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### (Fluoro)alkylation of Alkenes Promoted by Photolysis of Alkylzirconocenes

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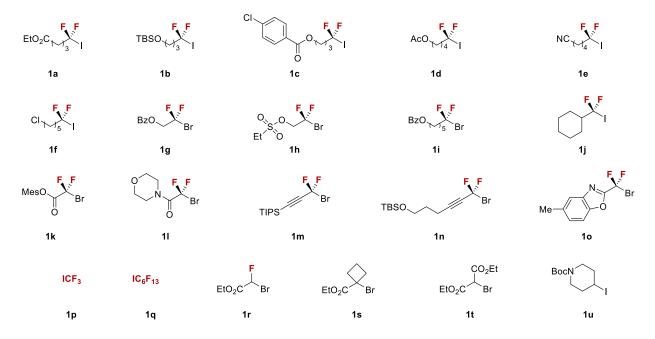
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#### **1. General Information and Materials**

**General Information:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on the Agilent MR 400, Bruker MR 500and Bruker MR 600 spectrometer, and are calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent (CHCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm <sup>1</sup>H NMR; 77.0 ppm <sup>13</sup>C NMR; CFCl<sub>3</sub> as an external standard and low field is positive). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. NMR yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard before working up the reaction. High Resolution Mass spectral data were recorded on Agilent Technologies 7250 GCQTOF spectrometer in EI mode, or on Agilent Technologies 6224 TOF LC MS spectrometer in ESI mode. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR 27 FTIR Spectrometer equipped with a Platinum ATR detector.

**Materials:** All reagents were used as received from commercial sources or prepared as described in the literature. The 12 W blue LED strips (GreeThink 12V-5050-60; 1 m×12.5 mm×4.4 mm) was purchased from *Taobao.com*. Compounds **1b-1f<sup>1</sup>**, **1g<sup>2</sup>**, **1j<sup>1</sup>**, **1l<sup>3</sup>**, **1m<sup>4</sup>**, **1n<sup>5</sup>**, **1o<sup>6</sup>** were known compounds. **1p-1u** are commercially available. Compounds **1a<sup>1</sup>**, **1h<sup>7</sup>**, **1i<sup>8</sup>**, **1k<sup>9</sup>** were prepared according to the literature.



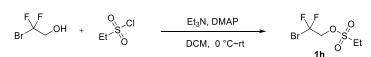
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#### Preparation of compound 1a<sup>1</sup>.

$$EtO_2C \longrightarrow Br \xrightarrow{1,2-dibromoethane} TMSCI, I_2, THF, 60 °C \xrightarrow{EtO_2C} Zn_Br \xrightarrow{(1) TMSCF_2Br}_{NaOAc, MeCN, -25 °C} EtO_2C \xrightarrow{F}_{I}$$

Ethyl 5,5-difluoro-5-iodopentanoate (1a): To a 250 mL round bottle equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar were added zinc dust (75 mmol, 1.5 equiv), THF (50 mL), and one drop of 1,2dibromoethane. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C and two drops of TMSCl were added. The resulting mixture was then stirred for 15 minutes at 80 °C. Alkyl bromide (50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was slowly added. After the resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 18 h, the unreacted zinc was allowed to settle down. The concentration of organozinc reagent was determined by iodometric titration. A freshly titrated THF solution of organozinc reagent (40 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was concentrated under vacuum until the solid or viscous residue was formed. To the resulting residue were added anhydrous MeCN (40 mL) and NaOAc (48 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at room temperature, the reaction flask was cooled to -25 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at -25 °C. Then, TMSCF<sub>2</sub>Br (48 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added dropwise at -25 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 18 h. Iodine (42 mmol, 1.05 equiv) was added at -25 °C to the reaction mixture. After dissolution of iodine, the cooling bath was removed, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for additional 5 hours. The resulting reddish-brown mixture was quenched by addition of aqueous of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> until decoloration, diluted with water, and extracted with PE. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product (9.5 g, 65% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.11 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.92 (m, 4H), 1.92 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (m, 4H), 1.92 (m, 4 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -36.1 (t, J = 14.9 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.3, 101.4 (t, J = 313.6 Hz), 60.5, 47.1 (t, J = 19.7 Hz), 32.3, 20.5 (t, J = 3.5 Hz), 14.1. IR (thin film)  $v_{\text{max}}$ 2982, 1736, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 165 (M-I)<sup>+</sup>, 137 (100), 117, 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 165.0722; Found: 165.0723 (M-I)<sup>+</sup>.

Preparation of compound 1h<sup>7</sup>.



**2-Bromo-2,2-difluoroethyl ethanesulfonate (1h)**: To a 100 mL round bottle equipped with a Tefloncoated magnetic stir bar were added 2-bromo-2,2-difluoroethan-1-ol (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and DMAP (1.0 mmol, 10 mol%). Ethanesulfonyl chloride (15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight until the starting material was totally consumed. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was washed with brine and extracted with EA. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product (1.9 g, 75% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 30:1) as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.63 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -57.8 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  116.7 (t, *J* = 306.9 Hz), 70.0 (t, *J* = 27.7 Hz), 46.1, 8.0. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2987, 2951, 2888, 1458 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 173 (M-Br)<sup>+</sup>, 145 (100), 123, 97. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>S: 173.0078; Found: 173.0081 (M-Br)<sup>+</sup>.

#### Preparation of compound 1i<sup>8</sup>.

$$BzO \xrightarrow{Br_2CF_2, EosinY} BzO \xrightarrow{F_F} BzO \xrightarrow{F_F}$$

**6-Bromo-6,6-difluorohexyl benzoate** (1i): To a 500 mL of Schlenk tube was added EosinY (2.5 mmol, 5 mol%) in the air. The tube was then evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene (1.0 equiv, 50 mmol) and anhydrous THF (250 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was degassed three times by the freeze–pump–thaw procedure. The CF<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (6.0 equiv, 300 mmol) was then added to the mixture via a syringe under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred under irradiation of green LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, filtered and concentrated. The product (8.0 g, 50% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 (d,

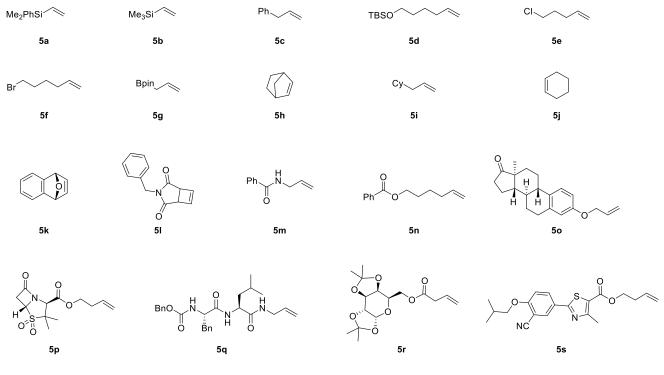
J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.85 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -43.5 (t, J = 13.7 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 132.9, 130.2, 129.5, 128.3, 122.9 (t, J = 305.8 Hz), 64.5, 44.1 (t, J = 21.4 Hz), 28.4, 25.0, 23.7. IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  2949, 1719, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 320 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 123 (100), 105, 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Br: 320.0218; Found: 320.0223 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

#### Preparation of compound 1k<sup>9</sup>.

$$BrCF_{2}COOH + HO \longrightarrow DMF, Oxalyl chloride \\ Et_{3}N, DCM, 0 °C~rt \\ HO \longrightarrow Ik$$

**Mesityl 2-bromo-2,2-difluoroacetate (1k):** To a 250 mL of round bottle was added BrCF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H (36 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and then evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Anhydrous DCM (50 mL) and DMF (5 mol%, 1.5 mmol) were added under Ar. Oxalyl chloride (1.1 equiv, 33 mmol) was then added to the mixture via a syringe under Ar at 0 °C. After 5 min, the mixture was allowed to warm to rt. After 2 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and a solution of 2,4,6-trimethylphenol (1.0 equiv, 30 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.0 equiv, 60 mmol) in DCM (25 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred for 3 h and then quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and filtered. The product (7.8 g, 90% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.93 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.20 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -60.4 (s, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  157.5 (t, *J* = 31.9 Hz), 144.6, 136.7, 129.6, 129.2, 108.4 (t, *J* = 314.5 Hz), 20.7, 15.8. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2925, 2864, 1789, 1483 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 292 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 213, 135 (100), 119, 91. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Br: 291.9905; Found: 291.9911 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

Alkenes **5a-5k** are commercially available. Alkenes **5l**<sup>10</sup>, **5m**<sup>11</sup>, **5n**<sup>12</sup>, **5o**<sup>13</sup>, and **5q**<sup>11</sup> were prepared according to the literature. **5p**<sup>14</sup>, **5r**<sup>14</sup>, and **5s**<sup>14</sup> were prepared according to the literature.

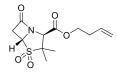


**Structures of Alkenes 5** 

#### Preparation of compounds 5p, 5r, and 5s.



**General Procedure**: To a 250 mL round bottle equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar were added alcohol (15 mmol, 1.0 equiv), DCM (50 mL), DMAP (0.183 g, 1.5 mmol, 10 mol%) and carboxylic acid (22.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv). DCC (6.18 g, 30 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was then added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight until the starting material was totally consumed. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The alkene was purified with silica gel chromatography.



But-3-en-1-yl (2*S*,5*R*)-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2carboxylate (5p). The product (3.7 g, 87% yield) was purified by flash column

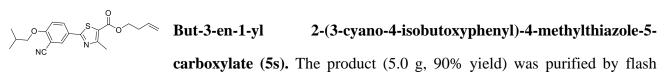
chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 8:1) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.80 – 5.67 (m, 1H), 5.16 – 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.63 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 4.32 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.51 – 3.36 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.7, 166.8, 133.2, 118.0, 65.2, 63.1, 62.6, 61.0, 38.2, 32.7, 20.2, 18.3.

IR (thin film)  $v_{max}$  2981, 2937, 1797, 1754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 288 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NS: 288.0900; Found: 288.0896 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

#### ((3aR,5R,5aS,8aS,8bR)-2,2,7,7-Tetramethyltetrahydro-5*H*bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-*b*:4',5'-*d*]pyran-5-yl)methyl but-3-enoate (5r). The

product (4.3 g, 86% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10:1) as a yellow solid (m.p. 88 – 90 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.97 – 5.86 (m, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 4.62 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.29 (m, 2H), 4.26 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 4.05 – 3.99 (m, 1H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.334 (s, 3H), 1.328 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.5, 130.1, 118.6, 109.6, 108.8, 96.3, 71.0, 70.7, 70.4, 66.0, 63.6, 38.9, 26.0, 25.9, 24.9, 24.5. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3078, 1735 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (DART) m/z (%) 329 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 329.1595; Found: 329.1593 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.



column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 5:1) as a white solid (m.p. 98 – 100 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.89 – 5.75 (m, 1H), 5.20 – 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.52 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  167.1, 162.4, 161.7, 161.1, 133.6, 132.4, 131.9, 125.9, 121.7, 117.6, 115.3, 112.5, 102.8, 75.6, 64.2, 33.0, 28.1, 19.0, 17.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3077, 2975, 2232, 1689 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 370 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 355, 314, 260 (100), 243. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S: 370.1346; Found: 370.1348 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

	e) <sub>2</sub> PhSi + HZrCp <sub>2</sub> Cl 5a (x mmol) 6 (0.9 mmol)	dioxane CICp <sub>2</sub> Zr SiPh(Me) <sub>2</sub> rt <b>2a</b>
entry	6:5a	<b>Conv 5a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1:1.2	68.2%
2	1:1.1	70.5%
3	1:1.0	75.3%
4	1:0.9	74.4%
5	1:0.8	91.4%
6	1:0.7	98.4%
7	1:0.6	99.5%

#### Table S1. Preparation of alkylzirconocene 2a by reaction of 5a with 6.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **6** (0.9 mmol), dioxane (1 mL), 1 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Determined by GC-MS using established standard curve.

**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added  $ZrCp_2HCl$  (0.9 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was taken out of the glovebox, and was then evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). **5a** (x mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred for about 1 h at room temperture. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O. The conversion of **5a** was determined by GC-MS using established standard curve.

#### 2. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

#### Table S2. Optimization of the reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>

CICp <sub>2</sub> Zr 2a	SiPh(Me) <sub>2</sub> + 5a $+$ EtO <sub>2</sub> C $+$ 5a $+$ EtO <sub>2</sub> C $+$ 3 $+$ 1a (1.0 equiv) dioxane, rt	THF, 40~45 °C , 12 h	$\rightarrow$ EtO <sub>2</sub> C $\swarrow_3$	<sup>∼</sup> SiPhMe₂ <sup>+</sup>	EtO <sub>2</sub> C 4a
(Me)₂PhSi <b>5a</b> (2.4 equiv	s + HZrCp₂Cl ) <b>6</b> (2.0 equiv)				
entry	NiBr·DME (10 mol%)	Bpy (10 mol%)	Blue LED	<b>3a</b> $(\%)^b$	<b>4a</b> $(\%)^b$
1	+	+	-	0	5
2	+	+	+	51	27
3	-	-	+	53	33

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (2.4 equiv), **6** (2.0 equiv), THF (2.0 mL), 40~45 °C, Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**.

#### Table S3. Screening of the solvent<sup>a</sup>

$\begin{bmatrix} CICp_2Zr_{SiPh(Me)_2} + 5a \\ 2a \end{bmatrix}$	+ EtO <sub>2</sub> C $+$ $F_3$	Blue LED (12 W) solvent, 40~45 °C , 12 h	$\rightarrow$ EtO <sub>2</sub> C $\swarrow_3$	$\sim$ SiPhMe <sub>2</sub> + EtO <sub>2</sub> C $\sim$ H 4a
dioxane, rt				
(Me) <sub>2</sub> PhSi + HZrCp <sub>2</sub> Cl <b>5a</b> (2.4 equiv) <b>6</b> (2.0 equiv)				
entry	solvent		<b>3a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	<b>4a</b> $(\%)^b$
1	CH <sub>3</sub> CN		37	17
2	DCM		29	19
3	DMF		31	16
4	Dioxane		36	23
5	THF		53	33
6	NMP		59	34
7	DME		42	25

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (2.4 equiv), **6** (2.0 equiv), solvent (2.0 mL), 40~45 °C, Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**.

dioxan	<b>1a</b> (1.0 equiv)	Blue LED (12 W) NMP (x mL), 40~45 °C , 12 h 3a	SiPhMe <sub>2</sub> + EtO <sub>2</sub> C 4a
5a (2.4 equiv) 6 ( entry	2.0 equiv) NMP (x mL)	<b>3a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>	<b>4a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	1.0	51	30
2	2.0	59	34
3	3.0	64	31
5	4.0	60	35

#### Table S4. Screening of the loading amount of NMP<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (2.4 equiv), **6** (2.0 equiv), NMP (x mL), 40~45 °C, Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**.

#### Table S5. Screening of the loading amount of 5a and 6<sup>a</sup>

L Za	$Ph(Me)_2 + 5a + EtO_2C_{1}$ $H(Me)_2 + 1a (1.0 economic dioxane, rt$	Blue LED (12 W) 3 NMP, 40~45 °C , 12 h nuiv)	$\xrightarrow{F} EtO_2C \underbrace{H}_3 \xrightarrow{F} SiPhMe_2$	+ EtO <sub>2</sub> C + F 4a
(Me)₂PhSi ∕∕∕ 5a (y equiv)	+ HZrCp <sub>2</sub> Cl 6 (z equiv)			
entry	5a (y equiv)	<b>6</b> (z equiv)	<b>3a</b> $(\%)^b$	<b>4a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
$1^d$	1.8	1.5	52	38
2	2.4	2.0	64	31
3	3.0	2.5	73	21
4	3.6	3.0	81 (62)	15
6	4.2	3.5	82	11

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (y equiv), **6** (z equiv), NMP (3.0 mL), 40~45 °C, Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**, the number given in parentheses is the isolated yield.

CICp <sub>2</sub> ZrSiPh(Me) <sub>2</sub> +	- 5a ] + EtO <sub>2</sub> C + 5a ] - 1a (1.0 equiv) Blue LED (12 W) NMP, Temp, 12 h	$\xrightarrow{\text{EtO}_2C} \underbrace{F}_{3} \xrightarrow{F}_{S}$	PhMe <sub>2</sub> + EtO <sub>2</sub> C 4a
(Me)₂PhSi			
entry	Temp (°C)	<b>3a</b> $(\%)^b$	<b>4a</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	25	78	18
2	40~45	81	15
3	55	72	23

Table S6. Screening of the reaction temperature<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (3.6 equiv), **6** (3.0 equiv), NMP (3.0 mL), Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**.

#### Table S7. Screening of the lighting sources<sup>*a*</sup>

CICp <sub>2</sub> Zr 2a	Ph(Me) <sub>2</sub> + <b>5a</b>	$ \end{bmatrix} + EtO_2C \underbrace{F_3}_{M_3}F_1 - $	Lighting Sources	$\longrightarrow$ EtO <sub>2</sub> C $\bigvee_{3}$	F SiPhMe <sub>2</sub> + E	$EtO_2C$ $H$ $H$ $H$
	dioxane, rt					
(Me)₂PhSi∕∕∕ <b>5a</b> (3.6 equiv)	+ HZrCp <sub>2</sub> Cl <b>6</b> (3.0 equiv)					
entry		lighting sources		<b>3a</b> $(\%)^b$	<b>4</b> a (%)	b
1		Blue LED		81	15	
2		Green LED		79	15	
3		White LED		78	17	

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (3.6 equiv), **6** (3.0 equiv), NMP (3 mL), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**.

#### **Re-optimized the reaction conditions**

CICp <sub>2</sub> Zr2a	$SiPh(Me)_2 + 5a + EtO_2C$ $1a (1.1)$ dioxane, rt	Blue LED (12 W) MMP, 40~45 °C, 12 h 0 equiv)	EtO <sub>2</sub> C 3 SiPhMe <sub>2</sub>	+ $EtO_2C \xrightarrow{F}_{3} H$ 4a
(Me)₂PhSi´ <b>5a</b> (y equ				
entry	5a (y equiv)	<b>6</b> (z equiv)	<b>3a</b> $(\%)^b$	<b>4a</b> $(\%)^b$
1	2.0	0.1	0	0
2	2.0	0.2	0	2
3	2.0	0.5	36	16
4	2.0	0.75	54	19
5	2.0	1.0	59	19
6	2.0	1.1	68	22
7	2.0	1.2	67	24
8	1.5	1.2	56	36
9	2.2	1.2	73	19
10	2.5	1.2	80 (62)	14
11	3.0	1.2	81	12

#### Table S8. Screening of the loading amount of 5a and 6 for the reaction with 1a<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (y equiv), **6** (z equiv), NMP (3.0 mL), 40~45 °C, Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3a** was calculated based on **1a**, the number given in parentheses is the isolated yield.

CICp <sub>2</sub> Zr <sub>S</sub> 2a (Me) <sub>2</sub> PhSi 5a (y equiv)	iPh(Me) <sub>2</sub> + 5a ] + dioxane, rt + HZrCp <sub>2</sub> Cl 6 (z equiv)	BzO Br Br Hg (1.0 equiv) Br NMP, 40~45 °C, 12 h	BzO 3i	+ BzO H 4i
entry	5a (y equiv)	<b>6</b> (z equiv)	<b>3i</b> (%)	<b>4i</b> (%)
1	2.5	1.5	42	35
2	2.5	1.8	45	46
3	2.5	2.0	47	48
4	3.0	1.8	54	19
5	3.5	1.8	<b>69</b> ( <b>65</b> )	19
6	4.0	1.8	68	22

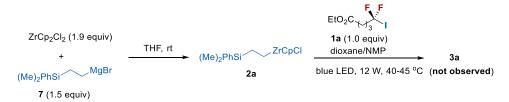
Table S9. Screening of the loading amount of 5a and 6 for the reaction with 1g<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions (unless otherwise specified): **1g** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (y equiv), **6** (z equiv), NMP (3.0 mL), 40~45 °C, Blue LED (12 W), 12 h. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard. <sup>*b*</sup>The yield of **3i** was calculated based on **1g**, the number given in parentheses is the isolated yield.

#### 3. Mechanistic Studies

#### 3.1. Preparation of 2a from the reaction of Grignard reagent 7 with ZrCp<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and using 2a to

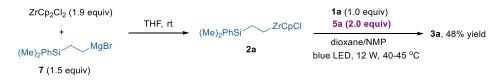
#### react with 1a



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added  $ZrCp_2Cl_2$  (0.57 mmol, 1.9 equiv, the loading amount of  $ZrCp_2Cl_2$  was based on **1a**) and **7**<sup>15</sup> (1.32 mL, 0.34 M, 1.5 equiv, the loading amount of **7** was based on **1a**) under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature to afford alkylzirconocene **2a**. (*Note:* When Grignard reagent **7** was prepared, ~10% of silylalkene **5a** was generated. Alkene **5a** can be trapped by addition of  $ZrCp_2HCl 6$  (0.06 mmol) to the resulting solution of **2a**. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, only trace amount of **5a** was unreacted. This unreacted **5a** 

would lead to  $\leq 1\%$  yield of **3a**, after the solution of **2a** was treated with **1a** under the irradiation of blule light.) To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and NMP (3.0 mL). The prepared alkylzirconocene **2a** was then transferred to the reaction mixture via syringe under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C for 12 h under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the reaction showed that essentially, **3a** was not formed during the reaction.

## **3.2.** Preparation of 2a from the reaction of Grignard reagent 7 with ZrCp<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and using 2a to react with 1a and 5a



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.57 mmol, 1.9 equiv, the loading amount of ZrCp<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was based on **1a**) and **7** (1.32 mL, 0.34 M, 1.5 equiv, the loading amount of **7** was based on **1a**) under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature to afford alkylzirconocene **2a**. To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and NMP (3.0 mL). The prepared alkylzirconocene **2a** was then transferred to the reaction mixture via syringe under Ar. The resulting reacion mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C for 12 h under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, and <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the reaction showed 48% yield of **3a** was afforded.

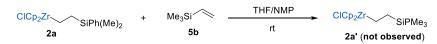
#### **3.3.** Competetive reactions



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added  $ZrCp_2HCl 6$  (3.0 equiv, 0.9 mmol, the loading amount of **6** was based on **1a**) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was

evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5a** (3.0 equiv, 0.9 mmol, the loading amount of **5a** was based on **1a**) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added difluoroalkyl halide **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5b** (0.18 mmol, 0.6 equiv) and NMP (3.0 mL) under Ar. The prepared solution of alkylzirconocene **2a** and alkene **5a** was then added to the mixture via syringe for 1 min under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the reaction showed that 80% yield of **3a** and **3a'** (**3a/3a'** = 2.8:1, determined by GC) were afforded.

#### 3.4. Reaction of 2a with silylalkene 5b



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added  $ZrCp_2HCl 6$  (5.0 equiv, 0.9 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5a** (5.0 equiv, 0.9 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. Then **5b** (0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NPM (3 mL) were added to the reaction mixture under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. GC-MS analysis of the reaction after the reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O.

#### 3.5. Reaction of silylalkene 5a with 1a



**Procedure:** To 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **1a** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **5a** (1.08 mmol, 3.6 equiv), dioxane (1.0 mL) and NMP (3.0 mL) under Ar. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at  $40\sim45$  °C for 12 h under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The reaction was cooled to room temperature. <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the reaction showed no **3a** was observed.

#### 3.6 Radical clock experiments.

#### A. Reaction of 1g with 2b and 16



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl (1.8 equiv, 0.54 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glove box, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Silylalkene **5b** (3.5 equiv, 1.05 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h to provide **2b**. To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **1g** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **16** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and NMP (3.0 mL). The prepared alkylzirconocene **2b** (~1.3 equiv., ~ 0.38 mmol) was transferred to the reaction via syringe for about 1 min under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred 12 h at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the reaction showed 13% yield of **18** was provided. The yield of **17** (8% yield) was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using mesitylene as the internal standard.

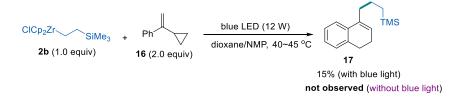
(3-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)propyl)trimethylsilane (17). The product (8% yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 5.92 – 5.77 (m, 1H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 0.62 – 0.50 (m, 2H), -0.03 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7, 136.5, 135.1, 127.5, 126.4, 126.2, 124.7, 122.6, 36.8, 28.5, 23.1, 23.1, 16.8, -1.6. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2925 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 244 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 227, 170, 144 (100), 73. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Si: 244.1642; Found: 244.1645 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

**3-(3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)-2,2-difluoropropyl benzoate (18).** The product (13% determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.06 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t,

J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 - 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 - 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.20 - 6.01 (m, 7.1)

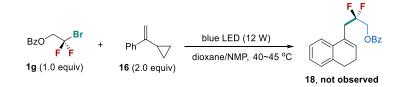
1H), 4.47 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, J = 15.8 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 – 2.20 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -101.7 – -102.0 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.4, 136.3, 134.0, 133.5, 131.7, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 127.7, 127.2, 126.3, 123.1, 121.1 (t, J = 244.3 Hz), 63.6 (t, J = 33.1 Hz), 37.1 (t, J = 24.7 Hz), 28.1 (s), 23.2. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2934, 2858, 1732, 1351 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 328 (M<sup>+</sup>), 222, 186, 141, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 328.1269; Found: 328.1268 (M<sup>+</sup>).

#### **B.** Reaction of 2b with 16



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl (0.54 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glove box, and was then evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Silylalkene **5b** (1.05 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h to provide **2b** (~ 0.38 mmol, 1.0 equiv). To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **16** (0.76 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and NMP (3.0 mL). The prepared alkylzirconocene **2b** was added to the mixture via syringe for about 1 min under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred 12 h at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. The yield of **17** (15% yield) was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using mesitylene as the internal standard. Under the reaction conditions, the product of **17** was not observed without blue light.

#### C. Reaction of 1g with 16



**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **1g** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **16** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and NMP (3.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C for 12 h under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis

of the reaction showed no 18 was observed.

#### 3.7 Light-dark experiments

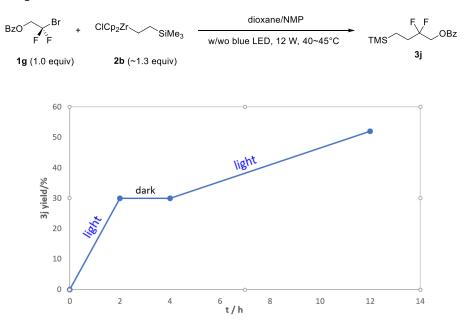
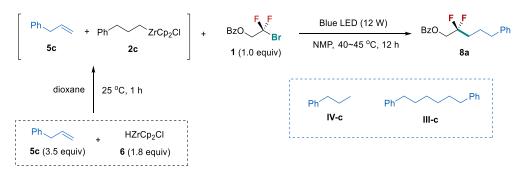


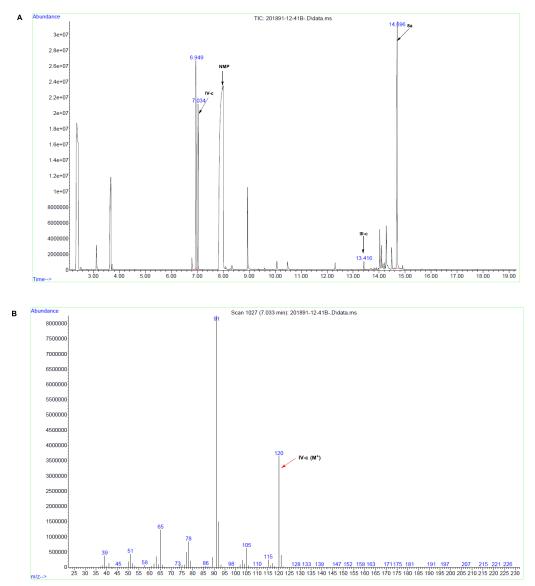
Figure S1. Light -dark experiments for the reaction of 1g with 2b

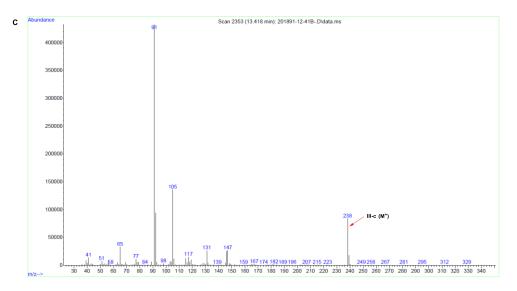
**Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl (1.8 equiv, 0.54 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5b** (3.5 equiv, 1.05 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added by a syringe under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added **1g** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NMP (3.0 mL). The prepared solution of alkylzirconocene **2b** (~1.3 equiv, ~ 0.38 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture over 1 min via a syringe under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip at 40~45 °C. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR. The reaction mixture was then stirred at the same reaction temperature for 8 h under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR.

#### 3.8 MS analysis of the reaction of 5c with 1g



MS analysis of the reaction showed that homo-coupling of **III-c** and a large amount of **IV-c** were formed.

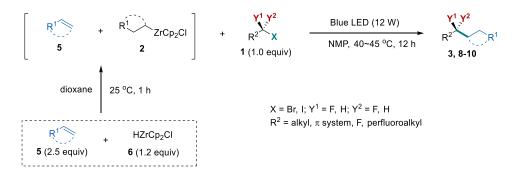




**Figure S2. GC-MS analysis of the reaction of 5c with 1g. (A)** GC analysis of the reaction; **(B)** MS analysis of **IV-c**; **(C)** MS analysis of **III-c**.

# 4. (Fluoro)alkylation of Alkenes 5 with (Fluoro)alkylhalides 1 Promoted by Photolysis of Alkylzirconocenes

**General Procedure A** 



To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added  $ZrCp_2HCl$  (1.2 equiv, 0.36 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5** (2.5 equiv, 0.75 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. To another 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added difluoroalkyl halide **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NMP (3.0 mL) under Ar. The prepared solution of alkylzirconocene and alkene was then added to the mixture via a syringe for 1 min under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water (50 mL) and extracted with EA (30 mL× 2). The combined organic layers were

washed by brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The product was purified with flash column chromatography.

#### **General Procedure B**

Ph
$$2rCp_2Cl$$
 +  $R^1$  +  $R^2$  Br Blue LED (12 W)  
2c (~1.5 equiv) 5 (1.5 equiv) 1 (1.0 equiv) 1 (1.0 equiv) 10

**Preparation of 2c:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added  $ZrCp_2HCl 6$  (2.0 equiv, 0.6 mmol, the loading amount of **6** was calculated based on **1**) in the glovebox. The tube was taken out of the glovebox, and was then evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Allylbenzene **5c** (1.5 equiv, 0.45 mmol, the loading amount of **5c** was calculated based on **1**) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at about 40 °C until a clear yellow solution was obtained.

**Reaction of 5 with 1 in the presence of 2c:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added difluoroalkyl **1** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), alkene **5** (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and NMP (3.0 mL). The prepared alkylzirconocene **2c** (~1.5 equiv) was then added to the reaction mixture for 1 min under Ar. The reaction was stirred at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water (50 mL) and extracted with EA (30 mL× 2). The combined organic layers were washed by brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The product was purified by flash column chromatography.

*Note:* Excessive  $ZrCp_2HCl 6$  used for the preparation of 2c can be quenched by NMP.<sup>16</sup> Therefore, it cannot influence the reaction.

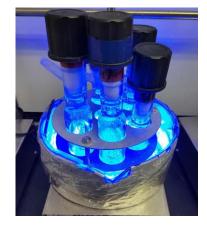
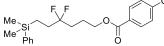


Figure S3. Synthesis of compounds 3, 8-10.

#### 5. Characterization Data for Compounds 3, 8-10.

Me\_Si Me^J Ph Ethyl 7-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5,5-difluoroheptanoate (3a). General Procedure A: The product (61 mg, 62% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.56 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) 2H), 1.92 - 1.73 (m, 6H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.92 - 0.82 (m, 2H), 0.30 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -99.9 – -100.4 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.0, 138.1, 133.5, 129.1, 127.9, 125.3 (t, J = 241.2 Hz), 60.4, 34.9 (t, J = 25.8 Hz), 33.7, 30.9 (t, J = 26.7 Hz), 17.8 (t, J = 4.8 Hz), 14.2, 7.7 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film)  $v_{max}$  2922, 1731, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%), 313, 235, 135 (100), 81. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 328.1665; Found: 328.1671 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

tert-Butyl((6-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-4,4-difluorohexyl)oxy)dimethylsilane Me Si Me ph (3b). General Procedure A: The product (74 mg, 64% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 3.62 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.95 - 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.68 - 1.56 (m, 2H), 0.94 - 0.83 (m, 11H), 0.29 (s, 6H), 0.04 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -99.5 - -99.8 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.2, 133.5, 129.1, 127.9, 125.8 (t, J = 241.3 Hz), 62.4, 32.2 (t, J = 25.8 Hz), 30.9 (t, J = 26.7 Hz), 25.9, 25.7 (t, J = 4.2 Hz), 18.3, 7.8 (t, J = 3.3 Hz), -3.3, -5.4. IR (thin film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2929, 2857, 1463, 1360 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%), 157, 135 (100), 81. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>36</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub>: 386.2267; Found: 386.2274 (M)<sup>+</sup>.



flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 - 7.34 (m, 3H), 4.33 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.03 - 1.88 (m, 4H), 1.87 - 1.72 (m, 2H), 0.94 - 0.86 (m, 2H), 0.29 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -100.5 - -100.7 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 165.6, 139.4, 138.0, 133.5, 130.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 127.9, 125.1 (t, *J* = 241.8 Hz), 64.5, 32.4 (t,

J = 26.2 Hz), 31.1 (t, J = 26.6 Hz), 21.8 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 7.8 (t, J = 3.2 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3049, 2870, 1723, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (DART) m/z (%) 428 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NSiCl: 428.1619; Found: 428.1612 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>.

Me<sub>3</sub>Si Cl 4,4-Difluoro-6-(trimethylsilyl)hexyl 4-chlorobenzoate (3d). General Procedure A, Gram-scale Synthesis: To a 50 mL of Schlenk tube was

added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl (1.2 equiv, 4.8 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene 5b (2.5 equiv, 10 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (13 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. To another 100 mL of Schlenk tube were added difluoroalkyl halide 1c (4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NMP (40 mL) under Ar. The prepared solution of alkylzirconocene and alkene was then added to the reaction mixture via a syringe for 10 min under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water (200 mL) and extracted with EA (150 mL $\times$  2). The combined organic layers were washed by brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The product was purified with flash column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 60:1) to give product **3d** (68%, 0.95 g). <sup>1</sup> H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.08 - 1.91 (m, 4H), 1.89 - 1.70 (m, 2H), 0.70 - 0.56 (m, 2H), 0.01 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -100.1 – -100.6 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, 139.4, 130.9, 128.7, 128.6, 125.2 (t, J = 242.1 Hz), 64.5, 32.4 (t, J = 26.4 Hz), 31.2 (t, J = 26.7 Hz), 21.8, 8.6, -2.0. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2855, 1724, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 213, 175, 139 (100), 73. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SiCl: 349.1197; Found: 349.1203 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

 $\underset{Me \in Si}{\overset{F}{\underset{Ph}{\longrightarrow}}} \xrightarrow{F} (Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5,5-difluoroheptyl acetate (3e). General Procedure A: The product (70 mg, 71% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta$  7.55 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.92

- 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.70 - 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.58 - 1.45 (m, 2H), 0.94 - 0.83 (m, 2H), 0.31 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR

(376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -100.1 – -100.3 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.0, 138.1, 133.5, 129.1, 127.9, 125.3 (t, *J* = 242.8 Hz), 64.0, 35.2 (t, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 30.9 (t, *J* = 26.8 Hz), 28.3, 20.9, 18.8 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 7.8 (t, *J* = 3.2 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 1740, 1461, 1366 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 251, 179, 135 (100), 95. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 329.1743; Found: 329.1741 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NSi: 295.1562; Found: 295.1567 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

# F 6,6-Difluoro-8-(trimethylsilyl)octanenitrile (3g). General Procedure A, Gram-scale Synthesis: To a 100 mL of Schlenk tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl (1.2)

(thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3069, 3010, 2247, 1464, 1362 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 295 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 280, 135 (100), 91.

equiv, 12 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5b** (2.5 equiv, 25 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (33 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. To another 350 mL of Schlenk tube were added difluoroalkyl halide **1e** (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NMP (130 mL) under Ar. The prepared solution of alkylzirconocene and alkene was then added to the reaction mixture via a syringe for 10 min under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water (200 mL) and extracted with EA (150 mL× 2). The combined organic layers were washed by brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The product was purified with flash column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 40:1) to give product **3g** (66%, 1.54 g) as a colorless

oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.37 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.97 – 1.57 (m, 8H), 0.70 – 0.48 (m, 2H), 0.01 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -99.9 – -100.2 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  125.2 (t, J = 242.2 Hz), 119.3, 34.7 (t, J = 26.1 Hz), 31.1 (t, J = 26.5 Hz), 25.1, 21.5 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 17.0, 8.6, -2.1. IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  2898, 2248, 1465, 1361 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 233 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 218, 73 (100). HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NSi: 233.1411; Found: 233.1405 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

(8-Chloro-3,3-difluorooctyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane (3h). General  $Me^{S_{ph}}$  (8-Chloro-3,3-difluorooctyl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane (3h). General Procedure A: The product (69 mg, 72% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.38 (m, 3H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.93–1.72 (m, 6H), 1.54–1.42 (m, 4H), 0.95–0.86 (m, 2H), 0.33 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -99.8–-100.2 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  138.1, 133.5, 129.1, 127.9, 125.4 (t, *J* = 241.5 Hz), 44.7, 35.50 (t, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 32.3, 30.9 (t, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 26.6, 21.5 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2868, 1670, 1464, 1357 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 185, 135 (100), 91, 74. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>2</sub>ClSi: 318.1377; Found: 318.1380 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

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3.5 equiv of alkene **5a** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (68 mg, 65% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.53 (t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 2.19 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.13 – 0.88 (m, 2H), 0.34 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -106.7 (tt, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 12.4 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 137.7, 133.44, 133.41, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 127.9, 122.2 (t, *J* = 243.4 Hz), 63.5 (t, *J* = 34.4 Hz), 28.6 (t, *J* = 25.1 Hz), 7.33 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3069, 2956, 1731, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 348 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 333, 135, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 348.1352; Found: 348.1347 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

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#### 2,2-Difluoro-4-(trimethylsilyl)butyl benzoate (3j). General Procedure A: 3.5

equiv of alkene **5b** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (52 mg, 60% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.06 – 1.84 (m, 2H), 0.79 – 0.61 (m, 2H), 0.03 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -106.8 (tt, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 12.4 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 133.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 122.27 (t, *J* = 243.2 Hz), 63.6 (t, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 28.7 (t, *J* = 25.0 Hz), 8.1, -2.1. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2954, 1732, 1452, 1354 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 286 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 271, 179, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 286.1195; Found: 286.1189 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

product (55 mg, 45% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.68 (m, 6H), 1.58 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 0.94 – 0.82 (m, 2H), 0.30 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -99.7 – -100.1 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 138.1, 133.5, 132.8,

130.4, 129.5, 129.1, 128.3, 127.9, 125.5 (t, J = 241.3 Hz), 64.8, 35.6 (t, J = 25.6 Hz), 30.9 (t, J = 26.8 Hz), 28.5, 25.9, 21.9 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 7.8 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2867, 1719, 1451 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 241, 135, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 404.1978; Found: 404.1980 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

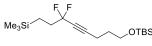
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 $\begin{array}{c} \mbox{MegPhSi} & \mbox{Mesityl} & \mbox{4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-2,2-difluorobutanoate} & (3n). & \mbox{General} \\ \mbox{Procedure A: The product (96 mg, 85% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 60:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta$  7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 3H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.10 – 1.03 (m, 2H), 0.40 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -106.2 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.3 (t, *J* = 34.9 Hz), 144.9, 137.4, 136.1, 133.4, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.0, 117.0 (t, *J* = 251.9 Hz), 29.5 (t, *J* = 24.2 Hz), 20.7, 16.0, 7.1, -3.4. IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  3049, 2925, 2862, 1785, 1437 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (DART) m/z (%) 394 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NF<sub>2</sub>Si: 394.2008; Found: 394.2002 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>.

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(m, 4H), 2.20 - 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.03 - 0.92 (m, 2H), 0.33 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -100.9 (t, J = 17.5 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0 (t, J = 30.3 Hz), 137.9, 133.4, 129.0, 127.8, 119.5 (t, J = 255.0 Hz), 66.7, 66.6, 46.4 (t, J = 6.4 Hz), 43.2, 29.3 (t, J = 24.3 Hz), 6.7 (t, J = 2.7 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  2923, 2857, 1670, 1435, 1363 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 312 (100), 250, 135. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si: 327.1461; Found: 327.1468 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

(3,3-Difluoro-5-(triisopropylsilyl)pent-4-yn-1-yl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane (3p). Me Si Me Si Me Si TIPS General Procedure A: The product (79 mg, 67% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.07 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.16 – 1.07 (m, 21H), 1.07 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.32 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -84.3 (t, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.9, 133.5, 129.2, 128.0, 115.3 (t, *J* = 233.6 Hz), 99.1 (t, *J* = 39.5 Hz), 89.9 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 34.3 (t, *J* = 27.4 Hz), 18.5, 10.9, 8.8, -3.3. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2867, 1463, 1367 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 199, 135 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>: 394.2318; Found: 394.2326 (M)<sup>+</sup>.



#### tert-Butyl((6,6-Difluoro-8-(trimethylsilyl)oct-4-yn-1-

yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (3q). General Procedure A: The product (71 mg, 68% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.69 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.76 – 0.66 (m, 2H), 0.06 (s, 6H), 0.02 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -83.1 (tt, *J* = 14.3, 4.9 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  115.8 (t, *J* = 232.6 Hz), 88.1 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 74.1 (t, *J* = 40.6 Hz), 61.2, 34.4 (t, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 30.9, 25.9, 18.3, 14.8, 9.2, -2.0, -5.4. IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  2929, 2858, 2251, 1361 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 333, 199, 171, 105 (100). HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi<sub>2</sub>: 348.2111; Found: 348.2119 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

 $\begin{array}{c} \stackrel{\text{Me} \\ \text{Me} \\ \text{Me} \\ \text{Me} \\ \text{Ph} \end{array} \stackrel{\text{F}}{\rightarrow} \begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2-(3-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-1,1-difluoropropyl)-5-\\ \text{methylbenzo[d]oxazole (3r). General Procedure A: The product (65 mg, 63\%) \end{array}$ yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 30:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.59 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.45 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 1.05 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.33 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -100.1 (t, J = 16.2 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  158.3 (t, J = 34.7 Hz), 148.9, 140.2, 137.7, 135.2, 133.5, 129.2, 127.9, 127.8, 120.9, 117.3 (t, J = 242.2 Hz), 110.7, 30.9 (t, J = 24.8 Hz), 21.4, 7.0, -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3022, 2926, 2869, 1458, 1358 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 330, 268, 191, 135 (100), 77, 91. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NOSi: 345.1355; Found: 345.1361 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

**2,2-Difluoro-5-phenylpentyl benzoate (8a).** General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene 5c and 1.8 equiv of 6 were used. The product (55 mg, 58% yield was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.10 – 1.82 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.3 (tt, *J* = 15.8, 12.8 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 141.1, 133.5, 129.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.43, 128.37, 126.1, 121.7 (t, *J* = 243.0 Hz), 64.1 (t, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 35.2, 33.34 (t, *J* = 34.2 Hz), 23.3. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2856, 1731, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 304 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 182, 153, 105 (100), 91, 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 304.1269; Found: 304.1268 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

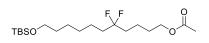
2,2-Difluoro-5-phenylpentyl ethanesulfonate (8b). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene 5c and 1.8 equiv of 6 were used. The product (48 mg, 55%)

yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.43 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.9 (tt, *J* = 16.5, 12.0 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  140.9, 128.5, 128.3, 126.1, 120.8 (t, *J* = 244.3 Hz), 67.3 (t, *J* = 35.2 Hz), 45.5, 35.1, 32.9 (t, *J* = 23.5 Hz), 23.1 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 8.0. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2946, 1454, 1362 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 292 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 182, 153, 91 (100). HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 292.0939; Found: 292.0942 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

of alkene **5c** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (37.0 mg, 49% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.75 (m, 6H), 1.74 – 1.54 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.3 – -98.6 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.4, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 124.6 (t, *J* = 241.9 Hz), 119.2, 35.9 (t, *J* = 25.6 Hz), 35.5 (d, *J* = 26.0 Hz), 35.3, 25.1, 23.9 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 21.5 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 17.0. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3086, 3027, 2247, 1454 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 251 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 104, 91 (100). HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N: 251.1480; Found: 251.1483 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

6,6-Difluoro-9-phenylnonanenitrile (8c). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv

**5,5-Difluoro-8-phenyloctyl acetate (8d). General Procedure A:** 3.5 equiv of alkene **5c** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (41 mg, 48% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 4.06 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.75 (m, 6H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.45 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.2 – -98.5 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 171.2, 141.5, 128.4, 128.4, 126.0, 125.0 (t, *J* = 241.0 Hz), 64.0, 36.0 (t, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 35.9 (t, *J* = 25.5 Hz), 35.4, 28.3, 24.0 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 21.0, 18.9 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz). IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2928, 2855, 1730, 1454 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 284 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 184, 117, 104 (100), 91. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 284.1582; Found: 284.1579 (M)<sup>+</sup>.



#### 11-((*tert*-Dutyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-5,5-difluoroundecyl acetate (8e). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene 5d and 1.8 equiv of 6

were used. The product (59 mg, 52% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.07 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.93 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.40 (m, 6H), 1.37 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.1 – -98.4 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.2, 125.1 (t, *J* = 240.4 Hz), 64.0, 63.1, 36.4 (t, *J* =

25.1 Hz), 35.9 (t, J = 25.7 Hz), 32.6, 29.2, 28.3, 26.0, 25.6, 22.3 (t, J = 4.5 Hz), 21.0, 18.9 (t, J = 4.6 Hz), -5.3. IR (thin film)  $v_{max}$  2929, 2856, 1743, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 323, 261, 117 (100), 55. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>39</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si: 381.2631; Found: 381.2634 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**12-((***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6,6-difluorododecanenitrile** (8f). **General Procedure A:** 3.5 equiv of alkene **5d** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (52 mg, 50% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.60 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.60 (m, 8H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.24 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.2 – -98.6 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  124.8 (t, *J* = 240.6 Hz), 119.3, 63.1, 36.4 (t, *J* = 25.3 Hz), 35.4 (t, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 32.6, 29.1, 25.9, 25.6, 25.1, 22.3 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 21.6 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 18.3, 17.1, -5.3. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2932, 2857, 2248, 1431 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 332, 317, 117, 140 (100), 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NOSi: 348.2529; Found: 348.2535 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

CI  $\sum_{k=1}^{F} \sum_{j=1}^{F} c_{0_2E^{j}}$  Ethyl 10-chloro-5,5-difluorodecanoate (8g). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene 5e and 1.8 equiv of 6 were used. The product (41 mg, 51% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.14 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.72 (m, 8H), 1.50 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -103.5 – -103.9 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.0, 124.8 (t, *J* = 240.4 Hz), 60.4, 44.8, 36.2 (t, *J* = 25.4 Hz), 35.6 (t, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 33.6, 32.3, 26.5, 21.5 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 17.8 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 14.2. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2940, 2870, 1735, 1463 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 270 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 160, 102 (100), 55. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl: 270.1193; Found: 270.1191 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

CI\_\_\_\_\_F\_\_\_CN 11-Chloro-6,6-difluoroundecanenitrile (8h). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene 5e and 1.8 equiv of 6 were used. The product (35 mg, 49%

yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate =

40:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.54 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.76 (m, 6H), 1.76 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.52 – 1.47 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.5 – -98.8 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  124.5 (t, *J* = 240.7 Hz), 119.3, 44.7, 36.3 (t, *J* = 25.3 Hz), 35.5 (t, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 32.3, 26.5, 25.1, 21.55 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 21.51 (t, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 17.1. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2958, 2871, 2247, 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 236 (M-H)<sup>+</sup>, 202, 182, 99 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NClF<sub>2</sub>: 236.1012; Found: 236.1015 (M-H)<sup>+</sup>.

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#### 11-Bromo-5,5-difluoroundecyl acetate (8i). General Procedure A:

3.5 equiv of alkene **5f** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (51

mg, 52% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.07 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.92 – 1.73 (m, 6H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.32 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.2 – -98.7 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  171.2, 124.9 (t, *J* = 240.5 Hz), 64.0, 36.3 (t, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 35.9 (t, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 33.8, 32.5, 28.5, 28.3, 27.9, 22.1 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 21.0, 18.9 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz). IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2935, 2857, 1739, 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 309, 248 (100), 167, 149. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 328.0844; Found: 328.0846 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

<sup>F</sup>/<sub>Br</sub> OBz **8-Bromo-2,2-difluorooctyl benzoate (8j). General Procedure A:** 3.5 equiv of alkene **5f** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (60 mg, 57% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.35 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -105.1 – -105.8 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.5, 133.5, 129.8, 129.0, 128.5, 121.7 (t, *J* = 241.9 Hz), 64.1 (t, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 33.8 (t, *J* = 23.7 Hz), 33.7, 32.4, 28.4, 27.8, 21.5 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz). IR (thin film)  $v_{max}$  2935, 2857, 1731, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 348 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 249, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 348.0531; Found: 348.0527 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

<sup>b</sup><sub>Bpin</sub> <sup>c</sup><sub>CBz</sub> **2,2-Difluoro-5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)pentyl** benzoate (**8k**). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene **5g** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (61 mg, 60% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 10:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 2.16 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.72 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 12H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.2 (tt, *J* = 16.5, 12.8 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.6, 133.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 121.7 (t, *J* = 242.3 Hz), 83.1, 64.1 (t, *J* = 34.0 Hz), 36.3 (t, *J* = 23.6 Hz), 29.7, 24.8, 16.5. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2929, 1732, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 353 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 339, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub><sup>10</sup>BF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 353.1845; Found: 353.1851 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

# Procedure A: Alkylzirconocene was prepared as following: To a 25 mL of Schlenk

tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl **6** (1.8 equiv, 0.54 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5h** (3.5 equiv, 1.05 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. The product (64 mg, 76% yield, dr > 20:1) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.13 – 8.02 (m, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.54 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.36 – 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.08 – 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.44 (m, 5H), 1.23 – 1.13 (m, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -108.7 – -109.6 (m, 1F), -111.4 – -112.8 (m, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.6, 133.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.5, 122.4 (t, *J* = 245.0 Hz), 63.6 (t, *J* = 33.5 Hz), 45.2 (t, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 37.2, 36.7, 35.8, 32.0, 30.6, 28.1. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2874, 1731, 1452, 1371 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 280 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 138, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 280.1269; Found: 280.1272 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

Bpin (5, 2H), 2.34 – 2.18 (m, 5H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 1.82 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.1 (t, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.4 (t, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 145.0, 136.1, 129.5, 129.3, 116.5 (t, *J* = 250.9 Hz), 83.2, 36.7 (t, *J* = 22.7 Hz), 24.8, 20.7, 16.2 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 16.0. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 1785, 1411, 1380 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 382 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 136 (100), 91. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub><sup>10</sup>BF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 381.2158; Found: 381.2155 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

**Mesityl 5-cyclohexyl-2,2-difluoropentanoate (8n).** General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene **5i** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (69 mg, 68% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.90 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.27 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.80 – 1.68 (m, 4H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.36 – 1.13 (m, 6H), 0.97 – 0.82 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.0 (t, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.4 (t, *J* = 34.1 Hz), 145.0, 136.2, 129.5, 129.2, 116.7 (t, *J* = 251.5 Hz), 37.3, 36.9, 34.83 (t, *J* = 23.0 Hz), 33.2, 26.6, 26.3, 20.7, 18.9 (t, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 16.0. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2924, 2851, 1785, 1448, 1378 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 338 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 136 (100), 121. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 338.2052; Found: 338.2053 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

TBSO Mesityl 8-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,2-difluorooctanoate (80). General Procedure A: 3.5 equiv of alkene 5d and 1.8 equiv of 6 were used.

The product (96 mg, 75% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 60:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.91 (s, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 – 2.18 (m, 5H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.72 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.1 (t, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.3 (t, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 145.0, 136.2, 129.5, 129.2, 116.6 (t, *J* = 251.5 Hz),

63.0, 34.4 (t, J = 23.2 Hz), 32.6, 29.0, 25.9, 25.5, 21.5 (t, J = 3.9 Hz), 20.7, 18.3, 16.0, -5.3. IR (thin film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2829, 2857, 1786 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 371, 137, 121 (100), 107, 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>39</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si: 429.2631; Found: 429.2634 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Mesityl 2-cyclohexyl-2,2-difluoroacetate (**8p**). General **Procedure** A: OMes Alkylzirconocene was prepared as following: To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl 6 (1.8 equiv, 0.54 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene 5j (3.5 equiv, 1.05 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. The product (62 mg, 70% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.90 (s, 2H), 2.35 – 2.33 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 2.02 – 1.82 (m, 4H), 1.80 – 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.50 - 1.13 (m, 5H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.3 (d, J = 14.7 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.4 (t, J = 34.3 Hz), 145.1, 136.1, 129.5, 129.2, 117.6 (t, J = 253.5 Hz), 42.1 (t, J = 21.7 Hz), 25.8, 25.3, 24.8 (t, J = 3.7 Hz), 20.7, 16.1. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2934, 2858, 1784, 1453, 1378 cm<sup>-</sup> <sup>1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 296 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 136 (100), 91. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 296.1582; Found: 296.1586 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

#### Mesityl 2,2-difluoro-2-((1*S*,2*S*,4*R*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4-epoxynaphthalen-2yl)acetate (8q). General Procedure A: Alkylzirconocene was prepared as following:

To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube was added ZrCp<sub>2</sub>HCl **6** (1.8 equiv, 0.54 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5k** (3.5 equiv, 1.05 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (1.0 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. The product (65 mg, 60% yield, dr > 20:1) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 40:1) as a white solid (m.p. 80 – 82 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.39 (dt, *J* = 12.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.6 (dd, J = 260.8, 12.8 Hz, 1F), -107.9 (dd, J = 260.8, 16.9 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0 (t, J = 33.7 Hz), 145.5, 145.1, 144.2, 136.3, 129.5, 129.2, 127.3, 127.0, 119.4, 119.1, 116.5 (t, J = 255.7 Hz), 78.7, 78.4 (t, J = 3.4 Hz), 45.7 (t, J = 22.9 Hz), 29.1, 20.7, 16.1.IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  3012, 2958, 1774, 1457, 1365 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 358 (M)<sup>+</sup> 136, 118 (100), 91. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 358.1375; Found: 358.1380 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

 $\begin{array}{c} \underset{Me \in Ph}{\overset{\mathsf{F}}{\text{ph}}} & \textbf{Dimethyl(phenyl)(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)silane} (9a). General Procedure A: The product (49 mg, 70% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta$  7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 2.14 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.07 – 0.95 (m, 2H), 0.35 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.7 (t, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 3F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.4, 133.5, 129.4, 128.0, 127.7 (q, *J* = 277.9 Hz), 28.8 (q, *J* = 30.1 Hz), 7.6, -3.5. IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  3071, 3012, 1446, 1365 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 232 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 154, 135 (100), 91, 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Si: 232.0890; Found: 232.0896 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

column chromatography on silica gel (PE) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 2.13 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.06 – 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.35 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -80.92 (t, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 3F), -115.7 – -116.5 (m, 2F), -121.9 – -122.3 (m, 2F), -122.9 – -123.2 (m, 2F), -123.2 – -123.5 (m, 2F), -126.2 – -126.4 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.3, 133.5, 129.4, 128.1, 118.4, 117.2, 111.3, 111.1, 110.3, 108.5, 25.9, 5.2, -3.5. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2922, 2112 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 482 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 467, 135 (100), 91. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>13</sub>Si: 482.0730; Found: 482.0726 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

**Ethyl 4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-2-fluorobutanoate (9c). General Procedure A:**   $Me_{Ph}$ The product (50 mg, 62% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 80:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 -7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 4.95 - 4.74 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.00 - 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 – 0.78 (m, 2H), 0.29 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -192.5 (dt, J = 49.3, 24.4 Hz, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.8 (d, J = 24.5 Hz), 138.2, 133.5, 129.1, 127.9, 90.4 (d, J = 185.5 Hz), 61.3, 27.1 (d, J = 21.9 Hz), 14.2, 9.8 (d, J = 1.7 Hz), -3.3 (d, J = 4.7 Hz). IR (thin film)  $\nu_{max}$  3069, 2955, 1739, 1427, 1374 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (FI) m/z (%) 268 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 253, 135 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FO<sub>2</sub>Si: 268.1289; Found: 268.1294 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

**Ethyl** 1-(2-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethyl)cyclobutane-1-carboxylate (9d). **General Procedure A:** 3.5 equiv of alkene **5a** and 1.8 equiv of **6** were used. The product (57 mg, 65% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 50:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.66 – 0.55 (m, 2H), 0.27 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.1, 139.0, 133.5, 128.9, 127.7, 60.1, 49.2, 32.1, 29.4, 15.3, 14.3, 10.2, -3.2. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2927, 2854, 1727, 1445, 1366 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 290 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 275, 247, 213, 135 (100), 105. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: 290.1697; Found: 290.1695 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

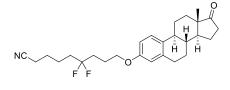
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 $F_{COOMes}$ Mesityl2-(3-benzyl-2,4-dioxo-3-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-yl)-2,2-<br/>difluoroacetate (10a). General Procedure B: The product (64 mg, 50% yield,<br/>dr > 20:1) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate<br/>= 20:1) as a white solid (m.p. 92 – 94 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36<br/>– 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.90 (s, 2H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 3.58 – 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.40 – 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.28 – 3.13 (m,<br/>1H), 2.91 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)<br/> $\delta$  -112.4 (dd, J = 267.7, 14.3 Hz, 1F), -115.2 (dd, J = 267.7, 17.3 Hz, 1F), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)<br/> $\delta$  177.8, 176.1, 160.7 (t, J = 33.3 Hz), 144.7, 136.5, 135.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.74, 128.72, 128.1, 114.9<br/>(t, J = 252.9 Hz), 42.8, 39.26 (t, J = 25.2 Hz), 38.6 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.4 Hz), 36.1, 23.1 (dd, J = 6.3, 3.1<br/>Hz), 20.7, 16.0. IR (thin film)  $v_{max}$  3068, 2921, 1772, 1703 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 450 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 428<br/>(M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Na: 450.1487; Found: 450.1482 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.

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δ 167.8, 162.1 (t, *J* = 33.6 Hz), 144.8, 136.2, 134.2, 131.5, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 126.8, 116.2 (t, *J* = 251.2 Hz), 39.1, 31.9 (t, *J* = 23.3 Hz), 21.9 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 20.7, 15.9. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3256, 3071, 2924, 2863, 1770 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 398 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 376 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Na: 398.1538; Found: 398.1529 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.

 $F_{Ph} = 0$  **2,2-Difluorooctane-1,8-diyl dibenzoate (10c). General Procedure B:** The product (67 mg, 57% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 20:1) as a white solid (m.p. 48 – 50 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.05 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 4.49 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.82 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.53 – 1.40 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.4 (tt, J = 16.9, 12.4 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.6, 165.5, 133.5, 132.8, 130.3, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.5, 128.3, 121.7 (t, J = 242.5 Hz), 64.8, 64.1 (t, J = 34.1 Hz), 33.9 (t, J = 23.8 Hz), 28.9, 28.5, 25.8, 21.6 (t, J = 4.4 Hz). IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3064, 2866, 1723 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 390 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 248, 105 (100), 77. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 390.1637; Found: 390.1642 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

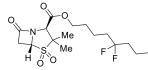


# 6,6-Difluoro-9-(((8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6*H*-

#### cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)nonanenitrile (10d).

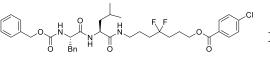
**General Procedure B:** The product (55 mg, 41% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 4:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.94 – 2.84 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.38 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.29 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 1.82 (m, 10H), 1.76 – 1.38 (m, 10H), 0.91 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.9 – -99.2 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  220.9, 156.7, 137.8, 132.2 126.3, 124.5 (t, *J* = 241.3 Hz), 119.3, 114.5, 112.0, 66.9, 50.3, 47.9, 43.9, 38.3, 35.8, 35.7 (t, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 33.20 (t, *J* = 25.7 Hz), 31.5, 29.6, 26.5, 25.9, 25.1, 22.3 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 21.53, 21.51 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 17.0, 13.8. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2929,

2868, 2246, 1737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (DART) m/z (%) 444 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 444.2709; Found: 444.2706 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.



#### 9-Cyano-5,5-difluorononyl (2S,5R)-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1azabicvclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate 4,4-dioxide (10e). General

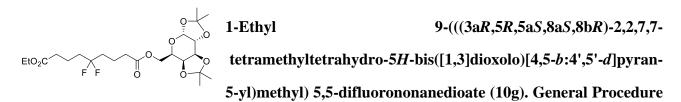
Procedure B: The product (60 mg, 48% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 2:1) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.61 (dd, J = 4.2, 19 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.49 (dd, J = 16.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 16.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.93 – 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -98.6 – -99.7 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.7, 166.9, 124.3 (t, J = 240.9 Hz), 119.3, 65.9, 63.2, 62.6, 61.0, 38.3, 35.8 (t, J = 25.6 Hz), 35.6 (t, J = 25.7 Hz), 28.1, 25.0, 21.5 (t, J = 4.6 Hz), 20.3, 18.6 (t, J = 4.6 Hz), Hz), 18.5, 17.1. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2875, 2246, 1797, 1754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 443 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 421 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NaS: 443.1422; Found: 443.1419 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.



# (5*S*,8*S*)-5-Benzyl-14,14-difluoro-8-isobutyl-3,6,9-trioxo-1-phenyl-2-oxa-4,7,10-triazaheptadecan-17-yl 4chlorobenzoate (10f). General Procedure B: The product

(107 mg, 51% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 2:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 - 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.31 - 7.23 (m, 5H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.42 - 6.31 (m, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 - 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.34 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.30 - 3.13 (m, 2H), 3.08 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.04-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.91 - 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.72 - 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.51 - 1.34 (m, 2H), 0.88 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.7 – -99.4 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) § 171.5, 171.0, 165.7, 156.4, 139.5, 135.8, 131.0, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 124.5 (t, J = 241.0 Hz), 67.4, 64.4, 56.5, 51.9, 40.4, 38.9, 33.8 (t, J = 25.6 Hz), 33.2 (t, J = 26.0 Hz), 29.7, 24.7, 22.9, 22.4 (t, J = 4.0 Hz), 21.8 (t, J = 4.4 Hz), 21.7. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub>

3293, 3064, 2851, 1721, 1645 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 722 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 700 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{37}H_{44}N_3O_6F_2NaCl$ : 722.2778; Found: 722.2769 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.



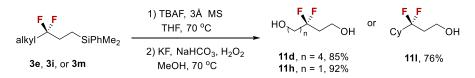
**B:** The product (76 mg, 51% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 4:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.52 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 – 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.36 – 4.26 (m, 2H), 4.25 – 4.07 (m, 4H), 4.05 – 3.97 (m, 1H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.94 – 1.74 (m, 8H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.6 – -98.9 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 172.8, 124.5 (t, *J* = 241.4 Hz), 109.6, 108.7, 96.3, 71.0, 70.7, 70.4, 65.9, 63.4, 60.4, 35.51 (t, *J* = 25.4 Hz), 35.48 (t, *J* = 25.4 Hz), 33.6, 33.5, 25.92, 25.90, 24.9, 24.4, 17.8, 17.7, 14.2. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2982, 2935, 1735, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (DART) m/z (%) 495 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>9</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: 495.2400; Found: 495.2396 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**General Procedure B:** The product (72 mg, 45% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 4:1) as a white solid (m.p. 46 – 48 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (s, 3H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.96 – 1.75 (m, 8H), 1.67 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -98.5 – -98.8 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  172.9, 167.2, 162.4, 161.9, 161.2, 132.5, 132.0, 125.9, 124.6 (t, *J* = 241.0 Hz), 121.6, 115.3, 112.6, 102.9, 75.6, 64.8, 60.4, 35.8 (t, *J* = 25.6 Hz), 35.6 (t, *J* = 25.8 Hz), 33.5, 28.3, 28,1, 19.0, 18.8 (t, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 17.8 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 17.4, 14.2. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2961, 2228, 1733, 1712 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 559 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>, 537 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>2</sub>S: 537.2229; Found:

#### 537.2218 (M+H)+.

#### 6. Transformations of Compounds 3

Systhesis of compounds 11d, 11h, and 11l.<sup>17</sup>



**General Procedure:** To a 25 mL of Schlenk tube were added TBAF (1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol, 10 equiv, 1M in THF), 3Å molecular sieve (200 mg, 0.2g/mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. Subsequently, a solution of compound **3** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature and then KF (20 mg, 0.35 mmol, 3.5 equiv), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (19 mg, 0.23 mmol, 2.3 equiv), MeOH (1.0 mL, 10 mL/ mL THF) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.35 mL, 30% in H<sub>2</sub>O) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at at 70 °C for overnight. The reaction mixture was poured into Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> aqueous (50 mL) and extracted with EA (30 mL× 2). The combined organic solution was washed by brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The product was isolated by flash column chromatography.

**3,3-Difluoroheptane-1,7-diol** (11d). The product (14 mg, 85% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 2:5) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.85 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.21 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.71 (s, 1H), 1.66 – 1.51 (m, 4H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -96.7 – -97.0 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  125.0 (t, *J* = 241.6 Hz), 62.3, 57.1 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 38.9 (t, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 36.6 (t, *J* = 25.1 Hz), 32.1, 18.6 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz). IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3354, 2940, 1462, 1389 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (DART) m/z (%) 169 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 118, 100, 60 (100), 55. HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 169.1035; Found: 169.1035 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

**2,2-Difluorobutane-1,4-diol (11h).** The product (12 mg, 92% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 2:5) as a

colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.91 – 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 – 2.15 (m, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -104.9 – -105.2 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  122.9 (t, *J* = 243.1 Hz), 64.3 (t, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 56.8 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 36.9 (t, *J* = 24.6 Hz). IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3370, 2926, 2852, 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 107, 88, 78 (100), 75. HRMS (FI) calculated for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 126.0487; Found: 126.0490 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

**3-Cyclohexyl-3,3-difluoropropan-1-ol** (**111**). The product (14 mg, 76% yield) was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 2:1) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.89 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.19 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.65 (m, 6H), 1.31 – 1.07 (m, 5H).<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -104.4 – -104.7 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  126.3 (t, *J* = 243 Hz), 57.1 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 44.5 (t, *J* = 23.4 Hz), 36.4 (t, *J* = 24.5 Hz), 25.9, 25.8 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 25.6. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3446, 2924, 2853, 1457, 1377 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 149, 95, 55 (100). HRMS (DART) calculated for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>2</sub>ON: 196.1507; Found: 196.1507 (M+NH<sub>4</sub>)<sup>+</sup>.

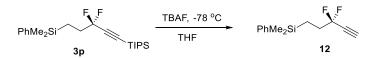
#### Gram-scale synthesis of 3p



**Procedure:** To a 10 mL of Schlenk tube was added  $ZrCp_2HCl$  (1.2 equiv, 7.2 mmol) in the glovebox. The tube was then taken out of the glovebox, and was evacuated and backfilled with Ar (3 times). Alkene **5a** (2.5 equiv, 15 mmol) and anhydrous dioxane (20 mL) were added under Ar. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until a clear yellow solution was obtained. To another 350 mL of Schlenk tube were added difluoroalkyl halide **1m** (6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and NMP (60 mL) under Ar. The prepared solution of alkylzirconocene and alkene was then added to the reaction mixture via a syringe for 10 min under Ar. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40~45 °C under irradiation of a 12 W blue LEDs strip for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured into water (200 mL) and extracted with EA (150 mL× 2). The combined organic layers were washed by brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The

product was purified with flash column chromatography (Petroleum ether) to give compound **3p** (1.45 g, 62% yeild) as a colorless oil.

Synthesis of copound 12.



(3,3-Difluoropent-4-yn-1-yl)dimethyl(phenyl)silane (12): To a solution of 3p (400 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (5.0 mL) was added TBAF (1.2 mL, 1.2 equiv, 1.0 M in THF) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, and was quenched with saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 100:1) to give compound 12 (202 mg, 85% yeild) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 2.74 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.09 – 0.93 (m, 2H), 0.33 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -86.0 (td, *J* = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.8, 133.5, 129.2, 127.9, 115.1 (t, *J* = 233.4 Hz), 76.5 (t, *J* = 41.2 Hz), 75.1 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 34.0 (t, *J* = 26.9 Hz), 8.2, -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3303, 2924, 2856, 2133, 1448 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 238 (M)<sup>+</sup>, 154, 135 (100), 91. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>2</sub>Si: 238.0984; Found: 238.0986 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

Synthesis of copound 13.

(*E*)-6-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-4,4-difluoro-1-phenylhex-2-en-1-one (13): To a solution of compound 12 (200 mg, 0.84 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (3 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (1.0 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at -78 °C under Ar. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C, benzaldehyde (133 mg, 1.26 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in THF (1.0 mL) was slowly added. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 8 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was redissolved in THF (4 mL), DBU (255 mg, 1.68 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was then added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted

with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 40:1) to give copound **13** (150 mg, 52%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 0.97 – 0.87 (m, 2H), 0.31 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -99.9 – -100.4 (m, 2F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  189.3, 138.7 (t, *J* = 27.3 Hz), 137.7, 136.8, 133.6, 133.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.6 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 121.6 (t, *J* = 240.3 Hz), 32.0 (t, *J* = 27.3 Hz), 7.7 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), -3.4. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2928, 2899, 1427 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI) m/z (%) 201, 135 (100), 77. HRMS (EI) calculated for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>2</sub>OSi: 344.1402; Found: 344.1398 (M)<sup>+</sup>.

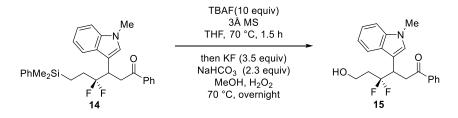
#### Synthesis of compound 14.<sup>18</sup>



To a solution of compound **13** (100 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (2 mL) was added BF<sub>3</sub>:Et<sub>2</sub>O (8.4 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h, the 1-methyl-1*H*-indole (78 mg, 0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DCM (1.0 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until **13** was disappeared. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 40:1) to give compound **14** (100 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 4.55 – 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.86 – 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.08 – 0.86 (m, 2H), 0.16 (s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.8, 138.1, 136.9, 136.7, 133.4, 132.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.78, 127.7, 127.1, 126.8 (t, *J* = 246.7 Hz), 121.6, 119.6 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz), 119.3, 111.3 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 109.2, 38.7, 37.4 (t, *J* = 25.2 Hz), 32.6, 29.7 (t, *J* = 26.2 Hz), 7.6, -3.2, -3.6. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 2954, 2928,

1688 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 476 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calculated for  $C_{29}H_{32}NOF_2Si$ : 476.2216; Found: 476.2211 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Synthesis of compound 15.<sup>19</sup>



**4,4-Difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylhexan-1-one (15).** Compound **15** was prepared according to the procedure of synthesis of compound **11d**. The product **15** (20 mg, 56% yield, 0.1 mmol scale) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether: Ethyl acetate = 3:1) as a white solid (m.p. 121–123 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.58 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.60 - 435 (m, 1H), 4.03 – 3.80 (m, 6H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.78 (s, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -97.8 – -101.0 (m, 1F), -103.3 – 104.5 (m, 1F). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  197.6, 136.8 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 133.0, 128.5, 128.0, 127.1, 126.2 (t, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 121.8, 119.5 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 111.0 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz), 109.3, 57.0 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 39.0 (t, *J* = 24.6 Hz), 38.4 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 37.9 (t, *J* = 23.6 Hz), 32.8. IR (thin film) v<sub>max</sub> 3387, 2933, 1683 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (ESI) m/z (%) 380 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>. HRMS (ESI) calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NF<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na: 380.1432; Found: 380.1432 (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>.

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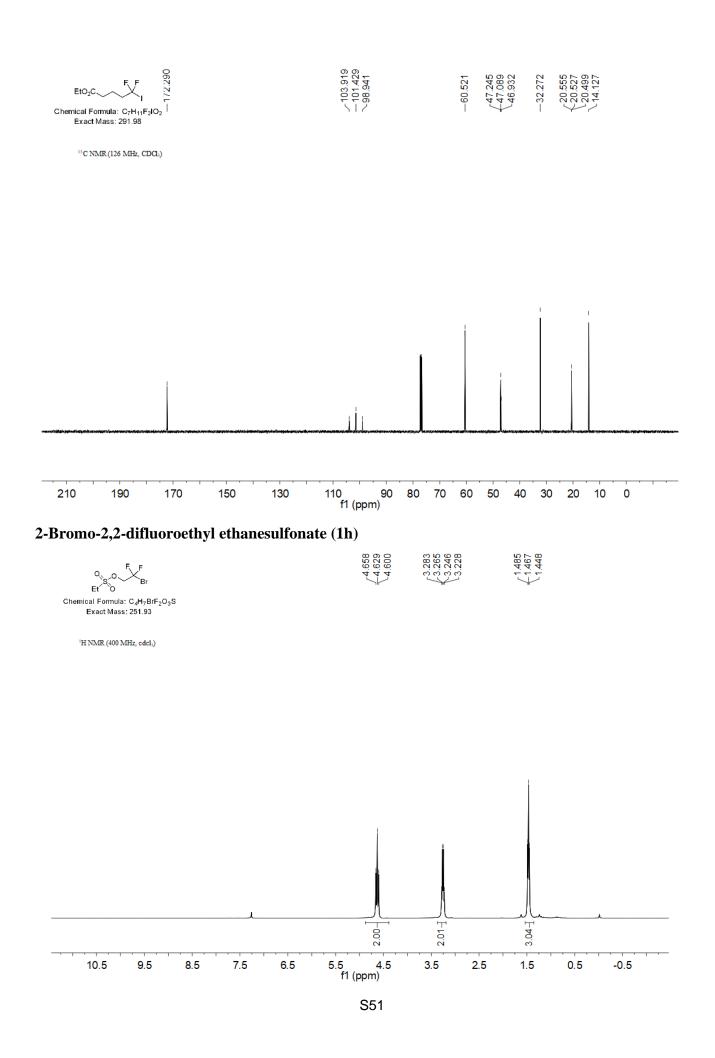
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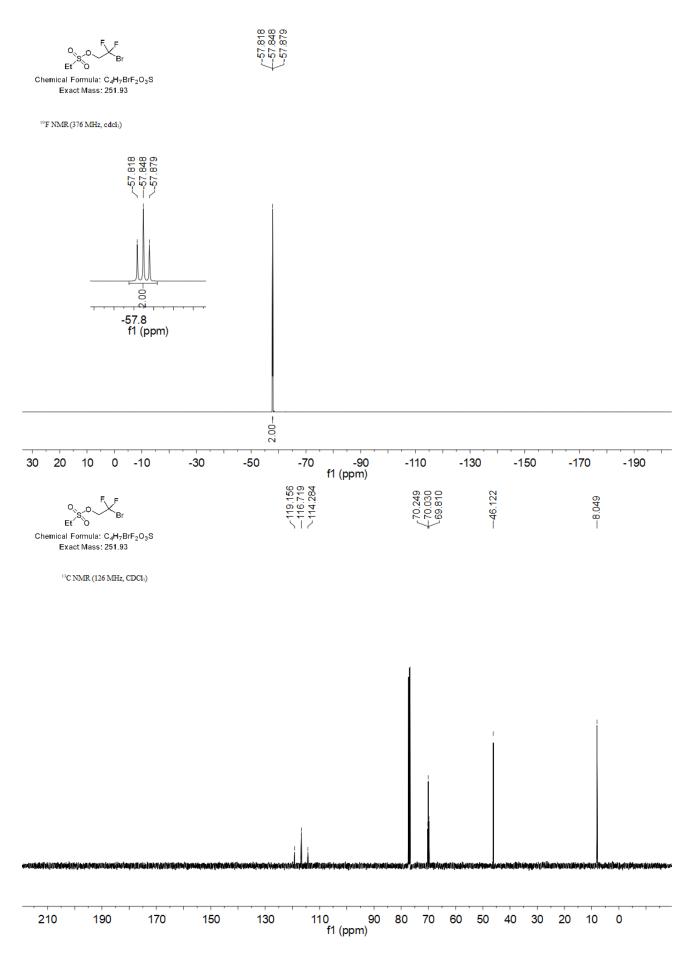
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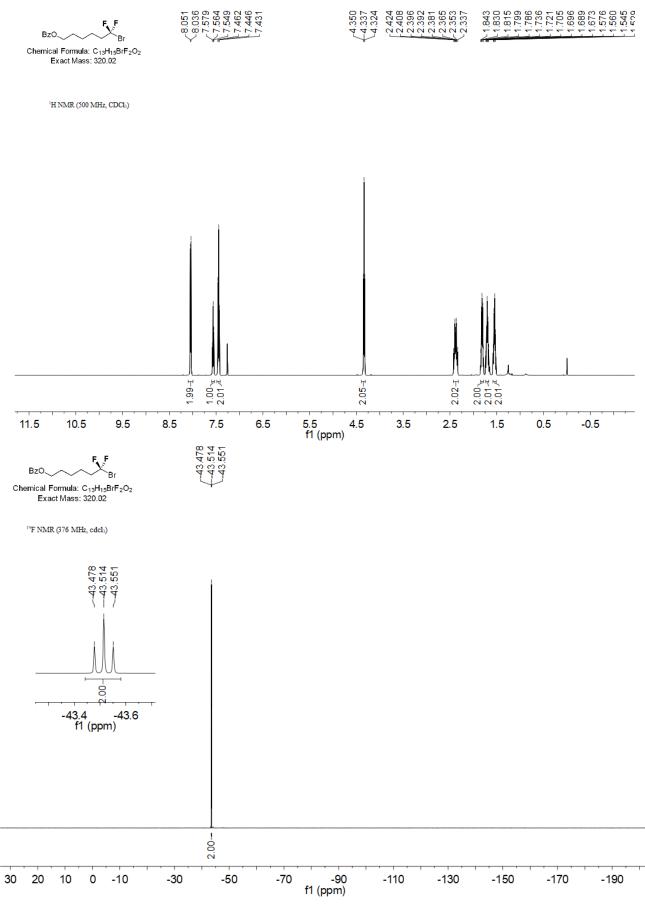
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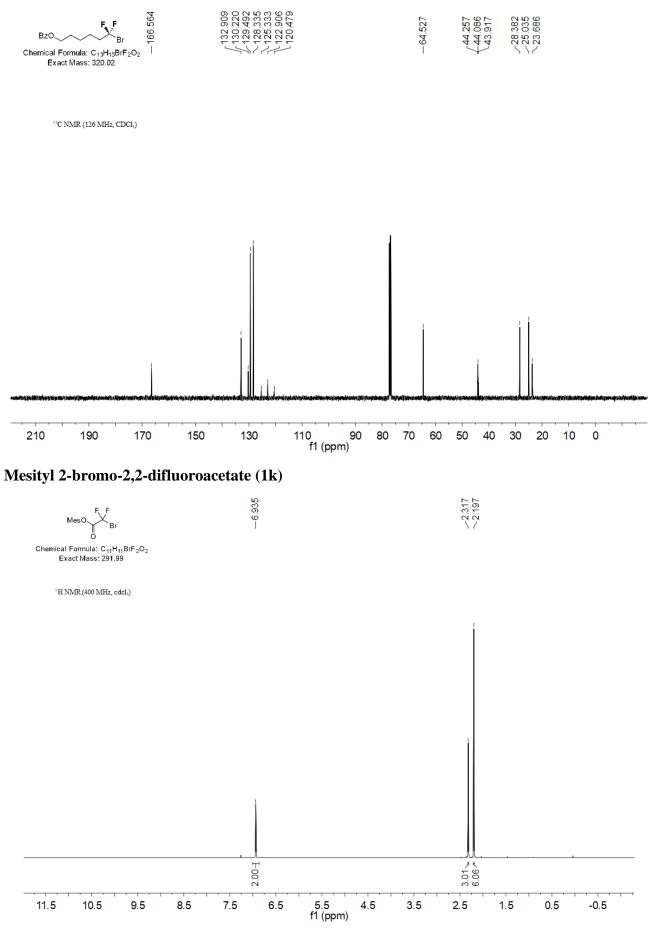
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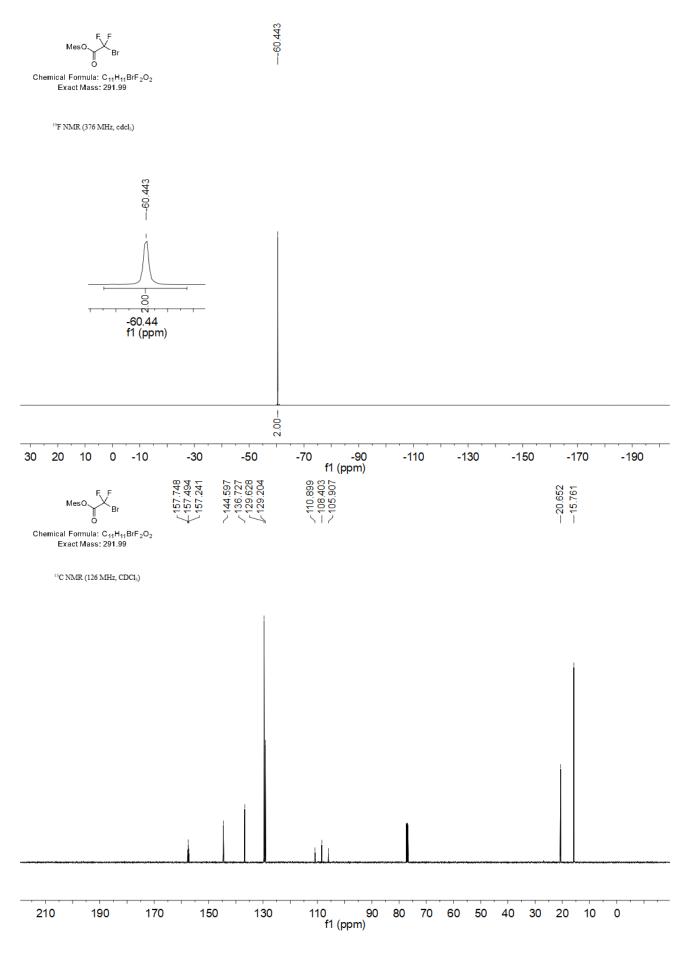




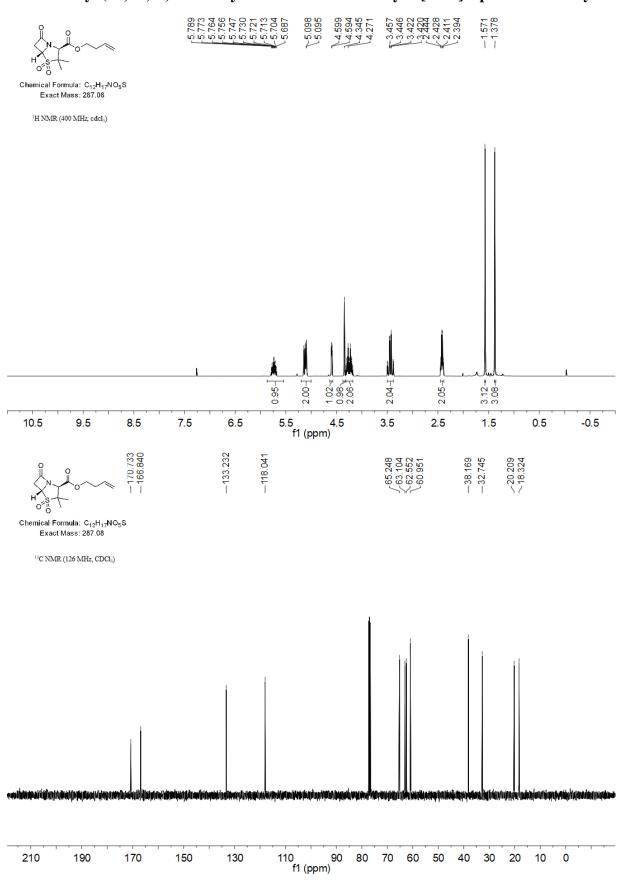
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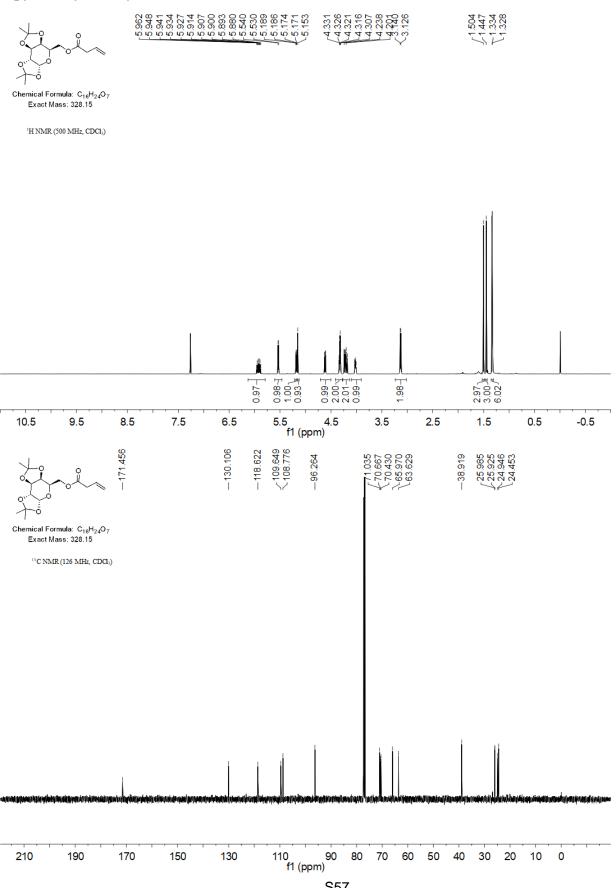


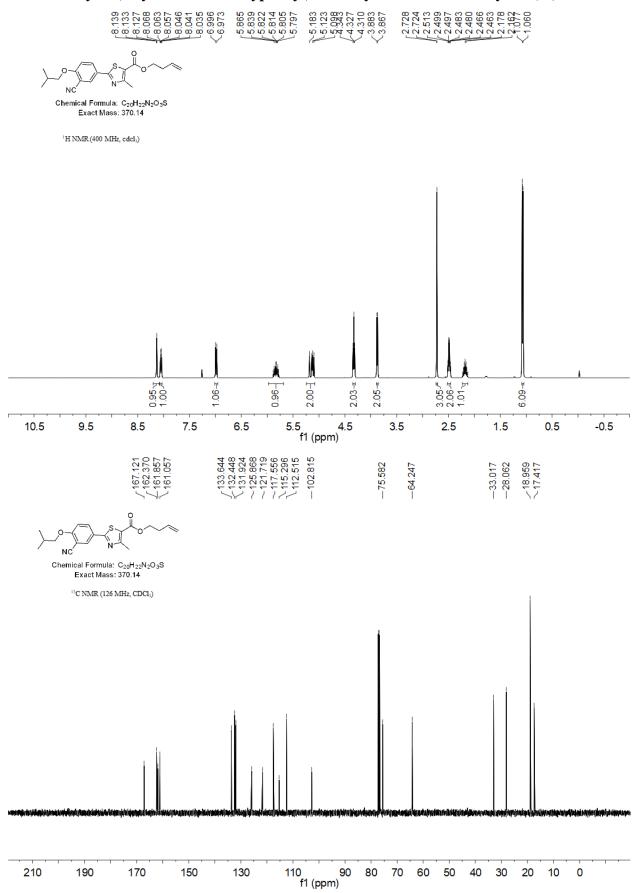
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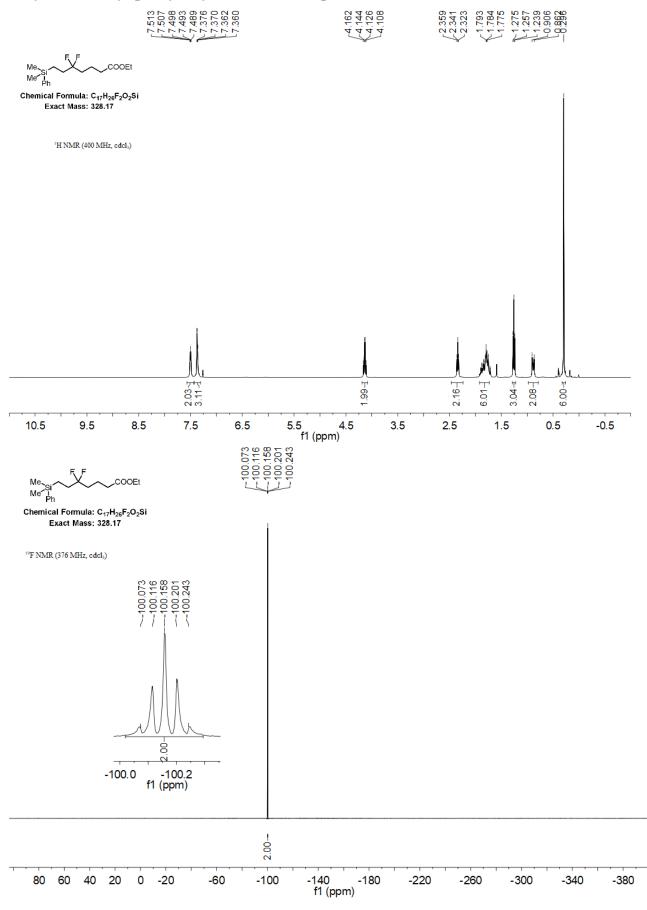
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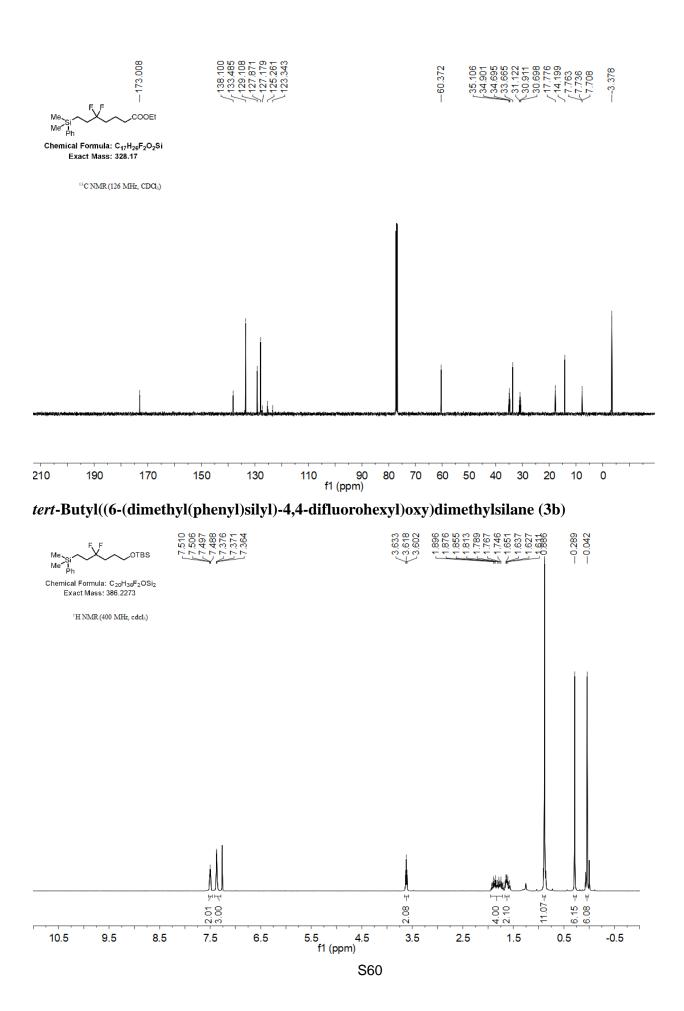


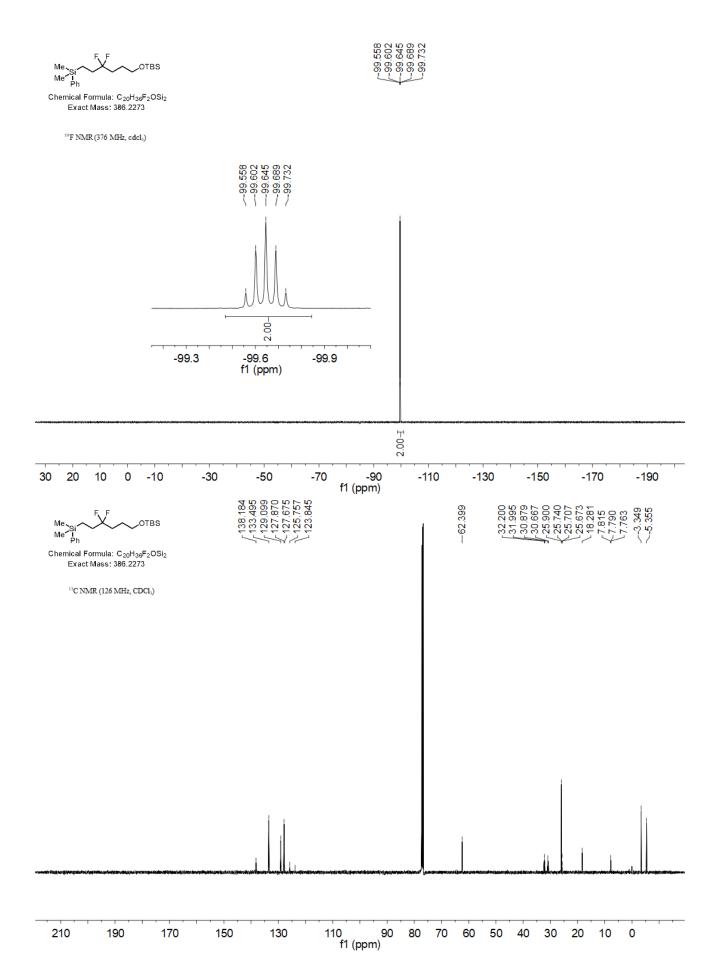


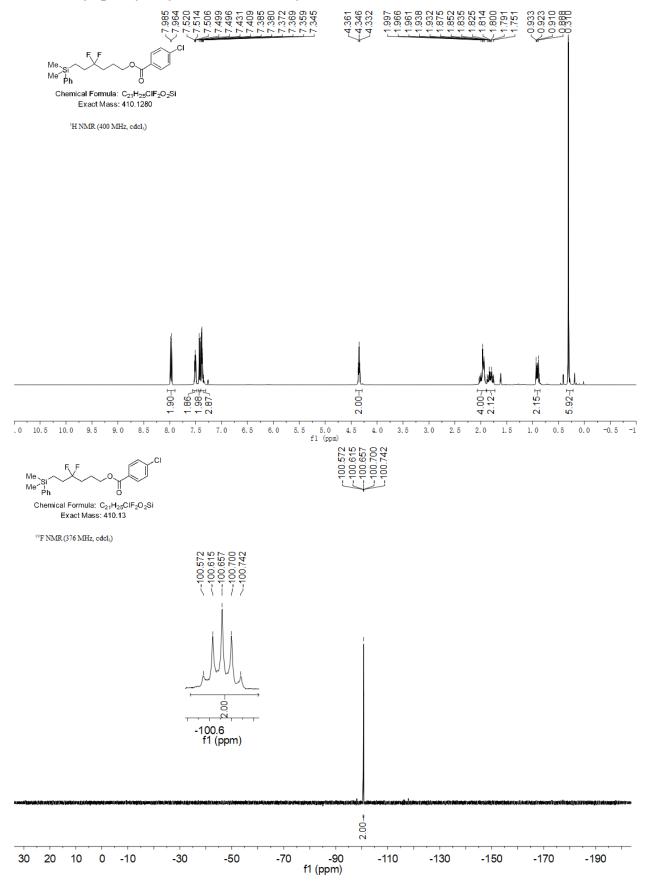
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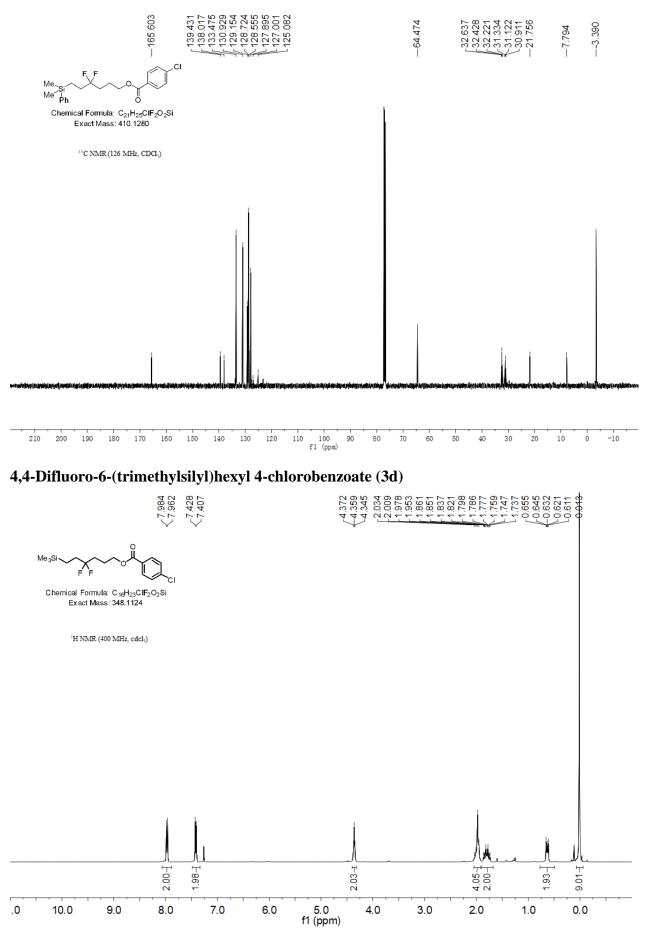


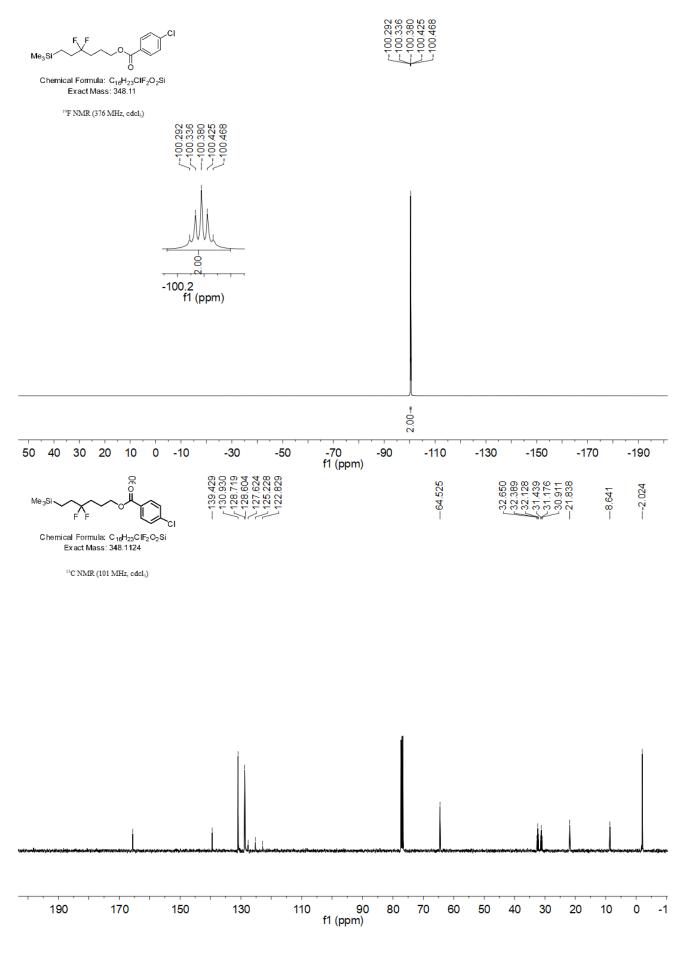


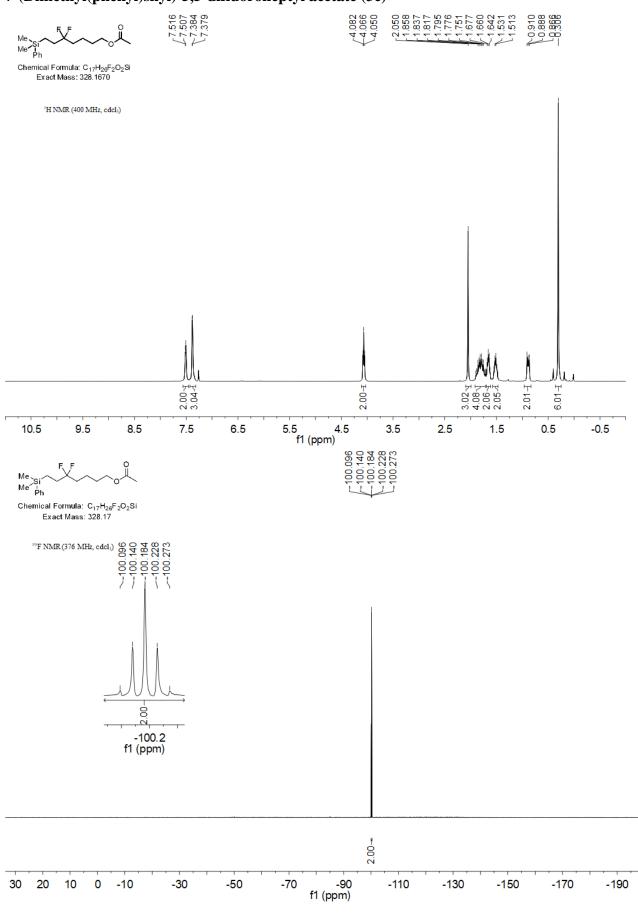




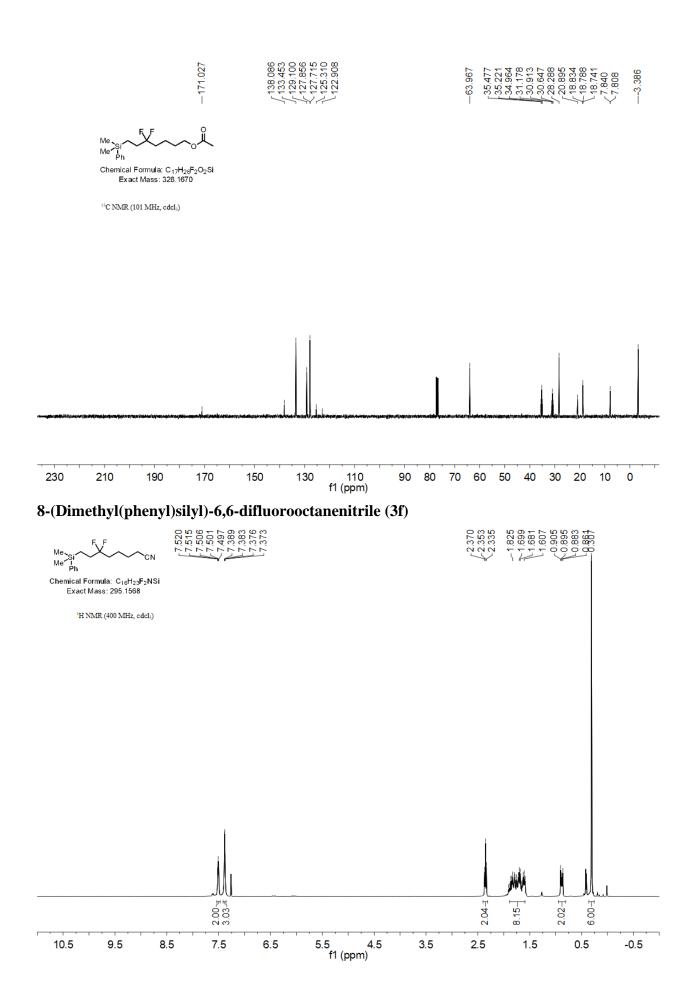
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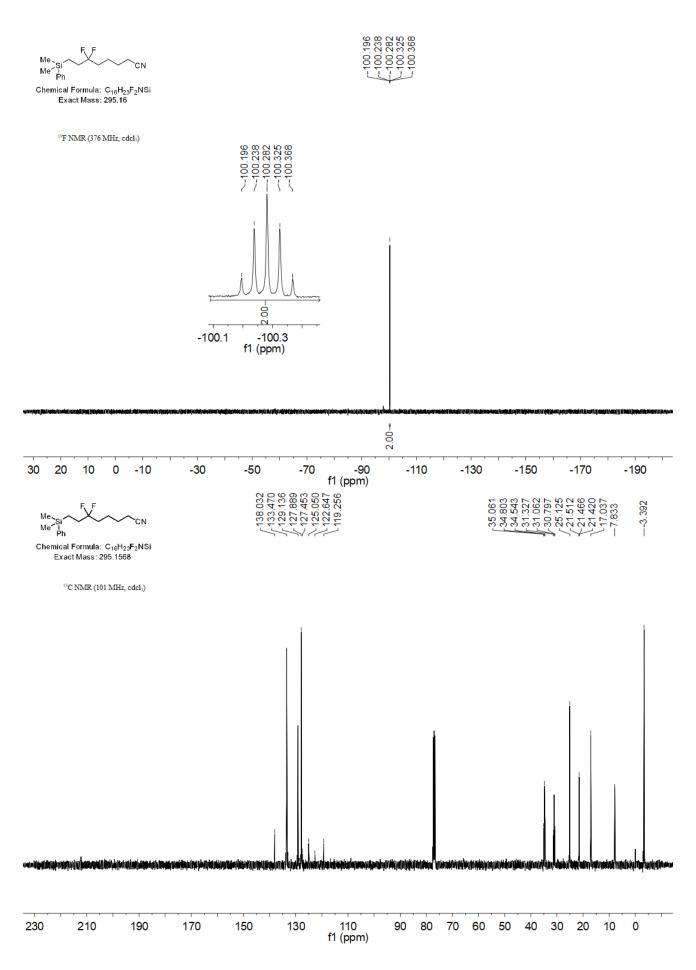




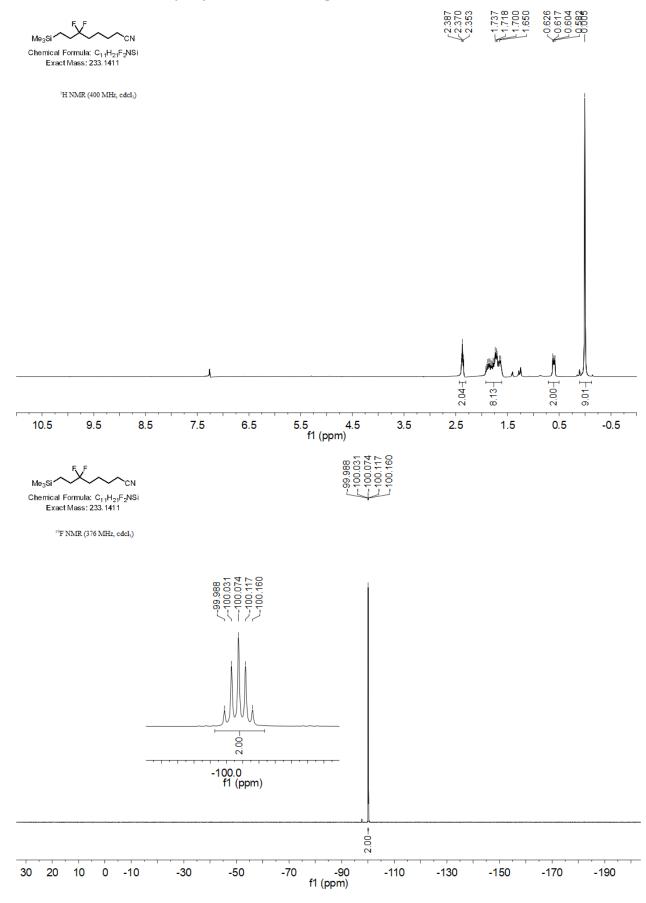


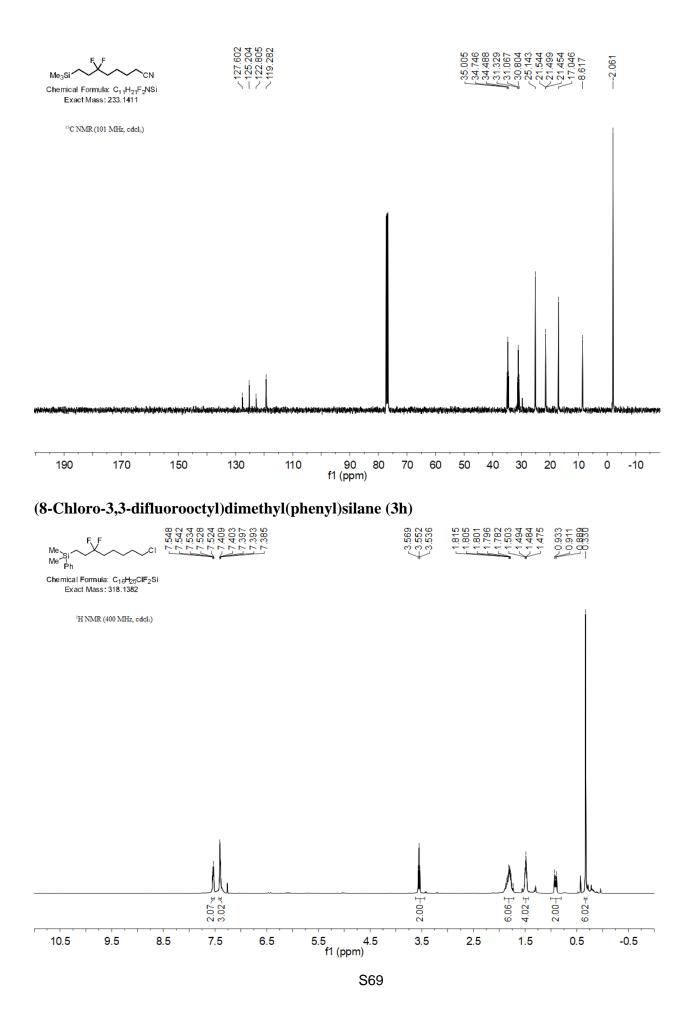
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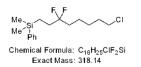




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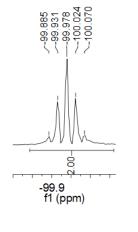


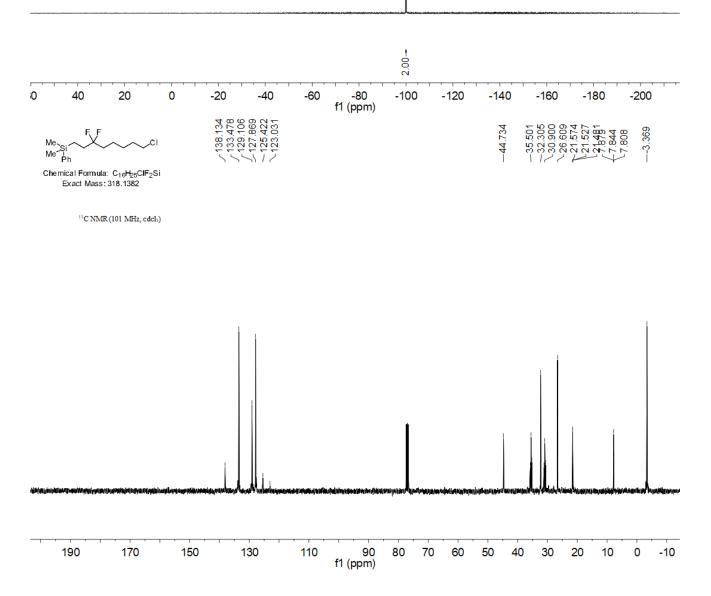




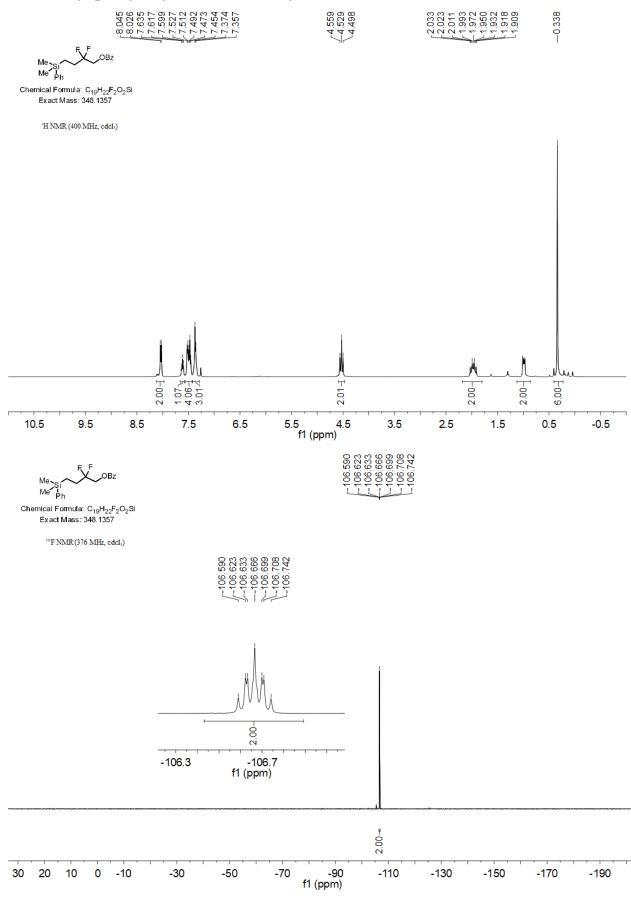


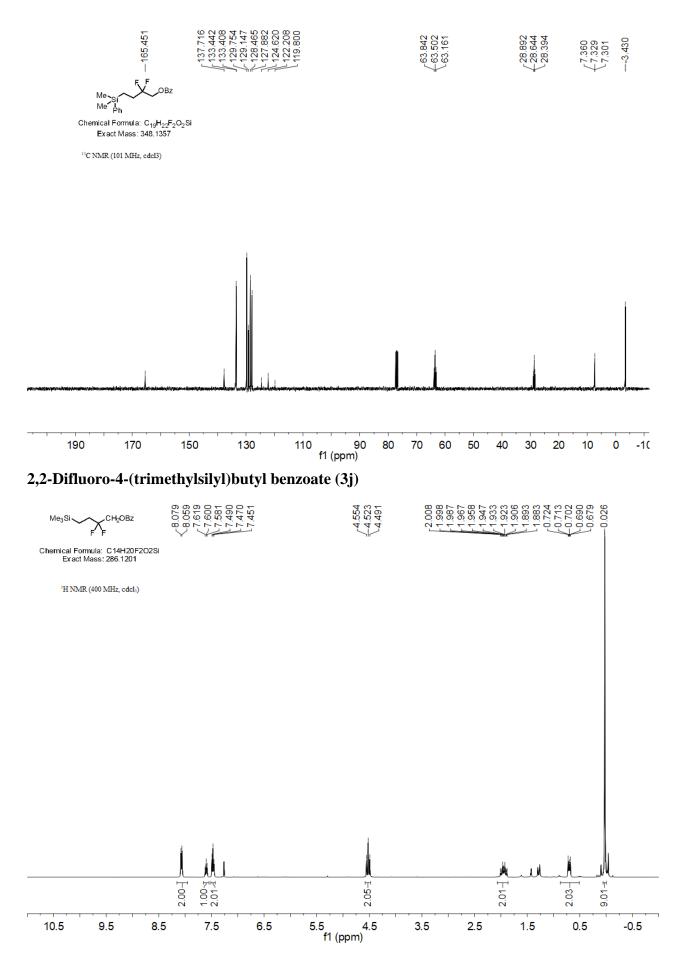
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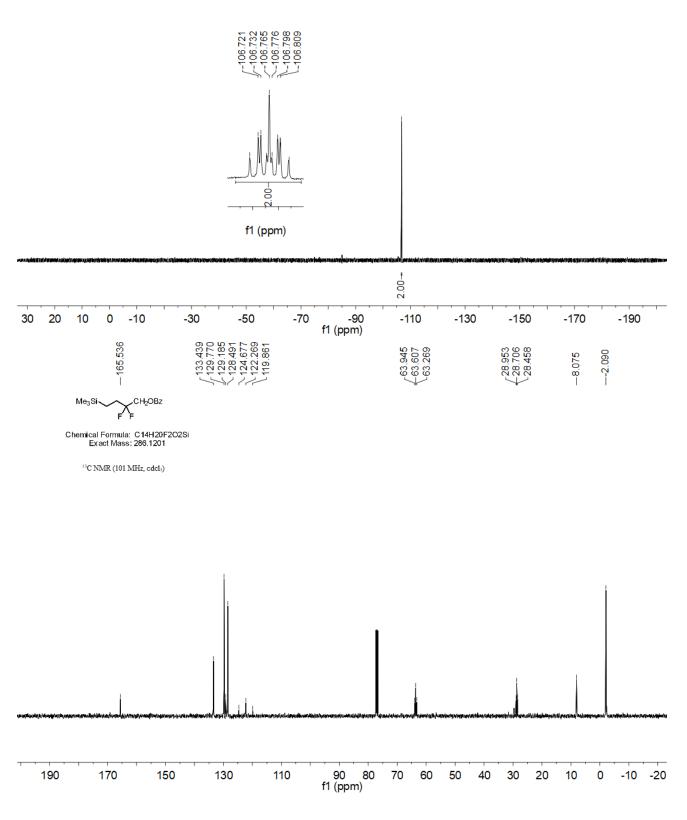


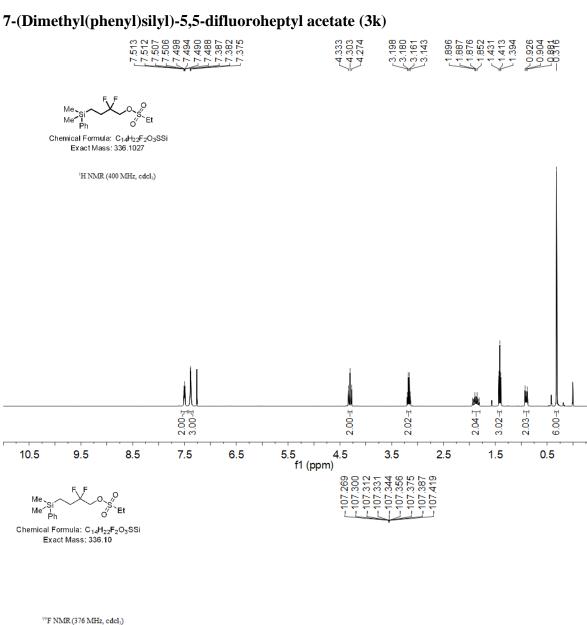


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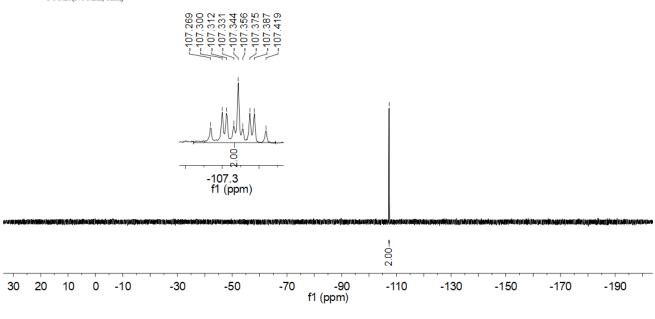
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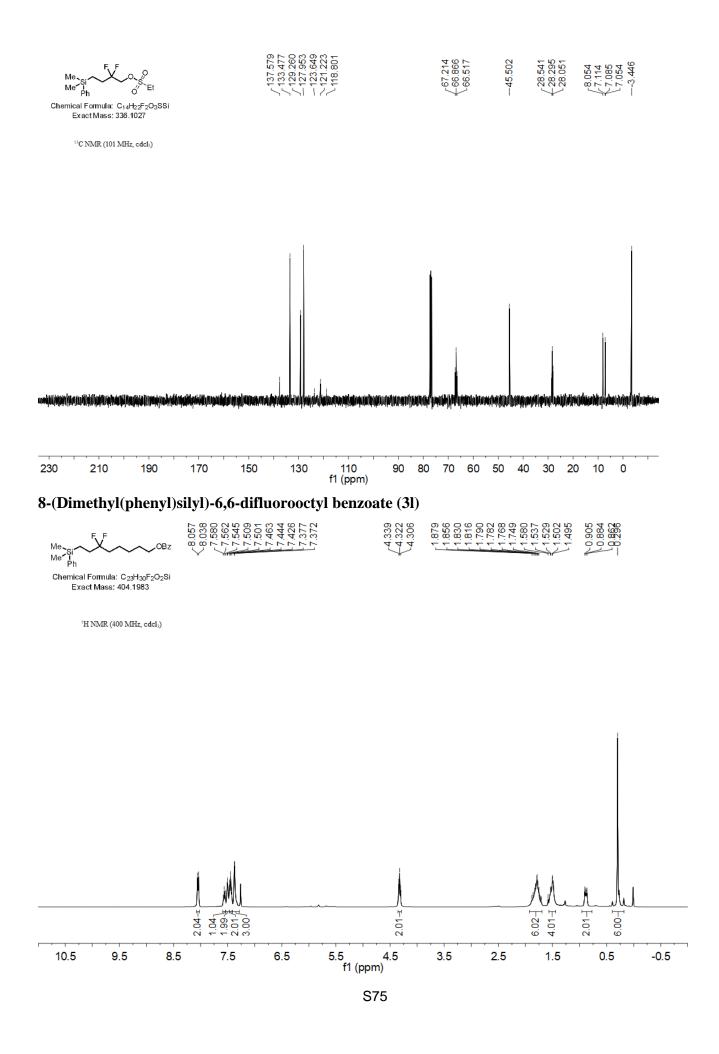
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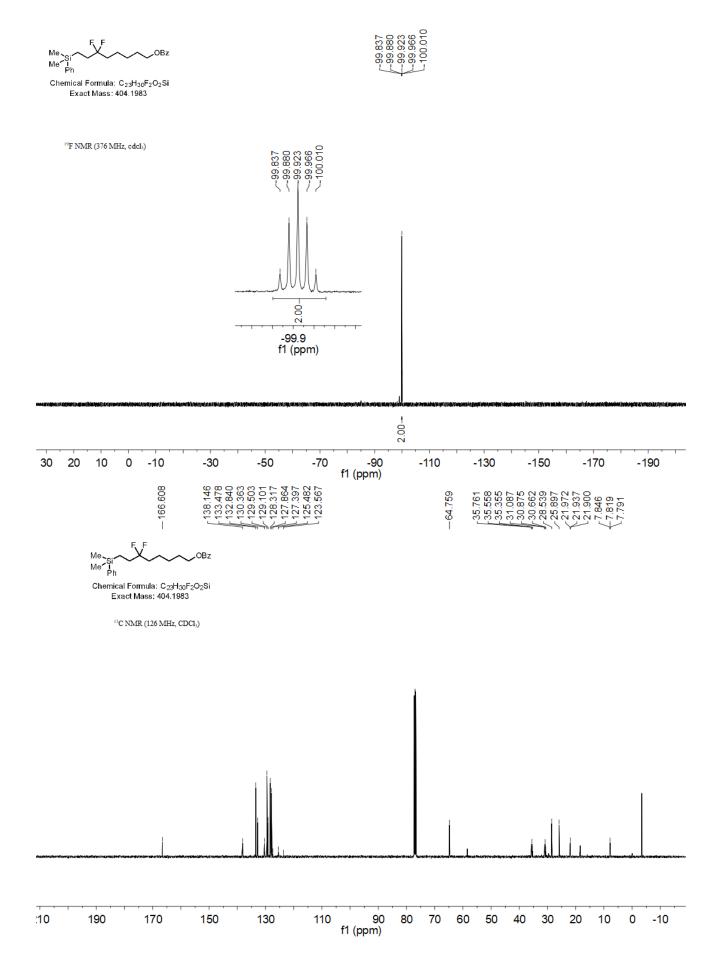


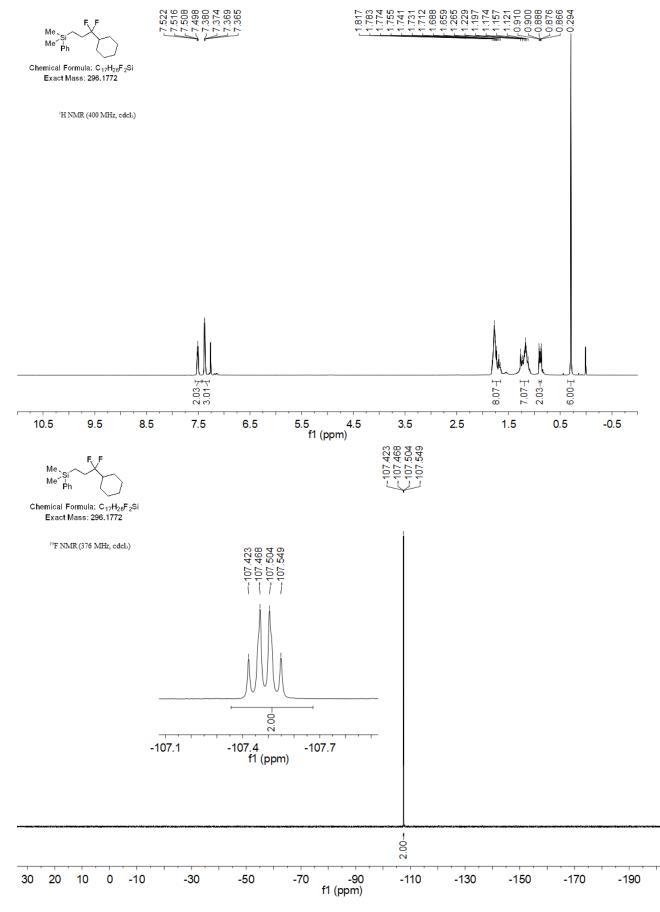


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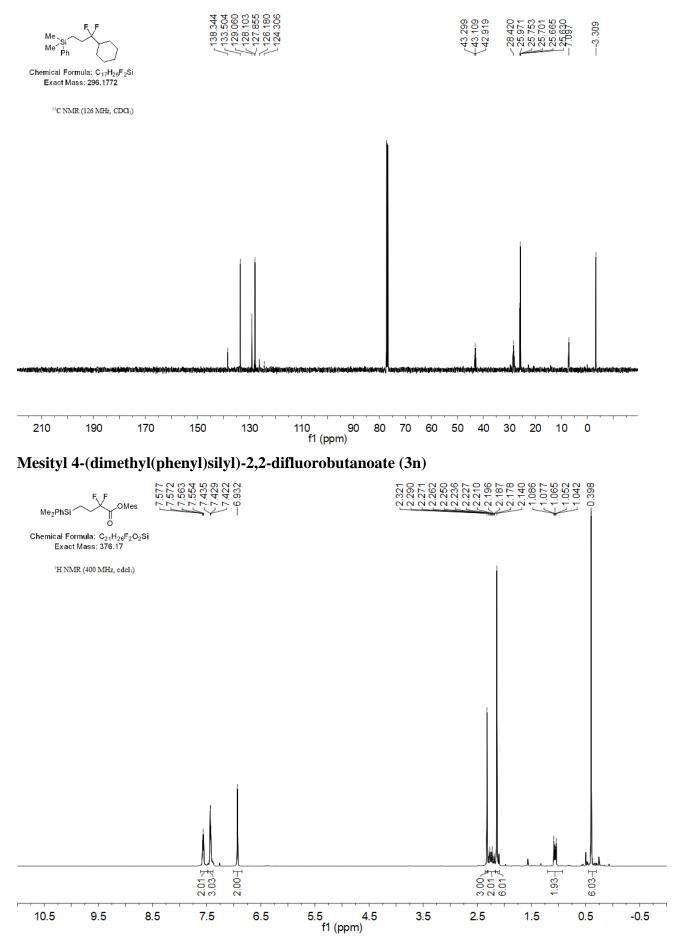


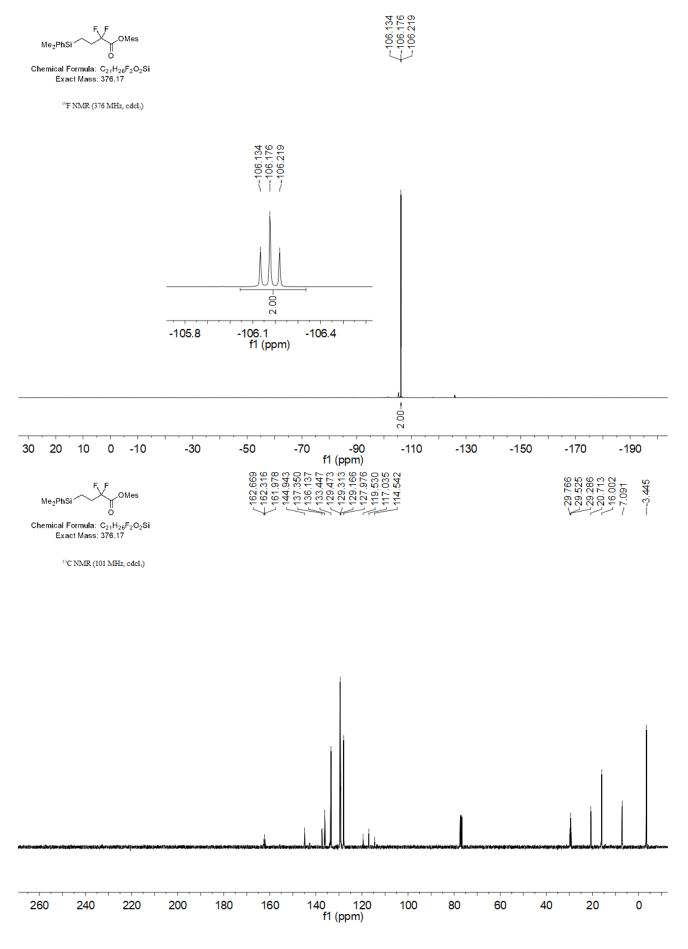


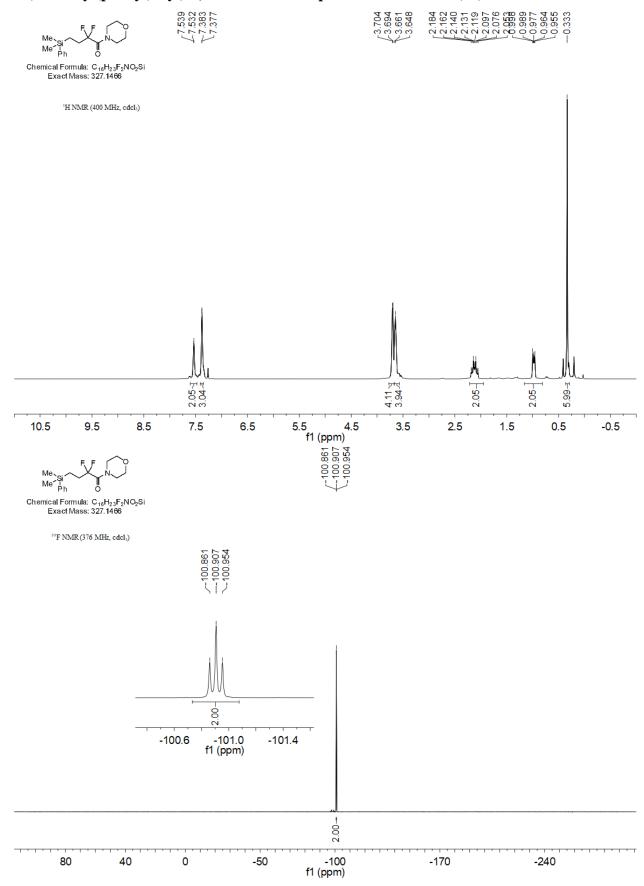




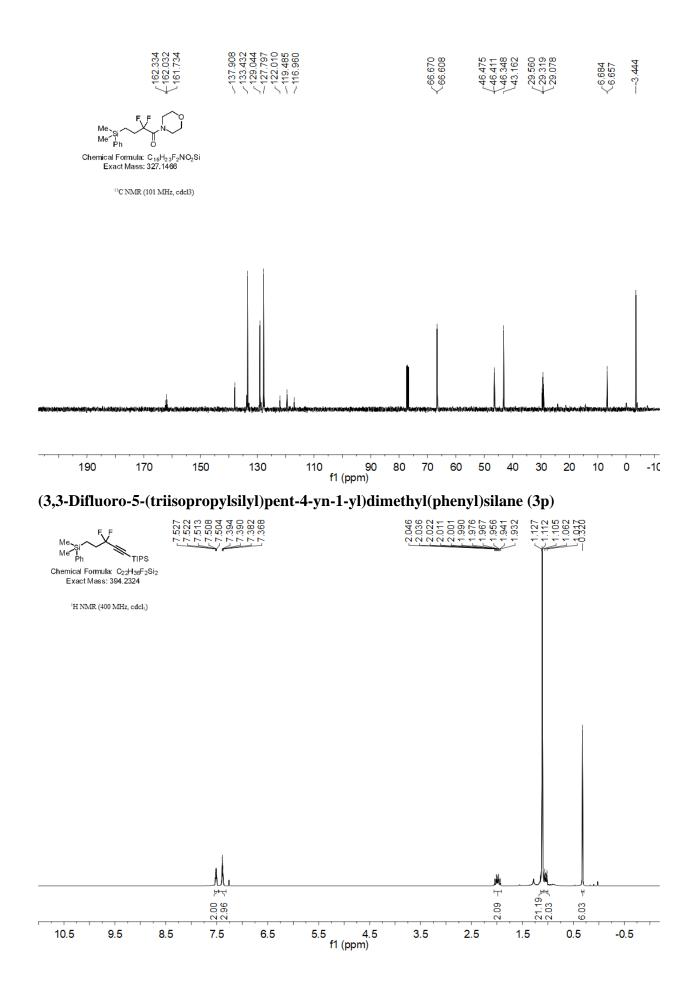
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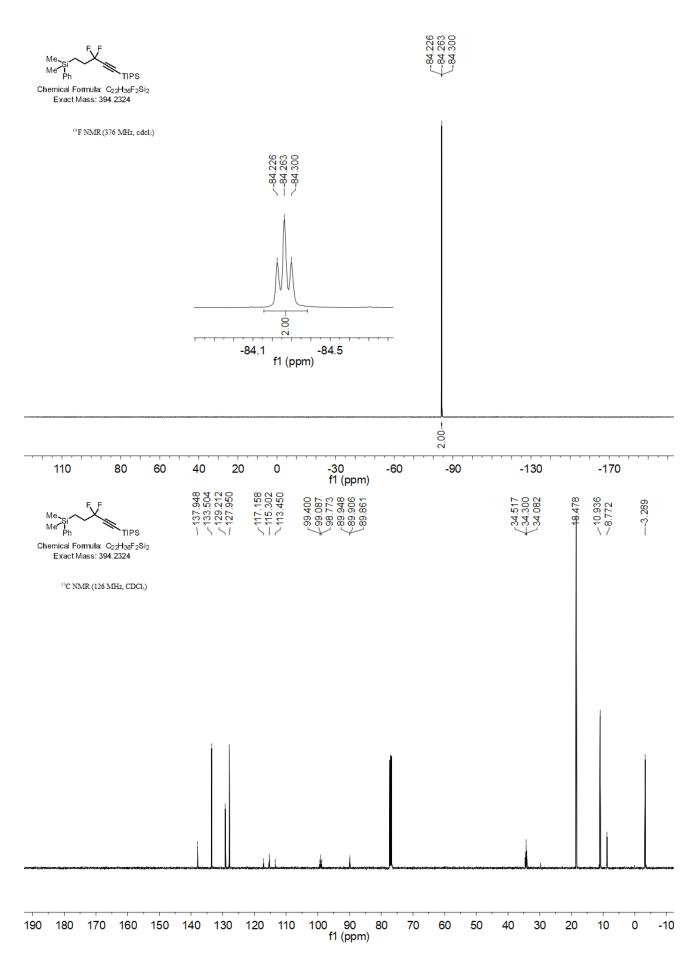


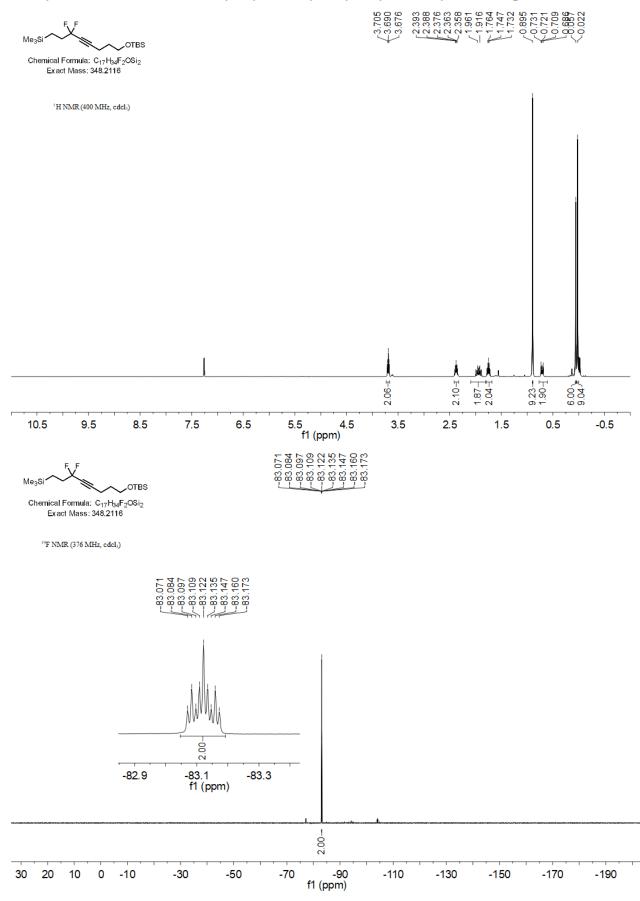




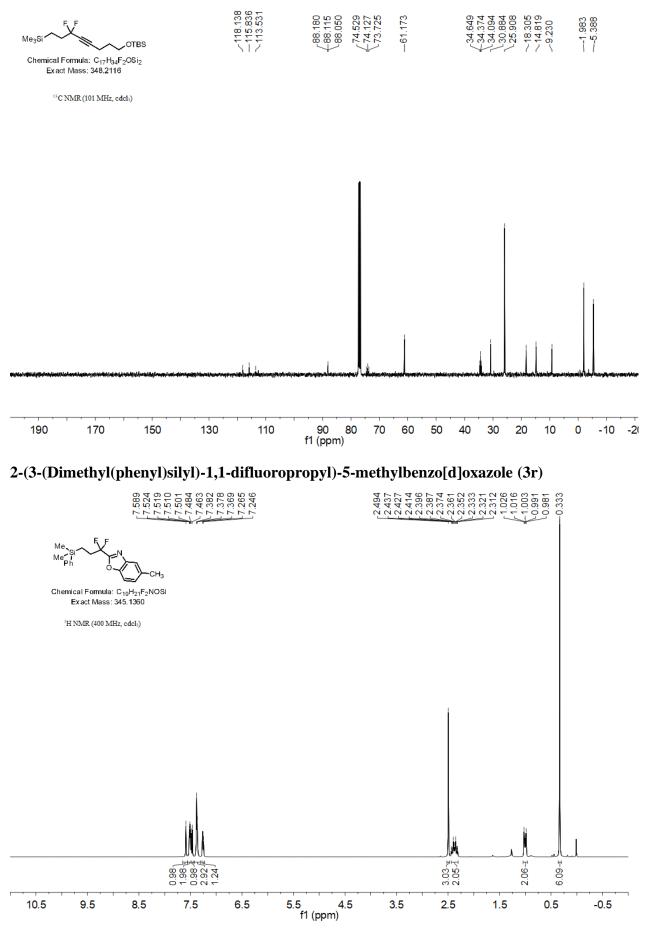
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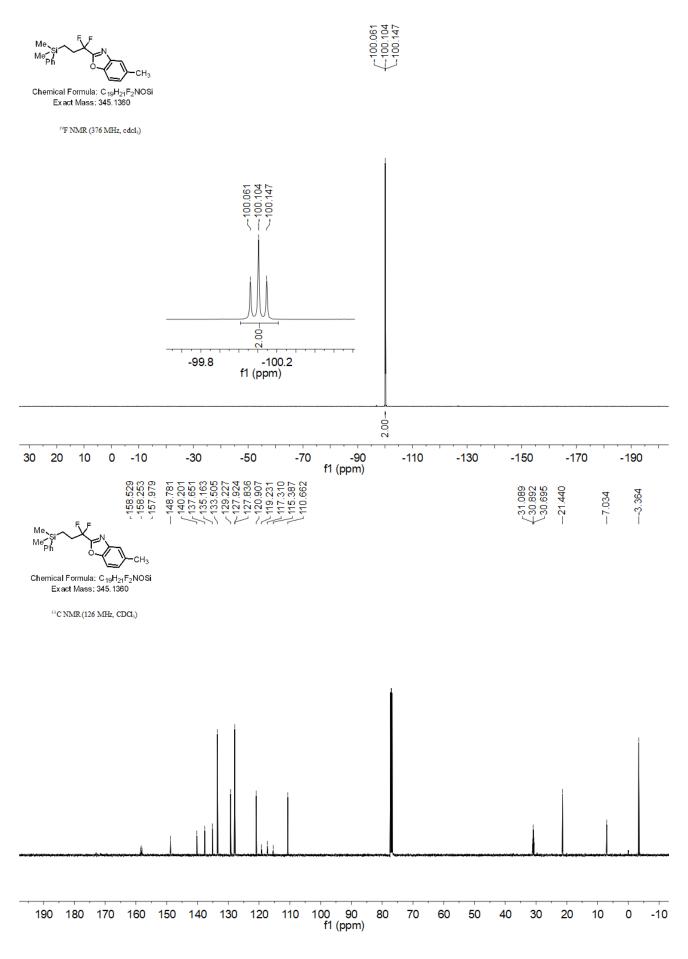




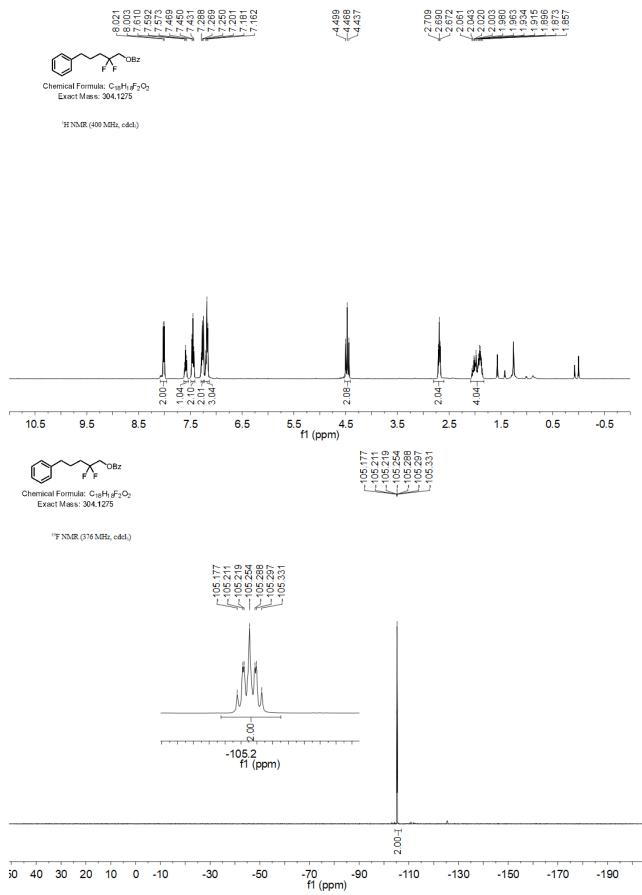


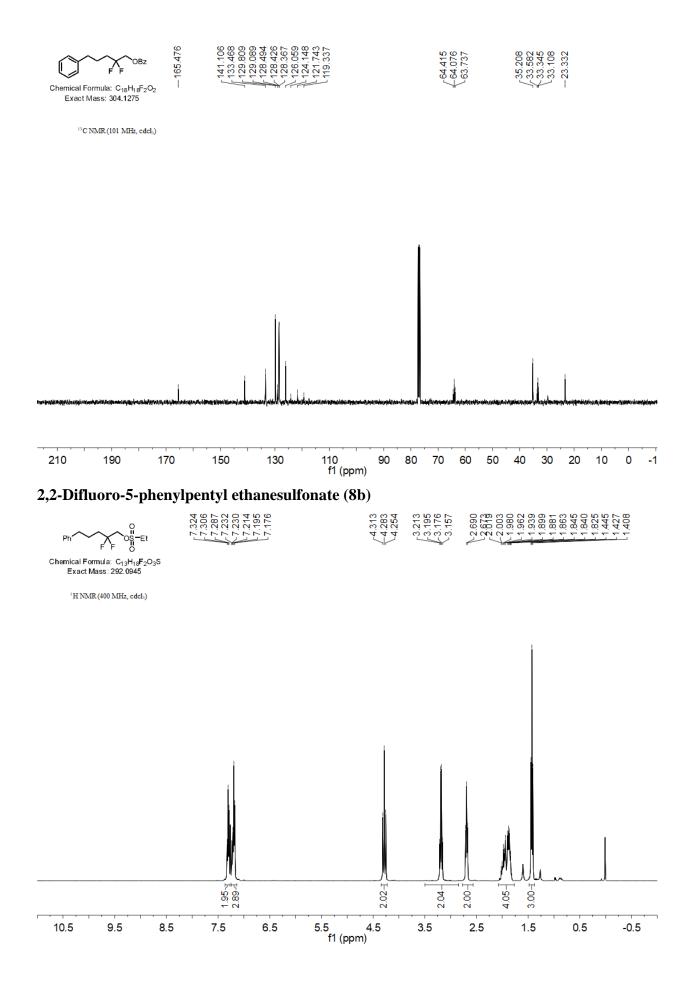
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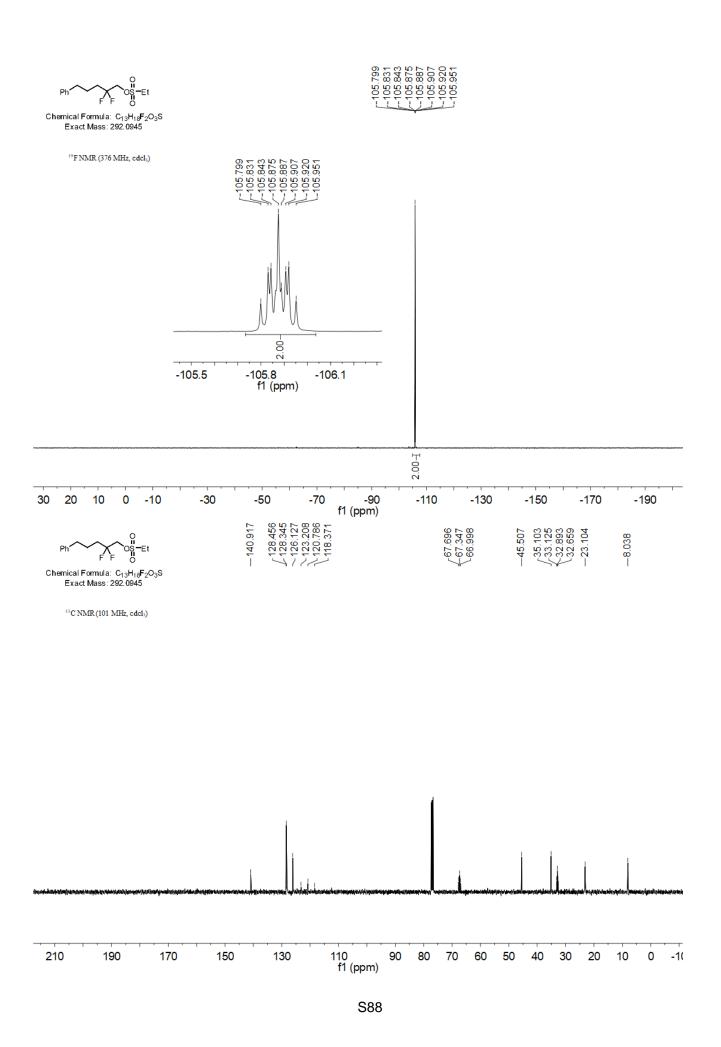




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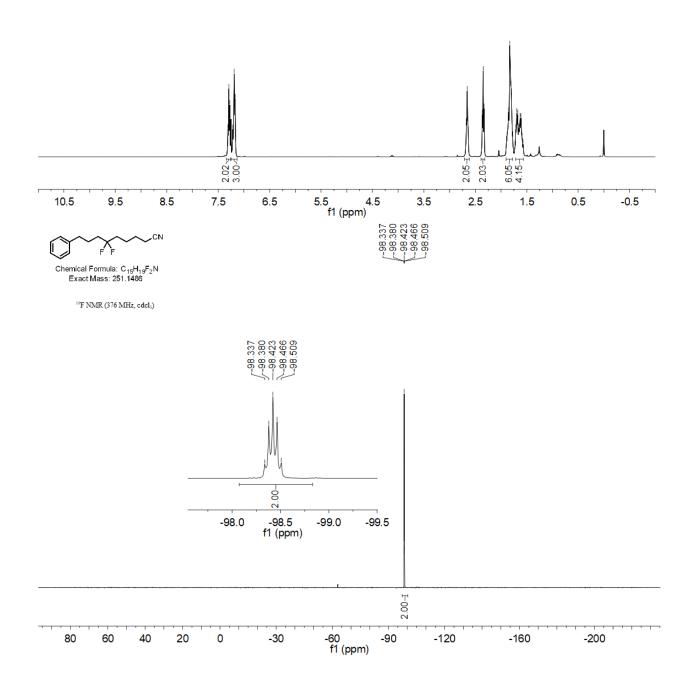


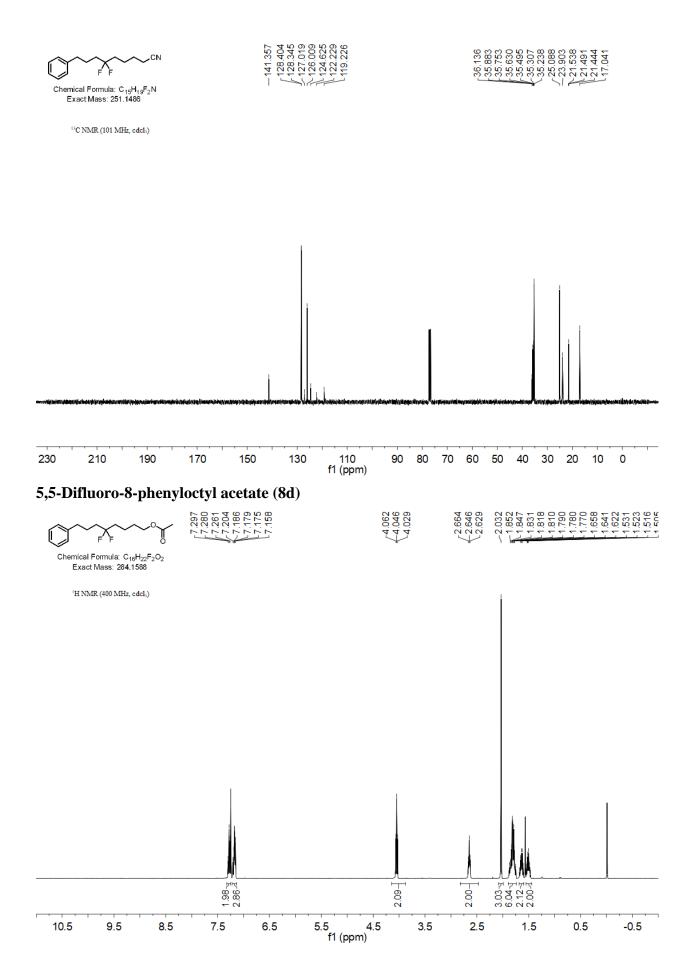


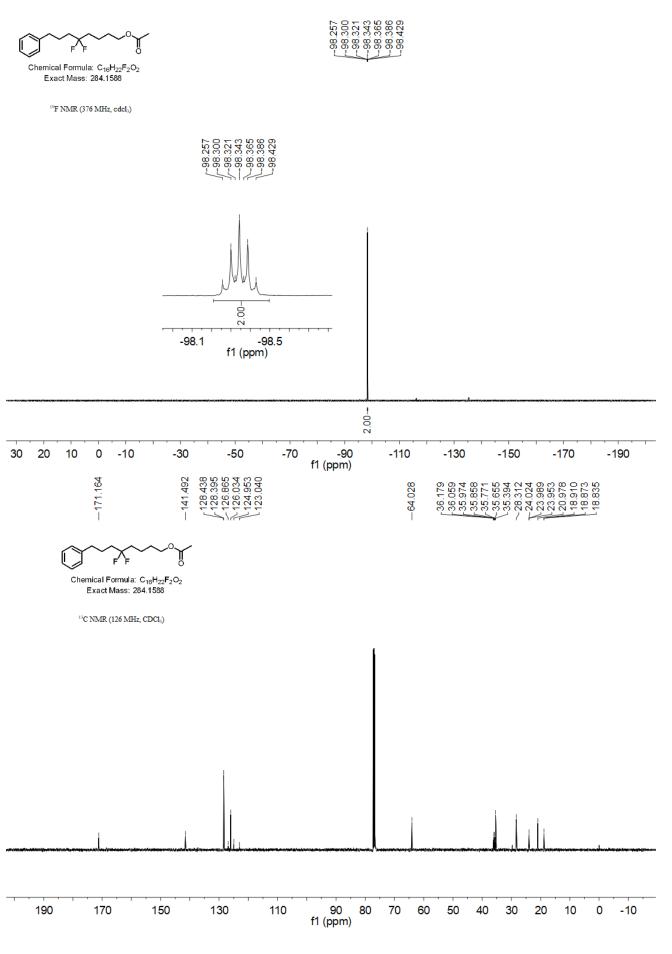


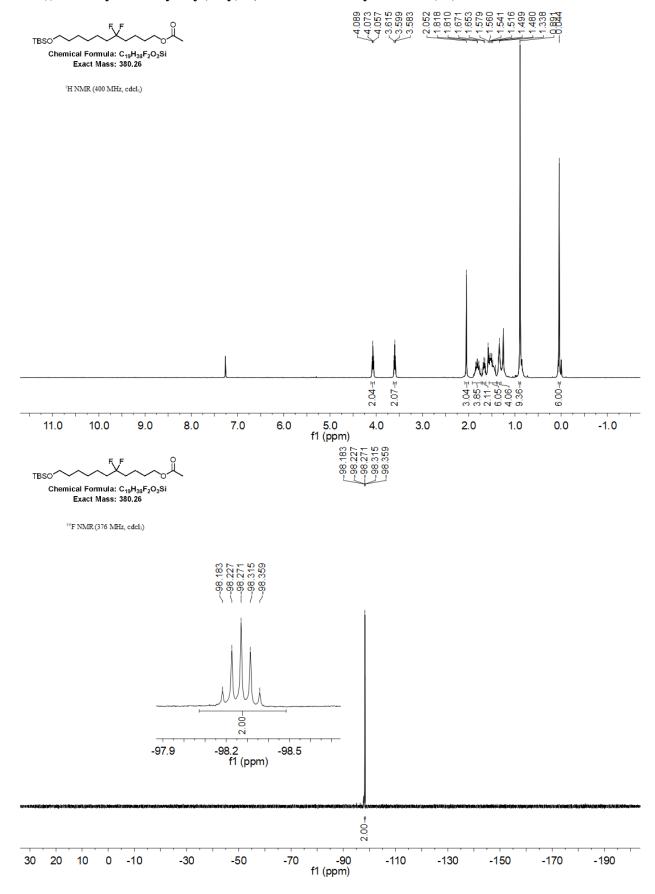
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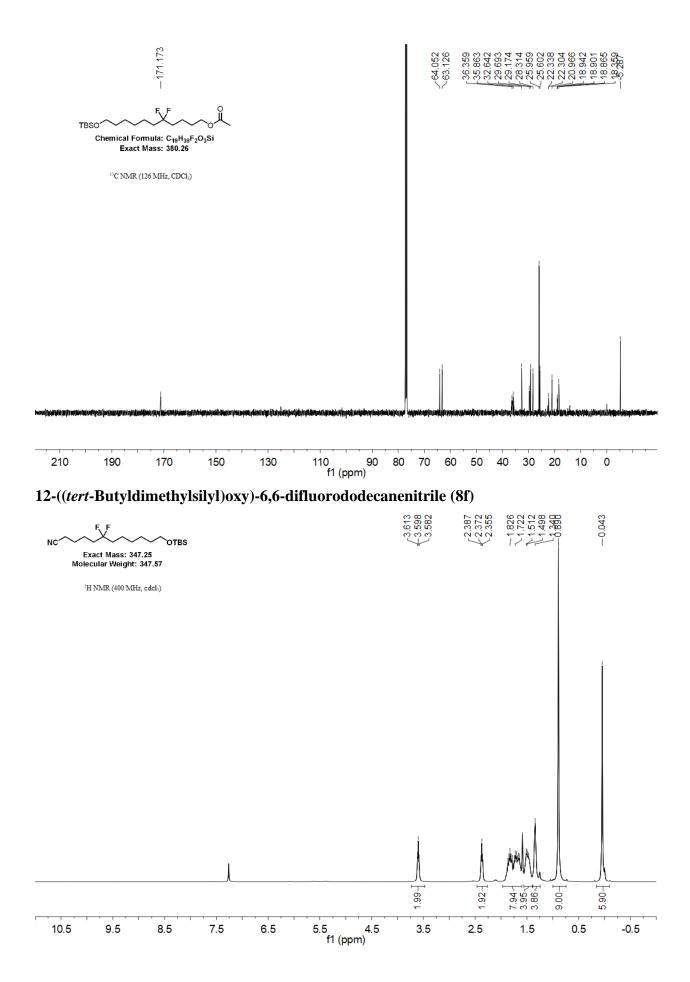


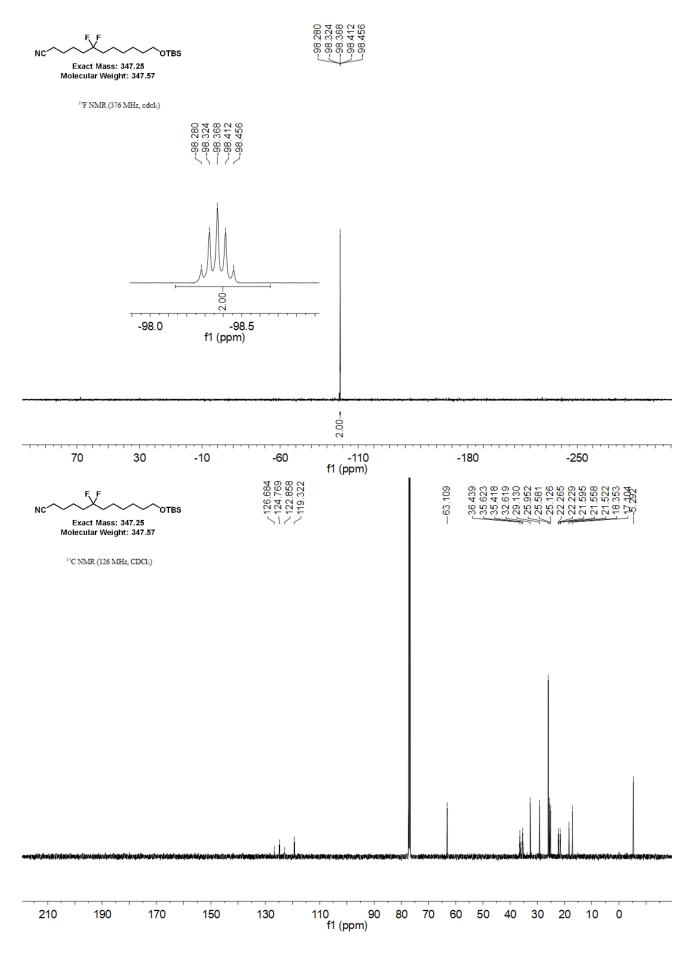






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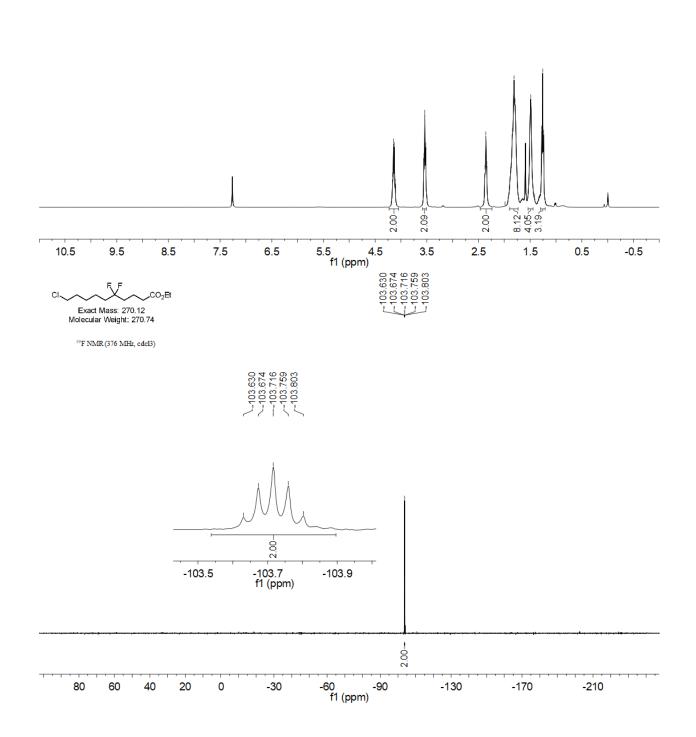


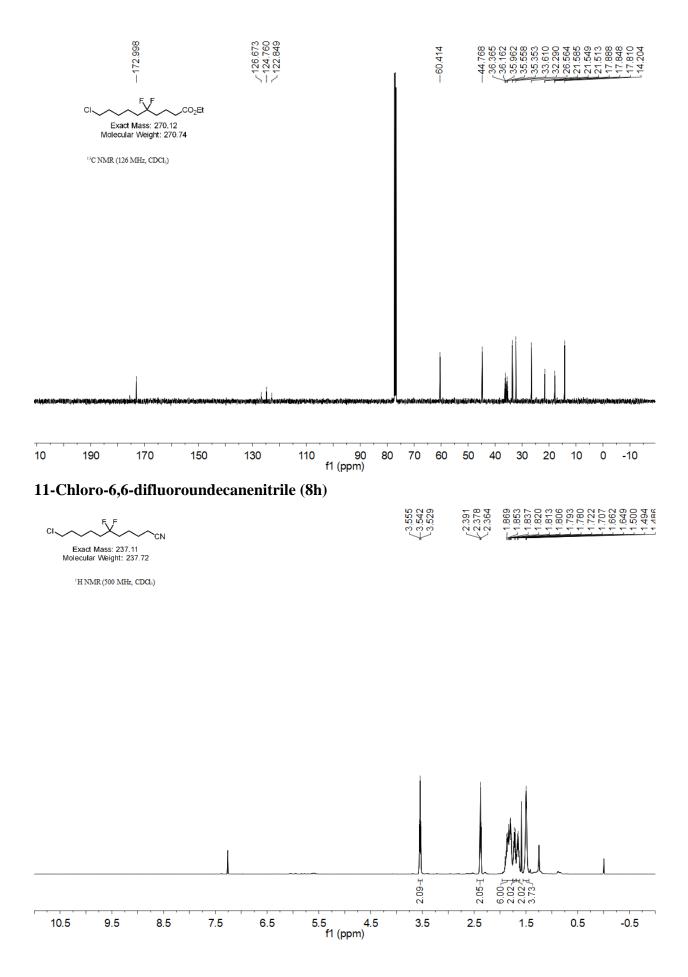
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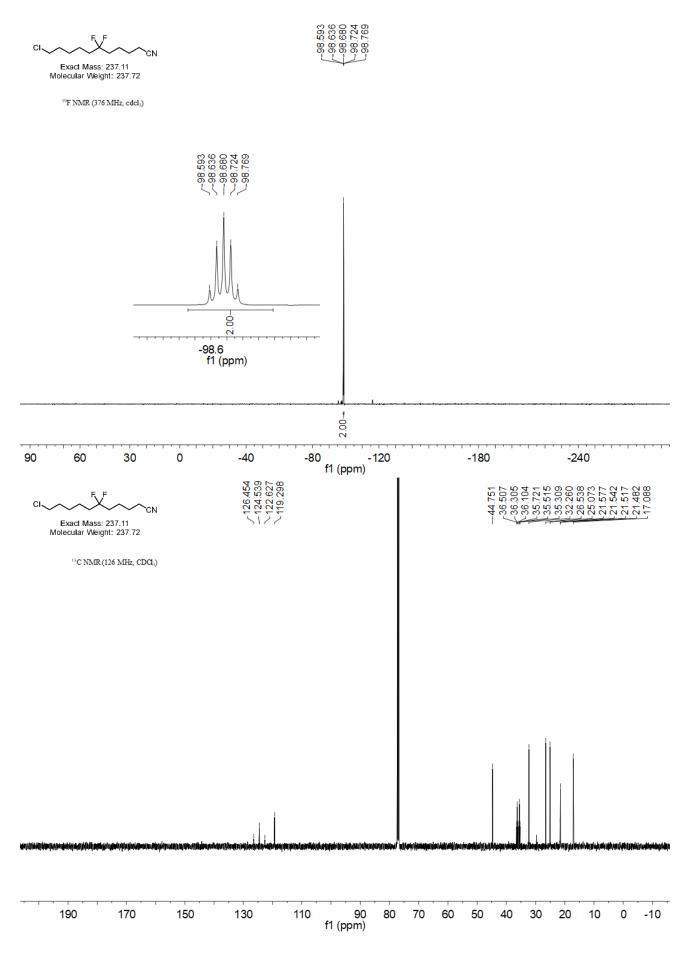
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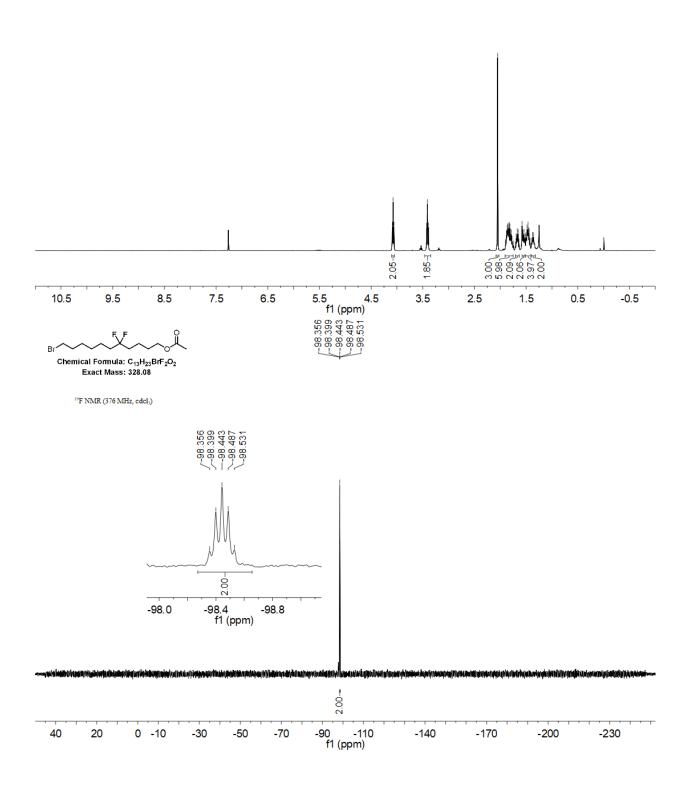


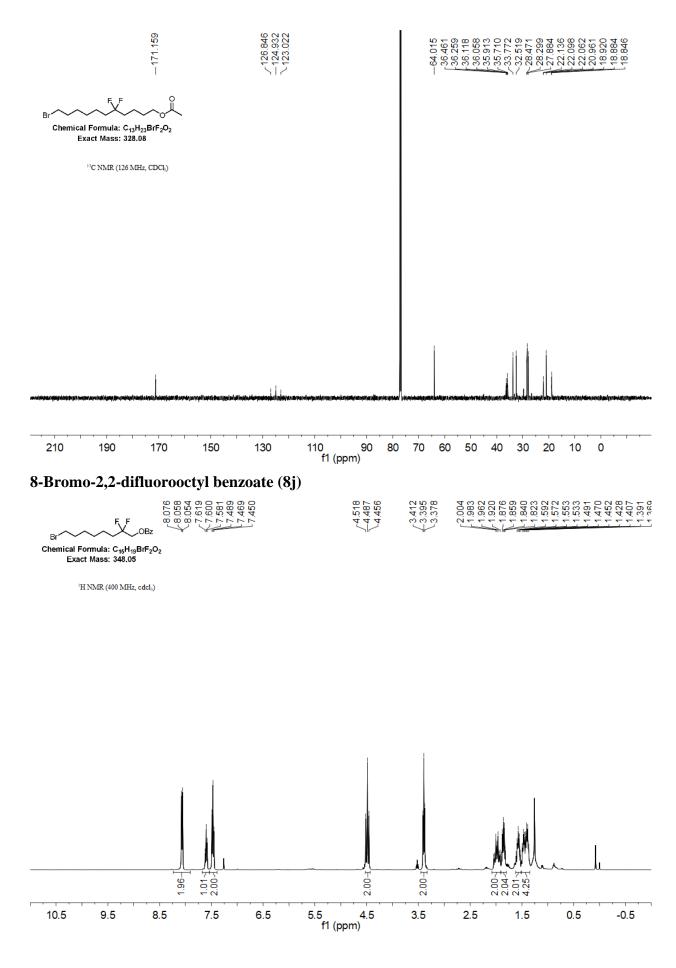


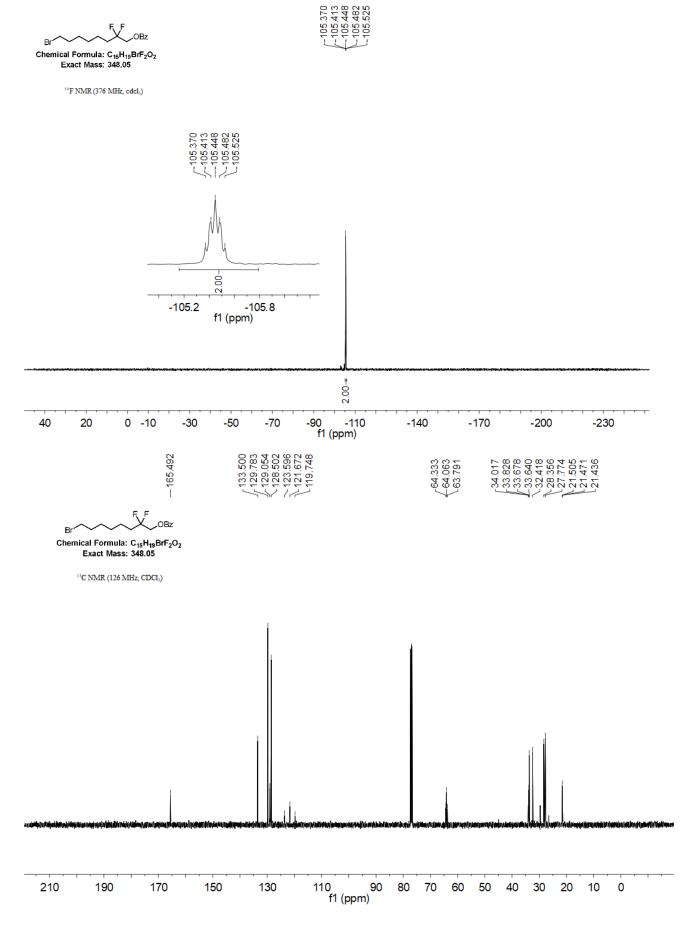
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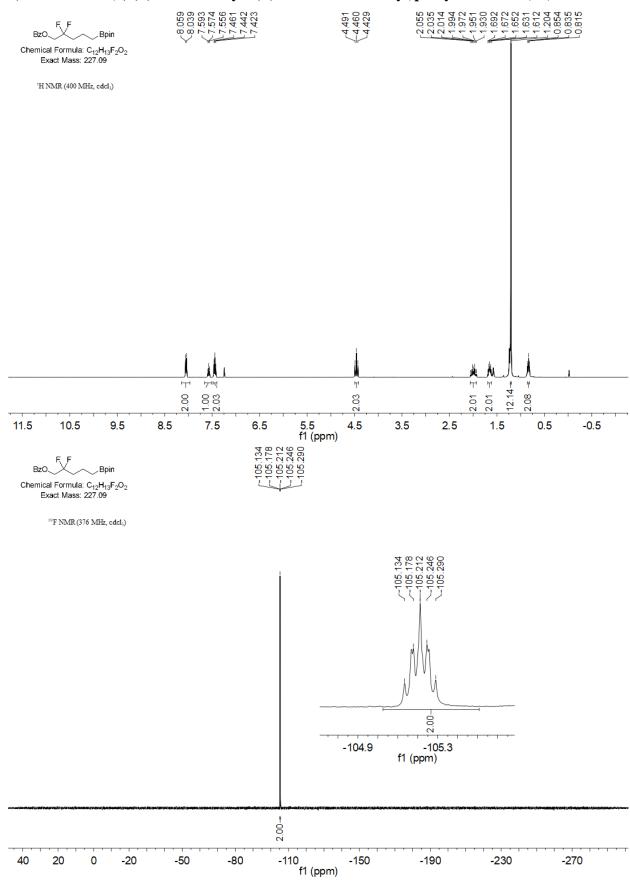


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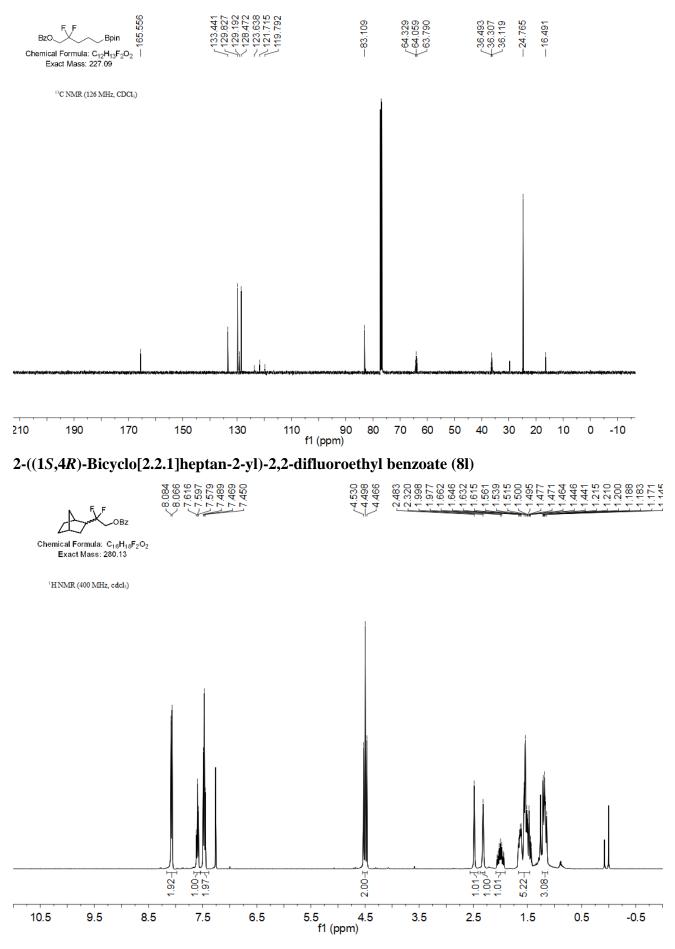








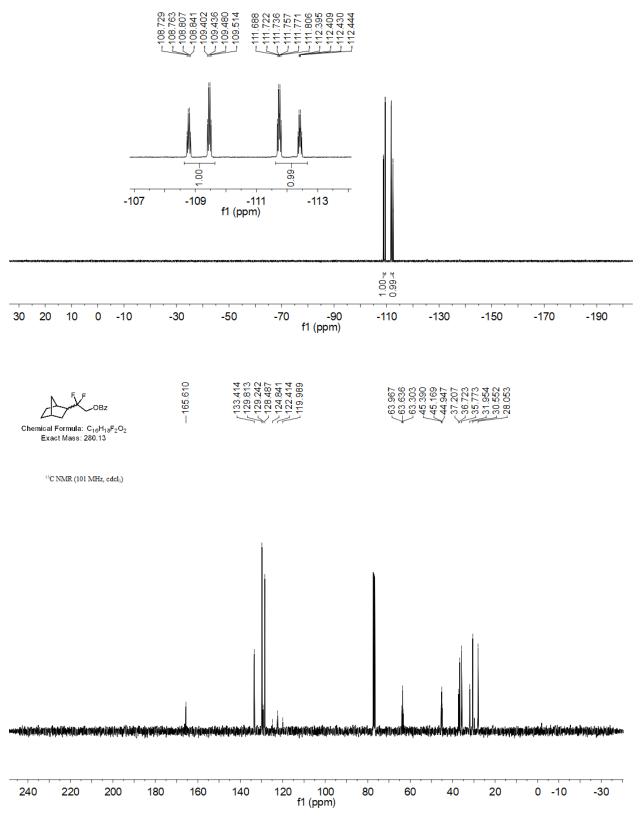
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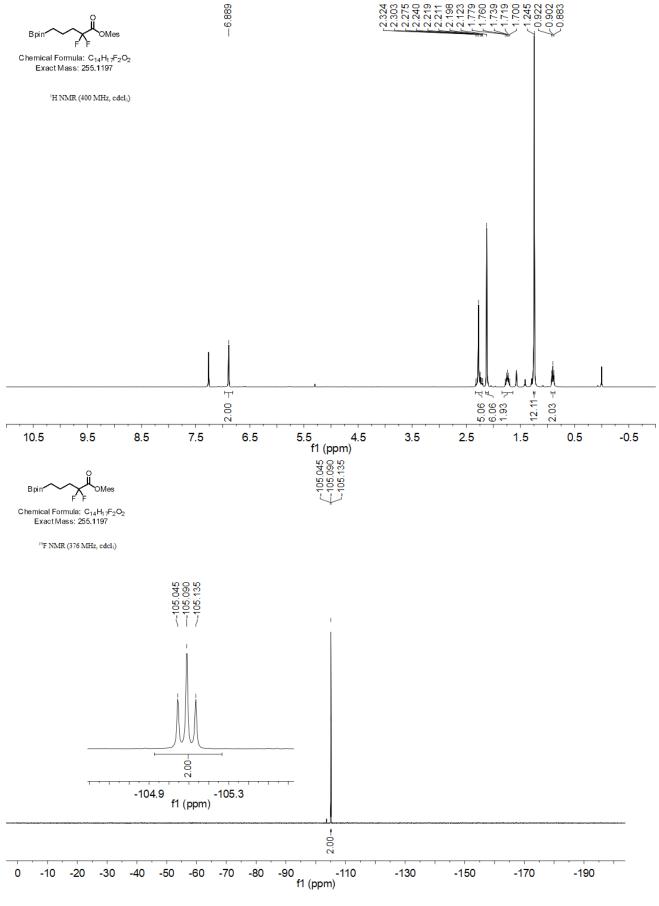


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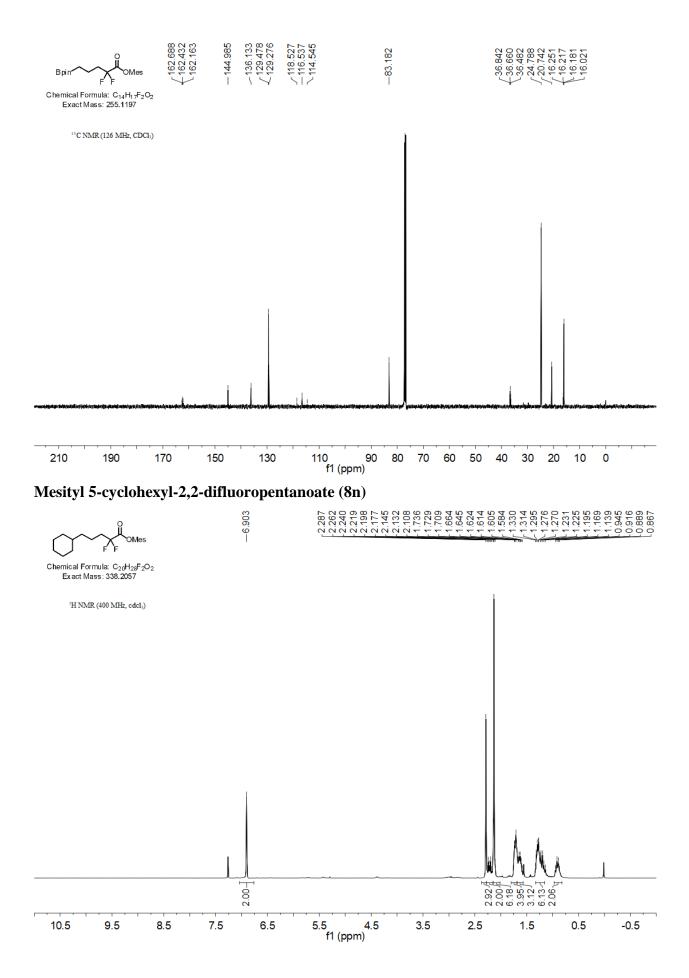
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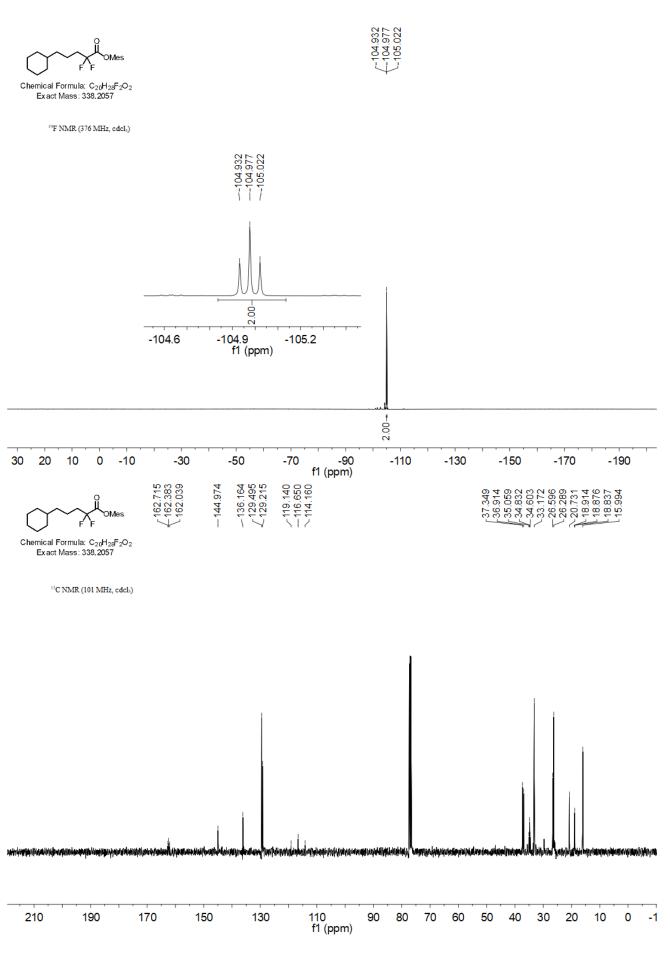
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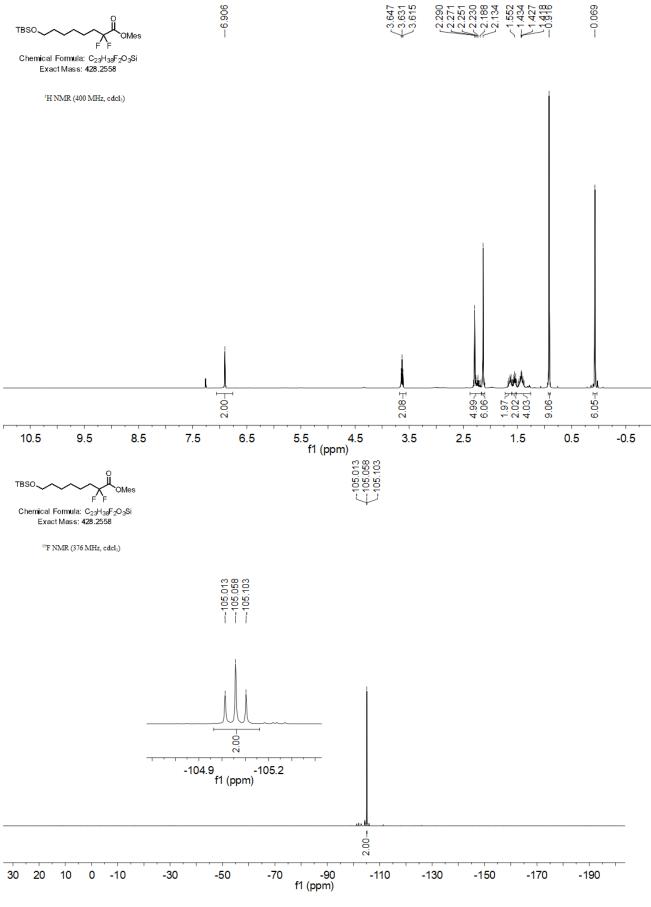




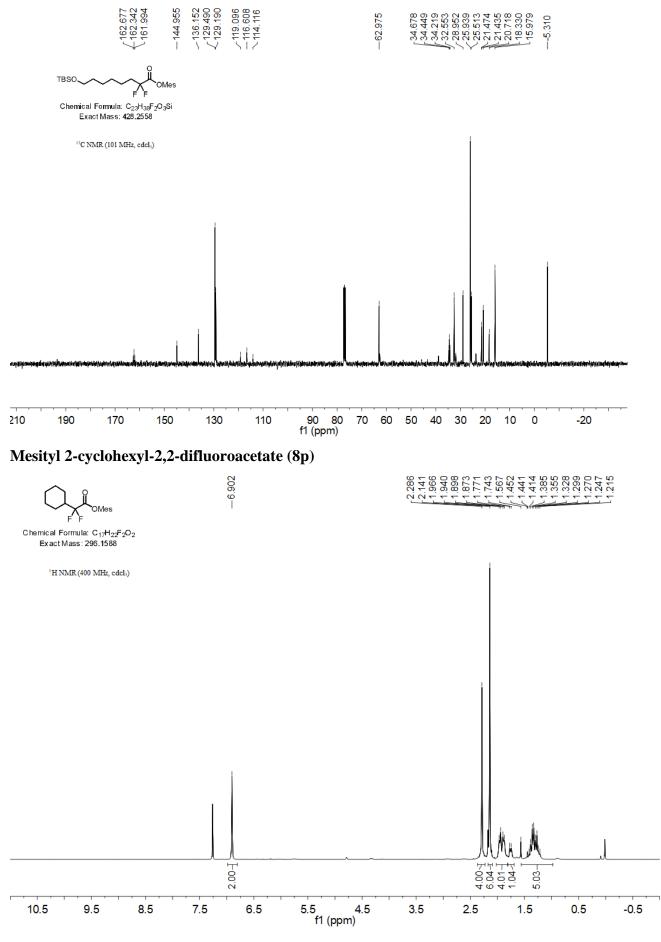
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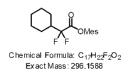




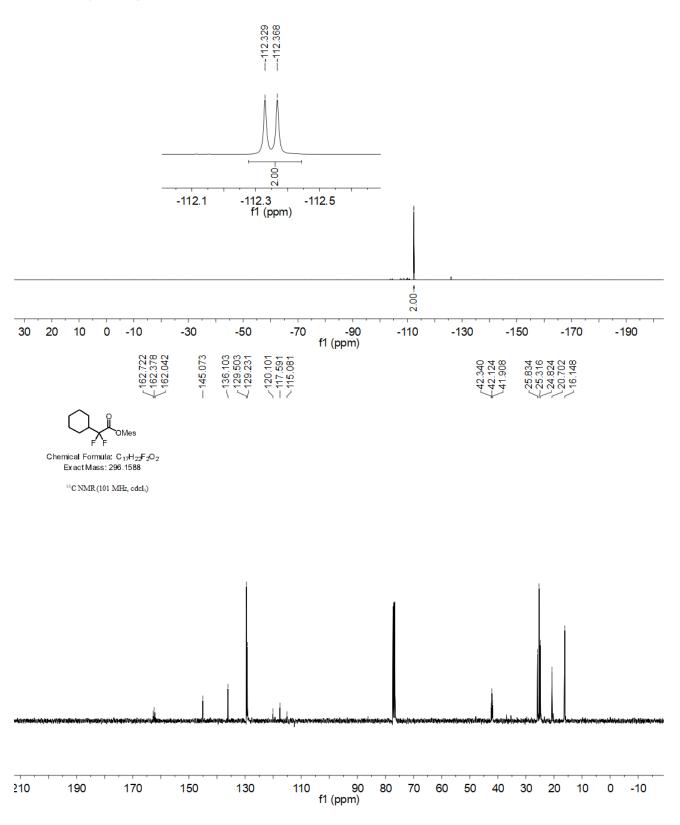


## Mesityl 8-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,2-difluorooctanoate (80)

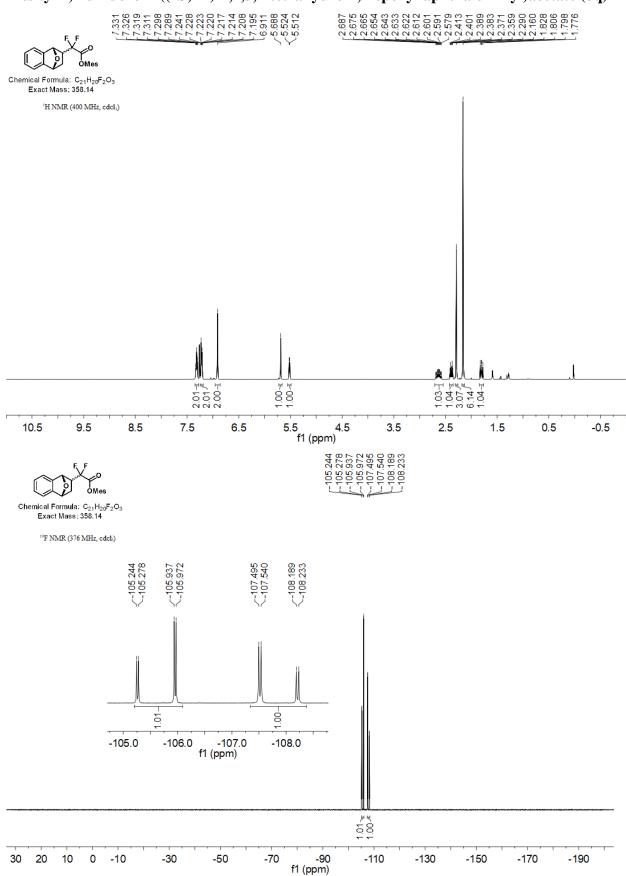




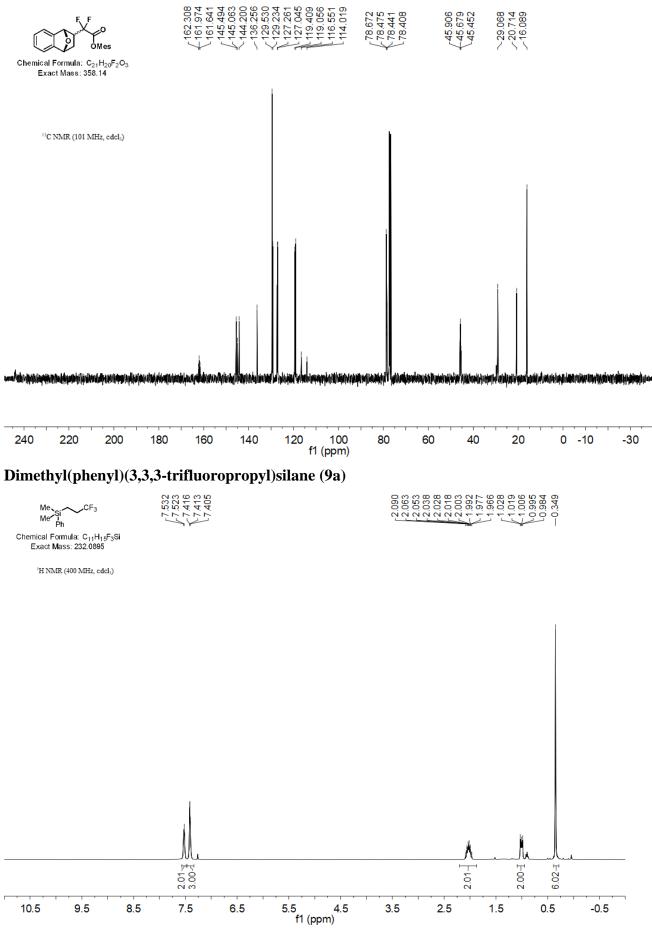
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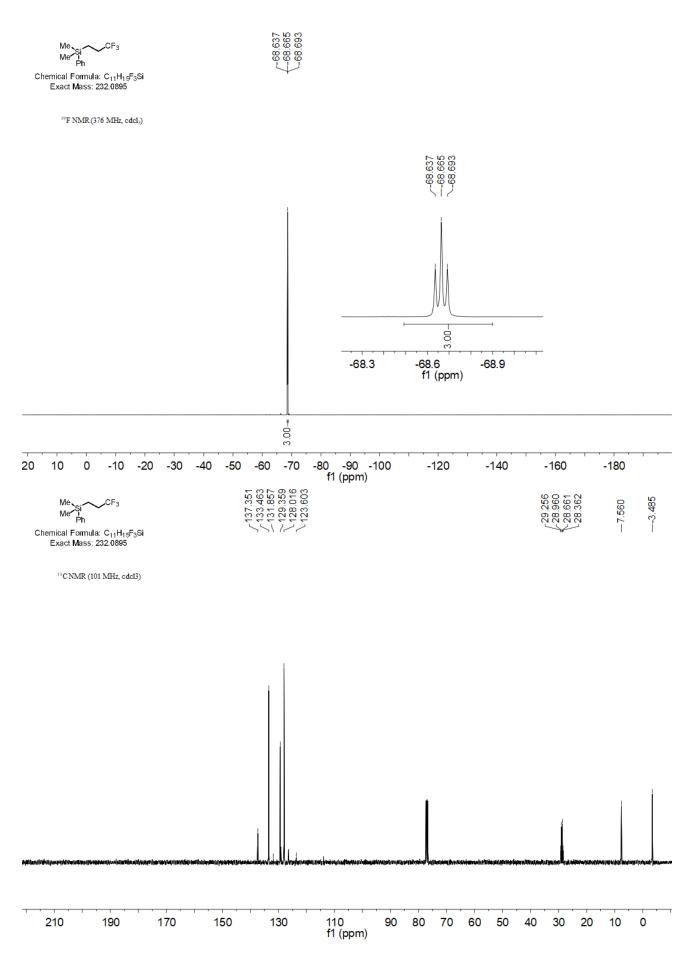
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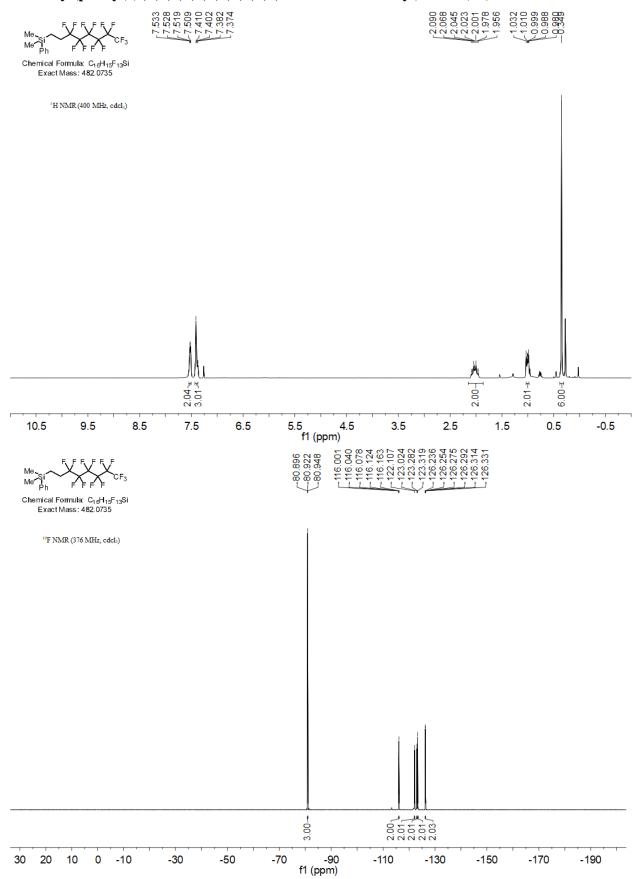


# Mesityl 2,2-difluoro-2-((1*S*,4*R*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,4-epoxynaphthalen-2-yl)acetate (8q)

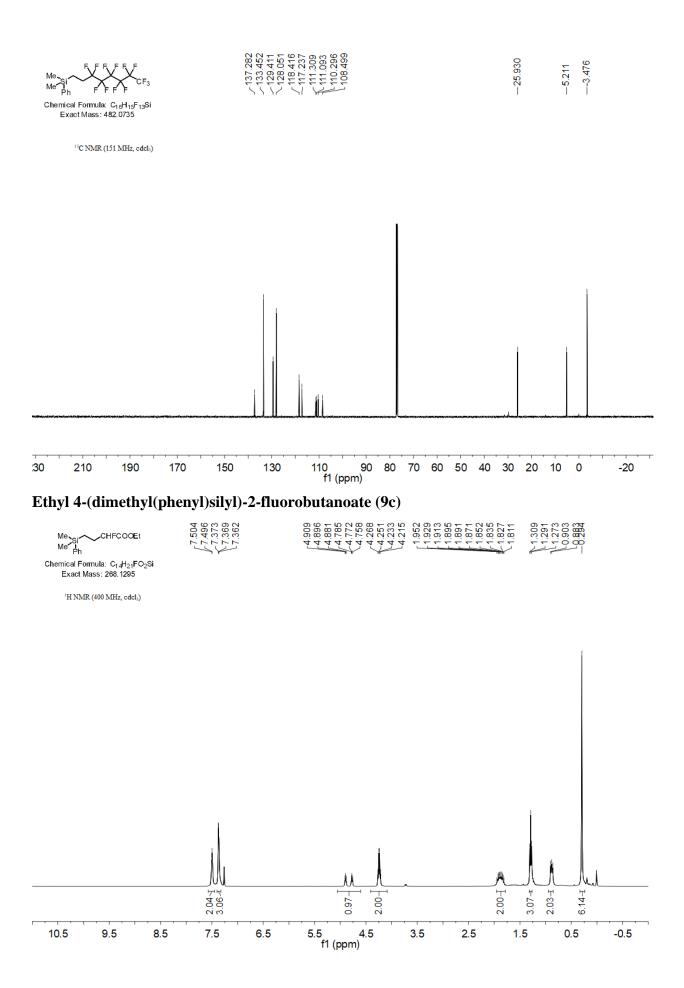


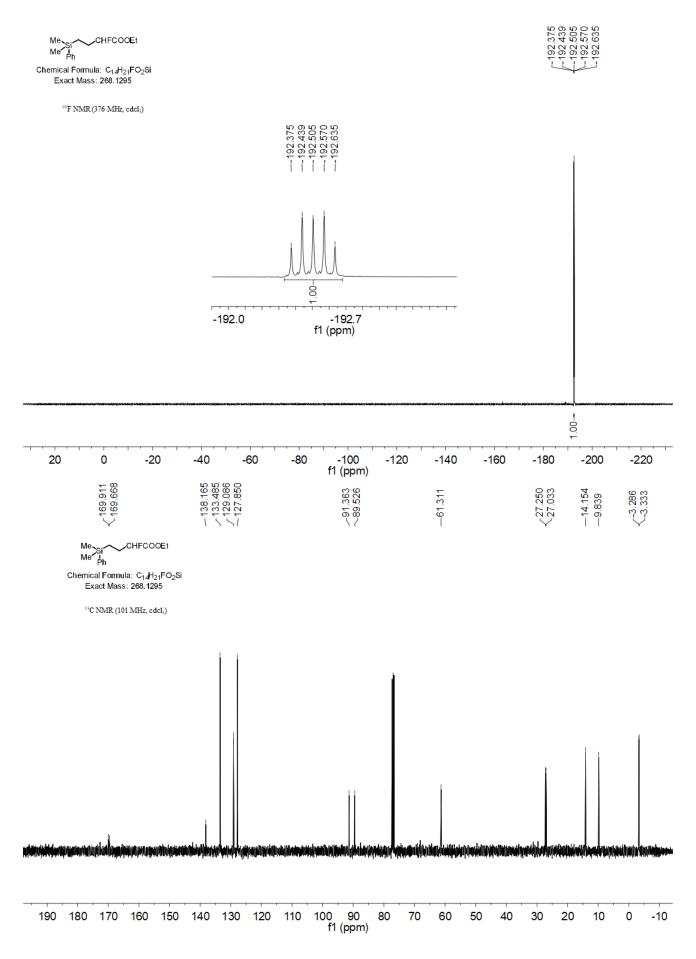
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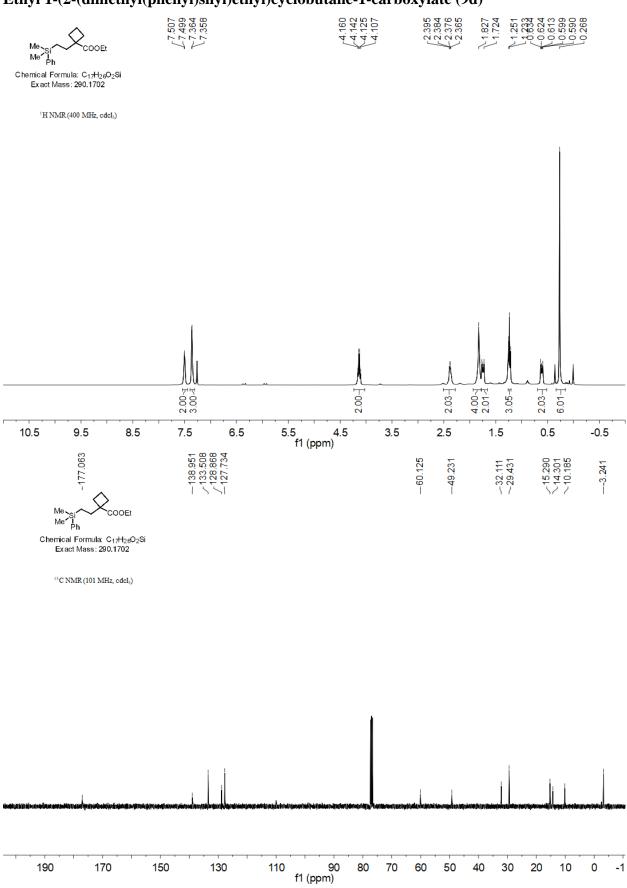




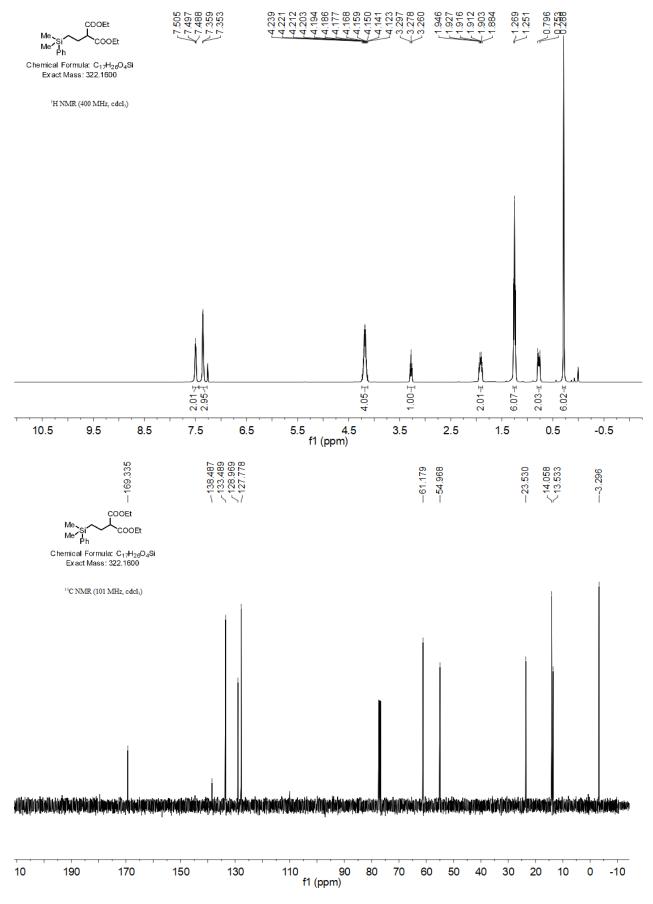
### Dimethyl(phenyl)(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl)silane (9b)



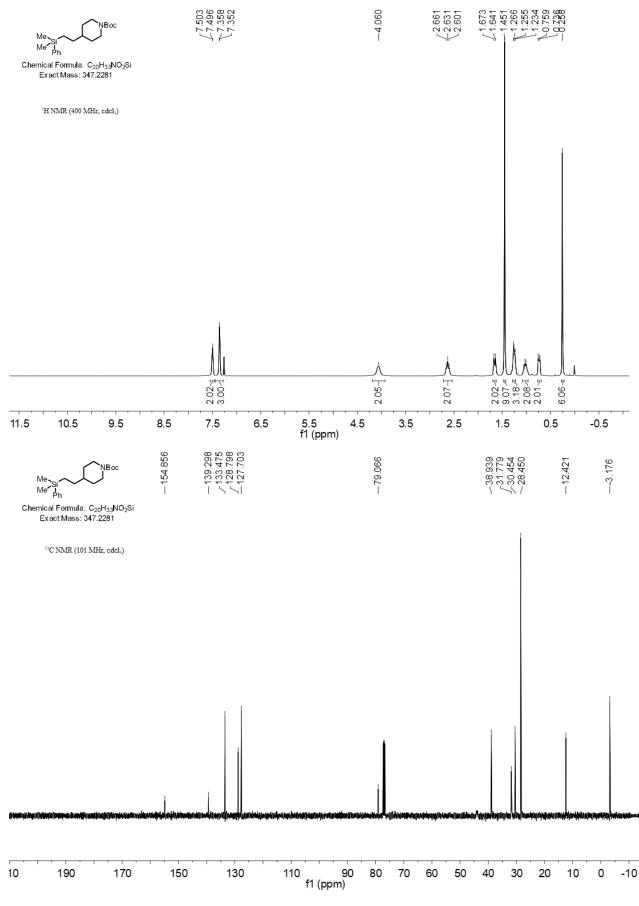




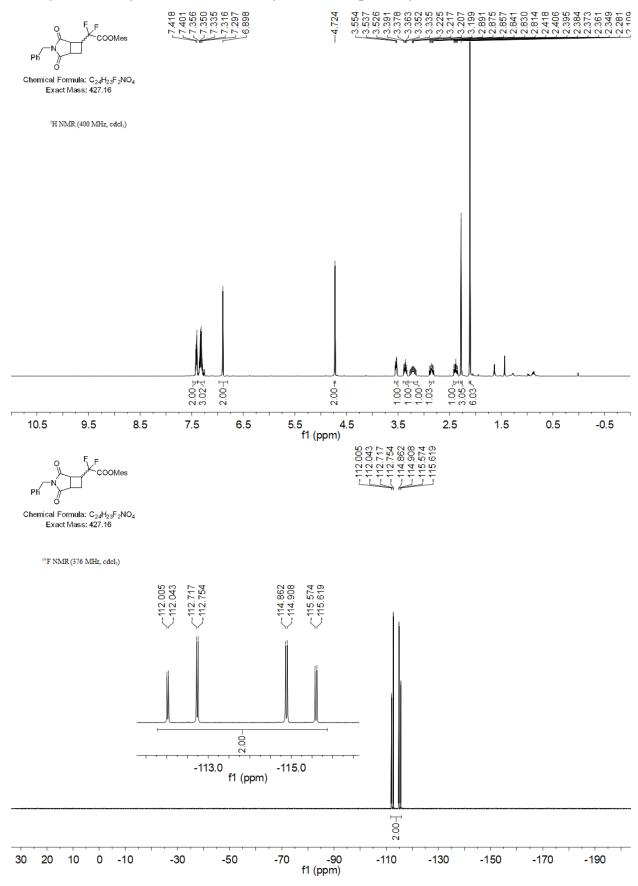
### Ethyl 1-(2-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethyl)cyclobutane-1-carboxylate (9d)



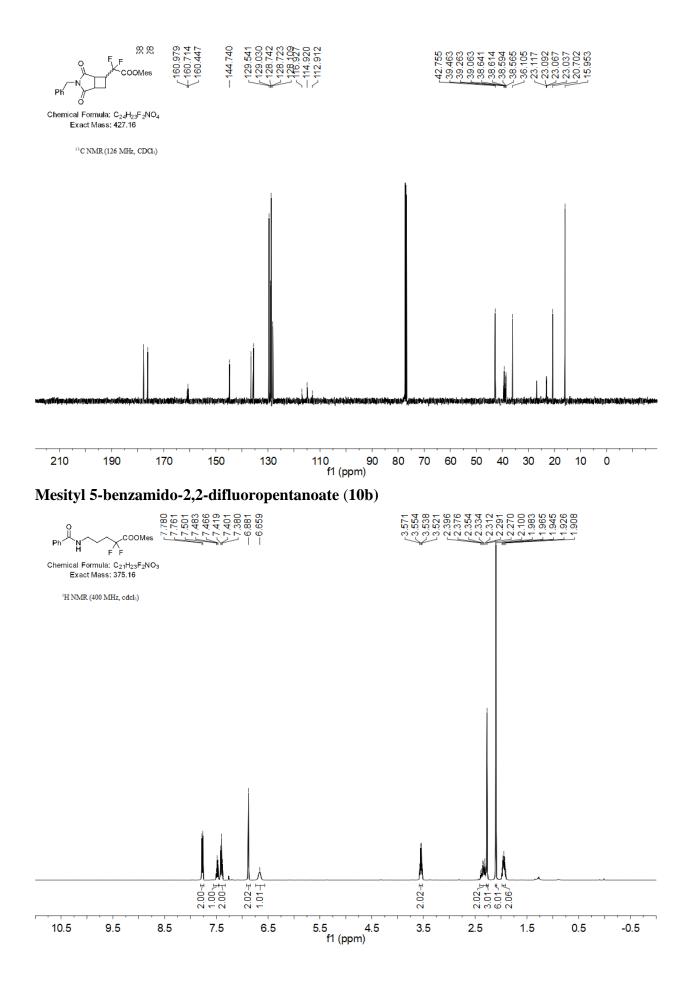
## Diethyl 2-(2-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethyl)malonate (9e)

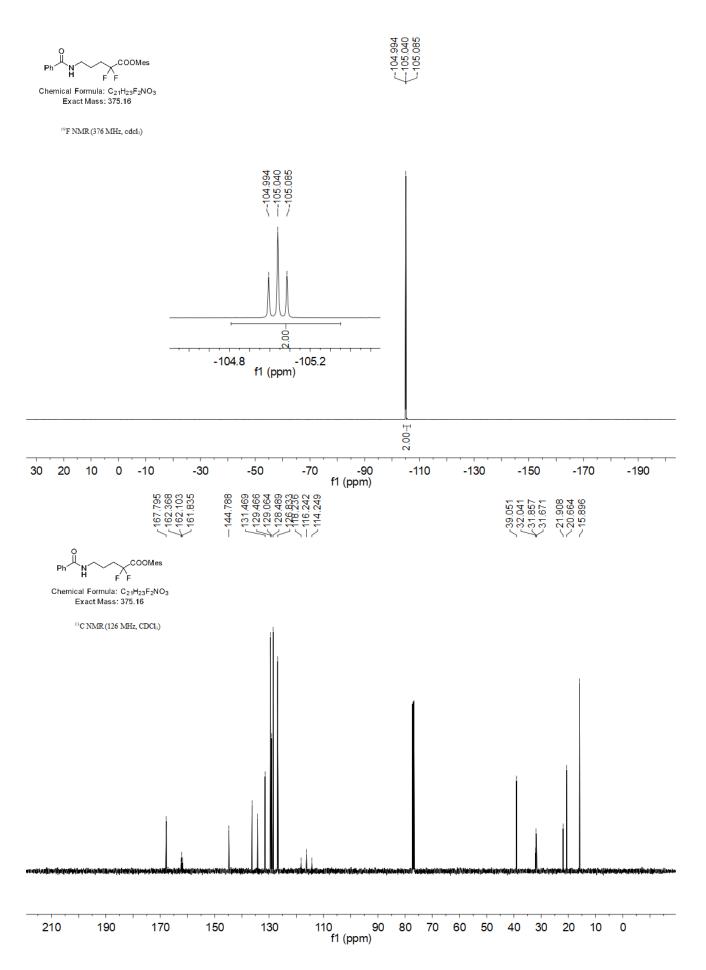


## tert-Butyl 4-(2-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)ethyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (9f)

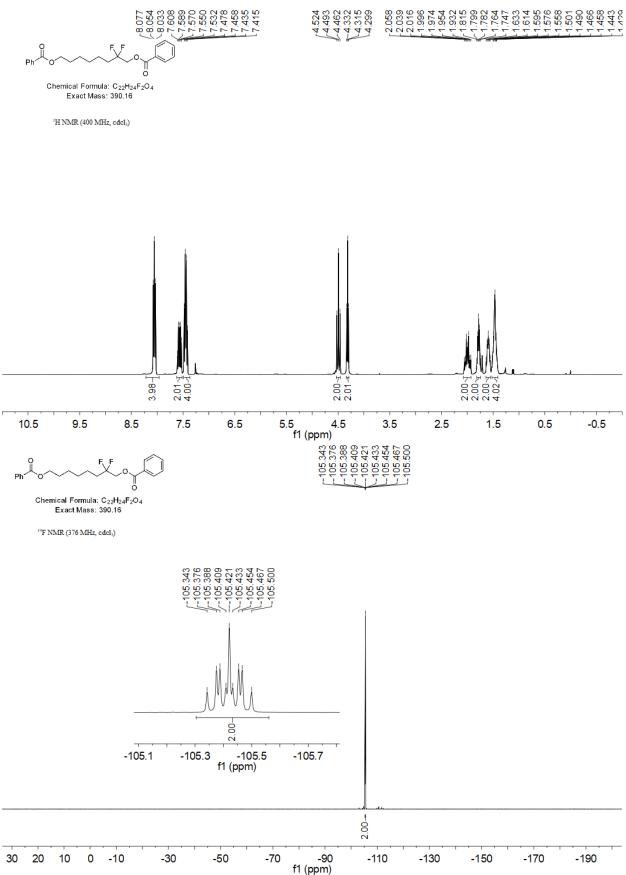


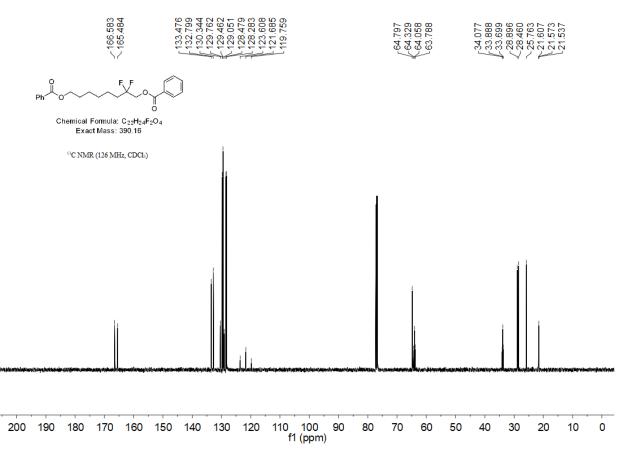
#### Mesityl 2-(3-benzyl-2,4-dioxo-3-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-6-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (10a)





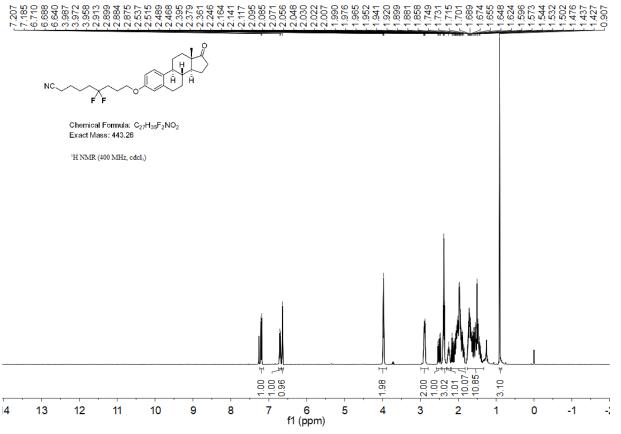
# 2,2-Difluorooctane-1,8-diyl dibenzoate (10c)

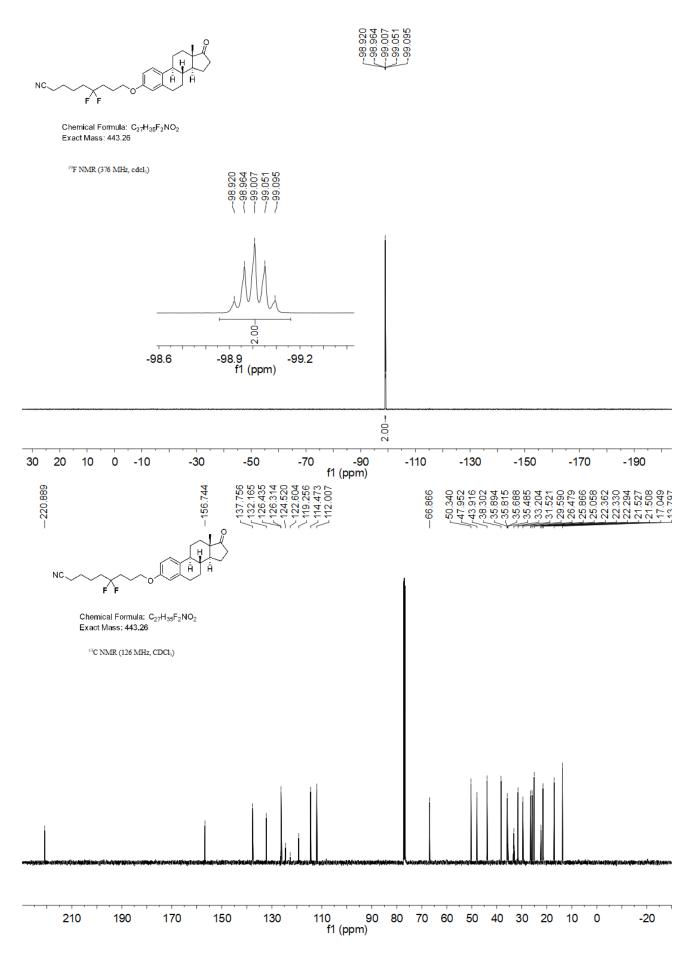




6,6-Difluoro-9-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-

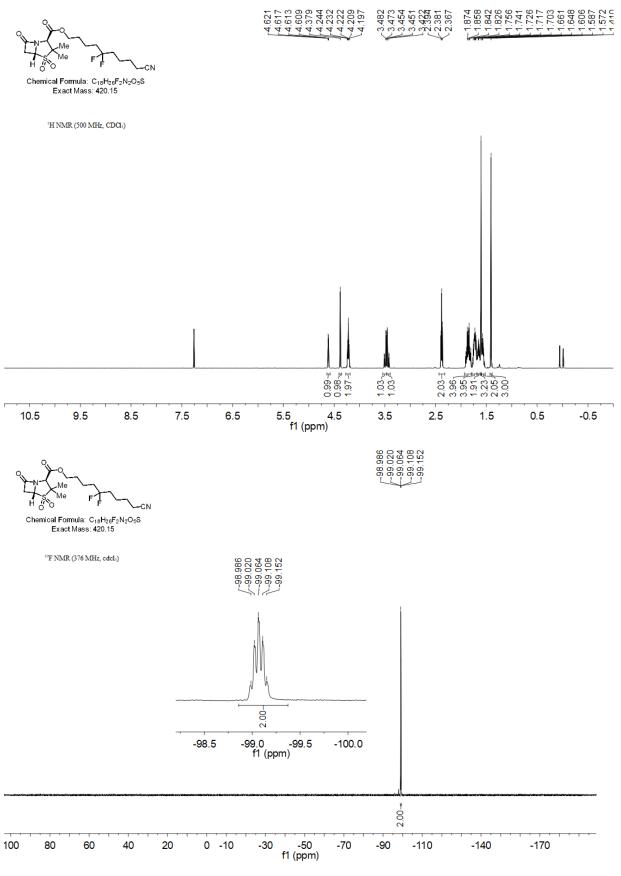
#### cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)nonanenitrile (10d)

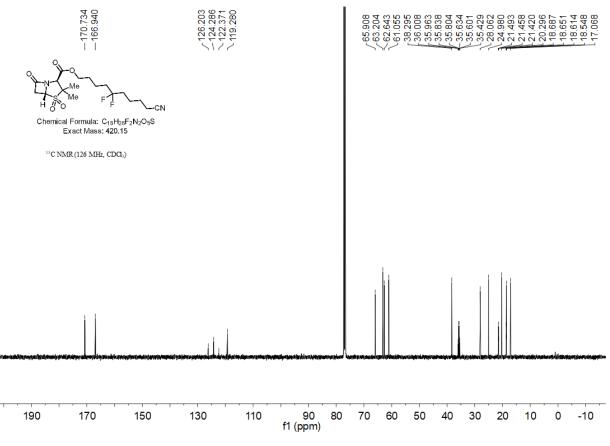




## 9-Cyano-5,5-difluorononyl (2S,5R)-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-

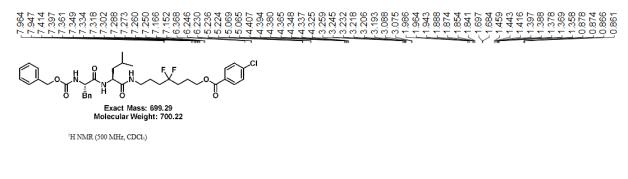
### carboxylate 4,4-dioxide (10e)

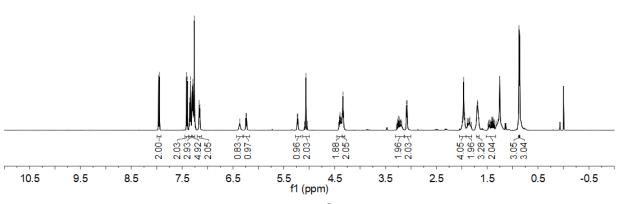


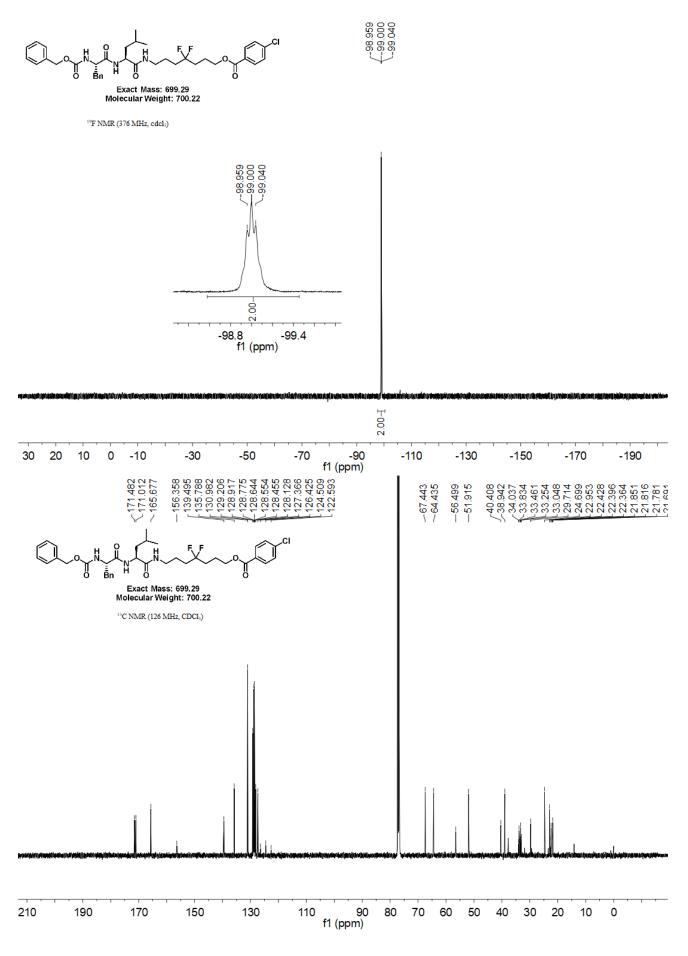


(5S,8S)-5-Benzyl-14,14-difluoro-8-isobutyl-3,6,9-trioxo-1-phenyl-2-oxa-4,7,10-

## triazaheptadecan-17-yl 4-chlorobenzoate (10f)

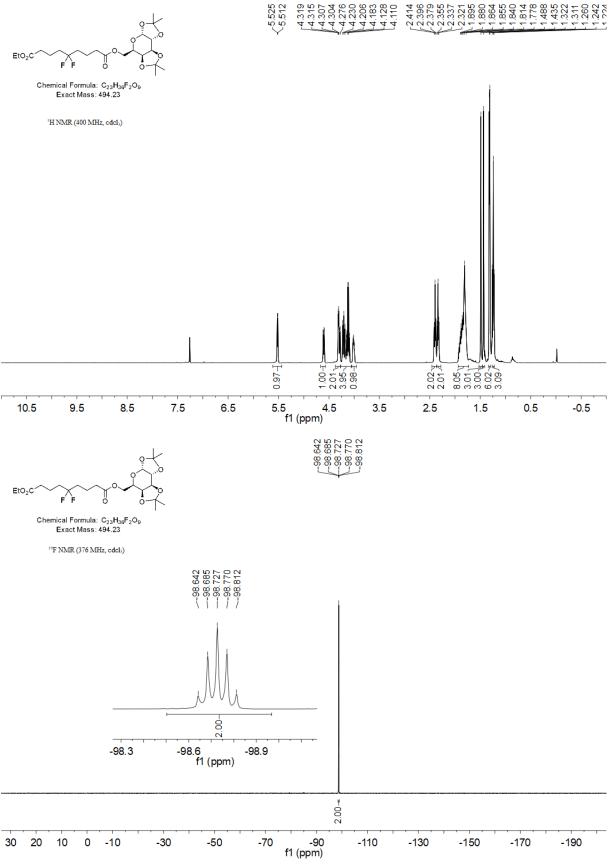


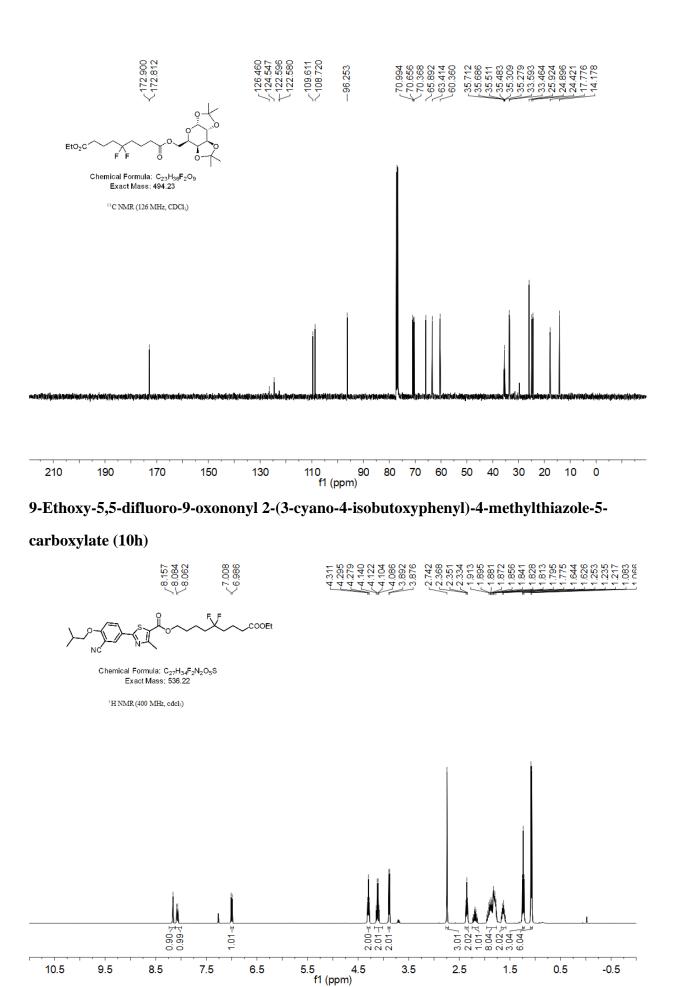




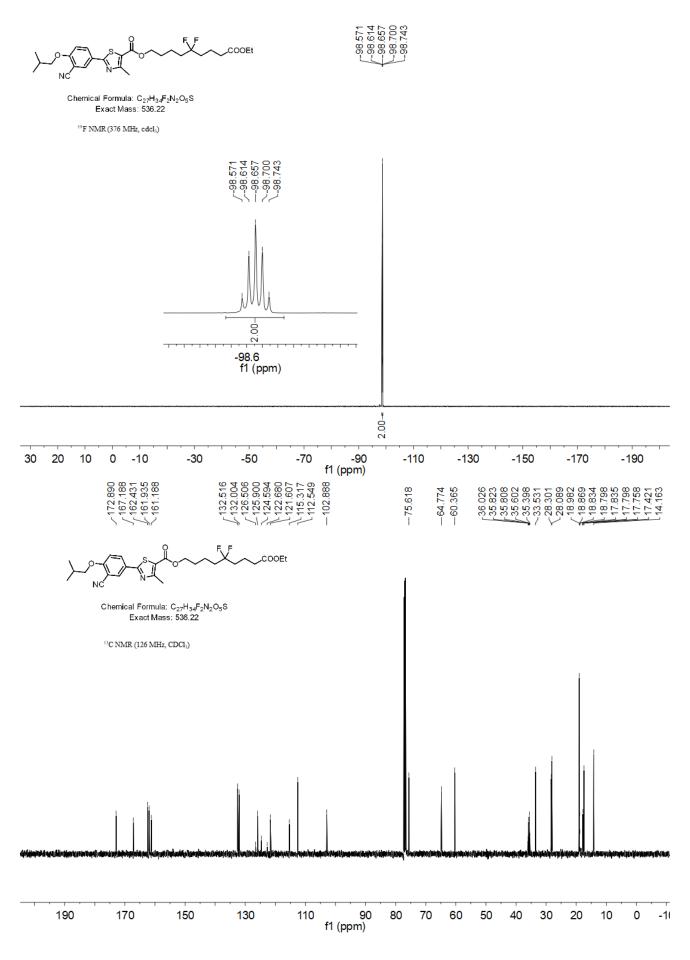
# $1-Ethyl \ 9-(((3aR,5R,5aS,8aS,8bR)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyl tetrahydro-5H-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-1,2])) \ (1,3)$

### b:4',5'-d]pyran-5-yl)methyl) 5,5-difluorononanedioate (10g)

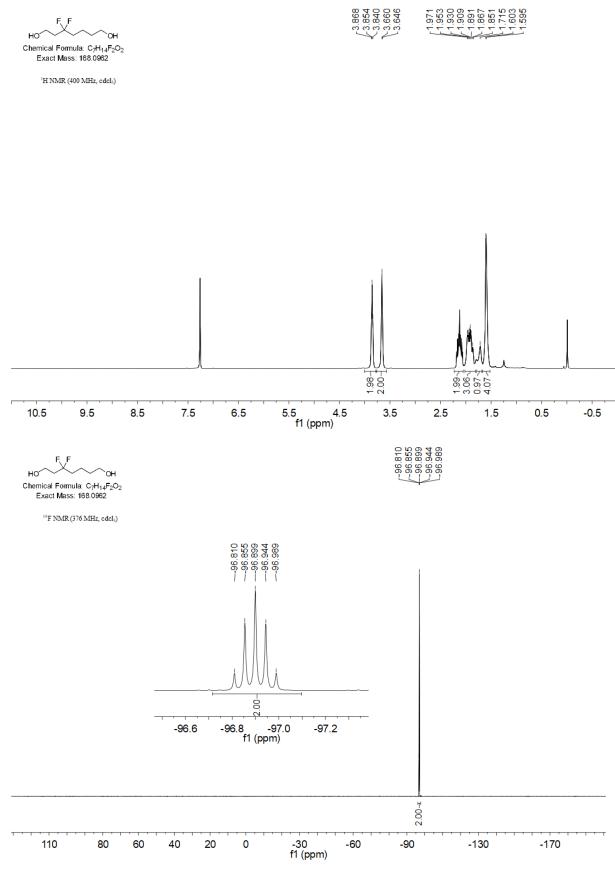


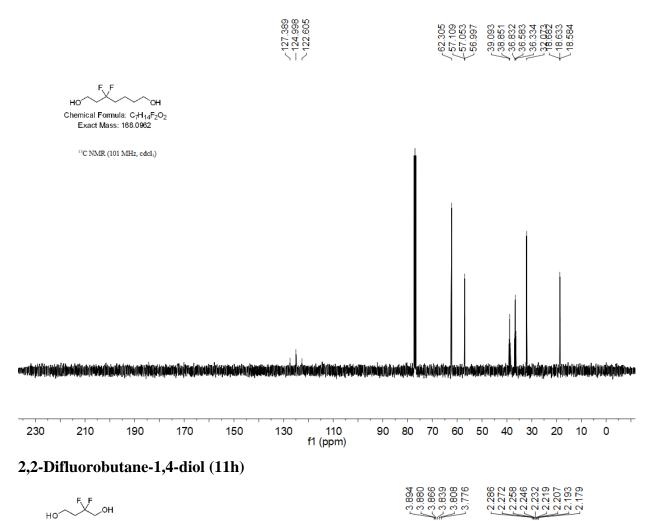






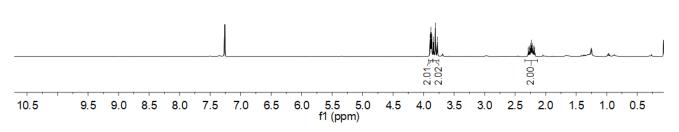
## 3,3-Difluoroheptane-1,7-diol (11d)

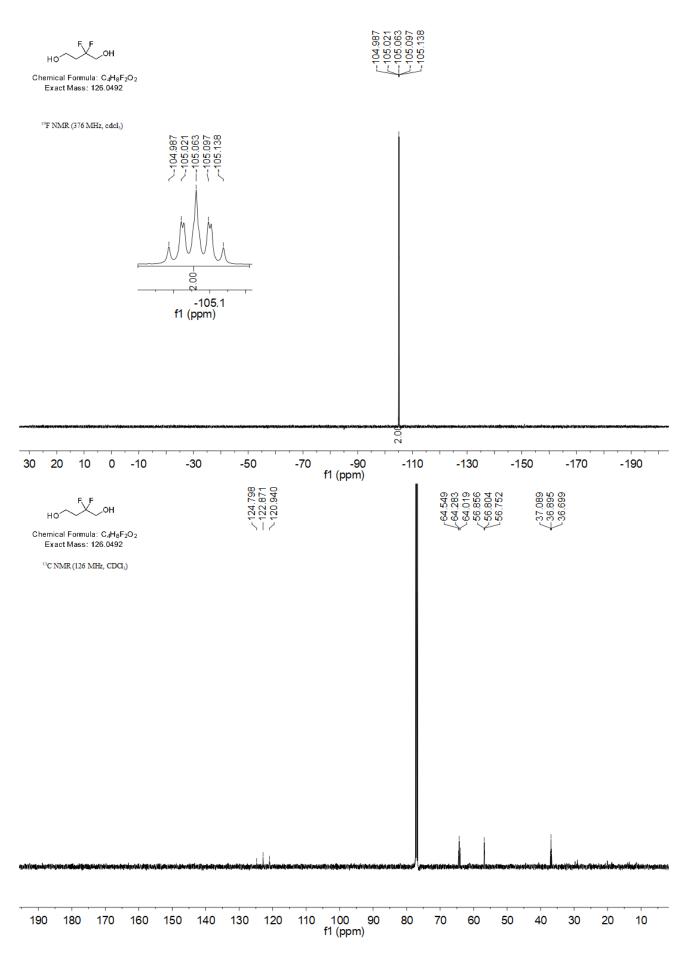




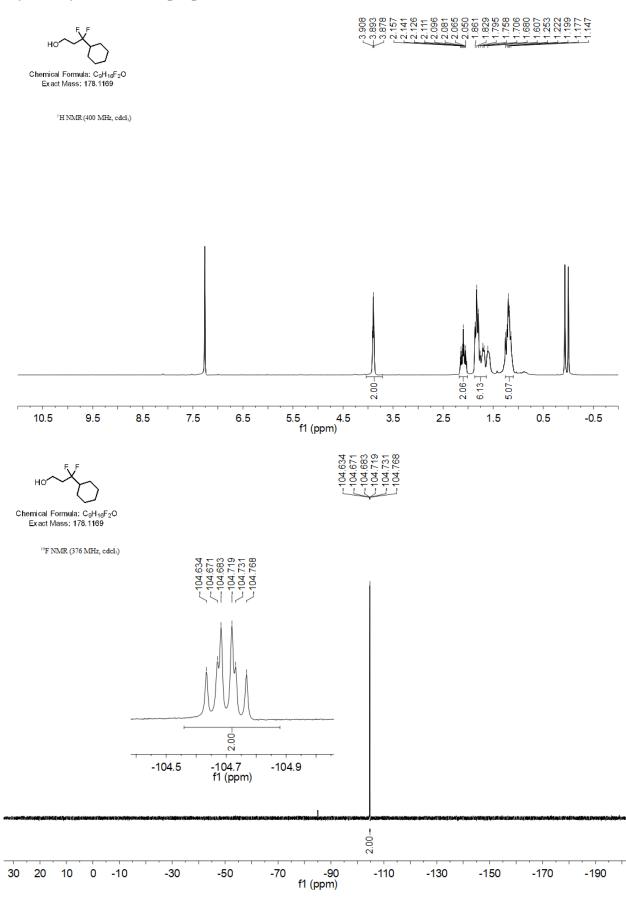
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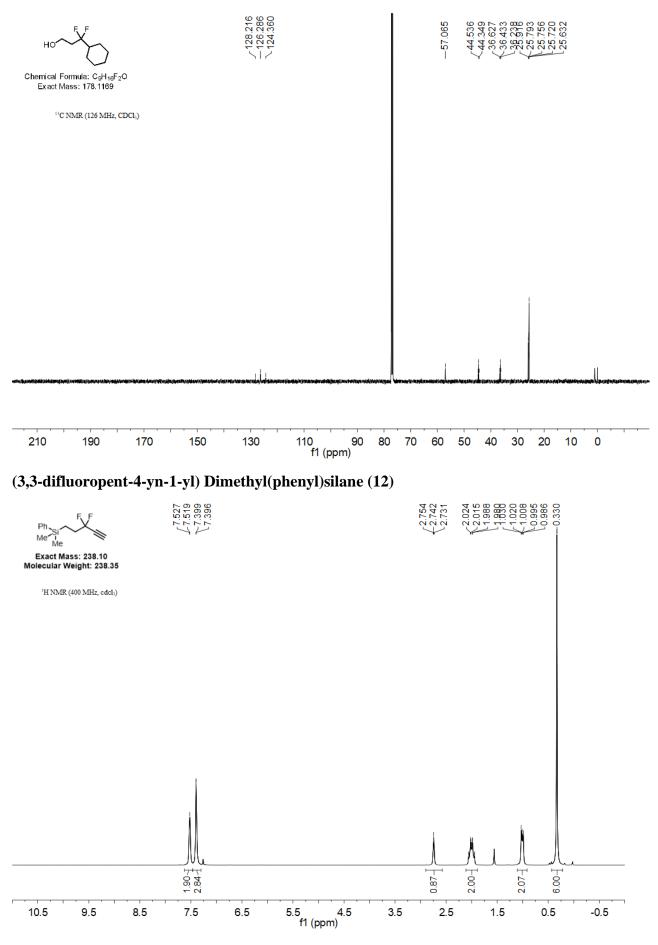
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>)



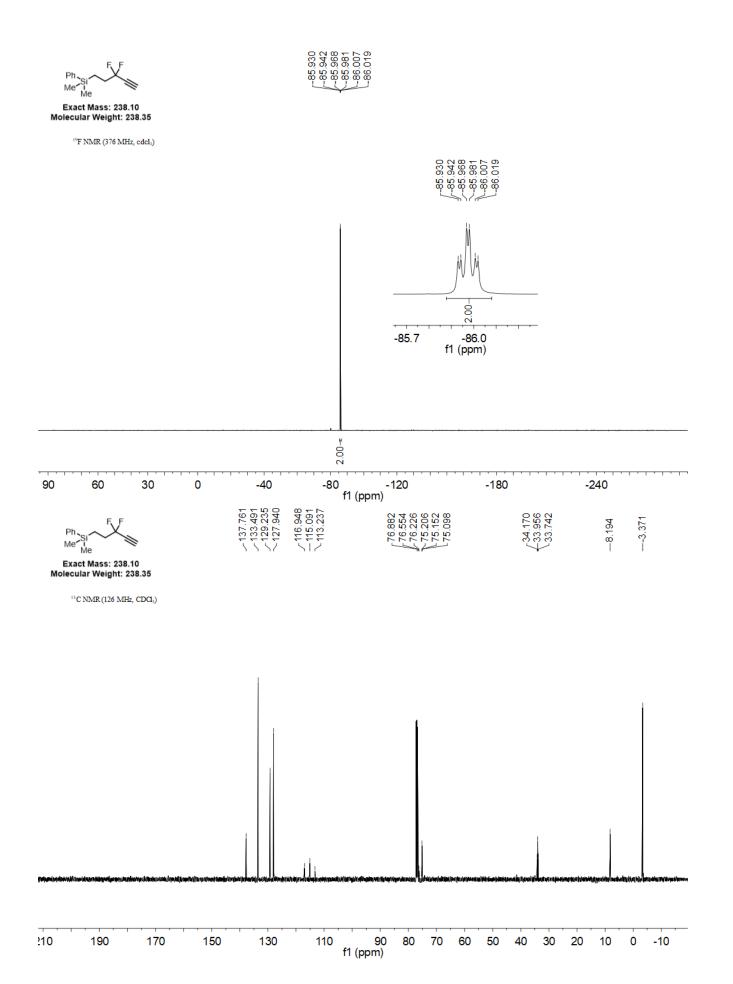


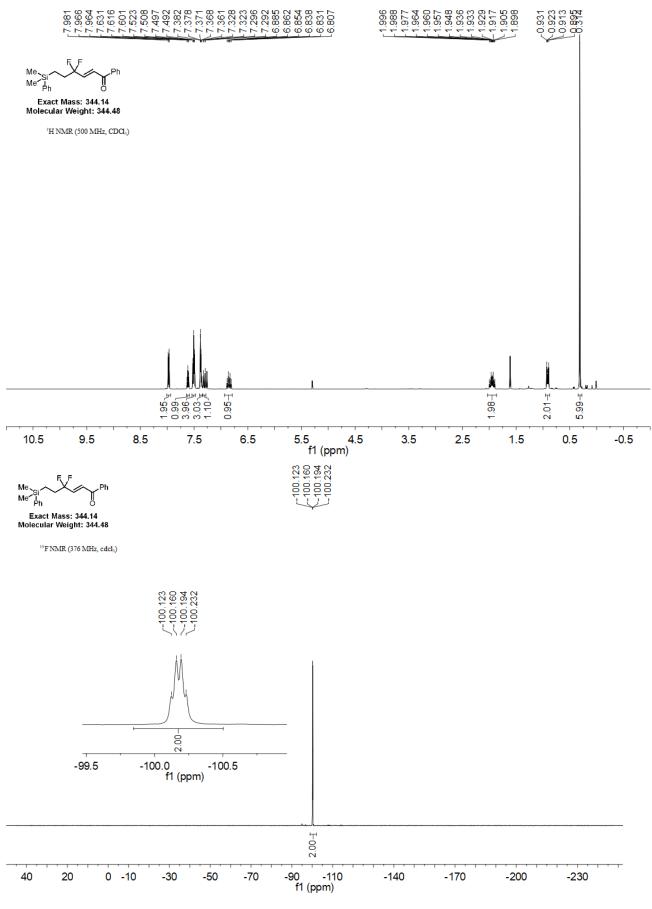
## 3-Cyclohexyl-3,3-difluoropropan-1-ol (111)



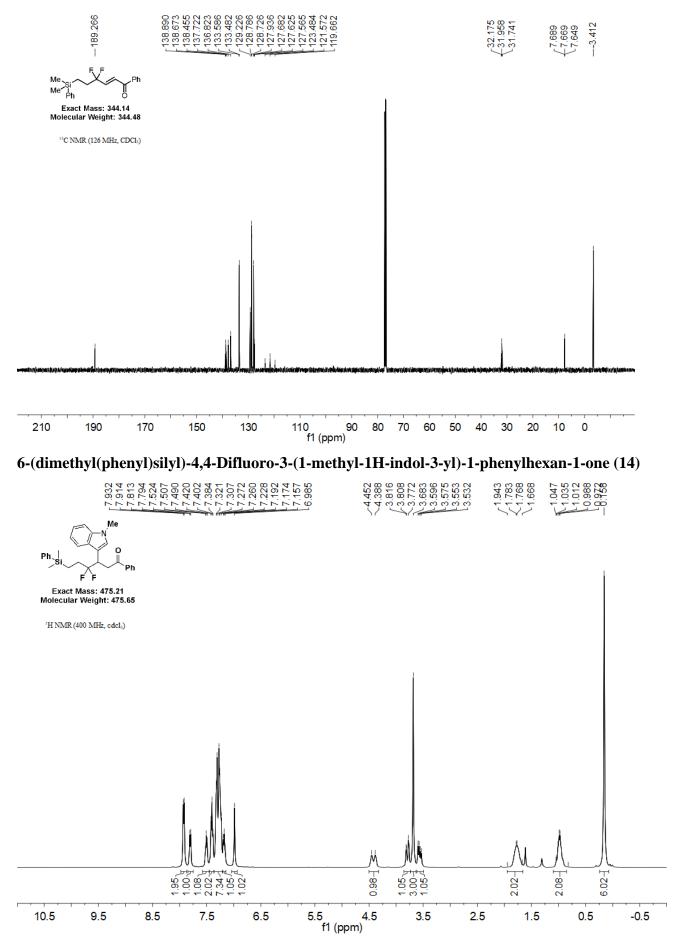


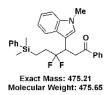
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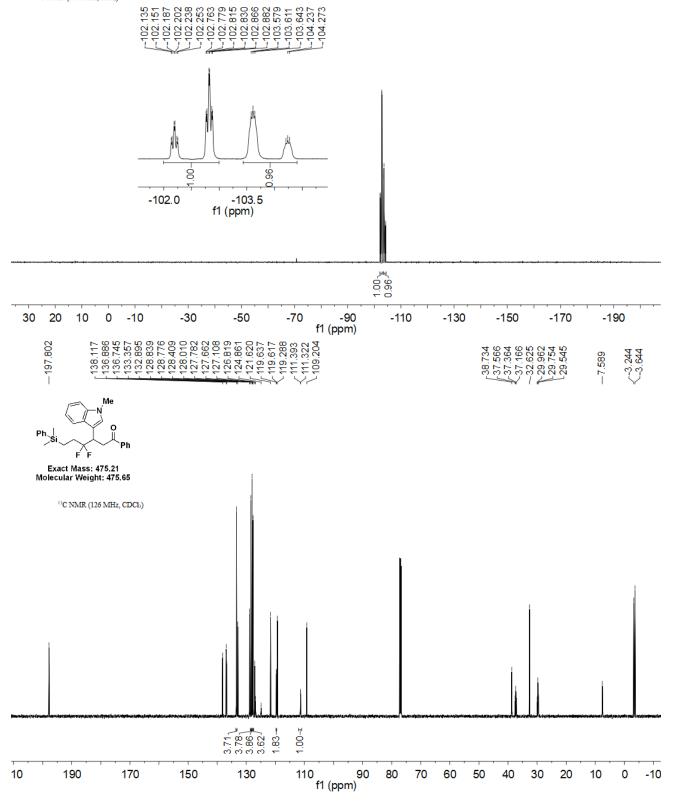
## (E)-6-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-4,4-Difluoro-1-phenylhex-2-en-1-one (13)

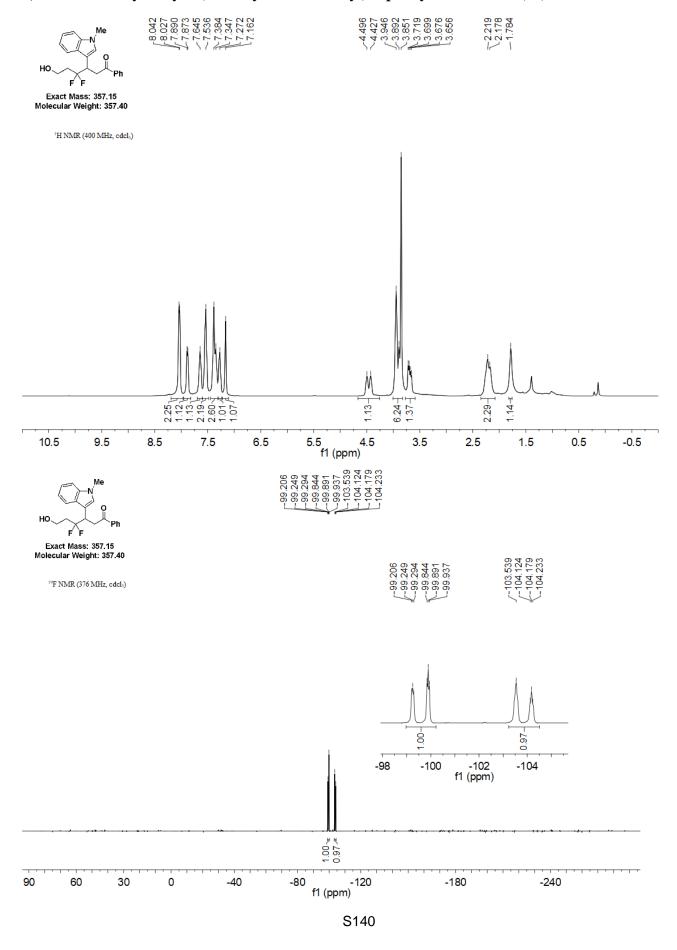




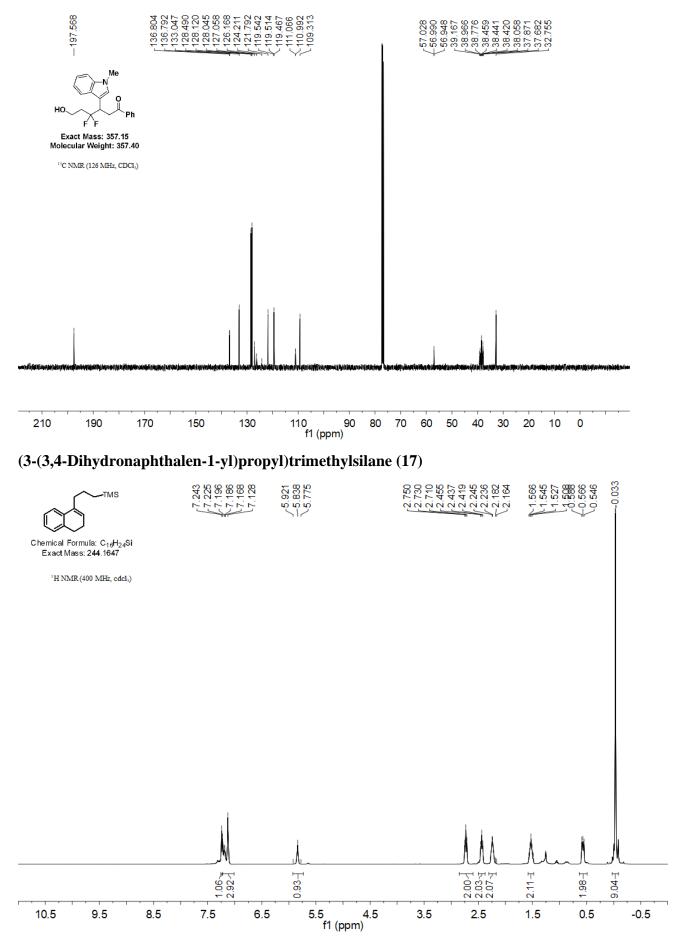


<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>)





### 4,4-Difluoro-6-hydroxy-3-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-1-phenylhexan-1-one (15)



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