

## Supporting Information

### Ni-catalyzed asymmetric decarboxylative Mannich reaction for the synthesis of $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -amino ketones

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## 1. General information

$\beta$ -Keto acids were synthesized according to literature.<sup>1</sup> Sulfinylimine **1** was synthesized due to literature.<sup>2</sup> Other reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. The reactions were conducted in a closed system in an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> and were monitored by TLC. Solvents were dried and distilled prior to use. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (300–400 mesh). Thin layer chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 F-254 TLC plates of 20 cm  $\times$  20 cm. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE400M spectrometer. High pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) analyses were performed on a Shimadzu SPD-20A Series instrument equipped with an isostatic pump, using a chiral stationary phase column (Daicel Co. CHIRALPAK), and the UV detection was monitored at 254 nm. The chiral HPLC methods were calibrated with the corresponding racemic mixtures. Melting points were uncorrected. Values of optical rotation were measured on a Rudolph Automatic Polarimeter A21101. Infrared spectra were obtained on a Bruker Vector 22 in KBr pellets. HRMS were conducted on an Agilent 6540Q-TOF LC/MS equipped with an electrospray ionization (ESI) probe operating in positive or negative ion mode.

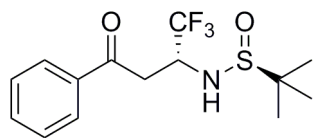
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## 2. Typical procedure for asymmetric addition of sulfinylimine

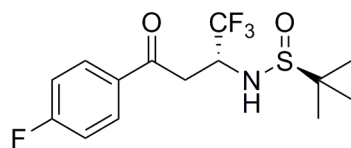
Into an oven-dried reaction vial flushed with N<sub>2</sub> was taken  $\beta$ -keto acids (0.16 mmol), sulfinylimine (0.1 mmol), Ni(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %) and anhydrous THF (0.5 mL). Then the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The reaction was quenched with brine (2 mL) and was extracted with DCM (2  $\times$  20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (30 mL) and brine (30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated, and the crude mixture was charged onto silica gel and purified by flash chromatography to furnish the corresponding product.

### 3. Characterization data of compounds 3



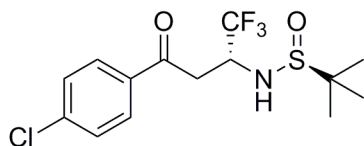
**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3a):**

Colorless solid (29.5 mg, 92% yield, >99:1 dr), mp 64–68 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +61.2$  ( $c = 0.60$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.54–4.45 (m, 1H), 4.44–4.34 (m, 1H), 3.57 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd,  $J = 17.6, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.47.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.5, 136.2, 133.9, 128.8, 128.2, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 56.9, 55.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 38.2, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3193, 2961, 2926, 2855, 1692, 1598, 1581, 1450, 1416, 1365, 1274, 1220, 1169, 1124, 1067, 1003, 919. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  344.0908, found 344.0909.



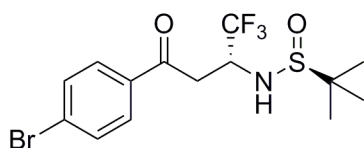
**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-oxobutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3b):**

Colorless solid (30.5 mg, 90% yield, 98:2 dr), mp 73–76 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +40.6$  ( $c = 1.31$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.98 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 5.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.56–4.44 (m, 1H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 3.54 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.52, -103.65.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.9, 166.2 (d,  $J = 256.2$  Hz, 1H), 132.6 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 131.0 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz), 125.1 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.0$  Hz), 116.0 (d,  $J = 22.0$  Hz), 56.9, 55.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 38.2, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3188, 3075, 2963, 2928, 2873, 1691, 1599, 1509, 1475, 1535, 1509, 1413, 1367, 1326, 1274, 1232, 1162, 1126, 1067, 1027. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  362.0814, found: 362.0812.



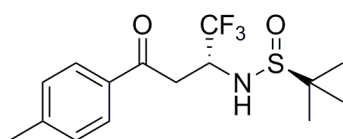
**(S)-N-((R)-4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3c)**

Yellow solid (29.5 mg, 83%, 97:3 dr), mp 114–118 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +53.75$  ( $c = 0.32$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.81 (d,  $J = 8.6$ , 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.51–4.33 (m, 1H), 4.22 (s, 1H), 3.45 (dd,  $J = 17.6$ , 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd,  $J = 17.6$ , 4.9 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.45.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.3, 140.5, 134.5, 129.6, 129.2, 125.1 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 56.9, 55.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 38.3, 22.3. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3462, 3224, 3140, 2963, 2922, 2851, 1690, 1590, 1572, 1471, 1403, 1369, 1275, 1268, 1212, 1163, 1129, 1105, 1092, 1054, 1008, 992, 836. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClF}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  378.0518, found: 378.0518.



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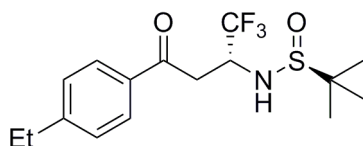
White solid (34.0 mg, 85%, 95:5 dr), mp 125–130 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +44.9$  ( $c = 1.49$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.80 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.56–4.44 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.52 (dd,  $J = 17.5$ , 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd,  $J = 17.6$ , 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.53.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.4, 134.9, 132.1, 129.7, 129.2, 125.0 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 263.6$  Hz), 57.0, 55.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.1$  Hz), 38.3, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3504, 3171, 2928, 2871, 1690, 1586, 1570, 1476, 1399, 1366, 1276, 1218, 1165, 1126, 1070, 1052, 1031, 1010, 990, 930, 883. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrF}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  422.0013, found: 422.0012.



**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(p-tolyl)butan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3e)**

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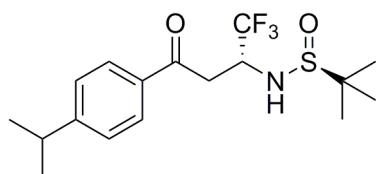
Colorless solid (32.5 mg, 97%, 98:2 dr), mp 115–120 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +67.9$  ( $c = 0.54$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 4.55–4.39 (m, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 3.53 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.47.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.2, 144.9, 133.7, 129.5, 128.4, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.2$  Hz), 56.9, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 37.9, 22.4, 21.7. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3166, 2988, 2959, 2925, 2869, 1682, 1606, 1574, 1466, 1429, 1365, 1282, 1226, 1183, 1153, 1123, 1094, 1052, 939, 883. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  358.1065, found: 358.1061.



**(S)-N-((R)-4-(4-ethylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3f)**

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Colorless solid (34.6 mg, 99%, >99:1 dr), mp 90–94 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +65.2$  ( $c = 1.41$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 4.51–4.42 (m, 2H), 3.54 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.71 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.25 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.45.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.3, 151.1, 128.5, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.3$  Hz), 56.8, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.9$  Hz), 37.9, 29.0, 22.4, 15.1. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3218, 2965, 2931, 2875, 1681, 1606, 1571, 1474, 1463, 1434, 1417, 1360, 1281, 1268, 1223, 1154, 1131, 1111, 1056, 1023, 989, 836. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  372.1221, found: 372.1220.

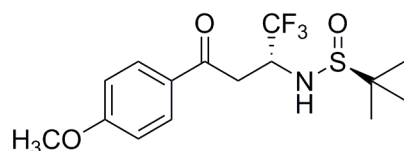


**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(4-isopropylphenyl)-4-oxobutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3g)**

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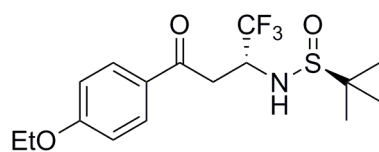
Colorless solid (36.0 mg, 99%, >99:1 dr), mp 58–62 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +54.6$  ( $c = 1.58$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.48 (m, 2H), 3.54 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.03–2.90 (m, 1H),

1.26 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 6H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.45.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.2, 155.6, 134.1, 128.5, 126.9, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 56.8, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.9$  Hz), 37.9, 34.3, 23.6, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3483, 3128, 2966, 2985, 2928, 2874, 1689, 1607, 1473, 1416, 1366, 1278, 1224, 1164, 1130, 1109, 1029, 1016, 993, 837, 677. HRMS (ESI):  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$ : 386.1378, found: 386.1374.



**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3h)**

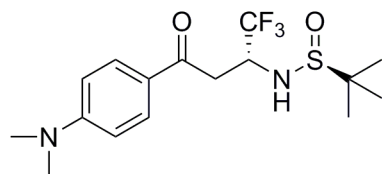
**sulfonamide (3h):** Colorless solid (33.0 mg, 94% yield, 98:2 dr), mp 47–51 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +59.2$  ( $c = 0.36$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 4.46 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.50 (dd,  $J = 17.1, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.44–3.30 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.43.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.1, 164.2, 130.7, 129.3, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 114.0, 25.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 56.8, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.9$  Hz), 37.5, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3221, 2960, 2925, 2852, 1680, 1602, 1576, 1513, 1466, 1422, 1365, 1265, 1227, 1172, 1125, 1059, 1032, 888, 680, 590. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  374.1014, found: 374.1012.



**(S)-N-((R)-4-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3i)**

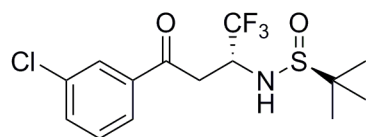
**sulfonamide (3i):** Colorless solid (35.4 mg, 97% yield, >99:1 dr), mp 88–91 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +58.6$  ( $c = 1.30$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.30–6.90 (m, 2H), 4.56–4.42 (m, 2H), 4.09 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.51 (dd,  $J = 17.3, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd,  $J = 17.3, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 1.22 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.43.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  194.1, 163.6, 130.7, 129.1, 125.3 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.2$  Hz), 114.4, 55.8, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.8$  Hz), 54.9, 37.5, 22.4, 14.6. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3222, 2977, 2989, 2936, 2901, 2871, 1677, 1603, 1575, 1510, 1479, 1424, 1398, 1367, 1320, 1267, 1222, 1161, 1131, 1112, 1057, 1023, 988, 806.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{16}H_{22}F_3NO_3SNa$   $[M+Na]^+$  388.1170, found: 388.1169.



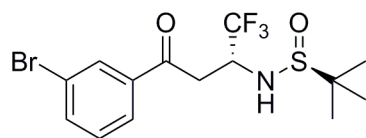
**(S)-N-((R)-4-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3j)**

**2-sulfonamide (3j):** Yellow solid (33.2 mg, 91%, 97:3 dr), mp 110–114 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +67.5$  ( $c = 0.53$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.85 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.72 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.53–4.25 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dd,  $J = 16.8, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.07 (s, 6H), 1.24 (s, 9H).  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.34.  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  193.6, 153.9, 130.6, 125.3 (q,  $J = 281.5$  Hz), 110.7, 56.7, 55.5 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 30.8$  Hz), 36.4, 22.4. IR ( $cm^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3282, 3094, 2985, 2962, 2925, 2871, 2827, 1660, 1610, 1548, 1537, 1474, 1437, 1415, 1379, 1367, 1351, 1289, 1271, 1246, 1225, 1209, 1191, 1165, 1117, 1073, 943, 917, 816. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{16}H_{23}F_3N_2O_2SNa$   $[M+Na]^+$  387.1330, found: 387.1326.



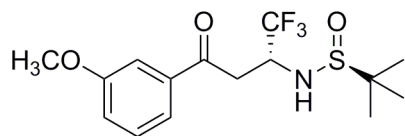
**(S)-N-((R)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3k)**

**sulfonamide (3k):** Colorless solid (31.3 mg, 88%, 96:4 dr), mp 52–56 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +64.9$  ( $c = 0.94$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (t,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.60–7.53 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.58–4.41 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd,  $J = 17.7, 6.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd,  $J = 17.7, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 9H).  $^{19}F$  NMR (376 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.51.  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  194.3, 137.7, 135.2, 133.8, 130.2, 128.3, 126.3, 125.1 (q,  $J_{FC} = 281.1$  Hz), 56.9, 55.09 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 31.1$  Hz), 38.5, 22.4. IR ( $cm^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3225, 2978, 2927, 2871, 1692, 1573, 1474, 1432, 1418, 1366, 1281, 1262, 1217, 1159, 1131, 1115, 1054, 951, 885. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $C_{14}H_{17}ClF_3NO_2SNa$   $[M+Na]^+$  378.0518, found: 378.0520.



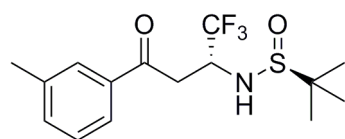
**(S)-N-((R)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3l)**

**sulfonamide (3l):** Colorless oil (28.0 mg, 70%, 97:3 dr),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +49.9$  ( $c = 1.03$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.06 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.58–4.52 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd,  $J = 17.8, 6.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd,  $J = 17.8, 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.79.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.8, 137.8, 136.7, 131.3, 130.4, 129.3, 126.7, 125.1 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.0$  Hz), 57.2, 55.1 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.1$  Hz), 38.4, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3205, 3070, 2962, 2928, 2873, 2117, 2052, 1696, 1567, 1475, 1463, 1420, 1365, 1274, 1213, 1172, 1126, 1068, 903, 788. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{BrF}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  422.0013, found: 422.0009.



**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxobutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3m)**

**sulfonamide (3m):** Colorless oil (31.3 mg, 91%, 94:6 dr),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +68.6$  ( $c = 0.72$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.60–4.45 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd,  $J = 17.5, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.51.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.1, 159.9, 137.4, 129.7, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.0$  Hz), 120.8, 120.5, 112.3, 57.0, 55.4, 55.23 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.9$  Hz), 38.3, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3219, 2963, 1691, 1598, 1585, 1487, 1463, 1432, 1364, 1332, 1275, 1171, 1125, 1073, 1014, 948, 876. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  374.1014, found: 374.1014.

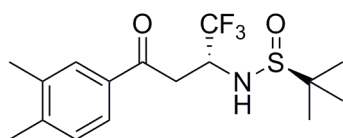


**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(m-tolyl)butan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3n):**



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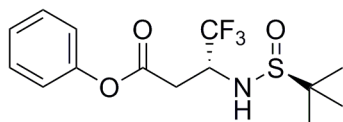
Colorless solid (30.2 mg, 90%, >99:1 dr), mp 44–47 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +49.4$  ( $c = 1.9$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.78–7.70 (m, 2H), 7.37(m, 2H), 4.56–4.40 (m, 2H), 3.55 (dd,  $J = 17.6$ , 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd,  $J = 17.6$ , 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.4 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.46.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.7, 138.7, 134.7, 128.8, 125.5, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 56.8, 55.2 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 38.2, 22.4, 21.3. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3210, 2961, 2927, 2871, 1687, 1587, 1459, 1420, 1366, 1276, 1165, 1124, 1057, 939, 916. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  358.1065, found: 358.1063.



**(S)-N-((R)-4-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (30)**

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**sulfonamide (30):** Colorless solid (34.2 mg, 98%, >99:1 dr), mp 51–53 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +47.8$  ( $c = 0.41$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 3.45 (dd,  $J = 17.3$ , 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd,  $J = 17.3$ , 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 1.16 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.44.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.5, 143.7, 137.3, 134.1, 130.0, 129.4, 128.0 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 278.3$  Hz), 126, 56.8, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.9$  Hz), 37.8, 22.4, 20.1, 19.8. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3219, 2959, 2927, 2856, 1687, 1608, 1573, 1456, 1409, 1365, 1274, 1240, 1212, 1167, 1123, 1072, 1020, 988, 930. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  372.1221, found: 372.1219.

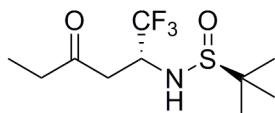


**phenyl (R)-3-(((S)-tert-butylsulfinyl)amino)-4,4,4-trifluorobutanoate (3p)**

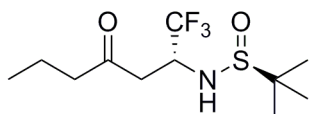
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(27.0 mg, 80%, 96:4 dr), mp 103–105 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +56.9$  ( $c = 1.05$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.41–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.14 (m, 2H), 4.56 (d, 1H), 4.29 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd,  $J = 16.2$ , 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd,  $J = 16.2$ , 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -76.08.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.3, 150.2, 129.6, 126.4, 124.7 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} =$

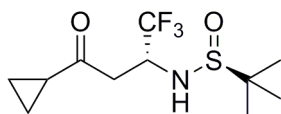
281.3 Hz), 121.5, 57.0, 55.9 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 31.3$  Hz), 35.0, 22.4. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3210, 2989, 2960, 2926, 2867, 1759, 1592, 1489, 1458, 1387, 1366, 1290, 1271, 1236, 1120, 1153, 1129, 1057, 953, 768. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 360.0857, found: 360.0859.



**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxohexan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfinamide (3q):** Colorless solid (24.9 mg, 91%, 99:1 dr), mp 57–61 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +70.4$  ( $c = 0.09$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.39 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.52 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.09 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -75.78. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.3, 125.0 (q,  $J_{FC} = 280.9$  Hz), 56.9, 55.2 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 31.1$  Hz), 41.5, 37.2, 22.4, 7.3. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3151, 2986, 2963, 2927, 1725, 1460, 1367, 1277, 1167, 1122, 1056, 923, 810. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 296.0908, found: 296.0907.

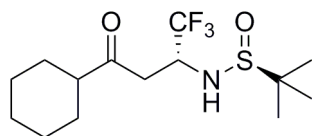


**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxoheptan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfinamide (3r):** Colorless solid (25.9 mg, 90%, 96:4 dr), mp 59–63 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +46.1$  ( $c = 0.81$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.43 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.42–4.19 (m, 1H), 2.99–2.86 (m, 2H), 2.47 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.69–1.56 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -75.76. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.6, 125.1 (q,  $J_{FC} = 281.0$  Hz), 56.8, 55.1 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 31.1$  Hz), 42.3, 22.4, 21.6, 11.8 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2C). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3189, 3161, 2967, 2937, 2879, 1723, 1460, 1415, 1368, 1275, 1199, 1172, 1128, 1092, 1058, 931, 843. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 310.0165, found: 310.0164.



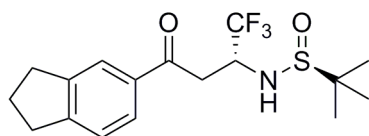
**(S)-N-((R)-4-cyclopropyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (3s):** Colorless solid (23.1 mg, 81%, 96:4 dr), mp 81–83 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +67.2$  ( $c = 0.98$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.42 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.34–4.17 (m, 1H), 3.09 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz, 2H), 4.60–4.45 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H), 1.17–1.09 (m, 1H), 1.02–0.94 (m, 2H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.68.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  206.6, 125.1 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.0$  Hz), 56.8, 55.1 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.1$  Hz), 42.3, 22.4, 11.8, 11.7. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3139, 2995, 2973, 2929, 2876, 1706, 1480, 1416, 1389, 1365, 1278, 1264, 1216, 1165, 1129, 1093, 1052, 1018, 950, 818, 698. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  308.0908, found: 308.0909.



**(S)-N-((R)-4-cyclohexyl-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3t):**  
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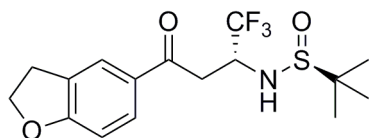
Colorless solid (31.4 mg, 96%, 97:3 dr), mp 103–107 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +63.0$  ( $c = 0.62$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  4.45 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.33–4.20 (m, 1H), 2.95 (qd,  $J = 17.5, 5.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.38–2.32 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.26 (m, 5H), 1.23 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.68.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  209.8, 125.1 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.0$  Hz), 56.8, 55.21 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 51.5, 39.8, 28.0, 25.7, 25.5, 25.4, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3196, 2926, 2853, 1714, 1469, 1449, 1379, 1364, 1284, 1266, 1220, 1187, 1159, 1126, 1076, 1055, 1003, 945, 920, 867. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  350.1378, found: 350.1375.



**(S)-N-((R)-4-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-5-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-methylpropane-**  
**2-sulfonamide (3u):**  
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White solid (35.4 mg, 98%, 99:1 dr), mp 88–91 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +58.7$  ( $c = 1.46$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72 (s, 1H), 7.69–7.63 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.49–4.24 (m, 2H), 3.46 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 4H), 2.03 (p,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.15 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.68.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.5, 151.3, 145.1, 134.7, 126.8, 125.2 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.0$  Hz), 124.6, 124.2, 77.4, 77.1, 76.8, 56.8, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.8$  Hz), 38.0, 33.1, 32.5, 25.3, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3221,

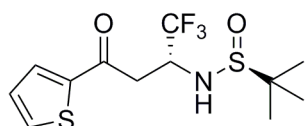
2962, 2930, 2869, 1681, 1606, 1574, 1473, 1462, 1402, 1361, 1268, 1215, 1149, 1130, 1113, 1054, 868, 839. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 384.1221, found: 384.1218.



**(S)-N-((R)-4-(2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-5-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxobutan-2-yl)-2-**

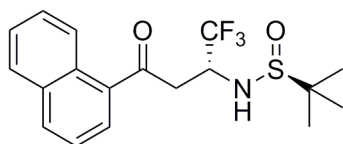
**methylpropane-2-sulfonamide (3v):** Colorless solid (36.0 mg, 99%, >99:1 dr), mp 124–128 °C, **15**

[ $\alpha$ ] = +64.5 ( $c = 1.46$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.5$ , 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 8.4$ , 1H), 4.66 (t,  $J = 8.8$ , 2H), 4.47 (s, 2H), 3.48 (dd,  $J = 17.0$ , 5.1, 1H), 3.34 (dd,  $J = 16.7$ , 3.1, 1H), 3.24 (t,  $J = 8.7$ , 2H), 1.23 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -75.44. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.9, 165.1, 130.4, 129.6, 128.1, 125.7, 125.2 (q,  $J_{FC} = 281.1$  Hz), 109.2, 72.4, 56.8, 55.35 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 30.9$  Hz), 37.5, 28.9, 22.4. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3226, 2991, 2981, 2961, 2930, 2868, 1669, 1604, 1496, 1476, 1444, 1423, 1367, 1277, 1269, 1251, 1222, 1179, 1120, 1107, 1056, 977, 911, 806. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 386.1014, found: 386.1010.



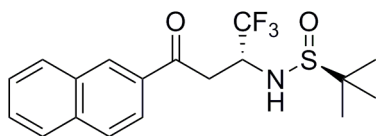
**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-(thiophen-2-yl)butan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide** **15**

**(3w):** Colorless solid (32.4 mg, 99%, >99:1 dr), mp 59–63 °C, [ $\alpha$ ] = +65.8 ( $c = 1.40$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.75 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d,  $J = 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.48–4.34 (m, 1H), 3.50 (dd,  $J = 16.9$ , 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd,  $J = 16.9$ , 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (s, 9H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -75.44. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  188.5, 141.3, 135.2, 132.9, 128.4, 125.0 (q,  $J_{FC} = 281.2$  Hz), 56.8, 55.4 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 31.1$  Hz), 38.3, 22.4. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3486, 3396, 3118, 2989, 2927, 2873, 1672, 1523, 1473, 1417, 1366, 1275, 1224, 1159, 1131, 1115, 1012, 942, 854. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 350.0472, found: 350.0470.



**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-oxobutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3x)**

Yellow solid (30.8 mg, 96%, 97:3 dr), mp 83–86 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +60.6$  ( $c = 1.46$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.67 (d,  $J = 8.5$ , 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 8.2$ , 1H), 7.87 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 2H), 7.64–7.61 (m, 1H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 2H), 4.57–4.50 (m, 2H), 3.65–3.53 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.32.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  198.9, 134.7, 134.0, 133.7, 130.1, 128.4, 128.2, 126.7, 125.8, 125.3 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 124.3, 57.0, 55.6 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 30.9$  Hz), 41.3, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3220, 2985, 2971, 2930, 2869, 2853, 1671, 1593, 1574, 1509, 1473, 1436, 1366, 1356, 1279, 1253, 1216, 1157, 1130, 1057, 942, 879. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  394.1065, found: 394.1060.



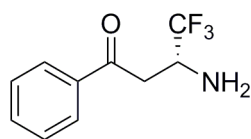
**(S)-2-methyl-N-((R)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-oxobutan-2-yl)propane-2-sulfonamide (3y)**

Colorless solid (36.4 mg, 98%, >99:1 dr), mp 81–83 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +48.2$  ( $c = 1.59$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.33 (s, 1H), 7.93–7.70 (m, 4H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.66–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.55–3.36 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 9H).  $^{19}\text{F NMR}$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -75.38.  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  195.3, 135.8, 133.5, 132.3, 130.2, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.0, 125.3 (q,  $J_{\text{FC}} = 281.1$  Hz), 123.6, 56.9, 55.3 (q,  $^2J_{\text{FC}} = 31.0$  Hz), 38.2, 22.4. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3494, 3219, 3063, 2983, 2960, 2926, 2870, 1682, 1628, 1597, 1575, 1471, 1437, 1366, 1279, 1217, 1170, 1120, 1057, 938, 816, 747. HRMS (ESI): calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{SNa}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  394.1064, found: 394.1061.

#### 4. Determination of absolute configuration of compound 4

##### Conversion of 3a affording free $\beta$ -amino ketone 4

**3a** (0.5 mmol) and MeOH (5 mL) were placed in a 25 mL round bottom flask and aq HCl (36%, 1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at rt for 8 h, during which the cleavage was monitored by TLC. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (15 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, then H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added. The organic layer was taken, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2×10 mL), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed to give the crude product. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (5:1), to give compound **4a**.



##### **(R)-3-amino-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-phenylbutan-1-one**

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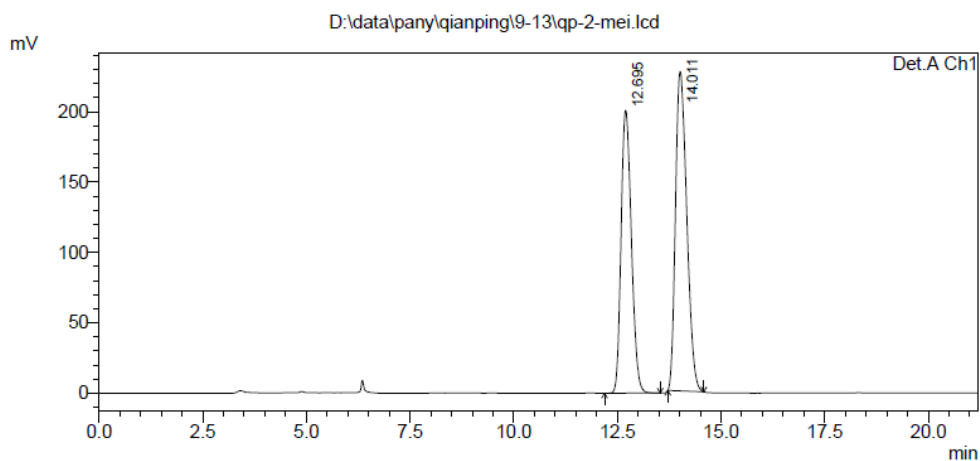
Compound **4**, 98:2 er, colorless solid (97.7 mg, 90%), mp 27-31 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +23.9$  ( $c = 1.90$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.89 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.11 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 2H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -78.24. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.3, 136.3, 133.8, 128.8, 128.1, 124.6 (q,  $J = 278.9$  Hz), 50.2 (q,  $J = 29.7$  Hz), 39.3. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3389, 3310, 3219, 2958, 2923, 2853, 1689, 1596, 1581, 1452, 1416, 1395, 1364, 1335, 1306, 1258, 1188, 1165, 1122, 1098, 1034, 1026, 1001, 930, 896, 876, 826, 763. HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO 218.0793, found: 218.0788.

##### Determination of absolute configuration by the means of HPLC

Conditions: 254 nm, 1 mL/min, 10% *i*-PrOH, Daicel OD chiral column.

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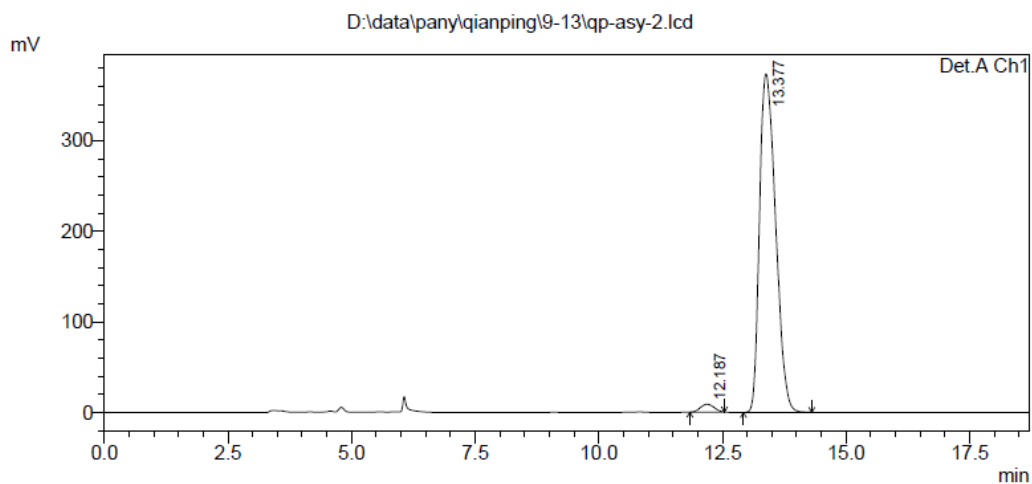
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Detector A Ch1 254nm

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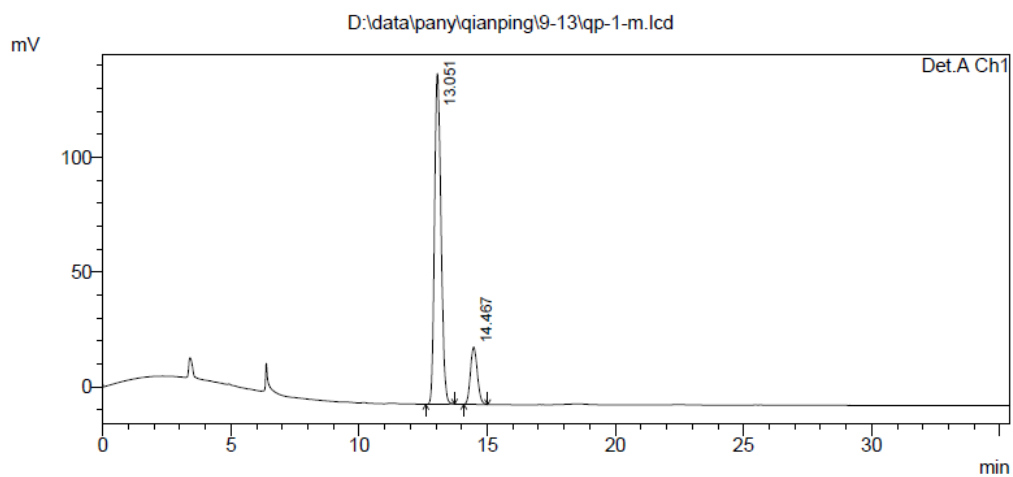
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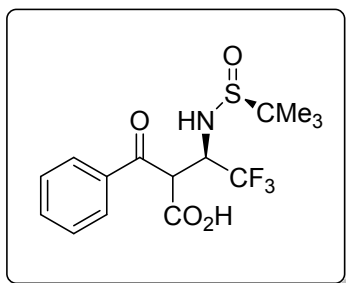


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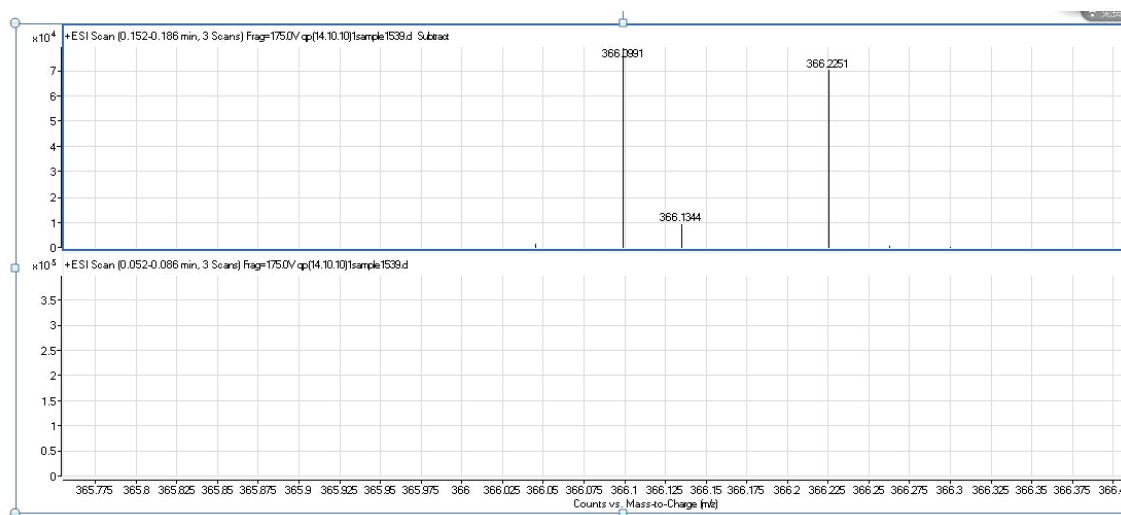
## 5. ESI-Mass analysis of the mixture of $\beta$ -keto acid **2a** and imine **1** for the intermediate detection

A mixture of  $\beta$ -keto acid **2a** (26.2 mg, 0.16 mmol) and imine **1** (20.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (1.0 mL) was stirred at 25 °C for 5 h and subjected to ESI-mass (positive mode) spectroscopic analysis. Copied below is the ESI-mass spectrum. HRMS (ESI) for intermediate **D**: calcd for  $C_{15}H_{19}F_3NO_4S$   $[M+H]^+$  366.0987, found 366.0991. In addition, calcd for  $C_{15}H_{18}F_3NNaO_4S$   $[M+Na]^+$  388.0806, found 388.0805.

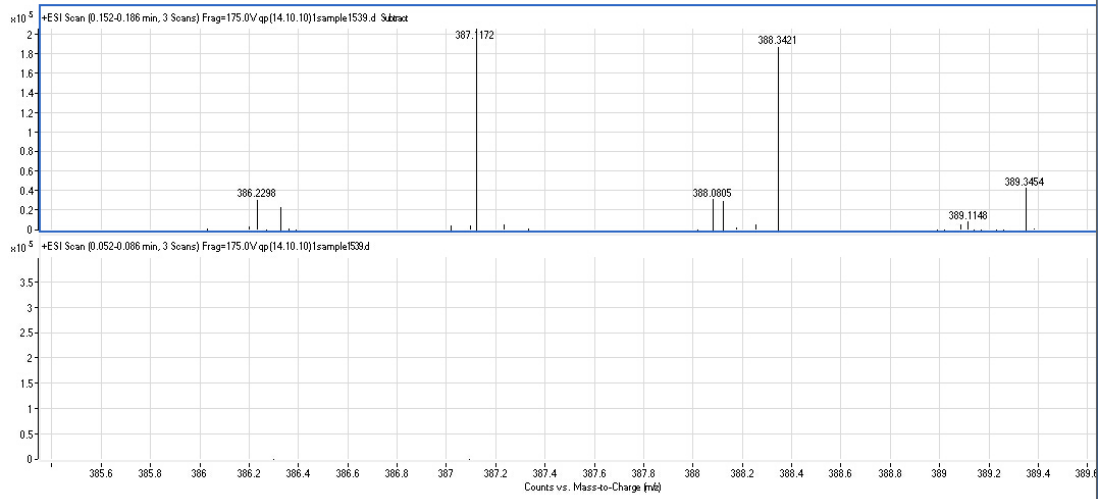


Structure of intermediate **D**.

HRMS (ESI) for  $[M+H]^+$



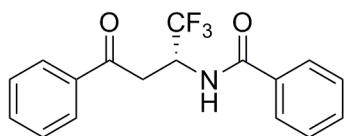
HRMS (ESI) for  $[M+Na]^+$



## 6. Cyclization derivatization of $\beta$ -trifluoromethyl- $\beta$ -amino ketone 3a

### Conversion of 4 affording (*R*)-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)benzamide 5

To a solution of (*R*)-3-amino-4,4,4-trifluoro-1-phenylbutan-1-one (46.2 mg, 0.21 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL), benzoyl chloride (53.82 mg, 0.38 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was heated for 6 h at 120 °C in sealing tube, followed by evaporation of the solvent. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (6:1), to give compound 5.



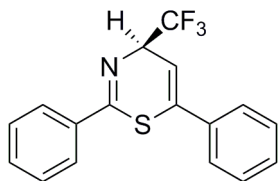
### (*R*)-*N*-(1,1,1-trifluoro-4-oxo-4-phenylbutan-2-yl)benzamide

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Compound 5, 98:2 er, White solid (67.0 mg, 98%), mp 148-153°C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -29.7$  ( $c = 0.15$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.95 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.41 (m, 5H), 5.43 (m, 1H), 3.65 (dd,  $J = 17.4, 5.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd,  $J = 17.3, 4.6$  Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -74.39. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  196.5, 167.0, 136.1, 134.1, 133.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 125.1 (q,  $J_{FC} = 282.0$  Hz), 48.0 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 31.8$ Hz), 35.6. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3284, 3189, 3058, 2926, 2854, 1688, 1650, 1598, 1532, 1452, 1352, 1322, 1267, 1228, 1157, 1118, 1101, 1062, 1003, 908, 761, 693, 676, 638, 595. HRMS (ESI): [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na: 344.0874, found: 344.0873.

### Conversion of 5 affording (*R*)-2,6-diphenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4*H*-1,3-thiazine 6

To a solution of amide 5 (47.7 mg, 0.15 mmol) in dry toluene (15 mL), phosphorus pentasulfide (66 g, 0.296 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was boiled with vigorous stirring for 8 h at 120 °C in sealing tube. After cooling, the organic layer was decanted and the solvent was evaporated to give crude oily products. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography, eluting with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (10:1), to give compound 6.



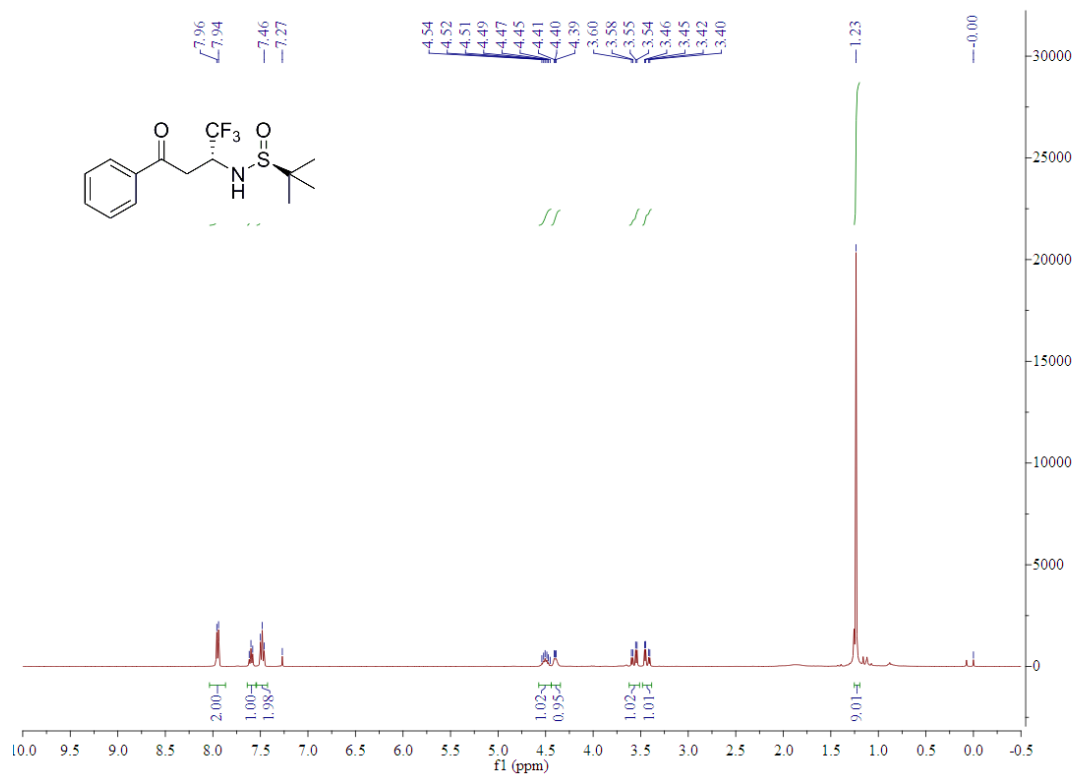
**(R)-2,6-diphenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4H-1,3-thiazine**

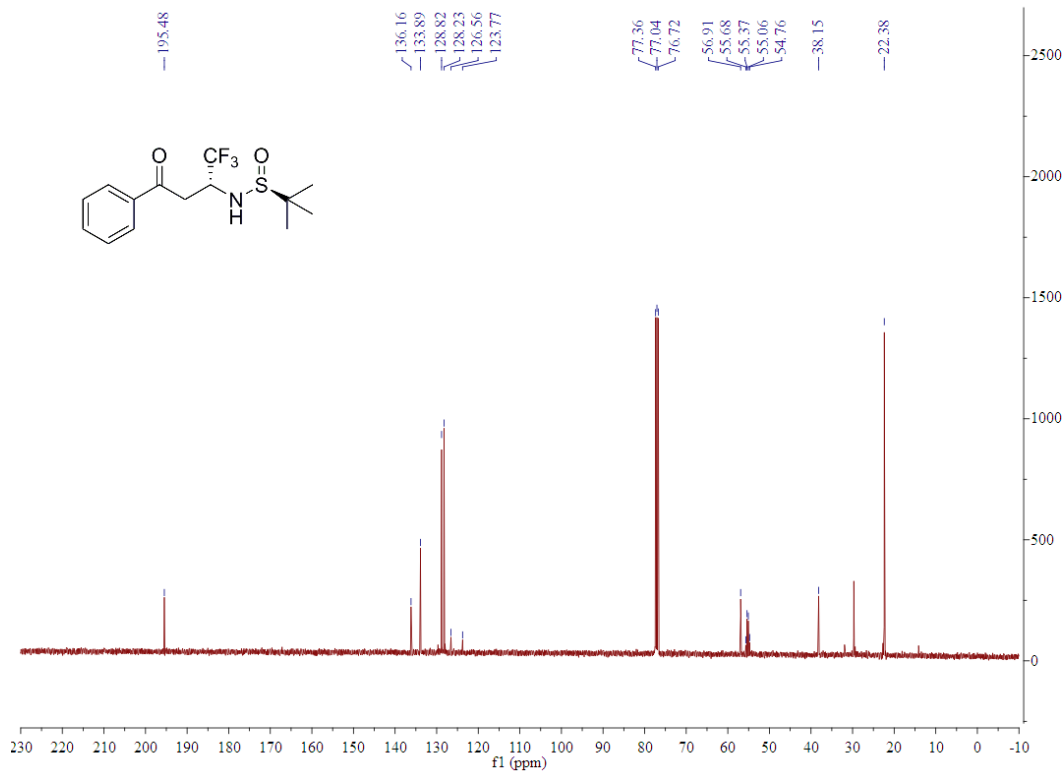
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Compound **6**, 97:3 er, Colorless solid (41.0 mg, 86%), mp 47-52 °C,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -23.7$  ( $c = 0.06$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12-8.08 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 6H), 6.17 (d,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 4.30 (qd,  $J = 8.0, 3.1$  Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -74.56. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.5, 139.1, 135.9 (d,  $J = 3.3$  Hz), 131.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 126.9, 125.3 (q,  $J_{FC} = 278.4$  Hz), 111.0, 64.8 (q,  $^2J_{FC} = 30.3$  Hz). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3067, 2923, 2850, 1625, 1443, 1379, 1257, 1242, 1174, 1124, 1109, 954, 897, 760, 700, 684, 540. HRMS (ESI):  $[M+H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NS: 320.0721, found: 320.0712.

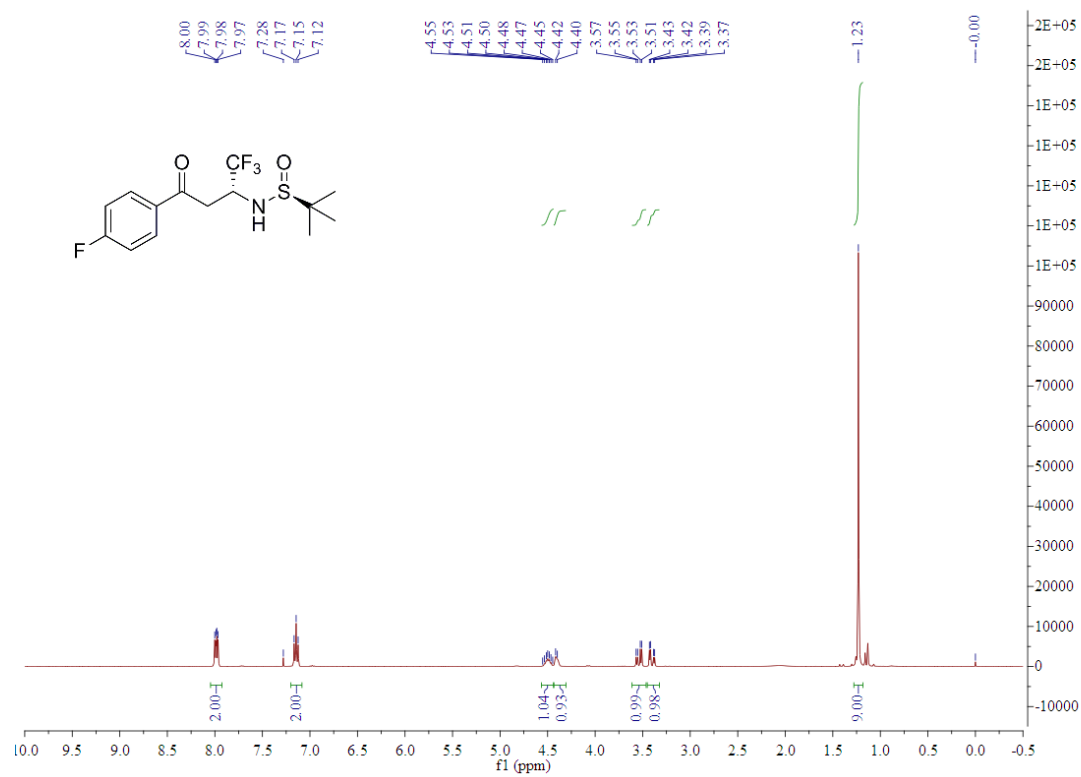
## 7. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra for compounds 3, 4, 5 and 6

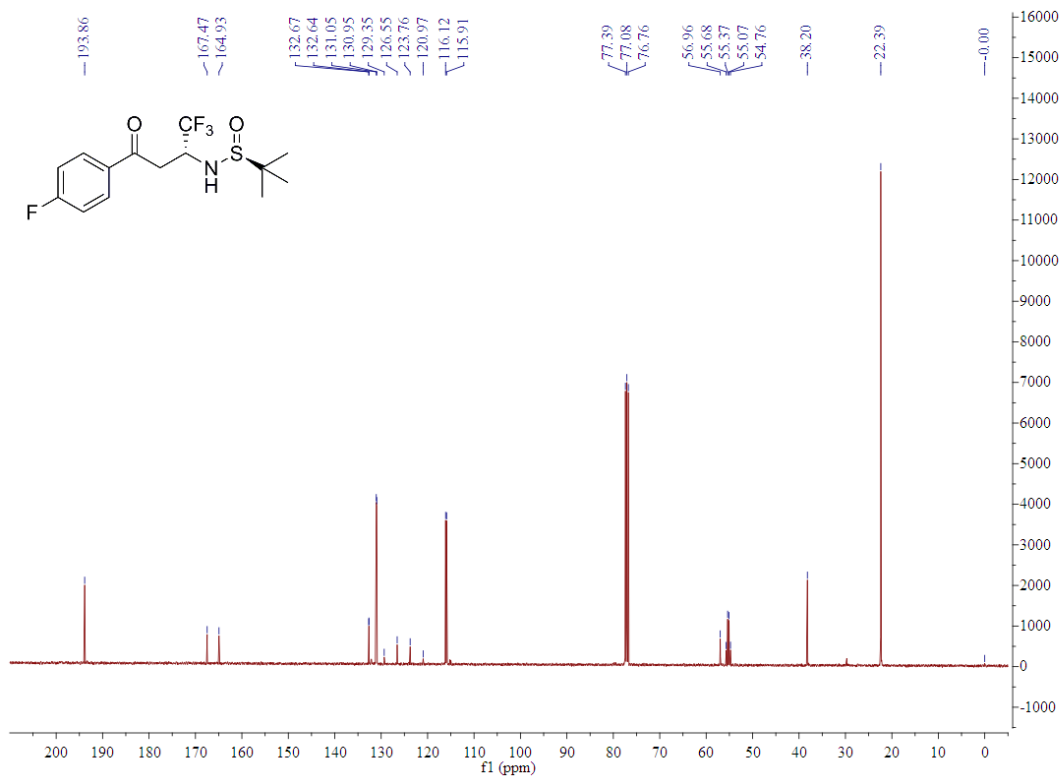
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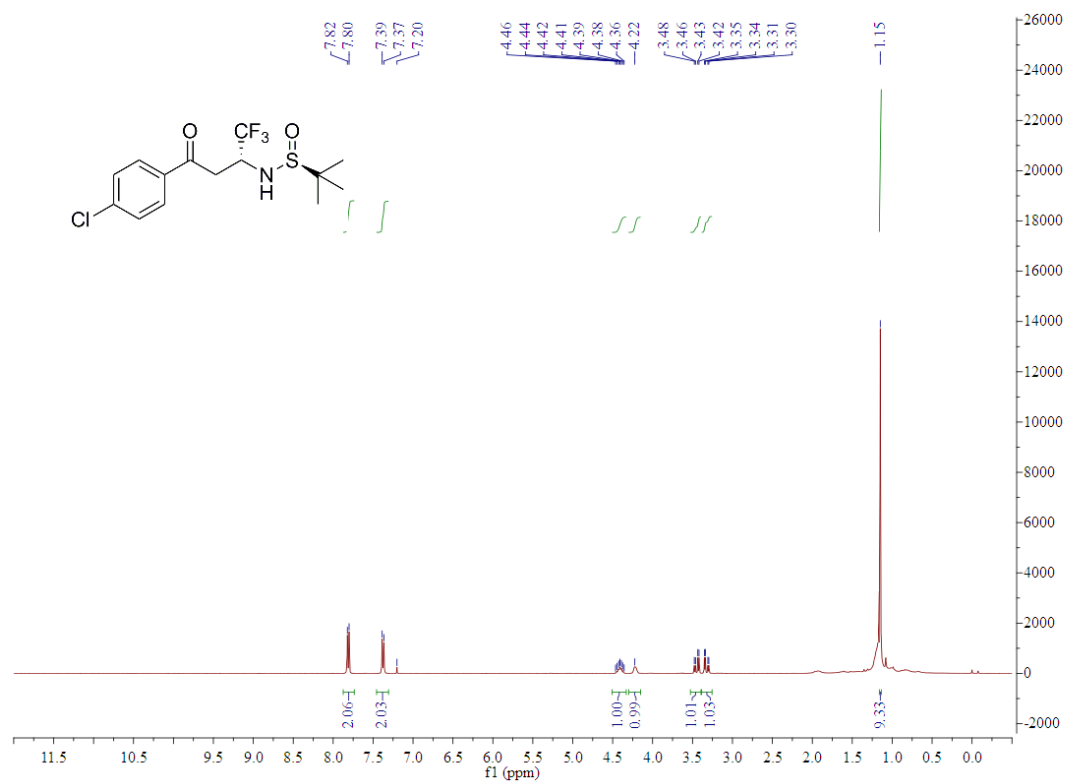


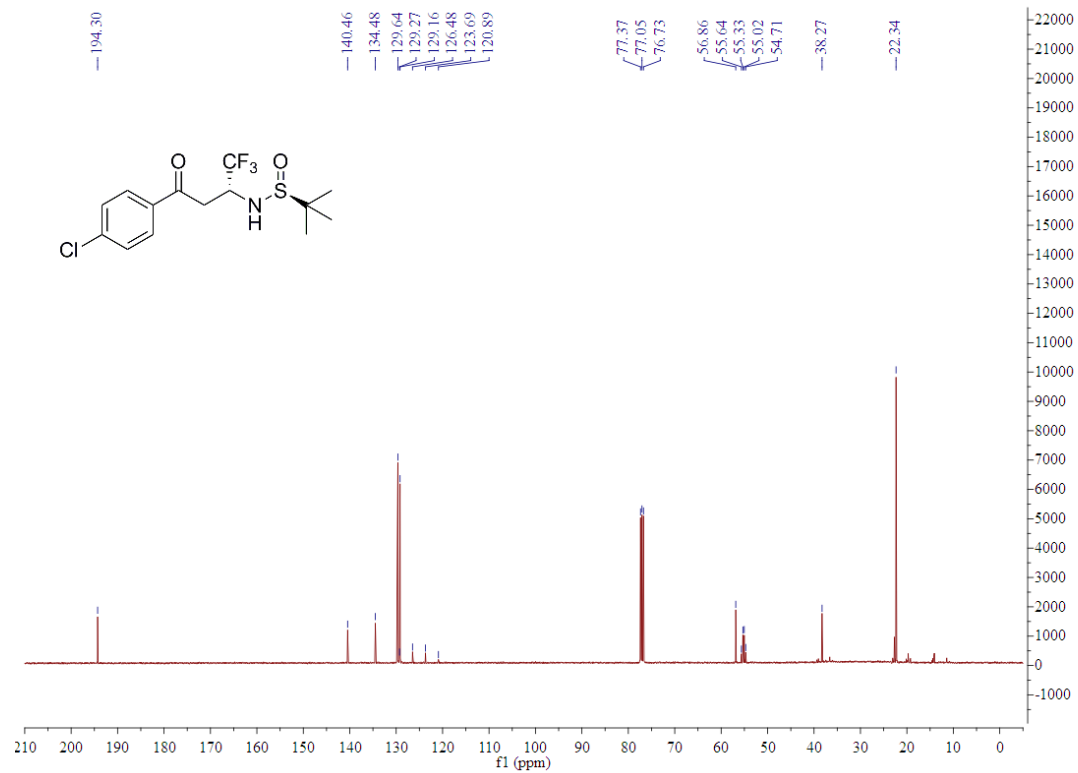
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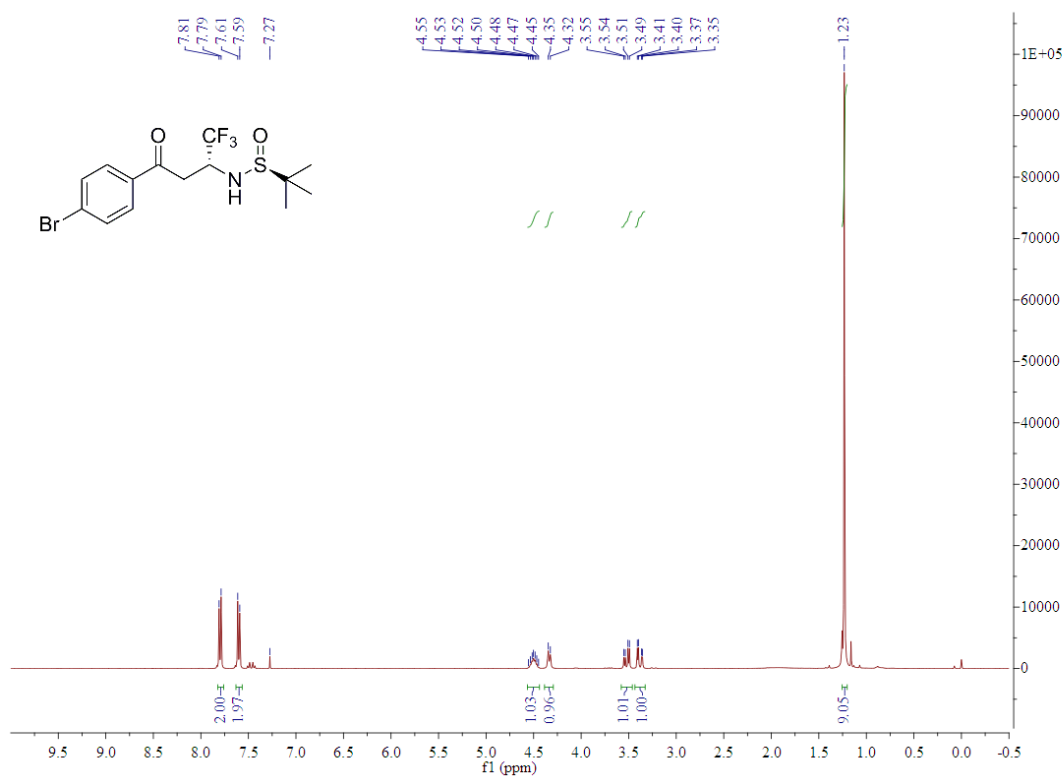


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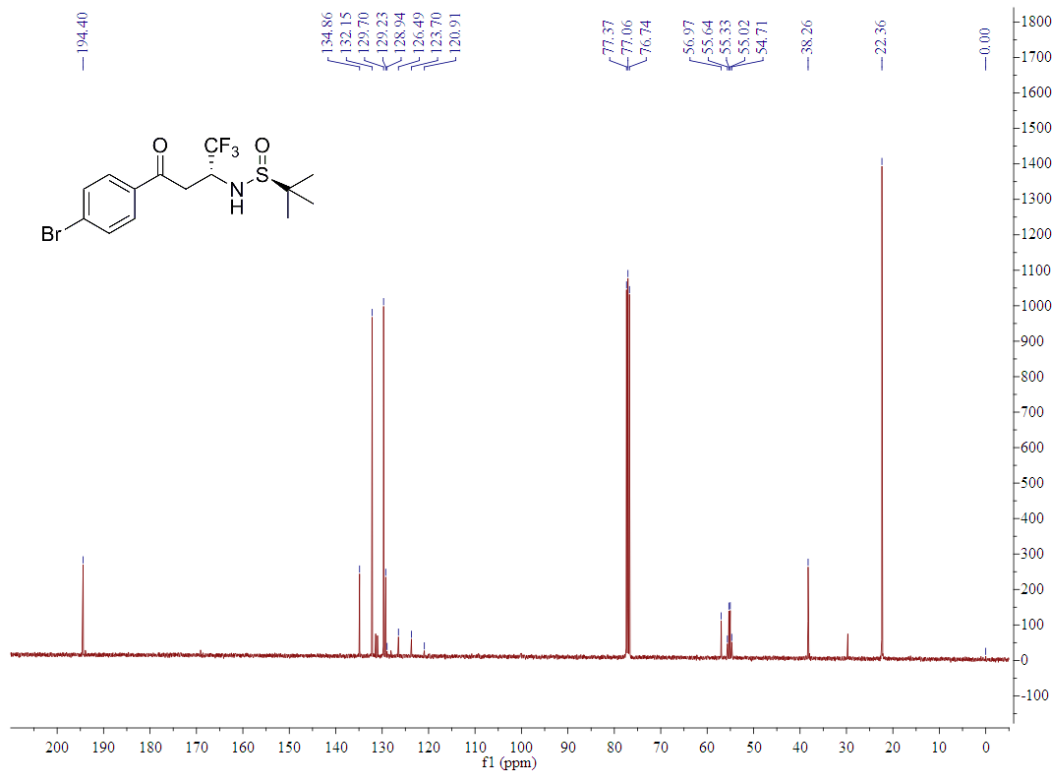




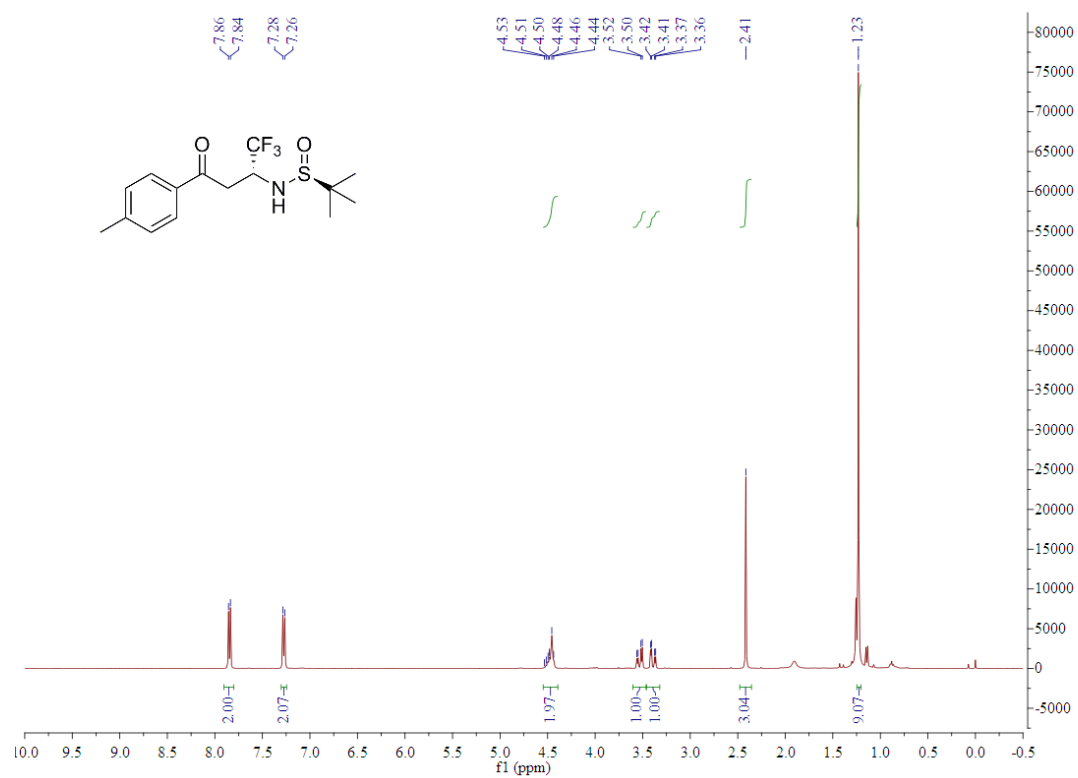
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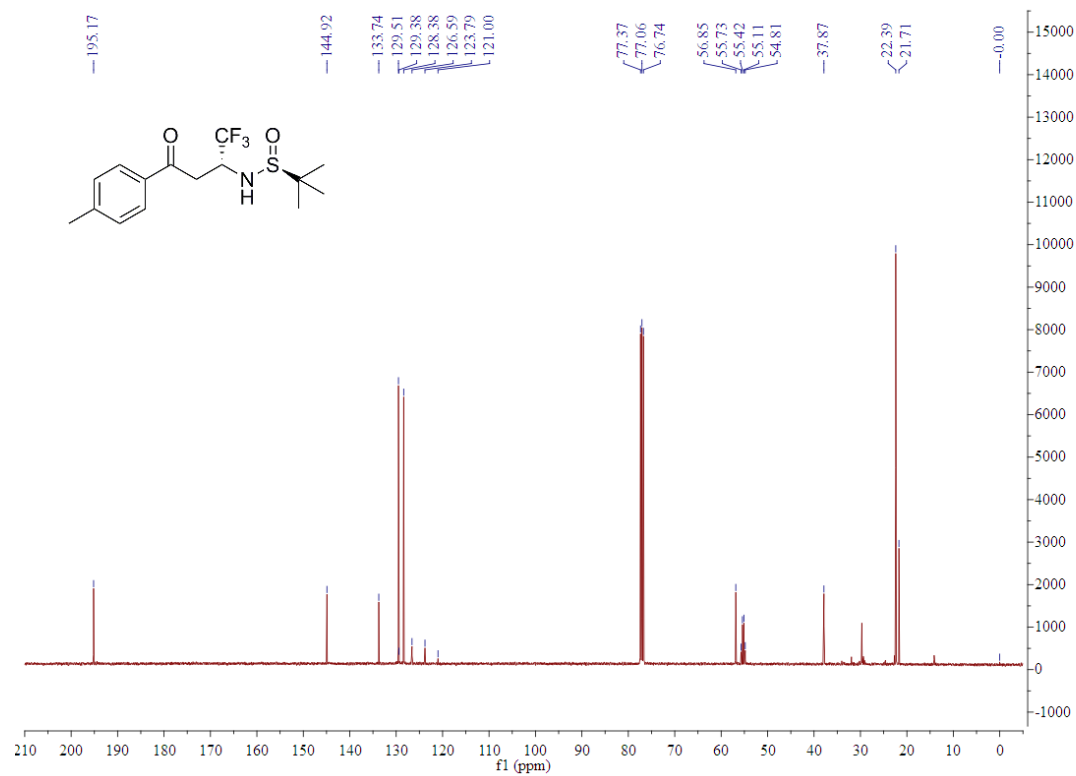




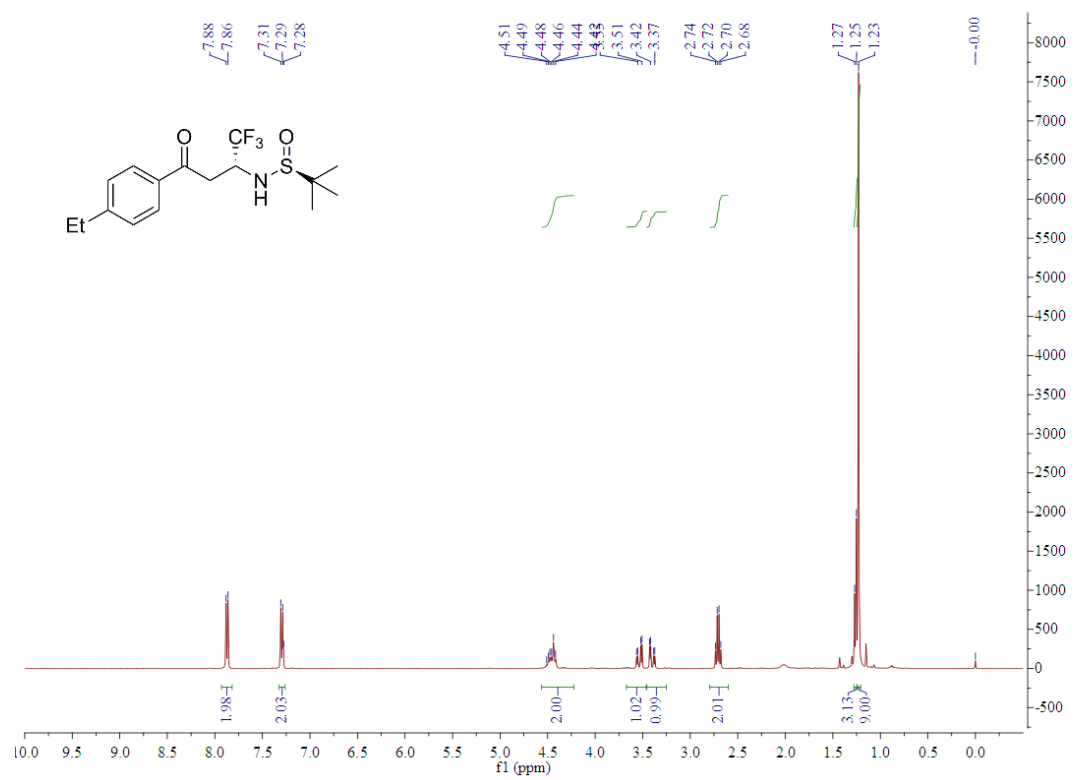


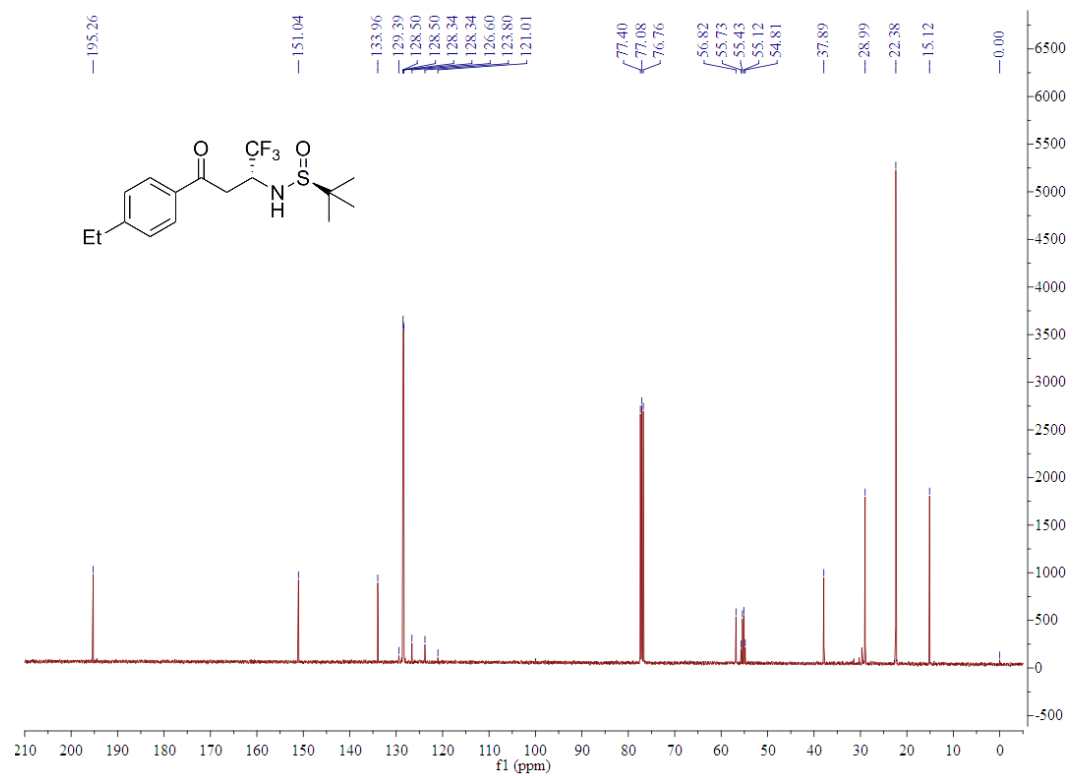
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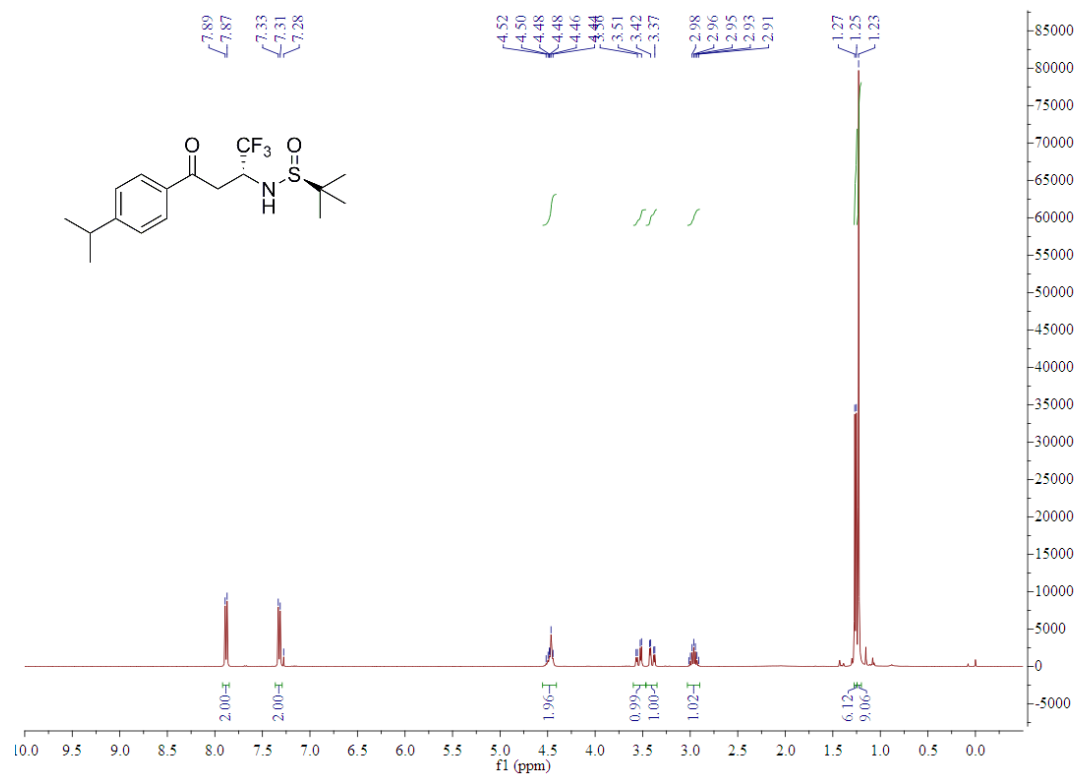


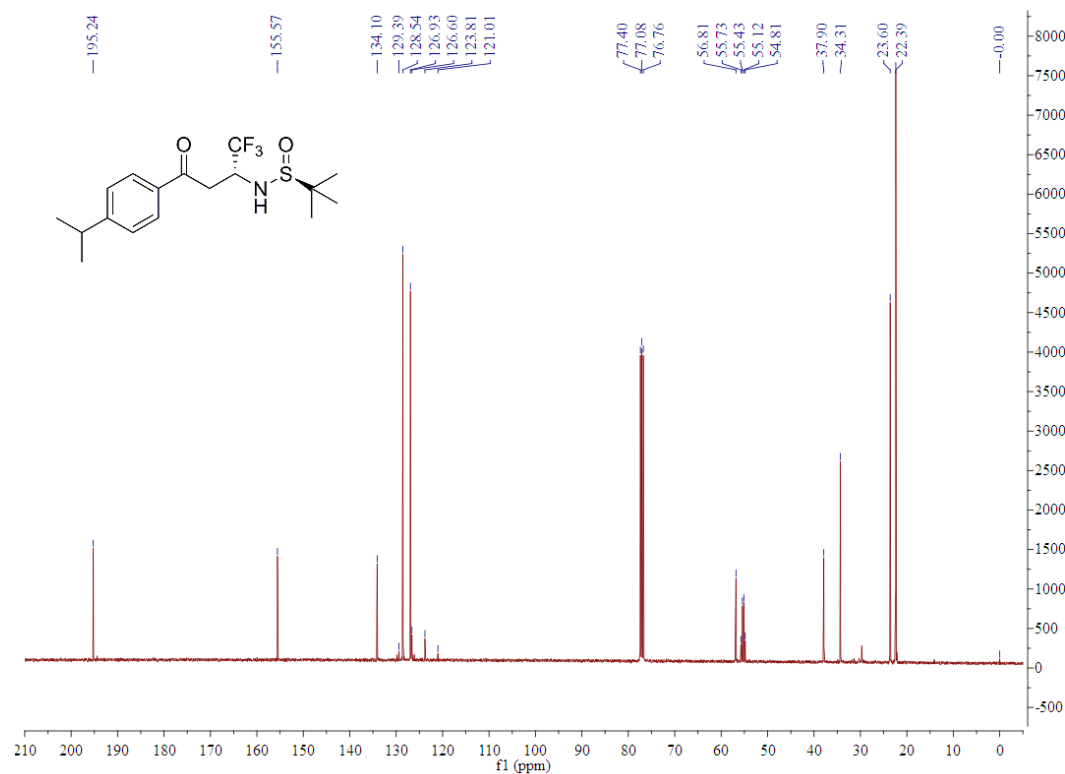
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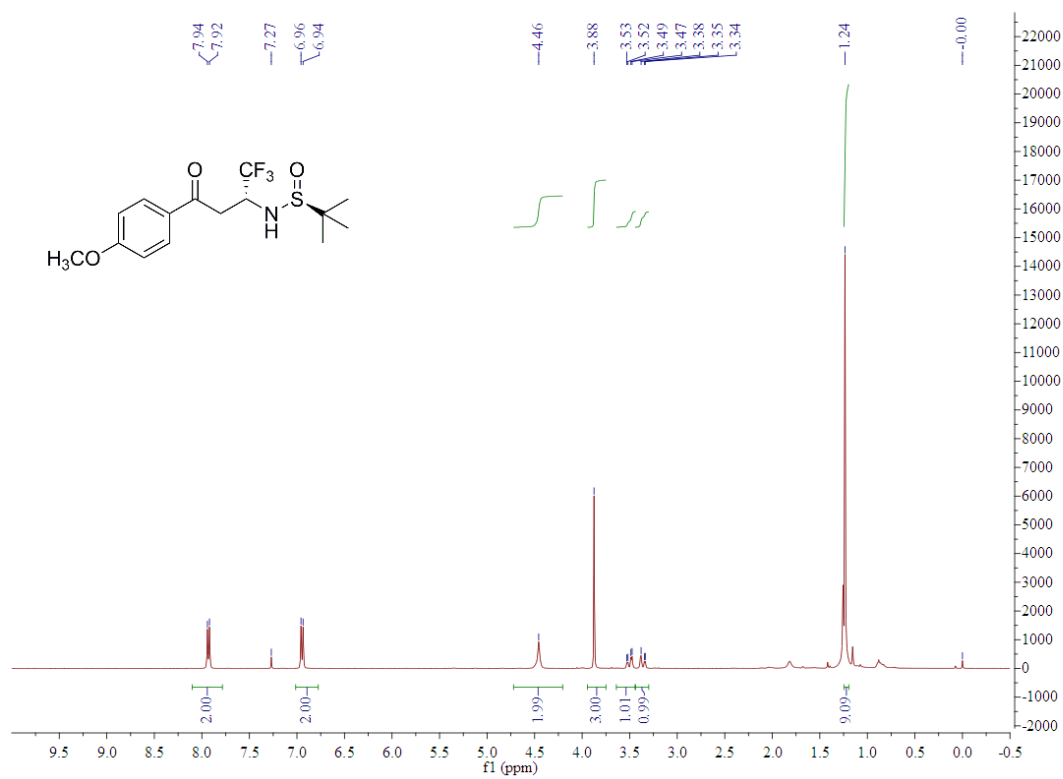


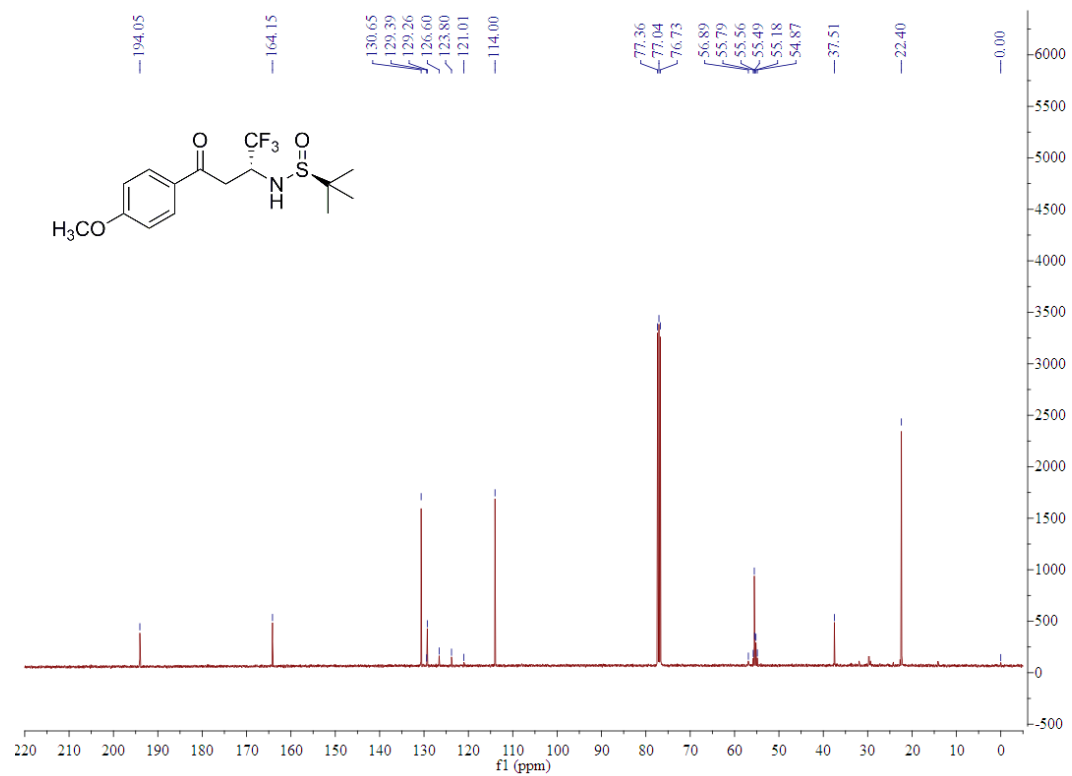
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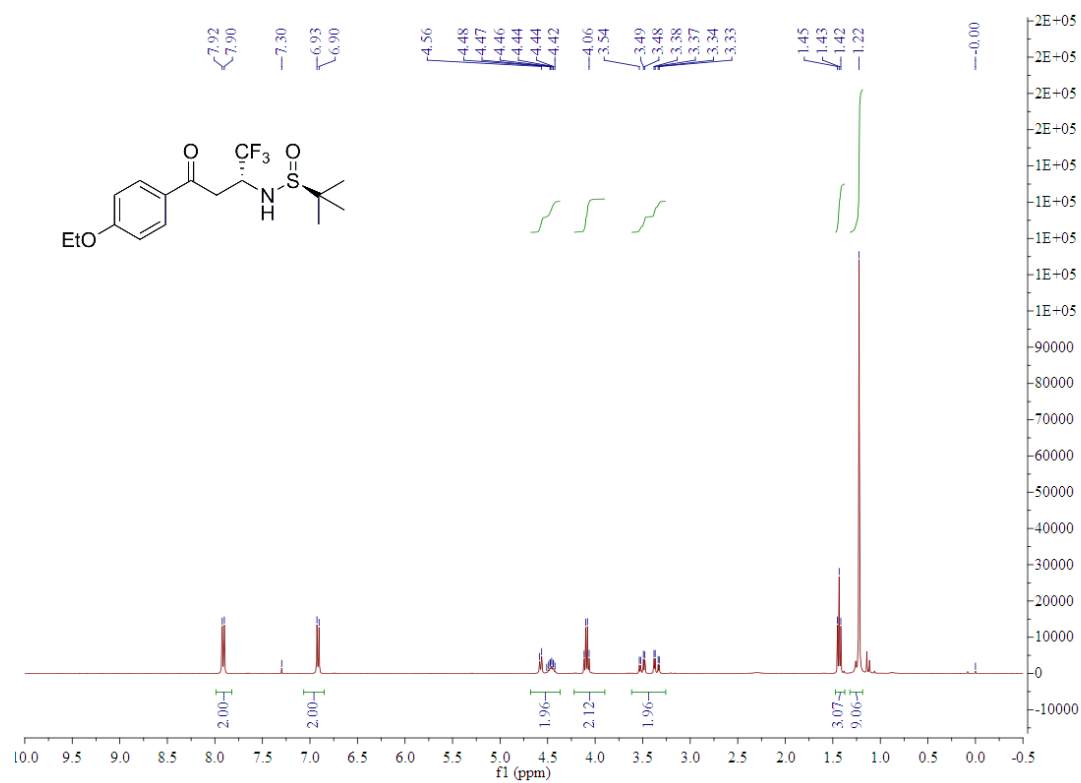


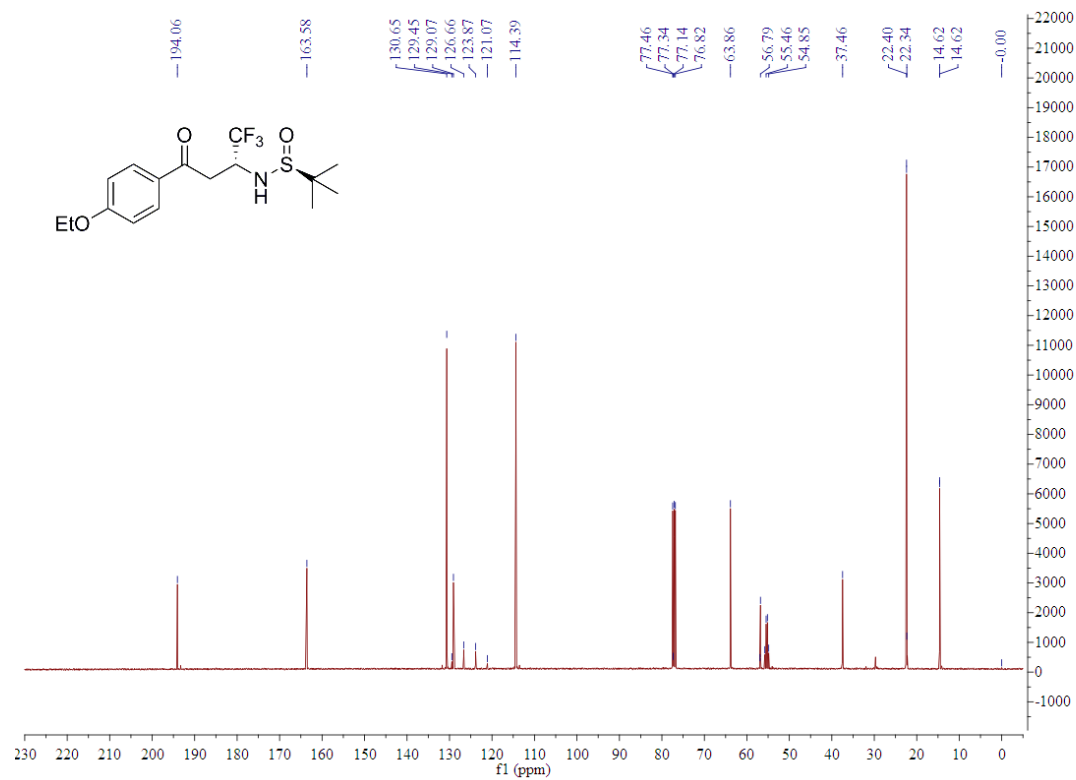
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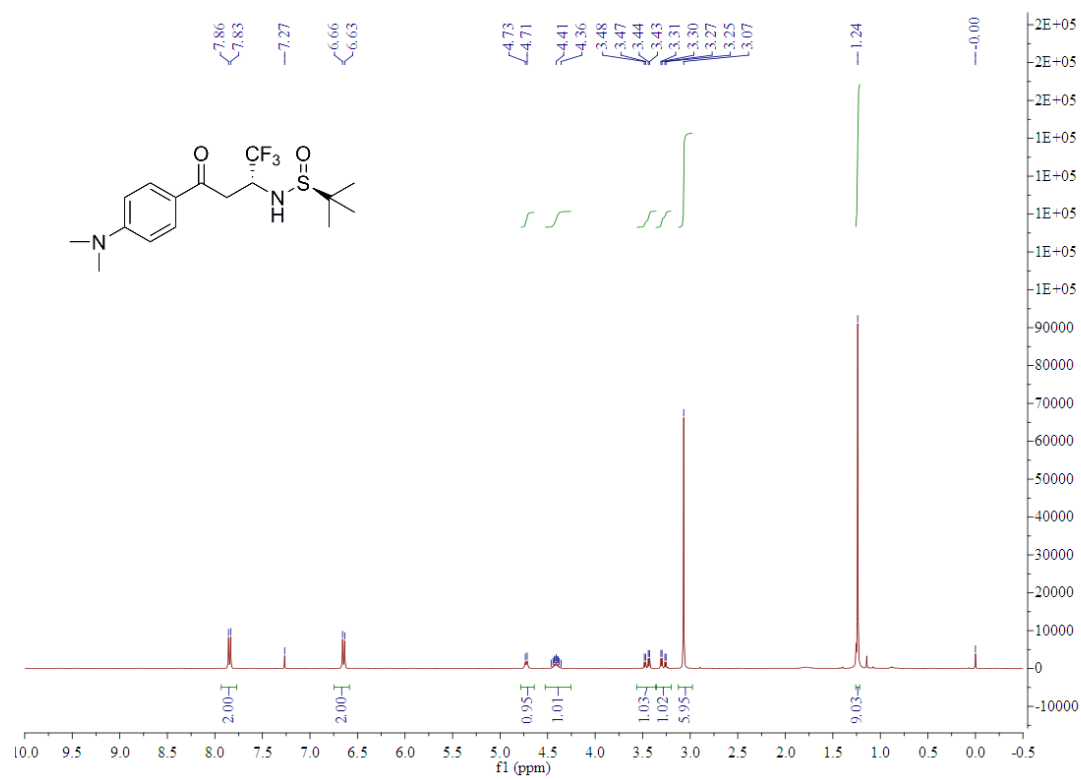


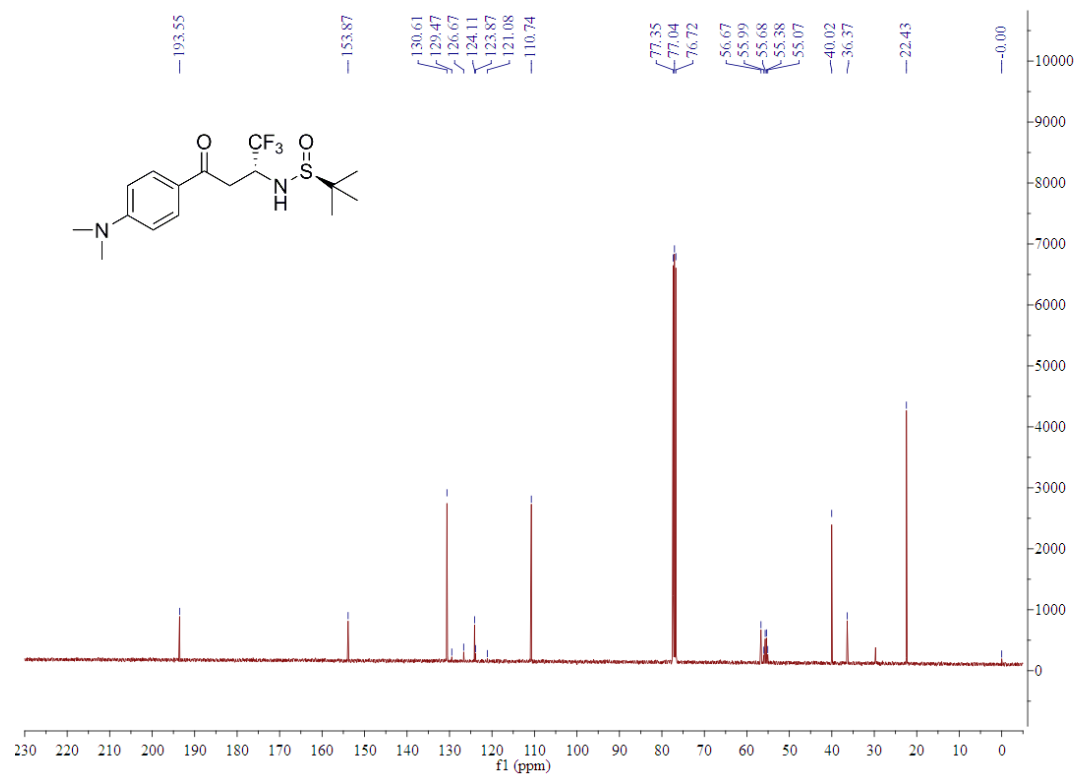
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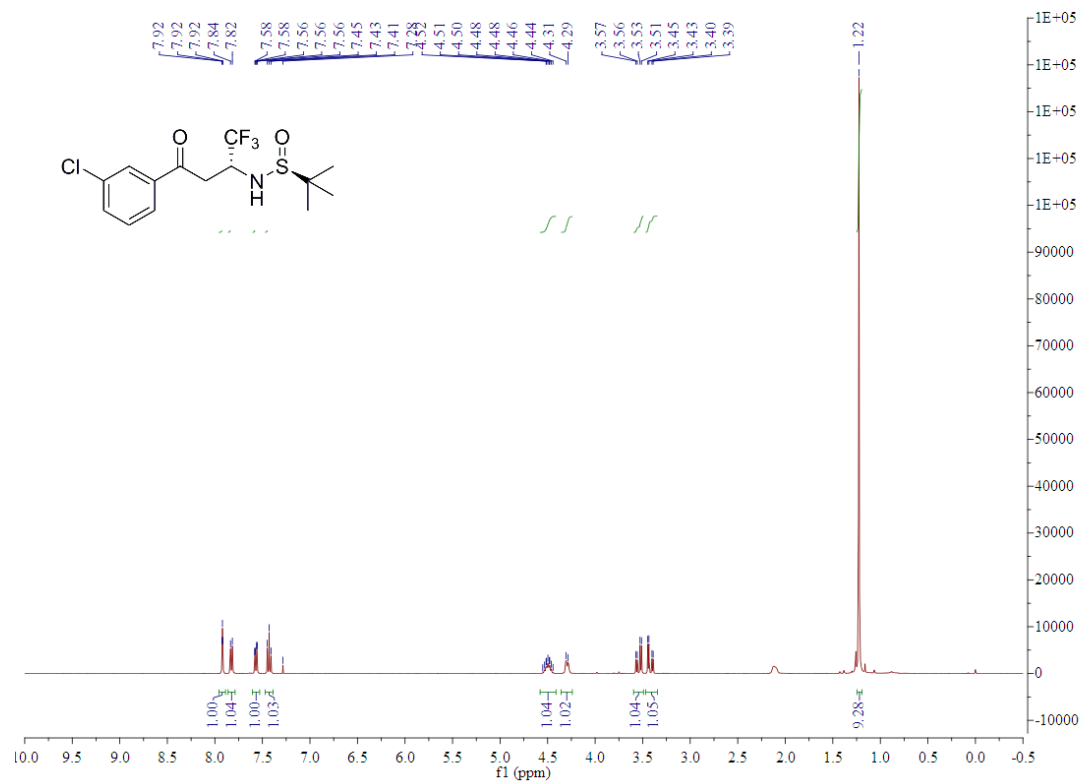


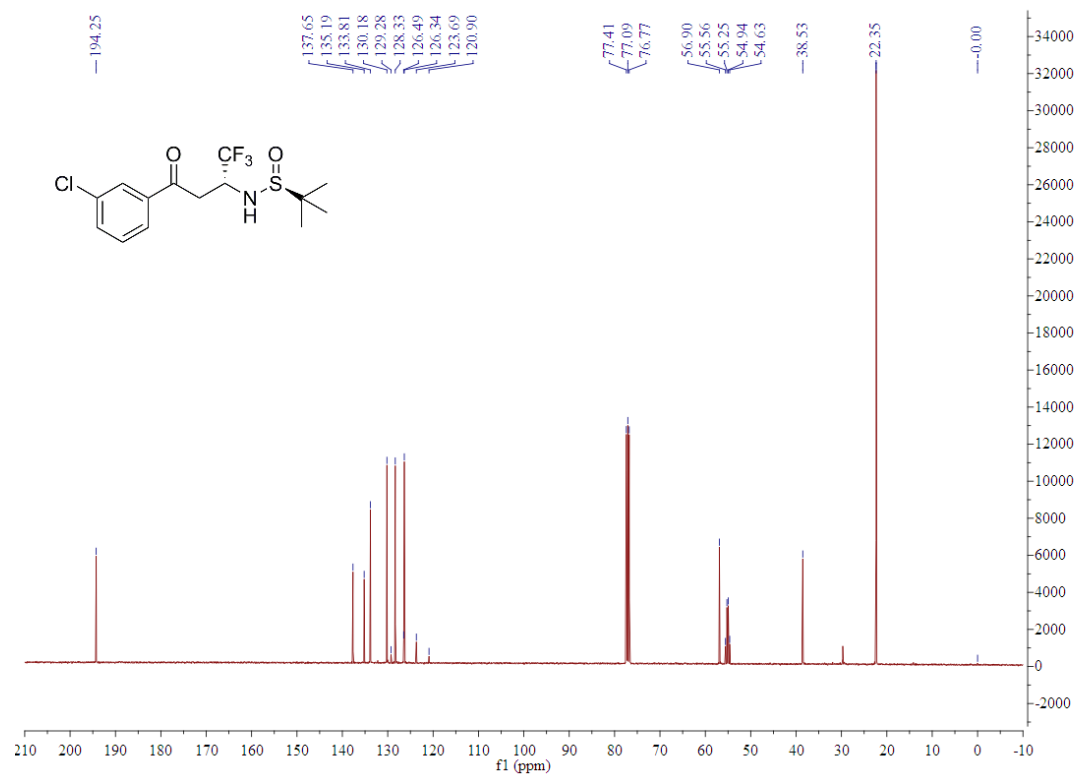
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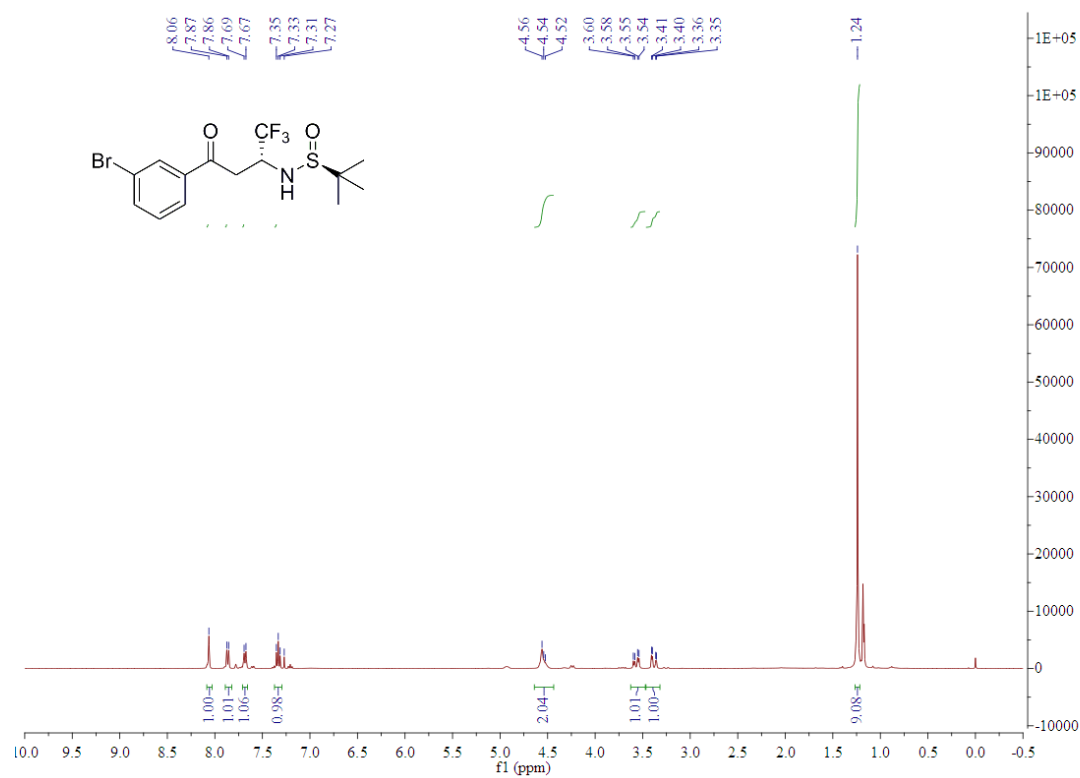


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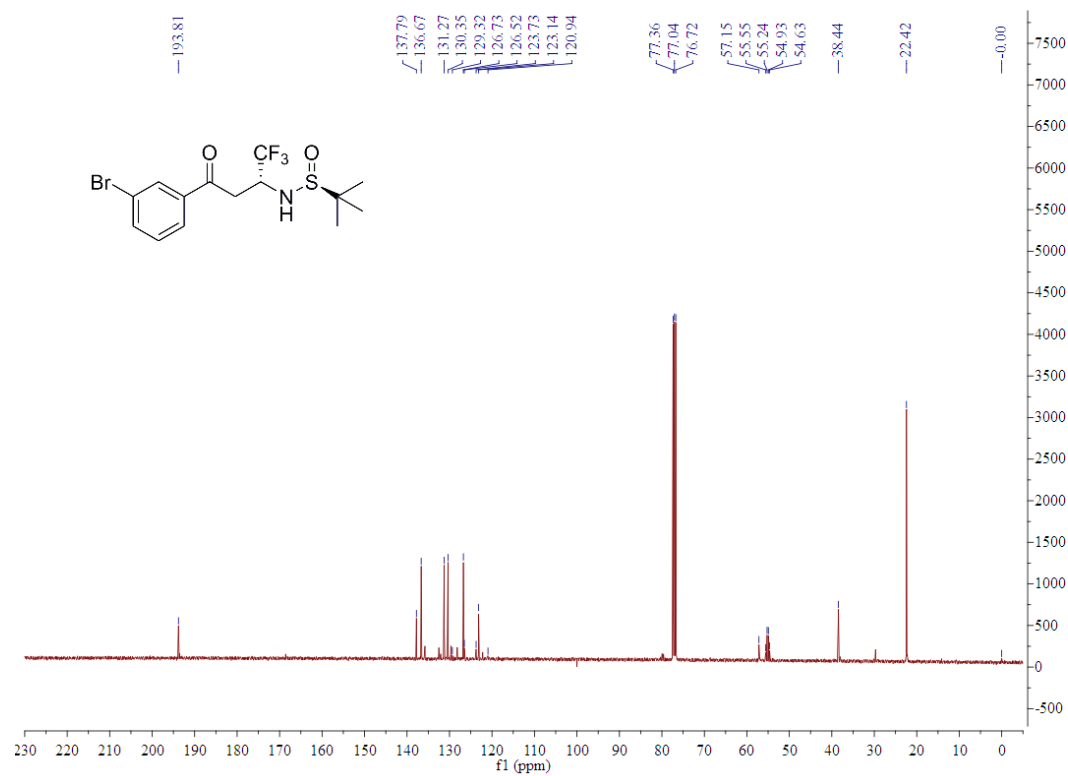




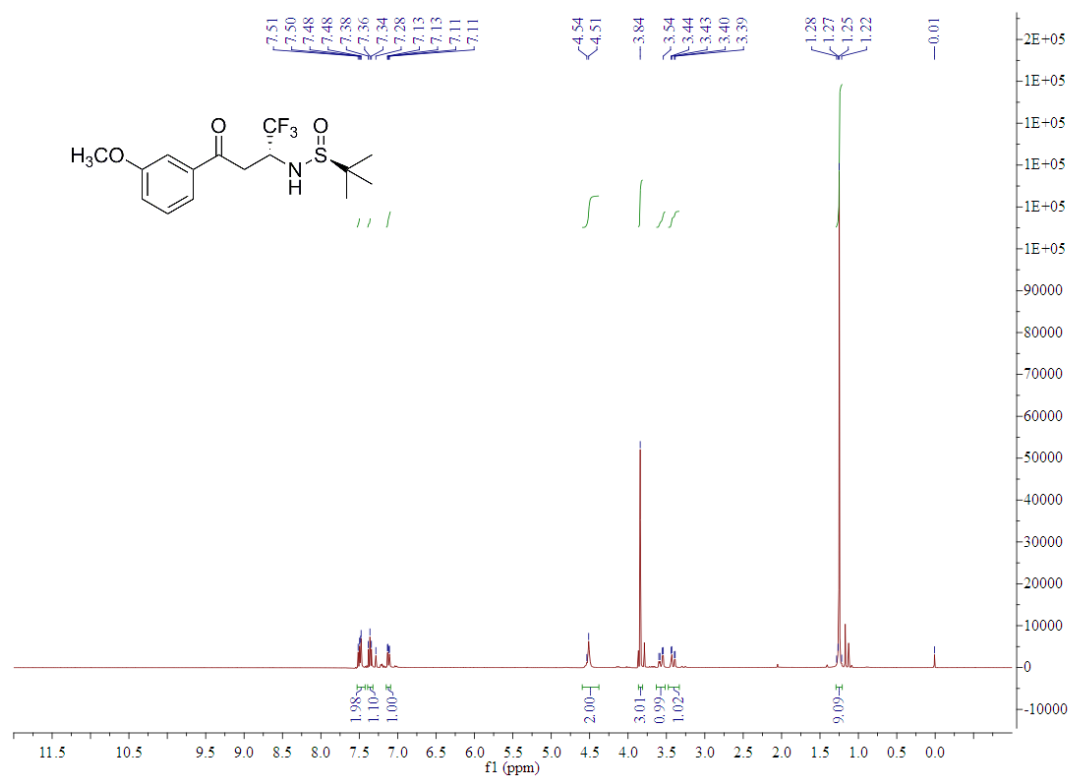
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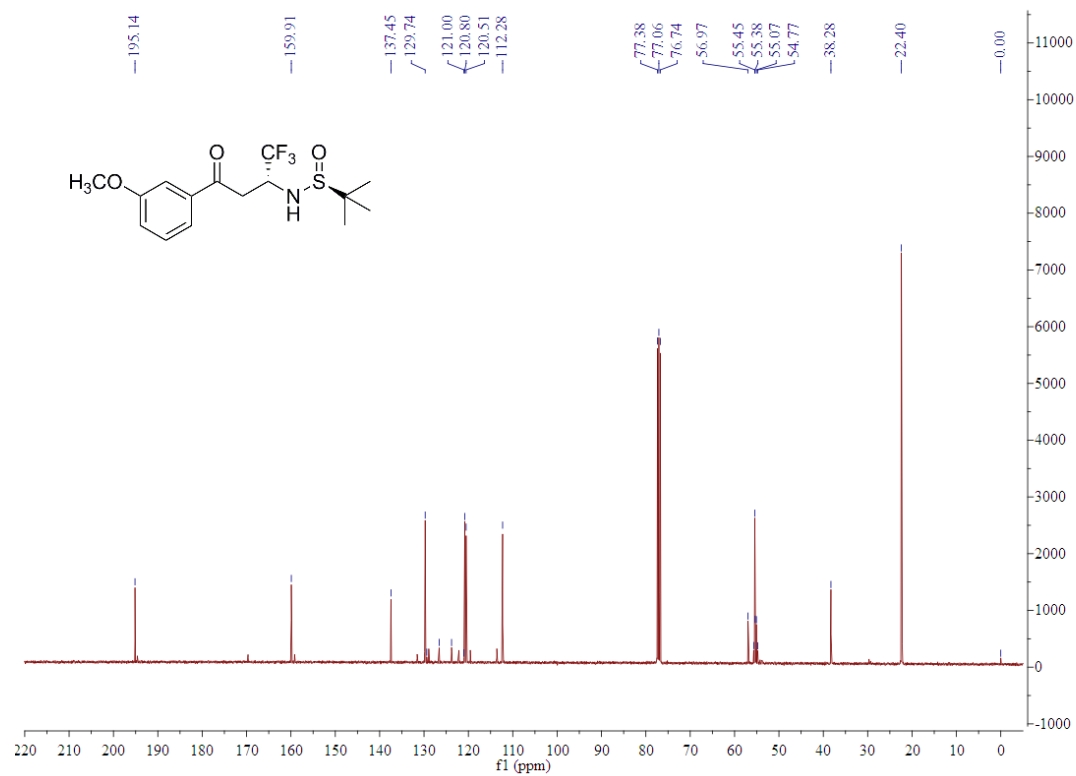




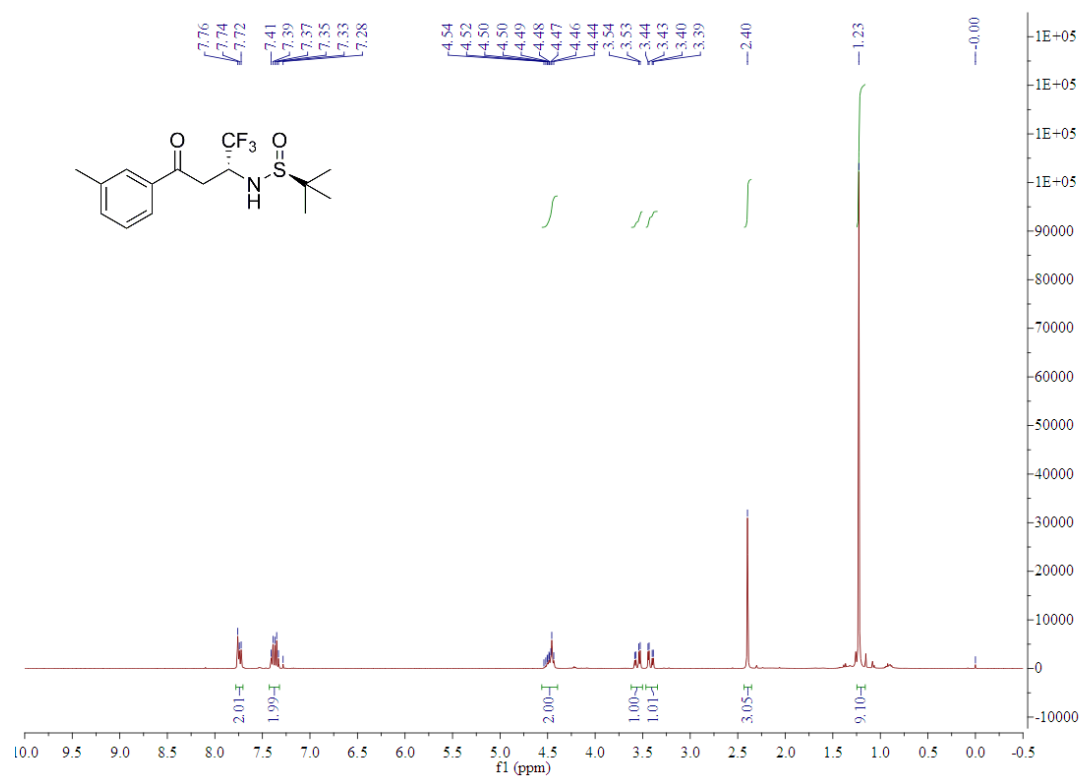


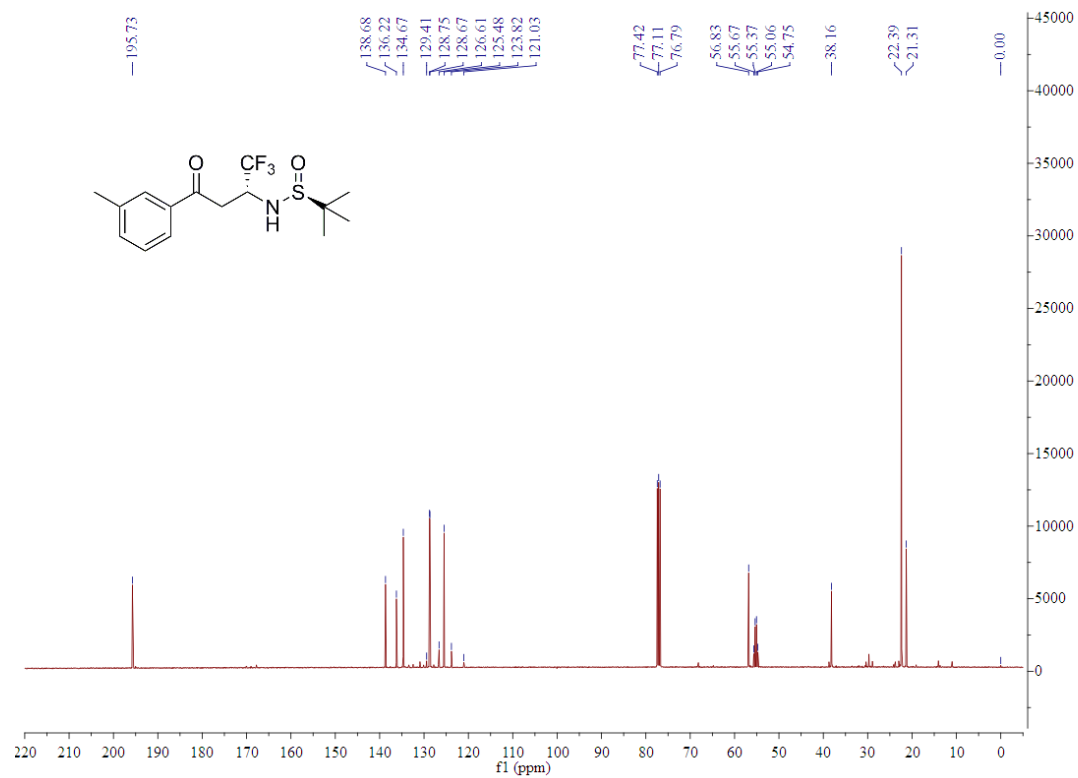
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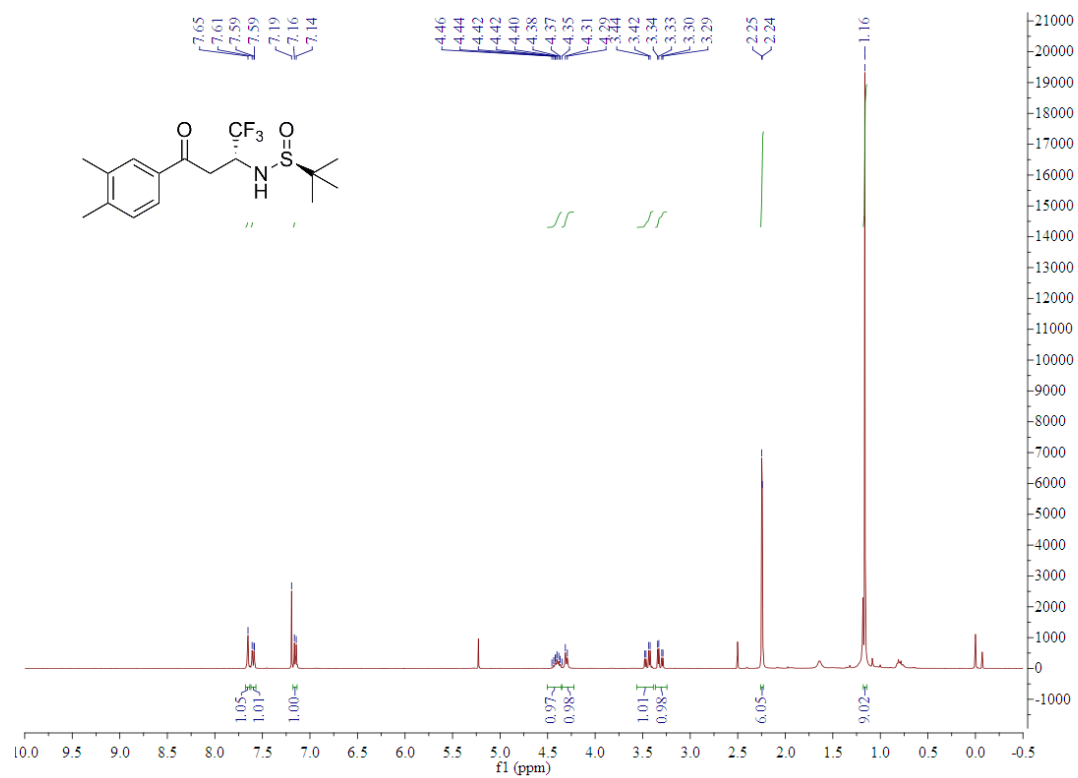


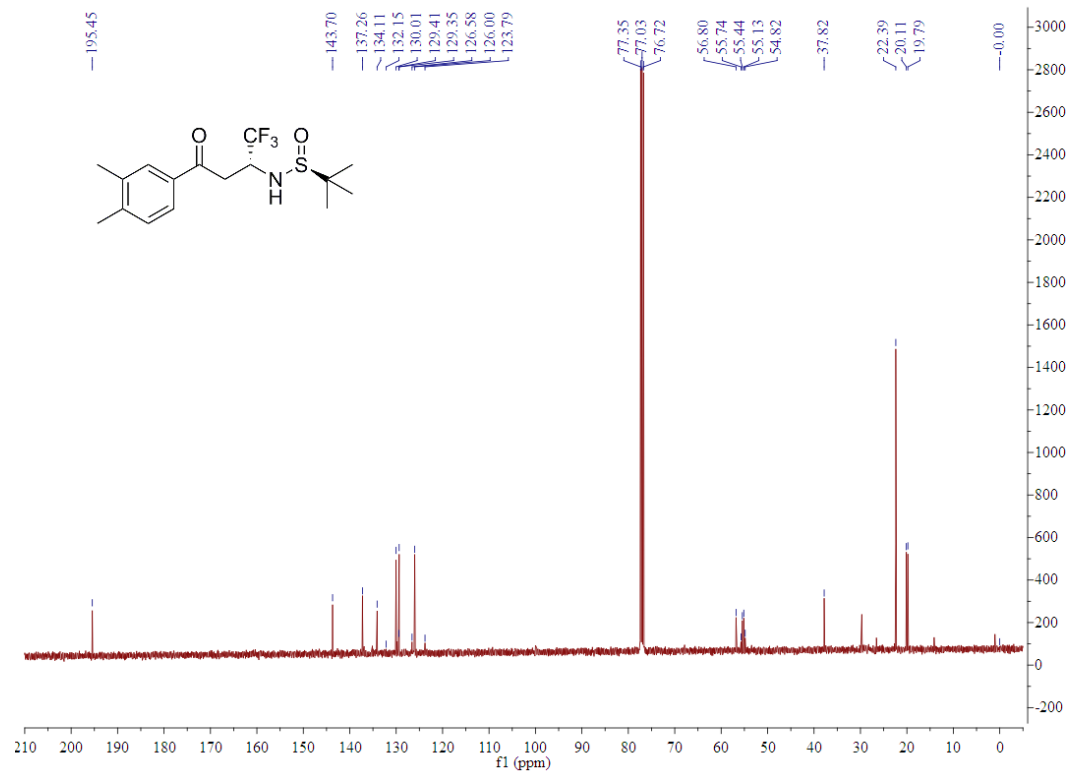
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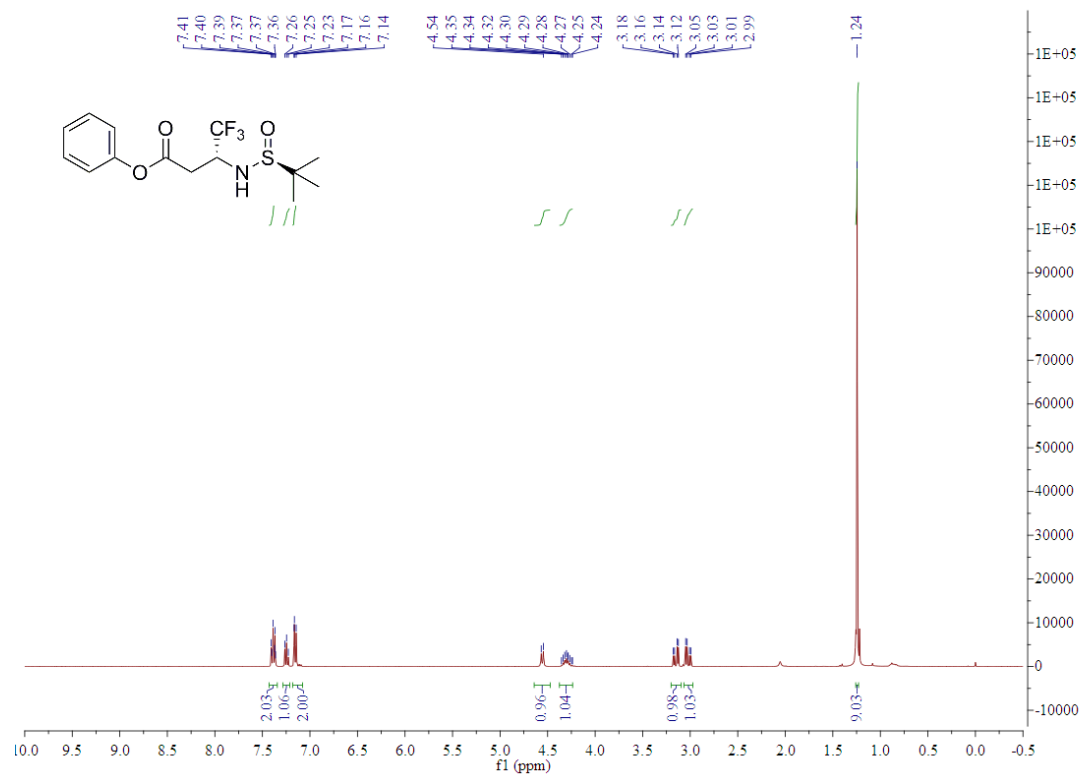


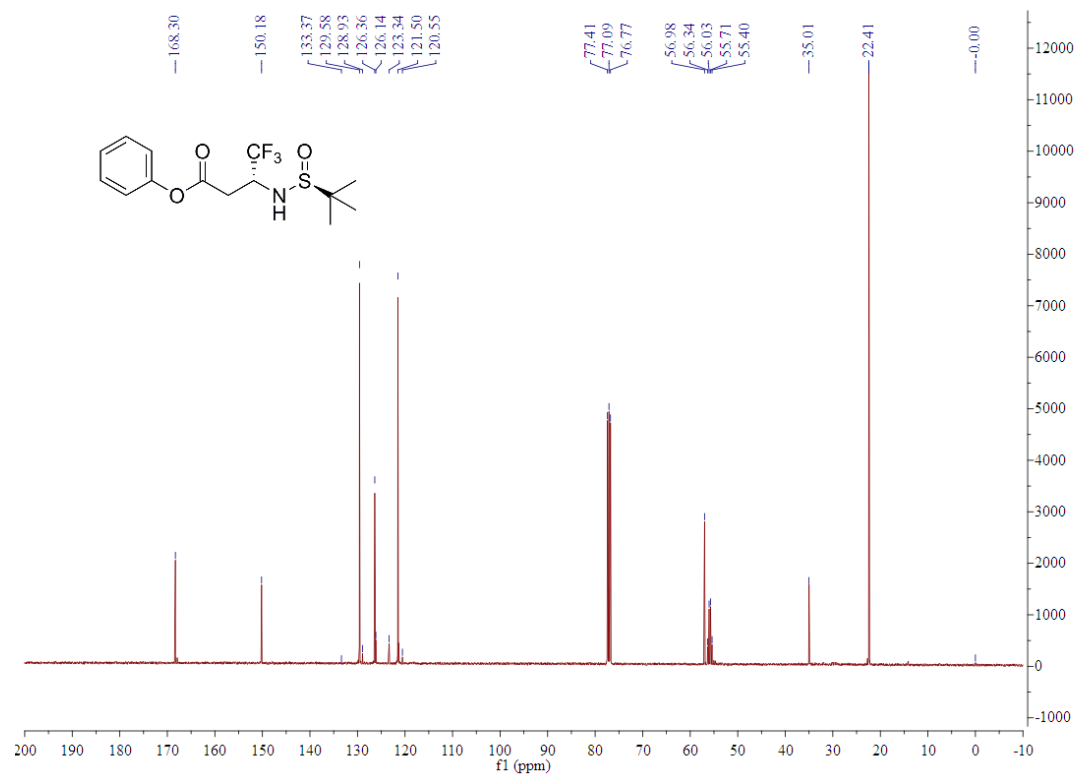
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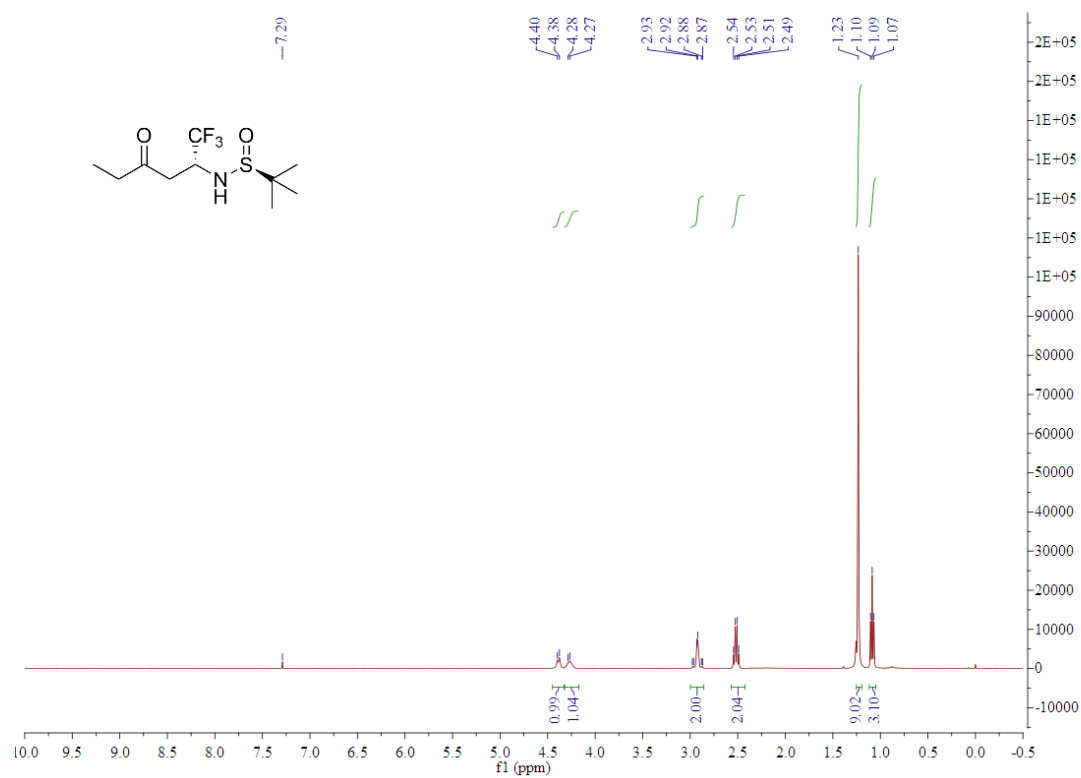


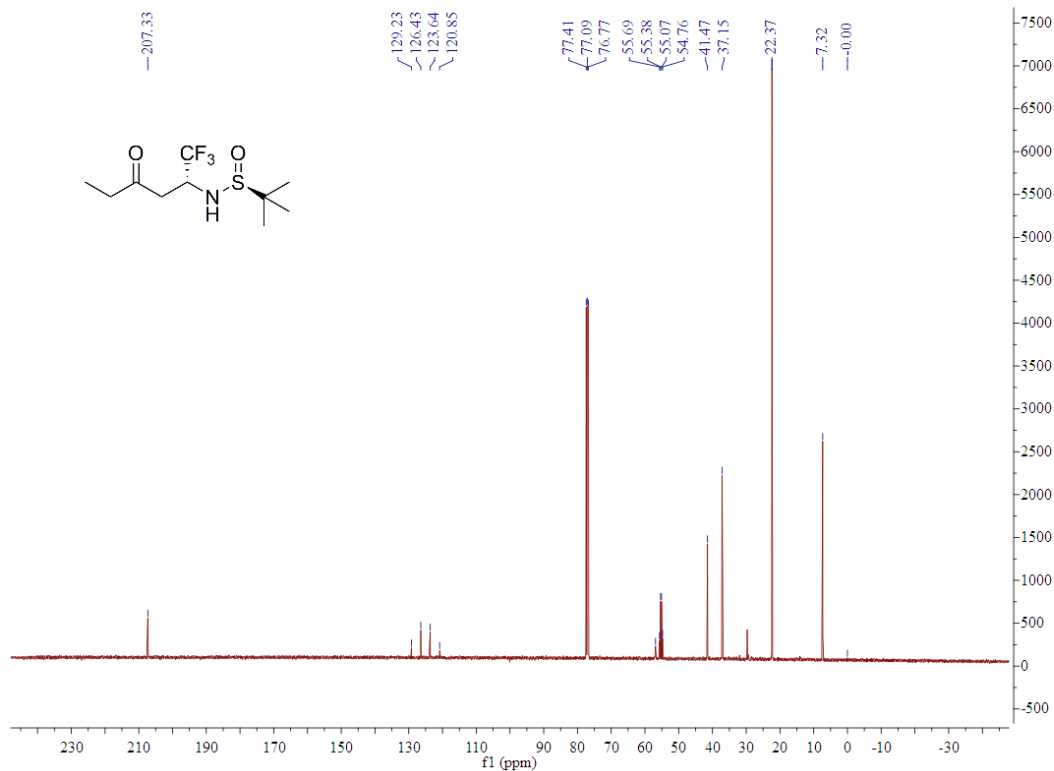
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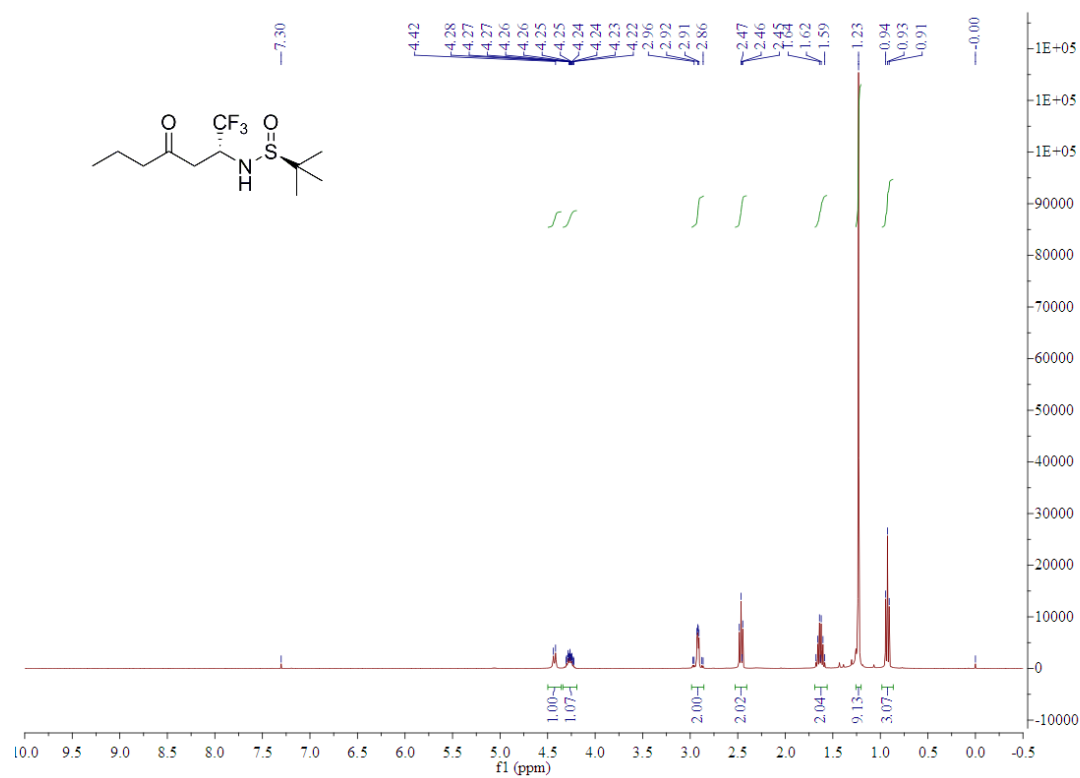


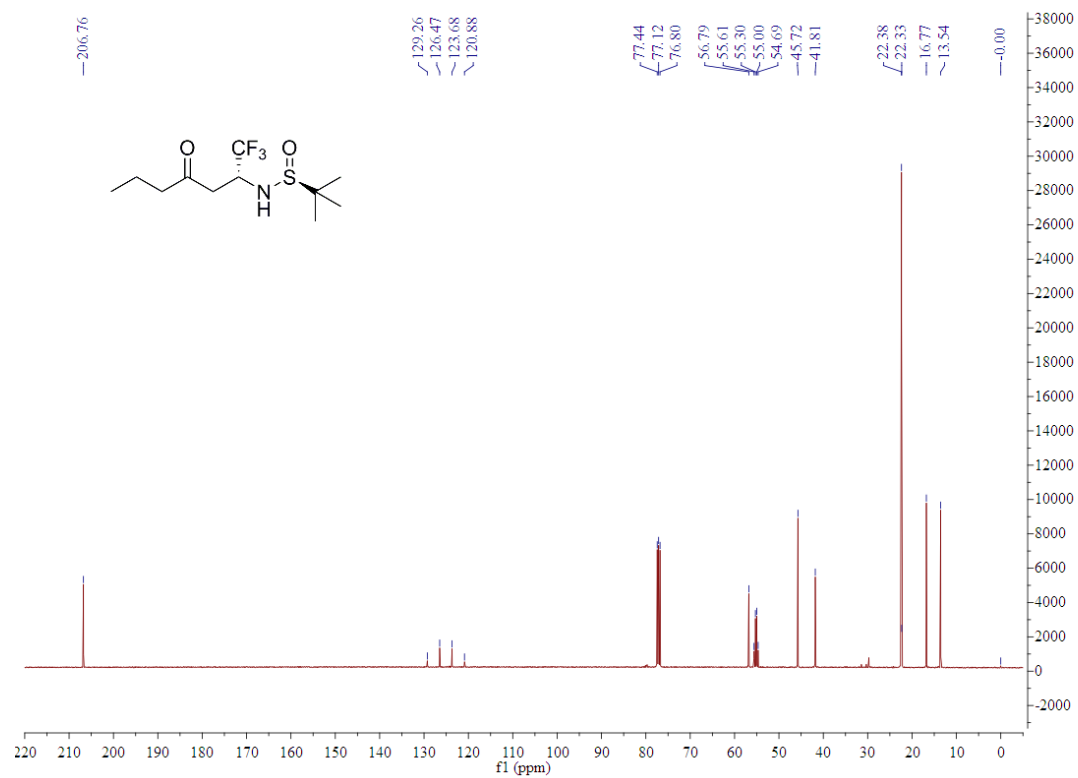
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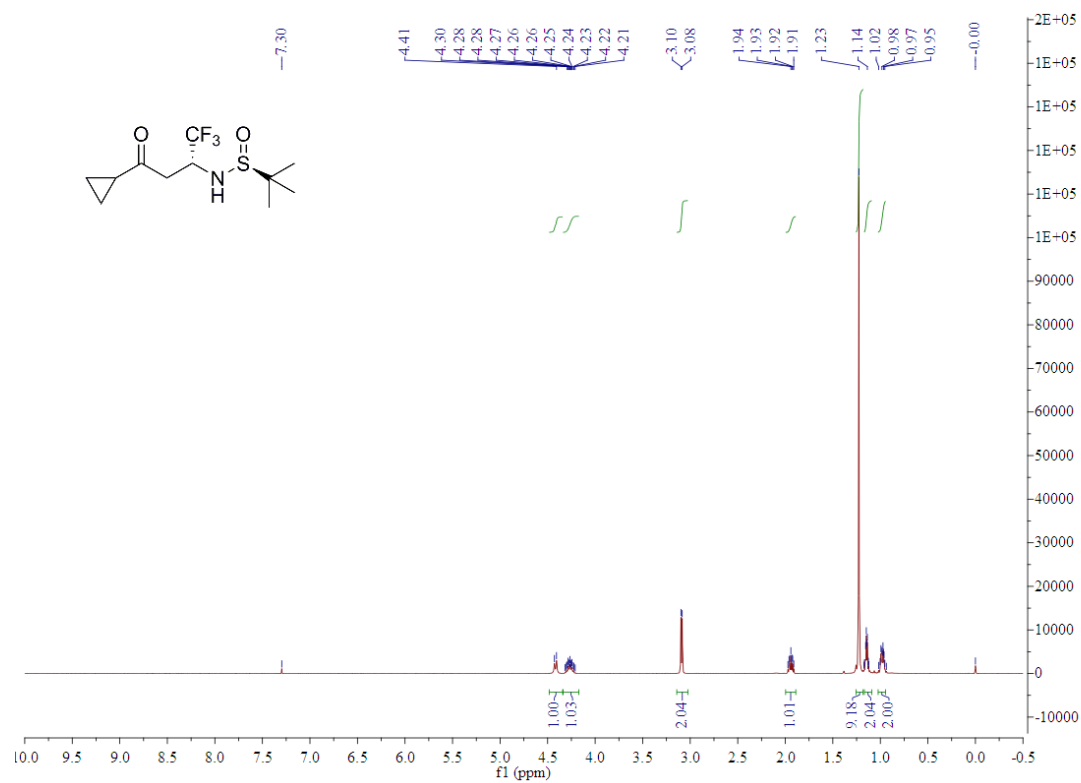


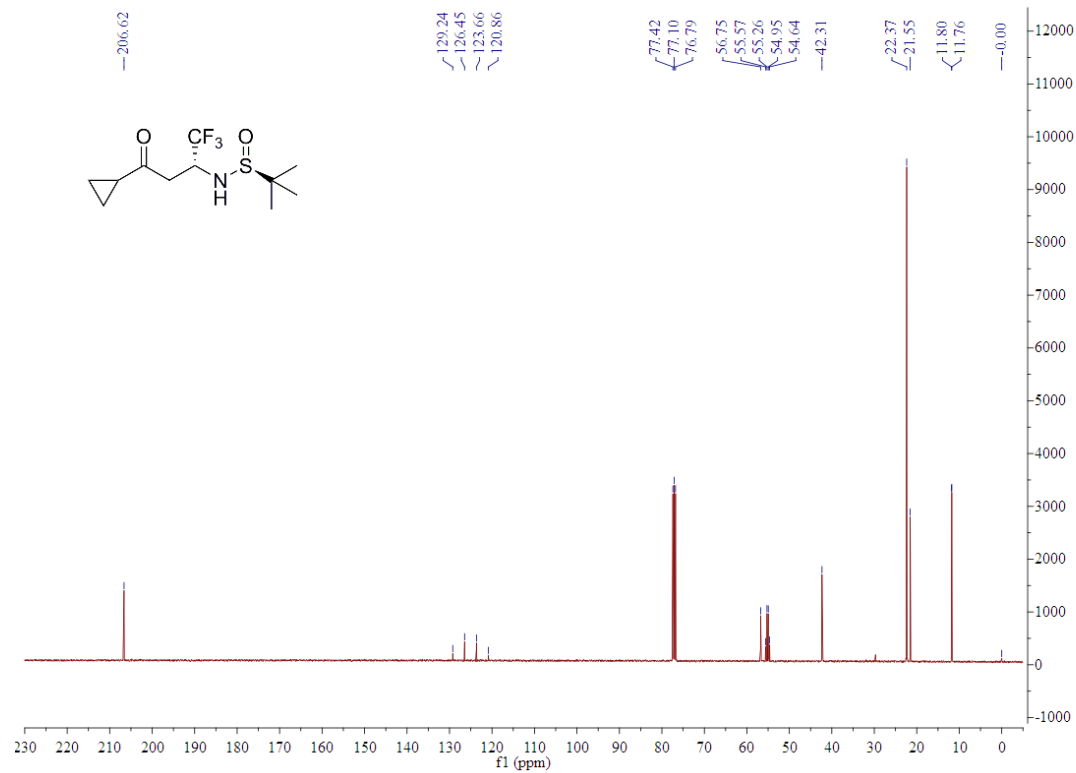
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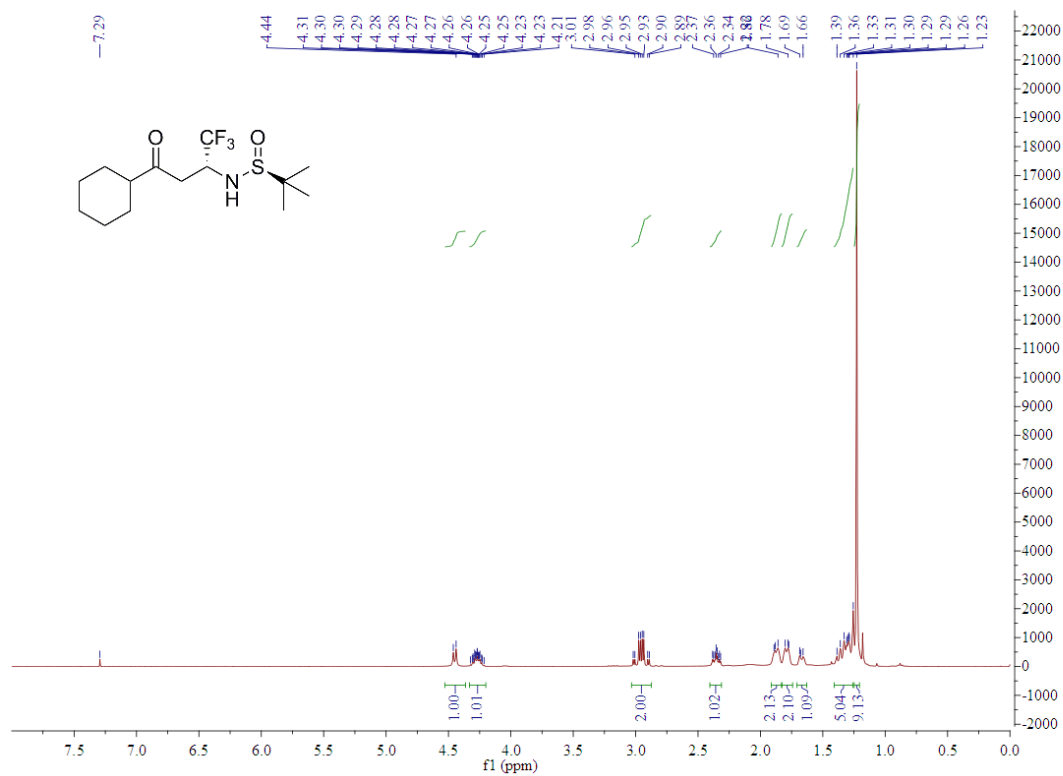


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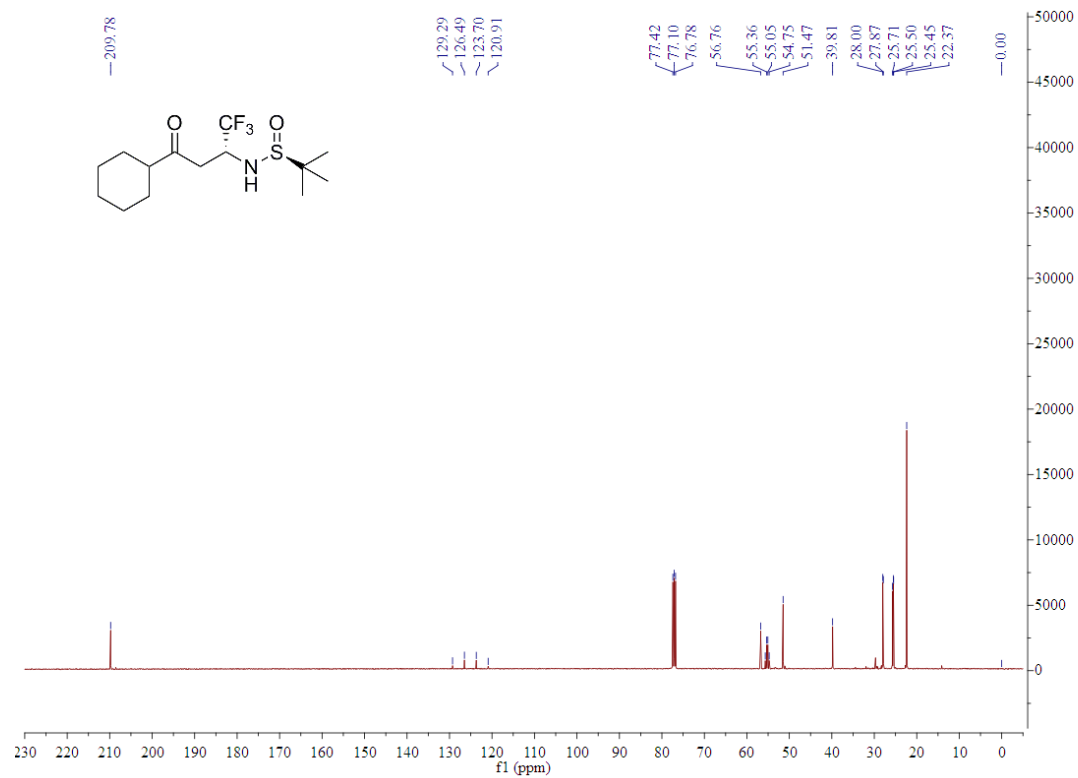




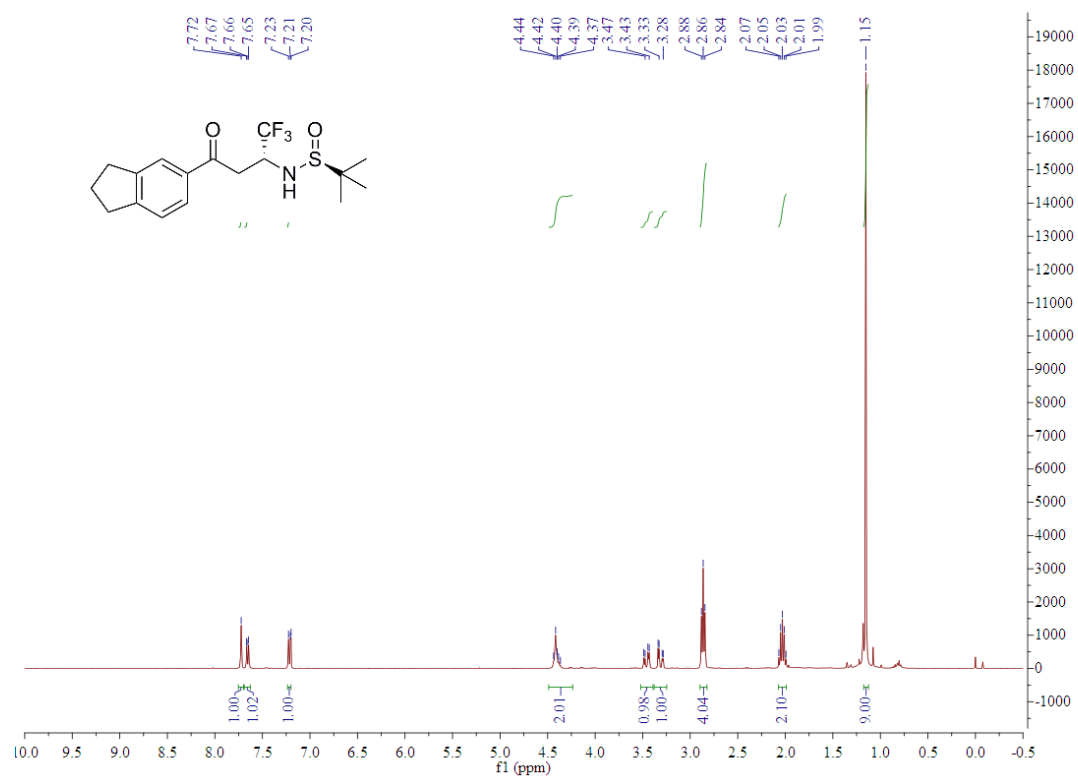
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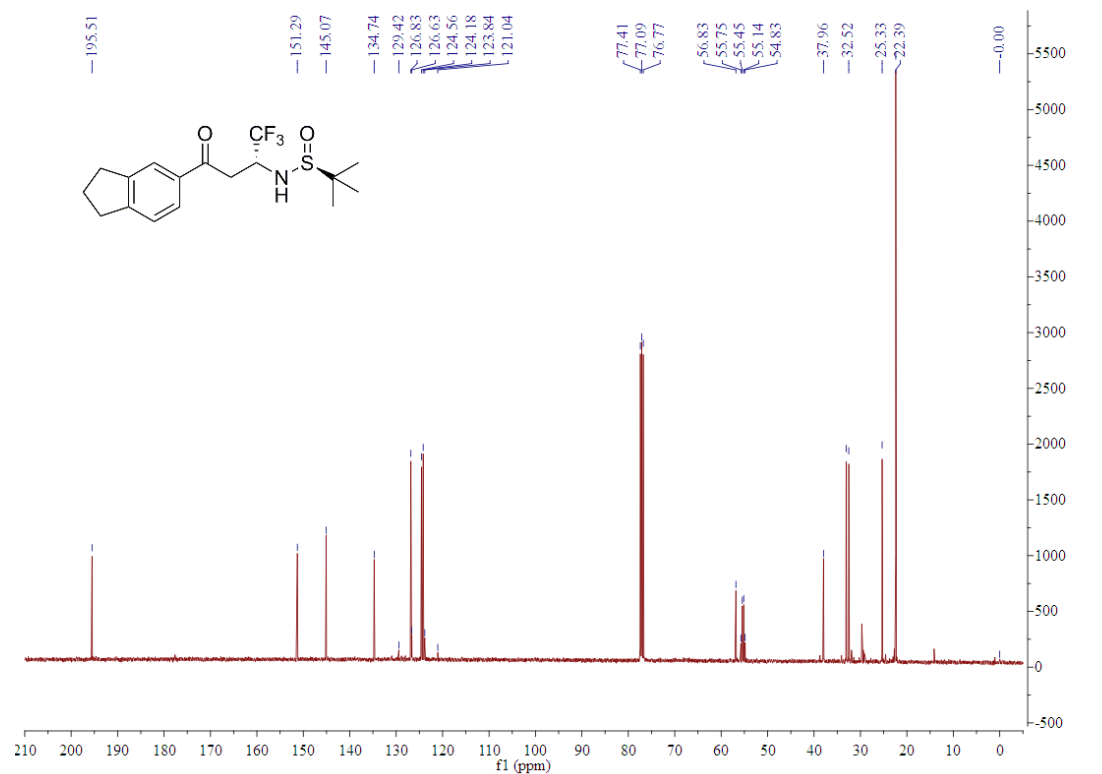




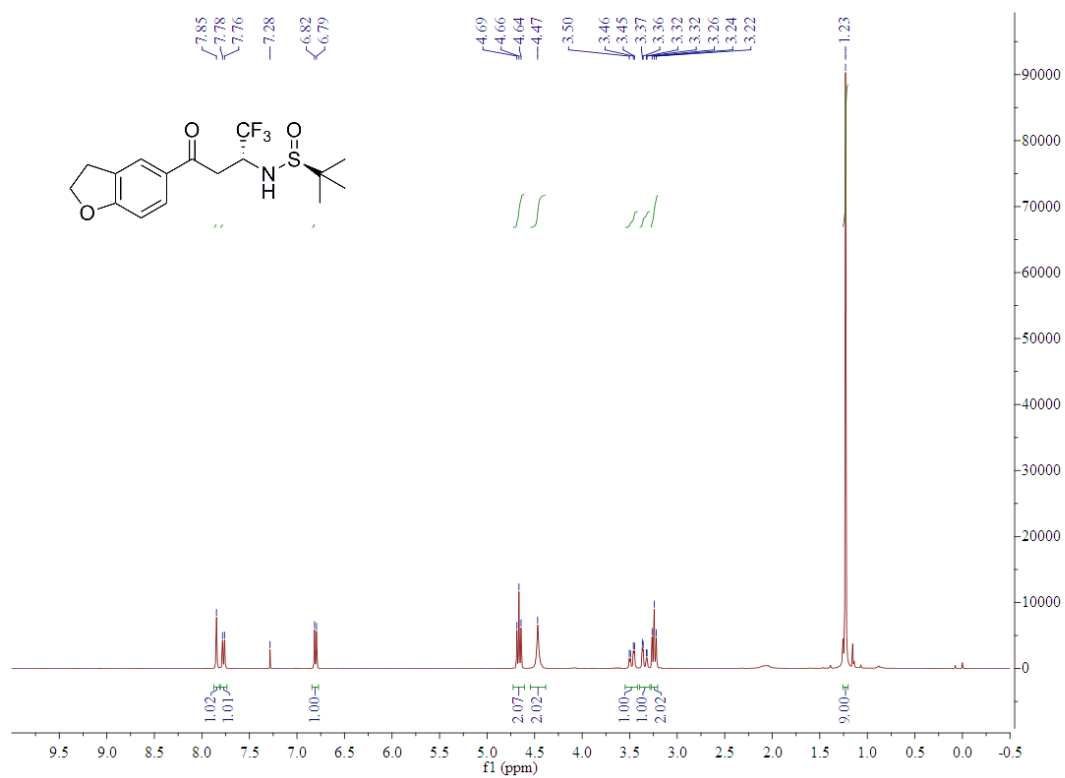


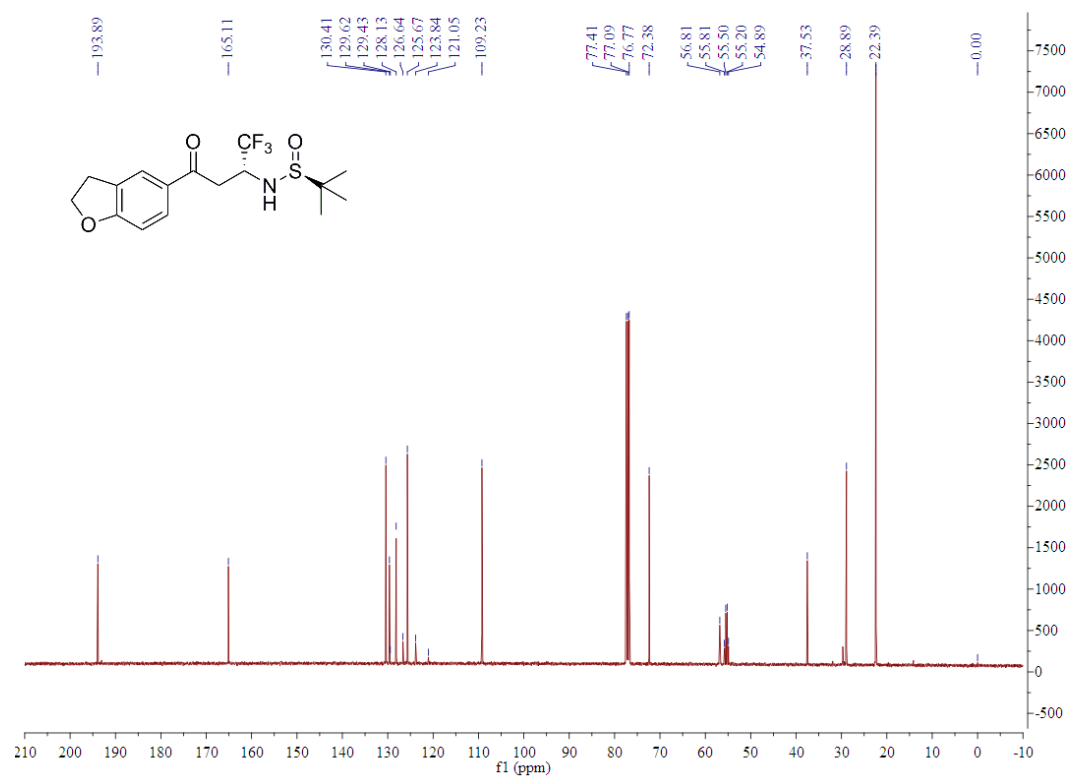
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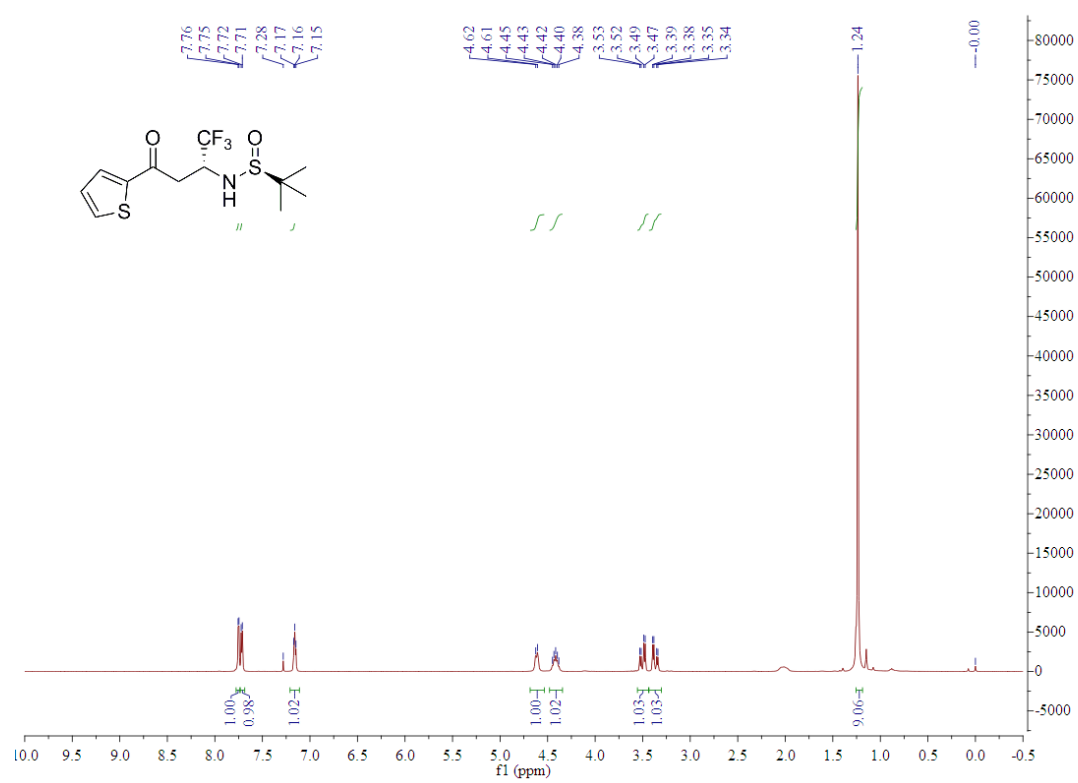


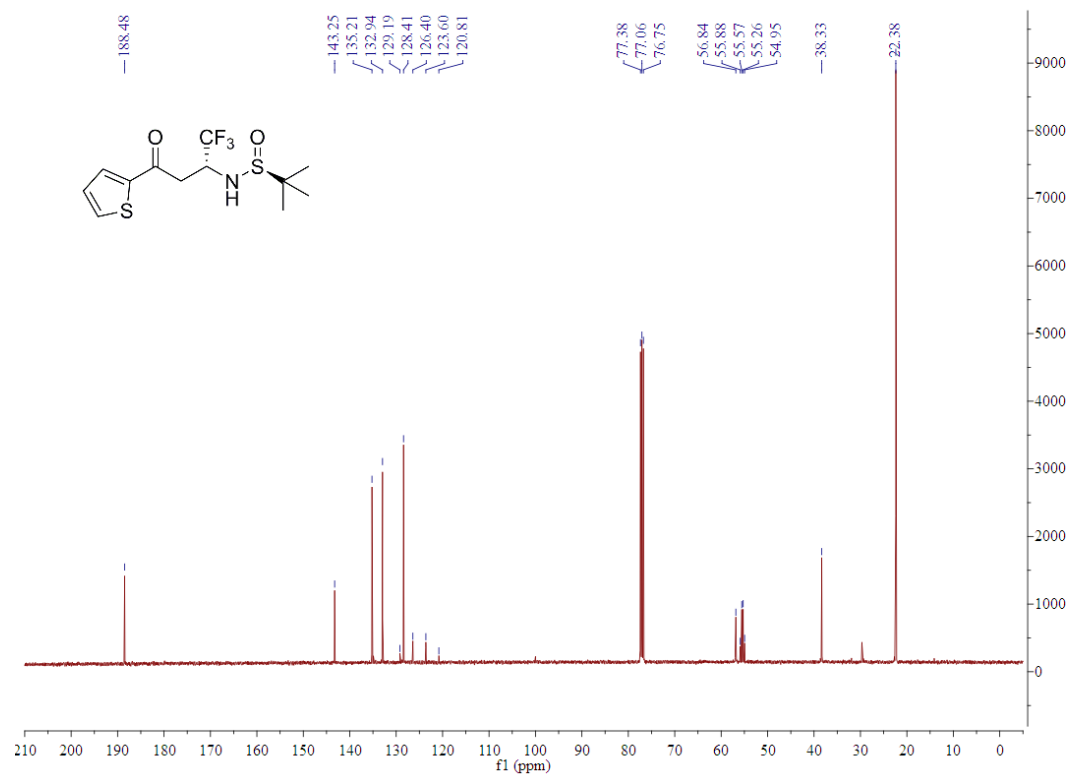
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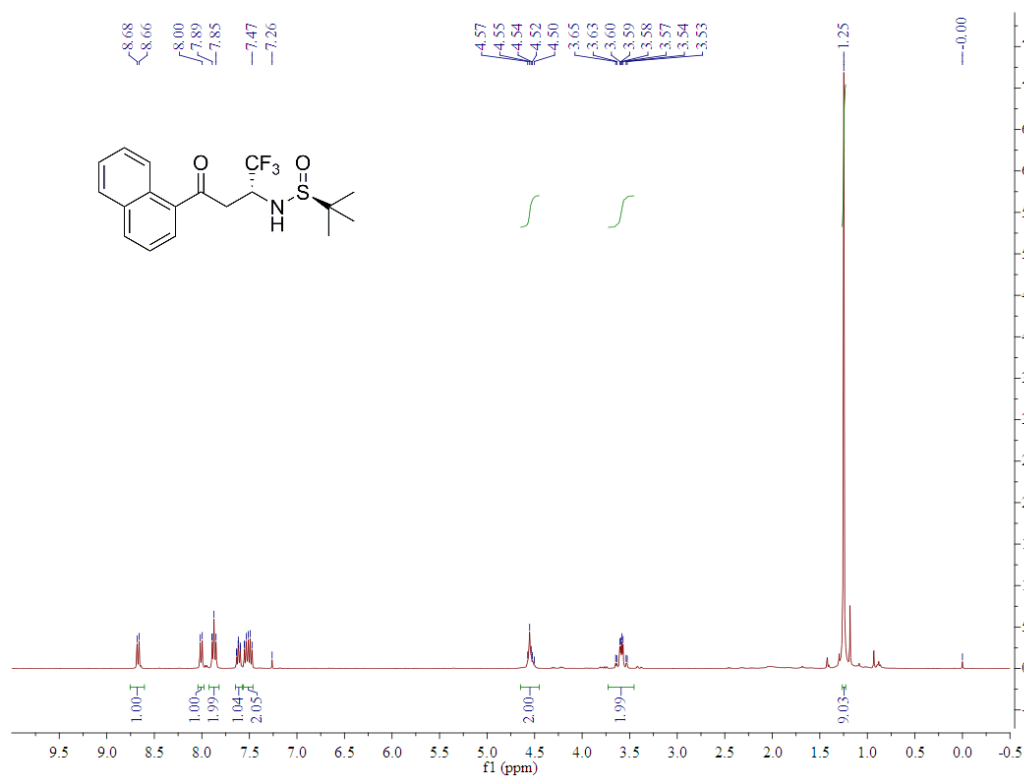


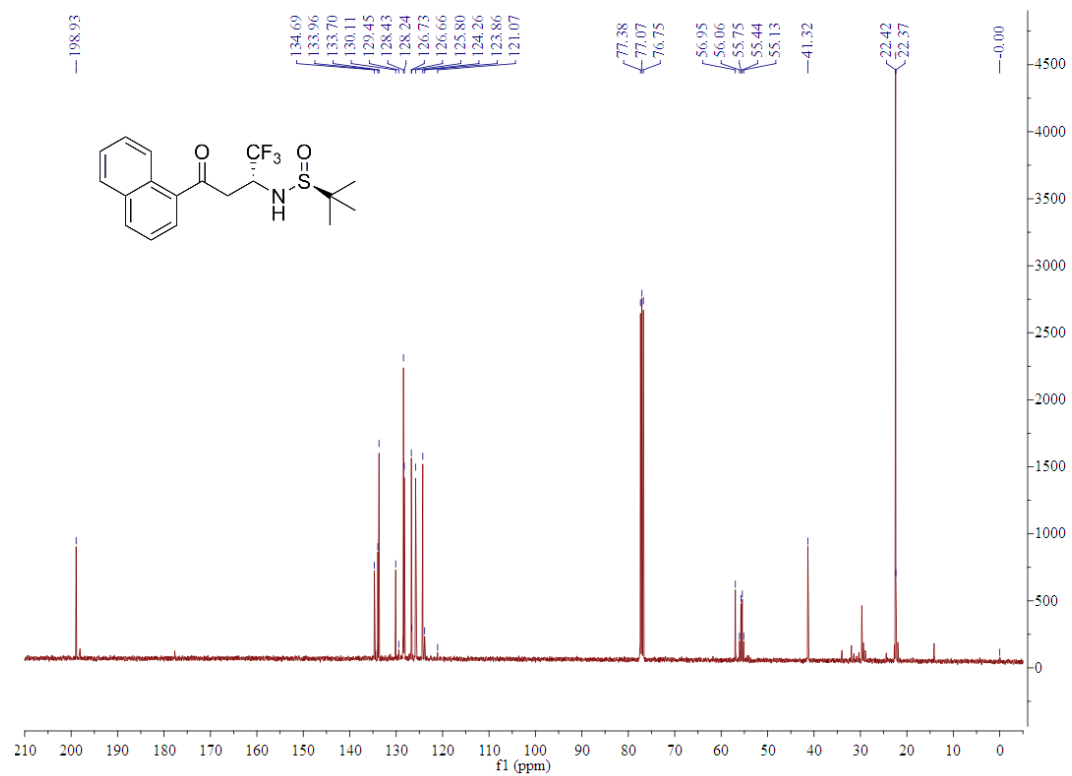
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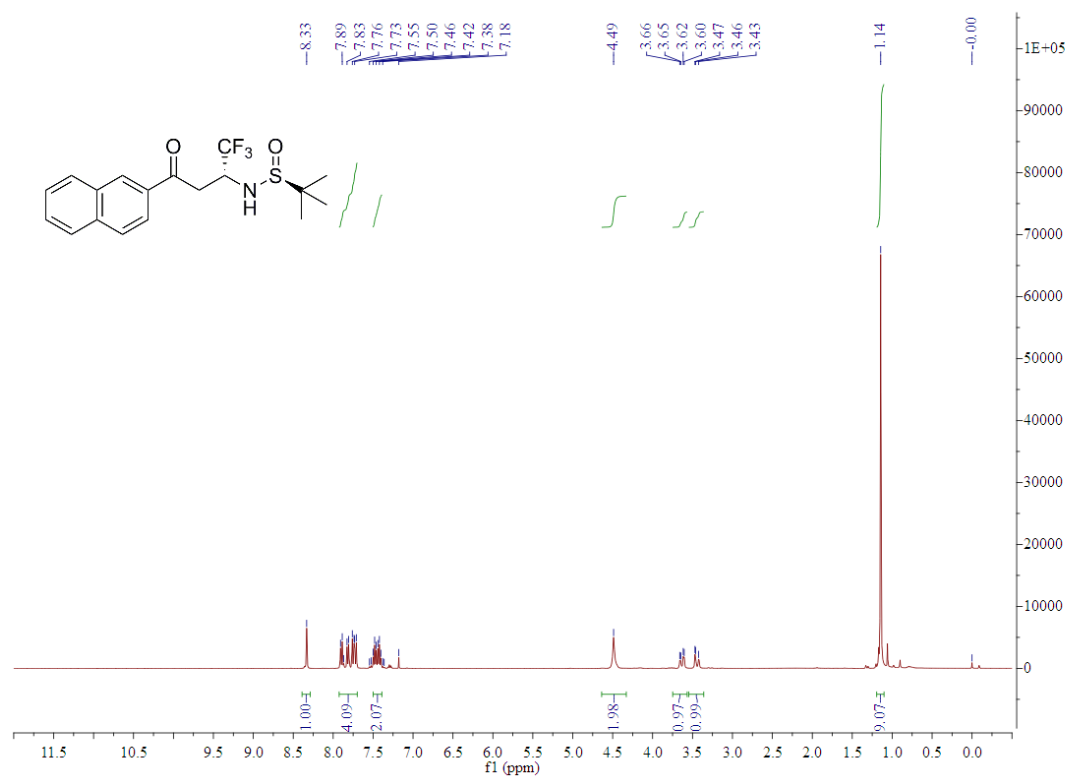


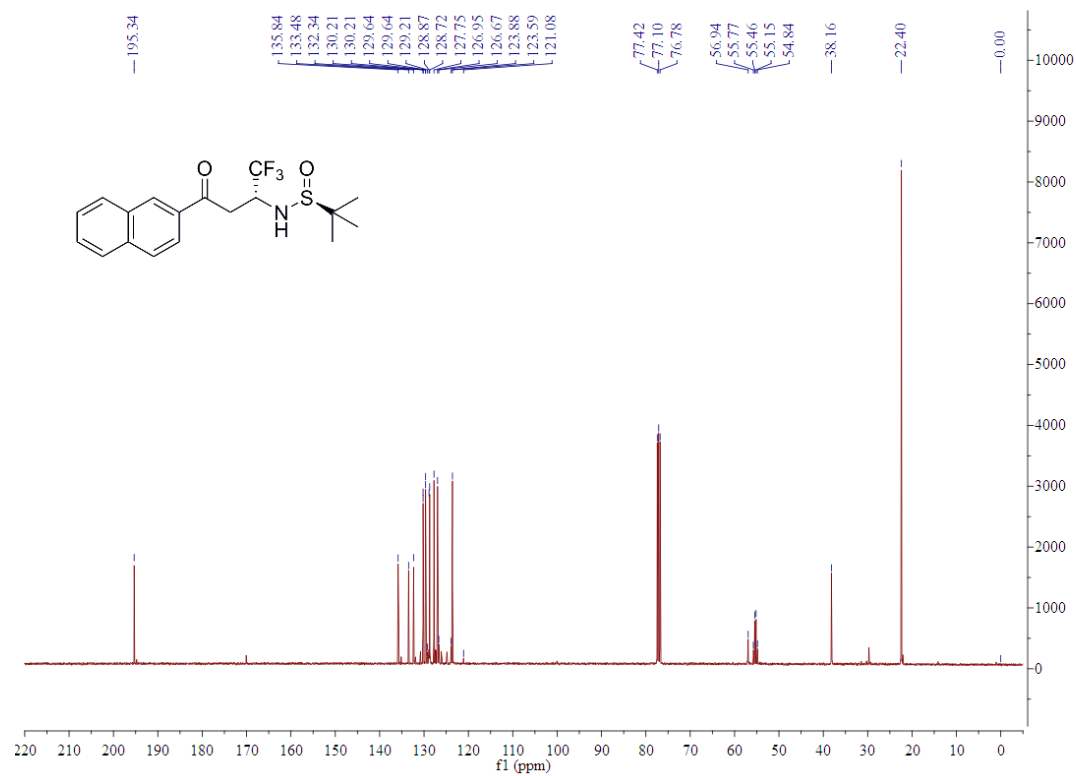
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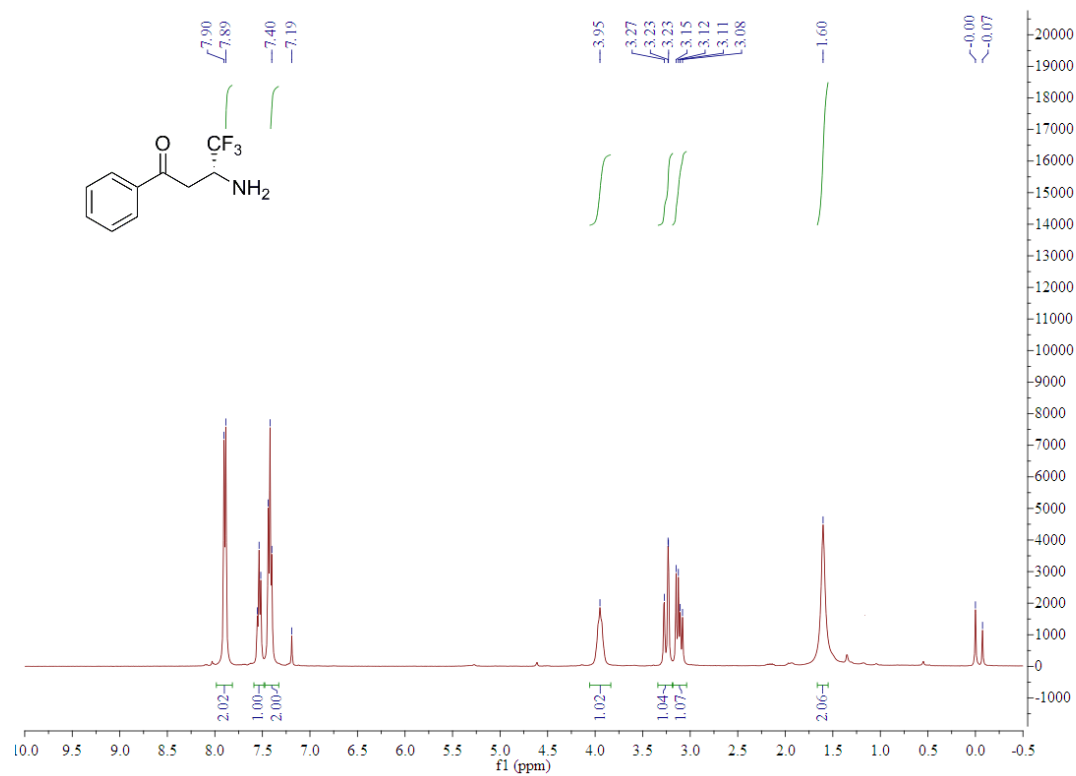


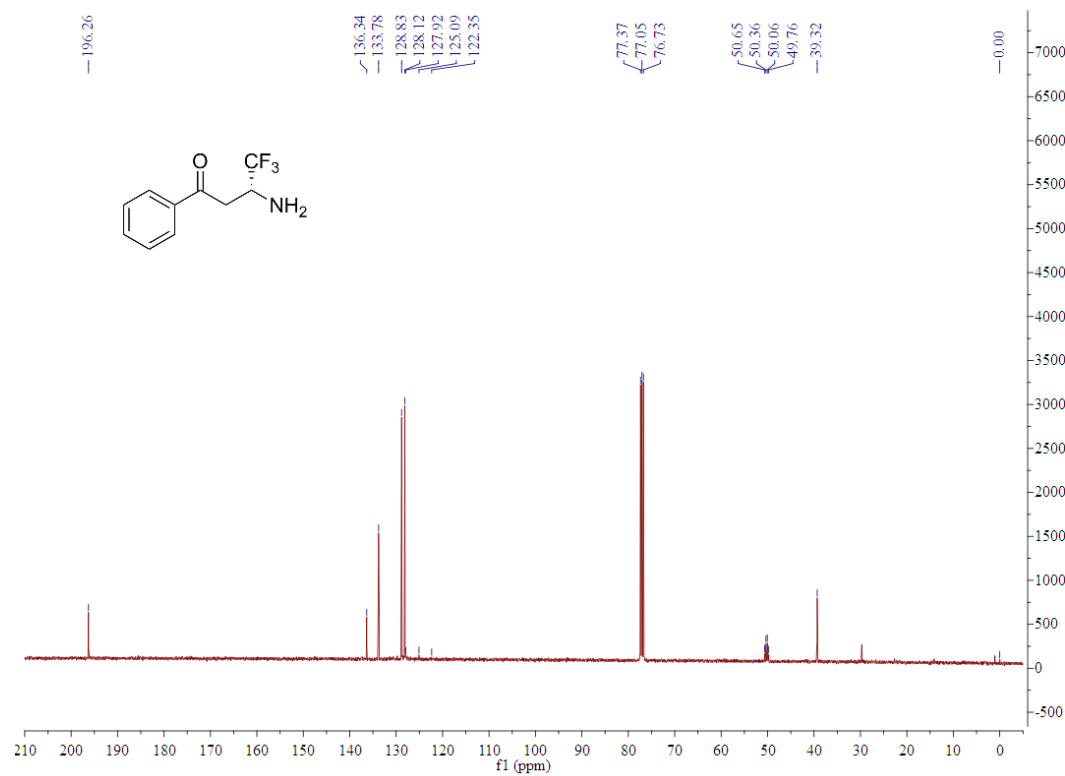
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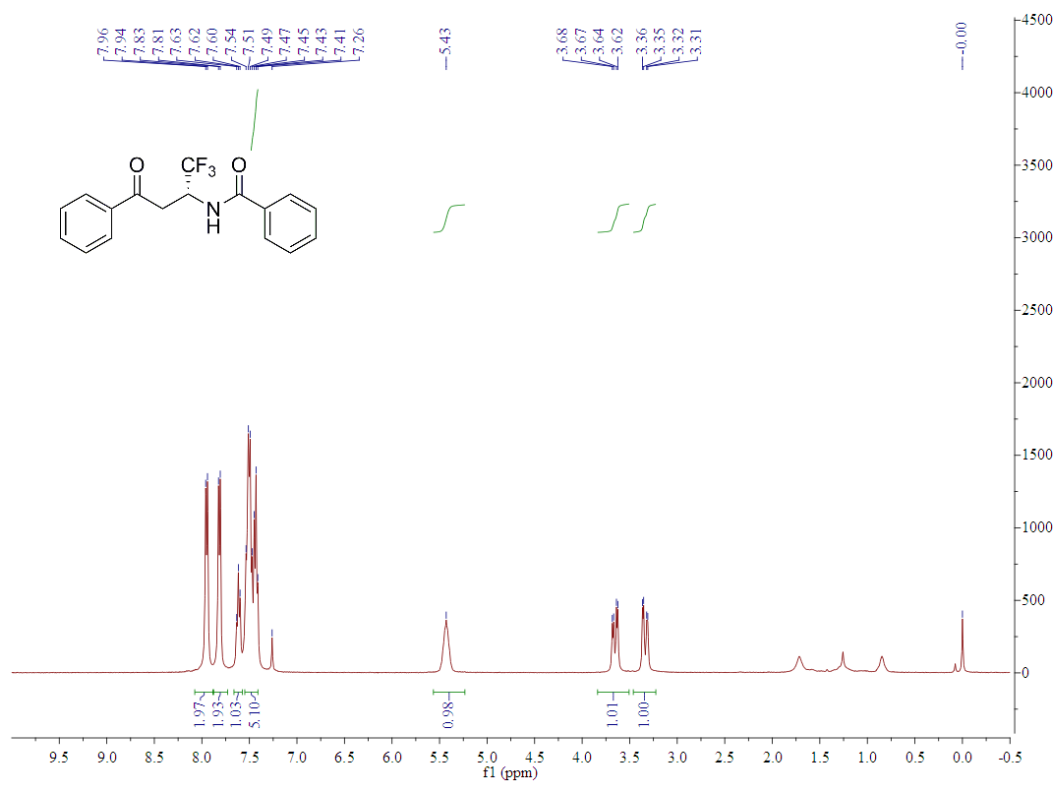


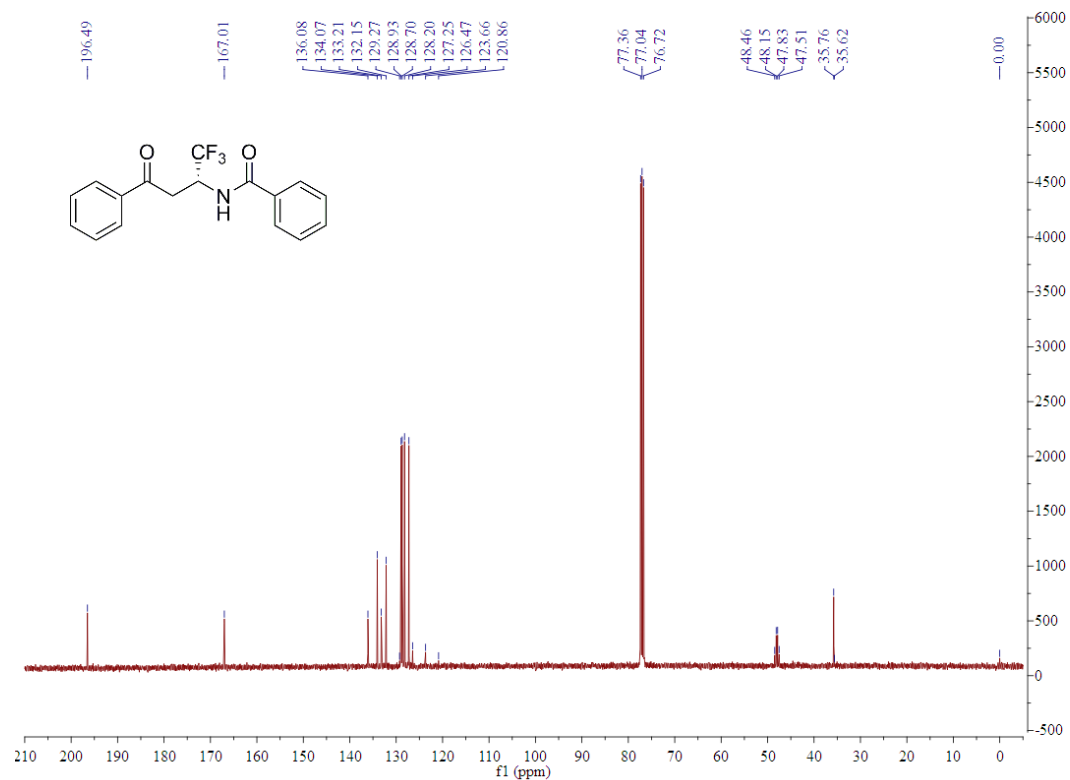
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**<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 5**





<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6

