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Iridium(III)-Catalyzed β -Trifluoromethyl Enone Carbonyl Directed Regio-Selective *Ortho*-C(sp²)-H Olefination

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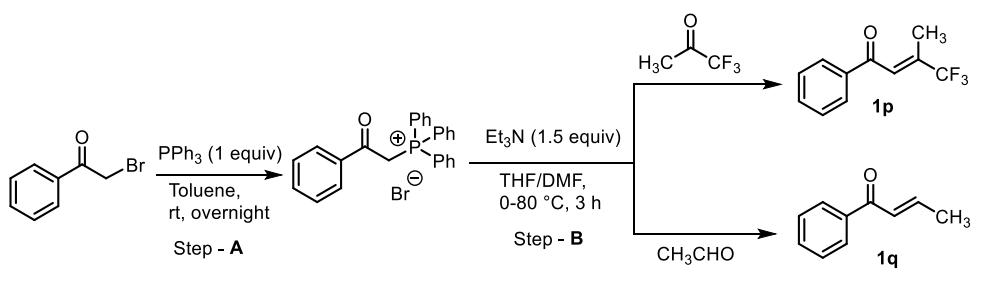
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1. General Information

All ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer in CDCl_3 , $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, with TMS (tetramethyl silane) as an internal standard. ^{19}F NMR was also recorded on the same instrument. Data are reported as follows: Chemical shift (δ = ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, dq = doublet of quartet, hept = heptet, m = multiplet), Coupling constants (J), are reported in hertz (Hz). High-resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) was done on Agilent Q-TOF LC/MS. Melting point was recorded on Buchi M-560. Materials were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, TCI, and used without any further purification. The starting materials **1a-1o**,¹ **1p-1q**² were prepared as reported in previous literature. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh) using ethyl acetate and hexane as mobile phase.

2. Experimental Details

2.1. Synthesis of β -Substituted Enone (**1p** and **1q**)²



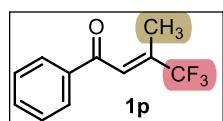
Scheme 2. Synthesis of β -Substituted Enone

Step - A: To a solution of aryl-2-bromoethanone (1.0 equiv, 10 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) was added a solution of triphenylphosphine (PPh_3) (1.0 equiv, 10 mmol) in toluene (15 mL) dropwise for 10 min. Then, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, and the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting precipitate was washed with Et_2O . Then phosphonium bromide was obtained in quantitative yield and was used without purification.

Step - B: To an oven dried round bottomed flask was added triphenylphosphonium bromide salt (7.5 mmol) and triethylamine (759 mg, 7.5 mmol) in THF (20 mL), followed by the addition of a solution of a trifluoromethyl ketone/acetaldehyde (5.0 mmol) in DMF (1.6 mL) at 0°C in an ice bath. The mixture was then stirred for 15 min at this temperature. Warming to room temperature, the solution was heated further stirred at 80°C for 3 h. Then, the solution was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extract was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Further the

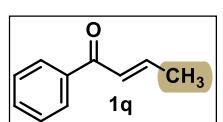
residue was purified by silica gel (230-400 mesh size) column chromatography (Hexane/ethyl acetate: 100:1) to give the pure β -Substituted Enone **1p** in 40% and **1q** in 35% yield.

(E)-4,4,4-Trifluoro-3-methyl-1-phenylbut-2-en-1-one (1p):



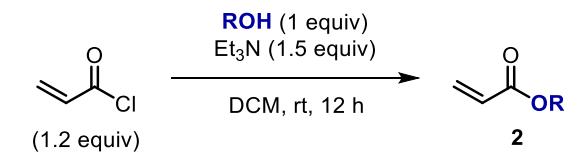
Yellow liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.94 – 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51 (tt, J = 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (hept, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 191.2, 139.4 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 30.1$ Hz), 137.3, 133.9, 129.0, 128.7, 125.9 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 124.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.7$ Hz), 12.9; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -70.8.

(E)-1-Phenylbut-2-en-1-one (1q):



Yellow liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.93 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dq, J = 15.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dq, J = 15.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 190.8, 145.0, 137.9, 132.5, 128.5, 127.5, 18.6.

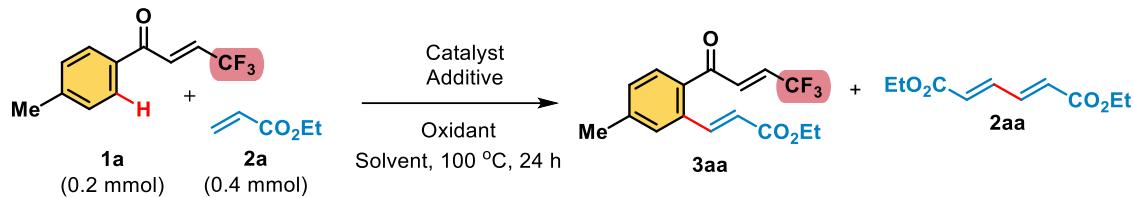
2.2. Synthesis of Acrylates (2):



Scheme 3. Synthesis of Acrylates

Alcohol (3 mmol, 1 equiv) was mixed with Et_3N (1.5 equiv) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C in an ice-water bath. Then acryloyl chloride (1.2 equiv) was added dropwise. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to get the desired acrylates 80-95% yield.

3. Complete Optimization for Ortho-olefinated product (3aa):



Scheme 4. Complete optimization for ortho-olefinated product **3aa**

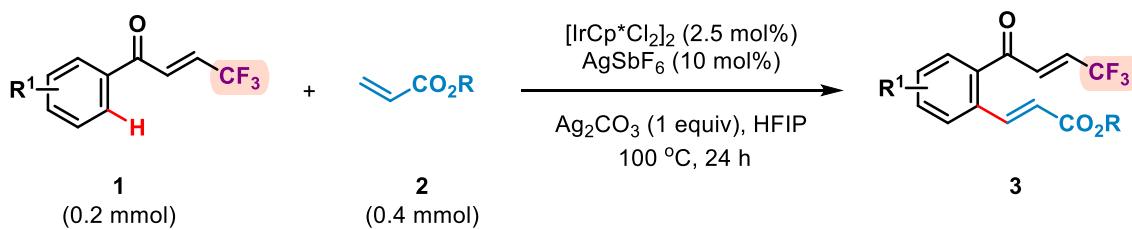
Entry	Catalyst (mol%)	Additive (mol%)	Oxidant (x equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%)	
					3aa	2aa
1	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DCE	45	10
2 ^a	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DCE	53	17
3 ^a	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (2)	DCE	58	20
4	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	-	DCE	trace	-
5 ^b	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	-	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DCE	-	-
6	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	AgOAc (1)	DCE	52	7
7	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	DCE	55	5
8	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	CuCl (1)	DCE	-	-
9	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	CuBr (1)	DCE	-	-
10	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	KOAc (1)	DCE	-	-
11	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	NaOAc (1)	DCE	-	-
12	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (1)	DCE	-	-
13	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DCM	60	10
14	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	THF	25	-
15	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	EtOAc	27	-
16	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	1,4-dioxane	44	10
17	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	TFE	21	traces
18	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	Xylene	-	-
19	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	Toluene	-	-
20	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DMSO	-	-
21	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	CAN	-	-
22	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DMF	-	-
23	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DCE	40	10
24	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	DCE	46	8
25	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂] ₂ (5)	AgSbF ₆ (20)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	DCE	52	15
26	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Cu(OAc) ₂ .H ₂ O (1)	DCE	60	5
27	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	DCE	52	-
28	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	EtOAc	21	-
29	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	1,4-dioxane	50	-
30	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	Toluene	-	-
31	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	MeCN	-	-
32	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	TFE	30	-
33	[IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (2.5)	AgSbF₆ (10)	Ag₂CO₃ (1)	HFIP	82	-
34 ^c	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	-	15
35	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (1)	AgSbF ₆ (4)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	40	-

36	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (5)	AgSbF ₆ (20)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	86	-
37	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgNTf ₂ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	70	-
38	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgPF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	64	-
39	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	KPF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	20	-
40	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1) + AgOPiv (1)	HFIP	80	-
41	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1) + PivOH (1)	HFIP	75	5
42	[Ru(<i>p</i> -cymene)Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	20	-
43	[RhCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (1)	HFIP	10	-
44	[IrCp*Cl ₂] ₂ (2.5)	AgSbF ₆ (10)	Ag ₂ CO ₃ (2)	HFIP	84	-

^aPivOH (1 equiv) was added; ^breaction was performed without AgSbF₆. ^creaction was performed without **1a**.

It is to be noted that compound **3aa** and **2aa** were found to have same Rf on TLC in hexane-ethyl acetate mobile phase. The yields were calculated based on NMR after isolating the mixture of **3aa** and **2aa** from column chromatography.

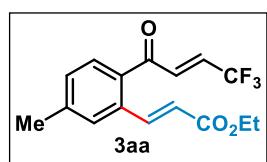
4. General procedure for C-H olefination and characterization data of compounds (**3aa-3ra, 3ab-3ao**):



Scheme 5. General procedure for the *Ortho*-C-H Olefination

To an oven-dried sealed tube with (*E*)-4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-(aryl)but-2-en-1-one (**1**) (0.2 mmol, 100 mol %), acrylate (**2**) (0.4 mmol, 200 mol %), [IrCp*Cl₂]₂ (4.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF₆ (6.9 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %) and Ag₂CO₃ (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %) was added in HFIP (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 24 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 20:1) to provide desired olefinated product **3**.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3aa):



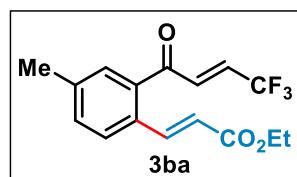
50 mg (82%); white solid; mp = 45–48 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dq, *J* = 15.7, 2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 15.7, 1H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.3, 166.3, 143.7, 142.7, 135.7, 134.1, 133.6 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.5 Hz), 130.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 34.7 Hz), 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 122.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 269.8 Hz), 121.8, 60.7, 21.6, 14.2; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr) ν cm⁻¹** 2986, 2903, 1714, 1642, 1603, 1490, 1368, 1304, 1278, 1225, 1179, 1041, 971, 867, 654, 600, 532, 438, 419; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₆H₁₆F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 313.1046, found 313.1047.

Diethyl (2*E*,4*E*)-hexa-2,4-dienedioate (2aa):



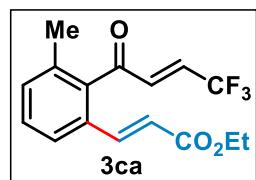
White liquid; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.31 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 165.9, 140.8, 128.4, 60.8, 14.2; **IR (KBr) ν cm⁻¹** 3066, 2960, 2925, 2853, 1698, 1613, 1464, 1367, 1313, 1258, 1158, 1025, 862, 803, 694; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₈H₁₅F₃NO [M+H]⁺ 199.0965, found 199.0969.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ba):



44 mg (70%); white solid; mp = 60–62 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H) 4.27 (q, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 191.3, 166.3, 141.9, 140.7, 140.1, 137.0, 133.8 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 133.4, 132.3, 130.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 129.7, 128.4, 128.2, 122.3 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 121.1, 60.6, 21.2, 14.2; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr) ν cm⁻¹** 3476, 3415, 3071, 2983, 2928, 1703, 1638, 1318, 1299, 1188, 1175, 1034, 972, 634, 535; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₆H₁₆F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 313.1046, found 313.1055

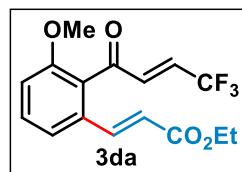
Ethyl (*E*)-3-(3-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ca):



37 mg (60%); White solid; mp = 63–65 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 16.0, *J_{H-F}* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 15.7, 1H), 6.35 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 16.2, *J_{H-F}* = 6.25 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q,

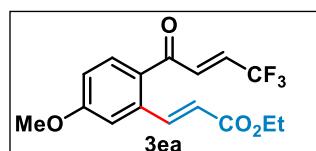
$J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H) 1.33 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.9, 166.0, 140.5, 138.2, 136.0 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 135.2, 132.3 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz), 132.1, 130.2, 124.6, 122.1 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.1$ Hz), 122.0, 60.7, 19.4, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.2; IR (KBr) ν cm^{-1} 3407, 3069, 1709, 1664, 1464, 1367, 1317, 1262, 1231, 1190, 989, 664, 606; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$ [M+H]⁺ 313.1046, found 313.1052.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(3-methoxy-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3da):



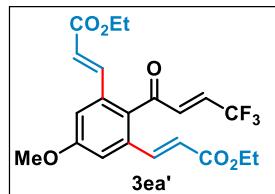
40 mg (61%); Yellow semi-solid; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.8$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.98 (m, 1H), 6.50 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.9$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.9, 166.1, 157.7, 140.6, 136.0 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 134.7, 132.0, 129.3 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 128.0, 123.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 268.6$ Hz), 122.1, 119.5, 112.3, 60.7, 55.9, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -64.9; IR (KBr) ν cm^{-1} 3390, 2900, 1712, 1670, 1600, 1495, 1300, 1185, 1020, 965, 820, 605; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_4$ [M+H]⁺ 329.0995, found 329.0985.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(5-methoxy-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ea):



45 mg (69%); Off white solid; mp = 102–104 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 188.6, 166.2, 163.0, 143.3, 138.8, 133.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz); 132.3, 130.1 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 34.7$ Hz), 129.1, 122.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 268.6$ Hz), 121.9, 114.4, 114.1, 60.7, 55.7, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.0; IR (KBr) ν cm^{-1} 3410, 2924, 1710, 1679, 1633, 1594, 1305, 1199, 1028, 973, 821, 662; HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_3\text{NaO}_4^+$ [M+Na]⁺ 351.0815, found 351.0829.

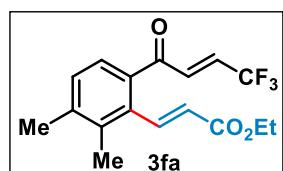
Diethyl 3,3'-(5-methoxy-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)-1,3-phenylene)(2*E*,2'E)-diacrylate (3ea'):



20 mg (23%); Yellow solid; mp = 94–97 °C; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.54 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 6.91 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 16.0$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.9$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.0, 165.6, 161.0, 140.3, 136.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 135.5, 131.5 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 131.2, 123.1, 122.1 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.5$ Hz), 113.7, 60.9, 55.6, 14.1;

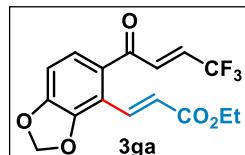
¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -65.2; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3478, 2989, 1705, 1635, 1368, 1301, 1250, 1136, 1043, 970, 864, 654, 624; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₂₁H₂₂F₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 427.1363, found 427.1355

Ethyl (E)-3-(2,3-dimethyl-6-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3fa):



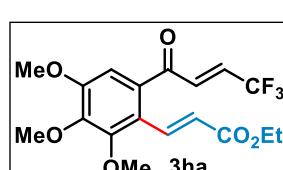
36 mg (55%); Light yellow semisolid; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO)** δ 190.8, 166.5, 143.3, 142.9, 139.4, 135.5 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 134.4, 132.5, 131.7, 129.7, 129.2 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 33.5 Hz), 124.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 120.1, 60.5, 19.9, 19.5, 14.6; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO)** δ -63.3; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 2981, 2923, 2853, 1706, 1636, 1548, 1511, 1450, 1369, 1305, 1269, 1169, 1132, 1043, 972, 861, 773, 651, 614, 441; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₇H₁₈F₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 327.1203, found 327.1198.

Ethyl (E)-3-(5-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-4-yl)acrylate (3ga):



42 mg (61%); Light yellow solid; mp = 98–101 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 16.1, *J_{H-F}* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H); 6.76-6.67 (m, 2H), 6.17 (s, 2H), 4.27 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 188.9, 166.7, 151.4, 147.9, 136.3, 133.9 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.9 Hz), 131.3, 130.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 126.0, 124.7, 123.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 117.5, 108.0, 102.4, 60.6, 14.2; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3412, 2908, 1711, 1676, 1632, 1587, 1448, 1298, 1186, 1127, 1059, 970, 626; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₆H₁₄F₃O₅ [M+H]⁺ 343.0788, found 343.0781.

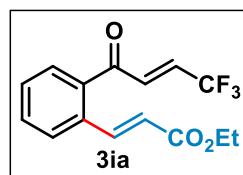
Ethyl (E)-3-(2,3,4-trimethoxy-6-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ha):



43 mg (55%); Yellow semi-solid; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 7.82 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.65 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 191.6, 166.1, 154.2, 152.9, 145.3, 137.5, 134.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.9 Hz), 134.4, 129.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 125.2, 123.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 122.0, 108.2, 61.1, 61.0, 60.6, 56.2, 14.2; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr)**

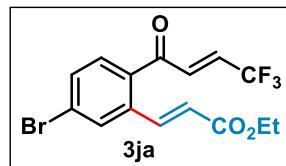
ν cm^{-1} 2924, 2853, 1717, 1630, 1582, 1464, 1340, 1304, 1177, 1133, 970, 849, 835, 702, 633; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}_6^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 389.1206, found 389.1178.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ia):



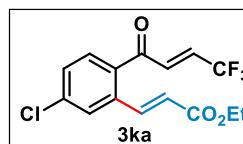
37 mg (62%); yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.00 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7, J_{\text{H-F}} = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.9, J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 191.0, 166.1, 142.1, 140.7, 136.8, 135.2, 133.7 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.5$ Hz), 132.7, 131.5 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 129.5, 129.3, 128.3, 123.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 268.6$ Hz), 122.1, 60.7, 14.2; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3478, 2985, 2928, 1713, 1635, 1617, 1468, 1368, 1301, 1268, 1138, 1037, 760, 613; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 299.0890, found 299.0894.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(4-bromo-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ja):



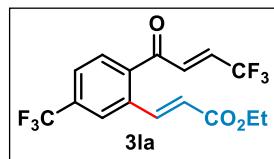
30 mg (40%); white solid; mp = 64–66 °C; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.93 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, $J = 1.95$ Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7, J_{\text{H-F}} = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7, J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 15.8$, 1H), 4.3 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 189.9, 165.7, 140.7, 137.3, 135.3, 133.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.9$ Hz), 132.4, 131.5 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 131.4, 130.6, 127.7, 123.3, 123.2 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.1$ Hz), 60.9, 14.2; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3407, 2952, 1713, 1685, 1637, 1300, 1268, 1187, 1152, 971, 860, 639; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{BrO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 376.9995, found 376.9978.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(5-chloro-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ka):



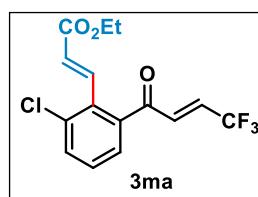
23 mg (35%); white solid; mp = 67–69 °C; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.93 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, $J = 8.3, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7, J_{\text{H-F}} = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7, J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 15.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 189.7, 165.8, 140.9, 139.2, 137.3, 134.9, 133.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 131.5 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.7, 129.5, 128.5, 123.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.1$ Hz), 123.2, 60.9, 14.2; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3475, 2979, 1712, 1685, 1638, 1552, 1480, 1130, 1010, 969, 918, 831, 766, 644; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{ClO}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 333.0500, found 333.0485.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acrylate (3la):



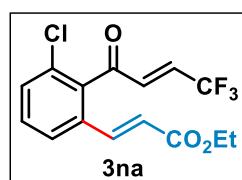
11 mg (15%); light yellow liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.93 (m, 1H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.22 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.9$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, $J = 15.9$, 1H), 4.31 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.5, 165.6, 140.2, 139.6, 135.8, 134.2 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.3$ Hz), 133.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 132.1 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz), 129.5, 126.1 (q, $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 125.1 (q, $^4J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.6$ Hz), 123.9, 124.1 (q_(Ar), $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.3$ Hz), 123.1 (q_(p), $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.5$ Hz), 61.0, 14.2; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -63.3, -65.2; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3470, 2960, 1700, 1680, 1638, 1550, 14700, 1202, 1015, 960, 910, 825, 755, 645; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_6\text{O}_3$ [M+H]⁺ 367.0763, found 367.0761.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-chloro-6-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ma):



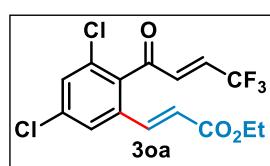
18 mg (27%); Yellow liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $J = 7.8$, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 7.8$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, $J = 16.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 191.5, 165.0, 139.8, 139.1, 135.0, 134.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 133.1, 130.1 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.0, 128.4, 127.5, 123.3 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.0$ Hz), 61.0, 14.1; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3472, 2970, 1710, 1682, 1638, 1550, 1481, 1132, 1100, 9500, 920, 825, 544, 430; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{ClO}_3$ [M+H]⁺ 333.0500, found 333.0448.

Ethyl (E)-3-(3-chloro-2-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3na):



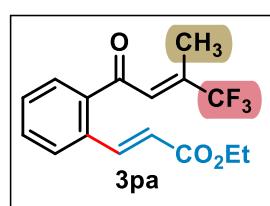
30 mg (45%); Yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (dd, $J = 6.5$, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 16.0$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 16.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.27 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 192.6, 165.7, 139.0, 137.2, 135.1 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 135.1 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz), 134.5, 131.3, 130.9, 125.5, 123.3, 123.2 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.0$ Hz), 60.9, 14.2; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -65.2; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3060, 2978, 2930, 1706, 1679, 1641, 1453, 1369, 1316, 1268, 1243, 1194, 1144, 1043, 1000, 974, 869, 791, 759, 650, 597, 428; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{ClO}_3$ [M+H]⁺ 333.0500, found 333.0498.

Ethyl (E)-3-(3,5-dichloro-2-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3oa):



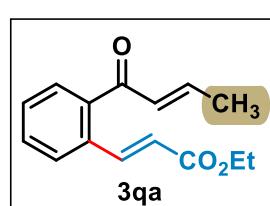
19 mg (26%); White liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.58 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 16.0$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.45 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 16.0$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 191.6, 165.3, 137.8, 137.1, 135.9, 135.5, 134.8 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.5$ Hz), 132.2, 131.9 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.6$ Hz), 130.6, 125.7, 124.4, 123.1 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 269.5$ Hz), 61.1, 14.1; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -65.2; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3072, 2984, 2932, 1719, 1686, 1643, 1579, 1547, 1368, 1313, 1267, 1178, 1140, 1037, 972, 861, 831, 650, 599, 505; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 367.0110, found 367.0102.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((E)-4,4,4-trifluoro-3-methylbut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3pa):



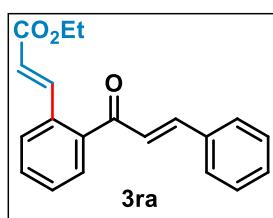
38 mg (60%); Yellow liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.10 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 7.7$, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 7.9$, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (td, $J = 7.6$, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (td, $J = 7.6$, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (hept, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.23 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 3H), 1.36 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 193.0, 166.2, 142.7, 140.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 33.8$ Hz), 138.0, 135.2, 132.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 127.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.5$ Hz), 124.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 272.7$ Hz), 121.8, 60.7, 14.2, 12.8; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -70.9; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3488, 3475, 3415, 2984, 2930, 1715, 1679, 1637, 1618, 1480, 1367, 1297, 1228, 1179, 1130, 1097, 1035, 971, 885, 765, 612, 484, 417; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 313.1046, found 313.1028.

Ethyl (E)-3-(2-((E)-but-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3qa):



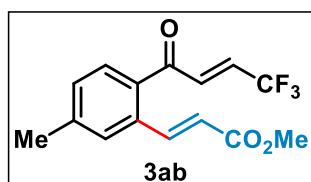
17 mg (35%); Yellow liquid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.85 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 6.75 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.25 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.96 (dd, $J = 6.9$, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 195.5, 166.5, 148.2, 142.2, 139.8, 133.6, 132.2, 130.6, 129.3, 128.5, 127.3, 120.7, 60.6, 18.6, 14.3; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3469, 3410, 3070, 2980, 2900, 1700, 1628, 1300, 1250, 1175, 1150, 1020, 970, 610; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 245.1172, found 245.1166.

Ethyl (*E*)-3-(2-cinnamoylphenyl)acrylate (3ra):



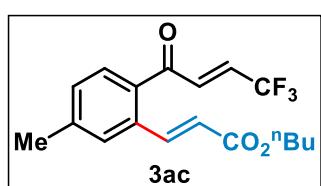
25 mg (40%); Yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.94 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 195.0, 166.4, 146.8, 142.2, 139.8, 134.4, 133.9, 130.98, 130.92, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.5, 126.3, 121.0, 60.5, 14.2; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3474, 3415, 2982, 1711, 1637, 1600, 1574, 1448, 1366, 1314, 1274, 1179, 1031, 978, 865, 764, 681, 569, 484. **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 307.1329, found 307.1322.

Methyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ab):



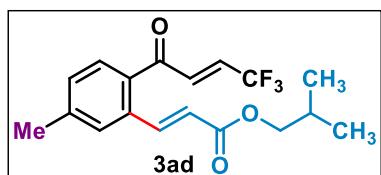
48 mg (80%); Off white solid; mp = 44–46 °C; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 8.06 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 6.71 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 190.2, 166.7, 143.8, 143.0, 135.7, 134.0, 133.6 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 130.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.2, 129.7, 129.2, 123.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 268.6$ Hz), 121.2, 51.8, 21.6; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3475, 3414, 2958, 2925, 2853, 1718, 1641, 1490, 1434, 1171, 1305, 1279, 1171, 1125, 979, 890, 683, 652, 602, 579; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 299.0890, found 299.0896.

Butyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ac):



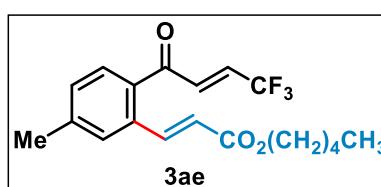
34 mg (50%); Light yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 8.05 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 7.9, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.72 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 4.24 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.73-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.41 (m, 2H), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, DMSO)** δ 190.3, 166.4, 143.7, 142.7, 135.7, 134.1, 133.6 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.9$ Hz), 130.8 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.2, 129.7, 129.2, 123.5 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 268.6$ Hz), 121.7, 64.6, 30.7, 21.6, 19.1, 13.7; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, DMSO)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 2959, 2926, 2854, 1716, 1686, 1641, 1603, 1490, 1463, 1303, 1278, 1224, 1175, 1138, 972, 891, 847, 833, 655, 601, 438; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 341.1359, found 341.1351.

Isobutyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ad):



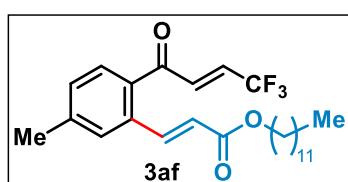
54 mg (79%); White solid; mp = 59–61 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dq, *J*_{H-H} = 15.7, *J*_{H-F} = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dq, *J*_{H-H} = 15.7, *J*_{H-F} = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.09–1.98 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.3, 166.3, 143.7, 142.7, 135.7, 134.1, 133.6 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 130.7 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 34.7 Hz), 130.2, 129.7, 129.1, 123.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 269.1 Hz), 121.7, 70.8, 27.8, 21.6, 19.1; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr) u cm⁻¹** 3412, 3085, 2965, 1707, 1685, 1639, 1305, 1269, 1227, 1132, 1031, 984, 816, 655; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₈H₂₀F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 341.1359, found 341.1351.

Pentyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ae):



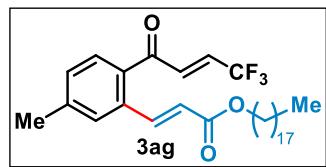
37 mg (52%); Yellow semi-solid; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dq, *J*_{H-H} = 15.7, *J*_{H-F} = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dq, *J*_{H-H} = 15.7, *J*_{H-F} = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.73 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.36 (m, 4H), 0.93 – 0.91 (m, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.3, 166.3, 143.6, 142.6, 135.7, 134.1, 133.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 130.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 130.1, 129.6, 129.1, 123.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 121.8, 64.8, 28.3, 28.0, 22.3, 21.5, 13.9; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.1; **IR (KBr) u cm⁻¹** 2957, 2933, 2873, 1715, 1686, 1641, 1603, 1490, 1303, 1278, 1224, 1175, 1137, 1048, 971, 864, 825, 654, 600, 439; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₉H₂₂F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 354.1443, found 354.1435.

Dodecyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3af):



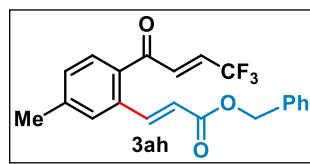
54 mg (60%); White solid; mp = 47–49 °C; **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dq, *J*_{H-H} = 15.7, *J*_{H-F} = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dq, *J*_{H-H} = 15.7, *J*_{H-F} = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.72 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.35 (m, 2H), 1.31–1.25 (m, 16H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.2, 166.4, 143.7, 142.7, 135.7, 134.1, 133.6 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 130.8 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 123.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 269.0 Hz), 121.7, 64.9, 31.9, 29.67, 29.65, 29.60, 29.5, 29.37, 29.30, 28.6, 25.9, 22.7, 21.6, 14.1; **¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr) u cm⁻¹** 3474, 2916, 2849, 1716, 1684, 1650, 1631, 1313, 1281, 1119, 972, 817, 780, 720, 579; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₂₆H₃₆F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 453.2611, found 453.2602.

Octadecyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ag):



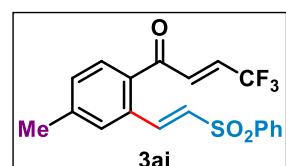
48 mg (45%); White solid; mp = 65–67 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); 4.20 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.70 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.40 – 1.24 (m, 30H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); **13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.3, 166.4, 143.7, 142.7, 135.7, 134.1, 133.6 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 130.5 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 34.7 Hz), 130.1, 129.7, 129.1, 123.5 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 121.8, 64.9, 31.9, 29.71, 29.67, 29.60, 29.55, 29.37, 29.30, 28.68, 25.9, 22.7, 21.6, 14.1; **19F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr)** *υ cm⁻¹* 3414, 2917, 1716, 1684, 1632, 1632, 1617, 1312, 1281, 972, 868, 817, 720, 655; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₃₂H₄₈F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 537.3550, found 537.3542.

Benzyl (*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ah):



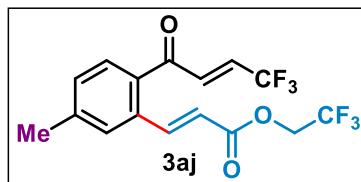
57 mg (76%); Light yellow solid; mp = 59–62 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)** δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.34 (m, 6H), 6.92 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 2.4 (s, 3H); **13C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO)** δ 190.8, 166.2, 144.12, 144.10, 136.6, 135.6 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 135.0, 134.1, 131.1, 130.9, 129.5, 129.0 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 33.8 Hz), 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 124.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 120.6, 66.1, 21.4; **19F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO)** δ -63.3; **IR (KBr)** *υ cm⁻¹* 3477, 3068, 2925, 1707, 1784, 1379, 1301, 1271, 1224, 1138, 1002, 878, 654, 614; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₂₁H₁₈F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 375.1203, found 375.1213.

(*E*)-4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-(4-methyl-2-((*E*)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)phenyl)but-2-en-1-one (3ai):



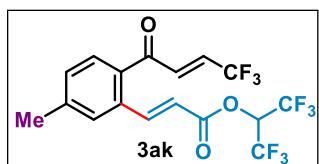
38 mg (50%); Light yellow solid; mp = 112–114 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 8.04 – 8.03 (m, 1H), 8.03 – 8.02 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.59 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.30 (m, 1H), 6.78–6.71 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H); **13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 189.4, 144.3, 142.1, 132.8 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 131.1 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 130.9, 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 127.8, 123.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 269.0 Hz), 21.5; **19F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr)** *υ cm⁻¹* 3476, 3053, 2924, 1682, 1639, 1615, 1086, 983, 967, 909, 715, 622, 591, 544; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₉H₁₆F₃O₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 381.0767, found 381.0760.

2,2,2-Trifluoroethyl (E)-3-(5-methyl-2-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3aj):



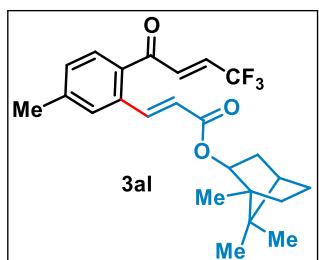
44 mg (60%); White solid; mp = 62–63 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.6, *J_{H-F}* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.6, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H); **13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 189.9, 164.5, 145.6, 144.0, 135.3, 134.1, 133.2 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.9 Hz), 131.0 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 130.7, 129.8, 129.3, 124.1 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 275 Hz), 123.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 119.1, 60.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 36.1 Hz), 21.6; **19F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.1, -73.7; **IR (KBr) ν cm⁻¹** 3412, 2963, 1722, 1686, 1642, 1307, 1263, 1225, 1179, 1158, 801, 673, 650; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₆H₁₃F₆O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 367.0763, found 367.0760.

1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropan-2-yl(E)-3-(5-methyl-2-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3ak):



66 mg (76%); Off white solid; mp = 111–113 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.32 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.6, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (hept, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); **13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 189.7, 162.8, 148.0, 144.1, 134.8, 134.2, 133.1 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz), 131.2 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 35.1 Hz), 131.1, 129.9, 129.4, 123.9 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 282.7 Hz), 123.4 (q, ¹J_{C-F} = 268.6 Hz), 117.3, 66.6 (q, ²J_{C-F} = 34.7 Hz), 21.6; **19F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ -65.2, -73.2; **IR (KBr) ν cm⁻¹** 3551, 2982, 1745, 1685, 1632, 1364, 1278, 1231, 1201, 1110, 1084, 909, 689, 598; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₁₇H₁₂F₉O₃ [M+H]⁺ 435.0637, found 435.0630.

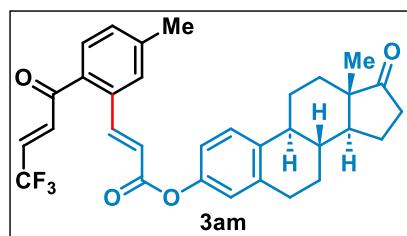
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34 mg (40%); White solid; mp = 148–151 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dq, *J_{H-H}* = 15.7, *J_{H-F}* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.89–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.25–1.19 (m, 1H), 1.16–1.11 (m, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); **13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 190.4, 165.8, 143.6, 142.3, 135.6, 134.1, 133.7 (q, ³J_{C-F} = 5.4 Hz),

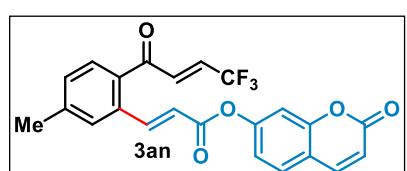
130.7 (q, ${}^2J_{C-F} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 123.5 (q, ${}^1J_{C-F} = 268.6$ Hz), 121.3, 81.3, 48.9, 47.0, 45.0, 38.8, 33.7, 27.0, 21.6, 20.1, 19.9, 11.5; **${}^{19}F$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** -65.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3478, 2955, 2874, 1703, 1608, 1475, 1455, 1371, 1318, 1244, 1155, 1051, 1022, 962, 625; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₂₄H₂₈F₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 421.1985, found 421.1980.

(8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl(*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3am):



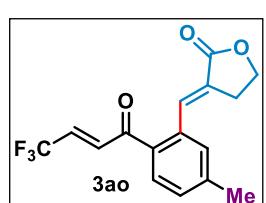
37 mg (35%); White solid; mp = 118–122 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 8.22 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 7.7, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dq, $J_{H-H} = 15.7, J_{H-F} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.93–2.91 (m, 2H), 2.54–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.43–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.11 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.58 (m, 3H), 1.54–1.42 (m, 4H), 0.9 (s, 3H); **${}^{13}C$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** 190.1, 165.0, 148.6, 144.6, 143.9, 138.0, 137.4, 135.5, 134.1, 133.5 (q, ${}^3J_{C-F} = 5.9$ Hz), 130.9 (q, ${}^2J_{C-F} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.5, 129.8, 129.4, 126.4, 123.5 (q, ${}^1J_{C-F} = 269.1$ Hz), 121.6, 120.8, 118.8, 50.4, 47.9, 44.1, 38.0, 35.8, 31.5, 29.4, 26.3, 25.7, 21.69, 21.61, 13.8; **${}^{19}F$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ** -65.0; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3413, 2926, 1738, 1686, 1637, 1493, 1308, 1278, 1223, 1138, 970, 656; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₃₂H₃₂F₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 537.2247, found 537.2240.

2-Oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl(*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-((*E*)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)phenyl)acrylate (3an):



38 mg (44%); Light yellow solid; mp = 159–161 °C; **1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ** 8.23 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dq, $J_{H-H} = 15.7, J_{H-F} = 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.1, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 8.4, 2.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dq, $J_{H-H} = 15.7, J_{H-F} = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H); **${}^{13}C$ NMR (125 MHz, DMSO) δ** 195.4, 169.4, 164.9, 159.3, 157.9, 151.1, 149.04, 149.02, 140.2 (q, ${}^3J_{C-F} = 5.9$ Hz), 139.5, 139.0, 136.1, 135.9, 134.6, 134.4, 134.1 (q, ${}^2J_{C-F} = 33.8$ Hz), 129.2 (q, ${}^1J_{C-F} = 269.1$ Hz), 124.1, 123.8, 121.9, 120.8, 115.3, 26.2; **${}^{19}F$ NMR (470 MHz, DMSO) δ** -65.0; **IR (KBr)** ν cm⁻¹ 3467, 3066, 2924, 1731, 1614, 1561, 1491, 1400, 1327, 1306, 1283, 1232, 1133, 991, 877, 843, 704, 654, 601, 459, 444; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for C₂₄H₁₉F₃O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 429.0944, found 429.0942.

3-((E)-5-Methyl-2-((E)-4,4,4-trifluorobut-2-enoyl)benzylidene)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (3ao):



32 mg (52%); Yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 7.81 (t, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, $J = 9.7, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.6$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dq, $J_{\text{H-H}} = 15.7$, $J_{\text{H-F}} = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (td, $J = 7.2, 3.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ 189.9, 171.5, 143.5, 135.5, 135.2, 134.5, 133.2 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 5.4$ Hz), 131.0 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 35.1$ Hz), 130.1, 129.9, 129.7, 126.2, 123.4 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 268.6$ Hz), 65.6, 27.1, 21.7; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3)** δ -65.0; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3443, 2988, 1743, 1682, 1648, 1308, 1195, 1126, 1050, 962, 893, 731, 662, 590; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3^+$ [M+H]⁺ 311.0890, found 311.0874.

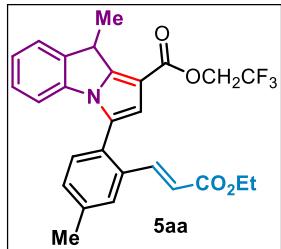
5. Procedure for Scale-Up (3aa):

To an oven dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, added $[\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (46.8 mg, 2.5 mol%), **1a** (500 mg, 2.33 mmol, 1 equiv), **2a** (467 mg, 4.66 mmol, 2 equiv), Ag_2CO_3 (642 mg, 2.33 mmol, 1 equiv), AgSbF_6 (80 mg, 10 mol%), HFIP (10 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. After reaction completion (monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography), the reaction mixture was passed through the celite pad and then purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh) in Hexane/EtOAc (19:1) to get the desired olefinated product in 65% (477 mg) yield (**3aa**).

6. Procedure for synthetic diversification:

6.1. Synthetic procedure for 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl (E)-3-(2-(3-ethoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)-4-methylphenyl)-9-methyl-9*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole-1-carboxylate (5aa):

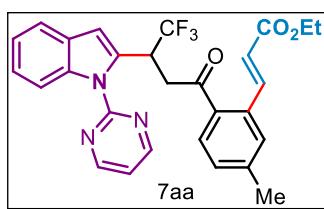
To the oven dried reaction tube with magnetic stir bar, 3-methylindole (**4**), (26 mg, 0.2 mmol), olefinated β -CF₃-enone (**3aa**), (62.5 mg, 0.2 mmol), PTSA (3.5 mg, 10 mol%), followed by addition of 0.5 mL Trifluoroethanol (TFE). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 2 h. The completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (3 mL) and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified using silica gel column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexane) to afford compound **5aa** in 40%. The compound is a mixture of diastereomers (atropisomers) having dr 1:1.



38 mg (40%); Light yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 16$ Hz, 1H, *diastereomeric*), 7.61-7.60 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t, $J = 7.8$, Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H, *diastereomeric*), 6.51 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, *diastereomeric*), 6.33 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, $J = 16.0$ Hz, 1H, *diastereomeric*), 4.77-4.64 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.28 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.09 (m, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.71 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.25-1.19 (m, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.6, 162.6, 142.2, 142.1, 140.9, 139.4, 139.2, 134.5, 131.7, 130.7, 129.2, 129.1, 127.5, 127.2, 125.3, 124.9, 124.8, 124.5, 119.8, 119.7, 116.2, 115.8, 111.94, 111.91, 107.5, 60.4, 60.3 (*diastereomeric*), 60.1 (q, $^2J_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 36.1$ Hz), 37.35, 37.31 (*diastereomeric*), 21.4, 17.5, 17.2, 14.1; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (470 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -73.42, -73.46 (*diastereomeric*); **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3475, 3415, 2933, 1721, 1637, 1617, 1571, 1469, 1313, 1278, 1167, 979, 839, 771, 750, 623, 481; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 484.1731, found 484.1722

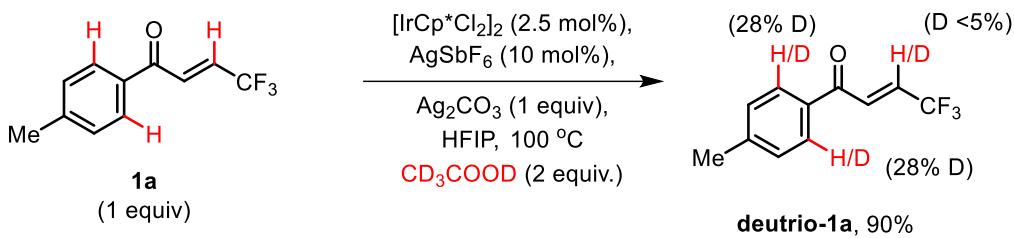
6.2. Synthetic procedure for Ethyl(*E*)-3-(5-methyl-2-(4,4,4-trifluoro-3-(1-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indol-2-yl)butanoyl)phenyl)acrylate (7aa):

To an oven-dried sealed tube with 1-(Pyrimidin-2-yl)-1*H*-indole (**6**) (39 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %), olefinated β -CF₃-enone (**3aa**) (62.5 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %), [RhCp^{*}Cl₂]₂ (1.2 mg, 0.002 mmol, 1 mol %) and AgSbF₆ (2.7 mg, 0.008 mmol, 4 mol %) was added in DCE (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 70 °C for 24 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂: *n*-hexanes/EtOAc = 10:1) to provide **7aa** in 30% yield.



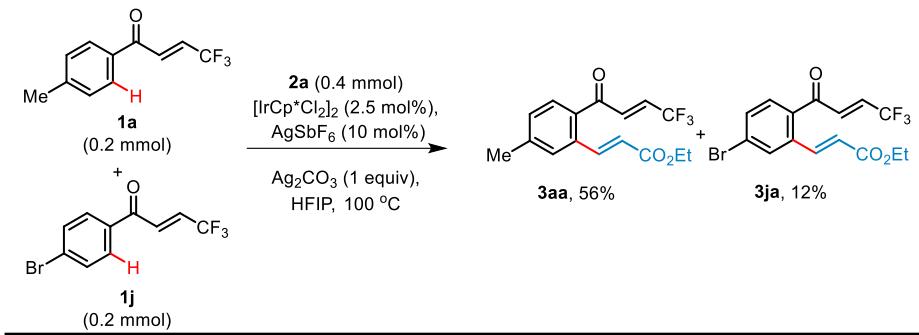
30 mg (30%); Light yellow semi-solid; **$^1\text{H NMR}$** (500 MHz, DMSO-**d6**) δ 8.98 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 7.8, 2.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.2, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 15.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.89 (td, $J = 8.9, 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.02 (dd, $J = 17.9, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, $J = 17.9, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.17 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$** (125 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 198.9, 166.3, 159.4, 157.6, 143.8, 143.2, 136.9, 134.9, 134.3, 134.0, 130.8, 130.1, 129.3, 128.2, 124.0, 122.4, 120.9, 120.4, 119.0, 114.6, 107.9, 60.4, 21.3, 14.5; **$^{19}\text{F NMR}$** (470 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ -68.1; **IR (KBr)** ν cm^{-1} 3550, 3475, 3415, 1713, 1636, 1617, 1565, 1454, 1425, 1314, 1278, 1228, 1158, 967, 748, 673, 623, 484; **HRMS (Q-TOF, ESI)** calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 508.1843, found 508.1840.

7. Mechanistic studies: H/D exchange Experiment



To an oven-dried sealed tube with (*E*)-4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-(4-methylphenyl)but-2-en-1-one (**1a**) (43 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %), $[\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (4.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 2.5 mol %), AgSbF_6 (6.9 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), Ag_2CO_3 (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %) and acetic acid-d4 (25 mg, 0.4 mmol) was added in HFIP (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 100 °C for 24 h. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (230-400 mesh) (eluent; hexane/EtOAc = 20:1) to provide desired *deutero*-**1a** in 90 % yield with 28% incorporation of D at both ortho-position of aryl ring.

7.1 Mechanistic studies: Intermolecular Competitive Experiment

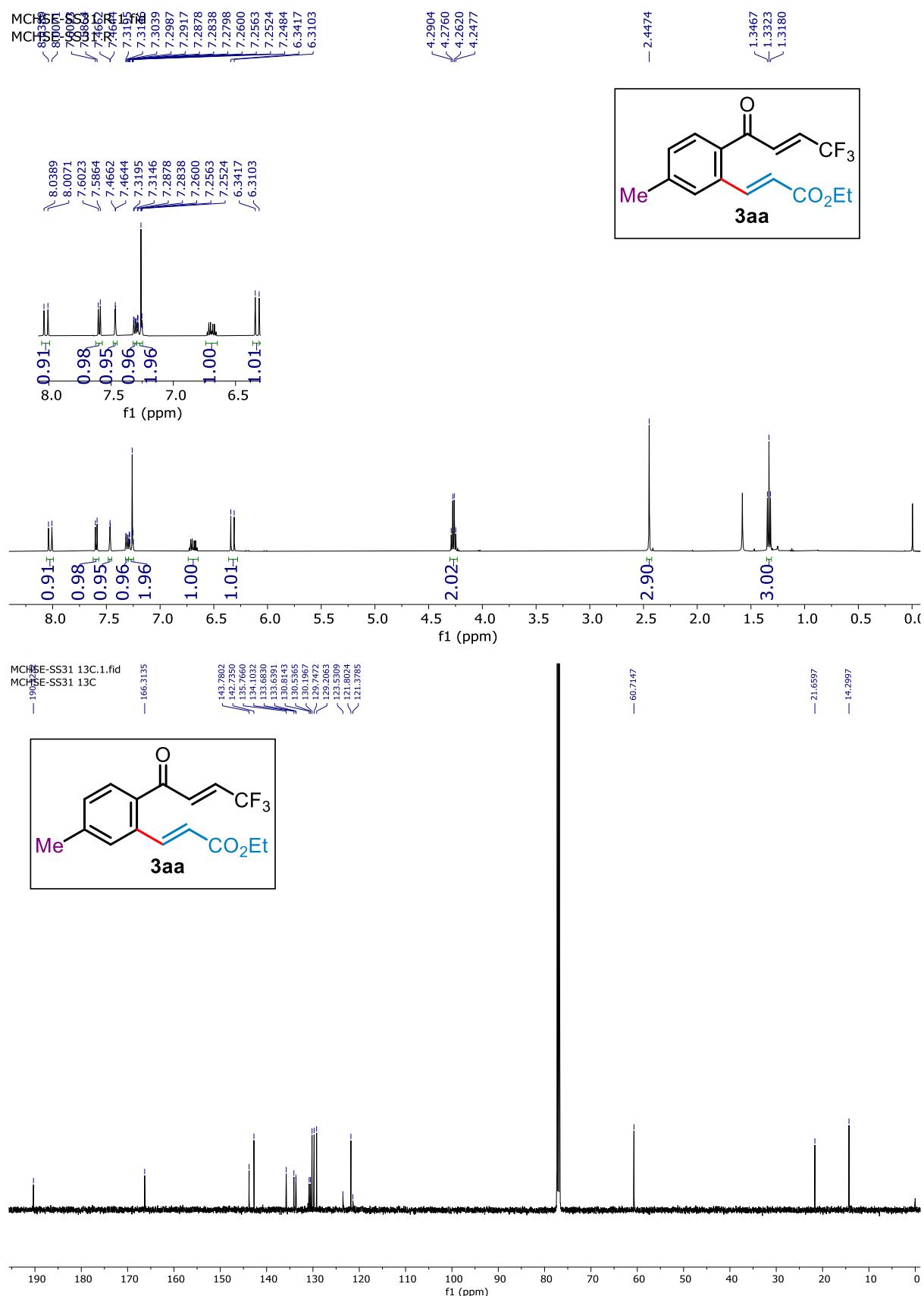


To an oven dried reaction tube equipped with magnetic stirring bar, was added $[\text{IrCp}^*\text{Cl}_2]_2$ (4.0 mg, 2.5 mol%), (*E*)-4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-(4-methylphenyl)but-2-en-1-one (**1a**) (43 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), (*E*)-4,4,4-Trifluoro-1-(4-bromophenyl)but-2-en-1-one (56 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv), AgSbF_6 (6.9 mg, 0.02 mmol, 10 mol %), Ag_2CO_3 (55.1 mg, 0.2 mmol, 100 mol %) and ethylacrylate (**2a**) (40 mg, 0.4 mmol, 200 mol%) in HFIP (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. After reaction completion (monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography), the reaction mixture was passed through the celite pad and then purified by silica gel column chromatography (230-400 mesh) in Hexane/EtOAc (20:1) to get the olefinated products **3aa** and **3ja** in 56% and 12% yield, respectively.

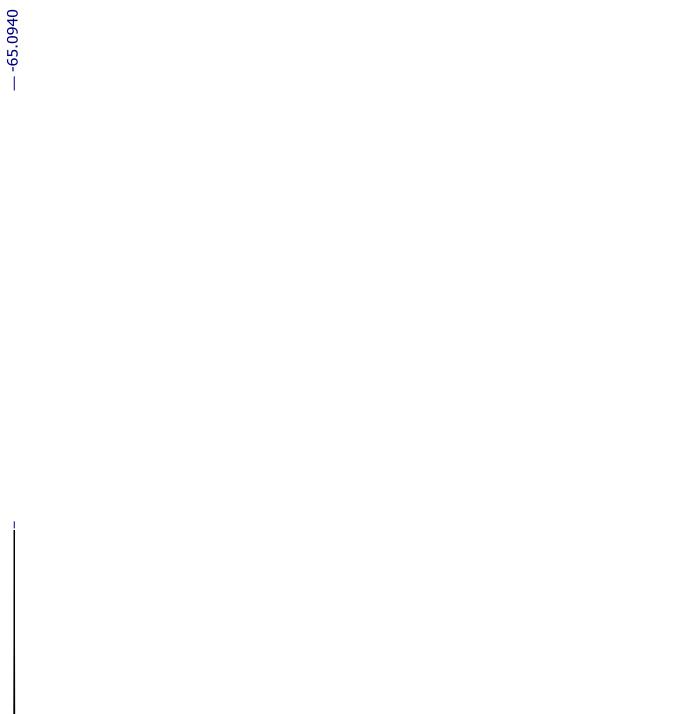
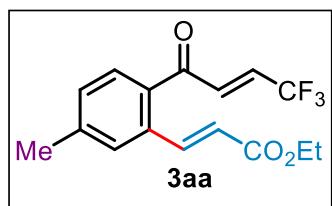
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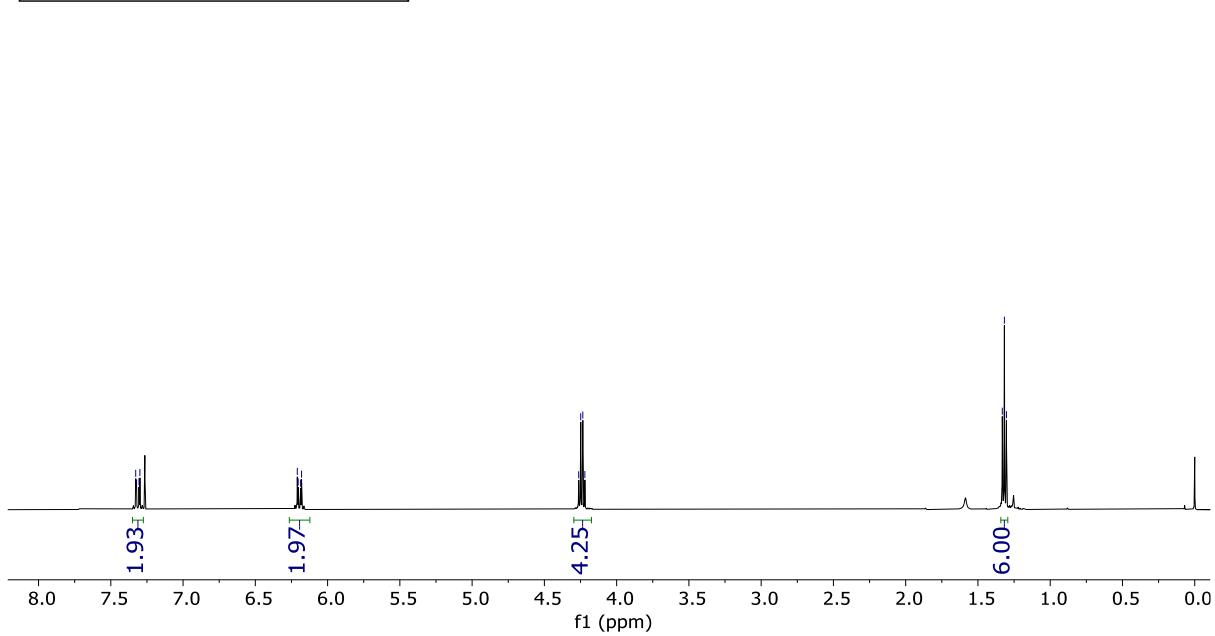
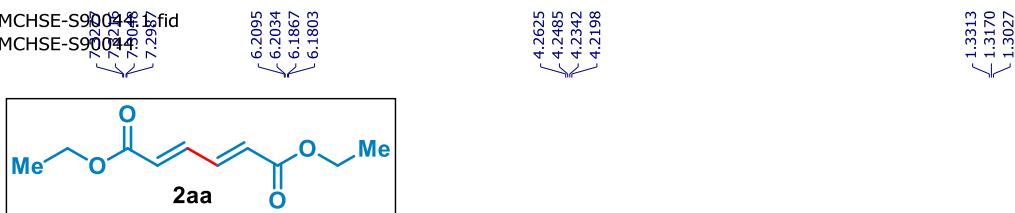


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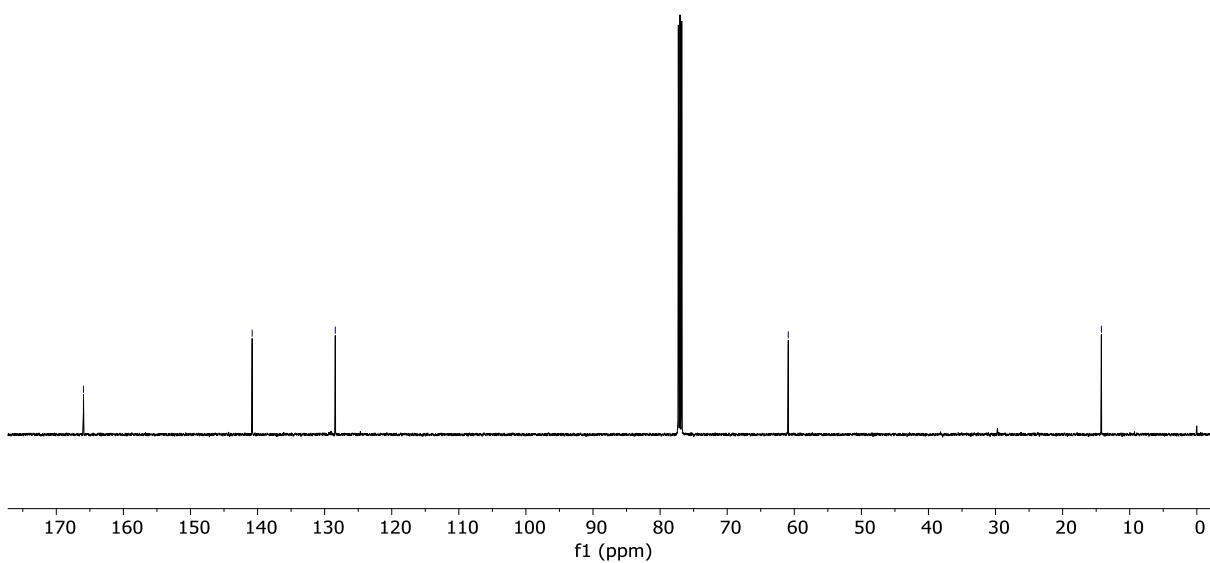
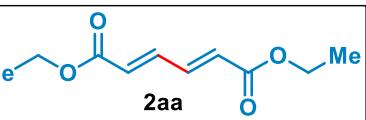


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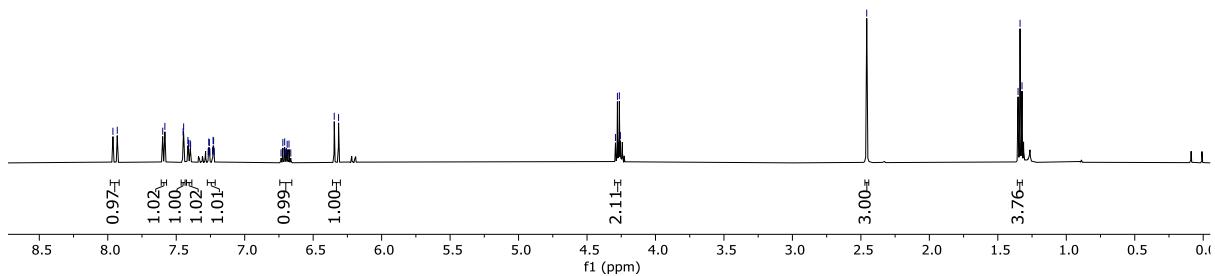
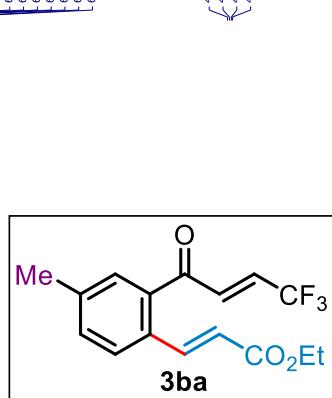
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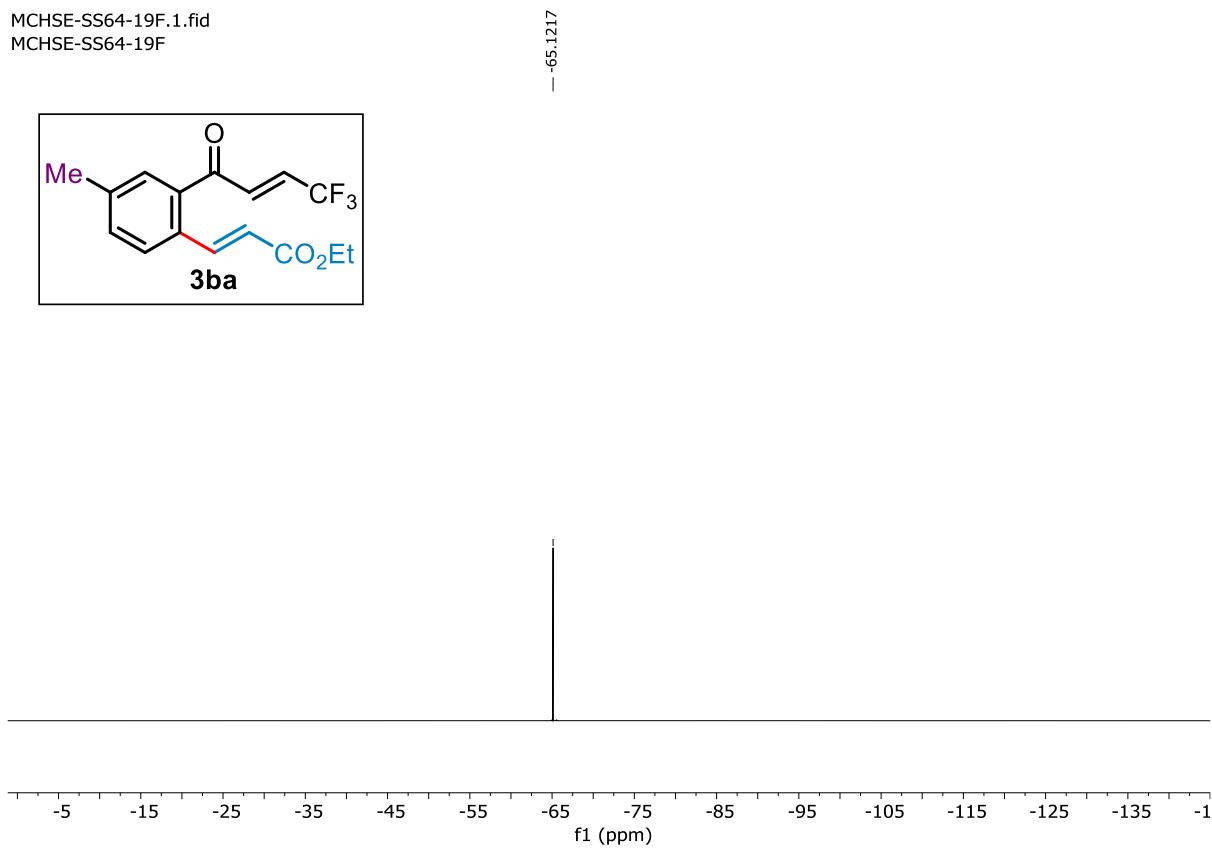
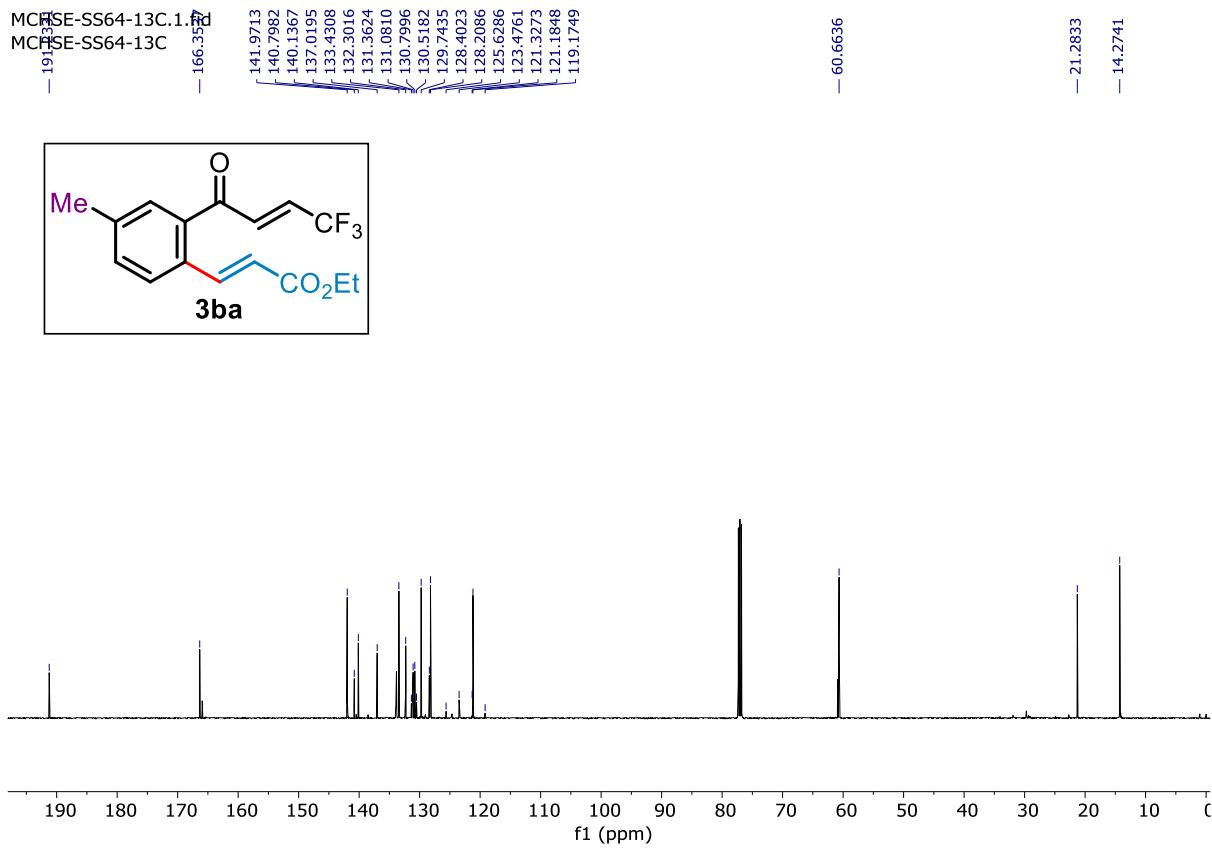


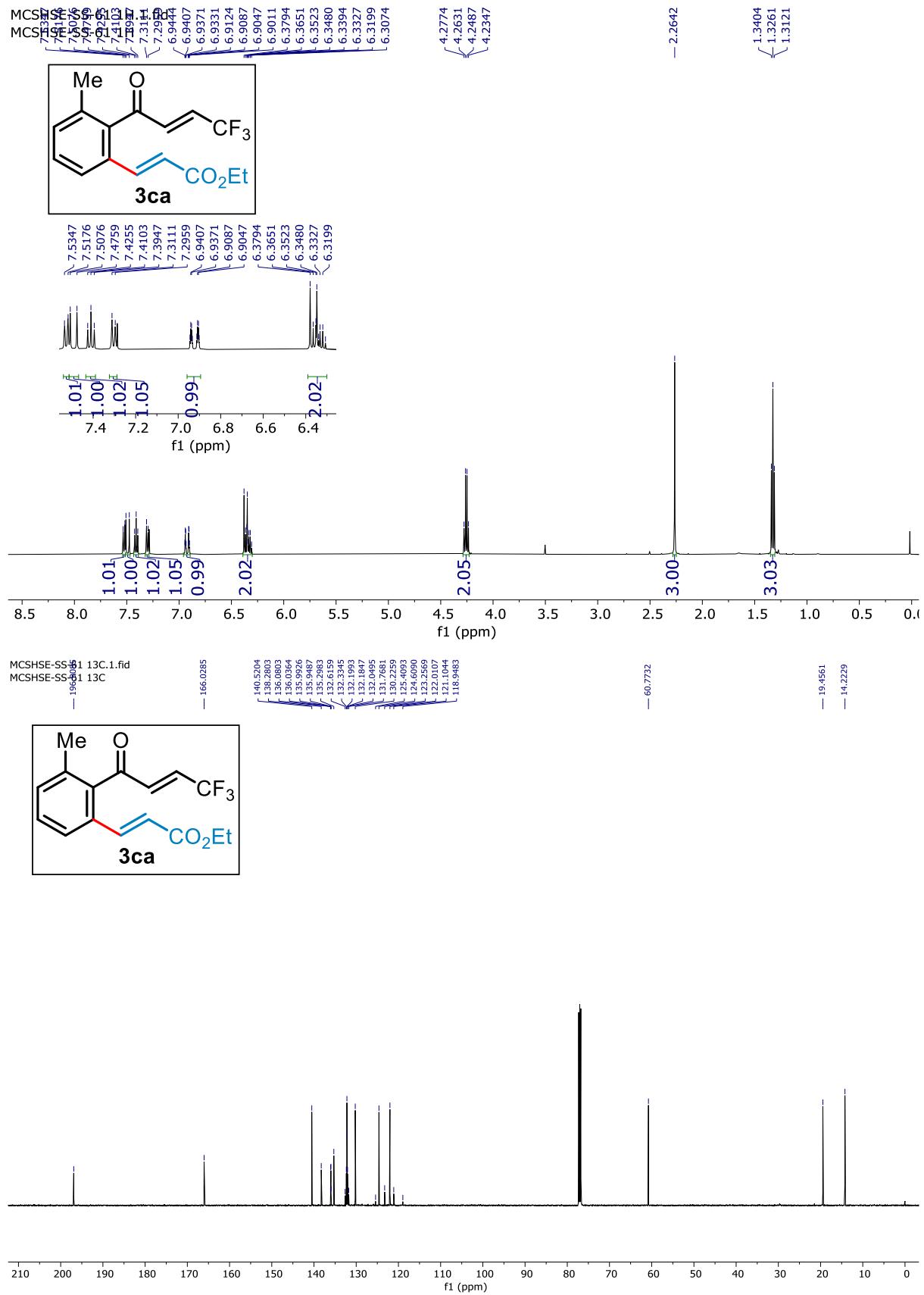
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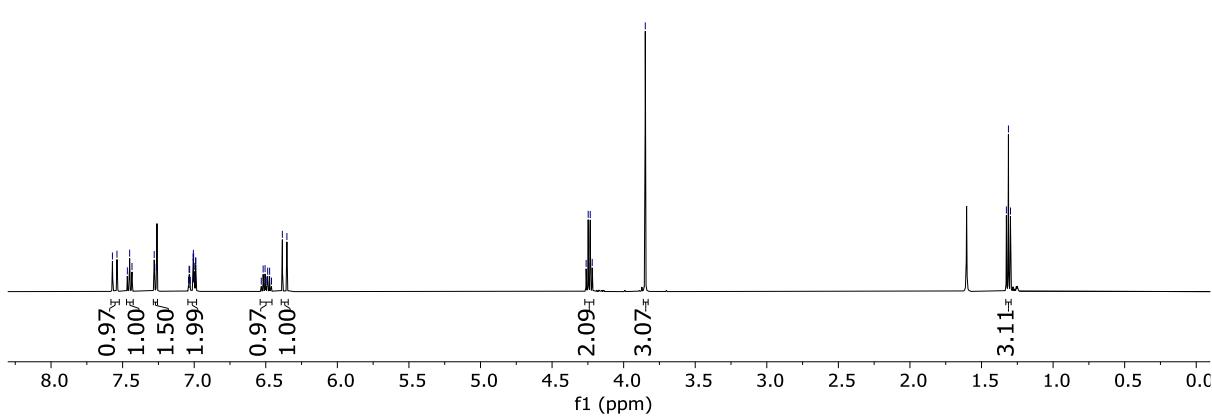
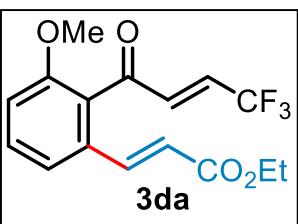
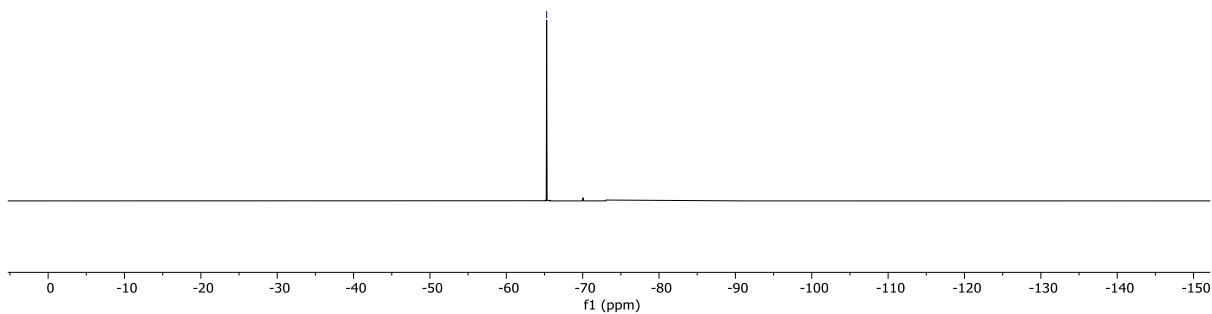
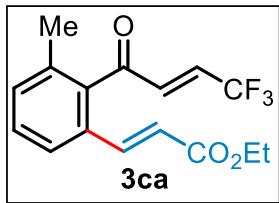
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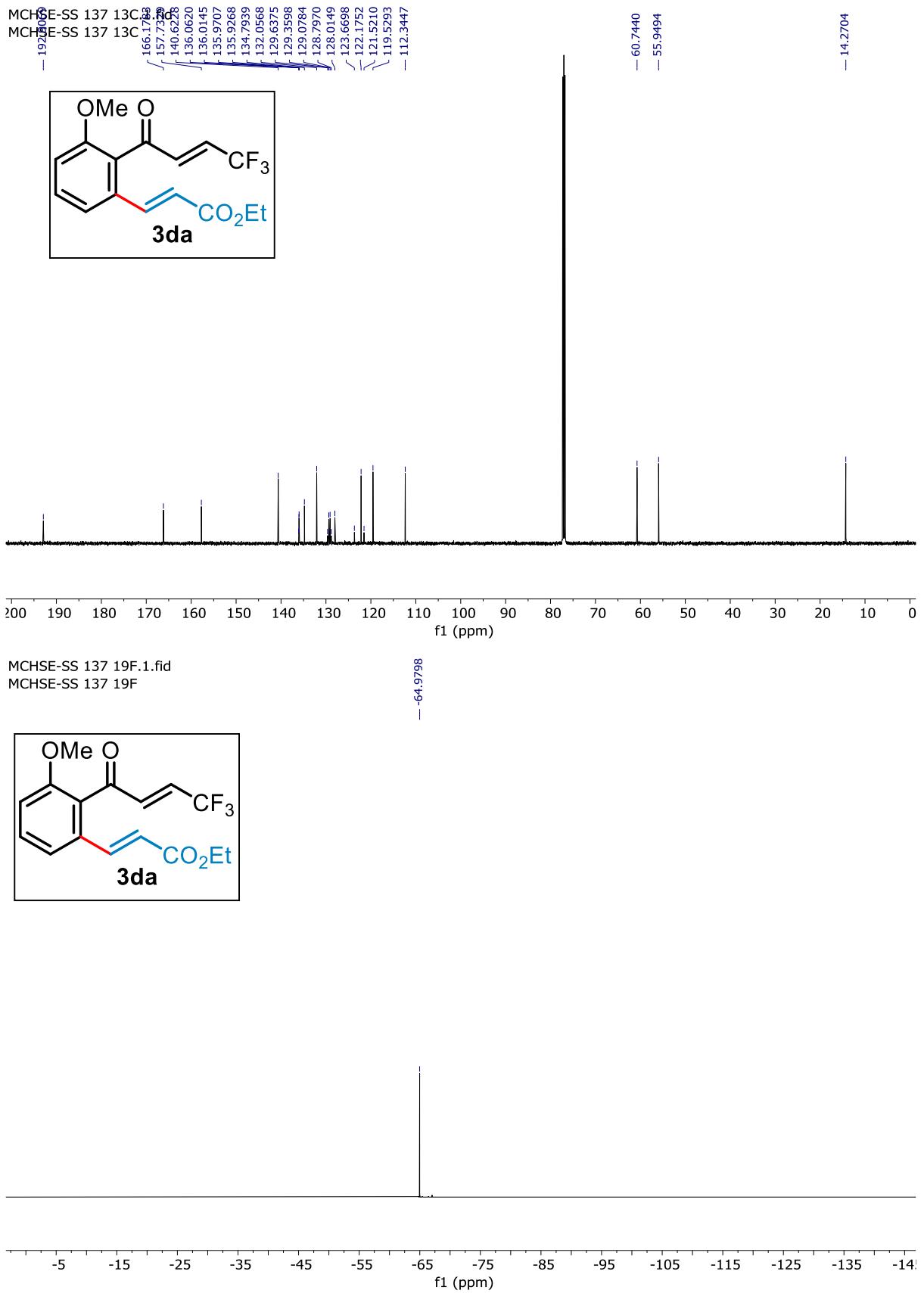


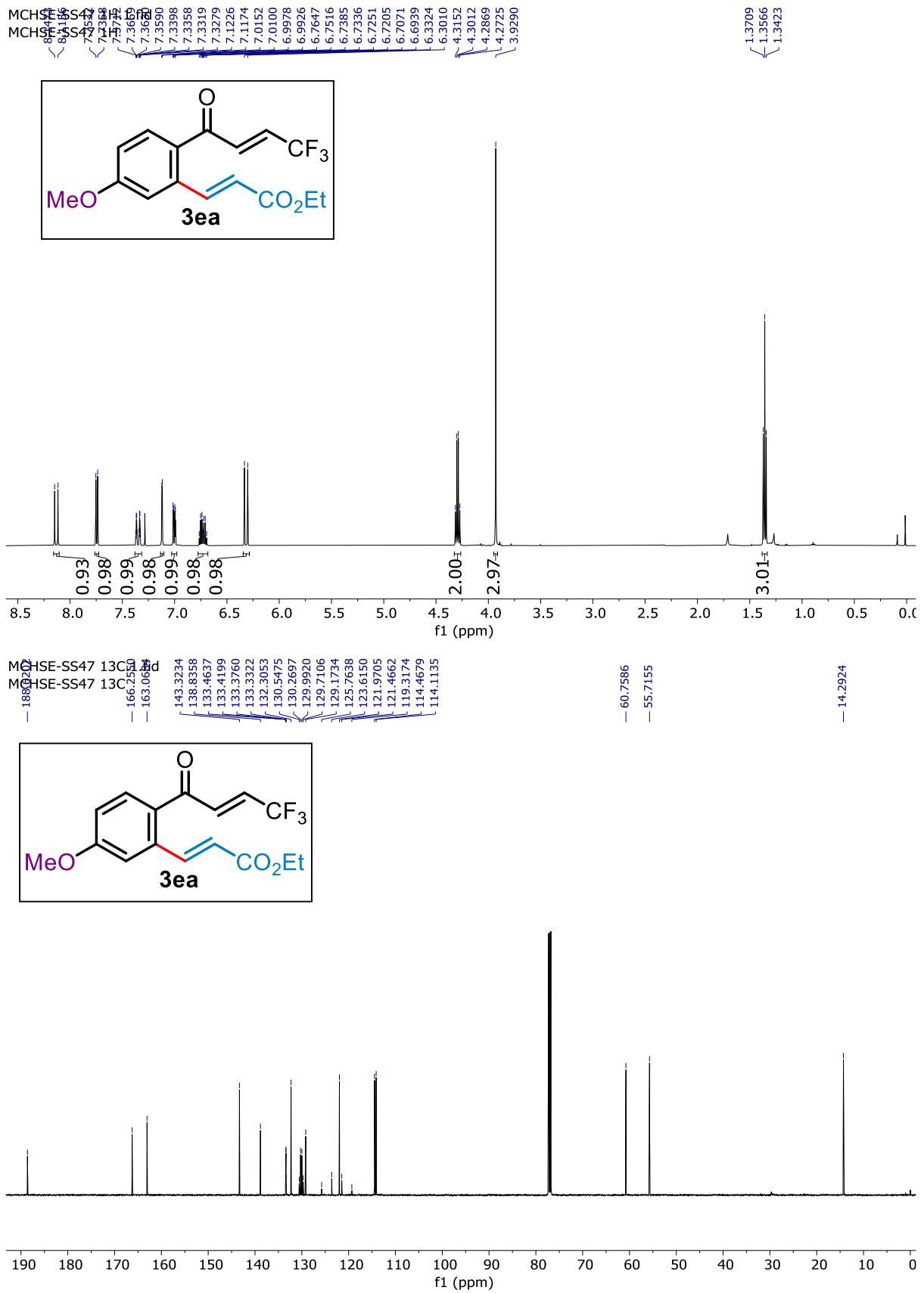




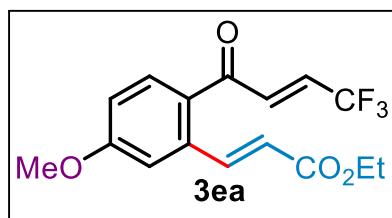
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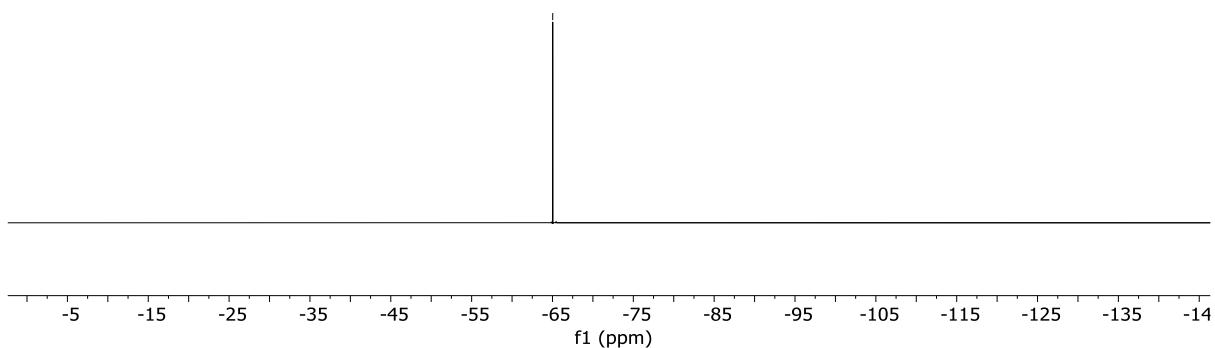




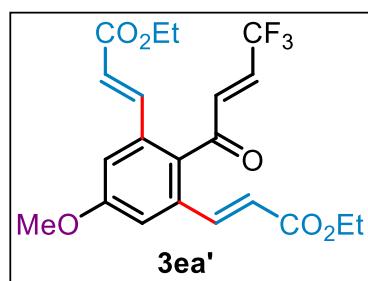
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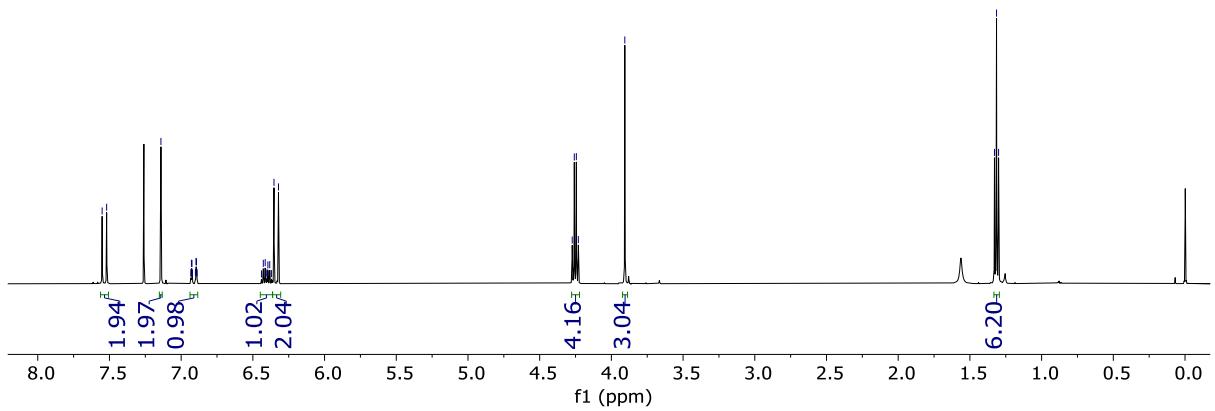


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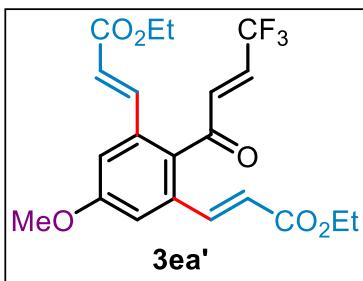
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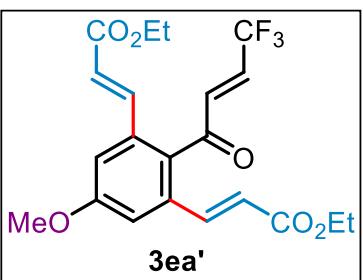
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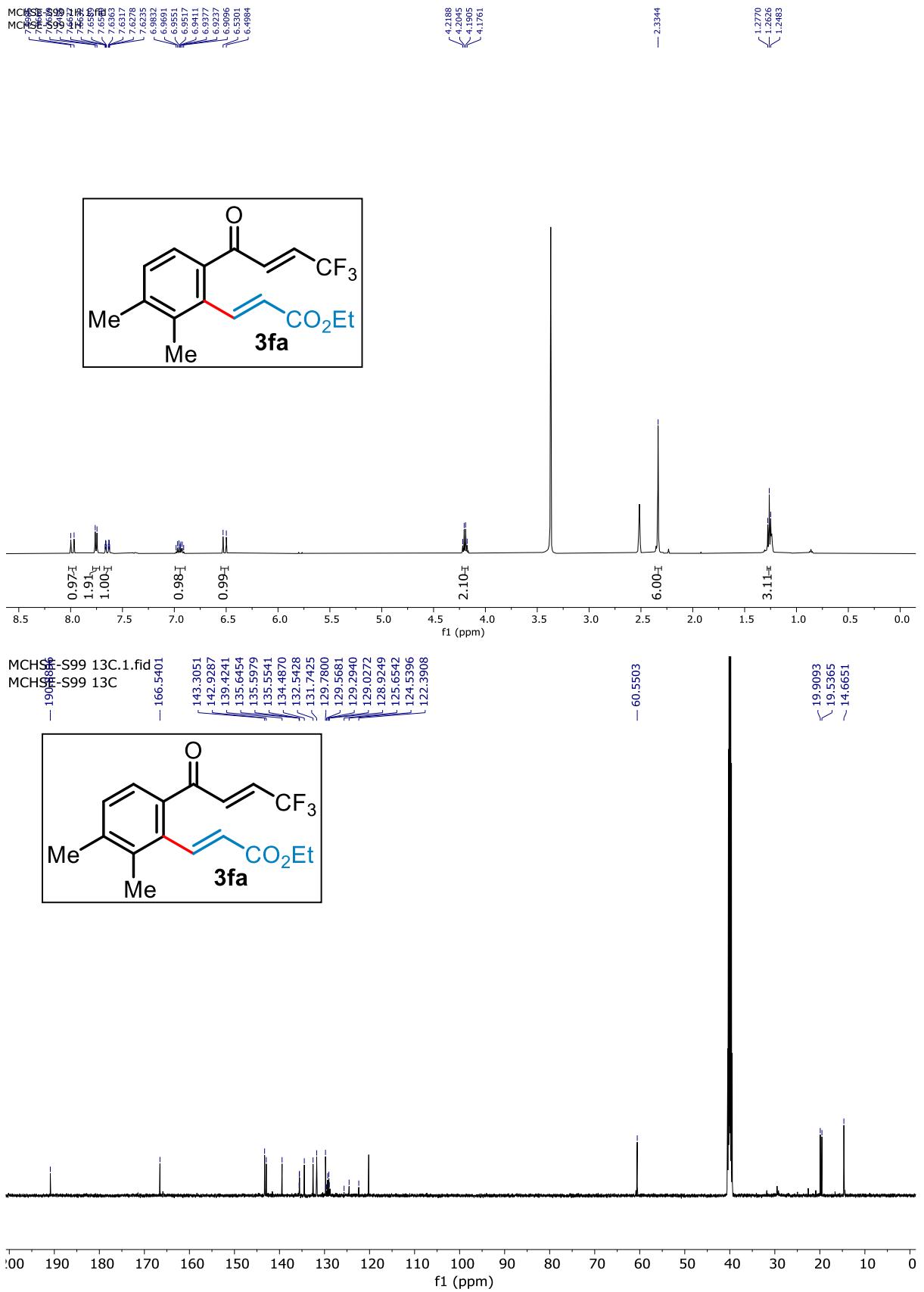


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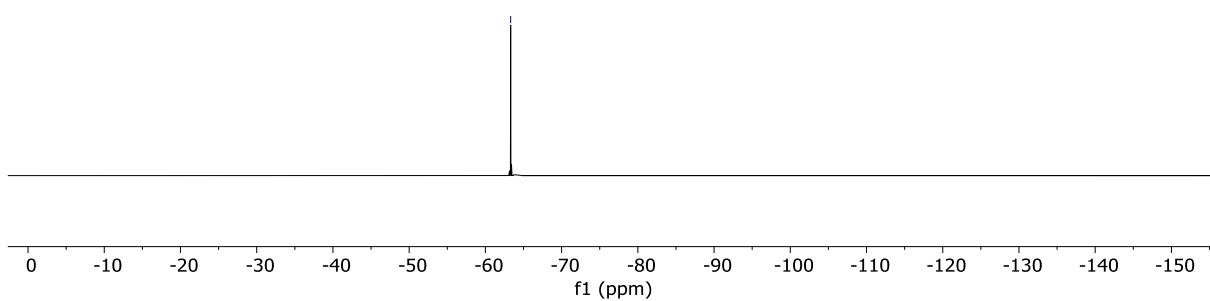
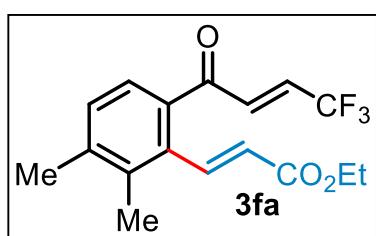
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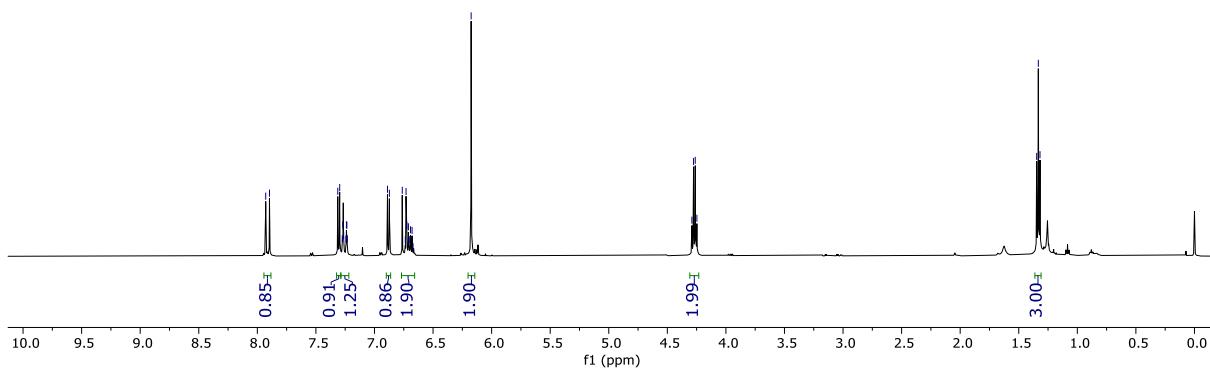
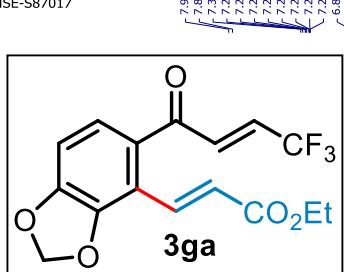
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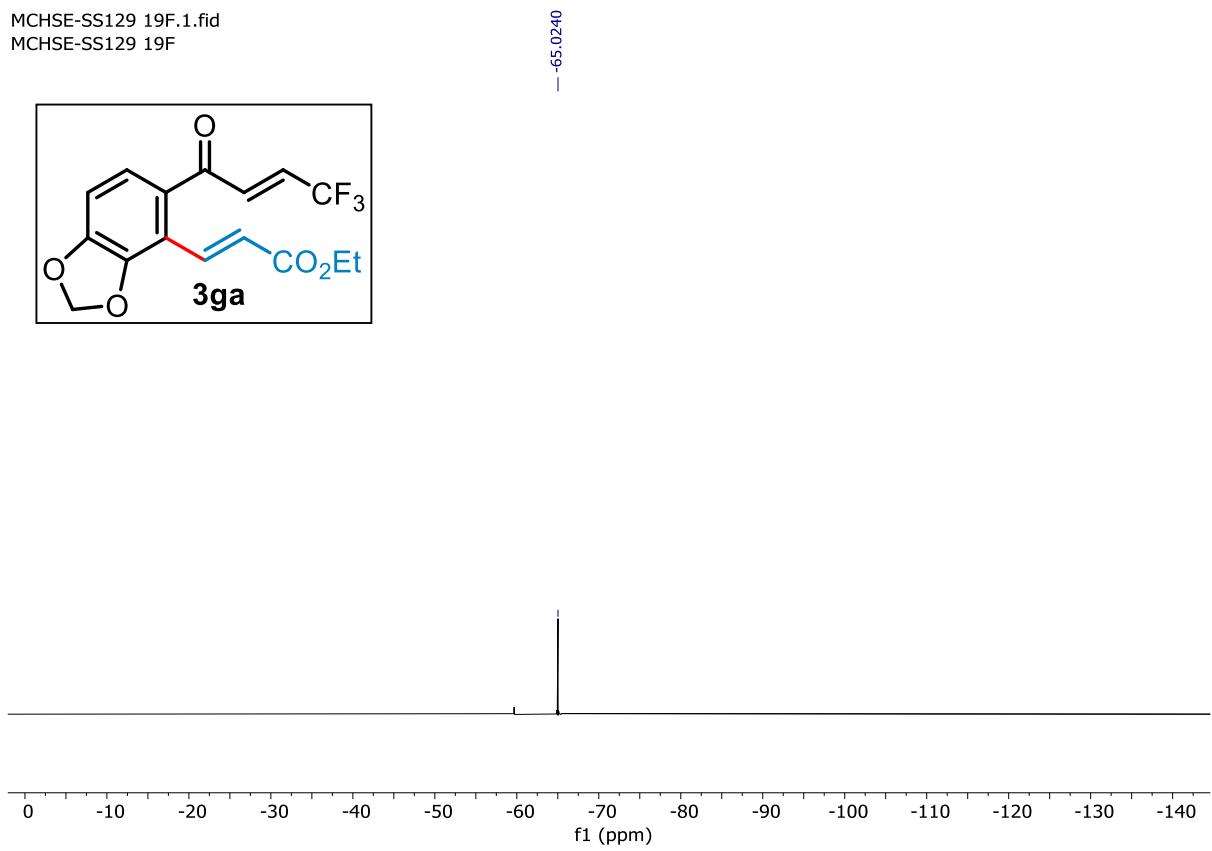
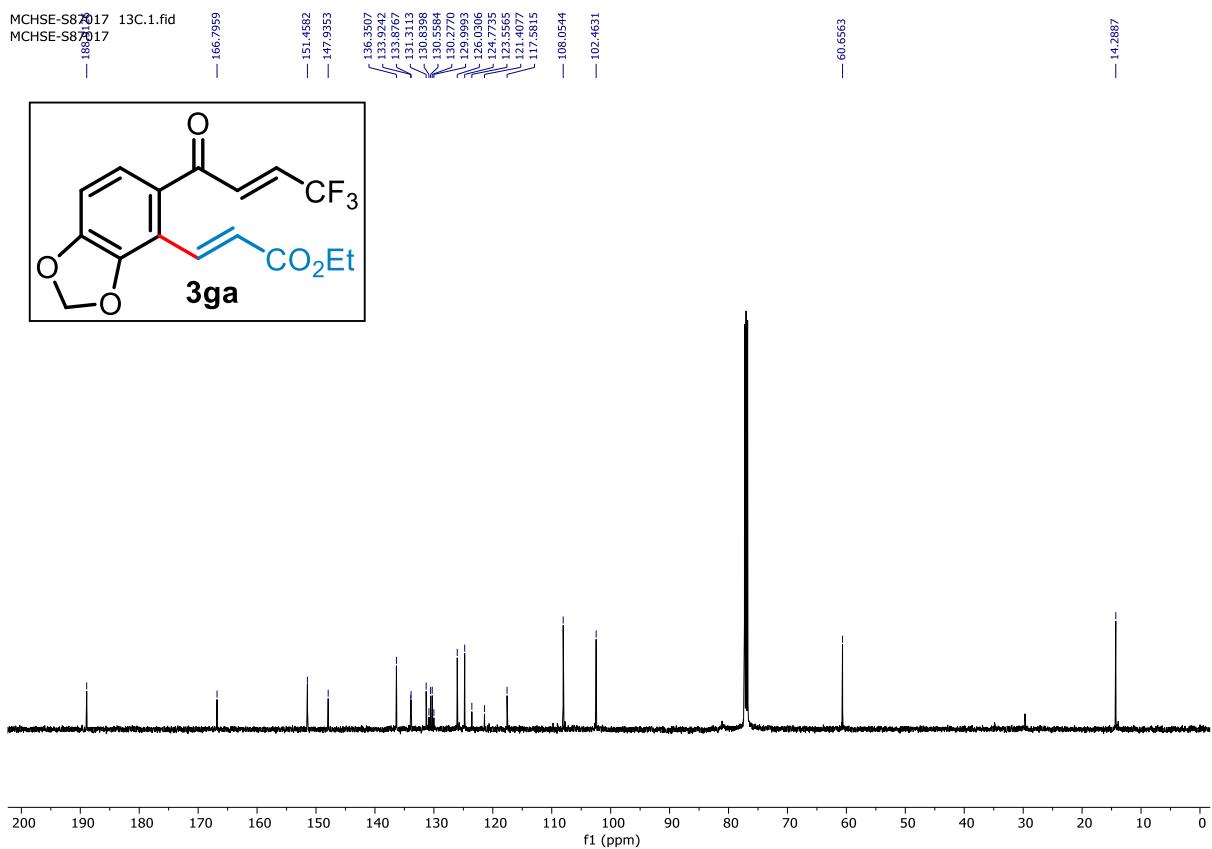


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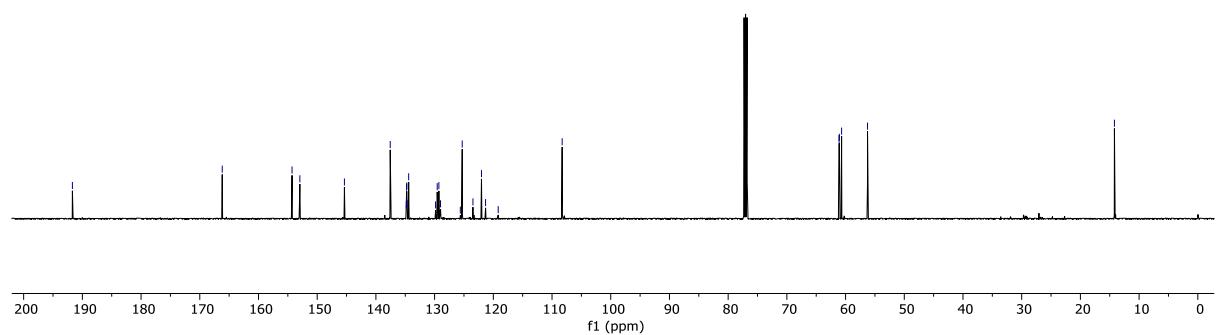
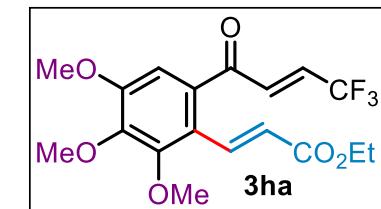
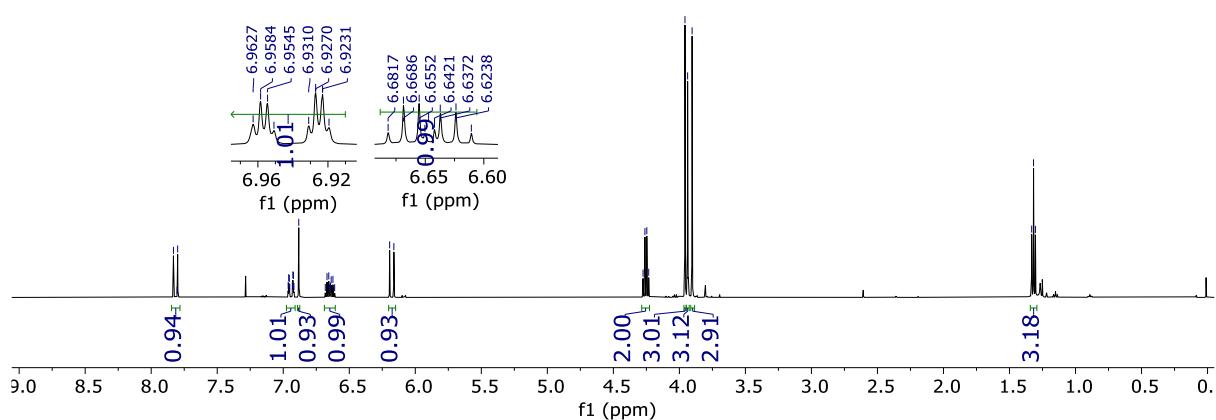
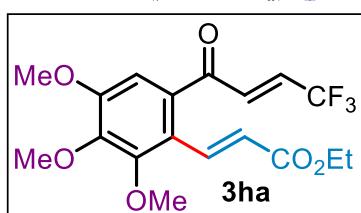


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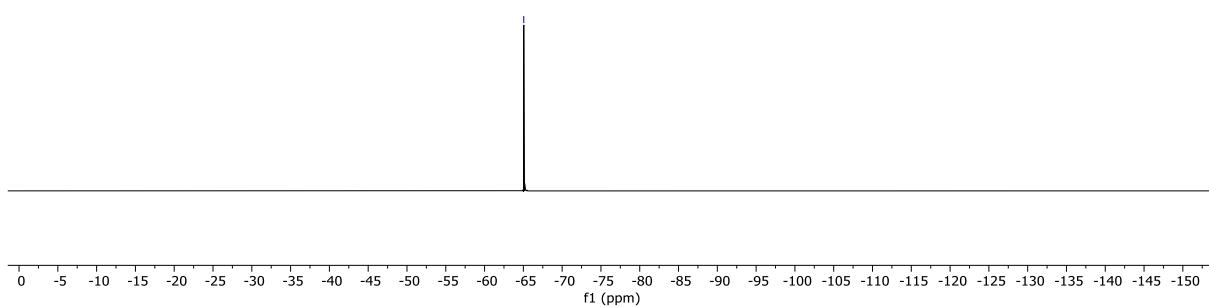
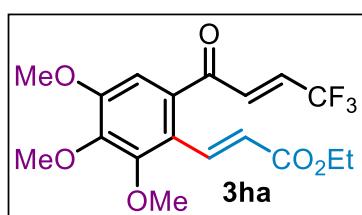




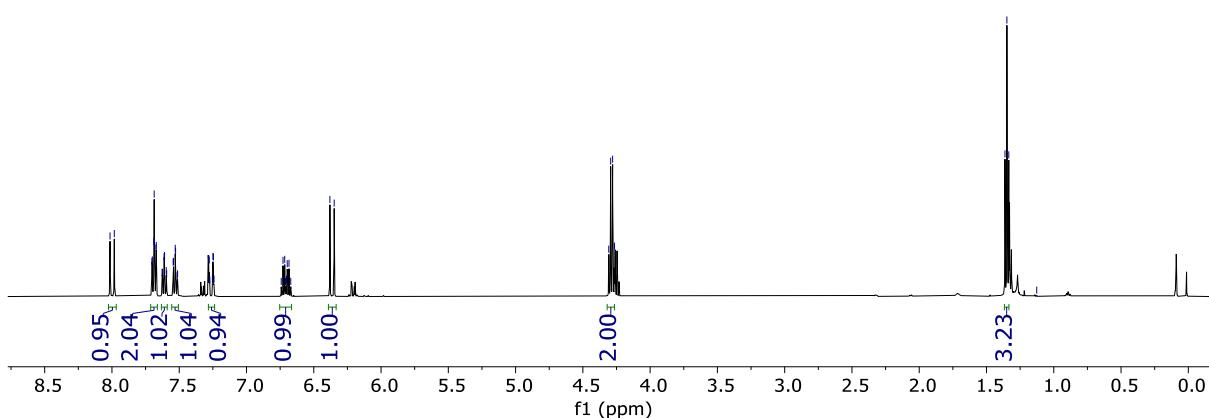
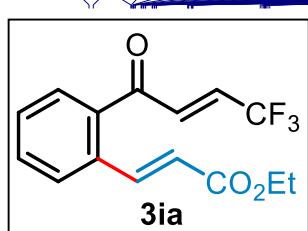
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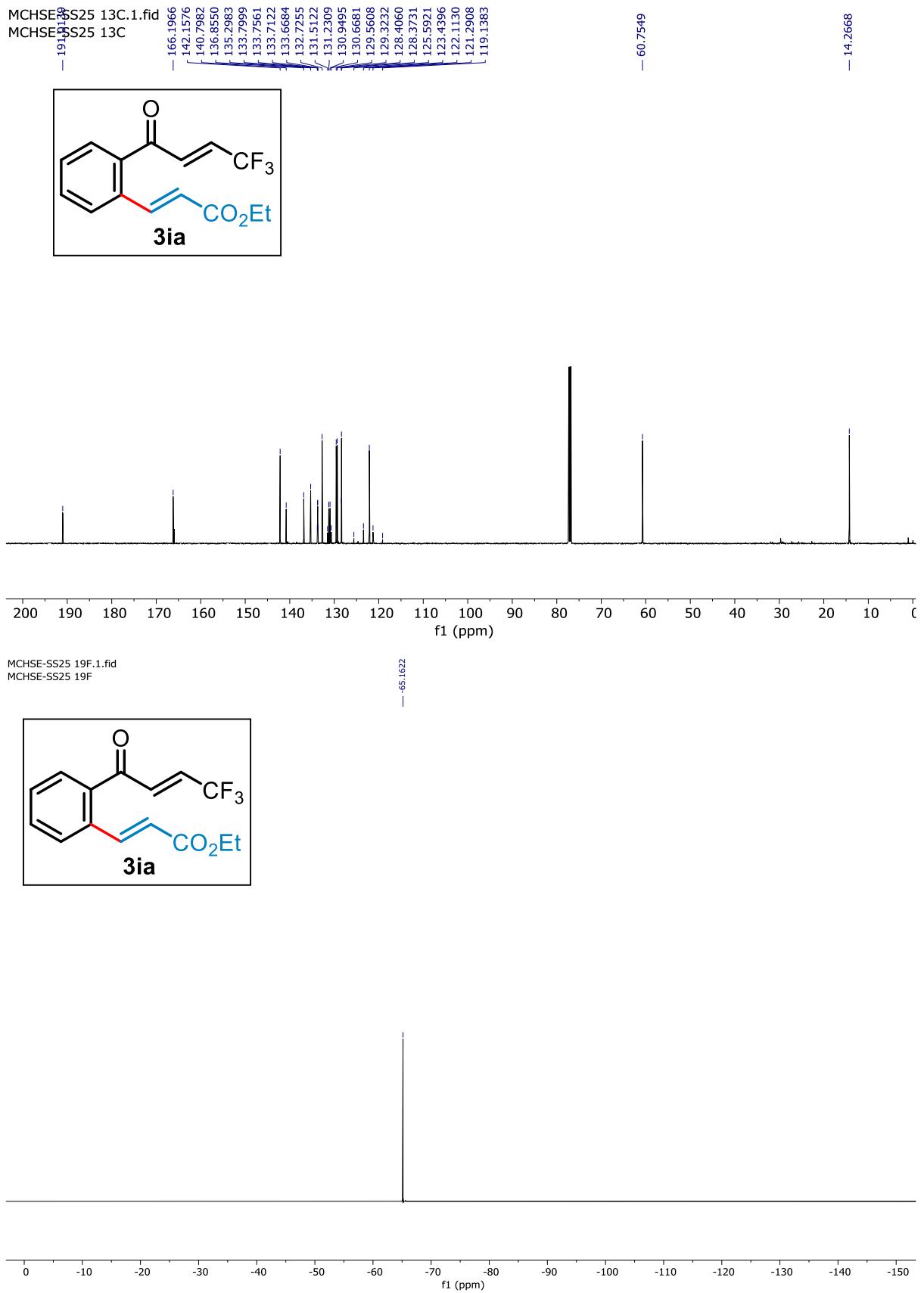


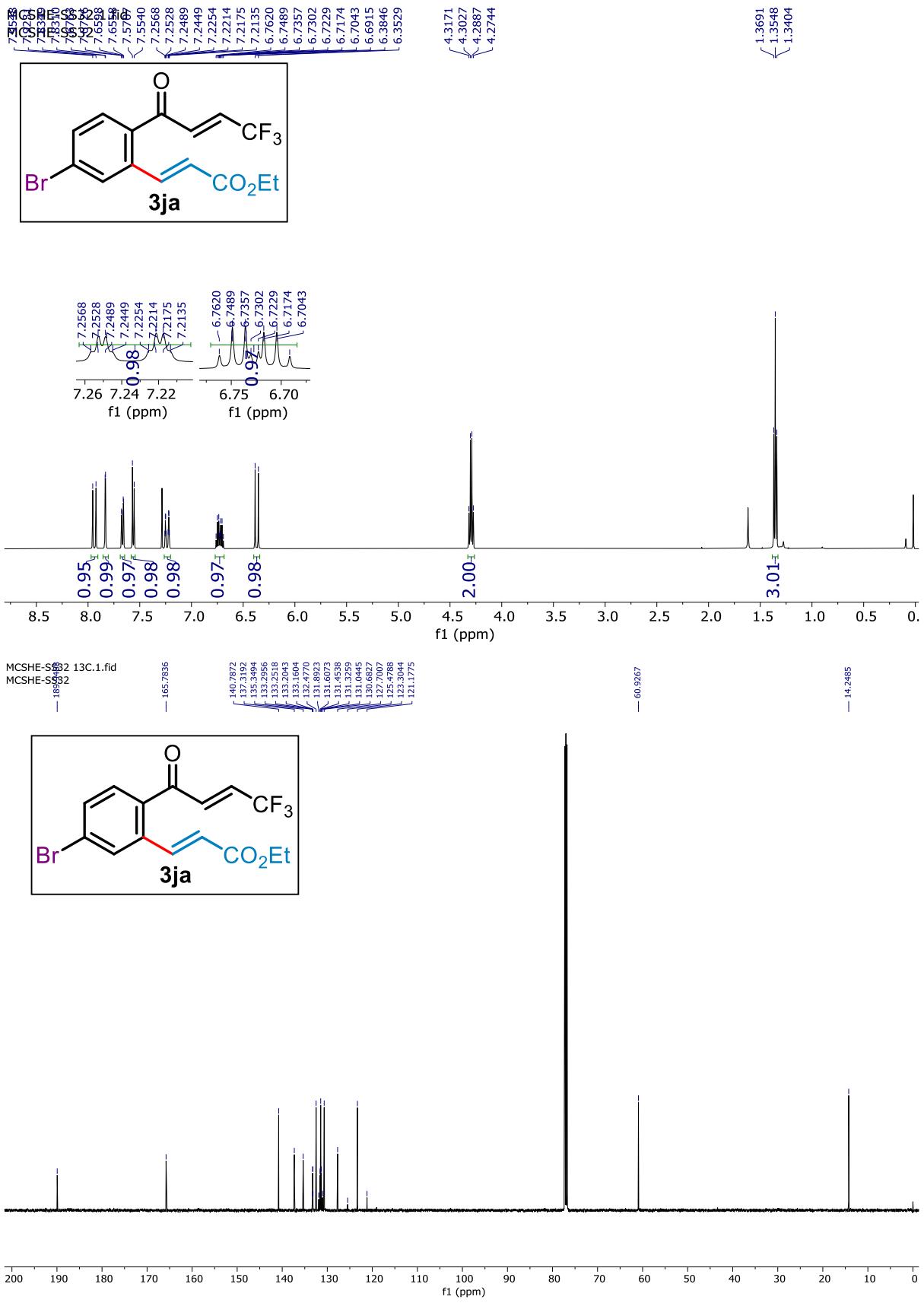
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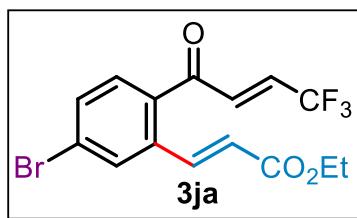
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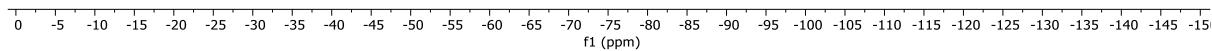




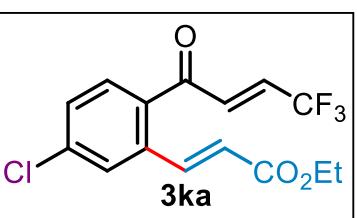
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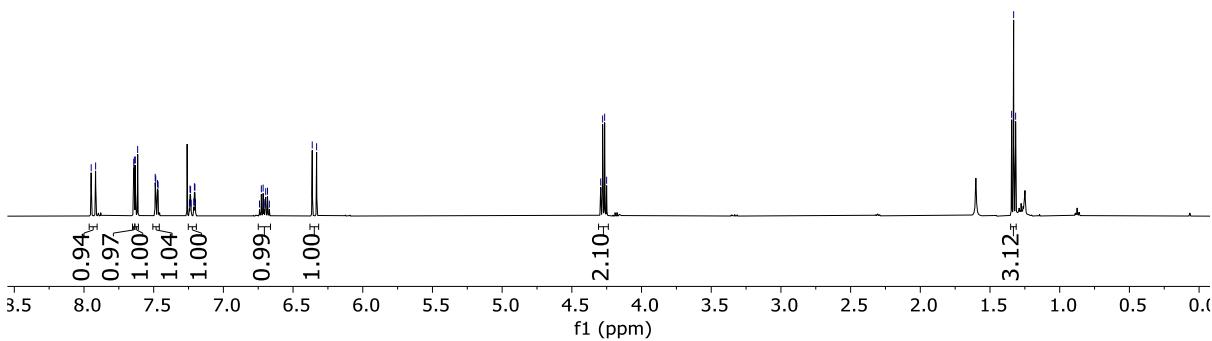
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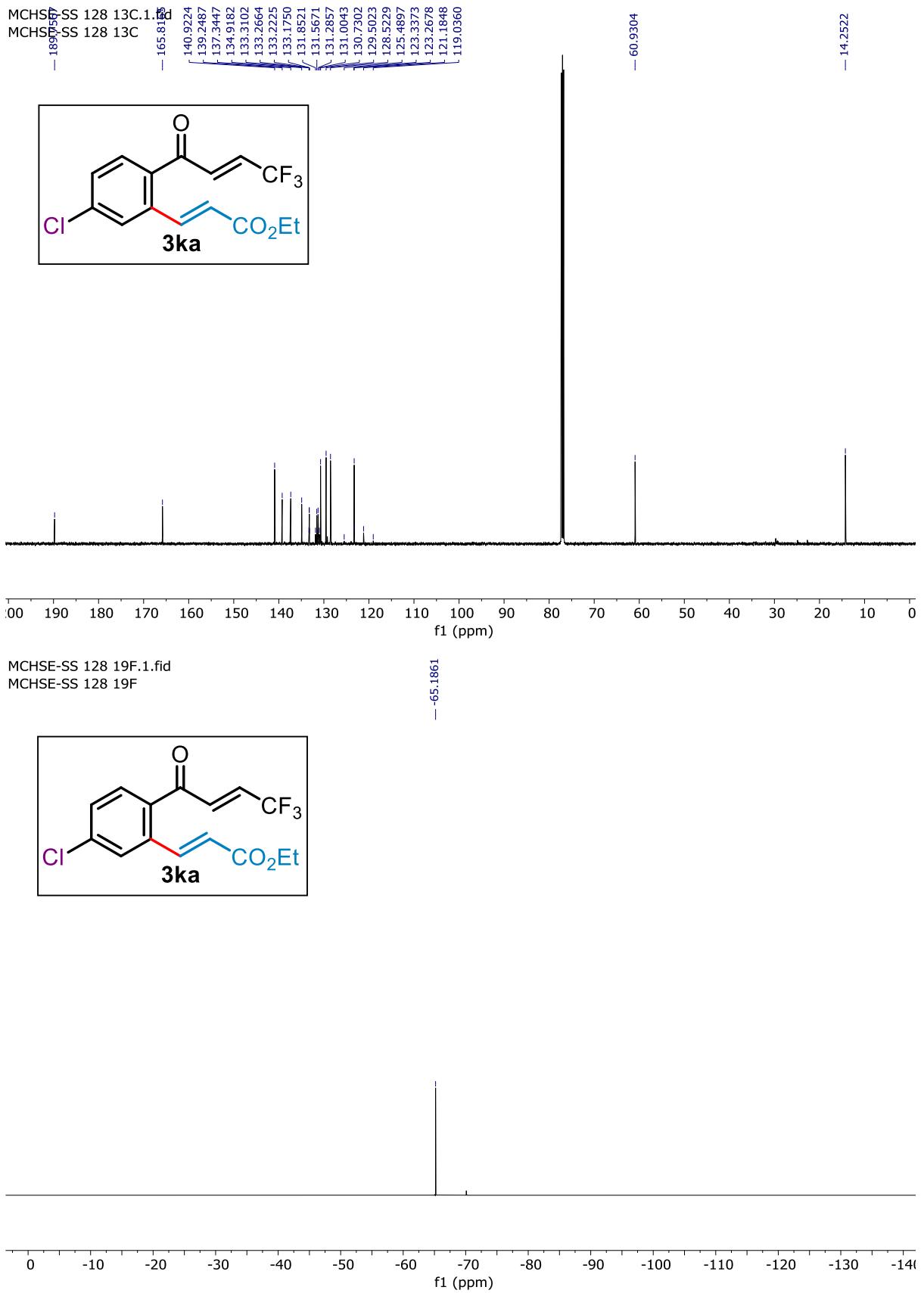


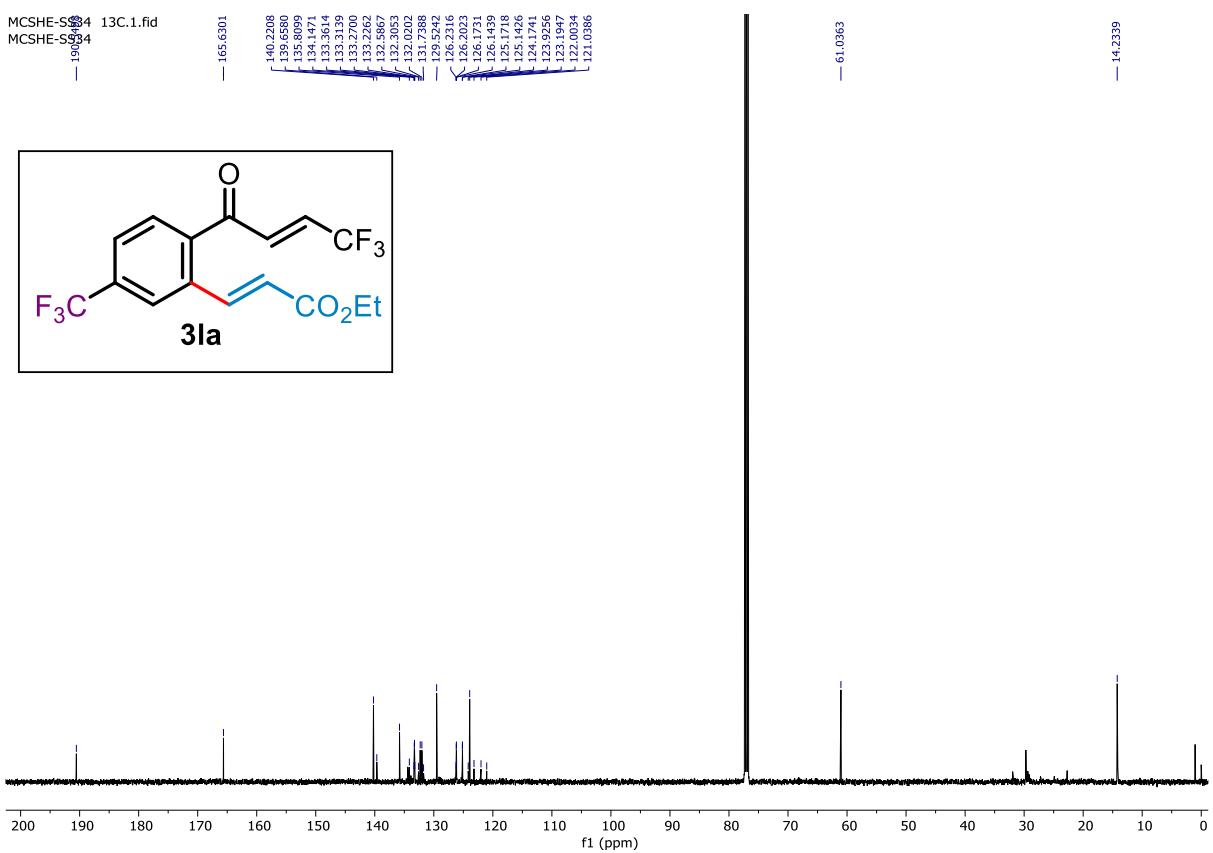
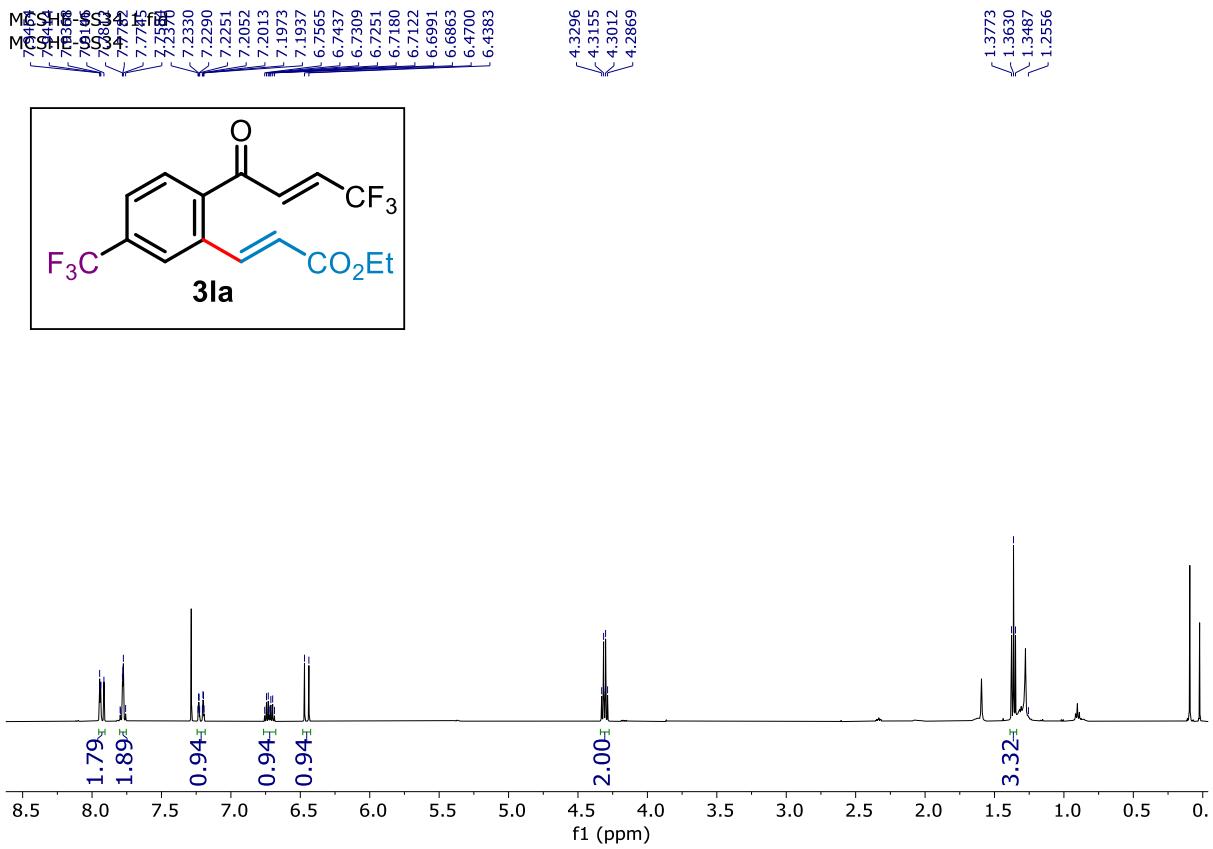
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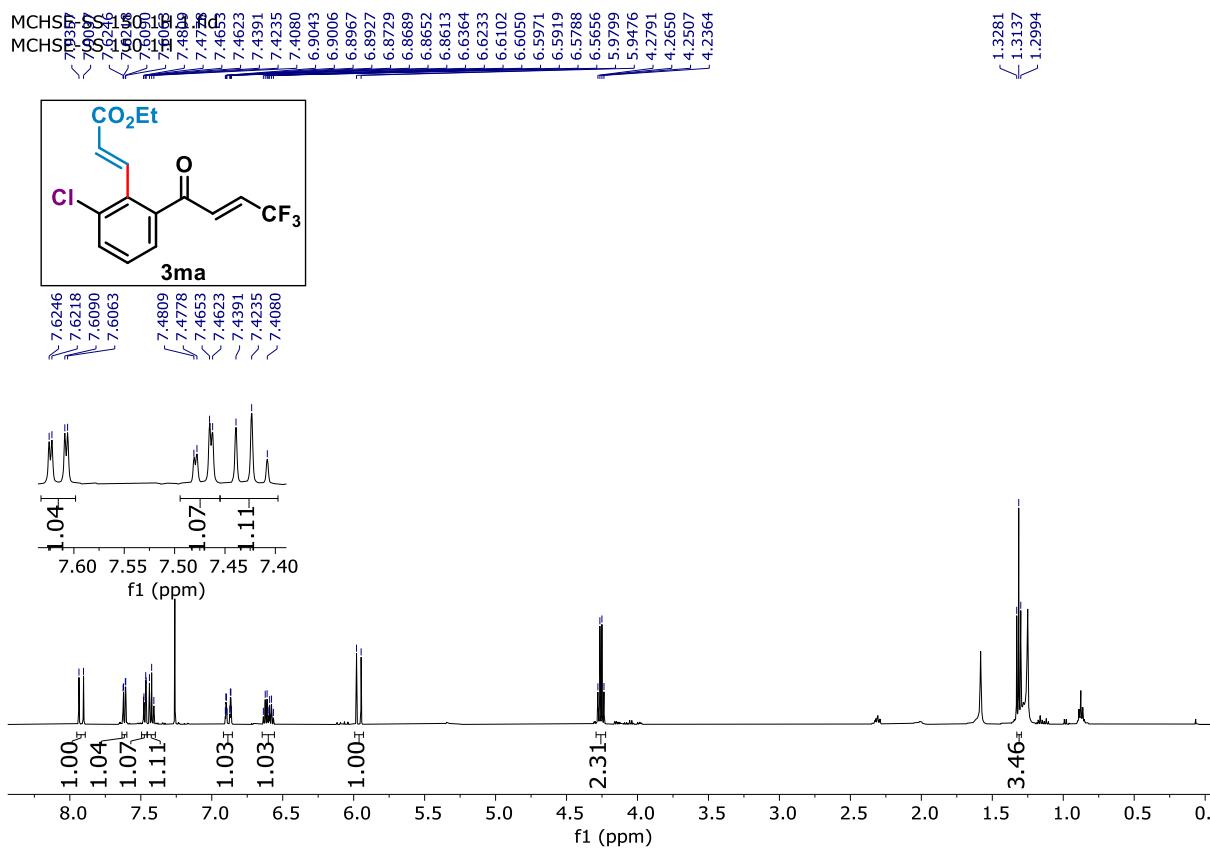
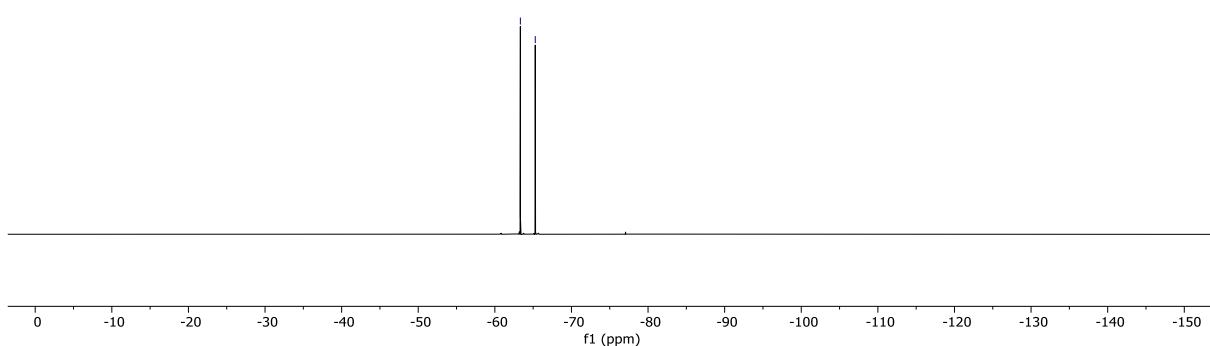
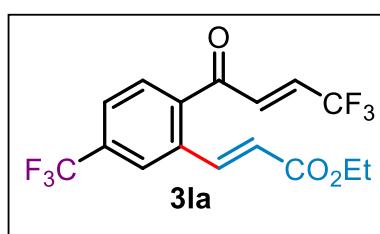


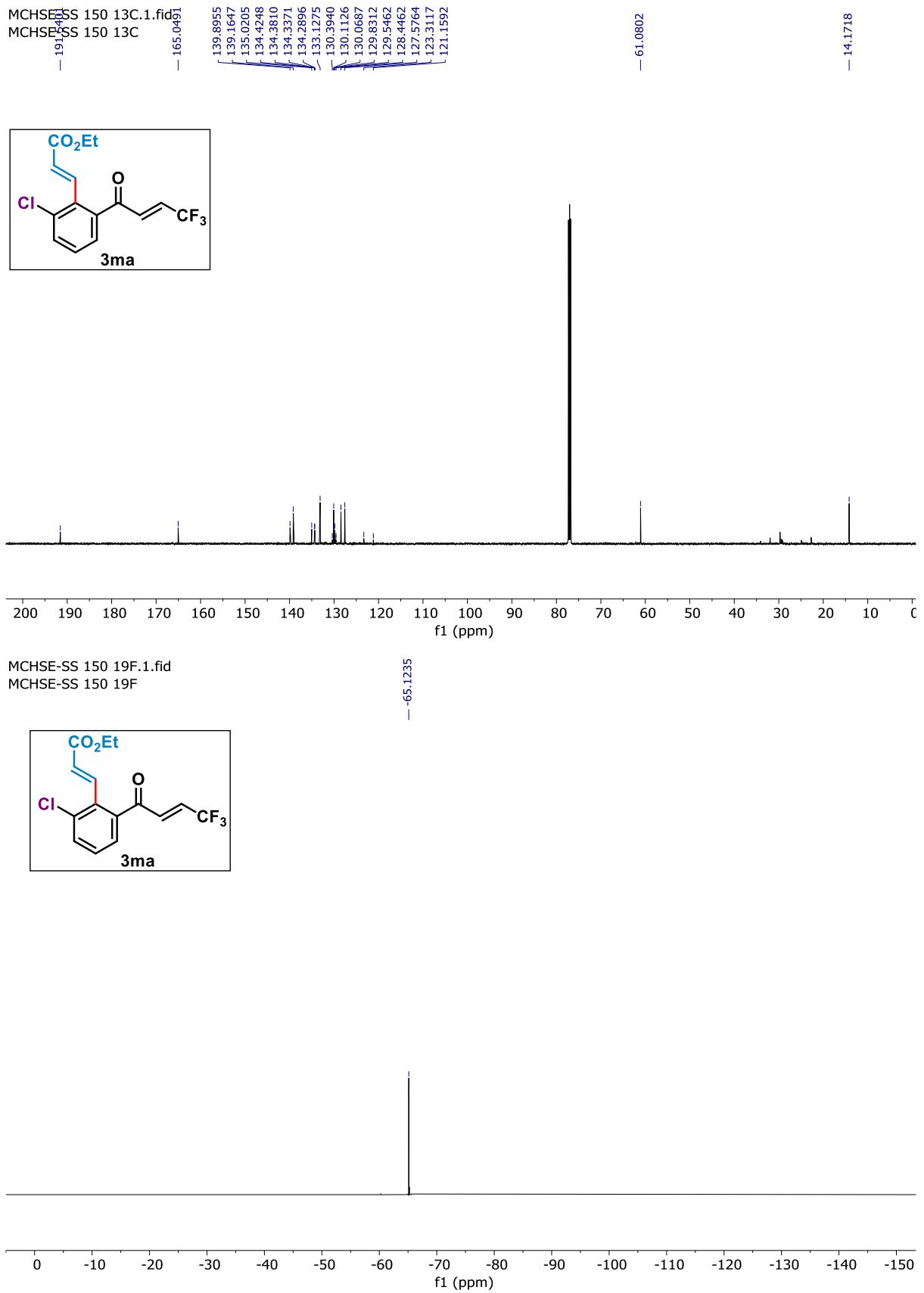
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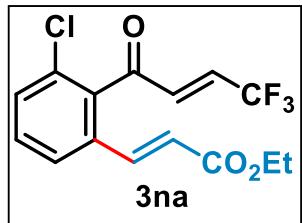






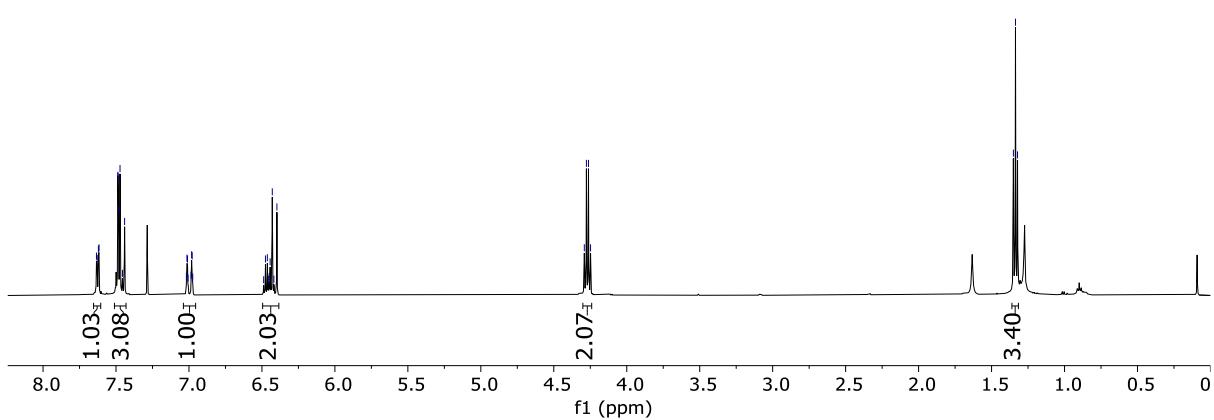


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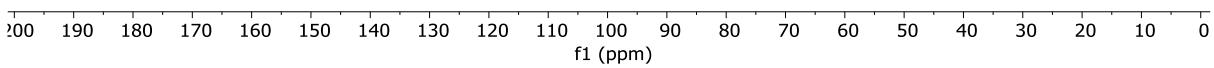
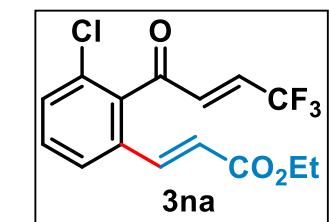
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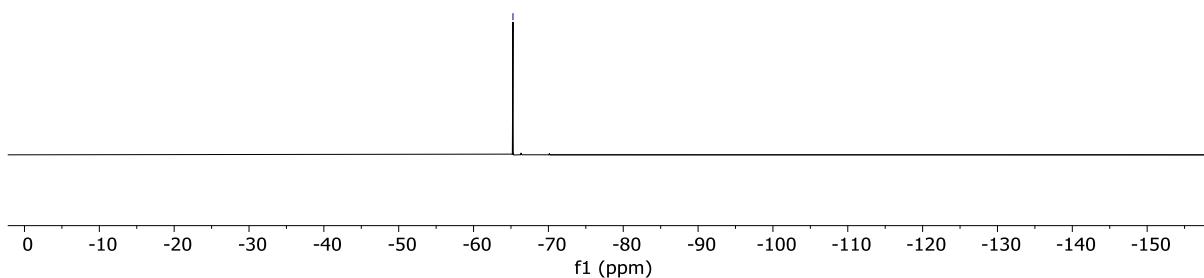
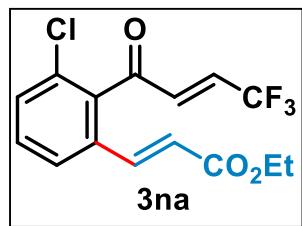
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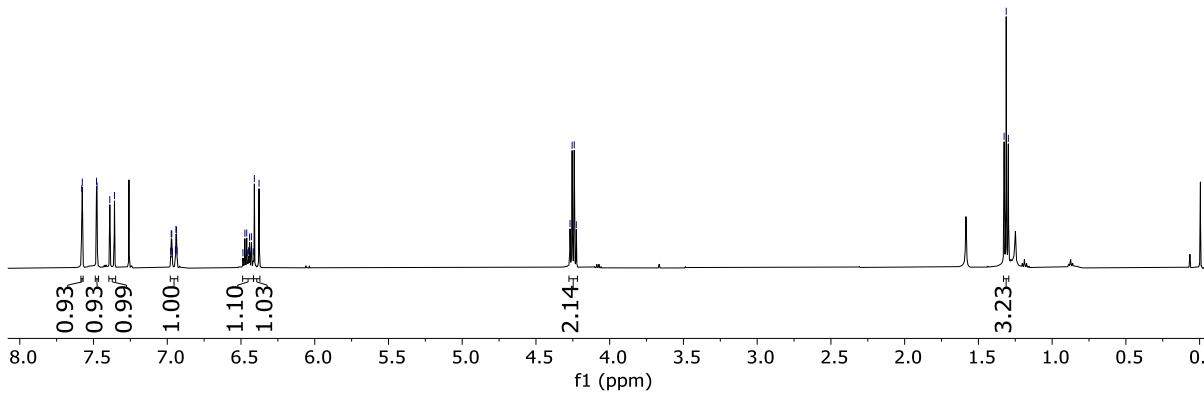
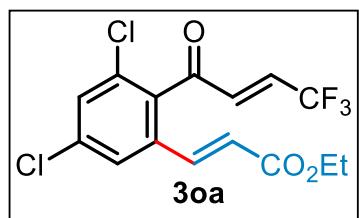
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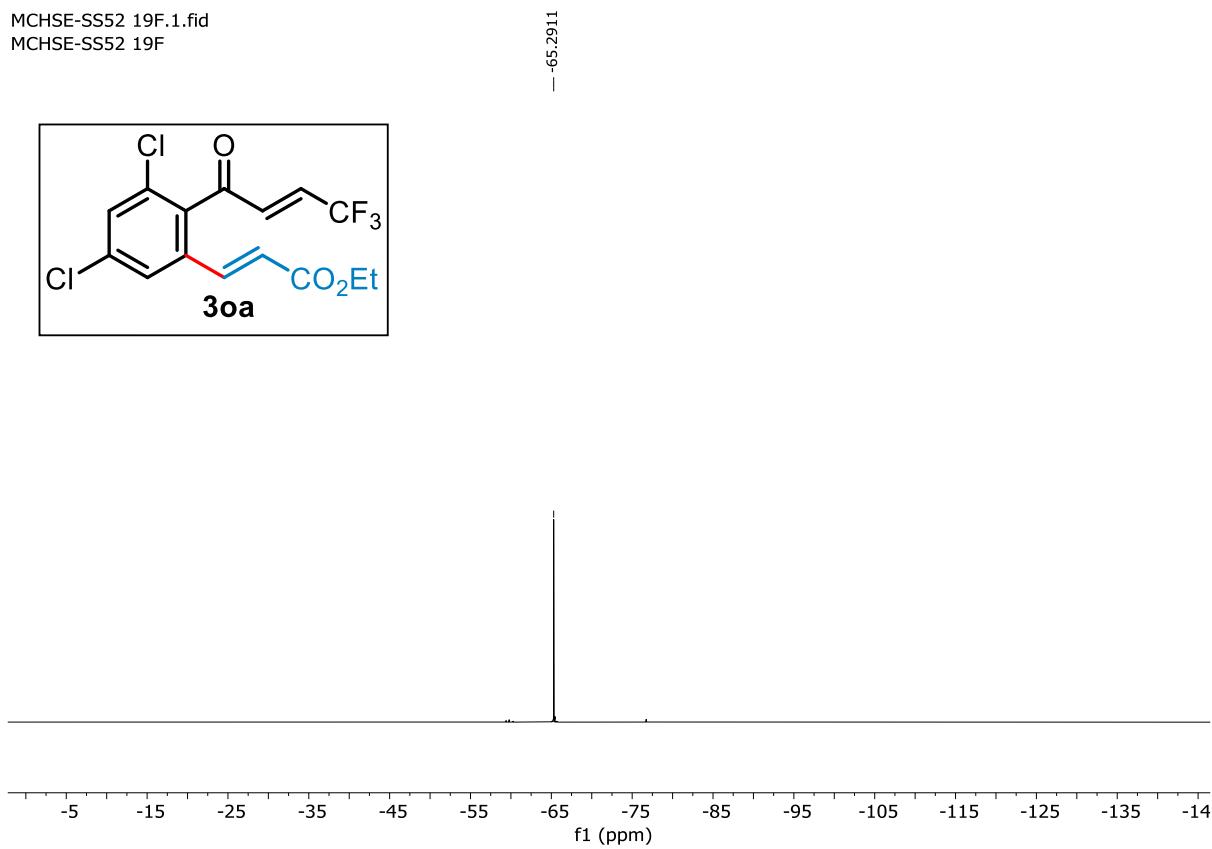
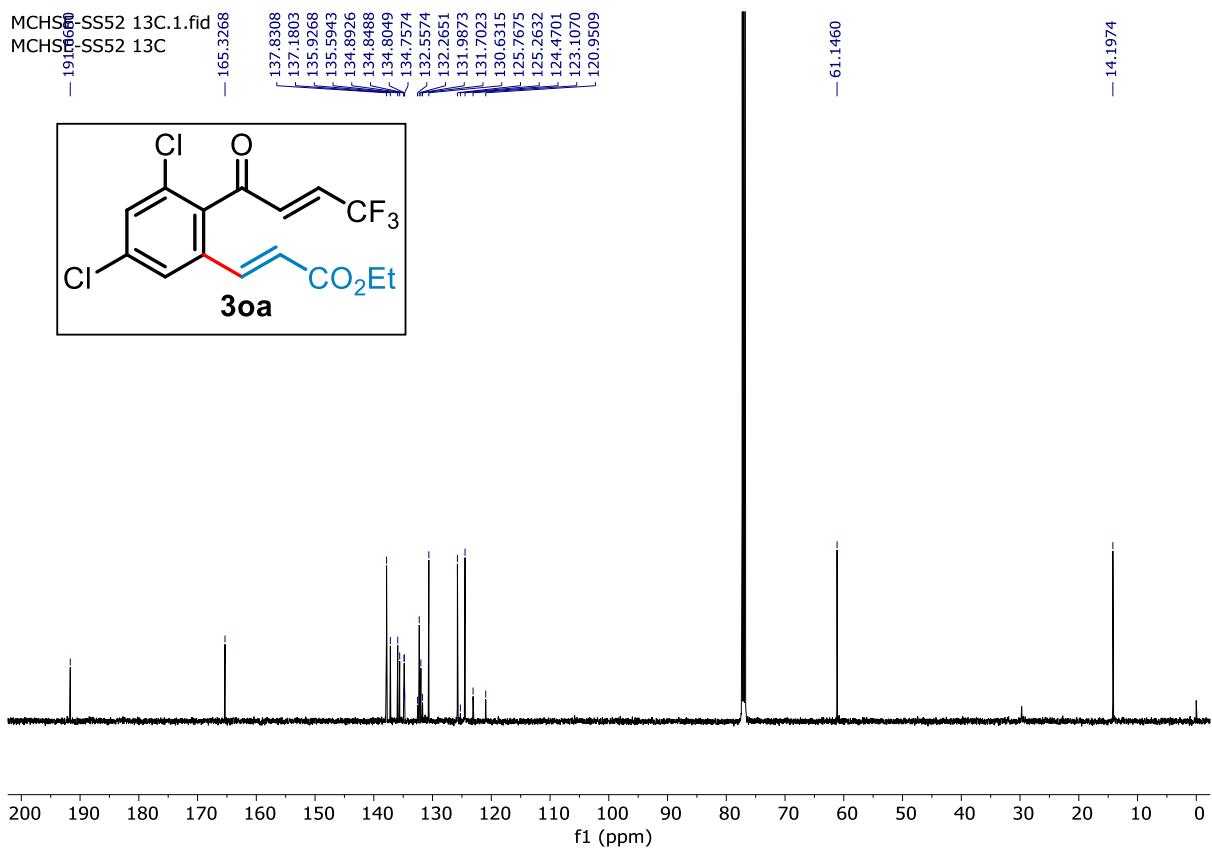


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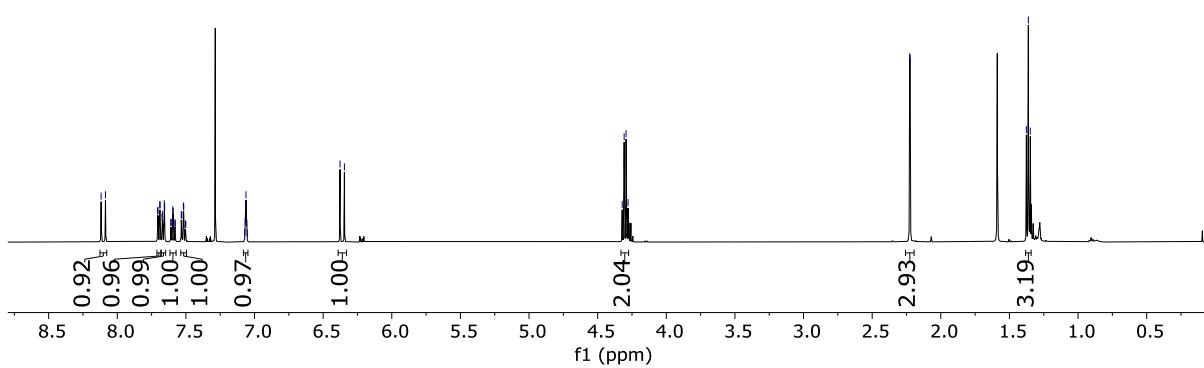
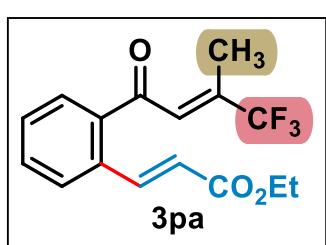


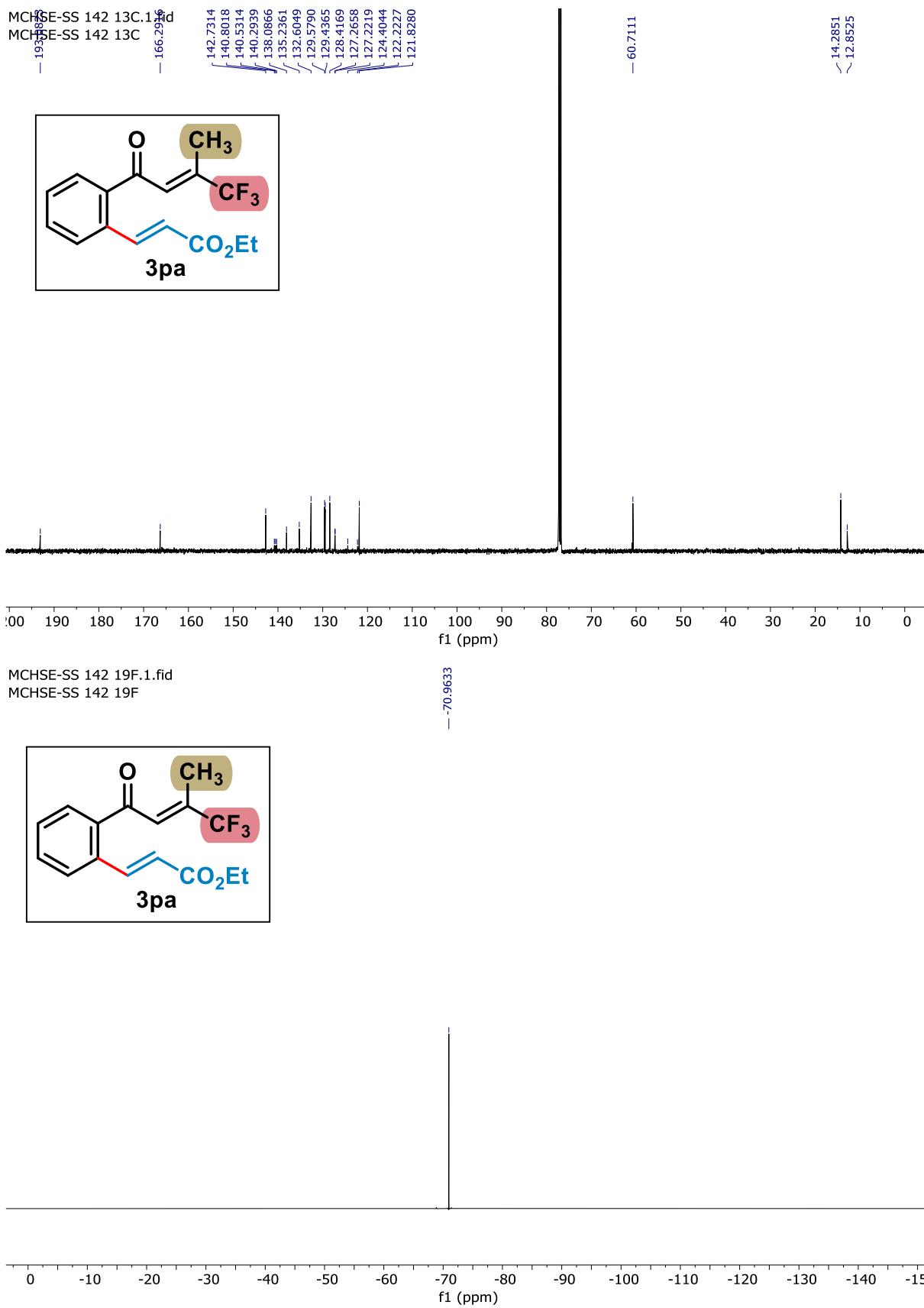
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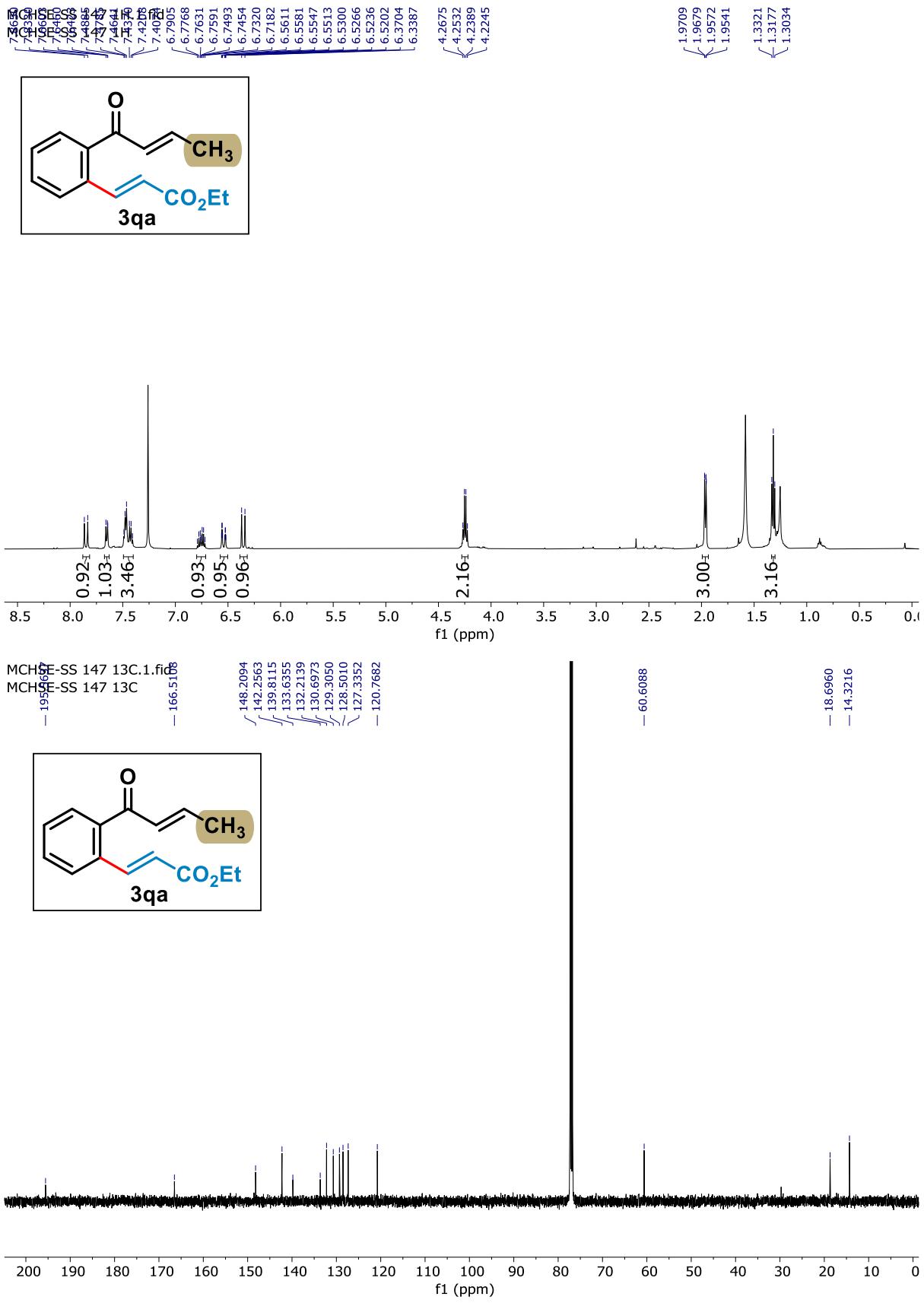


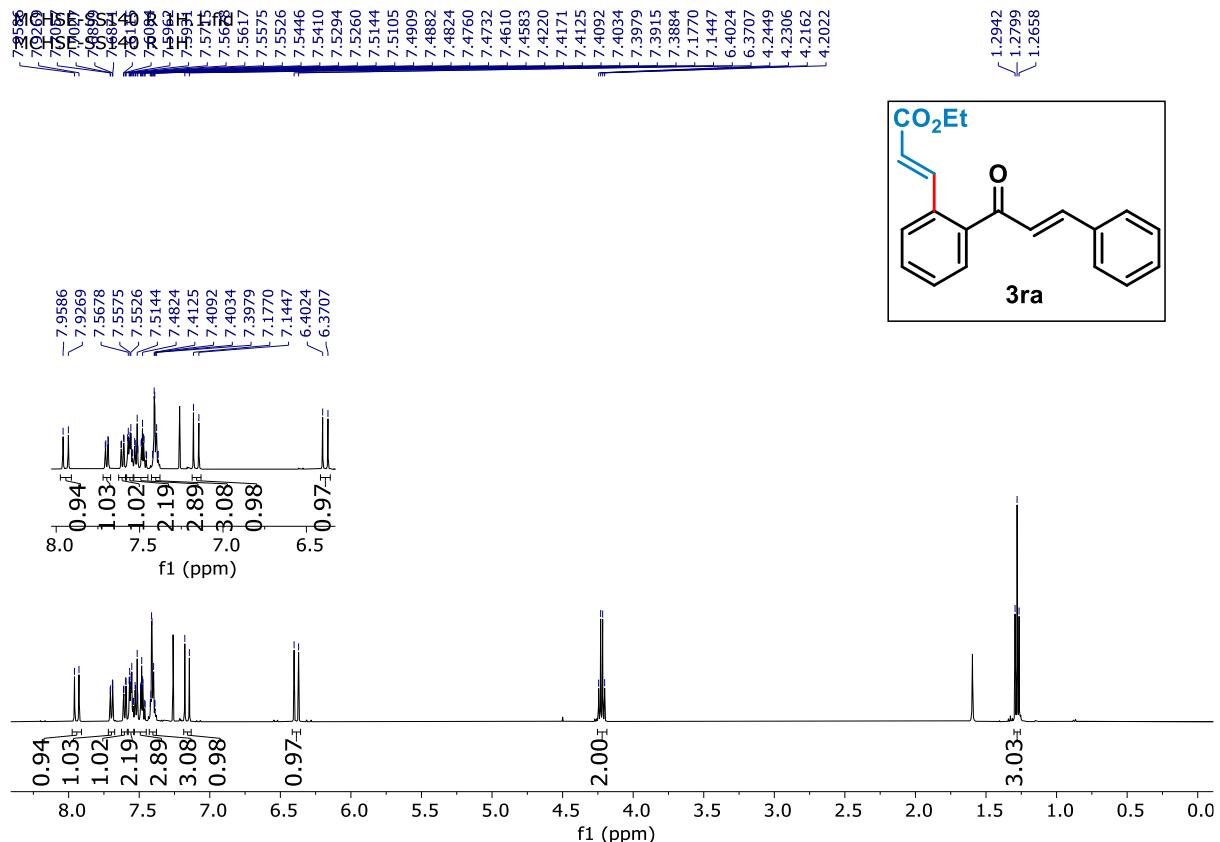


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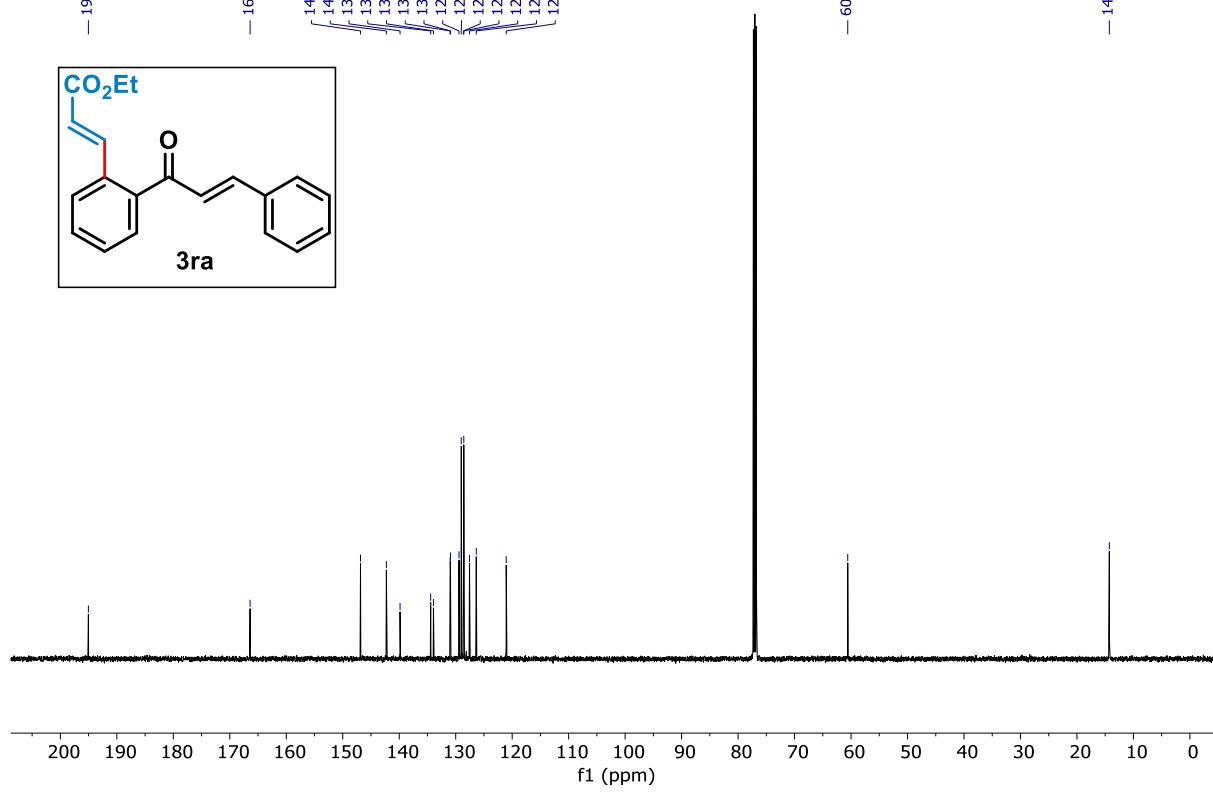
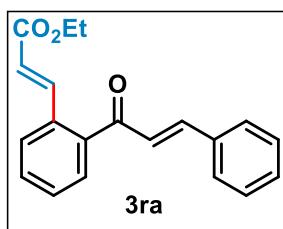


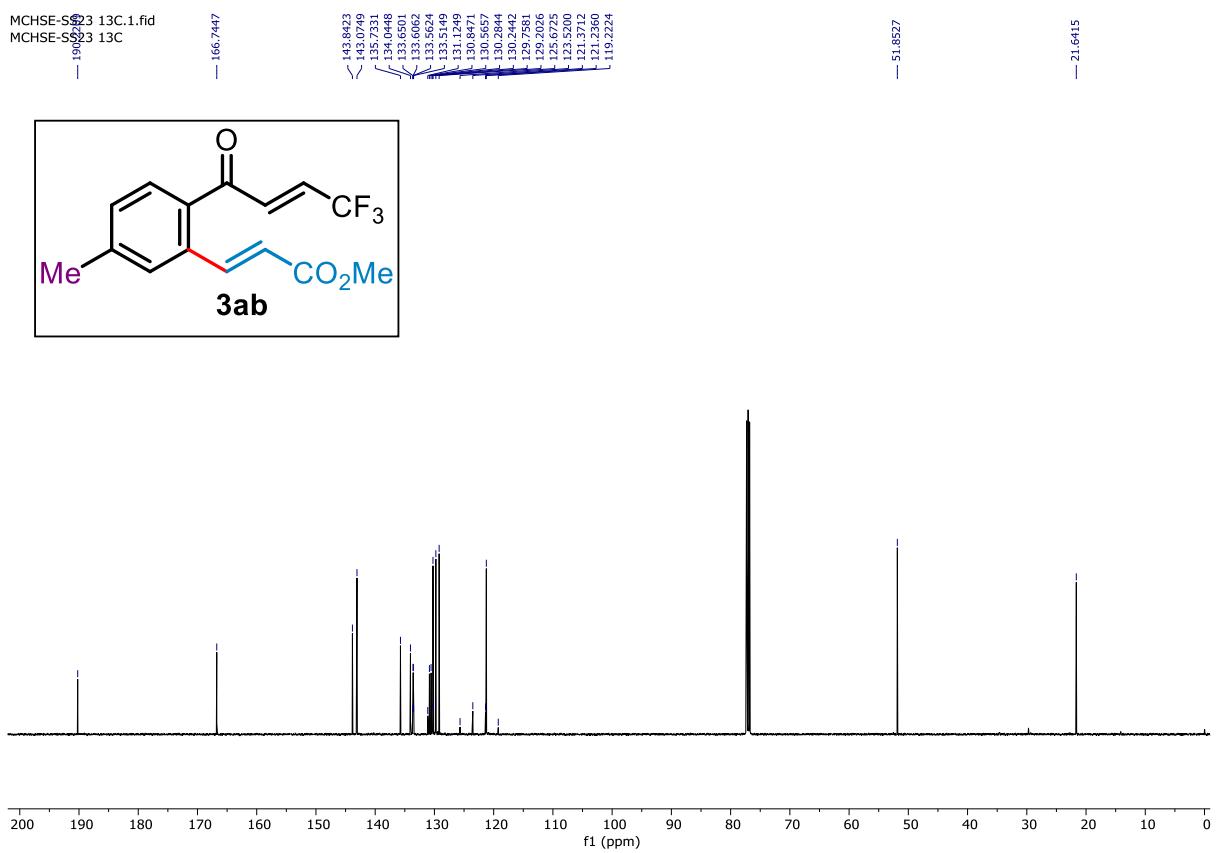
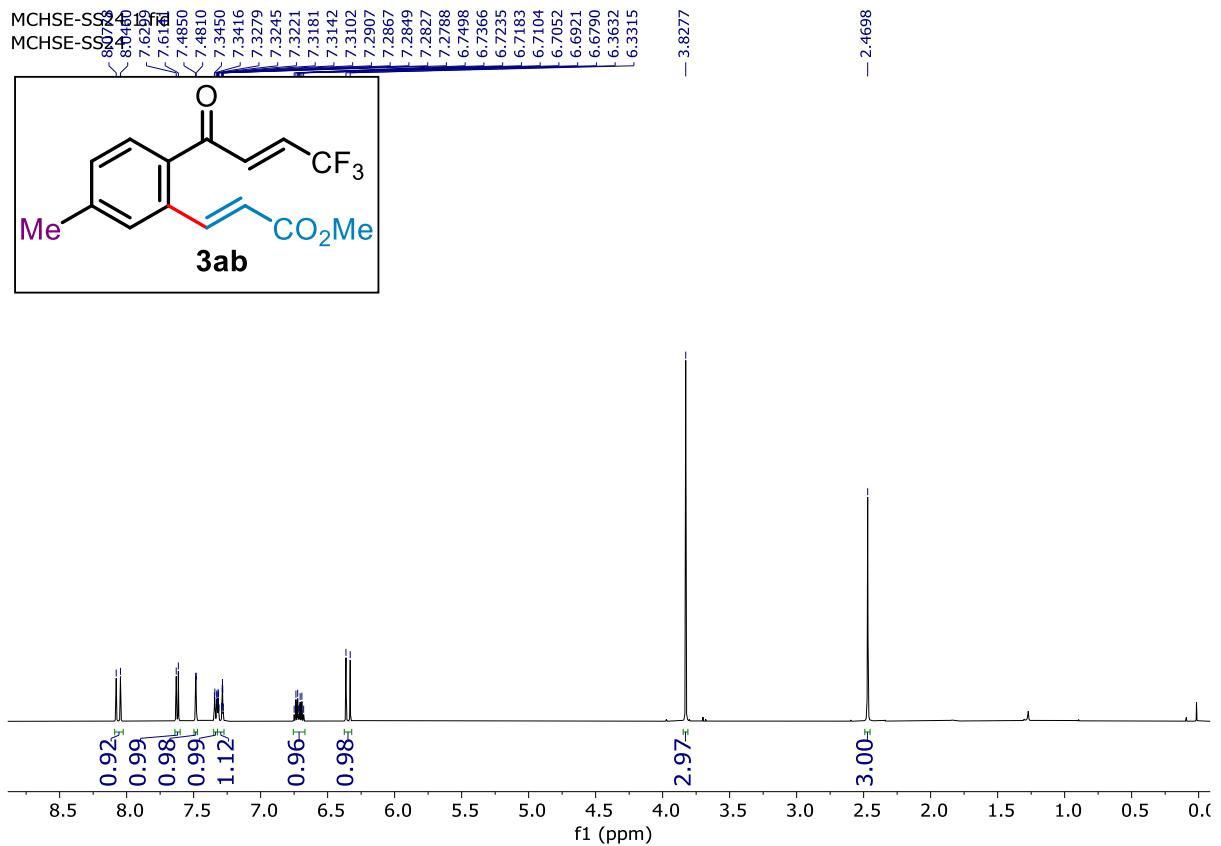




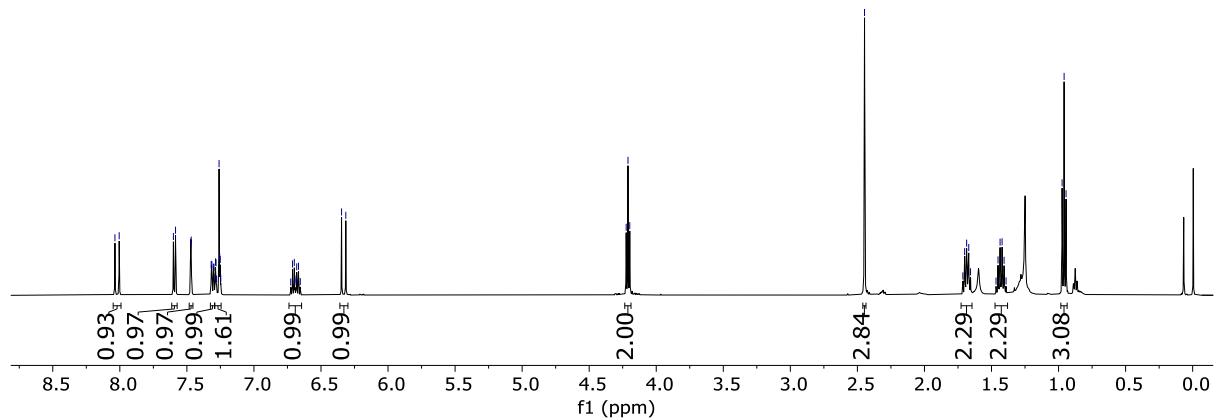
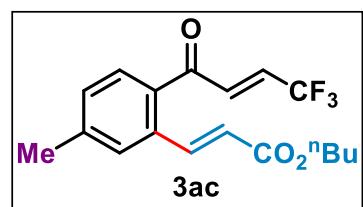
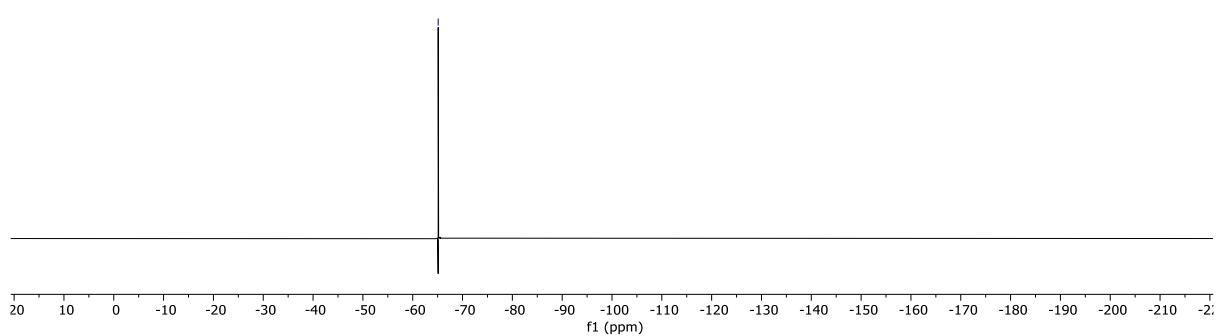
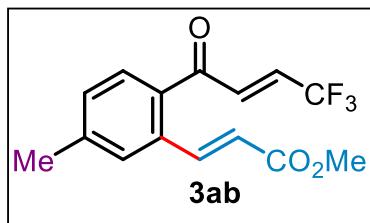


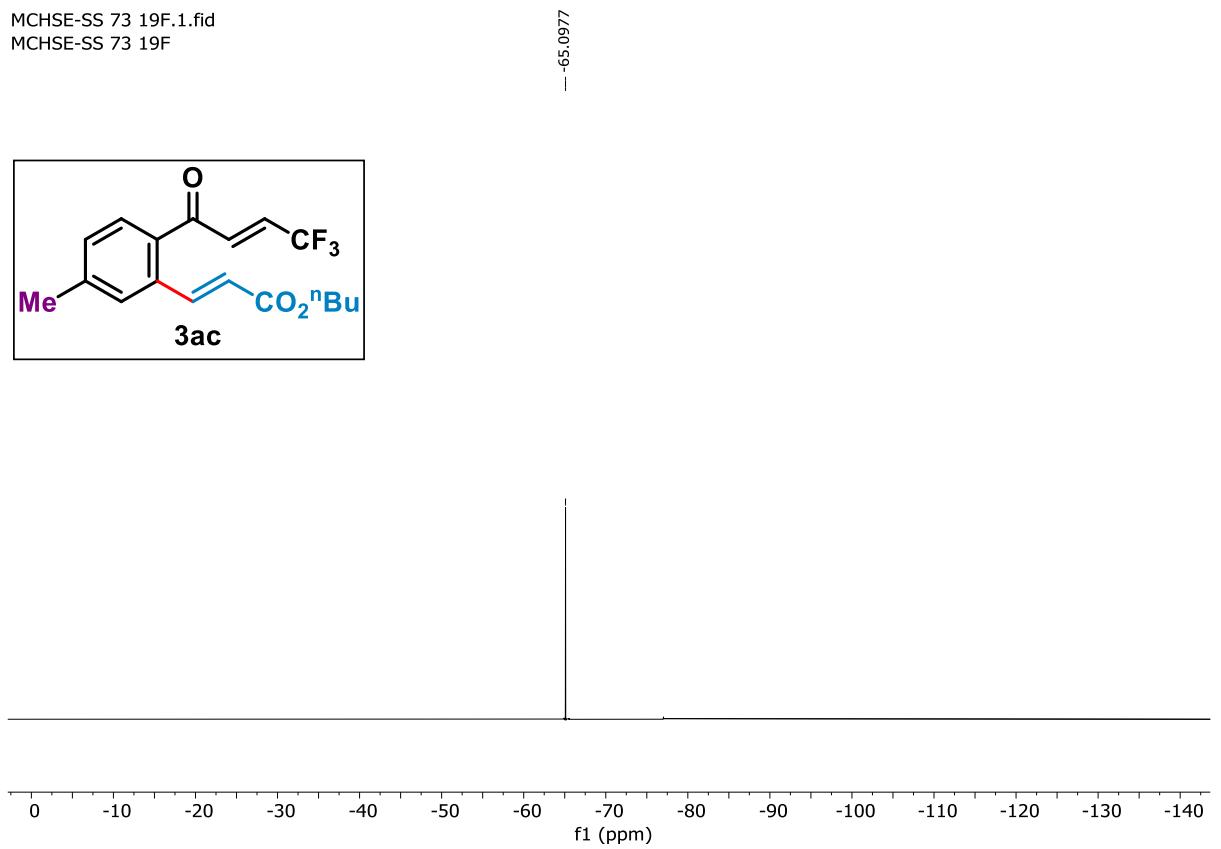
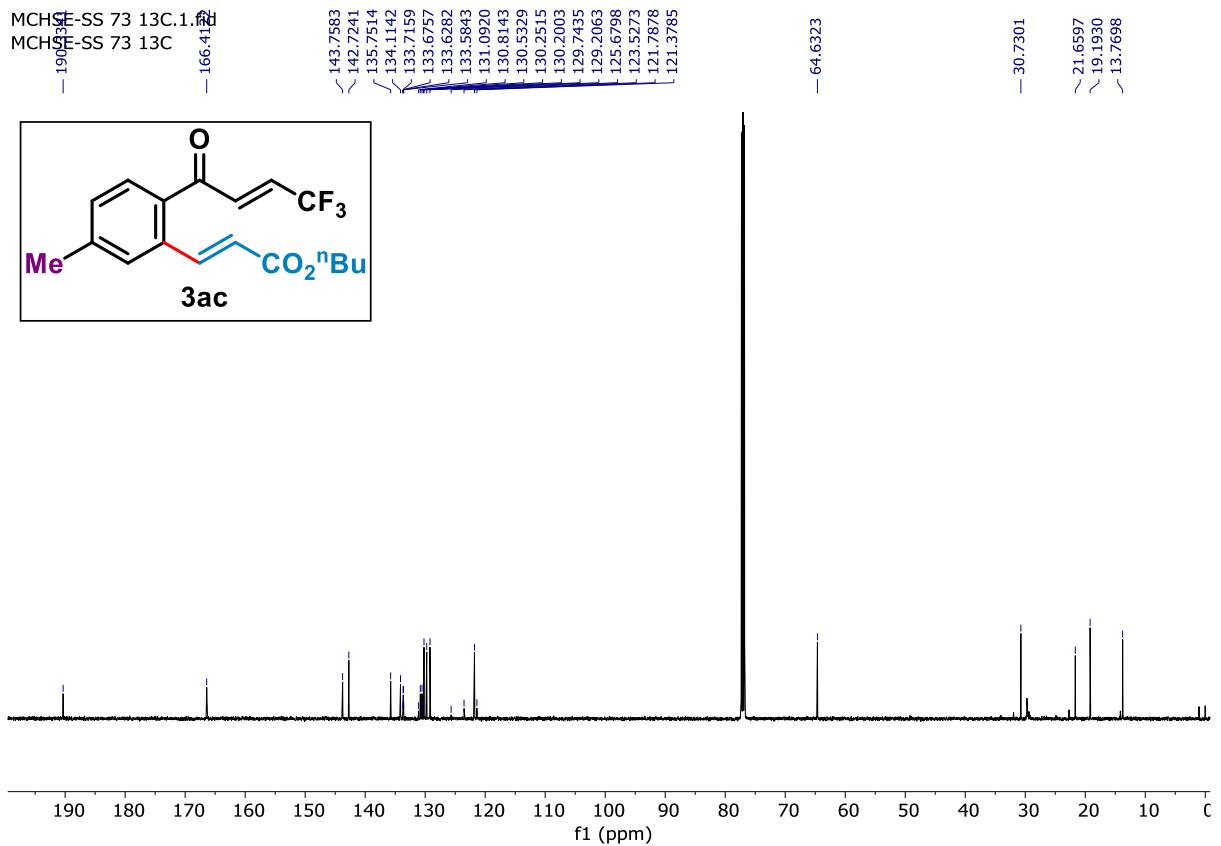
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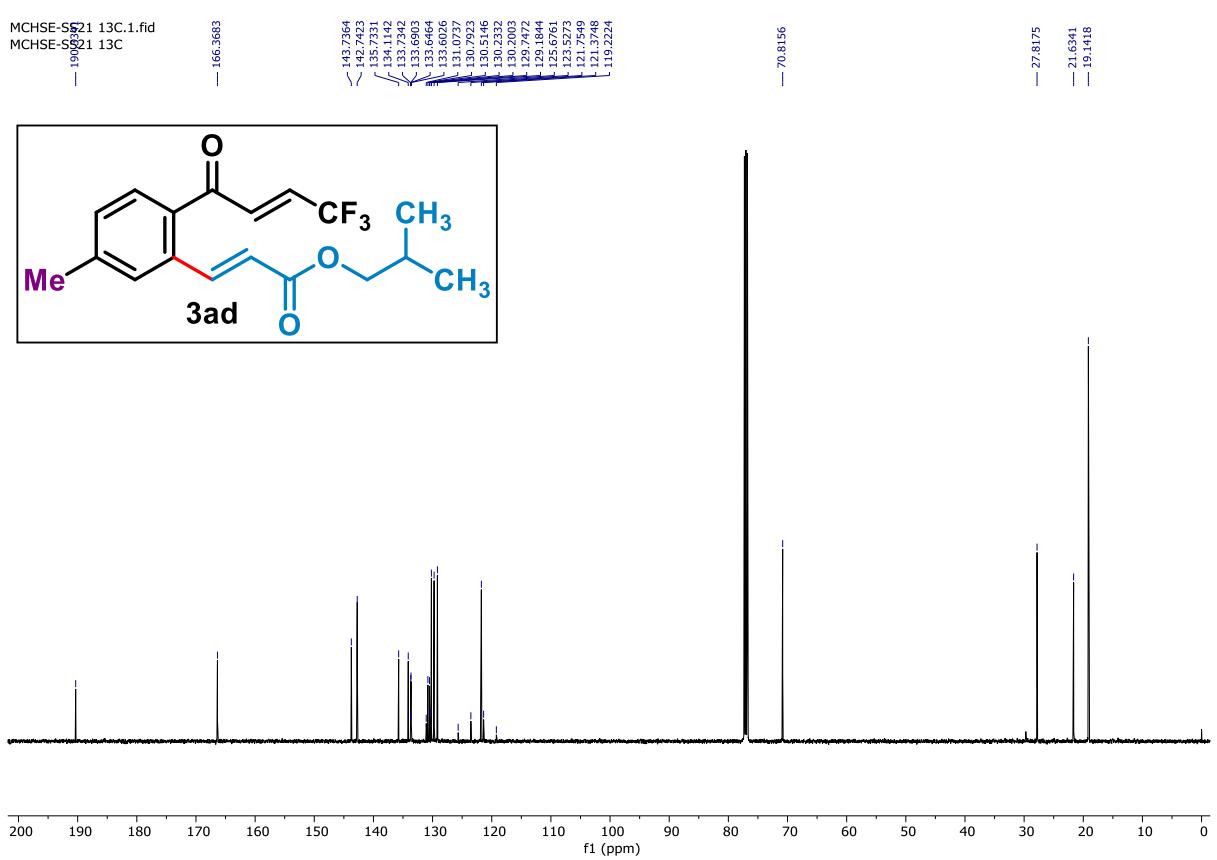
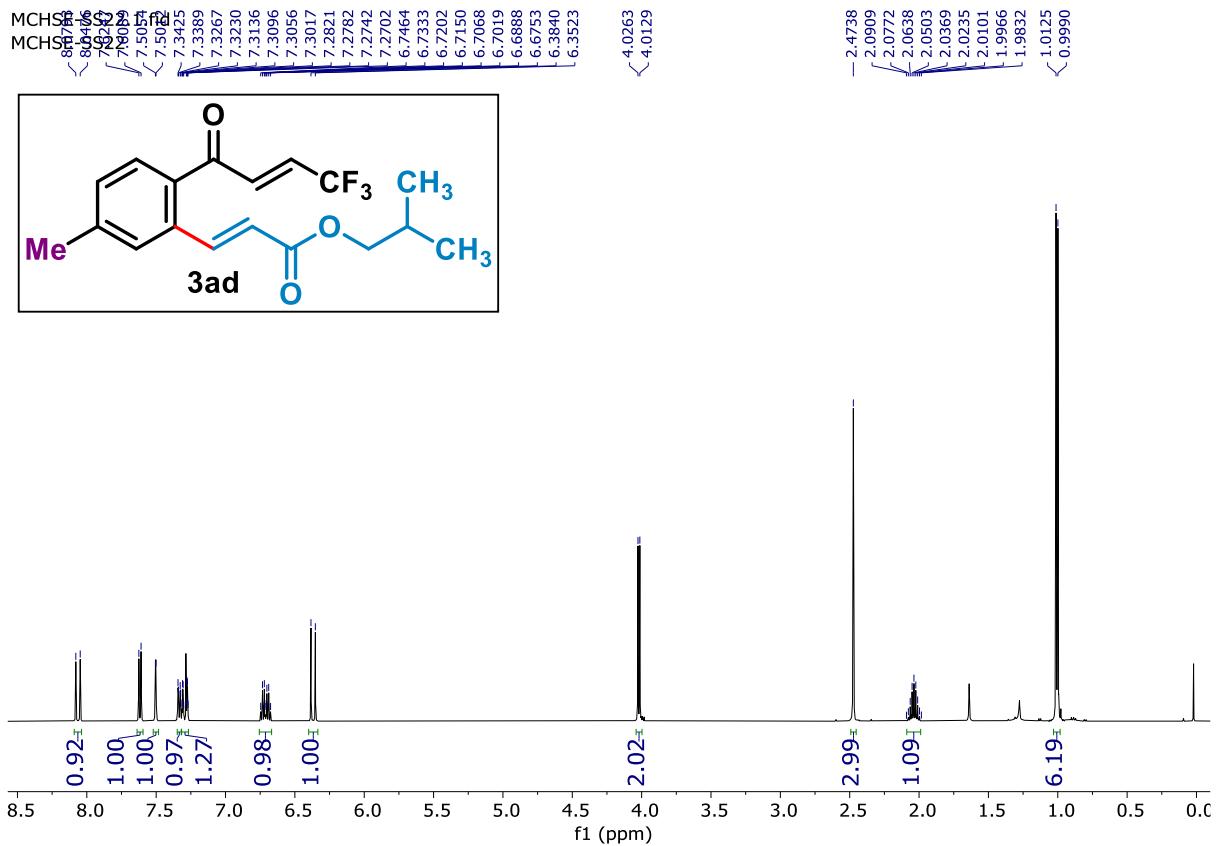




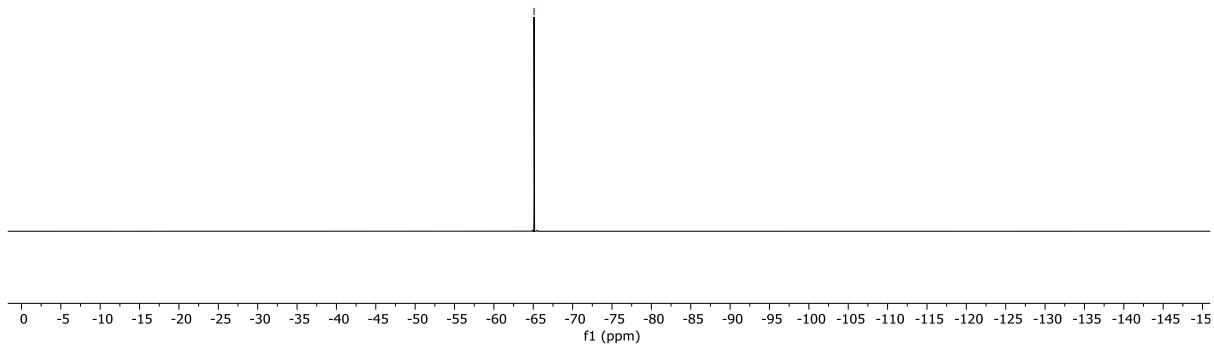
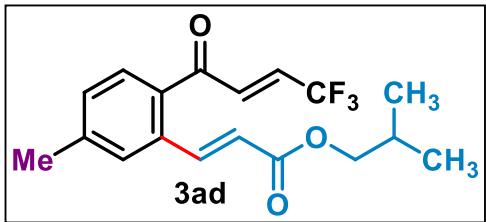
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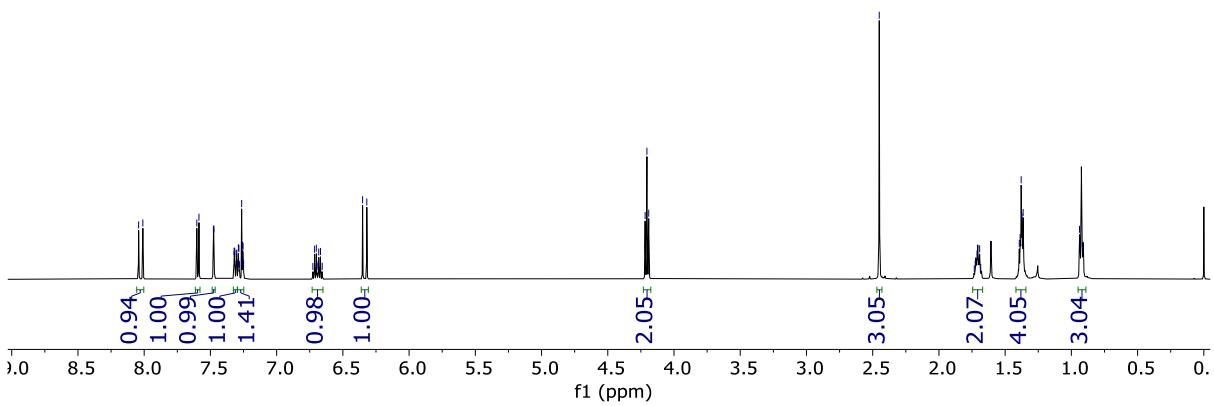
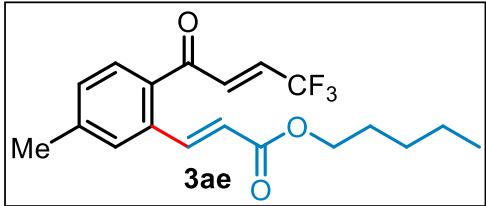


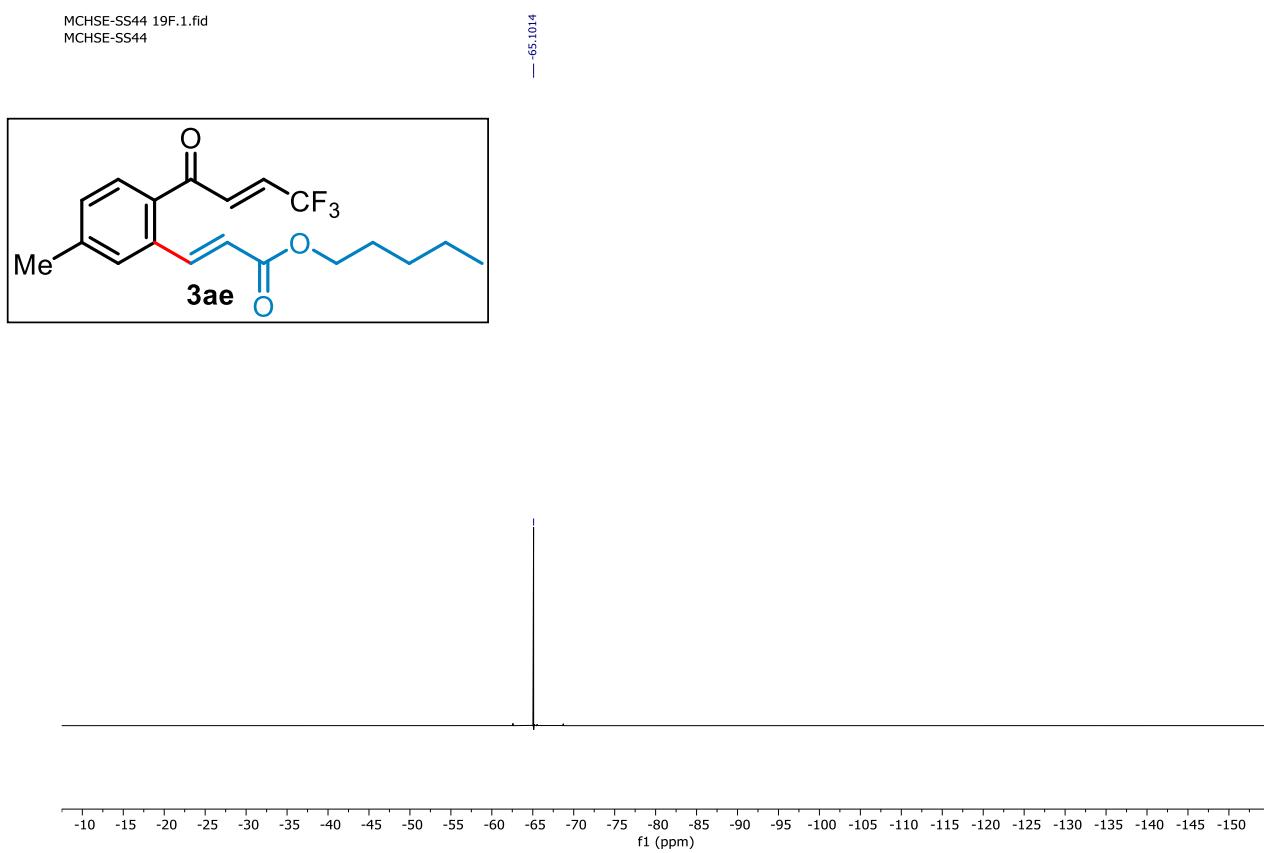
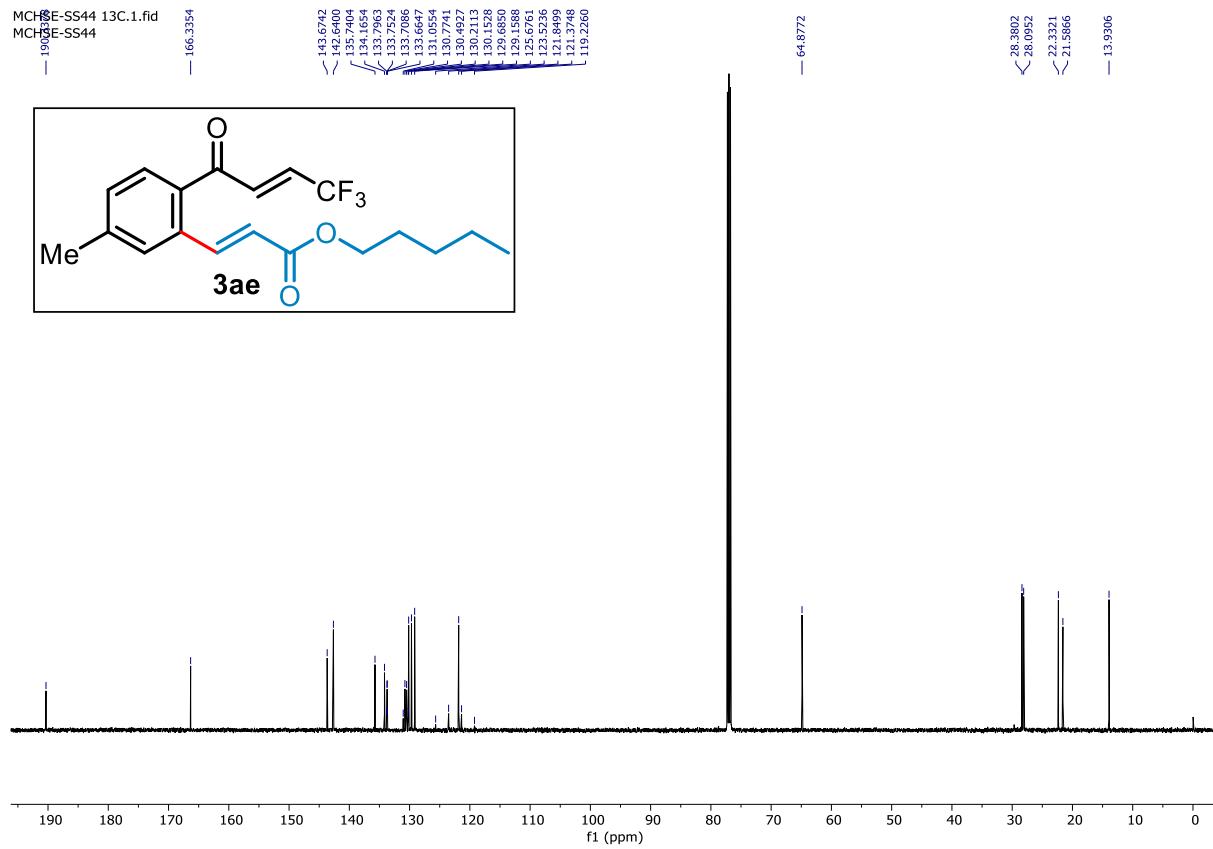


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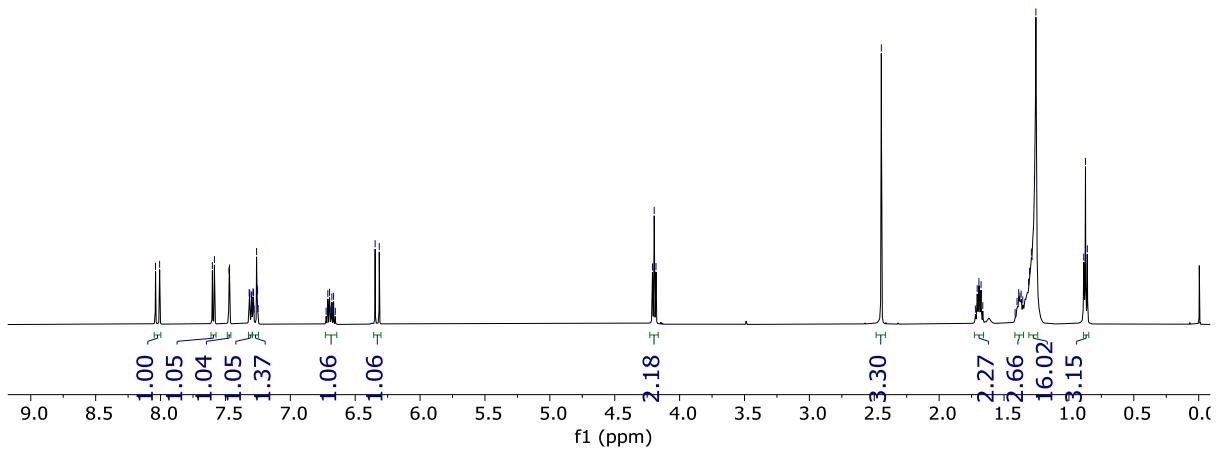
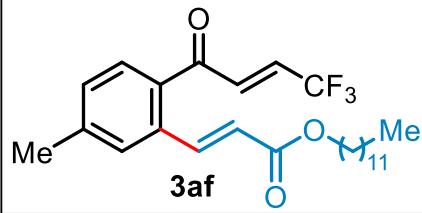


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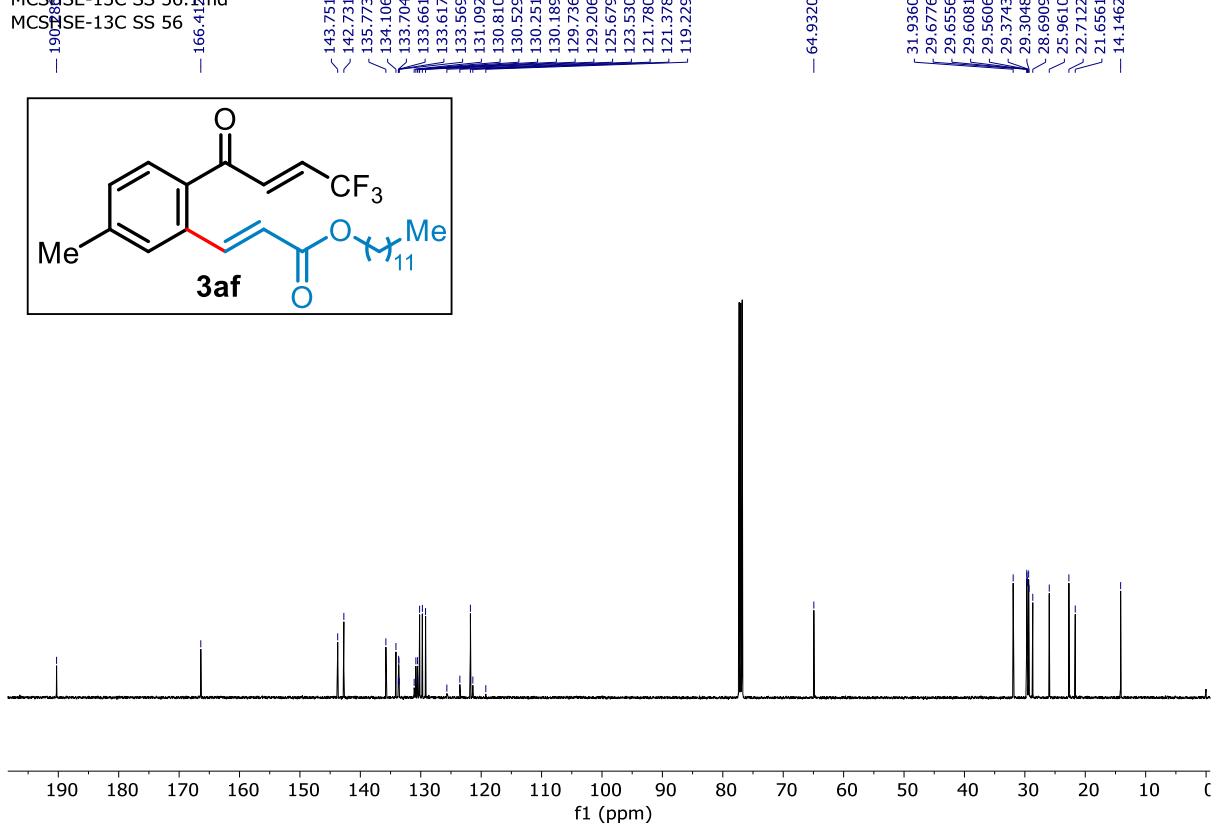
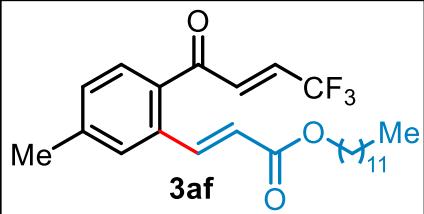




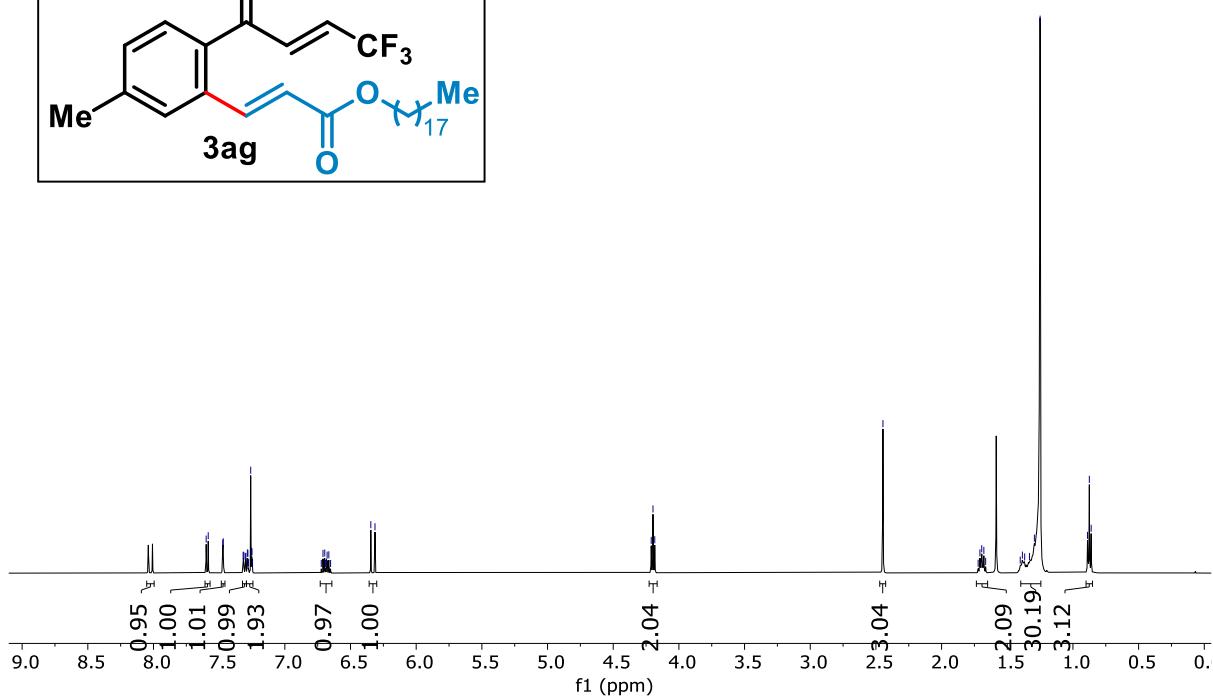
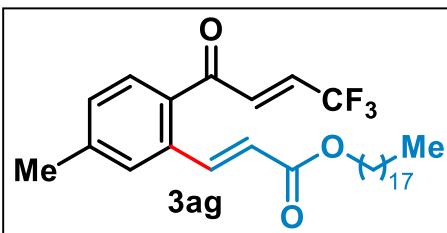
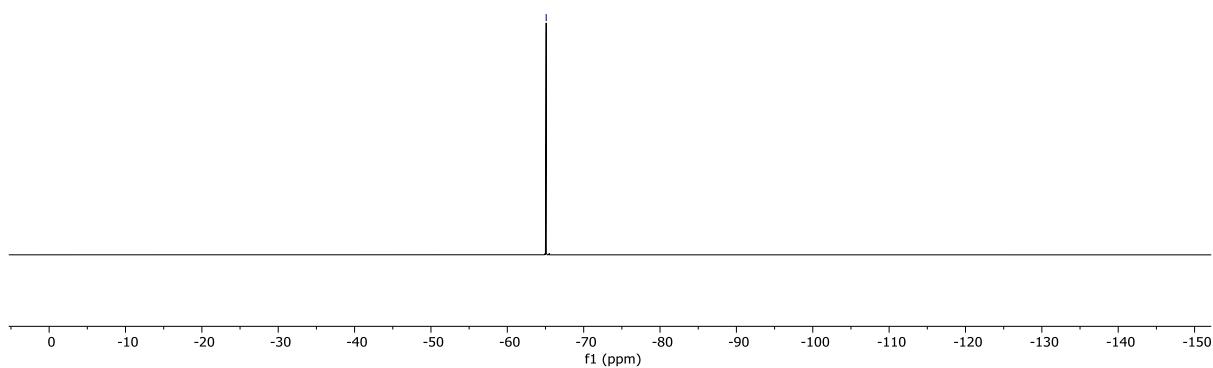
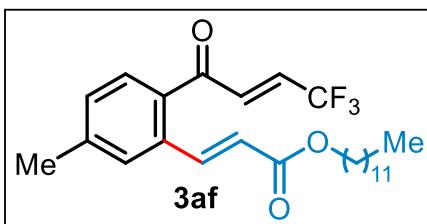
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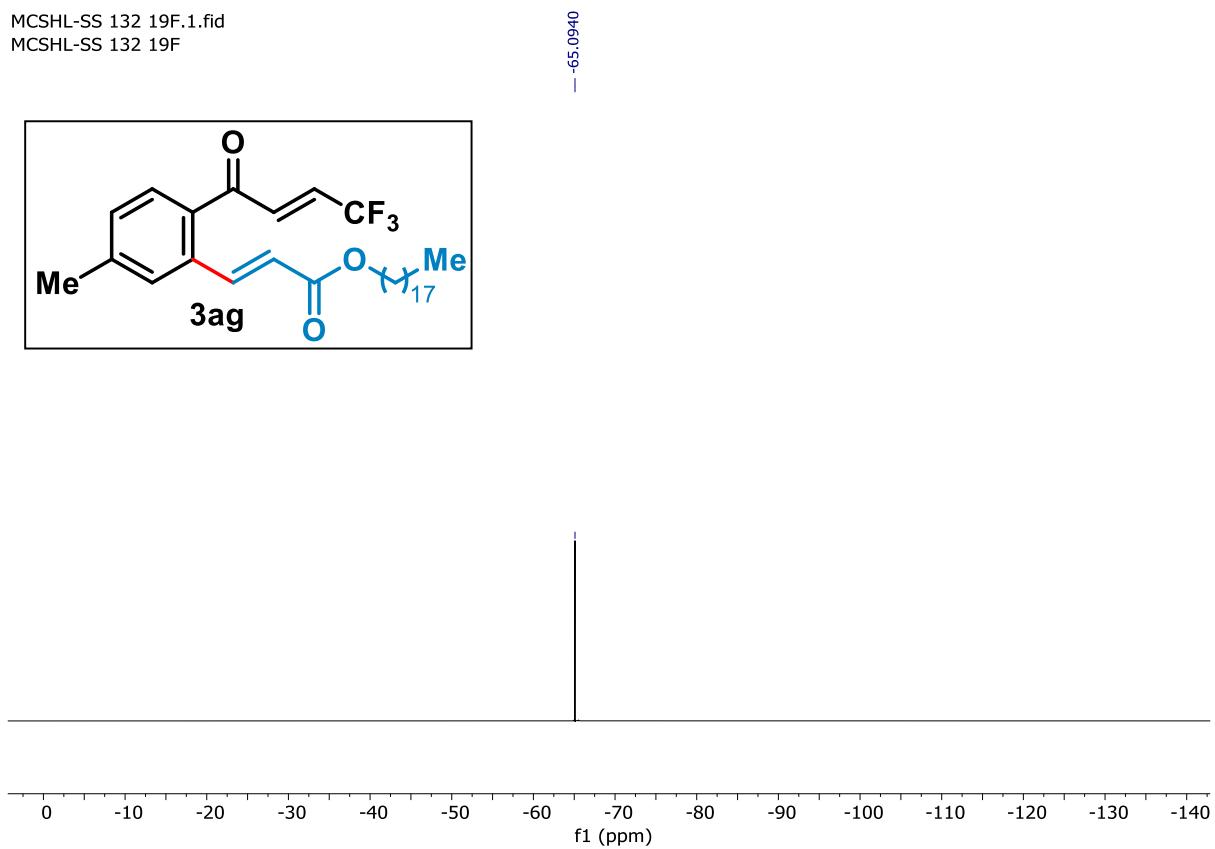
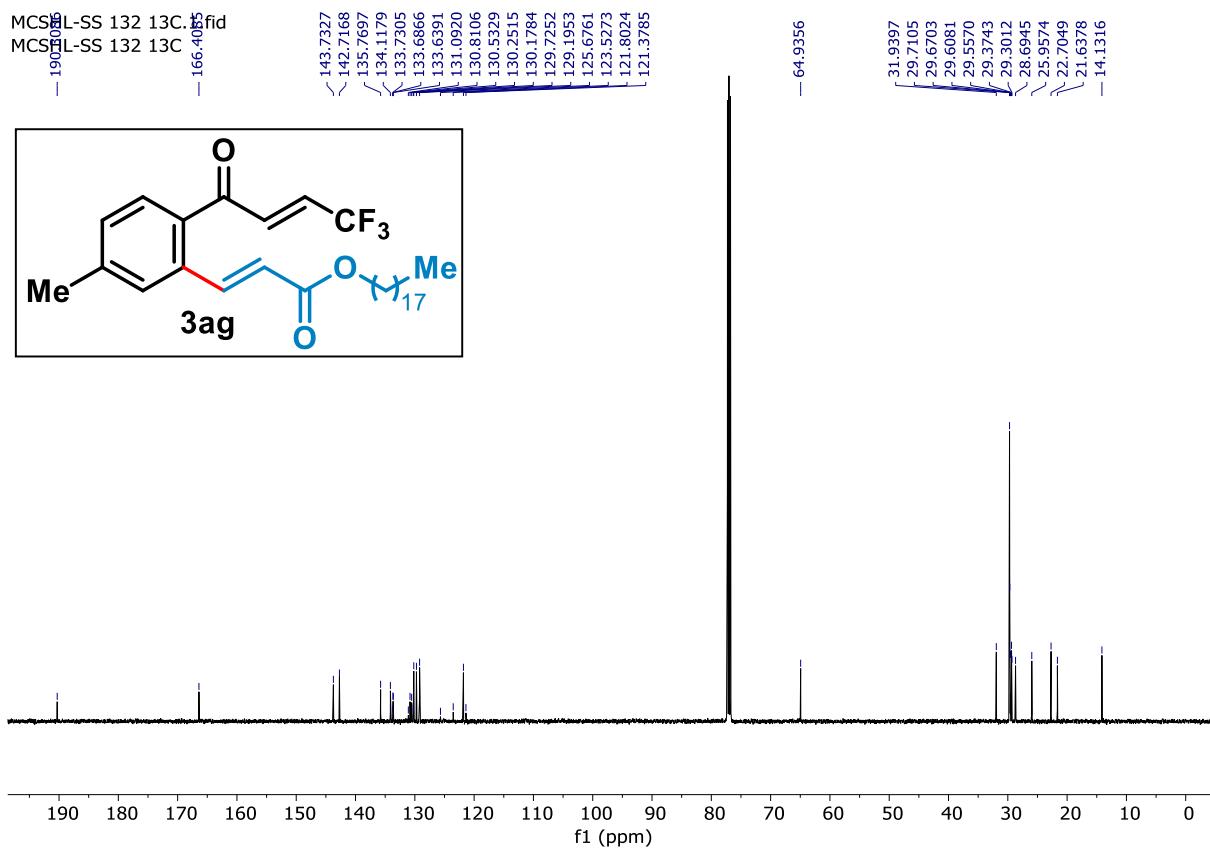


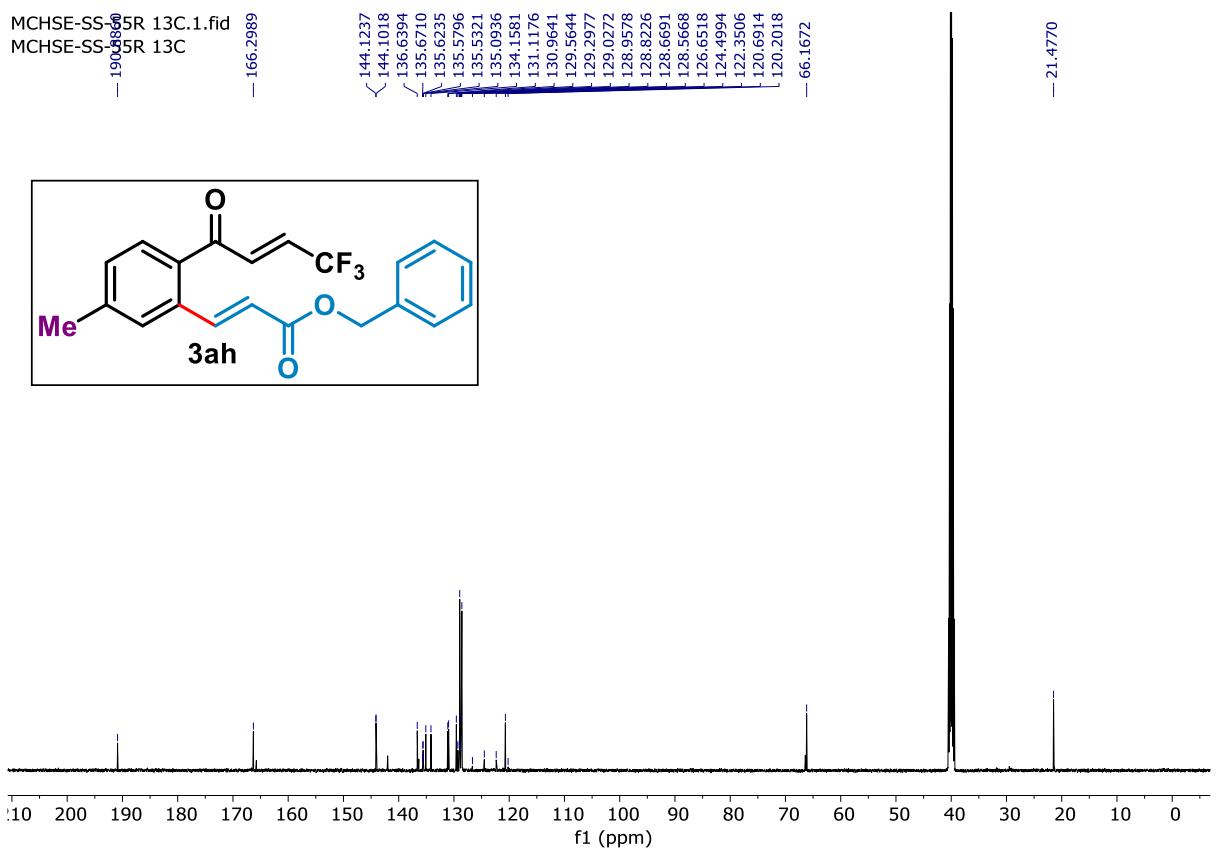
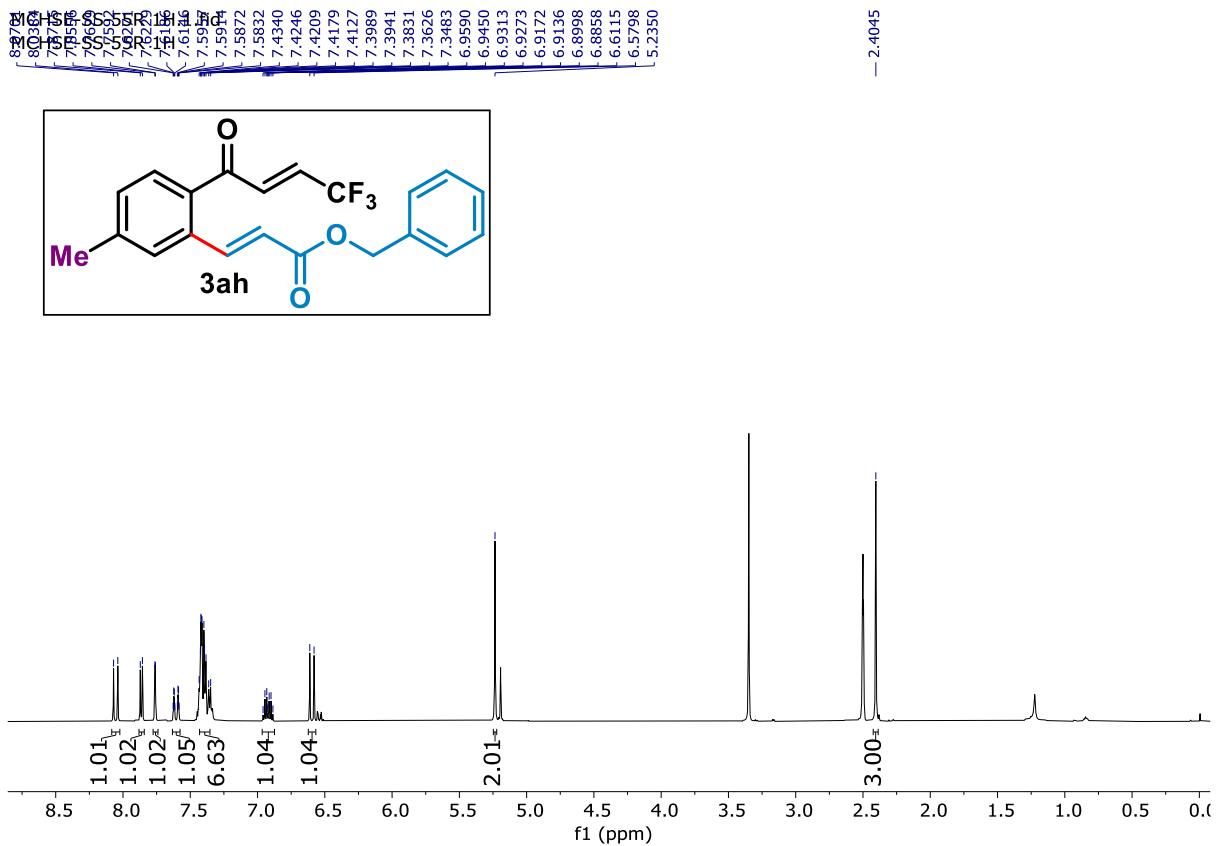
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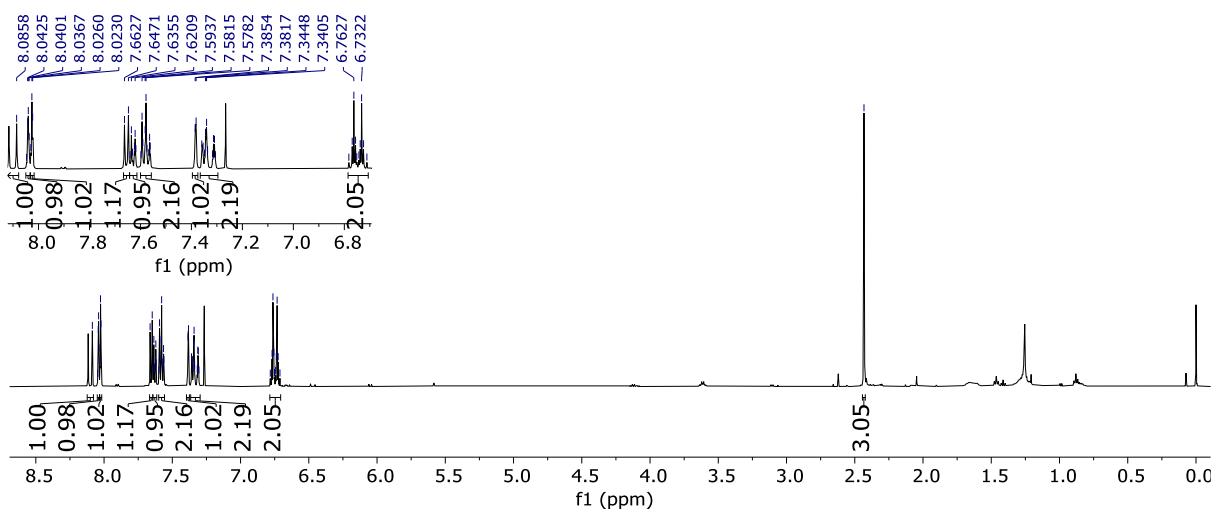
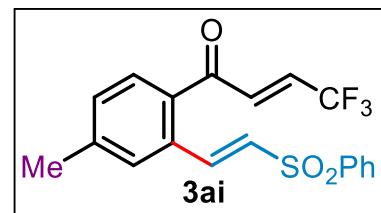
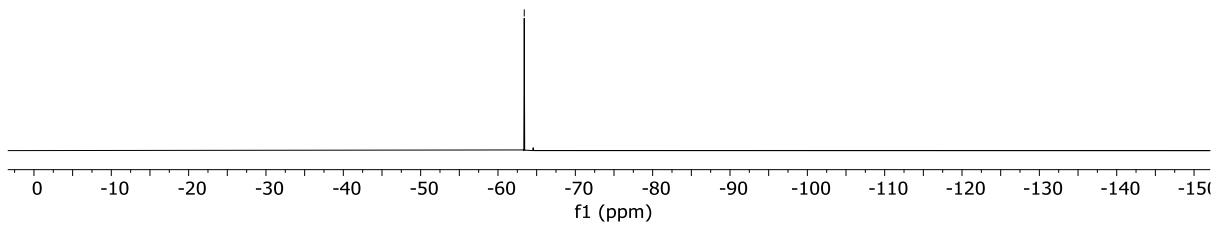
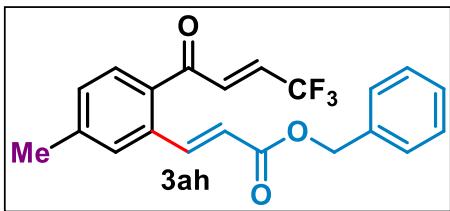
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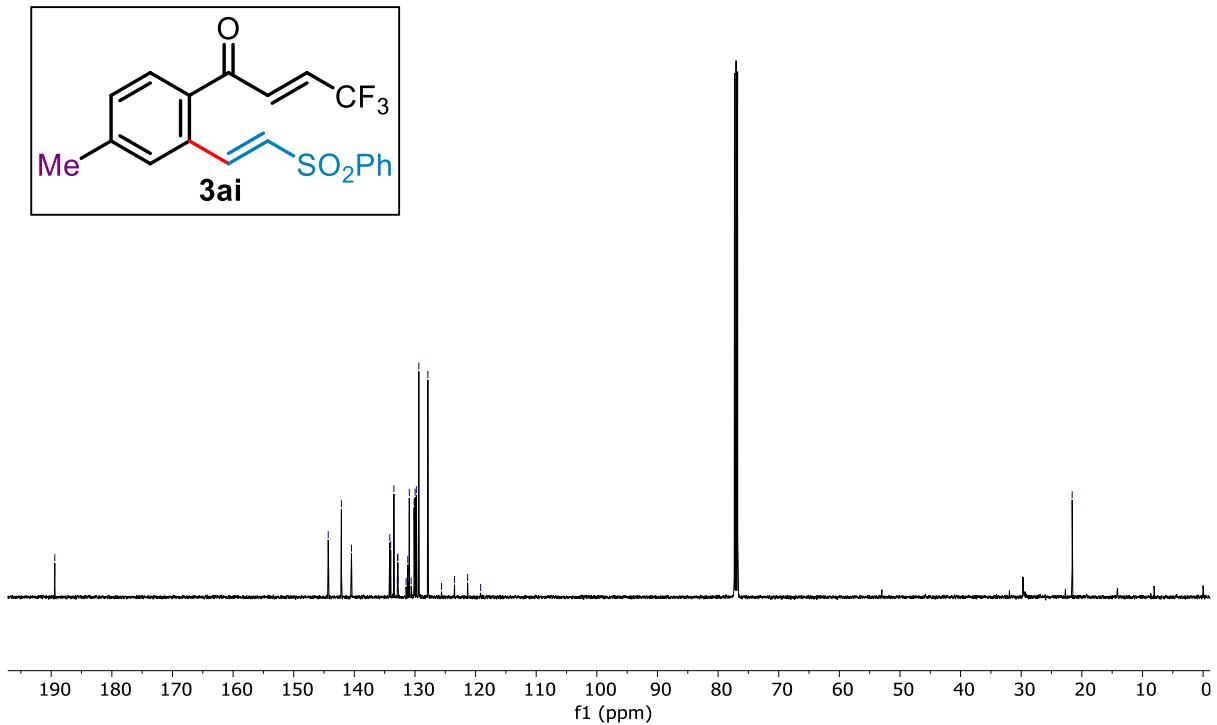




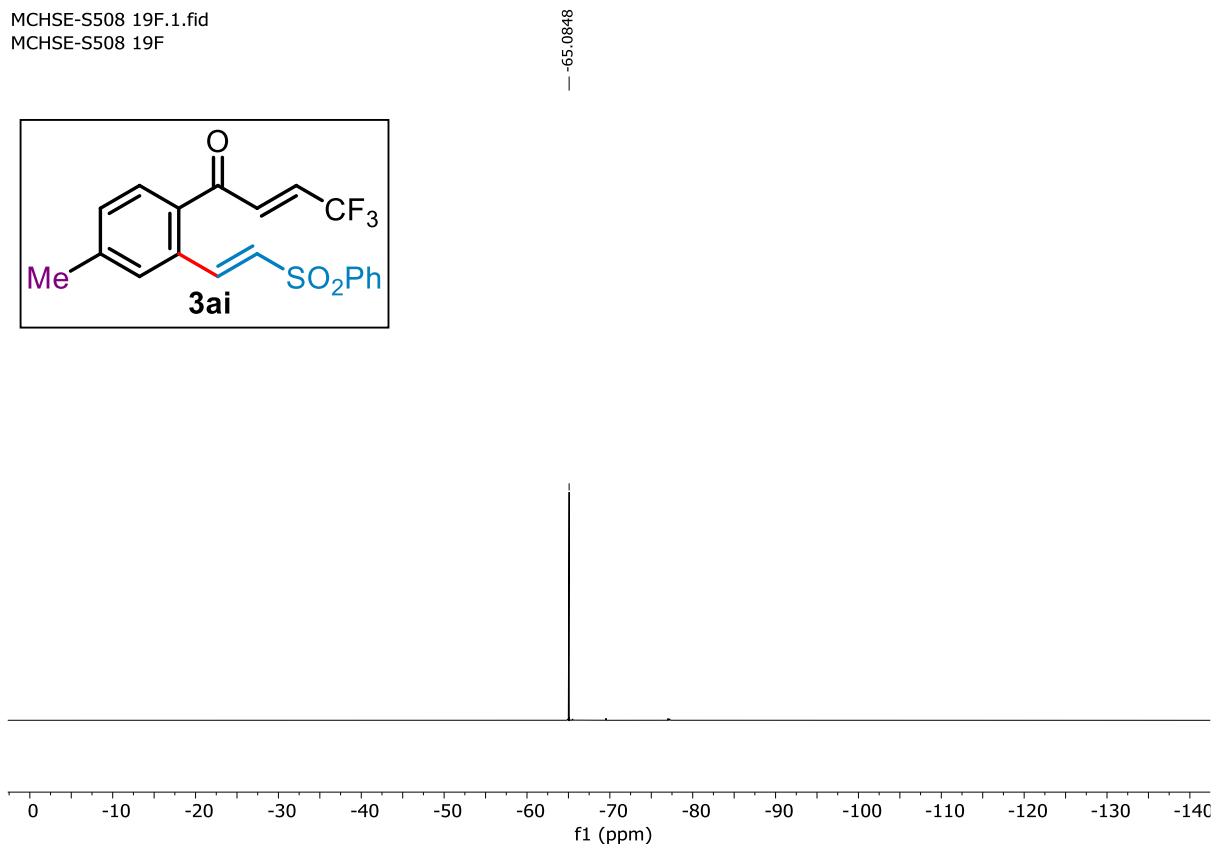
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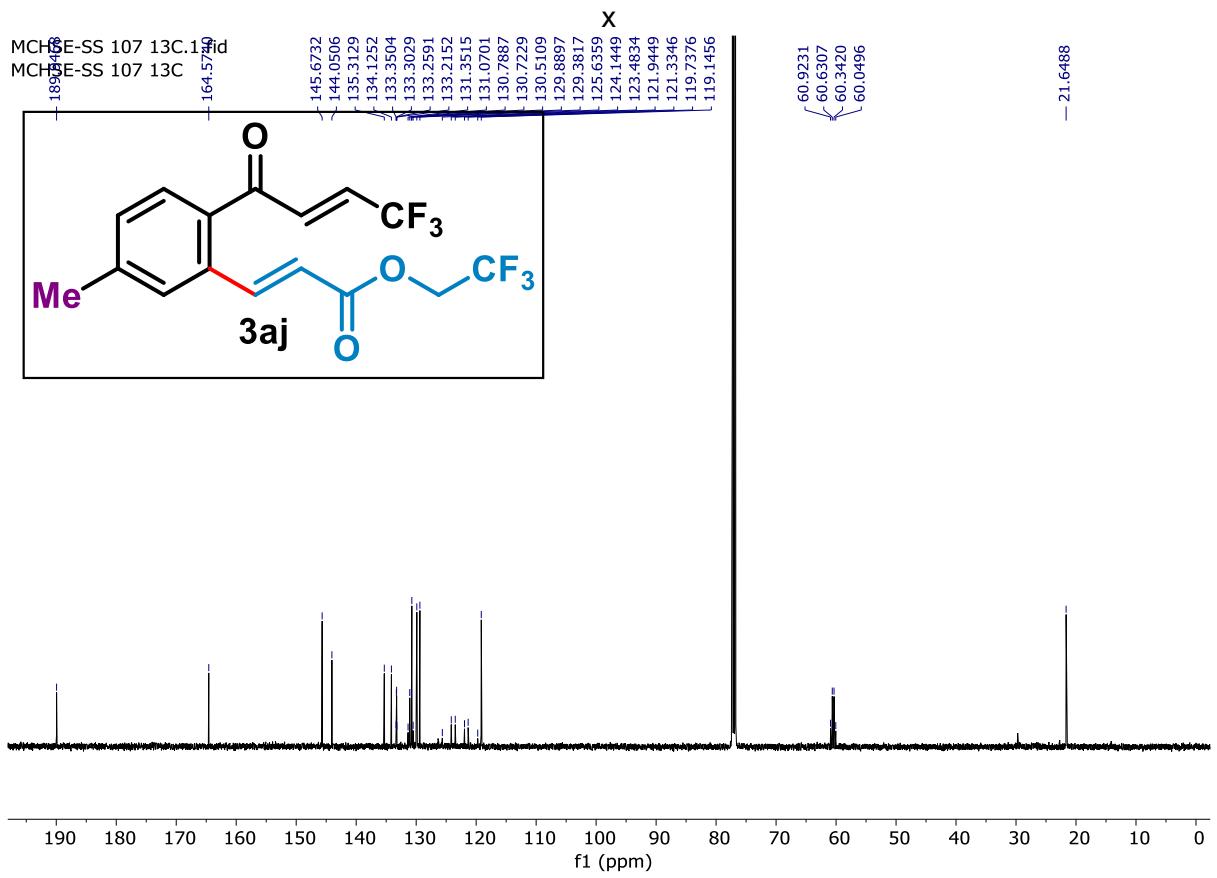
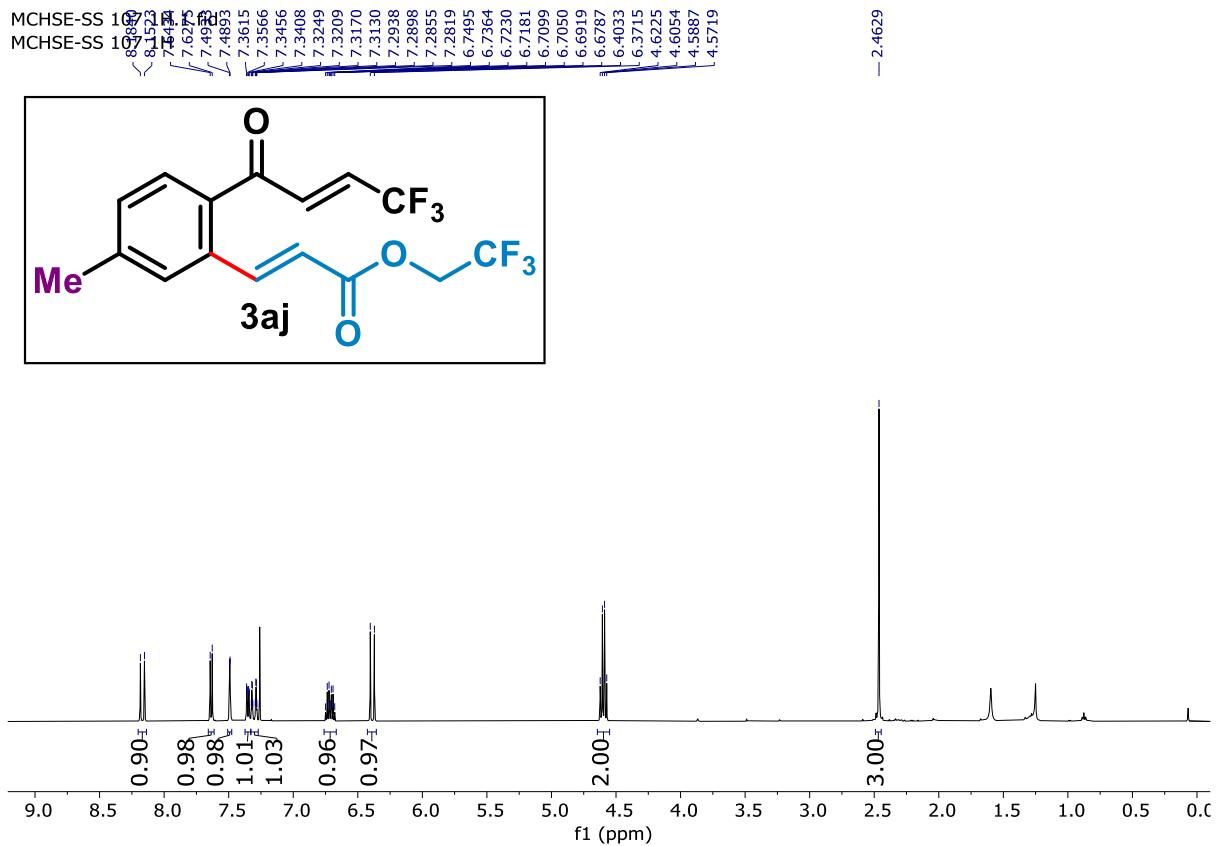


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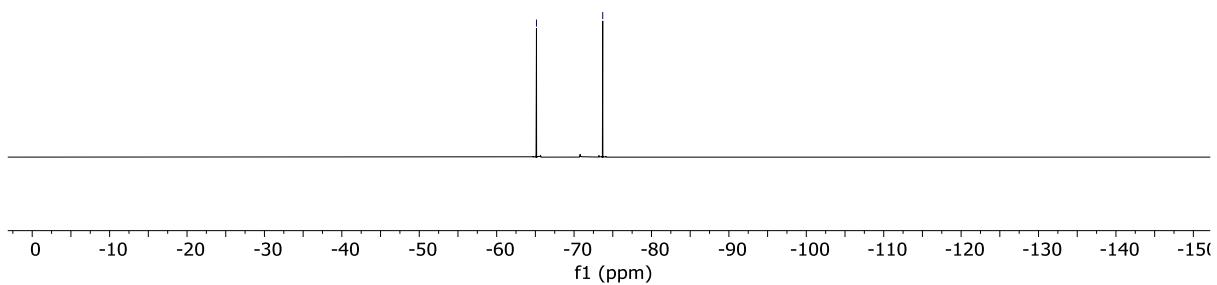
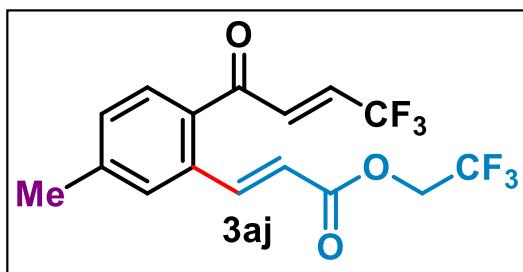


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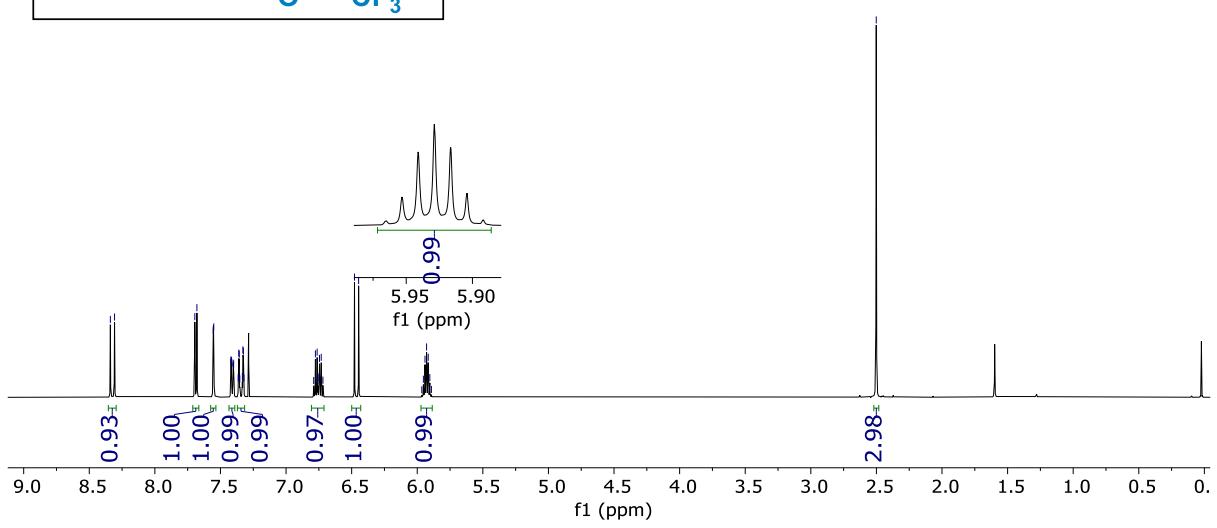
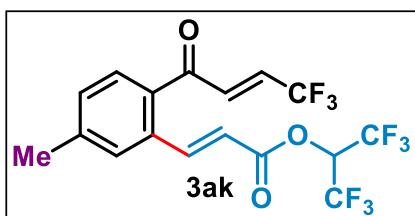




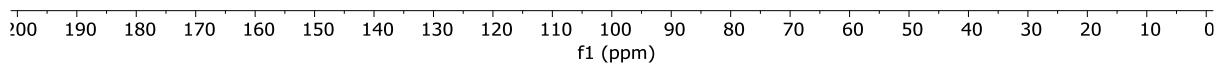
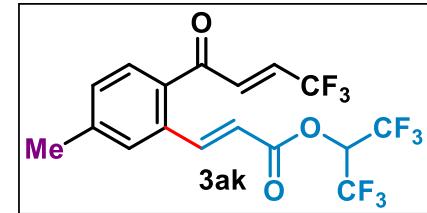
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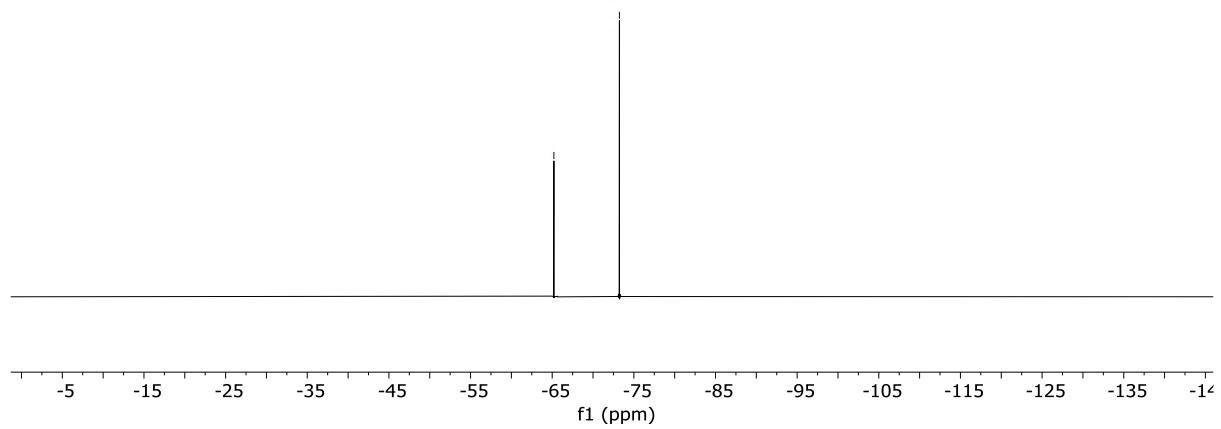
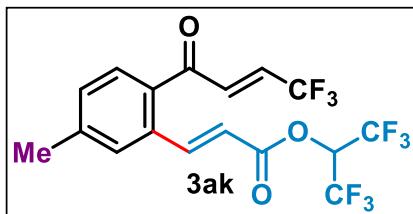
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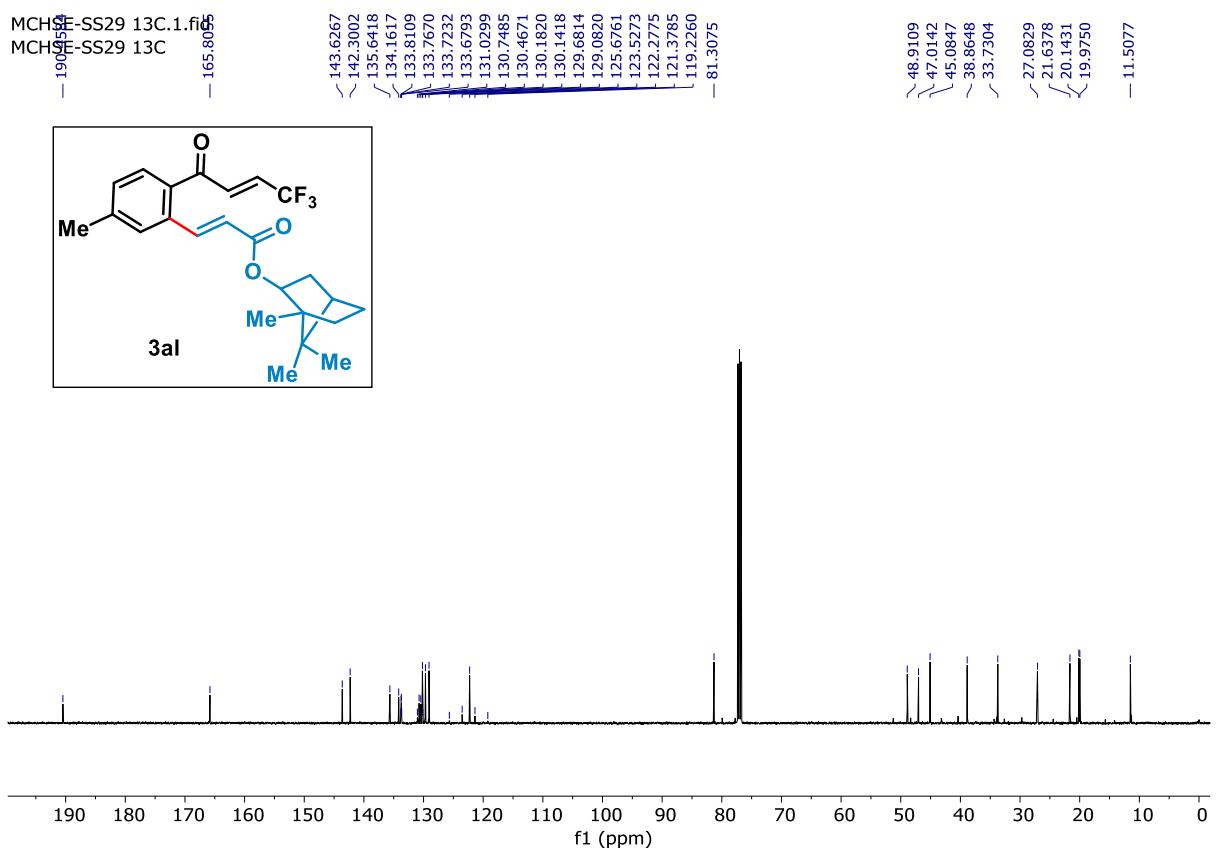
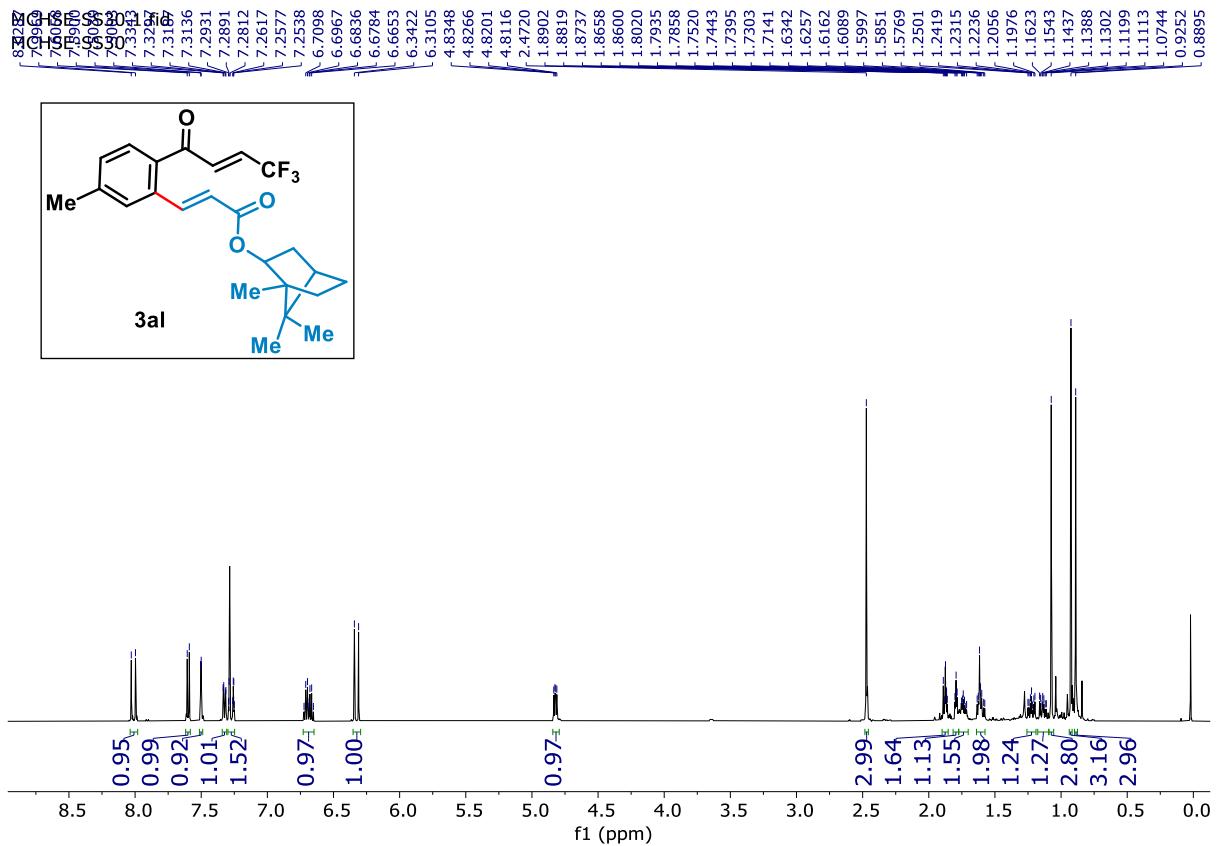


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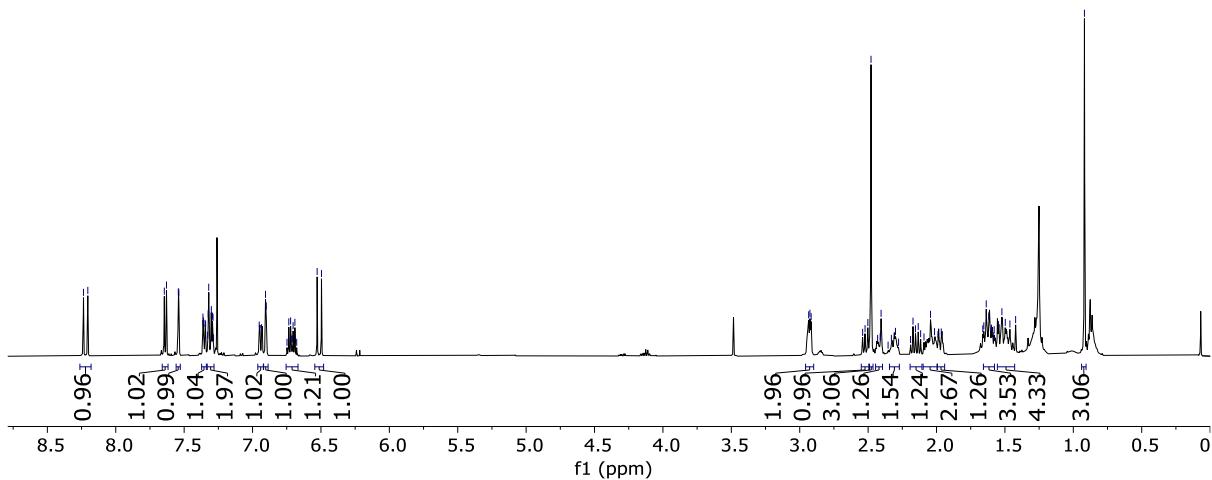
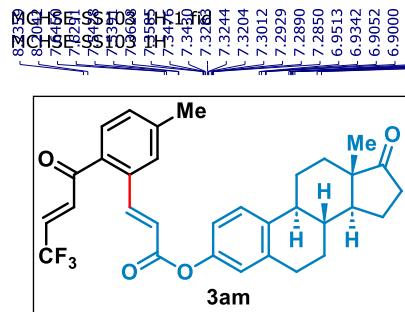
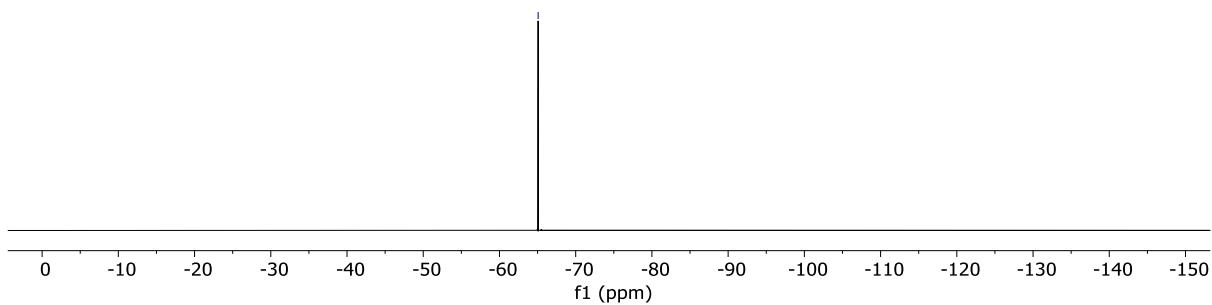
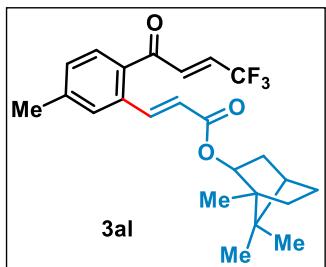


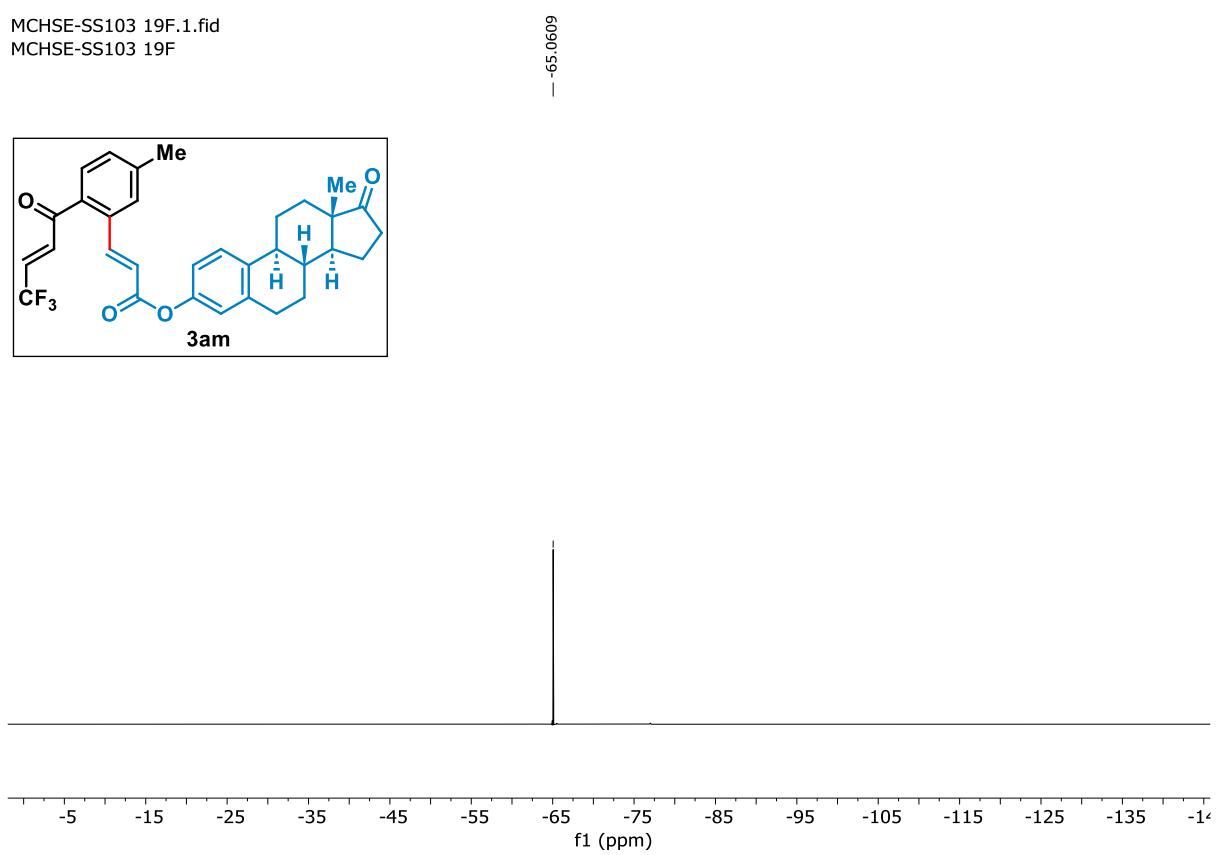
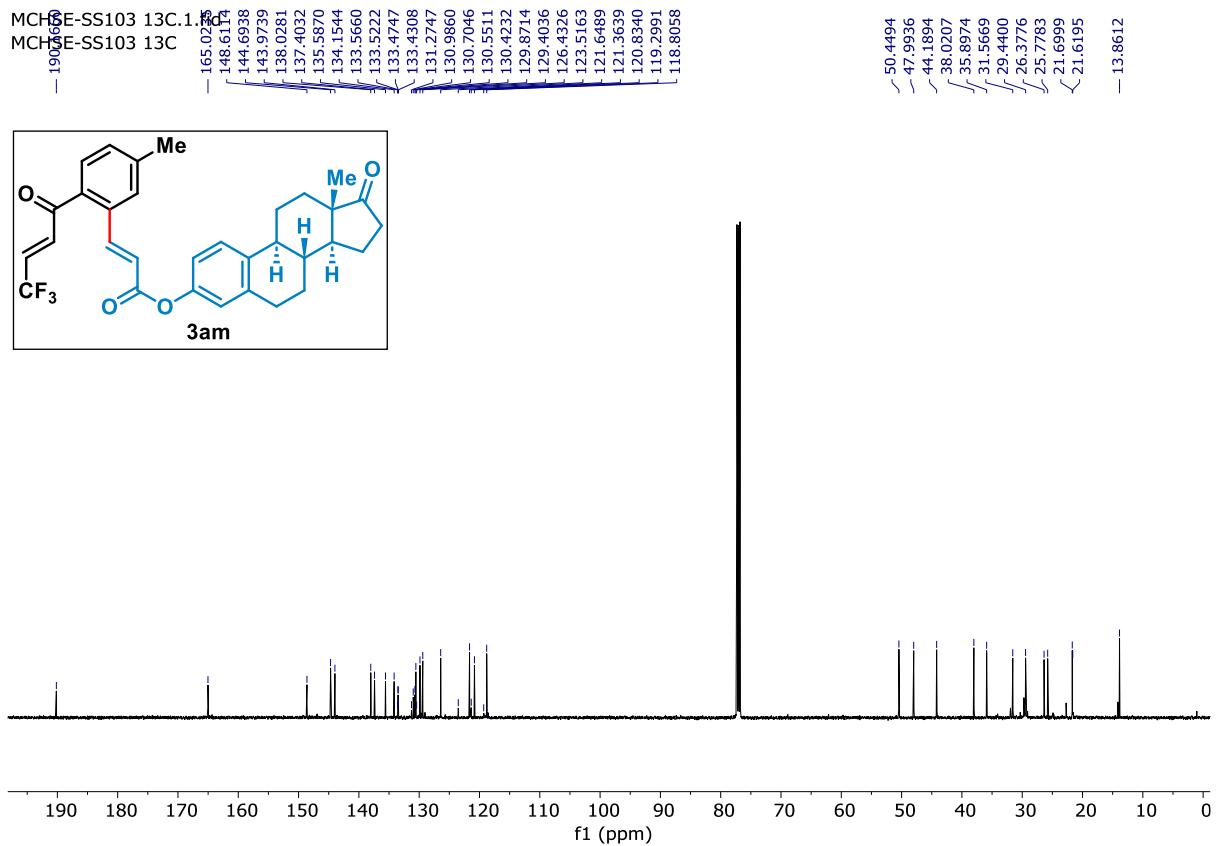
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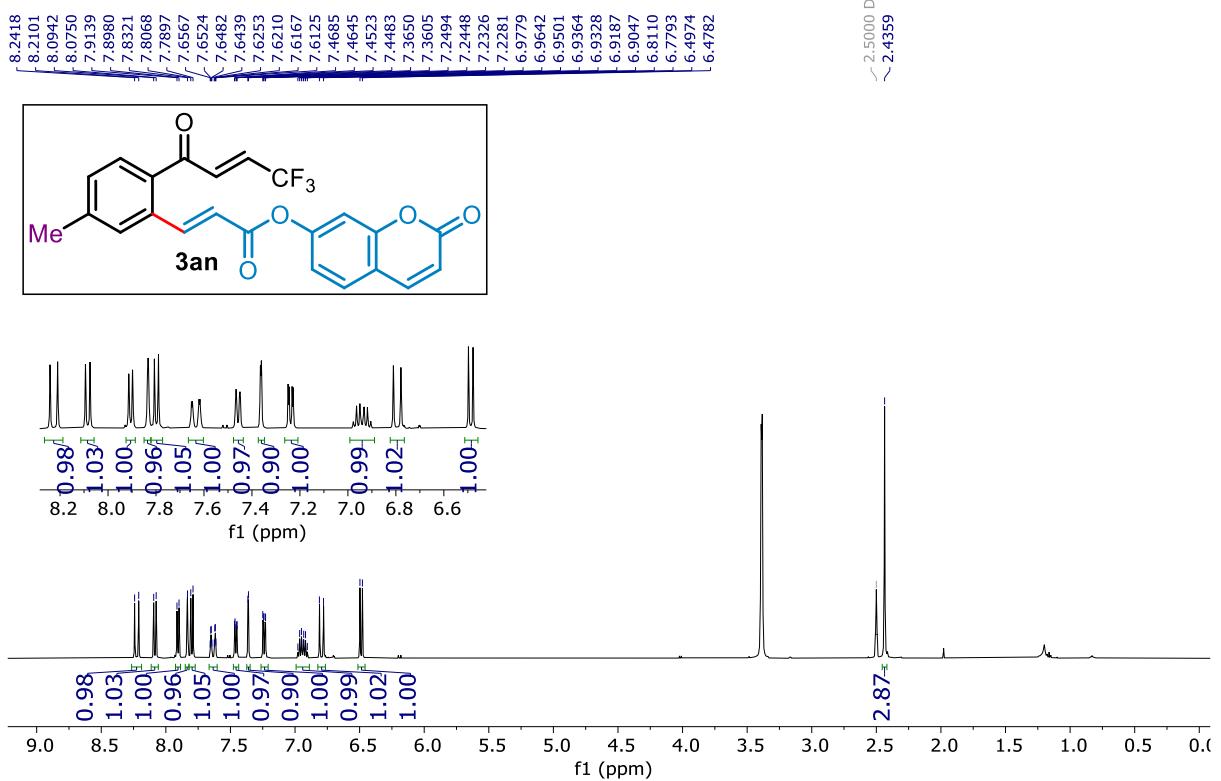


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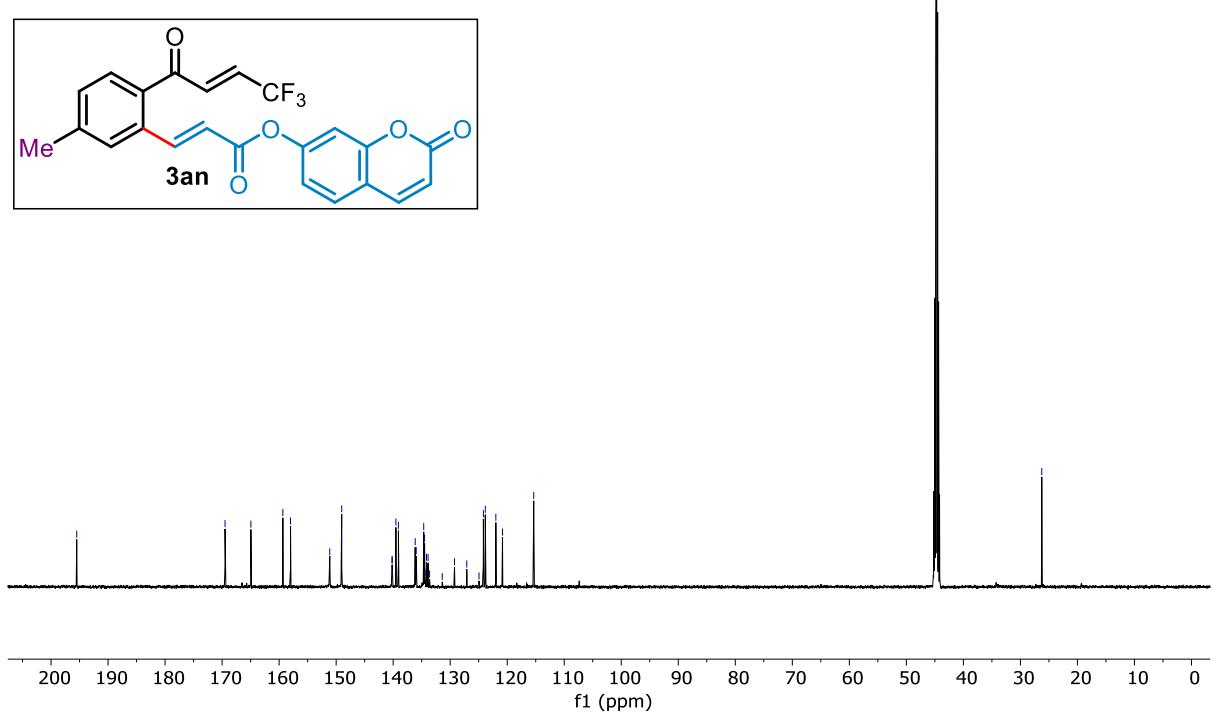




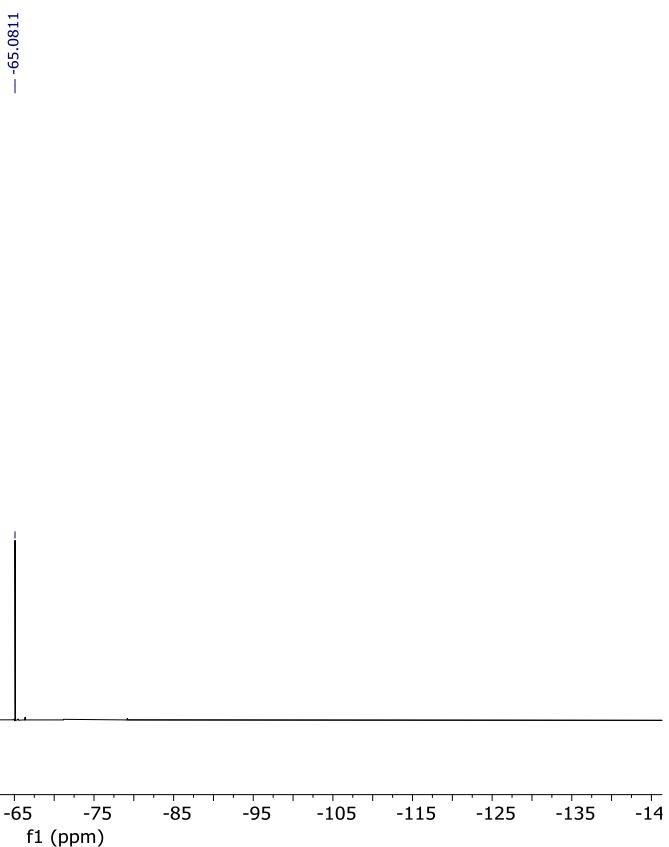
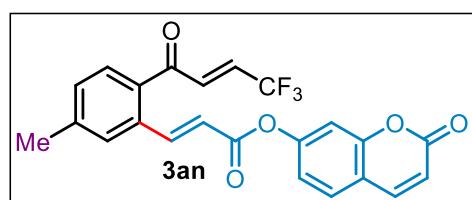
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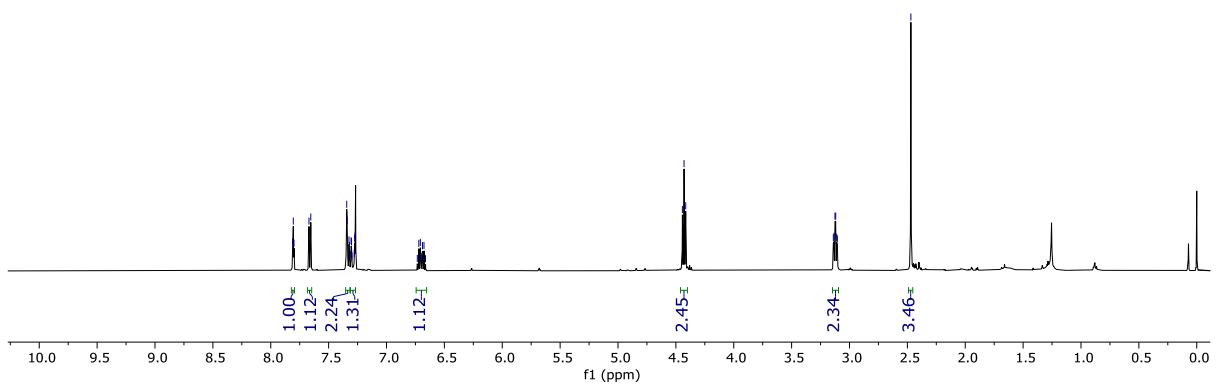
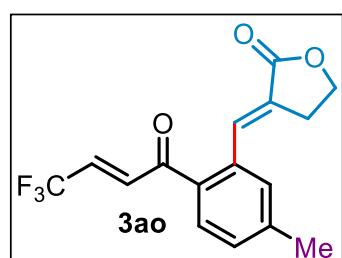
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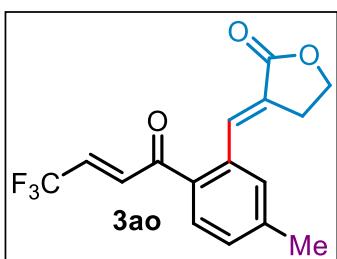
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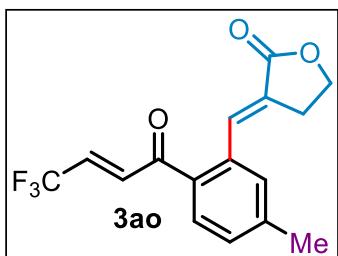
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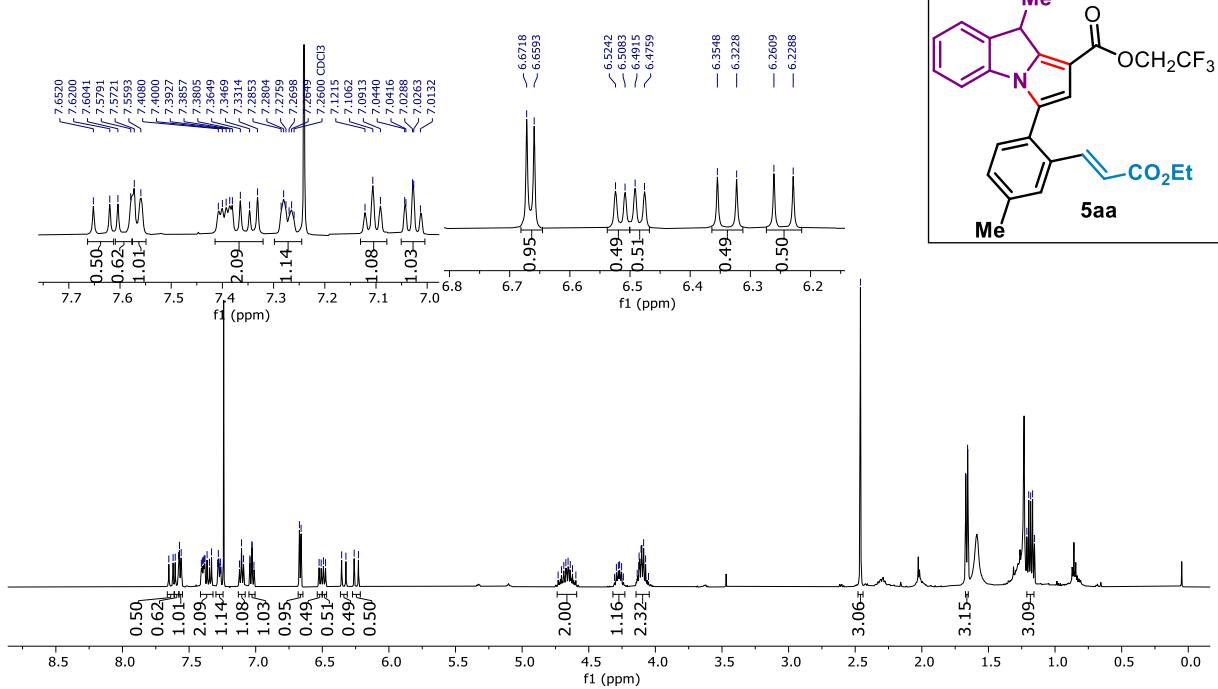
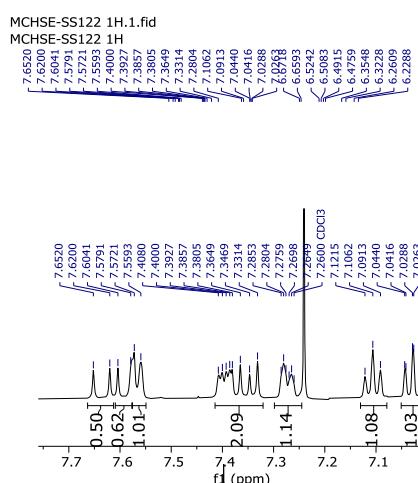
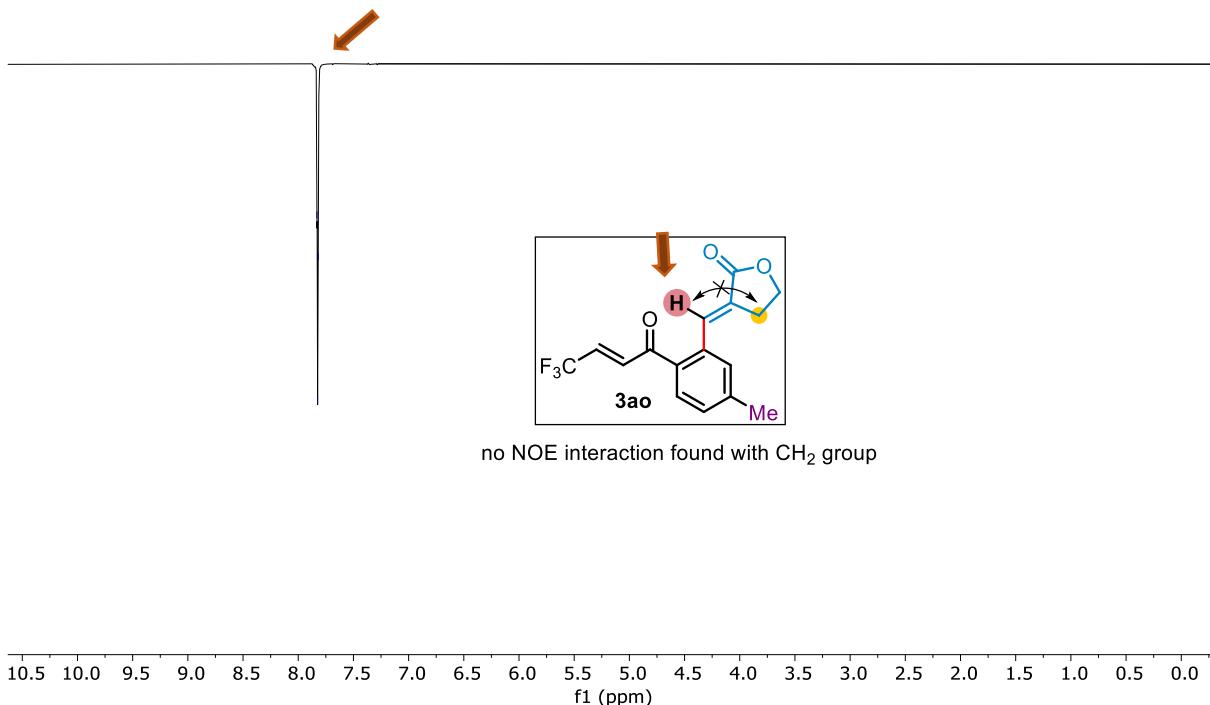
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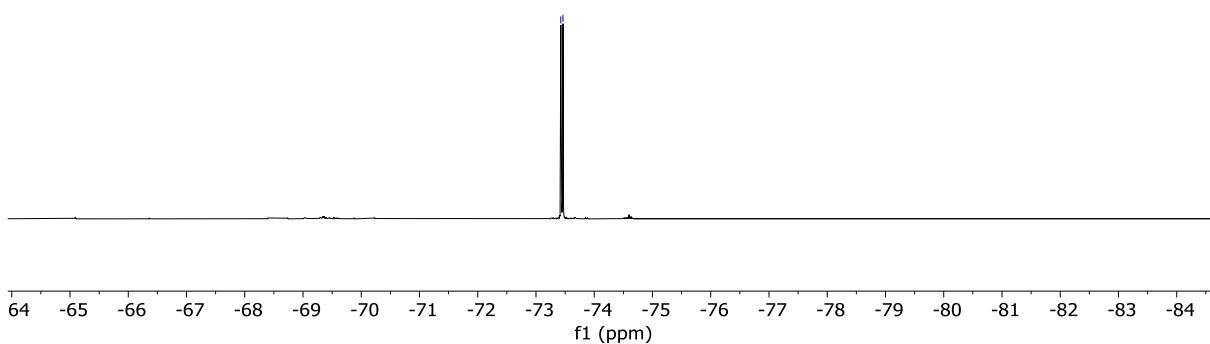
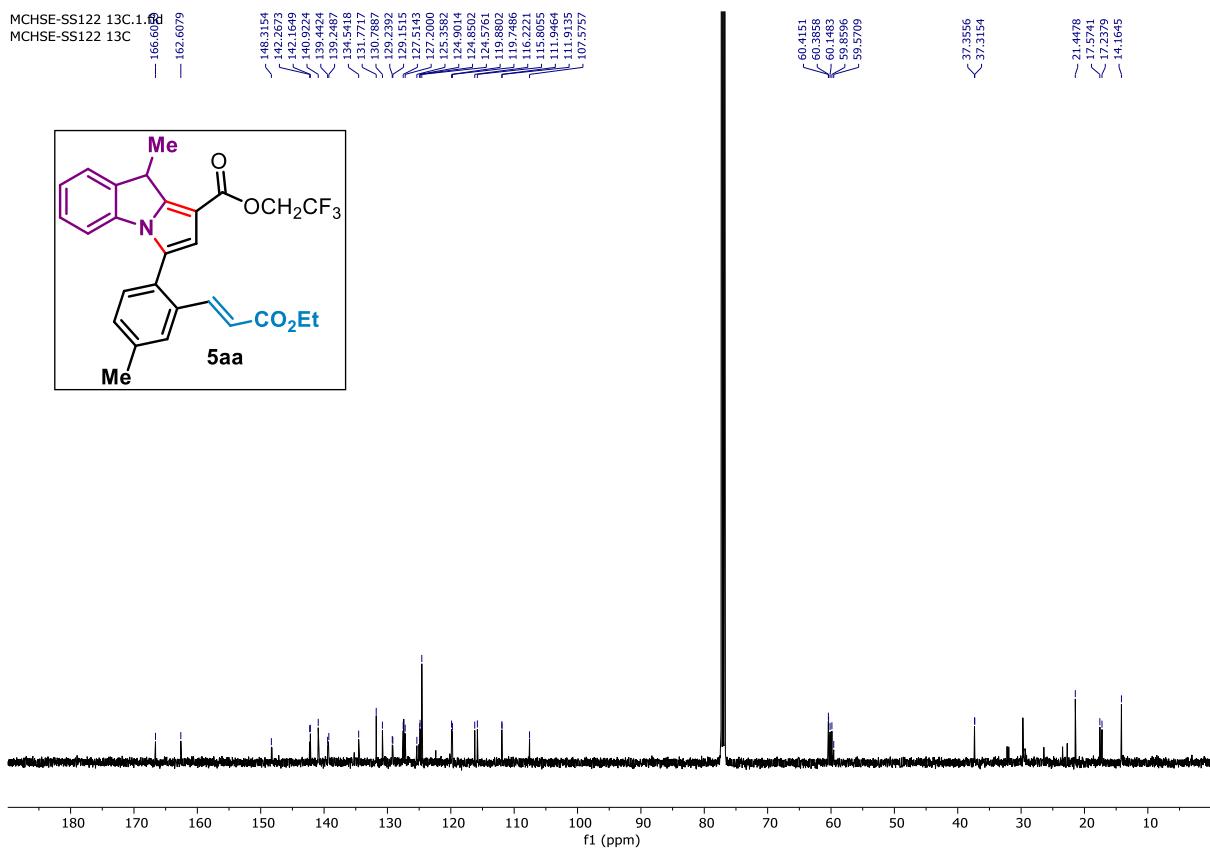
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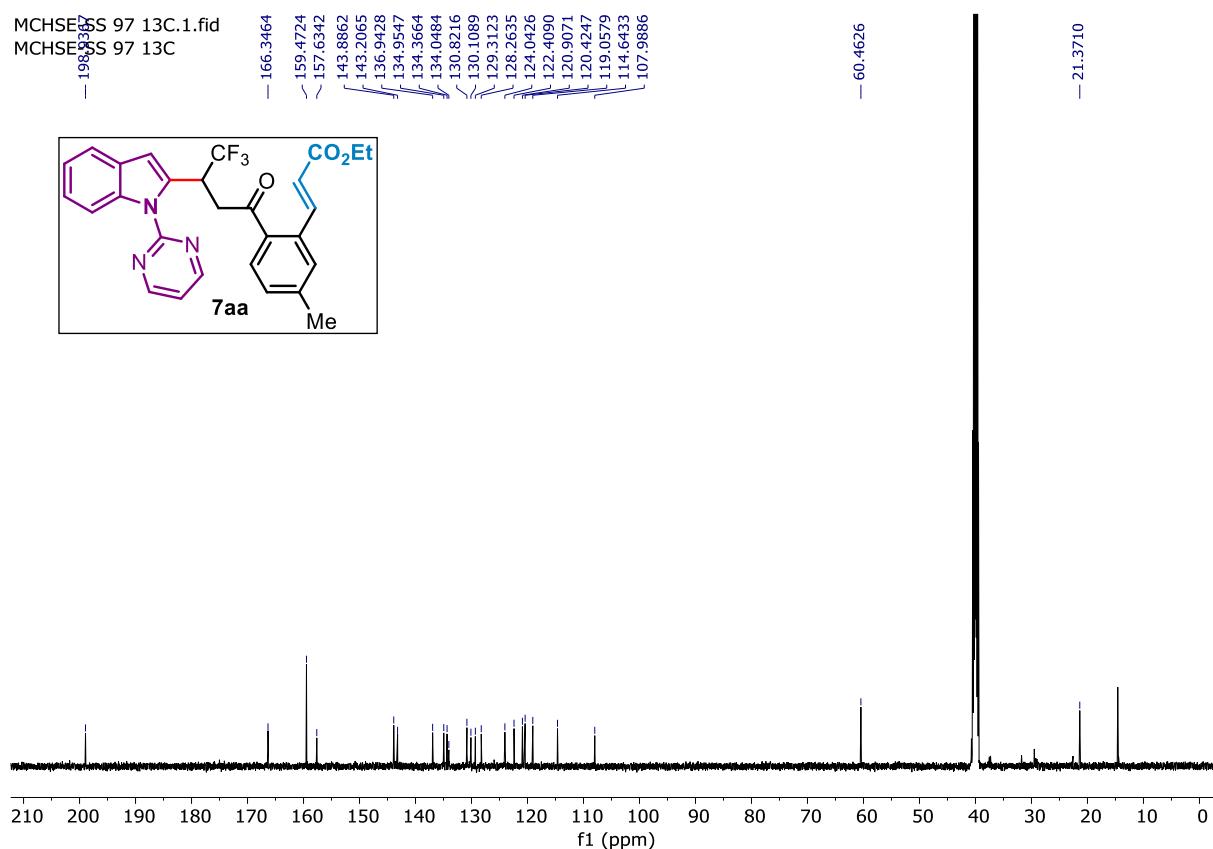
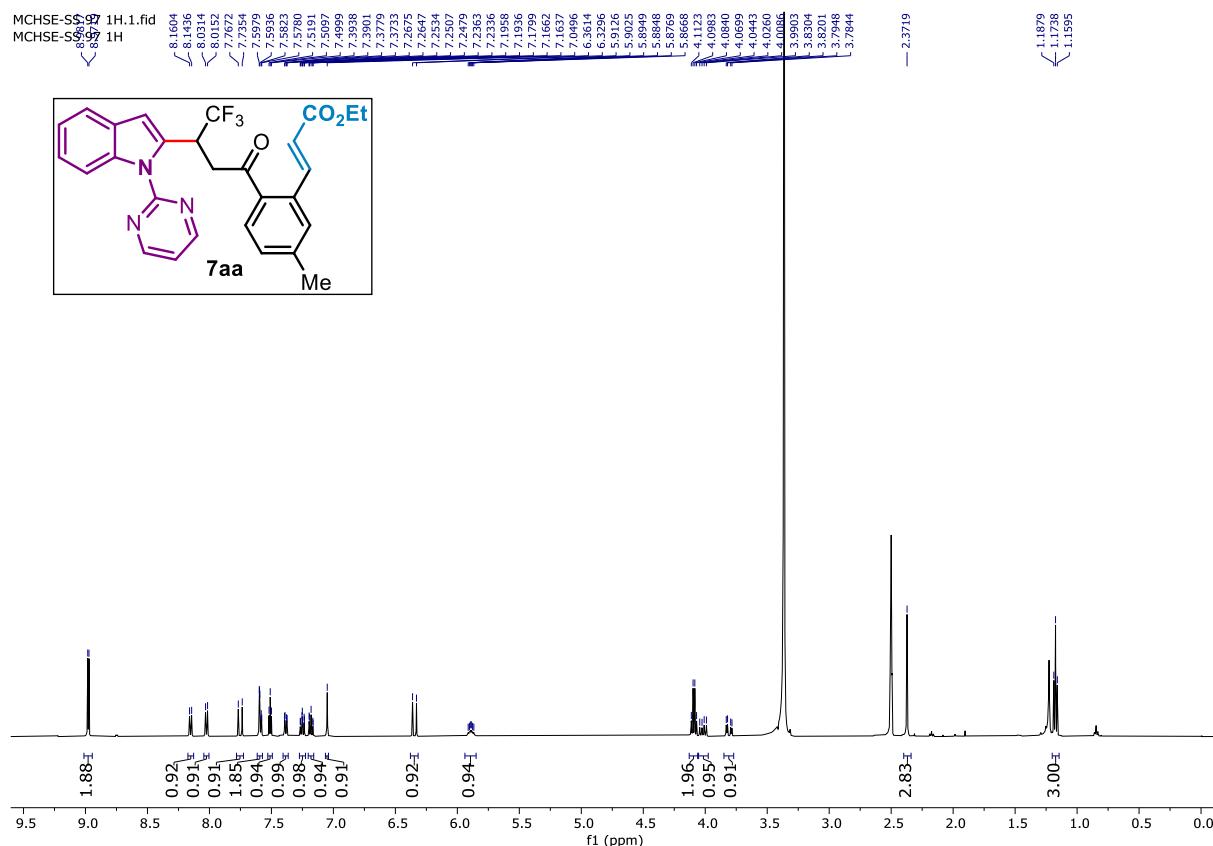


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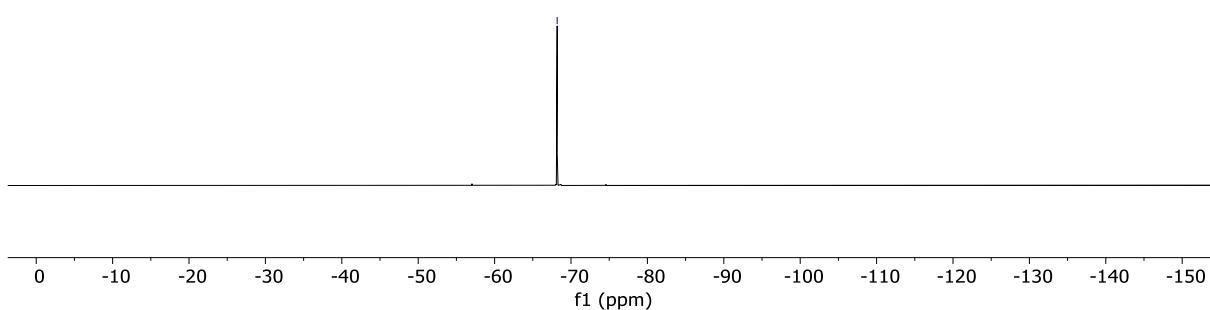
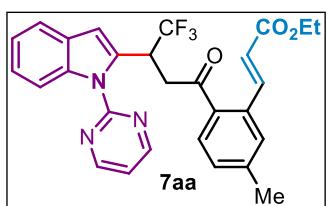
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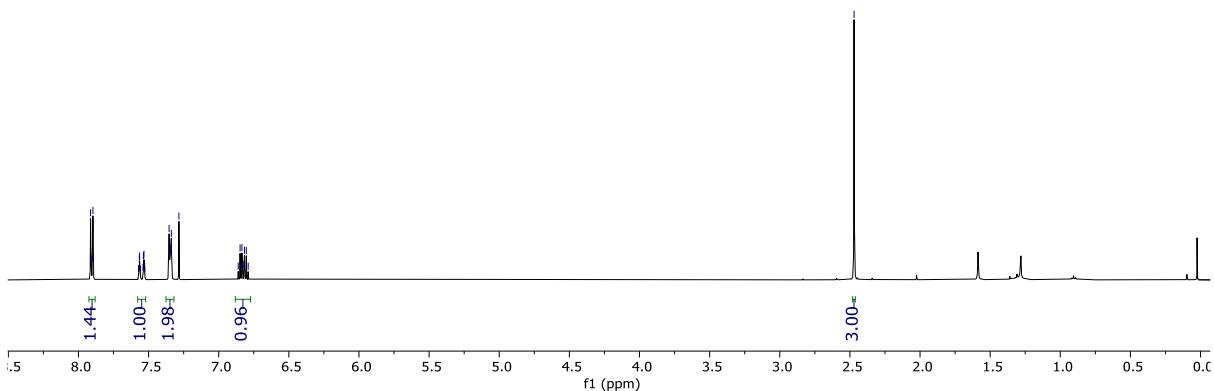
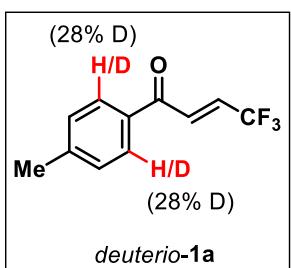




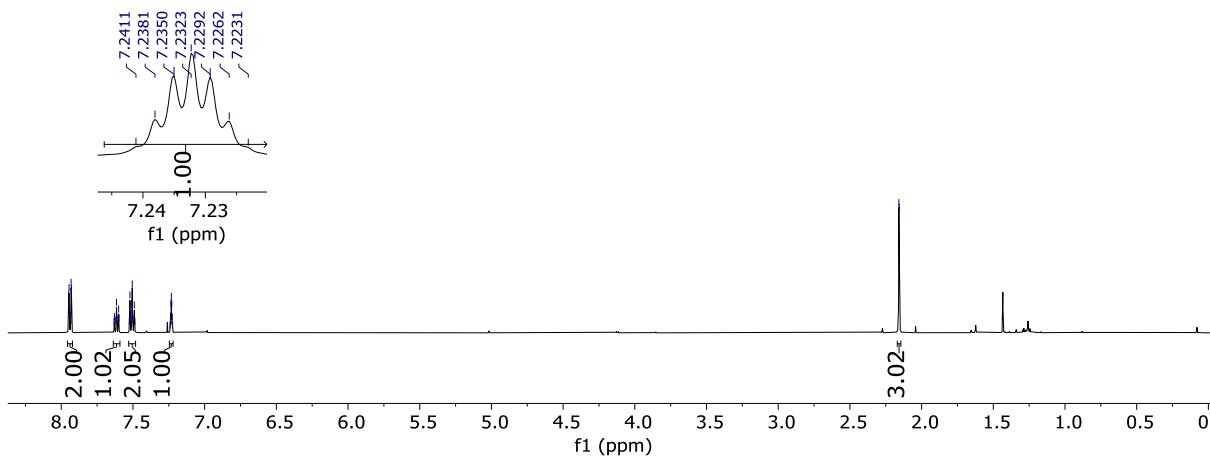
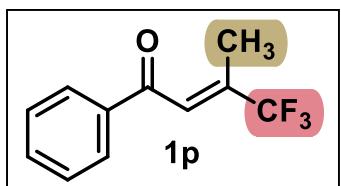
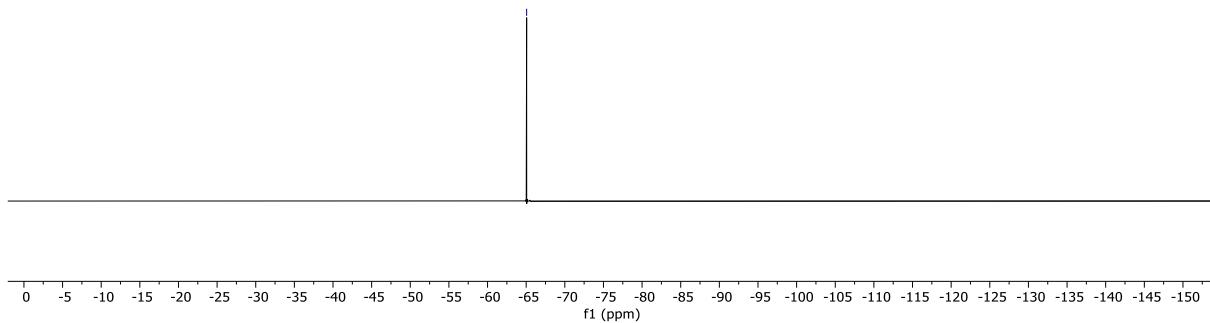
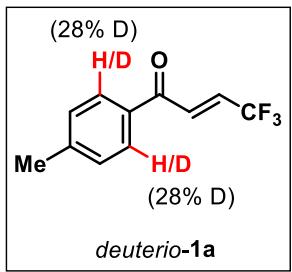
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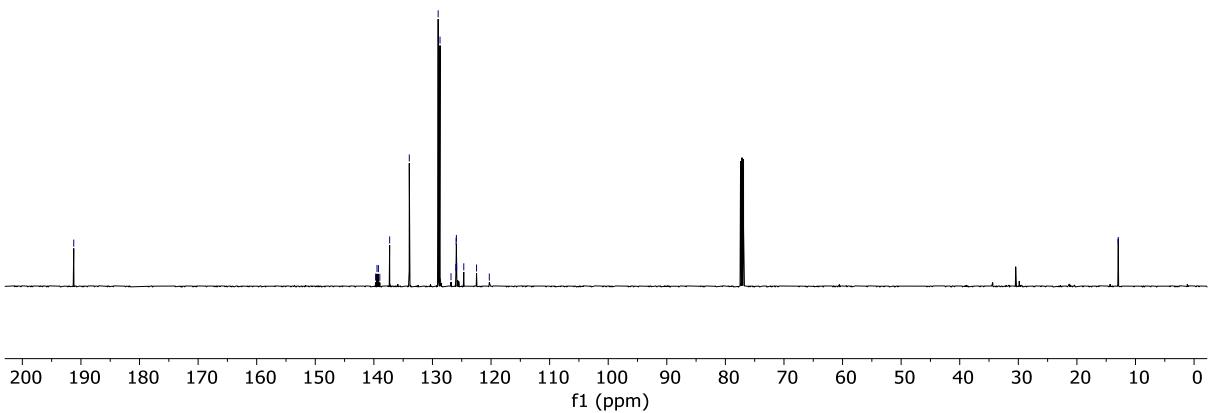
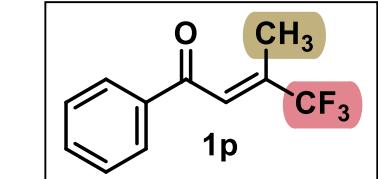
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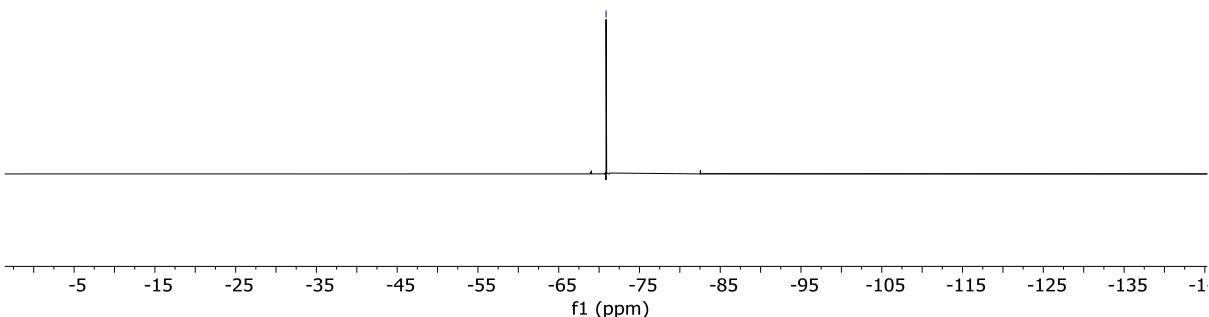
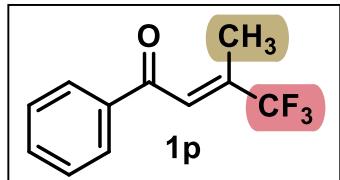
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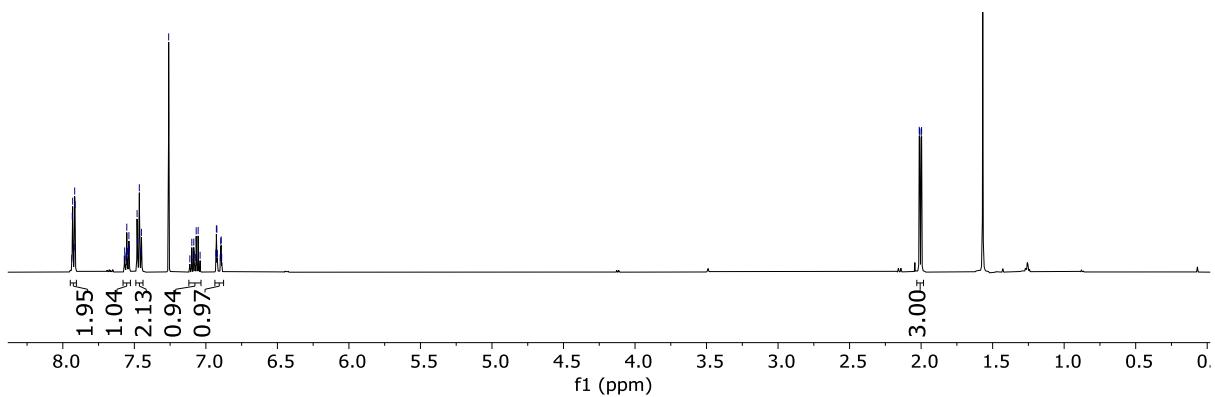
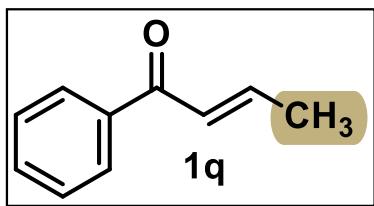
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