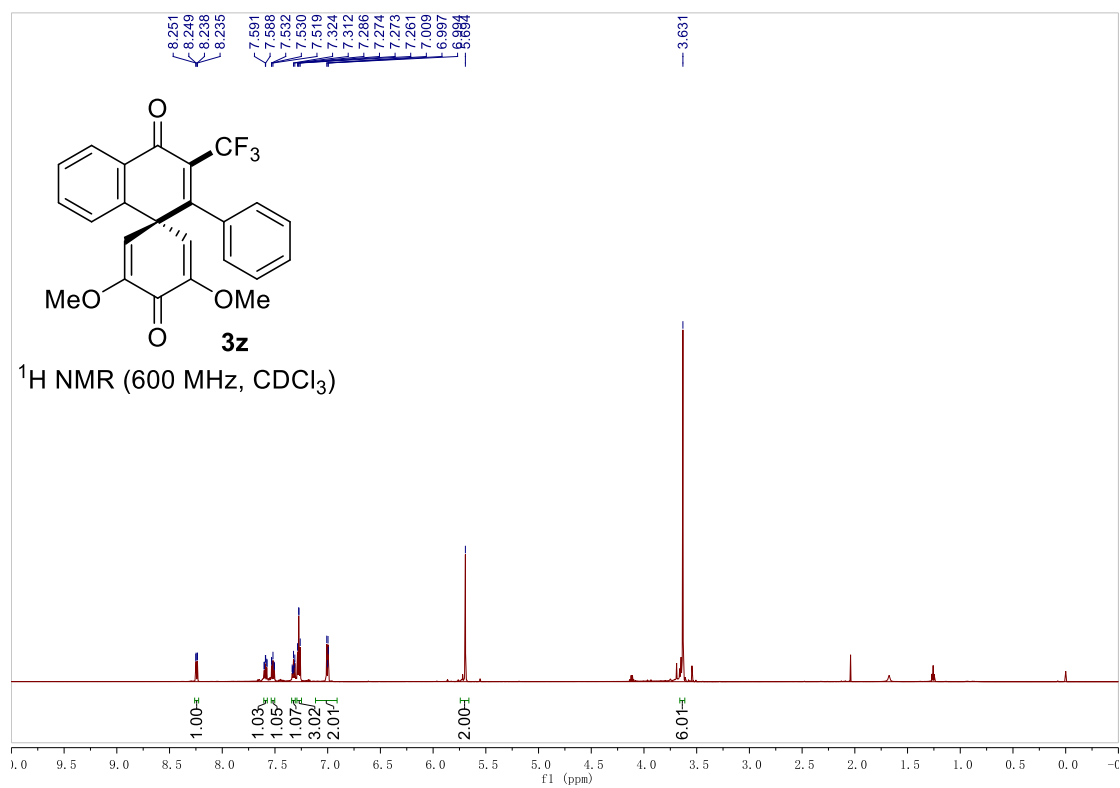
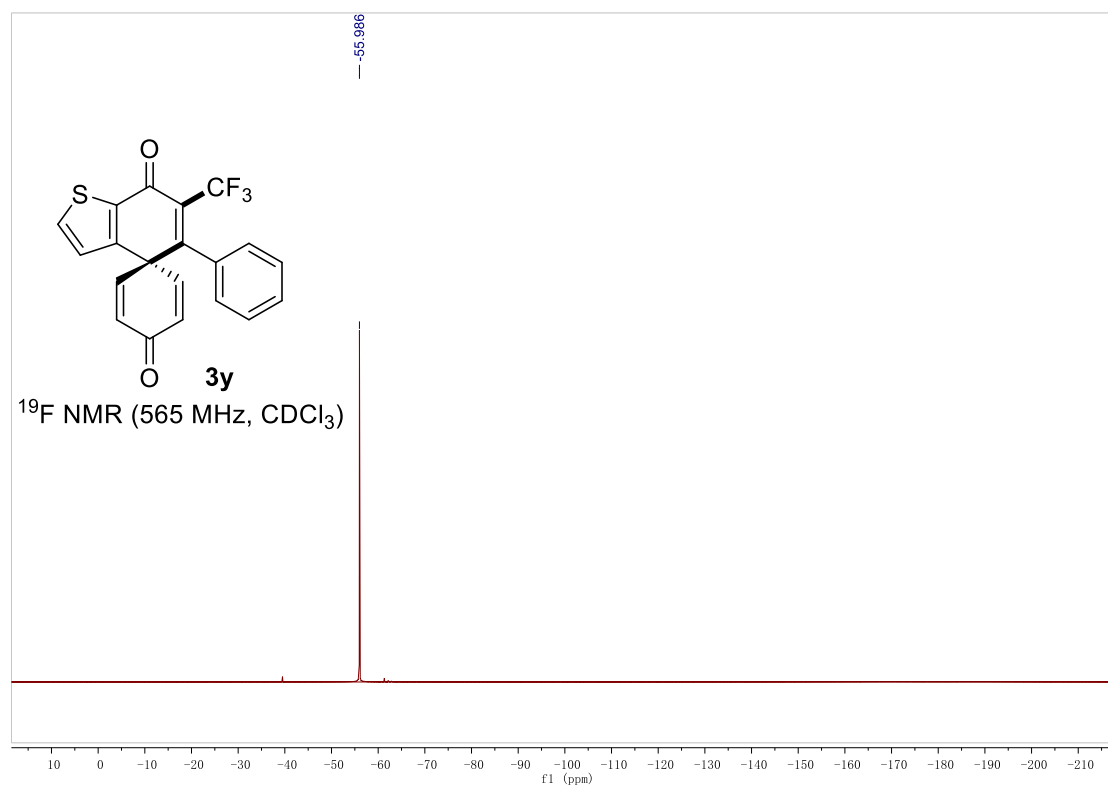


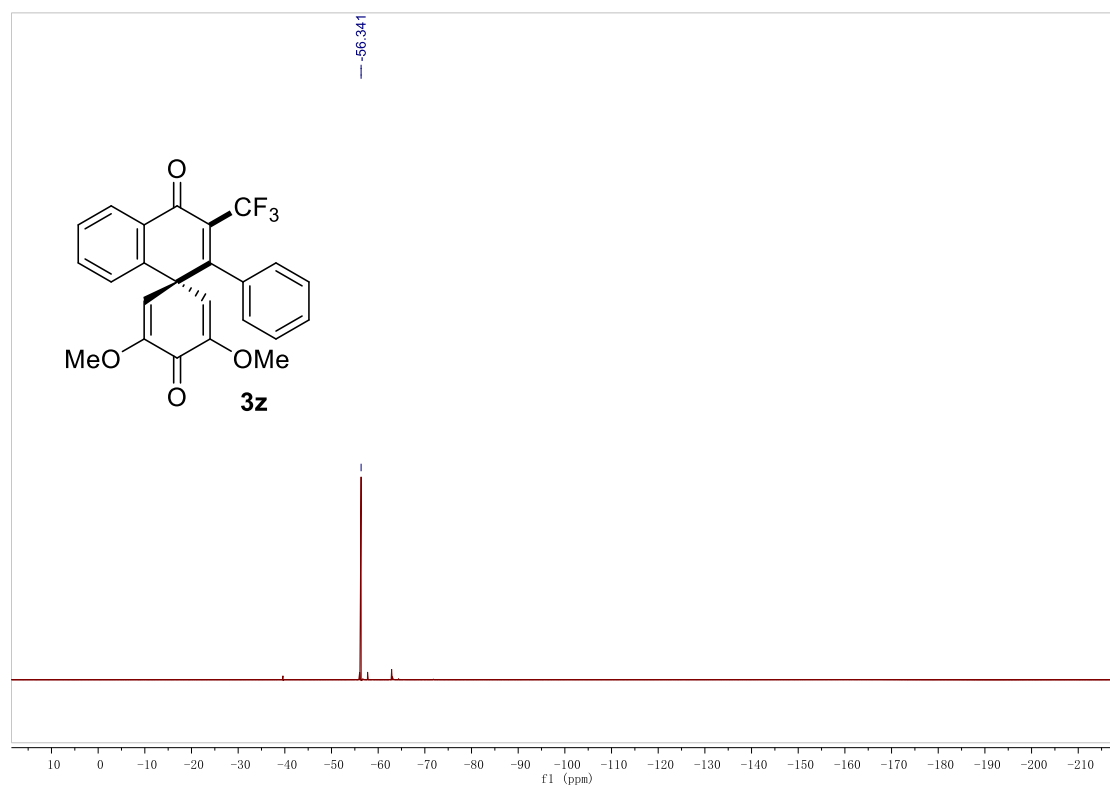
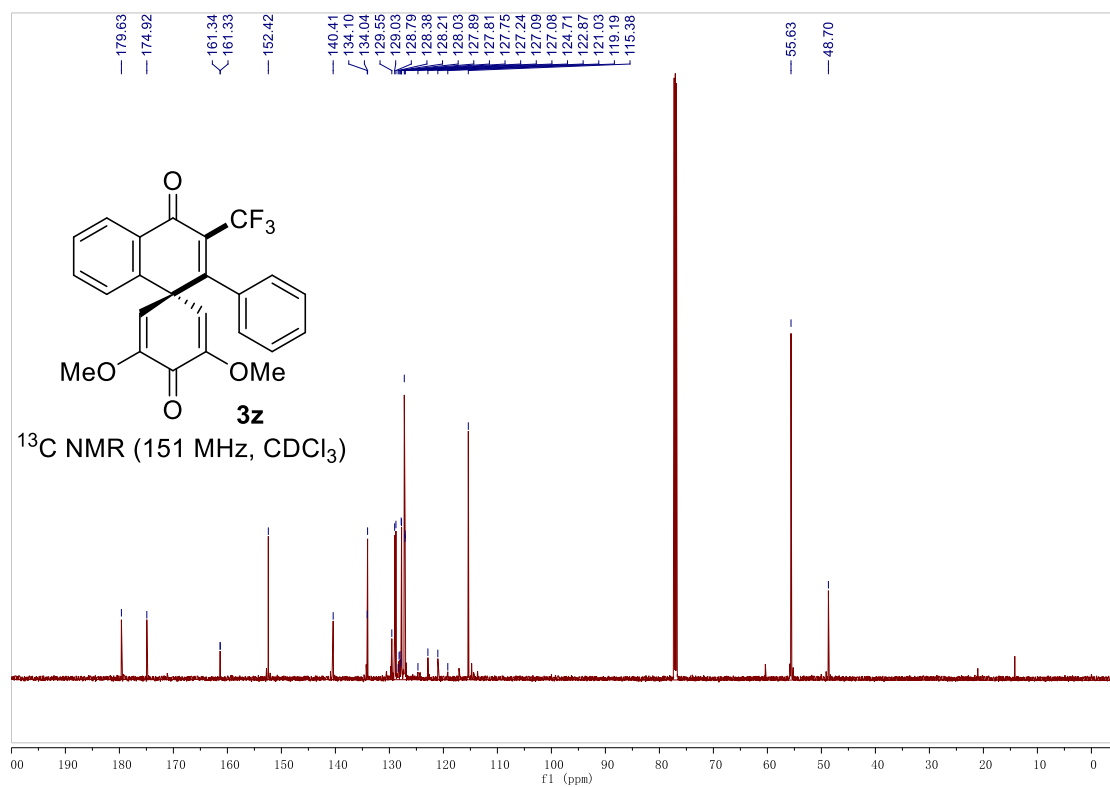


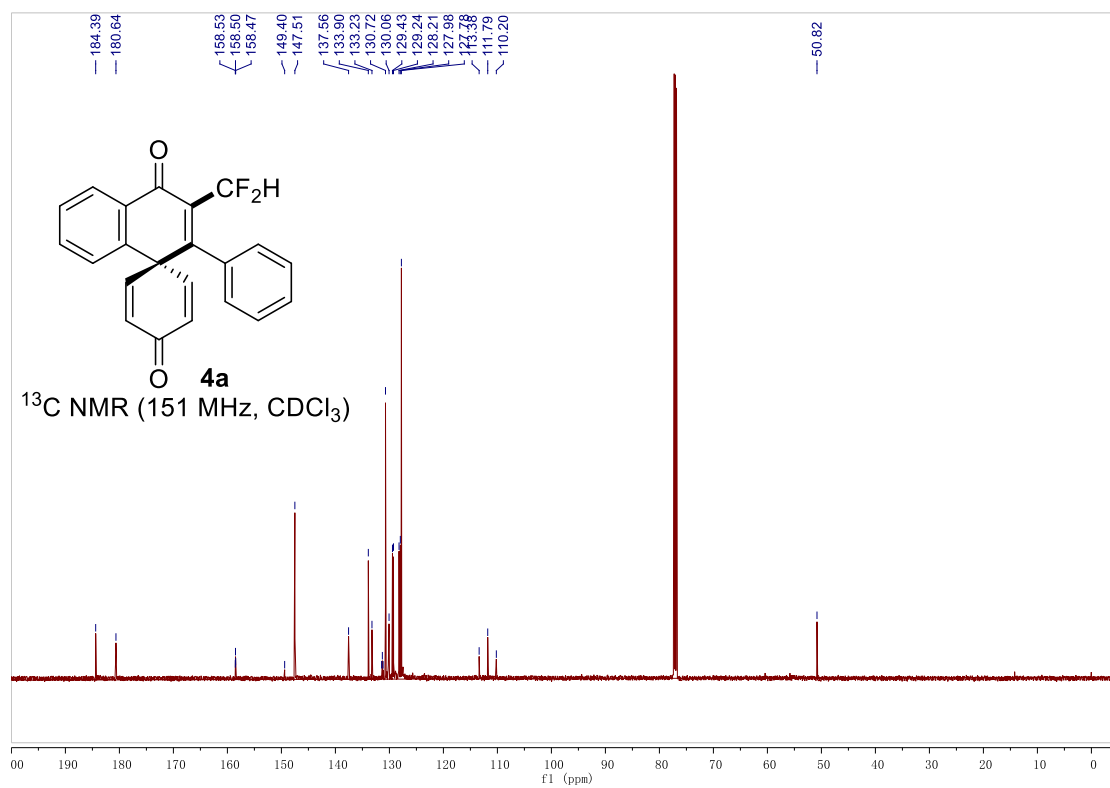
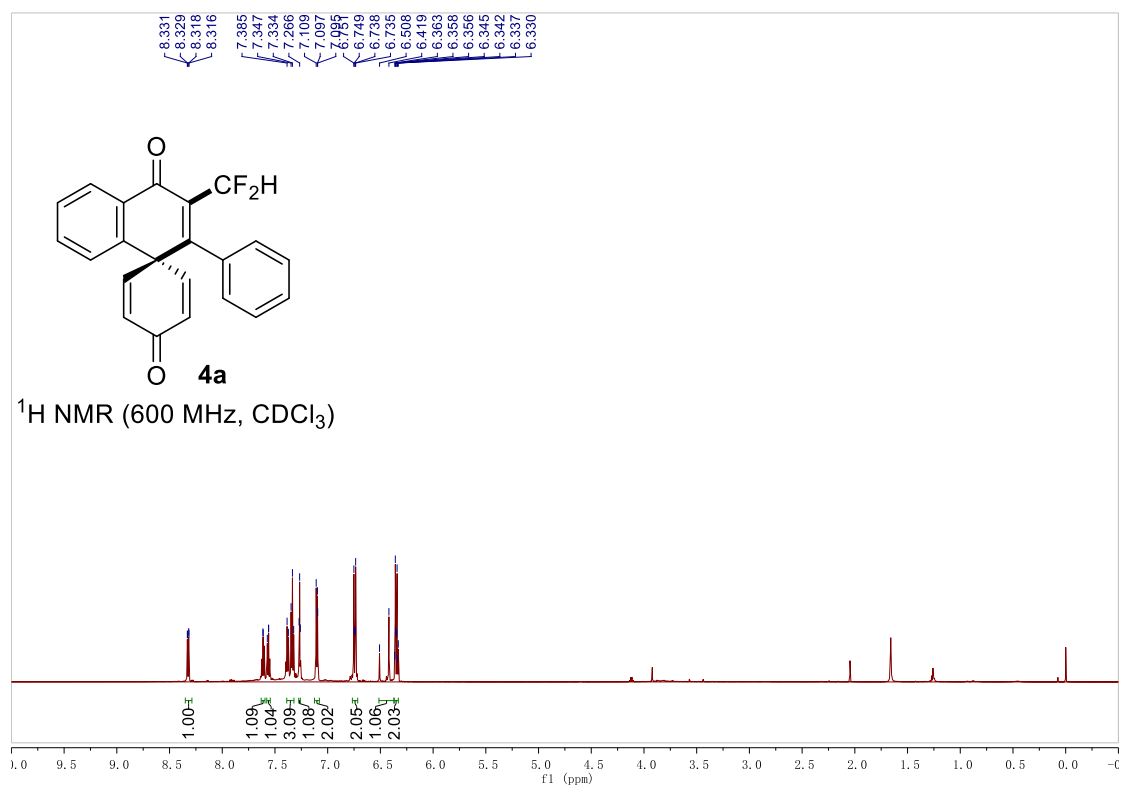


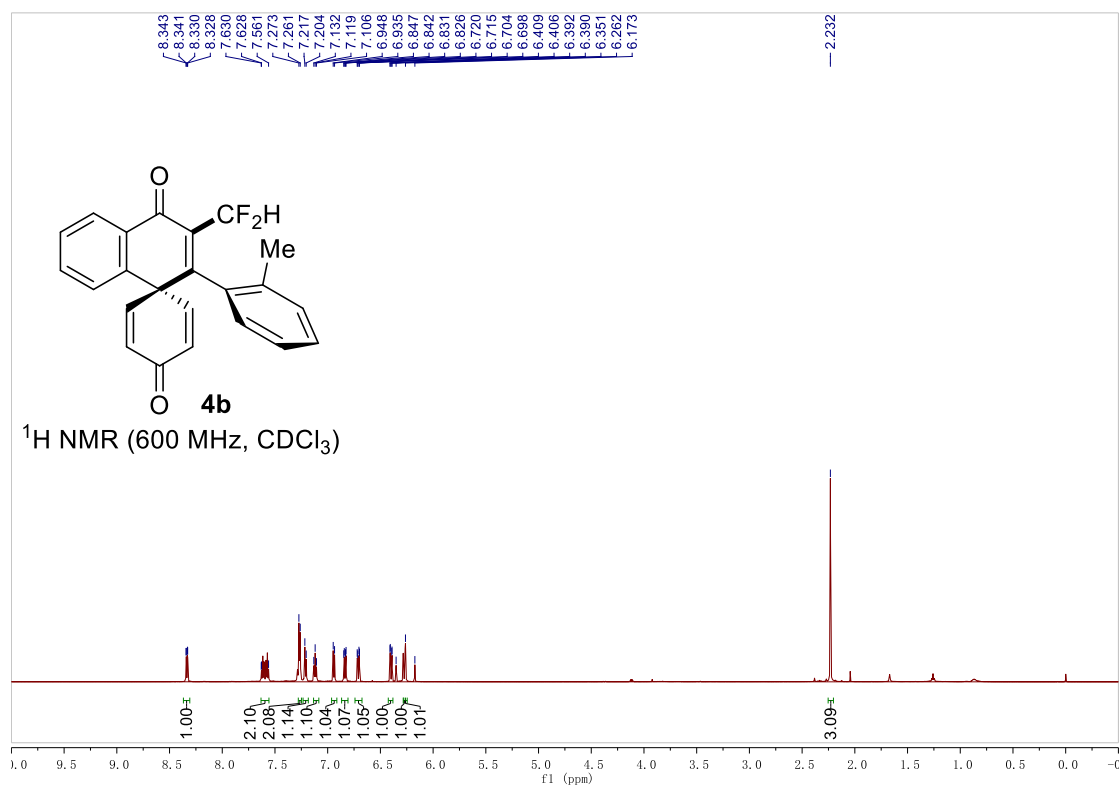
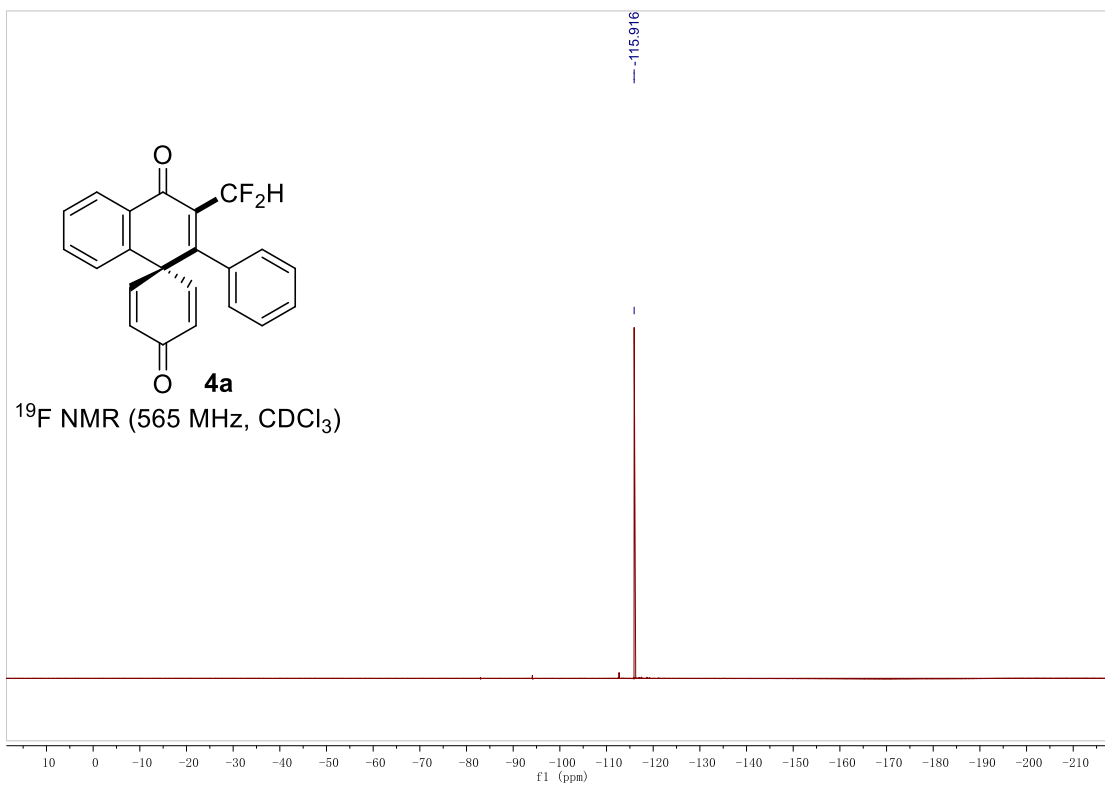




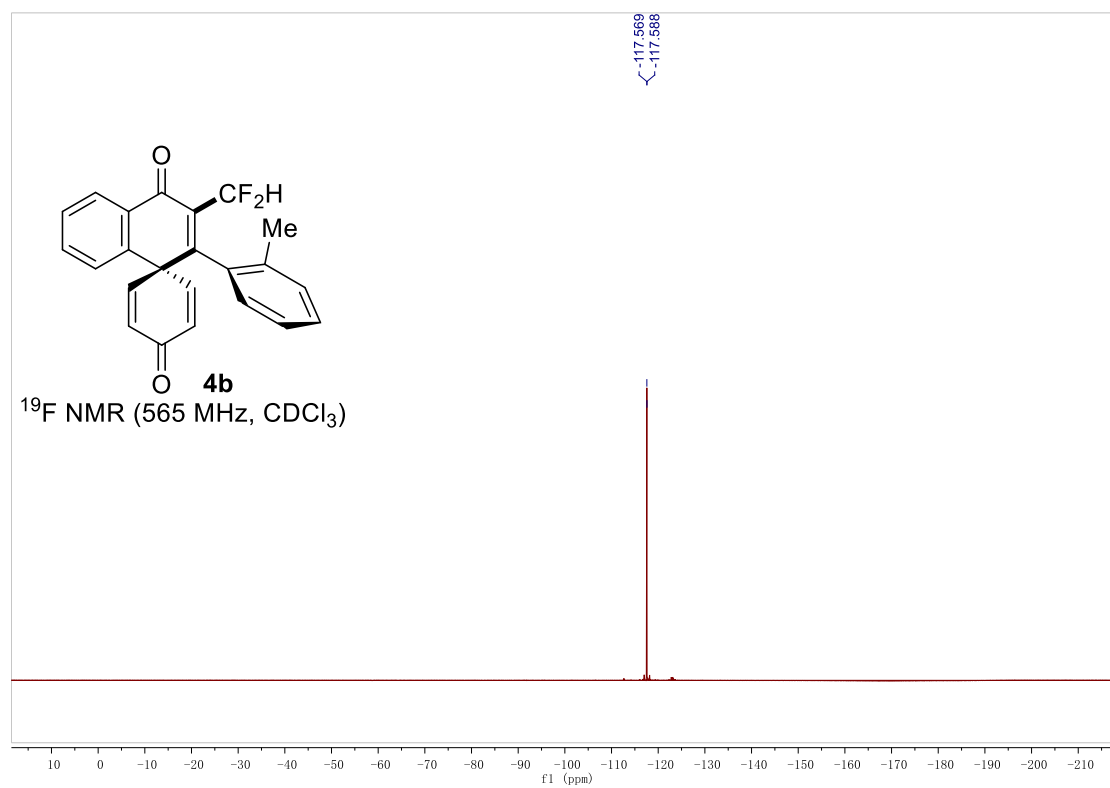
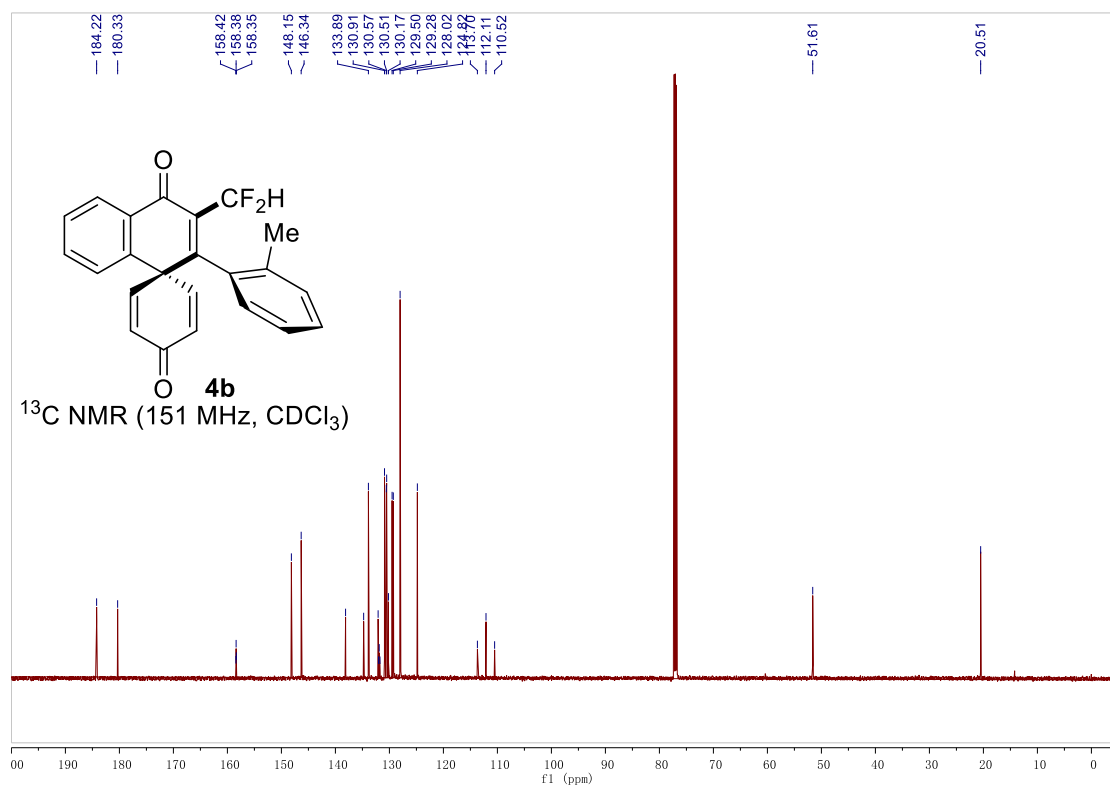


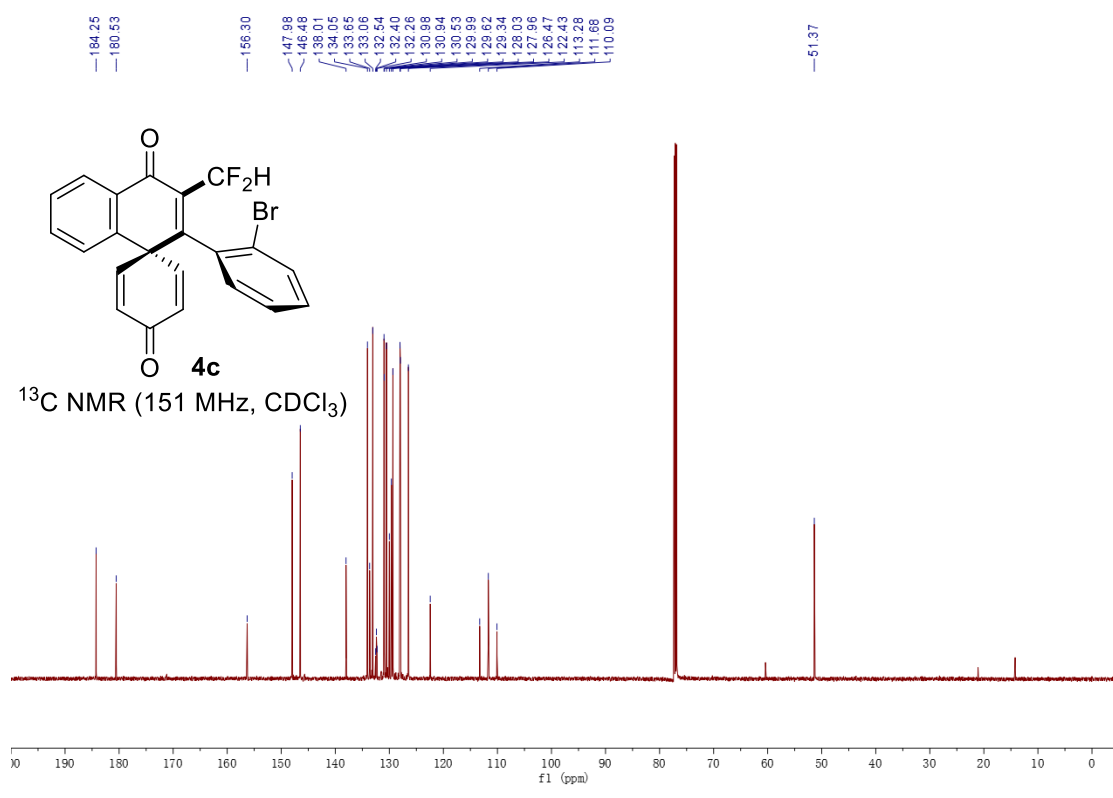
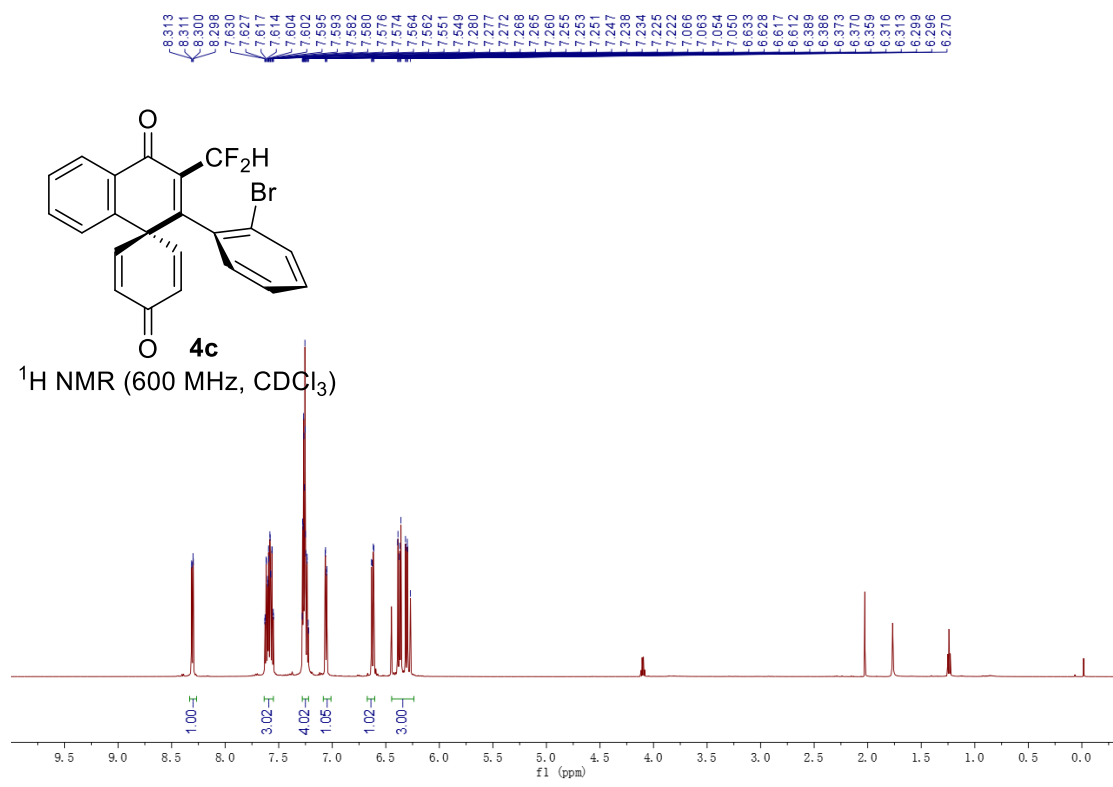


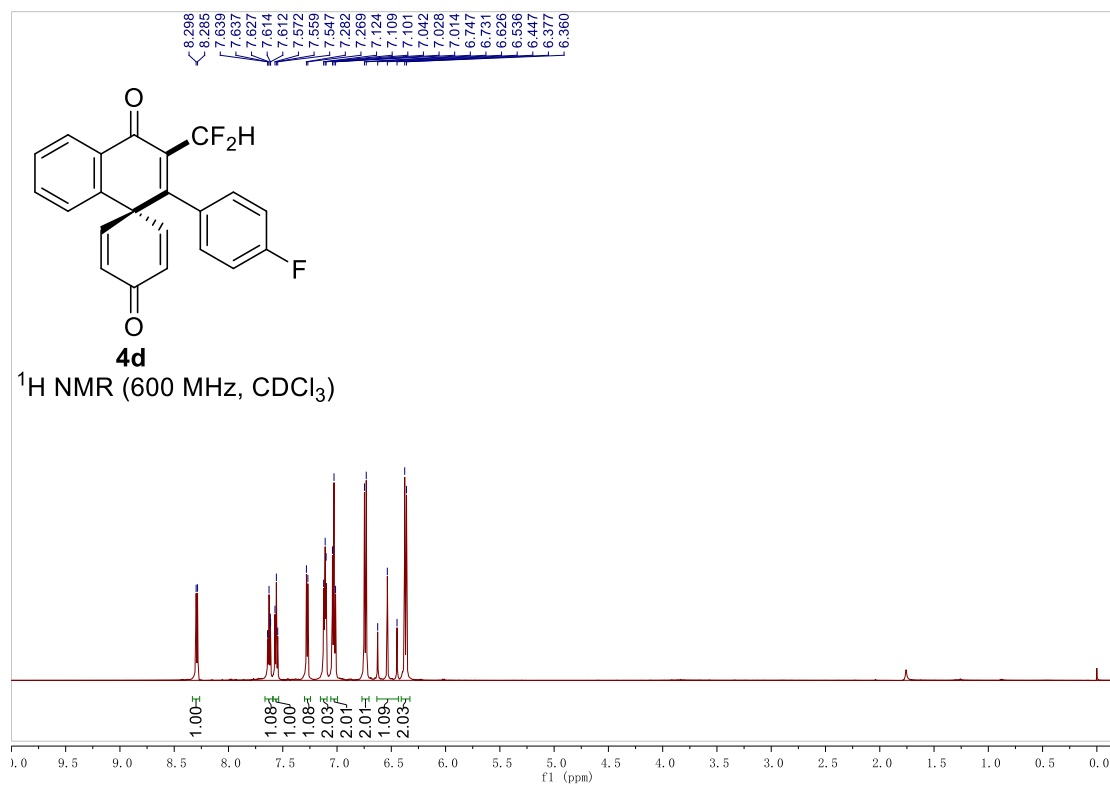
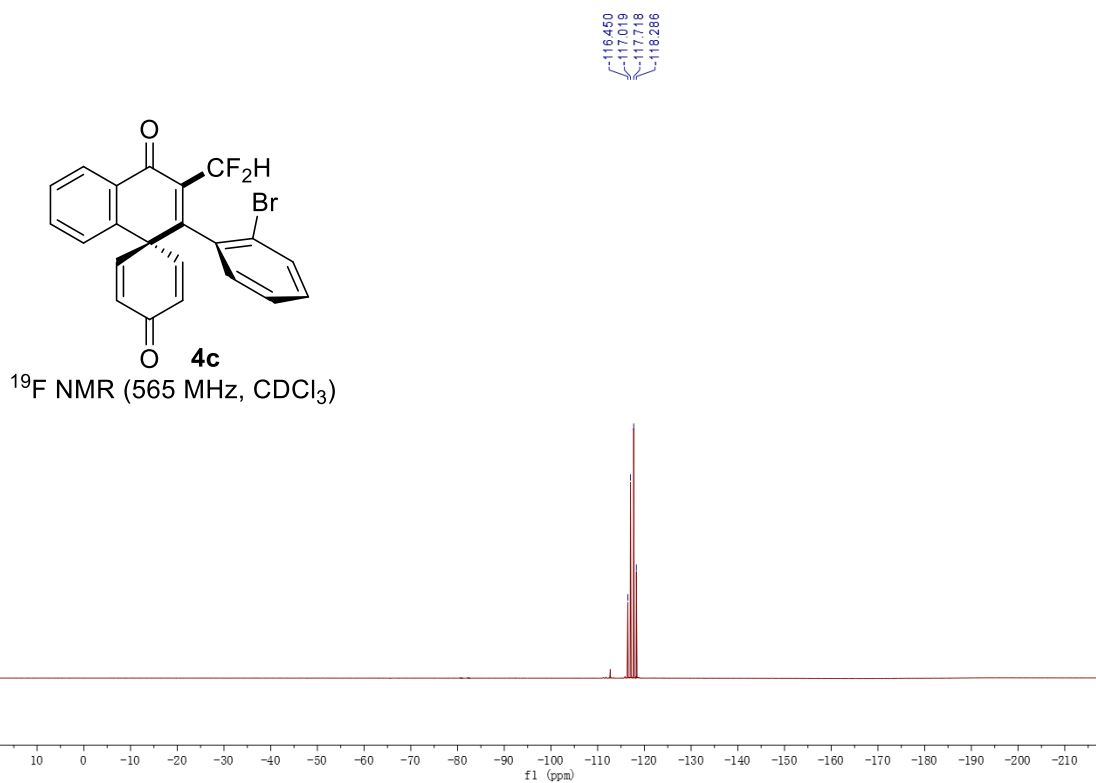


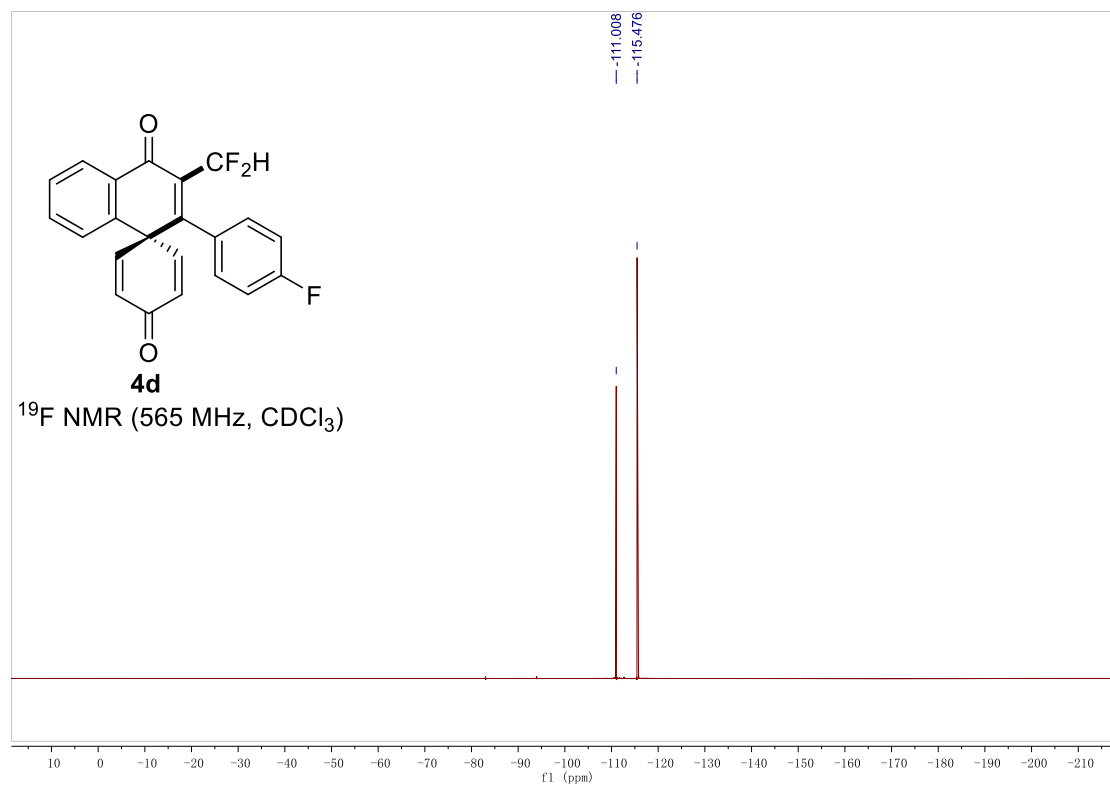
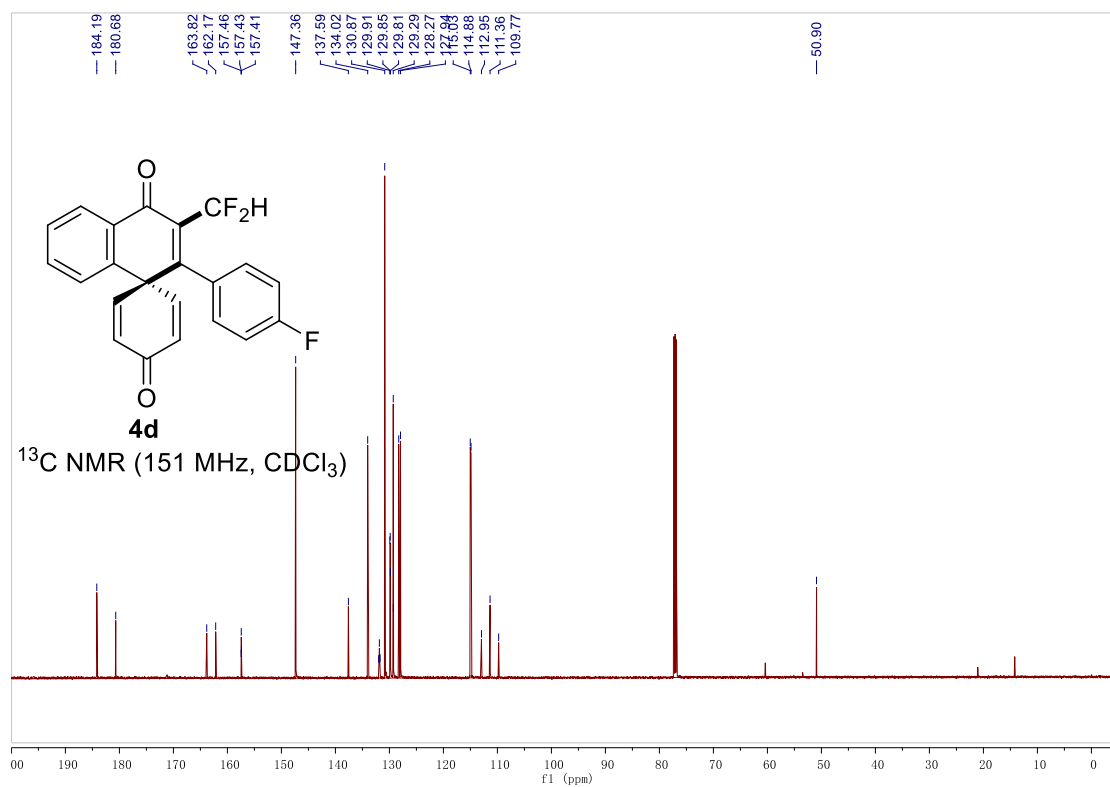


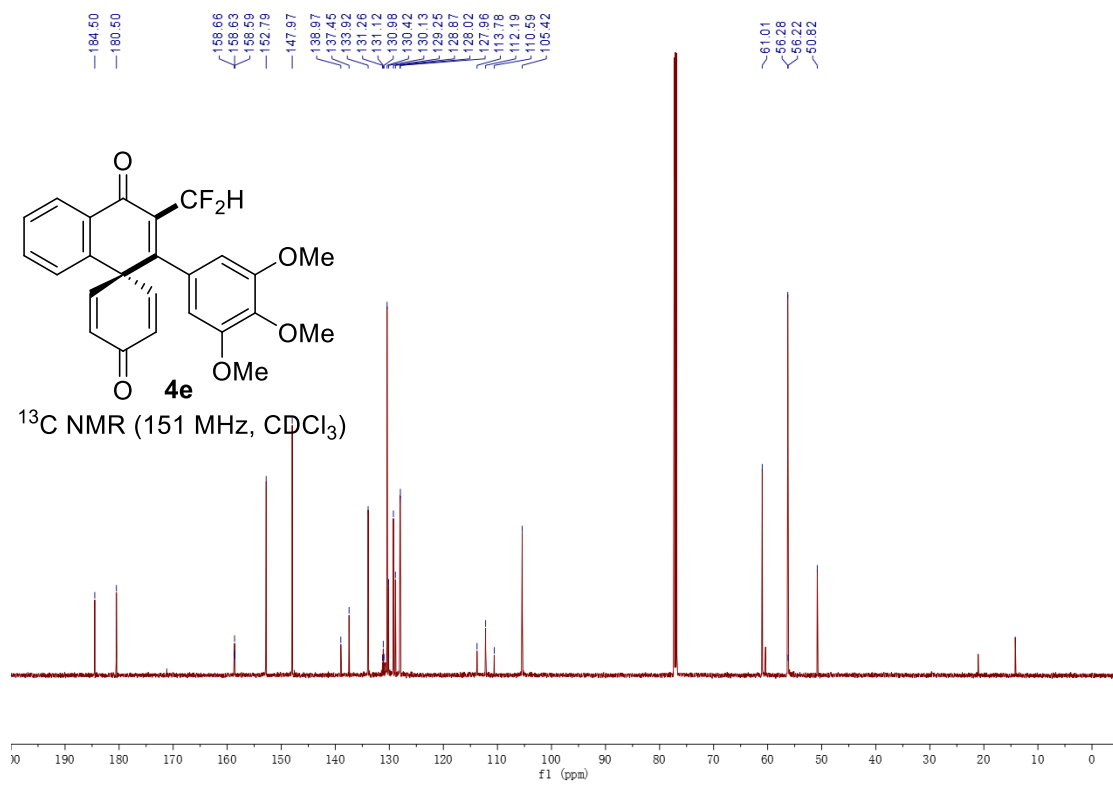
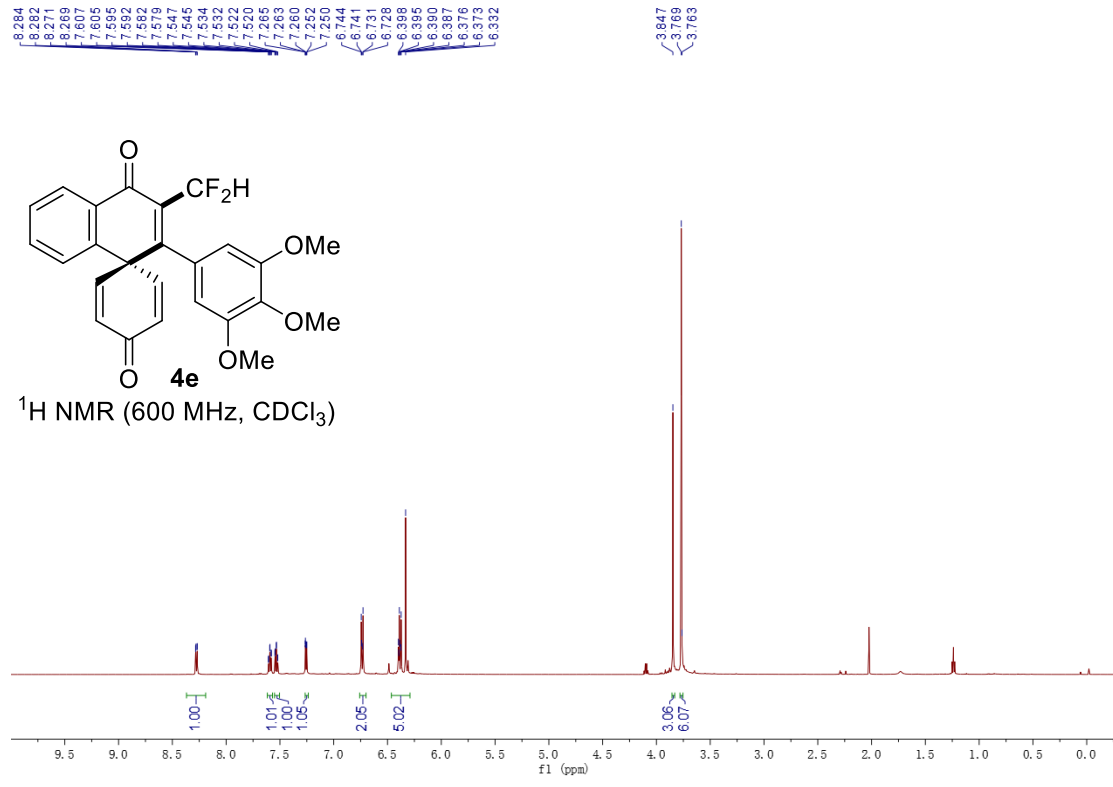


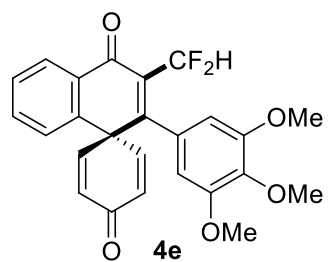




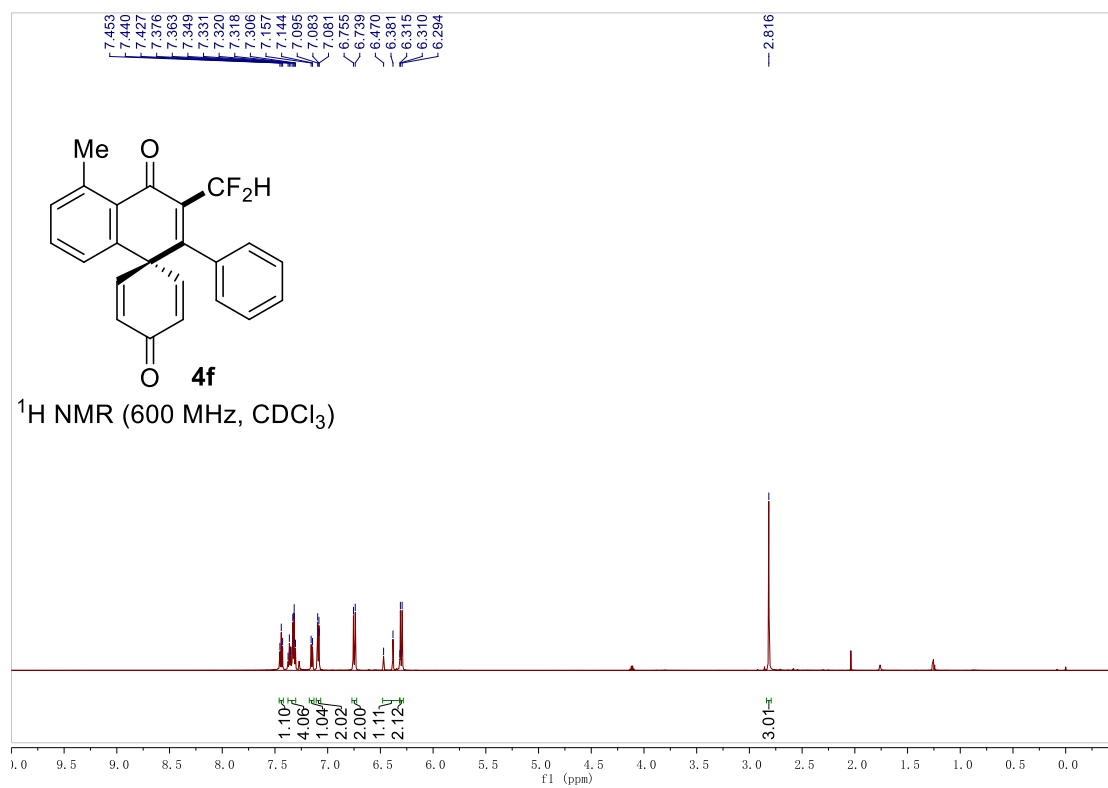
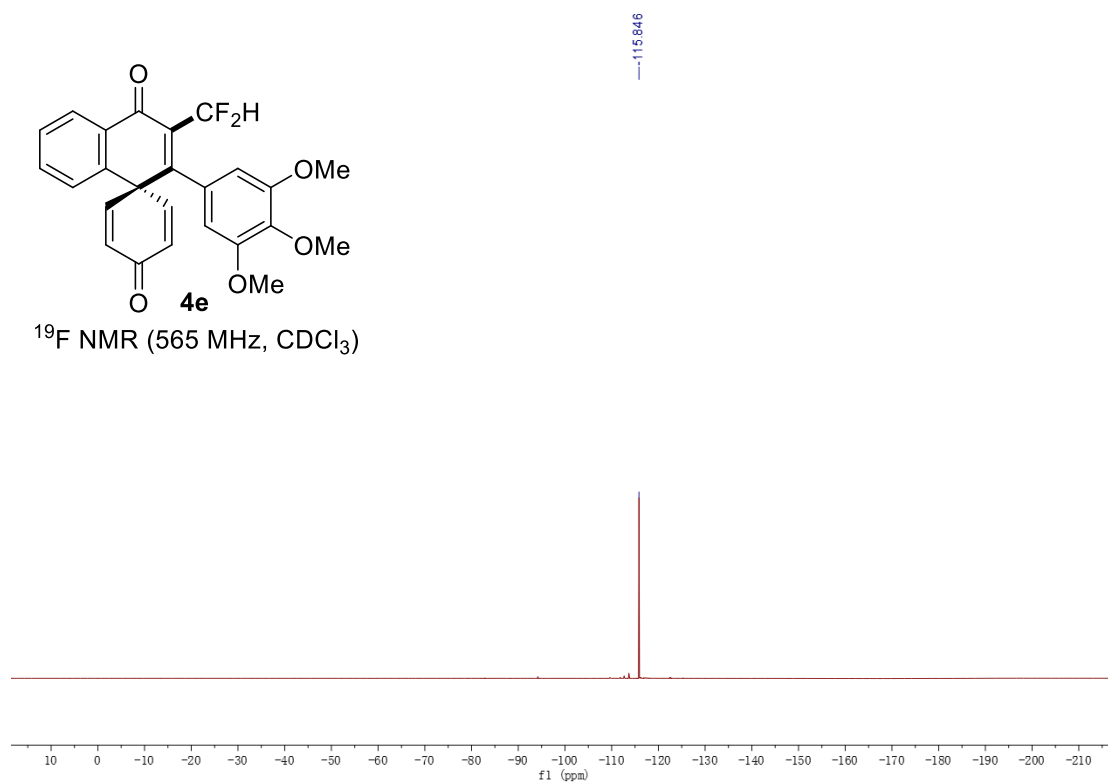


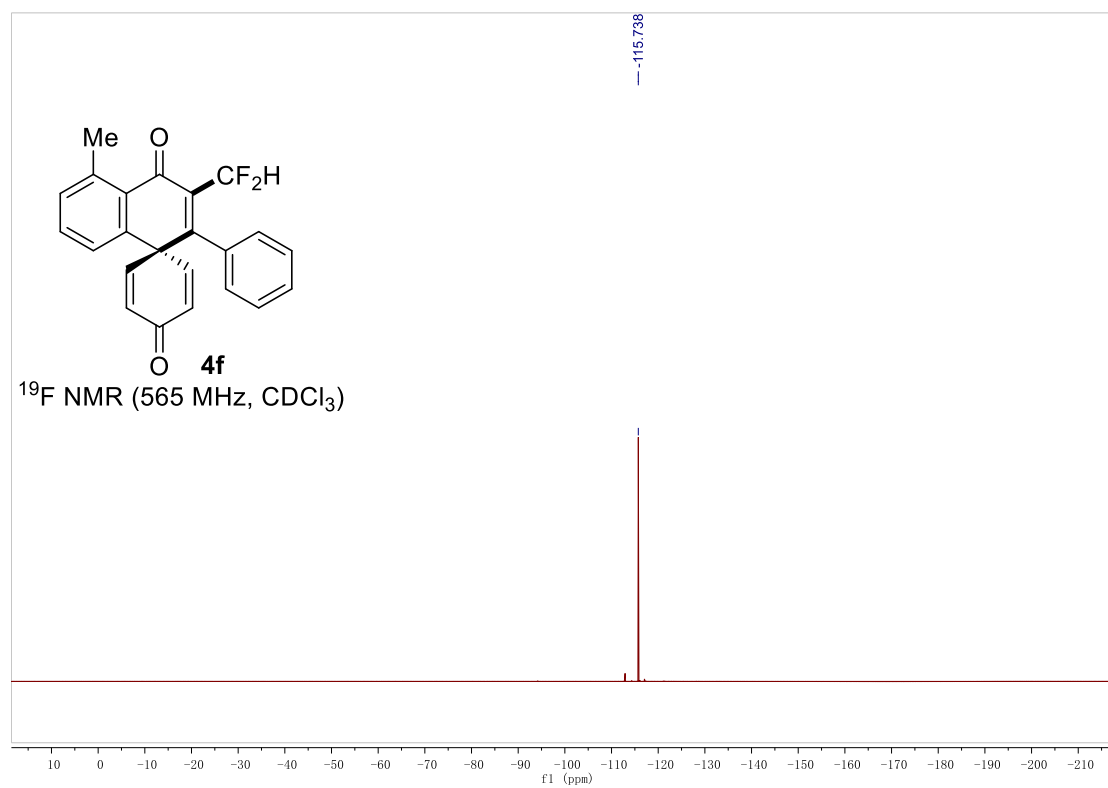
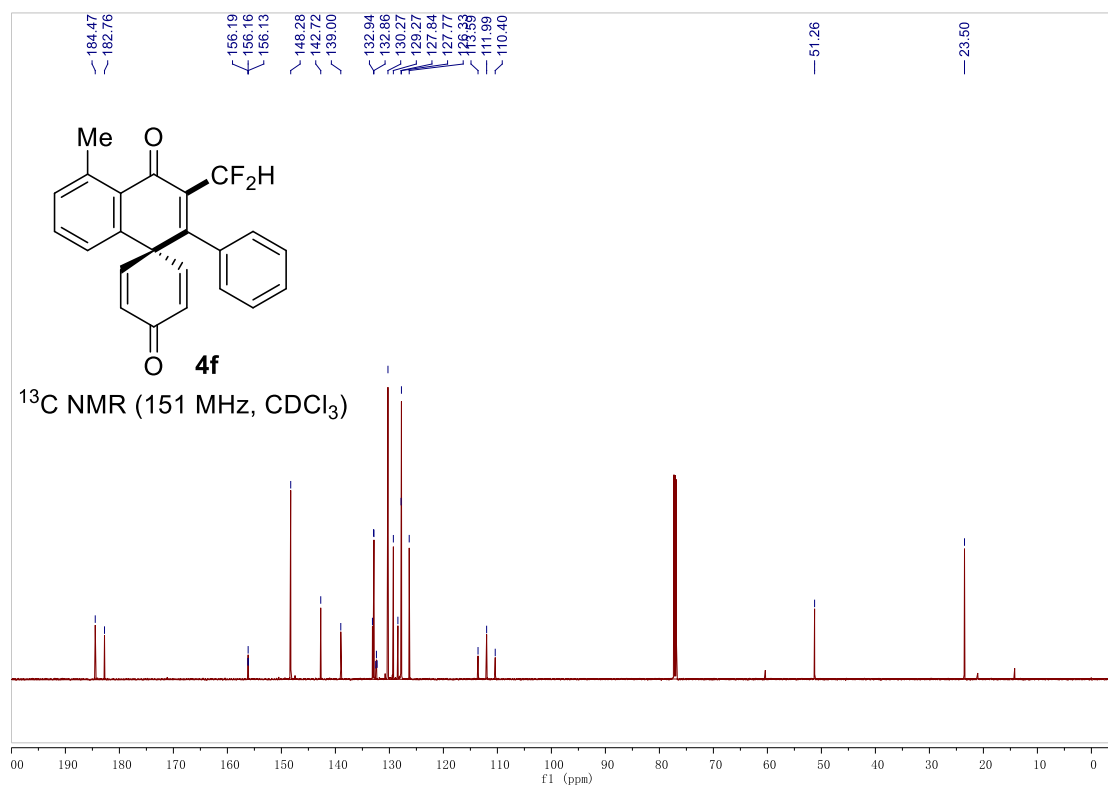




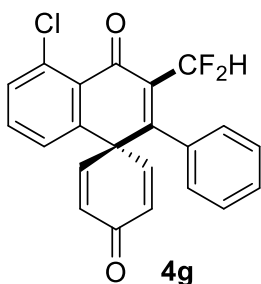


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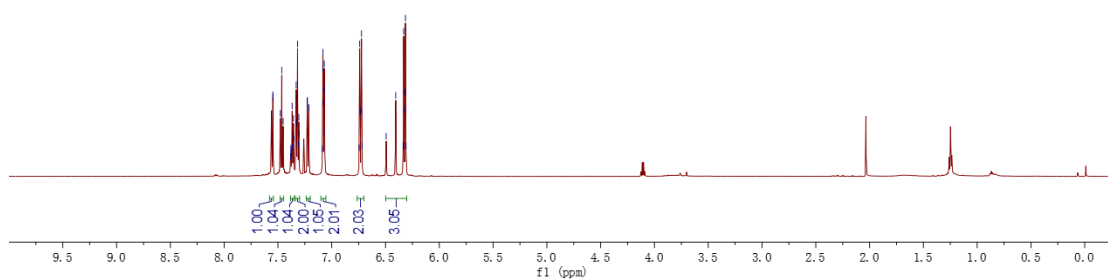




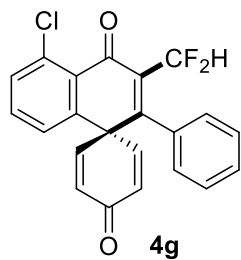
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

