

# Photoinduced Catalyst-free Difluoromethylation-Cyclization of Indole Derivatives via Electron Donor-acceptor Complexes Under Visible Light

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## General information

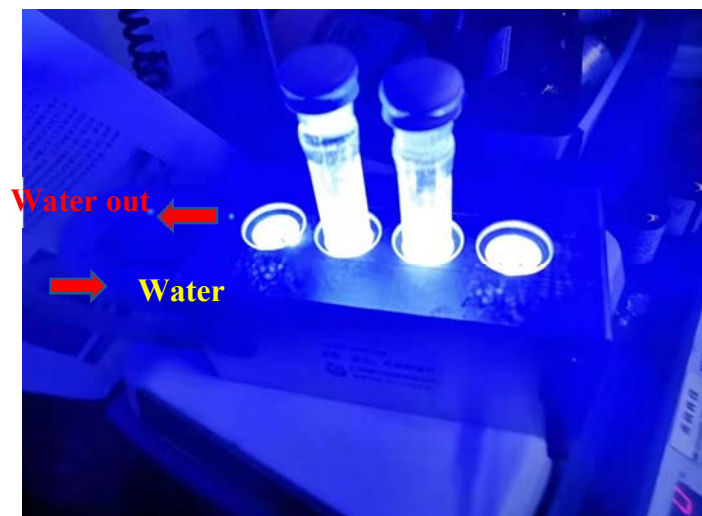
All chemicals, unless otherwise noted, were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. All solvents for reactions and measurements were purified by standard methods.  $^1\text{H}$  and proton-decoupled  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 400 M or 500 M spectrometers.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 500 M spectrometers.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) were determined relative to TMS at  $\delta$  0.0 ppm. Coupling constants ( $J$ ) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. All reactions were monitored by TLC or  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis. Flash column chromatography was carried out using 300–400 mesh silica-gel at medium pressure.

High resolution mass spectra were recorded using a Q Exactive mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analyses were performed with an Agilent Technologies 7890A Network GC System equipped with an Agilent Technologies 5975C Network Mass Selective Detector (MSD).

All the *N*-alkene tethered indoles (**1a-1z**) were synthesized according to the previous literatures.<sup>1</sup> difluoromethyl (hetero)aryl sulfones (**2a-2f**) were synthesized according to the previous procedure.<sup>2</sup>

Unless stated otherwise, visible light irradiation was performed using 24 W 450 nm LEDs (3 W x 8) under argon atmosphere. All the reaction vessels used are the ordinary borosilicate glass test tubes. The illumination instruments were purchased from Hefei Hanhai Star Technology Co., Ltd. The photoreactor model is JH-3B14P45-T2A-M455, light 24 W (3 W x 8). In all the reactions, the filters were not used.

**Figure S1.** Reaction setup with cooling by running water.

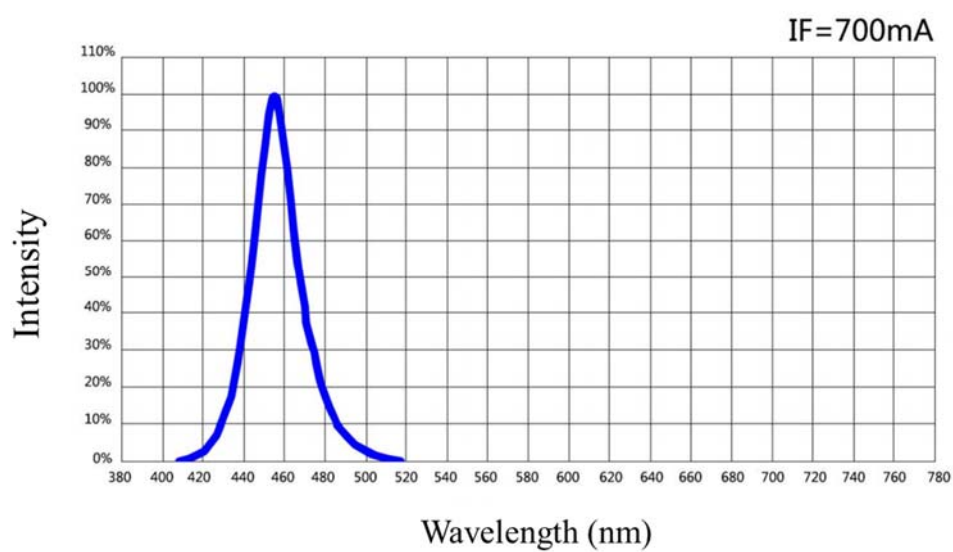


**Figure S2.** the distance from the light source to the irradiation vessel



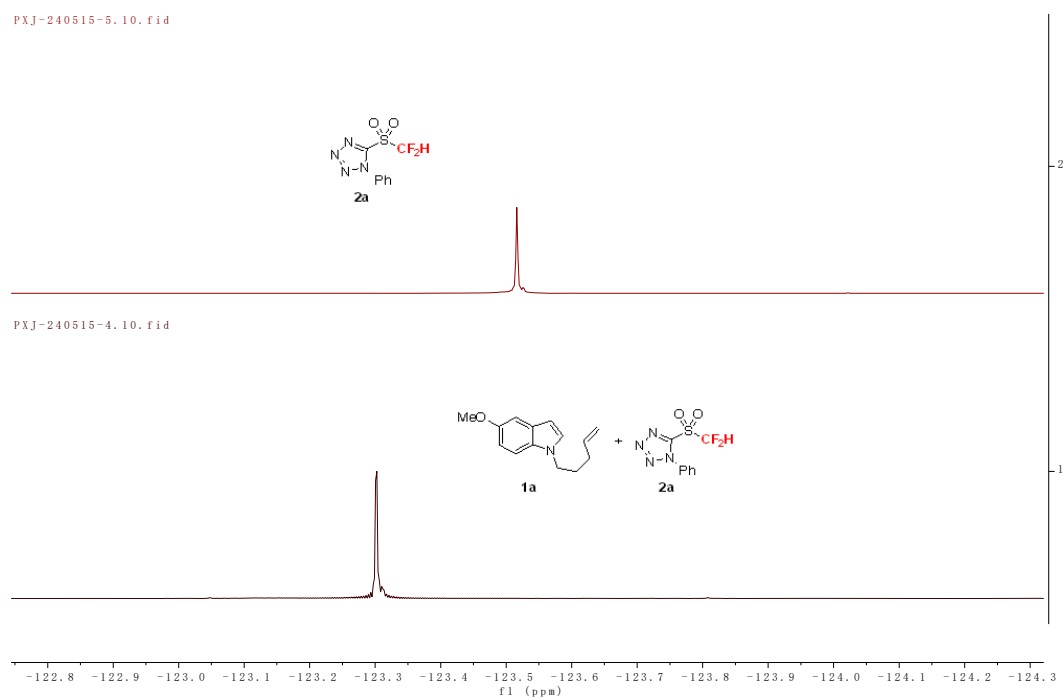
The distance is about 3 mm from light source

**Figure S3.** Wavelength of peak intensity and broadband source

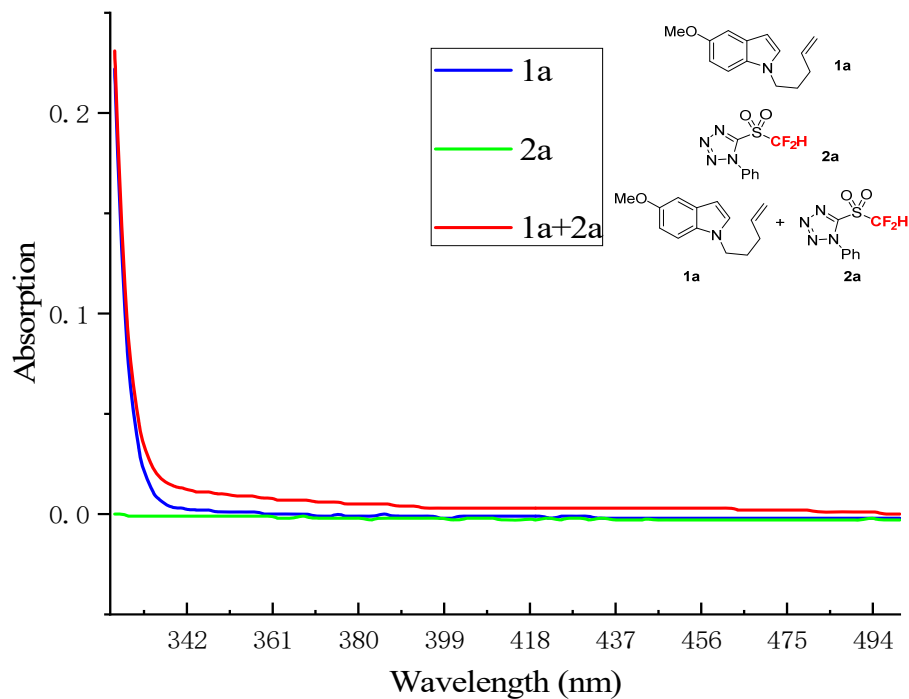


### Mechanistic experiment

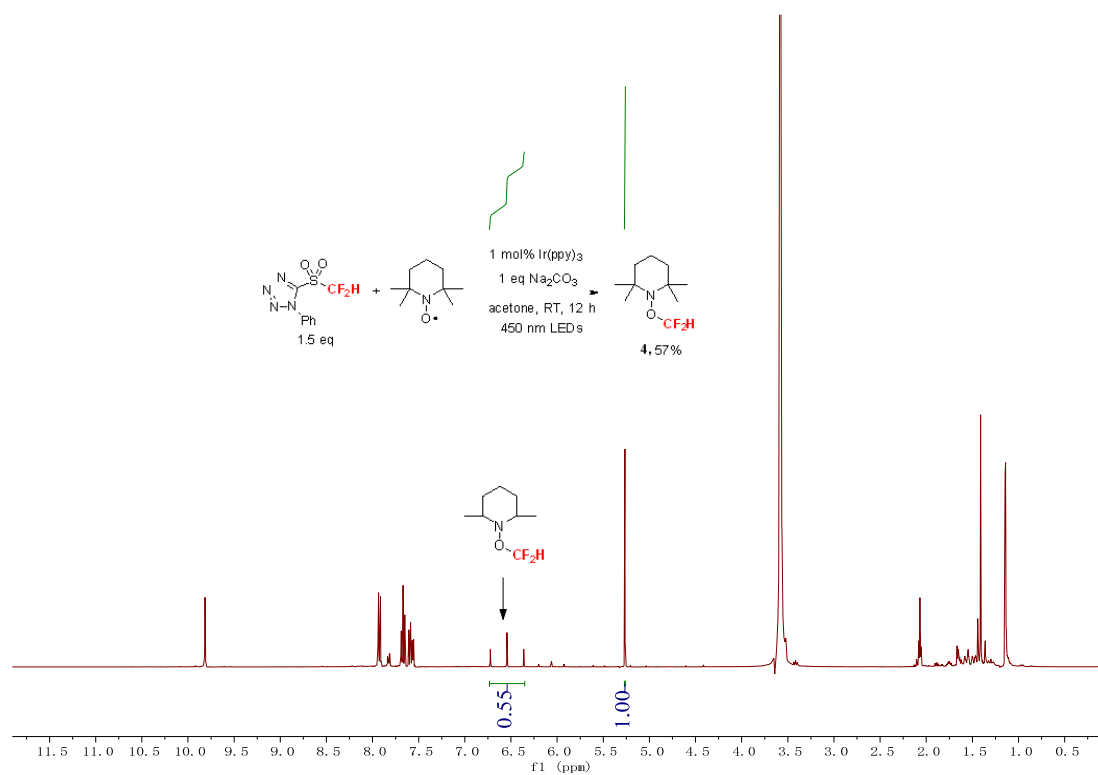
**Figure S4.** The EDA complex detected by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR Spectrum

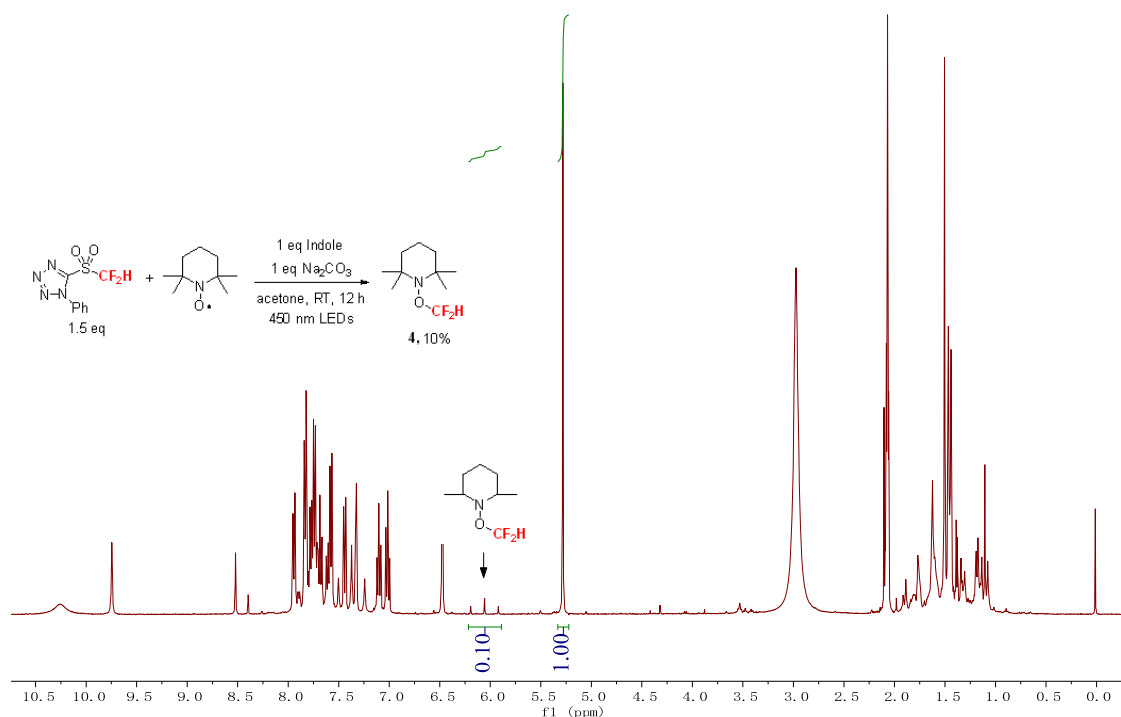


**Figure S5. The UV-Vis Spectrum**

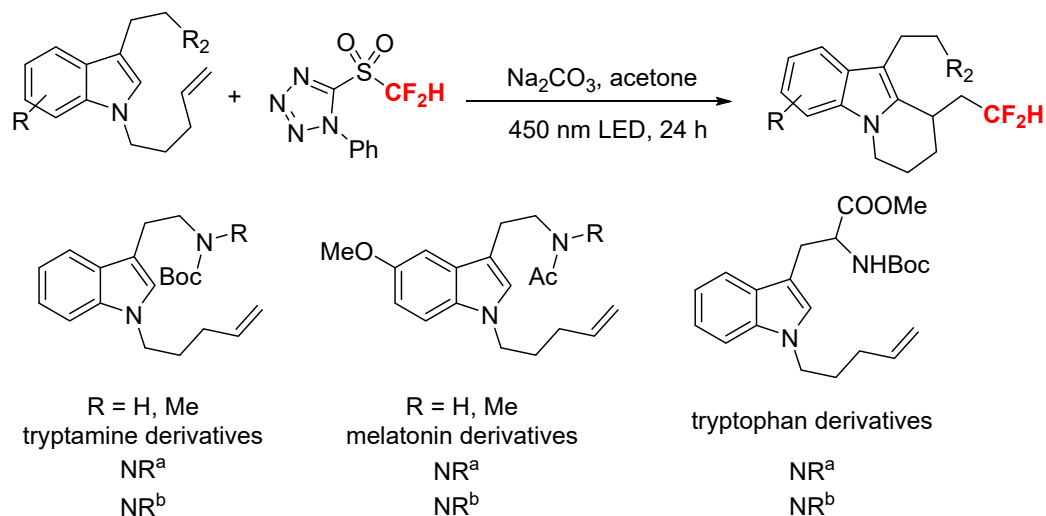


**Figure S6. The radical trap experiments with TEMPO.**





### Scheme S1: unsuccessful examples



a) **1a** (1.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), **2** (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dissolved in acetone (5 mL) was irradiated under 450 nm LEDs for 24 h; b) 1 equiv 1-methyl-1H-indole was added.

### Synthesis of 5-((difluoromethyl) sulfonyl)-1-Phenyl-1H-tetrazole (DFSPT):

To a mixture of KOH (144.6 g, 2.58 mol, 10 equiv) dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (75 mL), DME (75 mL), and MeCN (75 mL) in a 500-mL three neck round-bottom flask, which was cooled down to  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , 1-Phenyl-1H-tetrazole-5-thiol (46 g, 0.258 mol) was added dropwise.  $\text{CF}_2\text{HCl}$  gas was bubbled into the stirred mixture from a balloon,  $\text{CF}_2\text{HCl}$  gas

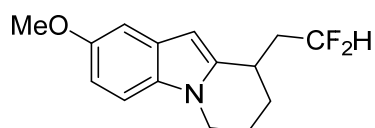
was bubbled until TLC indicated the 1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thiol was consumed completely. The reaction was quenched by adding excess amount of H<sub>2</sub>O, followed by extraction with ethyl acetate, washed with brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous NaSO<sub>4</sub>. After the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the residue was subjected to next step without further purification.

To a 500-mL beaker containing 5-(difluoromethylthio)-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazole, were added CH<sub>3</sub>CN (85 mL), CCl<sub>4</sub> (85 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL), NaIO<sub>4</sub> (111.5 g, 0.516 mol). The mixture was stirred with a mechanical stirrer. Ruthenium trichloride hydrate (0.256 g) dissolved in water (20 mL) was added dropwise for 10 minutes. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. TLC indicated the substrate was consumed. Thereafter, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added until the PH = 8, and the resulting mixture was extracted with DCM (100 mL x 3). The combined organic phase was washed with brine, and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EA = 5:1) on silica gel to afford the product **DFSPT** as colorless solid (47.0 g, 75%).

### General procedure for difluoromethylation-cyclization of *N*-alkene tethered indoles

To a 15 mL test tubes charged with a stirred bar, 5-((difluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (**DFSPT**) (0.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.40 mmol, 1.0 eq), MeCN (2.0 mL) were added. Then *N*-alkene tethered indole (0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added into reaction mixture. The test tube was sealed with a rubber stopper, purged with the argon balloon for 10 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred and irradiated by using 3 W blue LEDs at room temperature for 24 h. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the product **3**.

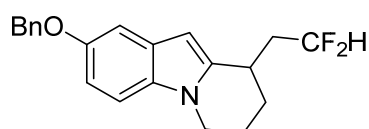
### 9-(2, 2-Difluoroethyl)-2-methoxy-6, 7, 8, 9-tetrahydropyrido [1, 2-*a*] indole (**3a**)



White solid (42.3 mg, 80%), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt, *J* = 56.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.96 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.30 (tt, *J* = 9.1, 5.1

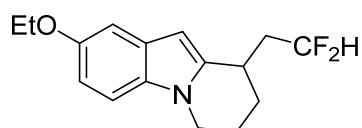
Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dtt,  $J = 20.0, 15.1, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.4, 139.6, 131.8, 128.3, 117.8 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 110.8, 109.5, 102.1, 97.2, 55.97, 42.3, 39.1 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 27.2, 21.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.20 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz), -115.69 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO} - \text{H}]^+$ : 266.1351, found: 266.1365.

### 2-(Benzyloxy)-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3b)



Orange-red liquid (54.4 mg, 80 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.99 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 6.09 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 4.14 (dt,  $J = 11.1, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.93 (ddd,  $J = 11.6, 9.9, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.30 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dtt,  $J = 20.0, 15.1, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.28 – 2.15 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.7, 139.7, 137.9, 132.0, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.5, 116.7 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 111.7, 109.5, 103.9, 97.3, 71.0, 42.2, 39.1 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 27.2, 21.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.17 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz), -115.69 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NO} - \text{H}]^+$ : 342.1664, found: 342.1671.

### 9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2-ethoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3c)

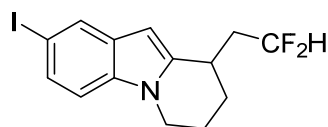


White solid (46.0 mg, 82%), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.13 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.96 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dtt,  $J = 19.9, 15.0, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.49 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.65, 139.58, 131.81, 128.29, 116.70 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 111.55, 109.51, 103.20, 97.19, 64.27, 42.23,



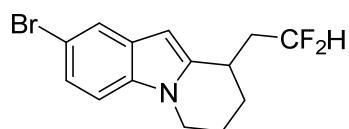
39.09 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 29.94 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 27.19, 21.85, 15.12;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.18 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz), -115.69 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 280.1508, found: 280.1517.

**9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2-iodo-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3d)**



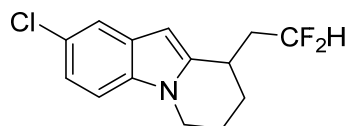
Purple solid (43.8 mg, 61 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.90 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 6.06 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.91 (ddd,  $J = 11.7, 10.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J = 8.9, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dtt,  $J = 19.8, 15.5, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.63 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.99, 135.50, 130.41, 129.13, 128.65, 116.47 (d,  $J = 239.4$  Hz), 110.87, 96.85, 83.43, 42.22, 38.99 (t,  $J = 20.9$  Hz), 29.84 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 27.03, 21.73;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.25 (d,  $J = 284.1$  Hz), -115.74 (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{NI} + \text{H}]^+$ : 362.0212, found: 362.0216.

**2-Bromo-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3e)**



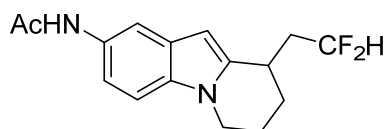
White solid (41.5 mg, 66 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.69 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.06 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dt,  $J = 10.4, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.96 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dtt,  $J = 20.0, 15.4, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 0.96 – 0.84 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.3, 135.0, 129.5, 123.6, 122.3, 116.4 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 113.1, 110.3, 97.1, 42.2, 38.9 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 30.5 – 29.5 (m), 27.0, 21.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.25 (d,  $J = 284.1$  Hz), -115.73 (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrF}_2\text{N} + \text{H}]^+$ : 314.0350, found: 314.0351.

**2-Chloro-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3f)**



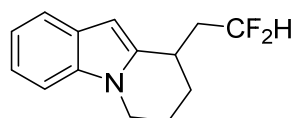
Yellow solid (41.6 mg, 77 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.54 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 6.07 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.16 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.91 (ddd,  $J = 11.7, 10.0, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.12 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.6, 134.9, 129.0, 125.5, 121.0, 119.3, 116.5 (t,  $J = 239.3$  Hz), 109.8, 97.2, 42.3, 39.0 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 29.9 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 27.0, 21.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.23 (d,  $J = 284.2$  Hz), -115.70 (d,  $J = 284.1$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClF}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 270.0855, found: 270.0869.

***N*-(9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-2-yl)acetamide (3g)**



Brown solid (41.3 mg, 70 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 6.04 (dt,  $J = 56.3, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.15 (ddd,  $J = 9.9, 8.5, 3.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dt,  $J = 10.0, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.96 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.47 – 2.30 (m, 2H), 2.22 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 1.82 (br, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.49, 146.87, 132.80, 130.19, 130.16, 116.43 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 115.29, 112.94, 109.51, 92.89, 43.13, 38.45 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 35.07, 31.86 (t,  $J = 5.3$  Hz), 31.85, 24.47;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.00 (d,  $J = 284.2$  Hz), -116.77 (d,  $J = 284.3$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H}]^+$ : 293.1460, found: 293.1465.

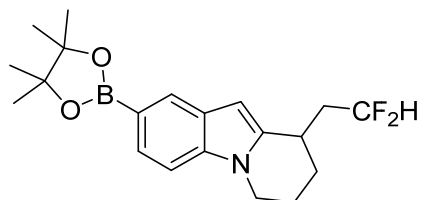
**9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole(3h)**



Yellow liquid (37.0 mg, 79%), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.35

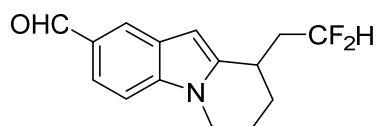
(d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td,  $J = 7.0, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), , 7.19 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.11 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.98 (ddd,  $J = 11.7, 9.9, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dtt,  $J = 20.1, 15.2, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.16 (m, 3H), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.1, 136.5, 128.0, 120.9, 119.98, 119.95, 116.7 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 108.9, 97.6, 42.2, 39.2 (t,  $J = 20.9$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz) , 27.3, 21.9;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.10 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz), -115.61 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 236.1245, found:236.1257.

**9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3i)**



Yellow solid (46.3 mg, 64 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.06 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.16 (m, 1H), 3.97 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J = 9.1, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dtt,  $J = 19.8, 15.1, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.19, 138.41, 127.76, 127.64, 127.15, 116.63 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 108.33, 98.06, 83.44, 42.24, 39.03 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 29.98 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 27.20, 24.96, 24.91, 21.86;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.13 (d,  $J = 283.8$  Hz), -115.64 (d,  $J = 283.7$ Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{BF}_2\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$ : 362.2097, found: 362.2111.

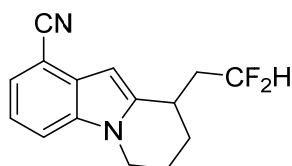
**9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole-2-carbaldehyde (3j)**



Yellow solid (21.6 mg, 41 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.03 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt,  $J = 56.3, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 (ddd,  $J = 11.6, 7.2, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.00 (ddd,  $J = 11.9, 10.2,$

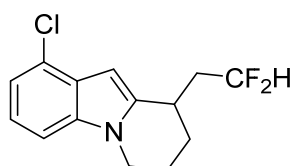
4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (tt,  $J = 8.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dddt,  $J = 18.5, 16.0, 14.7, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 – 2.17 (m, 3H), 2.15 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  192.68, 141.26, 139.72, 129.74, 127.68, 125.09, 121.54, 116.34 (t,  $J = 239.4$  Hz), 109.42, 99.51, 42.54, 38.98 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 29.96 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 26.96, 21.72;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.31 (d,  $J = 284.3$  Hz), -115.74 (d,  $J = 284.3$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 293.1460, found: 293.1465.

### 9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole-1-carbonitrile (3k)



Reddish-brown solid (37.9 mg, 73 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.49 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt,  $J = 56.3, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.25 – 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.02 – 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.33 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.61 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.32 – 2.02 (m, 4H), 1.74 – 1.67 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  142.5, 136.1, 129.4, 125.0, 120.4, 118.9, 116.3 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 113.55, 101.8, 96.7, 42.4, 38.9 (t,  $J = 20.9$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 26.9, 21.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.30 (d,  $J = 284.2$  Hz), -115.83 (d,  $J = 284.4$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 261.1197, found: 261.1211.

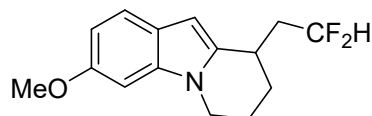
### 1-chloro-9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole (3l)



Yellow-brown solid (47.9 mg, 89 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.20 – 7.10 (m, 3H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 6.09 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 – 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.96 – 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.30 (tt,  $J = 9.1, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.14 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.0, 137.2, 126.7, 125.2, 121.5, 119.6, 116.5 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 107.6, 96.2, 42.5, 39.0 (t,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.5$

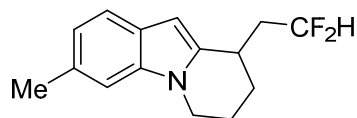
Hz), 27.1, 21.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.16 (d,  $J = 284.2$  Hz), -115.69 (d,  $J = 284.1$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClF}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 270.0855, found: 270.0867.

**9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-3-methoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3m)**



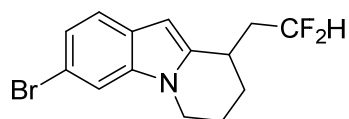
White solid (44.6 mg, 84 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dq,  $J = 10.9, 6.2, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 1H) 3.28 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dtt,  $J = 19.9, 14.9, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.79, 137.99, 137.10, 122.14, 120.52, 116.72 (t,  $J = 239.1$  Hz), 109.47, 97.26, 92.95, 55.83, 42.25, 39.07 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 30.01 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 27.34, 21.93;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.11 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz), -115.65 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 266.1351, found: 266.1351.

**9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-3-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3n)**



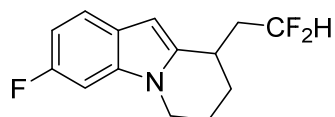
Yellow oily liquid (38.1 mg, 76 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.04 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 6.11 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.21 – 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.98 – 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.32 (tt,  $J = 9.1, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.61 – 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.31 – 2.15 (m, 3H), 2.13 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.63 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  138.4, 136.9, 130.7, 125.8, 121.6, 119.6, 116.8 (t,  $J = 239.1$  Hz), 109.0, 97.3, 42.1, 39.2 (t,  $J = 20.5$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 27.4, 21.95, 21.89;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.08 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz), -115.61 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 250.1401, found: 250.1414.

**3-Bromo-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3o)**



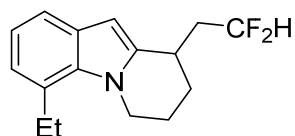
Brown solid (50.2 mg, 80 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.25 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.12 – 4.07 (m, 1H), 3.91 – 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.27 (tt,  $J = 8.9, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.60 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.16 – 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.0, 137.3, 126.8, 123.0, 121.2, 116.6 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 114.3, 112.0, 97.8, 42.2, 39.0 (t,  $J = 21.1$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 27.1, 21.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.22 (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz), -115.67 (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrF}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 314.0350, found: 314.0353.

**9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-3-fluoro-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole (3p)**



Yellow-green solid (30.7 mg, 61 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.50 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd,  $J = 9.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.92 (ddd,  $J = 9.7, 8.5, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 6.09 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.13 – 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.88 (ddd,  $J = 11.6, 10.0, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.29 (tt,  $J = 9.1, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dtt,  $J = 19.9, 15.4, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.10 (m, 3H), 2.12 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.62 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.3 (d,  $J = 236.7$  Hz), 139.6 (d,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 136.4 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz), 124.3, 120.5 (d,  $J = 10.0$  Hz), 116.6 (t,  $J = 239.1$  Hz), 108.3 (d,  $J = 24.3$  Hz), 97.5, 95.4 (d,  $J = 26.1$  Hz), 42.3, 39.1 (t,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 27.2, 21.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.22 (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz), -115.71 (d,  $J = 283.9$  Hz), -121.74 (s) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 254.1151, found: 254.1164.

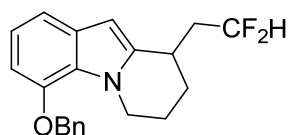
**9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-4-ethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole (3q)**



Bright yellow solid (32.0 mg, 61 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent

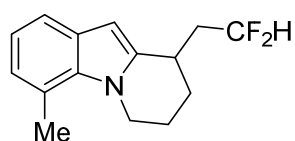
for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.46 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 6.09 (tt,  $J = 56.6, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.57 (dt,  $J = 10.7, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (ddd,  $J = 11.4, 9.7, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (tt,  $J = 9.4, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.56 (dtt,  $J = 20.0, 14.9, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.16 (m, 3H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.66 (qd,  $J = 12.6, 11.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 1.42 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.4, 135.1, 129.0, 127.7, 122.5, 120.0, 118.0, 116.7 (t,  $J = 239.1$  Hz), 98.9, 45.5, 39.3 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 30.4 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 26.8, 26.2, 22.8, 16.7;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.20 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz), -115.70 (d,  $J = 283.8$  Hz).ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 264.1558, found: 264.1572.

#### 4-(Benzyloxy)-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole(3r)



Orange solid (54.5 mg, 80 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.57 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 6.10 (tt,  $J = 56.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.77 (dt,  $J = 12.7, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.39 (ddd,  $J = 12.9, 9.7, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.33 (tt,  $J = 9.6, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dtt,  $J = 19.9, 14.9, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.12 (m, 3H), 2.06 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.9, 139.4, 137.4, 130.3, 128.6, 127.9, 127.5, 120.2, 116.8 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 113.3, 103.5, 98.4, 70.5, 46.0, 39.4 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 30.2 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 26.9, 22.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.26 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz), -115.69 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_2\text{NO} - \text{H}]^+$ : 342.1664, found: 342.1685.

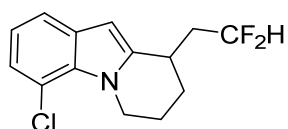
#### 9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-4-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3s)



Yellow solid (40.7 mg, 82 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.06

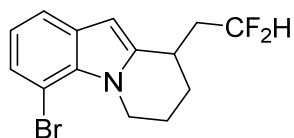
(t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.11 (tt,  $J = 56.5$ , 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.71 – 4.65 (m, 1H), 4.38 (ddd,  $J = 11.6$ , 9.7, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (tt,  $J = 9.2$ , 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.57 (dt,  $J = 20.0$ , 14.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.29 – 2.15 (m, 3H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.60 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.3, 135.8, 128.8, 124.2, 121.1, 120.0, 118.1, 116.8 (t,  $J = 239.0$  Hz), 98.6, 45.8, 39.3 (t,  $J = 20.7$  Hz), 30.4 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz), 26.8, 22.7, 20.6;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.20 (d,  $J = 283.8$  Hz), -115.68 (d,  $J = 283.6$  Hz).ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 250.1401, found: 250.1414.

#### 4-chloro-9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole (3t)



Yellow-green solid (35.1 mg, 65 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.47 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 (tt,  $J = 56.4$ , 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dt,  $J = 12.3$ , 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (ddd,  $J = 12.3$ , 9.8, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (tt,  $J = 9.3$ , 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.56 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.09 (m, 3H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.7, 132.2, 131.0, 122.9, 120.5, 118.7, 116.8, 116.5 (t,  $J = 239.3$  Hz), 99.0, 45.6, 39.3 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 30.3 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 26.5, 22.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.31 (d,  $J = 283.7$  Hz), -115.65 (d,  $J = 283.8$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClF}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 270.0855, found: 270.0869.

#### 4-Bromo-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole (3u)

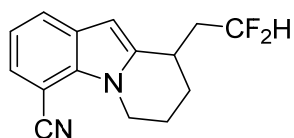


Bright yellow solid (43.3 mg, 69 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.50 (dd,  $J = 7.8$ , 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 7.6$ , 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.06 (tt,  $J = 56.5$ , 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dt,  $J = 12.1$ , 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (ddd,  $J = 12.3$ , 9.8,



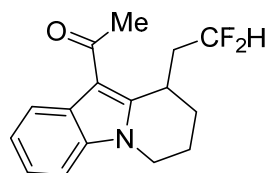
5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (tt,  $J = 9.3, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dtt,  $J = 20.2, 15.2, 5.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.11 (m, 3H), 2.07 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  140.8, 133.3, 131.2, 126.4, 120.9, 119.3, 116.5 (t,  $J = 239.3$  Hz), 103.6, 99.0, 45.7, 39.3 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 30.4 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 26.5, 22.3;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.42 (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz), -115.78 (d,  $J = 284.1$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{BrF}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 314.0350, found: 314.0354.

**9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole-4-carbonitrile (3v)**



Bright yellow solid (27.1 mg, 52 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.49 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.07 (tt,  $J = 56.3, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (dt,  $J = 11.9, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.37 (ddd,  $J = 12.1, 9.9, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.32 (tt,  $J = 9.3, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.59 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.33 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.62 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.3, 134.8, 129.4, 127.8, 125.3, 119.6, 119.1, 116.3 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 99.0, 93.5, 43.9, 39.1 (t,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 30.1 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 26.5, 21.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.47 (d,  $J = 284.4$  Hz), -115.75 (d,  $J = 284.4$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2 - \text{H}]^+$ : 261.1197, found: 261.1215.

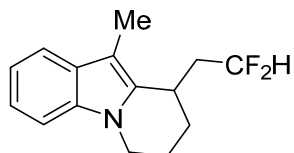
**1-(9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-10-yl)ethan-1-one (3w)**



Light yellow solid (42.5 mg, 77 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.93 – 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 6.32 (dddd,  $J = 58.0, 56.1, 6.5, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.05 – 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.73 (s, 3H), 2.39 – 2.08 (m, 5H), 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  193.8, 148.8, 136.1, 126.2, 122.6, 122.1, 1.95 – 1.85 (m, 1H);

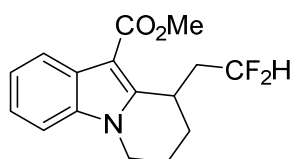
120.4, 118.2 (t,  $J = 239.7$  Hz), 112.0, 109.8, 42.5, 37.9 (t,  $J = 19.9$  Hz), 31.6, 28.5 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 2.1$  Hz), 24.0 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz), 17.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -110.31 (d,  $J = 282.5$  Hz), -117.26 (d,  $J = 282.4$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO} - \text{H}]^+$ : 278.1351, found: 278.1363.

**9-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-10-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole (3x)**



Yellow solid (22.2 mg, 45 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.62 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (tt,  $J = 56.8, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd,  $J = 12.0, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.82 (td,  $J = 11.4, 4.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.56 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.31 – 2.20 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 2.02 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  136.4, 134.6, 128.8, 121.0, 119.4, 118.1, 116.8 (t,  $J = 239.2$  Hz), 108.8, 105.7, 42.4, 38.9 (t,  $J = 20.3$  Hz), 26.5 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 26.0, 18.8, 8.5;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.99 (d,  $J = 282.8$  Hz), -116.08 (d,  $J = 282.5$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{N} - \text{H}]^+$ : 250.1401, found: 250.1412.

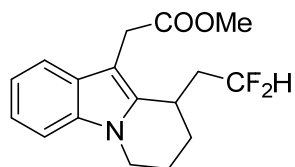
**Methyl-9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-*a*]indole-10-carboxylate (3y)**



Red-brown solid (18.5 mg, 63 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 50:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.92 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt,  $J = 8.2, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.09 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.22 – 4.17 (m, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.99 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.32 (tt,  $J = 9.3, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.62 – 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.27 – 2.13 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.62 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.1, 141.7, 137.3, 127.7, 123.4, 120.5, 120.0, 116.5 (t,  $J = 239.3$  Hz), 113.6, 99.0, 51.7, 42.3, 39.0 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 30.0 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz), 27.1, 21.8;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (377 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.15 (d,  $J = 283.8$  Hz), -

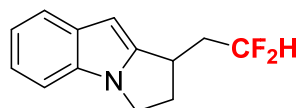
115.76 (d,  $J = 283.9$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[C_{16}H_{17}F_2NO_2 - H]^+$ : 294.1300, found: 294.1317.

**Methyl 2-(9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)acetate (3z)**



Yellow oily liquid (22.0 mg, 36 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (dm,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dt,  $J = 8.0, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.24 (td,  $J = 8.1, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.01 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.31 (ddd,  $J = 12.0, 6.3, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.83 (td,  $J = 11.6, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.62 – 3.57 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.30 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.13 – 2.08 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.95 (m, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  172.40, 136.37, 136.25, 127.82, 121.28, 119.99, 118.39, 116.69 (t,  $J = 239.4$  Hz), 109.03, 102.93, 52.04, 42.31, 38.64 (t,  $J = 20.4$  Hz), 30.04, 26.09 (t,  $J = 5.5$  Hz), 25.42, 18.30;  $^{19}F$  NMR (377 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -115.13 (d,  $J = 283.2$  Hz), -116.44 (d,  $J = 283.2$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[C_{17}H_{19}F_2NO_2 + H]^+$ : 308.1457, found: 308.1457.

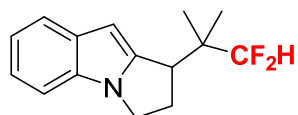
**1-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole (3aa)**



White solid (38.1 mg, 76 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.60 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.18 (td,  $J = 8.1, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 6.07 (tdd,  $J = 56.4, 5.0, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.20 (ddd,  $J = 10.0, 8.4, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dt,  $J = 10.0, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.58 (p,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dtd,  $J = 11.9, 7.7, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.50 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.12 (m, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  145.86, 132.74, 132.59, 120.83, 120.68, 119.44, 116.47 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 109.50, 92.64, 43.00, 38.54 (t,  $J = 20.8$  Hz), 35.12, 31.77 (t,  $J = 5.3$  Hz);  $^{19}F$  NMR (377 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -114.97

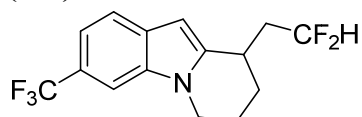
(dd,  $J = 284.3, 25.9$  Hz),  $-116.77$  (dd,  $J = 284.3, 25.9$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[C_{13}H_{13}F_2N + H]^+$ : 222.1089, found: 222.1091.

**1-(1,1-difluoro-2-methylpropan-2-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]indole (3ab)**



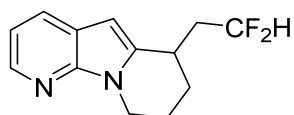
Colorless liquid (23.9 mg, 48%), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.61 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.22 (ddd,  $J = 8.1, 7.0, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td,  $J = 7.5, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 6.05 (td,  $J = 55.5, 2.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.35 (ddd,  $J = 11.9, 5.5, 4.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.97 (ddd,  $J = 11.9, 9.8, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.16 (m, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  145.86, 135.81, 128.23, 120.78, 120.02, 119.97, 116.90 (t,  $J = 240.8$  Hz), 108.96, 96.29, 46.59 (t,  $J = 19.0$  Hz), 41.04, 33.84 (dd,  $J = 5.6, 2.1$  Hz), 30.34 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 26.64 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz), 18.57 (dd,  $J = 6.5, 4.9$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{18}F_2N + H]^+$ : 250.1420, found: 250.1415.

**9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3ae)**



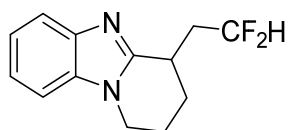
Yellow oily liquid (37.3 mg, 61 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 1H), 6.08 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dt,  $J = 10.5, 4.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.01 (td,  $J = 11.7, 10.8, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.34 (tt,  $J = 9.0, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dtt,  $J = 20.3, 15.6, 5.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.03 (m, 4H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  142.06, 135.32, 130.27, 125.41 (q,  $J = 271.3$  Hz), 122.84 (q,  $J = 31.7$  Hz), 120.14, 116.60 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 116.40 (t,  $J = 239.4$  Hz), 106.42 (q,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 97.96, 42.32, 38.99 (t,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 30.01 (d,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 27.00, 21.67;  $^{19}F$  NMR (377 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$   $-60.25, -114.34$  (d,  $J = 284.3$  Hz),  $-115.76$  (d,  $J = 284.0$  Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[C_{15}H_{15}F_5N + H]^+$ : 304.1119, found: 304.1110.

**6-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[3,2-b]indolizine(3af)**



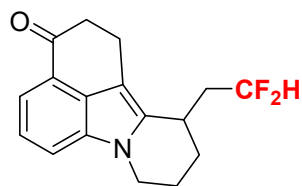
Yellow-green liquid (18.6 mg, 39 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1 as an eluent for column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.28 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (tt, *J* = 56.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.45 – 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.05 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 10.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (tt, *J* = 9.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.28 – 2.11 (m, 3H), 2.09 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.61 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.7, 141.8, 139.9, 127.7, 120.7, 116.4 (t, *J* = 239.3 Hz), 116.1, 95.7, 41.1, 39.0 (t, *J* = 21.0 Hz), 30.0 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz), 27.2, 21.6; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.40 (d, *J* = 284.2 Hz), -115.71 (d, *J* = 284.2 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> – H]<sup>+</sup>: 237.1197, found: 237.1210.

**4-(2,2-Difluoroethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[4,5]imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine(3ag)**



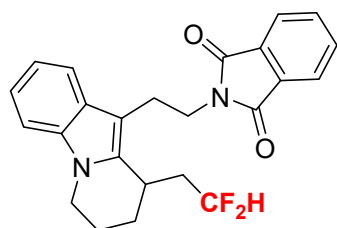
White solid (36.5 mg, 77 %), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 as an eluent for column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.41 (tdd, *J* = 56.8, 5.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 5.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (td, *J* = 11.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dq, *J* = 12.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dtdd, *J* = 24.0, 14.2, 6.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 – 2.15 (m, 3H), 2.13 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.3, 142.5, 134.6, 122.4, 122.2, 119.1, 116.8 (t, *J* = 239.0 Hz), 109.0, 42.4, 38.0 (t, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 31.3 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 5.0 Hz), 27.5, 21.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.55 (d, *J* = 283.3 Hz), -117.60 (d, *J* = 283.2 Hz) ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> – H]<sup>+</sup>: 237.1197, found: 237.1210.

**11-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-1,2,8,9,10,11-hexahydro-3H-benzo[*cd*]pyrido[1,2-*a*]indol-3-one (3ah)**



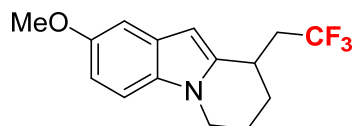
Brown solid (26.9 mg, 46%), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (tt,  $J = 56.4, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dt,  $J = 11.4, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.04 (ddd,  $J = 11.5, 7.8, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dq,  $J = 10.7, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.26 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.94 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.45 (dddd,  $J = 19.2, 16.3, 14.7, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.24 – 2.10 (m, 4H), 1.96 – 1.89 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  198.51, 135.16, 134.53, 132.48, 125.08, 121.53, 116.36 (t,  $J = 239.5$  Hz), 115.63, 113.67, 105.20, 42.92, 39.41, 38.49 (t,  $J = 20.6$  Hz), 28.33 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz), 26.47, 21.18, 20.09 ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 290.1351, found: 290.1328.

**2-(2-(9-(2,2-difluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indol-10-yl)ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (3ai)**



Yellow solid (35.1 mg, 43%), petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1 as an eluent for column chromatography.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.89 (dt,  $J = 4.7, 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.07 (tt,  $J = 56.2, 4.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dt,  $J = 11.9, 3.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.09 – 3.89 (m, 1H), 3.83 (td,  $J = 11.2, 4.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.63 (q,  $J = 4.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.11 (tt,  $J = 7.5, 3.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dddd,  $J = 36.2, 18.3, 9.8, 4.6$  Hz, 1H), 2.17 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.97 (tt,  $J = 10.9, 4.4$  Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.30, 136.31, 135.86, 133.92, 132.25, 127.87, 123.23, 121.11, 119.80, 118.38, 116.76 (t,  $J = 239.7$  Hz), 108.96, 106.25, 42.32, 39.08 (t,  $J = 20.2$  Hz), 38.20, 26.40 (t,  $J = 5.4$  Hz), 25.48, 23.47, 18.50 ppm. HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{H}]^+$ : 409.1722, found: 409.1709.

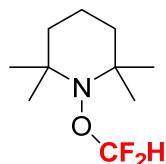
**2-methoxy-9-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydropyrido[1,2-a]indole (3aj)<sup>3</sup>**



White solid (23.2 mg, 41%), petroleum ether as an eluent for column chromatography.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (s, 1H), 4.19 (ddd, *J* = 11.5, 5.7, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.97 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.38 (tt, *J* = 9.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dq, *J* = 15.4, 11.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 – 2.01 (m, 3H), 2.11 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.59 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.47, 139.01, 131.77, 128.18, 120.34 (q, *J* = 289.3 Hz), 111.07, 109.57, 102.03, 97.15, 55.94, 42.17, 39.02 (q, *J* = 28.3 Hz), 29.88 (q, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 27.08, 21.97 ppm.

#### 1-(difluoromethoxy)-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (4)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 6.37 (t, *J* = 72.8 Hz, 1H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.41 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 1.18 (s, 6H) ppm.

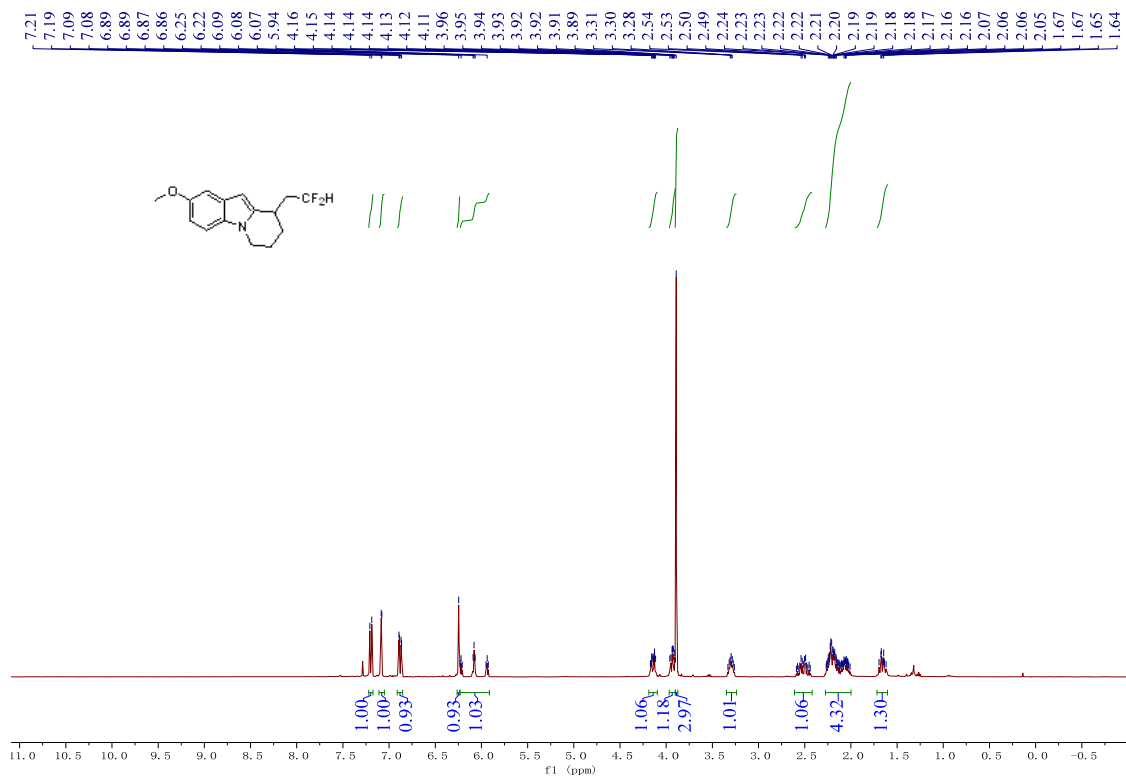
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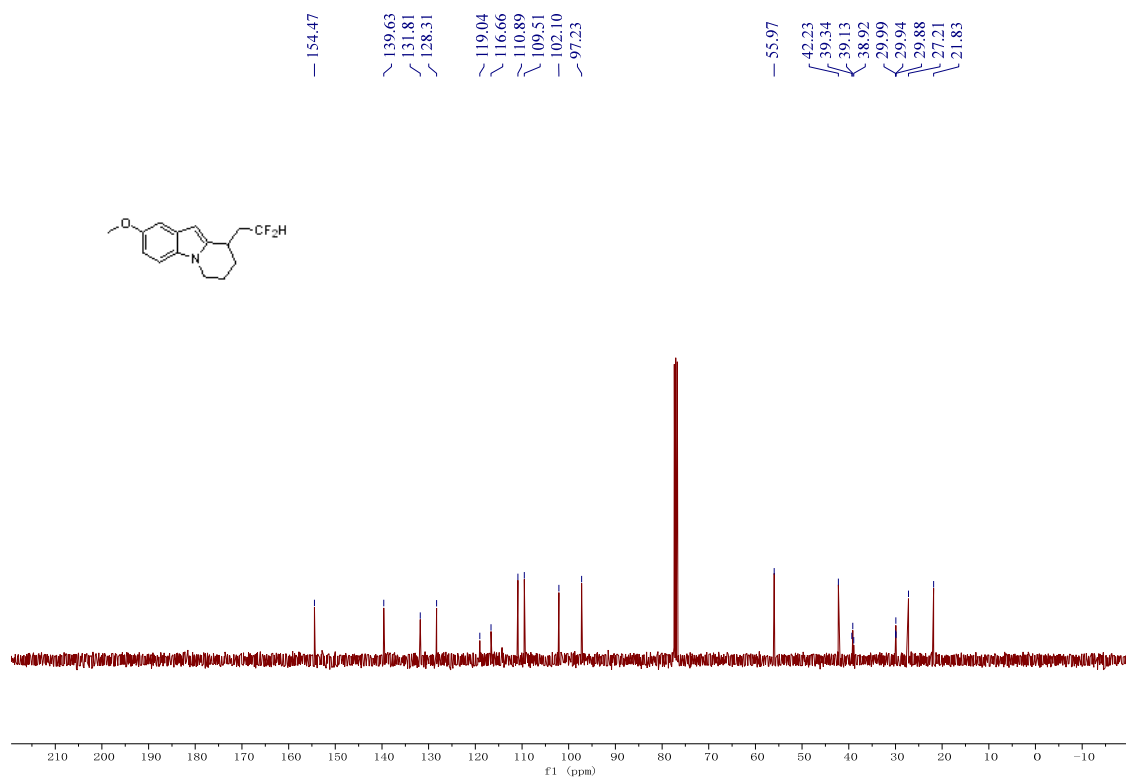


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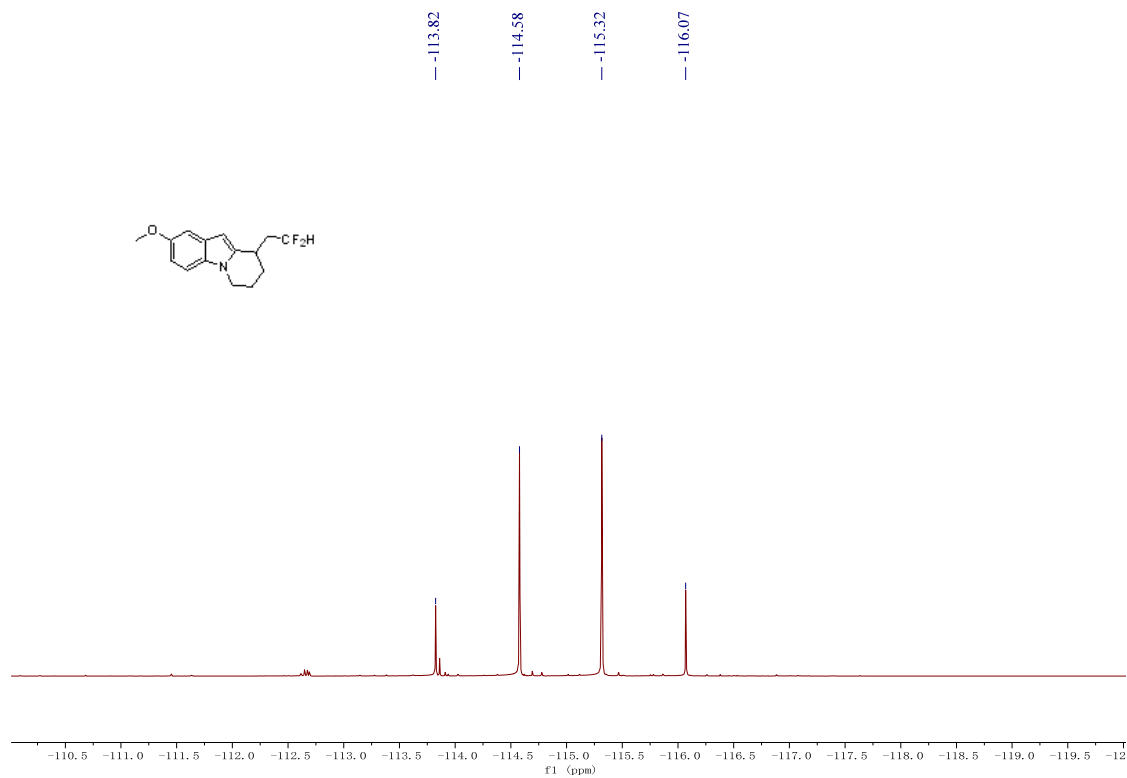
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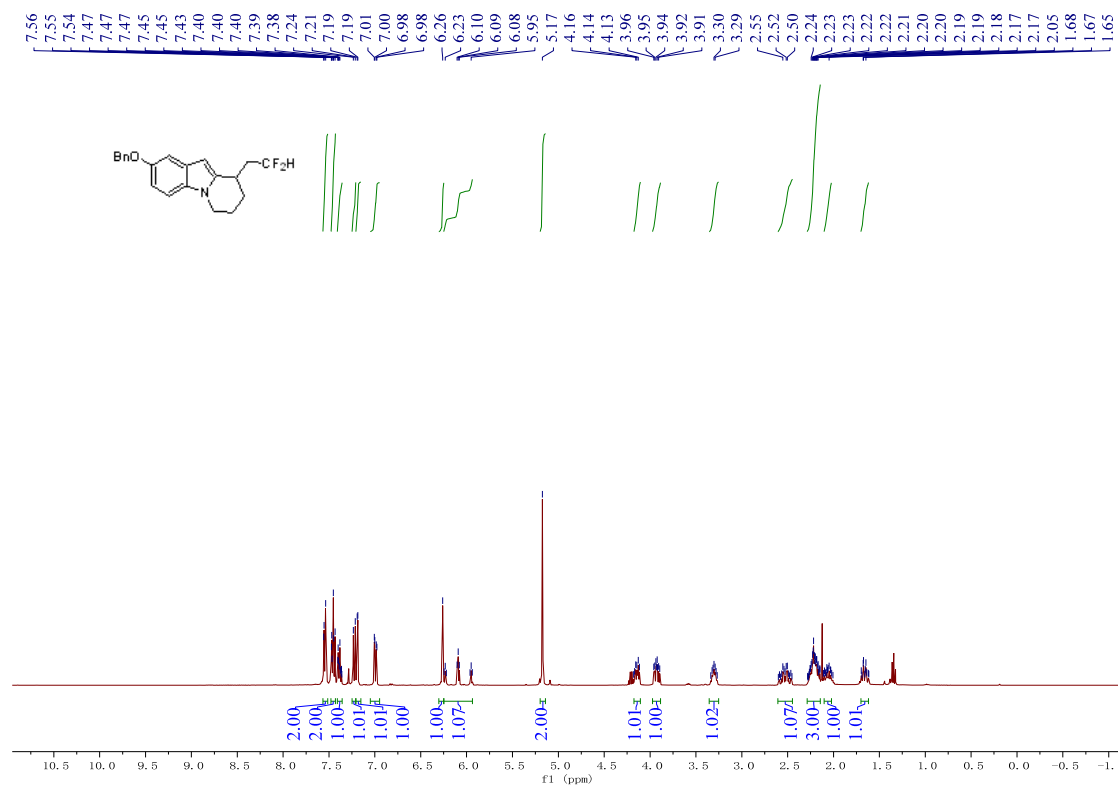
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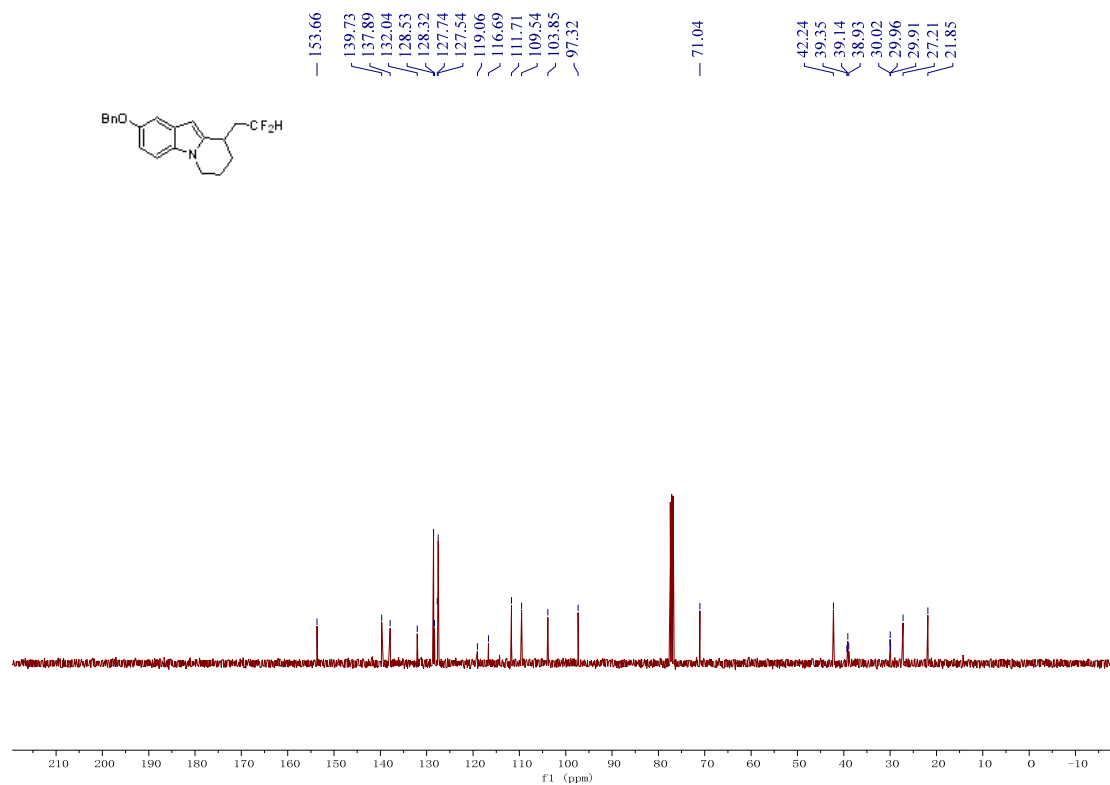
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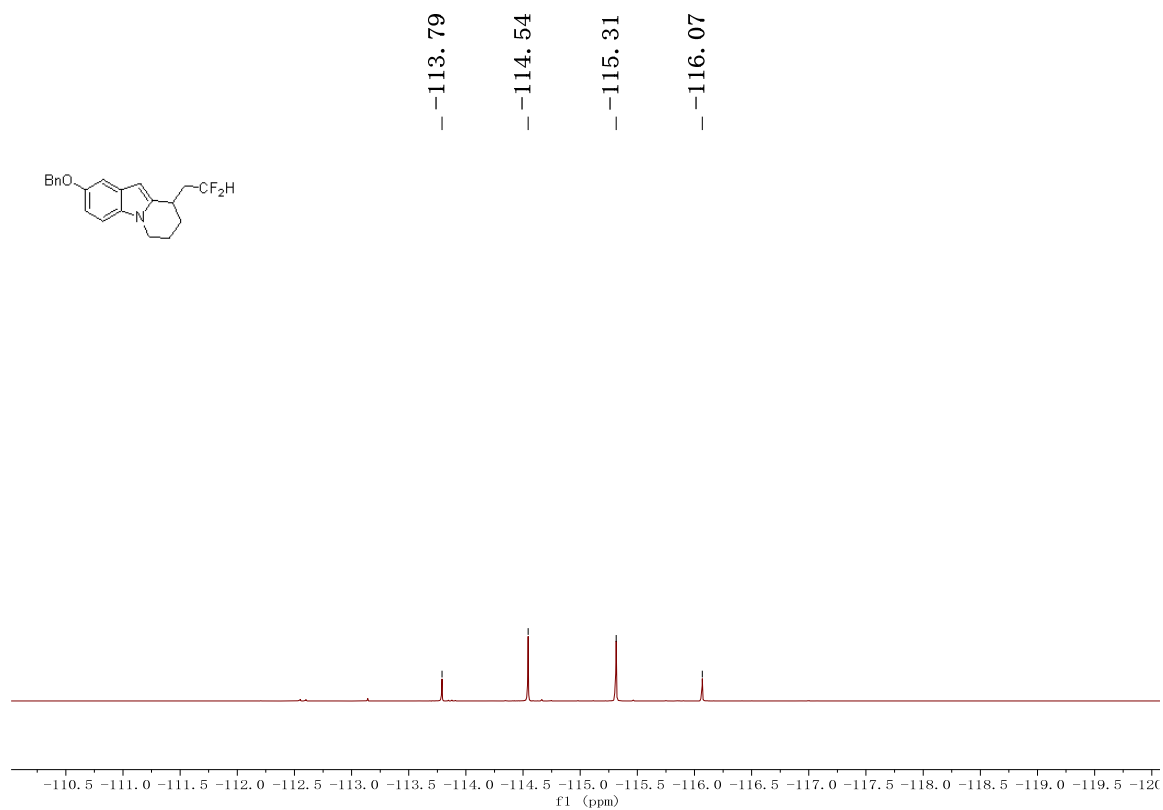
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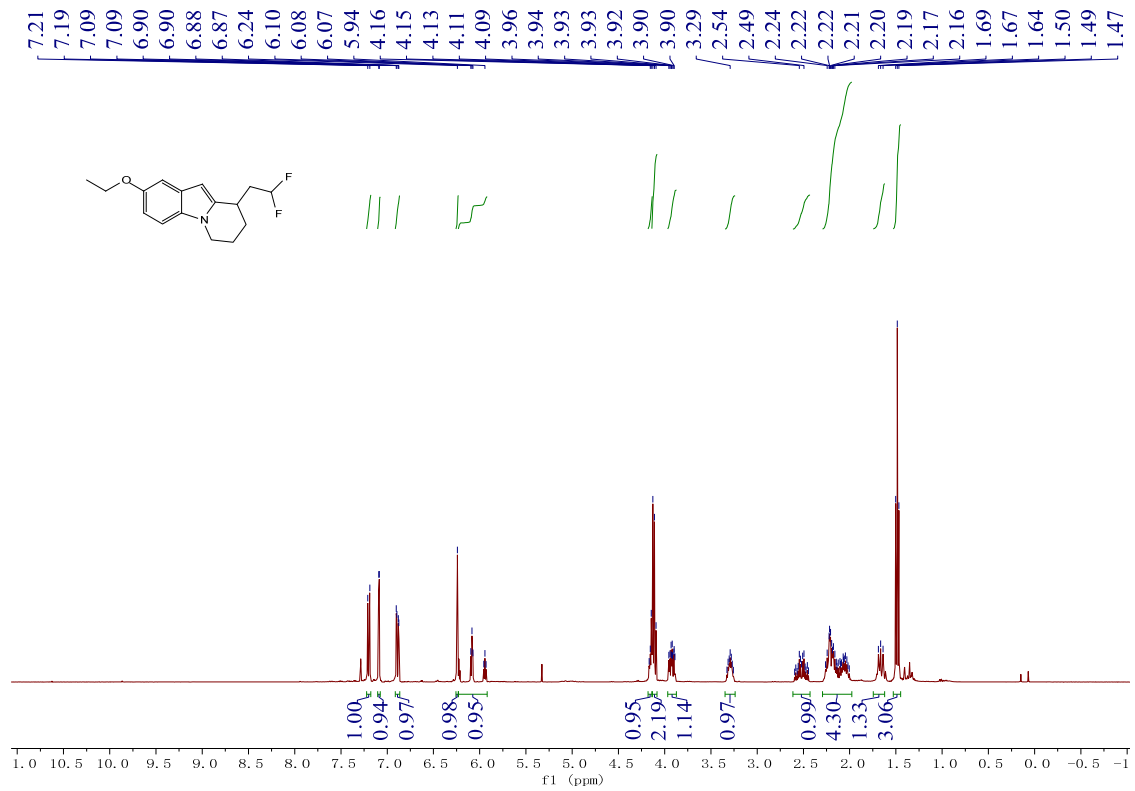
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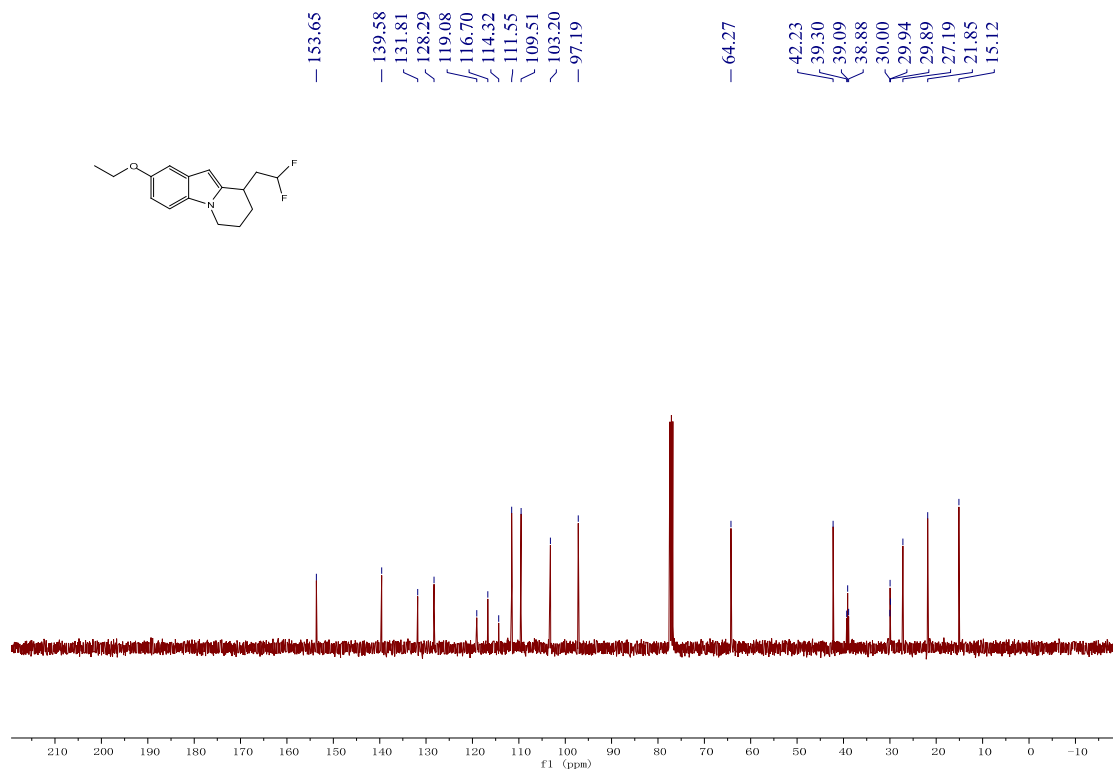
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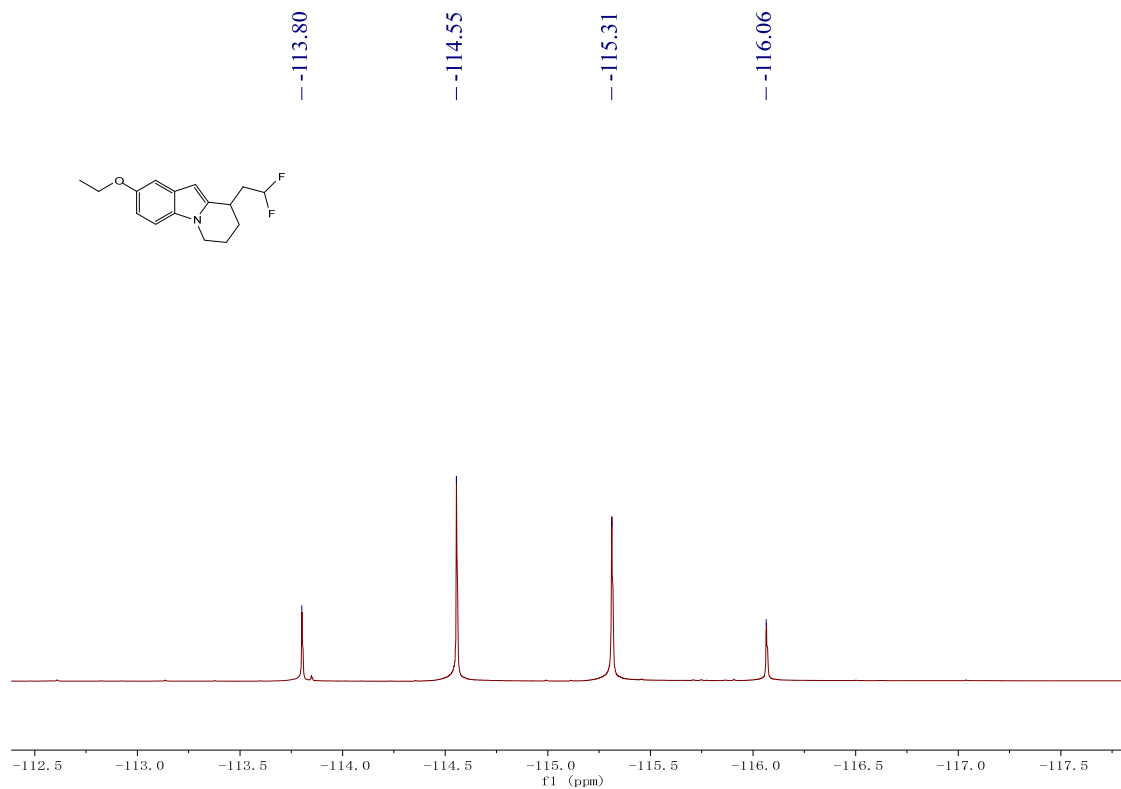
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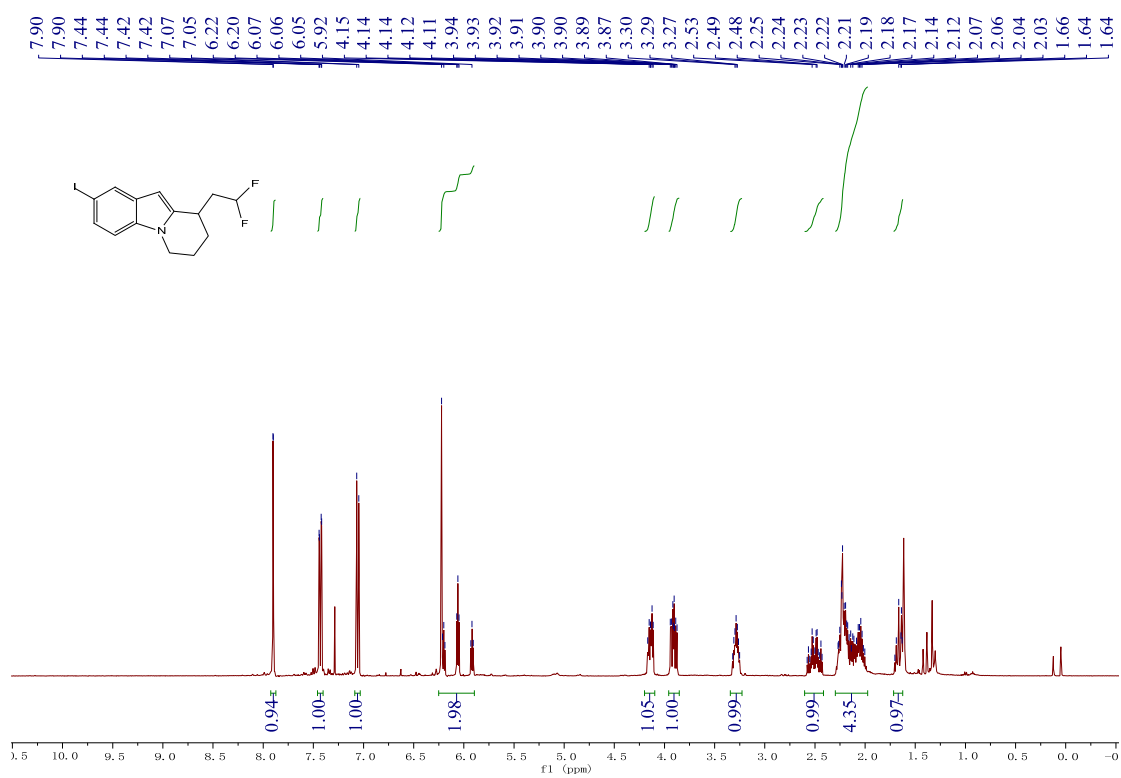
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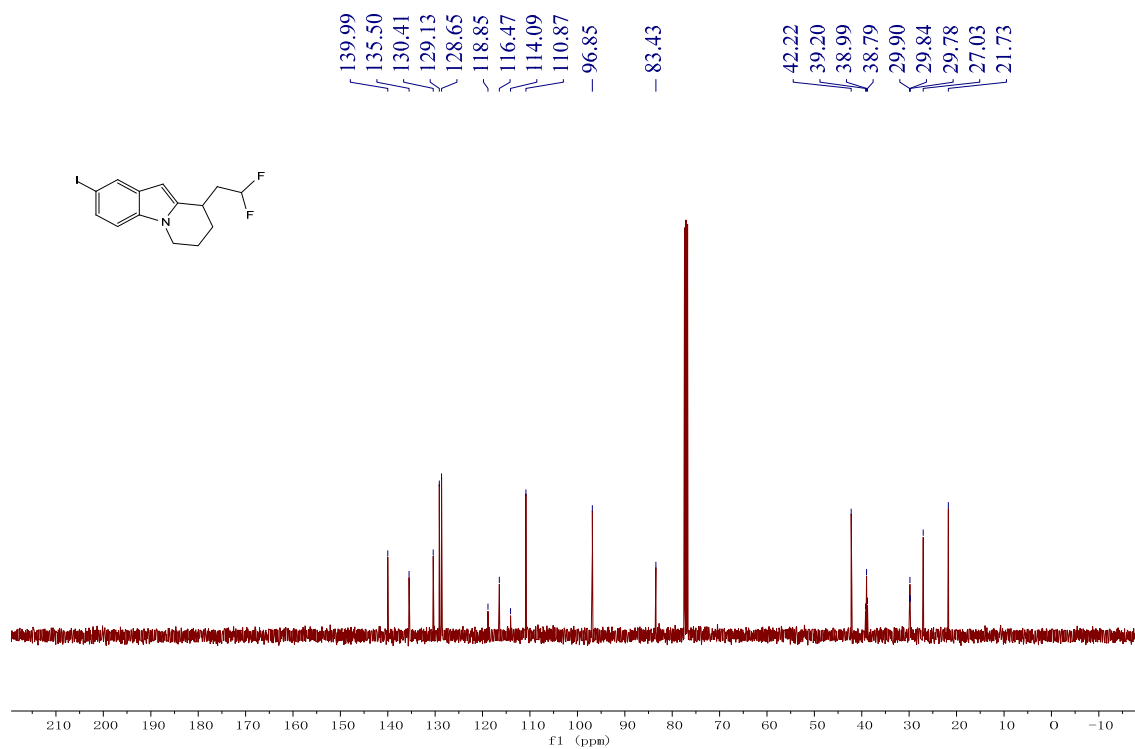
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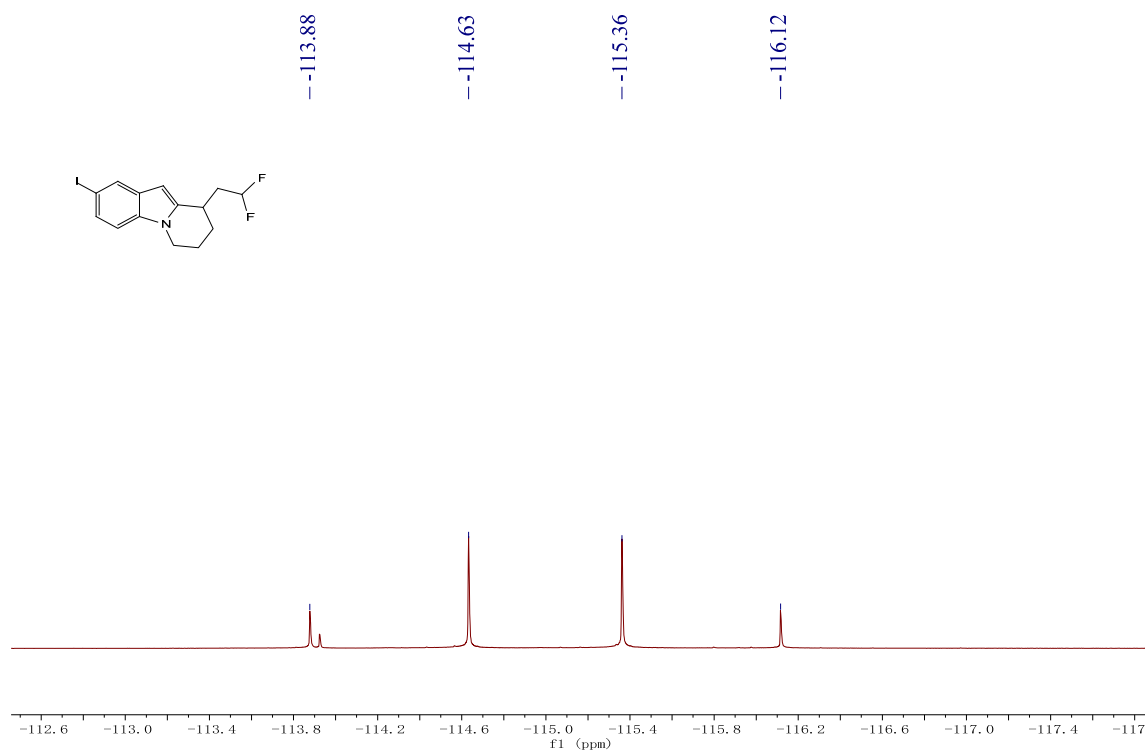
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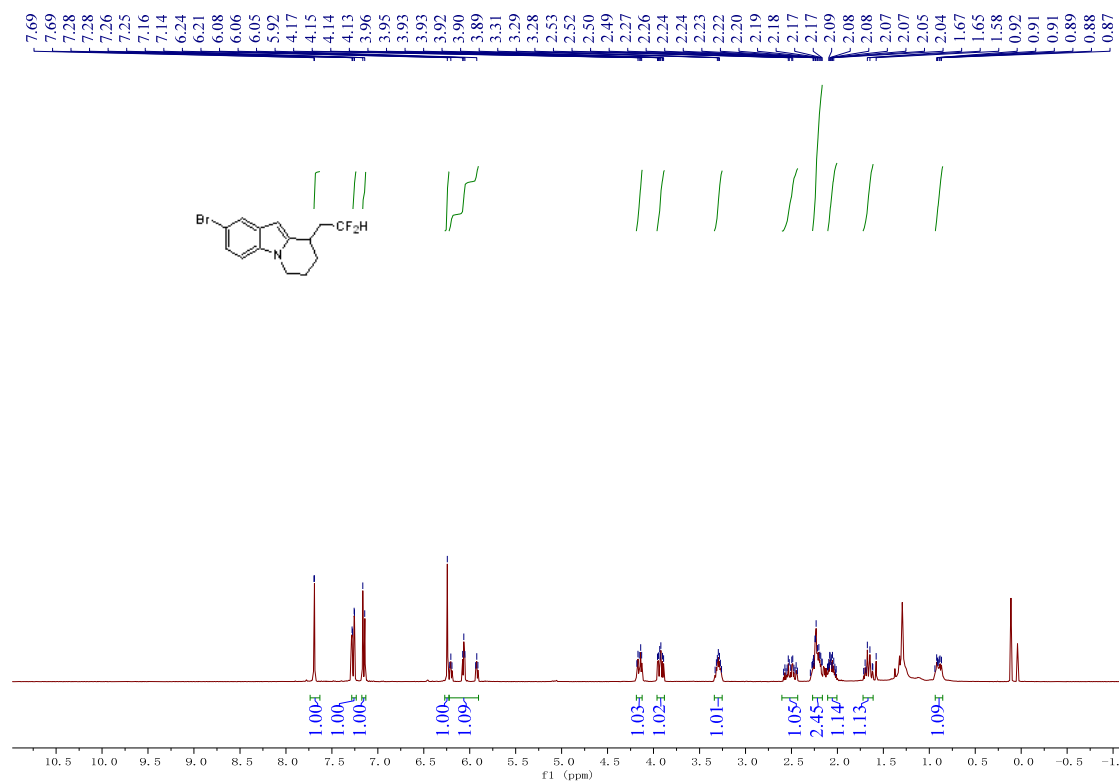
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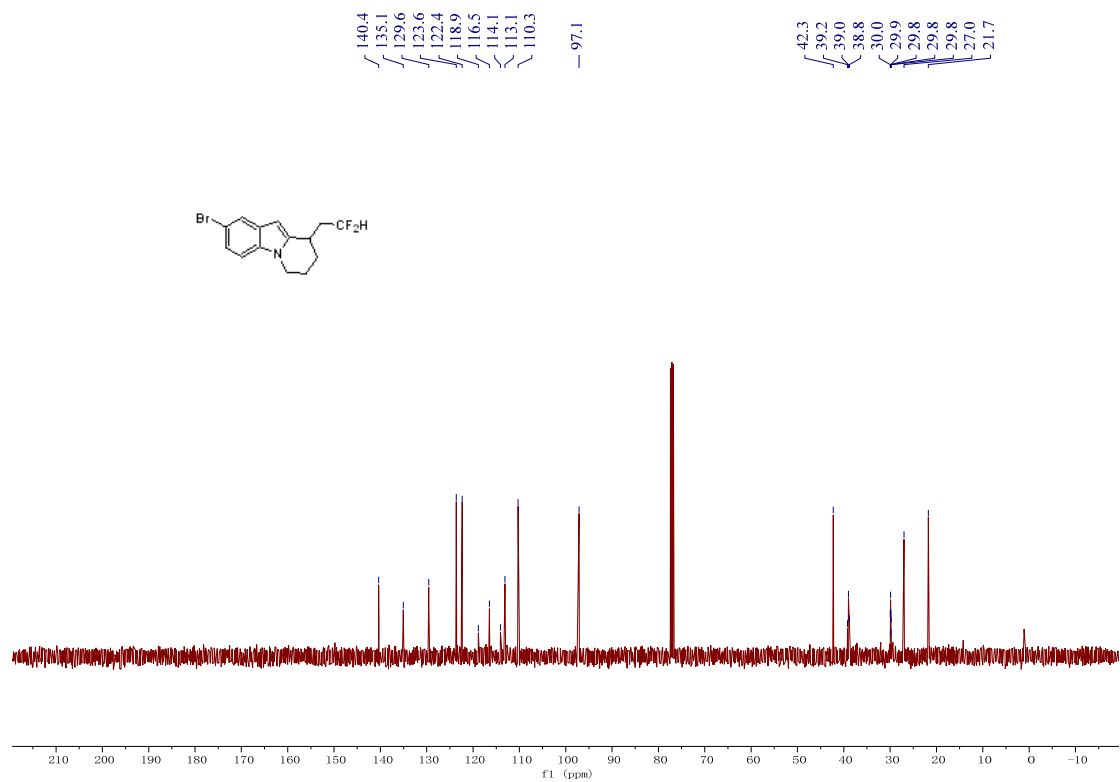
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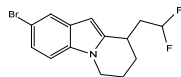
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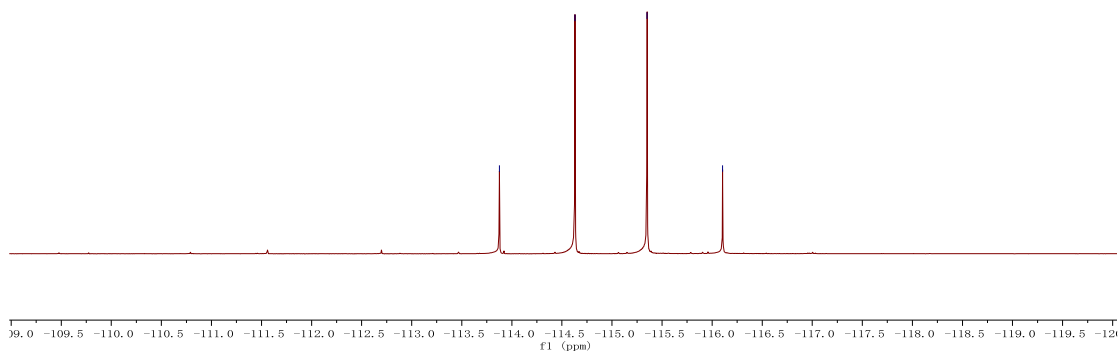
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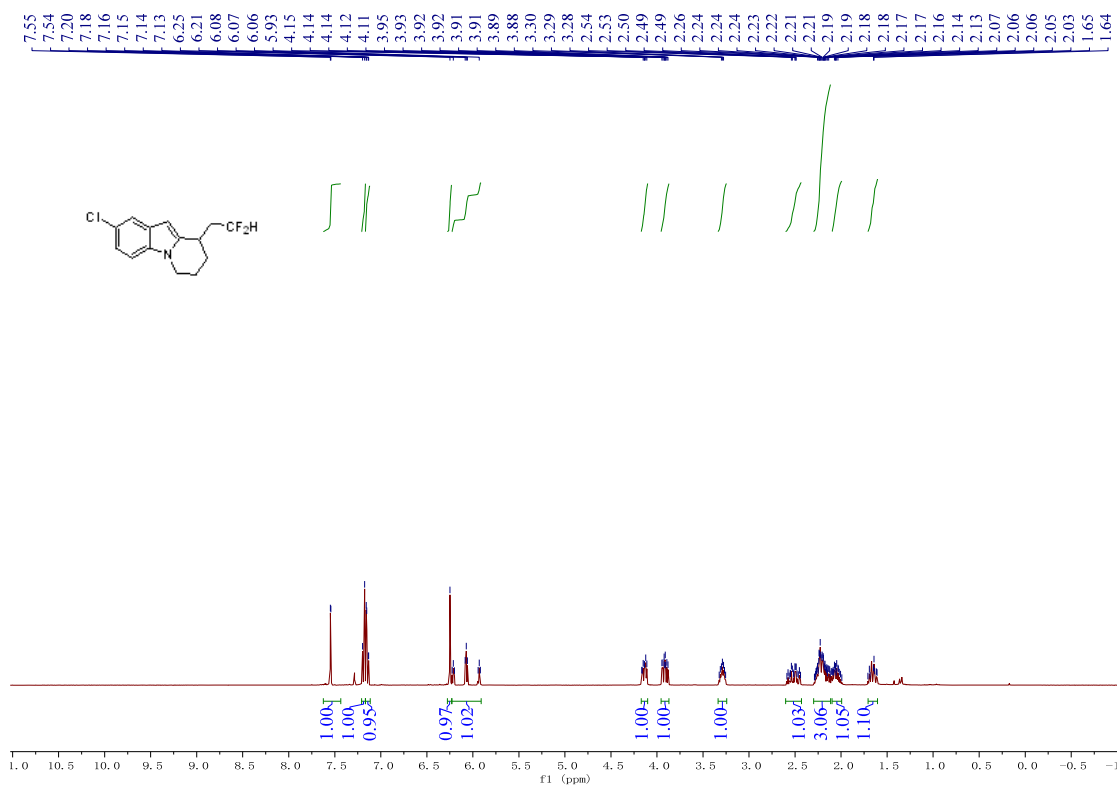
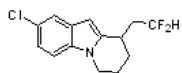
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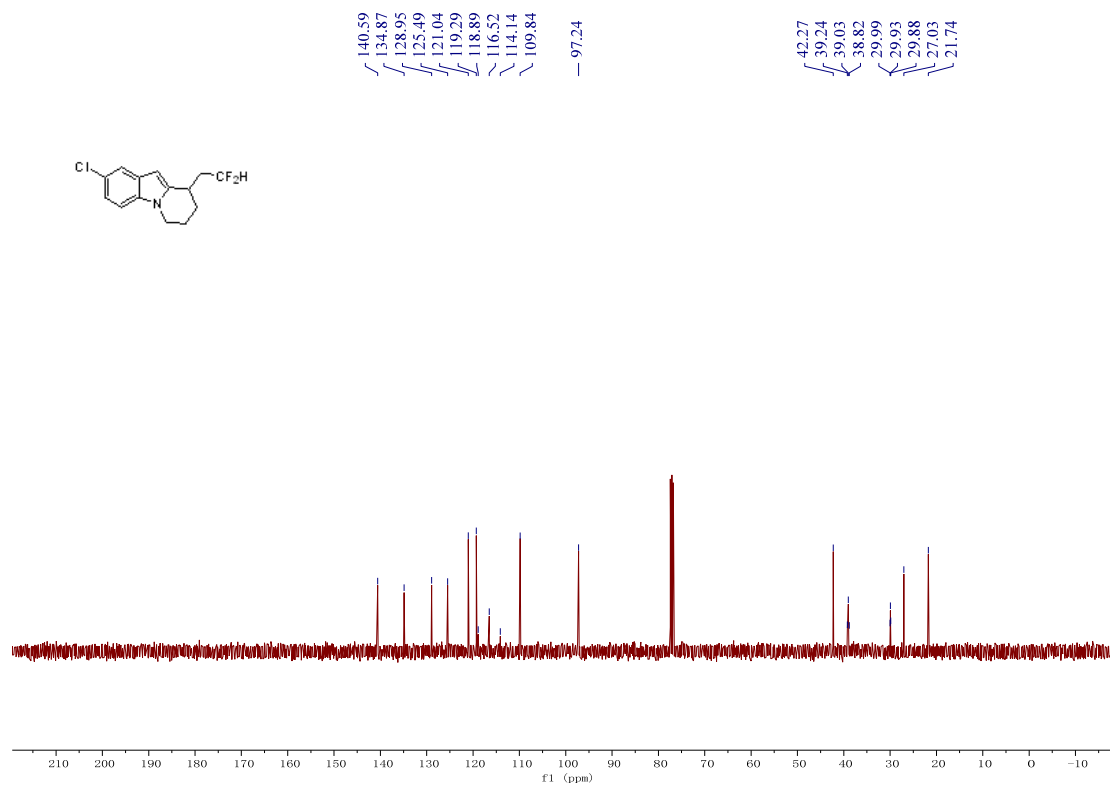


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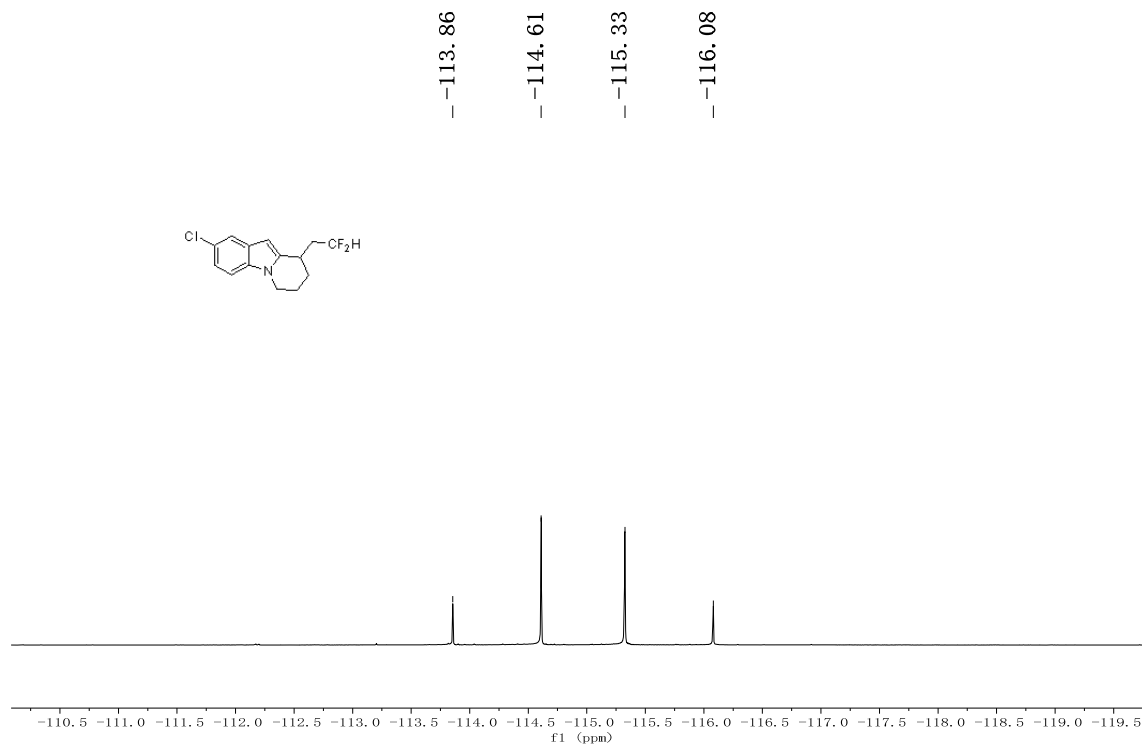




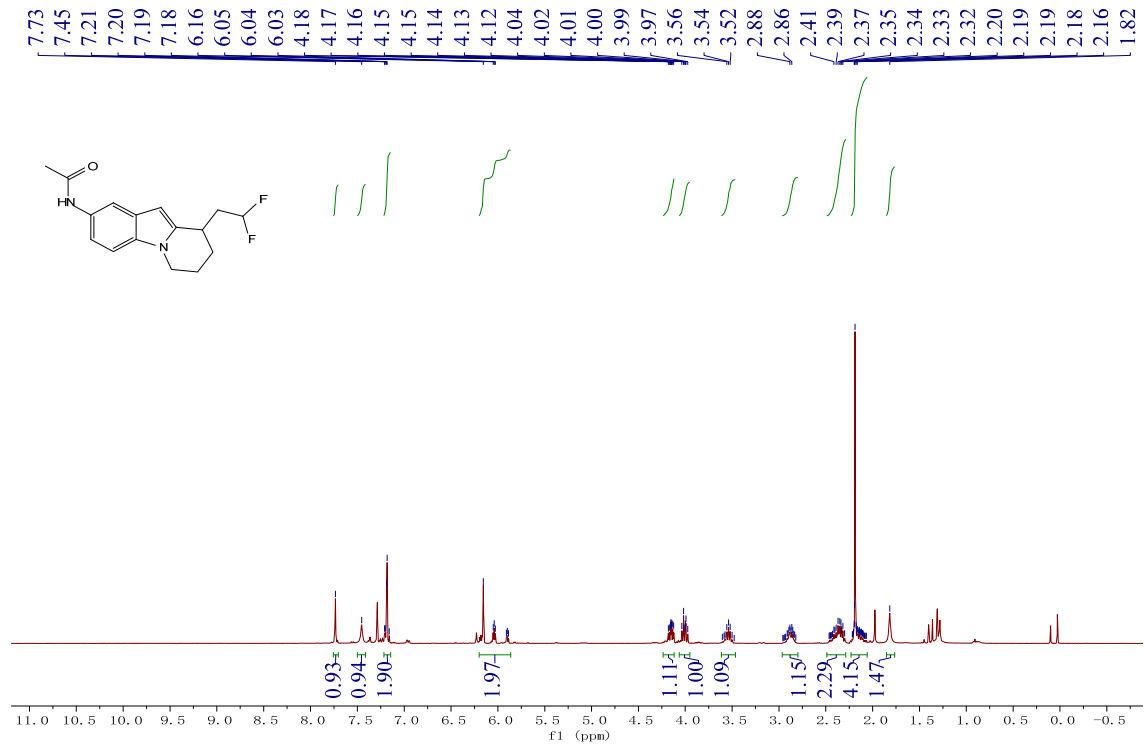
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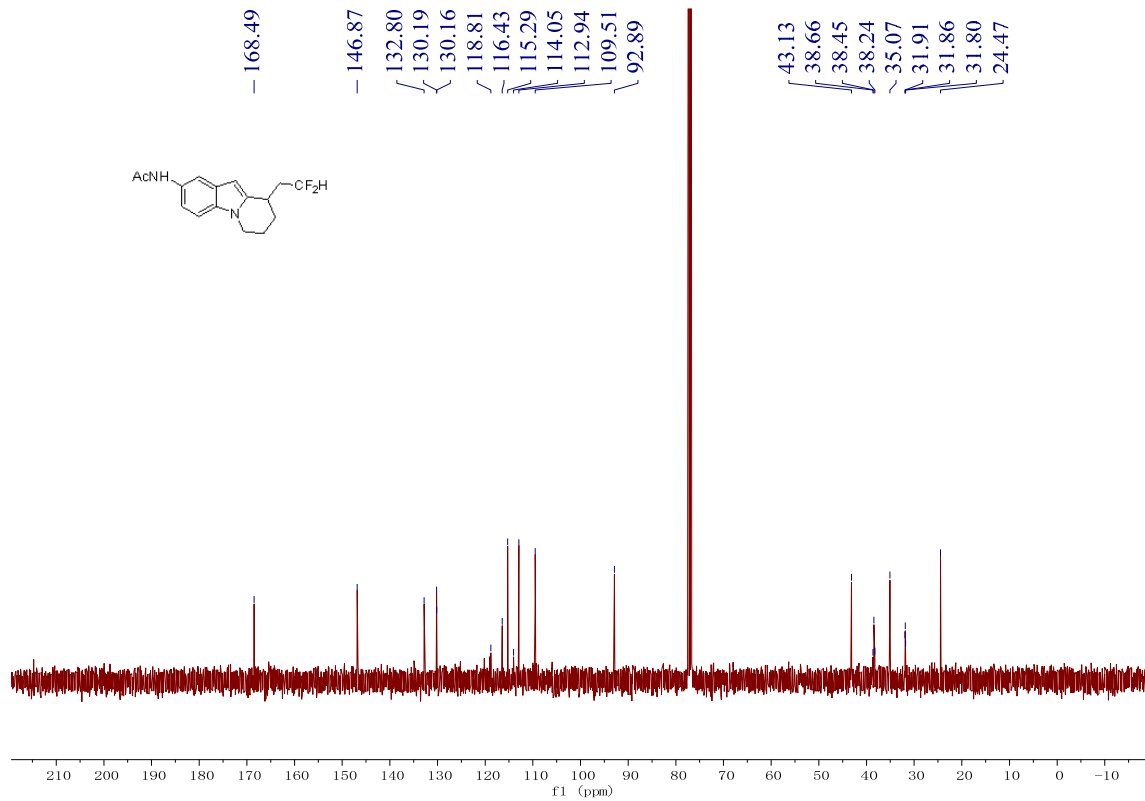
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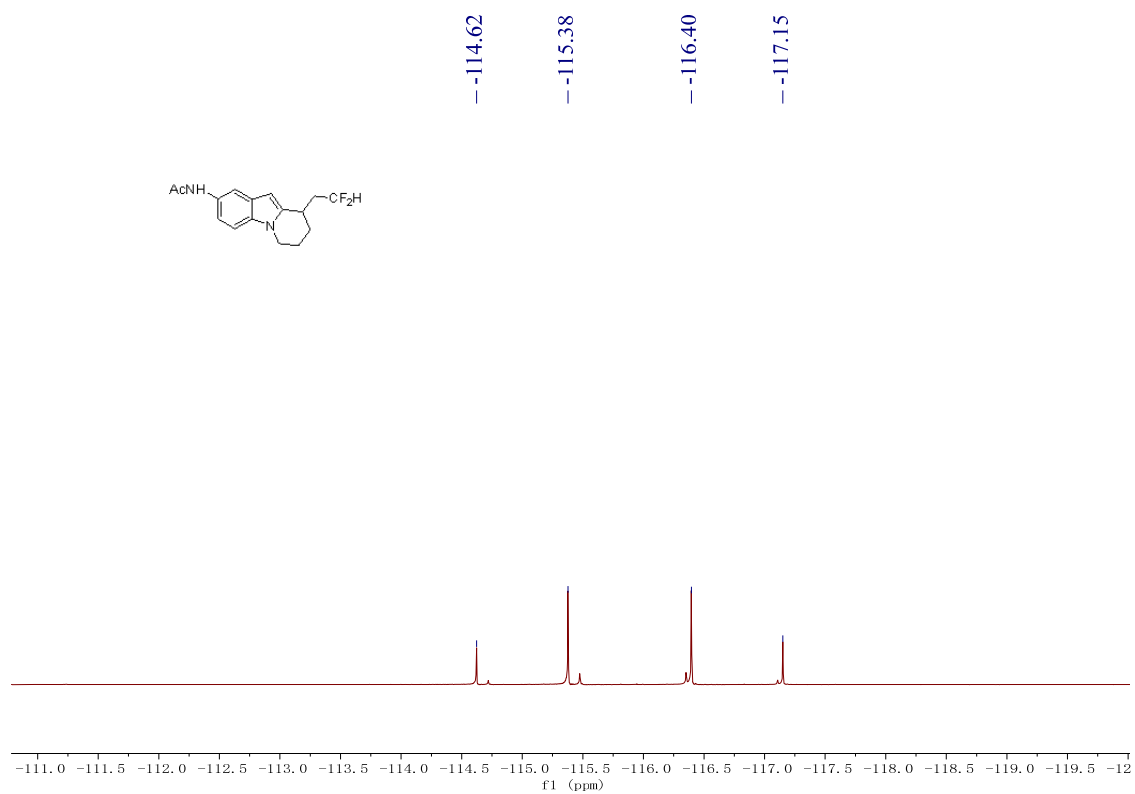
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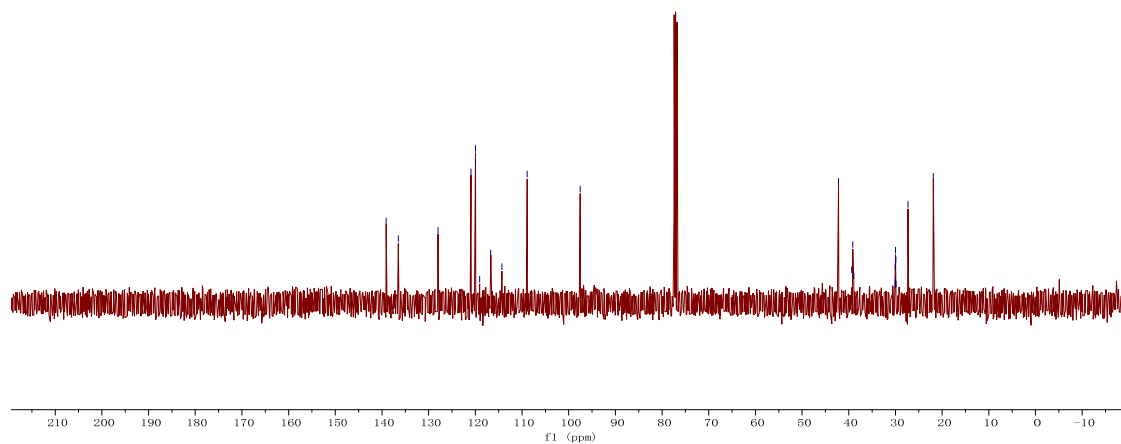
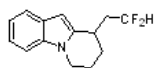
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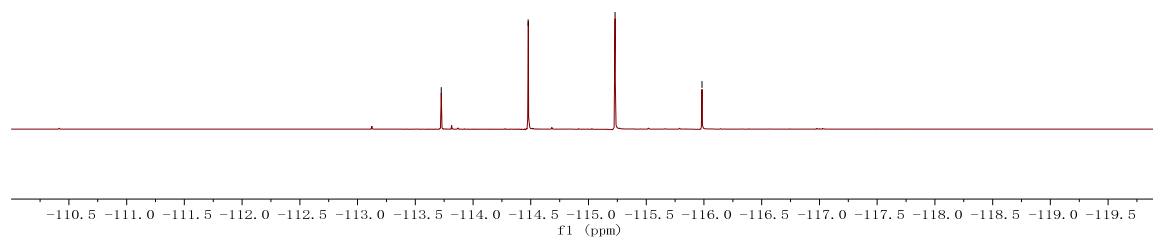
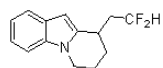
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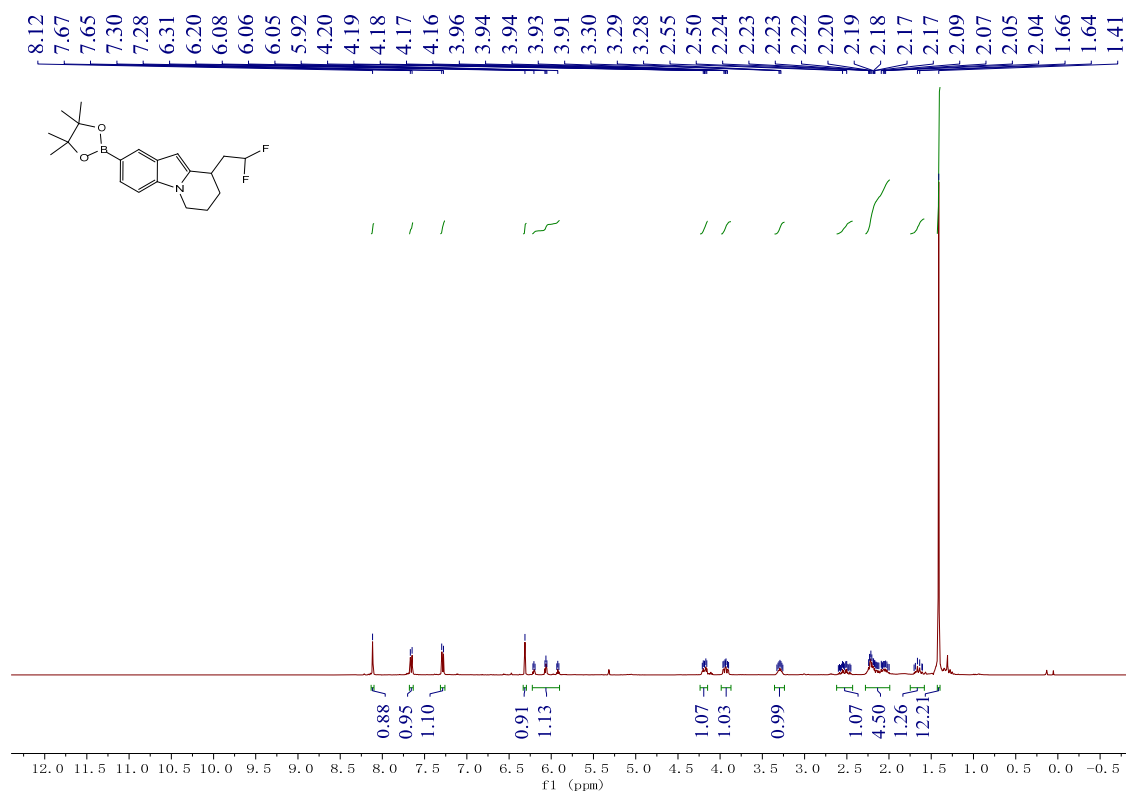


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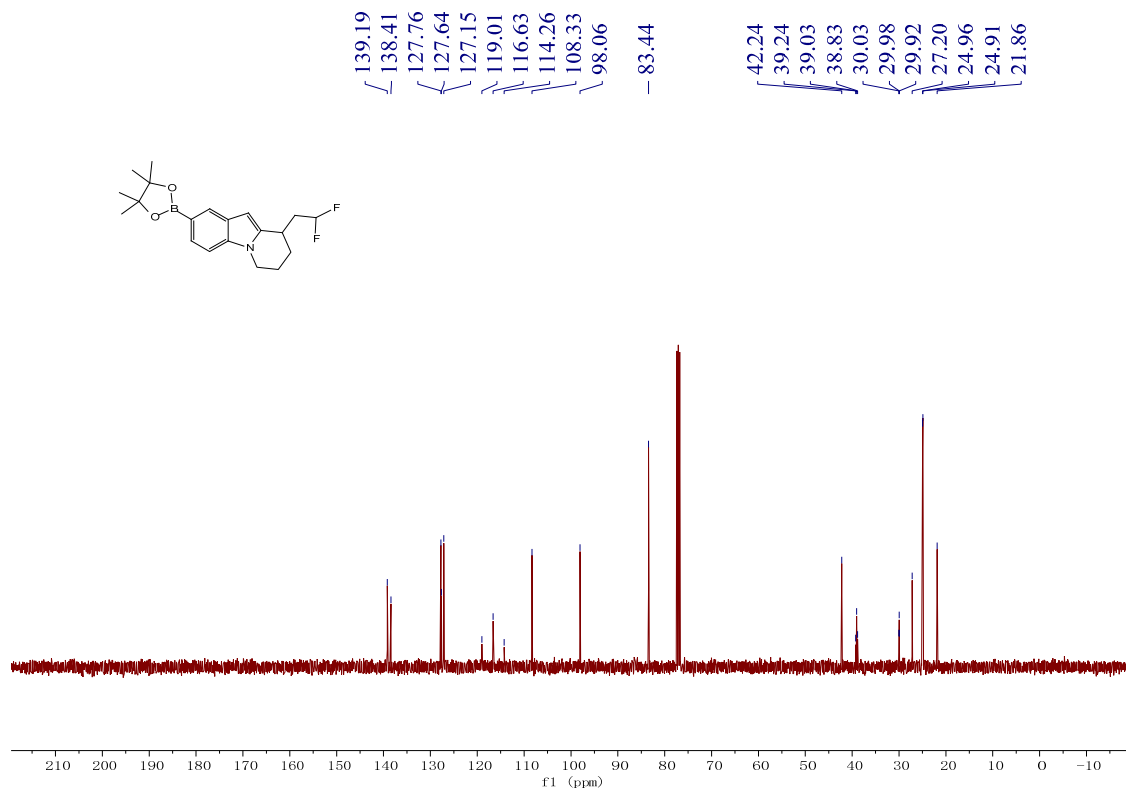
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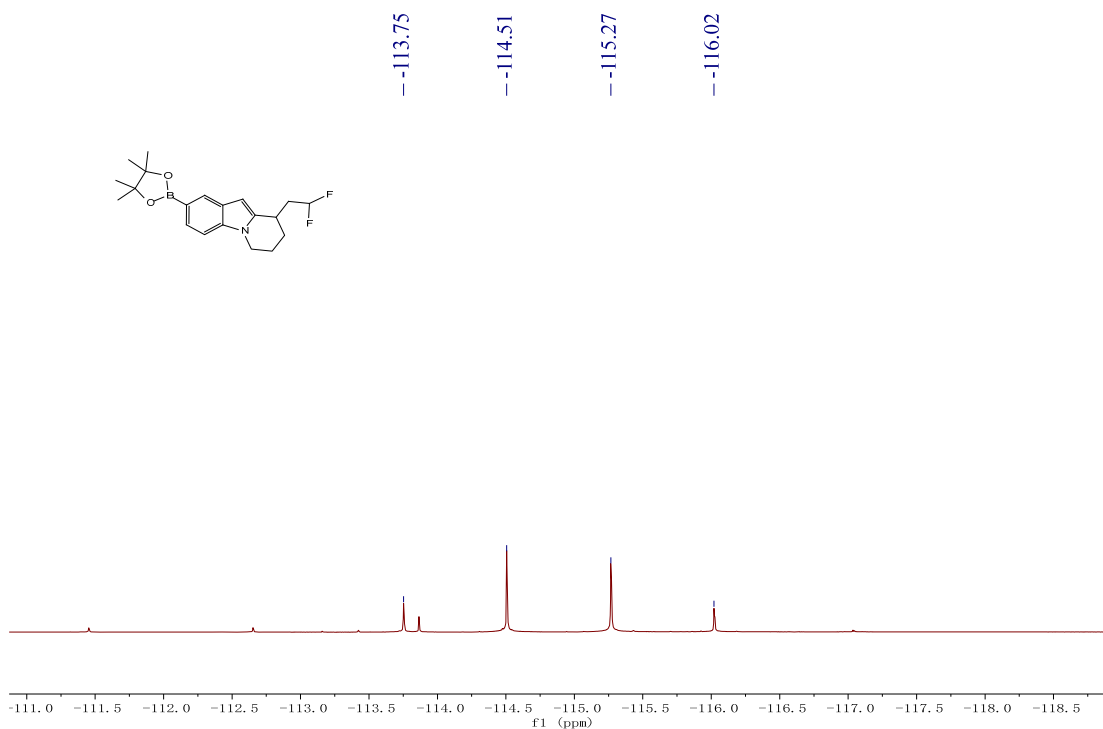
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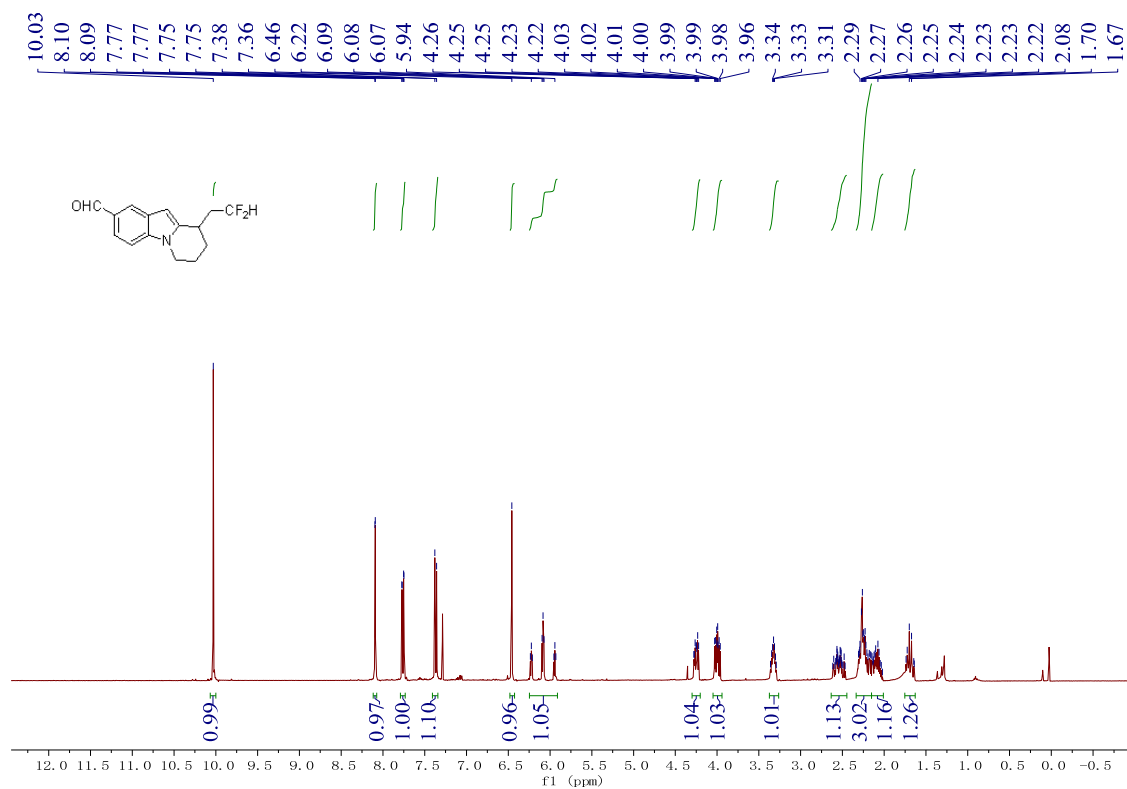
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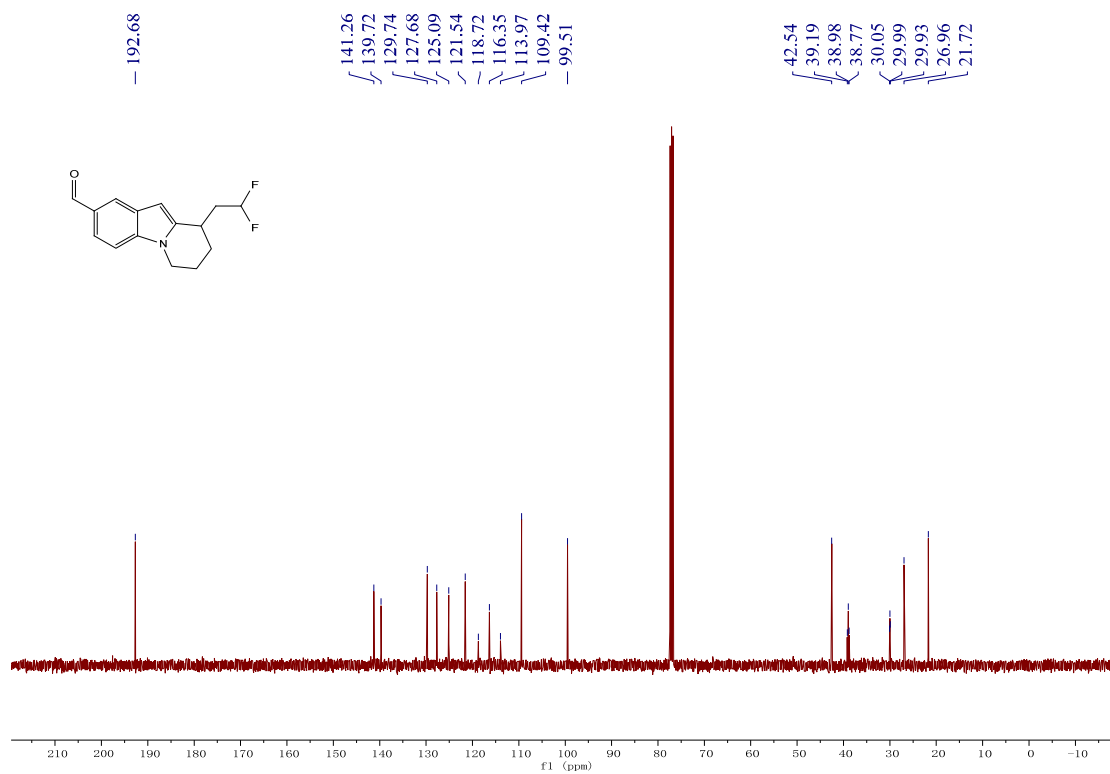
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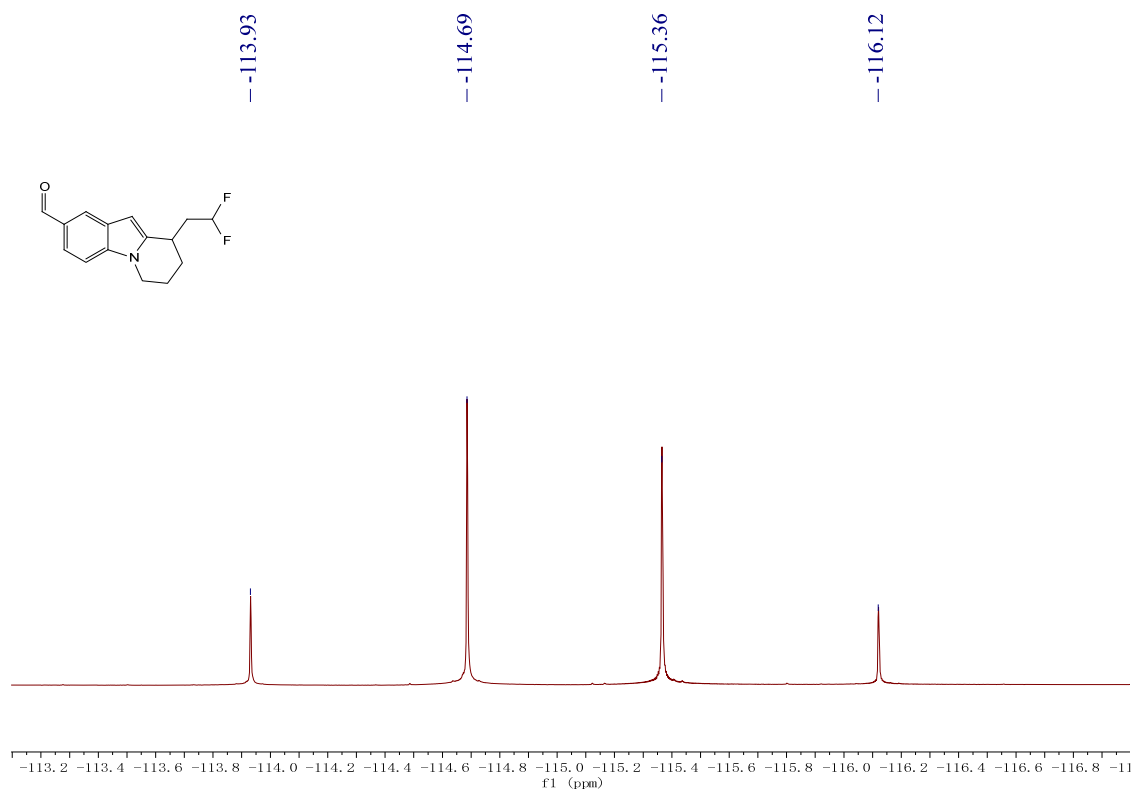
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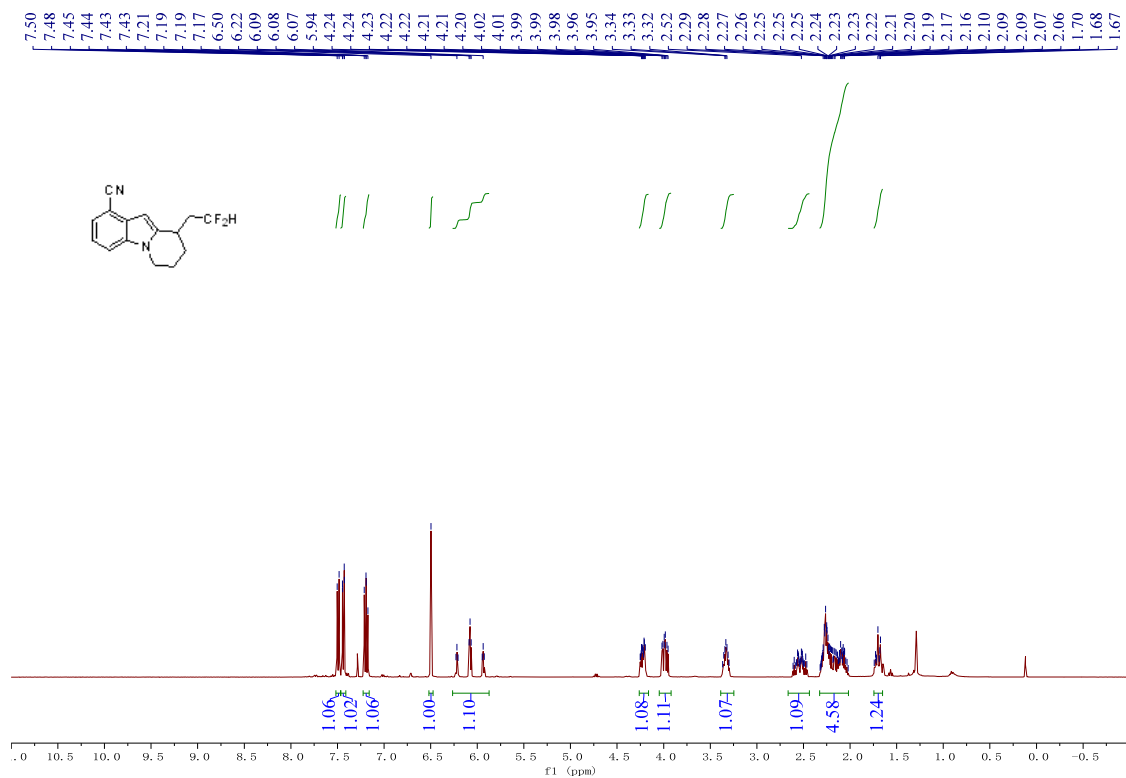
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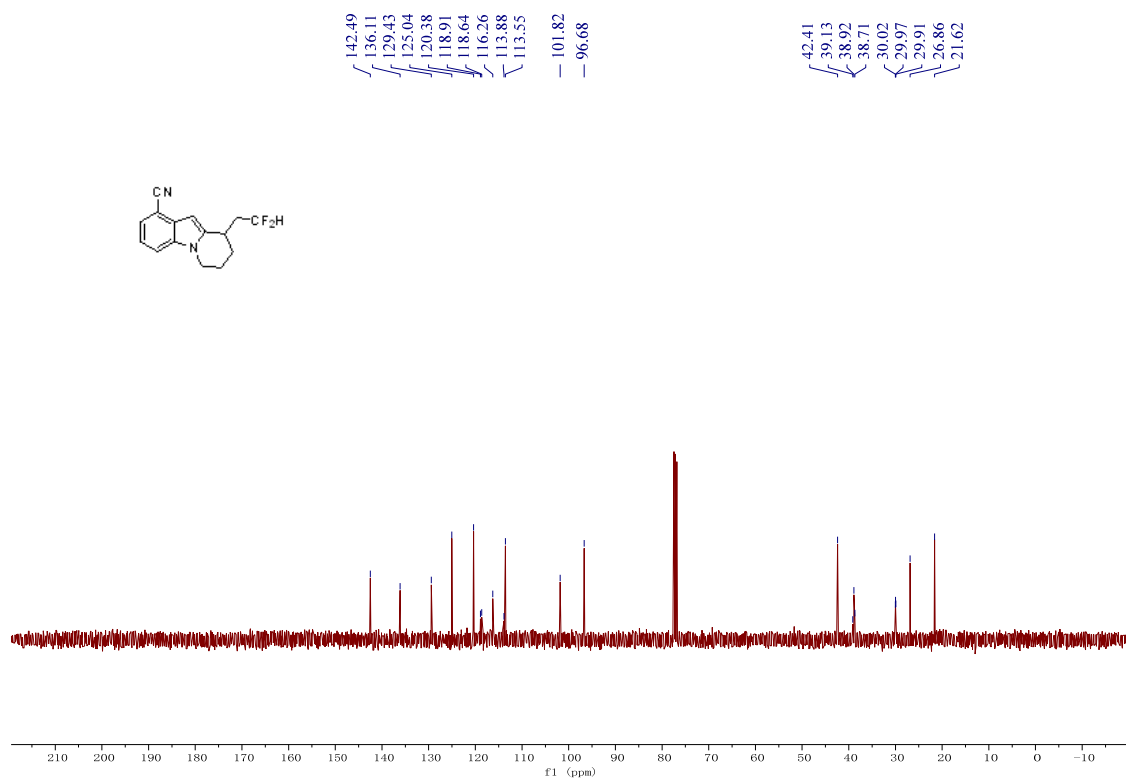
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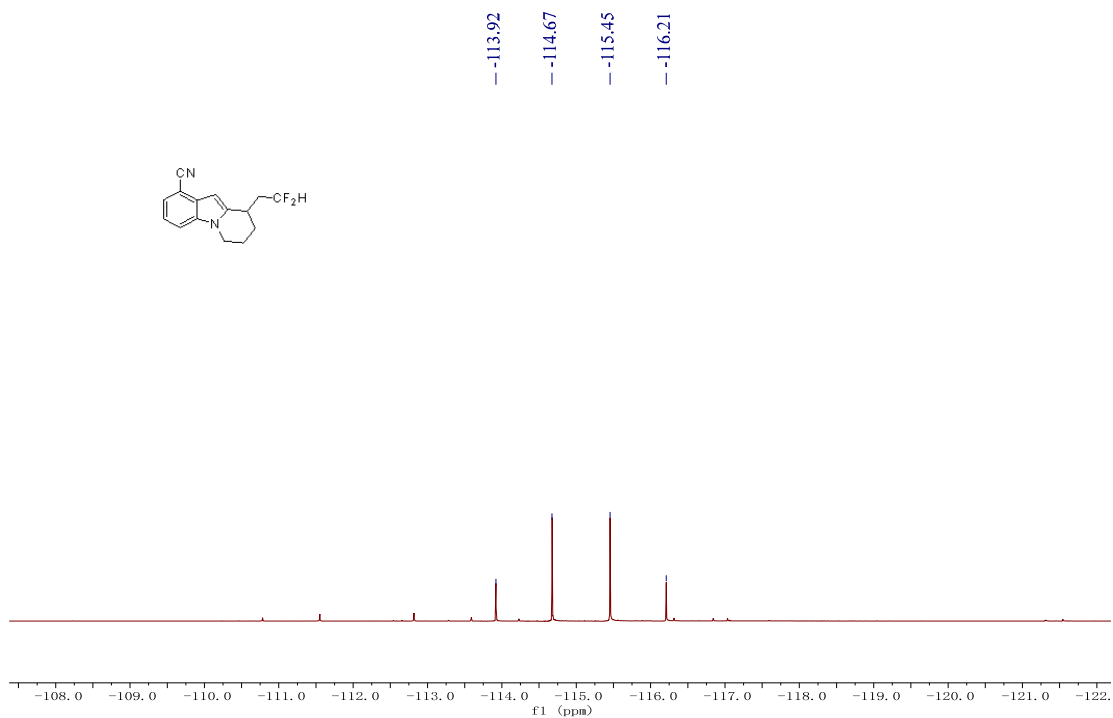


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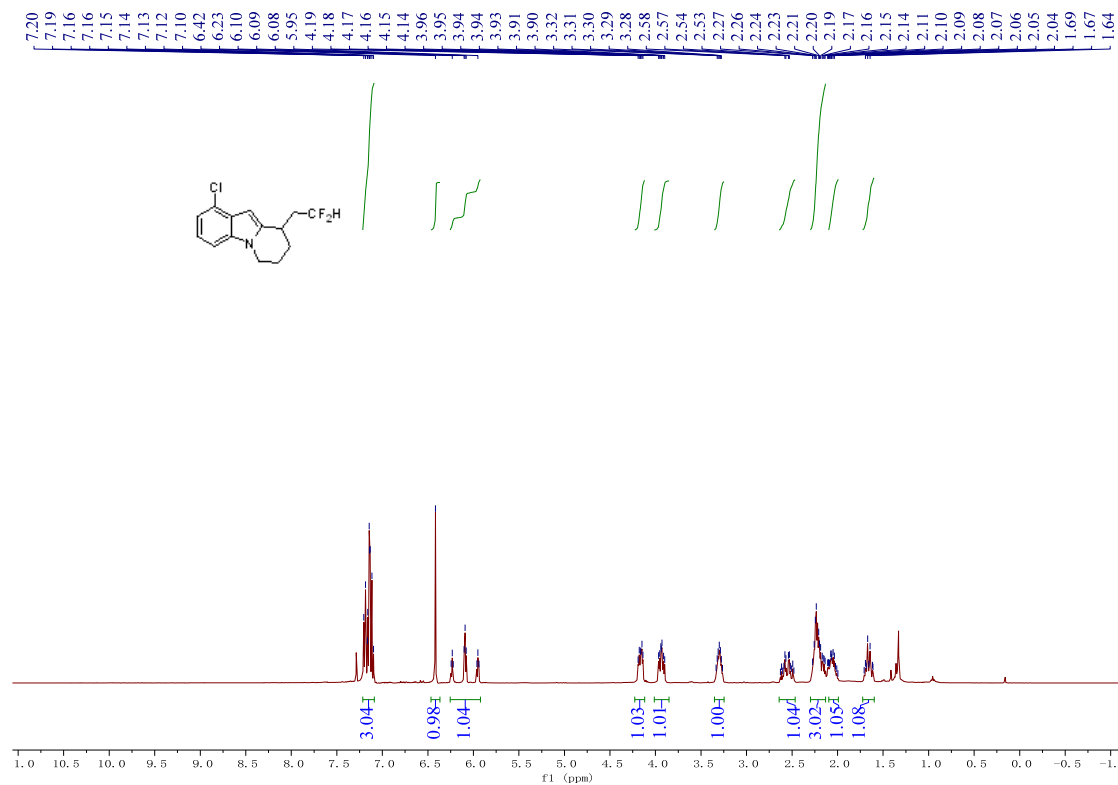




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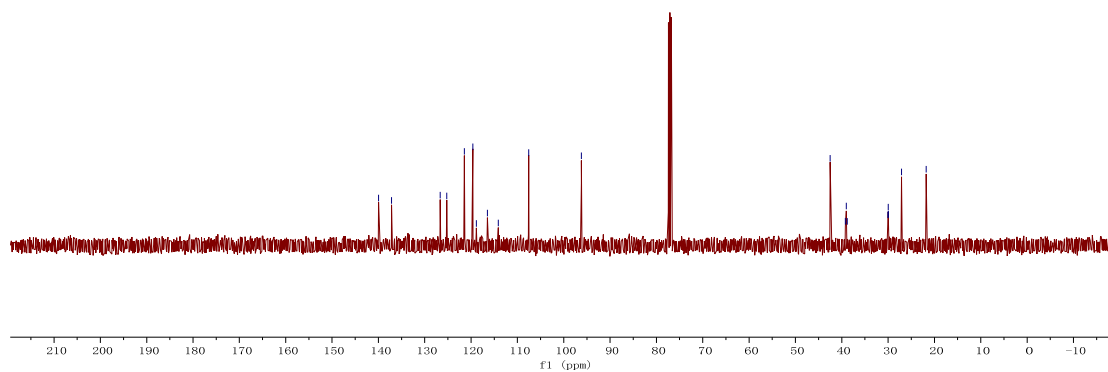
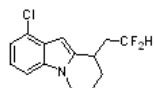
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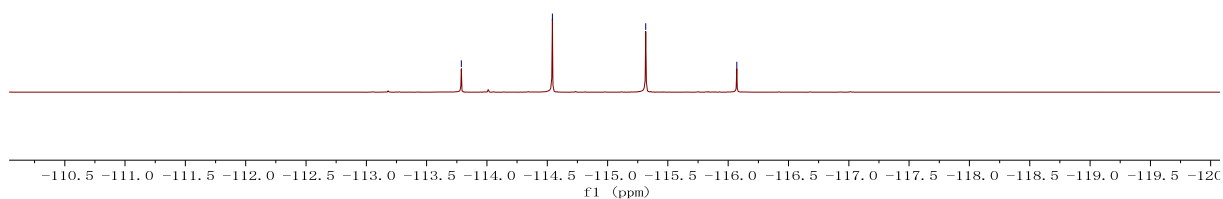
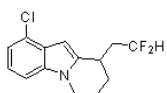
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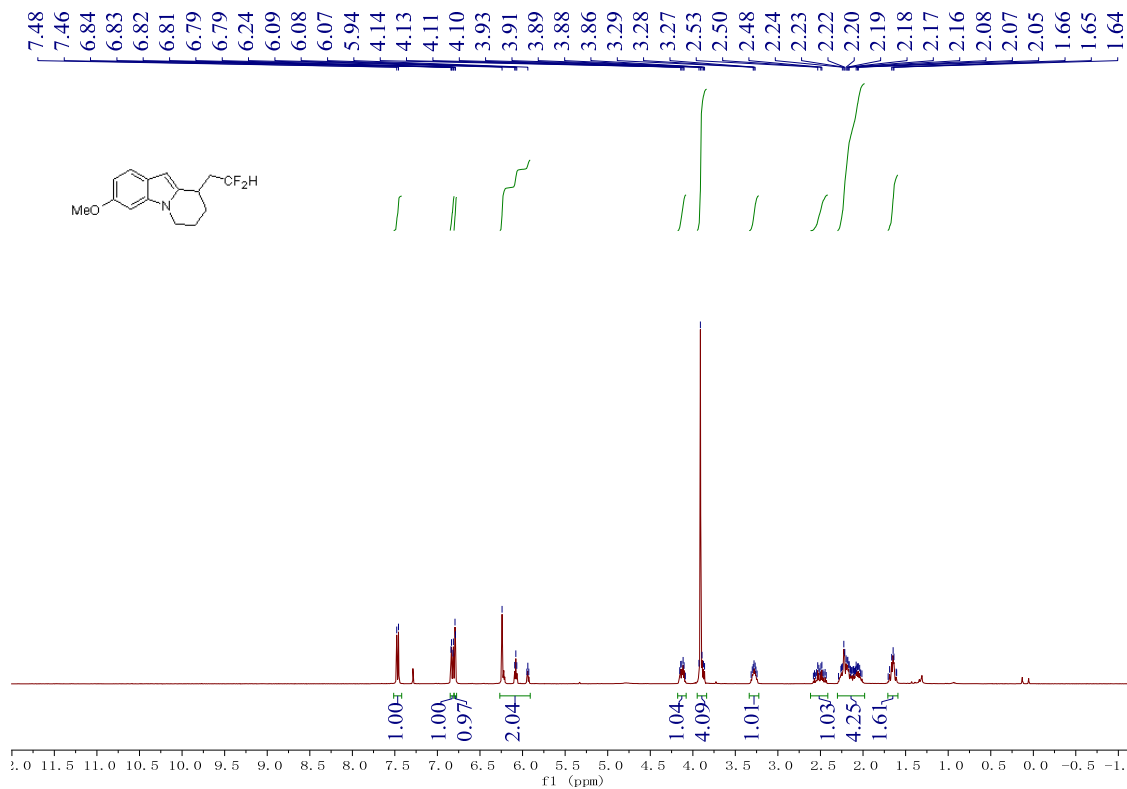


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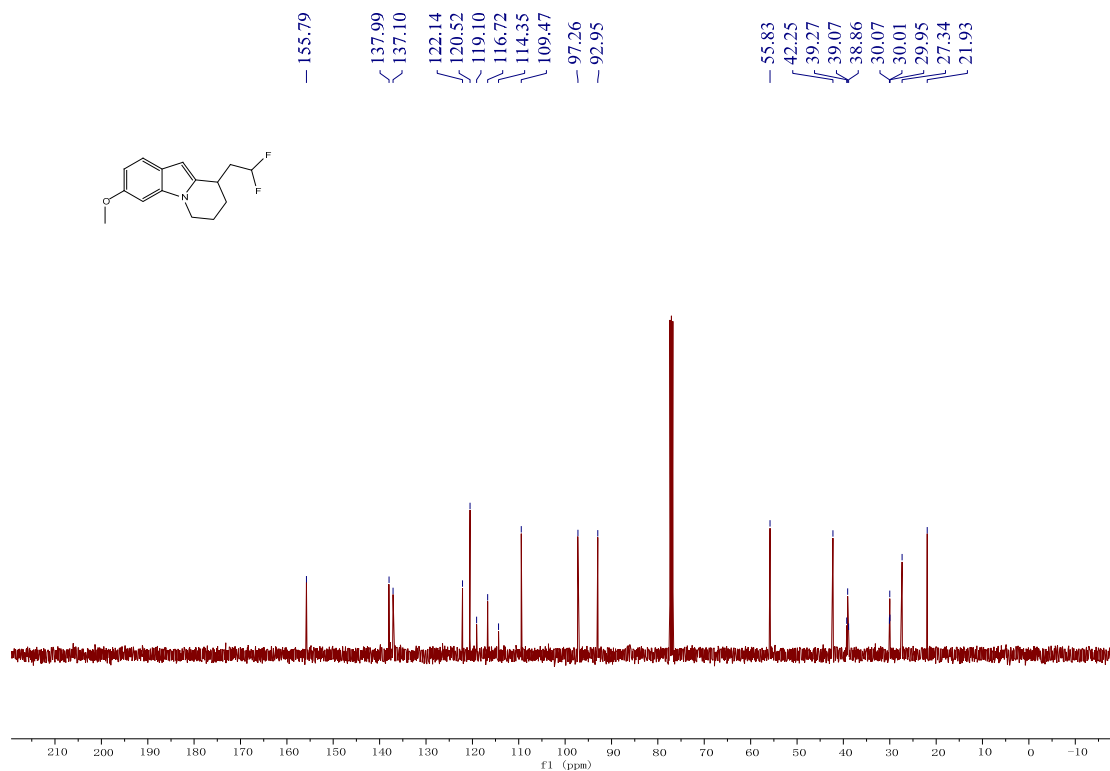
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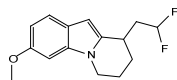
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### <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3m



### <sup>19</sup>F NMR of 3m

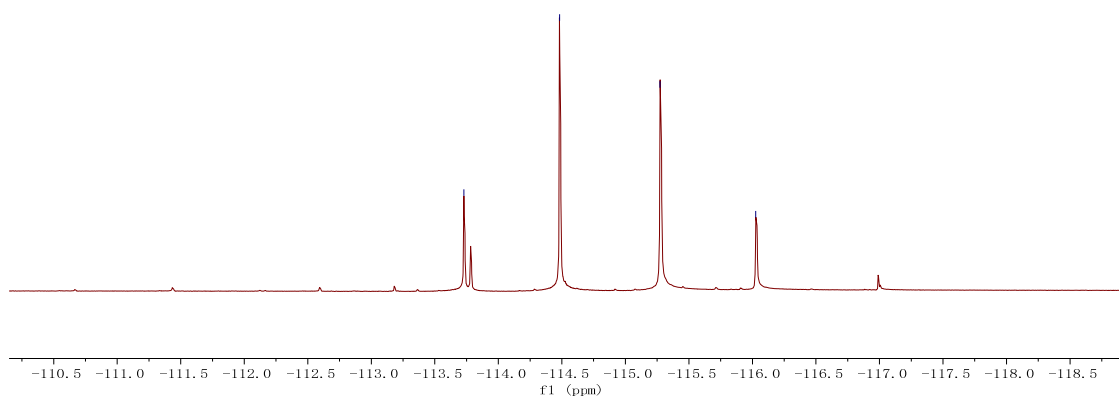


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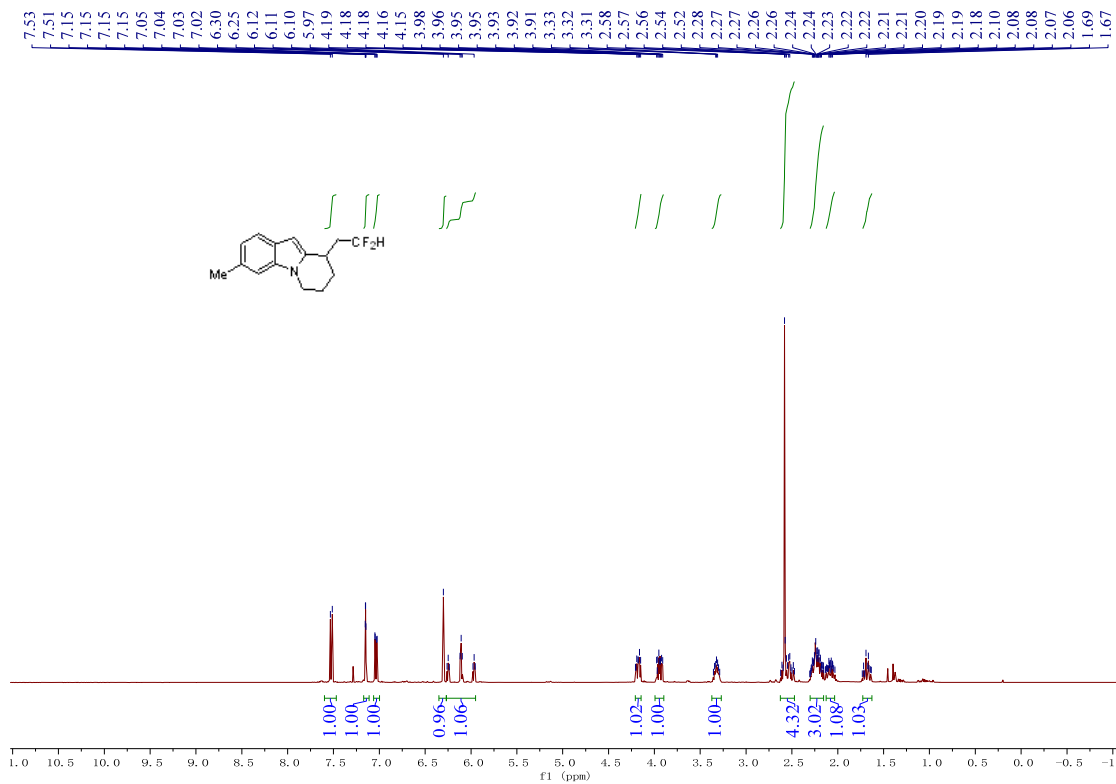
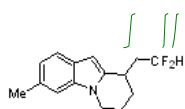
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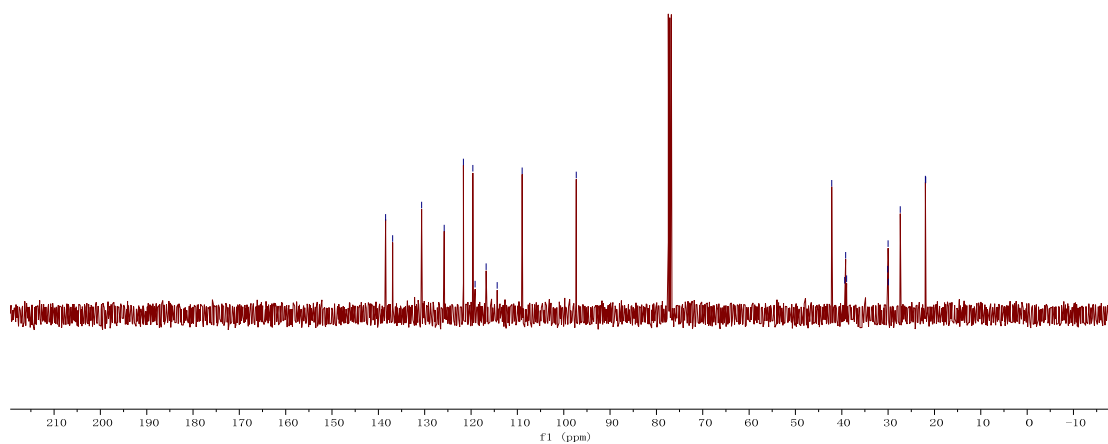
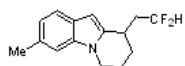
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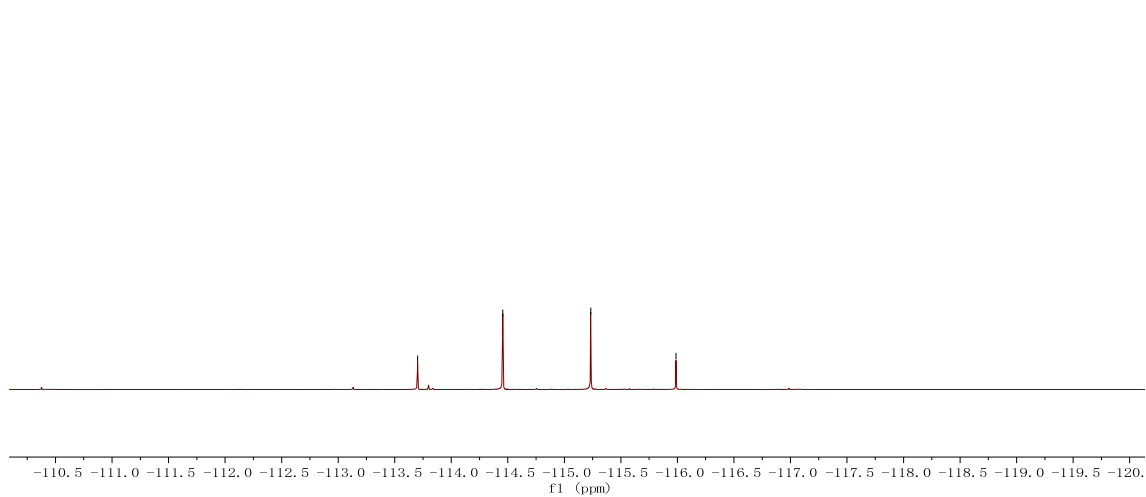
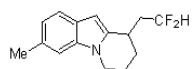
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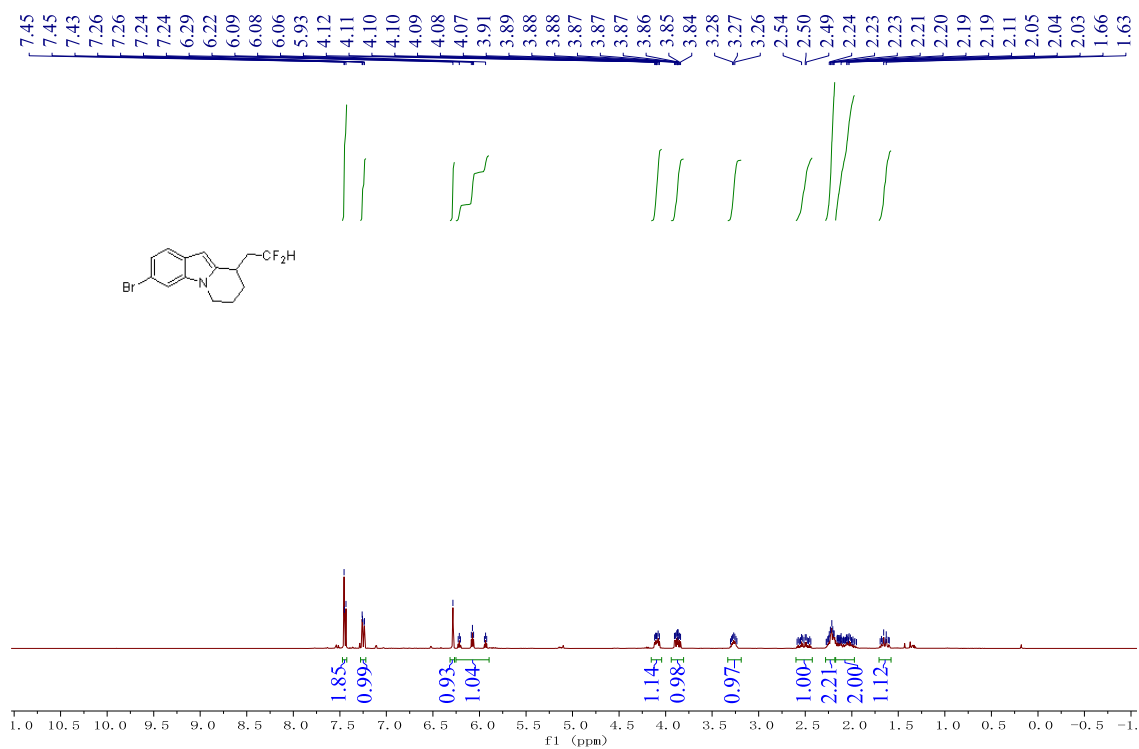


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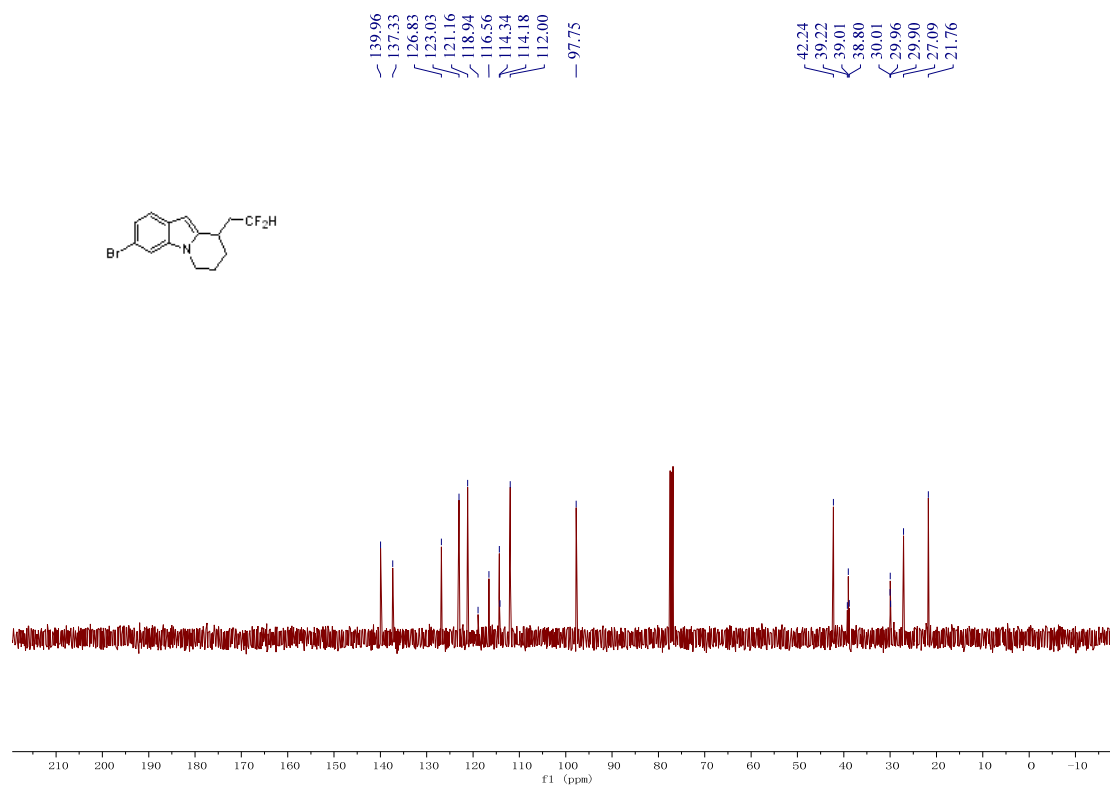
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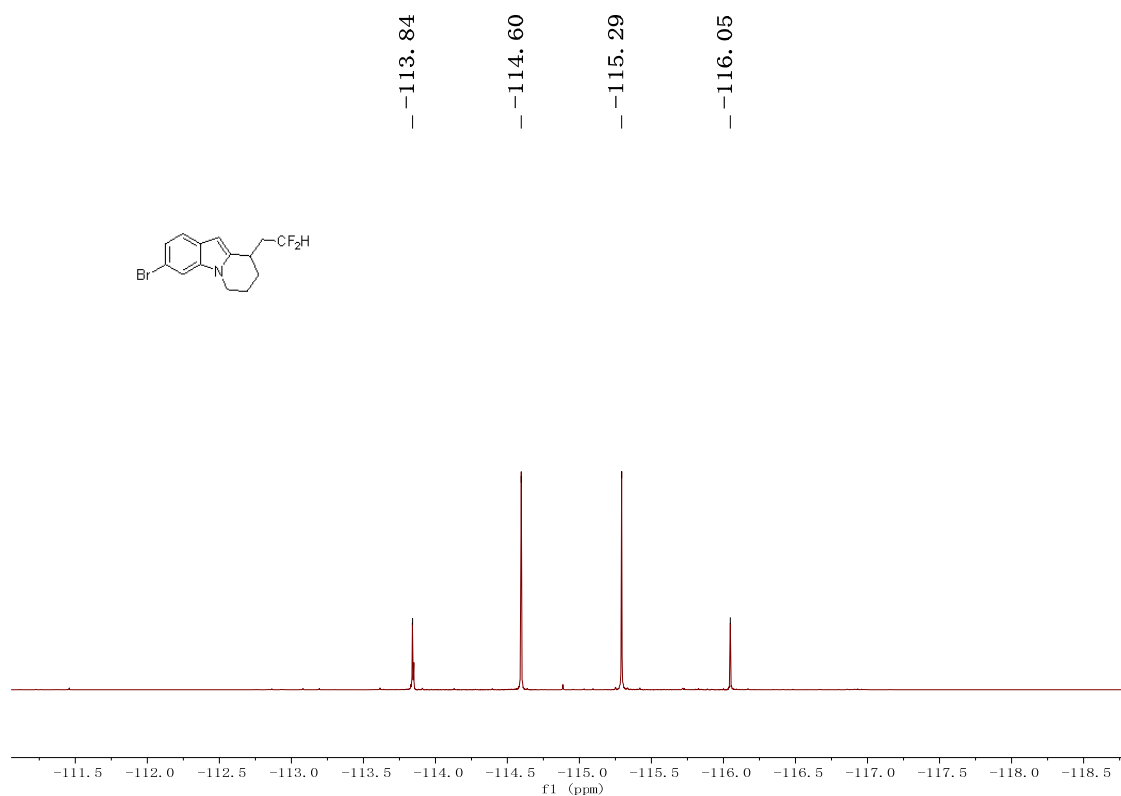
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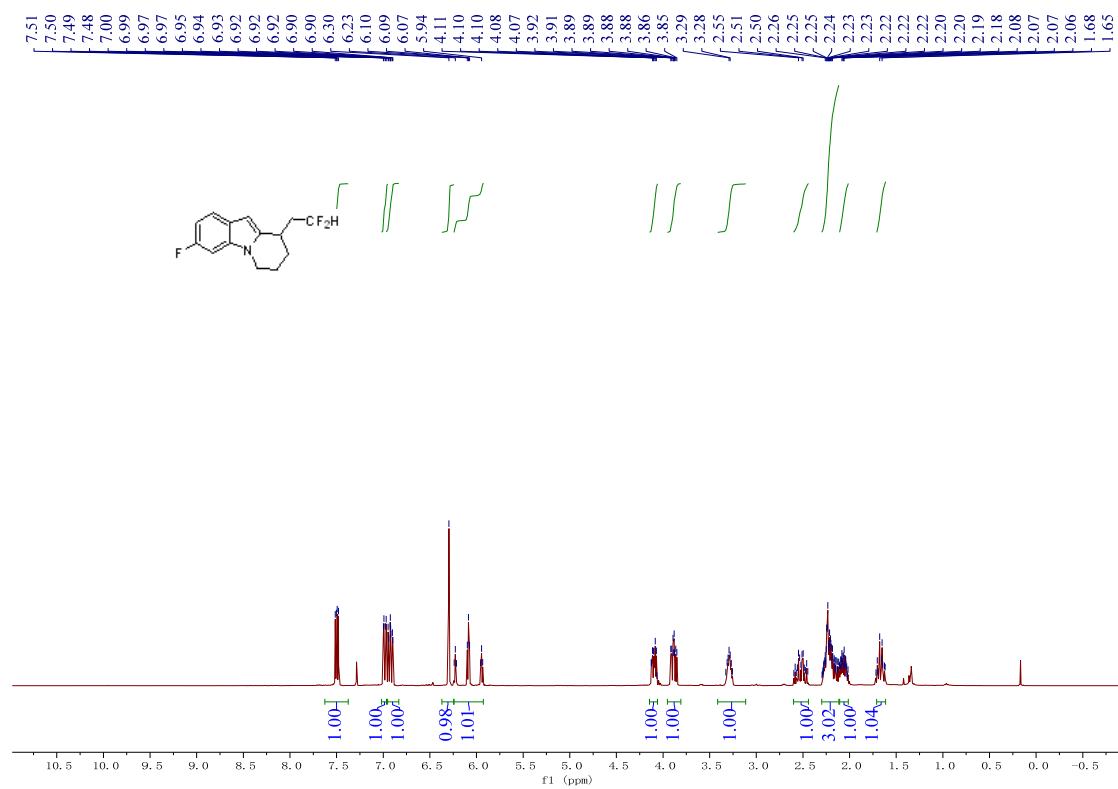
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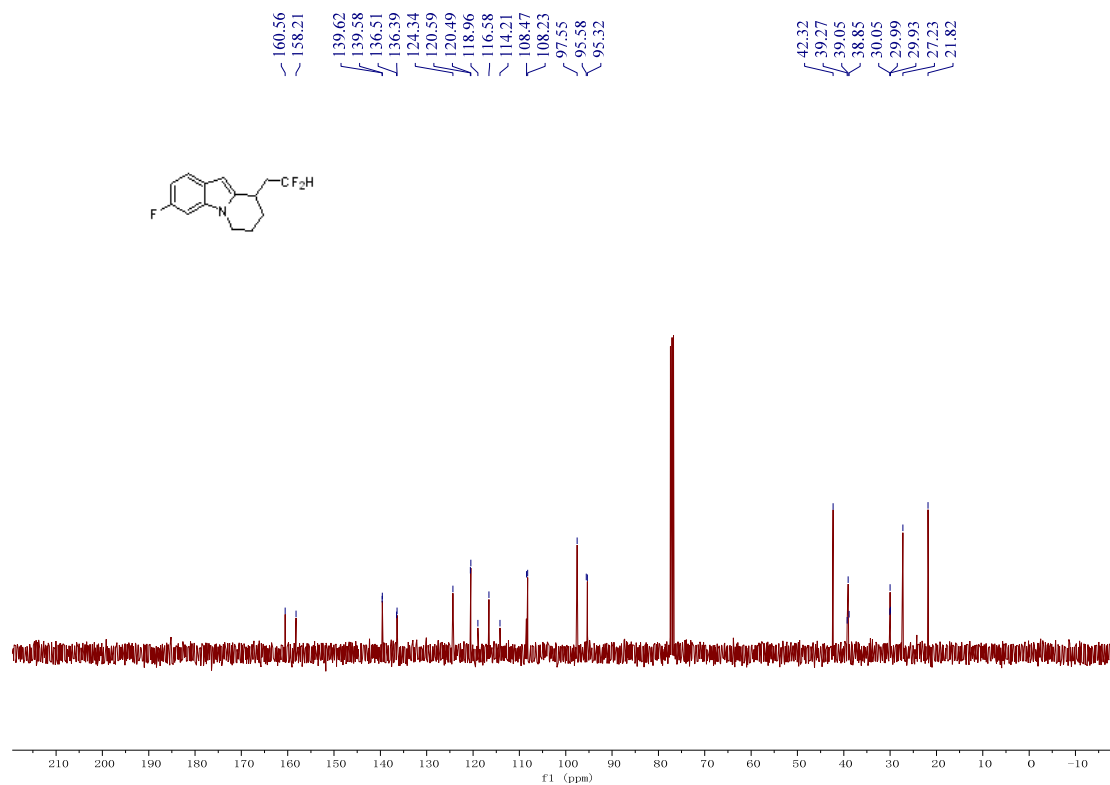
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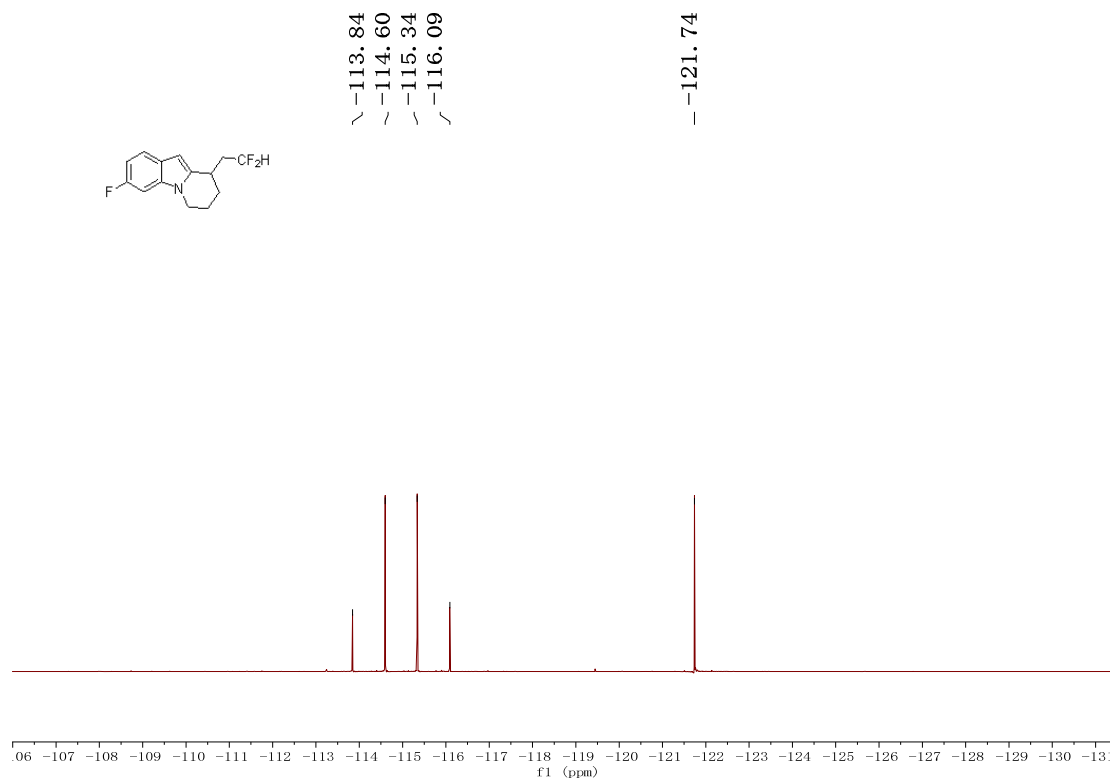
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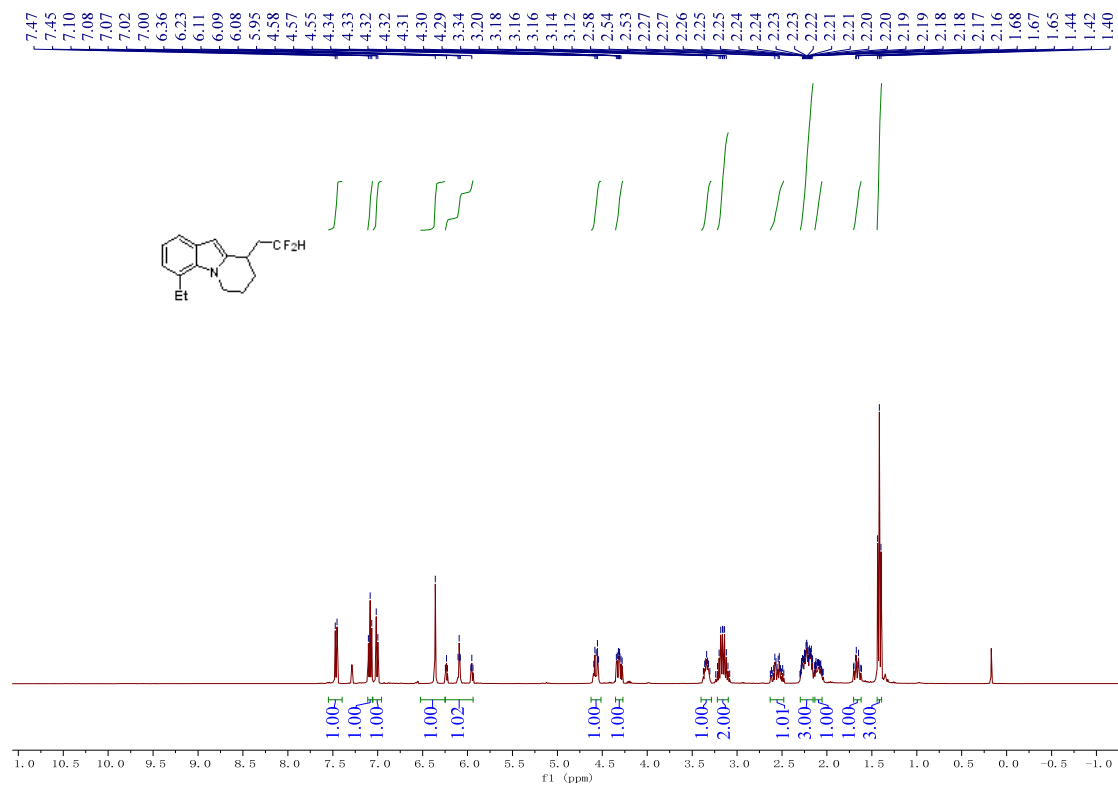


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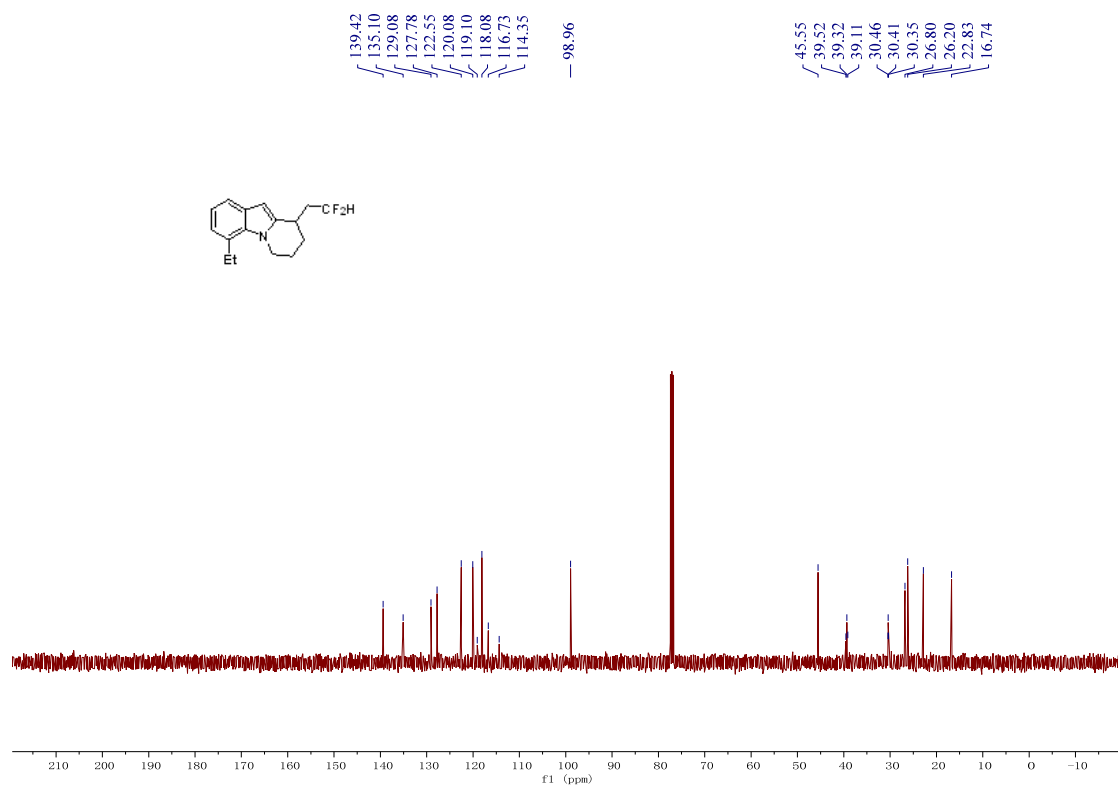




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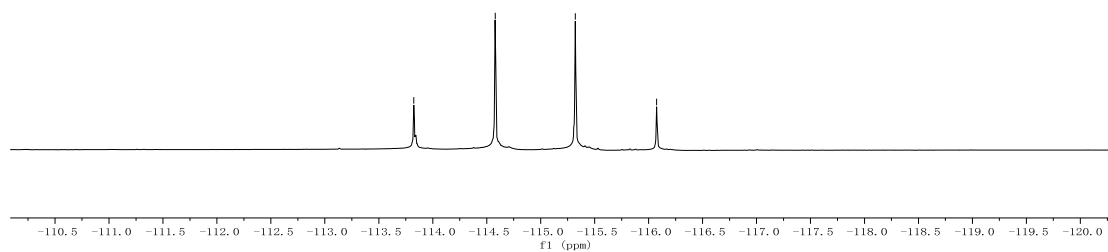
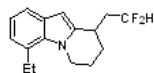


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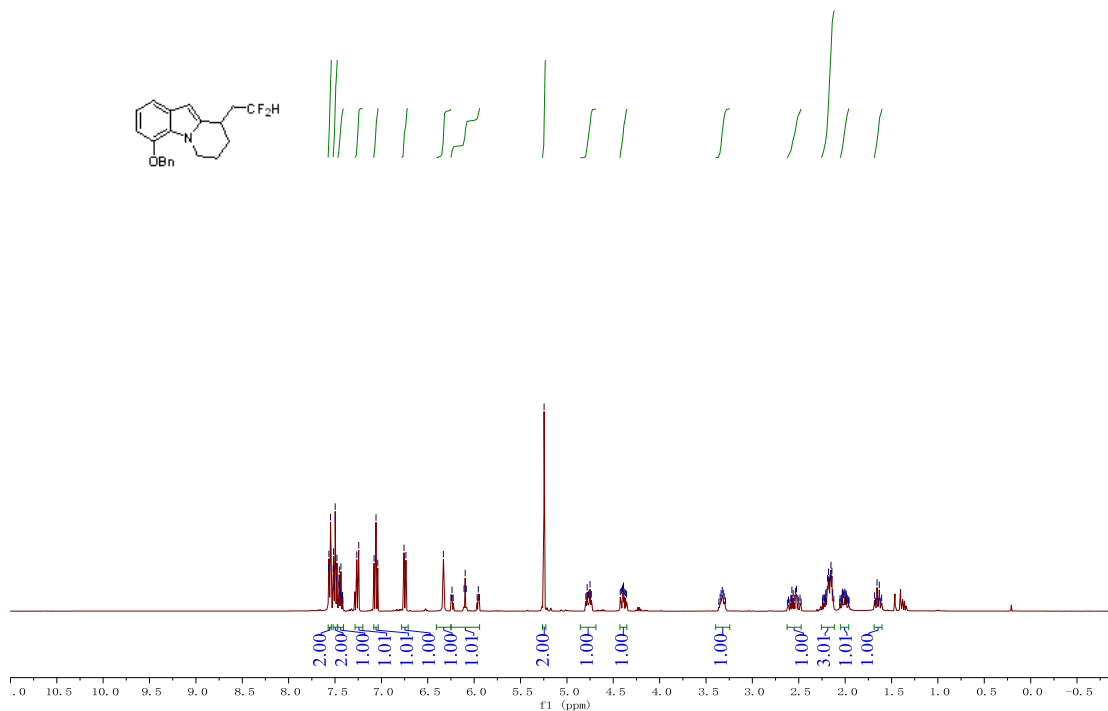
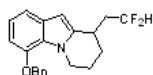
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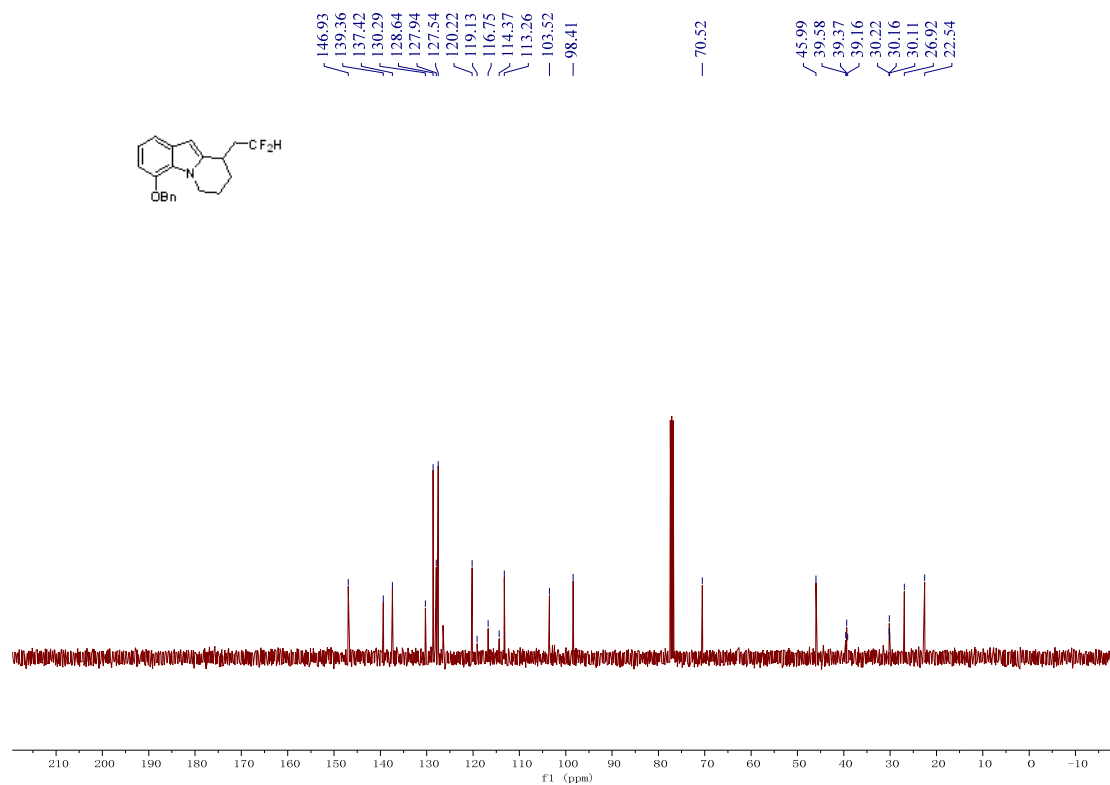


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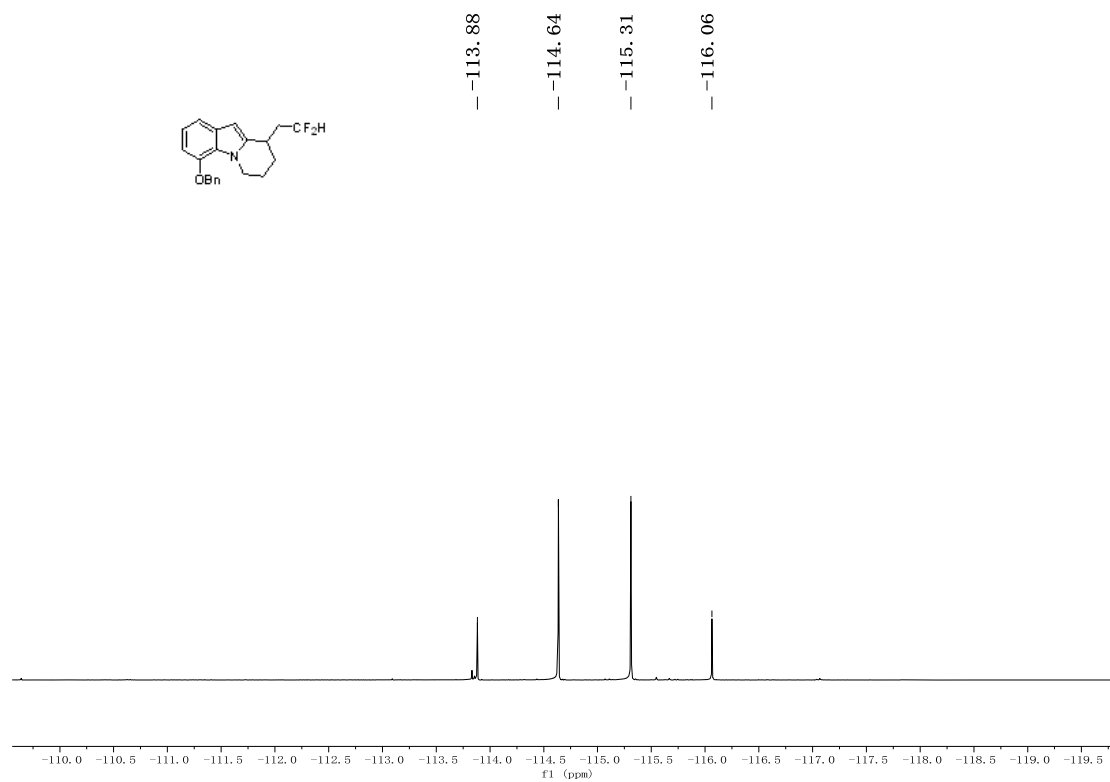
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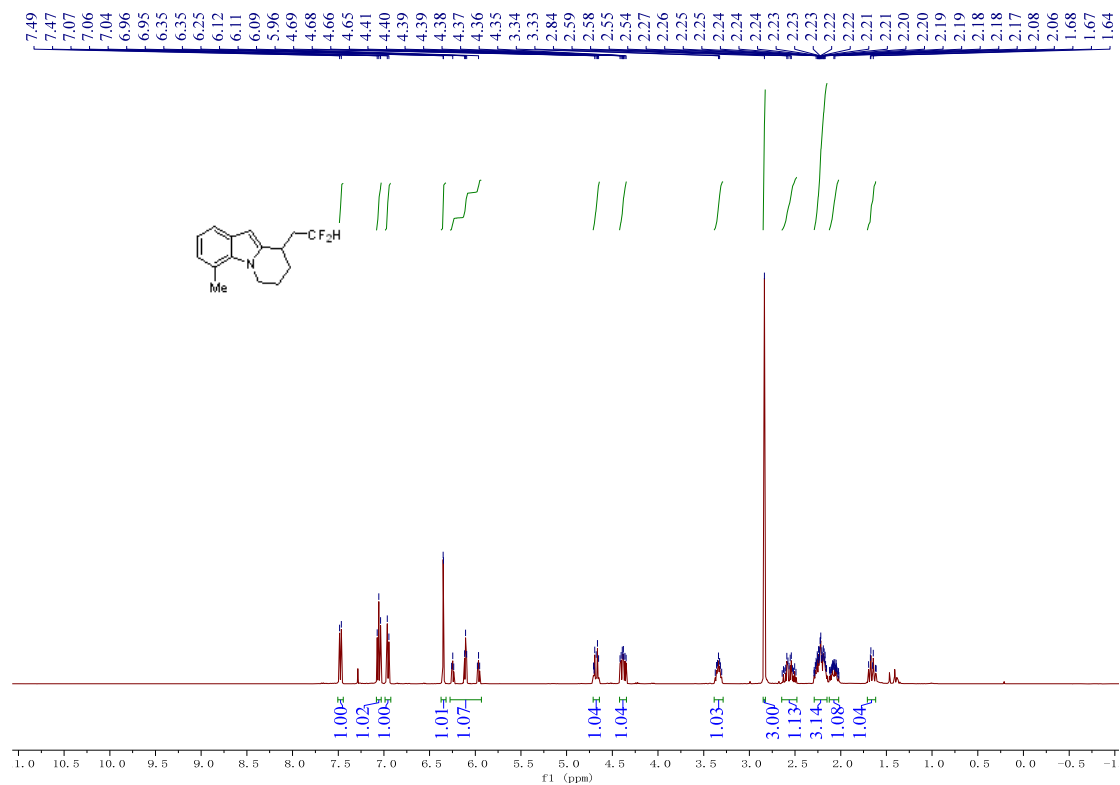
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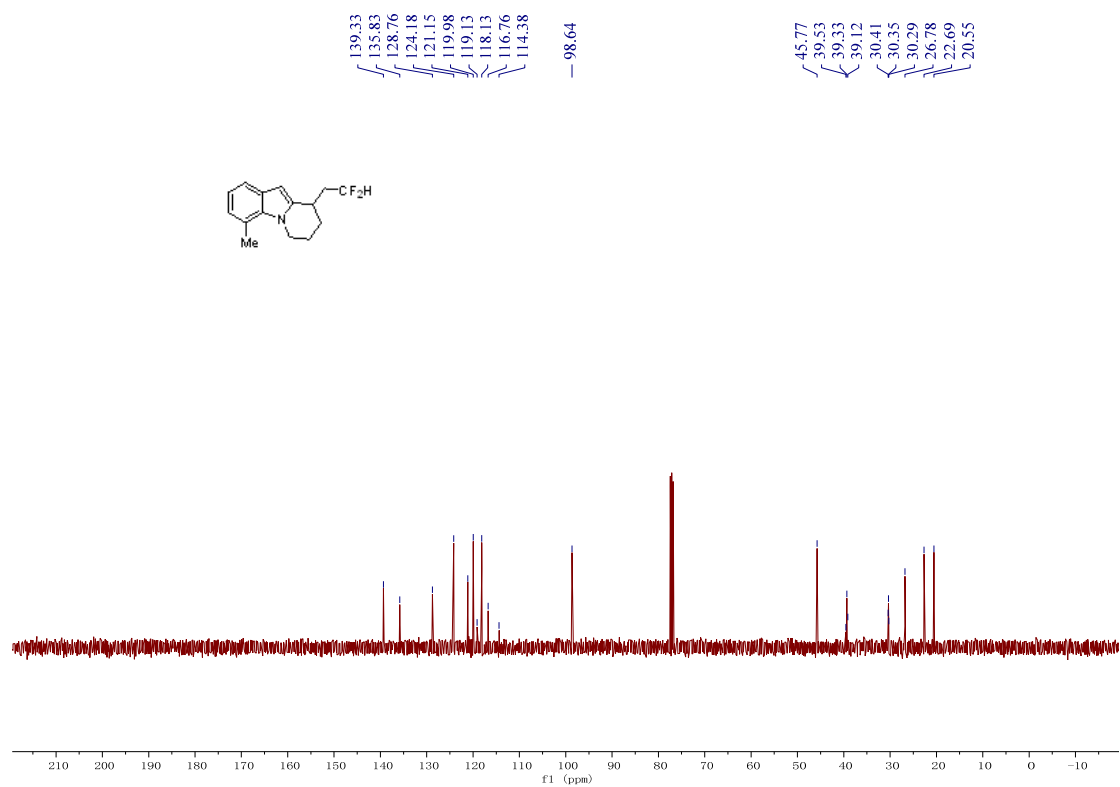
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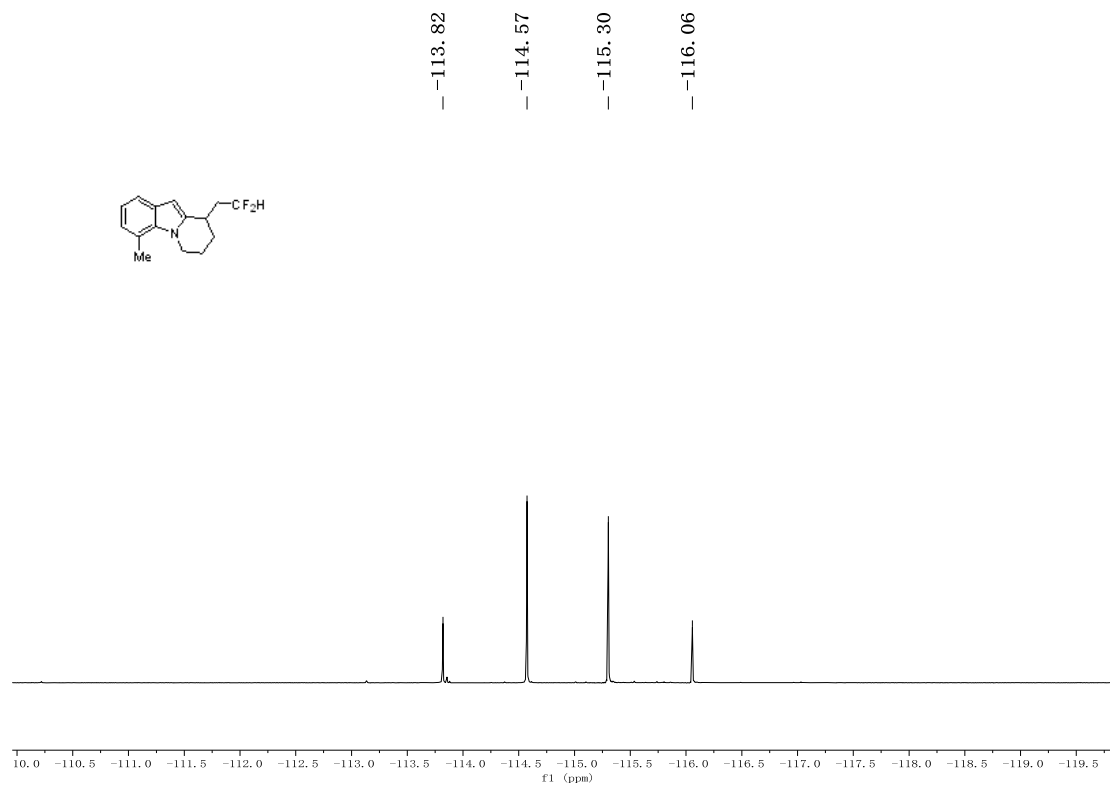
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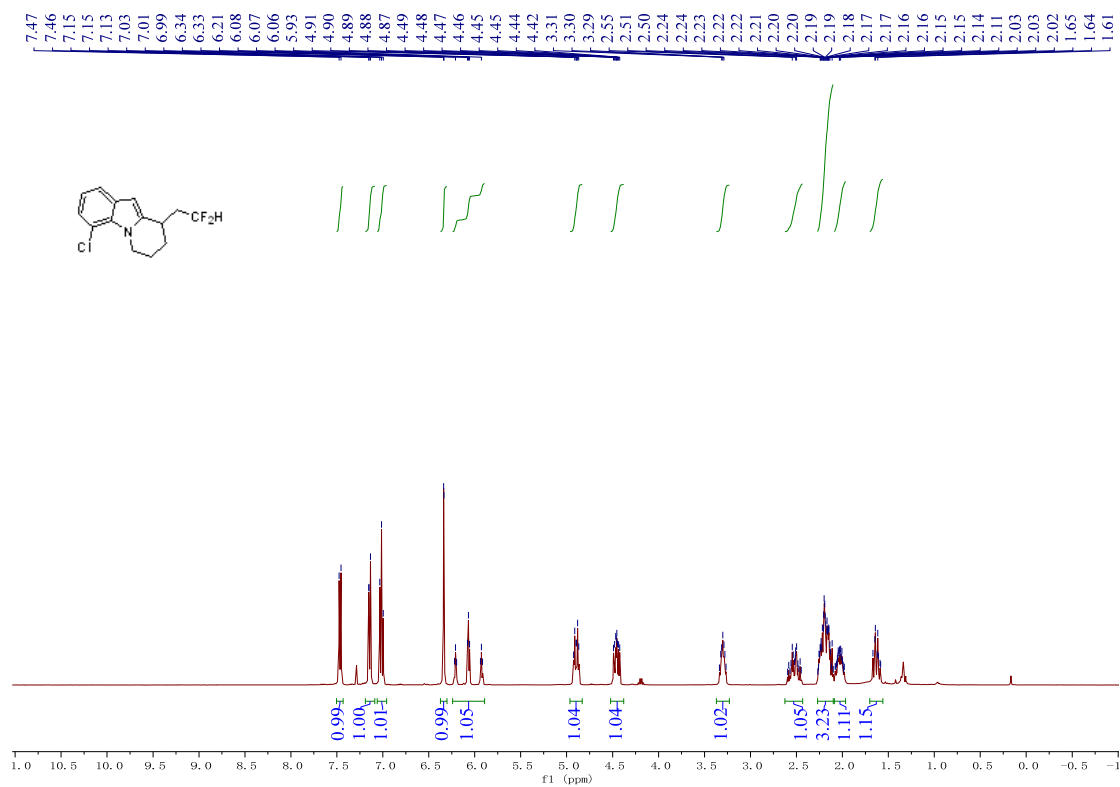
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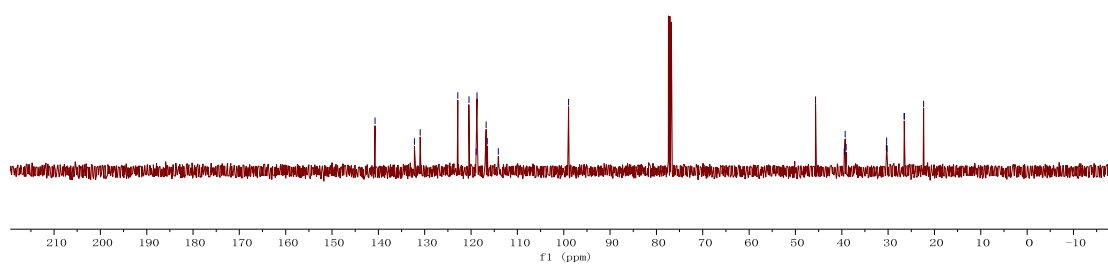
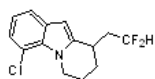
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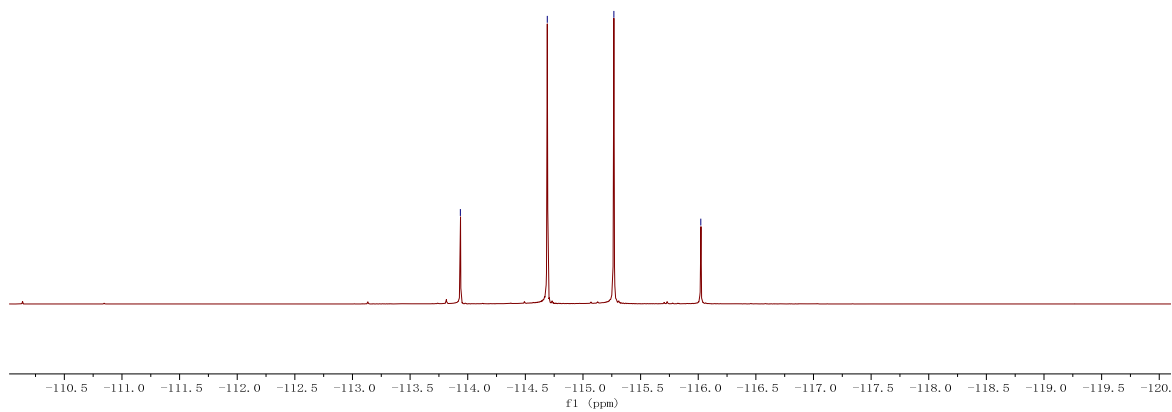
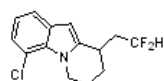
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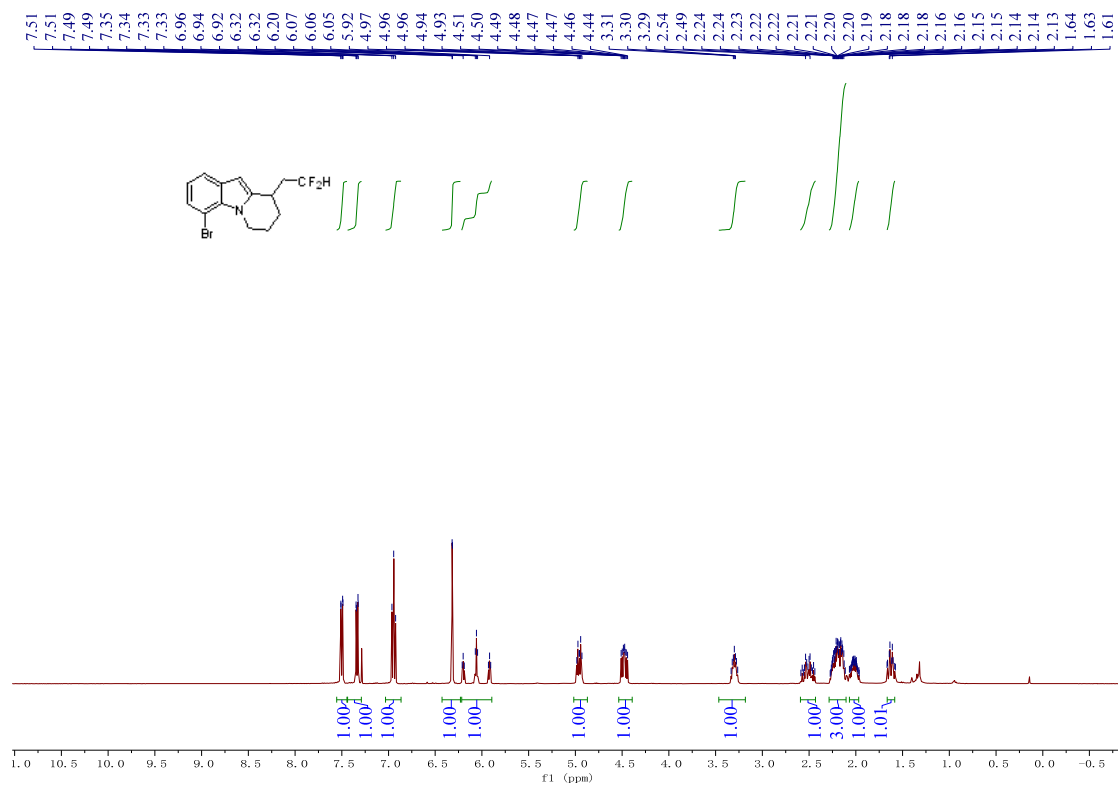


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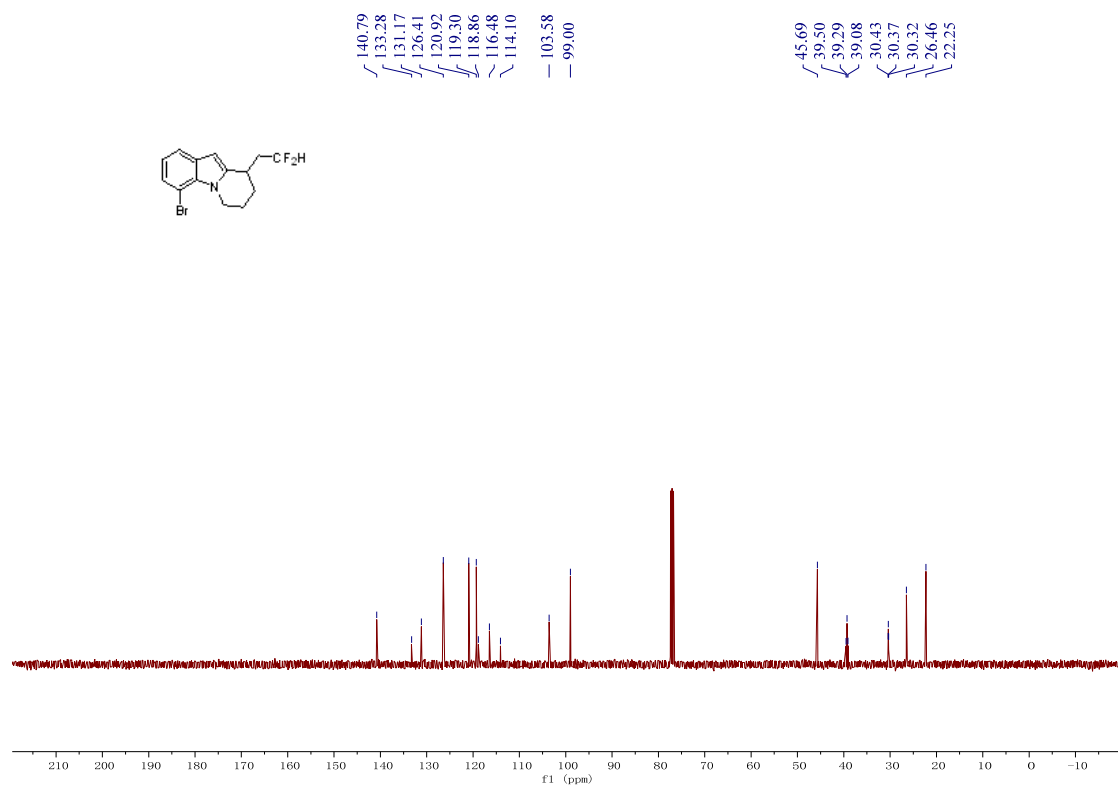
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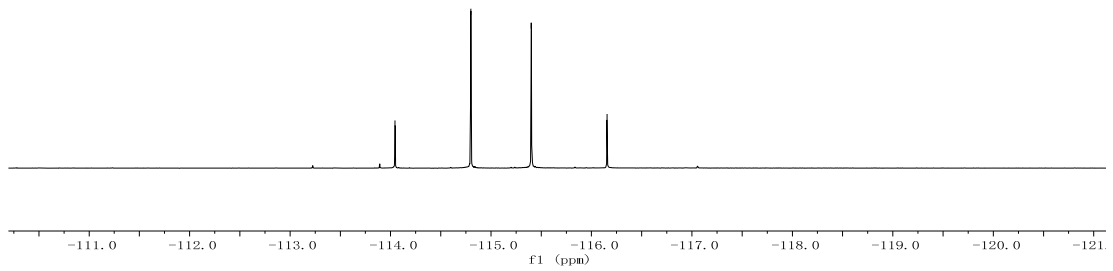
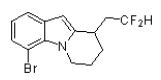


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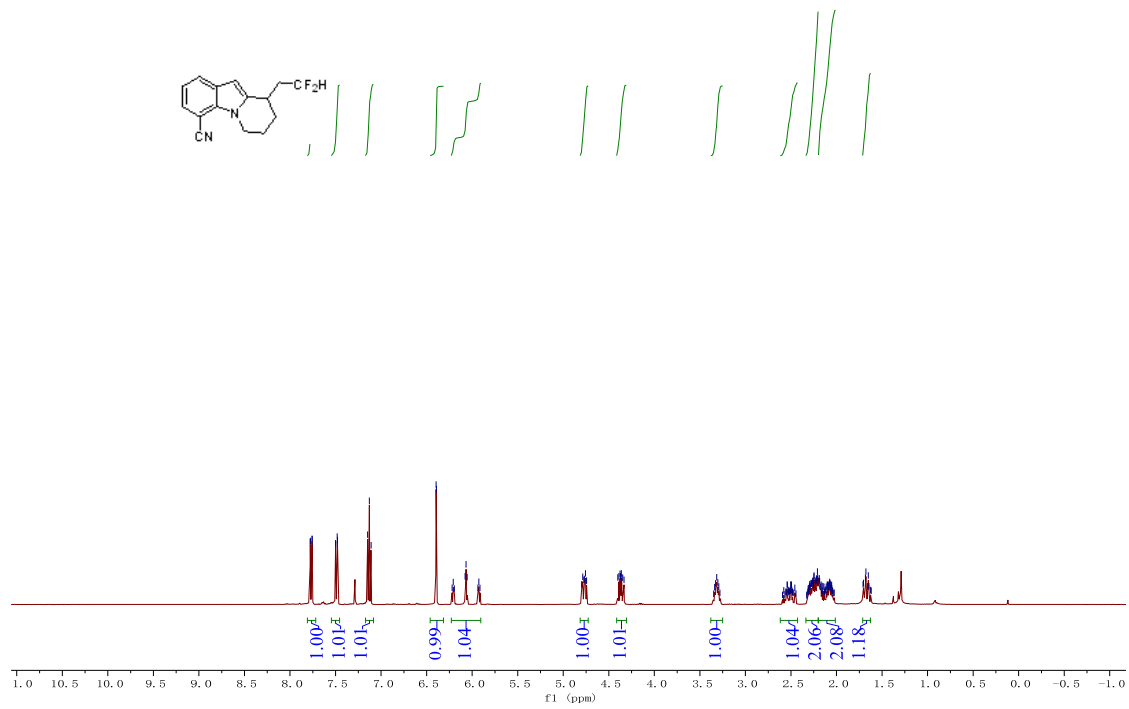
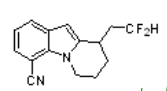
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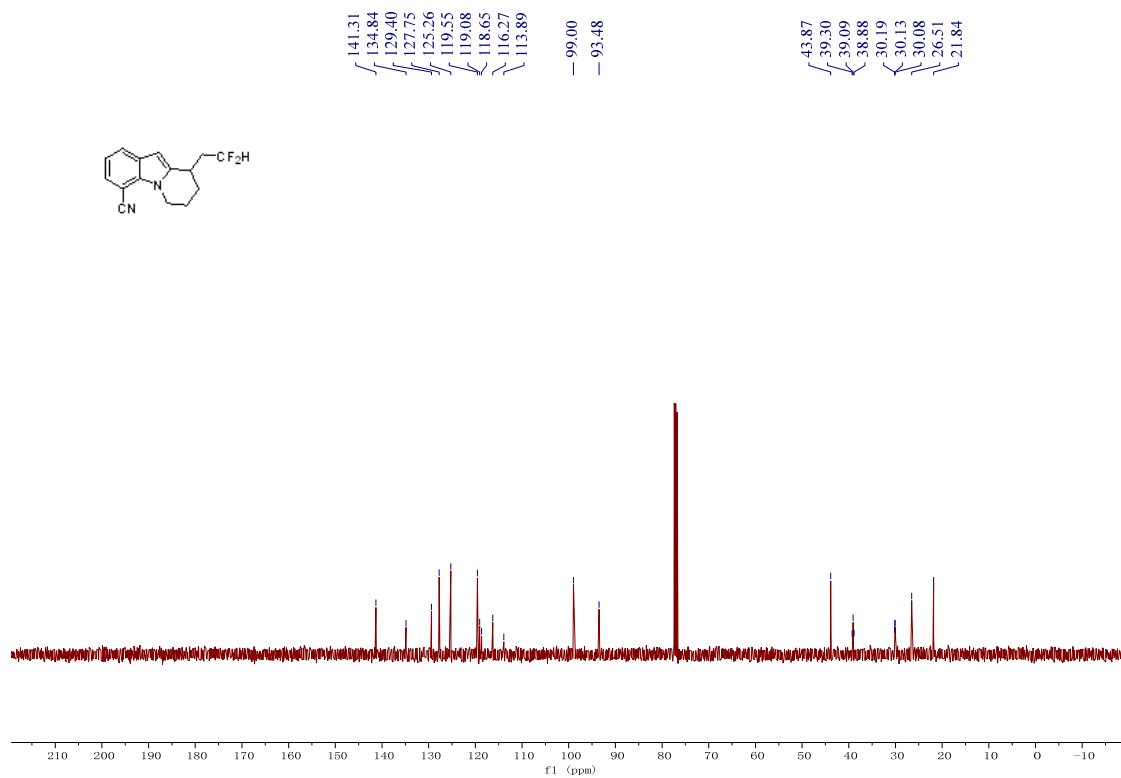
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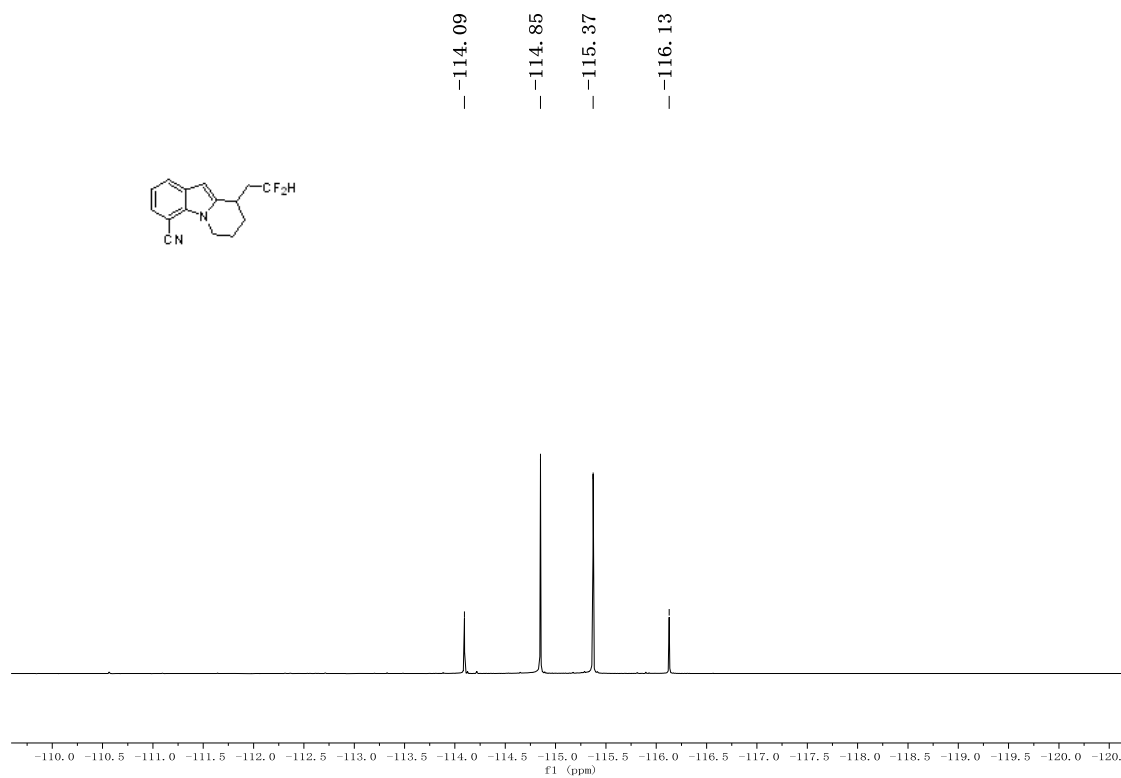




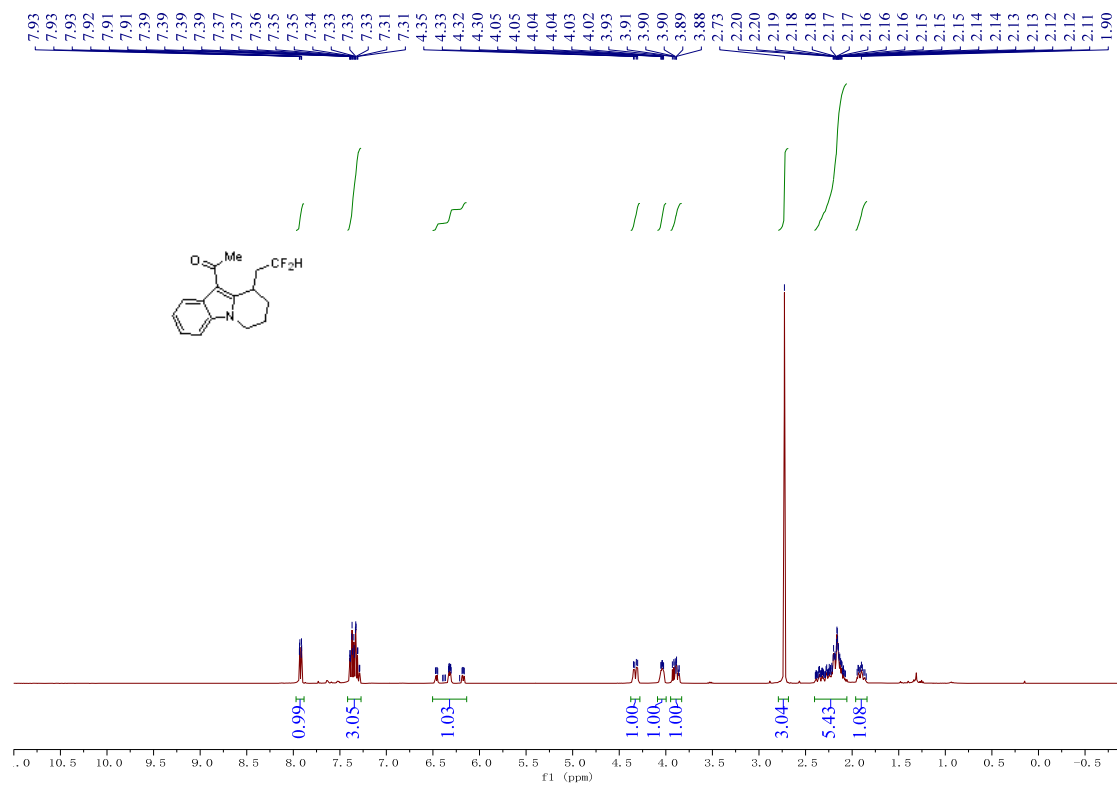
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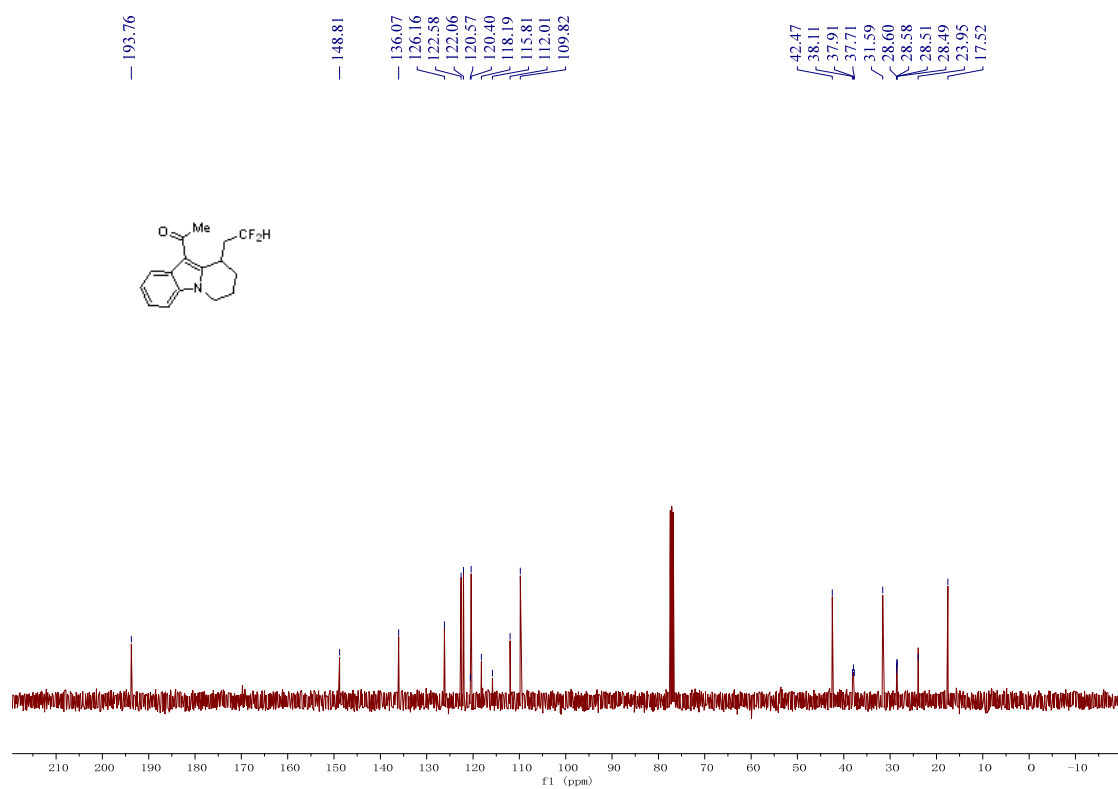
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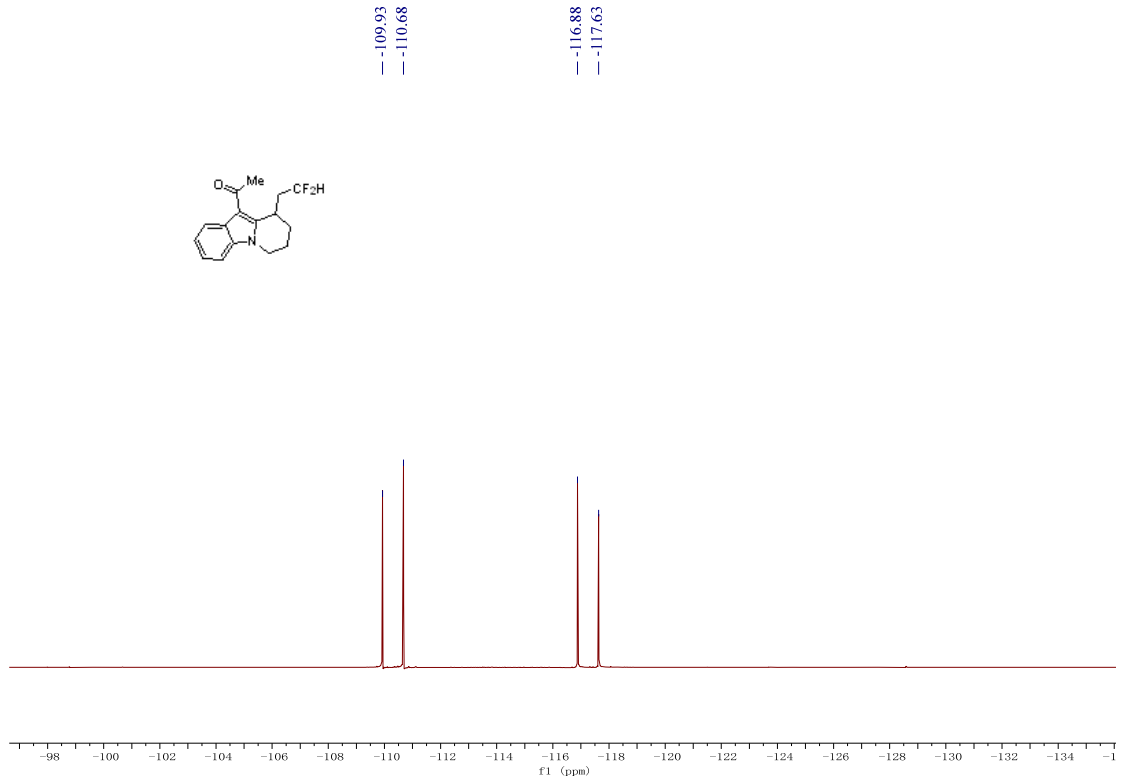
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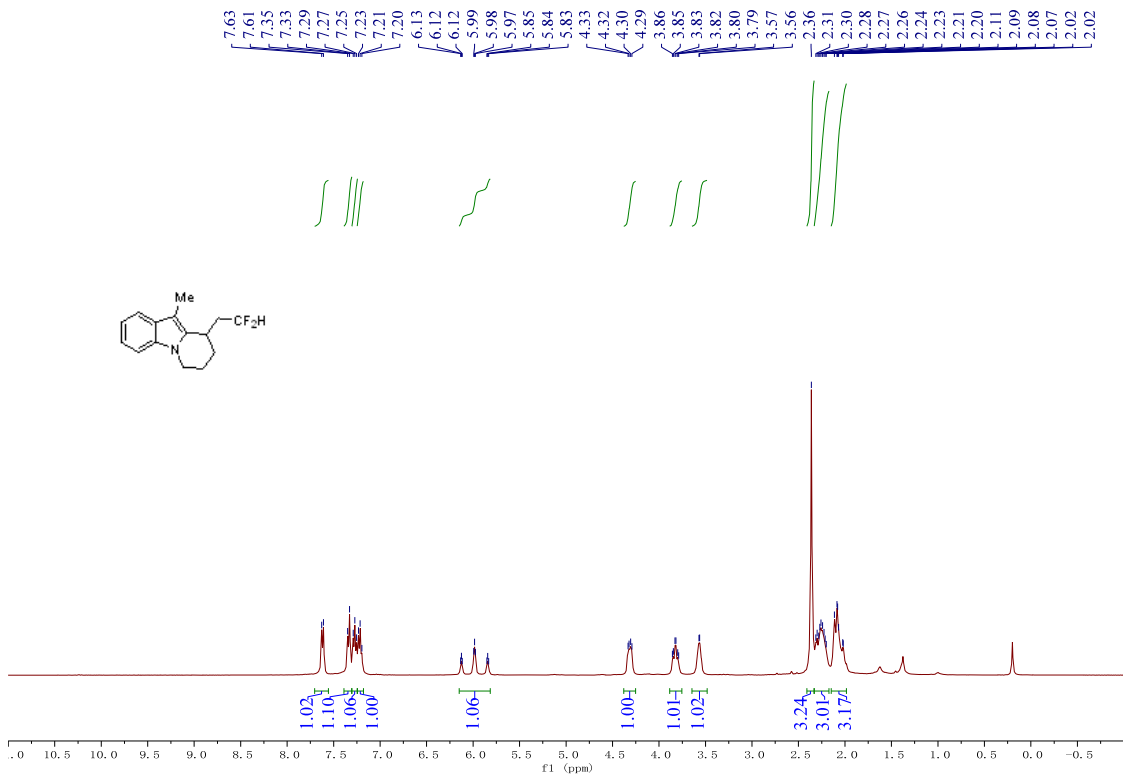
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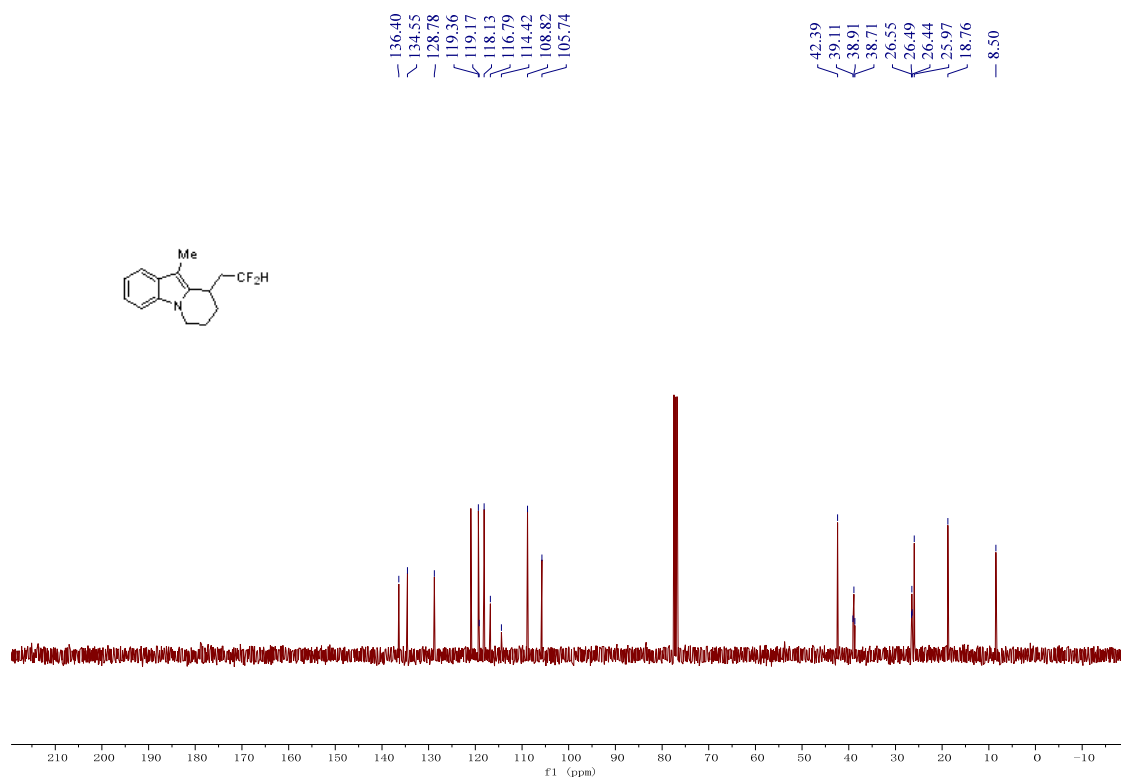
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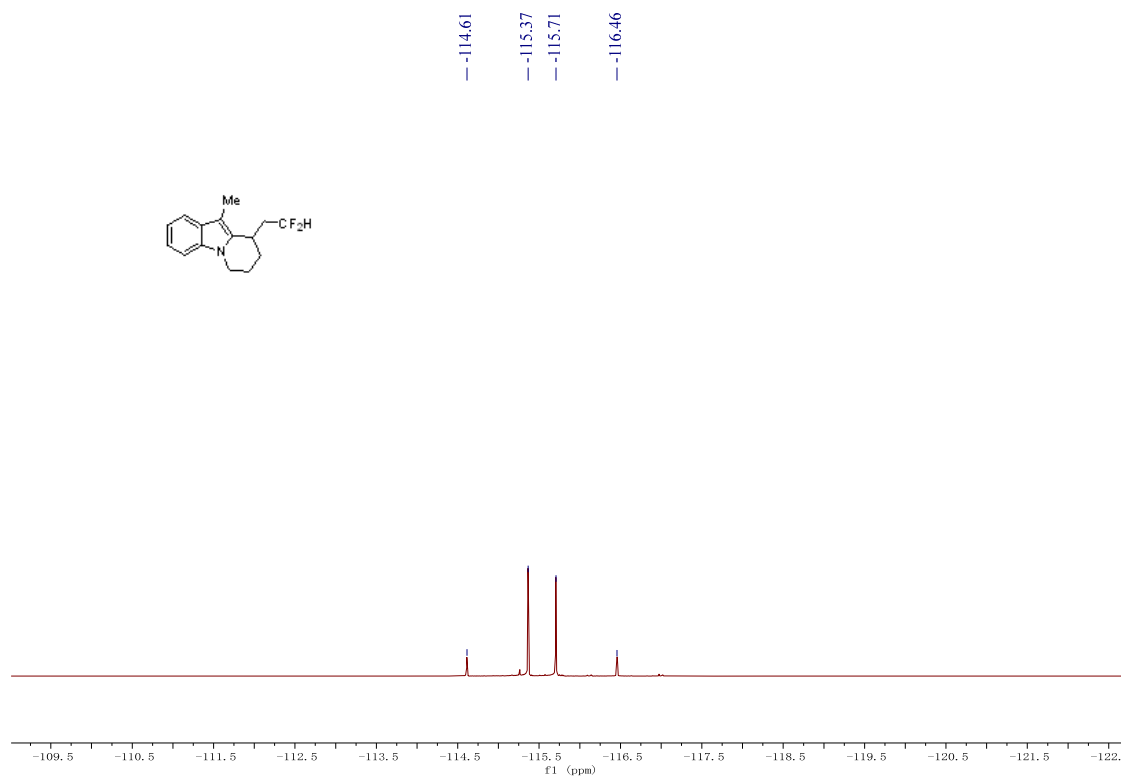
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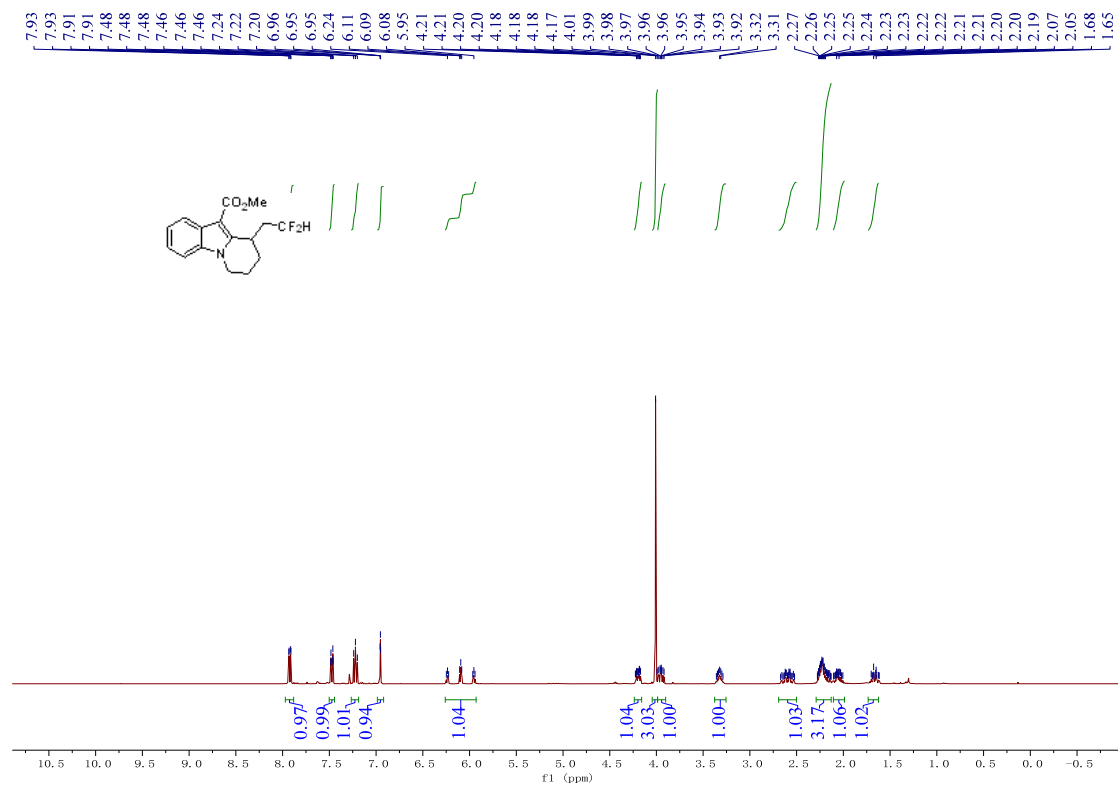
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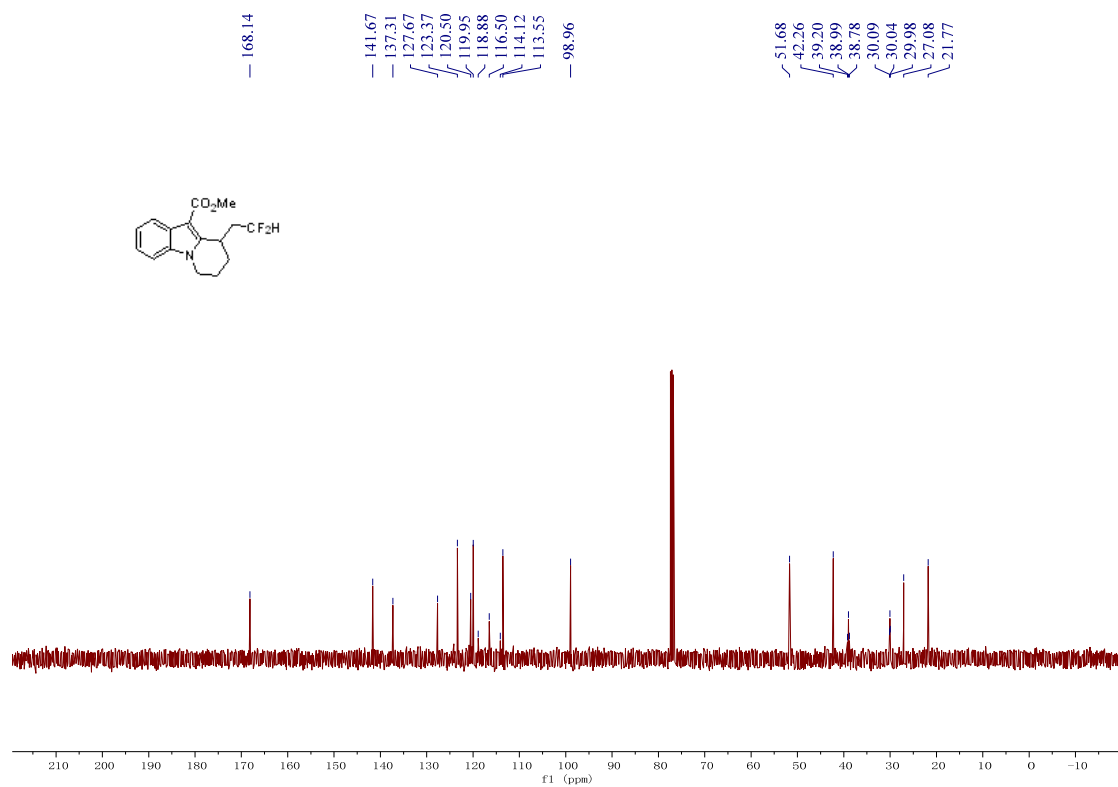
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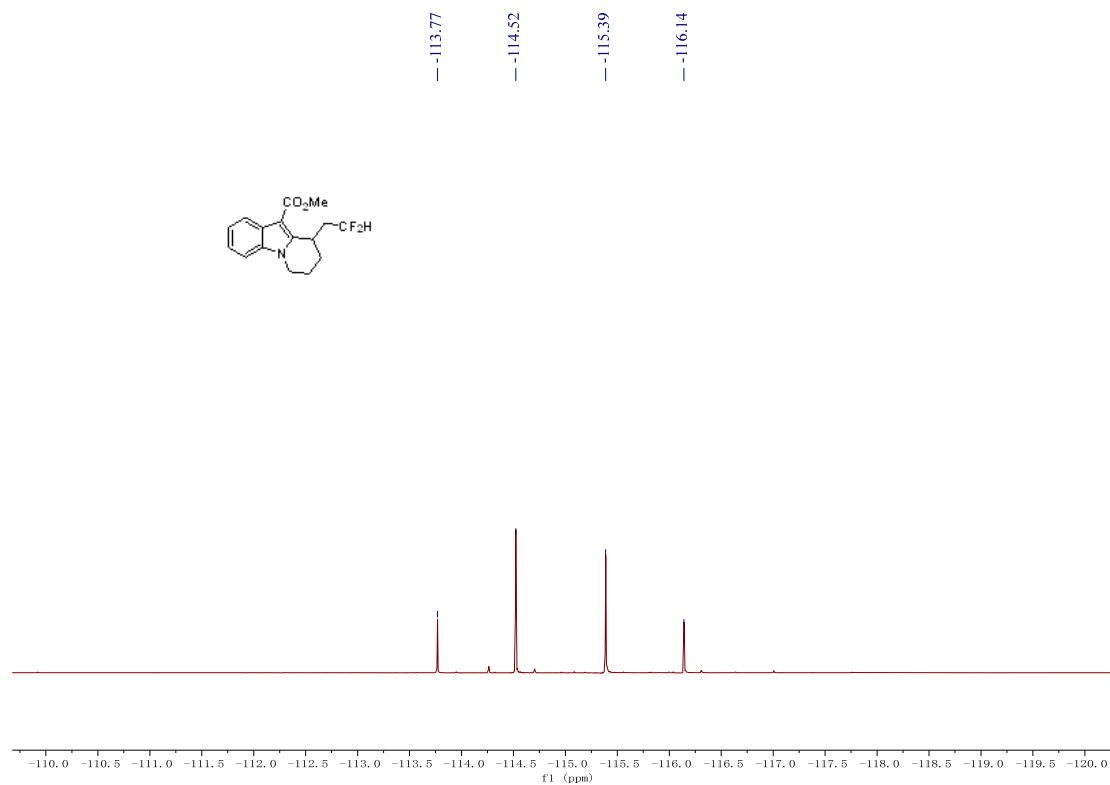
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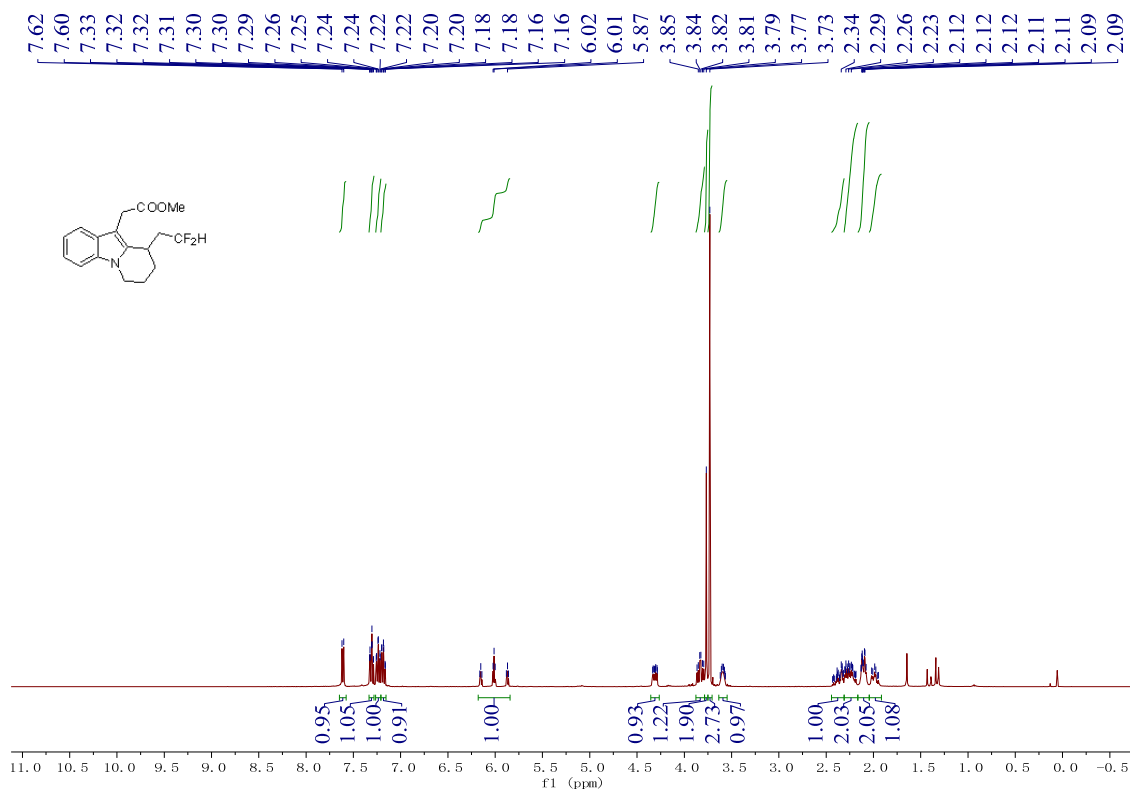
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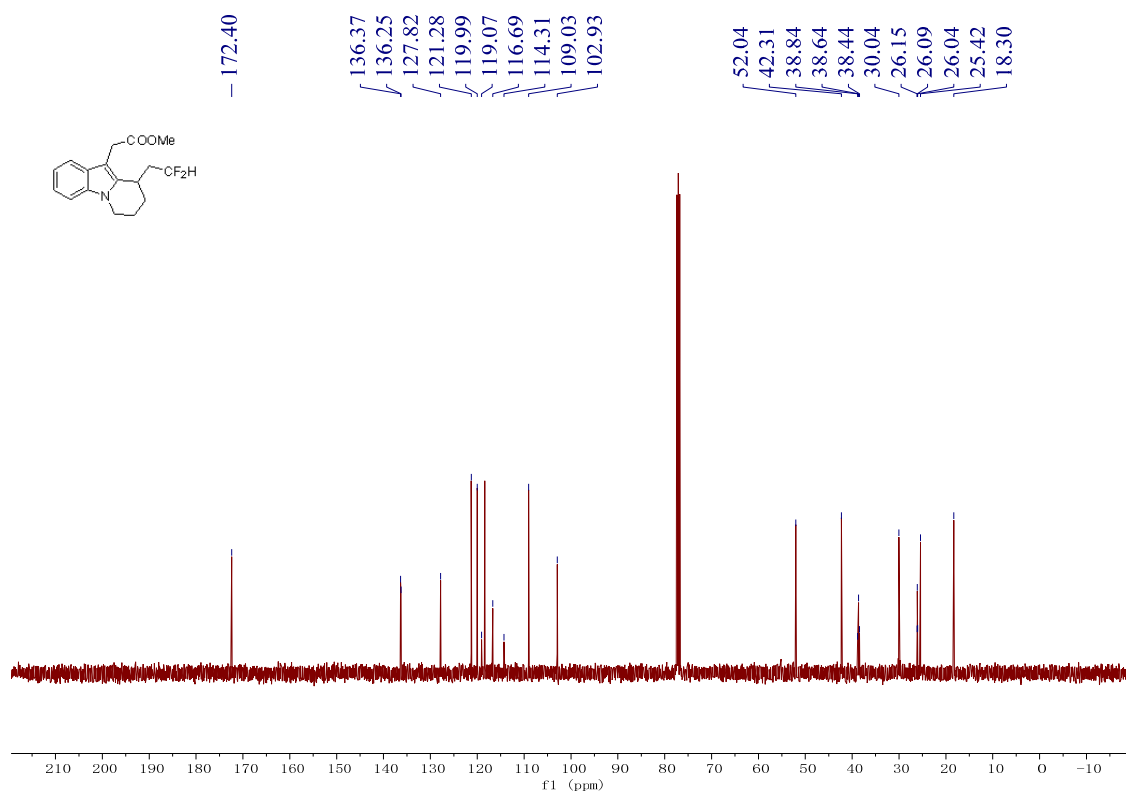
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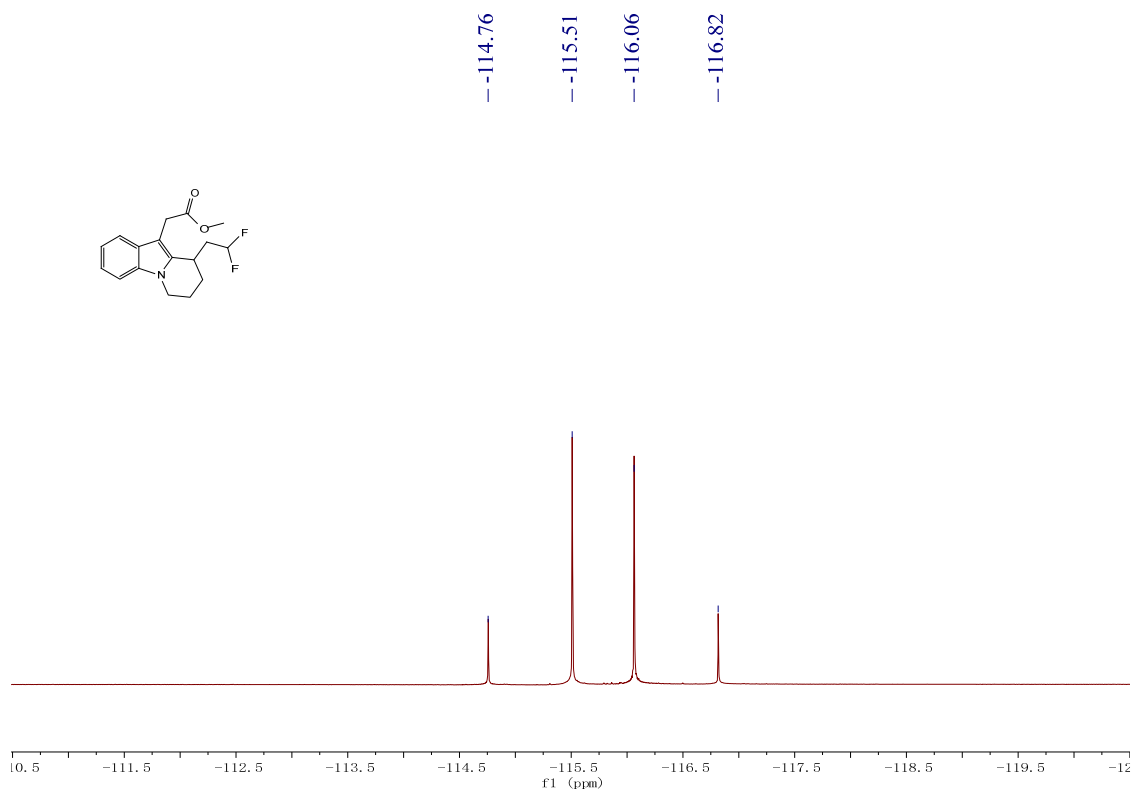
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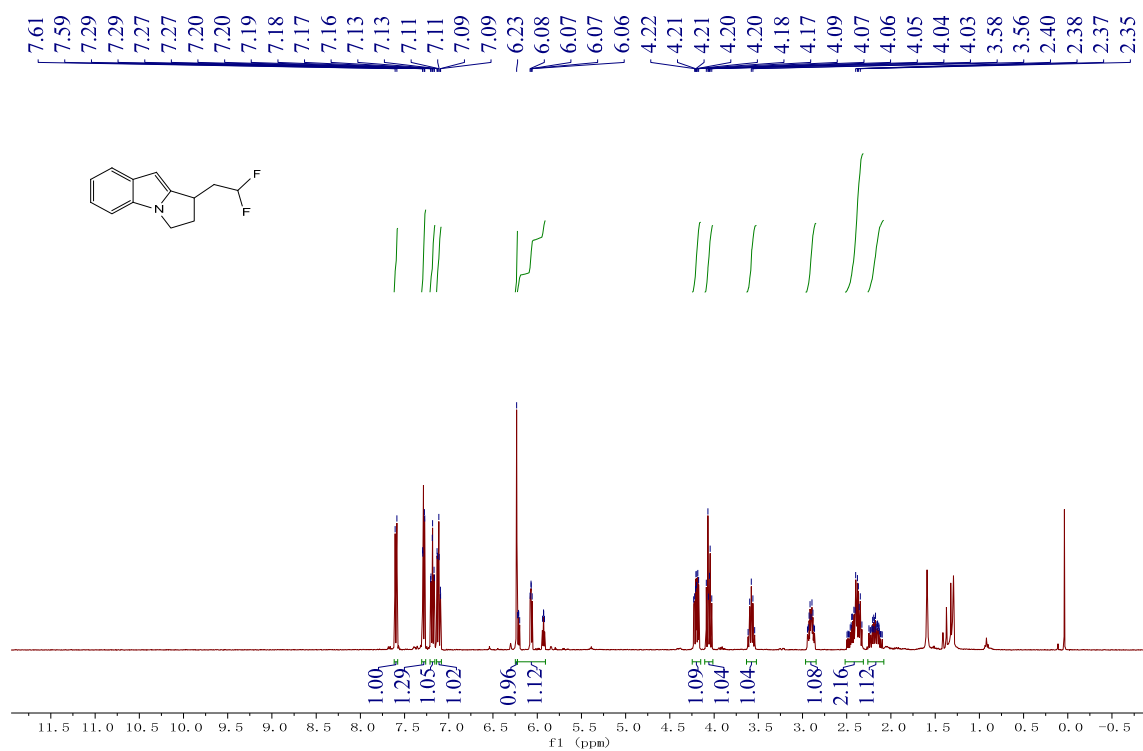
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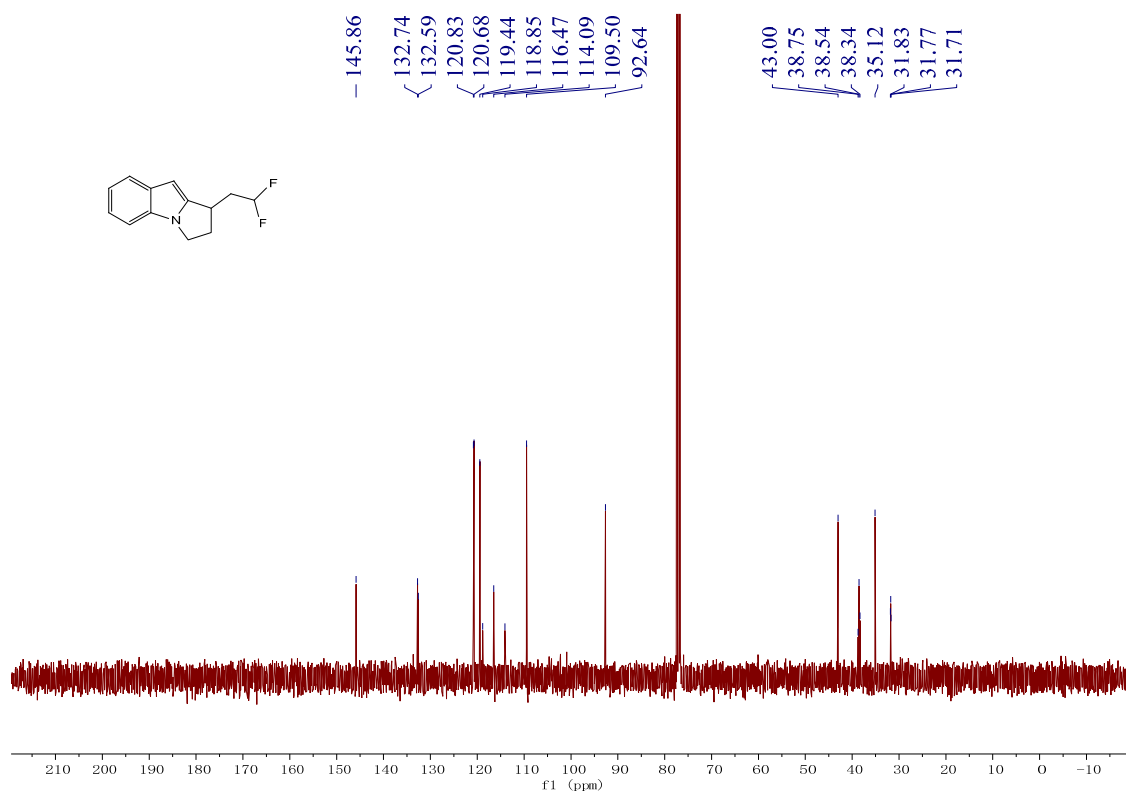
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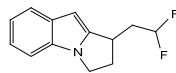


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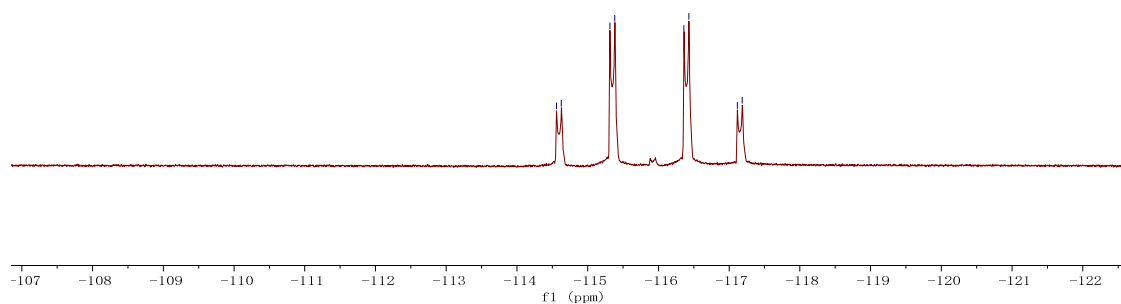




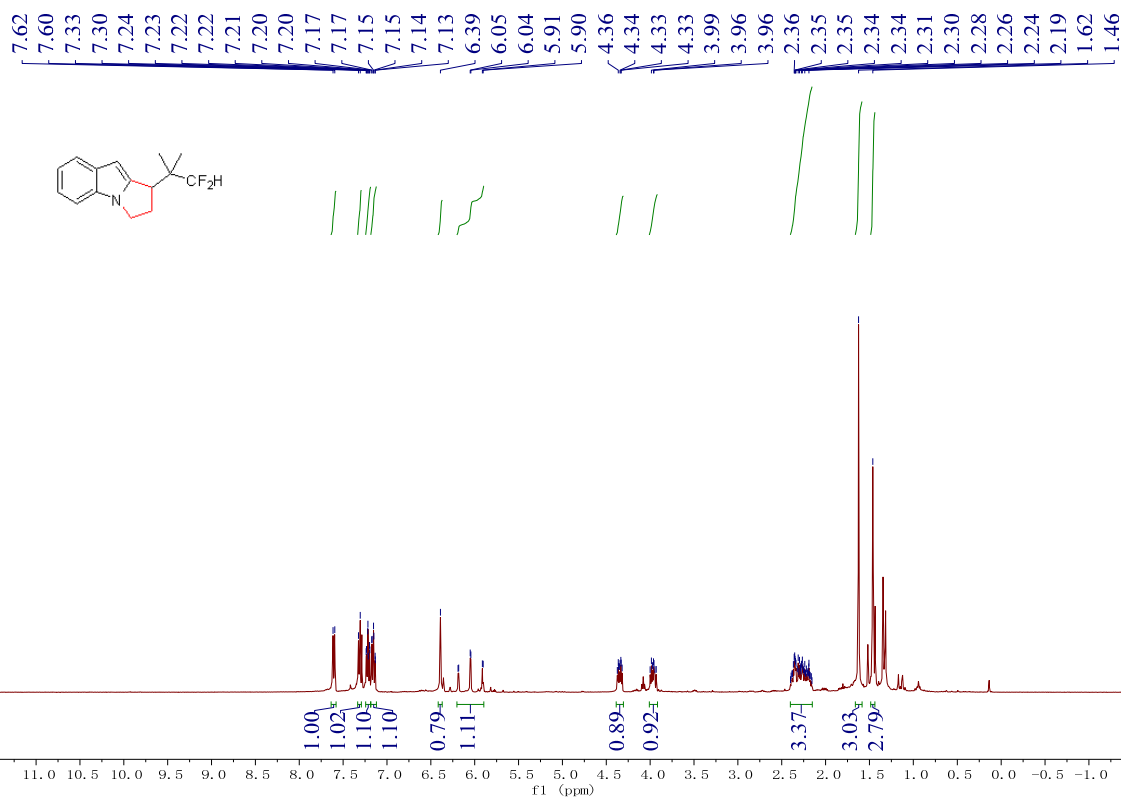
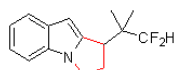
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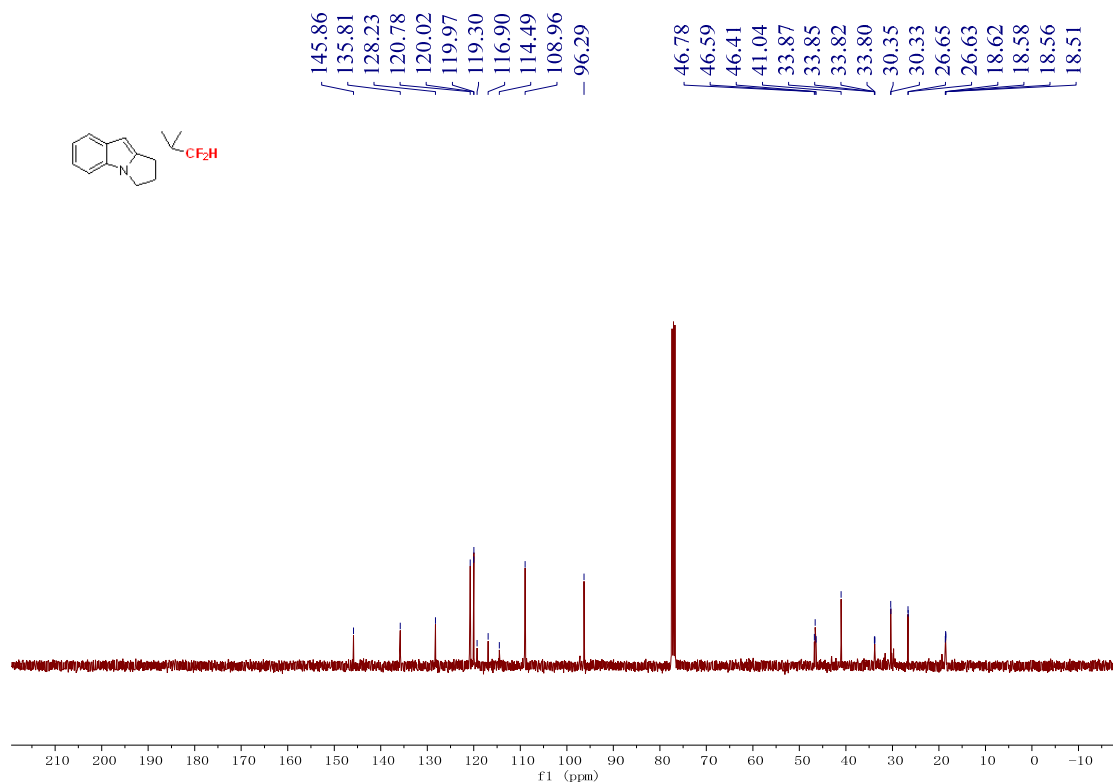
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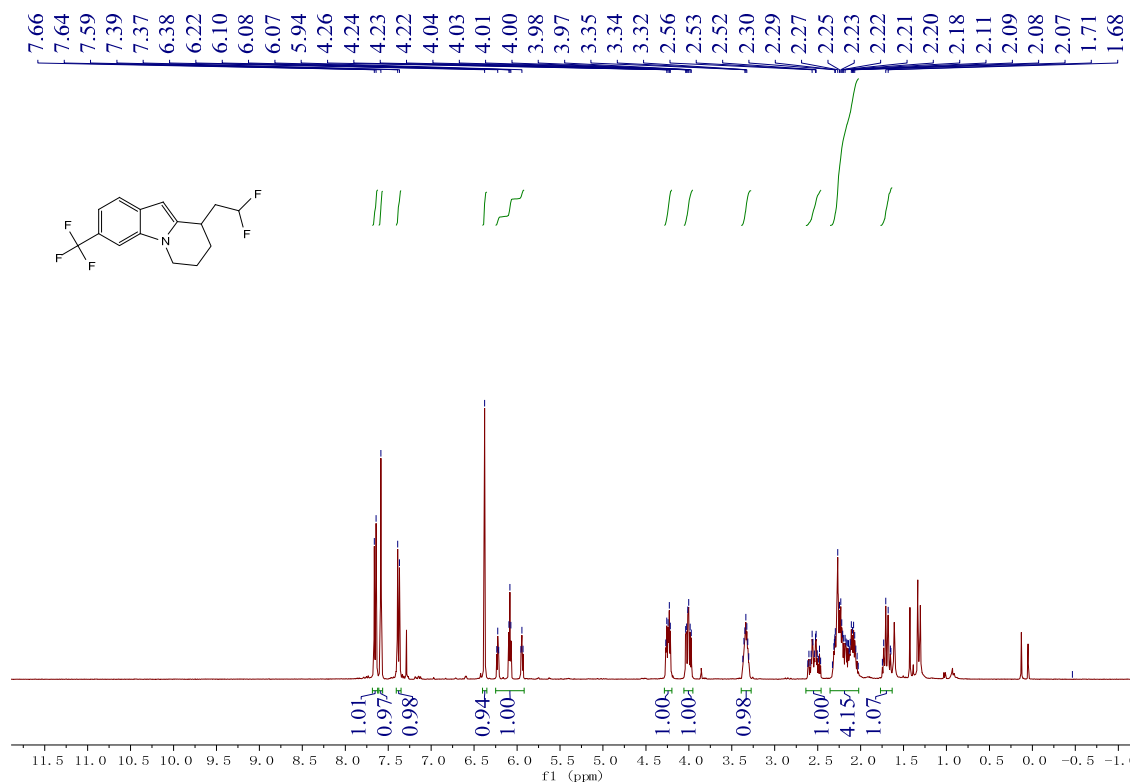
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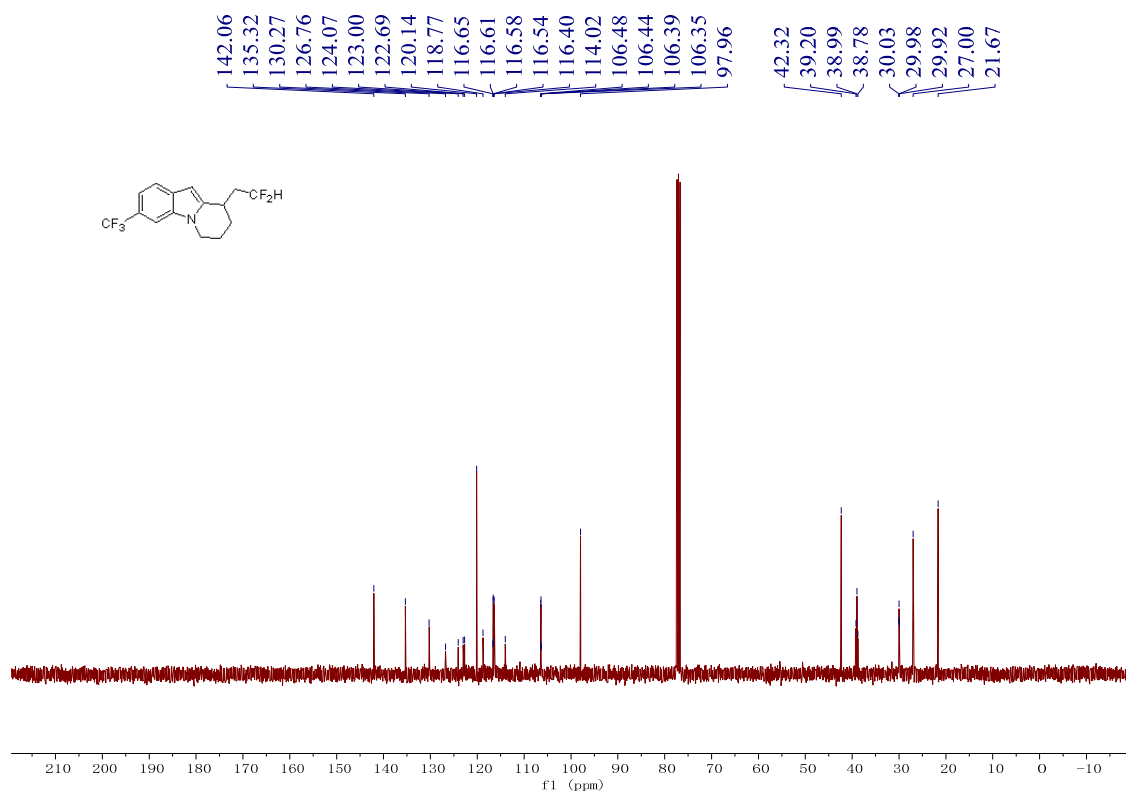
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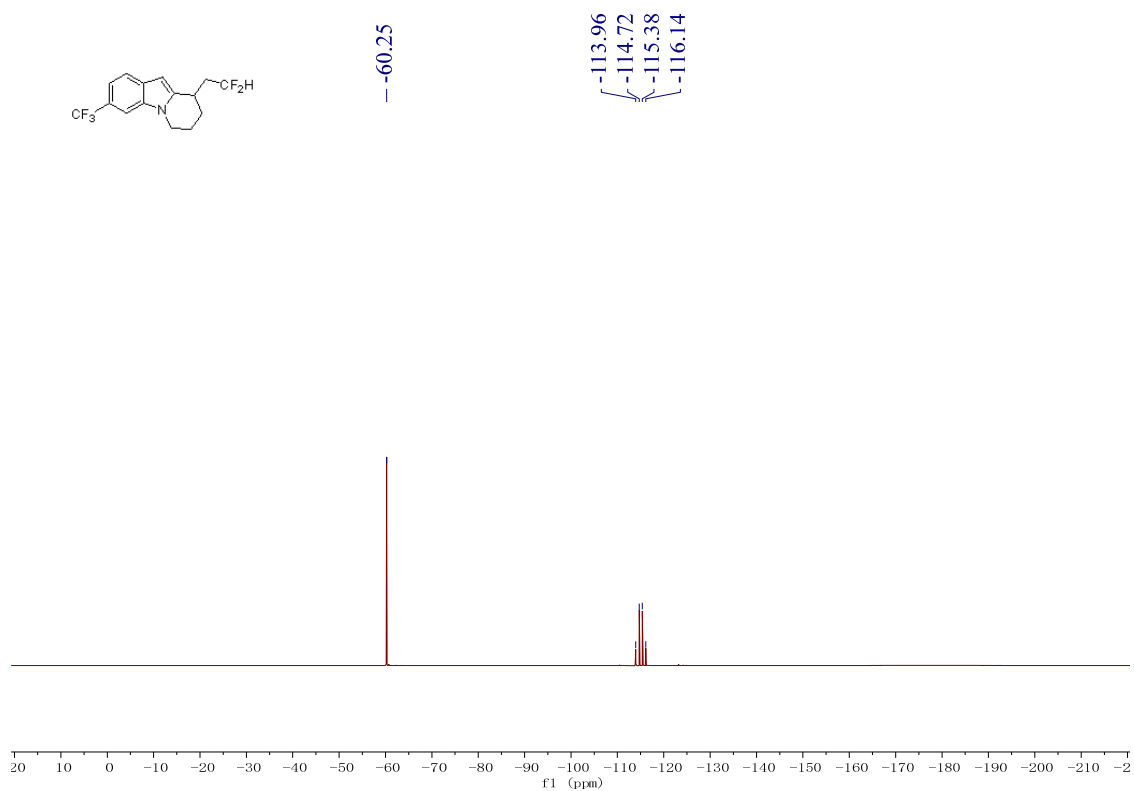
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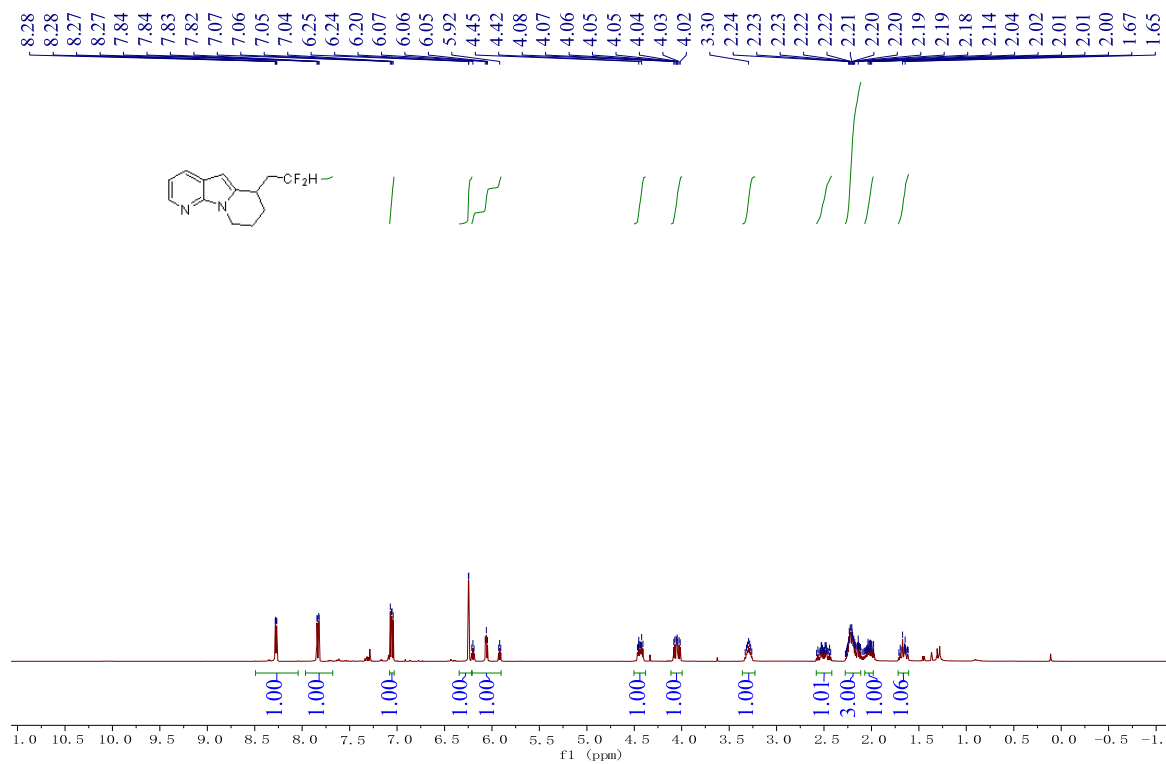
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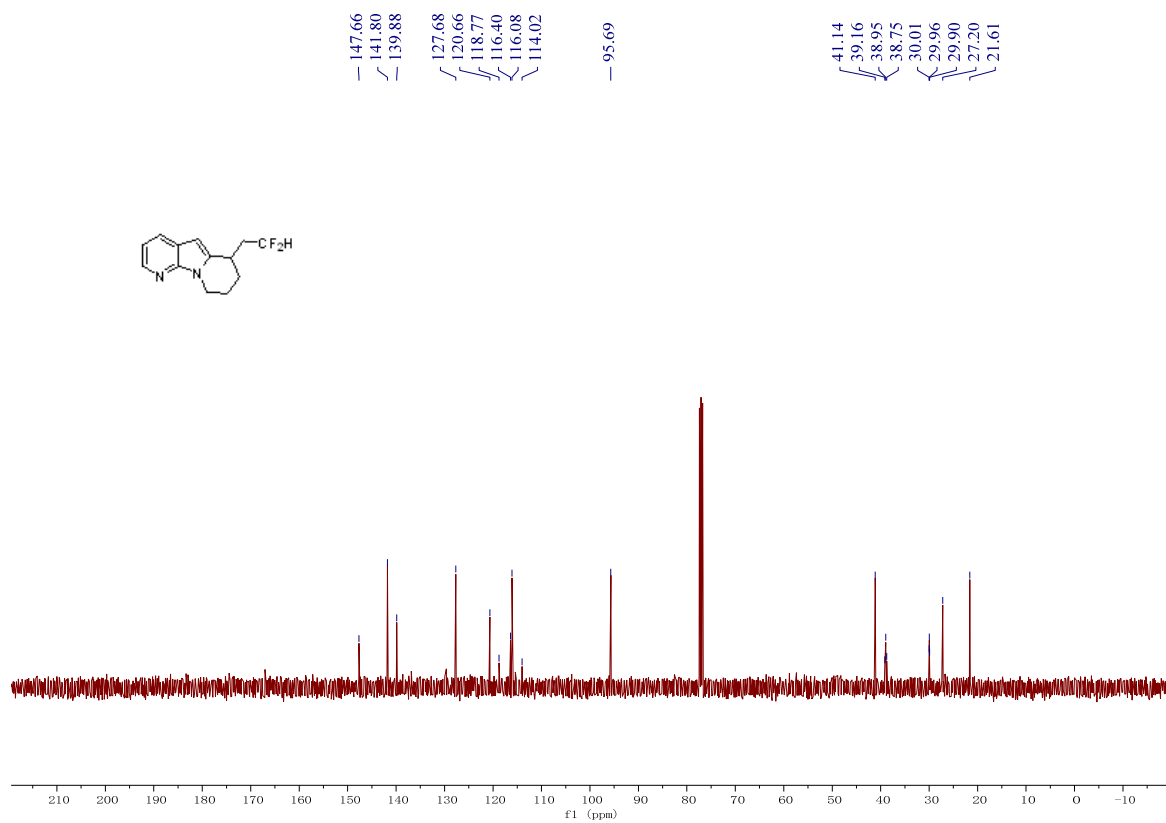
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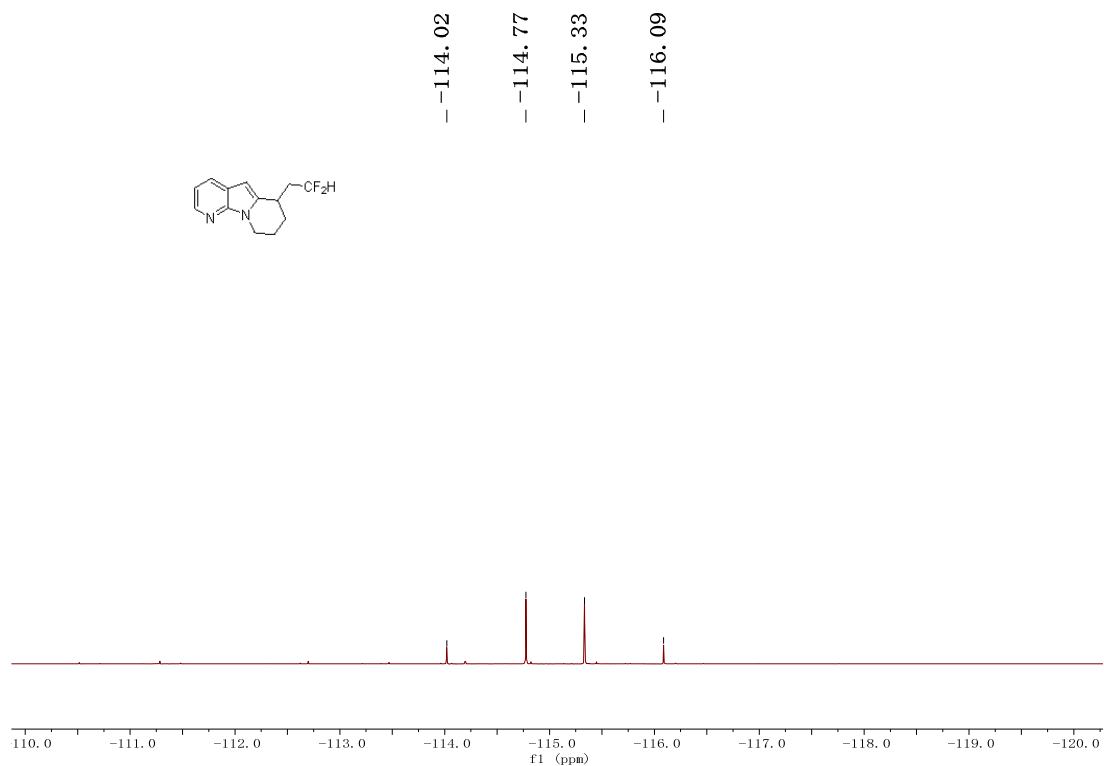
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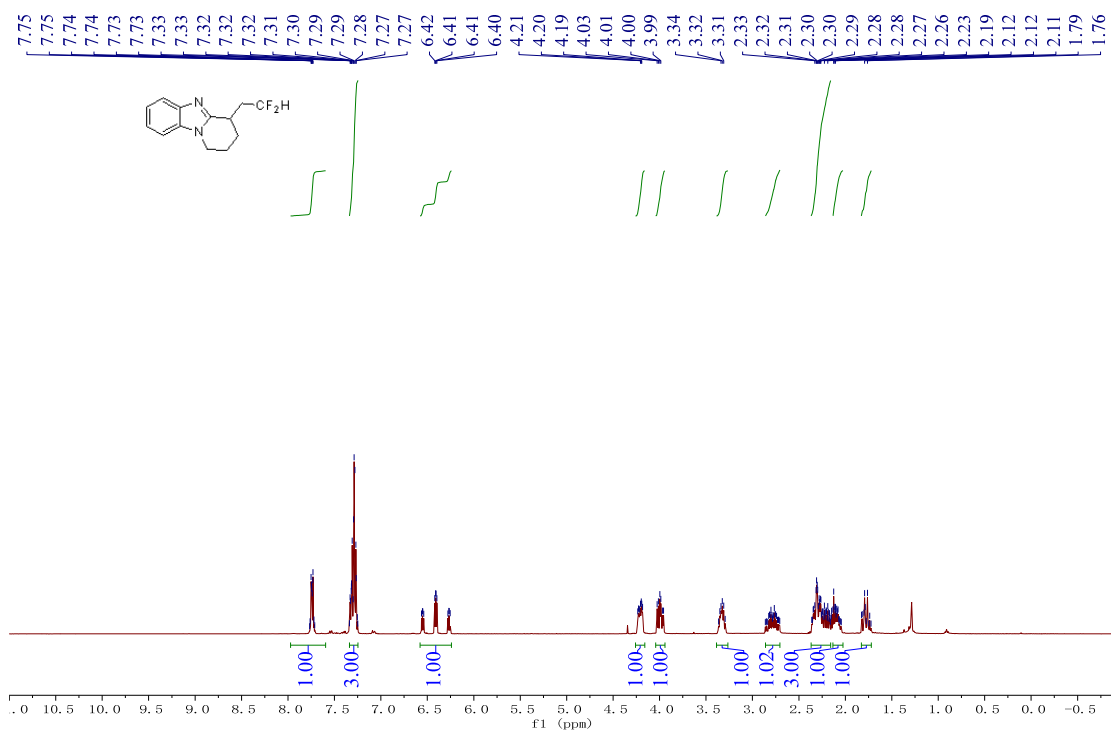
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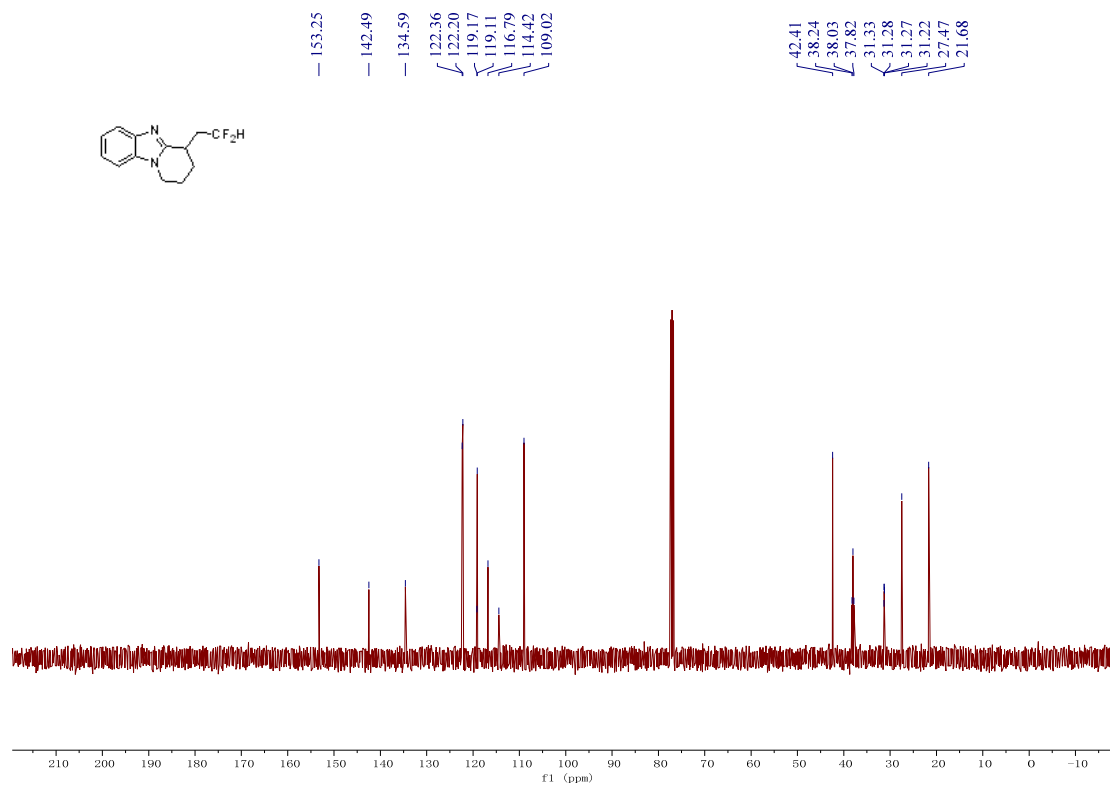
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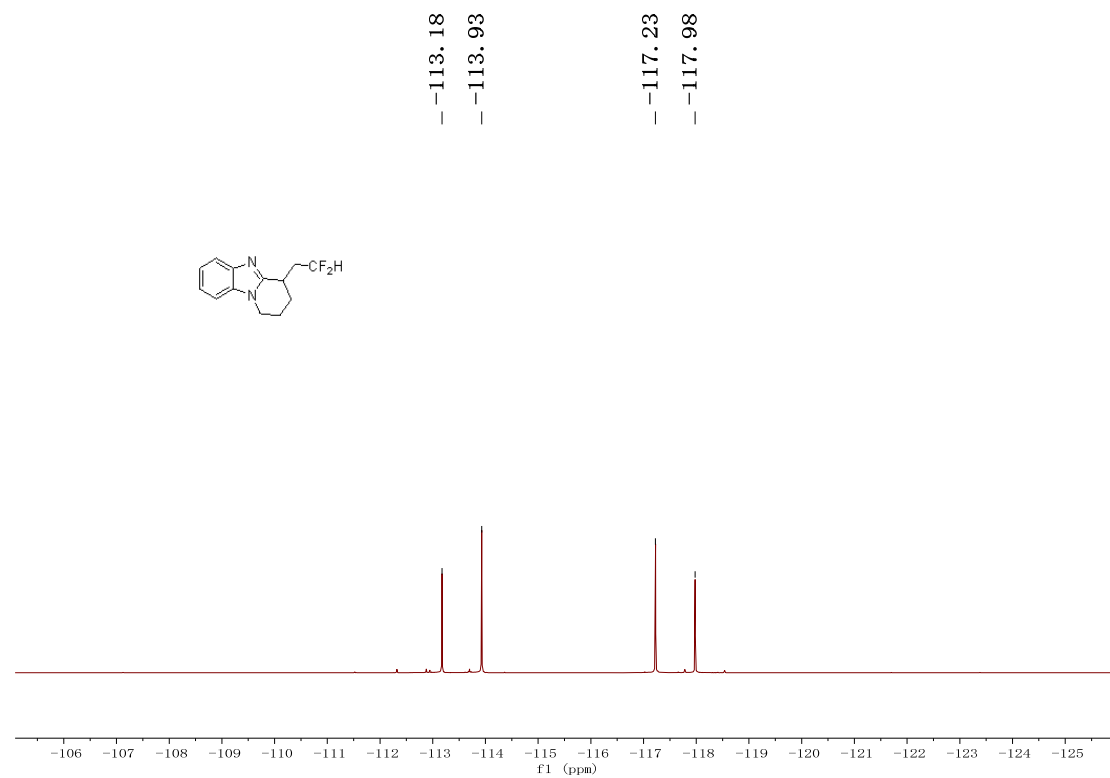
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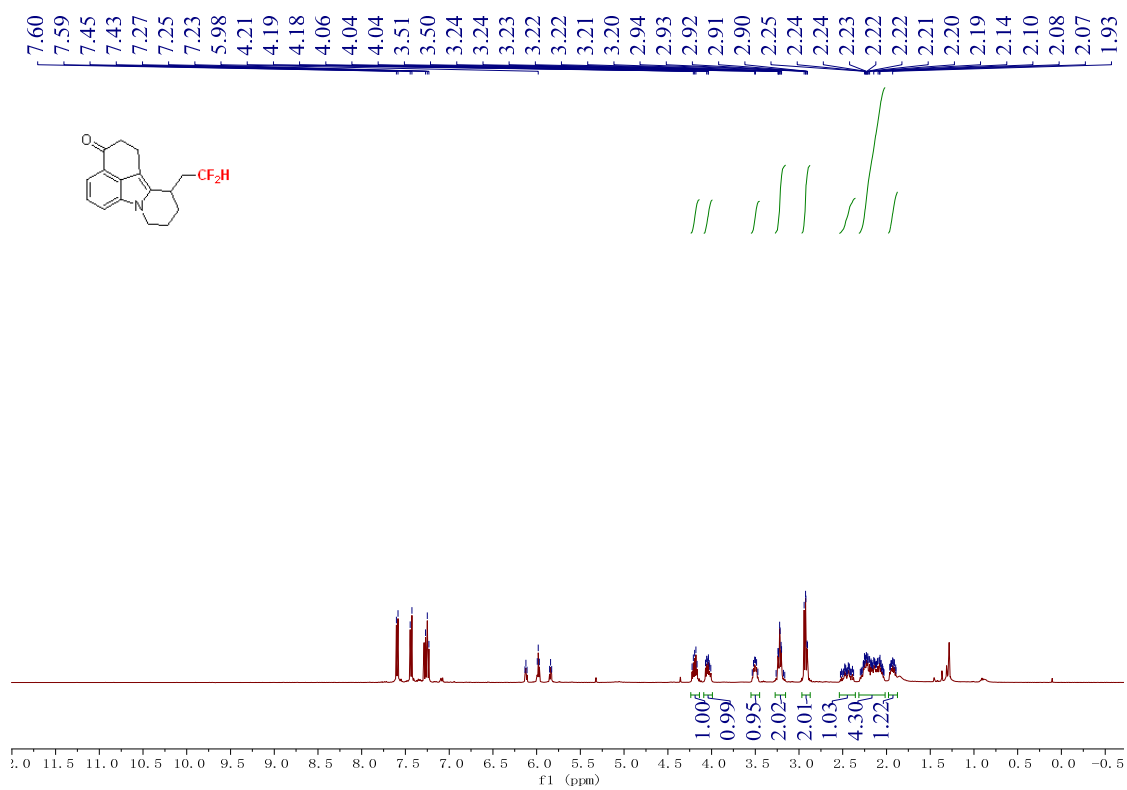
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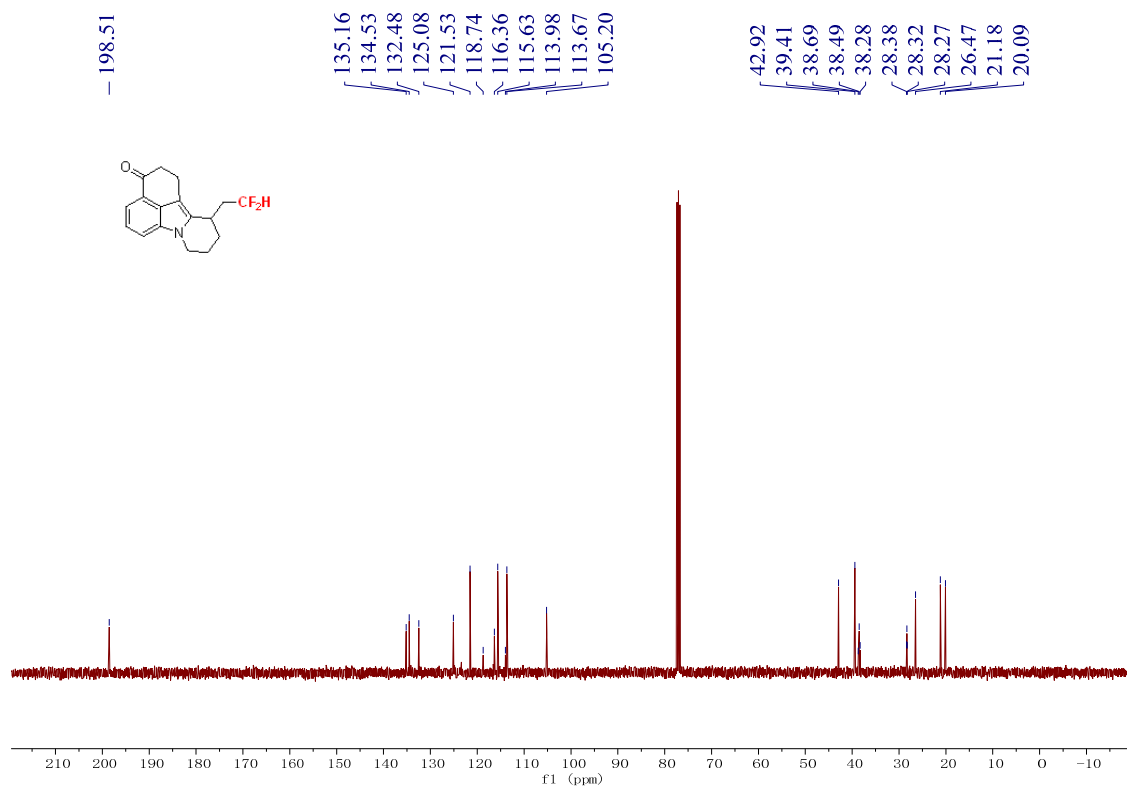
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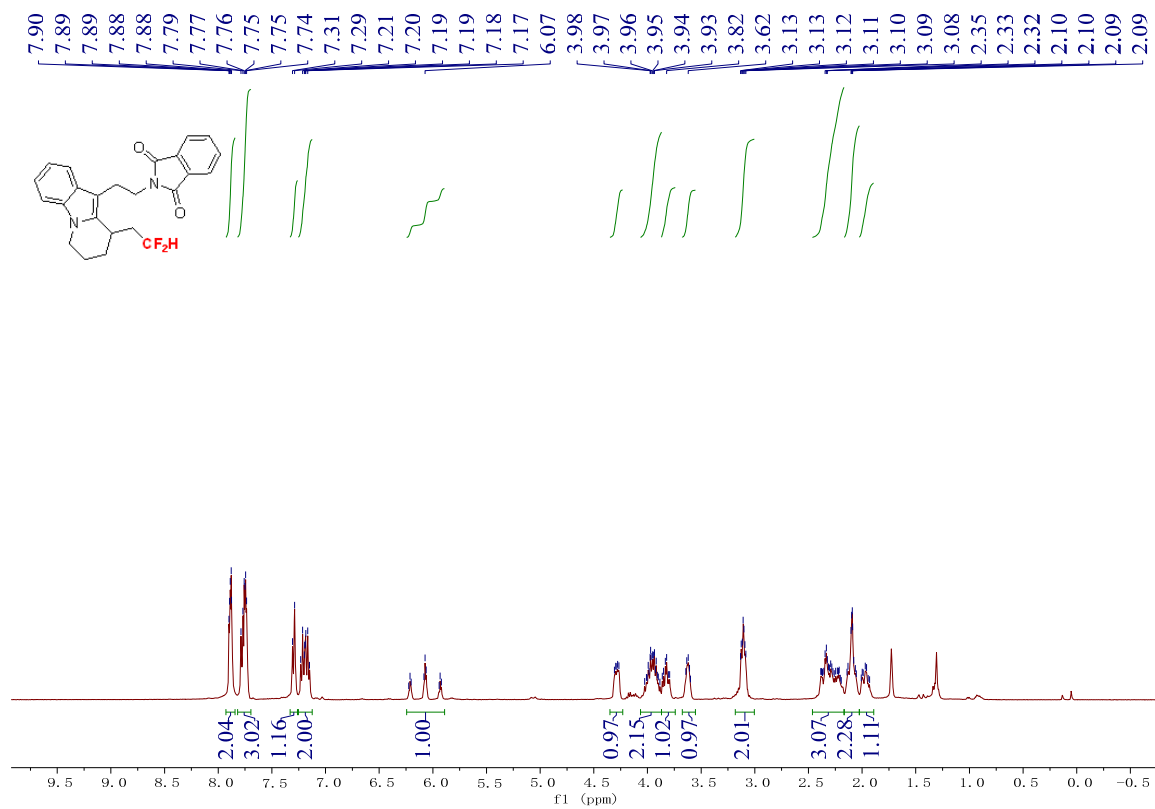
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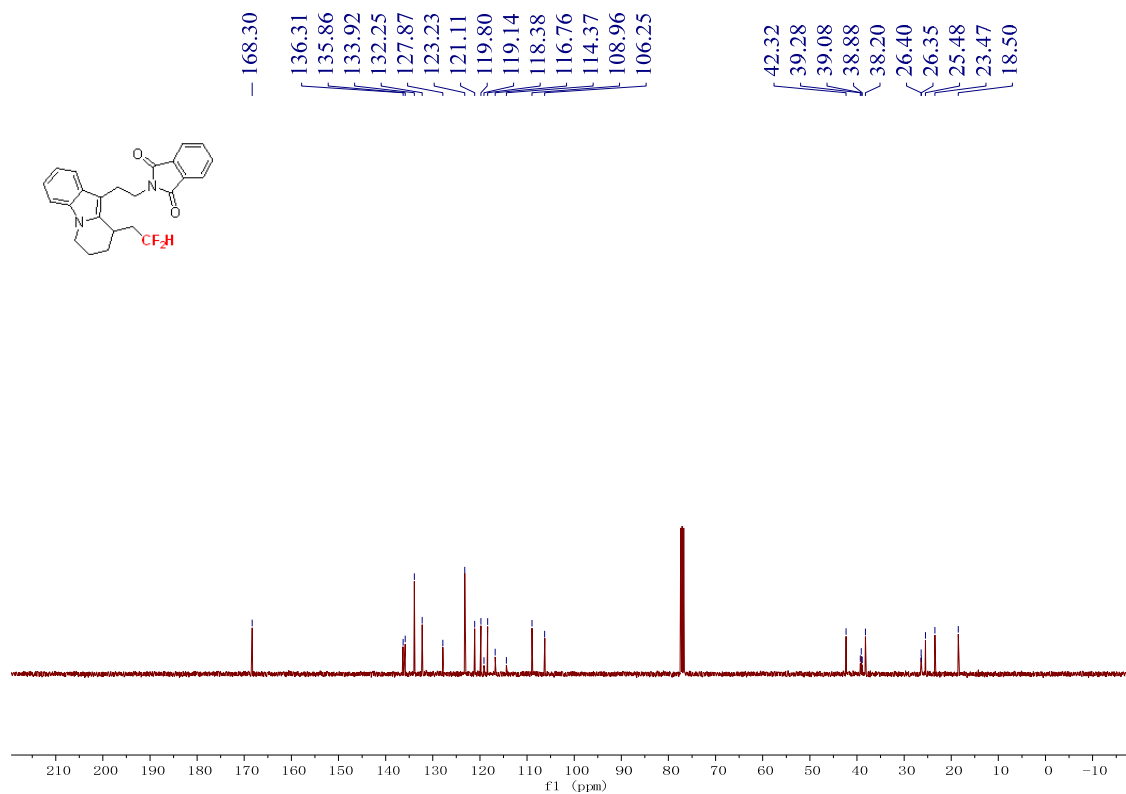
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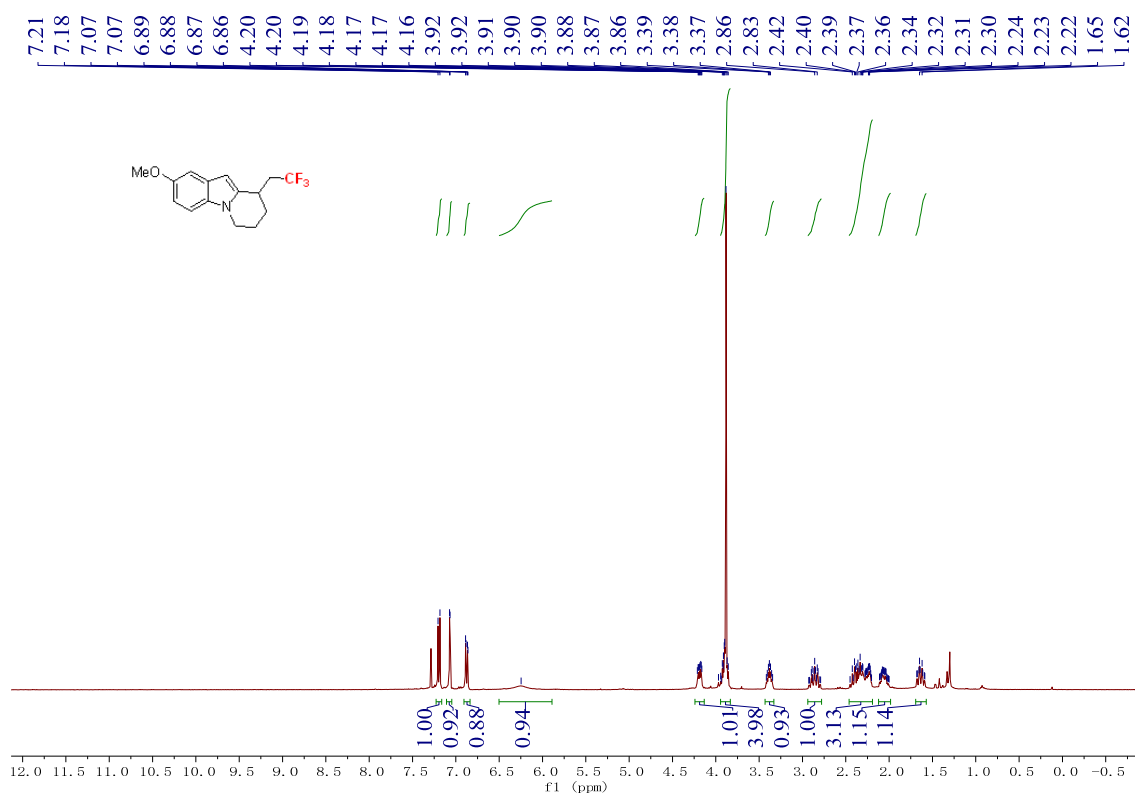


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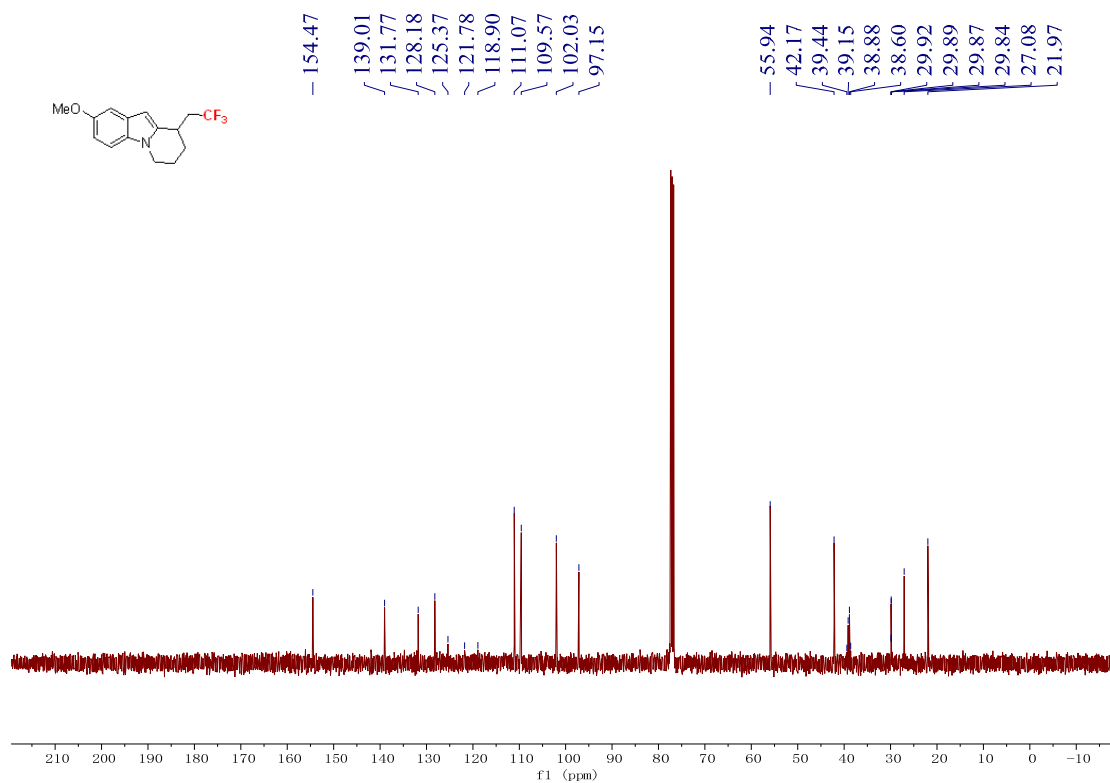




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### <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 3aj



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