

Highly selective Difluoromethylations of β -keto Amides with TMSCF_2Br under mild conditions

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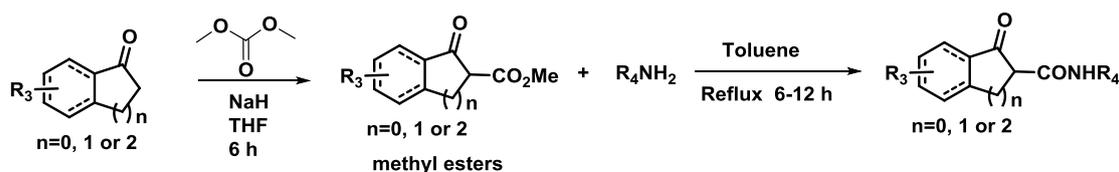
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A. General Information:

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents and solvents were used without further additional purification. Analytical TLC was visualized with UV light at 254 nm. Thin layer chromatography was carried out on TLC aluminum sheets with silica gel 60 F₂₅₄. Purification of reaction products was carried out with chromatography on silica gel 60 (200-300 mesh). ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectra was obtained at 25 °C; ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) were recorded on a VARIAN INOVA-400M and AVANCE II 400 spectrometer at 25 °C. Chemical shifts are reported as δ (ppm) values relative to TMS as internal standard and coupling constants (J) in Hz.. Mass spectra are reported by using electron ionization and electrospray ionization techniques. Melting points were determined with a hot plate apparatus.

Materials:

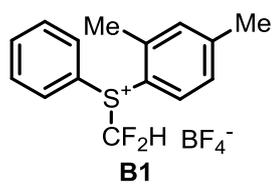
1. β-keto amides



β-keto methyl esters were prepared according to the literature procedures (*Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, *34*, 6525–6530;). NaH (50 mmol, 2.5 g, 2.5 eq., 60% dispersion in mineral oil) and anhydrous dimethyl carbonate (*DMC*, 5 mL) and anhydrous THF (100 mL) were added sequentially to a dry three-necked flask equipped with a septum, condenser, argon inlet, and a large stirring egg. The **1-indanone** (20 mmol, 1 eq), solubilized in anhydrous THF (20 mL), was added *via* a dropping funnel for the course of 30 minutes. The heterogeneous mixture was brought to reflux, and heated for 6h at this temperature. The reaction was allowed to cool and cautiously quenched at 0 °C with H₂O (10 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separative funnel with EtOAc while adding additional 50 mL of 1M HCl. The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (50 mL x 3) and the combined organic layers washed with a saturated brine solution before being dried over solid anhydrous magnesium sulfate and the crude methyl esters was purified by column chromatography. β-keto amides **1a-1v** were prepared according to the literature procedure (*Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2016**, *358*, 737-745). To a flask

equipped with a reflux condenser was added β -keto methyl ester (1 mmol), corresponding amides R_4NH_2 (1.5 mmol). The mixture was refluxed until complete conversion was observed by TLC, then concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography and recrystallization. The 1-indanone derivatives were purchased from Energy-Chemical, Aladdin and Adamas.

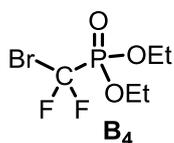
2. Difluoromethylation reagents



was prepared according to the method of Xiao's group (*RSC Adv.* **2016**, *6*, 35705-35708).

HCF_2OTf (**B2**) was prepared according to the method of Hartwig (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, *52*, 1 – 5).

$Ph_3P^+CF_2CO_2^-$ (**B3**) was prepared according to the method of Xiao's group (*Chem. Commun.* **2013**, *49*, 7513-7515.)



and $TMSCF_2Br$ were purchased from TCI.

3. Phase transfer catalysts

Cinchona alkaloid derived phase-transfer catalysts were prepared according to our previous papers (*Green Chem.* **2016**, *18*, 5493-5499. *J. Org. Chem.* **2016**, *81*, 7042-7050.)

4. Commercial grade reagents and solvents:

D-[toluene] was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich; Commercial grade reagents, bases and solvents were purchased from Enokai, Meryer and Energy-Chemical without further purifications.

B. General procedure for the difluoromethylation of β -keto amides

1. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the α -difluoromethylation of β -keto amide **1a**^a

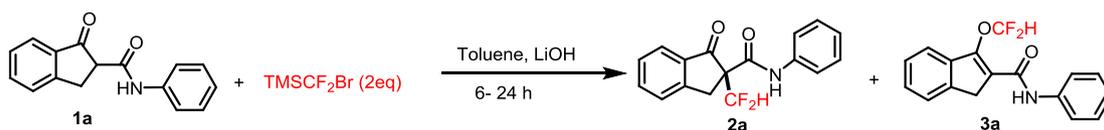
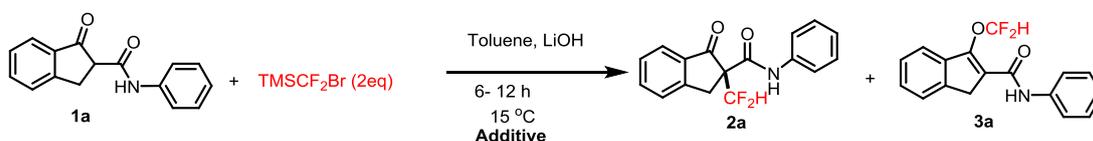


Table 1 Temperature screening

Entry	T [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	Time [h]	Yield [%] ^b	C/O ^c
1	25	12	81	96/4
2	60	6	61	92/8
3	20	12	83	96/4
4	15	12	85	96/4
5	10	12	83	96/4
6	0	24	67	92/8
6	-10	24	32	92/8

^a The reaction of **1a** (0.1 mmol) with TMSCF_2Br (2.0 equiv.) was carried out in the presence of LiOH (3.0 equiv.) in Toluene (1 mL, 0.1 M). ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c ^{19}F NMR with trifluorotoluene as the internal standard.

Table 2 Additive screening



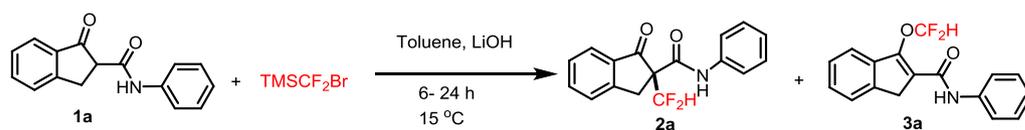
Entry	Additive (10 mol%)	Time [h]	Yield [%] ^b	C/O ^c
1	(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₄ NBr	6	82	93/7
2	(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₄ NCl	6	77	91/9
3	(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₄ NI	6	76	91/9

4	(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₄ NF	6	78	91/9
5	(<i>n</i> -Bu) ₄ N(PF ₆)	6	78	92/8
6	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₅ (CH ₃) ₃ NBr	6	81	91/9
7	LiI	3	78	93/7
8	LiCl	3	76	93/7
9	-	12	85	96/4

^a The reaction of **1a** (0.1 mmol) with TMSCF₂Br (2.0 equiv.) was carried out in the presence of LiOH (3.0 equiv.) in Toluene (1 mL, 0.1 M). ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c ¹⁹F NMR with trifluorotoluene as the internal standard.

Evaluating the function of ammonium salts were shown in Table 2. Adding ammonium salts, LiI and LiCl could accelerate the reaction, but the C/O selectivities were slightly lower compared with additive free.

Table 3 Screening of the concentration and the dosage of TMSCF₂Br

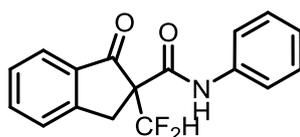


Entry	Concentration	TMSCF ₂ Br (equiv.)	Time [h]	Yield [%] ^b	C/O ^c
1	0.1 M	2.0	12	85	96/4
2	0.2 M	2.0	6	82	94/6
3	0.3 M	2.0	6	78	90/10
4	0.08 M	2.0	16	88	96/4
5	0.04 M	2.0	16	89	98/2
6	0.02 M	2.0	24	72	96/4
7	0.04 M	3.0	16	89	98/2
8	0.04 M	1.5	24	91	98/2
9	0.04 M	1.3	24	85	98/2

^a The reaction of **1a** (0.1 mmol) with TMSCF₂Br was carried out in the presence of LiOH (3.0 equiv.) in Toluene at 15 °C. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c ¹⁹F NMR with trifluorotoluene as the internal standard.

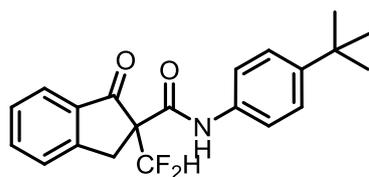
2. General procedure for the C-difluoromethylation of β -keto amides

The reactions were performed with β -keto amide **1a-1v** (0.1 mmol), LiOH (7.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 2.5 mL dry toluene. The reaction mixture was stirred at 15°C for 5 min. Then TMSCF₂Br (0.15 mmol) was added slowly, and the reaction was stirred at this temperature for 24 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with water (3 × 10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subject to crude ¹⁹F-NMR to give the C/O isomer ratio (trifluoromethyl benzene 8 μ L as internal standard). Subsequently, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel; petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=25:1–2:1) to afford the α -difluoromethylation products.



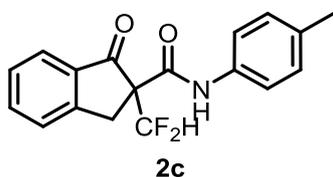
2a

(White wax, 27.1 mg, 90% yield, C/O = 98:2); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.49 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 55.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.84 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 160.94 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 153.93, 137.09, 136.96, 129.07, 128.15, 126.62, 125.02, 120.15, 115.42 (m), 64.98 (d, *J* = 39.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.15 (dd, *J* = 280.0, 55.3 Hz, 1F), -123.85 (dd, *J* = 280.0, 55.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₃F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires *m/z* 324.0812, found *m/z* 324.0815.

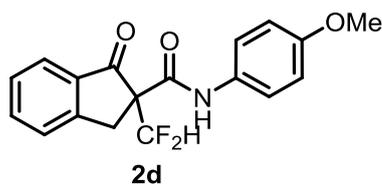


2b

(White solid, 33.2 mg, 93% yield, C/O = 99:1); m. p. 83-85 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 55.5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.90, 160.86 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 153.98, 148.07, 136.92, 134.54, 128.14, 126.65, 125.91, 125.01, 119.02 – 111.13 (m), 65.19, 64.99 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 34.46, 31.35. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.14 (dd, *J* = 280.0, 55.4 Hz, 1F), -123.92 (dd, *J* = 280.0, 55.4 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₁F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires m/z 380.1438, found m/z 380.1440.

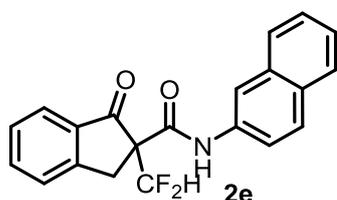


(Light yellow solid, 29.0 mg, 92% yield, C/O = 98:2); m. p. 70-73 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.10 (s, 1H), 7.87 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 55.5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.91 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 162.37 – 160.04 (m), 153.98, 136.93, 134.66 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 129.57, 128.14, 126.64, 125.01, 120.19, 115.51 (dd, *J* = 251.7, 250.4 Hz), 64.96 (t, *J* = 19.9 Hz), 30.78 – 27.62 (m), 20.93. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.17 (dd, *J* = 280.0, 55.2 Hz, 1F), -123.93 (dd, *J* = 280.0, 55.2 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₈H₁₅F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires m/z 338.0969, found m/z 338.0965.

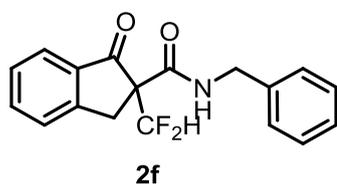


(Light yellow solid, 30.1 mg, 91% yield, C/O = 98:2); m. p. 92-95 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.06 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.60 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.51 –

7.36 (m, 3H), 6.95 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.22 (t, $J = 55.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.09 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.54 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.95 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 160.83, 156.84, 153.98, 136.92, 134.57 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 130.26, 128.13, 126.64, 125.00, 119.16 – 111.41 (m), 114.17, 64.86 (d, $J = 39.8$ Hz), 55.48, 30.01. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.14 (dd, $J = 279.8, 55.7$ Hz, 1F), -124.00 (dd, $J = 279.8, 55.7$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 354.0918, found m/z 354.0910.

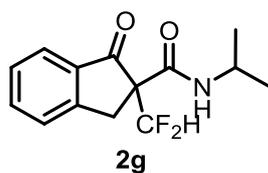


(White wax, 29.8 mg, 85% yield, C/O = 97:3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.73 (s, 1H), 7.98 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.86 – 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.58 – 7.36 (m, 5H), 6.25 (t, $J = 55.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.18 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 160.53 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 152.99, 135.99, 132.99, 130.80, 127.17, 125.71, 125.63, 125.47, 125.11, 124.87, 124.59, 124.07, 119.41, 118.54 – 108.91 (m), 118.5, 64.14 (t, $J = 19.8$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -120.68 (dd, $J = 279.5, 55.7$ Hz, 1F), -123.62 (dd, $J = 279.5, 55.7$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 374.0969, found m/z 374.0975.

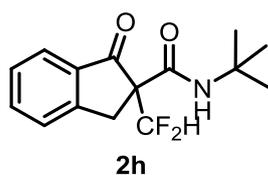


(White wax, 28.6 mg, 91% yield, C/O = 98:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.76 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, $J = 7.9, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.17 (t, $J = 55.5$

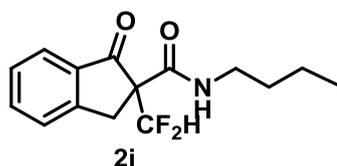
Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, $J = 14.9, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, $J = 14.9, 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.06 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.44 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 164.55 – 159.36 (m), 154.03, 137.41, 136.72, 134.53 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 128.82, 128.05, 127.67, 127.56, 126.64, 124.93, 20.29 – 110.88 (m), 118.15, 115.66, 113.17, 64.53 (d, $J = 40.0$ Hz), 44.25, 29.89. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.50 (dd, $J = 280.2, 55.3$ Hz, 1F), -124.41 (dd, $J = 280.2, 55.3$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 338.0969, found m/z 338.0971.



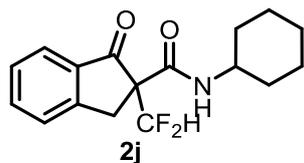
(Light yellow solid, 25.1 mg, 94% yield, C/O = 99:1); m. p. 81-83 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.83 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (t, $J = 55.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.19 – 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.46 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 200.74 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 164.48 – 160.83 (m), 154.04, 136.59, 134.61 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 127.94, 126.61, 124.81, 115.76 (dd, $J = 250.9, 249.4$ Hz), 64.40 (t, $J = 19.9$ Hz), 42.42, 29.81 (dd, $J = 3.7, 2.1$ Hz), 22.47, 22.31. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.51 (dd, $J = 279.7, 55.5$ Hz, 1F), -124.90 (dd, $J = 279.7, 55.5$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 290.0969, found m/z 290.0964.



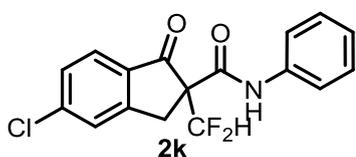
(White solid, 28.3 mg, 93% yield, C/O = 99:1); m. p. 103-106 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.12 (t, *J* = 55.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.06 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 161.78 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 154.09, 136.57, 134.67, 127.91, 126.63, 124.79, 118.85 – 109.99 (m), 65.02 (t, *J* = 19.7 Hz), 51.99, 30.91 – 28.40 (m), 28.48. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.16 (dd, *J* = 279.2, 55.9 Hz, 1F), -125.12 (dd, *J* = 279.2, 55.9 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₇F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires m/z 304.1125, found m/z 304.1128.



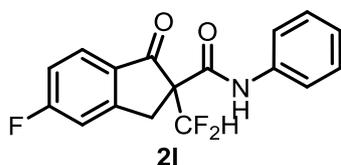
(White wax, 25.8 mg, 92% yield, C/O = 99:1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.61 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (t, *J* = 55.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.02 (m, 3H), 2.90 (ddt, *J* = 41.1, 13.5, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28 (dt, *J* = 14.9, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.36 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 162.39 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 144.79, 135.08, 131.07 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 128.93, 128.10, 126.94, 116.35 (dd, *J* = 250.8, 247.8 Hz), 61.66 (dd, *J* = 21.3, 19.4 Hz), 40.01, 31.25, 25.33, 22.62, 19.90, 13.65. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -122.04 (dd, *J* = 279.7, 55.2 Hz, 1F), -130.86 (dd, *J* = 279.7, 55.2 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₅H₁₇F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires m/z 304.1125, found m/z 304.1121.



(Light yellow solid, 28.9 mg, 94% yield, C/O = 99:1); m. p. 76-79 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (t, *J* = 55.7 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dtd, *J* = 10.1, 6.7, 6.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 18.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 1.91 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.08 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.89, 162.05, 161.98, 161.96, 154.04, 136.59, 134.59 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 127.92, 126.59, 124.80, 119.80 – 106.40 (m), 64.36 (t, *J* = 19.8 Hz), 48.95, 32.59, 29.84, 29.79, 25.42, 24.51. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.36 (dd, *J* = 279.3, 55.8 Hz, 1F), -124.84 (dd, *J* = 279.3, 55.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₉F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires *m/z* 330.1282, found *m/z* 330.1285.

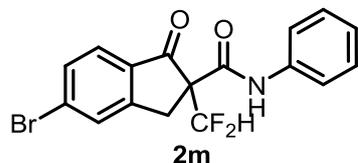


(White solid, 29.5 mg, 88% yield, C/O = 98:2); m. p. 118-121 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.50 (m, 3H), 7.47 – 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 55.4 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.37, 160.56, 155.24, 143.87, 136.99, 132.95 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 129.14, 129.13, 126.91, 126.09, 125.16, 120.18, 117.96 – 110.65 (m), 65.21 (t, *J* = 20.0 Hz), 29.68. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.10 (dd, *J* = 280.6, 55.2 Hz, 1F), -122.87 – -124.86 (dd, *J* = 280.6, 55.2 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₂F₂NCIO₂+Na]⁺ requires *m/z* 358.0422, found *m/z* 358.0426.

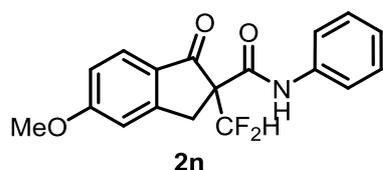


(White solid, 27.1 mg, 85% yield, C/O = 97:3); m. p. 125-127 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.26 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 6.22 (t, *J* = 55.4 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 18.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.92, 169.76, 167.16, 160.68, 157.03 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz), 137.01, 129.12, 127.62 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 125.14, 120.17, 113.52 (d, *J* = 22.8 Hz), 65.30 (t, *J* = 19.9 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -97.81 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1F).

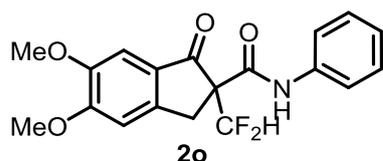
-121.22 (dd, $J = 280.5, 55.2$ Hz, 1F), -123.97 (dd, $J = 280.5, 55.2$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[C_{17}H_{12}F_3NO_2+Na]^+$ requires m/z 342.0718, found m/z 342.0723.



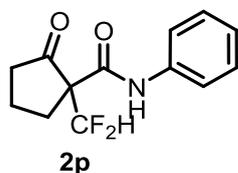
(White solid, 33.3 mg, 88% yield, C/O = 98:2); m. p. 115-1117 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.03 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.14 (t, $J = 55.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.61, 154.22, 135.92, 131.85, 130.95, 128.97, 128.08, 125.04, 124.13, 119.13, 115.43 (d, $J = 251.5$ Hz), 64.07 (t, $J = 20.1$ Hz), 28.68, 28.57. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.06 (dd, $J = 280.6, 55.2$ Hz, 1F), -123.85 (dd, $J = 280.6, 55.2$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[C_{17}H_{12}F_2BrNO_2+Na]^+$ requires m/z 401.9917, found m/z 401.9912.



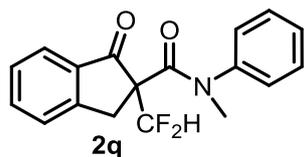
(Light yellow solid, 30.8 mg, 93% yield, C/O = 99:1); m. p. 142-146 °C; 1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.31 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.03 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.22 (t, $J = 55.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.03 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, $J = 18.3$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 198.37 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 167.17, 161.34 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 157.34, 137.22, 129.07, 126.86, 124.93, 120.14, 118.67 – 112.51 (m), 116.82, 109.40, 65.10 (t, $J = 20.0$ Hz), 55.95. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.51 (dd, $J = 279.5, 55.6$ Hz, 1F), -123.27 – -124.89 (dd, $J = 279.5, 55.6$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[C_{18}H_{15}F_2NO_3+Na]^+$ requires m/z 354.0918, found m/z 354.0925.



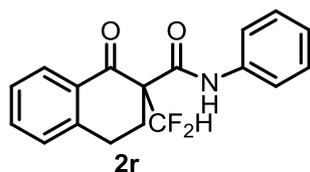
(Light yellow solid, 32.1 mg, 89% yield, C/O = 99:1); m. p. 172-174 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.22 (t, $J = 55.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 3.98 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.68 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 161.42 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 157.52, 150.36, 150.10, 137.22, 129.07, 127.07 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 124.93, 120.14, 118.57 – 111.62 (m), 107.31, 104.74, 65.24 (t, $J = 20.0$ Hz, 56.58, 56.20). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.67 (dd, $J = 279.2, 55.6$ Hz, 1F), -124.11 (dd, $J = 279.2, 55.6$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 384.1023, found m/z 384.1021.



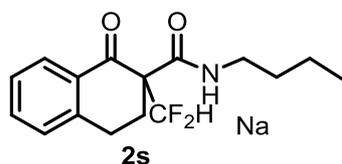
(Colourless oil, 20.0 mg, 93% yield, C/O = 90:10); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.06 (t, $J = 55.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 – 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.32 (m, 3H), 2.23 – 1.85 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 214.97 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz), 160.68, 137.00, 129.10, 125.07, 120.02, 119.16 – 111.18 (m), 64.98 (t, $J = 20.0$ Hz), 39.68, 39.67, 26.25, 26.23, 26.21, 19.23. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -119.06 (dd, $J = 283.3, 55.3$ Hz, 1F), -123.64 (dd, $J = 283.3, 55.3$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 276.0812, found m/z 276.0803.



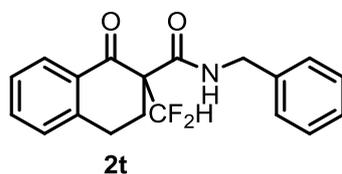
(White wax, 23.6 mg, 75% yield, C/O = 98:2); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.48 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 6.80 (m, 6H), 6.59 (t, $J = 55.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.61, 167.29 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 152.27, 139.86, 134.83, 128.92, 128.67, 128.66, 127.37, 125.73, 124.48, 116.55 (dd, $J = 251.8, 238.9$ Hz), 63.86 (dd, $J = 23.1, 18.6$ Hz), 40.03, 31.69. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -124.35 (d, $J = 55.0$ Hz, 1F), -125.10 (d, $J = 55.0$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 338.0969, found m/z 338.0975.



(White wax, 27.4 mg, 87% yield, C/O = 96:4); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.09 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.51 (t, $J = 55.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.31 – 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.19 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.56 – 2.38 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.68, 160.25 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 144.92, 135.46, 131.11 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 129.04, 128.94, 128.32, 127.10, 125.06, 120.03, 116.16 (dd, $J = 251.7, 248.7$ Hz), 63.51 – 60.57 (m), 29.71, 25.27, 22.42. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.62 (dd, $J = 280.3, 55.1$ Hz, 1F), -129.67 (dd, $J = 280.3, 55.1$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 338.0969, found m/z 338.0971.

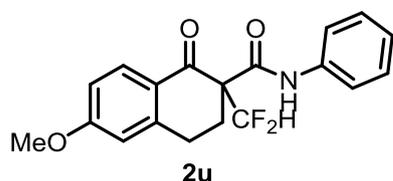


(White wax, 27.4 mg, 89% yield, C/O = 96:4); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.04 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.61 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.40 (t, $J = 55.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.45 – 3.02 (m, 3H), 2.90 (ddt, $J = 41.1, 13.5, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.28 (dt, $J = 14.9, 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.36 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 162.39 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 144.79, 135.08, 131.07 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 128.93, 128.10, 126.94, 116.35 (dd, $J = 250.8, 247.8$ Hz), 61.66 (dd, $J = 21.3, 19.4$ Hz), 40.01, 31.25, 25.33, 22.62, 19.90, 13.65. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -122.04 (dd, $J = 279.9, 55.2$ Hz, 1F), -130.86 (dd, $J = 279.7, 55.6$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 318.1282, found m/z 318.1287.

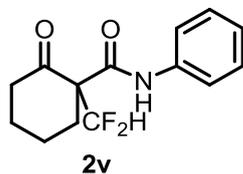


(White wax, 26.0 mg, 79% yield, C/O = 95:5); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (dd, $J = 7.9, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 6.87 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (t, $J = 55.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, $J = 14.9, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, $J = 14.9, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.15 (ddd, $J = 16.9, 12.5, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ddt, $J = 37.9, 13.6, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (ddd, J

= 13.6, 12.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 195.07 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 162.69 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 144.75, 137.36, 135.18, 131.10 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 128.97, 128.81, 128.20, 127.67, 127.44, 127.02, 116.29 (dd, $J = 250.9, 247.8$ Hz), 64.81 – 59.46 (m), 44.17, 25.34, 22.67. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -122.16 (dd, $J = 280.2, 55.1$ Hz, 1F), -130.46 (dd, $J = 280.2, 55.1$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 352.1125, found m/z 352.1130.



(Light yellow oil, 28.6 mg, 83% yield, C/O = 95:5); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.32 (dd, $J = 8.5, 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.12 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 8.8, 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, $J = 55.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.29 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.03 – 2.79 (m, 2H), 2.55 – 2.28 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.87 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 165.32, 160.52 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 147.84, 137.06, 131.05, 129.01, 124.94, 119.99, 118.81 – 113.11 (m), 114.16, 112.35, 63.05 – 60.27 (m), 55.67, 25.74, 22.18. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -121.78 (dd, $J = 279.3, 55.2$ Hz, 1F), -130.16 (dd, $J = 279.3, 55.2$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{17}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 368.1074, found m/z 368.1078.

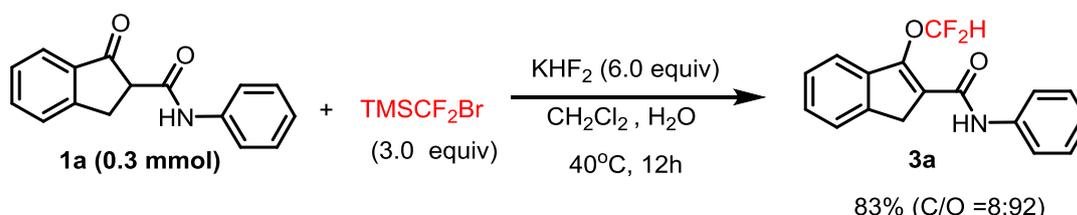


(Colourless oil, 28.6 mg, 84% yield, C/O = 92:8); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.49 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.19 (t, $J = 55.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.73 – 2.32 (m, 3H), 2.03 – 1.59 (m, 5H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.45 (dd, $J = 3.8, 2.1$ Hz), 161.24 (dd, $J = 4.3, 1.9$ Hz), 135.79, 128.08, 124.25, 119.32, 114.59 (dd, $J =$

249.3, 247.0 Hz), 63.69 (t, $J = 19.5$ Hz), 40.20, 40.19, 26.66, 26.64, 24.22, 19.92. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -124.13 (dd, $J = 282.6, 55.2$ Hz, 1F), -127.01 (dd, $J = 282.6, 55.2$ Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 290.0969, found m/z 290.0963.

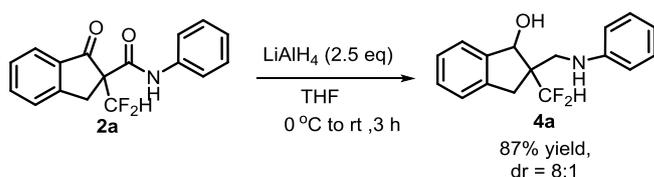
3. General procedure for the *o*-difluoromethylation of β -keto amide

1a



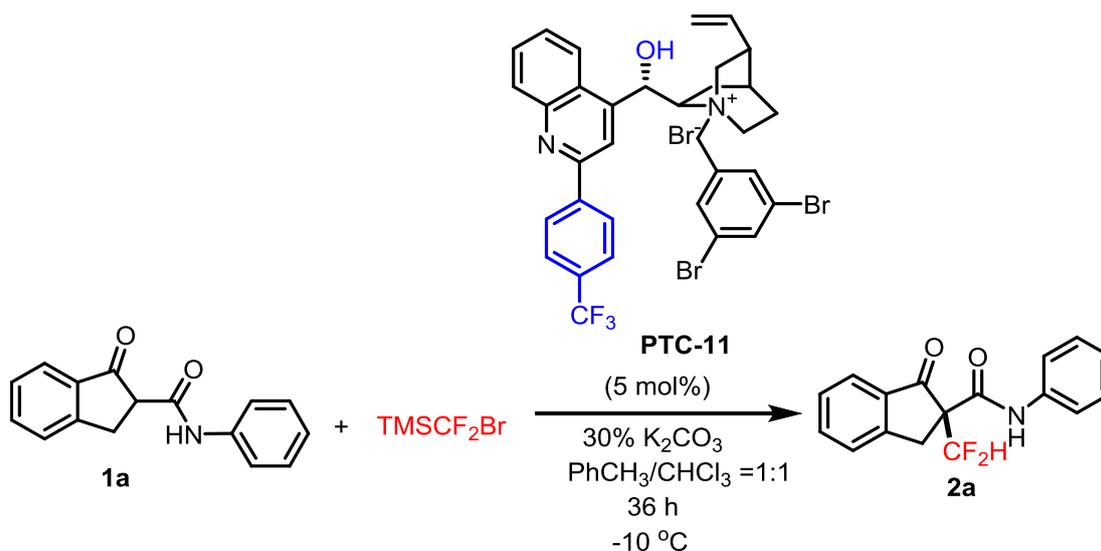
The reaction was conducted with β -keto amide **1a** (0.3 mmol) in the presence of KHF_2 (1.8 mmol) in a mixture containing $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 1:1$ (0.6 mL) in pressure tubing at rt. Then TMSCF_2Br (0.9 mmol) was added slowly, and the reaction was stirred at 40°C for 12 h. After the reaction was completed (confirmed by TLC analysis), the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), washed with water (3 \times 10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subject to crude ^{19}F -NMR to give the C/O isomer ratio (trifluoromethyl benzene 8 μL as internal standard). Subsequently, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel; petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=5:1) to afford the *O*-difluoromethylation product **3a** (colourless oil, 74.5 mg, 83% yield, C/O = 8:92). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.71 – 7.47 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.28 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.85 (t, $J = 72.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.69, 150.25 (m), 141.58, 137.81, 136.93, 129.11, 128.70, 127.39, 125.05, 124.45, 120.05, 119.91, 116.22 (t, $J = 262.6$ Hz), 35.67. ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -78.91 (d, $J = 72.5$ Hz). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ -78.82(s, 1F), -79.01 (s, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}]^+$ requires m/z 324.0812, found m/z 324.0817.

5. Synthetic utilization of C-difluoromethylation product 2a.



The difluoromethylated compound **2a** (60.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added slowly to the mixture of lithium aluminum hydride (17.3 mg, 0.45 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring for another 1 hour at the same temperature, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for another 2 h. After that, the reaction was quenched by the dropwise addition of EtOAc followed by a 10% HCl. After vigorous stirring for another 20 min, the resulting mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The residue was subject to crude ¹⁹F-NMR to give the diastereo ratio (8:1) (trifluoromethyl benzene 8 μL as internal standard). Subsequently, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc = 5:1) to give product **4a** (white was, 50.3 mg, 87% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.59 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.21 (m, 7H), 7.19 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.17 (t, *J* = 55.3 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (s, 1H), 3.42 (s, 2H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.01 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 141.17, 137.84, 137.12, 129.07, 127.66, 125.02, 124.50, 123.72, 120.44, 116.81 (t, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 116.81 (t, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 79.22 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 62.78 (t, *J* = 17.9 Hz), 33.96 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -122.57 (dd, *J* = 283.4, 55.4 Hz, 1F), -124.05 (dd, *J* = 283.4, 55.4 Hz, 1F). HRMS Calcd. for [C₁₇H₁₇F₂NO₂+Na]⁺ requires *m/z* 312.1176, found *m/z* 312.1183.

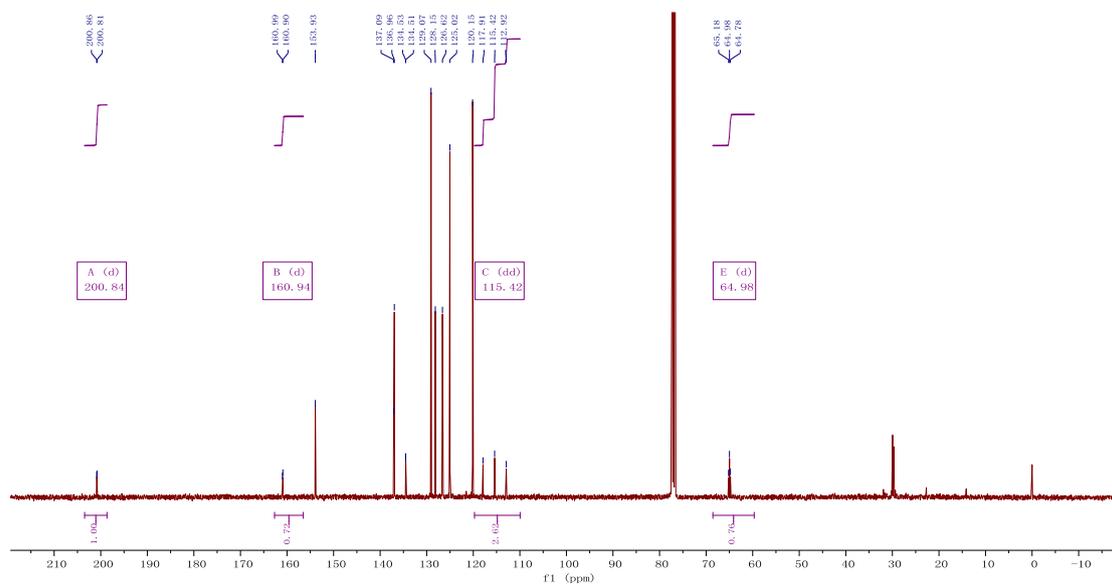
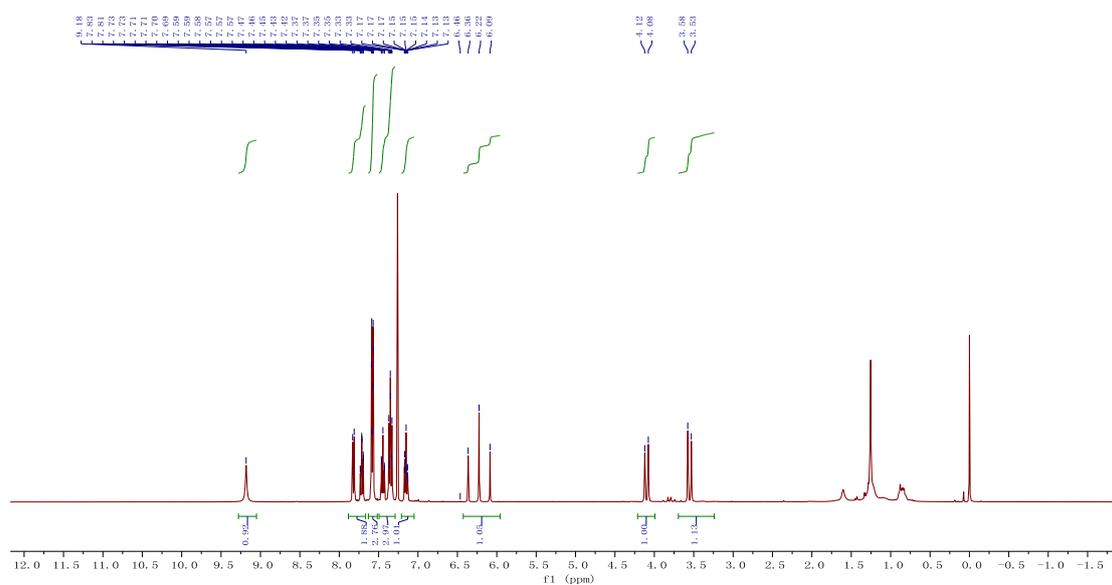
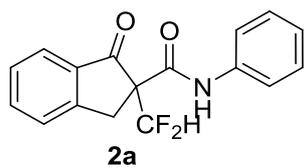
6. General procedure for the asymmetric difluoromethylation of β-keto amide **1a**

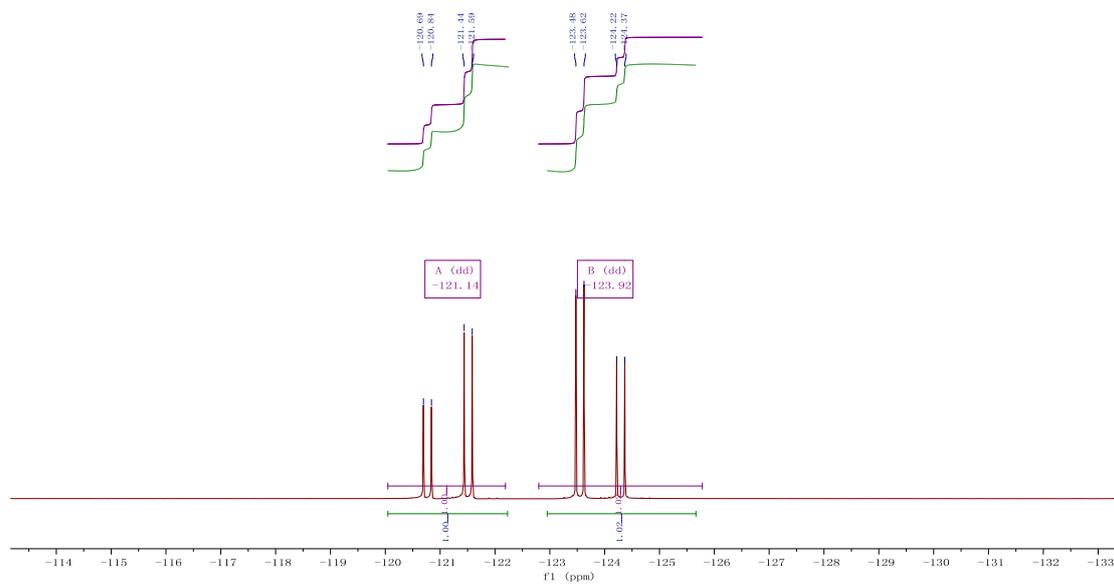
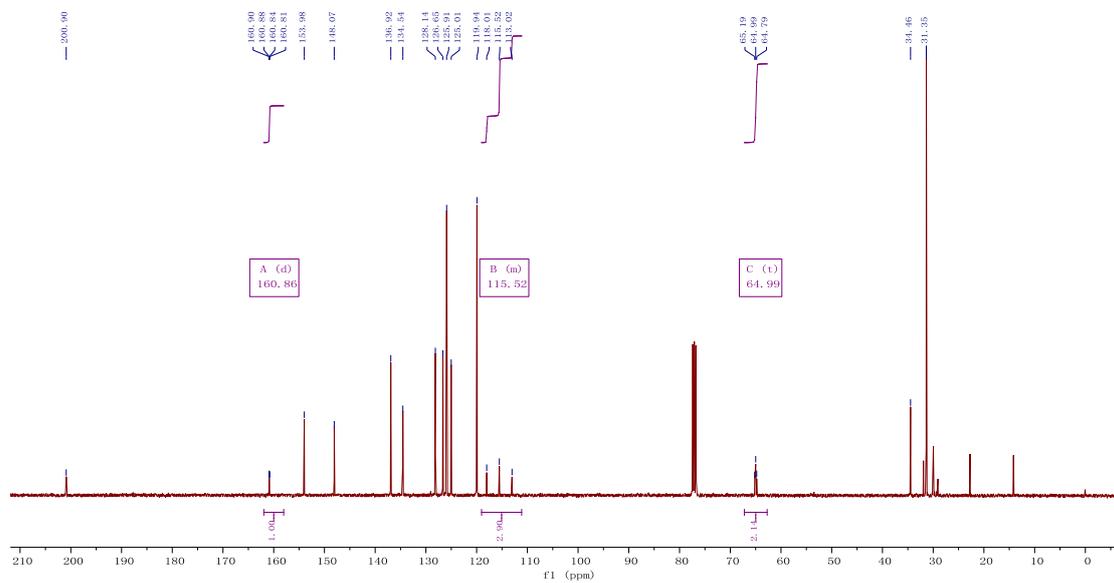


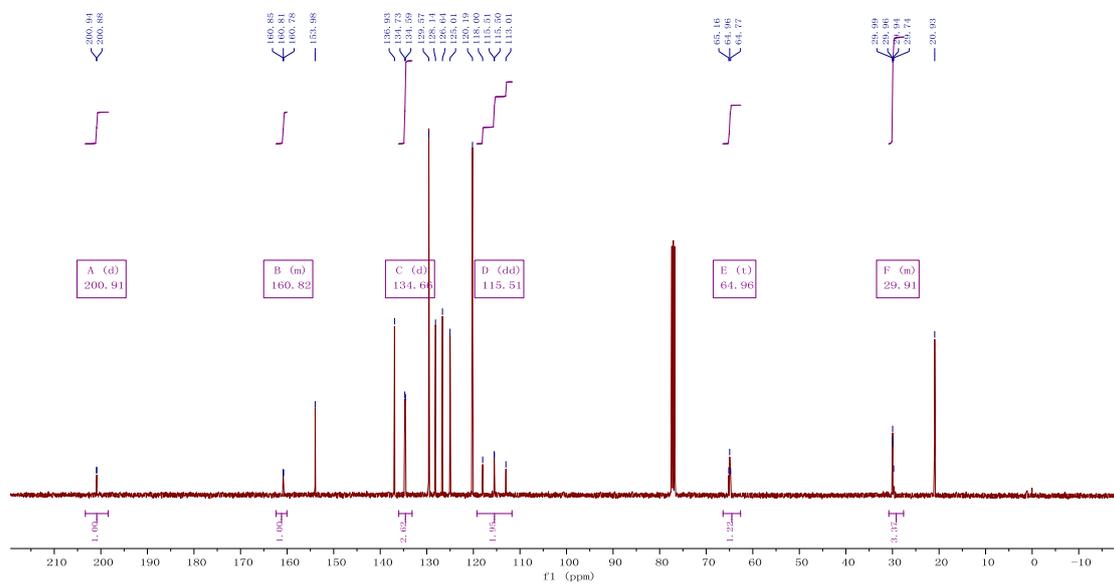
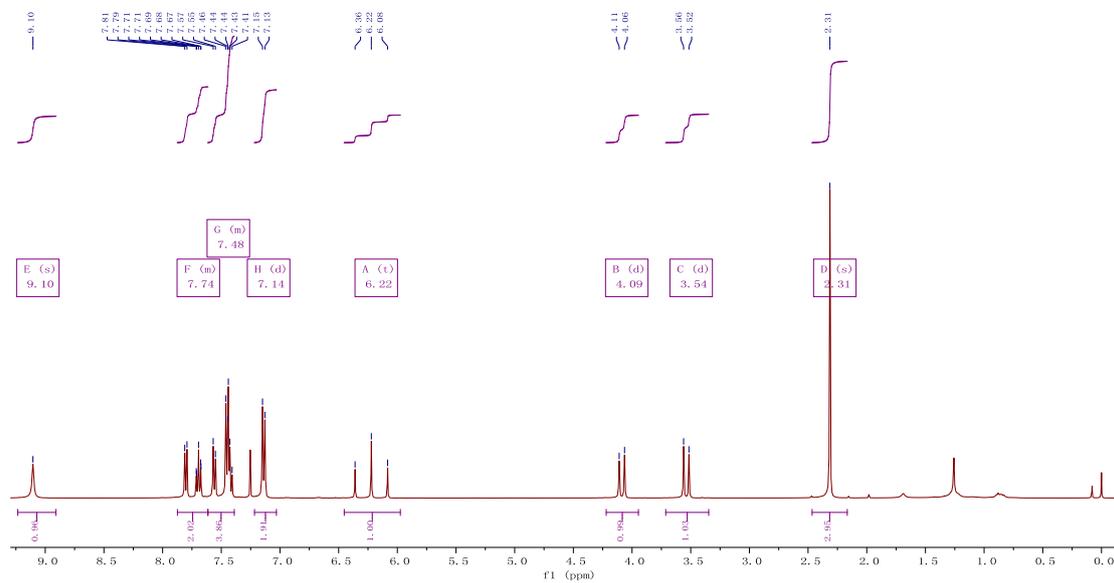
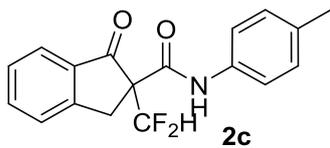
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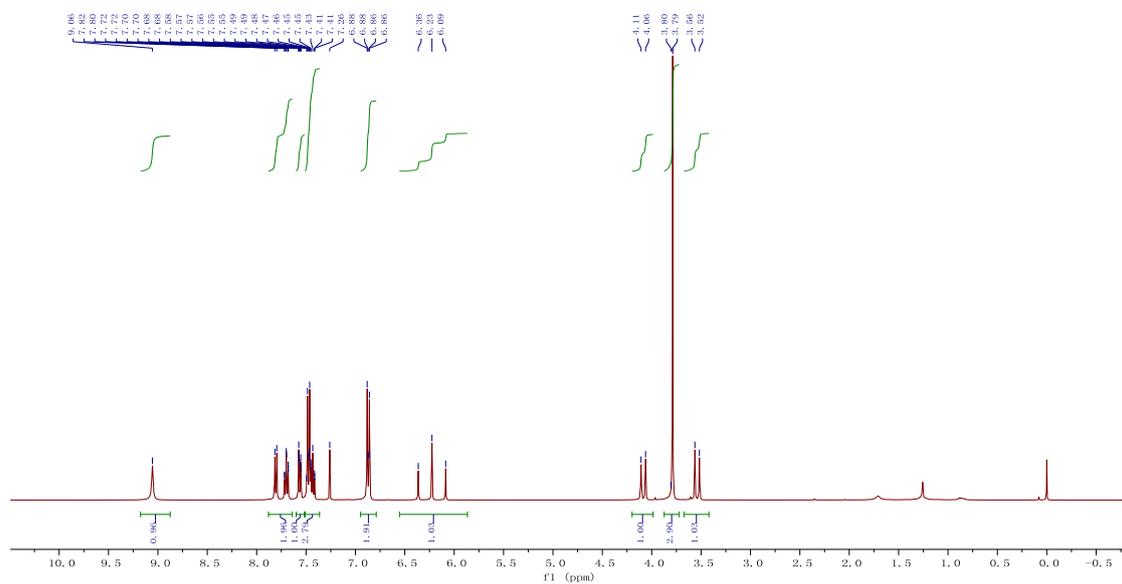
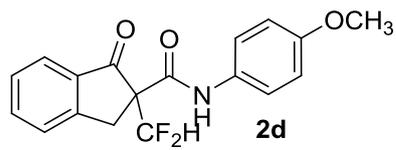
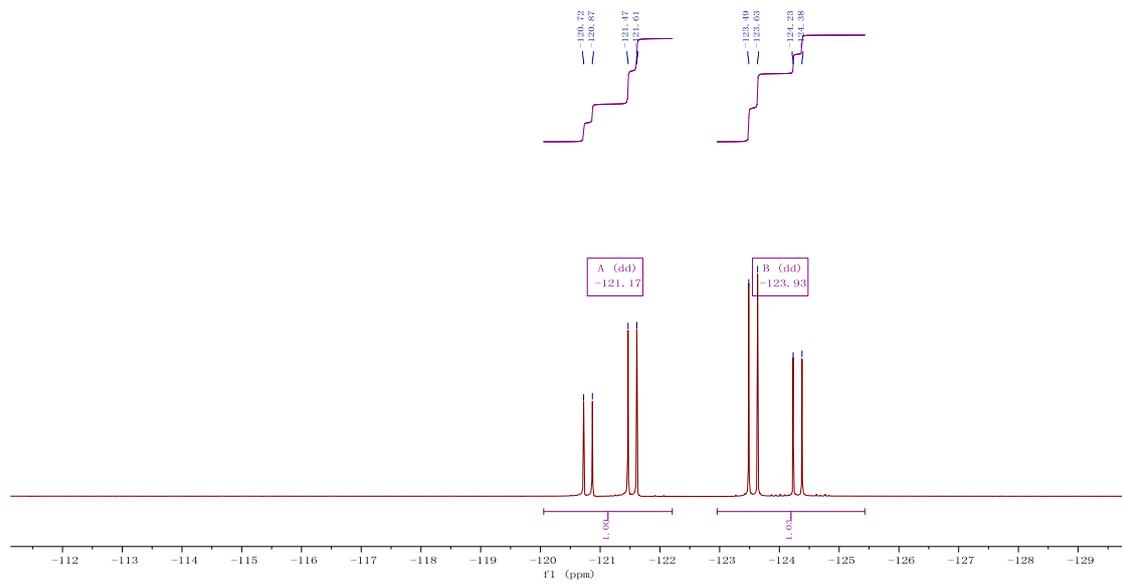
Then TMSCF_2Br (0.2 mmol) was added slowly, and the reaction was stirred at this temperature for 36 h. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (20 mL), washed with water (3×10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel; petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=25:1–2:1) to afford the α -difluoromethylation products. The ee value was determined by chiral HPLC(Chiralcel AD-H) using n-Hexane/isopropanol =95:5 as mobile phase at 25 °C.

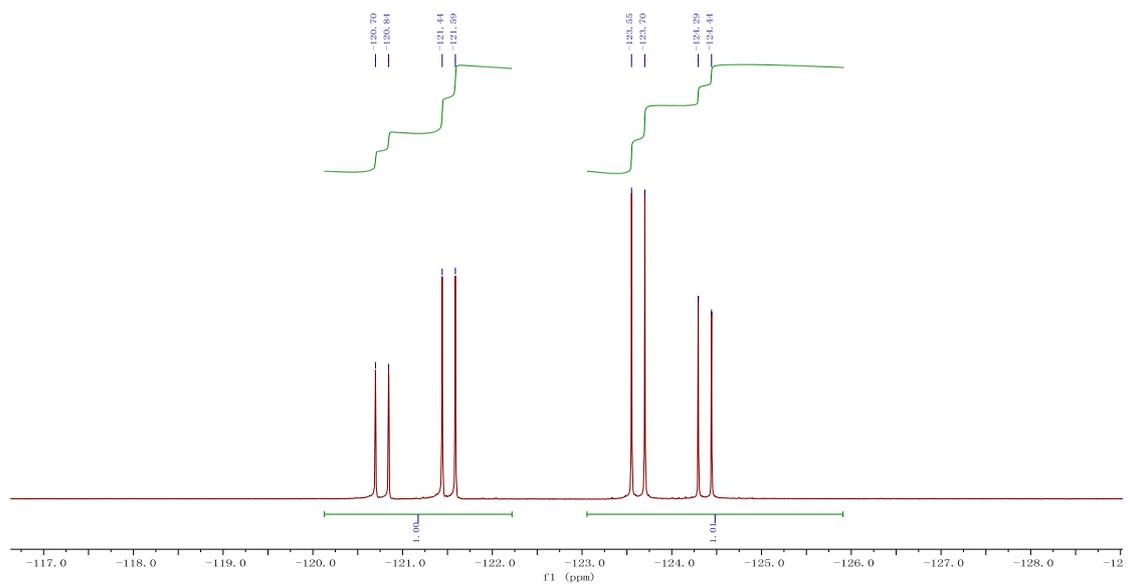
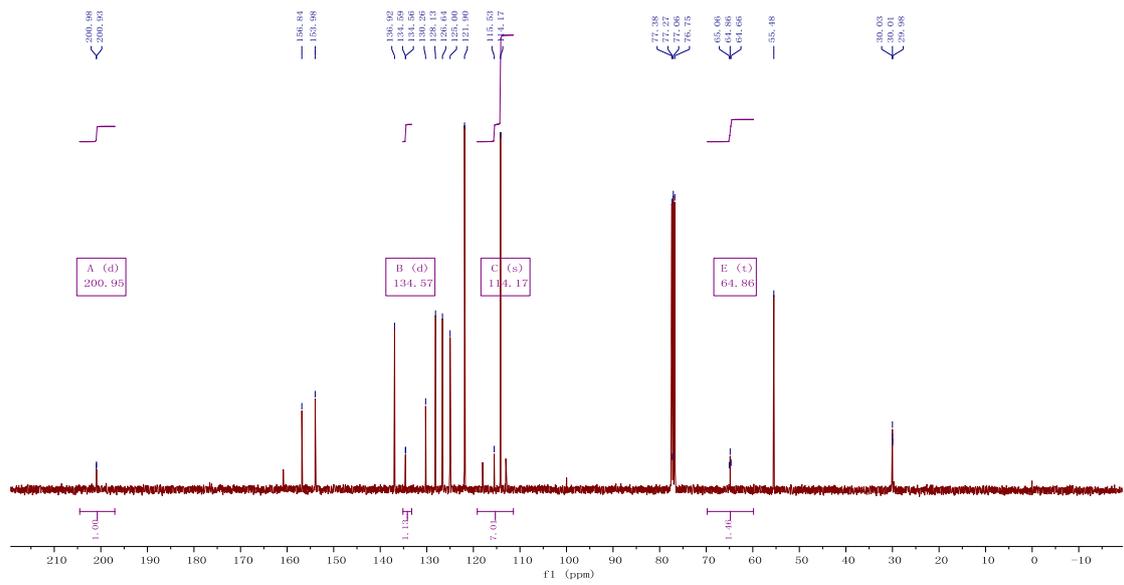
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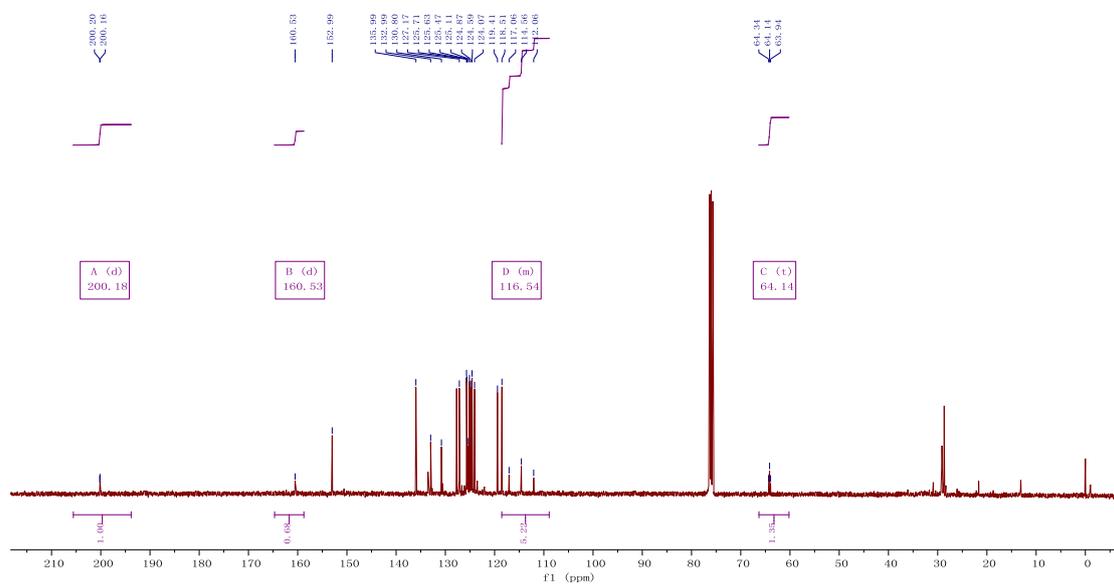
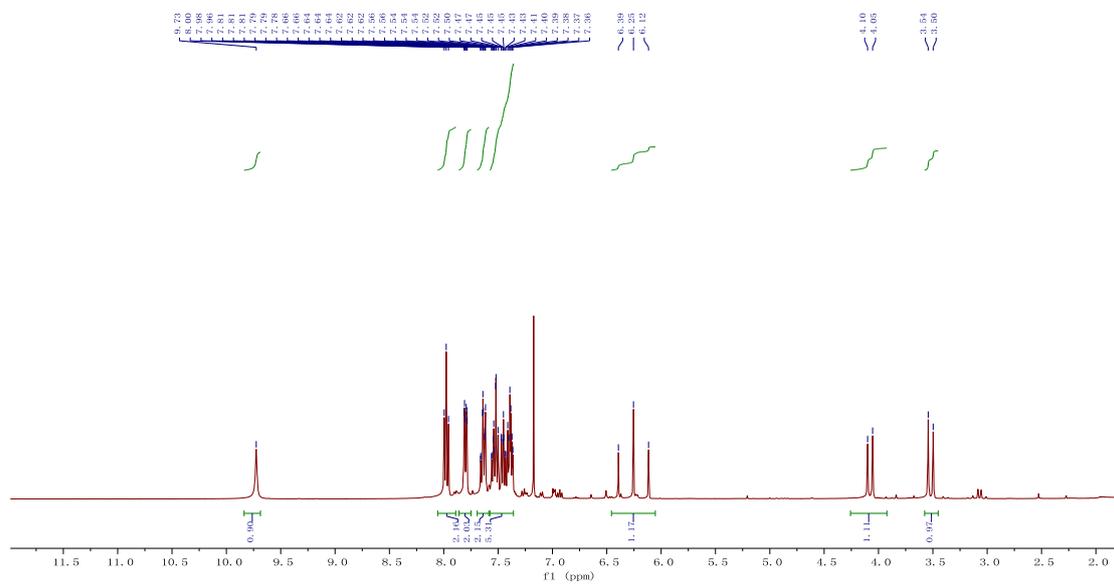
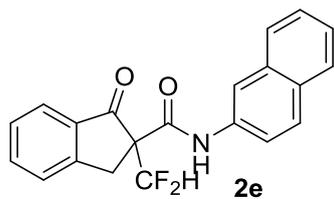


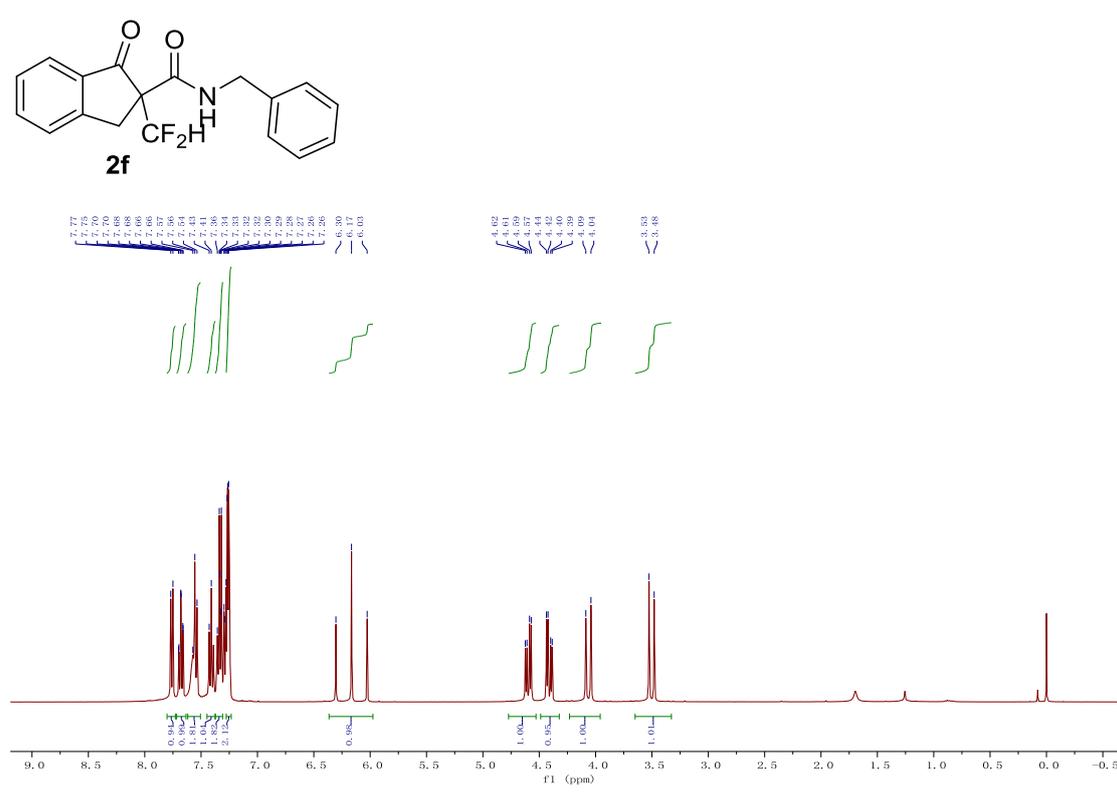
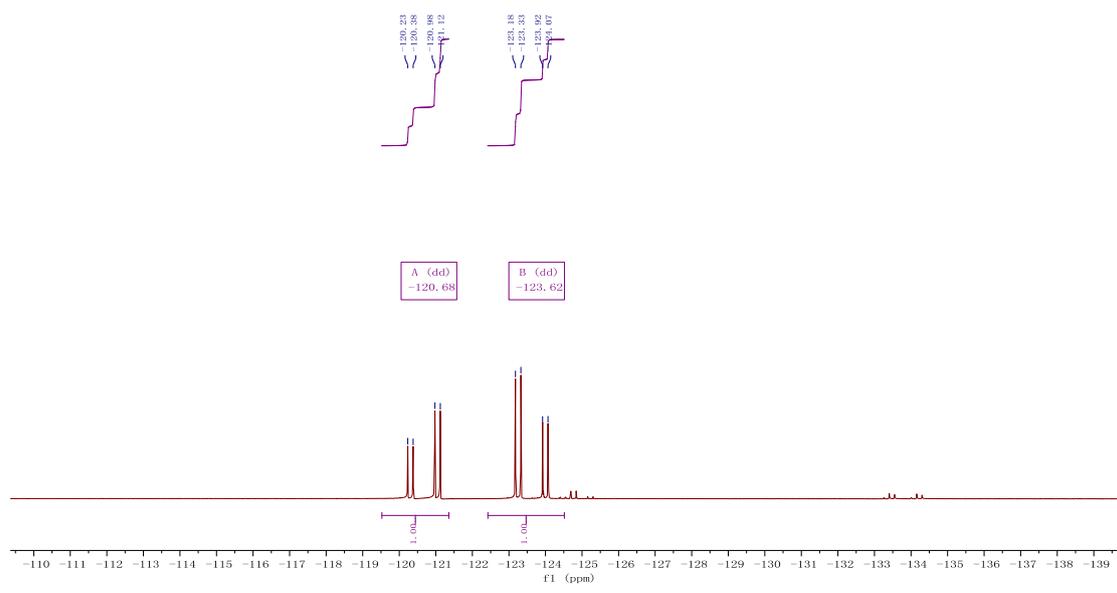


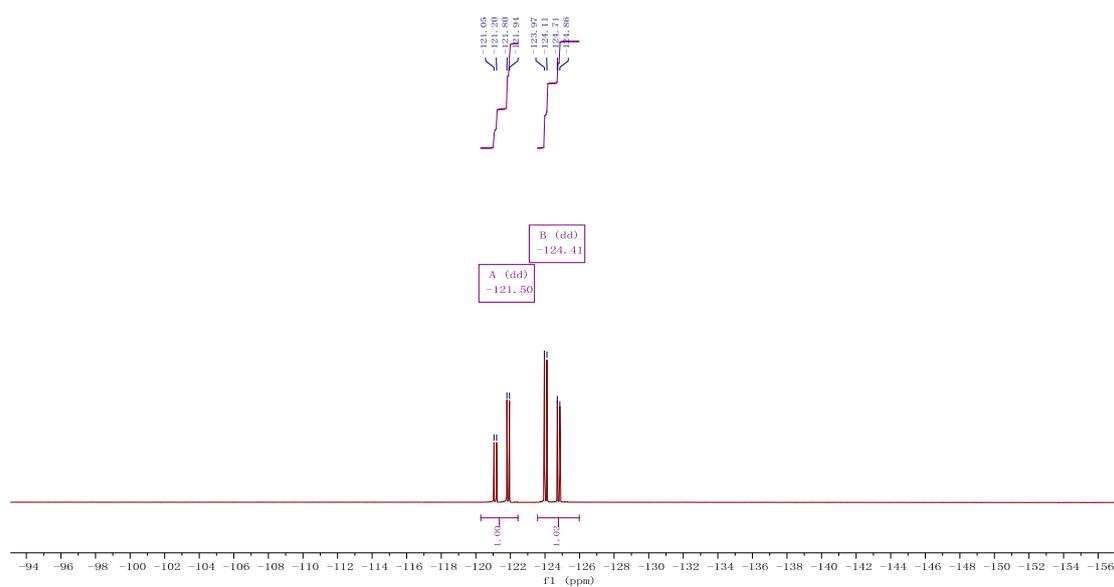
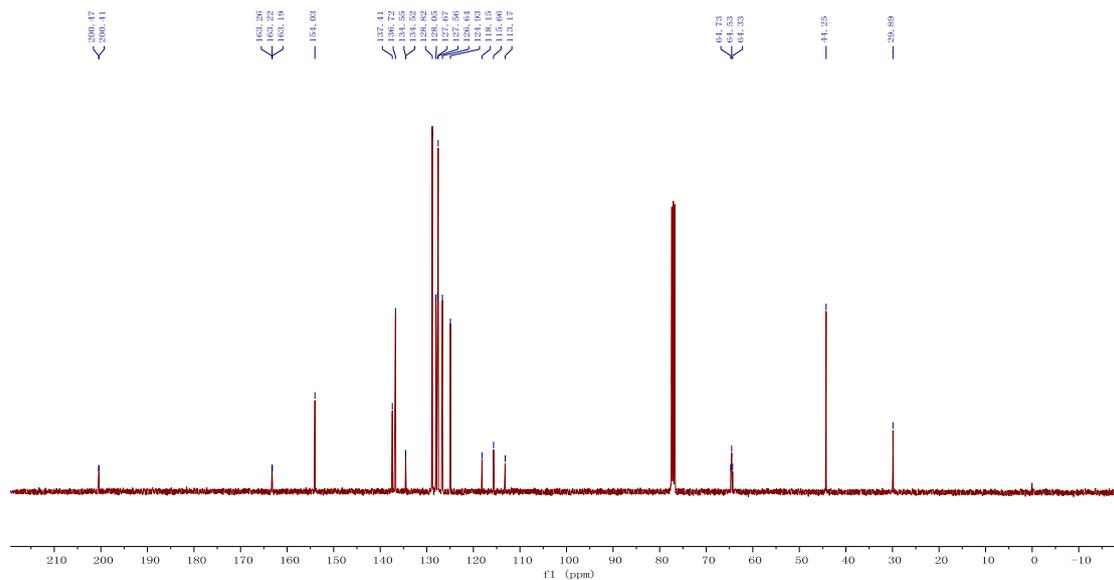


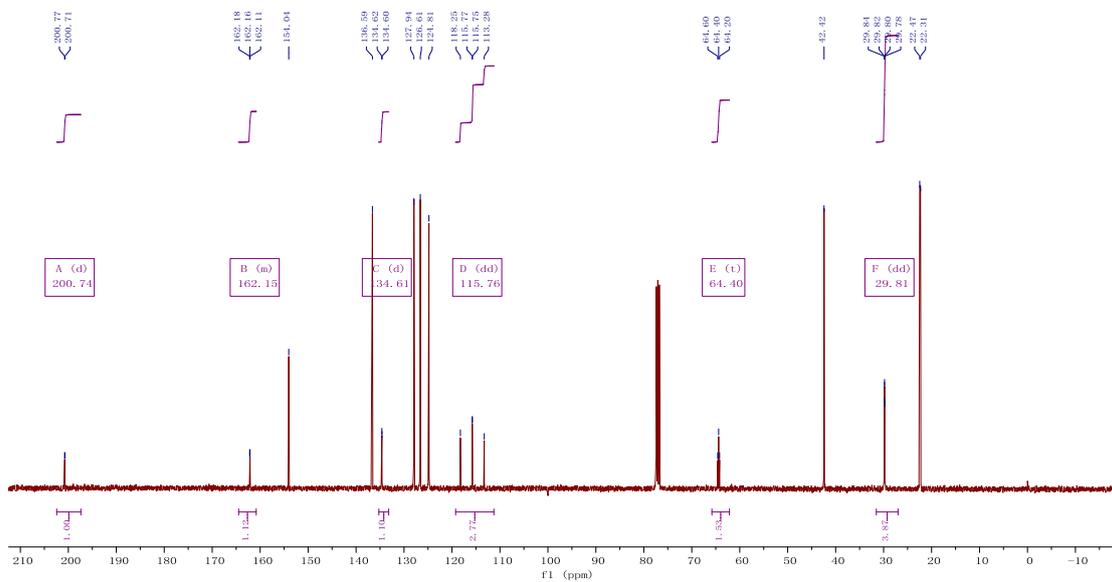
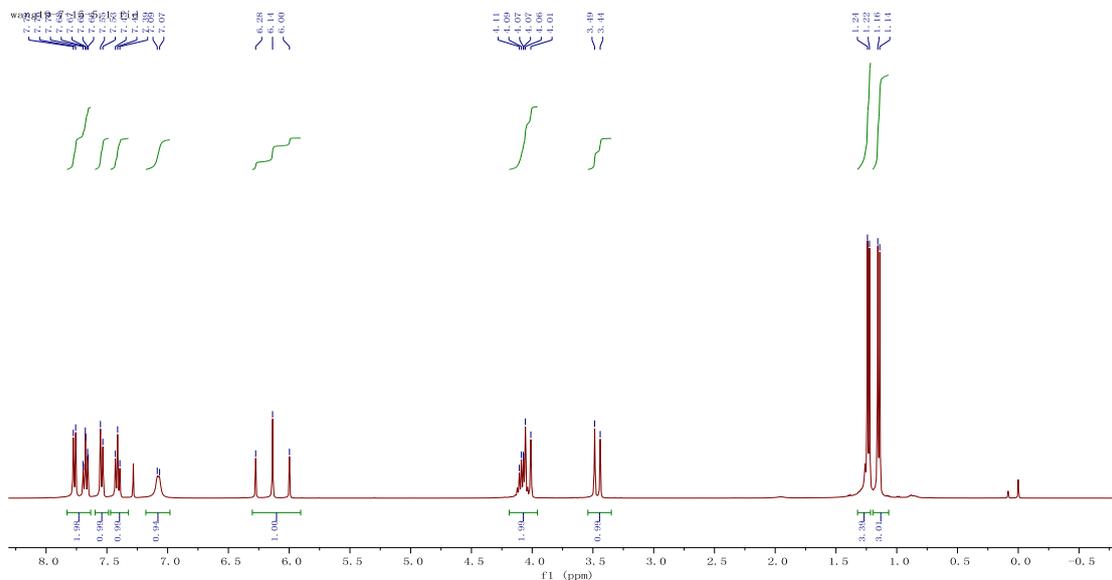
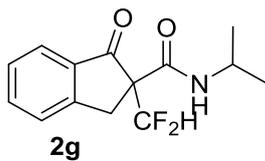


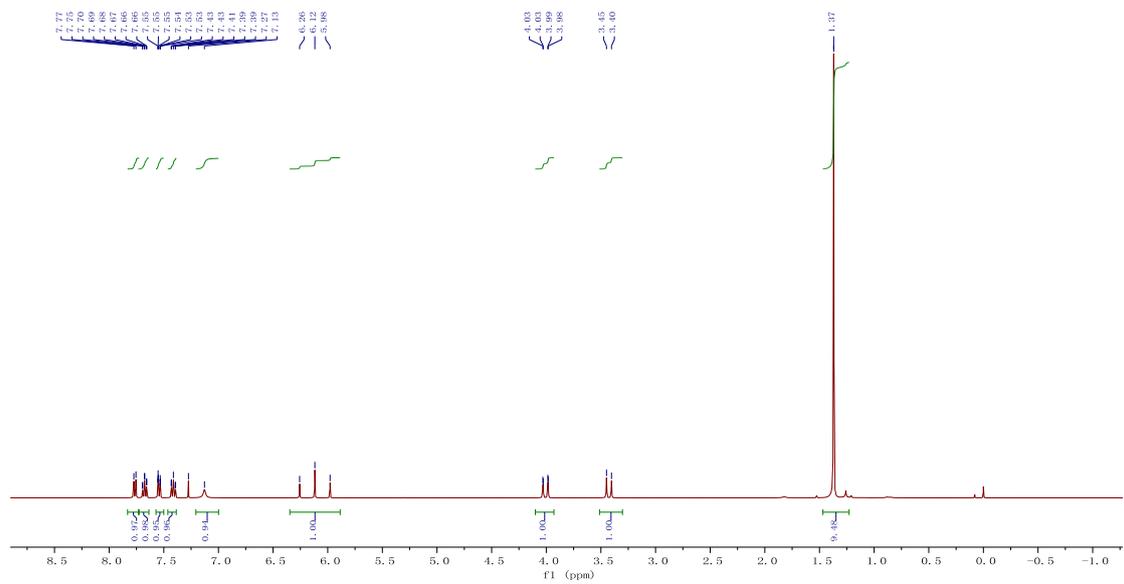
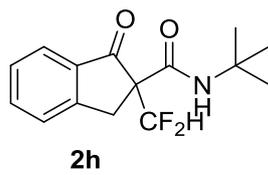
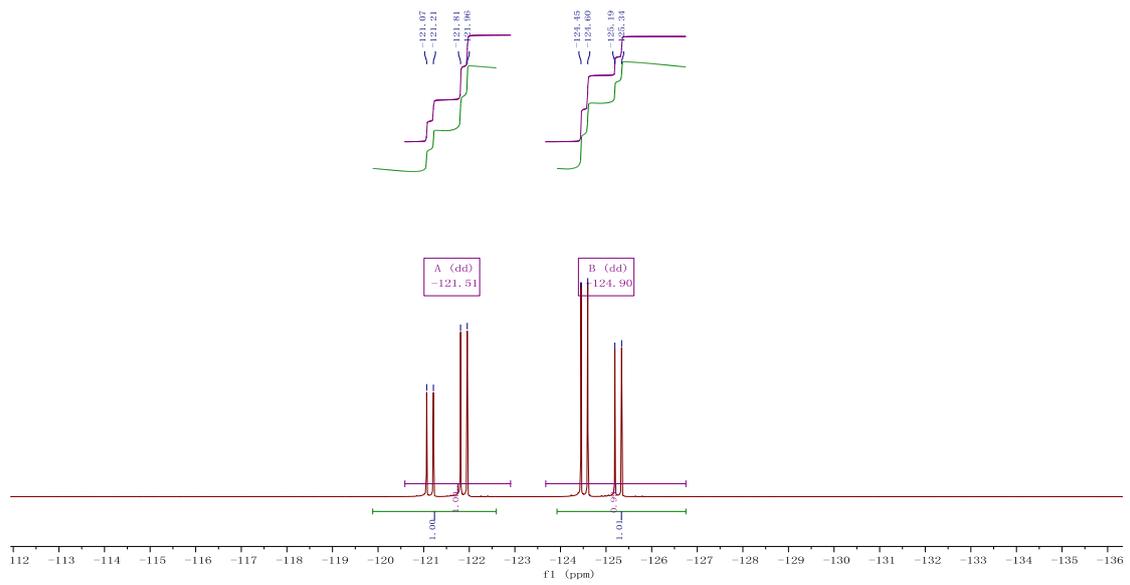


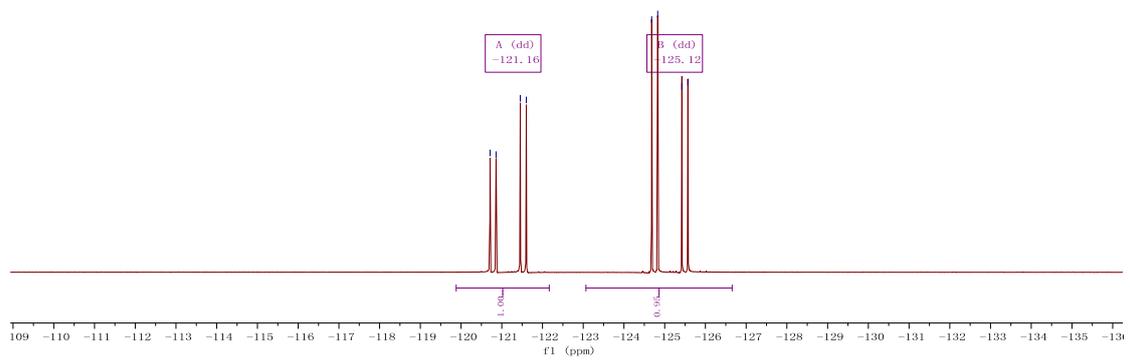
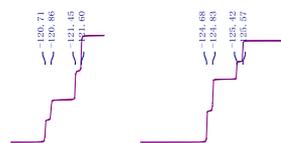
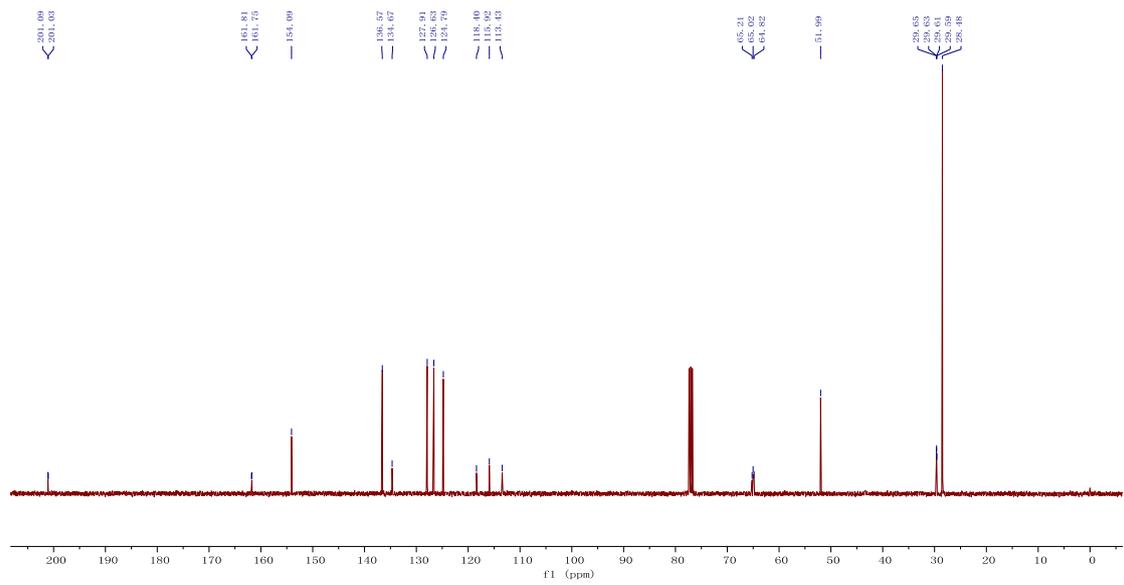


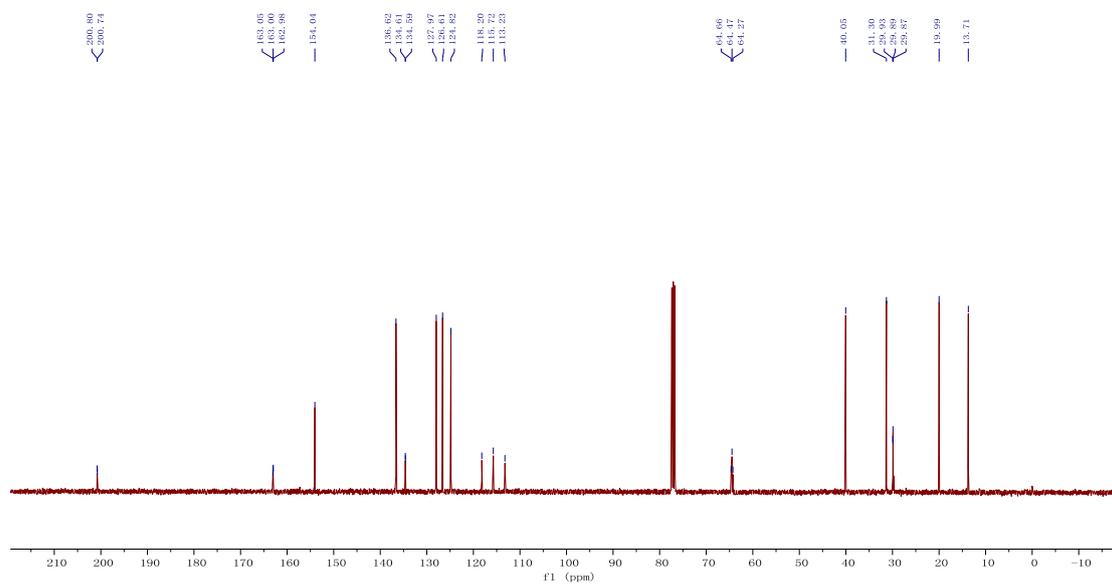
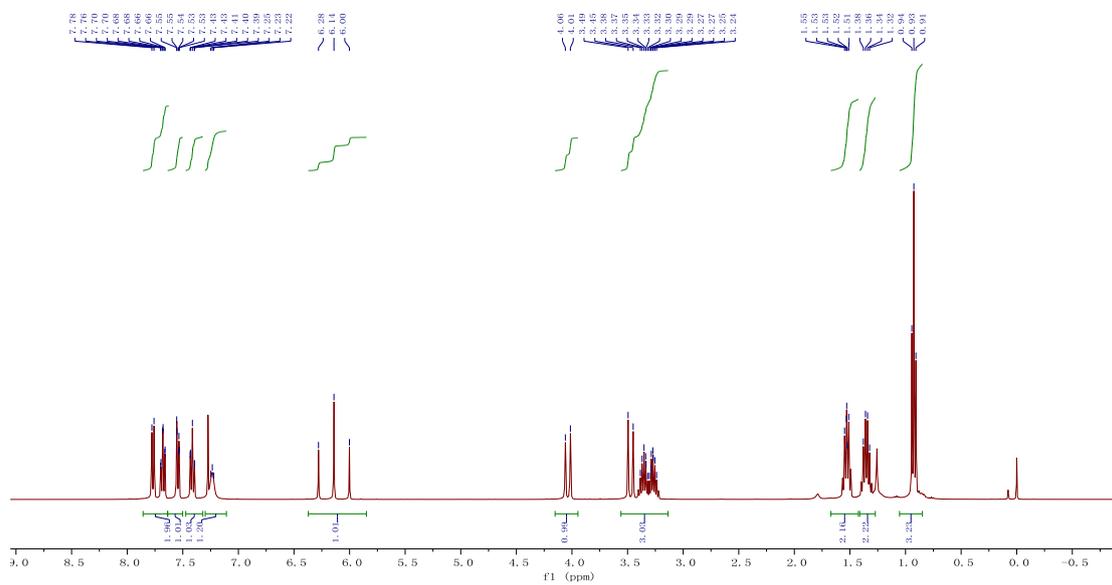
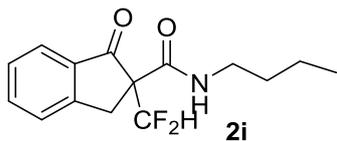


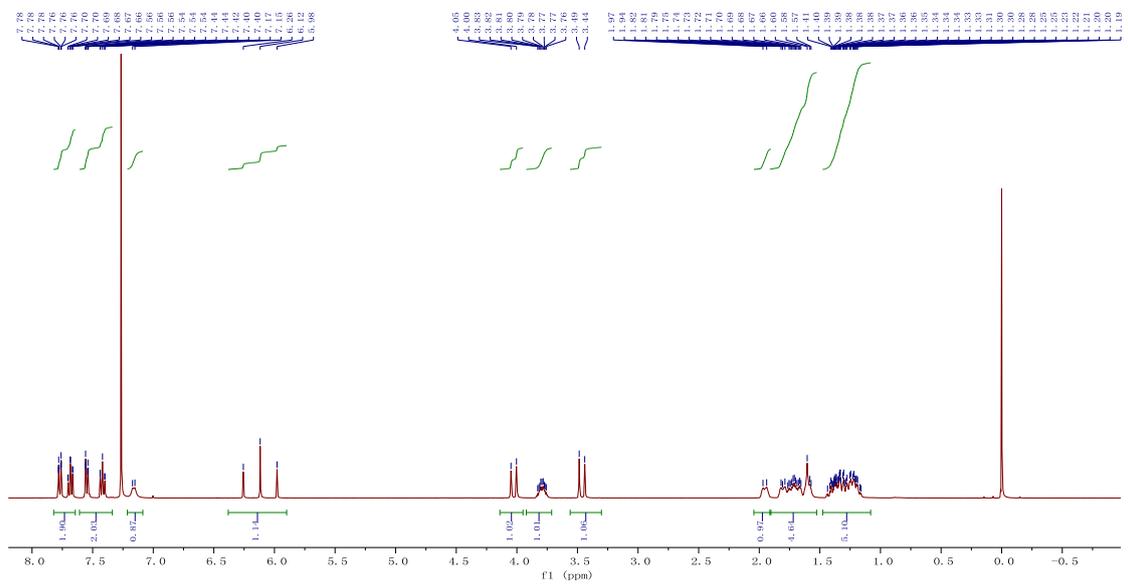
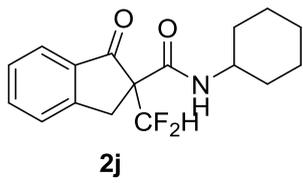
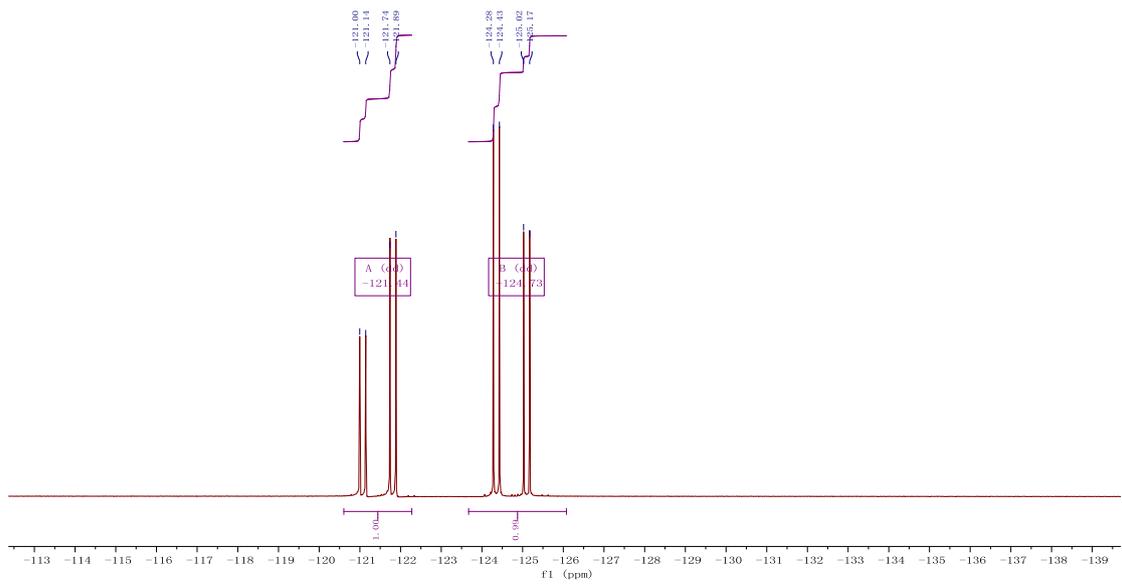


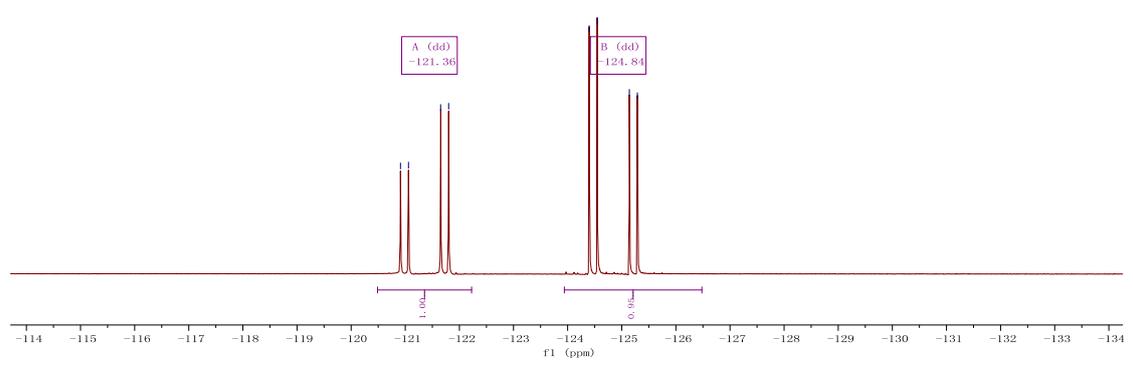
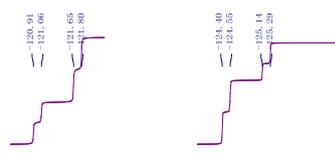
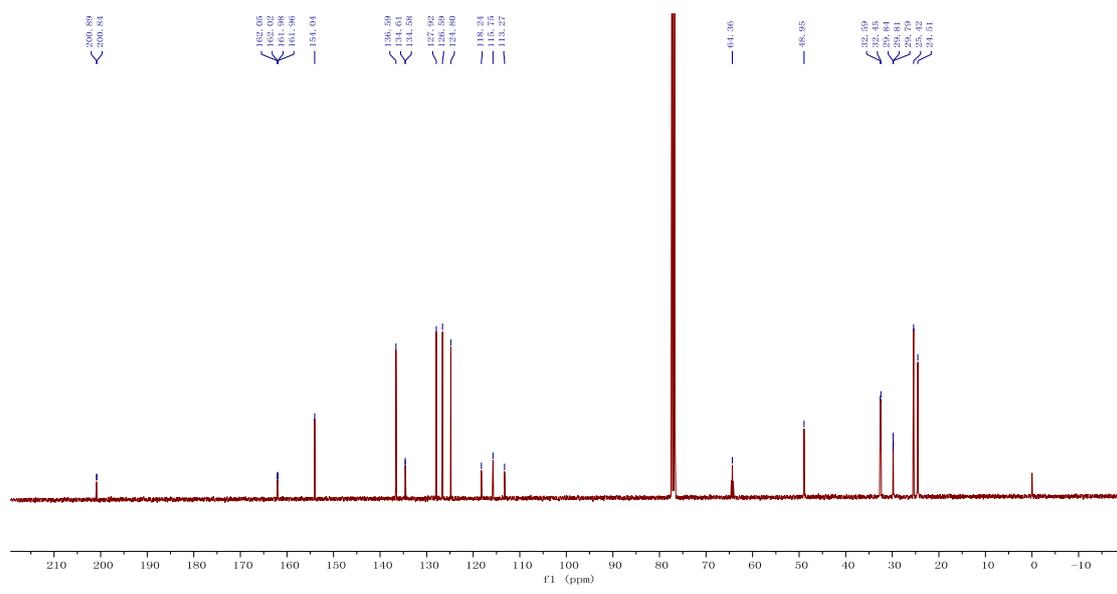


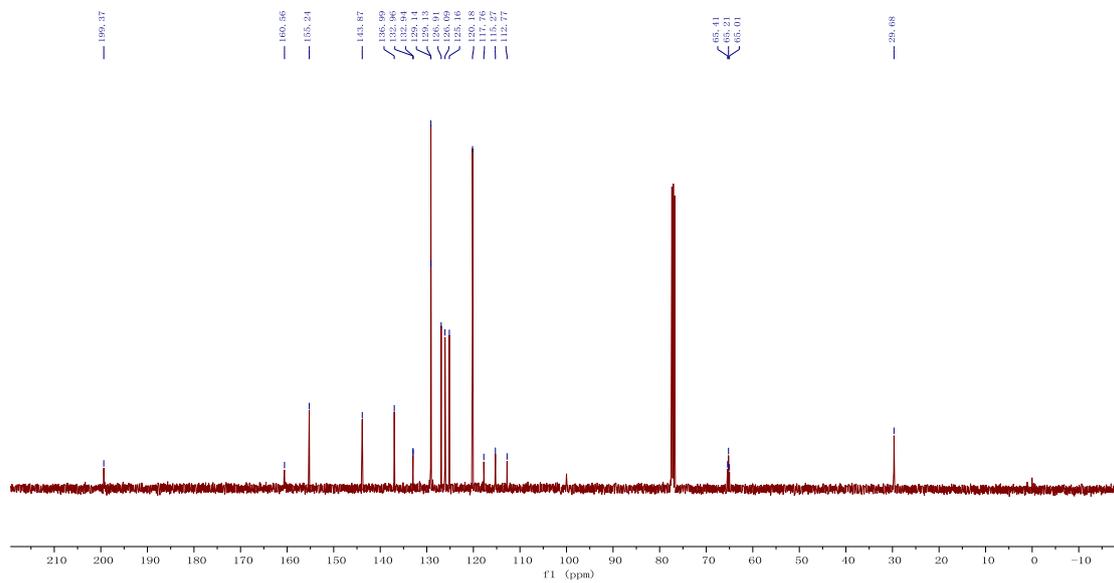
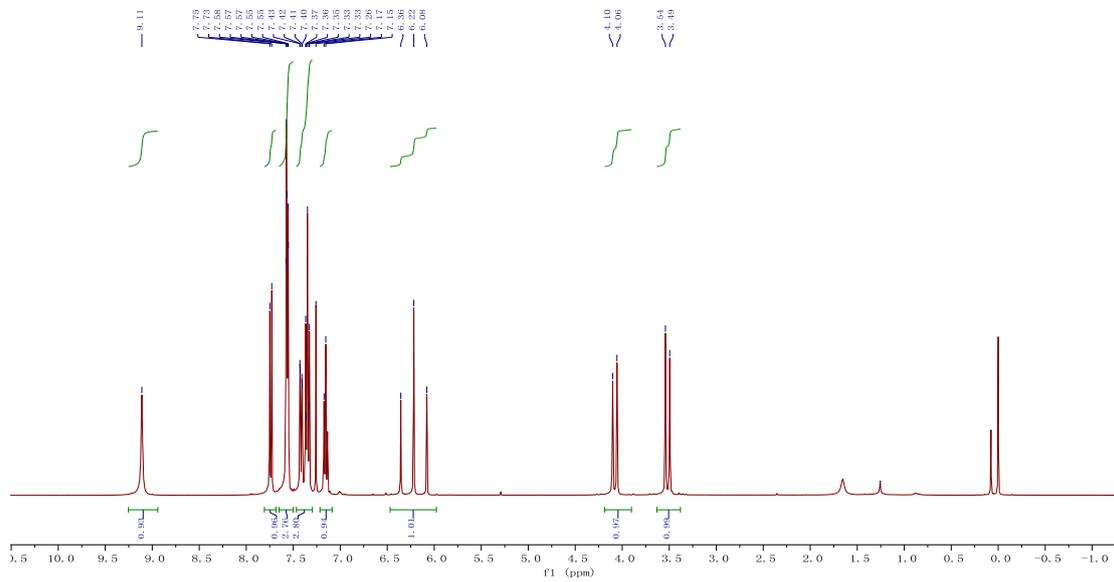
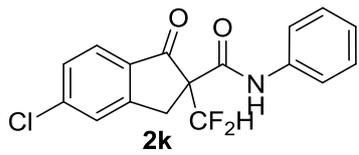


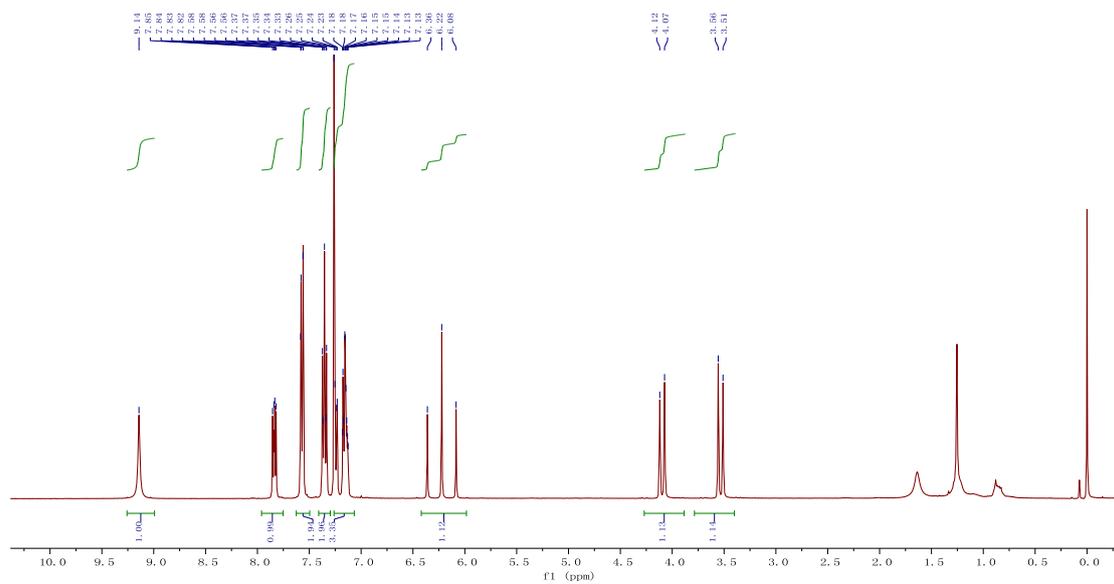
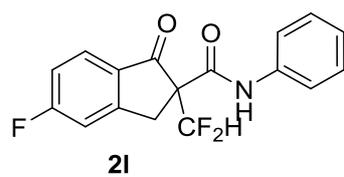
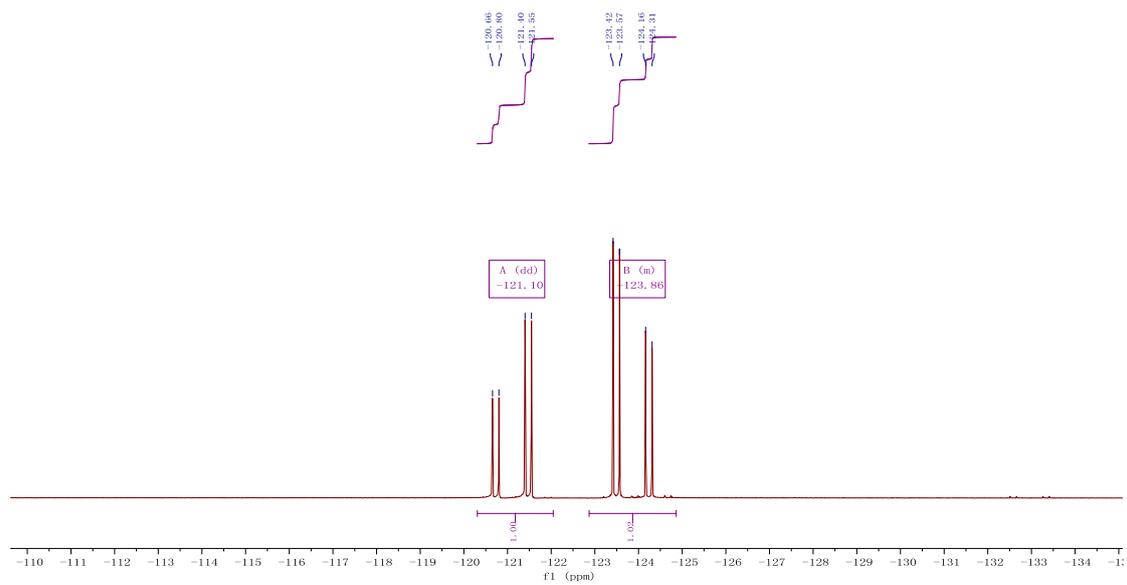


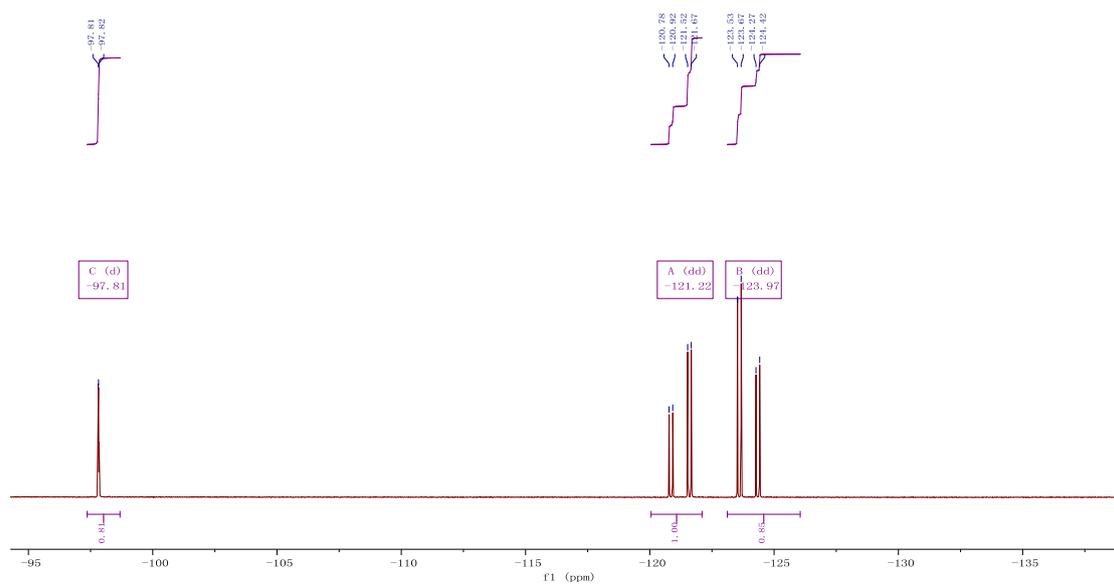
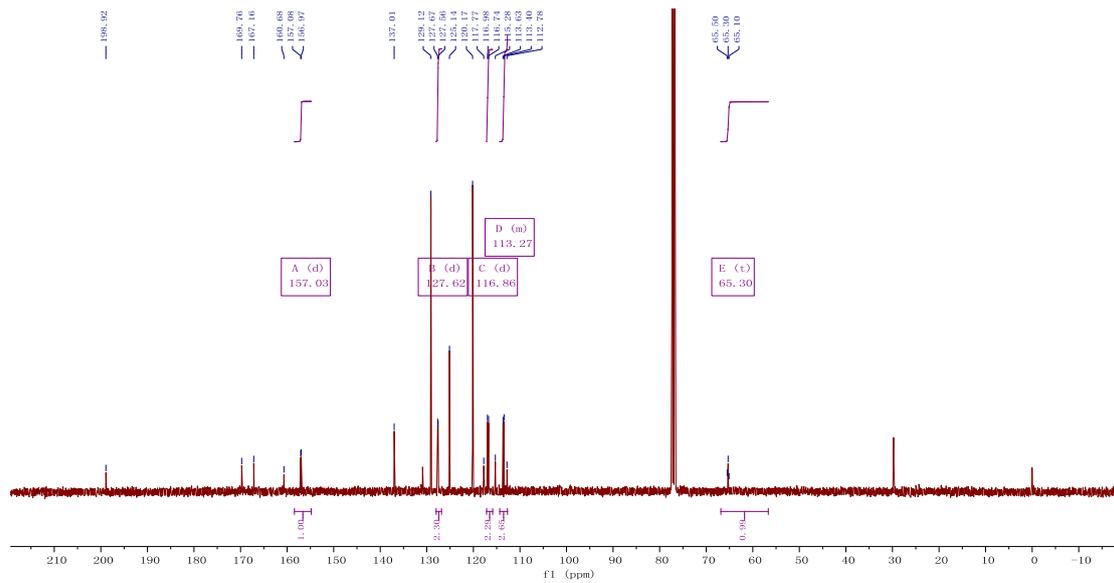


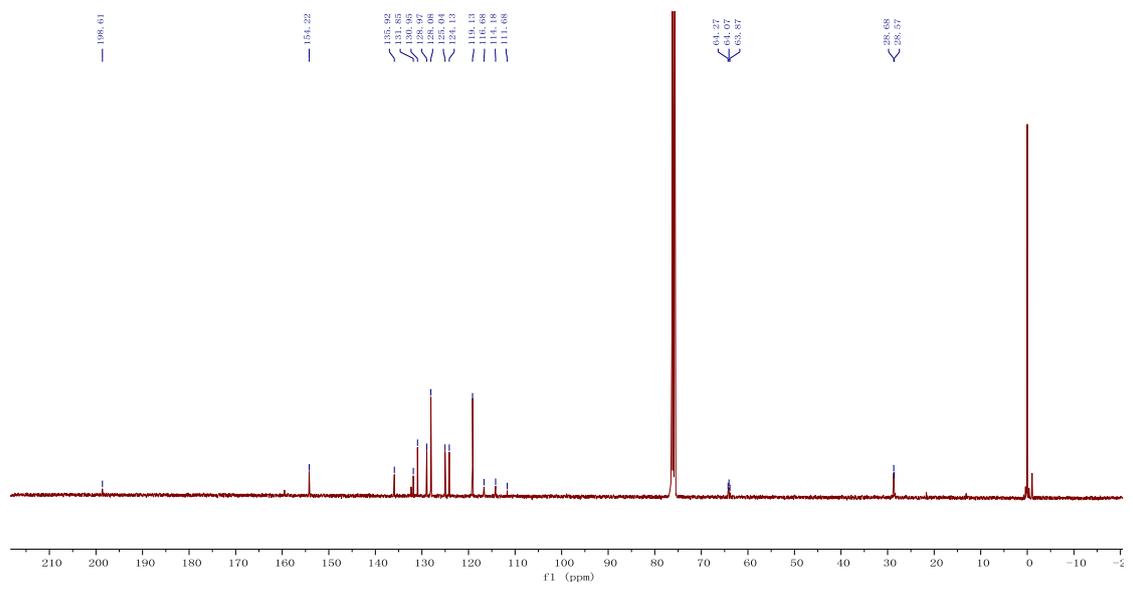
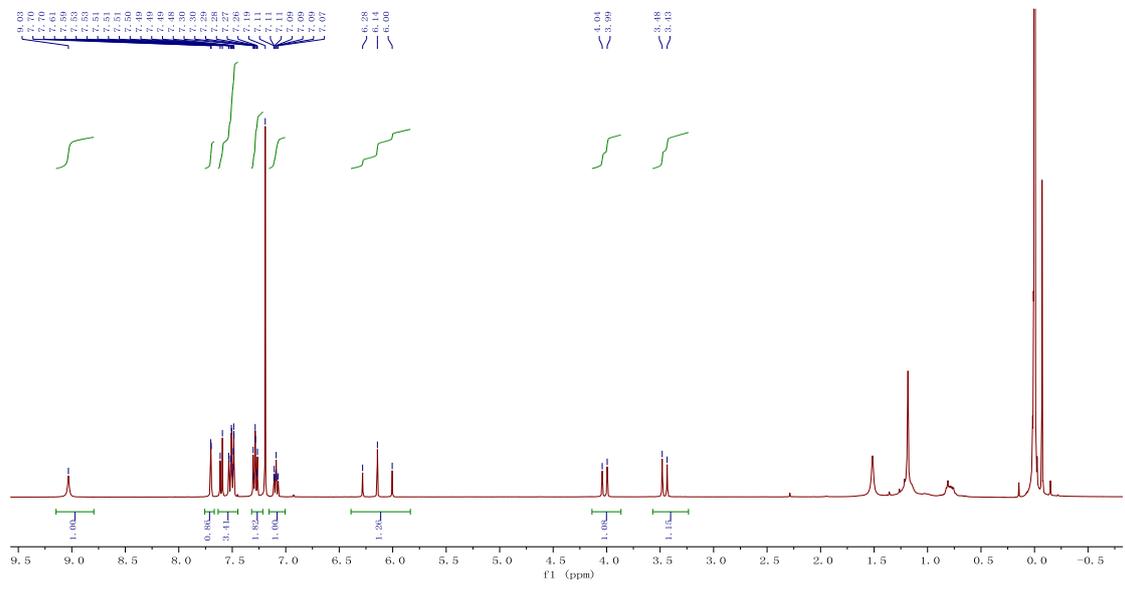
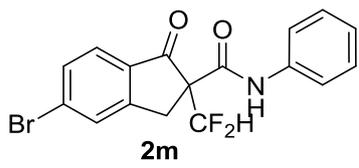


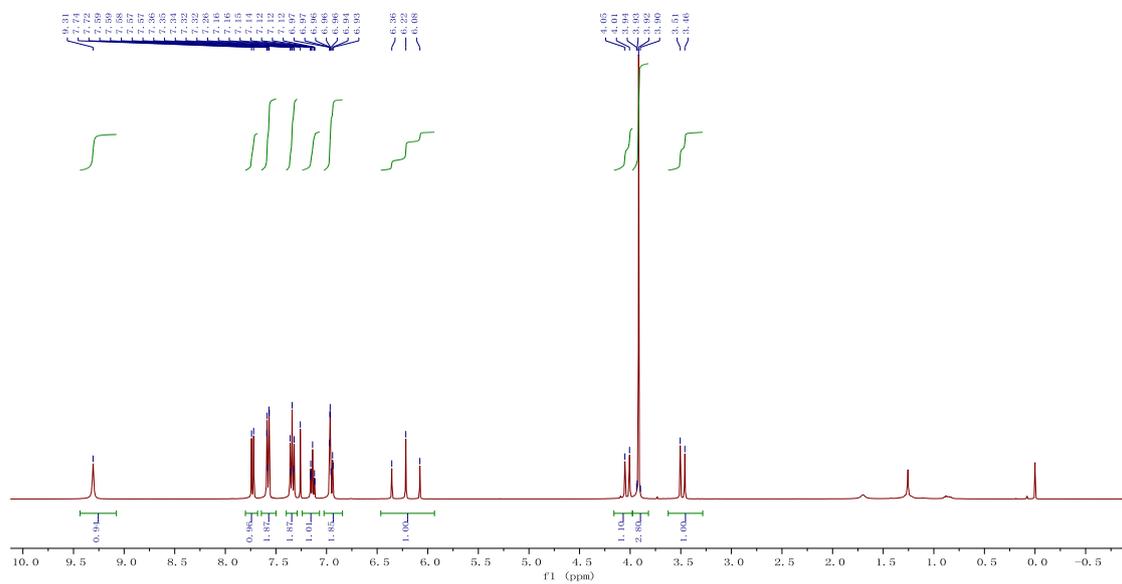
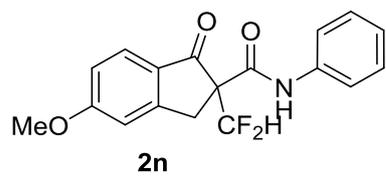
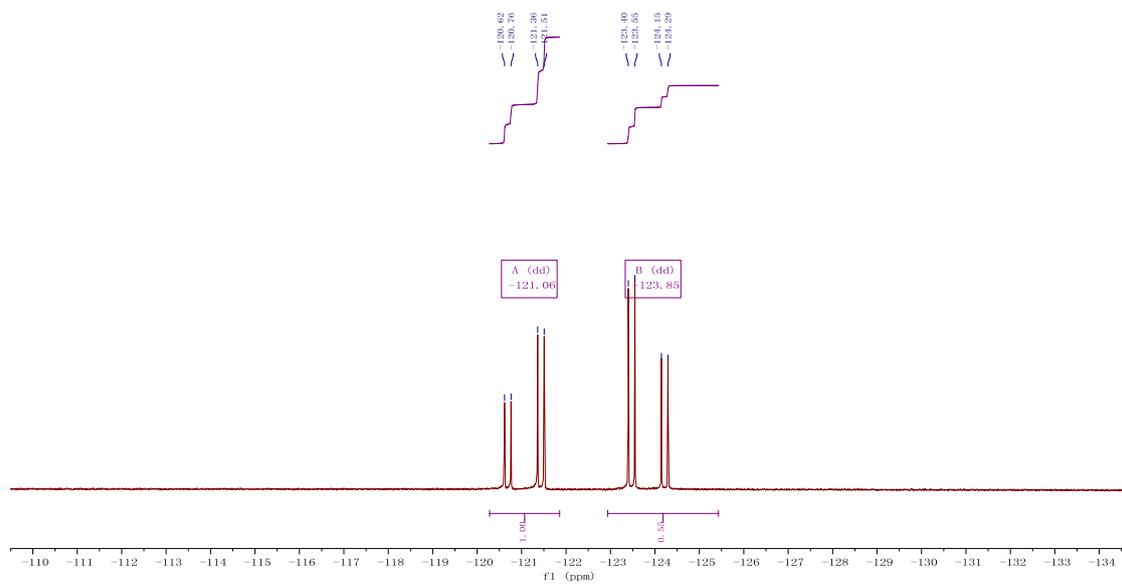


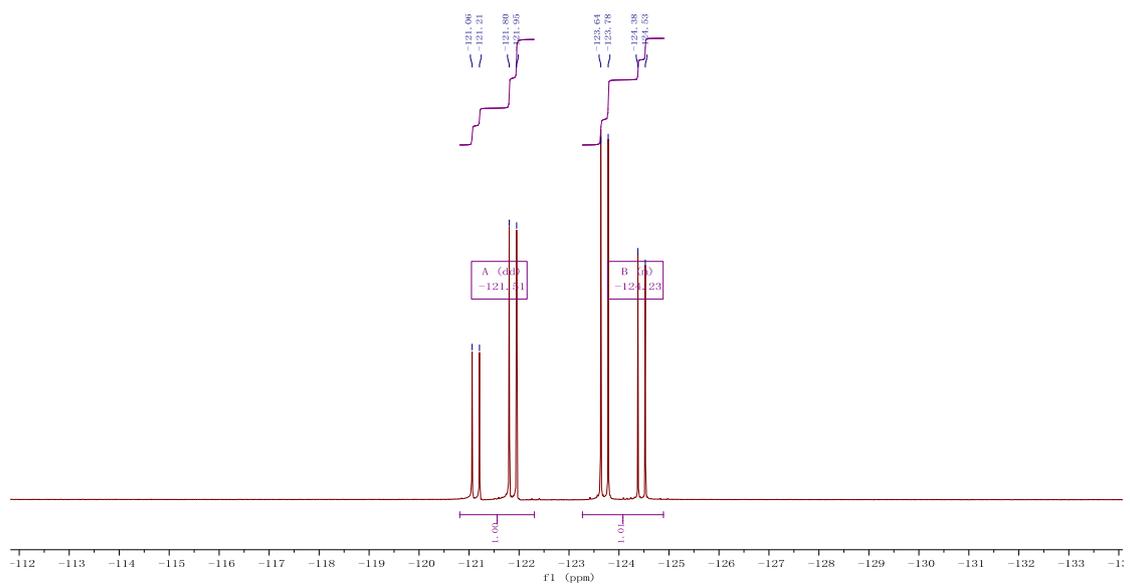
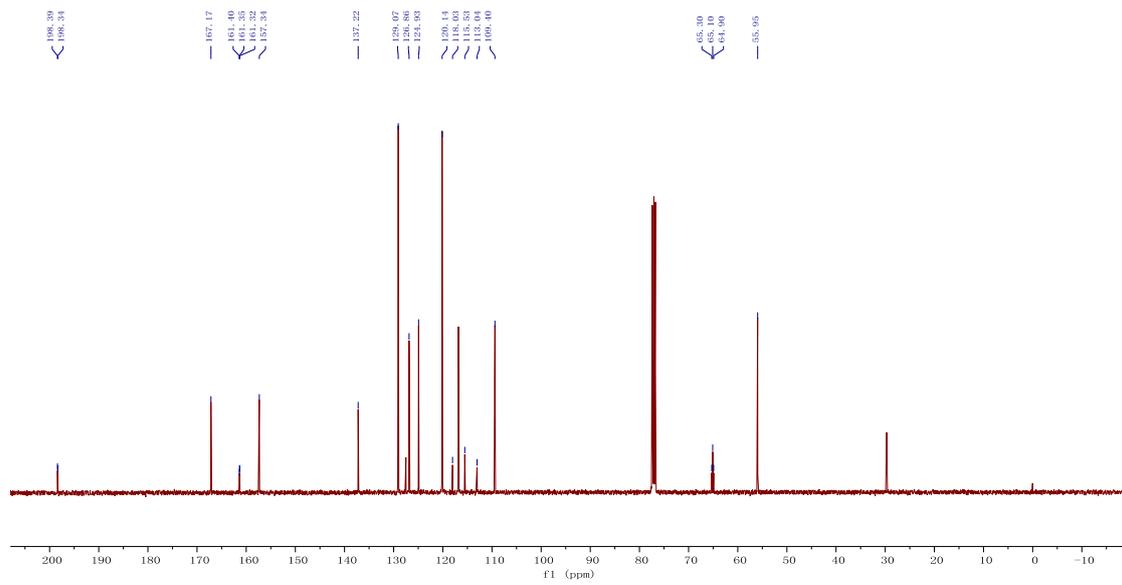


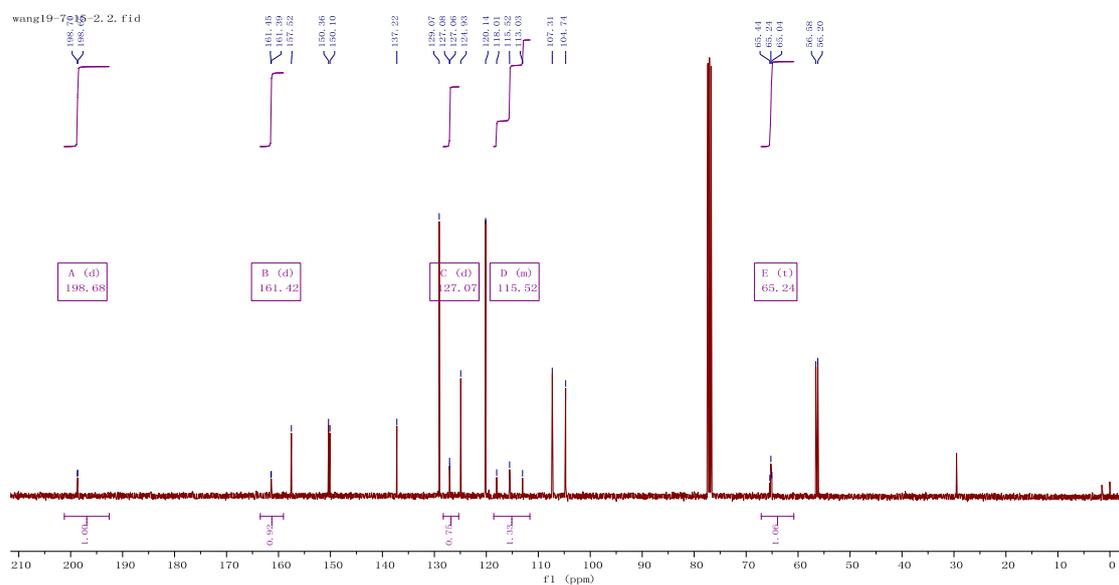
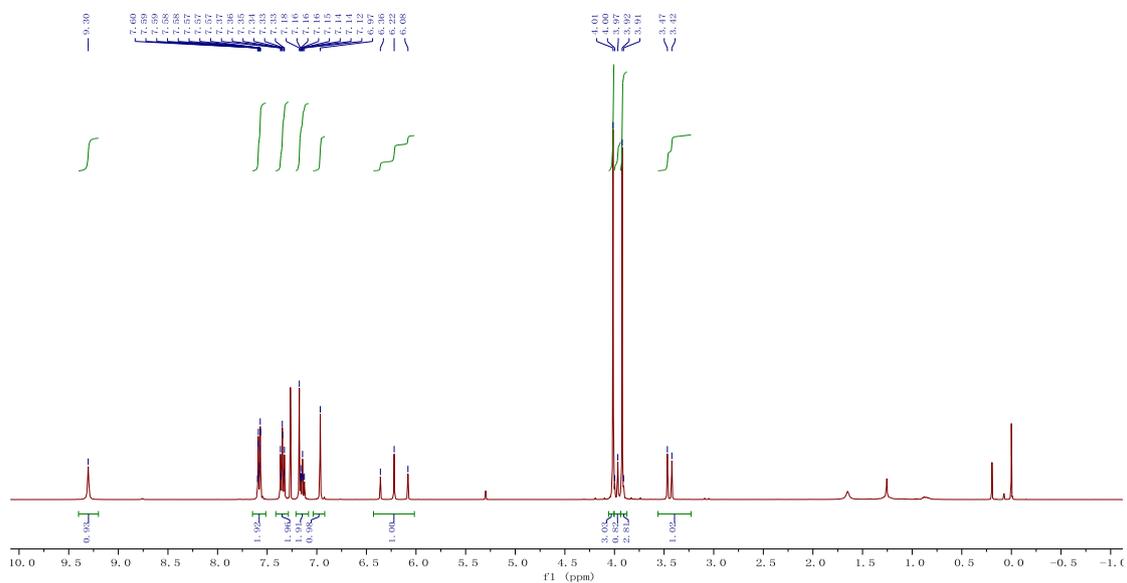
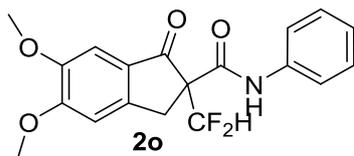


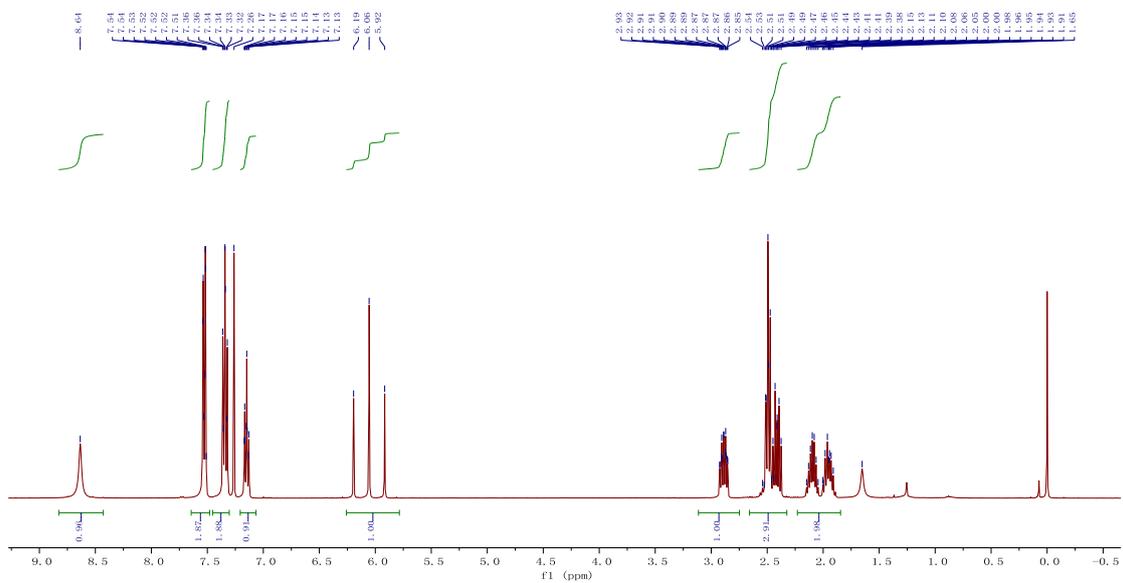
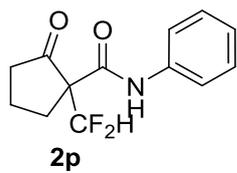
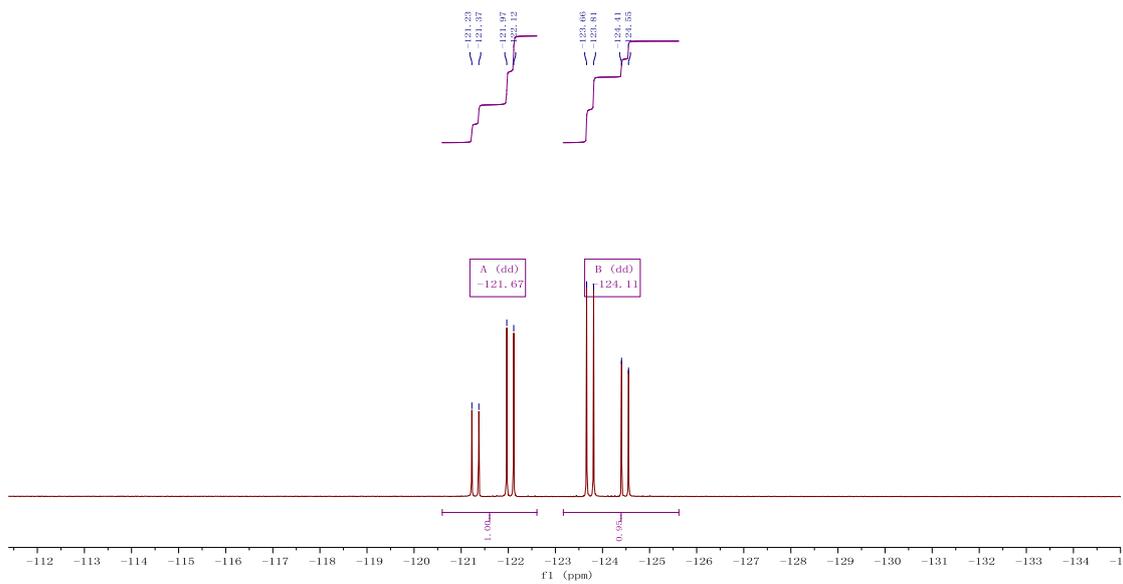


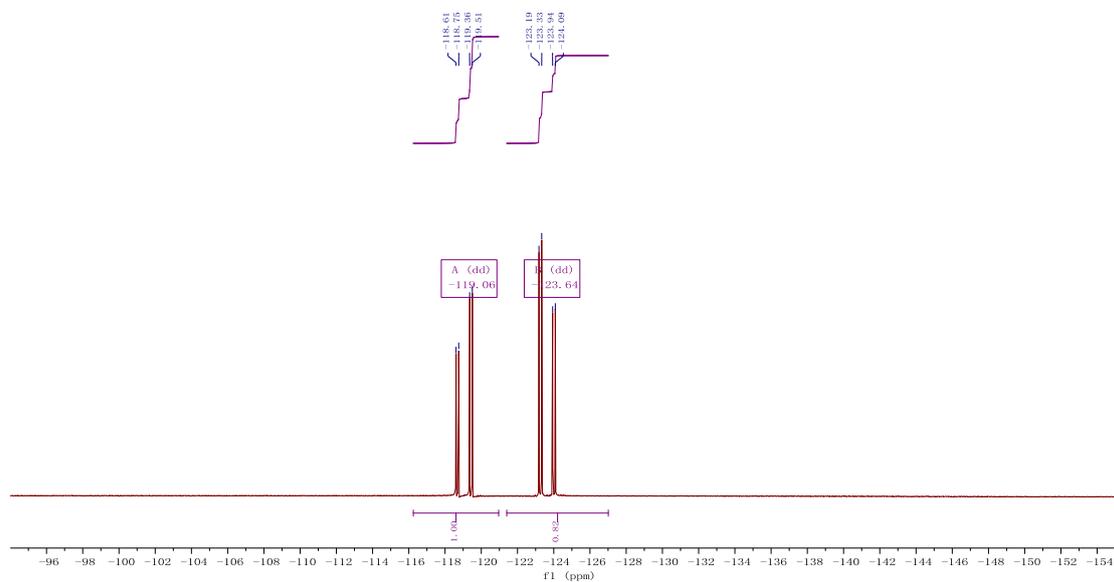
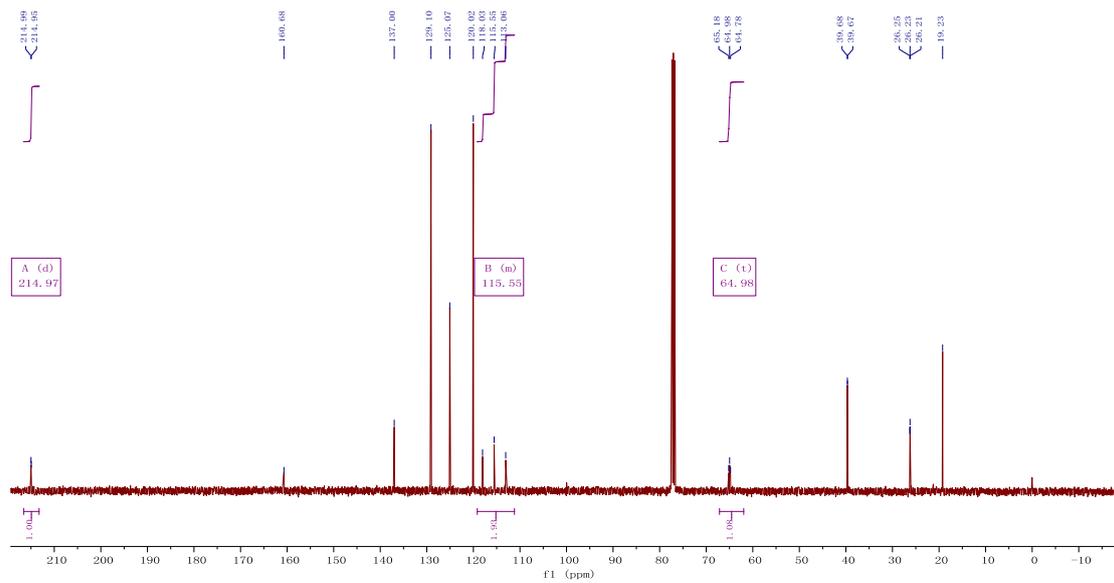


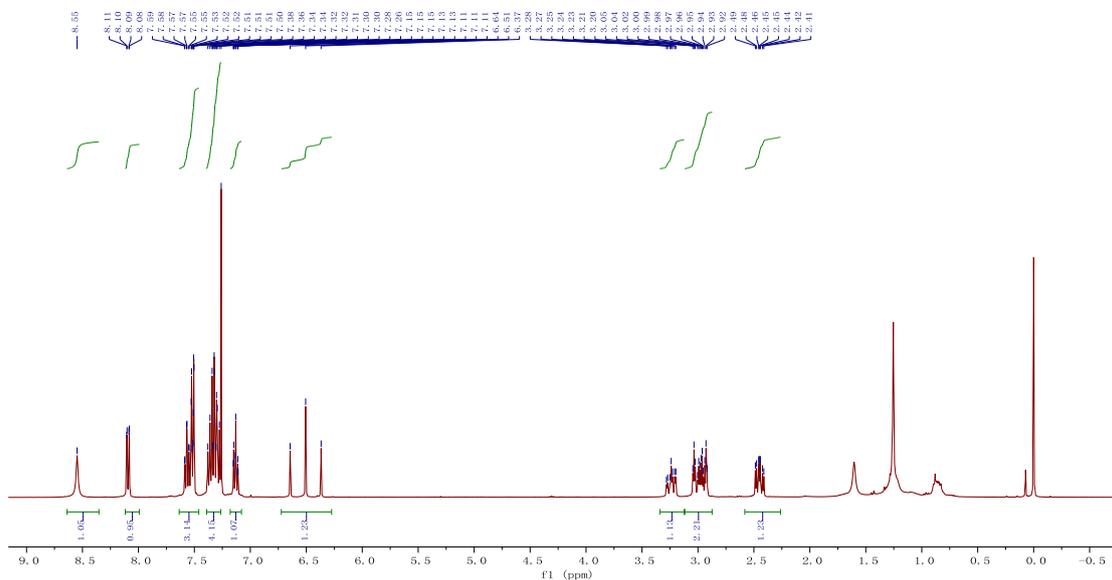
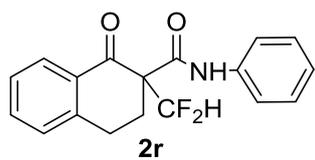
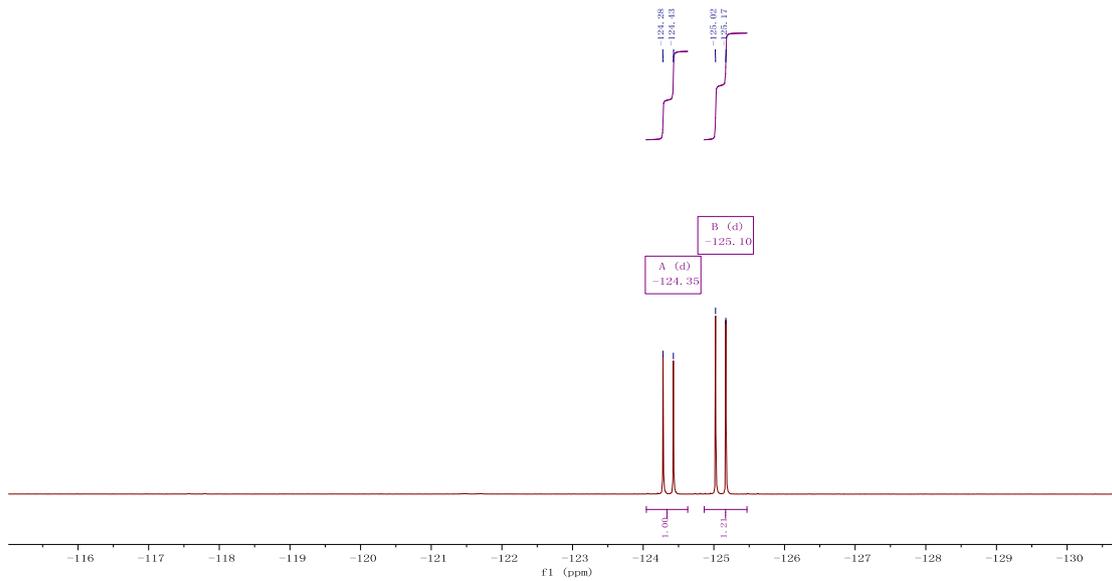


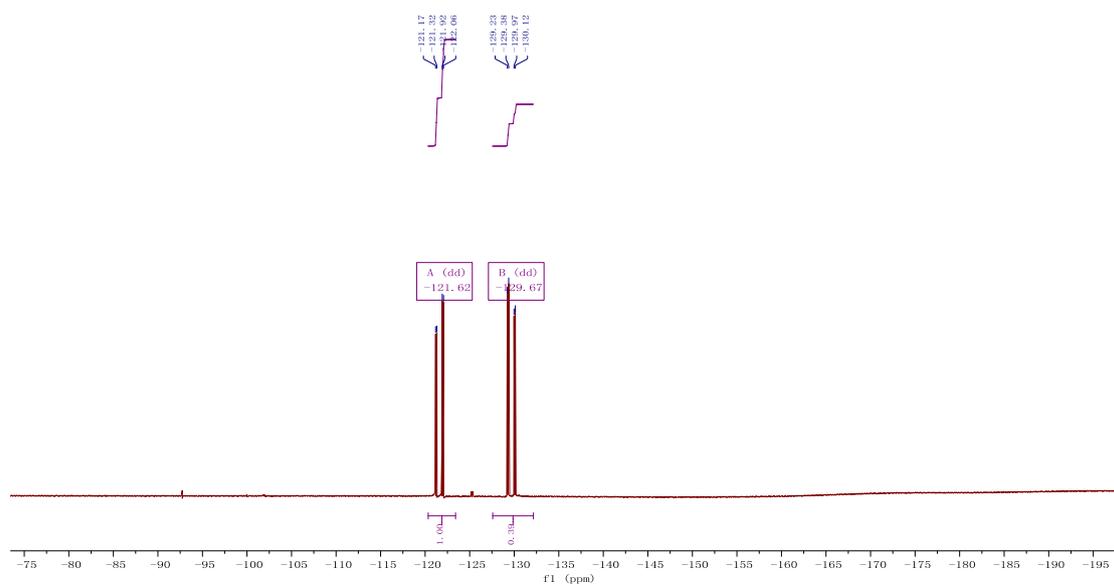
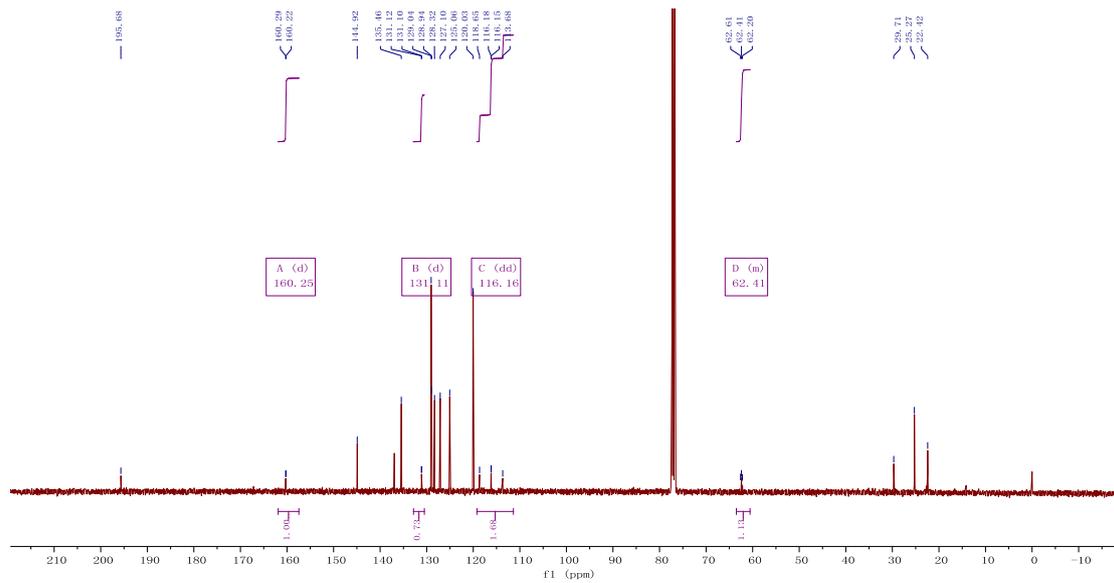


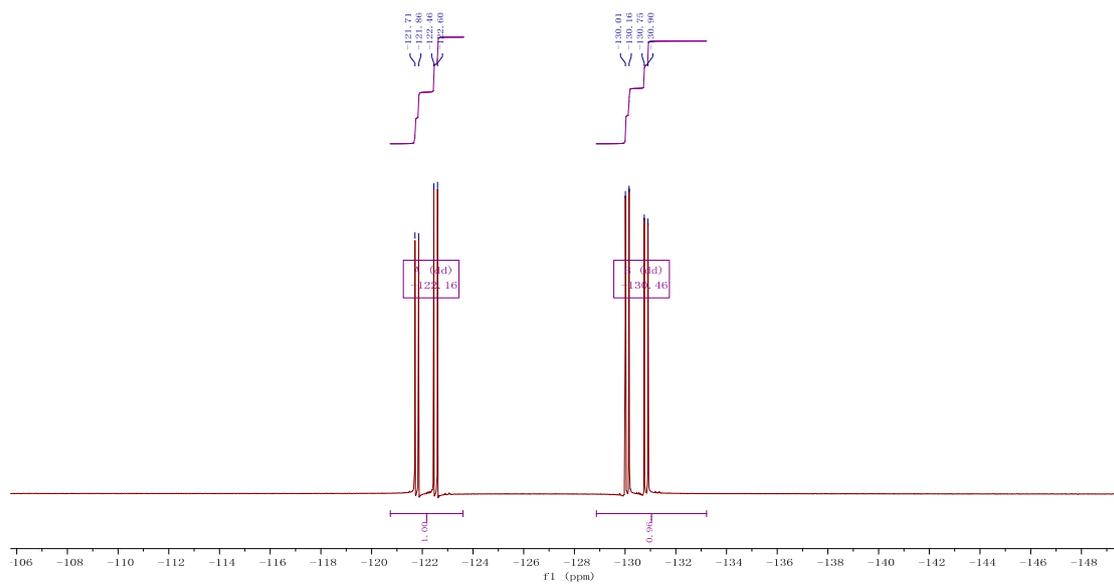
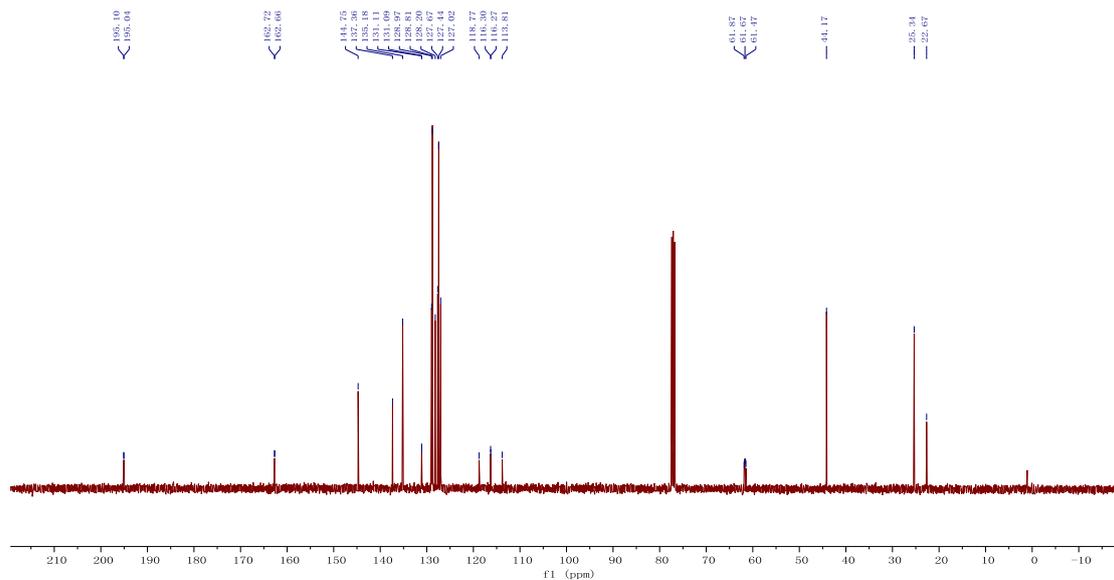


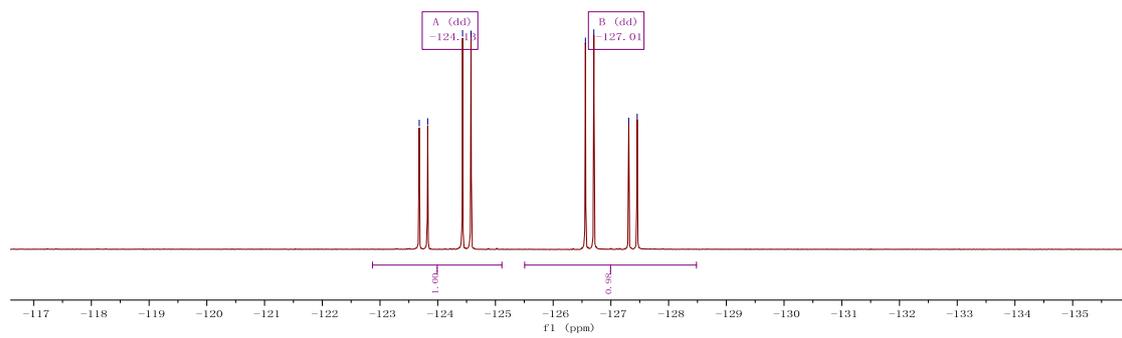
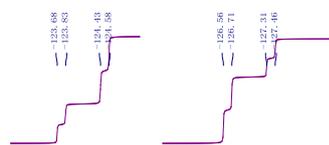
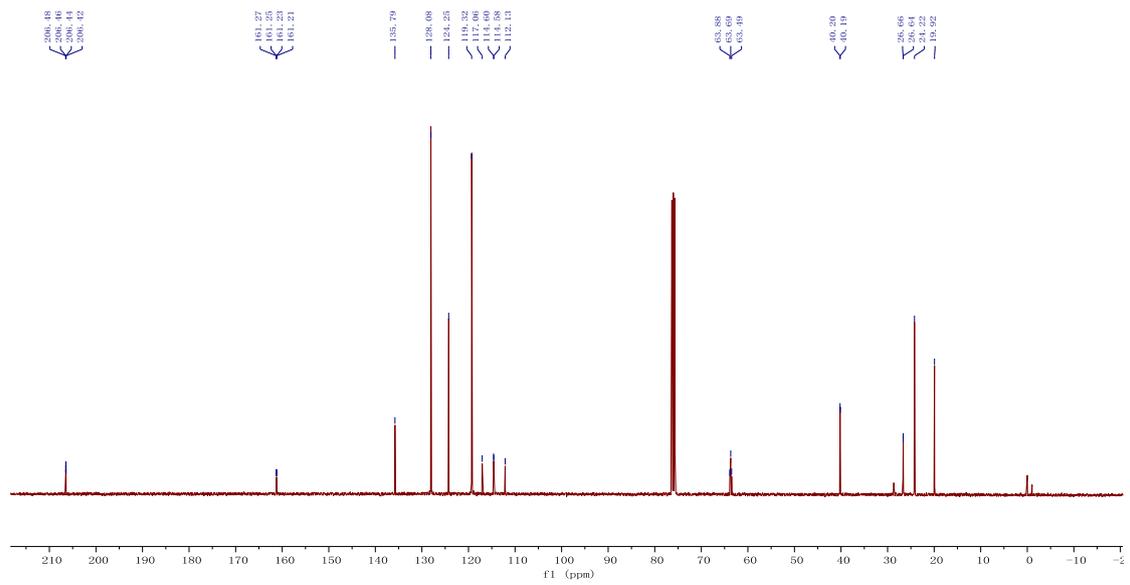


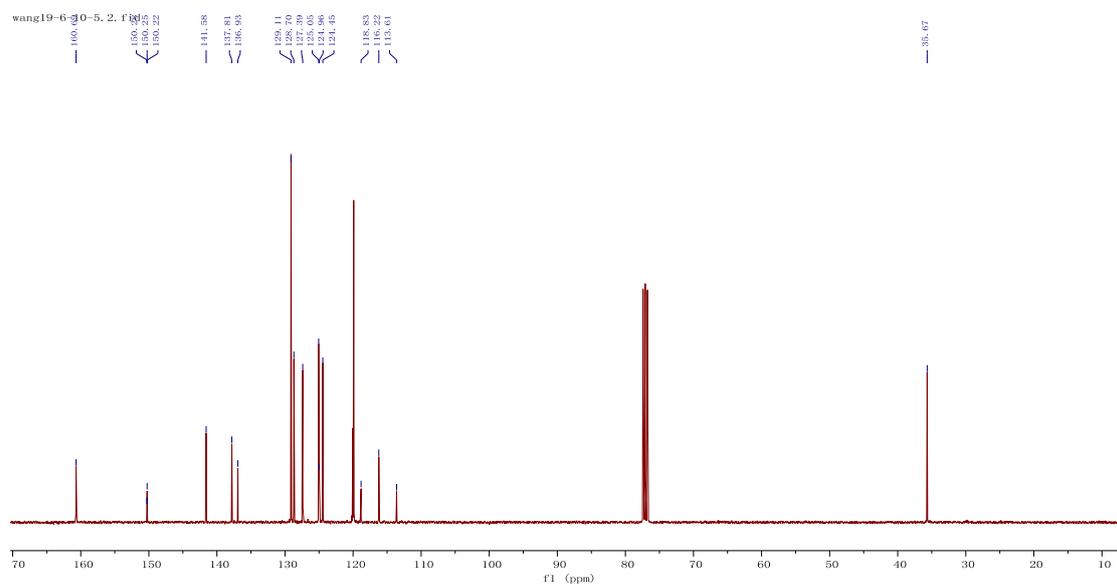
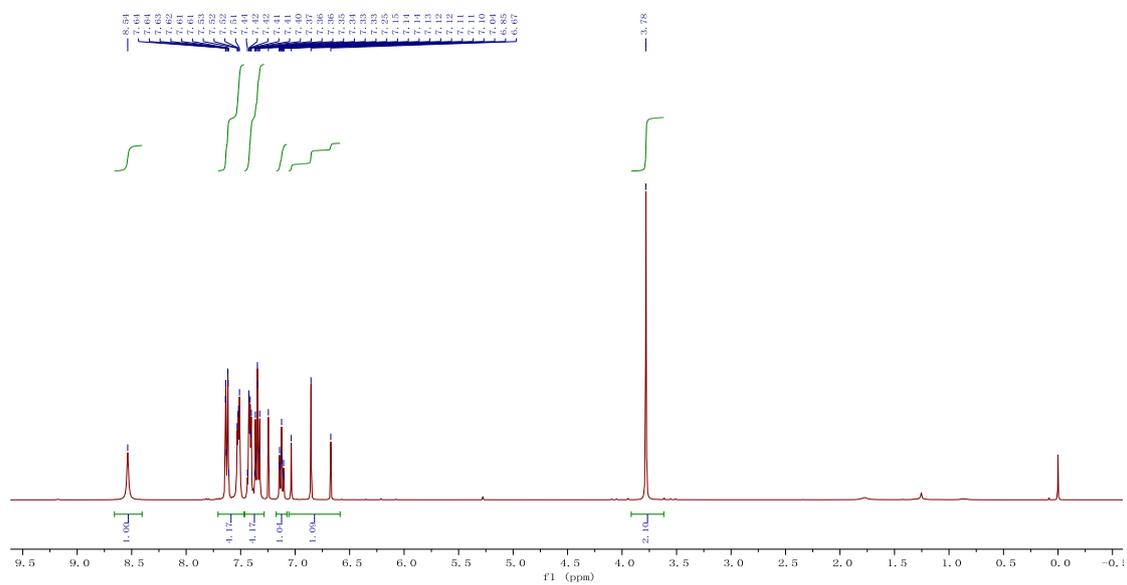
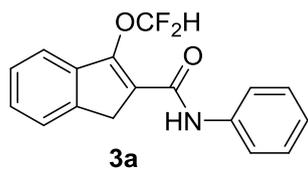


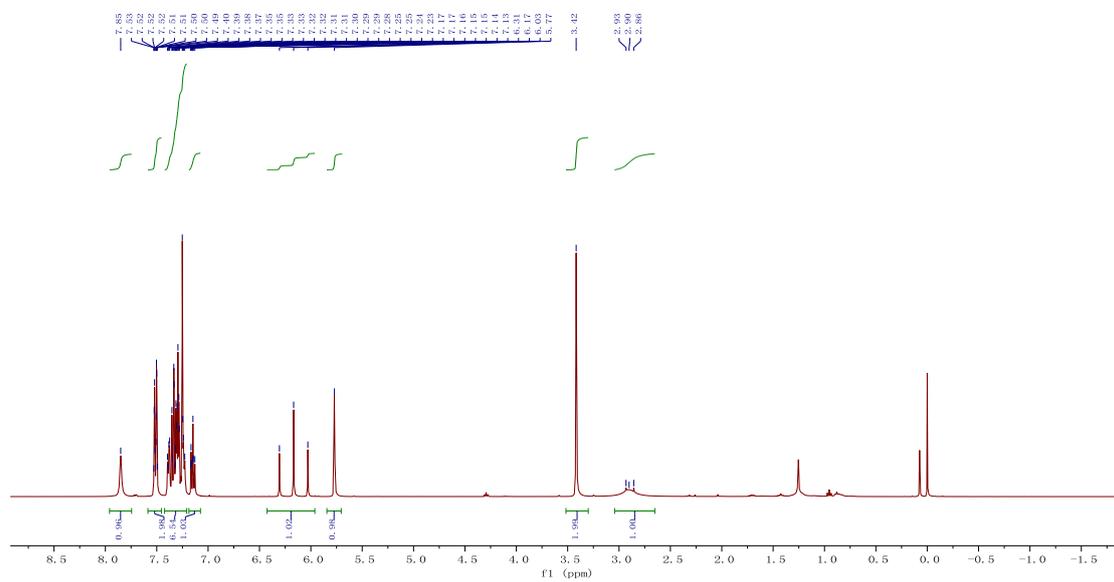
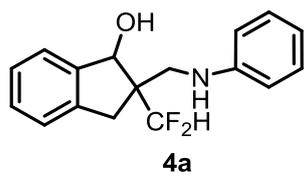
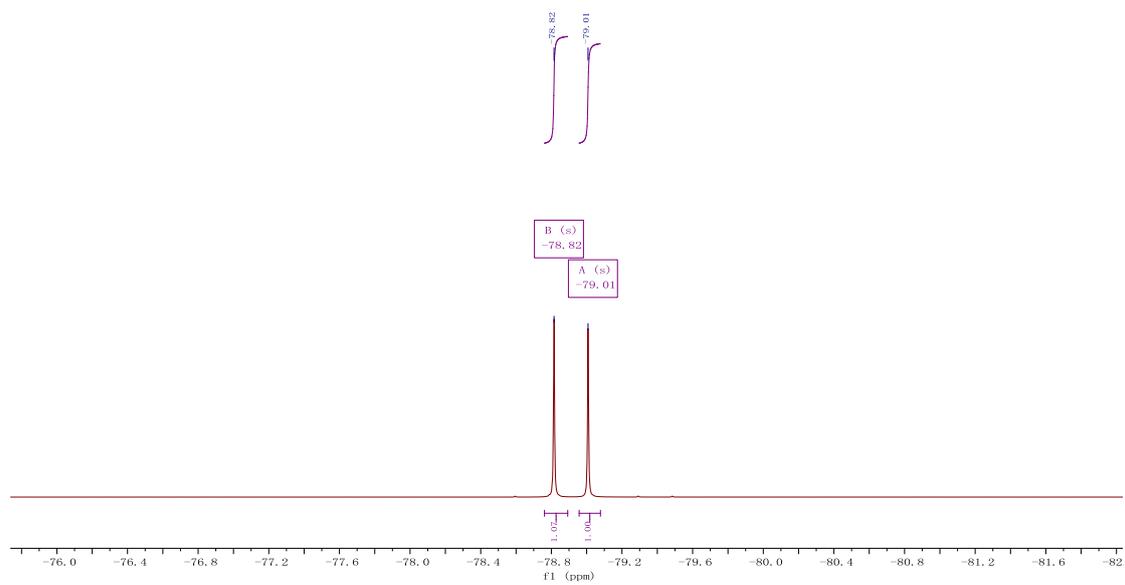


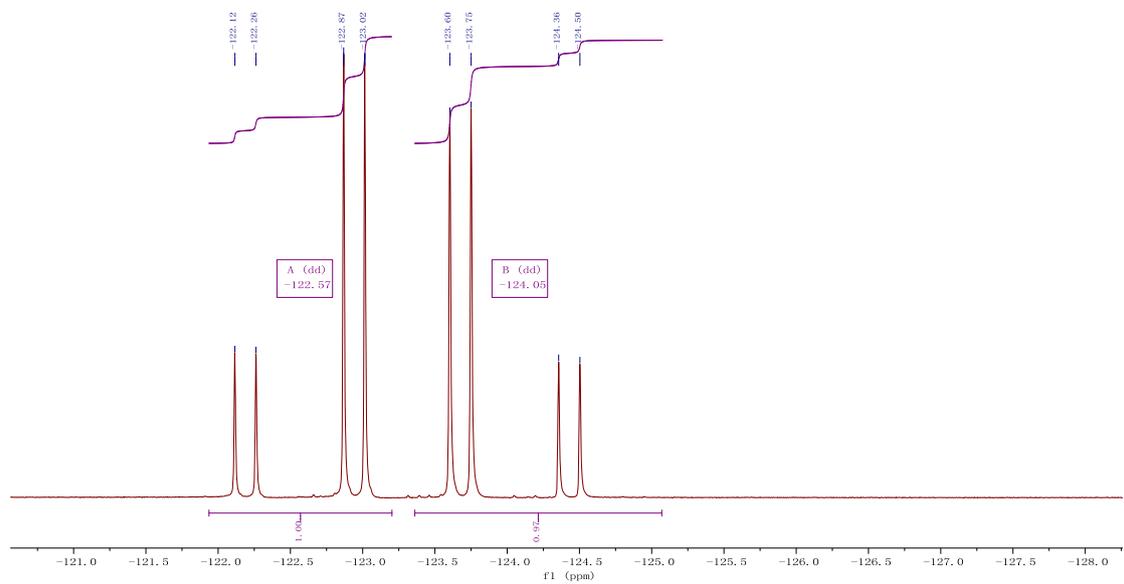
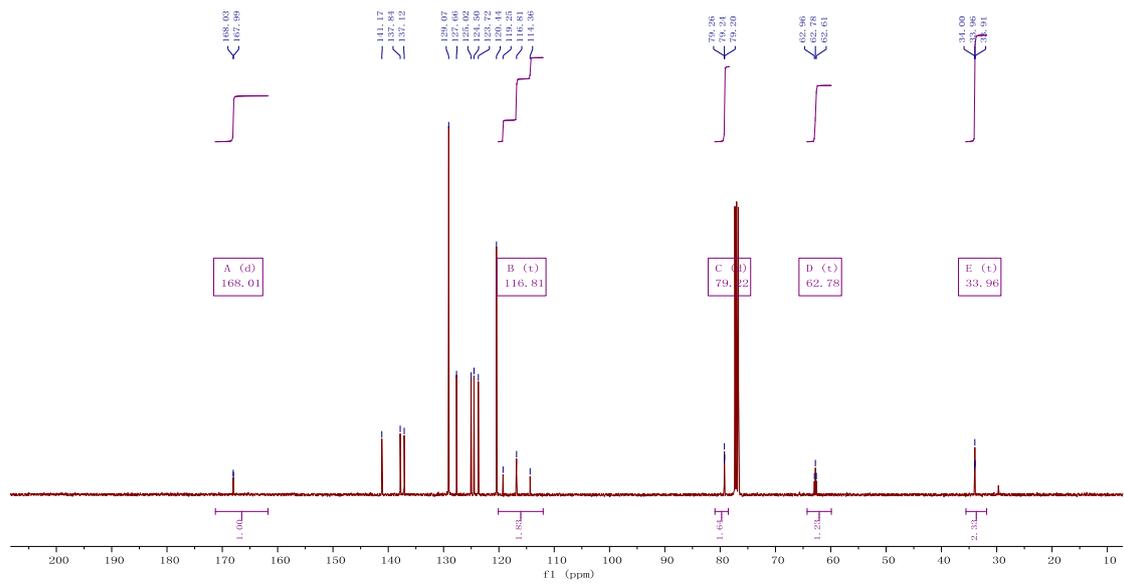


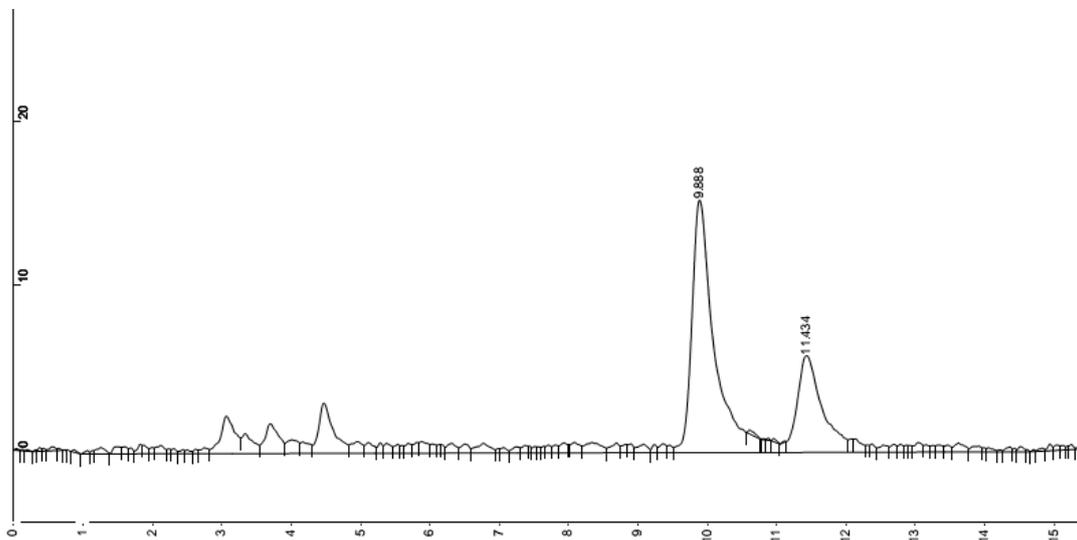
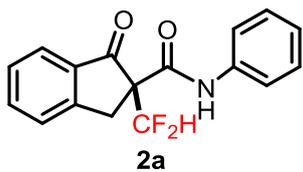




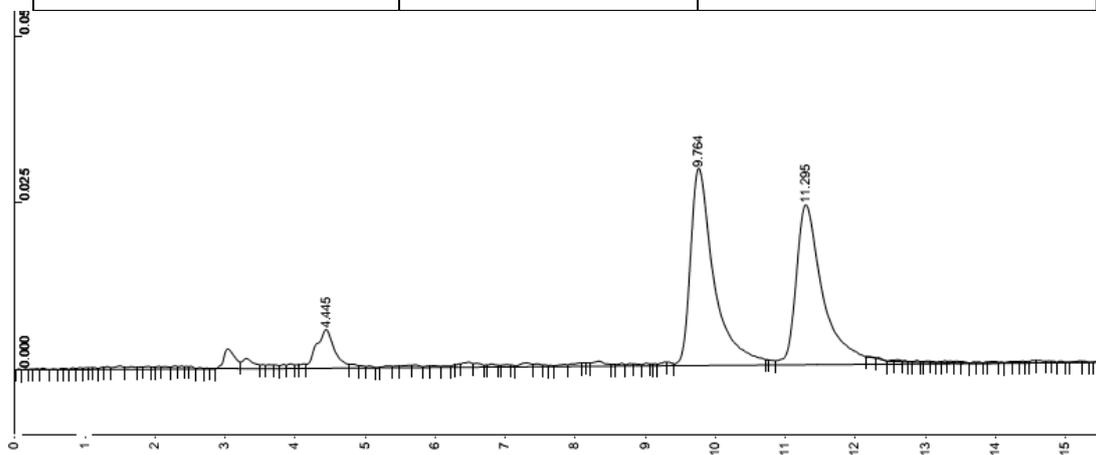








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