

Supporting Information

Photoredox-catalyzed selective deutero-defluorination of α , α -difluoroarylacetic esters and amides

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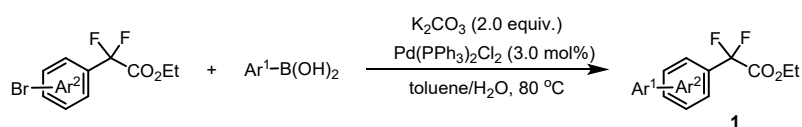
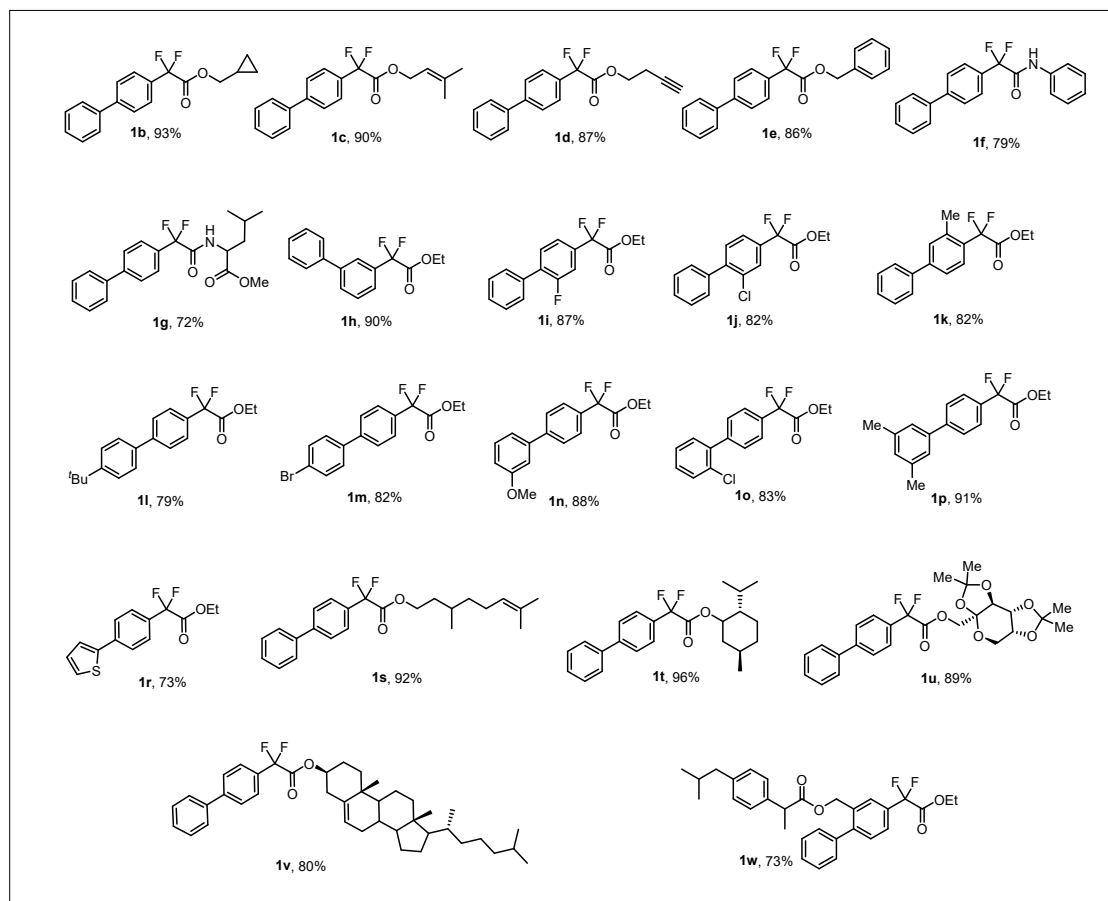
1. General Information

All reactions were conducted in 10 mL oven-dried sealed tube under N₂ atmosphere. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. ¹H, ¹⁹F and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz (100 MHz for ¹³C NMR) spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shift are reported in ppm from TMS with the solvent resonance as internal standard (CDCl₃: ¹H NMR: δ = 7.26; ¹³C NMR: δ = 77.16; CFC₃ as an external standard and low field is positive). Coupling constants are reported in Hz with multiplicities denoted as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dt (doublet of triplets), dd (doublet of doublets) and m (multiplet). FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker V 70 spectrometer and only major peaks are reported in cm⁻¹. HRMS were obtained on a WATERS I-Class VION IMS Q-ToF. Melting points were measured using open glass capillaries in a SGW® X-4A apparatus. Analytical TLC: aluminum backed plates pre-coated (0.25 mm) with Merck Silica Gel 60F-254. Compounds were visualized by exposure to UV-light or by dipping the plates in KMnO₄ stain followed by heating.

2. Starting Materials

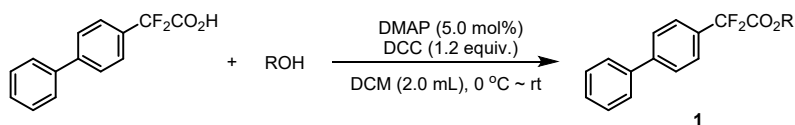
The ethyl-2-(4-biphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-acetate **1a** and bromoaryl difluoroacetic acid ethyl ester were prepared according to the literature.¹

2.1 Synthesis of 1b-1v

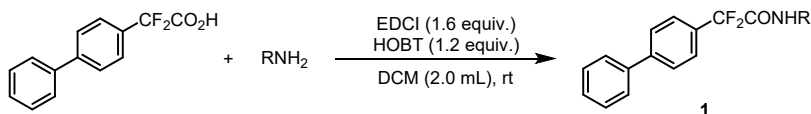


To a 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with arylboronic acid (2.4 mmol), K_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$ (3.0 mol%) were added. The vessel was evacuated and filled with nitrogen (three times). A solution of bromoaryl difluoroacetic acid ethyl ester (2.0 mmol) in toluene (2.0 mL) and H_2O (1.0 mL), was added via syringe. The tube was put into a heating jacket and stirred at 80 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was

purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 30:1) to give the desired coupling products **1b-1l**.^{1, 2}

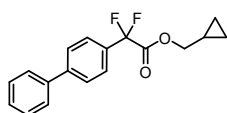


A solution of aryl difluorocarboxylic acid (2.0 mmol), corresponding alcohol (2.4 mmol), and DMAP (5.0 mol%) in DCM (2.0 mL) at 0 °C was added DCC (2.4 mmol) in one portion. A precipitate began to form almost immediately. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then warmed to room temperature. After completion as detected by TLC, the reaction was then diluted with pentane (10 mL) and filtered through a short plug of silica. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate, the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 30:1 to 10:1) to afford aryl difluorinated esters **1m-1p**, **1s-1v**.²



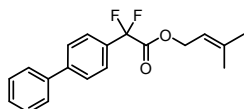
A 50 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with aryl difluorocarboxylic acid (2.0 mmol), EDCI (1.6 equiv.), HOBT (1.5 equiv.), and corresponding amine (2.4 mmol) were dissolved in 10 mL DCM under N₂, then Et₃N (4.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture stirred overnight. Subsequently, water was added to the Schlenk-tube. The resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (three times), and the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 4:1) to afford aryl difluorinated amides **1q** and **1r**.²

2.2 Characterization data of 1



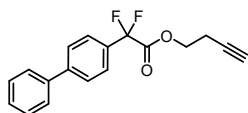
Cyclopropylmethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1b)

Colorless oil (93%, 561.9 mg); m.p.: 51-52 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 4.12 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.25 – 1.15 (m, 1H), 0.63 – 0.58 (m, 2H), 0.35 – 0.31 (m, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.6 (t, $J = 35.1$ Hz), 144.1, 140.10, 131.9 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 129.2, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 126.2 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 113.8 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 72.1, 9.7, 3.6. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.45 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 285.1273, found 285.1269.



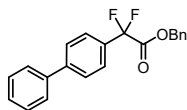
3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1c)

Colorless oil (90%, 568.9 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4 (t, $J = 35.0$ Hz), 144.0, 141.4, 140.1, 131.8 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 129.1, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.1 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 117.1, 113.7 (t, $J = 250.7$ Hz), 64.0, 25.9, 18.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.32 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 339.1167, found 339.1155.



But-3-yn-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1d)

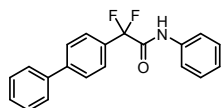
Colorless oil (87%, 522.2 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.59 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 4.36 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.1 (t, $J = 36.5$ Hz), 144.2, 140.0, 131.4 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.1 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 113.5 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 78.8, 70.6, 64.4, 18.8; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.67 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 318.1300, found 318.1302.



Benzyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1e)

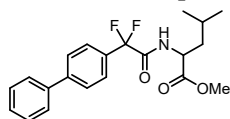
Colorless oil (86%, 581.5 mg); m.p.: 62-63 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 5H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (m, 5H), 5.29 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.2 (t, $J = 35.5$ Hz), 144.1, 140.0, 134.3, 131.49 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 129.0, 128.82, 128.76, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.1 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 113.6 (t, $J = 250.7$ Hz), 68.5; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.57 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$

338.1113, found 338.1105.



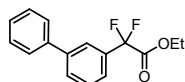
2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoro-N-phenylacetamide (1f)

White solid (79%, 510.5 mg); m.p.: 160-161 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 4:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.76 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.61 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.0 (t, $J = 29.9$ Hz), 144.2, 140.1, 136.2, 131.5 (t, $J = 26.0$ Hz), 129.4, 129.1, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 126.3 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 125.8, 120.3, 115.0 (t, $J = 252.7$ Hz); $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -102.11 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{ON}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 324.1195, found 324.1206.



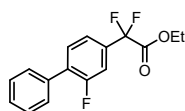
Methyl (2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetyl)leucinate (1g)

White solid (72%, 540.3 mg); m.p.: 92-93 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 4:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.71 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 1.79 – 1.65 (m, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.5, 164.0 (t, $J = 31.4$ Hz), 144.0, 140.1, 131.7 (t, $J = 25.3$ Hz), 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.1 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 115.0 (t, $J = 251.5$ Hz), 52.7, 51.1, 41.6, 25.0, 22.8, 22.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -102.14 (d, $J = 255.7$ Hz), -102.97 (d, $J = 255.3$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 376.1719, found 376.1726.



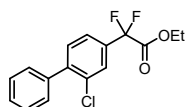
Ethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1h)

Colorless oil (90%, 497.0 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 7.56 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 4.33 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.40 (t, $J = 35.1$ Hz), 142.0, 140.1, 133.5 (t, $J = 25.3$ Hz), 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 127.3, 124.4 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 113.5 (t, $J = 250.5$ Hz), 63.4, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.72 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 276.0956, found 276.0943.



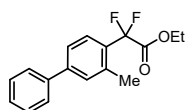
Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(2-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate (1i)

Colorless oil (87%, 511.7 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 4.35 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.35 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.9 (t, $J = 34.9$ Hz), 159.6 (d, $J = 248.4$ Hz), 134.7, 133.8 (dt, $J = 26.3, 7.9$ Hz), 132.1 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 131.4 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 130.7 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 129.1 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 128.7, 128.5, 121.6 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 118.3 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 114.0 (dt, $J = 26.1, 6.4$ Hz), 112.7 (t, $J = 251.2$ Hz), 63.6, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.64 (s), -115.97 (t, $J = 9.0$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 294.0862, found 294.0860.



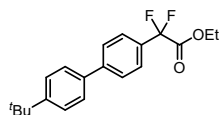
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Colorless oil (82%, 508.6 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.59 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (s, 6H), 4.37 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.37 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.9 (t, $J = 34.7$ Hz), 143.4, 138.4, 133.3, 133.2 (t, $J = 34.2$ Hz), 131.8, 129.4, 128.3, 127.3 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 124.1 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 112.7 (t, $J = 251.5$ Hz), 63.6, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.72 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 310.0567, found 310.0581.



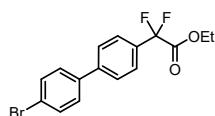
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Colorless oil (82%, 475.8 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 4.36 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3 (t, $J = 35.0$ Hz), 143.7, 140.1, 137.0 (t, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 130.7, 130.1 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz), 129.0, 128.0, 127.3, 126.85 (t, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 124.7, 114.5 (t, $J = 250.7$ Hz), 63.3, 20.0, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -100.97 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 291.1191, found 291.1195.



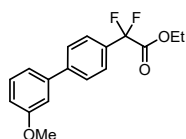
Ethyl 2-(4'-(tert-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1l)

White solid (79%, 524.8 mg); m.p.: 62-63 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (s, 4H), 7.58 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.37 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4 (t, $J = 35.2$ Hz), 151.3, 143.9, 137.1, 131.4 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 127.3, 127.0, 126.0 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 113.7 (t, $J = 250.4$ Hz), 63.3, 34.7, 31.5, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.45 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 355.1480, found 355.1484.



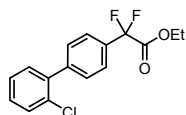
Ethyl 2-(4'-bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1m)

Colorless oil (82%, 580.9 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 (q, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3 (t, $J = 35.1$ Hz), 142.8, 138.9, 132.2, 128.9, 127.3, 126.2 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 122.5, 113.5 (t, $J = 250.7$ Hz), 63.4, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.65 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrF}_2\text{O}_2\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 361.0222, found 361.021.



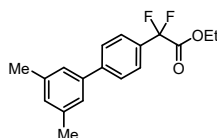
Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(3'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate (1n)

Colorless oil (88%, 538.8 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 30:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 (s, 4H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3 (t, $J = 35.2$ Hz), 160.2, 143.9, 141.6, 131.9 (t, $J = 25.5$ Hz), 130.1, 127.5, 126.1 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 119.8, 113.6, 113.5, 113.2 (t, $J = 250.7$ Hz), 63.3, 55.4, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.57 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_2\text{O}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 329.0960, found 329.0961.



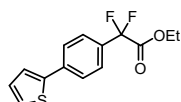
Ethyl 2-(3'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1o)

Colorless oil (83%, 514.7 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 3H), 4.34 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.34 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.32 (t, $J = 35.1$ Hz), 142.3, 139.4, 132.5, 132.1 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 131.4, 130.2, 129.9, 129.3, 127.1, 125.4 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 113.5 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 63.4, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.51 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClF}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 310.0567, found 310.0553.



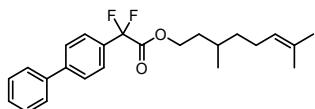
Ethyl 2-(3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1p)

Colorless oil (91%, 553.5 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.4 (t, $J = 35.2$ Hz), 144.3, 140.1, 138.6, 131.5 (t, $J = 25.6$ Hz), 129.8, 127.5, 126.0 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 125.3, 113.6 (t, $J = 250.1$ Hz), 63.3, 21.5, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.52 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 311.142, found 311.1417.



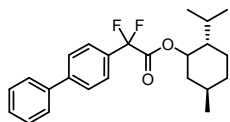
Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)phenyl)acetate (1r)

Colorless oil (73%, 411.8 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 4.31 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.3 (t, $J = 35.2$ Hz), 143.0, 137.2, 131.7, 128.4, 126.3 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 126.1, 126.1, 124.4, 113.5 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 63.3, 14.0; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.86 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 283.0599, found 283.0616.



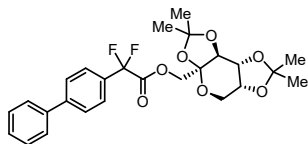
3,7-Dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1s)

Colorless oil (92%, 710.6 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.60 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.31 (s, 2H), 1.95 – 1.92 (m, 4H), 1.75 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.58 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.27 (m, 1H), 1.17 (s, 1H), 0.89 – 0.88 (m, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5 (t, $J = 35.0$ Hz), 144.2, 140.2, 131.9 (t, $J = 25.7$ Hz), 129.2, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 126.2 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 124.6, 113.7 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 65.9, 37.1, 35.3, 29.6, 25.9, 25.6, 19.5, 17.9; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.83 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 409.1950, found 409.1951.



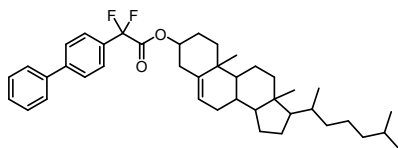
2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1t)

White solid (96%, 741.5 mg, d.r. = 1:1); m.p.: 99-100 °C; R_f = 0.5 (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67 (s, 4H), 7.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 4.79 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (t, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 1.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 1H), 1.66 (s, 1H), 1.48 – 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.06 – 1.02 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.81 – 0.76 (m, 1H), 0.64 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.8, 163.9 (t, J = 35.1 Hz), 143.9, 140.1, 131.9 (t, J = 25.5 Hz), 129.0, 128.1, 127.34, 127.32, 126.0 (t, J = 5.9 Hz), 113.6 (t, J = 251.1 Hz), 77.8, 74.3, 47.1, 47.0, 41.0, 40.2, 34.3, 34.1, 31.5, 26.4, 26.1, 23.6, 23.4, 22.1, 22.0, 21.4, 20.8, 20.6, 16.5, 16.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.16 (d, J = 250.4 Hz), -105.07 (d, J = 250.4 Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$ 409.1950, found 409.1949.



((3aS,5aR,8aR,8bS)-2,2,7,7-tetramethyltetrahydro-3aH-bis([1,3]dioxolo)[4,5-b:4',5'-d]pyran-3a-yl)methyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1u)

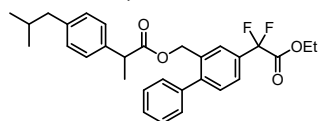
Colorless oil (89%, 872.6 mg, d.r. = 1:1); R_f = 0.5 (PE/EtOAc = 10:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 (s, 4H), 7.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 4.28 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.98 – 3.78 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.6 (t, J = 35.8 Hz), 144.2, 139.9, 131.3 (t, J = 25.4 Hz), 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.1 (t, J = 5.9 Hz), 113.5 (t, J = 250.9 Hz), 109.3, 109.3, 100.9, 70.8, 70.2, 67.0, 66.4, 61.5, 26.6, 26.0, 25.0, 24.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -102.14 (d, J = 253.8 Hz), -102.94 (d, J = 253.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{F}_2\text{O}_7\text{N}$ [$\text{M}+\text{NH}_4$] $^+$ 508.2141, found 508.2163.



10,13-dimethyl-17-(6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (1v)

White solid (80%, 986.2 mg, d.r. = 1:1); m.p.: 108-109 °C; R_f = 0.5 (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 5.41 (s, 1H), 4.83 – 4.76 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.06 – 1.89 (m, 6H), 1.75 – 1.46 (m, 9H), 1.39 – 1.29 (m, 5H), 1.18 – 1.09 (m, 8H), 1.05 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 5H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.71 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.7 (t, J = 34.9 Hz), 143.9, 140.0, 138.9, 131.9 (t, J = 25.6 Hz), 129.0, 128.1, 127.4, 127.3, 126.1 (t, J = 5.8 Hz), 123.5,

113.6 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 56.8, 56.2, 50.1, 42.4, 39.8, 39.6, 37.7, 36.9, 36.6, 36.3, 35.9, 32.0, 31.9, 28.4, 28.1, 27.5, 24.4, 24.0, 23.0, 22.7, 21.1, 19.4, 18.8, 12.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.52 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{58}\text{F}_2\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 634.4421, found 634.4430.

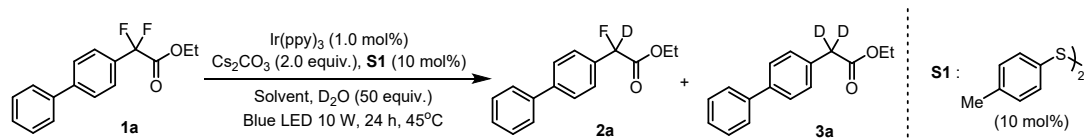


(4-(2-ethoxy-1,1-difluoro-2-oxoethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)methyl-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (1w)

Colorless oil (73%, 721.5 mg); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 50:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 5.04 (dd, $J = 36.8, 12.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.37 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.76 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.52 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.38 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.4, 164.3 (t, $J = 34.8$ Hz), 145.0, 140.8, 139.2, 137.5, 134.1, 132.2 (t, $J = 25.4$ Hz), 130.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.3, 126.4 (t, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 125.4 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 113.3 (t, $J = 250.6$ Hz), 64.4, 63.4, 45.22, 45.18, 30.3, 22.5, 18.5, 14.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -103.47 (s), -103.51 (s); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{F}_2\text{O}_4\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 512.2607, found 512.2584.

3. Optimization of Reaction Conditions

3.1 General Procedures for the Ethyl 2-(4-Biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** with D₂O



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with ethyl 2-(4-biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** (0.20 mmol), photocatalyst, base and additive. Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (50 equiv.) in solvent (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for a specified time. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone = 30:1 to 5:1) furnishes the desired product **2a/3a** as oil.

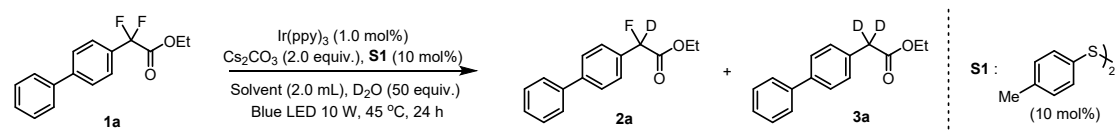
3.2 Optimization of the Reaction 1a, D₂O^a

Solvent

Entry	Solvent	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	DMSO	trace	trace
2	DMF	31 (97% D)	4
3	DMAc	trace	trace
4	NMP	58 (97% D)	6
5	THF	trace	trace
6	1,4-dioxane	trace	trace
7	EtOAc	trace	trace
8	MTBE	trace	trace
9	MeNO ₂	trace	trace
10	toluene	trace	trace

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), Solvent (2.0 mL), D₂O (50 equiv.), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

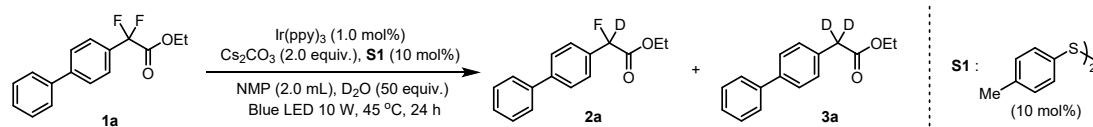
Time



Entry	Time (h)	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1 ^b	8	12 (97% D)	trace
2 ^b	16	20 (97% D)	2
3 ^b	24	31 (97% D)	4
4 ^b	32	31 (97% D)	4
5 ^c	8	9 (97% D)	trace
6 ^c	16	47 (97% D)	5
7 ^c	24	58 (97% D)	6
8 ^c	32	59 (97% D)	6

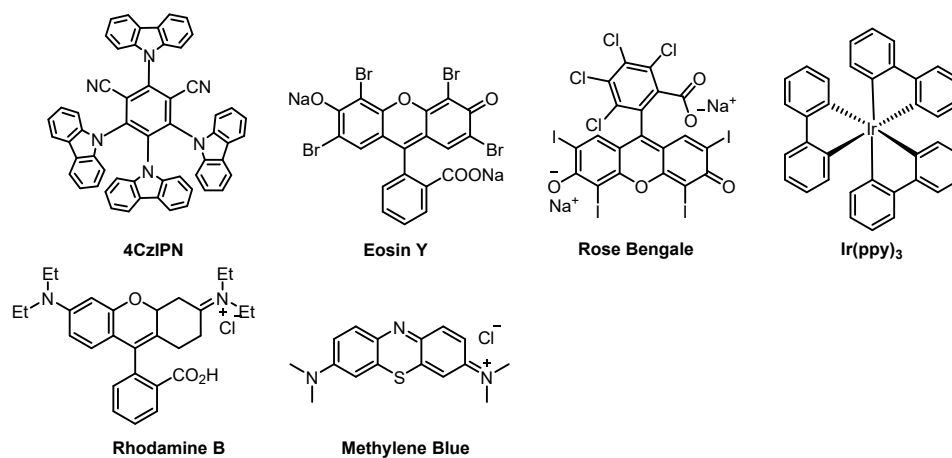
^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (50 equiv.), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, x h, Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^bDMF was used as solvent (2.0 mL), ^cNMP was used as solvent (2.0 mL).

Photocatalyst

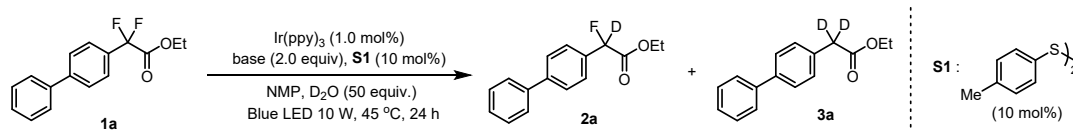


Entry	PC	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	Ir(ppy)_3	58 (97% D)	6
2	4CzIPN	21 (97% D)	trace
3	Rhodamine B	0	0
4	Eosin Y	0	0
5	Rose Bengale	0	0
6	Methlyene Blue	0	0

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), PC (1.0 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D_2O (50 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ^1H NMR analysis.



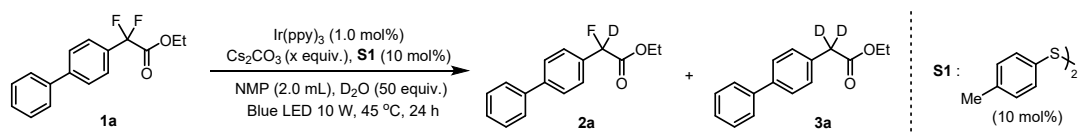
Base



Entry	Base	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	Li ₂ CO ₃	21 (97% D)	trace
2	Na ₂ CO ₃	19 (97% D)	trace
3	K ₂ CO ₃	25 (97% D)	3
4	Cs ₂ CO ₃	58 (97% D)	6
5	NaOAc	trace	trace
6	KOAc	trace	trace
7	Et ₃ N	0	trace
8	DBU	trace	0
9 ^b	Cs ₂ CO ₃	3	86 (98% D)
10 ^{b,c}	Cs ₂ CO ₃	2	86 (98% D)

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Base (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (50 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^bextra Et₃N (3.0 equiv.) was used. ^cDMF (2.0 mL) was used as solvent.

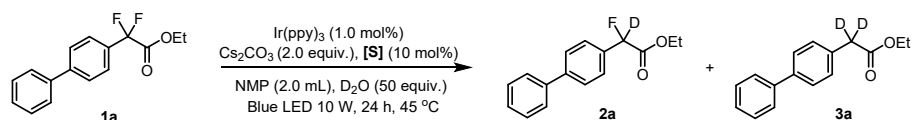
Equiv. of Cs₂CO₃



Entry	Cs ₂ CO ₃ (x equiv.)	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	/	0	0
2	0.5	12 (97% D)	trace
3	1	42 (97% D)	3
4	2	58 (97% D)	6
5	3	59 (97% D)	6

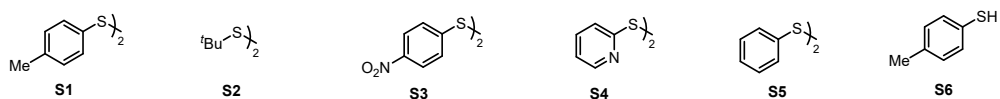
^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (x equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (50 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

D-transfer mediator

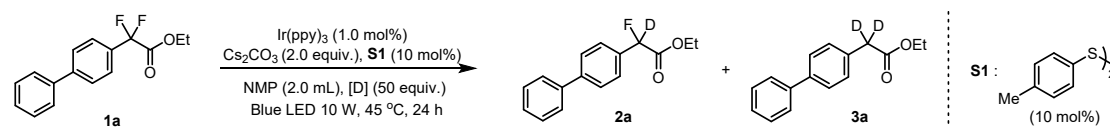


Entry	[S]	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	/	0	0
2	S1	58 (97% D)	6
3	S2	0	trace
4	S3	trace	trace
5	S4	trace	trace
6	S5	50 (97% D)	5
7	S6	32 (90% D)	3
8 ^b	S1	52 (97% D)	5
9 ^c	S1	58 (97% D)	6

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), [S] (10 mol%), D₂O (50 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^b5 mol% of **S1** was used. ^c15 mol% of **S1** was used.



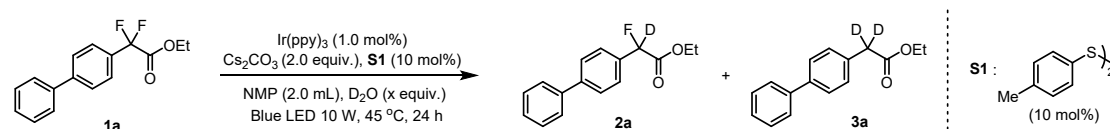
D-Source



Entry	[D]	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	D_2O	58 (97% D)	6
2	MeOD	9	trace
3	acetone- d_6	7	trace
4	CD_3CN	trace	trace
5	$\text{DMSO-}d_6$	trace	trace

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)_3 (1.0 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), [D] (50 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ^1H NMR analysis.

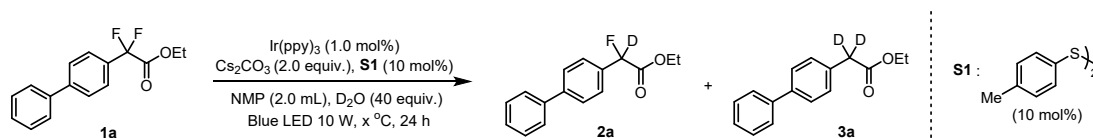
Equiv. of D_2O



Entry	D_2O (x equiv.)	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	20	32 (86% D)	3
2	40	63 (97% D)	6
3	50	58 (97% D)	6
4	80	43 (97% D)	4
5	120	39 (97% D)	3

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)_3 (1.0 mol%), Cs_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D_2O (x equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, 45 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ^1H NMR analysis.

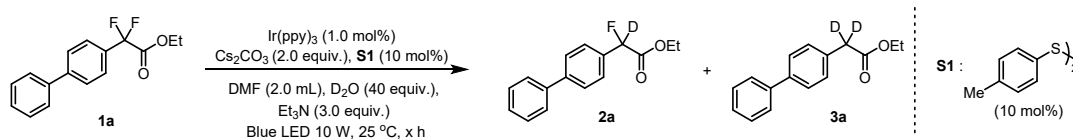
Temperature



Entry	x °C	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 2a (%)
1	45	63 (97% D)	6
2	35	69 (97% D)	5
3	25	78 (97% D)	3

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (40 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Blue LED 10 W, x °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis.

Time



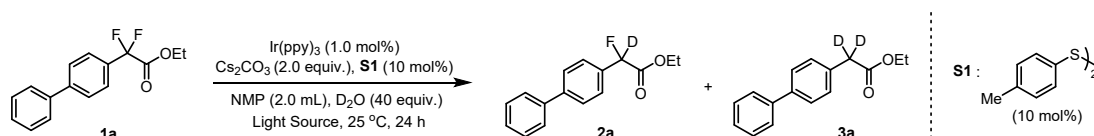
Entry	Time	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	1	16 (97% D)	29 (98% D)
2	4	31 (97% D)	47 (98% D)
3	8	32 (97% D)	55 (98% D)
4	12	2	86 (98% D)
5	16	2	86 (98% D)
6	20	2	86 (98% D)
7	24	2	86 (98% D)
8 ^b	12	2	81 (98% D)
9 ^c	12	3	86 (98% D)

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (40 equiv.), DMF (2.0 mL), Et₃N (3.0 equiv.), Blue LED 10 W, 25 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^b2.0 equiv. of Et₃N was used, ^c4.0 equiv. of Et₃N

was used.

Light Source

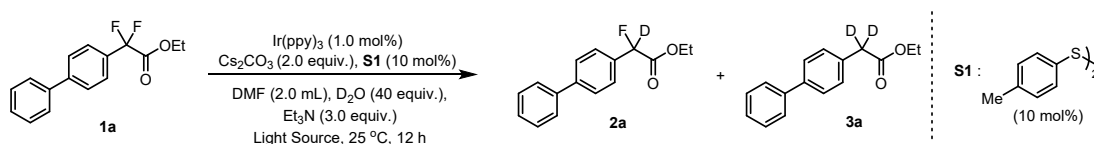
Monodeuterodefluorination



Entry	Light Source	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	Blue LED (5 W)	69 (97% D)	2
2	Blue LED (10 W)	78 (97% D)	3
3	Blue LED (15 W)	78 (97% D)	5
4	CFL (15 W)	0 ^b	0

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (40 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Light Source, 25 °C, 24 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^b92% of **1a** was recovered.

Dideuterodefluorination

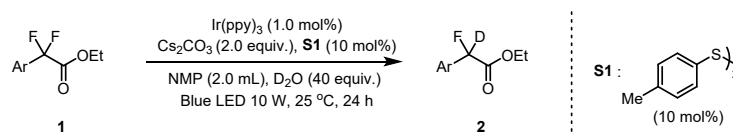


Entry	Light Source	Yield of 2a (%)	Yield of 3a (%)
1	Blue LED (5 W)	2	81 (98% D)
2	Blue LED (10 W)	2	86 (98% D)
3	Blue LED (15 W)	4	85 (98% D)
4	CFL (15 W)	0	0 ^b

^aReaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%), D₂O (40 equiv.), Et₃N (2.0 equiv.), NMP (2.0 mL), Light Source, 25 °C, 12 h. Yields of isolated products and the deuterated incorporations were determined by ¹H NMR analysis. ^b90% of **1a** was recovered.

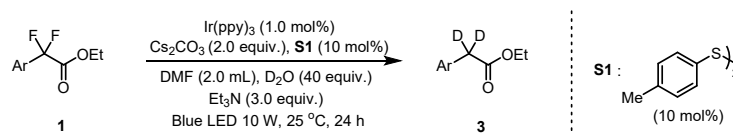
4. Representative Procedure for the Deutrodefluorination of **1** with D₂O

4.1 Monodeuterodefluorination reaction



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with ethyl α,α -difluoroaryl acetate derivatives **1** (0.20 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in NMP (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone: 30:1 to 20:1) furnishes the desired products **2**.

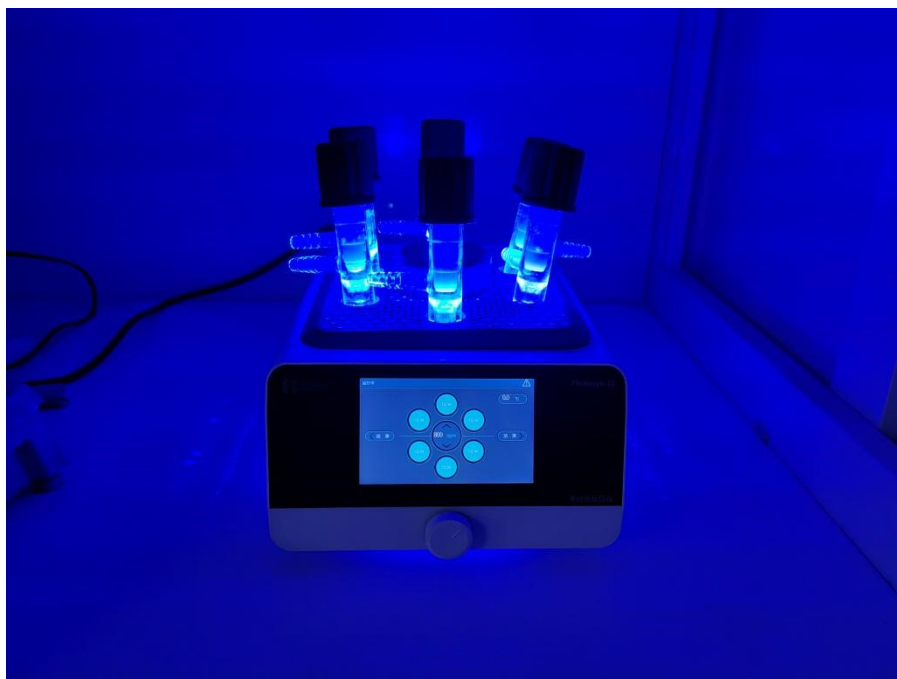
4.2 Dideuterodefluorination reaction



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with ethyl α,α -difluoroaryl acetate derivatives **1** (0.20 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), Et₃N (3.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%). Then, the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in DMF (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone: 30:1 to 20:1) furnishes the desired products **3**.

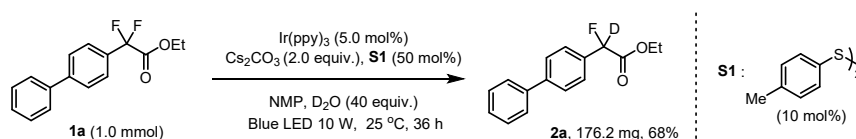
The Visible-Light Photoredox Catalysis Experimental Setup

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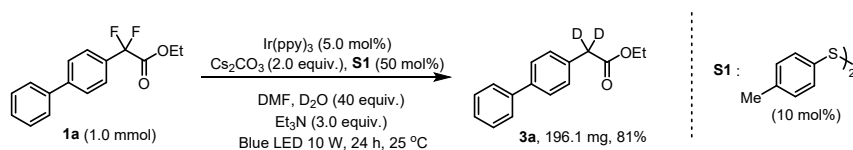


4.3 Applied Research

Large Scale Synthesis of **2a** and **3a**

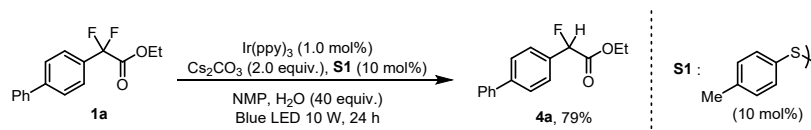


A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with 2-(4-Biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** (1.0 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (5.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (50 mol%). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in NMP (10 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 36 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone = 30:1) furnishes the desired product **2a**.

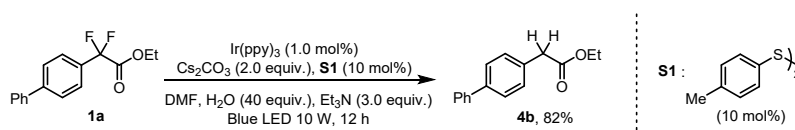


A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with 2-(4-Biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** (1.0 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (5.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), Et₃N (3.0 equiv.) **S1** (50 mol%). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in DMF (10 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone = 30:1) furnishes the desired product **3a**.

Selective hydrodefluorination of **1a**

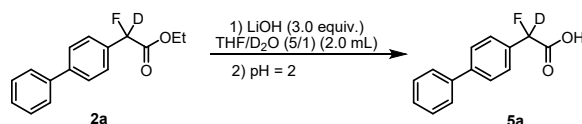


A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with 2-(4-Biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of H₂O (40 equiv.) in NMP (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone = 30:1) furnishes the desired product **4a**.

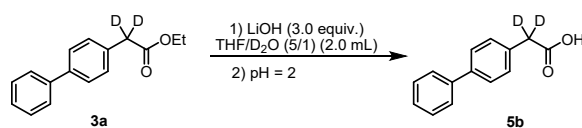


A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with 2-(4-Biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), Et₃N (3.0 equiv.) **S1** (10 mol%). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in DMF (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H₂O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone = 30:1) furnishes the desired product **4b**.

Hydrolysis of **2a** and **3a**

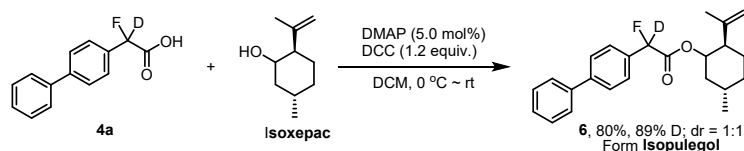


In a 50 mL round bottom flask, **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to a mixture of THF/D₂O (5/1, 2.0 mL) and LiOH (3.0 equiv.) and stirred for 10 h at room temperature. The reaction was then poured into 1 M HCl aq. to acidify to pH = 2, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to afford product **5a**.



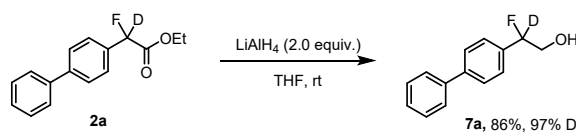
In a 50 mL round bottom flask, **3a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added to a mixture of THF/D₂O (5/1, 2.0 mL) and LiOH (3.0 equiv.) and stirred for 10 h at room temperature. The reaction was then poured into 1 M HCl aq. to acidify to pH = 2, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL), washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to afford product **5b**.

Esterification of **5a**

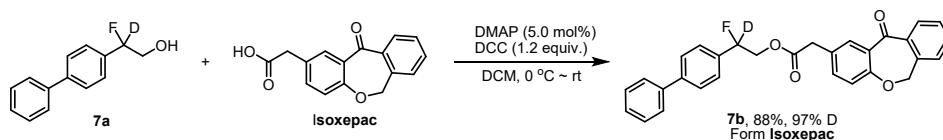


To a solution of **4a** (0.1 mmol), Isoxepac (0.12 mmol), and DMAP (5.0 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at 0 °C was added DCC (0.24 mmol) in one portion. A precipitate began to form almost immediately. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then warmed to room temperature. After completion as detected by TLC, the reaction was then diluted with pentane (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short plug of silica. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1) to afford product **6**.

Reduction and further esterification of **2a**



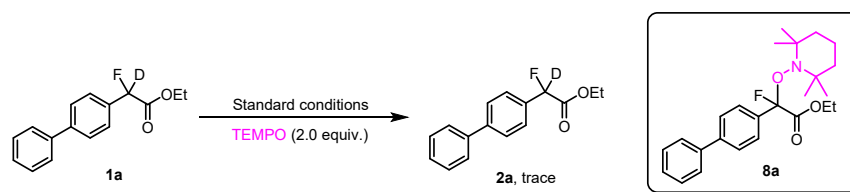
To a solution of **2a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (2.0 mL) was added lithium aluminium tetrahydride (0.42 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h. After completion as detected by TLC, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to afford product **7a**.



To a solution of **7a** (0.1 mmol), Isoxepac (0.12 mmol), and DMAP (5.0 mol%) in DCM (1.0 mL) at 0 °C was added DCC (0.24 mmol) in one portion. A precipitate began to form almost immediately. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then warmed to room temperature. After completion as detected by TLC, the reaction was then diluted with pentane (5.0 mL) and filtered through a short plug of silica. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, the combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under the reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc = 10:1) to afford product **7b**.

5. Mechanism Studies

5.1 Radical Inhibiting Experiments



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), **S1** (10 mol%) and TEMPO (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in NMP (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h.

After that, it was found that a trace amount of **2a** was observed, along with the TEMPO adduct **8a** was detected by LC-HRMS (HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₃₂FNO₃Na [M+Na]⁺ 436.2258, found 436.2274). This result indicates that a radical intermediate might be involved in this transformation. The results are shown in Figure S1.

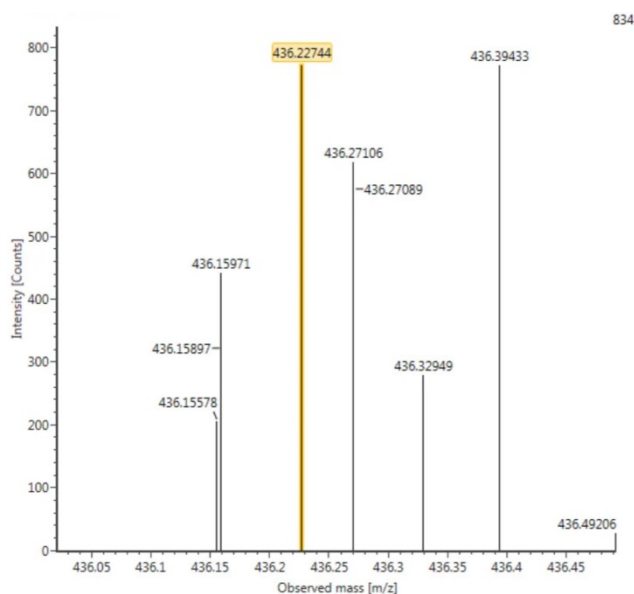
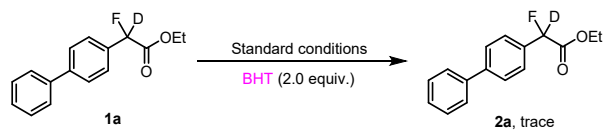
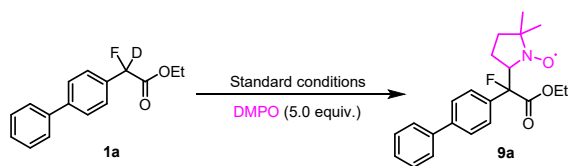


Figure S1. LC-HRMS Spectra of **7a**



Similarly, when 2.0 equiv. of BHT was subjected into the reaction of **1a** with D₂O under the standard conditions, only a trace amount of **2a** was observed. This result also indicates that a radical pathway might be involved in this transformation.

5.2 EPR Experiment



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with 2-(4-Biphenyl)-2,2-difluoroacetate **1a** (0.2 mmol), Ir(ppy)₃ (1.0 mol%), Cs₂CO₃ (2.0 equiv.), S1 (10 mol%) and DMPO (5.0 equiv.). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of D₂O (40 equiv.) in NMP (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h.

When 5.0 equiv. of DMPO was subjected into the reaction of **1a** with D₂O under the standard conditions. It was found that only a trace amount of **2a** was observed, along with the DMPO adduct **9a** was detected by EPR and LC-HRMS (HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₅H₃₂FNO₃Na [M]⁺ 370.1813, found 370.1816). This result indicates that a radical intermediate might be involved in this transformation. The results are shown in Figure S2 and Figure S3.

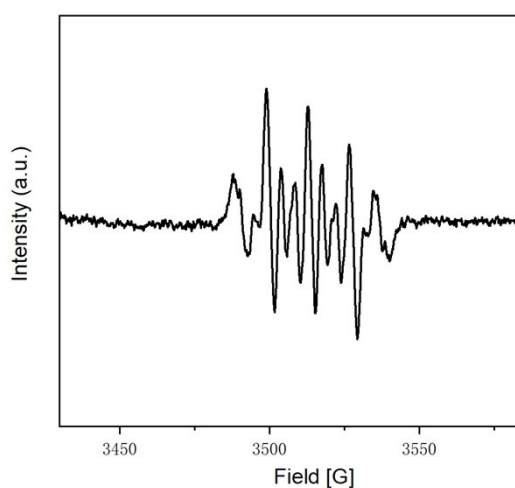


Figure S2. EPR Spectra of **8a**

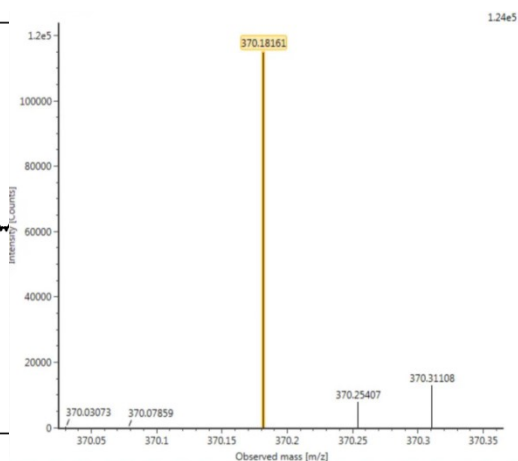
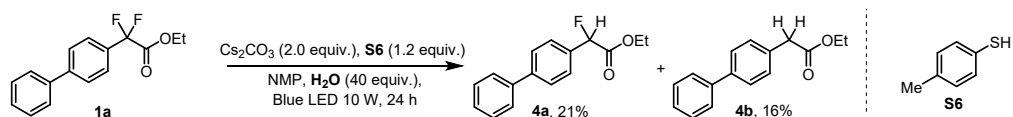


Figure S3. LC-HRMS Spectra of **8a**

5.3 Transformation of **1a** to **4a/5a** without Ir(ppy)₃



A 10 mL oven-dried Schlenk-tube equipped with a magnetic stirrer was charged with **1a** (0.2 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (2.0 equiv.), **S6** (1.2 equiv.). Then the tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen (three times). Subsequently, a solution of H_2O (40 equiv.) in NMP (2.0 mL) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred under the irradiation of a 10 W Blue LED ($\lambda = 460\text{--}470$ nm; distance app. 1.0 cm from the bulb) for 24 h. After that, the resulting mixture was quenched with H_2O and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/acetone: 30:1) furnishes the desired products **4a** and **4b**.

5.4 Stern-Volmer Fluorescence Quenching Experiments

To a solution of Ir(ppy)₃ in anhydrous, N₂-saturated NMP (5 × 10⁻⁴ mol/L) in a quartz cuvette, different amounts of **S1** was added, and the resulting changes in fluorescence intensity (concentration of **S1**: 5 × 10⁻⁵ mol/L, 10 × 10⁻⁵ mol/L, 15 × 10⁻⁵ mol/L, 20 × 10⁻⁵ mol/L, 25 × 10⁻⁵ mol/L) were collected. The emission intensity at 536 nm was collected with excited wavelength of 460 nm. The results are shown in Figure S4.

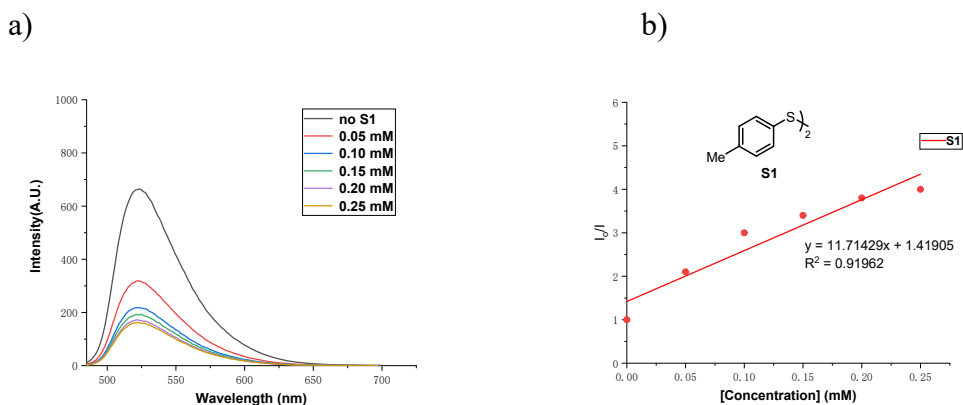


Figure S4. (a) The fluorescence emission spectra of Ir(ppy)₃ with different concentration of **1a** added. (b) The Stern–Volmer emission quenching studies of **1a**. I₀ is the inherent fluorescence intensity of Ir(ppy)₃. I is the fluorescence intensity of Ir(ppy)₃ in the presence of **1a**.

To a solution of **S6** anion (freshly prepared in situ by the deprotonation of **S6** with NaOH) in anhydrous, N_2 -saturated NMP (5×10^{-4} mol/L) in a quartz cuvette, different amounts of **1a** was added, and the resulting changes in fluorescence intensity (concentration of **1a** anion: 5×10^{-5} mol/L, 10×10^{-5} mol/L, 15×10^{-5} mol/L, 20×10^{-5} mol/L, 25×10^{-5} mol/L) were collected. The emission intensity at 536 nm was collected with excited wavelength of 460 nm. The results are shown in Figure S5.

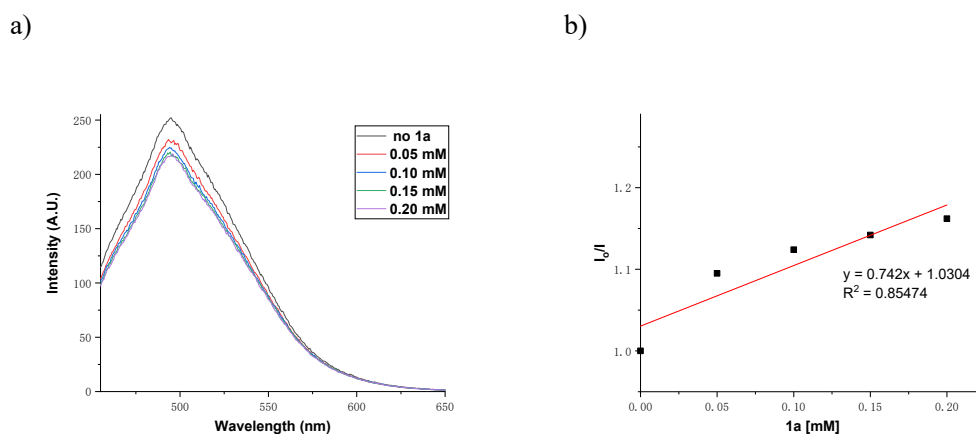


Figure S5. (a) The fluorescence emission spectra of **S6** anion with different concentration of **1a** added. (b) The Stern–Volmer emission quenching studies of **1a**. I_0 is the inherent fluorescence intensity of **S6** anion. I is the fluorescence intensity of **S6** anion in the presence of **1a**.

5.5 Light On-Off Experiments

To further examine the impact of light, we conducted the reaction of **1a** with D_2O under alternating periods of irradiation and darkness. The results are shown in Figure S6.

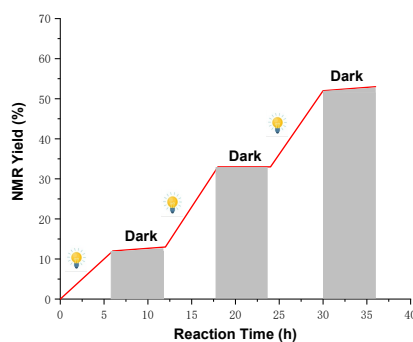


Figure S6. Yield of **2a** with or without light irradiation

The results of light on-off experiments indicated that the reaction proceeded only

under the irradiation of light. Suggesting the reaction that proceeded via a catalytic process rather than a radical chain process.

5.6 Cyclic Voltammetry and UV/vis Absorption Experiments

Cyclic voltammetry was performed in a three-electrode cell connected to a Schlenk line at room temperature. A cyclic voltammograms in **1a** or **2a** by using glassy carbon as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode and Ag/AgCl as the reference electrode. The scan rate was 50 mV/s, ranging from 0 V to -4.0 V *n*Bu₄NBF₄ (0.1 M) was used as the electrolyte, MeCN or DMF as the solvent.

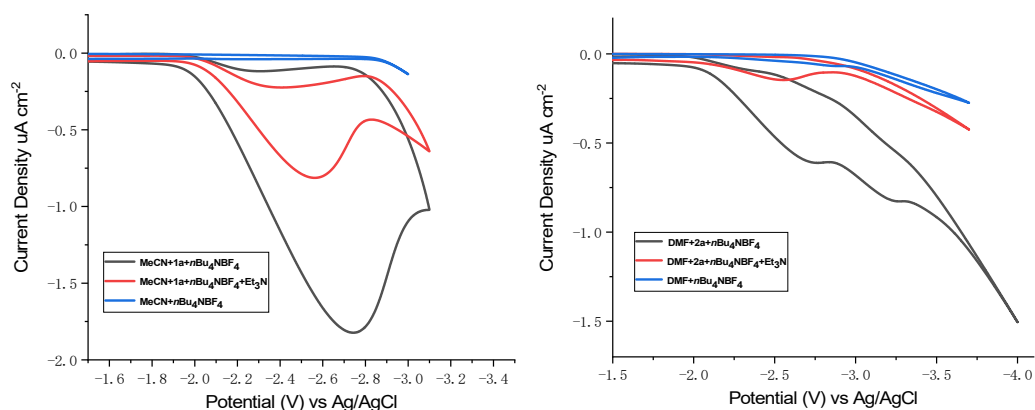


Figure S7 Cyclic Voltammetry Experiments

The results of Cyclic voltammetry experiments indicated that the role of Et₃N in the reaction, adding Et₃N change the reduction potential of **1a** from $E_{\text{red } p/2} = -2.28$ V vs. SCE to $E_{\text{red } p/2} = -2.22$ V vs. SCE. Furthermore, Changing the reduction potential of **2a** from $E_{\text{red } p/2} = -2.21$ V vs. SCE to $E_{\text{red } p/2} = -2.17$ V vs. SCE. The addition of Et₃N to the reaction substantially changed the CV profile of the **1a** or **2a** and made them easier to be reduced. The results are shown in Figure S7.

Cyclic voltammetry was performed in a three-electrode cell connected to a Schlenk line at room temperature. A cyclic voltammograms in **S6** anion (generated in situ by the deprotonation of the **S6** with 1.2 equiv. NaOH) by using glassy carbon as the working electrode, Pt wire as the counter electrode and Ag/AgCl as the reference electrode. The scan rate was 50 mV/s, ranging from 0 V to -4.0 V *n*Bu₄NPF₆ (0.1M) was used as the electrolyte, dry MeCN as the solvent. The results are shown in Figure S8 and Figure S9.

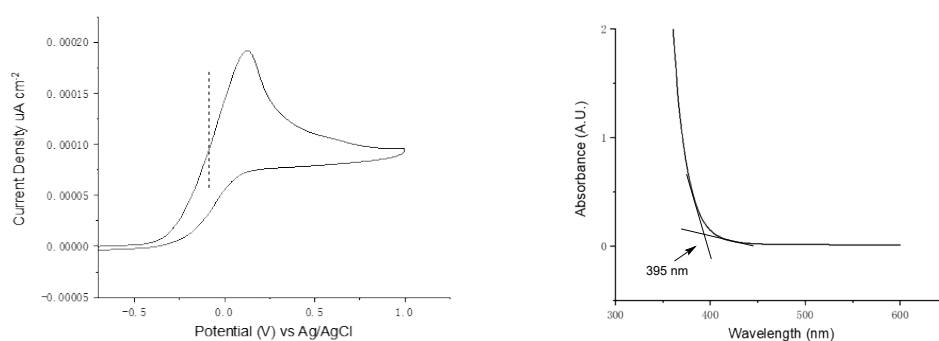
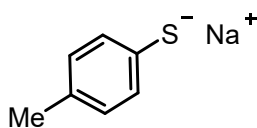


Figure S8. Cyclic Voltammetry Experiments **Figure S9.** UV/vis absorption spectra of **S6** anion



$$E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus}) = -0.16 \text{ V vs. SCE}$$

The results of Cyclic voltammetry experiments indicated that $E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus}) = -0.16 \text{ V}$ vs SCE. With this data in hand, we calculated the redox potential of the excited **S6** anion employing the following equation: [4]

$$E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet*}) = E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus}) - E_{0-0}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet*}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus})$$

$E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus}) = -0.16 \text{ V}$ vs SCE, In the absence of vibrational structures, E_{0-0} can be roughly estimated from the absorption.[5] This corresponds to 395 nm, which translates into an $E_{0-0}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet*}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus})$ of 3.17 eV for the **S6** anion.

$$E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet*}) = E_{p/2}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus}) - E_{0-0}(\mathbf{S6}^{\bullet*}/\mathbf{S6}^{\ominus}) = -0.16 - 3.17 = -3.33 \text{ V vs SCE.}$$

5.7 Proportions of 2a and 3a under Conditions A and B

In order to further investigate the proportion and conversion of products **2a** and **3a** under different conditions, we obtained the yields of products **1a** and **2a** at different reaction times. The results are shown in Figure S10.

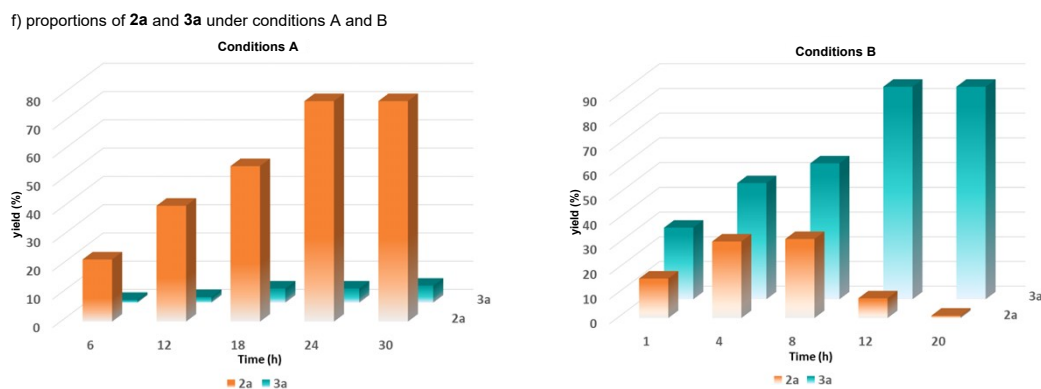


Figure S10. Proportions of **2a** and **3a** under Conditions A and B

The competitive formations of **2a** and **3a** were detected under reaction conditions A and B, respectively (Figure S4). Under condition A, the yield of **2a** gradually increased with time, while the yield of **3a** remained below than 10% all the time. Under condition B, the yield of **3a** gradually increased with time. Here, the yield of **2a** can reach up to 31% and then it is converted to **3a** with time.

5.8 Proposed mechanism (dideuterodefluorination)

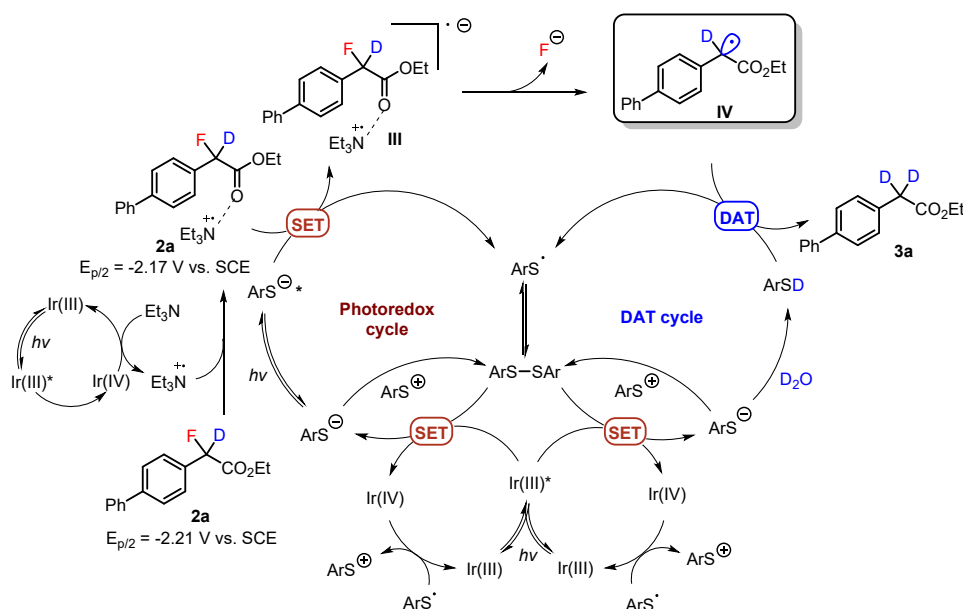
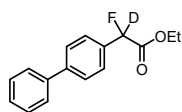


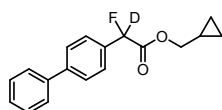
Figure S11. Proposed mechanism (dideuterodefluorination)

6 Characterization of Products



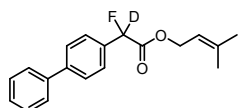
Propyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2a)

Colorless oil (78%, 40.4 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 – 7.45 (m, 6H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 4.26 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 1.20 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7 (d, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 142.7 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 140.4, 133.2 (d, $J = 20.5$ Hz), 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 89.0 (dt, $J = 183.1, 23.3$ Hz), 62.0, 14.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.36 – -180.04 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 298.0750, found 298.0763.



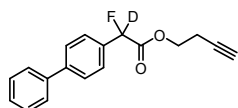
Cyclopropylmethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2b)

Colorless oil (72%, 41.1 mg, 96% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.55 (m, 6H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 4.12 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.12 (m, 1H), 0.59 – 0.54 (m, 2H), 0.30 – 0.26 (m, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9 (d, $J = 27.4$ Hz), 142.7 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 140.4, 133.3 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz), 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 89.0 (dt, $J = 183.8, 23.9$ Hz), 70.8, 9.8, 3.51, 3.46; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -177.47 – -181.66 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{FDNO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 303.1614, found 303.1608.



3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2c)

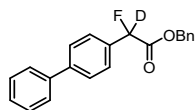
Colorless oil (63%, 37.7 mg, 96% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 6H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 5.34 – 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.76 – 4.59 (m, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7 (d, $J = 27.5$ Hz), 142.7 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 140.6, 140.5, 133.3 (d, $J = 20.4$ Hz), 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 117.8, 89.0 (dt, $J = 183.8, 22.8$ Hz), 62.8, 25.9, 18.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.01 – -179.68 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{FDO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 322.1324, found 322.1334.



But-3-yn-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2d)

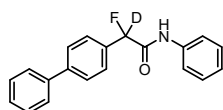
Colorless oil (65%, 36.8 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 6H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.39 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 2.48 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.89 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.4 (d, $J = 28.0$ Hz), 142.8 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 140.4, 132.9 (d, $J = 20.5$ Hz), 129.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 89.2 (dt, $J = 183.2, 18.2$ Hz), 79.4, 70.4, 63.4, 19.0;

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.76 – -180.43 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 322.0750, found 322.0737.



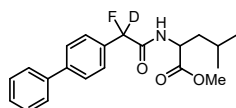
Benzyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2e)

Colorless oil (58%, 37.2 mg, 97% D); R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 6H), 7.49 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 5.21 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.51 (d, J = 27.9 Hz), 142.76 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 140.4, 135.0, 133.0 (d, J = 20.5 Hz), 129.0, 128.73, 128.66, 128.3, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 89.0 (dt, J = 184.0, 24.2 Hz), 67.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.39 – -180.06 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_2\text{D}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 321.1270, found 321.1279.



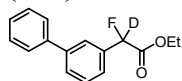
2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoro-N-phenylacetamide-2-d (2f)

White solid (43%, 26.3 mg, 97% D); m.p.: 151-152 °C; R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 8H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.5 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 142.8 (d, J = 2.4 Hz), 140.5, 136.8, 133.4 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 129.3, 129.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.33, 127.28, 125.3, 120.2, 91.5 (dt, J = 188.2, 23.1 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -172.65 – -178.33 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{15}\text{FDNONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 329.1171, found 329.1170.



Methyl (2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetyl)leucinate (2g)

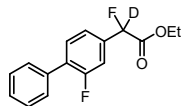
White solid (51%, 36.5 mg, 92% D); m.p.: 65-66 °C; R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.52 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 4.74 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 1.5H), 3.74 (s, 1.5H), 1.75 – 1.62 (m), 1.00 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1.5H), 0.99 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1.5H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1.5H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1.5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.96, 172.94, 168.52 (d, J = 22.2 Hz), 168.46 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 142.65 (d, J = 12.2 Hz), 142.63 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 140.53, 140.48, 133.60 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 133.50 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 128.95 (s), 127.76 (s), 127.70 (s), 127.63 (s), 127.30 (s), 127.19 (s), 91.41 (dt, J = 191.5, 21.6 Hz), 52.62 (s), 52.58 (s), 41.64 (s), 41.55 (s), 25.02 (s), 22.97 (s), 22.86 (s), 22.04 (s), 21.92 (s); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -175.32 – -176.00 (m), -177.71 – -178.39 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{FDNO}_3\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.1695, found 381.1698.



Ethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2h)

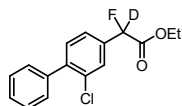
Colorless oil (70%, 36.3 mg, 99% D); R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m,

1H), 4.35 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6 (d, $J = 27.5$ Hz), 142.0, 140.4, 134.8 (d, $J = 20.8$ Hz), 129.3, 129.0, 128.5 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 127.8, 127.3, 125.5 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 88.9 (dt, $J = 184.6, 22.7$ Hz), 62.0, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.92 – -180.60 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 298.0750, found 298.0746.



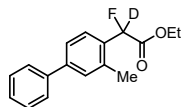
Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(2-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d (2i)

Colorless oil (49%, 27.2 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 4.36 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.2 (d, $J = 26.9$ Hz), 161.0, 158.5, 135.3 (dd, $J = 21.0, 7.8$ Hz), 135.1, 131.3 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz), 130.5 (dd, $J = 13.4, 1.8$ Hz), 129.1 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 128.7, 128.2, 122.5 (dd, $J = 6.1, 3.5$ Hz), 114.5 (dd, $J = 24.7, 6.7$ Hz), 88.4 (dt, $J = 184.7, 25.0$ Hz), 62.3, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -116.23 – -117.06 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz), -181.41 – -182.30 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{DO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 300.0917, found 300.0923.



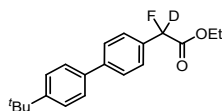
Ethyl 2-(2-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2j)

Colorless oil (58%, 34.0 mg, 98% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 7H), 4.37 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.1 (d, $J = 27.0$ Hz), 141.9 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 138.7, 134.8 (d, $J = 21.0$ Hz), 133.1, 131.8, 129.5, 128.3, 128.2 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 128.1, 125.0 (d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 88.2 (dt, $J = 185.4, 23.0$ Hz), 62.4, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -181.52 – -182.17 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{FCIDO}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 311.1067, found 311.1077.



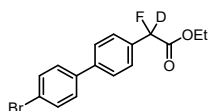
Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(2-methyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d (2k)

Colorless oil (51%, 27.9 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.37 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 – 4.18 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 169.0 (d, $J = 28.0$ Hz), 142.6 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 140.5, 137.1 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 131.8 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz), 129.8, 128.9, 128.0 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 127.8, 127.3, 88.8 (dt, $J = 185.2, 25.3$ Hz), 62.0, 19.5, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -178.64 – -179.93 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 312.0906, found 312.0907.



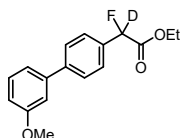
Ethyl 2-(4'-(tert-butyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2l)

Colorless oil (68%, 42.9 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.29 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7 (d, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 151.0, 142.6, 137.5, 132.9 (d, $J = 20.2$ Hz), 127.5, 127.3 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 126.9, 126.0, 87.2 (dt, $J = 184.6, 22.5$ Hz), 62.0, 34.7, 31.5, 14.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.02 – -179.70 (m); HRMS (ESI) m/z : $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{FDO}_2$ 316.1818; Found: 316.1820. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{FDO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 316.1818, found 316.1820.



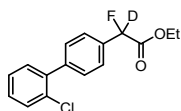
Ethyl 2-(4'-bromo-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2m)

Colorless oil (52%, 35.1 mg, 98% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 – 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.45 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.35 – 4.2 (m, 2H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6 (d, $J = 27.3$ Hz), 141.4 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz), 139.3, 133.7 (d, $J = 20.3$ Hz), 132.1, 128.9, 127.42, 127.37, 127.3, 122.2, 88.9 (dt, $J = 182.6, 24.0$ Hz), 62.1, 14.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.95 – -180.62 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{BrFDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 375.9856, found 375.9854.



Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(3'-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d (2n)

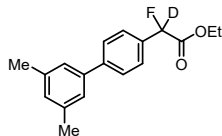
Colorless oil (77%, 44.5 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.17 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.92 (dd, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 – 4.22 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7 (d, $J = 27.3$ Hz), 160.1, 142.6, 141.9, 133.4 (d, $J = 20.3$ Hz), 130.0, 127.7, 127.2 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 119.8, 113.2 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 89.0 (dt, $J = 185.4, 23.0$ Hz), 62.1, 55.5, 14.2; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.50 – -180.17 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{FDO}_3\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 328.0856, found 328.0848.



Ethyl 2-(2'-chloro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2o)

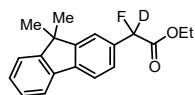
Colorless oil (51%, 29.9 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 4.36 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.62 (d, $J = 27.4$ Hz), 140.8 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 139.8, 133.6 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz), 132.6, 131.4, 130.2, 130.0, 129.0, 127.1, 126.5

(d, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 88.9 (dt, $J = 184.8, 22.5$ Hz), 62.1, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -180.18 – -180.84 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClFDO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 311.1067, found 311.1059.



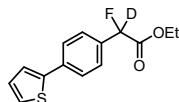
Ethyl 2-(3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2p)

Colorless oil (67%, 38.5 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 4.35 – 4.2 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 6H), 1.29 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.7 (d, $J = 27.7$ Hz), 143.0 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 140.5, 138.5, 133.0 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz), 129.5, 127.7, 127.2 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 125.2, 89.4 (dt, $J = 184.3, 24.1$ Hz), 62.0, 21.5, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.15 – -179.83 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{FDO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 310.1324, found 310.1313.



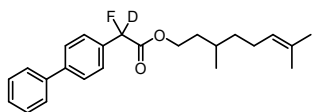
Ethyl 2-(9,9-dimethyl-9H-fluoren-2-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2q)

Colorless oil (58%, 34.7 mg, 98% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.55 (s, 1H), 7.45 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 4.35 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 1.28 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.9 (d, $J = 27.9$ Hz), 154.2 (d, $J = 23.7$ Hz), 140.9 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 138.4, 133.1 (d, $J = 20.2$ Hz), 128.0, 127.2, 126.0 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 122.8, 121.2 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 120.4 (d, $J = 15.3$ Hz), 89.5 (dt, $J = 182.6, 24.0$ Hz), 61.9, 47.1, 27.2, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -177.13 – -177.80 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{FDO}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 322.1324, found 322.1317.



Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(4-(thiophen-2-yl)phenyl)acetate-d (2r)

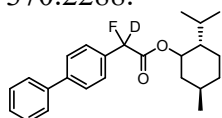
Colorless oil (56%, 29.7 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.6 (d, $J = 27.6$ Hz), 143.5, 135.8 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 133.3 (d, $J = 20.3$ Hz), 128.3, 127.4 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 126.3, 125.6, 123.9, 88.9 (dt, $J = 184.2, 4.6$ Hz), 62.1, 14.2. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.74 – -180.42 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{FDO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 266.0756, found 266.0749.



3,7-Dimethyloct-6-en-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2s)

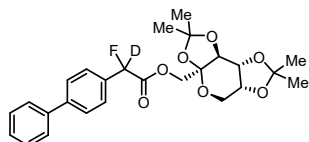
Colorless oil (49%, 36.2 mg, 96% D, dr = 1:1); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 6H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.36

(m, 1H), 5.05 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.26 – 4.23 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.59 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.46 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.29 – 1.28 (m, 1H), 1.16 – 1.14 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.8 (d, $J = 27.5$ Hz), 142.7 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz), 140.4, 133.3 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz), 131.6, 129.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.27, 127.26 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 127.2, 124.6, 89.0 (dt, $J = 184.8, 16.7$ Hz), 64.5, 37.0, 35.4, 29.5, 29.5, 25.8, 25.5, 19.5, 19.4, 17.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.62 – -180.42 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{FDO}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.2287, found 370.2288.



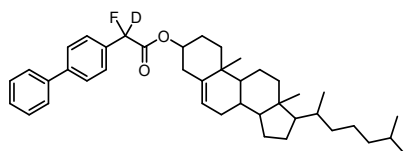
2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2t)

Colorless oil (61%, 45.0 mg, 99% D, dr = 1:1); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.48 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 4.86 – 4.74 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.692 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.28 (m, 3H), 1.11 – 0.97 (m, 2H), 0.92 – 0.84 (m, 5.5H), 0.78 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1.5H), 0.69 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 1.5H), 0.53 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1.5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.45 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 168.2 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 142.7 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 142.5 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 140.5, 140.4, 129.0, 127.8, 127.53, 127.50, 127.4 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 127.3, 127.2 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 89.02 (dt, $J = 183.3, 24.6$ Hz), 88.99 (dt, $J = 182.8, 23.5$ Hz), 76.2, 47.1, 47.0, 40.8, 40.4, 34.22, 34.19, 31.52, 31.47, 26.3, 25.8, 23.5, 23.3, 22.1, 22.0, 20.8, 20.7, 16.3, 16.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -178.34 – -179.81 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{FDO}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 370.2287, found 370.2289.



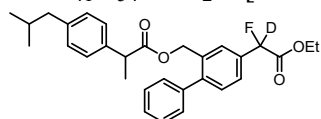
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Colorless oil (52%, 49.2 mg, 96% D, dr = 1:1); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.53 (m, 6H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 4.63 – 4.6 (m, 1H), 4.52 – 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.33 – 4.14 (m, 3H), 3.92 – 3.52 (m, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.49 – 1.47 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.20 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 142.9, 140.4, 132.8 (d, $J = 20.0$ Hz), 129.0, 127.9, 127.74, 127.72, 127.67, 127.6 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 127.3, 109.4, 109.3, 109.19, 109.15, 101.3, 101.2, 89.7 (dt, $J = 183.4, 23.3$ Hz), 70.90, 70.87, 70.4, 70.11, 70.10, 66.0, 65.9, 61.5, 42.7, 34.1, 26.6, 26.0, 25.2, 25.0, 24.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -177.76 – -178.70 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{29}\text{FDO}_7$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 474.203, found 474.2045.



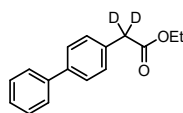
10,13-Dimethyl-17-(6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (2v)

White solid (50%, 59.9 mg, 99% D, dr = 1:1); m.p.: 95-96 °C; R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.47 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 5.39 (s, 0.5H), 5.35 (s, 0.5H), 4.77 – 4.75 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.27 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.79 (m, 6H), 1.59 – 1.47 (m, 8H), 1.35 – 1.25 (m, 5H), 1.12 – 1.06 (m, 6H), 1.02 – 0.98 (s, 5H), 0.93 – 0.86 (m, 8H), 0.70 – 0.67 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.1 (d, J = 27.2 Hz), 142.6 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 140.4, 139.2 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 133.4 (d, J = 20.3 Hz), 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 123.3 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 87.2 (dt, J = 183.4, 21.8 Hz) 75.9, 56.8, 56.2, 50.1, 42.4, 39.8, 39.7, 38.0, 37.8, 37.0, 36.9, 36.7, 36.3, 35.9, 32.01, 31.95, 28.4, 28.2, 27.8, 27.6, 24.4, 24.0, 23.0, 22.7, 21.2, 19.4, 18.9, 12.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -178.95 – -179.61 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{54}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 638.3880, found 638.3862.



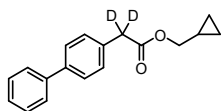
(4-(2-Ethoxy-1-fluoro-2-oxoethyl-1-d)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)methyl-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (2w)

Colorless oil (52%, 49.6 mg, 99% D, dr = 1:1); R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.47 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.04 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 – 4.24 (m, 2H), 3.73 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.89 – 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.49 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.3, 174.3, 168.5 (d, J = 27.2 Hz), 143.6 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 143.58 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 140.8, 139.6, 137.6, 134.1, 133.7, 133.5, 130.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 126.4 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 126.2 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 88.8 (dt, J = 181.9, 23.2 Hz), 64.4, 62.1, 45.22, 45.16, 30.3, 22.5, 18.5, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -179.44 – -180.55 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{32}\text{FDO}_4\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 516.2057, found 516.2062.



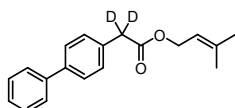
Ethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3a)

Colorless oil (86%, 41.6 mg, 98% D); R_f = 0.4 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.6, 140.9, 140.1, 133.2, 129.7, 128.8, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 61.0, 41.9 – 40.2 (m), 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 260.1614, found 260.1605.



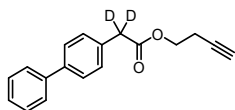
Cyclopropylmethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3b)

Colorless oil (80%, 42.9 mg, 98% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.34 (m, 5H), 3.98 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.20 – 1.13 (m, 1H), 0.59 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 0.31 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 140.9, 140.1, 133.3, 129.8, 128.9, 127.41, 127.36, 127.2, 69.8, 42.2 – 40.0 (m), 9.9, 3.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 307.1064, found 307.1054.



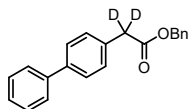
3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3c)

Colorless oil (73%, 41.2 mg, 98% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 5.36 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 141.0, 140.2, 139.4, 133.2, 129.8, 128.9, 127.44, 127.38, 127.2, 118.6, 62.0, 41.04 – 40.66 (m), 25.9, 18.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 321.1220, found 321.1216.



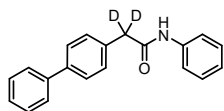
But-3-yn-1-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3d)

White solid (69%, 36.7 mg, 98% D); m.p.: 64-65 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.60 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 4.24 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.28 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 140.9, 140.3, 132.9, 129.8, 128.9, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 62.7, 40.9 – 39.9 (m), 19.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 266.1270, found 266.1261.



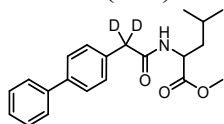
Benzyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3e)

White solid (75%, 45.6 mg, 96% D); m.p.: 72-73 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.35 (m, 8H), 5.18 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.5, 140.9, 140.3, 136.0, 133.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 66.8, 41.2 – 40.1 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 322.1771, found 322.1789.



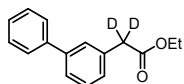
2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-*N*-phenylacetamide-2,2-d₂ (3f)

White solid (75%, 43.4 mg, 96% D); m.p.: 133-134 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 4:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 140.8, 140.6, 137.7, 133.4, 130.1, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 124.7, 120.0, 42.8 – 42.1 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₀H₁₅D₂ON [M]⁺ 289.1430, found 289.1425.



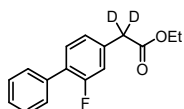
Methyl (2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetyl)leucinate-d₂ (3g)

White solid (73%, 49.8 mg, 95% D); m.p.: 67-68 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (petroleum ether/acetone = 4:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.46 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.87 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.67 – 4.63 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 1.63 – 1.47 (m, 3H), 0.91 – 0.88 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 170.8, 140.7, 140.4, 133.6, 129.9, 128.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 52.4, 50.9, 43.2 – 42.2 (m), 41.6, 25.0, 22.9, 22.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₈H₁₈F₂O₂N [M+Na]⁺ 364.1852, found 364.1860.



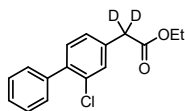
Ethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)acetate-d₂ (3h)

Colorless oil (81%, 39.2 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 4.20 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 141.7, 141.1, 134.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 126.1, 61.1, 41.6 – 40.5 (m), 14.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄D₂O₂Na [M+Na]⁺ 265.1168, found 265.1156.



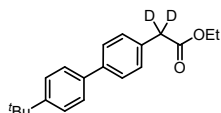
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Colorless oil (71%, 36.9 mg, 96% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.20 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 160.9, 158.5, 135.6, 135.4 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 130.9 (d, $J = 3.9$ Hz), 129.1 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz), 128.5, 127.9 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 127.8, 125.4 (d, $J = 2.9$ Hz), 117.1 (d, $J = 23.6$ Hz), 61.2, 40.8 – 4.1 (m), 14.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.93 (t, $J = 9.8$ Hz). HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₄FD₂O₂ [M+H]⁺ 261.1254, found 261.1255.



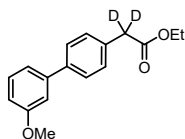
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Colorless oil (65%, 35.9 mg, 96% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.33 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.2, 139.4, 139.2, 134.8, 132.6, 131.6, 130.8, 129.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 61.3, 40.6 – 40.0 (m), 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClD}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 299.0778, found 299.0769.



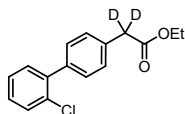
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Colorless oil (79%, 47.1 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.21 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.31 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.8, 150.4, 134.0, 138.0, 132.9, 129.7, 127.3, 126.8, 125.8, 61.0, 41.3 – 40.1 (m), 34.6, 31.5, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 305.2056, found 305.2070.



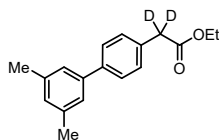
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Colorless oil (83%, 45.2 mg, 96% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 30:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 7.09 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.19 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.7, 160.1, 142.5, 140.0, 133.4, 129.9, 129.7, 127.5, 119.7, 112.9, 112.8, 61.0, 55.4, 41.1 – 40.1 (m), 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{D}_2\text{O}_3$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 272.1376, found 272.1375.



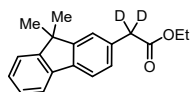
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Colorless oil (66%, 36.4 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.6, 140.2, 138.2, 133.5, 132.5, 131.4, 130.0, 129.7, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 61.0, 41.2 – 40.2 (m), 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClD}_2\text{O}_2\text{N}$ $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ 294.1224, found 294.1234.



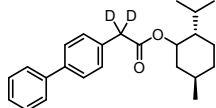
Ethyl 2-(3',5'-dimethyl-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3n)

Colorless oil (78%, 42.1 mg, 97% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (s, 6H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.7, 140.9, 140.3, 138.3, 133.0, 129.6, 129.0, 127.4, 125.1, 61.0, 41.1 – 40.1 (m), 21.5, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 277.1743, found 277.1744.



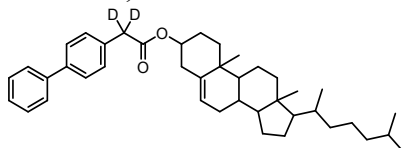
Ethyl 2-(9,9-dimethyl-9H-fluoren-2-yl)acetate-d₂ (3o)

Colorless oil (68%, 38.4 mg, 98% D); $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.4 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.9, 154.1, 153.8, 139.0, 138.3, 133.2, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 123.7, 122.6, 120.1, 120.0, 60.9, 46.9, 41.4 – 40.8 (m), 27.2, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 289.1743, found 289.1757.



2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3p)

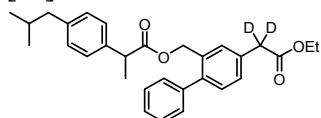
Colorless oil (66%, 46.5 mg, 97% D, dr = 1:1); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/acetone = 50:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 4.76 – 4.70 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 1H), 2.03 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 1H), 1.51 (s, 1H), 1.40 (t, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.08 – 1.00 (m, 1H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 0.73 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.3, 170.8, 141.0, 140.0, 133.5, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 127.2, 74.9, 47.2, 40.9, 41.1 – 40.8 (m), 34.4, 31.5, 26.3, 23.5, 22.2, 20.9, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{D}_2\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 375.2264, found 375.2257.



10,13-Dimethyl-17-(6-methylheptan-2-yl)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate-d₂ (3q)

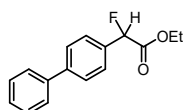
White solid (50%, 58.2 mg, 96% D); m.p.: 98-99 °C; $R_f = 0.4$ (PE/acetone = 40:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.48 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 5.42 (s, 1H), 4.74 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 2.39 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 1.90 (m,

6H), 1.71 – 1.49 (m, 8H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 5H), 1.18 – 1.14 (m, 6H), 1.09 – 1.04 (m, 5H), 0.98 – 0.92 (m, 8H), 0.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 140.9, 140.0, 139.7, 133.4, 129.7, 128.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.2, 122.8, 74.6, 56.8, 56.2, 50.1, 42.4, 41.2 – 40.6 (m), 39.8, 39.6, 38.2, 37.1, 36.7, 36.3, 35.9, 32.01, 31.96, 28.4, 28.1, 27.9, 24.4, 24.0, 23.0, 22.7, 21.2, 19.5, 18.9, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₁H₅₄D₂O₂ [M]⁺ 582.4400, found 582.4415.



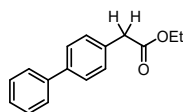
(4-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethyl-1,1-d₂)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl)methyl-2-(4-isobutylphenyl)propanoate (3r)

Colorless oil (67%, 61.7 mg, 96% D); R_f = 0.3 (PE/acetone = 40:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 – 7.32 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (q, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.97 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 171.6, 141.2, 140.7, 140.1, 137.7, 133.5, 133.4, 130.5, 130.4, 129.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 127.4, 127.4, 64.7, 61.1, 45.2, 45.2, 41.1 – 40.2 (m), 30.3, 22.5, 18.5, 14.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₀H₃₂D₂O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 483.2475, found 483.2489.



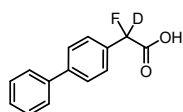
Ethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate (4a)^[1]

Colorless oil (79%, 40.8 mg); R_f = 0.5 (PE/acetone = 4:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66 – 7.55 (m, 6H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 47.6 Hz, 1H), 4.36 – 4.21 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.7 (d, *J* = 27.4 Hz), 142.7 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 140.4, 133.3 (d, *J* = 20.5 Hz), 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 90.3, 88.4, 62.0, 14.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -179.38 (d, *J* = 47.8 Hz). Characterization data consistent with reported data^[1].



Ethyl 2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)acetate (4b)^[3b]

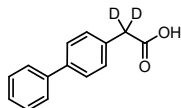
Colorless oil (82%, 39.4 mg); R_f = 0.5 (PE/acetone = 4:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 140.9, 140.1, 133.2, 129.7, 128.8, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 61.0, 41.1, 14.3. Characterization data consistent with reported data^[3b].



2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetic-2-d acid (5a)

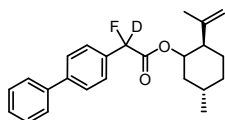
White solid (80%, 33.7 mg, 89% D); m.p.: 131-132 °C; R_f = 0.5 (PE/acetone = 4:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50

– 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.37 (m, 1H); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO) δ -175.62 – -176.28 (m); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ 169.8 (d, $J = 27.0$ Hz), 141.3 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 139.5, 134.1 (d, $J = 19.9$ Hz), 129.0, 127.9, 127.6 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 127.1, 126.8, 88.17 (dt, $J = 177.1, 20.6$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 270.0437, found 270.0425.



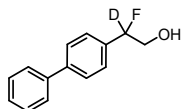
2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)acetic-2,2-d₂ acid (5b)

White solid (82%, 35.1 mg, 90% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 4:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 12.31 (s, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 173.1, 140.4, 139.0, 134.7, 130.4, 129.4, 127.8, 127.0. Characterization data consistent with reported data^[3a].



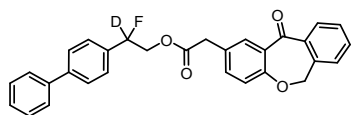
(2R,5S)-5-methyl-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohexyl-2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroacetate-d (6)

Colorless oil (80%, 29.4 mg, 89% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 25:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 4H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 4.94 – 4.85 (m, 1H), 4.74 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, $J = 26.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.18 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.58 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.37– 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.09 – 1.01 (m, 1H), 0.94– 1.30 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 168.0 (d, $J = 27.4$ Hz), 168.0 (d, $J = 26.8$ Hz), 145.7, 145.1, 142.40, 142.38, 140.5, 140.4, 133.4 (d, $J = 20.2$ Hz), 133.3 (d, $J = 20.1$ Hz), 128.9, 127.7, 127.7, 127.4, 127.3, 127.32, 127.25, 112.3, 112.1, 88.99 (dt, $J = 154.8, 22.4$ Hz), 88.98 (dt, $J = 155.9, 21.7$ Hz), 75.4, 75.3, 50.6, 50.5, 40.3, 39.9, 34.9, 34.0, 33.9, 31.39, 31.36, 30.5, 30.3, 25.5, 24.7, 22.0, 21.9, 19.4, 19.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -178.48 – -179.93 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{26}\text{FDO}_2\text{K}$ $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ 406.1689, found 406.1698.



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroethan-2-d-1-ol (7a)

White solid (86%, 37.3 mg, 92% D); m.p.: 97-98 °C; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 4:1); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 5H), 4.05 – 3.85 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.88 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 140.6, 135.5, 135.3, 129.0, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 94.37 (dt, $J = 170.0, 23.5$ Hz), 66.47 (d, $J = 24.8$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -186.17 – -187.00 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{FDONa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 240.0905, found 240.0910.



2-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-fluoroethyl-2-d-2-(11-oxo-6,11-dihydrodibenzo[b,e]oxepin-2-yl)acetate (7b)

Colorless oil (88%, 41.1 mg, 92% D); $R_f = 0.5$ (PE/EtOAc = 4:1); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.54 (m, 5H), 7.49 – 7.35 (m, 8H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.51 – 4.37 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 190.9, 171.3, 160.7, 142.1, 140.5 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 136.5, 135.7, 134.7 (d, $J = 19.8$ Hz), 132.9, 132.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.4, 126.4, 125.3, 121.3, 91.1 (dt, $J = 175.9, 23.2$ Hz), 73.7, 67.3, 67.0, 40.1; $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -183.90 – -184.73 (m); HRMS (ESI) calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{FDO}_4\text{Li}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Li}]^+$ 474.1798, found 474.1778.

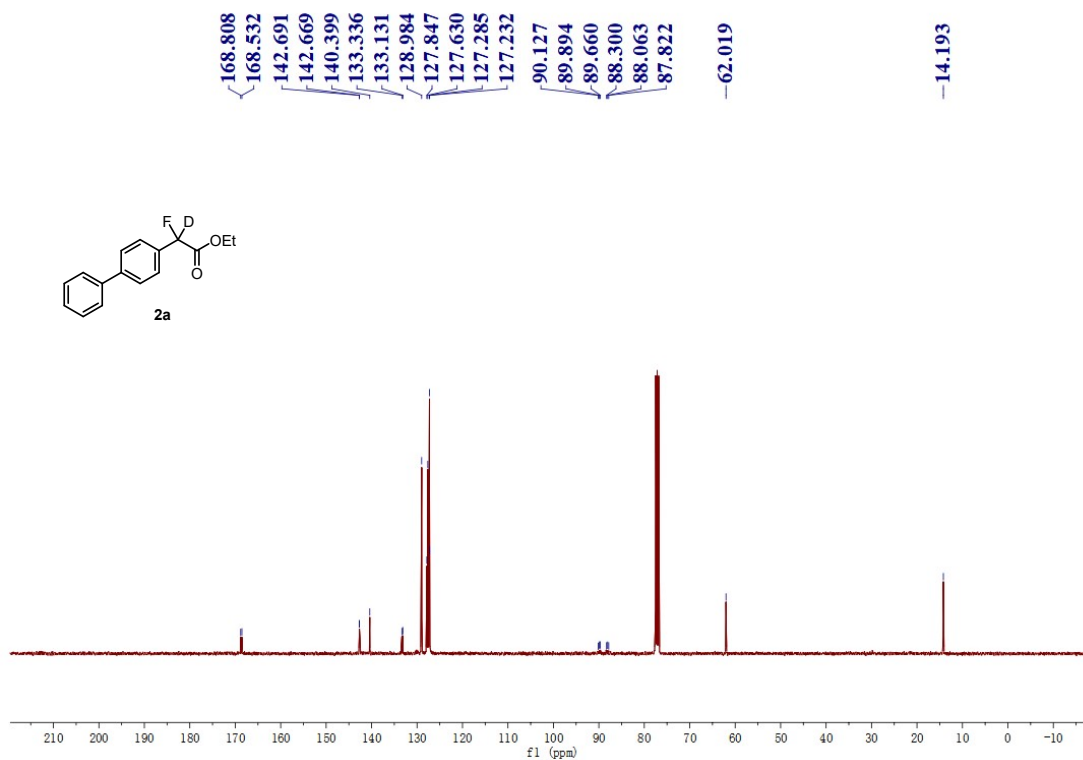
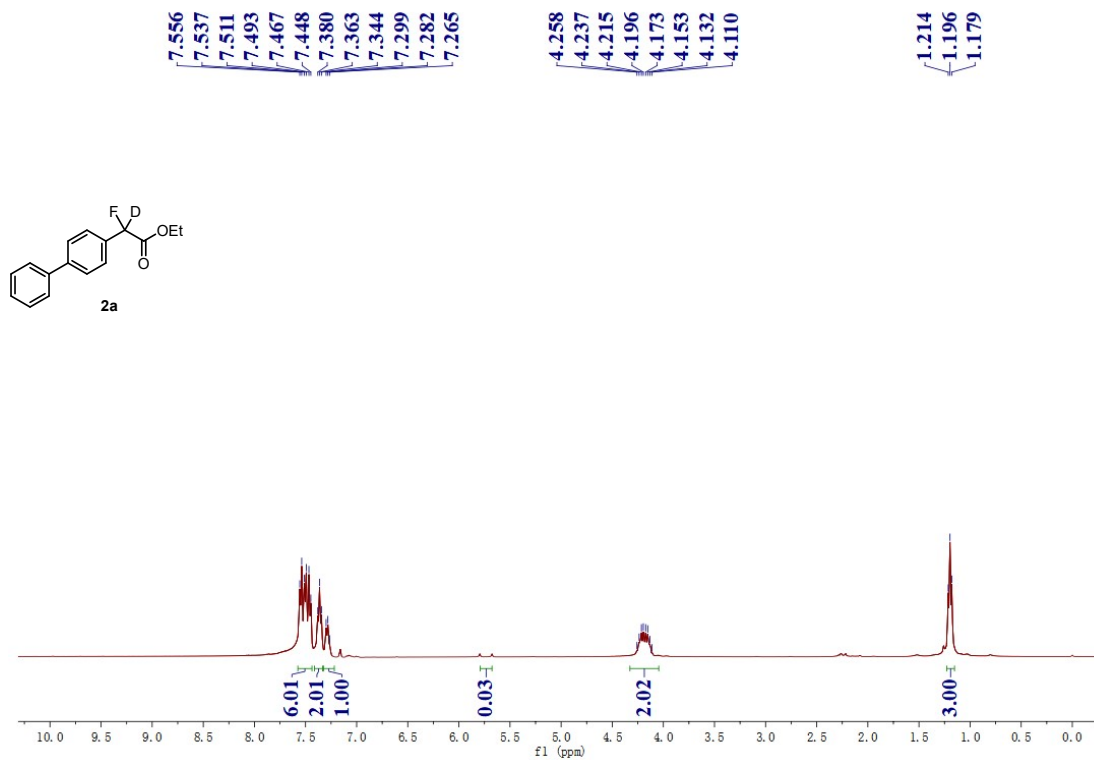
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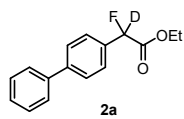
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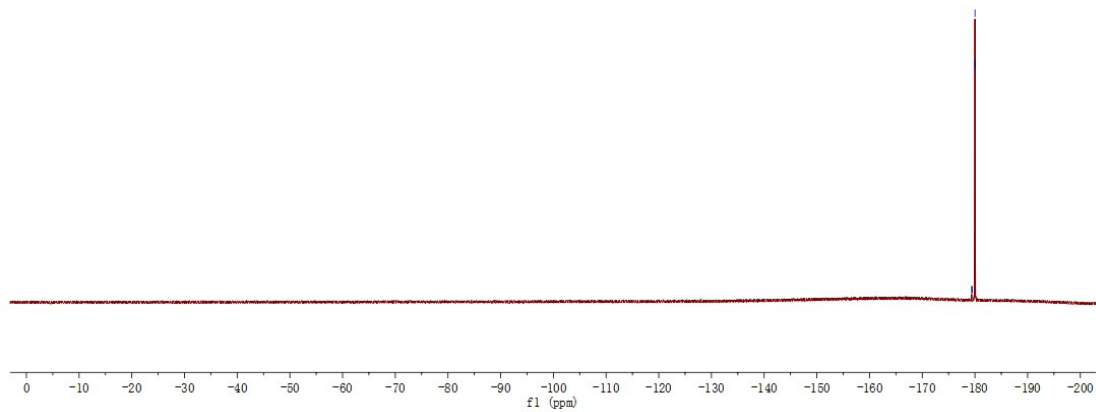
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^1H , ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F spectra for compound 2a (Chloroform-d)



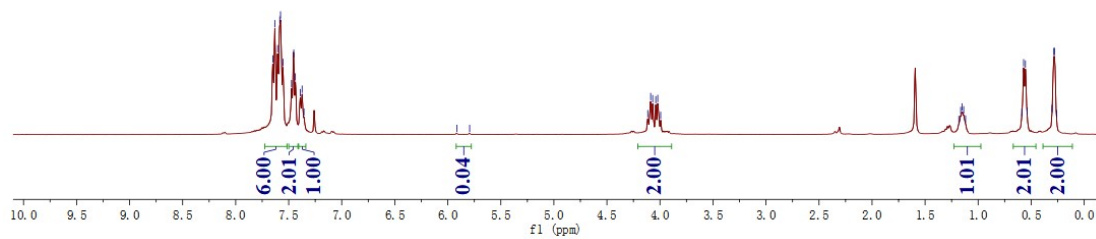
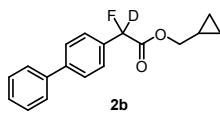


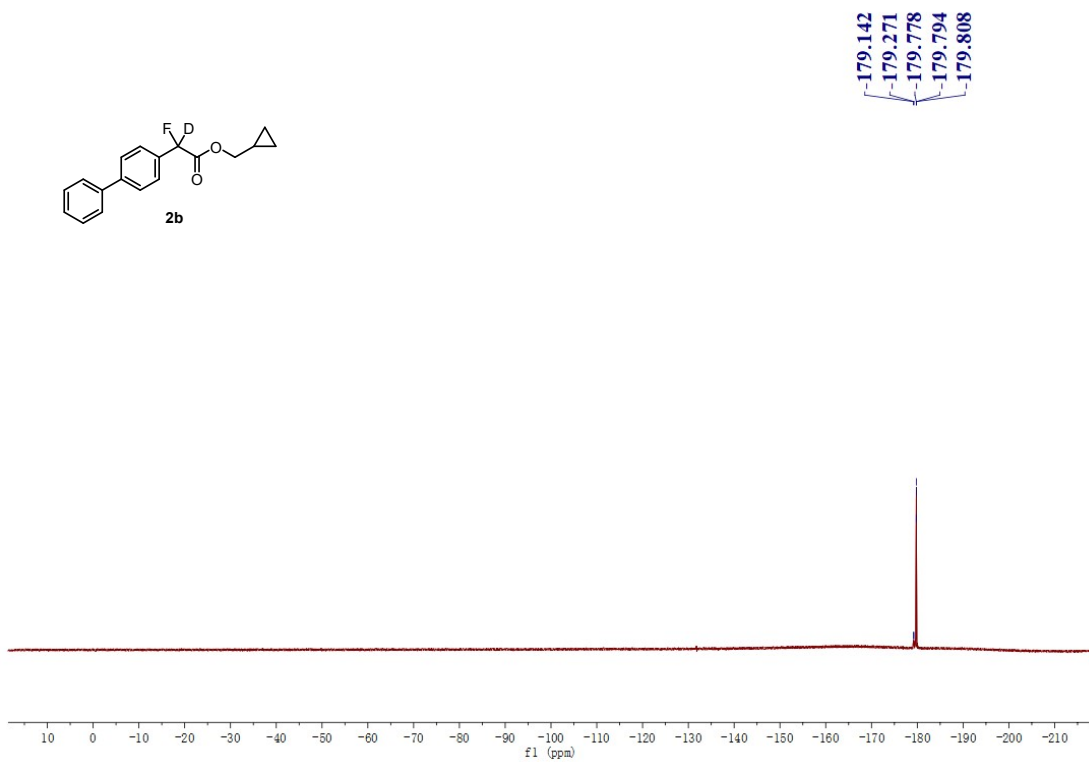
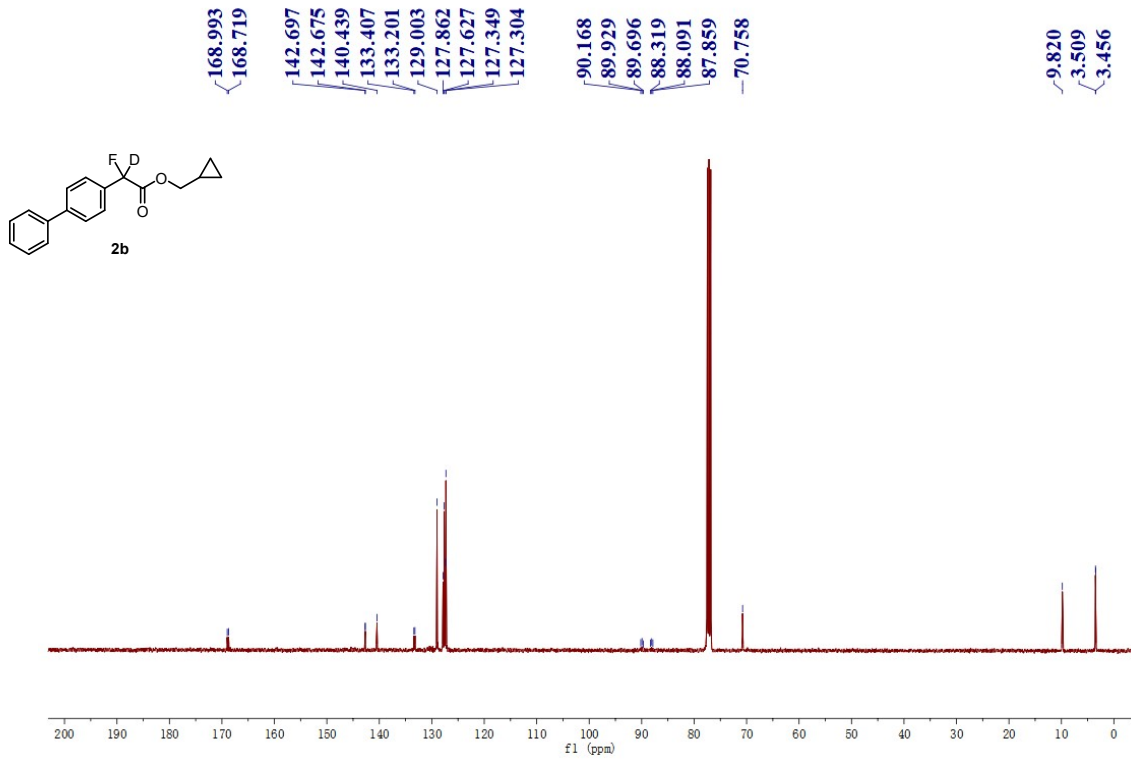
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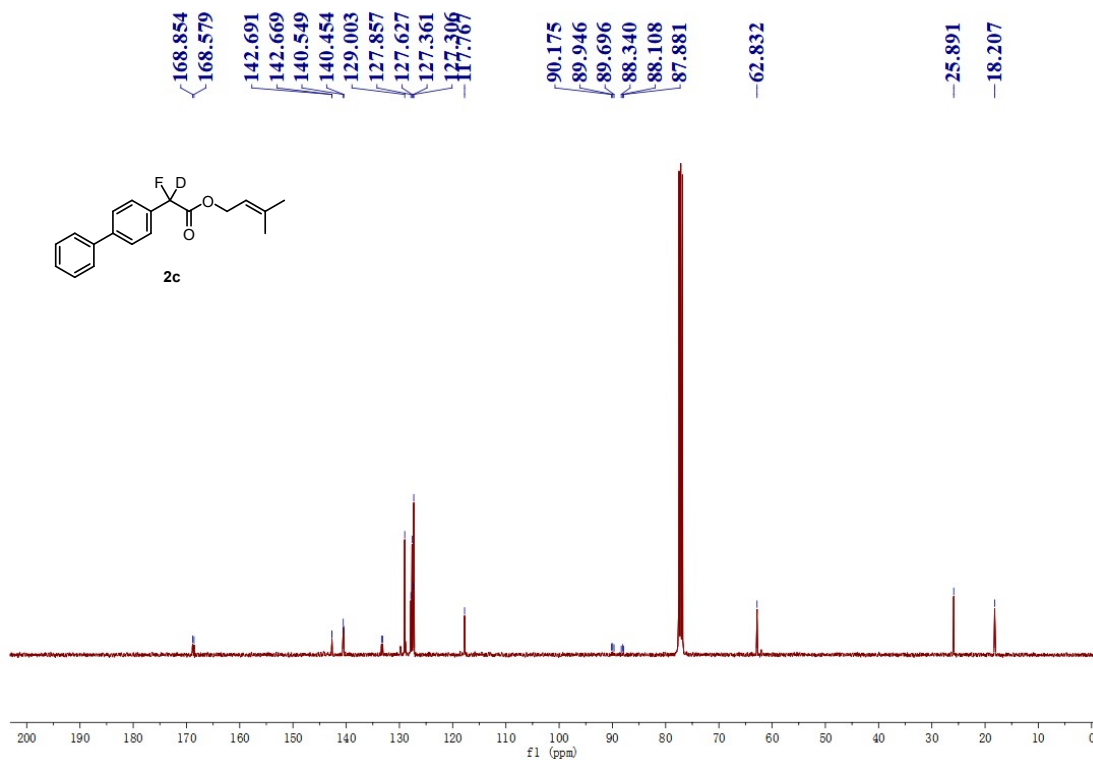
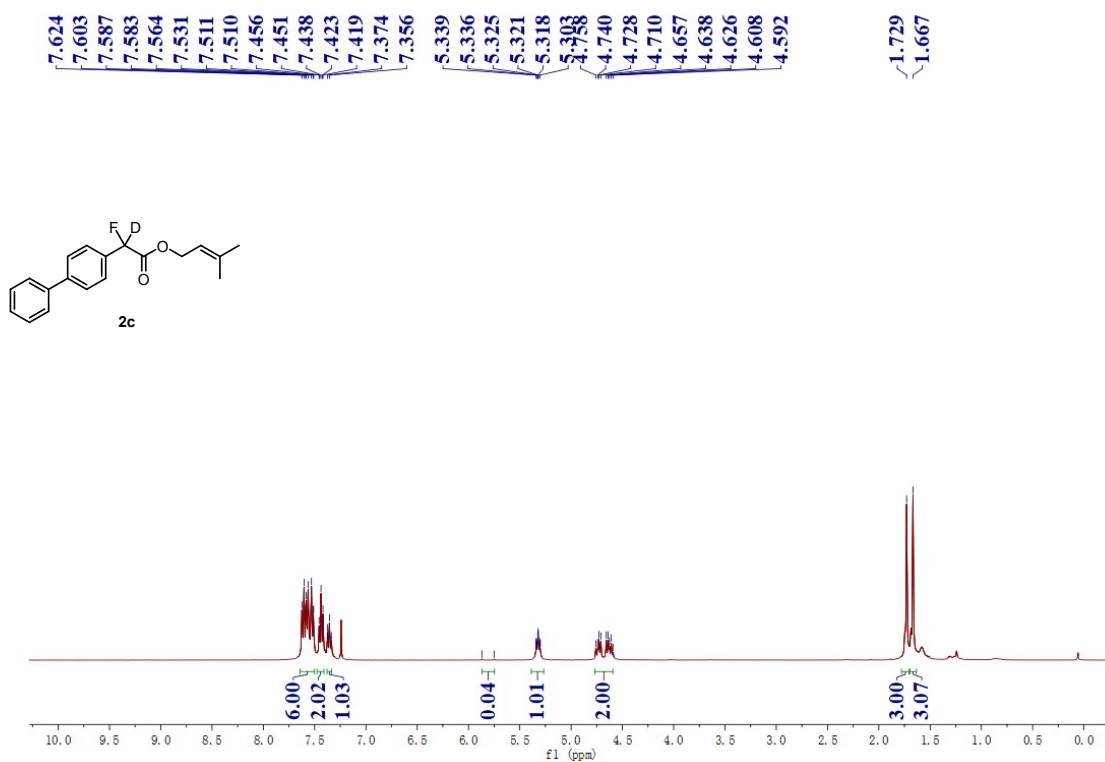
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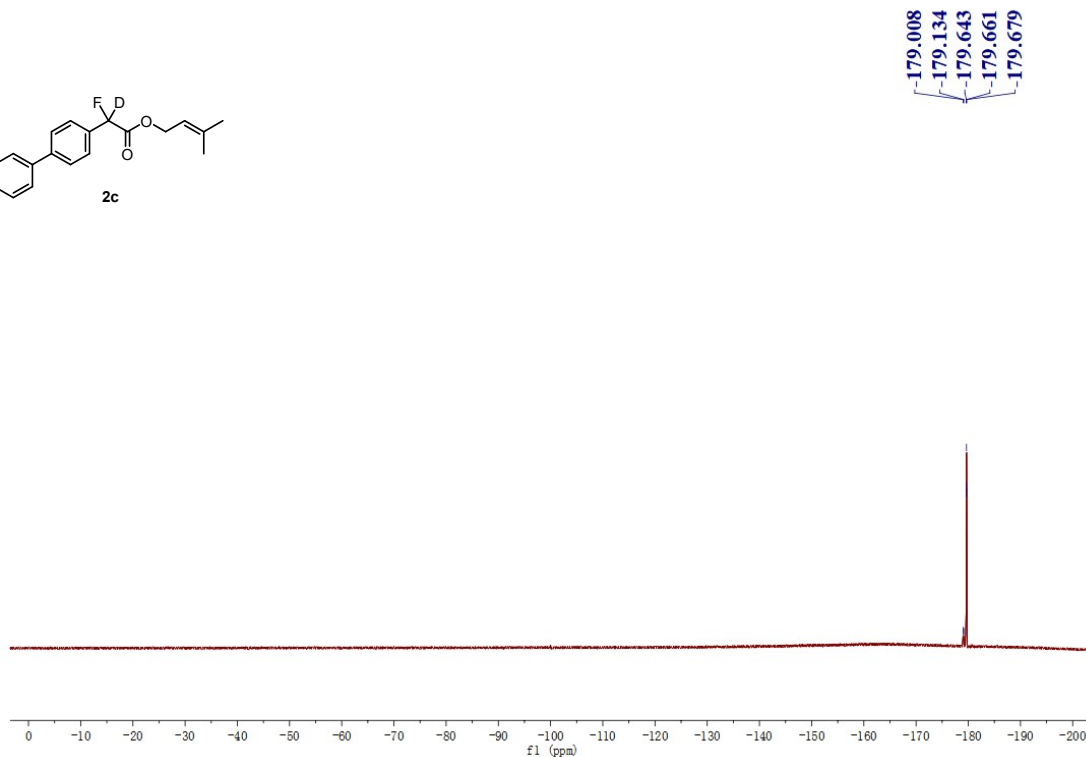
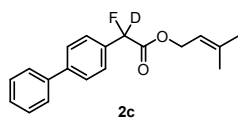
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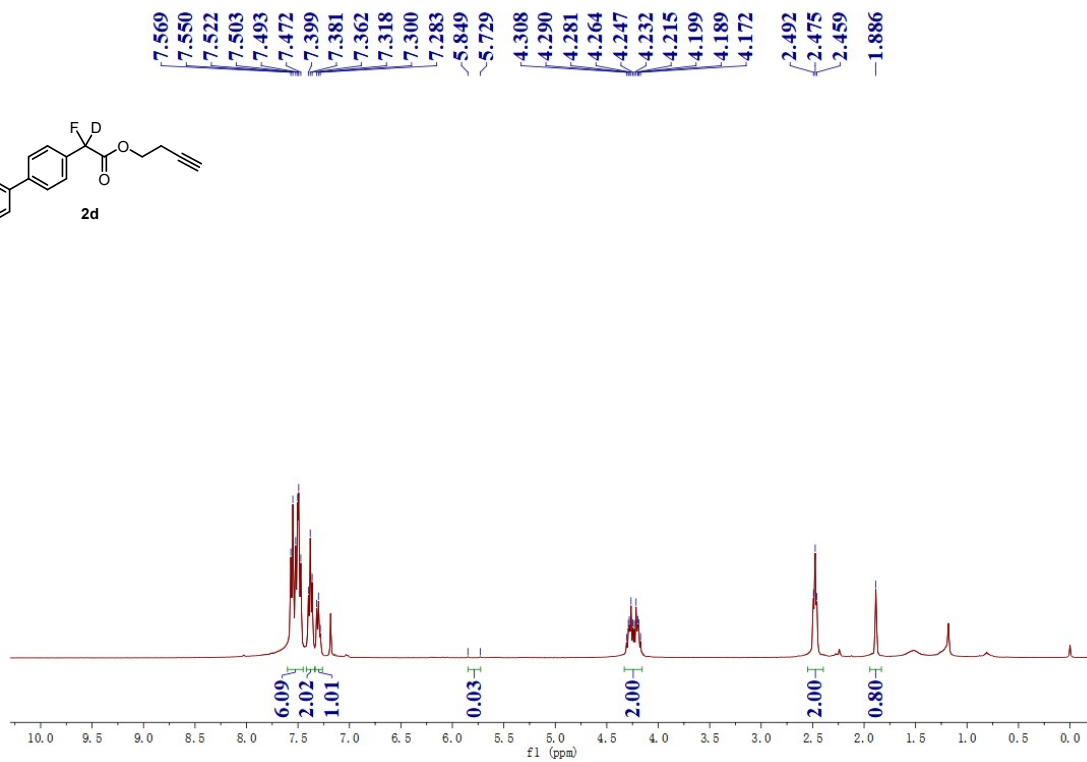
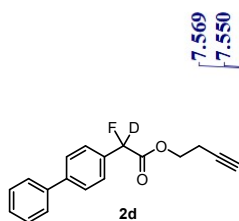


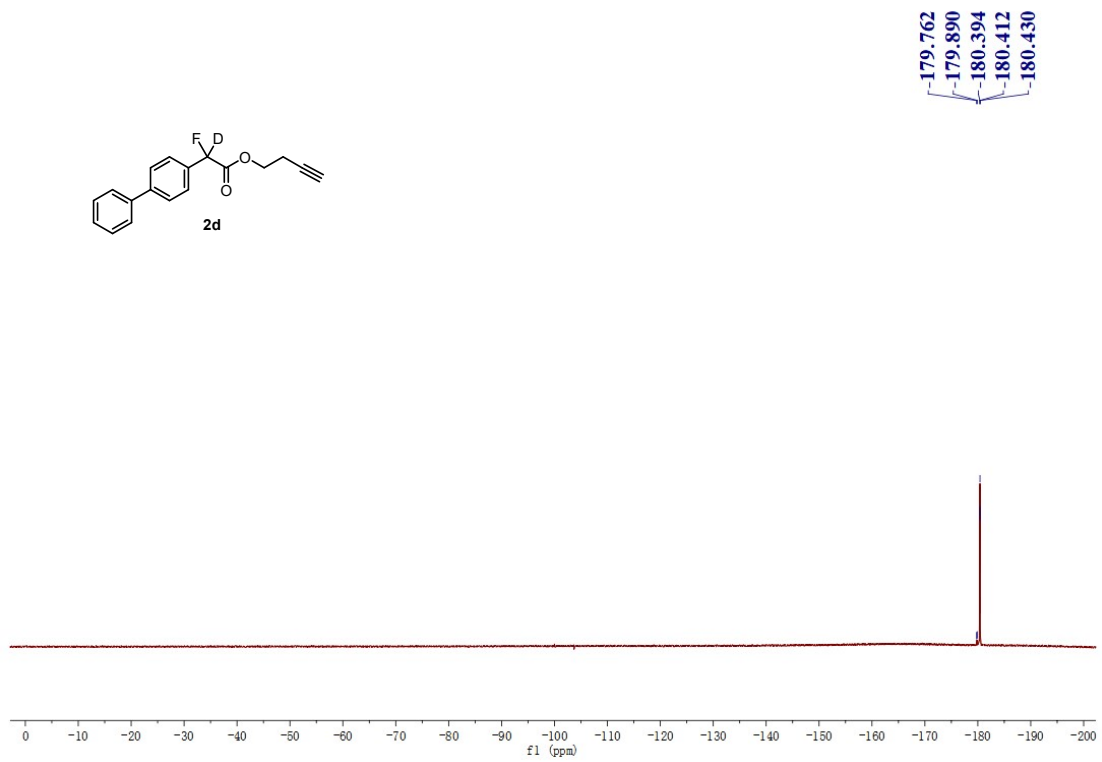
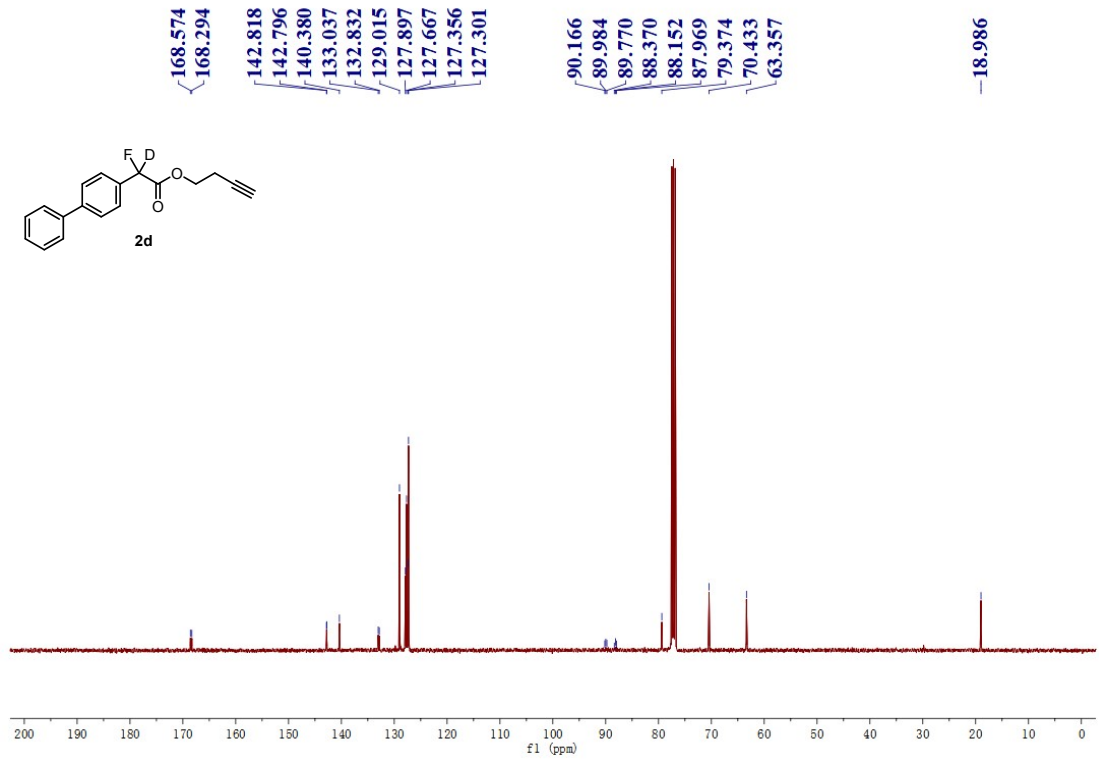
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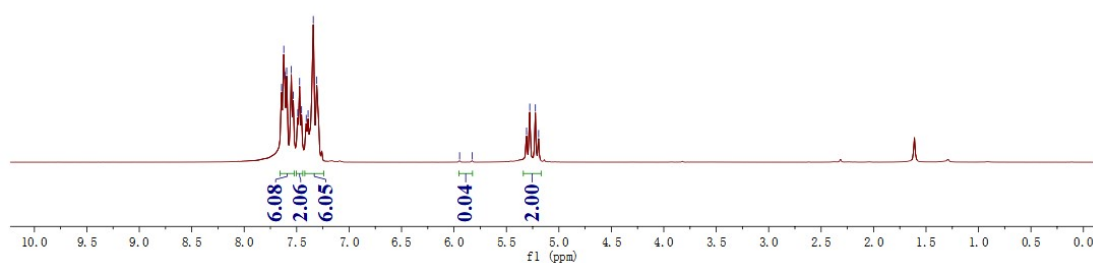
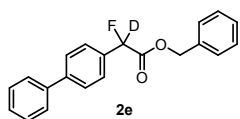
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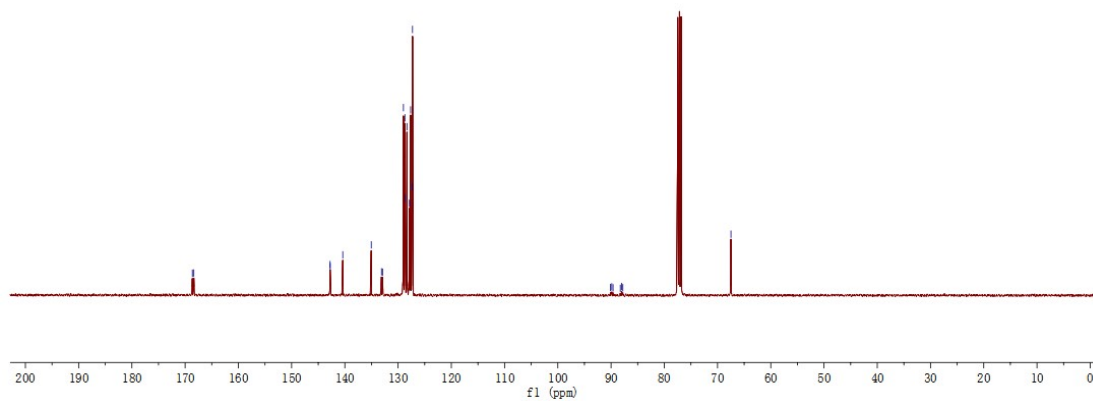
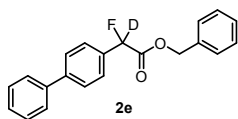


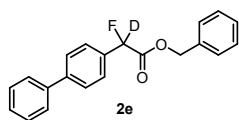
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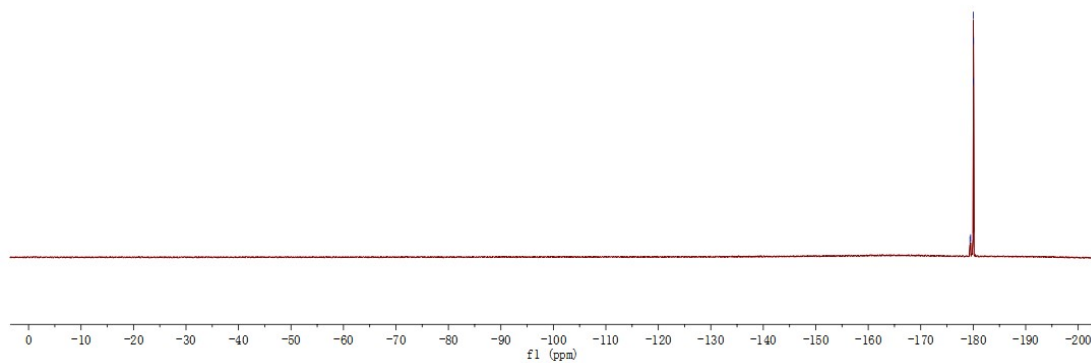


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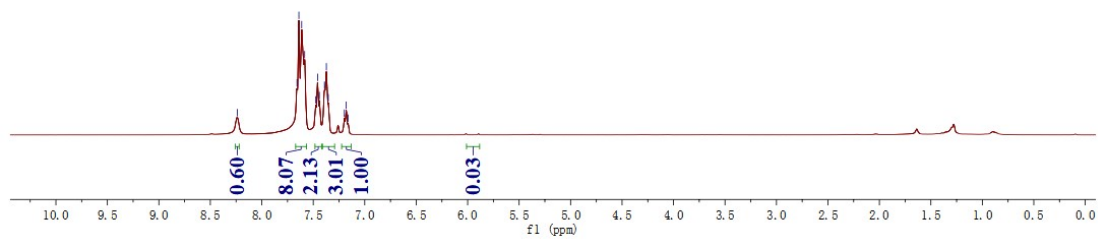
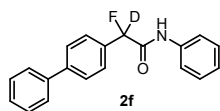


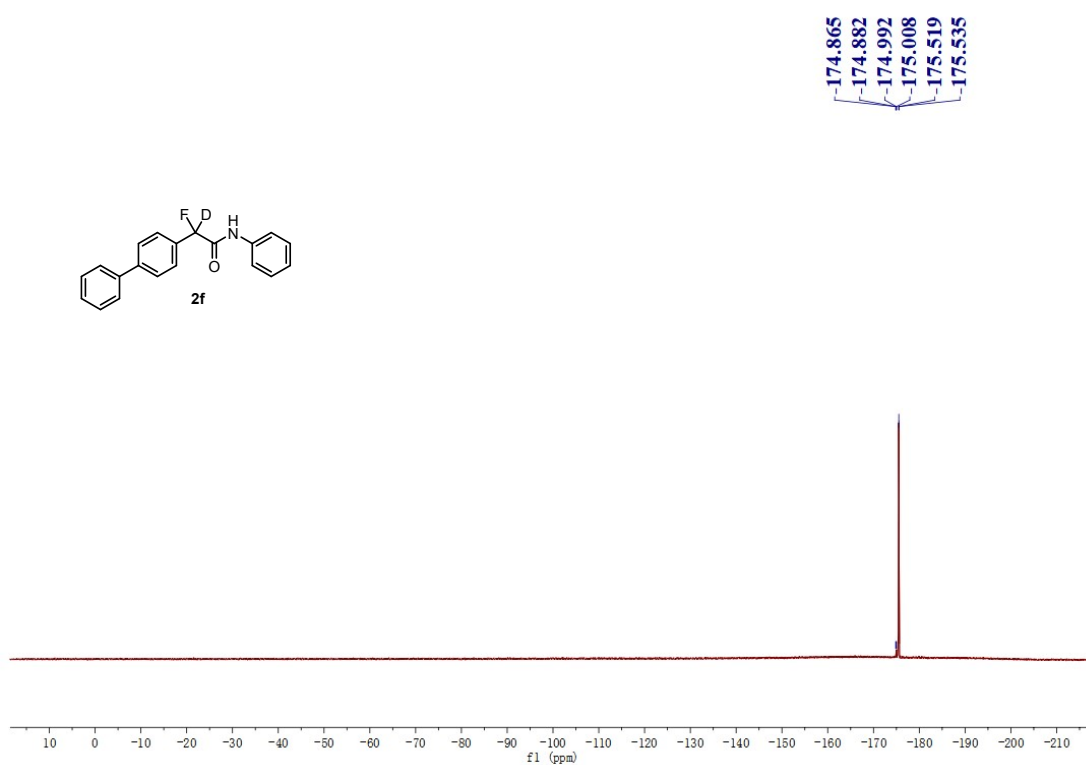
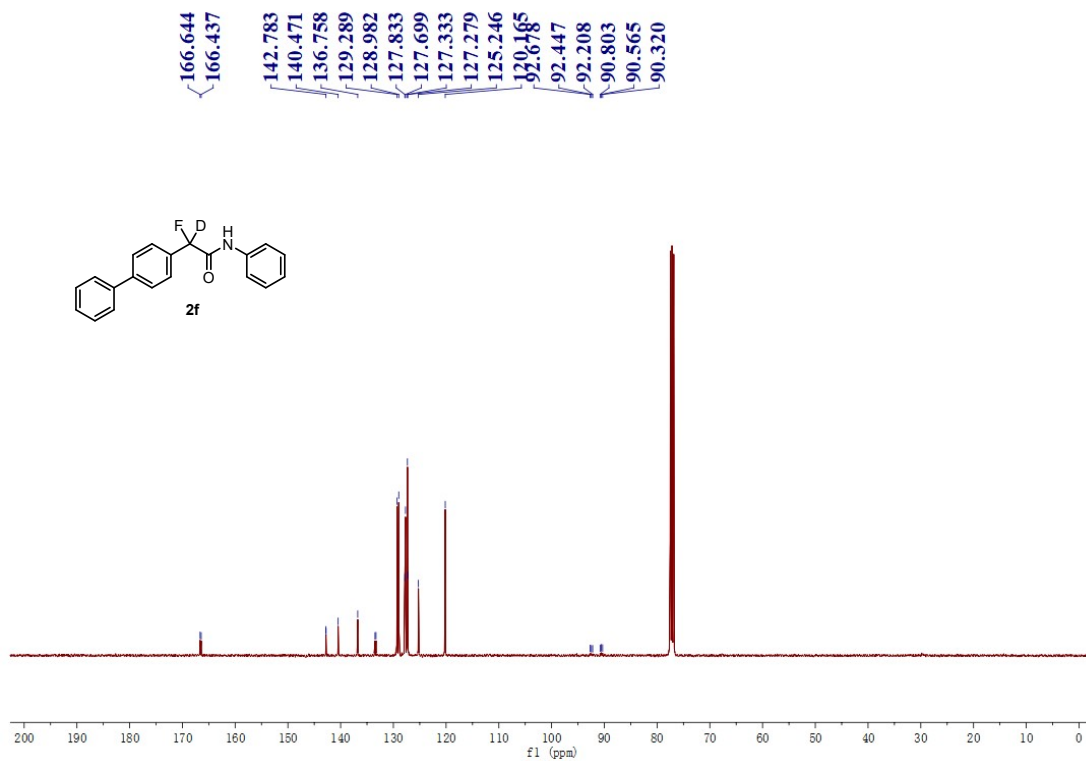
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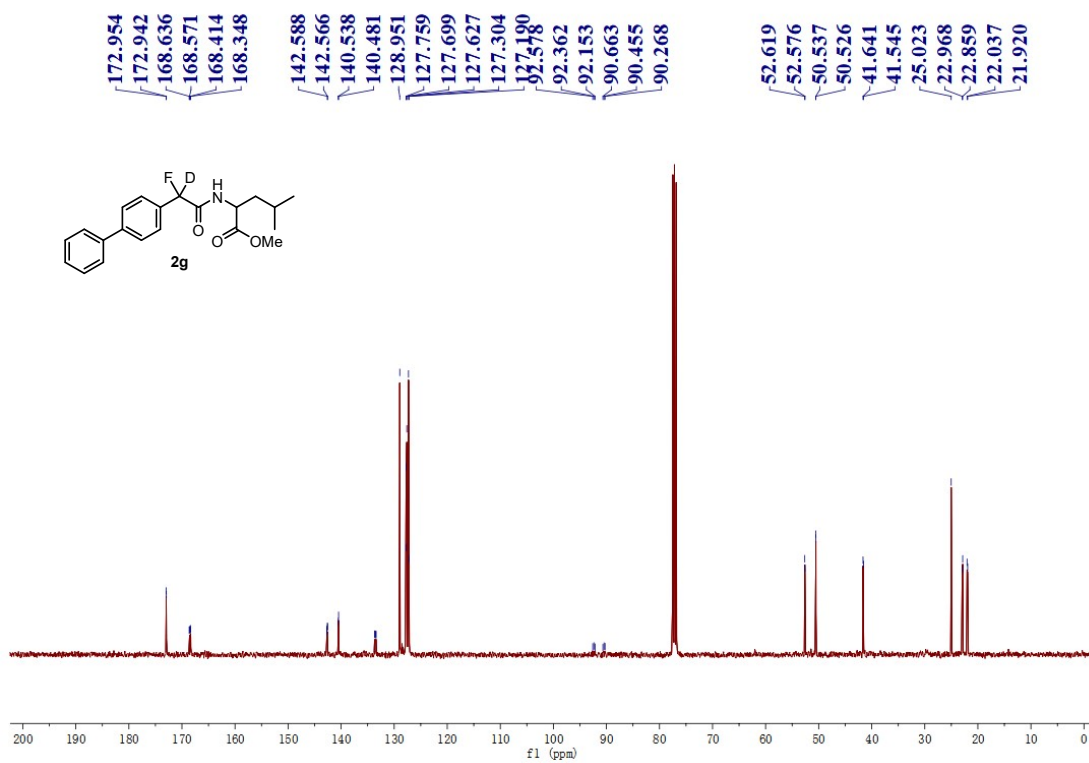
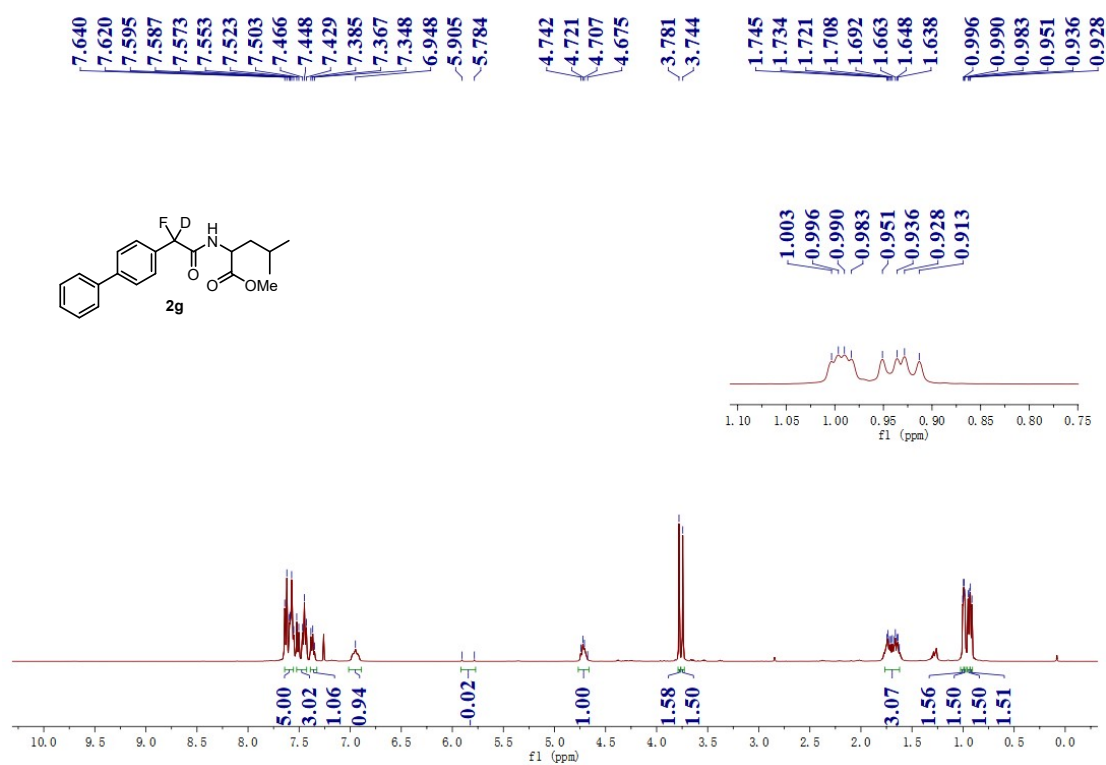
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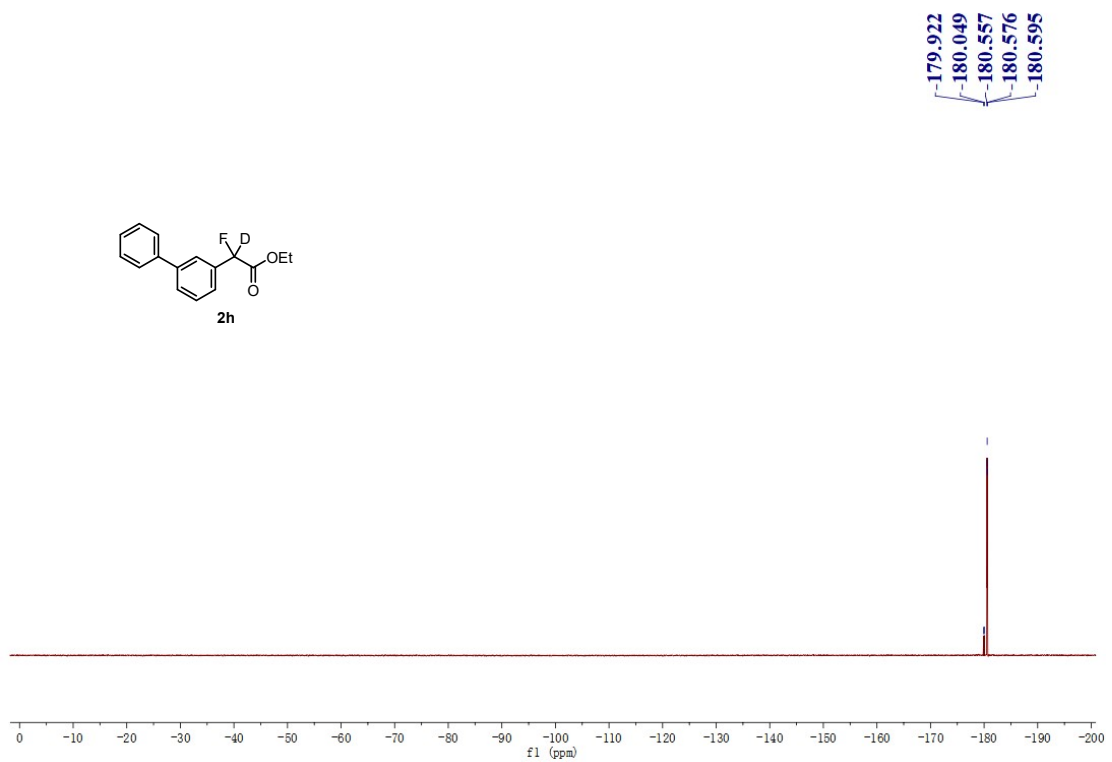
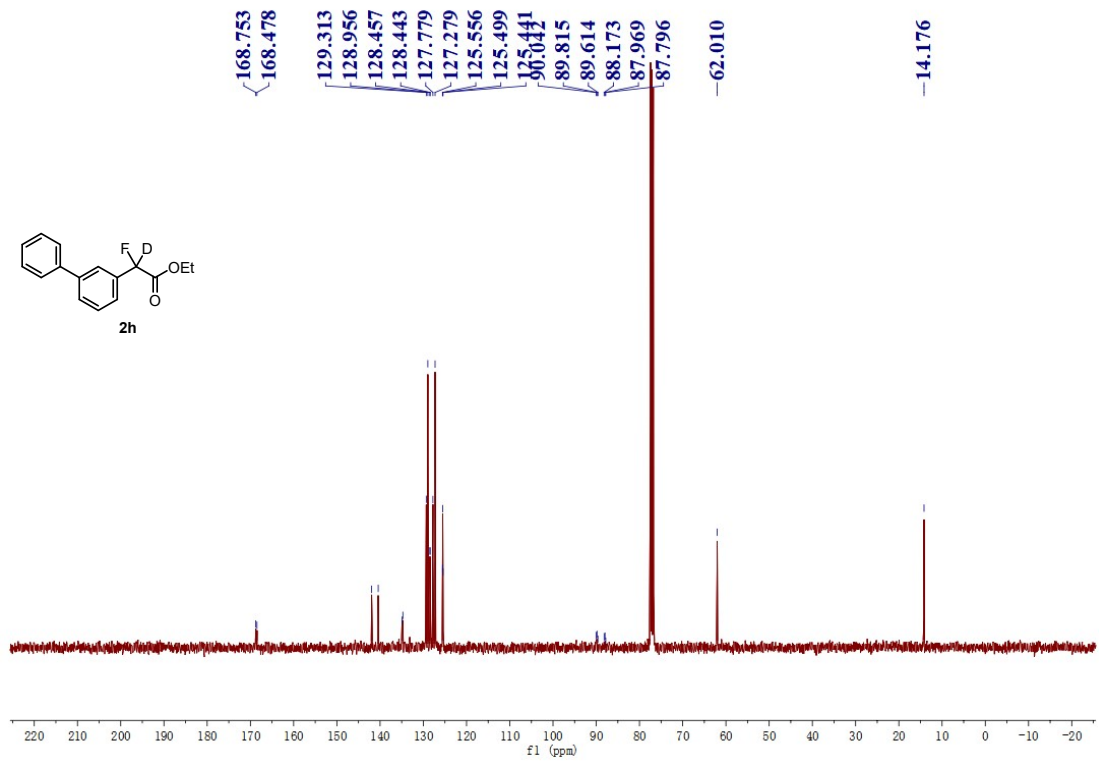
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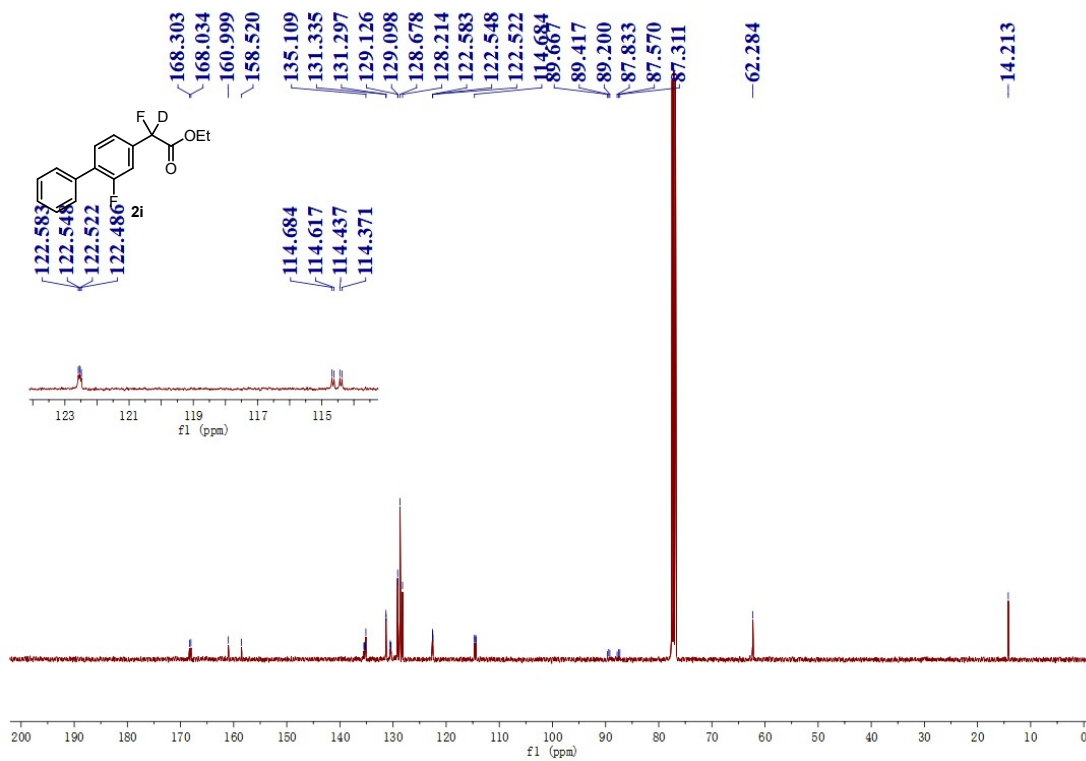
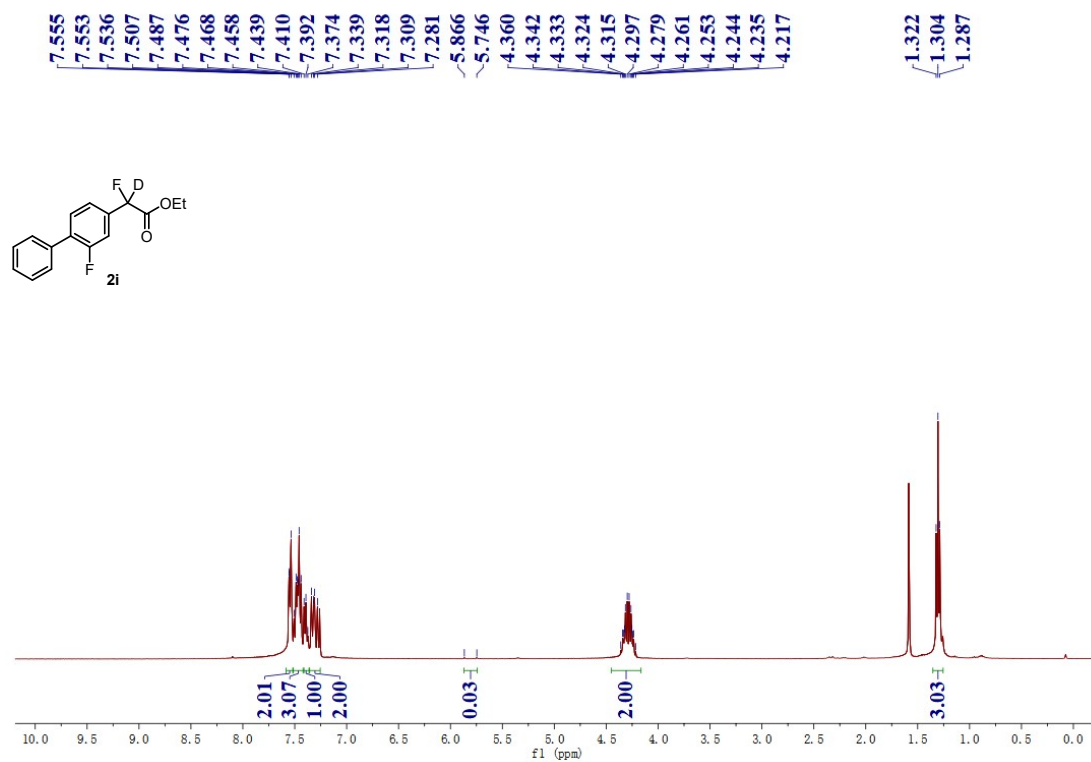


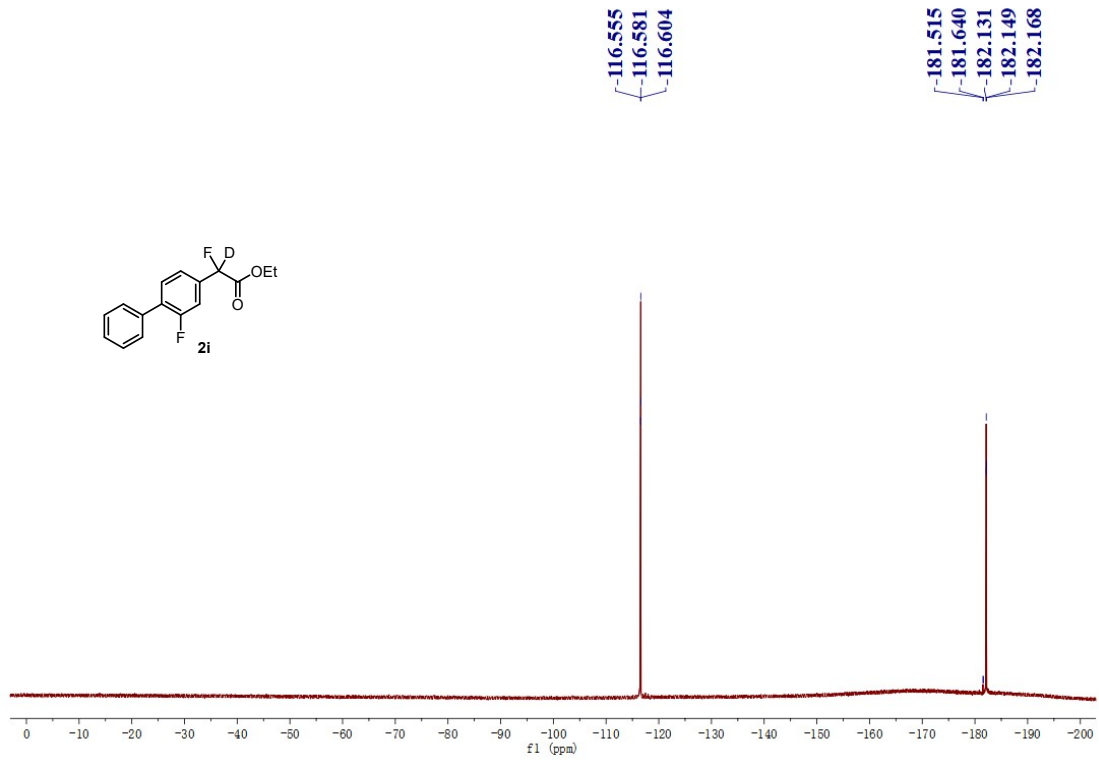
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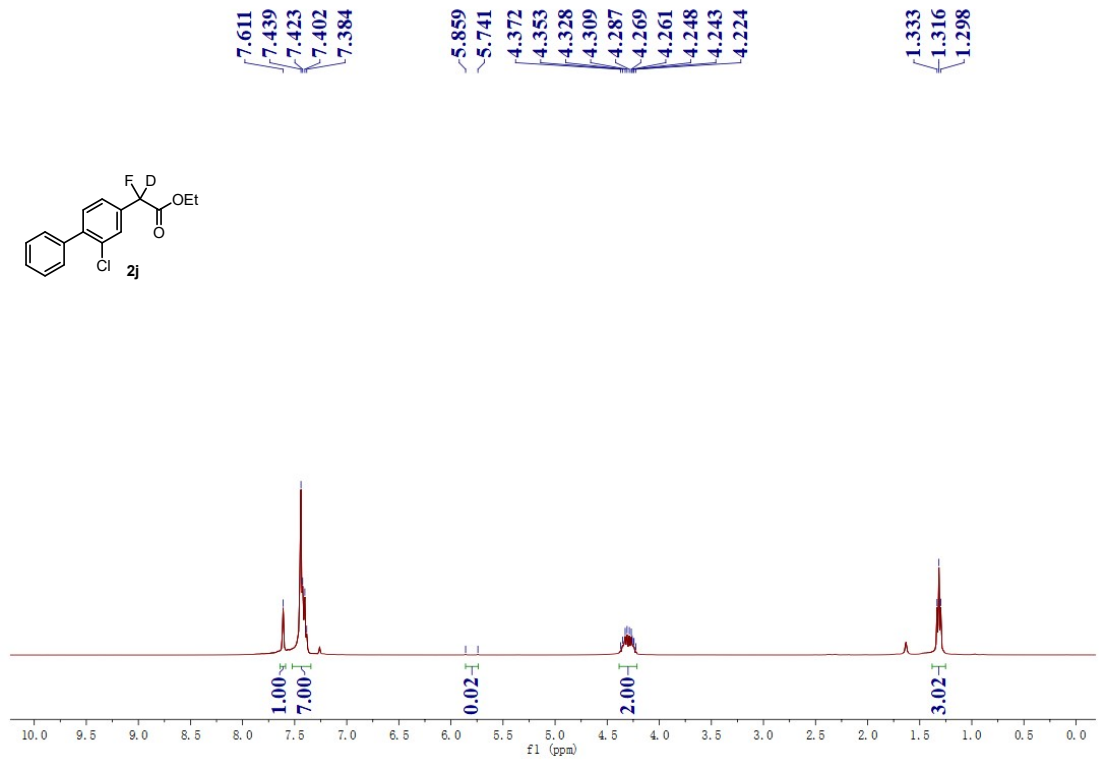


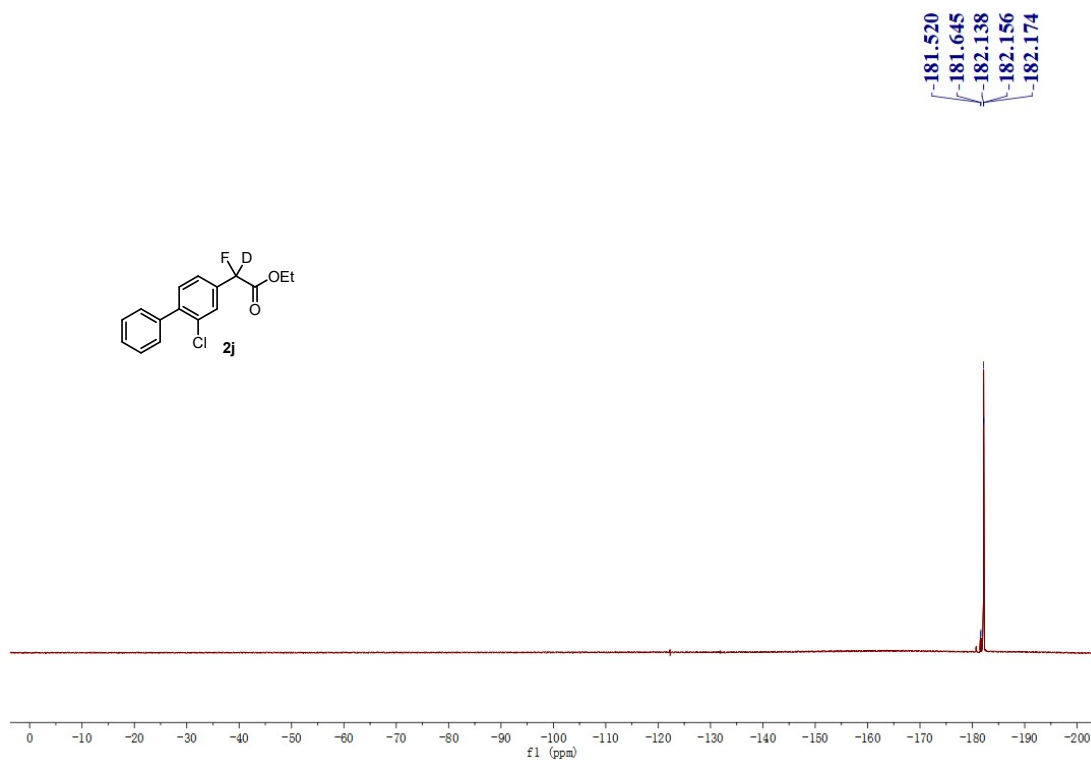
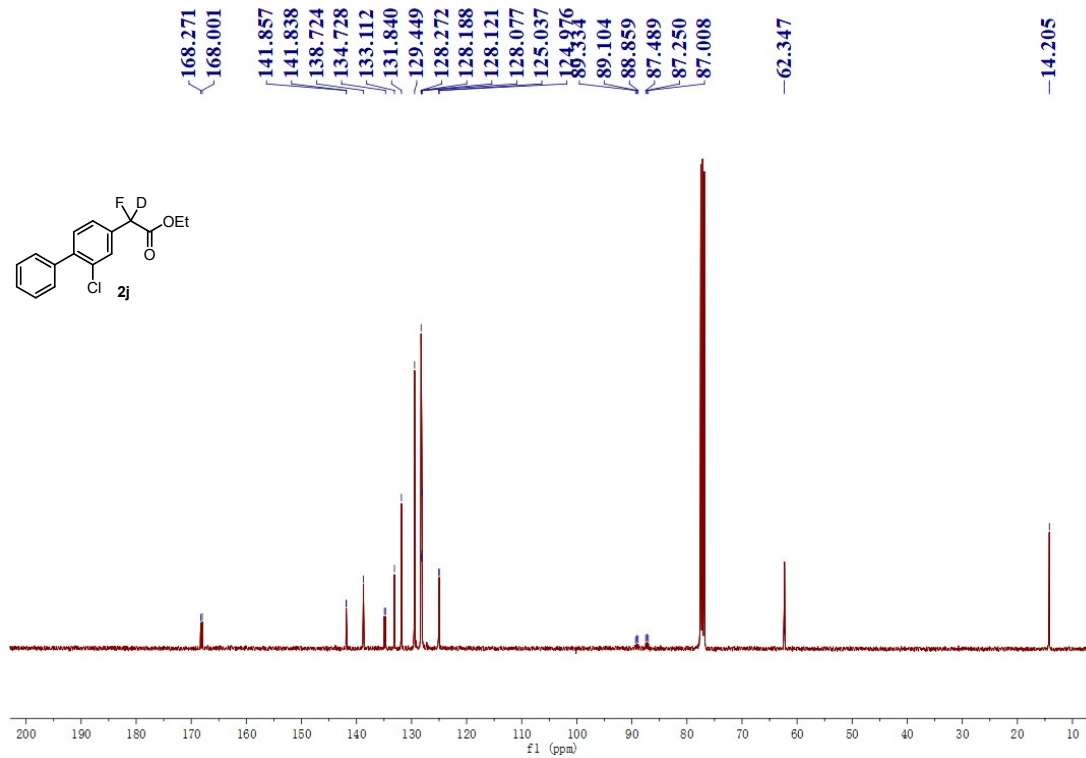
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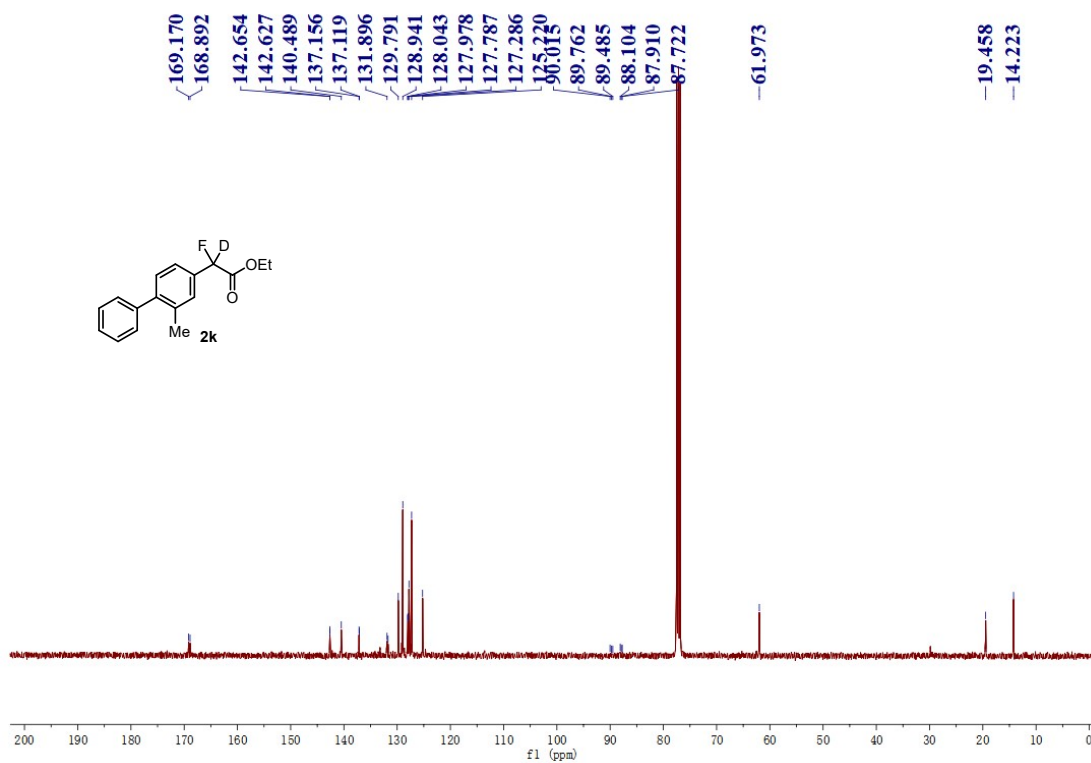
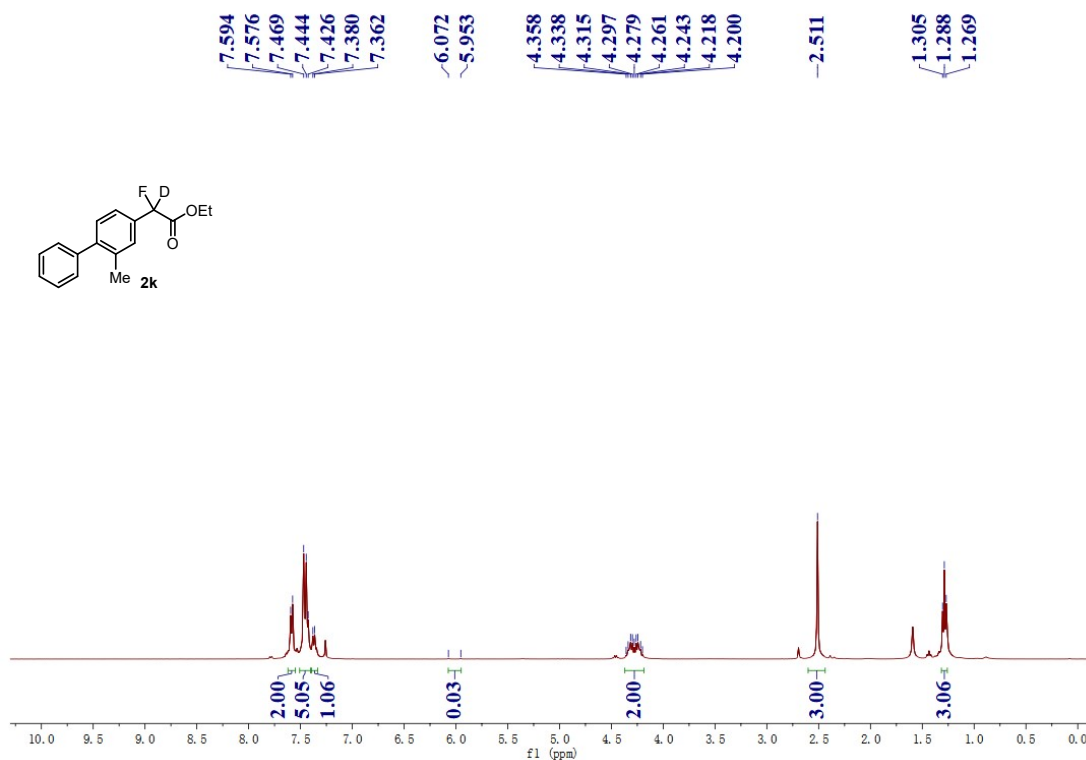
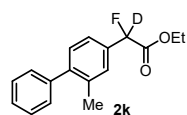


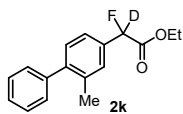
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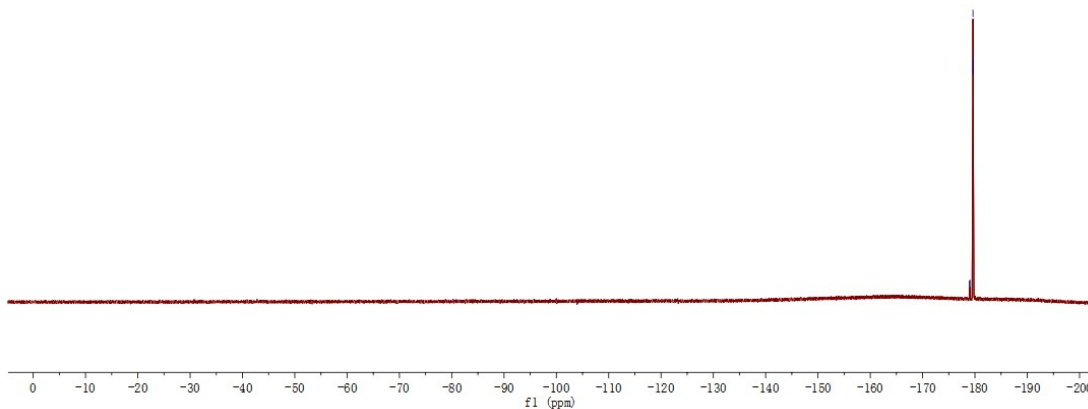


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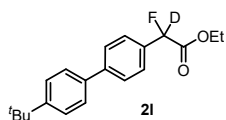




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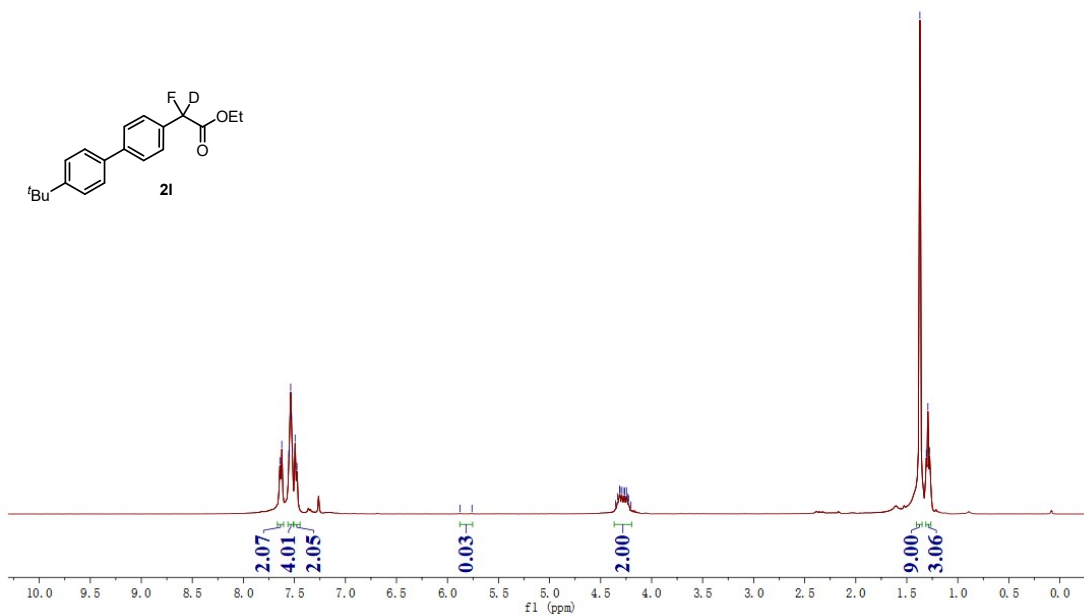
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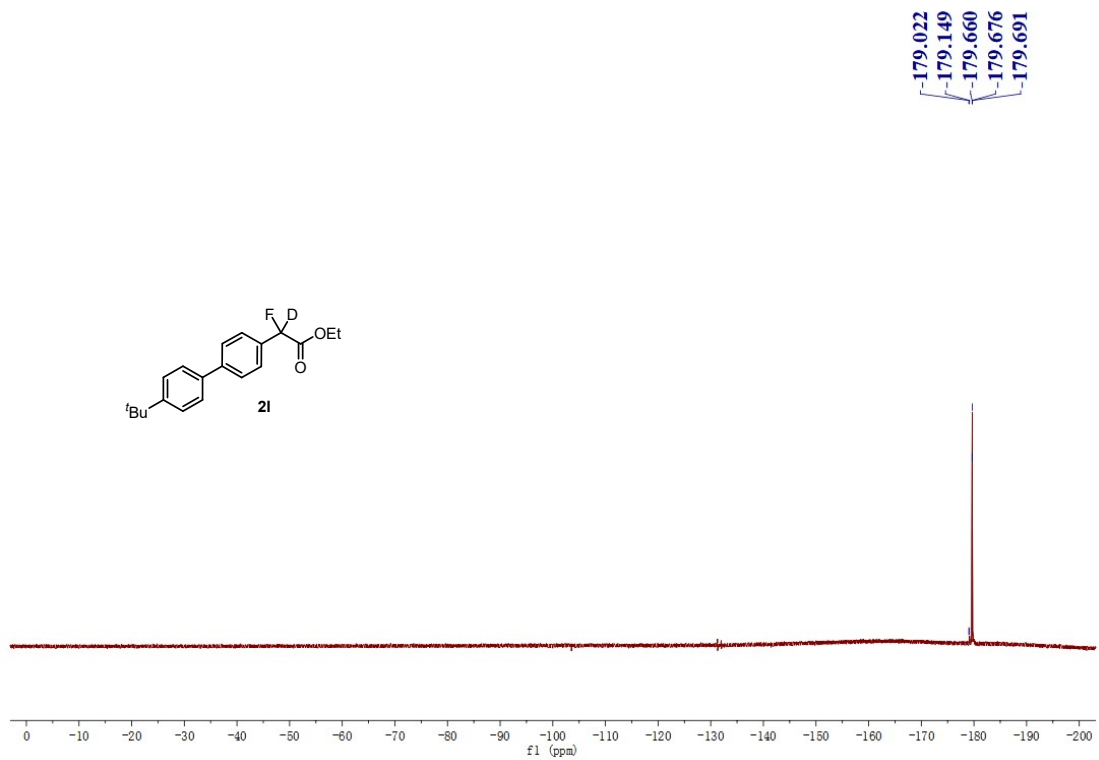
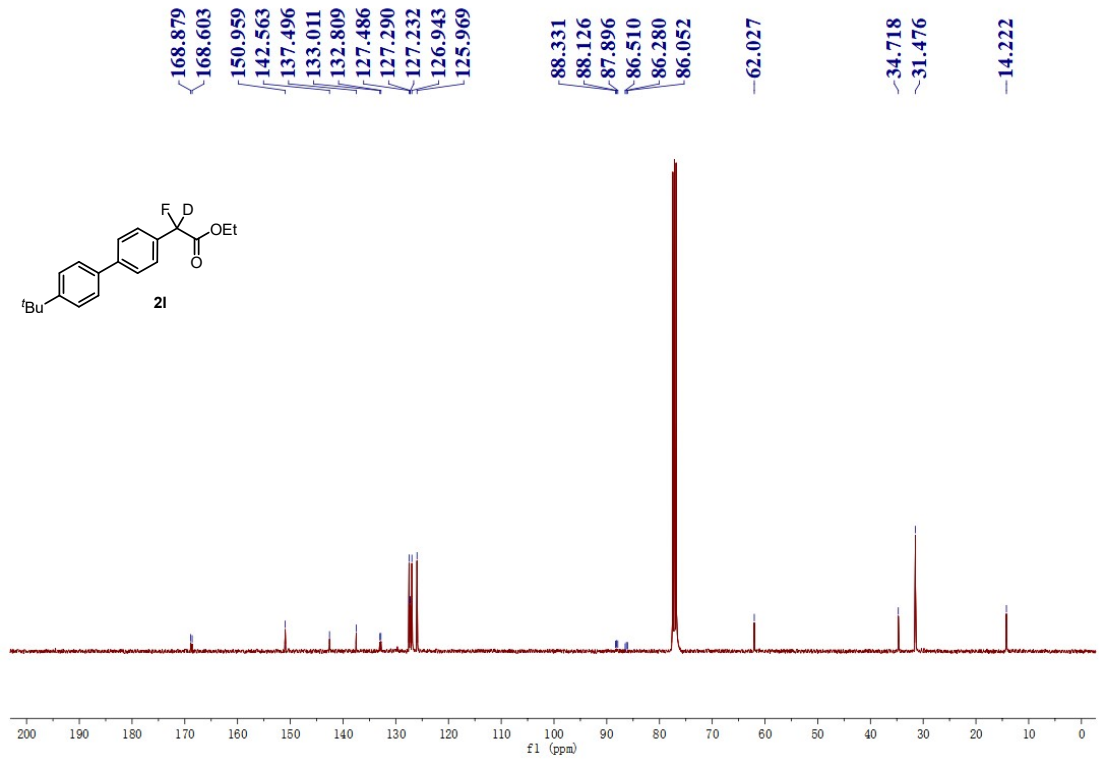


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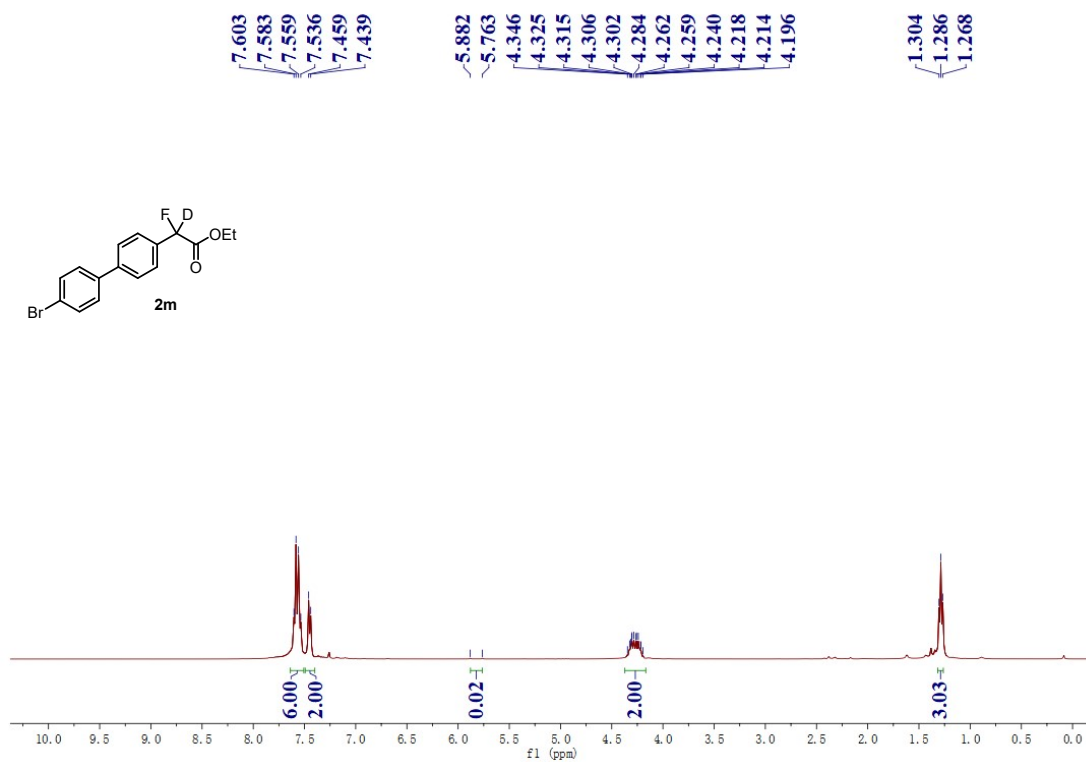
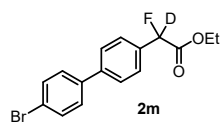
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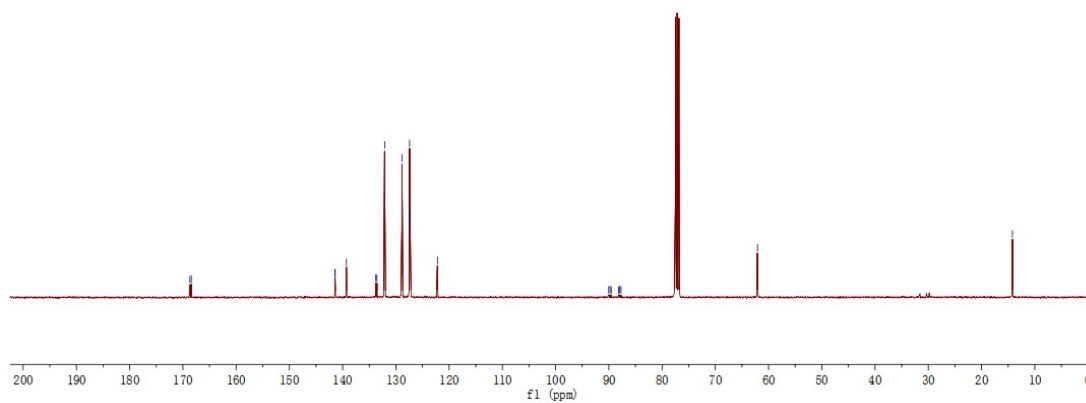
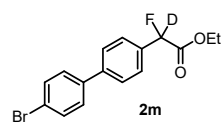




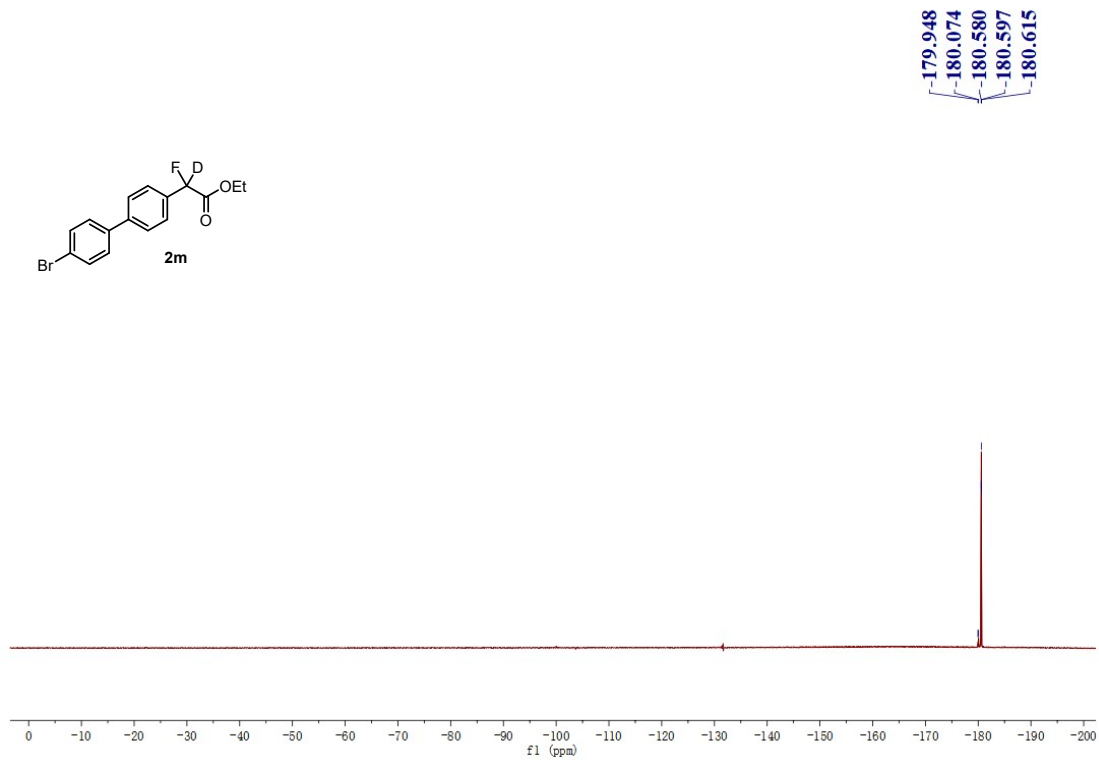
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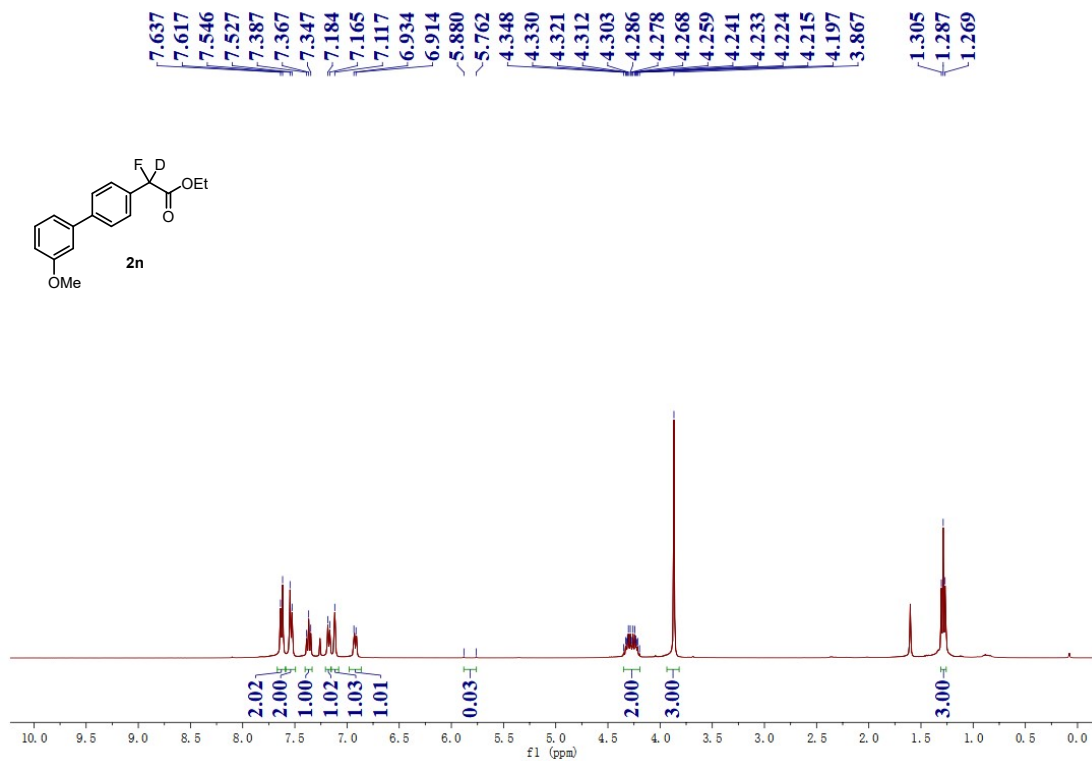
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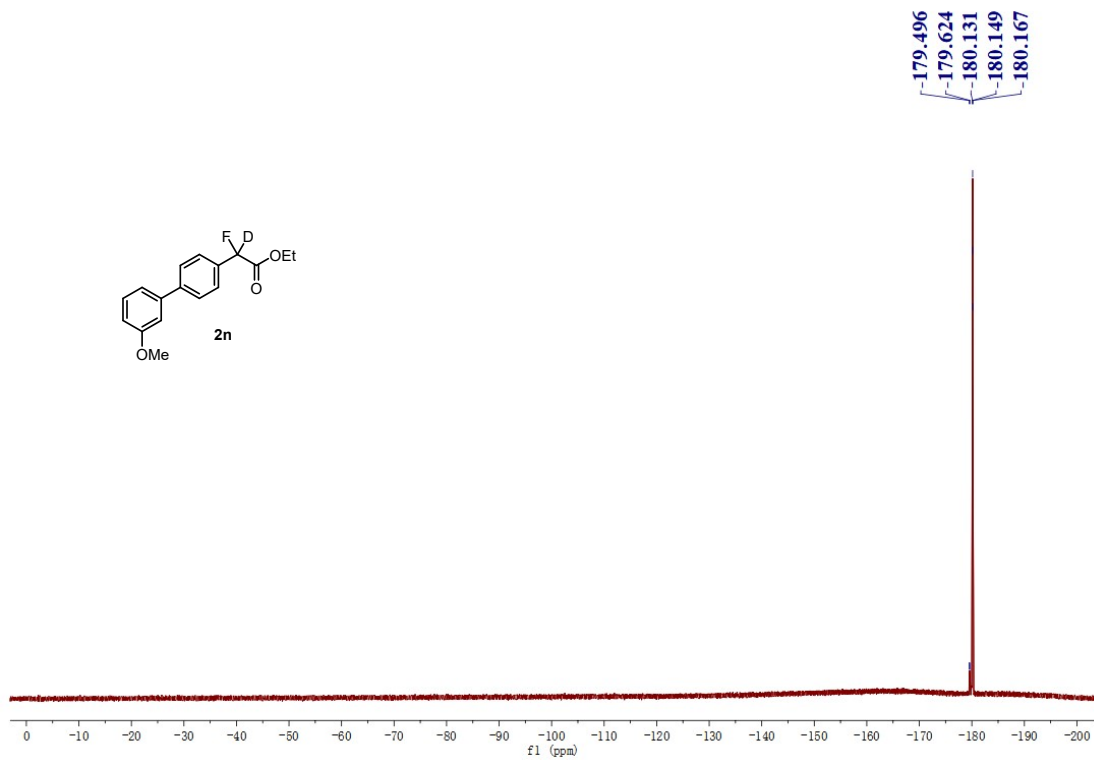
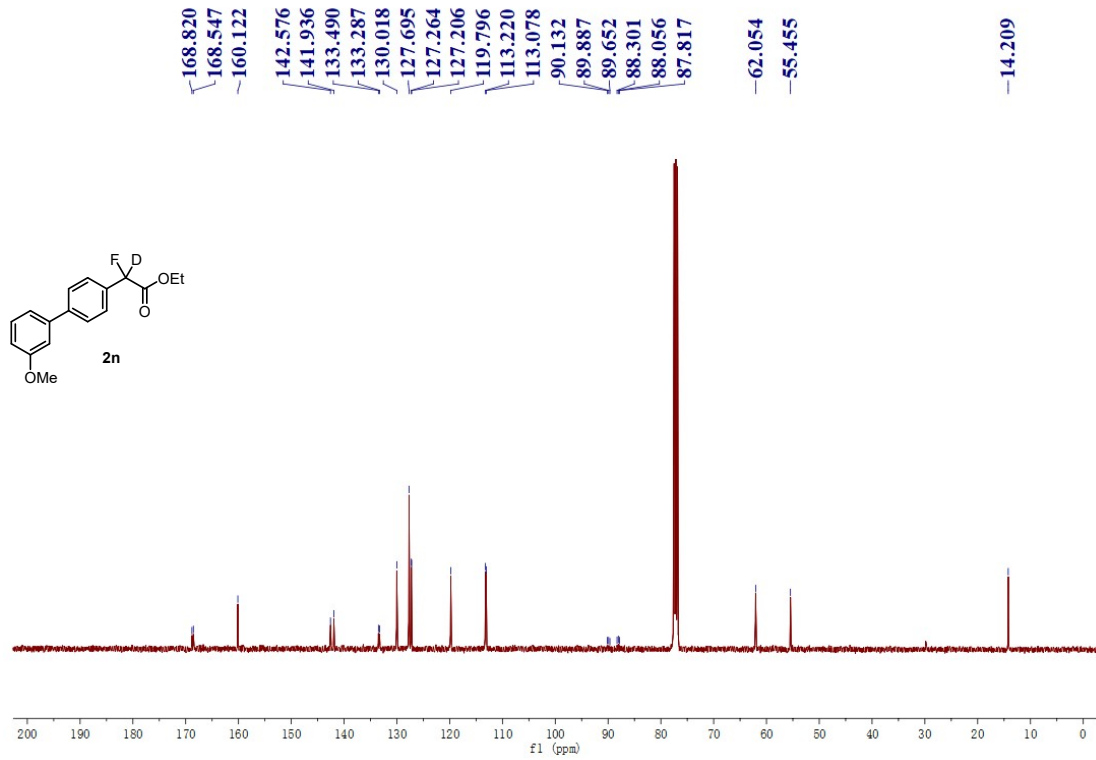


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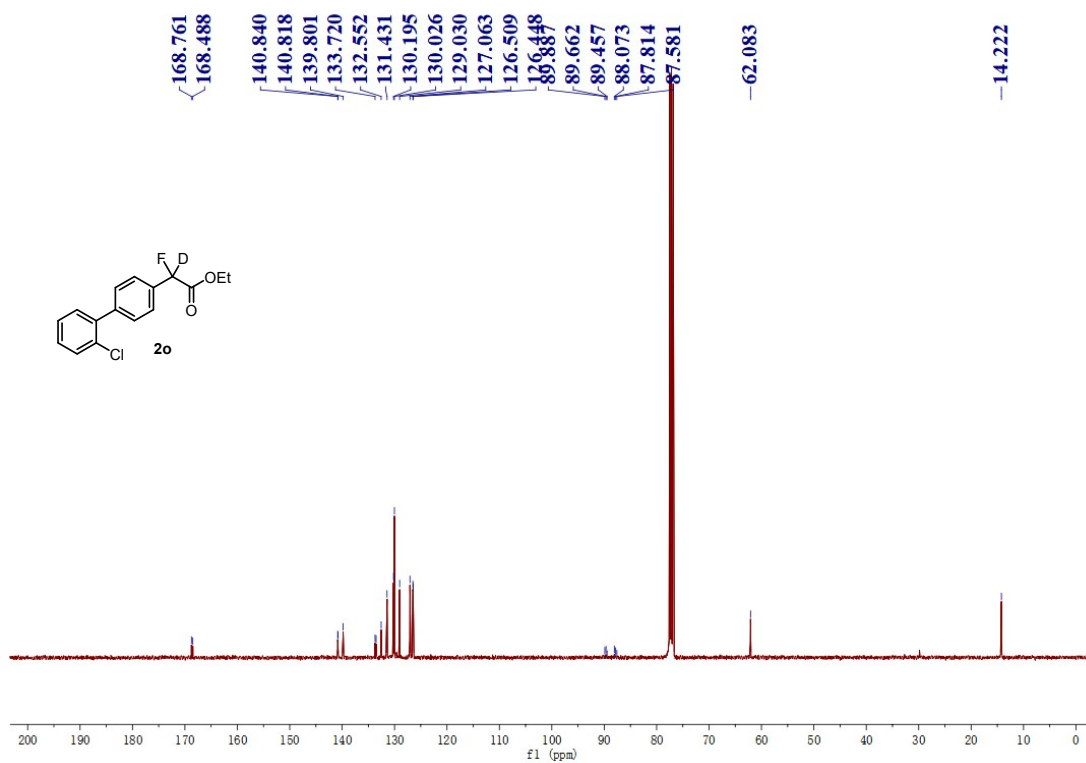
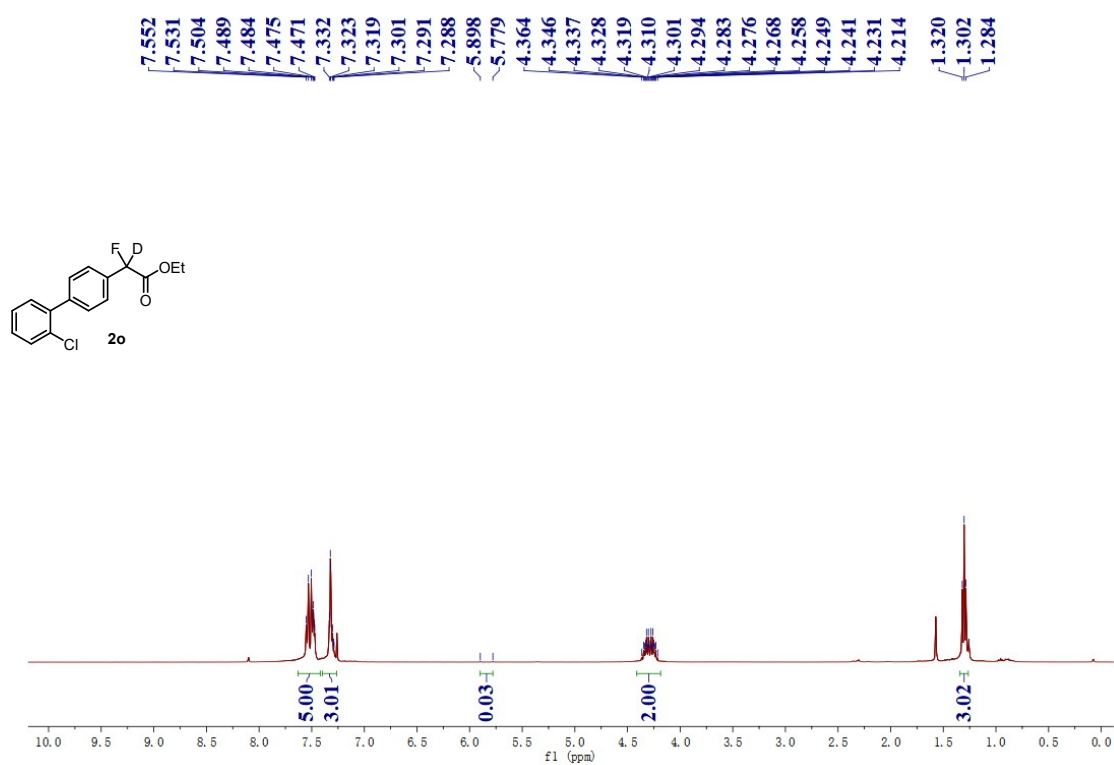


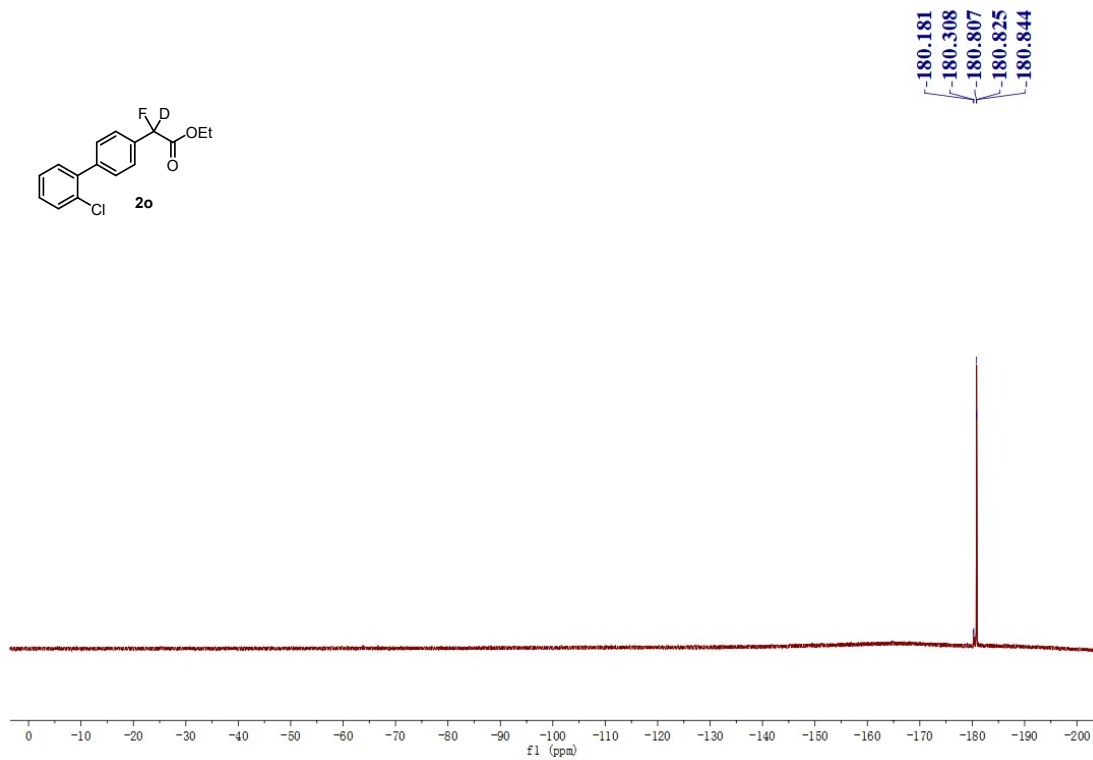
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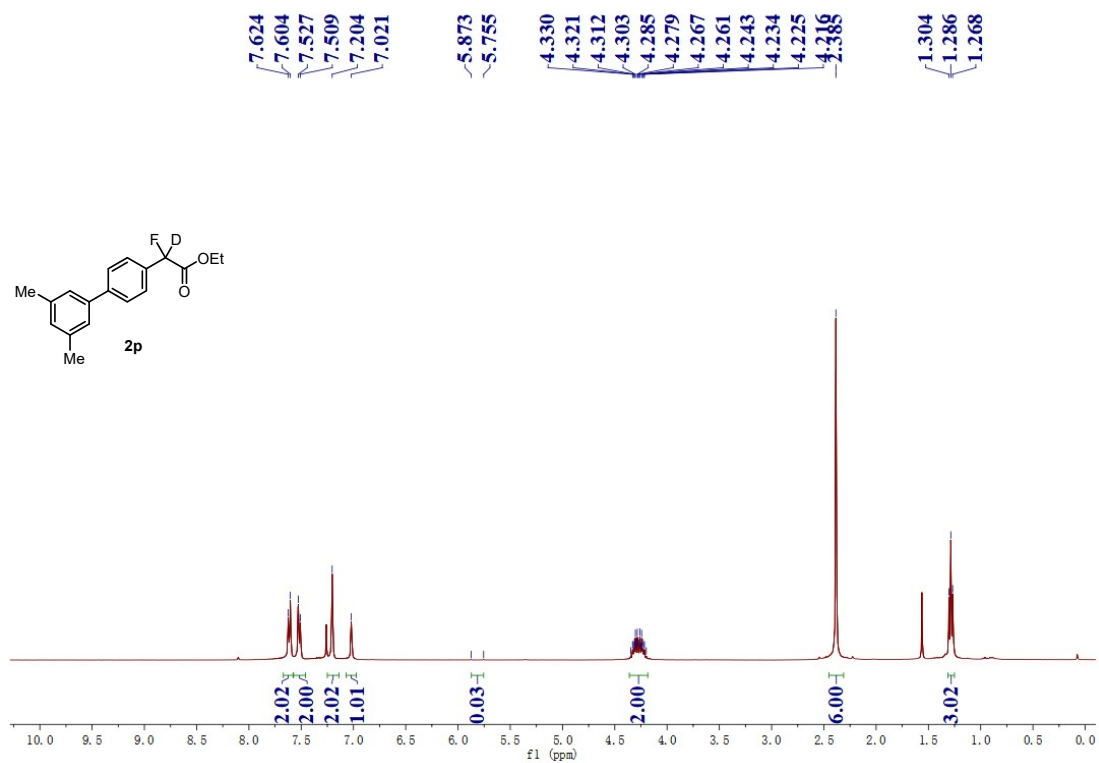


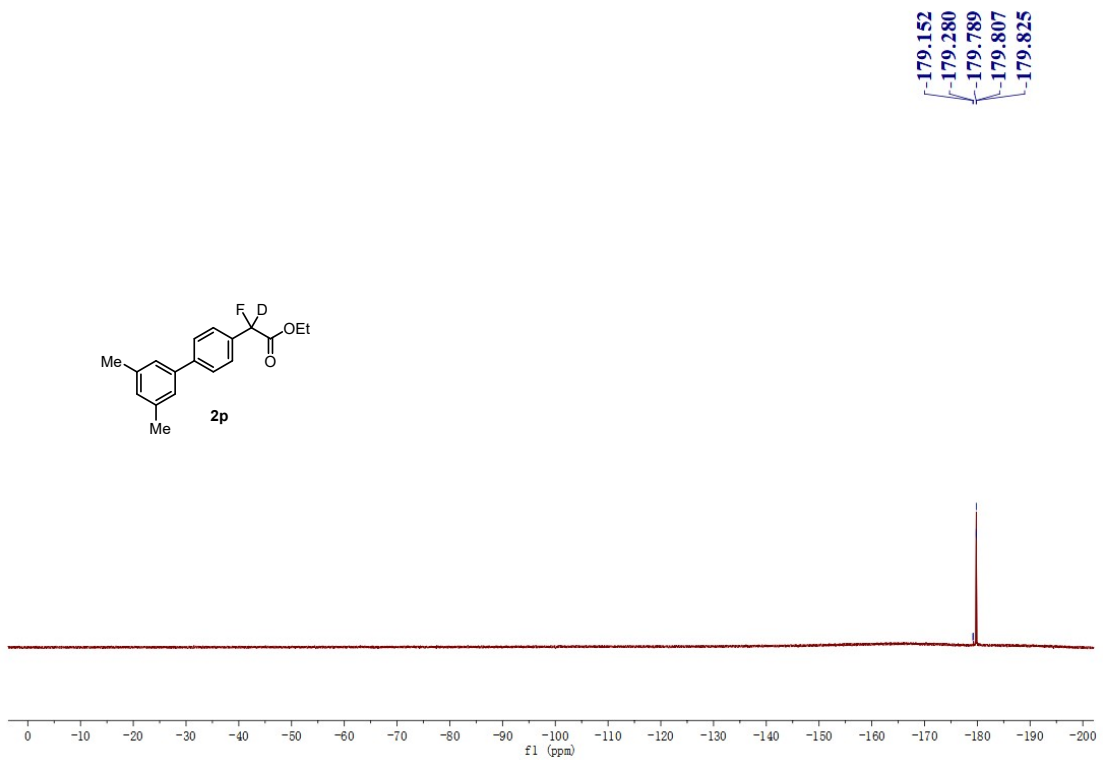
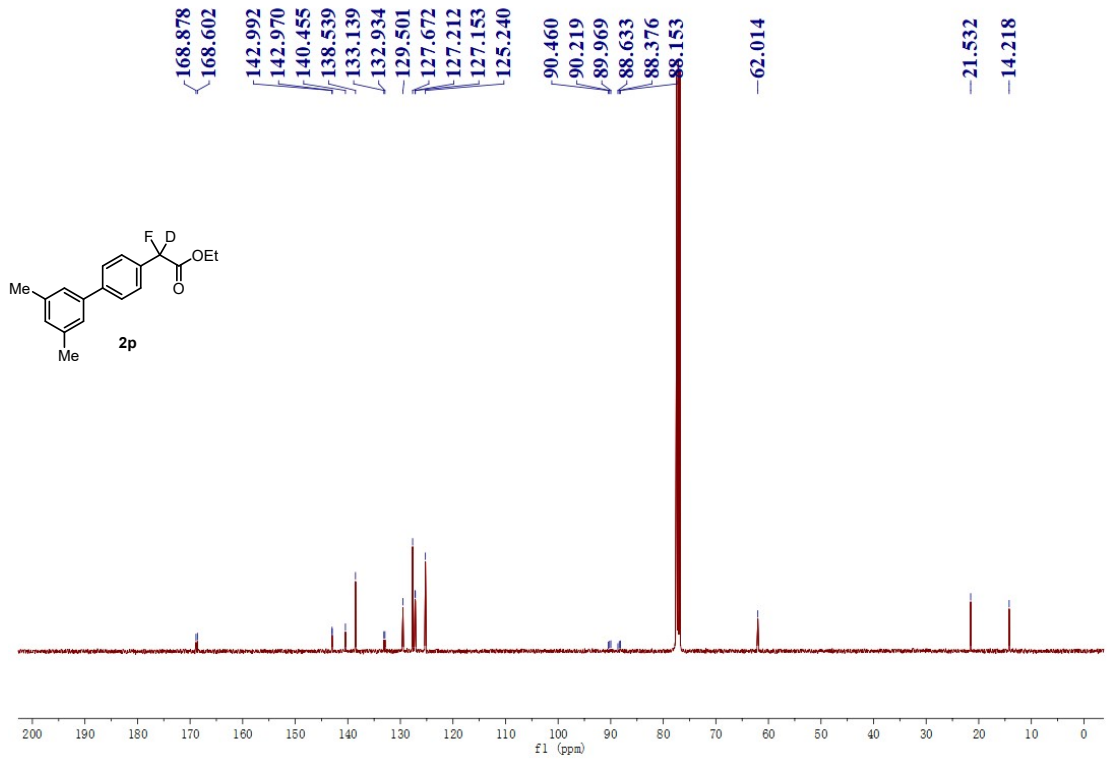
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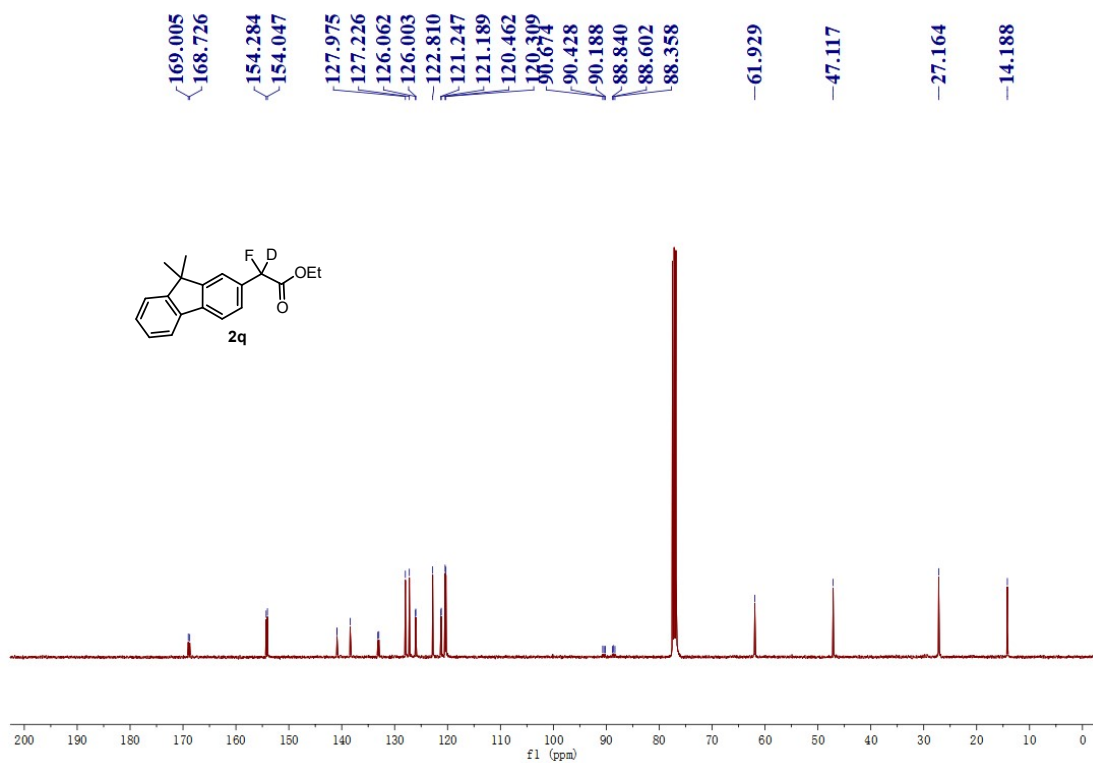
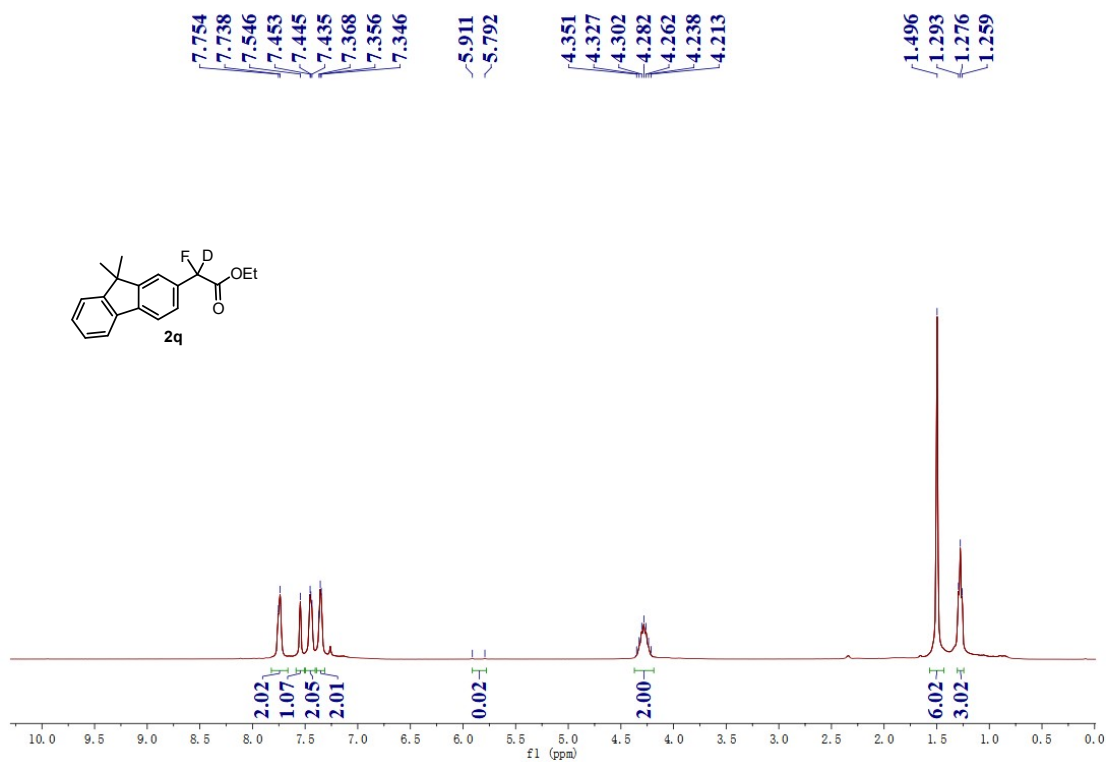


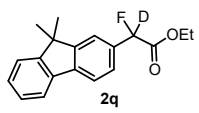
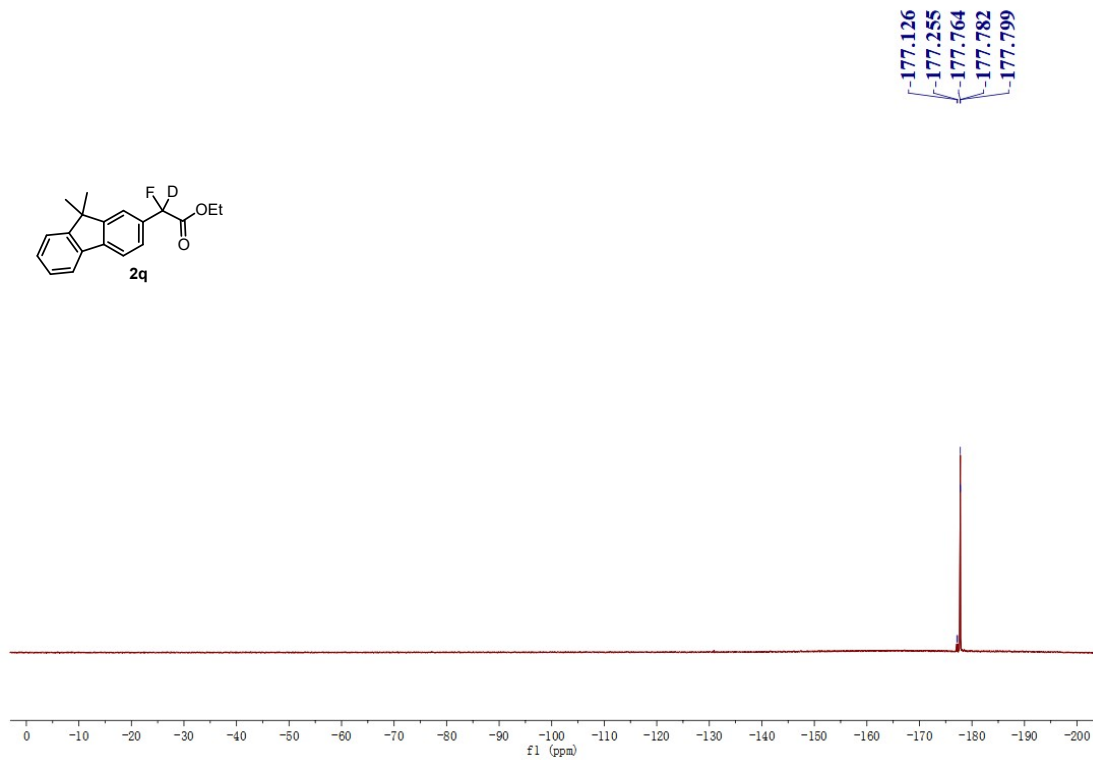
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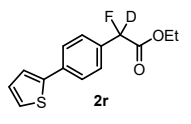
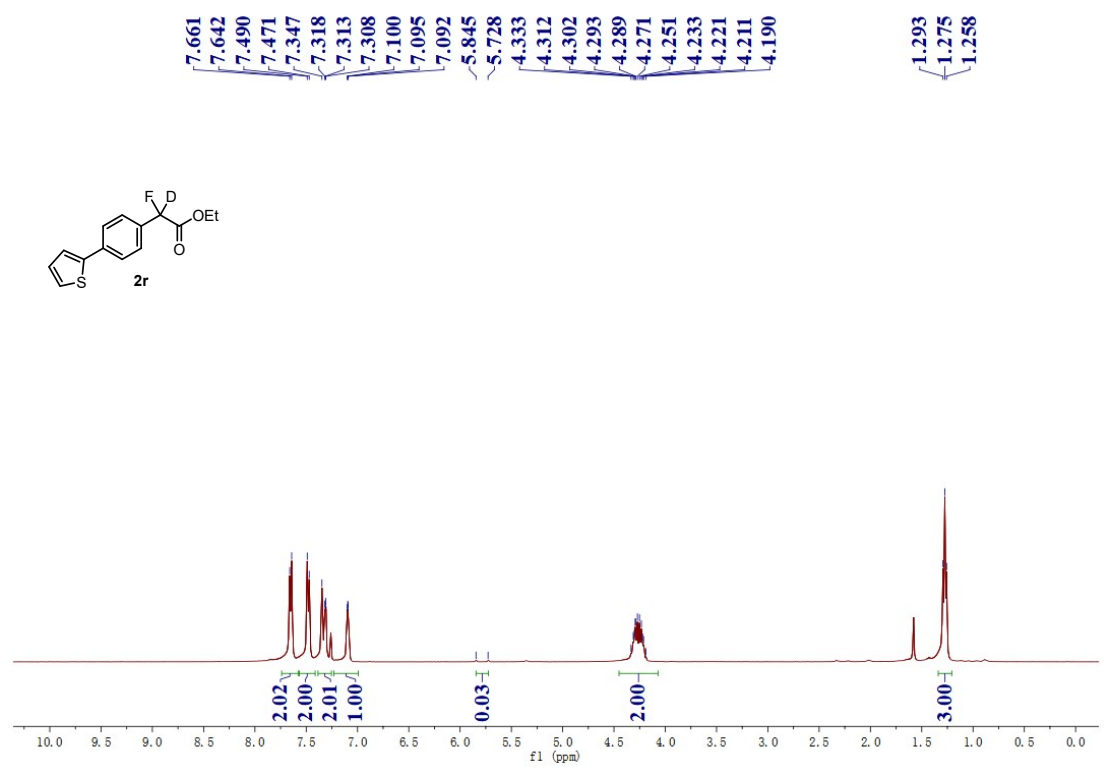


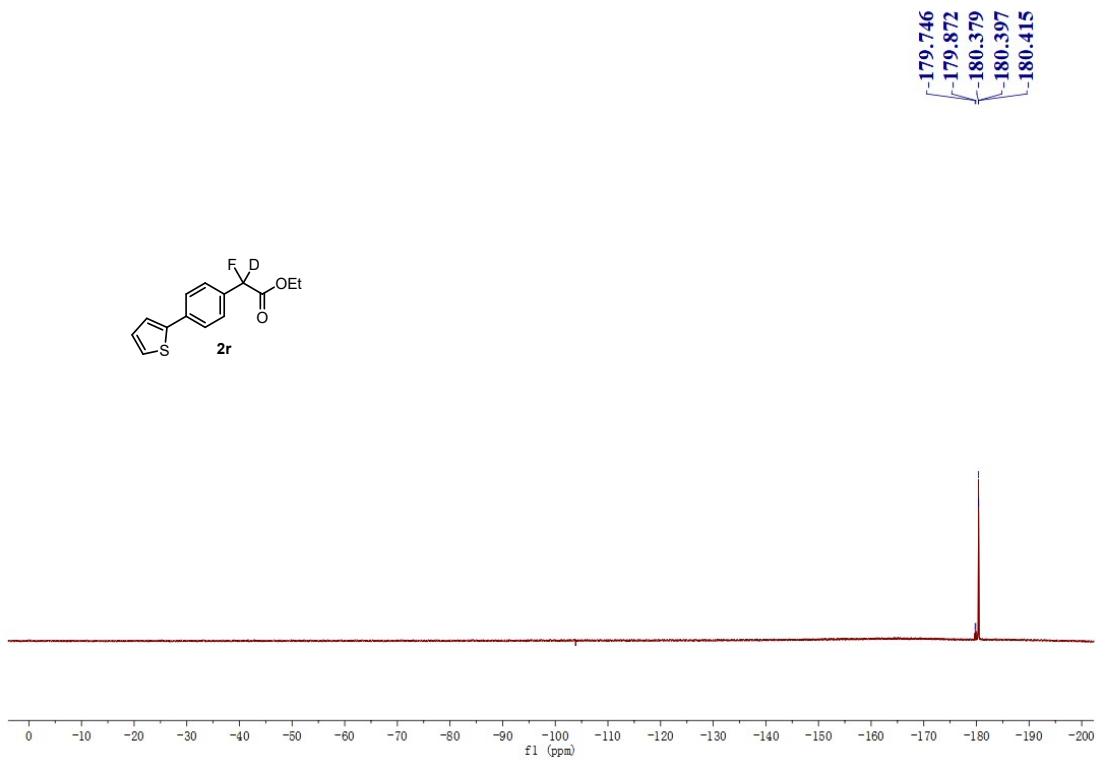
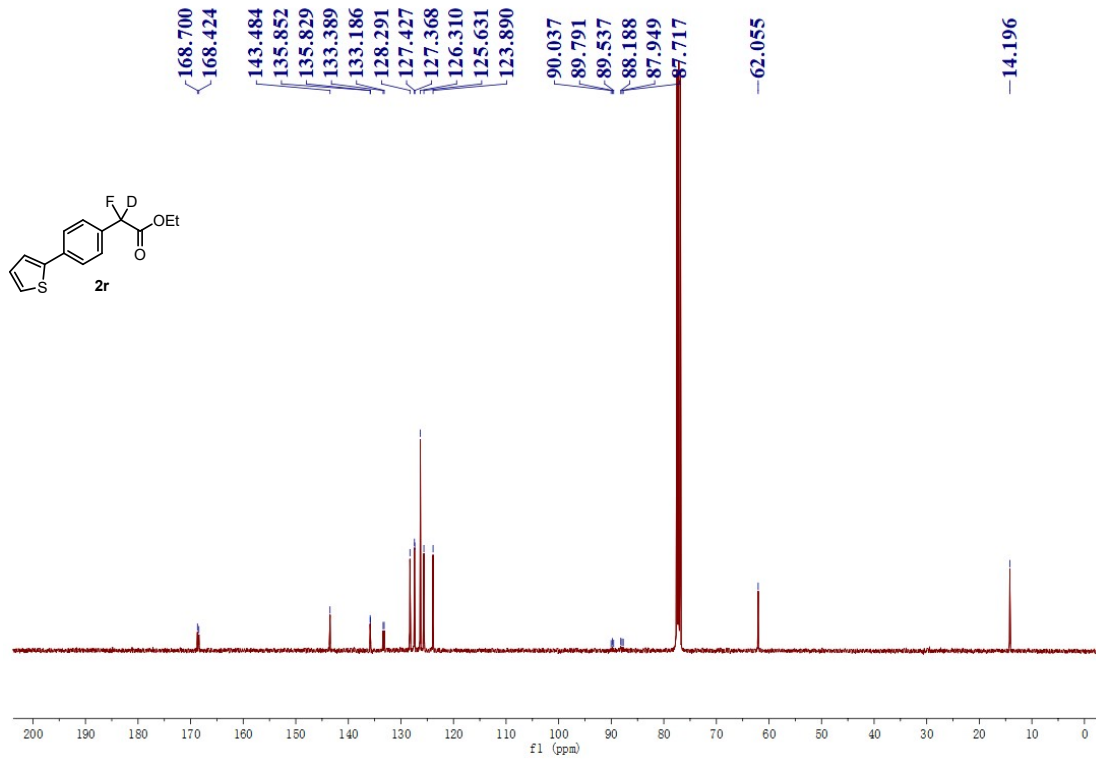
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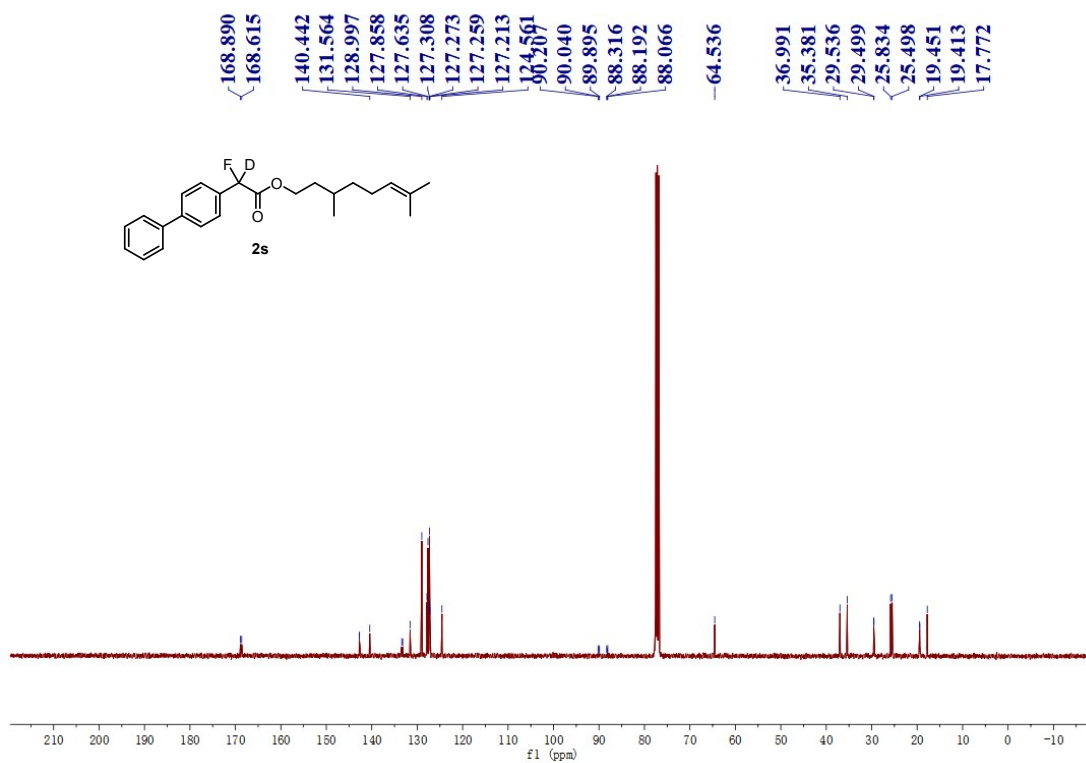
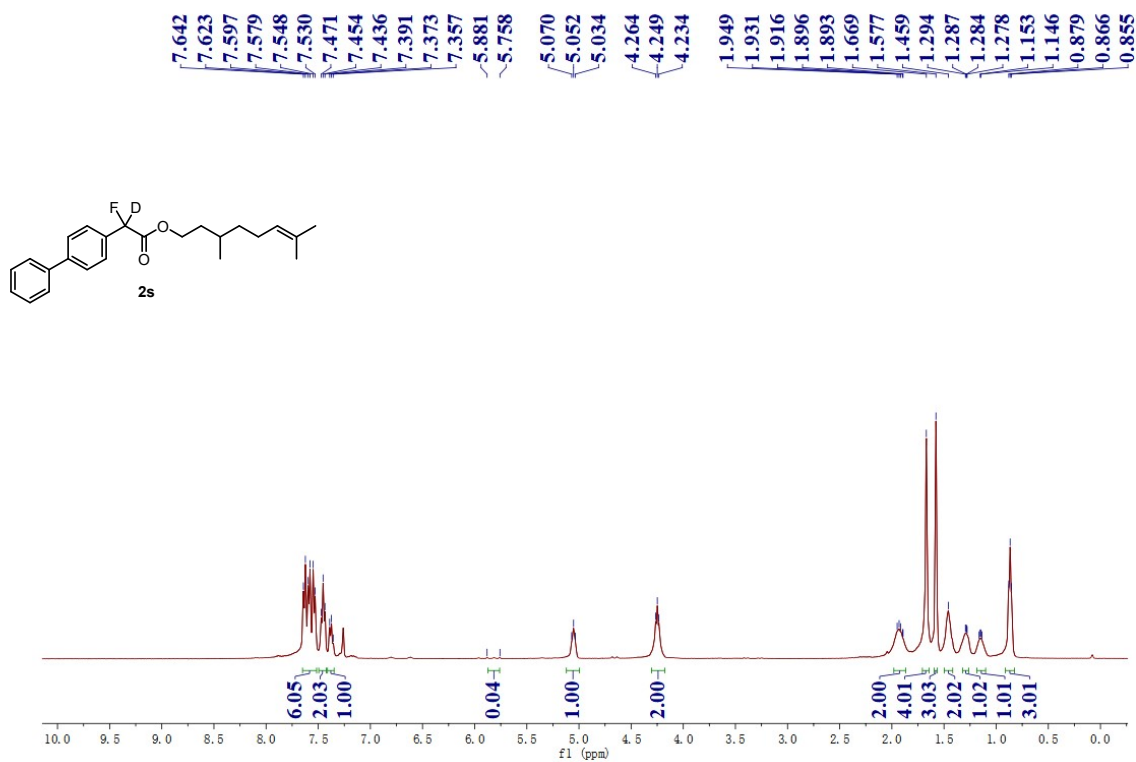


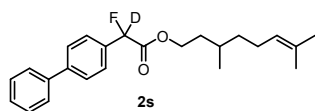
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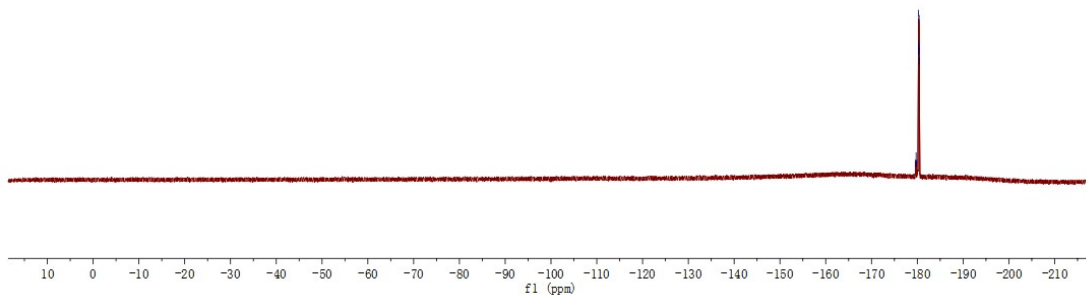


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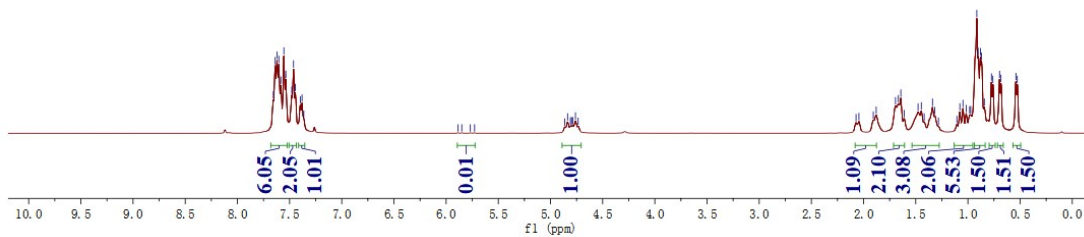
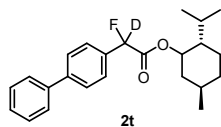


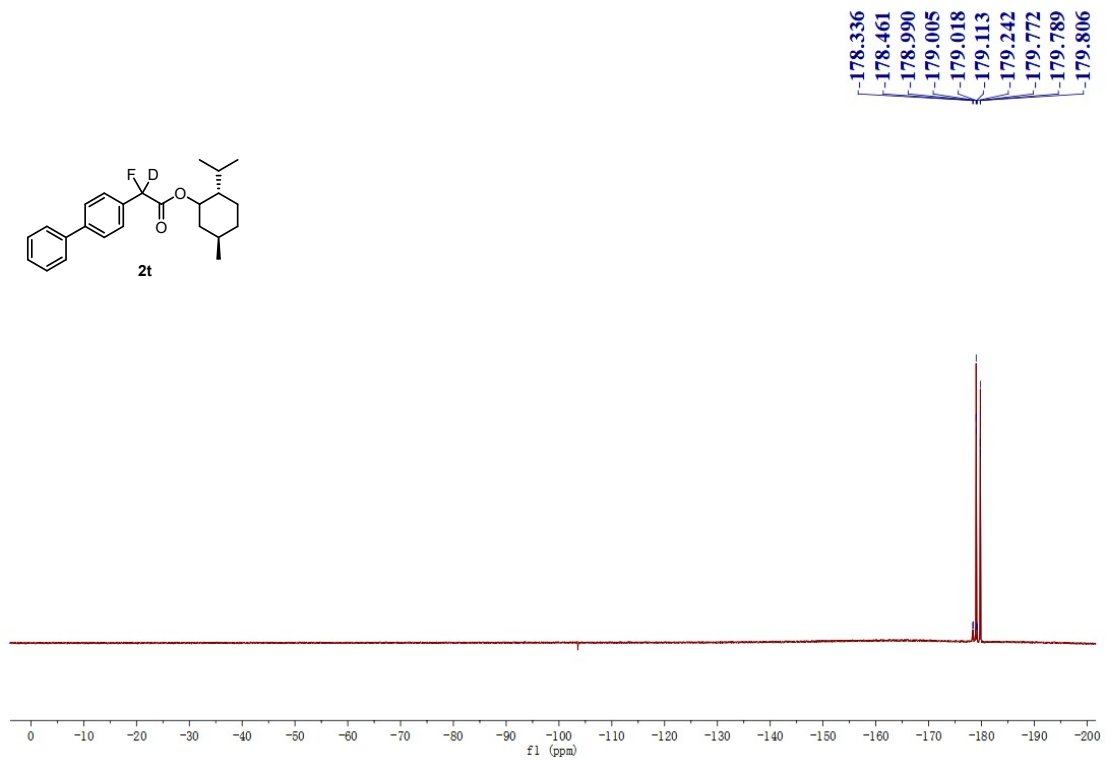
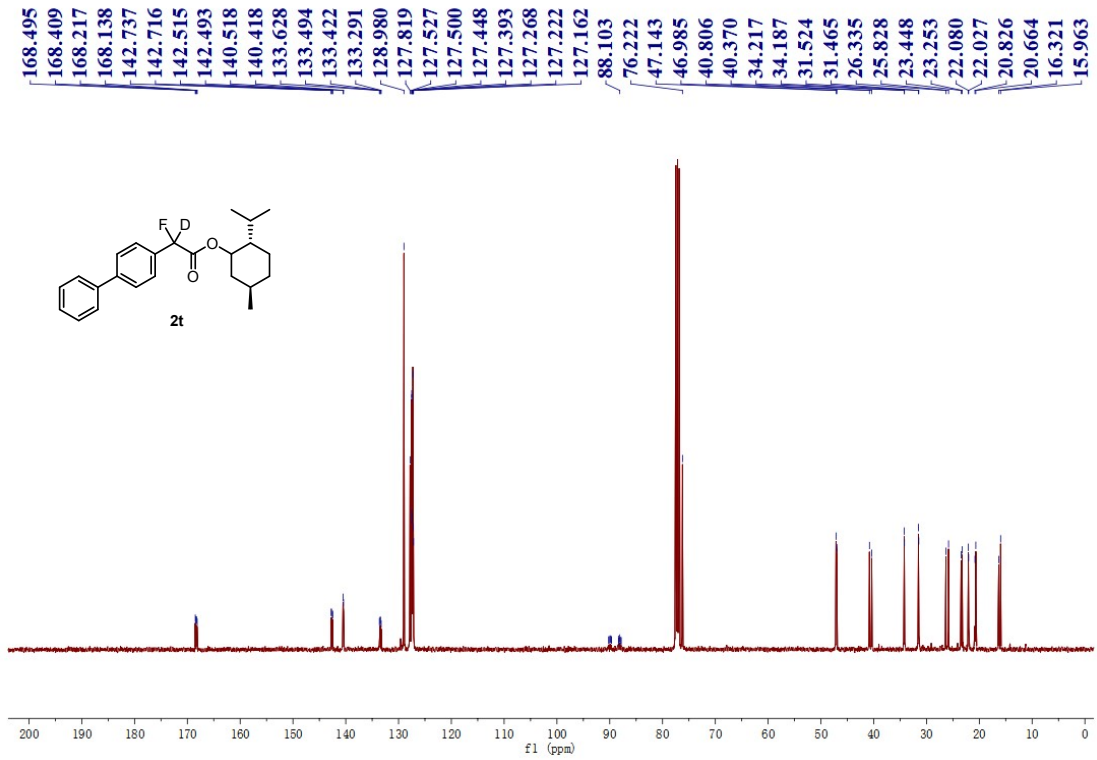
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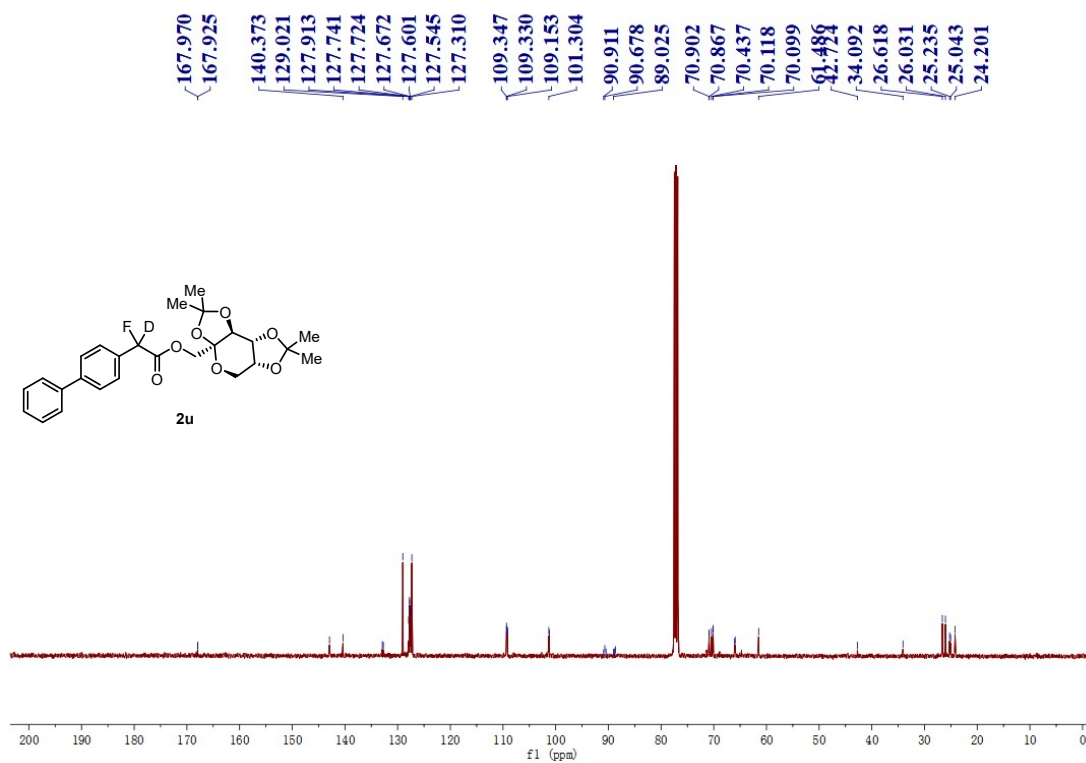
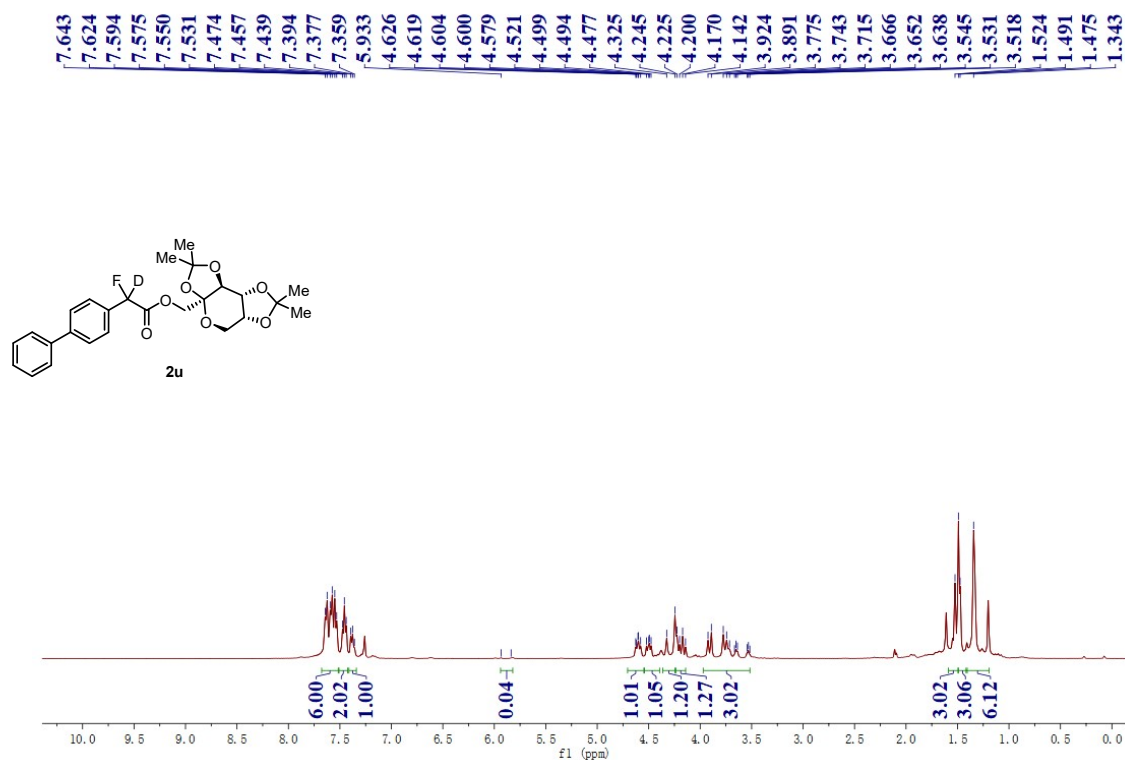
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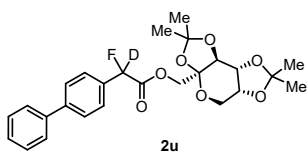
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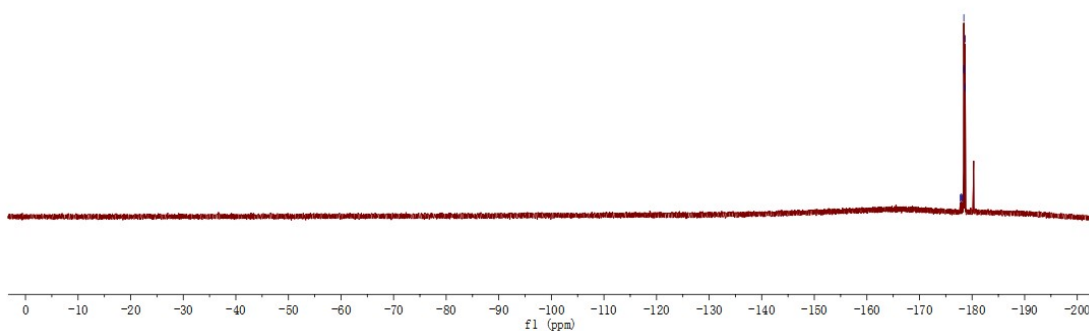


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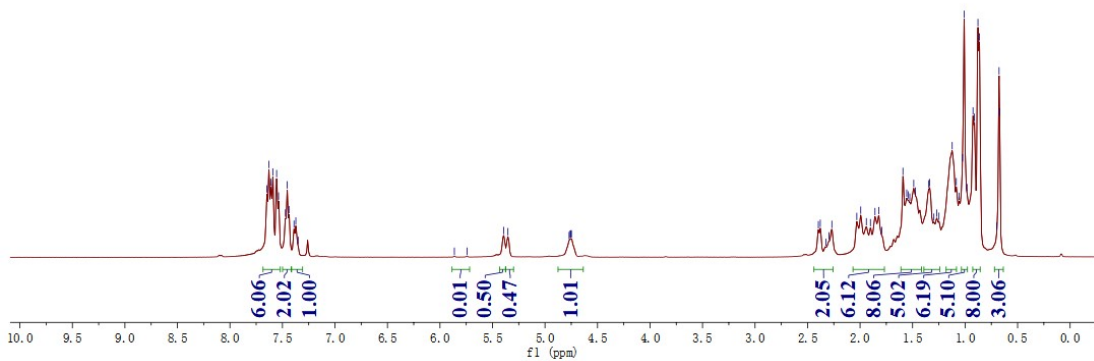
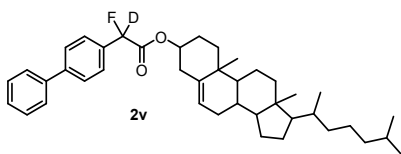


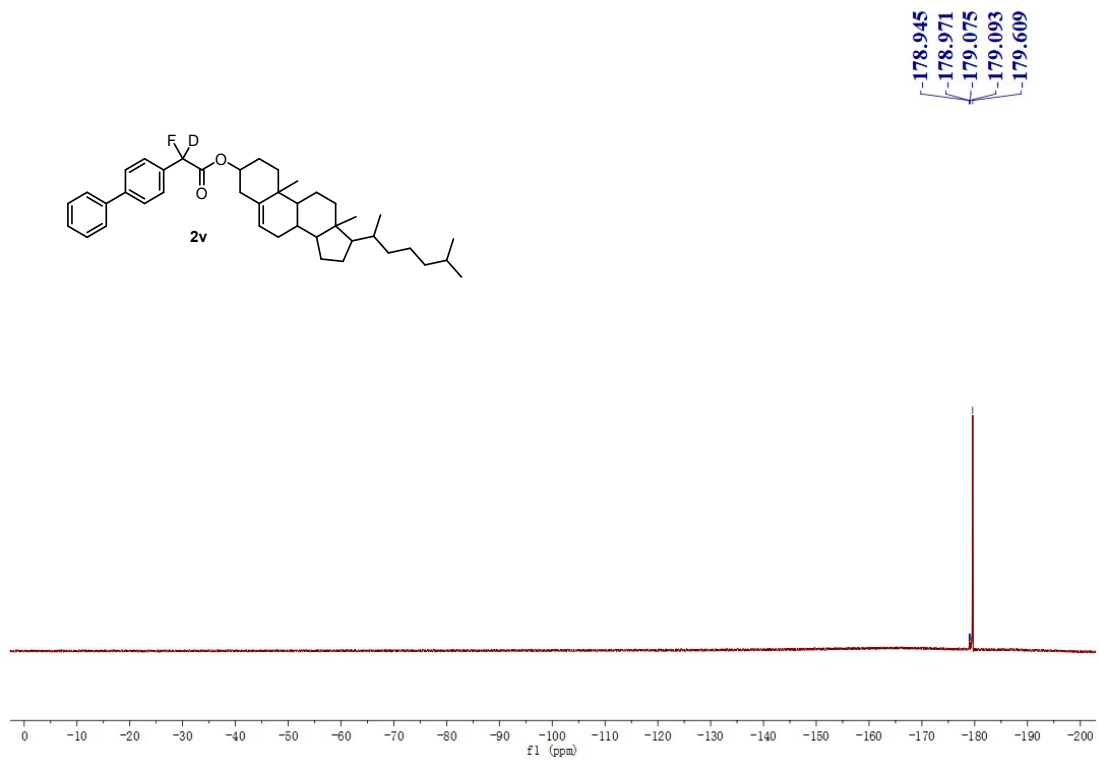
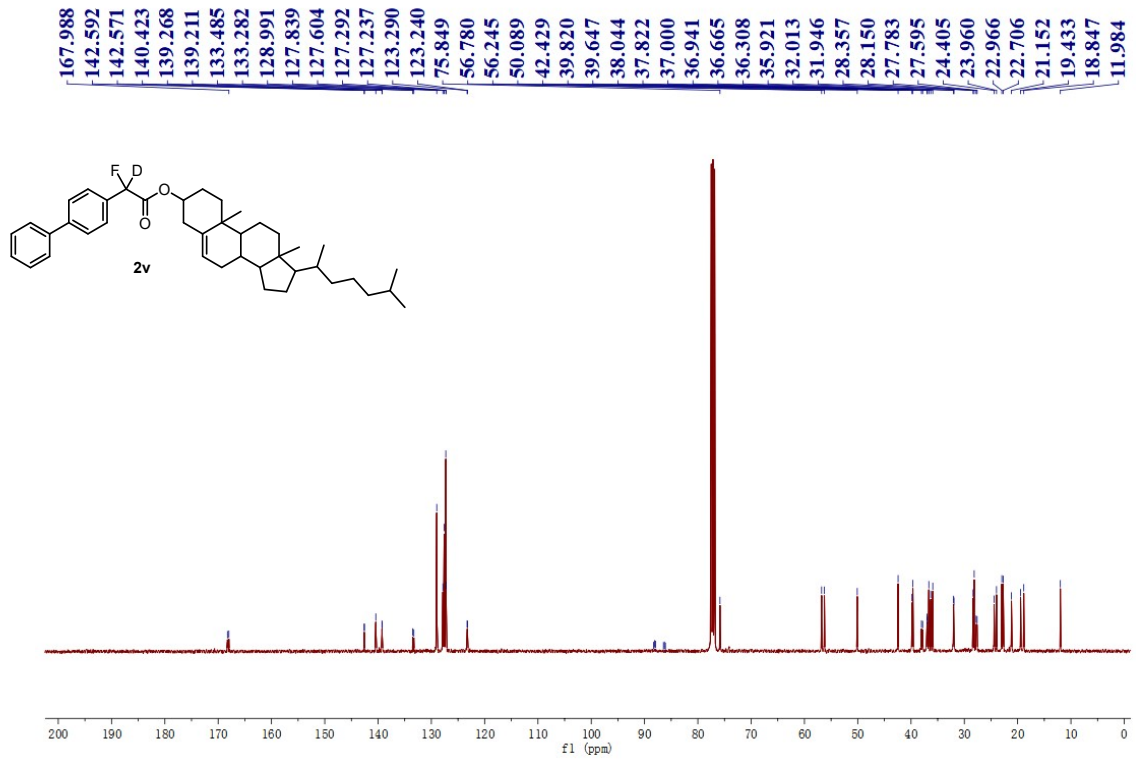
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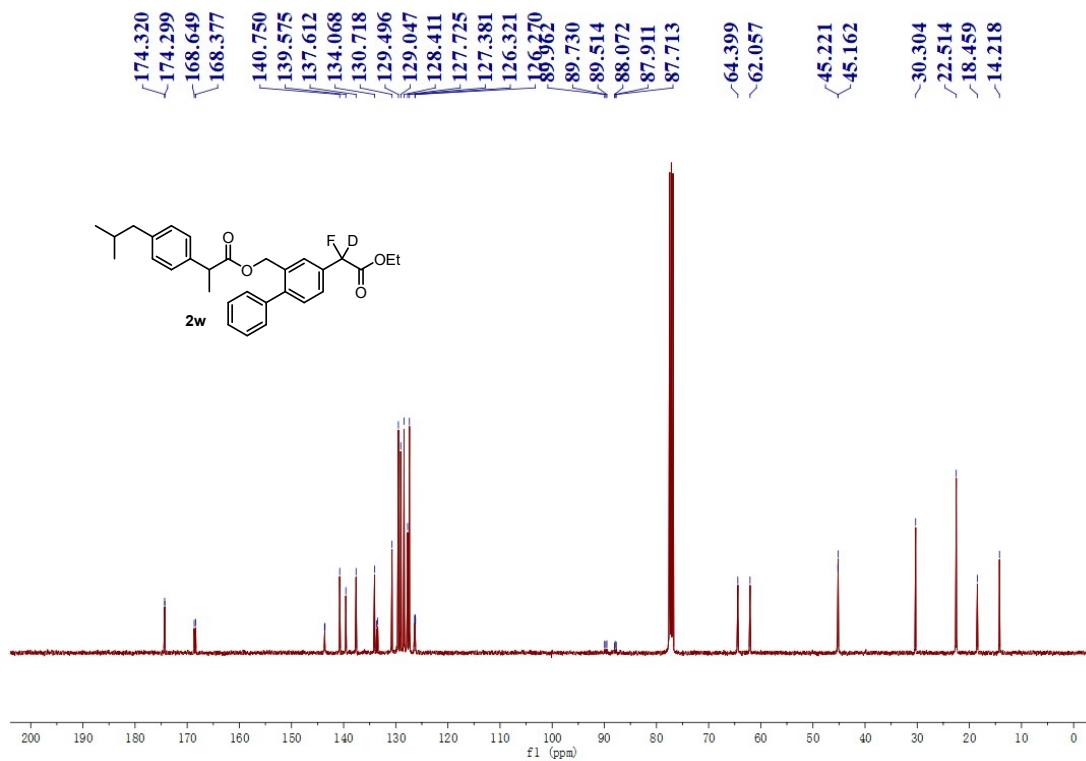
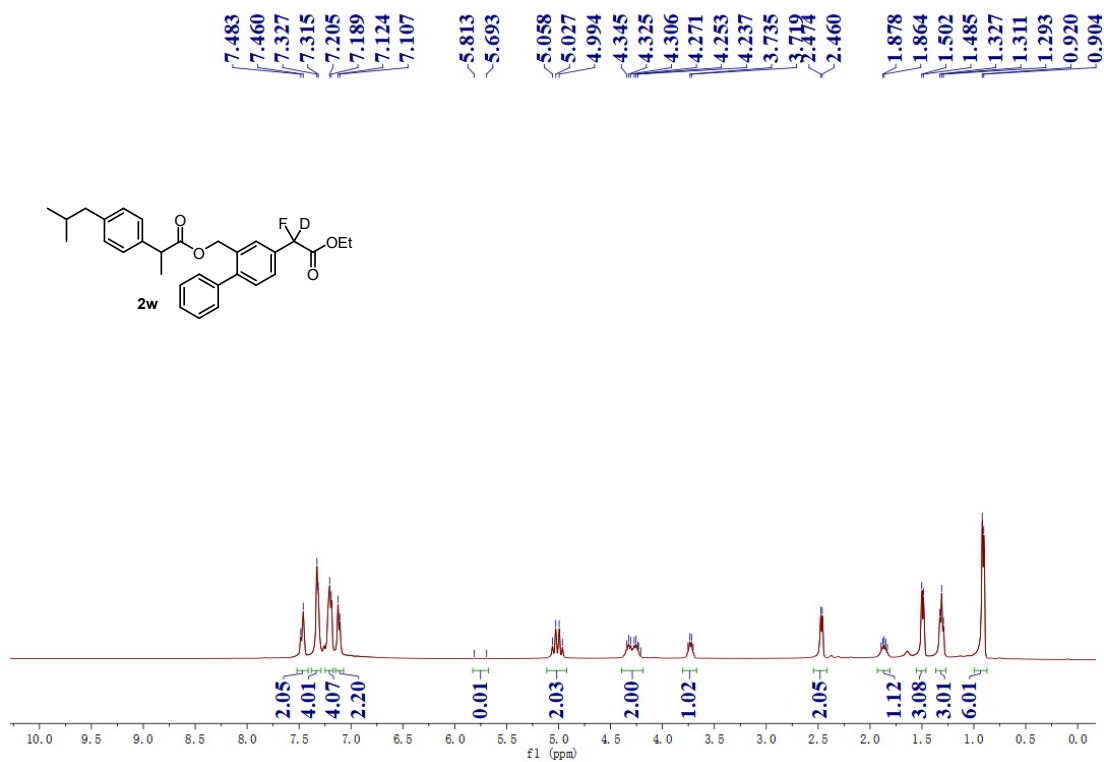
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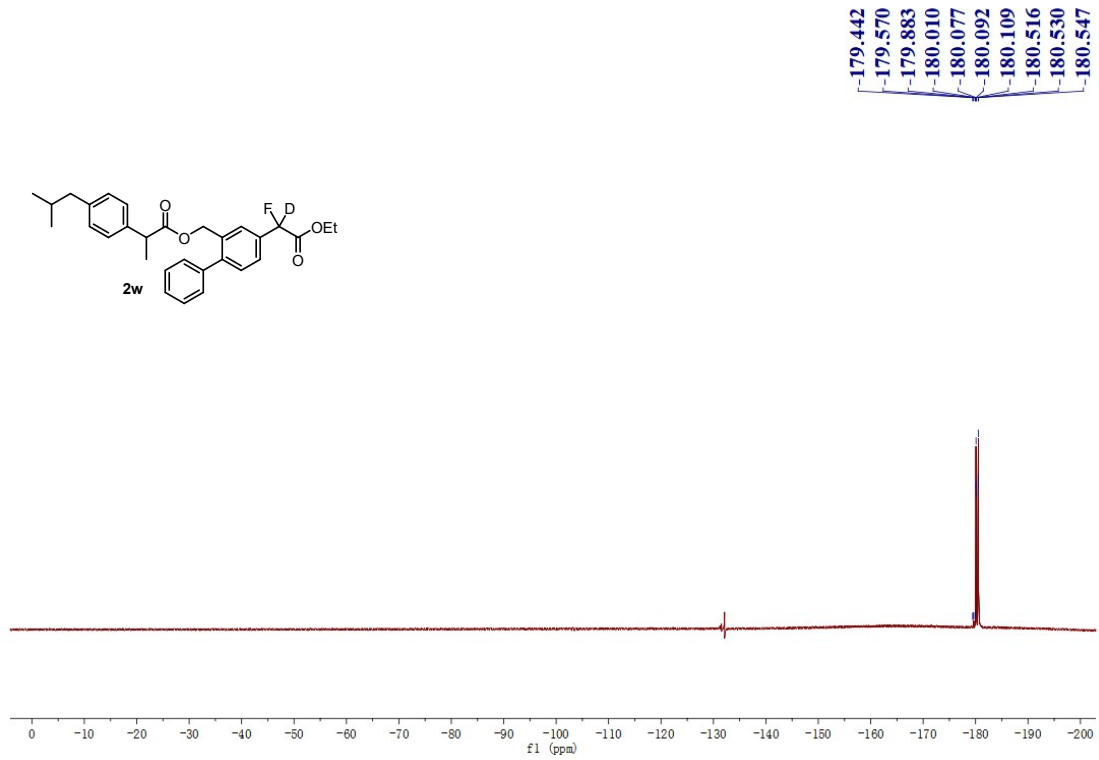
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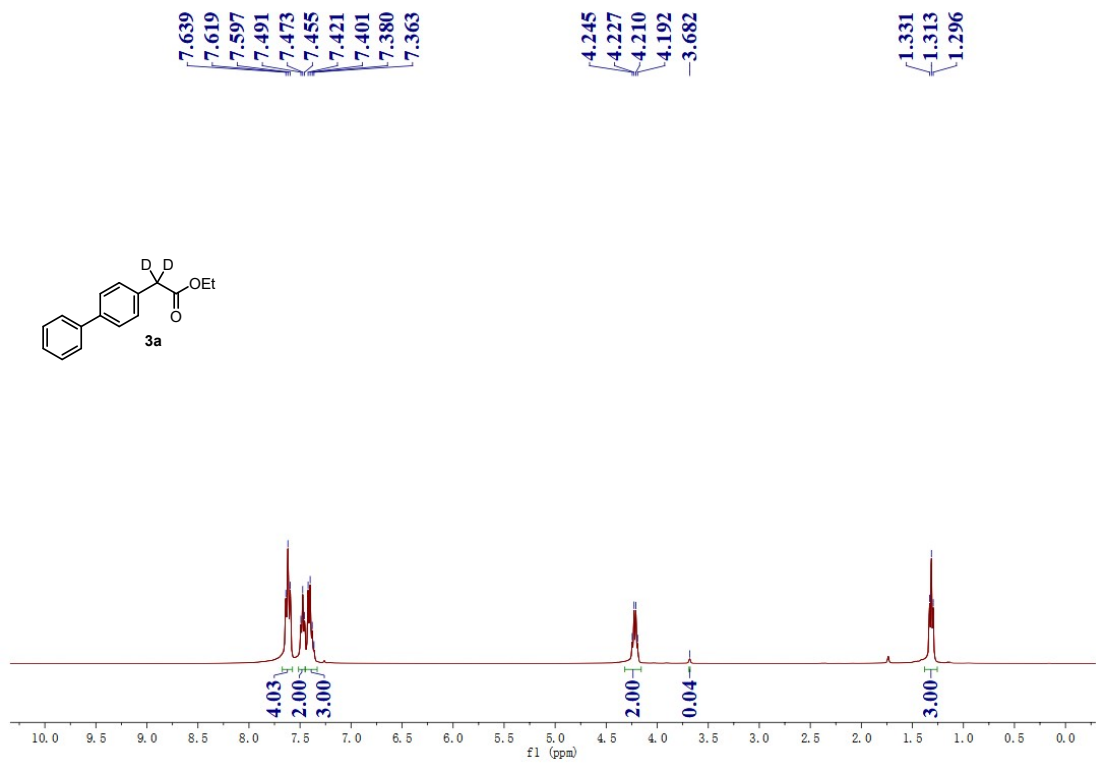


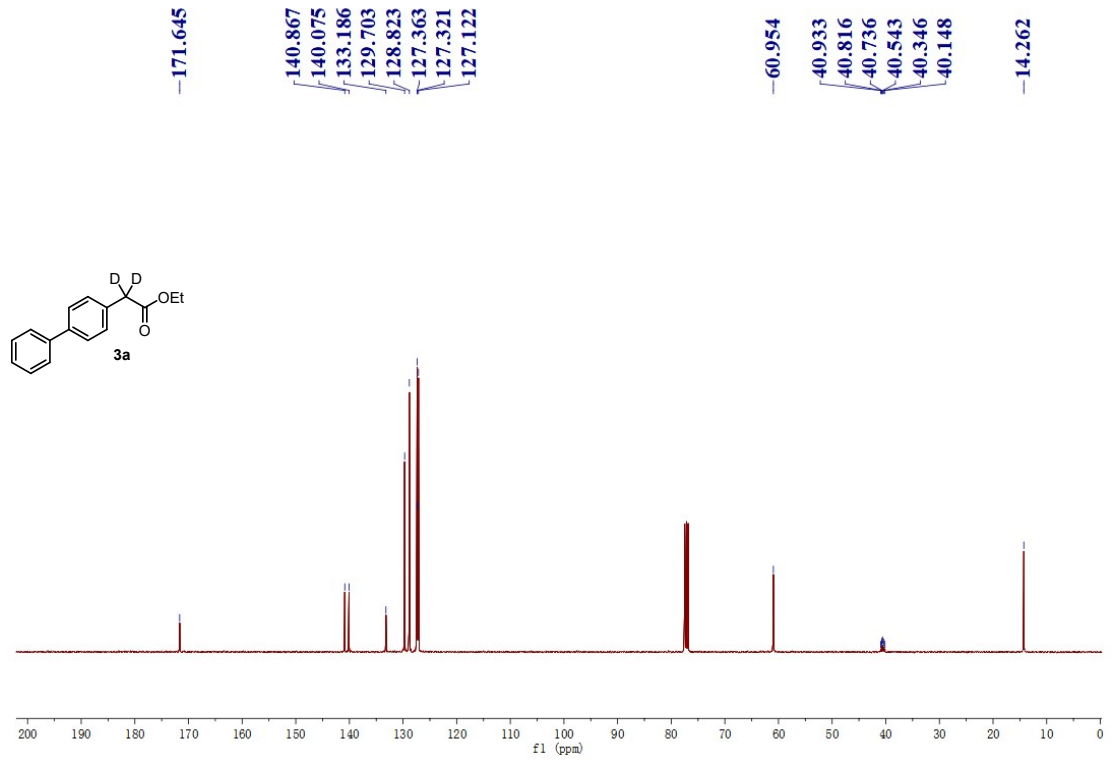
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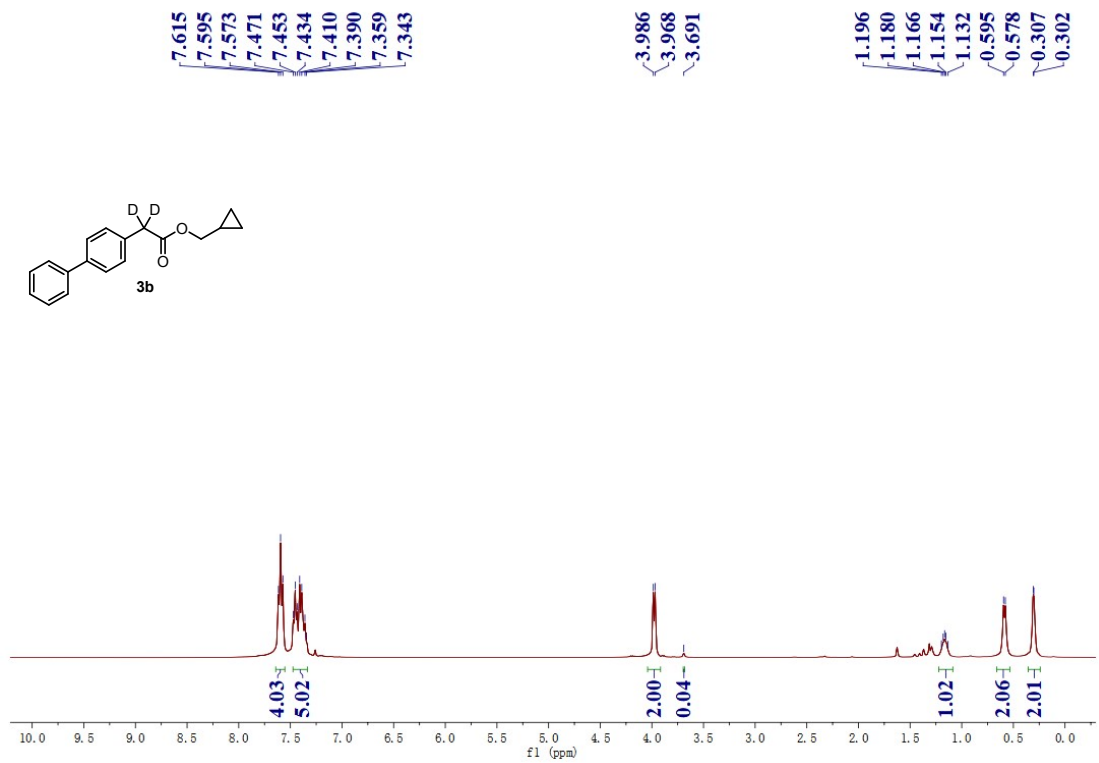


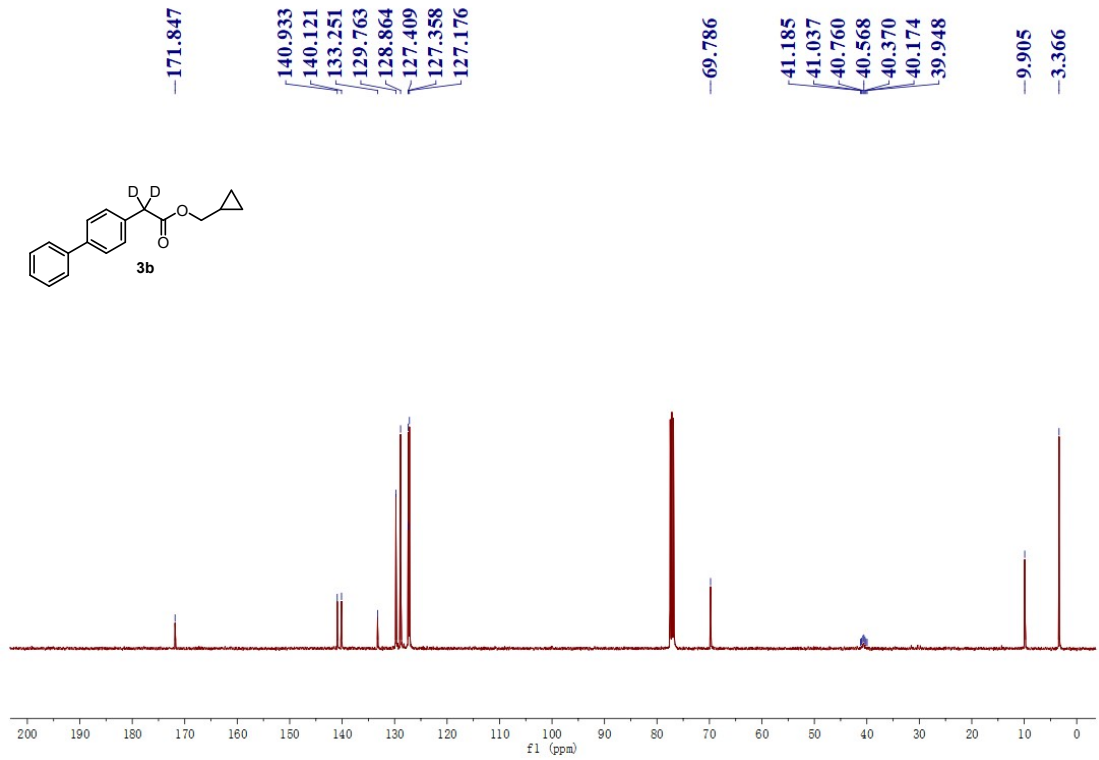
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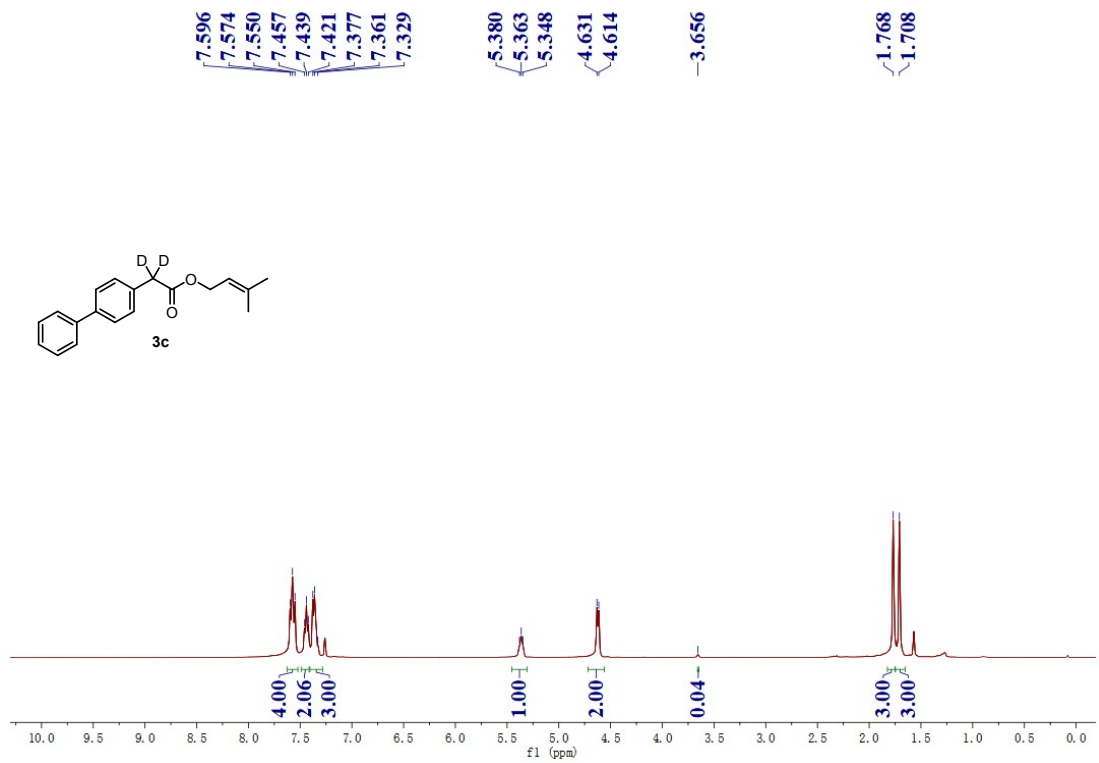


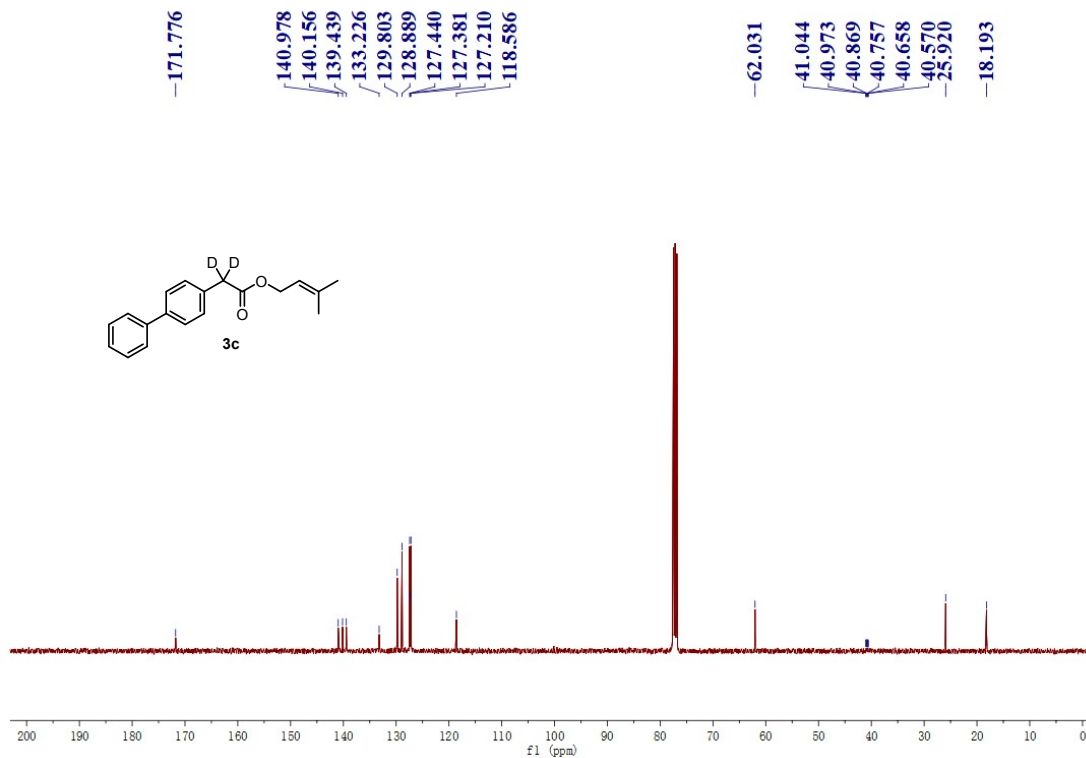
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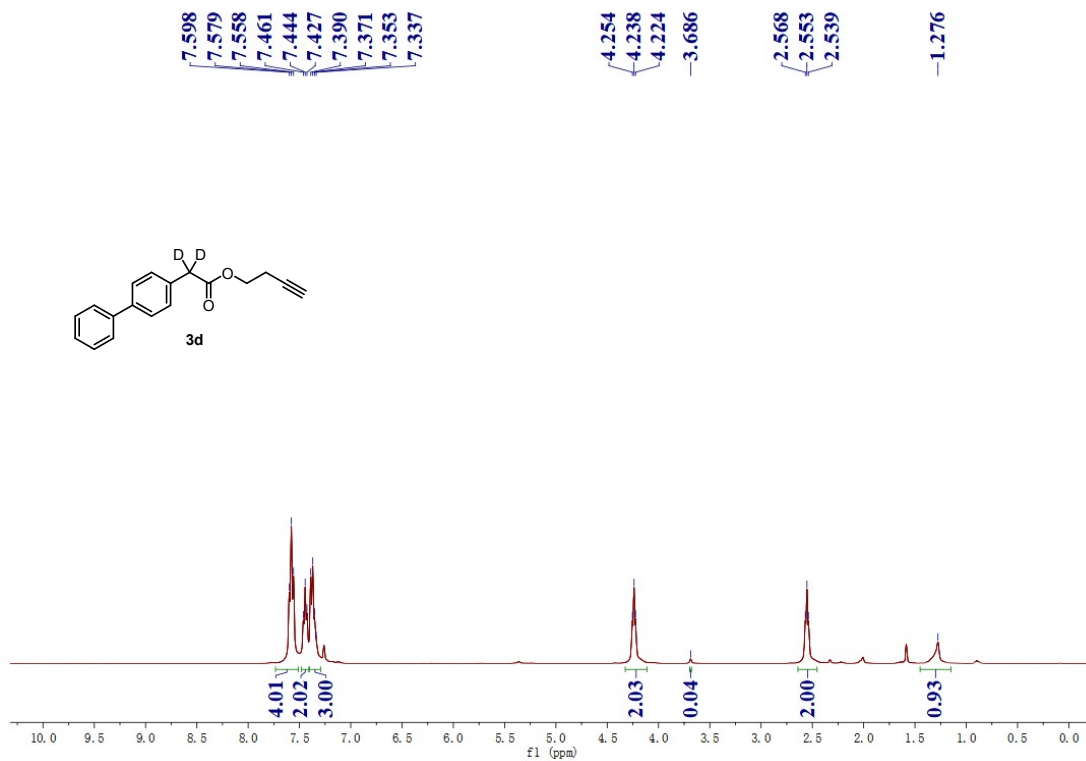


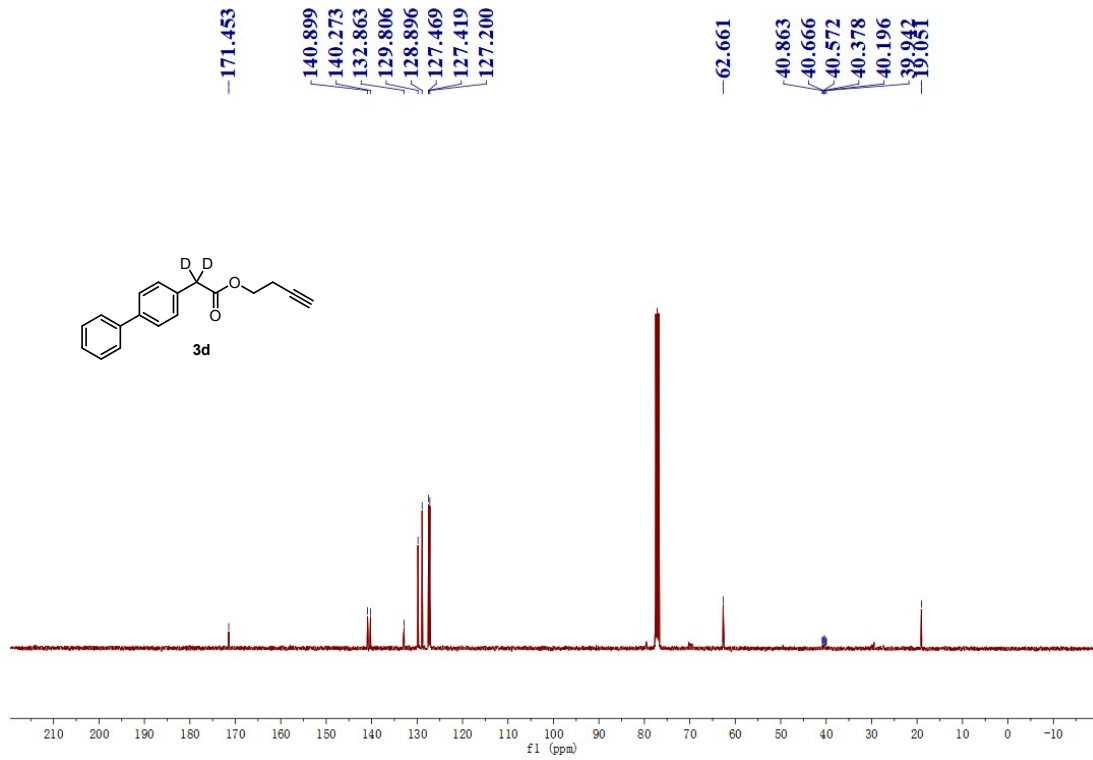
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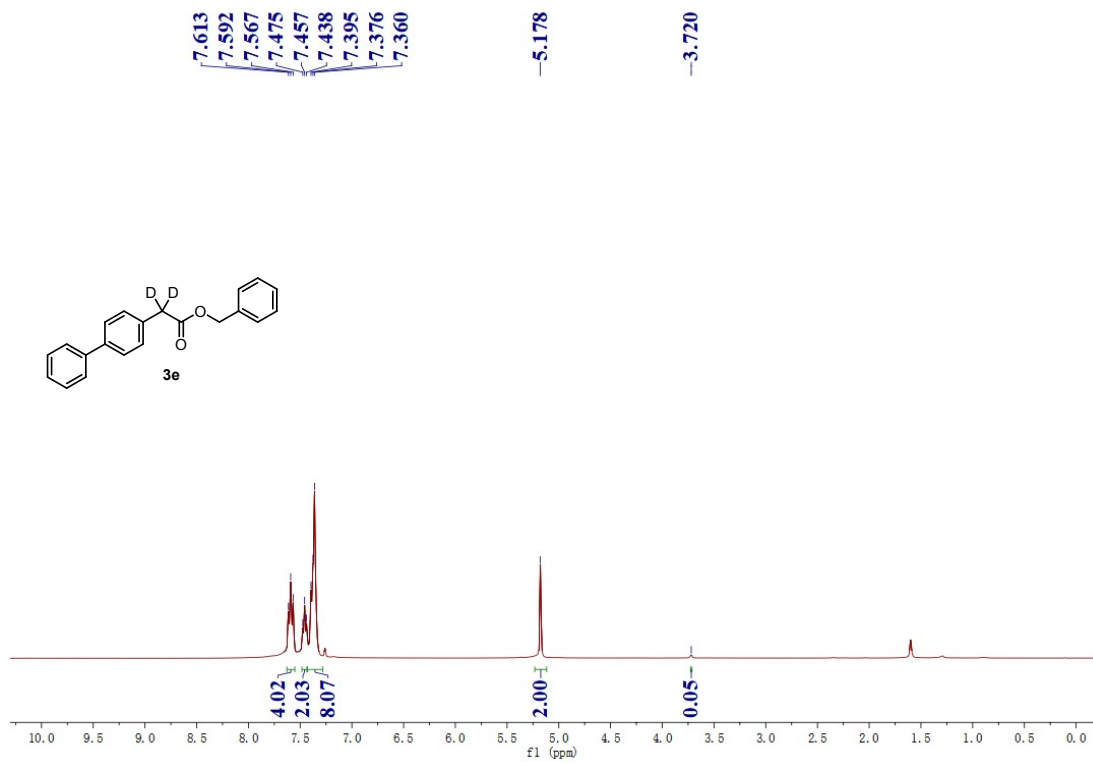


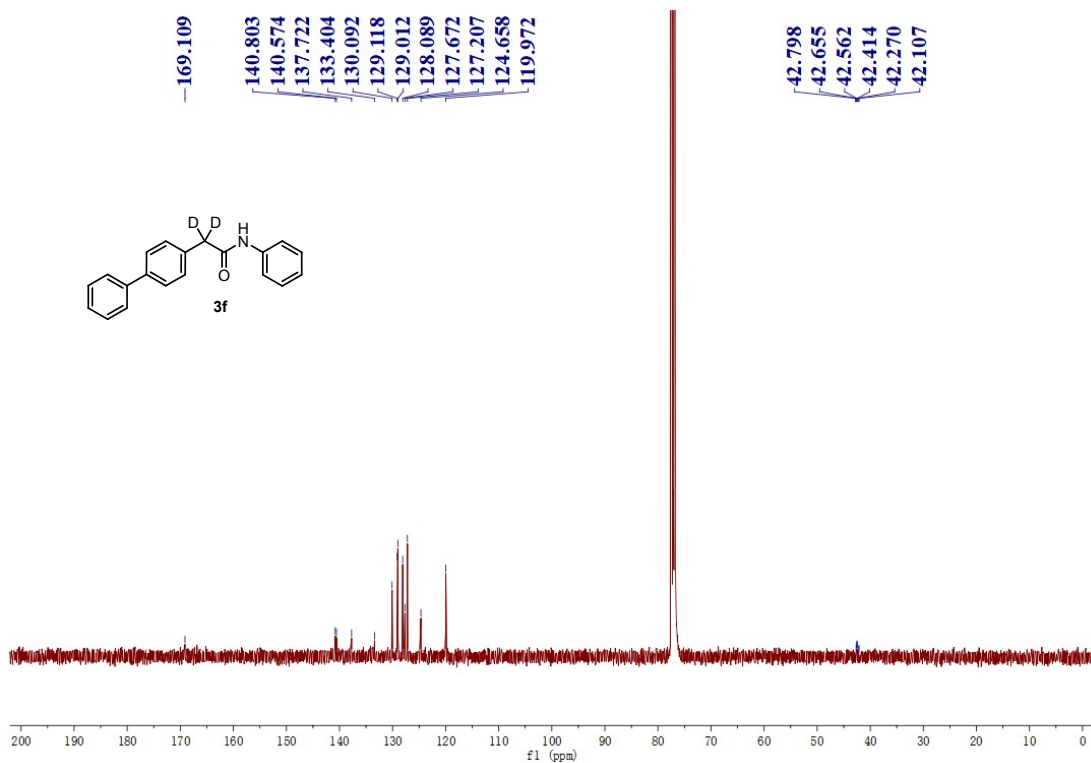
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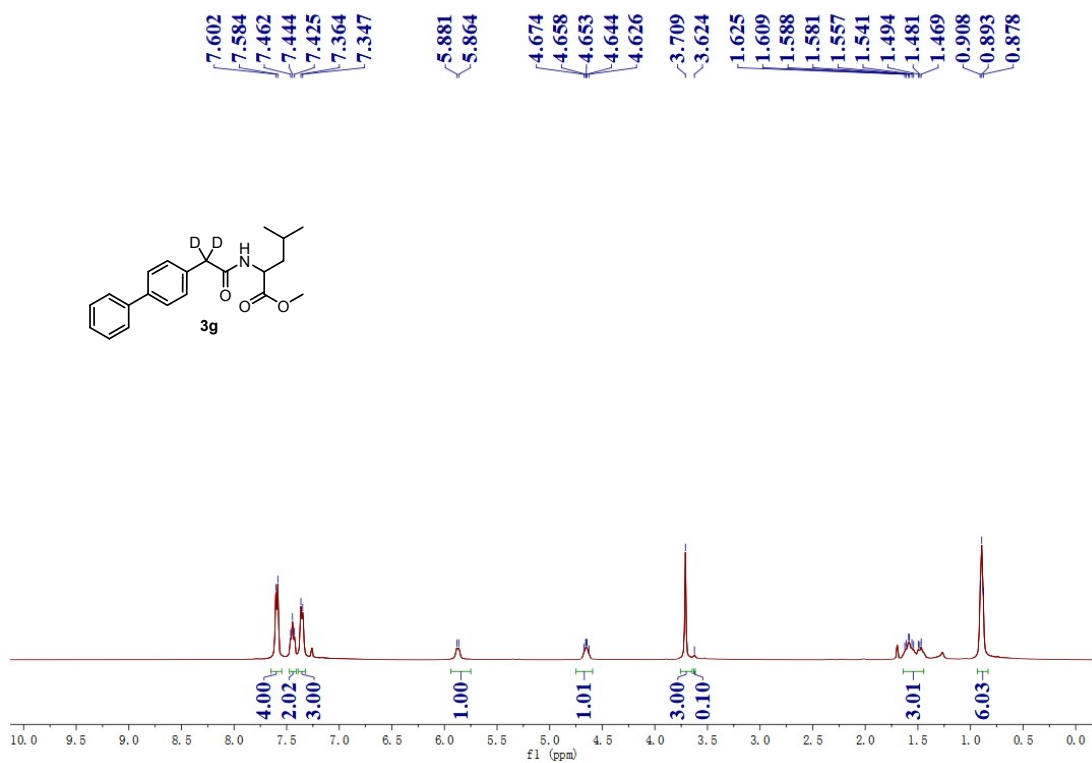


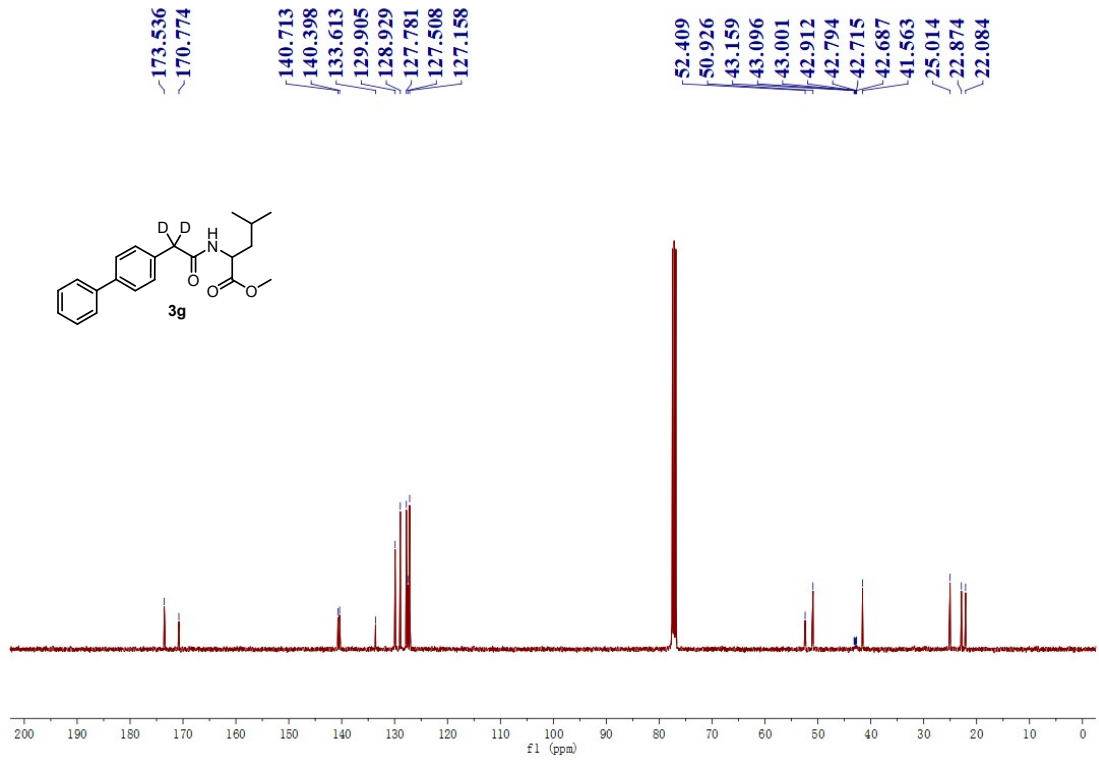
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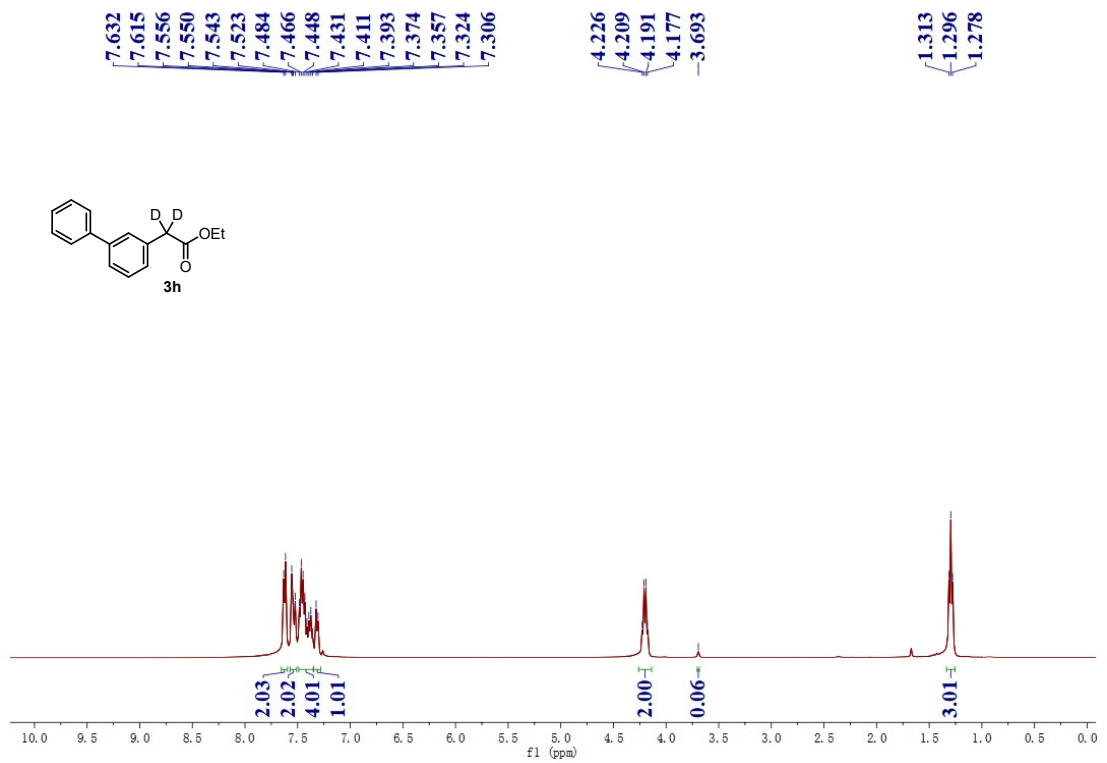


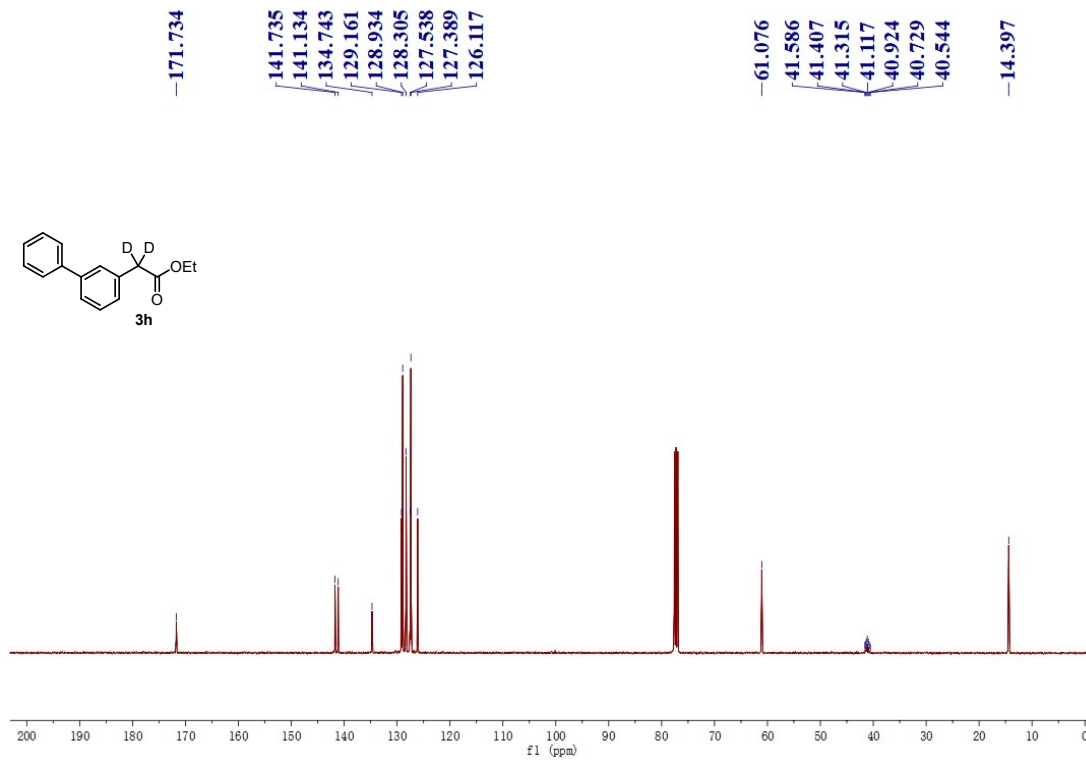
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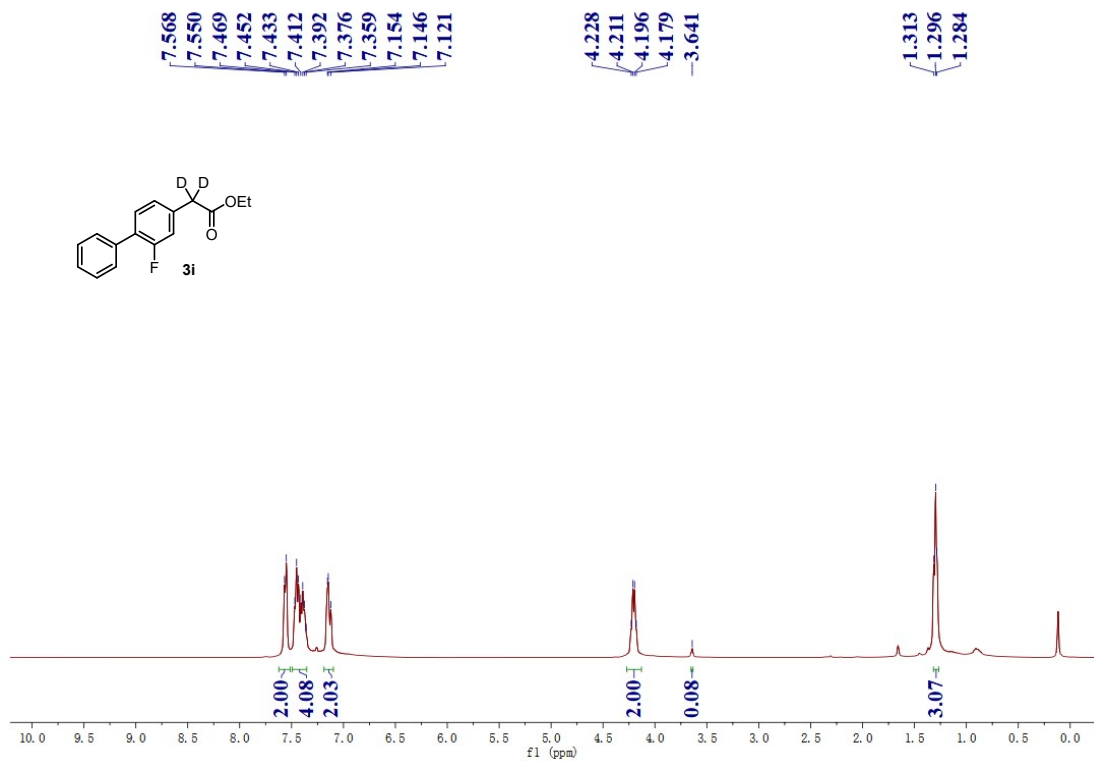


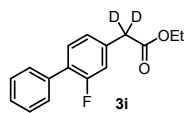
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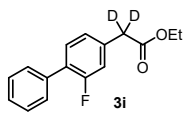
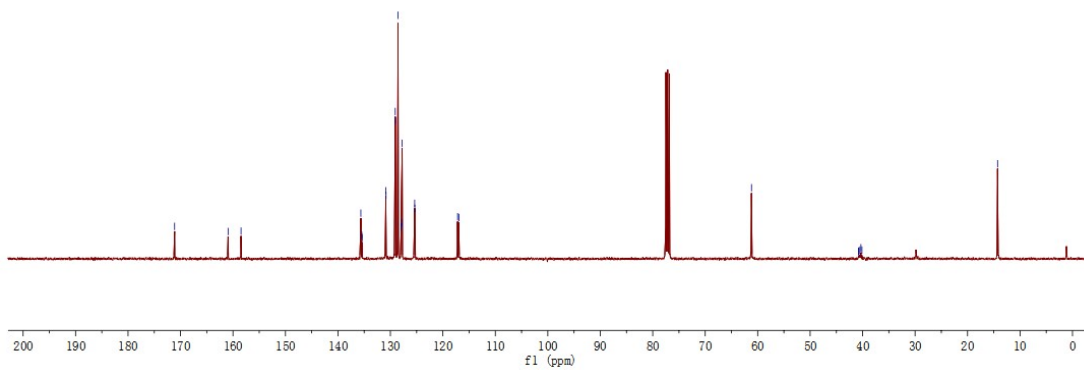


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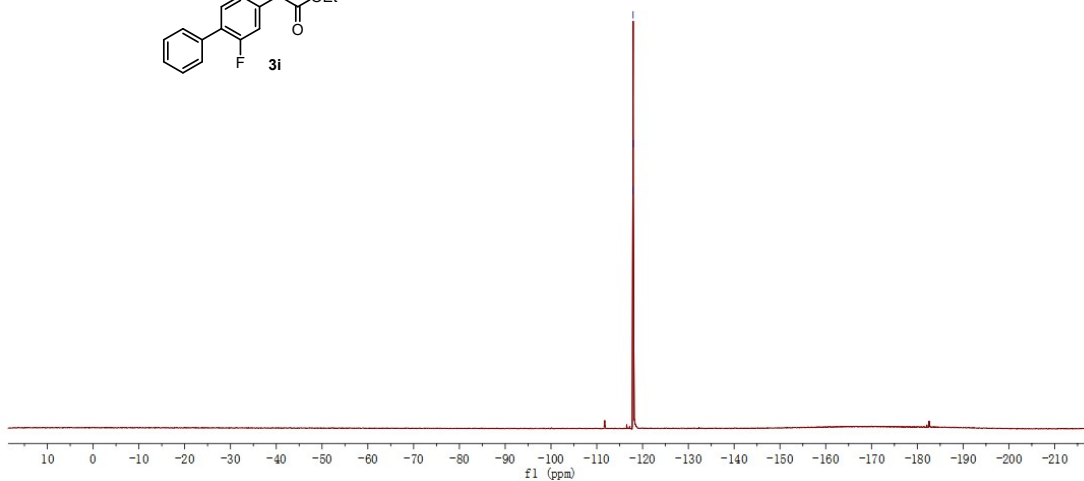
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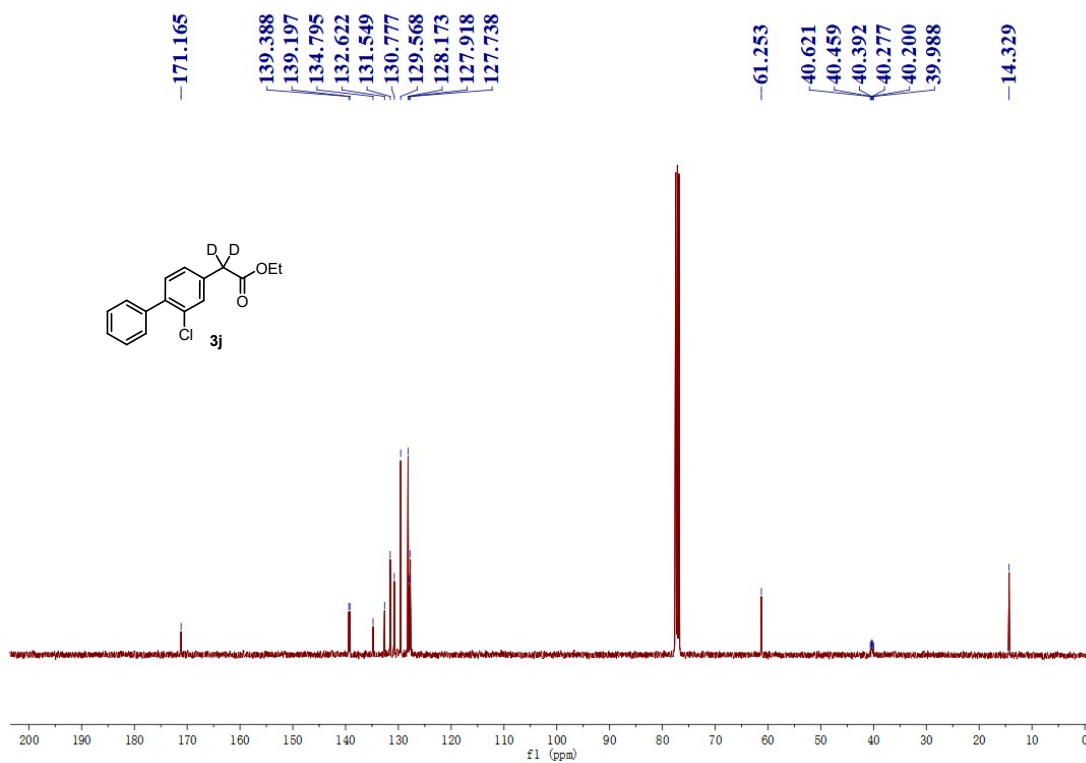
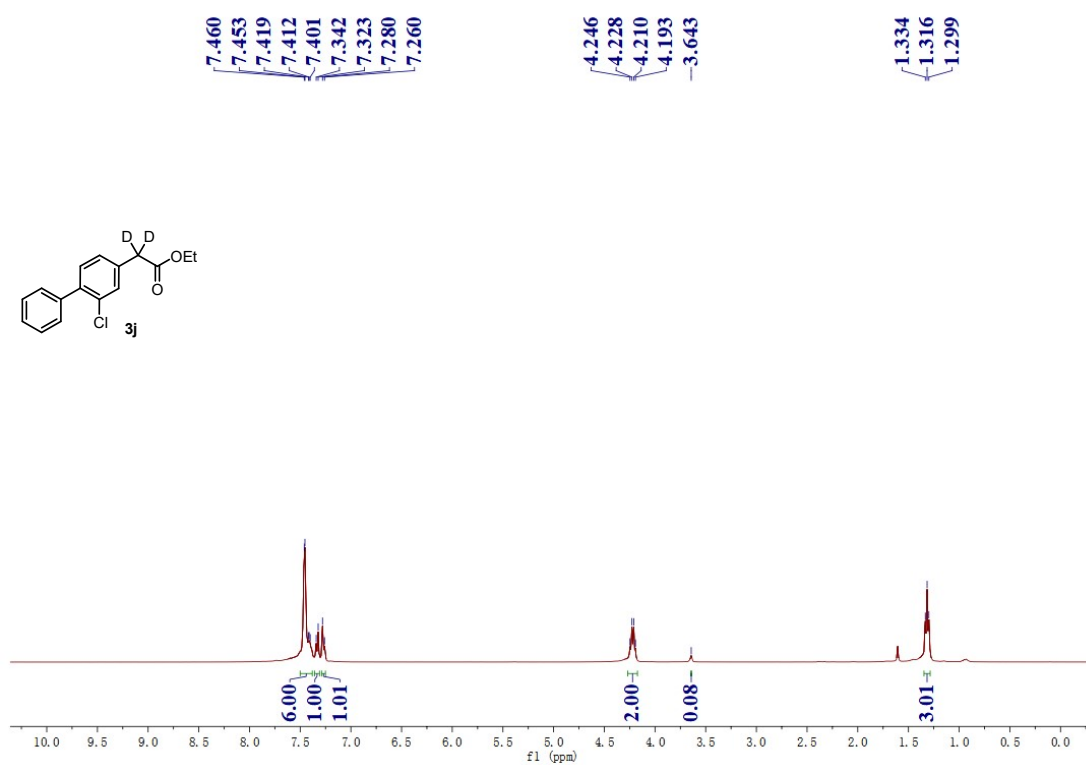
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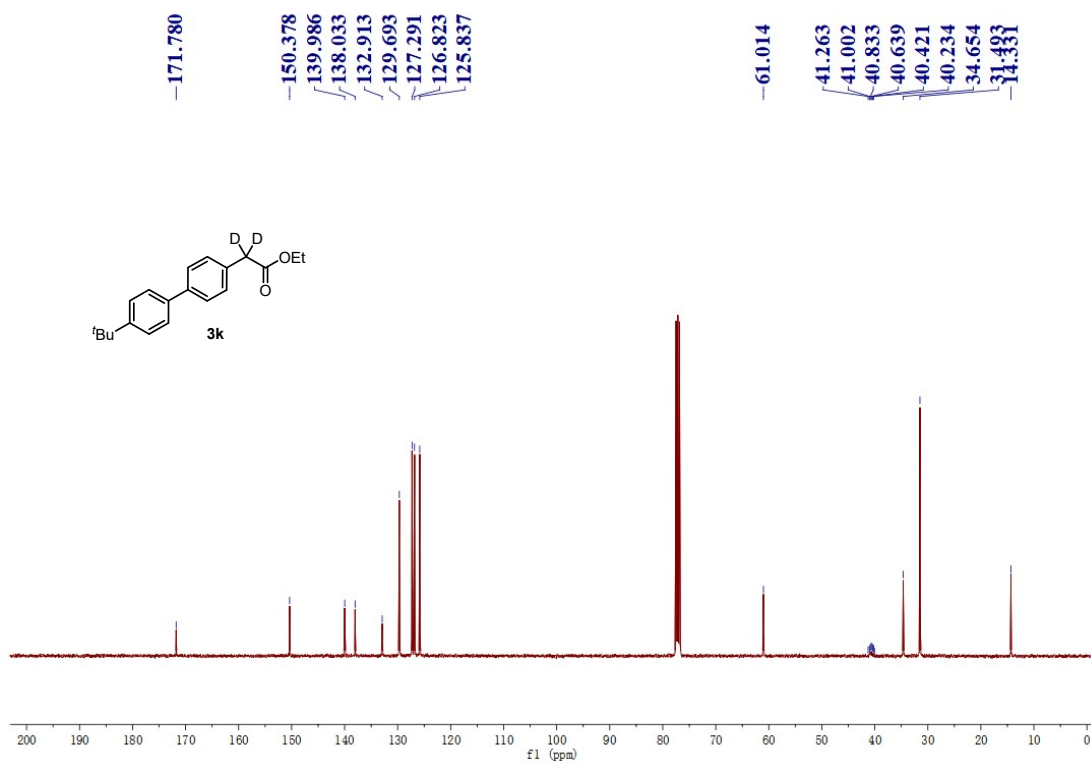
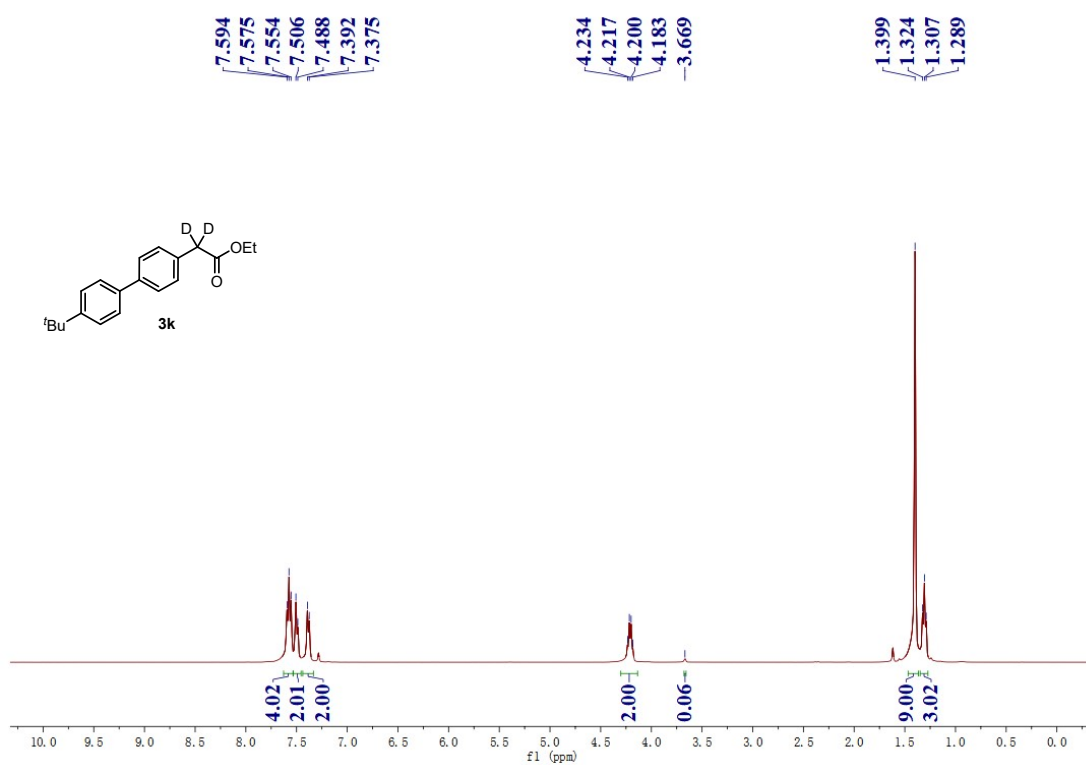
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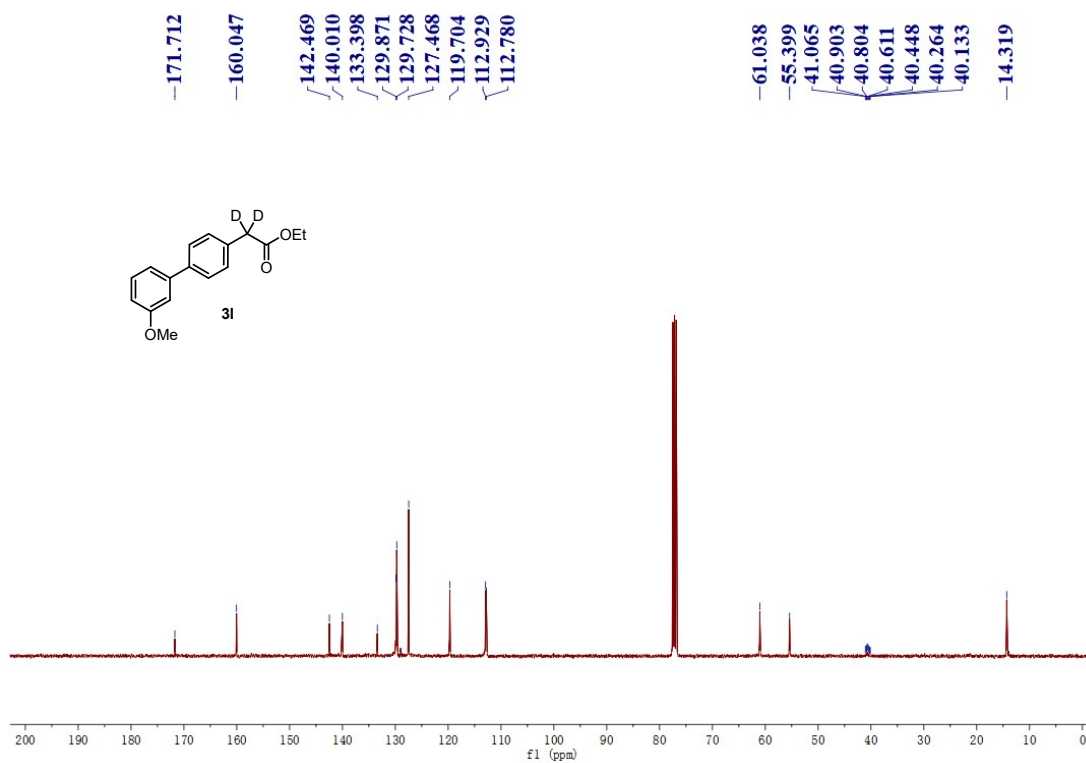
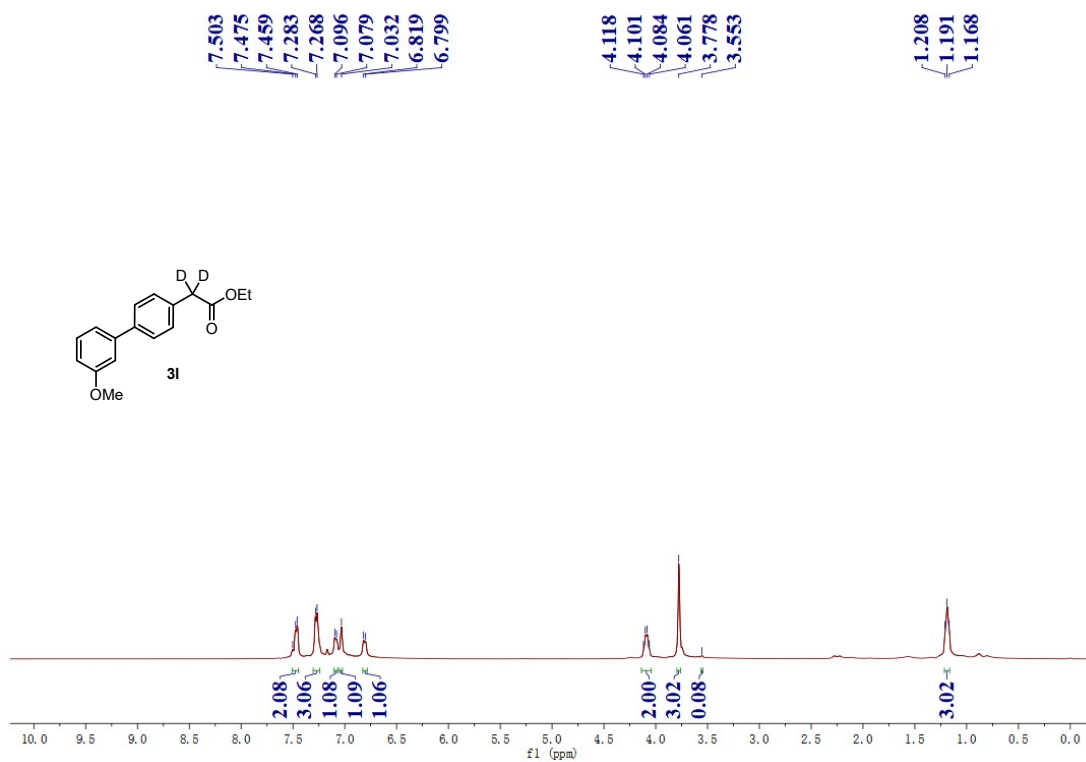
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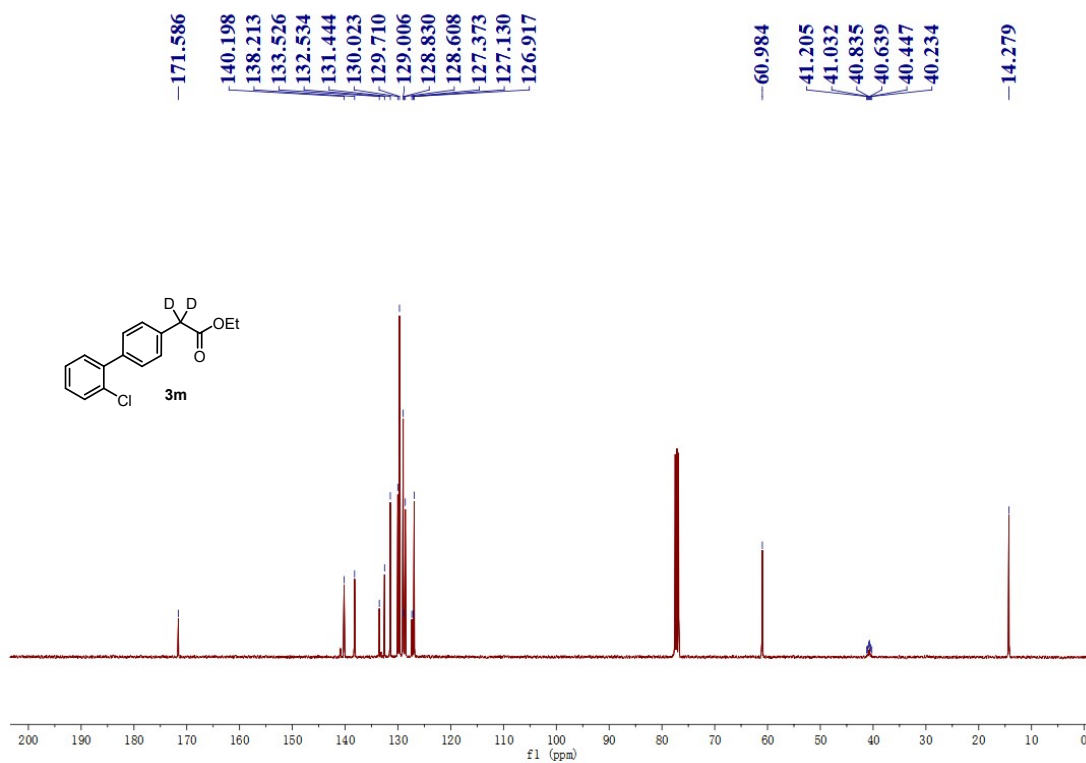
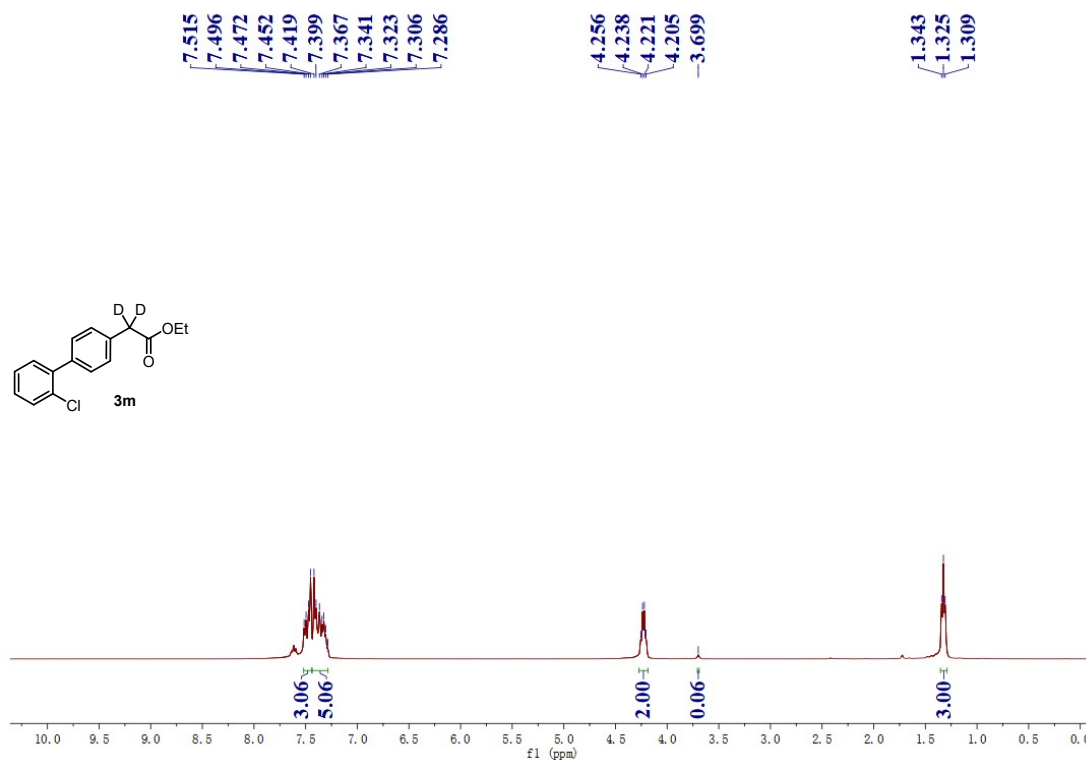
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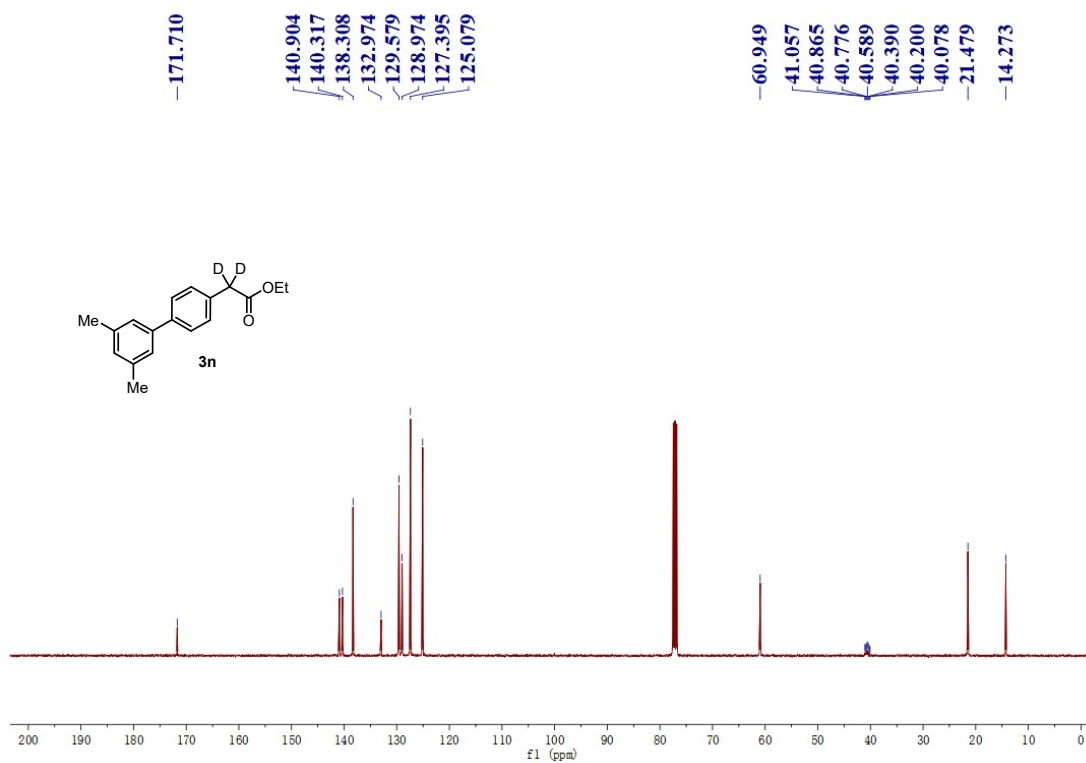
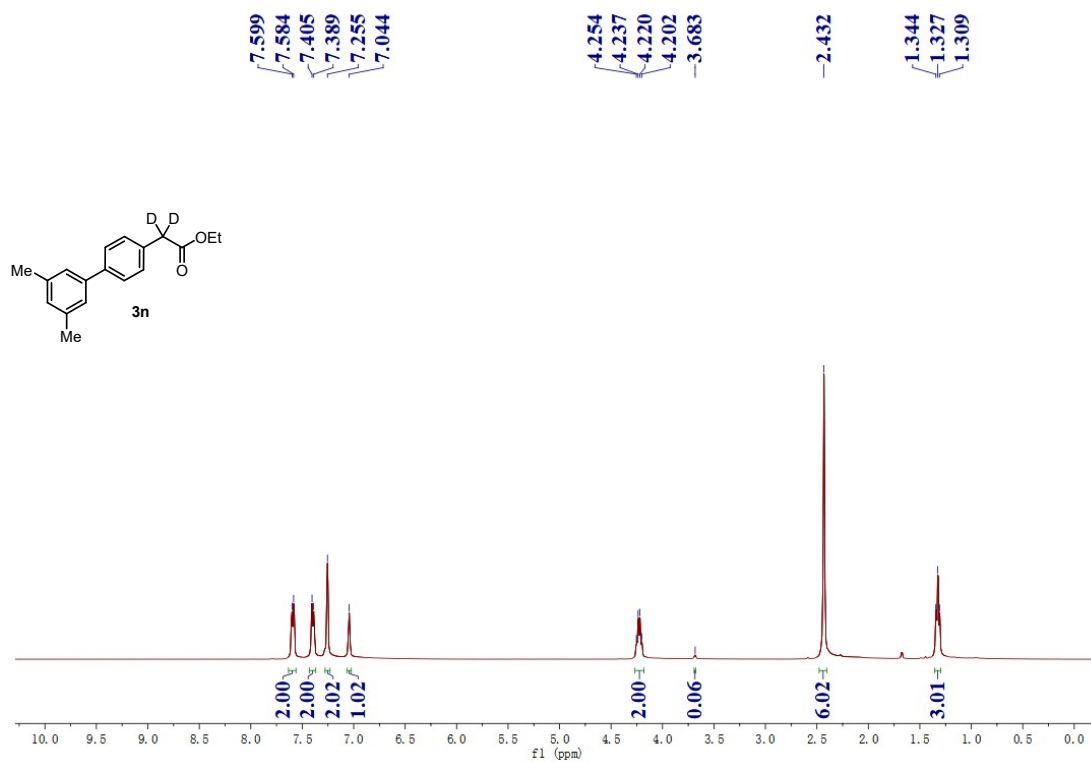
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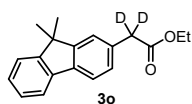
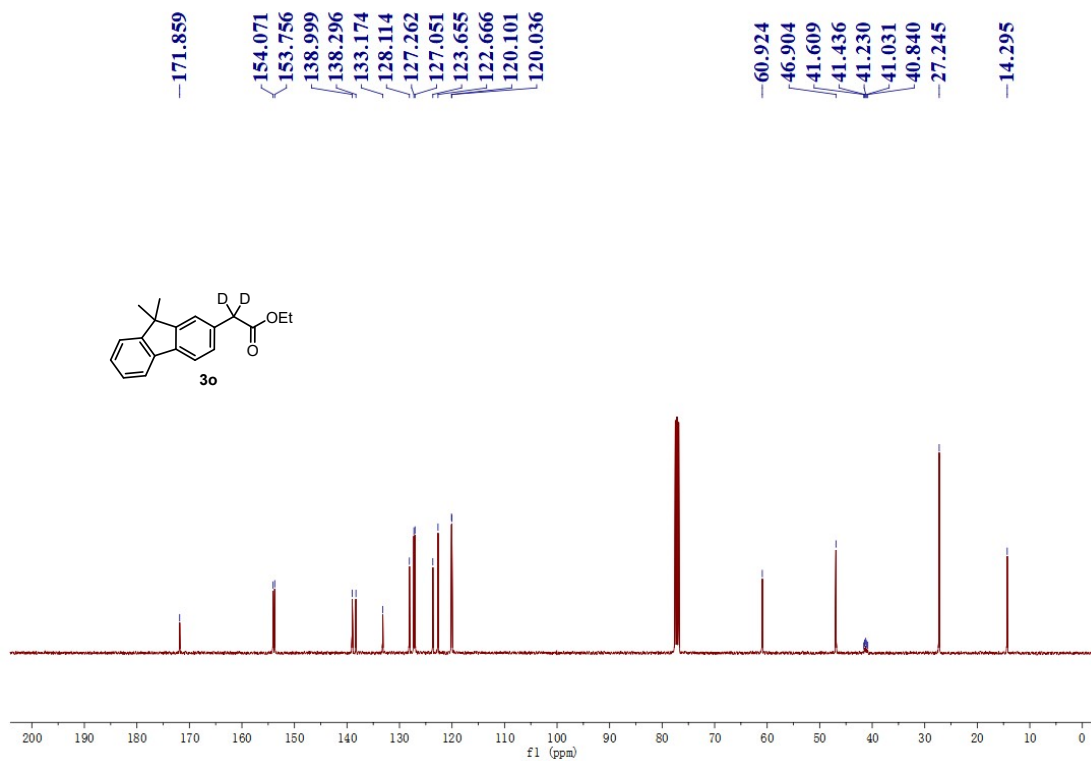
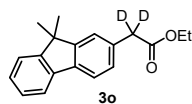
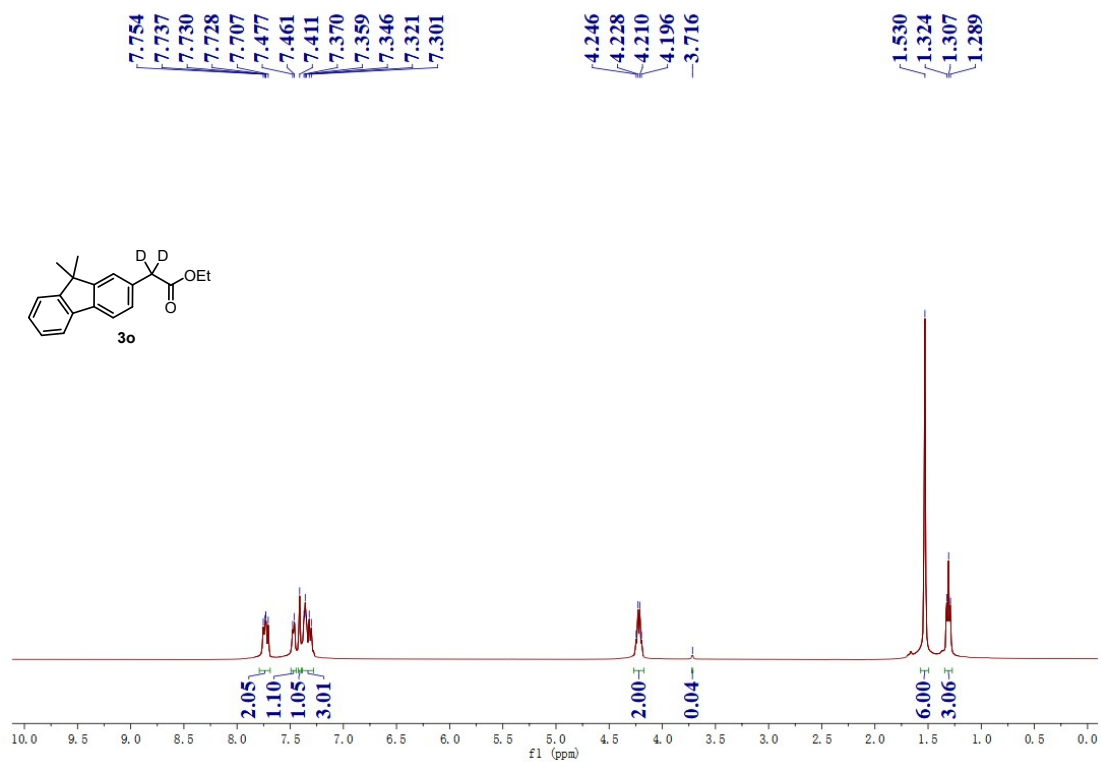
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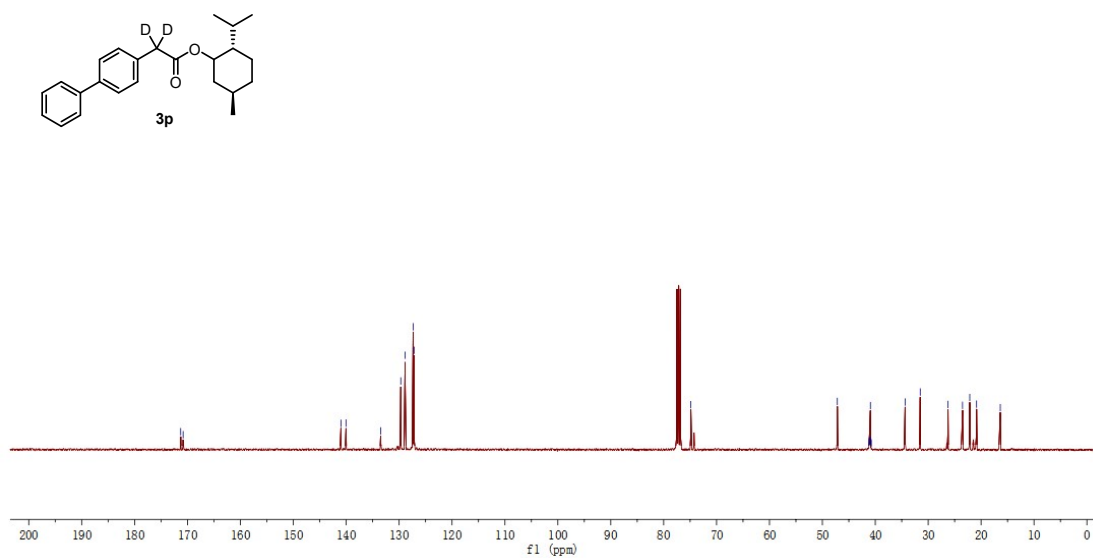
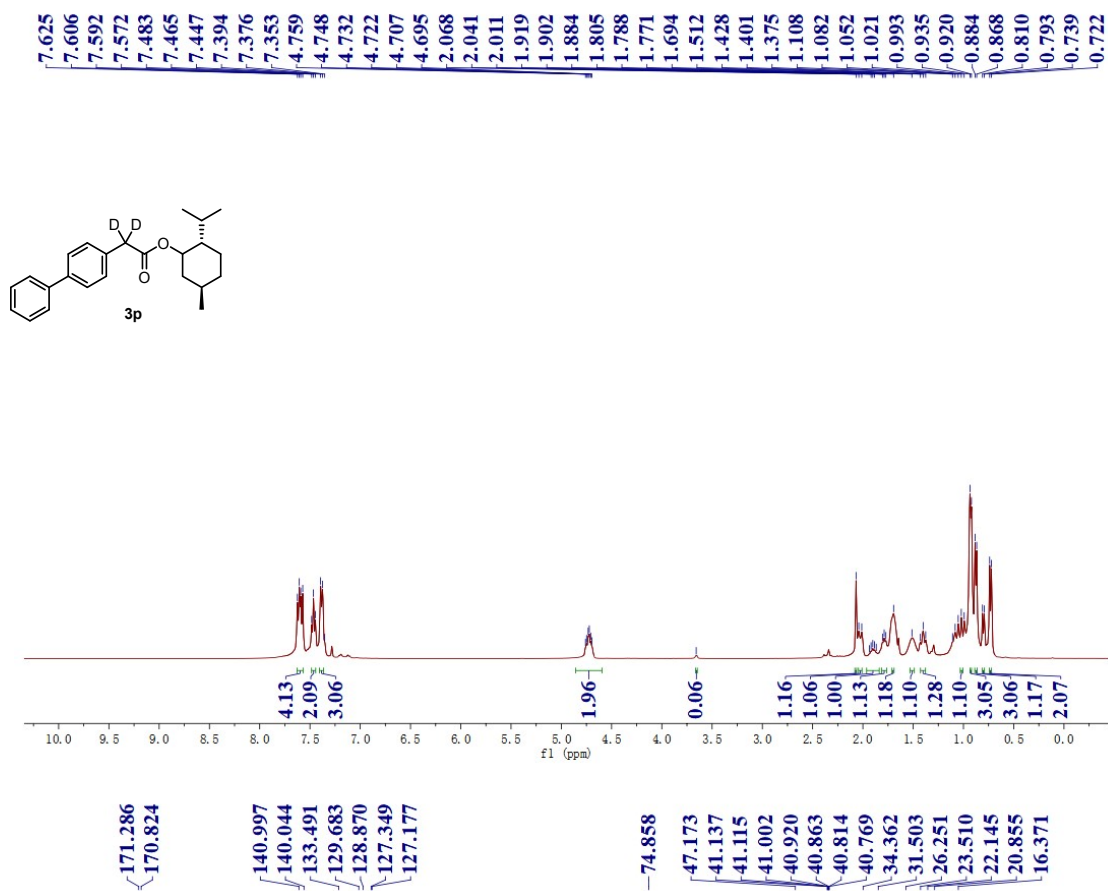
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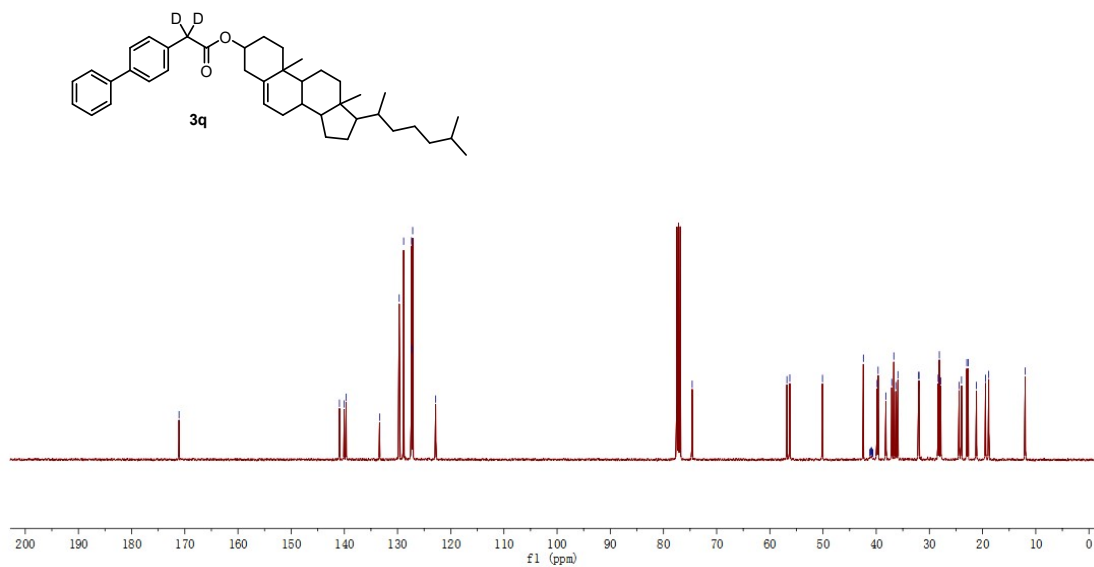
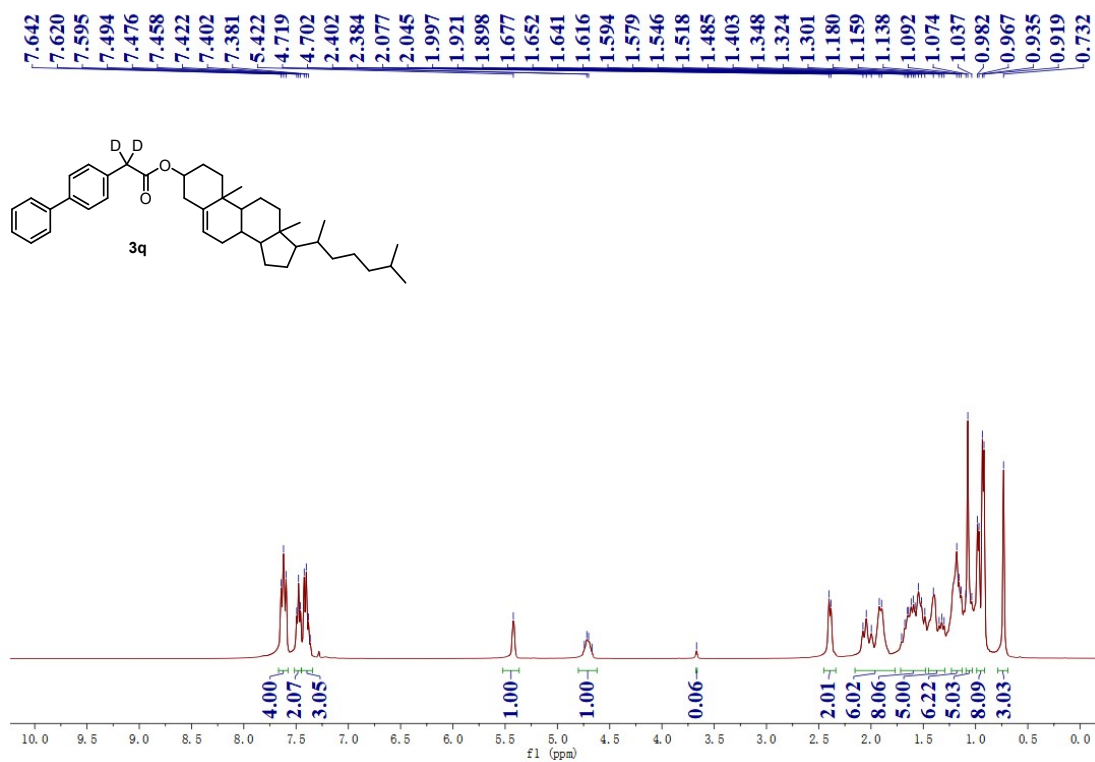
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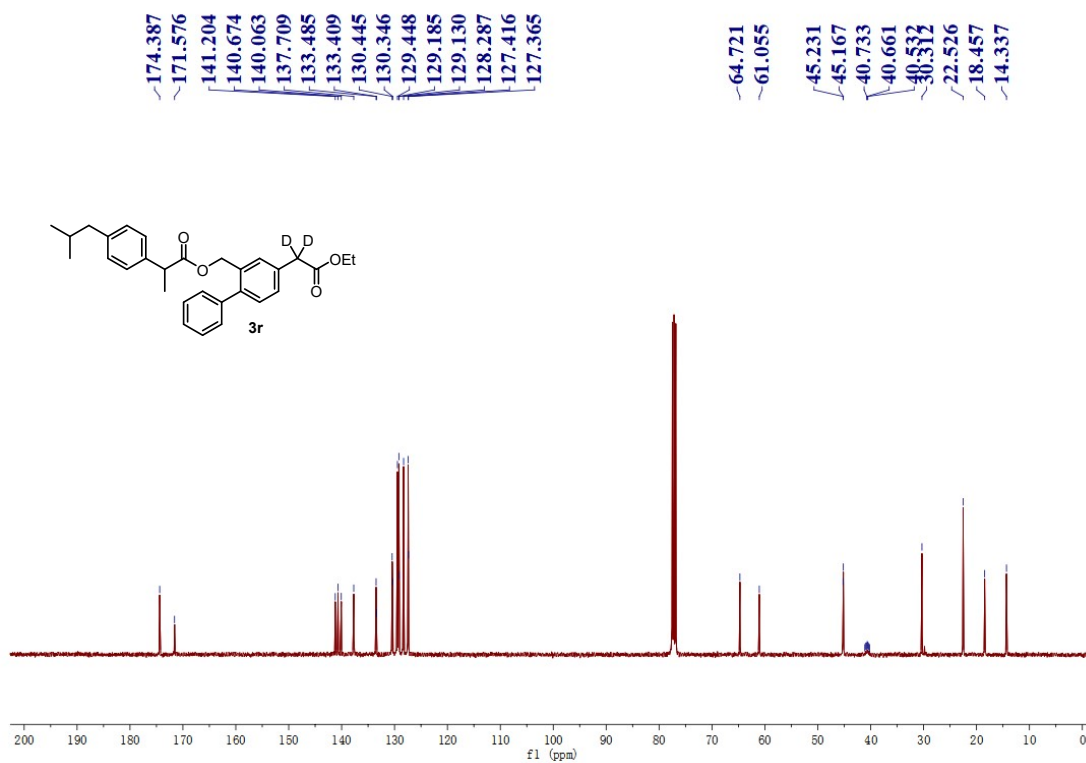
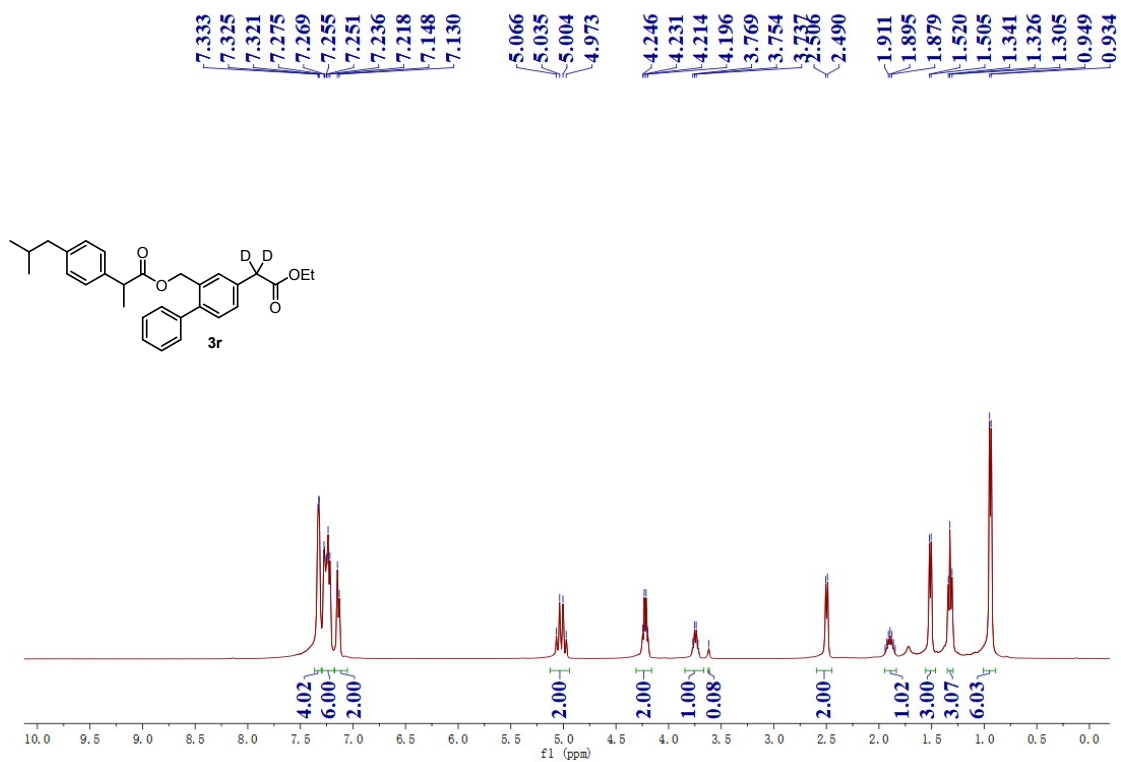
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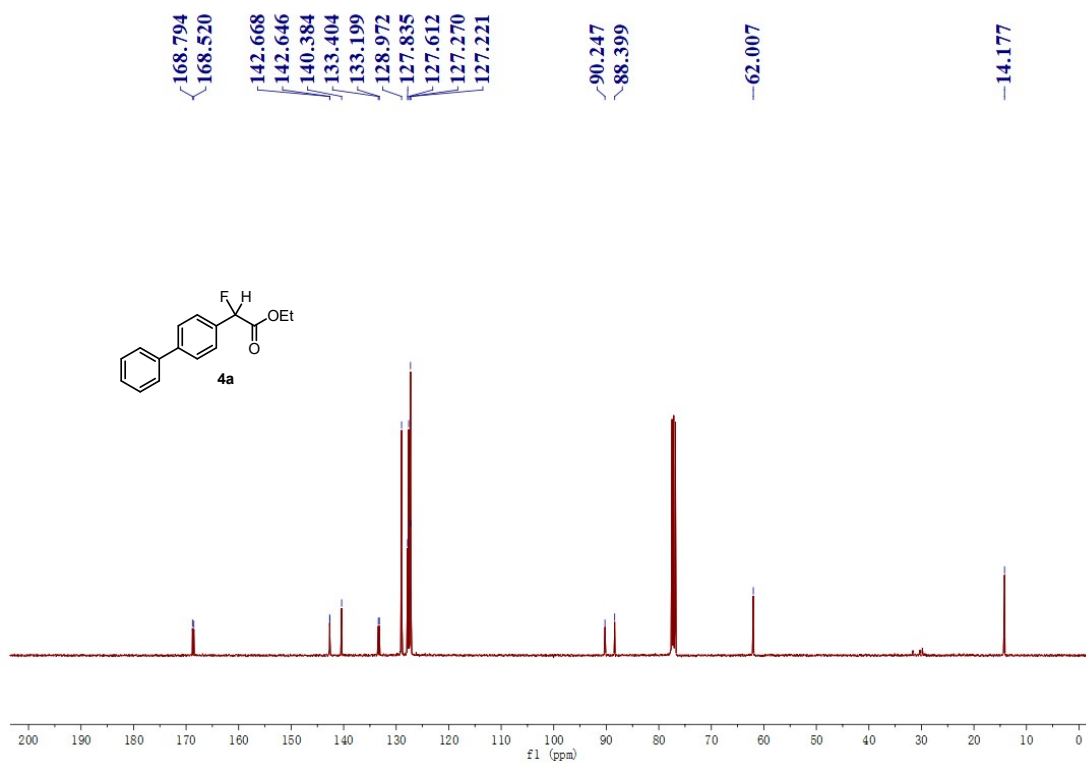
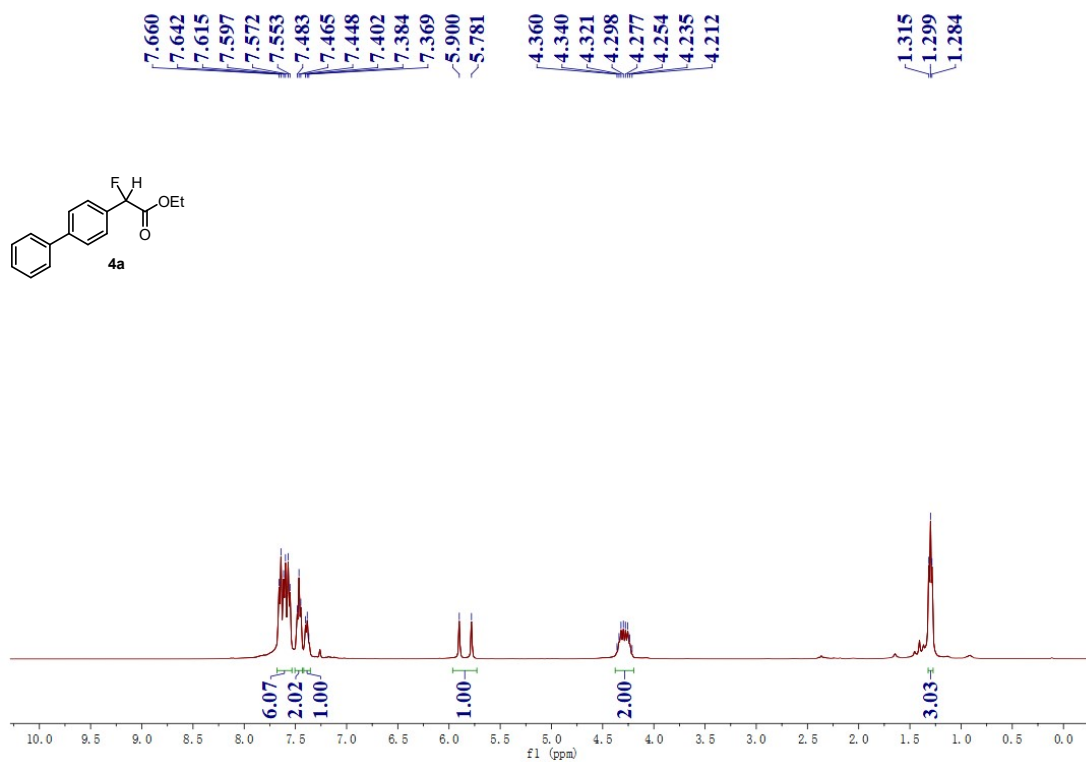
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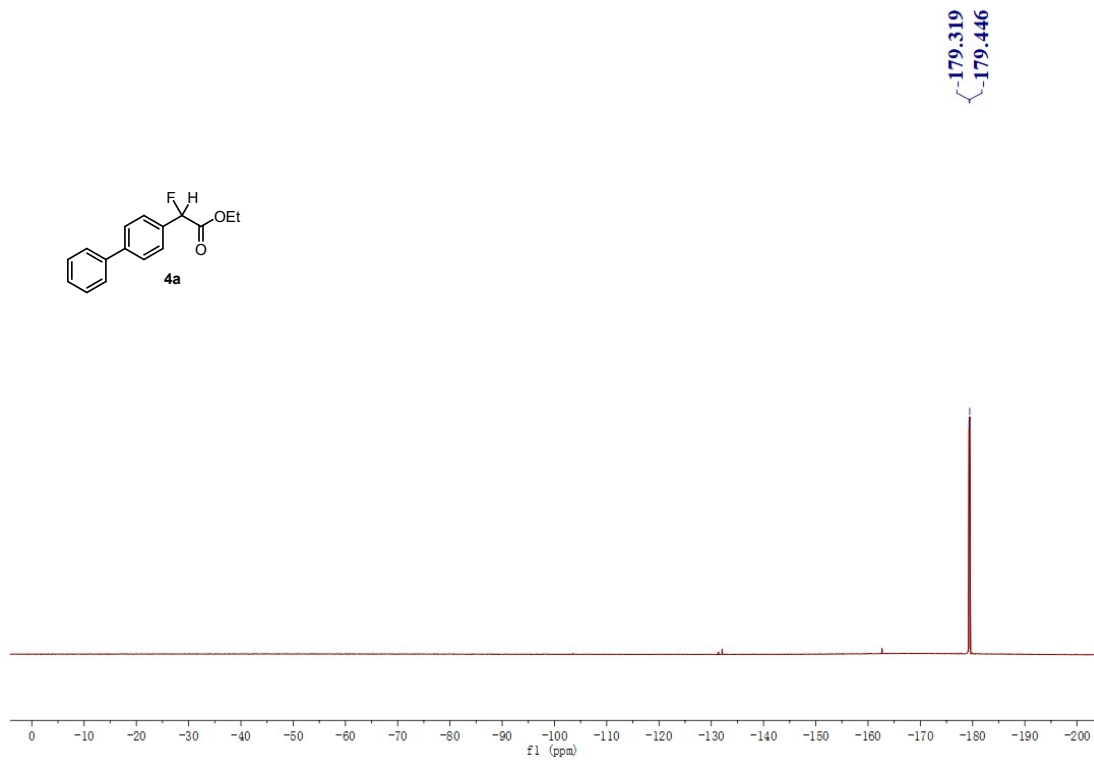


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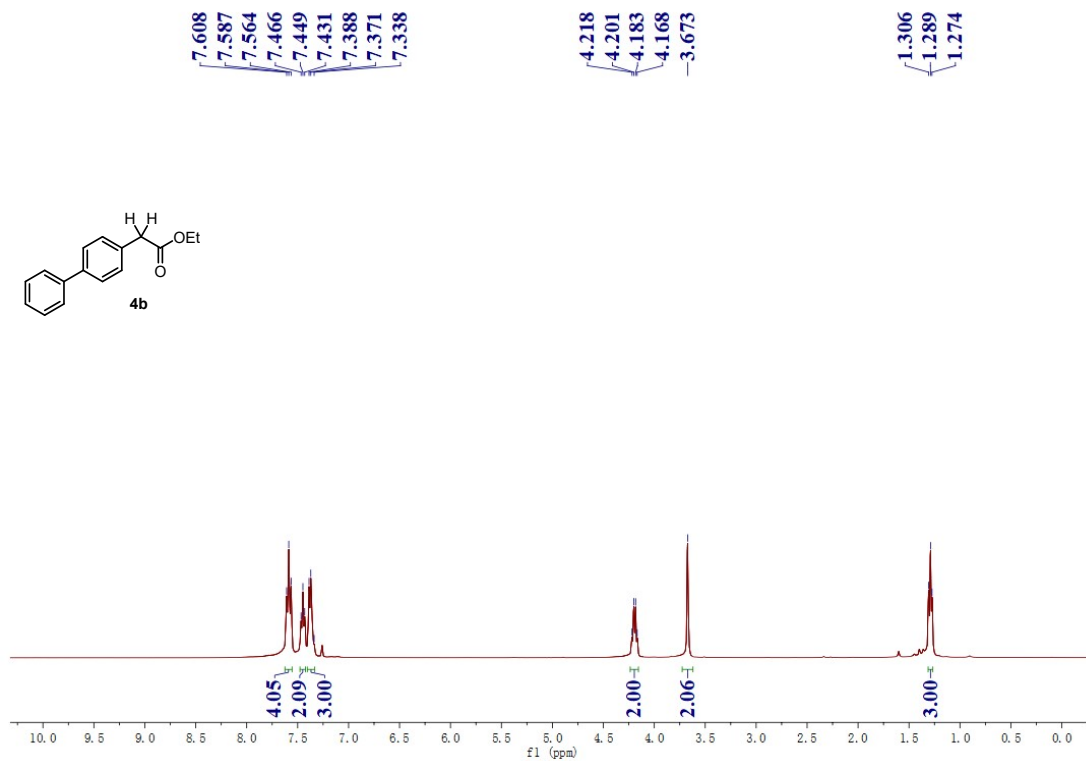


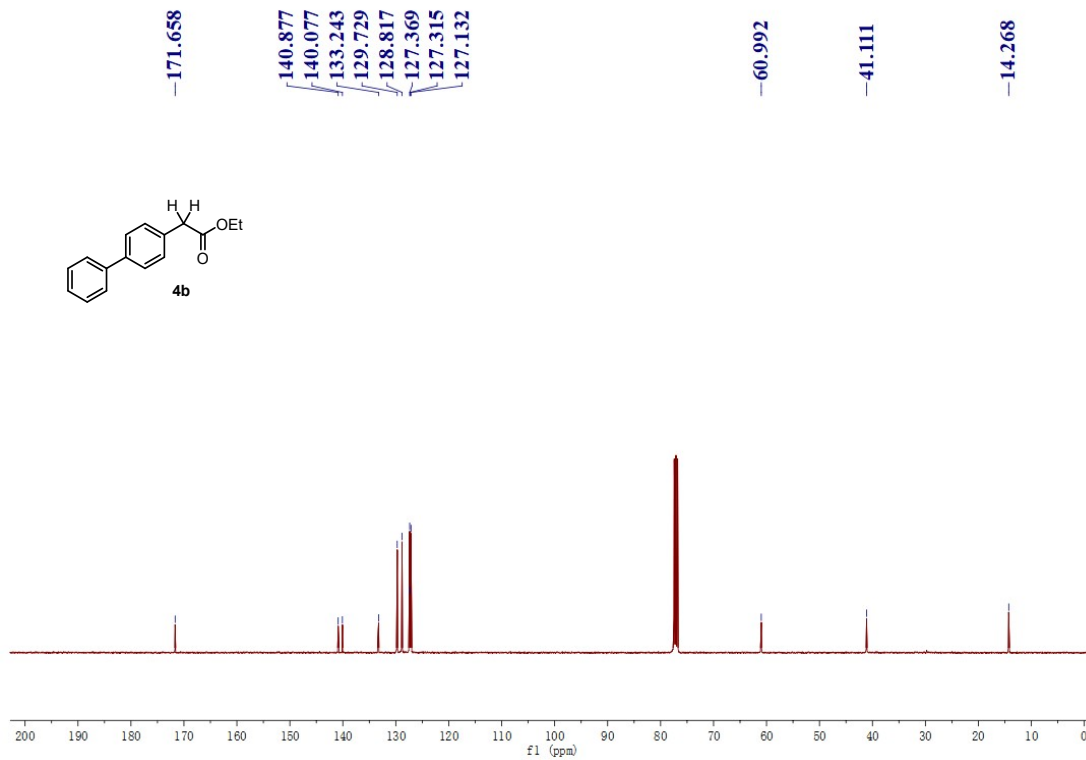
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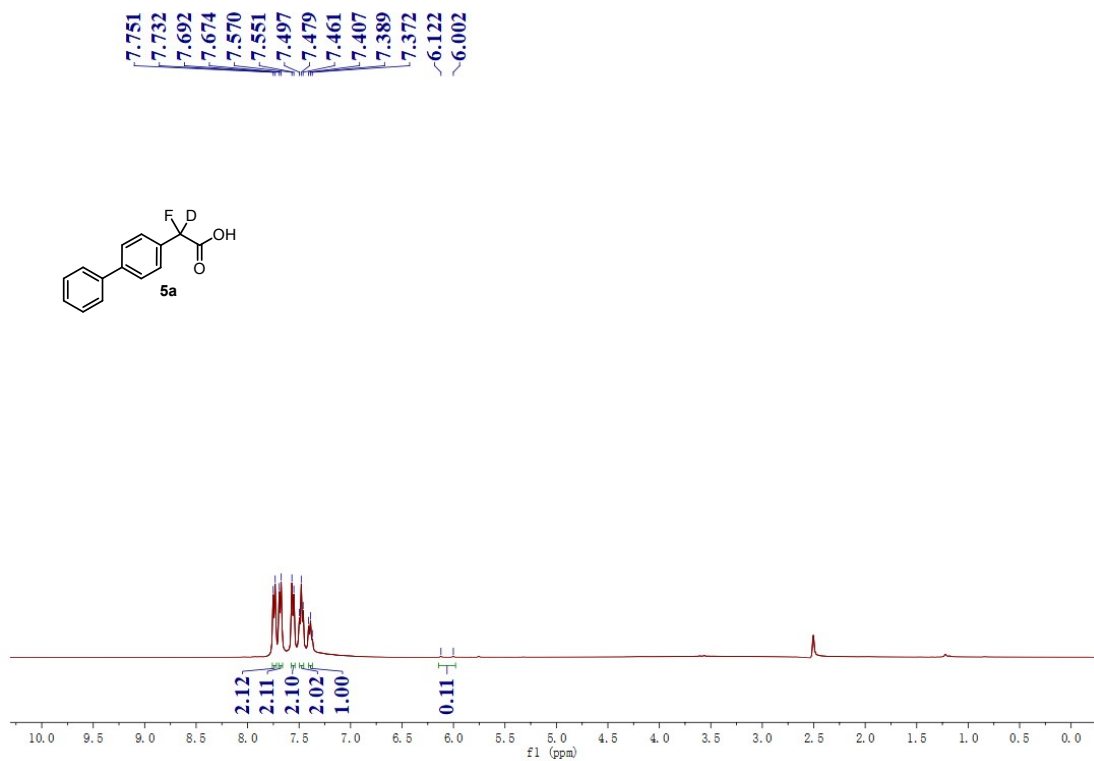


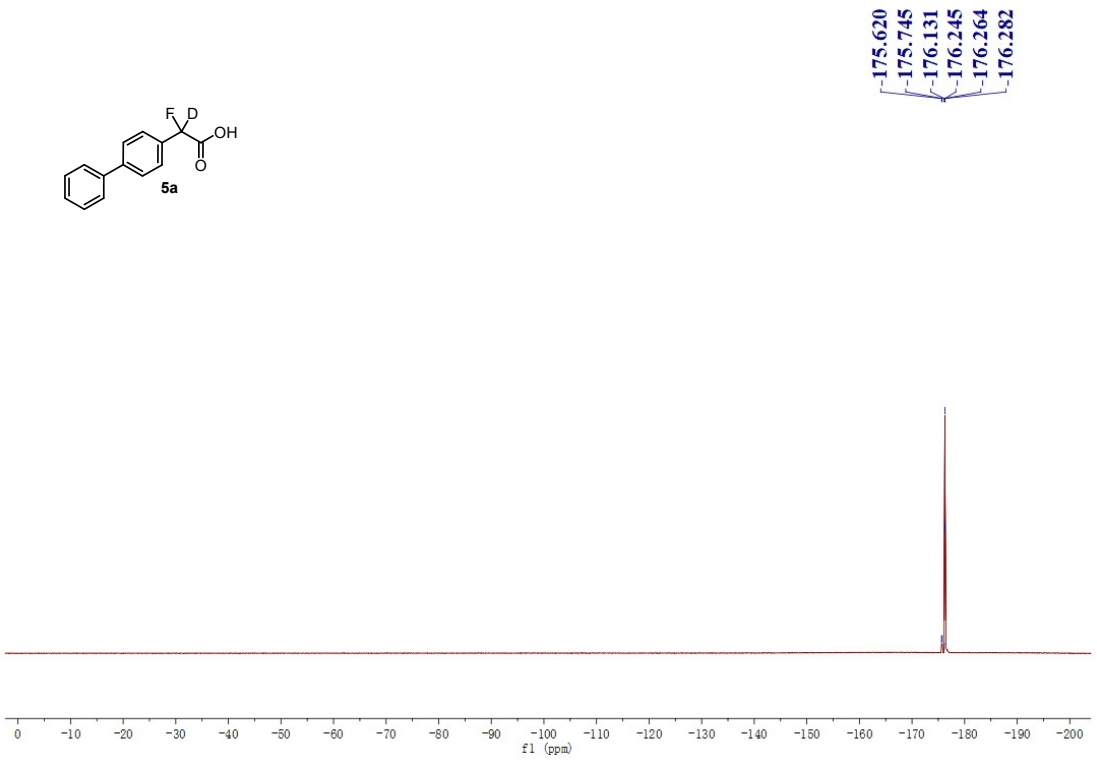
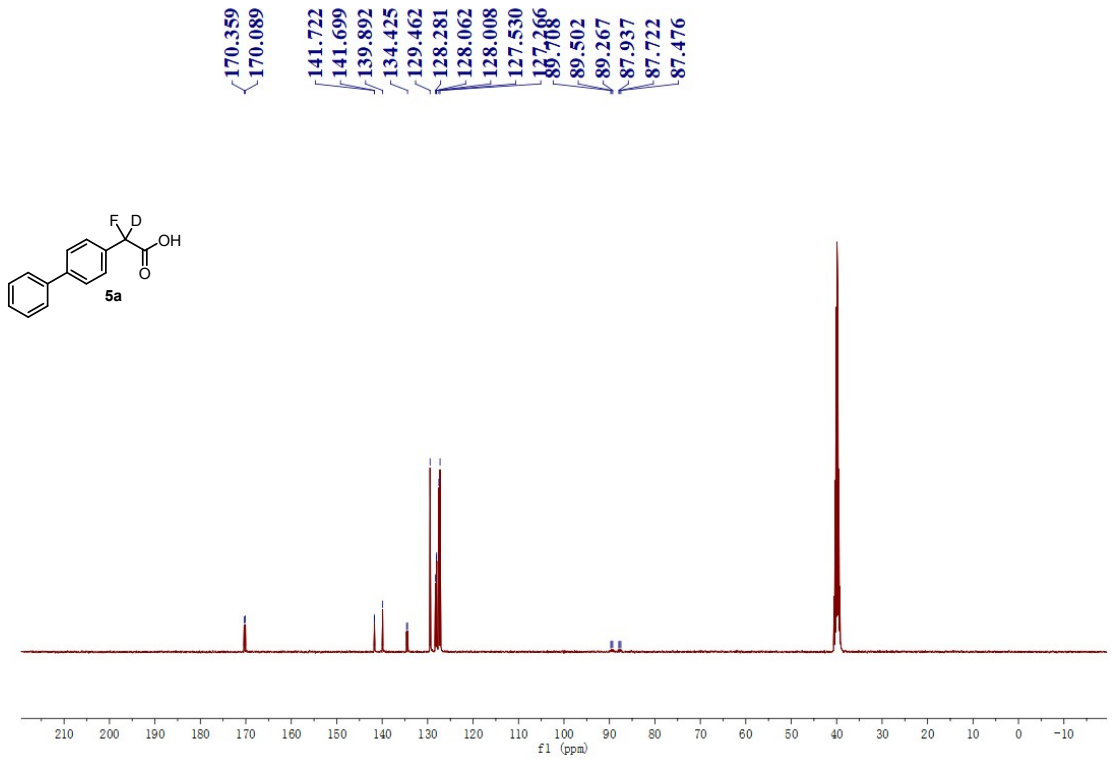
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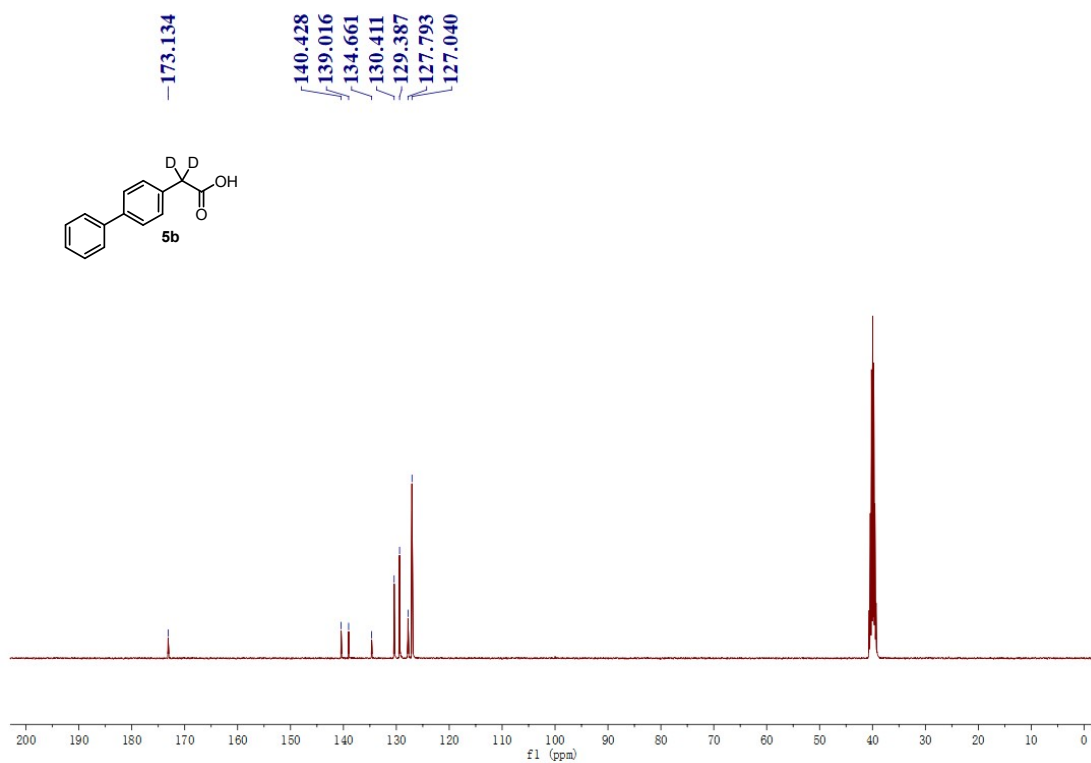
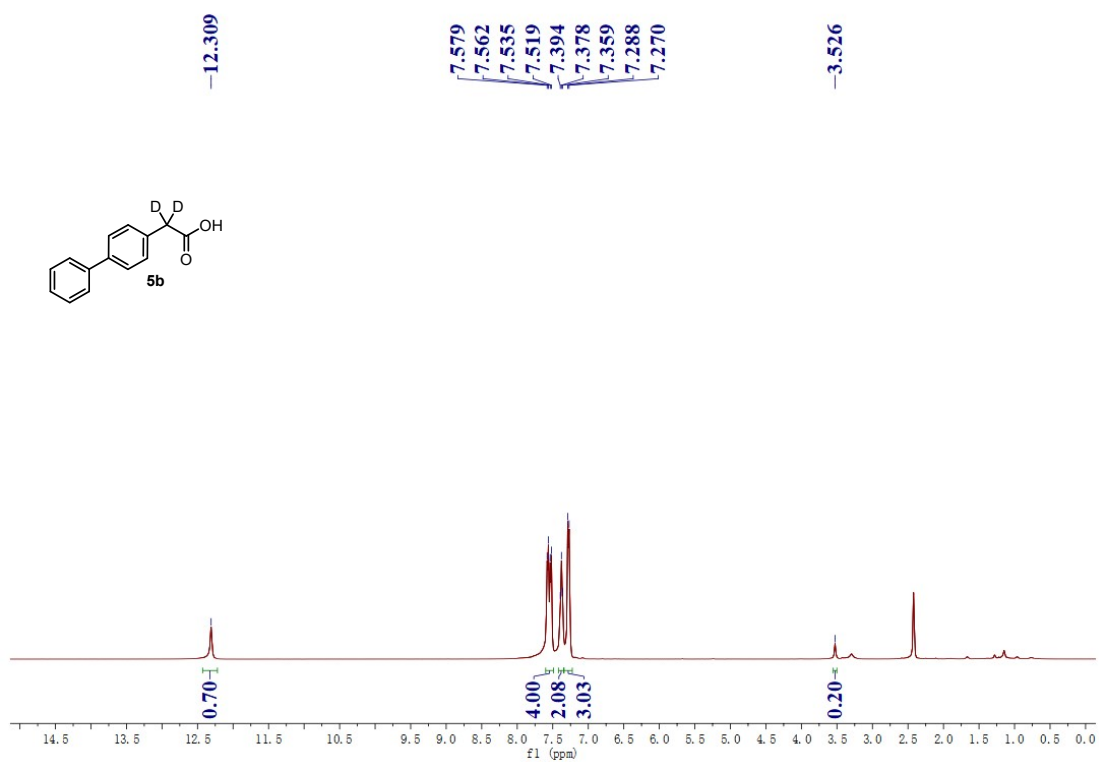


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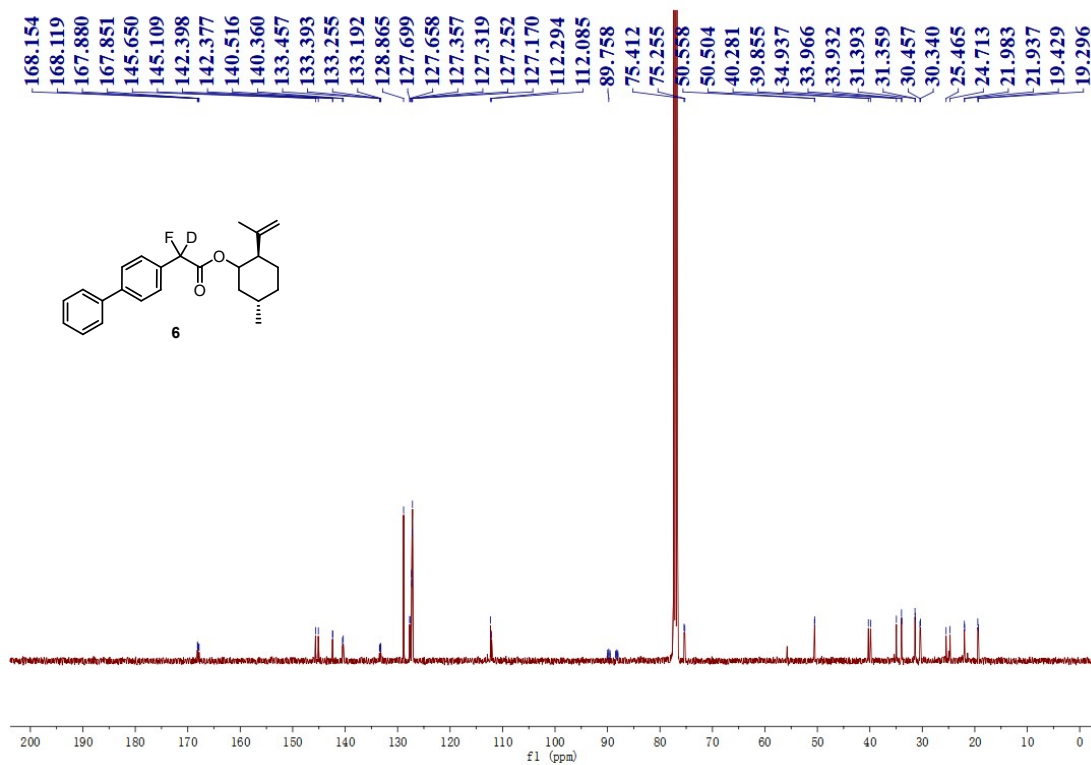
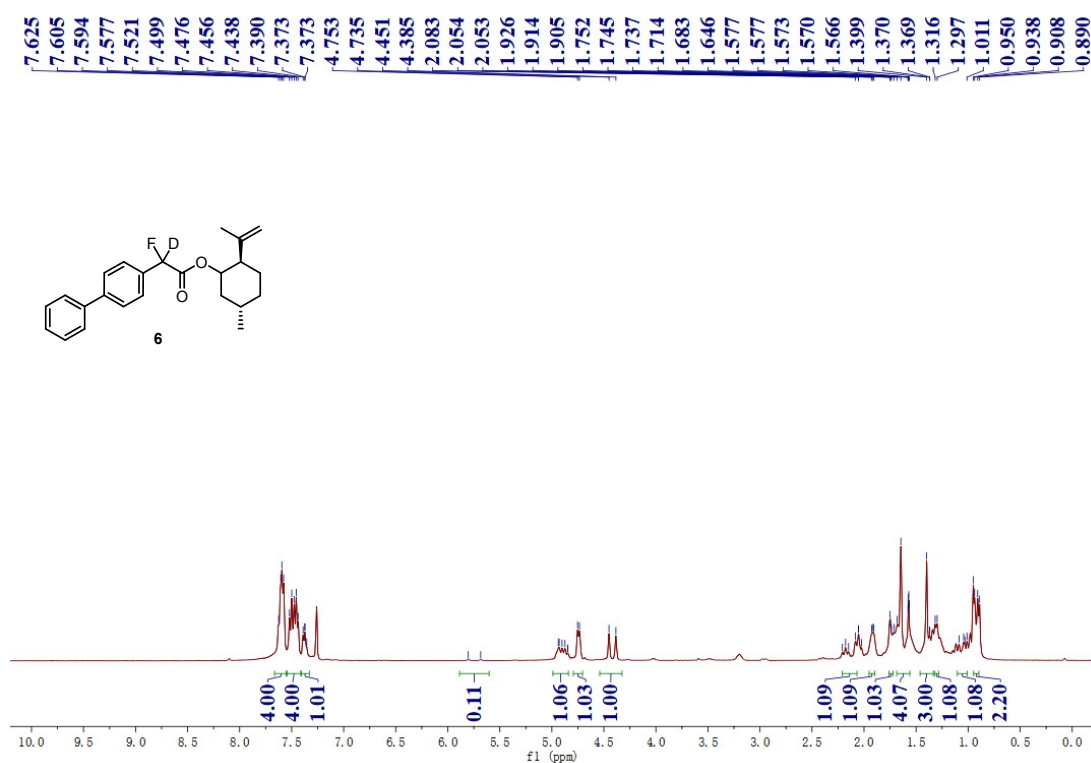


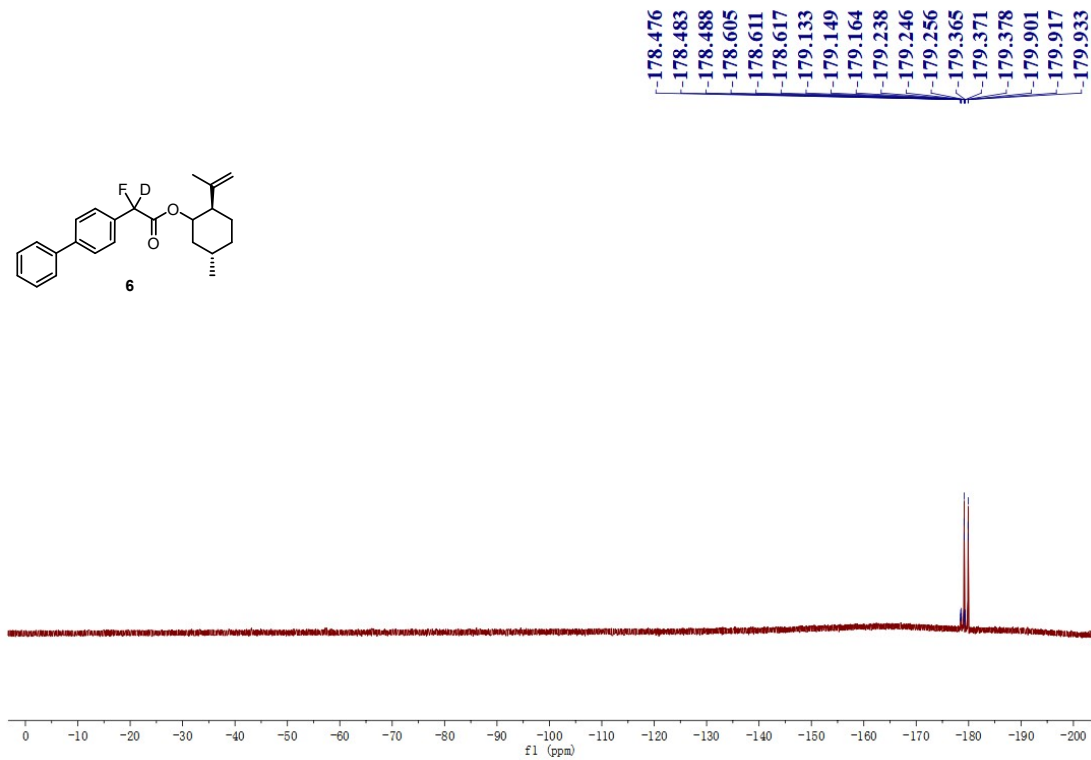


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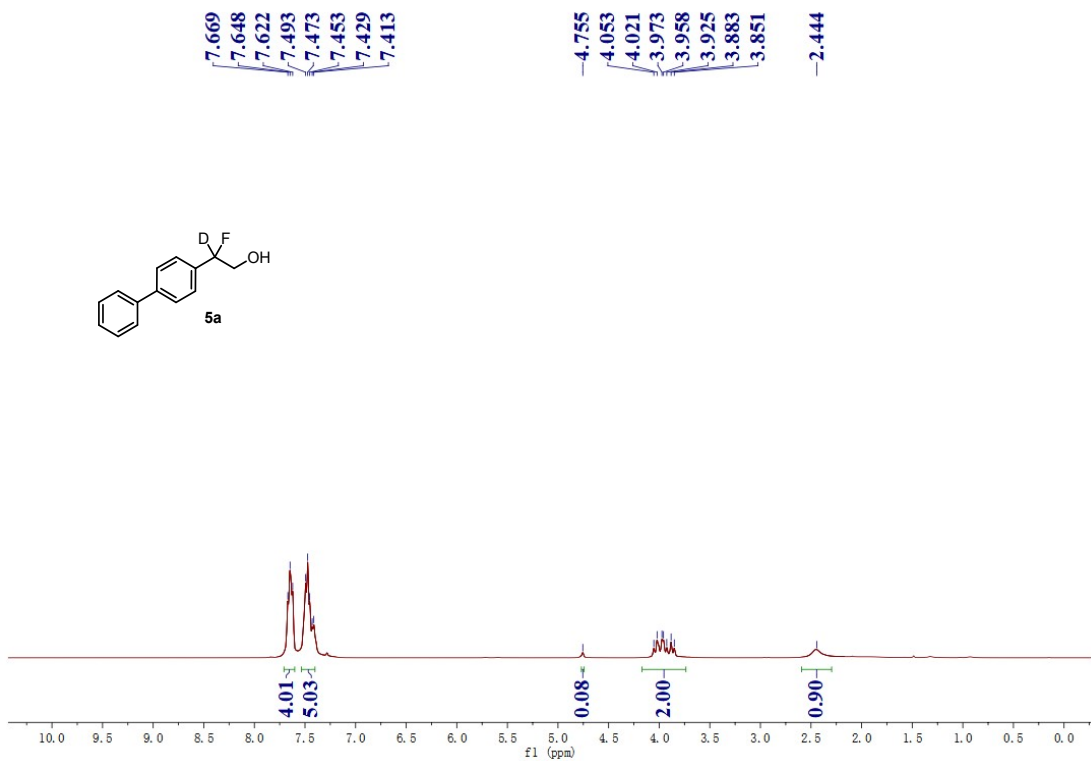


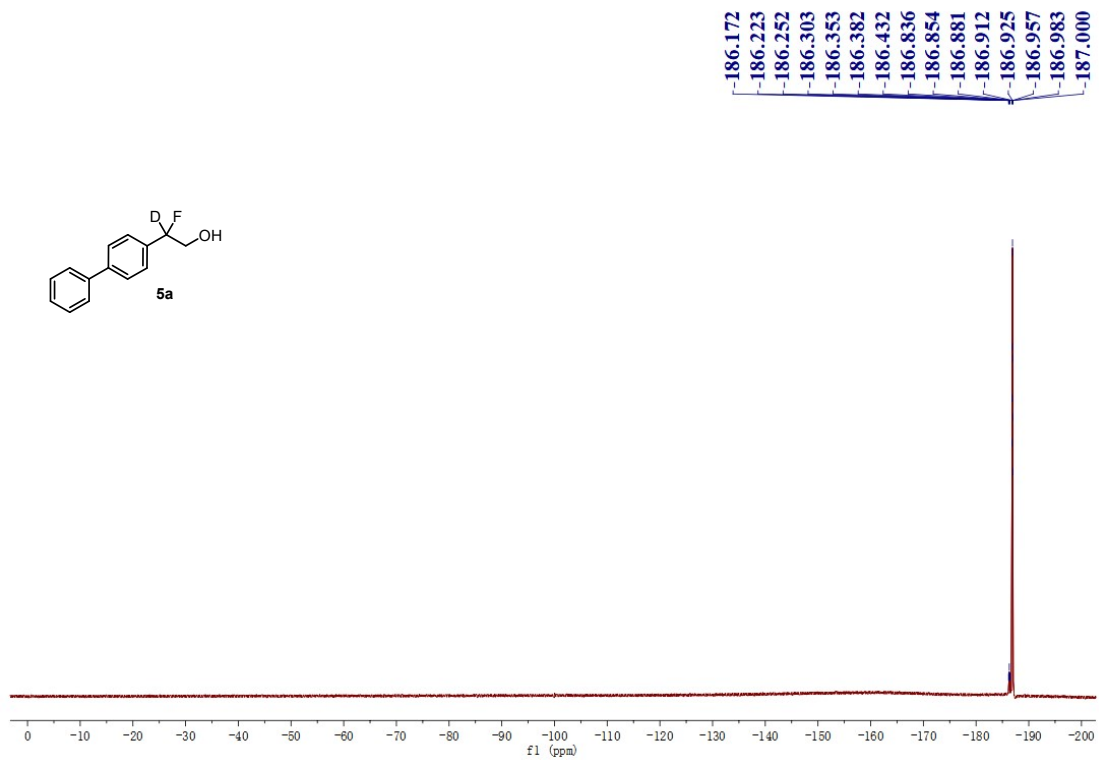
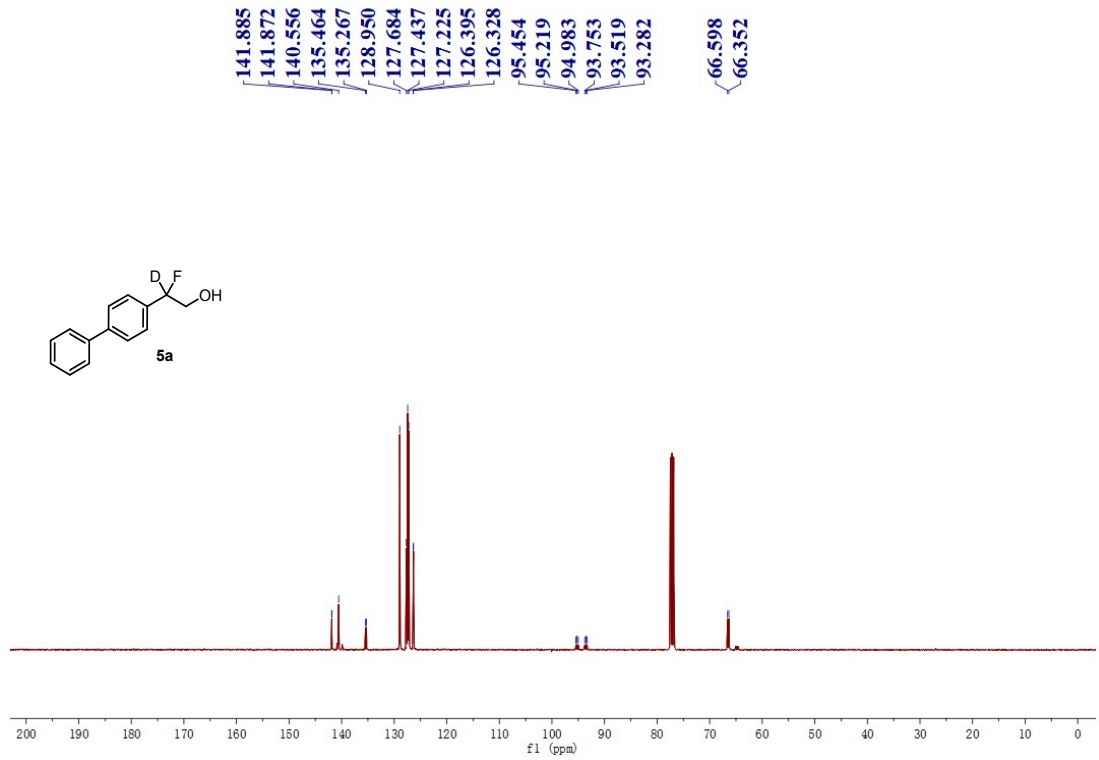
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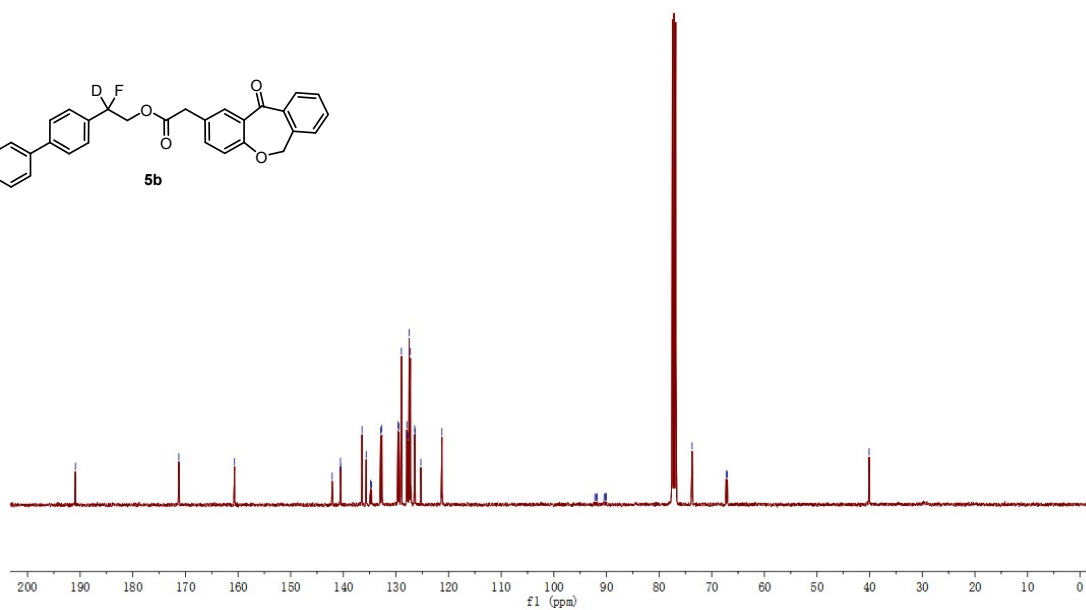
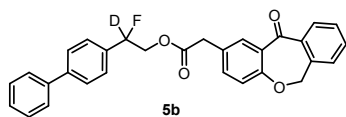
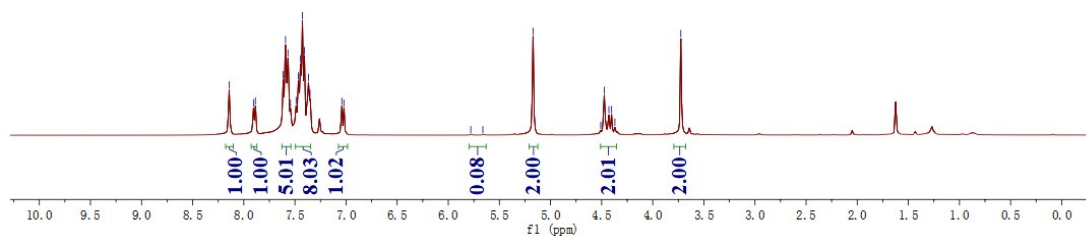
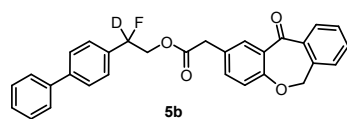


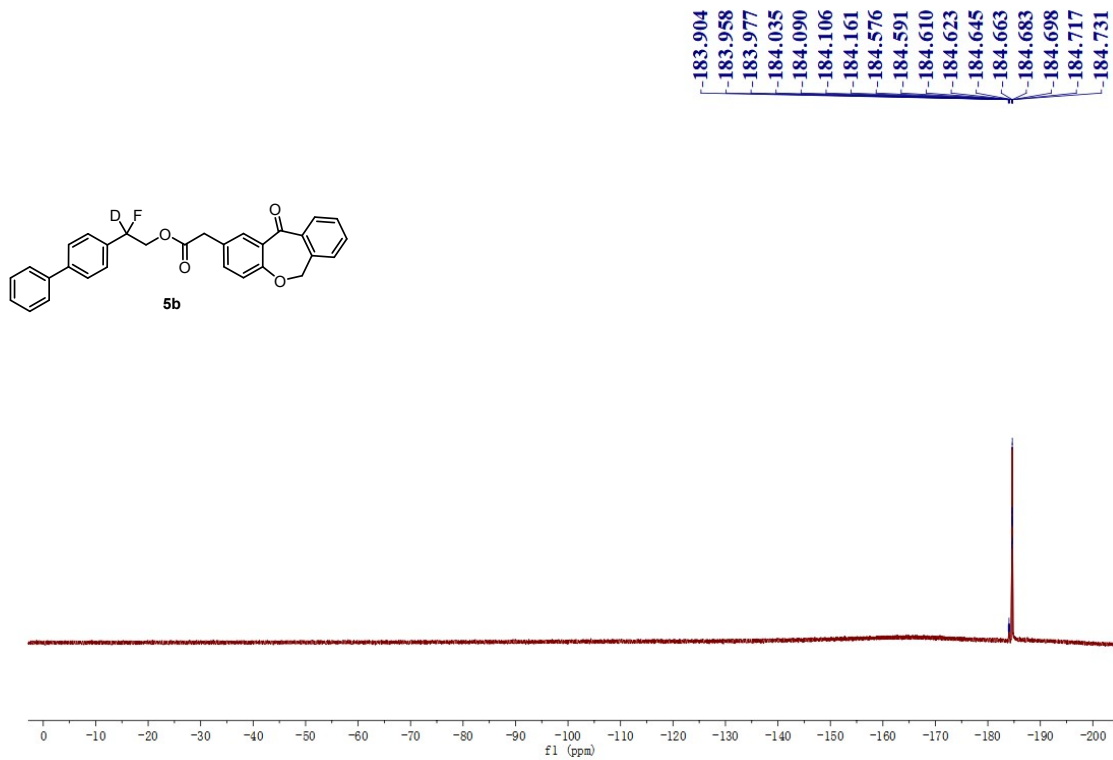
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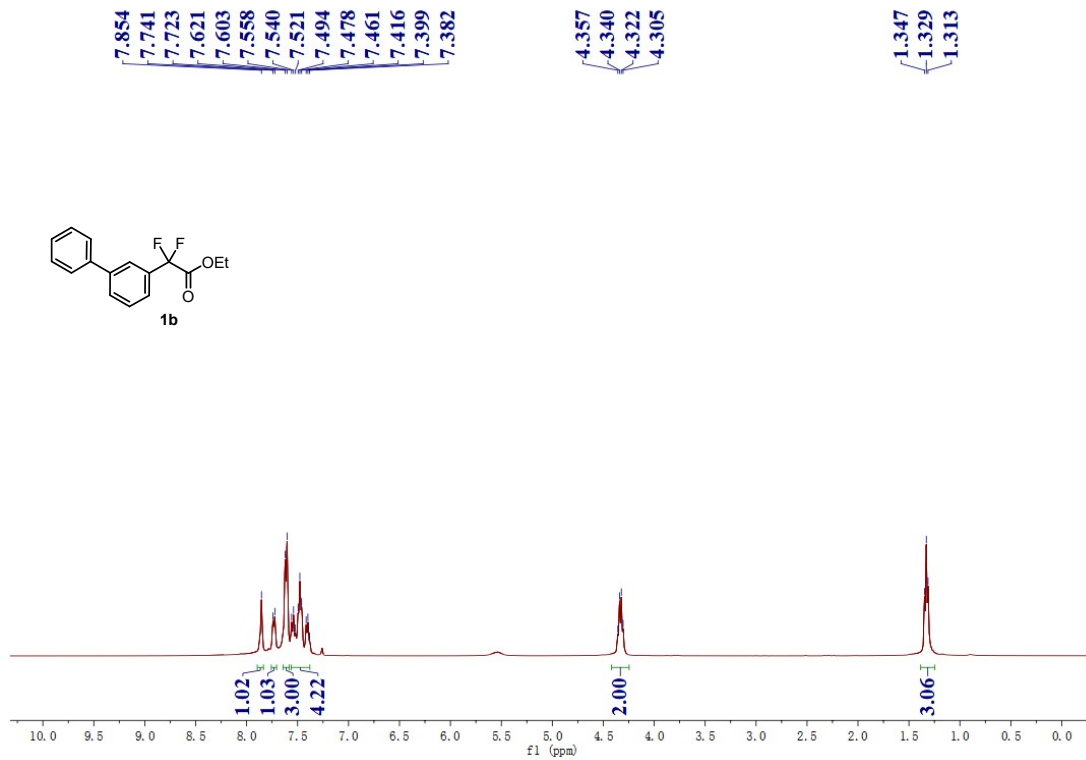
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11.2 ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F NMR Spectra of material 1

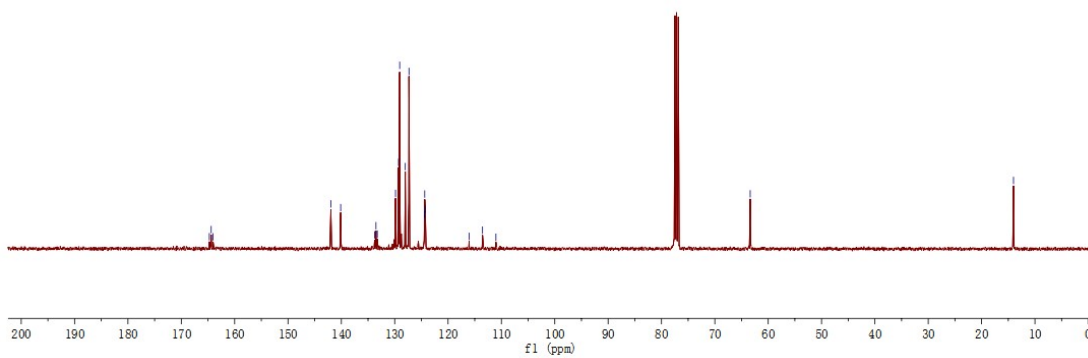
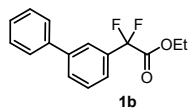
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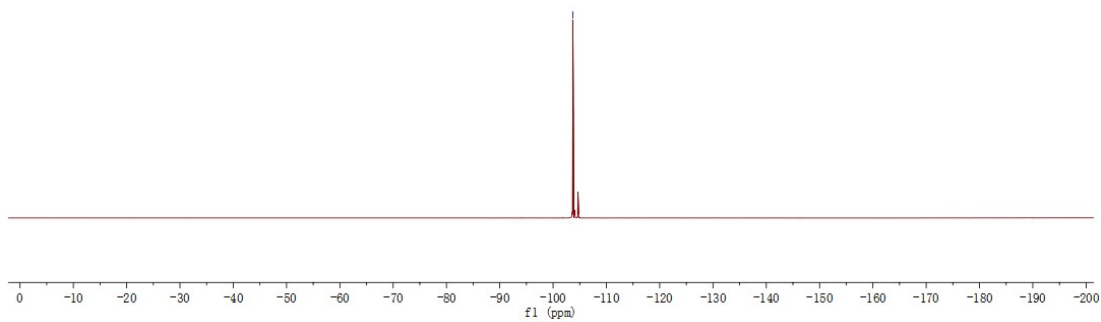
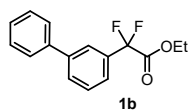
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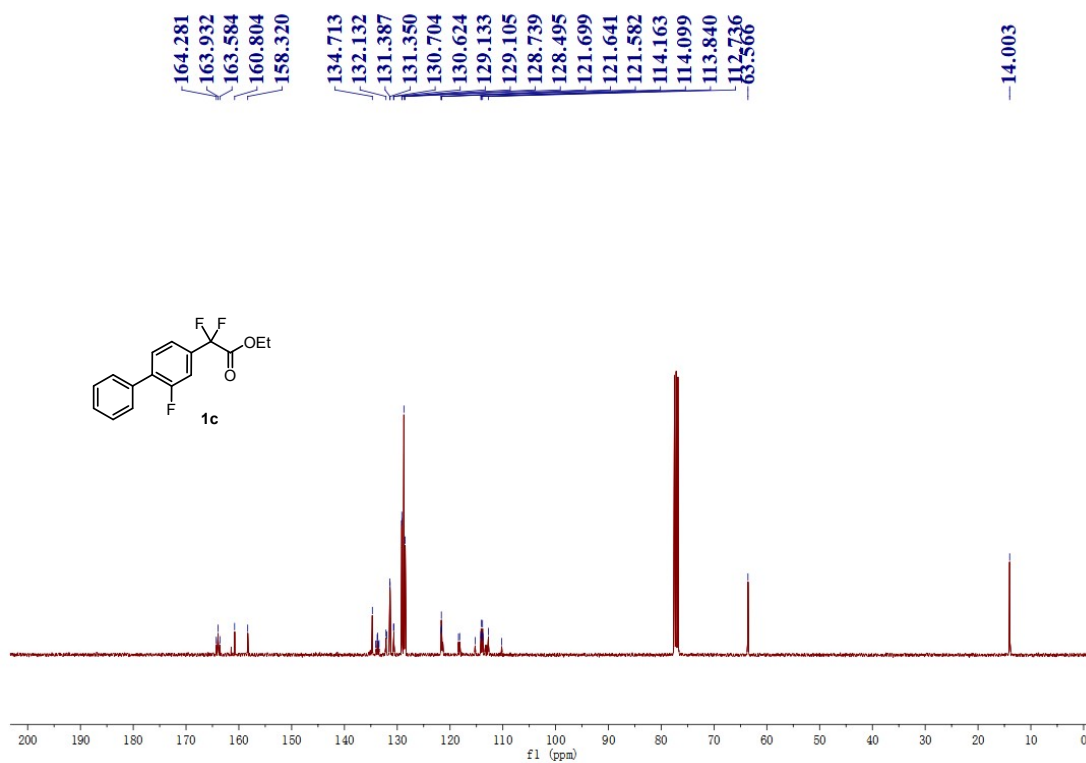
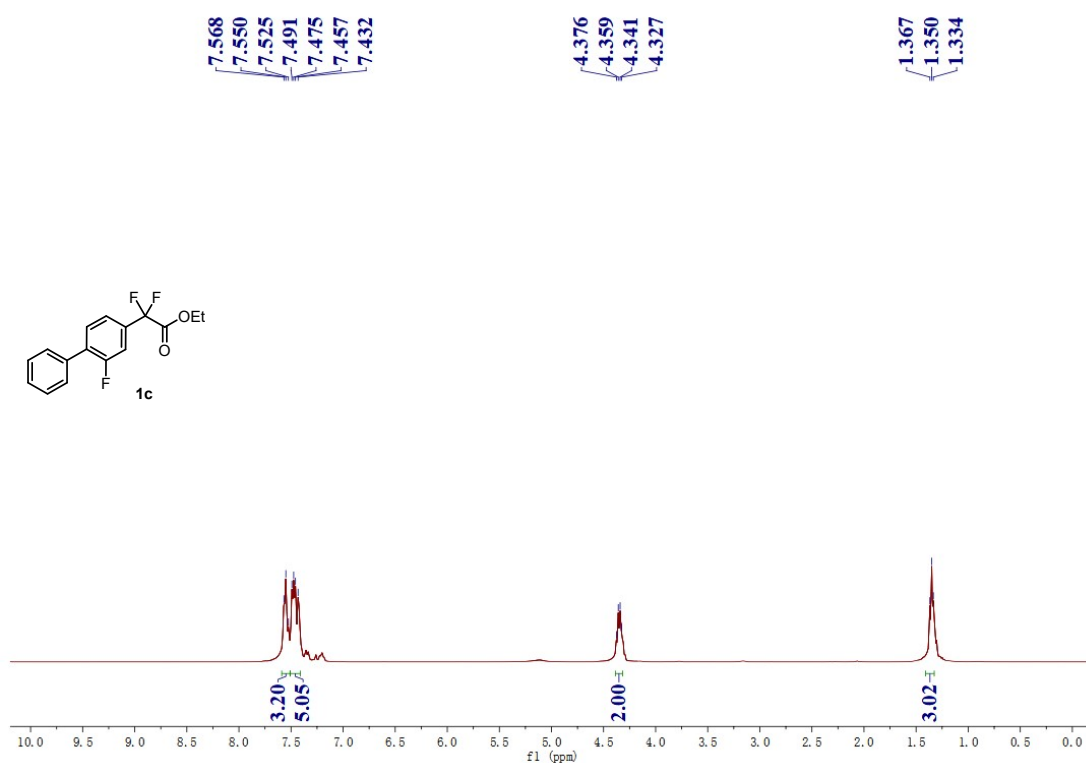
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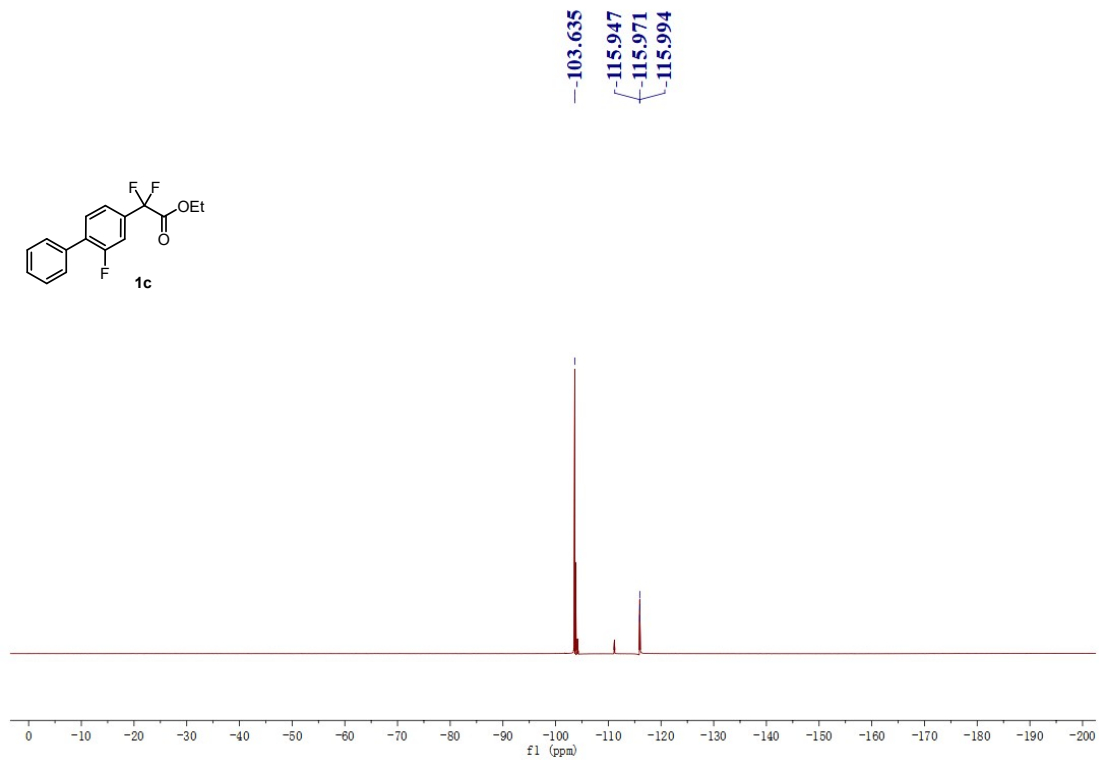


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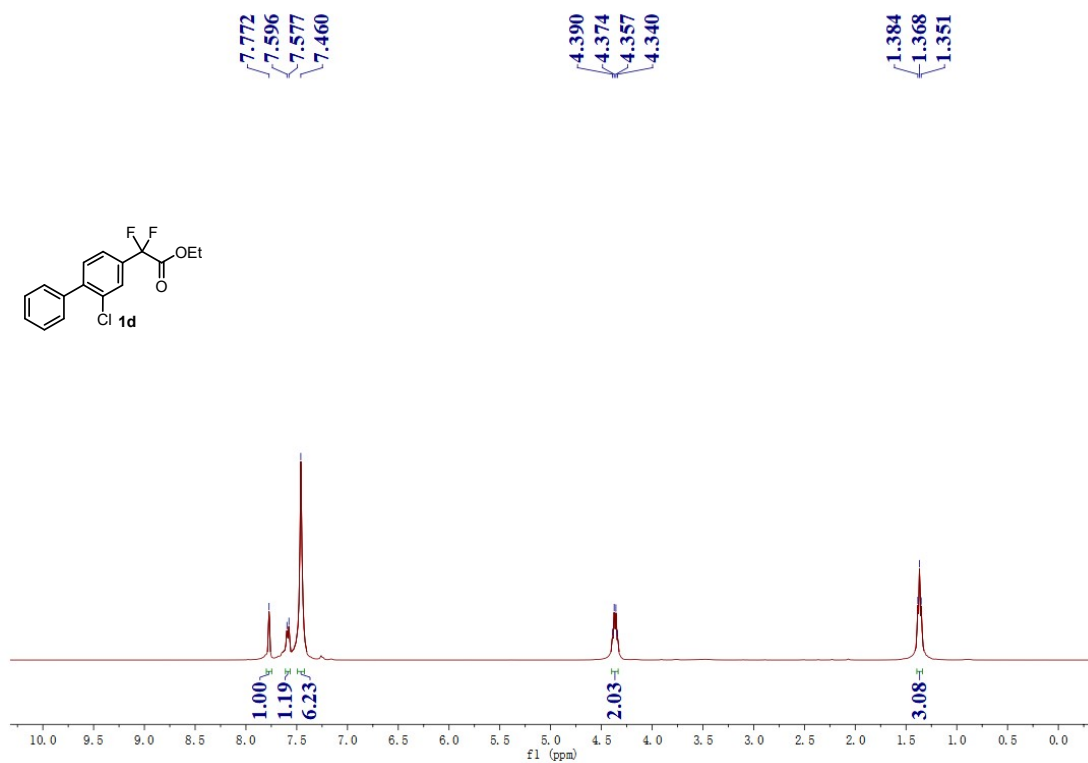


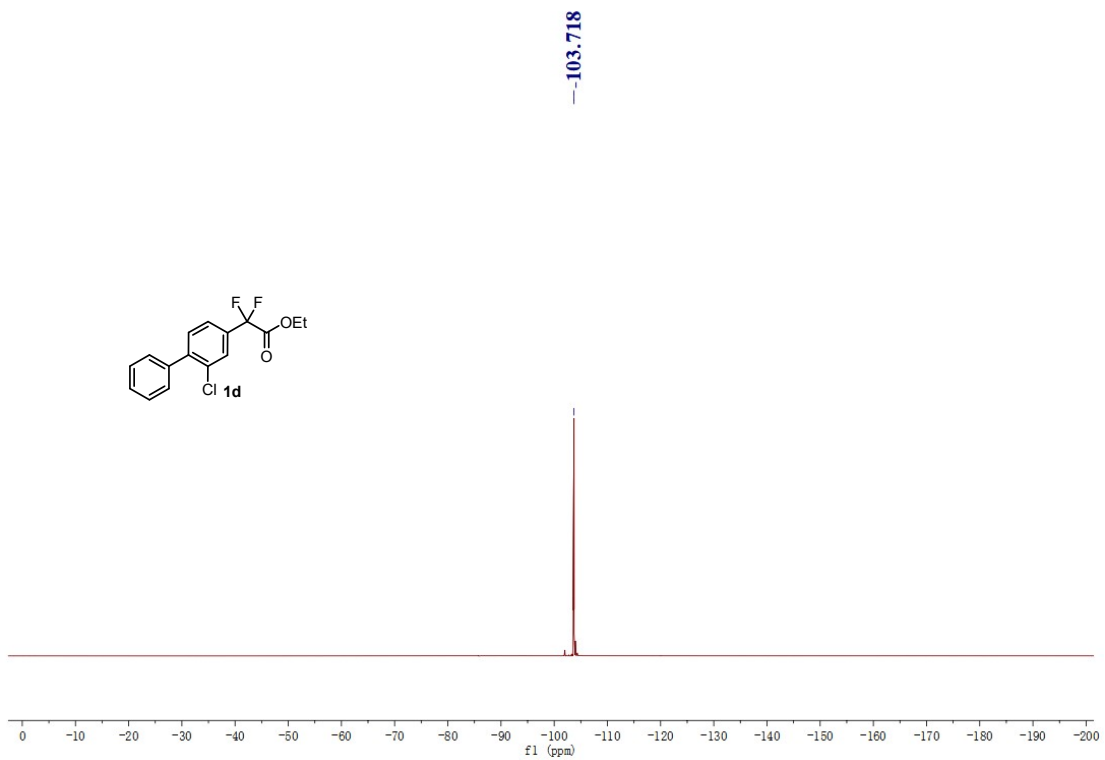
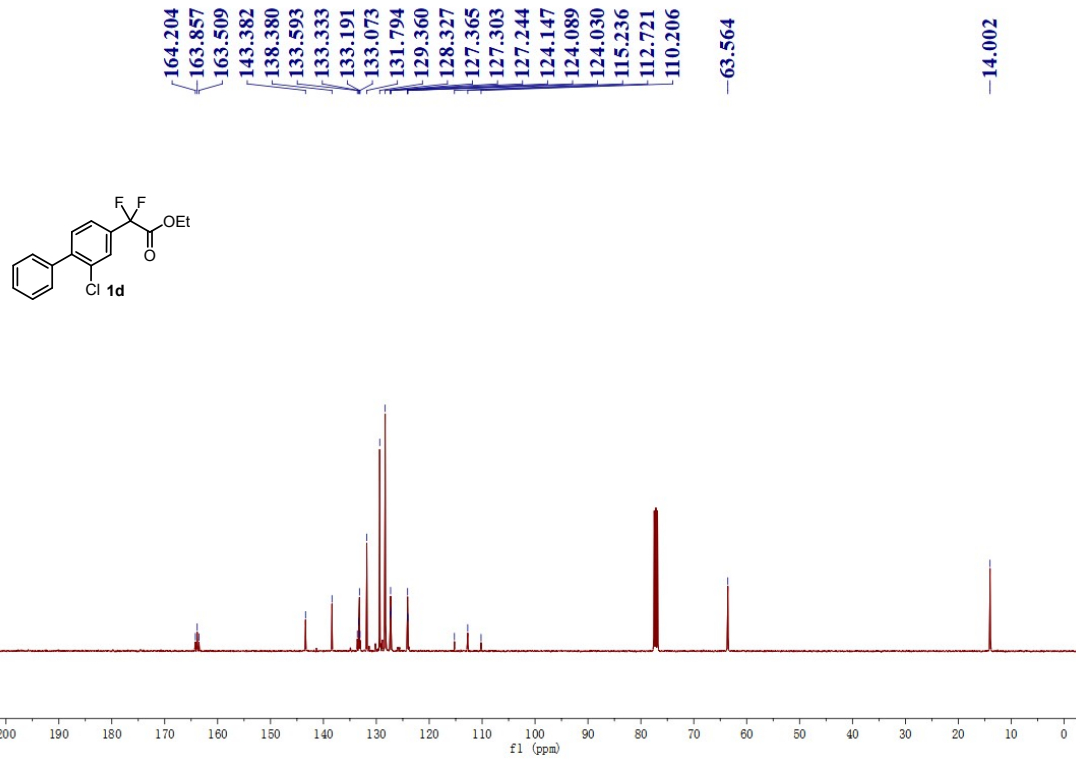
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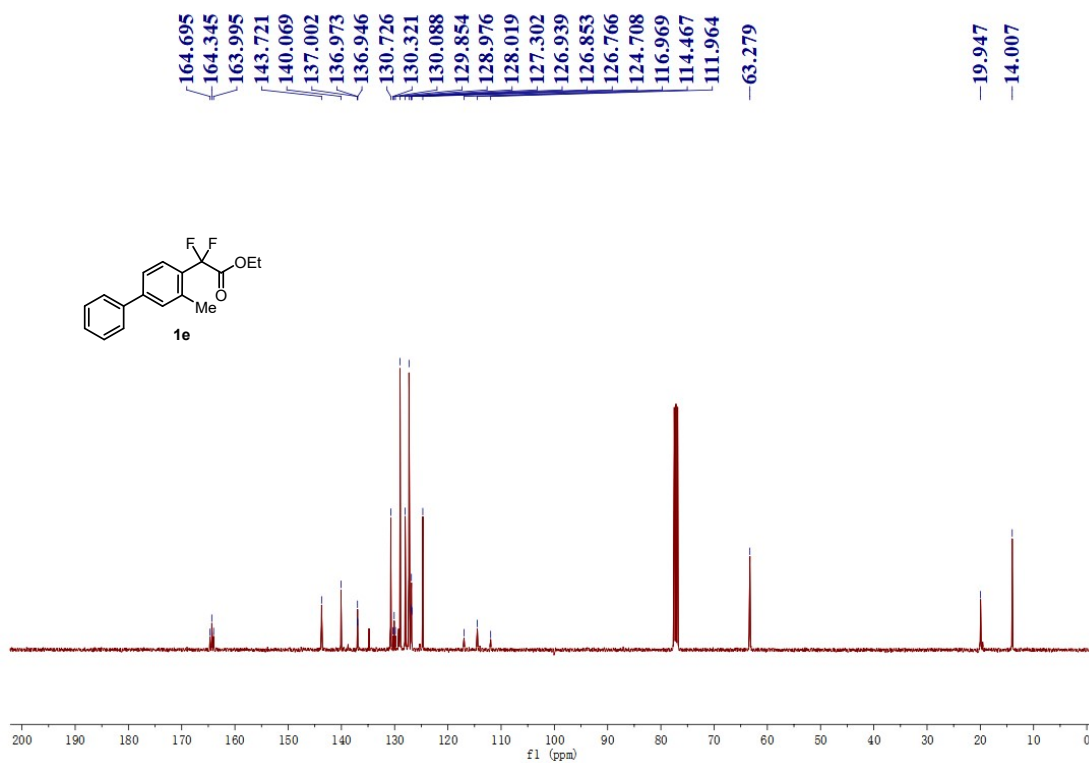
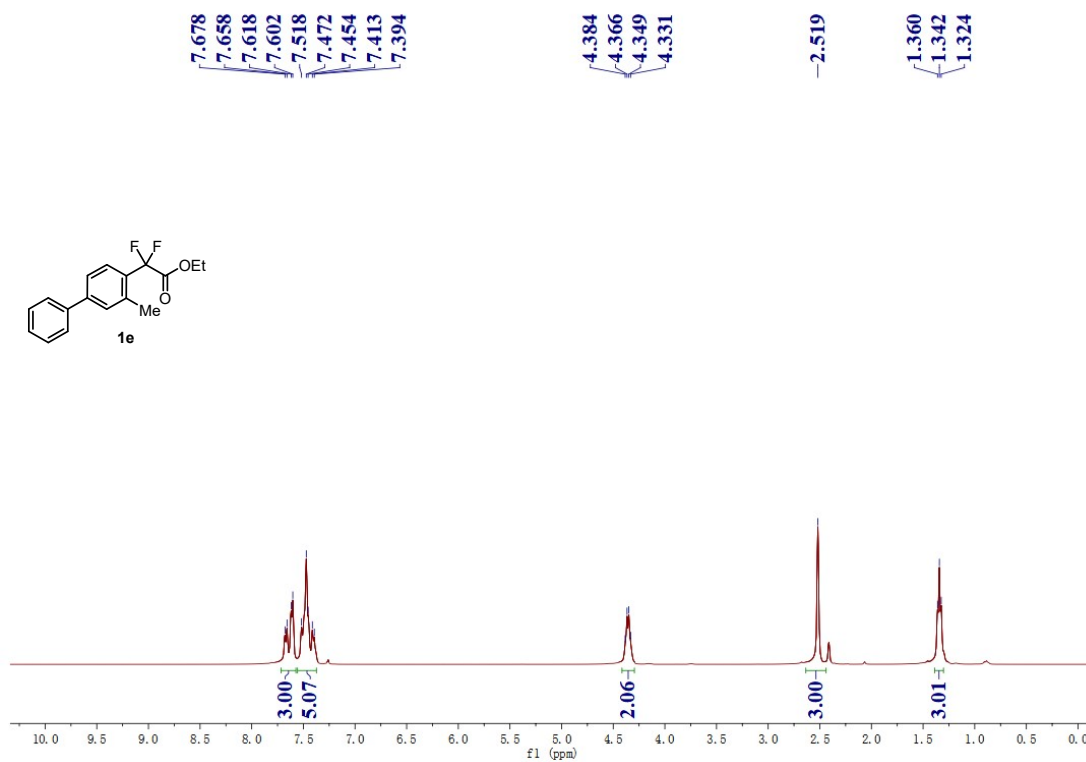


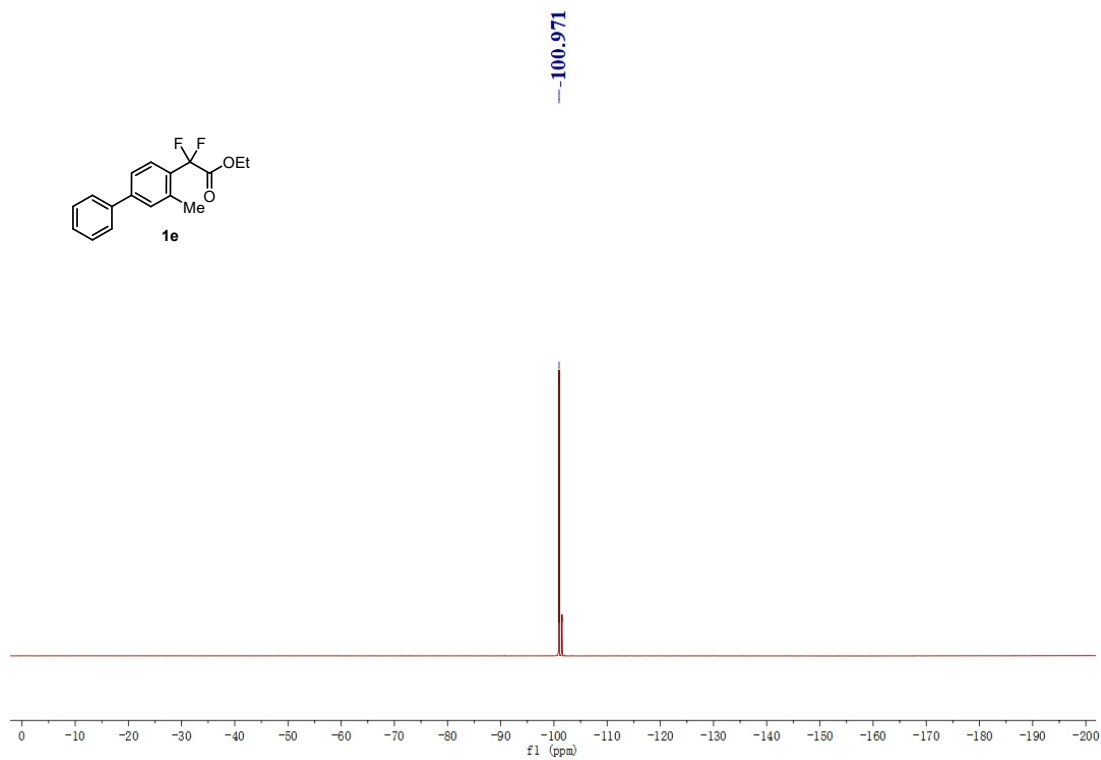
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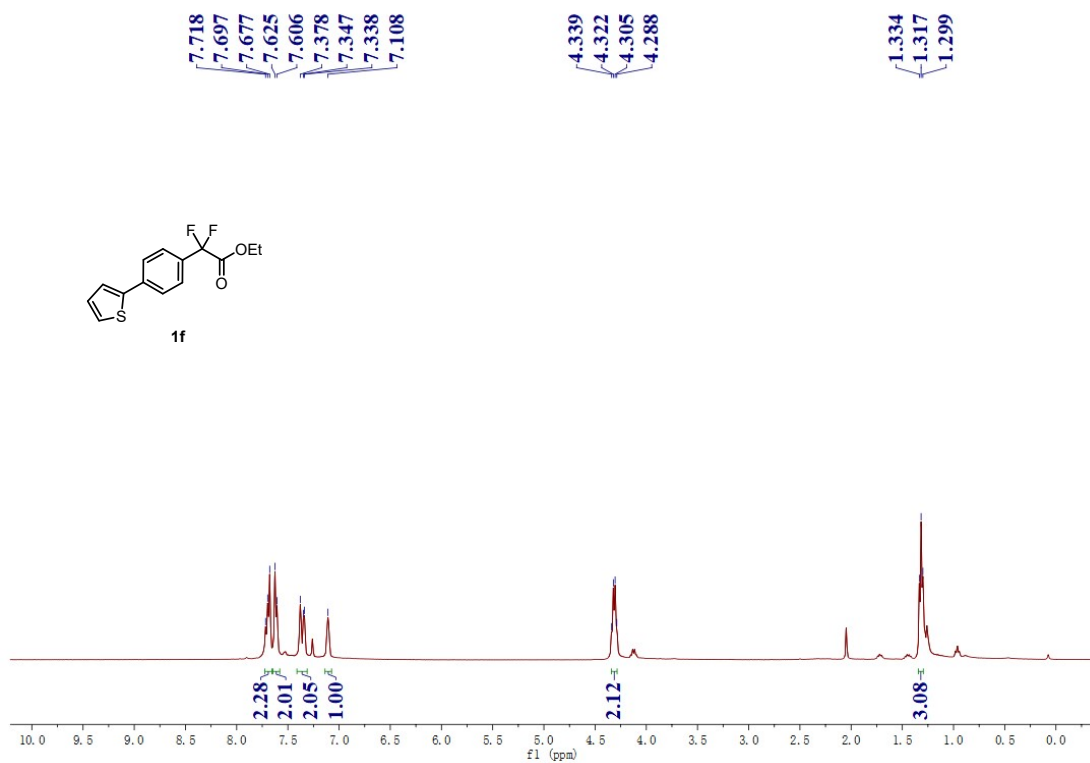


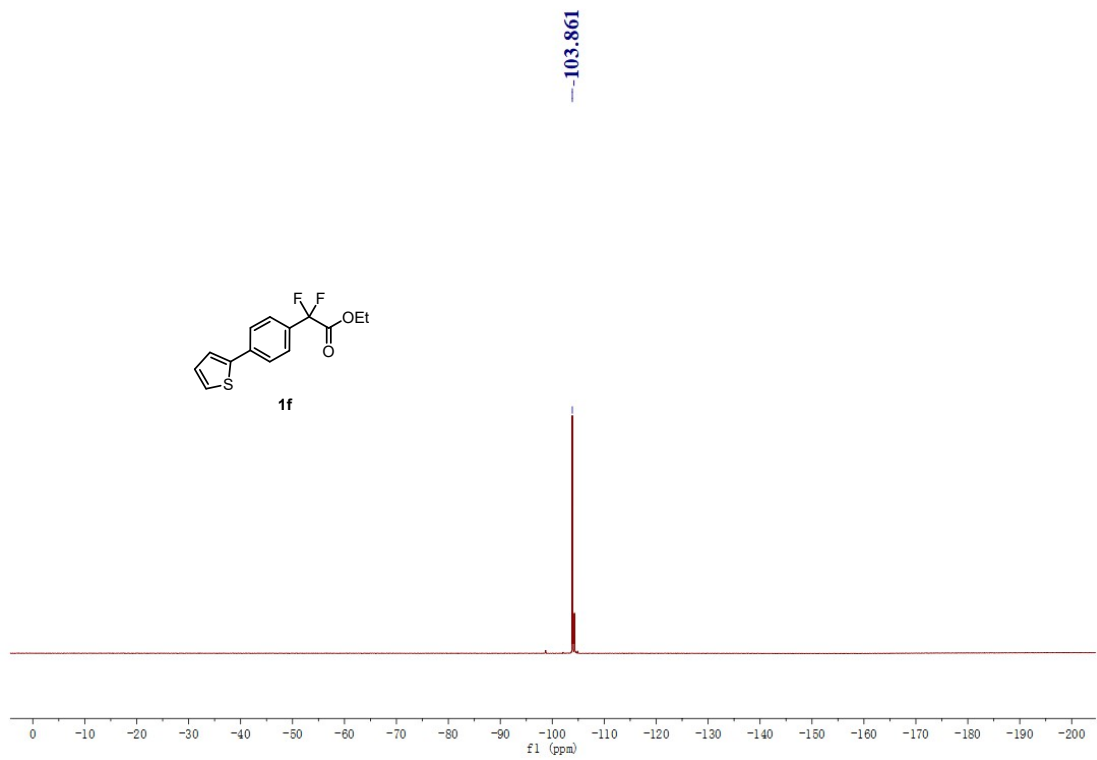
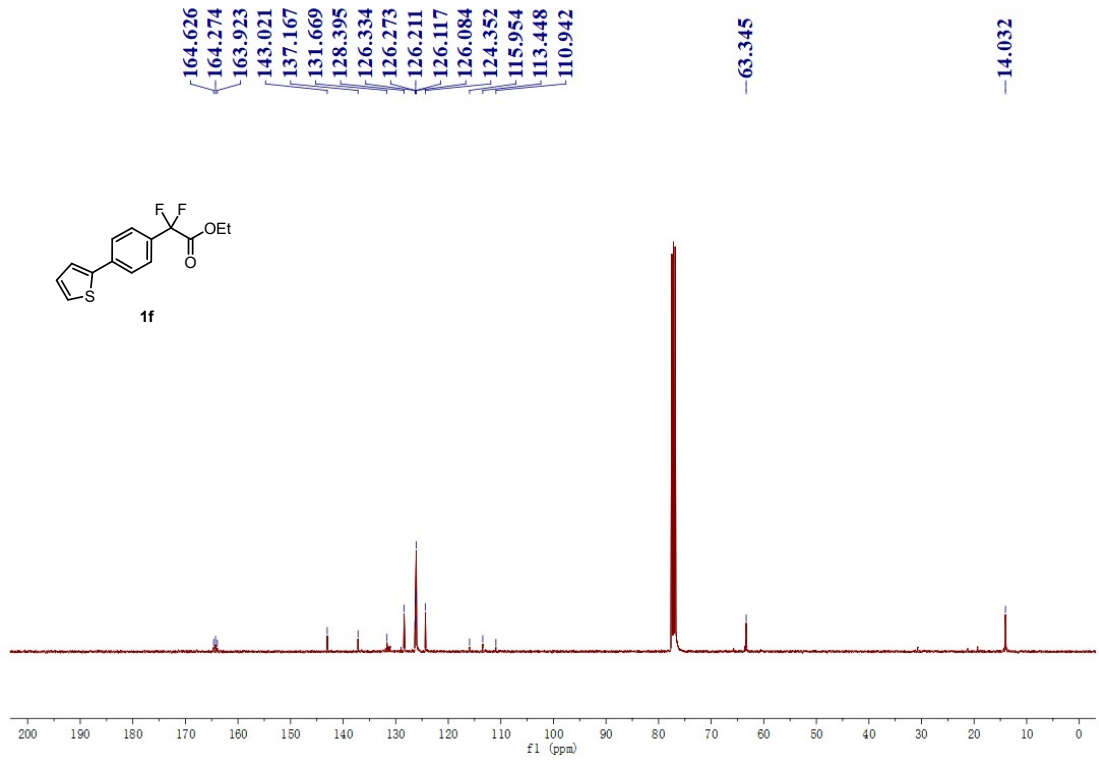
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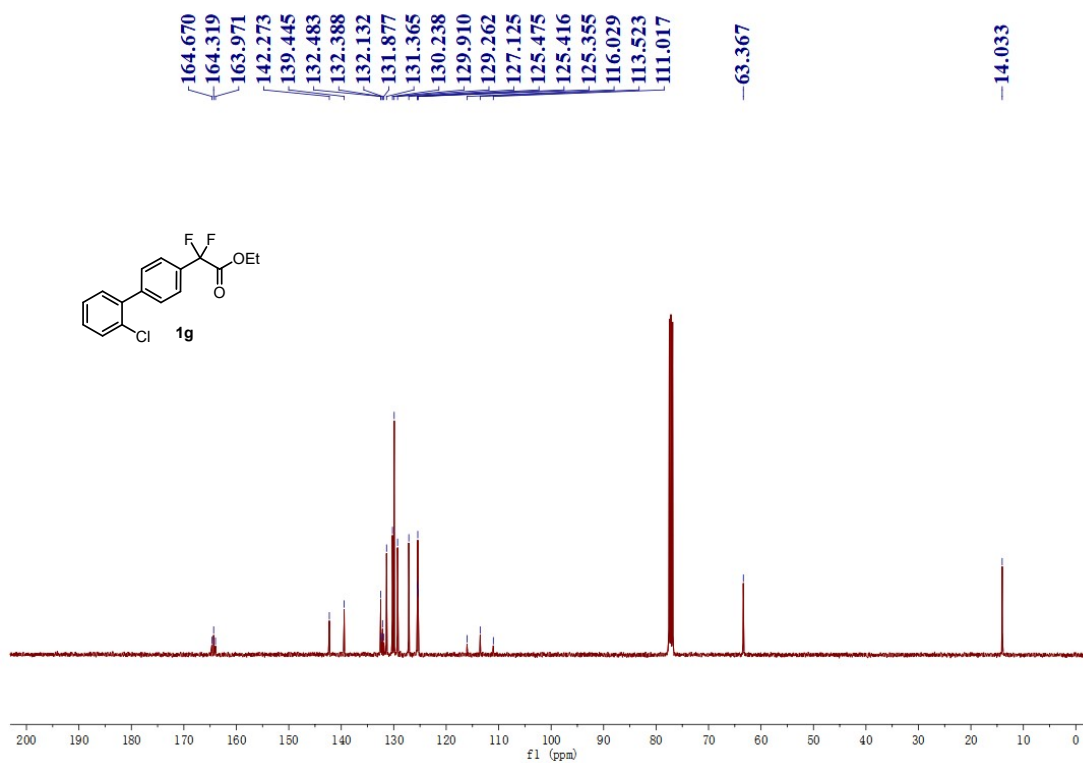
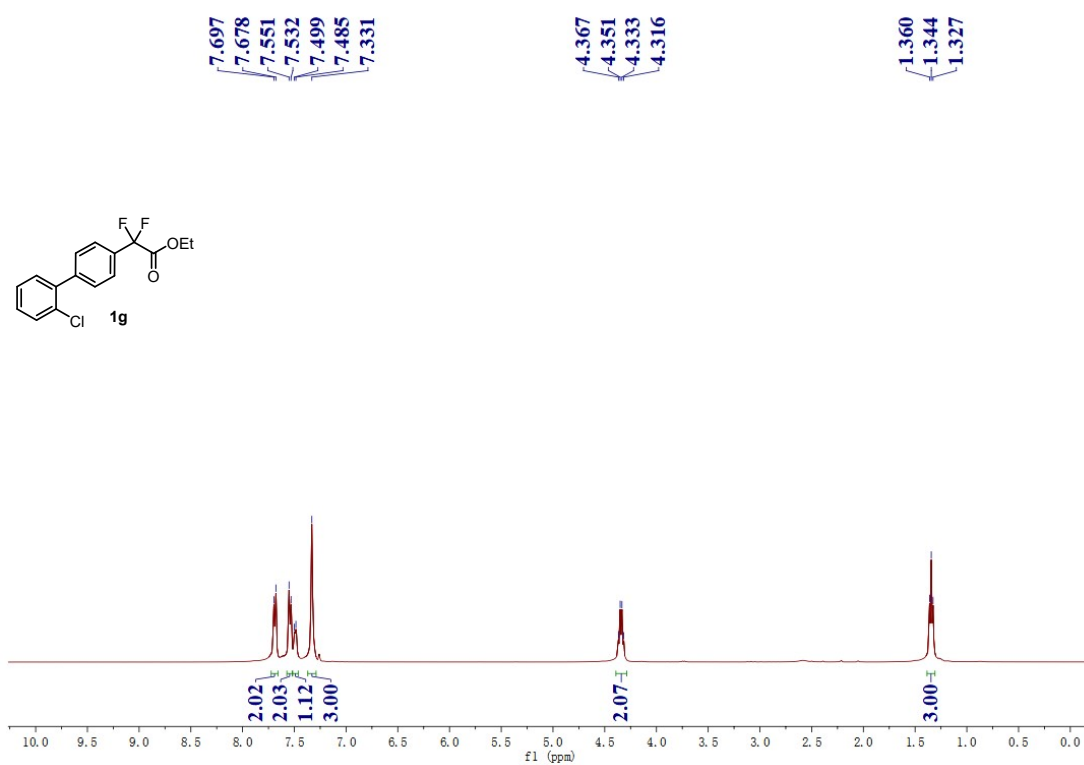


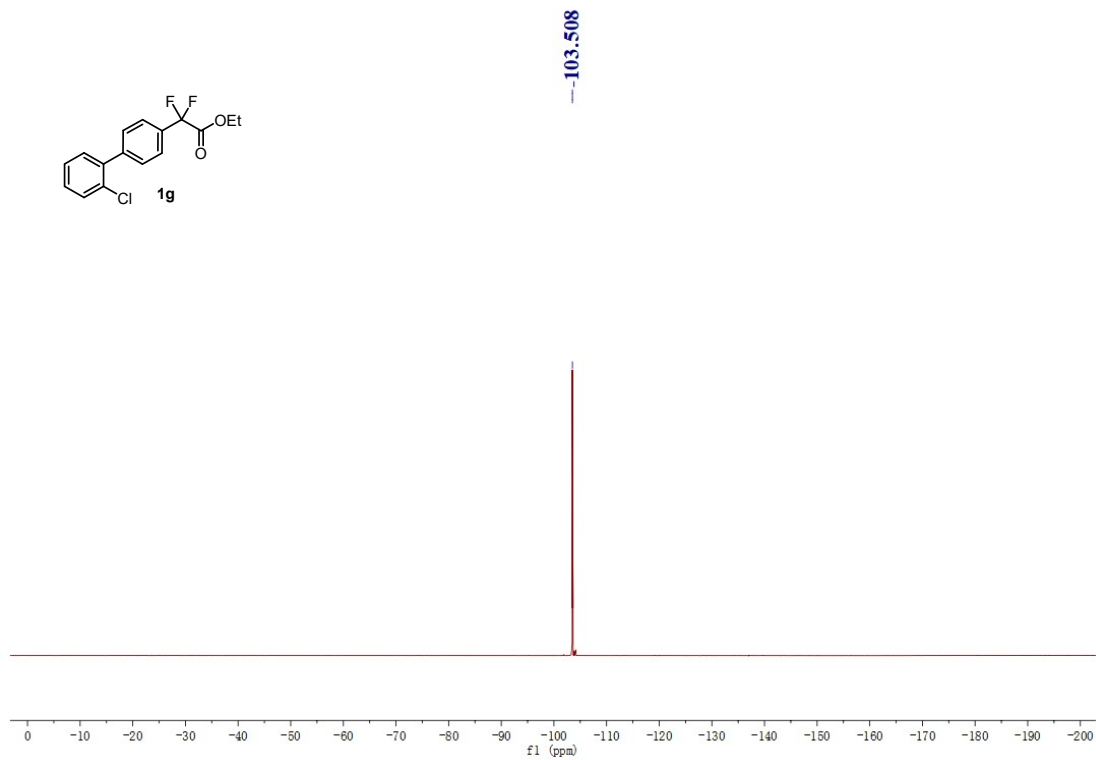
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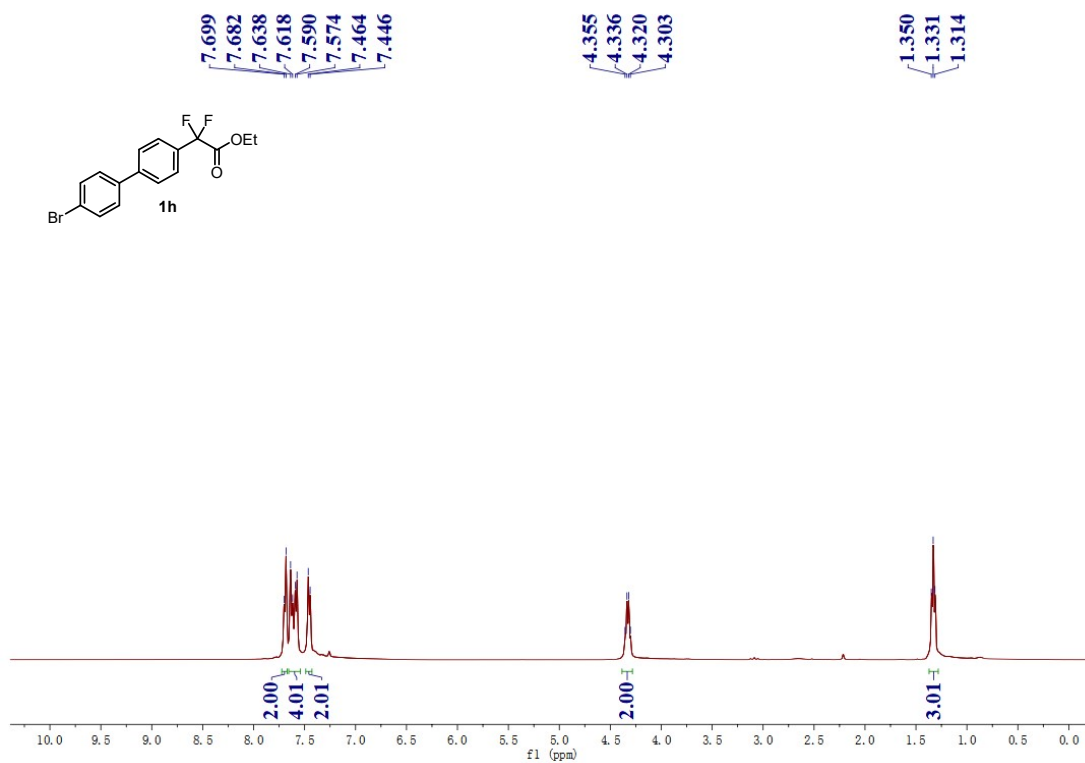


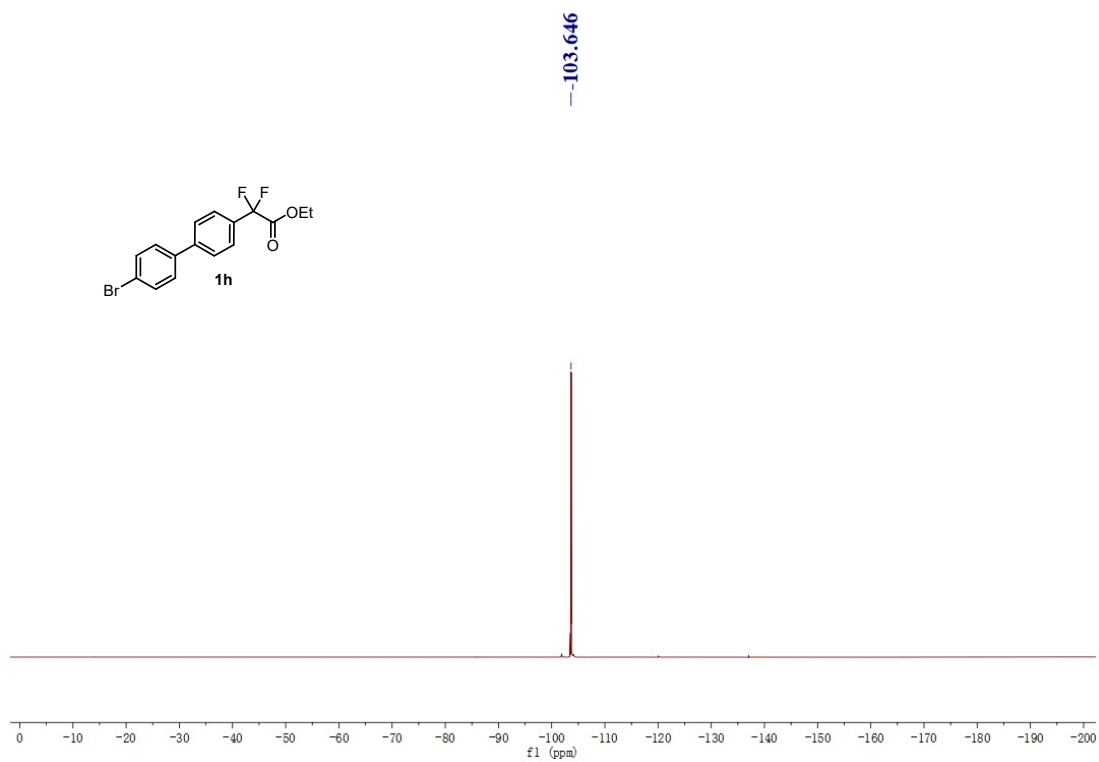
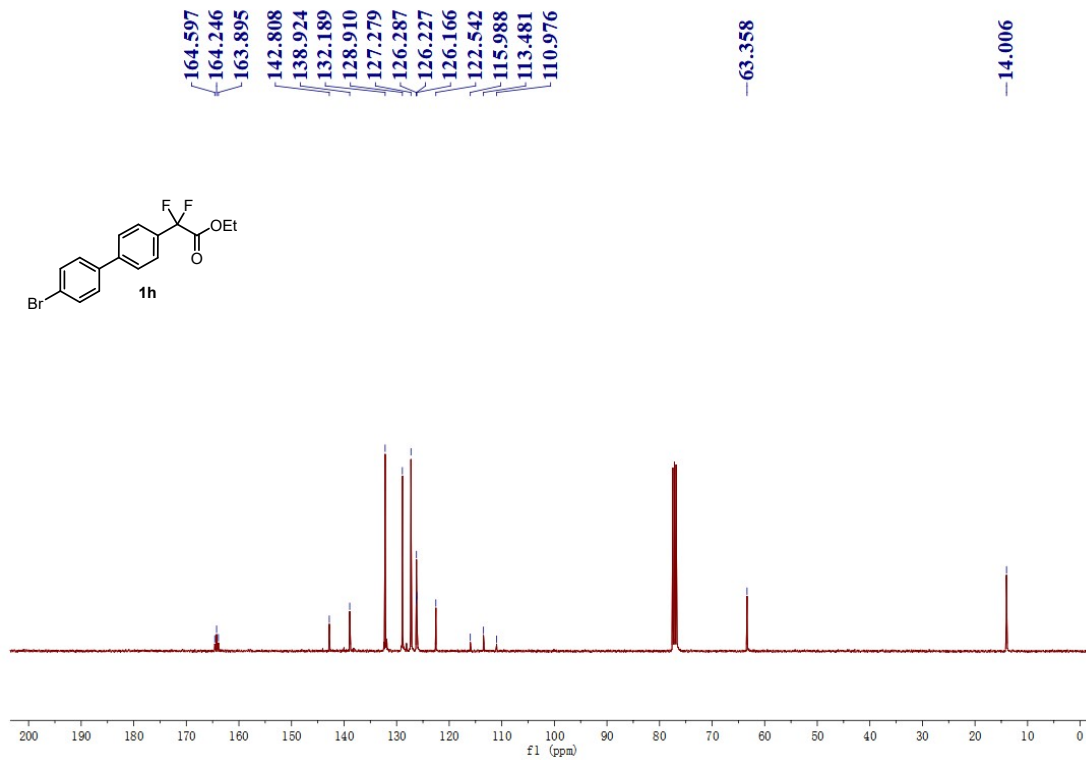
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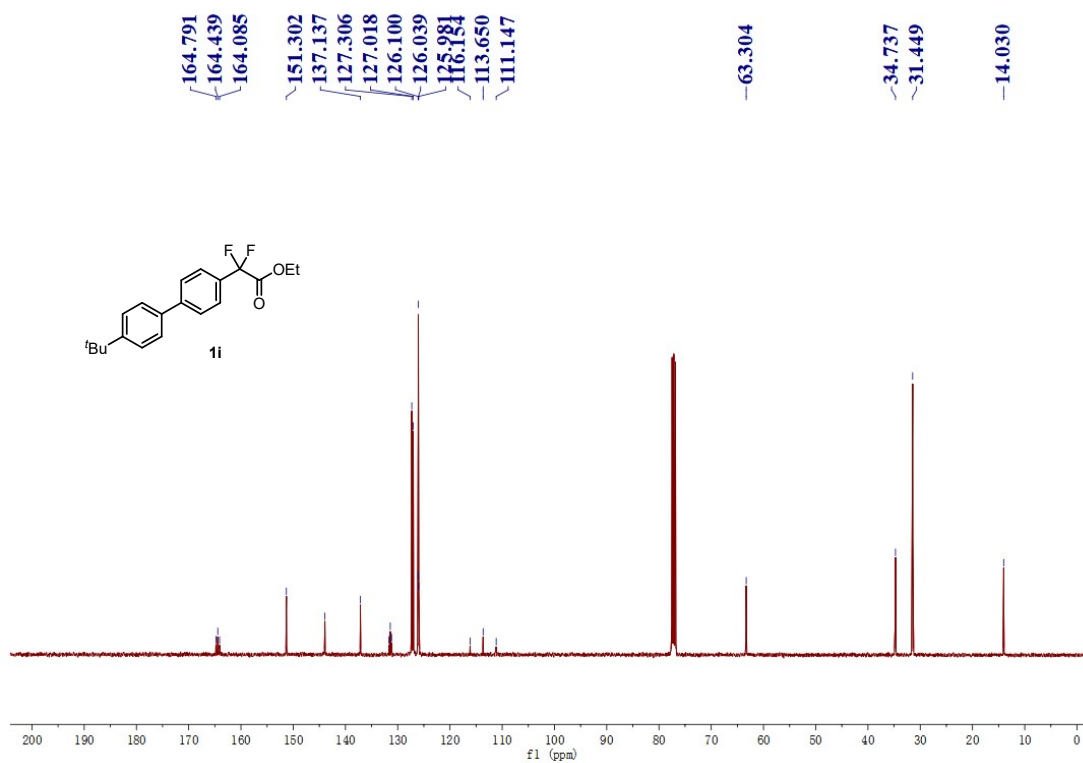
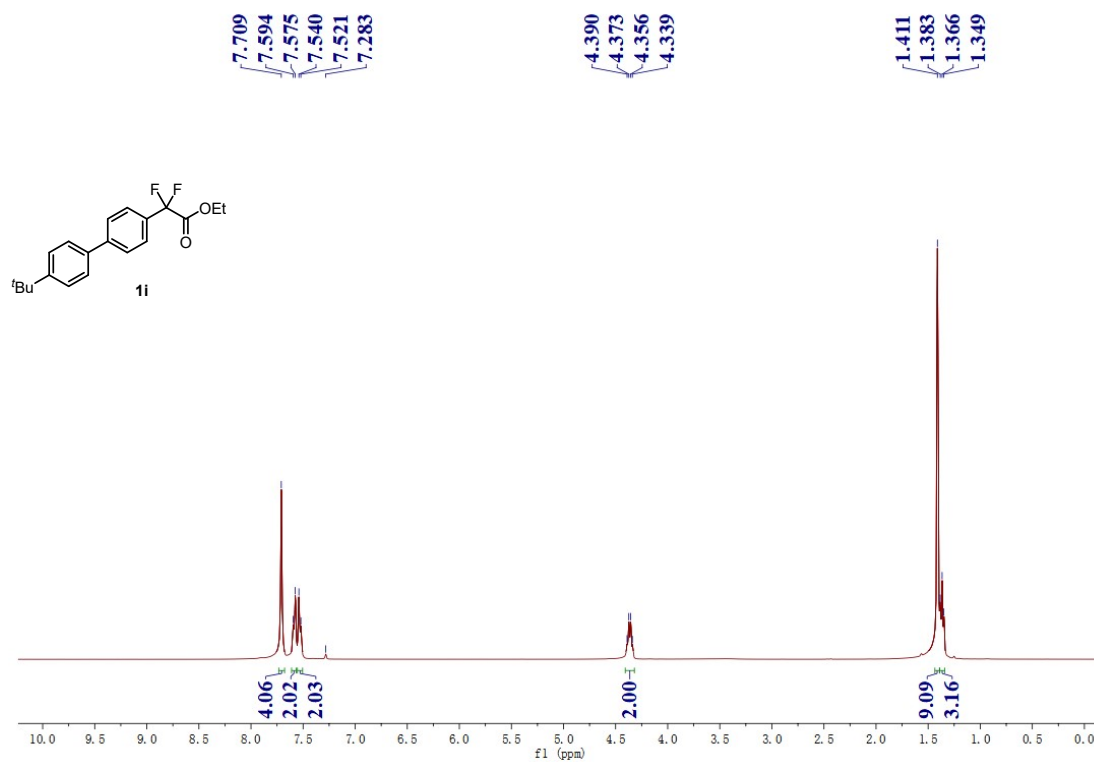


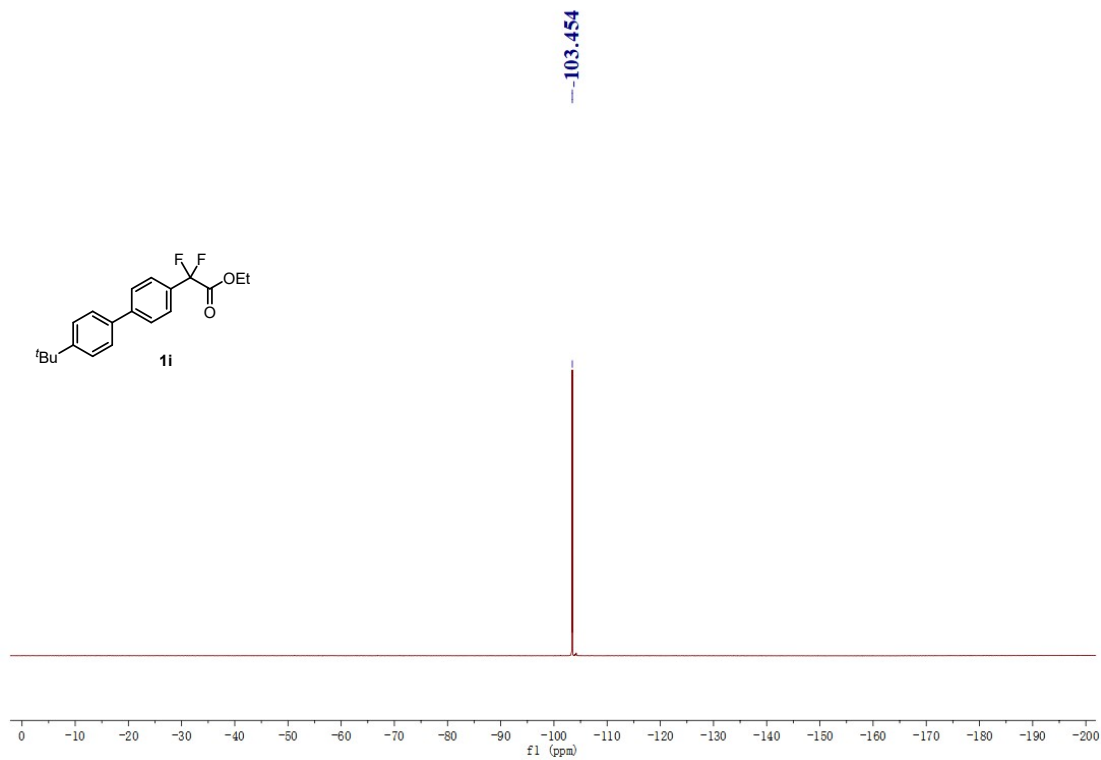
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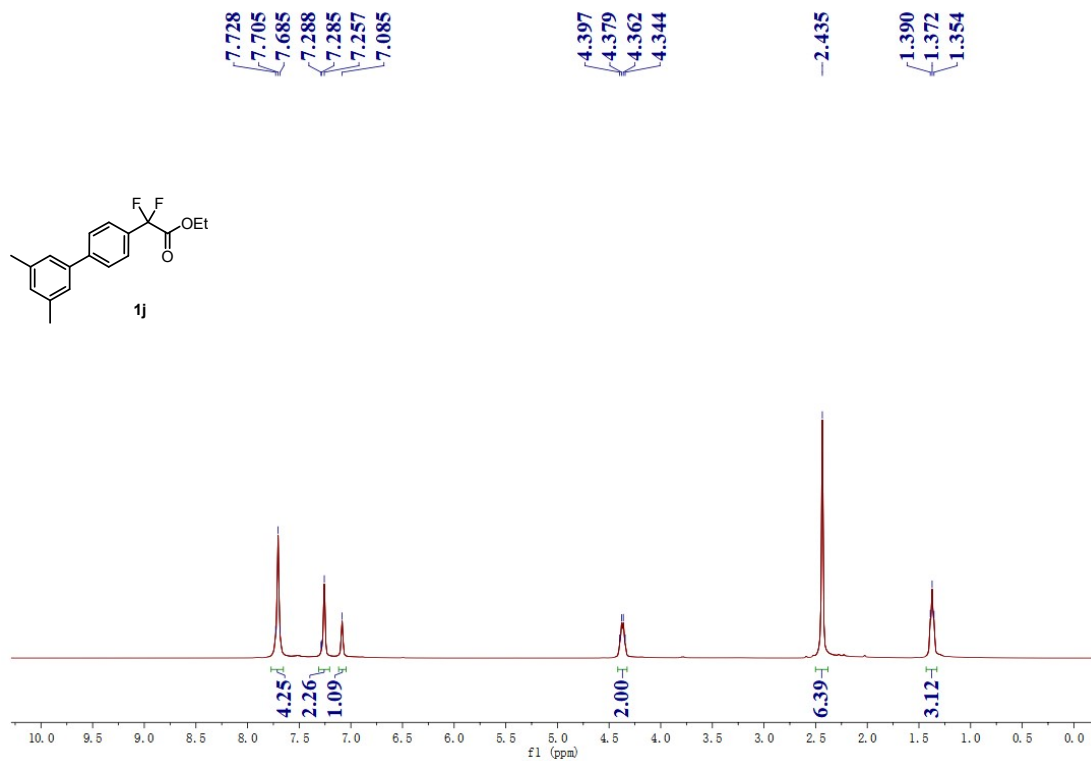


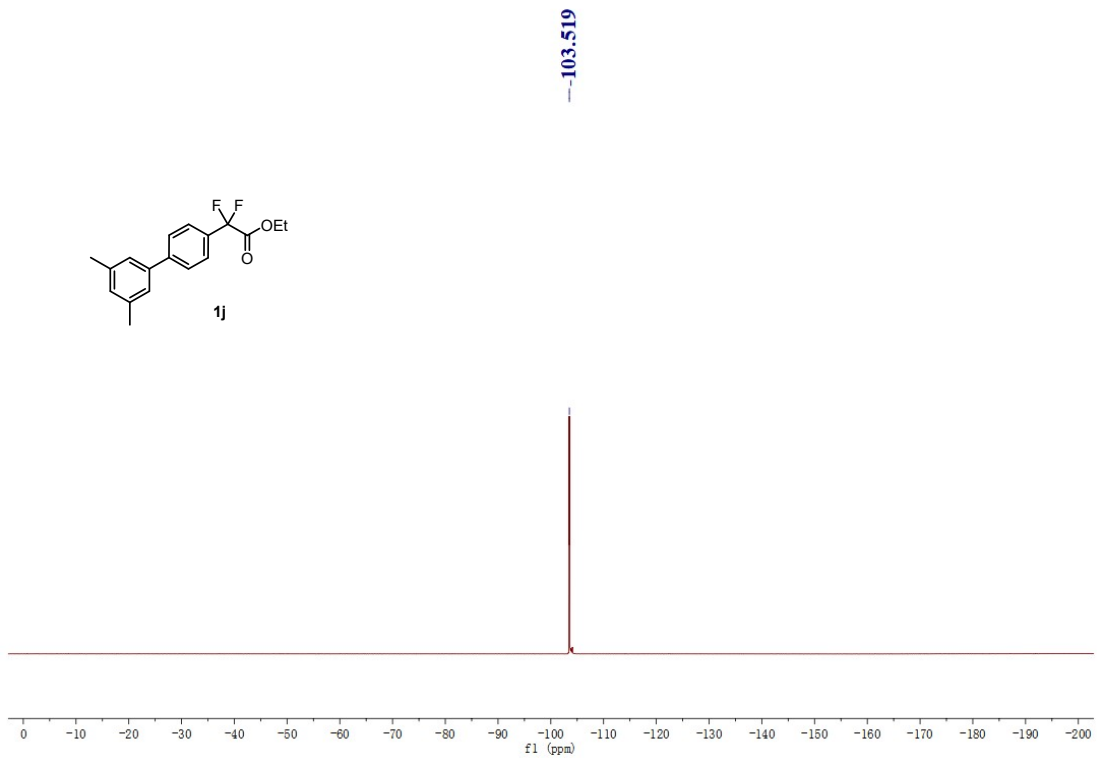
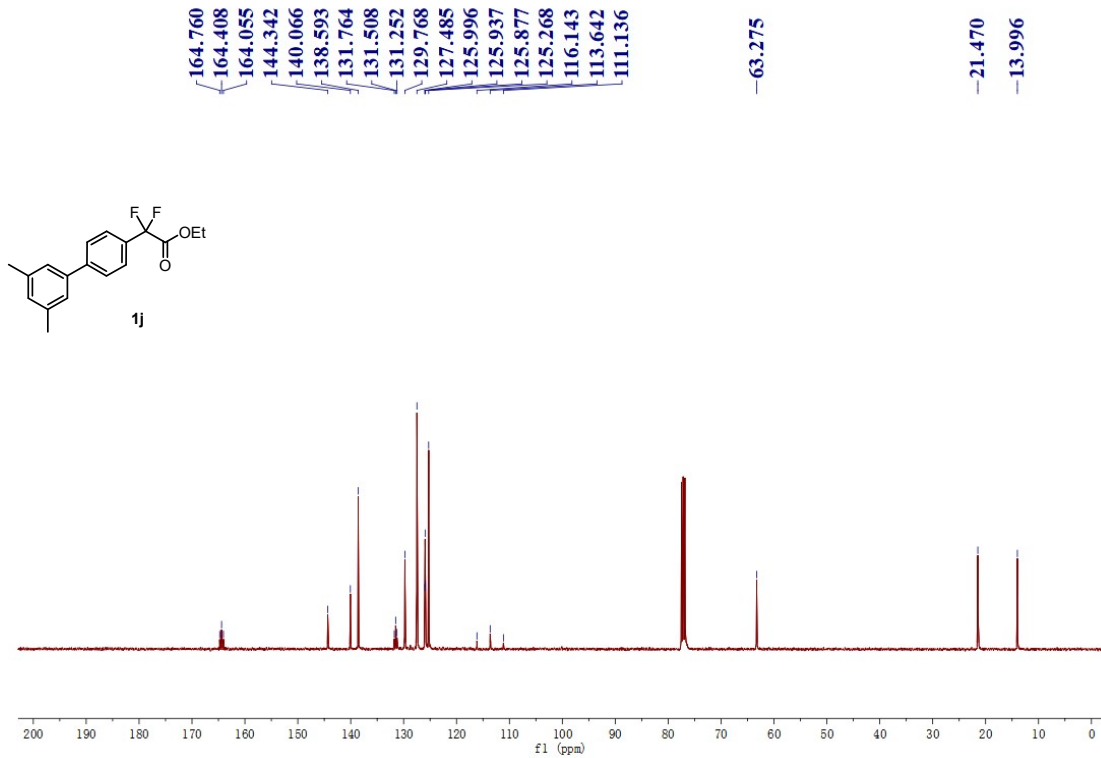
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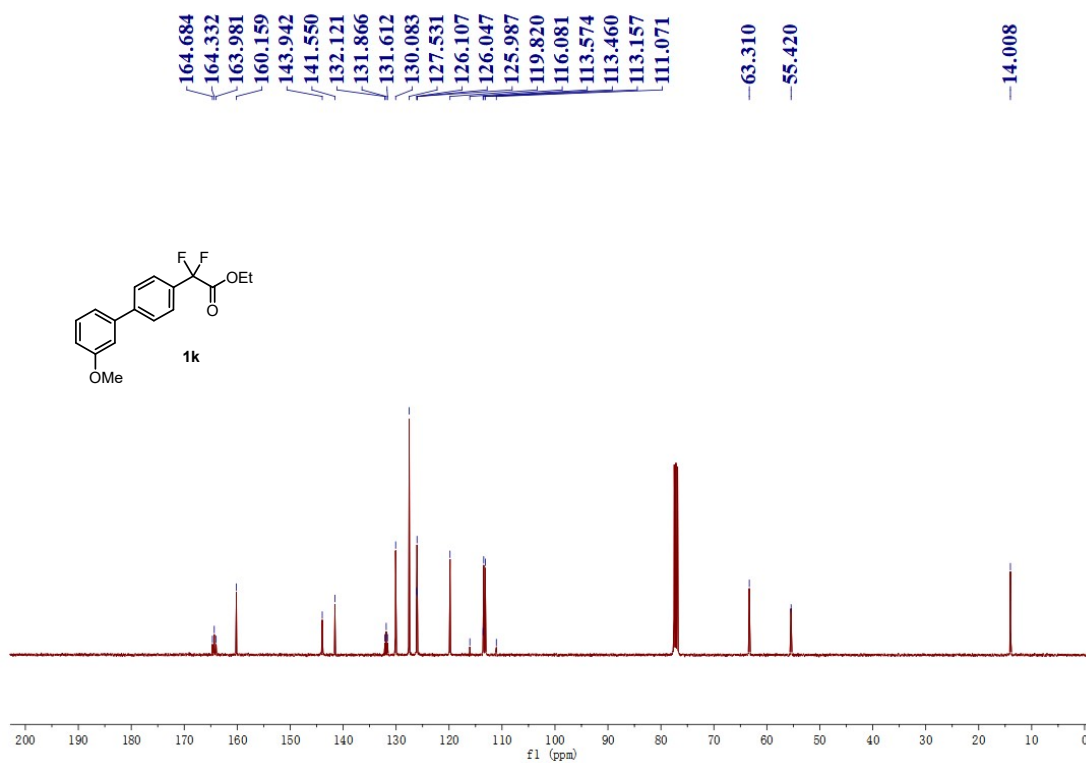
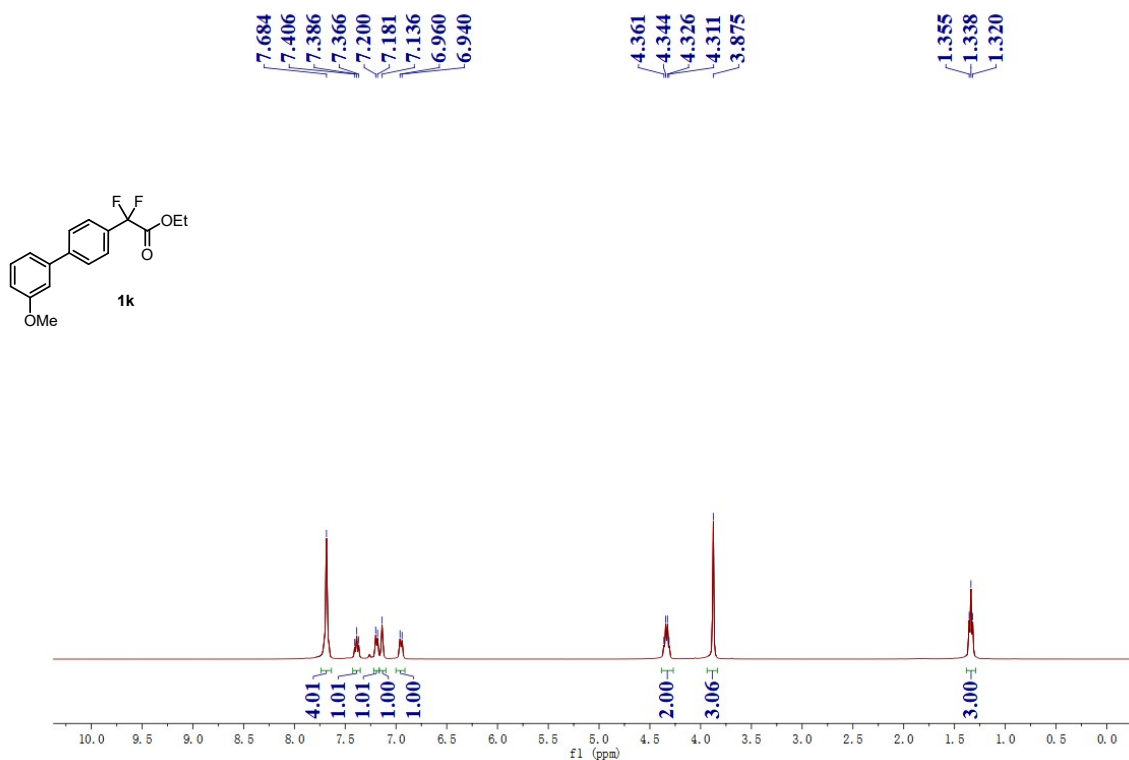


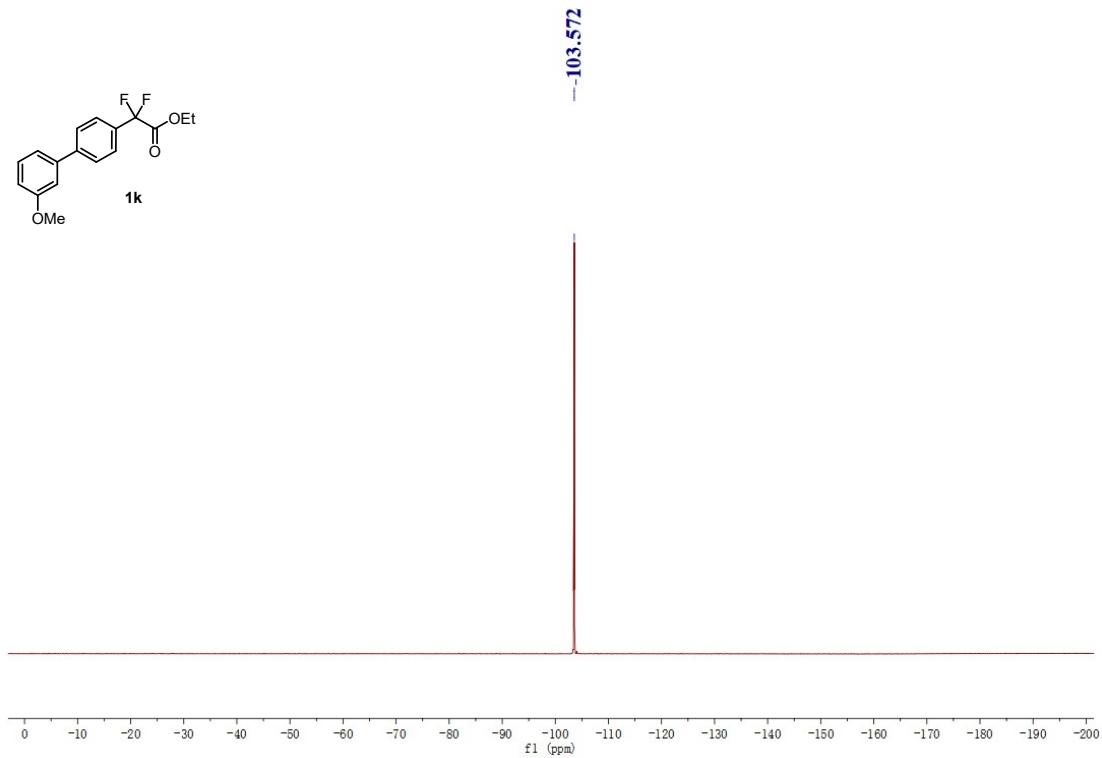
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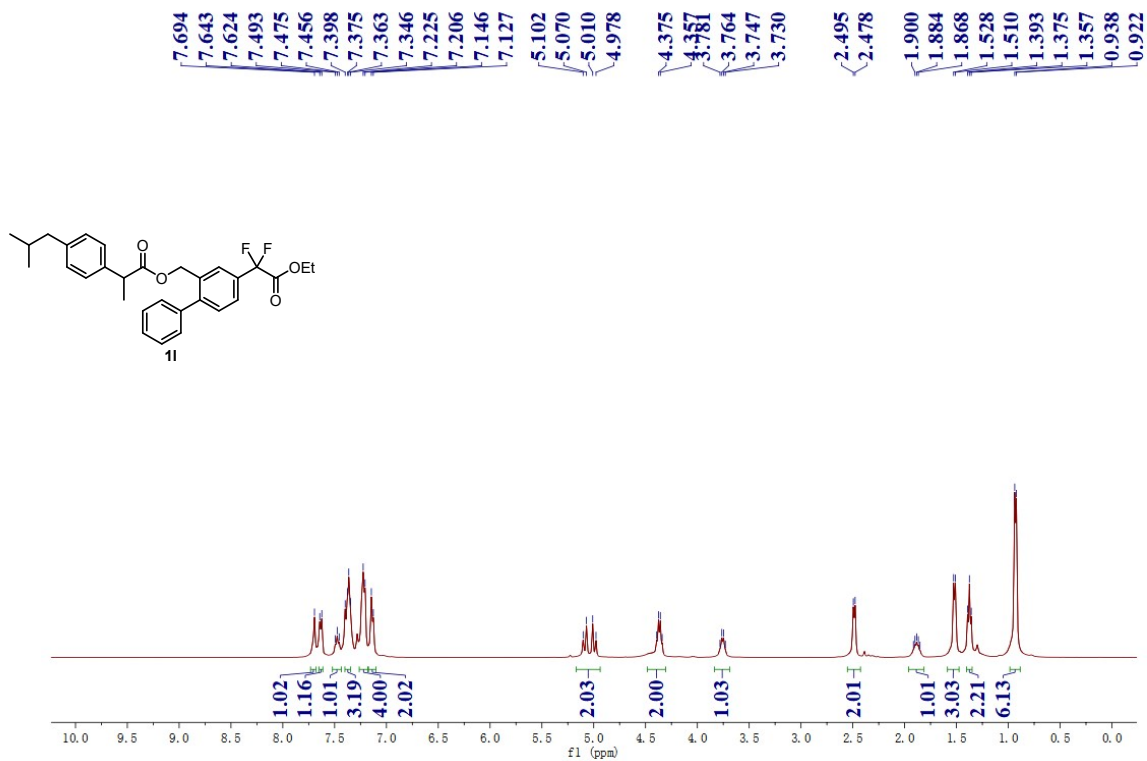


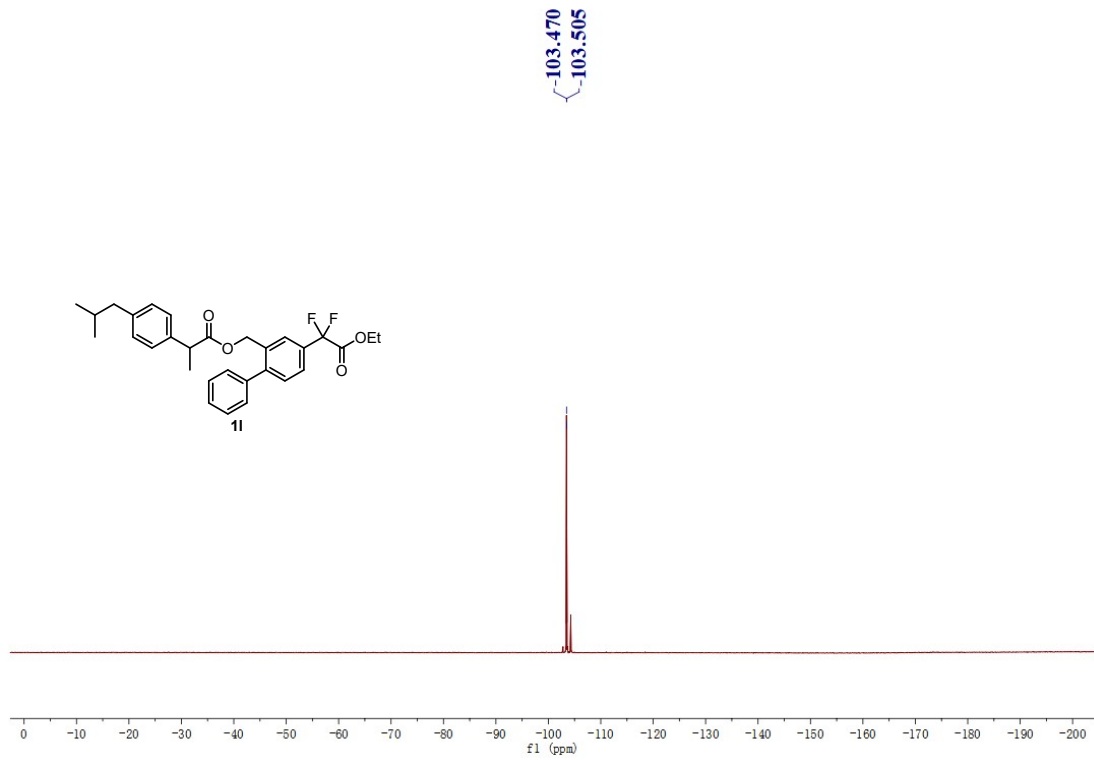
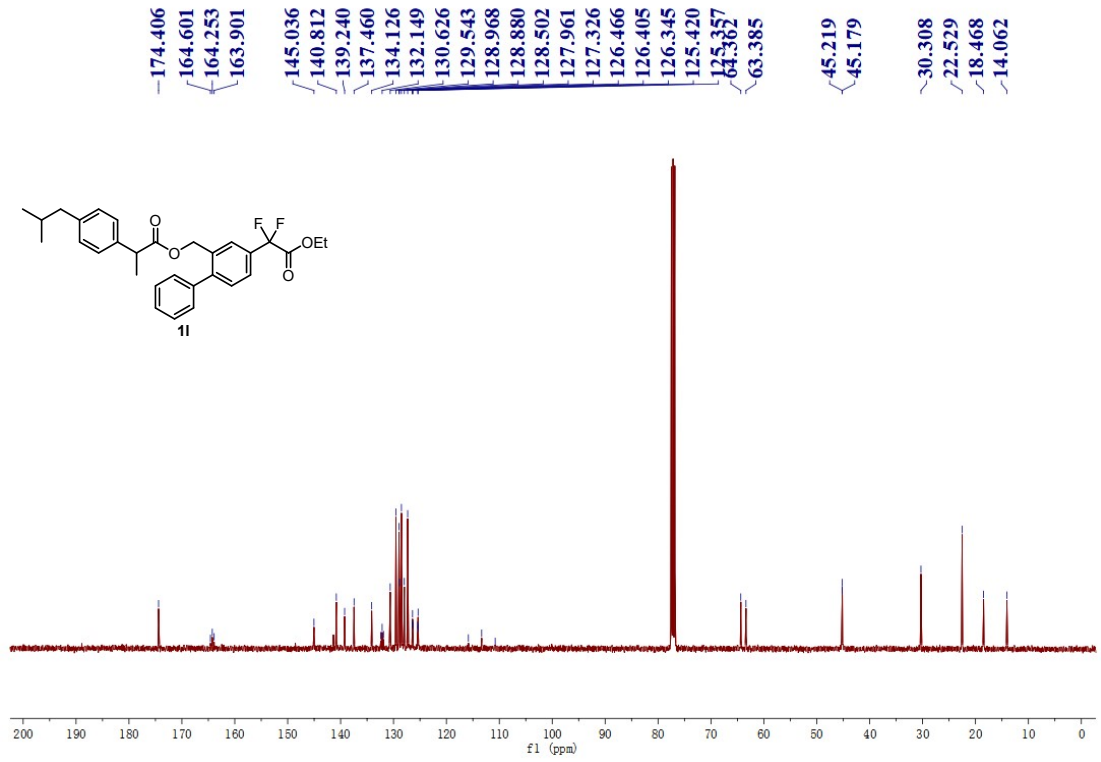
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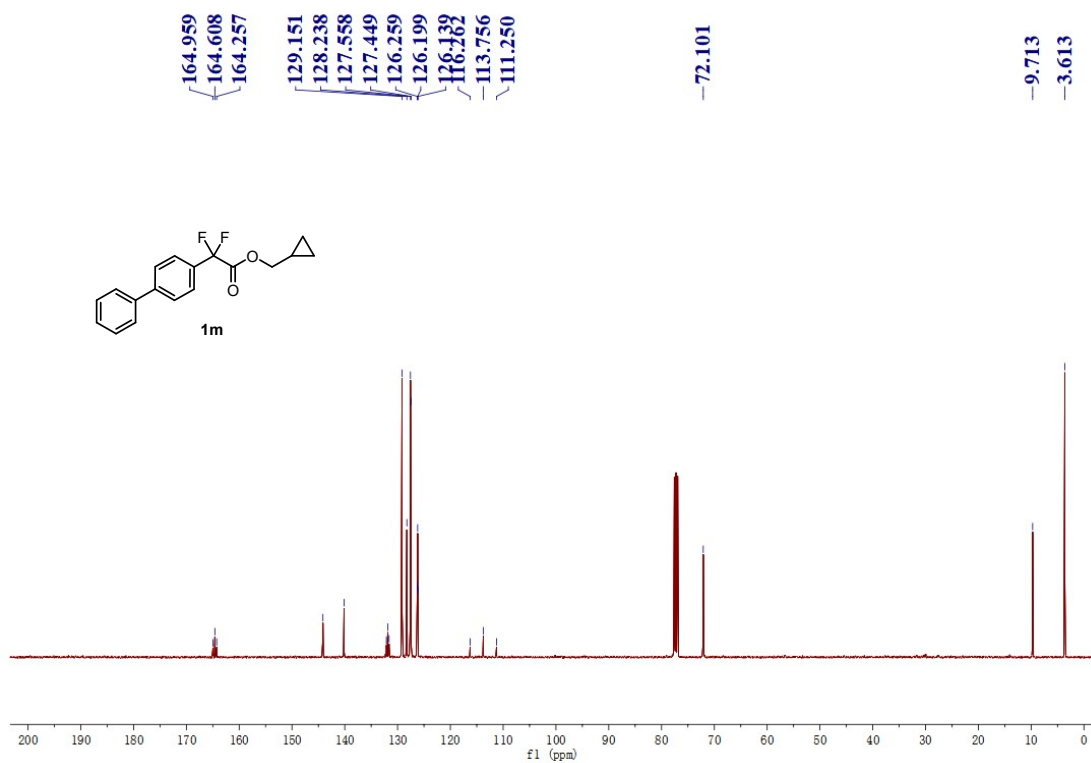
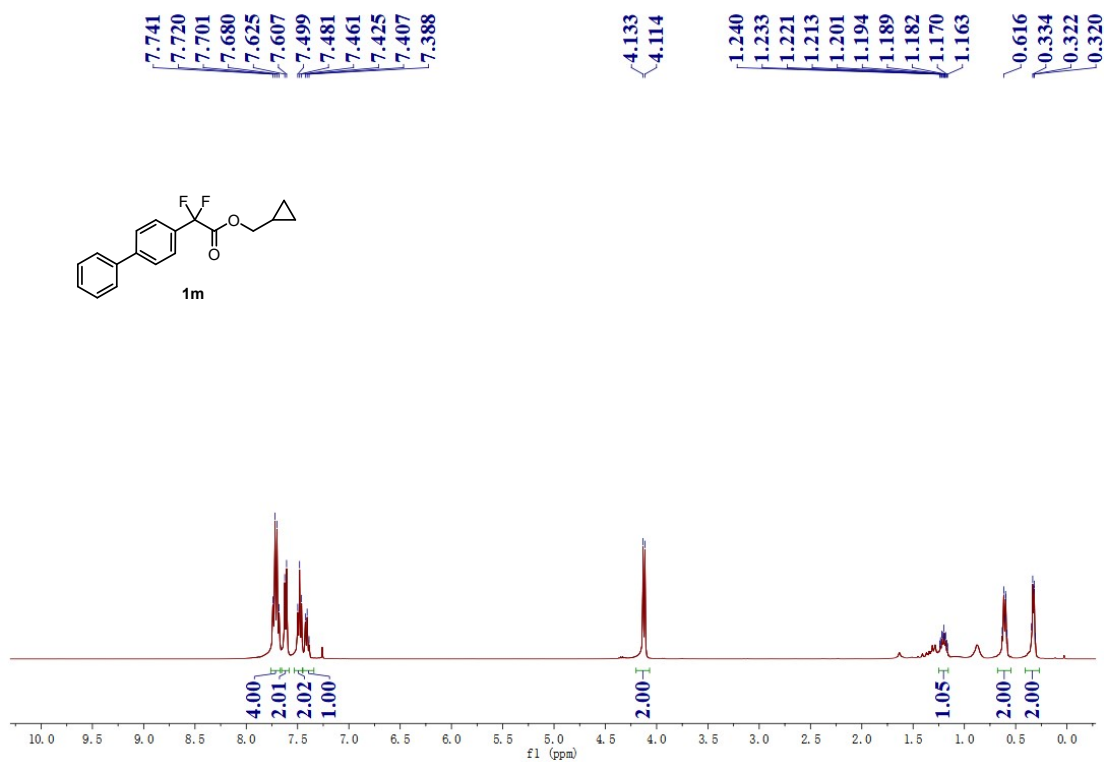


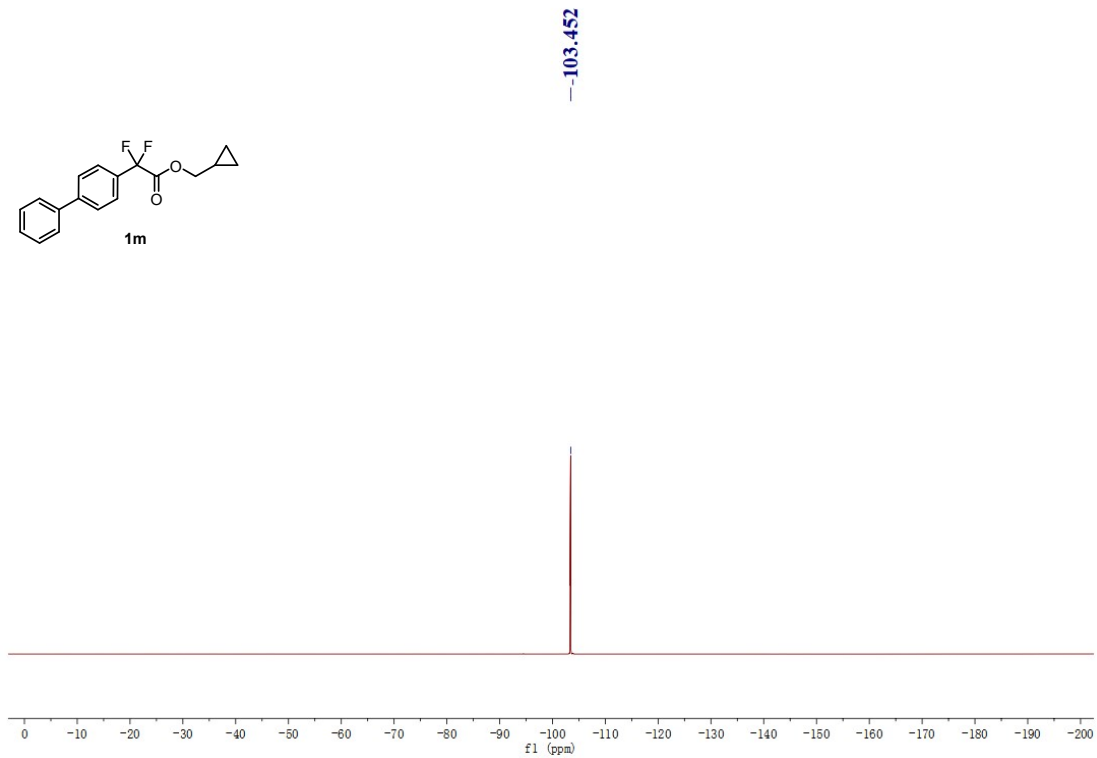
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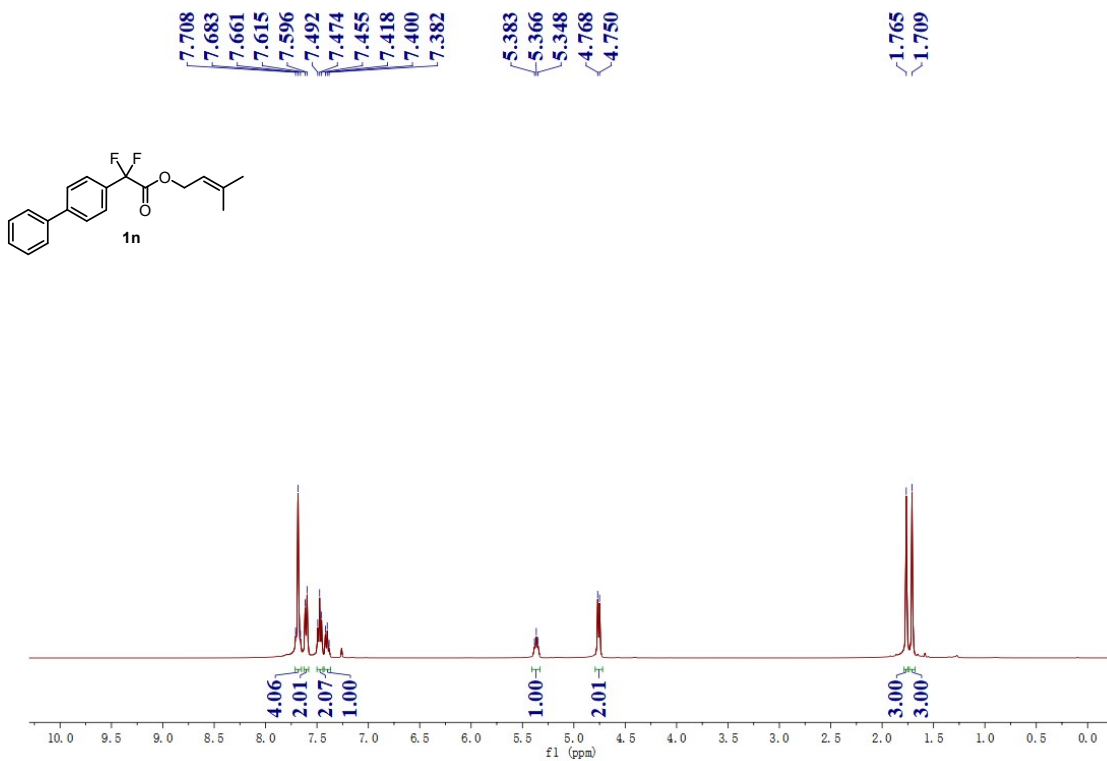


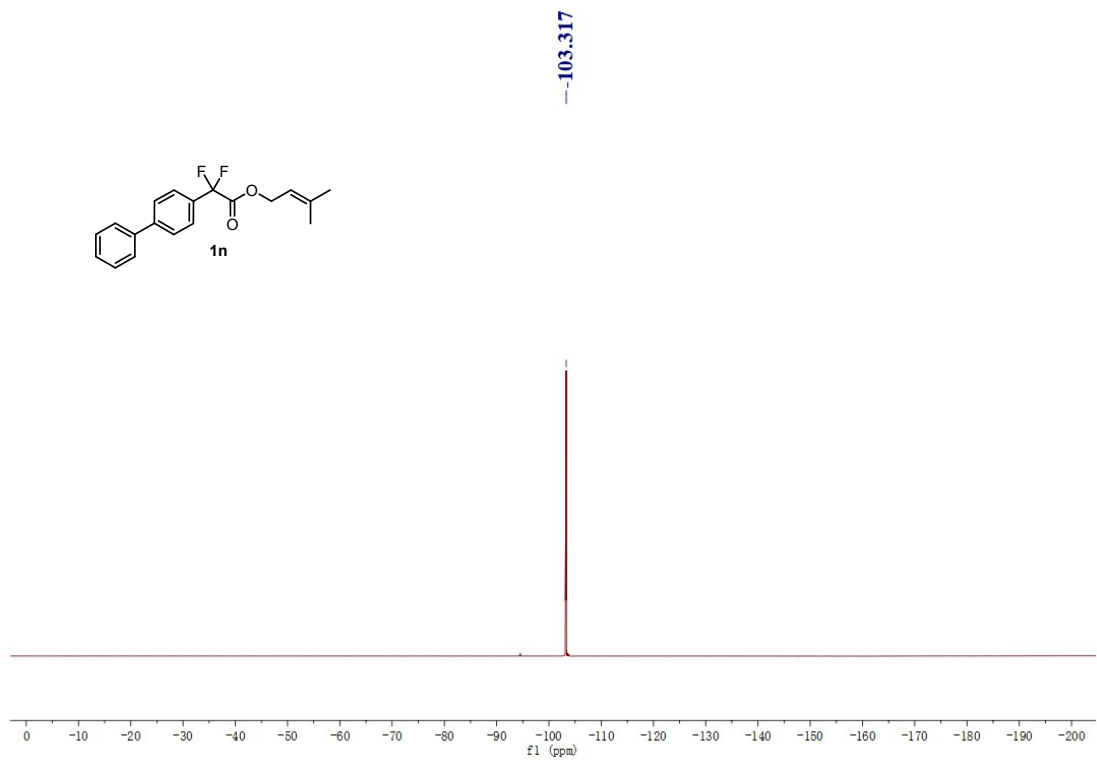
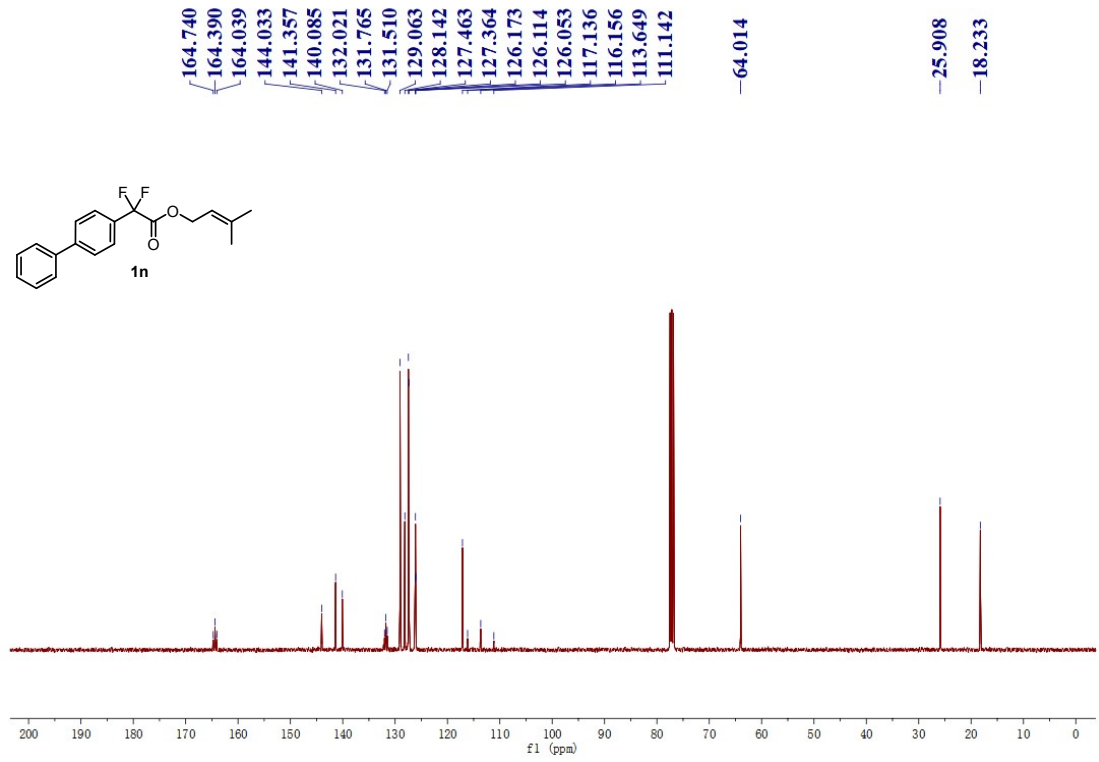
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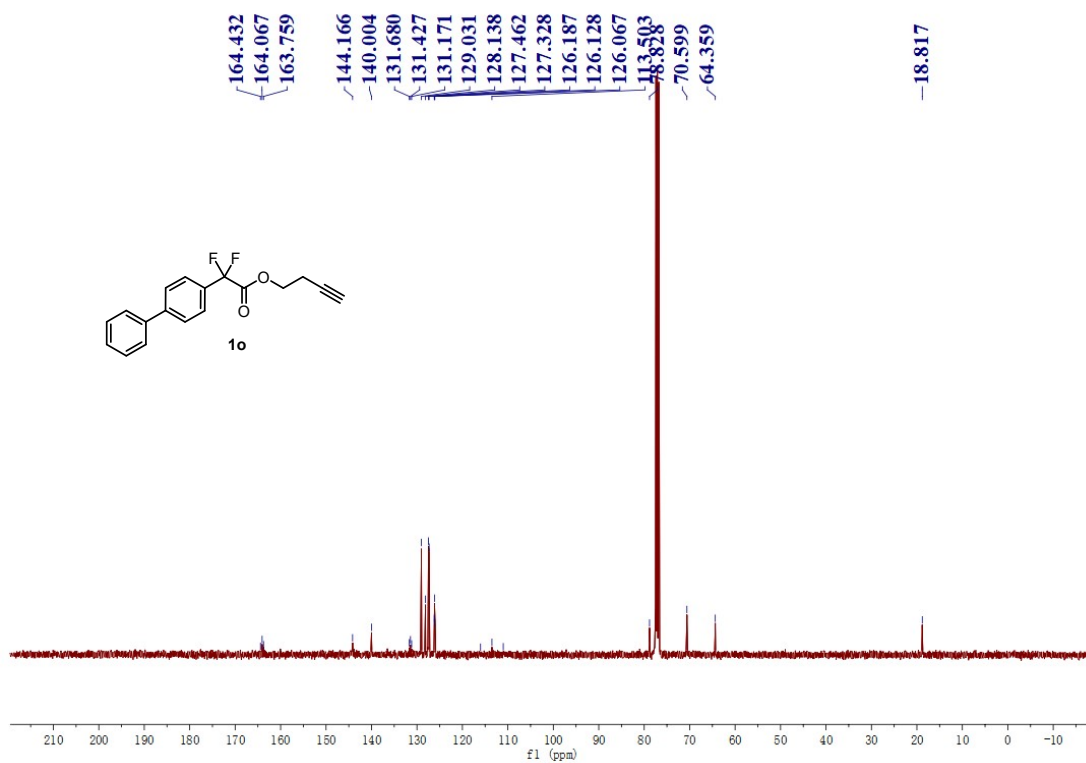
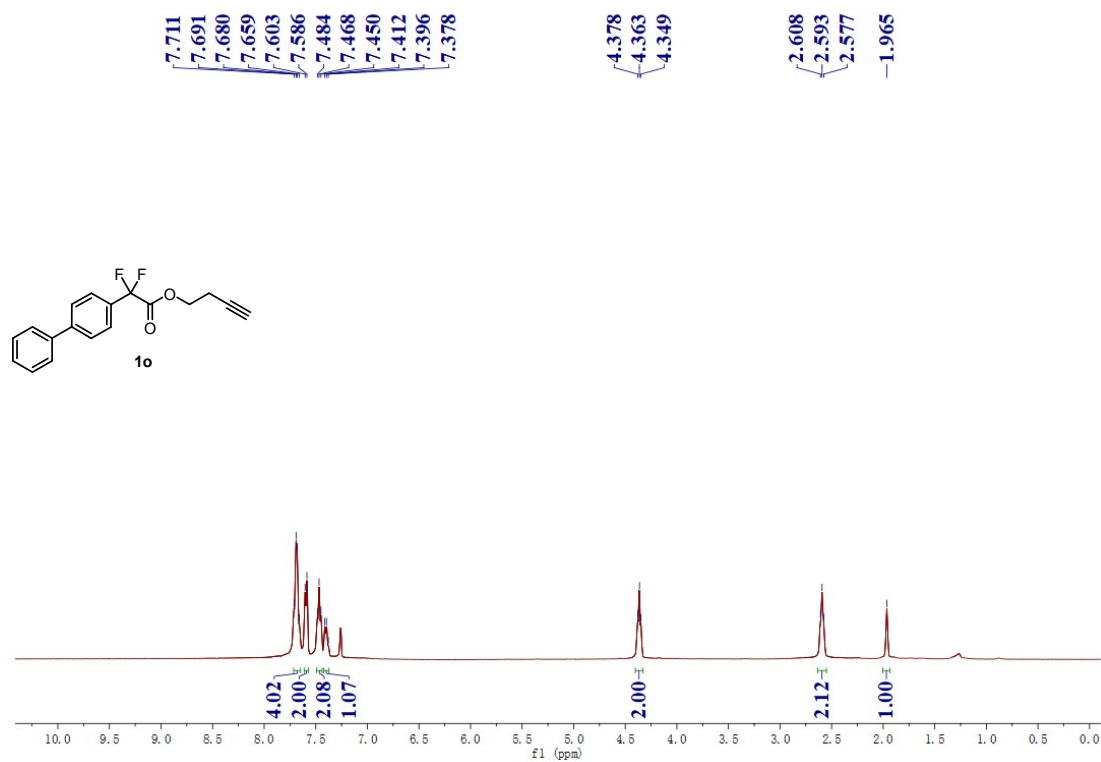


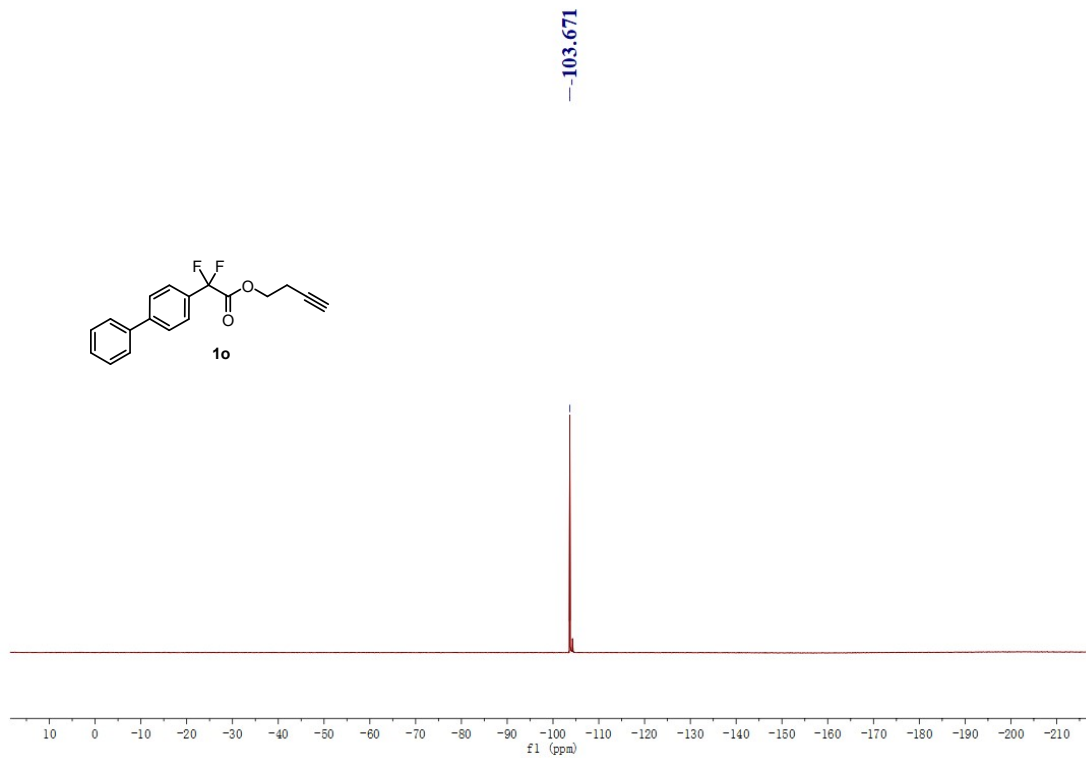
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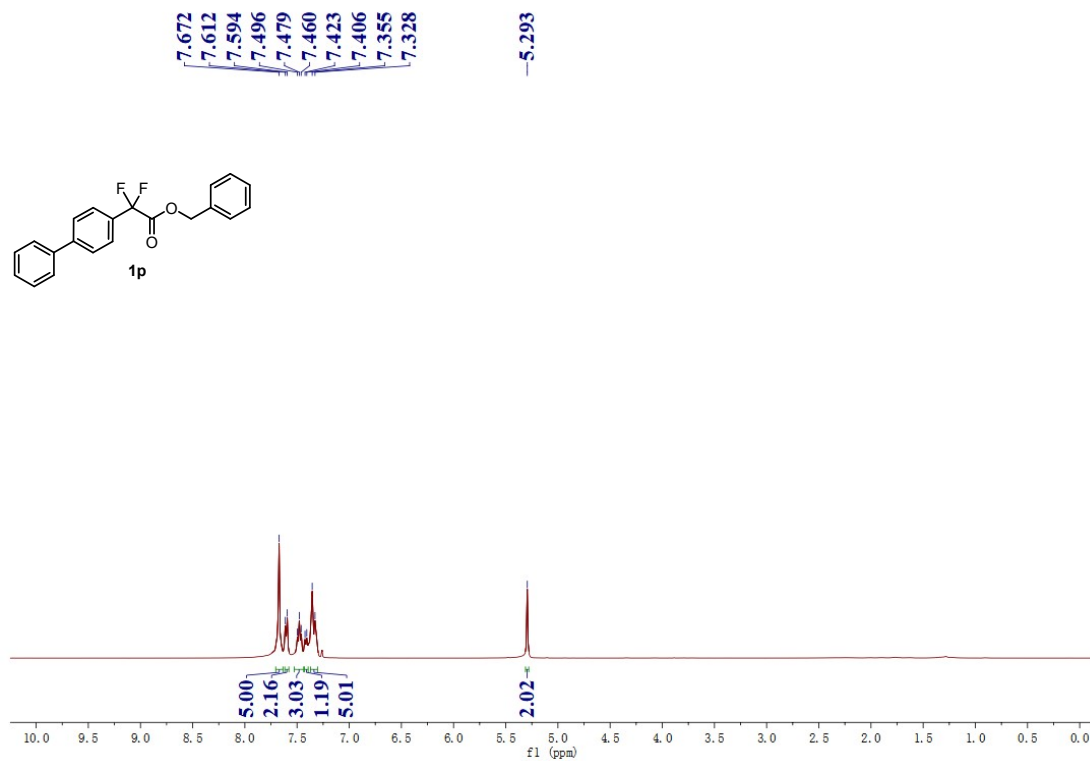


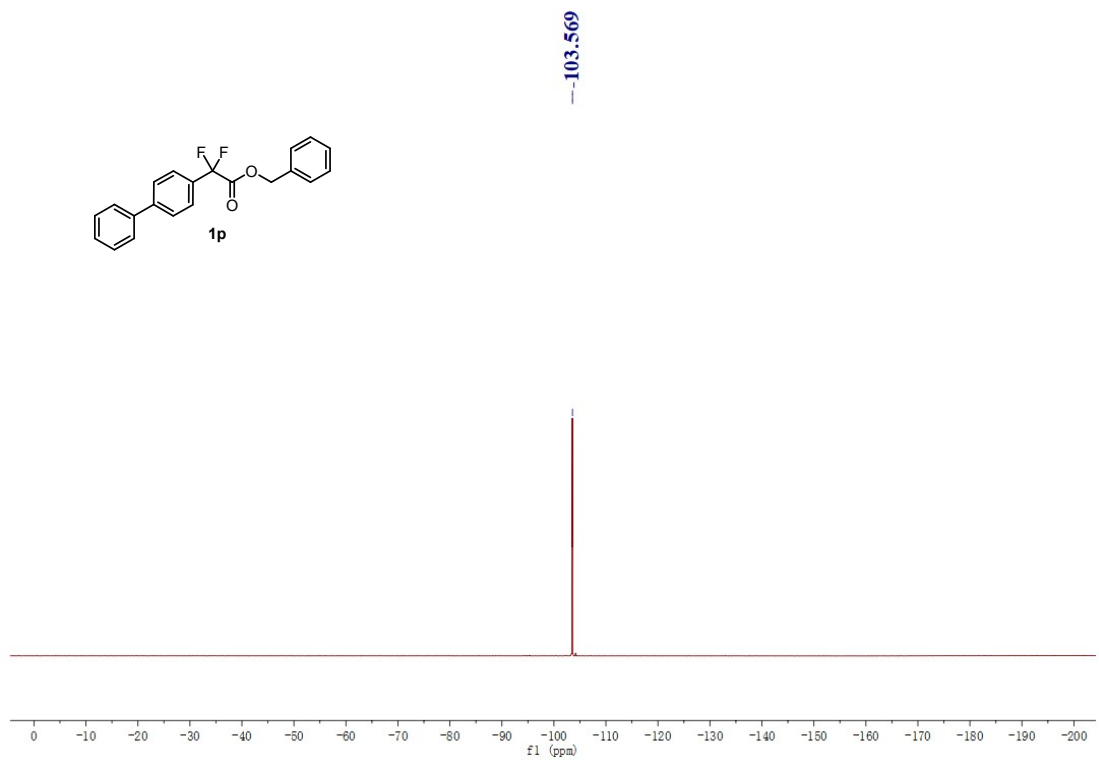
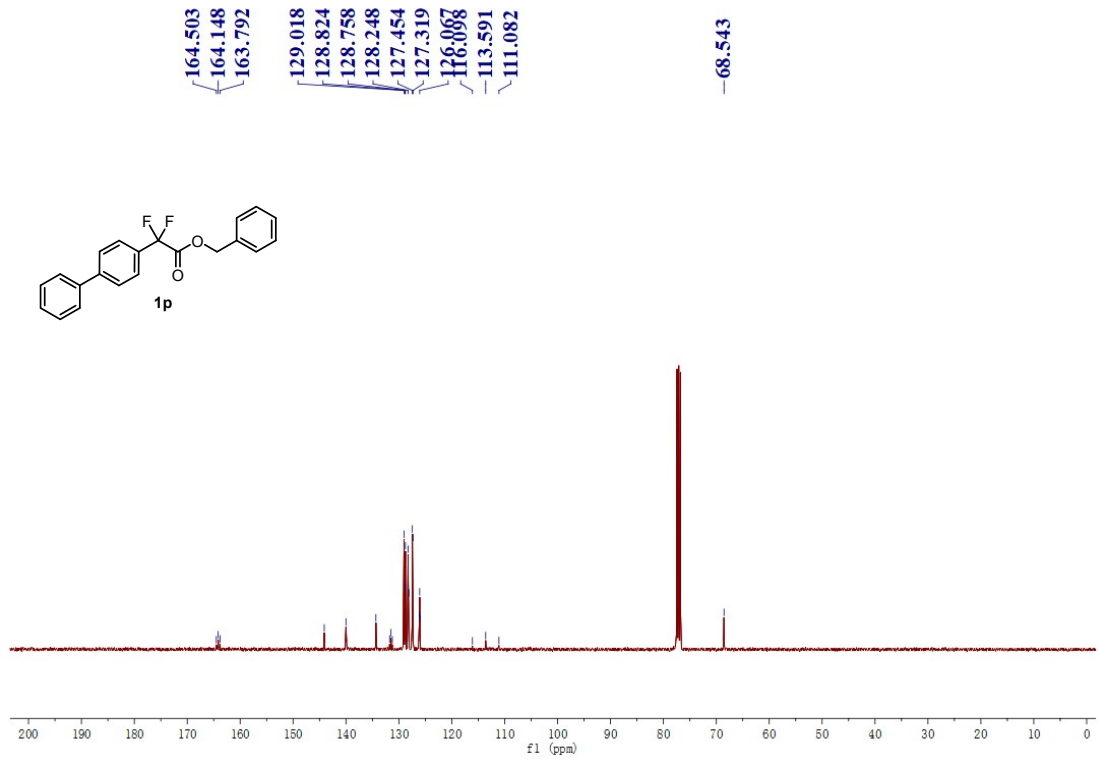
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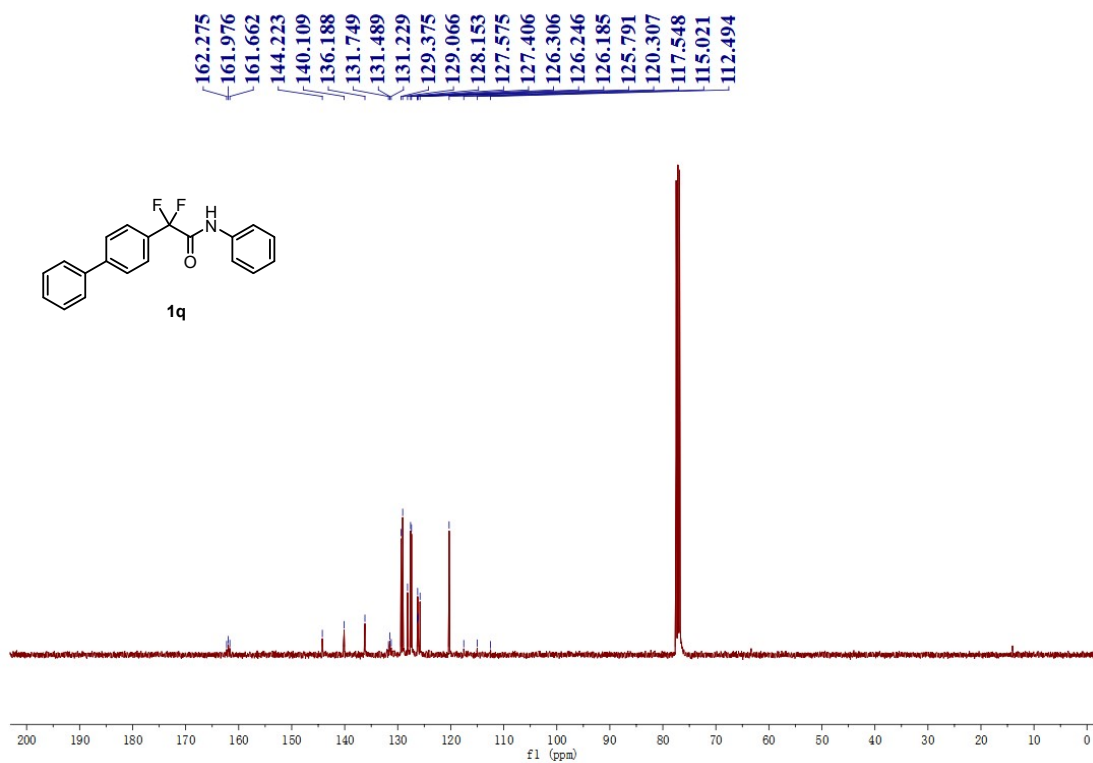
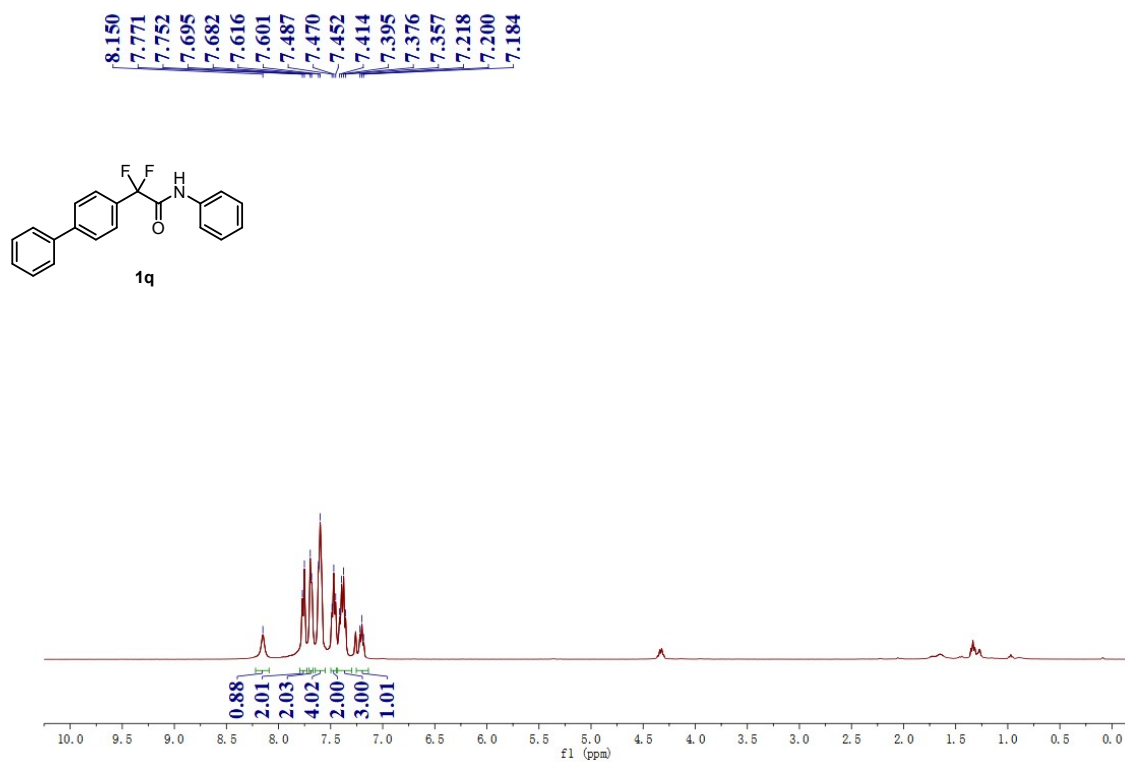


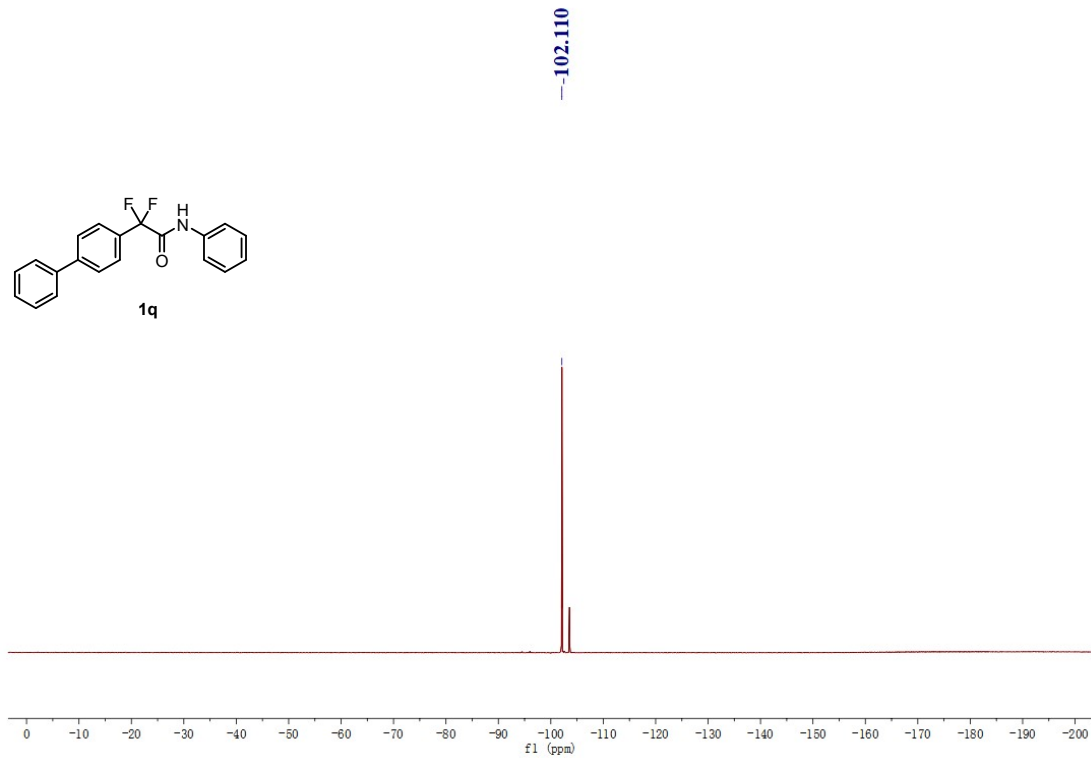
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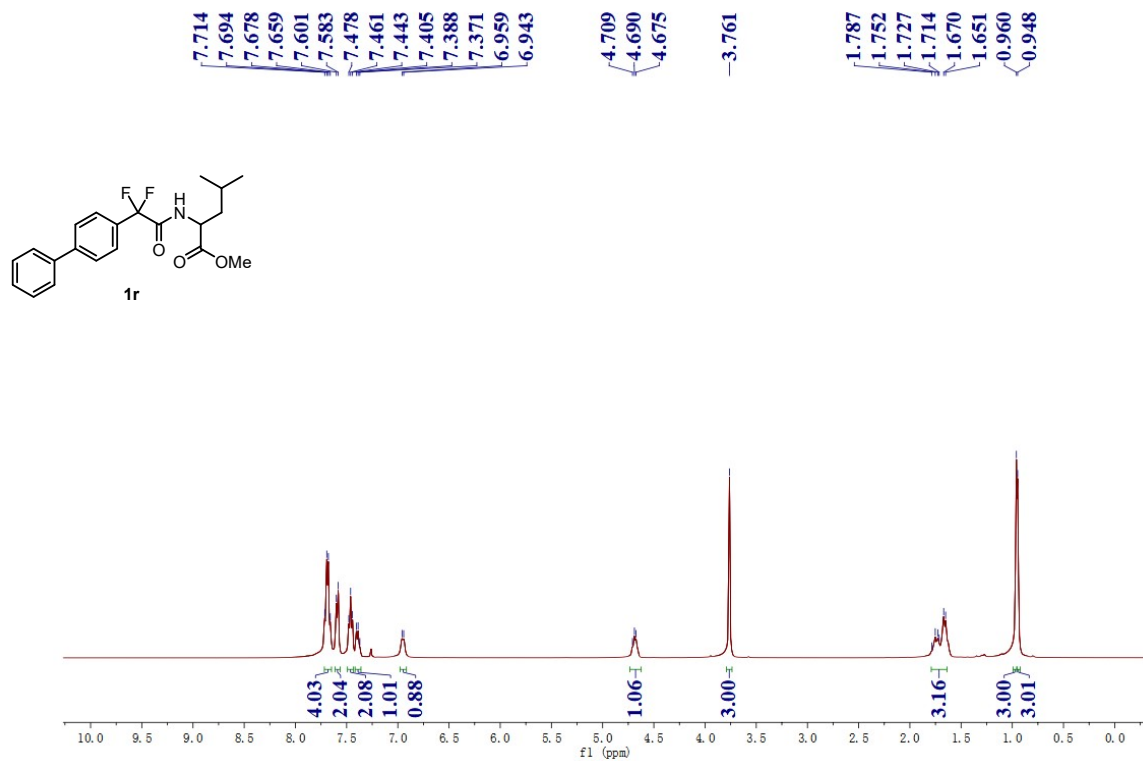


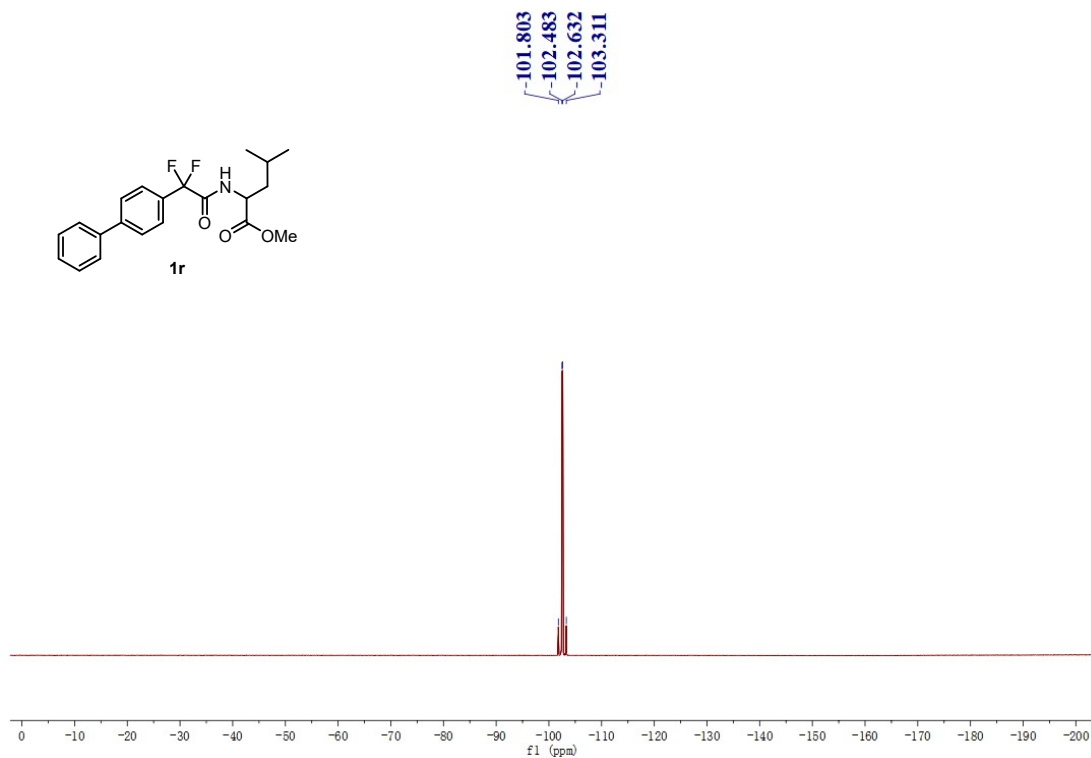
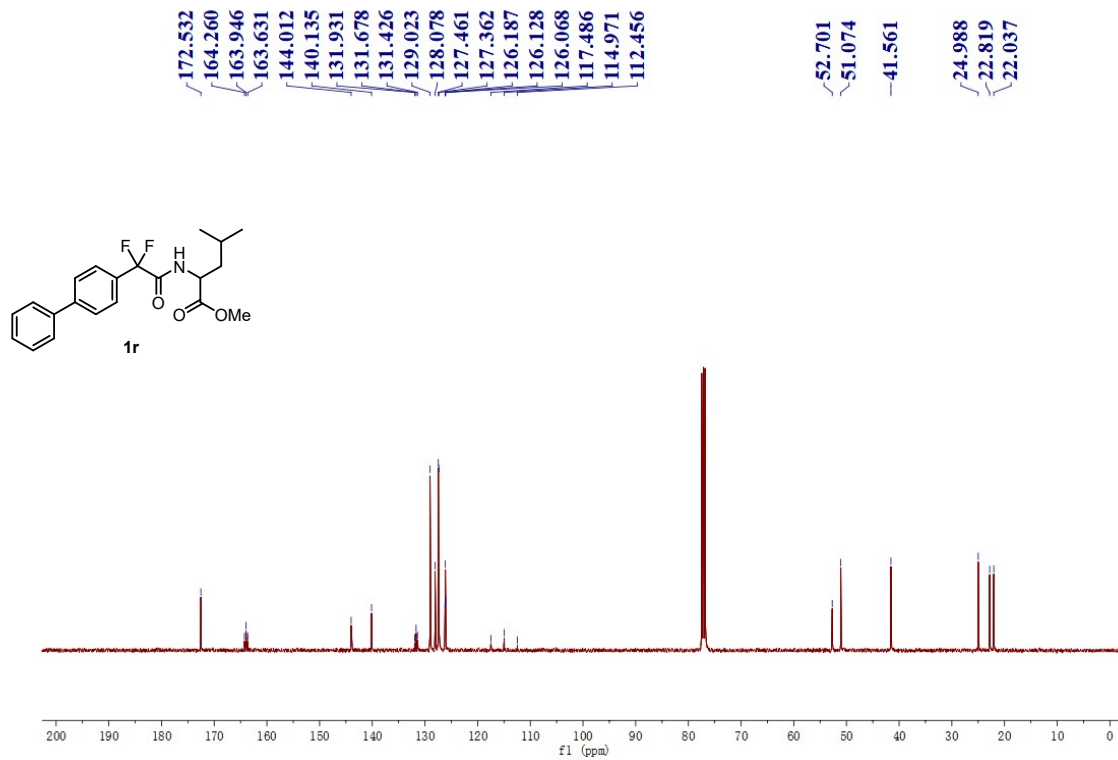
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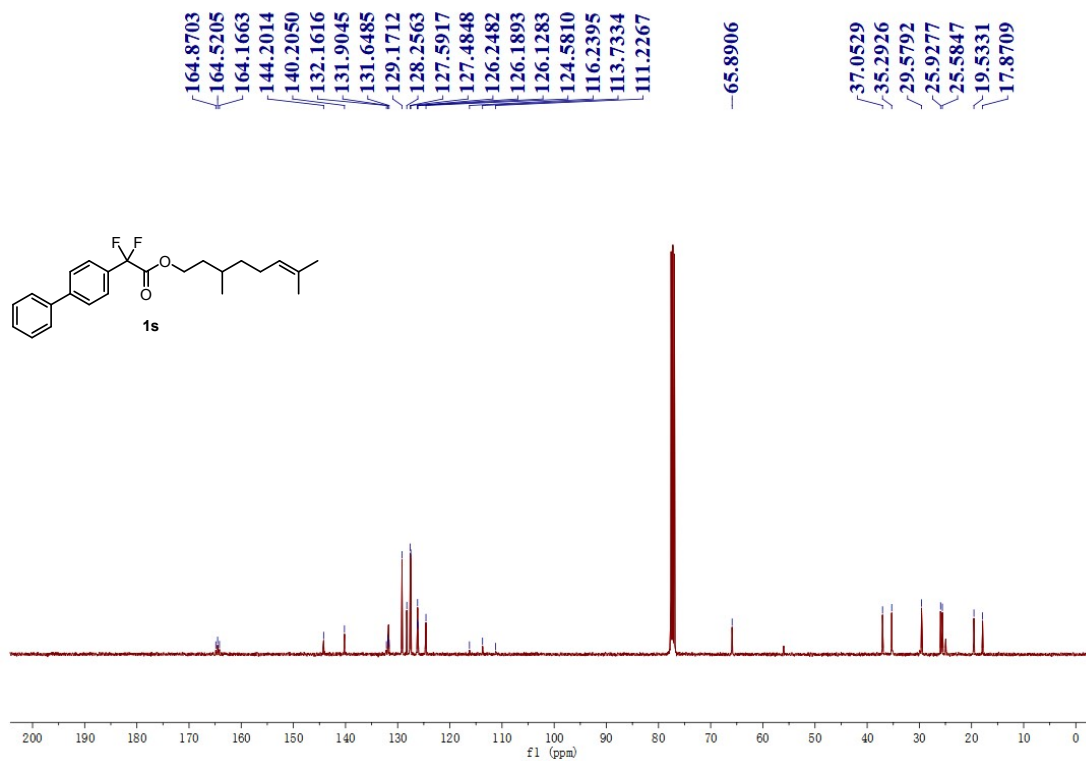
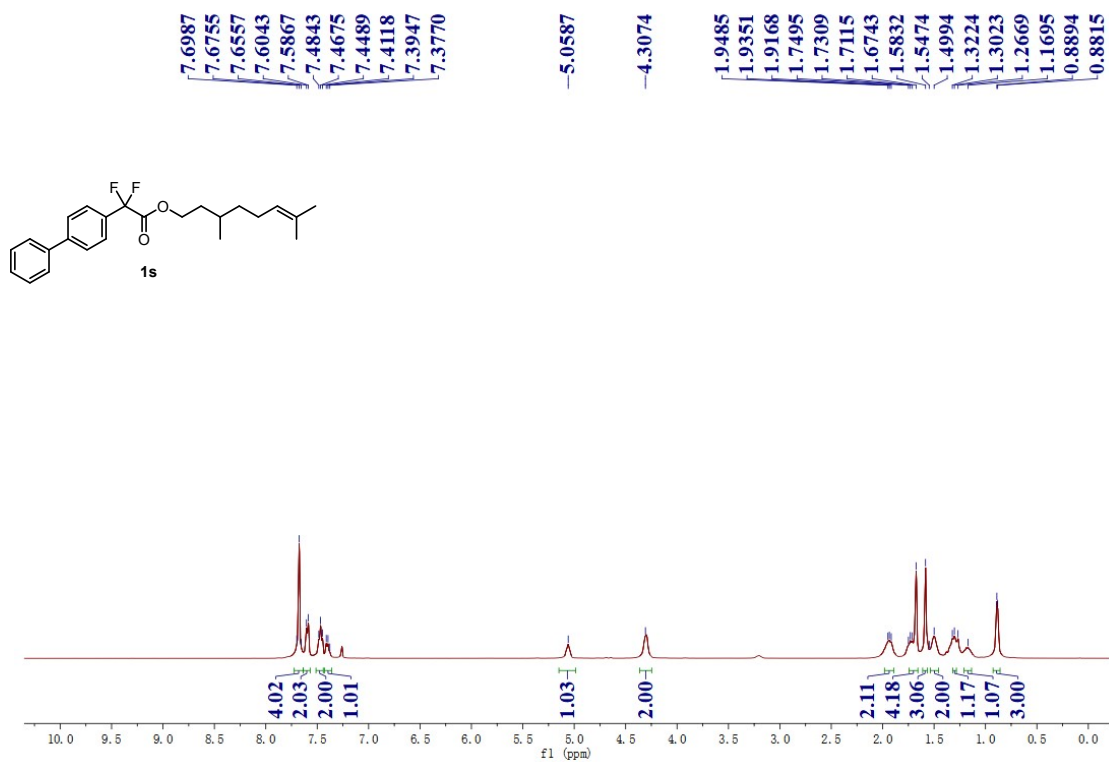


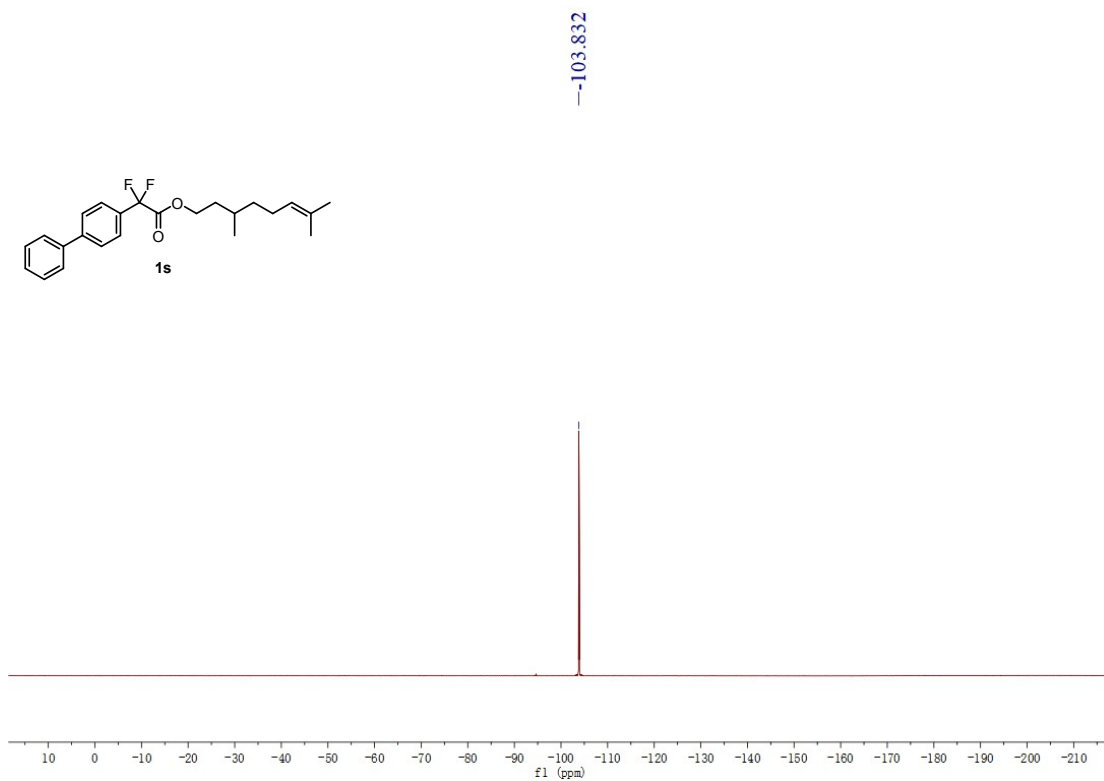
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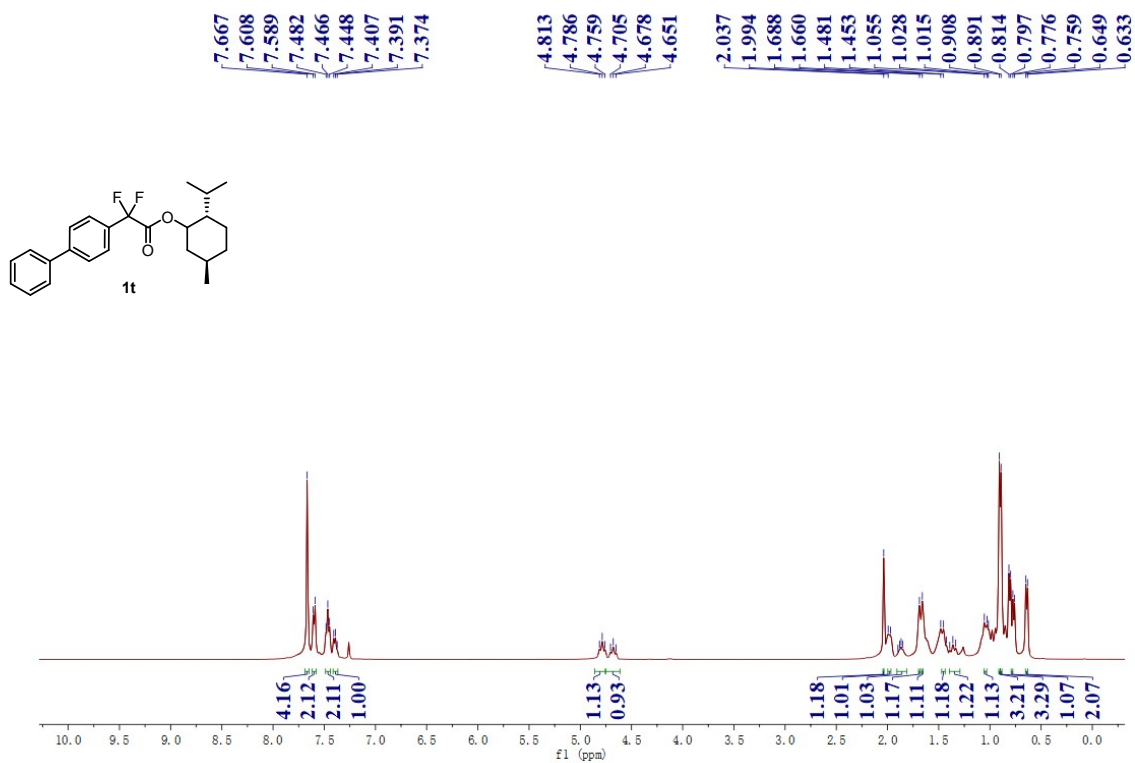


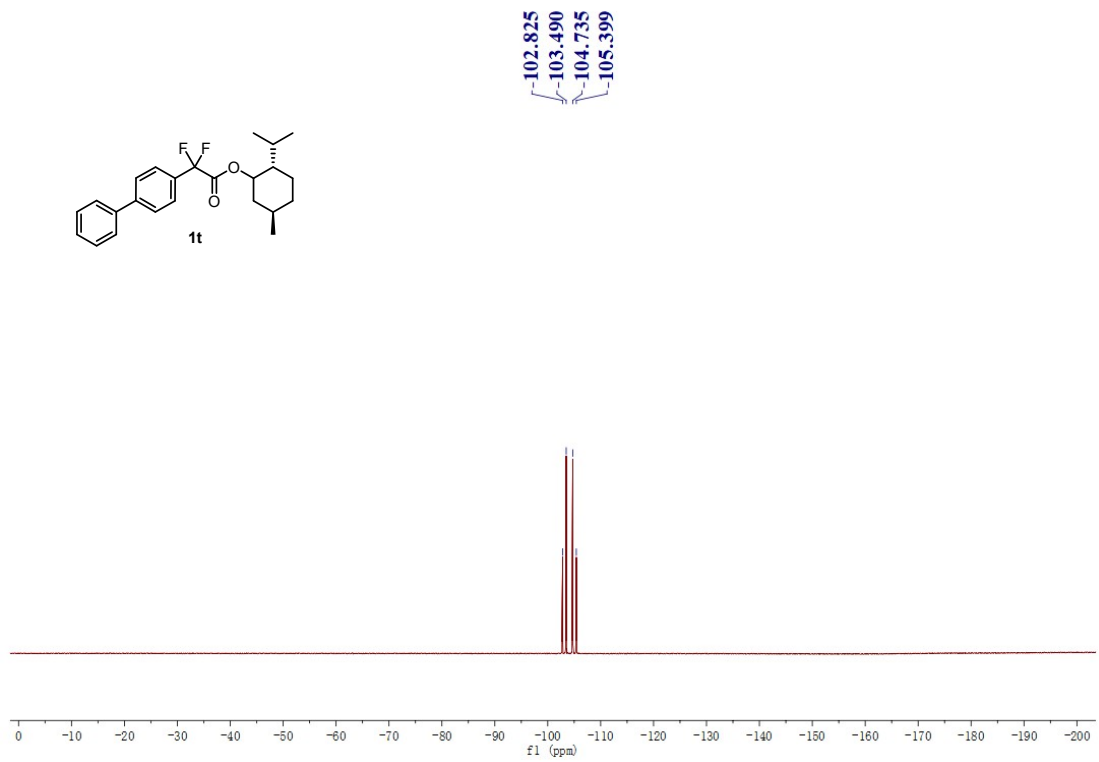
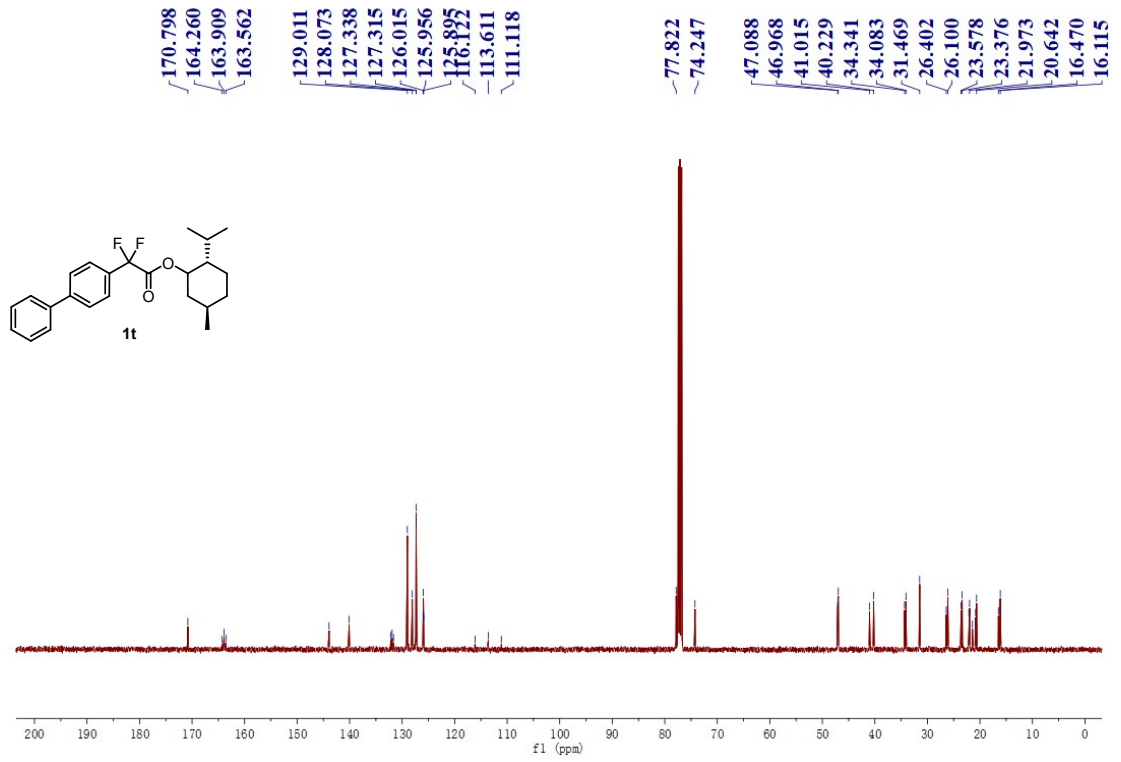
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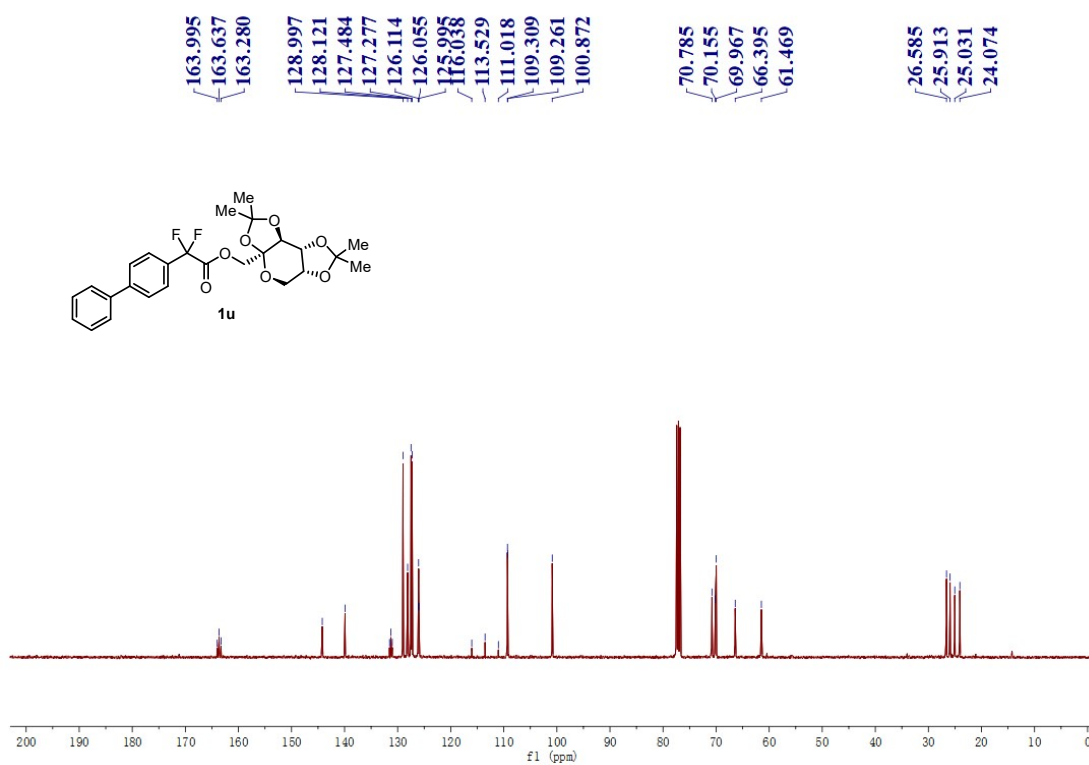
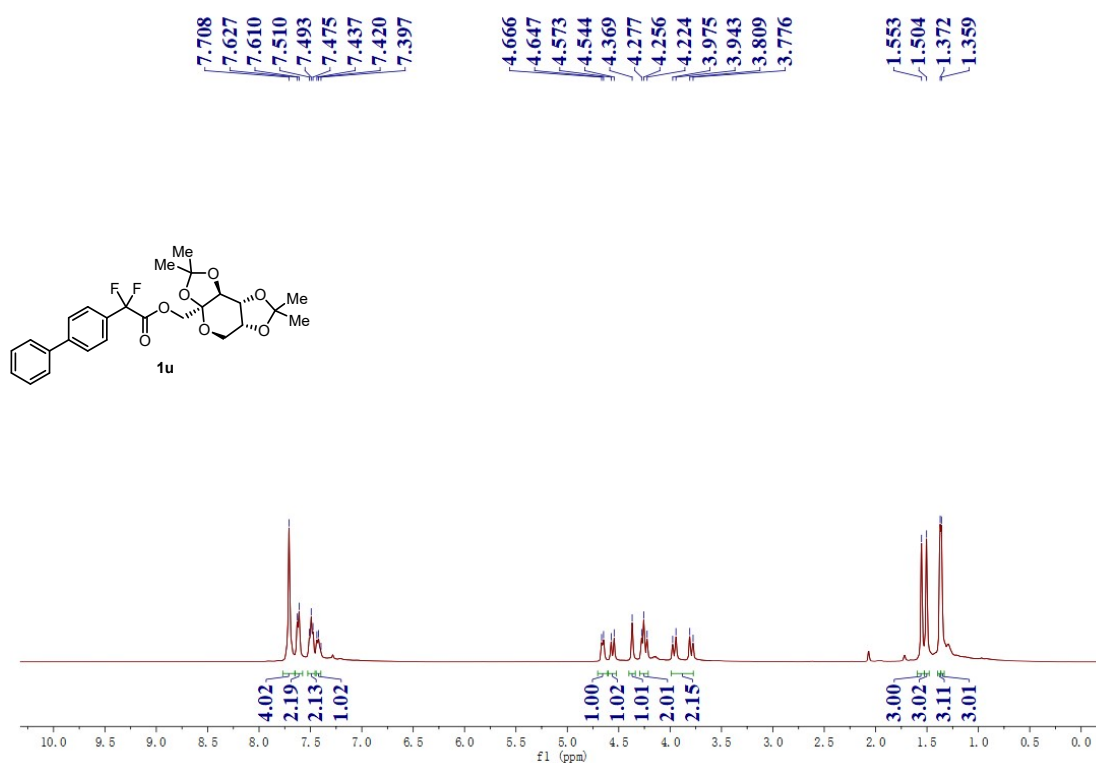


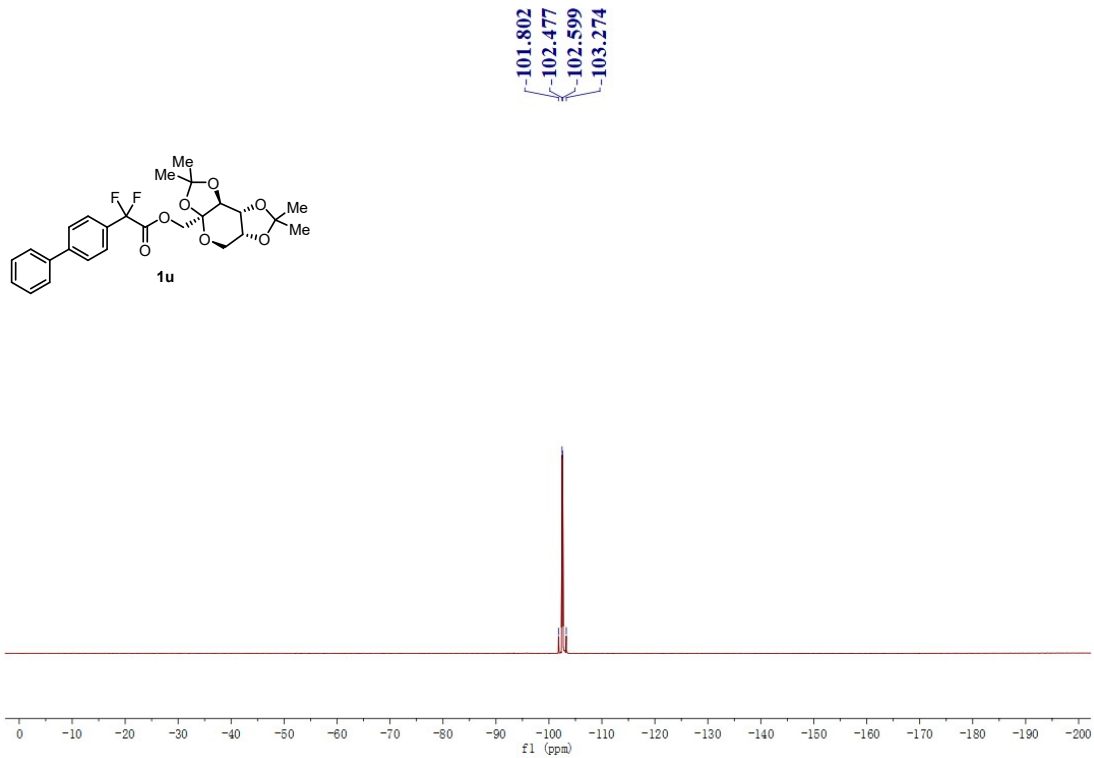
¹H, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F spectra for compound 1t (Chloroform-d)





¹H, ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F spectra for compound 1u (Chloroform-d)





^1H , ^{13}C NMR and ^{19}F spectra for compound **1v** (Chloroform-d)

