

## Supporting Information

### Pd-Catalyzed *ortho*-/*meta*-annulation of biphenyl amines with enynes through non-rollover cyclometallation

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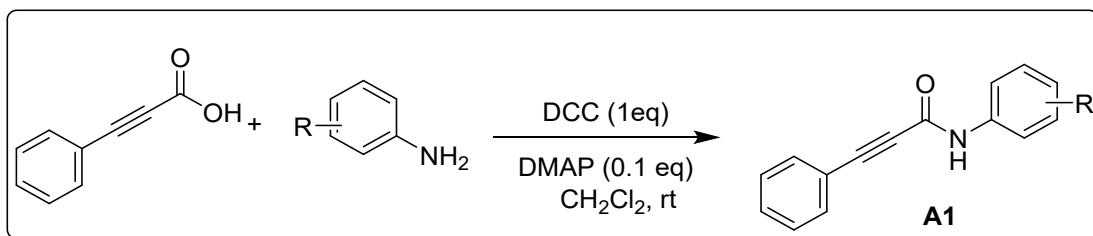
## 1. General Information and methods.

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without purification. NMR spectra were recorded with a 300, 400 or 500 MHz spectrometer for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, 100 or 125 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy. Chemical shifts are reported relative to the residual signals of tetramethyl silane in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or deuterated solvent  $\text{CDCl}_3$  for  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy. Multiplicities are reported as follows: singlet (s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), doublet of triplets (dt), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m). HRMS were recorded by using QTof mass spectrometer. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (100–200 mesh) as the stationary phase. All reactions were monitored by using TLC.

Following the known below procedures, the 1,6-enynes **1** and biphenyl amines **2** were prepared.

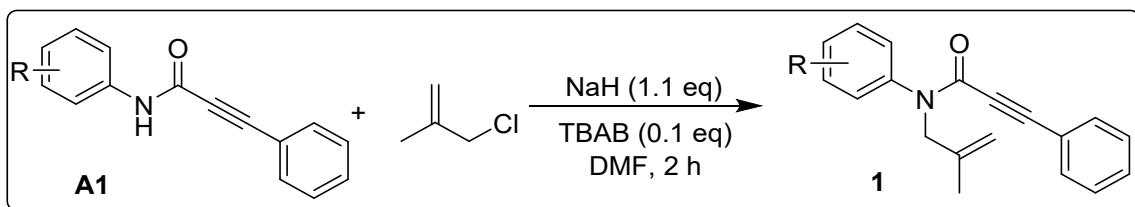
## 2. Experimental Procedures:

### 2.1. Preparation of amide **A1** from phenyl propionic acid and anilines: General Procedure (GP-1):<sup>1,2</sup>

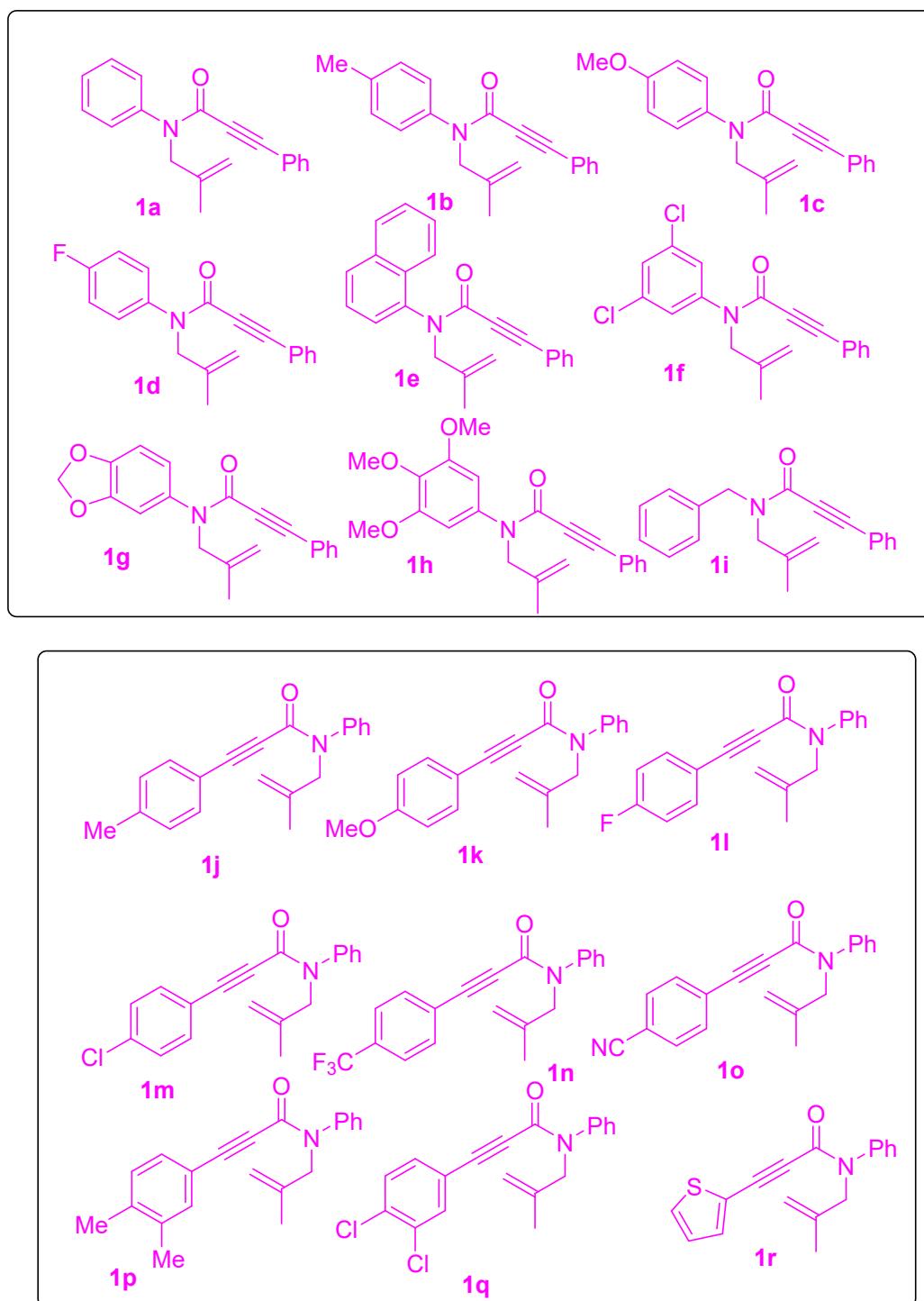


An oven dried round-bottom flask was charged with phenylpropionic acid (1 equiv) and DMAP (10 mol %), and purged with argon for 10 minutes. The contents were dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  before the amine was added (1.1 equiv). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution of DCC (1.0 equiv) was added drop-wise and the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight (approximately 12 hours). The contents of the flask were filtered through a plug of celite eluting with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo while adsorbing onto silica gel and the crude material was purified by flash column silica gel chromatography using EtOAc:hexane system to get **A1**.

### 2.2. General Procedure (GP-2):



A 60% dispersion of NaH in mineral oil (1.1 equiv) was added to a stirred solution of **A1** (1 equiv, 0.15 M) in DMF at 0 °C. The corresponding solution was stirred for 5 minutes before warming to room temperature where it was stirred for 30 minutes. The solution of the sodium propiolamide was again cooled to 0 °C and TBAB (10 mol %) and 3-chloro-2-methyl-1-propene (4 equiv, dropwise) were added in that order. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and was stirred for 2 hours after which the completion of the reaction was determined by TLC analysis. The reaction was carefully quenched with a saturated solution of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and then was diluted with water and ethyl acetate. After separating the layers, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed sequentially with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The material was purified by flash column silica gel chromatography using EtOAc:hexane system to get **1** with 60–85% yield.

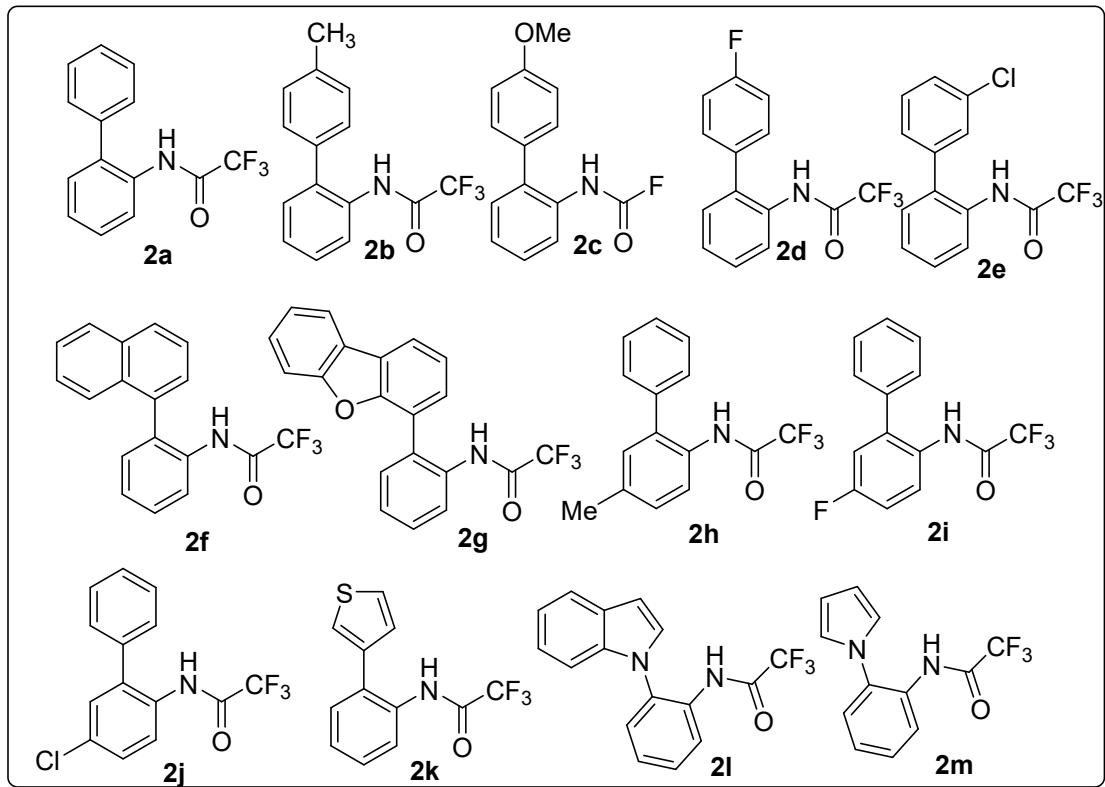
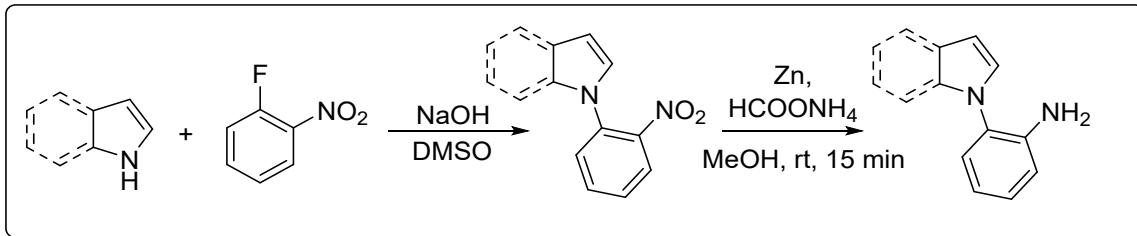
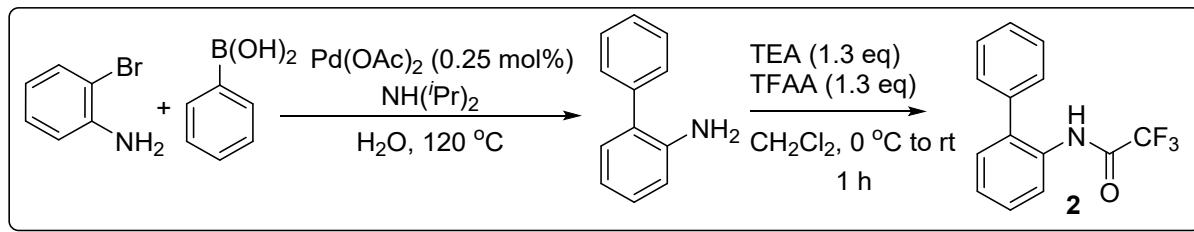


### 2.3. Preparation of protected biphenyl amine: General Procedure (GP-3):<sup>3,4</sup>

A mixture of *o*-bromoanilines (3.0 mmol), aryl boronic acids (4.5 mmol), base (6.0 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.25 mol%, 1.68 mg) and H<sub>2</sub>O (6.0 mL) was stirred at 100 °C for 0.5 h. The reaction mixture was added with brine solution (10 mL) and was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The solvent was concentrated under vacuum and the product was purified through a short silica gel column using petroleum ether/EtOAc (20:1) as the eluent.

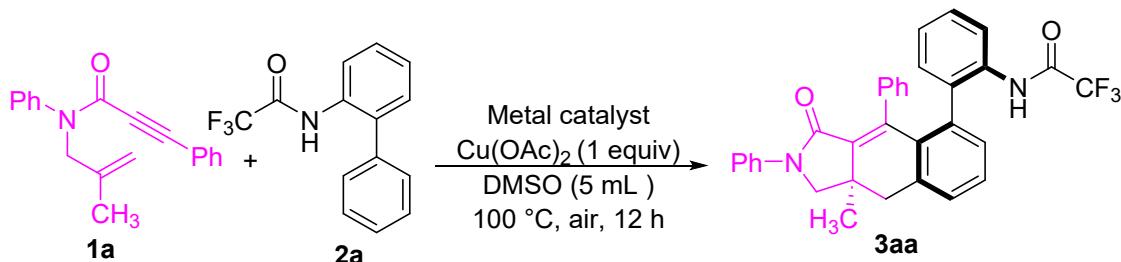
(CF<sub>3</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O (1.3 equiv) was added to biaryl-2-amines (3mmol, 1 equiv) and triethylamine (1.3 equiv) in dry dichloromethane (6 mL) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. Stirring was continued for an additional 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL), extracted with dichloromethane (10 mL×2). The organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>,

filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether as eluent to afford the corresponding substrate **2**.



### 3. Optimization Studies:

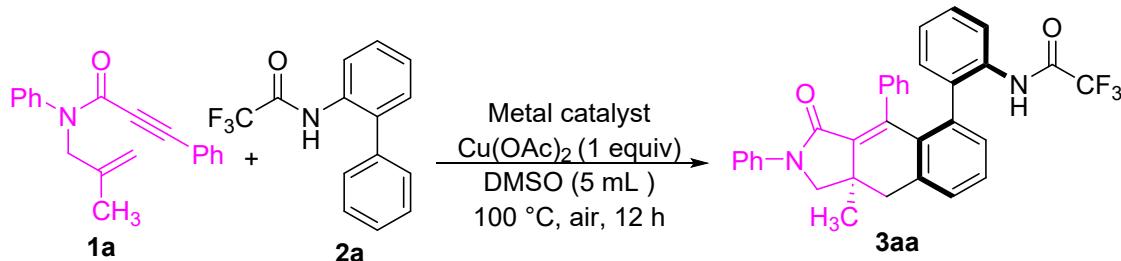
**Table S1: Optimization of Metal Catalyst.<sup>a</sup>**



Entry	Metal Catalyst	Yield (%) of <b>3aa</b>
1	$\text{PdCl}_2$ (10 mol%)	24
2	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (10 mol%)	--
3	$\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (10 mol%)	55
4	$\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (10 mol%)	10
5	$\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (5 mol%)	42
<b>6</b>	<b><math>\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2</math> (10 mol%)</b>	<b>82</b>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{DMSO}$ , (5 mL)  $100^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h, air balloon.

**Table S2: Optimization of Solvent.<sup>a</sup>**



Entry	Solvent	Yield (%) of <b>3aa</b>
1	MeCN	38
2	THF	10
3	MeOH	--
4	MTBE	--
<b>5</b>	<b>DMSO</b>	<b>82</b>

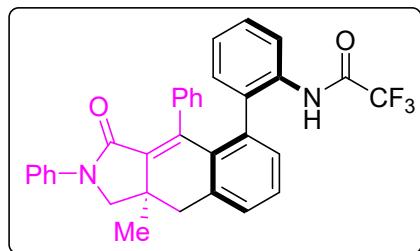
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.5 mmol), **2a** (0.5 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10 mol %),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (1 equiv),  $\text{DMSO}$ , (5 mL)  $100^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h, air balloon.

### 4. General Procedure-A for *ortho-/meta-annulation* of biphenyl amines with enynes through non-rollover cyclometallation and Characteristic data:

To a mixture of enyne **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol), N-([1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (11.2 mg, 10 mol %),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (90 mg, 1 equiv) were introduced and the reaction mixture was stirred at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  (oil bath) for 12 hours under air balloon. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature before water was added to it. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 10$  mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column

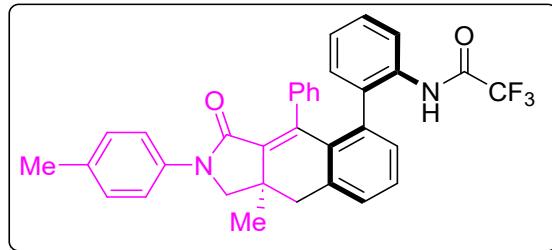
chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ ) ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90) to get **3aa** as a white solid (220.58 mg, 82% yield, 7.8:1 dr, mp 194–197 °C). The diastereomeric ratio (dr) was assigned by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3aa):**



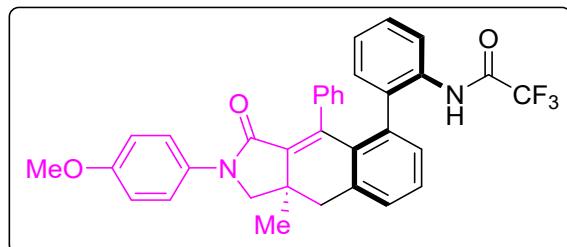
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ , EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid, (220.58 mg, 82% yield), 7.8:1 dr, mp 194–197 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.71 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 0.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 10.8, 5.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.13 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.4, 6.3, 1.5$  Hz, 3H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 3H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 3.85 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.7, (q, 154.1, 153.9, 153.6, 153.3), 141.7, 139.6, 138.0, 137.7, 137.4, 136.8, 136.6, 133.5, 132.0, 131.2, 130.8, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 126.8, 126.4, 125.4, 124.7, 121.1, 119.8, 116.8, 114.5, 59.6, 42.7, 34.8, 22.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 539.1946, found 539.1935.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ba):**



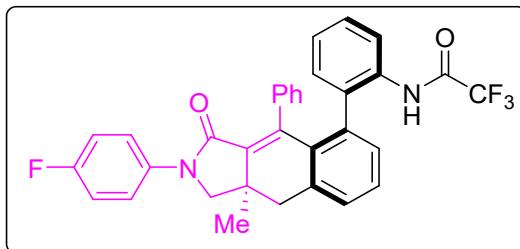
The title compound was prepared from **1b** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$   $\text{SiO}_2$ , EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (223.56 mg, 81% yield), 7.4:1 dr, mp 210–215 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (s, 1H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 7.9, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 3H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  164.5, (d, 153.9, 153.5), 141.3, 138.0, 137.8, 137.5, 137.2, 136.7, 136.6, 134.3, 133.6, 131.2, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 126.7, 126.4, 125.4, 121.1, 119.7, 117.1, 59.7, 42.6, 34.8, 22.4, 20.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 553.2103, found 553.2098.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ca):**



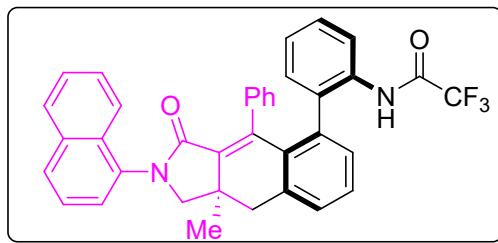
The title compound was prepared from **1c** (152.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.35$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 12:88) gave pure product as an off-white solid (232.88 mg, 82% yield), 7.5:1 dr, mp 212–214 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J = 9.4$ , 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td,  $J = 7.9$ , 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 6.77 (ddd,  $J = 10.9$ , 6.4, 4.0 Hz, 5H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 3.72 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.4, 155.6, (q, 153.4, 152.9, 152.4, 151.9), 140.1, 136.9, 136.7, 136.4, 135.6, 135.6, 132.5, 131.9, 130.2, 129.8, 129.0, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 125.7, 125.3, 124.3, 120.3, 120.0, 118.8, 116.5, 112.8, 58.9, 54.4, 41.6, 33.8, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 569.2052, found 569.2052.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(2-(4-fluorophenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3da):**



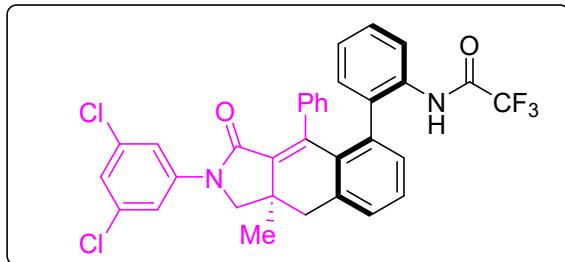
The title compound was prepared from **1d** (146.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid, (225.18 mg, 81% yield), 7:1 dr, mp 217–220 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.41 (dt,  $J = 14.8$ , 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 6.93 (m, 5H), 6.87 (dd,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.6 Hz, 3H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 3.82 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.13 – 3.05 (d, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.6, 160.8, 158.3, 153.9, 153.5, 141.9, 137.9, 137.6, 137.0, 136.8, 136.5, 135.7, 133.5, 131.2, 130.8, 130.1, 128.8, 128.5, 126.9, 126.4, 125.4, 121.5, 121.4, 121.1, 119.9, 117.1, 115.5, 115.3, 59.8, 42.6, 34.8, 22.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.2, -117.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 557.1852, found 557.1841.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ea):**



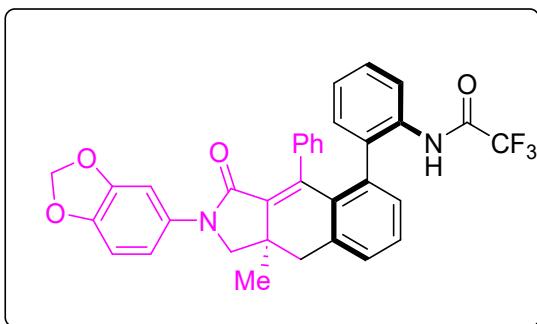
The title compound was prepared from **1e** (162.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (235.2 mg, 80% yield), 5.5:1 dr, mp 232–235 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.88 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd,  $J = 15.8$ , 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 13.8$ , 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 15.3$ , 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 4H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 3.92 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d,  $J = 15.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.8, (d, 153.9, 153.6), 141.6, 138.1, 137.8, 136.9, 136.5, 136.4, 135.6, 134.5, 133.5, 131.2, 130.8, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 126.3, 125.5, 125.4, 124.6, 122.8, 121.1, 120.0, 117.1, 114.3, 62.7, 42.6, 36.4, 22.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.2103, found 589.2109.

**2, N-(2-(2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3fa):**



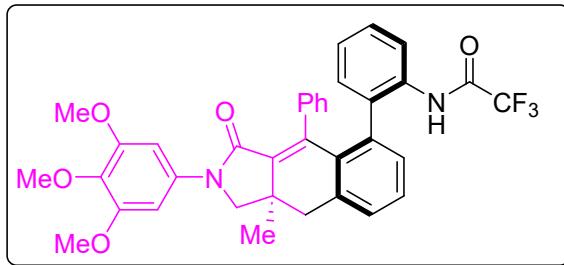
The title compound was prepared from **1g** (172.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (218.2 mg, 72% yield), 5.4:1 dr, mp 180–185 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.62 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td,  $J = 7.9, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.93 (dd,  $J = 18.0, 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 6.76 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.6$  Hz, 3H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.9, (q, 154.3, 153.9, 153.5, 153.2, 143.1, 141.4, 137.8, 137.4, 137.0, 136.3, 135.1, 133.3, 132.1, 131.2, 130.8, 130.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 127.1, 126.5, 125.4, 124.3, 121.1, 120.0, 117.5, 114.2, 59.4, 42.6, 34.6, 22.5. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 607.1167, found 607.1158.

**N-(2-(2-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3ga):**



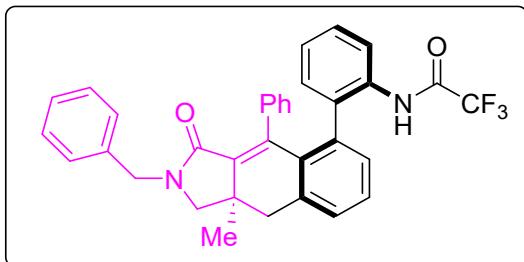
The title compound was prepared from **1f** (159.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.30$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 15:85) gave pure product as an off-white solid (221.2 mg, 76% yield), 6.2:1 dr, mp 235–238 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 7.9, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.90 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 6.78 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.85 (s, 2H), 3.69 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.47, 153.87, 153.58, 147.75, 144.56, 141.40, 137.95, 137.70, 137.31, 136.74, 136.57, 134.10, 133.53, 131.21, 130.84, 130.04, 128.78, 128.67, 128.48, 126.78, 126.40, 125.39, 121.09, 119.92, 116.81, 112.73, 107.74, 102.70, 101.30, 60.28, 42.61, 34.80, 22.43. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 583.1845, found 583.1865.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ha):**



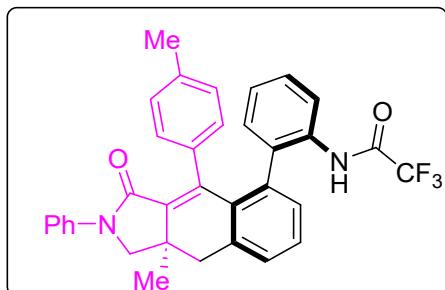
The title compound was prepared from **1h** (182.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.3$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 15:85) gave pure product as an off-white solid (235.5 mg, 75% yield), 5.7:1 dr, mp 210–213 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.62 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 7.9, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 6.81 – 6.76 (m, 3H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 163.6, 152.8, 152.4, 152.0, 140.5, 136.8, 136.7, 136.4, 135.7, 135.5, 134.7, 134.3, 132.4, 130.1, 129.8, 129.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 125.7, 125.3, 124.3, 120.0, 118.8, 116.0, 113.1, 97.2, 59.9, 59.1, 55.3, 41.5, 33.8, 21.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 629.2263, found 629.2274.

**N-(2-(2-benzyl-9a-methyl-3-oxo-4-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3ia):**



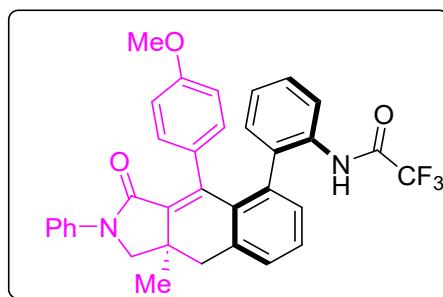
The title compound was prepared from **1i** (144.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.35$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 16:84) gave pure product as an off-white solid (174.85 mg, 65% yield), 5:1 dr, mp 178–182 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.71 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 16.6, 8.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 6.85 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 4.81 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d,  $J = 14.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 165.6, 153.9, 153.5, 140.3, 138.0, 137.7, 137.1, 136.6, 136.6, 136.4, 133.5, 131.2, 130.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 126.8, 126.4, 125.3, 121.0, 119.9, 117.1, 58.0, 46.8, 42.4, 35.3, 22.3. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 553.2103, found 553.2093.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(p-tolyl)-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ja):**



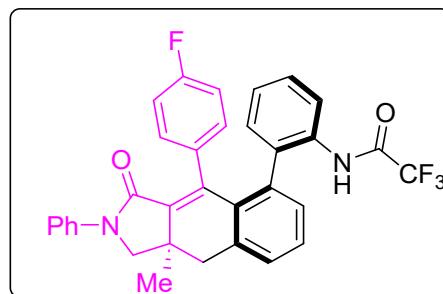
The title compound was prepared from **1j** (144.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (220.8 mg, 80% yield), 6:1 dr, mp 220–225 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 6.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.00 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 6.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 4H), 3.75 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.8, 153.9, 153.5, 141.9, 139.7, 138.0, 137.1, 136.8, 136.5, 133.6, 131.2, 130.9, 130.0, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.2, 125.3, 124.5, 120.7, 119.7, 117.1, 114.2, 59.6, 42.7, 34.7, 22.4, 21.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.20. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 553.2103, found 553.2095.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ka):**



The title compound was prepared from **1k** (152.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.35$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 12:88) gave pure product as a white solid (230.04 mg, 81% yield), 5.1:1 dr, mp 225–230 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.72 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 1.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.08 (td,  $J = 7.9, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 7.8, 4.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 6.31 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.74 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.9, 158.2, (d, 153.87, 153.50), 141.6, 139.7, 138.1, 138.0, 137.2, 136.7, 133.6, 132.2, 131.0, 130.8, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 125.3, 124.6, 120.8, 119.8, 119.7, 117.1, 114.2, 59.6, 55.1, 42.7, 34.8, 22.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 569.2052, found 569.2052.

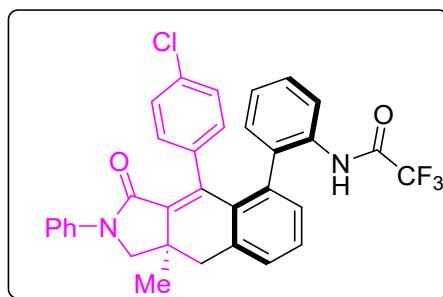
**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3la):**



The title compound was prepared from **1l** (144.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.4$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a off-white solid (214.06 mg, 77% yield), 3.3:1 dr, mp 210–215 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 6.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 14.8, 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.7, 162.6, 160.2, 153.8, 153.5, 140.6, 139.5, 138.1, 137.9, 137.4, 136.9, 136.5, 133.2, 132.3, 132.0, 131.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9,

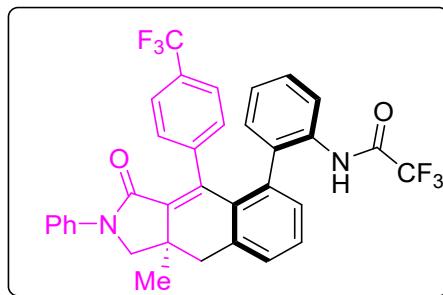
128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 125.3, 124.8, 120.8, 119.8, 117.1, 114.0, 113.8, 113.4, 59.6, 42.5, 34.8, 22.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.1, -114.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 557.1852, found 557.1843.

**N-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3ma):**



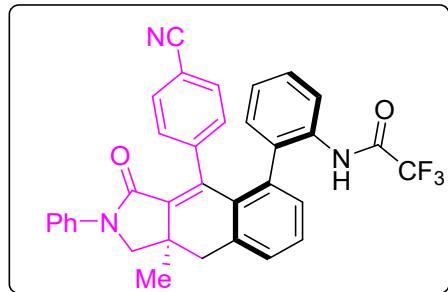
The title compound was prepared from **1m** (154.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$  SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a brown solid (223.1 mg, 78% yield), 3:1 dr, mp 222–226 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.76 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 0.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (td,  $J = 7.4, 3.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.09 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.97 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.4$  Hz, 4H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 – 2.97 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 163.5, 153.4, 152.8, 152.4, 152.0, 139.3, 138.4, 137.0, 136.9, 136.2, 135.4, 133.7, 132.0, 131.7, 130.9, 130.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 125.5, 124.2, 123.8, 119.6, 118.7, 116.0, 113.1, 58.6, 41.5, 33.7, 21.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -76.08. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 573.1557, found 573.1579.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3na):**



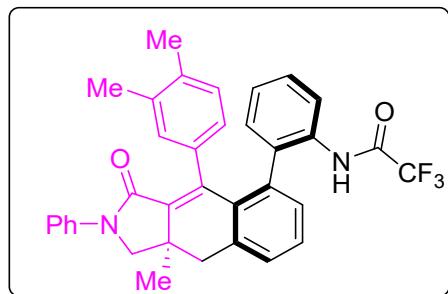
The title compound was prepared from **1n** (171.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a off-white solid (190.9 mg, 63% yield), 2.4:1 dr, mp 216–220 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 15.1, 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.17 – 7.07 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd,  $J = 11.8, 4.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd,  $J = 12.7, 4.1$  Hz, 3H), 6.78 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.61 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.5, (d, 153.7, 153.2), 140.2, 140.0, 139.3, 138.3, 138.1, 137.0, 136.9, 136.3, 134.3, 132.6, 131.9, 131.2, 131.1, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 125.7, 125.3, 125.0, 123.2, 120.6, 119.9, 117.5, 113.7, 59.7, 42.5, 34.8, 22.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.9, -76.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 607.1820, found 607.1815.

**N-(2-(4-cyanophenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3oa):**



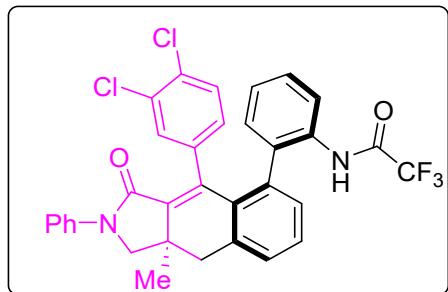
The title compound was prepared from **1o** (150.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.38$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 13:83) gave pure product as an off-white solid (154.82 mg, 55% yield), 2.3:1 dr, mp 230–235 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 9.9, 4.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.80 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.69 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.2, (d, 153.7, 153.3), 141.1, 139.5, 139.2, 138.7, 138.2, 136.2, 133.9, 132.7, 132.5, 131.9, 131.3, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 125.3, 125.2, 120.5, 119.9, 118.6, 110.4, 59.6, 42.4, 34.8, 22.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 564.1899, found 564.1910.

**N-(2-(4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3pa):**



The title compound was prepared from **1p** (151.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (212.25 mg, 75% yield), 7.8:1 dr, mp 196–200 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.14 (dt,  $J = 12.8, 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (s, 2H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.84 (d,  $J = 9.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 164.9, (d, 154.0, 153.6), 141.9, 139.7, 137.8, 136.9, 136.8, 134.3, 133.6, 131.3, 130.8, 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 125.2, 124.5, 120.8, 119.7, 114.2, 59.6, 42.7, 34.7, 22.5, 19.5, 19.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 567.2259, found 567.2252.

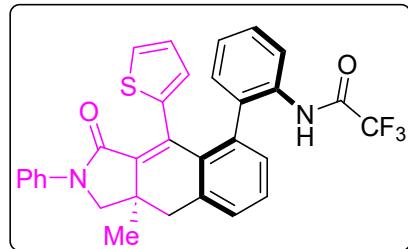
**N-(2-(4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3qa):**



The title compound was prepared from **1q** (171.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave

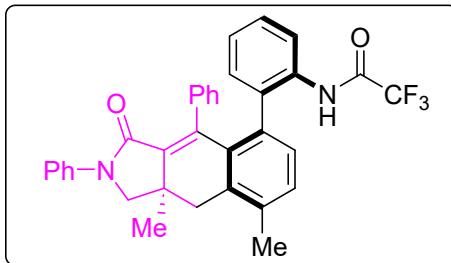
pure product as an off-white solid (218.2 mg, 72% yield), 4.2:1 dr, mp 190–194 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 7.09 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.4, 154.5, 153.8, 139.3, 138.8, 138.5, 138.1, 136.6, 136.3, 132.2, 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.2, 127.9, 125.3, 125.0, 120.5, 119.9, 117.0, 114.2, 59.7, 42.4, 34.7, 22.4. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -75.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>[M+H]<sup>+</sup> 607.1167, found 607.1176.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2-phenyl-4-(thiophen-2-yl)-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ra):**



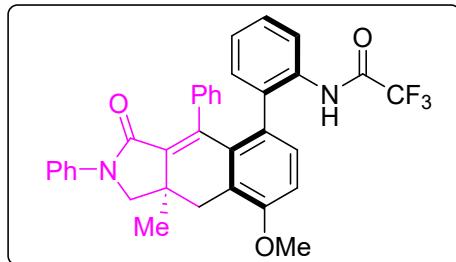
The title compound was prepared from **1r** (140.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.40, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a pale yellow solid (160.5 mg, 59% yield), 5.6:1 dr, mp 155–160 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (td, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 7.00 – 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.3, 154.3, 154.0, 139.6, 139.5, 137.7, 137.6, 137.1, 137.0, 134.4, 133.2, 132.4, 131.5, 130.6, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.2, 125.7, 125.5, 125.1, 124.8, 121.7, 119.8, 116.9, 59.6, 42.4, 35.6, 22.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 545.1511, found 545.1506.

**N-(2-(8,9a-dimethyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3ab):**



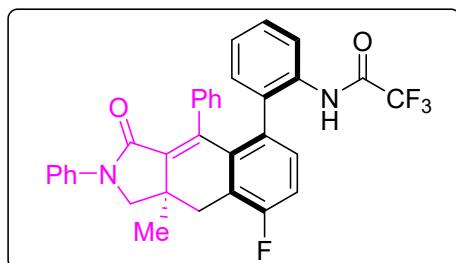
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2b** (139.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.40, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as white solid (212.5 mg, 77% yield), 7.5:1 dr, mp 215–220 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 6.99 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.8, (d, 153.9, 153.4), 142.1, 139.6, 137.9, 136.8, 136.6, 136.6, 136.1, 134.5, 133.7, 131.4, 130.9, 130.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3, 126.7, 126.3, 125.4, 124.6, 121.0, 119.7, 117.6, 113.8, 59.8, 38.8, 34.7, 22.9, 20.1. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 553.2103, found 553.2095.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(8-methoxy-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ac):**



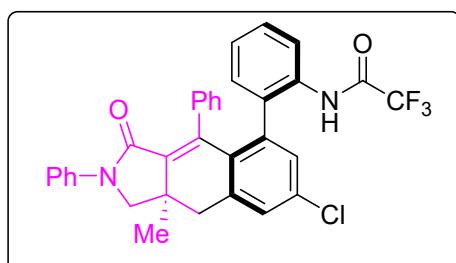
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2c** (147.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.35$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 15:85) gave pure product as an off-white solid (224.4 mg, 79% yield), 6.9:1 dr, mp 224–227 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dt,  $J = 15.1$ , 7.6 Hz, 4H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d,  $J = 16.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d,  $J = 16.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.8, 156.7, 153.9, 153.4, 141.7, 139.6, 138.8, 137.3, 136.6, 133.4, 131.7, 131.1, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 126.7, 126.3, 125.3, 124.6, 120.9, 119.8, 117.6, 115.1, 110.7, 59.9, 55.8, 34.8, 34.4, 22.8. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 569.2050, found 569.2052.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(8-fluoro-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ad):**



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2d** (141.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (212.3 mg, 76% yield), 7.5:1 dr, mp 216–218 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.58 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.12 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.85 (m, 3H), 6.77 (dd,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.4 Hz, 3H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.39 (d,  $J = 15.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d,  $J = 16.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.4, 161.8, 158.5, (d, 154.1, 153.6), 140.9, 139.7, 139.4, 138.1, 136.0, 132.9, 132.7, 132.5, 131.5, 130.9, 130.8, 128.8, 127.0, 126.5, 125.6, 124.8, 121.4, 119.8, 116.1, 115.8, 113.7, 59.6, 34.4, 34.0, 22.8. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1, -117.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 557.1852, found 557.1845.

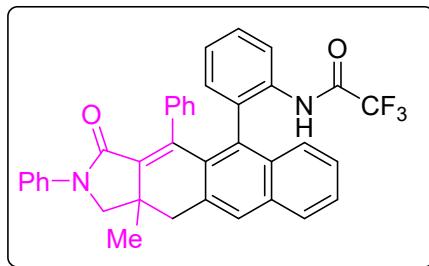
**N-(2-(7-chloro-9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3ae):**



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2e** (149.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 12:88) gave

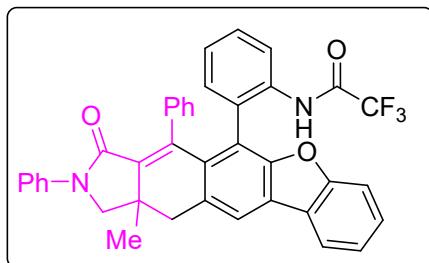
pure product as a pale yellow solid (194.5 mg, 68% yield), 4.7:1 dr, mp 240–244 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.68 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.4, 154.1, 153.7, 140.7, 139.7, 139.4, 138.4, 137.7, 136.2, 135.0, 134.3, 132.5, 131.0, 130.7, 129.9, 129.0, 128.7, 127.0, 126.6, 125.6, 124.8, 121.6, 119.8, 59.4, 42.4, 34.8, 22.4. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 573.1557, found 573.1545.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(11a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,11a-tetrahydro-1H-naphtho[2,3-f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3af):**



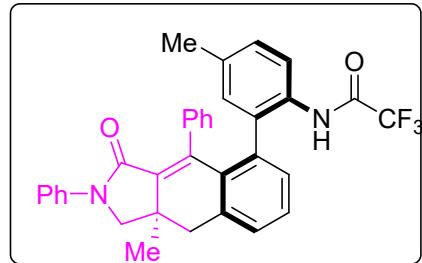
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2f** (157.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f$  = 0.40, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a pale yellow solid (241.1 mg, 82% yield), mp 200–205 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.93 – 7.83 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.11 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, J = 14.3, 8.9 Hz, 4H), 6.84 (s, 2H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 3.90 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.6, (q, 154.1, 153.8, 153.4, 153.0), 142.4, 139.6, 139.4, 136.9, 136.8, 136.4, 134.2, 133.7, 133.1, 132.5, 131.8, 131.6, 131.5, 131.0, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 126.2, 125.2, 124.9, 124.7, 120.8, 119.8, 116.8, 113.8, 59.3, 43.5, 35.5, 22.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 589.2103, found 589.2109.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(12a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,12a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[2,3]benzofuro[5,6-f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ag):**



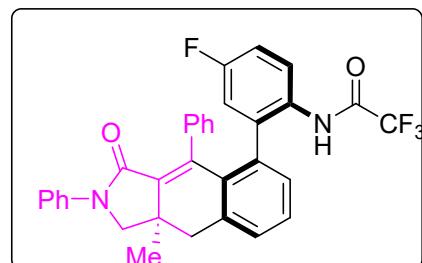
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2g** (177.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f$  = 0.40, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (204.1 mg, 65% yield), mp 202–206 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.02 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.97 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.6, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dt, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, J = 15.2, 7.7 Hz, 3H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 12.7, 5.5 Hz, 3H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.73 (td, J = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.4, 157.0, 154.7, 154.1, 153.7, 141.9, 139.5, 138.5, 137.8, 135.8, 133.7, 132.9, 132.0, 131.9, 131.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 127.3, 126.9, 126.5, 126.0, 125.8, 125.6, 125.0, 124.7, 123.4, 123.3, 121.5, 121.0, 120.5, 120.3, 119.8, 116.9, 114.0, 112.2, 59.6, 43.3, 34.7, 22.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -75.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 629.2052, found 629.2039.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(4-methyl-2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ah):**



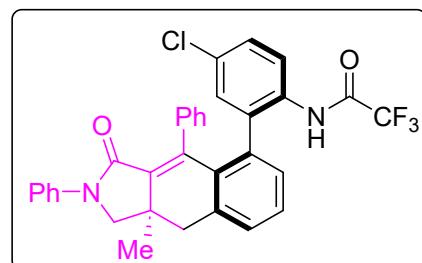
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2h** (139.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (204.24 mg, 74% yield), 4.6:1 dr, mp 193–198 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.58 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 22.9, 7.7$  Hz, 4H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d,  $J = 15.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.8, 153.9, 153.5, 141.8, 139.6, 137.8, 137.4, 137.3, 137.0, 136.6, 135.2, 133.6, 131.7, 131.2, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 126.8, 126.7, 126.4, 124.7, 121.3, 119.8, 117.1, 114.3, 59.7, 42.7, 34.8, 22.5, 20.9. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 553.2103, found 553.2075.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(4-fluoro-2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ai):**



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2i** (141.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.4$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a white solid (200.2 mg, 72% yield), 6.6:1 dr, mp 206–210 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd,  $J = 16.9, 9.4$  Hz, 5H), 6.82 – 6.74 (m, 1H), 6.53 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.9$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.71 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.6, 161.1, 158.6, 153.7, 141.0, 139.5, 138.1, 137.8, 137.4, 136.6, 135.7, 135.6, 131.5, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.0, 126.6, 124.7, 123.2, 123.2, 119.8, 118.1, 117.9, 115.0, 114.8, 59.6, 42.6, 34.8, 22.5. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1, -116.4. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 557.1852, found 557.1841.

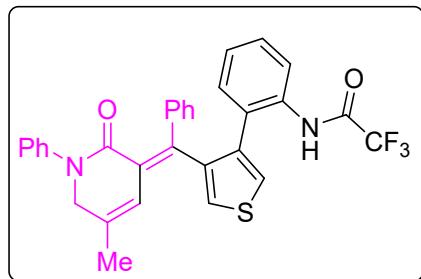
**N-(4-chloro-2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoroacetamide (3aj):**



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2j** (149.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.4$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave

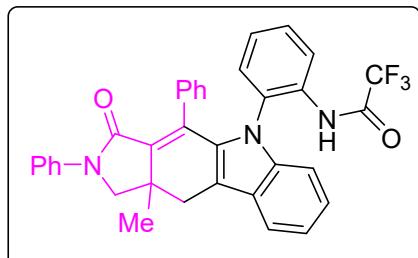
pure product as an off-white solid (69.44 mg, 69% yield), 3.8:1 dr, mp 190–195 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 4.8 Hz, 3H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.83 (m, 4H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.6, (d, 153.9, 153.5), 140.9, 139.5, 138.2, 138.0, 137.4, 136.5, 135.2, 134.9, 134.5, 131.5, 130.8, 130.7, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 126.9, 126.6, 124.7, 122.2, 121.0, 119.8, 117.0, 59.6, 42.6, 34.7, 22.5. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -76.1. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>25</sub>ClF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 573.1557, found 573.1549.

**(E)-2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(4-((5-methyl-2-oxo-1-phenyl-1,6-dihydropyridin-3(2H)-ylidene)(phenyl)methyl)thiophen-3-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ak):**



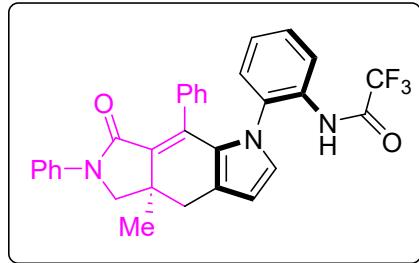
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2k** (135.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.40, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a yellow solid (122.4 mg, 45% yield), mp 160–163 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 163.1, 155.7, 155.2, 151.7, 143.0, 141.6, 141.2, 138.2, 136.4, 133.8, 132.3, 130.8, 130.6, 129.8, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 126.3, 126.1, 125.9, 124.6, 124.0, 122.8, 117.5, 113.6, 56.1, 20.2. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 545.1511, found 545.1497.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(10a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,10a-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-b]carbazol-5(1H)-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3al):**



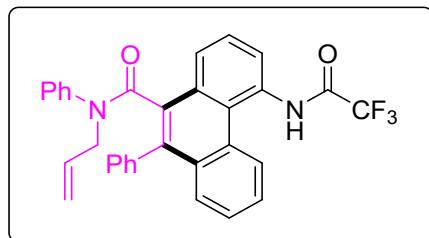
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2l** (152.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.50, SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a yellow solid (150.02 mg, 52% yield), mp 190–194 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 8.3 Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.25 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.8, (d, 154.3, 153.9), 141.5, 139.8, 138.1, 134.9, 134.8, 133.7, 132.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 126.0, 124.9, 124.5, 122.2, 120.6, 119.9, 119.7, 117.4, 110.8, 59.9, 36.0, 33.0, 24.0. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -75.7. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 578.2055, found 578.2053.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(4a-methyl-7-oxo-6,8-diphenyl-4a,5,6,7-tetrahydropyrrolo[3,4-f]indol-1(4H)-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3am):**



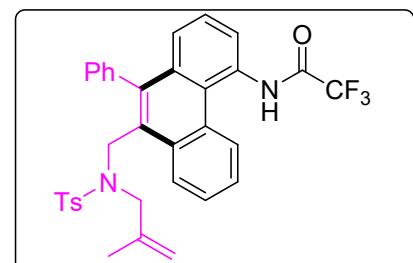
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2m** (127.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.50$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as yellow solid (202.9 mg, 77% yield), 1.8:1 dr, mp 172–175°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.86 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 13.2, 4.6$  Hz, 3H), 7.08 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 12.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 3H), 6.74 (dd,  $J = 27.5, 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.91 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.2, (d, 154.4, 154.1), 140.0, 134.7, 133.6, 131.9, 131.0, 130.3, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.2, 126.8, 126.4, 125.6, 124.2, 123.7, 120.4, 119.6, 116.8, 110.3, 59.9, 35.8, 34.9, 23.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -75.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>25</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 528.1899, found 528.1893.

**N-allyl-N,10-diphenyl-5-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)phenanthrene-9-carboxamide (3sa):**



The title compound was prepared from **1s** (130.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as a yellow solid (157.2 mg, 60% yield), mp 178–182 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.99 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.54 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d,  $J = 13.7$  Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.6, (d, 154.4, 153.9, 150.2, 142.7, 139.0, 138.5, 137.2, 135.7, 132.6, 132.3, 131.1, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.0, 126.1, 124.7, 121.6, 120.3, 119.7, 111.5, 51.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 525.1790, found 525.1773.

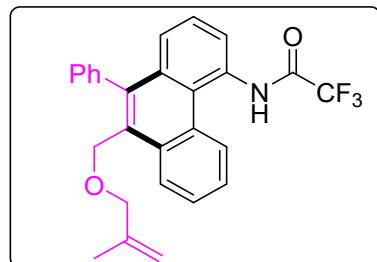
**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(10-((4-methyl-N-(2-methylallyl)phenyl)sulfonamido)methyl)-9-phenylphenanthren-4-ylacetamide (3ta):**



The title compound was prepared from **1t** (169.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 12:88) gave pure product as white solid (222.74 mg, 74% yield), mp 210–215 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.72 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dt,  $J = 14.3, 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 10.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.24 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (d, 155.4,

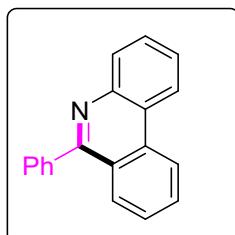
154.9), 143.4, 141.1, 139.9, 138.3, 134.0, 130.6, 130.4, 129.5, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.6, 126.2, 124.7, 124.4, 118.1, 114.3, 112.4, 53.6, 49.3, 21.5, 19.8. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>30</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 603.1929, found 603.1896.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(10-((2-methylallyl)oxy)methyl)-9-phenylphenanthren-4-ylacetamide (3ua):**



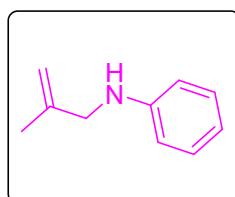
The title compound was prepared from **1u** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.50$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 10:90) gave pure product as an off-white solid (179.6 mg, 80% yield), mp 158–160 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.66 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.33 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.58 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.0, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd,  $J = 6.8, 4.1, 2.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd,  $J = 13.1, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 155.4, 154.9, 142.0, 139.3, 138.7, 134.0, 132.5, 130.7, 130.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.7, 127.5, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 124.9, 124.2, 124.0, 118.1, 114.3, 112.7, 74.8, 67.5, 19.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M-H]<sup>+</sup> 448.1525 found 448.1511.

**6-phenylphenanthridine (3an):**



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2n** (84.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.60$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 8:92) gave pure product as a pale brown solid (71.4 mg, 56% yield), mp 110–115 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 8.65 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.24 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.56 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 161.2, 143.1, 139.0, 133.6, 131.0, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 129.1, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 125.2, 123.8, 122.29, 122.0. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 256.1126, found 256.1099.

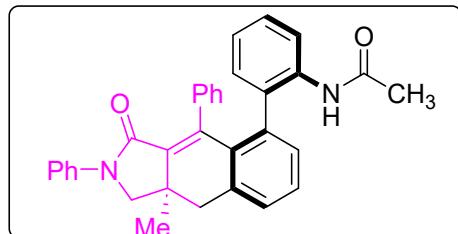
**N-(2-methylallyl)aniline (3an'):**



The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2n** (84.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.45$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 12:88) gave pure product as an orange solid (11.2 mg, 16% yield). **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.55 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.23

(s, 2H), 1.70 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  183.2, 158.1, 151.1, 138.3, 125.3, 123.8, 113.5, 111.1, 46.1, 19.9.

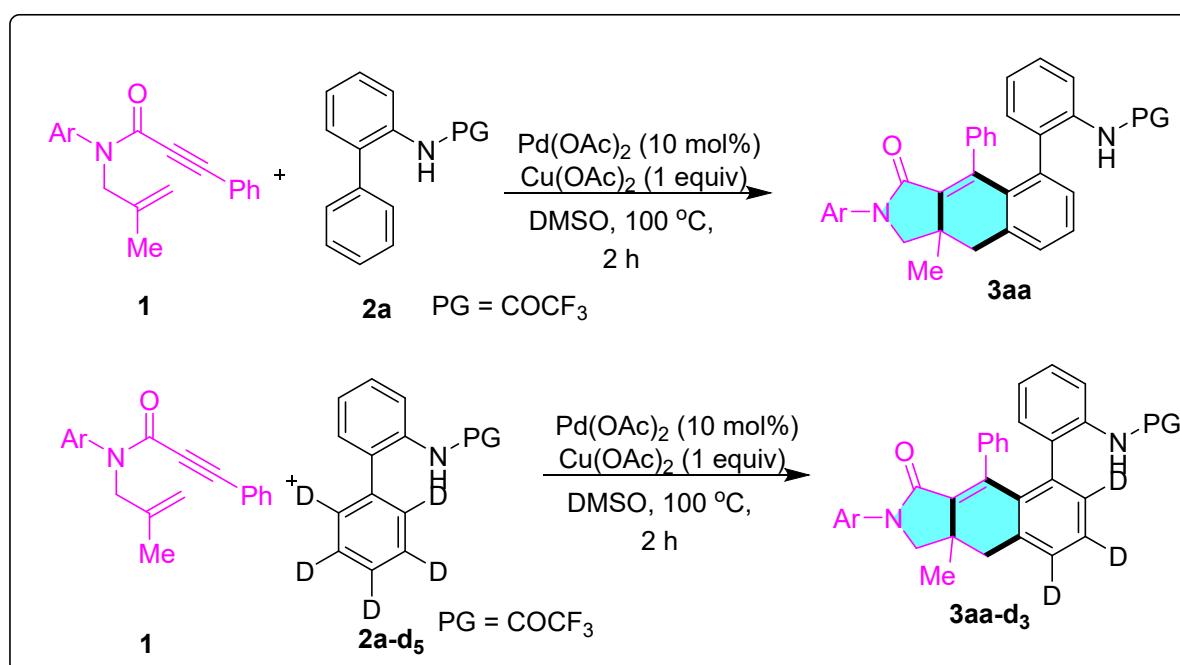
**N-(2-(9a-methyl-3-oxo-2,4-diphenyl-2,3,9a-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (3ao):**



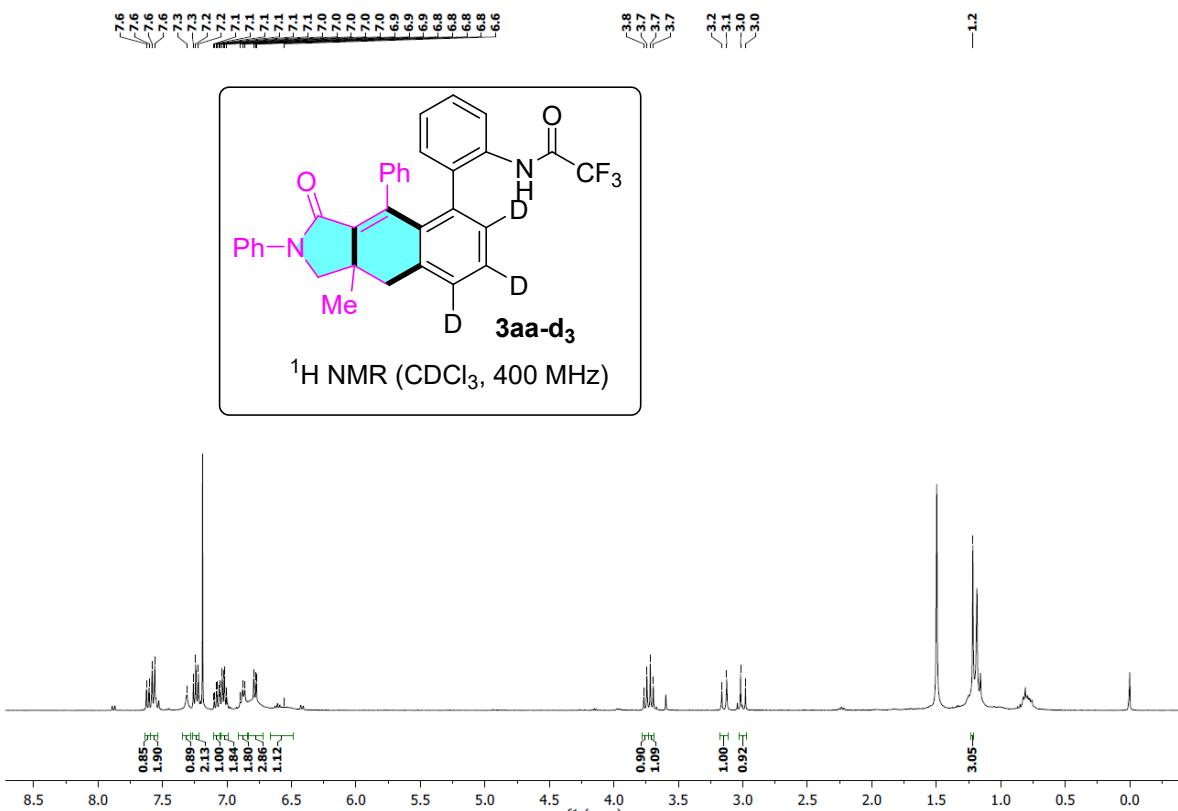
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2o** (105.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.3$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ , EtOAc:hexane, 20:80) gave pure product as an off-white solid (72.6 mg, 30% yield), 3:1 dr, mp 280–284 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 11.4, 4.7$  Hz, 3H), 7.01 (dt,  $J = 14.1, 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 6.93 – 6.77 (m, 5H), 6.69 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 3.75 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.13 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d,  $J = 15.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.5, 164.8, 142.2, 139.7, 138.4, 137.7, 137.6, 137.0, 136.5, 133.4, 132.5, 131.0, 130.6, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 124.6, 123.6, 121.5, 119.7, 59.6, 42.8, 34.8, 24.7, 22.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 485.2229, found 485.2245.

## 5. KIE studies:

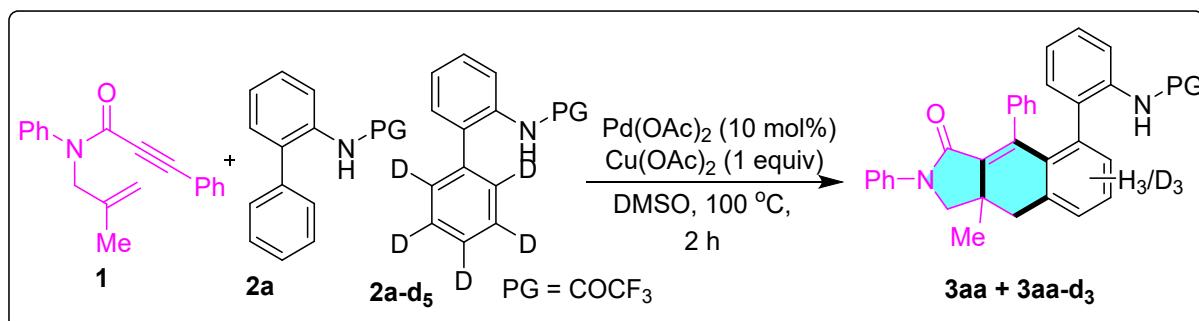
KIE determined from two parallel reactions:



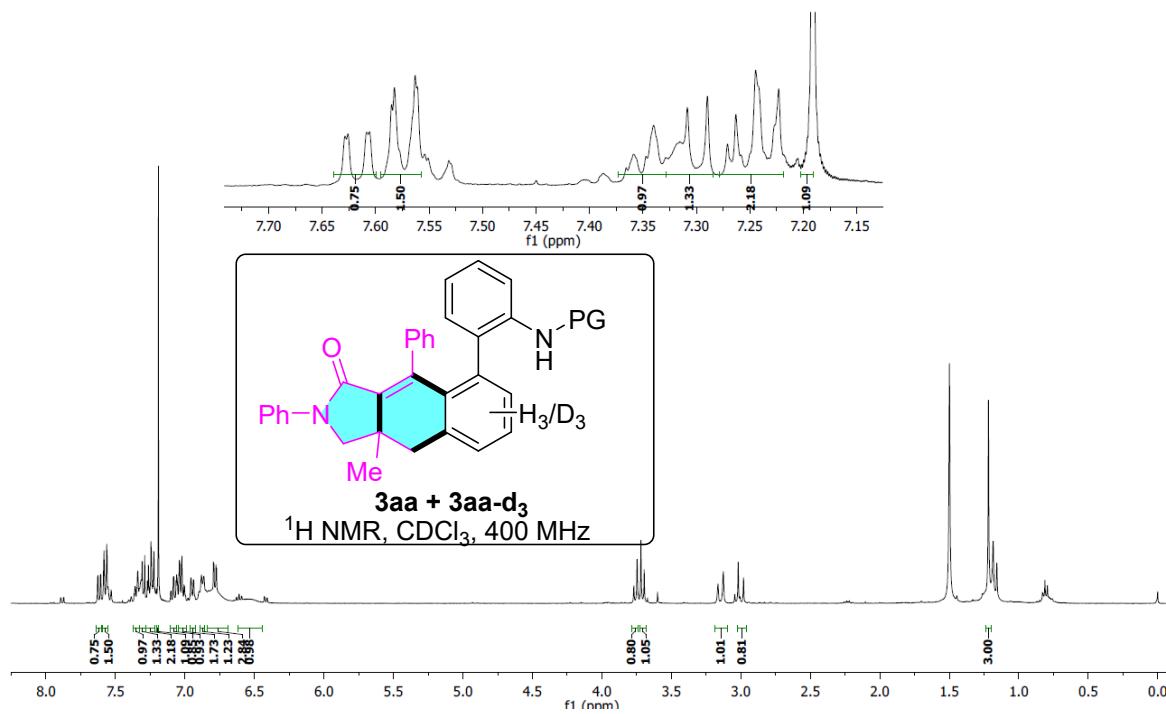
To a mixture of enyne **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) or **2a-d5** (135 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (11.2 mg, 10 mol%),  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (90 mg, 1 equiv) were introduced and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath) for 2 hour under air balloon. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature before water was added to it. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.40$ ) ( $\text{SiO}_2$ , EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90) to get **3aa** (123.74 mg, 46%) or **3aa-d4** (45.98 mg, 17%) as a white solids. The  $K_H/K_D$  value was determined to be 2.7 by the isolated yield.



### KIE determined from an intramolecular competition:

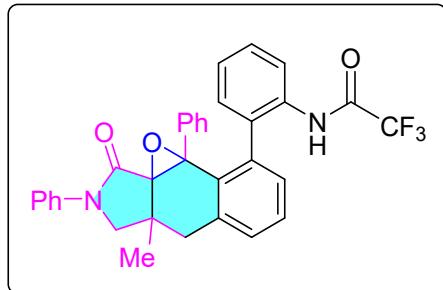


To a mixture of enyne **1a** (137.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and **2a** (132.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) **2a-d<sub>4</sub>** (135.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMSO, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (11.2 mg, 10 mol %), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (90 mg, 1 equiv)) were introduced and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath) for 2 hour under air balloon. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature before water was added to it. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×10 mL), the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.50$ ) (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:Hexane, 10:90) to get **3aa+3aa-d<sub>4</sub>**. The k<sub>H</sub>/k<sub>D</sub> value of **3aa+3aa-d<sub>4</sub>** was determined to be 3.0 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



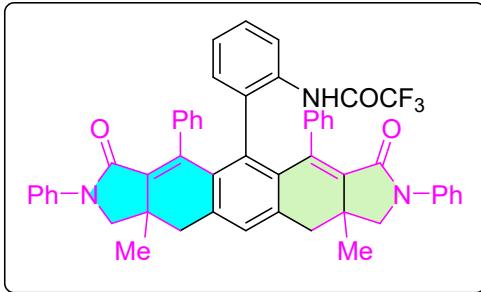
## 6. General Procedure and Characteristic Data of Synthetic Transformations.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(4a-methyl-2-oxo-3,9b-diphenyl-2,3,4,4a,5,9b-hexahydrobenzo[f]oxireno[2,3-d]isoindol-9-yl)phenyl)acetamide (4):**



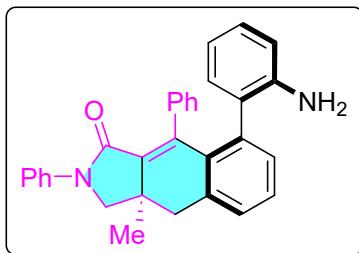
The compound **3aa** (100 mg, 0.18 mmol) and m-chloroperbenzoic acid (96 mg, 0.54 mmol) in DCE (4 ml) were refluxed for 10 h and the solution was cooled and washed with 3 N NaOH. The solvent was dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.45$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ , EtOAc:hexane, 12:88) to get **4** as a white solid (64%, 65.23 mg), mp = 225–228 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (dt,  $J = 17.1, 7.6$  Hz, 3H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd,  $J = 16.6, 10.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.65 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.90 (d,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 1H), 3.42 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d,  $J = 14.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.06 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  165.3, 155.7, 155.4, 139.6, 138.8, 137.7, 136.3, 135.4, 134.8, 134.4, 133.3, 132.1, 130.6, 130.1, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 127.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 124.3, 121.2, 119.9, 71.7, 64.4, 58.7, 43.1, 33.5, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  555.1896 found 555.1833.

**2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-(2,4,6,8-tetraargino-9a,12a-dimethyl-3,7-dioxo-1,2,3,7,8,9,9a,10,12,12a-decahydrobenzo[1,2-f:4,5-f']diisoindol-5-yl)phenyl)acetamide (5):**



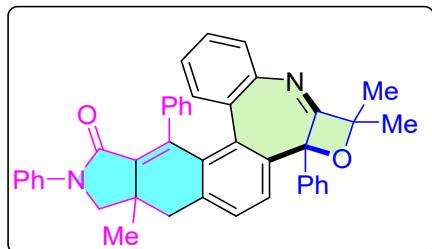
The title compound was prepared from **1a** (51 mg, 0.18 mmol) and **3aa** (100 mg, 0.18 mmol) according to General procedure A. Purification using column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.30$ , SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:hexane, 15:85) gave pure product as an off-white solid (64.0 mg, 52% yield), mp 325–328 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dd,  $J = 14.1, 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.64 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.57 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 3.77 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.67 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 3.25 (d,  $J = 14.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.02 (d,  $J = 14.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.12 (s, 6H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 164.3, 151.8, 151.4, 142.4, 139.5, 139.2, 137.8, 136.9, 136.7, 135.5, 134.5, 133.6, 131.5, 130.5, 130.3, 130.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 127.8, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2, 125.6, 125.1, 124.6, 119.8, 118.3, 113.8, 58.9, 43.7, 34.6, 21.6. **<sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ -74.3. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>41</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 812.3100, found 812.3115.

**8-(2-aminophenyl)-2,9-diargio-3a-methyl-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydro-1H-benzo[f]isoindol-1-one (6):**



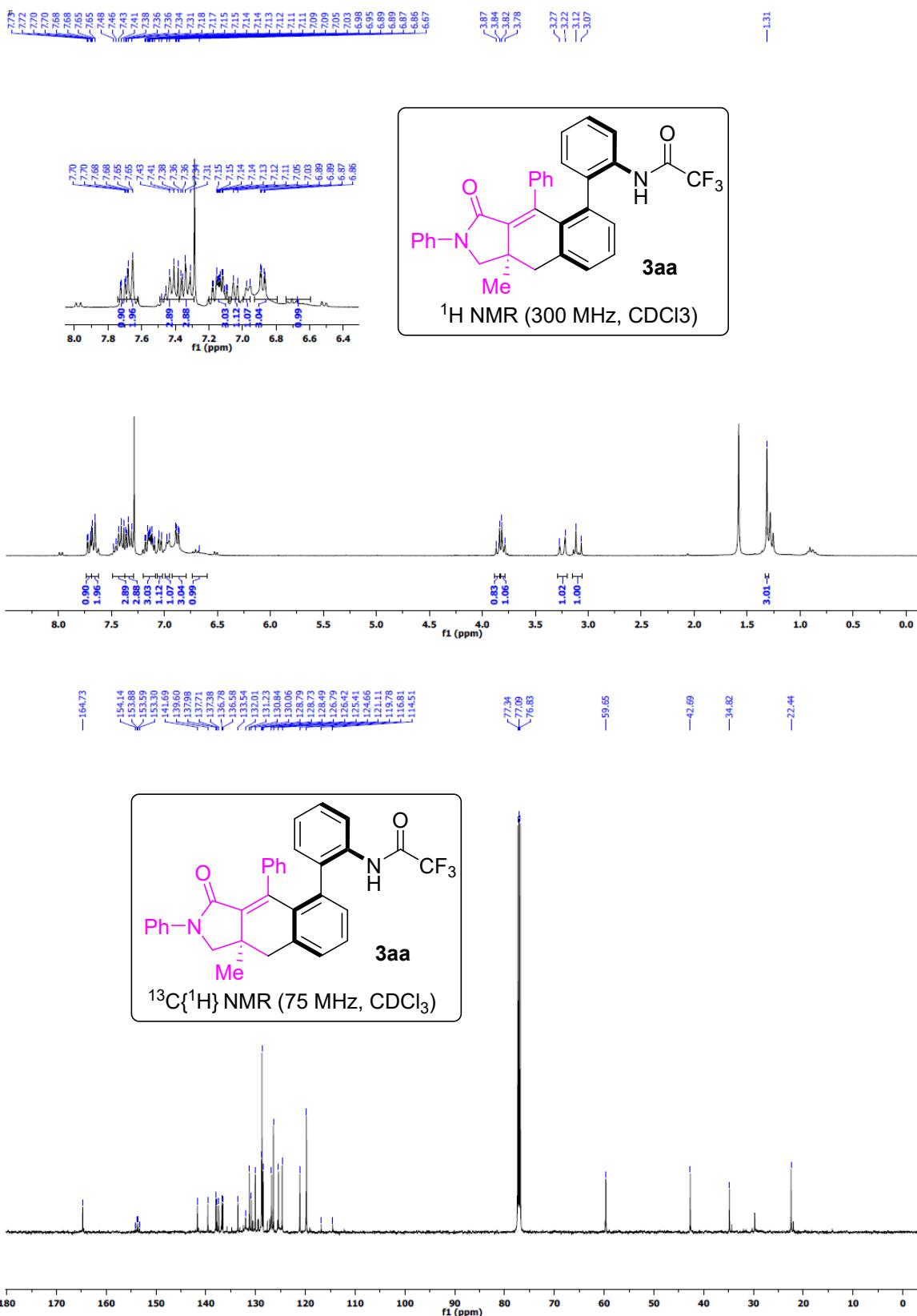
To a 50 mL RB flask, **3aa** (1 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.0 equiv), methanol (20 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) were added. The reaction mixture was heated at 70 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 12 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was diluted with dichloromethane (30 mL), washed by H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), brine (30 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After concentration, The residue was purified by flash column chromatography with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether (4 : 1) as eluent to afford the desired product **6** (88% yield), 4:1 dr, mp 220–225 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 9.49 (s, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.24 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 5H), 7.11 – 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.85 (m, 4H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.56 (dd, 1H), 3.73 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.68 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d,  $J = 15.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d,  $J = 14.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 165.1, 143.4, 143.0, 137.4, 137.1, 136.7, 136.2, 135.9, 135.6, 135.3, 132.1, 131.5, 130.8, 129.9, 128.7, 128.2, 127.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 124.4, 119.8, 118.4, 114.4, 59.6, 42.9, 34.7, 22.5. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 443.2123, found 443.2103.

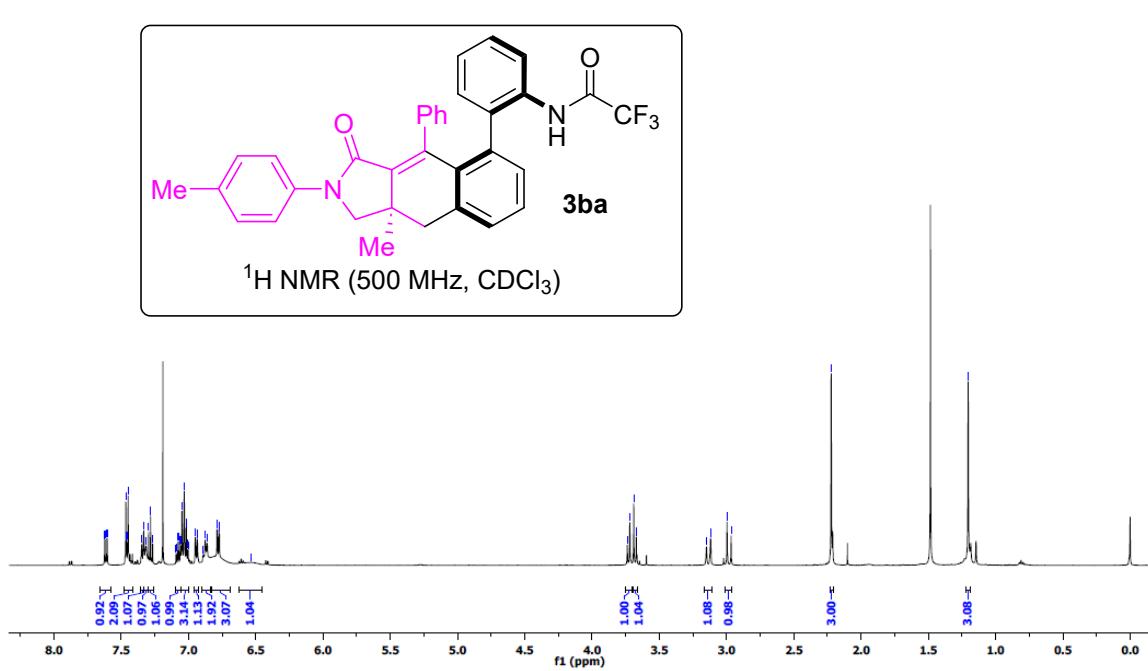
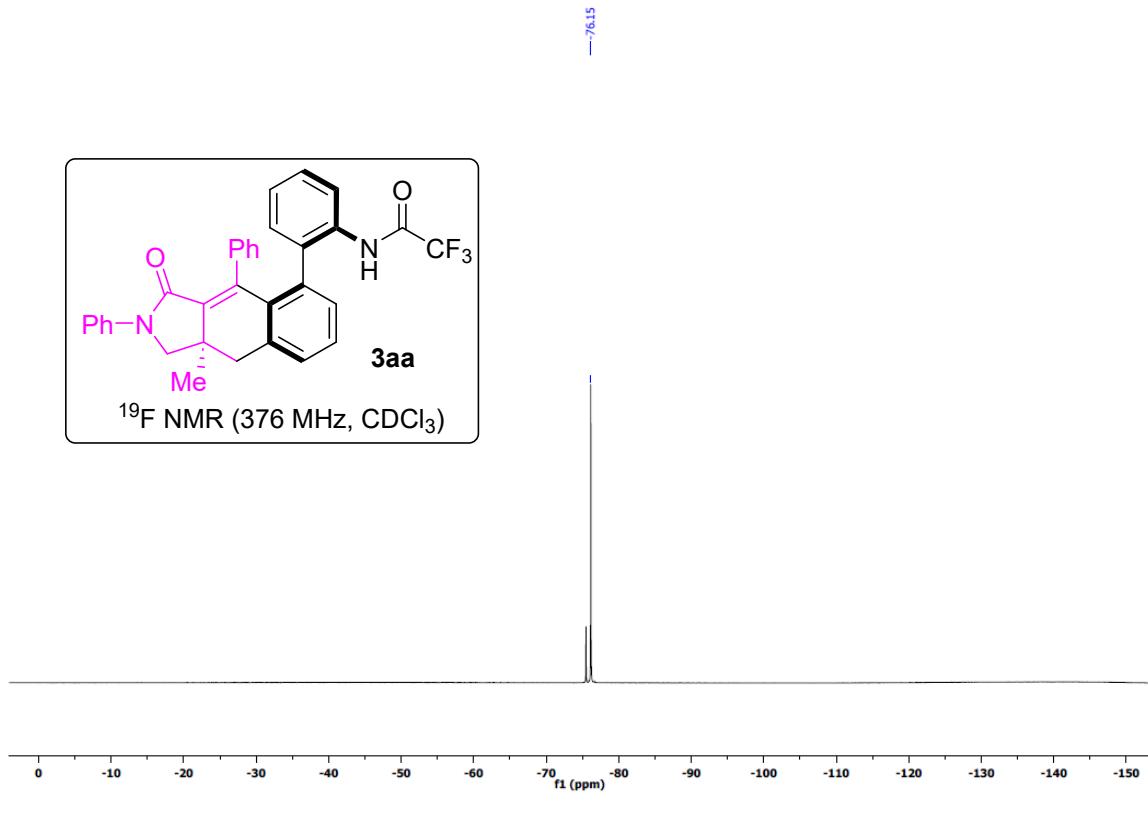
**2,4-diargio-10,10,14a-trimethyl-11a-phenyl-1,2,10,11a,14,14a-hexahydro-3H-benzo[2',3']oxeto[2'',3'':6',7']azepino[4',5':3,4]benzo[1,2-f]isoindol-3-one (8):**

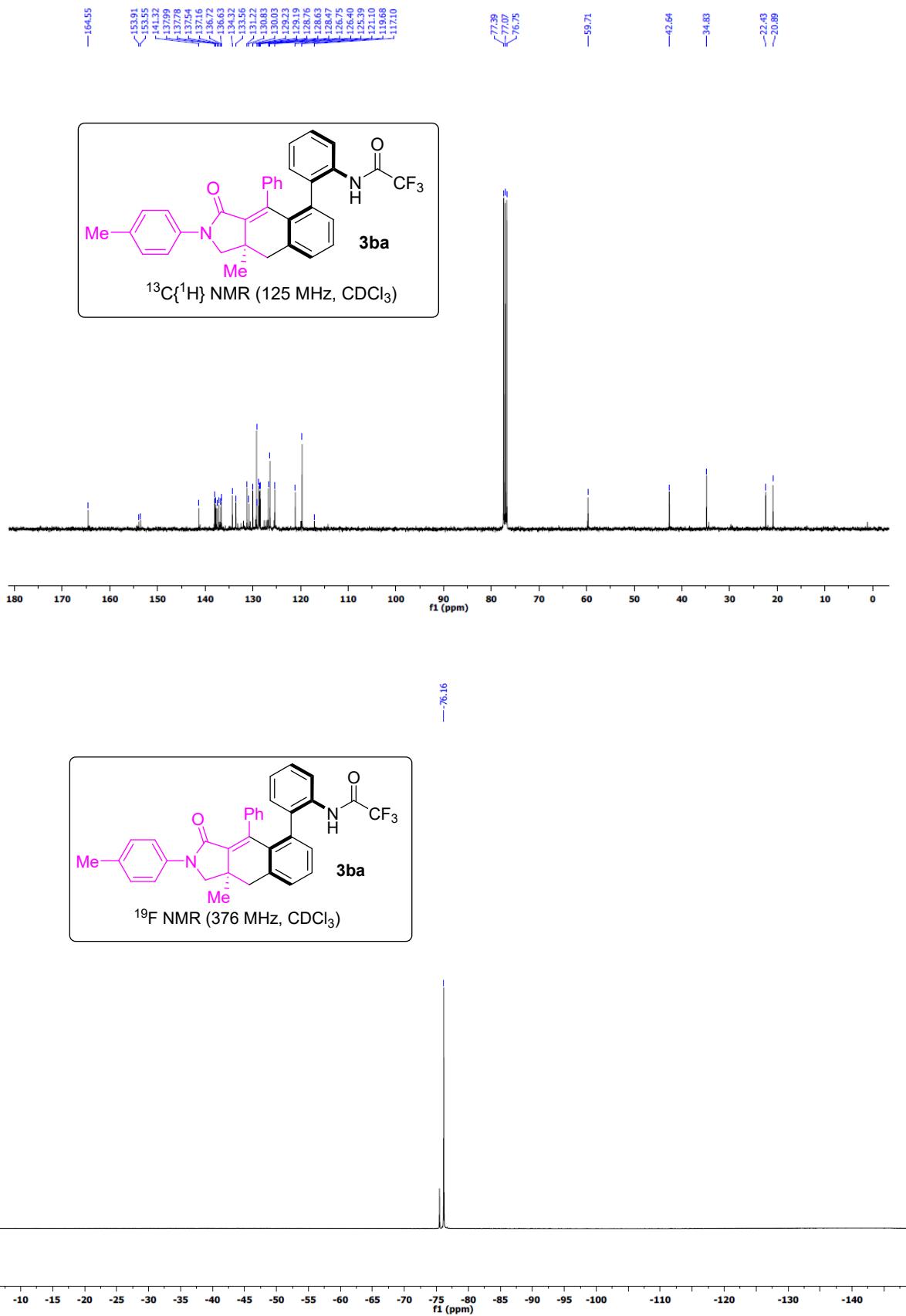


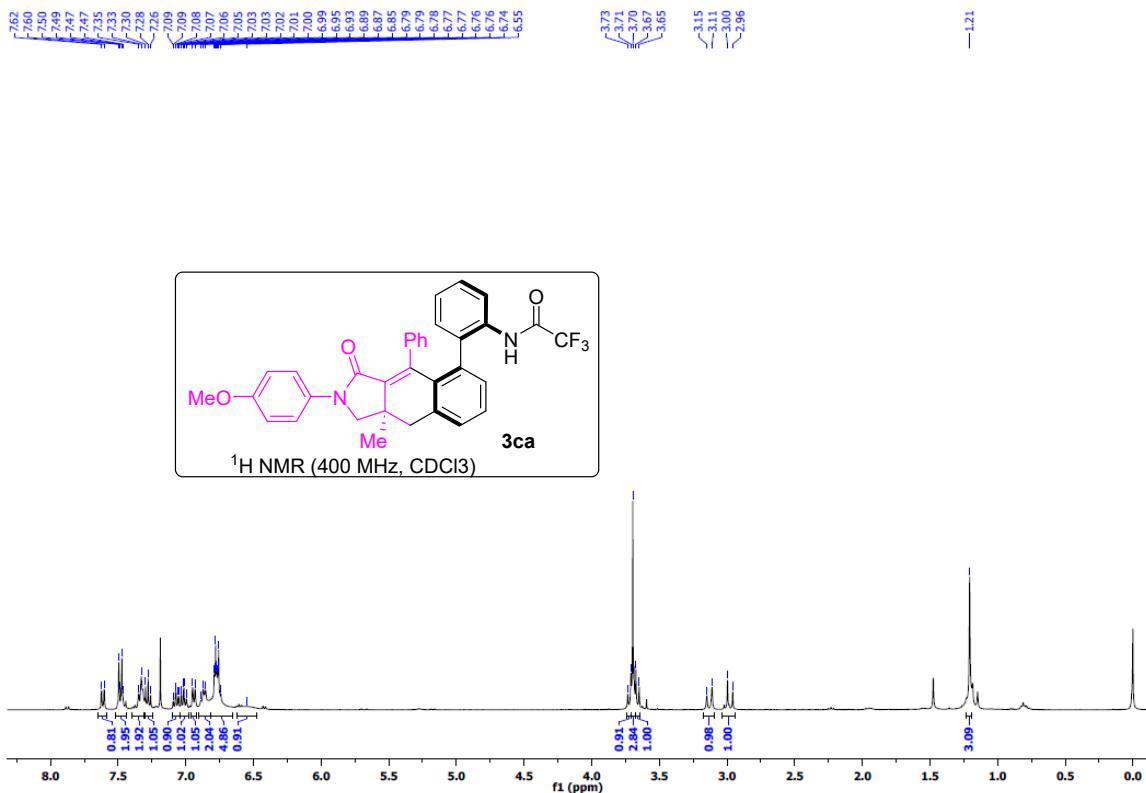
To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask, a mixture of compound **6** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) and propargyl alcohol **7** (75 mg, 0.44 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (5.1 mg, 10 mol%) was added Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (162 mg, 4 eq) and 4 Å molecular sieves, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C (oil bath) for 12 hours under nitrogen atmosphere. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was cooled to rt before ice water was added to it. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (2×10 mL). The organic layer was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.30$ ) (SiO<sub>2</sub>, EtOAc:Hexane, 25:75) to get **8** (89.3 mg, 66% yield). mp = 281-285 °C. **<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 7.62 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 5.3 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (q, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.10 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H). **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** δ 179.4, 165.0, 147.6, 143.9, 143.5, 139.8, 138.5, 137.3, 137.1, 136.7, 135.4, 134.7, 133.3, 132.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 126.7, 126.4, 125.9, 124.9, 124.5, 124.2, 123.8, 119.8, 94.3, 93.8, 59.8, 42.9, 35.2, 27.8, 24.6, 22.6. **HRMS (ESI)** calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 599.2699, found 599.2719.

## 7. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ and $^{19}\text{F}$ spectra for all final compounds

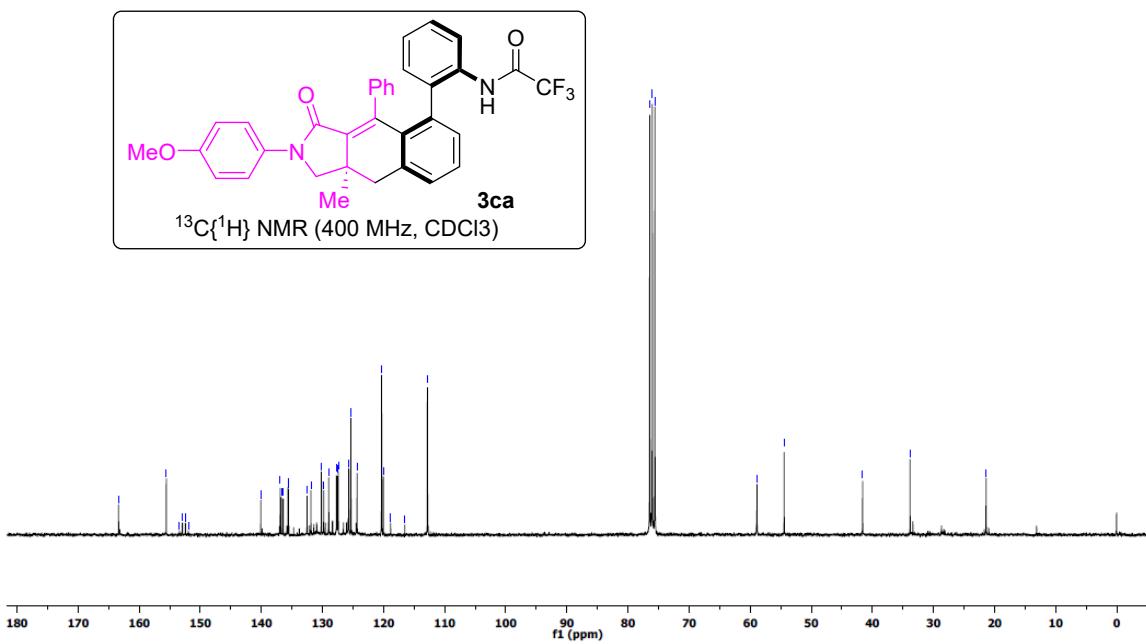


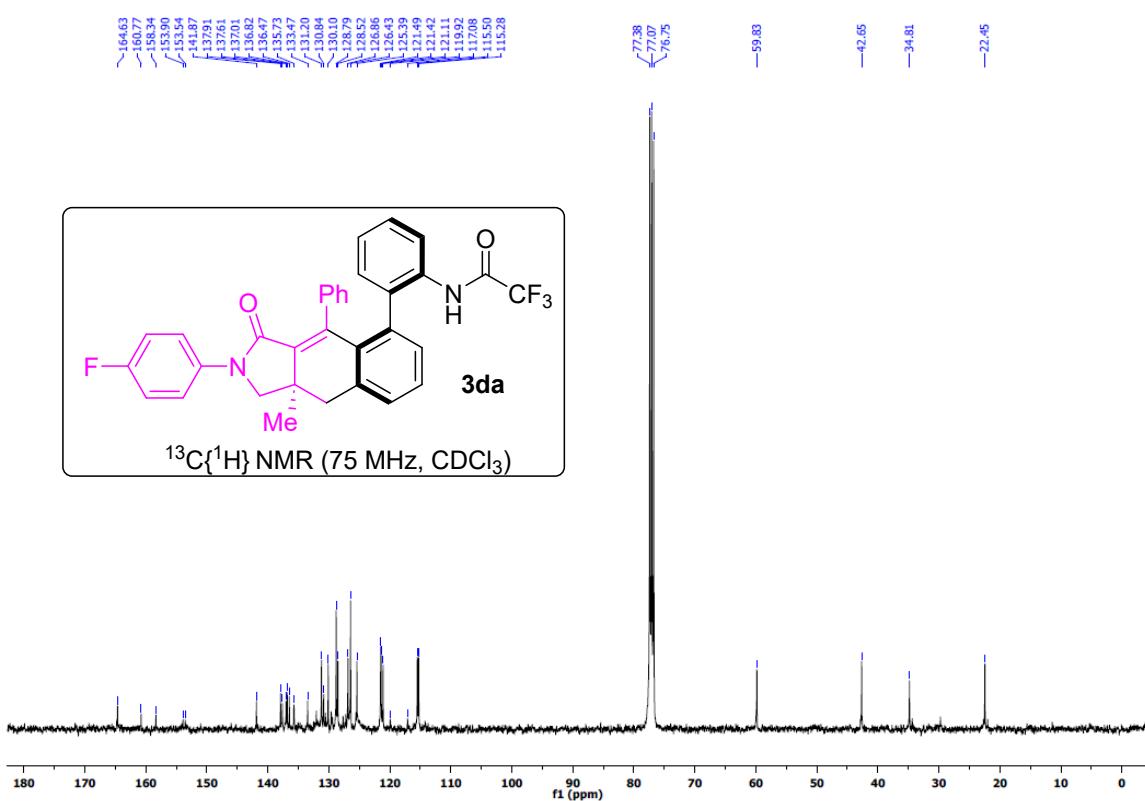
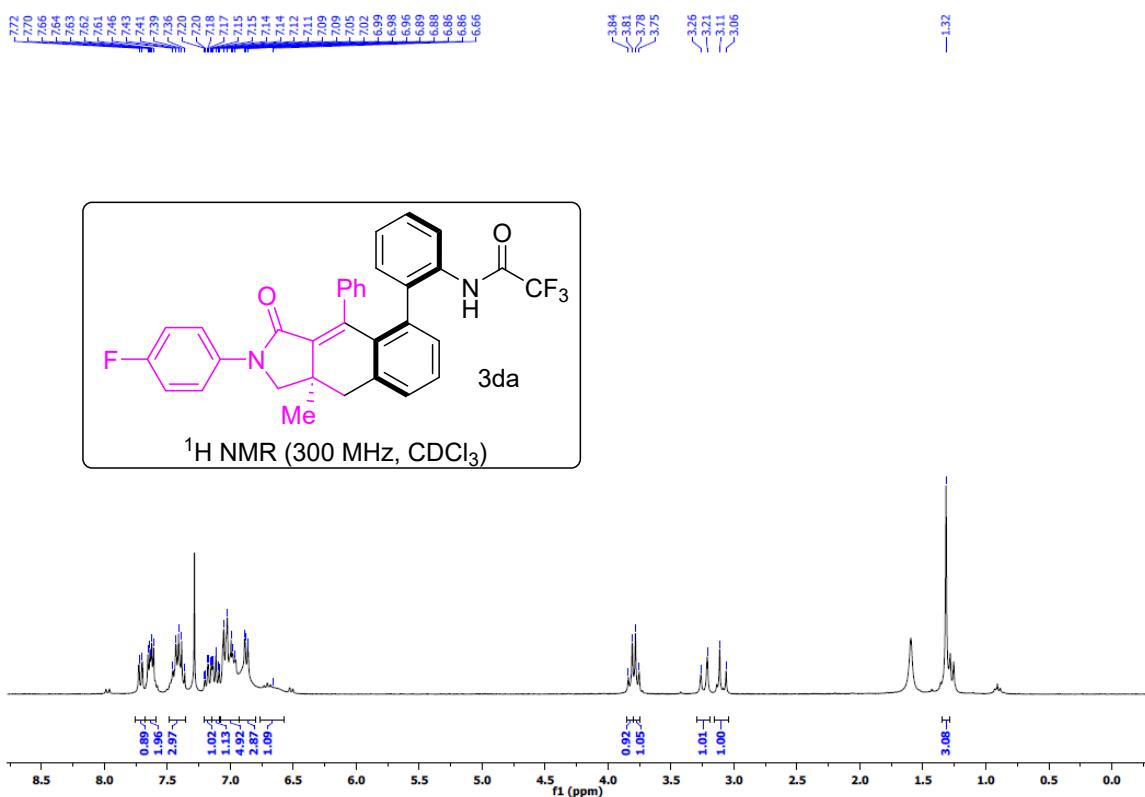






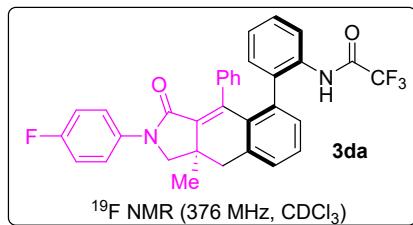
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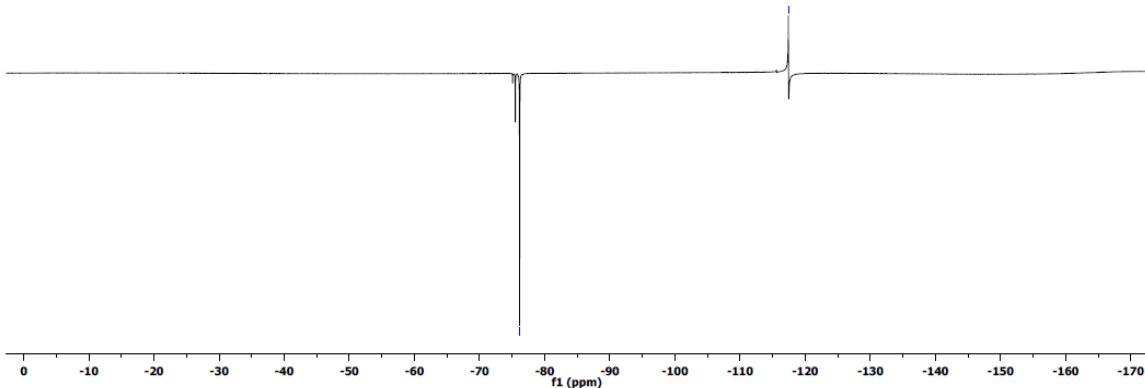


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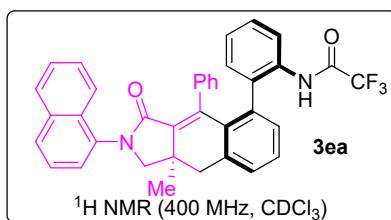
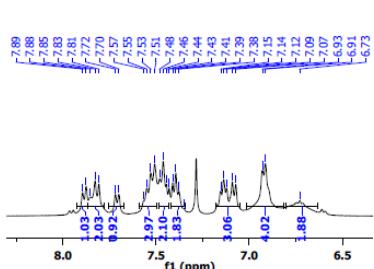
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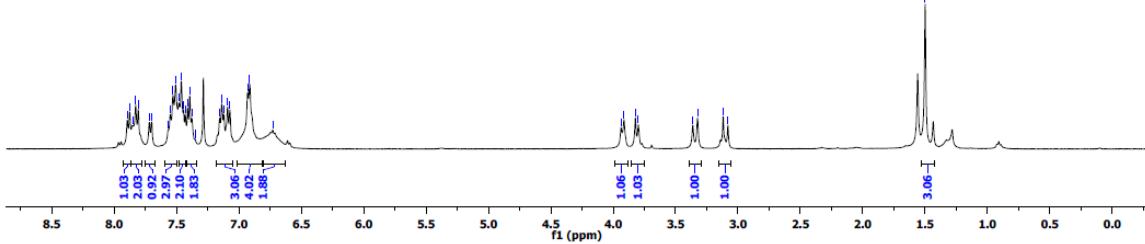
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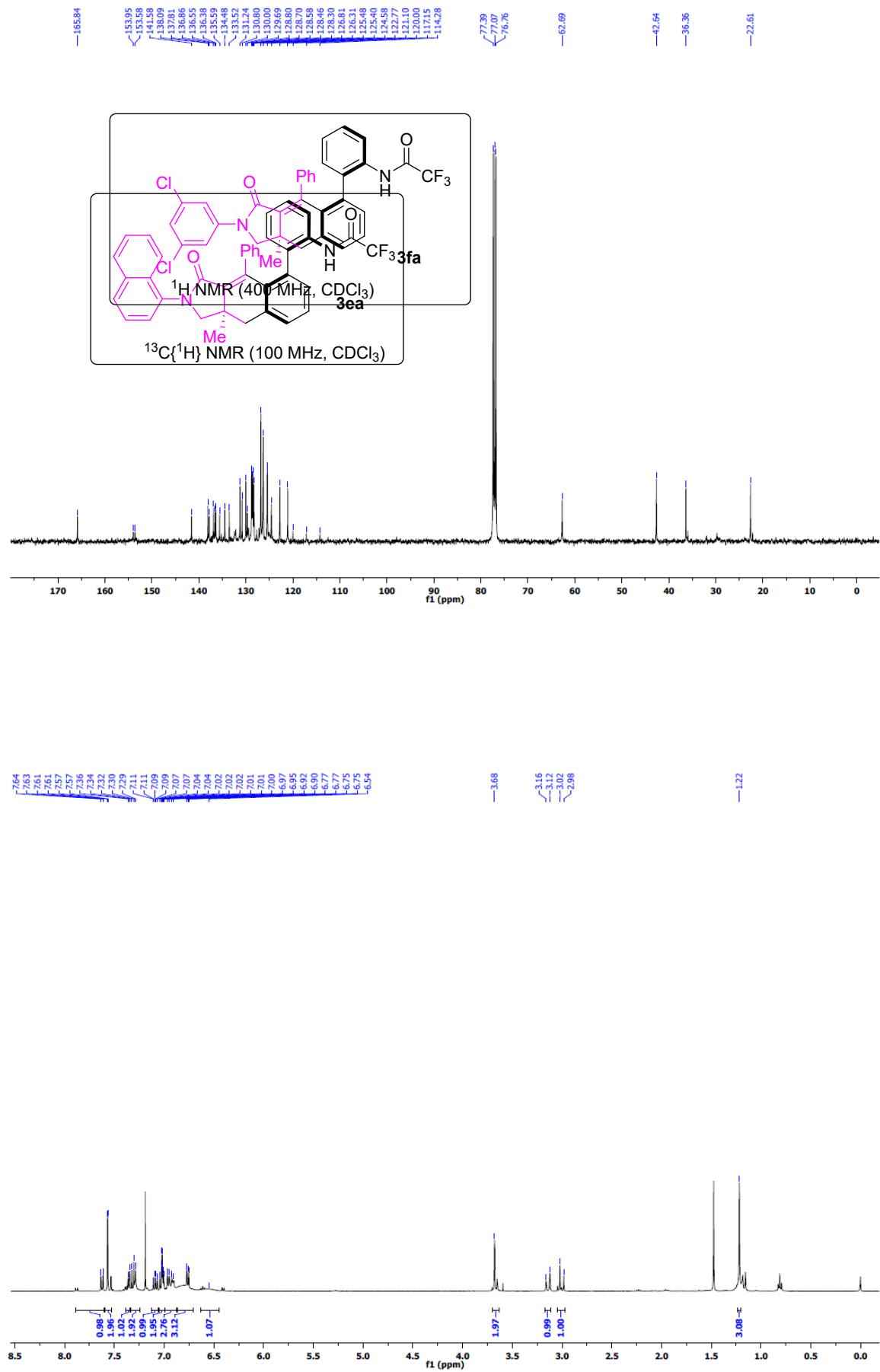


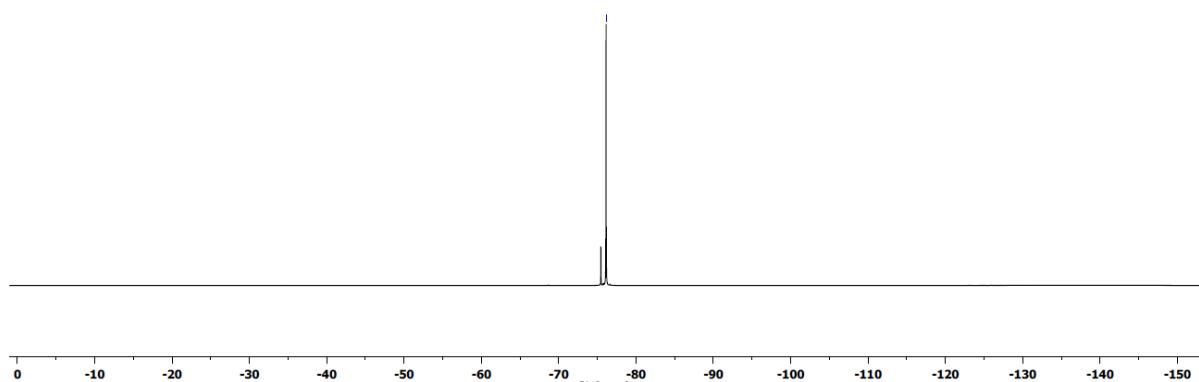
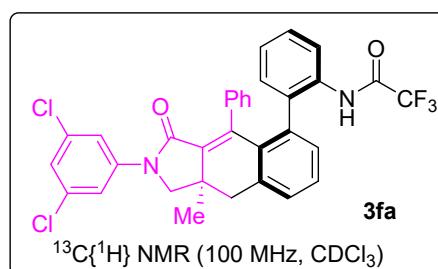
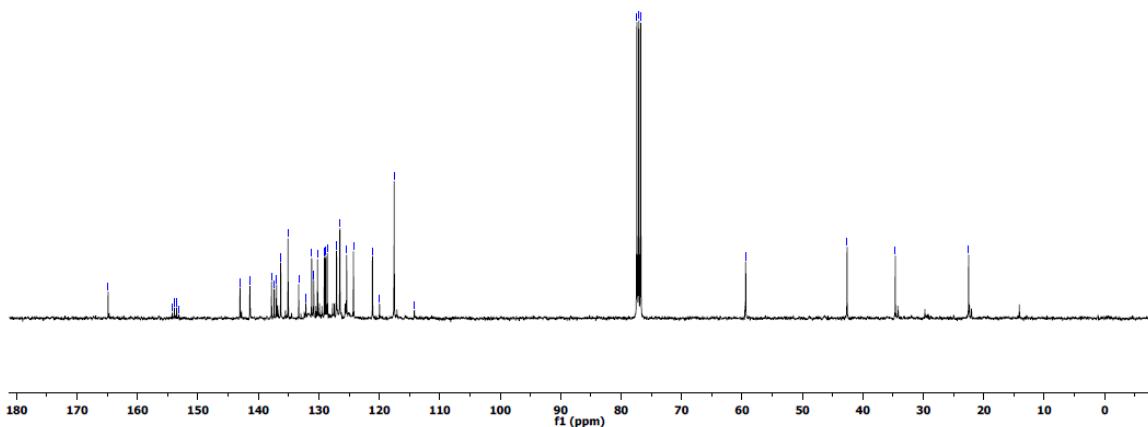
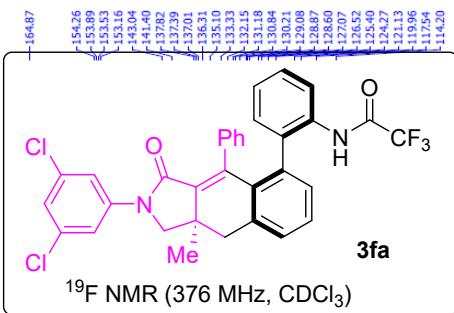
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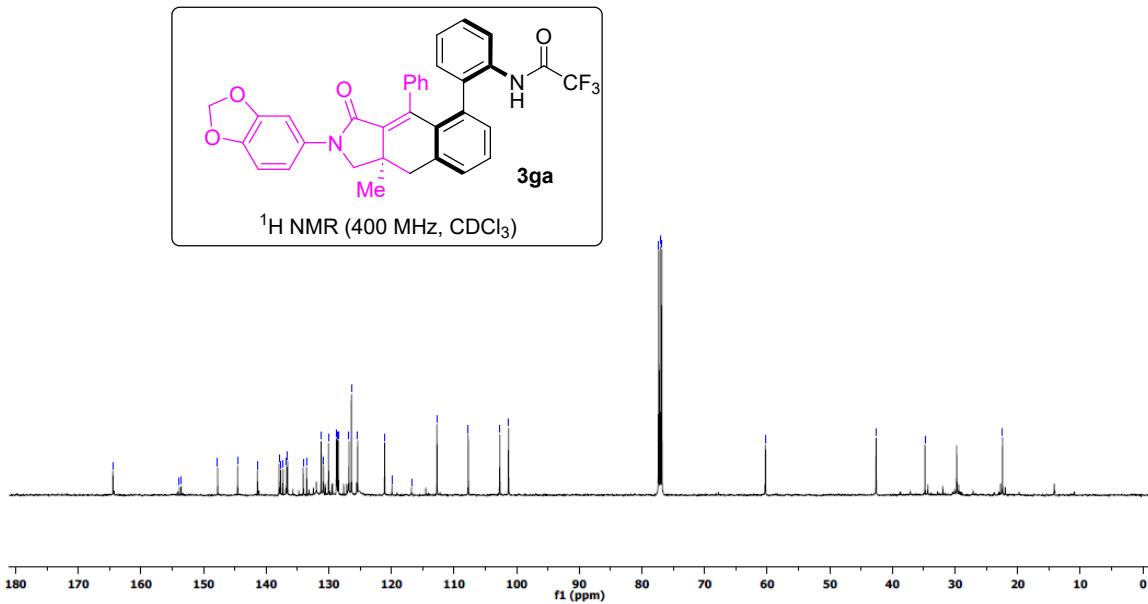
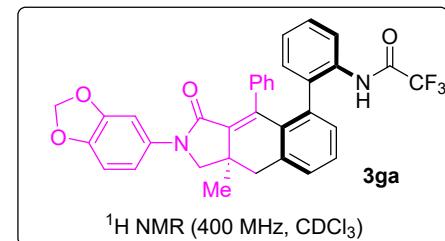
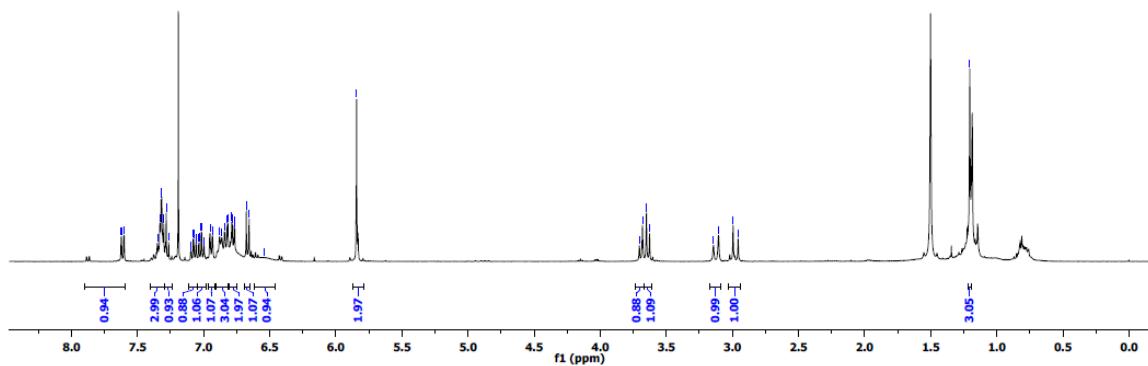
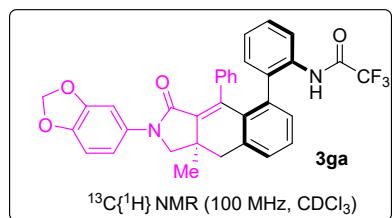


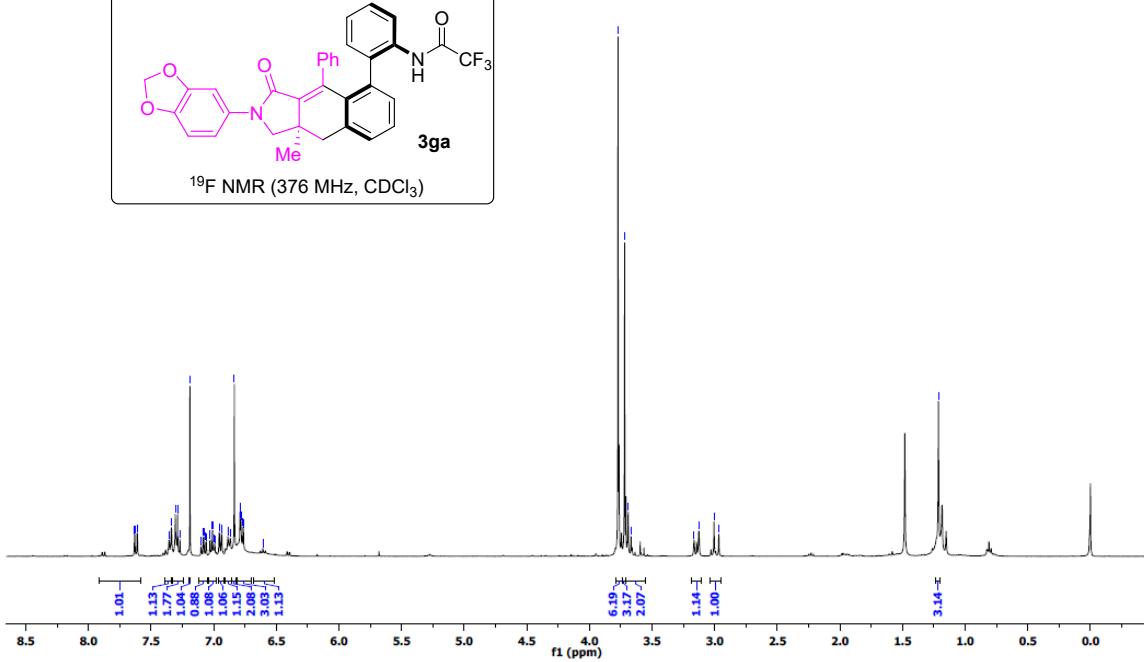
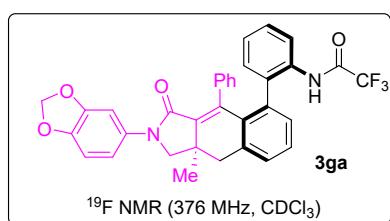
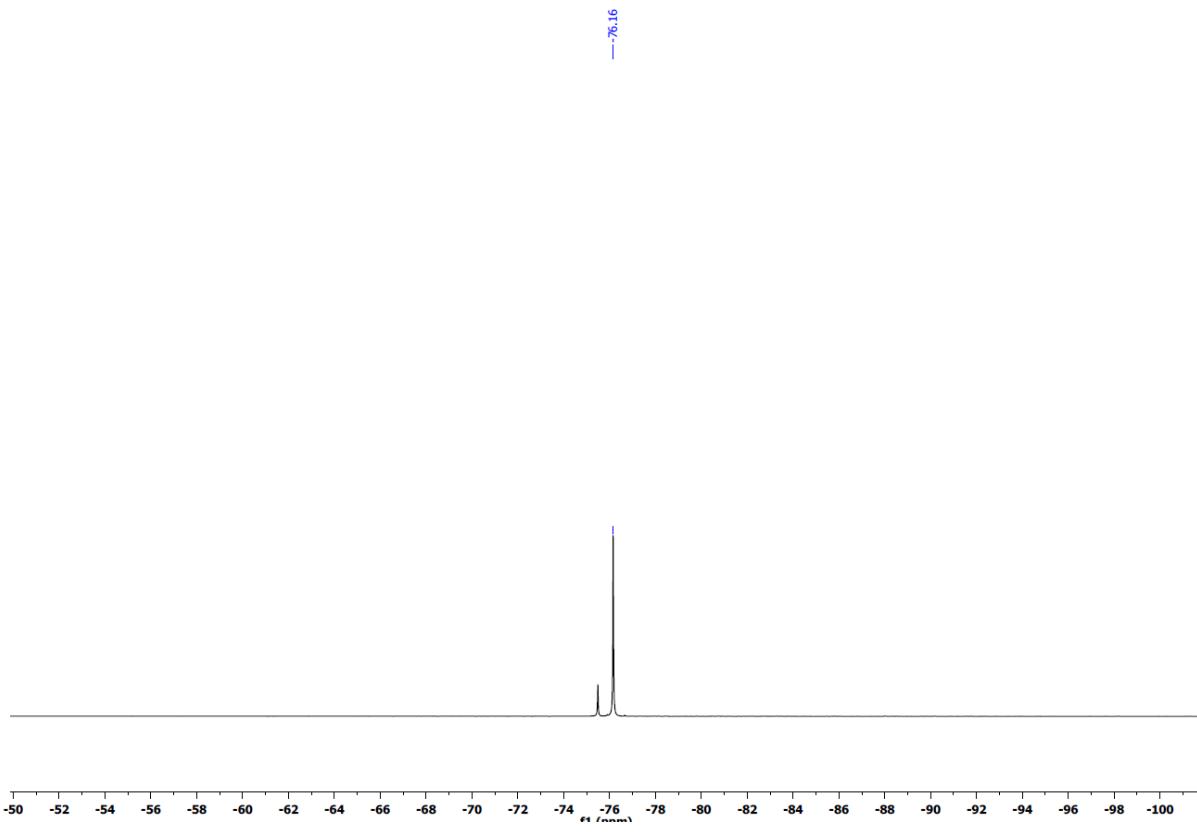
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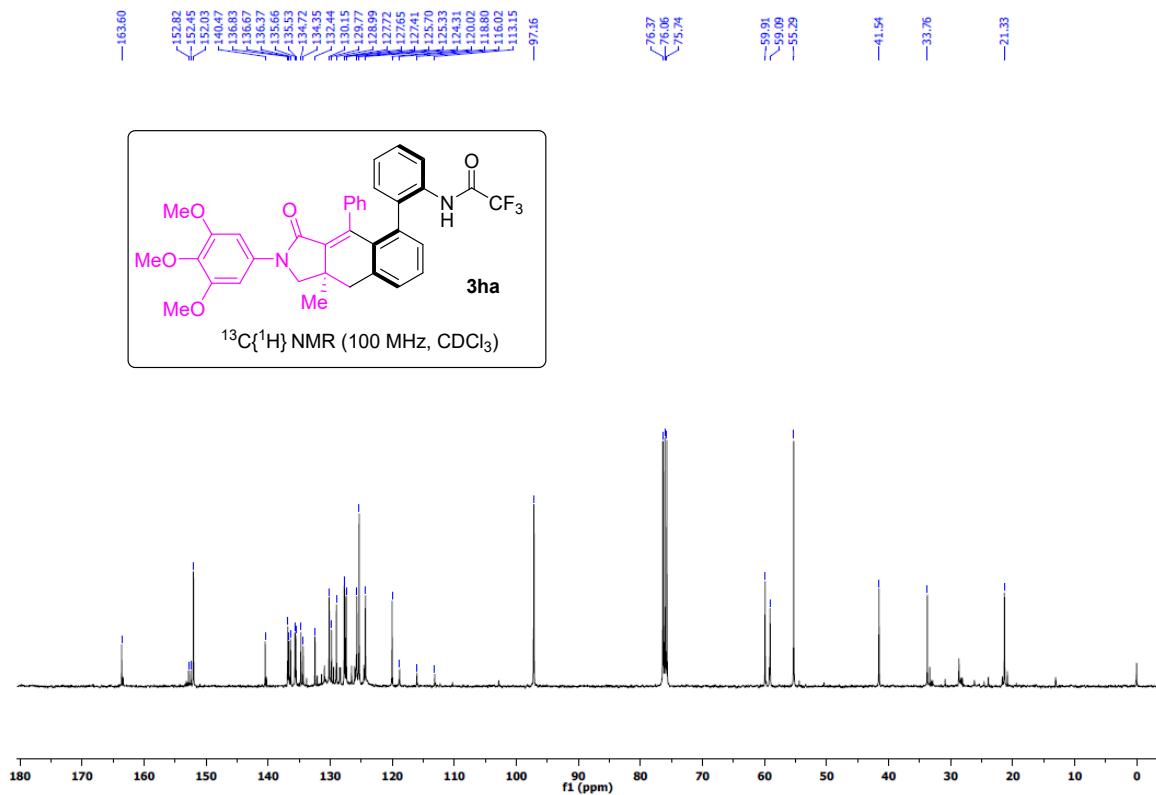




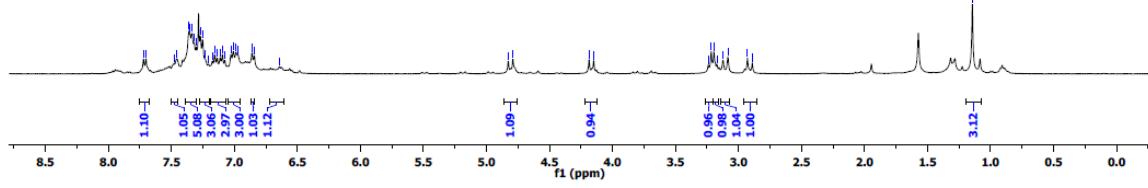
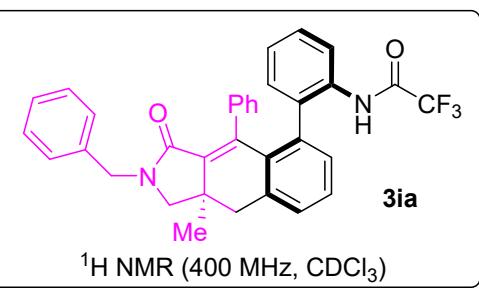






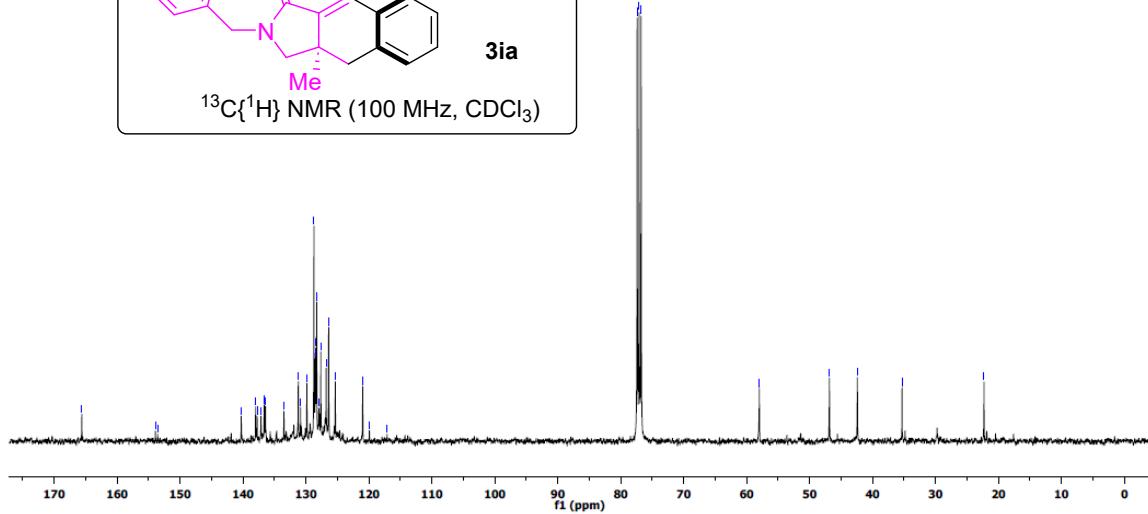
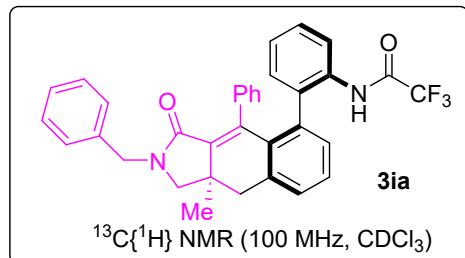


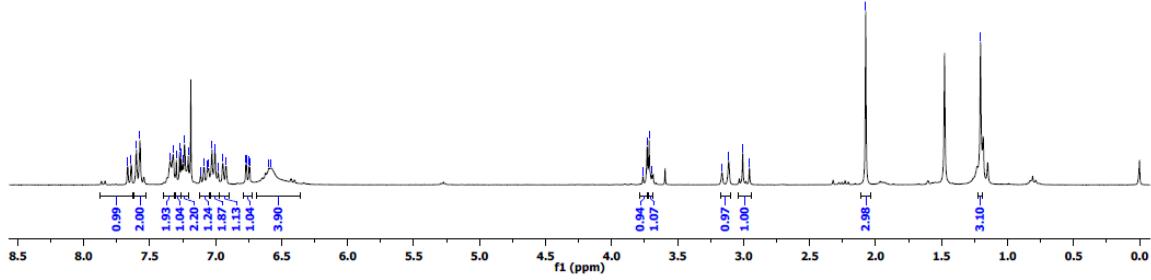
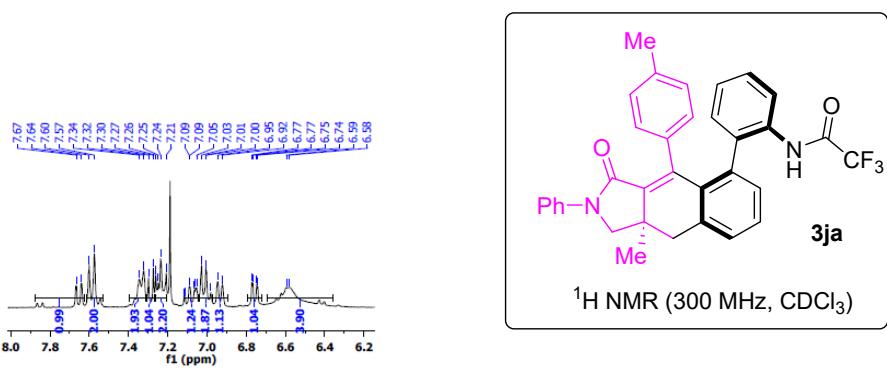
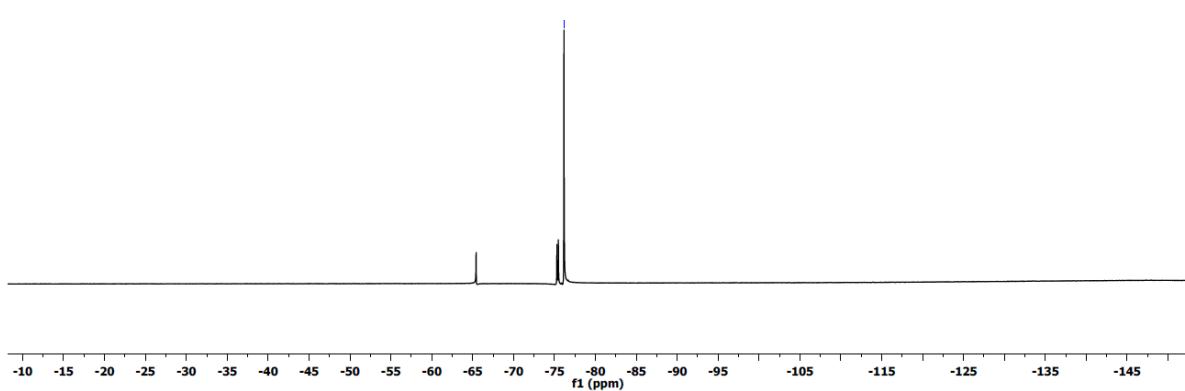
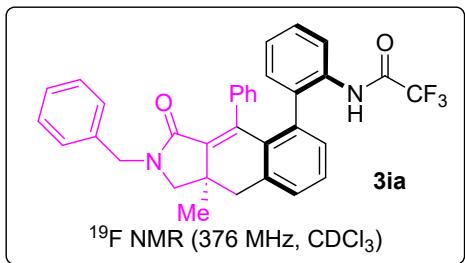
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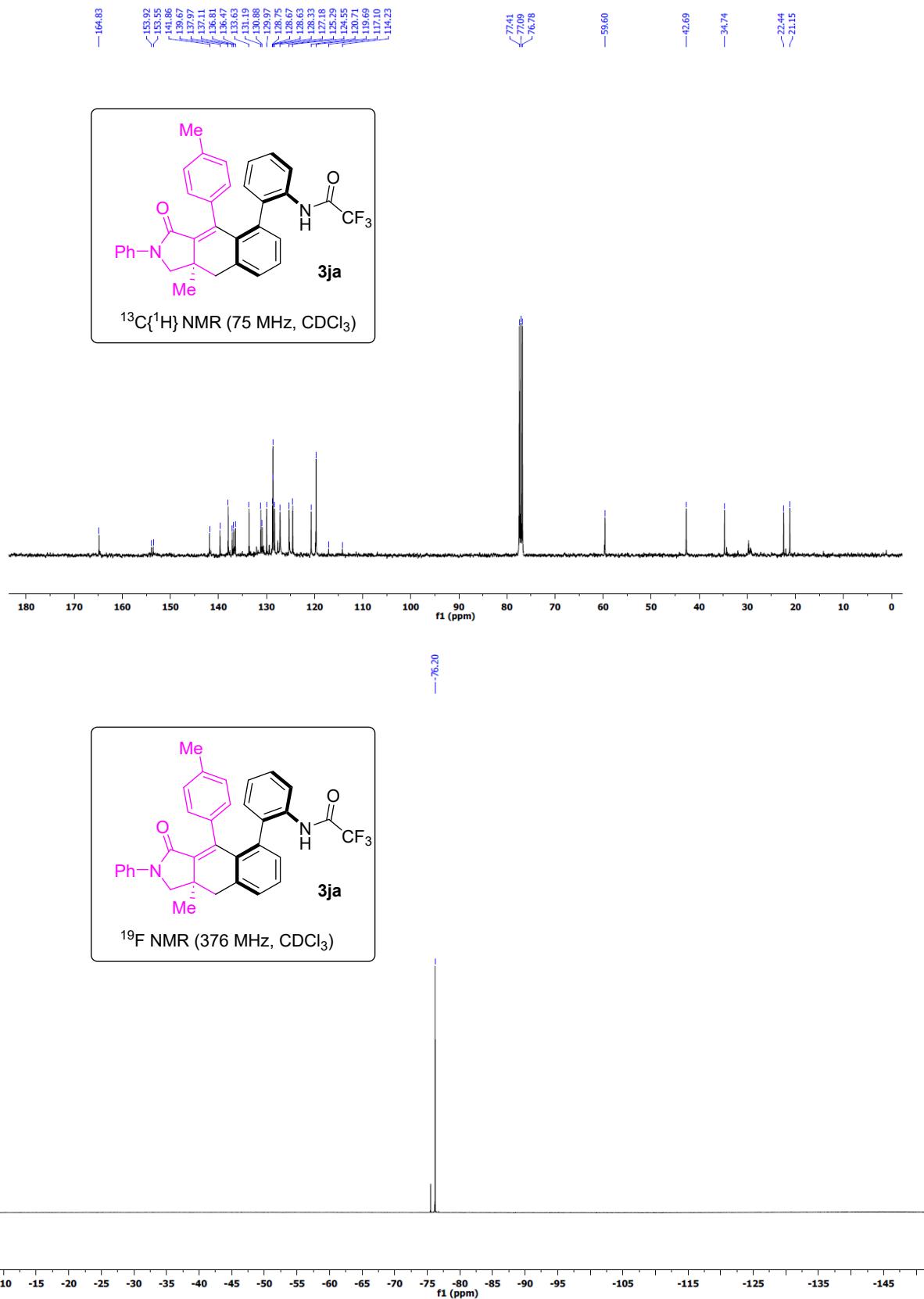


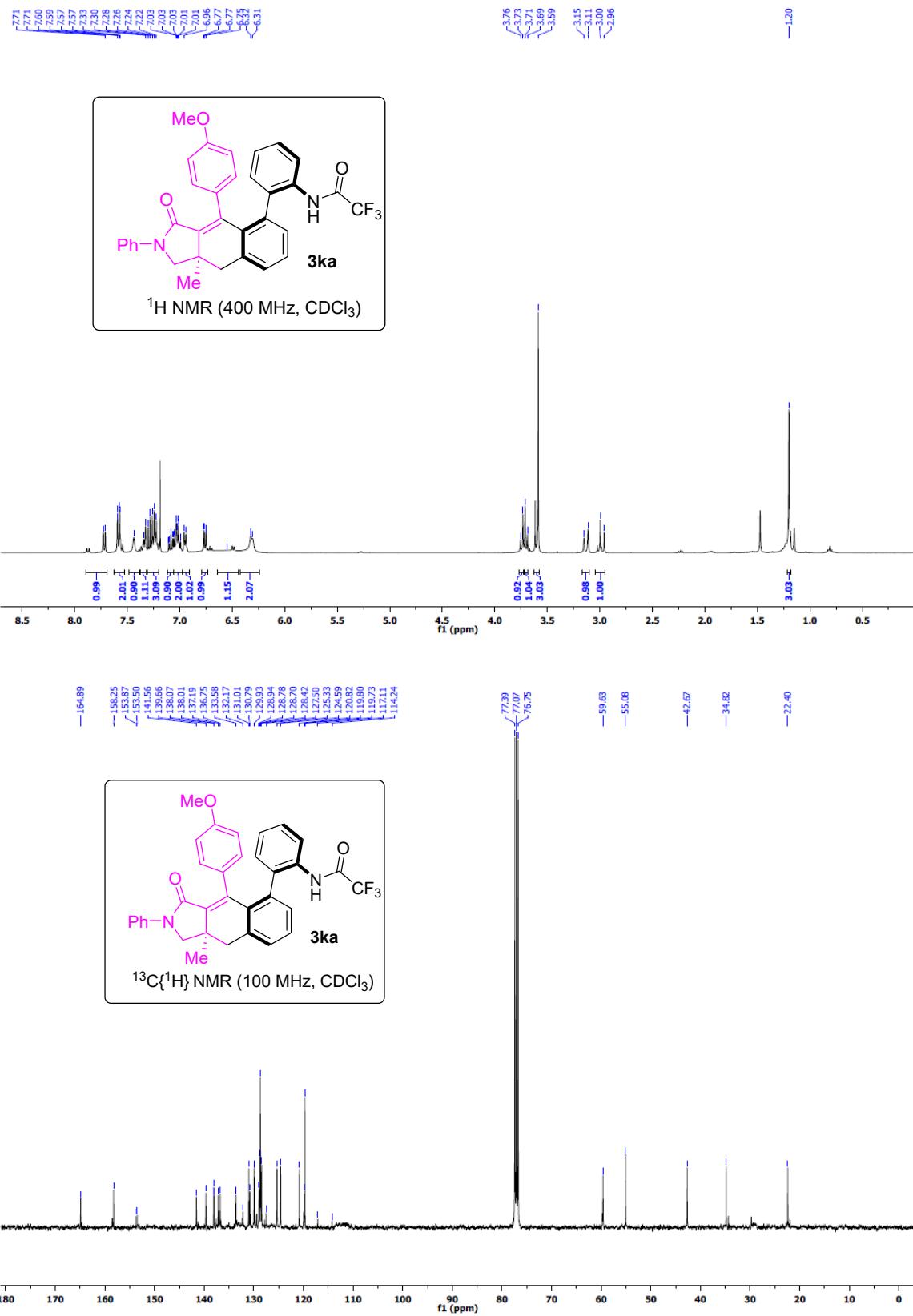
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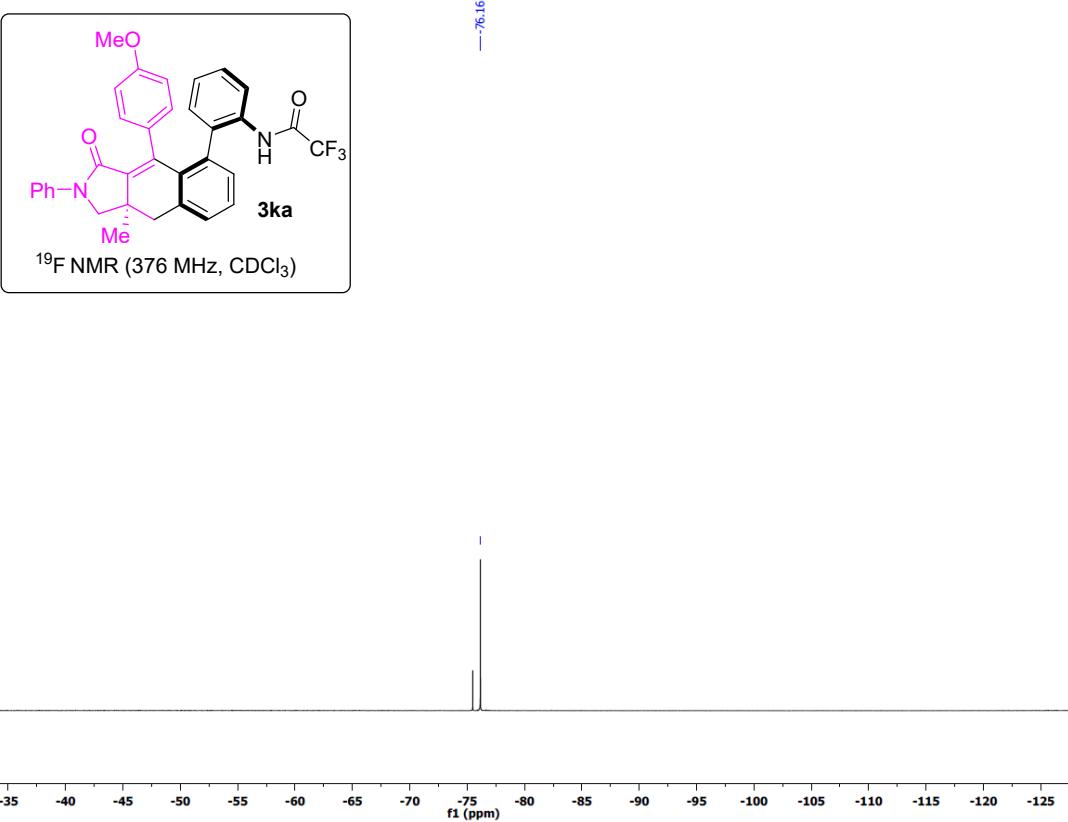
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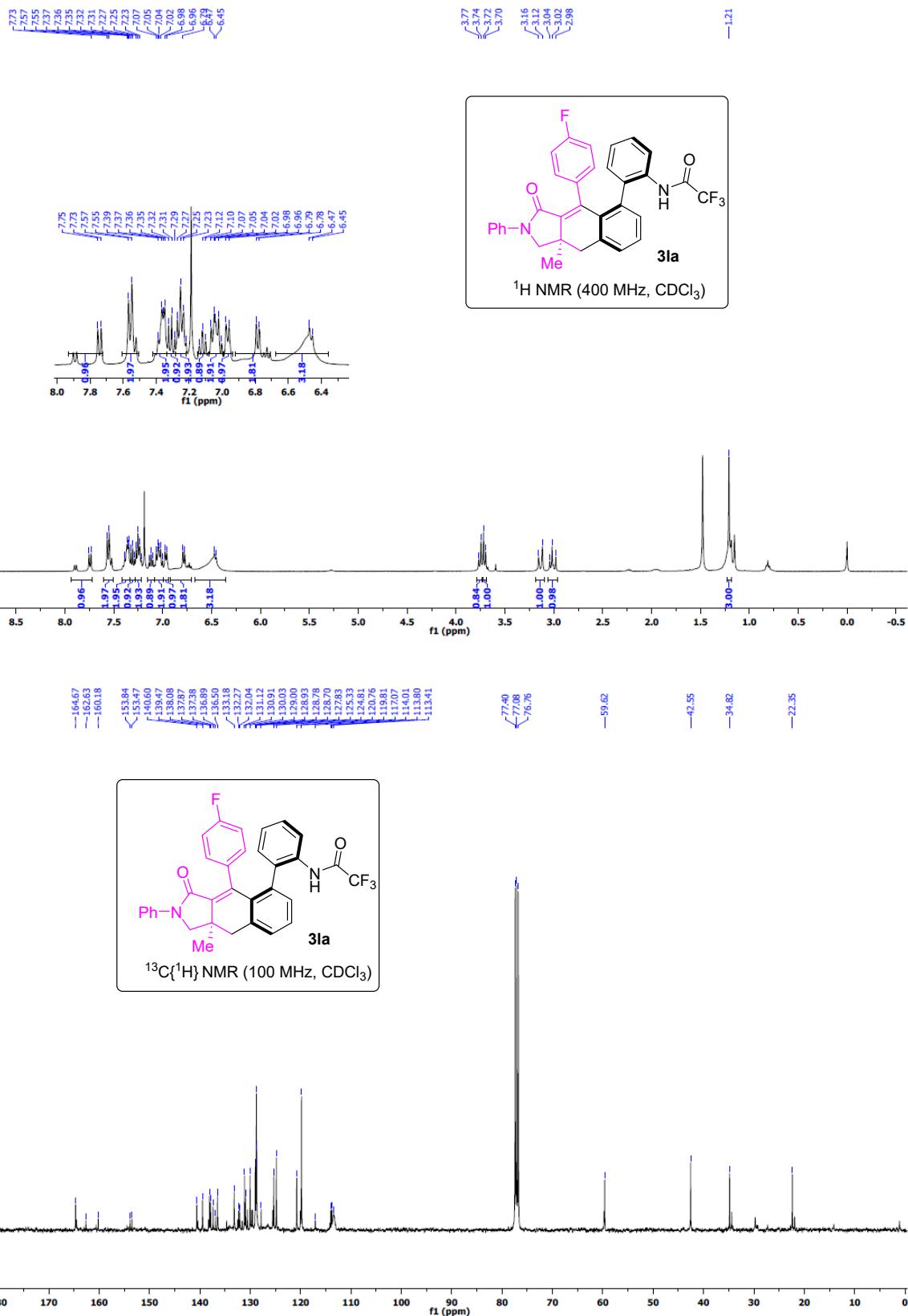


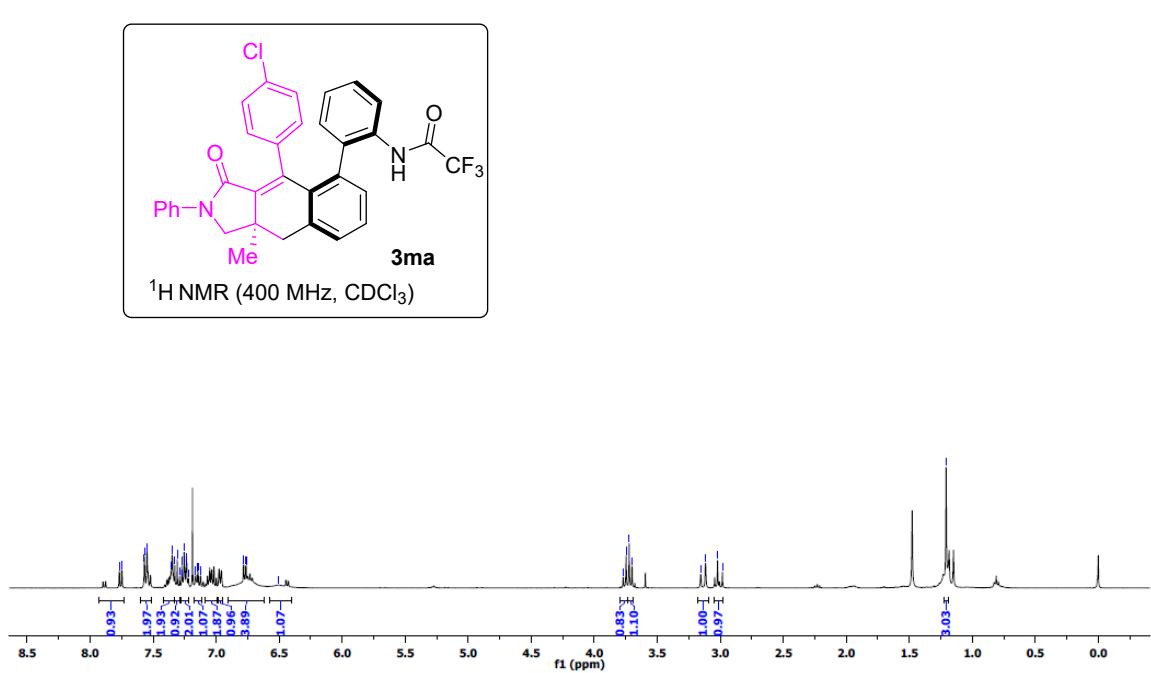
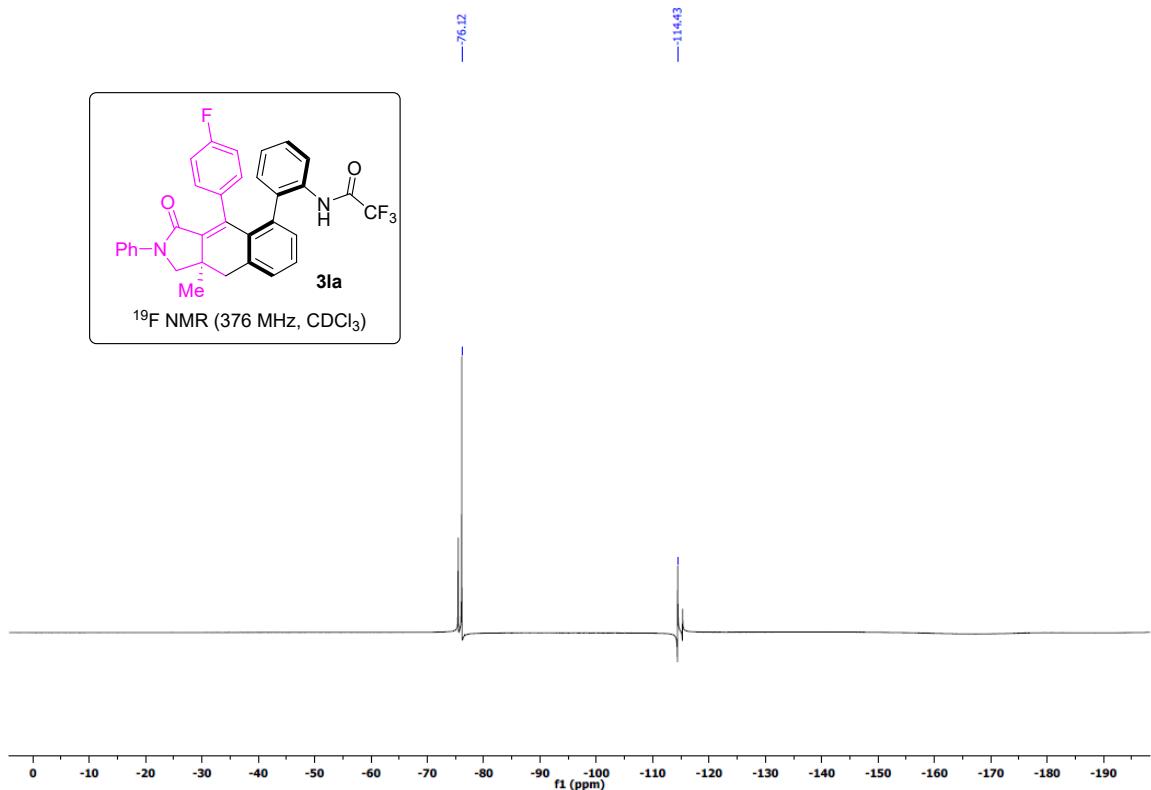


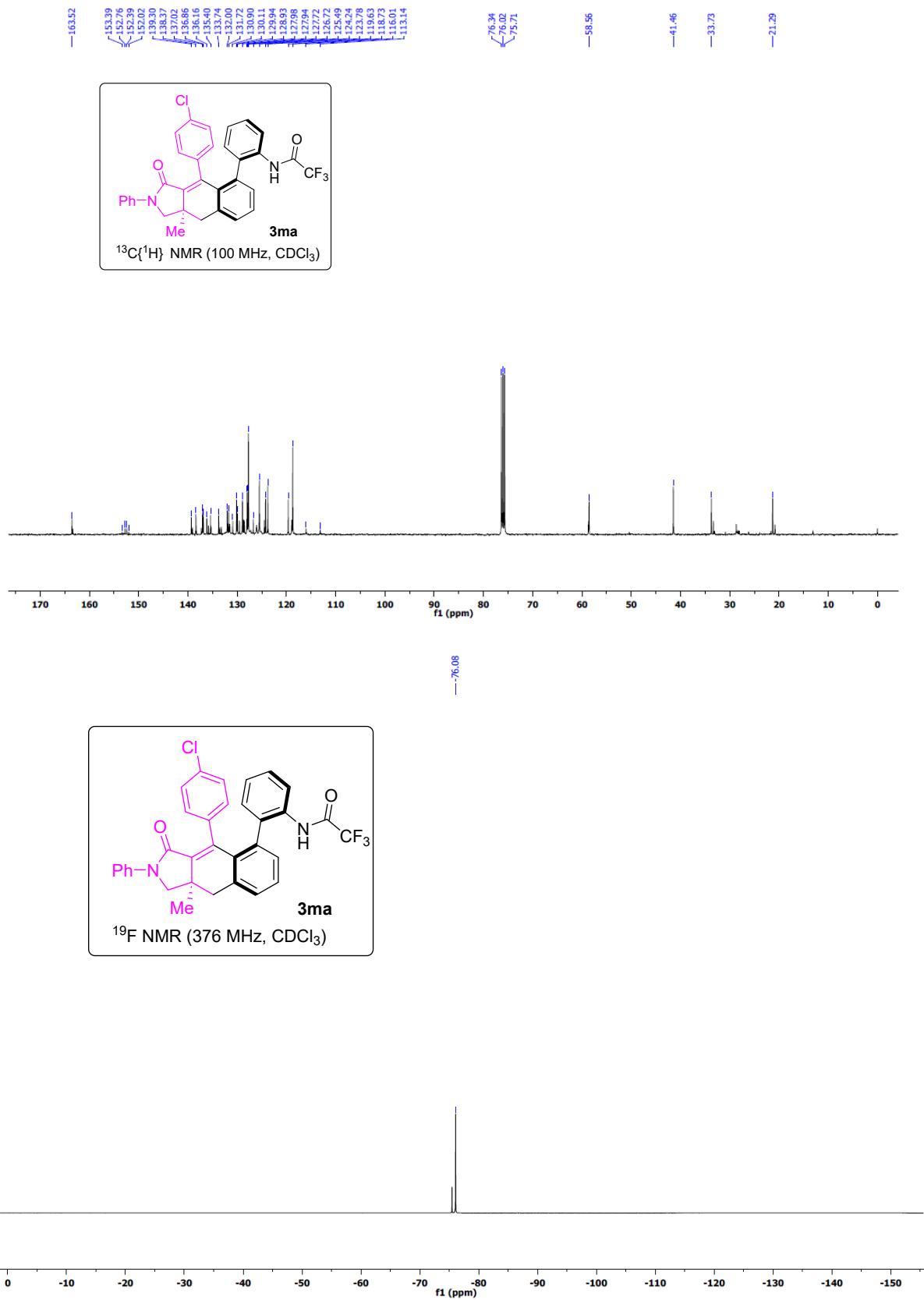




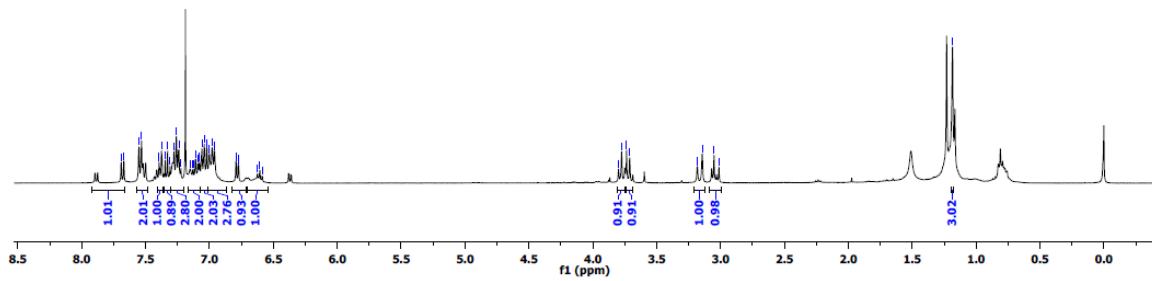
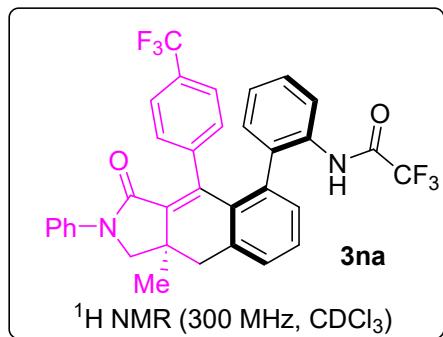




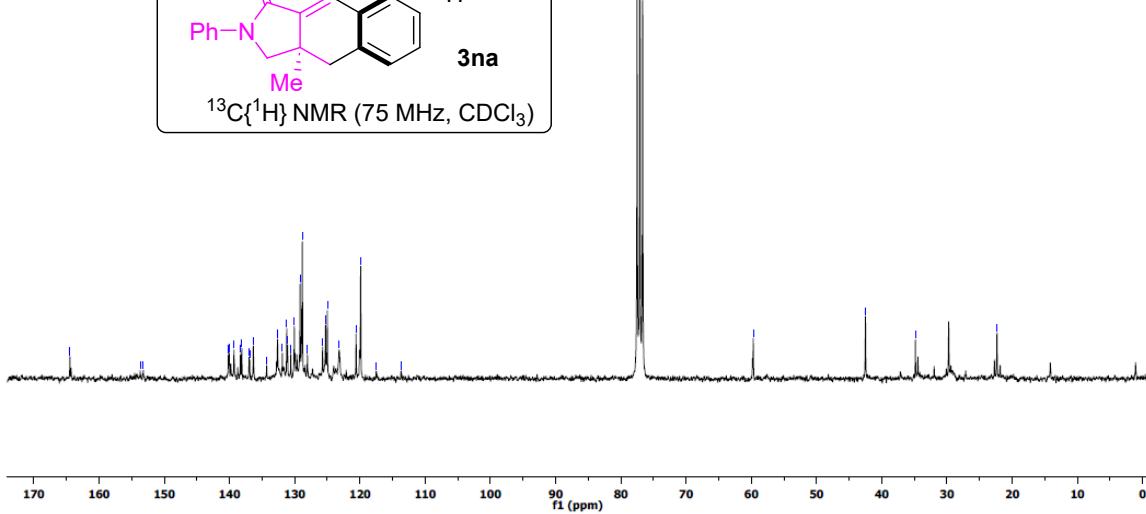
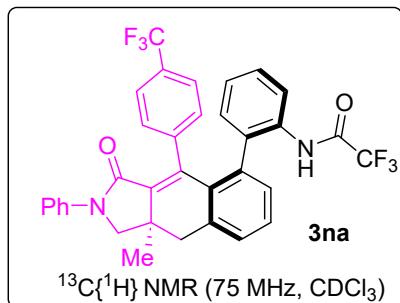


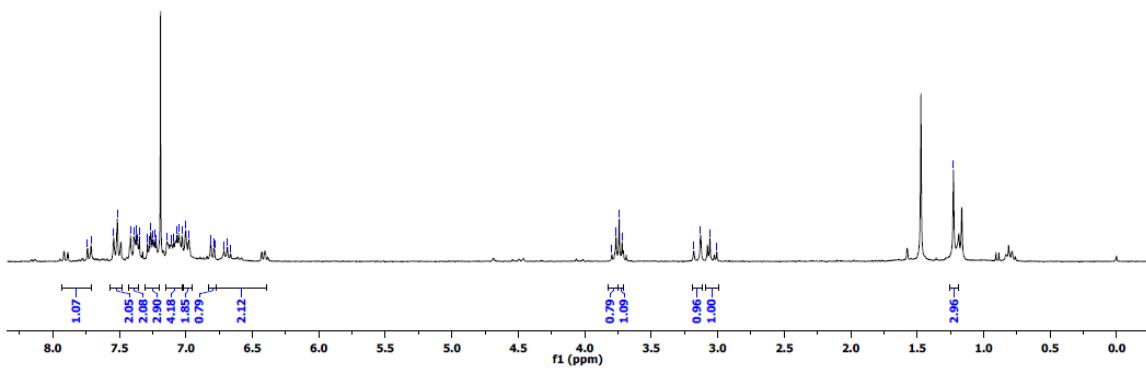
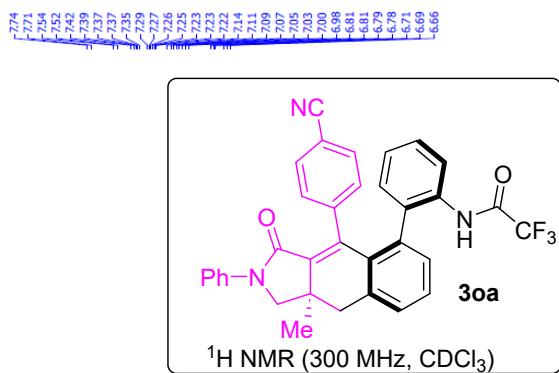
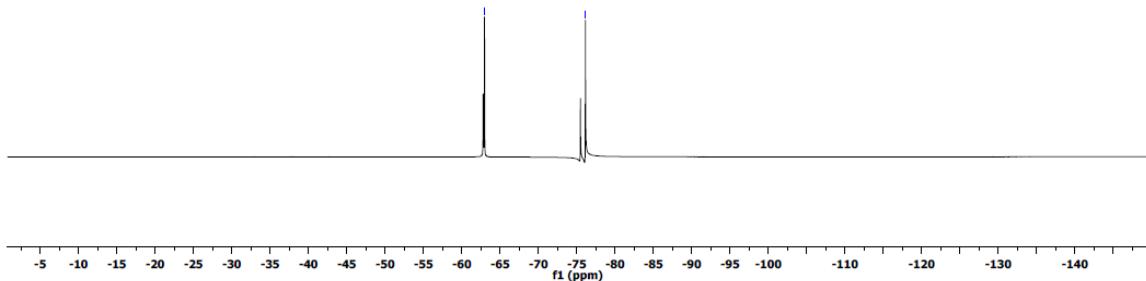
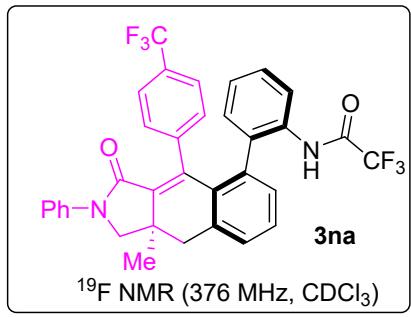


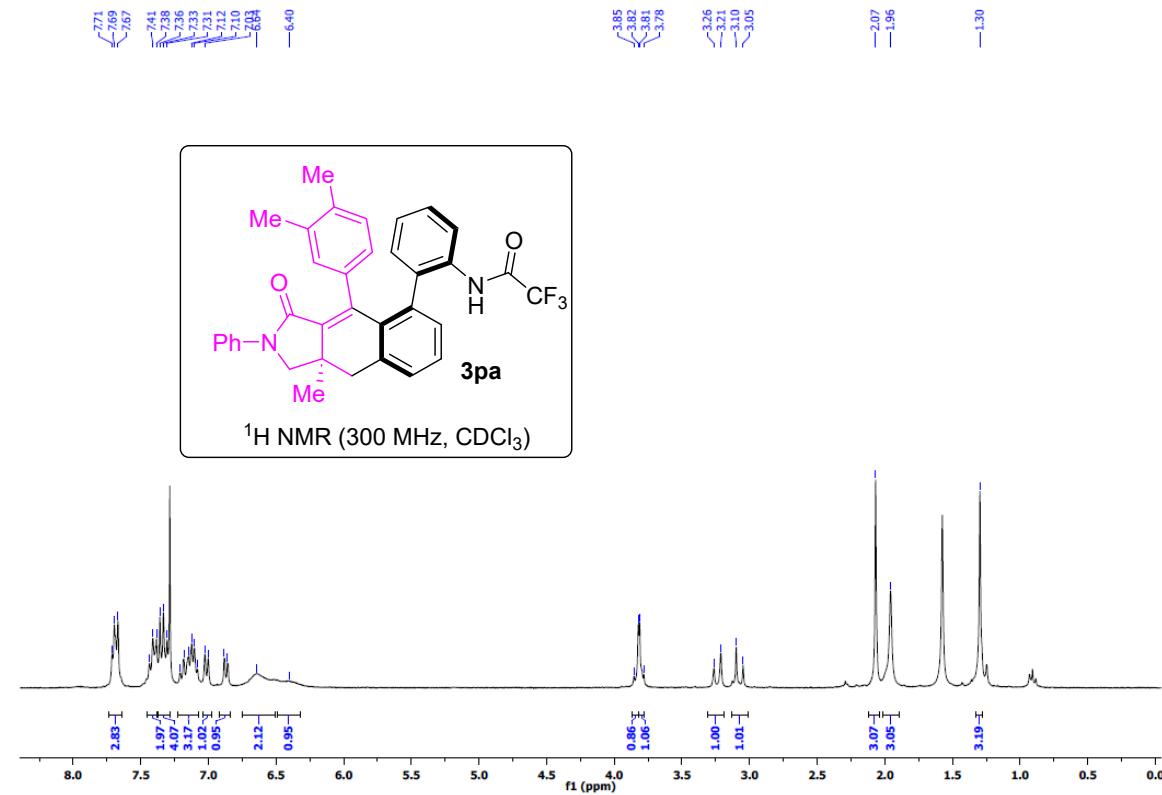
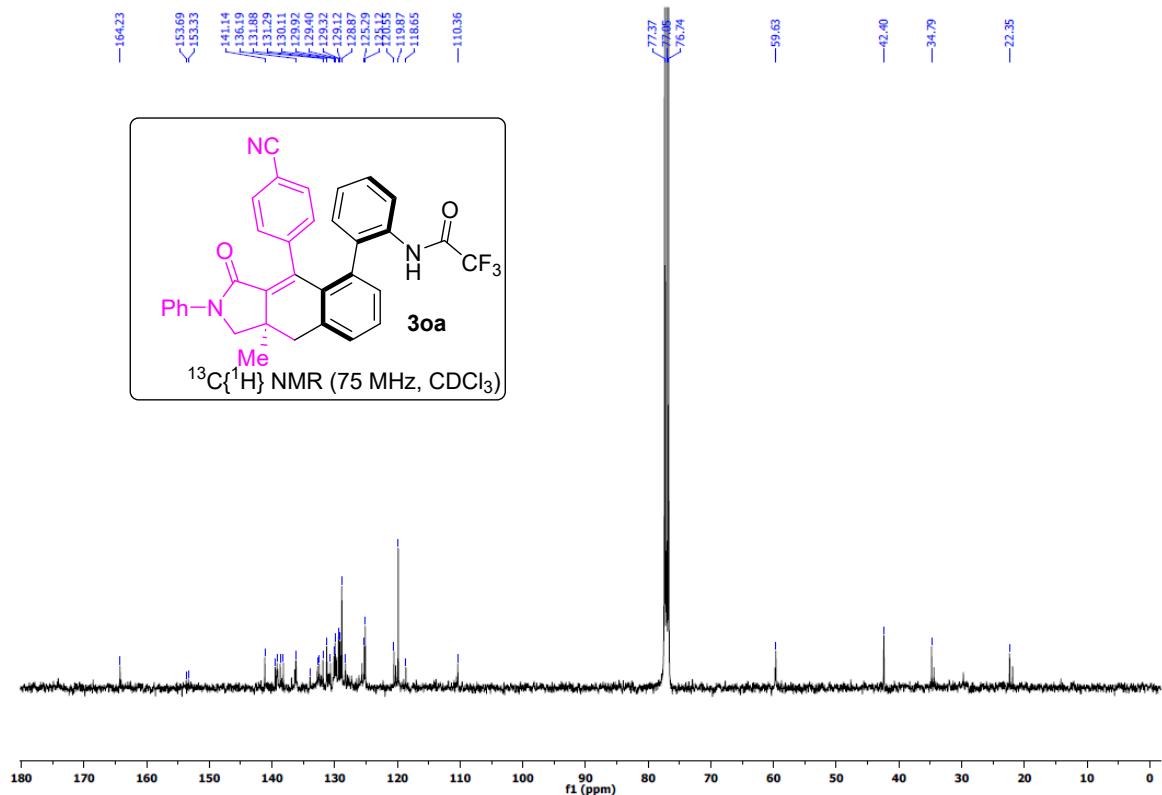
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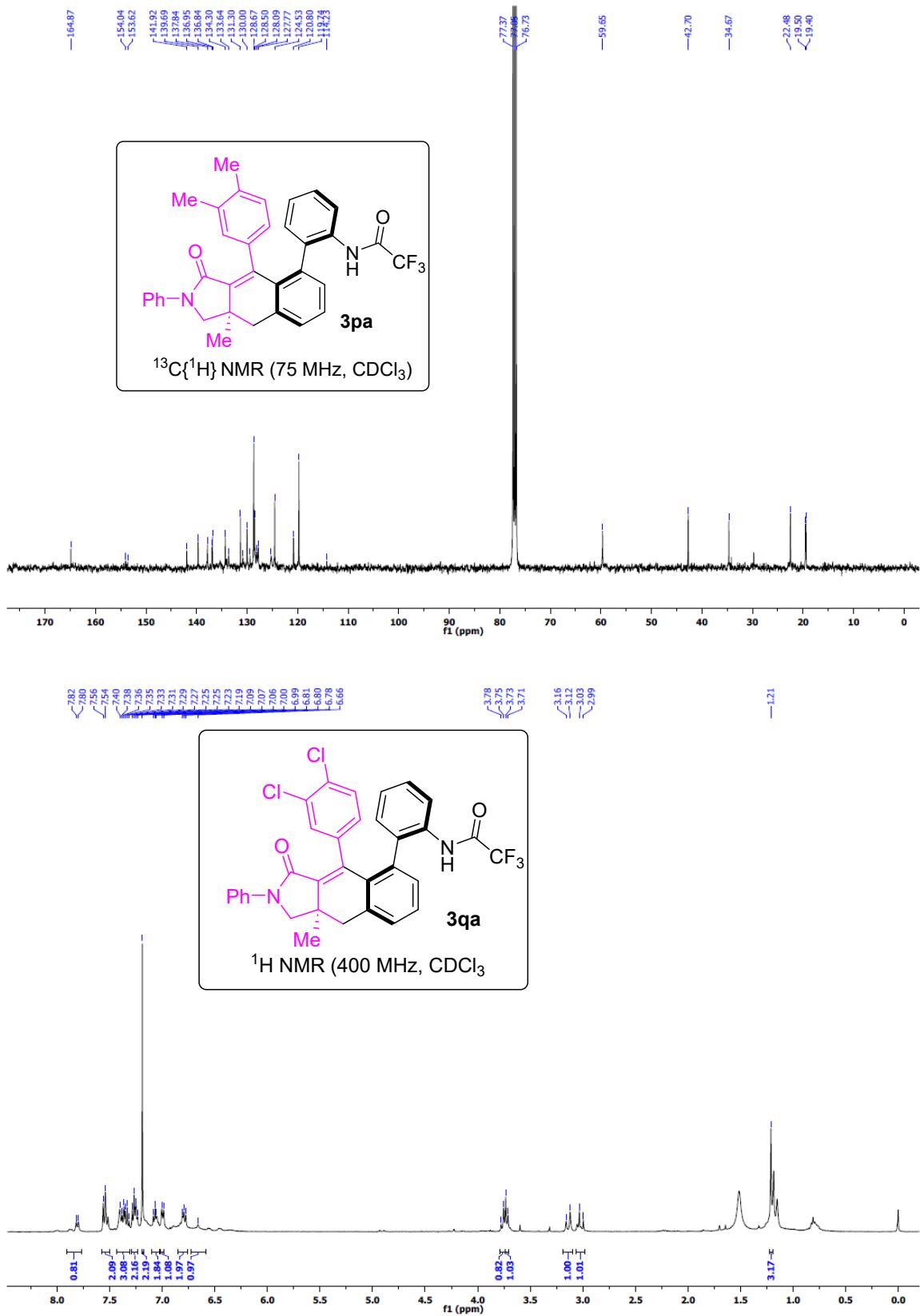


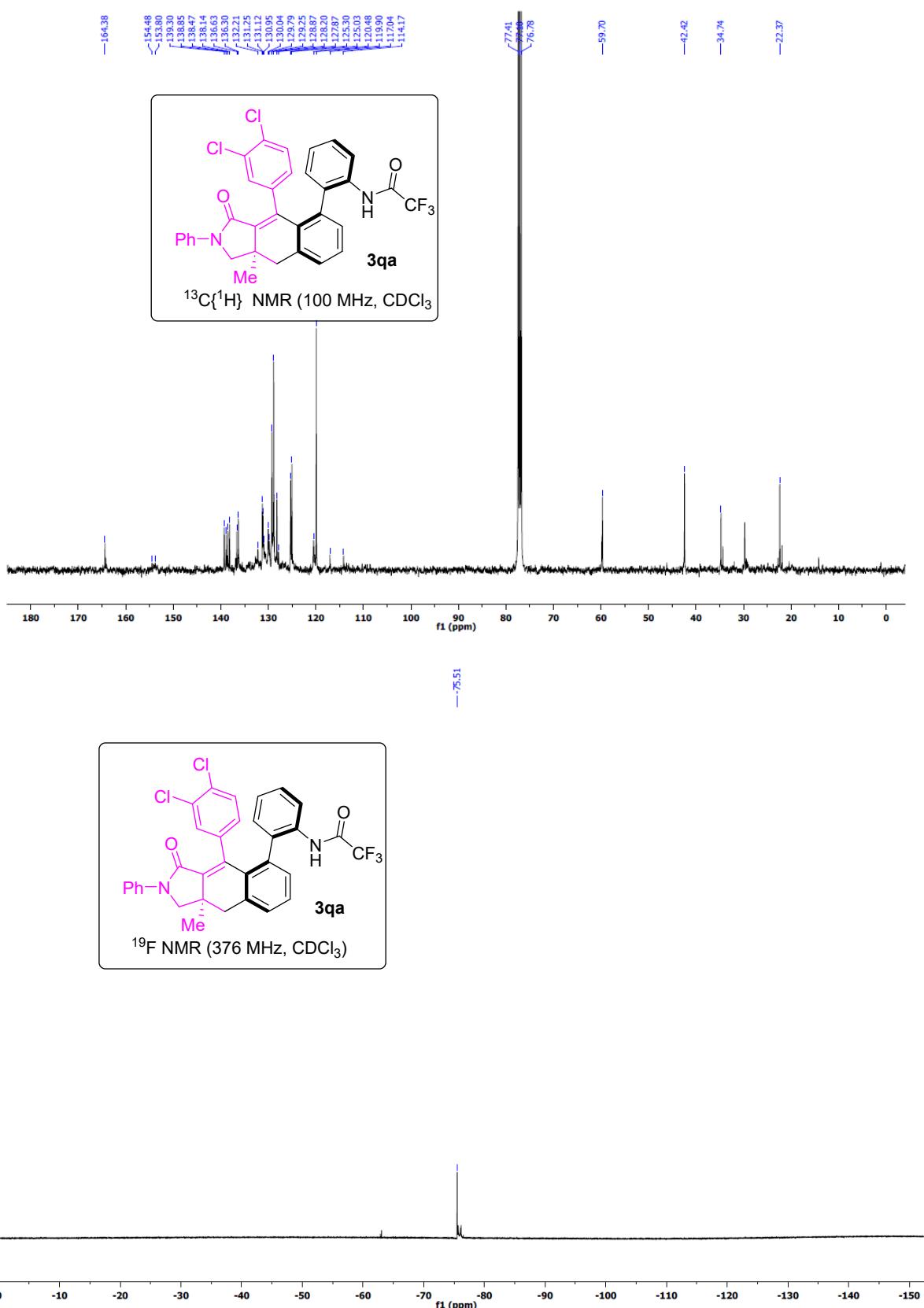
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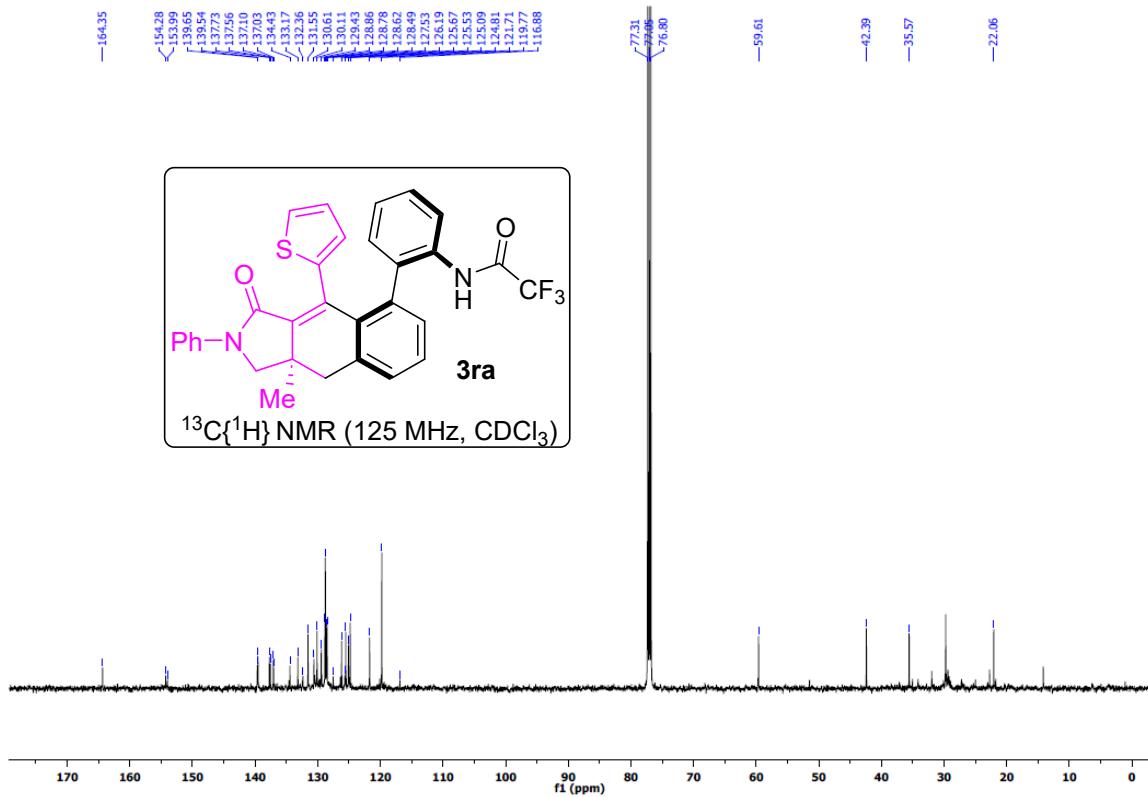
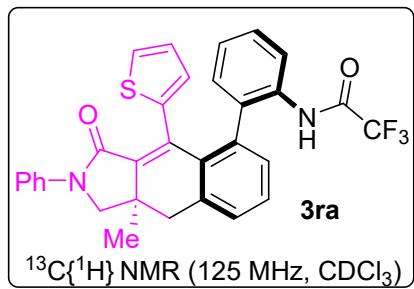
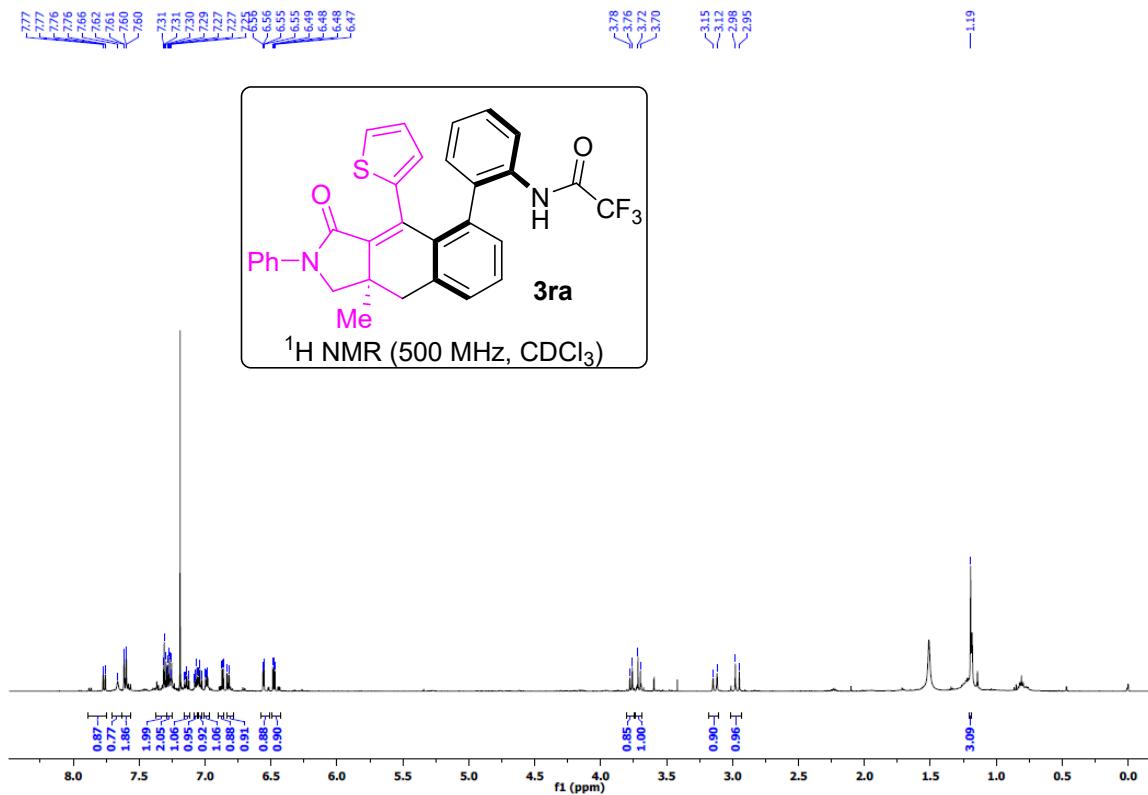
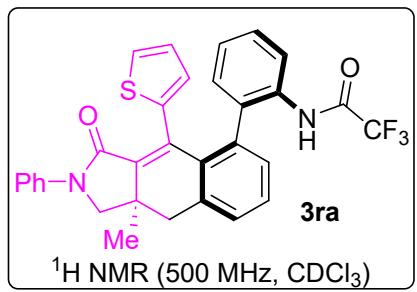


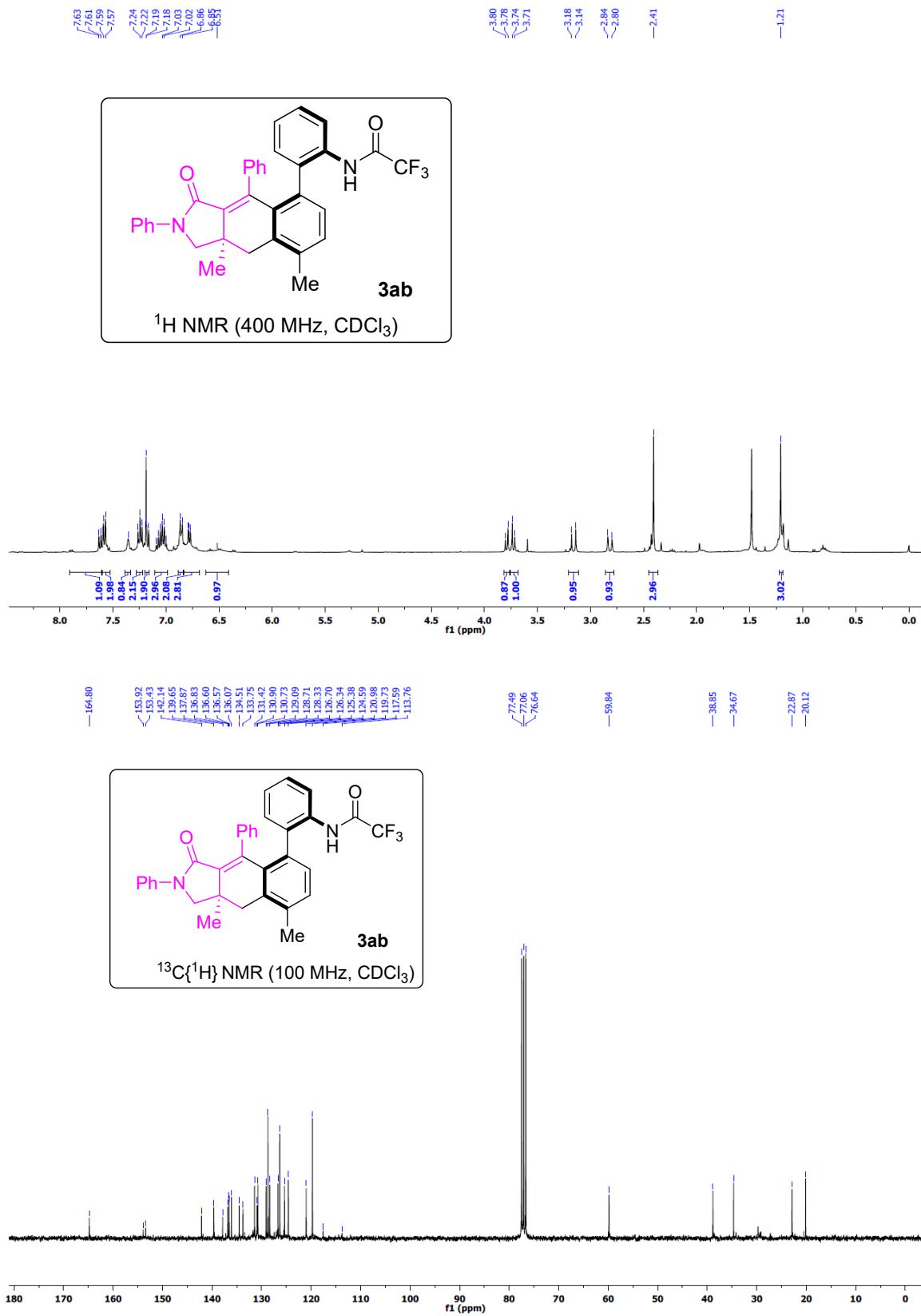


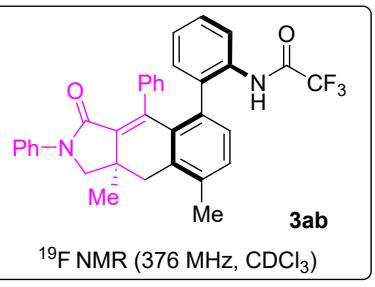






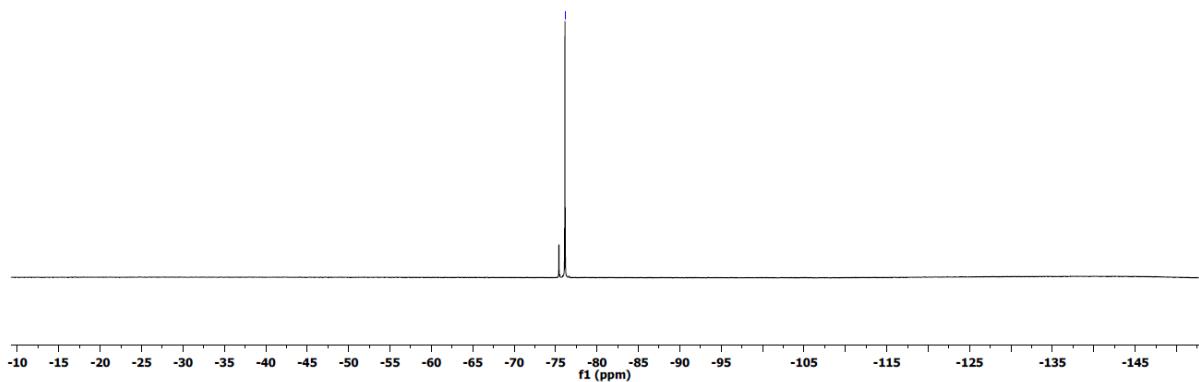






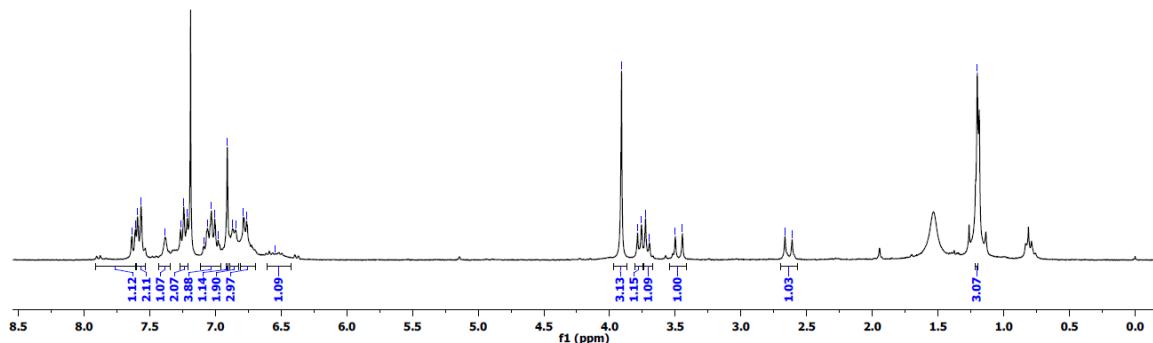
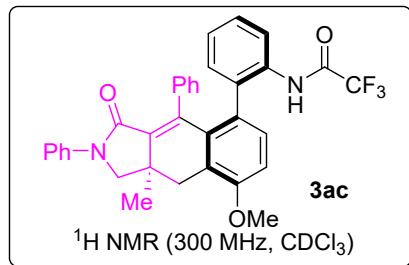
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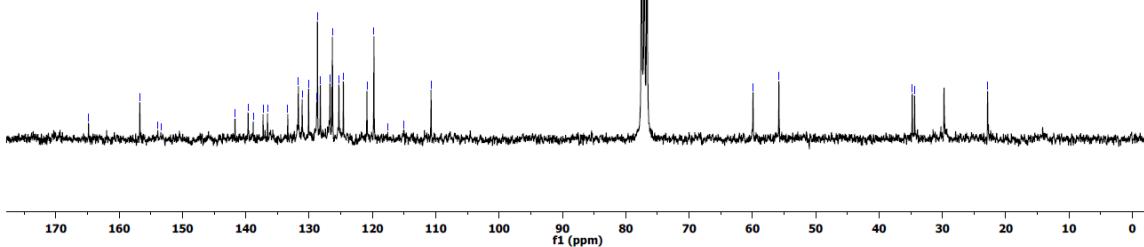
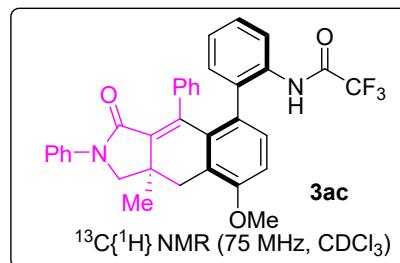
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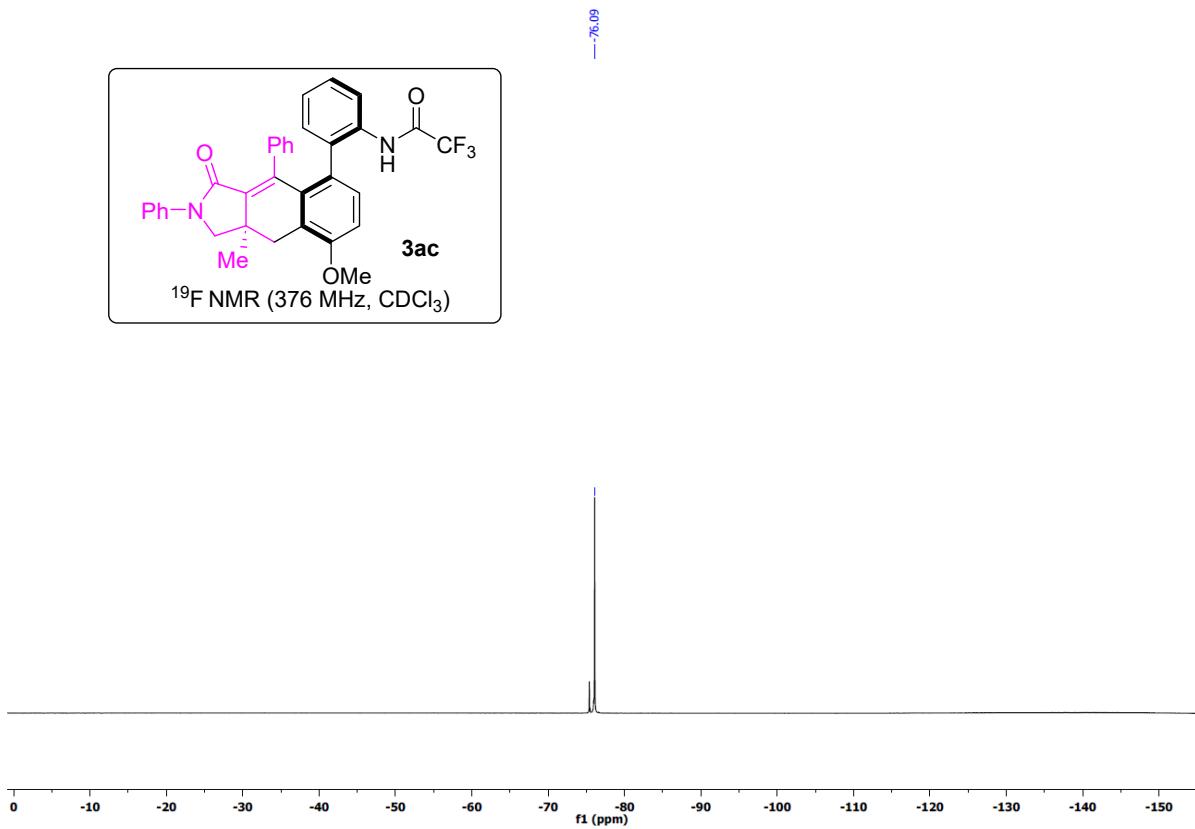
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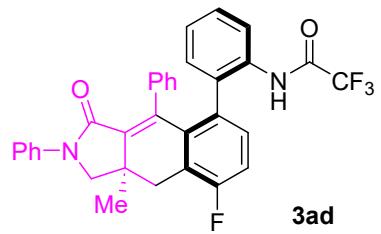


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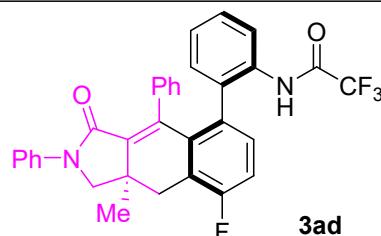
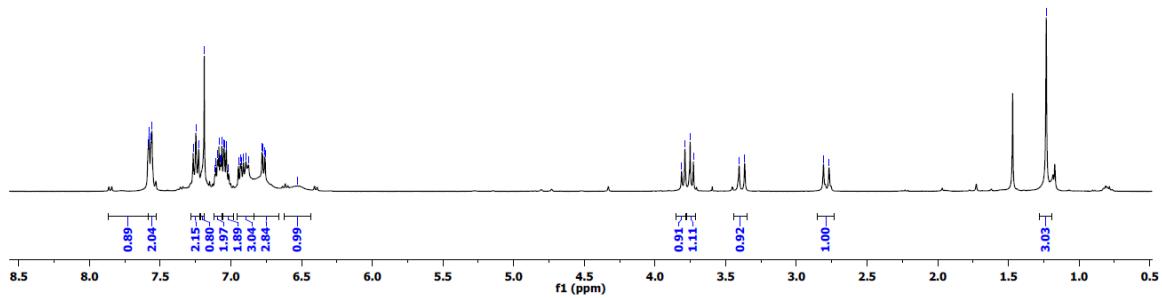
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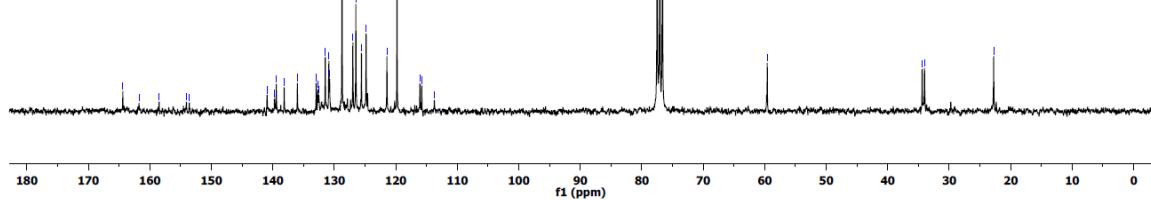


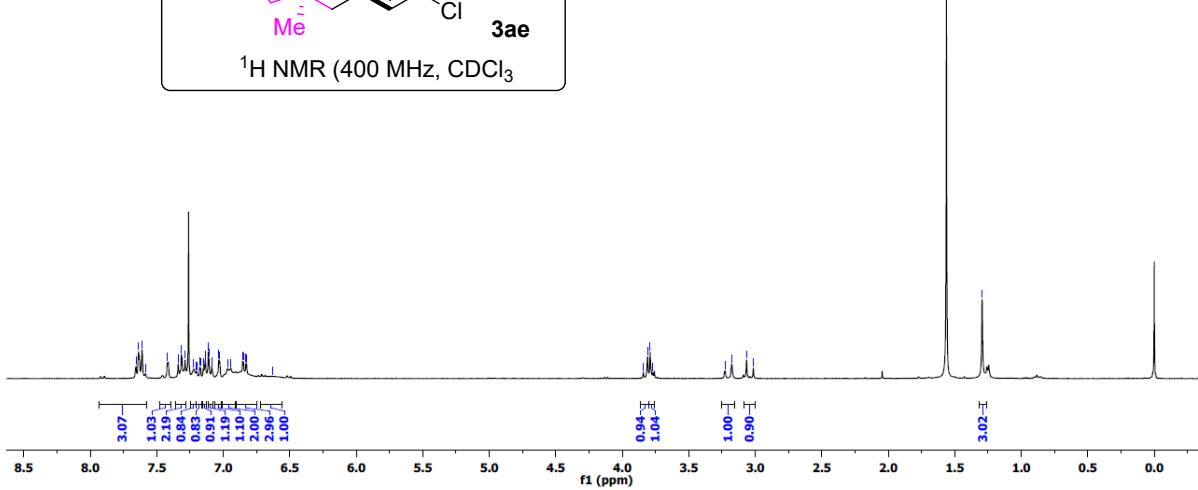
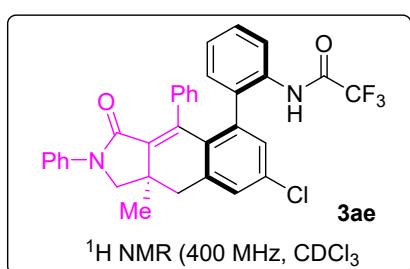
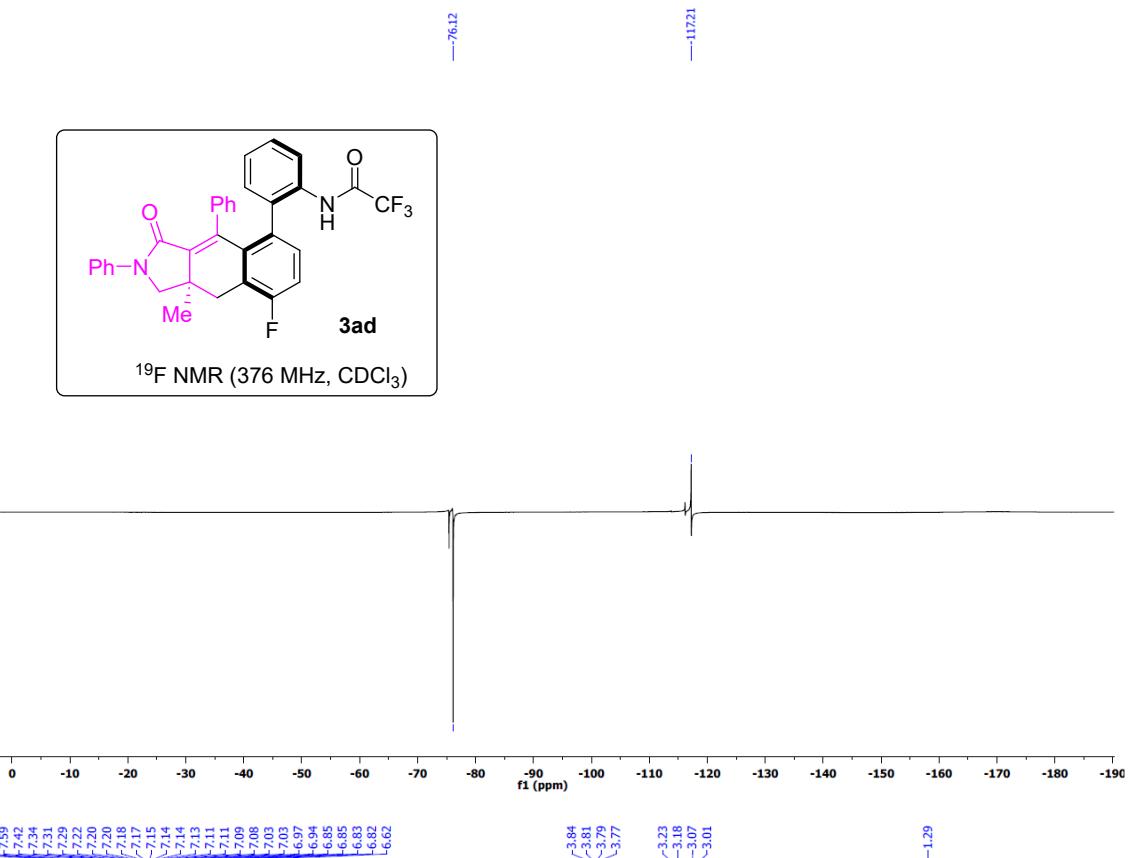


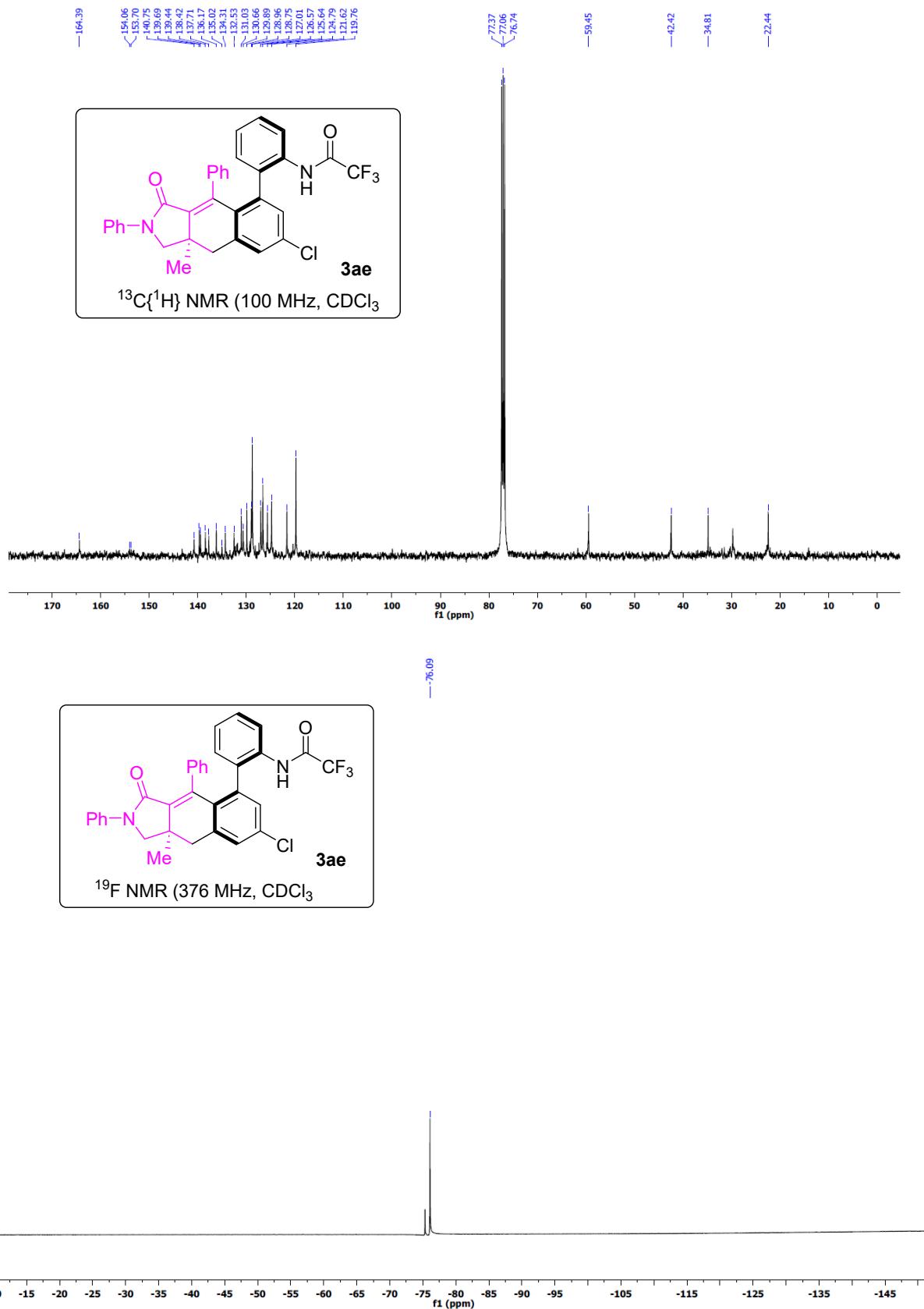
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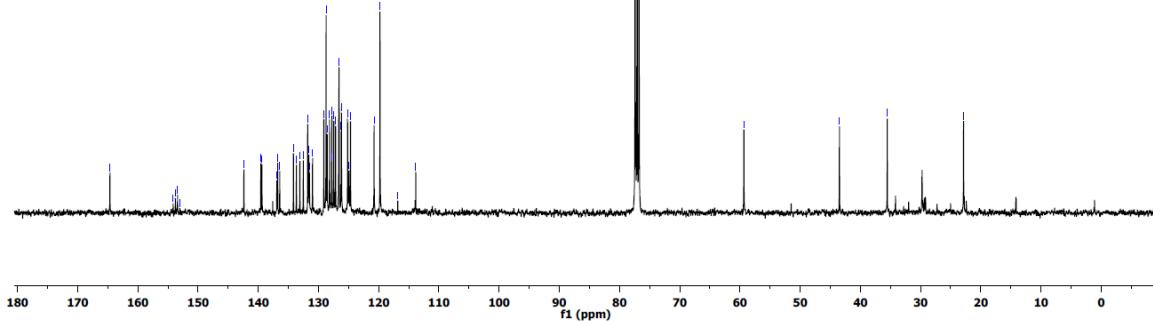
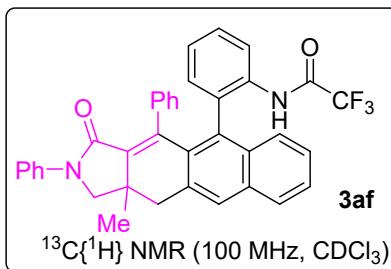
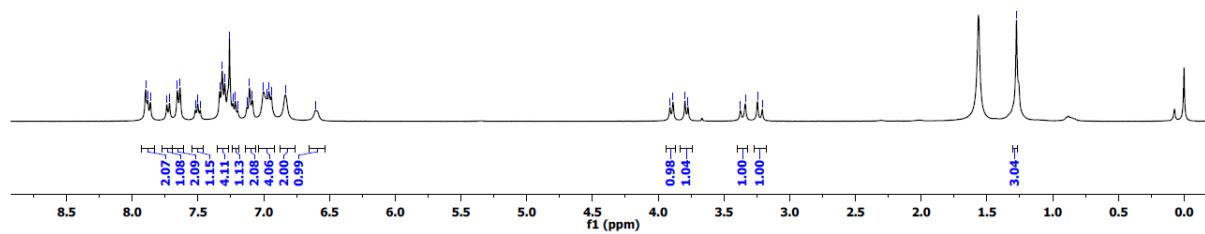
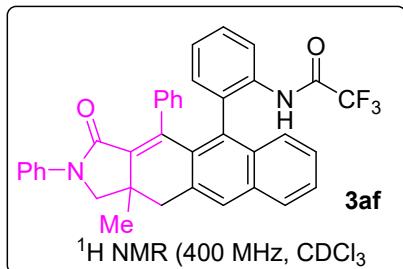


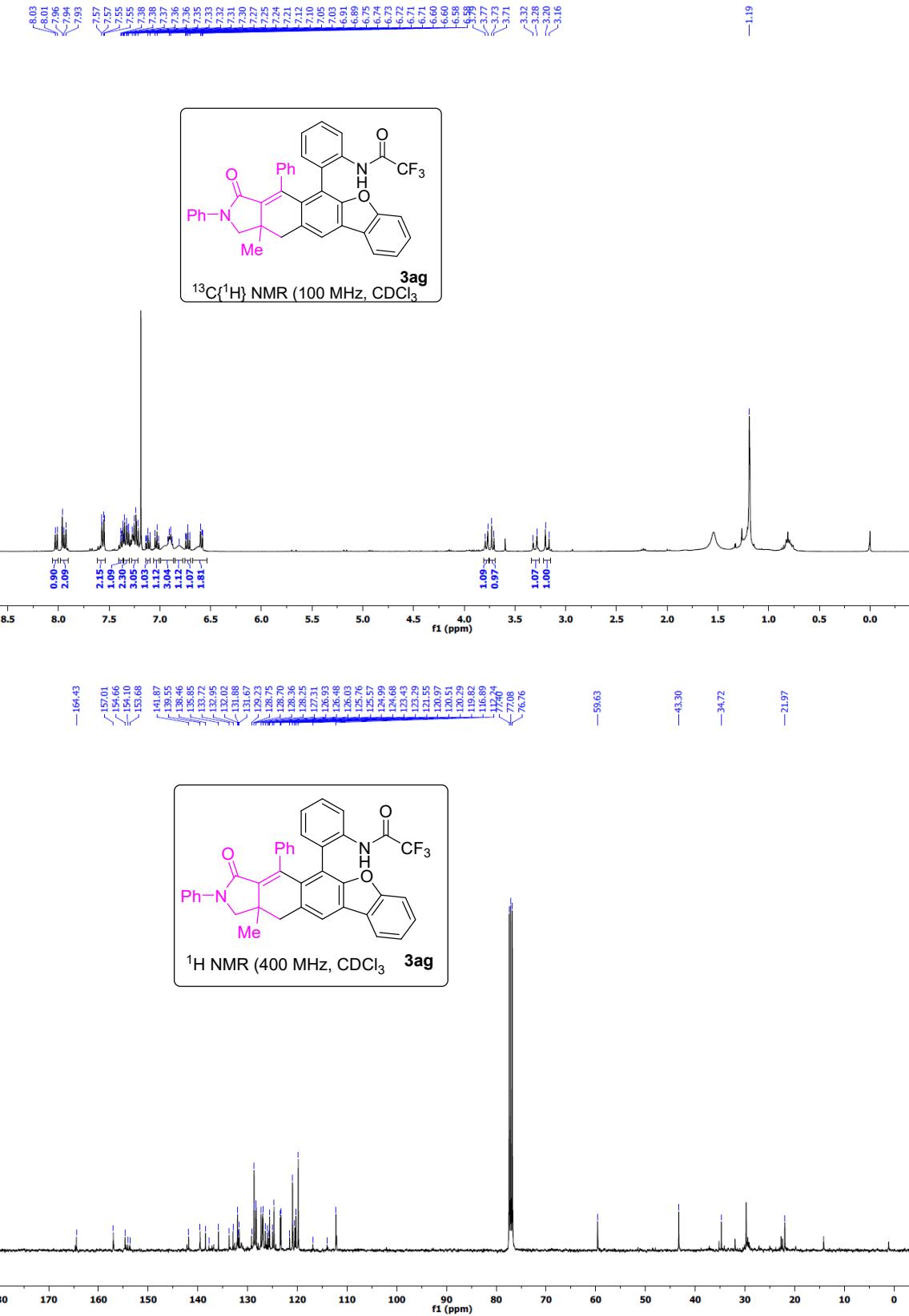
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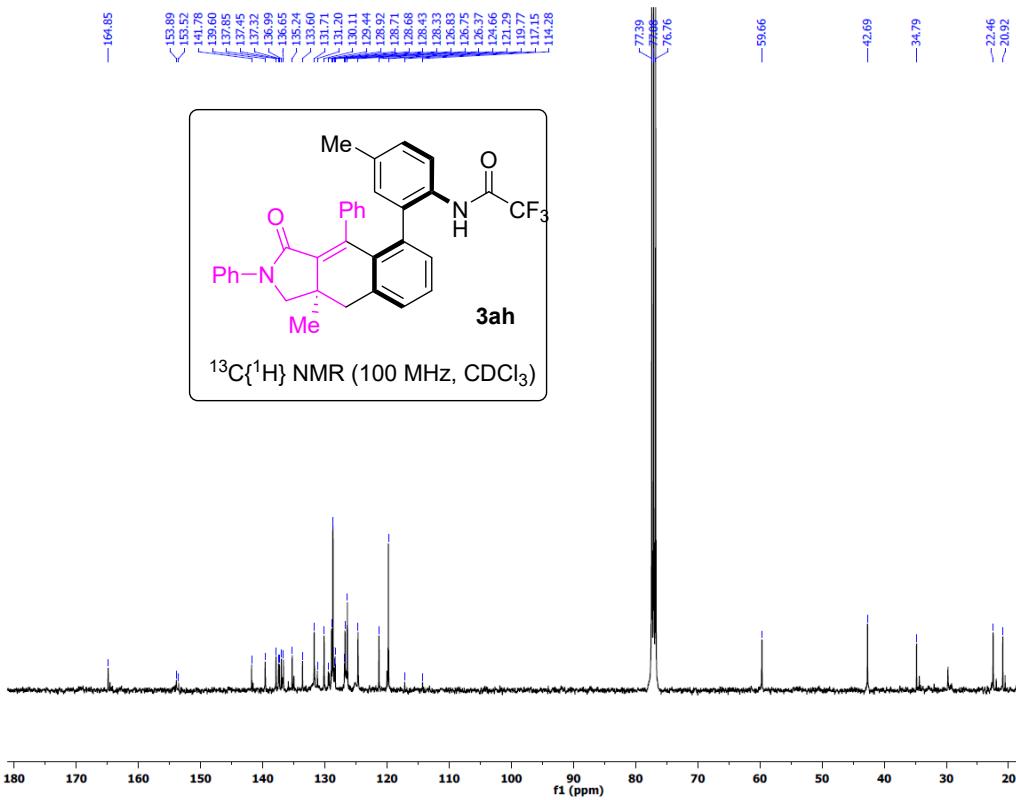
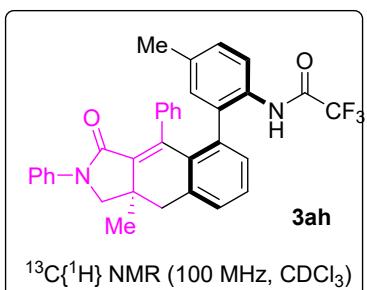
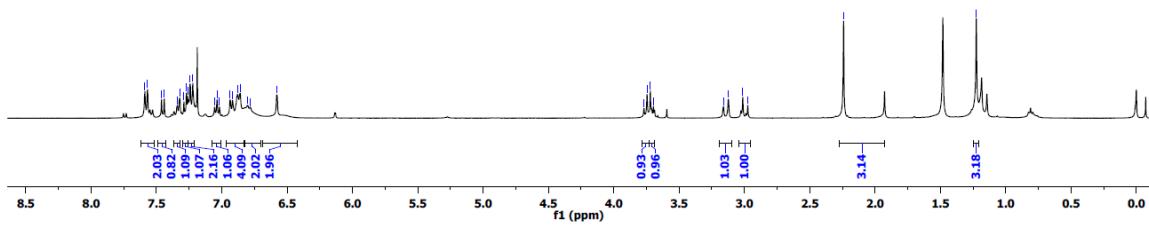
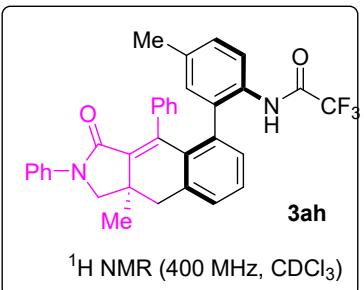


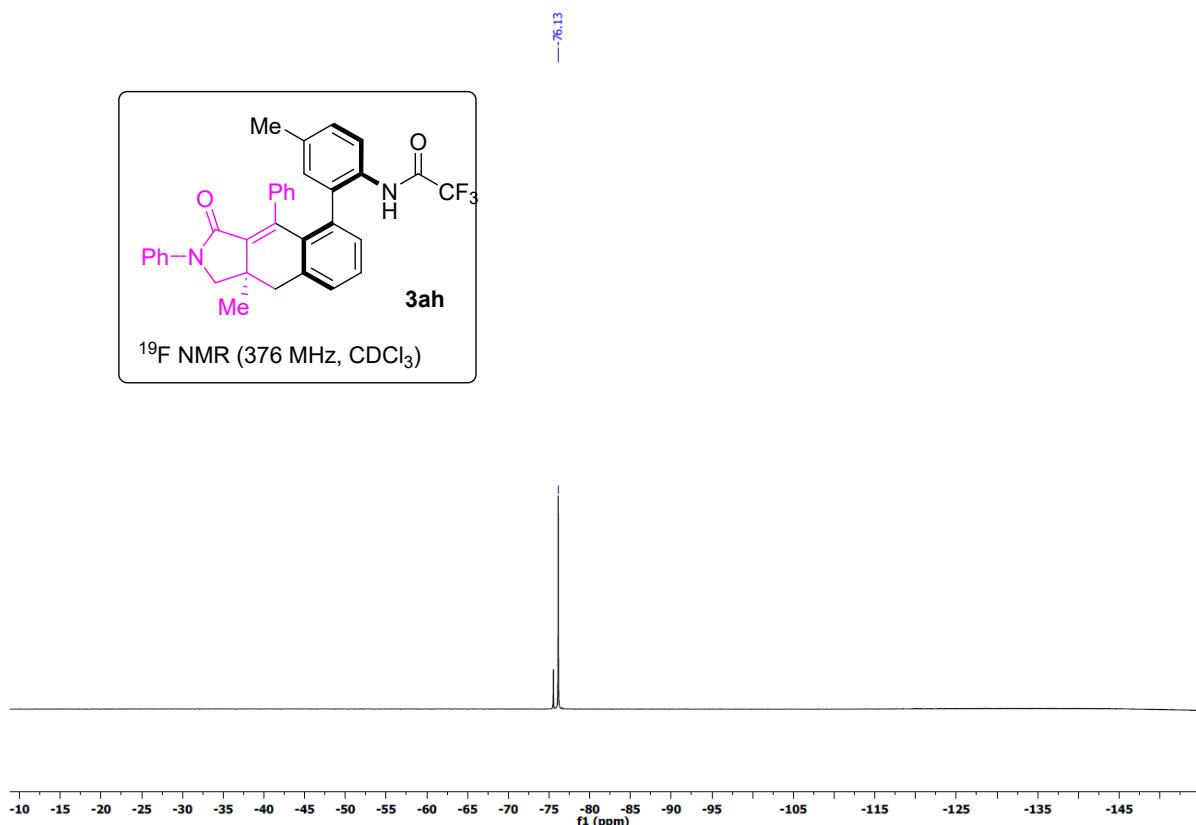


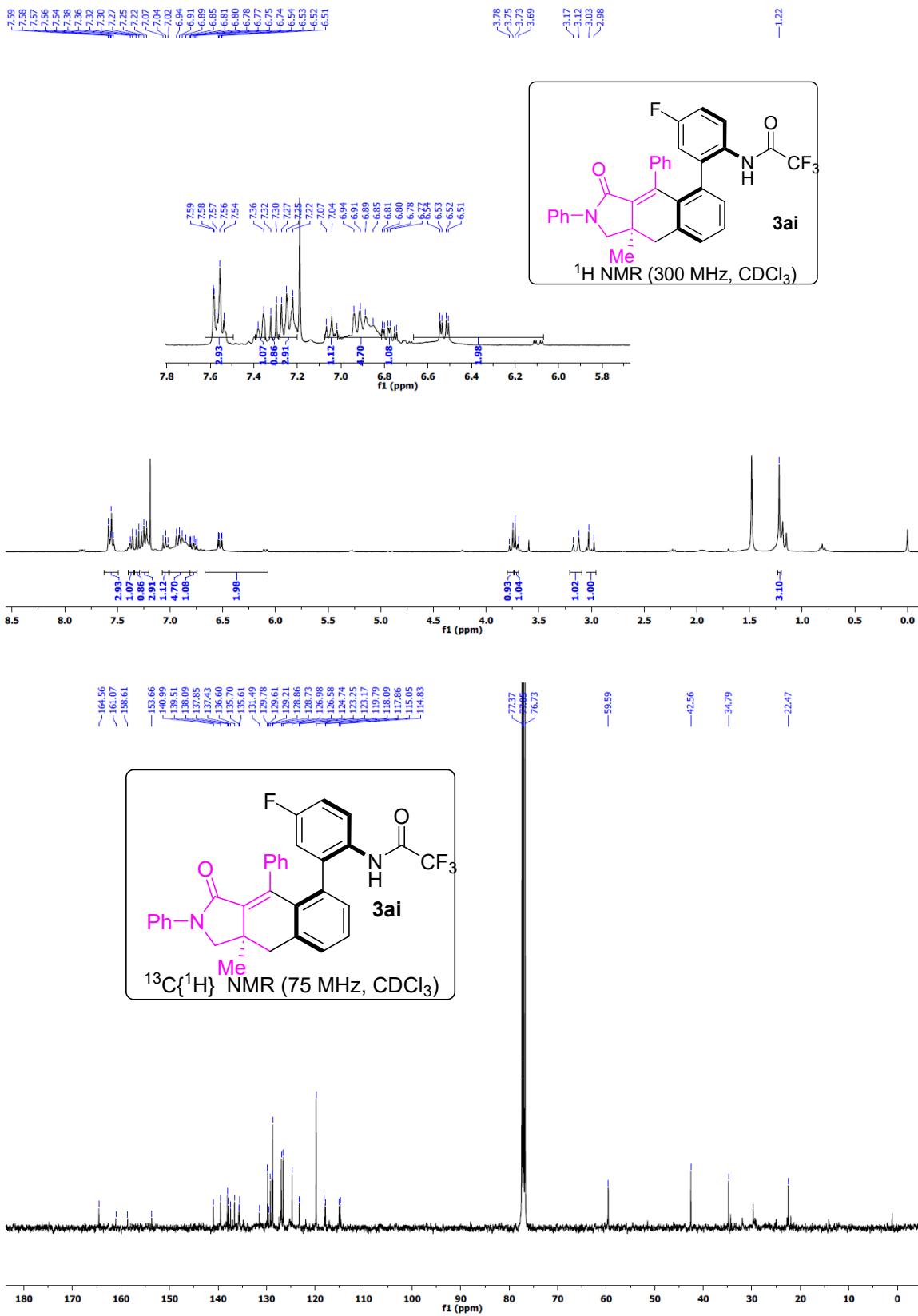


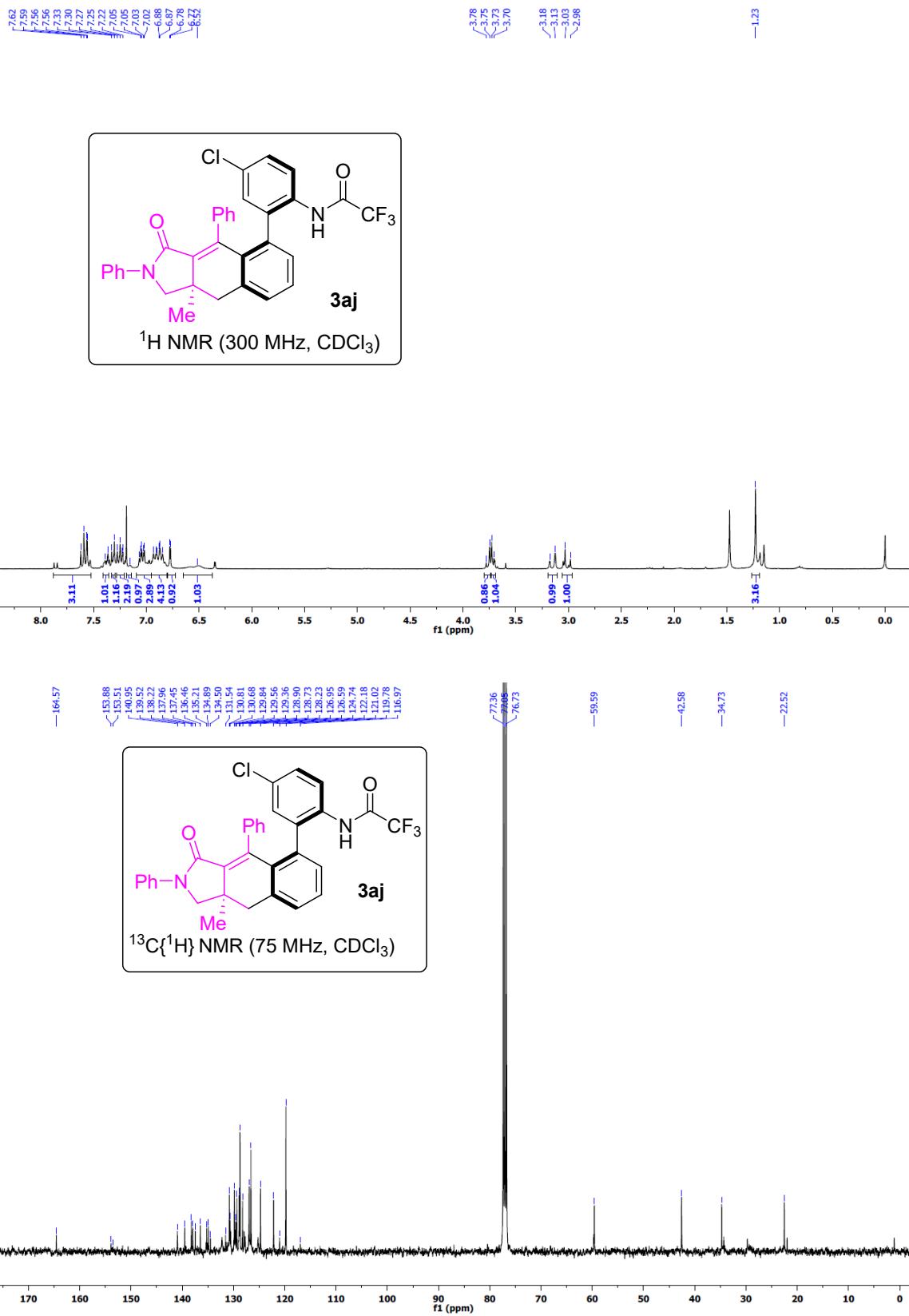


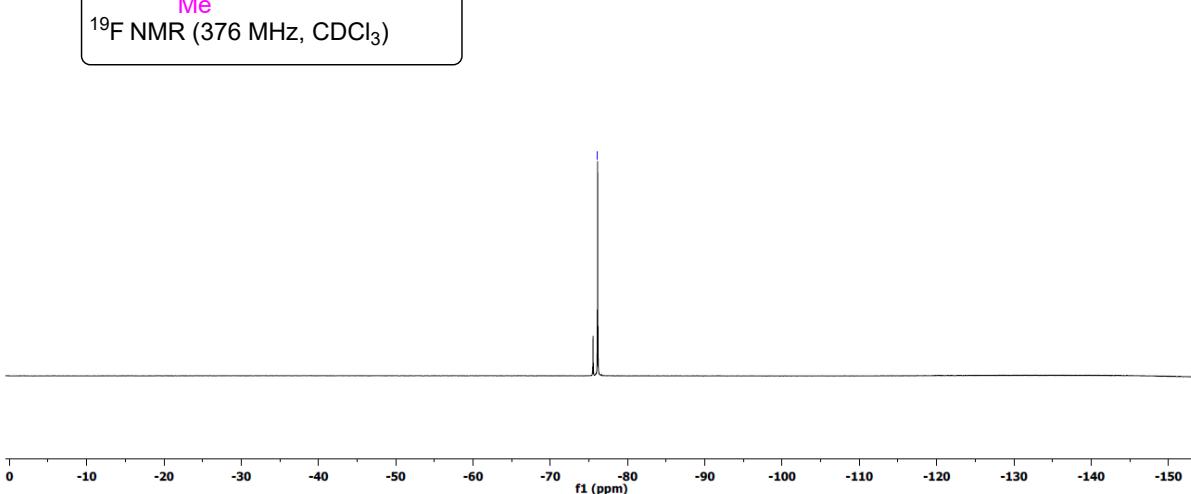
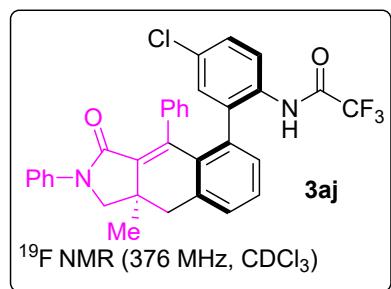


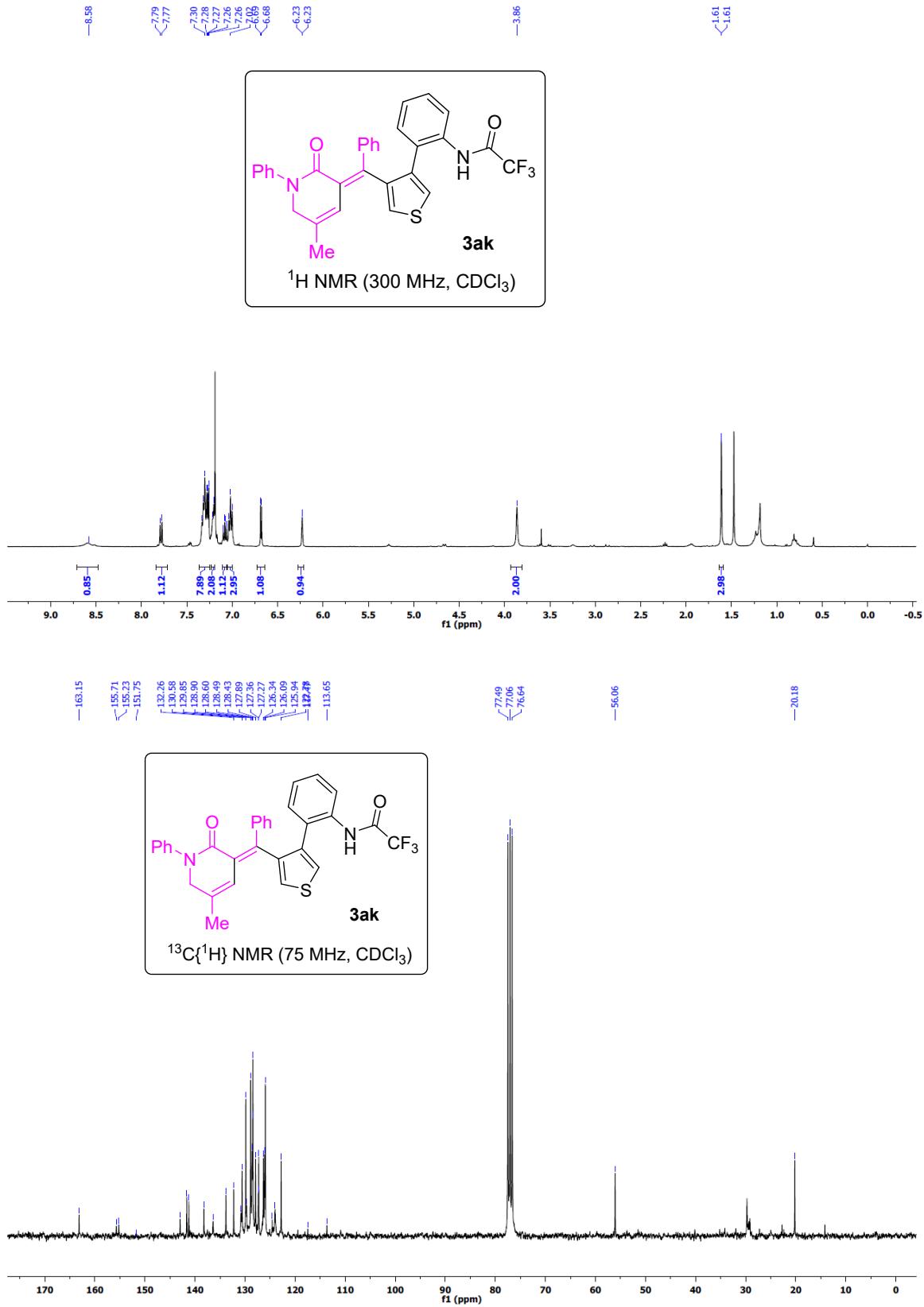


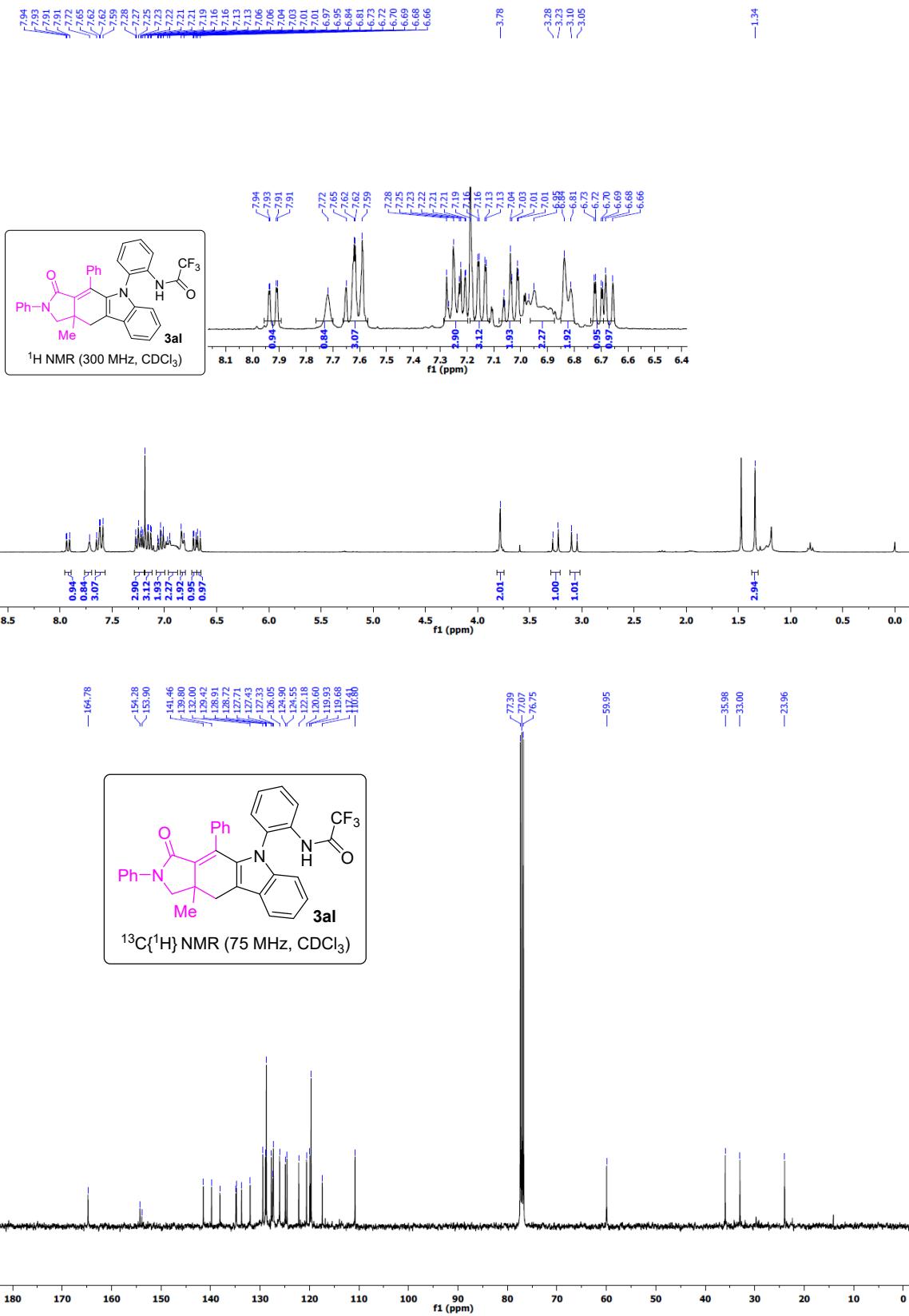


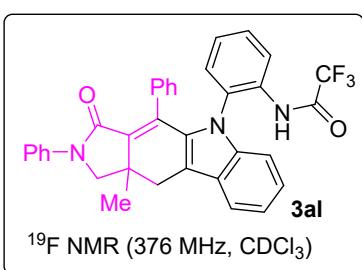




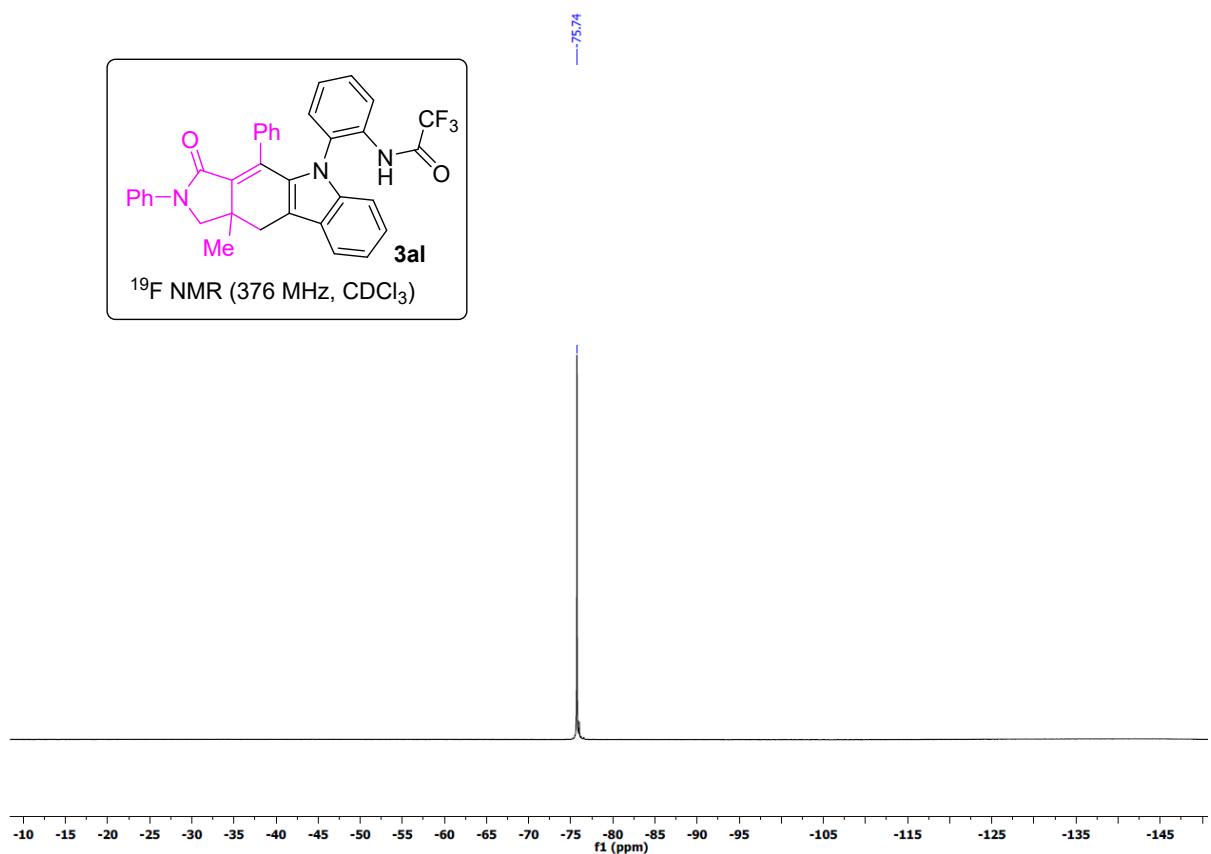


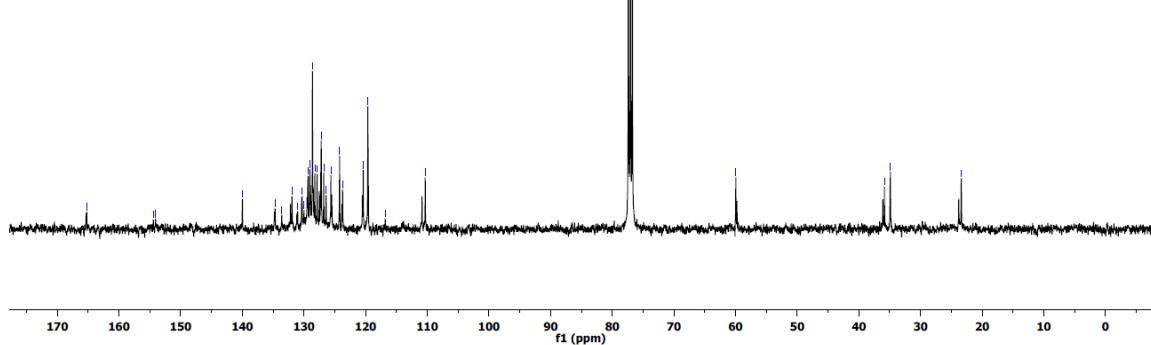
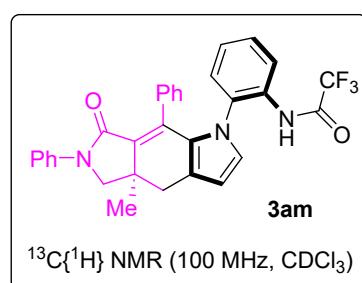
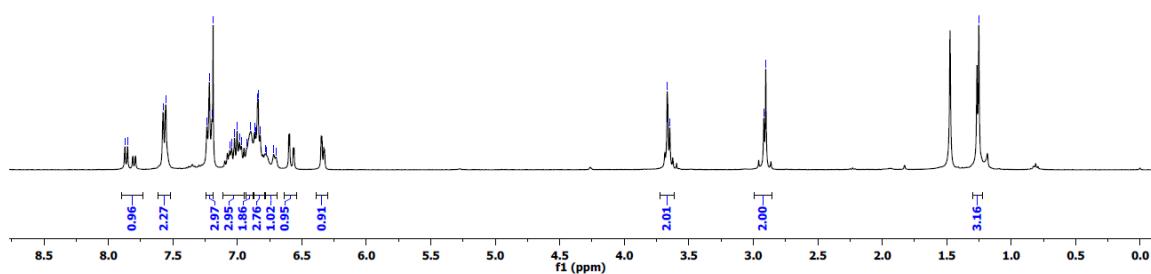
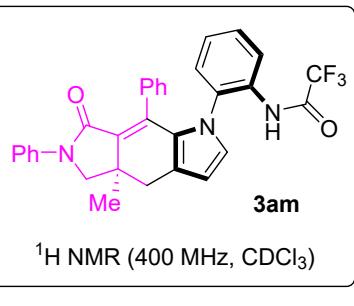


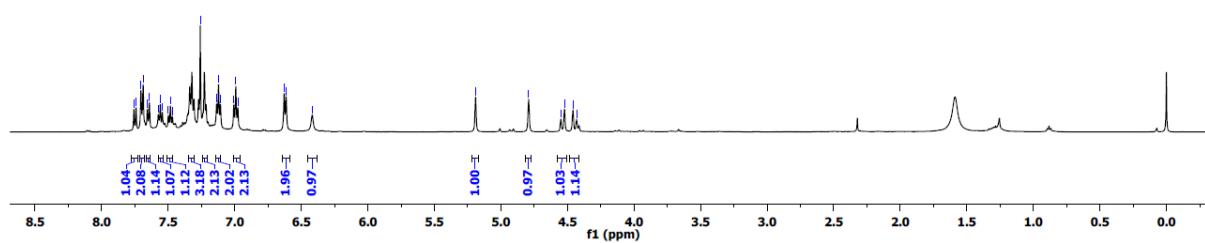
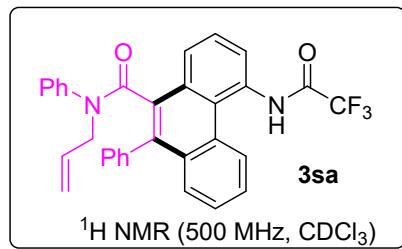




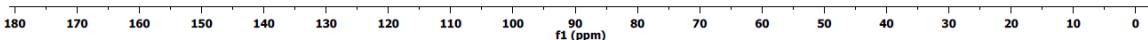
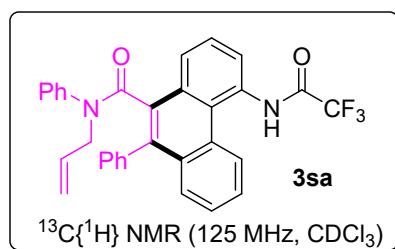
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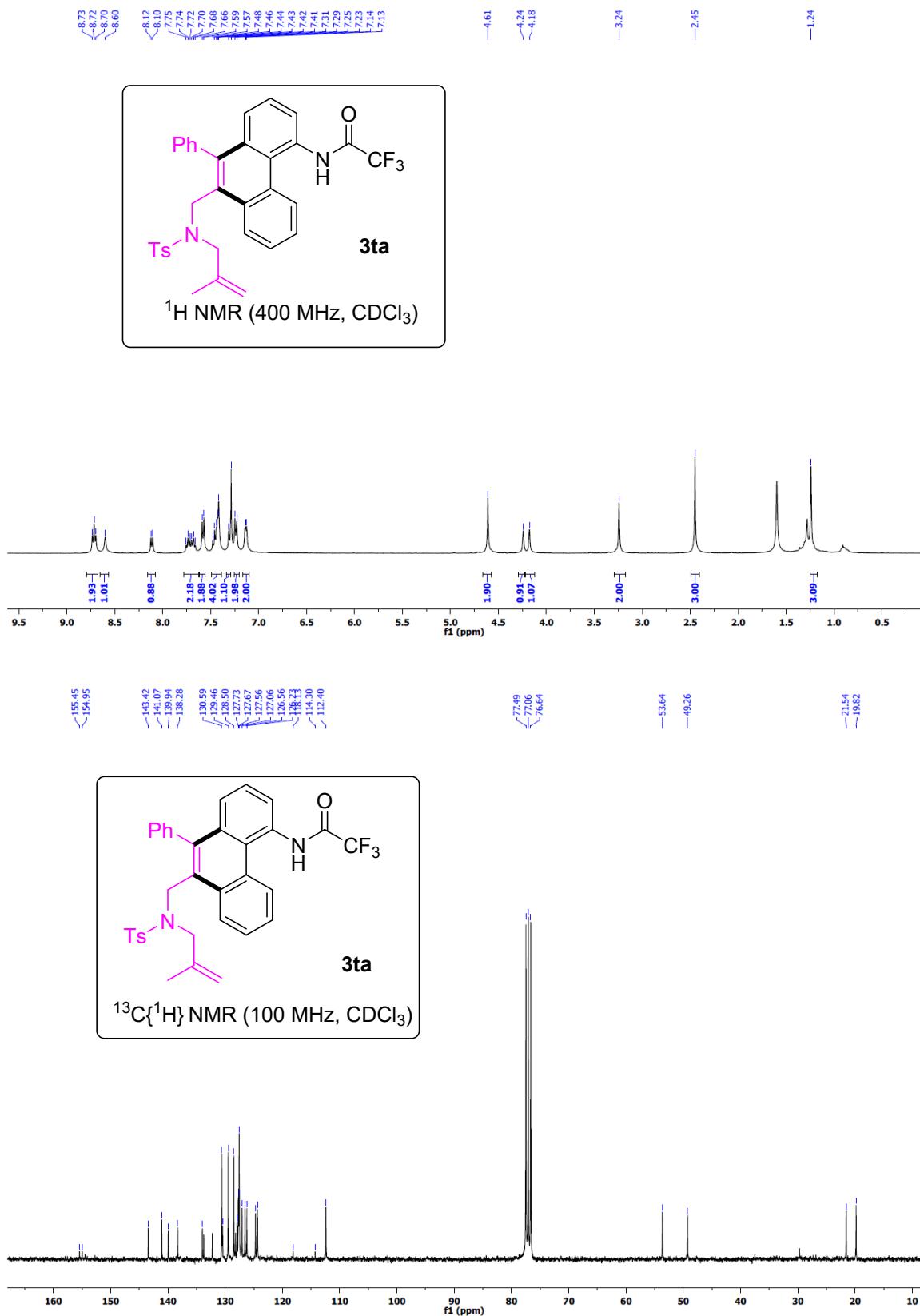


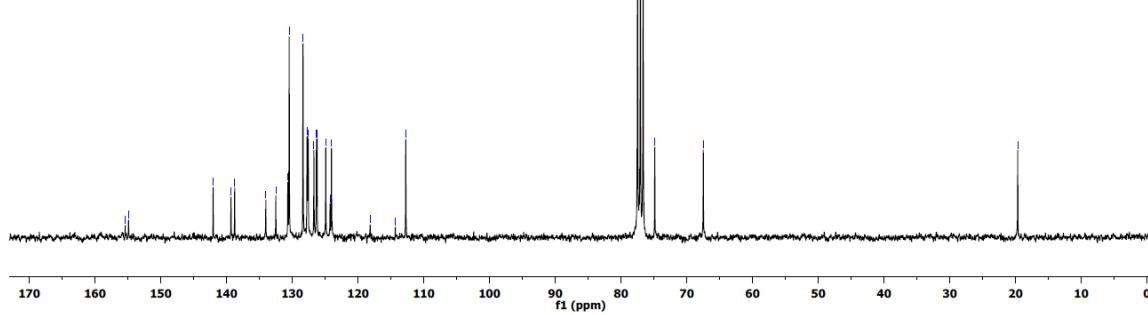
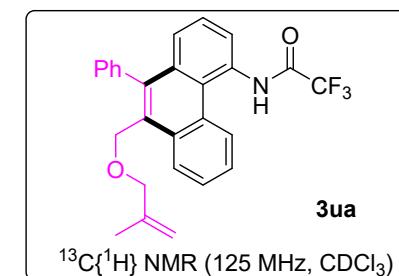
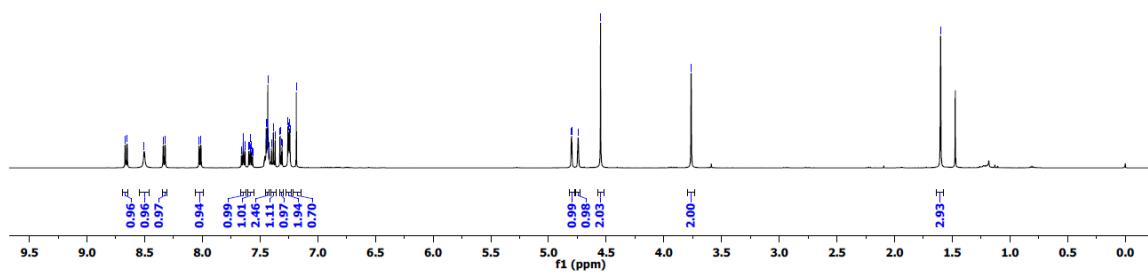
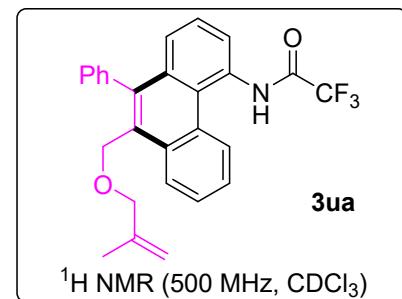




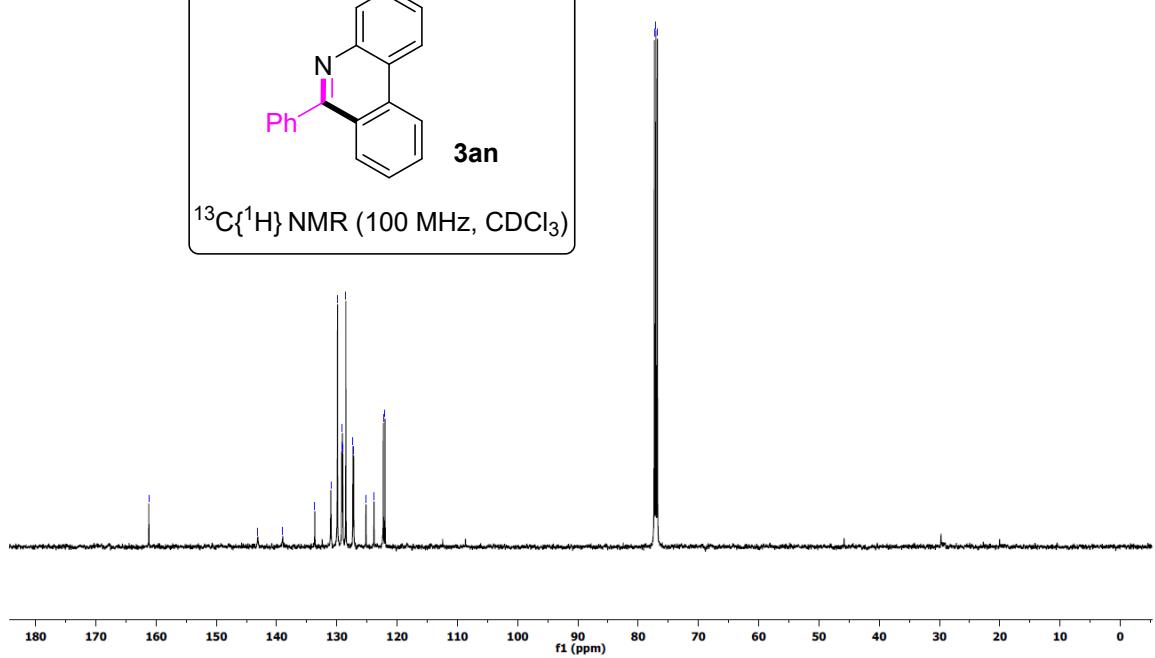
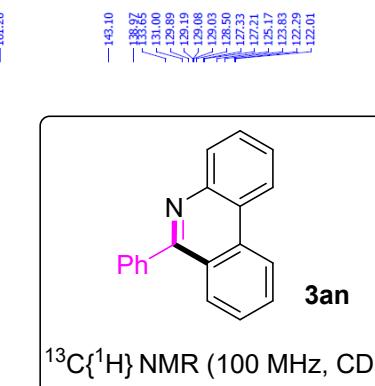
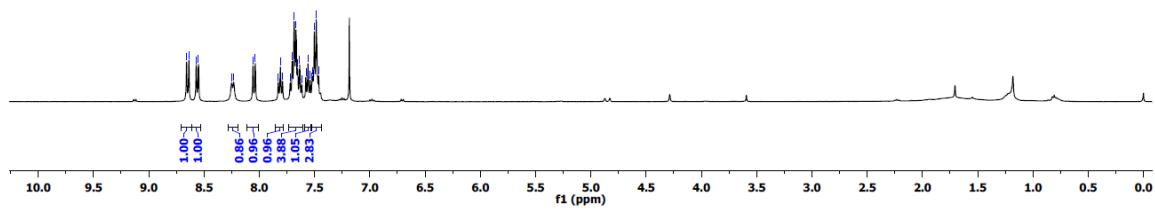
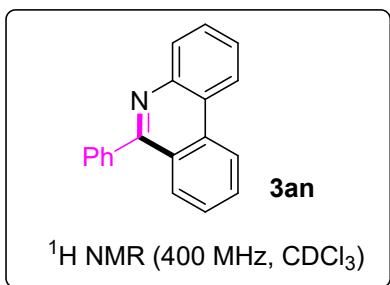
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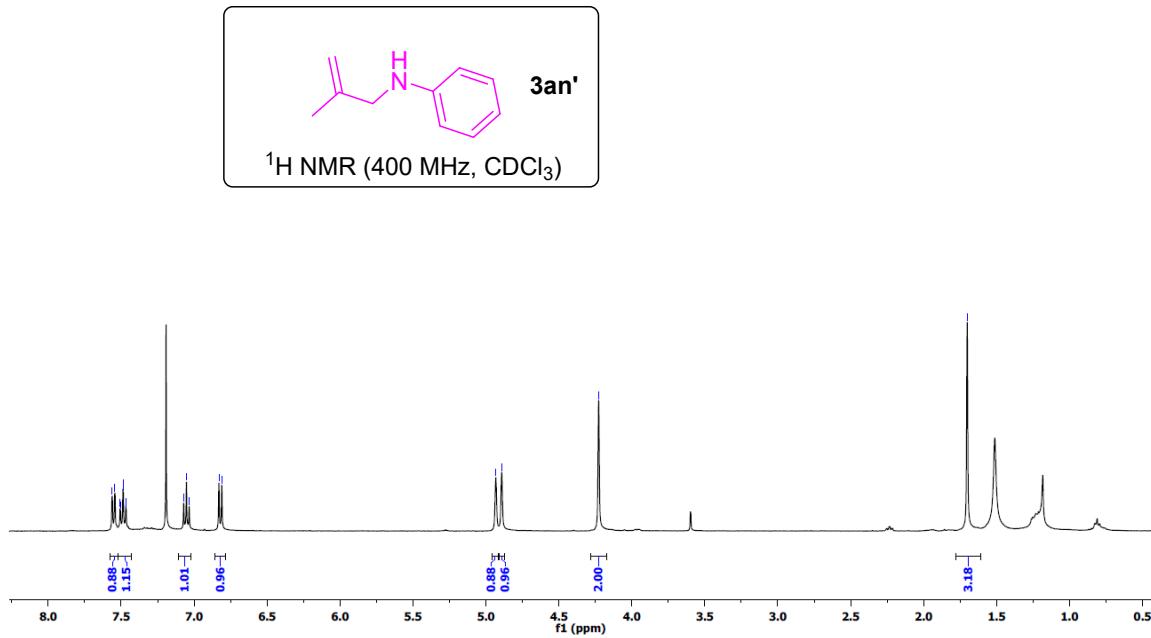




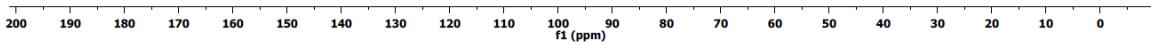
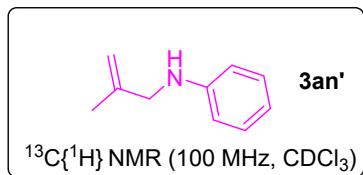


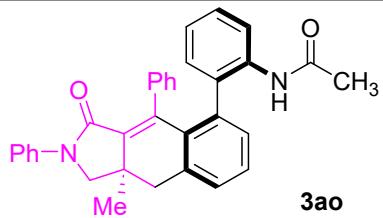
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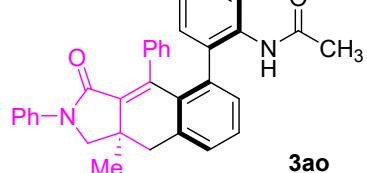
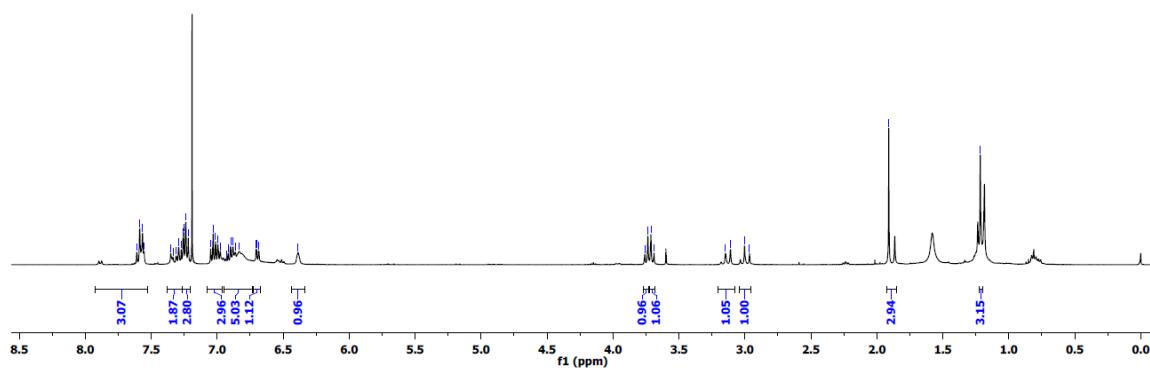


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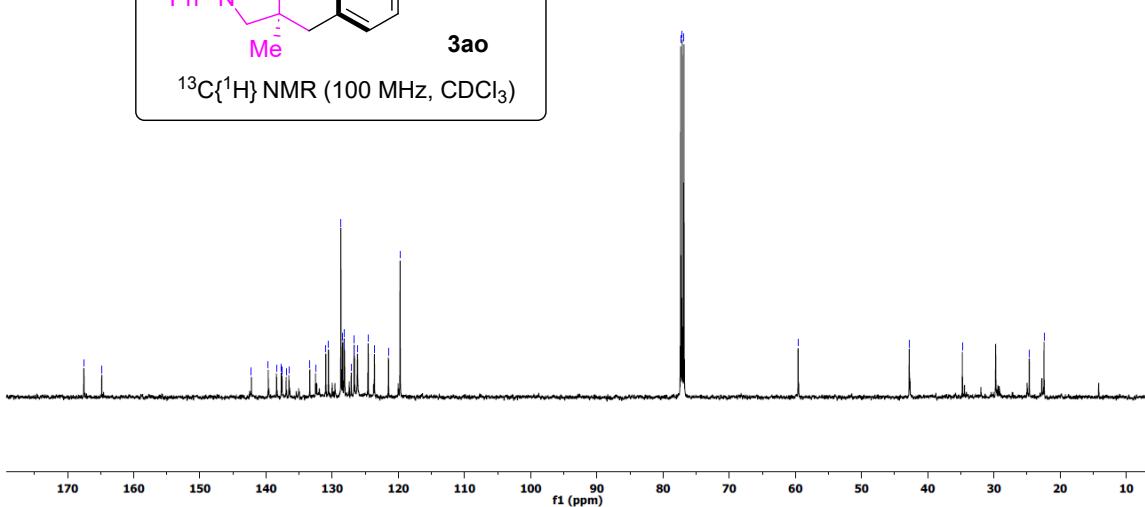


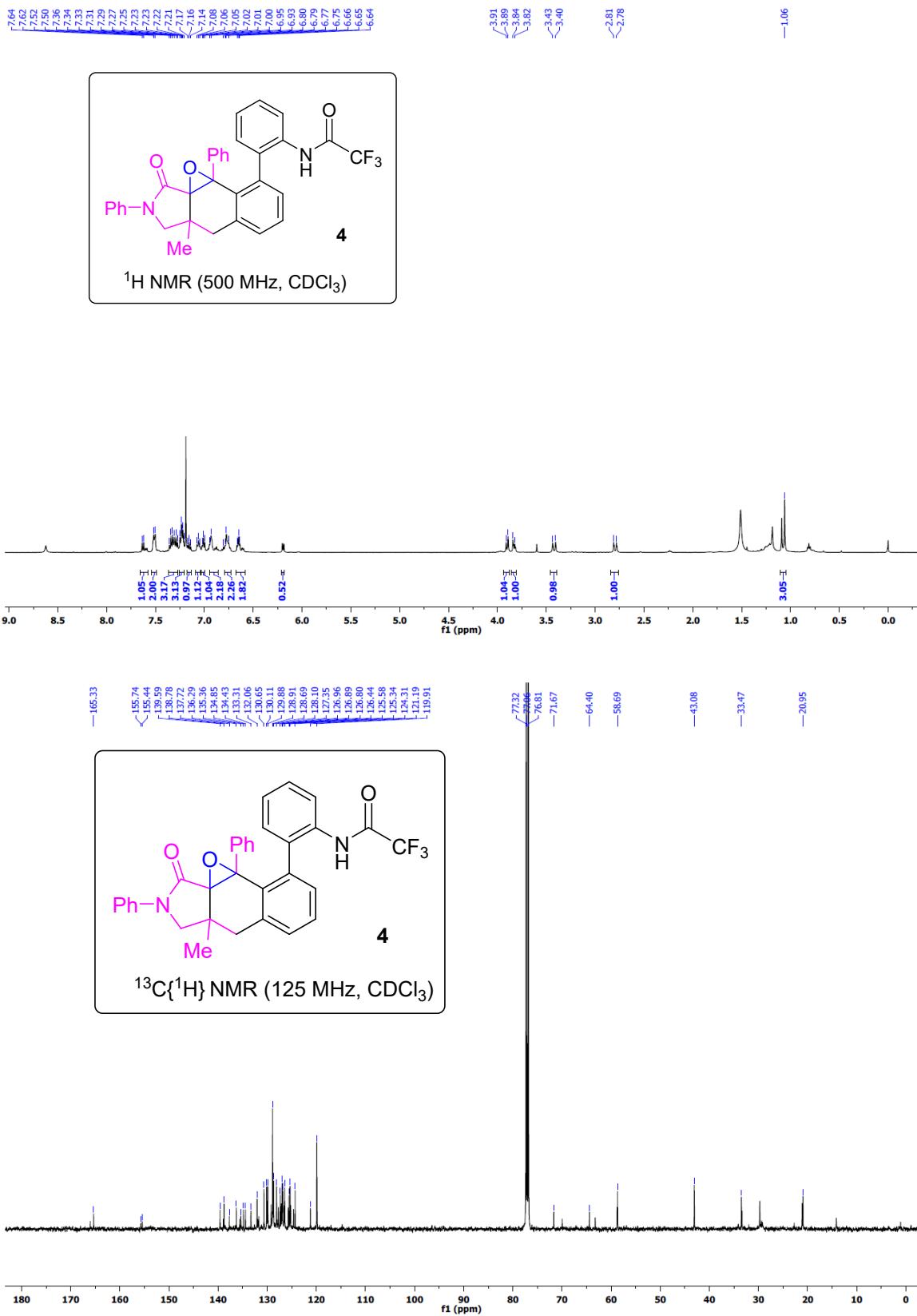


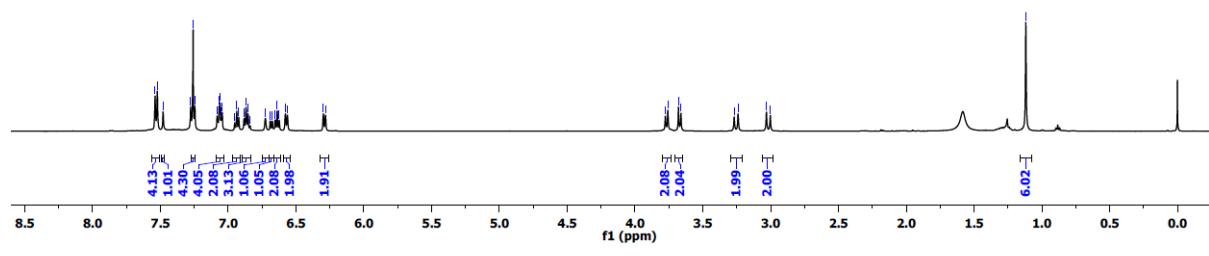
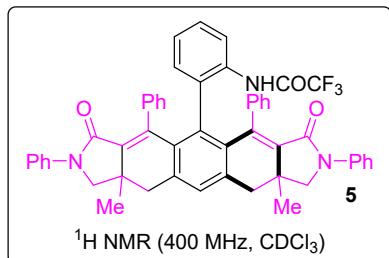
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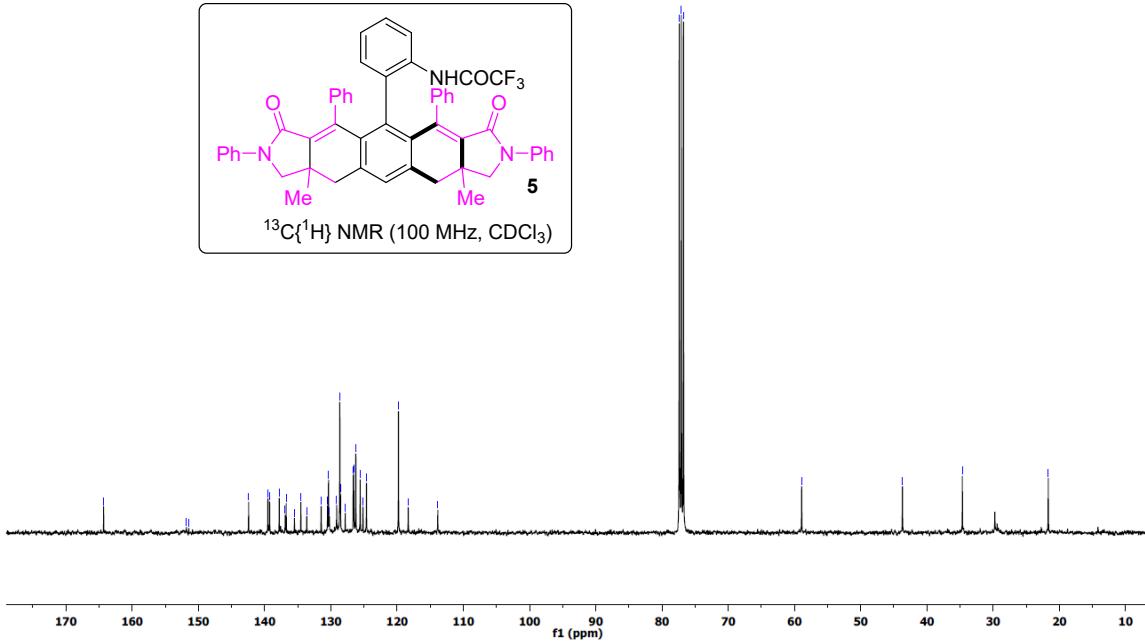
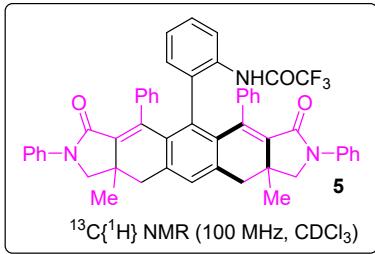


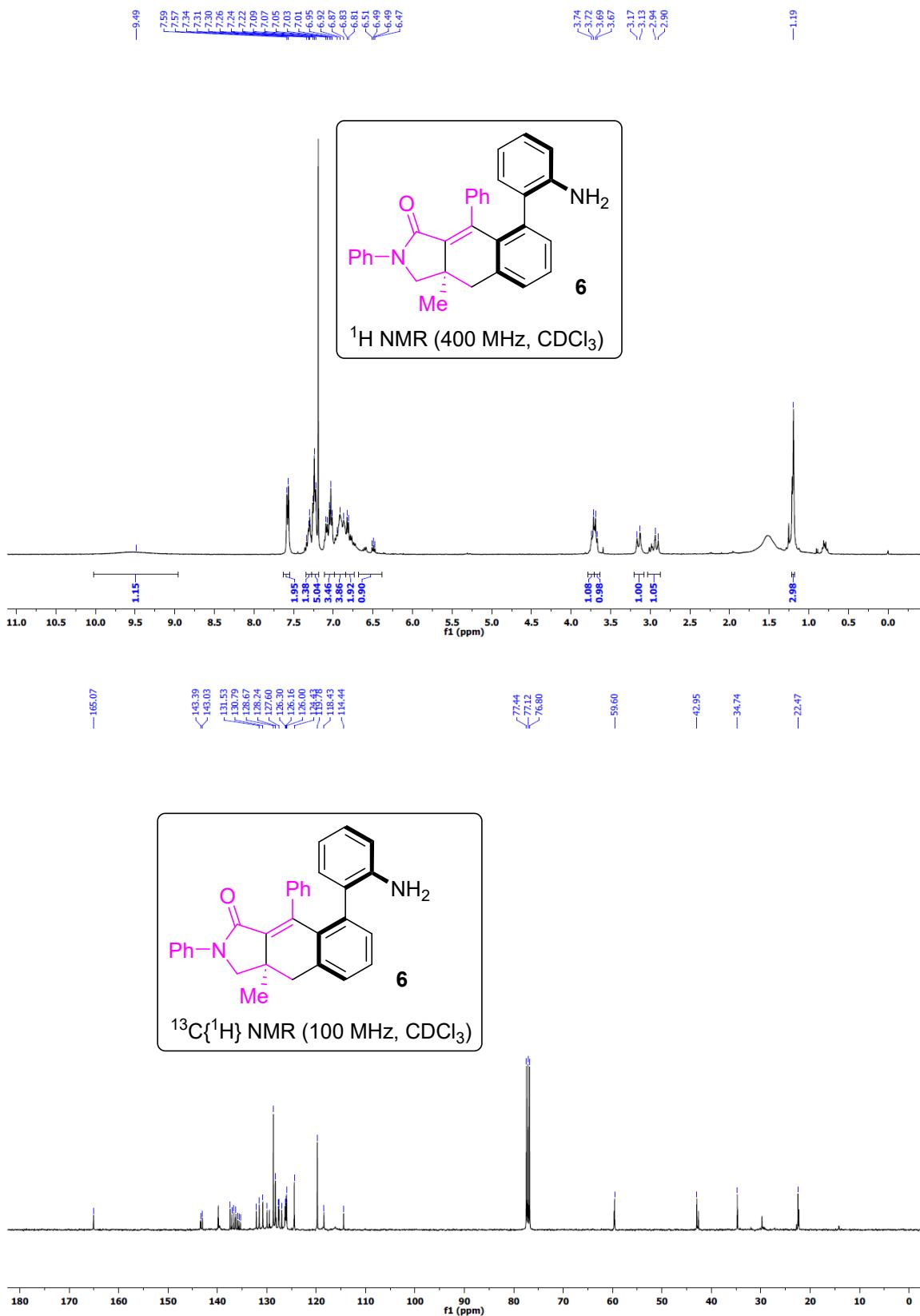


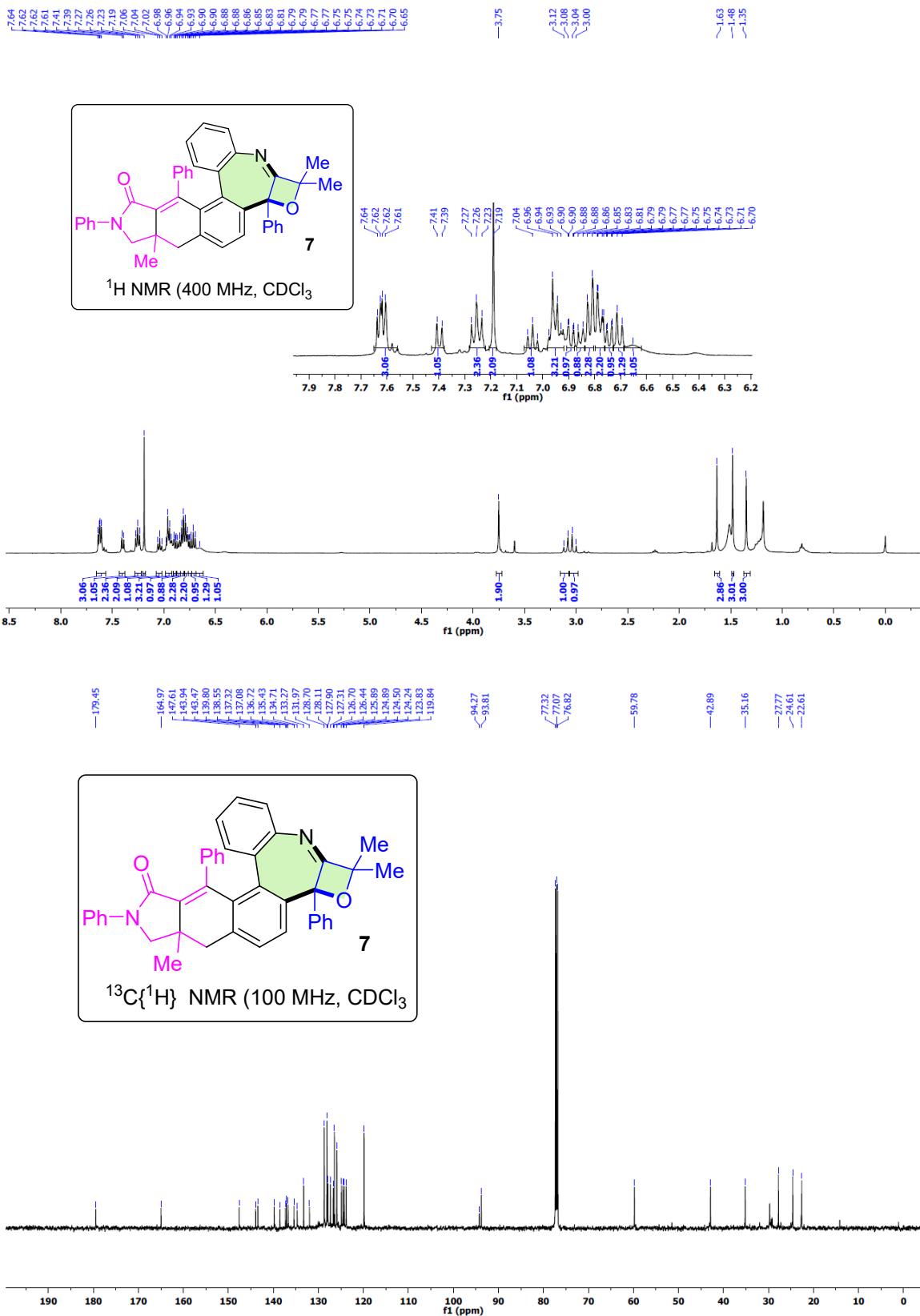


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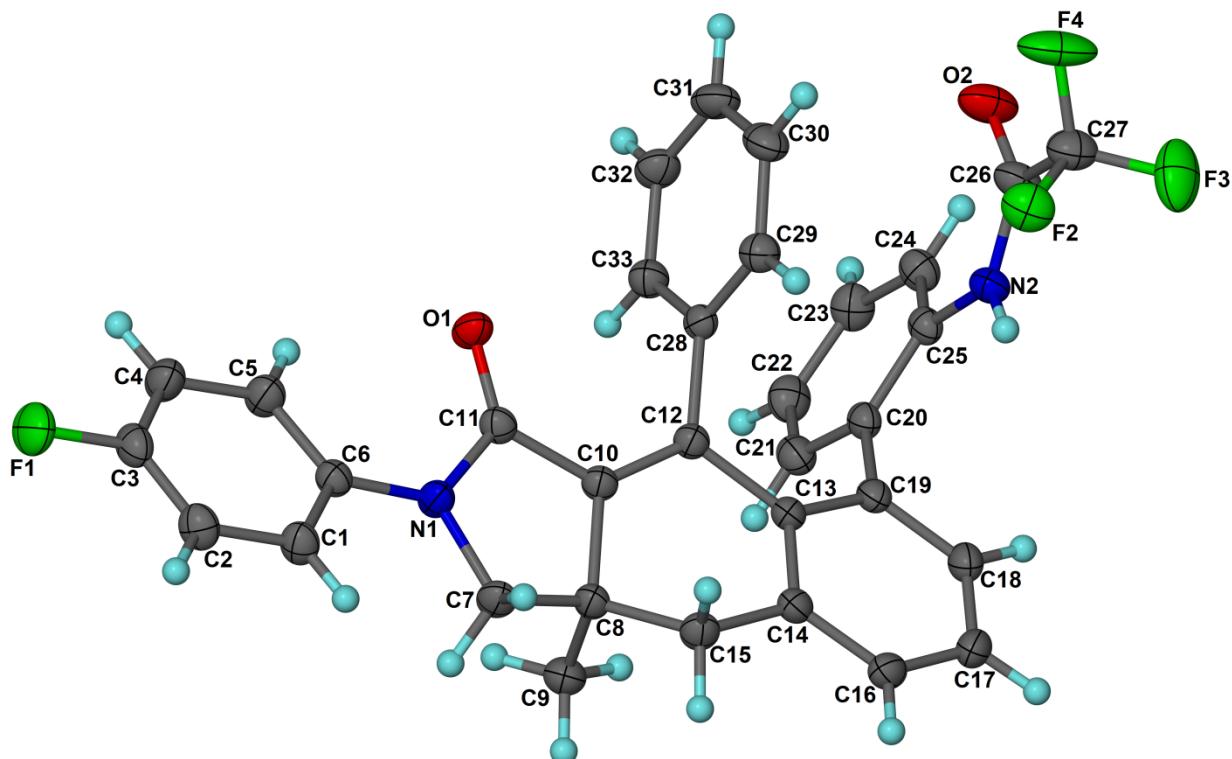




**8. X-ray crystallography data:**

**X-ray data for 3da:**

**CRYSTAL DATA - KB1371**



**Sample Preparation for Crystal Growth:** The compound **3da** was dissolved in Acetone in beaker and kept for slow evaporation at room temperature. Formation of needle shape crystals was observed after five days. The single crystals were then subjected to X-ray diffraction analysis.

**Figure caption:** ORTEP of **KB1371** compound with the atom-numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radius.

**Crystal Data for 3da:**  $C_{33}H_{24}F_4N_2O_2$ ,  $M = 556.54$ , Monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/c$  (No. 14),  $a = 10.940(5)$  Å,  $b = 16.898(8)$  Å,  $c = 14.590(8)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 104.697(14)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ,  $V = 2609(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.417$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $F_{000} = 1152$ , Bruker D8 QUEST PHOTON III C7 HPAD detector, Mo-Kα radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å,  $T = 294(2)$  K,  $2\theta_{\max} = 52^\circ$ ,  $\mu = 0.108$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, 41526 reflections measured, 5950 unique ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0799$ ), 412 parameters,  $RI = 0.0514$ ,  $wR2 = 0.1058$ ,  $R$  indicated based on 2929 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  (refinement on  $F^2$ ), Final

*GooF* = 1.019, largest difference hole and peak = -0.199 and 0.171 e. $\text{\AA}^{-3}$ . **CCDC deposition number 2366769** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>

### **Data collection and Structure solution details for 3da**

X-ray data for the compound were collected at room temperature on a Bruker D8 QUEST instrument with an I $\mu$ S Mo microsource ( $\lambda$  = 0.7107  $\text{\AA}$ ) and a PHOTON-III C7 HPAD detector. The raw data frames were reduced and corrected for absorption effects using the Bruker Apex 3 software suite programs [1]. The structure was solved using intrinsic phasing method [2] and further refined with the SHELXL [2-4] program and expanded using Fourier techniques. Anisotropic displacement parameters were included for all non-hydrogen atoms. All C bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent C atoms [C-H = 0.93-0.97  $\text{\AA}$ , and Uiso(H) = 1.5Ueq(C) for methyl H or 1.2Ueq(C) for other H atoms]. The fluorine atoms of  $-\text{CF}_3$  group and O atom of C=O group were disordered over two sites, with site occupancy factor of 0.738(7) for the major component of the disordered atoms (F1/F2/F3 and O2) and 0.262(7) for the minor component of the disordered atoms (F1D/F2D/F3D and O2D). PART, FVAR, DELU, and SIMU instructions were utilized for modelling the structural disorder and structural refinement [4]. **CCDC deposition number 2366769** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper which can be obtained free of charge at <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>

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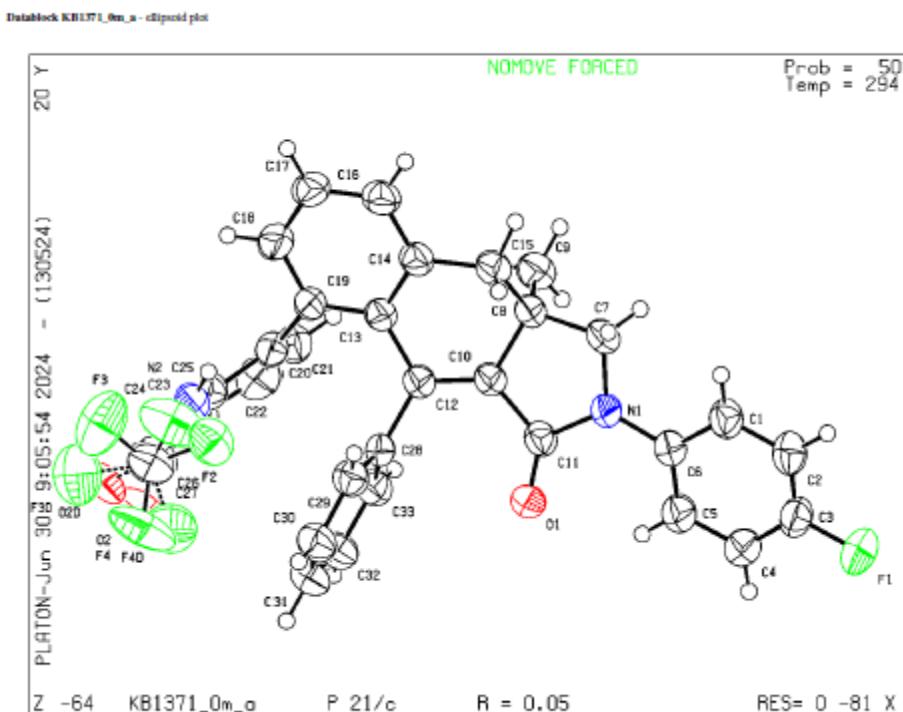
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