

*Supporting Information to*

**A rapid and selective synthesis of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -fluorohalo esters via  
fluorohalogenative or difluorinative hydration of ynol ethers**

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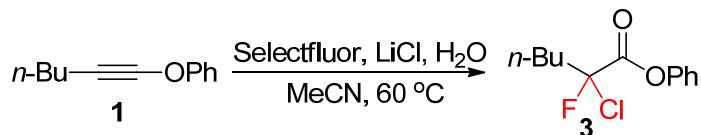
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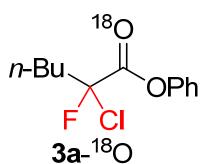
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**General:** Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (300–400 mesh) with petroleum ethers/EtOAc as the eluent.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra are recorded on a 600 MHz or 400 MHz NMR spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. All melting points were determined by a micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. High-resolution mass spectral (HRMS) analyses were carried out using a TOF MS instrument with an ESI or APCI source.

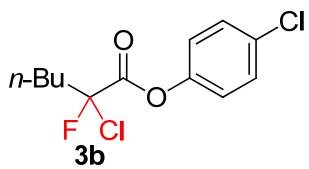
**General procedure for the synthesis of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -fluorohalo esters via fluorohalogenative hydration of ynol ethers:**



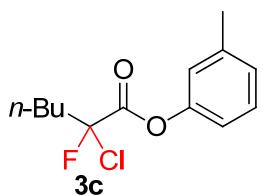
**Compound 3a.** To a mixture of Selectfluor (177.1 mg, 0.50 mmol), LiCl (12.7 mg, 0.30 mmol), and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (90.1 mg, 5.0 mmol) in 4.0 mL of MeCN was added ynone ether **1a** (43.5 mg, 0.25 mmol). After stirring at 60 °C for 5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL of water, extracted with diethyl ether, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel gave **3a** as a colorless oil (53.1 mg, 87% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.44–7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 2 H), 2.54–2.36 (m, 2 H), 1.73–1.65 (m, 1 H), 1.55–1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.48–1.40 (m, 2 H), 0.97 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.2 (d,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 150.0, 129.7, 126.7, 120.8, 105.5 (d,  $J = 256.2$  Hz), 40.1 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 25.4 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 22.1, 13.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -116.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  245.0745, found 245.0749.



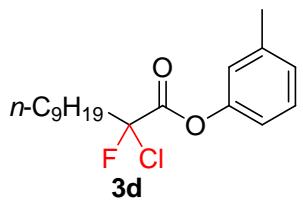
**Compound 3a- $^{18}\text{O}$ .** It was prepared from **1a** using  $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{18}$  in place of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to give 52.3 mg of the title compound (85% yield) as a colorless oil; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}^{35}\text{ClF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  247.0787, found 247.0783.



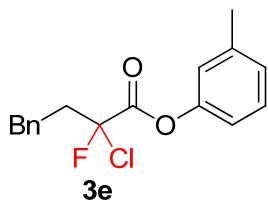
*Compound 3b.* 57.7 mg, 83% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.39 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 2.49–2.37 (m, 2 H), 1.72–1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.53–1.40 (m, 3 H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.0 (d,  $J = 30.2$  Hz), 148.4, 132.2, 129.8, 122.3, 105.4 (d,  $J = 256.6$  Hz), 40.0 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 25.3 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 22.1, 13.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -116.9; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{Cl}_2\text{F} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  279.0355, found 279.0347.



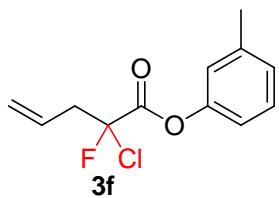
*Compound 3c.* 56.8 mg, 88% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.31–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.11–7.10 (m, 1 H), 7.00–6.93 (m, 2 H), 2.51–2.40 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.72–1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.56–1.49 (m, 1 H), 1.47–1.41 (m, 2 H), 0.97 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.3 (d,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 150.0, 140.0, 129.4, 127.5, 121.4, 117.8, 105.5 (d,  $J = 256.4$  Hz), 40.1 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 25.4 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 22.1, 21.3, 13.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -116.7; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  259.0901, found 259.0916.



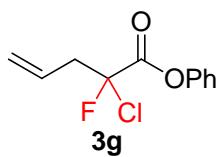
*Compound 3d.* 61.5 mg, 75% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.30–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.98–6.93 (m, 2 H), 2.51–2.39 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.74–1.65 (m, 1 H), 1.56–1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.43–1.37 (m, 2 H), 1.35–1.28 (m, 10 H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.3 (d,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 150.0, 140.0, 129.4, 127.4, 121.4, 117.8, 105.5 (d,  $J = 256.2$  Hz), 40.3 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 23.3 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 22.6, 21.2, 14.1;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -116.7; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  329.1684, found 329.1672.



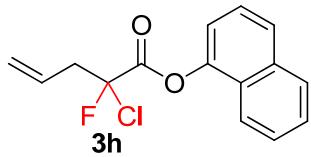
*Compound 3e.* 61.2 mg, 80% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.33–7.30 (m, 3 H), 7.24–7.23 (m, 3 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.92–6.91 (m, 2 H), 3.06–3.01 (m, 1 H), 2.91–2.85 (m, 1 H), 2.83–2.68 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.0 (d,  $J = 29.7$  Hz), 149.9, 140.0, 139.2, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 126.6, 121.3, 117.7, 104.8 (d,  $J = 256.7$  Hz), 42.0 (d,  $J = 21.4$  Hz), 29.6 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 21.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -117.3; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  307.0901, found 307.0908.



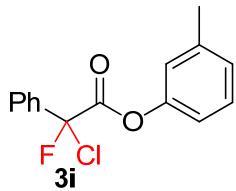
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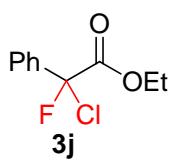
*Compound 3g.* 45.6 mg, 80% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.43–7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.15–7.12 (m, 2 H), 5.93–5.84 (m, 1 H), 5.39–5.35 (m, 2 H), 3.24–3.17 (m, 2 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.7 (d,  $J = 29.8$  Hz), 150.0, 129.7, 128.3 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz), 126.7, 122.2, 120.8, 104.0 (d,  $J = 257.5$  Hz), 44.7 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -116.8; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  229.0432, found 229.0431.



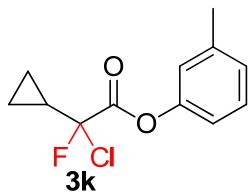
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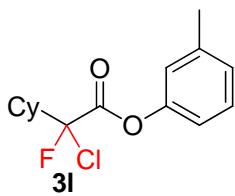
*Compound 3i.* 57.0 mg, 82% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.82–7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 3 H), 7.25–7.23 (m, 1 H), 7.07–7.06 (m, 1 H), 6.88–6.87 (m, 2 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.8 (d,  $J = 31.9$  Hz), 150.1, 140.0, 135.6 (d,  $J = 23.1$  Hz), 130.6 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 125.9 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz), 121.2, 117.6, 104.3 (d,  $J = 254.4$  Hz), 21.2;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -111.9; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  279.0588, found 279.0581.



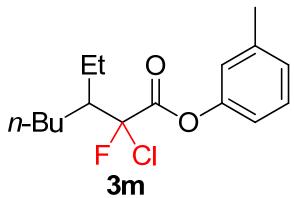
*Compound 3j.* 41.0 mg, 76% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.73–7.63 (m, 2 H), 7.44–7.43 (m, 3 H), 4.34–4.27 (m, 2 H), 1.30 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  165.3 (d,  $J = 30.5$  Hz), 136.1 (d,  $J = 23.0$  Hz), 130.3 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 128.5, 125.7 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz), 104.4 (d,  $J = 254.2$  Hz), 63.6, 13.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -112.4; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  217.0432, found 217.0423.



*Compound 3k.* 43.6 mg, 72% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.31–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 7.01–6.95 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.08–1.86 (m, 1 H), 0.97–0.86 (m, 3 H), 0.83–0.76 (m, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.1 (d,  $J = 31.2$  Hz), 150.0, 140.0, 129.3, 127.4, 121.4, 117.8, 105.1 (d,  $J = 254.0$  Hz), 21.2, 19.3 (d,  $J = 23.0$  Hz), 3.9 (d,  $J = 2.8$  Hz), 2.9 (d,  $J = 4.0$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -125.2; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2{}^{35}\text{ClF}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  243.0588, found 243.0579.

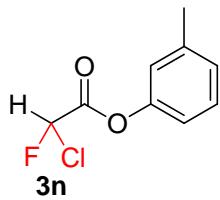


*Compound 3l.* 47.6 mg, 67% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.31–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.96–6.95 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.34–2.18 (m, 2 H), 1.93–1.80 (m, 3 H), 1.74–1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.45–1.28 (m, 4 H), 1.21–1.19 (m, 1 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.4 (d,  $J = 30.1$  Hz), 149.9, 140.0, 129.3, 127.4, 121.4, 117.8, 108.3 (d,  $J = 258.5$  Hz), 46.5 (d,  $J = 20.6$  Hz), 27.2 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 25.7, 25.7, 25.5, 25.3 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 21.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -124.5; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2{}^{35}\text{ClF}(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  285.1058, found 285.1051.

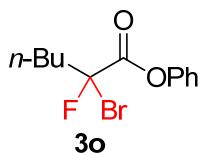


*Compound 3m.* 23.3 mg, 31% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.31–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.11–7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.96–6.95 (m, 2 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.33–2.25 (m, 1 H), 1.94–1.86 (m, 1 H), 1.72–1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.59–1.56 (m, 2 H), 1.40–1.36 (m, 4 H), 1.03 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.6 (d,  $J = 29.9$  Hz), 150.0, 140.0, 129.4, 127.4, 121.4, 117.8, 109.6 (d,  $J = 260.5$  Hz), 47.9 (d,  $J = 19.5$  Hz), 29.7, 27.3, 22.9, 22.9 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 21.3, 13.9, 11.8 (d,  $J = 1.1$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR

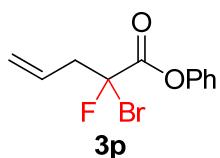
(565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -121.2; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>35</sup>ClF(M+H)<sup>+</sup> 301.1371, found 301.1388.



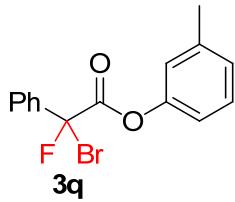
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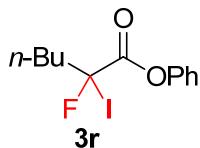
*Compound 3o.* 54.7 mg, 76% yield, colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.45–7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.18–7.17 (m, 2 H), 2.60–2.50 (m, 2 H), 1.74–1.68 (m, 1 H), 1.55–1.42 (m, 3 H), 0.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.7 (d,  $J$  = 28.2 Hz), 150.0, 129.7, 126.7, 120.8, 98.1 (d,  $J$  = 267.0 Hz), 41.4 (d,  $J$  = 20.4 Hz), 26.4 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 22.1, 13.8; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -117.2; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>79</sup>BrF(M+H)<sup>+</sup> 289.0239, found 289.0247.



*Compound 3p.* 48.3 mg, 71% yield, colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.44–7.41 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.16–7.15 (m, 2 H), 5.96–5.85 (m, 1 H), 5.42–5.33 (m, 2 H), 3.35–3.29 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.2 (d,  $J$  = 28.2 Hz), 150.0, 129.7, 129.0 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz), 126.7, 122.1, 120.8, 96.4 (d,  $J$  = 267.2 Hz), 45.9 (d,  $J$  = 20.3 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -117.8; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>79</sup>BrF(M+H)<sup>+</sup> 272.9926, found 272.9917.

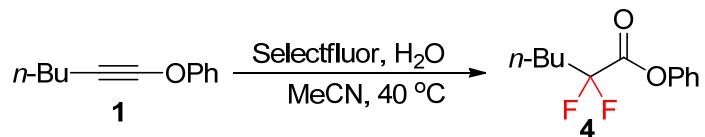


*Compound 3q.* 48.3 mg, 60% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.83–7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.49–7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1 H), 6.94–6.90 (m, 2 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.1 (d,  $J = 30.0$  Hz), 150.1, 140.0, 136.3 (d,  $J = 21.6$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz), 129.3, 128.6 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 127.5, 127.3, 126.3, 126.2, 121.2, 117.6, 96.4 (d,  $J = 264.2$  Hz), 21.2;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -114.1; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2^{79}\text{BrF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  323.0083, found 323.0075.



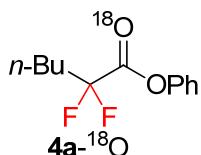
*Compound 3r.* 48.7 mg, 58% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.45–7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.18–7.17 (m, 2 H), 2.71–2.61 (m, 1 H), 2.53–2.43 (m, 1 H), 1.72–1.65 (m, 1 H), 1.52–1.43 (m, 3 H), 0.97 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  166.2 (d,  $J = 26.3$  Hz), 150.0, 129.6, 126.6, 120.7, 79.2 (d,  $J = 268.2$  Hz), 44.2 (d,  $J = 20.0$  Hz), 28.2 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 21.9, 13.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -119.6; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{IF} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  337.0101, found 337.0112.

### General procedure for the synthesis of $\alpha,\alpha$ -difluoro esters via difluorinative hydration of ynol ethers:

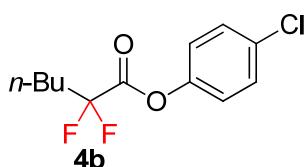


*Compound 4a.* To a mixture of Selectfluor (265.7 mg, 0.75 mmol) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (9.0 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 2.0 mL of MeCN was added **1a** (43.5 mg, 0.25 mmol). After stirring at 40 °C for 8 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL of water, extracted with diethyl ether, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated. Column

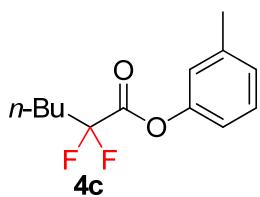
chromatography on silica gel gave **4a** as a colorless oil (51.3 mg, 90% yield);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.46–7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.31–7.29 (m, 1 H), 7.17–7.15 (m, 2 H), 2.27–2.15 (m, 2 H), 1.57–1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.47–1.41 (m, 2 H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.8 (t,  $J = 34.2$  Hz), 149.8, 129.7, 126.7, 120.9, 116.5 (t,  $J = 250.6$  Hz), 34.3 (t,  $J = 22.9$  Hz), 23.6 (t,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 22.2, 13.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -105.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  229.1040, found 229.1037.



*Compound 4a-<sup>18</sup>O.* It was prepared from **1a** using  $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{18}$  in place of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to give 50.0 mg of the title compound (87% yield) as a colorless oil; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{O}^{18}\text{OF}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  231.1083, found 231.1082.

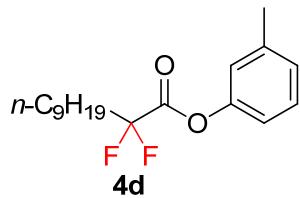


*Compound 4b.* 55.0 mg, 84% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.41–7.36 (m, 2 H), 7.12–7.11 (m, 2 H), 2.26–2.14 (m, 2 H), 1.57–1.52 (m, 2 H), 1.45–1.41 (m, 2 H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.6 (t,  $J = 34.5$  Hz), 148.2, 132.2, 129.8, 122.3, 116.4 (t,  $J = 250.9$  Hz), 34.2 (t,  $J = 22.9$  Hz), 23.5 (t,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 22.2, 13.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -105.4; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2^{35}\text{ClF}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  263.0650, found 263.0637.

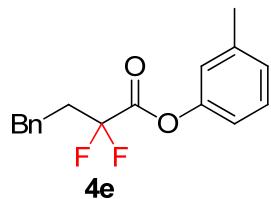


*Compound 4c.* 54.5 mg, 90% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.30–7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.96–6.94 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 2.25–2.15 (m, 2 H), 1.57–1.53 (m, 2 H), 1.46–1.41 (m, 2 H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.9 (t,  $J = 34.1$  Hz), 149.7, 140.0, 129.4, 127.5, 121.4, 117.8, 116.5 (t,  $J = 250.7$  Hz), 34.3 (t,  $J = 23.0$  Hz), 23.6 (t,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 22.2, 21.2, 13.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):

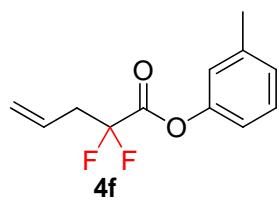
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -105.4; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 243.1197, found 243.1203.



*Compound 4d.* 56.2 mg, 72% yield, colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30–7.27 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.96–6.94 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.24–2.14 (m, 2 H), 1.59–1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.43–1.37 (m, 2 H), 1.33–1.25 (m, 10 H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.9 (t,  $J$  = 34.1 Hz), 149.7, 140.0, 129.4, 127.5, 121.4, 117.8, 116.5 (t,  $J$  = 250.7 Hz), 34.6 (t,  $J$  = 23.0 Hz), 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 22.6, 21.5 (t,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz), 21.2, 14.1; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -105.4; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 313.1979, found 313.1983.

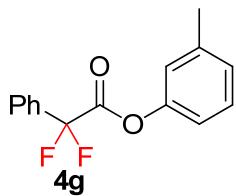


*Compound 4e.* 58.7 mg, 81% yield, colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33–7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 4 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.90–6.89 (m, 2 H), 2.93–2.90 (m, 2 H), 2.57–2.49 (m, 2 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.6 (t,  $J$  = 33.8 Hz), 149.7, 140.0, 139.3, 129.4, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 126.6, 121.4, 117.8, 115.8 (t,  $J$  = 251.3 Hz), 36.4 (t,  $J$  = 23.1 Hz), 27.8 (t,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz), 21.2; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -105.9; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 291.1197, found 291.1189.

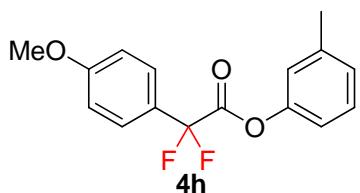


*Compound 4f.* 40.7 mg, 72% yield, colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.11–7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.94–6.92 (m, 2 H), 5.88–5.81 (m, 1 H), 5.39–5.33 (m, 2 H), 3.02–2.95 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  162.3 (t,  $J$  = 33.6 Hz), 149.7, 140.1, 129.4, 127.5, 126.9 (t,  $J$  = 5.6 Hz), 122.2, 121.4,

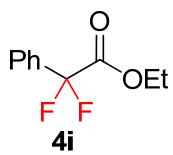
117.8, 115.3 (t,  $J = 252.2$  Hz), 39.3 (t,  $J = 23.8$  Hz), 21.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -105.0; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  227.0884, found 227.0877.



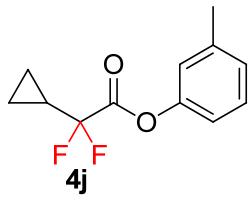
*Compound 4g.* 46.5 mg, 71% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.22–8.21 (m, 2 H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 1 H), 7.55–7.53 (m, 2 H), 7.27–7.24 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 3 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  183.2 (t,  $J = 34.9$  Hz), 149.5 (t,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 140.0, 134.7, 130.5 (t,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 129.3, 128.7, 126.9, 125.5 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 122.0, 118.3, 115.7 (t,  $J = 276.9$  Hz), 21.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -73.8; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  263.0884, found 263.0889.



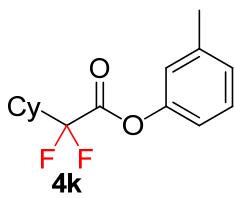
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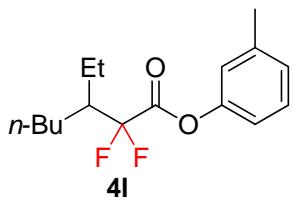
*Compound 4i.* 36.5 mg, 73% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.62–7.61 (m, 2 H), 7.50–7.44 (m, 3 H), 4.29 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H), 1.29 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  164.2 (t,  $J = 35.3$  Hz), 132.8 (t,  $J = 25.5$  Hz), 130.9 (t,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 128.6, 125.4 (t,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 113.4 (t,  $J = 252.1$  Hz), 63.1, 13.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -103.9; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$  201.0727, found 201.0716.



*Compound 4j.* 37.9 mg, 67% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.32–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.11–7.10 (m, 1 H), 6.98–6.97 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 1.71–1.58 (m, 1 H), 0.90–0.74 (m, 4 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.8 (t,  $J = 36.3$  Hz), 149.8, 140.0, 129.4, 127.5, 121.5, 117.8, 114.8 (t,  $J = 249.4$  Hz), 21.3, 14.0 (t,  $J = 27.9$  Hz), 1.5 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -110.1; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  227.0884, found 227.0887.

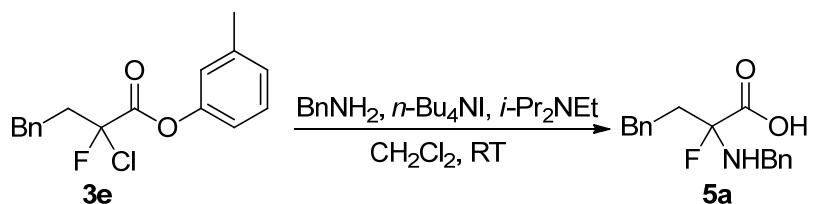


*Compound 4k.* 43.6 mg, 65% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.30–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.10–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.95–6.94 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.23–2.19 (m, 1 H), 1.91–1.85 (m, 4 H), 1.76–1.71 (m, 1 H), 1.35–1.21 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.9 (t,  $J = 34.2$  Hz), 149.7, 140.0, 129.4, 127.5, 121.5, 117.9, 117.3 (t,  $J = 252.7$  Hz), 42.4 (t,  $J = 21.9$  Hz), 25.8, 25.3, 24.8 (t,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 21.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -113.2; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  269.1353, found 269.1362.

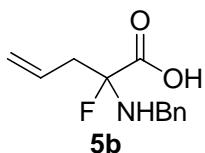


*Compound 4l.* 31.3 mg, 44% yield, colorless oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.31–7.28 (m, 1 H), 7.11–7.09 (m, 1 H), 6.95–6.94 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.24–2.09 (m, 1 H), 1.74–1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.55–1.41 (m, 3 H), 1.40–1.32 (m, 3 H), 1.03 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3 H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  163.2 (t,  $J = 34.3$  Hz), 149.8, 140.0, 129.4, 127.5, 121.4, 118.4 (t,  $J = 253.9$  Hz), 117.8, 43.9 (t,  $J = 20.6$  Hz), 29.4, 26.6 (t,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 22.9, 21.3, 20.5 (t,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 13.9, 11.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (565 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -109.2; HRMS (APCI) calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2\text{F}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$  285.1666, found 285.1654.

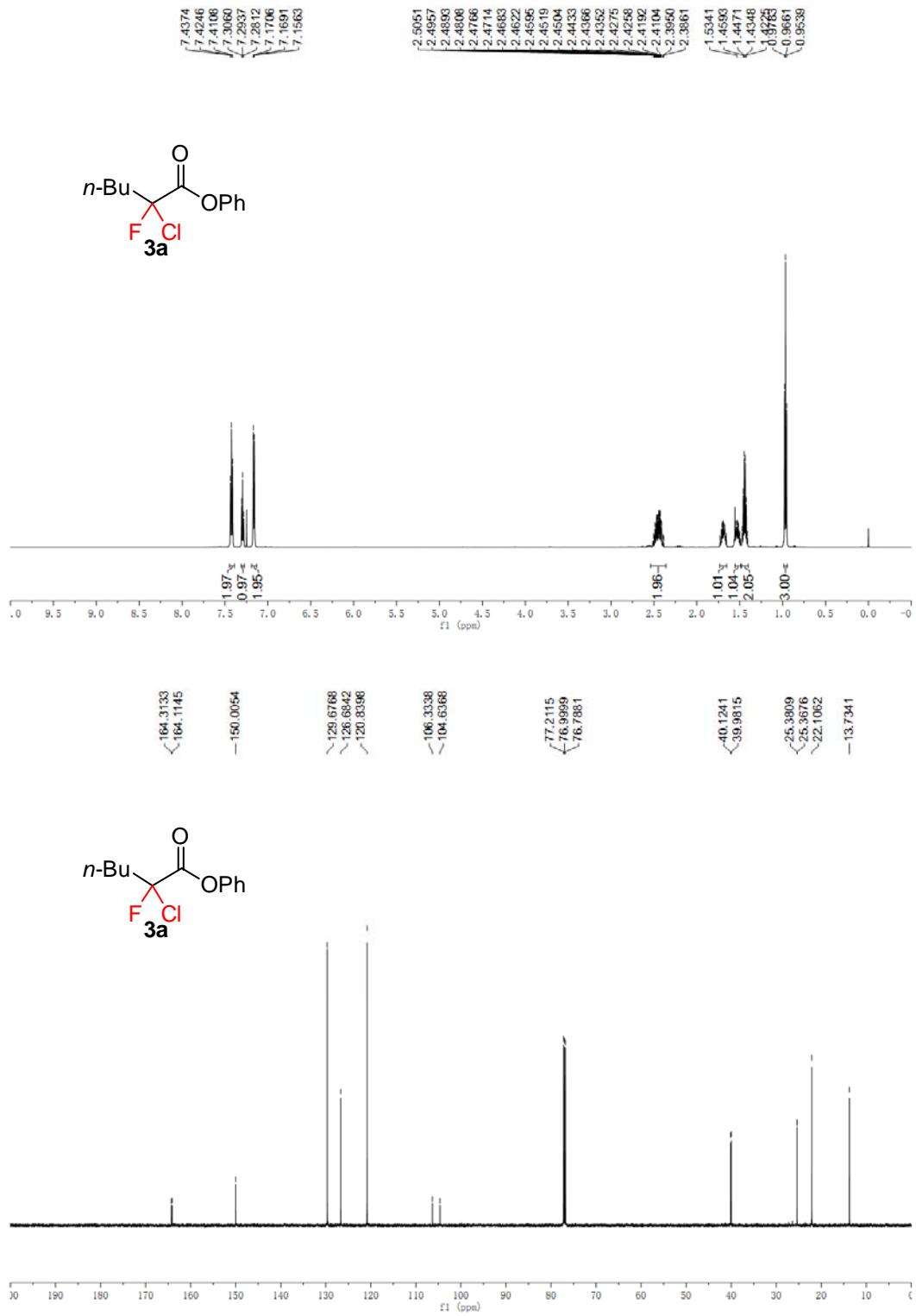
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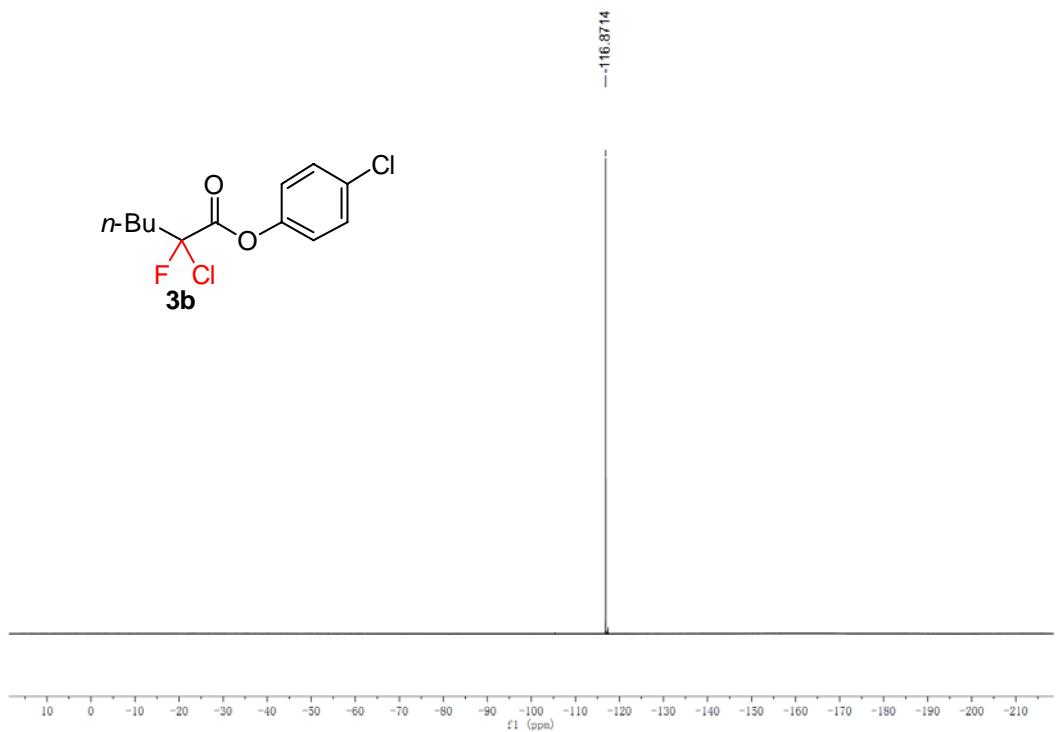
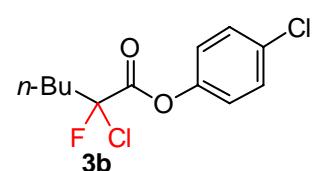
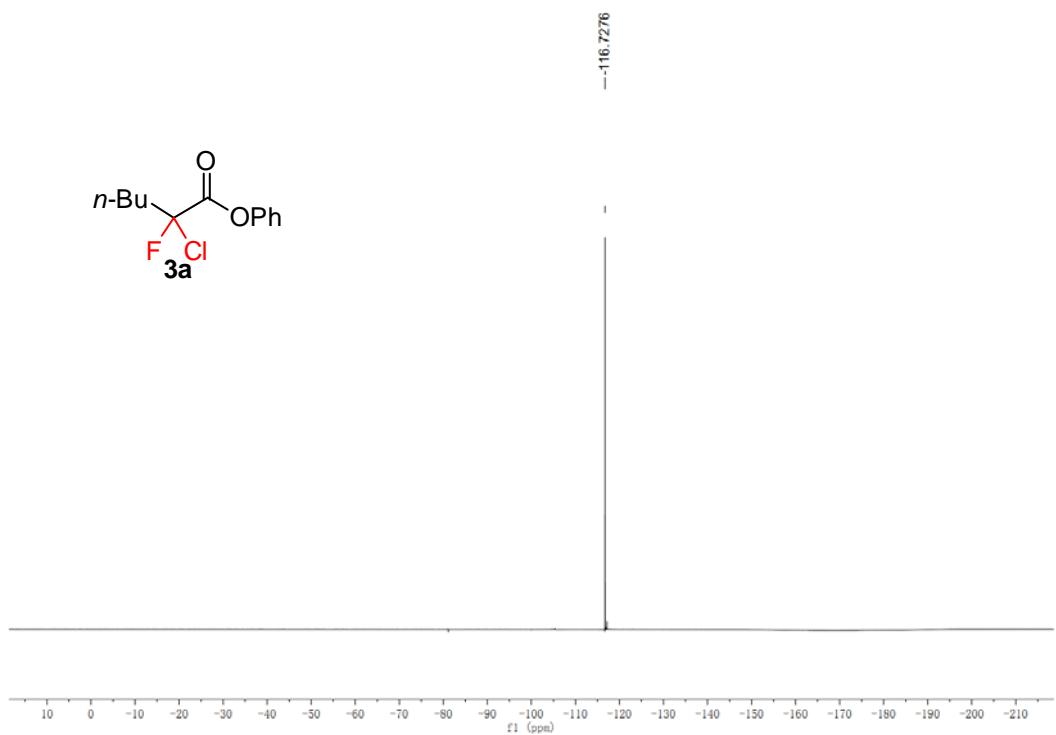
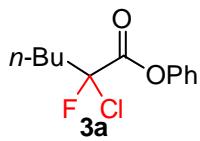


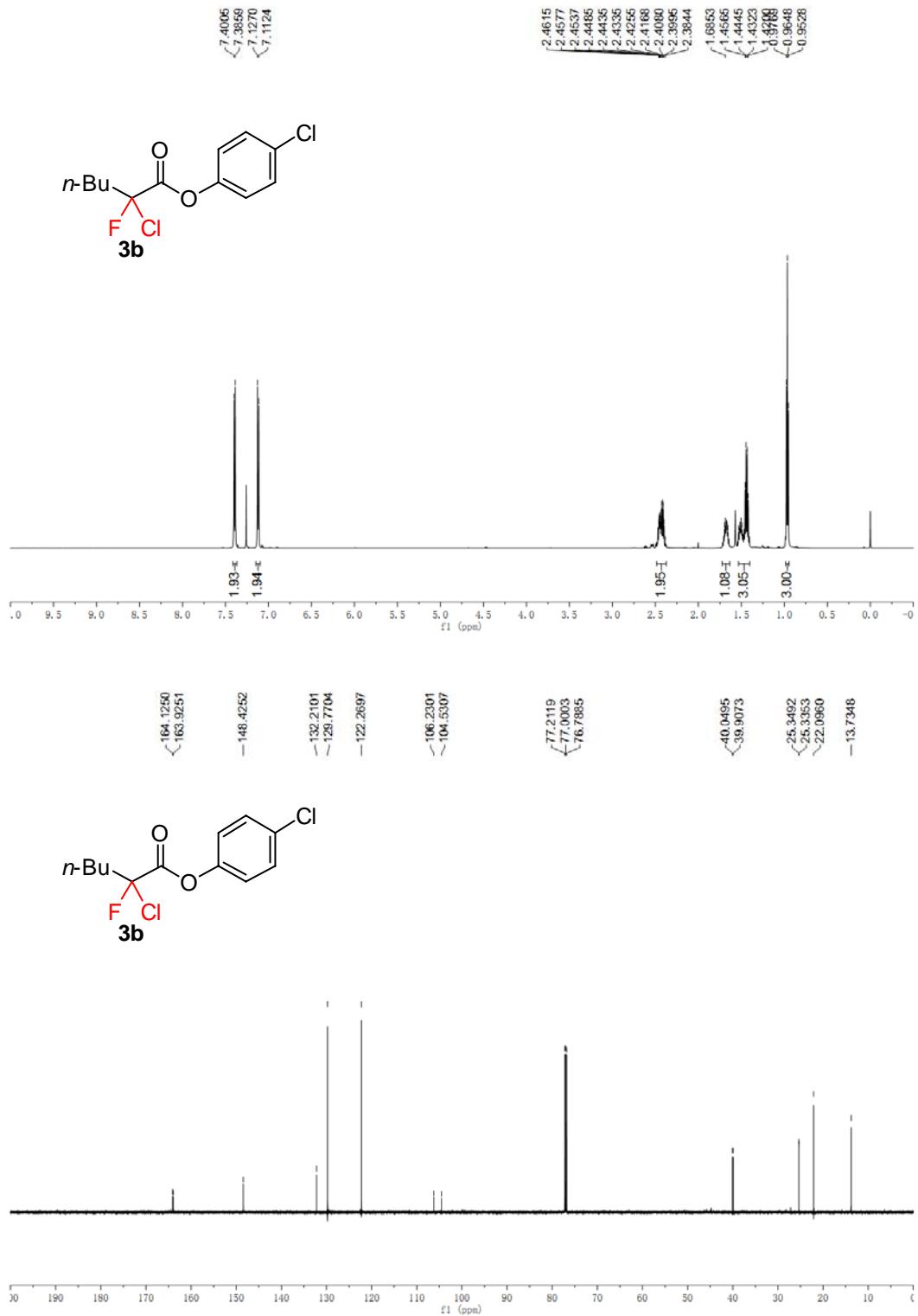
**Compound 5a.** To a solution of **3e** (76.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2.5 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at room temperature were added *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (32.3 mg, 0.25 mmol), *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (92.3 mg, 0.25 mmol) and BnNH<sub>2</sub> (32.1 mg, 0.3 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 10 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 5 mL of water, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel gave **5a** as a white solid (58.1 mg, 81% yield), mp: 88–90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.27 (m, 7 H), 7.20 (m, 3 H), 6.75 (br, 1 H), 4.52–4.50 (m, 2 H), 2.92–2.62 (m, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.6 (d, *J* = 27.5 Hz), 139.5, 136.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 126.4, 108.1 (d, *J* = 257.2 Hz), 43.7, 41.5 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 29.6 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -117.9; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F (M<sup>+</sup>) 287.1322, found 287.1342.

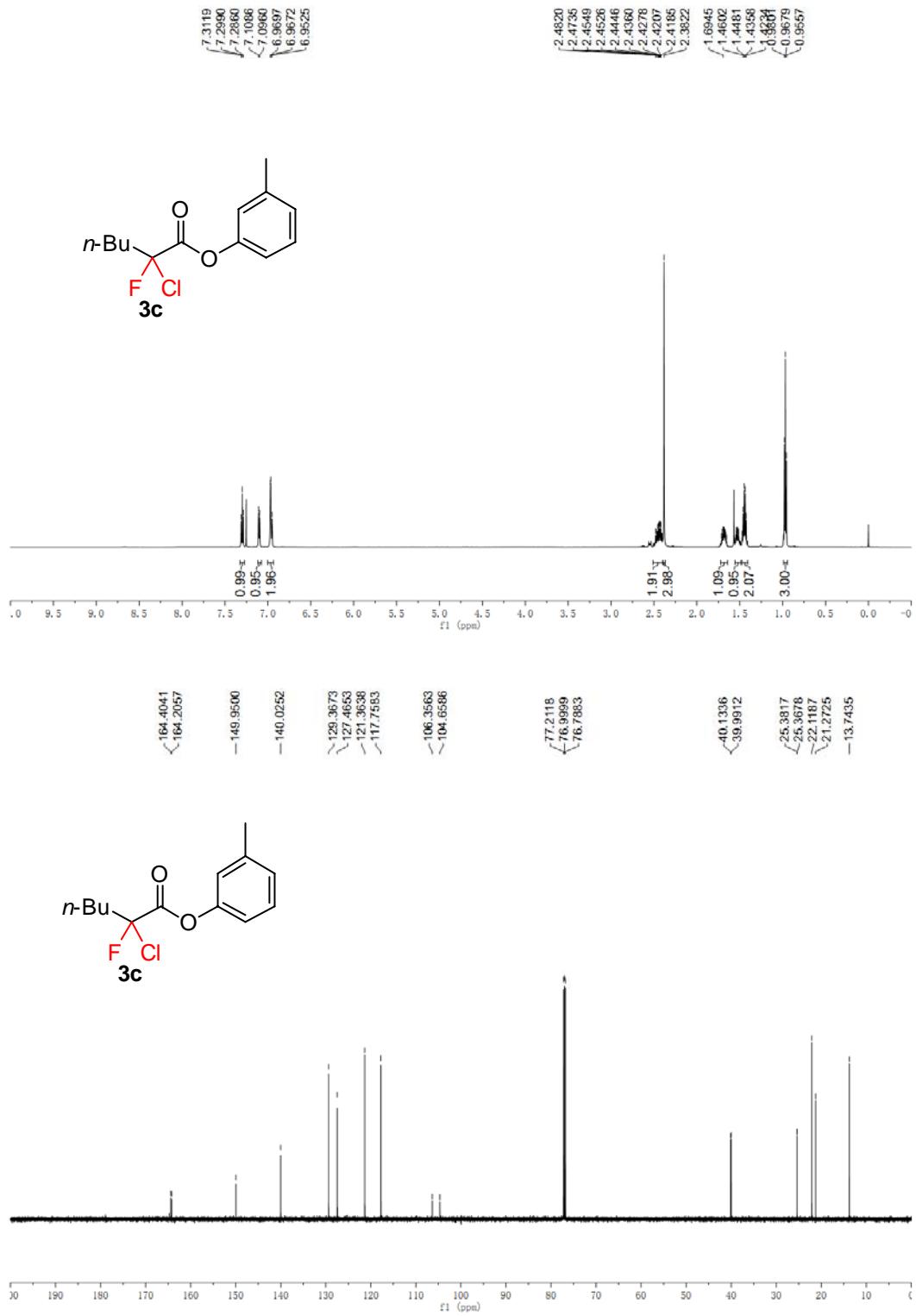


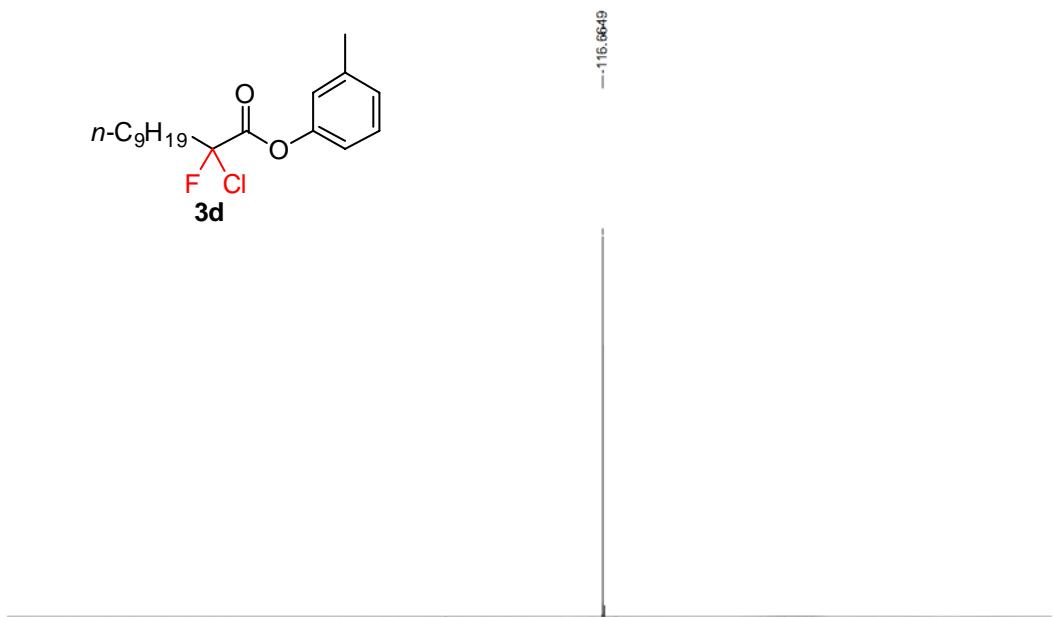
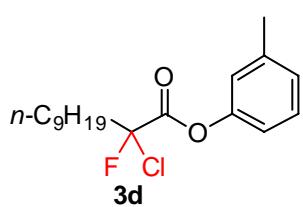
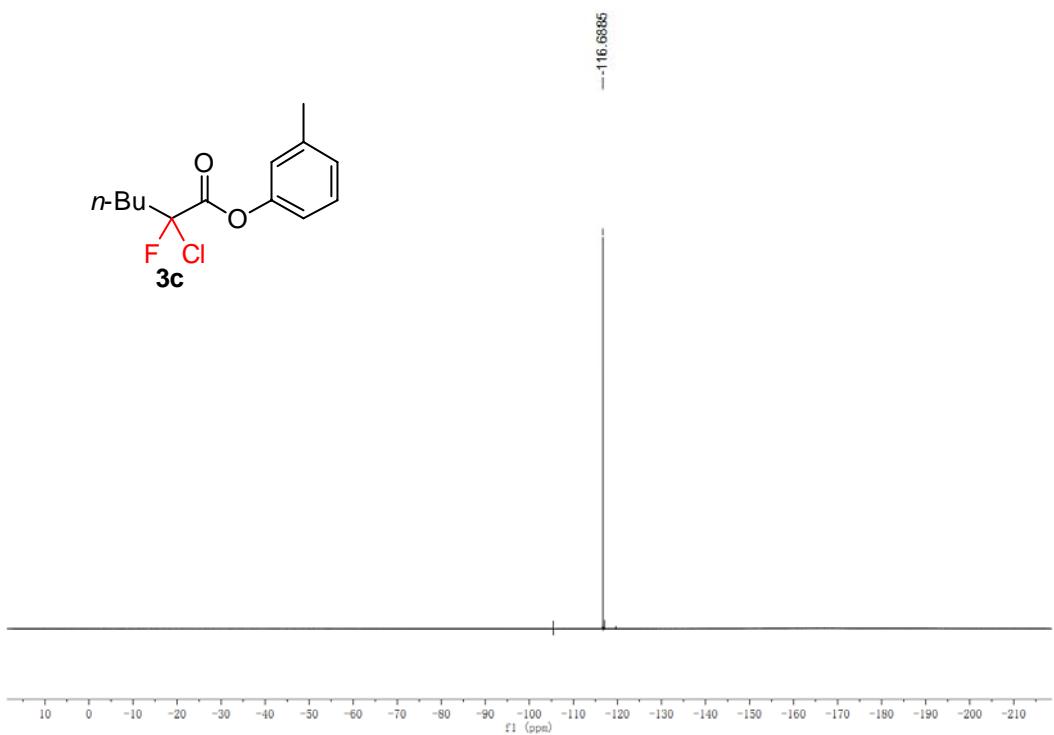
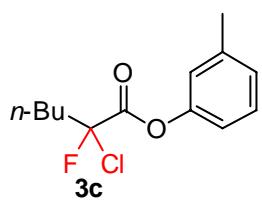
**Compound 5b.** 41.8 mg, 75% yield, colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.35 (m, 2 H), 7.32–7.26 (m, 3 H), 6.67 (br, 1 H), 5.85–5.73 (m, 1 H), 5.33–5.18 (m, 2 H), 4.51 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.23–3.03 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.4 (d, *J* = 23.9 Hz), 136.9, 128.8, 128.6 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 127.9, 127.8, 121.8, 107.3 (d, *J* = 257.2 Hz), 44.0 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 43.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -118.0; HRMS (APCI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 224.1087, found 224.1098.

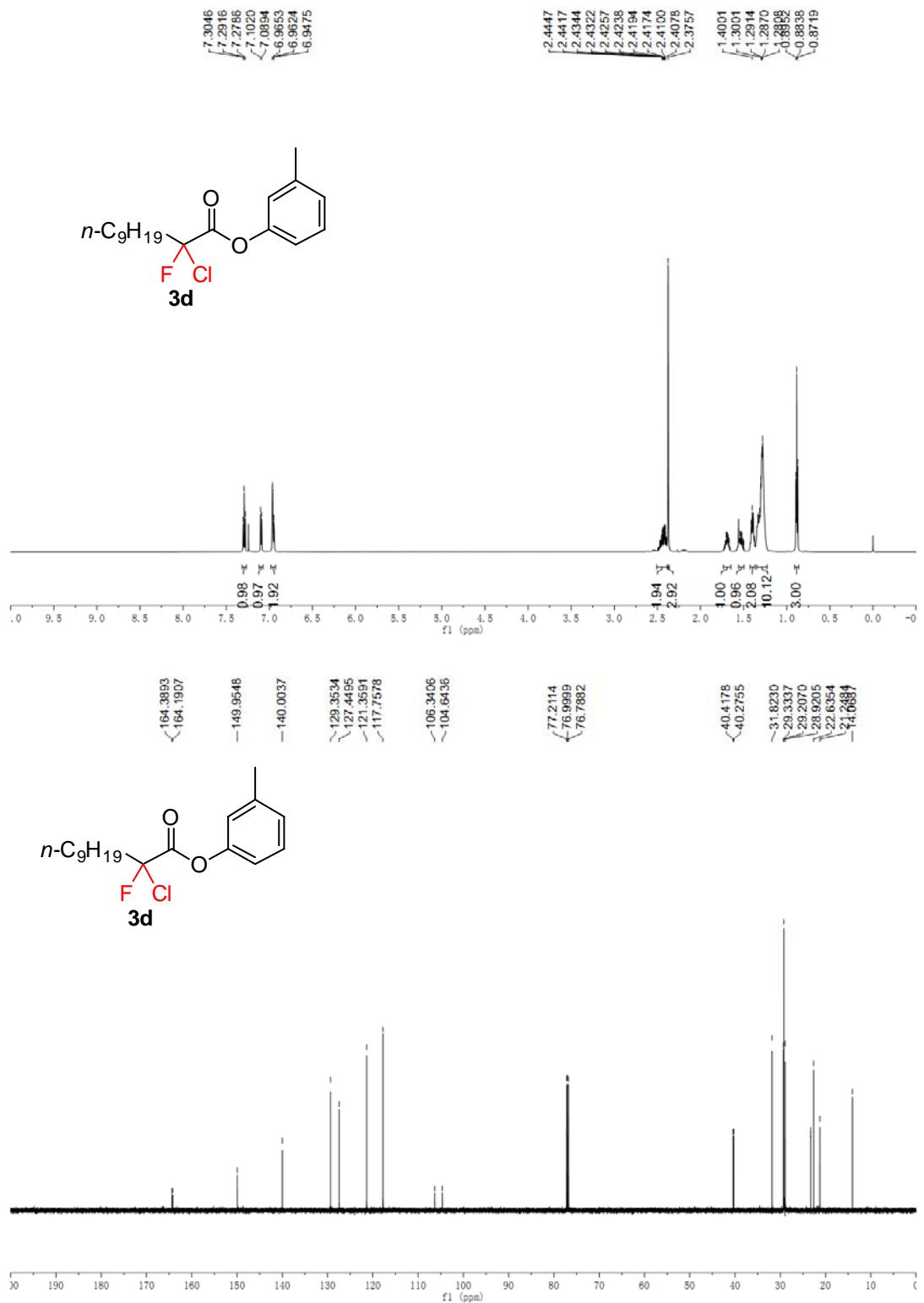


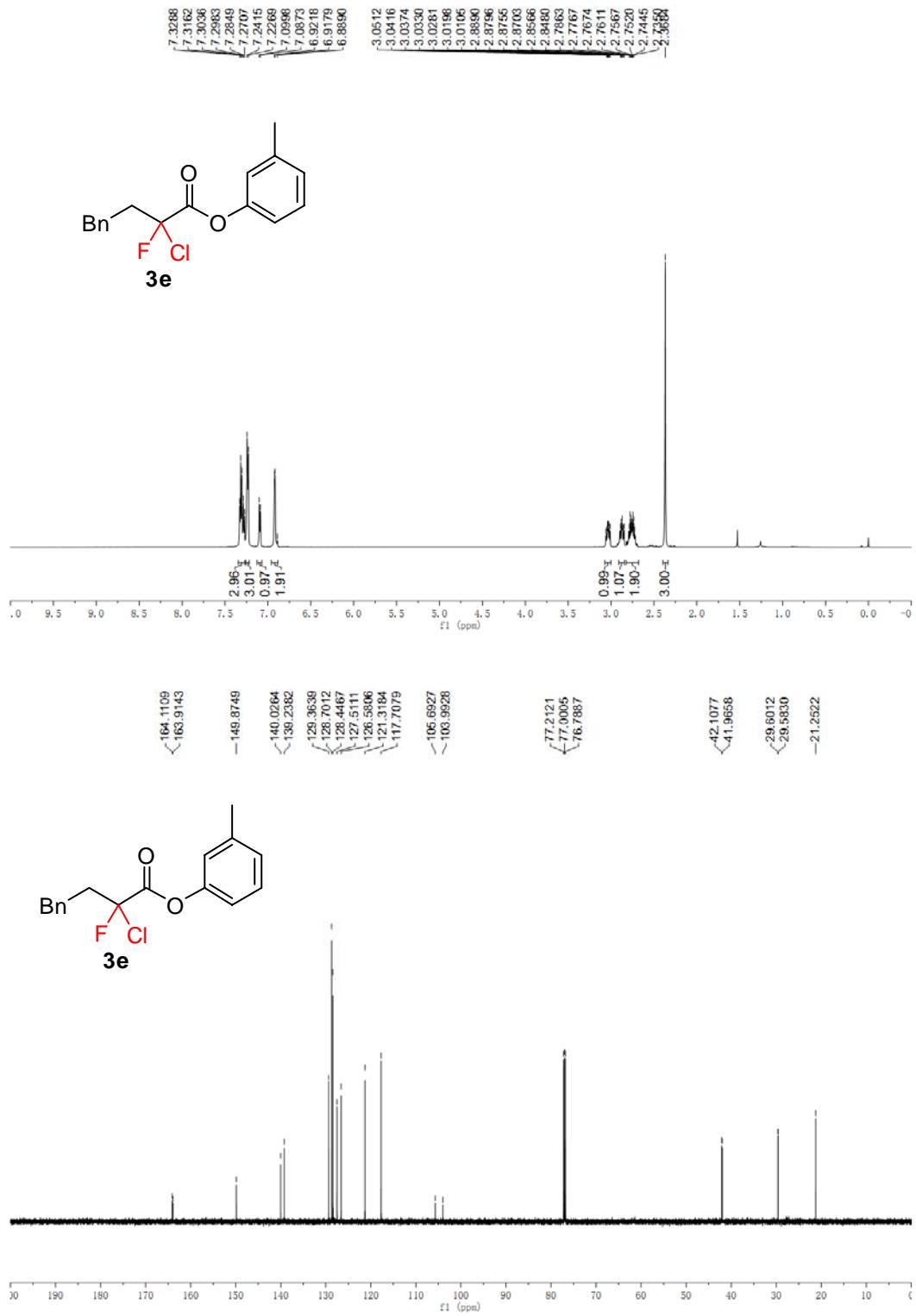


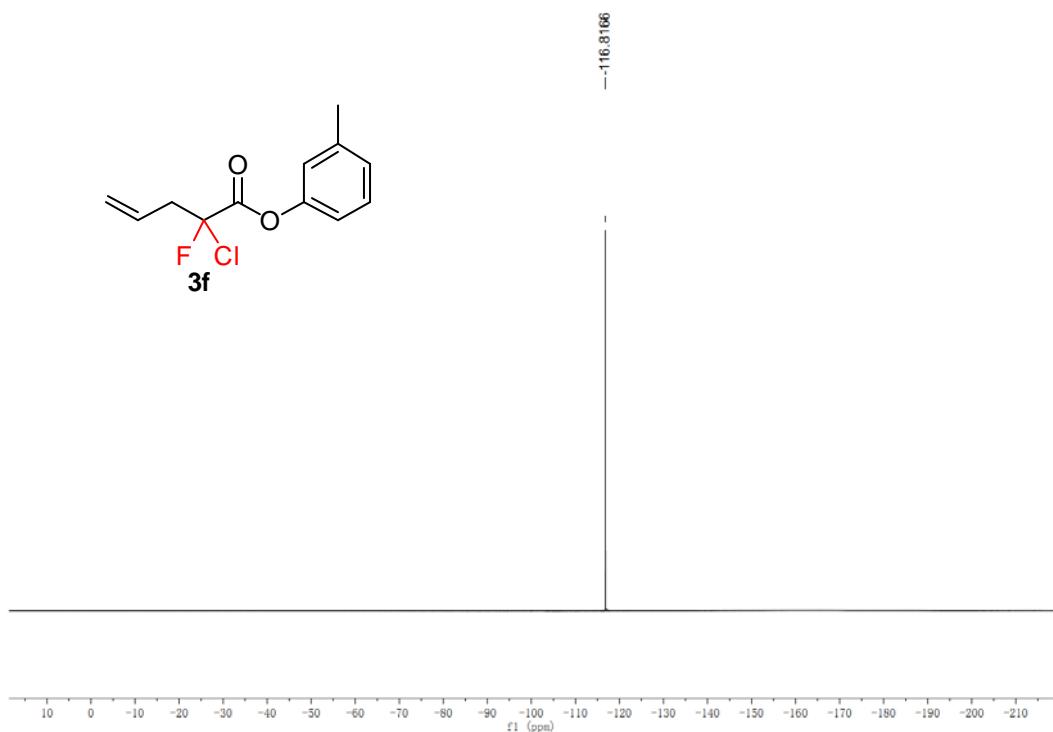
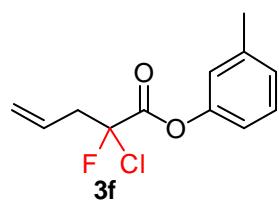
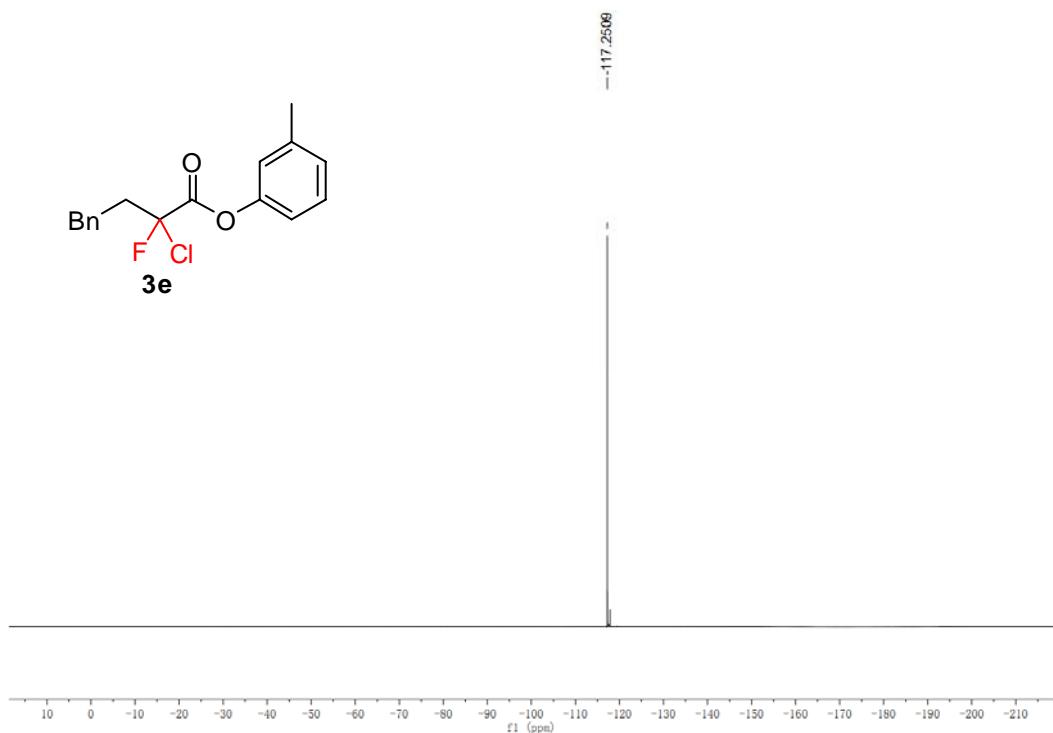
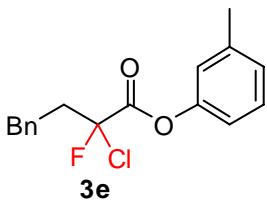


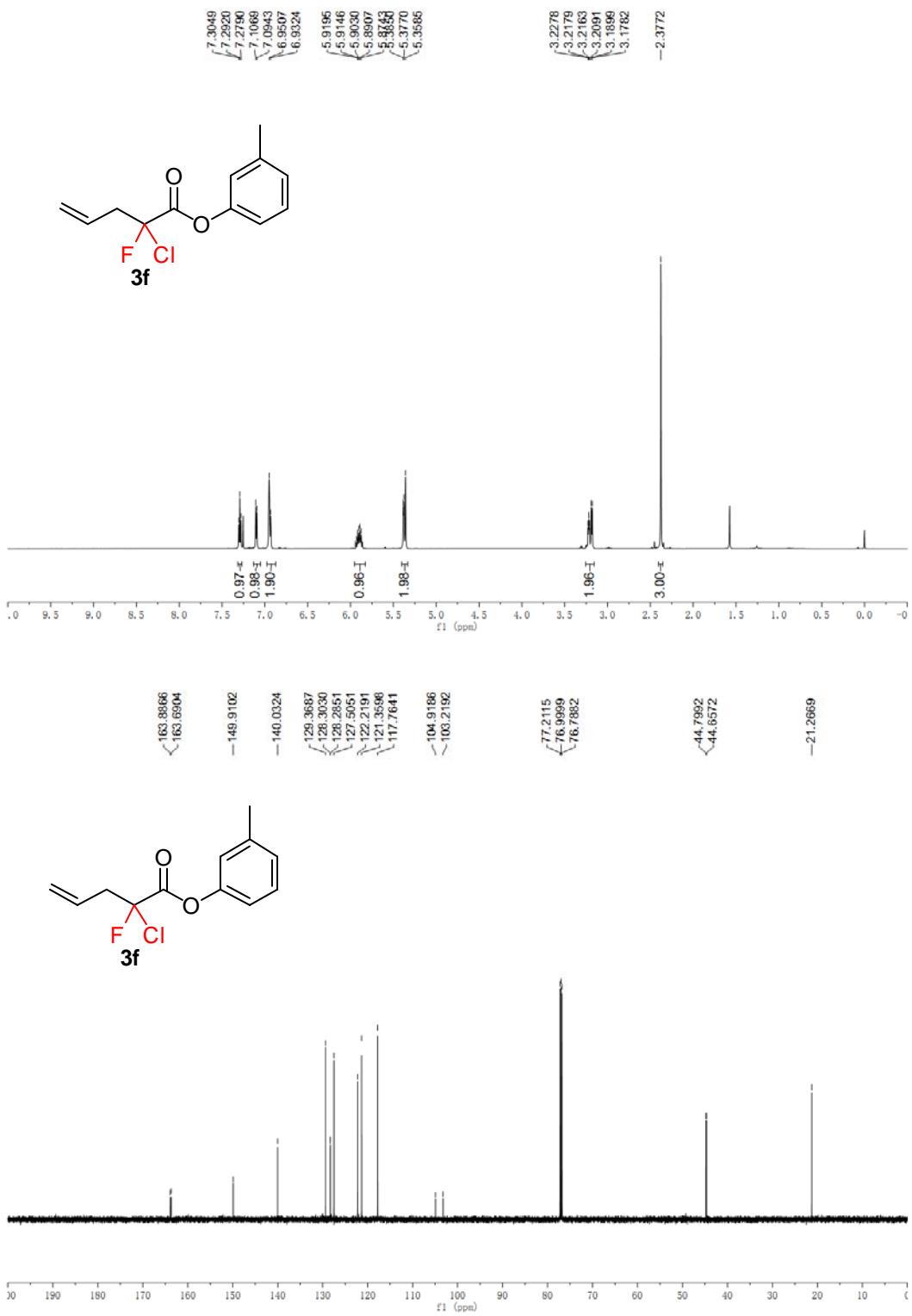


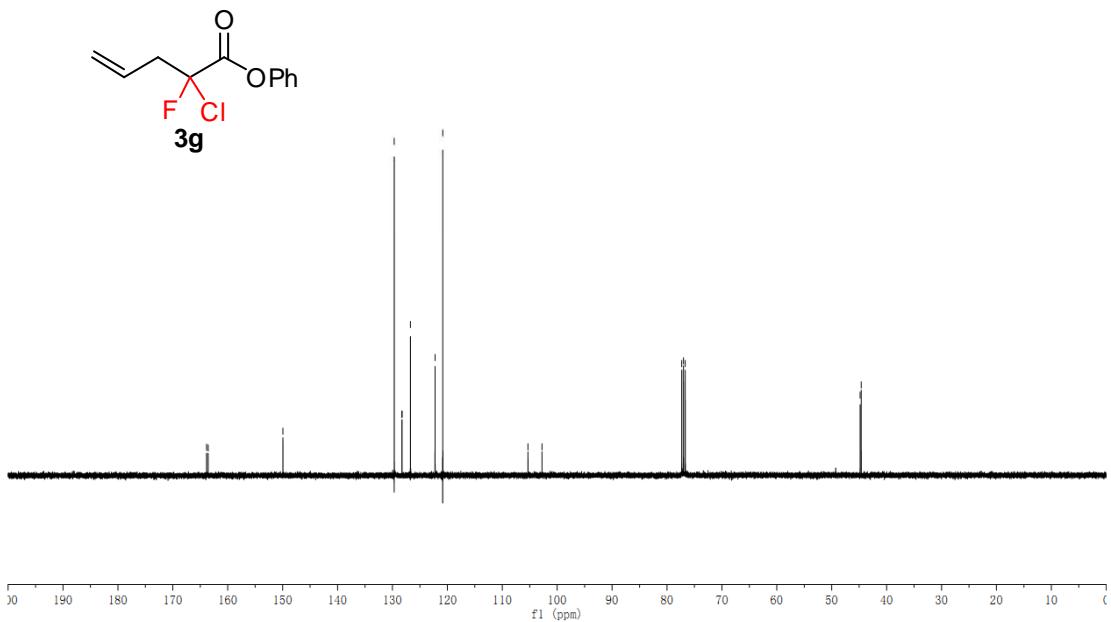
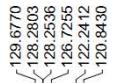
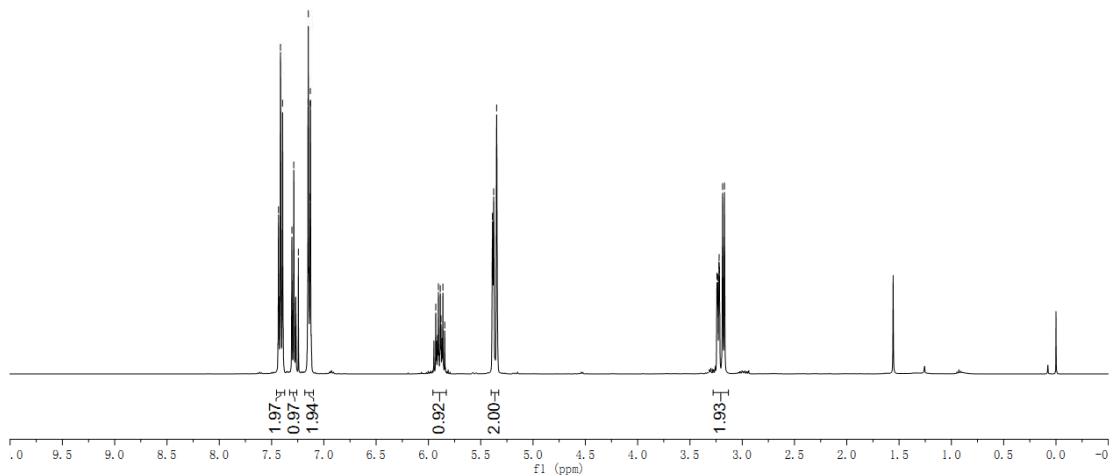
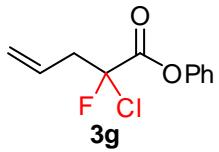


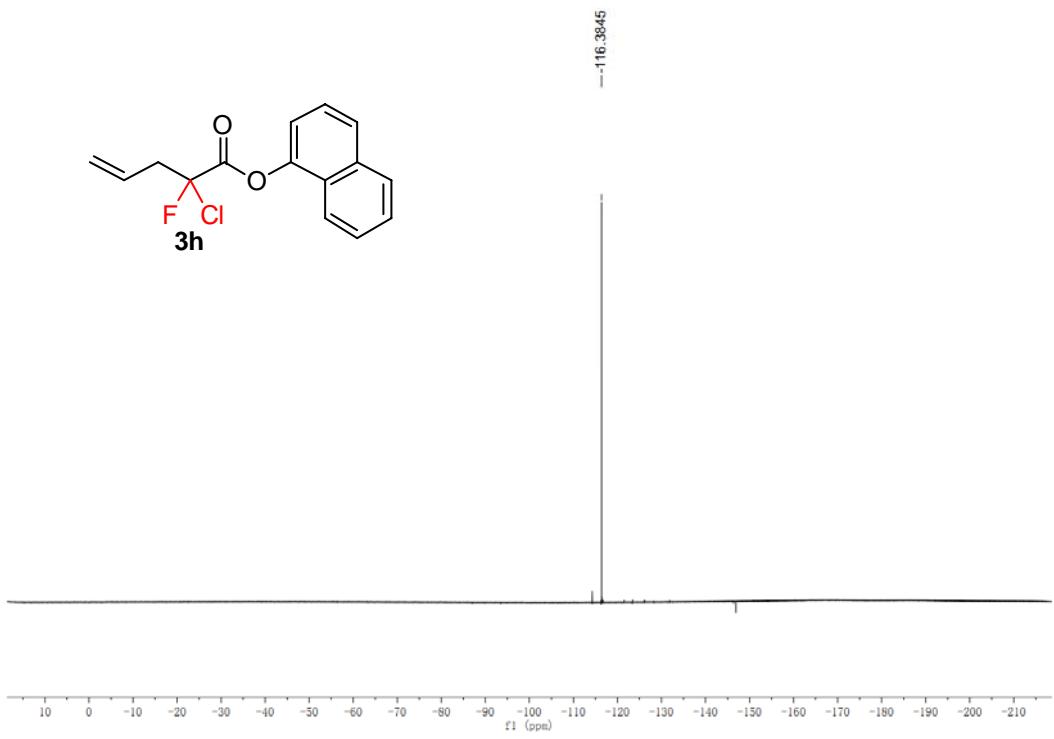
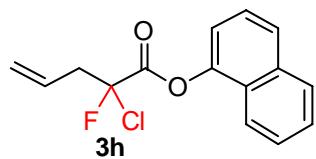
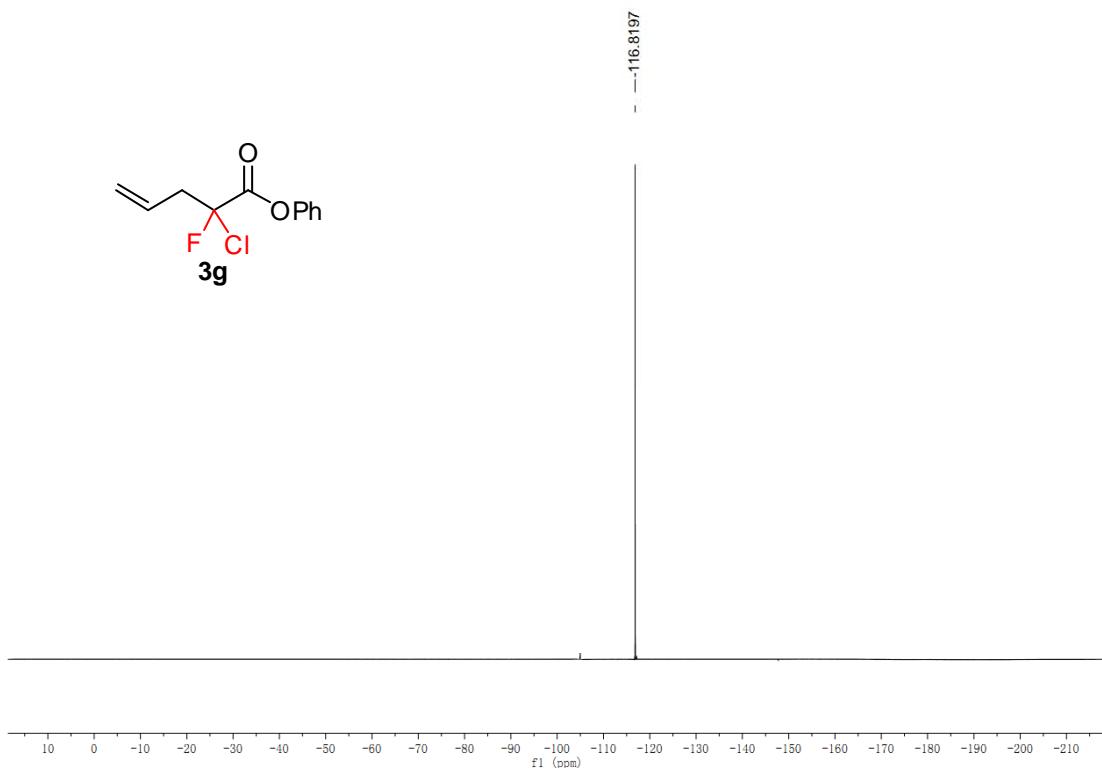
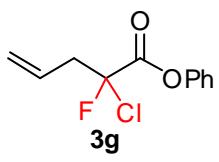


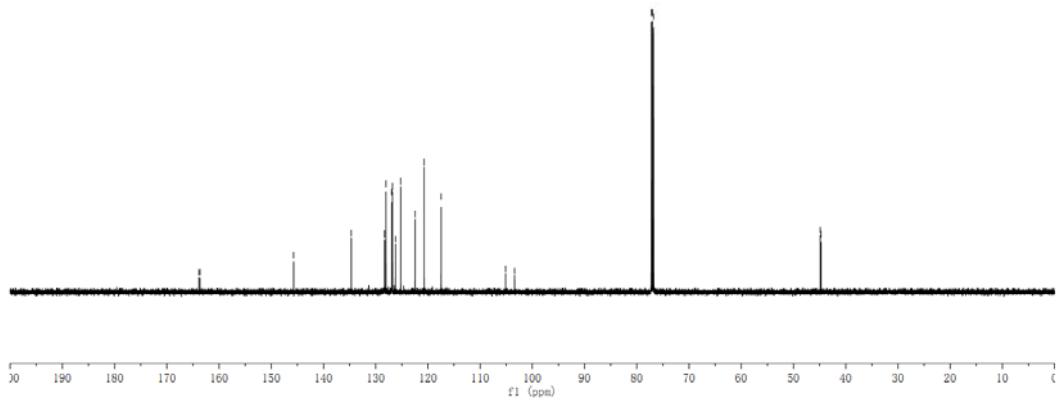
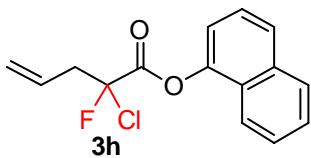
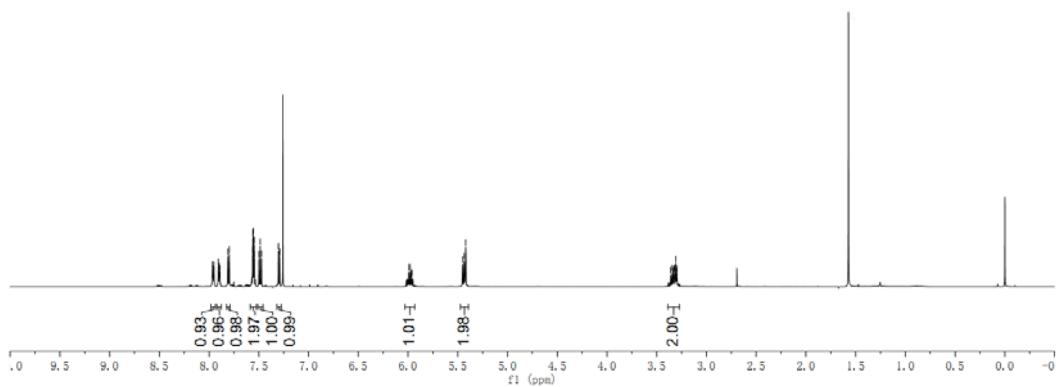
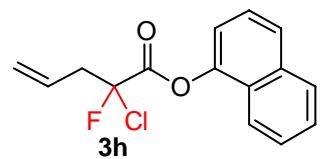


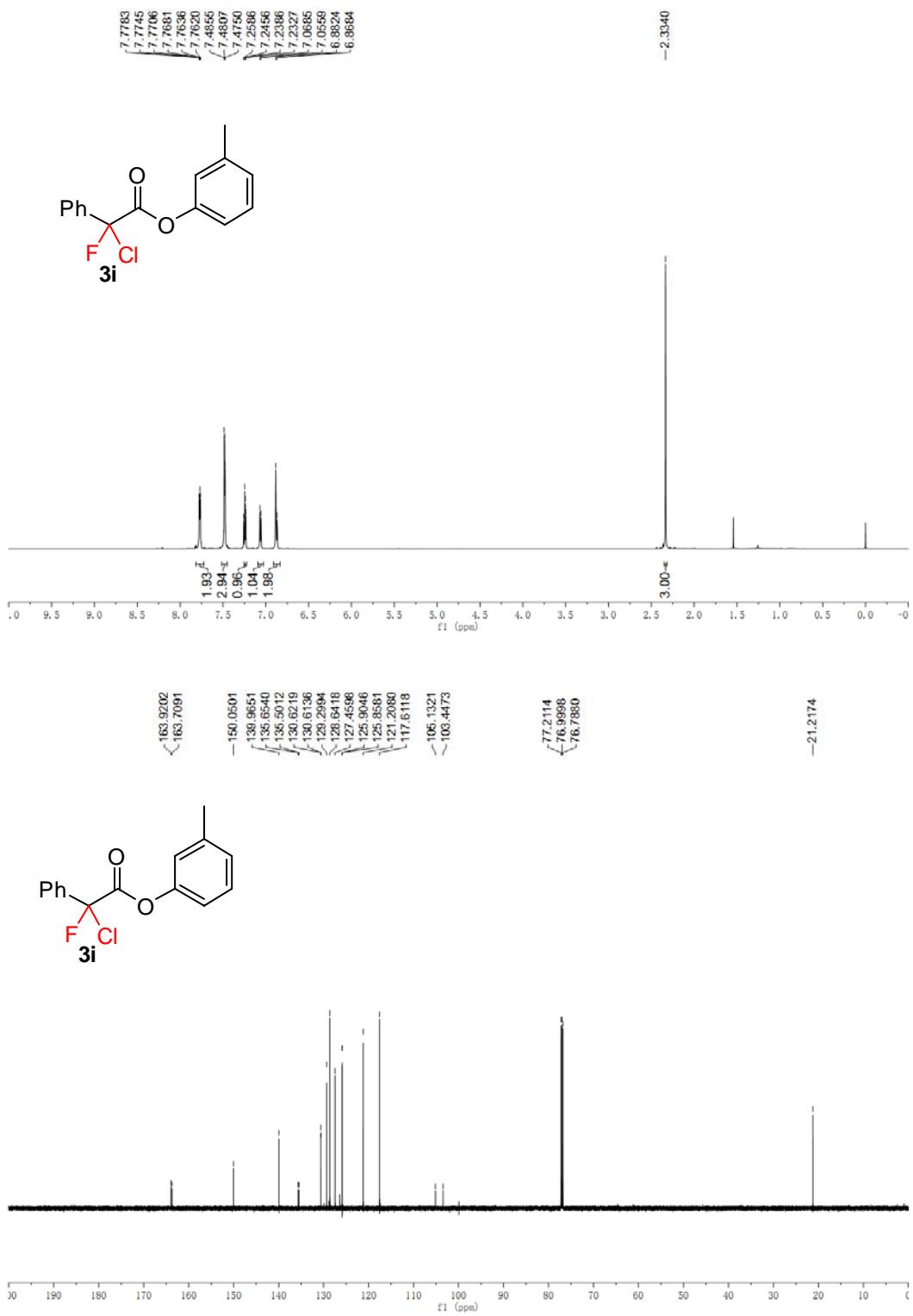


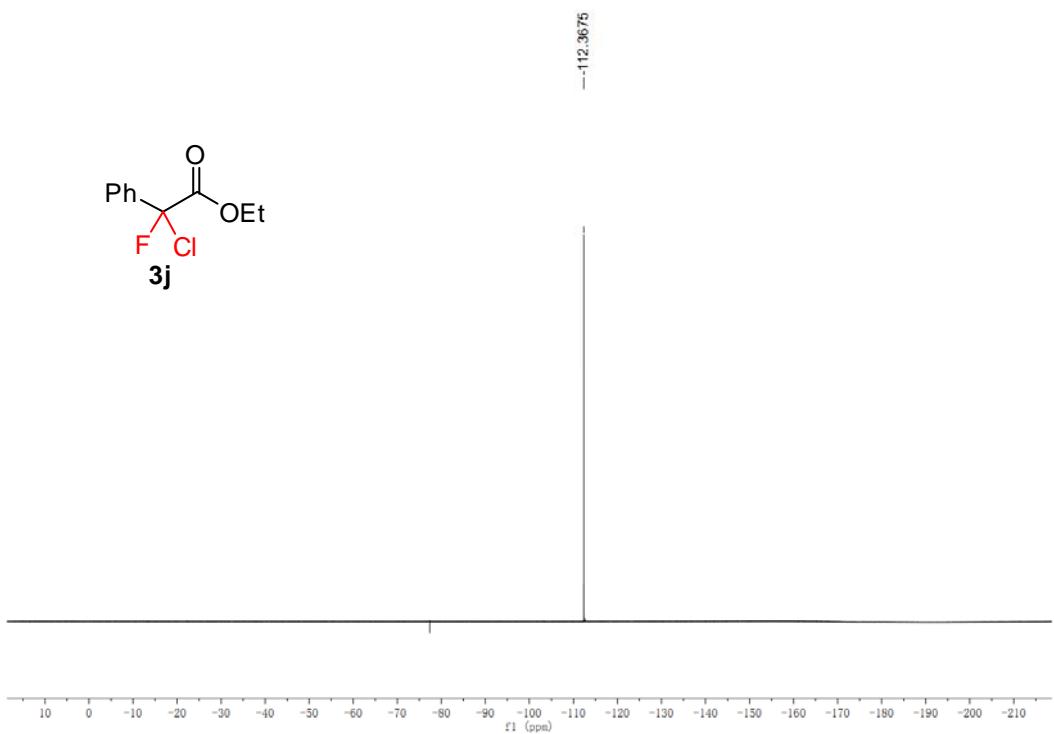
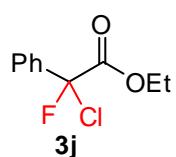
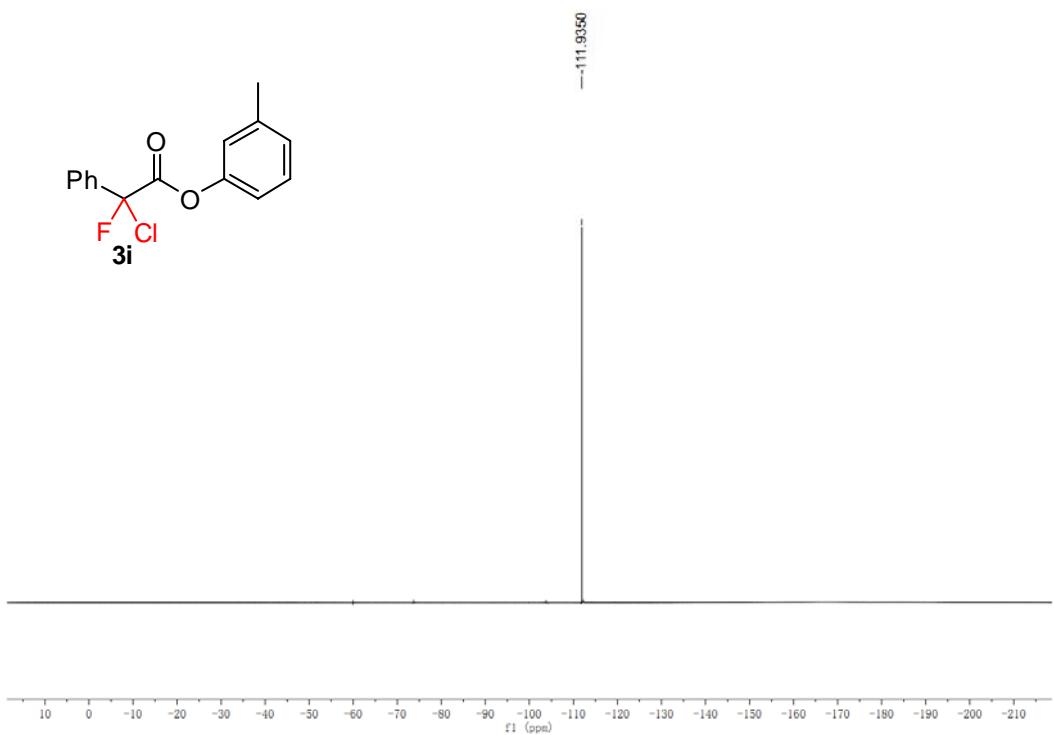
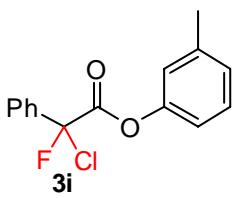


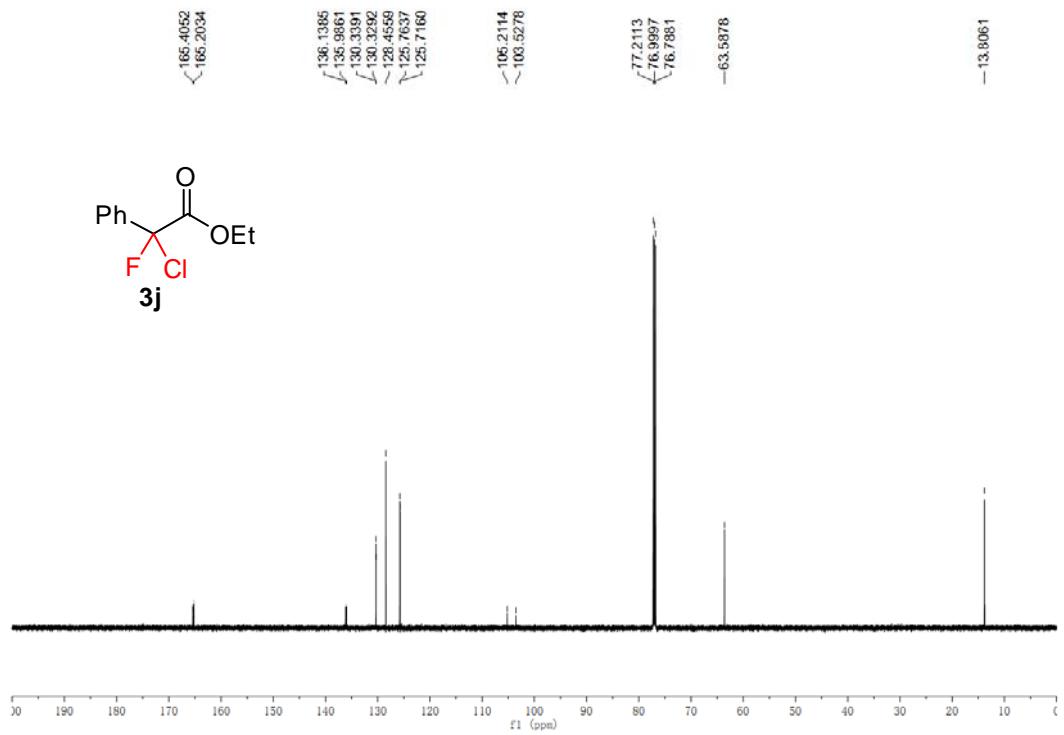
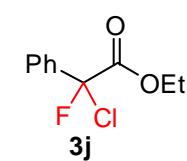
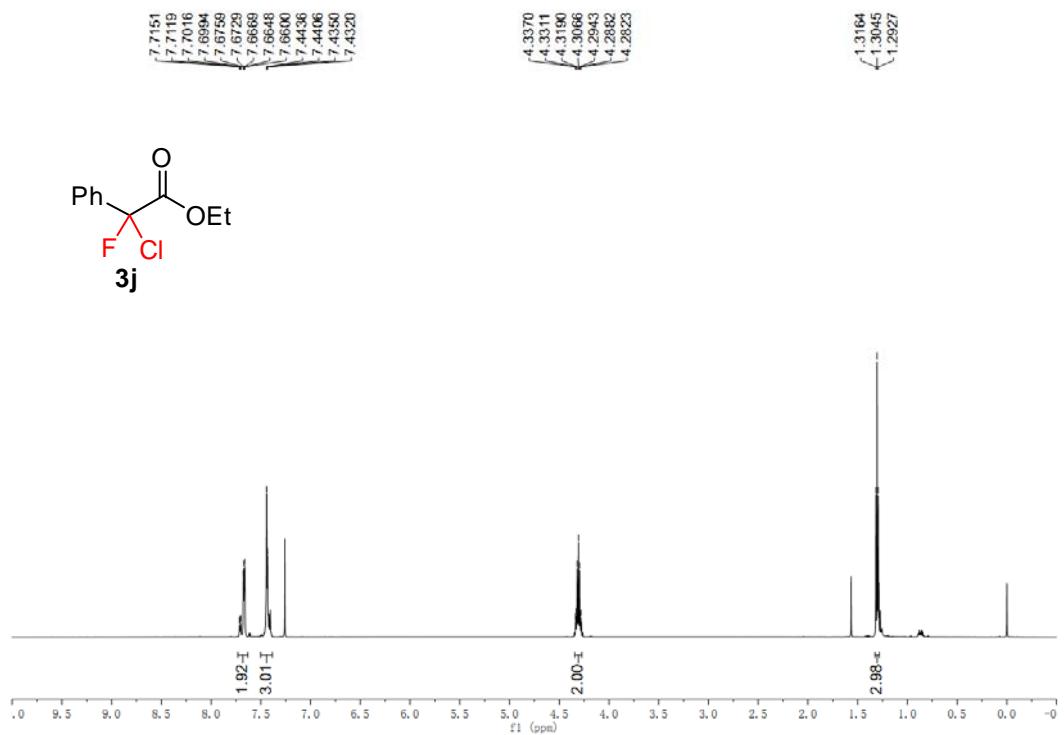
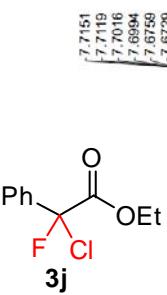


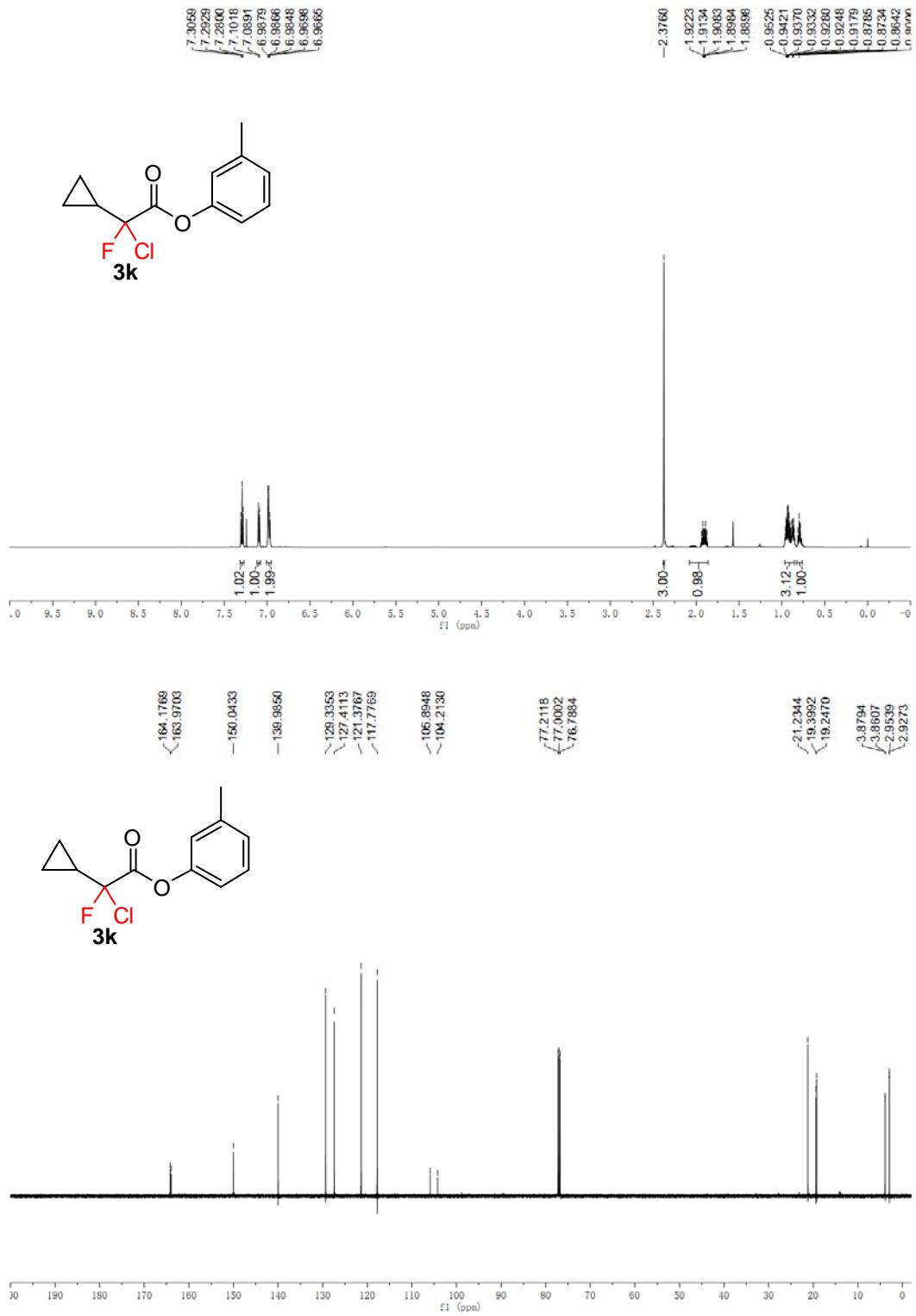


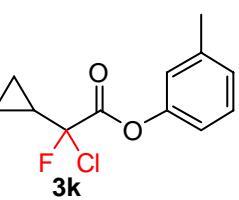




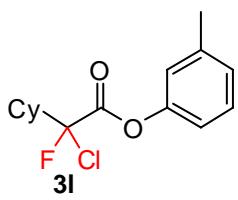
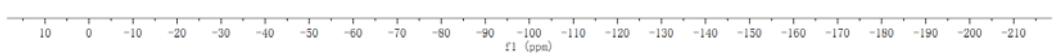




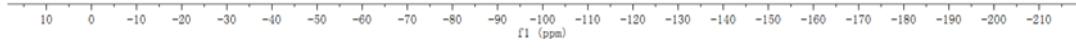


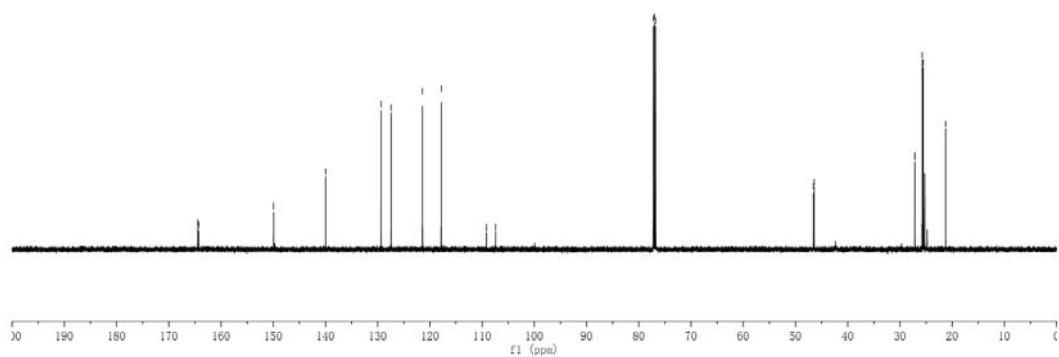
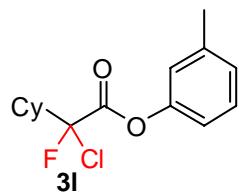
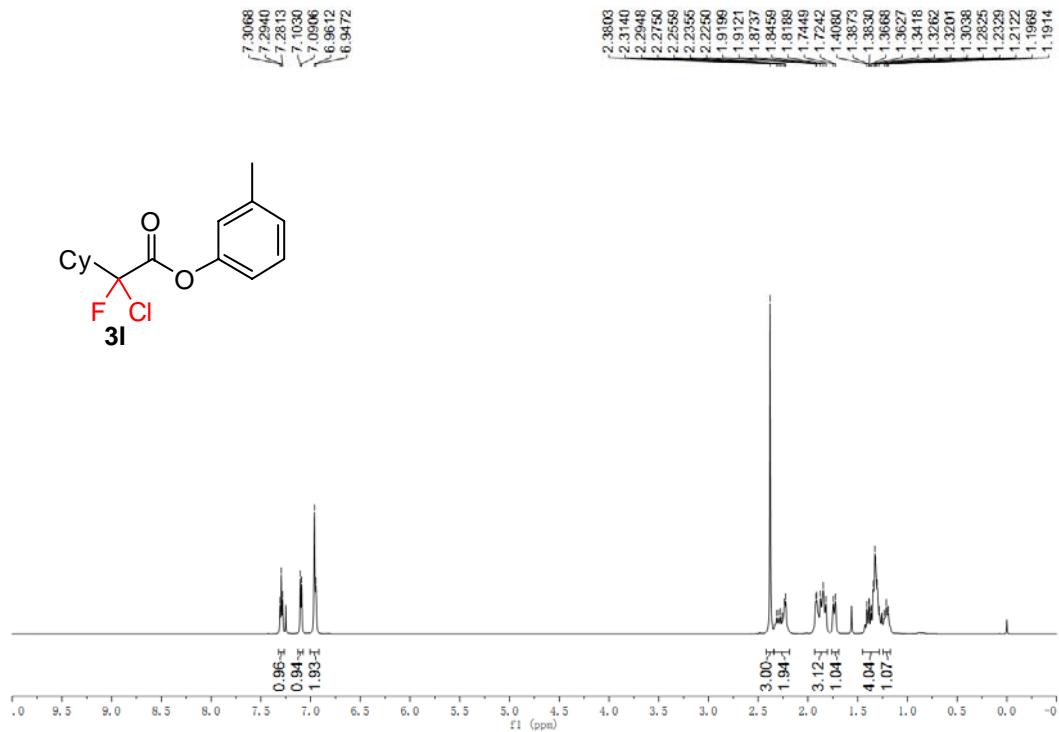
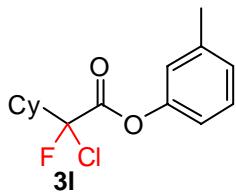


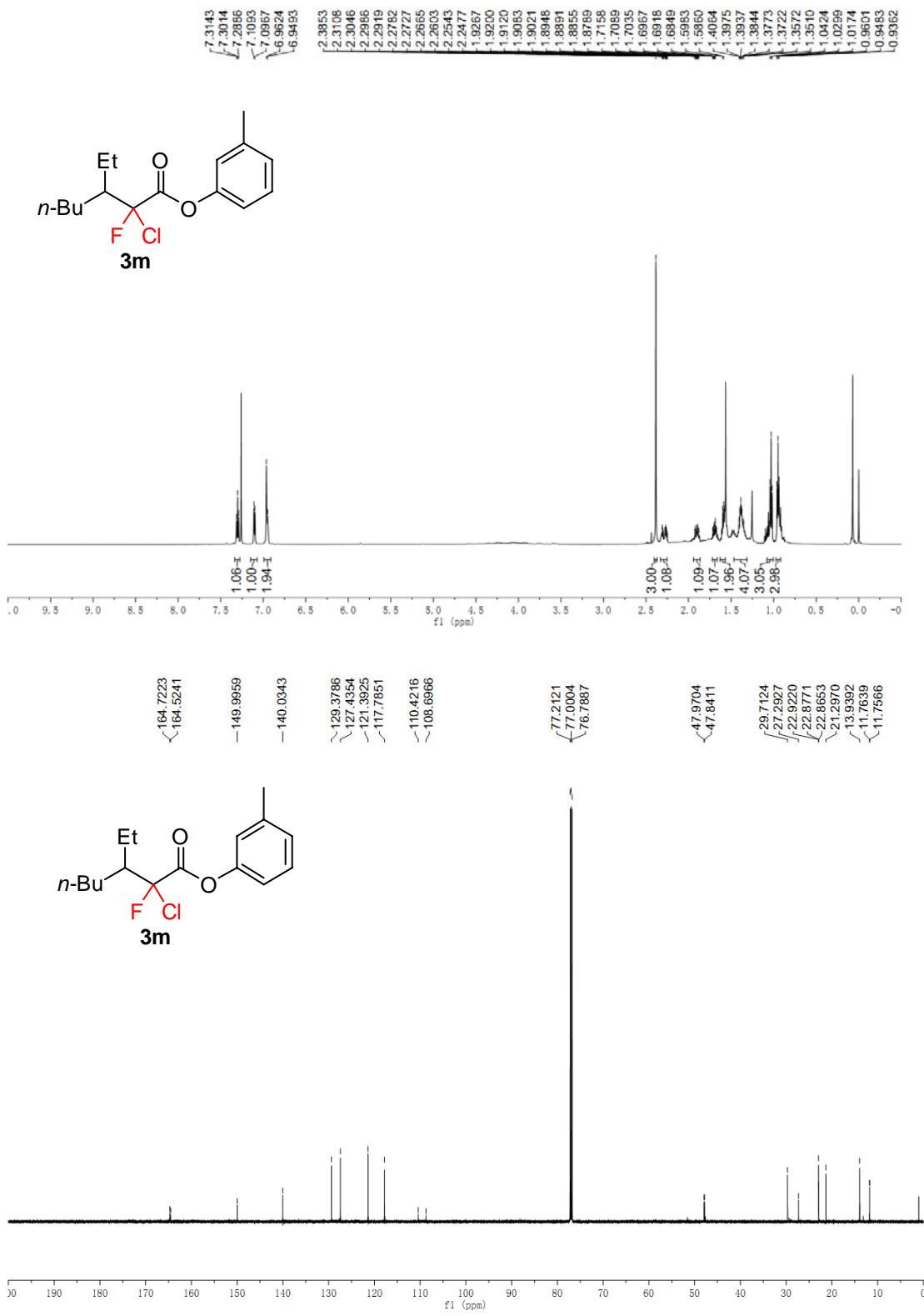
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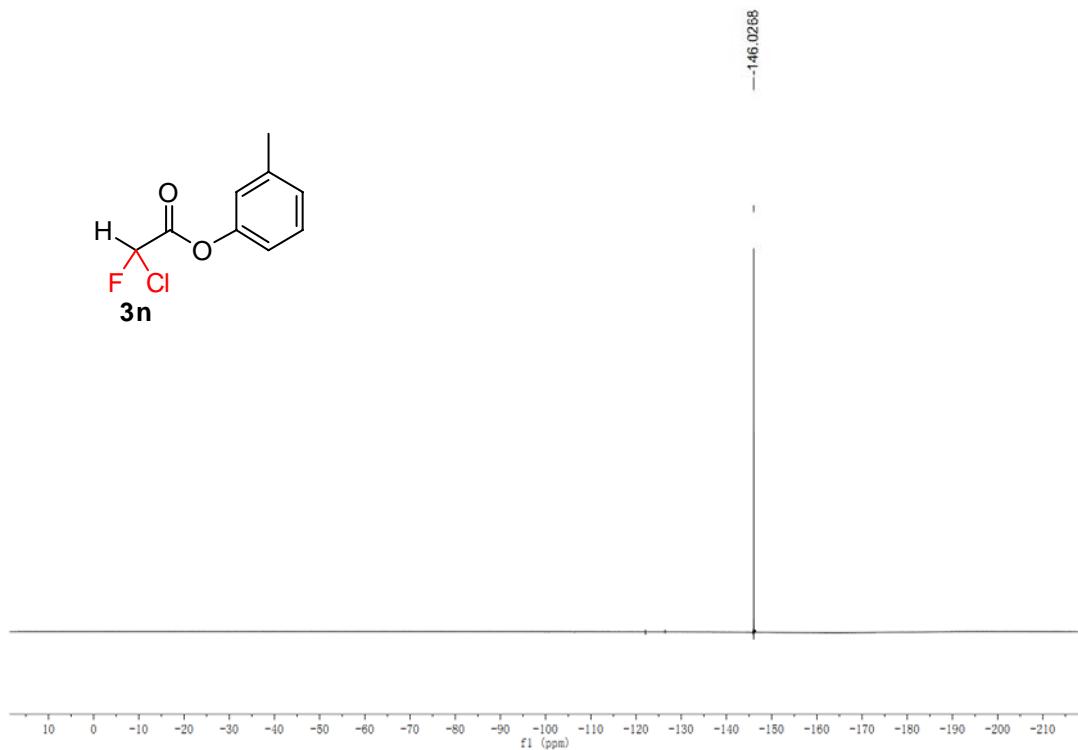
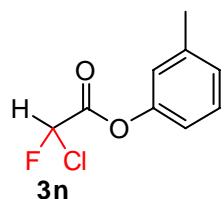
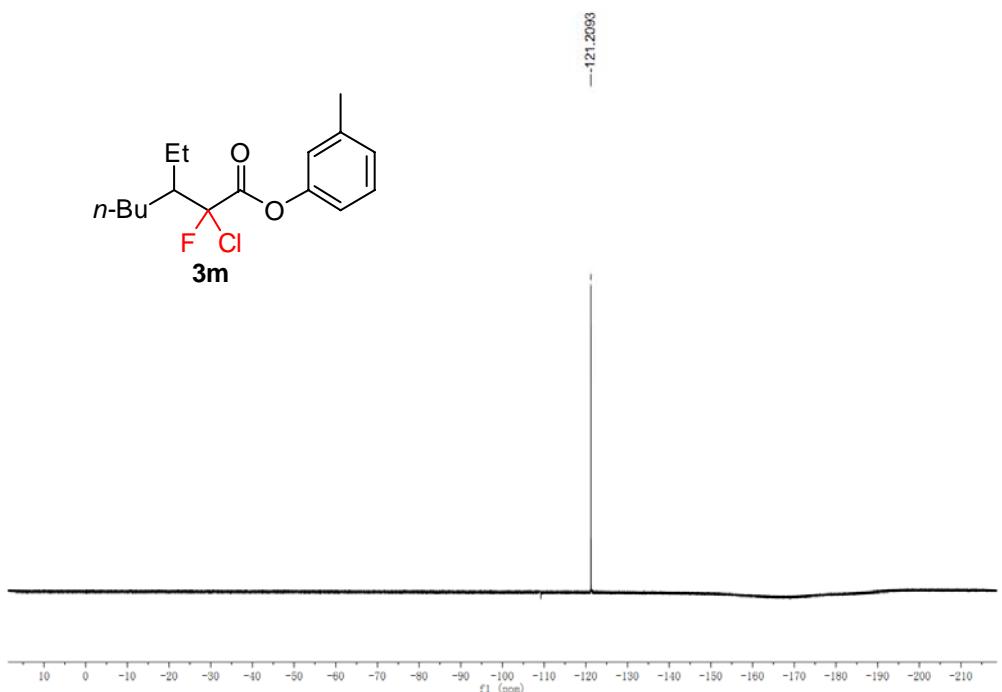
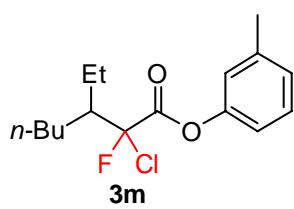


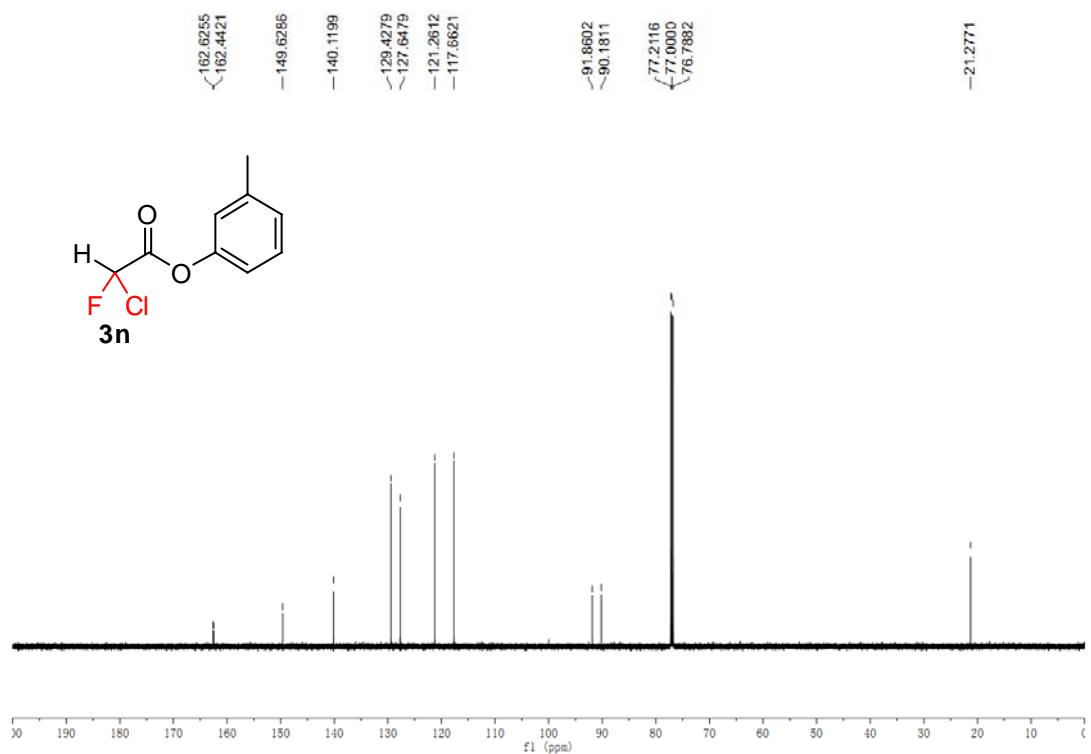
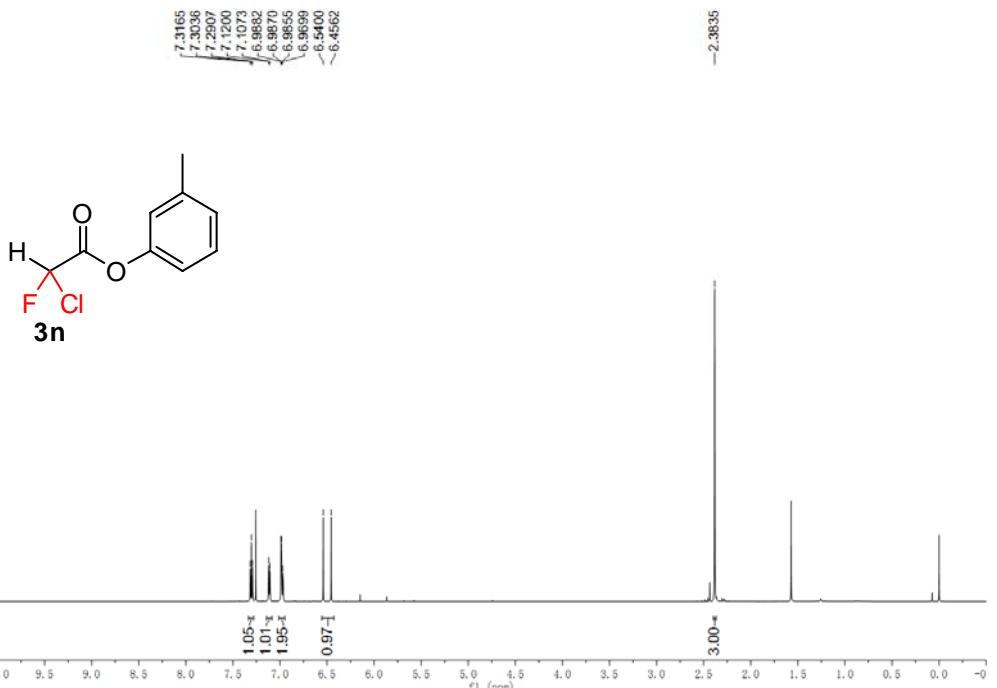
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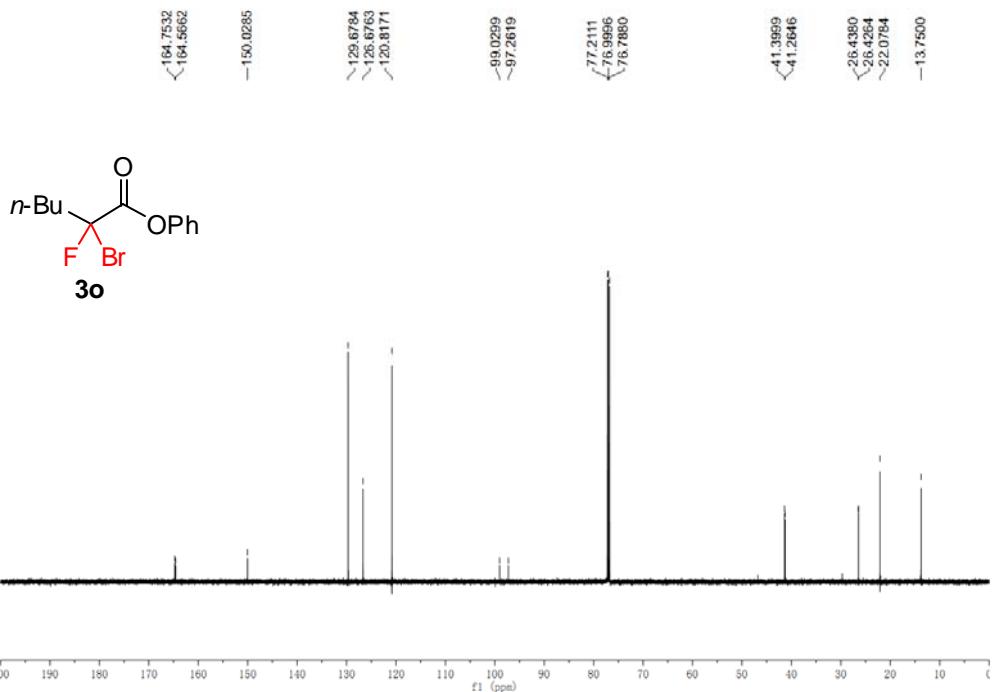
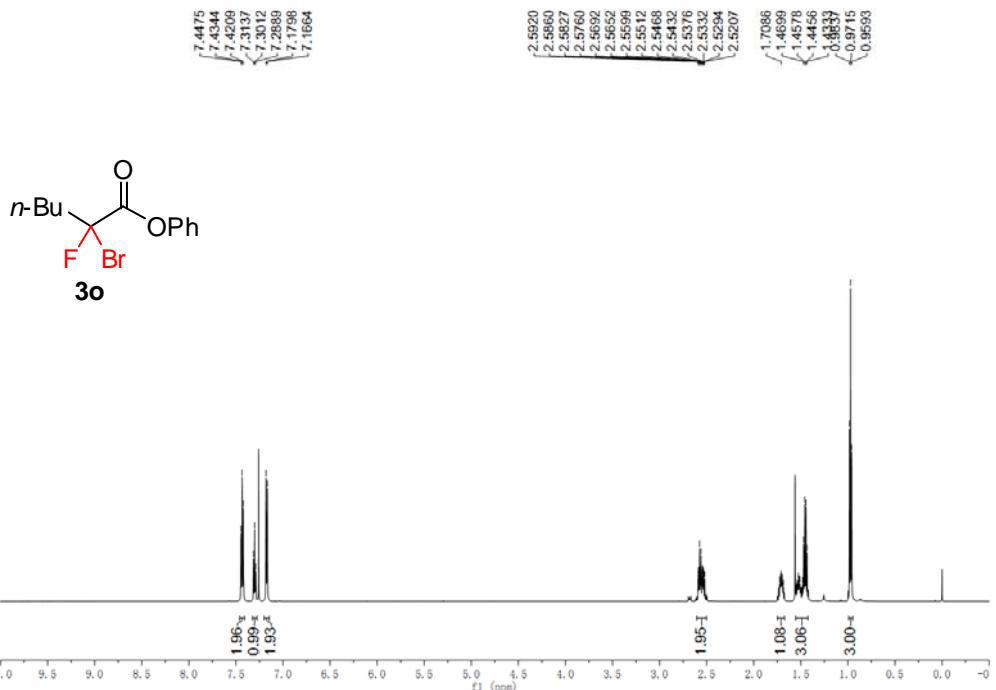


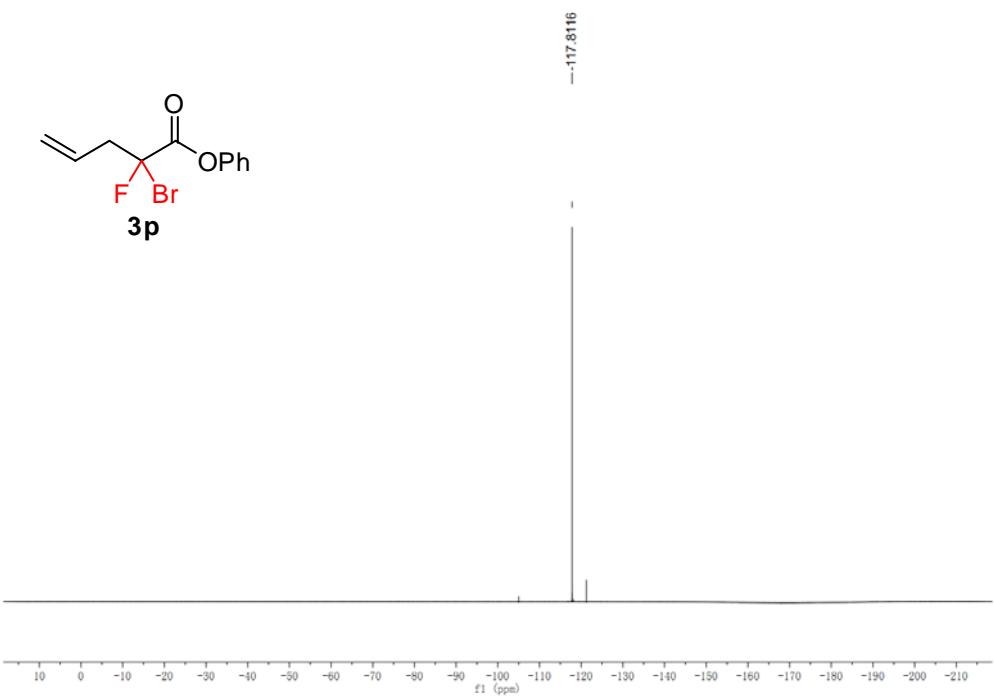
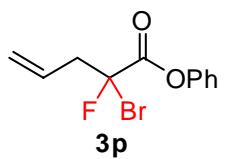
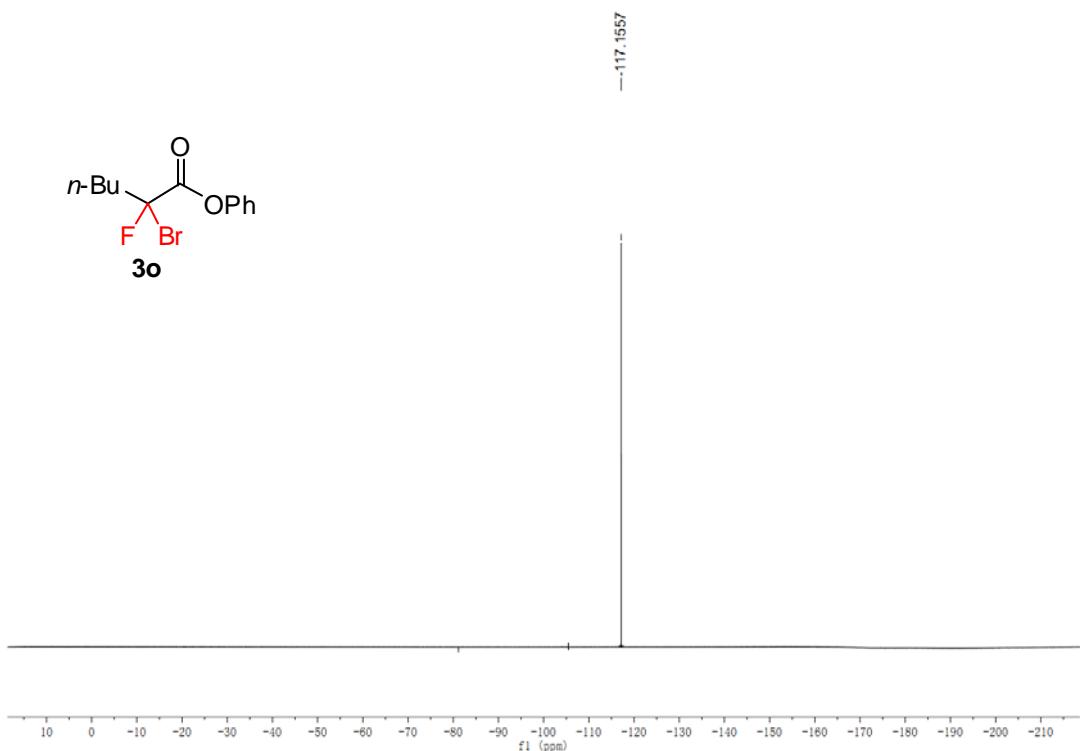
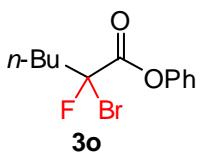


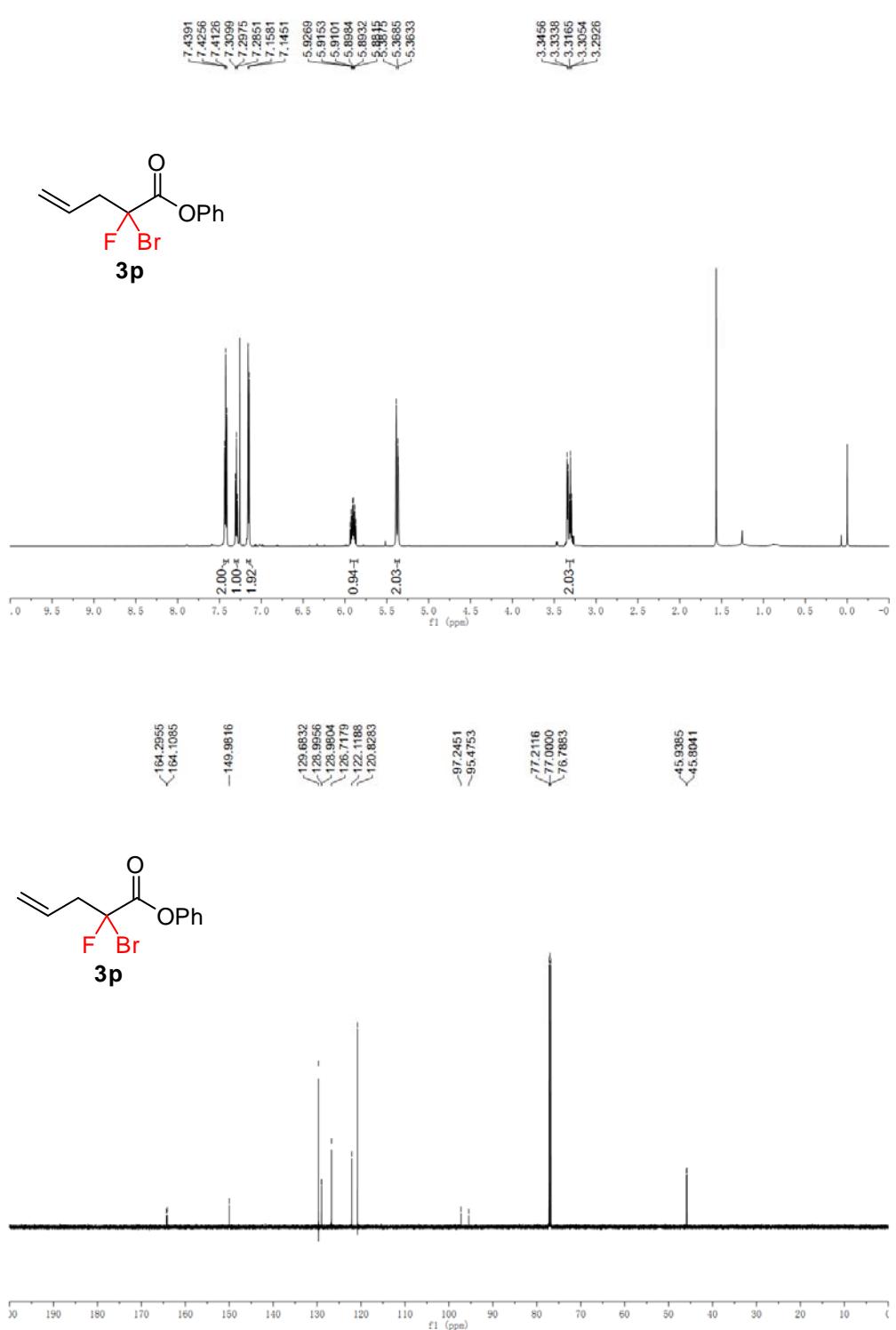


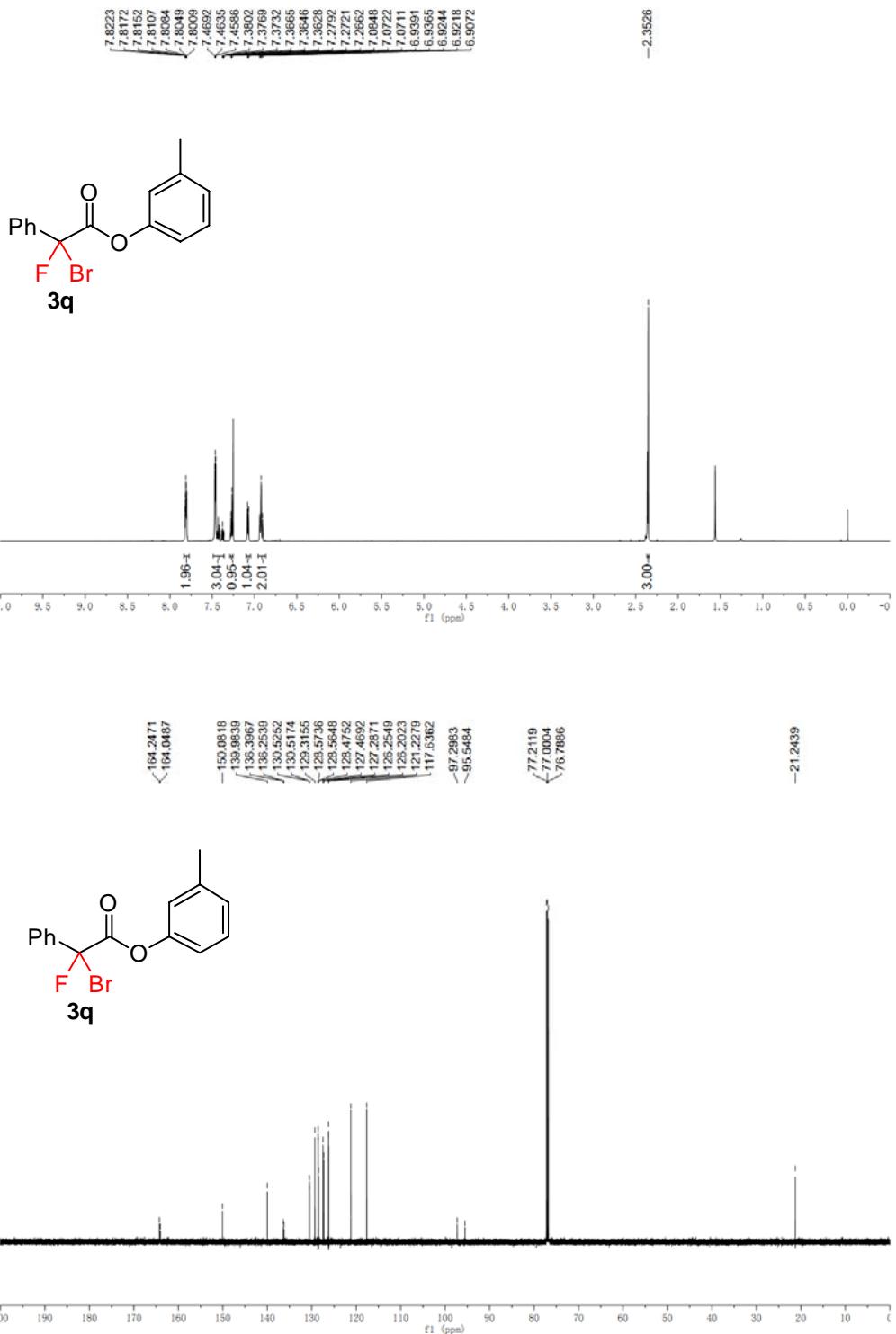


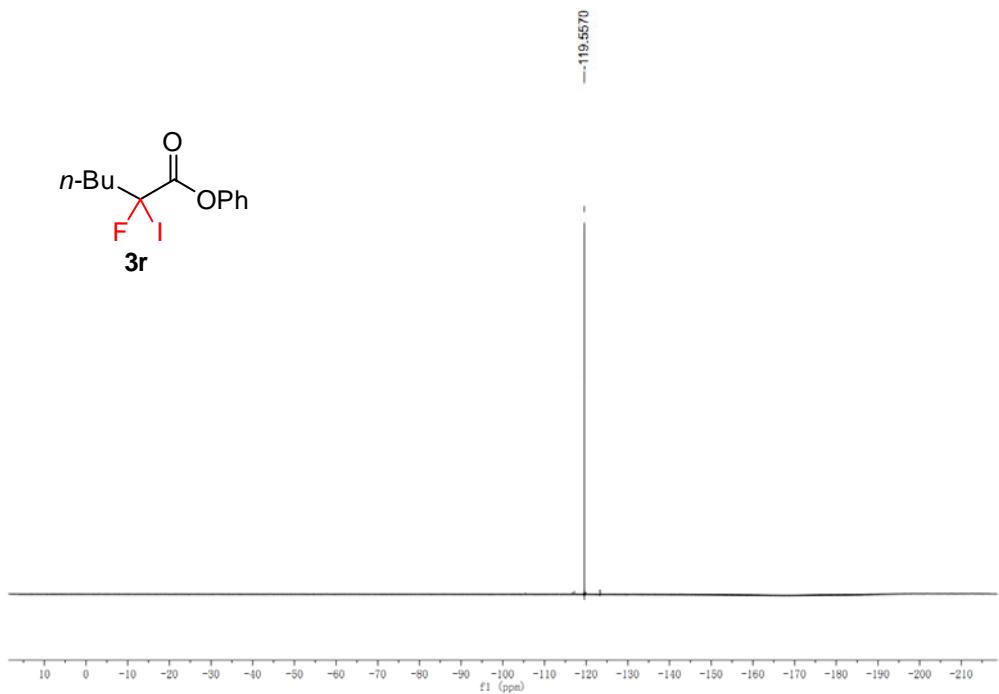
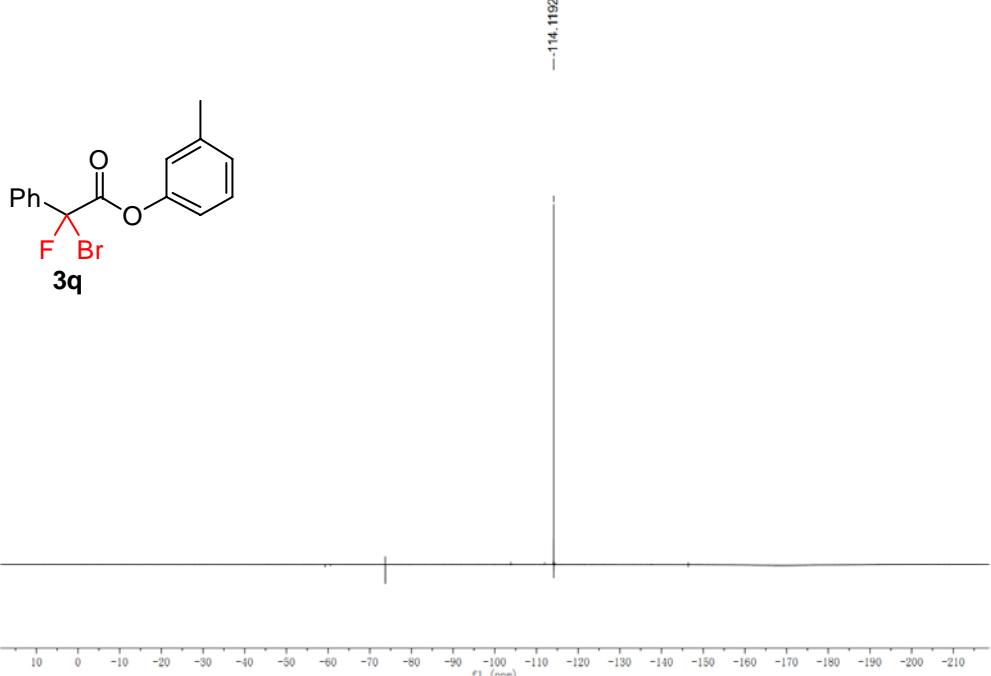


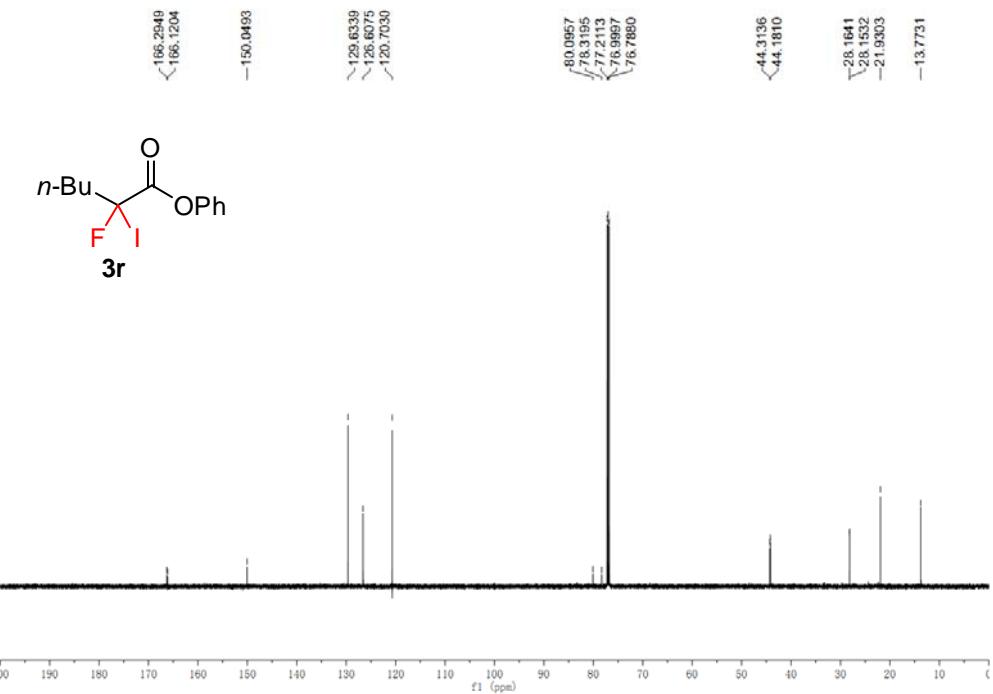
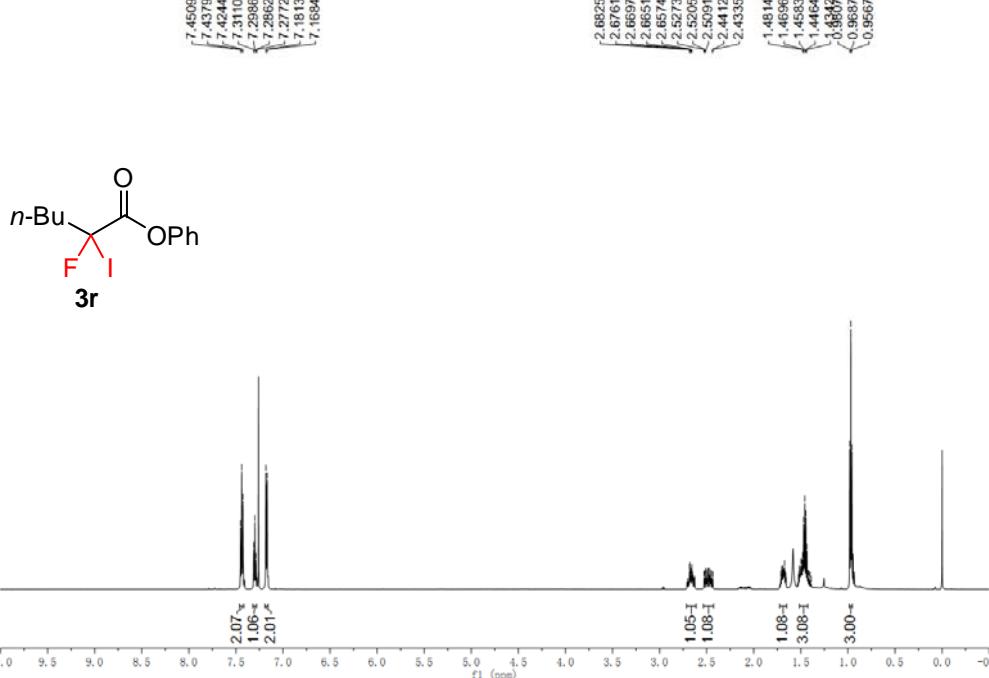


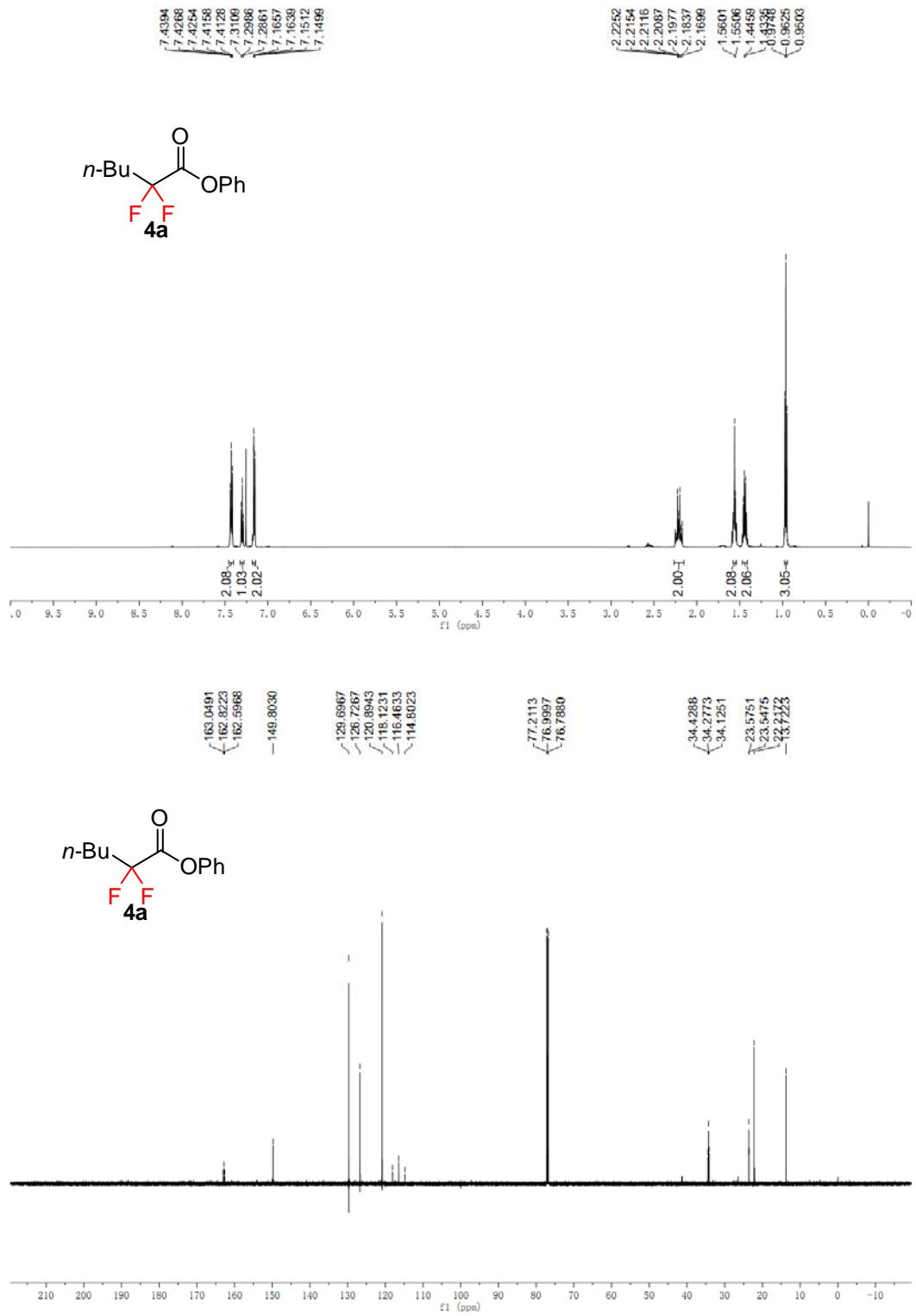


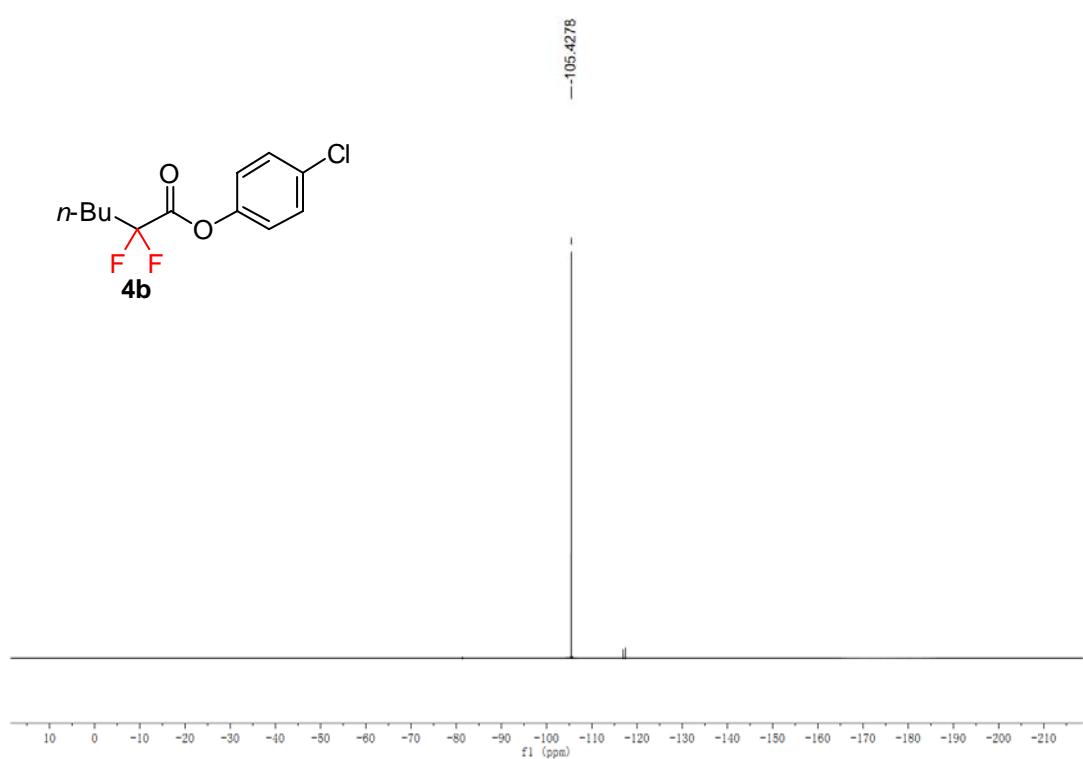
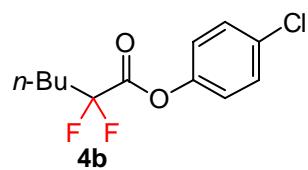
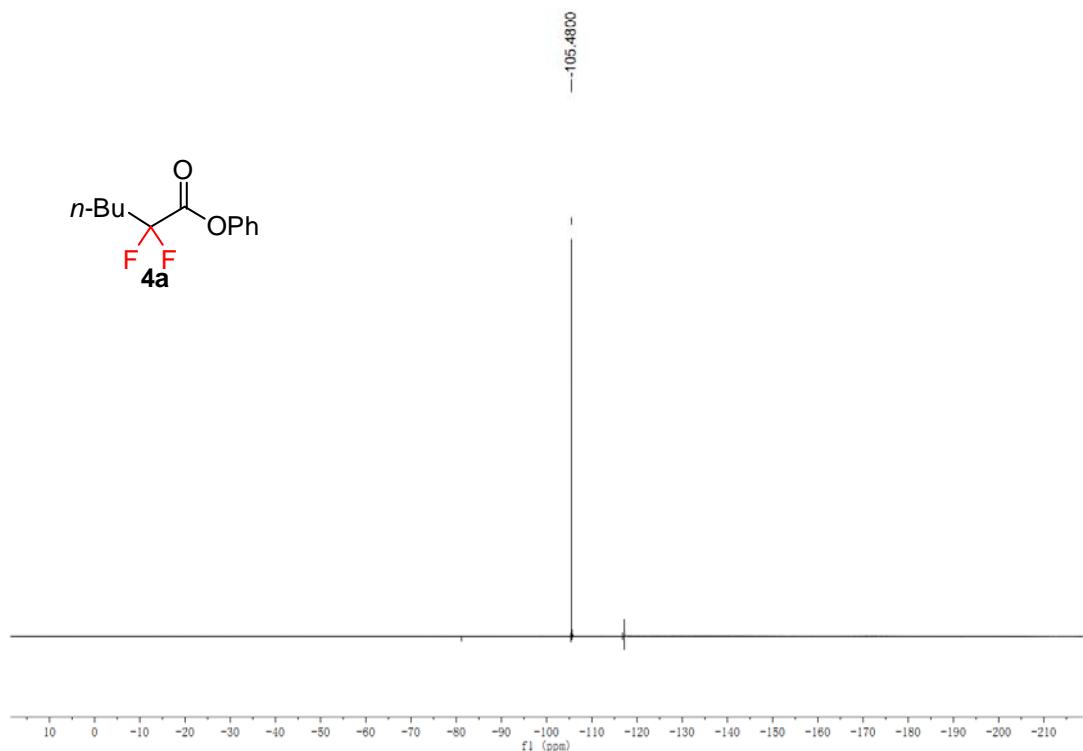
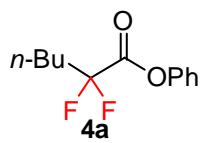


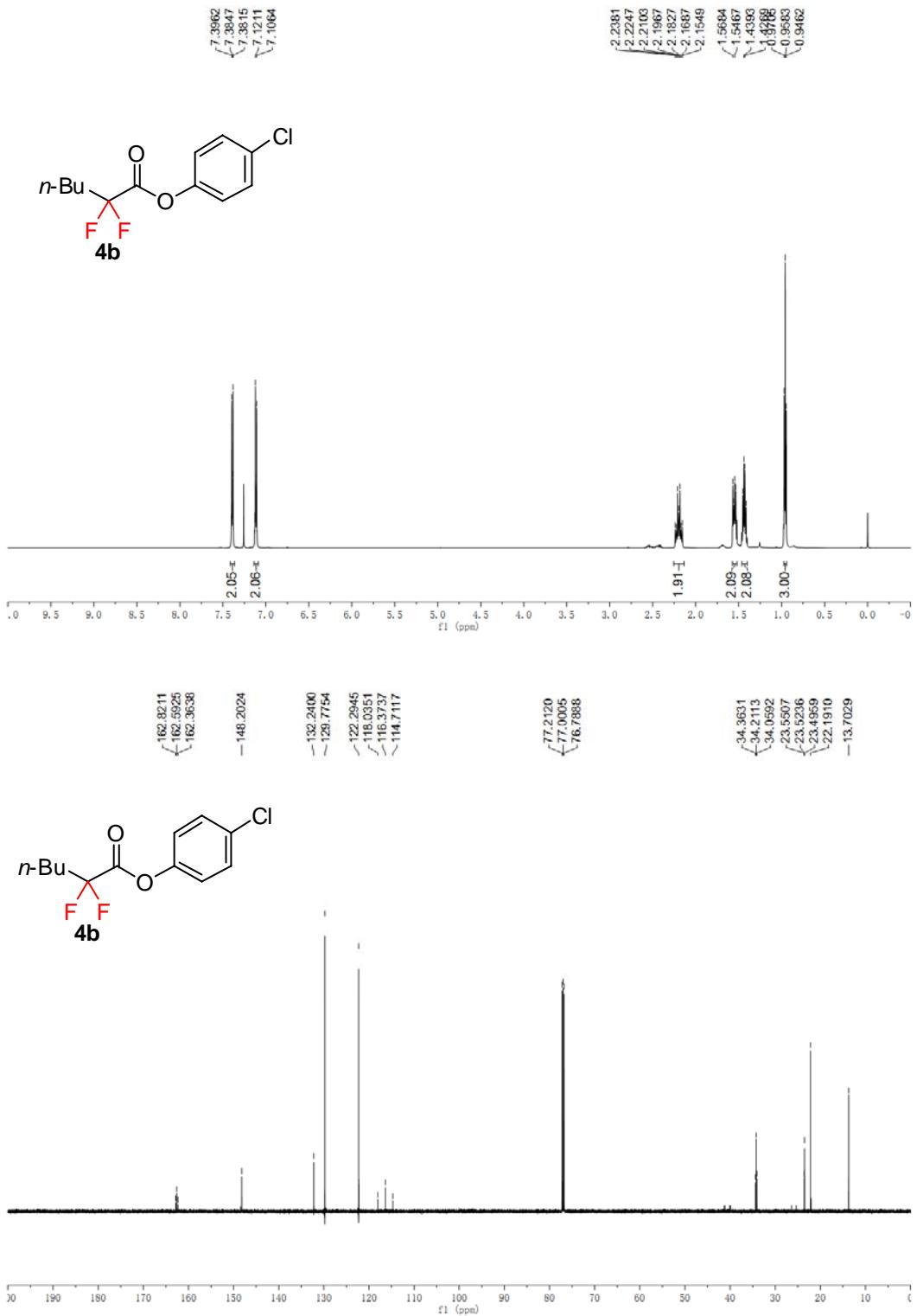


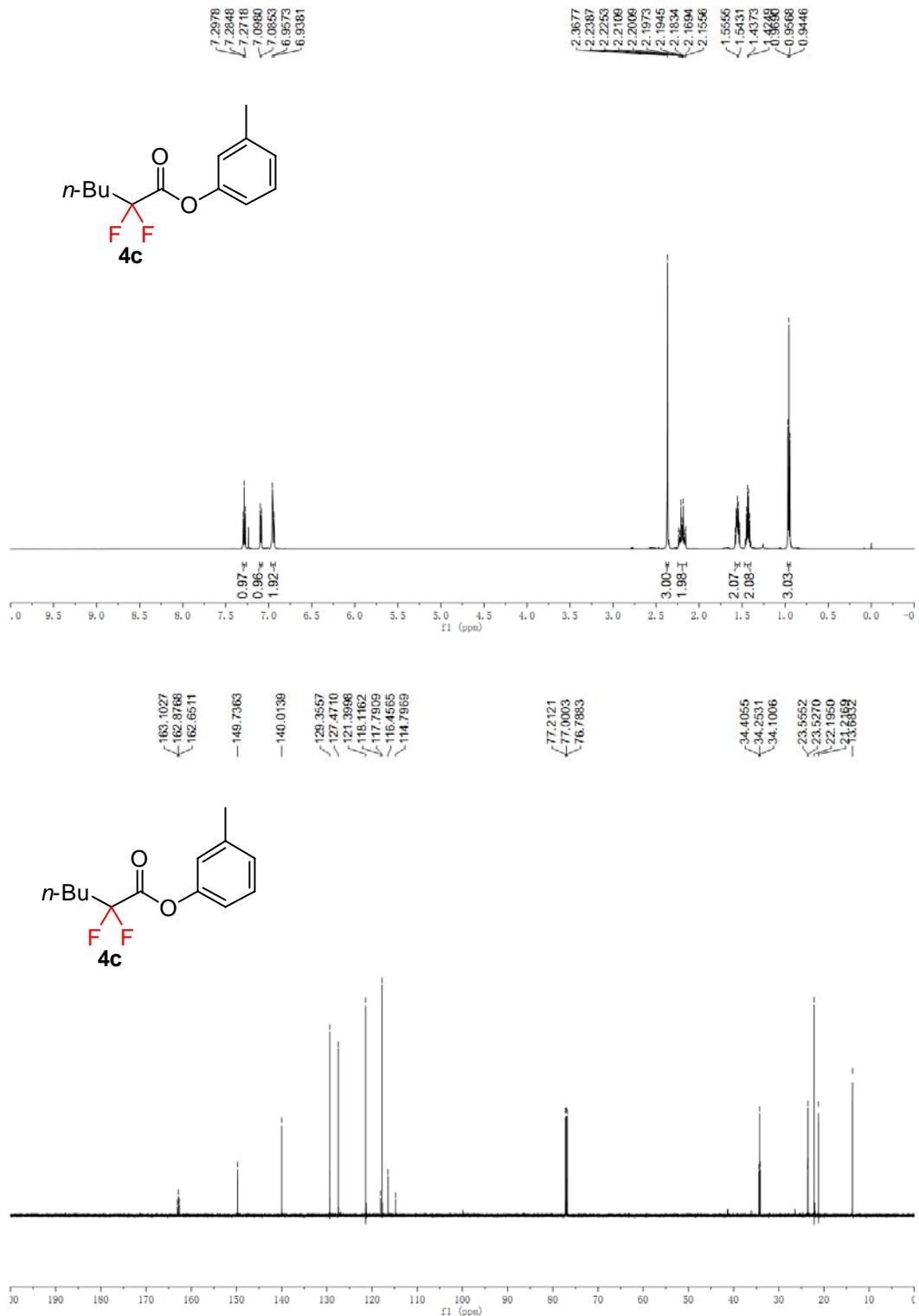


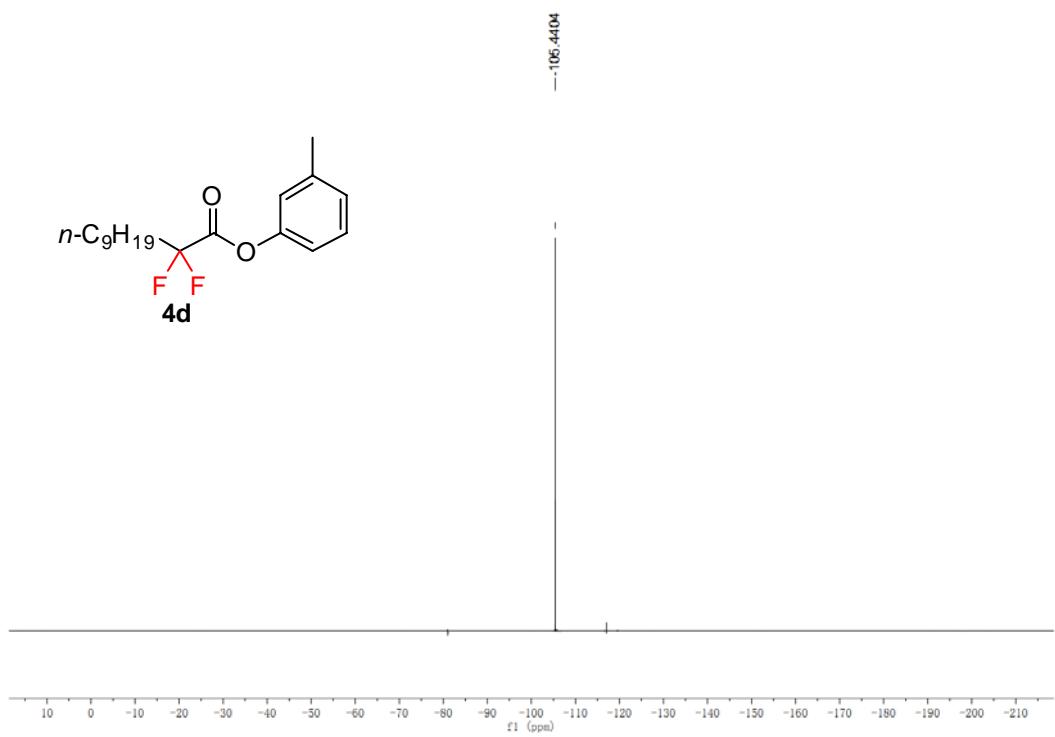
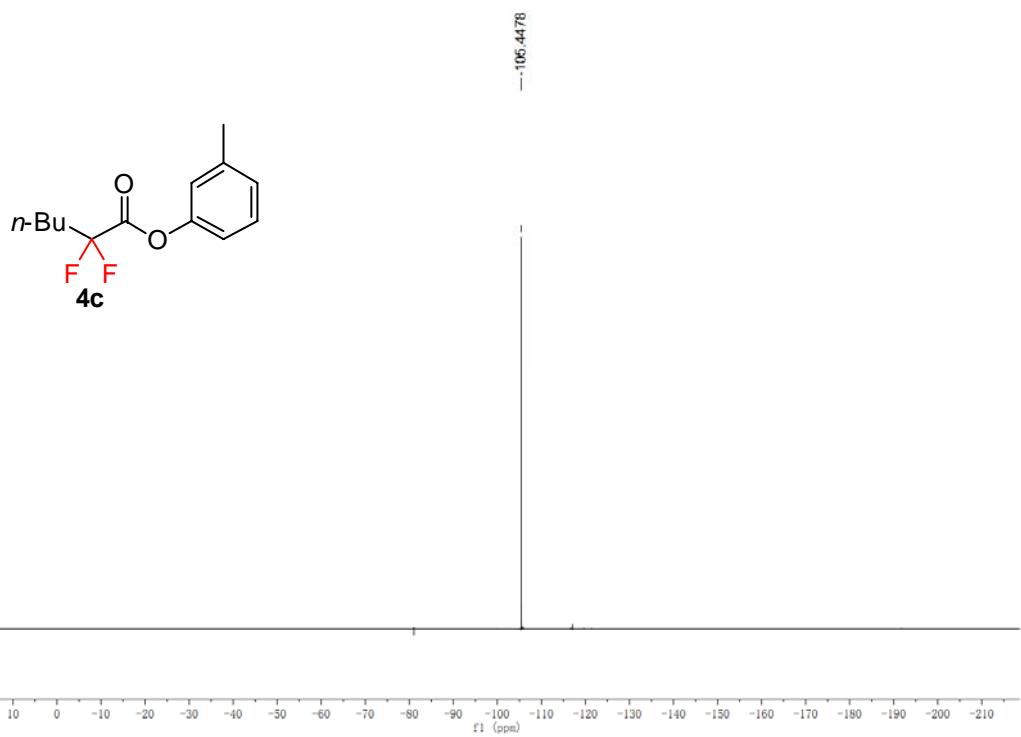


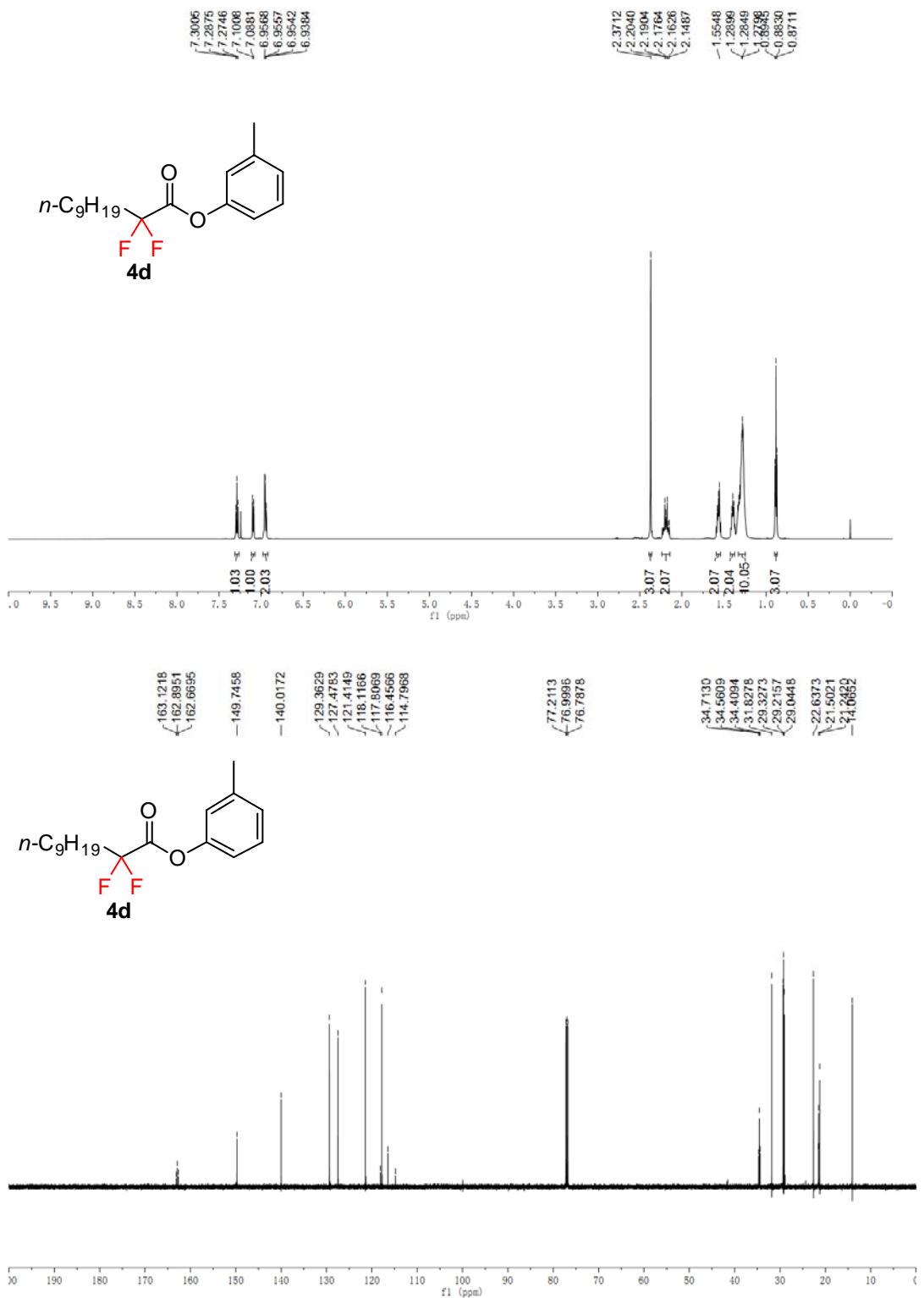


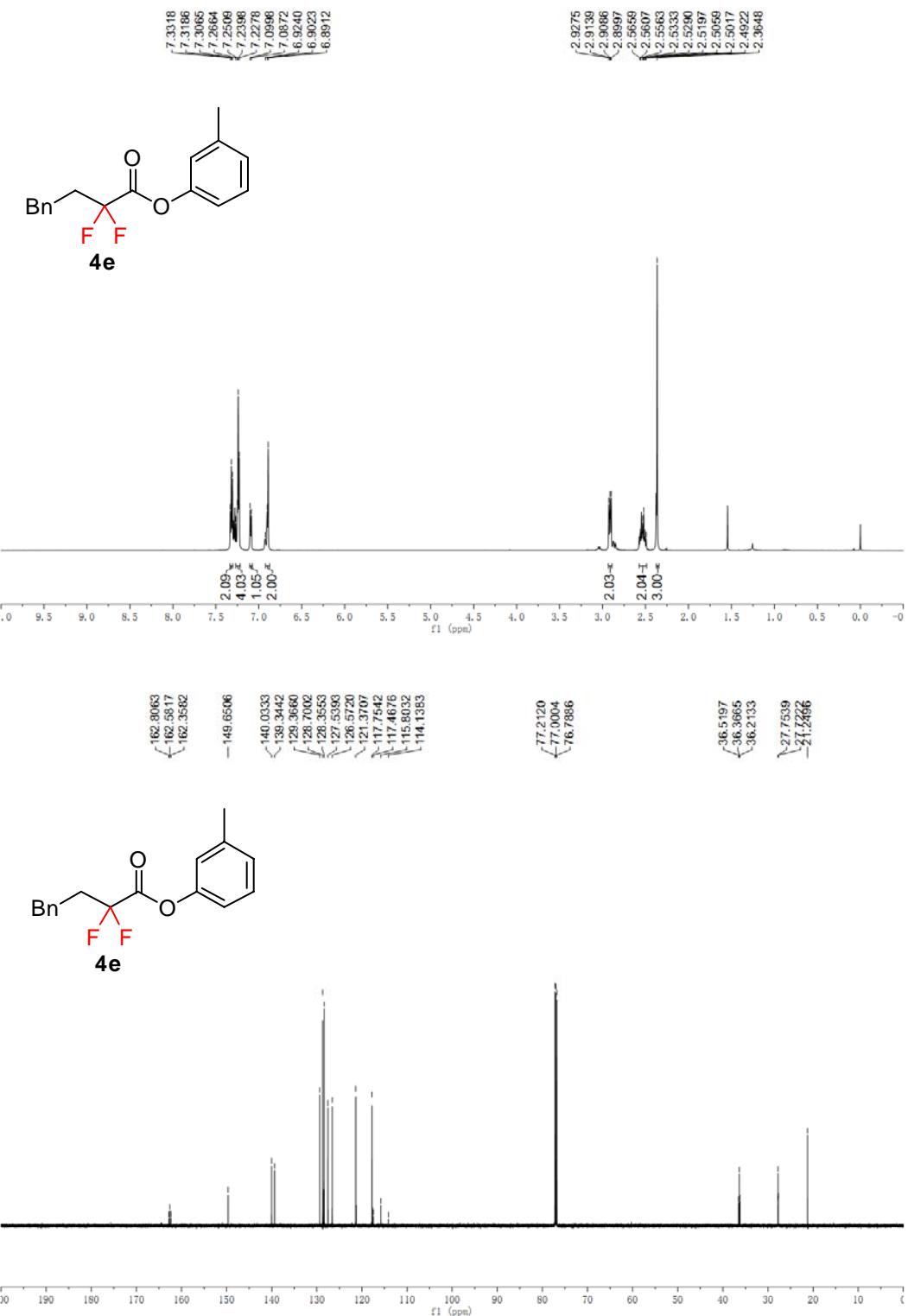


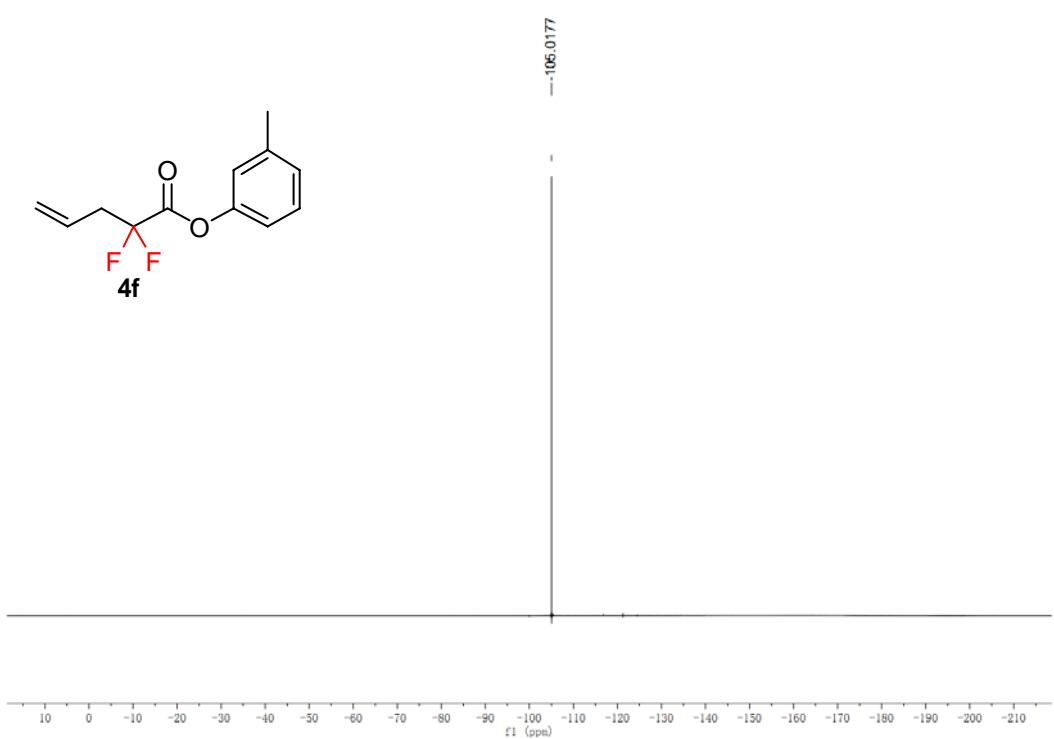
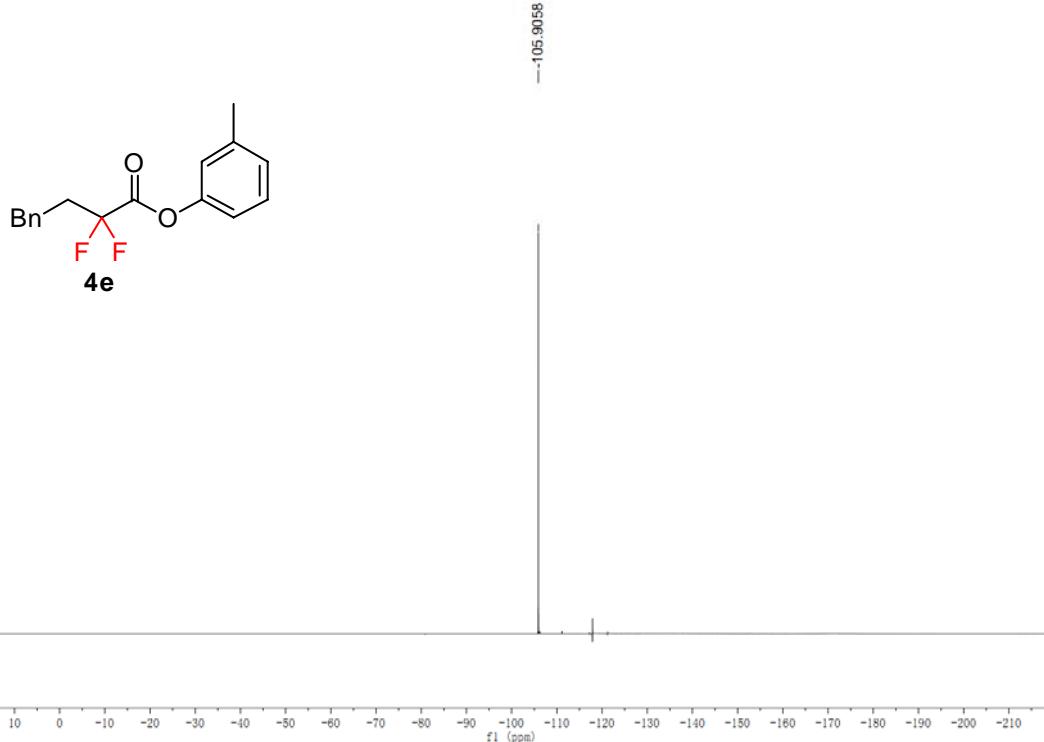


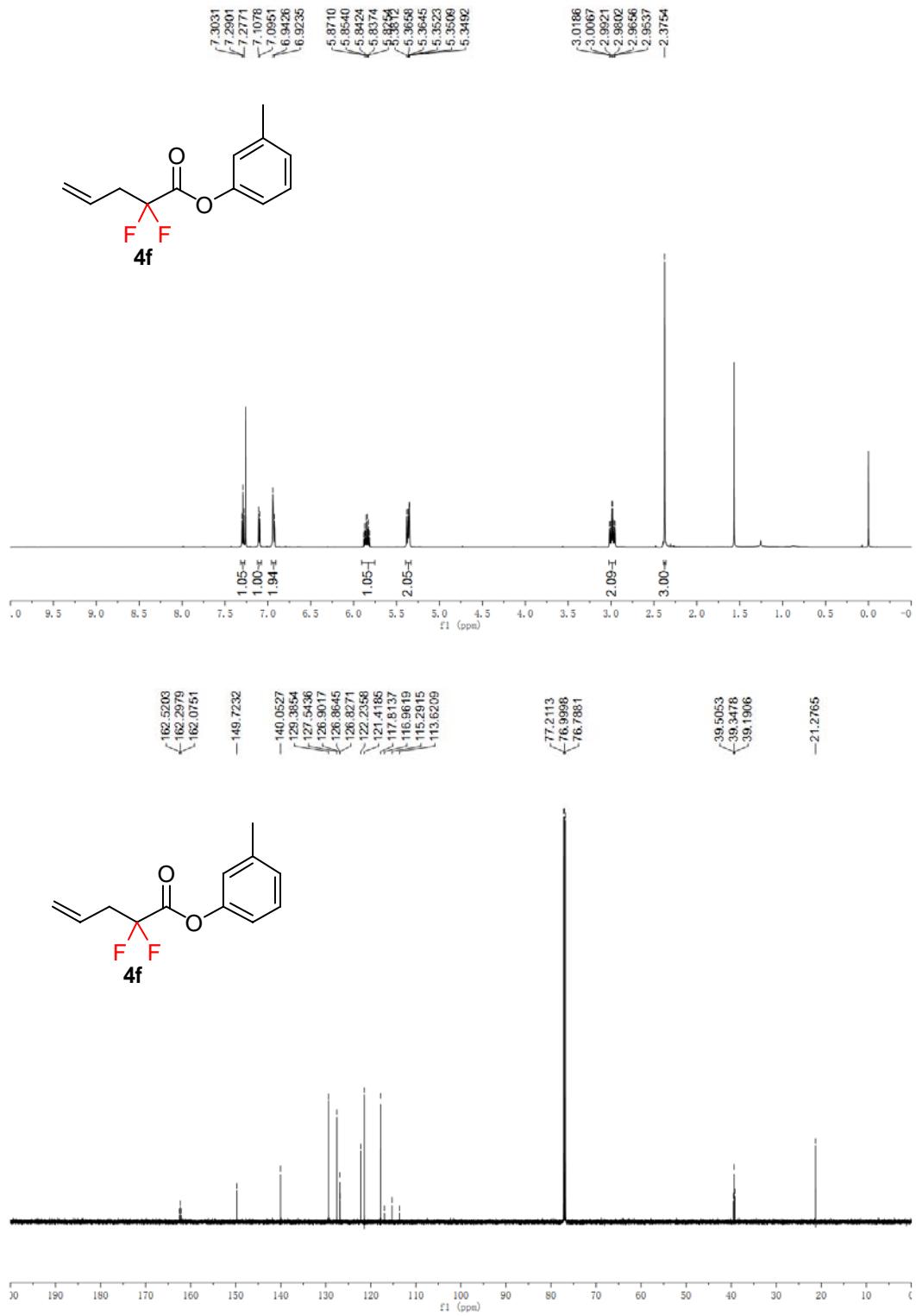


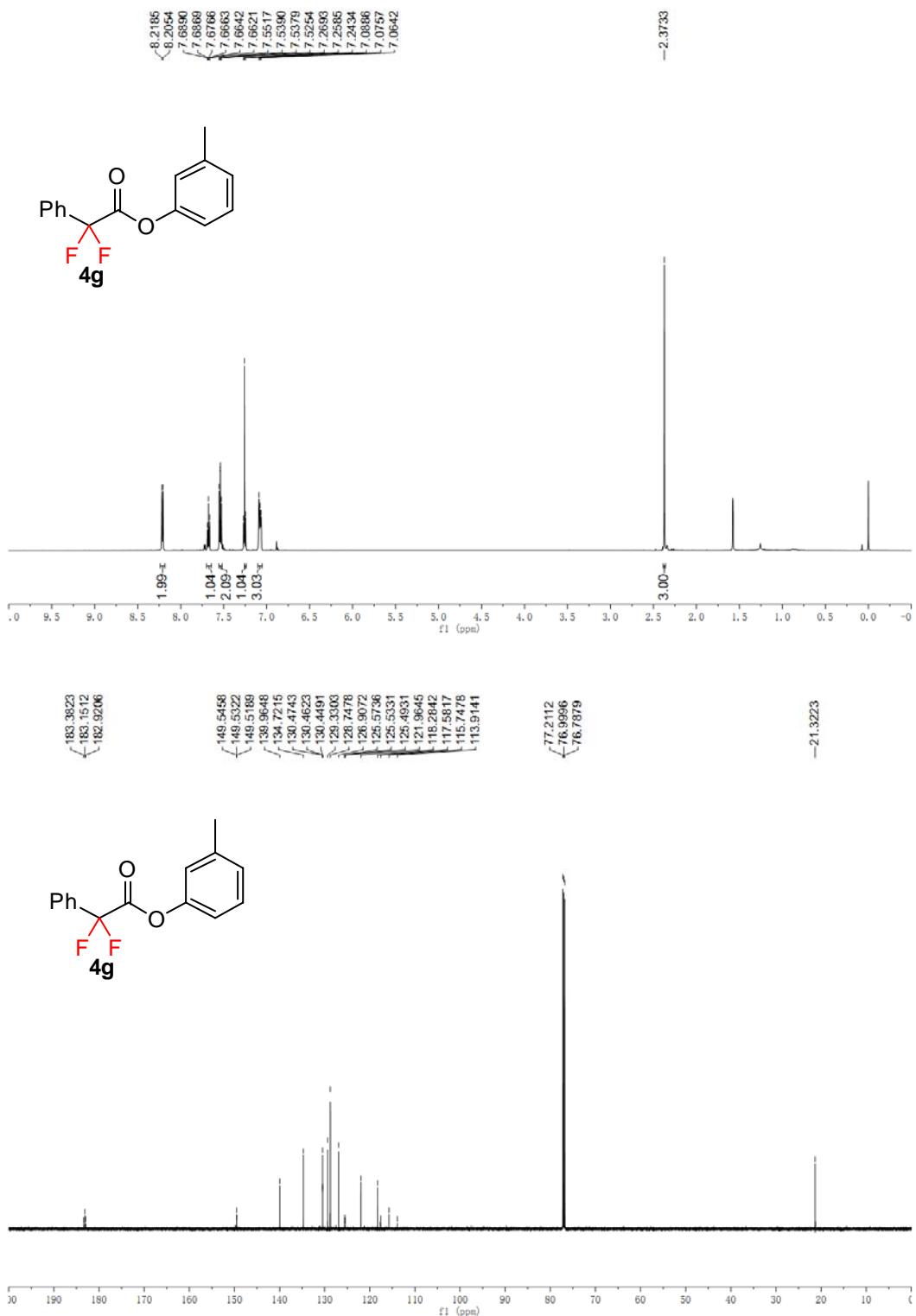


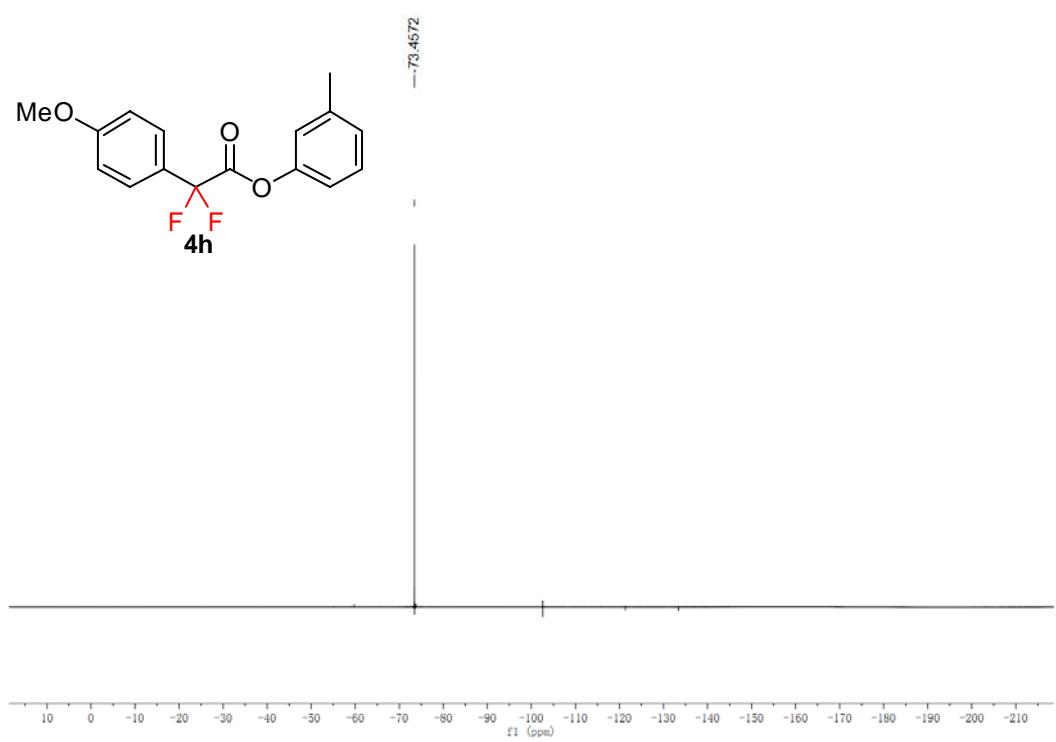
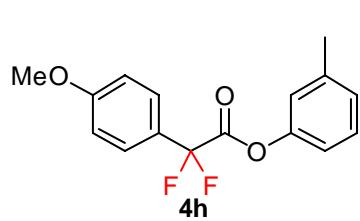
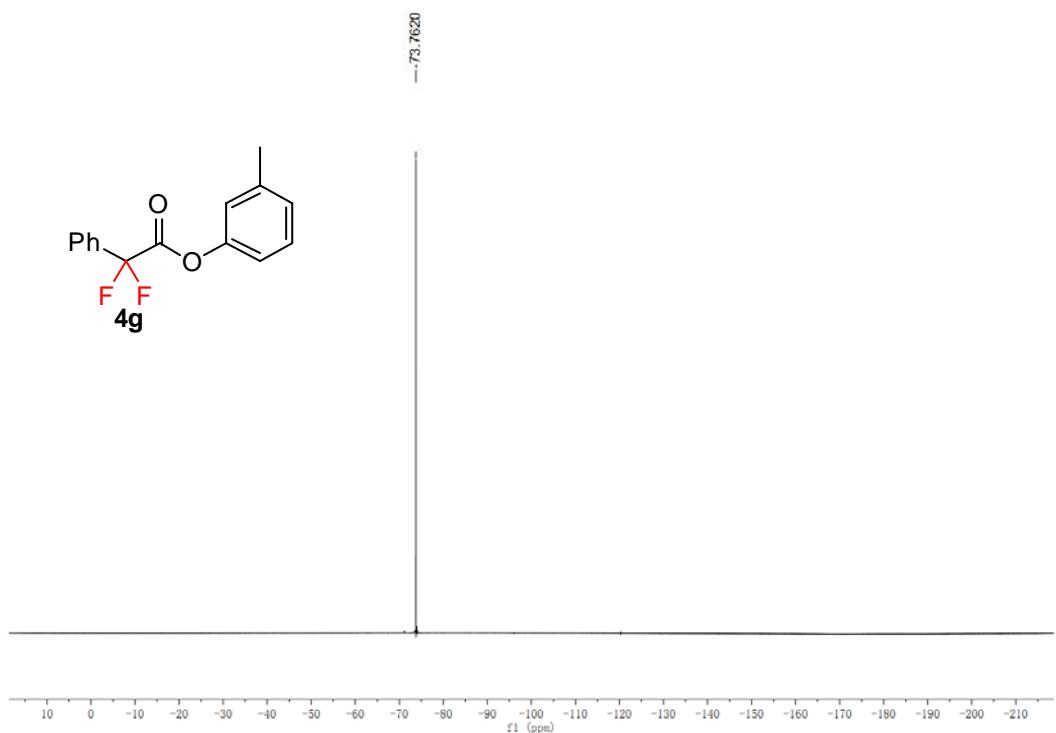
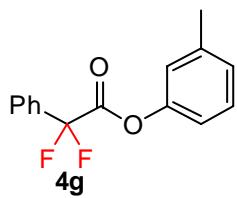


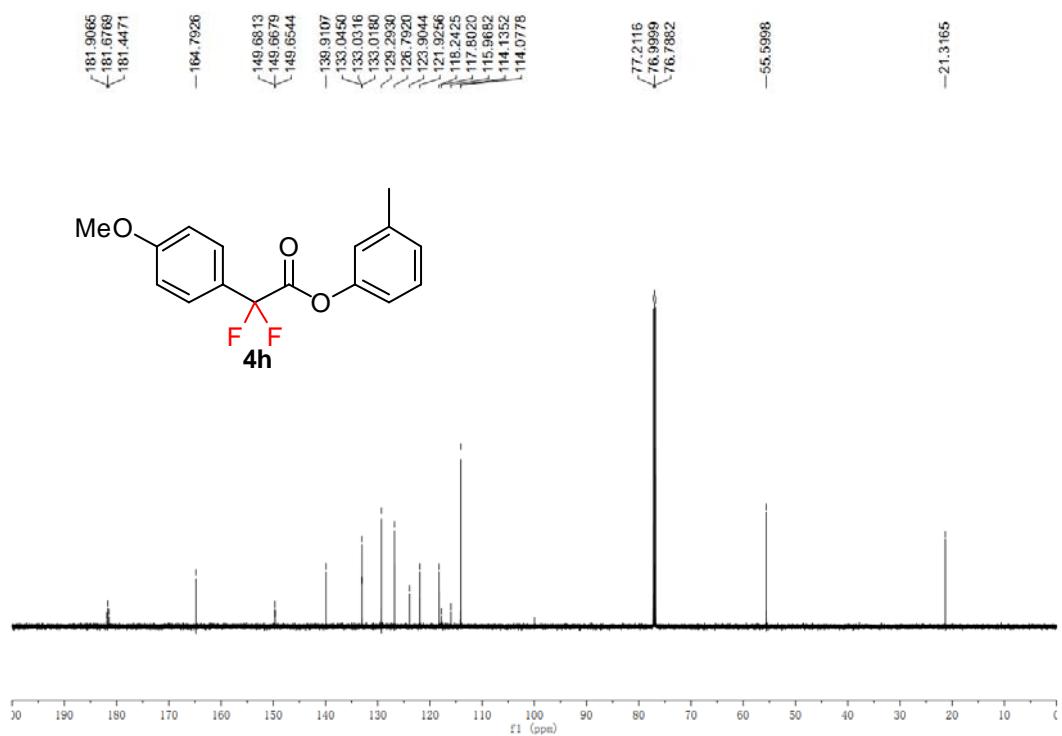
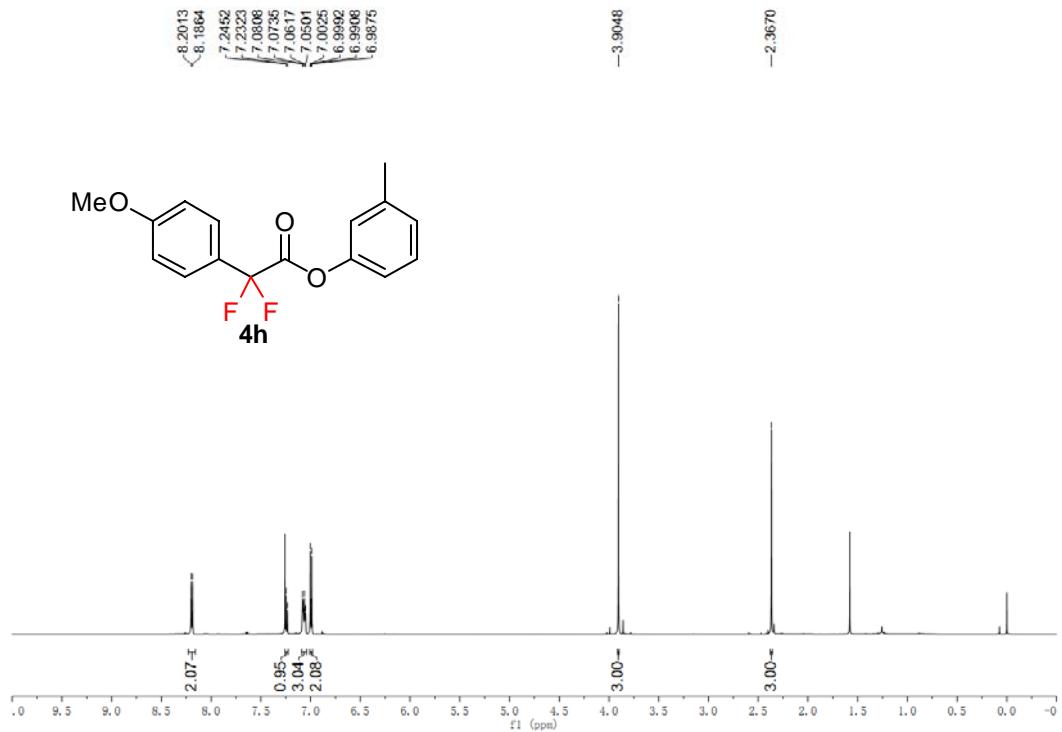


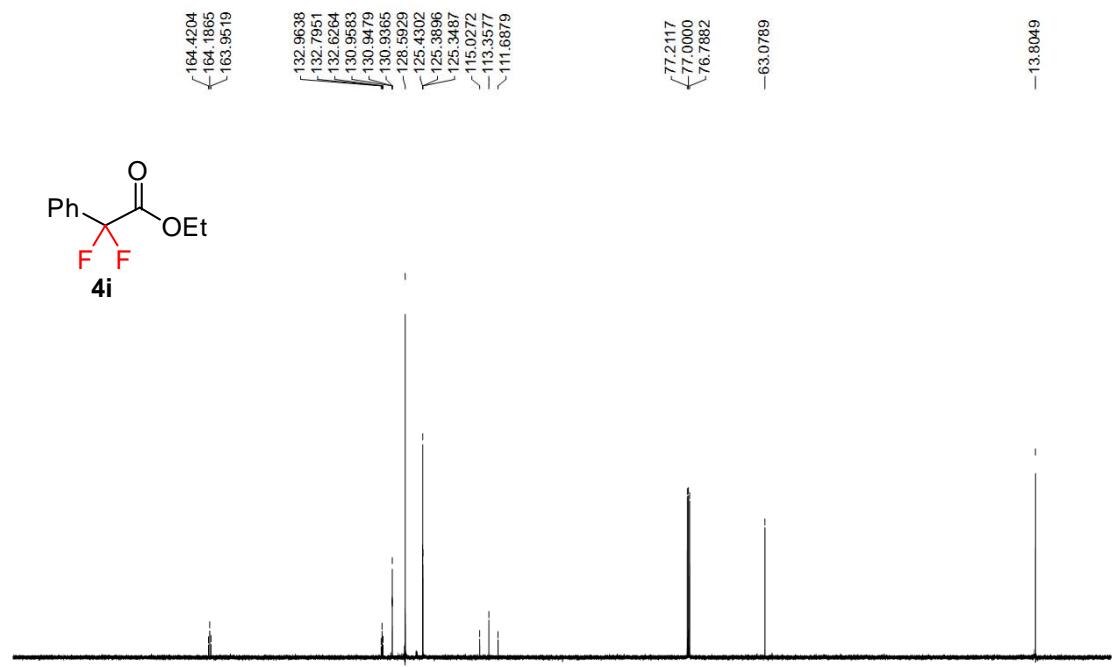
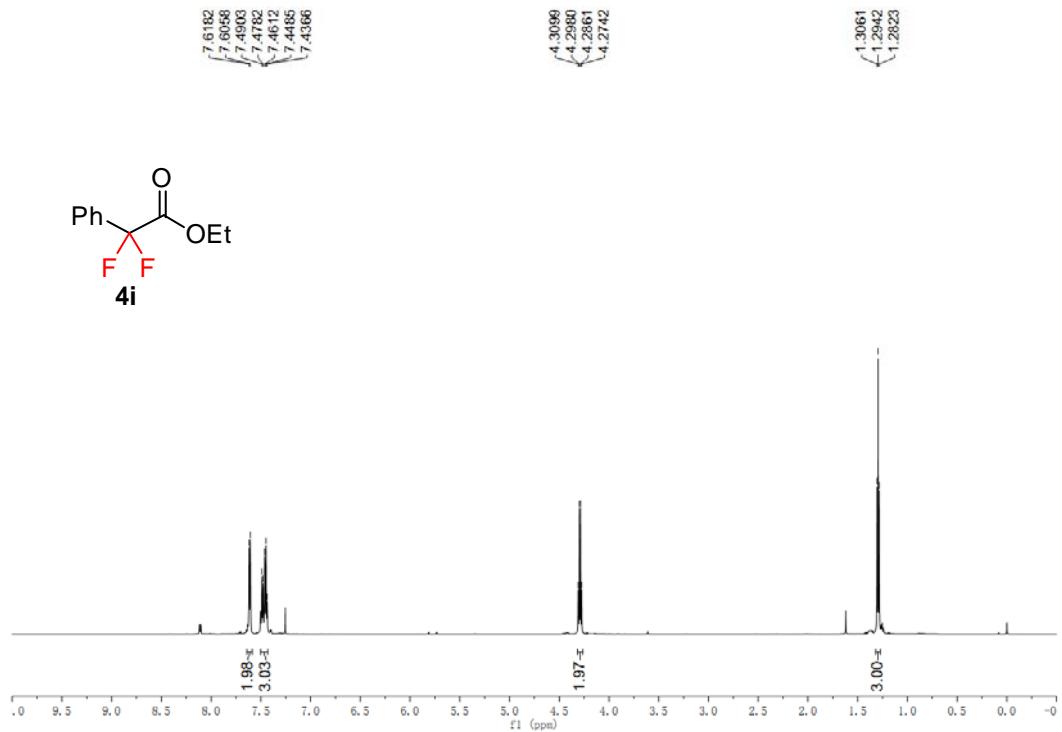


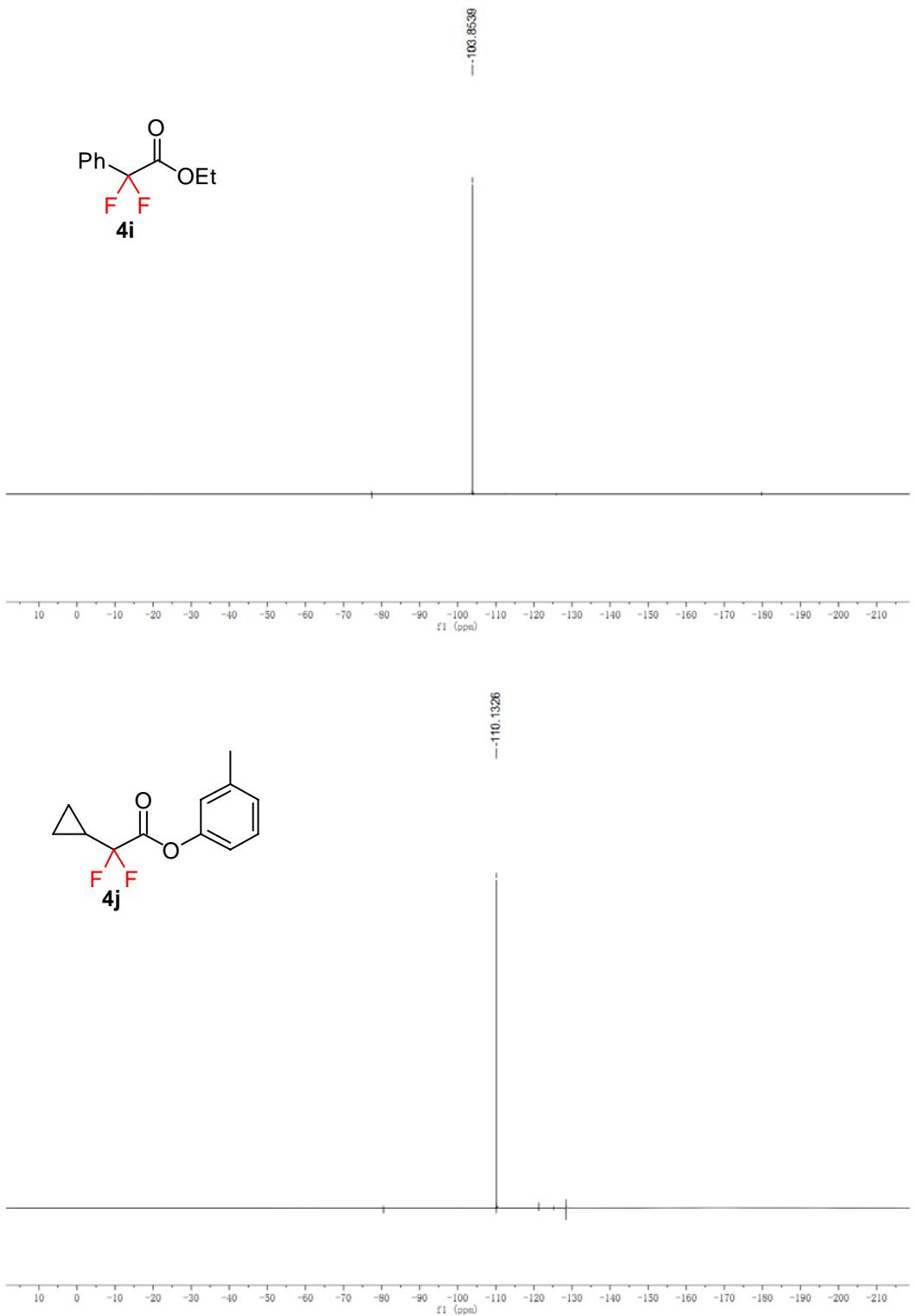


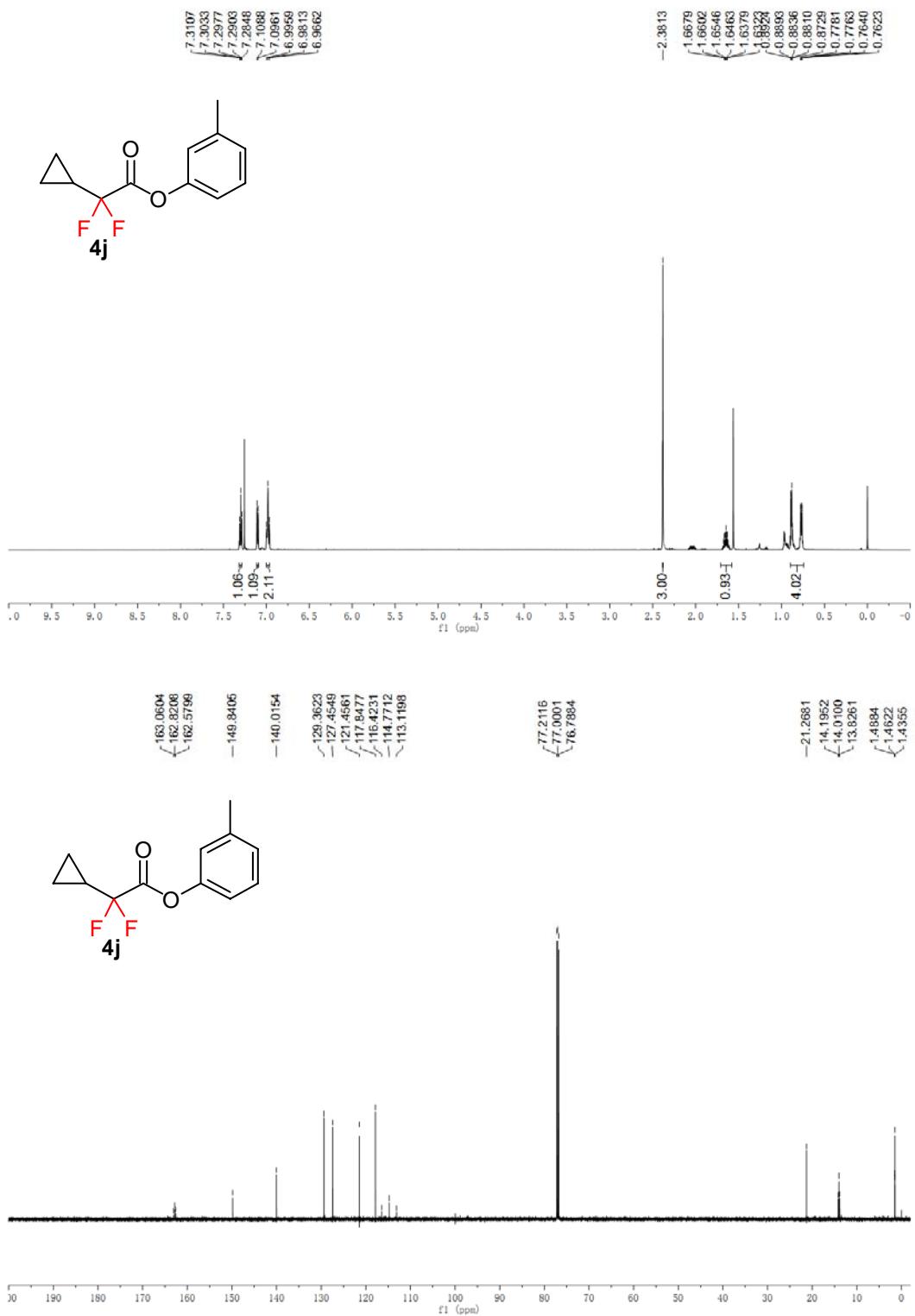


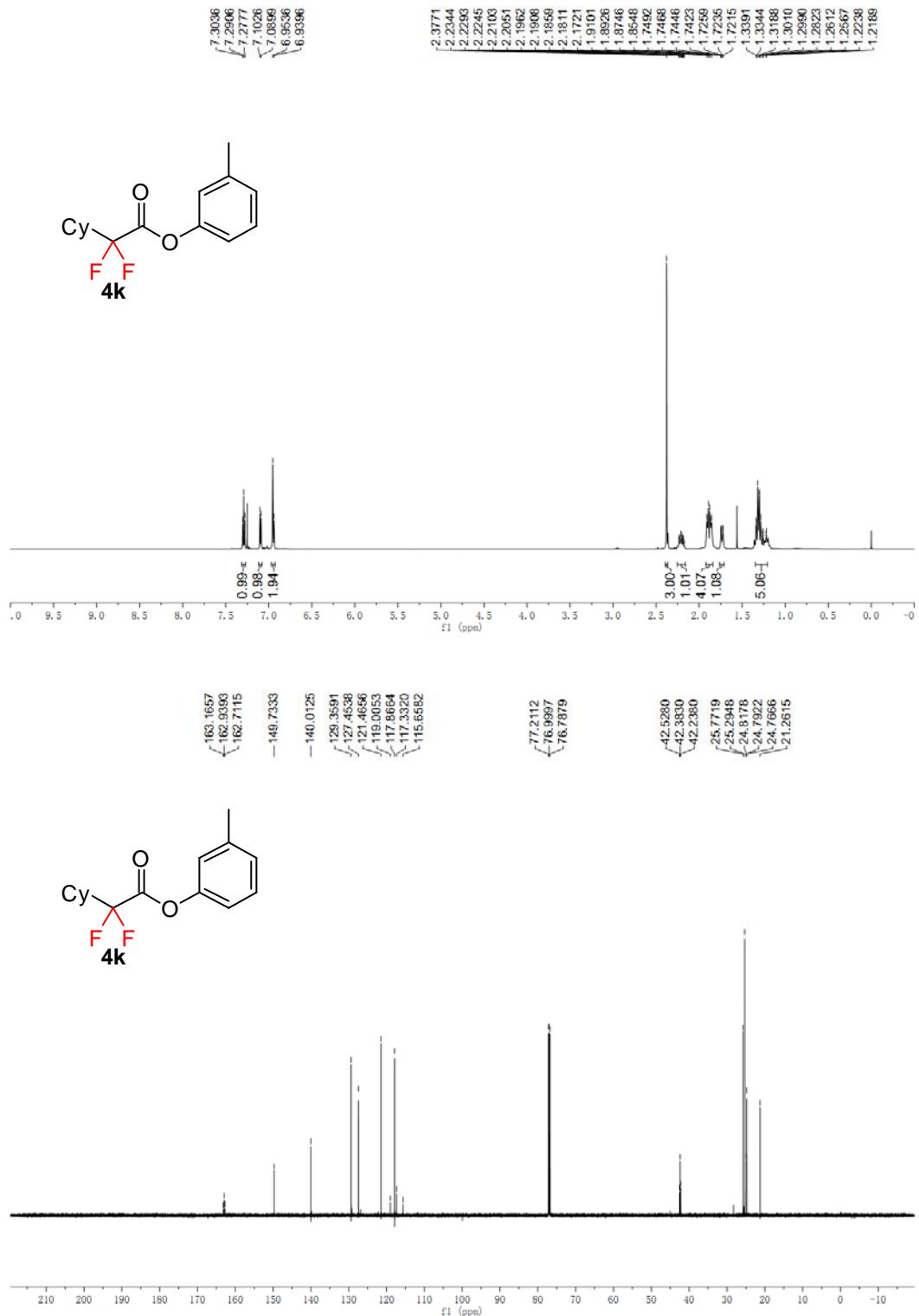


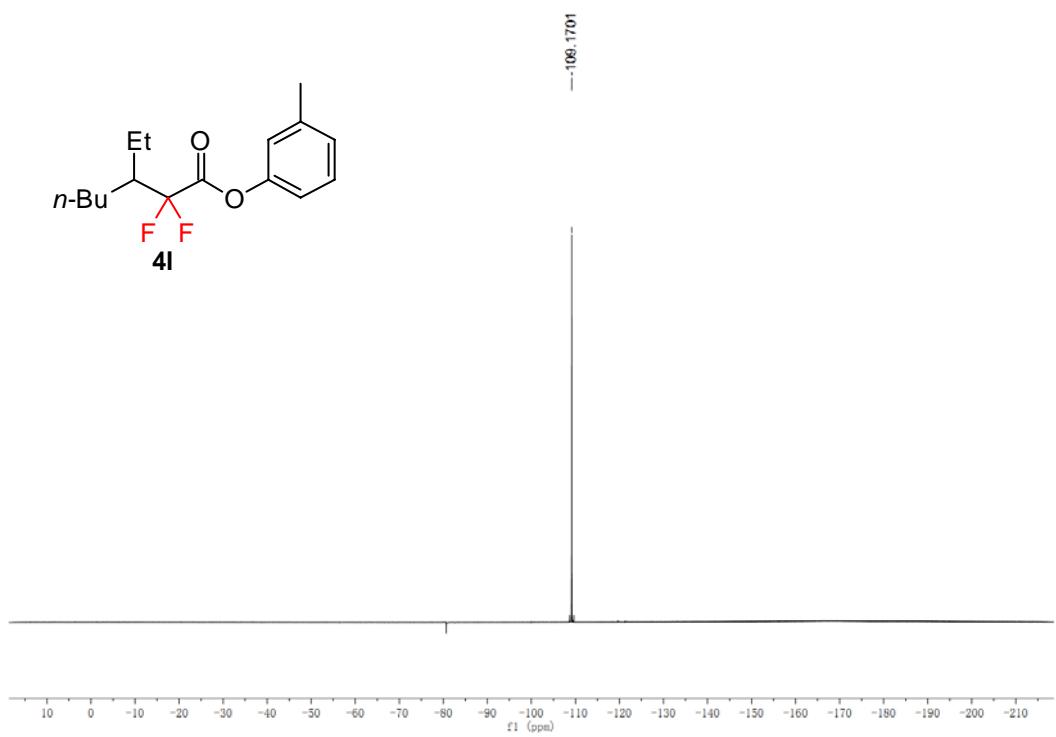
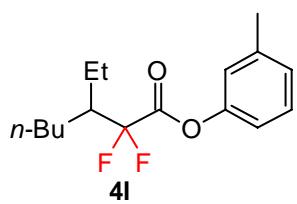
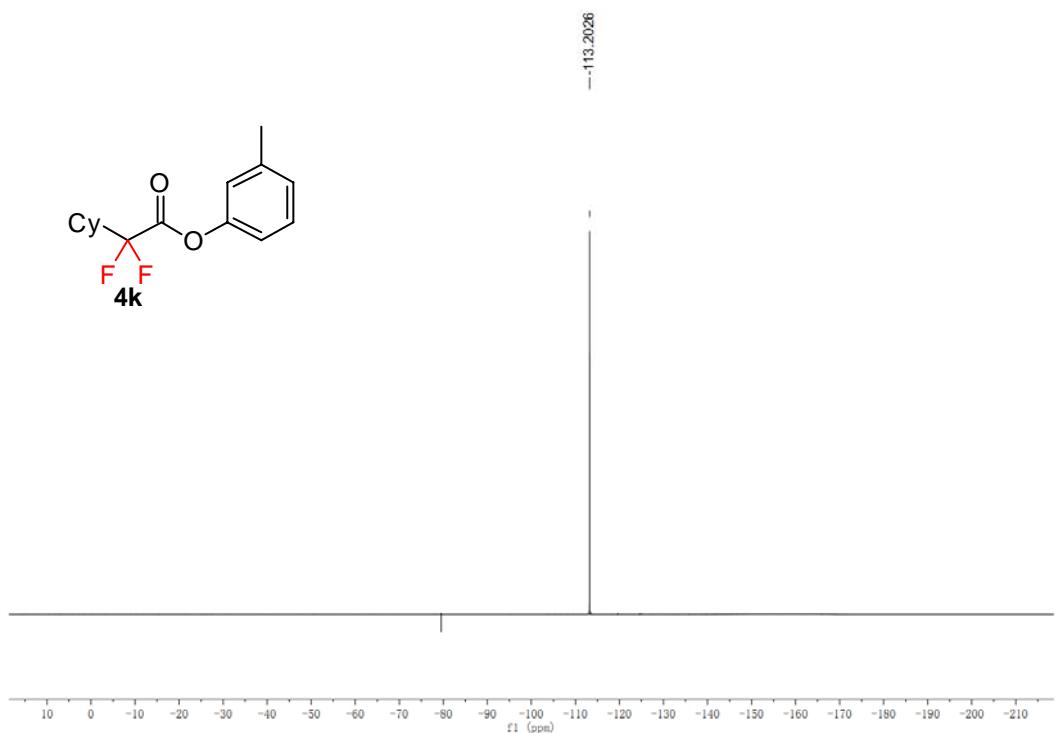
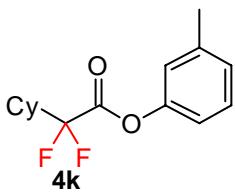


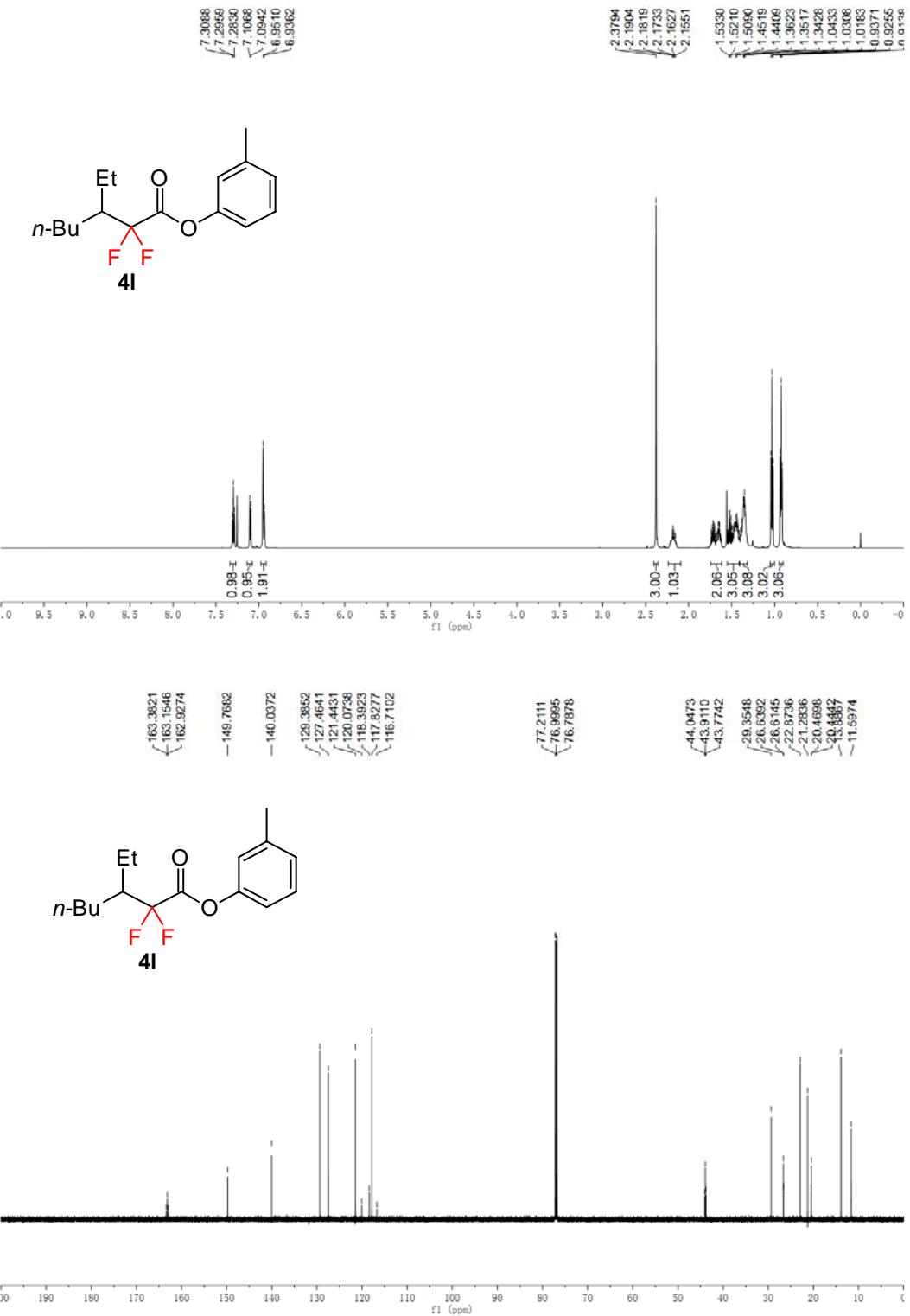


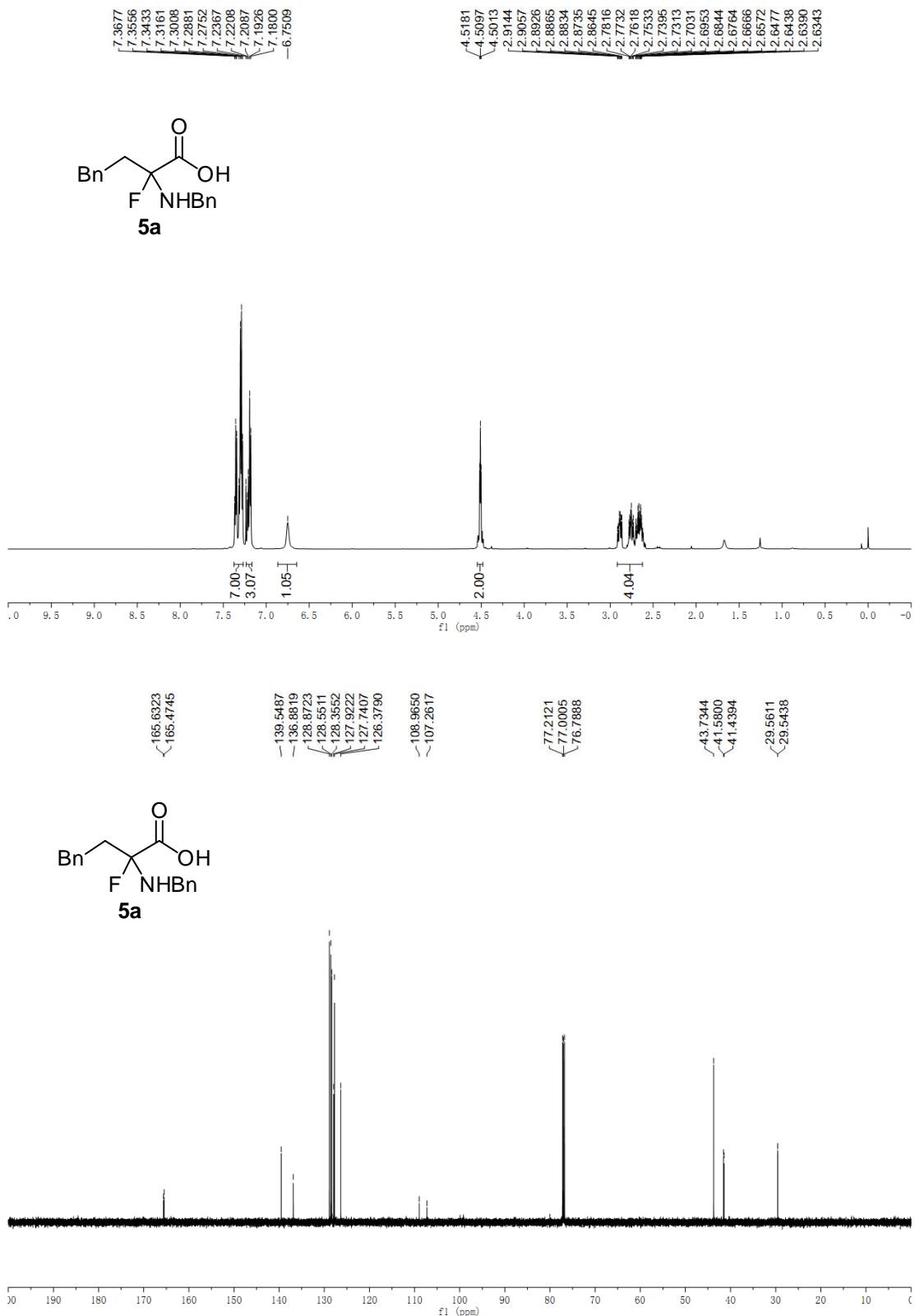


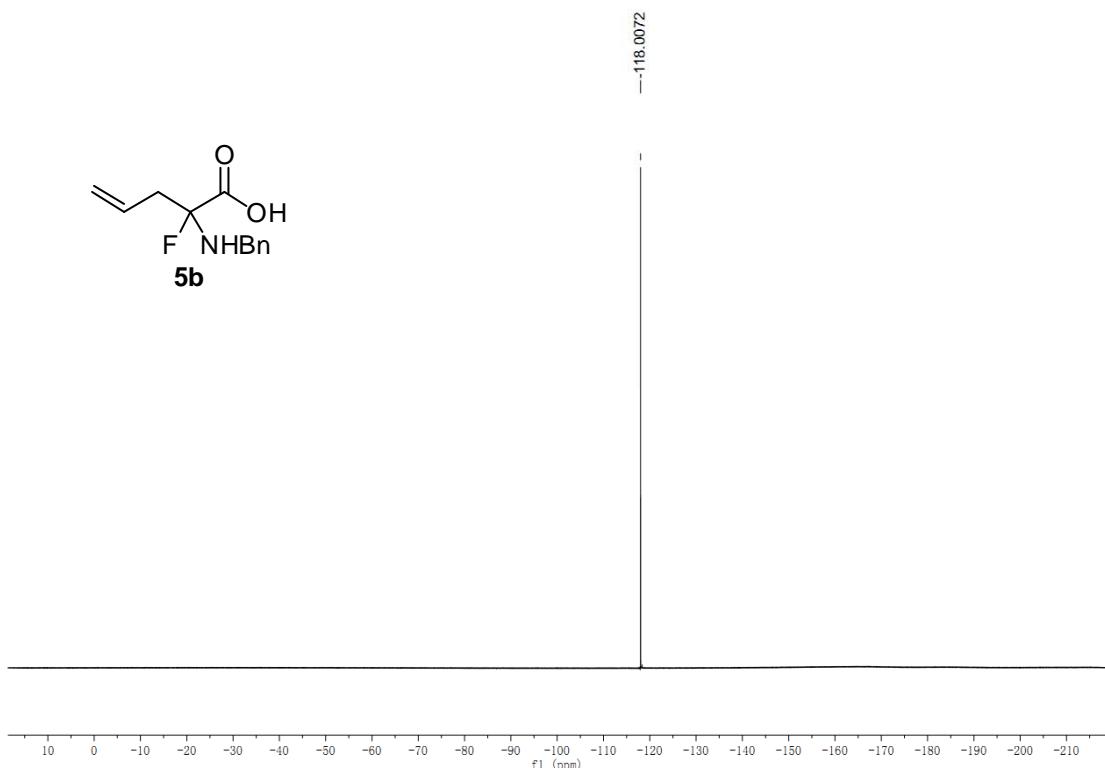
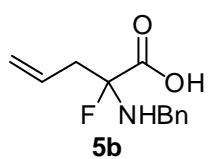
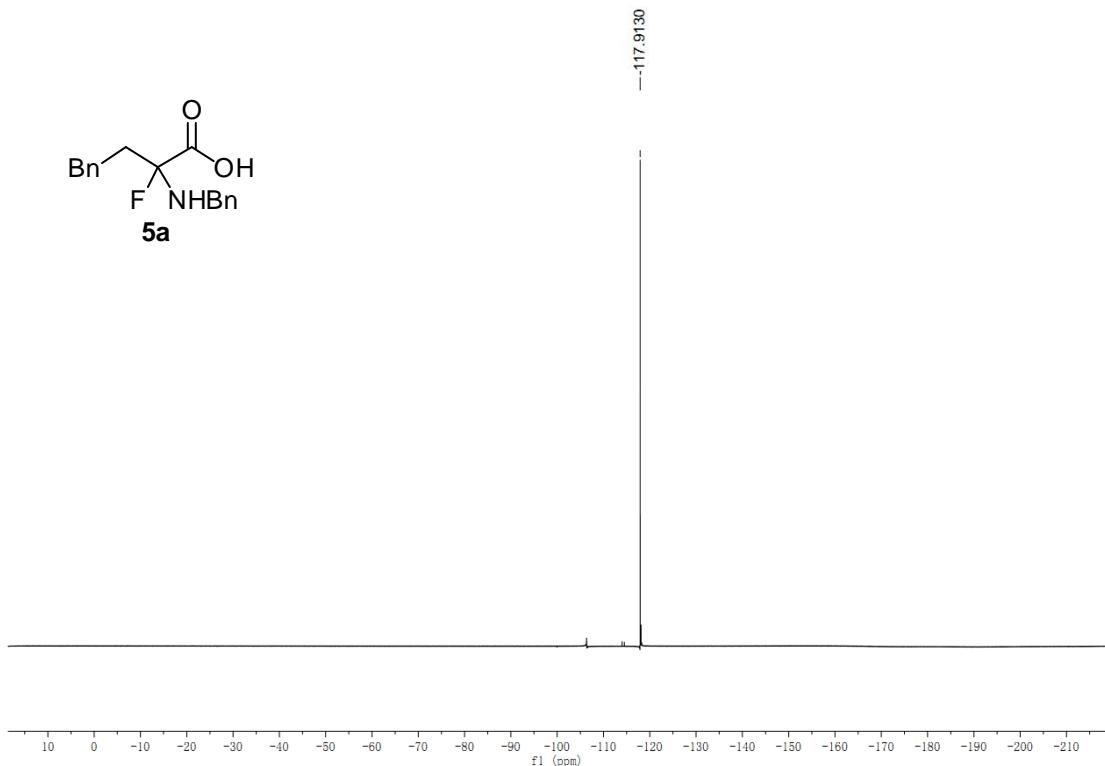
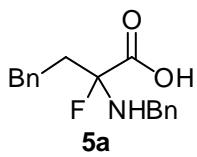


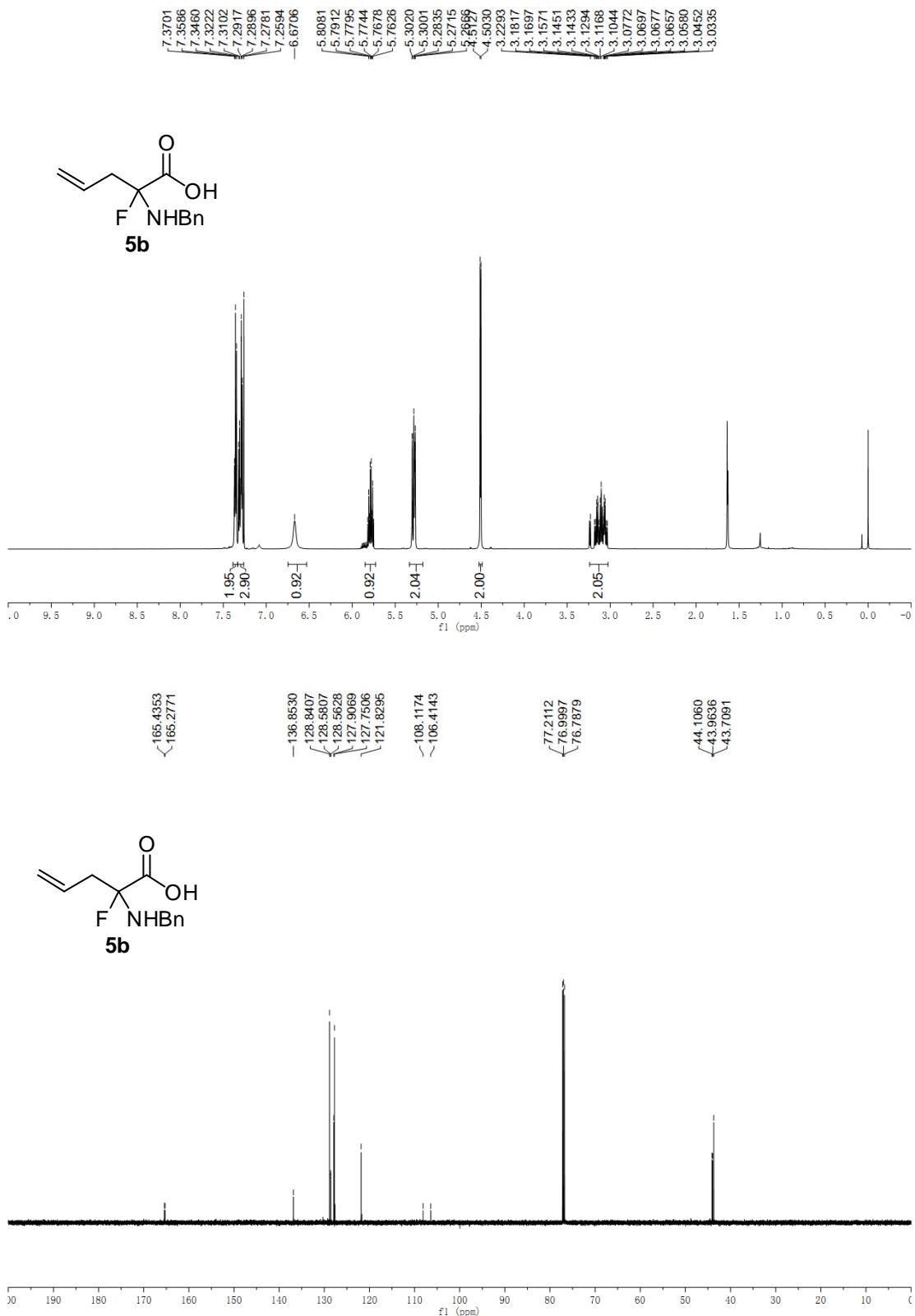




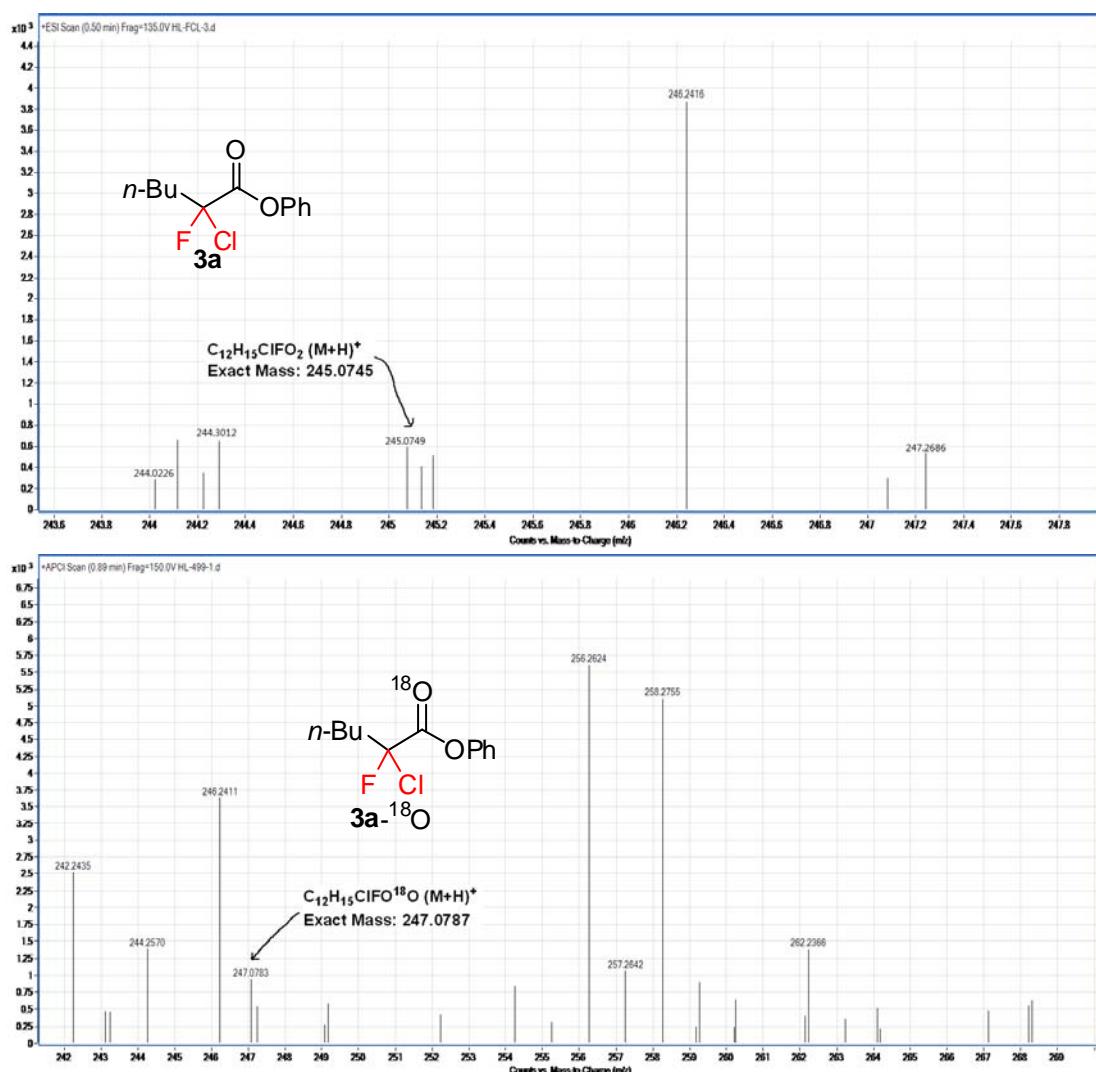








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