

## Supporting Information

### Copper-catalyzed radical-mediated intermolecular cyanomonofluoroalkylation of alkenes and alkynes

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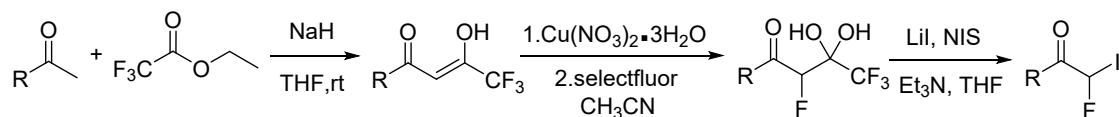
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## 1. General Information

All reagents were commercially available and used without further purification unless indicated otherwise. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on GF<sub>254</sub> plates (0.25mm layer thickness) using UV light as visualizing agent. Flash chromatography was performed with 200-300 mesh silica gels.

All NMR spectra were recorded on a Quantum-I<sup>plus</sup> NMR Spectrometer (resonance frequencies 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H , 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C and 376 MHz for <sup>19</sup>F) or Bruker Avance 500 (resonance frequencies 500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) equipped with a 5 mm inverse broadband probe head with z-gradients at 295.8 K with standard Bruker pulse programs. The samples were dissolved in 0.6 mL CDCl<sub>3</sub> (99.8%D.TMS). Chemical shifts were given in values of δ H and δ C referenced to residual solvent signals (δ H 7.26 for <sup>1</sup>H, δ C 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C in CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Data are presented in the following space: chemical shift, multiplicity, coupling constant in hertz (Hz), and signal area integration in natural numbers. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet of doublets (td), multiplet (m). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker solan X 70 FT-MS (samples was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH and the ion source was ESI).

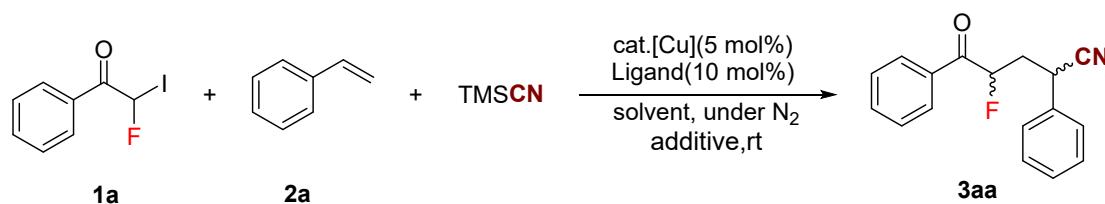
## 2. Preparation of α-iodine-α-monofluoroketones



The α- iodine-α-monofluoroketones **1a-1o** were prepared according to the reported procedure<sup>[1]</sup>. As shown above, the intermediates enols were obtained from the reaction of ethyl 2,2,2-trifluoroacetate and ketones. The enols reacted with Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O and Selectfluor to form fluorinated gem-diols, which then reacted with NIS to afford α- iodine-α-monofluoroketones **1a-1o** using the trifluoroacetate release conditions.

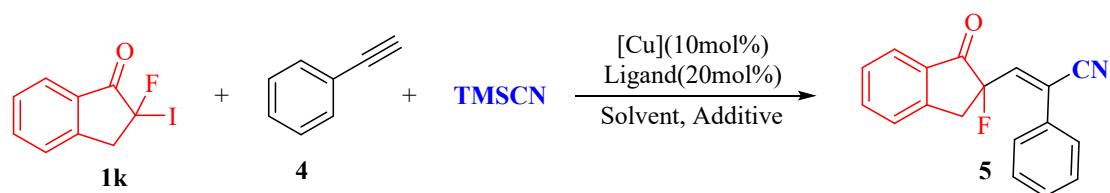
### 3. Optimization of the reaction conditions

**Table S1.** Screening of reaction conditions<sup>a</sup>



Entry	Cat.	Ligand	Additive	Sol.	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]
1	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	88
2	CuTc	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	85
3	CuCl	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	60
4	CuBr	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND
5	CuI	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	62
6	CuF <sub>2</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	70
7	CuAc	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	79
8	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	35
9	Cu(CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	30
10	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	45
11	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	BPO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	39
12	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	AIBN	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND
13	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	TBPE	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND
14	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	TBPB	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	ND
15	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	TBHP	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	20
16	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	64
17	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	LPO	THF	50
18	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L1	LPO	DME	48

<sup>a</sup>The reactions were performed by using **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **2a** (0.24mmol, 1.2 equiv), TMSCN (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), initiator (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv), cat.[Cu] (5 mol%), ligand (10 mol%), solvent (2.0mL), 4 h, under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. ND = not detected

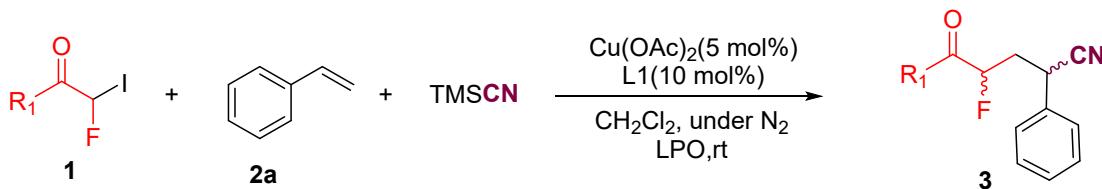
**Table S2.** Optimization of the reaction conditions for alkynes<sup>a</sup>.

Entry	Cat.	Ligand	Additive	Sol.	Yield <sup>b</sup> [%]
1	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L1	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	61
2	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L2	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	60
3	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L3	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	58
4	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L4	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	55
5	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L5	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	60
6	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L6	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	56
7	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	65
<b>8</b>	<b>CuI</b>	<b>L7</b>	<b>LPO</b>	<b>CH<sub>3</sub>OH</b>	<b>70</b>
9	CuBr	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	63
10	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	59
11	Cu(CH <sub>3</sub> CN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	63
12	CuF <sub>2</sub>	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	59
13	CuI	L7	BPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	32
14	CuI	L7	AIBN	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	23
15	CuI	L7	TBPE	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	20
16	CuI	L7	TBPB	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	trace
17	CuI	L7	TBHP	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	trace
18 <sup>c</sup>	CuI	L7	LPO	DCM	NR
19	CuI	L7	LPO	DMF	45
20	CuI	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	66
21 <sup>d</sup>	-	L7	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	trace
22 <sup>e</sup>	CuI	-	LPO	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	trace
23 <sup>f</sup>	CuI	L7	-	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	trace

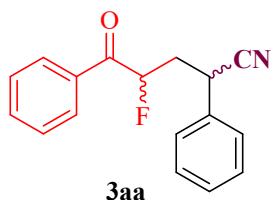
<sup>a</sup>The reactions were performed by using **1k** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **4** (0.45 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TMSCN (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), additive (0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv), [Cu](10 mol%), ligand (20 mol%), solvent (1.5 mL), at 70°C, 5 h, under N<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>Room temperature. <sup>d</sup>Without CuI catalyst. <sup>e</sup>Without L7. <sup>f</sup>Without LPO. ND = not detected.

## 4. Preparation and characterization

### 4.1 General procedure for the synthesis of 3aa-3na

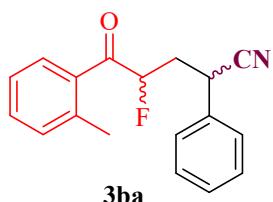


An oven-dried tube was charged with Copper(II) acetate(0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), Ligand **1** (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), and LPO (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated three times). Then,  $\alpha$ -iodo- $\alpha$ -fluoroacetophenone **1** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in dichloromethane (2.0 mL), styrene **2a** (0.24mmol, 1.2 equiv), and TMSCN (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added into the tube under the protection of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirring at room temperature for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator, the crude residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the desired product **3aa-3na**.



**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2,5-diphenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 47.1 mg, 88% yield. The compound is known<sup>[1c]</sup>.

**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J = 4.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.32 (m, 14H), 6.00-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.42-5.30 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.38 (m, 4H).



**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenyl-5-(o-tolyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 46.1 mg, 82% yield.

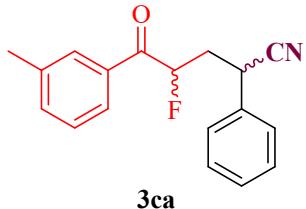
**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.51-7.23 (m, 17H), 5.94-5.79 (m, 1H), 5.35-5.20 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.36 (m, 10H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  198.63 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.0\text{Hz}$ ), 198.22 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 20.0\text{Hz}$ ), 139.48, 139.42, 134.45, 133.93, 133.75, 132.62, 132.51, 132.36, 132.33, 129.64,

129.50, 129.03, 128.99, 128.95, 128.81, 128.77, 128.71, 127.94, 127.30, 126.01, 125.75, 120.26, 119.59, 91.24 (d,  $^1J_{C-F} = 79.0\text{Hz}$ ), 89.39 (d,  $^1J_{C-F} = 79.0\text{Hz}$ ), 38.40 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0\text{Hz}$ ), 37.47 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0\text{Hz}$ ), 33.72 (d,  $^3J_{C-F} = 3.0\text{Hz}$ ), 33.16 (d,  $^3J_{C-F} = 4.0\text{Hz}$ ), 21.15, 21.09.

**$^{19}\text{F NMR}$**  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -189.39--189.77 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNONa}^+$ : 304.1108; found: 304.1114.



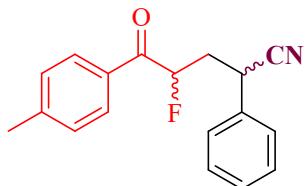
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenyl-5-(m-tolyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 47.7 mg, 85% yield.

**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.49-7.30 (m, 14H), 6.00-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.44-5.29 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.31 (m, 10H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  190.02 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 18.0\text{Hz}$ ), 189.80 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 18.0\text{Hz}$ ), 134.24, 134.07, 130.42, 130.33, 129.66, 129.17, 129.01, 128.95, 124.85, 124.67, 124.63, 124.60, 124.56, 124.22, 124.13, 124.00, 123.89, 123.15, 122.50, 121.38, 121.34, 121.30, 115.37, 114.89, 85.91 (d,  $^1J_{C-F} = 65.0\text{Hz}$ ), 84.07 (d,  $^1J_{C-F} = 66.0\text{Hz}$ ), 33.80 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 22.0\text{Hz}$ ), 33.00 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0\text{Hz}$ ), 28.85 (d,  $^3J_{C-F} = 3.0\text{Hz}$ ), 28.37 (d,  $^3J_{C-F} = 3.0\text{Hz}$ ), 16.59, 16.55.

**$^{19}\text{F NMR}$**  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -190.44--190.88 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNONa}^+$ : 304.1108, found: 304.1108.



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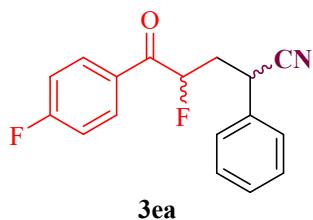
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenyl-5-(p-tolyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 46.7 mg, 83% yield.

**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.53-7.27 (m, 14H), 6.04-5.88 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.30 (m, 1H), 4.27-4.10 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.39 (m, 10H).

**$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  189.43 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 19.0\text{Hz}$ ), 189.16 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 18.0\text{Hz}$ ), 140.77, 140.67, 129.73, 129.25, 126.49, 124.97, 124.84, 124.82, 124.67, 124.58, 124.45, 124.32, 124.29, 124.28, 124.18, 124.06, 123.87, 123.11, 122.50, 115.43, 114.94, 85.96 (d,  $^1J_{C-F} = 60.0\text{Hz}$ ), 84.13 (d,  $^1J_{C-F} = 60.0\text{Hz}$ ), 33.84 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0\text{Hz}$ ), 32.98 (d,  $^2J_{C-F} = 21.0\text{Hz}$ ), 28.3 (d,  $^3J_{C-F} = 3.0\text{Hz}$ ), 28.35 (d,  $^3J_{C-F} = 4.0\text{Hz}$ ), 17.05, 17.02.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.97--190.22 (m, 1F), -190.39--190.66 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>1</sub>ONa<sup>+</sup>: 304.1108; found: 304.1113.



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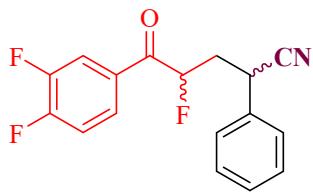
**5-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 53.1 mg, 93% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.06-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.36 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 4H), 5.97-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.43-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.10 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.43 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.31 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 192.00 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 167.62 (d, J = 7.0Hz), 165.06 (d, J = 7.0Hz), 134.40, 133.95, 132.02, 131.98, 131.92, 131.88, 130.23, 130.21, 129.65, 129.49, 129.02, 128.73, 127.88, 127.32, 120.22, 119.72, 116.41, 116.29, 116.20, 116.08, 91.05 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 52.0Hz), 89.22 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 52.0Hz), 38.30 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 37.50 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.53, 33.08 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -102.77--102.92 (m, 2F), -189.59--189.74 (m, 1F), -189.85--190.13 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NONa<sup>+</sup>: 308.0857; found: 308.0861.



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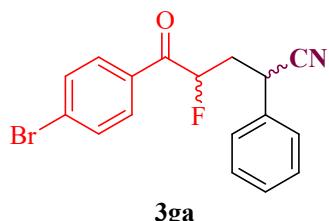
**5-(3,4-difluorophenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 51.56 mg, 85% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.76-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.12 (m, 12H), 5.78-5.64 (m, 1H), 5.28-5.11 (m, 1H), 4.14-3.98 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.34 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.51 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 192.22 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 155.58, 152.99, 151.77, 149.40, 134.22, 133.79, 130.82, 129.62, 129.48, 129.28, 129.01, 128.74, 127.75, 127.25, 126.44, 126.36, 119.92, 119.46, 118.71, 118.52, 118.06, 117.97, 117.88, 117.79, 91.32 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 46.0Hz), 89.48 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 48.0Hz), 38.06 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.38 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.38 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 33.02 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -126.81--126.98 (m, 2F), -134.85--134.96 (m, 1F), -134.99--135.10 (m, 1F), -188.50--188.96 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NONa<sup>+</sup>: 326.0763; found: 326.0768.



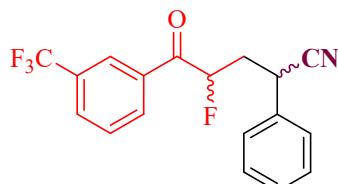
**5-(4-bromophenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 61.41 mg, 89% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.57 (m, 6H), 7.47-7.33 (m, 10H), 5.92-5.77 (m, 1H), 5.37-5.22 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.35 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.04 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0 Hz), 193.71 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0 Hz), 134.29, 133.81, 132.42, 132.30, 130.57, 130.53, 129.86, 129.77, 129.70, 129.54, 129.09, 128.78, 127.90, 127.32, 120.18, 119.69, 91.03 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 53.0 Hz), 89.19 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 54.0 Hz), 38.30 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 37.50 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 33.53 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 33.08 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.43--189.94 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFNONa<sup>+</sup>: 368.0056; found: 368.0059.



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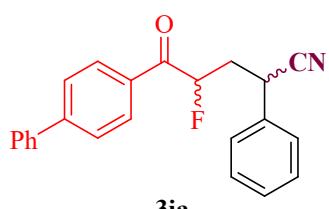
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenyl-5-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 59.0 mg, 88% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.06-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.34 (m, 10H), 5.93-5.77 (m, 1H), 5.42-5.27 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.41 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 193.87 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 16.0 Hz), 193.65 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 16.0 Hz), 134.27, 134.13, 133.60, 132.23, 130.63, 129.70, 129.63, 129.50, 129.10, 128.78, 127.81, 127.28, 126.04, 124.40, 122.30, 120.00, 119.52, 91.08 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 66.0 Hz), 89.61 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 67.0 Hz), 38.03 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 17.0 Hz), 37.38 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 17.0 Hz), 33.39, 33.03.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -62.90 (d, *J* = 7.52 Hz, 6F), -189.28--189.53 (m, 1F), -189.80--190.06 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NONa<sup>+</sup>: 358.0825; found: 358.0829.



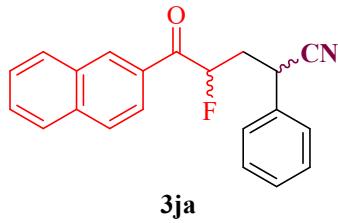
**5-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 51.51 mg, 75% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74-7.36 (m, 24H), 6.03-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.46-5.33 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.10 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.41 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.27 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0 Hz), 193.94 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.75 Hz), 147.05, 146.96, 139.43, 134.40, 133.91, 132.33, 129.63, 129.61, 129.58, 129.47, 129.10, 129.01, 128.66, 127.91, 127.61, 127.48, 127.34, 127.28, 120.21, 119.72, 90.67 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 75.0 Hz), 89.22 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 73.75 Hz), 38.58 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.25 Hz), 37.69 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.50 Hz), 33.62, 33.13.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -190.02 (s, 1F), -190.35 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>ONa</sub><sup>+</sup>: 366.1264; found: 366.1261.



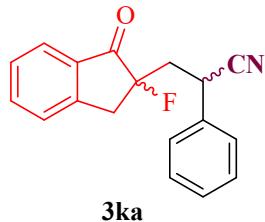
**4-fluoro-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 38.1 mg, 60% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04-7.33 (m, 22H), 6.04-5.89 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.32 (m, 1H), 4.21-4.04 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.37 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 198.32 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0 Hz), 197.90 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0 Hz), 134.43, 134.09, 134.06, 134.03, 133.98, 133.84, 131.58, 130.57, 129.58, 129.43, 128.94, 128.83, 128.78, 128.72, 128.64, 128.59, 127.87, 127.25, 126.91, 125.23, 124.37, 124.14, 120.14, 119.53, 91.35 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 71.0 Hz), 89.49 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 71.0 Hz), 38.48 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 37.63 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 33.72 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 33.24 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -187.94 (s, 1F), -188.18 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>ONa</sub><sup>+</sup>: 340.1108; found: 340.1112.



**3-(2-fluoro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-2-phenylpropanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 39.1 mg, 70% yield.

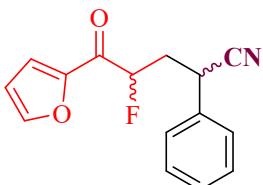
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.33 (m, 14H), 4.38-4.34 (m, 1H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 3.62-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.26 (m,

2H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 199.36 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 15.0Hz), 199.19 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 16.0Hz), 150.53, 150.01, 136.93, 136.85, 135.60, 133.37, 133.24, 129.43, 128.72, 128.68, 128.63, 128.51, 127.74, 127.28, 126.96, 126.80, 125.44, 120.92, 120.50, 96.50 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 16.0Hz), 94.64 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 15.0Hz), 40.43 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.0Hz), 40.49 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 10.0Hz), 38.64 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.0Hz), 38.40 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 10.0Hz), 32.09 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 6.0Hz), 31.40 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 5.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -156.32--156.53 (m, 1F), -158.13--158.34 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FN<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 302.0951; found: 302.0958.



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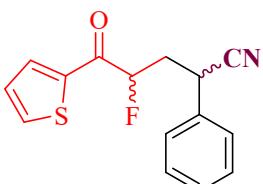
**4-fluoro-5-(furan-2-yl)-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 37.1 mg, 72% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.67(d, *J* = 16.0Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.32 (m, 12H), 6.61-6.57 (m, 2H), 5.71-5.55 (m, 1H), 5.18-5.02 (m, 1H), 4.19-4.05 (m, 2H), 2.69-2.33 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 183.39 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 183.14 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 149.54, 148.24, 148.19, 134.33, 133.69, 129.59, 129.47, 128.99, 128.73, 127.89, 127.34, 121.61, 121.52, 121.47, 121.38, 120.18, 119.55, 112.93, 112.86, 91.35 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 50.0Hz), 89.50 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 51.0Hz), 38.52 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.77 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.47 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 32.05 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -192.88--193.23 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na<sup>+</sup>: 280.0744; found: 280.0750.



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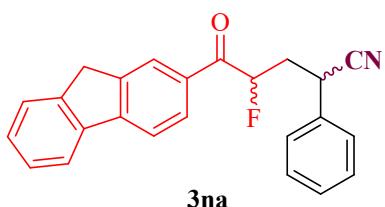
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenyl-5-(thiophen-2-yl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 42.6 mg, 78% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.96(d, *J* = 4.0Hz, 1H), 7.82(d, *J* = 4.0Hz, 1H), 7.76 (t, *J* = 4.0Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.33 (m, 10H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.54 (m, 1H), 5.21-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.20-4.07 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.40 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 188.25 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.0Hz), 187.96 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 139.96, 139.82, 136.01, 134.72, 134.63, 134.35, 133.82, 129.61, 129.48, 128.98, 128.79, 128.72, 128.69, 127.86, 127.36, 120.16, 119.61, 92.37 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 50.0Hz), 90.51 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 50.0Hz), 38.79 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 38.10 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.48 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 33.13 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -188.30--188.72 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FNOSNa<sup>+</sup>: 296.0515; found: 296.0523.



**5-(9H-fluoren-2-yl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-2-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 35.5 mg, 50% yield.

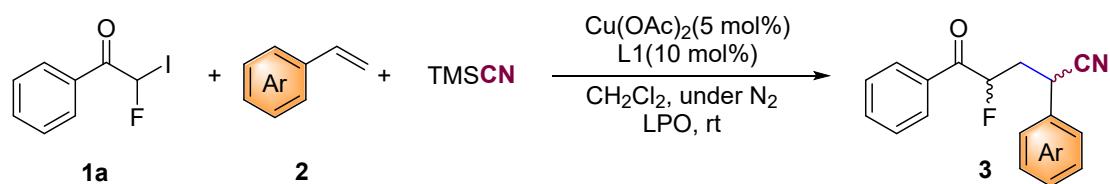
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.13(s, 1H), 8.00(d, *J* = 10.0Hz, 1H), 7.94(s, 1H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.79(s, 2H), 7.60-7.34 (m, 16H), 6.06-5.93 (m, 1H), 5.48-5.36 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.93(d, *J* = 25.0Hz, 4H), 2.75-2.42 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.27 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.75Hz), 194.01 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.75Hz), 147.77, 147.67, 144.72, 144.67, 143.64, 143.50, 140.12, 134.44, 134.00, 131.88, 129.62, 129.45, 128.99, 128.65, 128.58, 128.36, 128.32, 128.28, 127.94, 127.28, 127.25, 125.61, 125.58, 125.37, 121.21, 121.18, 120.24, 120.11, 119.97, 119.77, 92.57 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 68.75Hz), 89.11 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 70.0Hz), 38.67 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 37.85 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.25Hz), 36.93, 36.88, 33.64, 33.17.

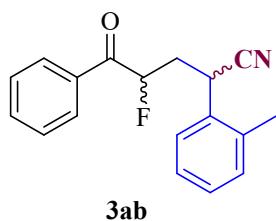
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.68 (s, 1F), -189.86 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNONA<sup>+</sup>: 378.1264; found: 378.1262.

## 4.2 General procedure for the synthesis of 3ab-3am



An oven-dried tube was charged with Copper(II) acetate (0.01 mmol, 5 mol %), Ligand **1** (0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), and LPO (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated three times). Then, α-iodo-α-fluoroacetophenone **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in dichloromethane (2.0 mL), styrene **2** (0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and TMSCN (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added into the tube under the protection of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirring at room temperature for 4 h. After the reaction was completed, solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator, the crude residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the desired product **3ab-3am**.



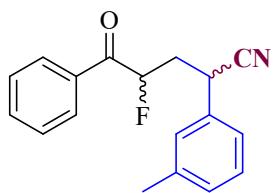
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(o-tolyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 46.1 mg, 82% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.01(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.84(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.23 (m, 14H), 6.60-5.95 (m, 1H), 5.50-5.35 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.32 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.26 (m, 10H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.78 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0 Hz), 194.36 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0 Hz), 136.14, 135.11, 134.50, 134.41, 133.73, 133.67, 132.67, 132.30, 131.56, 131.37, 129.13, 129.03, 128.98, 128.94, 128.84, 128.79, 127.89, 127.40, 127.36, 127.21, 120.39, 120.08, 90.91 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 32.0 Hz), 89.08 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 33.0 Hz), 37.30 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 36.73 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 30.53 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 29.53 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 19.34, 18.99.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -187.95--188.21 (m, 1F), -190.85--191.12 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>1</sub>ONa<sup>+</sup>: 304.1108; found: 304.1106.



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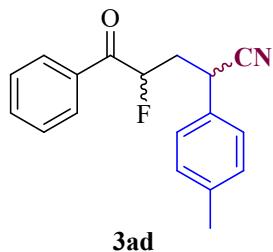
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(m-tolyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 45.6 mg, 81% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.00(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.82(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.18 (m, 12H), 6.05-5.89 (m, 1H), 5.48-5.32 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.35 (m, 10H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.83 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0 Hz), 194.49 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0 Hz), 139.62, 139.40, 134.44, 134.35, 134.28, 133.74, 129.79, 129.49, 129.44, 129.35, 129.09, 129.01, 128.97, 128.94, 128.53, 127.95, 125.02, 124.34, 120.36, 119.84, 90.84 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 57.0 Hz), 89.01 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 58.0 Hz), 38.61 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 37.65 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0 Hz), 33.55 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0 Hz), 33.04 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0 Hz), 21.50, 21.43.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -190.18--190.79 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>1</sub>ONa<sup>+</sup>: 304.1108; found: 304.1111.



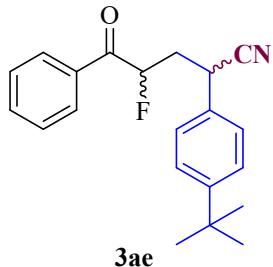
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)pentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 46.2 mg, 82% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.99(d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.82(d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.21 (m, 8H), 6.04-5.88 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.31 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.07 (m, 2H), 2.72-2.35 (m, 10H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.83 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.53 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 138.97, 138.61, 134.44, 134.34, 133.73, 131.37, 130.78, 130.30, 130.11, 129.08, 129.01, 128.97, 128.94, 127.83, 127.19, 120.44, 119.92, 90.83 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 65.0Hz), 89.00 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 65.0Hz), 38.58 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.65 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.25, 32.73, 21.25, 21.16.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -190.34--190.72 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FN<sub>ONa</sub><sup>+</sup>: 304.1108; found: 304.1105.



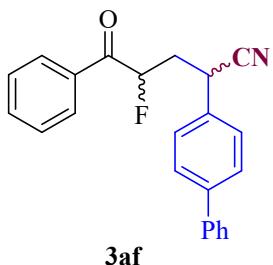
**2-(4-(tert-butyl)phenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 41.4 mg, 64% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.96(d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.30 (m, 14H), 6.03-5.88 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.31 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.36i (m, 4H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 1.31 (s, 9H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.89 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.53 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 152.15, 151.82, 134.44, 134.34, 133.73, 131.35, 130.80, 129.09, 129.05, 129.01, 128.97, 128.93, 127.68, 127.05, 126.59, 126.42, 120.45, 119.91, 90.93 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 53.0Hz), 89.09 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 54.0Hz), 38.62 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.66 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.18 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0Hz), 32.67 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz), 31.37, 31.33.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -190.22--190.48 (m, 1F), -190.74--191.00 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FN<sub>ONa</sub><sup>+</sup>: 346.1577; found: 346.1579.



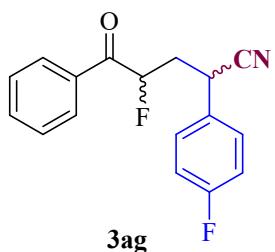
**2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 48.1 mg, 70% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.98(d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 4.0Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.36 (m, 24H), 6.06-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.50-5.35 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.41 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.84 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.48 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 142.01, 141.74, 140.09, 140.03, 134.51, 134.42, 133.72, 133.27, 132.72, 129.13, 129.08, 129.03, 128.99, 128.91, 128.41, 128.32, 128.32, 128.24, 128.17, 127.97, 128.88, 127.79, 127.45, 127.22, 127.20, 127.11, 120.23, 119.74, 90.84 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 57.0Hz), 89.00 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 58.0Hz), 38.58 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.59 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.34 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.0Hz), 33.82 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.95--190.21 (m, 1F), -190.47--190.73 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>ONa</sub><sup>+</sup>: 366.1270; found: 366.1265.



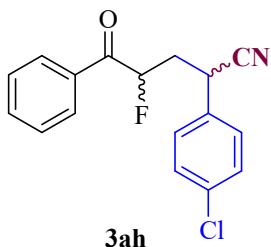
**4-fluoro-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 51.4 mg, 90% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.93(d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.32 (m, 8H), 7.15-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.99-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.44-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.07 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.32 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.71 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.39 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 163.98 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 161.51 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 134.51, 134.43, 133.71, 133.67, 130.32, 130.29, 129.83, 129.79, 129.71, 129.23, 129.14, 129.10, 129.02, 128.98, 120.11, 119.64, 116.77, 116.57, 116.35, 90.75 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 57.0Hz), 88.91 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 58.0Hz), 38.41 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.49 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 32.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 32.40 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -112.28--112.35 (m, 1F), -112.79--112.86 (m, 1F), -189.80--190.05 (m, 1F), -190.37--190.63 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NONa<sup>+</sup>: 308.0857; found: 308.0859.



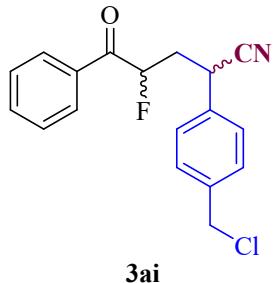
**2-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 53.7 mg, 89% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.29 (m, 12H), 5.99-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.44-5.28 (m, 1H), 4.21-4.06 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.33 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.64 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.32 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 135.04, 134.74, 134.54, 134.46, 133.71, 133.66, 132.92, 132.46, 129.84, 129.67, 129.29, 129.11, 129.07, 129.03, 129.00, 128.75, 119.81, 119.36, 90.71 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 54.0Hz), 88.88 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 54.0Hz), 38.30 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.35 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.03, 32.56.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.21--189.46 (m, 1F), -190.10--190.36 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>FNOClNa<sup>+</sup>: 324.0561; found: 324.0564.



**2-(4-(chloromethyl)phenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), white solid, mp = 49-

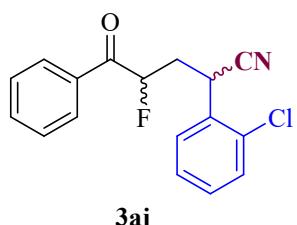
52 ° C, 54.9 mg, 87% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.36 (m, 14H), 7.52-7.29 (m, 12H), 6.00-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.30 (m, 1H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.24-4.08 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.32 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 193.61 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 193.29 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 137.36, 137.08, 133.51, 133.35, 133.27, 133.07, 132.70, 132.67, 128.69, 128.56, 127.98, 127.96, 127.92, 127.89, 127.86, 127.20, 126.66, 118.83, 118.37, 89.72 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 52.0Hz), 87.88 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 53.0Hz), 44.34, 37.26 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 36.37 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 32.20 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 31.75 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.60 (s, 1F), -190.41 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClFNONa<sup>+</sup>: 338.0718; found: 338.0721.



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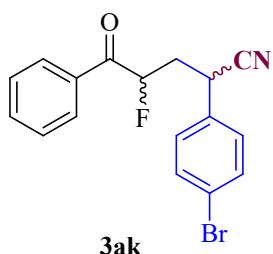
**2-(2-chlorophenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 48.3 mg, 80% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.29 (m, 14H), 5.99-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.62-5.47 (m, 1H), 4.70-4.58 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.32 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.70 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 20.0Hz), 194.36 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 134.40, 134.33, 133.85, 133.77, 133.21, 132.76, 132.14, 130.50, 130.41, 130.34, 130.21, 129.54, 129.14, 129.11, 129.07, 129.04, 128.93, 128.07, 127.98, 119.32, 119.10, 91.28 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.0Hz), 89.44 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.0Hz), 36.38 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 36.05 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 31.28 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 30.93 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -187.16--187.42 (m, 1F), -190.52--190.78 (m, 1F)..

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClFNONa<sup>+</sup>: 324.0561; found: 324.0564.



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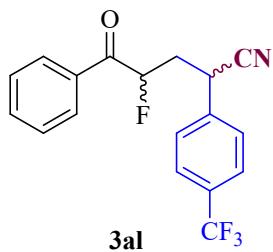
**2-(4-bromophenyl)-4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 57.5 mg, 83% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.99 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.28 (m, 14H), 6.02-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.32 (m, 1H), 4.23-4.09 (m, 2H), 2.74-2.37 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.64 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.30 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 134.55, 134.47, 133.71, 133.65, 133.41, 132.94, 132.82, 132.65, 129.56, 129.11, 129.08, 129.03, 129.00, 123.18, 122.85, 119.70, 119.25, 90.69 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 52.0Hz), 88.86 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 53.0Hz), 38.28 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.30 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.13, 32.65.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.14--189.39 (m, 1F), -190.10--190.36 (m, 1F)..

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrFNONa<sup>+</sup>: 368.0056; found: 368.0055.



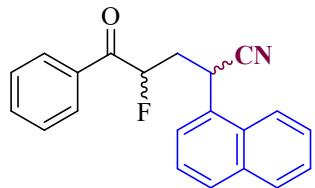
**4-fluoro-5-oxo-5-phenyl-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pentanenitrile,** purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 52.3 mg, 78% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.45 (m, 14H), 6.01-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.32 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.17 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.52 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.58 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.20 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 138.38, 138.02, 134.59, 134.52, 133.71, 133.64, 131.26, 129.12, 129.08, 129.04, 129.00, 128.39, 127.89, 126.65, 126.62, 126.53, 126.49, 125.10, 122.39, 119.44, 119.01, 90.69 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 42.0Hz), 88.85 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 43.0Hz), 38.23 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.22 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.42 , 32.98.

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -62.43--63.28 (m, 6F), -188.62--188.87 (m, 1F), -190.15--190.41 (m, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NONa<sup>+</sup>: 358.0825; found: 358.0824.



**4-fluoro-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-5-oxo-5-phenylpentanenitrile,** purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 50/1), light yellow oily liquid, 38.1 mg, 60% yield.

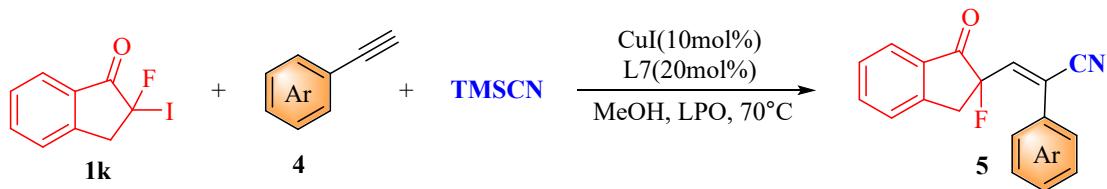
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.00-7.80 (m, 12H), 7.68-7.43 (m, 12H), 6.07-5.92 (m, 1H), 5.50-5.35 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.28 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.54 (m, 4H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 194.77 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 194.49 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 19.0Hz), 134.41, 134.40, 133.78, 133.40, 133.37, 133.23, 133.04, 131.60, 131.08, 129.79, 129.55, 129.05, 129.02, 128.98, 128.90, 128.03, 127.96, 127.93, 127.84, 127.50, 127.14, 127.06, 127.02, 126.89, 126.57, 124.75, 124.54, 120.20, 119.74, 90.86 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 60.0Hz), 89.03 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 60.0Hz), 38.40 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 37.51 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.0Hz), 33.75 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0Hz), 33.30 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 4.0Hz).

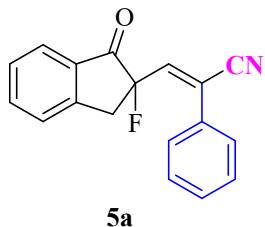
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -189.91--190.48 (m, 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNONa<sup>+</sup>: 340.1108; found: 340.1112.

### 4.3 General procedure for the synthesis of 5a-5d



An oven-dried tube was charged with **CuI** (0.03 mmol, 10 mol %), **Ligand 7** (0.06 mmol, 20 mol %), and **LPO** (0.75 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated three times). Then,  $\alpha$ -iodo- $\alpha$ - fluoroacetophenone **1k** (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in methanol (2.0 mL), styrene **4a** (0.45mmol, 1.5 equiv), and **TMSCN** (0.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv) were added into the tube under the protection of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirring at 70 °C for 5 h. After the reaction was completed, solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator, the crude residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 30:1) to afford the desired product **5a-5d**.



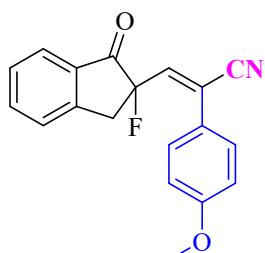
**(E)-3-(2-fluoro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-2-phenylacrylonitrile,** purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 30/1), light yellow oily liquid, 58.2 mg, 70% yield.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.73(d, *J* = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.64(t, *J* = 4.0Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.25 (m, 7H), 6.69(d, *J* = 20.0Hz, 1H), 3.38(d, *J* = 16.0Hz, 2H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.82 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 18.0Hz), 149.49, 149.46, 141.90, 141.64, 136.91, 133.14, 131.39, 129.90, 128.83, 128.80, 128.76, 128.46, 126.65, 125.62, 120.35, 120.27, 118.41, 96.05 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 187.0Hz), 40.11 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 25.0Hz).

**<sup>19</sup>F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -147.50 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>FN<sup>+</sup>: 300.0795; found: 300.0798.



**(E)-3-(2-fluoro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acrylonitrile,** purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 30/1), light yellow oily liquid, 59.9 mg, 65% yield.

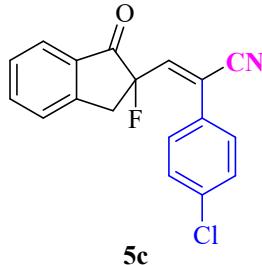
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.75(d, *J* = 10.0Hz, 1H), 7.64(t, *J* = 10.0Hz, 1H), 7.43-

7.33 (m, 4H), 6.79(d,  $J = 10.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 6.61(d,  $J = 20.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.78(s, 3H), 3.41-7.36 (m, 2H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  197.13 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 20.0\text{Hz}$ ), 160.85, 149.63, 140.22, 140.02, 136.91, 133.17, 130.46, 130.43, 128.73, 126.70, 125.62, 123.61, 120.49, 120.44, 118.68, 113.87, 95.86 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 186.25\text{Hz}$ ), 55.36, 40.05(d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23.75\text{Hz}$ ).

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -146.49 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{14}\text{FNO}_2\text{Na}^+$ : 330.0900; found: 330.0901.



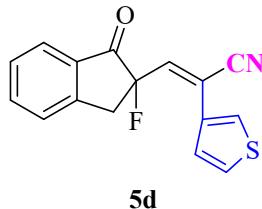
**(E)-2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-fluoro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)acrylonitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 30/1), light yellow oily liquid, 66.4mg, 71% yield.

**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.77(d,  $J = 5.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.70(t,  $J = 5.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.48-7.28 (m, 6H), 6.61(d,  $J = 20.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.47-3.43 (m, 2H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.54 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 17.5\text{Hz}$ ), 149.29, 149.26, 142.00, 141.81, 137.20, 136.11, 133.06, 130.35, 130.32, 129.77, 128.97, 128.64, 126.79, 125.73, 119.00, 118.95, 118.20, 96.18 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 191.25\text{Hz}$ ), 40.26(d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 23.75\text{Hz}$ ).

**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -151.12 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClFNONa}^+$ : 334.0405; found: 334.0407.



**(E)-3-(2-fluoro-1-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-2-(thiophen-3-yl)acrylonitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 30/1), light yellow oily liquid, 63.5 mg, 75% yield.

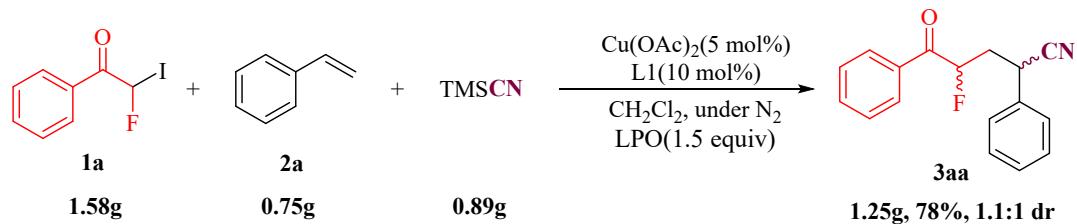
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.79(d,  $J = 5.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.68(t,  $J = 5.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 7.61(s, 1H), 7.47-7.28 (m, 4H), 6.53(d,  $J = 20.0\text{Hz}$ , 1H), 3.54-7.41 (m, 2H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.92 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 18.75\text{Hz}$ ), 149.43, 149.40, 140.05, 139.86, 137.10, 133.12, 131.33, 128.93, 128.05, 128.01, 126.81, 126.42, 125.72, 118.30, 115.61, 115.56, 96.15 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 190.0\text{Hz}$ ), 40.19(d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 25.0\text{Hz}$ ).

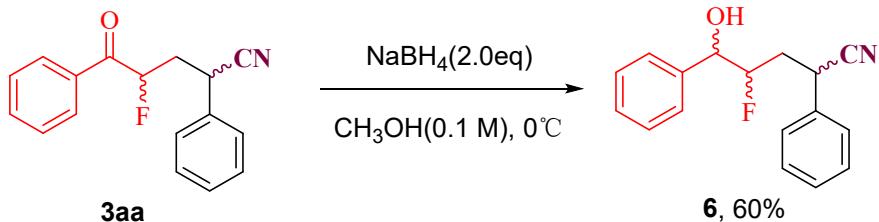
**$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR** (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -150.18 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{FNOSNa}^+$ : 306.0359; found: 306.0366.

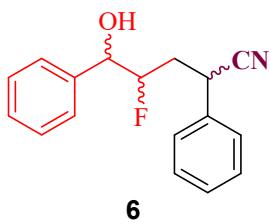
## 5. Gram scale synthesis and synthetic application



An oven-dried tube was charged with Copper(II) acetate(0.3 mmol, 5 mol %), Ligand 1 (0.6 mmol, 10 mol %), and LPO (9.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (repeated three times). Then,  $\alpha$ -iodo- $\alpha$ -fluoroacetophenone **1** (6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in dichloromethane (10.0 mL), styrene **2a** (7.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and TMSCN (9.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added into the tube under the protection of nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirring at room temperature for 8 h. After the reaction was completed, solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator, the crude residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1) to afford the desired product **3aa**, 1.25g, in 78% yield with 1.1:1 dr.



To a solution of **3aa** (0.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH was added portionwise NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 0°C for 20 min. After completion of the reaction (as indicated by TLC), the solution poured into a saturated aqueous sodium hydrogencarbonate solution (5 mL), then extracted with ethyl acetate (3\*5 mL), the combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuum, the crude residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 50:1-5:1) to afford desired the product **6**.



**4-fluoro-5-hydroxy-2,5-diphenylpentanenitrile**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 10/1), light white oily liquid, 64.6 mg, 60% yield.

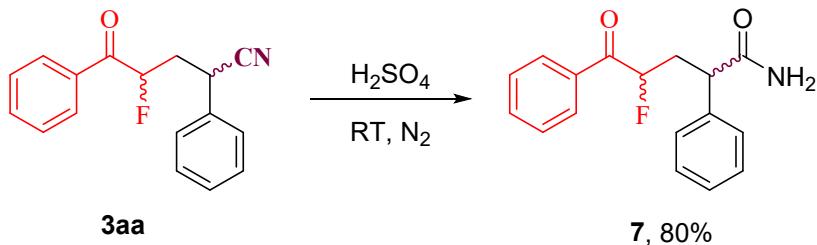
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40-7.24 (m, 20H), 5.03-4.86(m, 2H), 4.76-4.69(m, 1H), 4.47-4.31(m, 1H), 4.08-4.05(m, 1H), 3.90-3.87(m, 1H), 2.48-2.37(m, 1H), 2.77(br, 2H), 2.52-1.84 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 138.29, 135.10(d, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 134.13(d, *J* = 22.0 Hz),

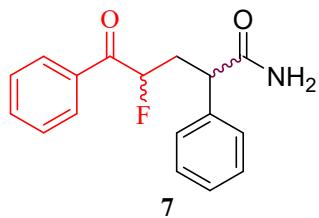
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**$^{19}\text{F NMR}$**  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -189.37 (s, 1F), -190.72 (s, 1F), -192.15 (d,  $J = 15.04\text{Hz}$ , 2F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNONa}^+$ : 292.1108; found: 292.1112.



In a flame-dried schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic bar, **3aa** (0.4 mmol) was dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (1 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After the reaction was completed, water was added drops wise to reaction mixture in order to quench the reaction. The resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 5$  ml), washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford product **7**.<sup>[2]</sup>



**4-fluoro-5-oxo-2,5-diphenylpentanamide**, purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EA = 5/1), solid white, mp = 60–62°C, 91.3 mg, 80% yield.

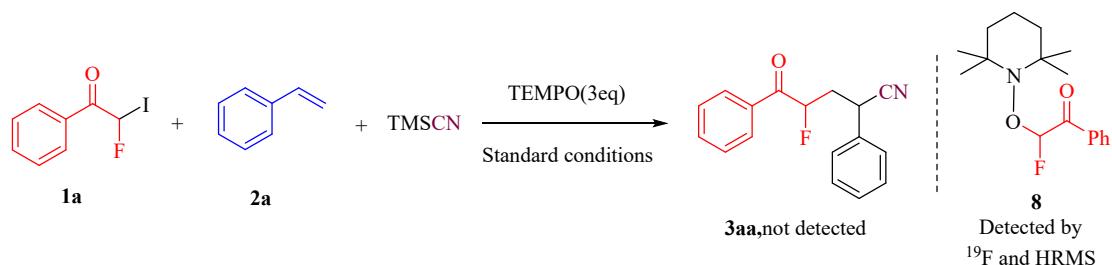
**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.09–8.07 (d,  $J = 8.0\text{Hz}$ , 2H), 7.74–7.21(m, 18H), 6.00–5.88(m, 2H), 5.74–5.60(m, 2H), 5.36–5.23(m, 2H), 3.91–3.79(m, 2H), 2.91–2.40(m, 4H).  **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$**  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  196.14 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 14.0\text{Hz}$ ), 195.64 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 13.0\text{Hz}$ ), 174.80, 171.24, 139.15, 137.87, 134.05, 133.92, 133.86, 133.61, 129.35, 129.12, 128.89, 128.75, 128.72, 128.69, 128.63, 128.43, 128.21, 127.77, 127.66, 126.66, 126.10, 91.85 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 55.0\text{Hz}$ ), 90.40 (d,  ${}^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 58.0\text{Hz}$ ), 47.77, 47.41, 36.92 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 16.0\text{Hz}$ ), 35.80 (d,  ${}^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 16.0\text{Hz}$ ).

**$^{19}\text{F NMR}$**  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -192.92 (s, 1F), -195.03 (s, 1F).

**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FNO}_2\text{Na}^+$ : 308.1057; found: 308.1060.

## 6. Mechanism investigation

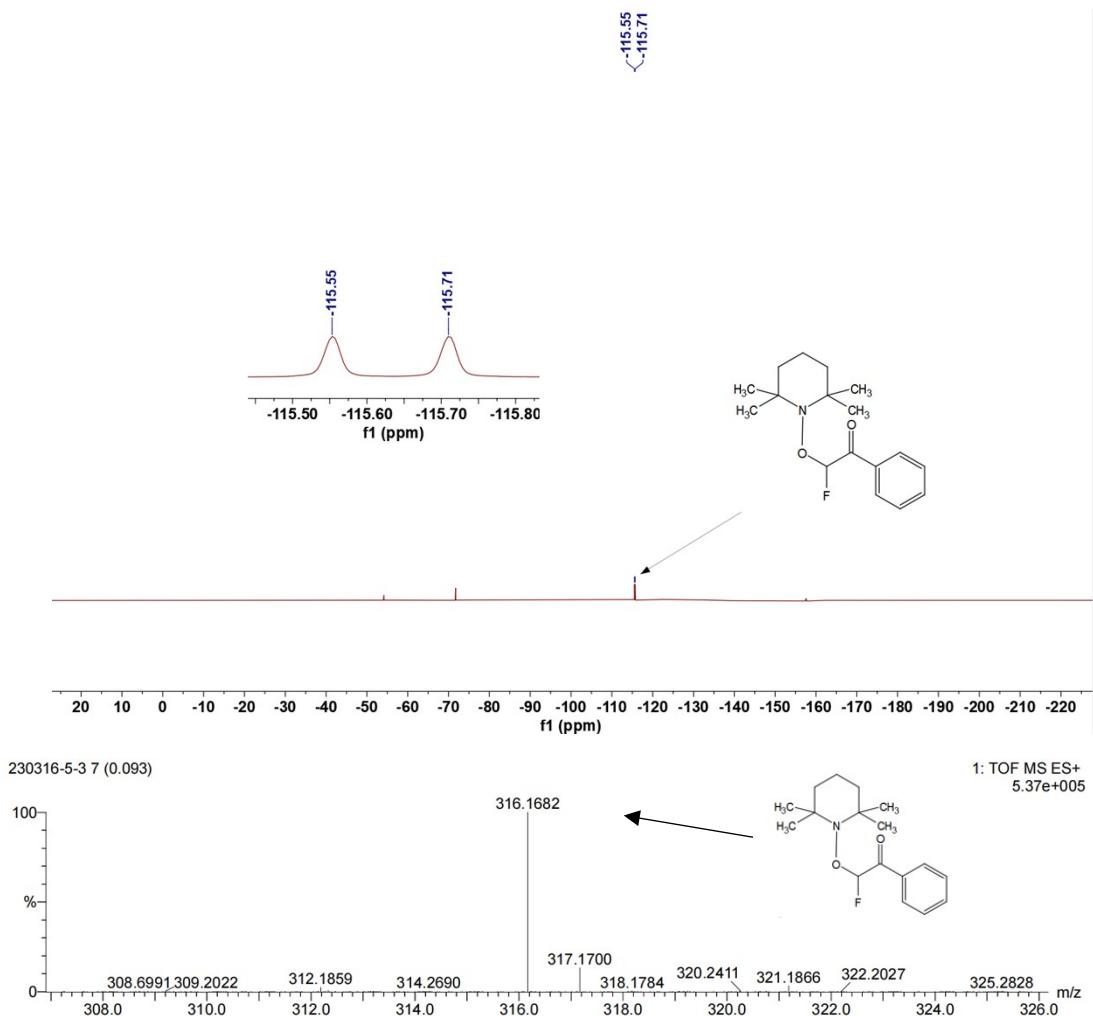
### 6.1 Trapping experiment with TEMPO free radical



Three control experiments were designed to rationalize the reaction pathway. First, the radical scavenger 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO) was added to the three-component reaction under standard conditions. No desired product **3aa** was obtained; instead, compound **8** was detected by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ((376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): $\delta$  -115.63 (d,  $J$  = 60.16 Hz), for compound **8**). The result indicates that a monofluoroalkyl radical addition pathway might be involved in this process.<sup>[3]</sup>

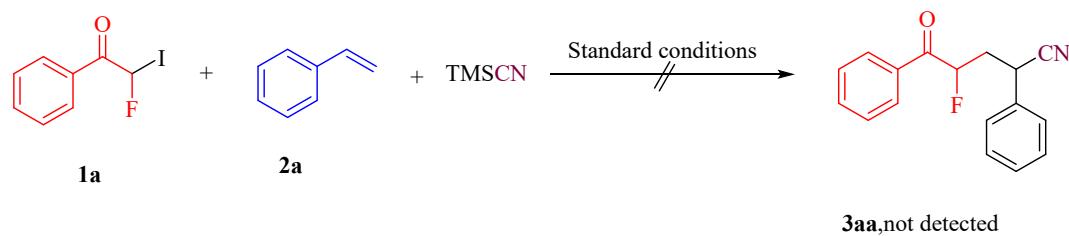
**HRMS (ESI)** m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{FNO}_2\text{Na}^+$ : 316.1689; found: 316.1682.

**Scheme 1** Trapping experiment in the standard reaction. ( $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR and HRMS)



## 6.2 Control experiment

Another control reaction was carried no desired product 3aa was detected in the absence of LPO.



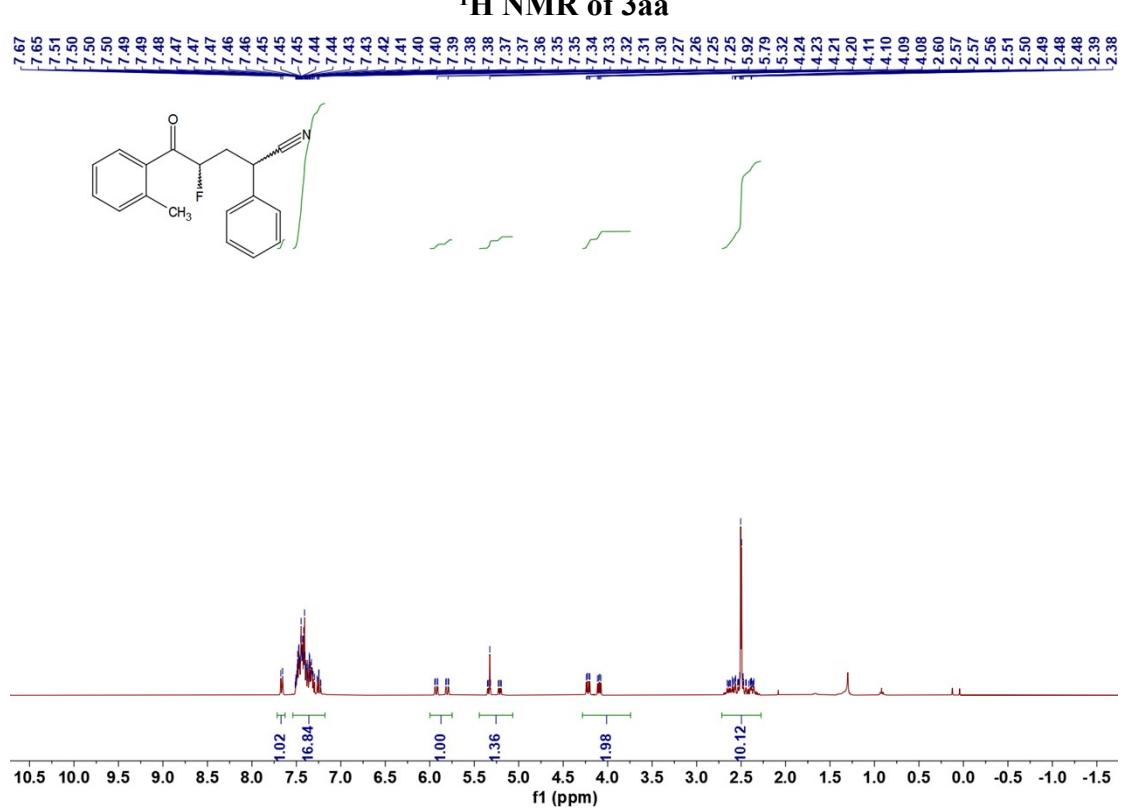
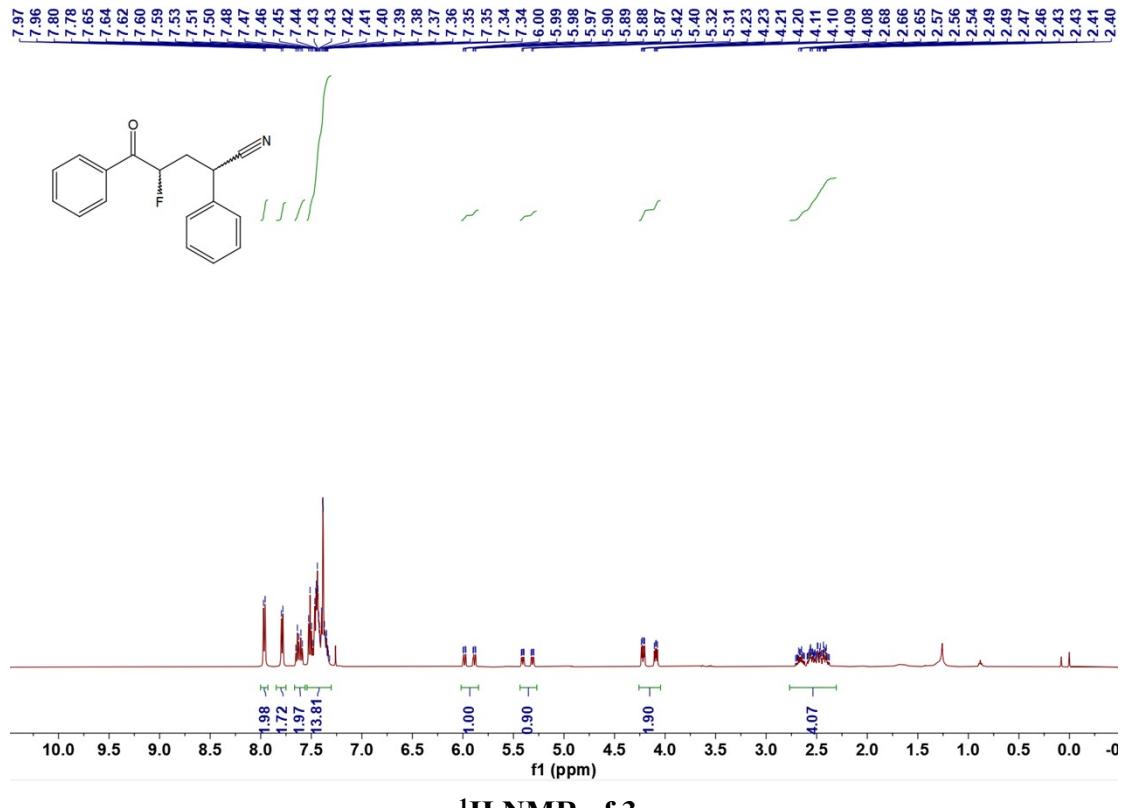
**Scheme 2** The absence of LPO under the standard reaction conditions.

## 7. References

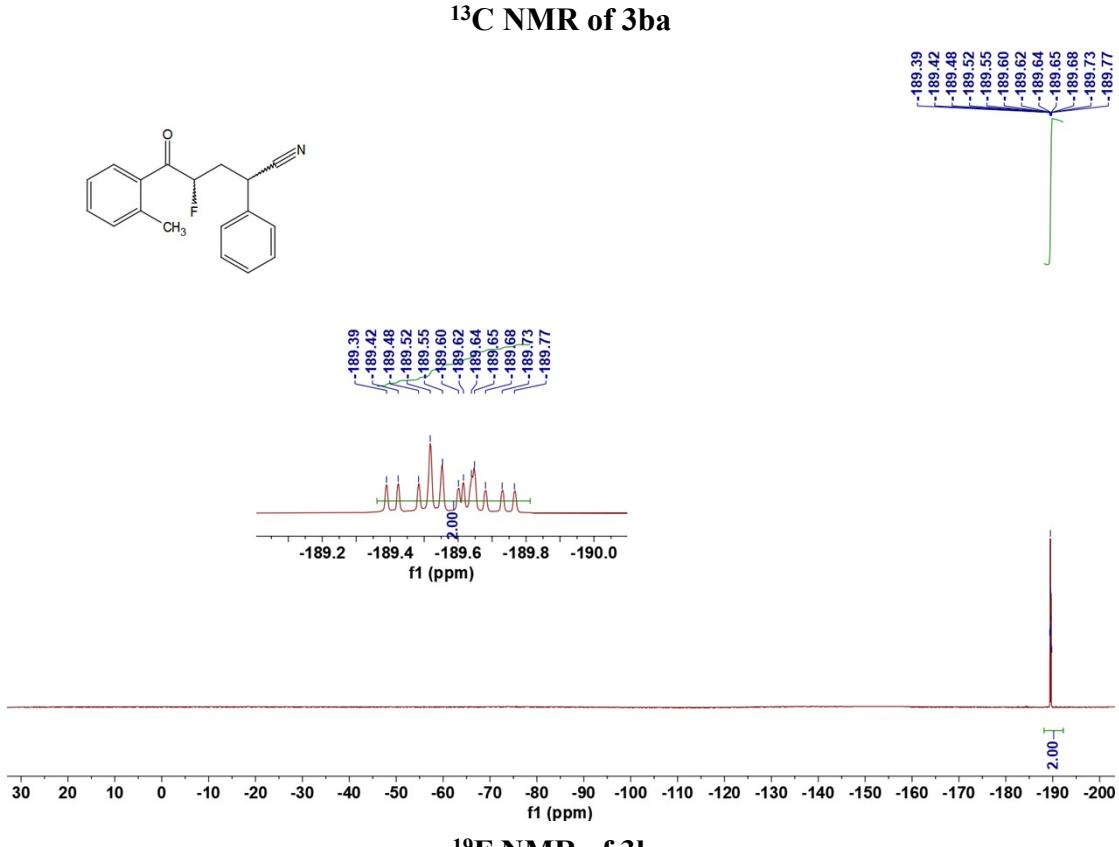
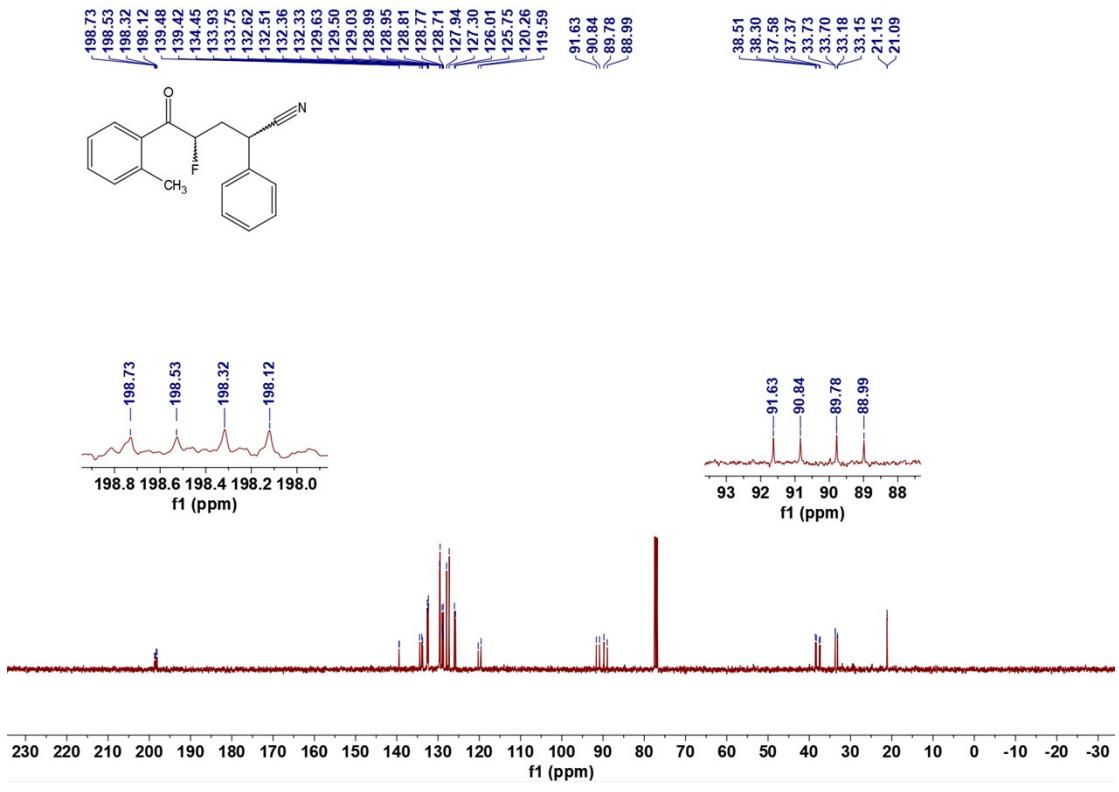
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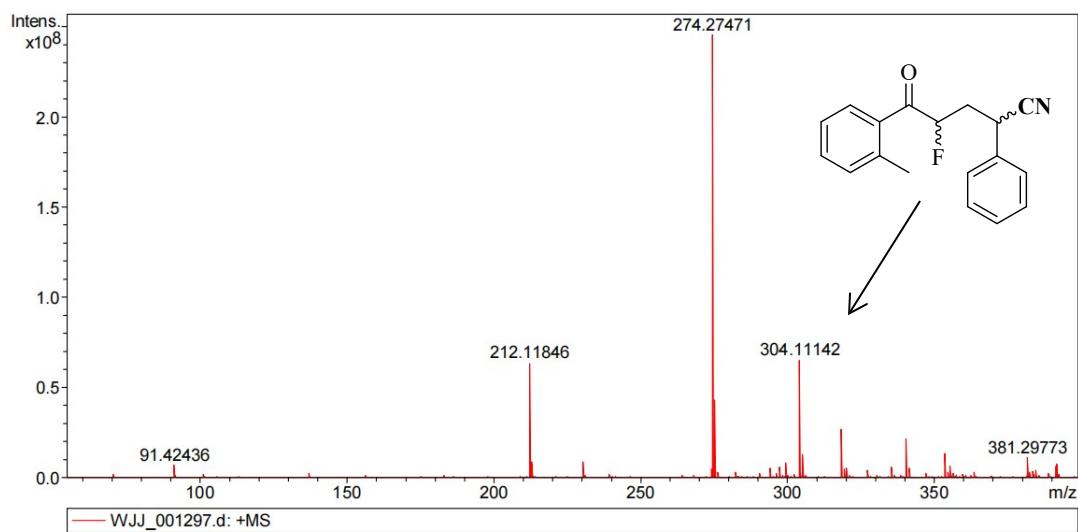
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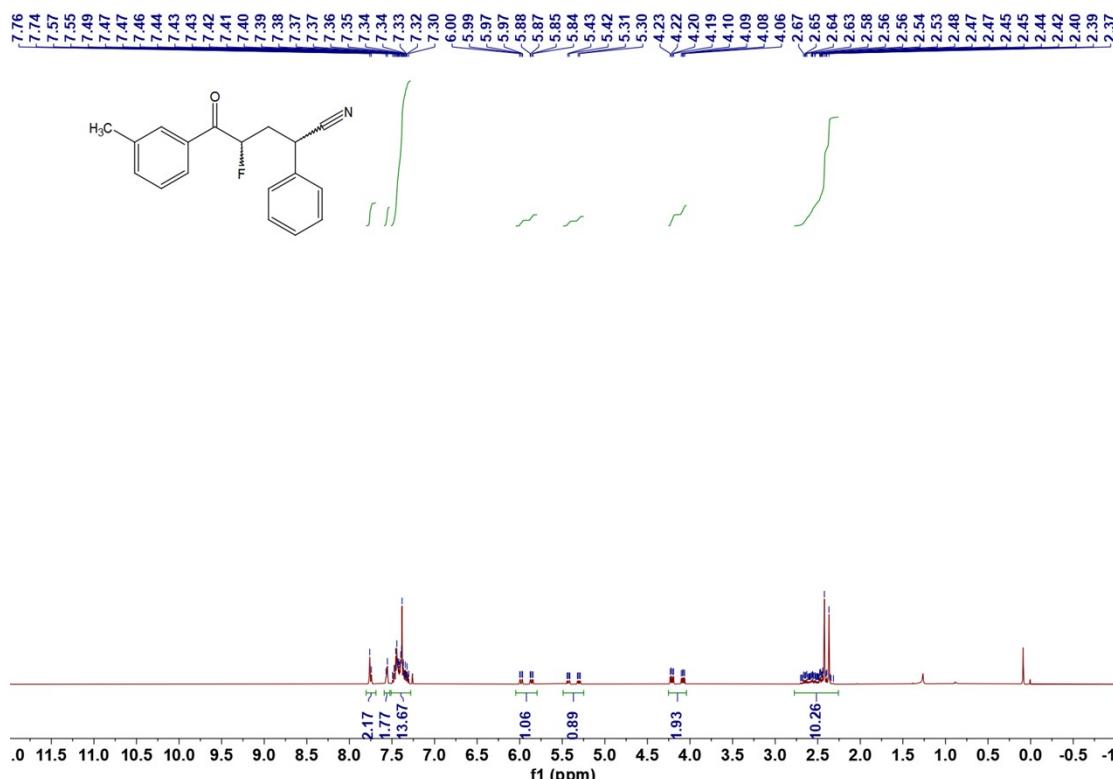


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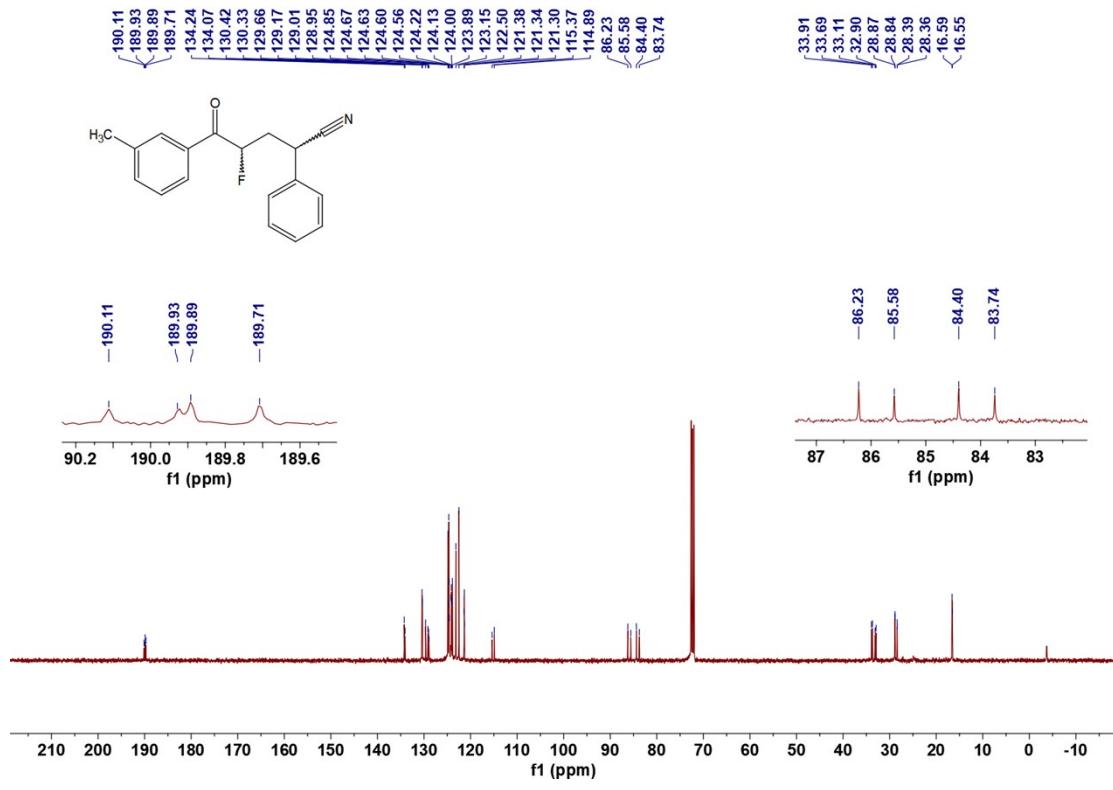




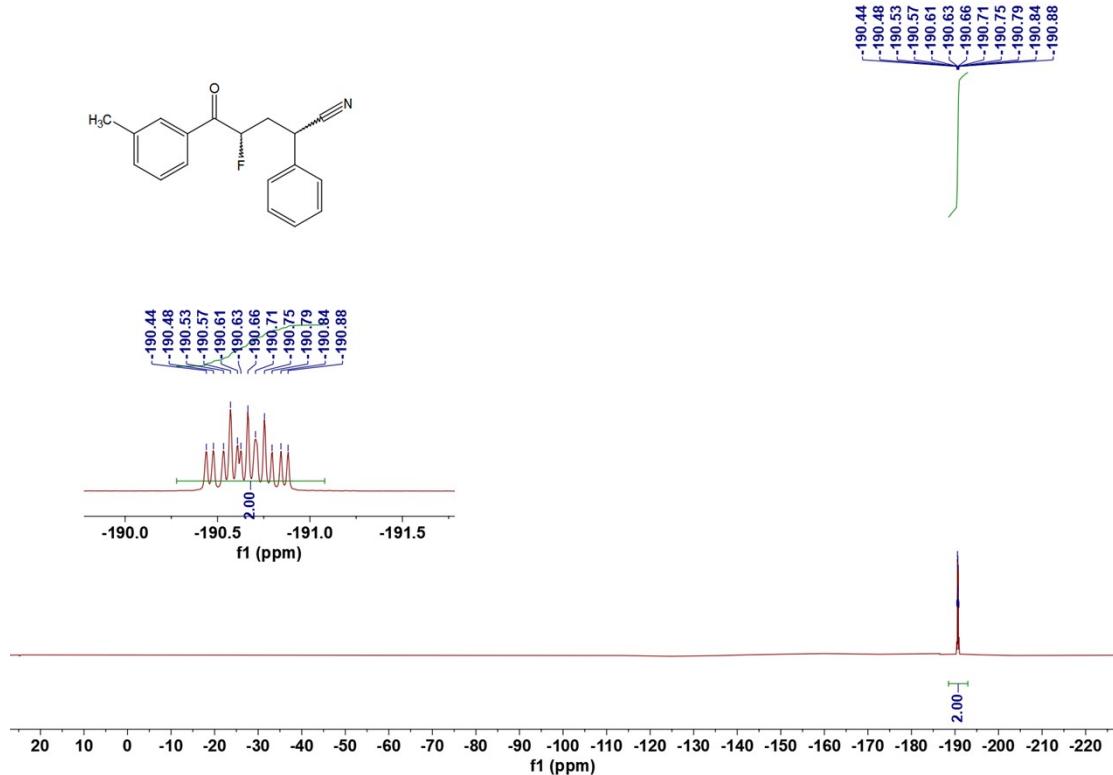
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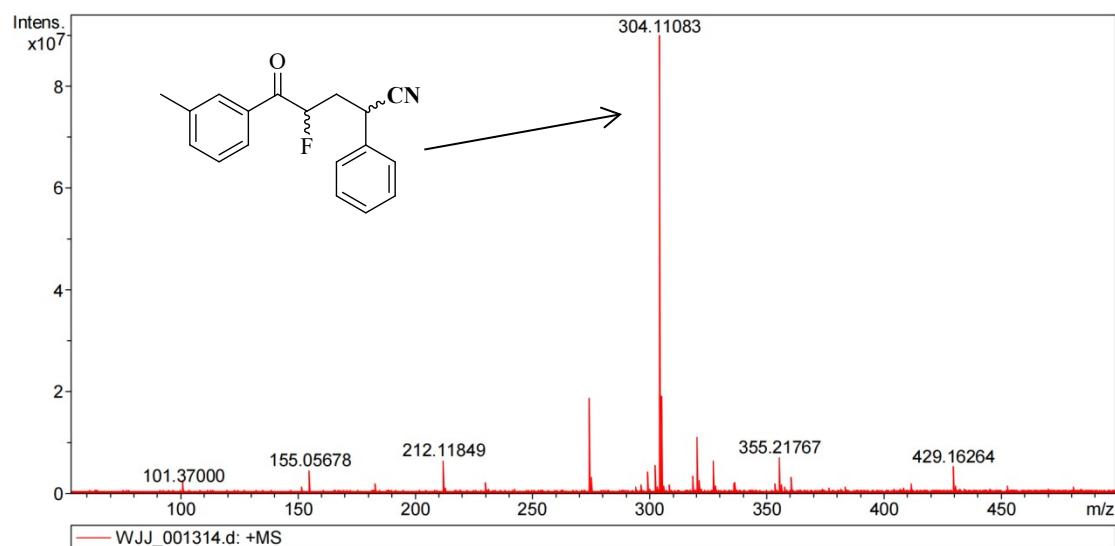
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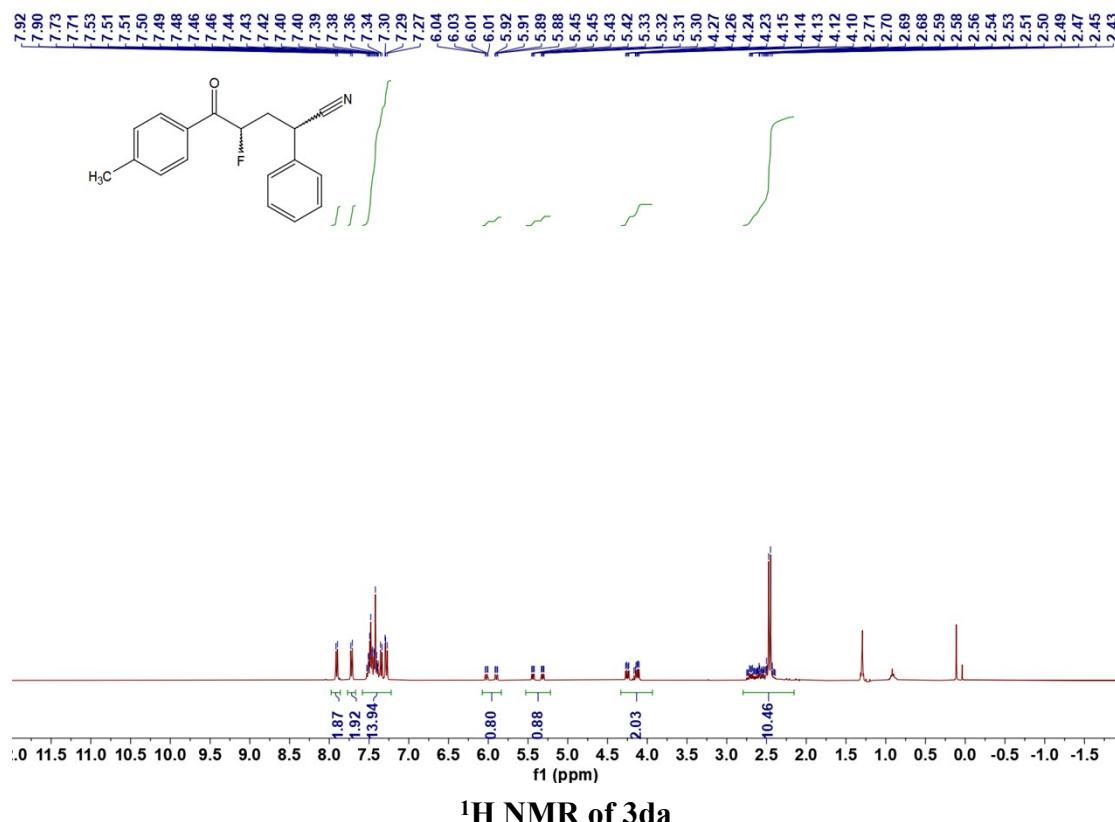
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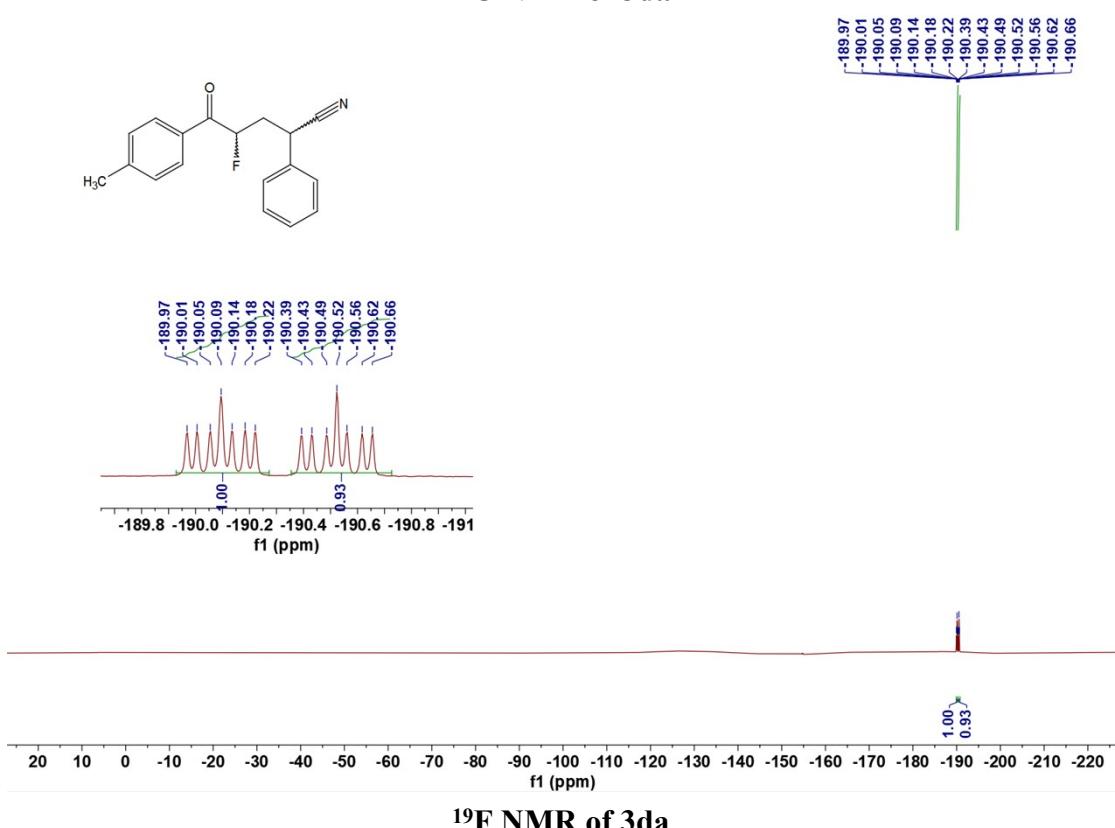
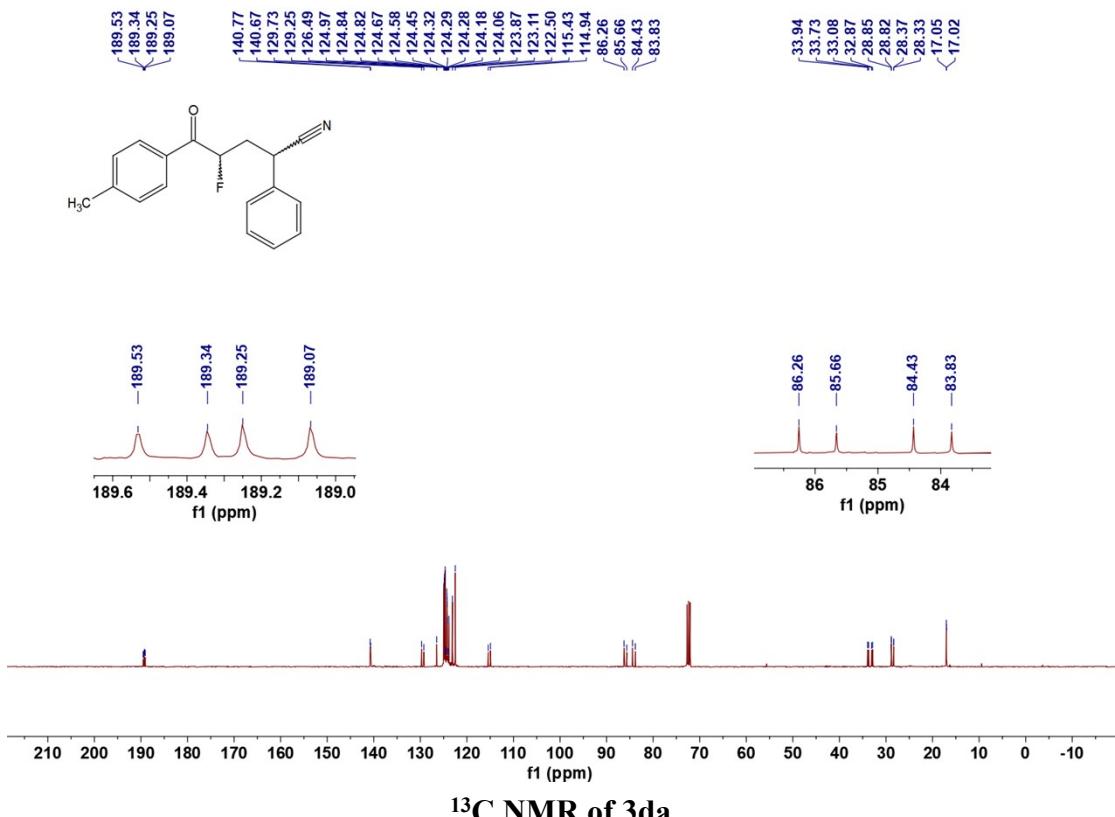


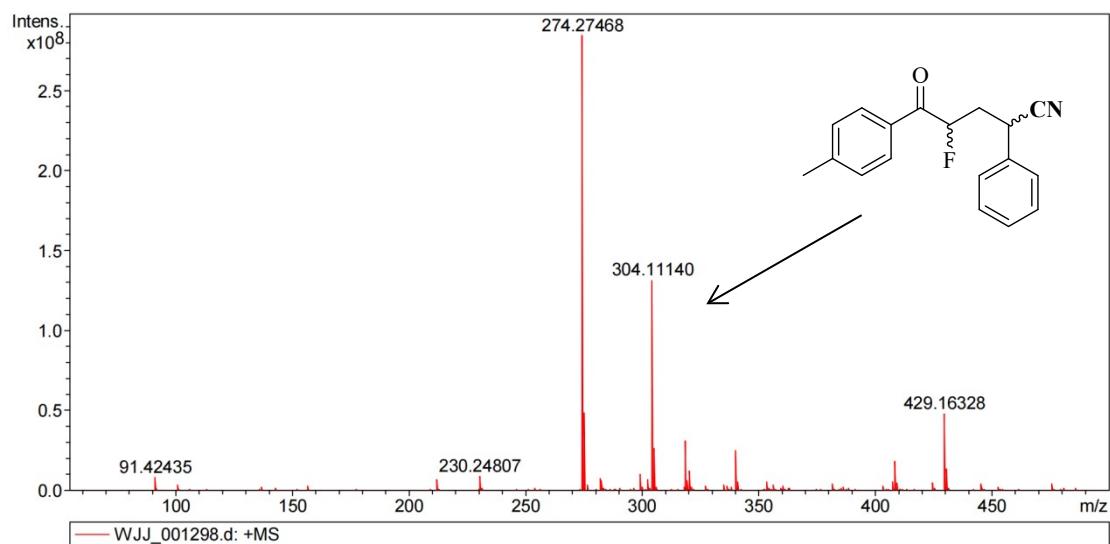
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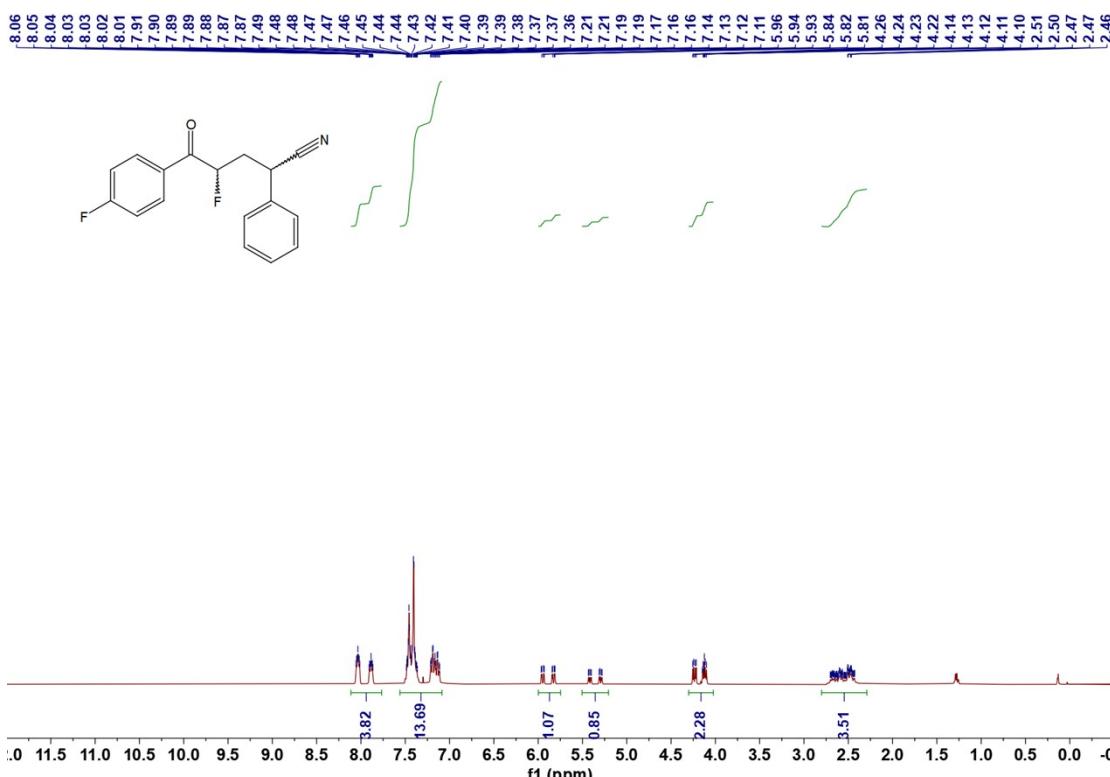
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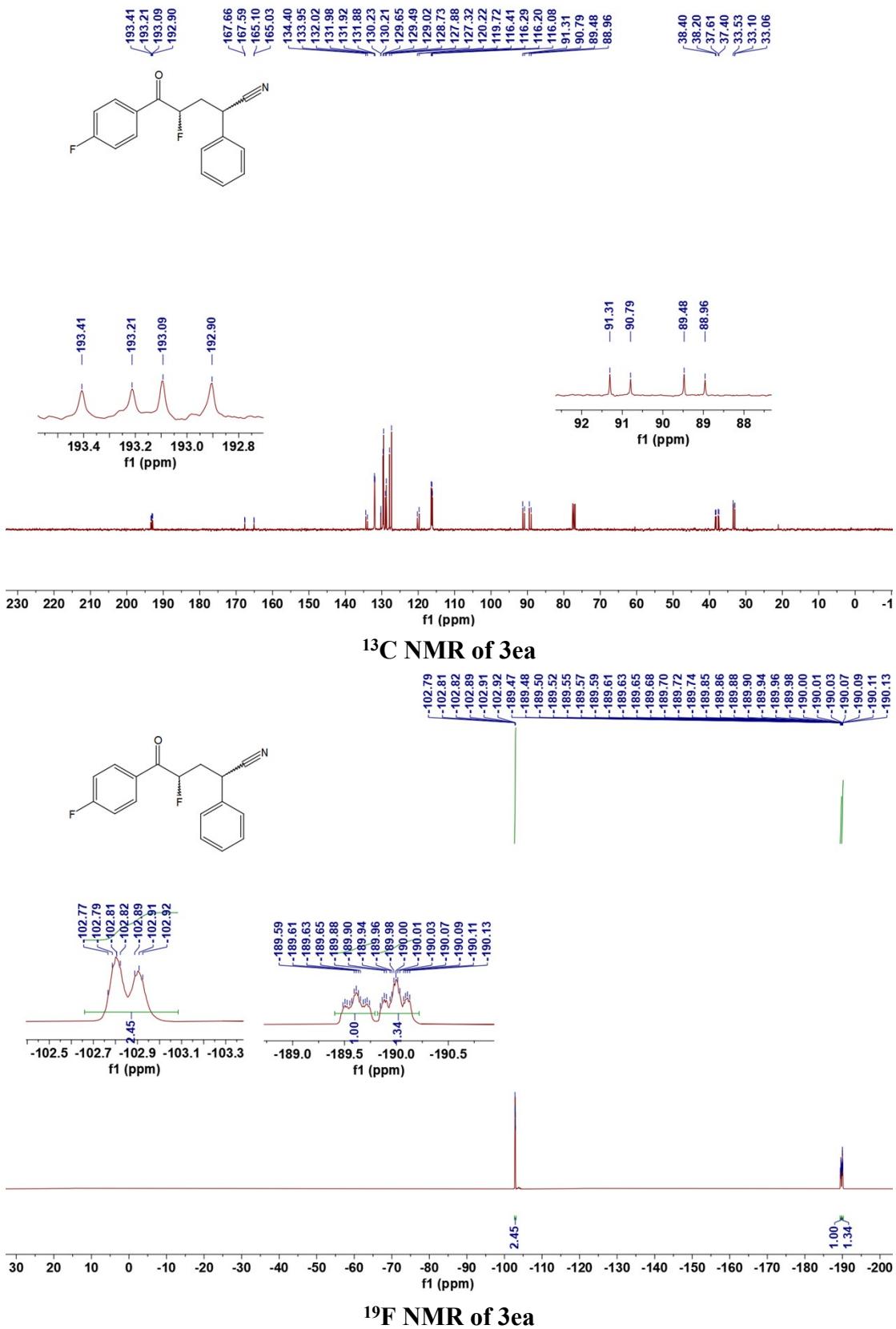


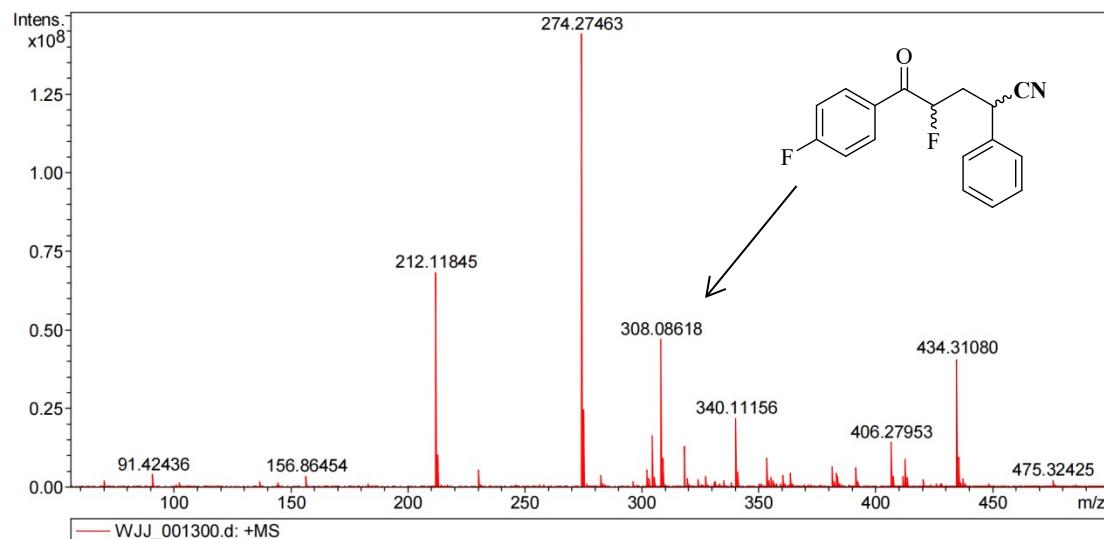


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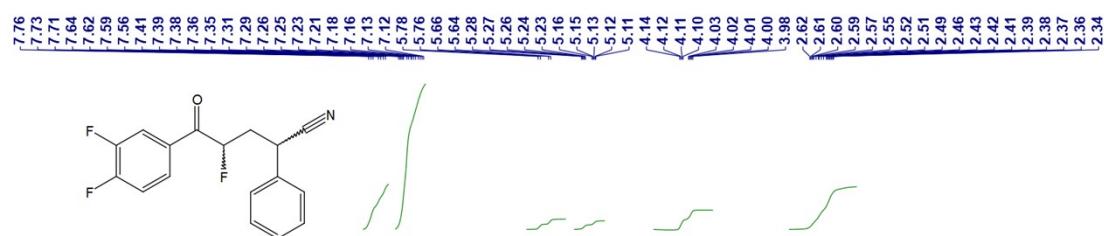


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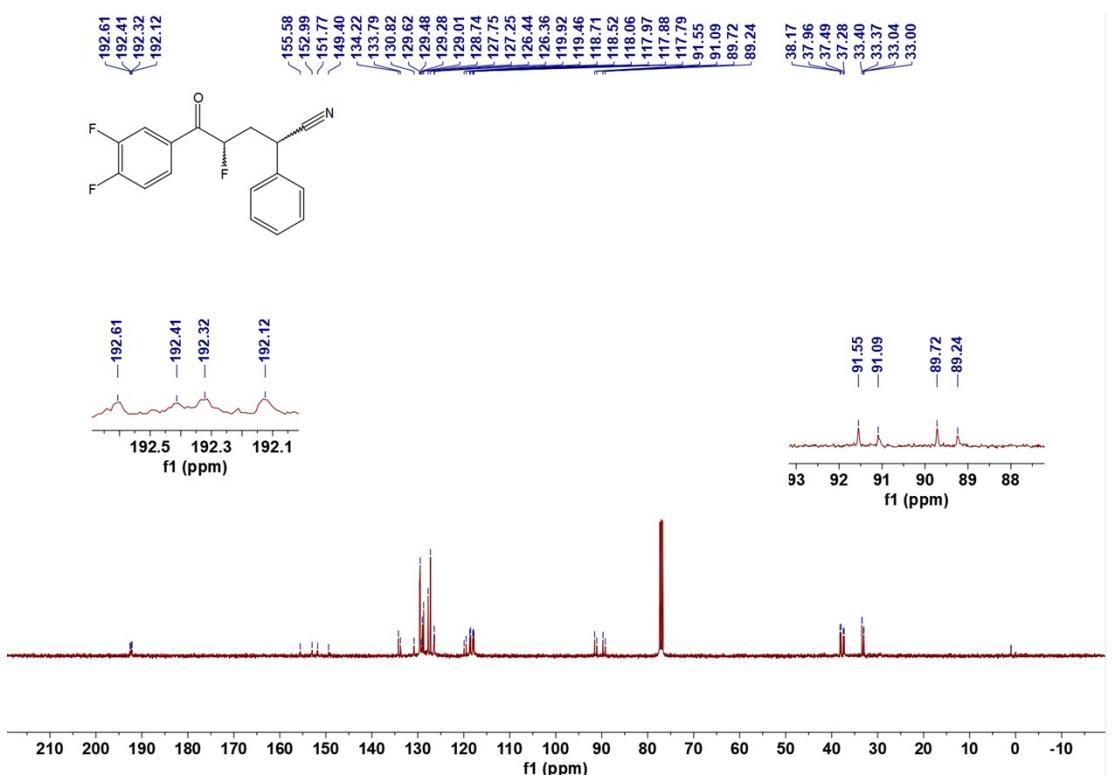




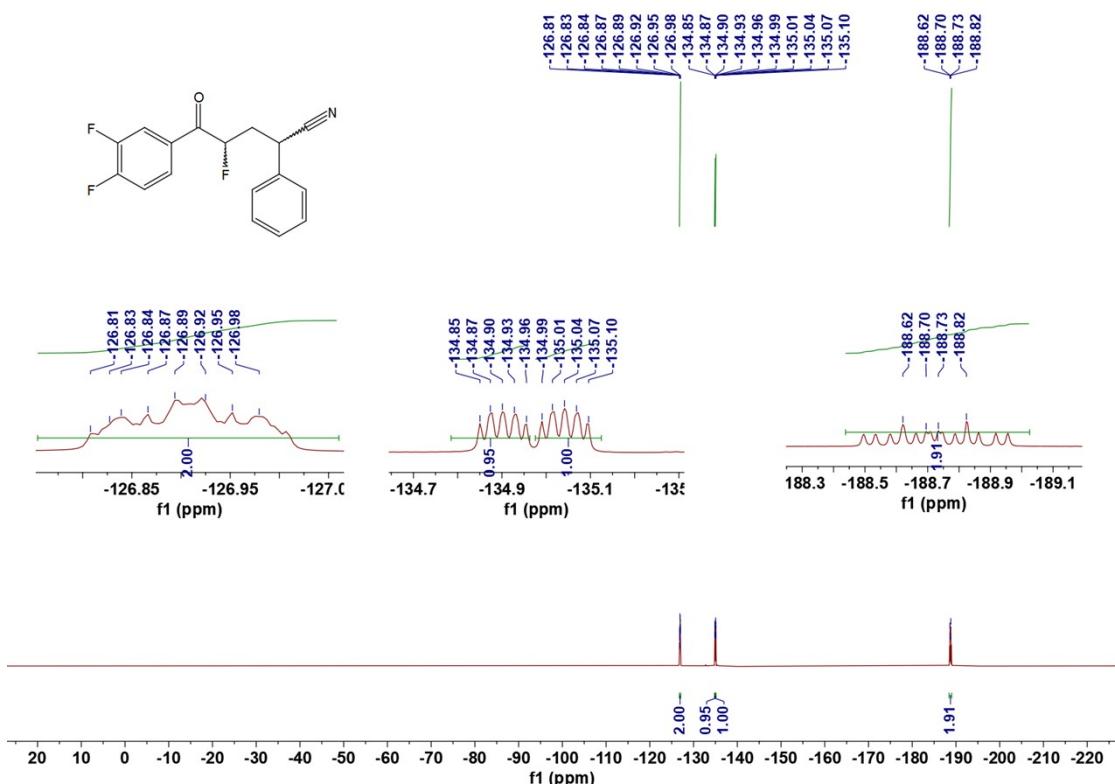
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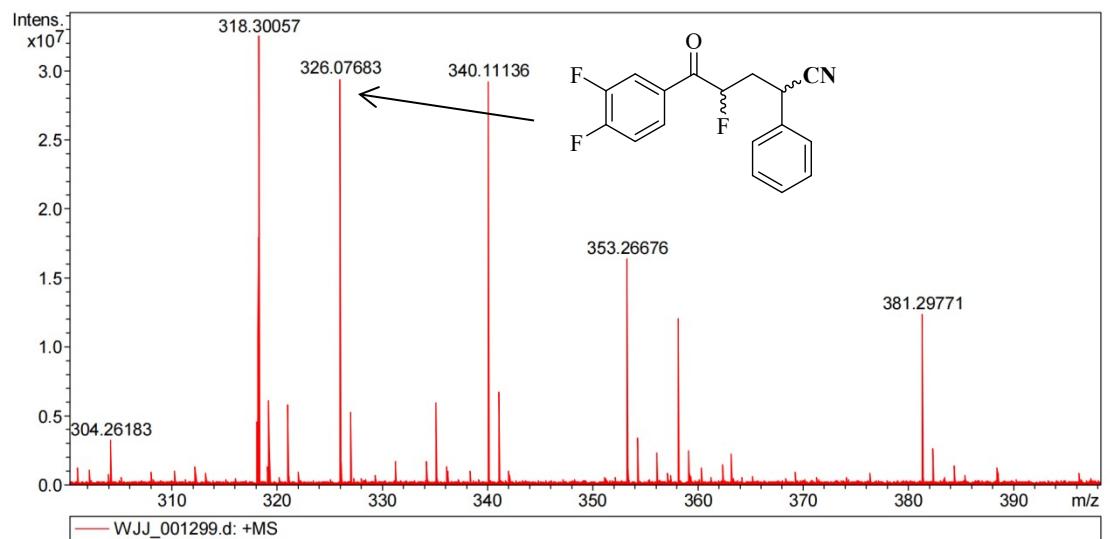
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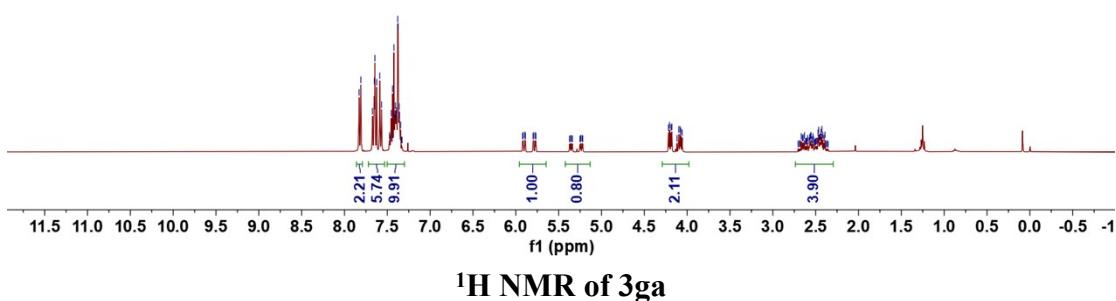
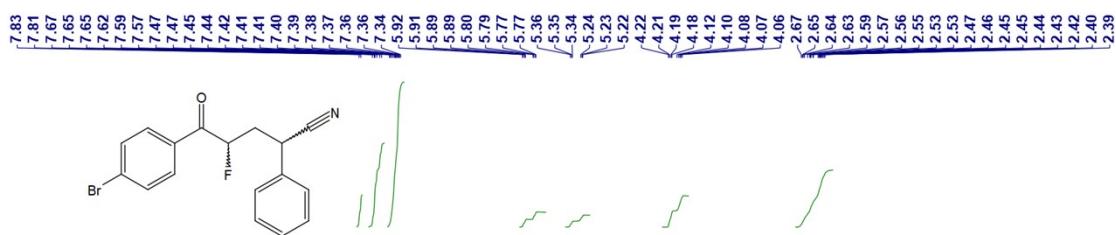
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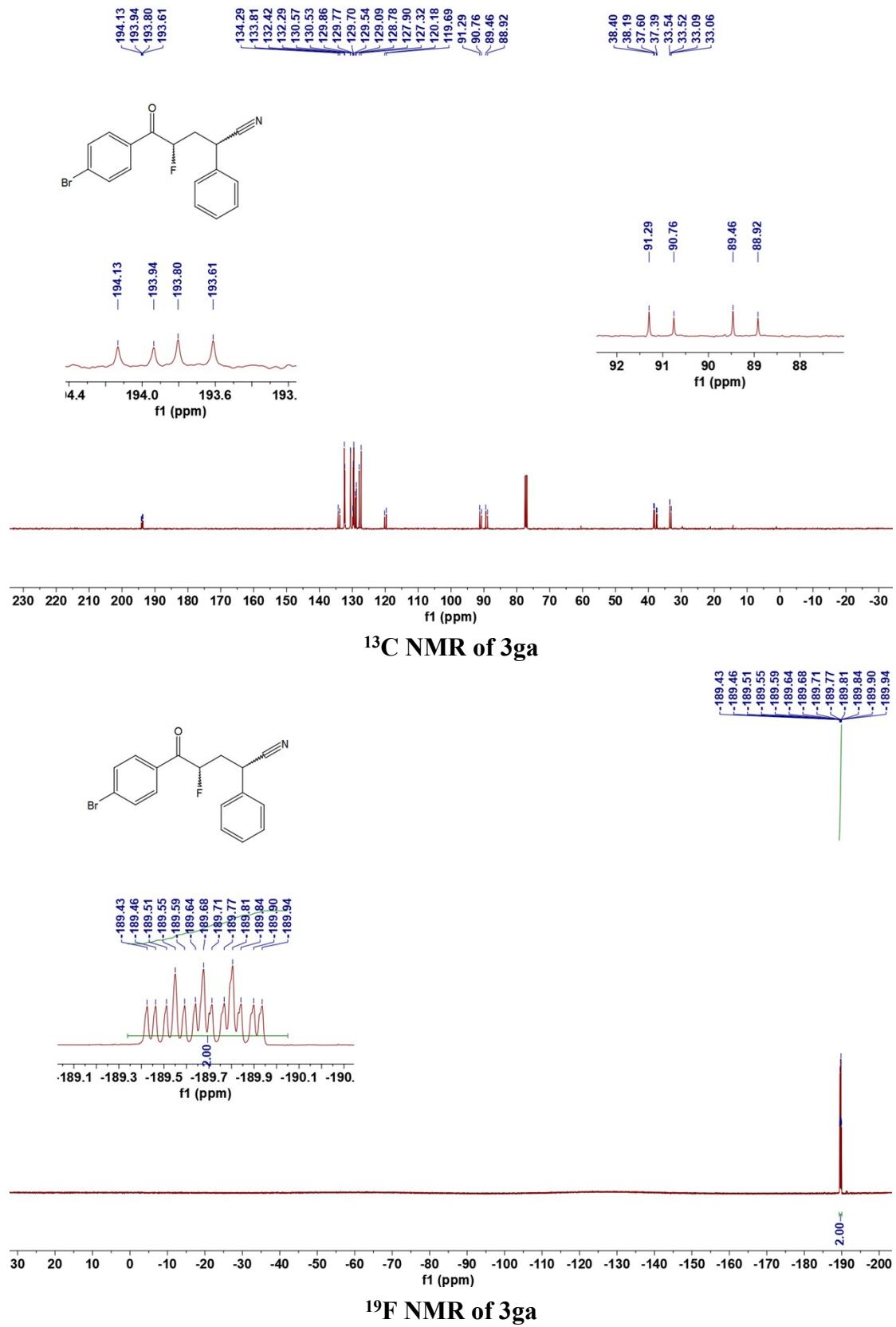


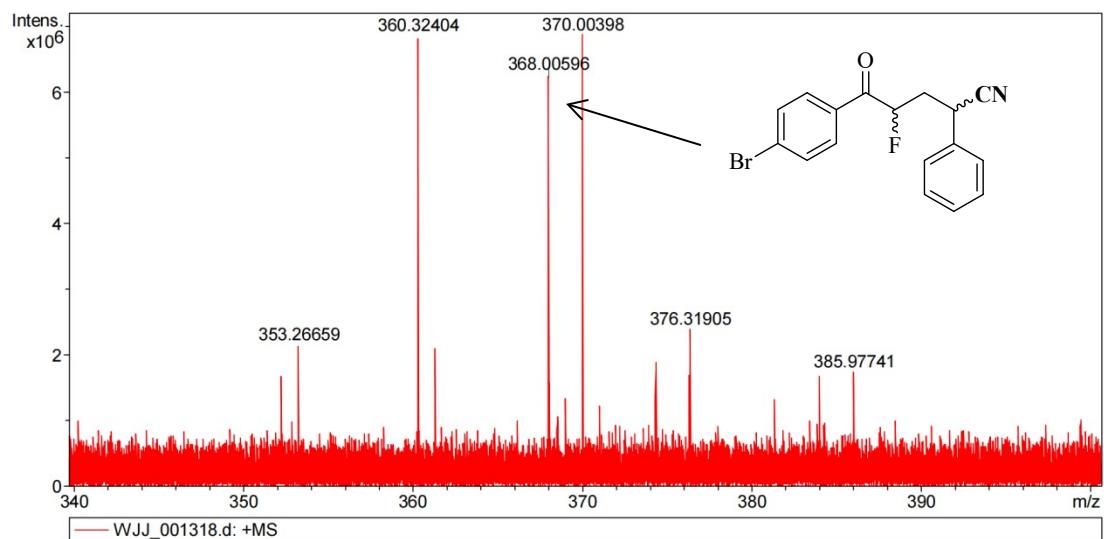
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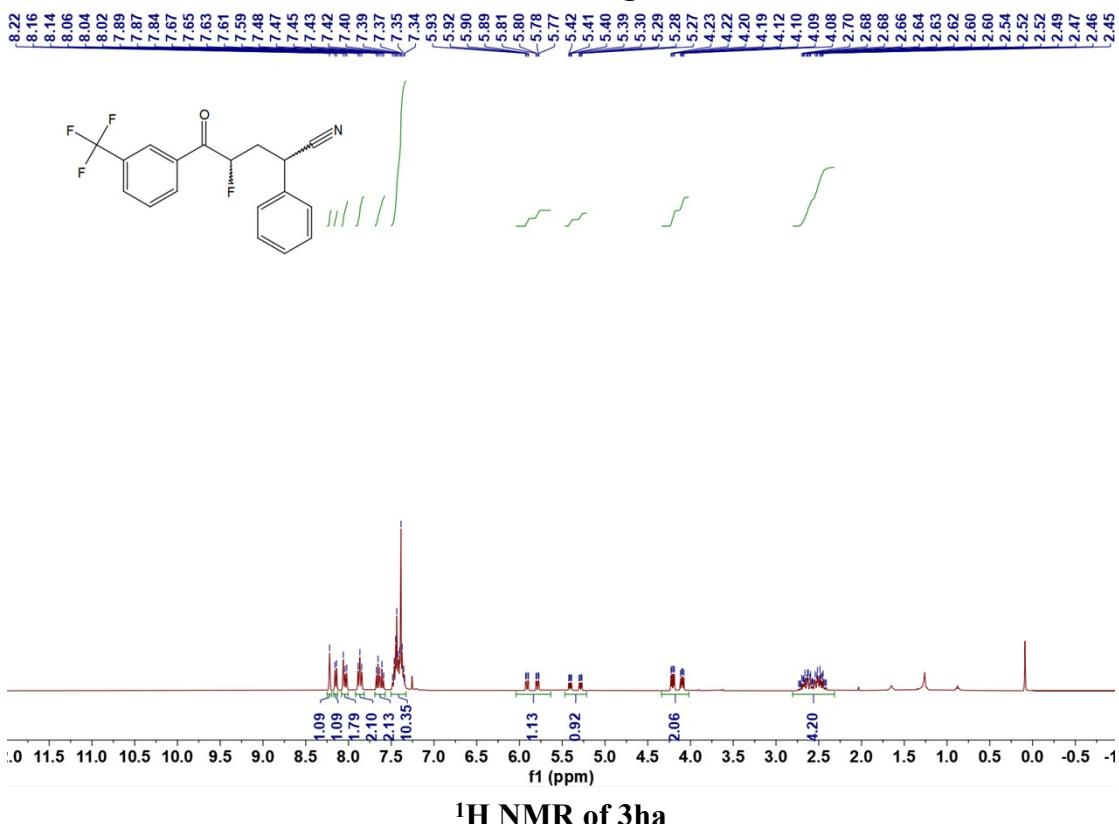
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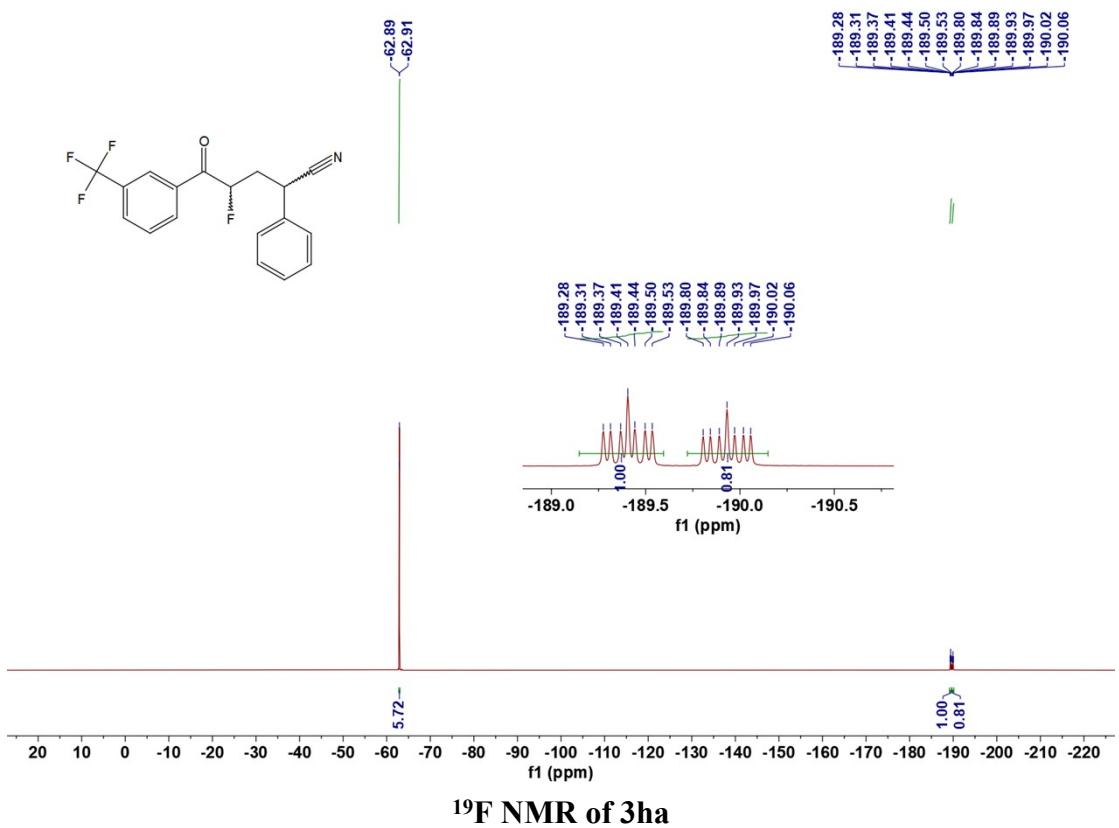
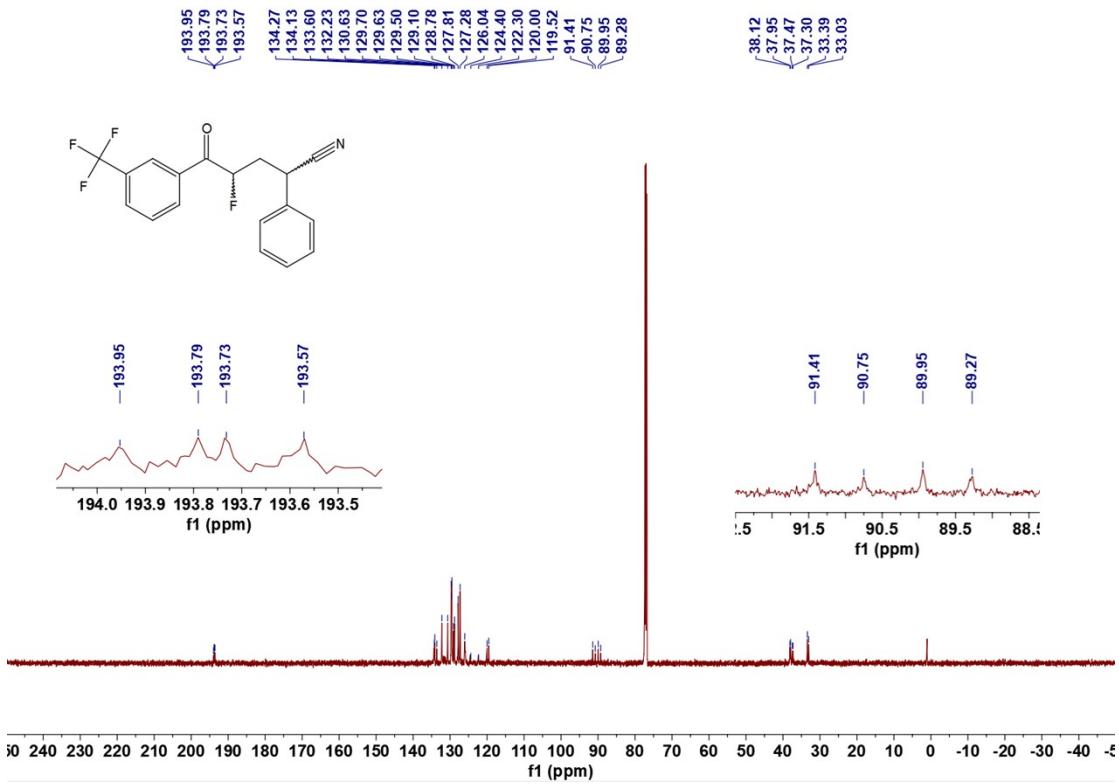


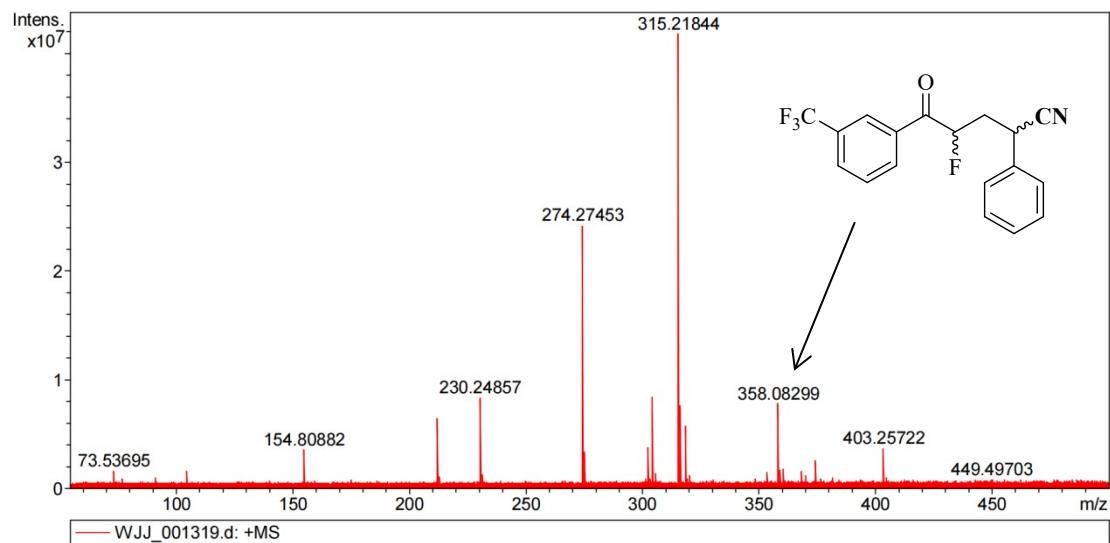




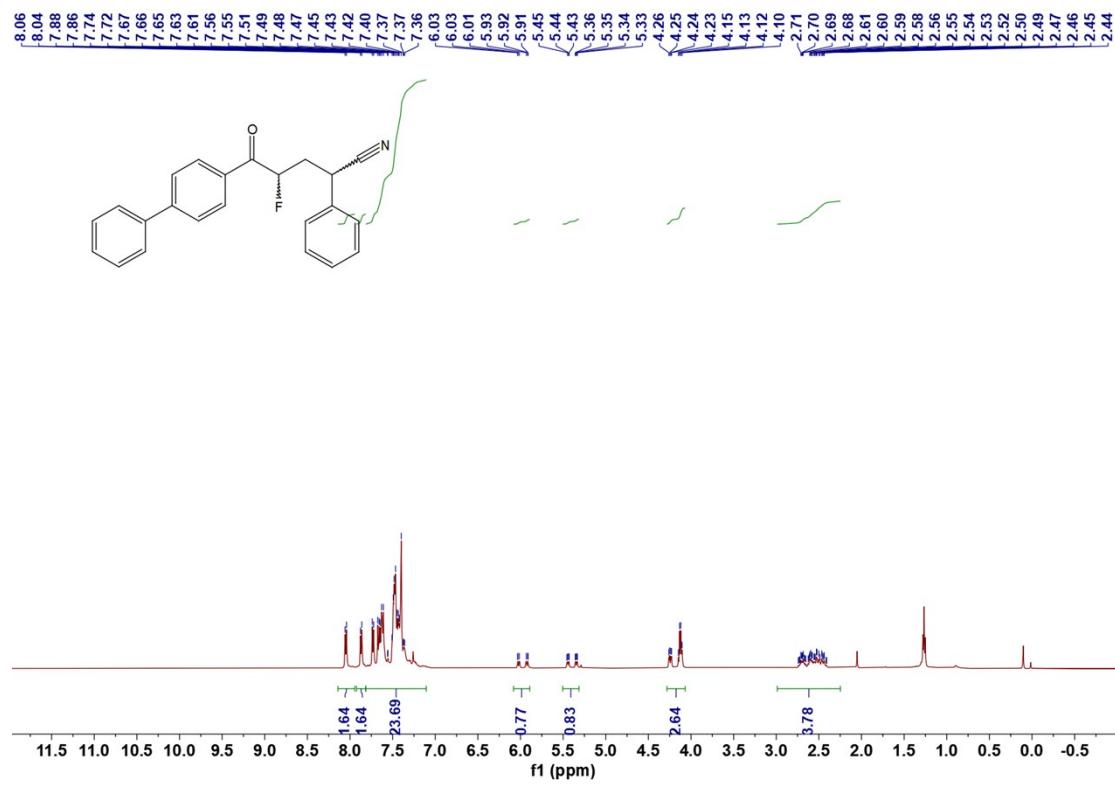
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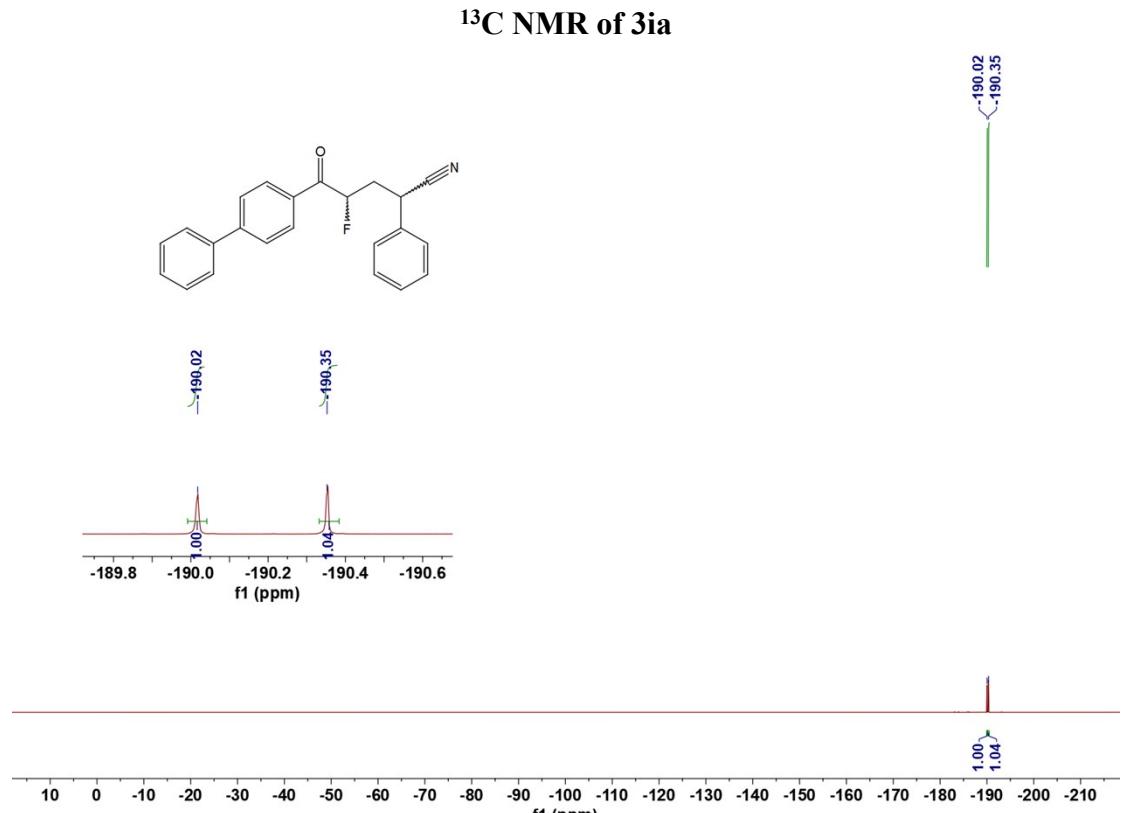
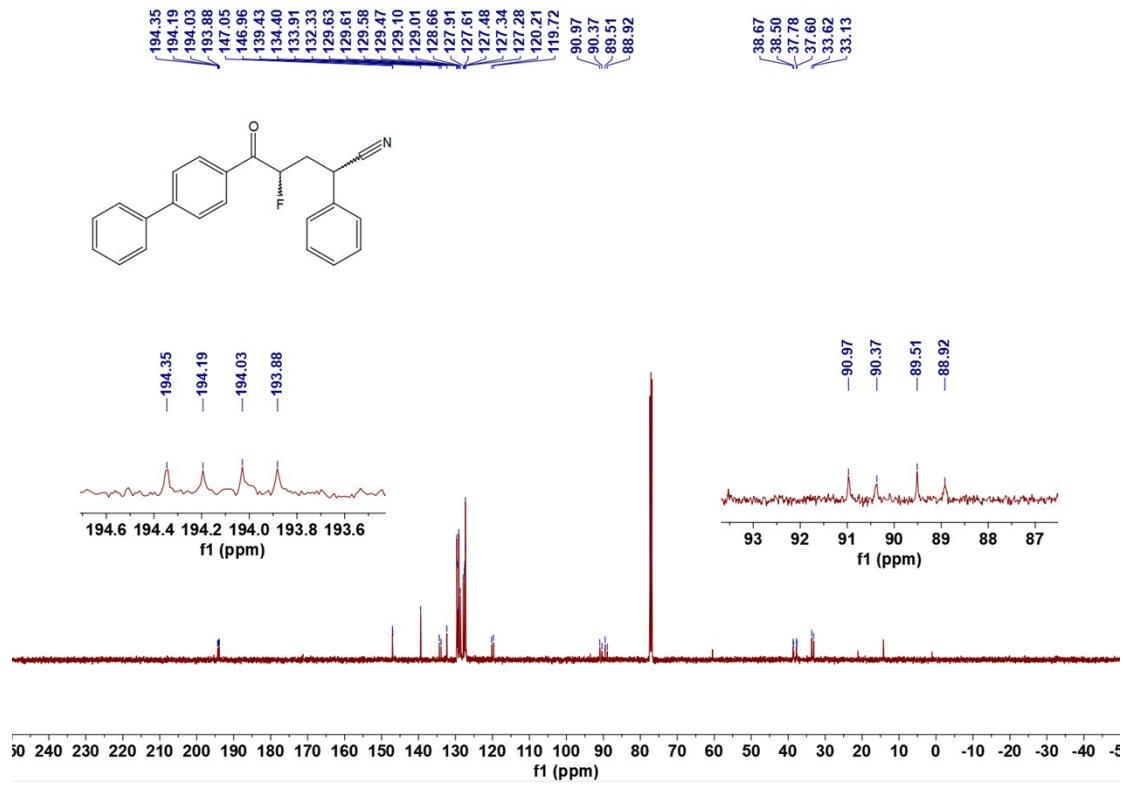


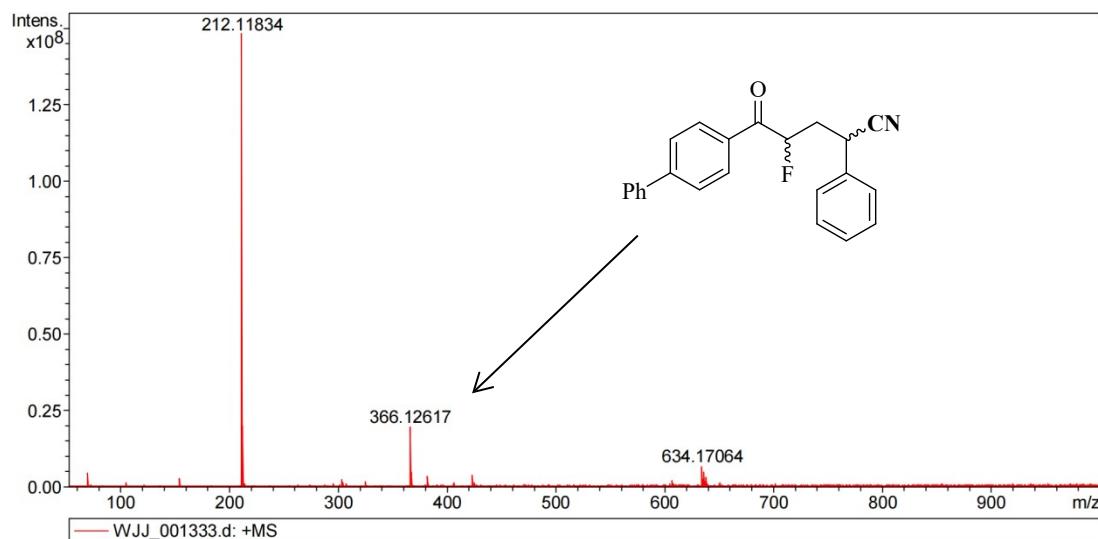


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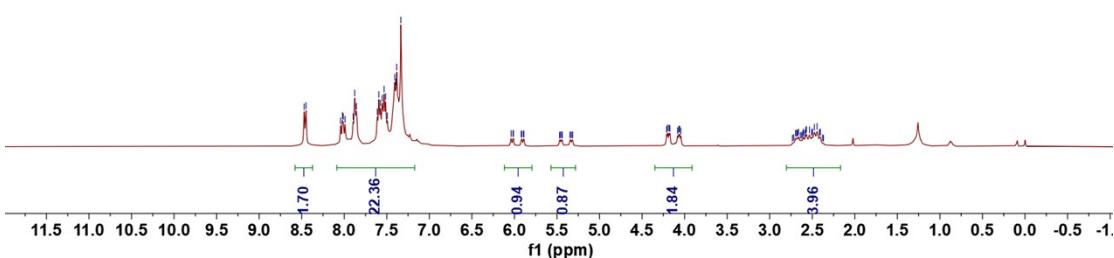
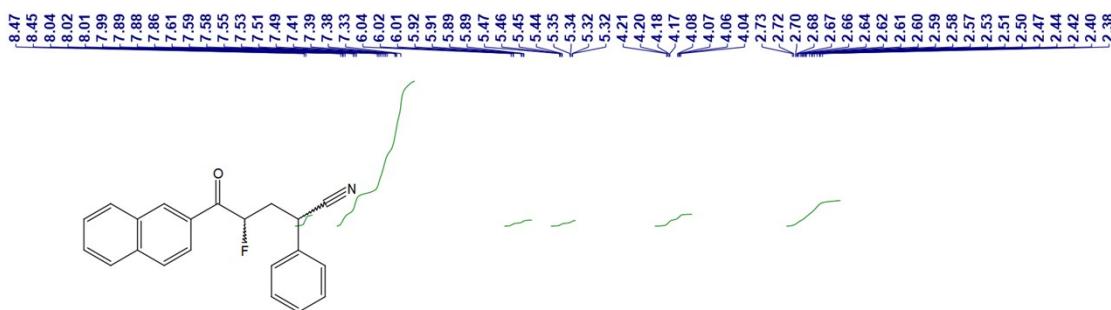


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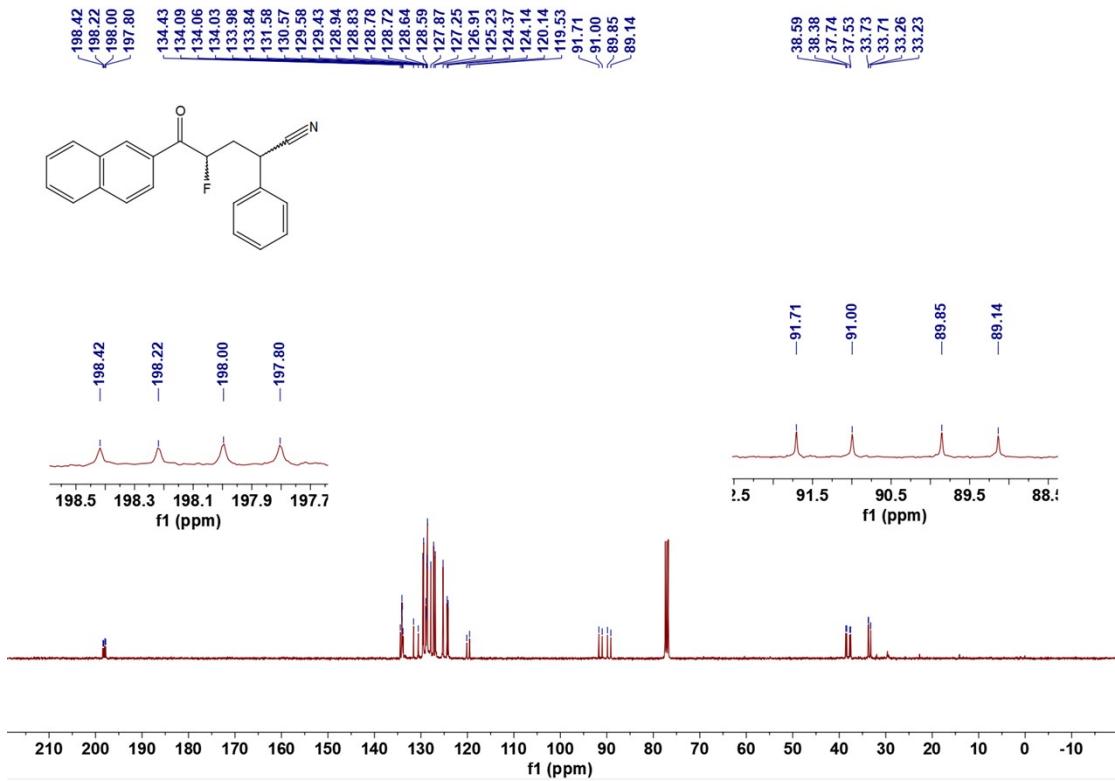




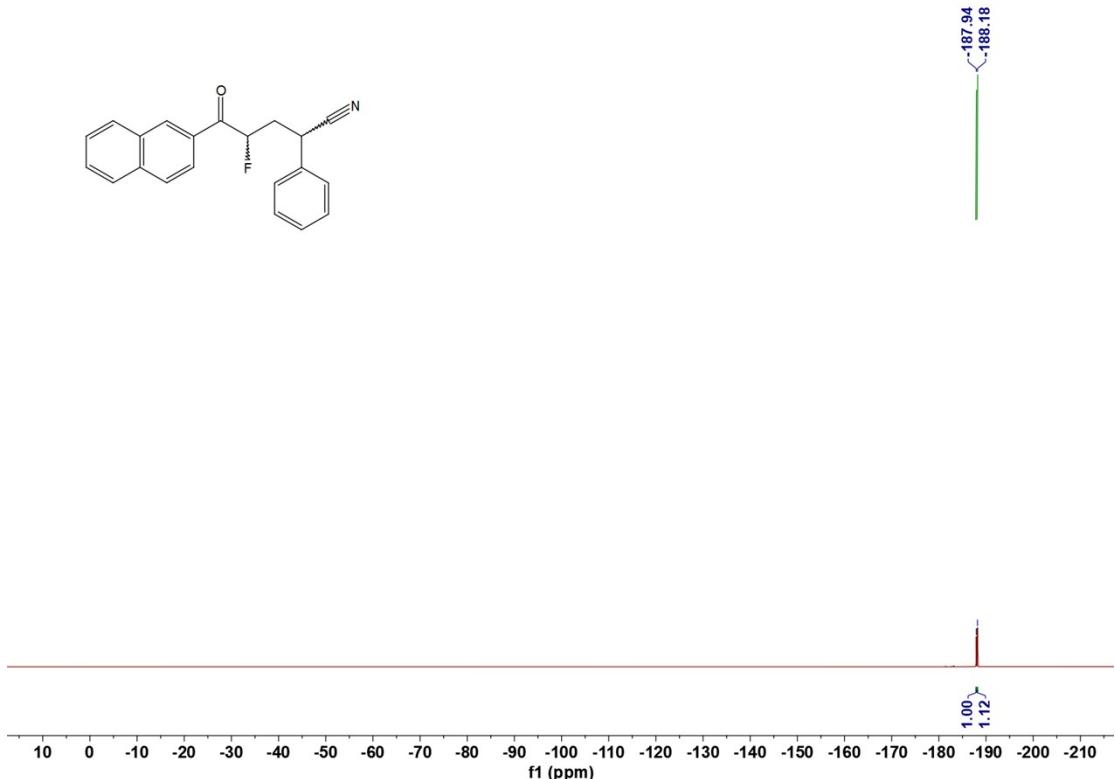
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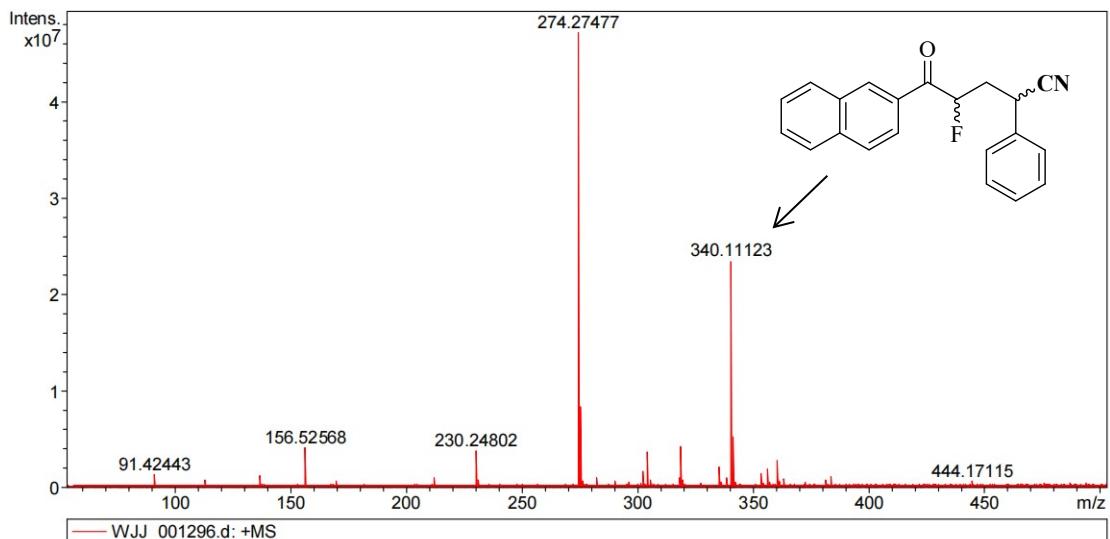
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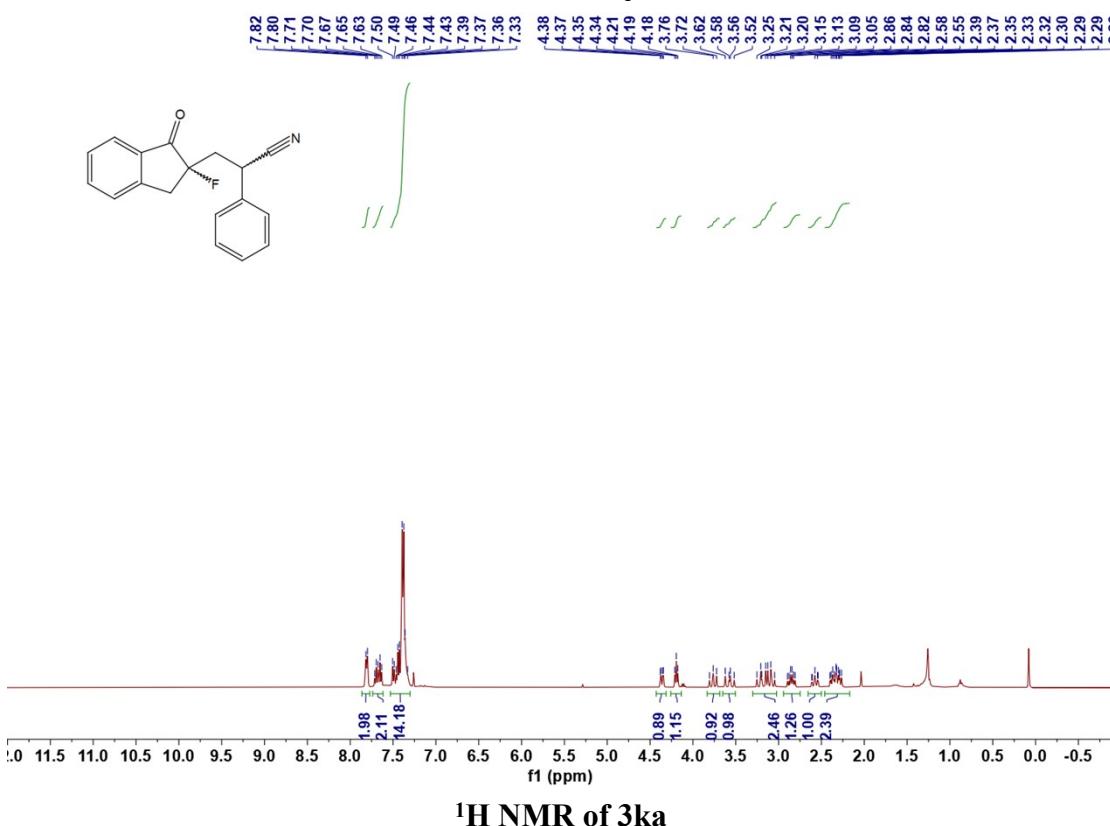
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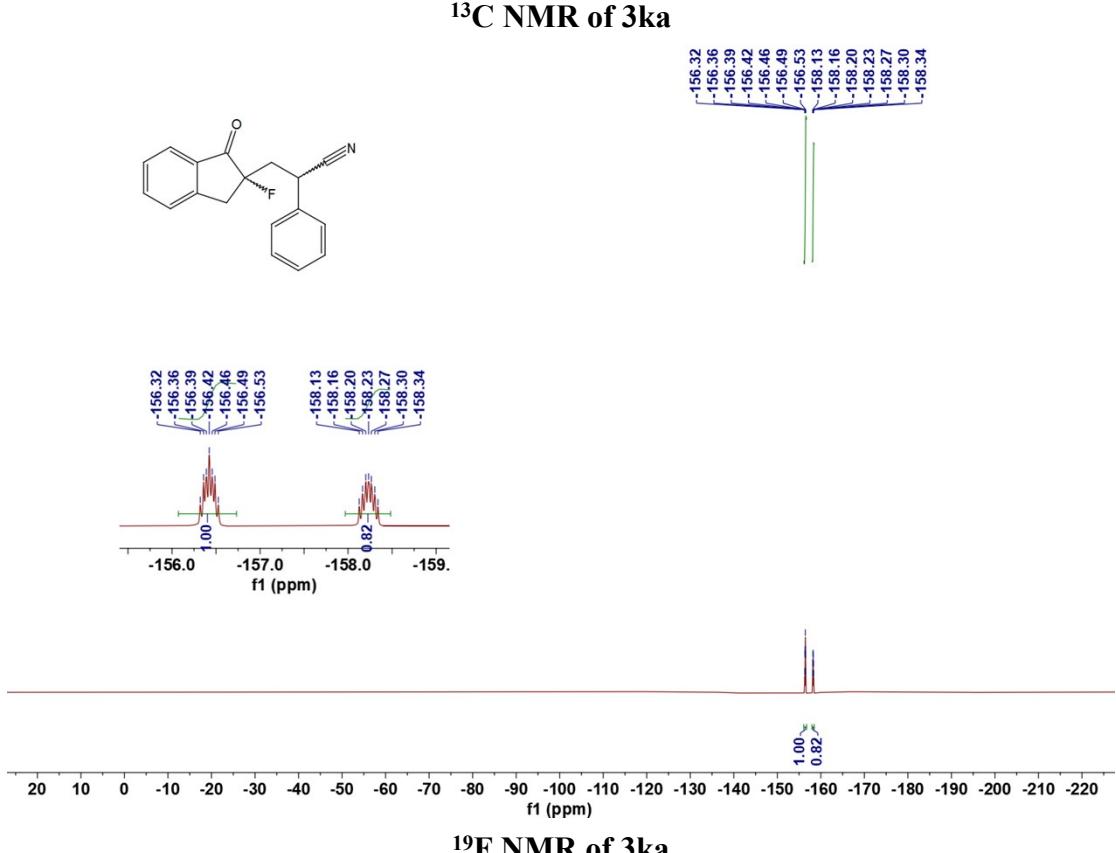
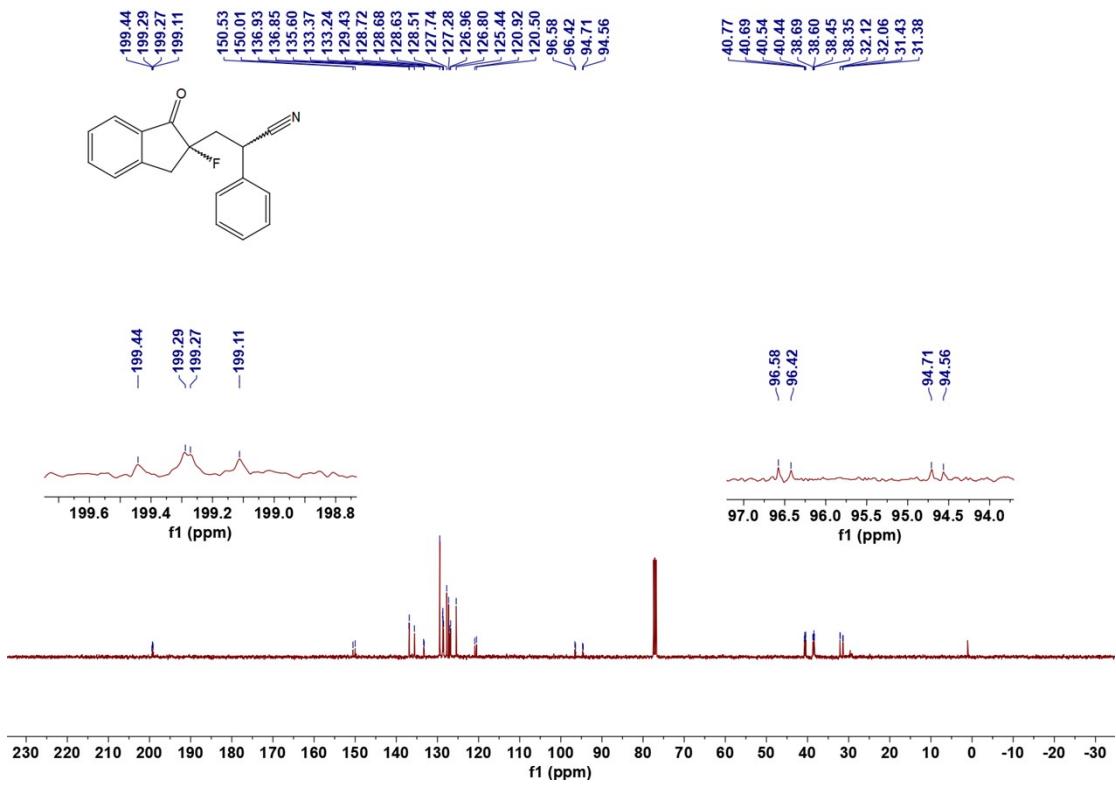


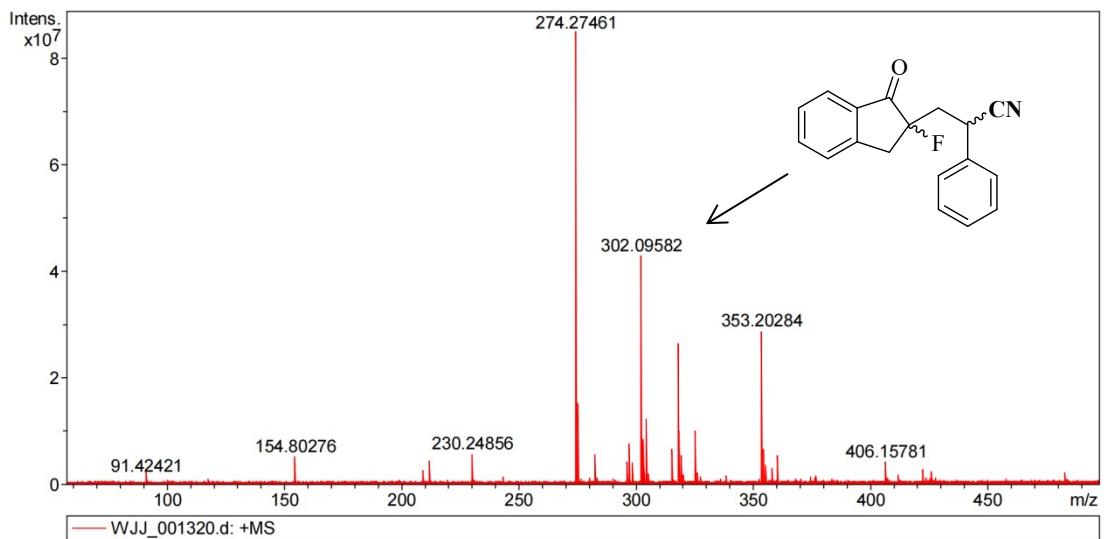
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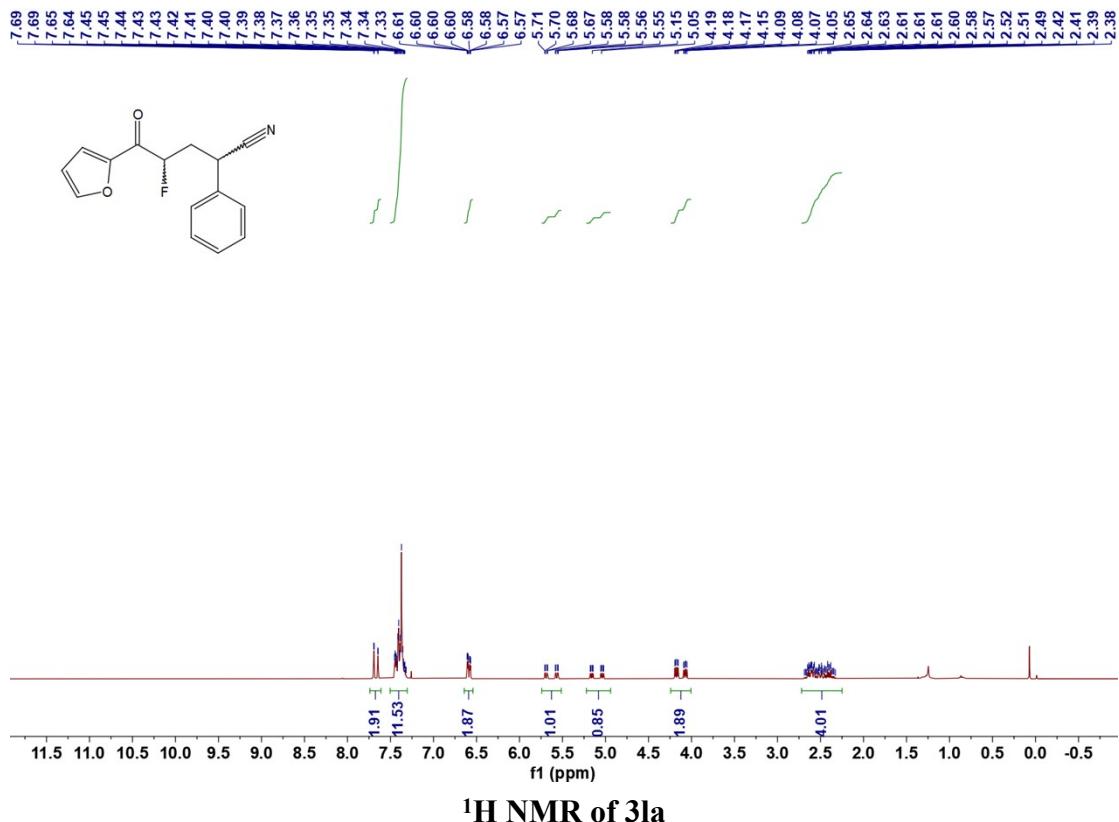
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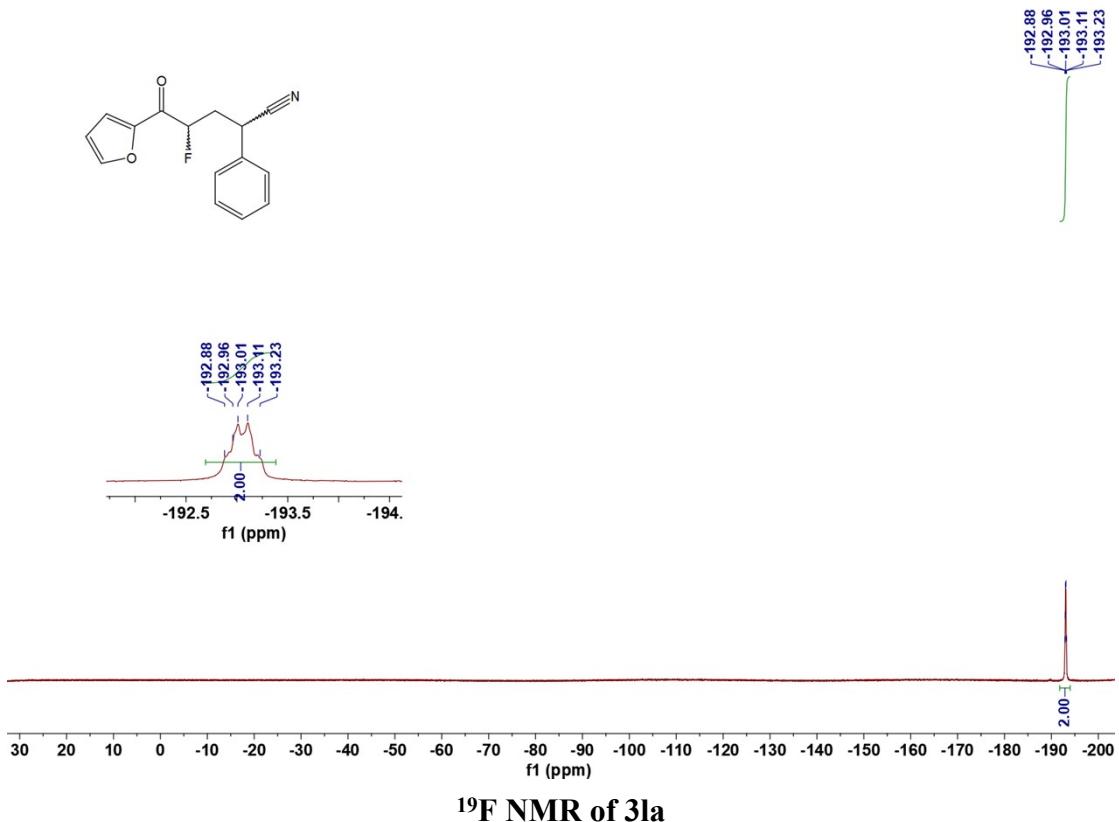
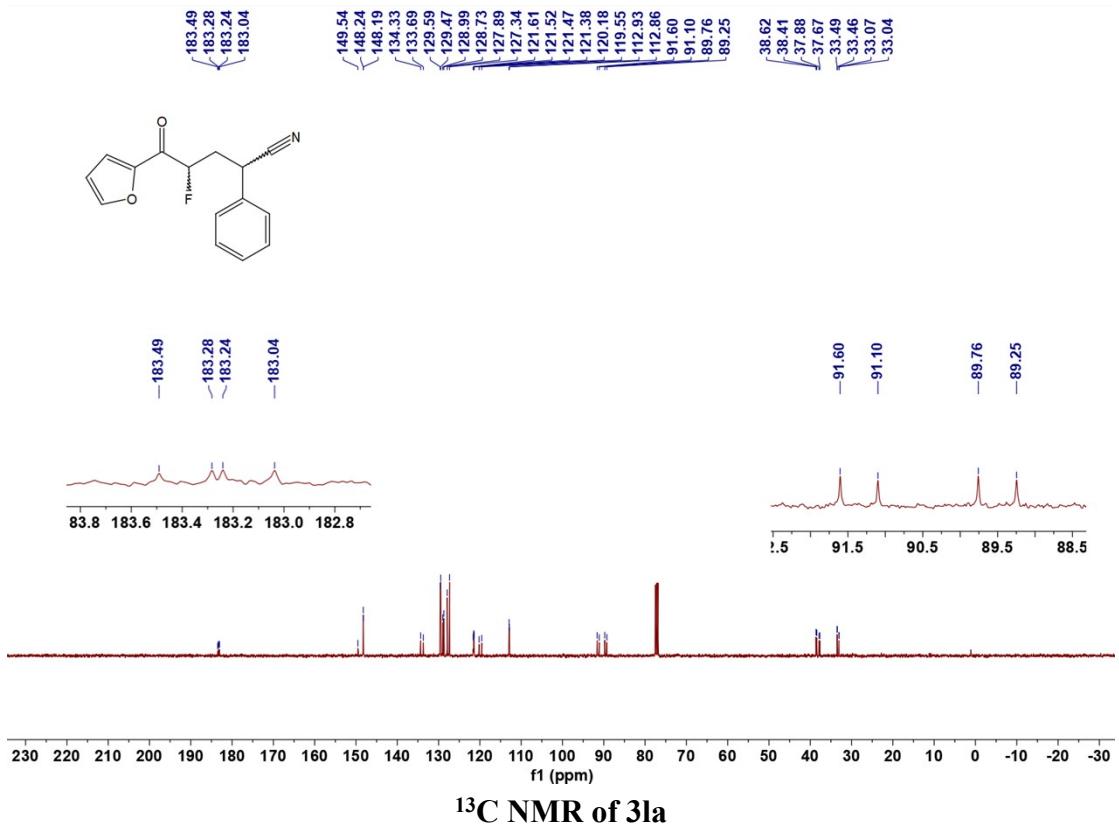


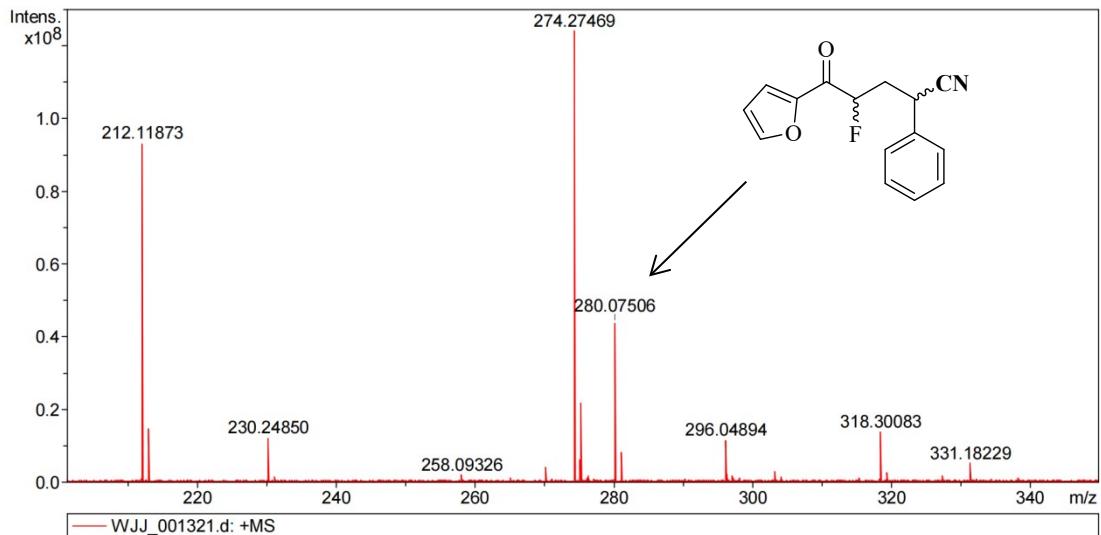




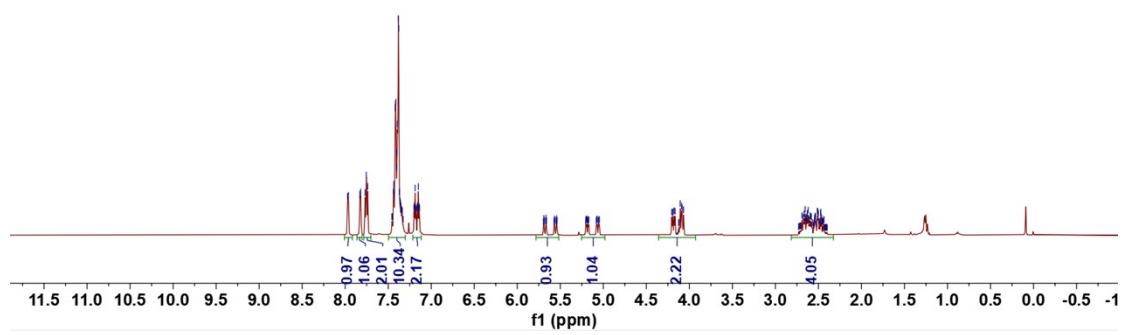
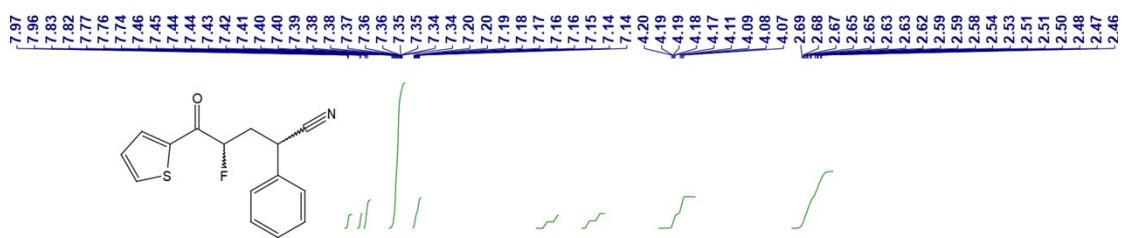
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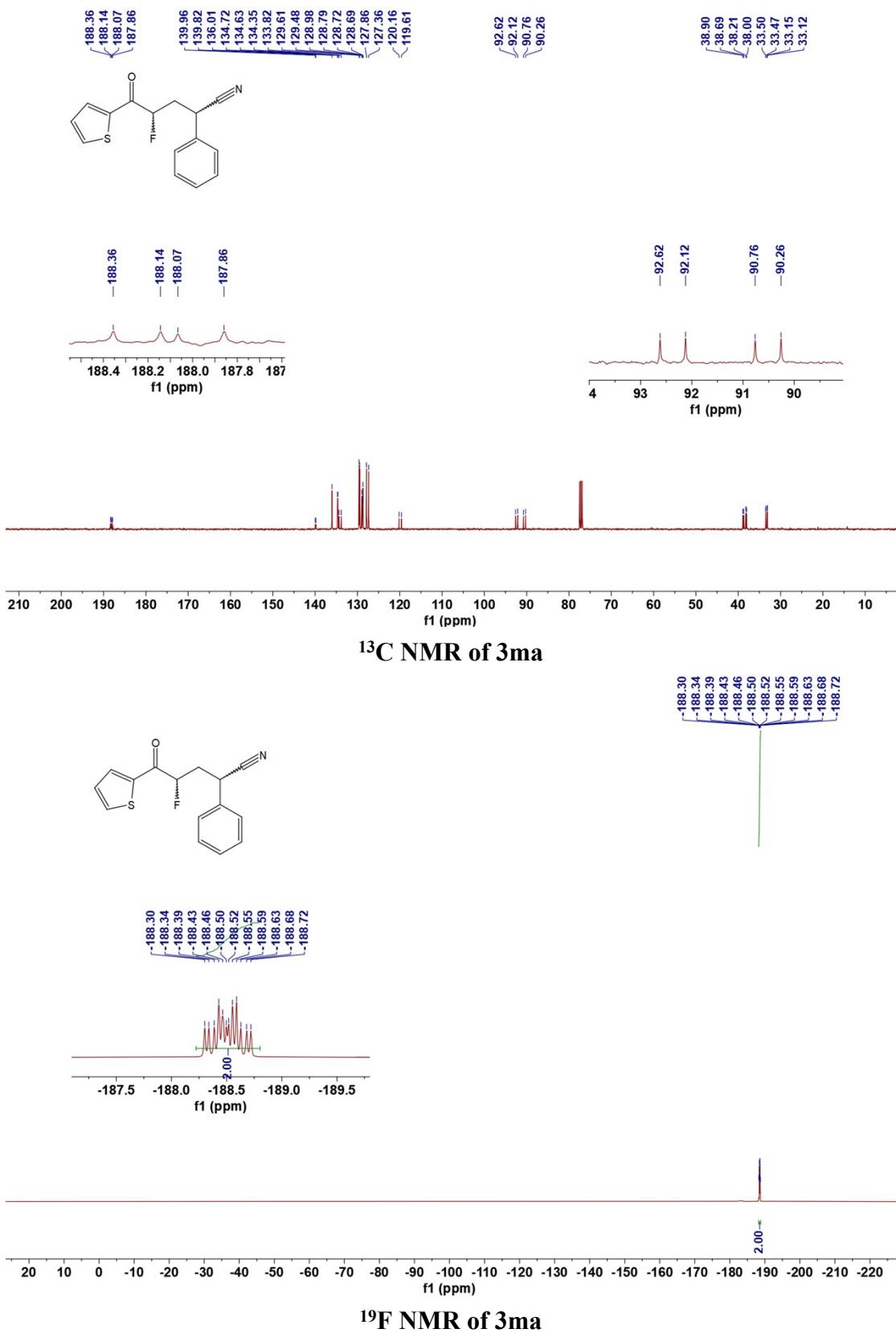


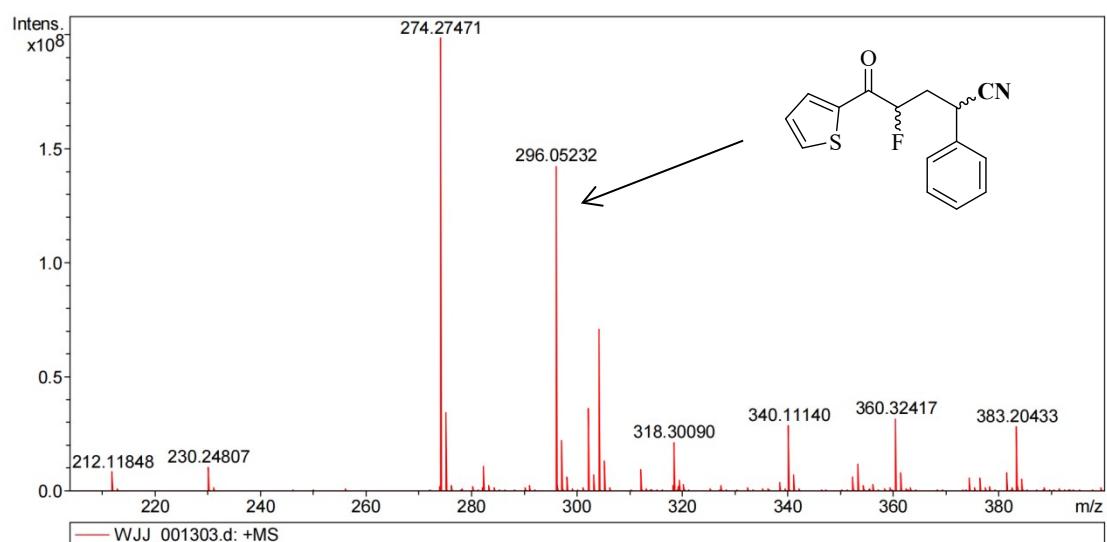


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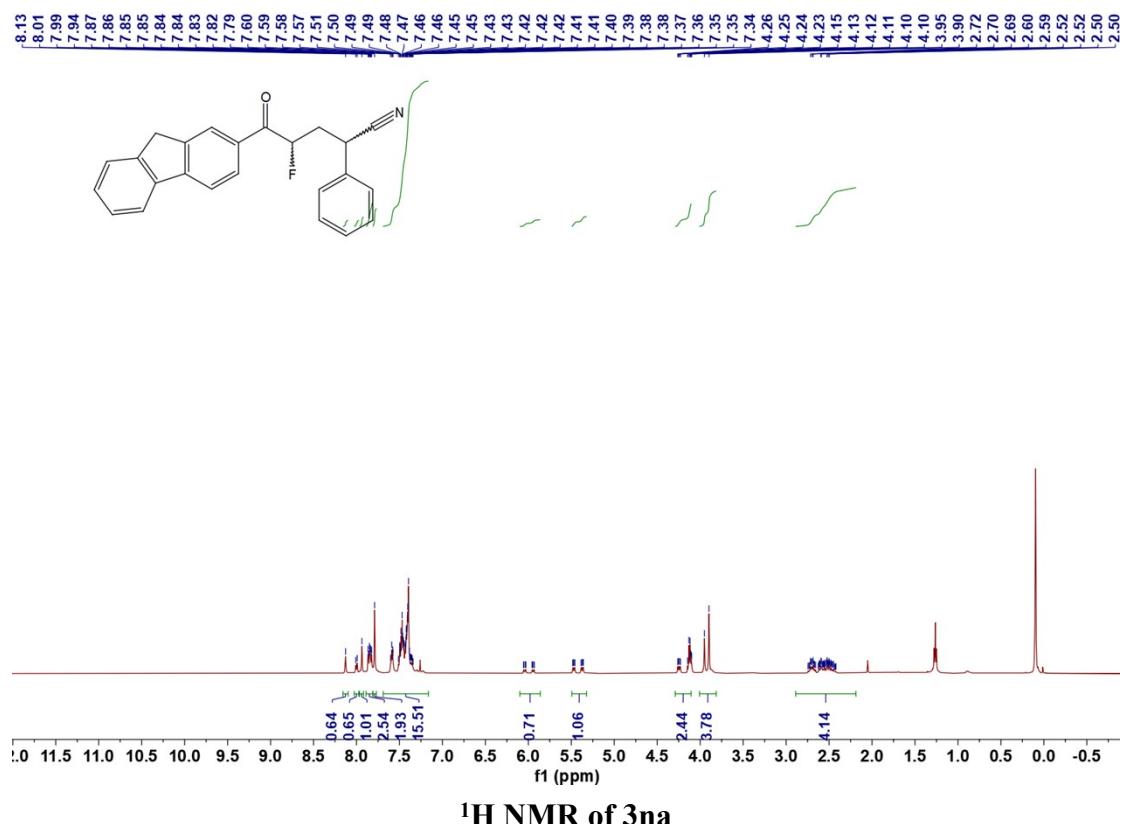


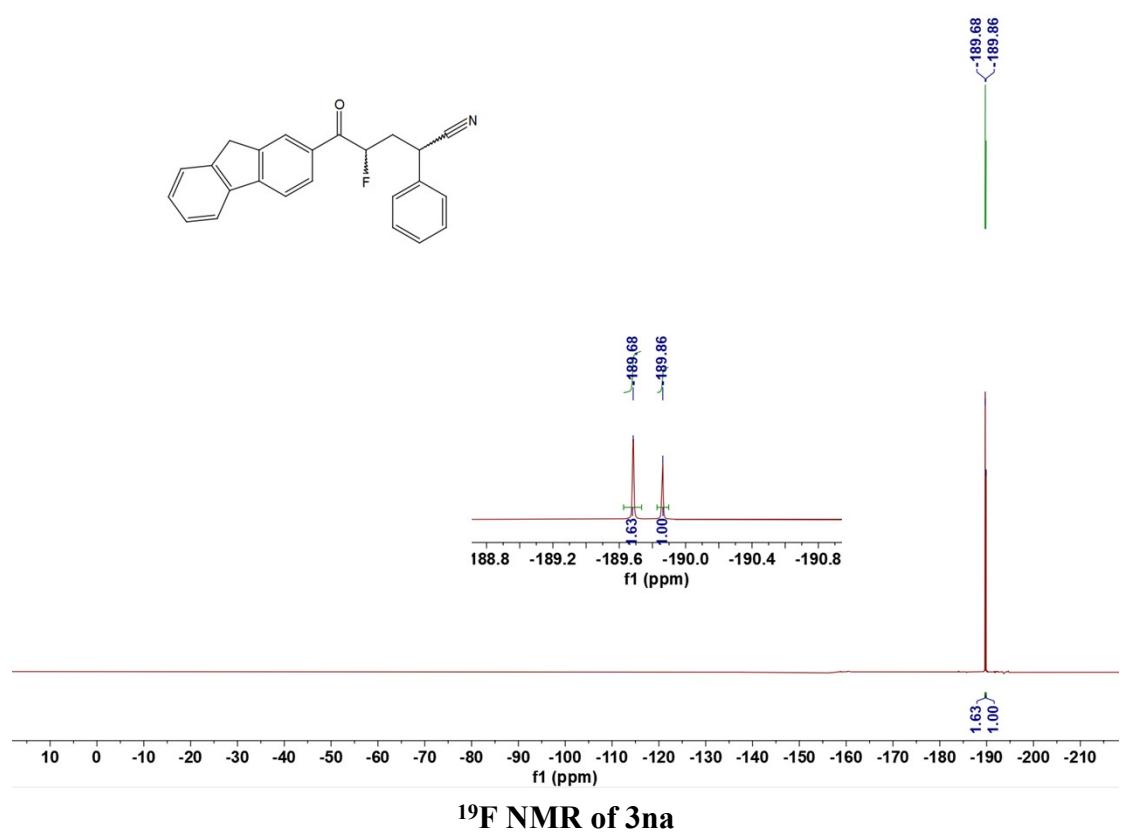
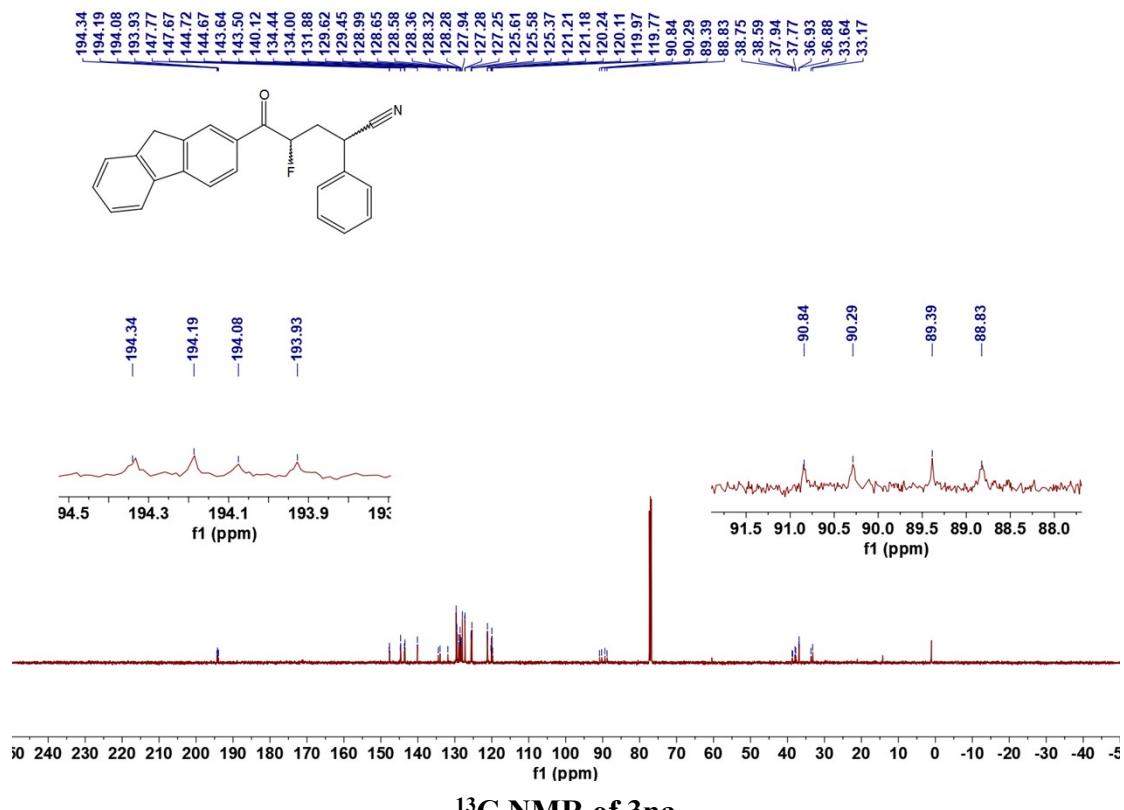
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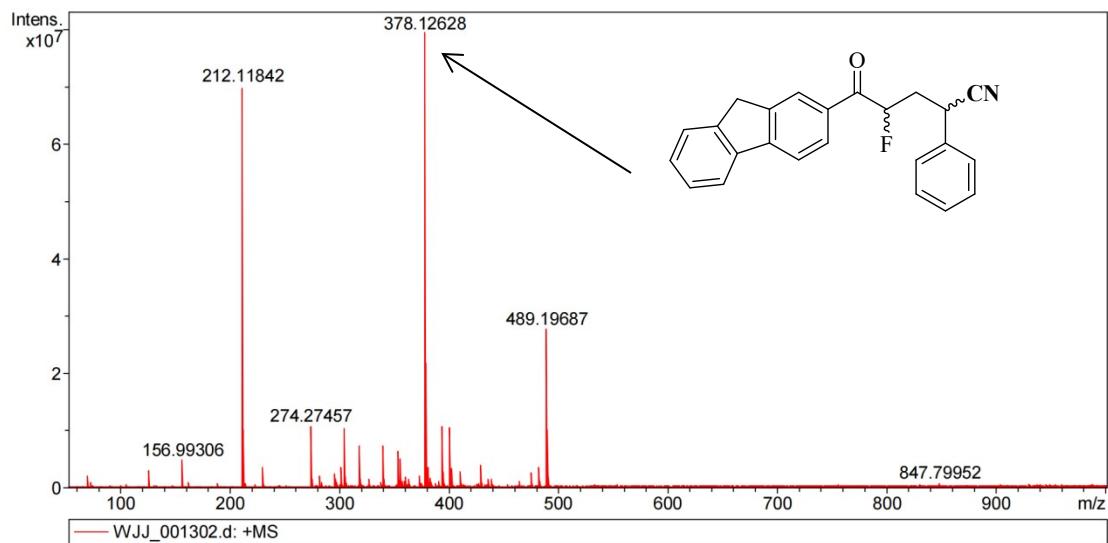




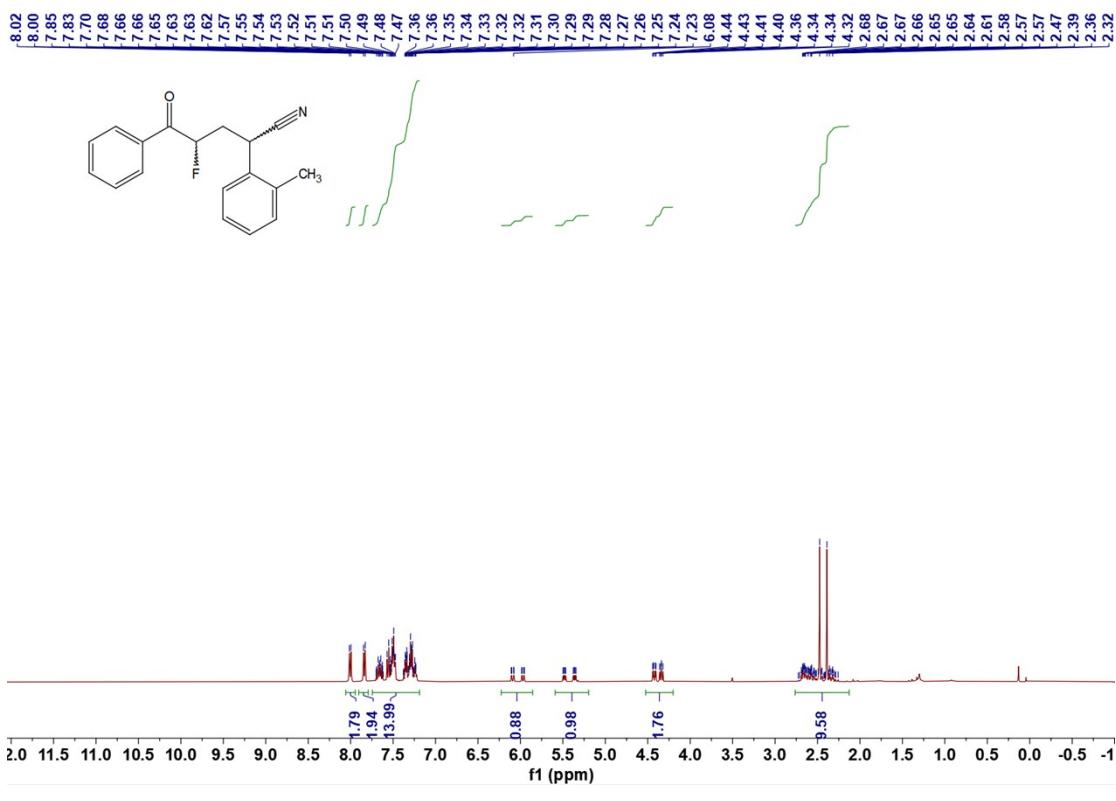
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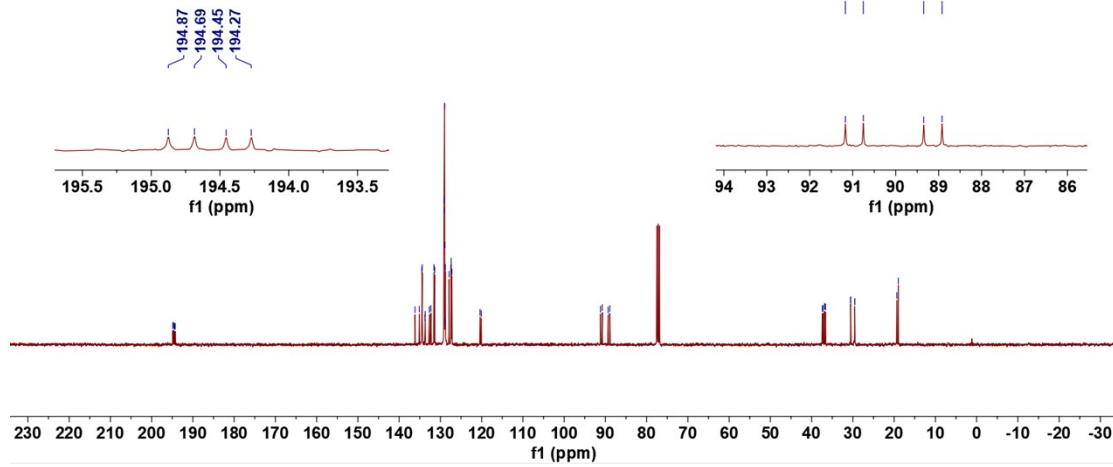
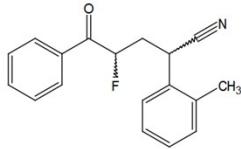




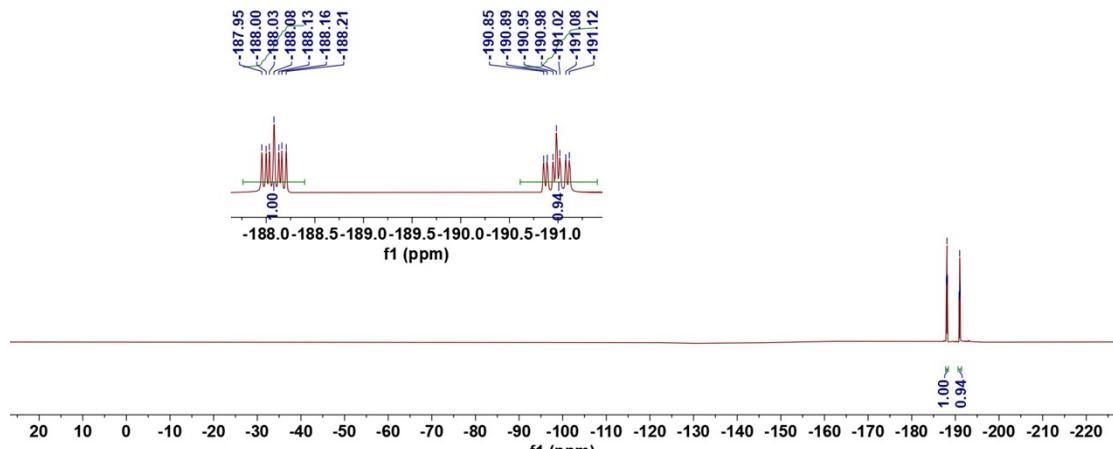
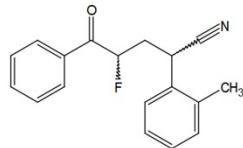
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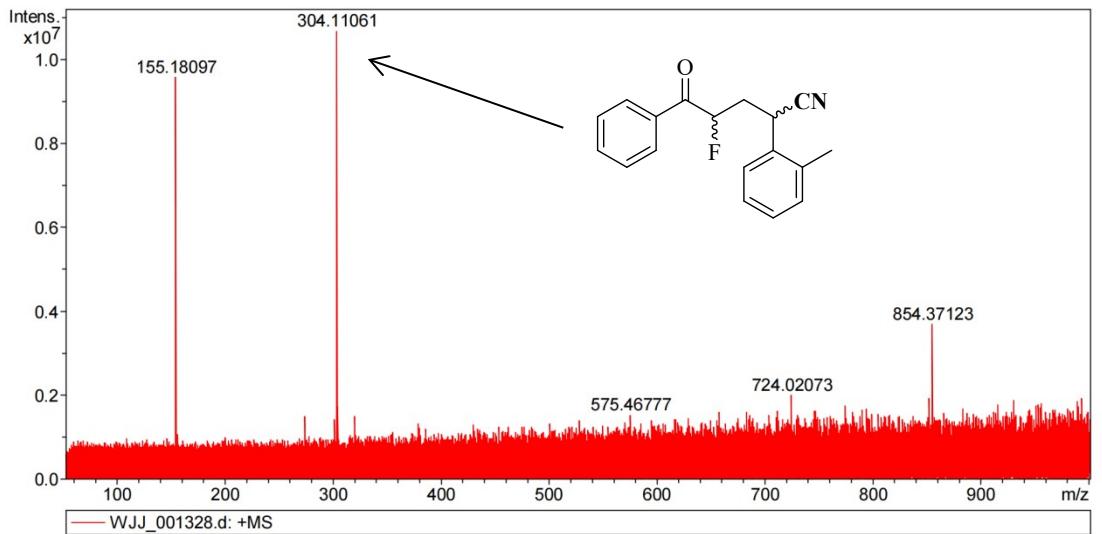
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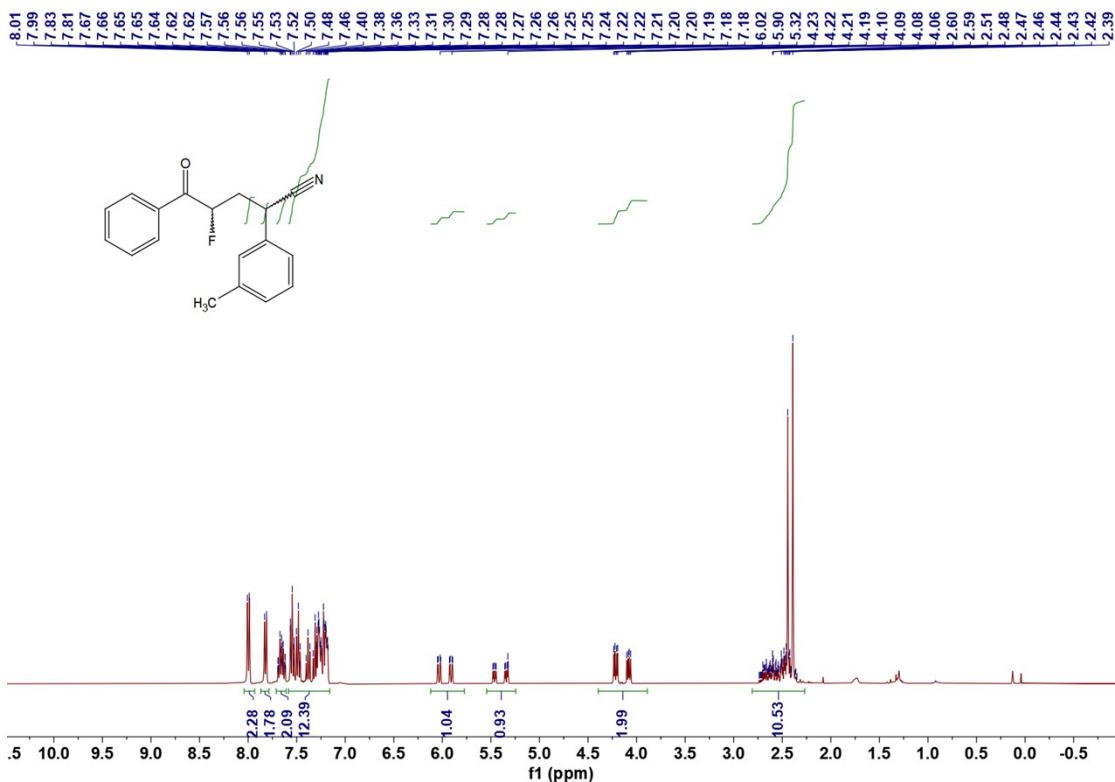
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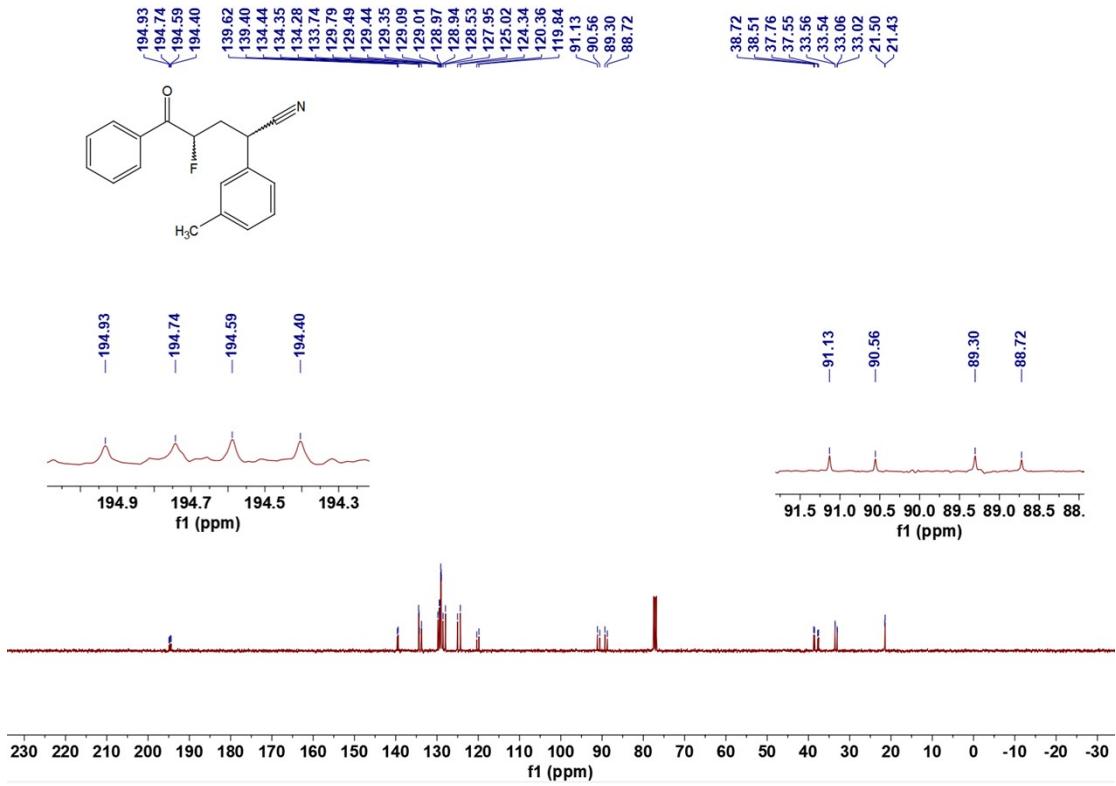
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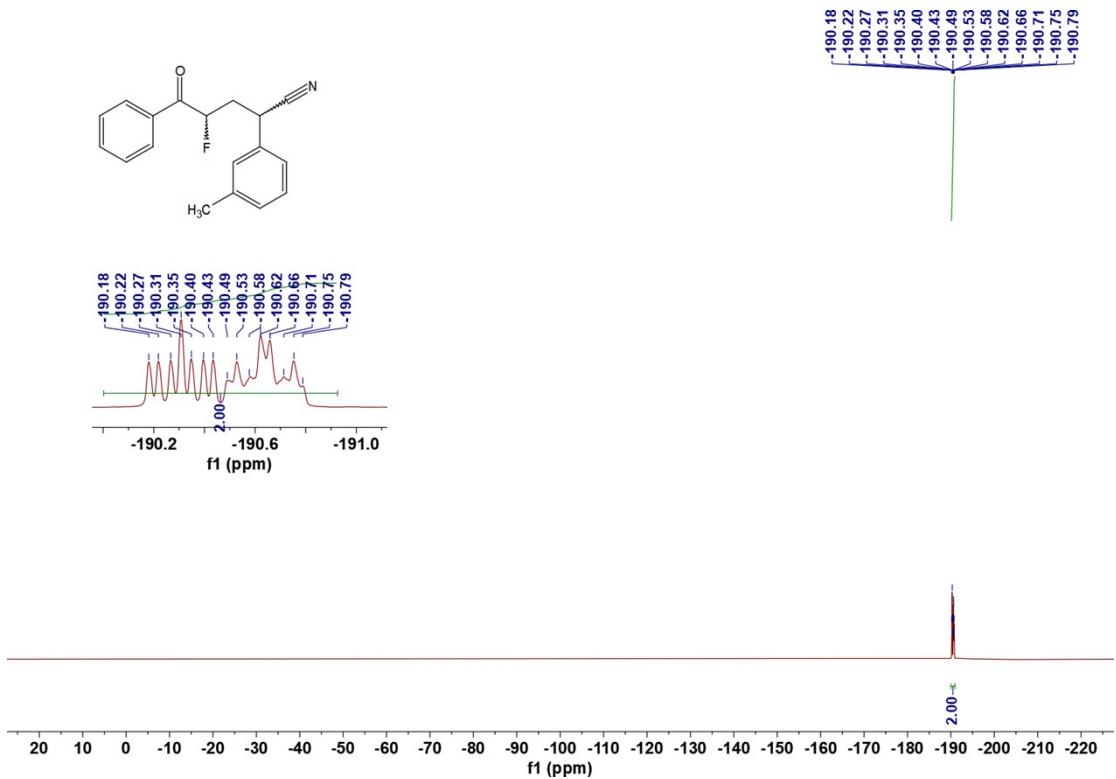
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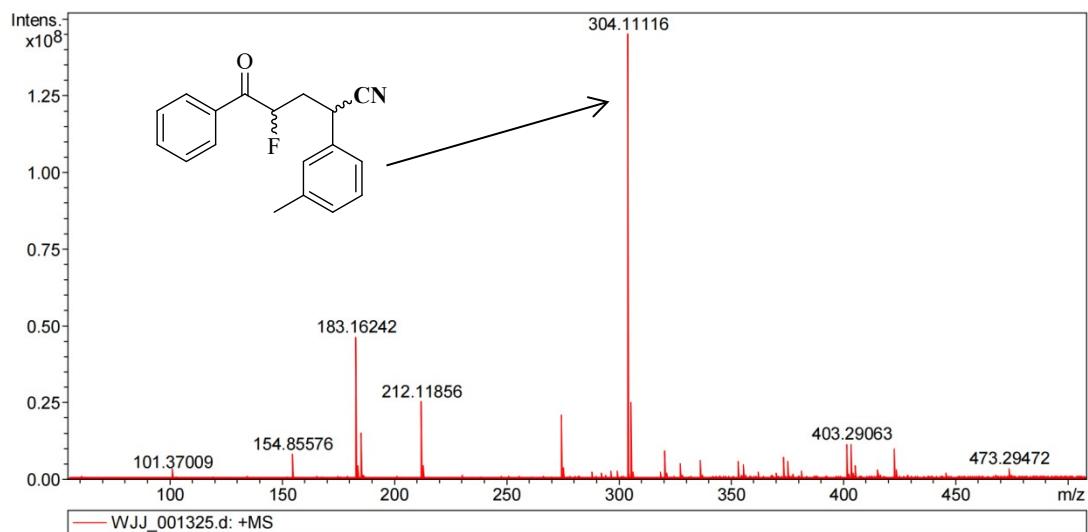
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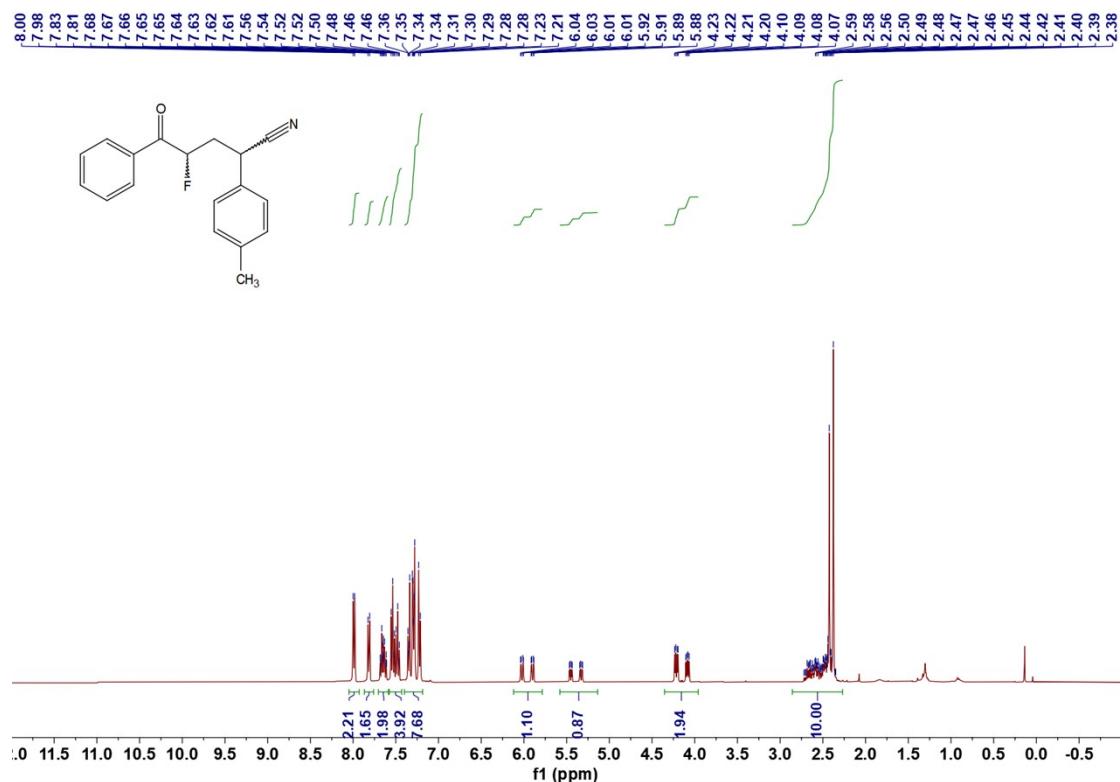
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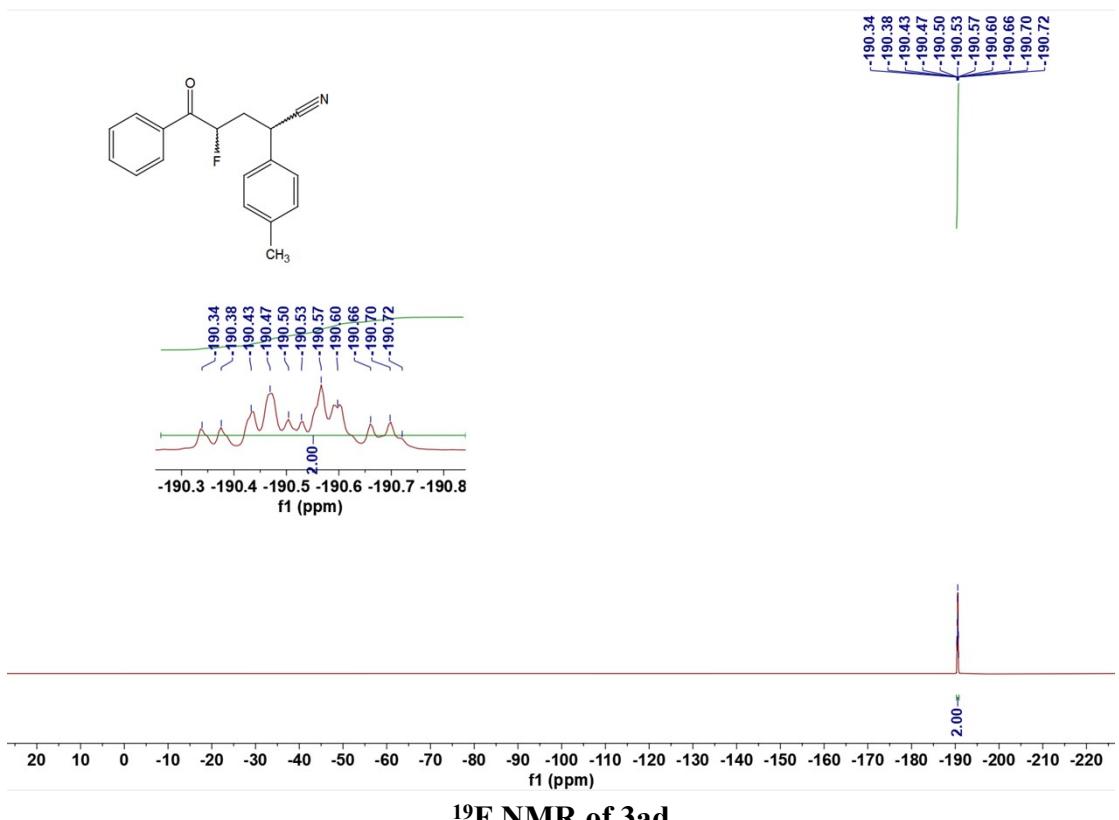
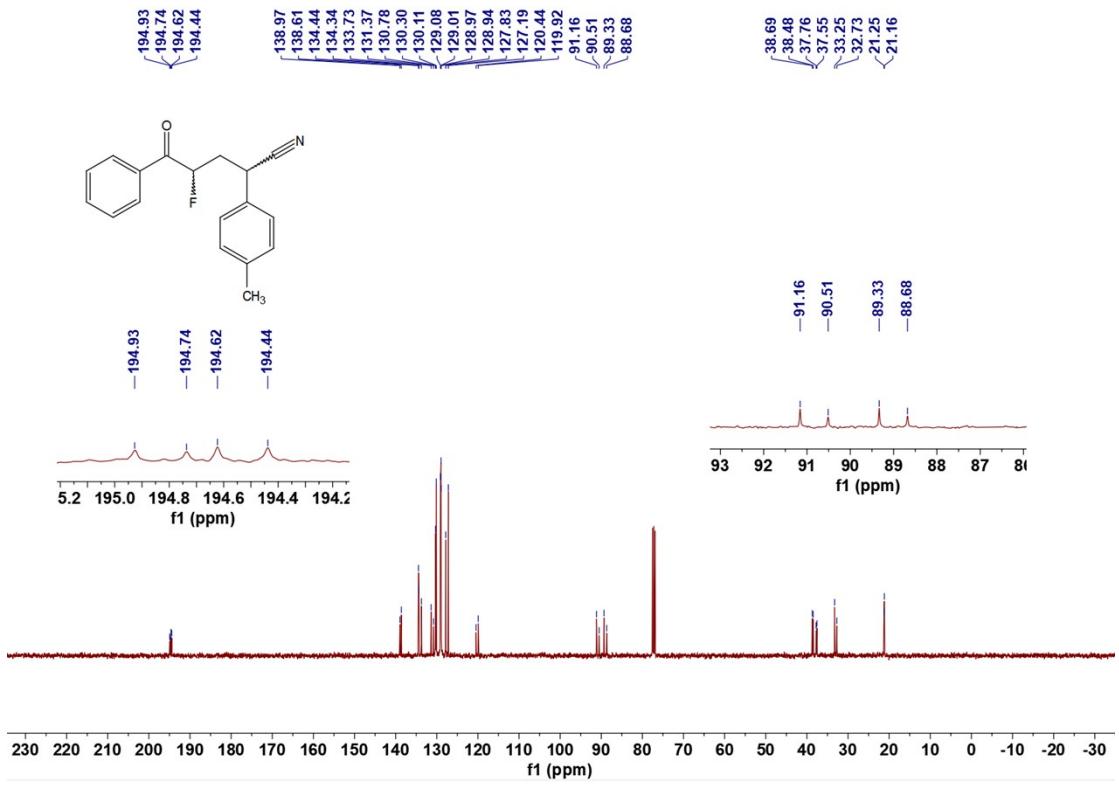
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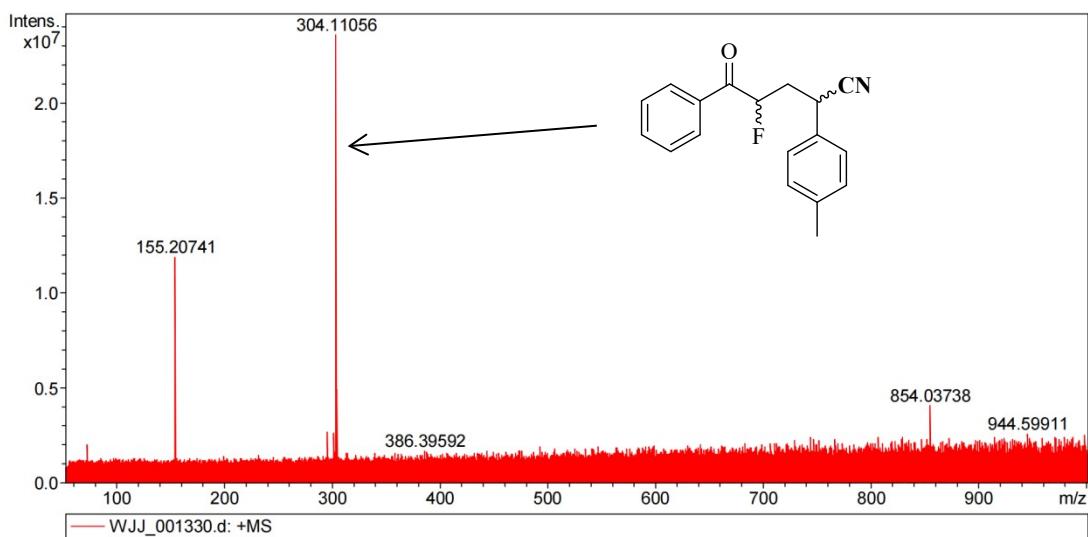


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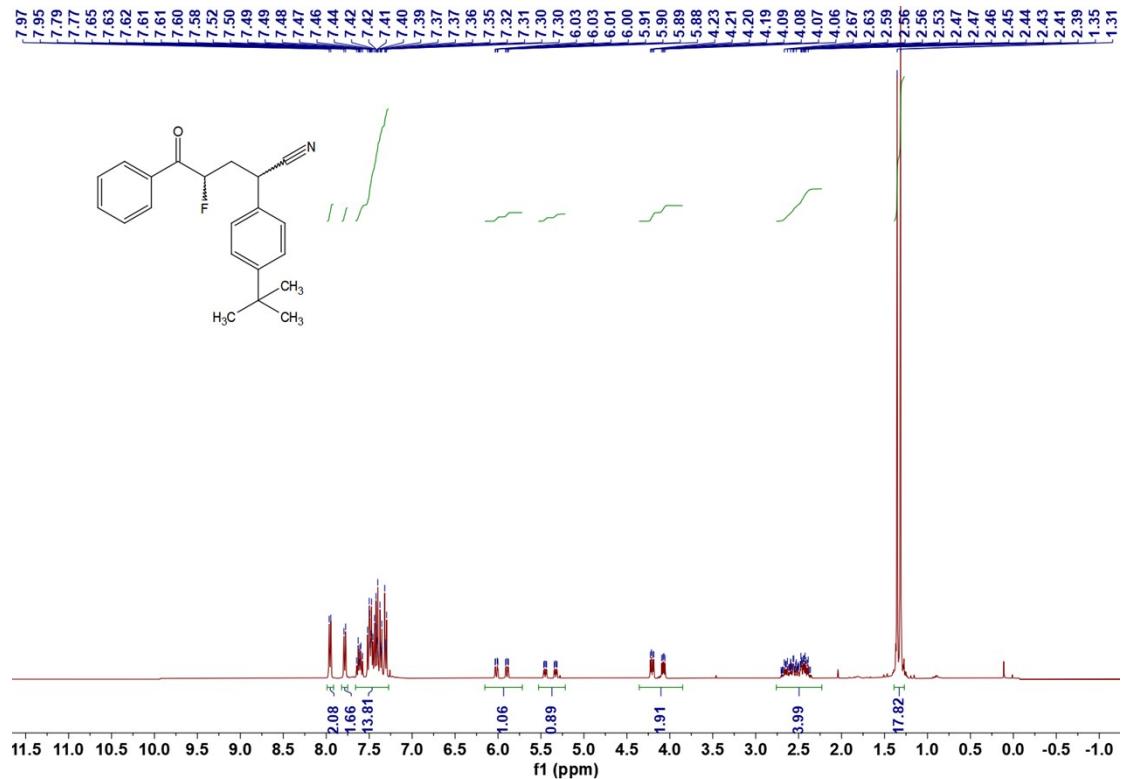


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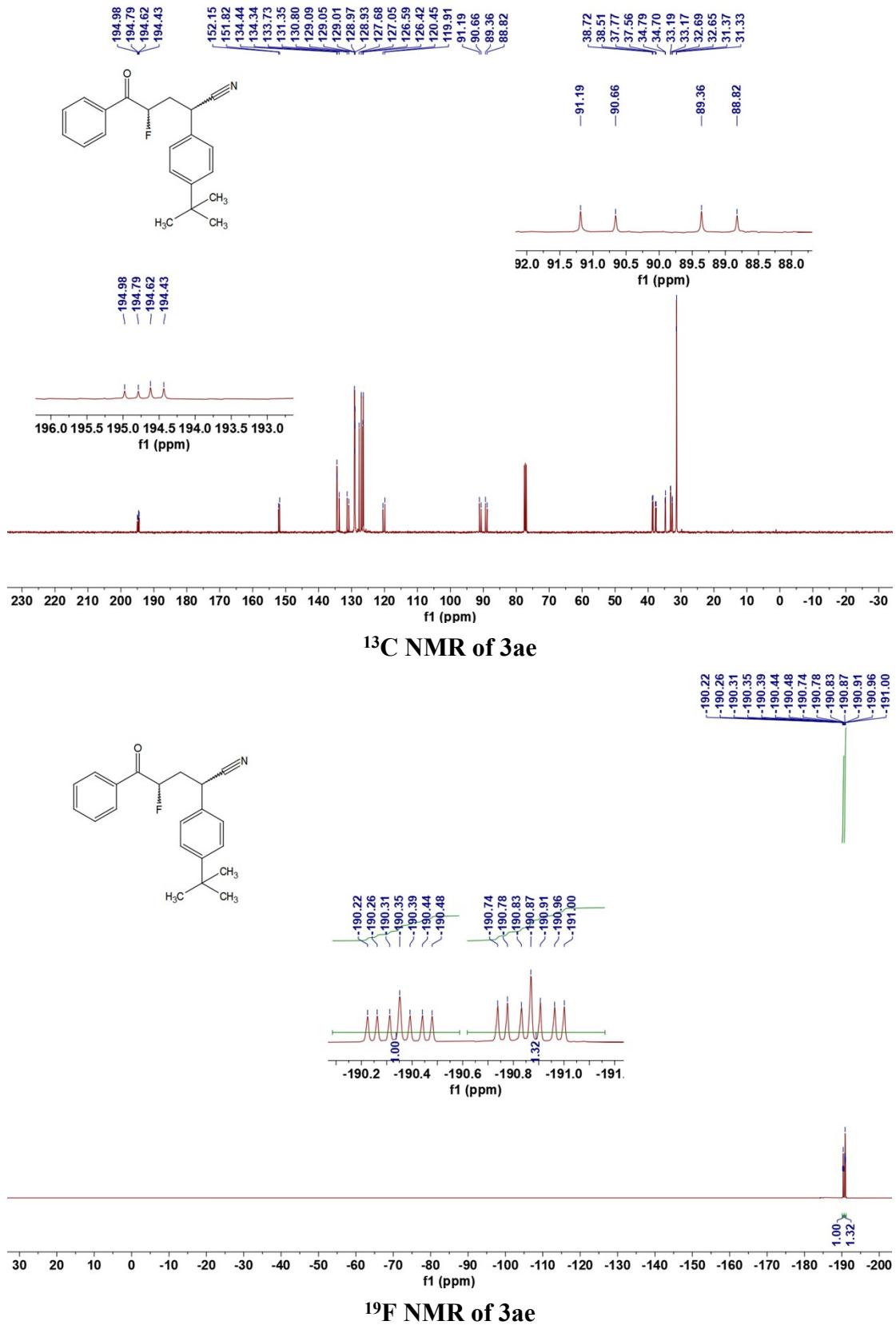


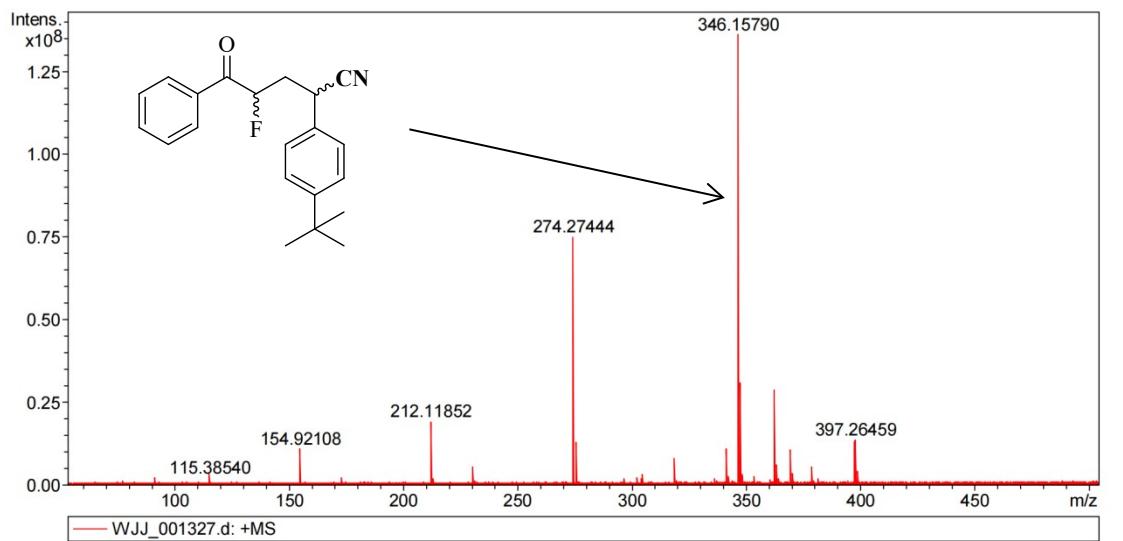


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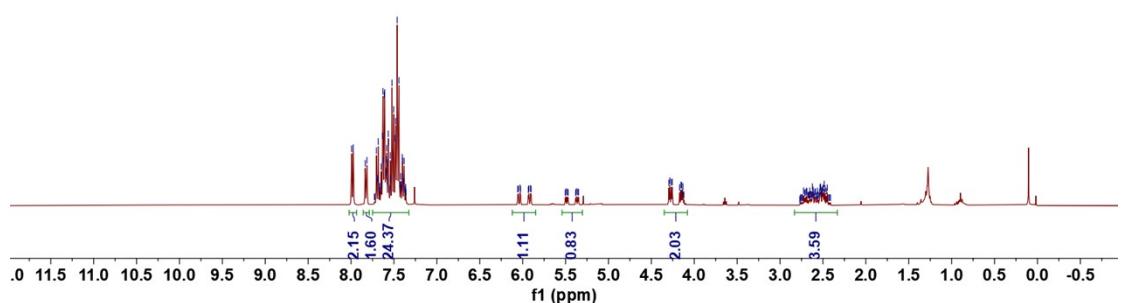
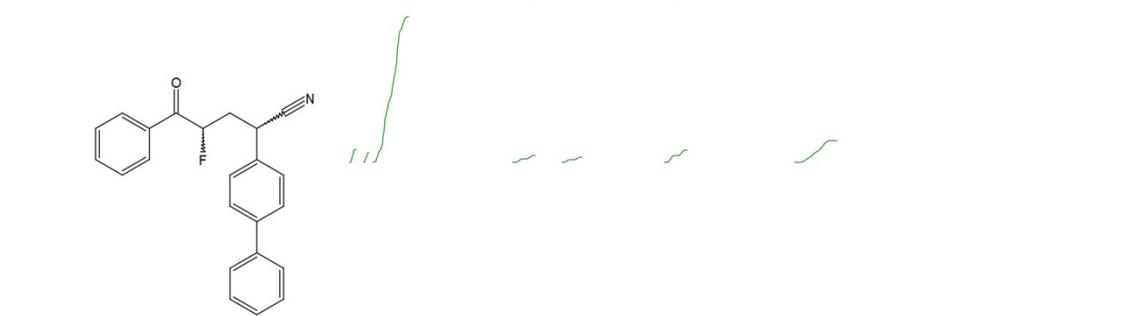
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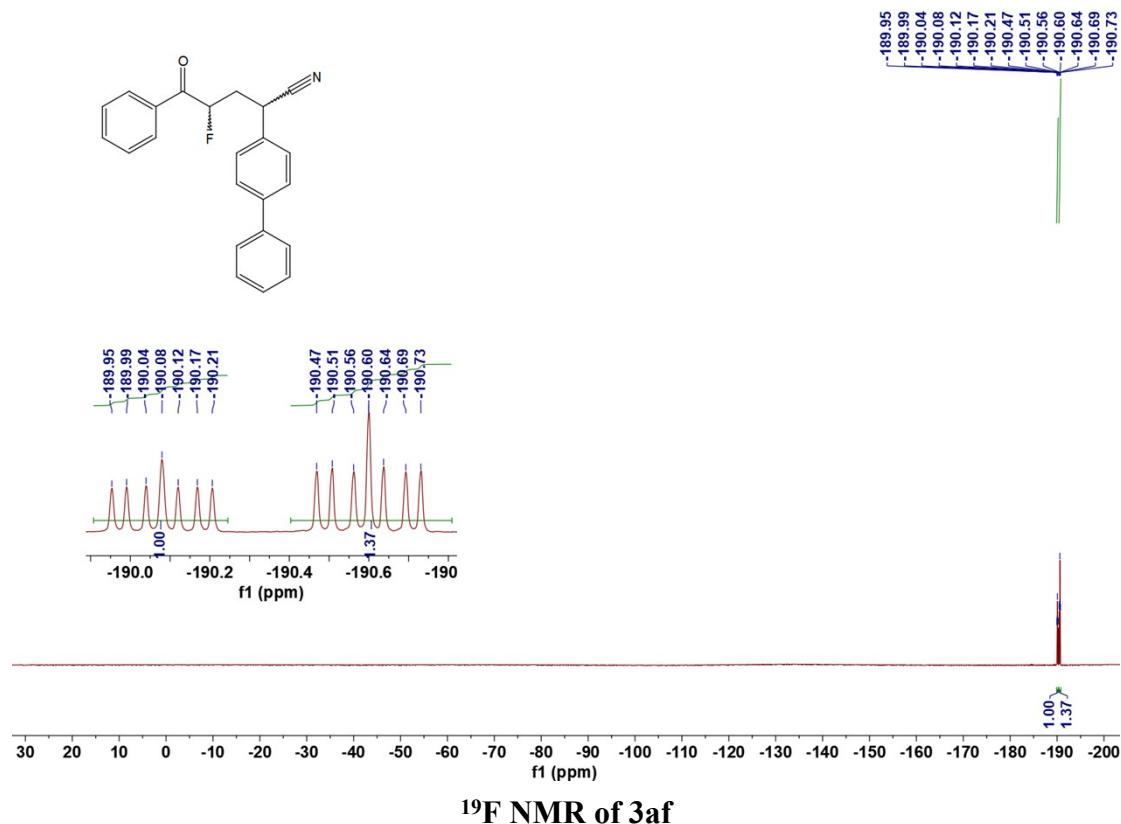
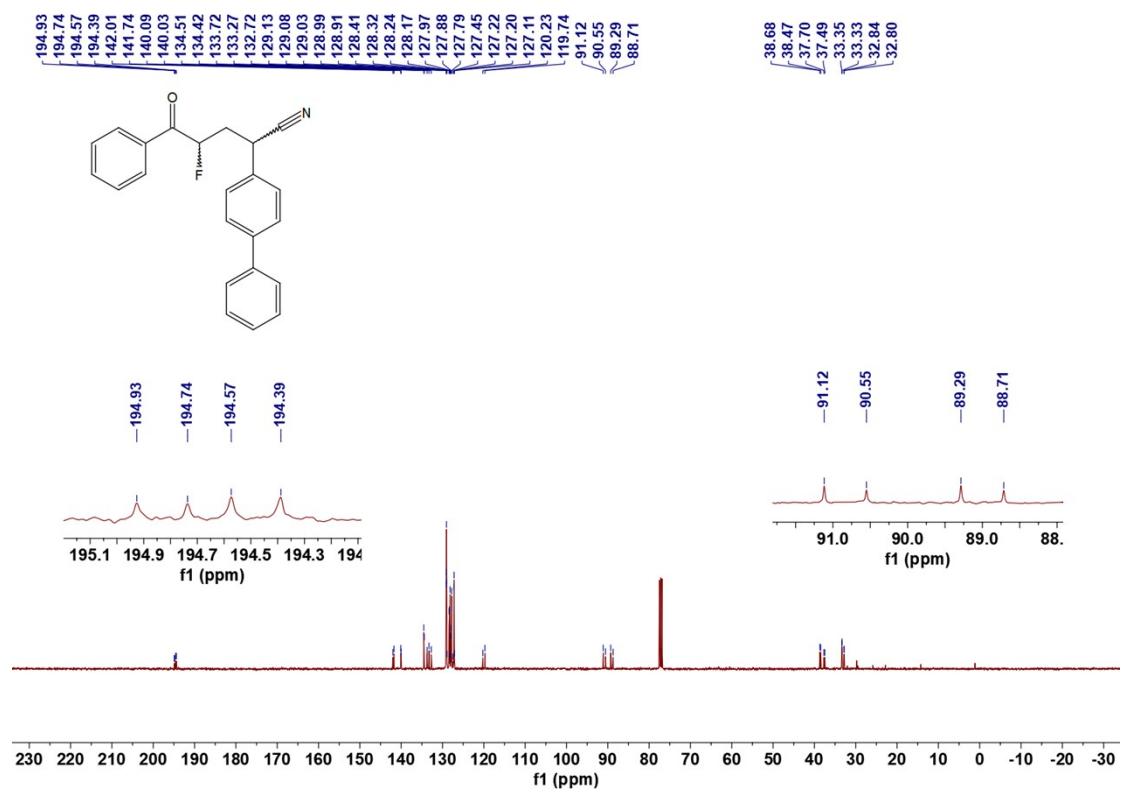


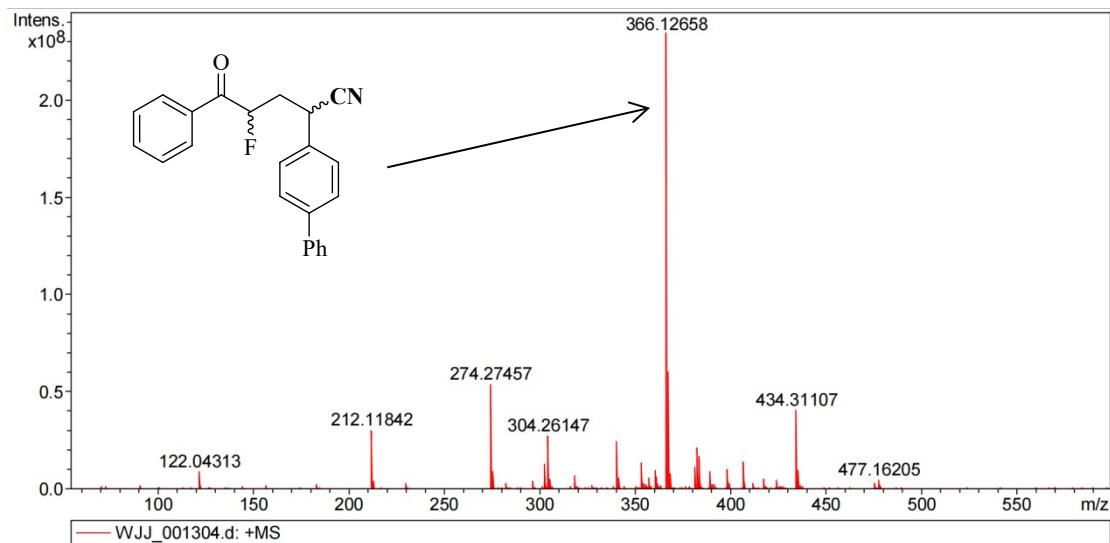
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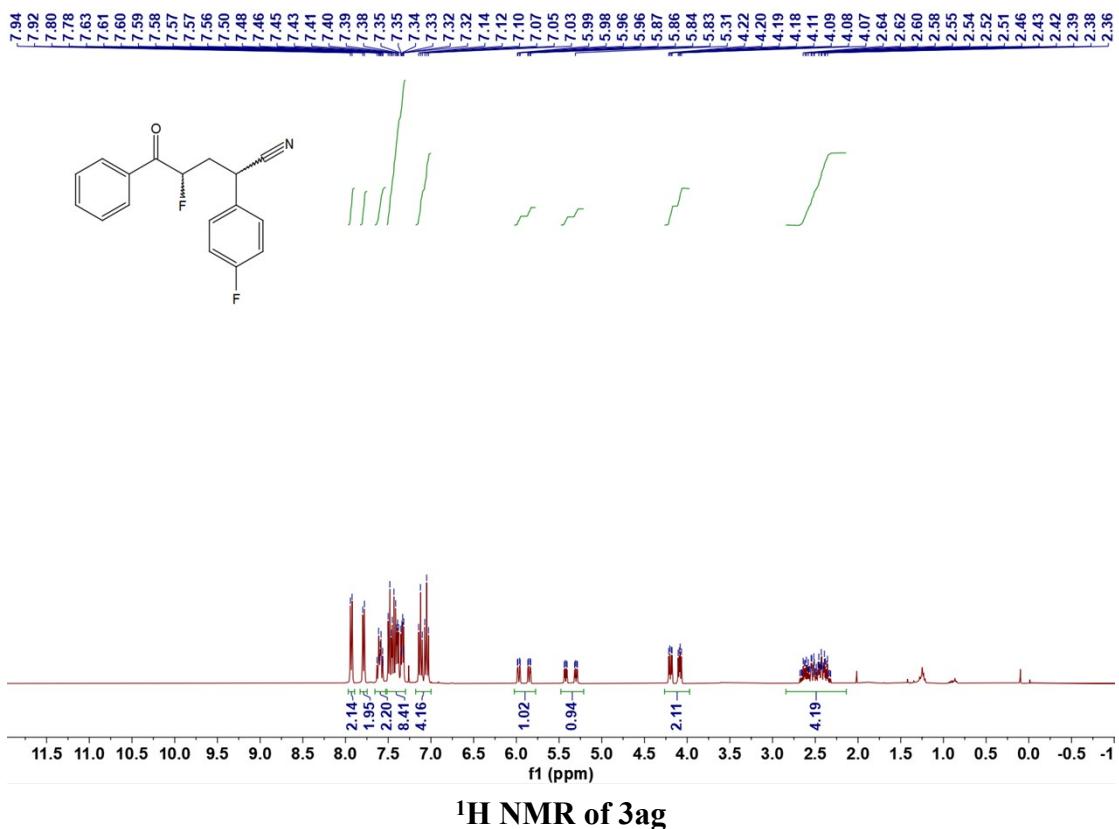


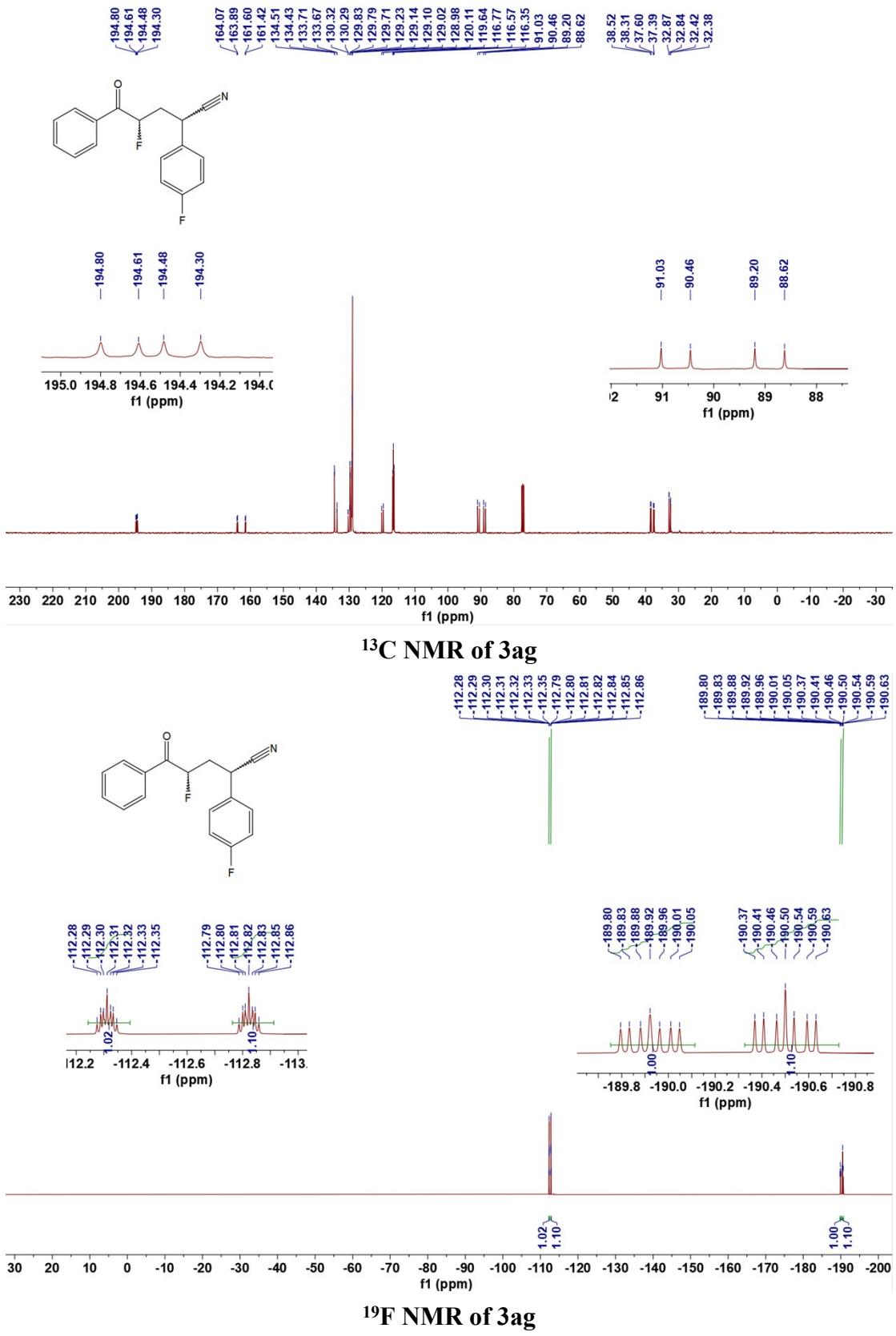
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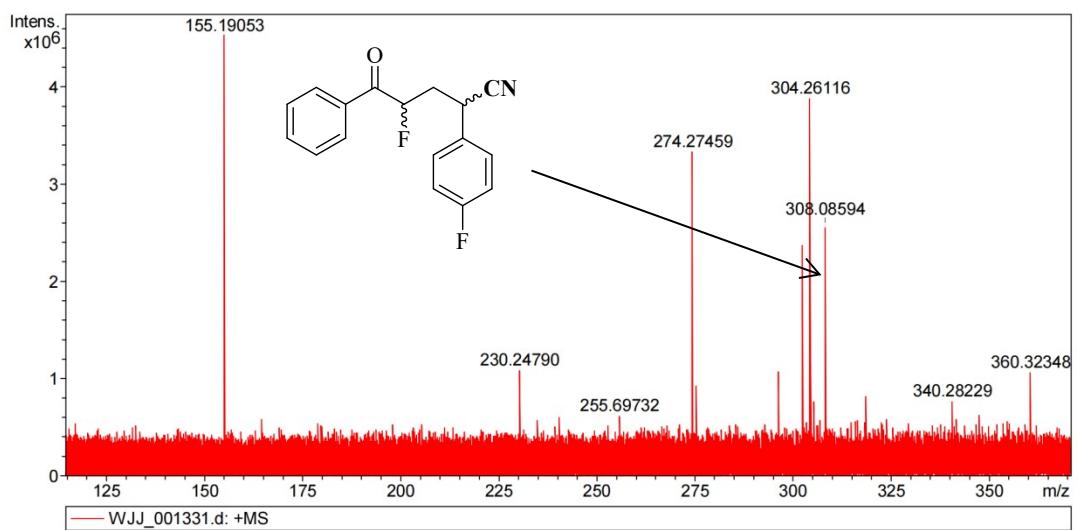




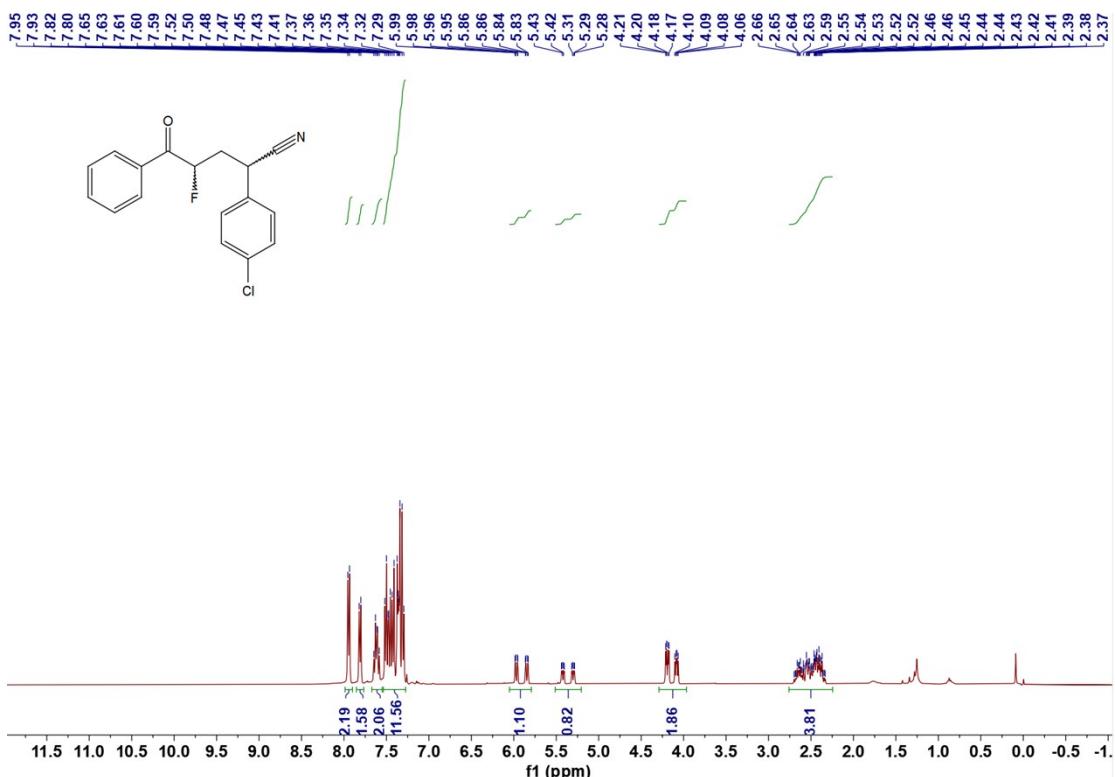
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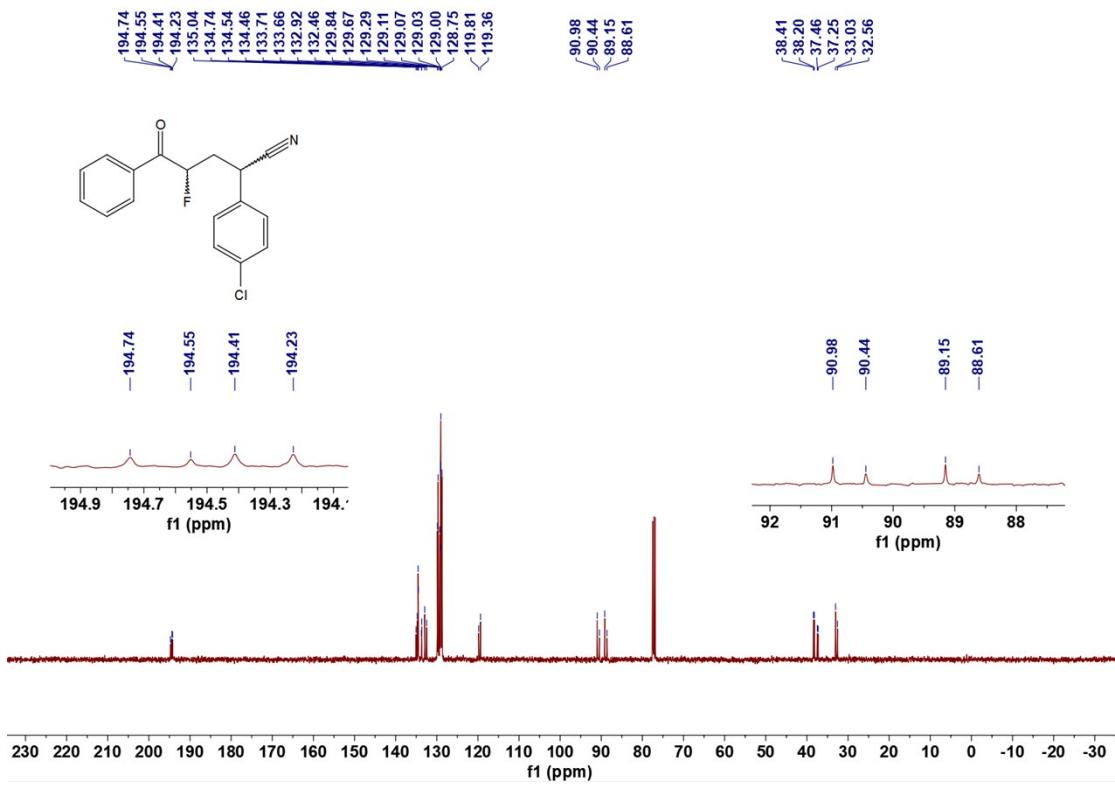




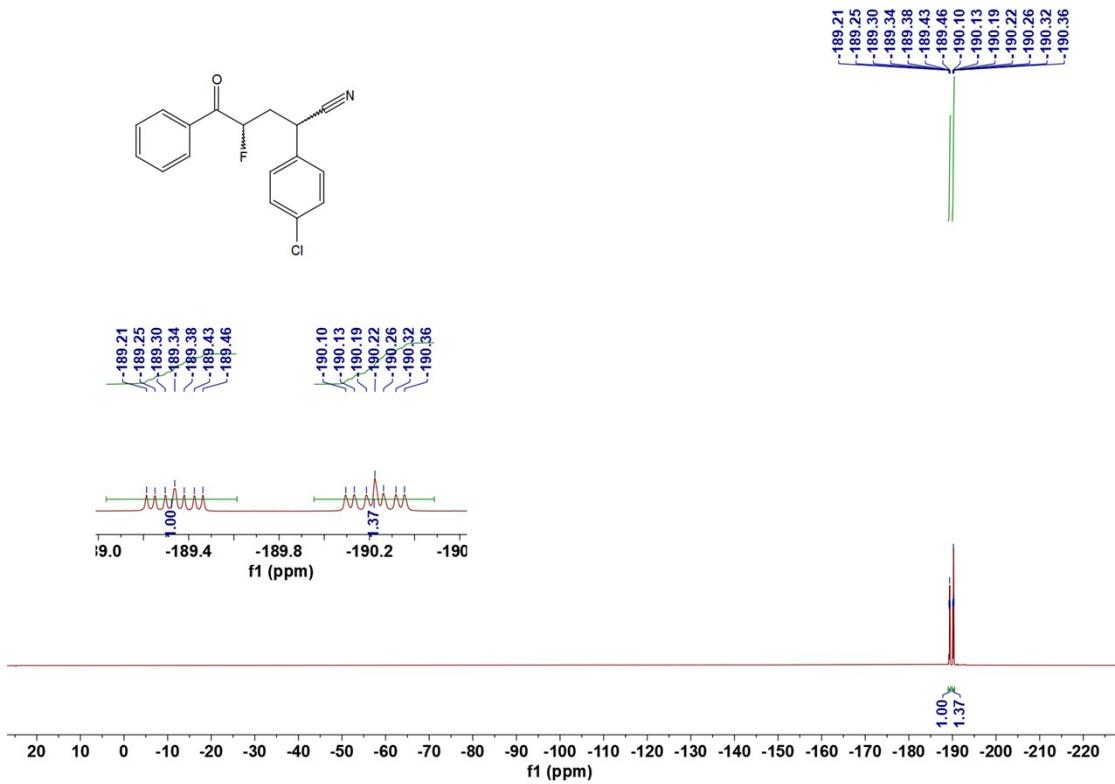
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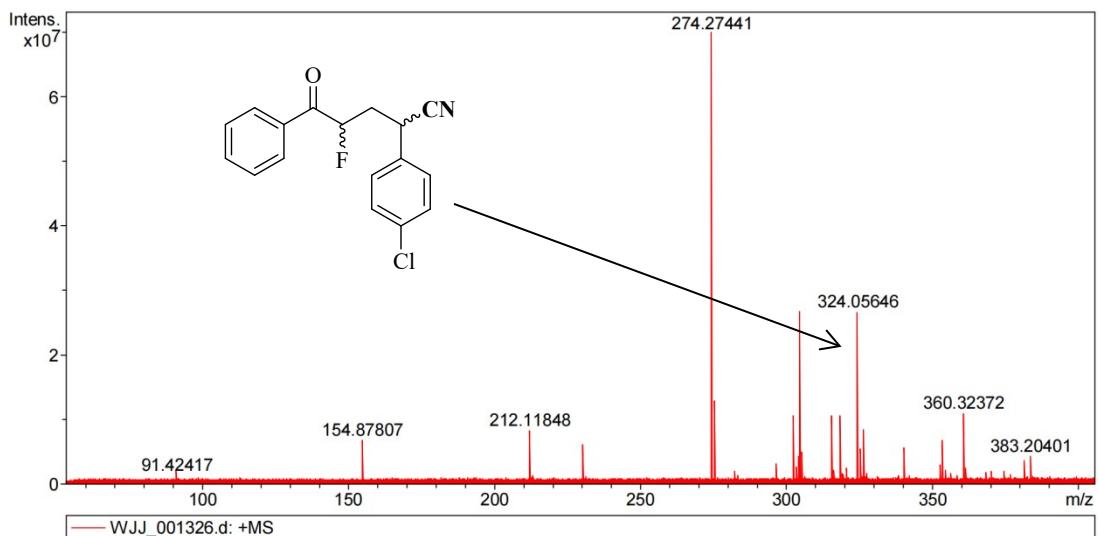
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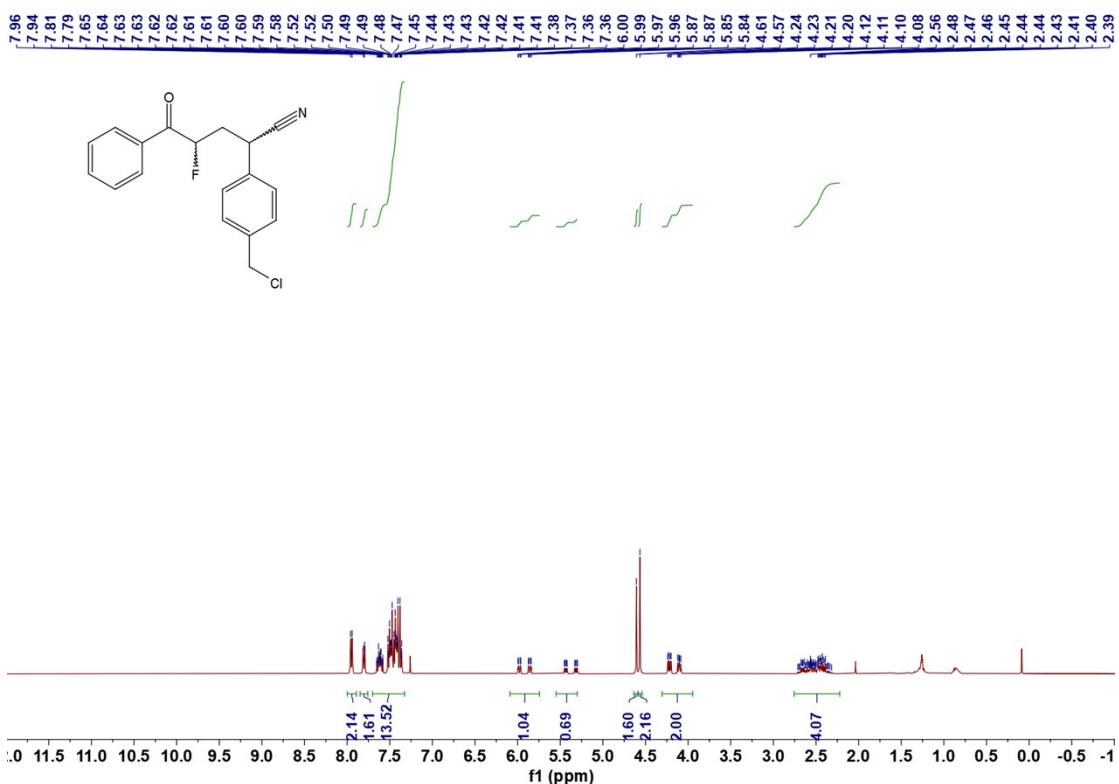
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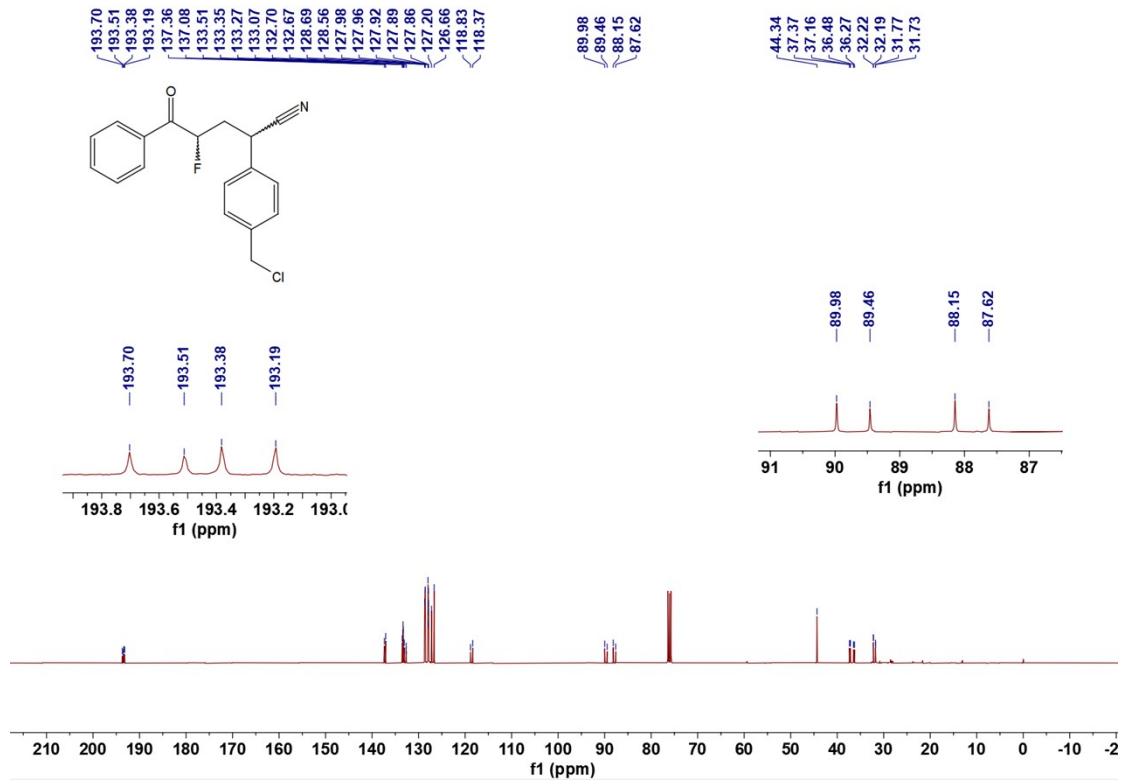


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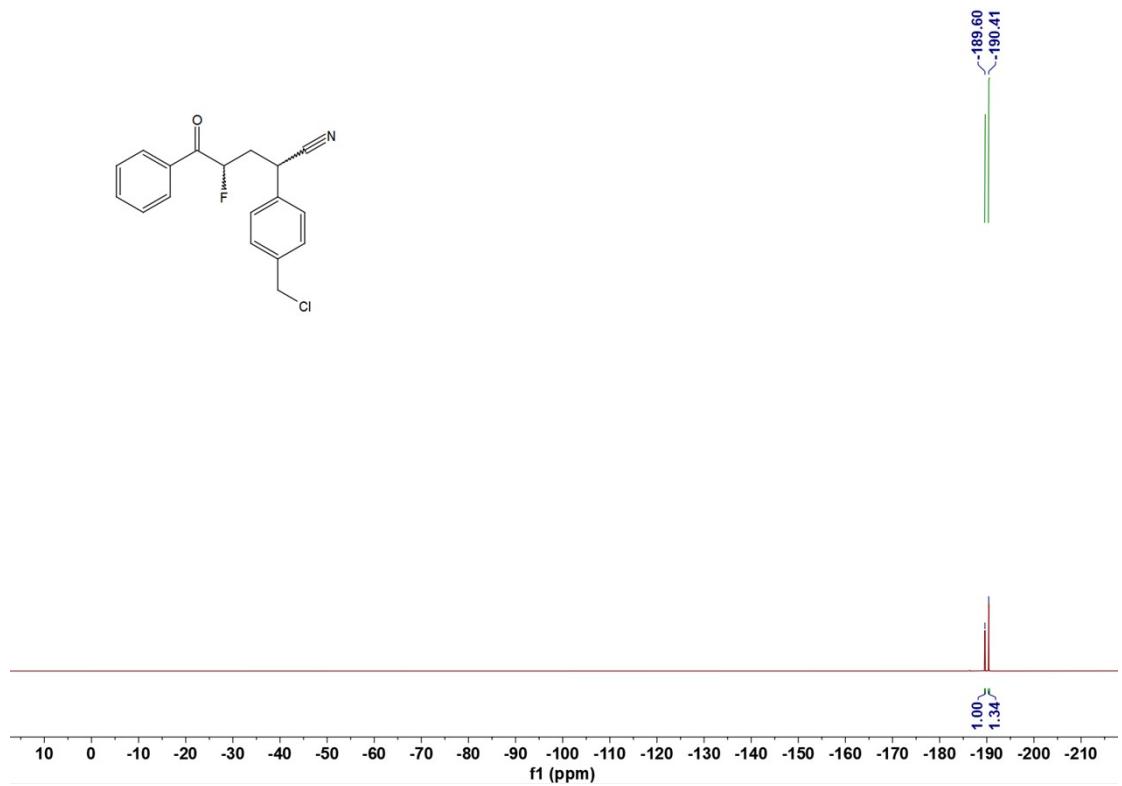


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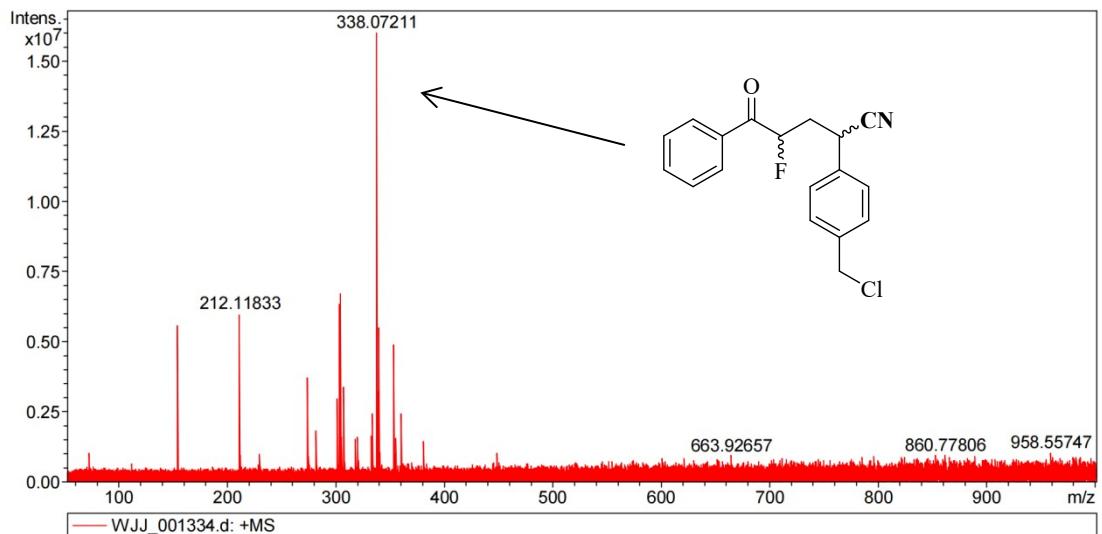




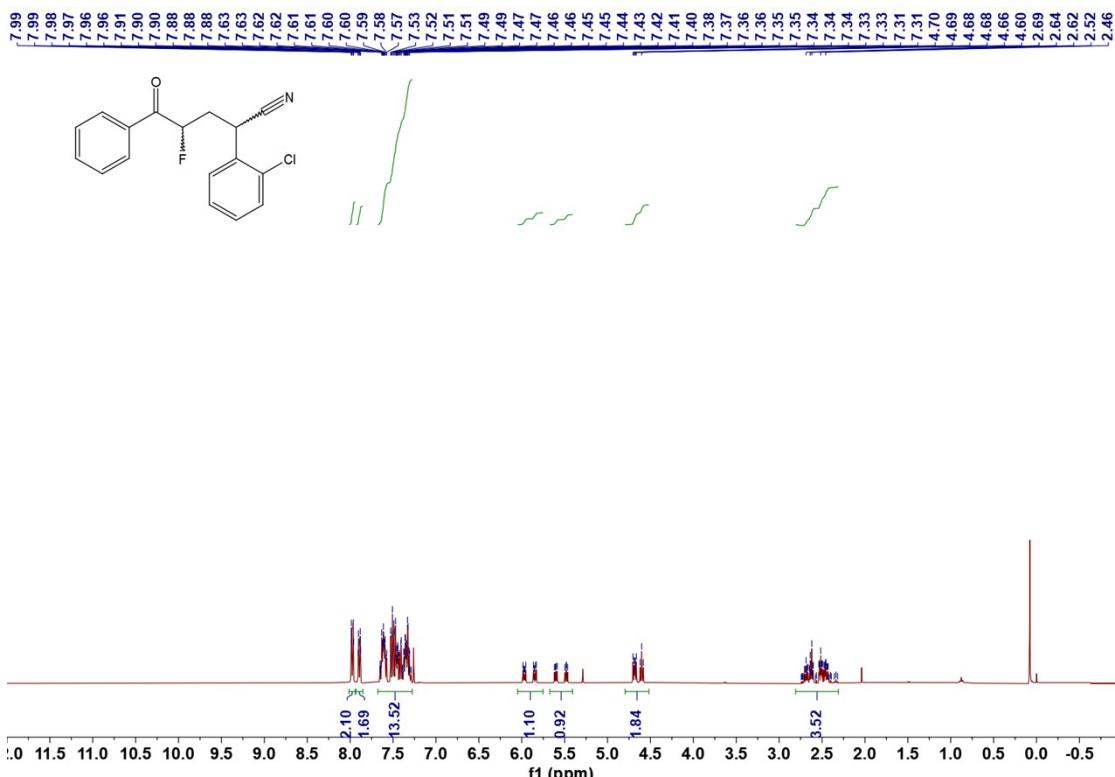
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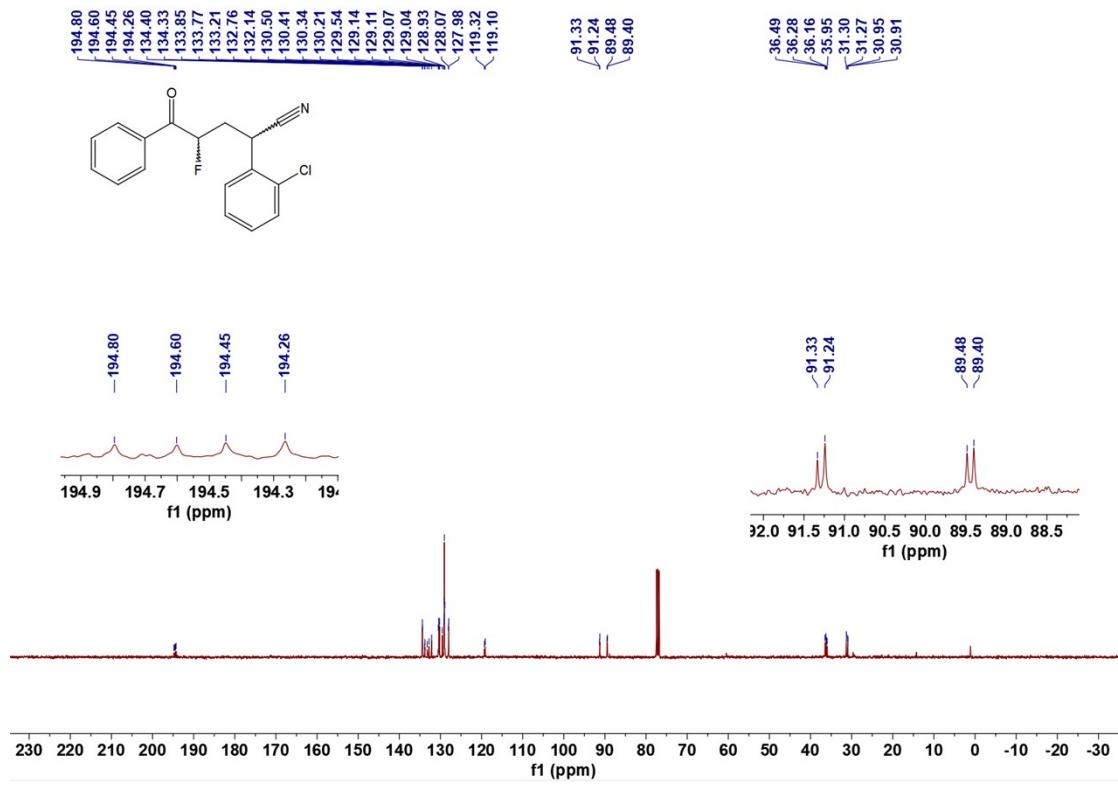
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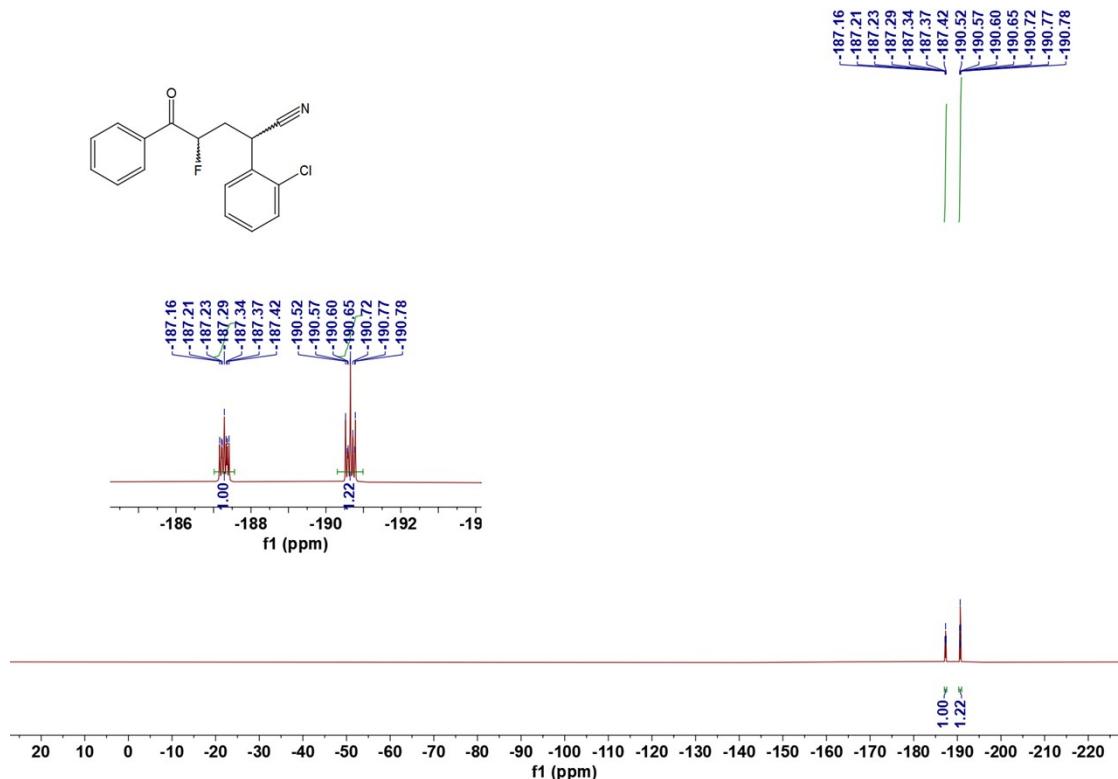
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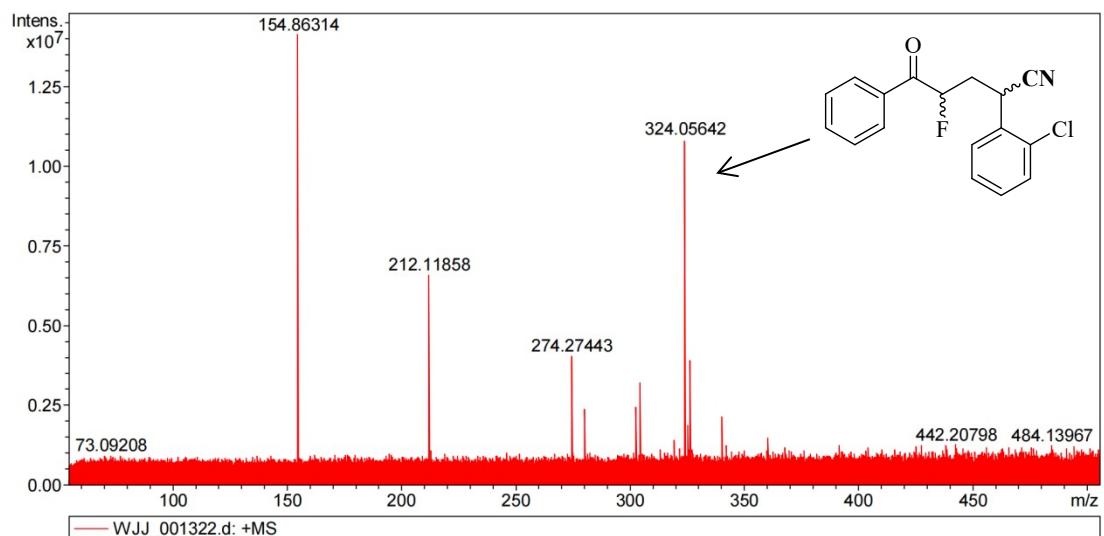
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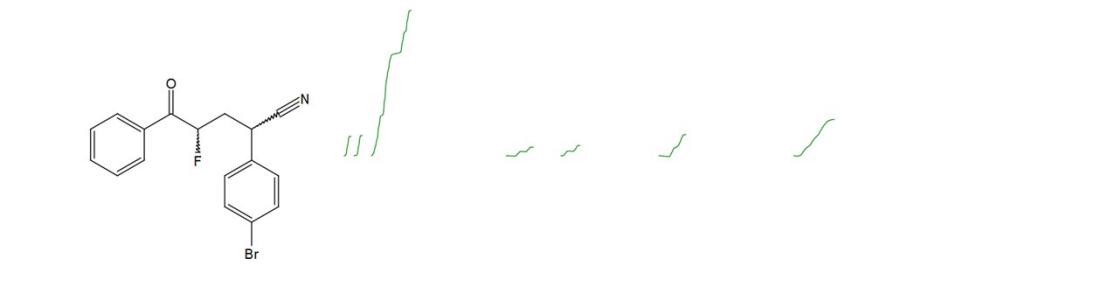
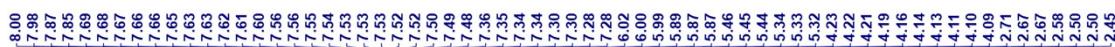
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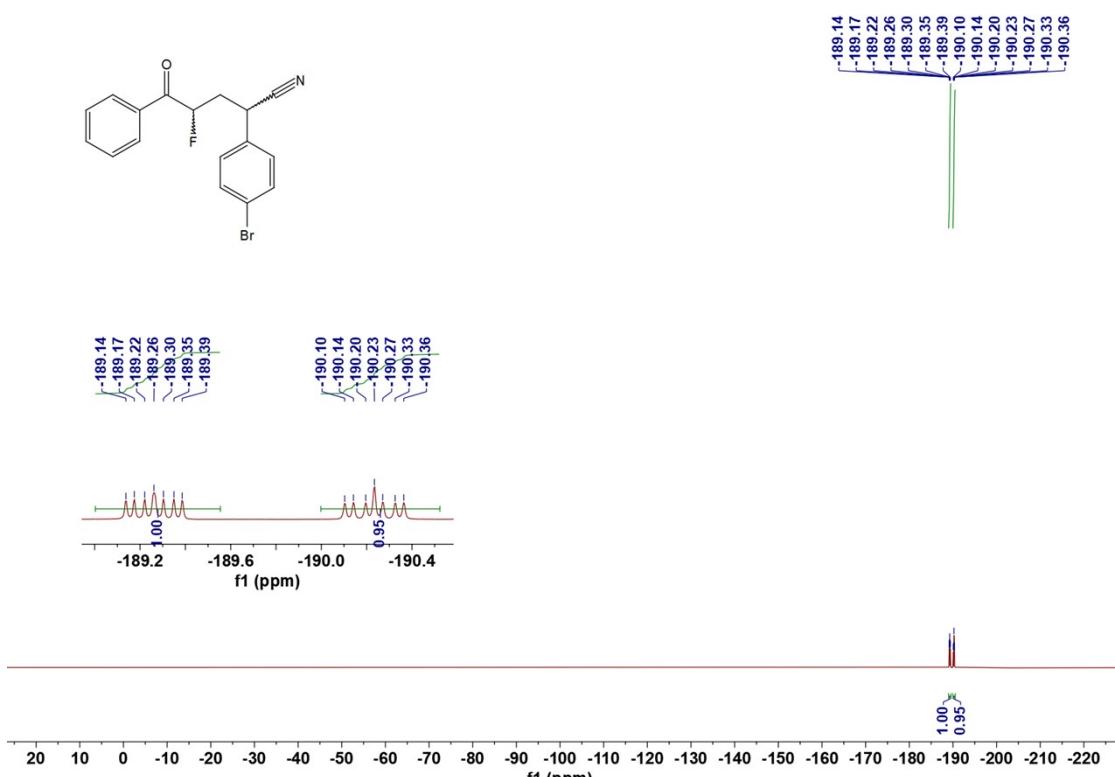
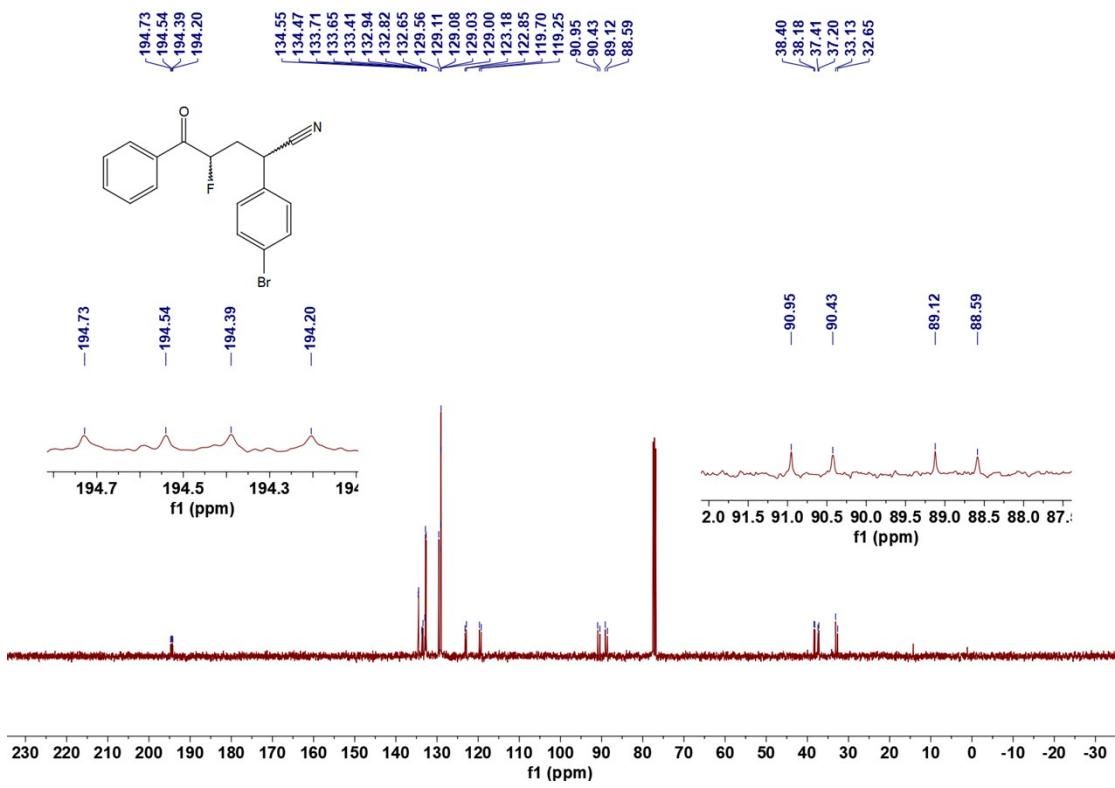
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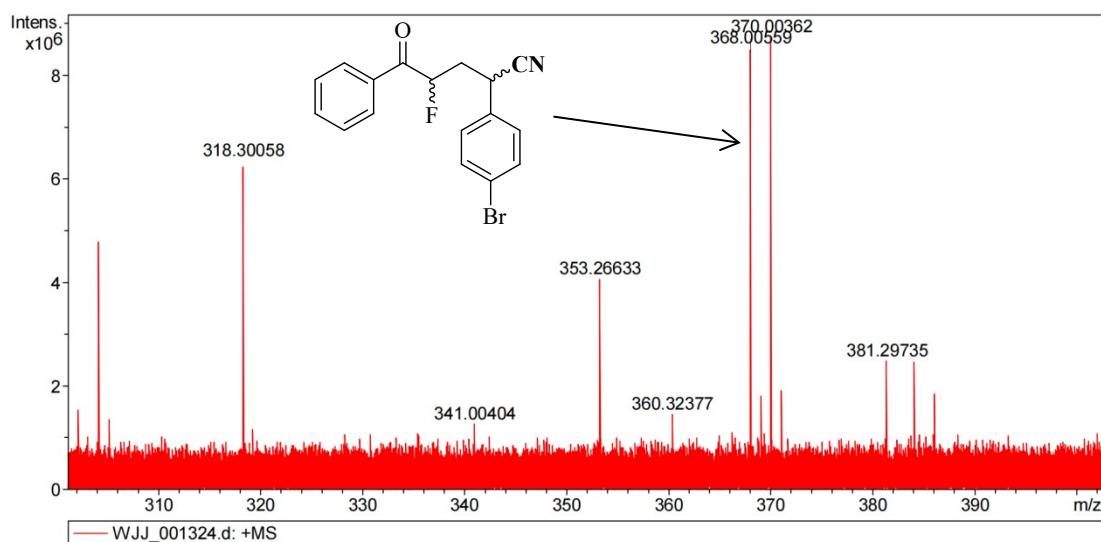


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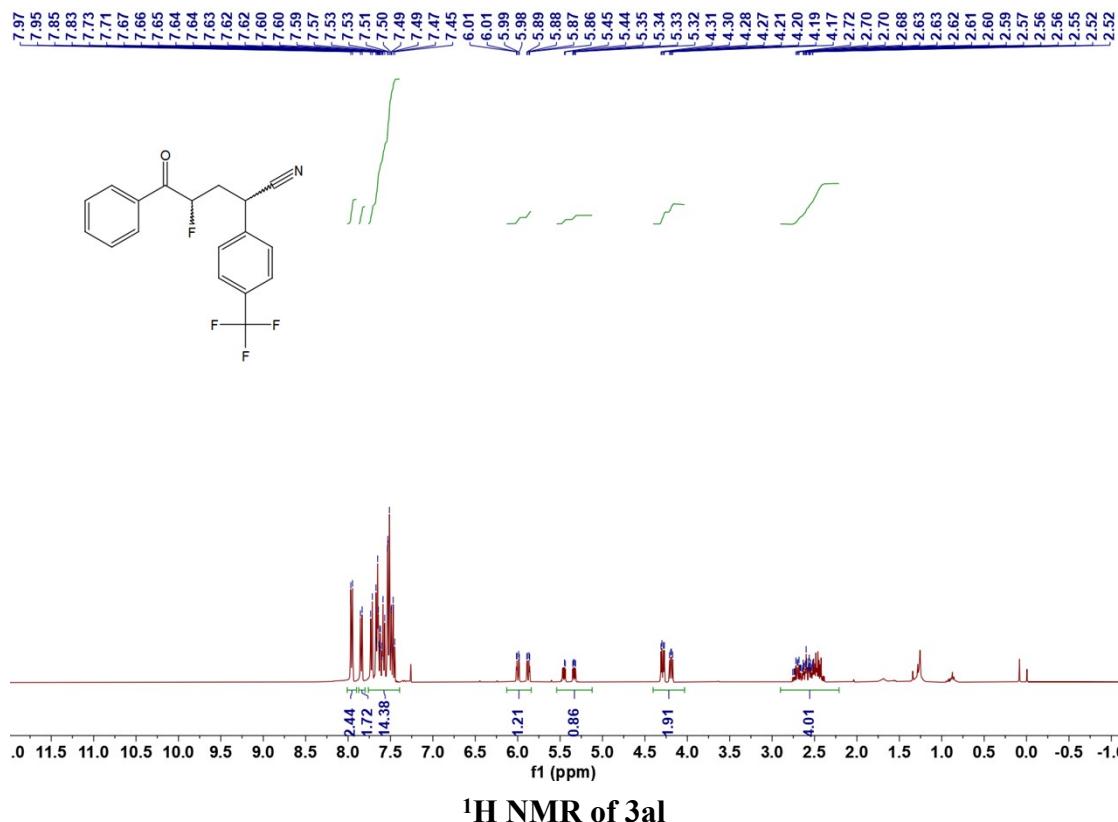


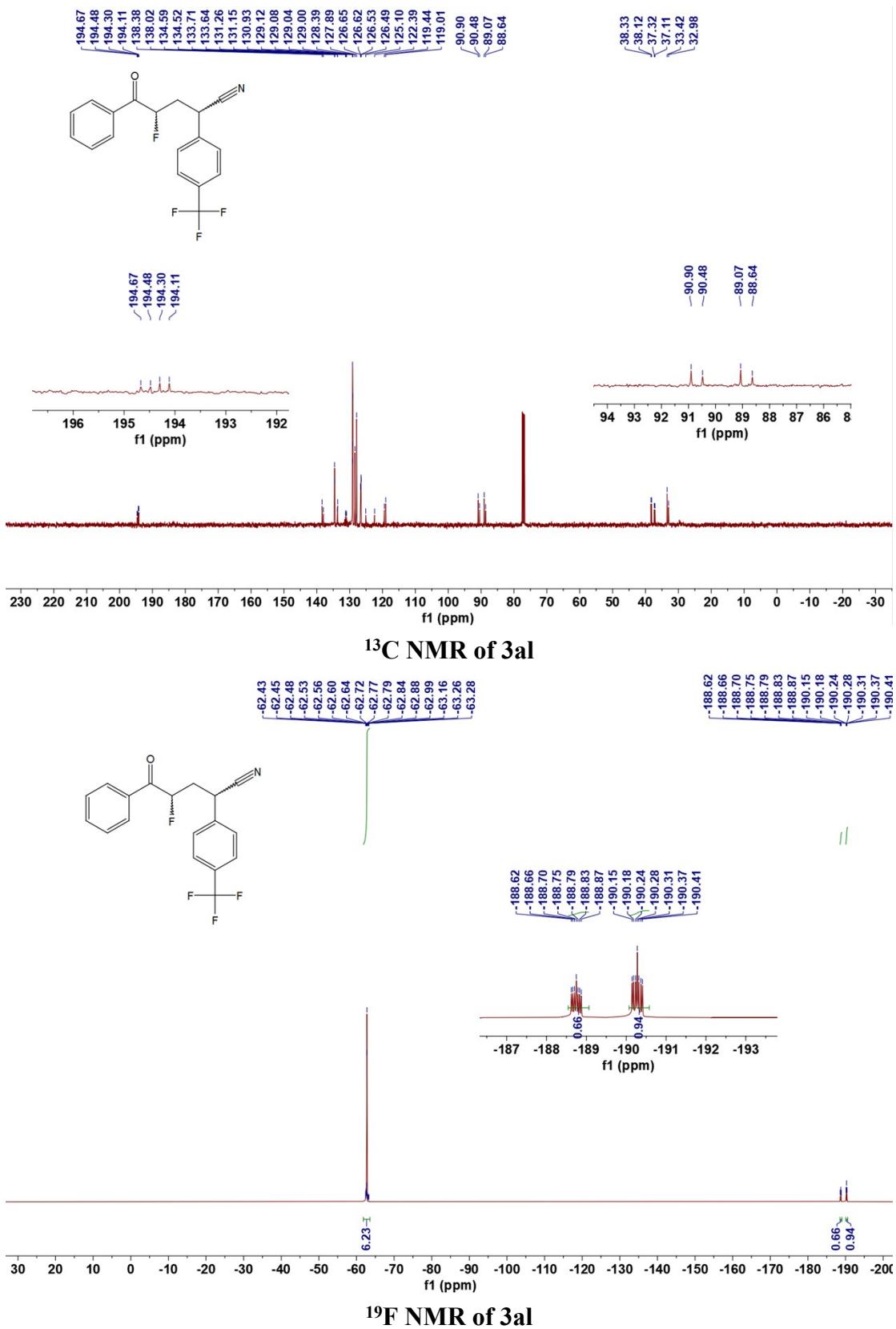
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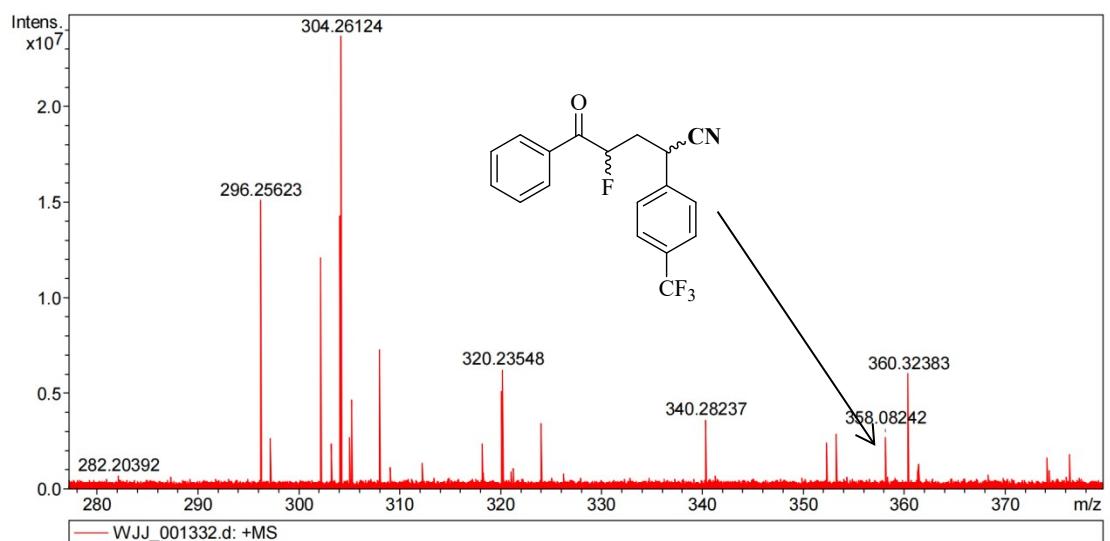




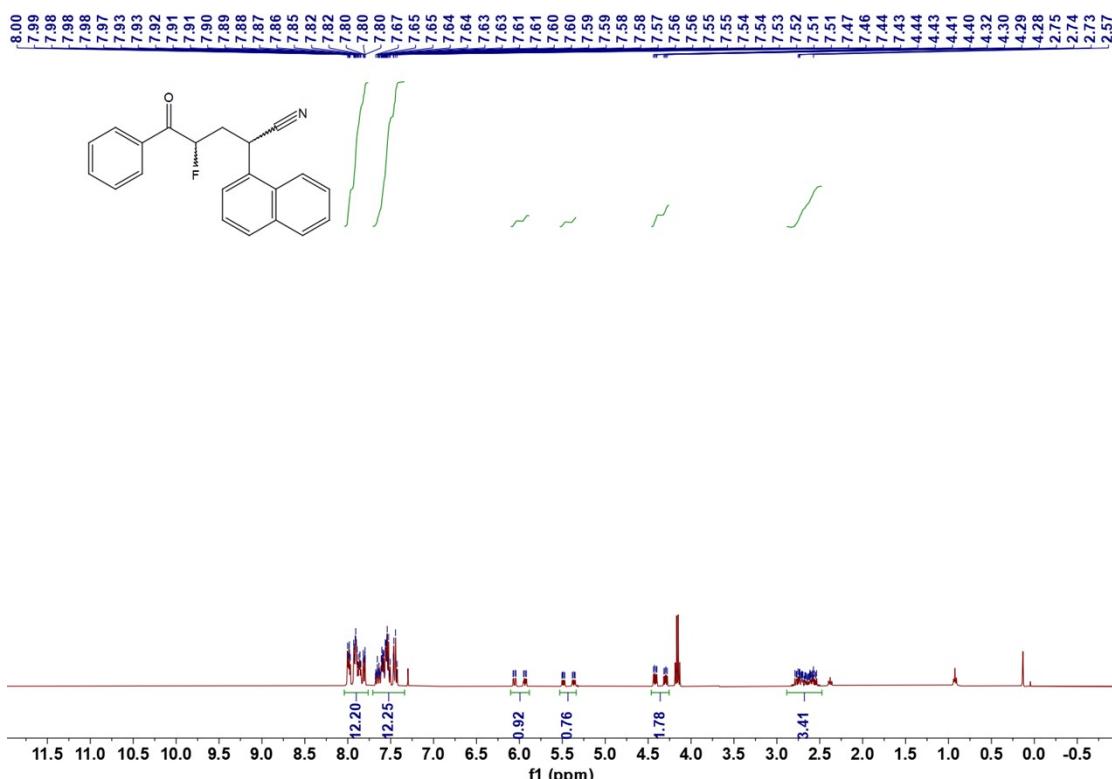
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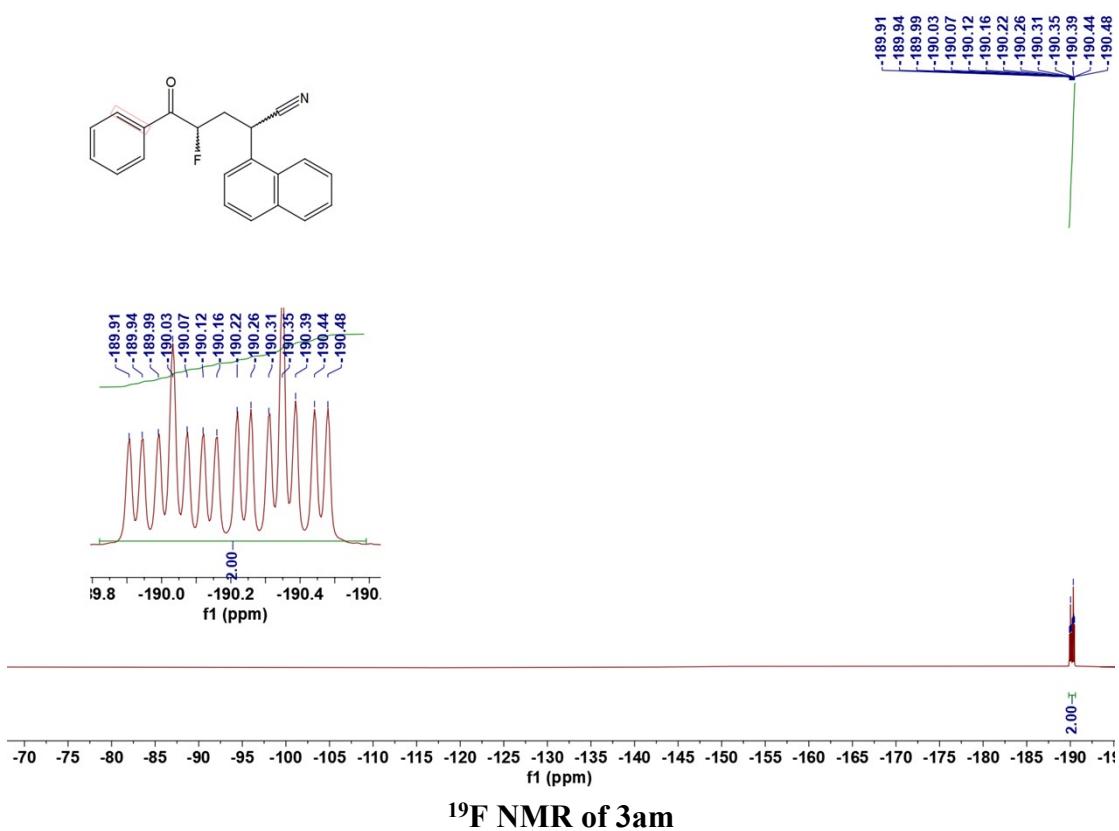
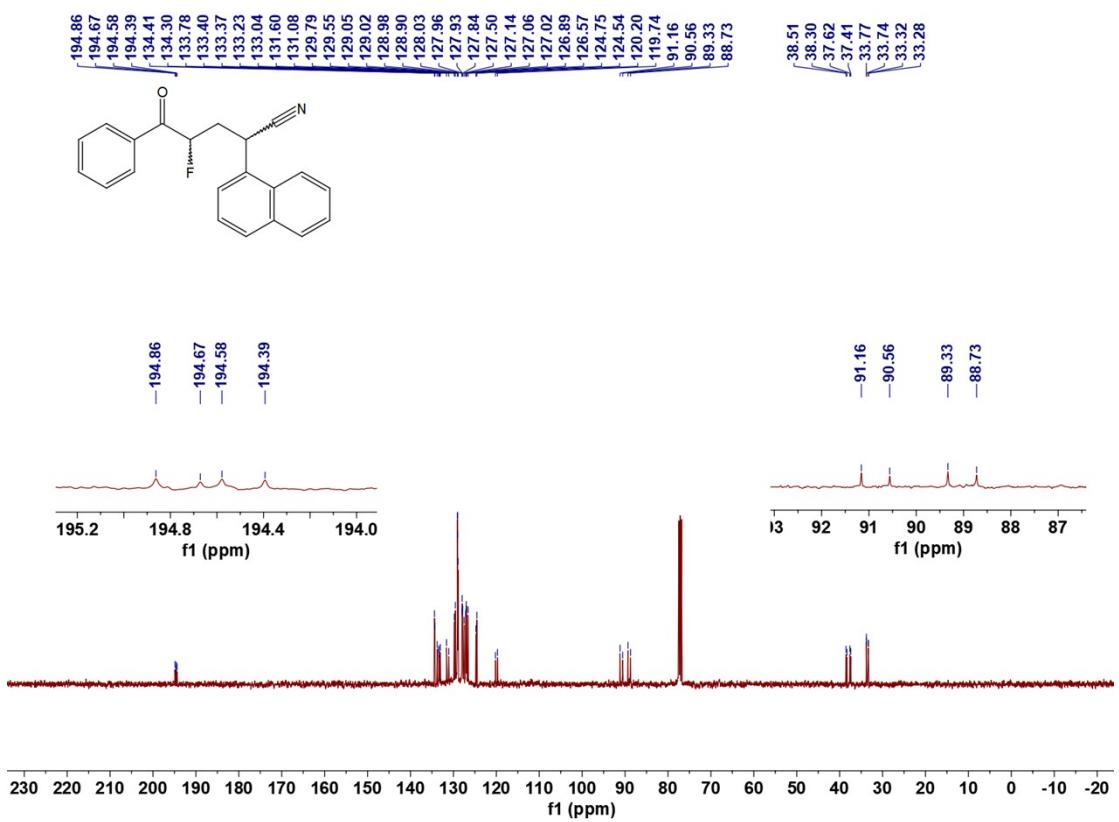


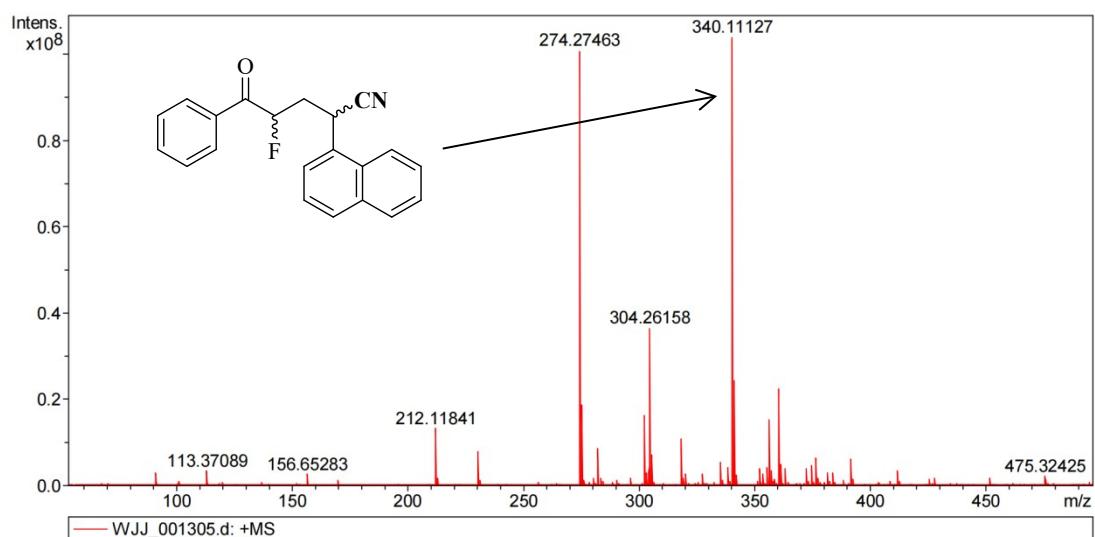


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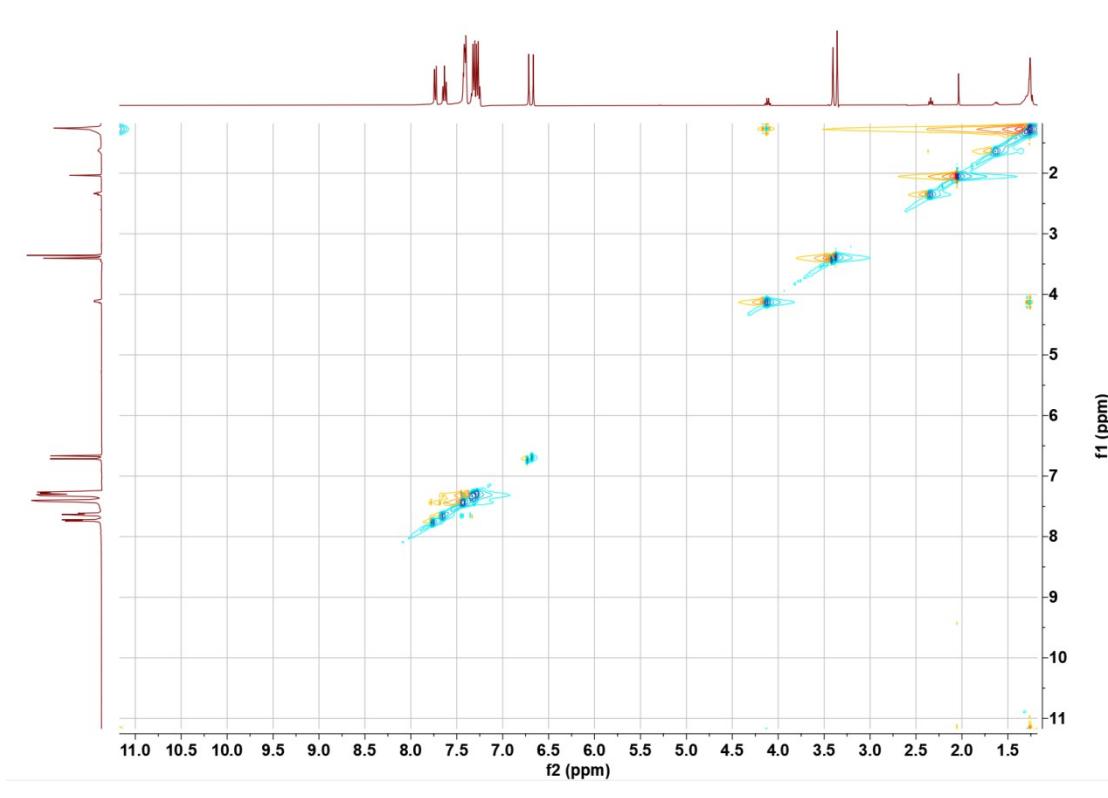


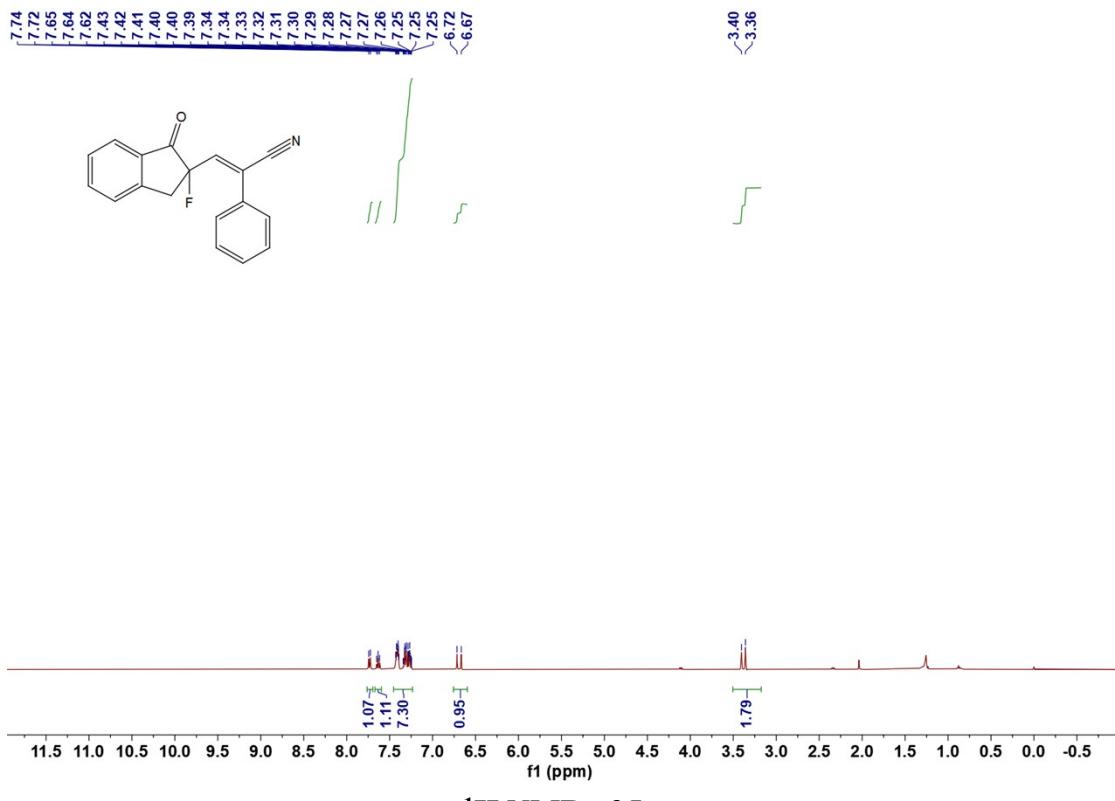
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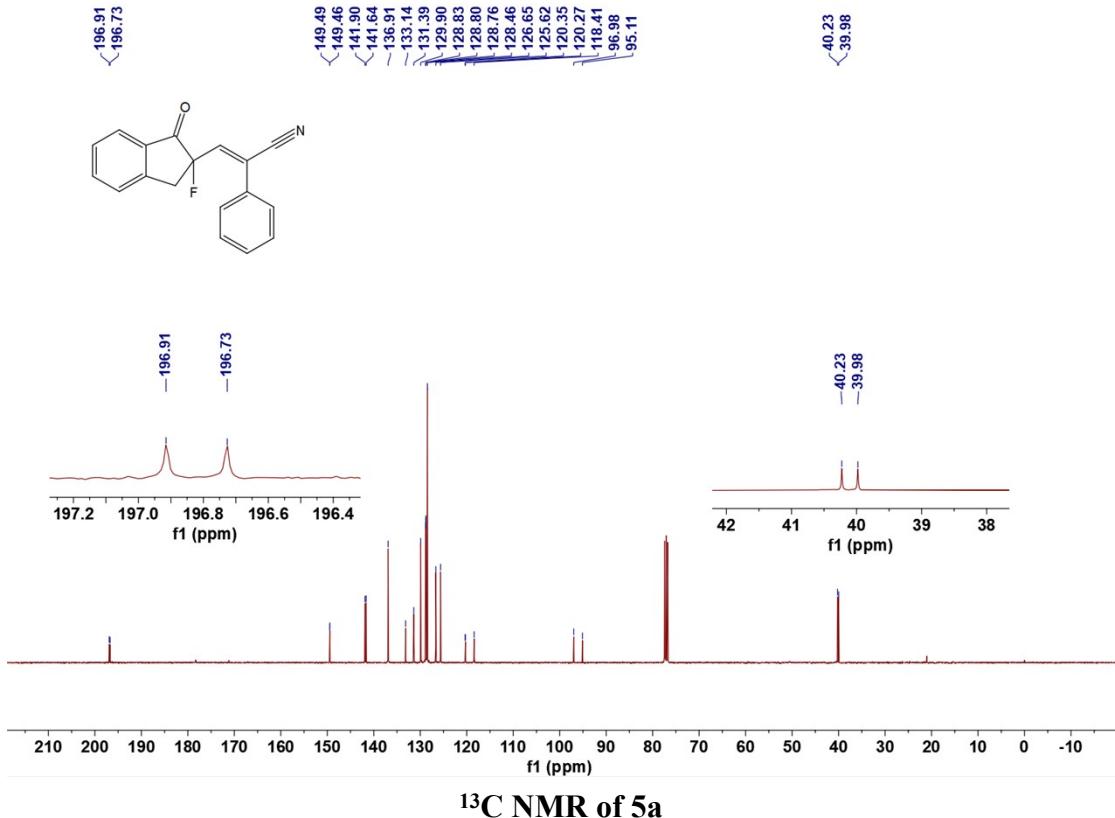


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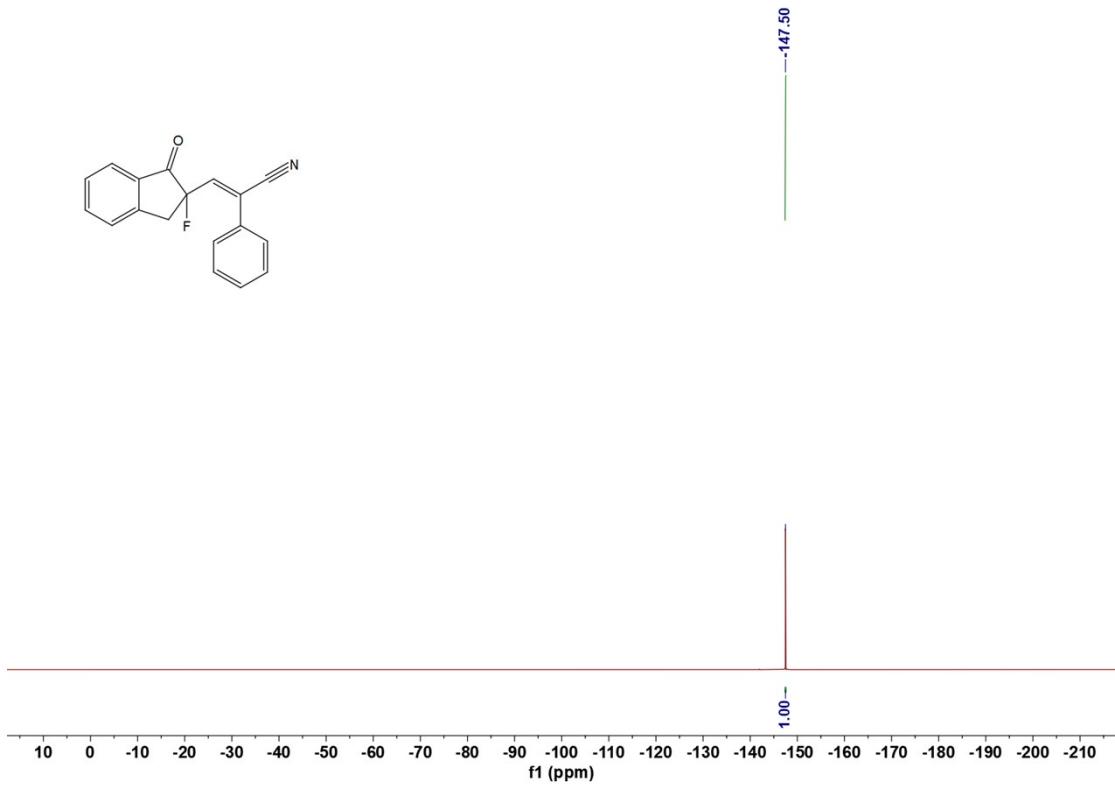




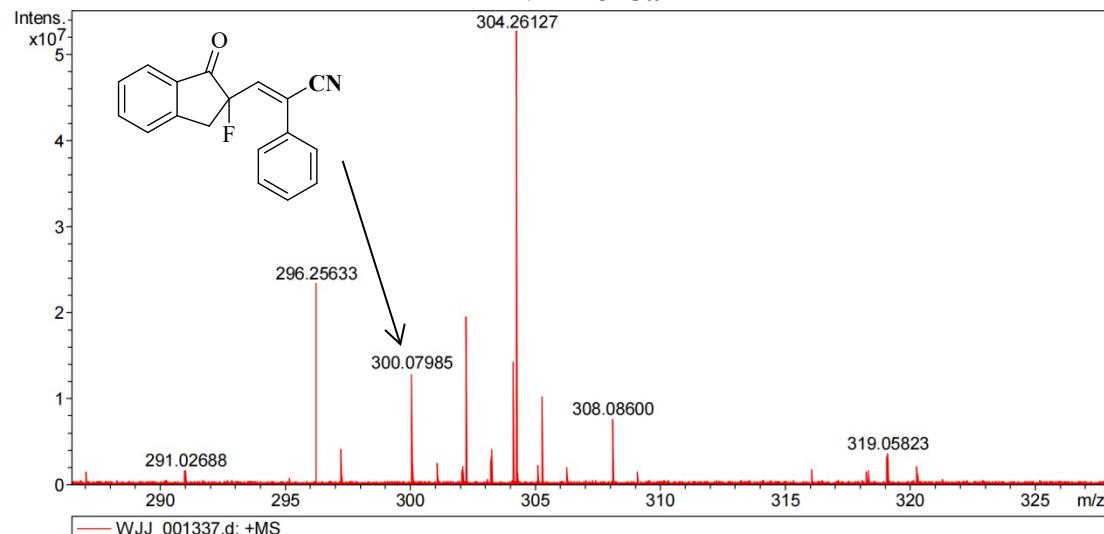
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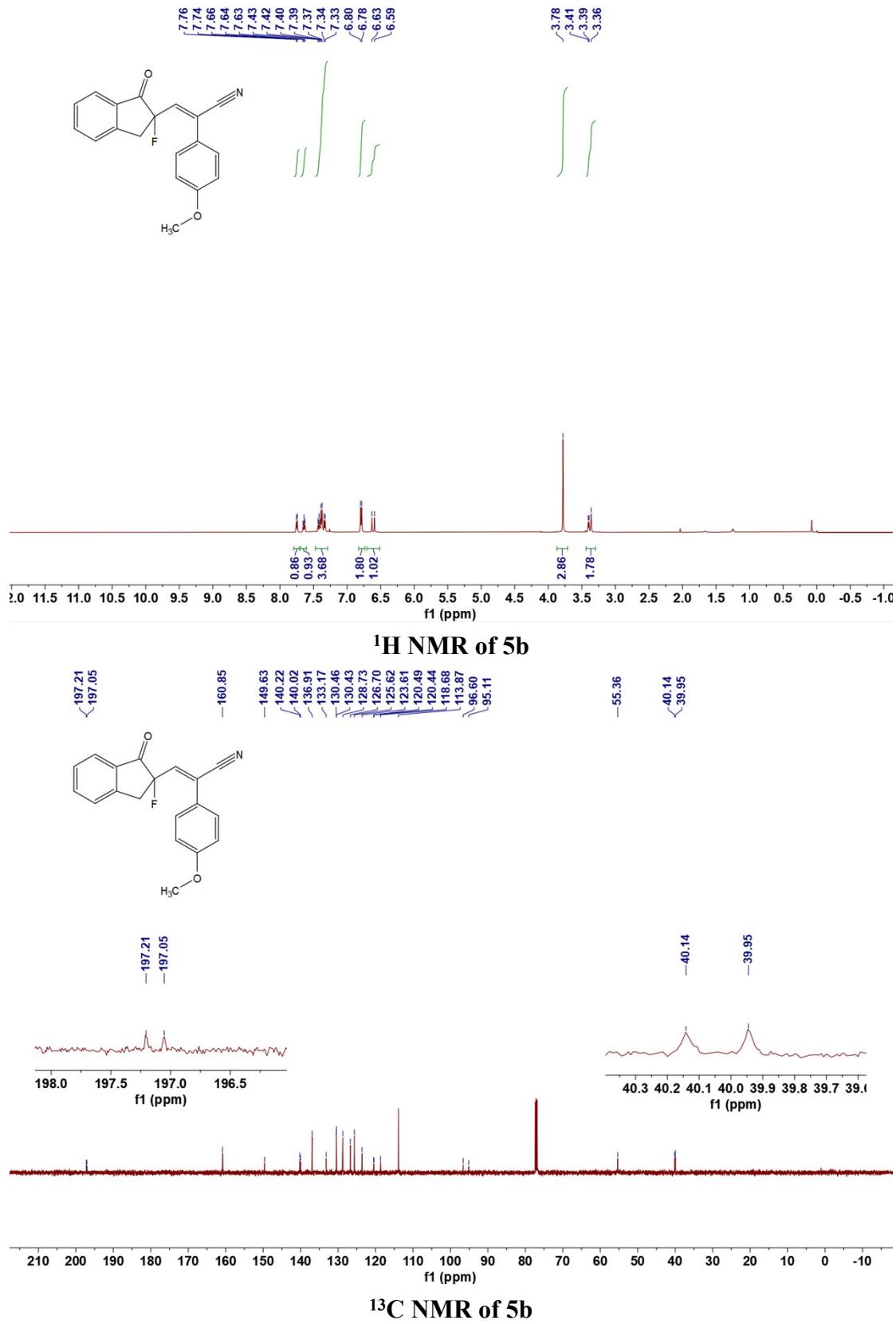
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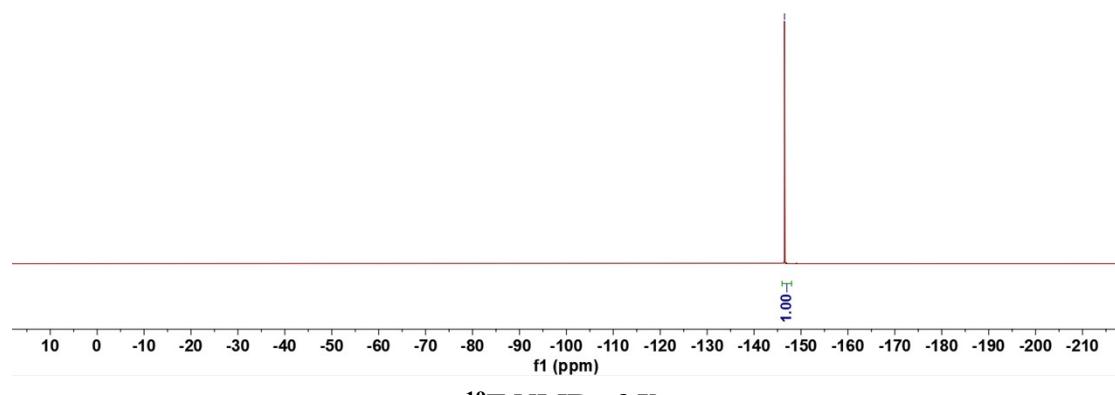
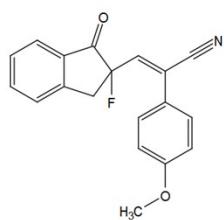


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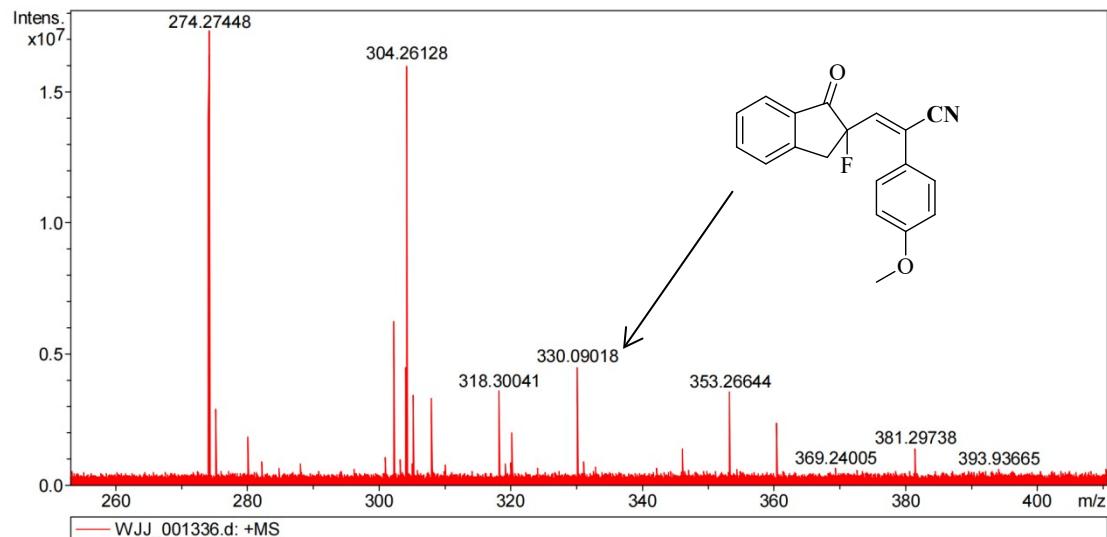


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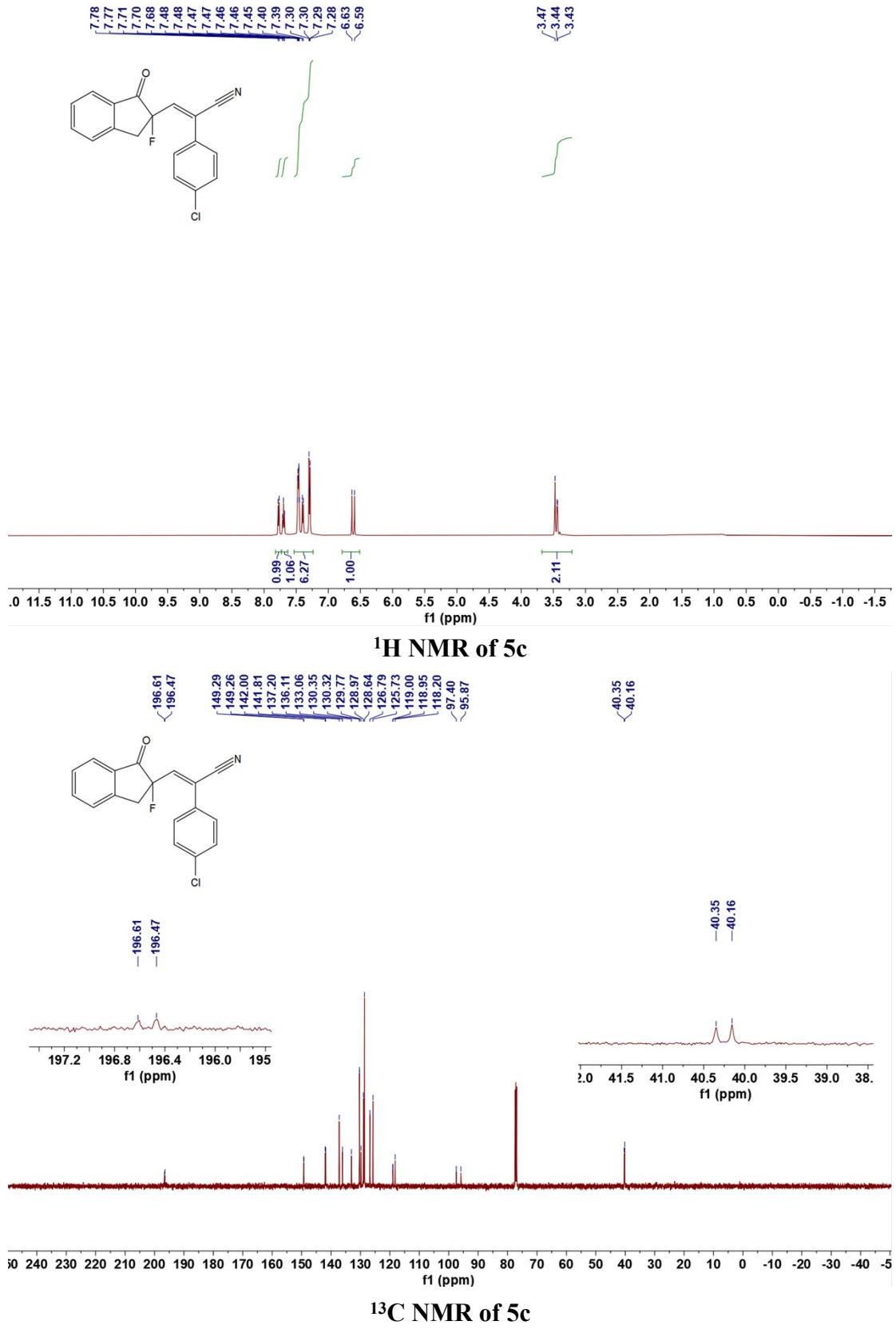


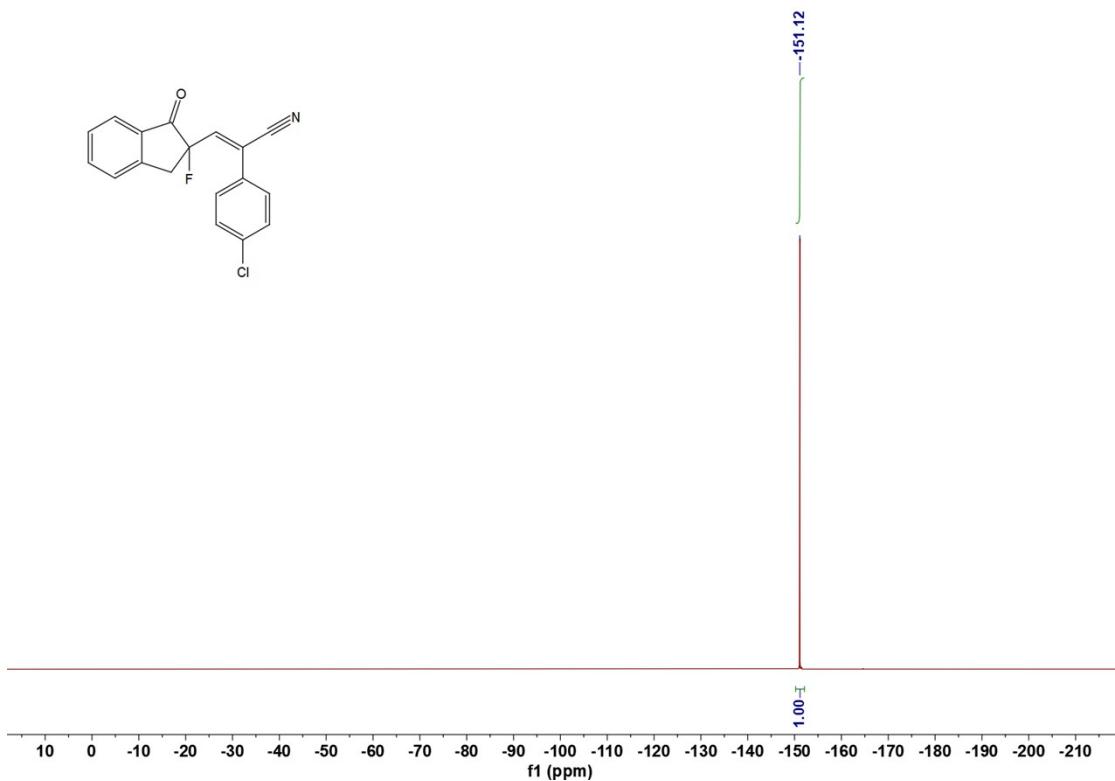


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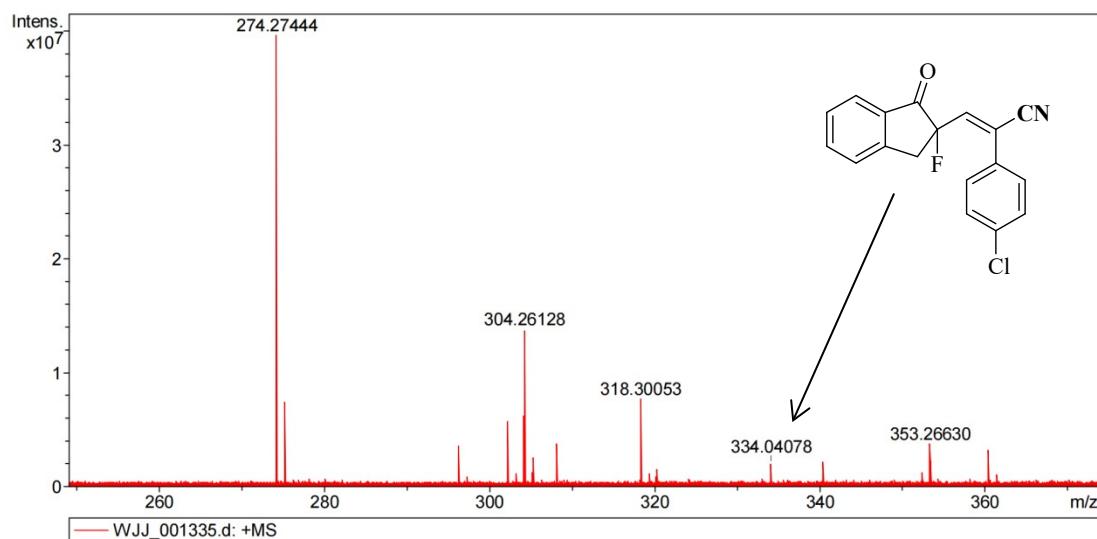


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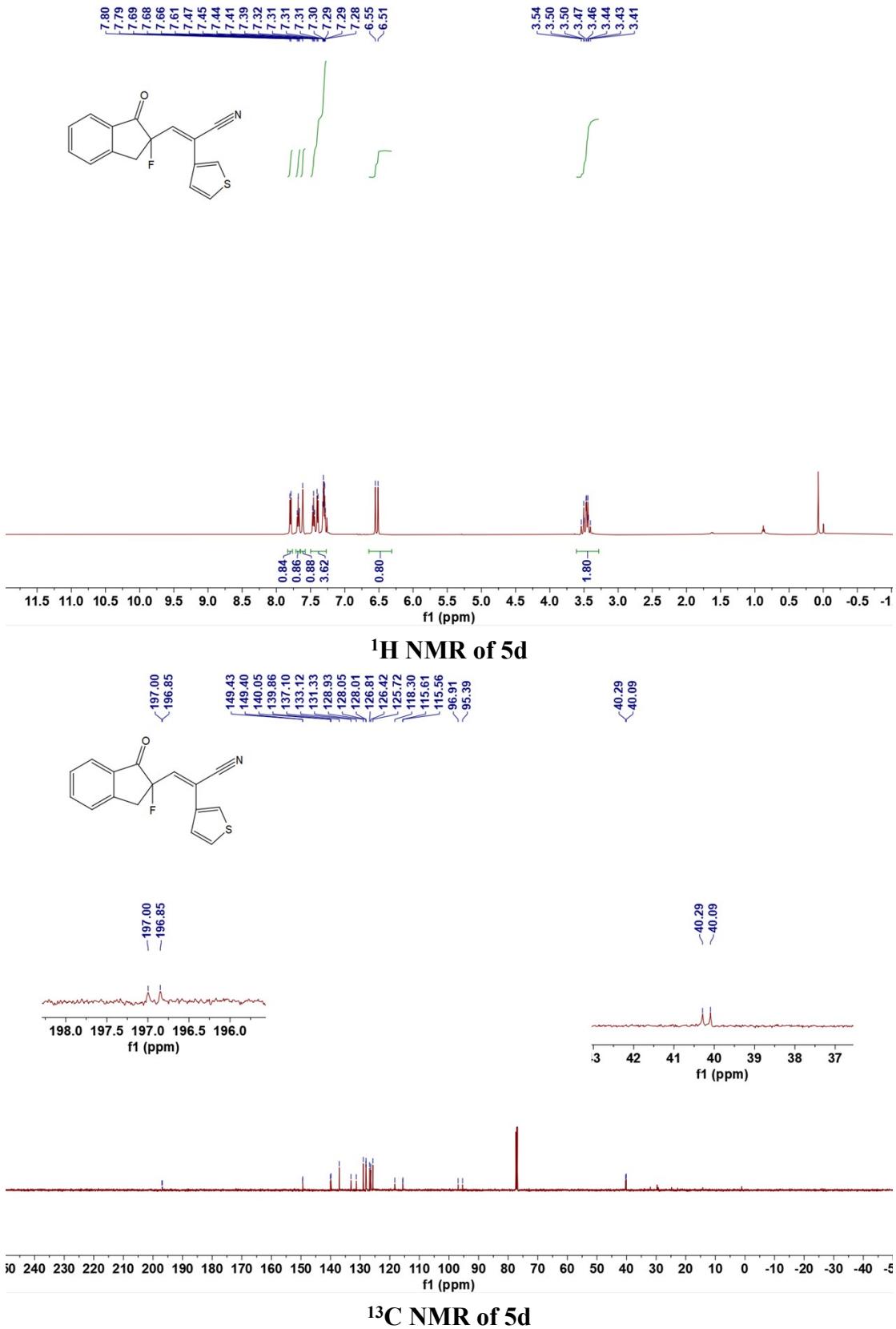


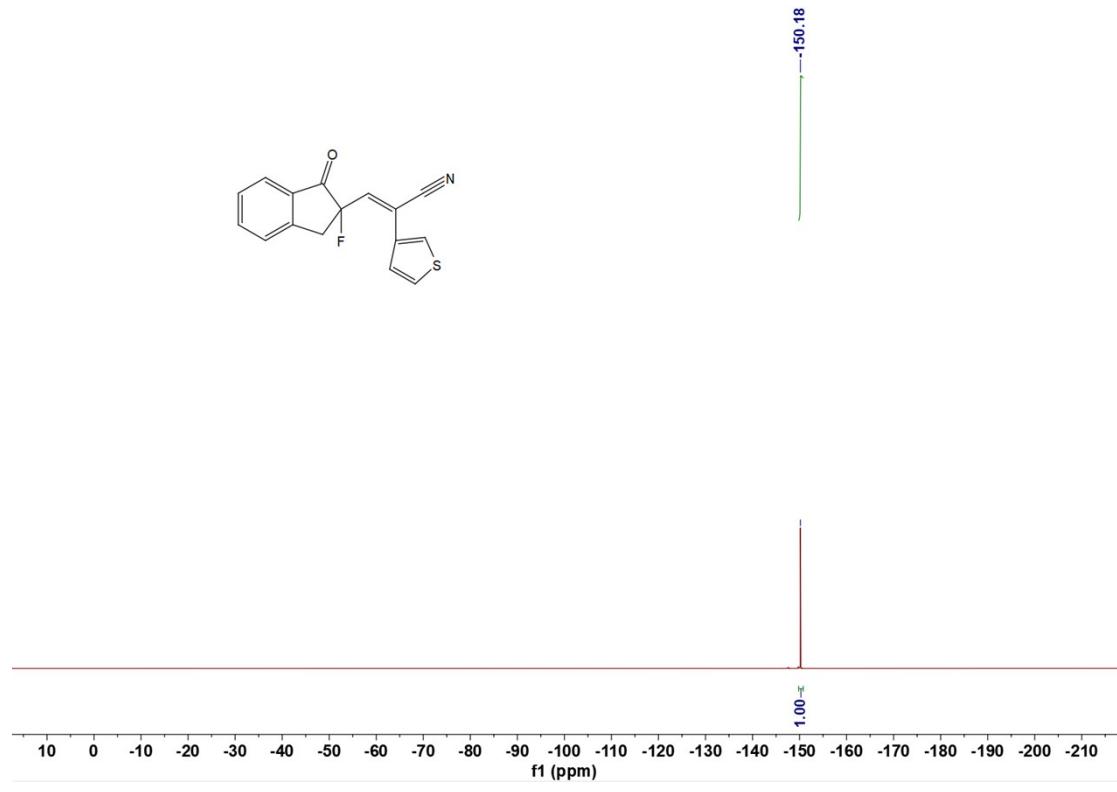


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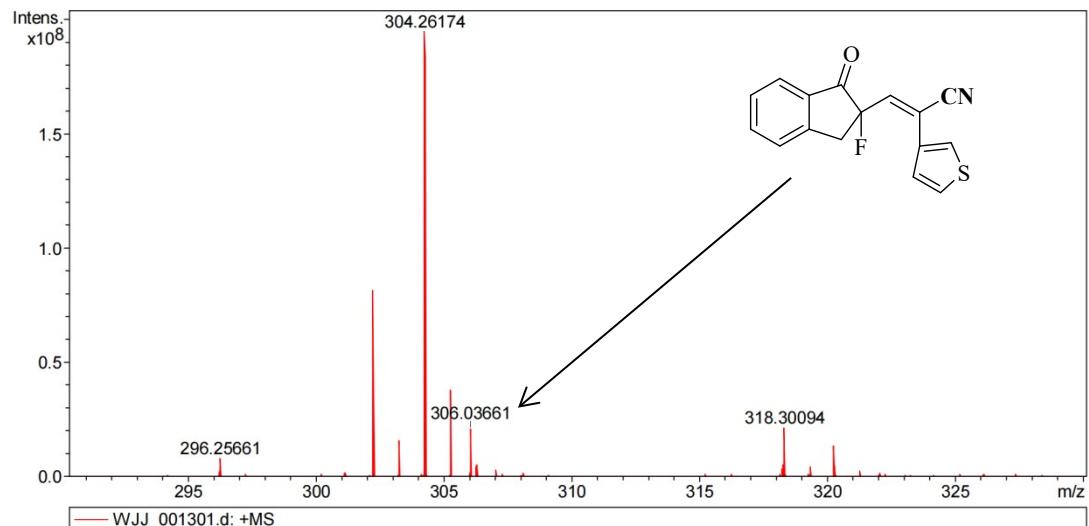


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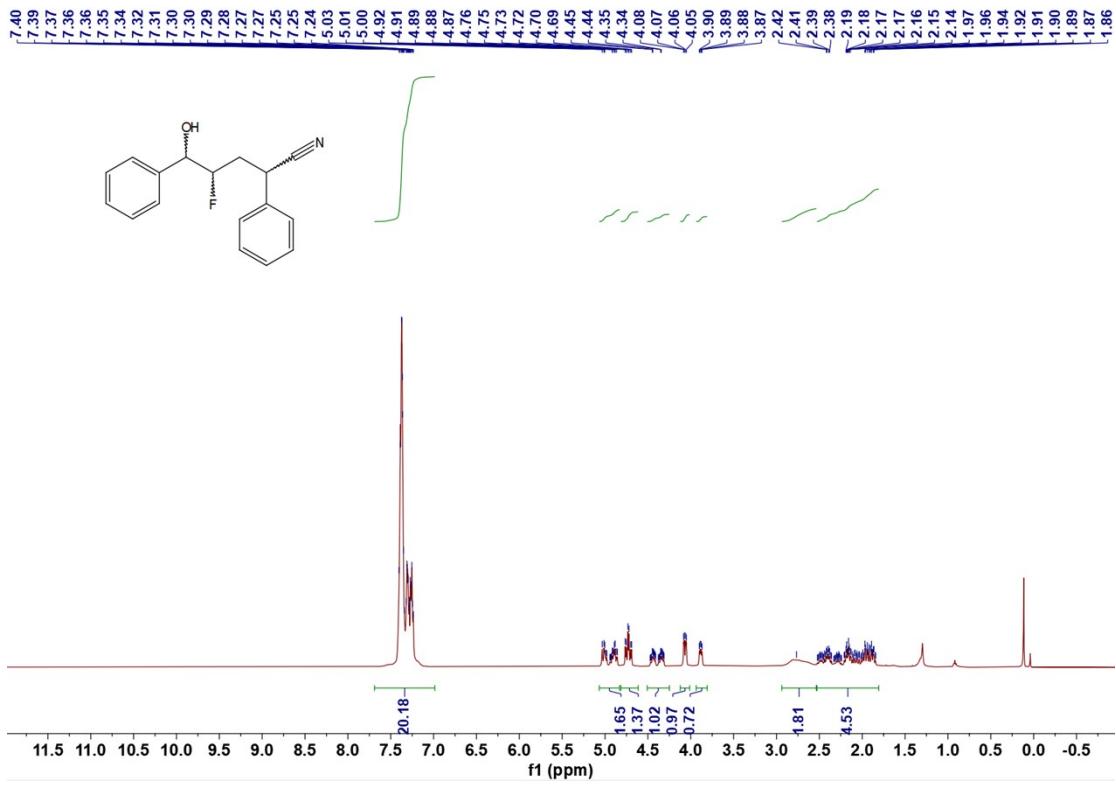




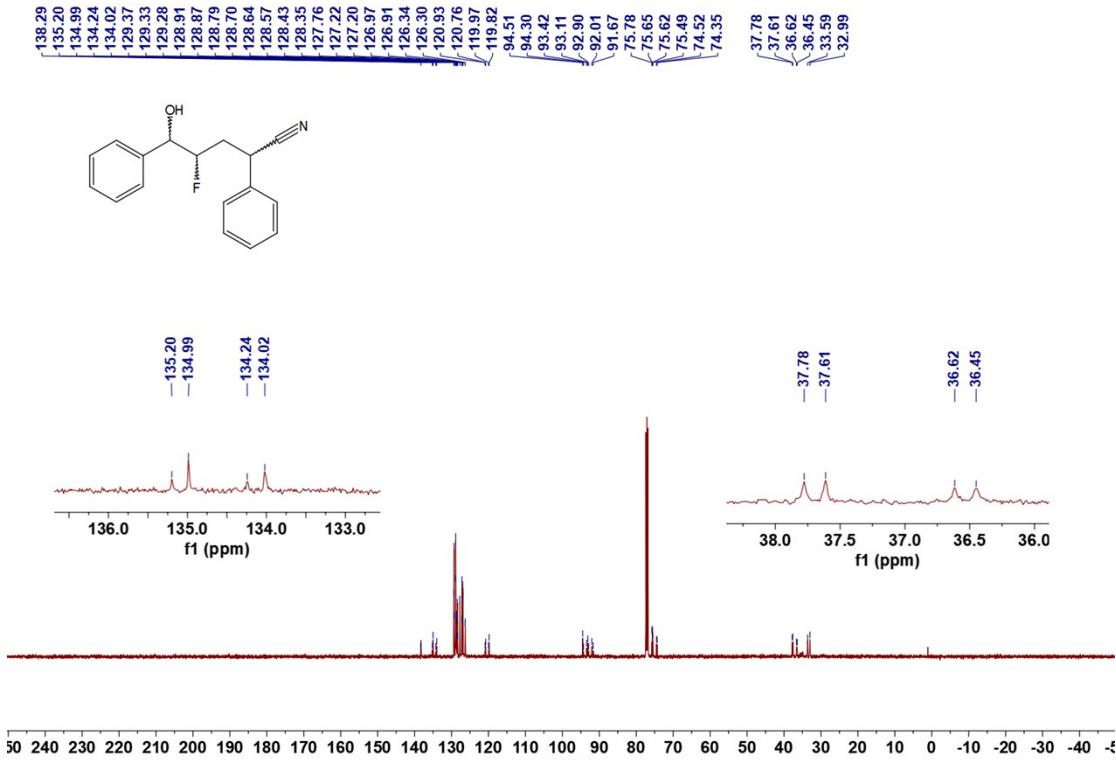
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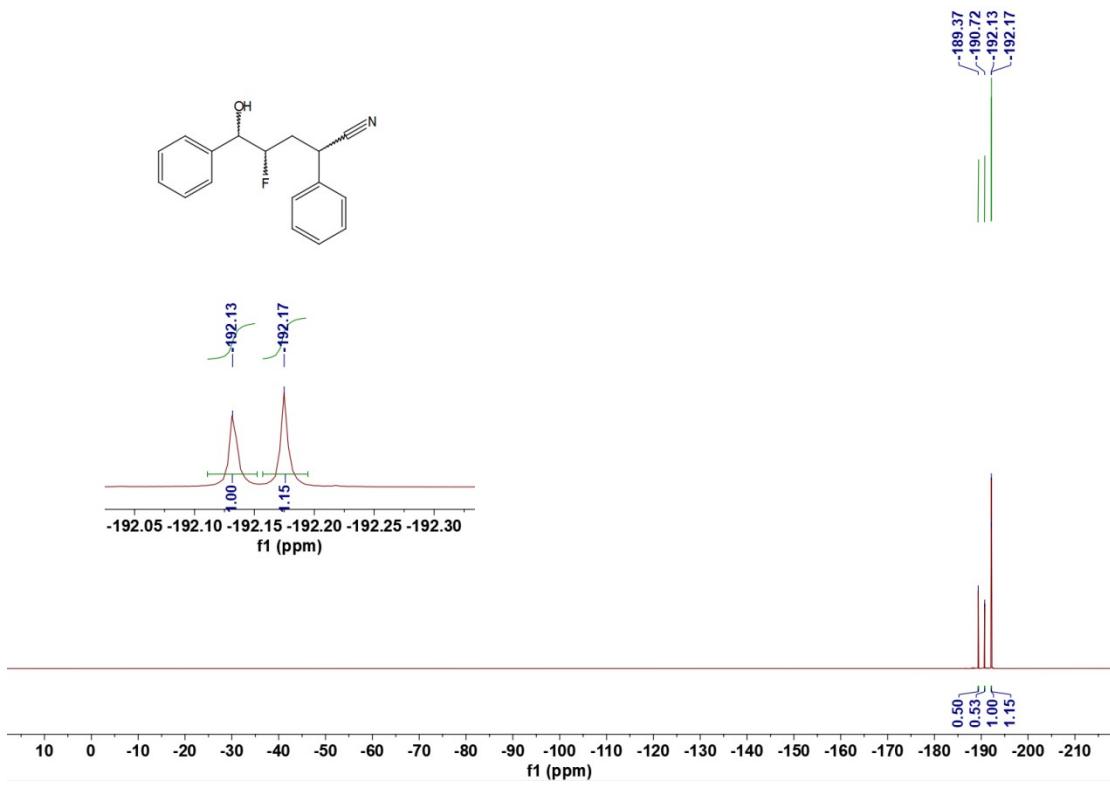
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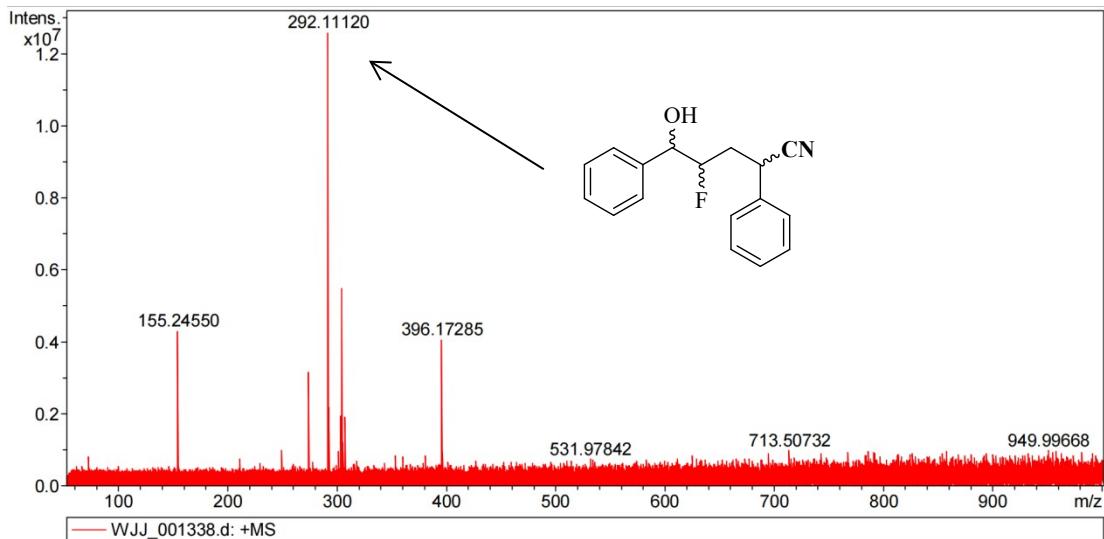
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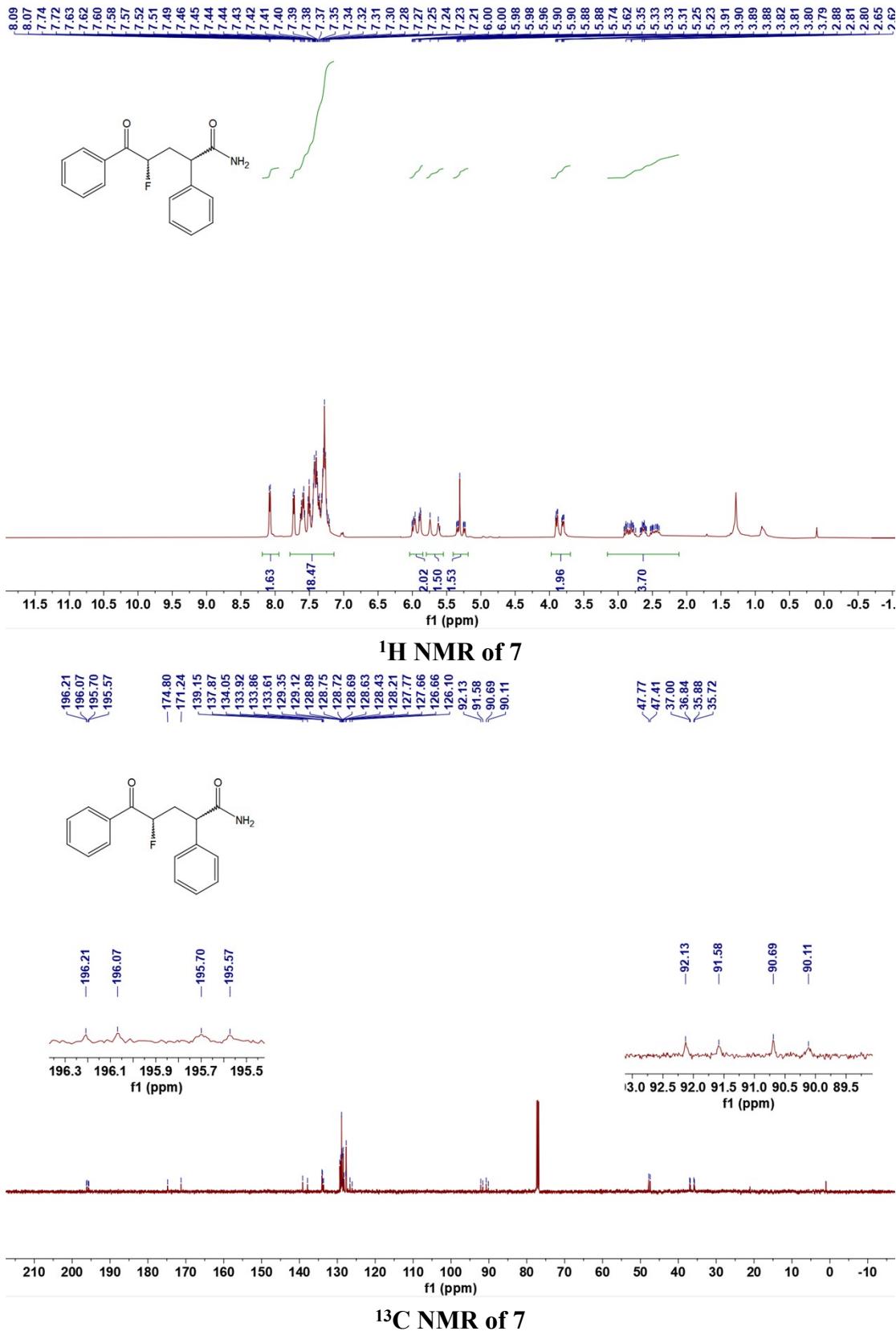


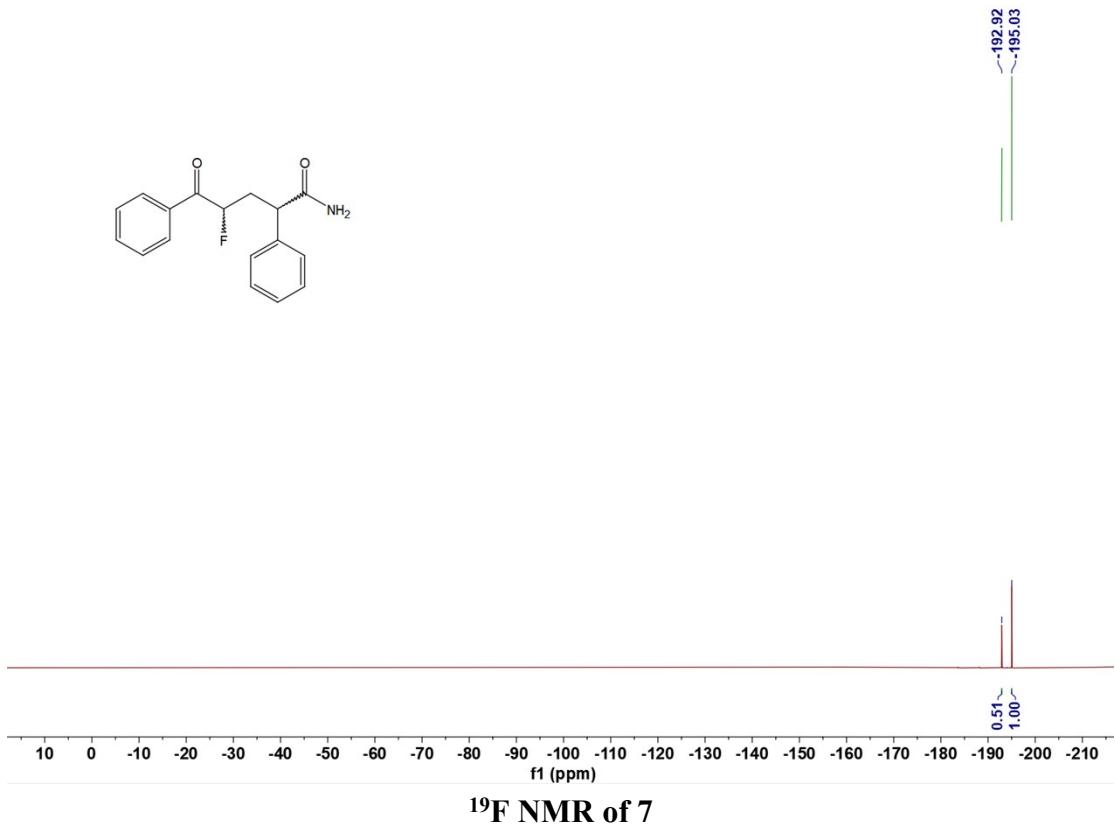
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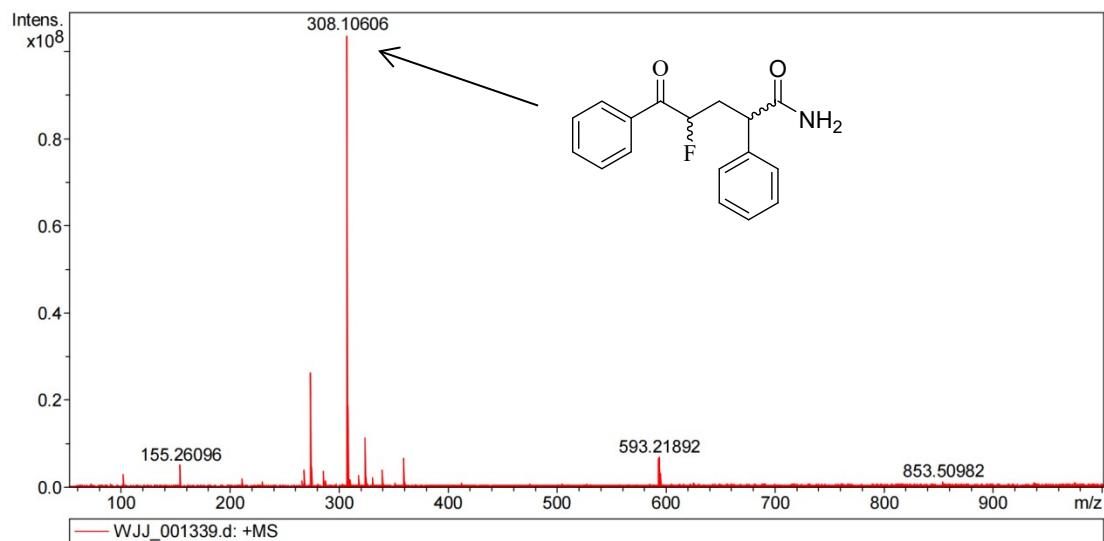
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