Supporting Information

Ni-Catalzyed Alkene Carboacylation via Amide C-N Bond Activation

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General Experimental Details

All air-sensitive procedures were conducted under inert atmosphere in a nitrogen-filled dry box or by standard Schlenk techniques. All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of nitrogen unless otherwise stated. All glassware for moisture sensitive reactions were dried at 140 °C in an oven. Tetrahydrofuran, methylene chloride and *N,N*-dimethylformamide were degassed by purging with argon for 45 minutes and dried with a solvent purification system by passing through a one-meter column of activated alumina. Anhydrous 1,4-dioxane was purchased from

Sigma Aldrich. Flash column chromatography was performed on SiliFlash[®] P60 silica gel (40-63 μm, 60Å) or using a Teledyne Isco Combiflash[®] R*f* system with Redi*Sep* GoldTM columns using hexanes/ethyl acetate, dichloromethane/methanol, or pentane/ether mixtures as eluents. Reactions products were visualized on TLC by UV light or by staining with KMnO₄.

HRMS (ESI) analysis was performed at the Iowa State University Chemical Instrumentation Facility on an Agilent 6540 QTOF spectrometer. NMR spectra were acquired on Varian MR-400 and Bruker Avance III 600 spectrometers at the Iowa State University Chemical Instrumentation Facility. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to a residual solvent peak (CDCl₃ = 7.26 ppm for ¹H and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C). ¹⁹F NMR shifts are reported based on indirect reference to CDCl₃. ¹

Materials

2-iodobenzoic acid (**S1a**) was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. 2-Iodo-5-methylbenzoic acid (**S1b**), 2-bromo-4-methylbenzoic acid (**S1c**), 2-iodo-5-methoxybenzoic acid (**S1d**), 2-bromo-4-methoxybenzoic acid (**S1e**), 2-bromo-6-fluorobenzoic acid (**S1f**), 2-bromo-4-fluorobenzoic acid (**S1g**), 2-bromo-3-fluorobenzoic acid (**S1h**), 2-bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (**S1i**), 2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (**S1j**), and 2-bromo-4,5-difluorobenzoic acid (**S1k**) were purchased from Combi-Blocks. Arylboronic acid pinacol esters were synthesized according to known a literature procedure.² Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine), cesium fluoride, and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate were purchased from Ak Scientific. Tribasic potassium phosphate was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel(0), and 1,3-bis(2,6-di-i-propylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazol-2-ylidine were purchased from Strem Chemicals.

General Procedure A: Synthesis of o-Halobenzamides S2a-S2k:

o-Halobenzamides (S2a-S2k) were prepared from the appropriate *o*-halobenzoic acid (S1a-S1k). To the appropriate *o*-halobenzoic acid (S1a-S1k) in anhydrous DCM (0.3 M) at 0 °C under N₂ was added 2 M oxalyl chloride (1.20 equiv) dropwise and a catalytic amount of DMF (1-2 drops). The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the corresponding crude acid chloride. To the crude acid chloride was added DCM (0.9 M) and triethylamine (1.25 equiv). Next, a solution of benzylamine (1.10 equiv) in DCM (0.5 M) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, then diluted with ethyl acetate, and washed successively with 1M HCl and brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was used directly in the next step. To the round-bottom flask containing the crude benzamide was added DMAP (0.10 equiv), acetonitrile (0.2 M) and Boc₂O (1.30 equiv). The reaction flask was then flushed with N₂ and allowed to stir at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of water, and extracted with ethyl acetate (3x). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced

pressure. The resulting crude o-halobenzamides (S2a-S2k) were used directly in the next step without further purification.

S2a

general procedure A from o-iodobenzoic acid S1a (7.61 g, 30.7 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2a as white solid in 80% yield (10.7 g, 24.7 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14 (s, 9H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 7.07 (td, J =7.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.47 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 47.6, 83.9, 91.7, 127.0, 127.6, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 130.3, 137.5, 139.2, 144.6, 15.1, 171.6. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{21}INO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 438.0561, Found: 438.0556.

tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodobenzoyl)carbamate (S2a): Prepared according to

tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodo-5-methylbenzoyl)carbamate (S2b): Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-iodo-5-methylbenzoic acid S1b (2.62 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product **S2b** as a colorless S2b oil in 91% yield (4.01 g, 9.10 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (s, 9H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32-

7.38 (m, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

21.0, 27.5, 48.0, 83.7, 87.5, 127.5, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 131.3, 137.5, 138.1, 138.9, 144.3, 152.1,

171.8. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{20}H_{23}INO_3^+$ ($[M+H]^+$): 452.0717, Found: 452.0720.

tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-4-methylbenzoyl)carbamate (S2c): Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-4-methylbenzoic acid S1c (2.15 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2c as a colorless oil in 83% yield (3.36 g, 8.32 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H). ¹³C

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 48.0, 83.6, 118.5, 127.4, 127.7, 128.0, 128.4, 128.5, 133.0, 133.1, 137.5, 137.6, 140.9, 152.3, 170.5. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃BrNO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 404.0856, Found: 404.0828.

tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodo-5-methoxybenzoyl)carbamate (S2d): Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-iodo-5-methoxybenzoic acid S1d (2.78 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2d as a colorless oil in 81% yield (3.79 g, 8.10 mmol). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 6.67 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H) 6.74 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 48.0, 55.6, 80.1, 83.8, 112.9, 116.9, 127.5, 128.5, 128.6, 137.4, 139.8, 145.2, 152.0, 159.7, 171.3. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{20}H_{23}INO_4^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 468.0666, Found: 468.0665.

tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-4-methoxybenzoyl)carbamate (S2e):

No Bn Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-4
methoxybenzoic acid S1e (2.31 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2e as a yellow oil in 90% yield (3.80 g, 9.00 mmol). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 6.86 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.46 (m, 2H). CNMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.6, 48.2, 53.6, 55.8, 83.5, 113.2, 118.1, 119.7, 127.5, 128.5, 129.2, 132.6, 137.7, 152.4, 160.7, 170.5. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂BrNO₄+Na ([M+Na]+): 442.0624, Found: 442.0587.

S2f

tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-6-fluorobenzoyl)carbamate (S2f): Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-6-fluorobenzoic acid S1f (2.19 g. 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2f as a white solid in 75% yield (3.05 g, 7.50 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.18 (s, 9H), 5.10 (s,

2H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 47.6, 84.2, 114.6 (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1C), 119.2 (d, J = 5.05 Hz, 1C), 127.5, 128.1, 128.3 (d, J = 4.04 Hz, 1C), 128.5, 129.7, (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1C), 130.6 (d, J = 8.08Hz, 1C), 137.2, 151.6, 158.4 (d J = 252.5 Hz, 1C), 165.4. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -114.1 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}BrFNO_3^+Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 430.0425, Found: 430.0387.

S2q

tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-4-fluorobenzoyl)carbamate (S2g): Prepared Bn according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-4-fluorobenzoic acid **S1g** (2.19 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2g as a white

solid in 85% yield (3.47 g, 8.50 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (s, 9H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 7.06 (td, J = 8.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.6, 48.1, 84.0. 114.7 (d, J = 21.2, 1C), 119.3 (d, J = 9.09 Hz, 1C), 120.0 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1C), 120.2 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1C), 127.6, 128.5, 129.2, 136.7 (d, J = 4.04 Hz, 1C), 137.4, 152.1, 162.5 (d, J = 4.04 Hz, 1C)J = 254.5 Hz, 1C), 169.6. ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -109.4 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{19}BrFNO_3^+Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 430.0425, Found: 430.0384.

tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-3-fluorobenzoyl)carbamate (S2h): Prepared Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-3-fluorobenzoic acid S1h (2.19) g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2h as a white solid in 84% yield (3.43 g, 8.40 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.17 (s, 9H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 7.04 (dt, J =

7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (td, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 2H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 47.9, 84.1, 106.4 (d, J = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 116.7 (d, J = 22.2 Hz, 1C), 122.8 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 127.7, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1C), 137.3, 142.6, 151.9, 159.0 (d, J = 248.5 Hz, 1C), 169.1. ¹⁹F **NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -106.1 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉BrFNO₃⁺Na ([M+Na]⁺): 430.0425, Found: 430.0393.

F₃C $\stackrel{\text{N}}{\longrightarrow}$ Bn (S2i): Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-5-s2i (trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid S1i (2.69 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2i as a white solid in 88% yield (4.03 g, 8.80 mmol). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (s, 9H), 5.07 (s, 2H), 7.28-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H). 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 48.0, 84.4, 122.5, 124.7 (q, J = 3.8 Hz, 1C), 126.1 (q, J = 274.0 Hz, 1C), 126.8 (q, J = 3.7 Hz, 1C), 127.7, 128.6, 128.6, 130.3, 133.3, 137.1, 141.4, 151.7, 168.9. 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -62.9 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₀H₁₉BrF₃NO₃⁺Na ([M+Na]⁺): 480.0393, Found: 480.0344.

tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)carbamate (S2j):

S2j

Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-iodo-4(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid S1j (3.16 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2j as a colorless oil in 91% yield (4.60 g, 9.10 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 7.27-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.49 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (dd, J= 8.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.6, 47.8, 84.5, 91.1, 122.7 (q, J= 274.7, 1C), 124.5 (d, J= 22.2 Hz, 1C), 126.9 (d, J= 11.1 Hz, 1C), 127.7 (q, J= 6.1 Hz, 1C), 128.6 (m, 1C), 128.7 (d, J= 9.1 Hz, 1C), 132.0 (q, J= 33.3 Hz, 1C), 135.9 (dd, J= 15.2, 4.0 Hz,

1C), 137.1, 148.1, 151.6, 170.5. ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -62.8 (s, 3F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{20}H_{20}F_3INO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 506.0434, Found: 506.0450.

Fraction benzyl(2-bromo-4,5-difluorobenzoyl)carbamate (S2k):

Br Boc Prepared according to general procedure A from 2-bromo-4,5-difluorobenzoic acid S1k (2.37 g, 10.0 mmol). The reactions afforded crude product S2k as a white solid in 74% yield (3.16 g, 7.40 mmol). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)
$$\delta$$
 1.24 (s, 9H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 9.8, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.43 (m, 6H). NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.6, 48.1, 84.4, 112.6 (dd, J = 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1C), 116.9, 117.1 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 127.7, 128.5, 128.6 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 137.0 (dd, J = 6.1, 5.1 Hz, 1C), 137.1, 149.7 (dd, J = 252.5, 13.1 Hz, 1C), 150.4 (dd, J = 257.6, 14.1 Hz, 1C), 151.9, 168.4. NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -137.8 (m, 1F), -133.4 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉BrF₂NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 426.0511, Found: 426.0502.

General Procedure B: Synthesis of o-Allylbenzamides 1a, 3a-j

o-Allylbenzamides (1a, 3a-j) were prepared according to the following procedure. A round-bottom flask was charged with 3.00 mmol of o-iodobenzamide (S2a-S2k), CsF (1.77 g, 11.6

mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.347 g, 0.300 mmol), and THF (37.5 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. Then 2-allyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (allylBpin) (0.907 g, 5.40 mmol) in THF (37.5 mL) was added. The resulting solution was stirred at reflux for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexanes (100 mL) followed by water (100 mL). The layers were separated, and the organic layer extracted with hexanes (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (200 mL) and brine (200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purifications of the crude products were carried out by flash column chromatography to give *o*-allylbenzamides **1a**, **3a-j**.

tert-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (1a): Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodobenzoyl)carbamate S2a (1.31 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes EtOAc) to give 1a as a colorless oil in 79% yield (0.830 g, 2.37 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (s, 9H), 3.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 5.03-5.10 (m, 2H), 5.92 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.37 (m, 5H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 37.6, 48.1, 83.4, 116.6, 125.9, 126.1, 127.5, 128.4, 128.6, 129.6, 129.8, 136.6, 137.3, 137.9, 138.2, 153.0, 172.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{26}NO_3^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 352.1907, Found: 352.1883.

tert-butyl (2-allyl-5-methylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3a): Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl (2-iodo-5-methylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate S2b (1.35 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10

Hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3a** as a colorless oil in 78% yield (0.856 g, 2.34 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (s, 9H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 5.01-5.08 (m, 2H), 5.91 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.11-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 20.9, 27.4, 37.2, 48.1, 83.3, 116.2, 126.7, 127.5, 128.4, 128.5, 129.8, 130.3, 134.3, 135.4, 136.81, 137.9, 137.9, 153.1, 172.5. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{28}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 366.2064, Found: 366.2024.

MeO 3b

tert-butyl (2-allyl-5methoxybenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3b): Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodo-5methoxybenzoyl)carbamate **S2d** (1.40 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3b** as a dark-green oil in 61% yield (0.698 g, 1.83 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14 (s, 9H), 3.38 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 5.02-5.08 (m, 2H), 5.04 (s, 2H), 5.91 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.46-7.48 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101) MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 36.7, 48.1, 55.5, 83.4, 111.5, 115.4, 116.1, 127.5, 128.4, 128.5, 129.2, 130.9, 136.9, 137.8, 138.9, 152.9, 157.6, 172.1. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₇NO₄⁺Na ([M+Na]⁺): 404.1832, Found: 404.1786.

tert-butyl (2-allyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3c):

Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2bromo-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)carbamate S2i (1.37 g, 3.00 mmol). The

crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 95:5 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 3c as a colorless oil as an 84:16 mixture of 3c and the olefin

isomerization product in 70% yield (0.879 g, 2.10 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.10 (s, 9H), 3.46 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 5.06-5.11 (m, 2H), 5.81-5.93 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.40 (m, 5H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H) 7.58 (dd, J = 7.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.3, 37.3, 48.0, 83.9, 117.4, 122.9 (q, J = 3.7 Hz, 1C), 125.9 (q, J = 3.8 Hz, 1C), 127.0 (q, J = 273.4Hz, 1C), 127.6, 128.3, 128.5, 128.7, 130.2, 131.5, 135.2, 137.3, 138.7, 141.0, 152.3, 170.8, ¹⁹F **NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.6 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₅F₃NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 420.1781, Found: 420.1720.

according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-4methoxybenzoyl)carbamate S2e (1.26 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3d** as a colorless oil in 34% yield (0.386 g, 1.01 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.13 (s, 9H), 3.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 5.04-5.12 (m,

tert-butyl benzyl(2-allyl-4-methoxybenzoyl)carbamate (3d): Prepared

2H), 5.92 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101) MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.6, 37.7, 48.4, 55.4, 83.1, 110.9, 115.5, 116.6, 127.5, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 130.5, 136.5, 138.0, 140.2, 153.3, 160.8, 172.4. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{27}NO_4^+Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 404.1832, Found: 404.1782.

tert-butyl (2-allyl-4-methylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3e): Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-4methylbenzoyl)carbamate S2c (1.21 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10

hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3e** as a colorless oil in 28% yield (0.310 g, 0.848 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (s, 9H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 5.05-5.10 (m, 2H), 5.93 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.30-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 27.5, 37.6, 48.2, 83.2, 116.3, 126.4, 126.5, 127.5, 128.3, 128.5, 130.6, 135.3, 136.8 137.5, 138.0, 139.8, 153.1, 172.6. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₈NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 366.2064, Found: 366.2027.

tert-butyl (2-allyl-4-fluorobenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3f): Prepared according to general procedure B from *tert*-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-4-fluorobenzoyl)carbamate S2g (1.22 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 3f as a colorless oil in 51% yield (0.568 g, 1.54 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.14 (s, 9H), 3.44 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 5.06-5.12 (m, 2H), 5.89 (ddt, J = 17.4, 9.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (td, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 9.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.6, 37.4, 48.2, 83.6, 112.8 (d, J = 21.2 Hz, 1C), 116.7 (d, J = 22.2 Hz, 1C), 117.4, 127.61, 128.1 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1C), 128.4, 128.6, 134.3 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 135.6, 137.7 140.6 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1C), 152.9, 163.3 (d, J = 250.5 Hz, 1C), 171.6. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -110.9 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄FNO₃⁺Na ([M+Na]⁺): 392.1632, Found: 392.1596.

tert-butyl (2-allyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3g):

Boc

Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2-iodo-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)carbamate S2i (1.52 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0

(3h):

Prepared

hexnaes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 3g as a colorless oil in 81% yield (1.02 g, 2.43 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12 (s, 9H), 3.45 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 5.06-5.12 (m, 2H), 5.89 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.51 (m, 4H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.5, 37.4, 47.9, 84.1, 117.7, 122.9 (q, J = 3.75 Hz, 1C), 126.1, 126.5 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 1C), 127.0 (q, J = 274.1 Hz, 1C), 127.7, 128.5, 128.6, 131.2, 135.2, 137.5, 137.9, 141.8, 152.4, 171.1. ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{23}H_{24}F_3NO_3^+Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 442.1600, Found: δ -62.6 (s. 3F). 442.1550.

tert-butyl

(2-allyl-3-fluorobenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(3-fluoro-2bromobenzoyl)carbamate **S2h** (1.22 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **3h** as a colorless oil in 71% yield (0.787 g, 2.13 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.12, (s, 9H), 3.43 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97-5.05 (m, 2H), 5.03 (s, 2H), 5.89 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.0, 6.6 Hz, 2H)1H), 6.93 (dd, J = 7.6, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 30.7, 48.0, 83.8, 116.27, 116.3, 116.5, 121.7 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 124.6 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1C), 127.4 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1C), 127.6, 128.5 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1C), 135.2, 137.7, 140.4 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1C), 152.7, 161.4 (d, J = 248.5 Hz, 1C), 170.9 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.6 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{24}FNO_3^+Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 392.1632, Found: 392.1587.

F O tert-butyl (2-allyl-6-fluorobenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3i): Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(2-bromo-6-fluorobenzoyl)carbamate S2f (1.22 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 3i as a colorless oil in 89% yield (0.984 g, 2.66 mmol). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16 (s, 9H), 3.37 (dd, J = 22.6, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.99-5.05 (m, 2H), 5.09 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (ddt, J = 17.6, 9.6, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H). HRMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.4 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1C), 37.4, 47.6, 83.7, 112.9, 113.1, 116.9, 125.3 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 126.9 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1C), 127.8 (d, J = 74.7 Hz, 1C), 128.5, 130.1 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1C), 135.8 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1C), 137.6, 139.1 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 152.1, 158.3 (d, J = 247.5 Hz, 1C), 167.25. HRMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -117.7 (m, 1F). HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₂H₂₄FNO₃+Na ([M+Na]⁺): 392.1632, Found: 392.1598.

tert-butyl (2-allyl-4,5-difluorobenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate (3j): Prepared according to general procedure B from tert-butyl benzyl(4,5-difluoro-2-bromobenzoyl)carbamate S2k (1.28 g, 3.00 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 DCM:EtOAc to 90:10 DCM:EtOAc) to give 3j as a colorless oil in 61% yield (0.709 g, 1.83 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.19 (s, 9H), 3.36 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 5.03-5.10 (m, 2H), 5.84 (ddt, J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.43 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 27.5, 36.6, 48.1,

83.9, 115.3 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1C), 117.4, 118.5 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1C), 127.6, 128.36 (d, J = 29.3 Hz, 1C), 128.37 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1C), 134.2 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, 1C), 134.5 (dd, J = 5.1 Hz, 1C), 135.3, 148.2 (dd, J = 249.6, 13.2 Hz, 1C), 150.5 (dd, J = 248.2, 12.6 Hz, 1C), 152.4, 170.1. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -141.3 (m, 1F) -135.8 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{23}F_2NO_3^+Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 410.1538, Found: 410.1492.

General Procedure C: Synthesis of 2-Benzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-ones 2a-2t, 4a-4j

2-benzyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ones **2a-2t**, **4a-4j** were prepared by the following procedure. A 1-dram vial was charged with 0.100 mmol of the appropriate o-allylbenzamide **1a**, **3a-3j**, Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), SIPr (3.9 mg, 0.010 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.200 mmol), H₂O (3.6 μ L, 0.20 mmol), the appropriate ArBpin (0.300 mmol), and THF (0.10-0.20 mL, 0.50-1.0 M). The

resulting solution stirred at 60 °C for 12-16 hours. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short plug of silica gel eluting with 70:30 hexanes:EtOAc and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with a gradient of 100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc over a 25 minute period on a Combiflash system.

2a

2-benzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2a):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol).

The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2a** as a colorless oil in 97% yield (21.6 mg, 0.097 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.68 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.35-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 37.1, 49.1, 124.1, 126.5, 126.7, 127.5, 128.6, 129.0, 134.9, 136.7, 139.8, 153.7, 207.9. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄O⁺Na ([M+Na]⁺): 245.0937, Found: 245.0902.

2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2b):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid pinacol ester (70.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The

crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAC to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2b** as a colorless oil in 98% yield (24.8 mg, 0.098 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.65 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93-3.00

(m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.84 (ddd, J = 8.7, 3.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (ddd, J = 8.7, 3.0, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 36.2, 49.3, 55.4, 114.0, 124.1, 126.7, 127.5, 130.0, 131.7, 134.9, 136.7, 153.8, 158.3, 208.1. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O_2^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 253.1223, Found: 253.1225.

2c

2-(4-methylbenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2c):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4-tolylboronic acid pinacol ester (65.4 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction

mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2c as a colorless oil in 99% yield (23.4 mg, 0.099 mmol). 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.64 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 17.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.95-3.02 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.3, 32.3, 36.7, 49.2, 124.1, 126.6, 127.5, 128.9, 129.3, 134.8, 136.0, 136.66, 136.73, 153.8, 208.1. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 237.1274, Found: 237.1272.

2d Ph

2-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2d):

Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4-biphenylboronic acid pinacol ester (84.1 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude

reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2d** as a colorless oil in 94% yield (27.9 mg, 0.094 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.73 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.02-3.08 (m, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.46 (m, 7H), 7.53-7.60 (m, 5H), 7.81 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.4, 36.8, 49.0, 124.2, 126.7, 127.1, 127.3, 127.4, 127.6, 128.9, 129.5, 135.0, 136.7, 138.9, 139.4, 141.0, 153.8, 207.9. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{22}H_{19}O^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 299.1430, Found: 299.1433.

2-(4-(methoxymethyl)benzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2e):

Prepared according to general procedure C from tert-butyl (2-

allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4- (methoxymethyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (74.4 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2e** as a colorless oil in 78% yield (20.7 mg, 0.078 mmol). **1H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.68 (dd, J = 13.8, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 17.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36-3.40 (m, 4H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 36.8, 49.0, 58.3, 74.6, 124.2, 126.7, 127.6, 128.2, 129.1, 134.9, 136.4, 136.8, 138.2, 153.8, 207.91. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{19}O_2^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 267.1380, Found: 267.1383.

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2f):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4-fluorophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (66.7 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash

column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2f as a colorless

oil in 98% yield (23.6 mg, 0.098 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 17.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.93-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95-7.00 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.57 (ddd, J)= 7.7, 7.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 36.2, 49.0, 115.4 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 124.2, 126.7, 127.6, 130.5 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 135.0, 135.3 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 136.6, 153.6, 161.6 (d, J = 243 Hz), 207.7. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.9 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}FO^{+}$ ([M+H]⁺): 241.1023, Found: 241.1023.

2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one

Prepared

(2g):

2g

according to procedure C general from tert-butyl (2allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4chlorophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (71.5 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2g as a colorless oil in 85% yield (21.8 mg, 0.085 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.94-3.00 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.5, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.58 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 36.4, 48.8, 124.3, 126.7, 127.7, 128.8, 130.4, 132.3, 135.1, 136.6, 138.1, 153.6, 207.6. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}ClO^{+}$ ([M+H]⁺): 257.0728, Found: 257.0726.

2-(4-acetylbenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2h): **Prepared** according procedure general \mathbf{C} from allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4acetylboronic acid pinacol ester (73.8 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude

reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10

hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2h** as a white solid in 76 % yield (20.1 mg, 0.076 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.75-2.85 (m, 2H), 2.98-3.05 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 7.5., 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.7, 32.2, 37.0, 48.6, 124.2, 126.7, 127.7, 128.8, 129.3, 135.1, 135.7, 136.5, 145.5, 153.5, 197.9, 207.4. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇O₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 265.1223, Found: 265.1226.

2i Ph

2-(4-benzoylbenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2i):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4-benzoylphenylboronic acid pinacol ester (92.5 mg, 0.300 mmol). The

crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 80:20 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2i** as a white solid in 54% yield (17.5 mg, 0.054 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.80 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 17.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02-3.08 (m, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 17.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 17.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 5H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 37.1, 48.7, 124.2, 126.7, 127.7, 128.4, 129.0, 130.1, 130.6, 132.4, 135.1, 135.9, 136.5, 137.8, 144.9, 153.5, 196.5, 207.4. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₂₃H₁₉O₂⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 327.1380, Found: 327.1382.

2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2j):

Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (81.6 mg, 0.300 mmol).

The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2j** as colorless oil in 69% yield (19.9 mg, 0.069 mmol). ¹**H NMR**

 $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 2.74-2.85 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.93-3.00 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.20 \text{ (dd, } J = 17.0, 7.8 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 3.43$ (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.55-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H).**NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 36.9, 48.7, 110.2, 124.3, 125.6 (g, J = 3.8 Hz), 126.7, 127.8, 129.1 (q, J = 235 Hz), 129.4, 132.6, 135.2, 136.5, 143.9, 207.31. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.4 (s, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{14}F_3O^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 291.0991, Found: 291.0992.

2-(3-methoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one **Prepared** according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 3methoxyphenylboronic acid pinacol ester (70.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude

reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2k as a colorless oil in 96% yield (24.3 mg, 0.096 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.64 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 6.75-6.85 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, J = 7.9, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.57 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.4, 37.2, 49.0, 55.3, 111.8, 114.7, 121.4, 124.2, 126.7, 127.6, 129.6, 135.0, 136.7, 141.4, 153.8, 160.0, 207.9. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 253.1223, Found: 253.1227.

2-(3-methylbenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2l): Prepared according to general procedure C from tert-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 3-tolylboronic acid pinacol ester (65.4 mg, 0.300 The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column mmol). chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 21 as a white solid in 85% yield (20.0 mg, 0.085 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.34 (s, 3), 2.61 (dd, J = 13.9, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 17.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96-3.03 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 13.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.03-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H) 7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5, 32.4, 37.1, 49.1, 124.1, 126.0, 126.8, 127.2, 127.6, 128.6, 129.8, 134.8, 136.7, 138.3, 139.8, 153.8, 208.0. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 237.1274, Found: 237.1276.

2-(3-fluorobenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2m):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 3-fluorophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (66.7 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude

reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2m** as a colorless oil in 67% yield (16.1 mg, 0.067 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.68 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 17.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.95-3.02 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C **NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 36.8, 48.8, 113.4 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 115.9 (d, J = 21.0 Hz), 124.2, 124.7 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 126.7, 127.7, 130.1 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 135.6, 136.6, 142.3 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 153.6, 163.0 (d, J = 245 Hz), 207.5. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -113.3 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 241.1023, Found: 241.1023.

2-(3-chlorobenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (2n):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 3-chlorophenylboronic acid pinacol ester (71.6

mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2n** as a colorless oil in 54% yield (13.9 mg, 0.054 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.65 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dd, J = 17.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.95-3.01 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (ddd, J = 7.0, 1.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.58 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 36.8, 48.8, 124.2, 126.74, 126.75, 127.2, 127.7, 129.1, 130.0, 134.4, 135.1, 136.6, 141.9, 153.5, 207.4. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{14}ClO^{+}$ ([M+H] $^{+}$): 257.0728, Found: 257.0725.

2-(2-methoxybenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (20): ОМе according general procedure from tert-butyl (2allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 2methoxyphenylboronic acid pinacol ester (70.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **20** as a colorless oil in 50% yield (12.6 mg, 0.050 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.63 (dd, J = 13.6, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 20.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.07-3.16 (m, 2H), 3.42 (dd, J = 13.6, 1.6)4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.86-6.92 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.56 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H) 7.78 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.9, 32.5, 47.7, 55.3, 110.4, 120.6, 124.1, 126.7, 127.4, 127.8, 128.3, 130.6, 134.7, 136.9, 154.0, 157.9, 208.5. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 253.1223, Found: 253.1221.

2-(2-methylbenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2p): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 2-

tolylboronic acid pinacol ester (65.4 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2p as a colorless oil in 90% yield (21.3 mg, 0.090 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.59 (dd, J = 14.5, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.99-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.99-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 18.5) 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, J = 14.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 2 H), 7.59 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H) 7.81 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 19.6, 32.8, 34.6, 47.7, 124.1, 124.3, 126.1, 126.6, 126.8, 127.5, 129.1, 130.6, 135.0, 136.6, 138.1, 153.7, 208.1. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 237.1274, Found: 237.1273.

2q

Prepared according to general procedure C from tert-butyl (2allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 2naphthylboronic acid pinacol ester (76.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude

(2q):

2-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one

reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 DCM:EtOAc to 90:10 DCM:EtOAc) to give 2q as a white solid in 99% (27.0 mg, 0.099 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.84 (dd, J = 14.1, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 16.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.06-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.57 (dt, J = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (broad s, 1H),7.76-7.84 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 37.3, 49.0, 124.2, 125.6, 126.2, 126.7, 127.4, 127.5, 127.6, 127.61, 127.8, 128.4, 132.3, 133.7, 135.0, 136.7, 137.3, 153.8, 208.0. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{20}H_{16}O^{+}Na$ ([M+Na]⁺): 295.1093, Found: 295.1057.

2s

2-(furan-3-ylmethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one **Prepared** (2s): according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 3furanylboronic acid pinacol ester (58.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **2s** as a colorless oil in 63% yield (13.4 mg, 0.063 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.67 (dd, J = 14.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 16.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87-2.95 (m, 2H), 3.08 (dd, J = 14.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 16.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.2, 32.4, 47.8, 111.3, 122.3, 124.1, 126.7, 127.6, 135.0, 136.8, 139.8, 143.1, 153.8, 208.0. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₃O₂+ ([M+H]+): 213.0910, Found: 213.0916.

2-(thiophen-3-ylmethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (2t): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-2t allylbenzovl)(benzyl)carbamate 1a (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and 3thienylboronic acid pinacol ester (63.0 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 2t as a white solid in 88% yield (20.1 g, 0.088 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.82 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 17.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.96-3.02 (m, 1H), 3.25 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00-7.02 (m, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J =4.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.5, 32.5, 48.3, 121.5, 124.1, 125.8, 126.7, 127.5, 128.4, 134.9, 136.7, 139.8, 153.8, 207.9. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{14}H_{13}OS^{+}$ ([M+H]⁺): 229.0682, Found: 222.0684.

2-benzyl-6-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4a): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allyl-5-methyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3a (36.5 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash

column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **4a** as a colorless oil in 92% yield (21.7 mg, 0.092 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.66 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 17.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.97-3.04 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 17.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.40 (dd, J = 7.8. 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.2, 32.0, 37.2, 49.4, 124.1, 126.4, 126.4, 128.6, 129.0, 136.2, 136.8, 137.5, 139.9, 151.1, 208.1. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 237.1274, Found: 237.1270.

2-benzyl-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4b): Prepared MeO according to a modified version of general procedure C from tert-butyl (2-allyl-5-methoxy)(benzyl)carbamate 3b (38.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a short plug of silica gel. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. To the crude product was dissolved in DCM (2.0 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, and TFA (0.400 mL) was added slowly. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4b as a white solid in 96% yield (24.0 mg, 0.096 mmol). ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 2.66 \text{ (dd}, J = 14.0, 10.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.78 \text{ (dd}, J = 16.4, 3.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.97-3.07$ (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 16.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 7.17 (dd, J= 8.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.33 (m, 6H) 13 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.6, 37.2, 49.8, 55.7, 105.2, 124.4, 126.5, 127.4, 128.6, 129.0, 137.8, 139.8, 146.6, 159.5, 208.0 HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 253.1223, Found: 253.1226.

2-benzyl-6-(trifuoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4c):

Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allyl-5-4c) (trifluoromethyl)benzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3c (41.9 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4c as a white solid in 51% yield (14.8 mg, 0.051 mmol). 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.73 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 17.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.12 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 17.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.25(m, 3H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 36.9, 49.4, 121.4 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 126.6 (q, J = 274 Hz, 1C), 126.7, 127.5, 128.8, 129.0. 130.5 (q, J

2-benzyl-5-methoxy-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4d): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3d (38.1 mg, 0.100 mmol) and

= 33.3 Hz, 1C), 131.4 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 137.1, 139.2, 156.9, 206.6. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376)

MHz): δ -62.5 (s, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{14}F_3O^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 291.0991, Found:

291.0995.

phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **4d** as a white solid in 88% yield (22.2 mg, 0.088 mmol). 1 **H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.65 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, J = 17.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.96-3.02 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 17.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.90 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H). 13 **C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.3, 37.3, 49.2, 55.7, 109.8,

115.5, 125.8, 126.4, 128.6, 129.0, 129.9, 139.9, 156.7, 165.5, 206.1. **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O_2^+$ ([M+H]⁺): 253.1223, Found: 253.1226.

2-benzyl-5-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4e): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allyl-4-methylbenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3e (36.5 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4e as a colorless oil in 97% yield (22.9 mg, 0.097 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.65 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, J = 17.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.95-3.02 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 17.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 13.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.32 (m, 7H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.2, 32.1, 37.3, 49.2, 123.9, 126.4, 127.0, 128.6, 128.8, 129.1, 134.4, 139.9, 146.1, 154.3, 207.4. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{17}O^+$ ([M+H] $^+$): 237.1274, Found: 237.1276.

2-benzyl-5-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4f): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl (2-allyl-4-fluorobenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3f (36.9 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4f as a yellow oil in 99% yield (23.8 mg, 0.099 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.69 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J = 17.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98-3.07 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 17.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 37.1, 49.3,

113.3 (d, J = 22.2 Hz, 1C), 115.9 (d, J = 24.2 Hz, 1C), 126.4 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1C), 126.6, 128.7, 129.0, 133.1 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 139.4, 156.6 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1C), 167.3 (d, J = 257.6 Hz, 1C), 206.0. ¹⁹**F NMR** (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -102.7 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 241.1023, Found: 241.1027.

2-benzyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4g):
Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl(2-allyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3g (41.9 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4g as a white solid in 85% yield (24.7 mg, 0.085 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.73 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 17.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.03-3.11 (m, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 17.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H) ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 36.9, 49.4, 123.9 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 1C), 124.7, 125.2 (q, J = 4.0 Hz, 1C), 126.5 (q, J = 274.7 Hz, 1C), 126.7, 128.8, 129.0, 136.2 (q, J = 31.3 Hz, 1C), 139.2, 139.31-139.35 (m, 1C), 153.8, 206.9. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz): δ -62.9 (s, 3F). HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₃O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 291.0991, Found: 291.0978.

2-benzyl-4-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4h): Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl(2-allyl-3-fluorobenzoyl)(benzyl)carbamate 3h (36.9 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4h as a

yellow oil in 95% yield (22.8 mg, 0.095 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.71 (dd, J= 14.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J= 17.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J= 17.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (dd, J= 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.58 (d, J= 7.5 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.0, 37.0, 49.0, 119.9, 121.0 (d, J= 20.2 Hz, 1C), 126.6, 128.7, 129.0, 129.5 (d, J= 6.1 Hz, 1C), 139.3, 139.5 (d, J= 8.1 Hz, 1C), 139.6 (d, J= 8.1 Hz, 1C), 160.2 (d, J= 251.5 Hz, 1C), 206.6. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -118.9 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 241.1023, Found: 241.1019.

2-benzyl-4-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (4i): Prepared according general procedure C from *tert*-butyl(2-allyl-6to fluorobenzoyl)(benyl)carbamate 3i (36.9 mg, 0.100 phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give 4i as a yellow oil in 84% yield (20.2 mg, 0.084 mmol). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 17.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 17.3, 7.9 Hz, 1H), $3.39 \text{ (dd, } J = 14.0, 4.3 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H), } 6.97 \text{ (t, } J = 9.0 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H), } 7.16 \text{ (d, } J = 7.3 \text{ Hz, } 1\text{H), } 7.19-7.33 \text{ (m, } 1.00 \text{ Hz, } 1.00 \text{$ 5H), 7.54 (m, 1H) ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 37.0, 49.6, 114.4 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1C), 122.5 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1C), 124.5 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1C), 126.6, 128.7, 129.1, 136.7-136.9 (m, 1C), 139.4, 155.8 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 159.2 (d, J = 265.6 Hz, 1C), 204.1 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1C). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -114.4 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄FO⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 241.1023, Found: 241.1018.

2-benzyl-5,6-difluoro-2,3-dihydro-1*H***-inden-1-one (4j):** Prepared according to general procedure C from *tert*-butyl(2-allyl-4,5-difluorobenzoyl)(benyl)carbamate **3j** (38.7 mg, 0.100 mmol) and phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol). The crude

reaction mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc) to give **4j** as a off-white solid in 46% yield (11.9 mg, 0.046 mmol). ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.70 (dd, J = 14.0, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 17.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.99-3.08 (m, 1H), 3.13 (ddd, J = 17.0, 7.7, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 9.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.2, 0.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 31.8 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1C), 40.0, 49.4 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1C), 112.2 (dd, J = 17.2, 2.0 Hz, 1C), 114.9 (d, J = 18.2 Hz, 1C), 126.7, 128.7, 129.0, 133.0 (dd, J = 6.1, 3.0 Hz, 1C), 139.1, 150.3 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 1C), 150.8 (dd, J = 252.5, 14.1 Hz, 1C), 155.4 (dd, J = 260.6, 14.1 Hz, 1C), 205.7 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C). ¹⁹**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -136.8 (m, 1F), -125.2 (m, 1F). **HRMS** (ESI): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃F₂O⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 259.0929, Found: 259.0918.

Nickel-Catalyzed Carboacylation of Methyl-2-Allylbenzoate 5

A 1-dram vial was charged with 0.100 mmol of methyl 2-allylbenzoate **5** (17.6 mg, 0.100 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), SIPr (3.9 mg, 0.010 mmol), K_3PO_4 (42.5 mg, 0.200 mmol), H_2O (3.6 μ L, 0.20 mmol), phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (61.2 mg, 0.300 mmol), and THF (0.100 mL). The resulting solution stirred at 60 °C for 12 hours. Upon completion of the reaction, the

reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica with 70:30 hexanes:EtOAc. The crude product was purified by column chromatography with a gradient of 100:0 hexanes:EtOAc to 90:10 hexanes:EtOAc over a 25 minute period on a Combiflash system to **2a** as colorless oil in 50% yield (11.0 mg, 0.049 mmol). NMR data match those reported for synthesis of **2a** from benzamide **1a**.

Enantioselective α-Arylation of 2a to Form (S)-2-Benzyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one 6

2-Benzyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-one **6** was prepared according to a known literature procedure.³ Inside of a glovebox, to a 1-dram vial containing a magnetic stir bar was added Ni(cod)₂ (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol), (*S*)-BINAP (14.9 mg, 0.024 mmol), NaO*t*Bu (38.4 mg, 0.400 mmol), chlorobenzene (40.5 μL, 0.400 mmol), **2a** (44.5 mg, 0.200 mmol), and toluene (1.00 mL). The vial was sealed with a cap containing a PTFE septum and removed from the glovebox. The reaction was stirred at 80 °C for 36 h. Upon completion, the reaction was cooled to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution and extracted with Et₂O (2 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (98:2, hexanes:EtOAc) to give **6** as a white solid in 65% yield (39.0 mg, 0.130 mmol). The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis (254 nm, 25 °C) t_R 27.2 min (minor); t_R 36.0 min (major) [Chiracel AD-H (0.46 cm x 25 cm)(from Daicel Chemical Ind., Ltd.)

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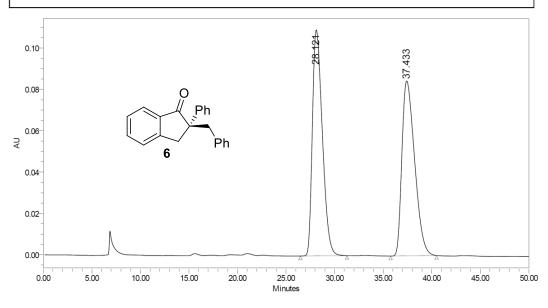


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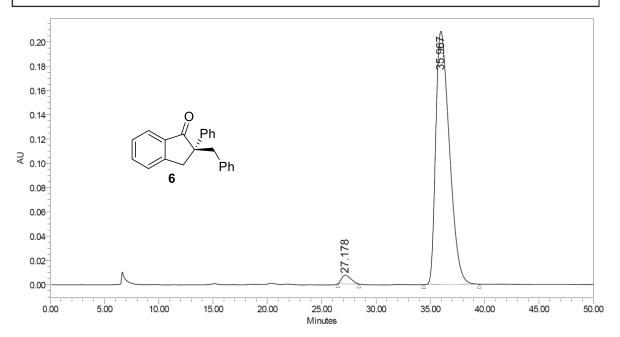


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Experimental Procedures for Competition Experiments:

3k (1 equiv)
$$\begin{array}{c} Ni(cod)_2 \ (10 \ mol \ \%) \\ SIPr \ (10 \ mol \ \%) \\ + \\ \hline K_3PO_4 \ (2 \ equiv) \\ THF \ (1 \ M), \ 60 \ ^{\circ}C, \ 12 \ h \\ \end{array}$$

A competition experiment generating 2-benzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-ones **4b** and **4k** was carried out by the following procedure. A 1-dram vial was charged with *o*-allylbenzamides **3b** (36.5 mg, 0.100 mmol) and **3k** (41.9 mg, 0.100 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), SIPr (3.9 mg, 0.010 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.4 mg, 0.200 mmol), H₂O (3.6 μL, 0.20 mmol), phenylboronic acid pinacol ester (102 mg, 0.500 mmol), and THF (0.10 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 12 hours. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica with hexanes:EtOAc (70:30), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was dissolved in CDCl₃ with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard. The ratio of products **4k:4b** was determined to be 6.8:1 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The NMR yields of **4k** and **4b** were determined to be 75% and 11%, respectively.

A competition experiment generating 2-benzyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-1-ones **2p** and **2c** was carried out by the following procedure. A 1-dram vial was charged with *o*-allylbenzamide **1a** (35.1 mg, 0.100 mmol), Ni(cod)₂ (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), SIPr (3.9 mg, 0.010 mmol), K₃PO₄ (42.5 mg, 0.200 mmol), H₂O (3.6 μL, 0.20 mmol), 4-tolylboronic acid pinacol ester (109 mg, 0.500 mmol), 2-tolylboronic acid pinacol ester (109 mg, 0.500 mmol), and THF (0.10 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 60 °C for 12 hours. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica with hexanes:EtOAc (70:30), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was dissolved in CDCl₃ with CH₂Br₂ as internal standard. The ratio of products **2p:2c** was determined to be 8.3:1 by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The NMR yields of **2p** and **2c** were determined to be 58% and 7%, respectively.

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Bpin Bpin SIPr (20 mol %)

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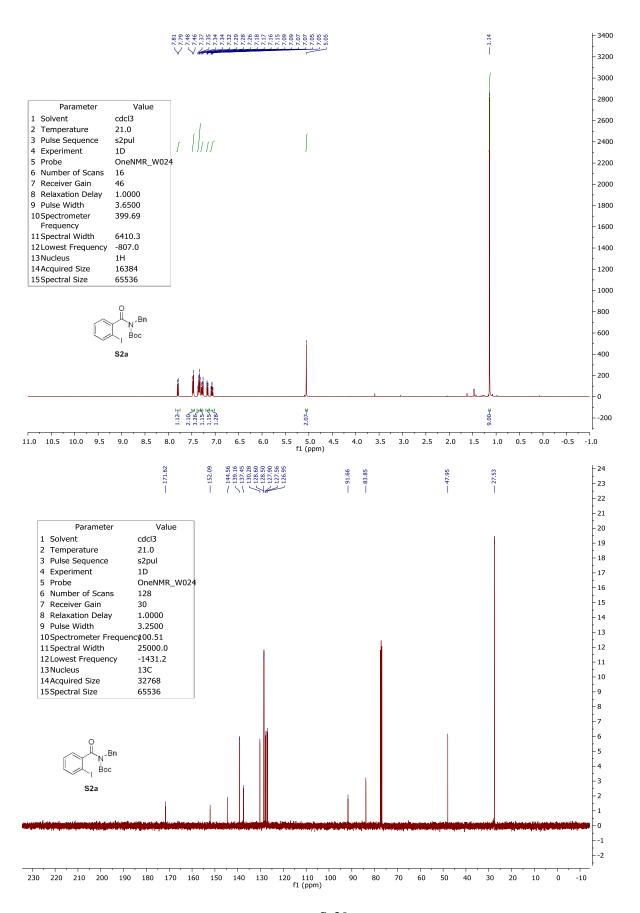
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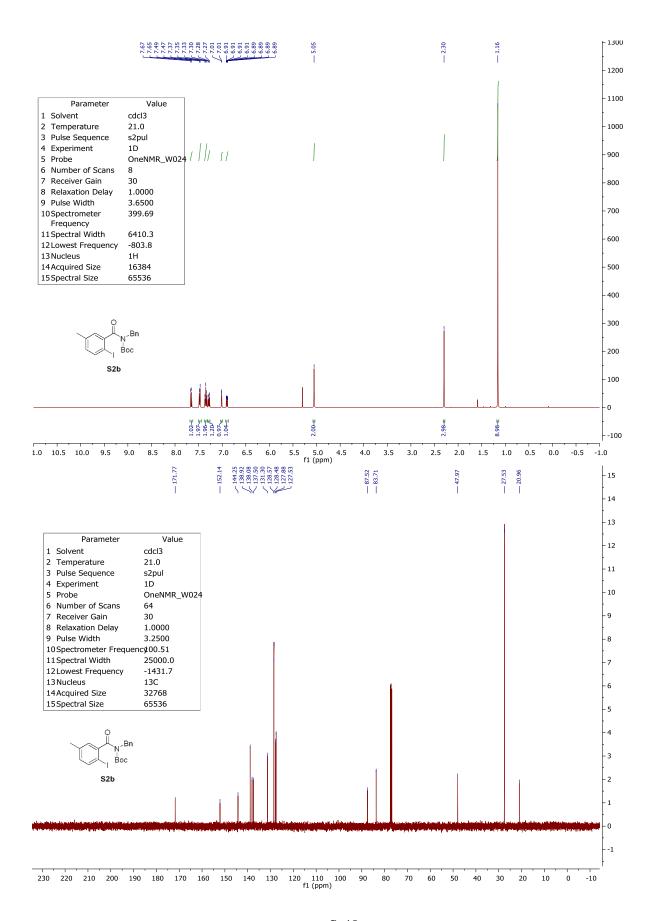
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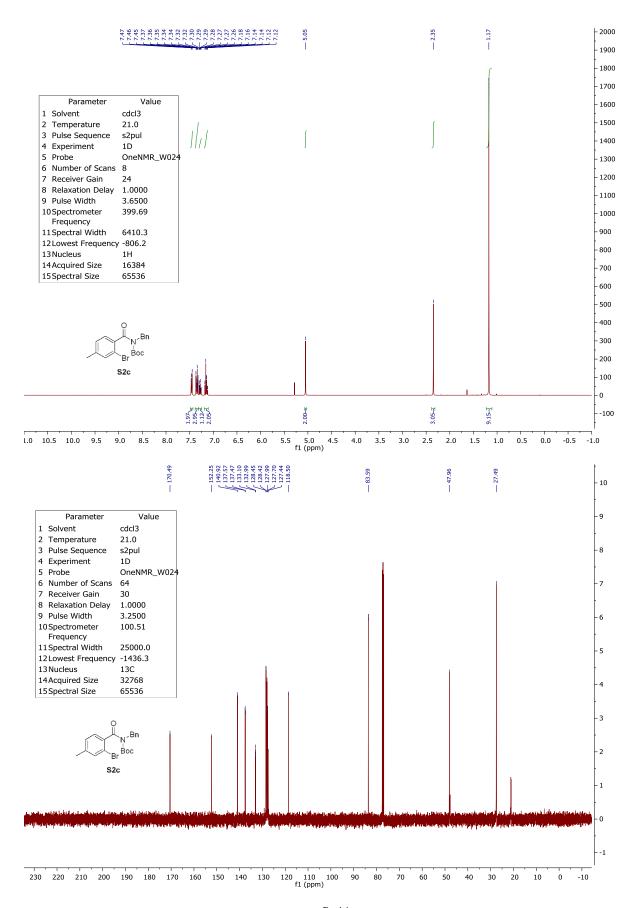
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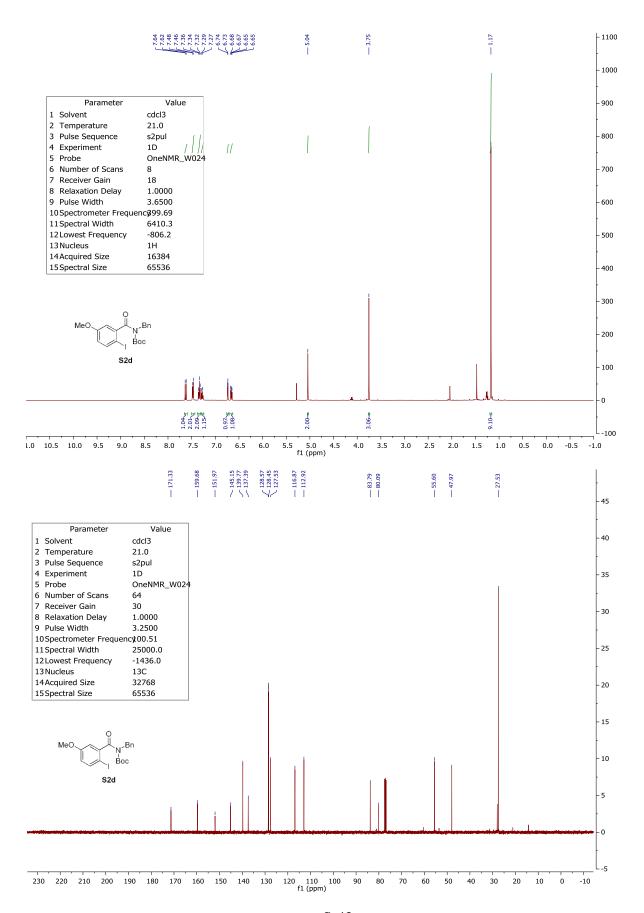
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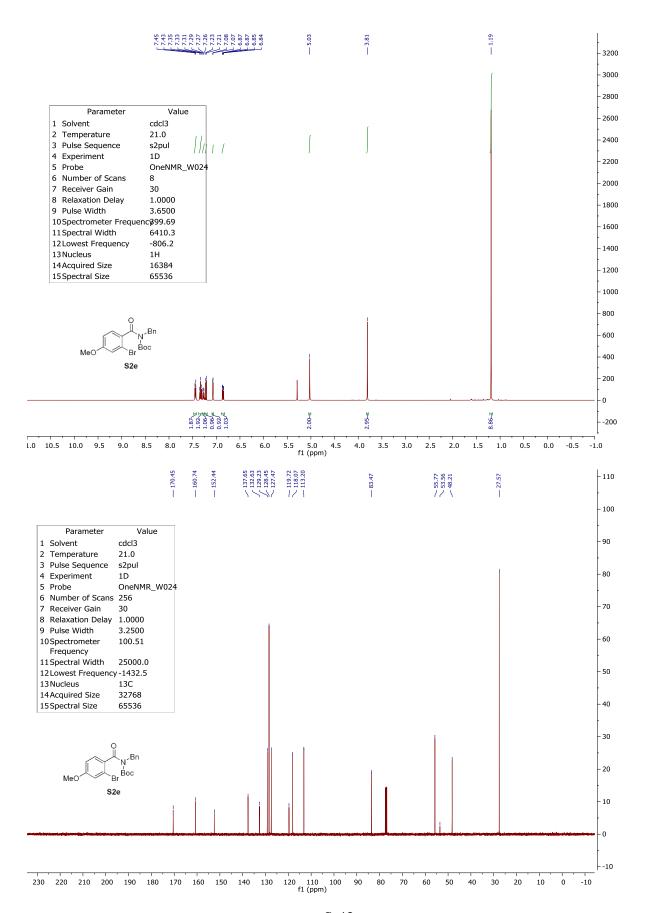
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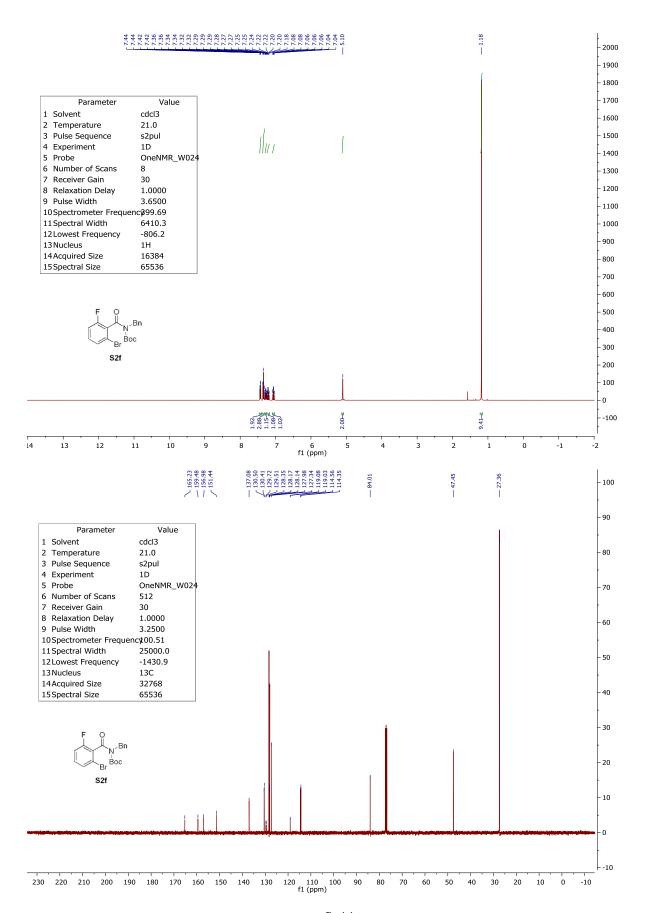


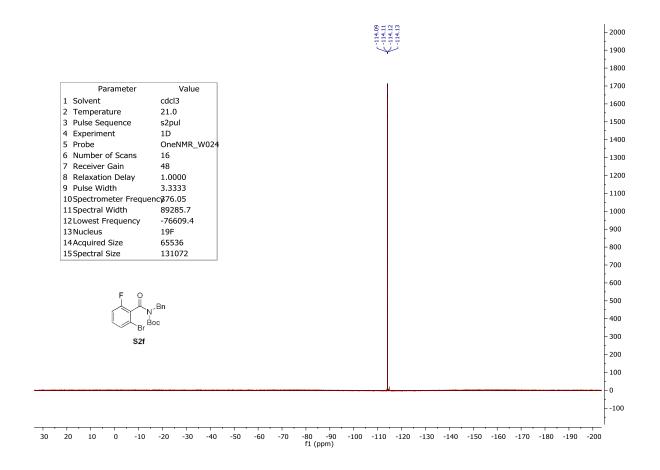


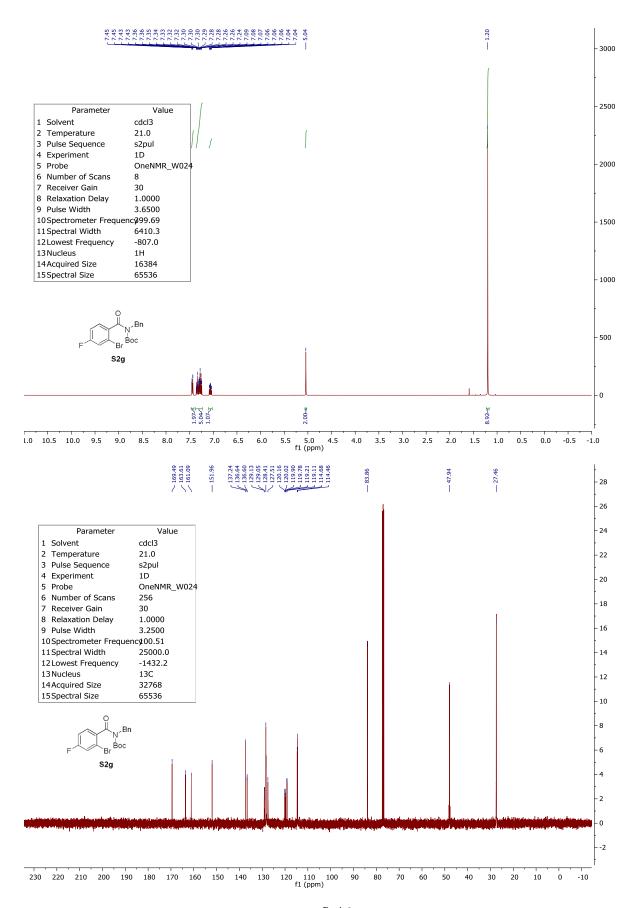


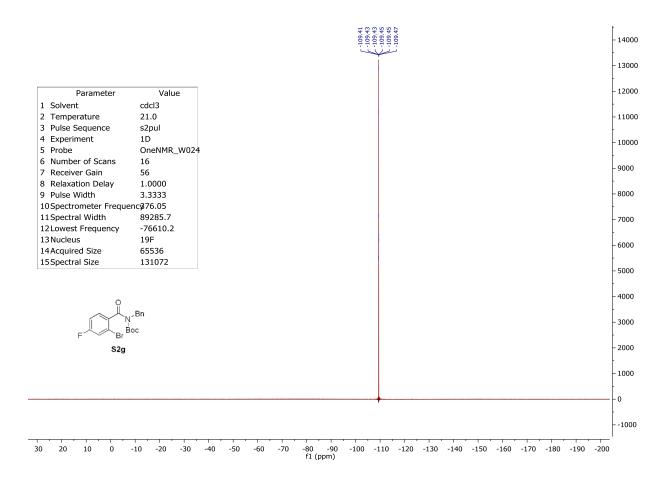


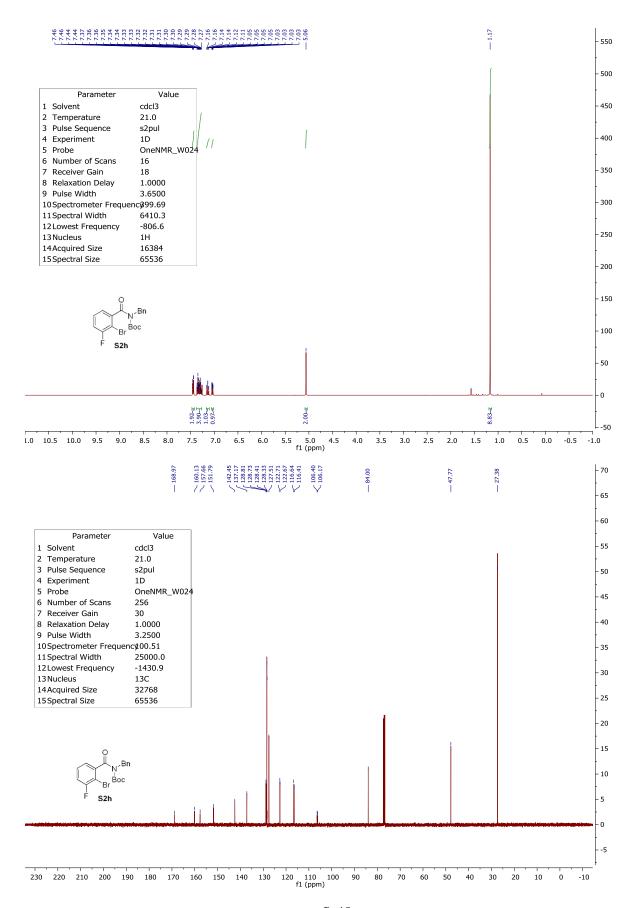


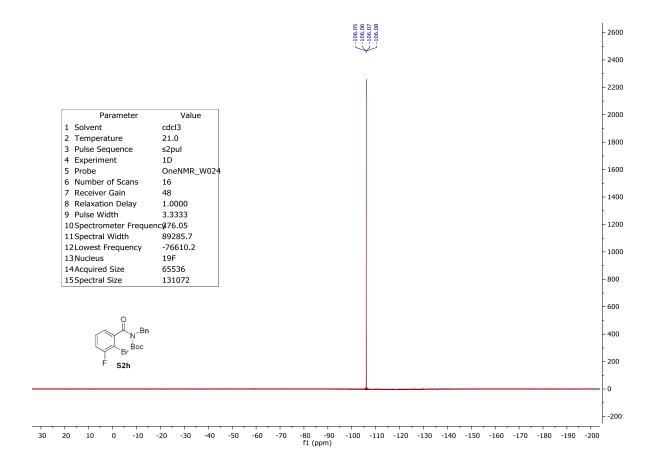


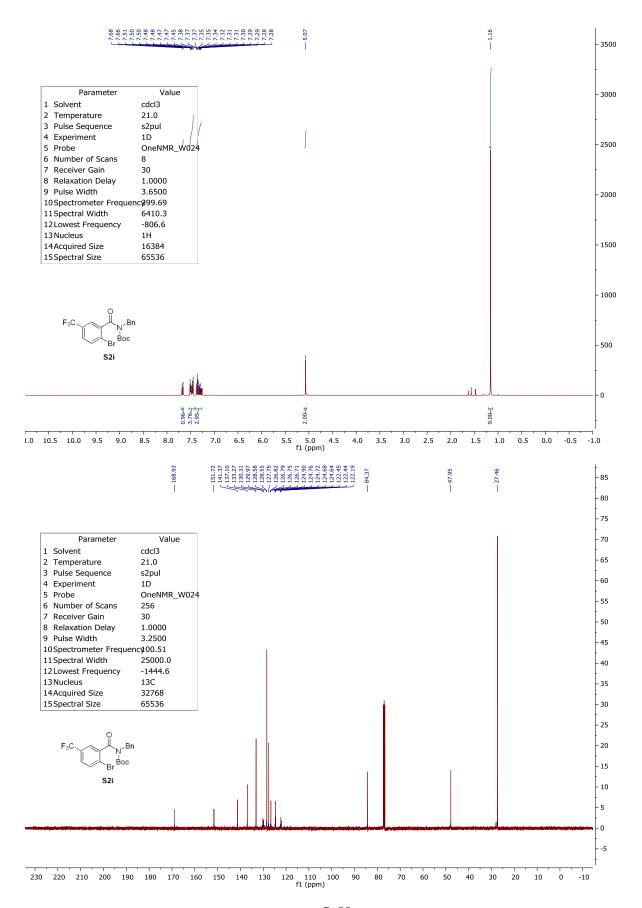


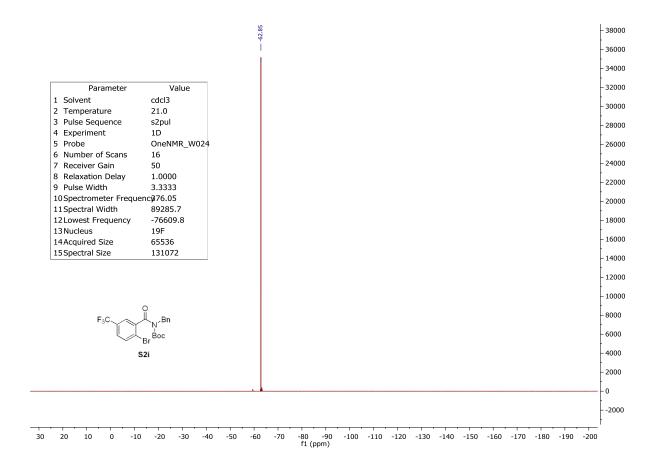


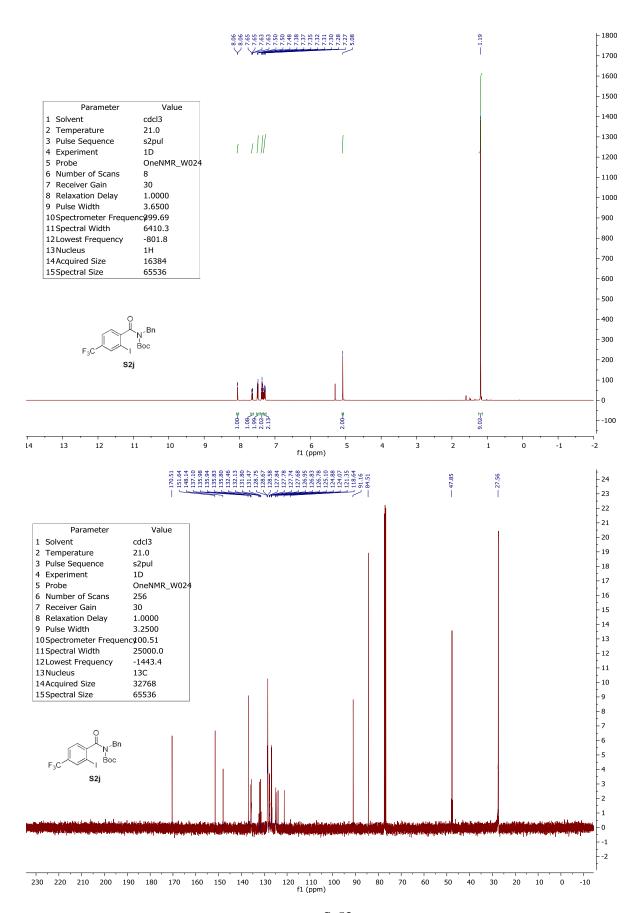


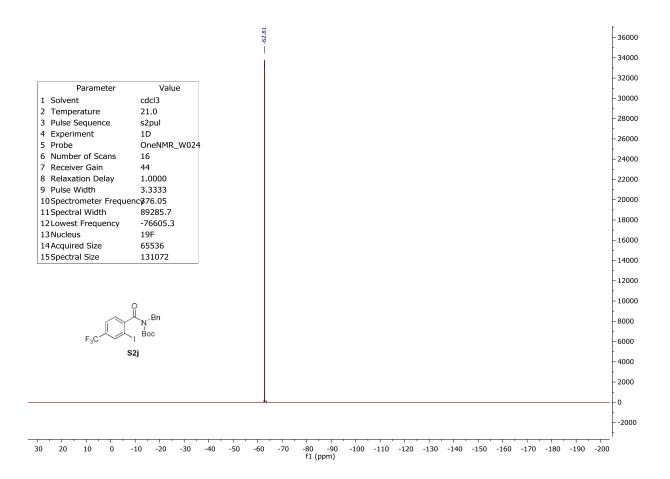


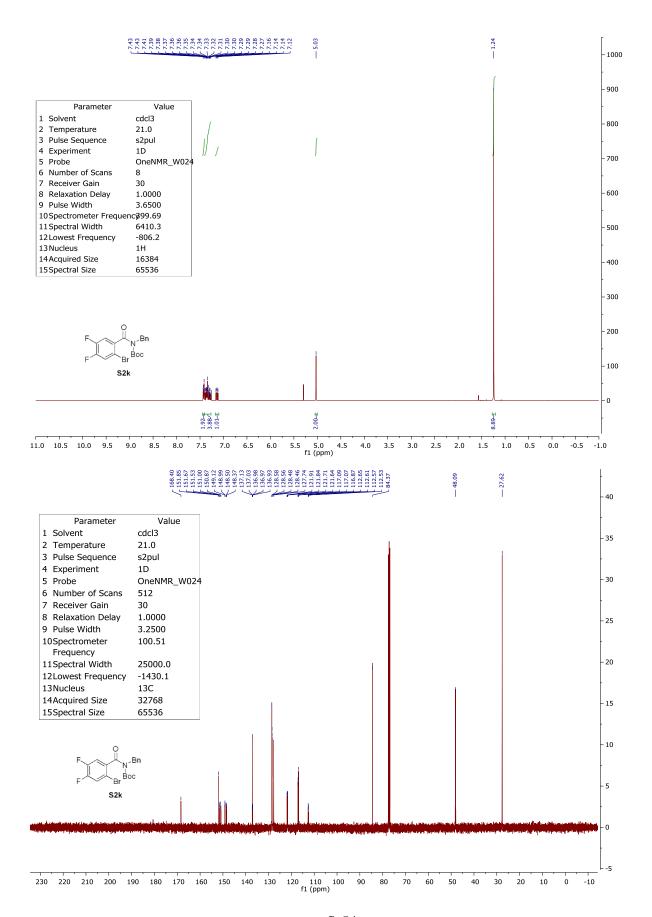


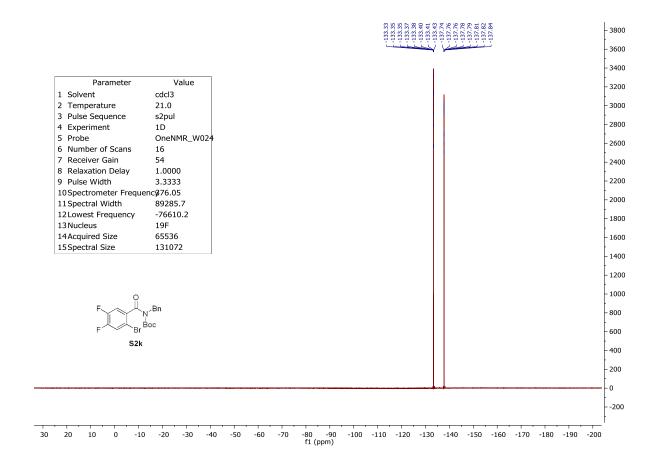


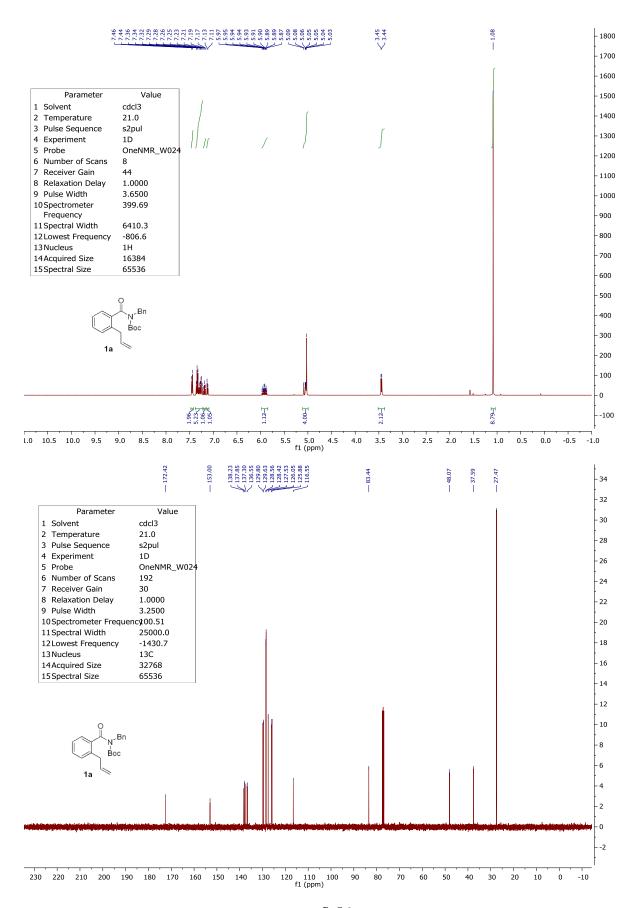


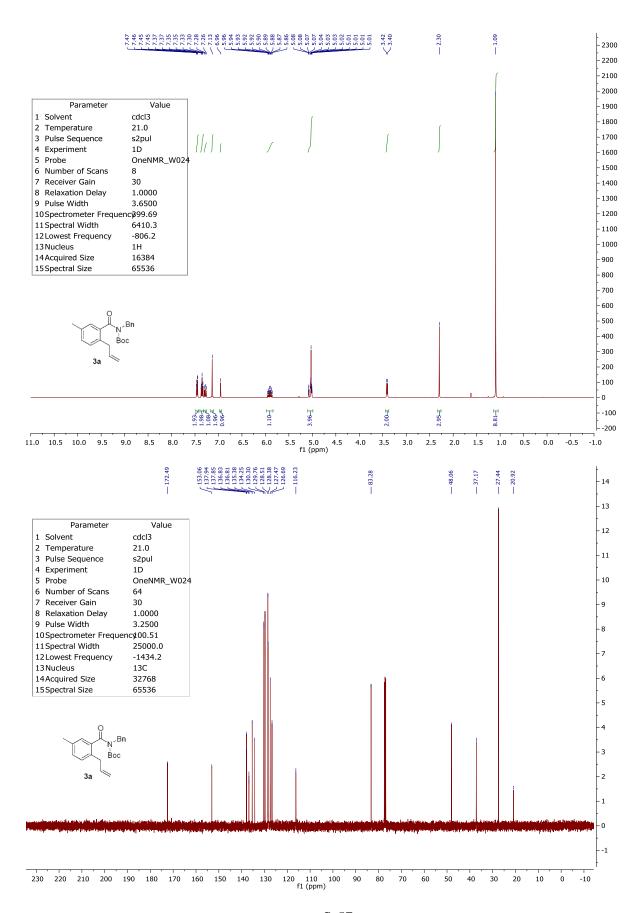


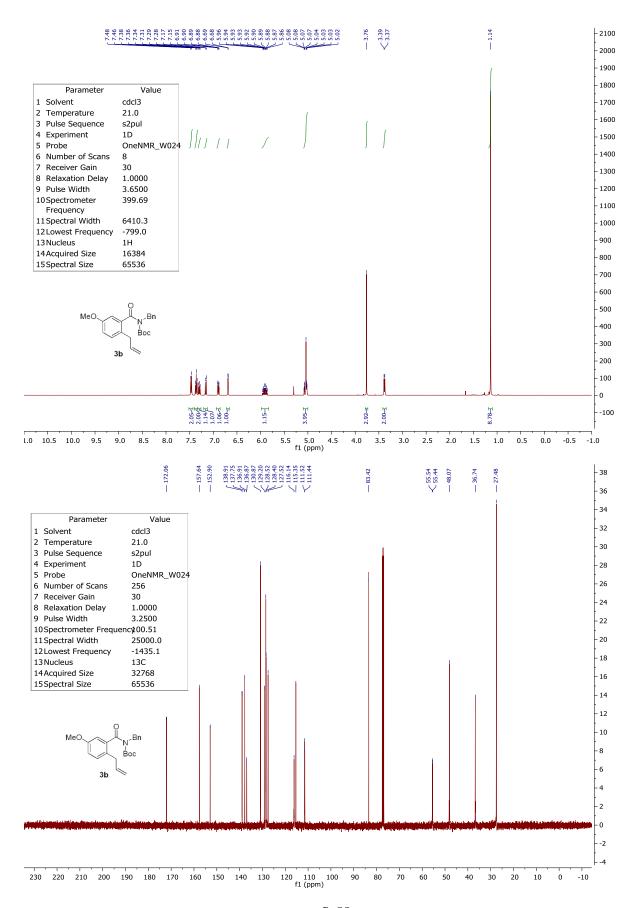


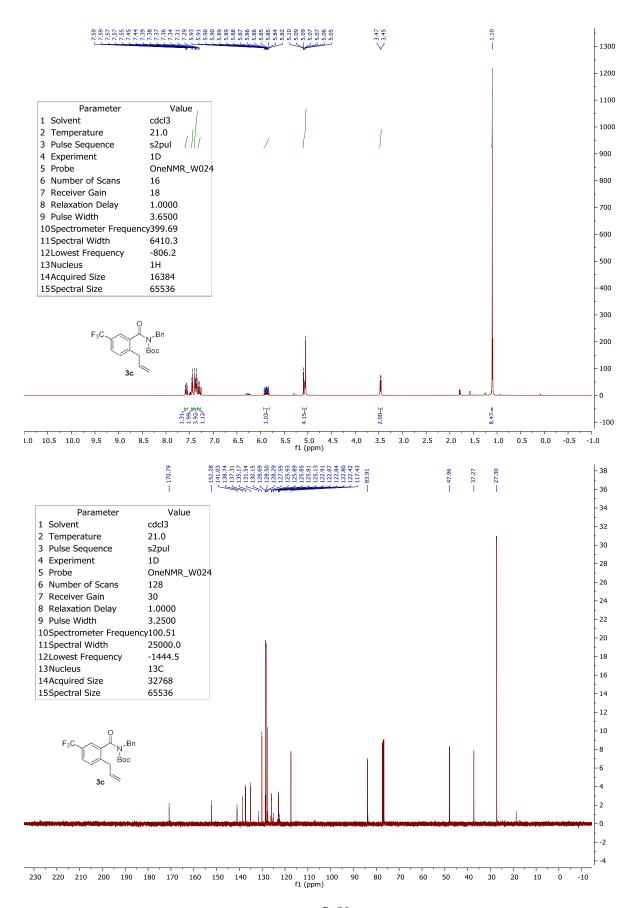


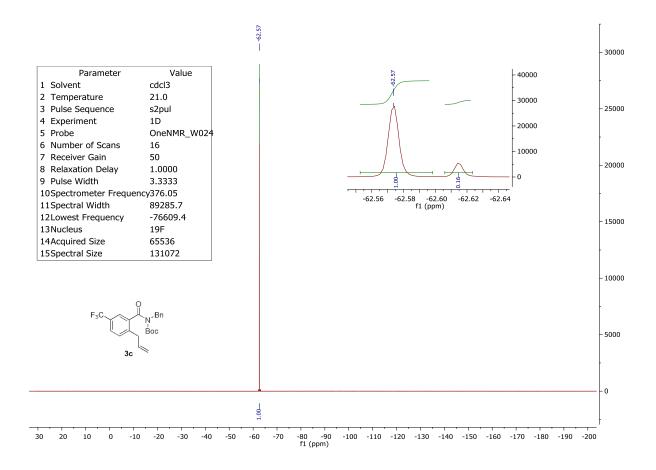


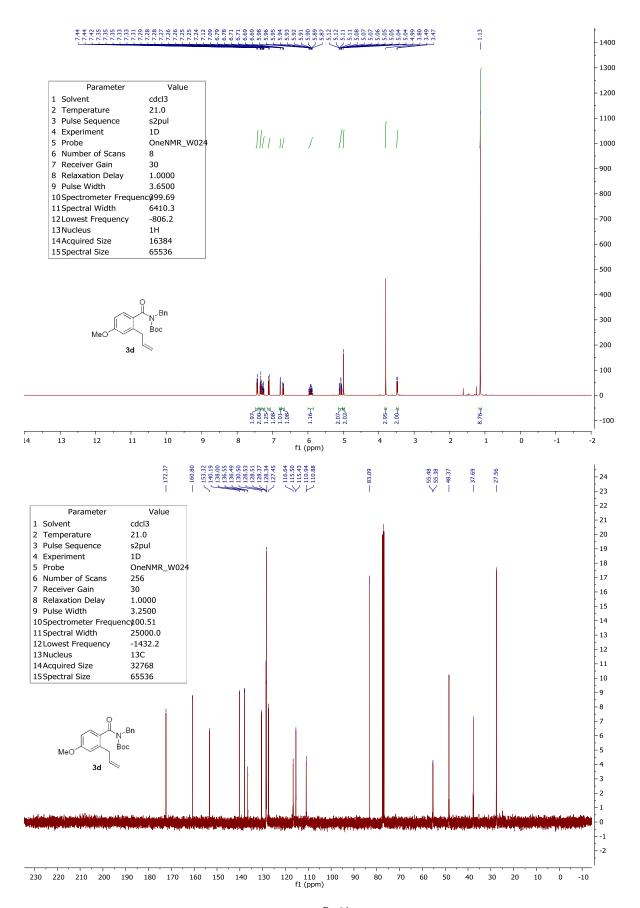


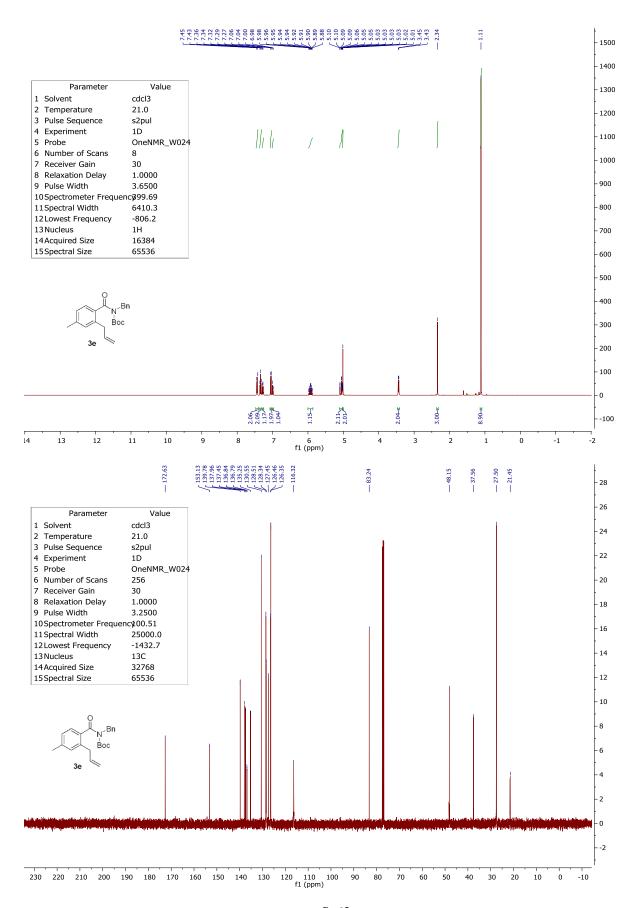


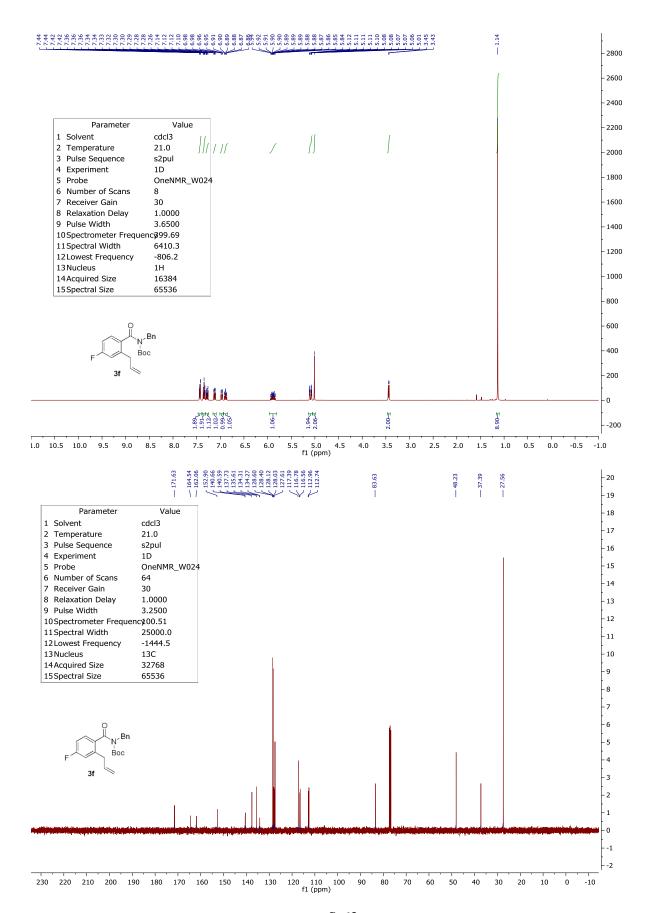


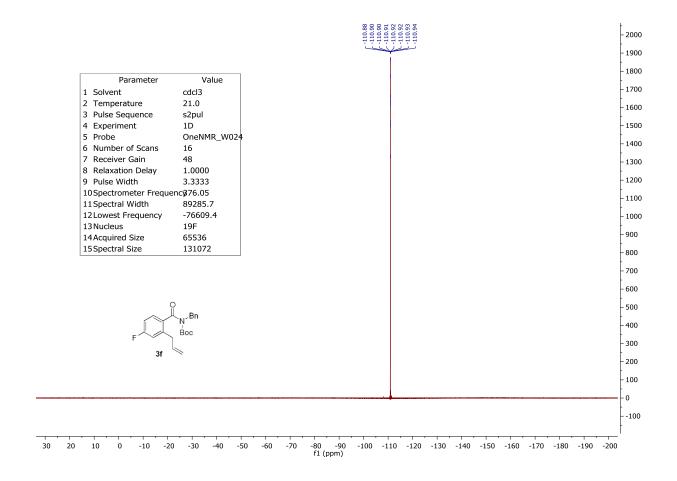


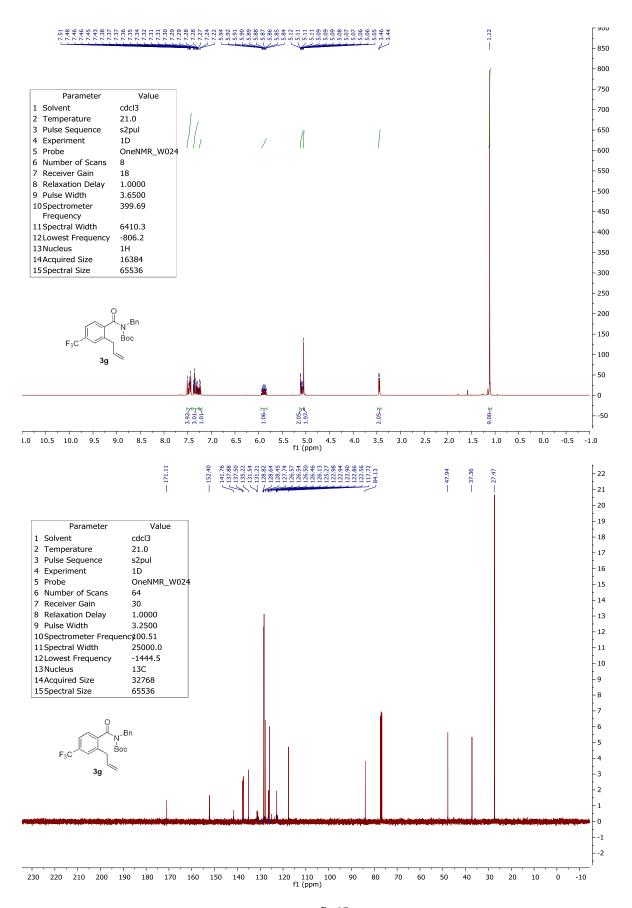


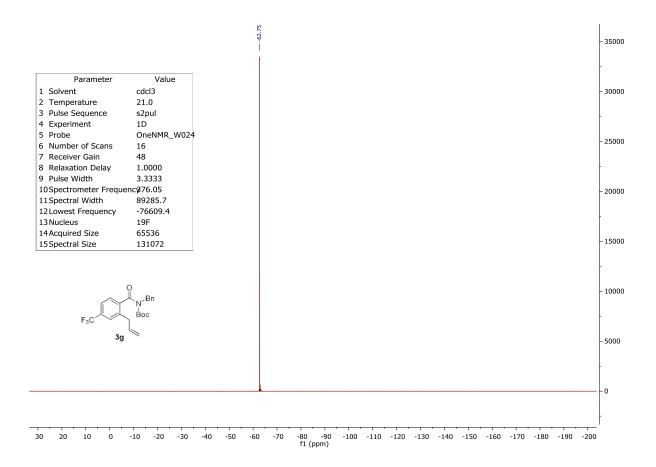


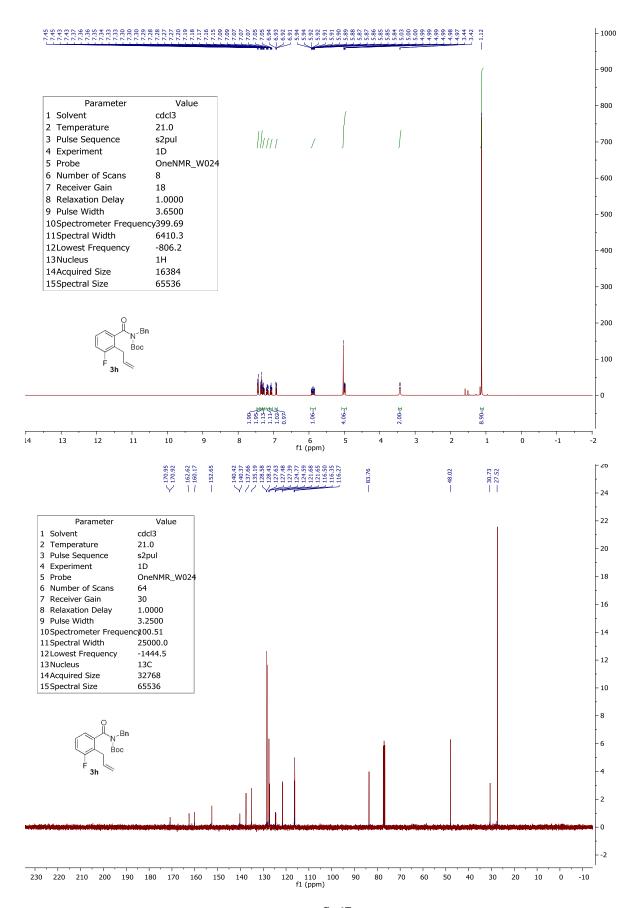


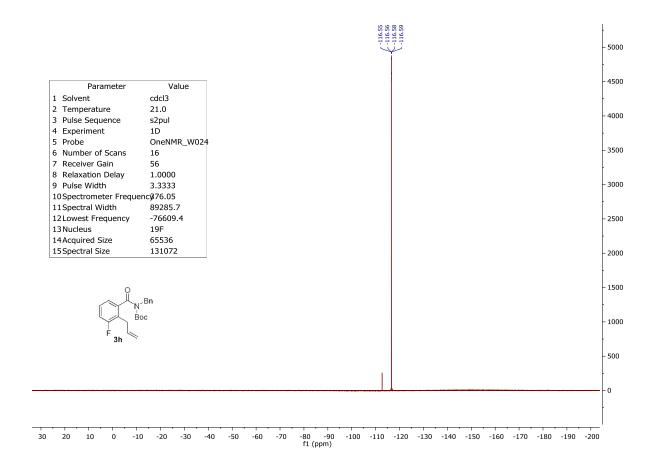


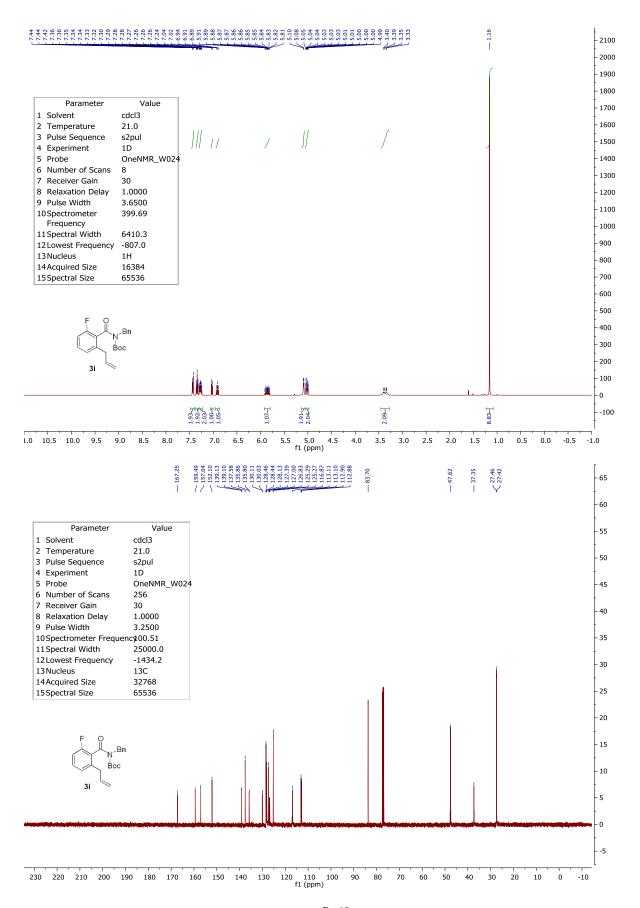


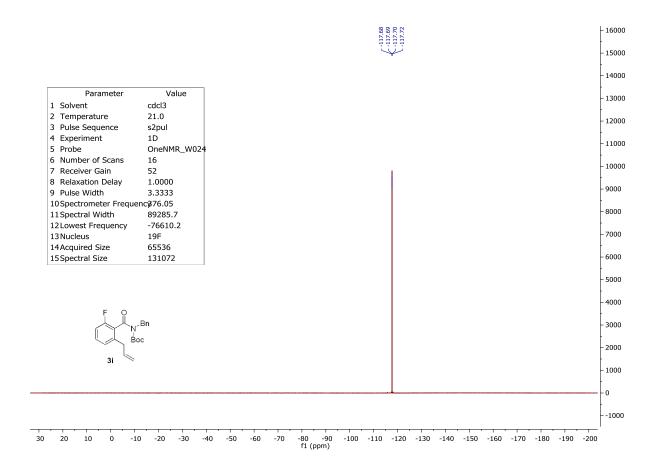


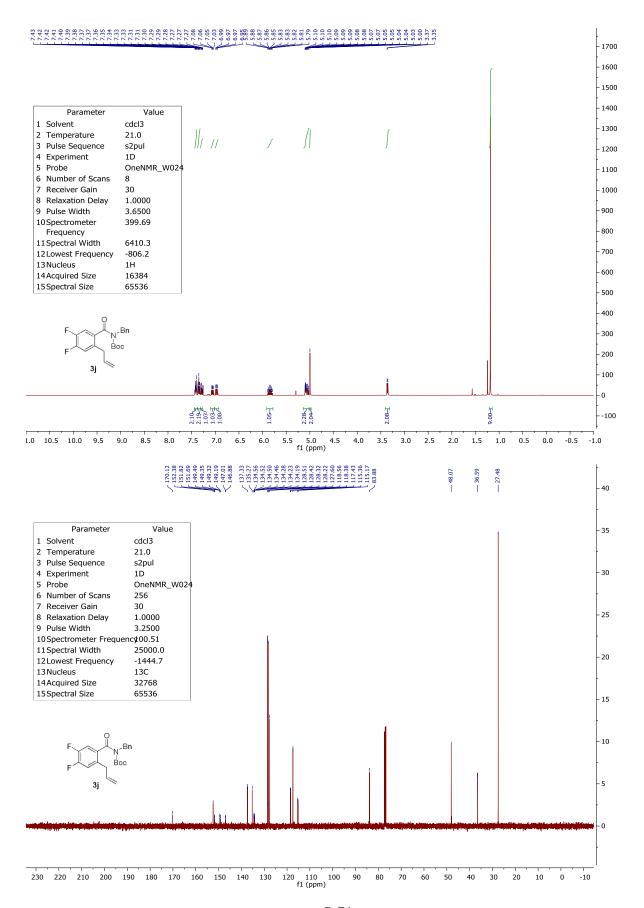


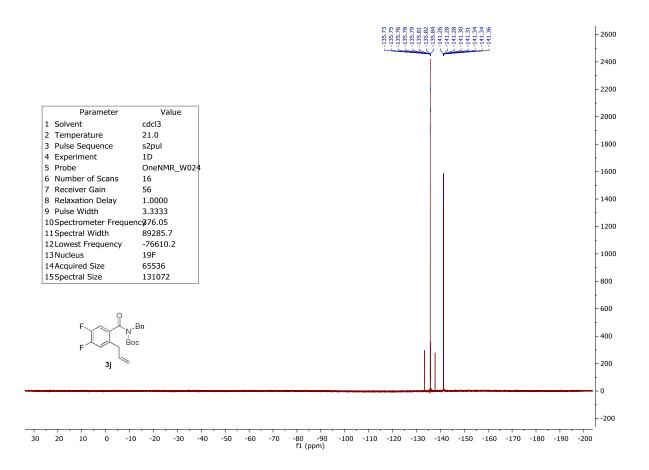


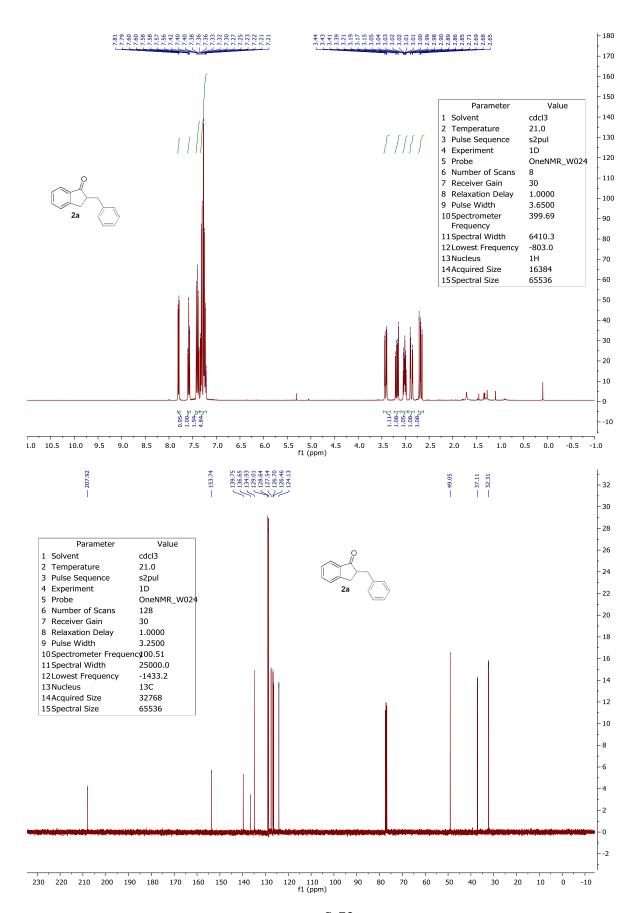


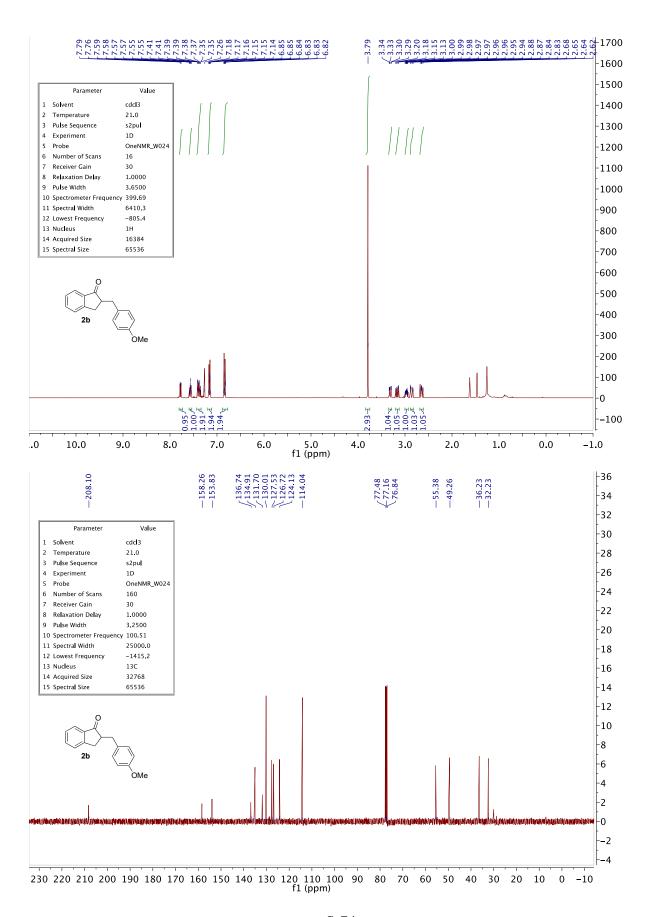


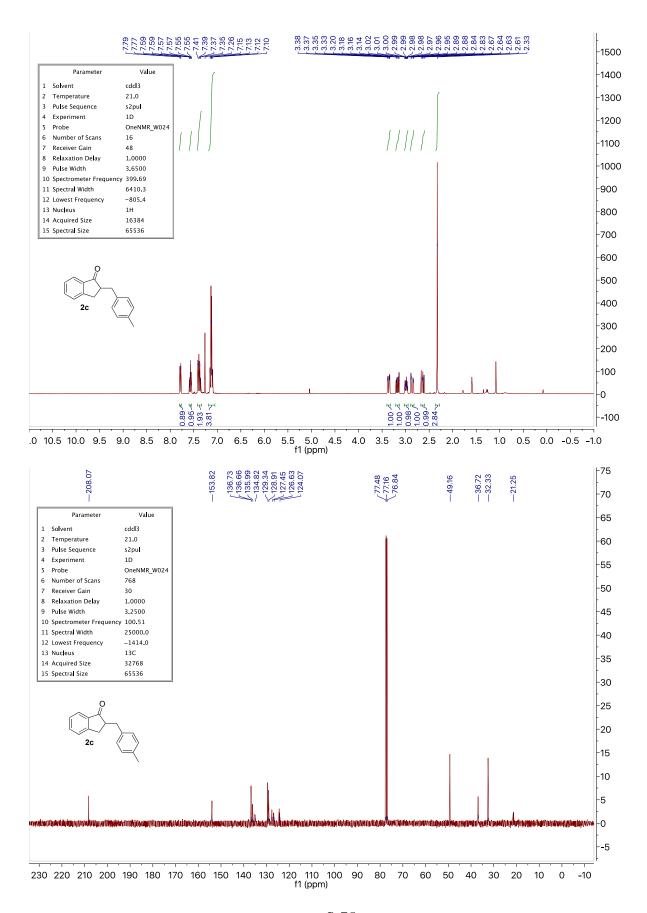


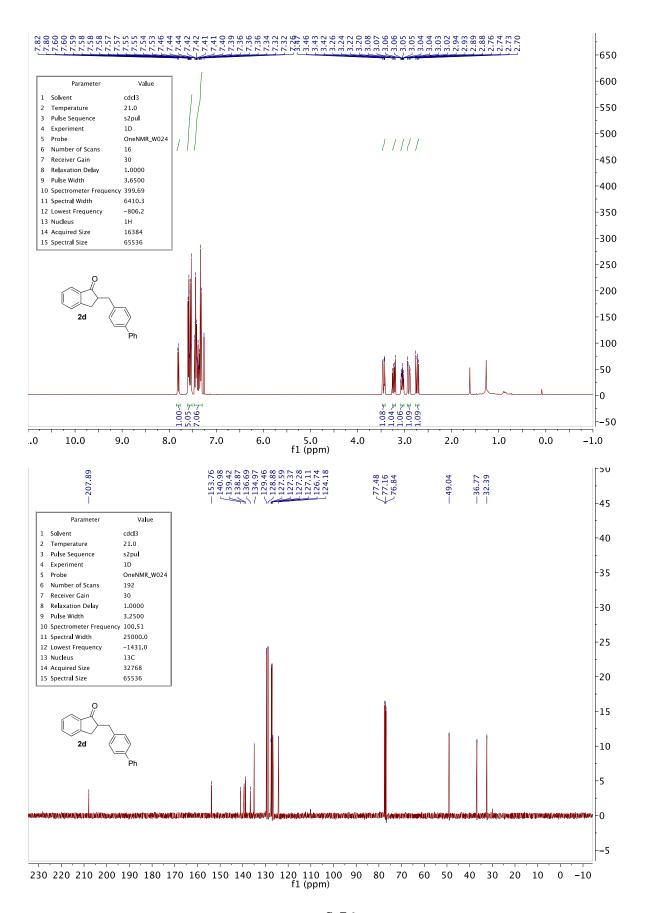


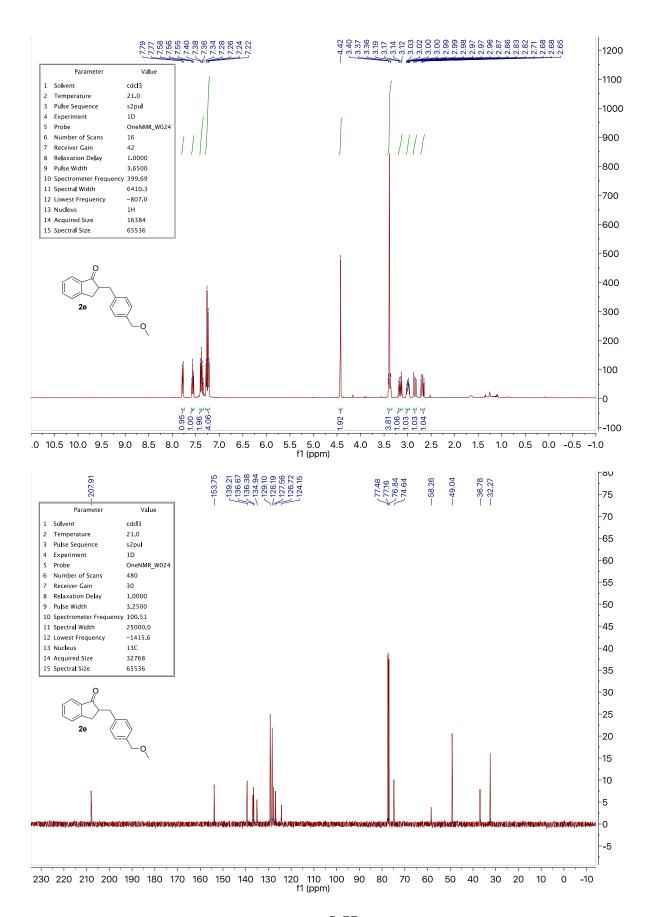


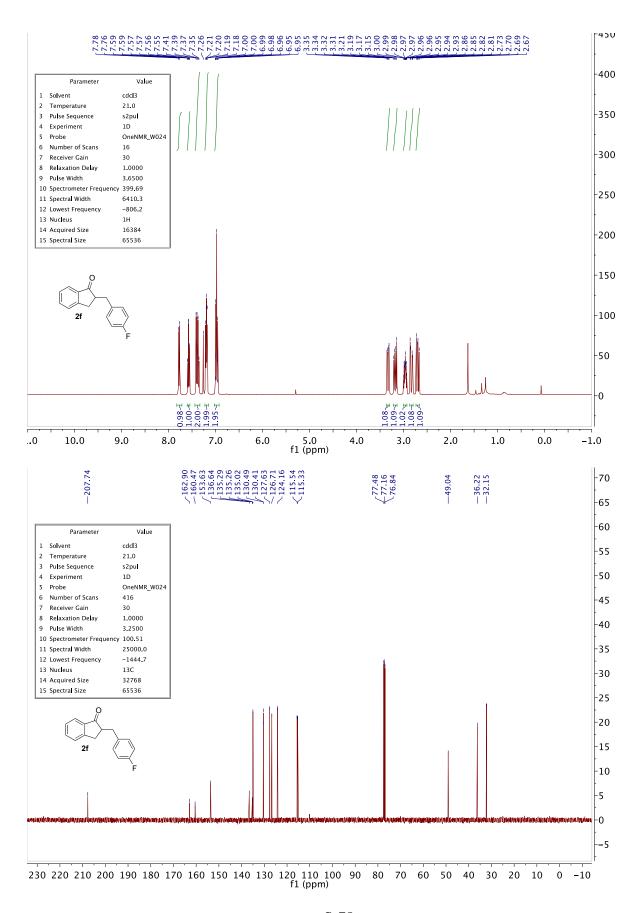


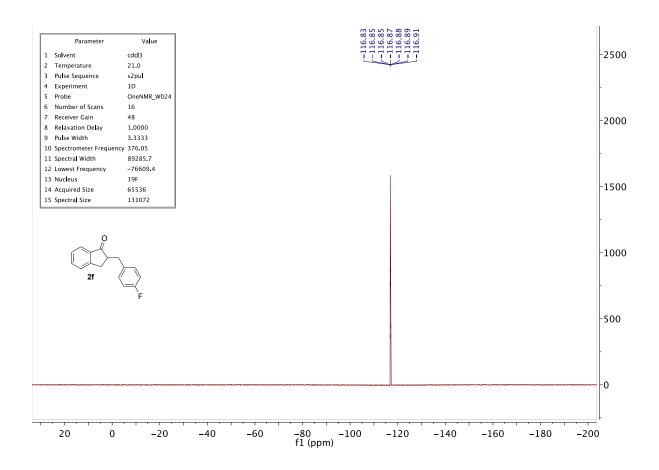


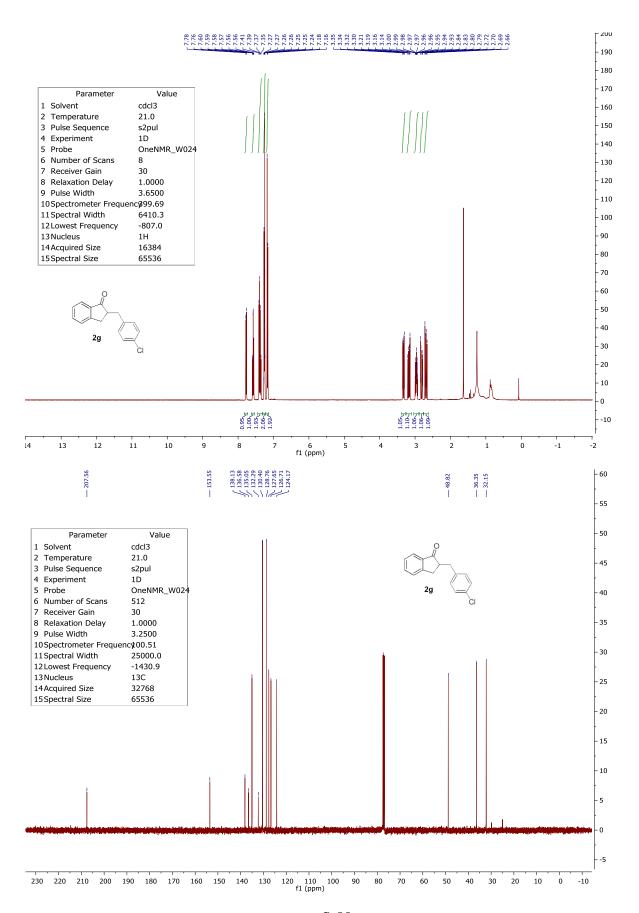


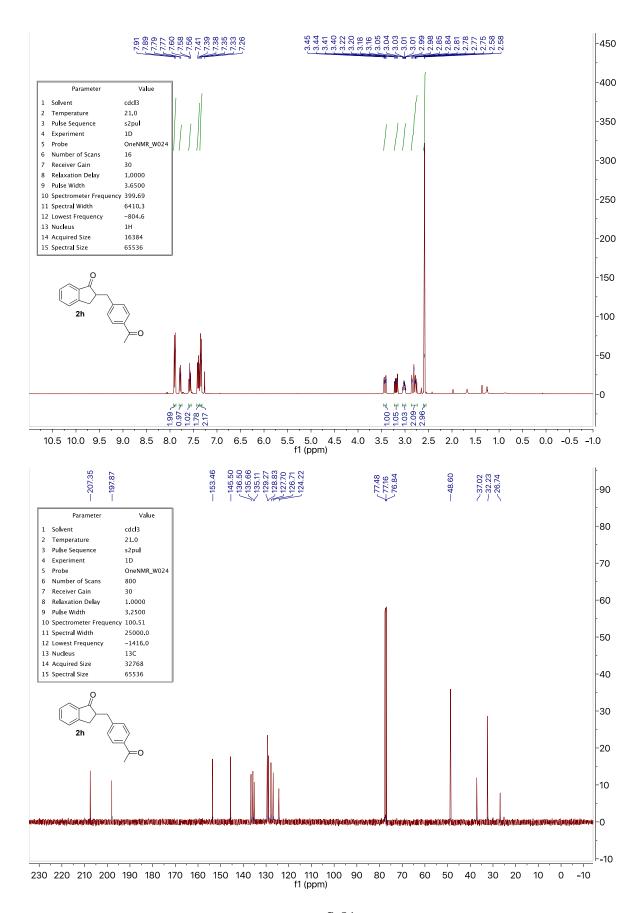


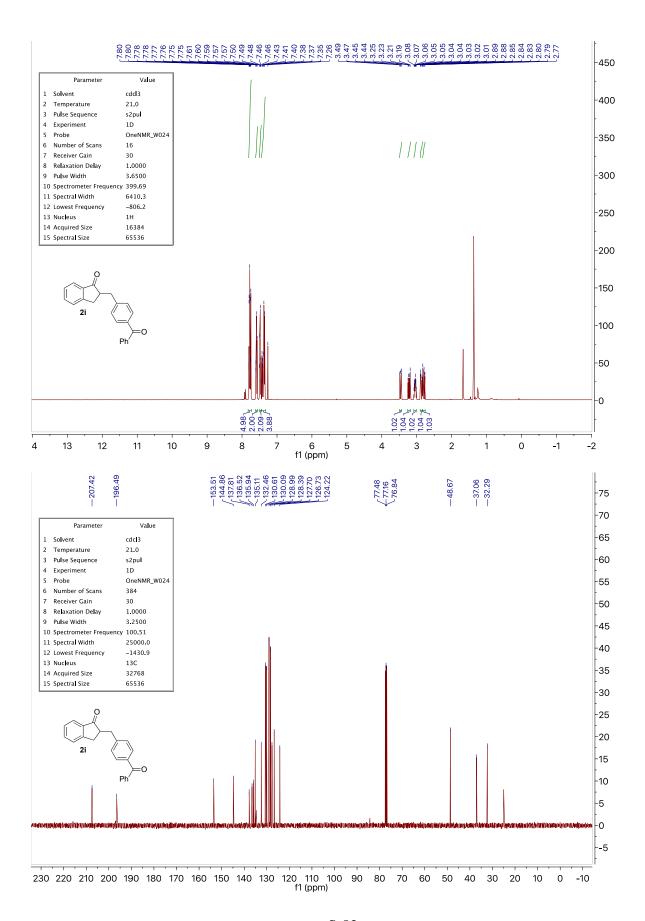


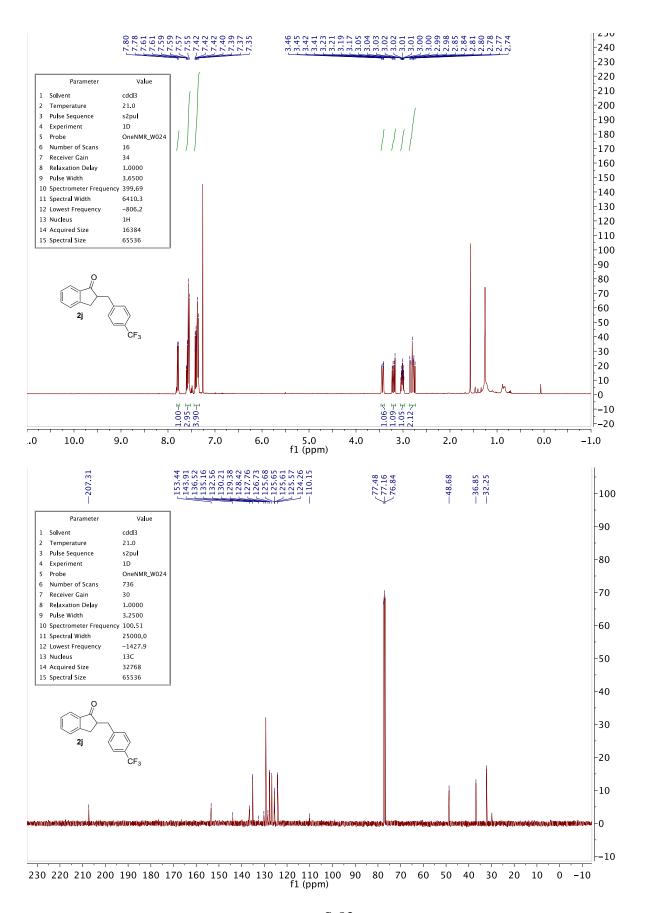


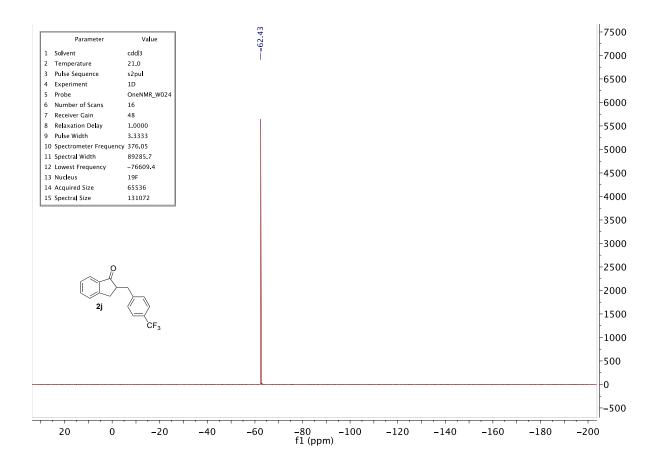


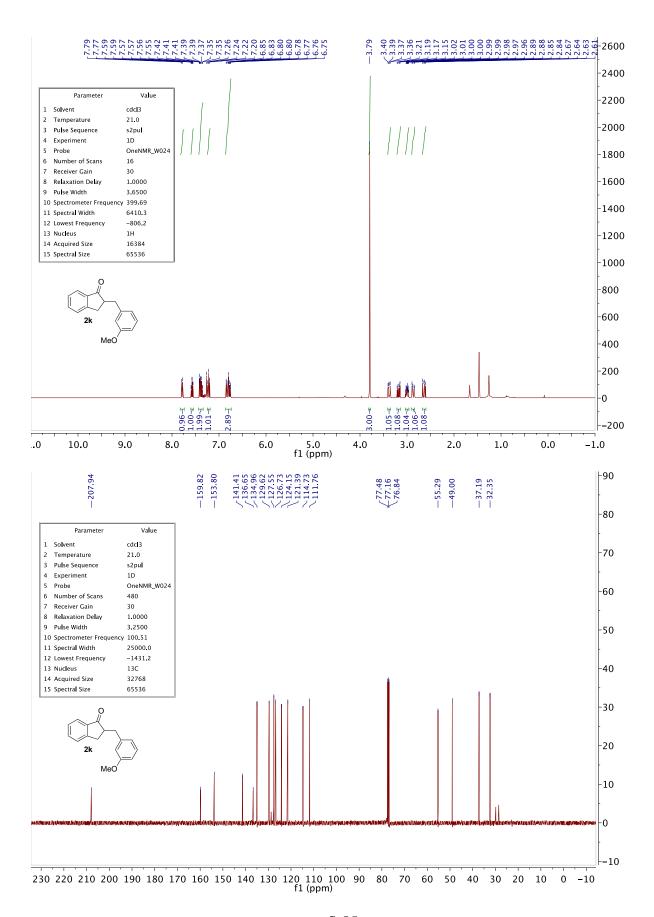


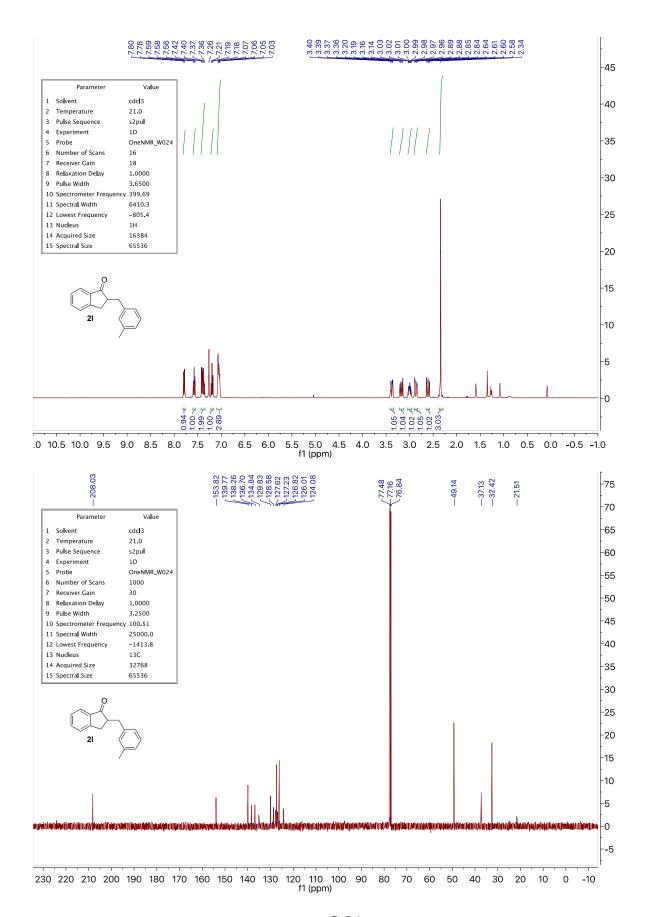


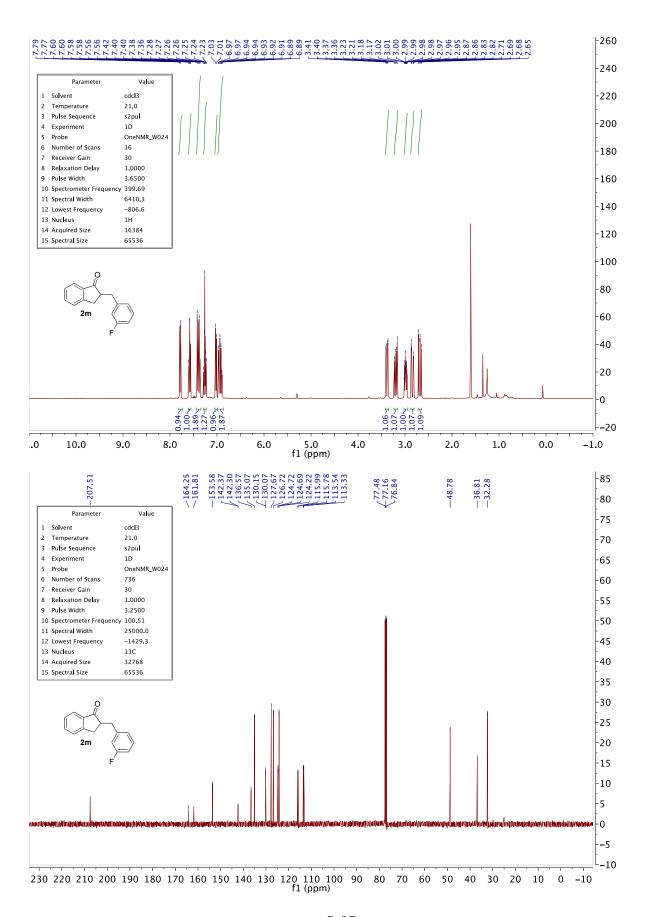


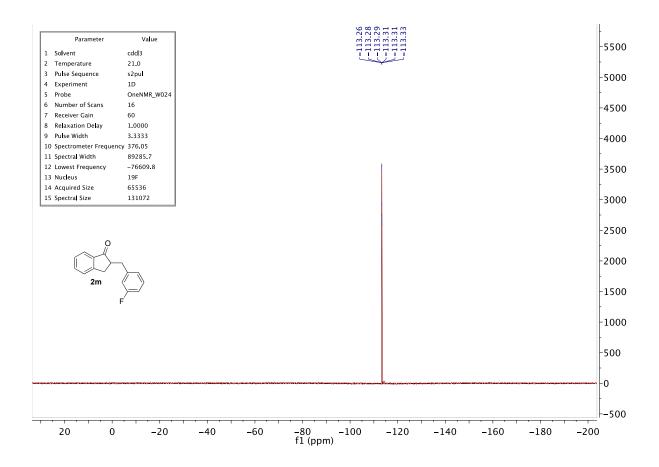


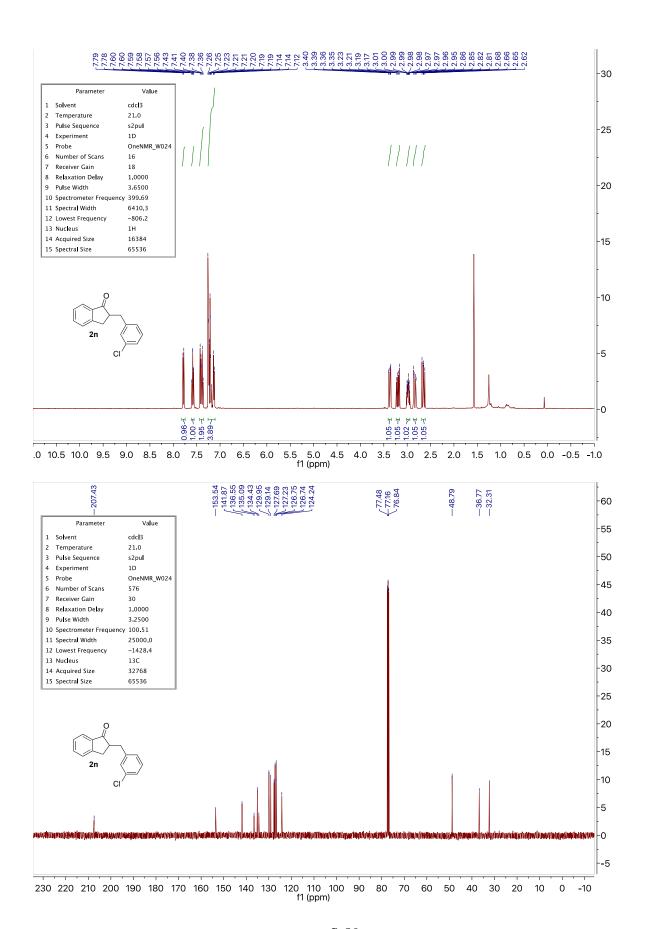


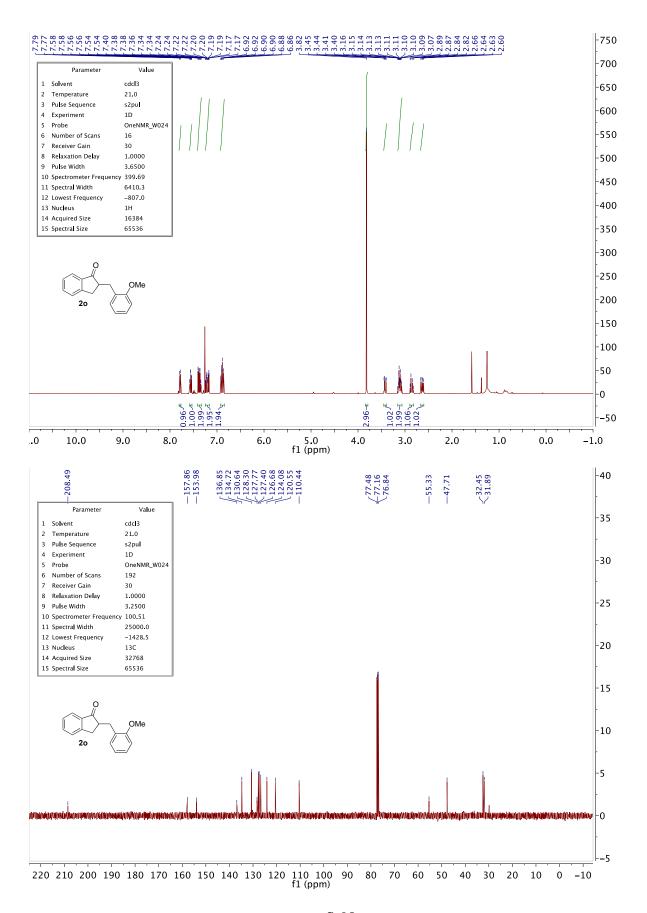


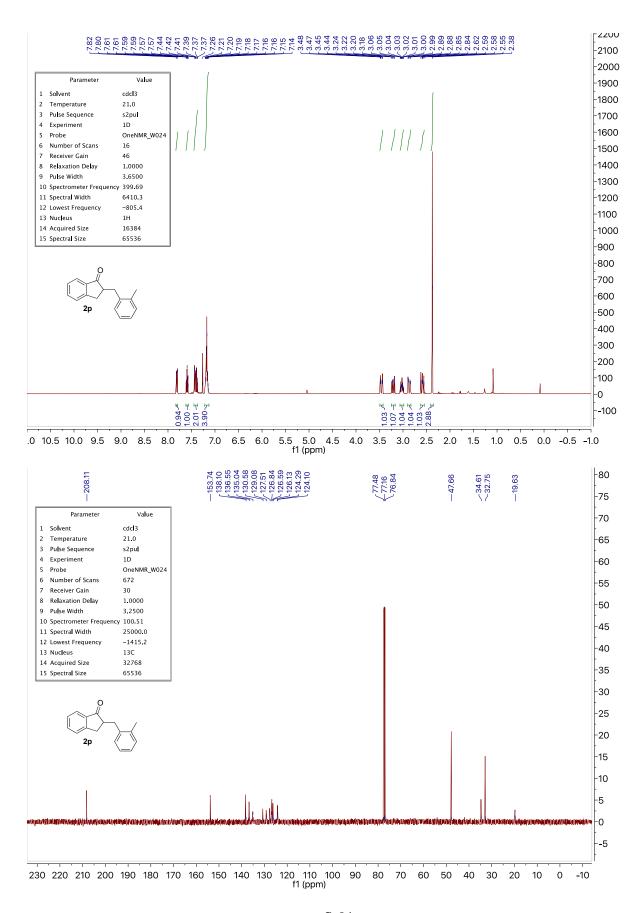


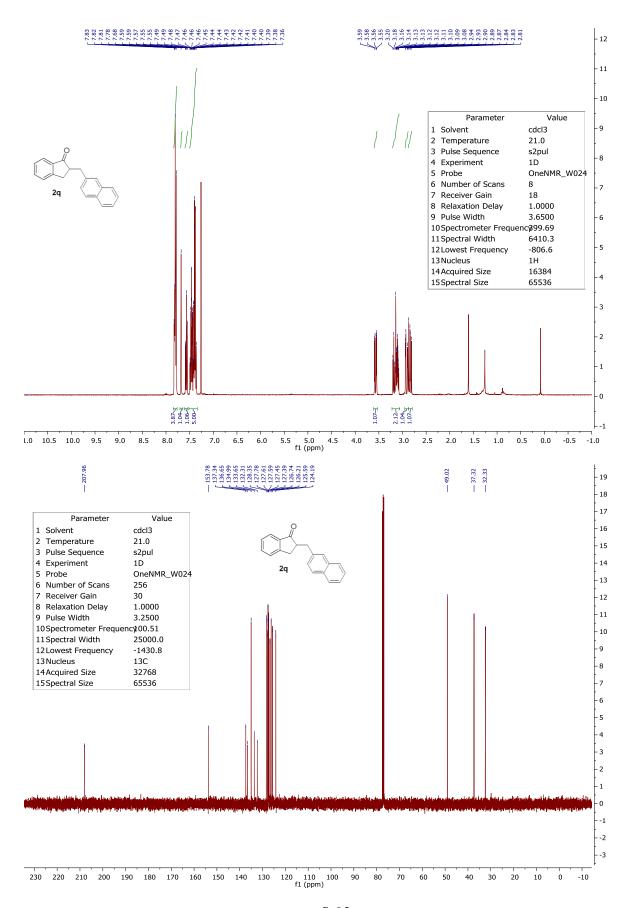


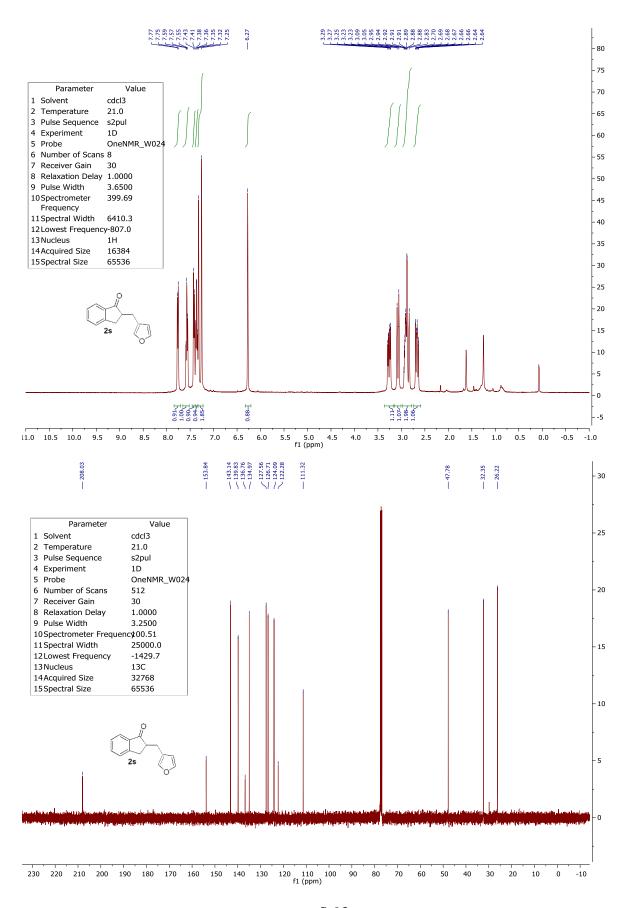


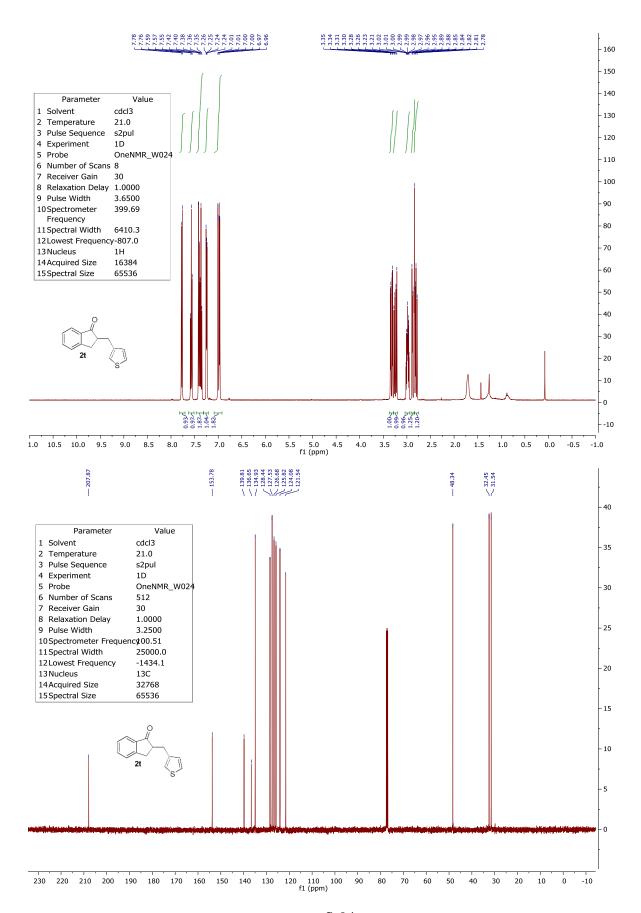


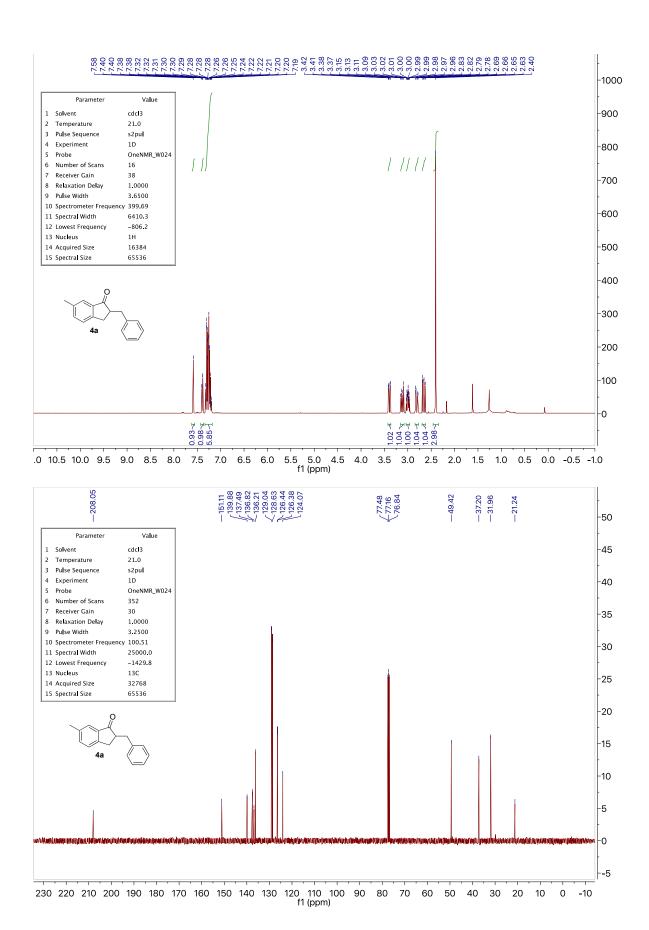


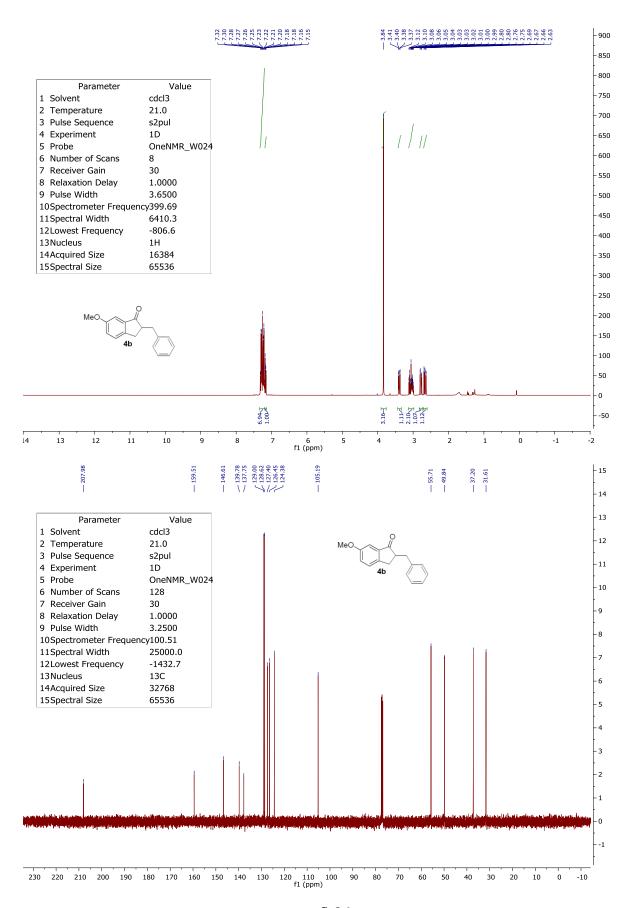


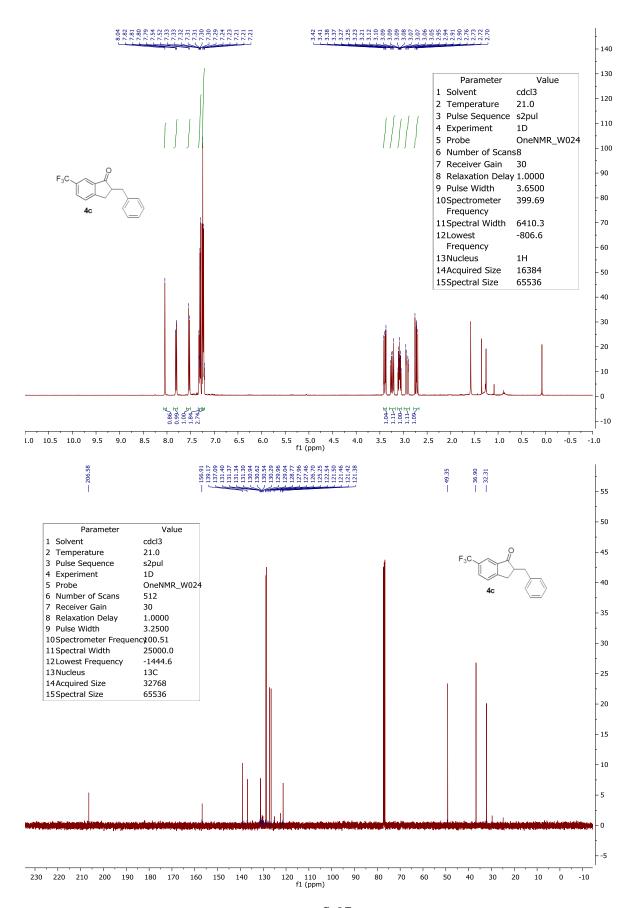


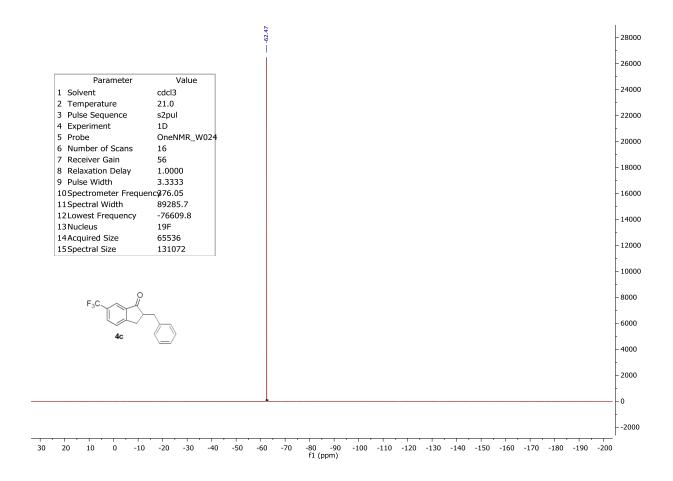


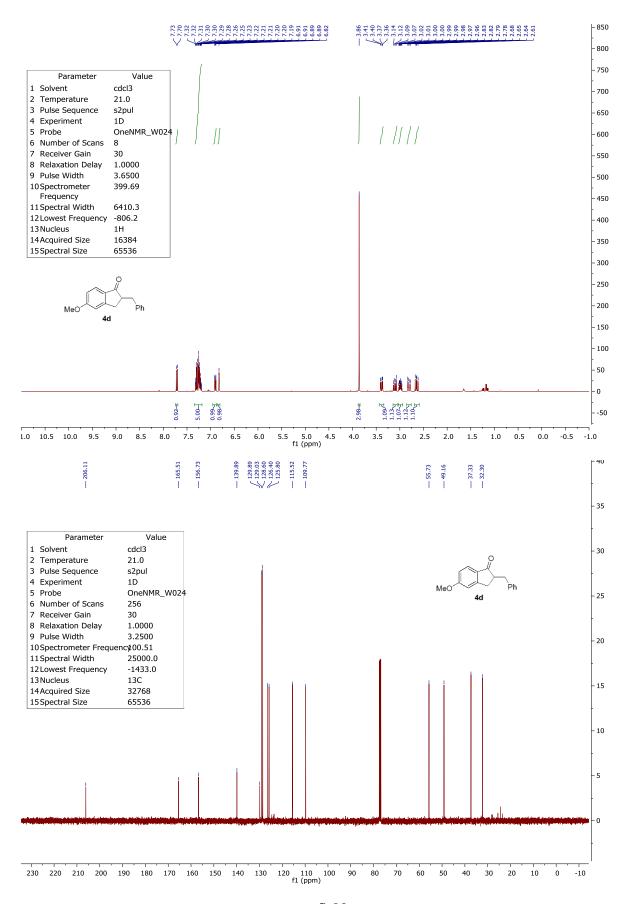


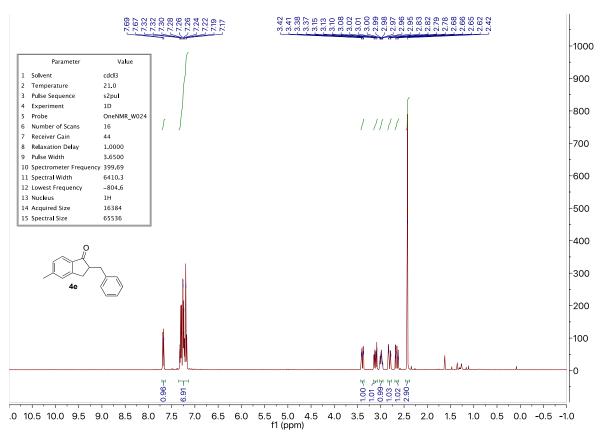


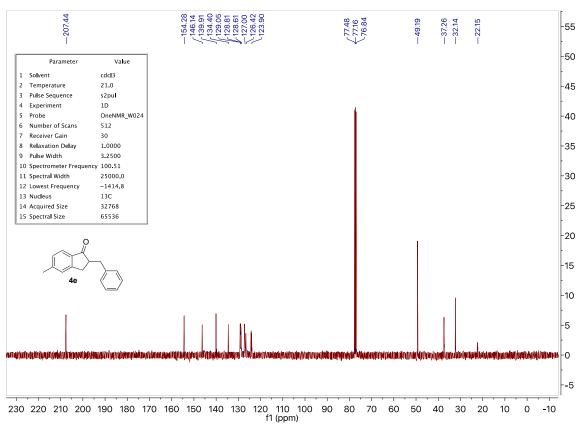


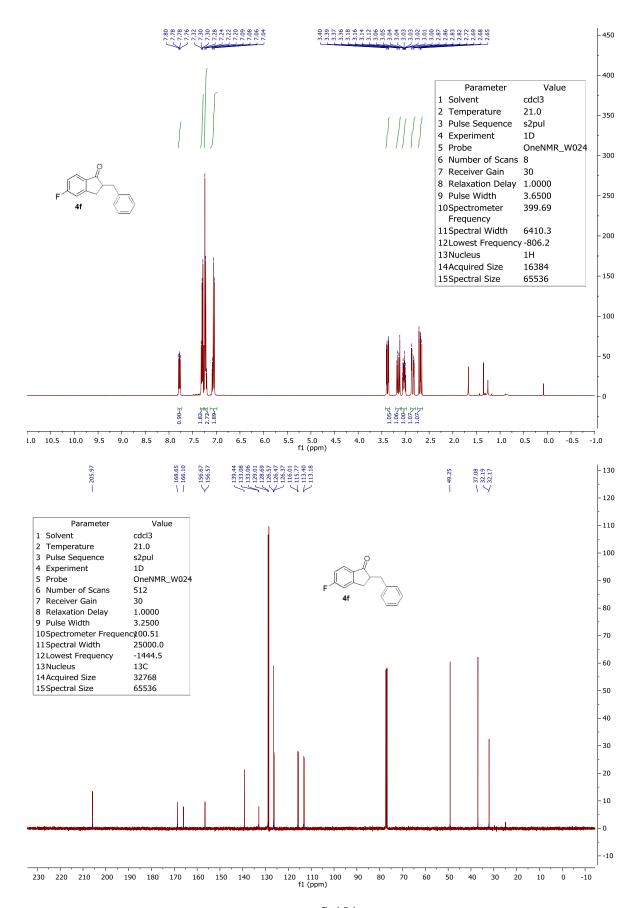


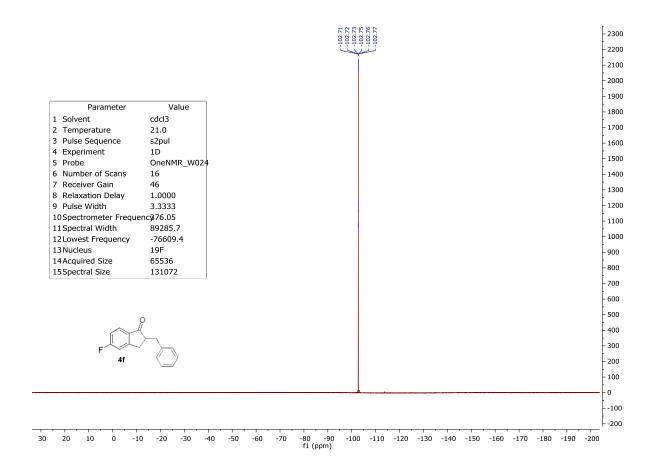


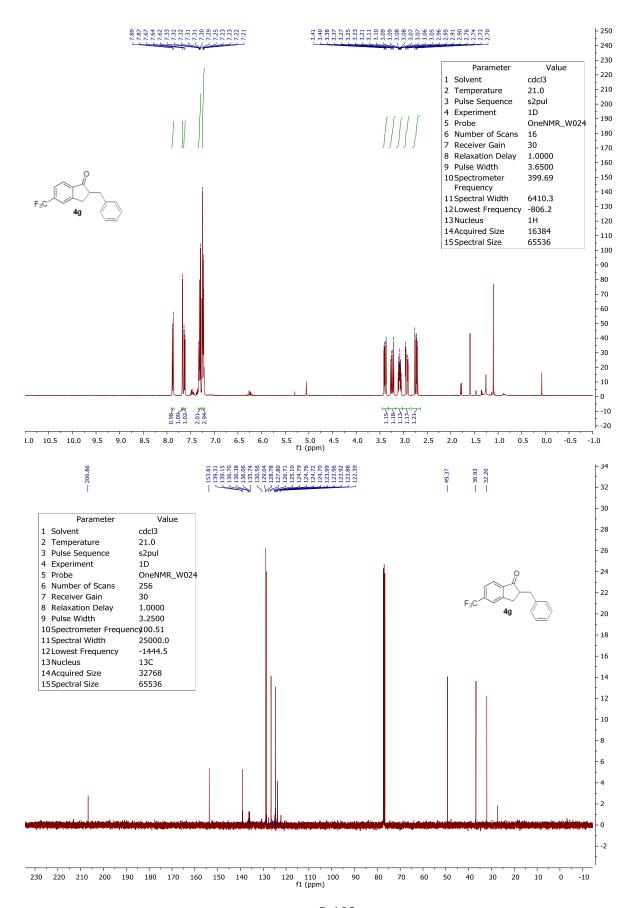


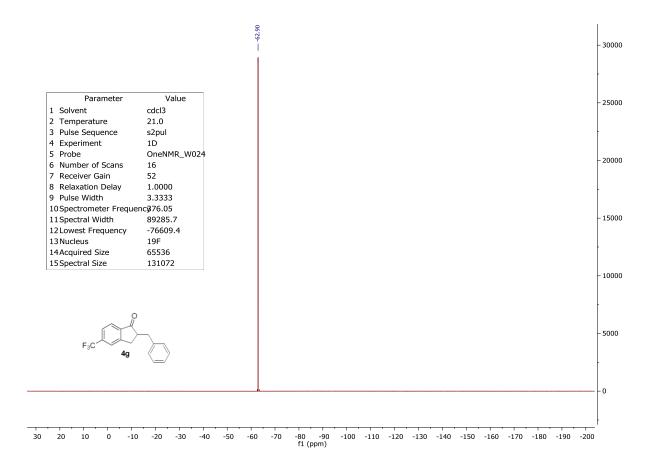


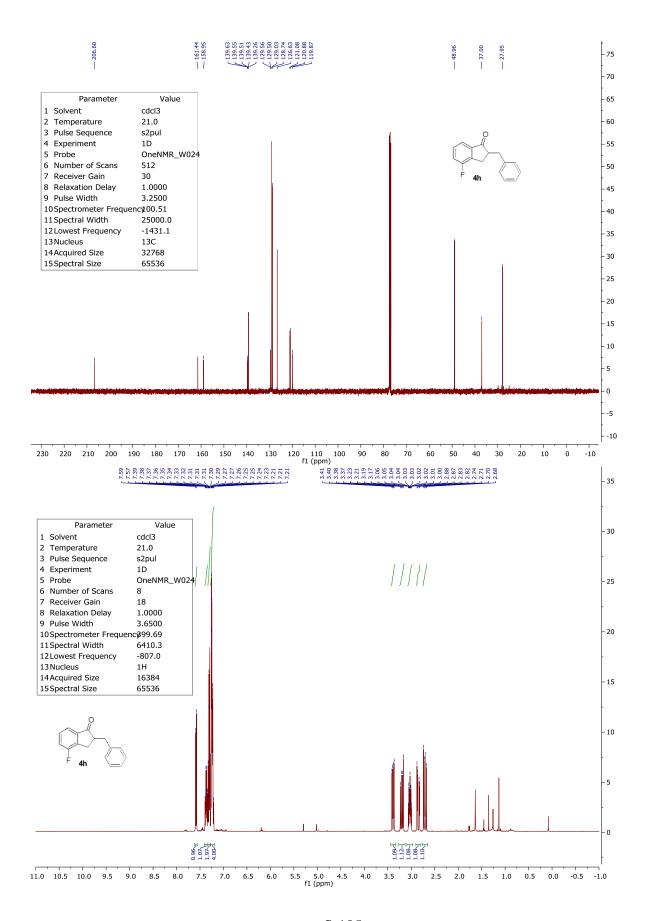


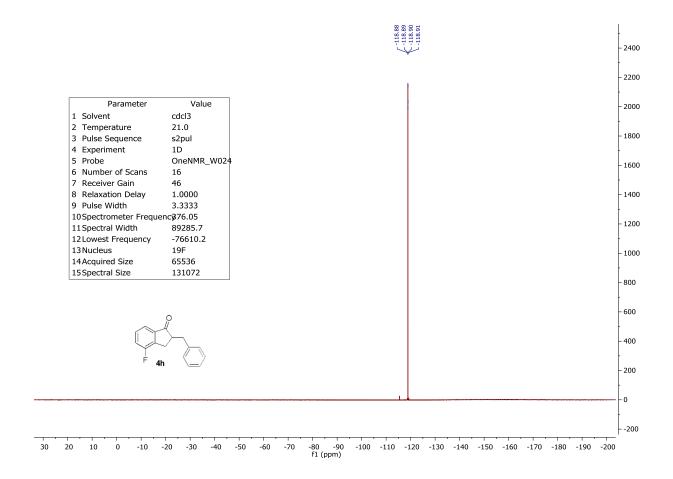


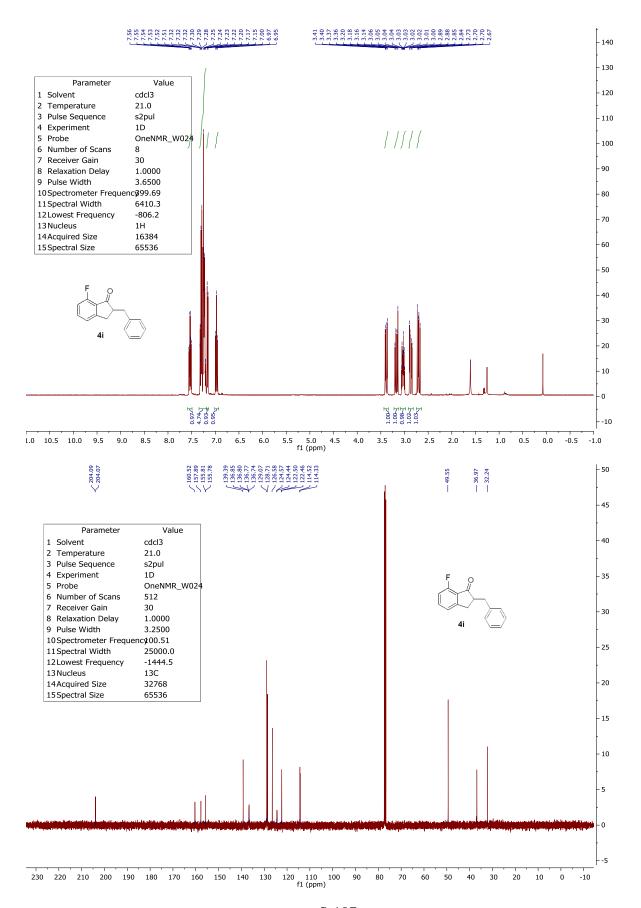


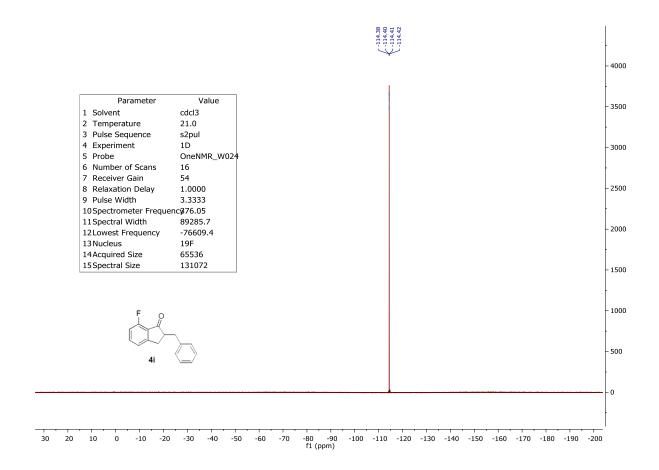


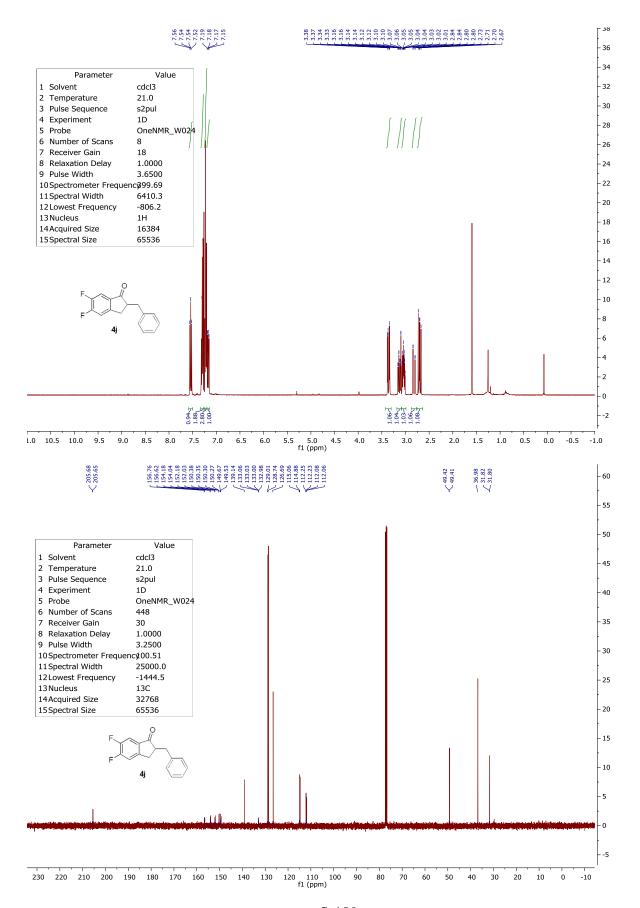


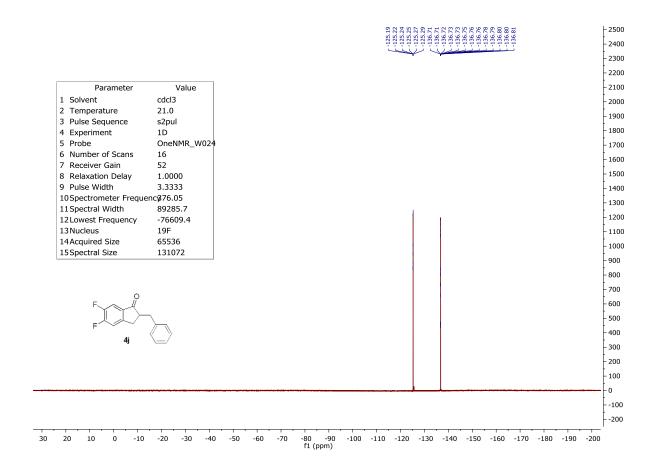












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