

Photoredox-catalyzed Cross-coupling of Enamides for the Assembly of β -Difluoroimine Synthons

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General Information

Unless otherwise stated, all commercial reagents were used as received. Reactions were conducted in dry glassware using anhydrous solvents (pass through activated alumina columns). Reaction temperatures were controlled using IKAmag temperature modulator, and unless stated otherwise, reactions were performed at room temperature (rt). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted on plates (GF254) supplied by Yantai Chemicals (China) and visualized using a combination of UV, anisaldehyde, iodine, and potassium permanganate staining. Silica gel (300-400 mesh) supplied by Tsingdao Haiyang Chemicals (China) was used for flash column chromatography. ^1H , ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker spectrometers (400 MHz). Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference: proton (chloroform δ 7.26), carbon (chloroform δ 77.00) or tetramethylsilane (TMS δ 0.00) was used as a reference. Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublet). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). All high resolution mass spectra were obtained from the Tsinghua University Mass Spectrometry Facility.

(A) Typical Experimental Procedure

(a) Materials:

(1) Substrates (Enamides) were prepared according to the known procedures.^[1]

(2) Synthesis of difluoro amides:

Synthetic procedure: we followed similar procedures as those reported in reference.^[2]

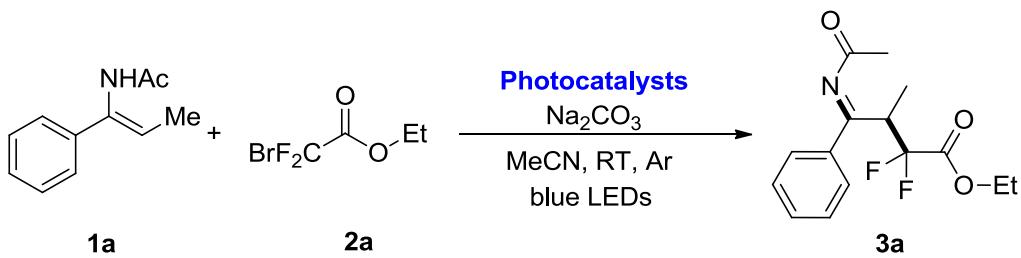
(b) General Experimental Procedures

Typical experimental procedure for visible-light photoredox-catalyzed difluoroalkylation of enamides:

To a Schlenk tube were added enamides **1** (0.20 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.02 equiv, 0.004 mmol), KOAc (2.0 equiv, 0.4 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieve (80 mg) and Et₂O (1.5 mL). Then the tube was charged with argon, and was stirred at room temperature for the indicated time (12-48 h) until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC and GC-MS analysis. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered through Celite, washed with ethyl acetate. The combined organic mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford the desired product.

(c) Optimization of the reaction conditions.

Table S1. Evaluation of different photocatalysts^a

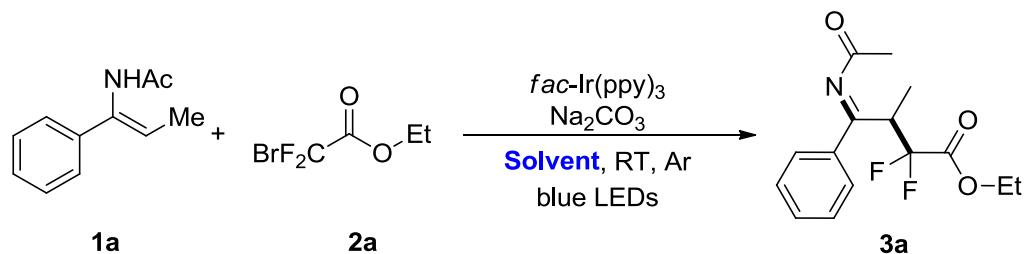


entry	Cat. (mol %)	Base (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	65
2	Ir(ppy) ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	34
3	Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (dtbbpy)PF ₆	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	10
4	Ir[dF(CF ₃)ppy] ₂ (bpy)PF ₆	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	28

5	Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	6
6	Eosin Y	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	trace

^a Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), Cat. (2 mol %), Base (2.0 equiv), Solvent (1.5 mL), 36 W blue LEDs, at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 12 h. ^b Yield of isolated product. N.R. = No Reaction.

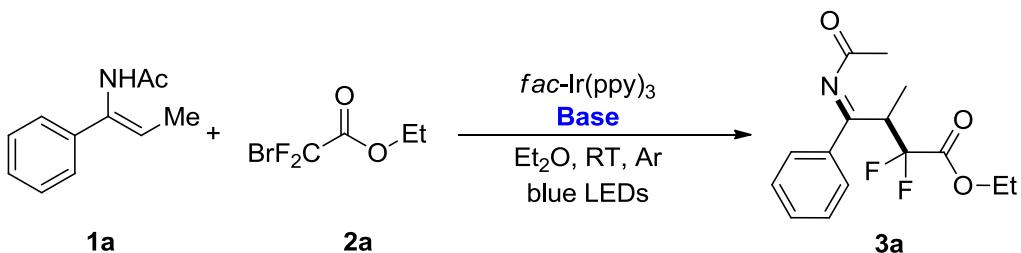
Table S2. Evaluation of different solvents ^a



entry	Cat. (mol %)	Base (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	65
2	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	DMF	72
3	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	DCM	trace
4	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	1,4-dioxane	18
5	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	CHCl ₃	trace
6	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	THF	46
7	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	toluene	trace
8	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na₂CO₃	Et₂O	83
9	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	iPr ₂ O	5
10	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	DME	62
11	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	MTBE	40
12	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	anisole	trace

^a Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), Cat. (2 mol %), Base (2.0 equiv), Solvent (1.5 mL), 36 W blue LEDs, at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 12 h. ^b Yield of isolated product.

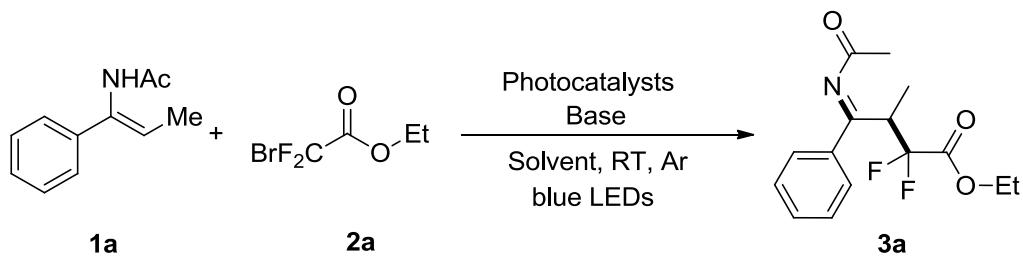
Table S3. Evaluation of different bases ^a



entry	Cat. (mol %)	Base (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ CO ₃	Et ₂ O	83
2	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Na ₂ HPO ₄	Et ₂ O	20
3	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	K ₂ HPO ₄	Et ₂ O	63
4	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	NaOAc	Et ₂ O	65
5	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KOAc	Et ₂ O	88 (91)^c
6	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KOAc	Et ₂ O	89^{c,d}
7	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	CsOAc	Et ₂ O	79
8	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	K ₂ CO ₃	Et ₂ O	66
9	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Cs ₂ CO ₃	Et ₂ O	67
10	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	NaHCO ₃	Et ₂ O	60
11	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KHCO ₃	Et ₂ O	15
12	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	PhCO ₂ Na	Et ₂ O	53
13	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	HCO ₂ Na	Et ₂ O	45
14	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	NaOMe	Et ₂ O	50
15	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	2,6-lutidine	Et ₂ O	78
16	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	Et ₃ N	Et ₂ O	38
17	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	DIEA	Et ₂ O	15
18	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	DBU	Et ₂ O	trace

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.3 mmol), Cat. (2 mol%), Base (2.0 equiv), Solvent (1.5 mL), 36W blue LEDs, at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 12 h. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c 80 mg 4ÅMS was added. ^d (*E*)-N-(1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)acetamide **1a'** as substrate.

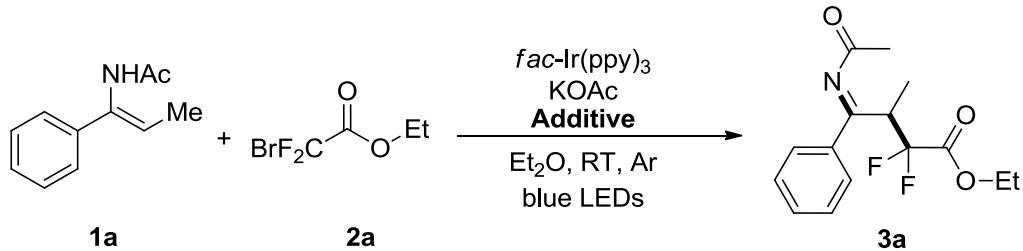
Table S4. Control experiments^a



entry	Cat. (mol %)	Base (equiv)	Solvent	Yield (%) ^b
1	---	Na ₂ CO ₃	MeCN	N.R.
2	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	---	MeCN	trace
3 ^c	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KOAc	Et ₂ O	N.R.
4 ^d	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KOAc	Et ₂ O	47
5 ^e	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KOAc	Et ₂ O	76
6 ^f	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	KOAc	Et ₂ O	58

^a Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), Cat. (2 mol %), Base (2.0 equiv), Solvent (1.5 mL), 36 W blue LEDs, at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 12 h. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c no light. ^d 25 W white LEDs. ^e Cat. (1 mol %) was used. ^f under Air. N.R. = No Reaction.

Table S5. Radical inhibition experiments.

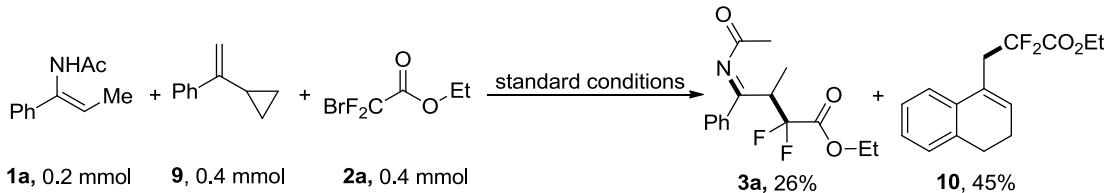


Entry	Additive (equiv)	Yield [%] ^a
1	---	91
2	TEMPO (0.2)	65
3	TEMPO (1.0)	10
4	TEMPO (2.0)	trace

^a reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (2 mol %), KOAc (2.0 equiv), Et₂O (1.5 mL), 80 mg 4 Å MS, 36W blue LEDs, at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 12 h, Yield of isolated product.

To gain the mechanistic insight into the current reaction, addition of radical inhibitor 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy (TEMPO) significantly inhibited this transformation, indicating that a single-electron-transfer radical process is operating.

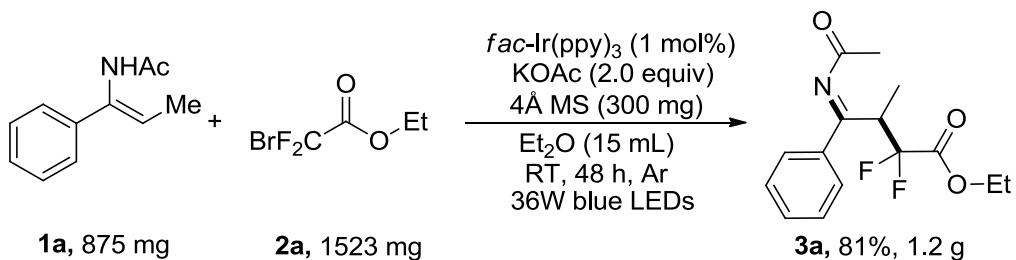
Fig. S1. Radical clock experiment.



To identify whether a fluoroalkyl radical pathway is involved in the reaction, α -cyclopropylstyrene **9** was added in the reaction of **1a** with **2a** under the standard reaction conditions (Fig. S1). A ring-expanded product **10** was obtained in 45% yield, suggesting that a single electron transfer (SET) pathway via a difluoroalkyl radical is involved in the reaction process.

Procedure: To a 25 mL of Schlenck tube were added **1a** (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (1-cyclopropylvinyl)benzene **9** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), **2a** (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (2 mol %), KOAc (0.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 4 \AA MS (80 mg), 36 W blue LEDs, at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 12 h. Yield of isolated product (**3a**: 26%, based on **1a**; **10**: 45%, based on (1-cyclopropylvinyl)benzene **9**).

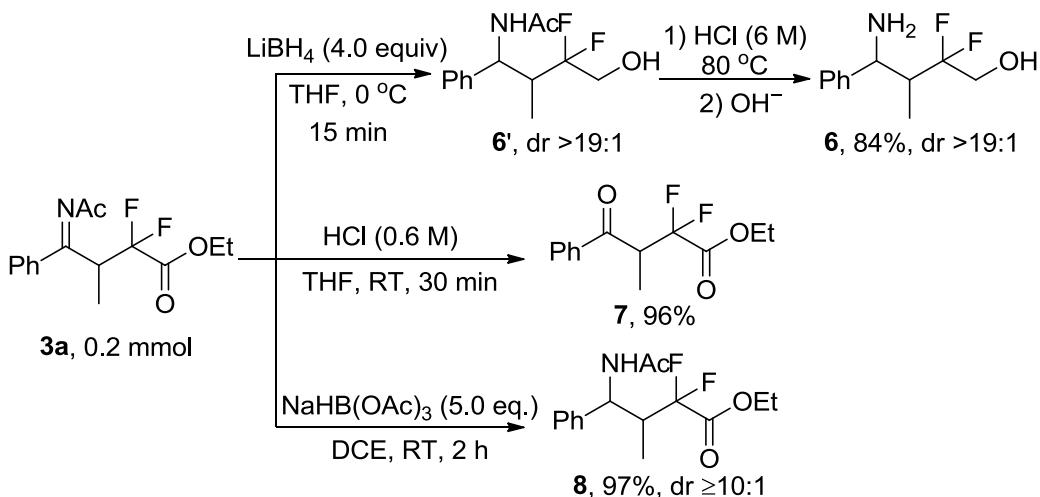
(d) Gram-scale synthesis of **3a**



To a Schlenk tube were added enamide **1a** (5.0 mmol), **2a** (7.5 mmol), *fac*-Ir(ppy)₃ (0.02 equiv, 0.1 mmol), KOAc (2.0 equiv, 10.0 mmol), 4 \AA molecular sieve (2.0 g) and Et₂O (37.5 mL). Then the tube was charged with argon, and was stirred at room temperature for the indicated time (48 h) until complete consumption of starting material as monitored by TLC and GC-MS analysis. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was filtered through Celite, washed with ethyl acetate. The combined organic mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column

chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1) to afford **3a** in 81% yield.

(e) Further transformation of **3a.**



Procedure:

1) To a dried flask were added the difluoroalkylated product **3a** (59.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and anhydrous THF (2 mL), and then LiBH₄ (4.0 equiv) was added slowly at 0 °C. When the reaction was finished (about 0.25 hour), ethyl acetate was added to quench the reaction. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1/1) to afford **6'** (dr >19:1) as colorless oil.

To a sealed tube were added **6'** and 6 M HCl (2.0 mL). Then the tube was stirred at 80 °C overnight. After the reaction was finished, the mixture was carefully basified to pH = 13 with aqueous NaOH (3 M) and extracted with ethyl ether (2 × 5 mL) and DCM (1 × 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired product **6** (36 mg, 84%, dr >19:1) as colorless oil.

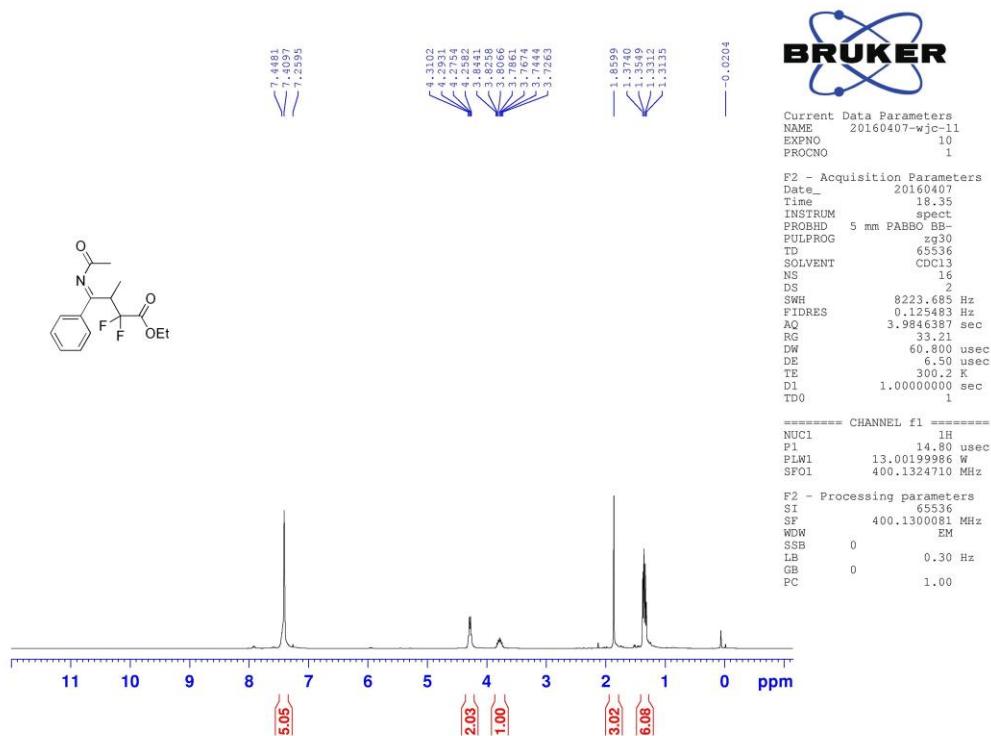
2) **3a** (59.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added to a 1/1 mixture of 0.6 M HCl/THF. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature and monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was extracted with DCM and washed with aq. NaHCO₃. Then organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether /ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford **7** (49 mg, 96%) as colorless oil.

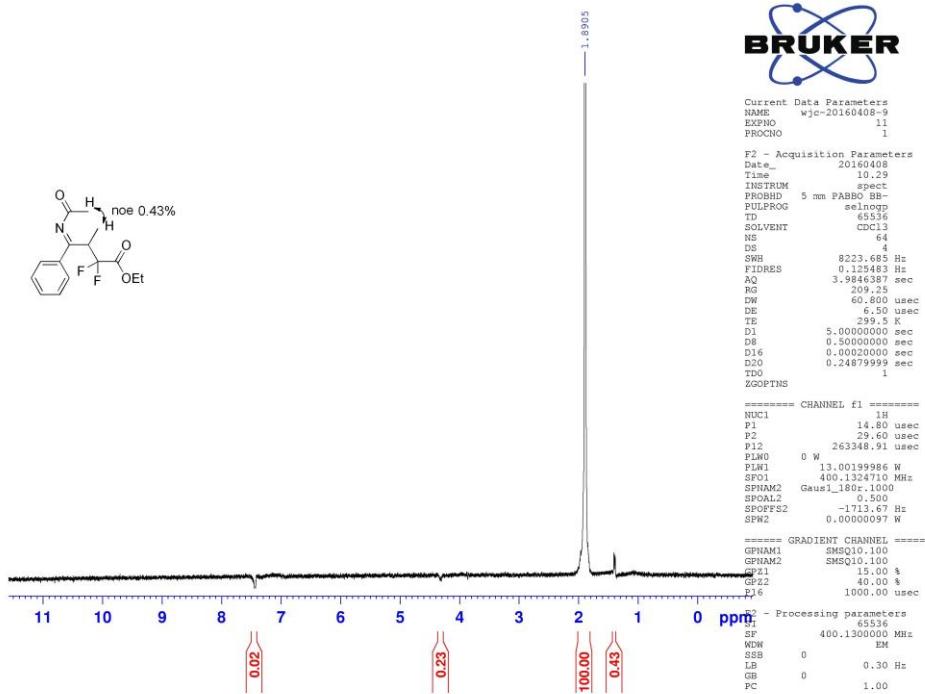
3) To a dried flask were added the difluoroalkylated product **3a** (59.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and anhydrous DCE (2 mL), and then NaHB(OAc)₃ (5.0 equiv) was added. The reaction was finished after 1 hour. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash

chromatography (silica gel, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1/1) to afford **8** (dr ≥10:1, 58 mg, 97%) as colorless oil.

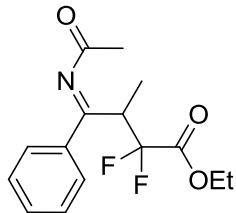
(f) Determination of the geometry of the CN double bond

NOESY experiment





(B) Analytical data



(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (3a): 12 h, 54 mg, 91% yield;

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-7.41 (m, 5H), 4.28 (dd, $J = 14.0, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.79

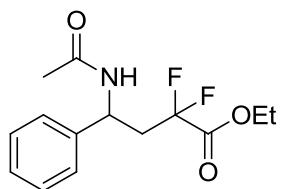
(dt, $J = 16.6, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.5,

165.2 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1C), 163.4 (t, $J = 31.8$ Hz, 1C), 135.8, 130.8, 128.8, 127.1, 115.2 (dd, $J = 260.0,$

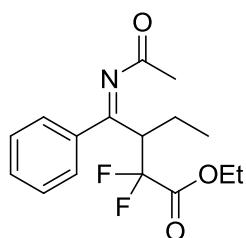
248.8 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 46.3 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz, 1C), 24.7, 13.8, 11.5 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ : -104.3 (dd, $J = 267.0, 11.3$ Hz, 1F), -112.7 (dd, $J = 265.1, 16.9$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for

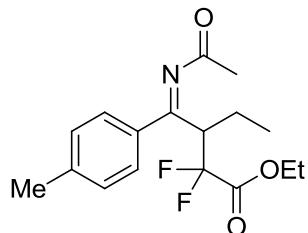
$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 298.1249, found 298.1255.



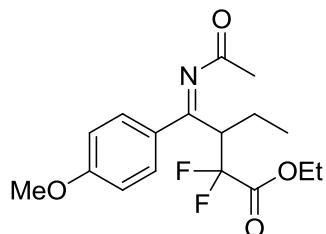
Ethyl 4-acetamido-2,2-difluoro-4-phenylbutanoate (3b): 24 h, then NaHB(OAc)₃ (5.0 equiv) in DCE for 2 h, 46 mg, 80% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.36-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.59 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33-5.27 (m, 1H), 4.18-4.13 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.50 (m, 2H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 169.3, 163.6 (t, J = 32 Hz, 1C), 140.6, 128.7, 127.8, 126.4, 114.9 (t, J = 250.1 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 48.0 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, 1C), 40.2 (t, J = 22.7 Hz, 1C), 23.0, 13.7; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -102.3 - -104.3 (m, 2F); HRMS (ESI) for C₁₄H₁₈F₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): calcd 286.1249, found 286.1255.



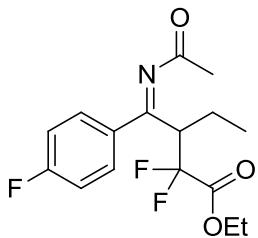
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3c): 16 h, 49.8 mg, 80% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.46-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.54 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.87 (m, 5H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 183.7, 164.3, 163.4 (t, J = 32.1 Hz, 1C), 137.2, 130.9, 128.8, 127.2, 115.6 (dd, J = 258.7, 251.9 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 53.1 (t, J = 22.3 Hz, 1C), 24.6, 21.1 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1C), 13.8, 12.0; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -103.24 (dd, J = 263.3, 12.4 Hz, 1F), -108.37 (dd, J = 263.4, 13.7 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for C₁₆H₂₀F₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): calcd 312.1406, found 312.1410.



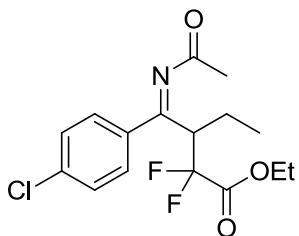
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(p-tolyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3d): 16 h, 59.8 mg, 92% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.36 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.63-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.87 (m, 5H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.7, 164.1 (dd, $J = 5.4, 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 163.3 (t, $J = 32.1$ Hz, 1C), 141.6, 134.4, 129.5, 127.3, 115.6 (dd, $J = 258.7, 251.5$ Hz, 1C), 62.9, 52.9 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz, 1C), 24.6, 21.3, 21.2 (t, $J = 3.4$, 1C), 13.8, 11.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.1 (dd, $J = 263.0, 12.4$ Hz, 1F), -108.5 (dd, $J = 263.0, 13.8$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ([M+H] $^+$): calcd 326.1562, found 326.1566.



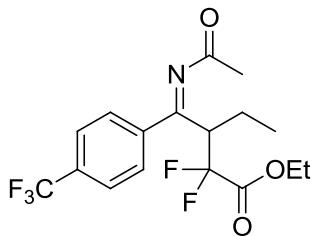
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3e): 16 h, 58.7 mg, 86% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.19 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.88 (m, 5H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.7, 163.4 (t, $J = 32.1$ Hz, 1C), 161.7, 129.6, 129.3, 115.6 (dd, $J = 258.6, 251.7$ Hz, 1C), 114.2, 62.9, 55.3, 52.7 (t, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1C), 24.5, 21.4 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1C), 13.8, 11.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.1 (dd, $J = 262.6, 12.4$ Hz, 1F), -108.3 (dd, $J = 262.6, 13.6$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4$ ([M+H] $^+$): calcd 342.1511, found 342.1515.



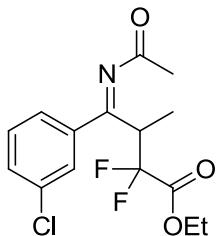
(*E*)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(4-fluorophenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3f): 12 h, 61.2 mg, 93% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.48 (dd, $J = 8.5, 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.34-4.22 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.48 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.88 (m, 5H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.4, 165.2, 163.1 (dd, $J = 63.1, 30.8$ Hz, 1C), 133.4 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1C), 129.6 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 1C), 116.1, 115.9, 115.5 (dd, $J = 258.7, 252.4$ Hz, 1C), 63.0, 53.2 (t, $J = 22.3$ Hz, 1C), 24.6, 21.1 (t, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 1C), 13.8, 11.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.44 (dd, $J = 263.8, 12.7$ Hz, 1F), -107.86 (dd, $J = 263.8, 13.2$ Hz, 1F), -107.91; HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 330.1312, found 330.1310.



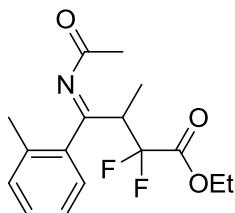
(*E*)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(4-chlorophenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3g): 12 h, 59.4 mg, 86% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.43-7.37 (m, 4H), 4.35-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.47 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.86 (m, 5H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.4, 163.3 (t, $J = 32.0$ Hz, 1C), 163.0 (dd, $J = 4.9, 3.2$ Hz, 1C), 137.2, 135.5, 129.1, 128.6, 115.5 (dd, $J = 258.9, 252.5$ Hz, 1C), 63.1, 53.2 (t, $J = 22.3$ Hz, 1C), 24.6, 21.1 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1C), 13.8, 11.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.5 (dd, $J = 264.0, 12.8$ Hz, 1F), -107.8 (dd, $J = 264.0, 13.2$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClF}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 346.1016, found 346.1018.



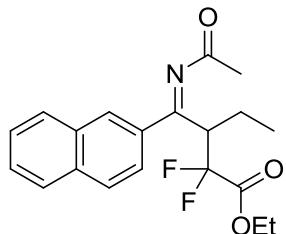
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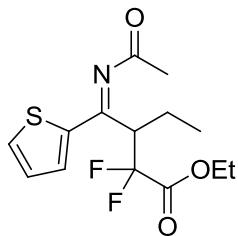
(*E*)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)-2,2-difluoro-3-methylbutanoate (3i): 18 h, 53 mg, 80% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.44-7.27 (m, 4H), 4.33-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.66 (m, 1H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.1, 163.8 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1C), 163.3 (t, $J = 31.8$ Hz, 1C), 137.4, 135.0, 130.9, 130.2, 126.9, 125.4, 115.1 (dd, $J = 260.2$, 249.6 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 46.4 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz, 1C), 24.8, 13.9, 11.4 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.5 (dd, $J = 267.7$, 10.7 Hz, 1F), -112.3 (dd, $J = 267.7$, 15.5 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClF}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 332.0860, found 332.0866.



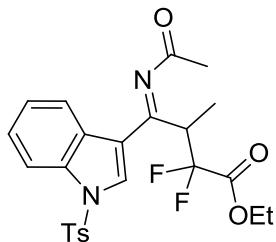
(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-(o-tolyl)butanoate (3j): 32 h, 47.3 mg, 76% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.29 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.26 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.9, 167.6 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1C), 163.5 (t, $J = 31.8$ Hz, 1C), 135.6, 134.1, 130.8, 129.6, 126.3, 125.5, 115.1 (dd, $J = 259.8, 247.9$ Hz, 1C), 62.9, 47.3 (t, $J = 23.1$ Hz, 1C), 24.8, 19.8, 13.9, 10.4 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.5 (dd, $J = 268.8, 9.1$ Hz, 1F), -114.2 (dd, $J = 268.9, 15.9$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ([M+H] $^+$): calcd 312.1406, found 312.1410.



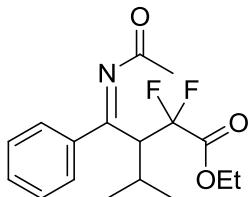
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(naphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3k): 24 h, 49.1 mg, 68% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.85 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 3H), 4.35-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.94 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.6, 164.3, 163.4 (t, $J = 32.1$ Hz, 1C), 134.6, 134.0, 132.5, 128.9 (2C), 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.1, 123.6, 115.7 (dd, $J = 258.9, 251.8$ Hz, 1C), 63.0, 53.2 (t, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1C), 24.7, 21.3 (t, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1C), 13.9, 12.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.0 (dd, $J = 263.6, 12.4$ Hz, 1F), -108.2 (dd, $J = 263.6, 13.7$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ([M+H] $^+$): calcd 362.1562, found 362.1568.



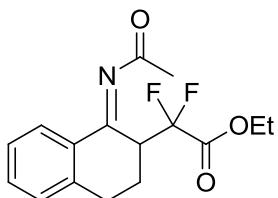
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(thiophen-2-yl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (3l): 32 h, 32.4 mg, 51% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.58 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.67-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.07-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.3, 163.2 (t, $J = 32.3$ Hz, 1C), 153.4, 138.9, 131.8 (2C), 128.4, 115.3 (t, $J = 254.3$ Hz, 1C), 63.1, 53.3 (t, $J = 22.7$ Hz, 1C), 24.2, 21.6, 13.8, 11.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.8 (dd, $J = 261.1, 13.0$ Hz, 1F), -107.3 (dd, $J = 261.0, 10.9$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 318.0970, found 318.0968.



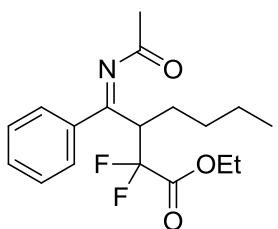
(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-(1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)butanoate (3m): 28 h, 56.8 mg, 58% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 8.00 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.85-7.78 (m, 3H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.93-3.81 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.41 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.4, 163.3 (t, $J = 31.9$ Hz, 1C), 158.0 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1C), 145.7, 134.4, 130.3, 130.1, 129.0, 127.3, 127.1, 127.0, 125.8, 124.4, 122.2, 115.1 (t, $J = 253.4$ Hz, 1C), 113.7, 63.1, 46.3 (t, $J = 23.4$ Hz, 1C), 24.6, 21.6, 13.8, 11.93 (t, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -105.1 (dd, $J = 265.7, 12.7$ Hz, 1F), -110.7 (dd, $J = 265.4, 13.1$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{25}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 491.1447, found 491.1451.



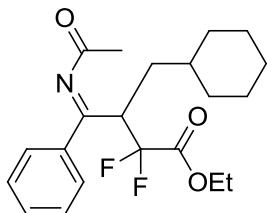
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoro-4-methylpentanoate (3n): 24 h, 47.5 mg, 73% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.40 (m, 3H), 4.36-4.26 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.54 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.39 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 183.5, 164.7, 163.8 (t, *J* = 31.9 Hz, 1C), 137.9, 131.0, 128.9, 127.4, 115.2 (dd, *J* = 260.0, 248.8 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 56.7 (t, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1C), 28.9, 24.6, 21.6, 21.0, 13.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -100.2 (dd, *J* = 270.3, 13.2 Hz, 1F), -106.8 (dd, *J* = 270.3, 14.7 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for C₁₇H₂₂F₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): calcd 326.1562, found 326.1566.



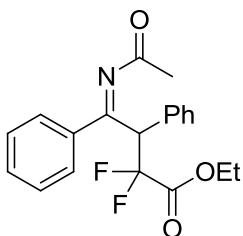
(E)-Ethyl 2-(1-(acetylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)-2,2-difluoroacetate (3o): 16 h, 46.4 mg, 75% yield; Colorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.34-4.27 (m, 2H), 3.81-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 183.6, 163.1 (t, *J* = 31.5 Hz, 1C), 156.5 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1C), 141.6, 132.3, 130.4, 129.3, 127.4, 126.7, 115.5 (t, *J* = 252.5 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 44.4 (t, *J* = 22.5 Hz, 1C), 26.5, 24.9, 22.1 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1C), 13.8; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -107.3 (dd, *J* = 263.2, 15.0 Hz, 1F), -109.5 (dd, *J* = 263.2, 11.3 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for C₁₆H₁₈F₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): calcd 310.1249, found 310.1255.



(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoroheptanoate (3p): 18 h, 61 mg, 90% yield; Corlorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.31-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.69-3.59 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.81 (m, 5H), 1.35-1.25 (m, 7H), 0.81 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.6, 164.4 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1C), 163.3 (t, $J = 32.2$ Hz, 1C), 137.2, 130.9, 128.8, 127.1, 115.55 (dd, $J = 258.5$, 252.2 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 51.5 (t, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1C), 29.3, 27.4, 24.6, 22.4, 13.8, 13.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.5 (dd, $J = 262.6$, 12.6 Hz, 1F), -108.1 (dd, $J = 262.6$, 13.4 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 340.1719, found 340.1721.

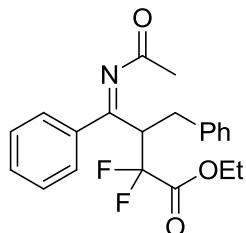


(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-3-(cyclohexylmethyl)-2,2-difluoro-4-phenylbutanoate (3q): 32 h, 69 mg, 91% yield; Corlorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.82-3.72 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 6H), 1.34-1.27 (m, 4H), 1.15-0.96 (m, 3H), 0.89-0.75 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.6, 164.5, 163.3 (t, $J = 32.3$ Hz, 1C), 137.2, 130.8, 128.8, 127.2, 115.7 (dd, $J = 258.0$, 252.9 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 48.8 (t, $J = 22.3$ Hz, 1C), 35.1, 34.9, 33.7, 32.4, 26.2, 26.0, 25.8, 24.6, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.9 (dd, $J = 262.2$, 13.3 Hz, 1F), -107.6 (dd, $J = 262.2$, 12.9 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 380.2032, found 380.2036.

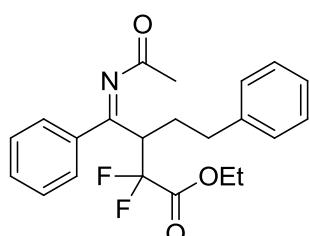


(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2,2-difluoro-3,4-diphenylbutanoate (3r): 48 h, 40.2 mg, 56% yield;

Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.43-7.28 (m, 10H), 4.97 (dd, $J = 19.5, 10.3$ Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.37 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.2, 163.9 (t, $J = 31.3$ Hz, 1C), 163.2 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 135.7, 130.7, 130.7, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7 (2C), 127.1, 113.6 (t, $J = 253.5$ Hz, 1C), 63.1, 56.7 (dd, $J = 25.3, 20.0$ Hz, 1C), 24.8, 13.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -101.0 (dd, $J = 273.5, 10.3$ Hz, 1F), -112.7 (dd, $J = 273.5, 19.5$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 360.1406, found 360.1410.

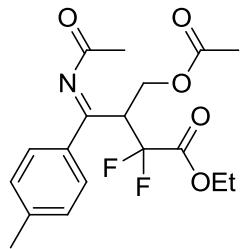


(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-3-benzyl-2,2-difluoro-4-phenylbutanoate (3s): 18 h, 60.4 mg, 81% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.34-7.15 (m, 8H), 7.06 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.03-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.22 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.7, 163.4, 163.0 (t, $J = 31.9$ Hz, 1C), 137.4, 137.2, 130.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.5, 126.8, 115.1 (t, $J = 255.0$ Hz, 1C), 63.1, 54.0 (t, $J = 22.1$ Hz, 1C), 33.6 (t, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1C), 24.7, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.8 (dd, $J = 260.5, 12.7$ Hz, 1F), -107.0 (dd, $J = 260.5, 12.1$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 374.1562, found 374.1566.

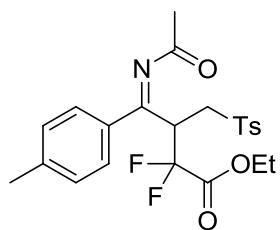


(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoro-5-phenylpentanoate (3t): 18 h, 64.2 mg, 83% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.47-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.32-4.19 (m, 2H), 3.73-3.63 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.57 (m, 1H),

2.34-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.6, 164.0, 163.2 (t, $J = 32.1$ Hz, 1C), 140.2, 136.9, 131.0, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.3, 126.2, 115.6 (dd, $J = 258.8$, 252.2 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 50.5 (t, $J = 22.5$ Hz, 1C), 33.0, 29.1, 24.7, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -103.1 (dd, $J = 262.8$, 12.3 Hz, 1F), -107.9 (dd, $J = 262.8$, 13.6 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 388.1719, found 388.1721.

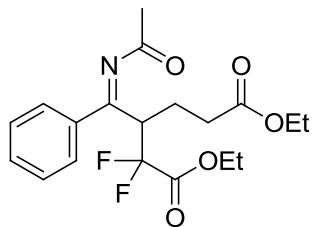


(E)-Ethyl 3-(acetoxymethyl)-4-(acetylimino)-2,2-difluoro-4-(p-tolyl)butanoate (3u): 24 h, 51 mg, 68% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.35 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.60-4.51 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.06 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.33 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.3, 170.2, 162.7 (t, $J = 31.4$ Hz, 1C), 161.7, 141.9, 133.5, 129.6, 127.3, 114.4 (t, $J = 254.8$ Hz, 1C), 63.3, 61.3 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1C), 50.5 (t, $J = 22.6$ Hz, 1C), 24.6, 21.4, 20.5, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.2 (dd, $J = 267.8$, 12.2 Hz, 1F), -108.0 (dd, $J = 267.8$, 12.6 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_5$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 370.1461, found 370.1465.

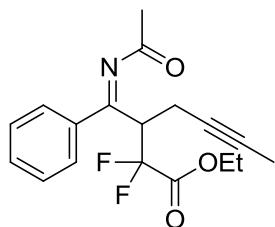


(E)-ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2,2-difluoro-4-(p-tolyl)-3-(tosylmethyl)butanoate (3v): 24 h, 62.2 mg, 69% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 21.8$, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.23-3.99 (m,

3H), 3.55 (d, $J = 13.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 184.1, 161.9 (t, $J = 31.4$ Hz, 1C), 160.6, 145.3, 142.0, 136.1, 133.5, 130.1, 129.5, 127.8, 114.0 (t, $J = 259.4$ Hz, 1C), 63.6, 53.6, 46.5 (t, $J = 23.6$ Hz, 1C), 24.1, 21.6, 21.4, 13.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.6 (dd, $J = 252.7, 10.5$ Hz, 1F), -106.2 (dd, $J = 252.7, 11.8$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_5\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): calcd 466.1494, found 466.1500.

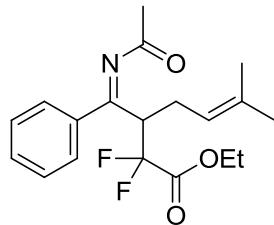


(E)-Diethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluorohexanedioate (3w): 36 h, 58.2 mg, 76% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.46-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.31-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.10-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.84 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.18 (m, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.30 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 183.5, 172.3, 163.7 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 1C), 163.0 (t, $J = 32.0$ Hz, 1C), 136.6, 131.1, 128.9, 127.3, 115.40 (dd, $J = 259.5, 252.0$ Hz, 1C), 63.1, 60.5, 50.0 (t, $J = 22.4$ Hz, 1C), 31.1, 24.6, 22.7, 14.0, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -102.64 (dd, $J = 263.8, 11.9$ Hz, 1F), -108.60 (dd, $J = 263.8, 13.9$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_5$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 384.1617, found 384.1621.

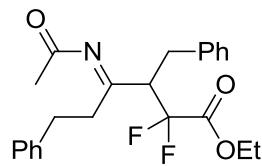


(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluorohept-5-yneate (3x): 24 h, 59 mg, 88% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.50-7.43 (m, 5H), 4.32-4.18 (m, 2H), 3.93-3.83 (m, 1H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.70 (d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C

NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 183.6, 163.2, 162.7 (t, *J* = 31.8 Hz, 1C), 137.2, 130.8, 128.6, 127.3, 114.6 (t, *J* = 255.0 Hz, 1C), 78.4, 74.7, 63.1, 51.4 (t, *J* = 22.5 Hz, 1C), 24.5, 17.9, 13.7, 3.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -104.79 (dd, *J* = 262.4, 11.7 Hz, 1F), -108.87 (dd, *J* = 262.4, 12.9 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for C₁₈H₂₀F₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): calcd 336.1406, found 336.1410.



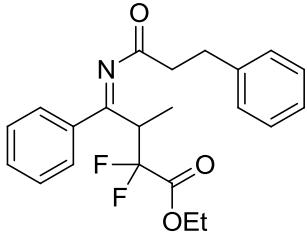
(E)-Ethyl 3-((acetylimino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoro-6-methylhept-5-enoate (3y): 36 h, 39 mg, 56% yield; Corlorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 5.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.64 (m, 1H), 2.71-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.51 (m, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 6H), 1.34 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 183.7, 164.3, 163.3 (t, *J* = 32.0 Hz, 1C), 137.4, 135.2, 130.7, 128.7, 127.1, 119.4, 115.4 (t, *J* = 254.0 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 52.0 (t, *J* = 22.0 Hz, 1C), 26.5, 25.6, 24.7, 17.8, 13.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -104.40 (dd, *J* = 263.2, 12.9 Hz, 1F), -108.15 (dd, *J* = 263.2, 13.1 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for C₁₉H₂₄F₂NO₃ ([M+H]⁺): calcd 352.1719, found 352.1721.



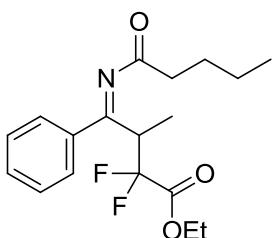
(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-3-benzyl-2,2-difluoro-6-phenylhexanoate (3z): 32 h, 52.1 mg, 65% yield; Corlorless oil; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 7.32-7.15 (m, 8H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.36-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.55-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.45 (m, 3H), 2.39-2.30 (m, 1H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 184.3, 166.0, 162.9 (t, *J* = 32.0 Hz, 1C), 140.0, 137.2, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 1271, 126.3, 115.1 (t, *J* = 256.5 Hz, 1C), 63.3, 53.2 (t, *J* = 21.8 Hz, 1C), 39.3, 33.2 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1C), 31.3, 24.7, 13.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: -105.2 (dd, *J* =

260.9, 11.1 Hz, 1F), -107.0 (dd, J = 260.9, 14.8 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{23}H_{26}F_2NO_3$ ([M+H] $^+$):

calcd 402.1875, found 402.1877.

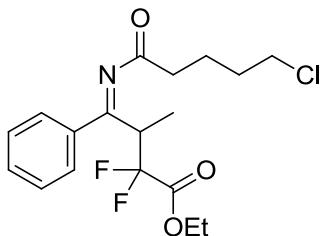


(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenyl-4-((3-phenylpropanoyl)imino)butanoate (4a): 32 h, 61.2 mg, 79% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.44-7.31 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 1H), 1.38 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 185.1, 165.8 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1C), 163.4 (t, J = 32.0 Hz, 1C), 140.4, 135.9, 130.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.2, 127.2, 126.0, 115.2 (dd, J = 259.8, 248.9 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 46.4 (t, J = 23.3 Hz, 1C), 39.1, 29.9, 13.9, 11.7 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -104.4 (dd, J = 267.2, 10.5 Hz, 1F), -112.5 (dd, J = 267.2, 15.5 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{22}H_{24}F_2NO_3$ ([M+H] $^+$): calcd 388.1719, found 388.1721.

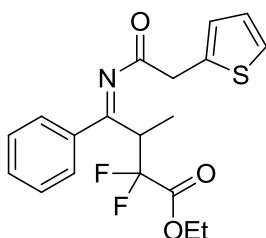


(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-(pentanoylimino)-4-phenylbutanoate (4b): 24 h, 61 mg, 90% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.43-7.31 (m, 5H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82-3.74 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.31 (m, 7H), 1.14-1.08 (m, 2H), 0.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 186.2, 165.1 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1C), 163.4 (t, J = 31.9 Hz, 1C), 136.1, 130.7, 128.7, 127.2, 115.2 (dd, J = 259.9, 248.7 Hz, 1C), 62.8, 46.4 (t, J = 23.2 Hz, 1C), 37.2, 25.9, 21.9, 13.8, 13.5, 11.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -104.3 (dd, J = 267.4, 10.5 Hz, 1F),

-112.8 (dd, $J = 267.4$, 15.7 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{18}H_{24}F_2NO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 340.1719, found 340.1721.

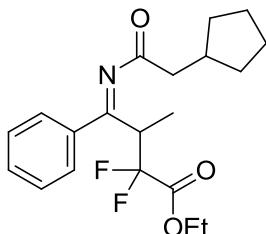


(E)-Ethyl 4-((5-chloropentanoyl)imino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4c): 24 h, 58.2 mg, 78% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.45-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.85-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.34 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1.75H), 3.21 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 0.25H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.51 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.32 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 185.5, 165.7 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1C), 163.4 (t, $J = 32.0$ Hz, 1C), 135.9, 130.9, 128.8, 127.2, 115.2 (dd, $J = 259.8$, 248.9 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 46.4 (dd, $J = 24.5$, 22.3 Hz, 1C), 44.3, 36.3, 31.4, 21.1, 13.9, 11.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -104.4 (dd, $J = 267.5$, 10.5 Hz, 1F), -112.7 (dd, $J = 267.5$, 15.6 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{18}H_{23}ClF_2NO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 374.1329, found 374.1327.

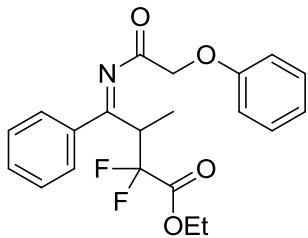


(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenyl-4-((2-(thiophen-2-yl)acetyl)imino)butanoate (4d): 32 h, 38.7 mg, 51% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.44 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.11 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.86-3.71 (m, 1H), 3.74 (d, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.37-1.32 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 181.9, 166.5 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1C), 163.4 (t, $J = 31.9$ Hz, 1C), 136.0, 134.0, 131.0, 128.8, 127.3, 127.2, 126.8, 125.2, 115.2 (dd, $J = 259.4$, 250.1 Hz, 1C), 63.0, 46.3 (t, $J = 23.4$ Hz,

1C), 38.4, 13.9, 11.8 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.4 (dd, J = 266.3, 10.8 Hz, 1F), -111.9 (dd, J = 266.3, 15.0 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 380.1126, found 380.1130.

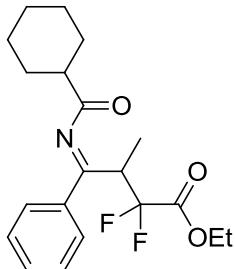


(E)-Ethyl 4-((2-cyclopentylacetyl)imino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4e): 24 h, 56.9 mg, 78% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.45-7.37 (m, 5H), 4.28 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.85-3.73 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.32 (m, 15H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 186.4, 165.2 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1C), 163.5 (t, J = 31.9 Hz, 1C), 136.1, 130.8, 128.7, 127.2, 115.2 (dd, J = 259.9, 248.5 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 46.3 (dd, J = 24.6, 22.2 Hz, 1C), 39.2, 36.7, 32.2, 32.1, 30.0, 24.93 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1C), 13.9, 11.6 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.3 (dd, J = 267.4, 10.5 Hz, 1F), -112.9 (dd, J = 267.4, 15.8 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 366.1875, found 366.1877.

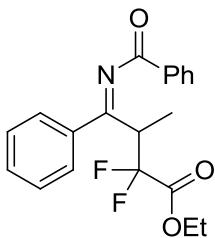


(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-((2-phenoxyacetyl)imino)-4-phenylbutanoate (4f): 32 h, 55.3 mg, 71% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.47-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.48 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.91-3.83 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.31 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 181.0, 168.9 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1C), 163.3 (t, J = 32.0 Hz, 1C), 157.5, 136.1, 131.2, 129.4, 128.9, 127.3,

121.5, 115.1 (dd, $J = 258.5, 248.4$ Hz, 1C), 114.4, 67.6, 63.0, 46.5 (t, $J = 23.3$ Hz, 1C), 13.8, 11.62 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.6 (dd, $J = 266.6, 10.6$ Hz, 1F), -112.2 (dd, $J = 266.7, 15.4$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 390.1511, found 390.1515.

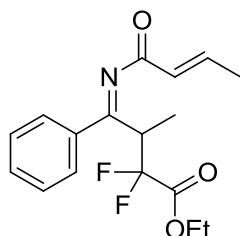


(E)-Ethyl 4-((cyclohexanecarbonyl)imino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4g): 24 h, 65 mg, 89% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.42-7.36 (m, 5H), 4.26 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.87-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.48 (m, 5H), 1.37-1.31 (m, 6H), 1.24-1.04 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 188.8, 164.8 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1C), 163.4 (t, $J = 32.0$ Hz, 1C), 136.6, 130.6, 128.6, 127.3, 115.2 (dd, $J = 259.2, 248.7$ Hz, 1C), 62.8, 46.7, 46.3 (t, $J = 23.2$ Hz, 1C), 28.7, 28.4, 25.6, 25.4 (2C), 13.8, 11.65 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.3 (dd, $J = 268.0, 10.5$ Hz, 1F), -112.8 (dd, $J = 268.0, 15.5$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 366.1875, found 366.1877.

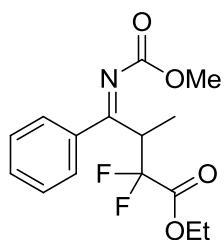


(E)-Ethyl 4-(benzoylimino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4h): 32 h, 50.3 mg, 70% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.83 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.26 (m, 5H), 4.22 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.05-3.93 (m, 1H), 1.49 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 178.1, 168.7 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1C), 163.5 (t, $J = 31.7$ Hz, 1C), 135.7, 133.1, 132.7, 130.7, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0, 115.3 (dd, $J = 259.0$,

249.1 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 46.7 (t, J = 23.4 Hz, 1C), 13.8, 11.8 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -105.0 (dd, J = 266.6, 10.3 Hz, 1F), -113.1 (dd, J = 266.6, 15.9 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 360.1406, found 360.1410.

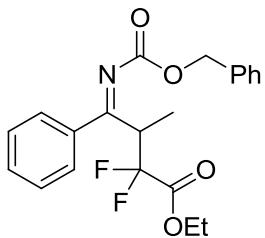


(E)-Ethyl 4-((E)-but-2-enoylimino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4i): 24 h, 32.3 mg, 50% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.41-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.74-6.65 (m, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29-4.23 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.80 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 178.0, 167.6 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1C), 163.6 (t, J = 31.8 Hz, 1C), 145.3, 135.9, 130.7, 128.7, 127.1, 126.5, 115.3 (t, J = 252.6 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 46.7 (t, J = 23.4 Hz, 1C), 18.3, 13.8, 11.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.8 (dd, J = 266.5, 10.4 Hz, 1F), -113.02 (dd, J = 266.5, 15.7 Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 324.1406, found 324.1410.

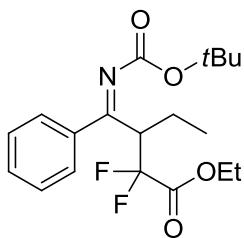


(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-4-((methoxycarbonyl)imino)-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4j): 24 h, 53.8 mg, 86% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.46-7.37 (m, 5H), 4.27 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.87-3.75 (m, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 1.38-1.29 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 172.7 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1C), 163.3 (d, J = 32.7 Hz, 1C), 161.6, 135.9, 130.8, 128.7, 126.4, 115.0 (dd, J = 260.1, 248.1 Hz, 1C), 62.9, 53.1, 46.9 (dd, J = 24.9, 22.1 Hz, 1C), 13.7, 11.2 (d, J = 3.5 Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz,

CDCl_3) δ : -104.2 (dd, $J = 267.3, 10.2$ Hz, 1F), -113.5 (dd, $J = 267.3, 16.4$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 314.1198, found 314.1204.

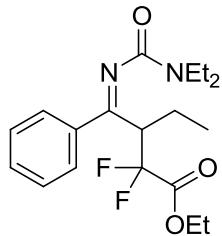


(E)-Ethyl 4-(((benzyloxy)carbonyl)imino)-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (4k): 24 h, 63 mg, 81% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.40 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.24 (m, 7H), 7.09 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.05-4.96 (m, 2H), 4.23 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.87-3.74 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 172.9 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1C), 163.26 (t, $J = 31.8$ Hz, 1C), 160.9, 135.8, 135.1, 130.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 126.5, 115.0 (dd, $J = 260.1, 248.0$ Hz, 1C), 68.0, 62.9, 46.9 (dd, $J = 24.9, 22.1$ Hz, 1C), 13.7, 11.1 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -104.0 (dd, $J = 267.1, 10.1$ Hz, 1F), -113.4 (dd, $J = 267.1, 16.6$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_2\text{NO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 390.1511, found 390.1515.

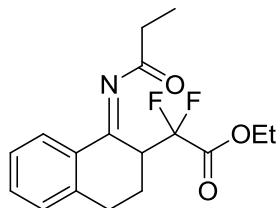


(E)-Ethyl 3-(((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (4l): 24 h, 65.7 mg, 89% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.44-7.37 (m, 5H), 4.33-4.19 (m, 2H), 3.61-3.50 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.31 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (s, 9H), 1.00 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 170.6, 163.3 (t, $J = 31.8$ Hz, 1C), 160.1, 137.3, 130.3, 128.4, 126.7, 115.5 (dd, $J = 259.6, 250.5$ Hz, 1C), 82.0, 62.9, 53.7 (t, $J = 22.2$ Hz, 1C), 27.7, 20.3 (t, $J = 3.2$ Hz, 1C), 13.8, 12.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -102.5 (dd, $J = 263.7, 9.0$ Hz, 1F), -109.9 (d, $J = 262.9$ Hz,

1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{19}H_{26}F_2NO_4$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 370.1824, found 370.1826.

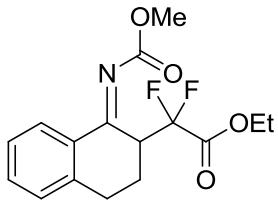


(E)-Ethyl 3-(((diethylcarbamoyl)imino)(phenyl)methyl)-2,2-difluoropentanoate (4m): 24 h, 54.5 mg, 74% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 4.27-4.13 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.10 (m, 4H), 2.07-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.03-0.97 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 169.1, 163.4 (t, $J = 32.2$ Hz, 1C), 161.6, 137.5, 130.2, 128.4, 126.7, 115.7 (t, $J = 252.9$ Hz, 1C), 62.8, 53.6 (t, $J = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 41.6, 39.9, 20.9, 13.7, 13.4, 12.7, 12.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -104.9 (dd, $J = 263.0, 11.4$ Hz, 1F), -108.49 (d, $J = 266.0$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{19}H_{27}F_2N_2O_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 369.1990, found 369.1996.



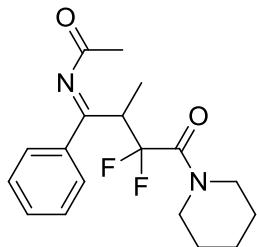
(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(1-(propionylimino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetate (4n): 18 h, 45.9 mg, 71% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.72 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 14.1, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.36-4.25 (m, 2H), 3.79-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.95-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.47 (q, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dt, $J = 12.5, 5.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.17 (qd, $J = 8.0, 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 186.9, 163.1 (t, $J = 31.9$ Hz, 1C), 156.7 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 1C), 141.6, 132.2, 130.3, 129.3, 127.4, 126.7, 115.5 (t, $J = 251.7$ Hz, 1C), 63.0, 45.1 (t, $J = 23.2$ Hz, 1C), 30.9, 26.8, 22.1, 13.8, 8.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -107.25 (dd, $J = 263.6, 12.8$ Hz, 1F), -111.28 (dd, $J = 263.8, 13.8$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for

$C_{17}H_{20}F_2NO_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 324.1406, found 324.1410.



(E)-Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-2-(1-((methoxycarbonyl)imino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-yl)acetate (4o):

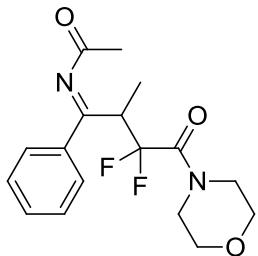
24 h, 42.3 mg, 65% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.87 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 18.7, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.37-4.26 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.19-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.35 (dq, $J = 9.9, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.23 (td, $J = 12.2, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.32 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 164.3, 163.1 (t, $J = 31.9$ Hz, 1C), 162.4, 141.7, 132.6, 130.8, 129.1, 126.9, 126.7, 115.2 (t, $J = 255.3$ Hz, 1C), 63.1, 53.3, 44.5, 26.2, 22.2, 13.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -107.11 (d, $J = 256.6$ Hz, 2F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{16}H_{18}F_2NO_4$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 326.1198, found 326.1204.



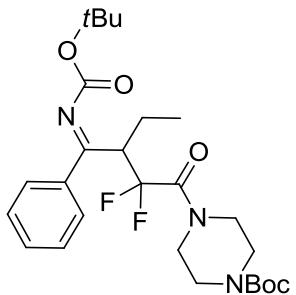
(E)-N-(3,3-Difluoro-2-methyl-4-oxo-1-phenyl-4-(piperidin-1-yl)butylidene)acetamide (5a): 24 h,

54.4 mg, 81% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$, 2H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 3.88-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d, $J = 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.61-3.48 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 6H), 1.33 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 184.2, 166.9 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1C), 161.4 (t, $J = 28.2$ Hz, 1C), 136.9, 130.5, 128.6, 127.7, 119.1 (dd, $J = 269.4, 253.3$ Hz, 1C), 46.9 (dd, $J = 9.6, 4.2$ Hz, 1C), 45.8 (dd, $J = 24.7, 20.2$ Hz, 1C), 44.6, 26.5, 25.7, 24.4, 24.2, 11.5 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -99.4 (dd, $J = 284.4, 9.8$ Hz, 1F), -106.3 (dd, $J = 284.4, 20.1$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{16}H_{18}F_2NO_4$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 326.1198, found 326.1204.

(ESI) for $C_{18}H_{23}F_2N_2O_2$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 337.1722, found 337.1726.

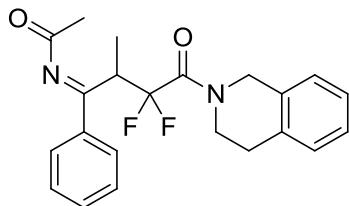


(E)-N-(3,3-Difluoro-2-methyl-4-morpholino-4-oxo-1-phenylbutylidene)acetamide (5b): 24 h, 56.8 mg, 84% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.53 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 3H), 3.88-3.64 (m, 8H), 3.55 (dd, $J = 15.7, 6.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 184.1, 166.7 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 1C), 161.7 (t, $J = 28.6$ Hz, 1C), 136.7, 130.6, 128.6, 127.6, 118.9 (dd, $J = 268.8, 252.7$ Hz, 1C), 66.8, 66.6, 46.5 (dd, $J = 9.3, 3.9$ Hz, 1C), 45.7 (dd, $J = 24.5, 20.0$ Hz, 1C), 43.5, 24.3, 11.4 (t, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : -99.06 (dd, $J = 285.7, 10.0$ Hz, 1F), -106.54 (dd, $J = 285.7, 20.1$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $C_{17}H_{21}F_2N_2O_3$ ($[M+H]^+$): calcd 339.1515, found 339.1517.

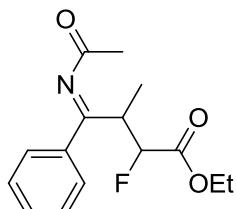


(E)-tert-Butyl 4-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)(phenyl)methyl-2,2-difluoropentanoyl)piperazine-1-carboxylate (5c): 24 h, 72.3 mg, 71% yield; Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 7.50-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 3H), 3.81-3.40 (m, 9H), 1.97-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.25 (s, 9H), 1.01 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 171.7, 161.9 (t, $J = 28.6$ Hz, 1C), 160.6, 154.4, 138.3, 130.0, 128.2, 126.9, 119.2 (t, $J = 259.5$ Hz, 1C), 81.9, 80.3, 53.1 (t, $J = 21.1$ Hz, 1C), 45.8, 44.6, 43.4, 28.3,

28.0, 27.7, 20.9 (d, $J = 3.8$ Hz, 1C), 12.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -99.7 (d, $J = 279.9$ Hz, 1F), -101.3 (d, $J = 285.3$ Hz, 1F); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{F}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 510.2774, found 510.2776.

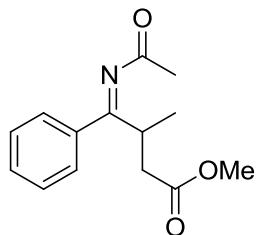


(E)-N-(4-(3,4-Dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)-3,3-difluoro-2-methyl-4-oxo-1-phenylbutylidene)acetamide (5d): 24 h, 53.8 mg, 70% yield; Corlorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.58-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.23 -7.10 (m, 4H), 4.96 (q, $J = 16.6$ Hz, 0.72H), 4.74 (q, $J = 17.0$ Hz, 1.25H), 4.13-4.07 (m, 0.68H), 4.00-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.66 (m, 0.38H), 3.06-2.83 (m, 2H), 1.75 (s, 1.26H), 1.67 (s, 1.90H), 1.37 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 184.2 (2), 166.8 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 162.3 (dd, $J = 33.7, 23.1$ Hz), 136.7, 134.2, 134.0, 132.6, 132.1, 130.6, 128.6 (3), 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6 (2), 126.4, 126.1, 119.0 (dd, $J = 269.2, 252.4$ Hz), 47.0 (dd, $J = 11.1, 4.5$ Hz), 46.1 (dd, $J = 20.3, 5.3$ Hz), 45.8, 45.6 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 43.5 (dd, $J = 19.5, 4.0$ Hz), 41.9, 29.4, 28.0, 24.2, 24.1, 11.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -99.34 (dd, $J = 93.3, 9.9$ Hz), -100.10 (dd, $J = 93.4, 9.9$ Hz), -107.02 (dd, $J = 114.5, 19.9$ Hz), -107.77 (dd, $J = 114.6, 19.9$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 385.1722, found 385.1726.

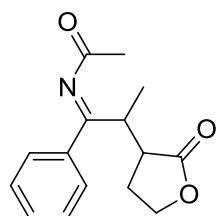


(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2-fluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (5e, d.r. = 1:1): 28 h, 45.2 mg, 81% yield; Corlorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.49-7.40 (m, 10H), 5.14 (dd, $J = 18.8, 6.1$ Hz,

1H), 5.03 (dd, $J = 18.5, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.18 (m, 4H), 3.54-3.45 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.31-1.21 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 184.5, 184.3, 168.4 (dd, $J = 37.7, 23.4$ Hz), 167.5 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz), 166.7 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz), 136.3, 135.8, 130.7, 130.6, 128.8, 128.7, 127.1, 127.0, 90.8 (d, $J = 38.1$ Hz), 89.0 (d, $J = 38.5$ Hz), 61.8, 61.7, 44.2 (d, $J = 21.4$ Hz), 43.7 (d, $J = 21.7$ Hz), 24.9, 24.8, 14.0 (2), 13.42 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 12.6 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : -190.45 (dd, $J = 47.5, 16.1$ Hz), -199.70 (dd, $J = 47.8, 20.2$ Hz); HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{FNO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 280.1343, found 280.1345.

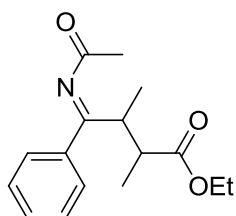


(E)-Methyl 4-(acetylmino)-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (5f): 12 h, 35.6 mg, 72% yield; Corlorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.46-7.36 (m, 5H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.40-3.37 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, $J = 16.2, 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, $J = 16.7, 2.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.12 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 184.8, 172.8, 170.8, 136.9, 130.3, 128.6, 127.2, 51.4, 37.9, 37.9, 24.6, 18.1; HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 248.1281, found 248.1285.

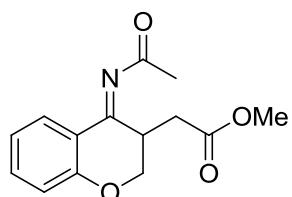


(E)-N-(2-(2-Oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-1-phenylpropylidene)acetamide (5g, d.r. = 1.6:1): 16 h, 44 mg, 85% yield; Corlorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.44-7.36 (m, 8H), 4.44-4.34 (m, 1.6H), 4.27-4.18 (m, 1.6H), 3.52-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.39-3.33 (m, 0.6H), 3.16-3.09 (m, 0.6H), 2.87-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.27 (m, 1.6H), 1.86 (s, 1.8H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H).

δ = 7.0 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 185.1, 184.6, 178.5, 178.1, 169.9, 169.0, 136.4, 136.3, 130.6 (2), 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 66.7, 42.4, 42.0, 41.2, 40.3, 24.9, 24.7 (2), 24.3, 16.3, 14.7; HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 260.1281, found 260.1285.



(E)-Ethyl 4-(acetylimino)-2,3-dimethyl-4-phenylbutanoate (5h, dr = 2.2:1): 24 h, 36.9 mg, 67% yield; Colorless oil; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 7.51-7.39 (m, 7.25H), 4.14-4.09 (m, 2.9H), 3.24-3.12 (m, 1.45H), 2.85-2.79 (m, 1.45H), 1.93 (s, 1.35H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.26-1.18 (m, 10H), 1.10 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 184.9, 184.4, 176.3, 175.0, 171.8, 169.7, 137.4, 137.1, 130.5, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.4, 127.1, 60.4, 44.5, 43.9, 43.1, 42.3, 25.0, 24.6, 16.7, 15.7, 15.1, 14.6, 14.2, 14.2; HRMS (ESI) for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): calcd 276.1594, found 276.1596.



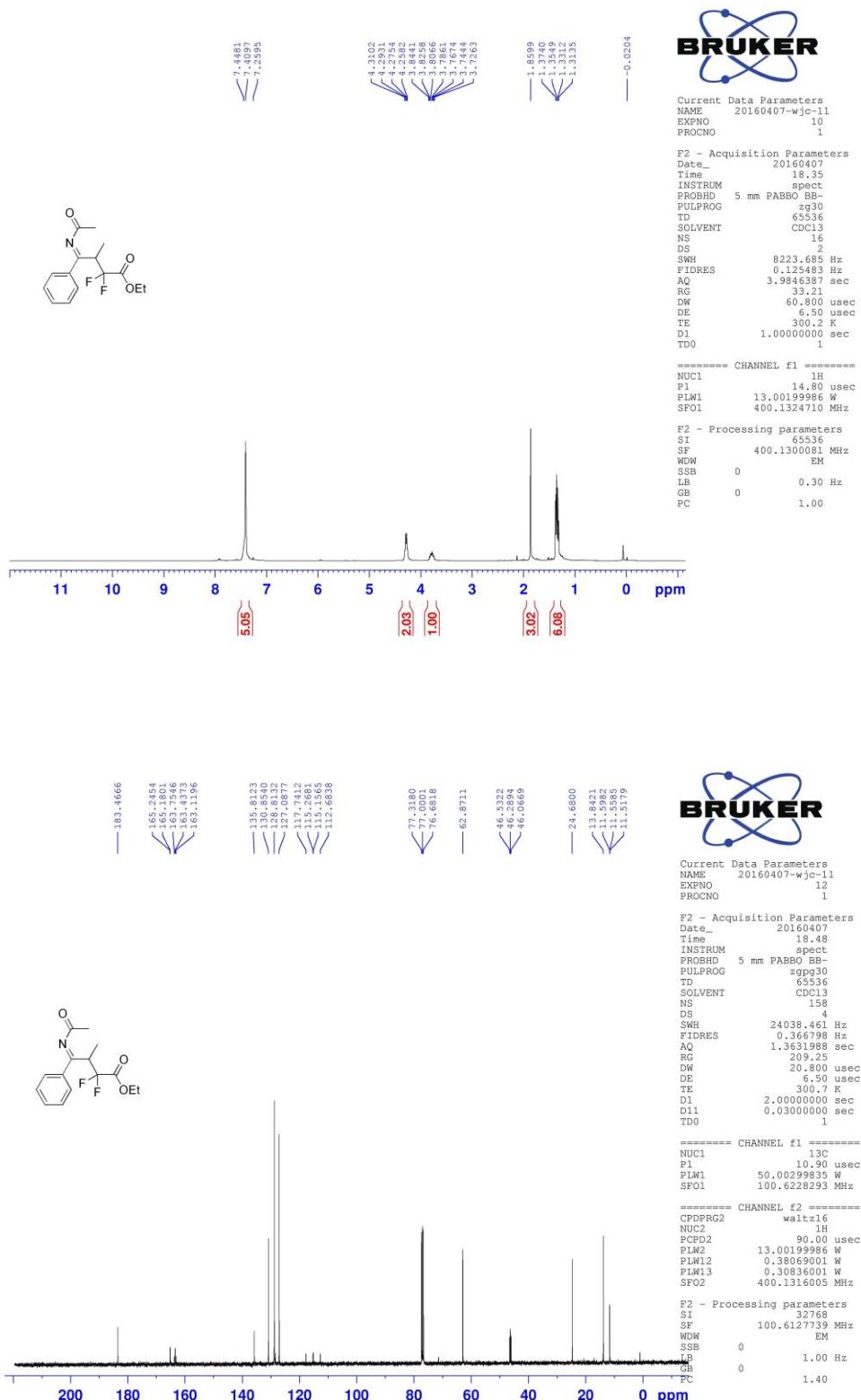
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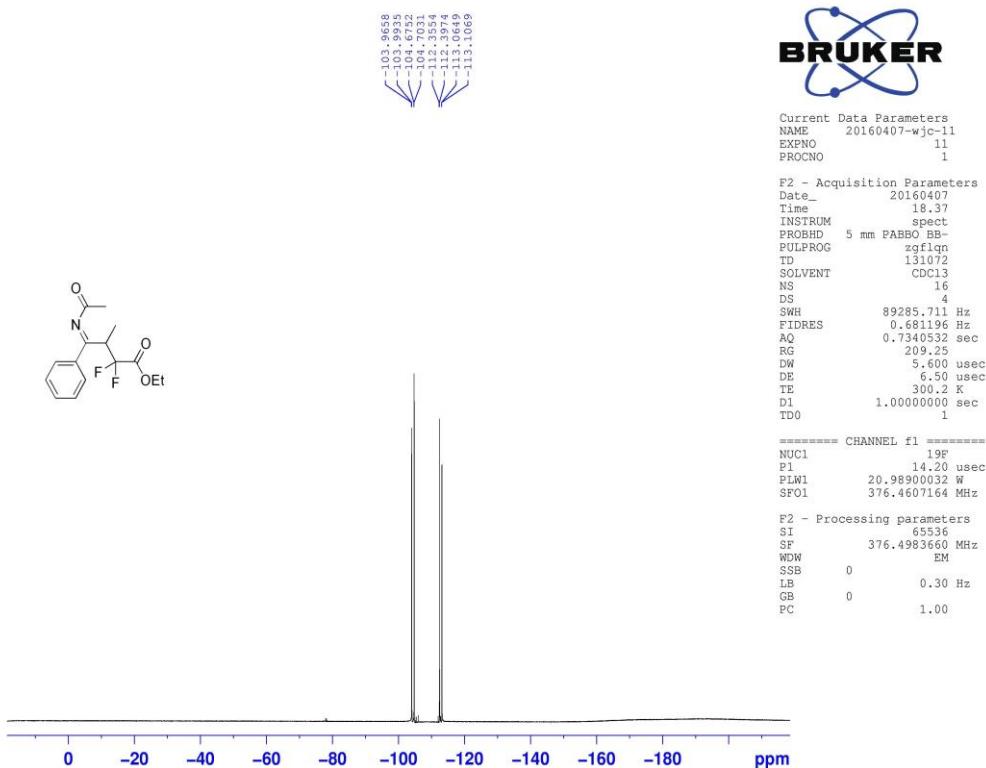
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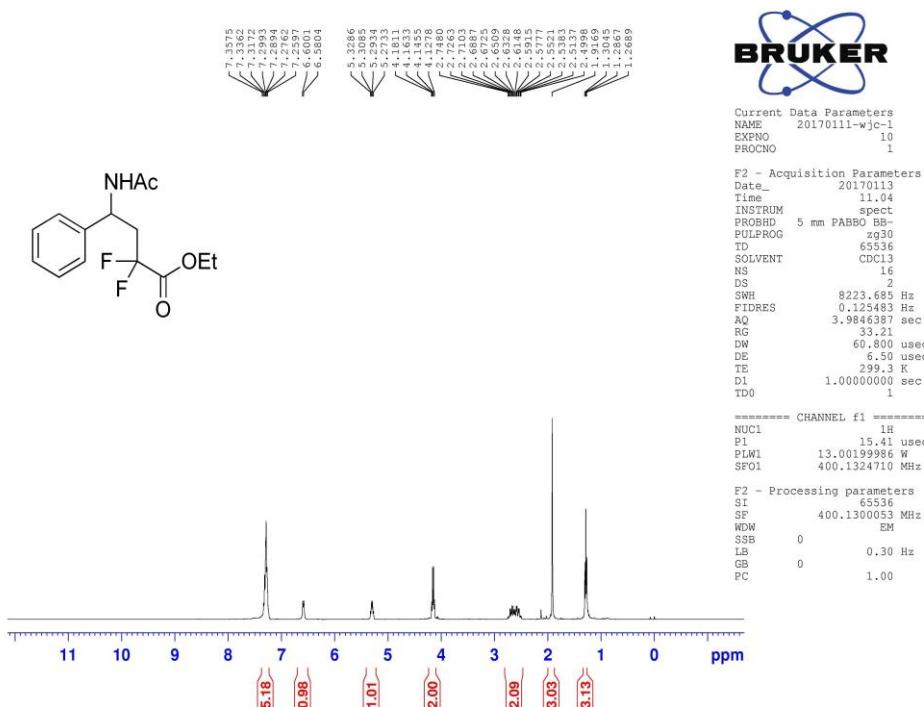
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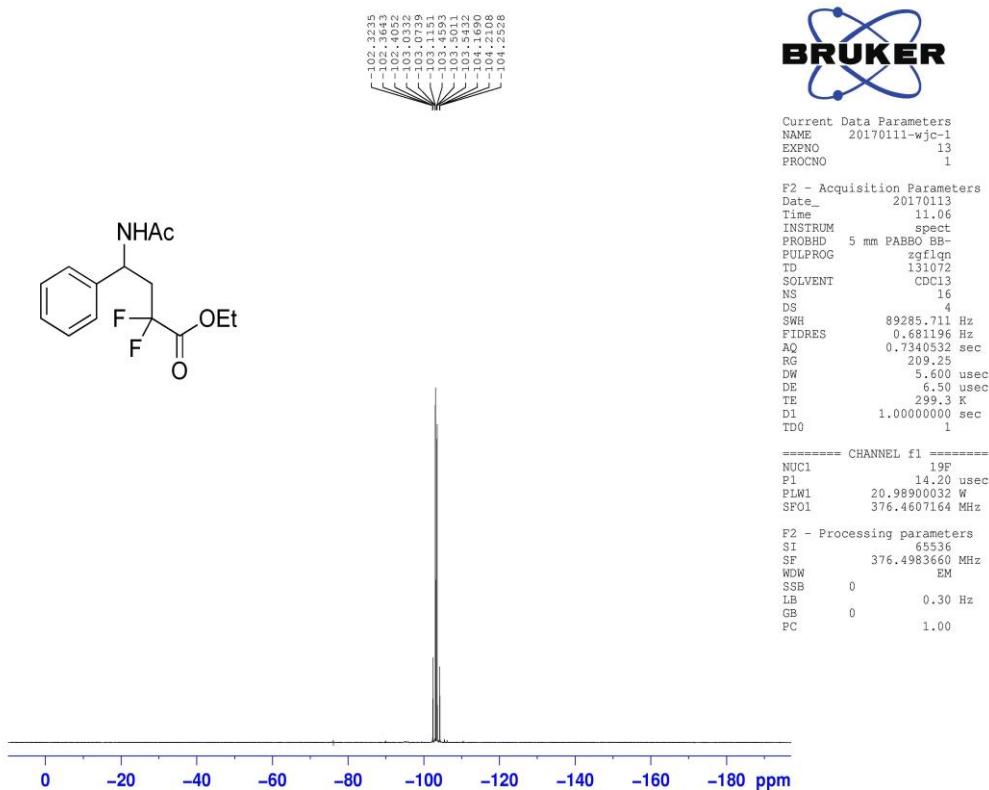
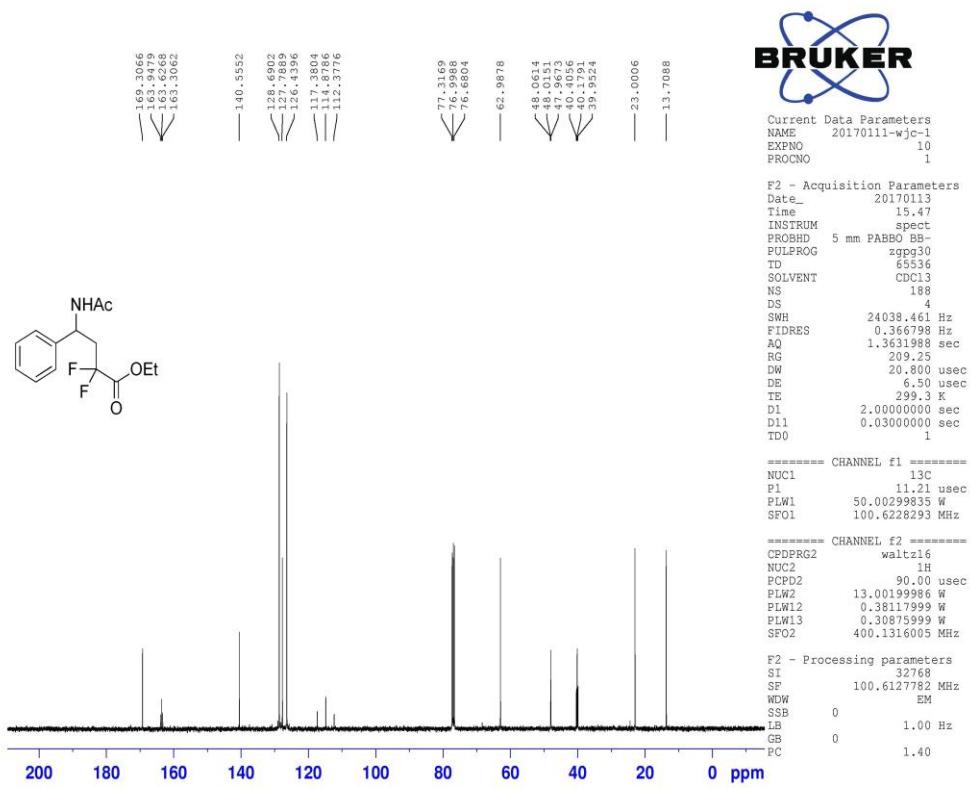
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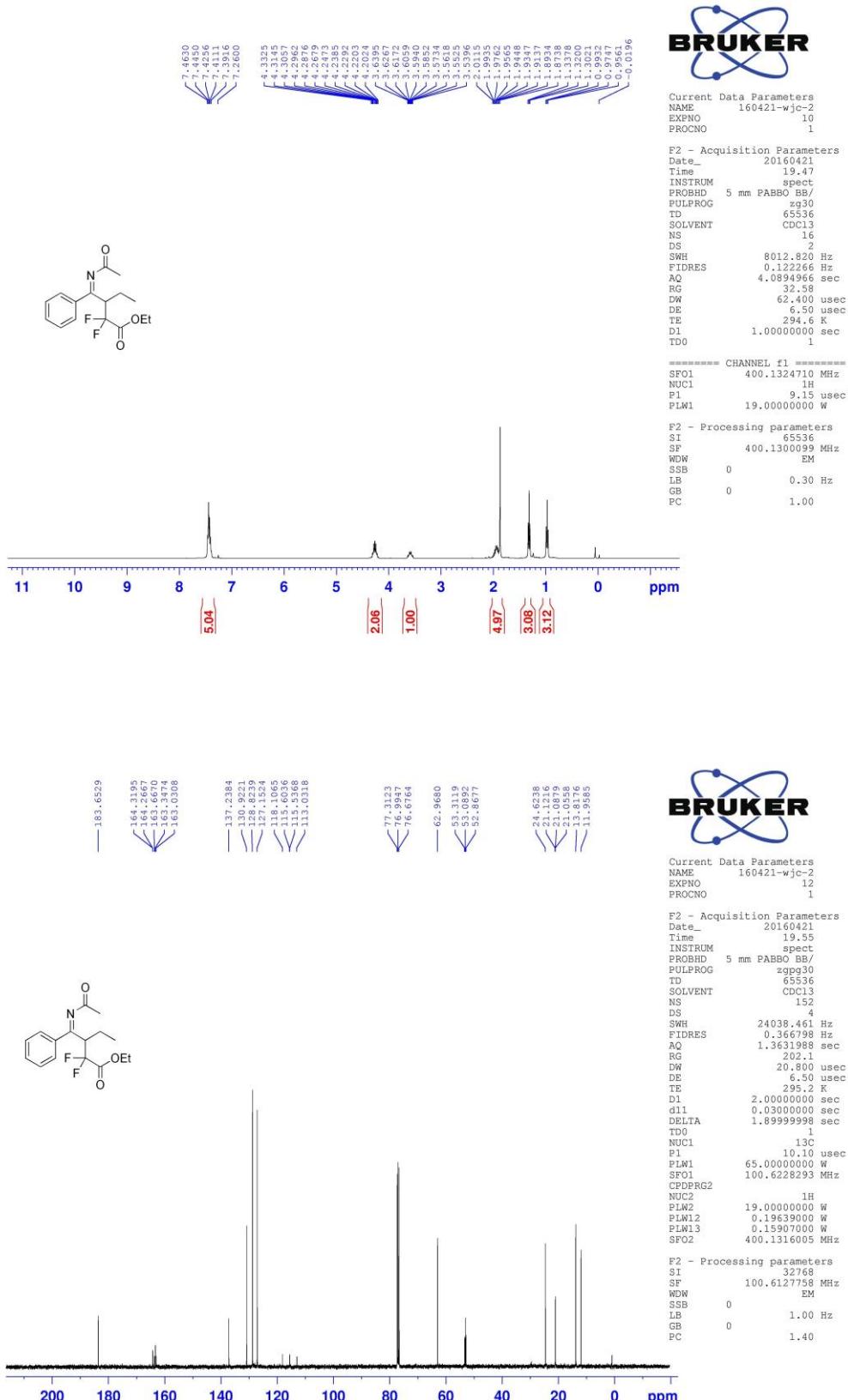


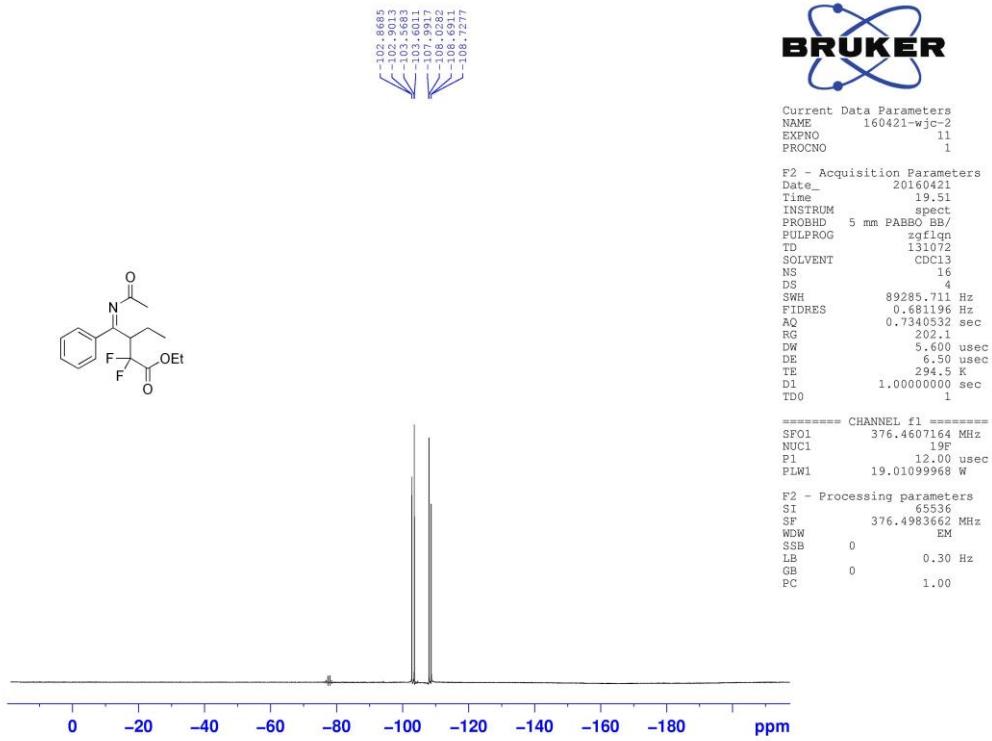
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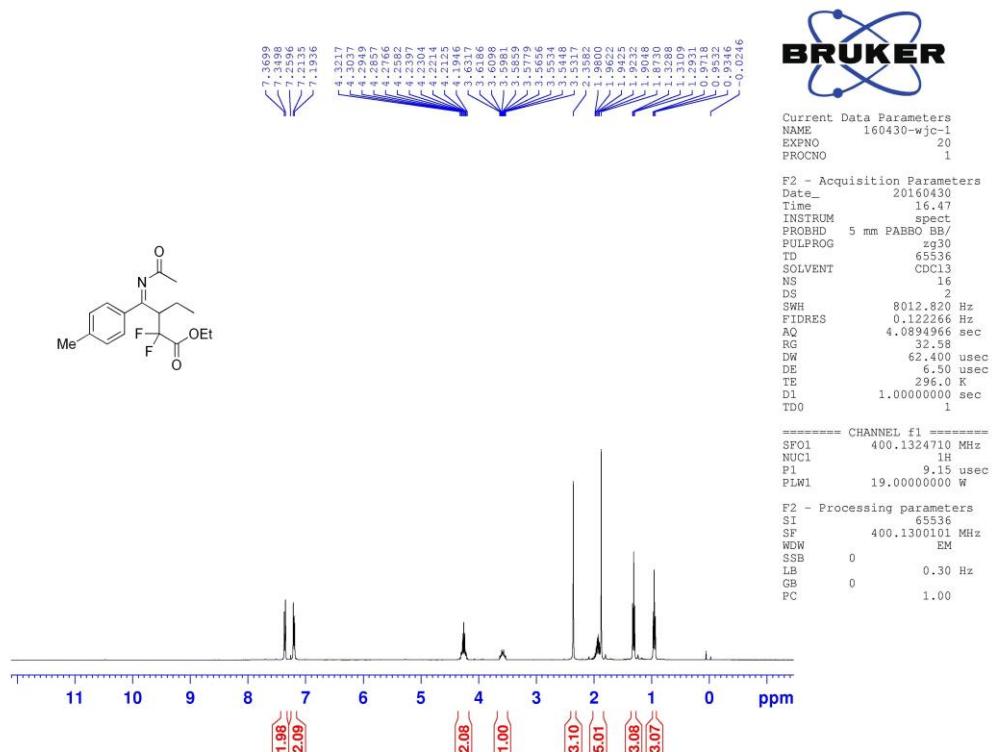


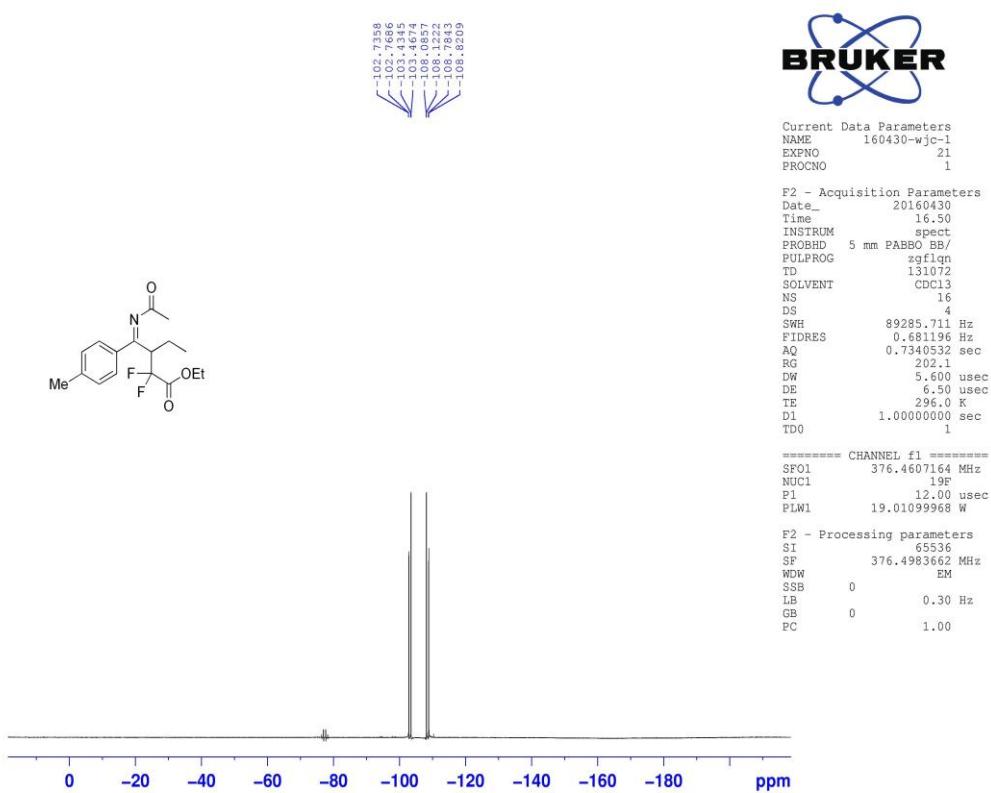
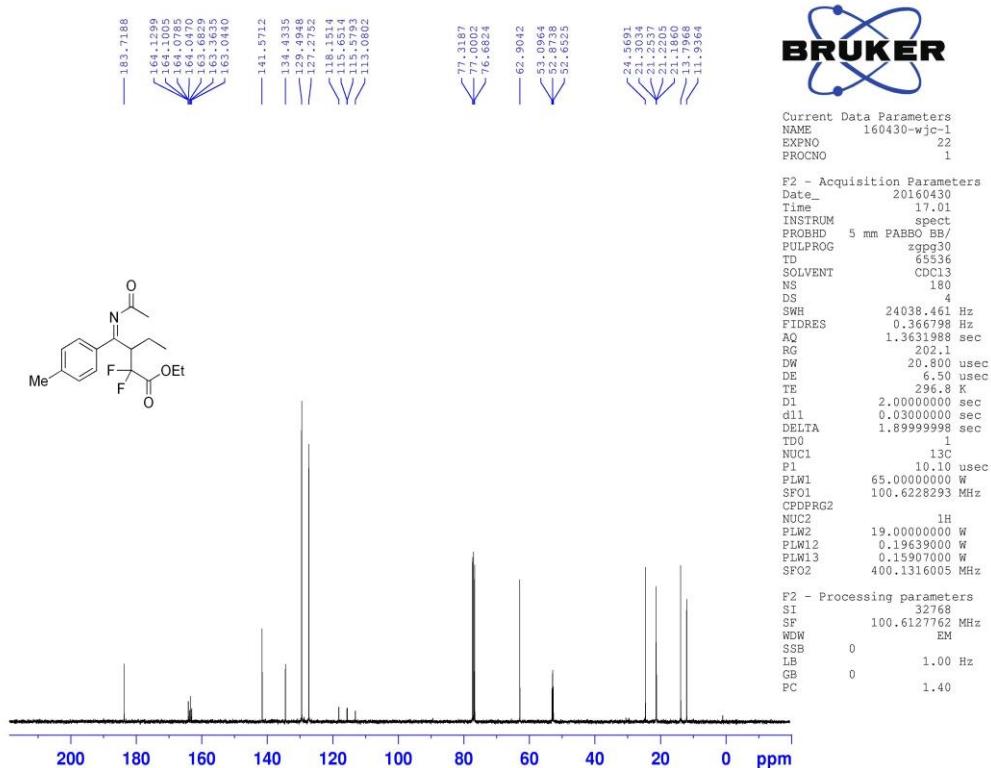
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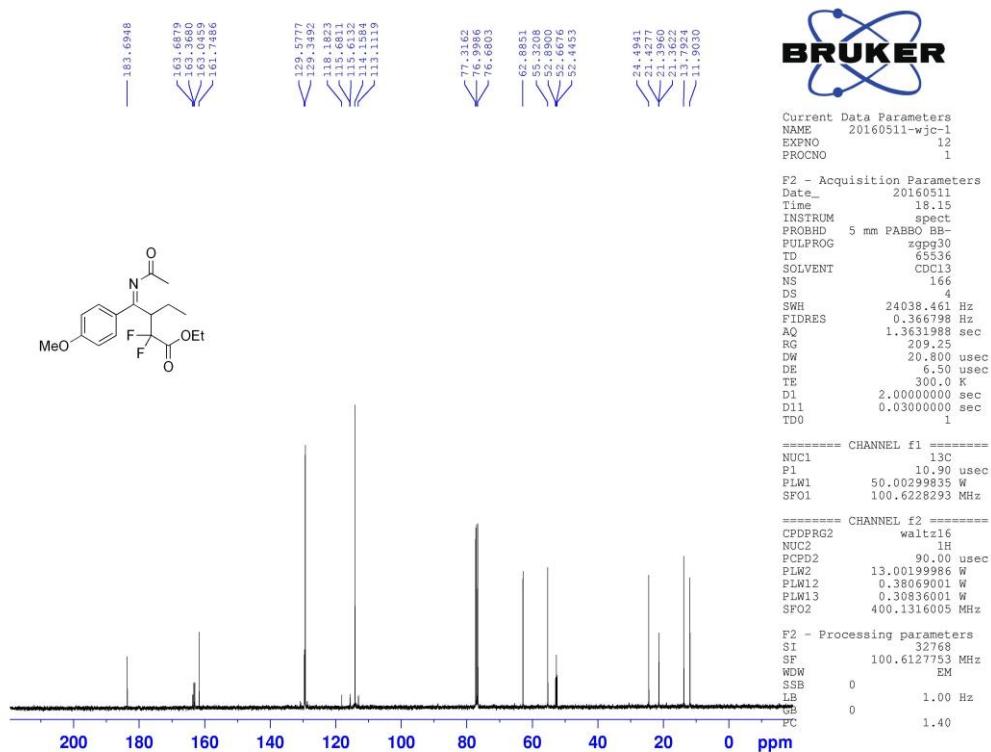
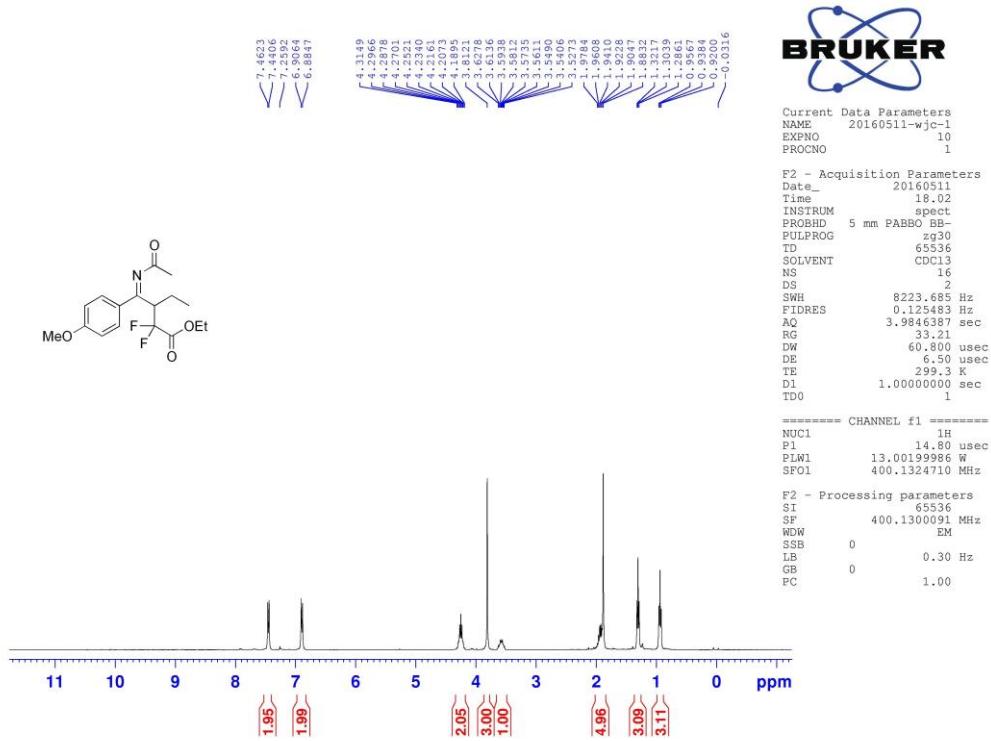


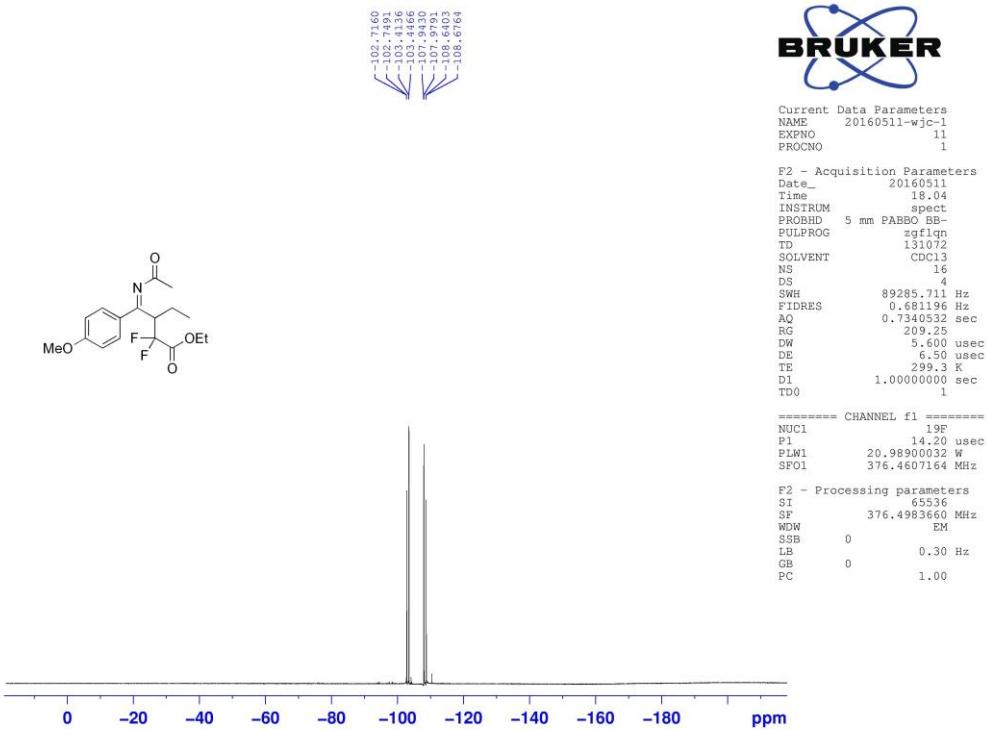
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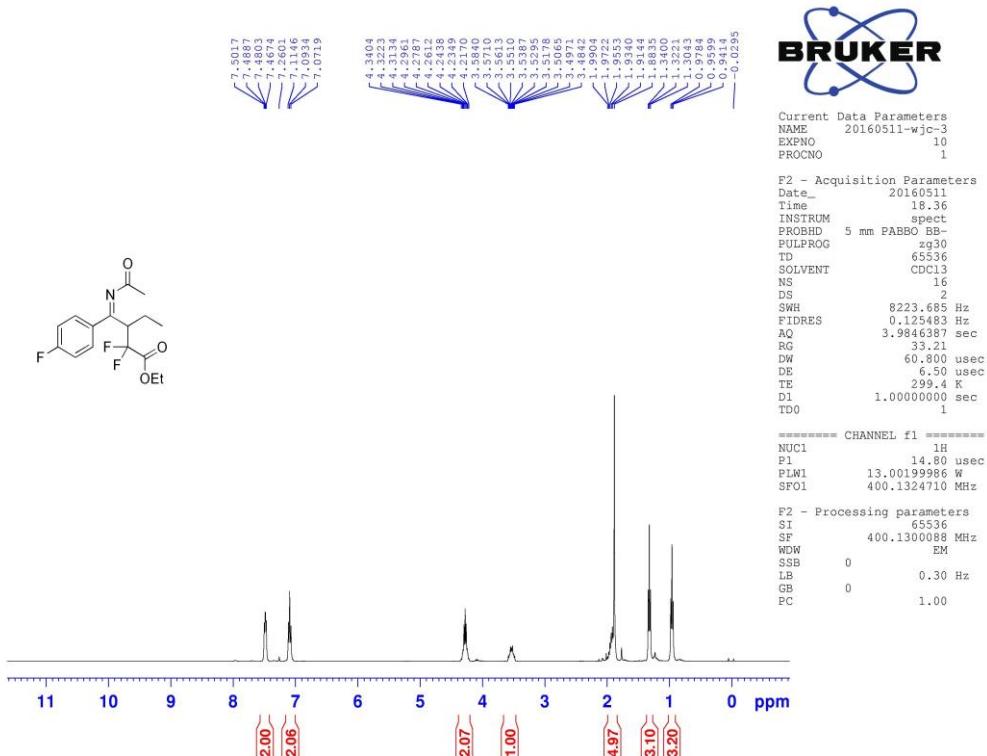


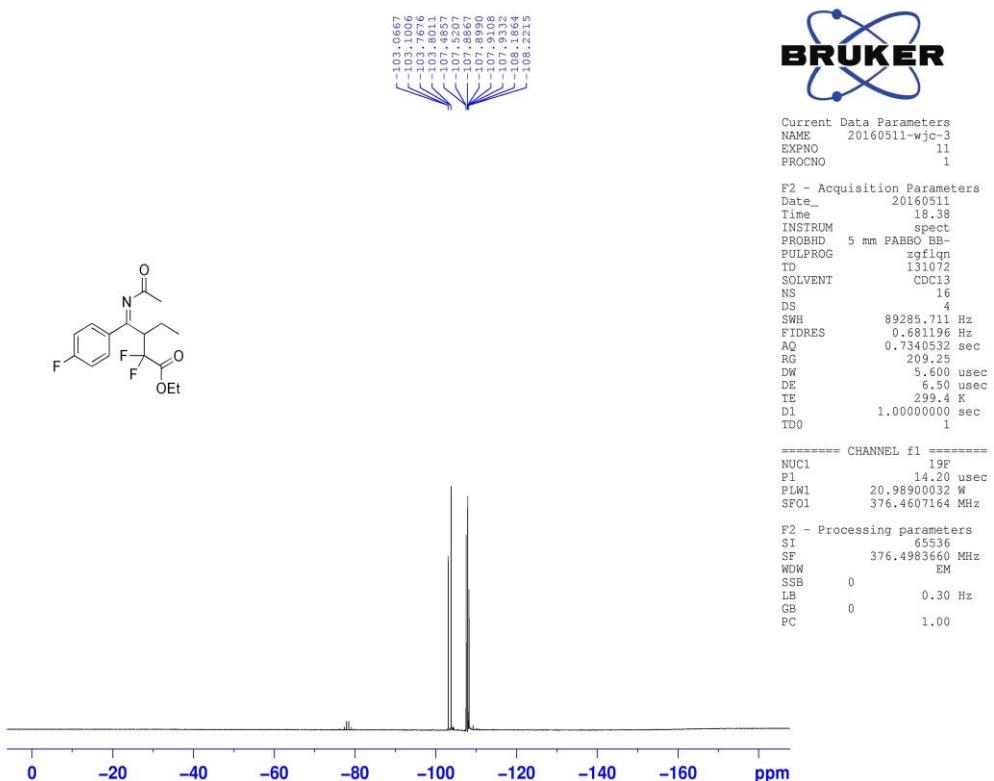
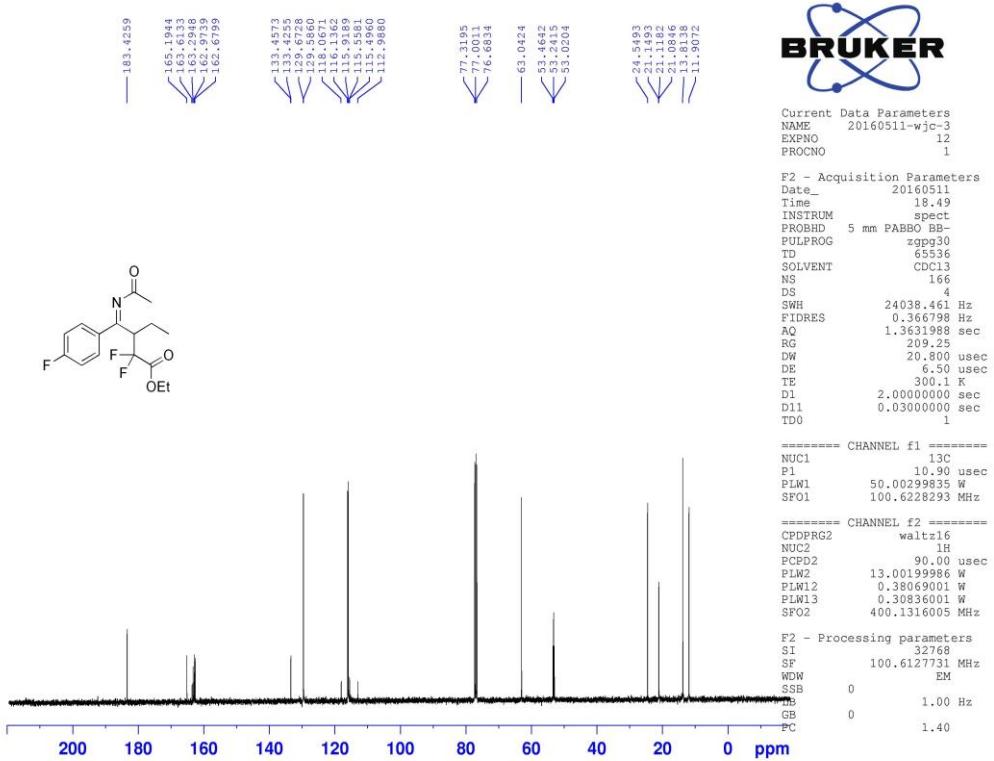
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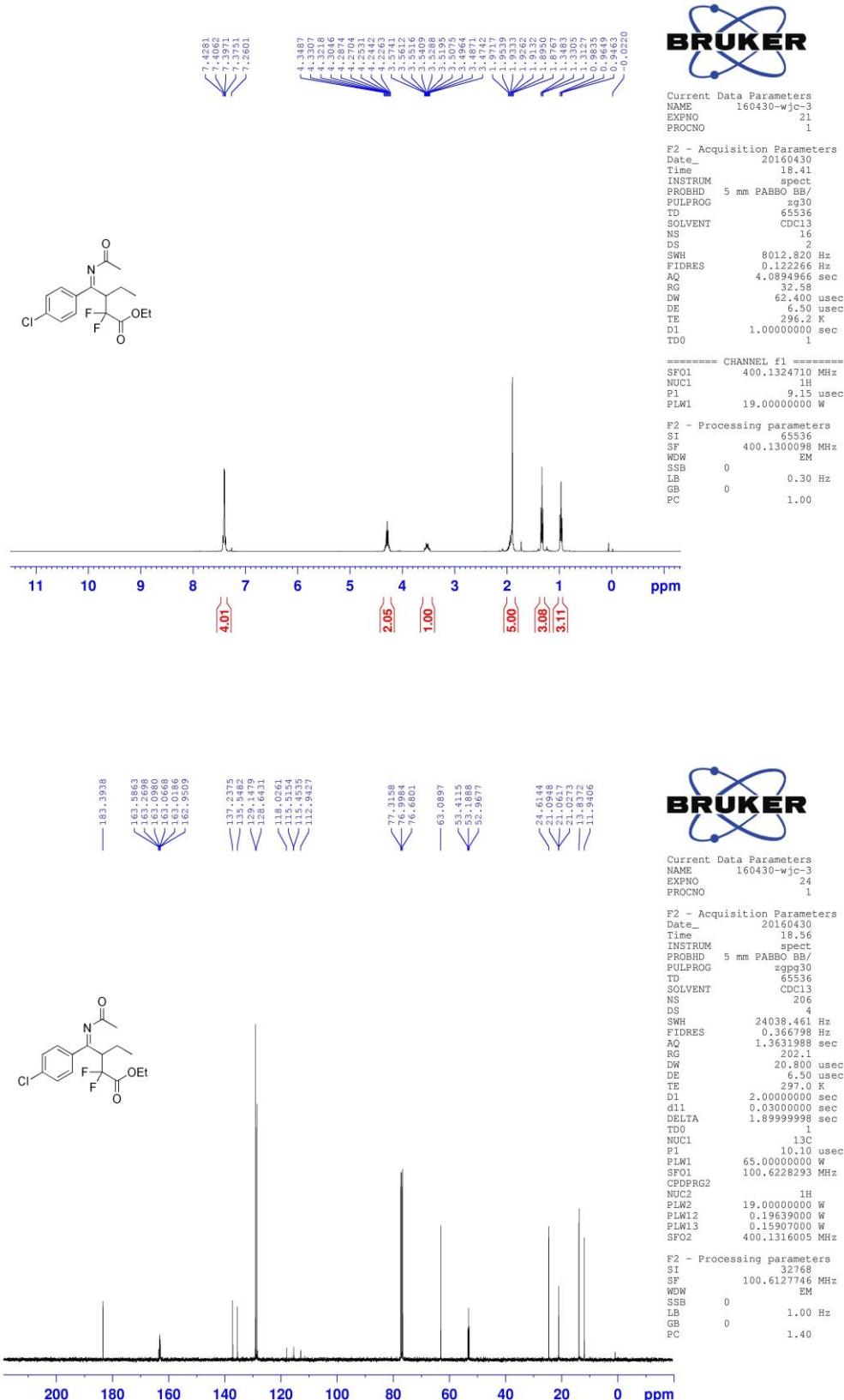


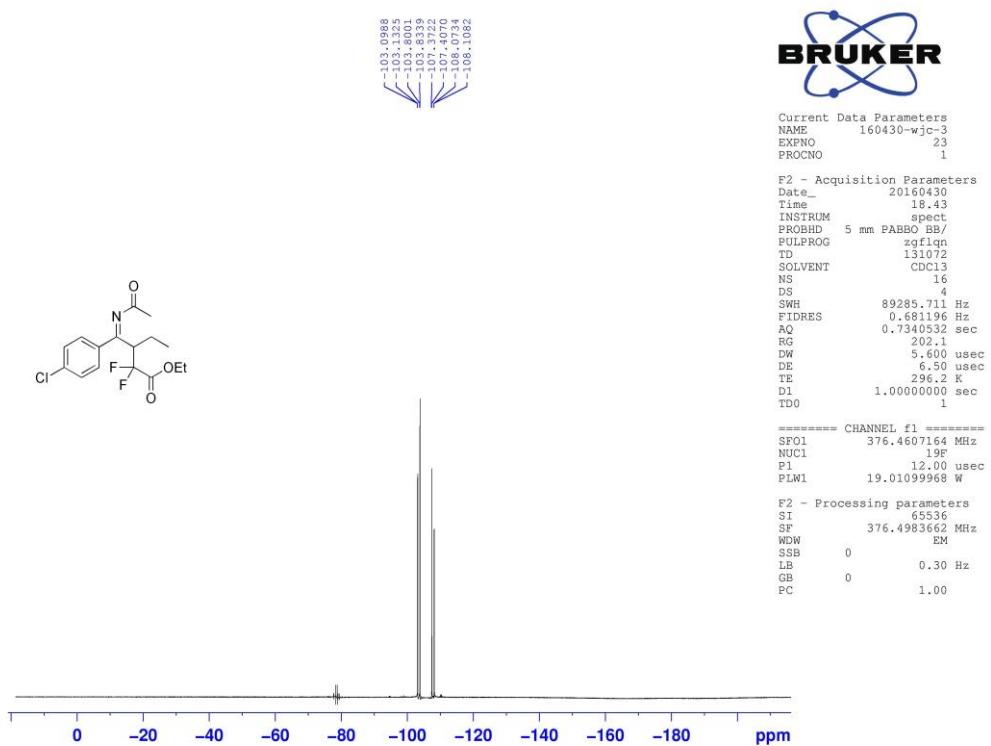
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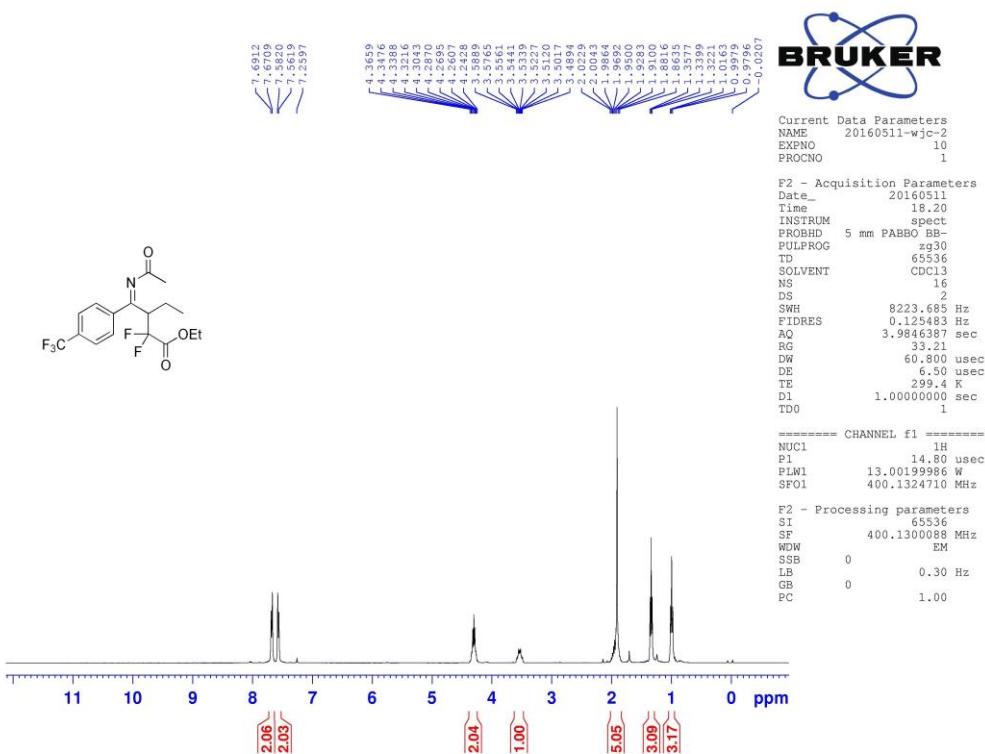


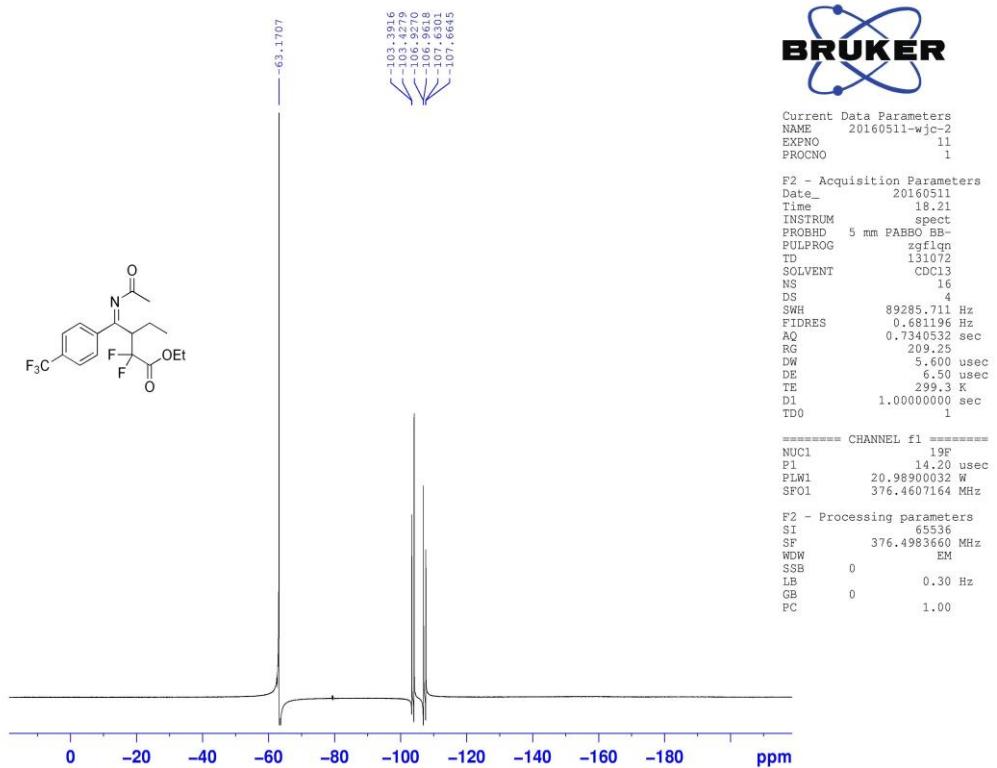
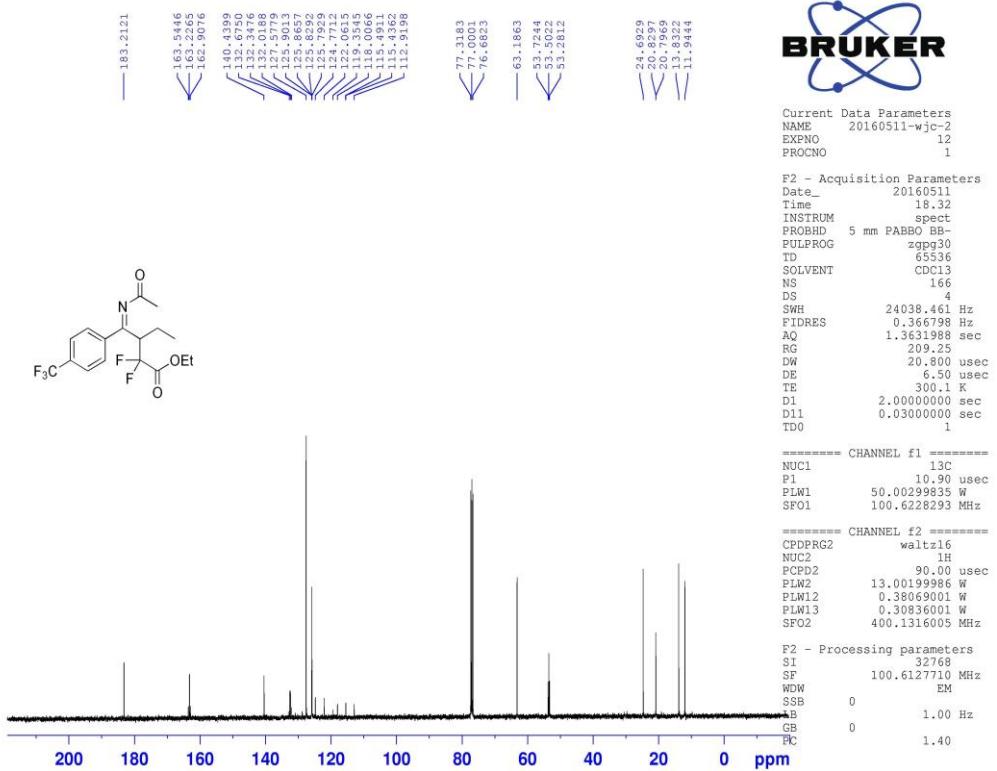
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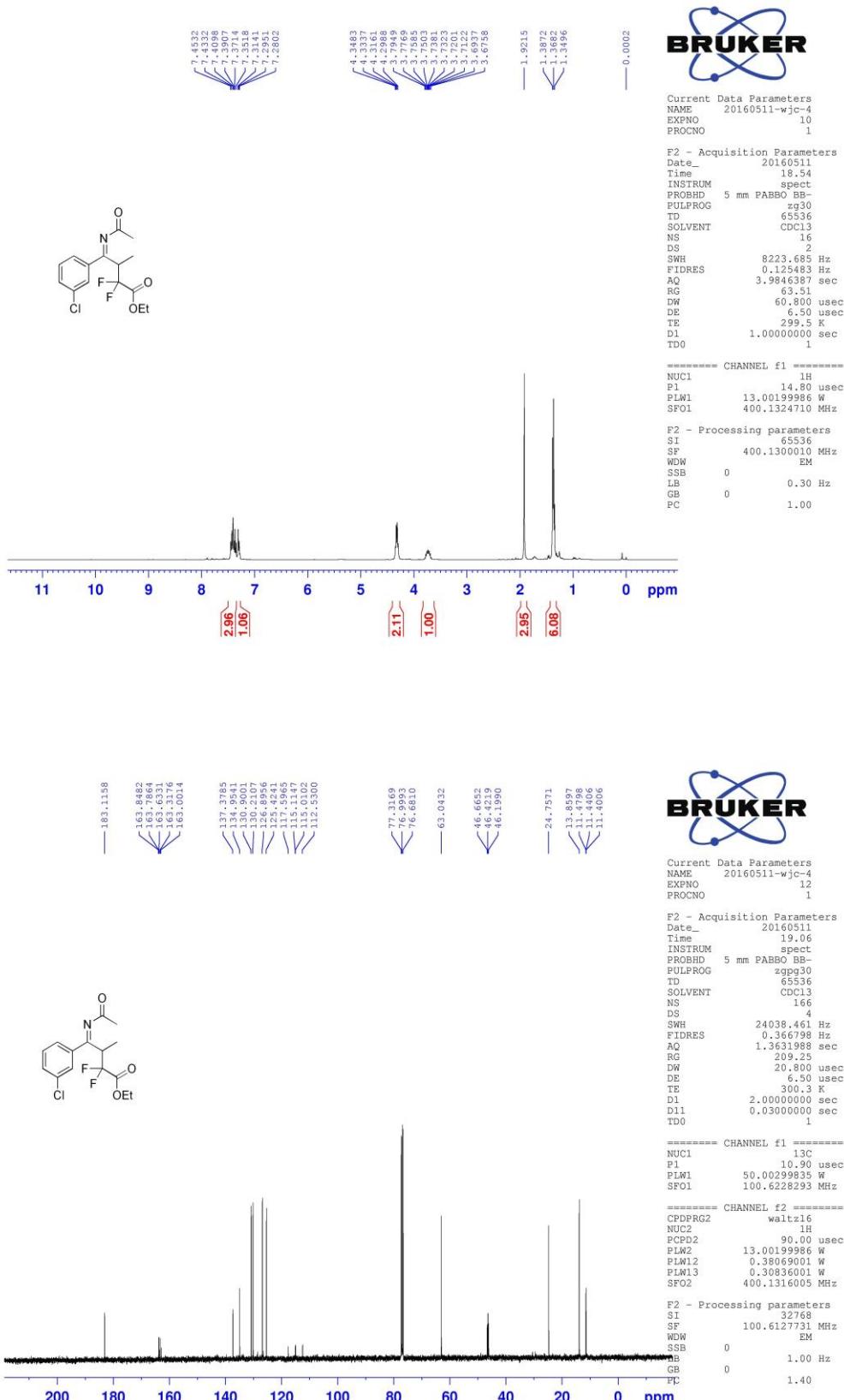


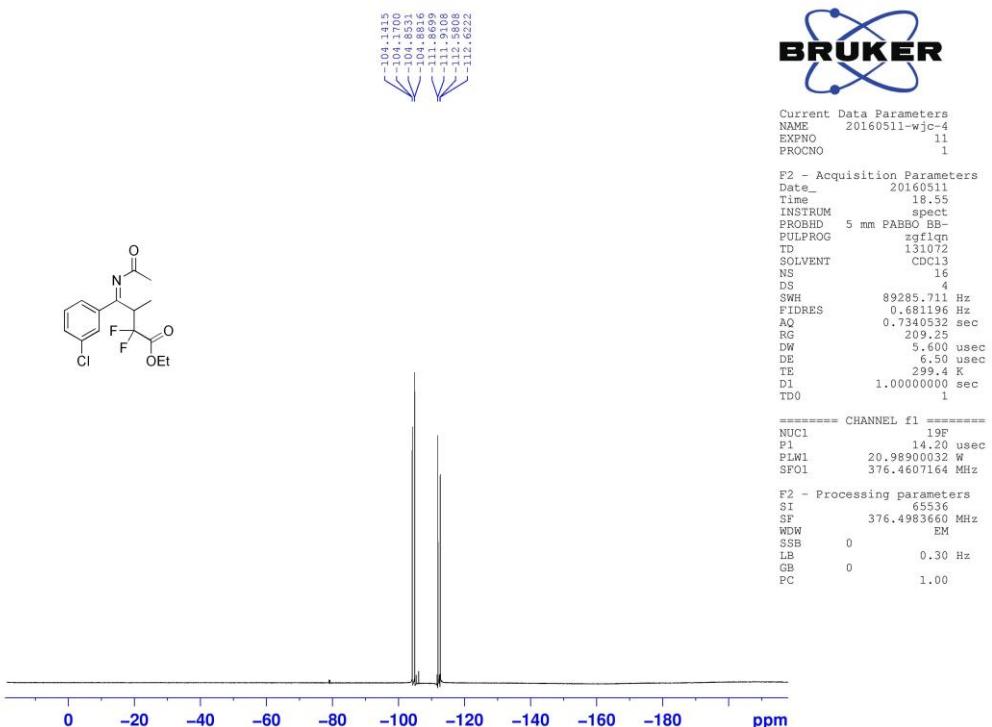
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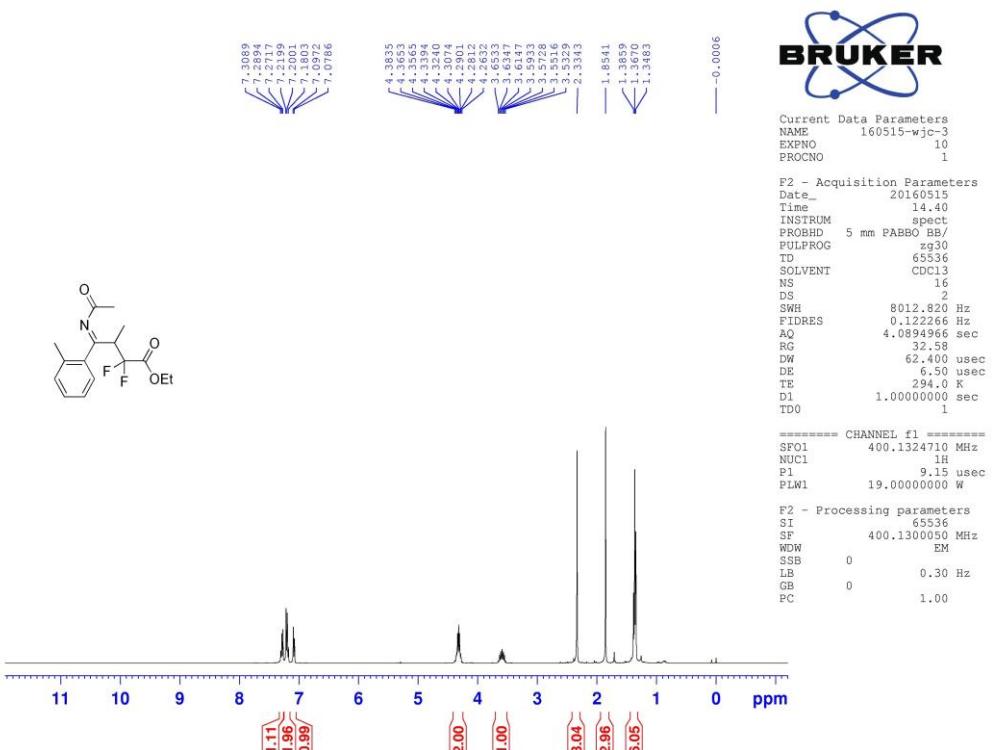


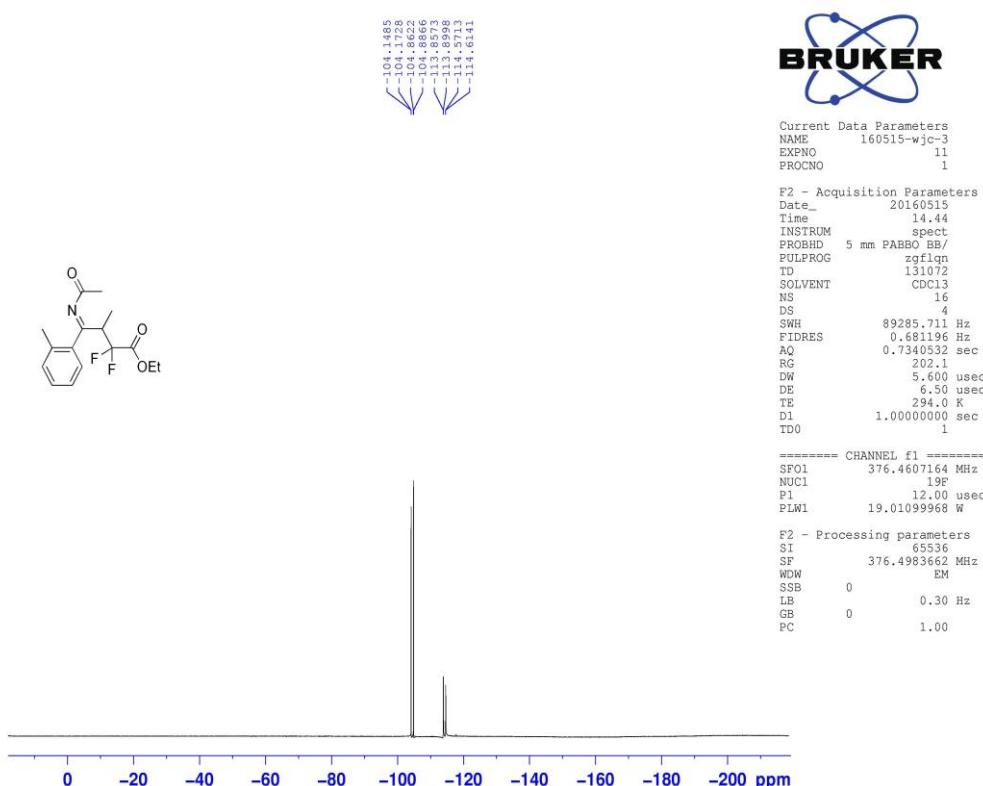
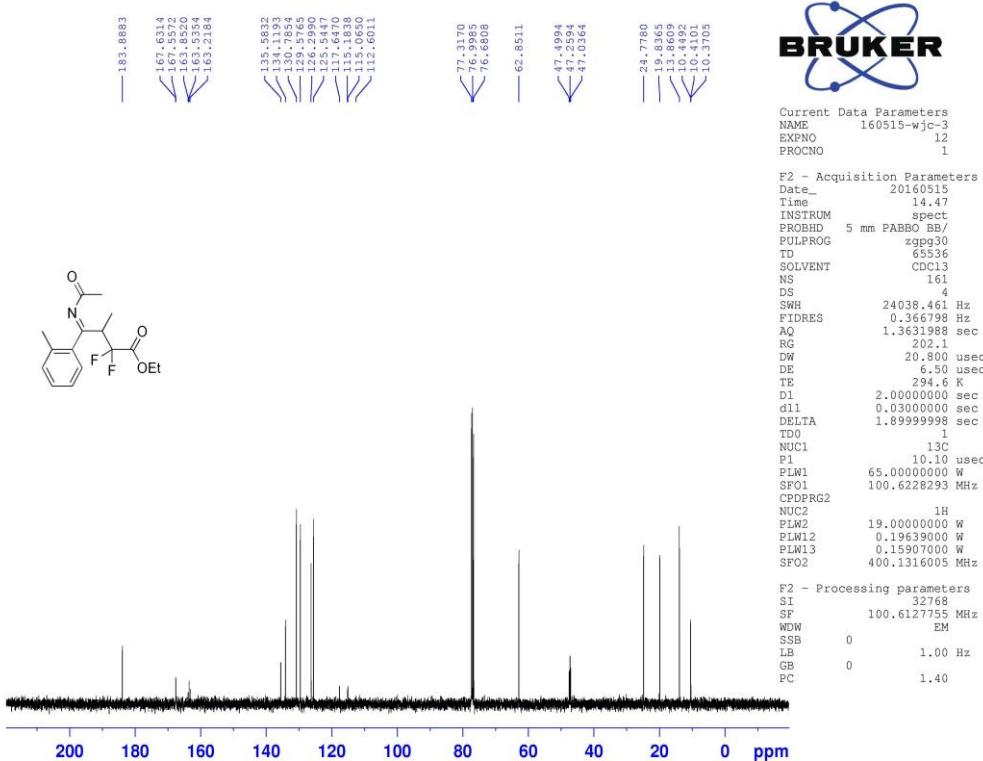
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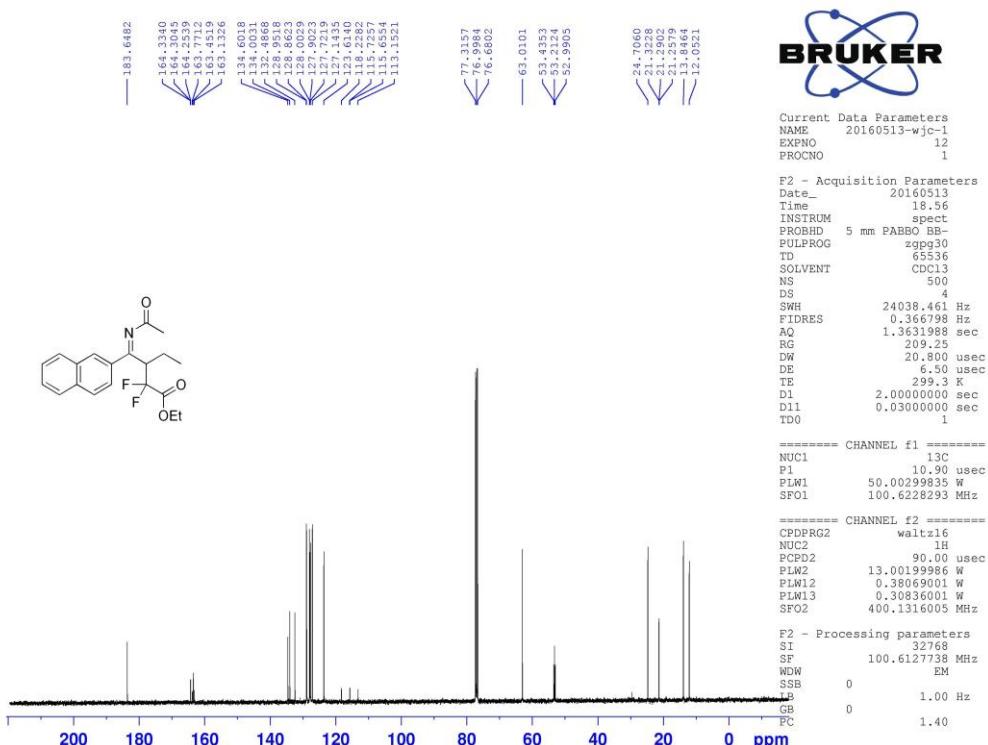
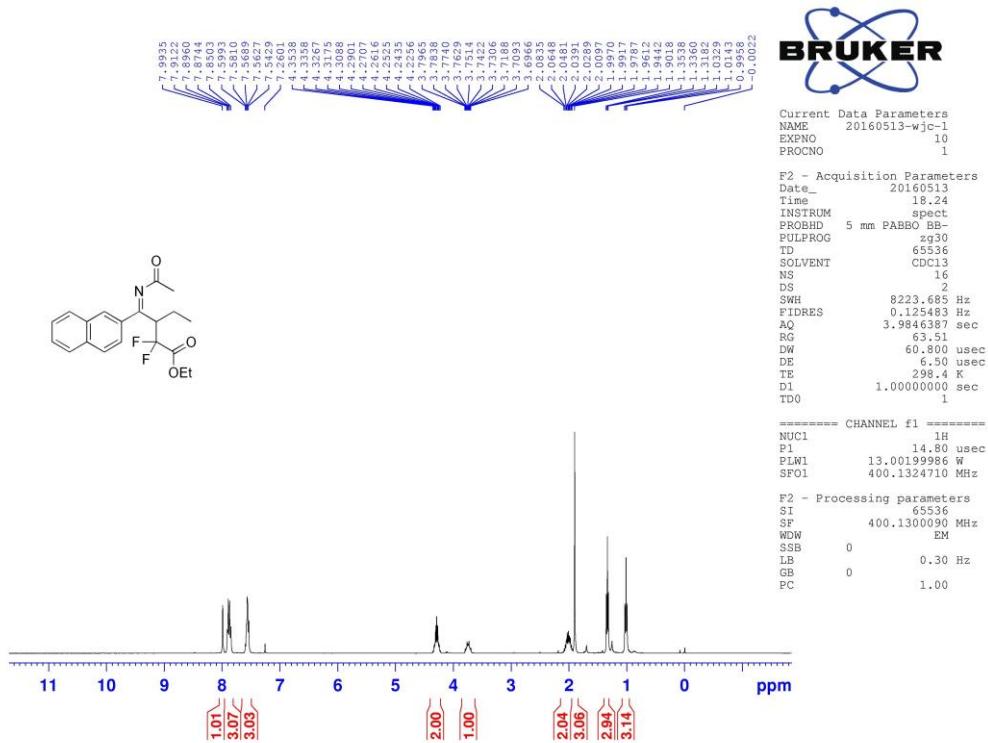


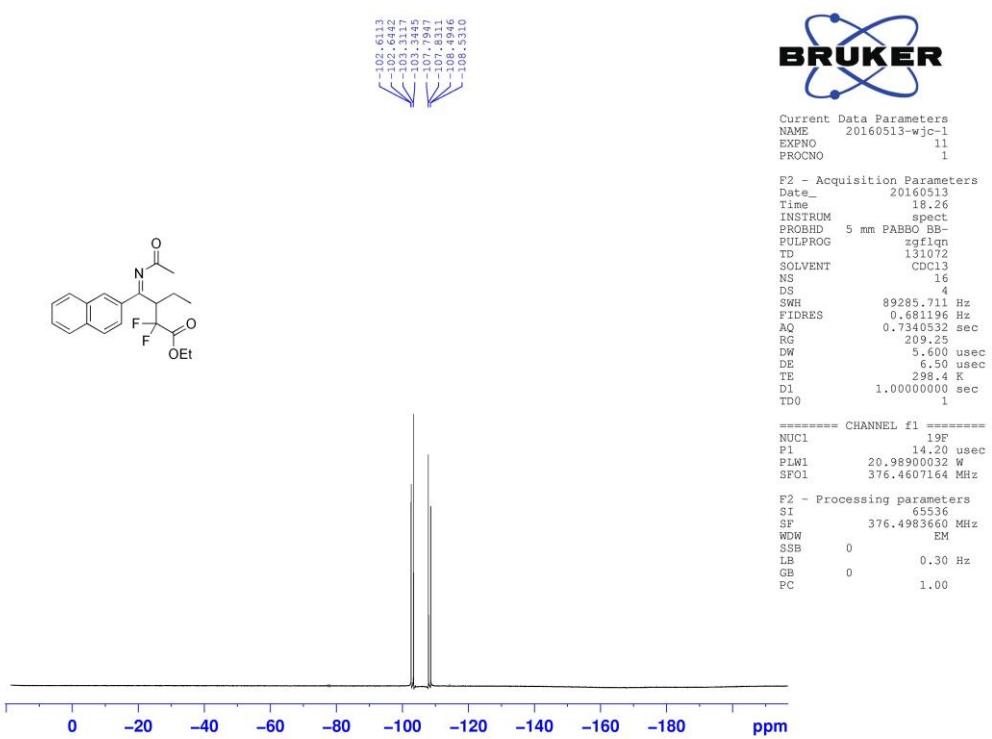
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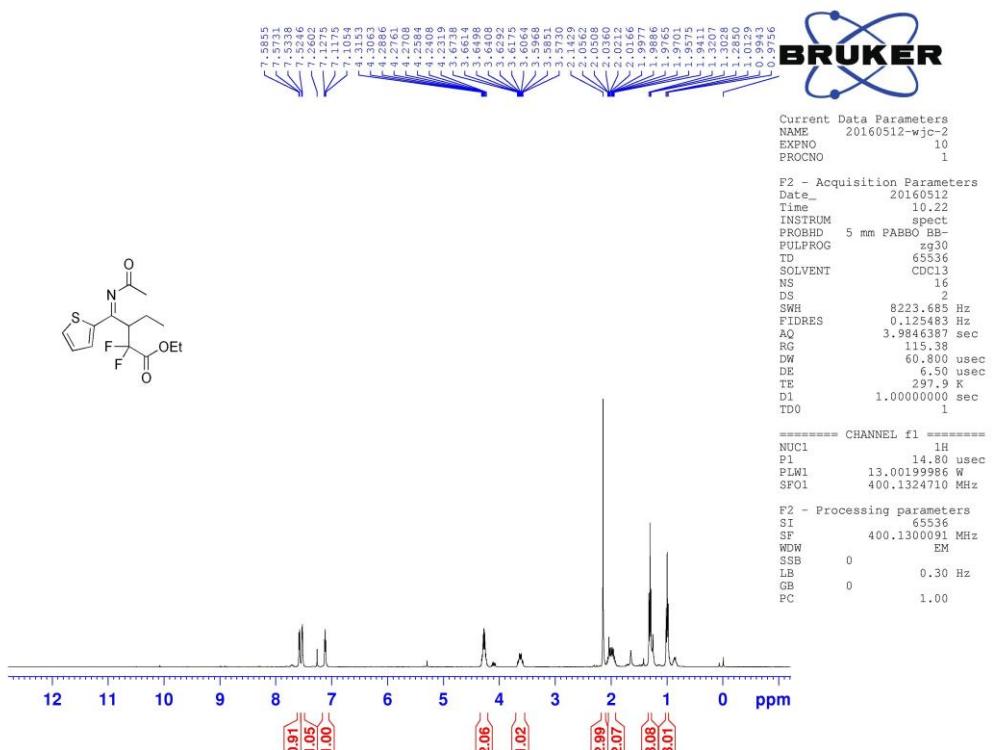


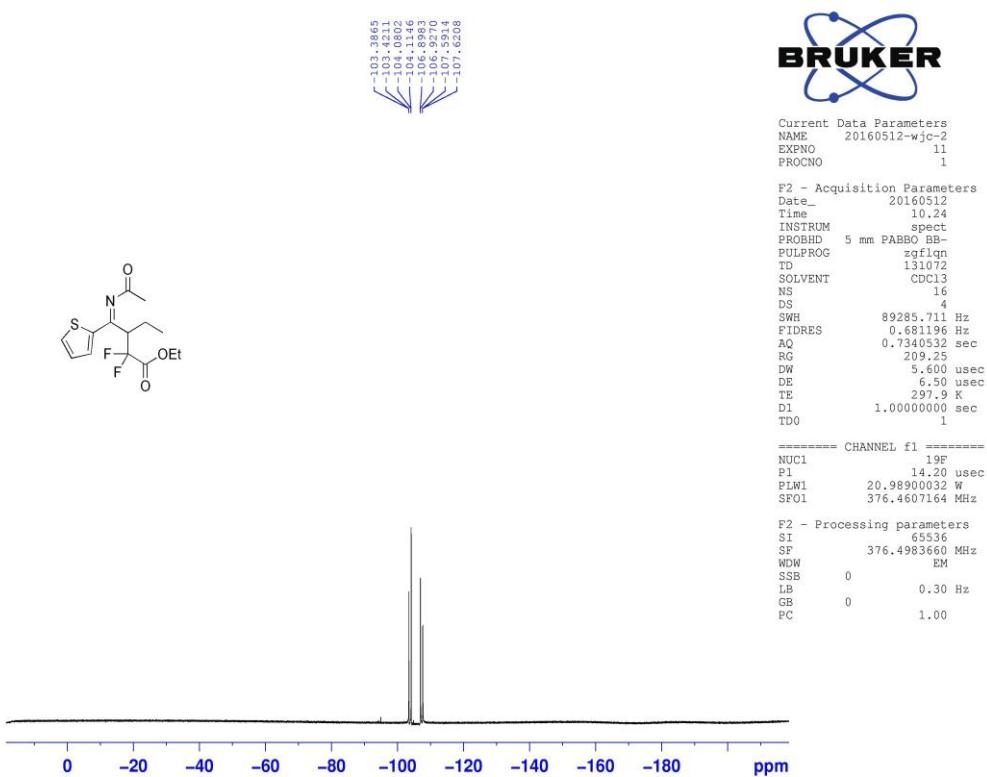
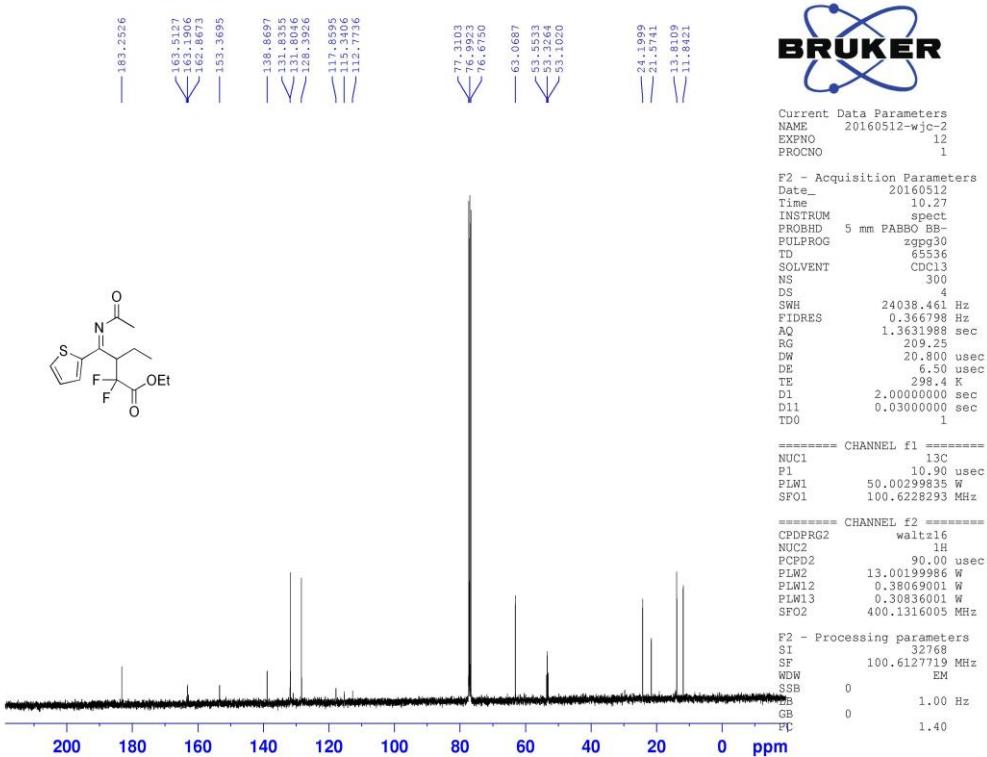
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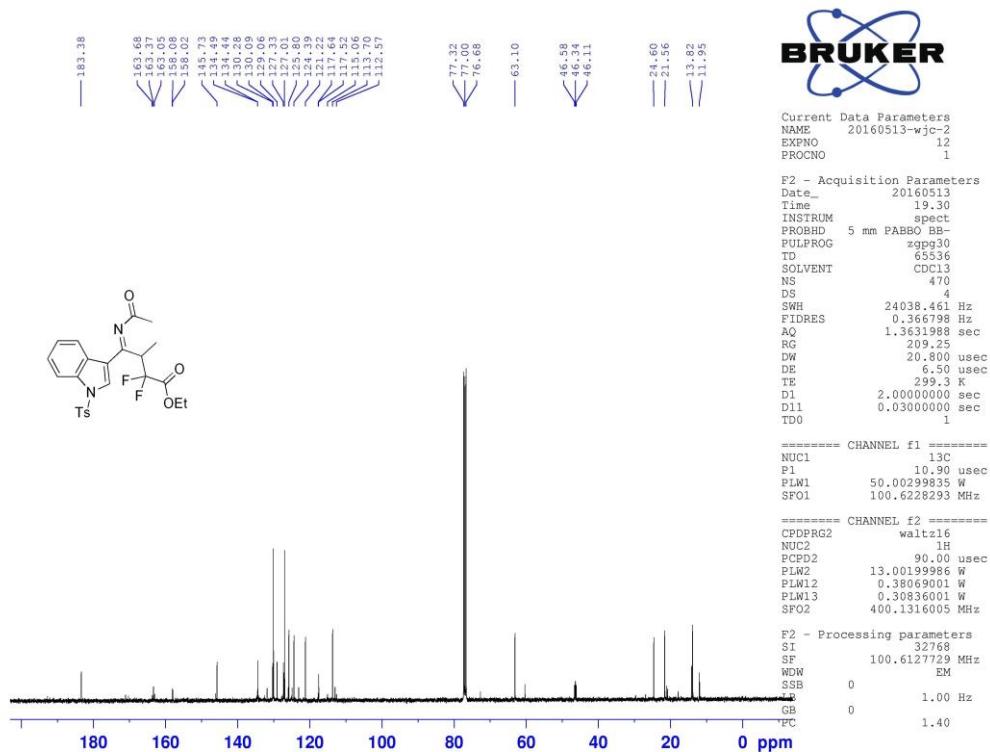
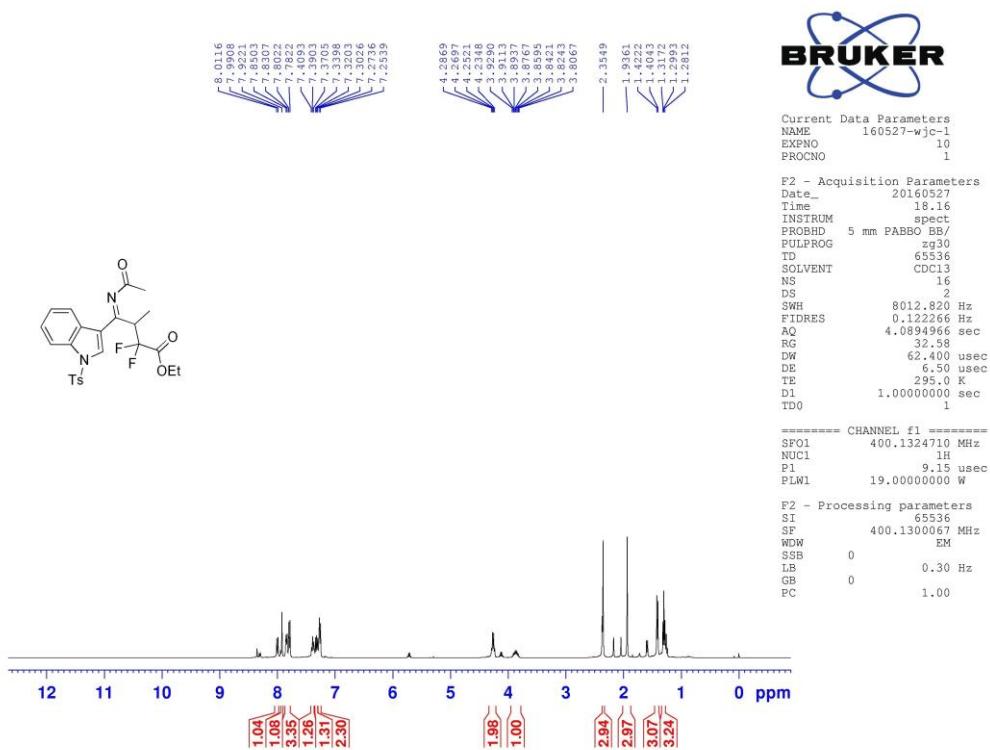


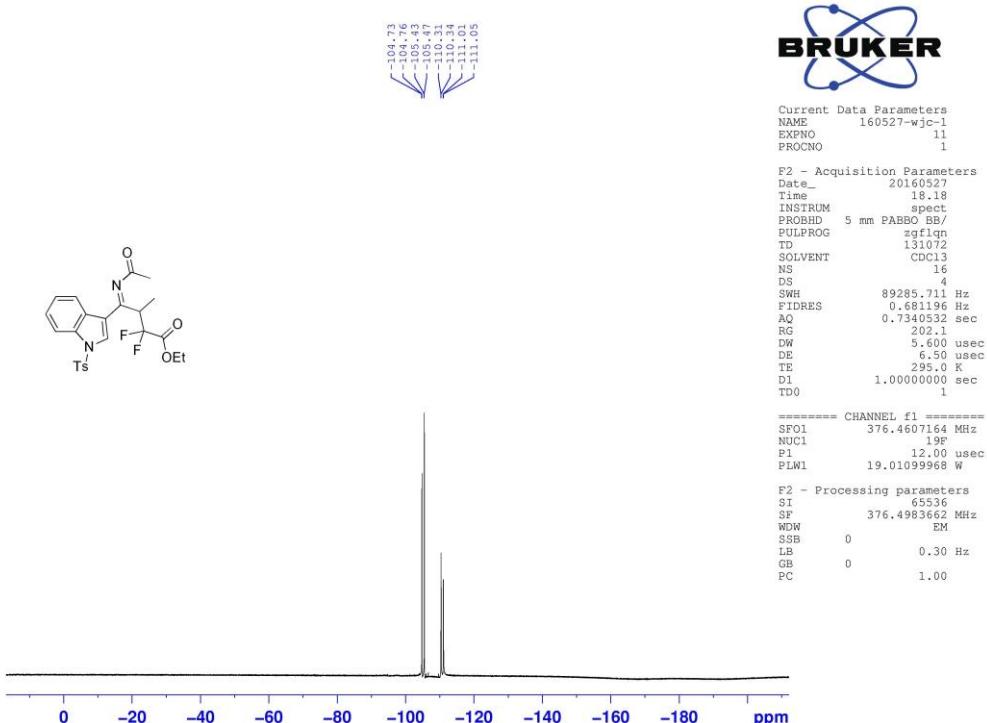
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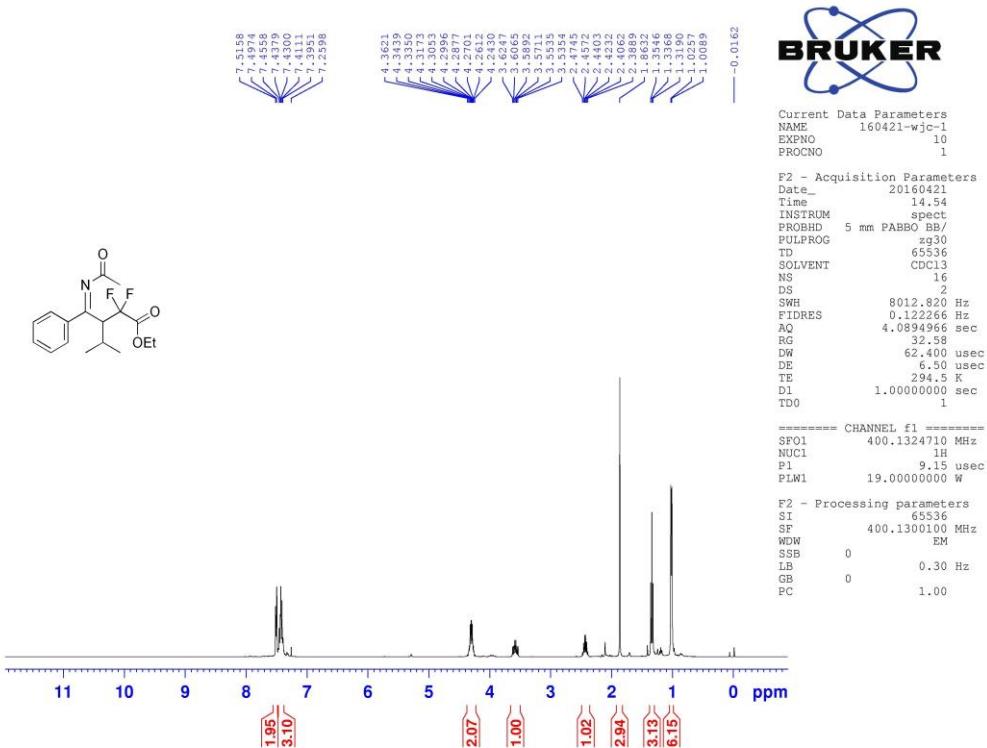


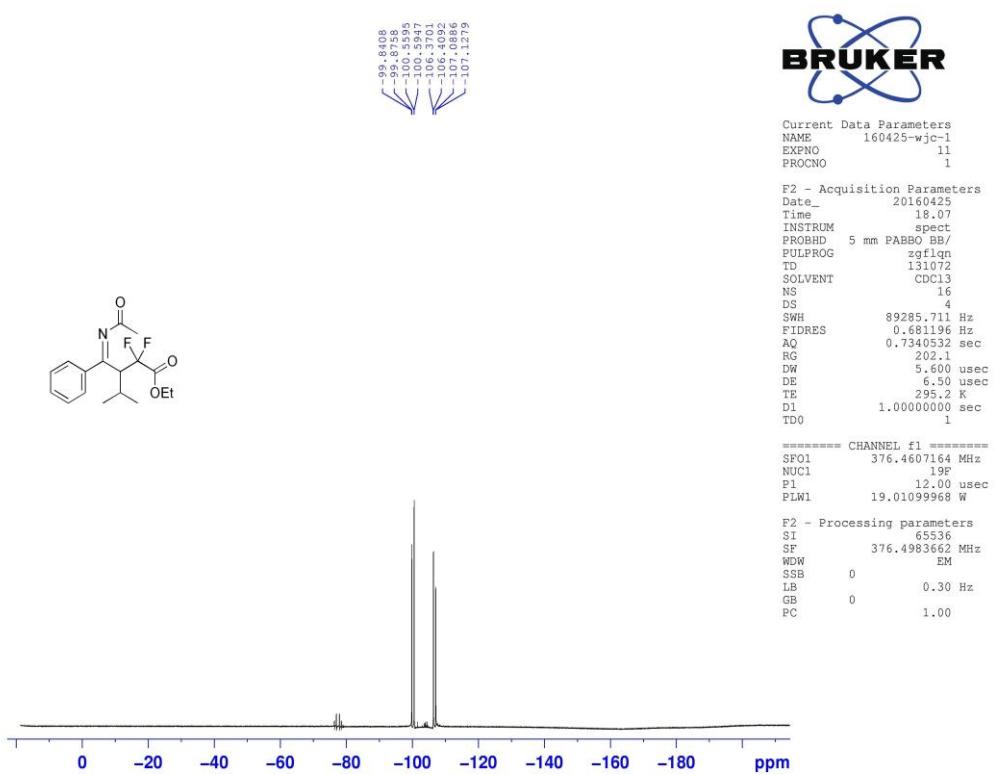
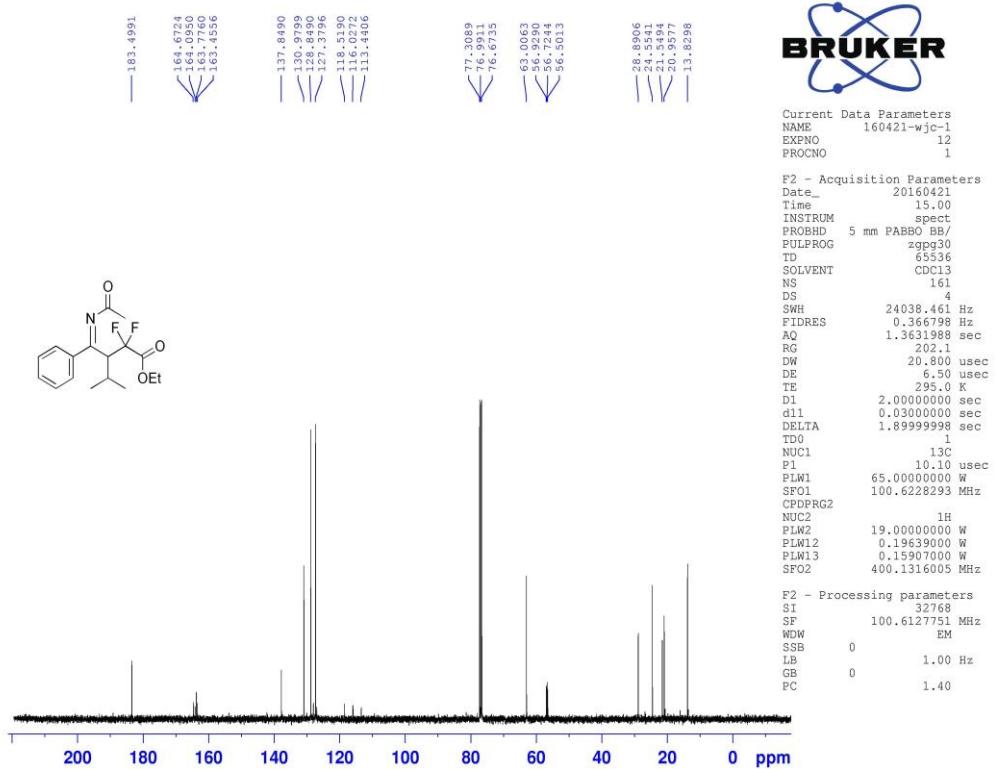
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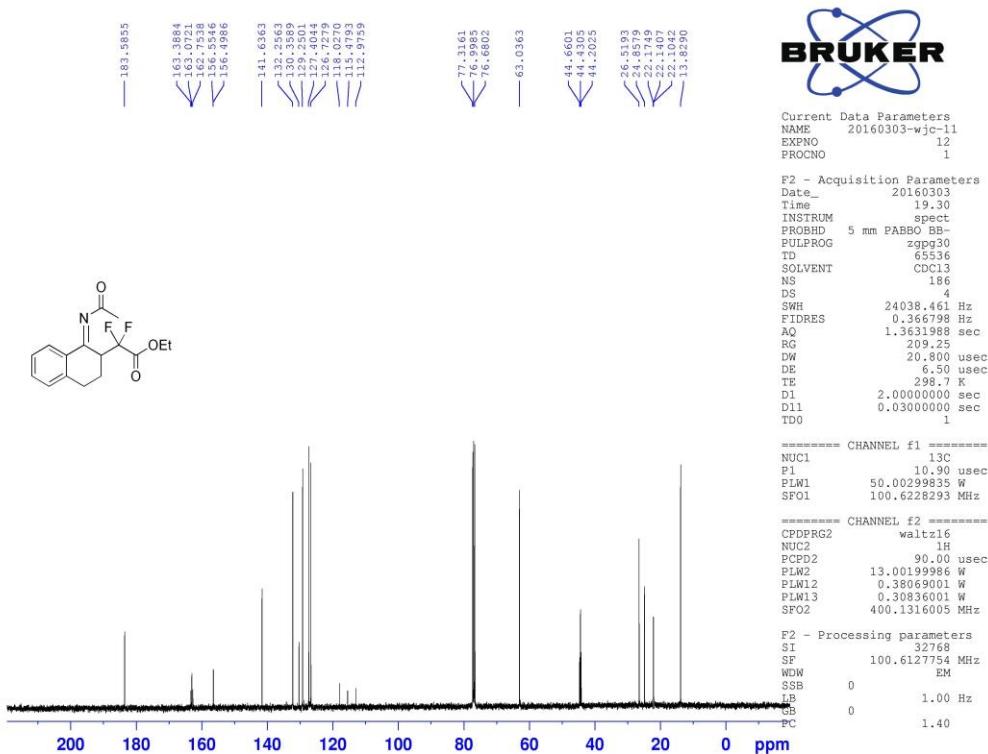
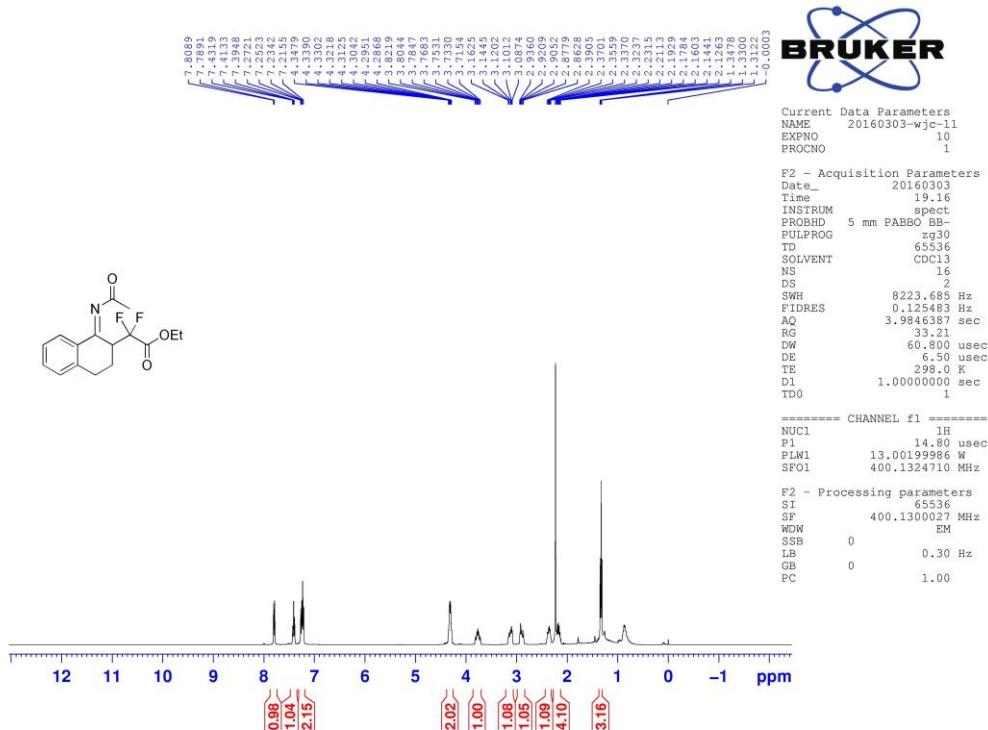


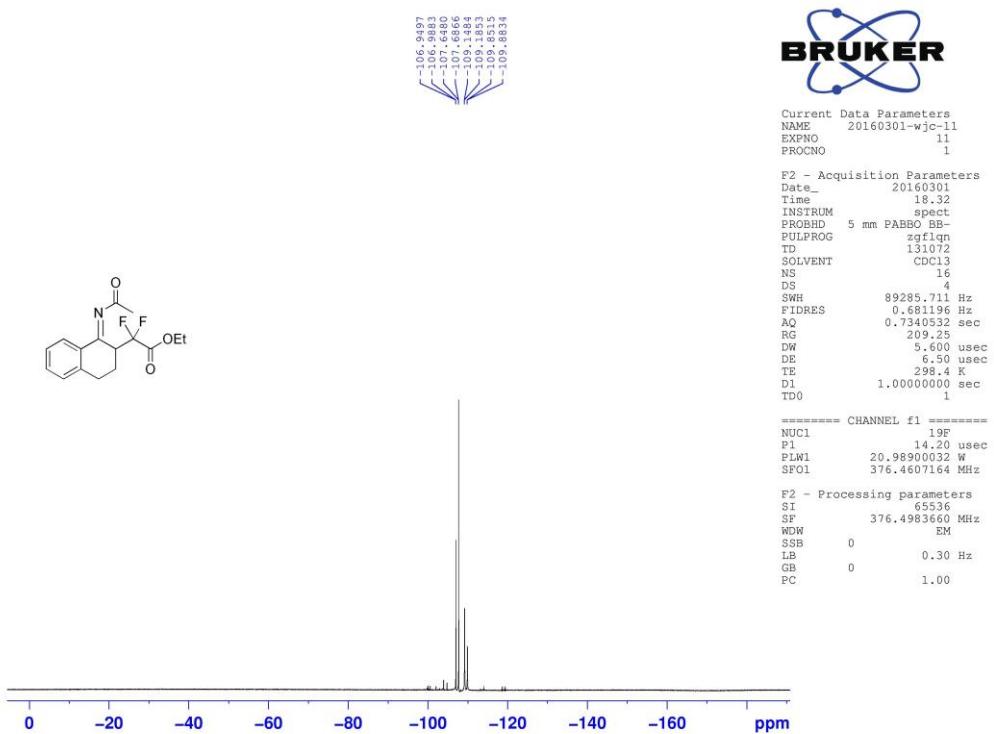
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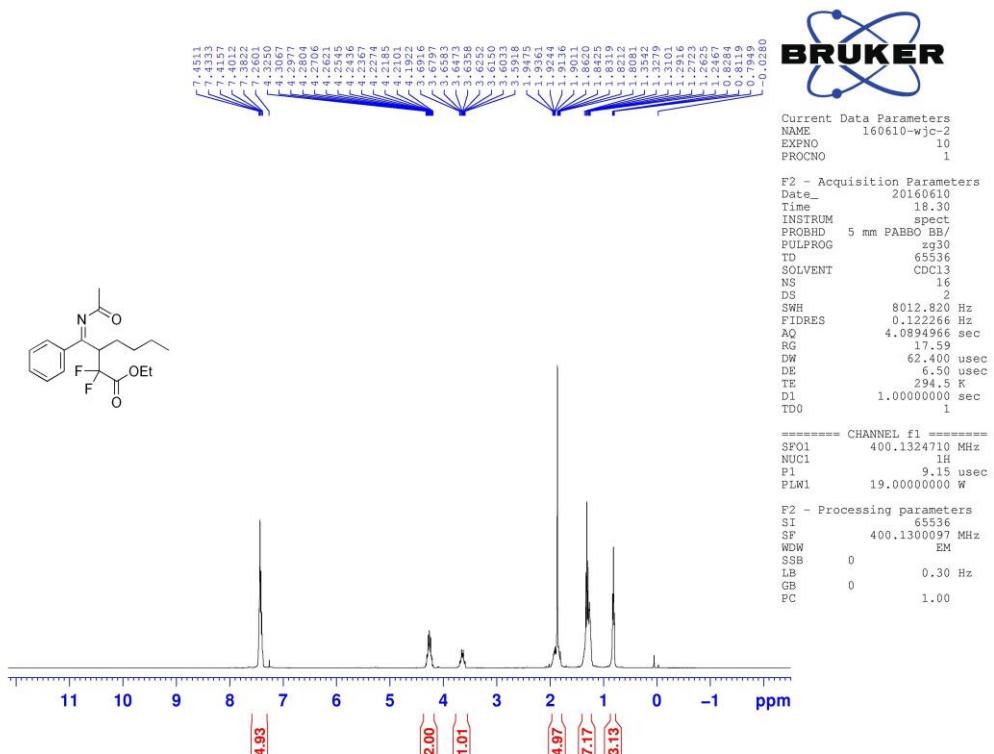


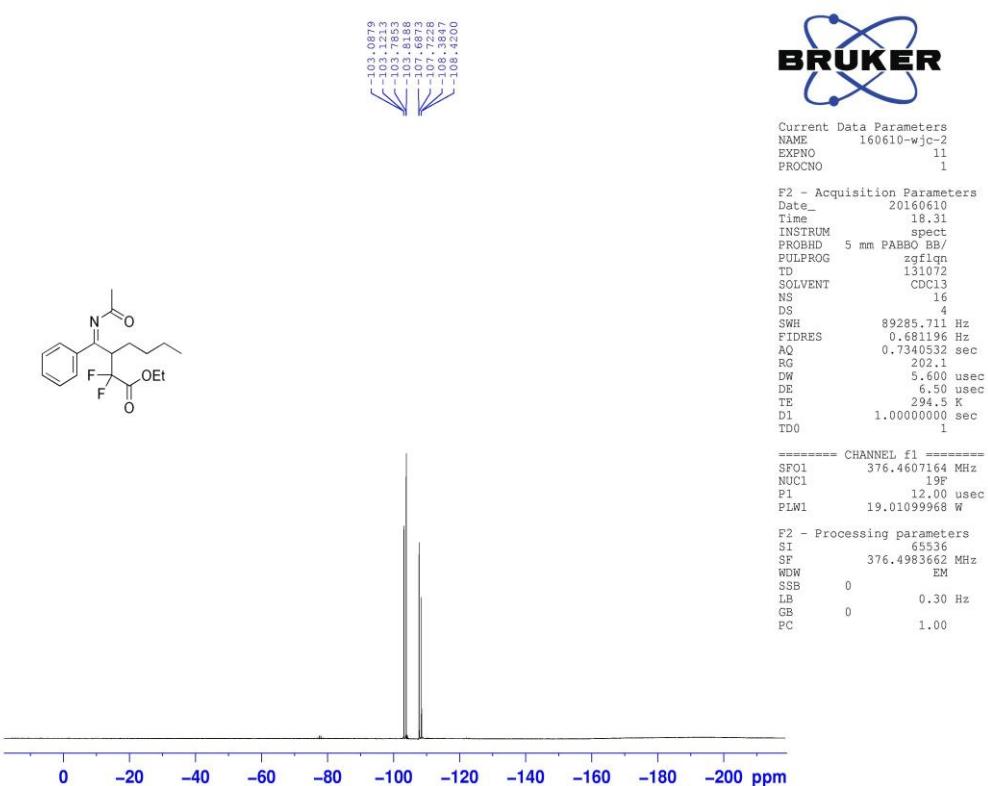
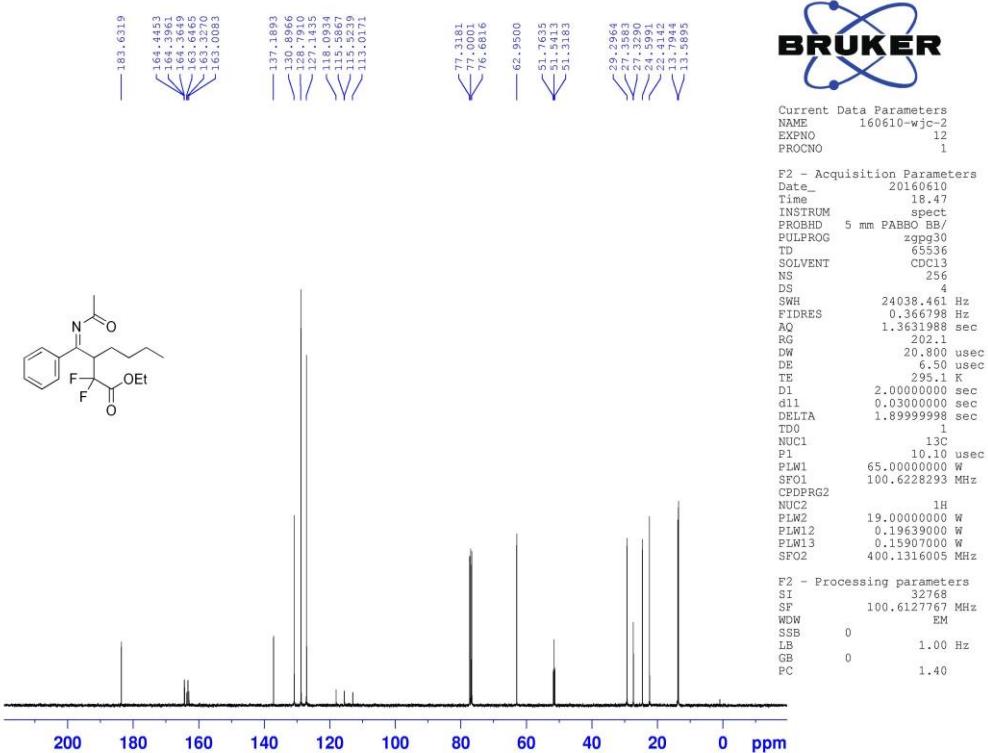
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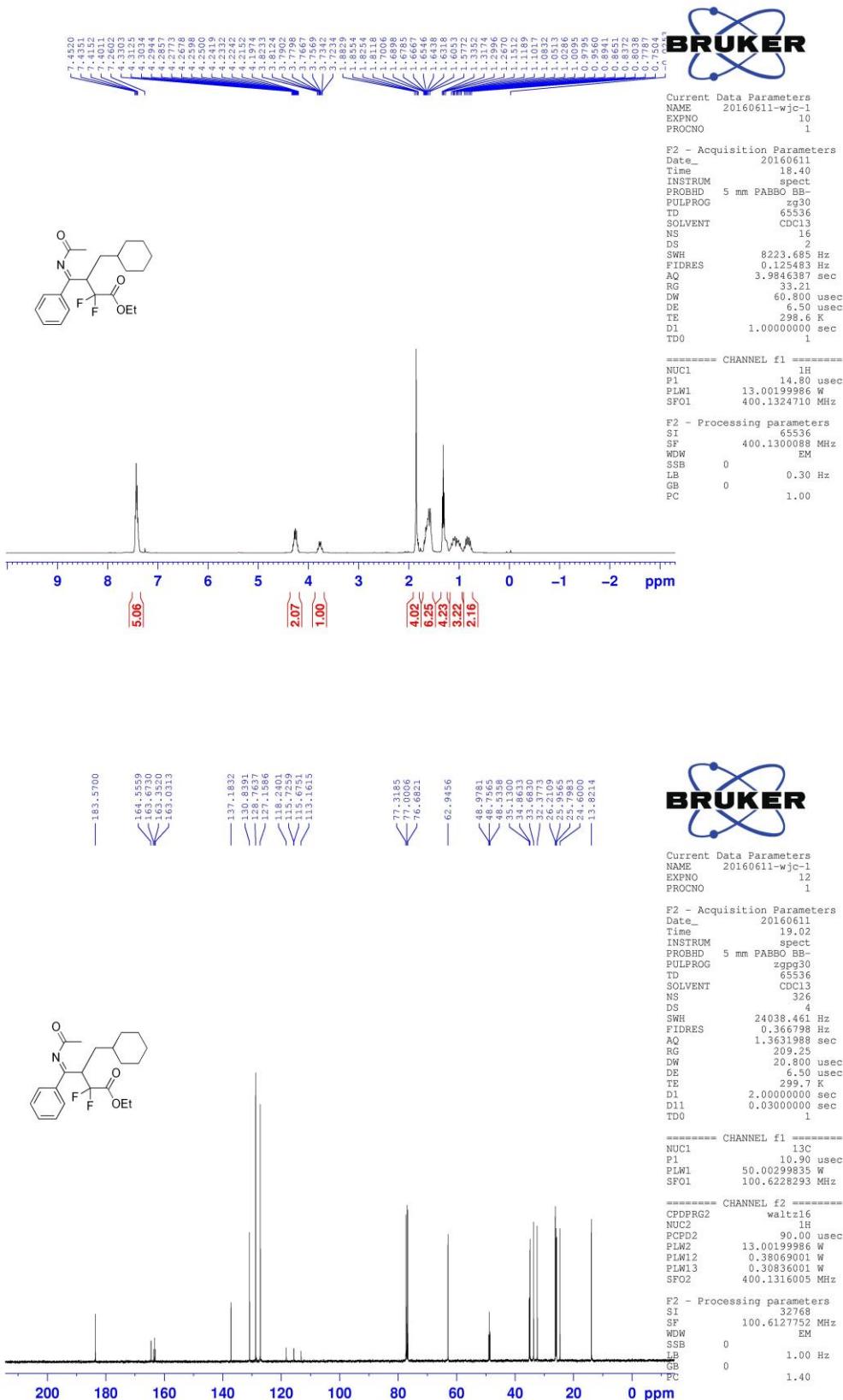


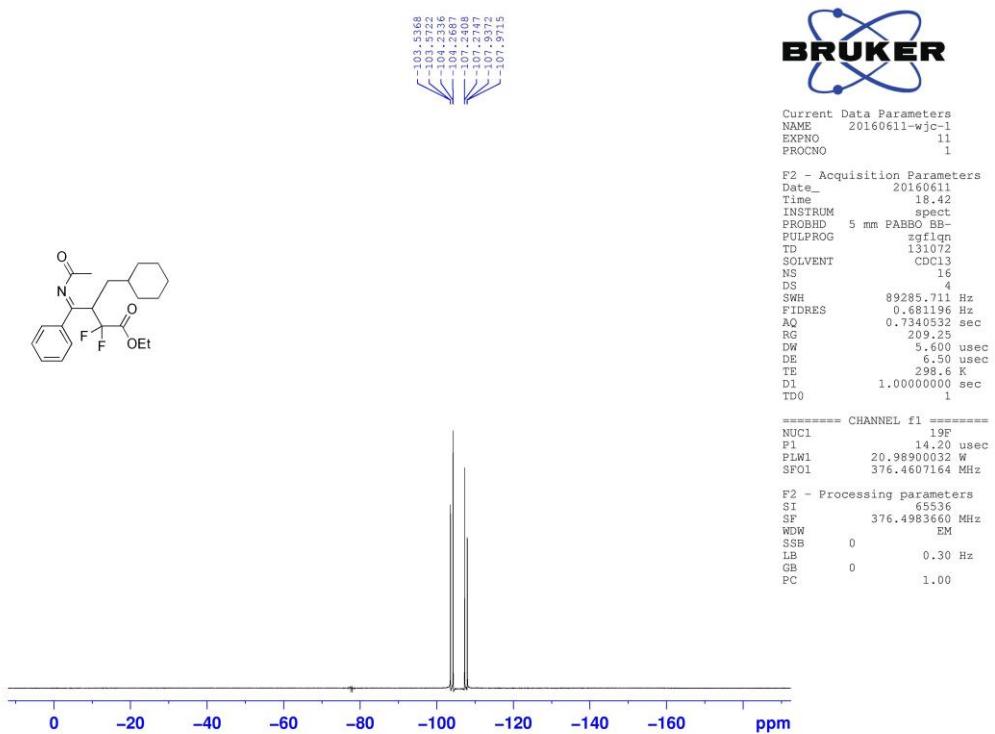
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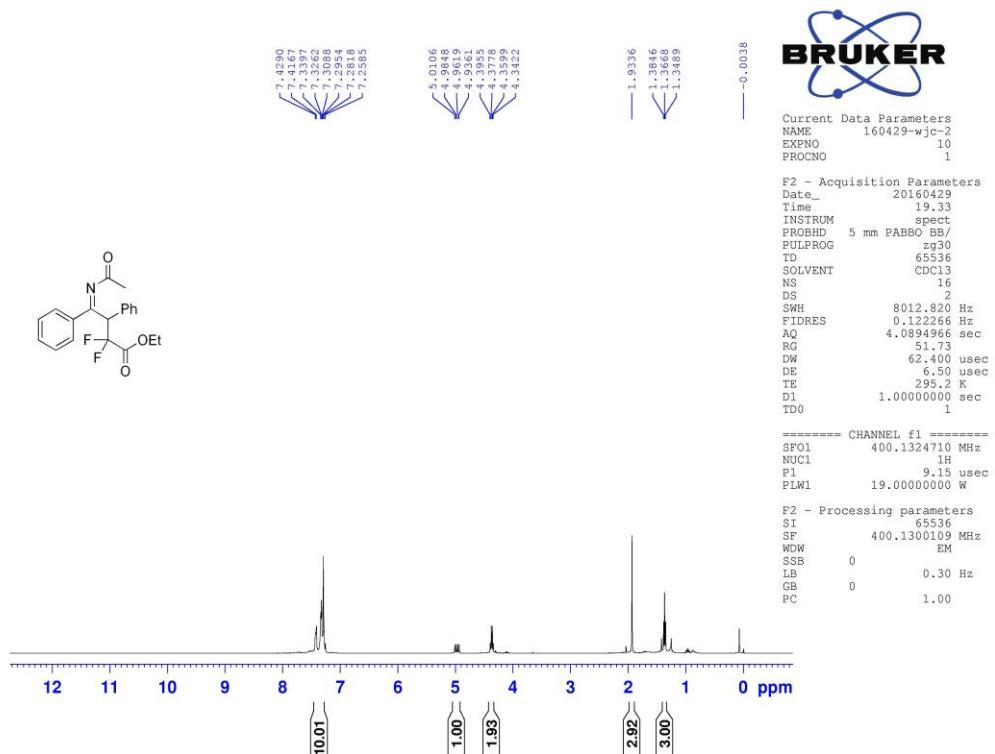


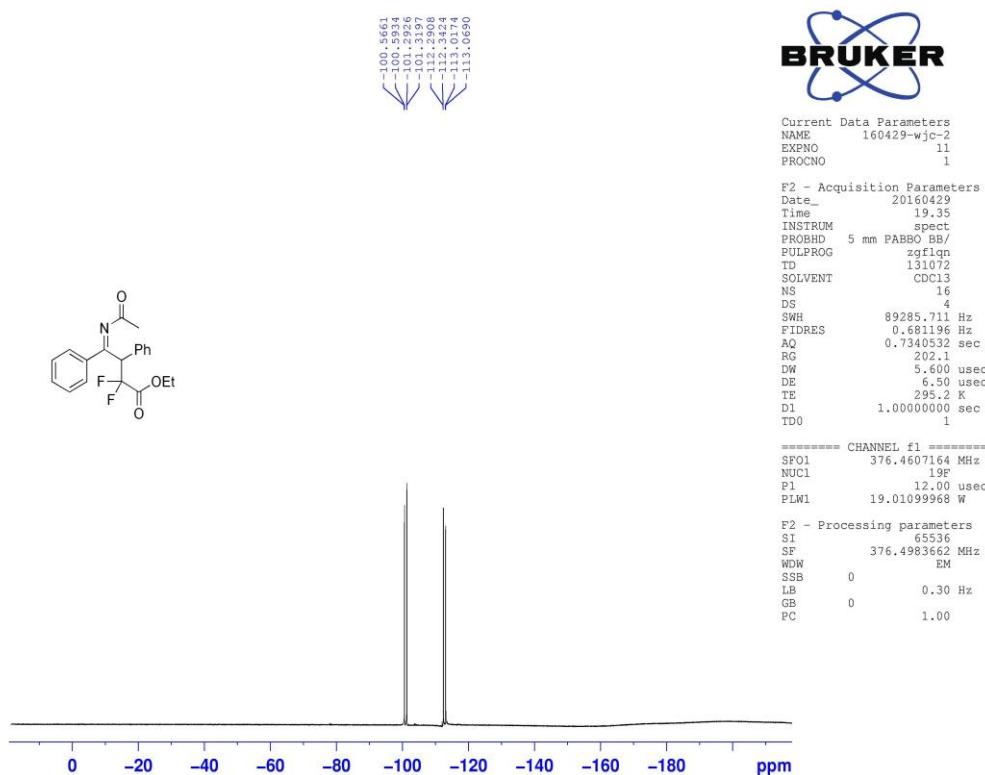
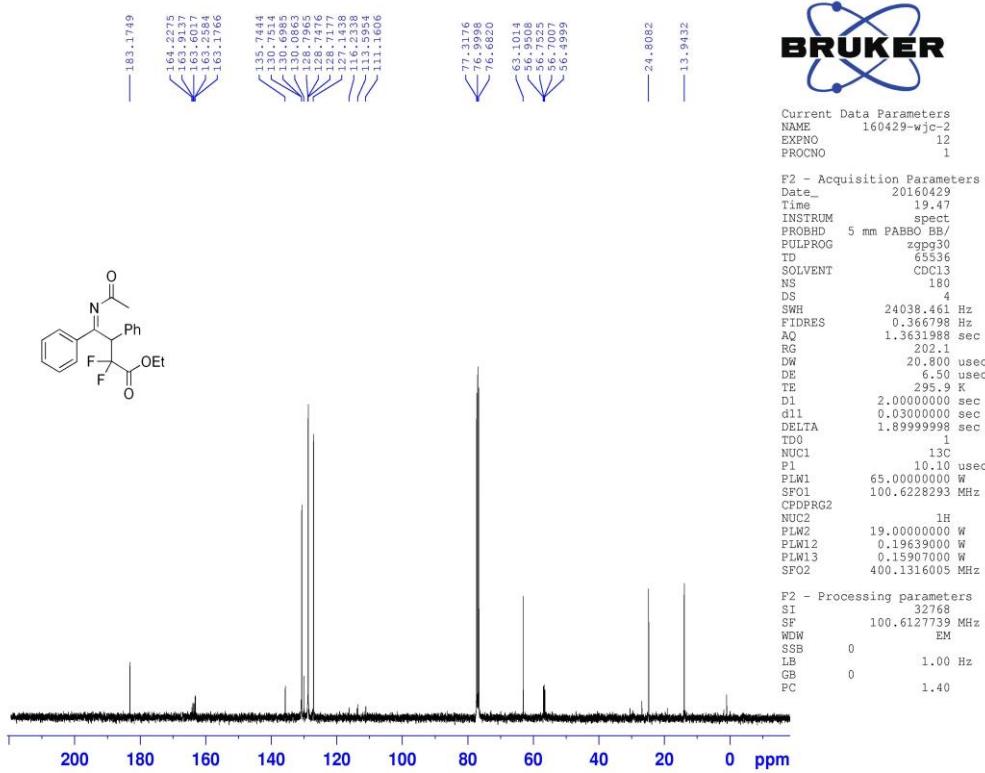
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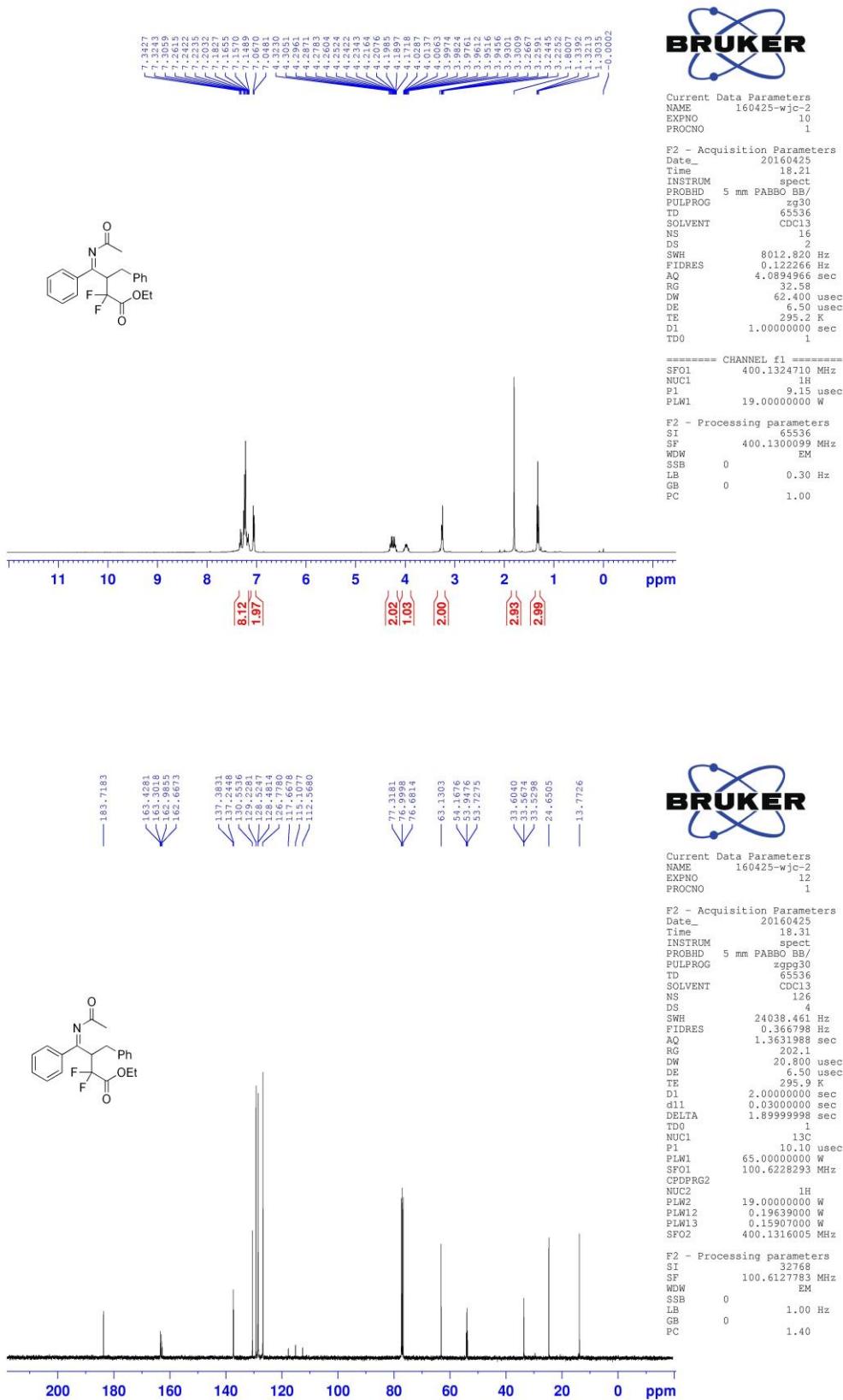


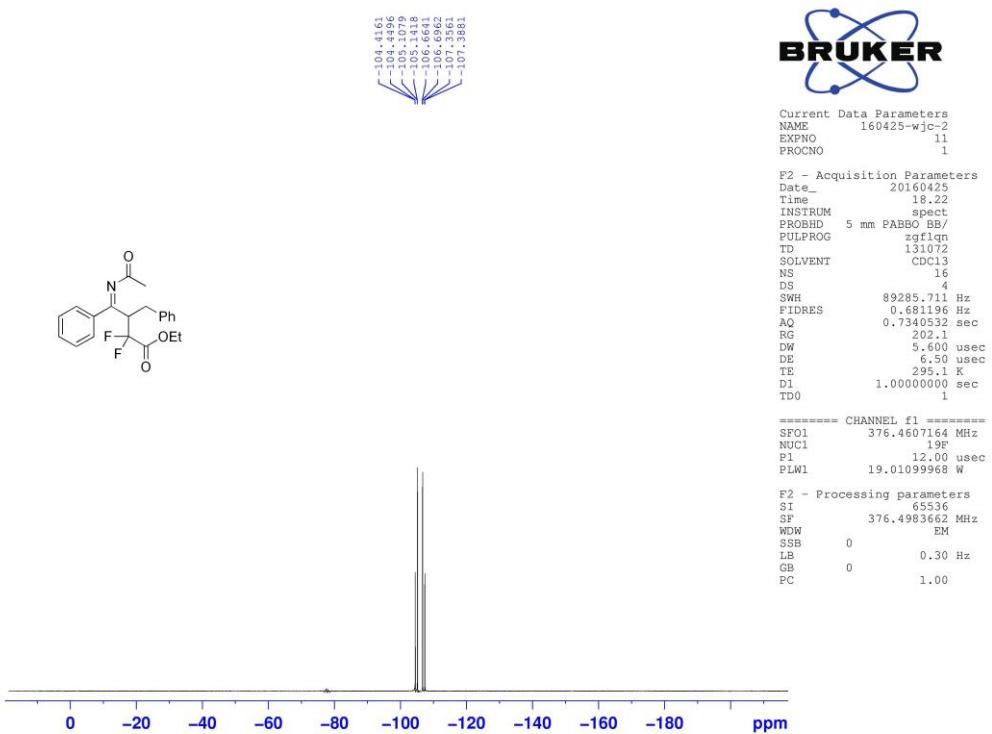
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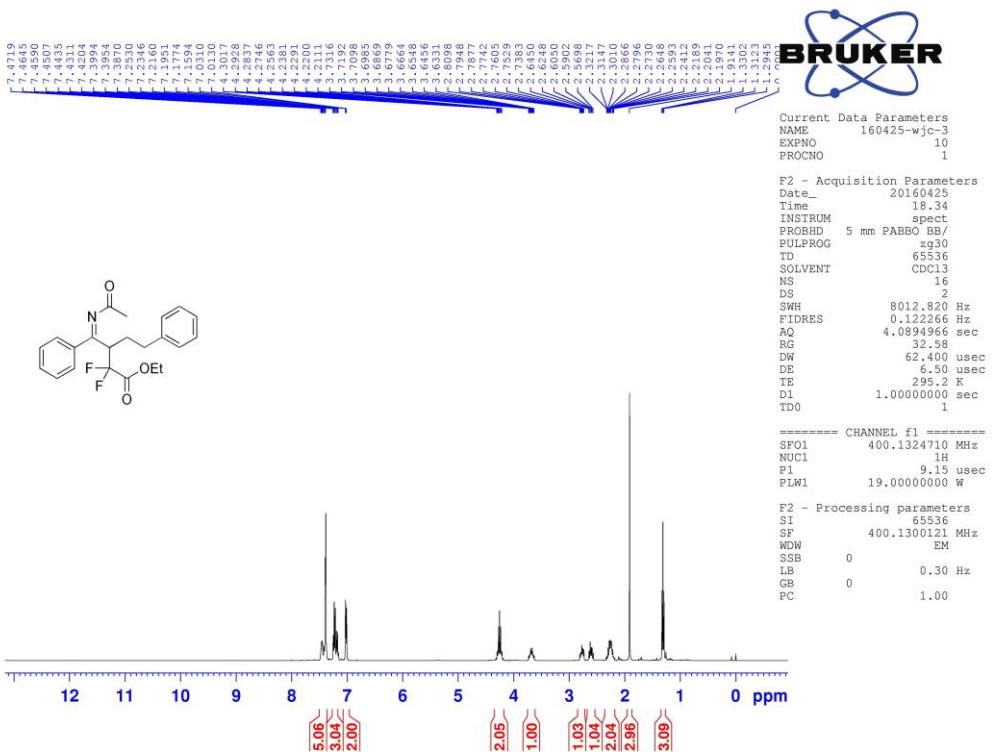


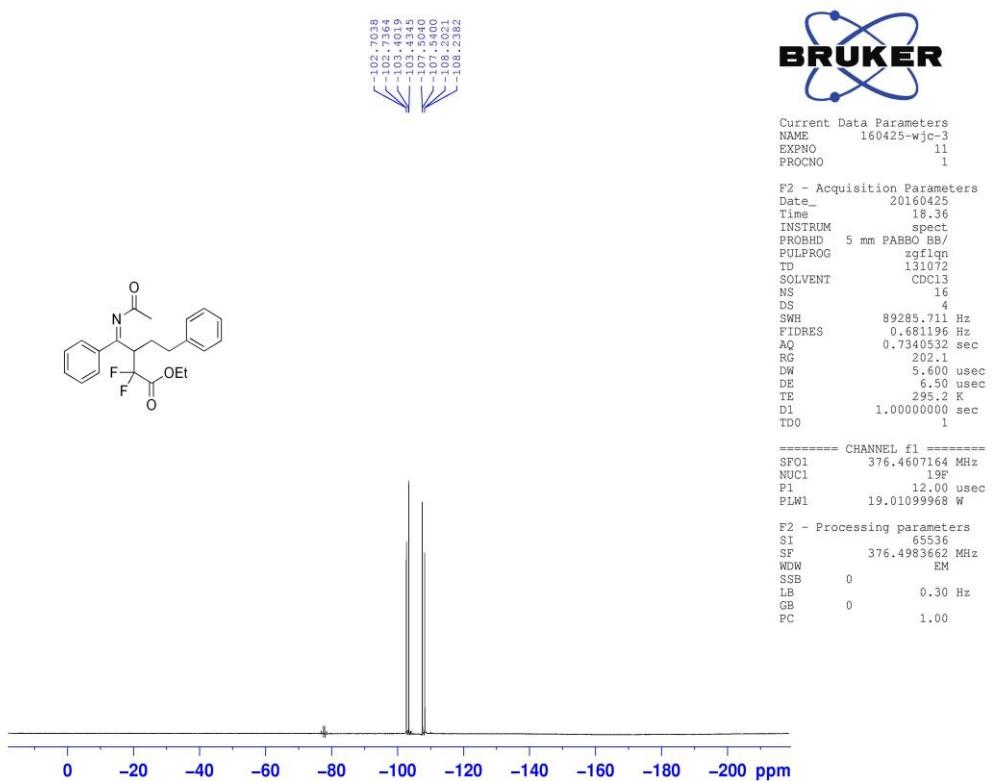
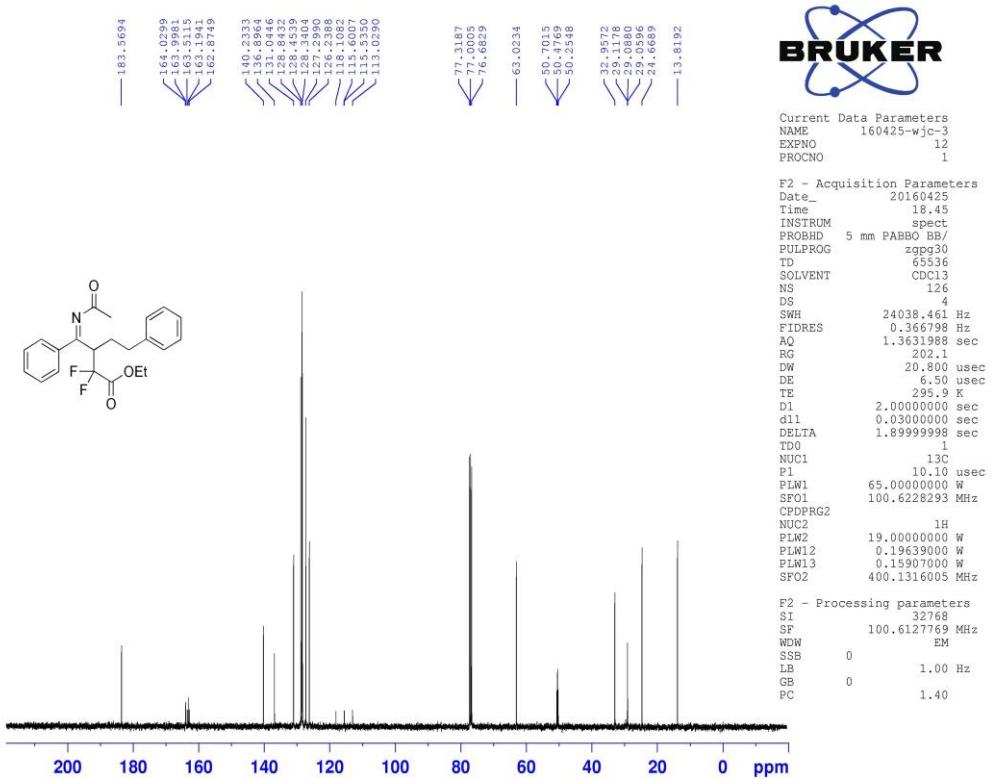
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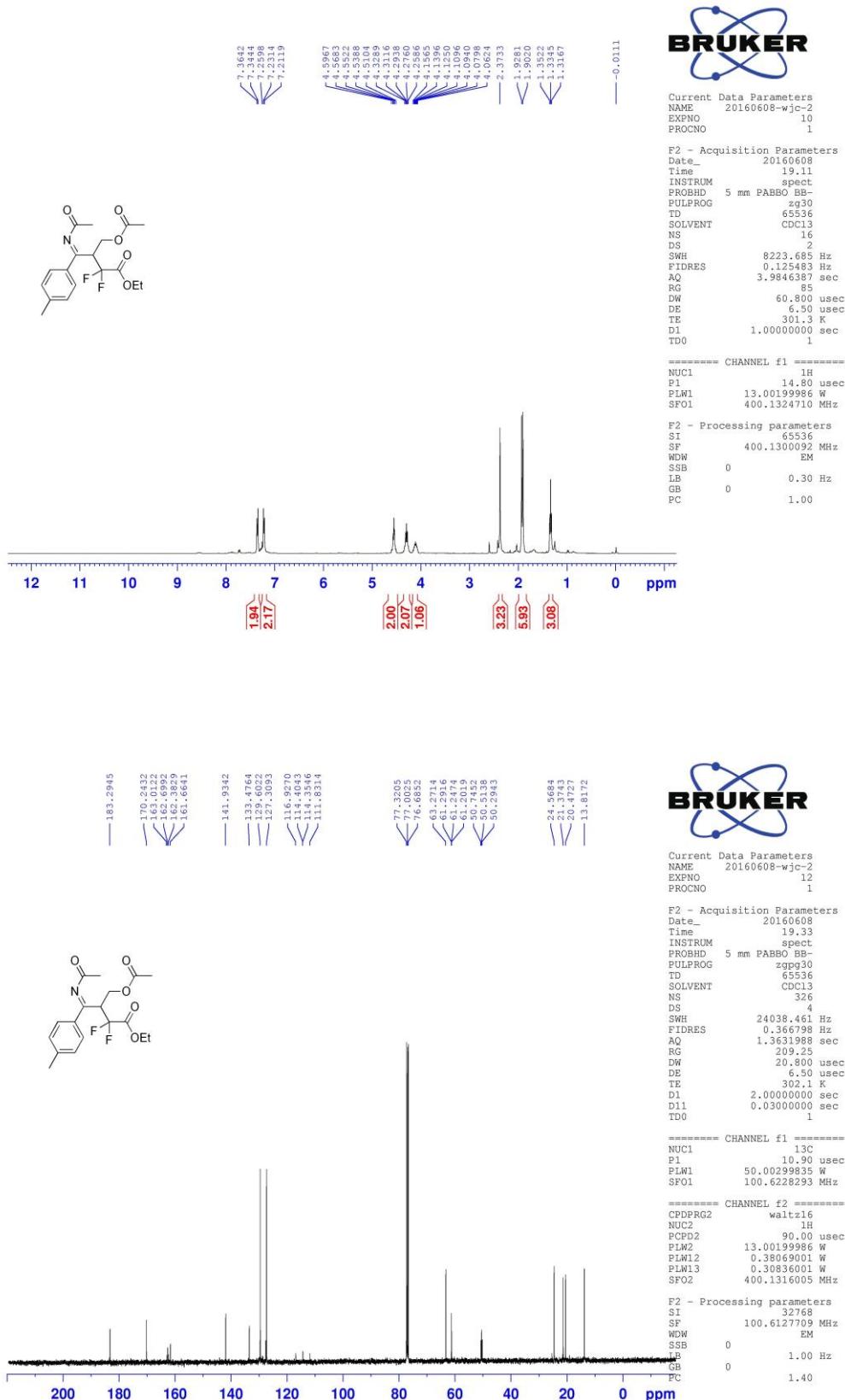


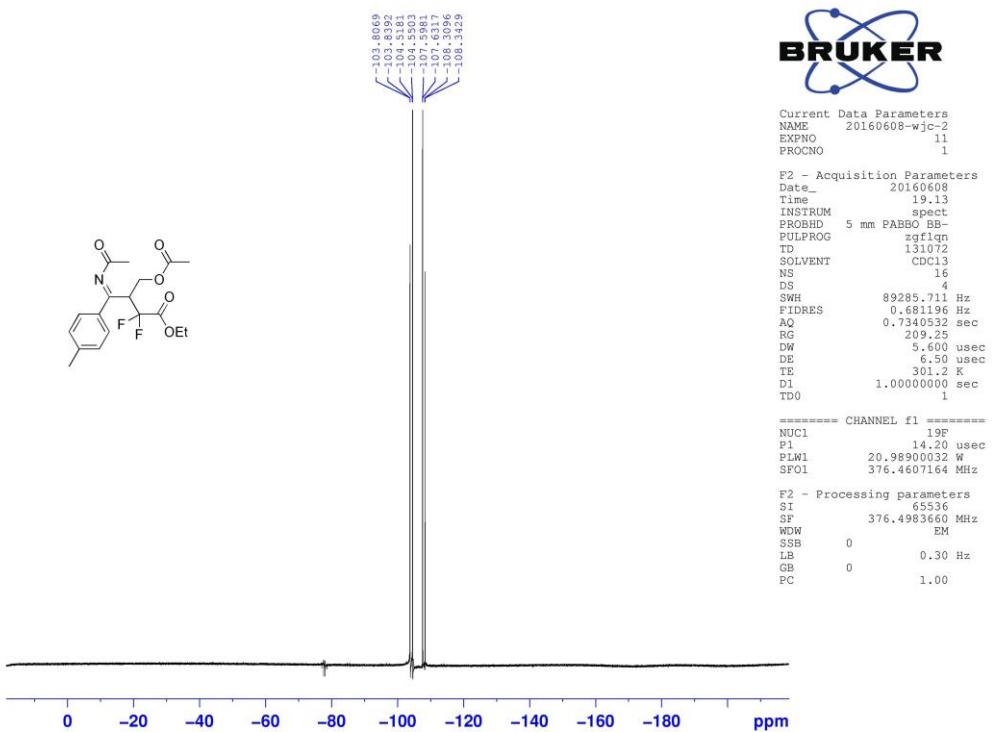
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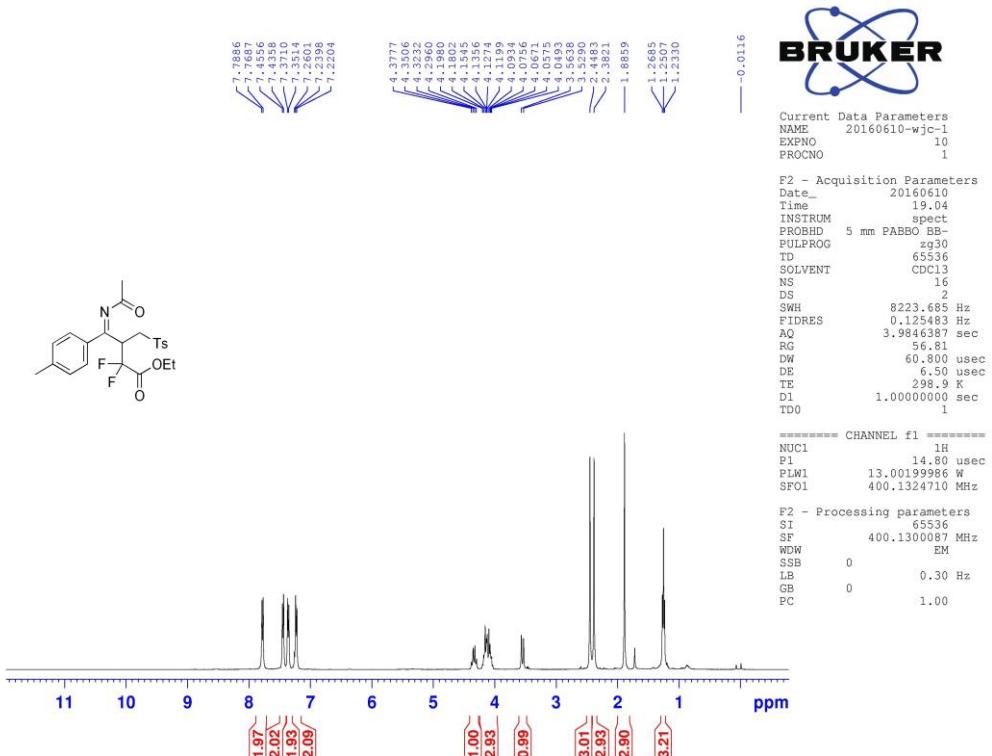


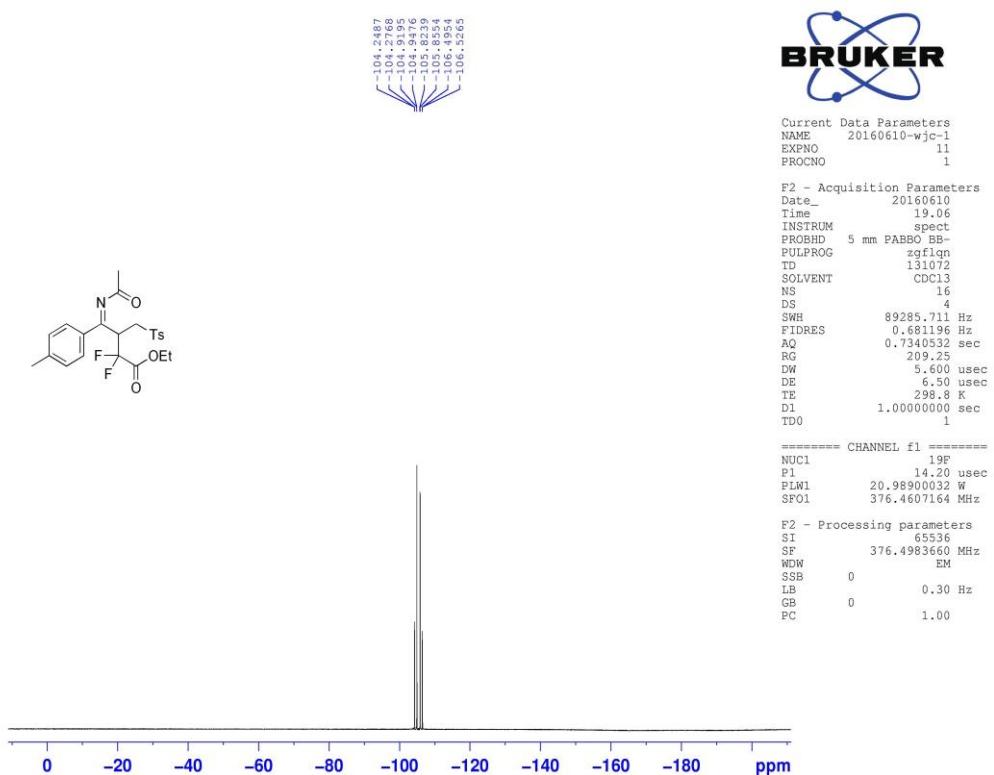
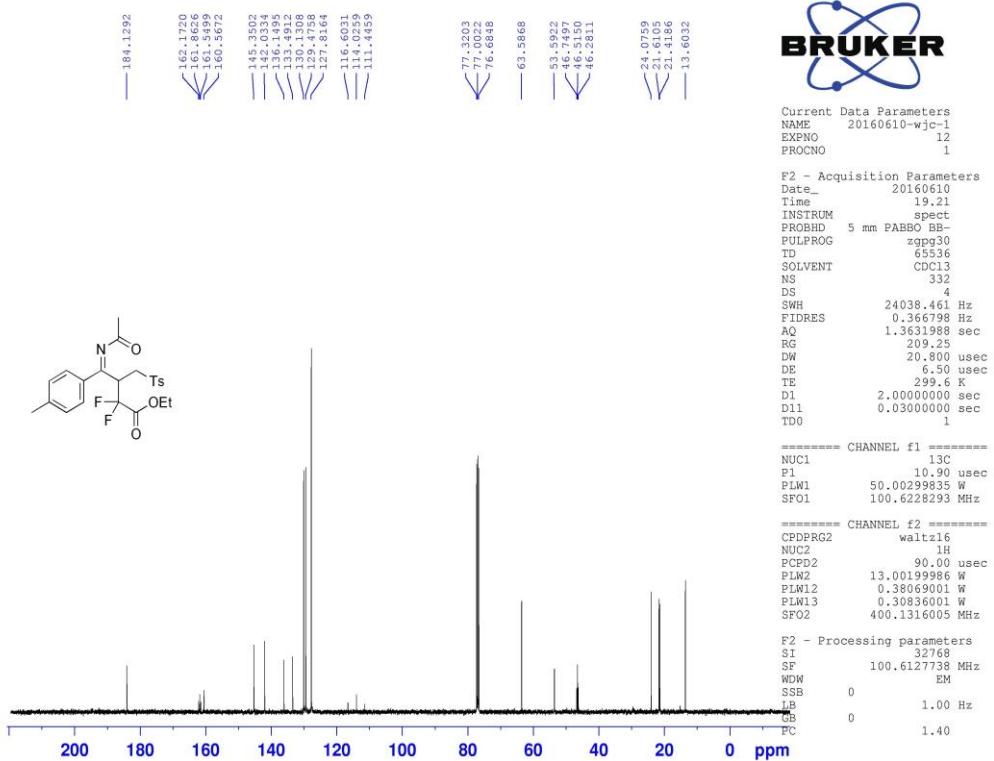
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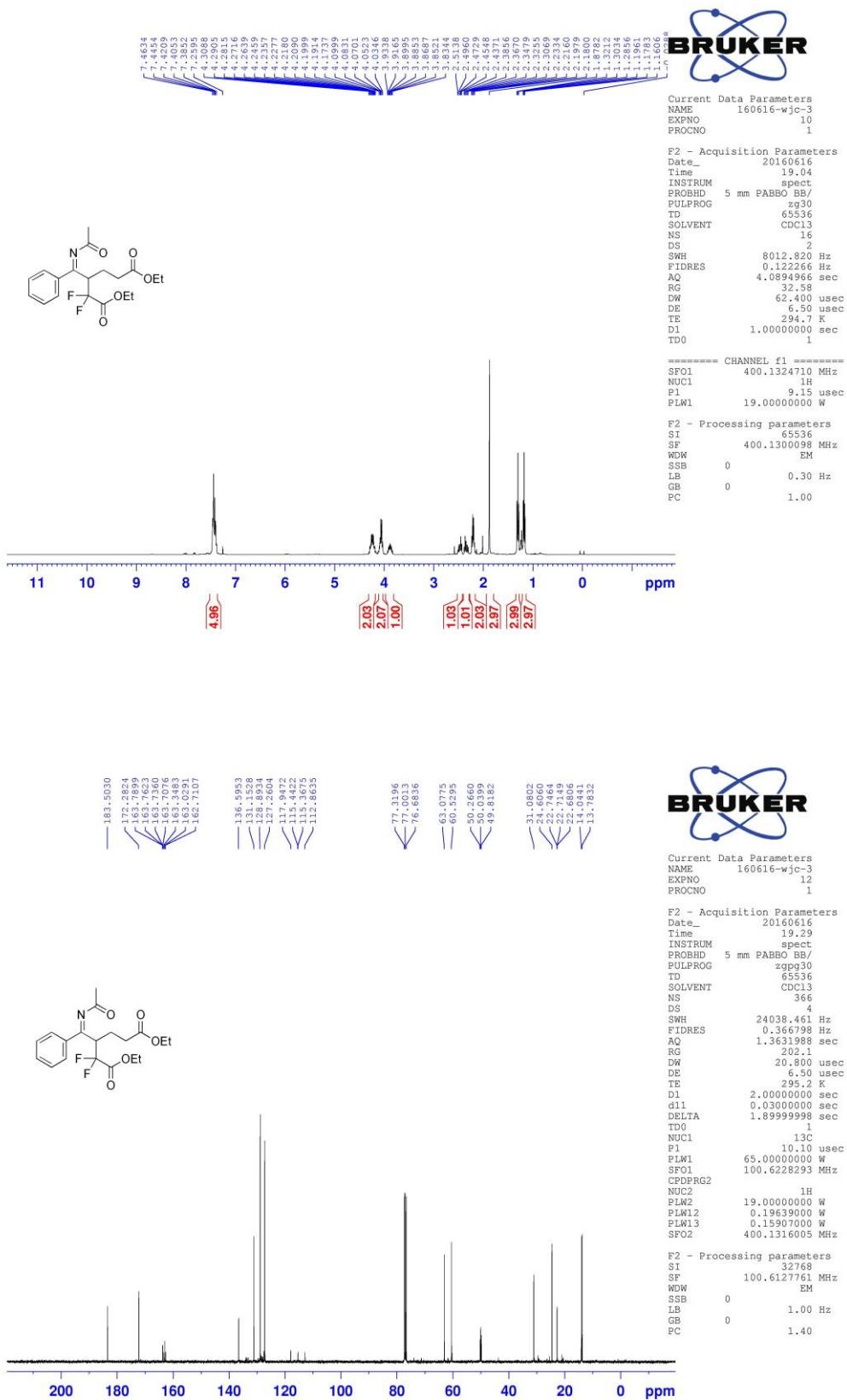


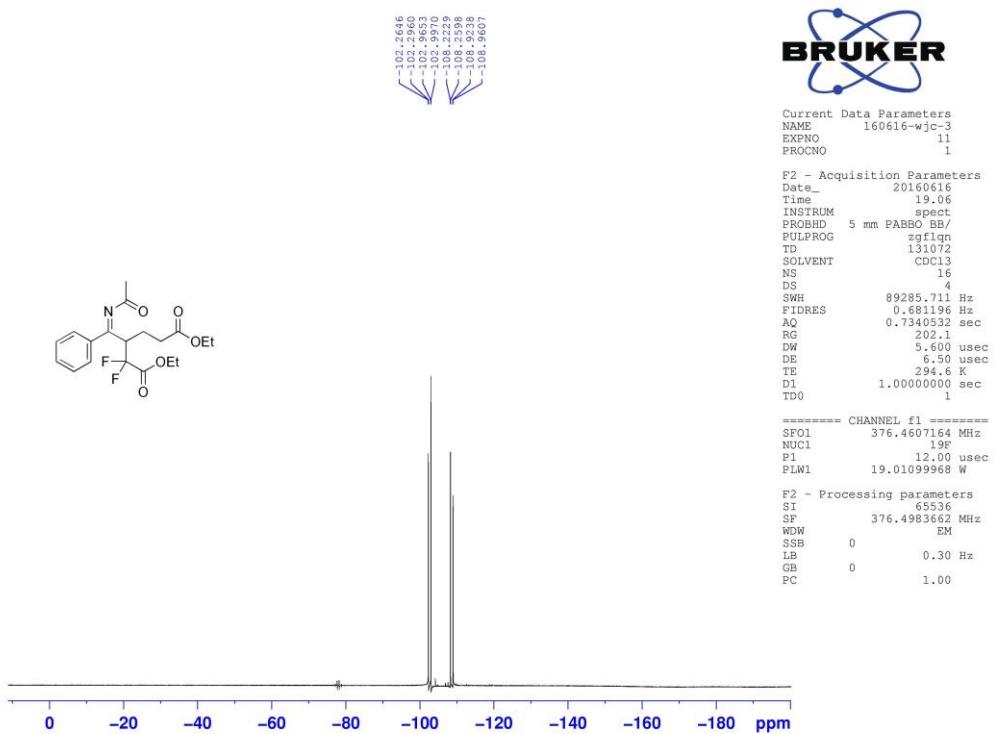
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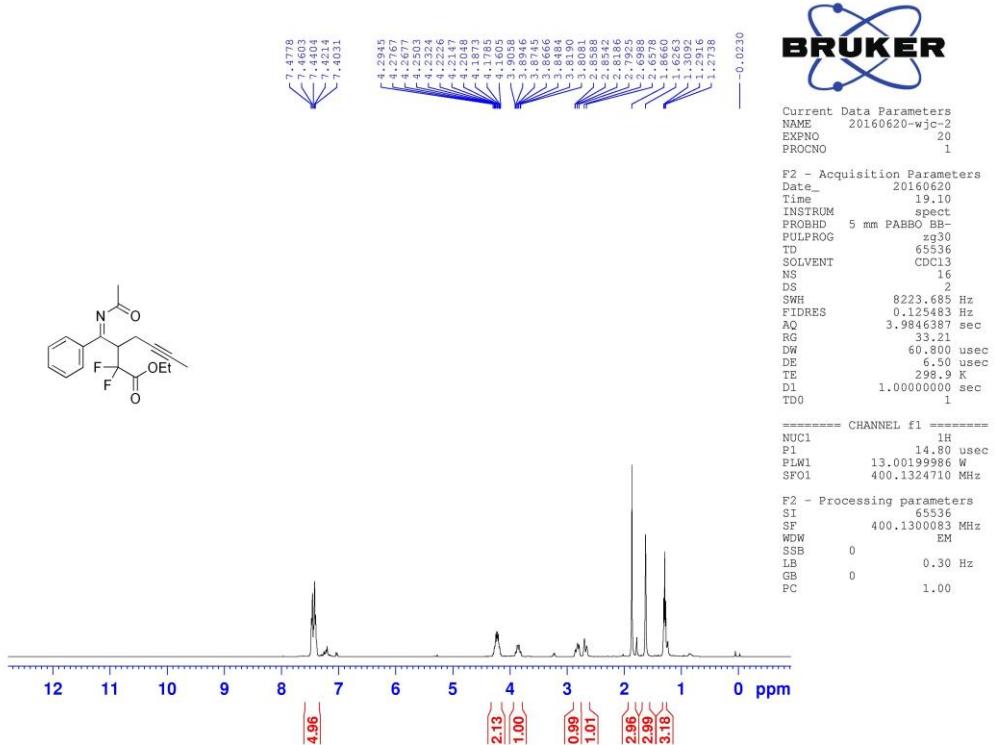


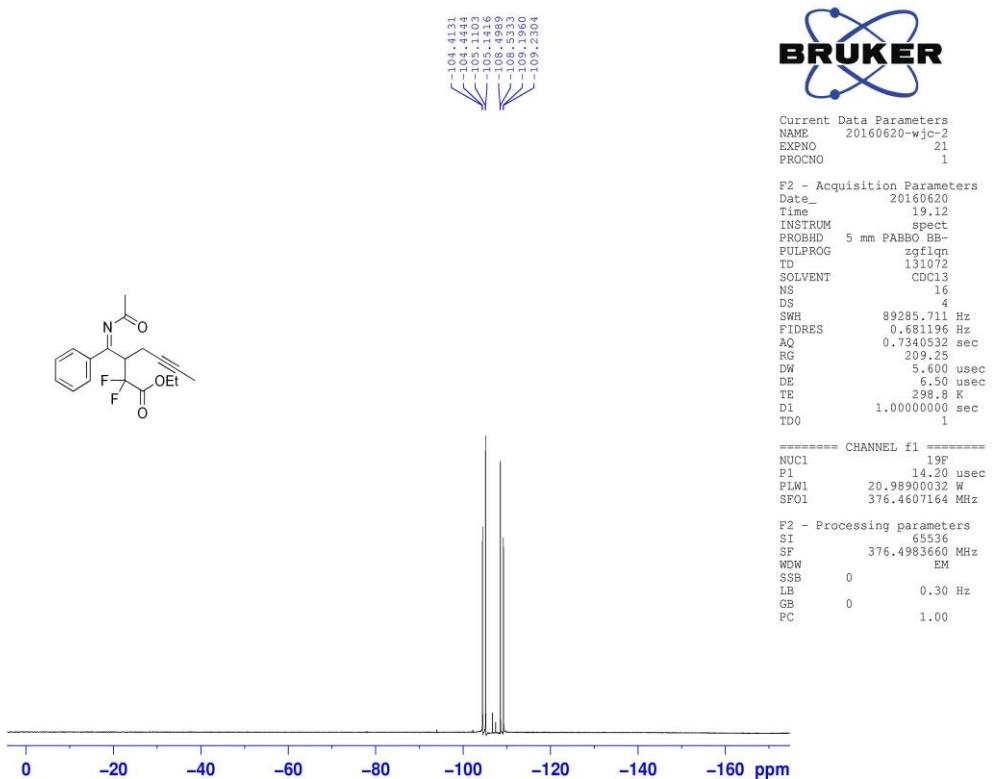
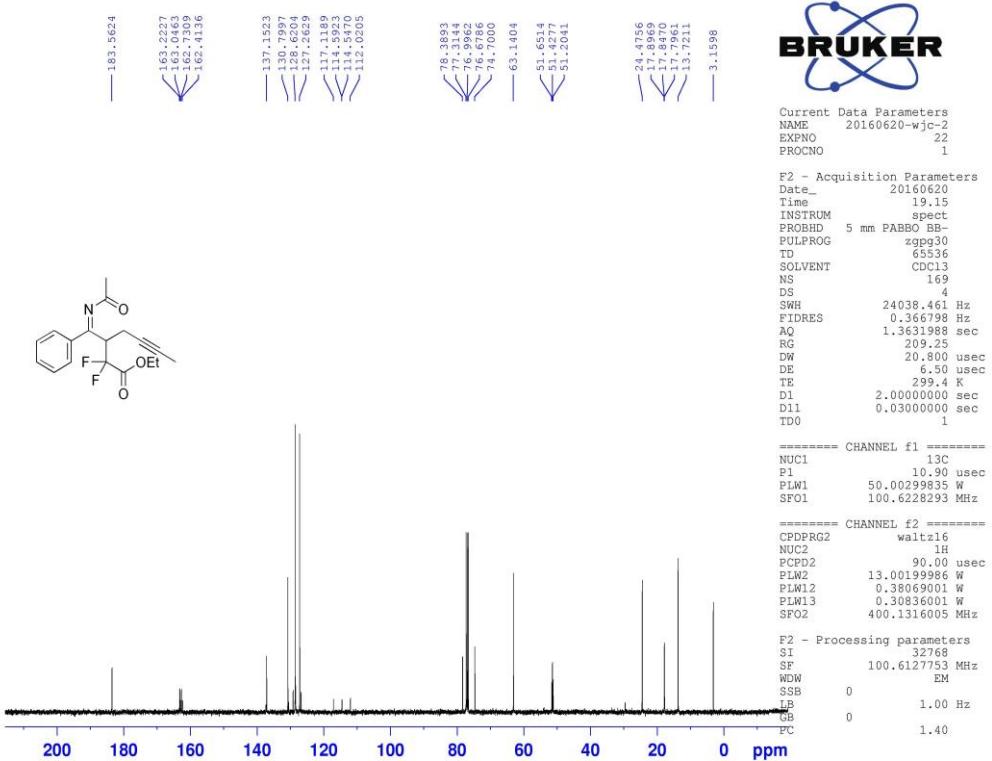
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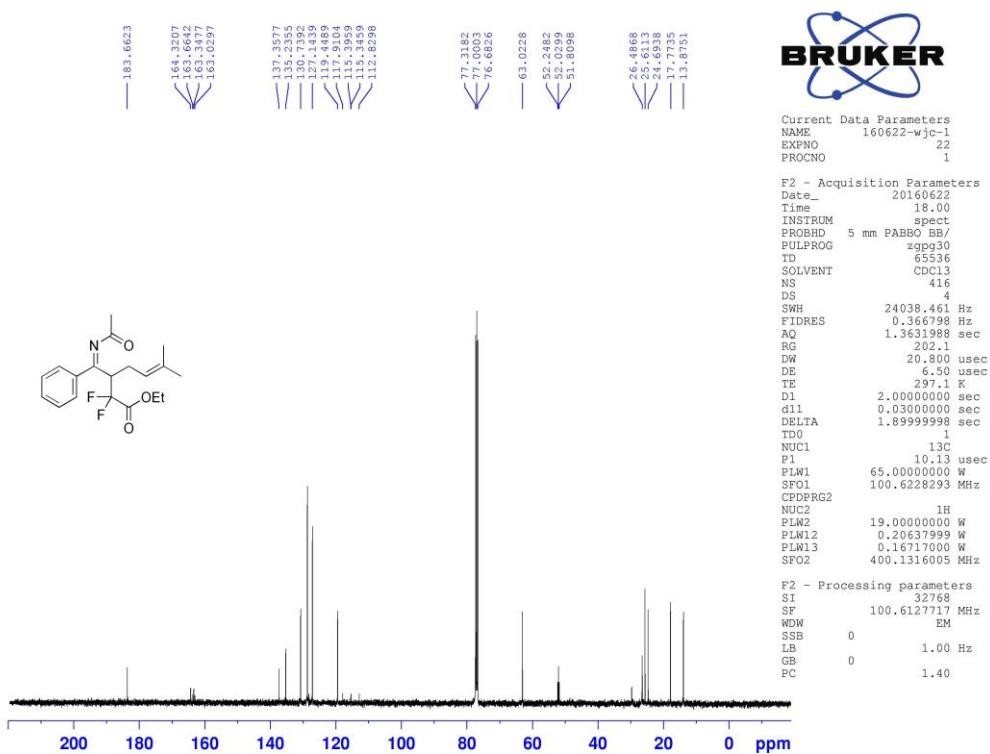
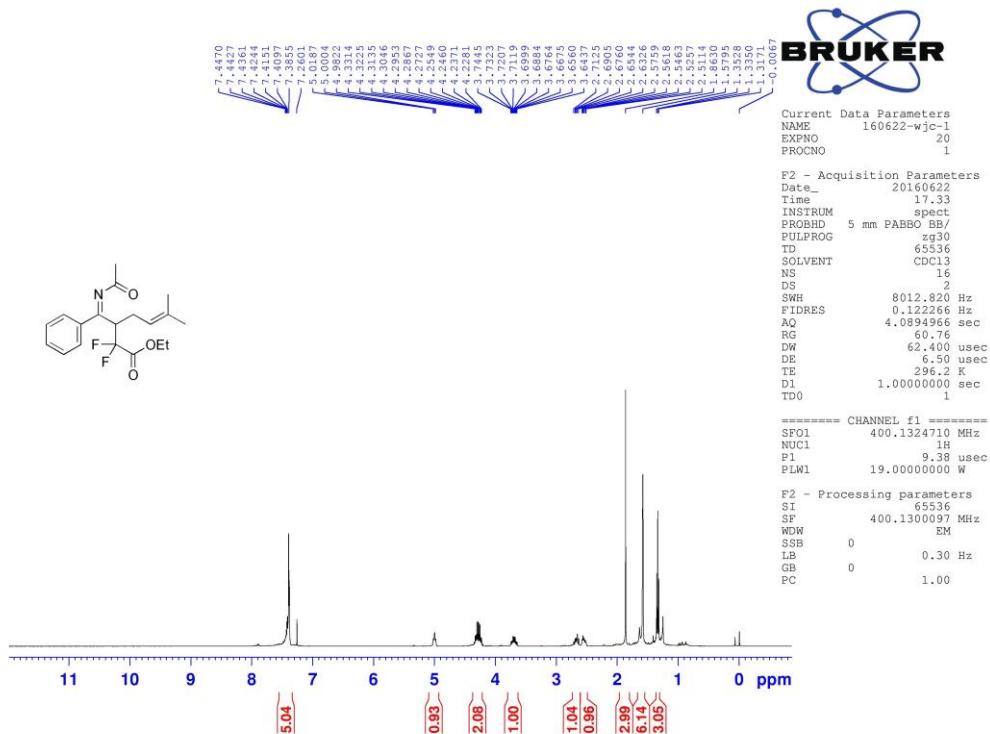


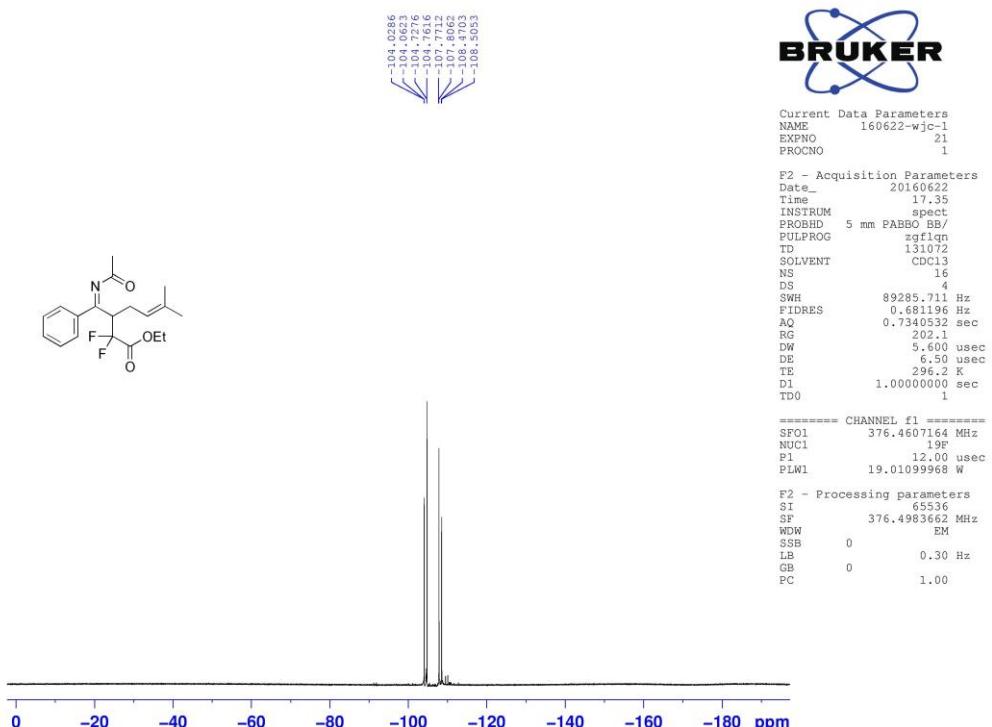
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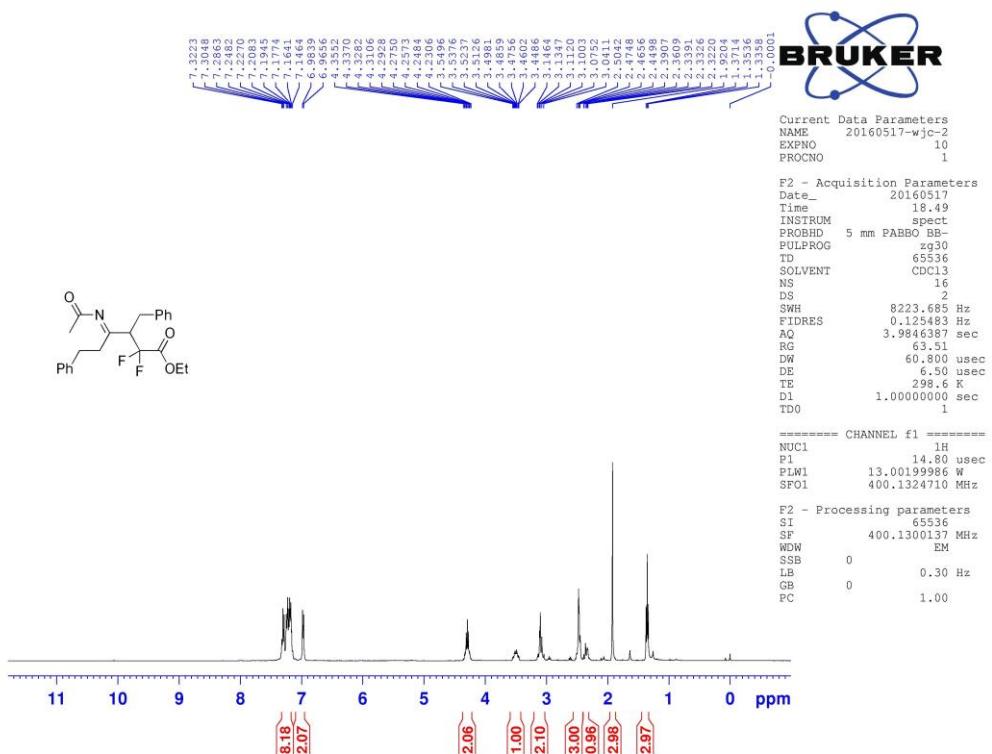


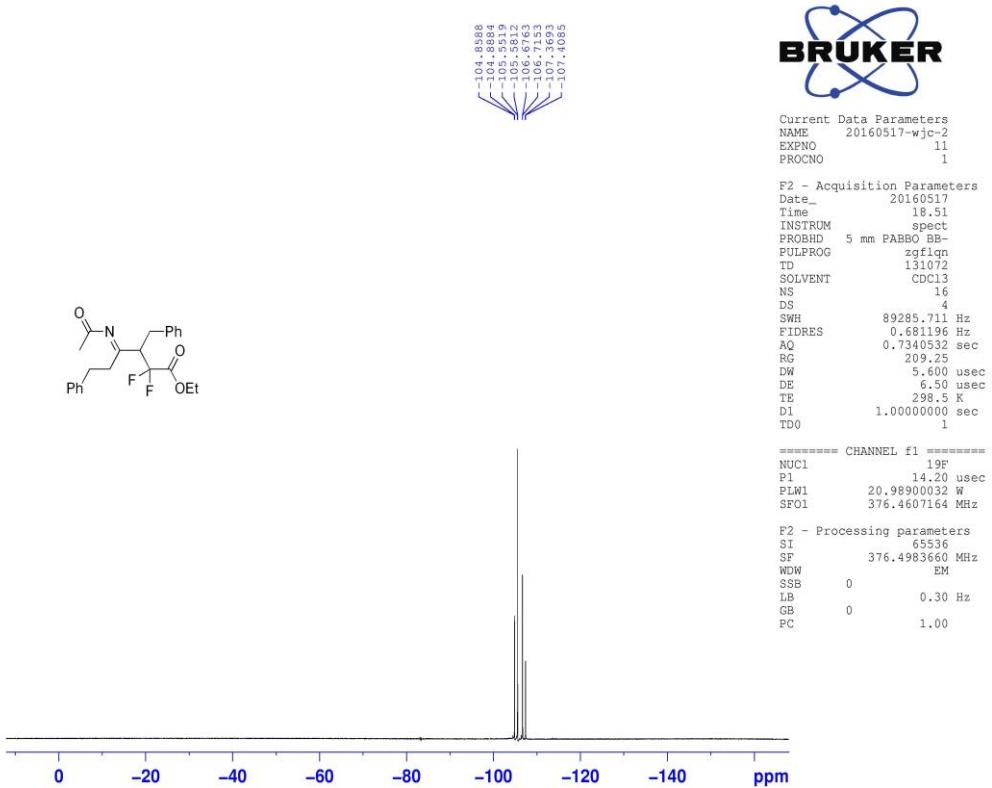
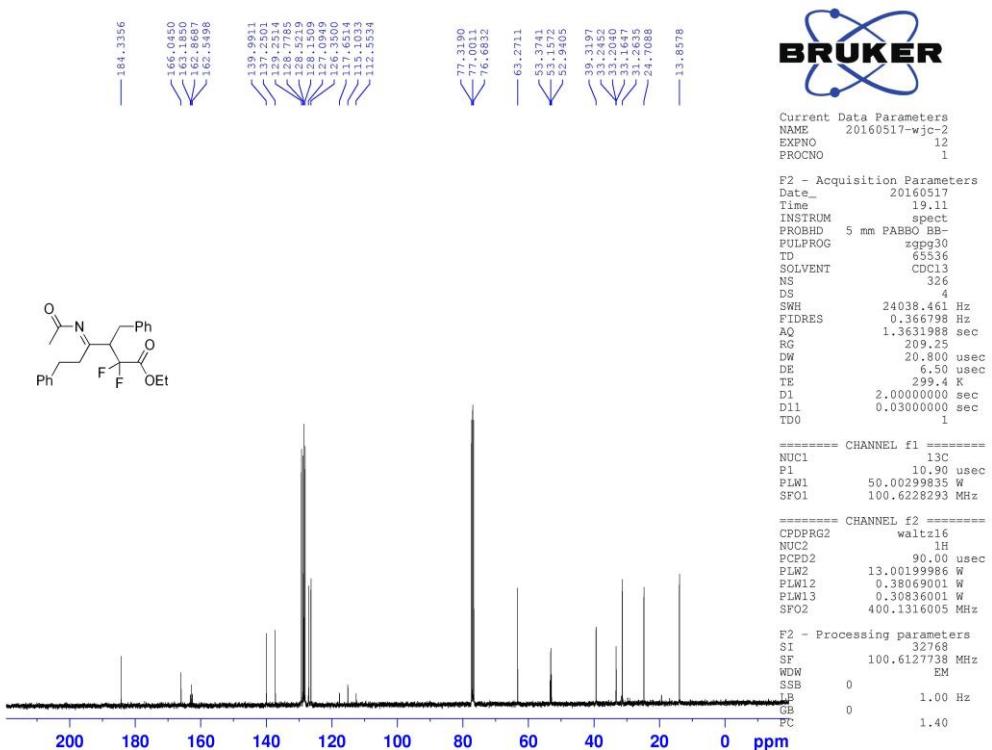
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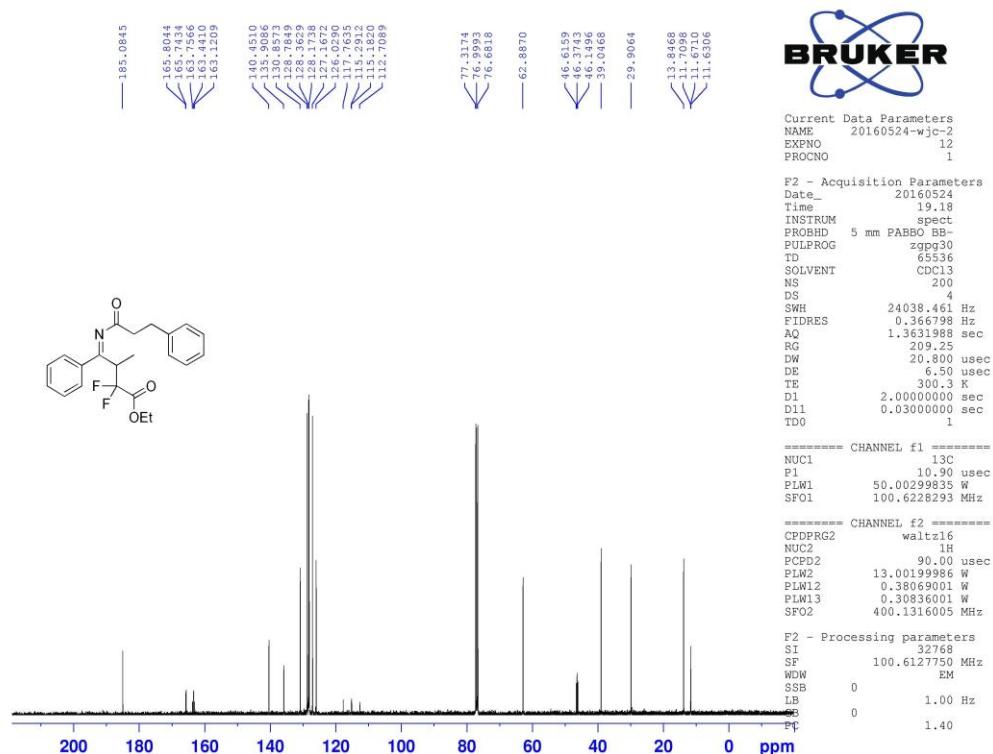
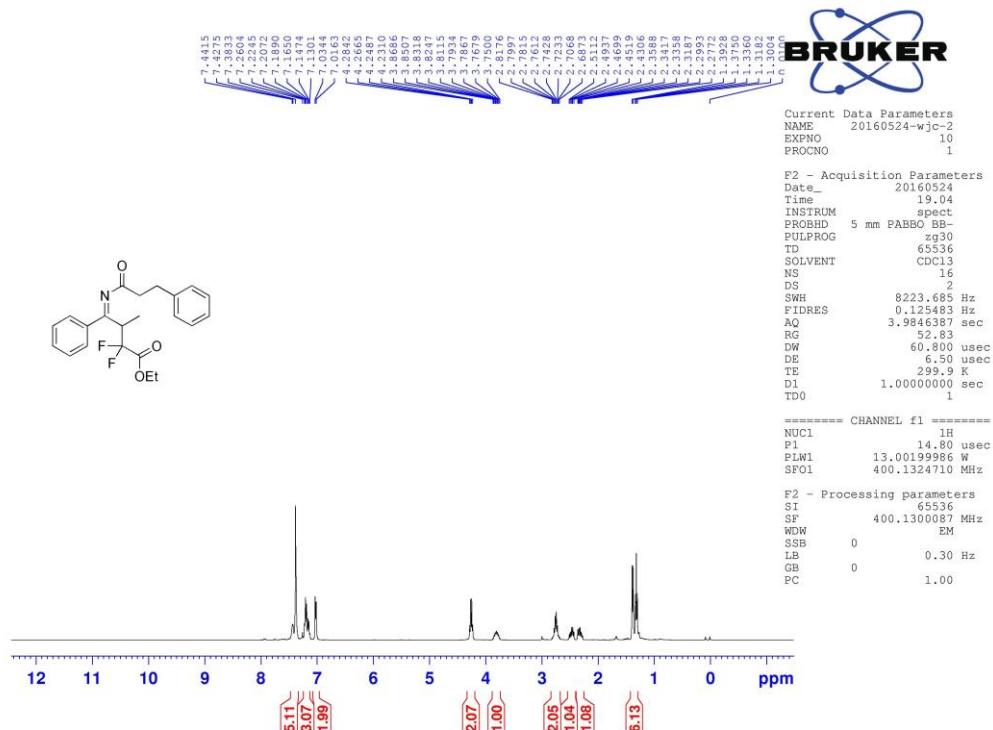


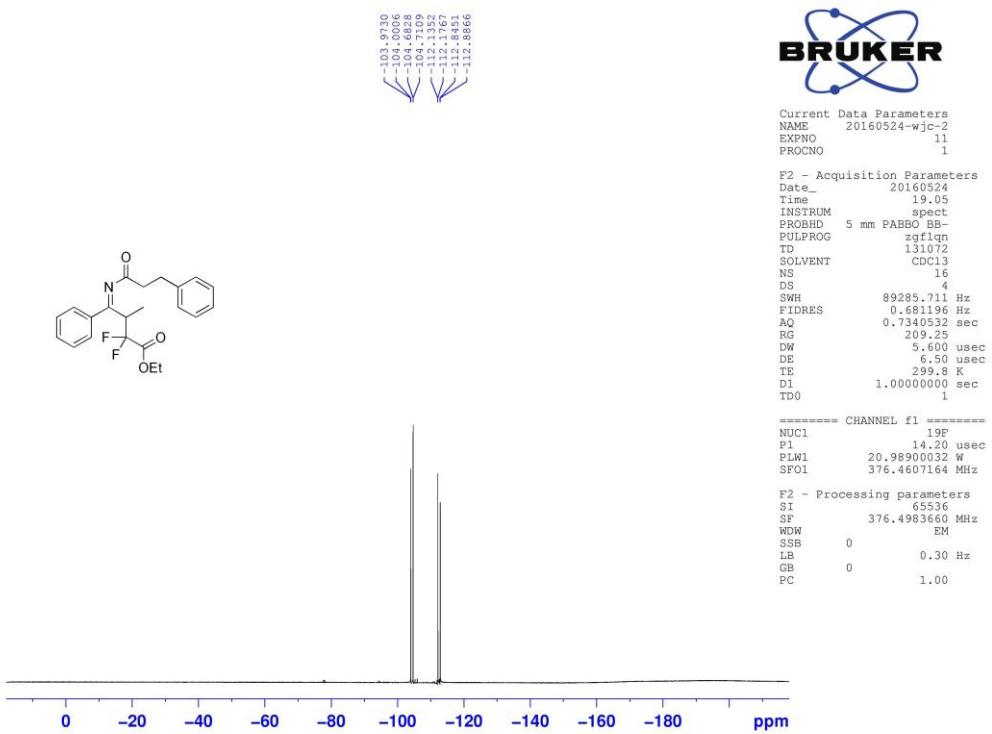
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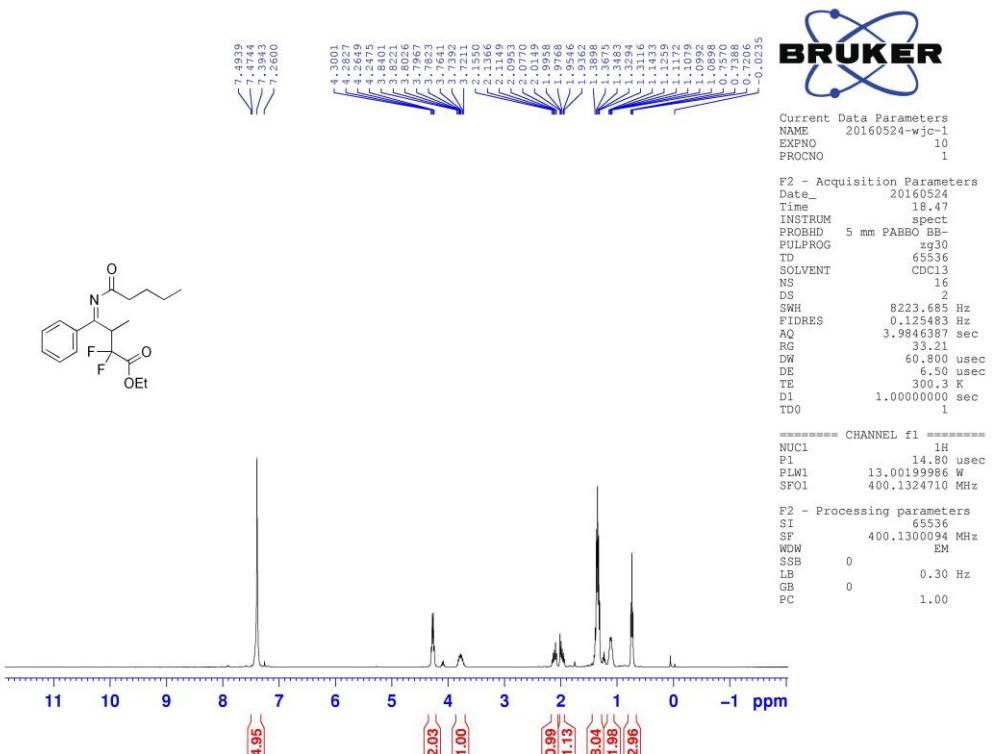


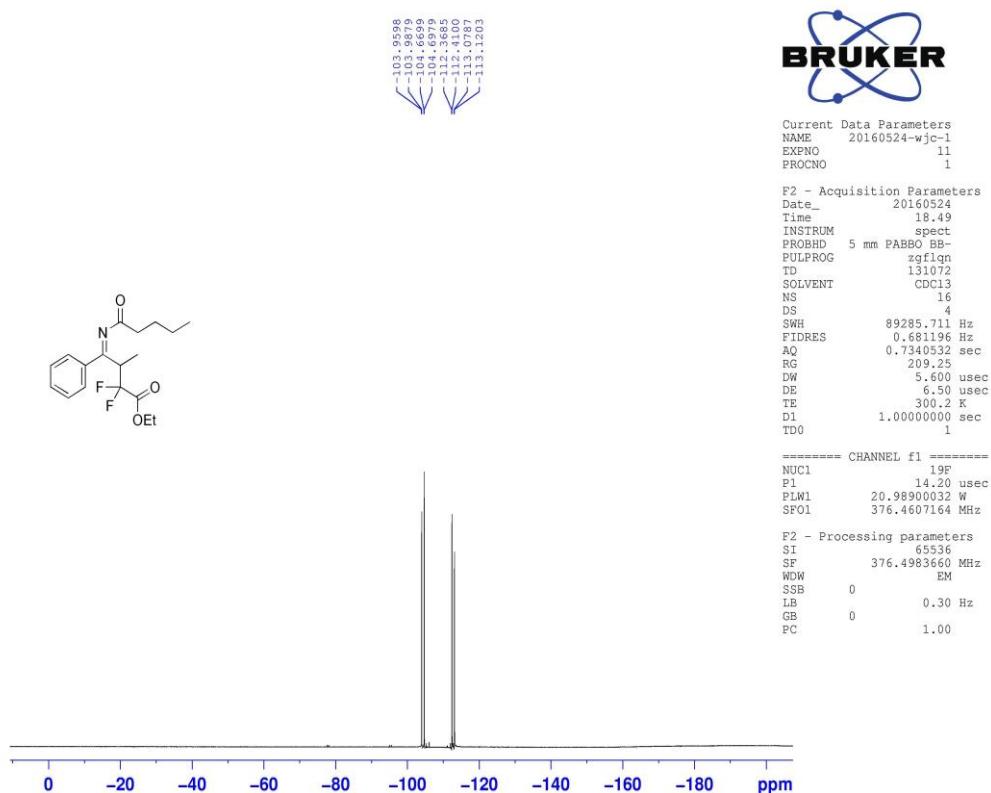
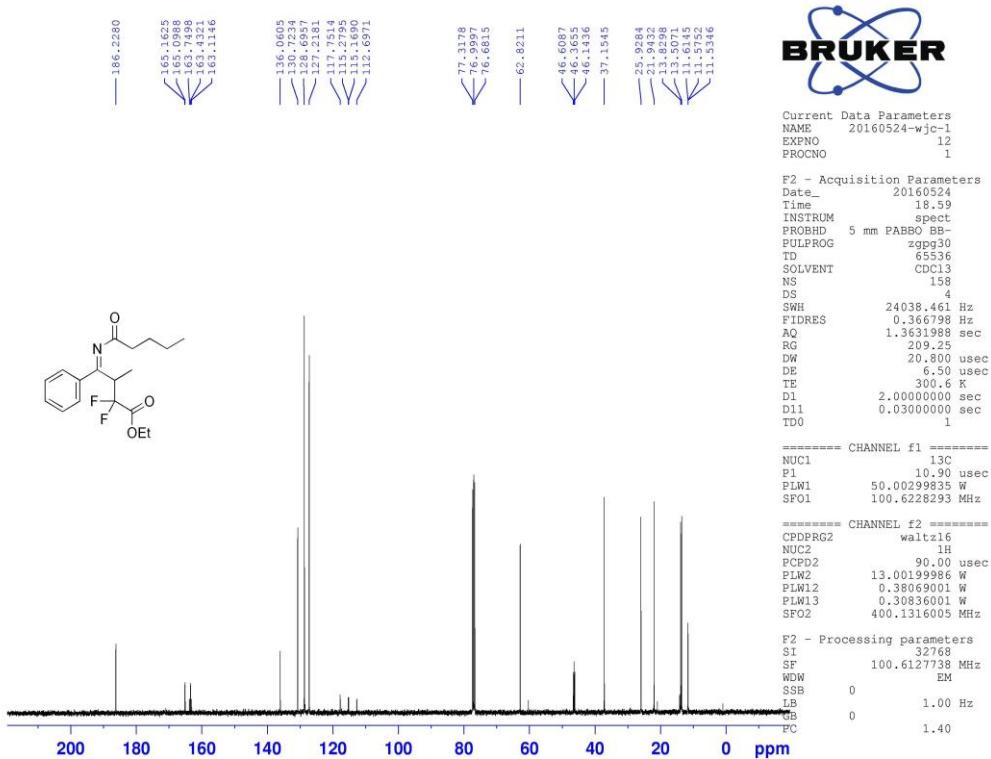
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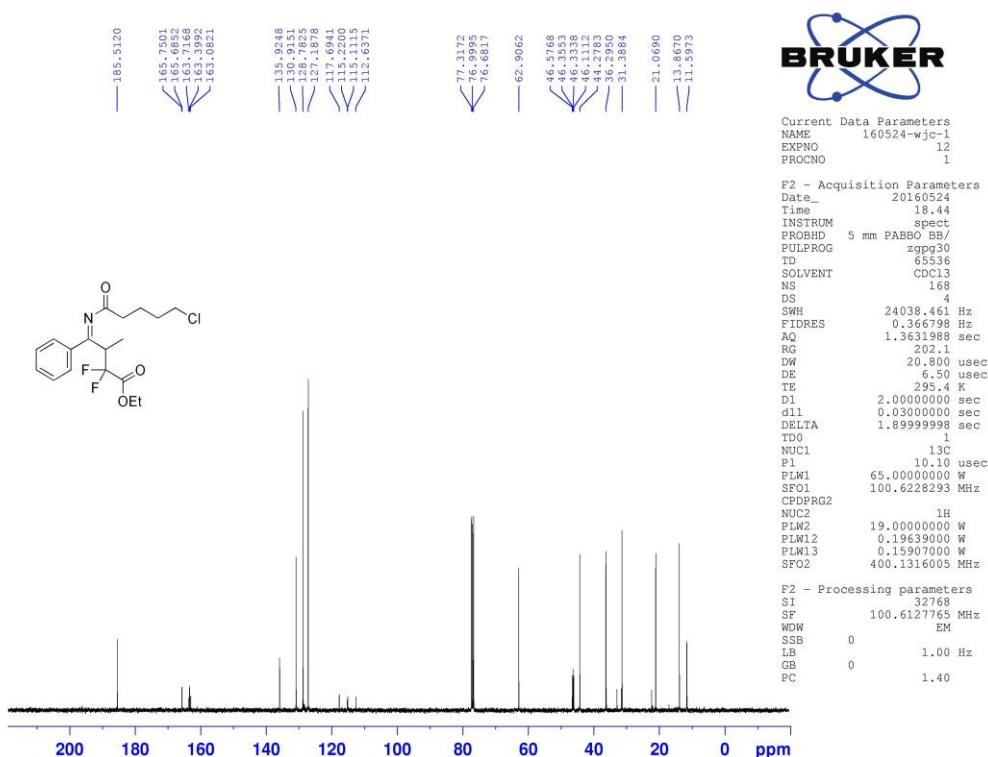
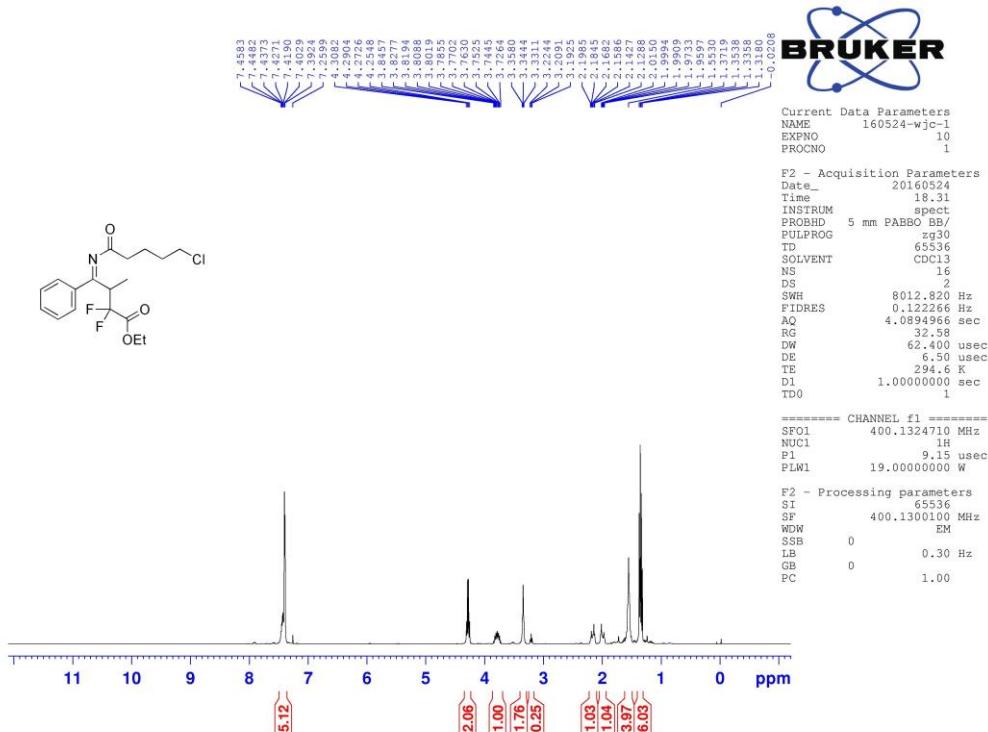


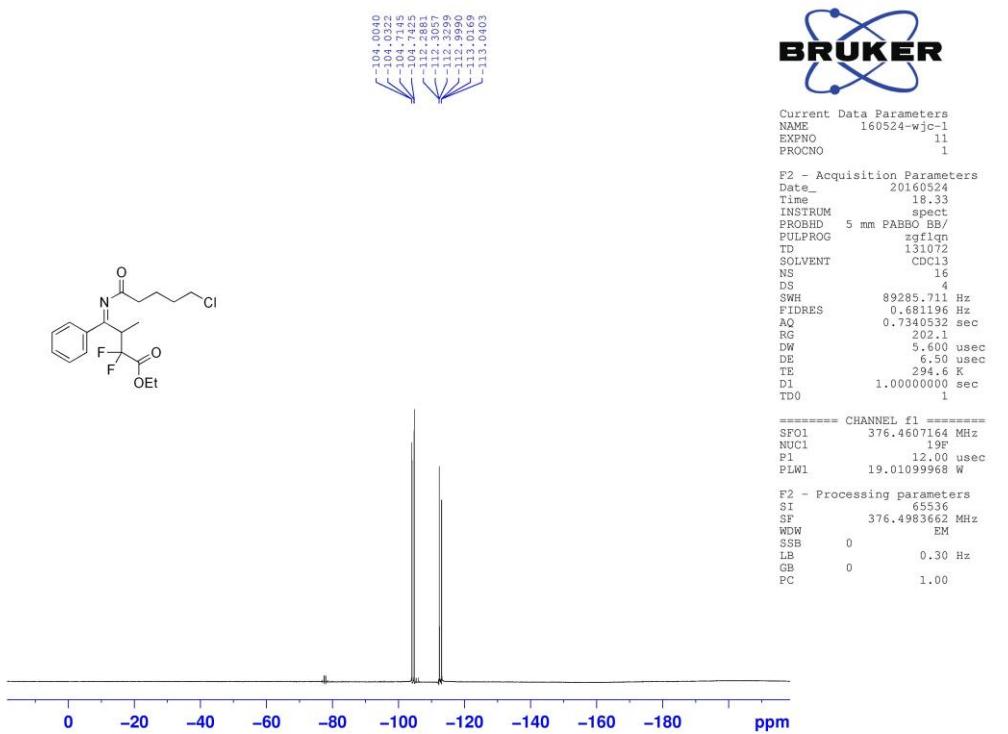
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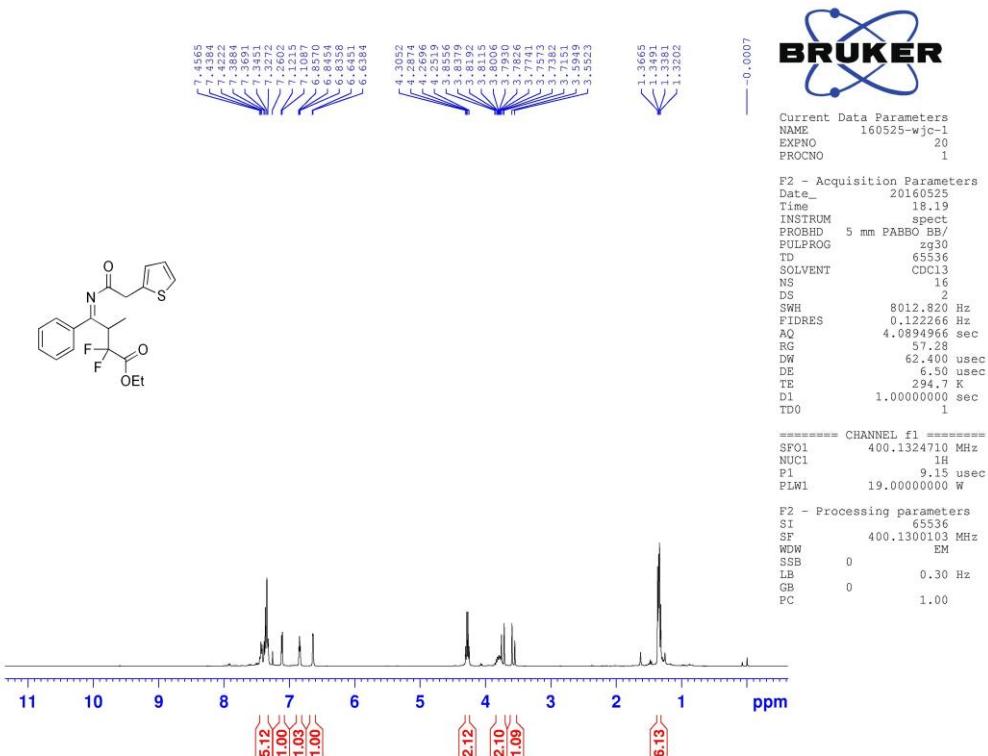


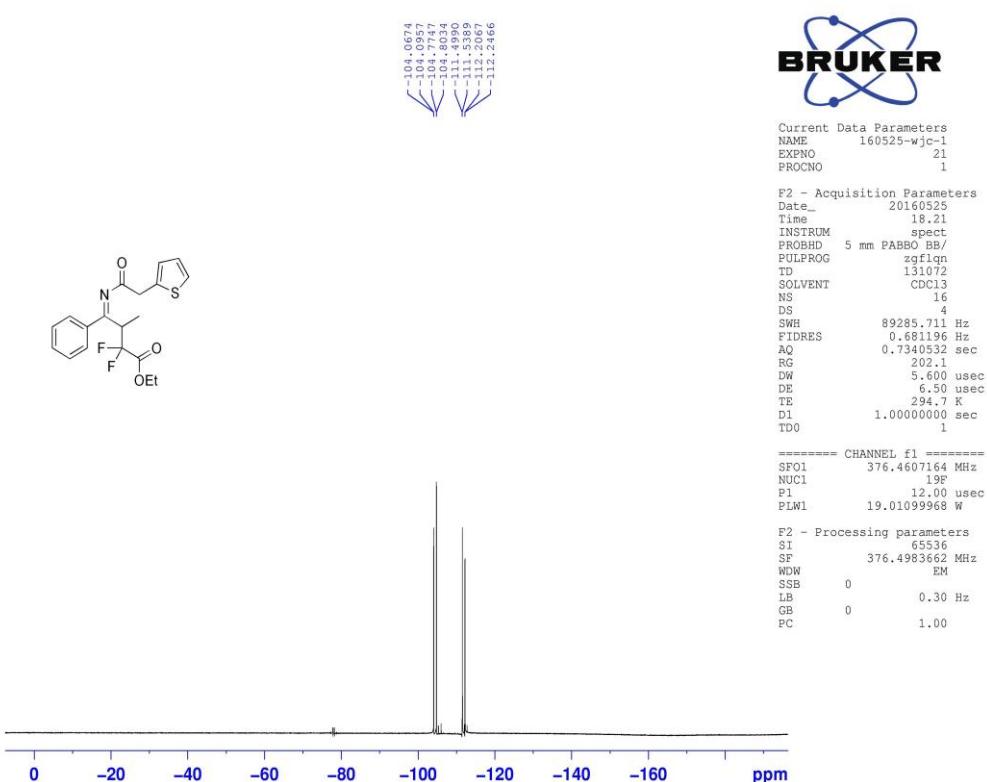
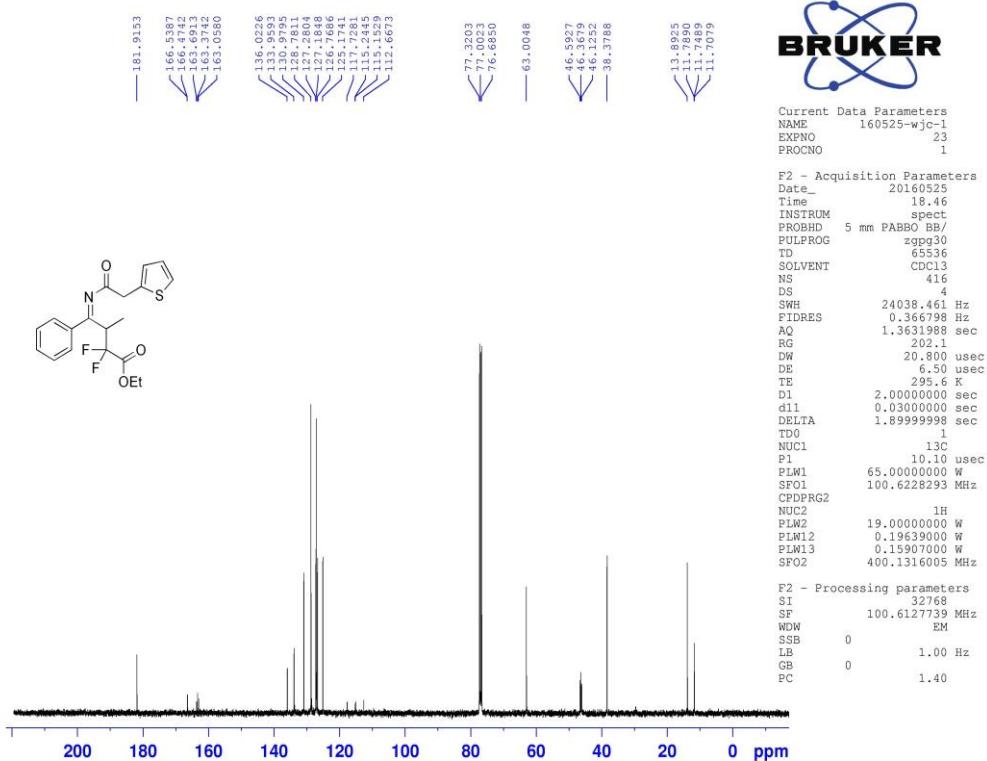
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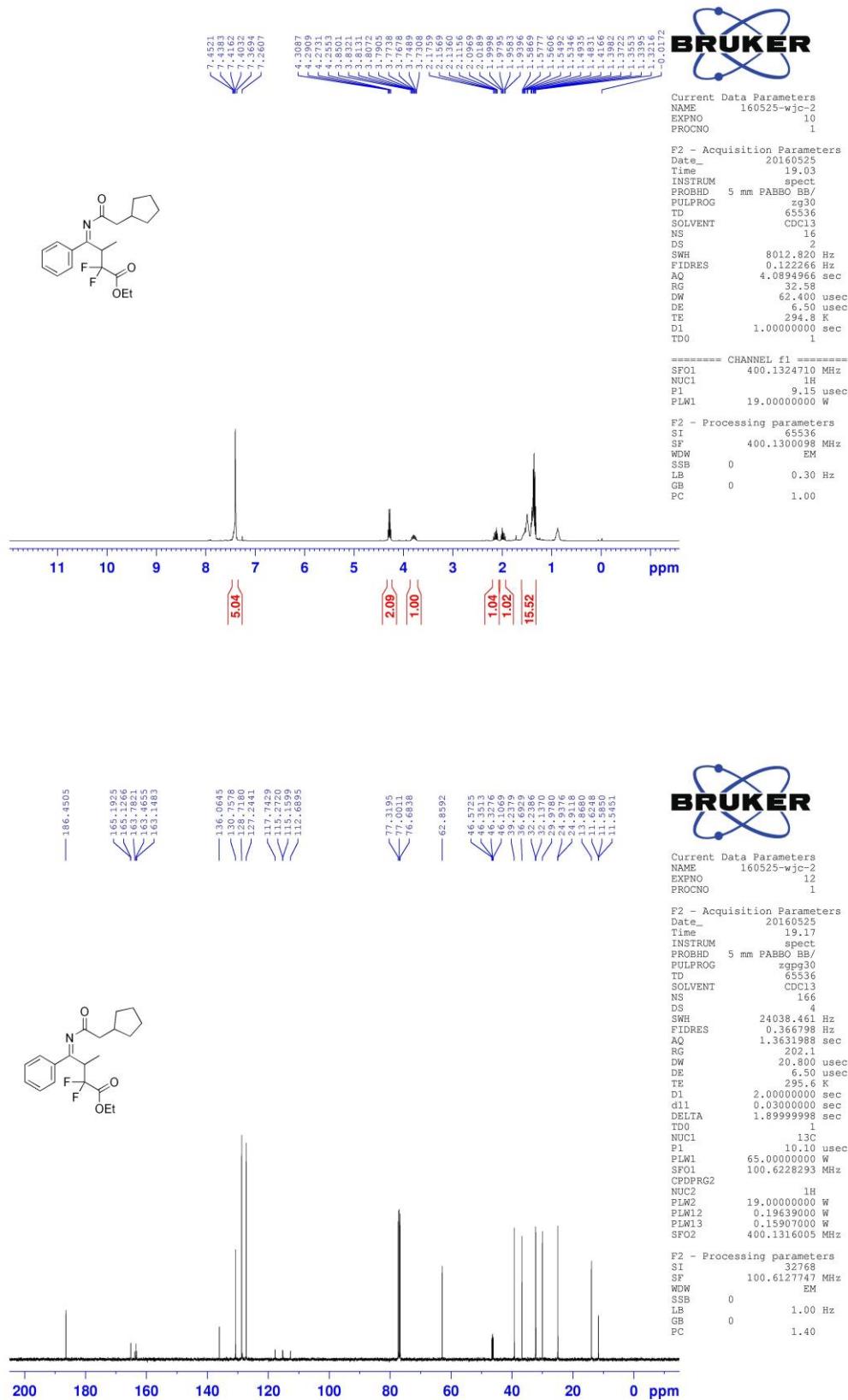


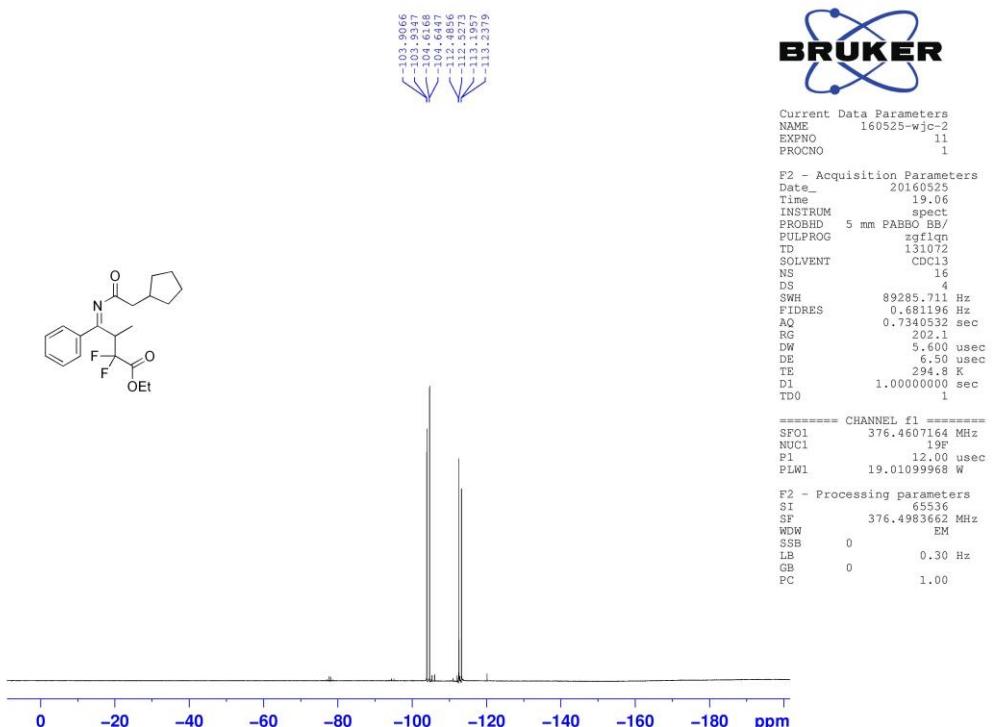
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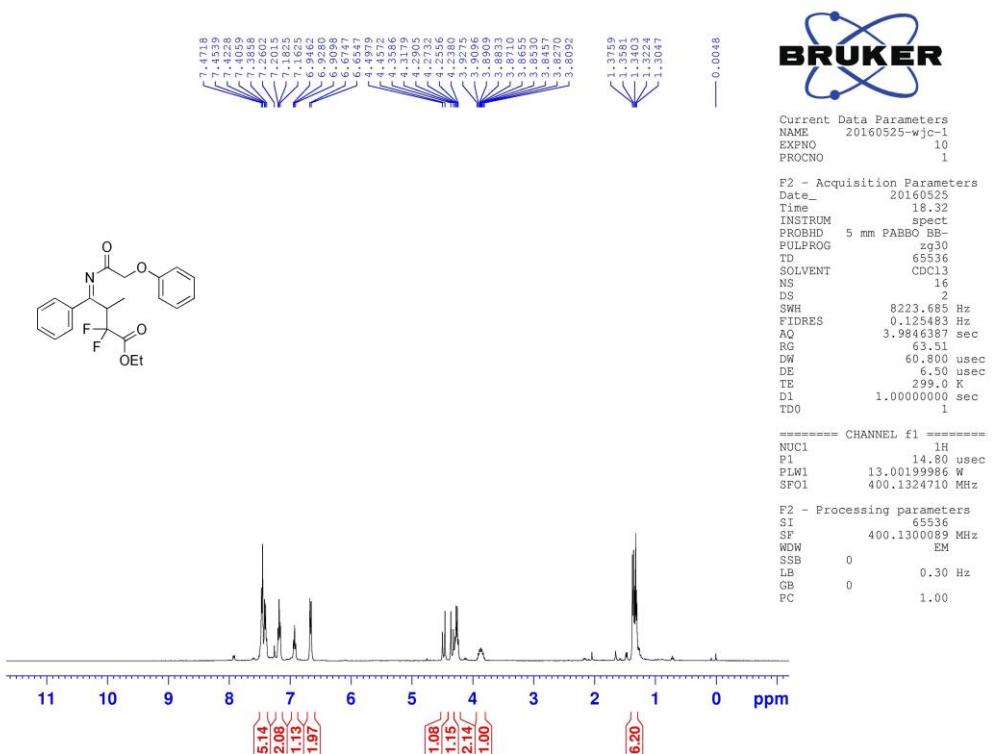


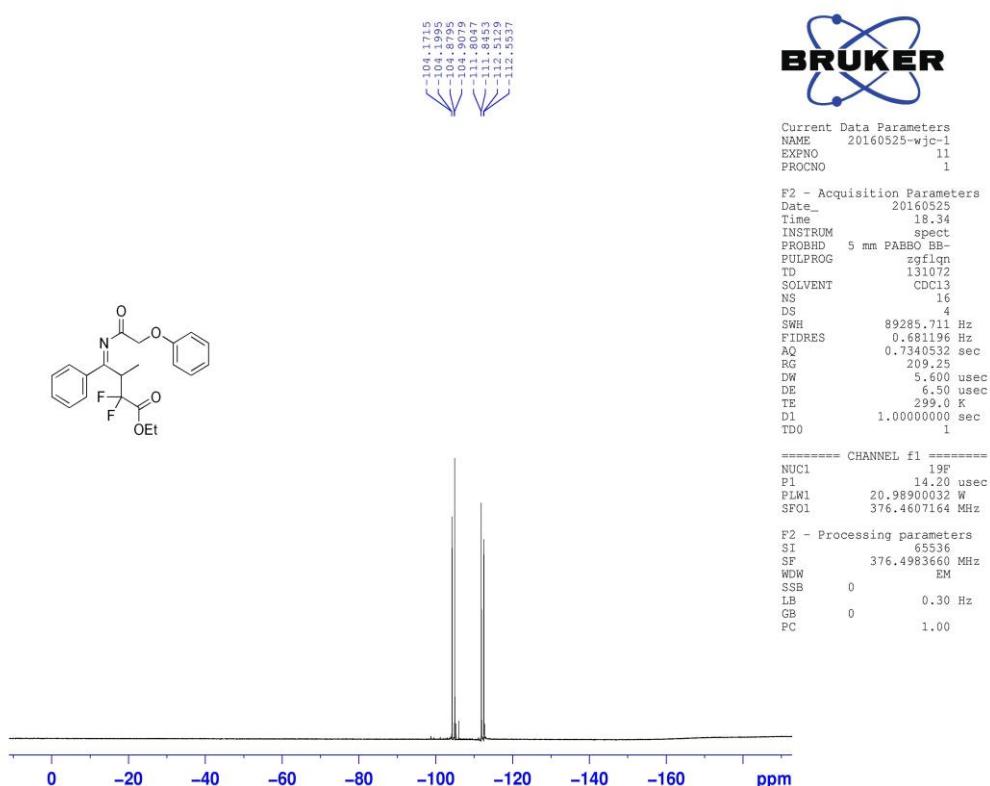
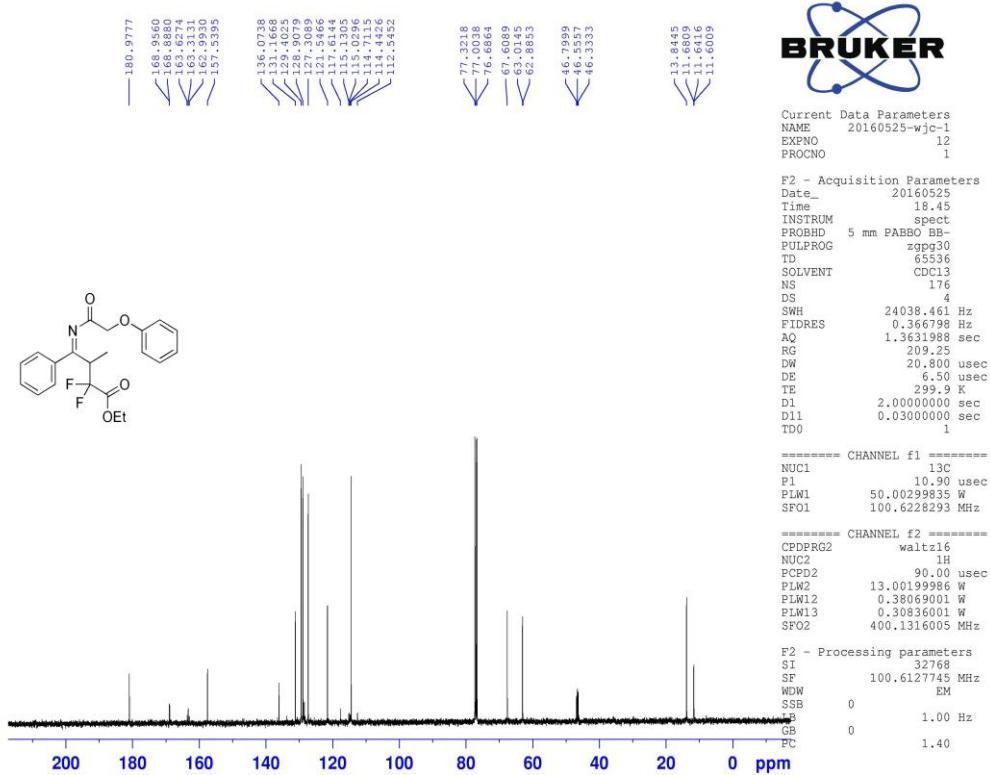
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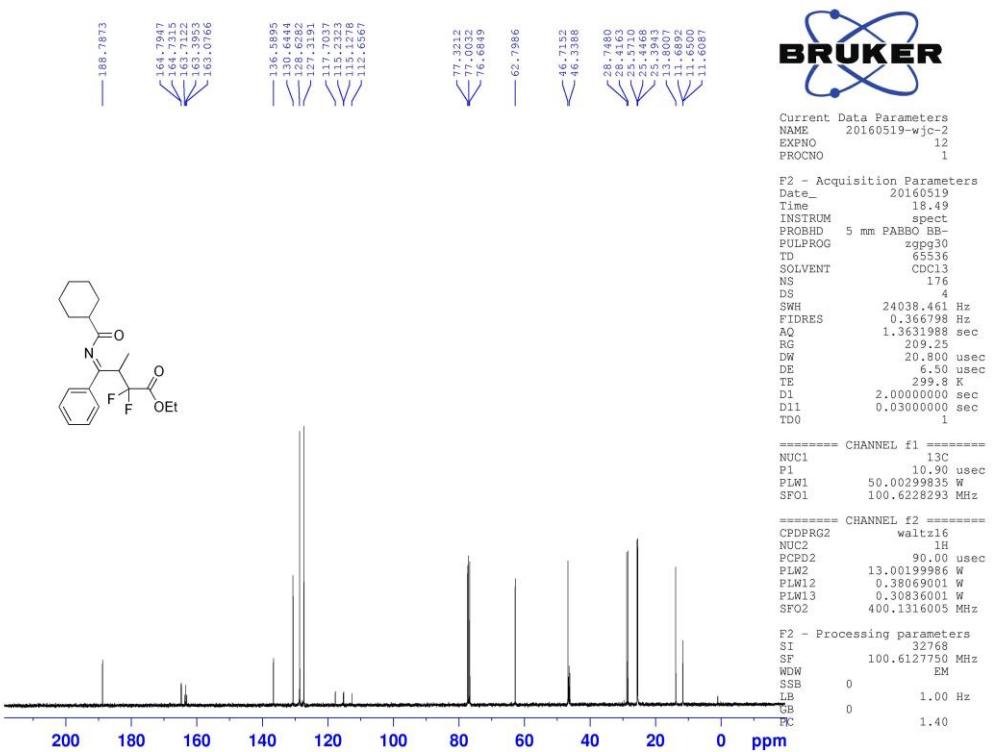
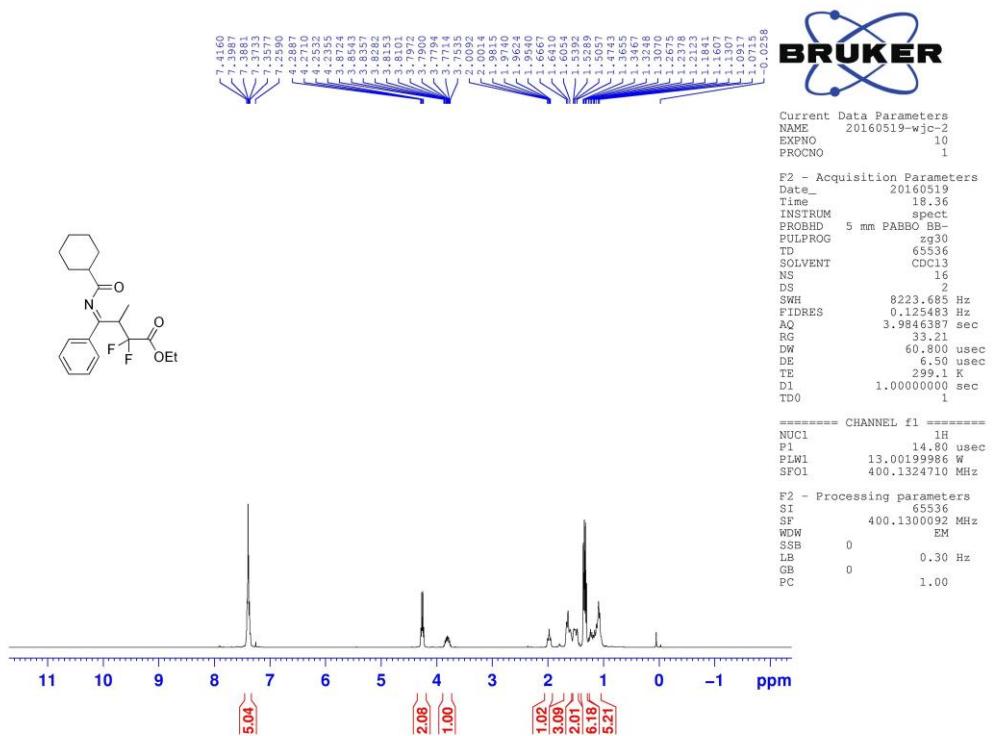


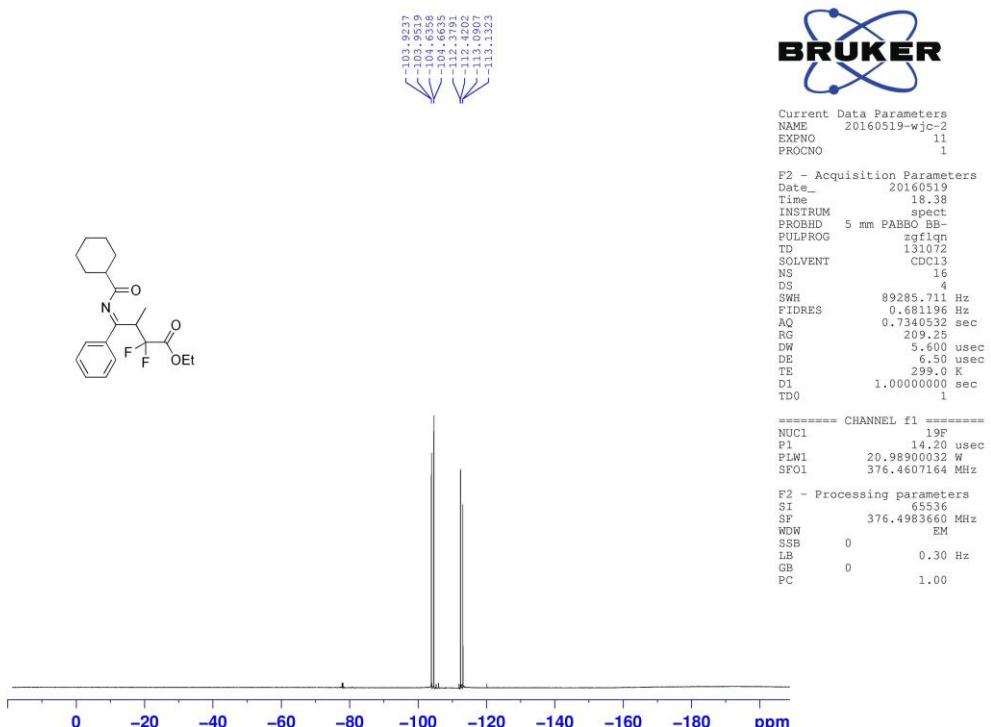
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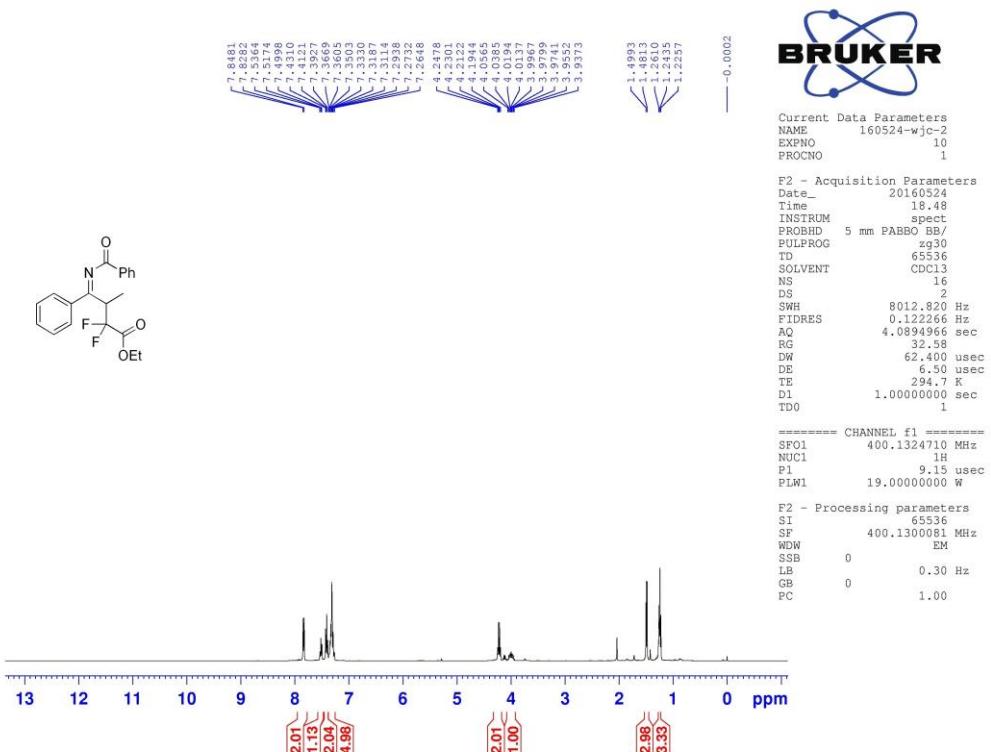


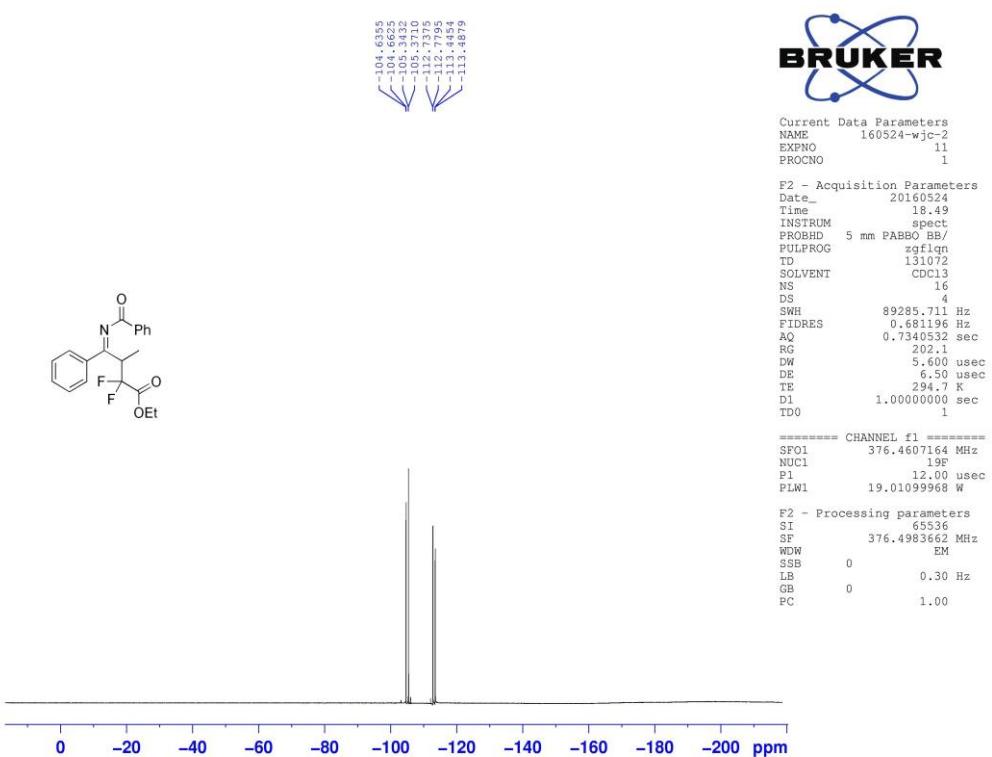
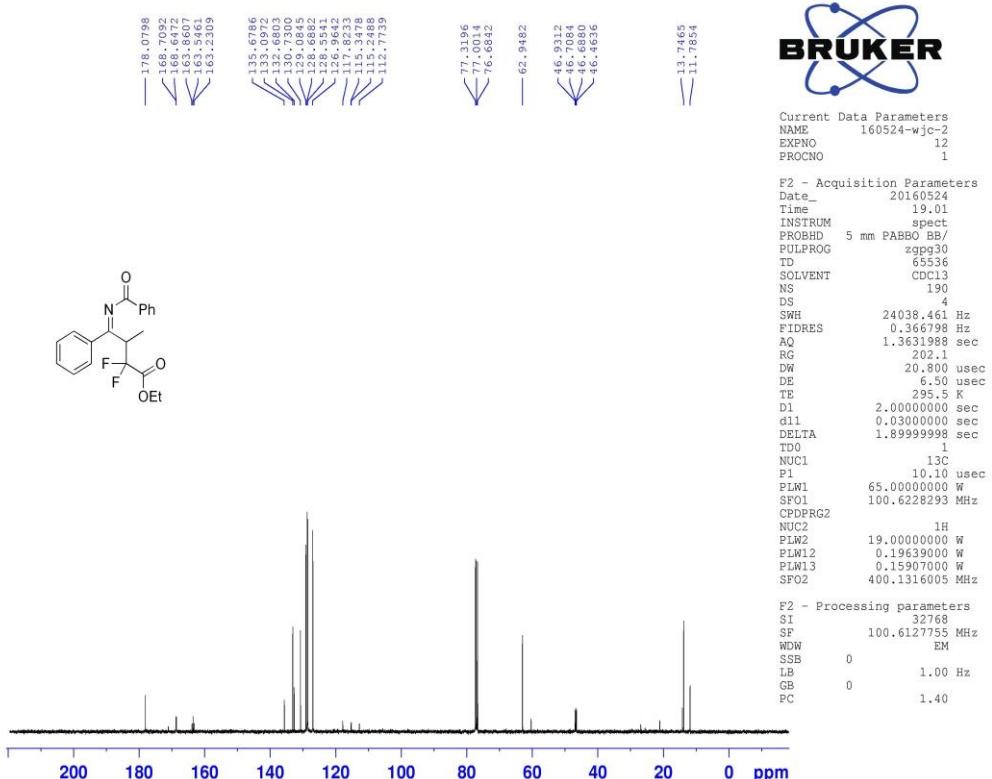
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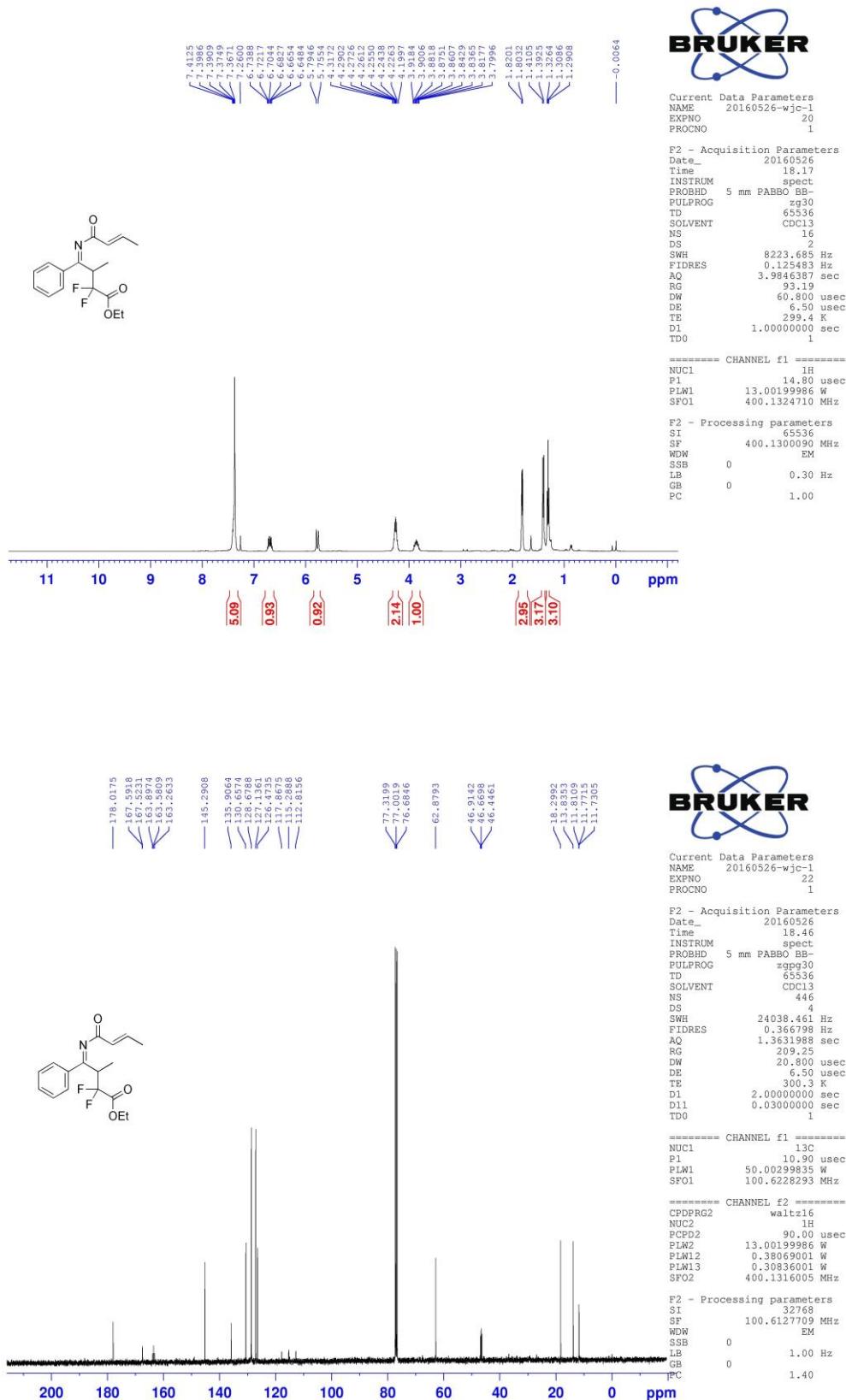


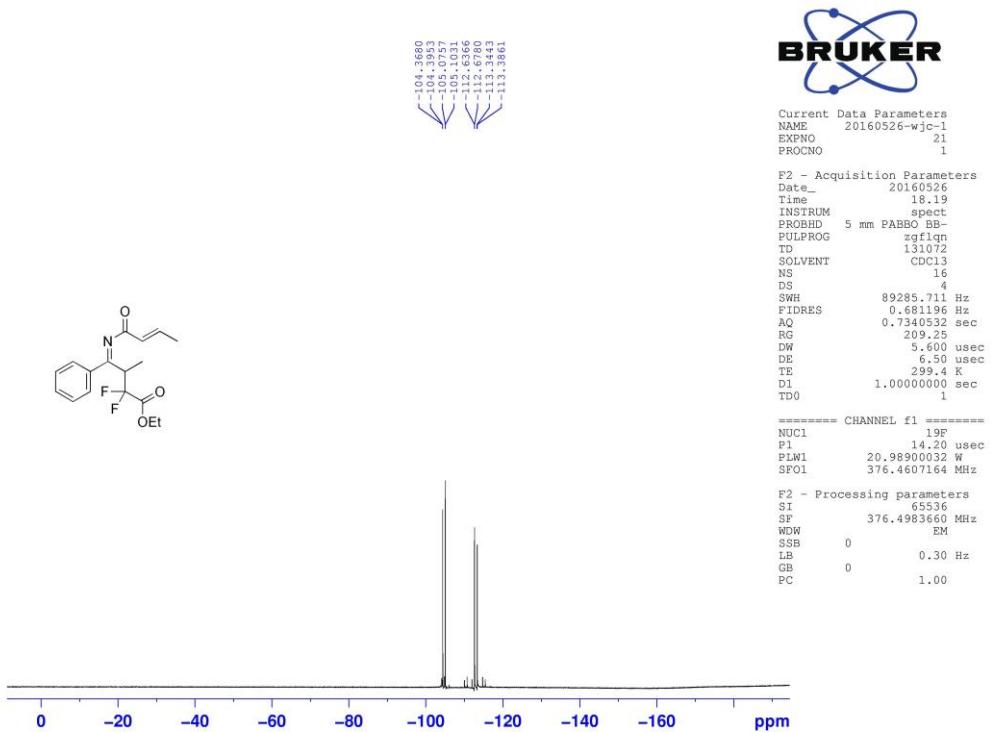
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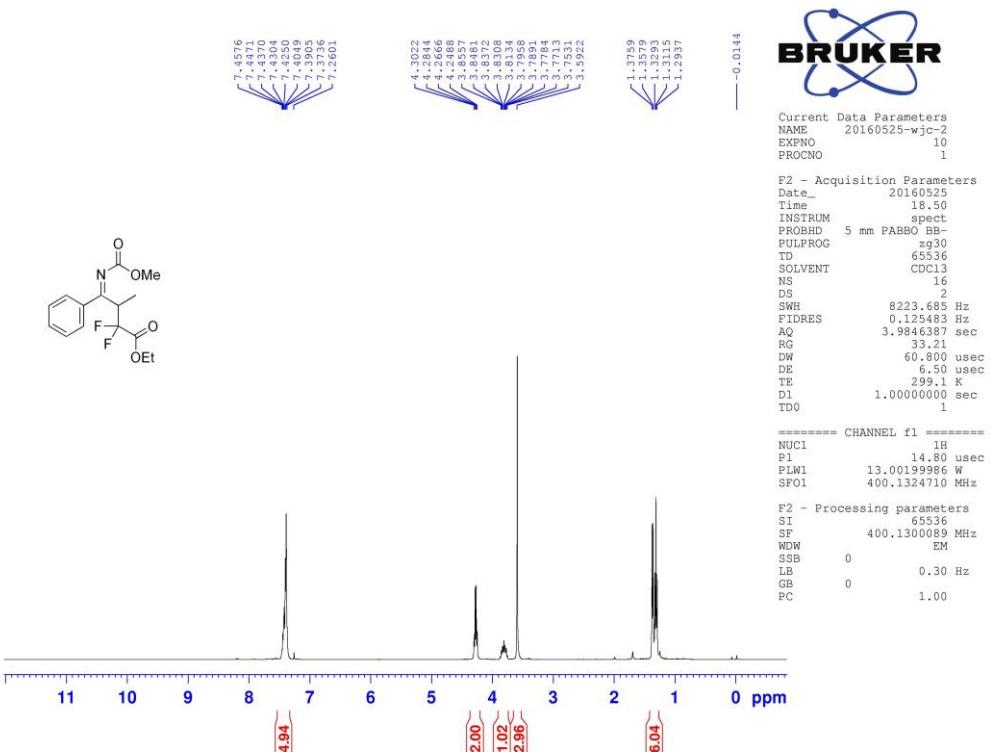


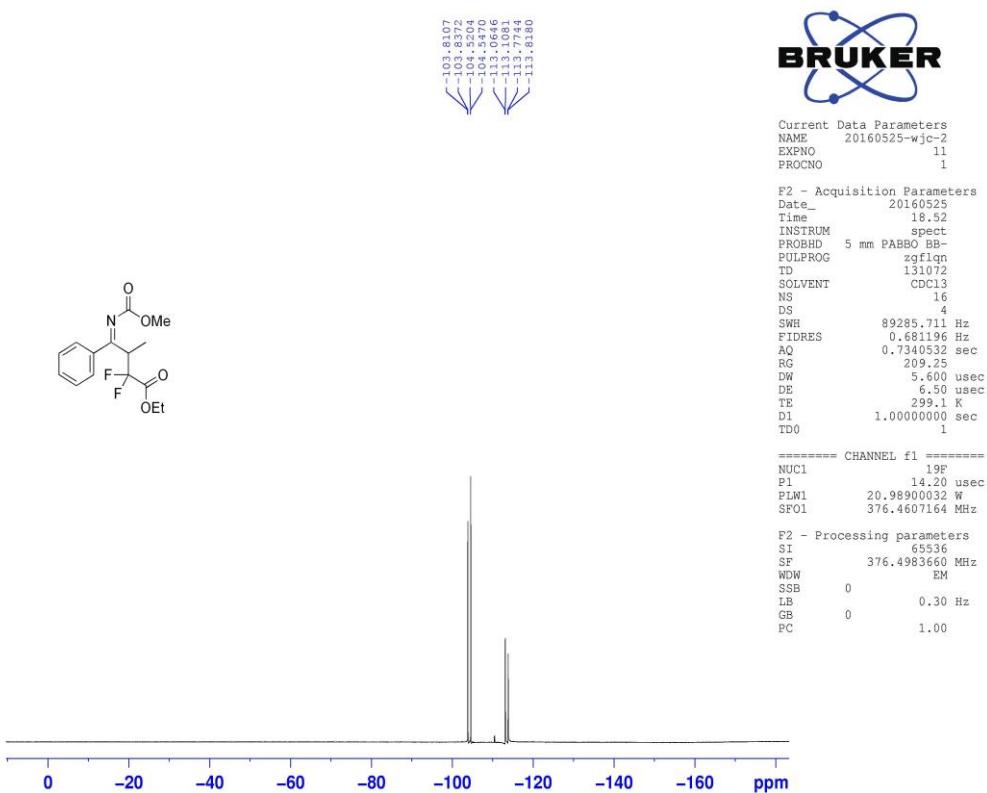
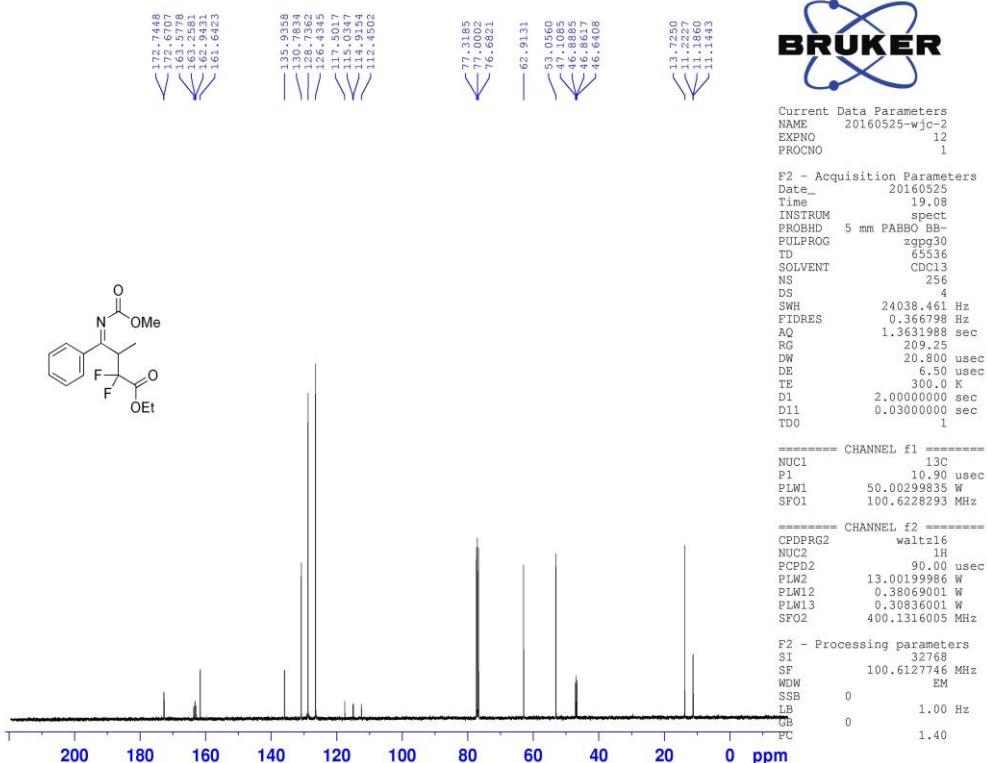
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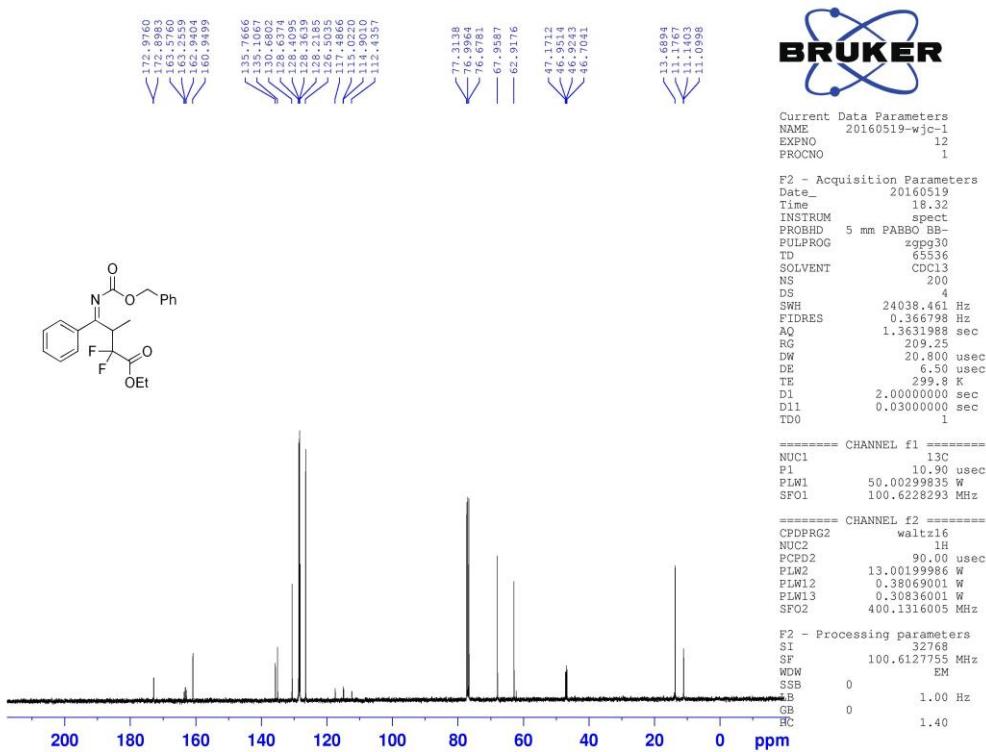
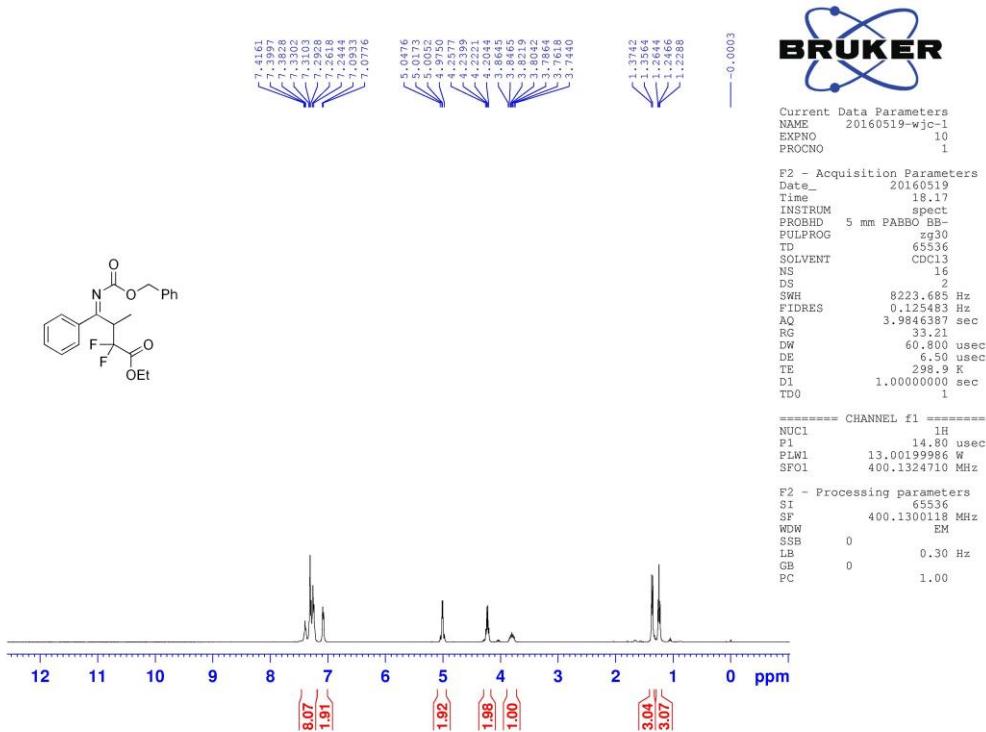


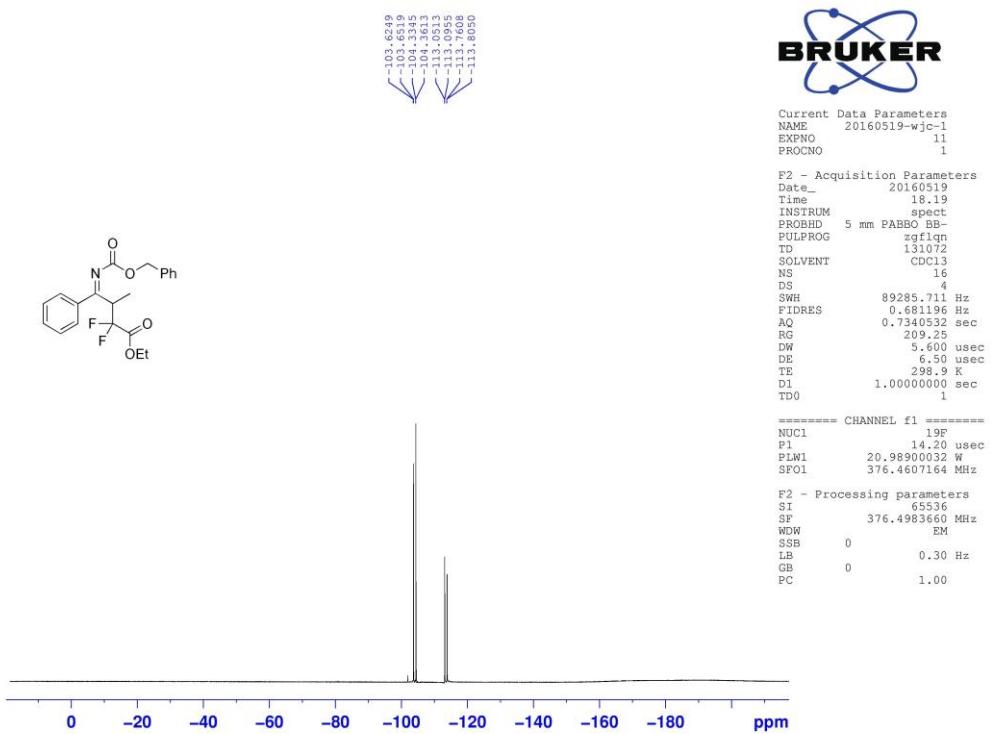
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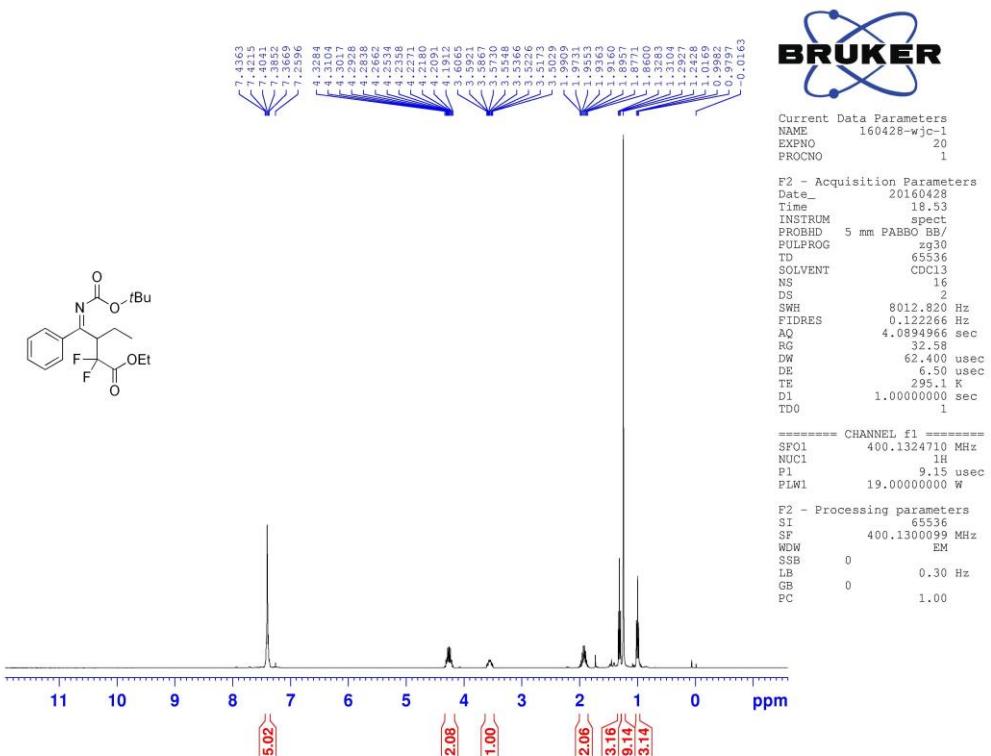


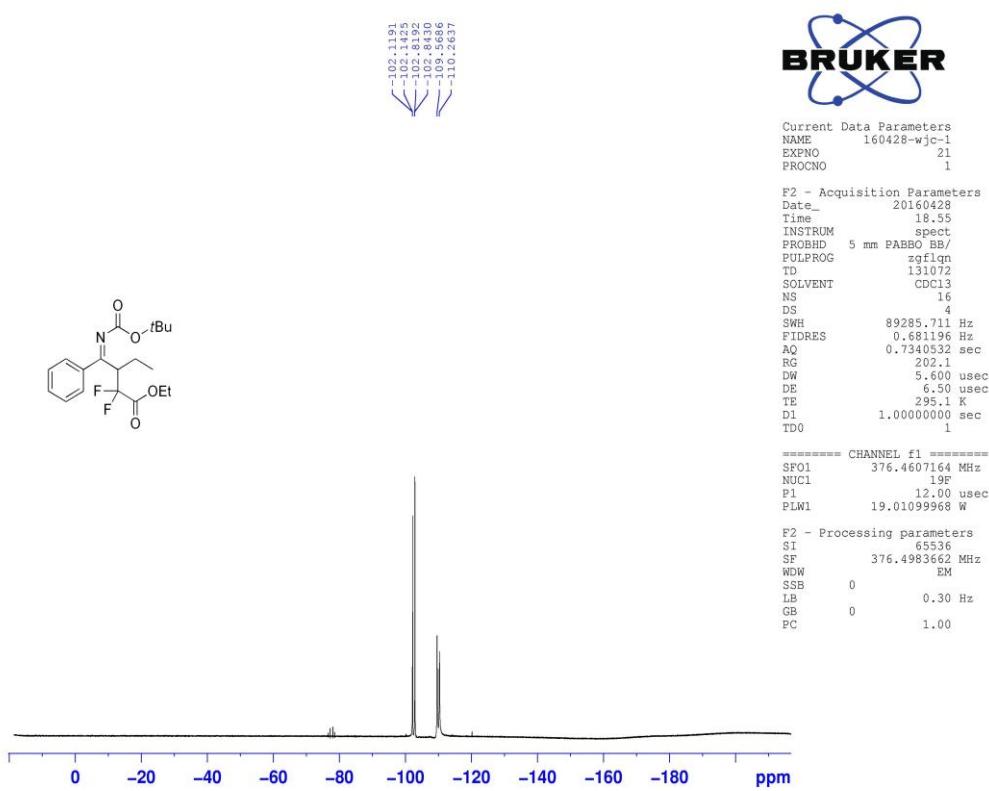
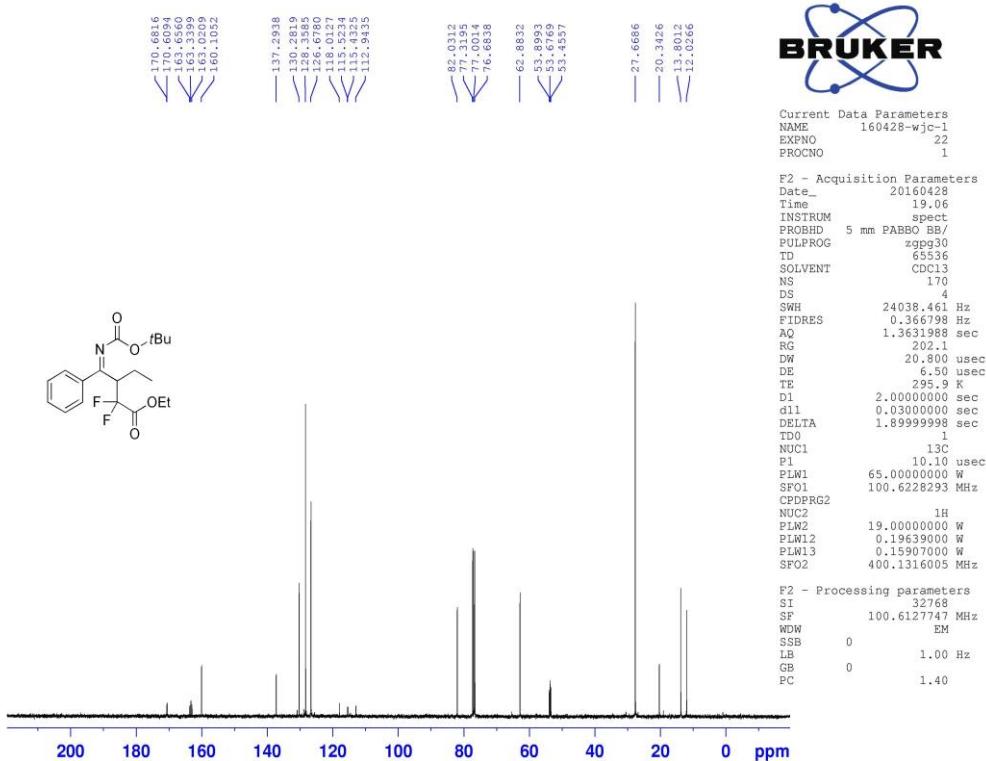
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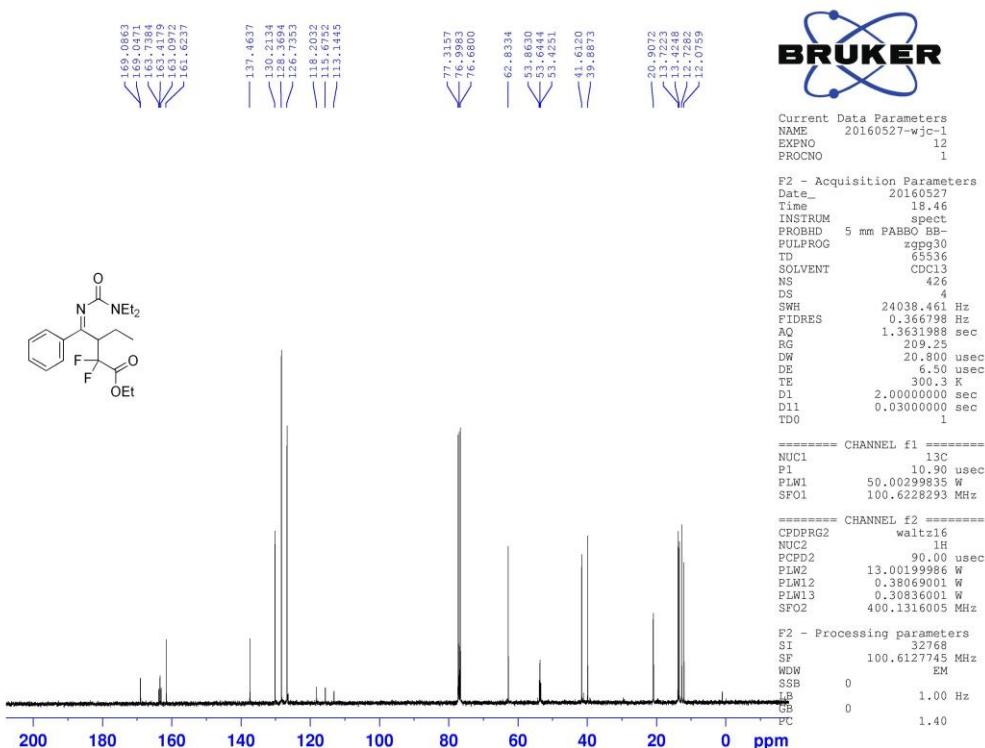
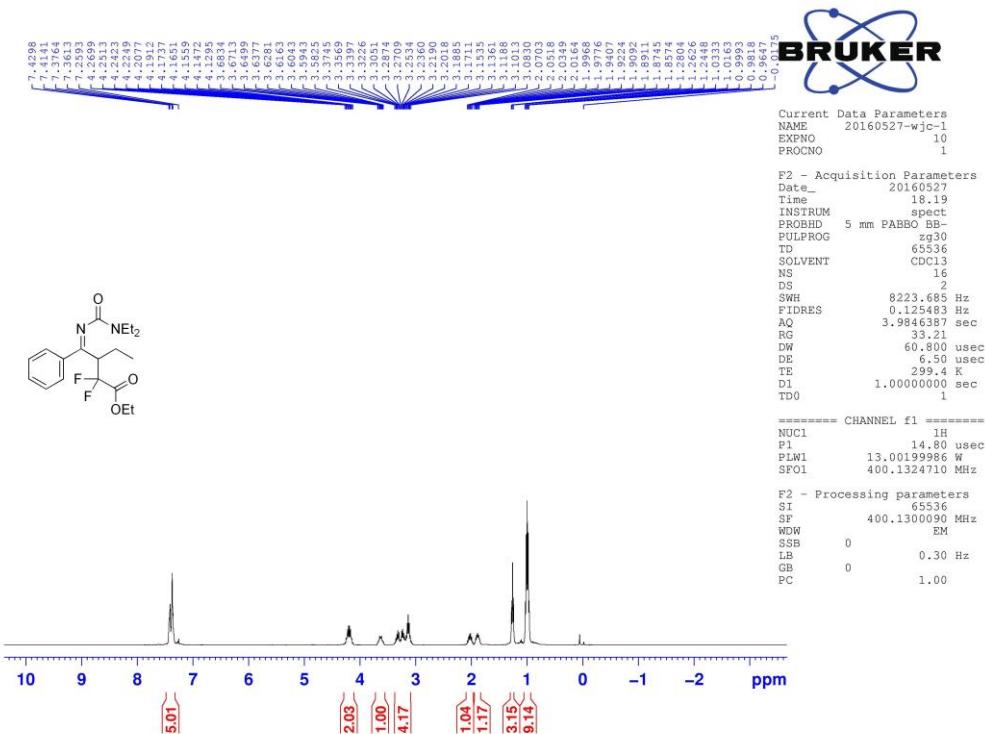


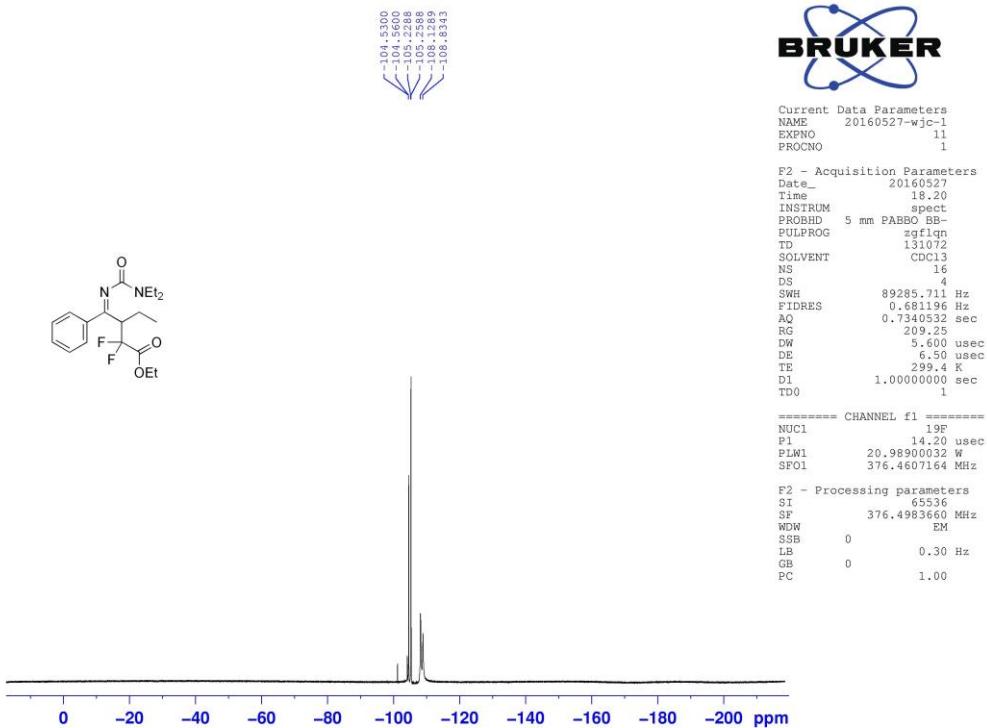
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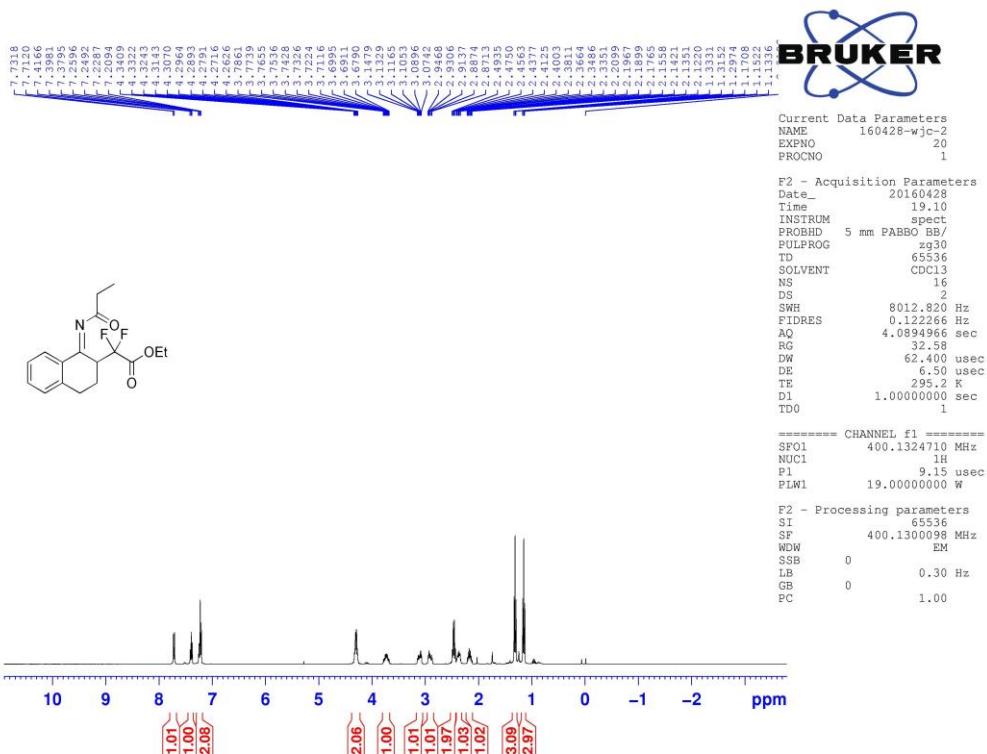


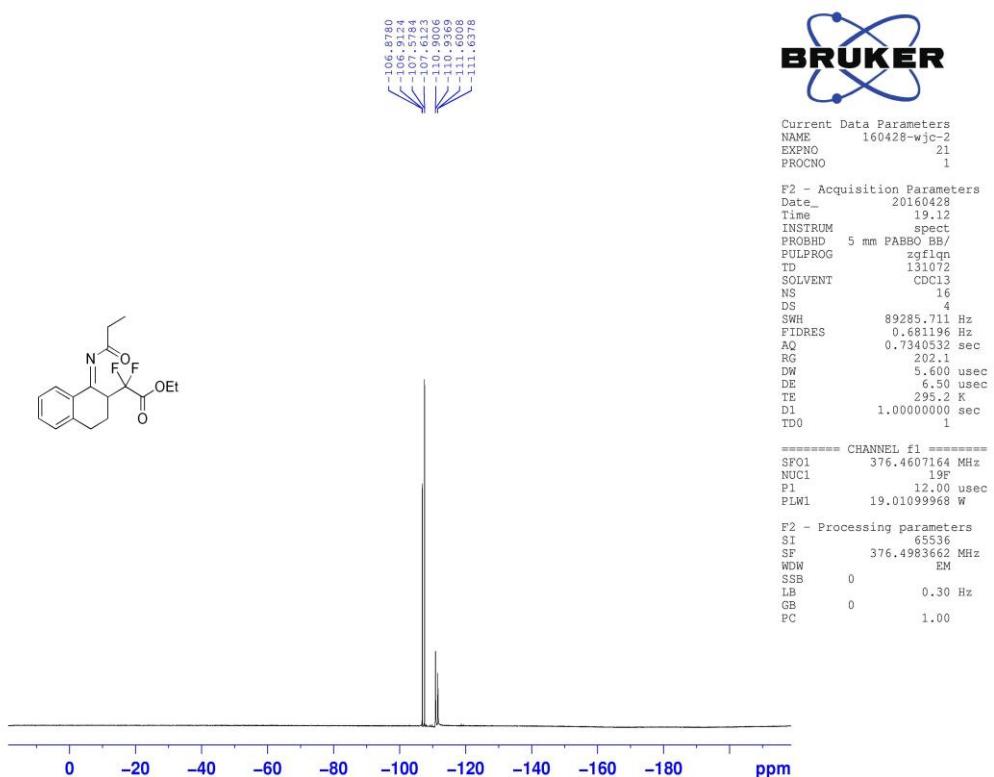
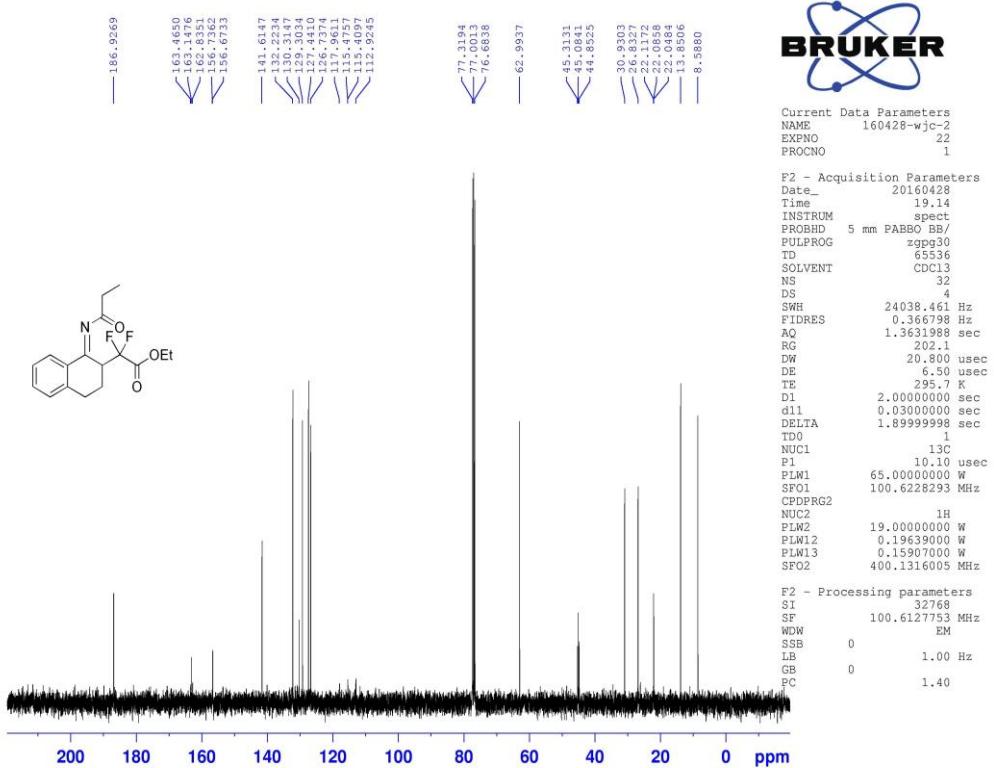
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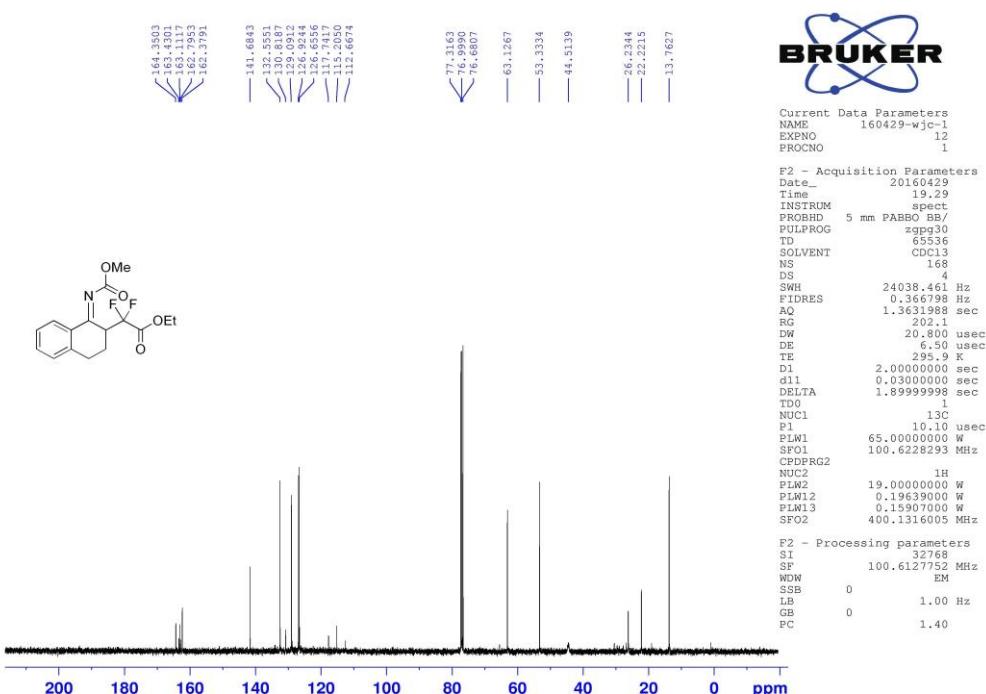
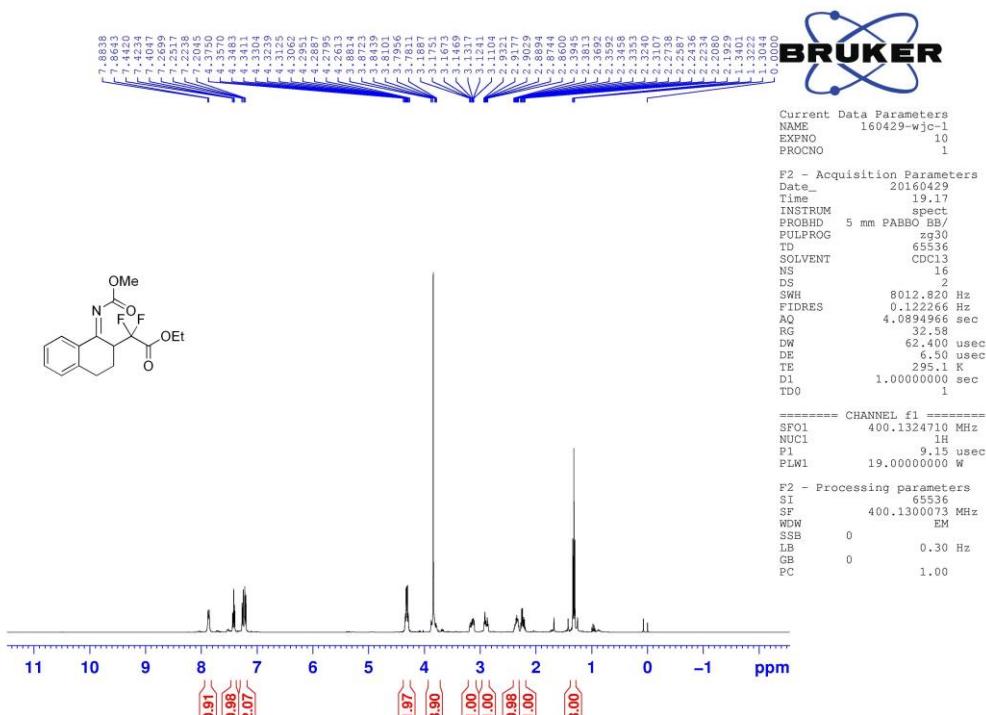
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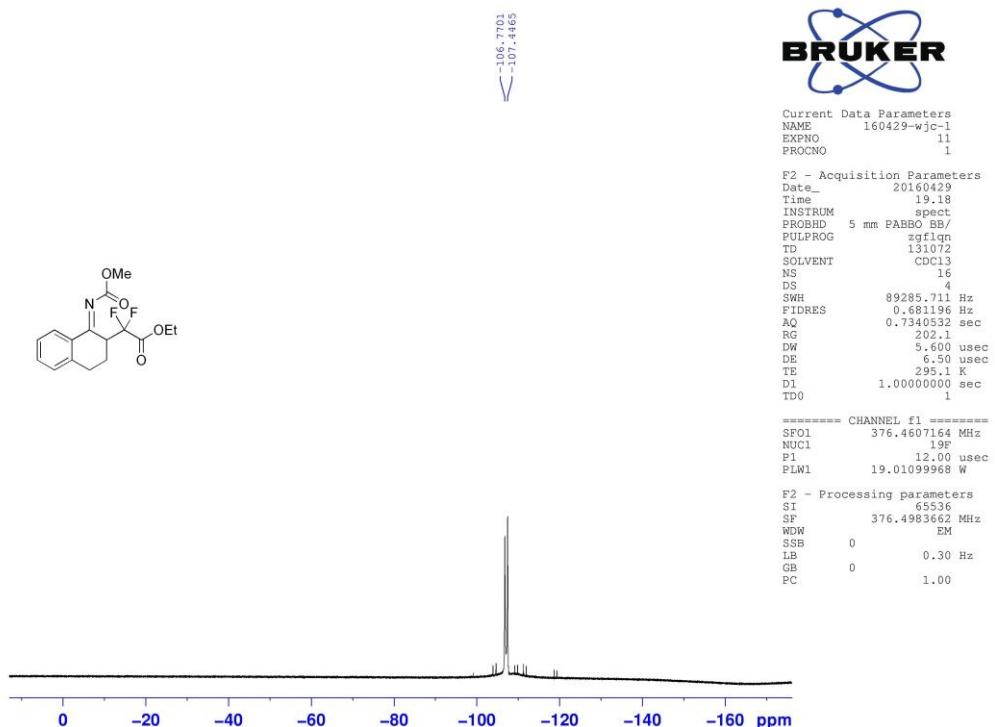




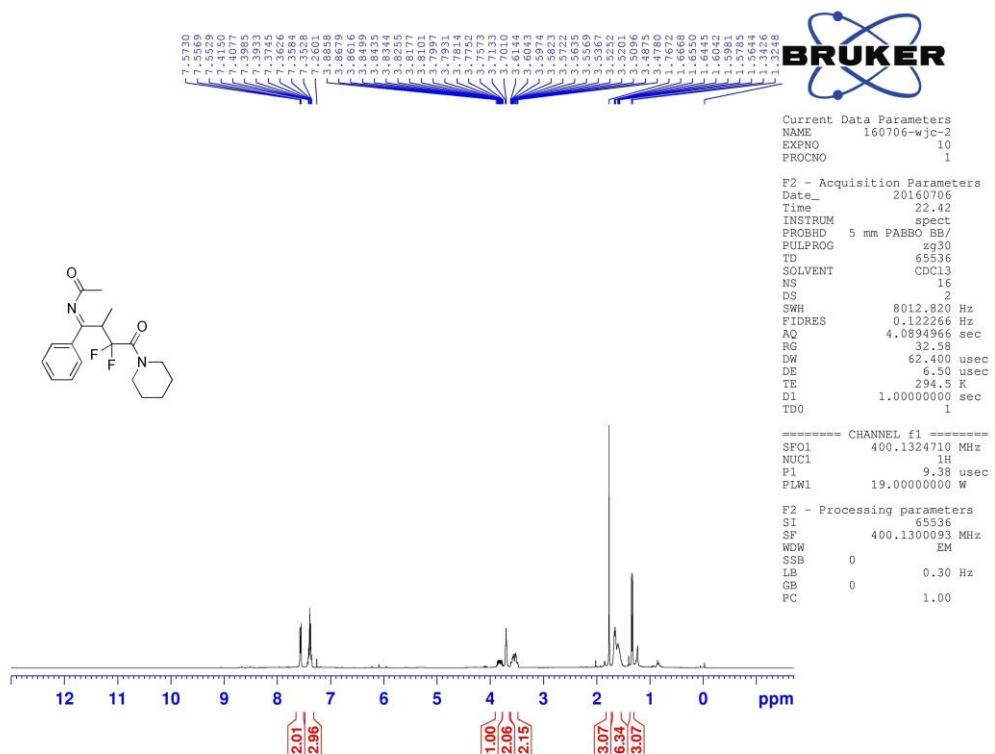
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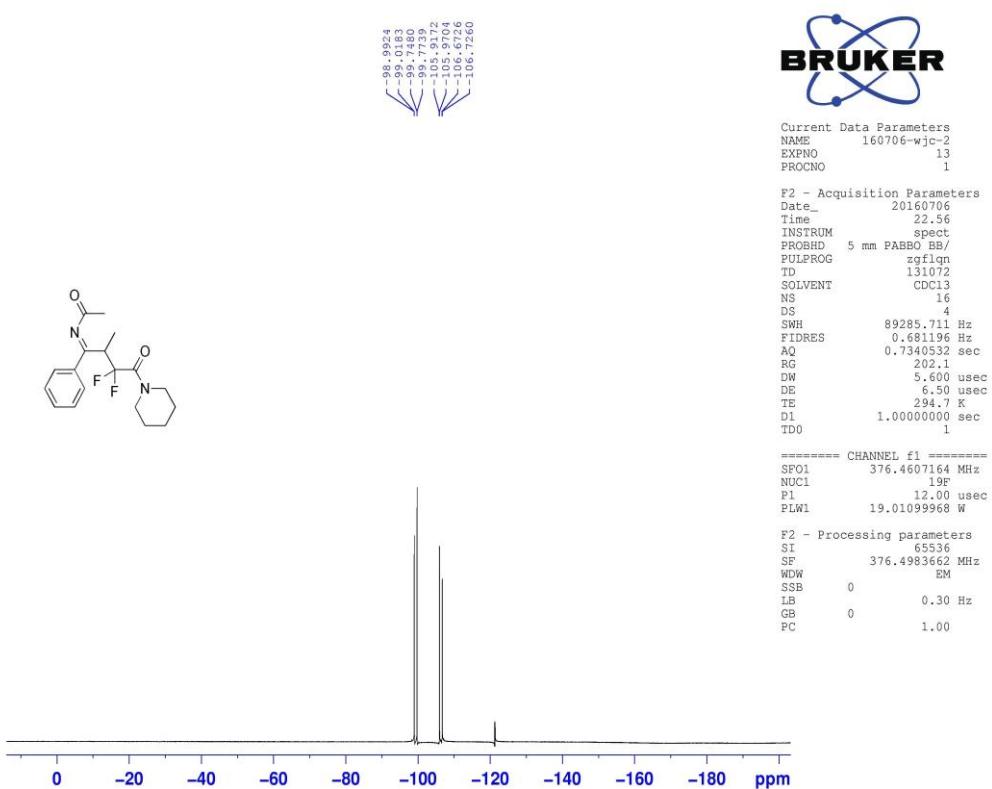
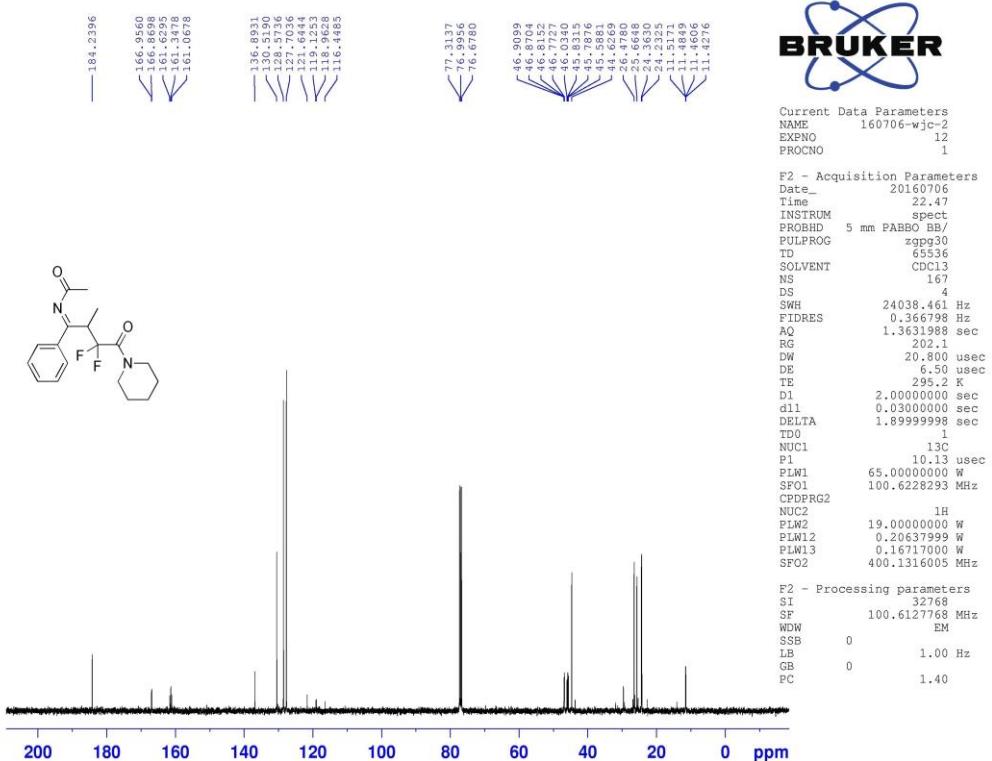
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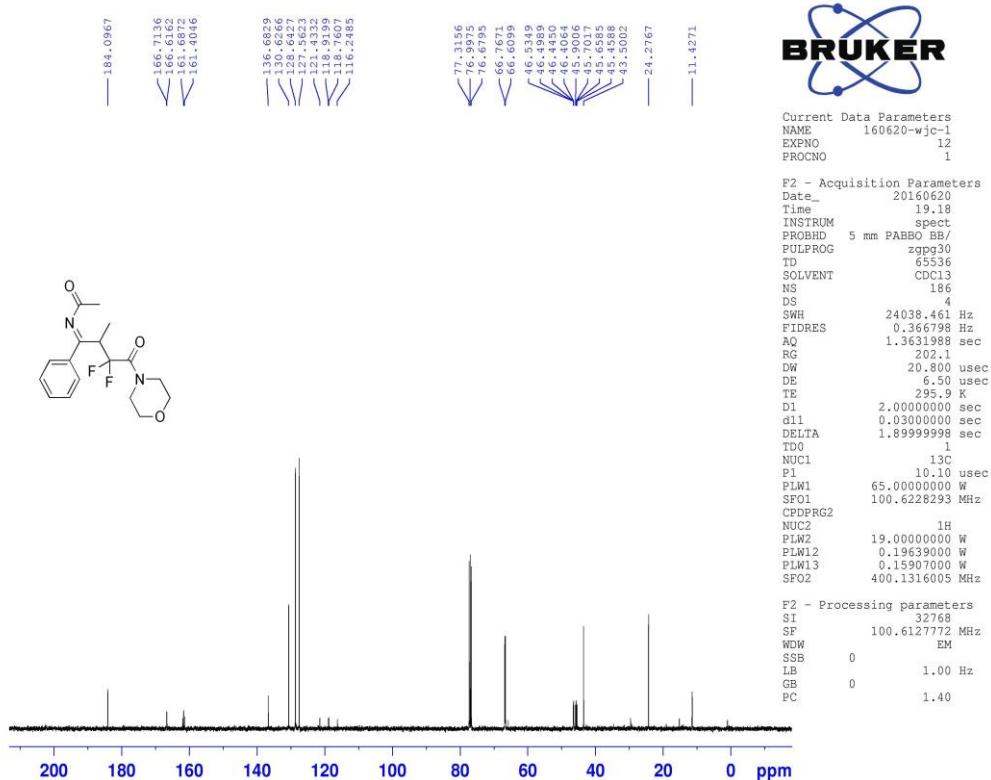
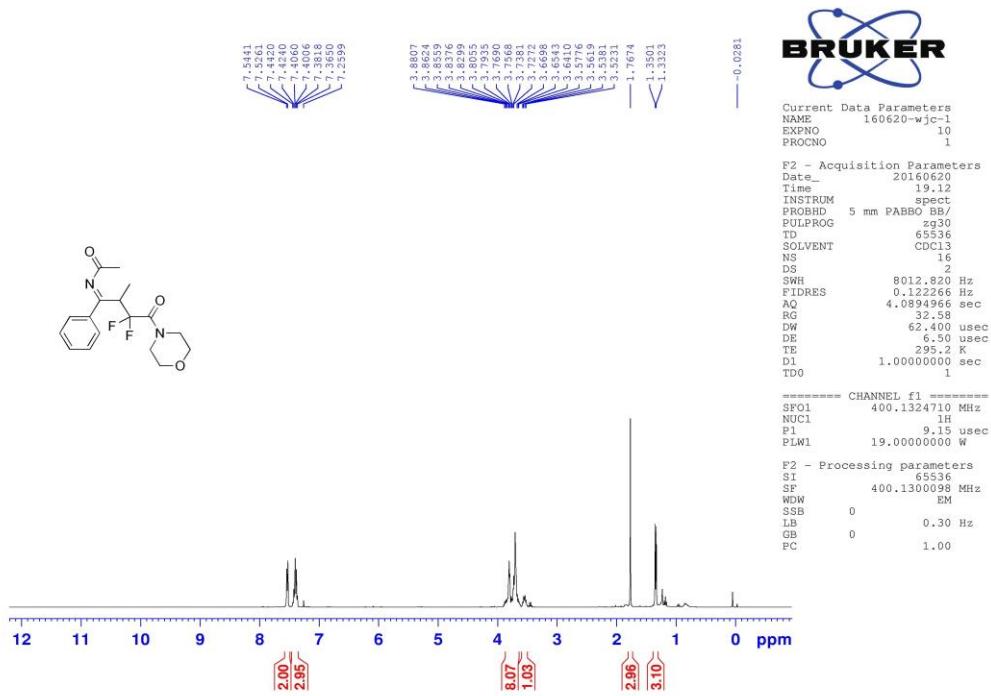


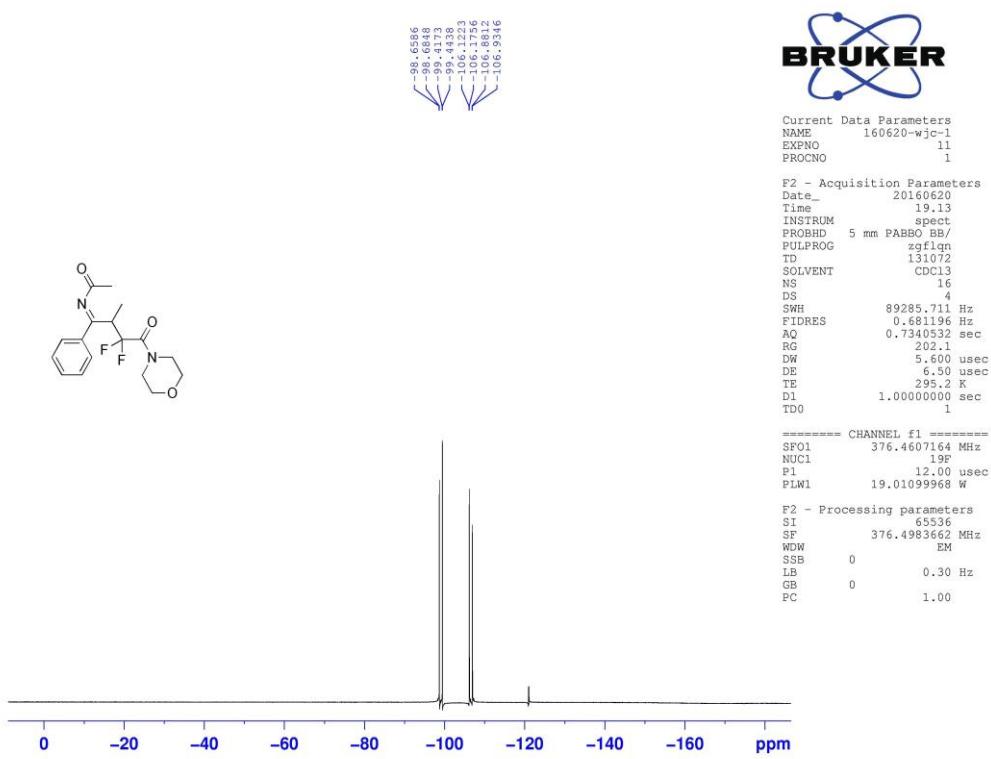
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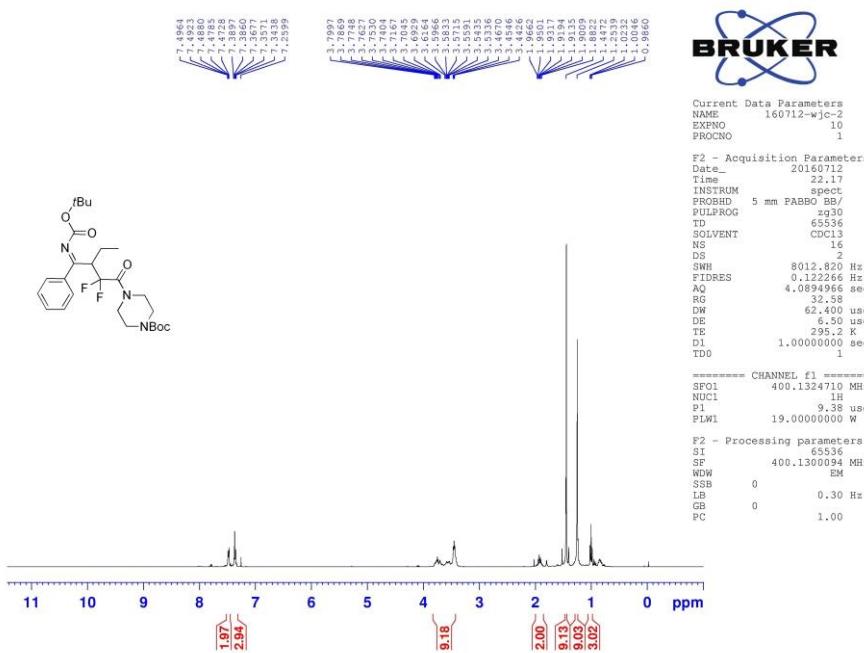
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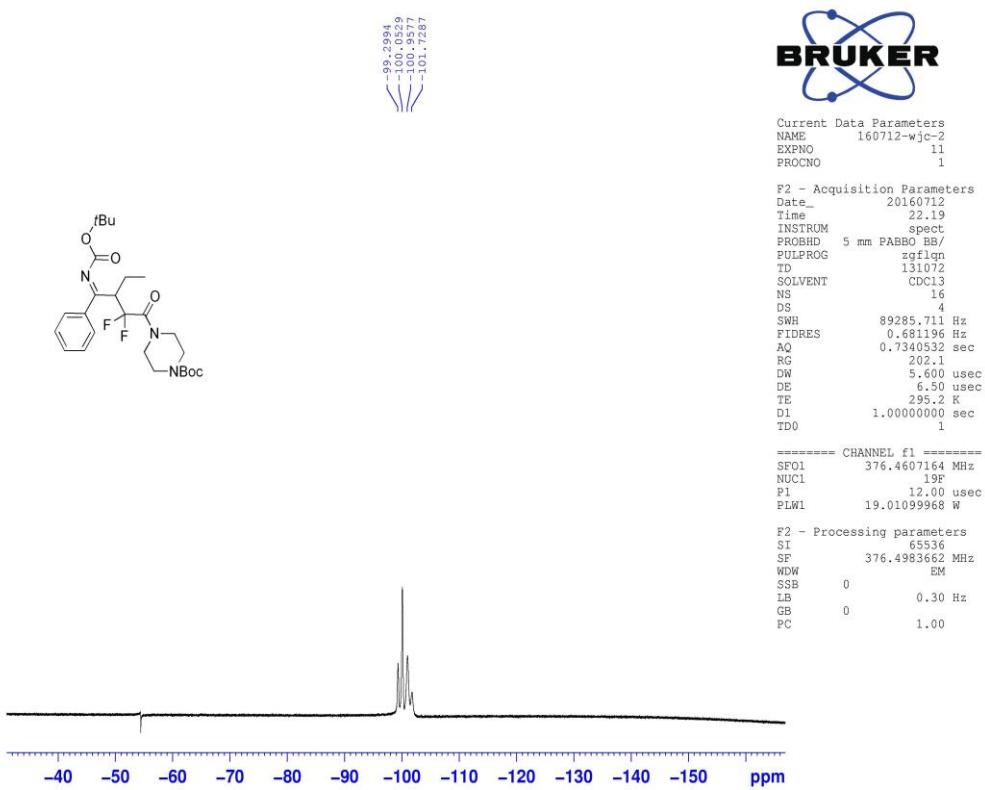
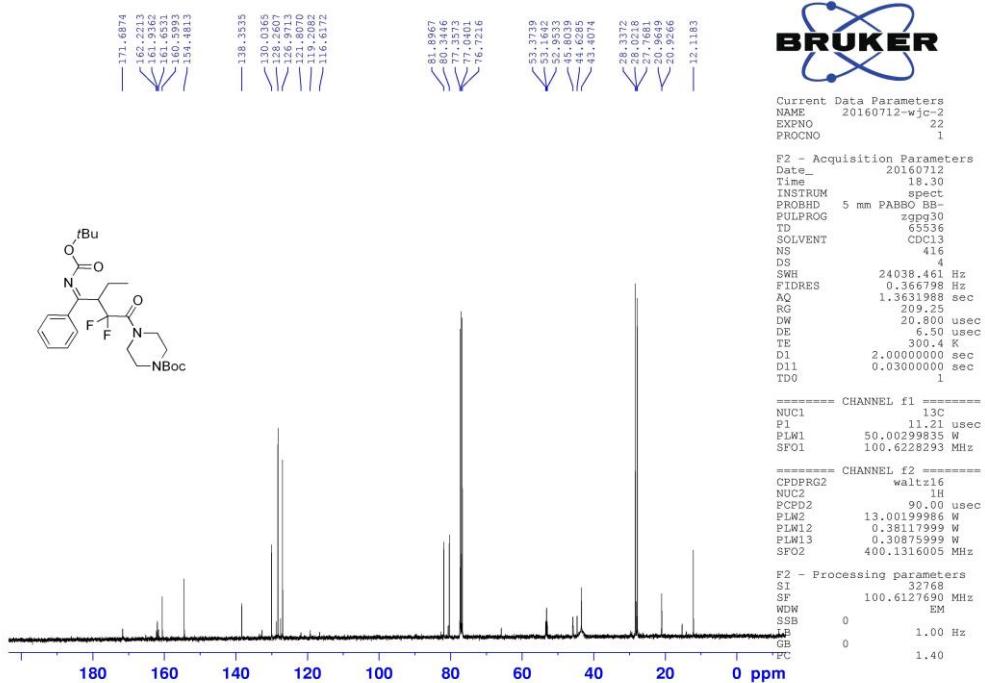




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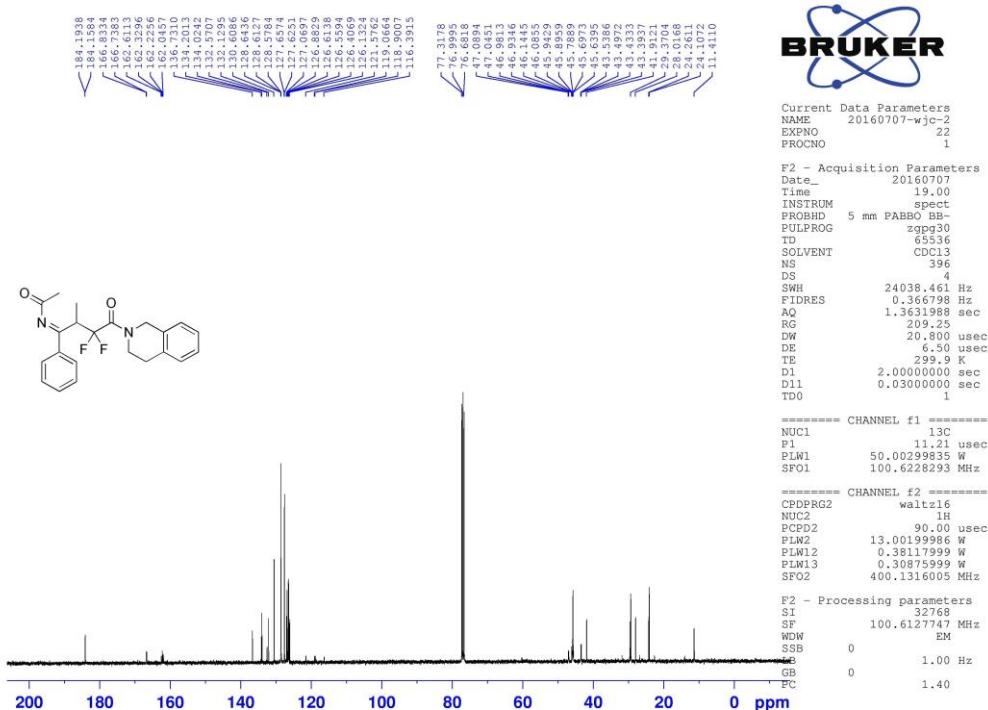
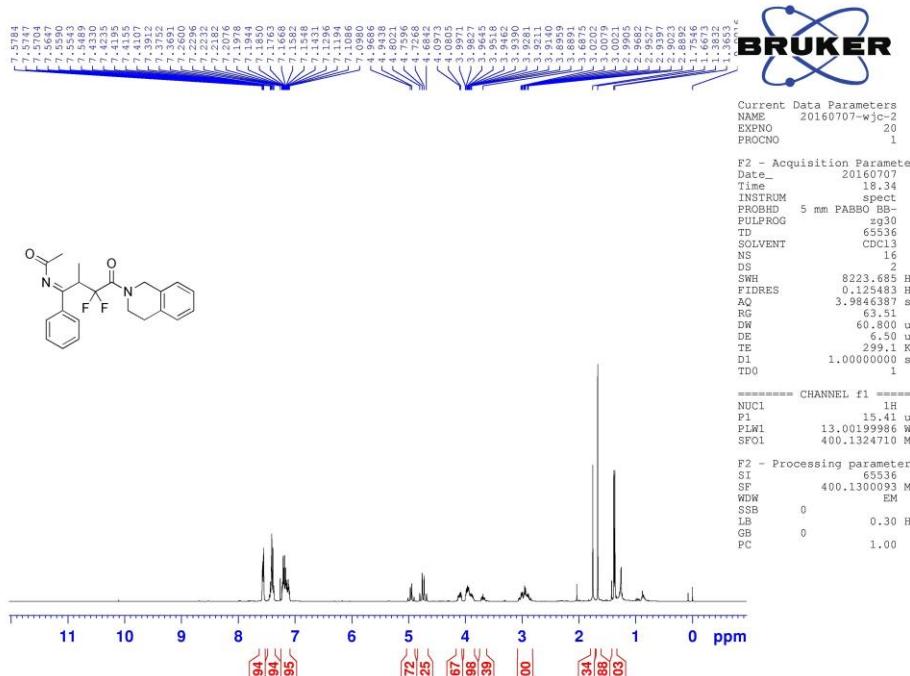
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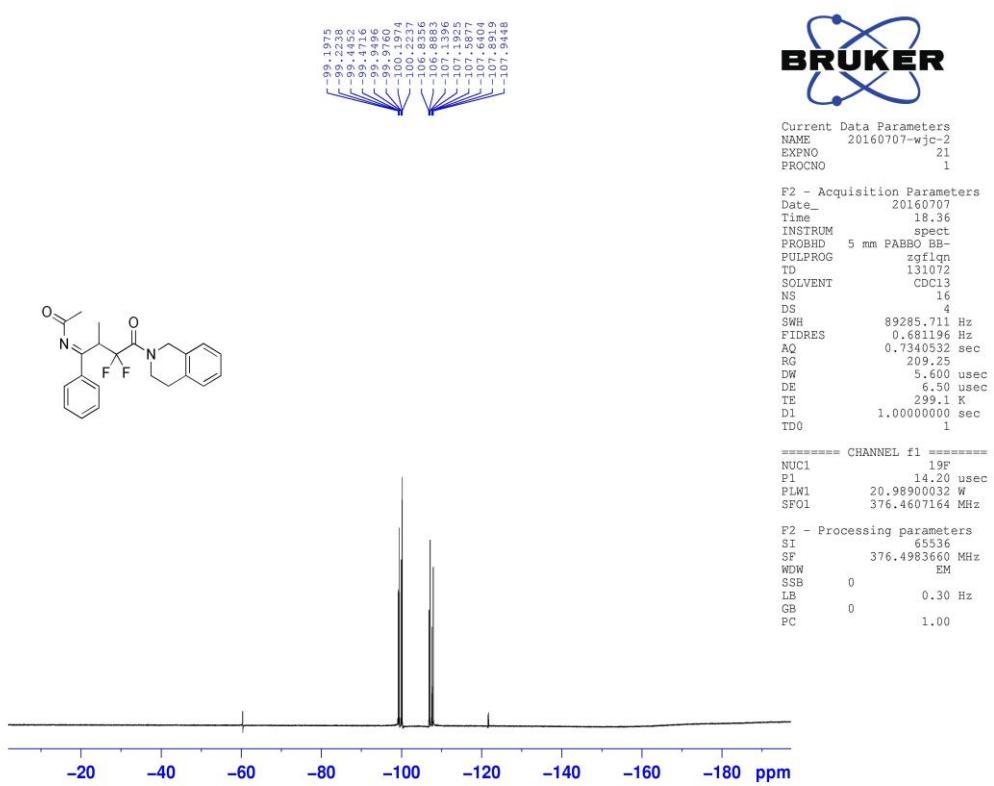




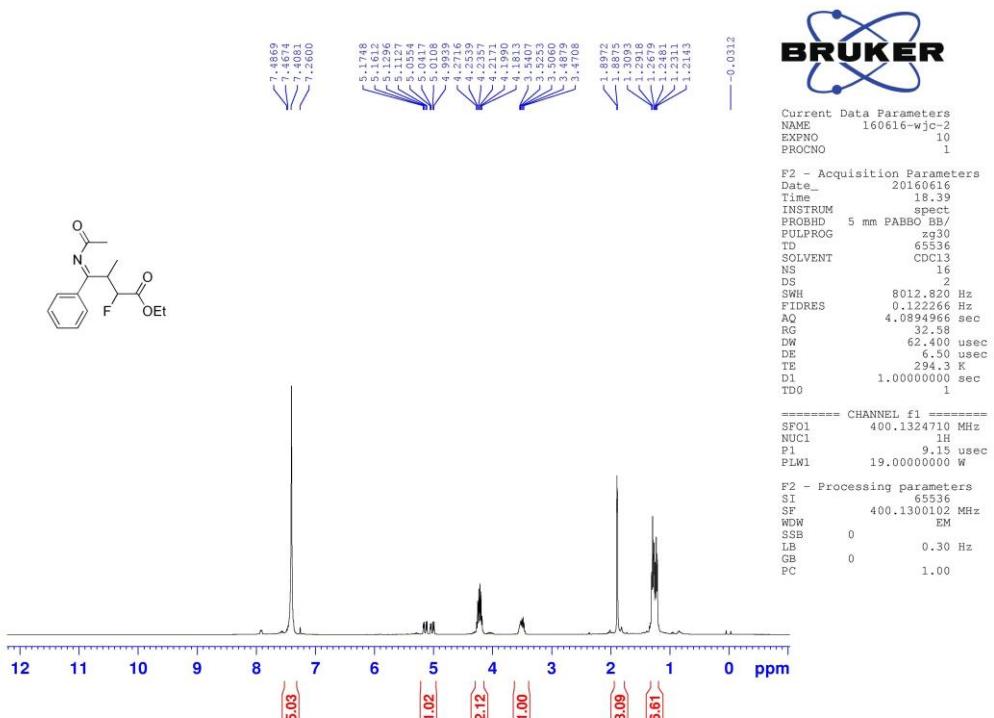
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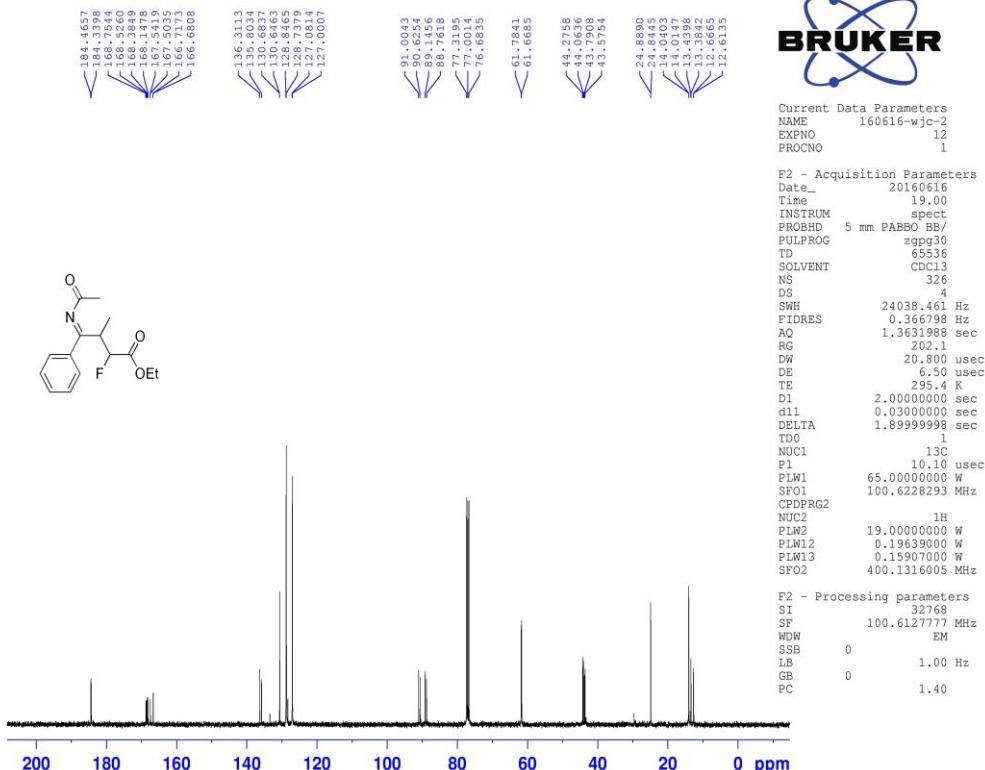
amide (5d)



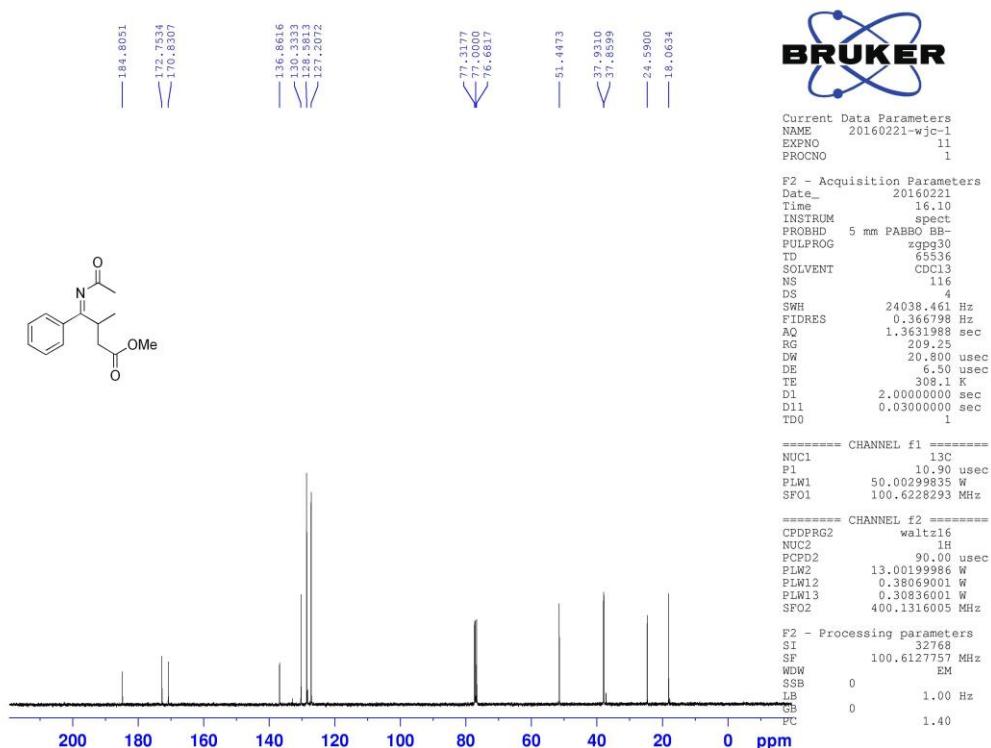
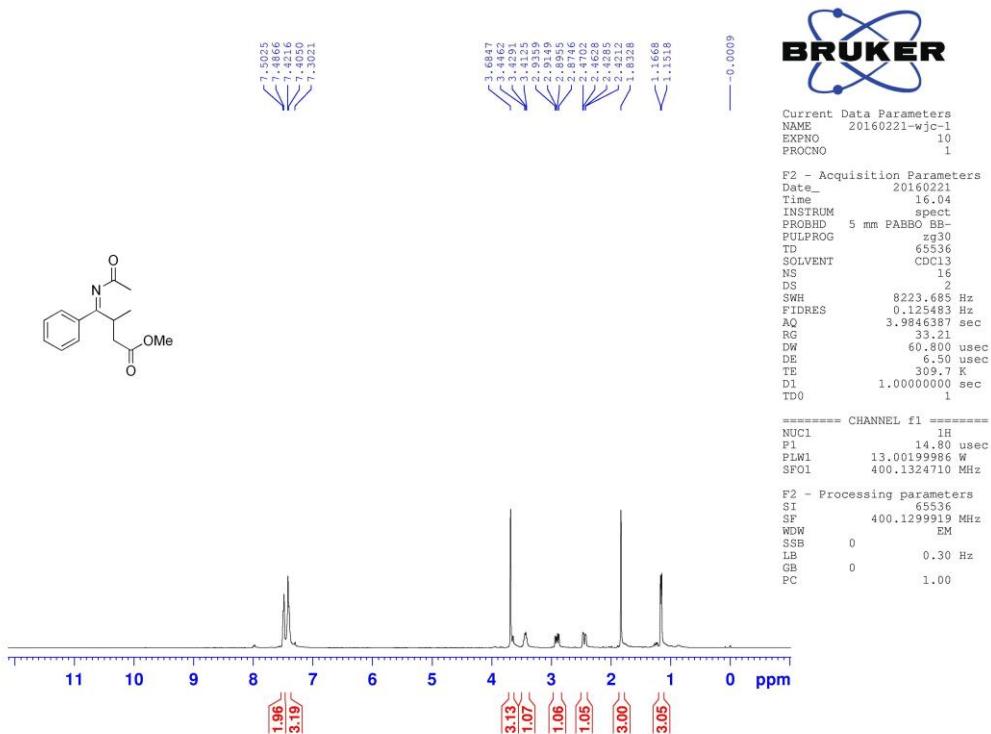


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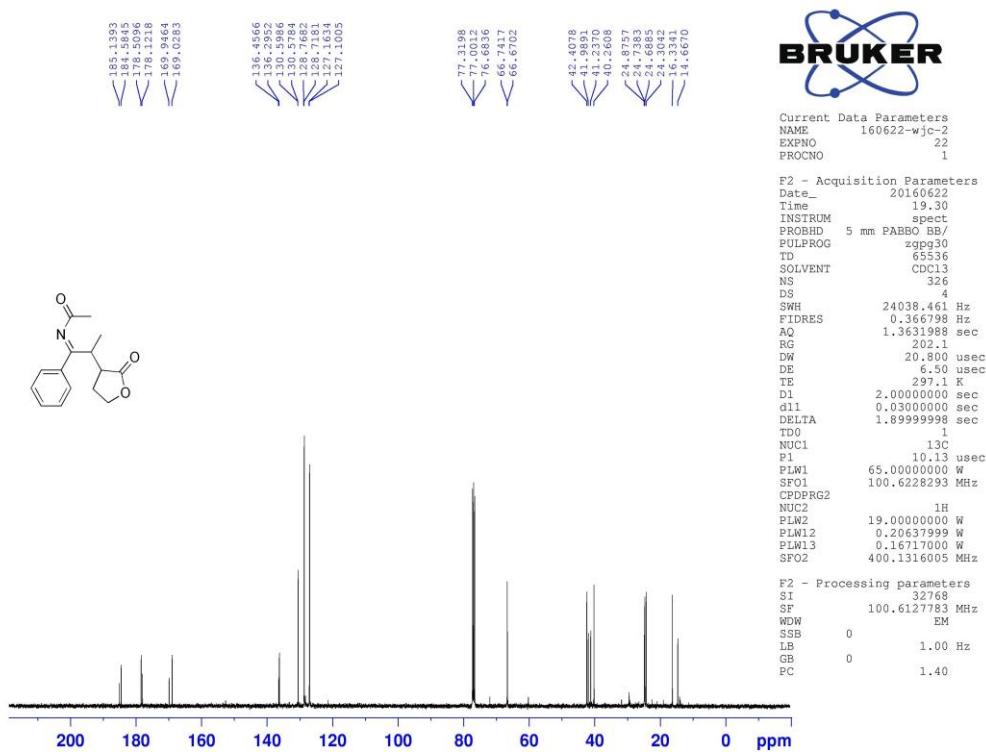
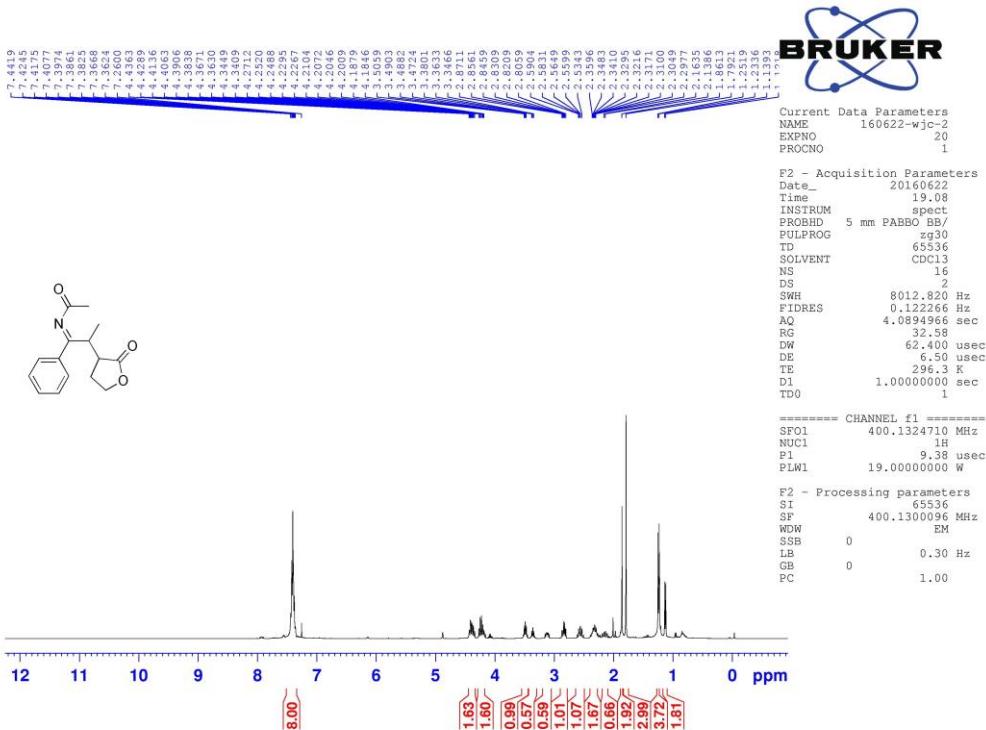




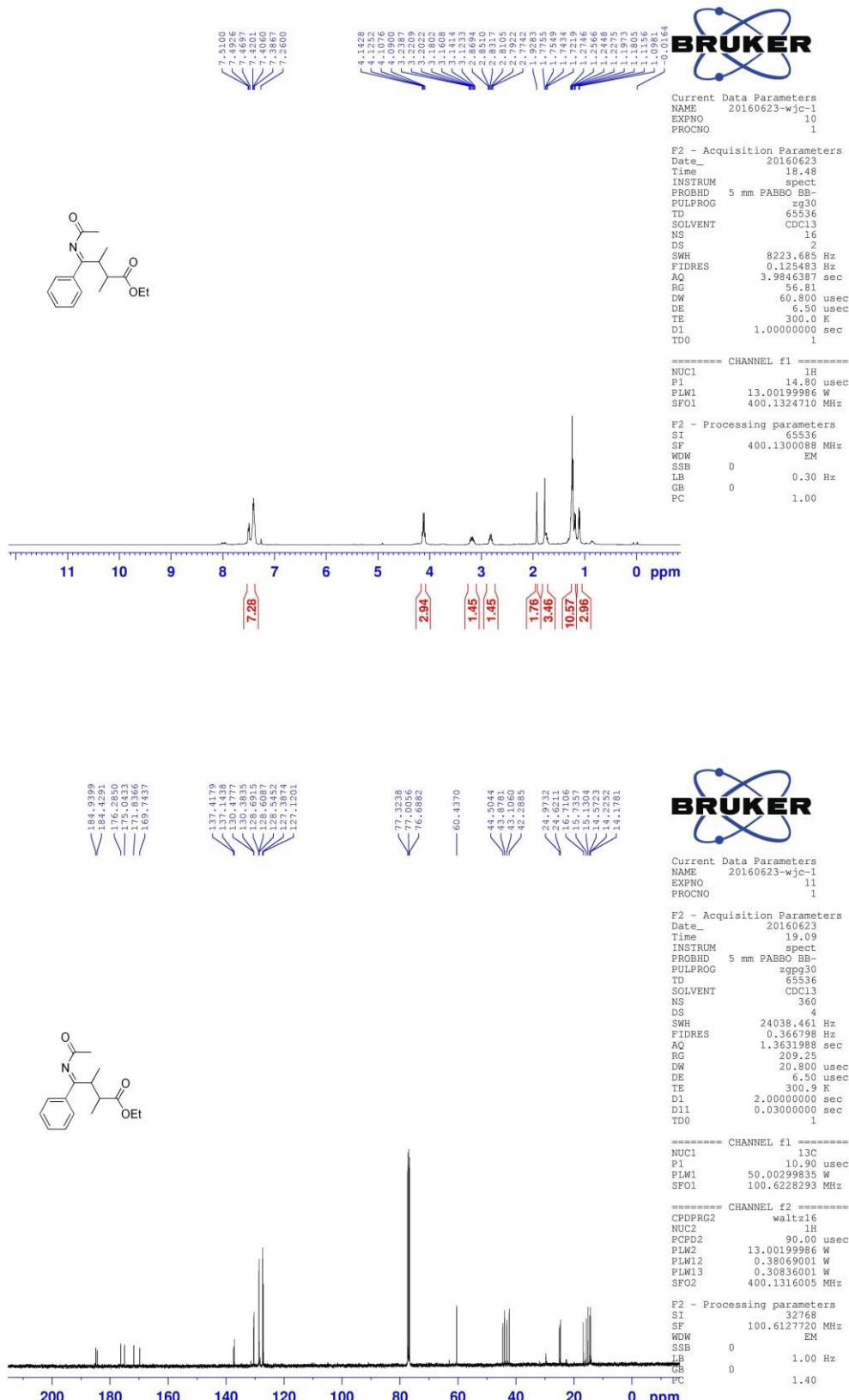
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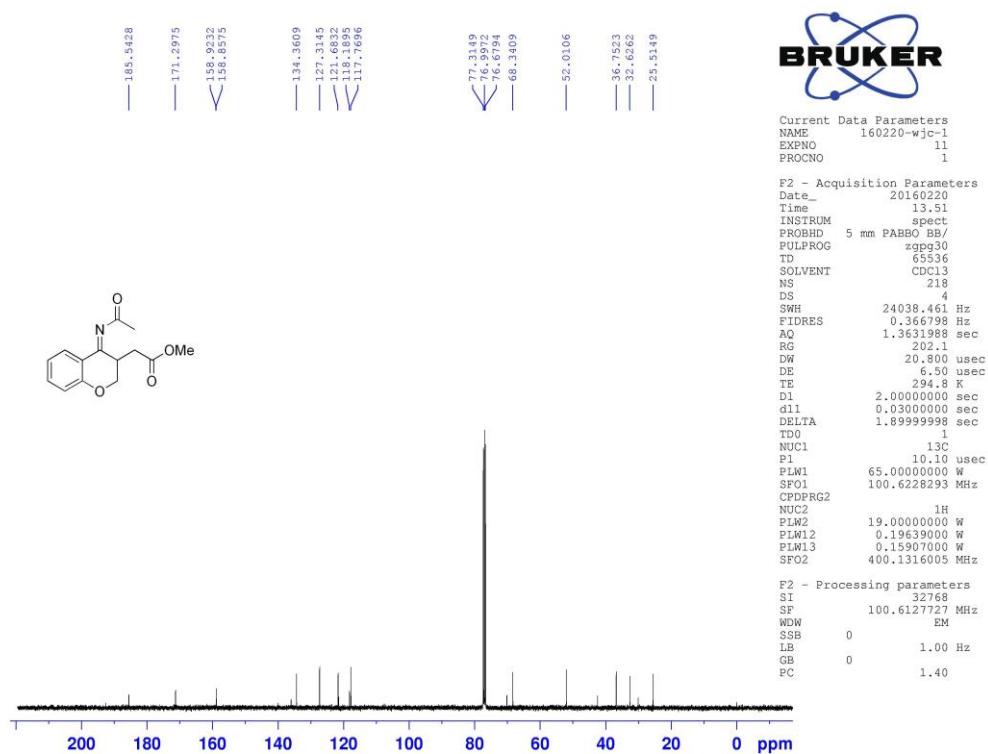
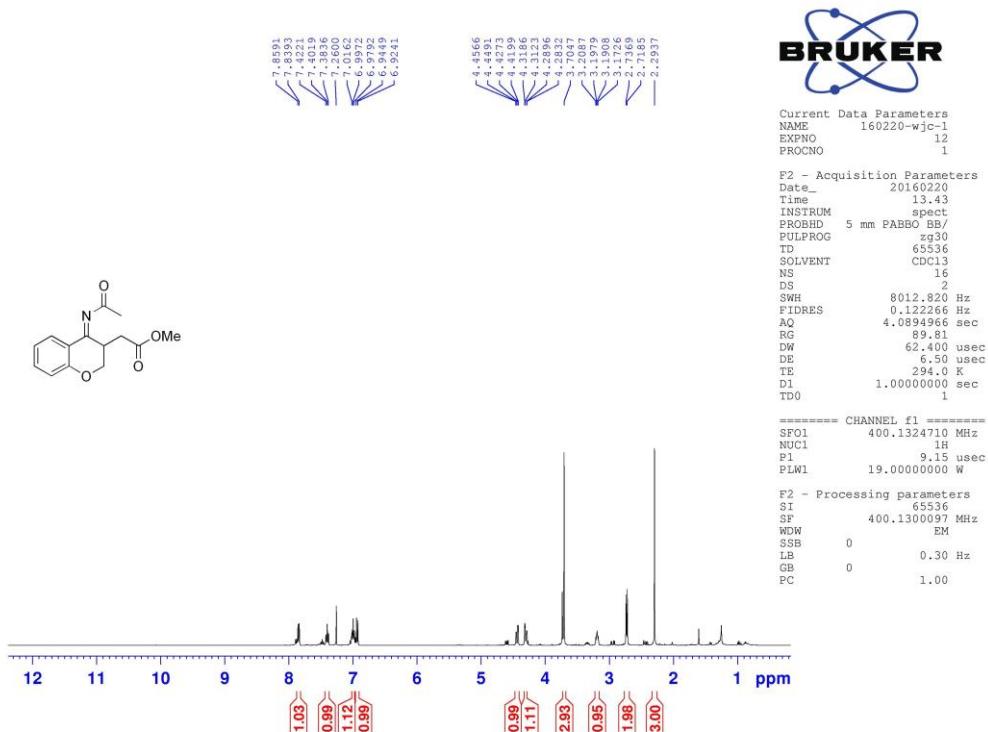
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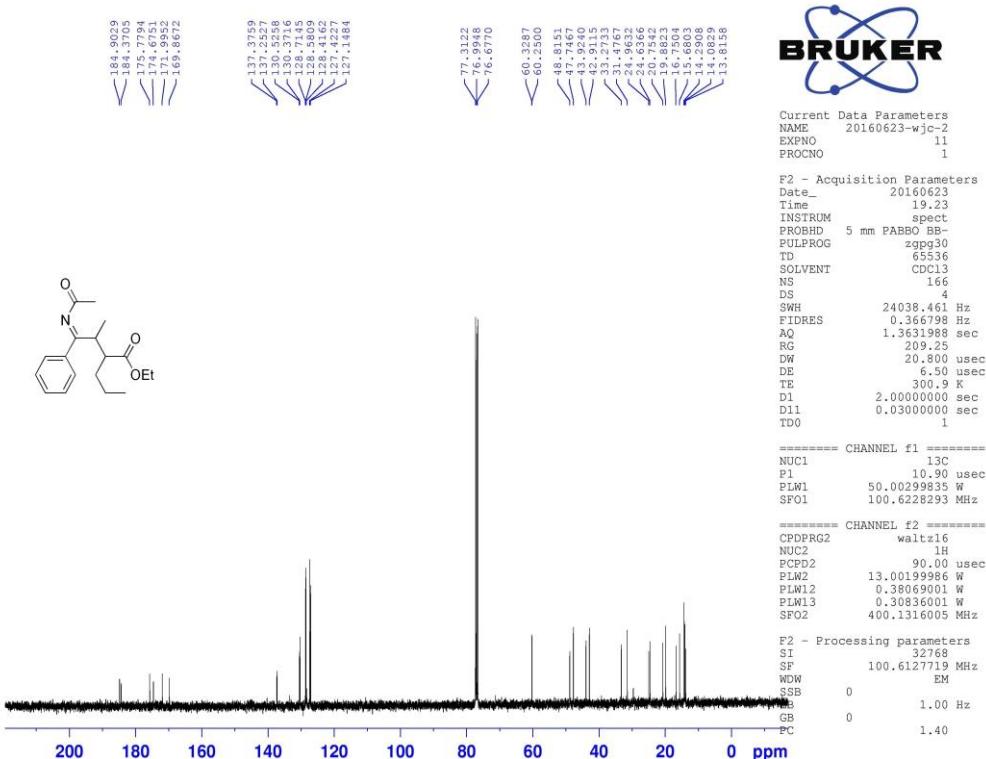
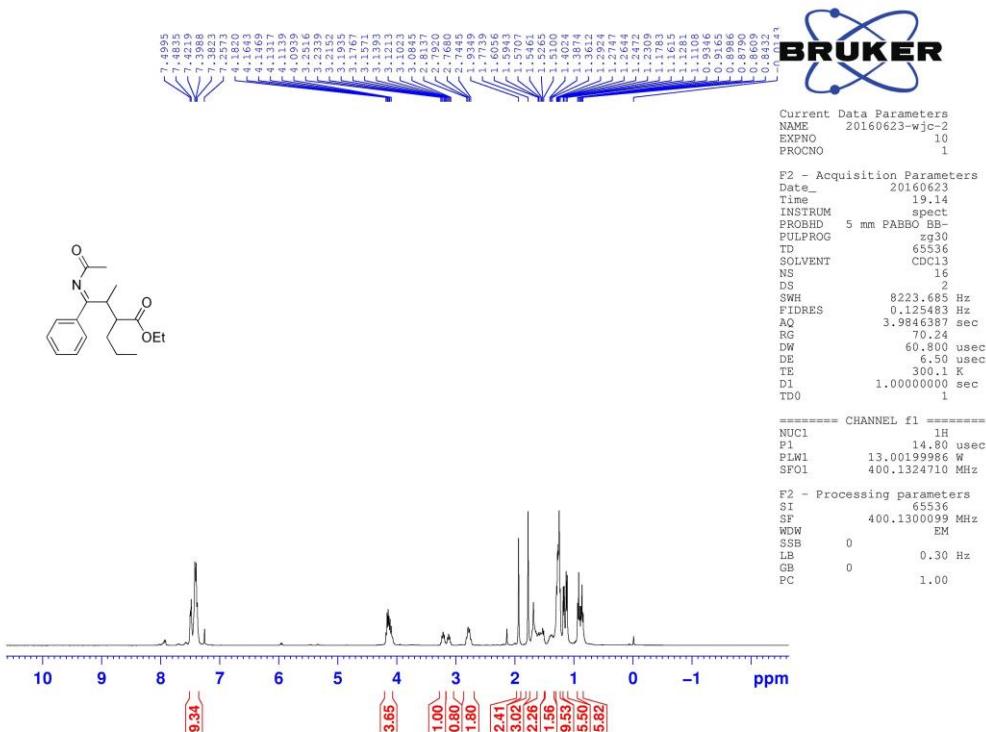
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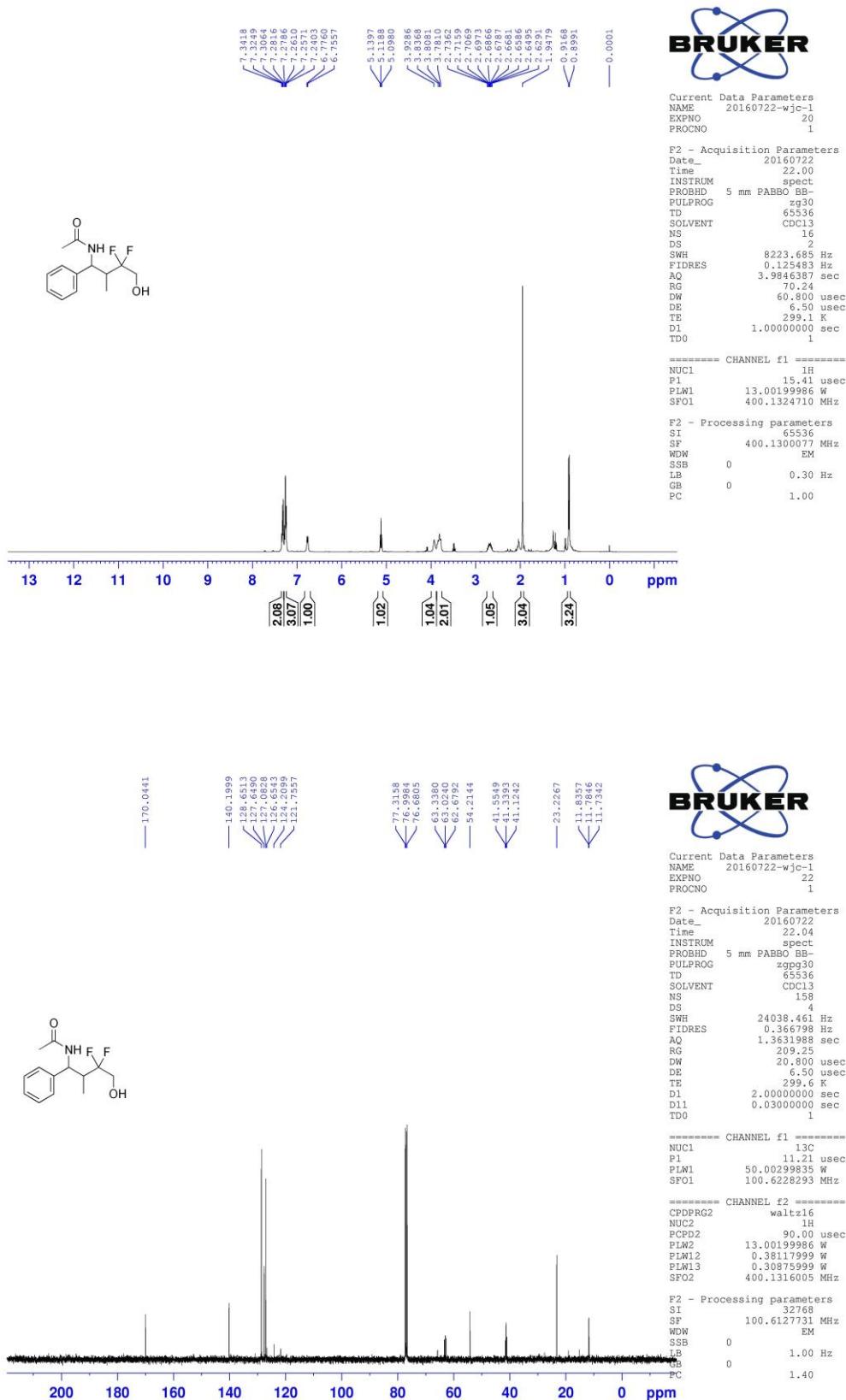
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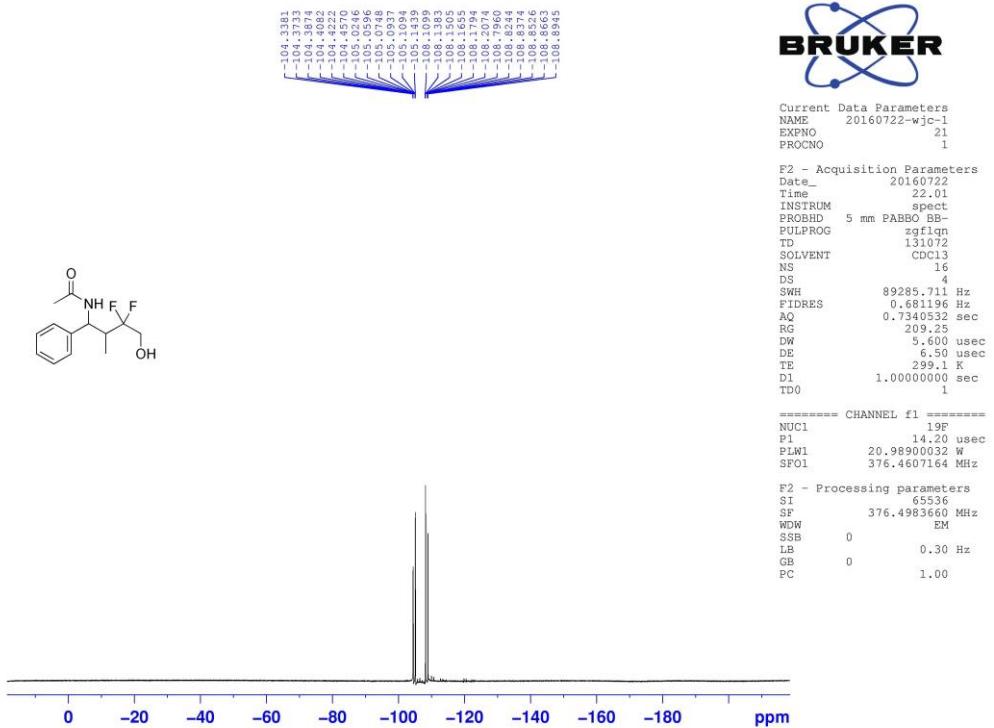


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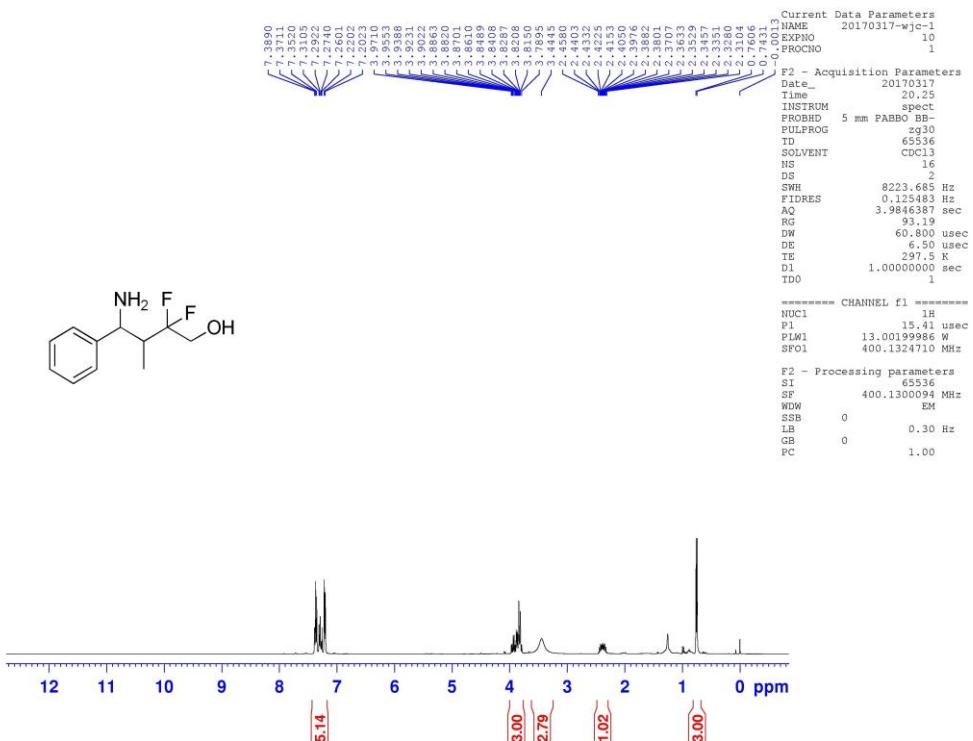


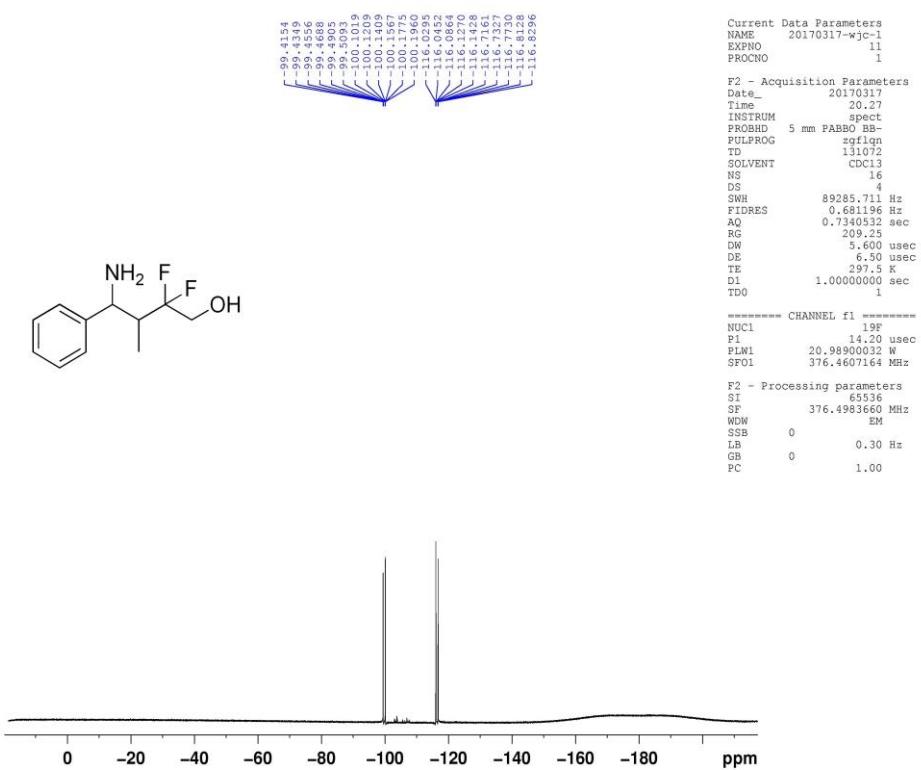
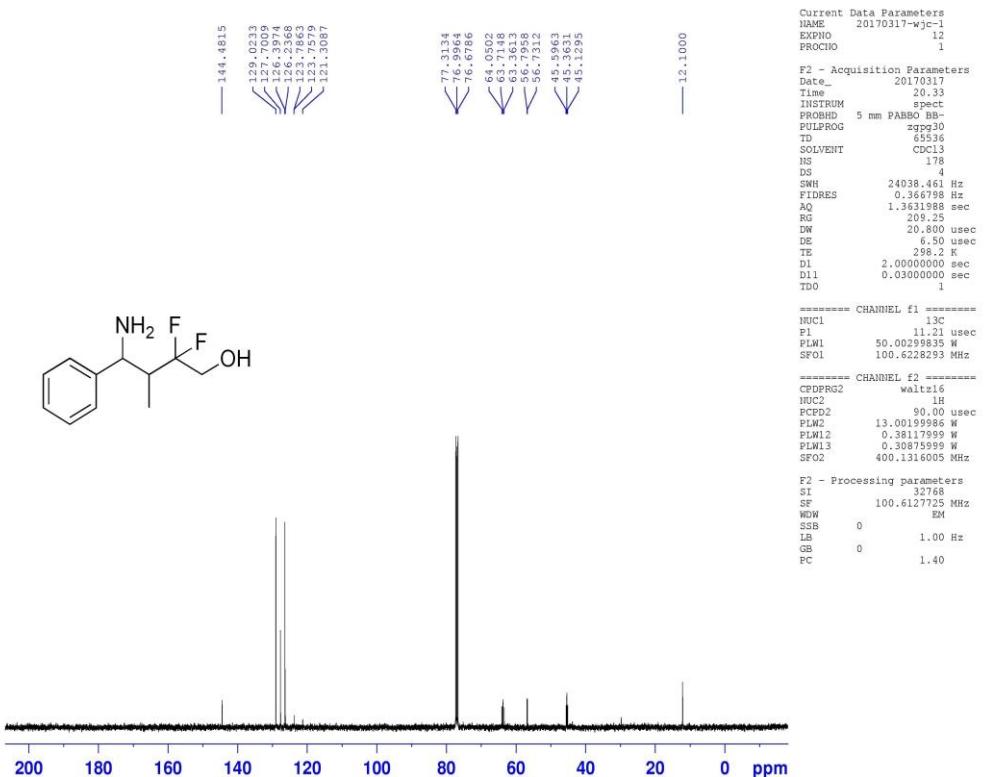
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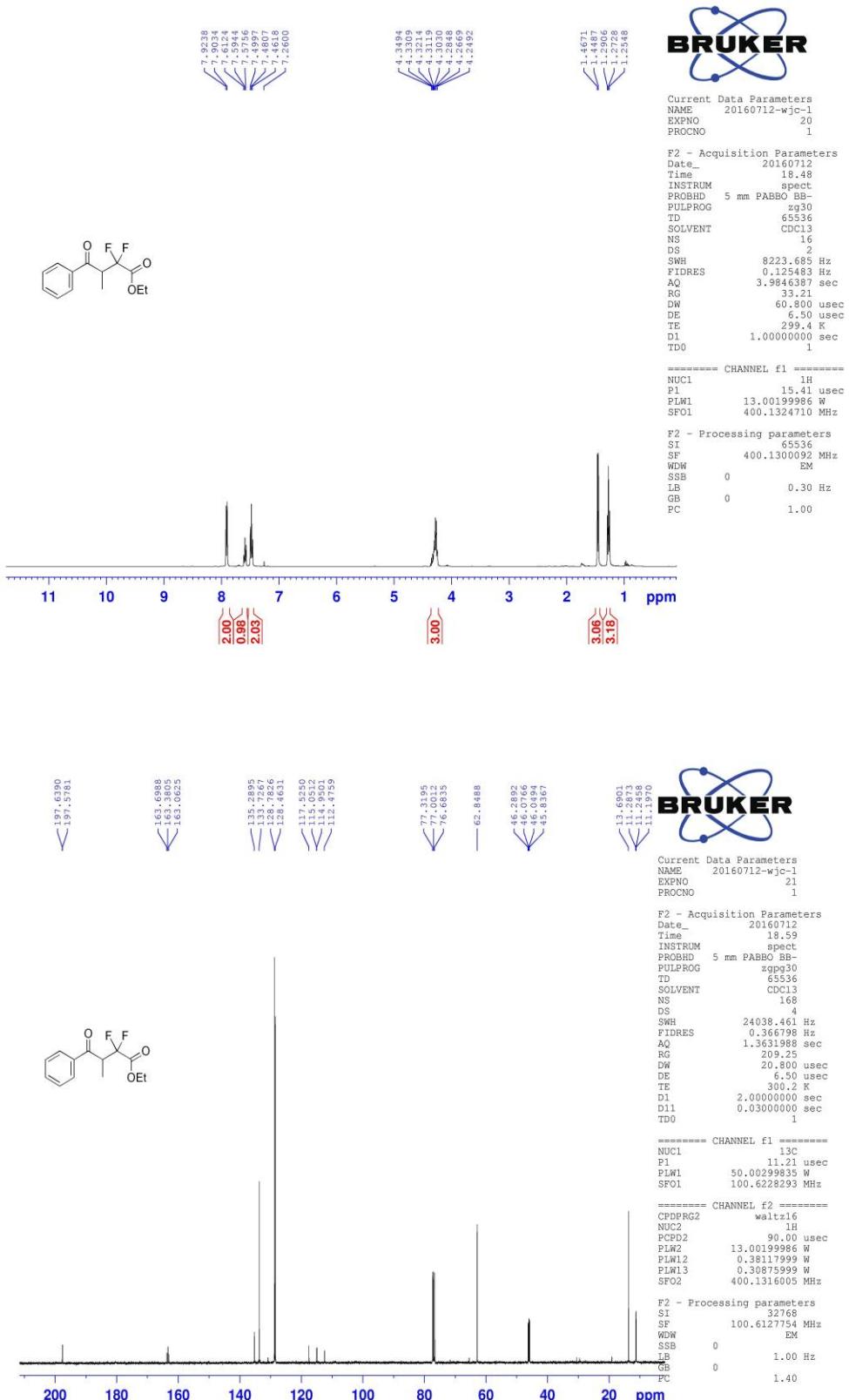


4-Amino-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutan-1-ol (6, dr >19:1)





Ethyl 2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-oxo-4-phenylbutanoate (7)



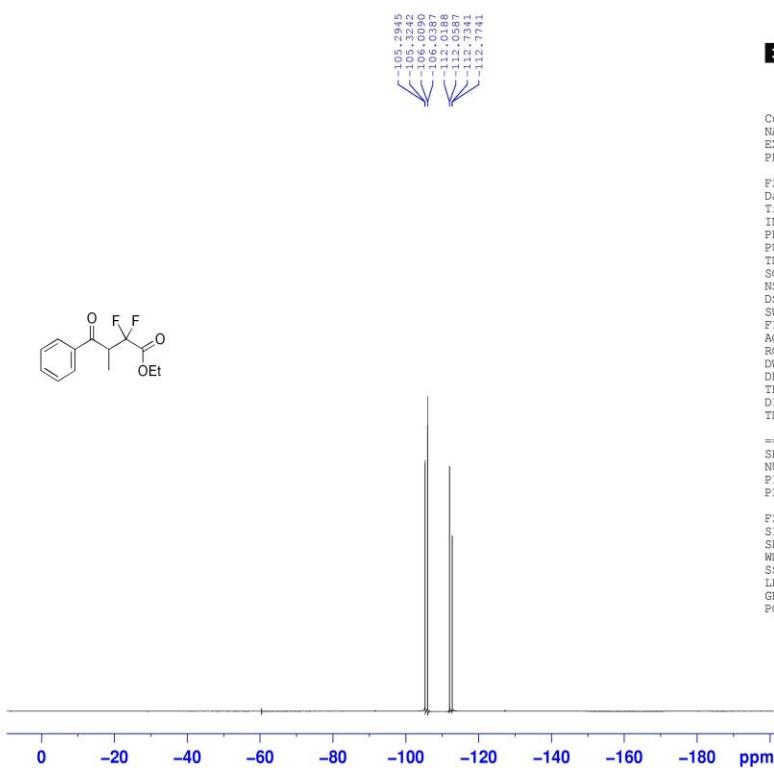
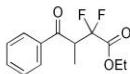


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Ethyl 4-acetamido-2,2-difluoro-3-methyl-4-phenylbutanoate (**8**, dr $\geq 10:1$)



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