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Copper-Catalyzed Intramolecular Radical Amination of Tertiary C(sp³)-H Bonds to Access α -Quaternary Pyrrolidines

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Table S1. Optimization of enantioselective tertiary C(sp³)-H amination.

Standard conditions:
 CuCN (10 mol%), **CPA1** (12 mol%)
 Ag₂CO₃ (0.6 equiv), 1,4-dioxane
 rt, 24 h
 (Ar = 4-CF₃C₆H₄)

CPA1, R = 9-phenanthryl

CPA4, R = 9-phenanthryl

CPA7, R = 9-phenanthryl

CPA2, R = 9-anthranlyl

CPA5, R = 9-anthranlyl

CPA8, R = 9-anthranlyl

CPA3, R = 2-naphthyl

CPA6, R = 2-naphthyl

CPA9, R = 2-naphthyl

| Entry | Variation from standard conditions ^[a] | Yield (%) ^[b] | Ee (%) ^[c] |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 ^[d] | none | 40 (33) | 80 |
| 2 ^[d] | CPA2 , instead of CPA1 | 32 | 67 |
| 3 ^[d] | CPA3 , instead of CPA1 | 23 | 49 |
| 4 | CPA4 , instead of CPA1 | 16 | 32 |
| 5 | CPA5 , instead of CPA1 | 8 | N.D. |
| 6 | CPA6 , instead of CPA1 | 37 | 20 |
| 7 | CPA7 , instead of CPA1 | 42 | 27 |
| 8 | CPA8 , instead of CPA1 | 35 | 23 |
| 9 | CPA9 , instead of CPA1 | 30 | 11 |
| 10 | CuBr, instead of CuCN | 20 | 56 |
| 11 | CuI, instead of CuCN | 45 | 72 |
| 12 | CuTc, instead of CuCN | 50 | 33 |
| 13 | Cu(MeCN) ₄ PF ₆ , instead of CuCN | <5 | N.D. |
| 14 | CuOAc, instead of CuCN | <5 | N.D. |
| 15 | Ag ₃ PO ₄ (0.4 equiv), instead of Ag ₂ CO ₃ | 85 | <2 |
| 16 ^[d] | Ag ₂ O (0.6 equiv), instead of Ag ₂ CO ₃ | 11 | 49 |
| 17 ^[d] | AgOAc (1.2 equiv), instead of Ag ₂ CO ₃ | 22 | 60 |
| 18 ^[d] | AgNO ₃ (1.2 equiv), instead of Ag ₂ CO ₃ | 20 | 11 |
| 19 | AgOTf (1.2 equiv), instead of Ag ₂ CO ₃ | 97 | <2 |
| 20 | THF, instead of 1,4-dioxane | 21 | 43 |
| 21 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ , instead of 1,4-dioxane | <5 | N.D. |
| 22 | EtOAc, instead of 1,4-dioxane | <5 | N.D. |
| 23 | PhCl, instead of 1,4-dioxane | 0 | – |

[a] Standard conditions: **A1** (0.10 mmol), CuCN (10 mol%), **CPA1** (12 mol%), and Ag₂CO₃ (0.6 equiv) in 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL) at rt for 24 h under argon. [b] Yields were based on ¹⁹F NMR analysis

of the crude product using (trifluoromethyl)benzene as an internal standard. Isolated yield in parenthesis. [c] Ee values were determined by chiral HPLC analysis. [d] The olefinic by-product **BP2** was detected as the major product based on ^{19}F NMR analysis. N.D., not determined. Tc, 2-thiophenecarboxylato.

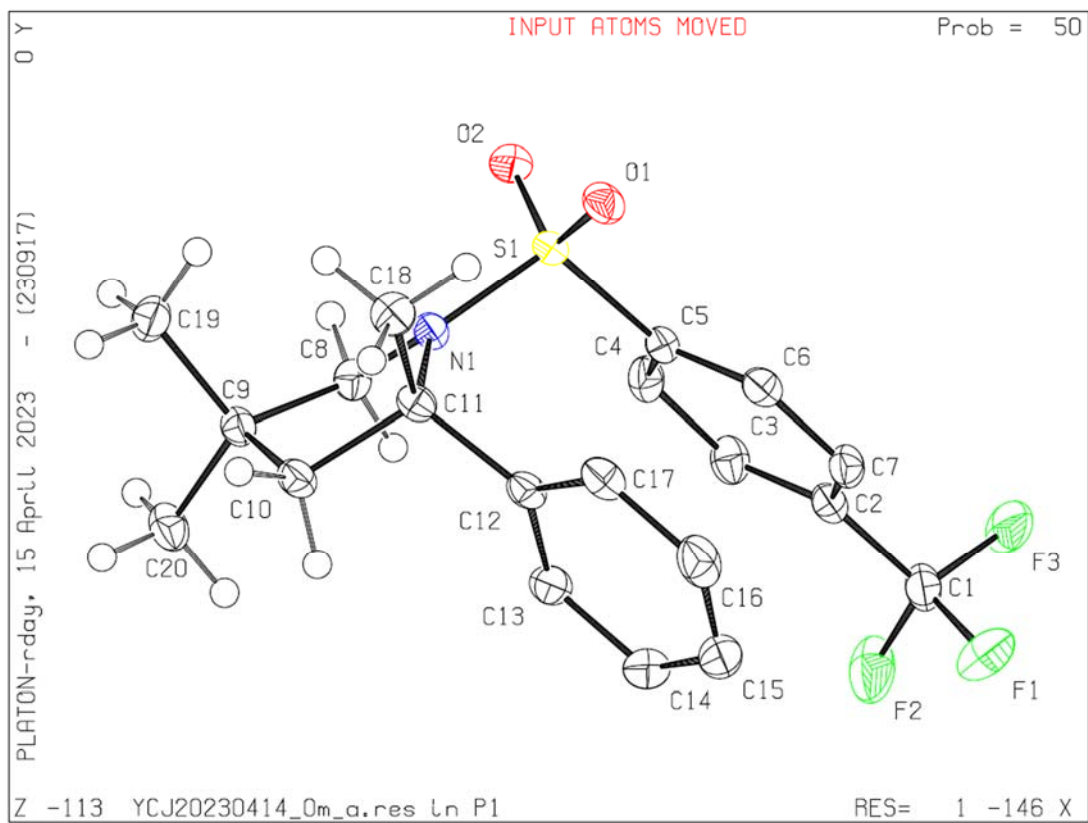
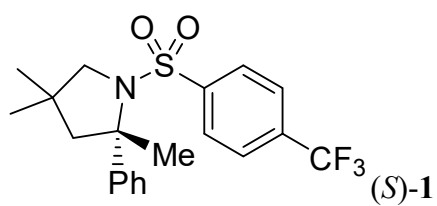


Figure S1. The X-ray structure of (S)-1 (CCDC 2256562, 50% probability ellipsoids).

General information

Reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere using Schlenk techniques. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. CuTc (CAS No. 68986-76-5) and CuCN (CAS No. 544-92-3) were purchased from Alfa Aesar. AgOTf (CAS No. 2923-28-6), Ag₂CO₃ (CAS No. 534-16-7) and (PhO)₂P(O)OH (CAS No. 838-85-7) were purchased from Bidepharm. Chiral phosphoric acid (CPA) was purchased from Daicel Chiral Technologies (China). Anhydrous 1,4-dioxane was purchased from Beijing J&K Scientific Co., Ltd.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated silica gel 60 GF254 plates. Flash column chromatography was performed using Tsingdao silica gel (60, particle size 0.040–0.063 mm). Visualization on TLC was achieved by use of UV light (254 nm), iodine on silica gel or basic KMnO₄ indicator. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz for ¹H NMR, 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR, and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR, respectively, in CDCl₃ with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. The chemical shifts are expressed in ppm and coupling constants are given in Hz. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ, ppm), multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quarter; p, pentet; m, multiplet; br, broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ¹³C NMR were reported in terms of chemical shift (δ, ppm). Mass spectrometric data were obtained using Bruker Apex IV RTMS. Enantiomeric excess (ee) was determined using SHIMADZU LC-20AD with SPD-20AV detector (at appropriate wavelength). Column conditions were reported in the experimental section below.

reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc 80:1) to afford the pure product **S1** as a colorless oil (2.95 g, 80% yield).

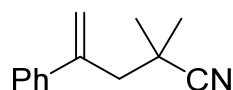
To a solution of **S1** (1.85 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added LiAlH₄ (0.76 g, 20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in portions at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was slowly quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (20 mL) under stirring. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to remove the organic solvent. The remaining aqueous phase was diluted with DCM (20 mL), washed with saturated water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL × 2). The organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH 80:1) to afford the pure product **S2** as a colorless oil (1.53 g, 81% yield).

To a solution of **S2** (0.96 g, 5.0 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added Pd/C (10% palladium on carbon, wet with ca. 50% water, 30 mg). The reaction flask was then evacuated and refilled with hydrogen through a balloon, and the mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere at room temperature for 12 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (10 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH 80:1) to give the product **S3** as a colorless oil (0.91 g, 95% yield).

To a solution of **S3** (0.57 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (10 mL) was added 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (0.88 g, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in portions at 0 °C. After being stirred at 0 °C for 10 min, Et₃N (0.61 g, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added slowly via a syringe. The resulting mixture was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 4 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (10 mL) under stirring. The mixture was diluted with DCM (20 mL), washed with saturated water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL × 2). The organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc 20:1) to afford the pure product **BP1** as a white solid (0.93 g, 78% yield).

According to a modified literature procedure.² To a solution of **BP1** (0.40 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (5 mL) was dropwise added ^tBuOCl (0.11 g, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C under stirring. The resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/EtOAc 100:1) to afford the pure product **A1** as a white solid (0.39 g, 91% yield).

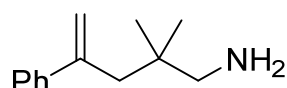
2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-enitrile (S1)³



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 1.25 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 141.6, 128.4, 127.7, 126.4, 124.6, 118.5, 45.4, 33.1, 27.0.

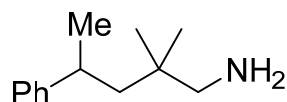
2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine (S2)^{1b}



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 2H), 0.74 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.0, 143.5, 128.1, 127.0, 126.4, 116.6, 53.4, 52.6, 44.4, 25.2.

2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentan-1-amine (S3)

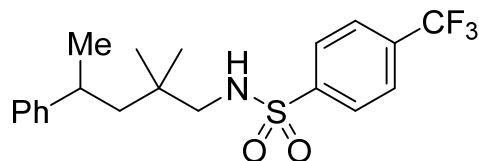


¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 1H), 2.87 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 2H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 128.4, 127.0, 125.7, 53.0, 47.3, 36.3, 35.4, 26.0, 25.5, 25.2.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₃H₂₂N [M + H]⁺ 192.1747, found 192.1748.

N-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (BP1)



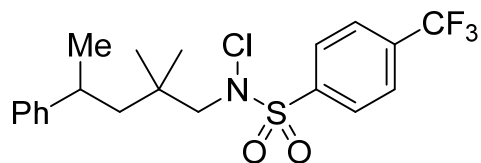
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 4.17 – 4.08 (m, 1H), 2.81 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3, 143.4, 134.1 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 128.7, 127.4, 126.9, 126.3, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 52.6, 47.5, 36.3, 34.8, 26.7, 26.1, 25.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.07.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₄F₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 422.1372, found 422.1372.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A1)**



According to the general procedure, **A1** was prepared as a white solid (0.38 g, 88% yield in the final step).

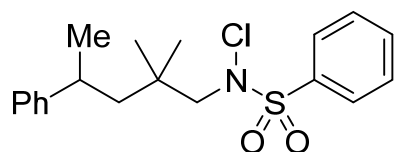
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 137.2, 135.3 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 129.7, 128.6, 127.1, 126.0 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 273.1 Hz), 68.1, 48.8, 36.6, 36.3, 26.7, 26.4, 25.1.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.21.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 456.0982, found 456.0982.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)benzenesulfonamide (A2)**



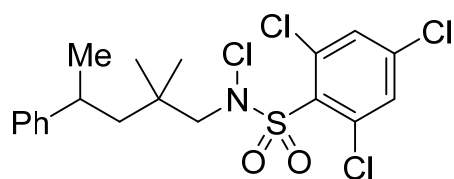
According to the general procedure, **A2** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.29 g, 79% yield in the final step).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 – 7.72 (m, 2H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 133.9, 133.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.1, 125.9, 68.1, 48.5, 36.5, 36.2, 26.5, 26.3, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₅ClNO₂S [M + H]⁺ 366.1289, found 366.1286.

***N*,2,4,6-tetrachloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)benzenesulfonamide (A3)**



According to the general procedure, **A3** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.43 g, 92% yield in the final step).

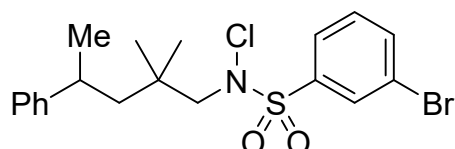
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (s, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H),

3.47 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, $J = 14.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 1.84 (dd, $J = 14.3, 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, $J = 14.3, 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.5, 139.7, 138.3, 131.5, 129.8, 128.5, 127.0, 125.9, 66.4, 48.3, 36.7, 36.2, 26.1, 26.0, 25.9.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{Cl}_4\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 489.9939, found 489.9942.

3-bromo-*N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)benzenesulfonamide (A4)



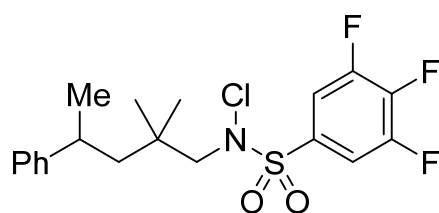
According to the general procedure, **A4** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.38 g, 85% yield in the final step).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (t, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.66 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.09 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dd, $J = 14.4, 9.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, $J = 14.4, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.5, 137.0, 135.7, 131.9, 130.4, 128.6, 127.7, 127.0, 126.0, 123.0, 68.0, 48.5, 36.6, 36.2, 26.5, 26.2, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrClINNaO}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 466.0214, found 466.0217.

N-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-3,4,5-trifluorobenzenesulfonamide (A5)



According to the general procedure, **A5** was prepared as a white solid (0.39 g, 93% yield in the final step).

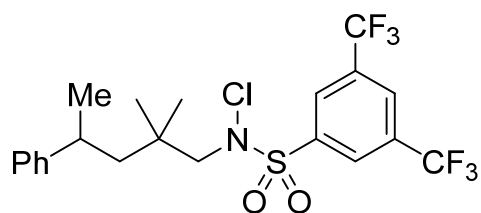
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.02 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.74 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dd, $J = 14.4, 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dd, $J = 14.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2 (dd, $J = 10.5, 3.3$ Hz), 149.6 (dd, $J = 10.5, 3.3$ Hz), 148.3, 144.9 (t, $J = 15.0$ Hz), 142.3 (t, $J = 15.0$ Hz), 129.9 – 129.5 (m), 128.6, 127.0, 126.2, 114.6 – 114.2 (m), 68.1, 49.0, 36.6, 36.3, 26.9, 26.2, 24.9.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -129.23 (d, $J = 19.8$ Hz, 2F), -149.52 (t, $J = 19.8$ Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClF}_3\text{NNaO}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 442.0826, found 442.0829.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A6)**



According to the general procedure, **A6** was prepared as a white solid (0.45 g, 89% yield in the final step).

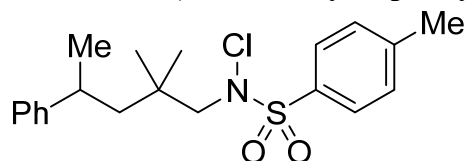
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (s, 2H), 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.92 – 2.81 (m, 1H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.3, 137.0, 133.0 (q, *J* = 34.7 Hz), 129.2 (q, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 128.5, 127.5 (q, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 127.0, 126.0, 122.3 (q, *J* = 273.5 Hz), 67.8, 48.4, 36.7, 36.2, 26.2, 26.0, 25.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.82.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₂ClF₆NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 524.0856, found 524.0860.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (A7)**



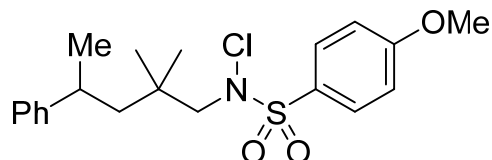
According to the general procedure, **A7** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.30 g, 79% yield in the final step).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.86 – 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 145.0, 130.8, 129.6, 129.3, 128.5, 127.1, 125.8, 68.1, 48.5, 36.5, 36.2, 26.4, 26.3, 25.5, 21.7.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₇ClNO₂S [M + H]⁺ 380.1446, found 380.1443.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (A8)**



According to the general procedure, **A8** was prepared as a white solid (0.37 g, 93% yield in the final step).

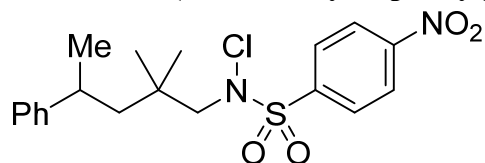
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.80 (m,

2H), 1.82 (dd, $J = 14.4, 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, $J = 14.4, 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8, 148.6, 131.4, 128.4, 127.0, 125.7, 124.9, 114.1, 68.0, 55.6, 48.4, 36.3, 36.1, 26.3, 26.3, 25.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{27}\text{ClNO}_3\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}$] $^+$ 396.1395, found 396.1395.

N-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (**A9**)



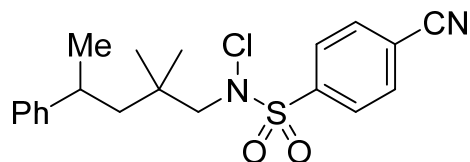
According to the general procedure, **A9** was prepared as a white solid (0.37 g, 90% yield in the final step).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.38 – 8.31 (m, 2H), 7.87 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 3.09 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.75 (d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.84 (dd, $J = 14.5, 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dd, $J = 14.5, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.7, 148.5, 139.3, 130.4, 128.7, 127.1, 126.0, 124.0, 68.2, 48.9, 36.6, 36.3, 26.9, 26.4, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{NaO}_4\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 433.0959, found 433.0962.

N-chloro-4-cyano-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)benzenesulfonamide (**A10**)



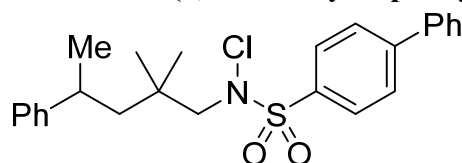
According to the general procedure, **A10** was prepared as a white solid (0.34 g, 88% yield in the final step).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.84 – 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 3.09 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.75 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.83 (dd, $J = 14.4, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 1.63 (dd, $J = 14.4, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.22 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 148.6, 137.9, 132.6, 129.7, 128.7, 127.1, 125.9, 117.5, 117.0, 68.1, 48.8, 36.6, 36.3, 26.9, 26.4, 25.0.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClN}_2\text{NaO}_2\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 413.1061, found 413.1063.

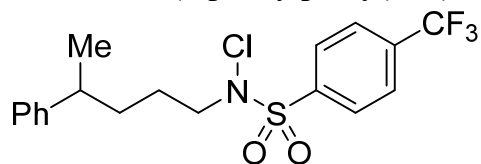
N-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpentyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-sulfonamide (**A11**)



According to the general procedure, **A11** was prepared as a white solid (0.34 g, 80% yield in the final step).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.15 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.95 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 1.84 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 146.8, 139.0, 132.2, 129.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.5, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 125.8, 68.1, 48.5, 36.5, 36.2, 26.5, 26.3, 25.4.
HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₅H₂₈ClNNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 464.1421, found 464.1421.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(4-phenylpentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (A12)**



According to the general procedure, **A12** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.34 g, 84% yield in the final step).

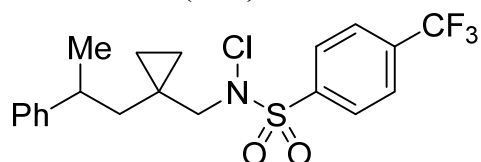
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 3.27 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.76 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 136.5, 135.6 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 129.9, 128.4, 126.9, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 126.1, 123.0 (q, *J* = 273.2 Hz), 56.6, 39.4, 34.3, 25.0, 22.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.22.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 428.0669, found 428.0669.

***N*-chloro-*N*-((1-(2-phenylpropyl)cyclopropyl)methyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A13)**



According to the general procedure, **A13** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.35 g, 80% yield in the final step).

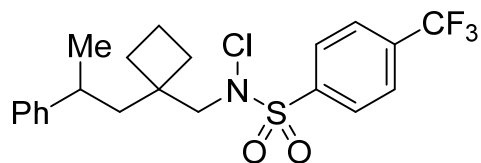
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.257 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.17 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.94 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.75 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.50 – 0.41 (m, 1H), 0.41 – 0.31 (m, 1H), 0.14 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 136.7, 135.7 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 129.9, 128.4, 127.1, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 126.0, 123.0 (q, *J* = 273.3 Hz), 61.9, 42.4, 37.0, 22.4, 16.2, 11.0, 10.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.21.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 454.0826, found 454.0826.

***N*-chloro-*N*-((1-(2-phenylpropyl)cyclobutyl)methyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (A14)**



According to the general procedure, **A14** was prepared as a white solid (0.37 g, 84% yield in the final step).

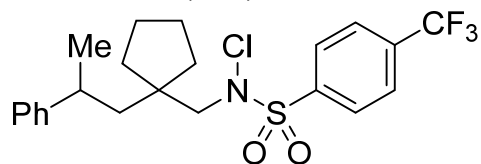
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 1H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.04 – 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 1.93 (m, 3H), 1.90 – 1.66 (m, 3H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 1H), 1.28 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 136.8, 135.6 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 129.9, 128.5, 127.1, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 126.0, 123.1 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 62.5, 44.9, 42.2, 36.2, 32.0, 30.3, 24.5, 16.2.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.21.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 468.0982, found 468.0982.

***N*-chloro-*N*-((1-(2-phenylpropyl)cyclopentyl)methyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (A15)**



According to the general procedure, **A15** was prepared as a white solid (0.33 g, 72% yield in the final step).

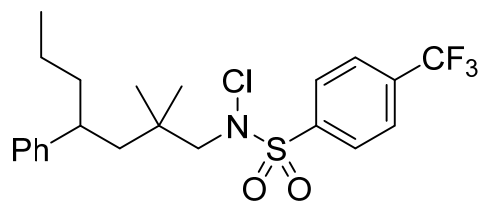
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 14.2 Hz, 1H), 2.99 – 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.74 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 1.40 – 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.21 – 1.12 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.6, 137.1, 135.5 (q, 33.2 Hz), 129.8, 128.5, 127.1, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 273.2 Hz), 63.5, 47.7, 44.9, 36.6, 36.0, 35.5, 26.0, 23.8, 23.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.22.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 482.1139, found 482.1138.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylheptyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A16)**



According to the general procedure, **A16** was prepared as a colorless oil (0.44 g, 96% yield in the final step).

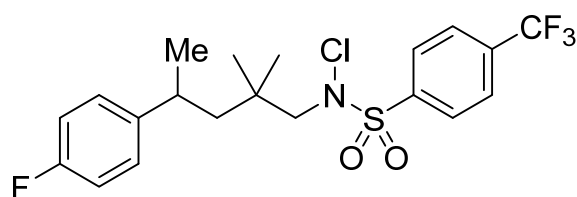
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 – 7.73 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.55 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.1, 137.3, 135.4 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 129.7, 128.5, 127.8, 126.0 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.9, 123.1 (q, *J* = 273.2 Hz), 68.3, 47.8, 42.3, 41.6, 36.6, 26.9, 25.1, 20.5, 14.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.24.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₇ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 484.1295, found 484.1295.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,2-dimethylpentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A17)**



According to the general procedure, **A17** was prepared as a white solid (0.45 g, 98% yield in the final step).

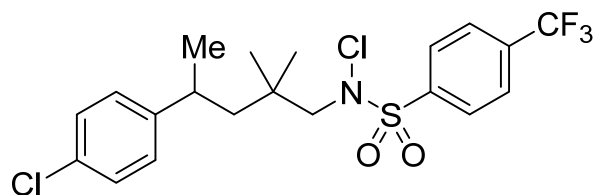
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 – 7.75 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 3.05 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.94 – 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.2 (d, *J* = 243.7 Hz), 144.2 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 137.2, 135.6 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 129.7, 128.4 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J* = 273.1 Hz), 115.3 (d, *J* = 20.9 Hz), 68.1, 48.8, 36.5, 35.6, 26.6, 26.4, 25.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.28, –117.14.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃ClF₄NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 452.1069, found 452.1066.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dimethylpentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A18)**



According to the general procedure, **A18** was prepared as a white solid (0.28 g, 60% yield in the final step).

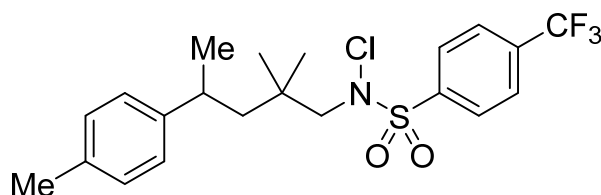
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 – 7.76 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 3.09 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.93 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.1, 137.2, 135.6 (q, *J* = 33.4 Hz), 131.5, 129.7, 128.7, 128.5, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 125.8 (q, *J* = 269.8 Hz), 68.1, 48.5, 36.6, 35.8, 26.7, 26.3, 25.3.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.23.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃Cl₂F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 468.0773, found 468.0770.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(2,2-dimethyl-4-(*p*-tolyl)pentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene sulfonamide (A19)**



According to the general procedure, **A19** was prepared as a white solid (0.30 g, 66% yield in the final step).

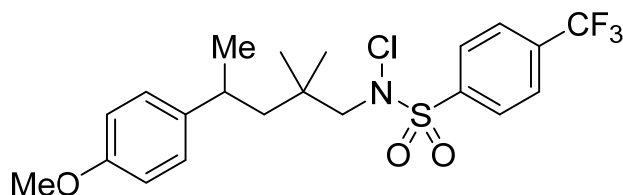
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.05 (m, 4H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.89 – 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 137.3, 135.4 (q, *J* = 33.1 Hz), 135.3, 129.7, 129.3, 126.9, 126.0 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.1 (q, *J* = 273.2 Hz), 68.1, 48.7, 36.6, 35.8, 26.7, 26.5, 25.1, 21.0.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.21.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 470.1139, found 470.1139.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpentyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (A20)**



According to the general procedure, **A20** was prepared as a white solid (0.32 g, 70% yield in the final step).

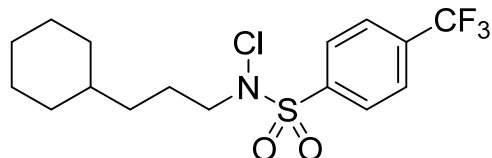
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 – 7.74 (m, 4H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.88 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.08 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 140.5, 137.2, 135.4 (q, *J* = 33.2 Hz), 129.7, 127.9, 126.0 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.1 (q, *J* = 273.1 Hz), 114.0, 68.3, 55.1, 49.2, 36.6, 35.4, 27.1, 26.6, 24.9.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.23.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅ClF₃NNaO₃S [M + Na]⁺ 486.1088, found 486.1085.

***N*-chloro-*N*-(3-cyclohexylpropyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (A21)**



According to the general procedure, **A21** was prepared as a white solid (0.36 g, 95% yield in the final step).

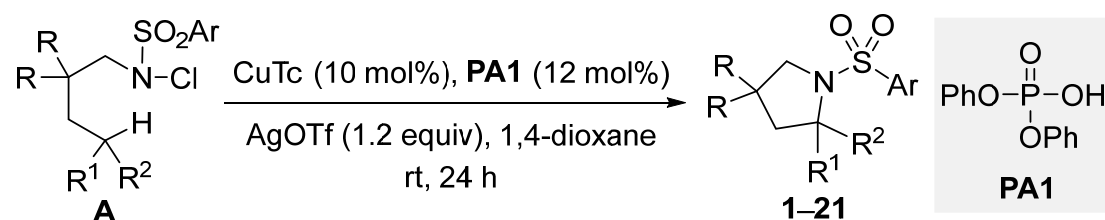
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 7H), 1.29 – 1.12 (m, 6H), 0.96 – 0.81 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.6, 135.7 (q, *J* = 33.3 Hz), 130.0, 126.2 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.0 (q, *J* = 273.2 Hz), 57.0, 37.2, 33.6, 33.2, 26.5, 26.2, 24.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.25.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁ClF₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 406.0826, found 406.0826.

General procedure for racemic tertiary C(sp³)-H amination

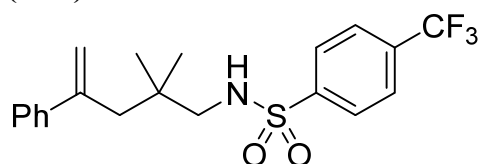


General procedure A

Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **A** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), **CuTc** (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **PA1** (3.0 mg, 0.012 mmol, 12 mol%), **AgOTf** (30.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (gradient eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1–10:1) to afford the desired product.

Analytical data for products

N-(2,2-dimethyl-4-phenylpent-4-en-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (BP2)



The olefinic by-product **BP2** is a known compound,⁴ and the analytical data were consistent with that reported in the literature.

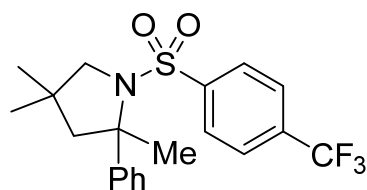
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.22 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 5.00 (m, 1H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 2H), 0.83 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.7, 143.3, 143.2, 134.1 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 126.3, 126.1 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.2 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 117.8, 52.8, 44.9, 35.2, 25.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.08.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 398.1396, found 398.1397.

2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (1)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A1** (43.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **1** as a white solid (36.6 mg, 92% yield).

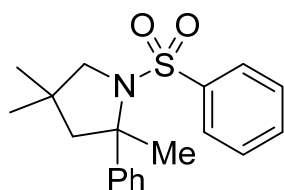
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 4H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 143.6, 133.3 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.0, 127.5, 126.8, 126.0, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.9 Hz), 70.3, 63.1, 59.7, 36.7, 28.3, 28.1, 27.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.01.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₃F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 398.1396, found 398.1396.

2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pyrrolidine (2)



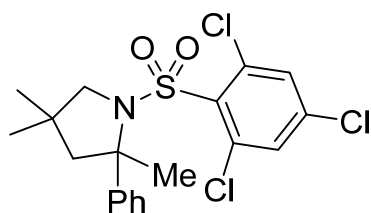
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A2** (36.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **2** as a yellow oil (24.6 mg, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.21 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.3, 140.5, 131.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.2, 126.5, 125.9, 70.5, 62.7, 59.8, 36.7, 28.2, 28.1, 27.4.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₄NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 330.1522, found 330.1521.

2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-((2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (3)



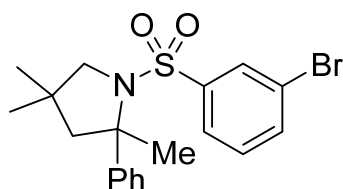
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A3** (46.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **3** as a slightly yellow oil (30.0 mg, 69% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 7.11 – 7.01 (m, 3H), 3.92 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.6, 137.0, 136.2, 135.5, 130.8, 127.6, 126.9, 126.6, 69.8, 63.8, 61.1, 35.6, 29.3, 29.1, 25.6.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₉H₂₁Cl₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 432.0353, found 432.0353.

1-((3-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine (4)



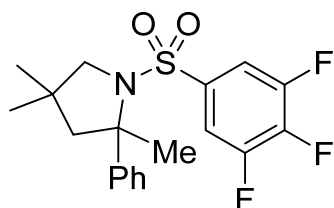
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A4** (44.5 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **4** as yellow oil (26.5 mg, 65% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.2, 142.0, 134.8, 130.0, 129.9, 127.9, 127.0, 126.0, 125.6, 122.5, 70.3, 62.9, 59.7, 36.7, 28.3, 28.2, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{BrNO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 408.0627, found 408.0627.

2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-((3,4,5-trifluorophenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (5)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A5** (42.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **5** as a white solid (34.6 mg, 90% yield).

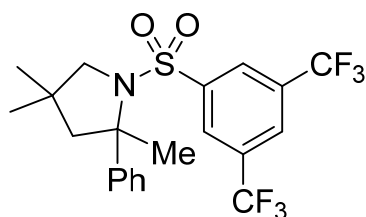
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 6.96 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 151.7 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.3 Hz), 149.2 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.3 Hz), 145.6, 143.3 (t, J = 15.0 Hz), 140.8 (t, J = 15.0 Hz), 136.0 – 135.8 (m), 127.9, 127.2, 126.3, 112.2 – 111.8 (m), 70.1, 63.1, 59.6, 36.7, 28.3, 28.2, 27.5.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -130.96 (d, J = 19.9 Hz, 2F), -153.75 (t, J = 19.9 Hz, 1F).

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 384.1240, found 384.1238.

1-((3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine (6)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A6** (50.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **6** as a slightly yellow solid (37.8 mg, 81% yield).

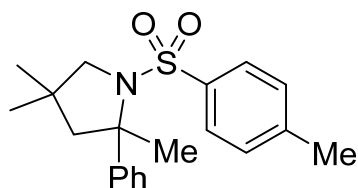
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.23 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.09 (m, 3H), 3.63 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 145.1, 142.9, 132.1 (q, J = 34.3 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 127.1 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 126.1, 125.3 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 122.5 (q, J = 273.4 Hz), 70.1, 63.4, 59.8, 36.9, 28.3, 28.0, 27.6.

^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -62.75.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{F}_6\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 466.1270, found 466.1270.

2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-tosylpyrrolidine (7)



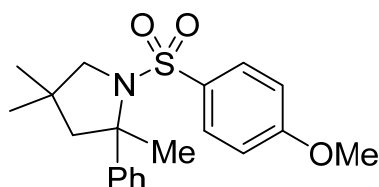
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A7** (38.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **7** as a white solid (27.1 mg, 79% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.43 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.40 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 142.5, 137.7, 129.1, 128.0, 127.3, 126.4, 125.9, 70.5, 62.6, 59.8, 36.7, 28.2, 28.1, 27.4, 21.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₅NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 366.1498, found 366.1499.

1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine (8)



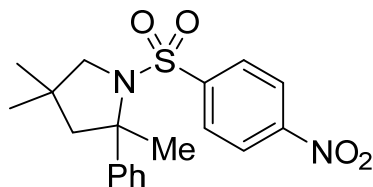
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A8** (39.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **8** as a colorless semi-solid (14.8 mg, 41% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.38 – 3.31 (m, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 147.5, 132.5, 129.4, 128.0, 126.4, 125.9, 113.7, 70.4, 62.6, 59.8, 55.5, 36.7, 28.2, 28.1, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₆NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 360.1628, found 360.1621.

2,4,4-trimethyl-1-((4-nitrophenyl)sulfonyl)-2-phenylpyrrolidine (9)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A9** (41.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **9** as a white solid (32.2 mg, 86% yield).

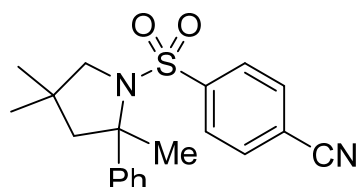
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H),

2.29 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.0, 145.8, 137.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.1, 123.7, 70.4, 63.2, 59.7, 36.9, 28.4, 28.2, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 375.1373, found 375.1374.

4-((2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)benzonitrile (10)



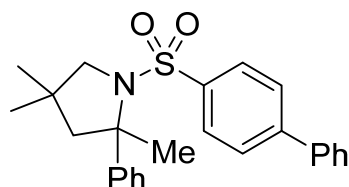
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A10** (39.1 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **10** as a white solid (32.6 mg, 92% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.50 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.03 (d, $J = 13.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 146.0, 144.2, 132.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.9, 126.1, 117.5, 115.3, 70.4, 63.1, 59.7, 36.8, 28.3, 28.2, 27.4.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 377.1294, found 377.1293.

1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine (11)



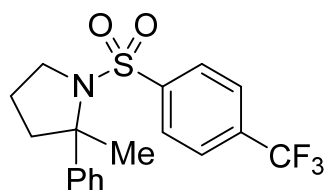
According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A11** (44.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **11** as a yellow oil (29.3 mg, 72% yield).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.62 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 3.48 – 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.23 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H).

^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 147.2, 144.6, 139.5, 139.0, 129.0, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 126.0, 70.4, 62.8, 59.8, 36.7, 28.3, 28.2, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 406.1835, found 406.1833.

2-methyl-2-phenyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (12)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A12** (40.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **12** as a white solid (25.0 mg, 68% yield).

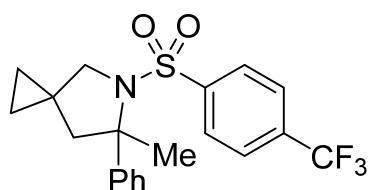
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 3.77 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 2.25 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.07 – 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.98 – 1.84 (m, 5H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 144.5, 133.5 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 128.1, 127.3, 126.9, 126.0, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 69.9, 50.2, 45.7, 26.6, 22.6.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.99.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈F₃NNaO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 392.0903, found 392.0901.

6-methyl-6-phenyl-5-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-5-azaspiro[2.4]heptane (13)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A13** (43.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **13** as a colorless oil (19.8 mg, 50% yield).

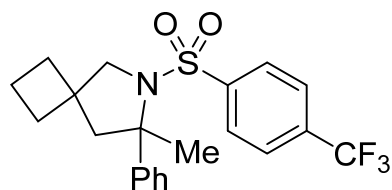
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 – 7.57 (s, 4H), 7.38 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.99 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 0.75 – 0.65 (m, 1H), 0.64 – 0.55 (m, 2H), 0.46 – 0.36 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.0, 144.5, 133.4 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 127.9, 127.3, 126.9, 126.2, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 70.9, 57.5, 53.9, 26.6, 19.4, 11.1, 10.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.01.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 396.1240, found 396.1239.

7-methyl-7-phenyl-6-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-6-azaspiro[3.4]octane (14)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A14** (44.6 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **14** as a white solid (38.0 mg, 93% yield).

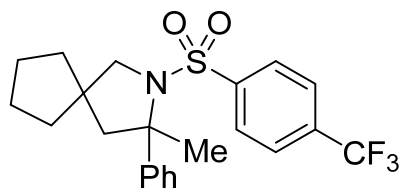
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 144.1, 133.4 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 127.9, 127.4, 126.8, 126.1, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 70.3, 61.5, 58.0, 43.2, 33.2, 31.6, 27.2, 16.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.99.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 410.1396, found 410.1386.

3-methyl-3-phenyl-2-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-2-azaspiro[4.4]nonane (15)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A15** (46.0 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **15** as a white solid (23.3 mg, 55% yield).

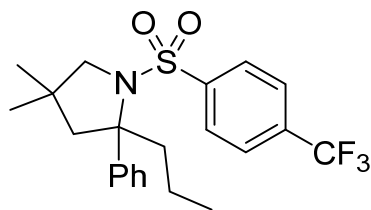
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68 – 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.56 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.33 (m, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.9, 143.8, 133.3 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 127.9, 127.4, 126.7, 126.1, 125.6 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 70.0, 61.8, 58.2, 47.7, 38.6, 37.5, 27.5, 24.7, 24.4.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.00.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₅F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 424.1553, found 424.1551.

4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-propyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (16)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A16** (46.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **16** as a white solid (22.1 mg, 52% yield).

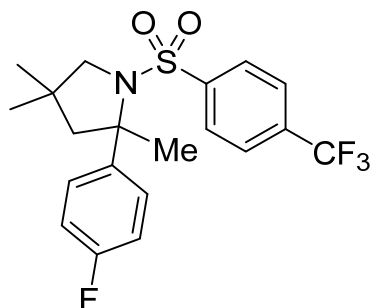
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 2H), 2.22 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.29 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.2, 143.0, 133.0 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 127.9, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 125.3 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 73.7, 62.9, 54.0, 41.9, 36.4, 29.0, 27.8, 19.5, 14.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.06.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₂₇F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 426.1709, found 426.1707.

2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (17)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A17** (45.2 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **17** as a white solid (35.7 mg, 86% yield).

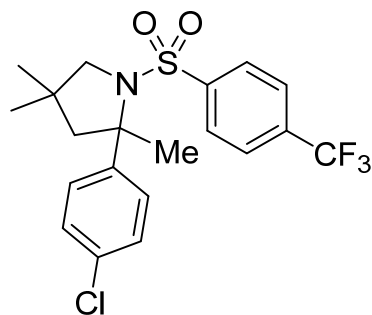
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 3.49 – 3.35 (m, 2H), 2.20 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5 (d, *J* = 246.3 Hz), 143.7 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 142.4 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 133.6 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 127.7 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 127.5, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 114.7 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz), 70.0, 62.9, 59.7, 36.7, 28.2, 28.2, 27.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.03 (3F), –116.22 (1F).

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂F₄NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 416.1302, found 416.1299.

2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (18)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A18** (46.8 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **18** as a white solid (40.6 mg, 94% yield).

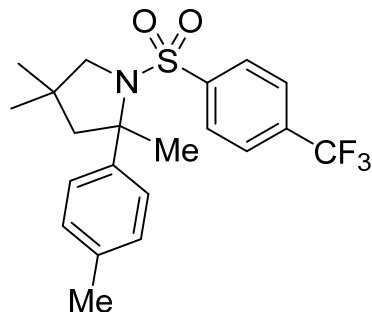
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.2, 143.6, 133.7 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 132.7, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 125.7 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 70.0, 63.0, 59.6, 36.8, 28.2, 28.0, 27.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.00.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₂ClF₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 432.1006, found 432.0996.

2,4,4-trimethyl-2-(*p*-tolyl)-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (19)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A19** (44.8 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **19** as a white solid (38.2 mg, 93% yield).

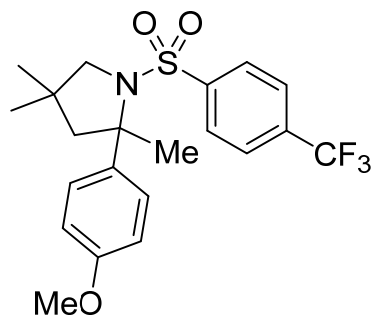
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 143.1, 136.5, 133.1 (q, *J* = 32.8 Hz), 128.5, 127.4, 126.0, 125.4 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.4 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 69.9, 63.2, 59.7, 36.7, 28.3, 28.1, 27.5, 20.7.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.98.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 412.1553, found 412.1552.

2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine (20)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A20** (46.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **20** as a white solid (38.5 mg, 90% yield).

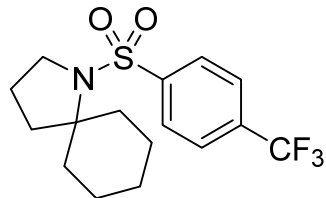
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 143.6, 138.1, 133.2 (q, *J* = 32.9 Hz), 127.4, 127.3, 125.5 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.7 Hz), 113.1, 69.7, 63.0, 59.7, 55.1, 36.6, 28.3, 28.3, 27.5.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –62.97.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₁H₂₅F₃NO₃S [M + H]⁺ 428.1502, found 428.1501.

1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]decane (21)



According to the **general procedure A**, substrate **A21** (38.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was employed to yield product **21** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, 92% yield).

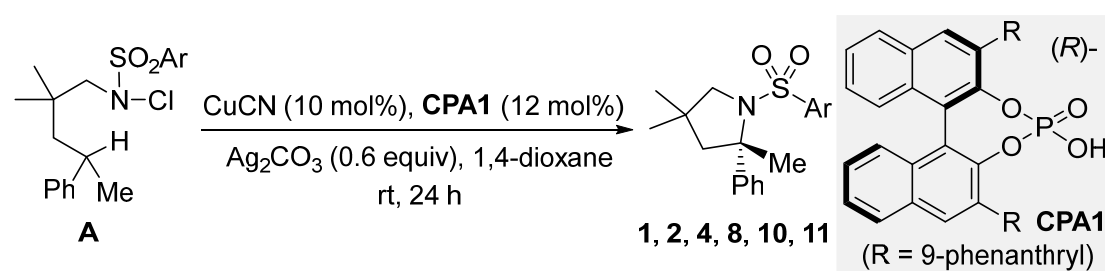
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.76 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.32 – 1.19 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.5, 133.5 (q, *J* = 33.0 Hz), 127.5, 125.9 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 123.4 (q, *J* = 272.8 Hz), 70.3, 49.4, 36.5, 36.4, 24.9, 24.6, 22.7.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –63.00.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁F₃NO₂S [M + H]⁺ 348.1240, found 348.1231.

General procedure for enantioselective tertiary C(sp³)-H amination

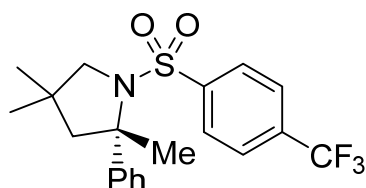


General procedure B

Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **A** (0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuCN (0.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **CPA1** (8.4 mg, 0.012 mmol, 12 mol%), Ag₂CO₃ (16.5 mg, 0.06 mmol, 0.6 equiv), and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (gradient eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1–10:1) to afford the desired product.

HPLC conditions for chiral products

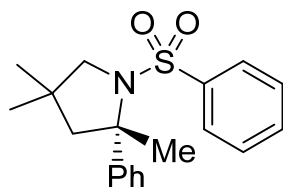
(*S*)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)sulfonyl)pyrrolidine ((*S*)-1)



According to the **general procedure B**, substrate **A1** (43.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) was employed to yield product **1** as a white solid (13.0 mg, 33% yield, 80% ee).

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/05, flow rate 0.5 mL/min, λ = 254 nm), t_R (minor) = 16.387 min, t_R (major) = 17.819 min.

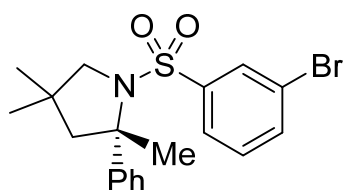
(*S*)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenyl-1-(phenylsulfonyl)pyrrolidine ((*S*)-2)



According to the **general procedure B**, substrate **A2** (41.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) was employed to yield product **2** as a yellow oil (7.5 mg, 23% yield, 63% ee).

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/05, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm), t_R (minor) = 10.613 min, t_R (major) = 13.156 min.

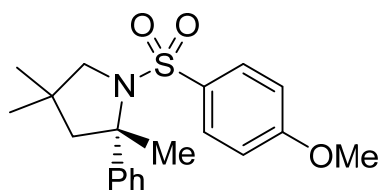
(*S*)-1-((3-bromophenyl)sulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine ((*S*)-4)



According to the **general procedure B**, substrate **A4** (44.5 mg, 0.10 mmol) was employed to yield product **4** as a yellow oil (10.1 mg, 25% yield, 72% ee).

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/05, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm), t_R (minor) = 7.919 min, t_R (major) = 9.096 min.

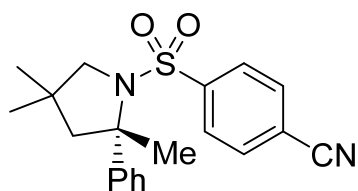
(S)-1-((4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine ((S)-8)



According to the **general procedure B**, substrate **A8** (39.6 mg, 0.10 mmol) was employed to yield product **8** as a colorless semi-solid (6.1 mg, 17% yield, 61% ee).

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/05, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm), t_R (minor) = 23.047 min, t_R (major) = 24.494 min.

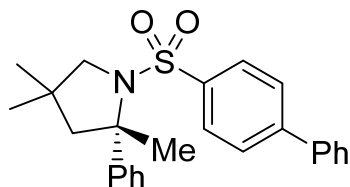
(S)-4-((2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)sulfonyl)benzotrile ((S)-10)



According to the **general procedure B**, substrate **A10** (39.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) was employed to yield product **10** as a white solid (12.3 mg, 35% yield, 81% ee).

HPLC analysis: Chiralcel AD-H (hexane/*i*-PrOH = 95/05, flow rate 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm), t_R (minor) = 21.064 min, t_R (major) = 23.094 min.

(S)-1-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ylsulfonyl)-2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidine ((S)-11)

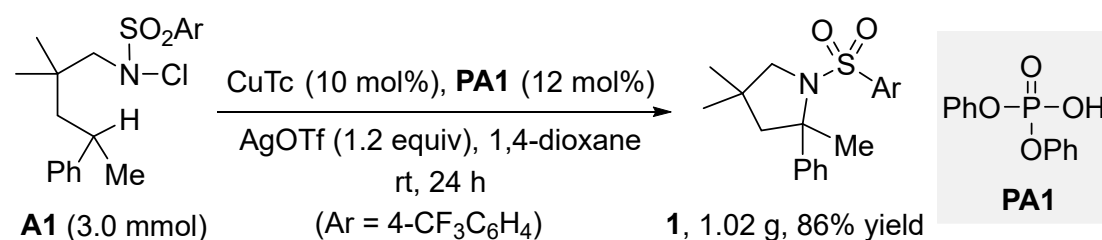


According to the **general procedure B**, substrate **A11** (44.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) was employed to yield product **11** as a yellow oil (12.6 mg, 31% yield, 65% ee).

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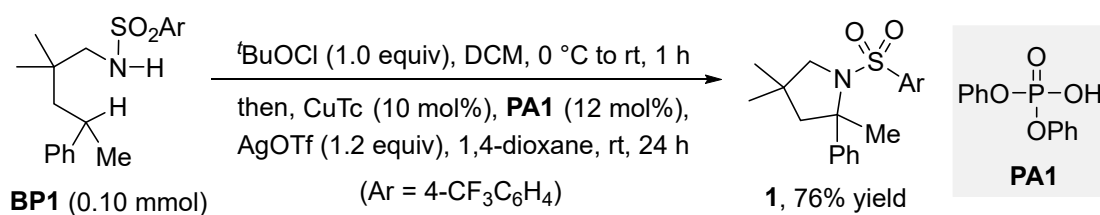
Scalability and synthetic utility

1. Gram-scale synthesis (Scheme 4a)



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **A1** (1.30 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuTc (57.2 mg, 0.3 mmol, 10 mol%), **PA1** (90.1 mg, 0.36 mmol, 12 mol%), AgOTf (925.0 mg, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (60 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (100 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (gradient eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1–10:1) to afford the product **1** as a white solid (1.02 g, 86% yield).

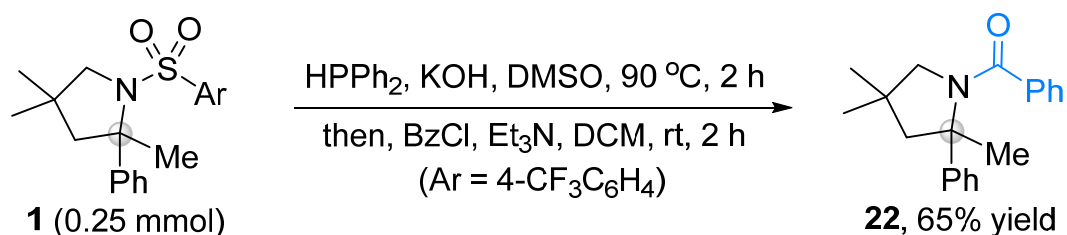
2. One-pot protocol (Scheme 4b)



To a solution of **BP1** (39.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (2 mL) was dropwise added ^tBuOCl (10.9 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) at 0 °C under stirring. The resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was directly used in the next step without further purification.

Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with the above-mentioned crude product, CuTc (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **PA1** (3.0 mg, 0.012 mmol, 12 mol%), AgOTf (30.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. Upon completion (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (gradient eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 20:1–10:1) to afford the product **1** as a white solid (30.0 mg, 76% yield).

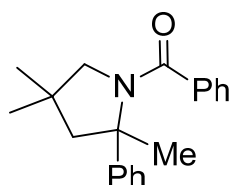
3. Synthetic application (Scheme 4c)



According to the reported literature procedure.⁵ To a stirred mixture of **1** (100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), KOH (35.3 mg, 0.63 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in anhydrous DMSO (3 mL) was dropwise added HPPPh₂ (52.1 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv) under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The resulting mixture was then stirred at 90 °C for 2 h before being cooled to room temperature and diluted with DCM (2 mL). The reaction mixture was slowly quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with DCM (5 mL × 2). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 mL × 2) and brine (10 mL × 2). The organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was directly used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the above-mentioned crude product and Et₃N (208 μL, 1.50 mmol, 6.0 equiv) in anhydrous DCM (3 mL) was dropwise added benzoyl chloride (146 μL, 1.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 2 h before being diluted with DCM (5 mL). The reaction mixture was washed with HCl (1 M, 5 mL) and brine (10 mL × 2). The organic layer was separated, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 10:1, then DCM/MeOH 100:1) to give the product **22** as a yellow oil (47.7 mg, 65% yield).

phenyl(2,4,4-trimethyl-2-phenylpyrrolidin-1-yl)methanone (**22**)



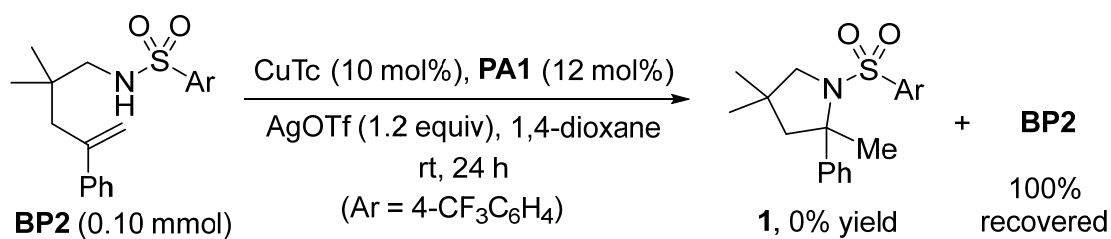
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¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.5, 147.5, 138.8, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 126.2, 126.0, 124.8, 68.0, 64.8, 58.9, 37.1, 28.0, 27.9, 27.3.

HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C₂₀H₂₄NO [M + H]⁺ 294.1852, found 294.1852.

Mechanistic studies

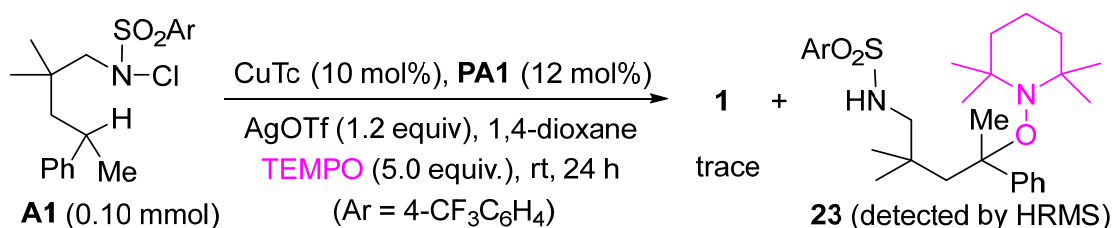
1. Control experiment (Scheme 5a)



Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **BP2** (39.7 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuTc (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **PA1** (3.0 mg, 0.012 mmol, 12 mol%), AgOTf (30.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h before being filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR analysis using (trifluoromethyl)benzene as an internal standard.

The desired product **1** was not detected and **BP2** was recovered in quantitative yield.

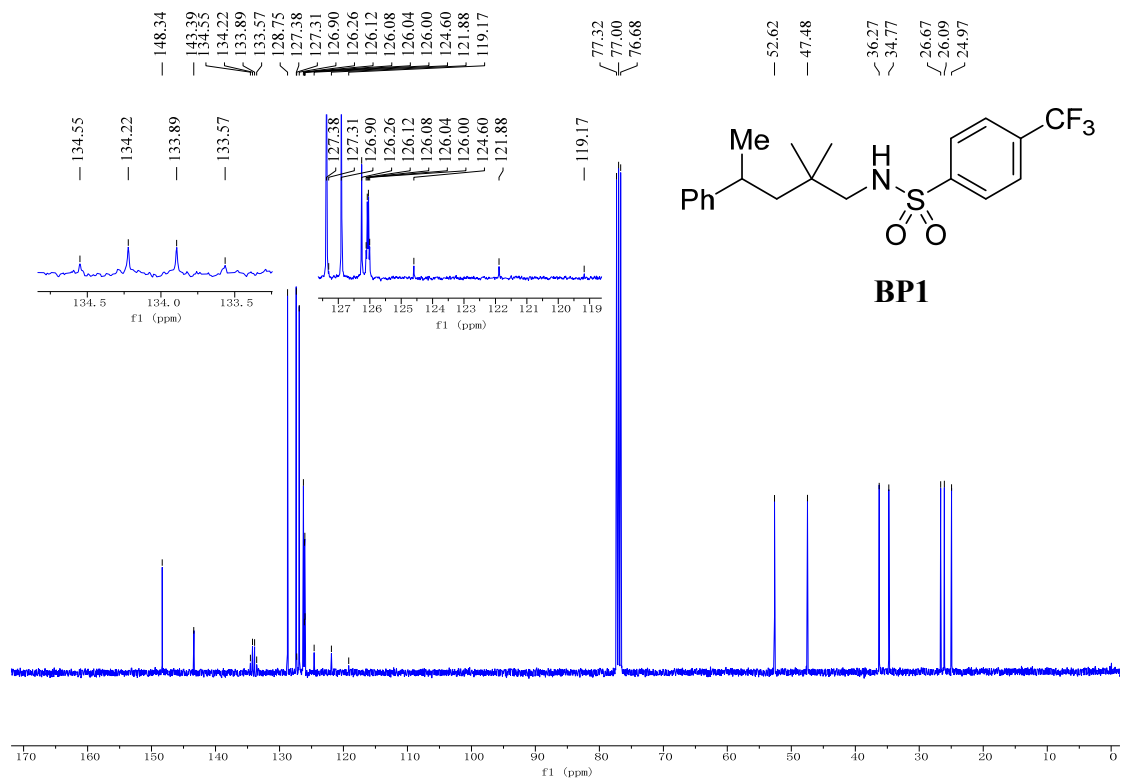
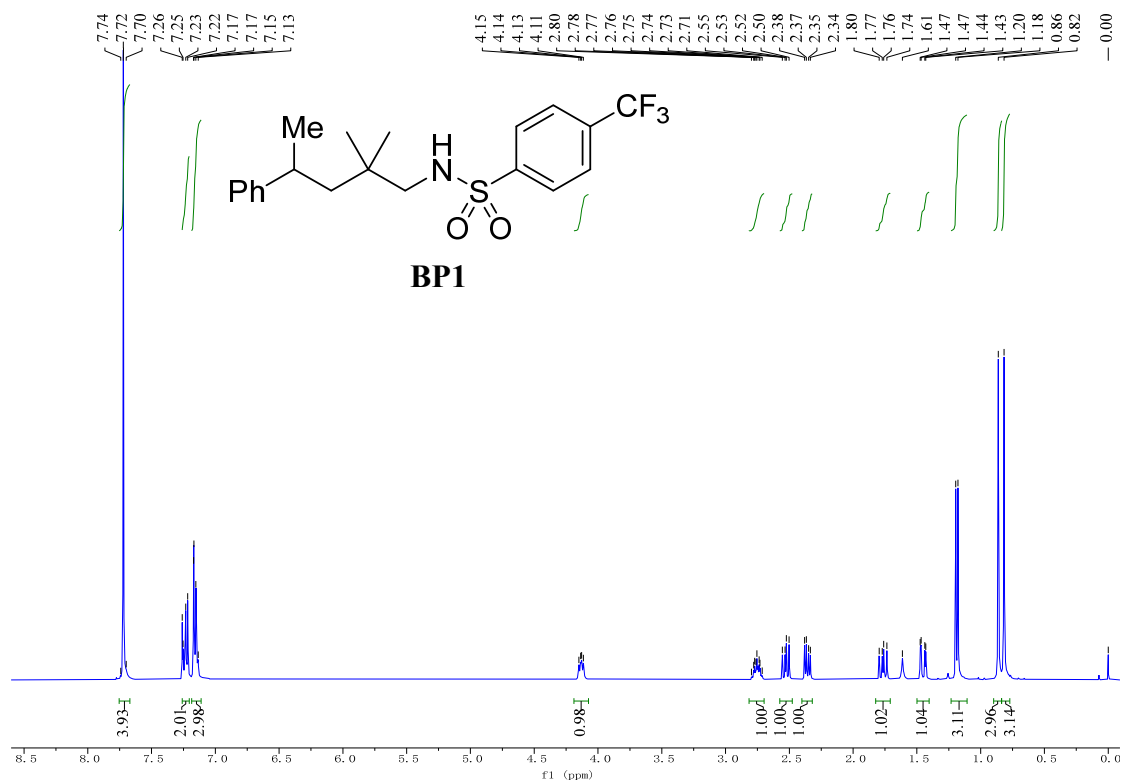
2. Radical inhibiting experiment (Scheme 5b)

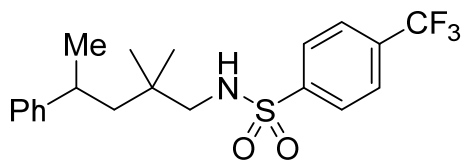


Under argon atmosphere, an oven-dried resealable Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with **A1** (43.4 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CuTc (1.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 10 mol%), **PA1** (3.0 mg, 0.012 mmol, 12 mol%), AgOTf (30.8 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (2.0 mL). 2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl piperidinoxy (**TEMPO**, 78.1 mg, 0.50 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was then added into the mixture. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc (5 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was first analyzed by ^{19}F NMR analysis using (trifluoromethyl)benzene as an internal standard. The crude product was then analyzed by HRMS (ESI) analysis.

The desired reaction was inhibited and product **1** was not detected. The TEMPO-trapped product **23** was detected by HRMS (ESI) analysis. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{F}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ 555.2863, found 555.2852.

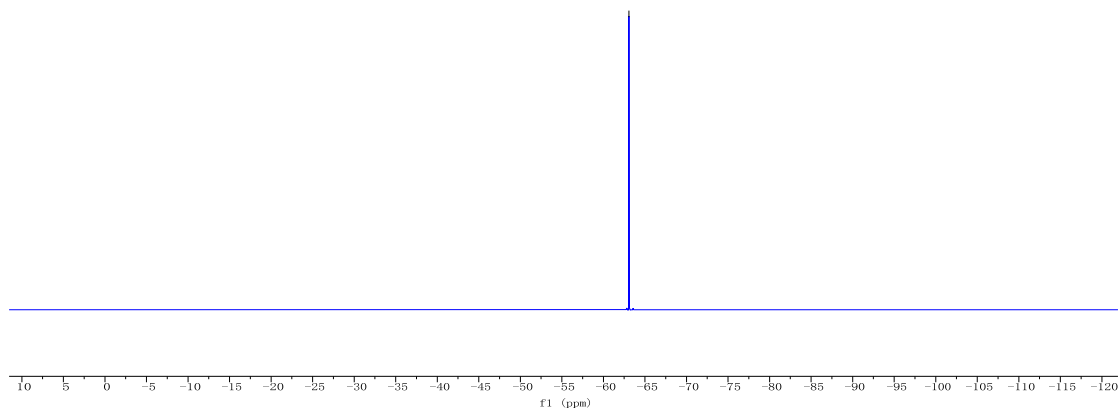
NMR spectra

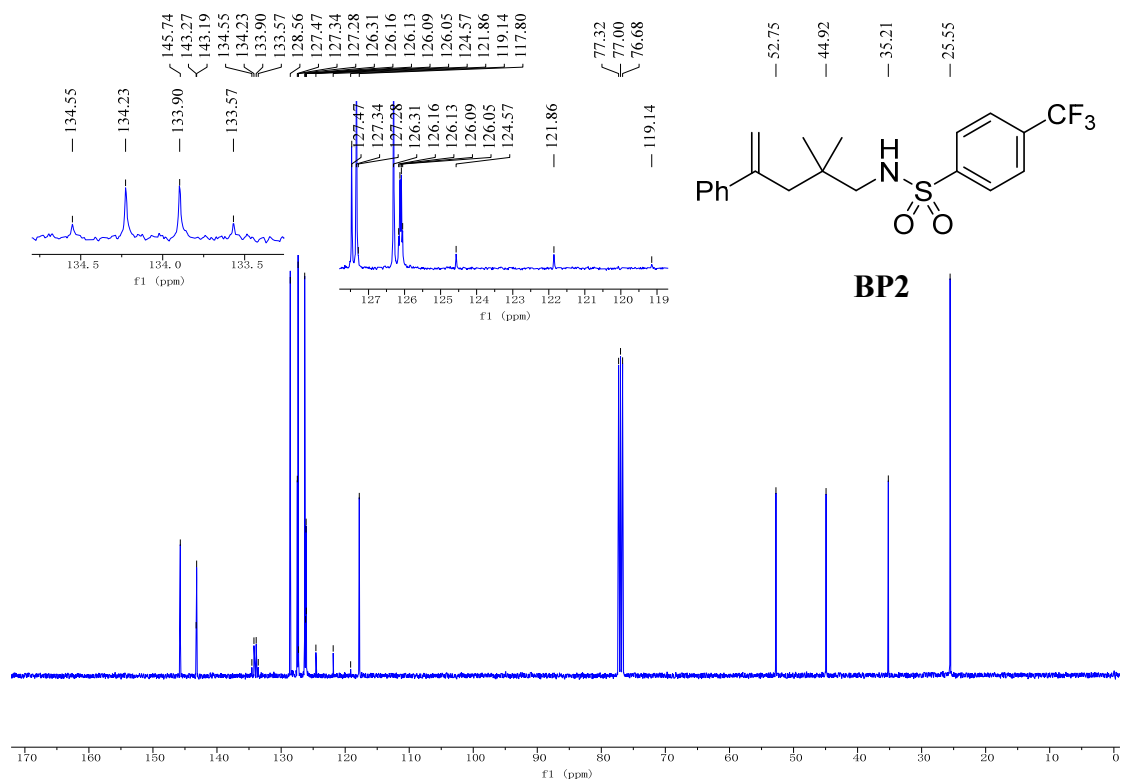
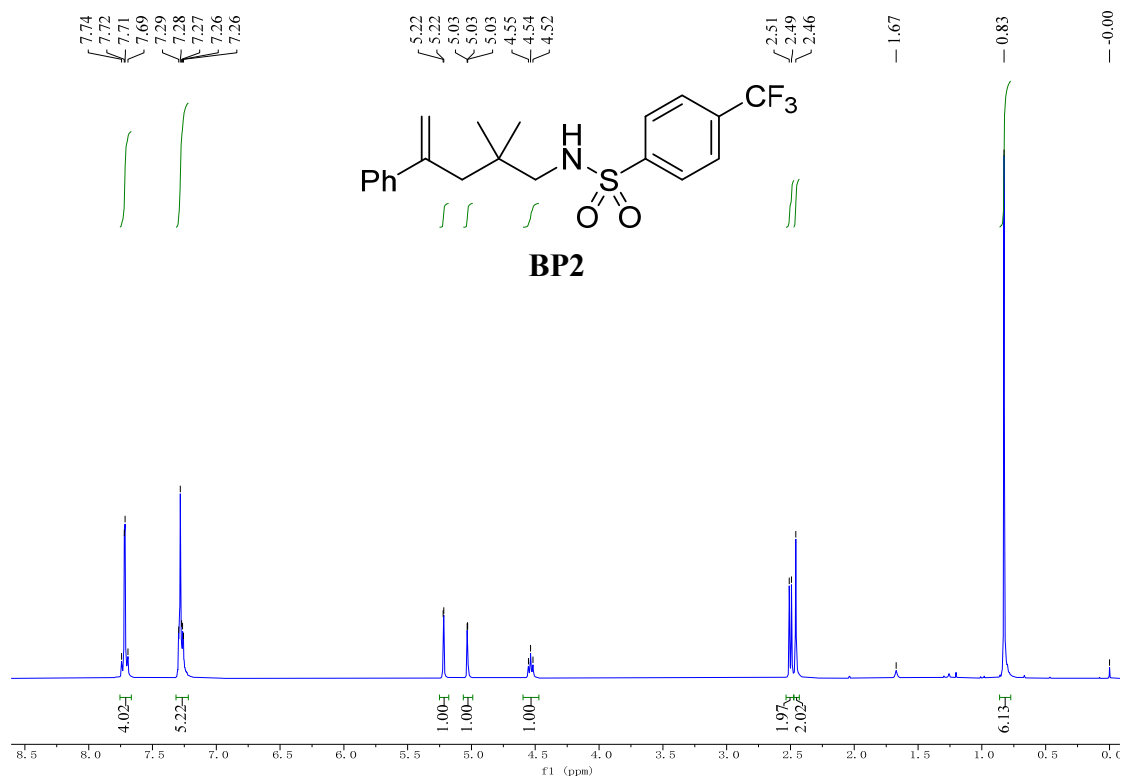


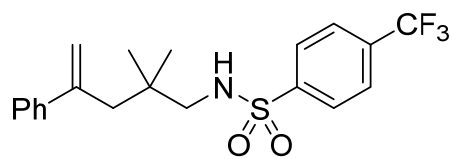


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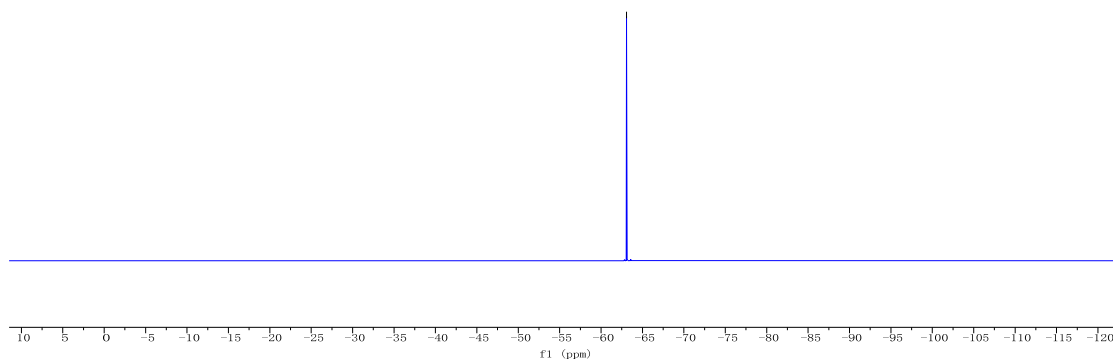


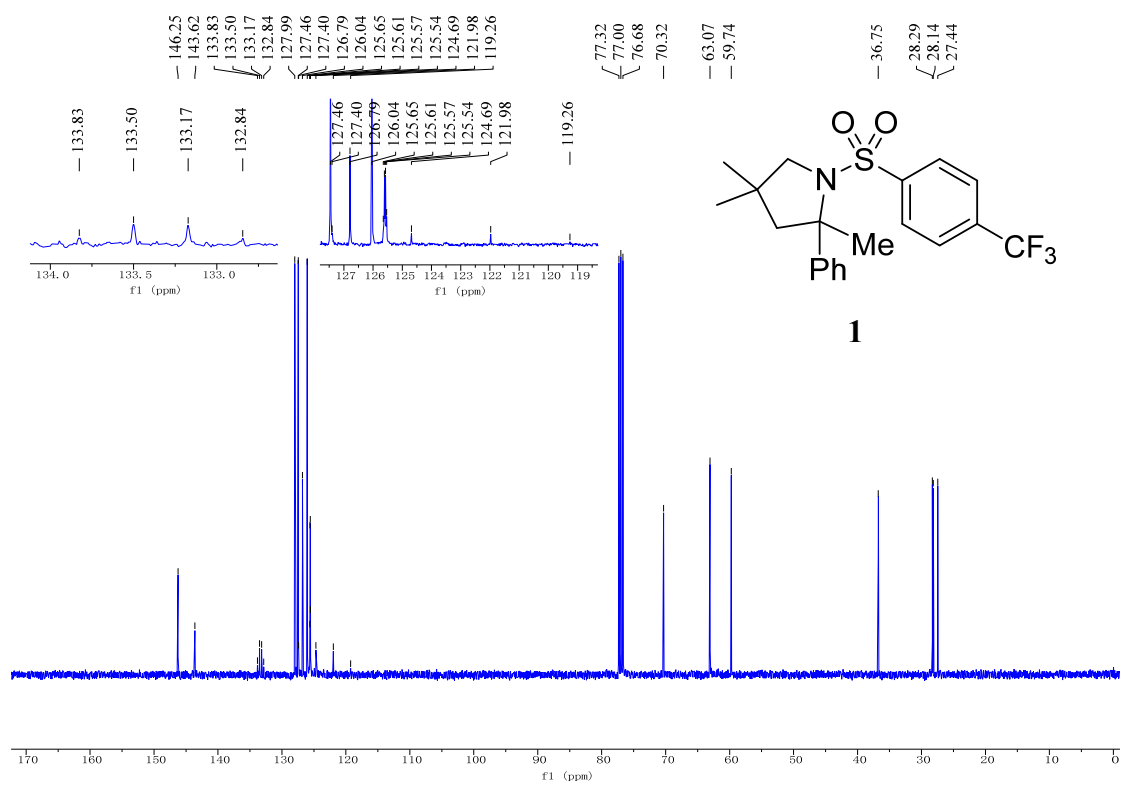
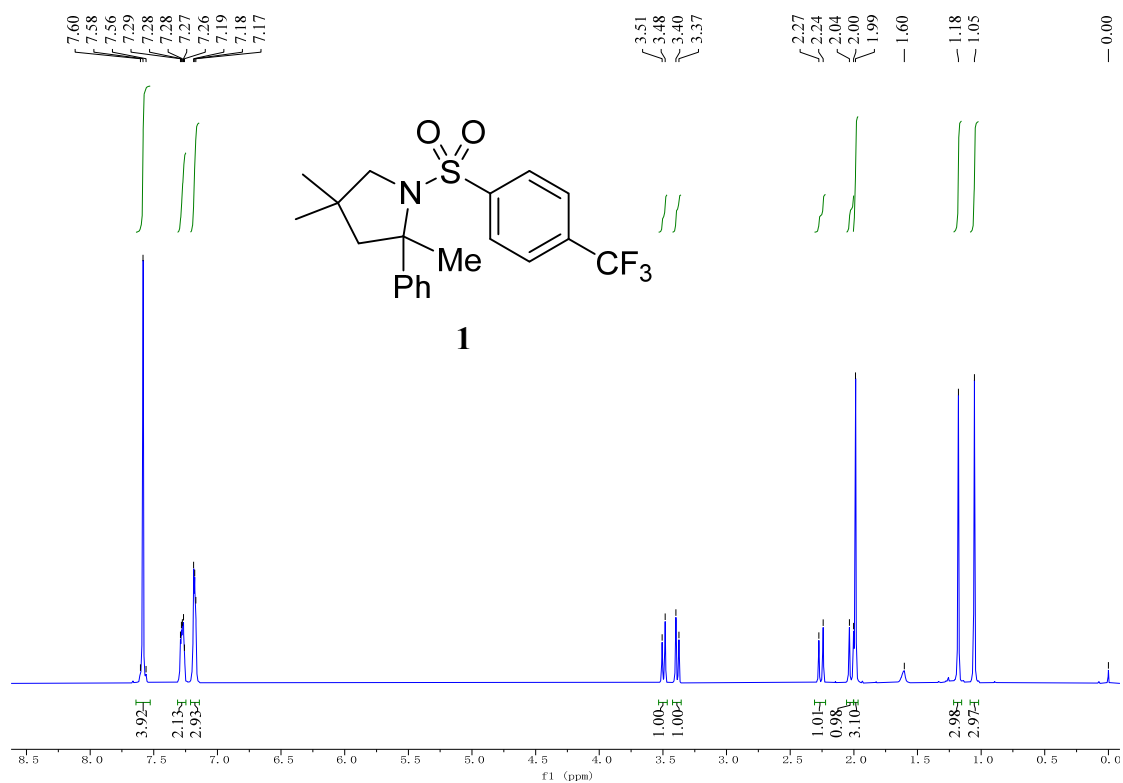


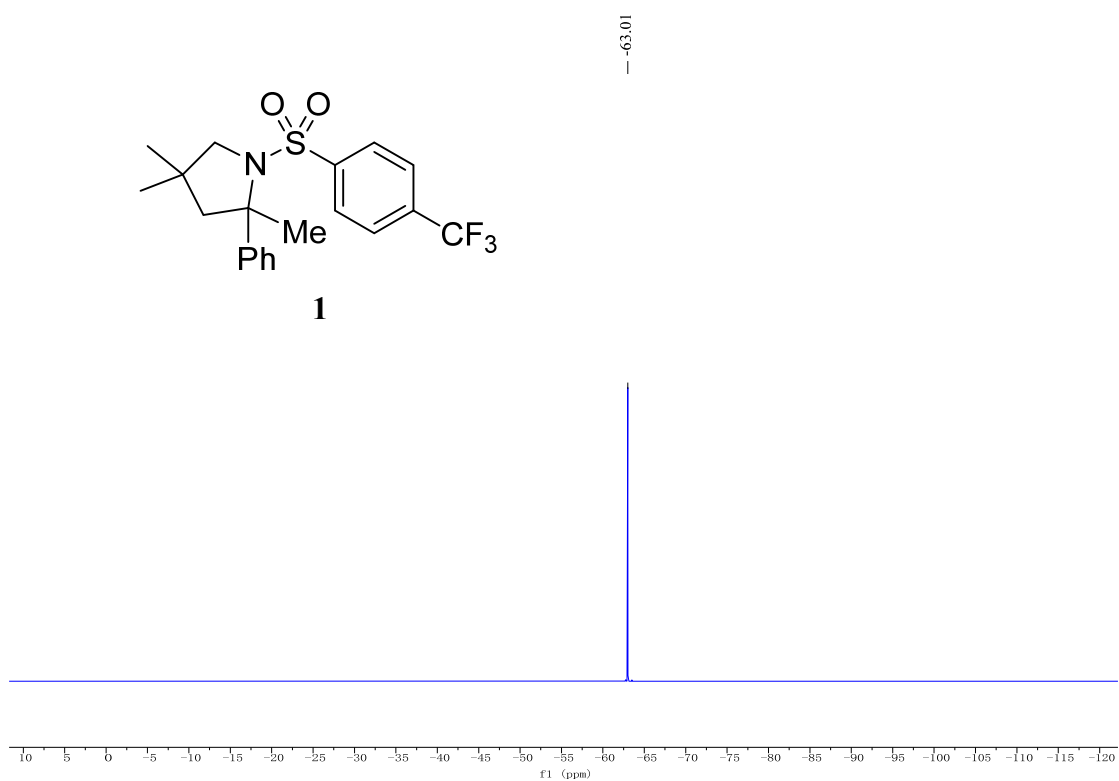
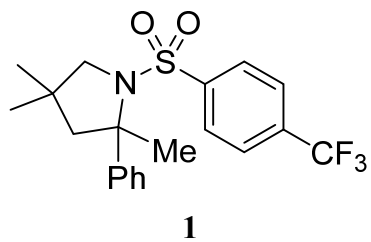


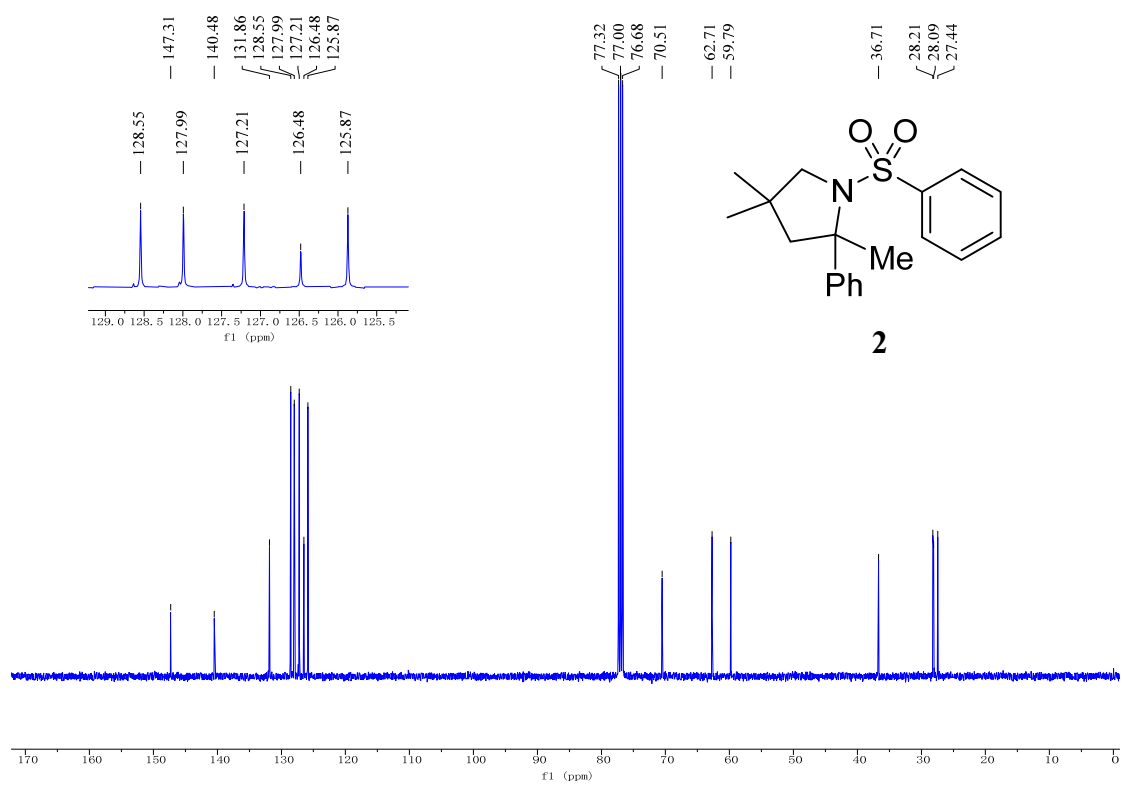
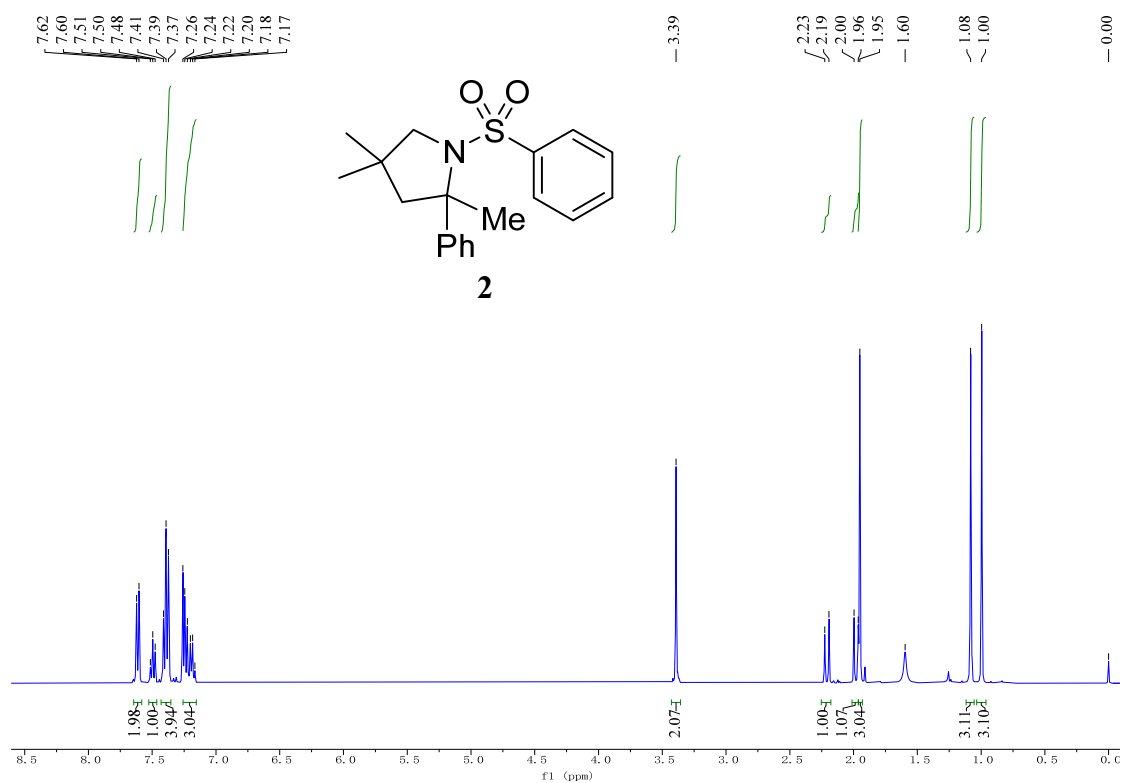
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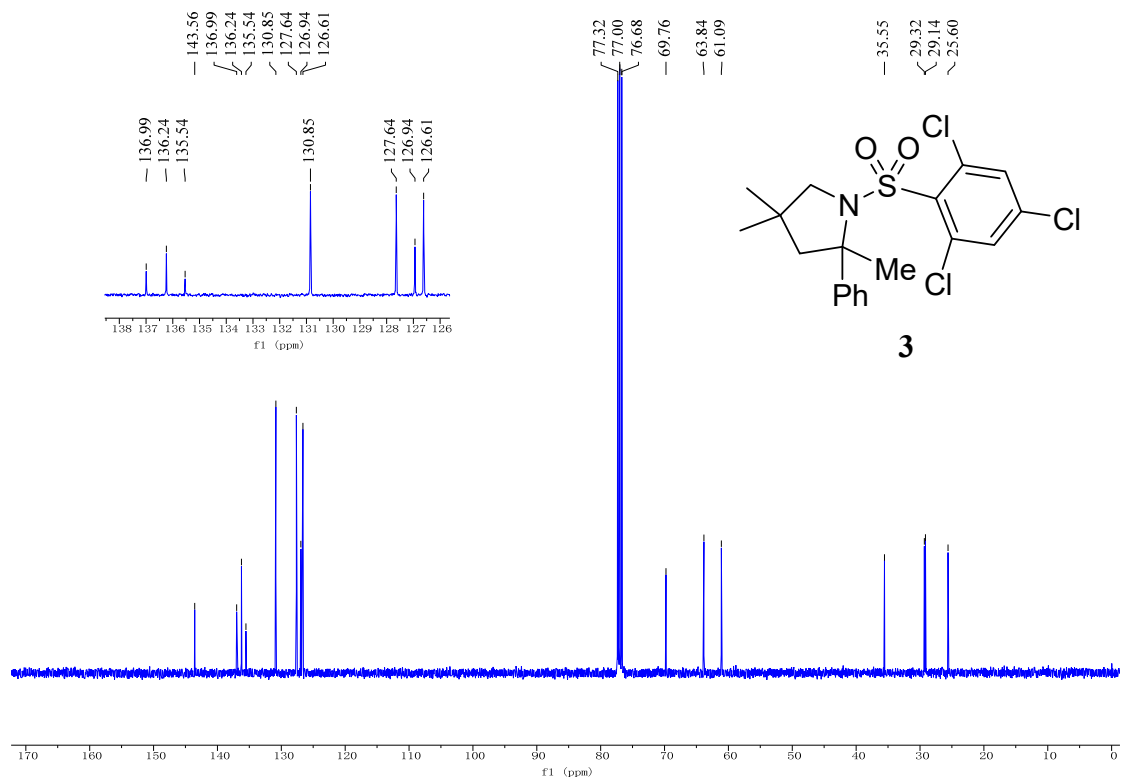
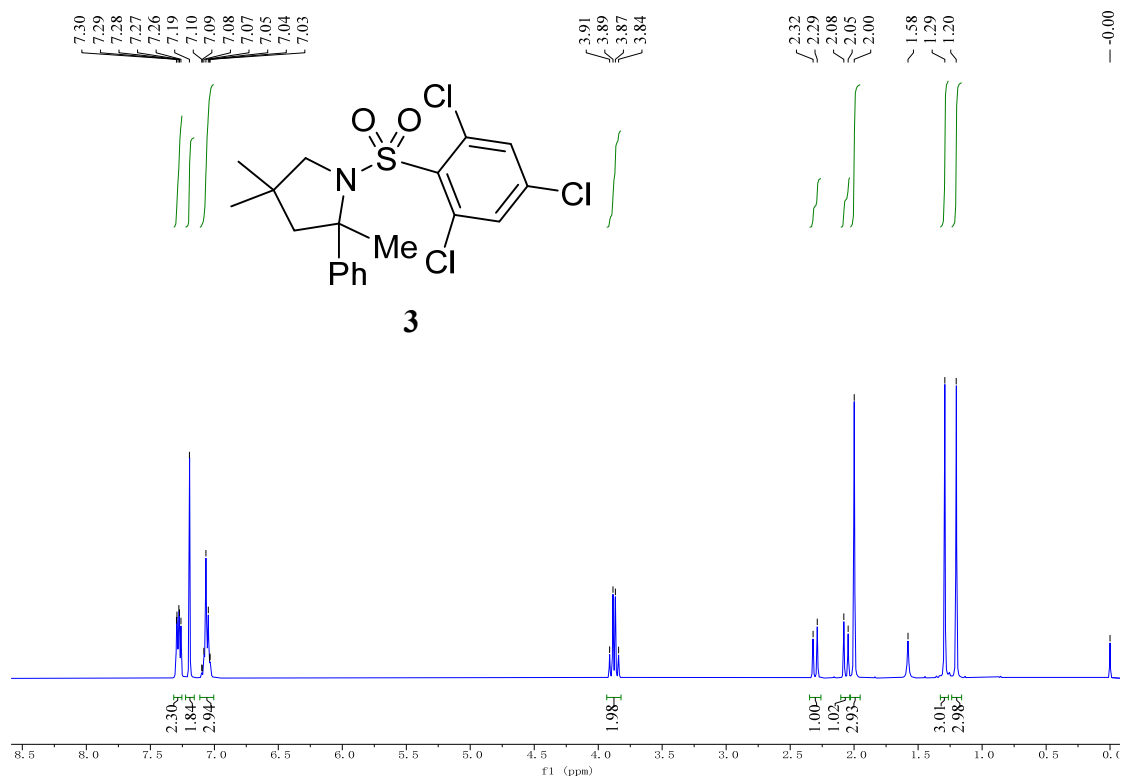
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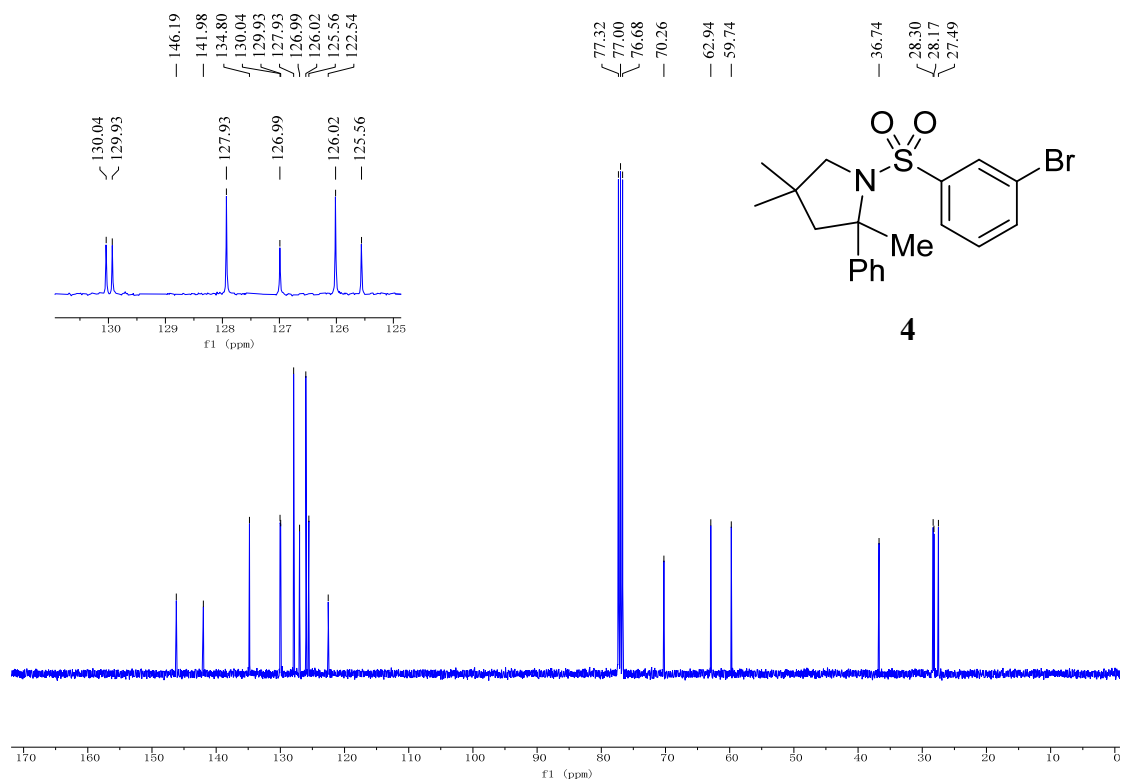
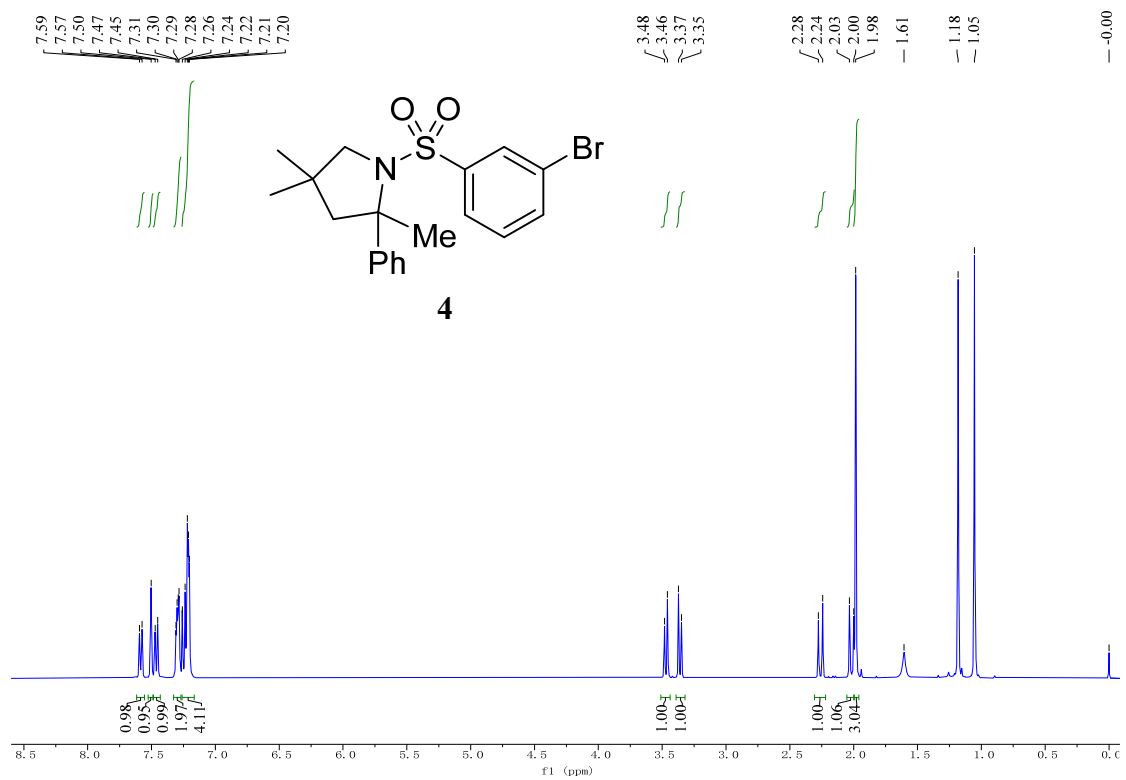


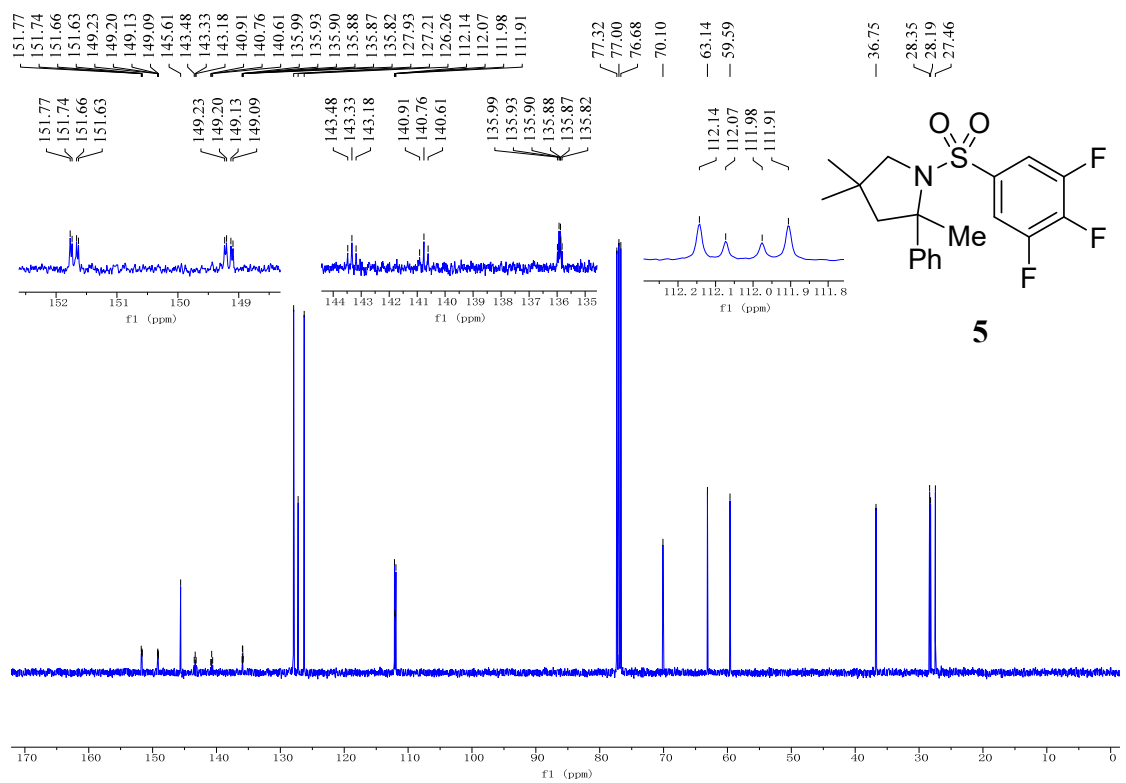
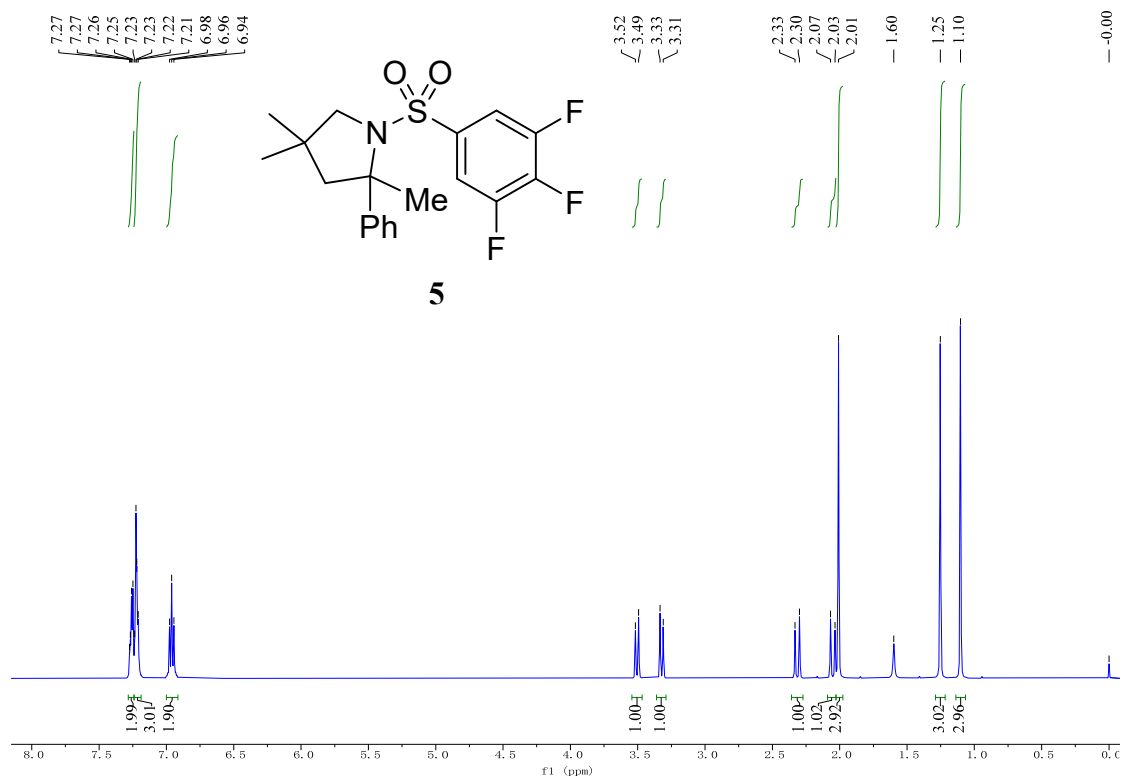


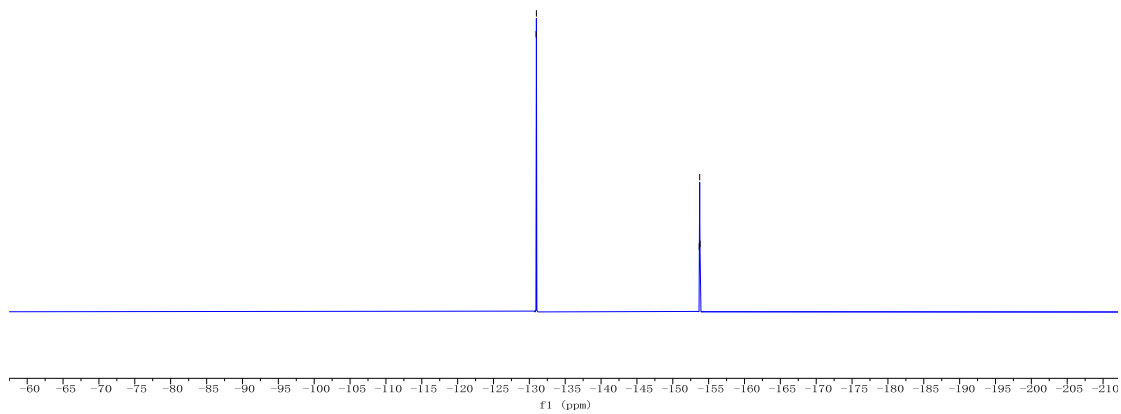
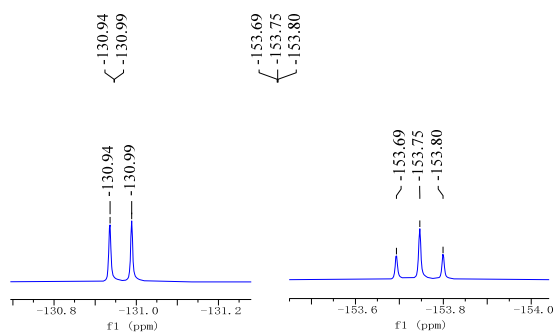
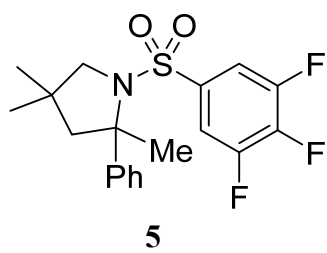


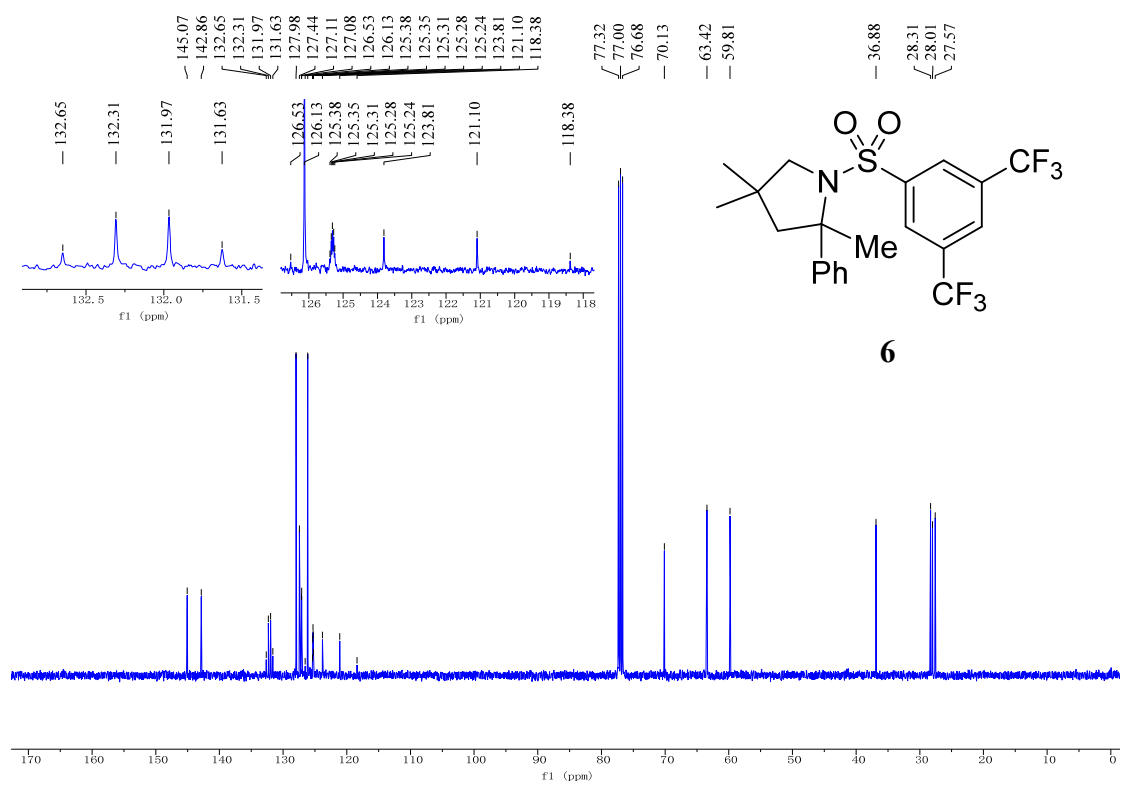
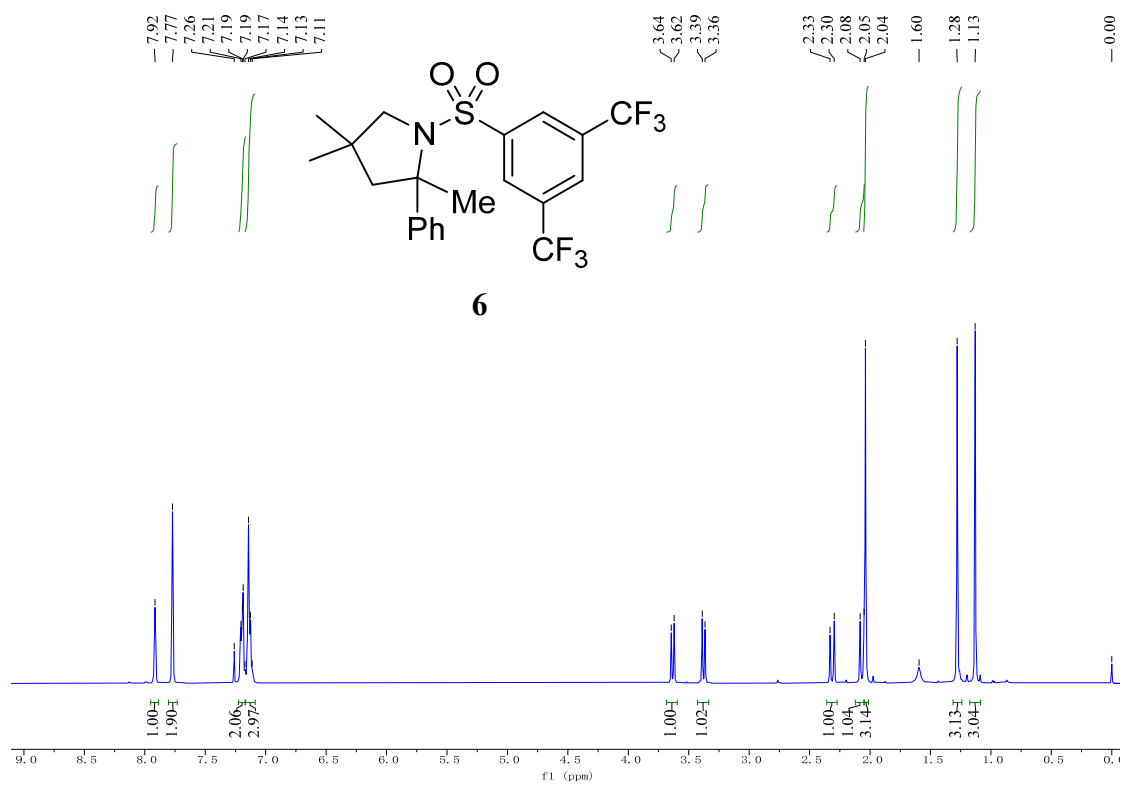


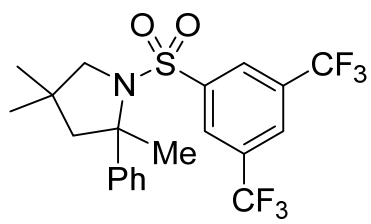




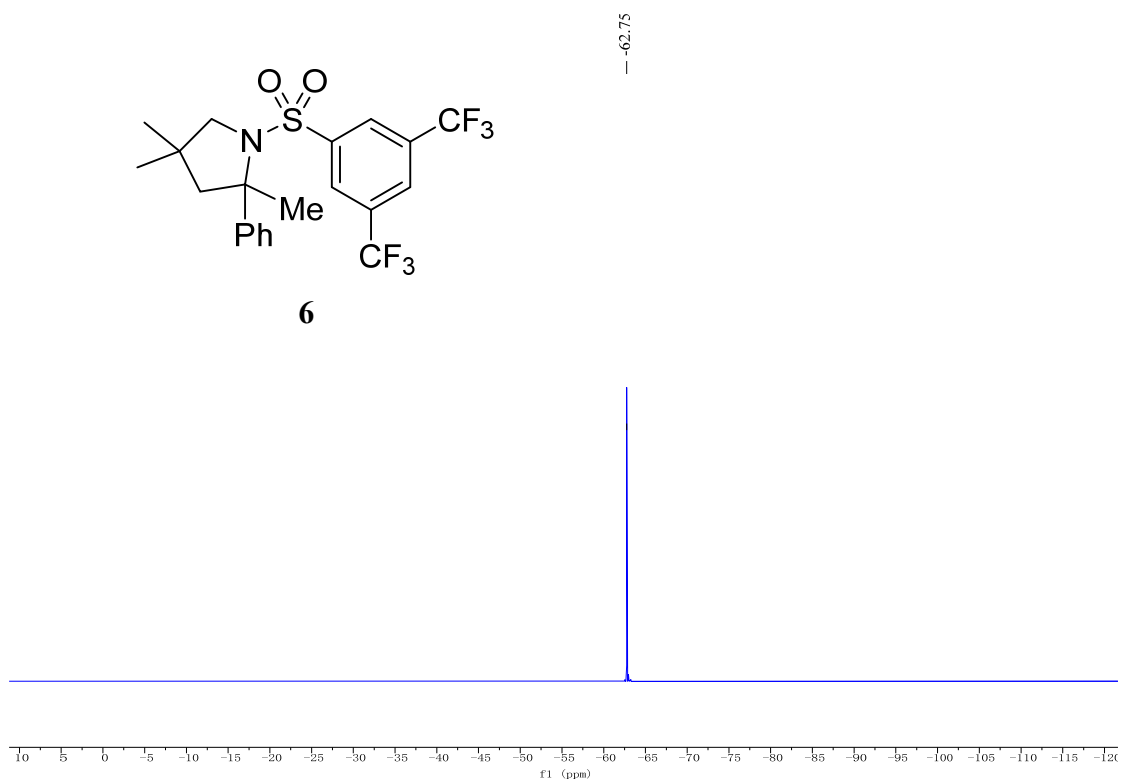


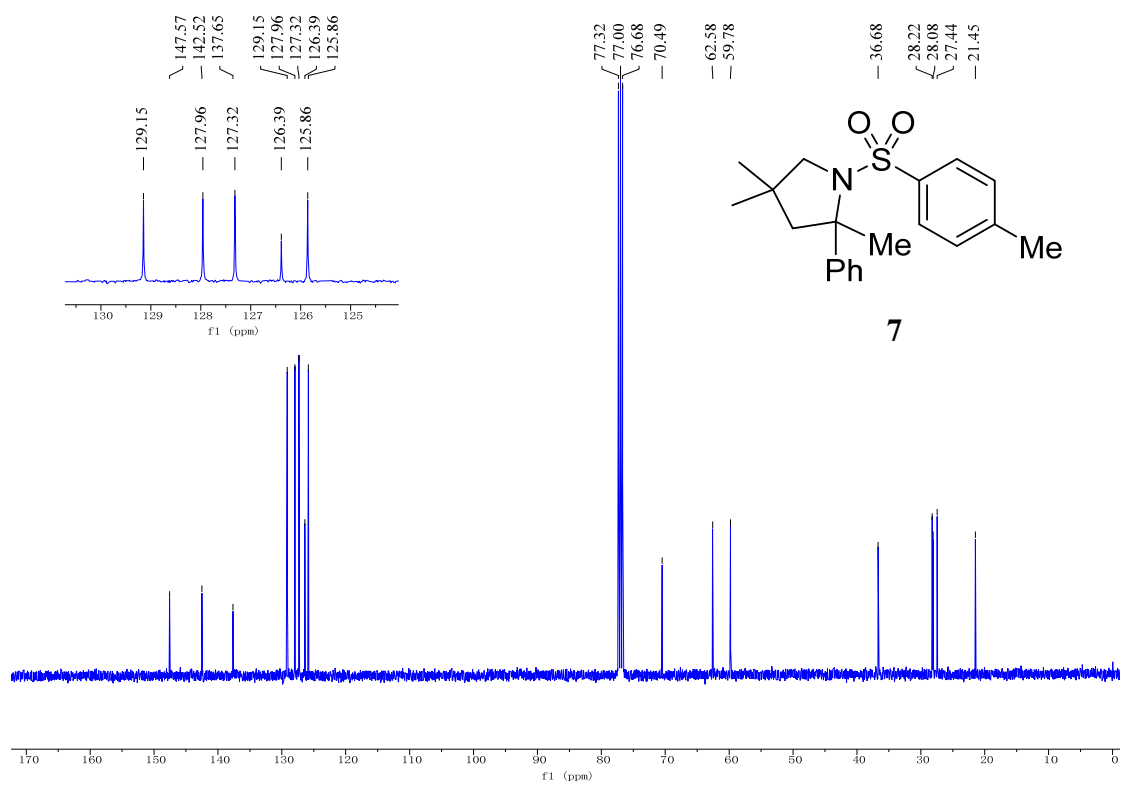
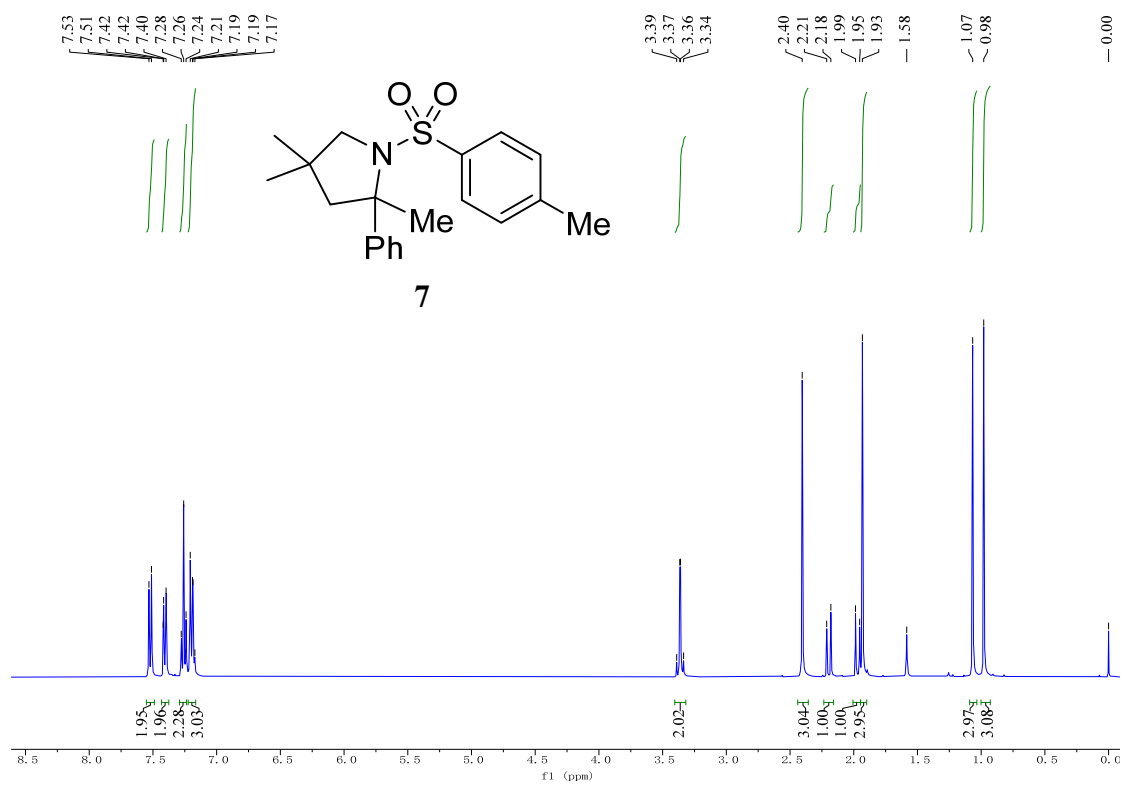


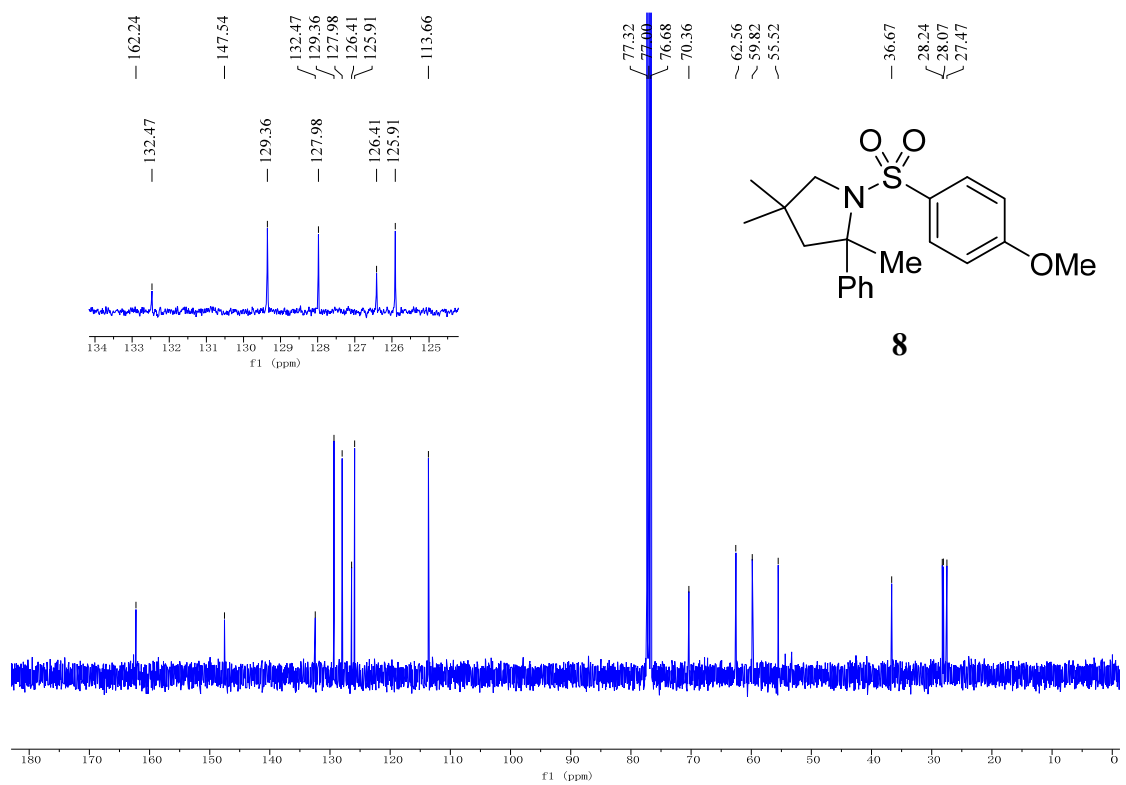
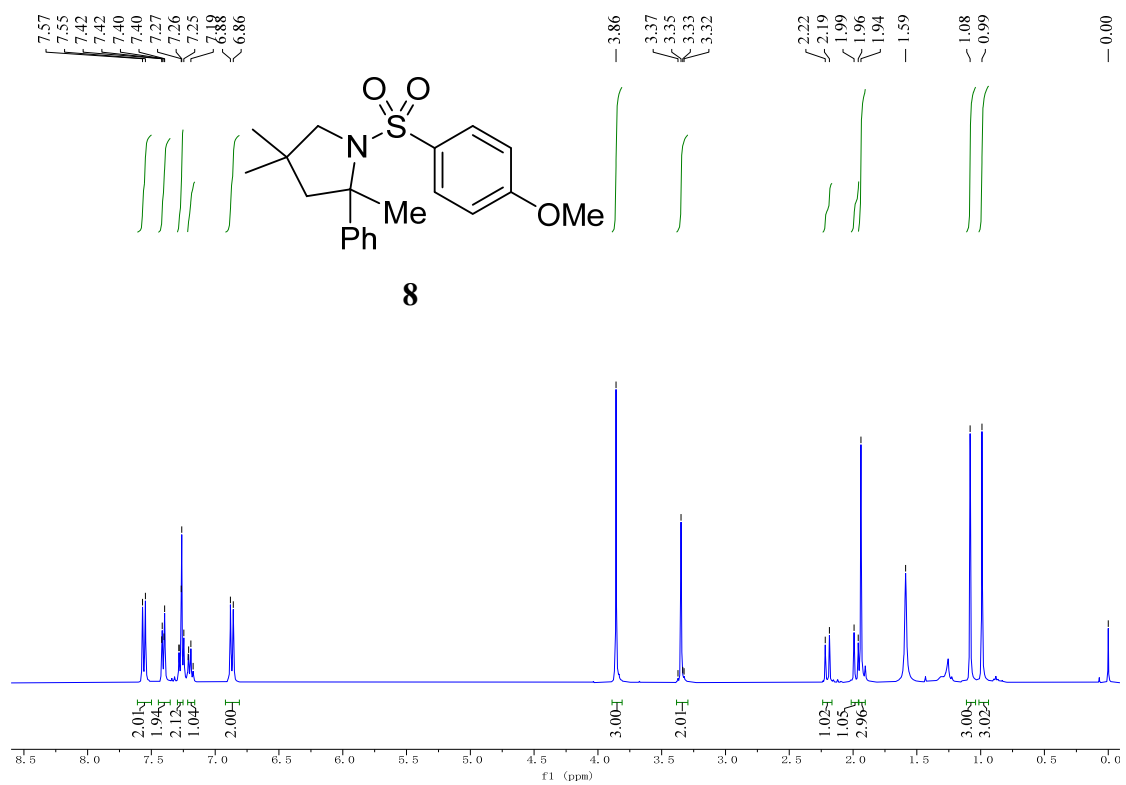


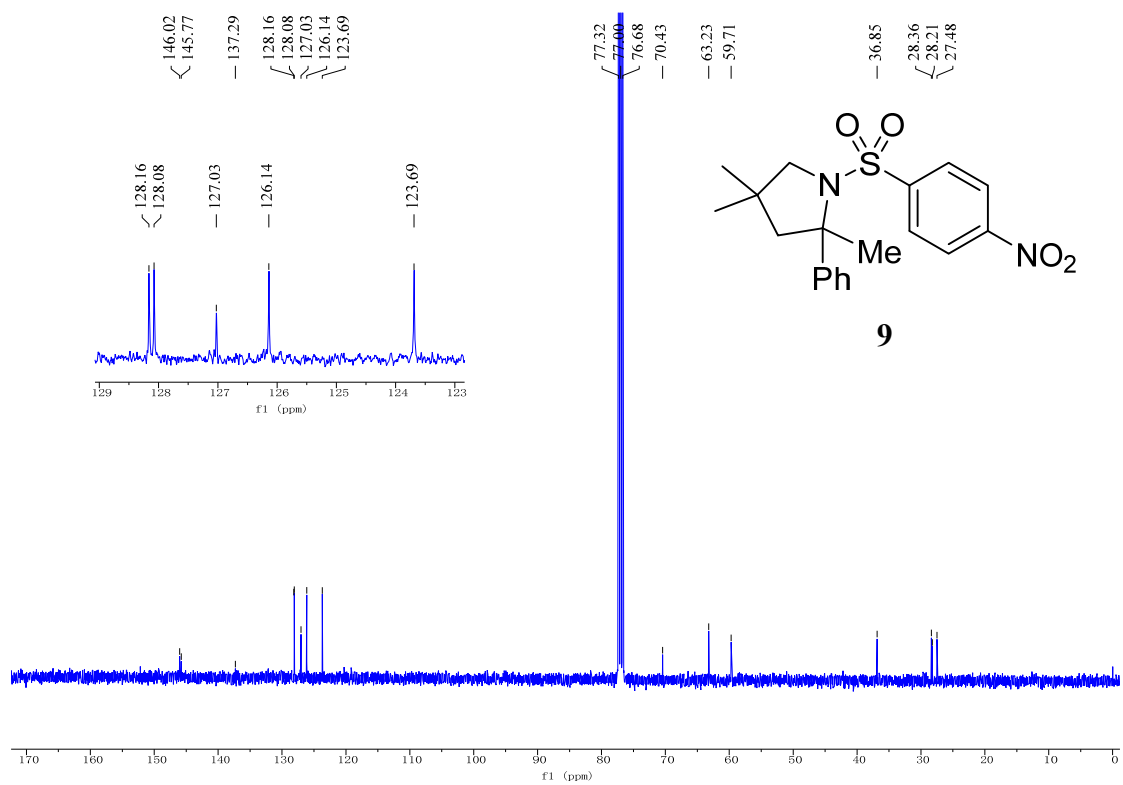
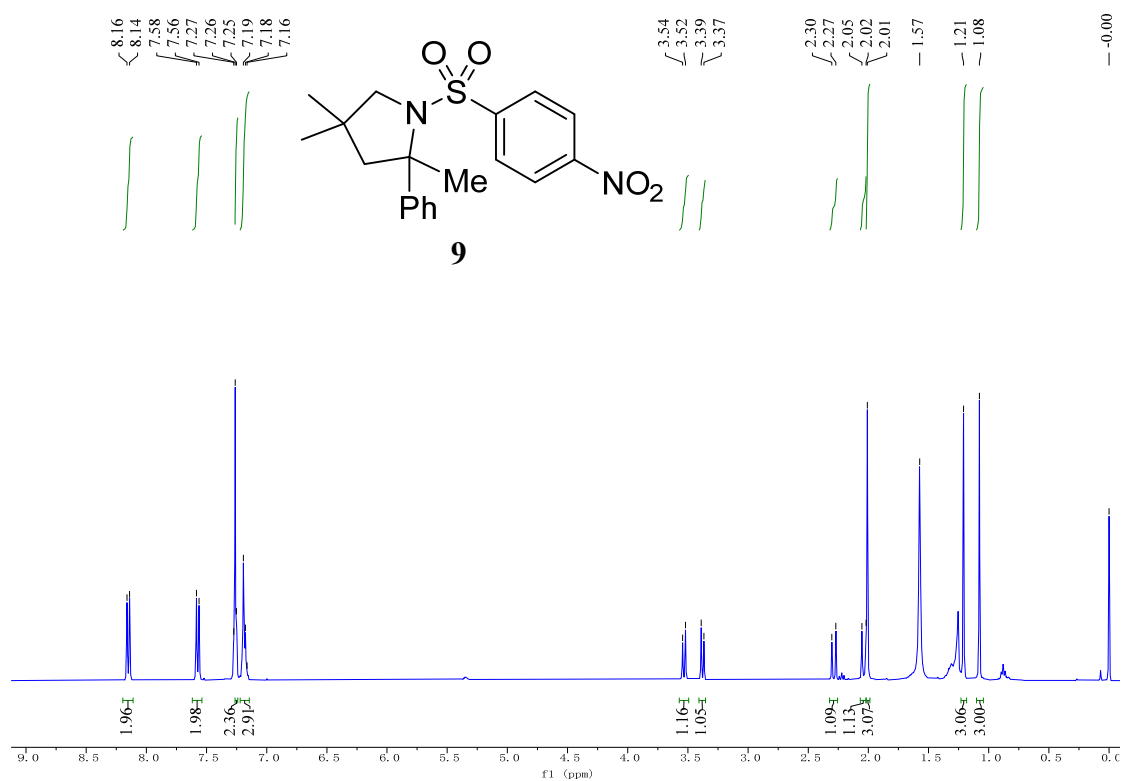


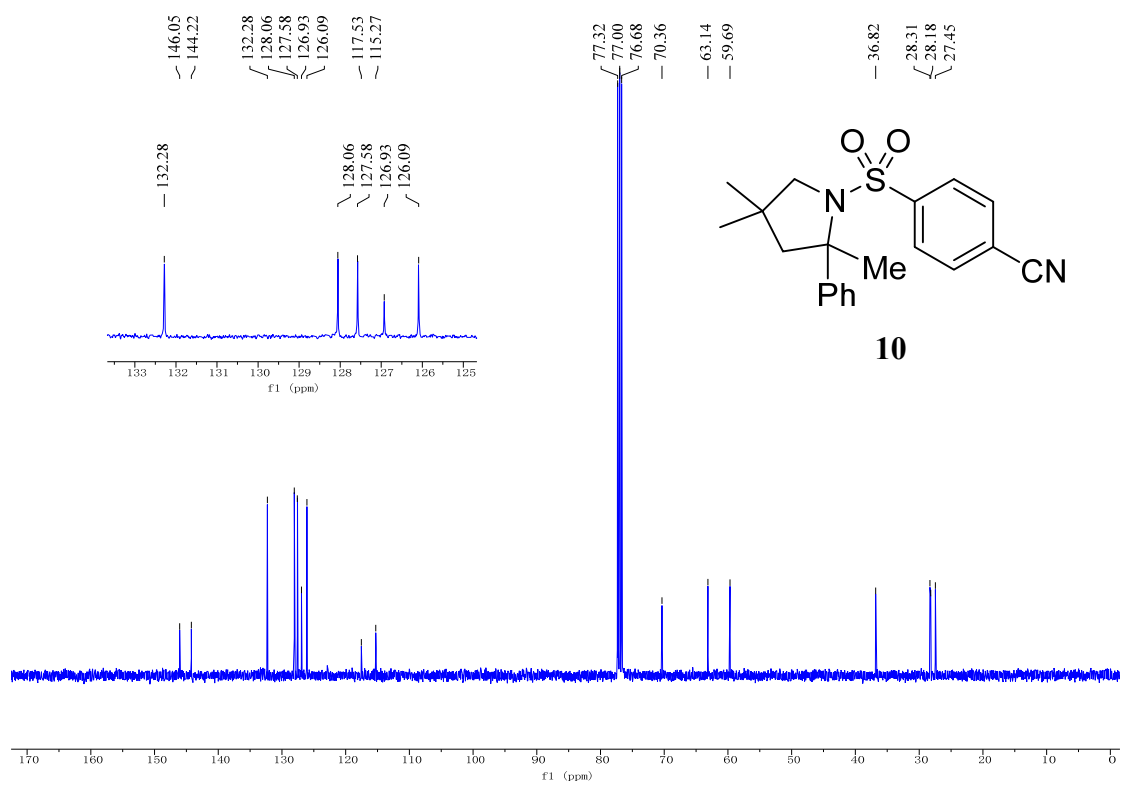
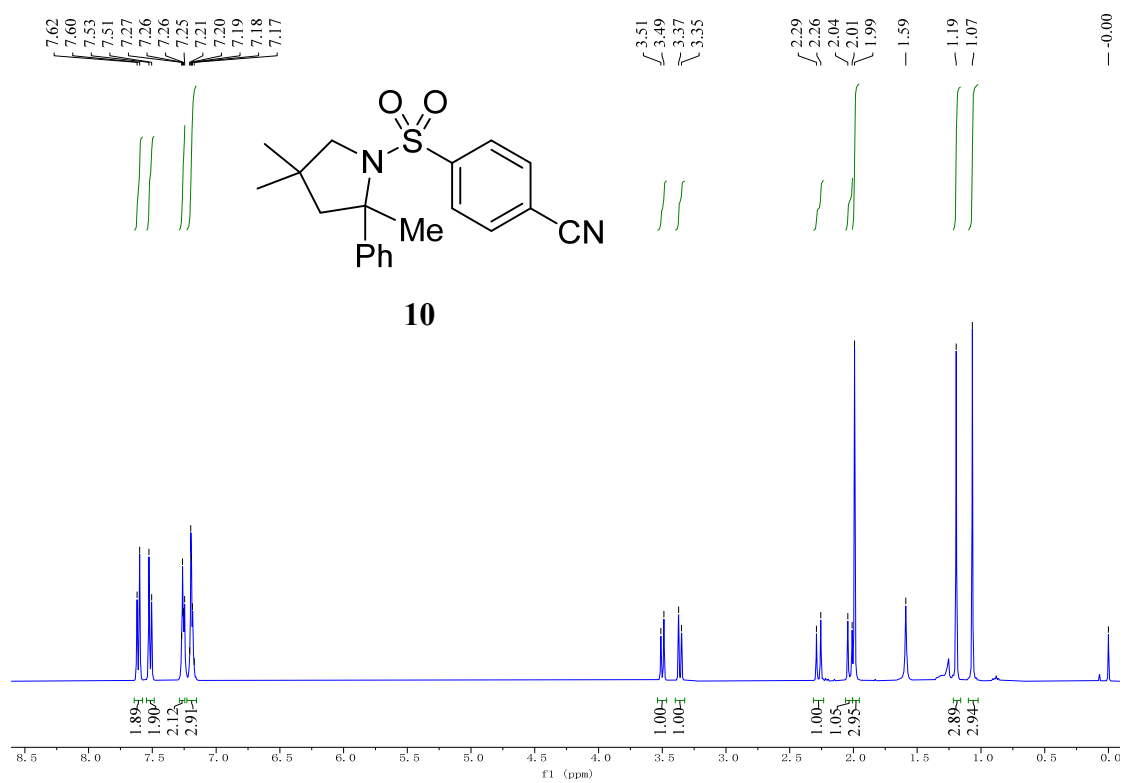
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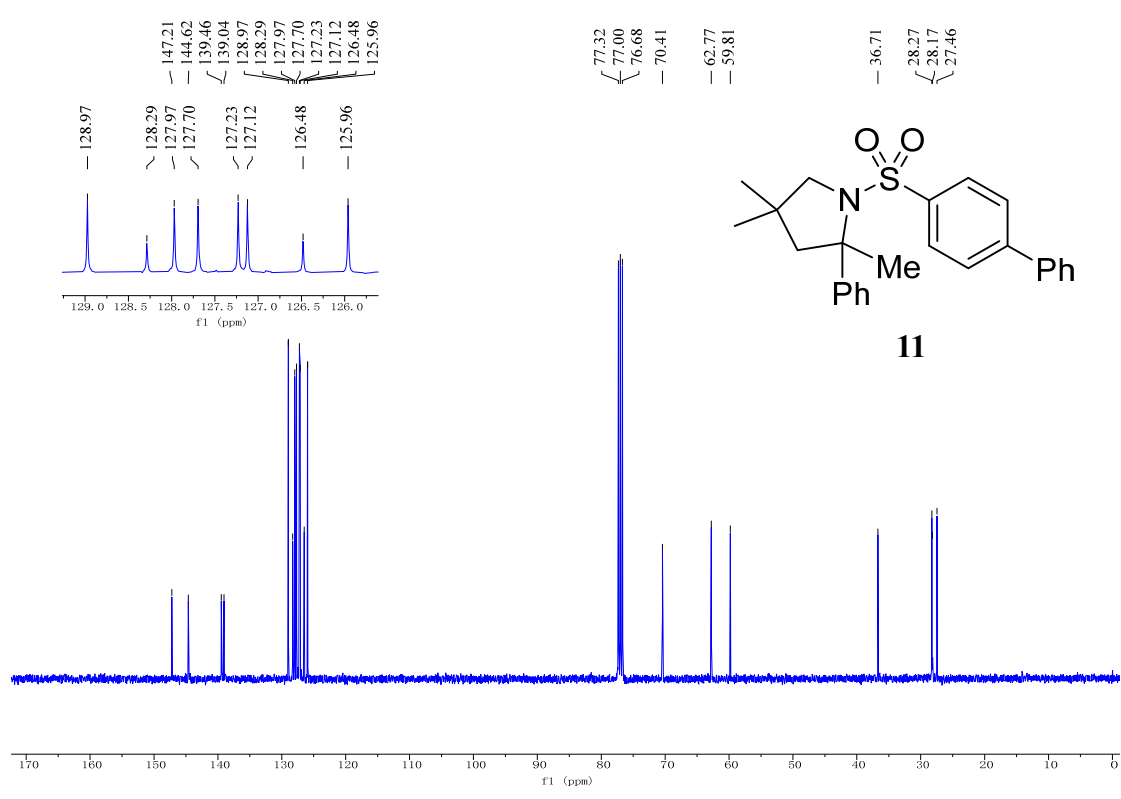
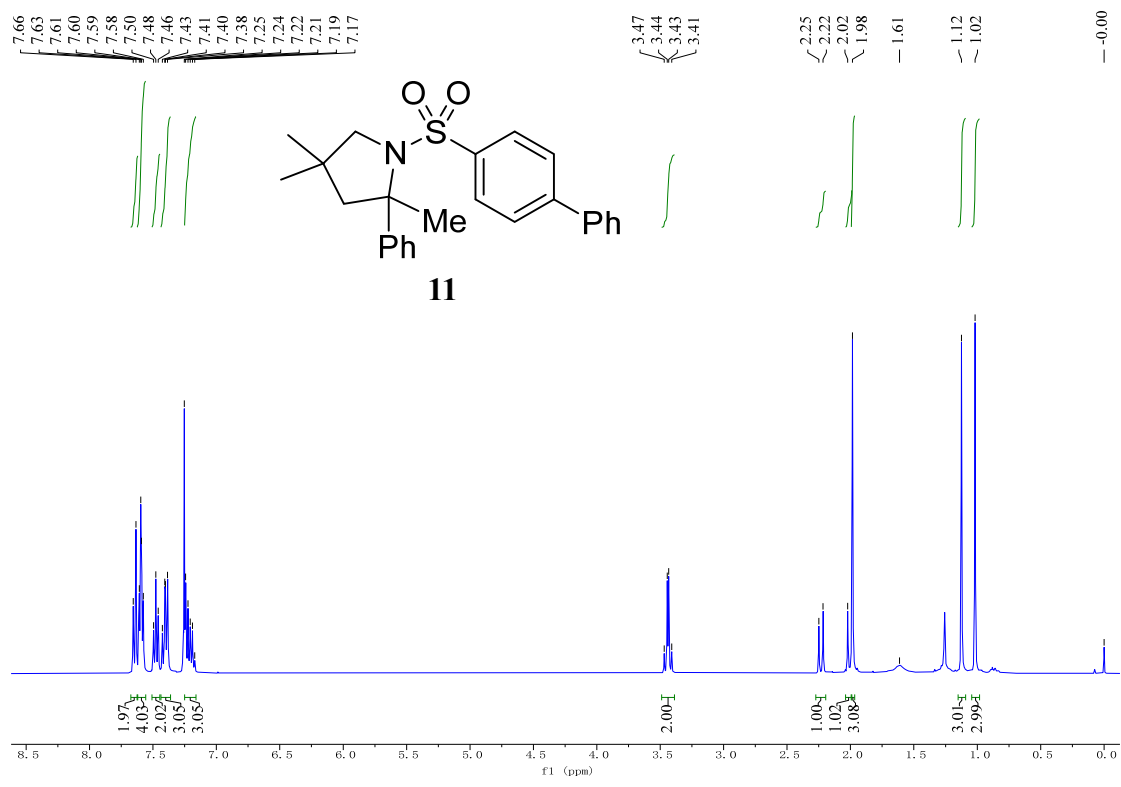


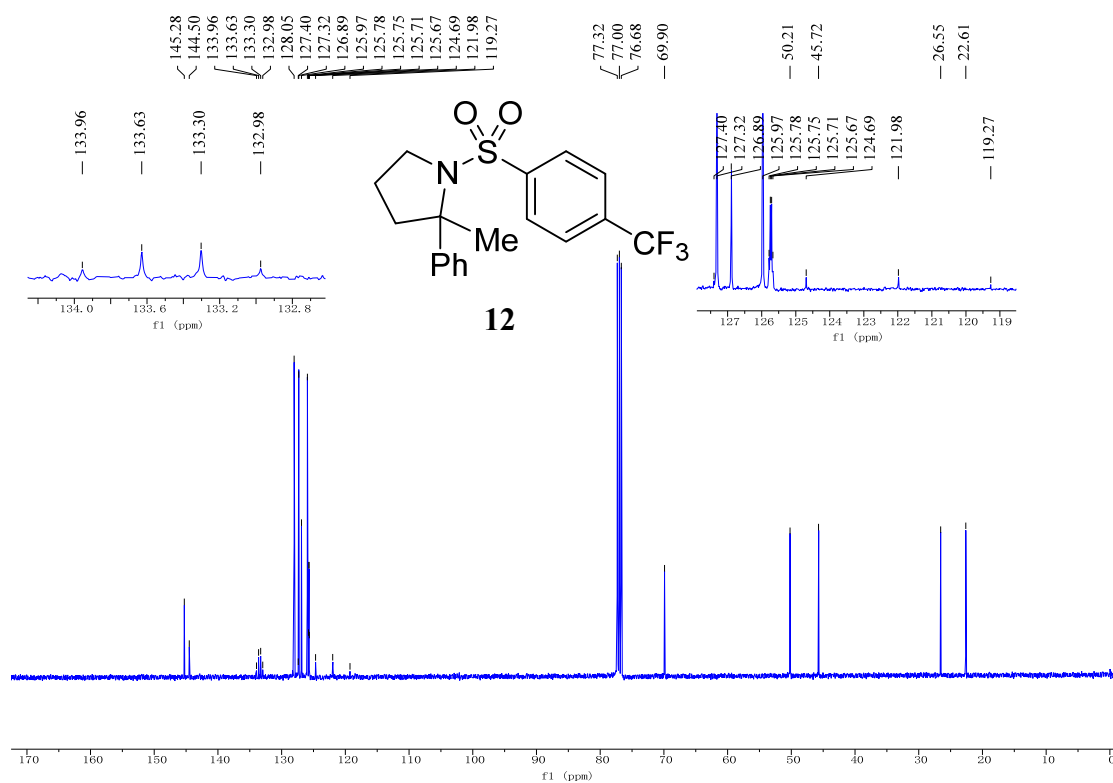
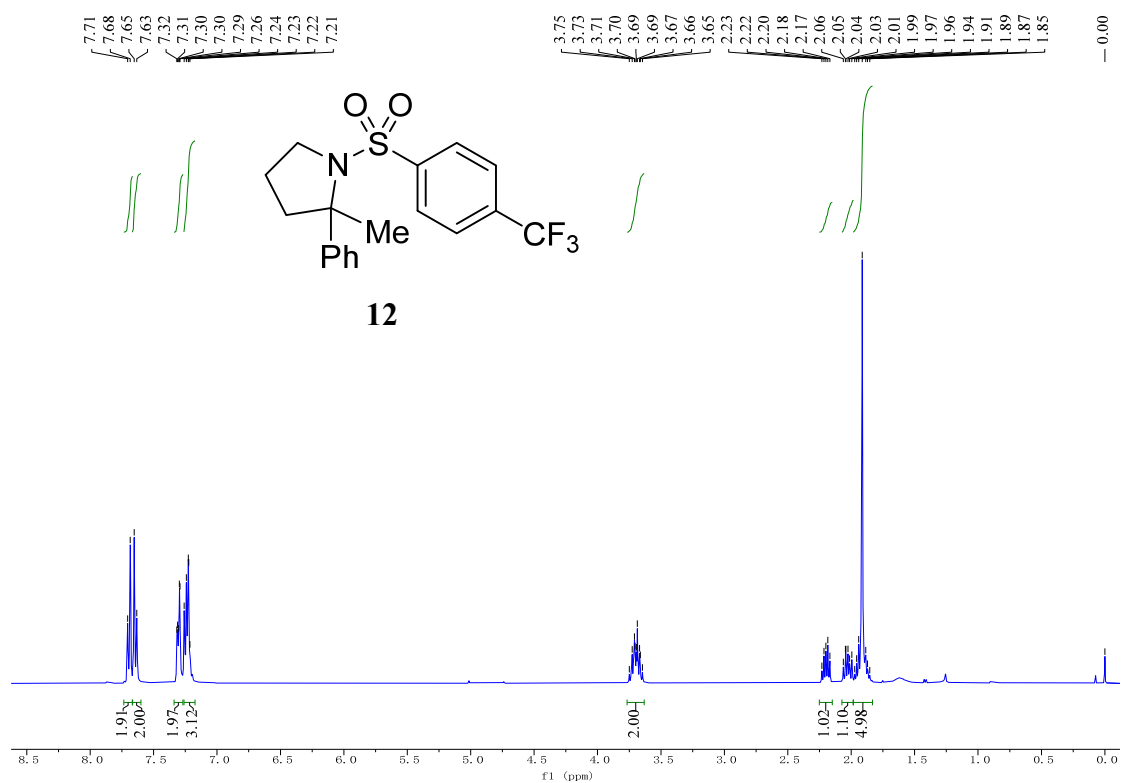


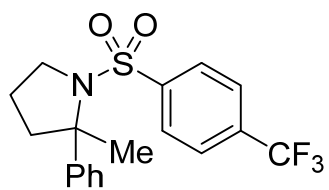




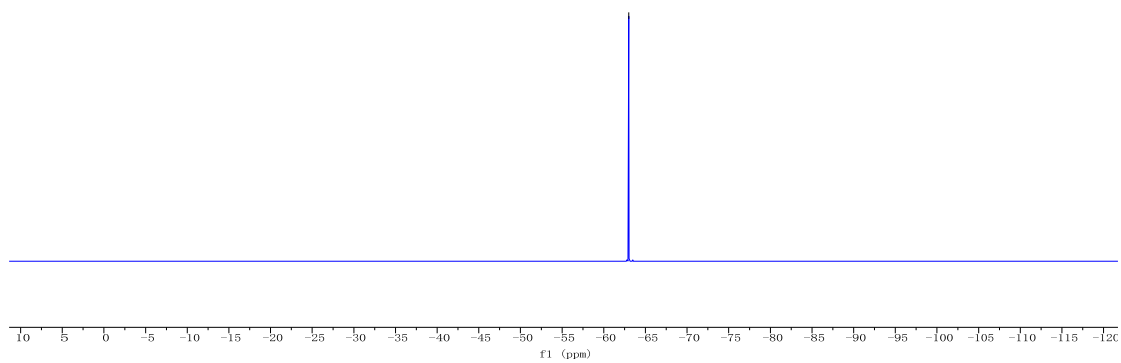


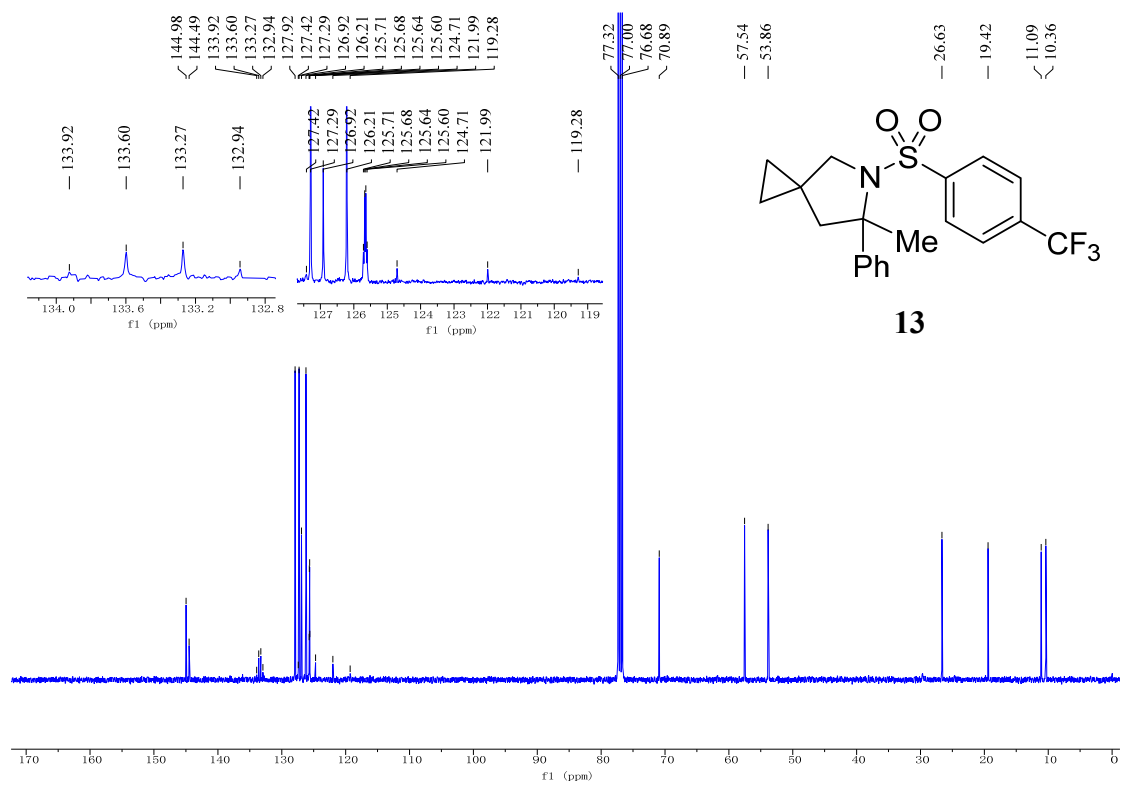
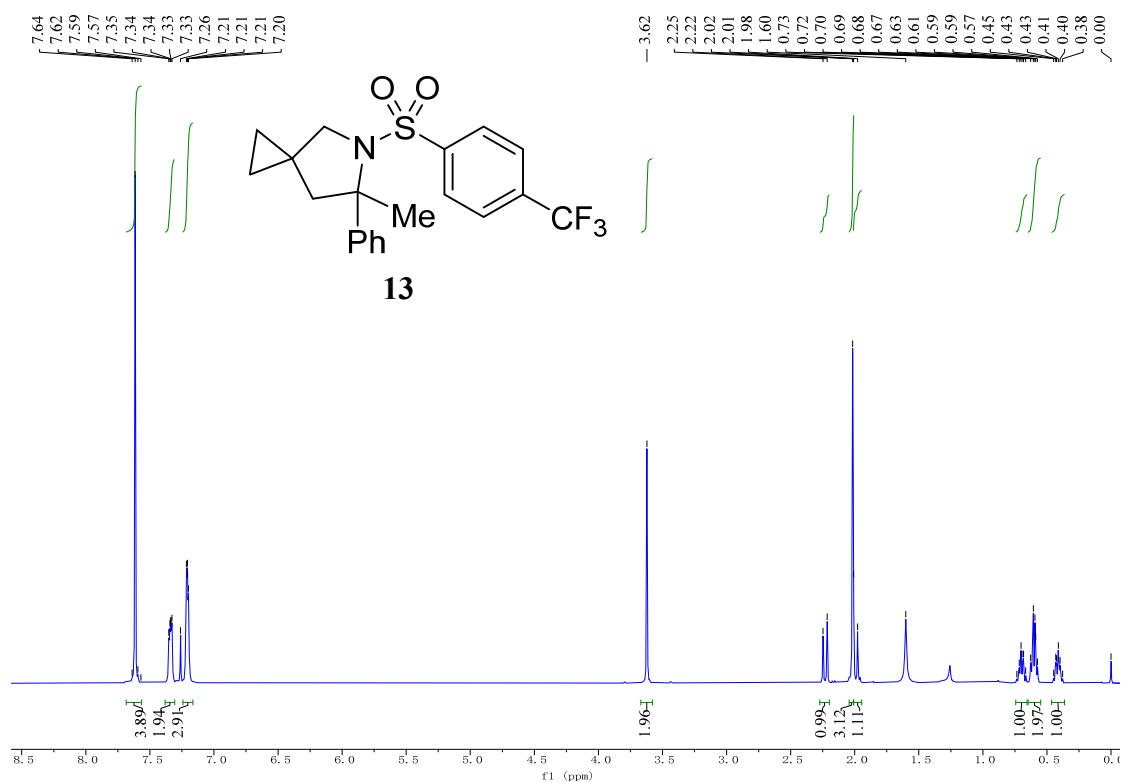


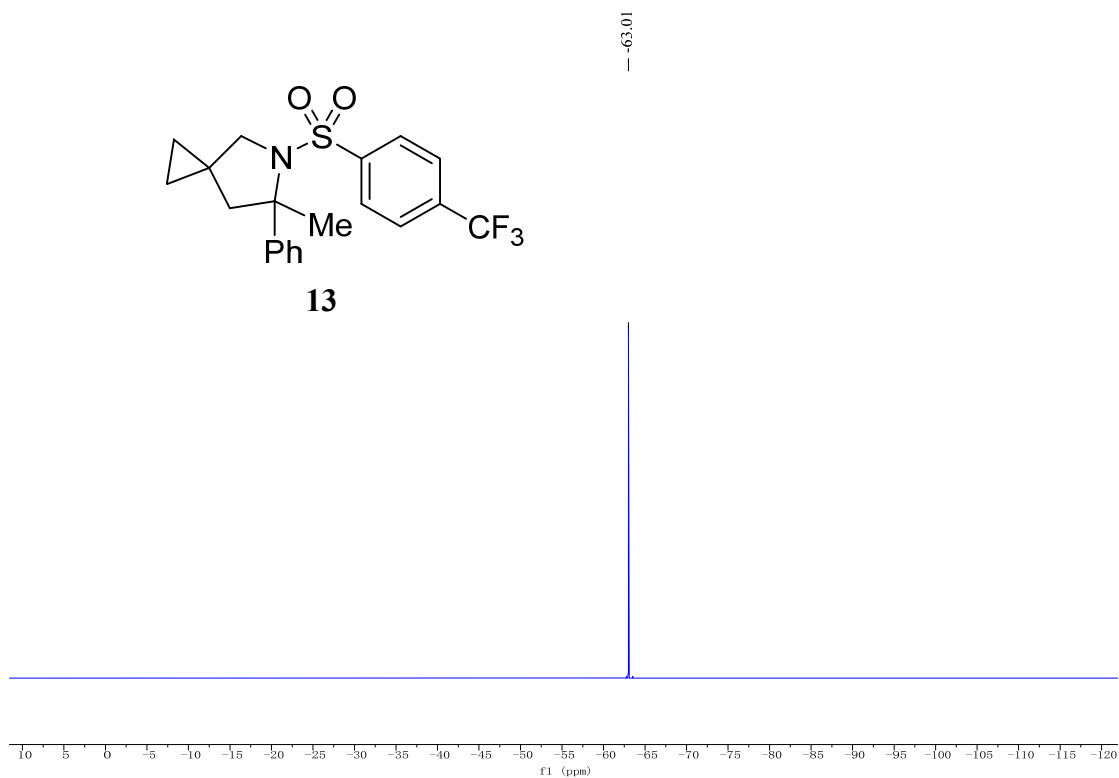
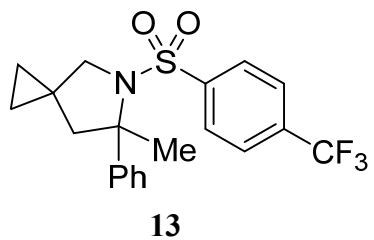


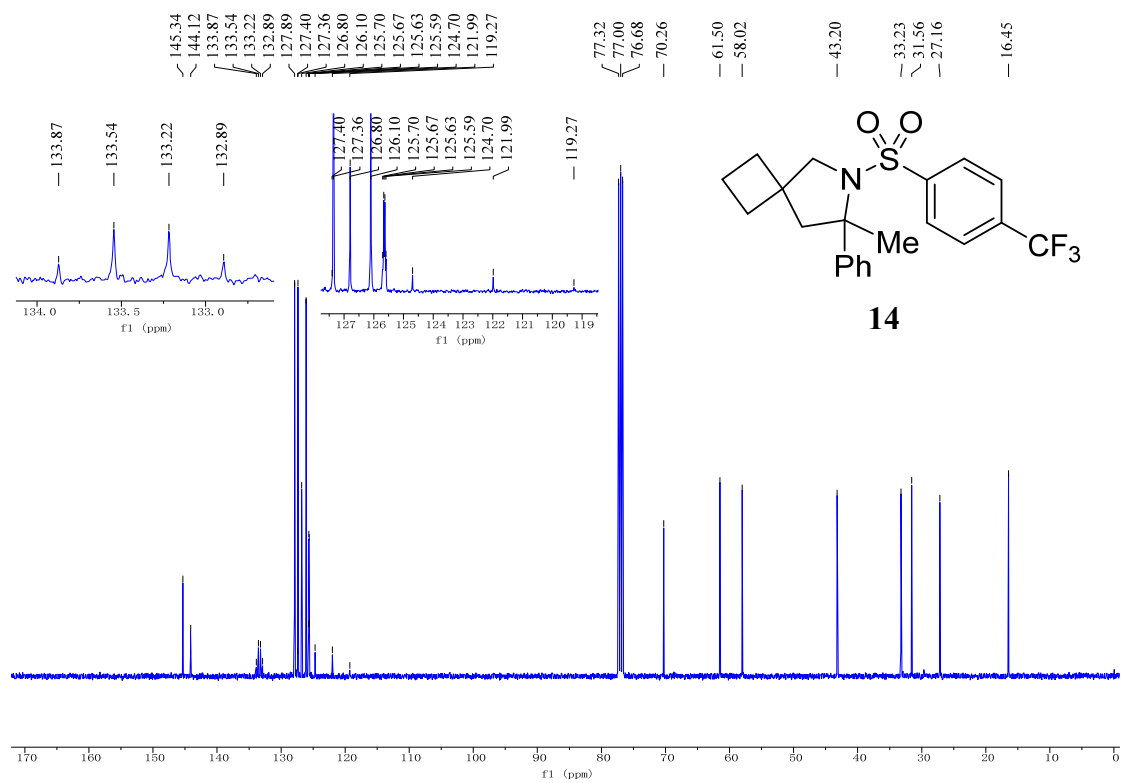
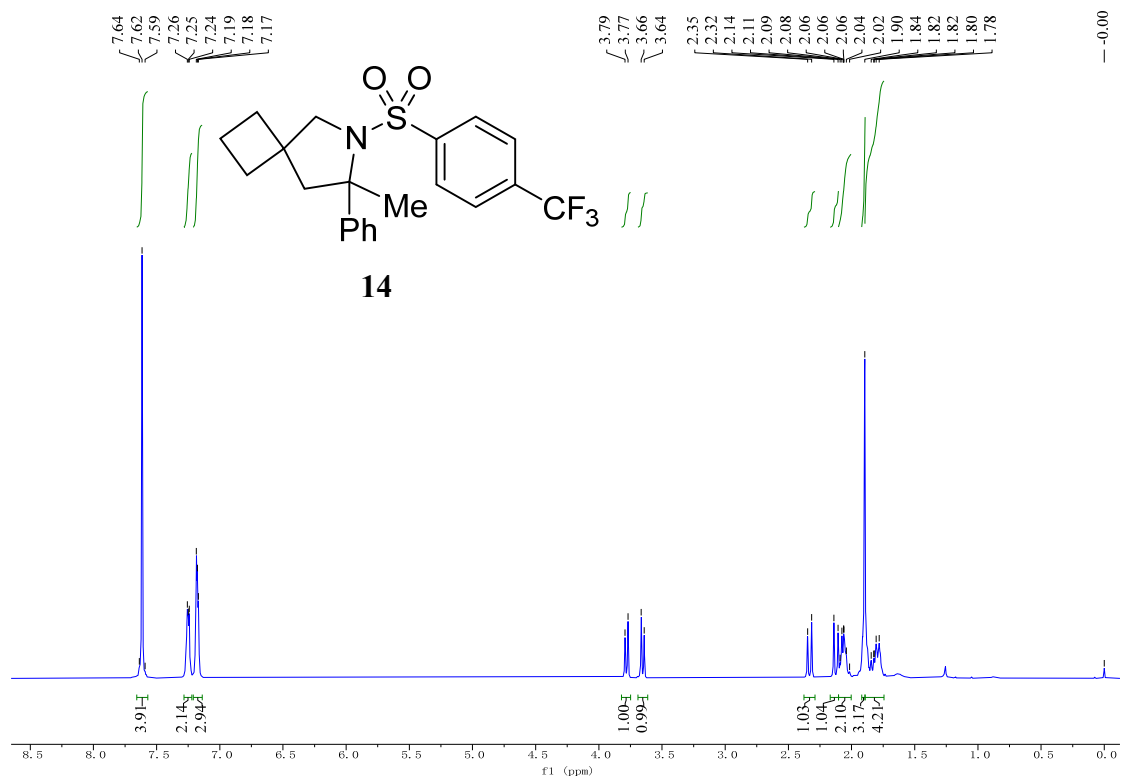


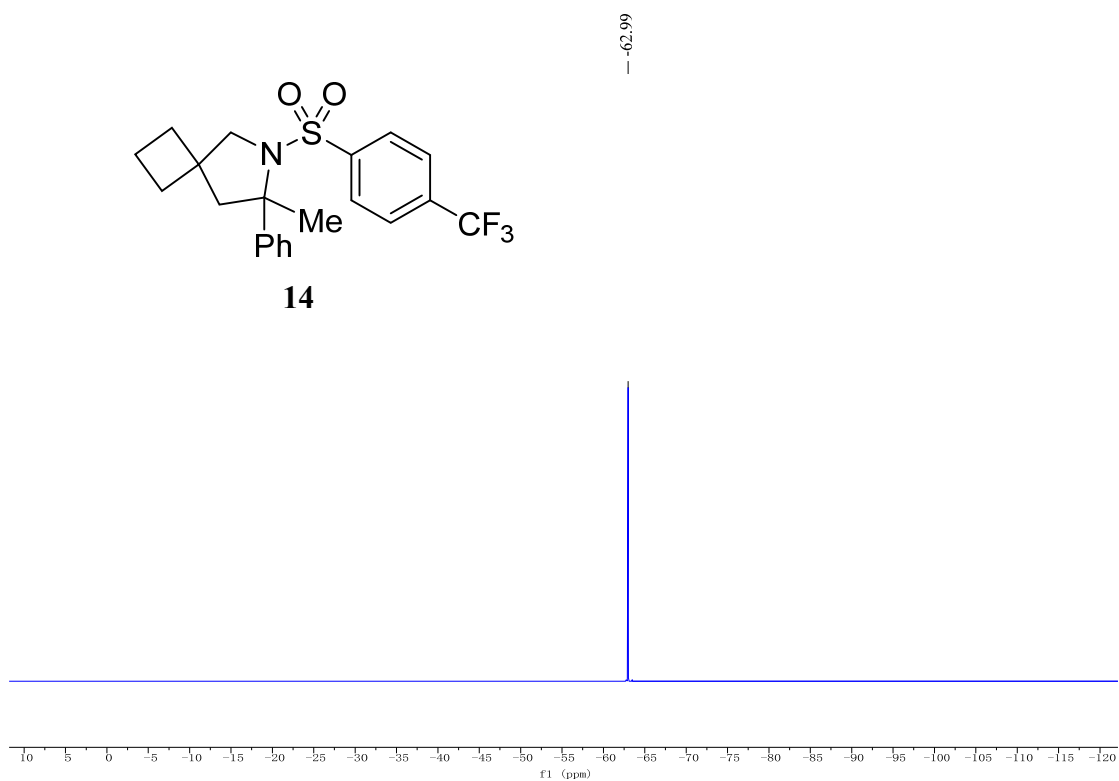
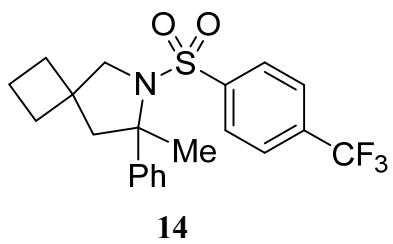
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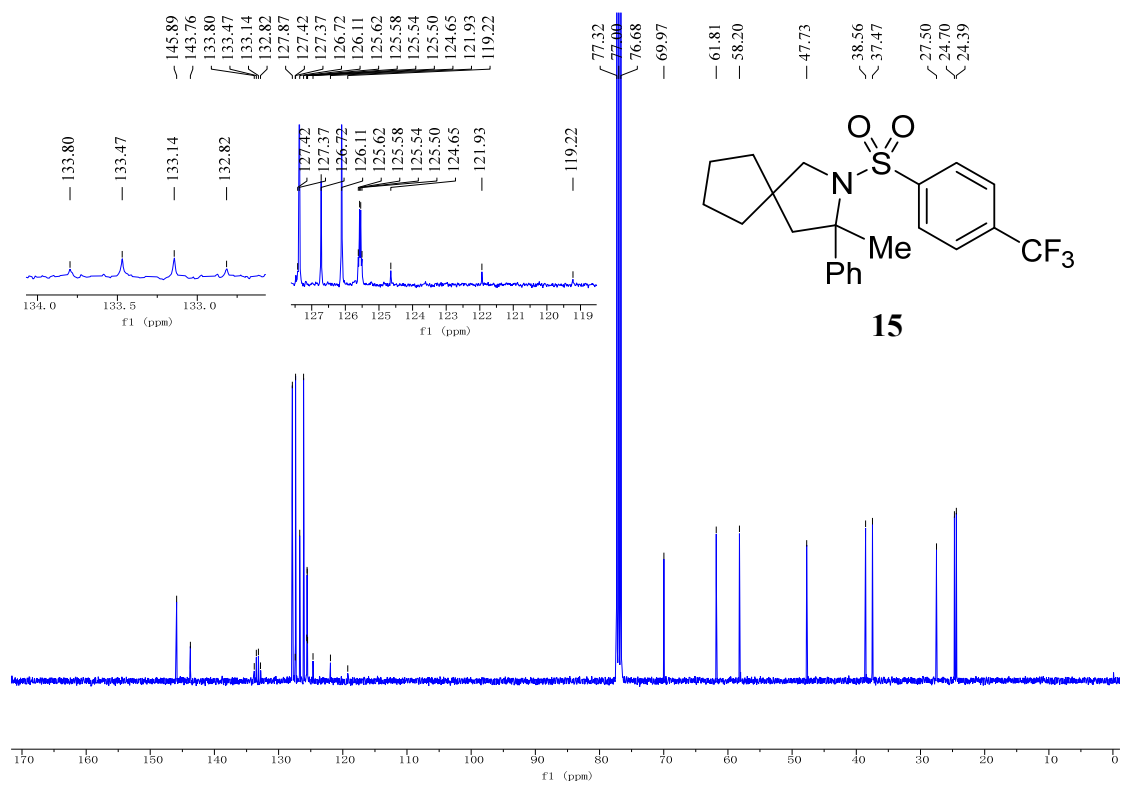
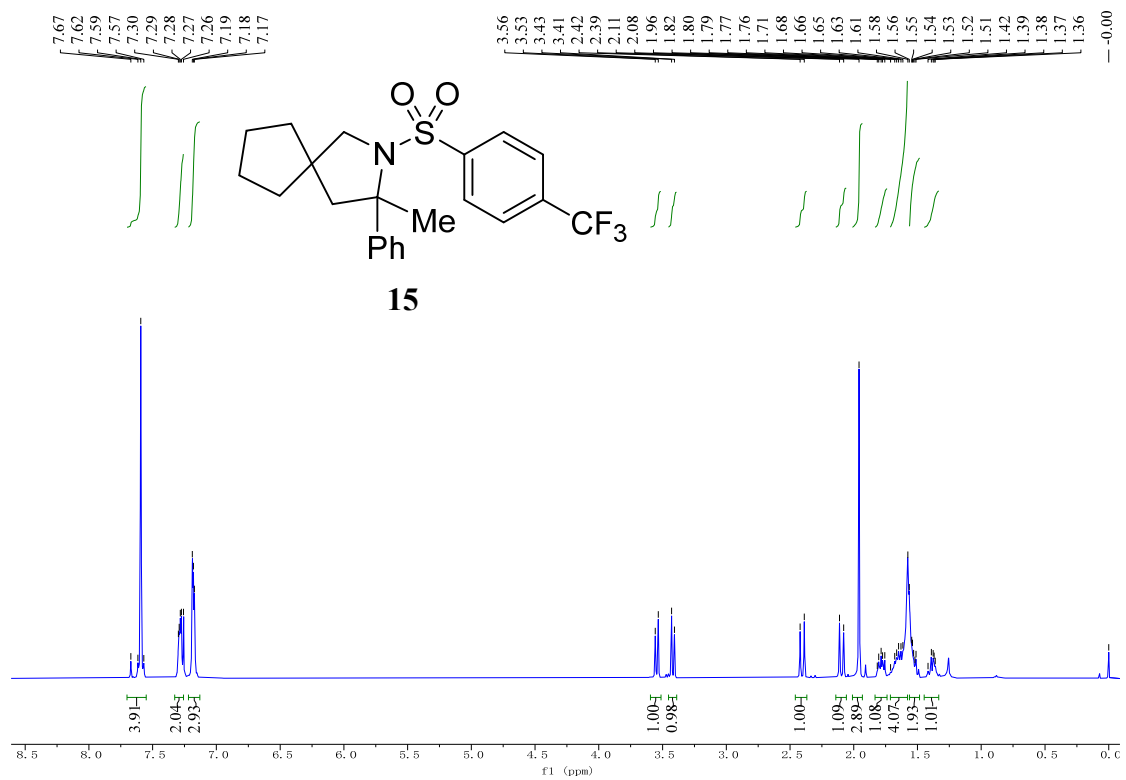


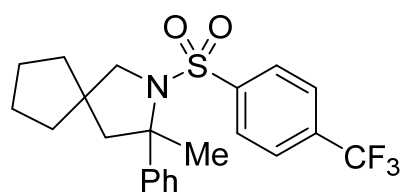




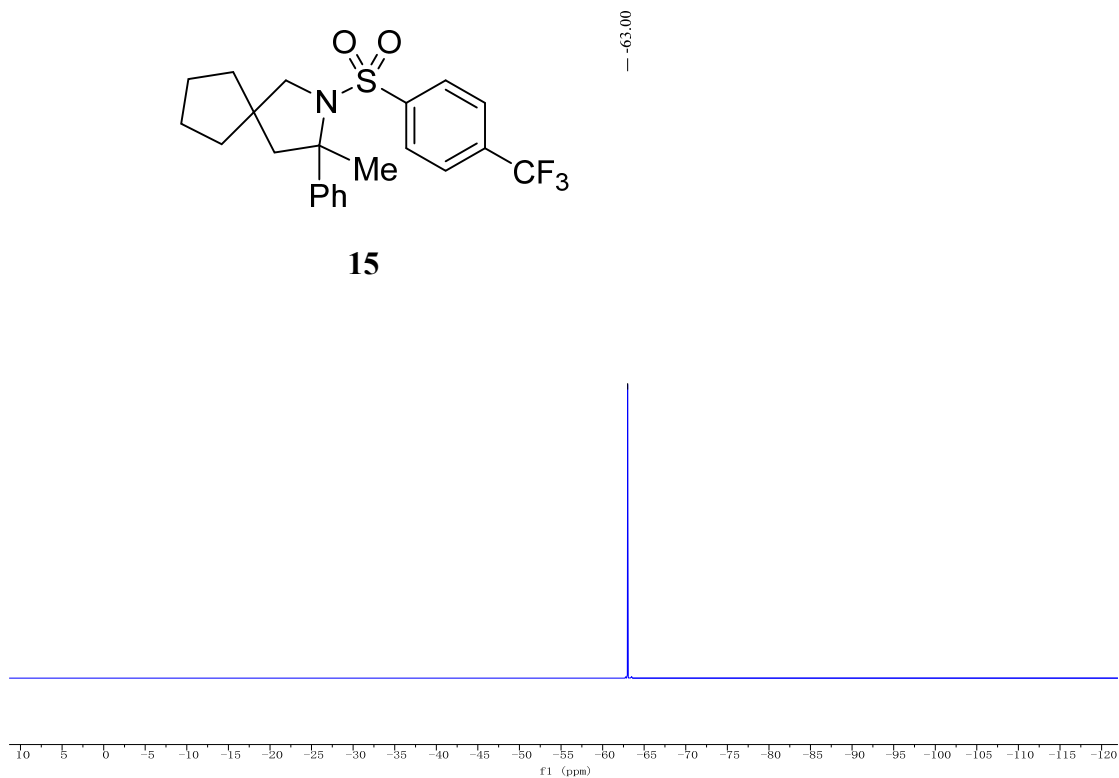


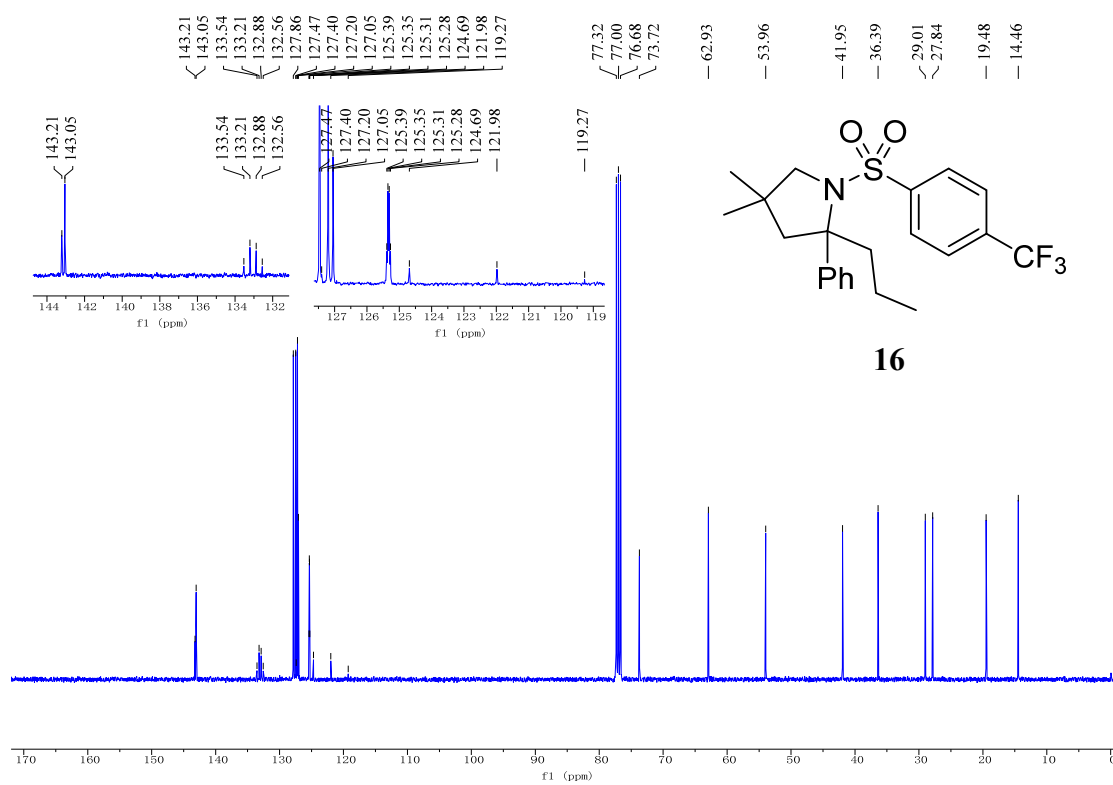
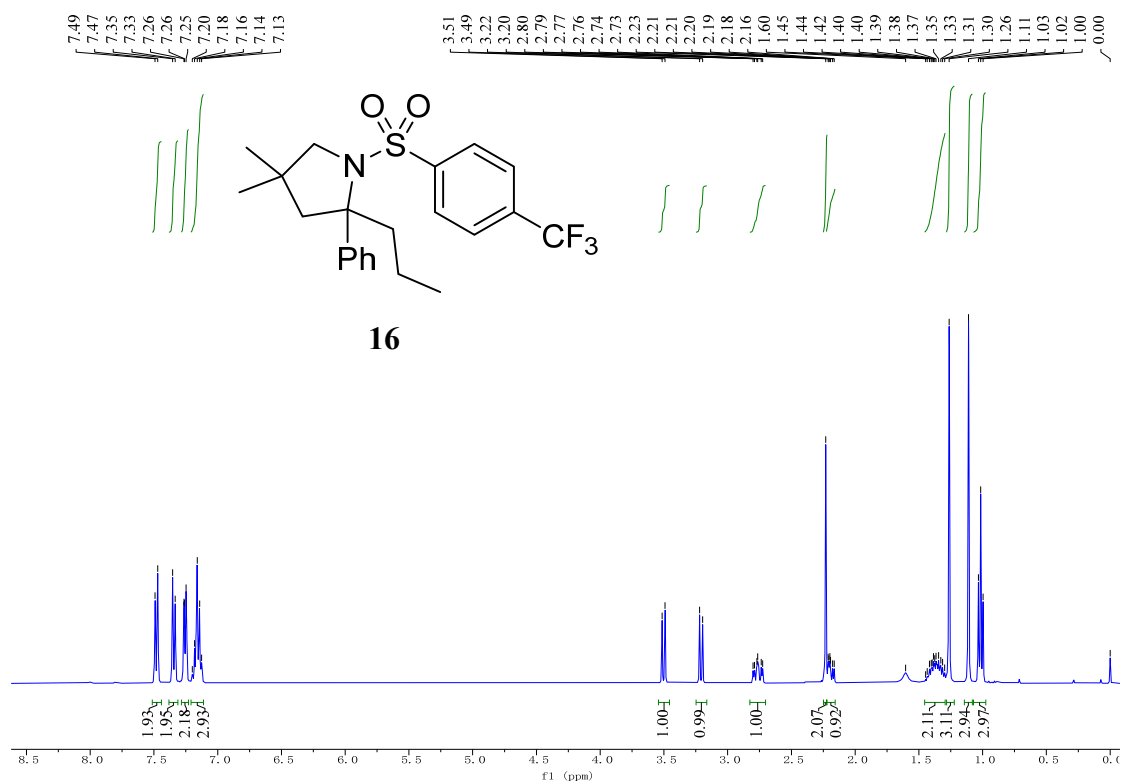


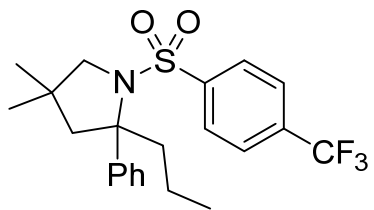




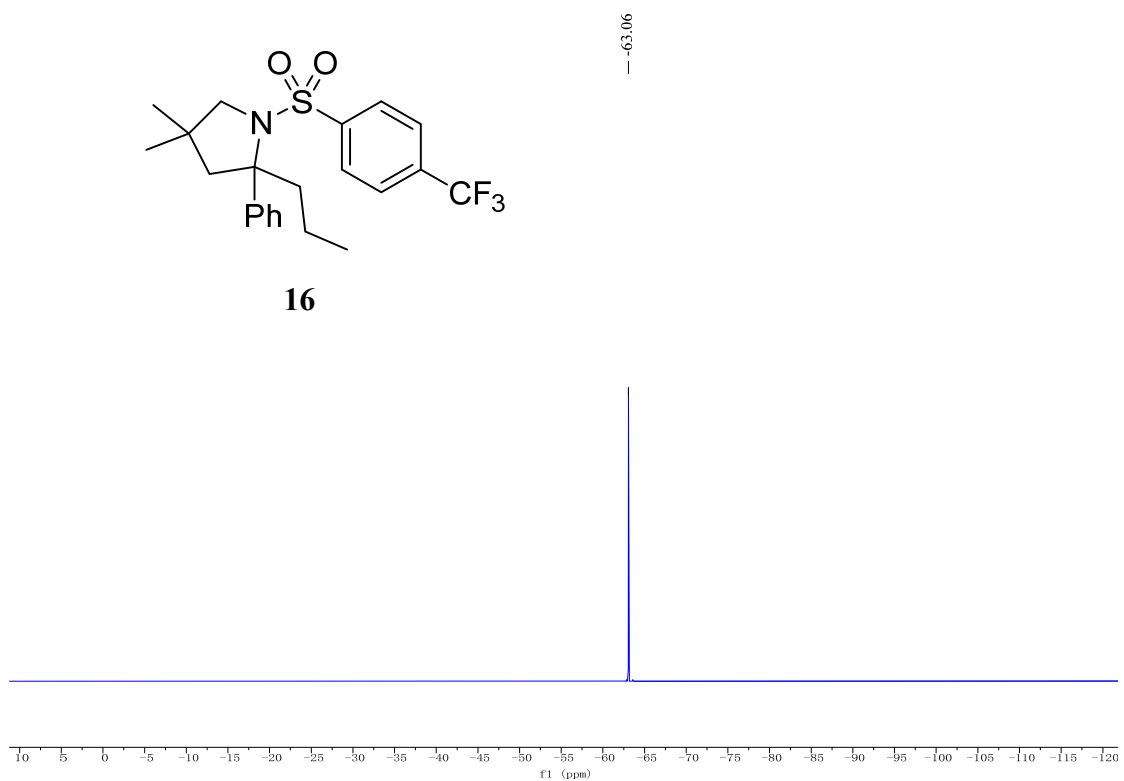
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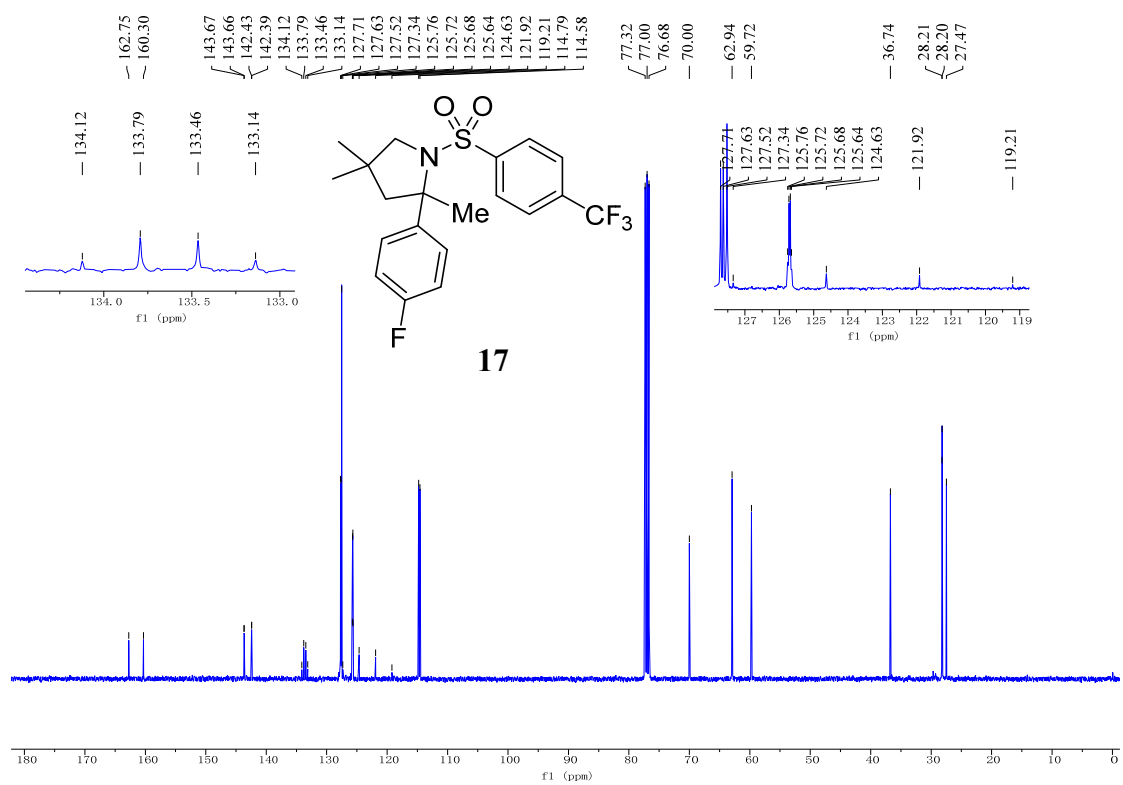
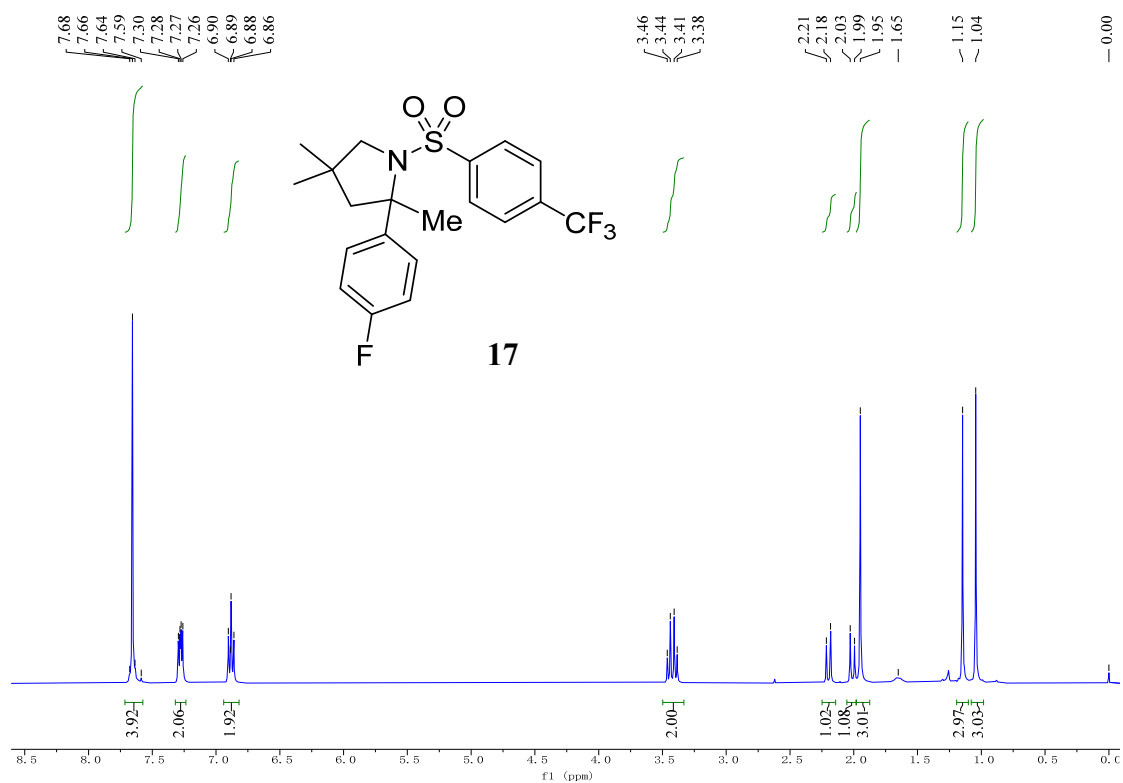


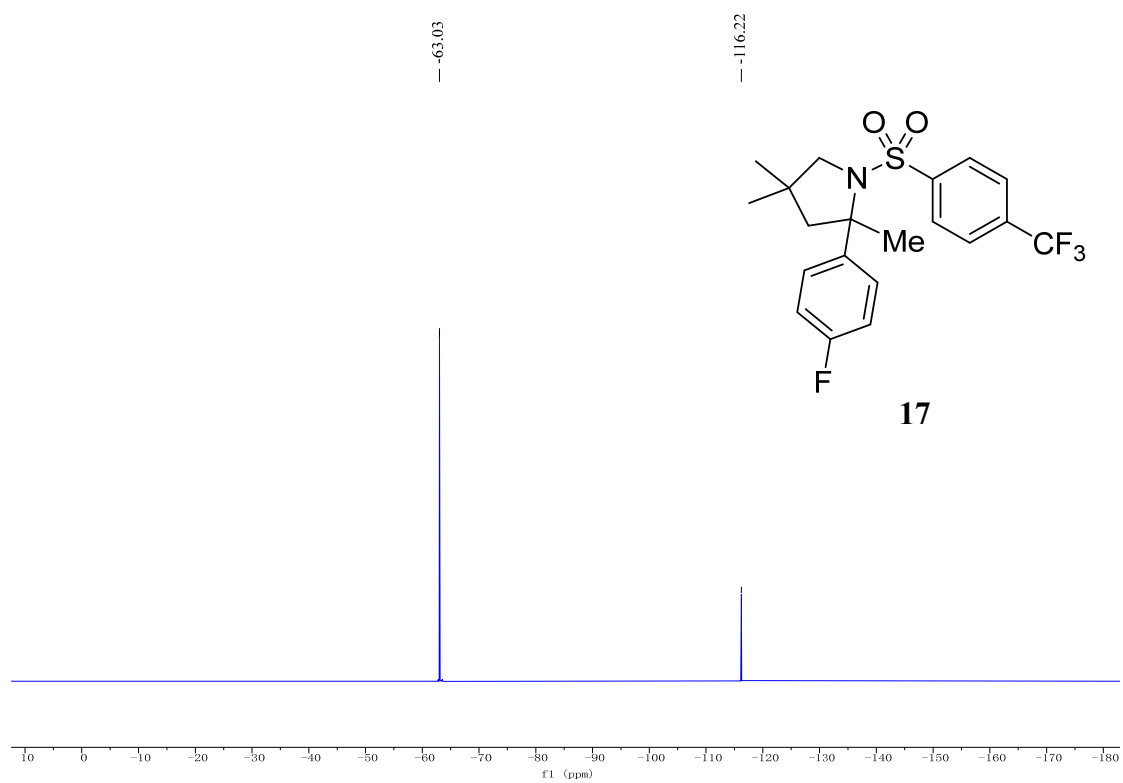


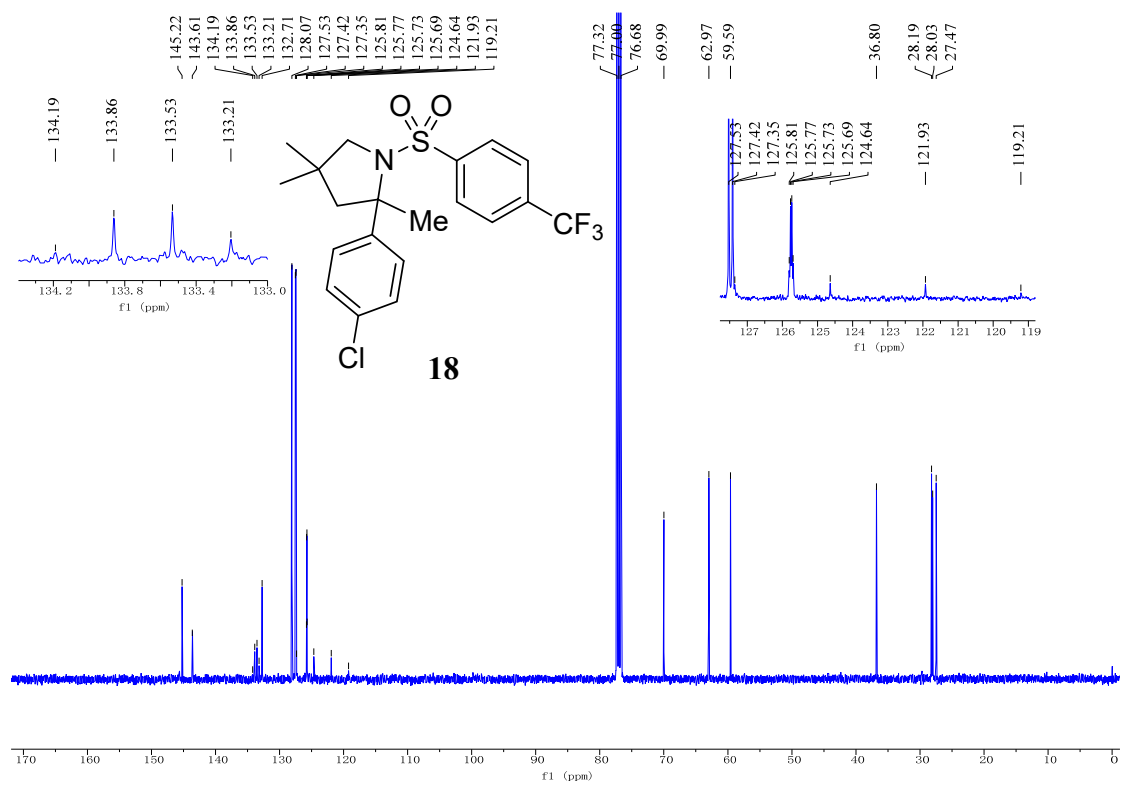
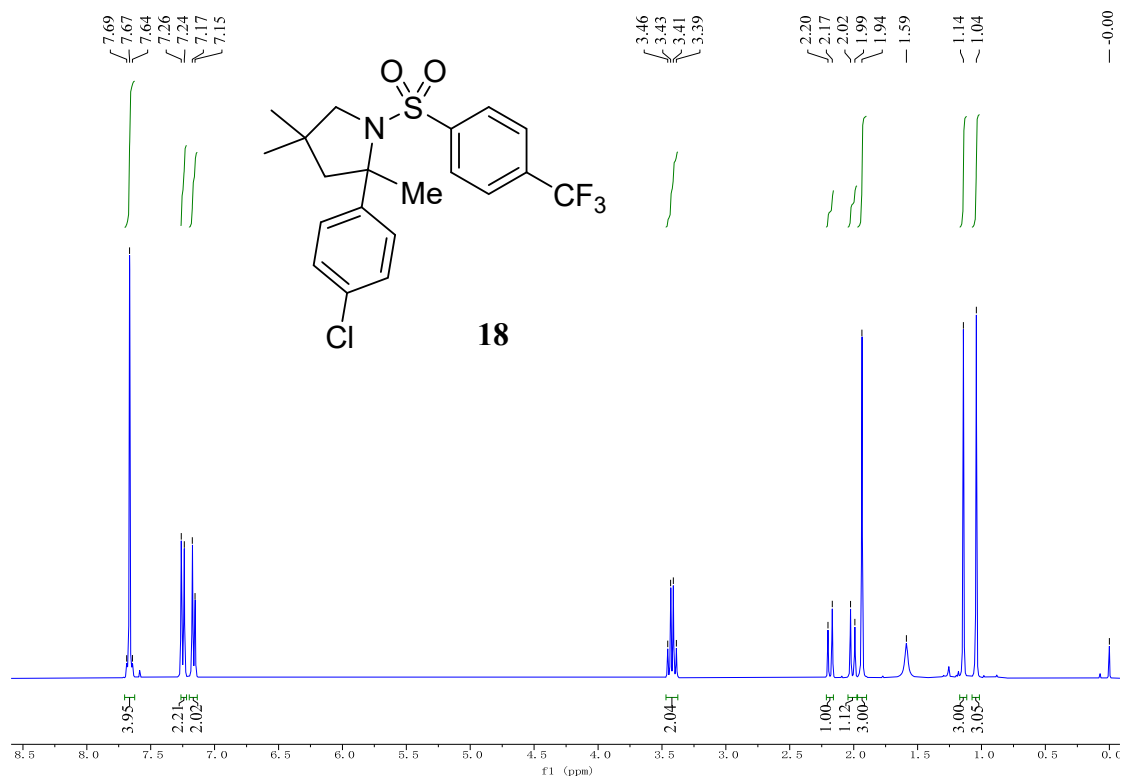


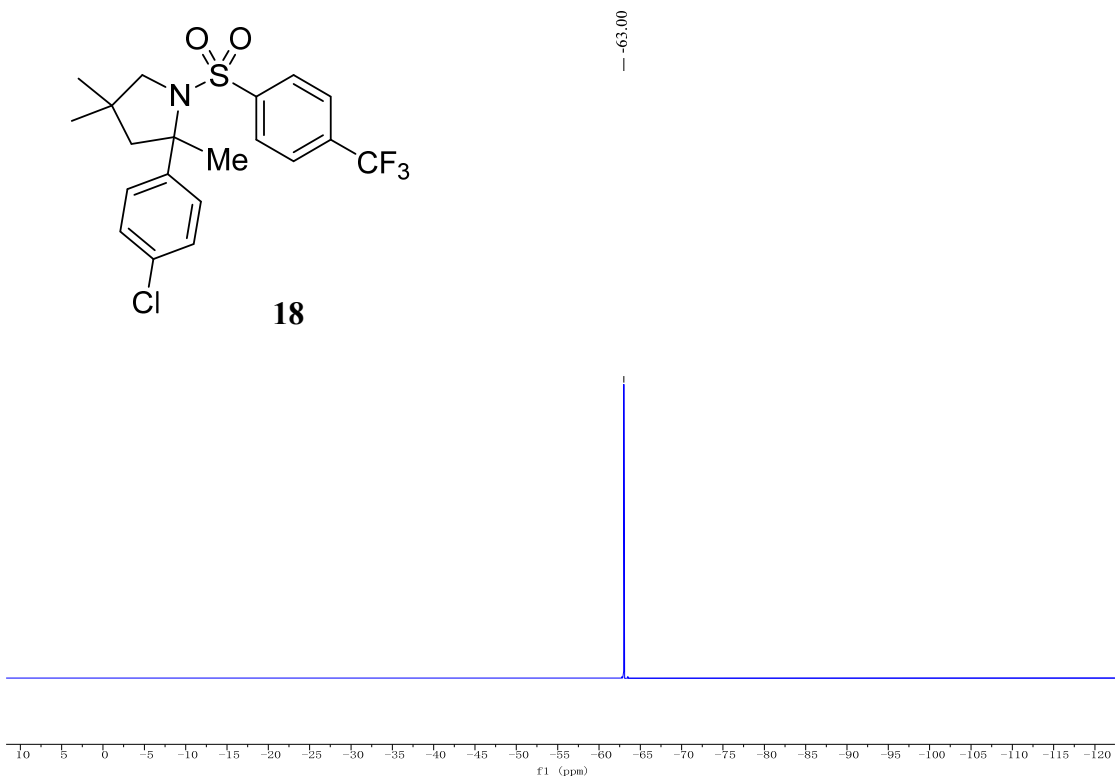
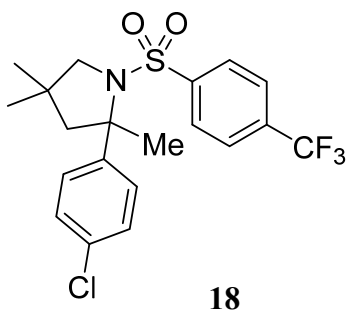
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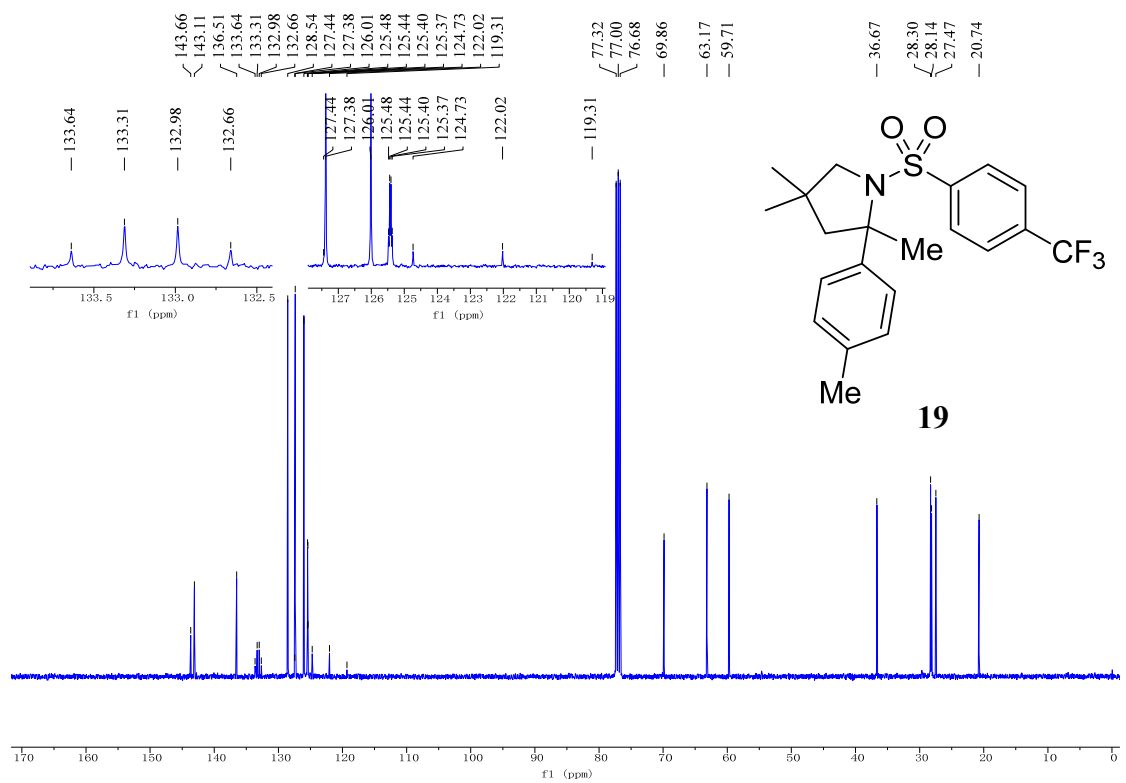
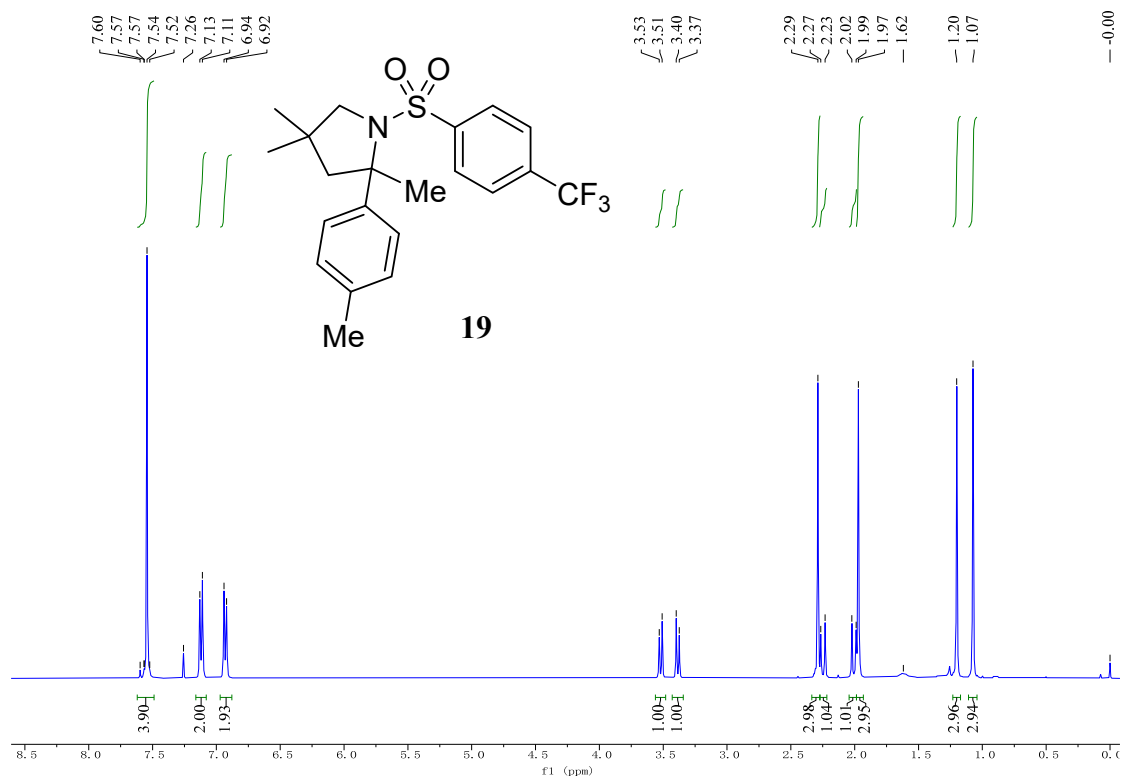


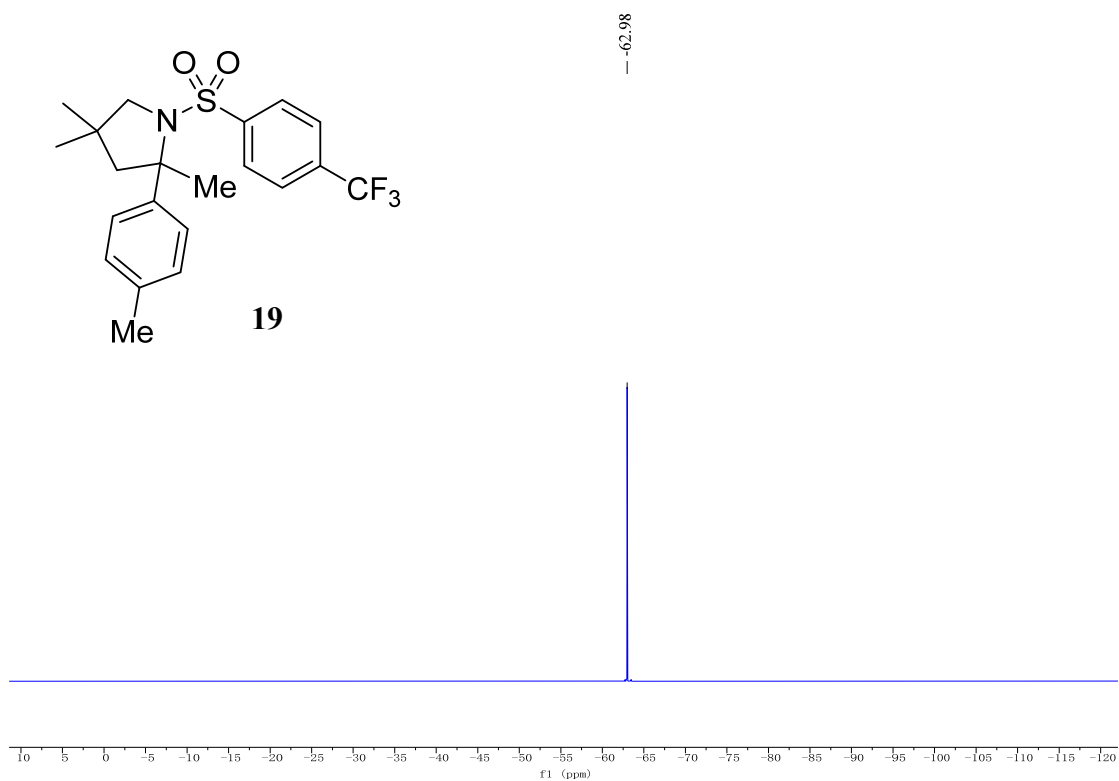
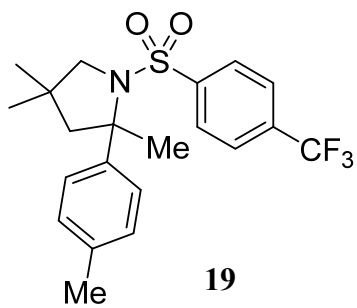


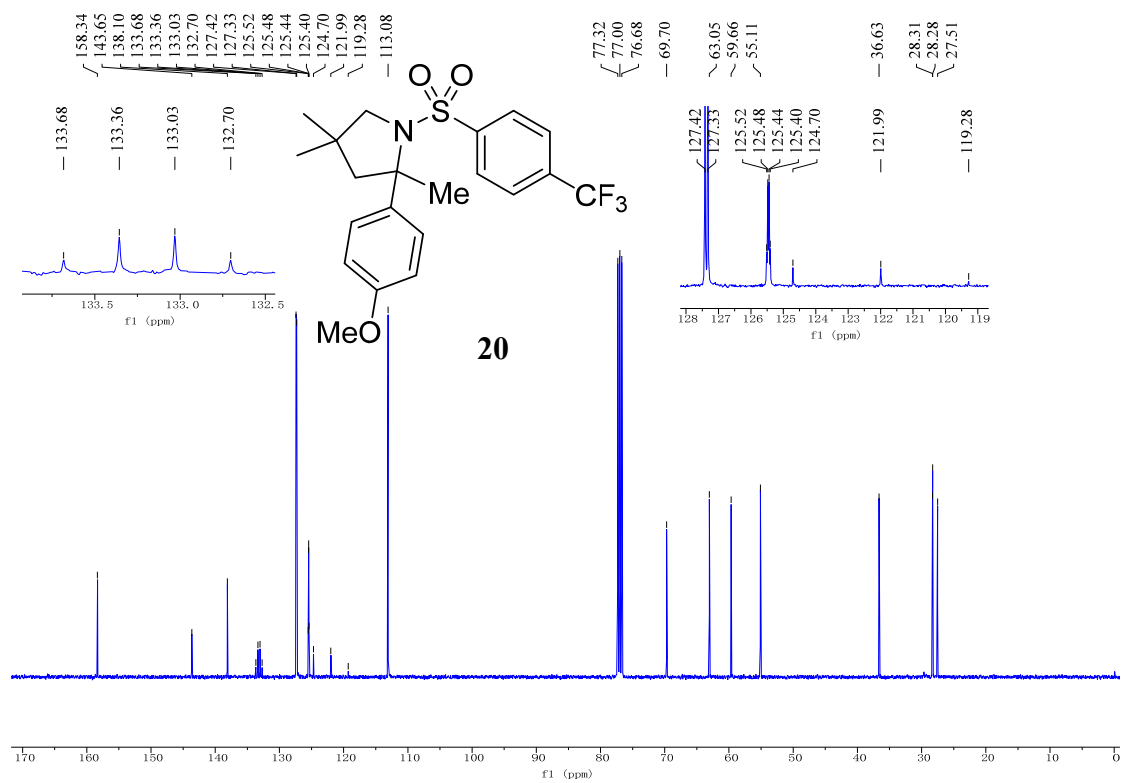
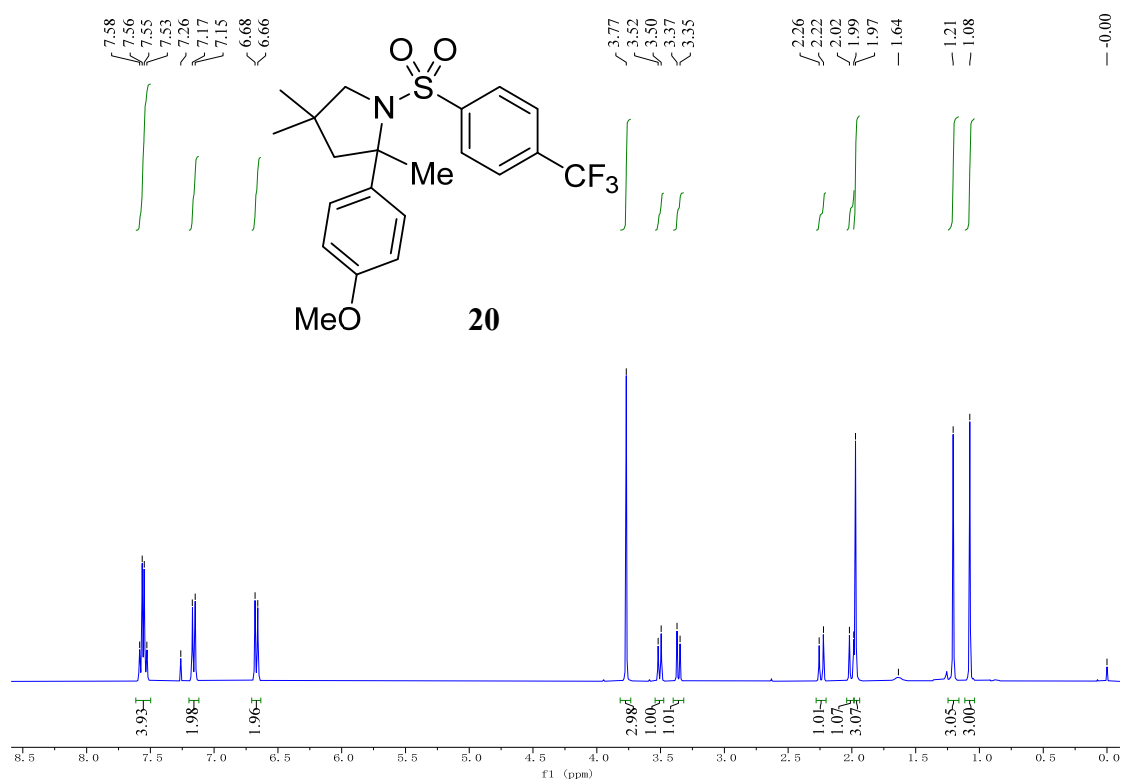


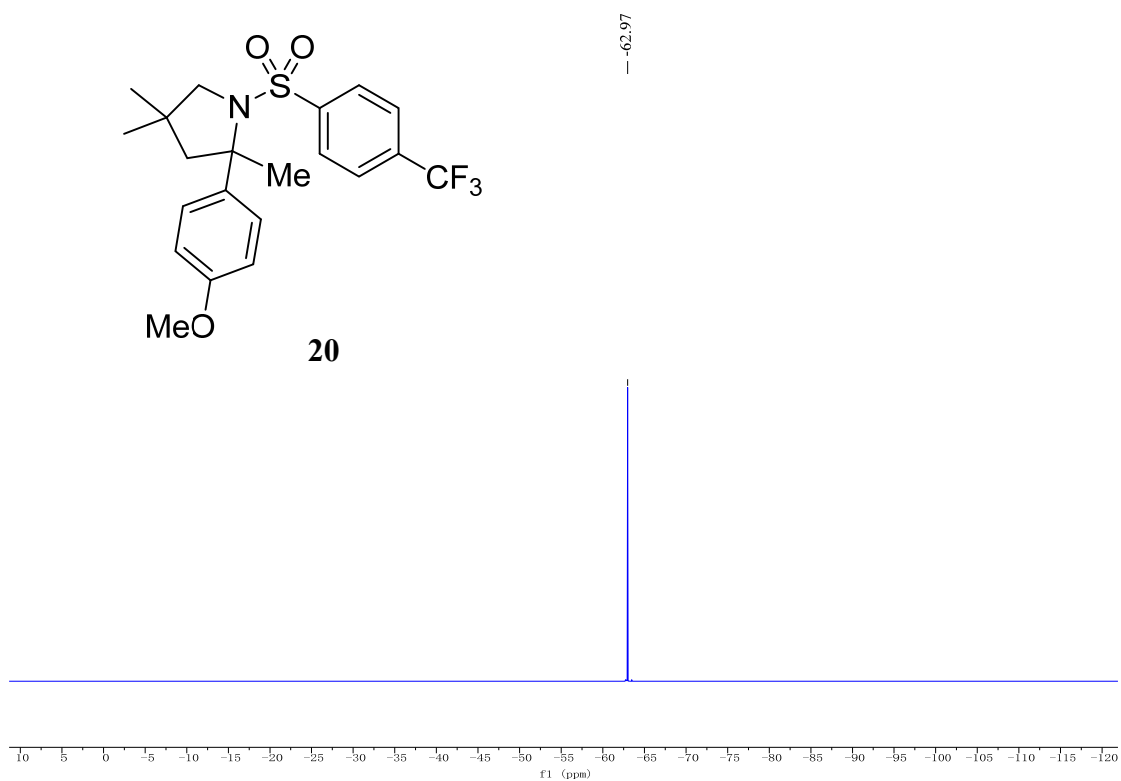
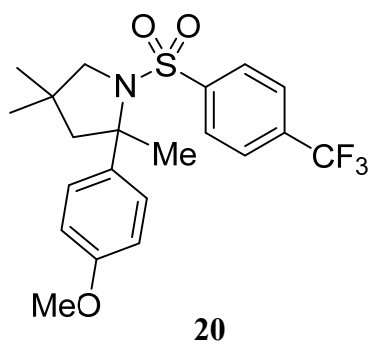


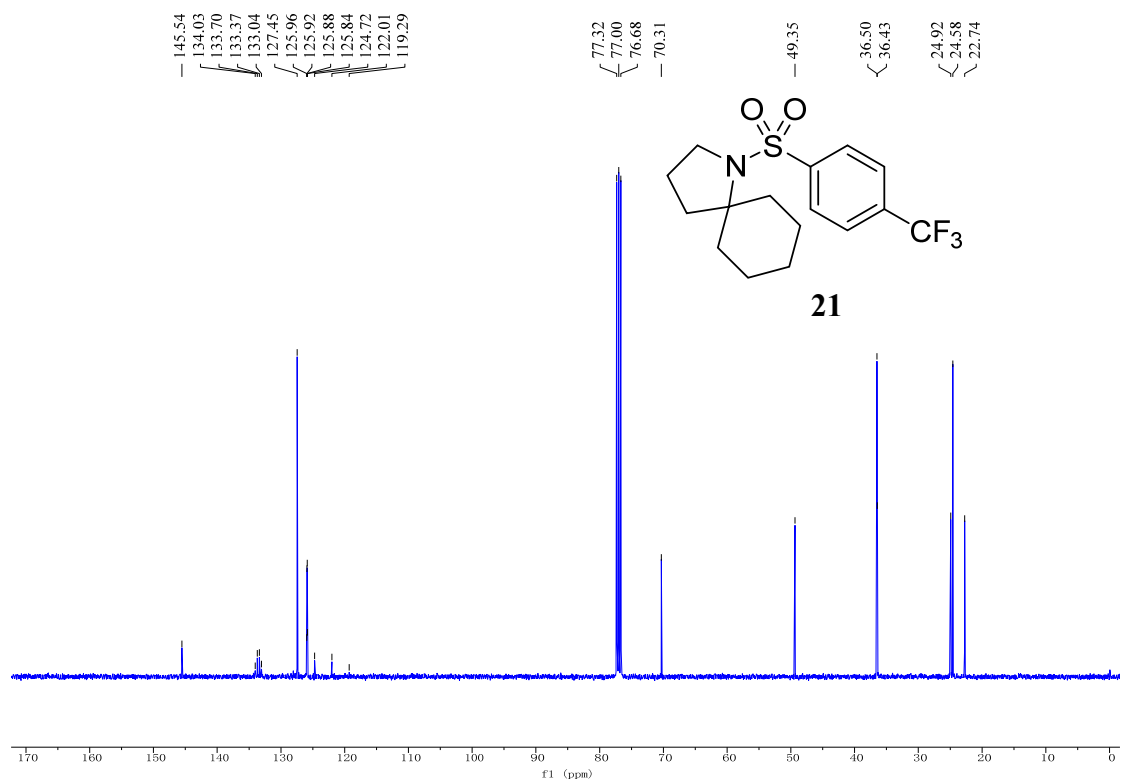
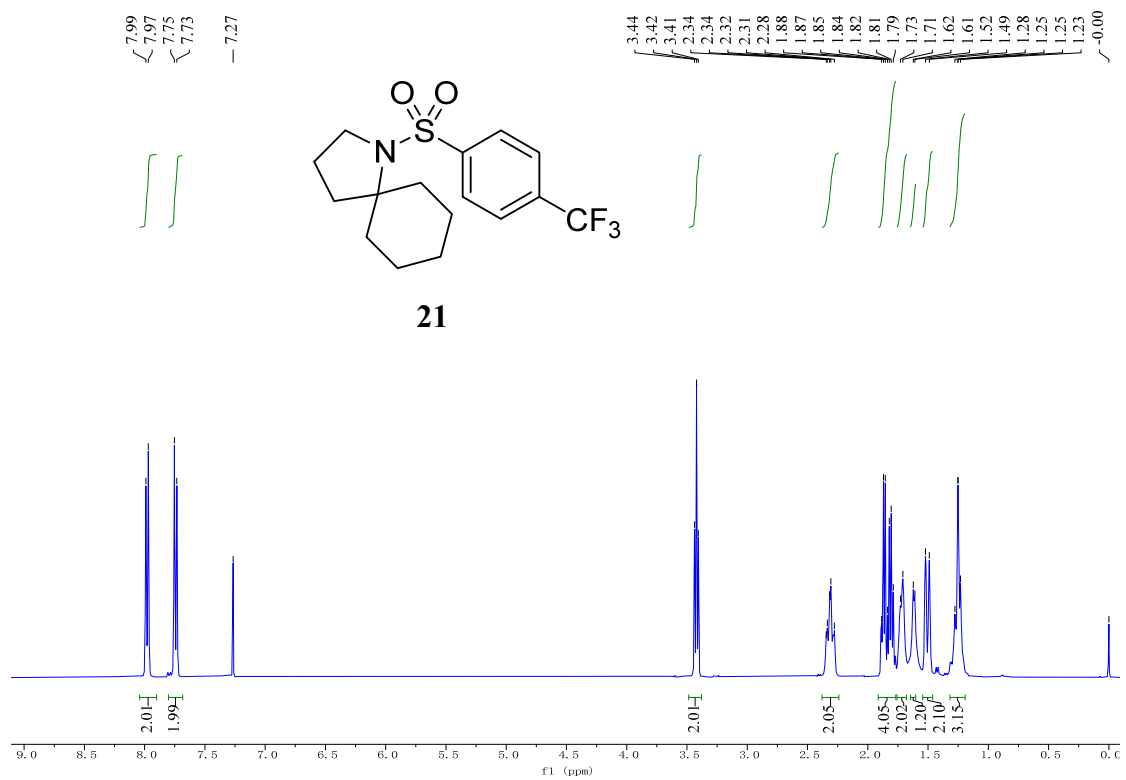


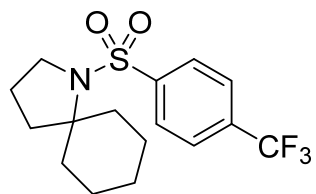






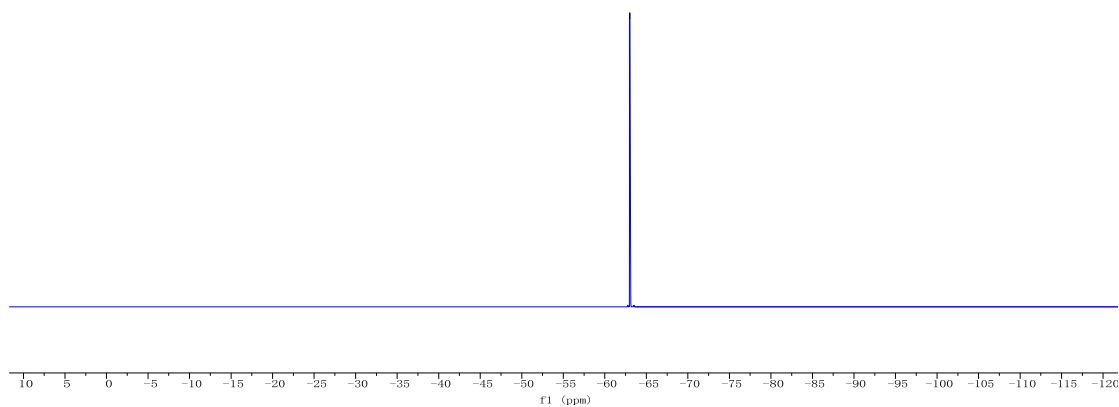


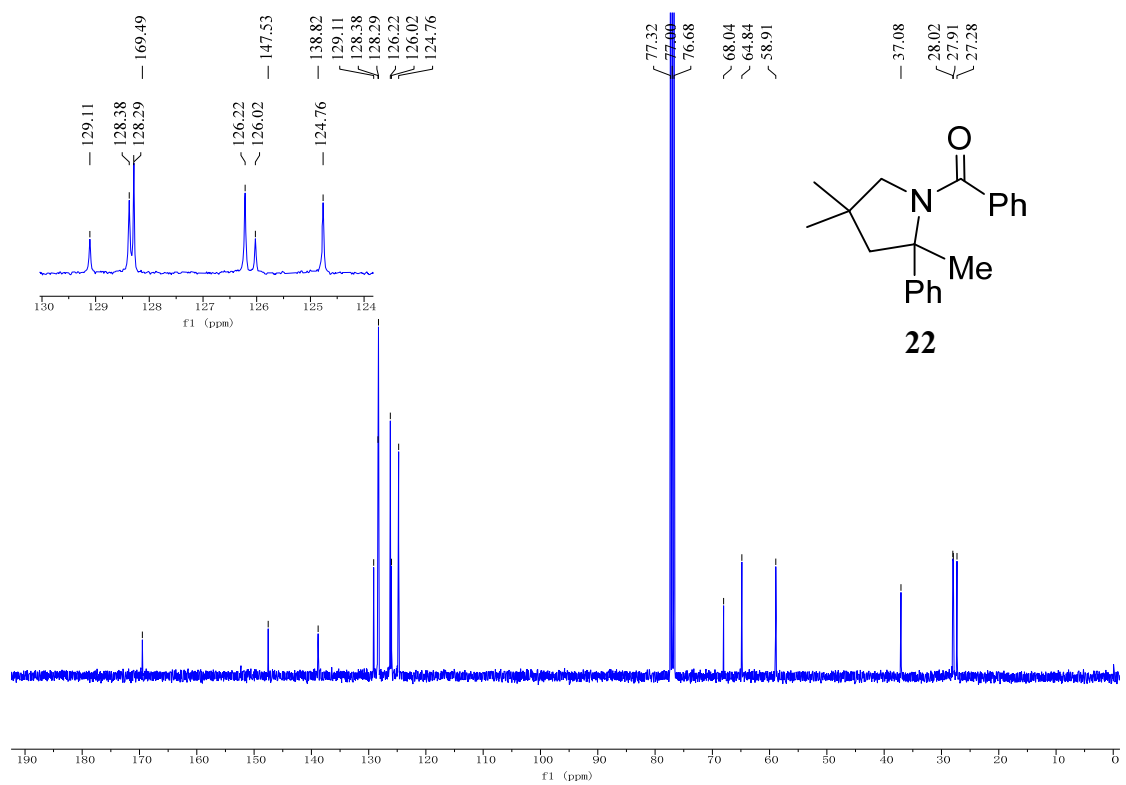
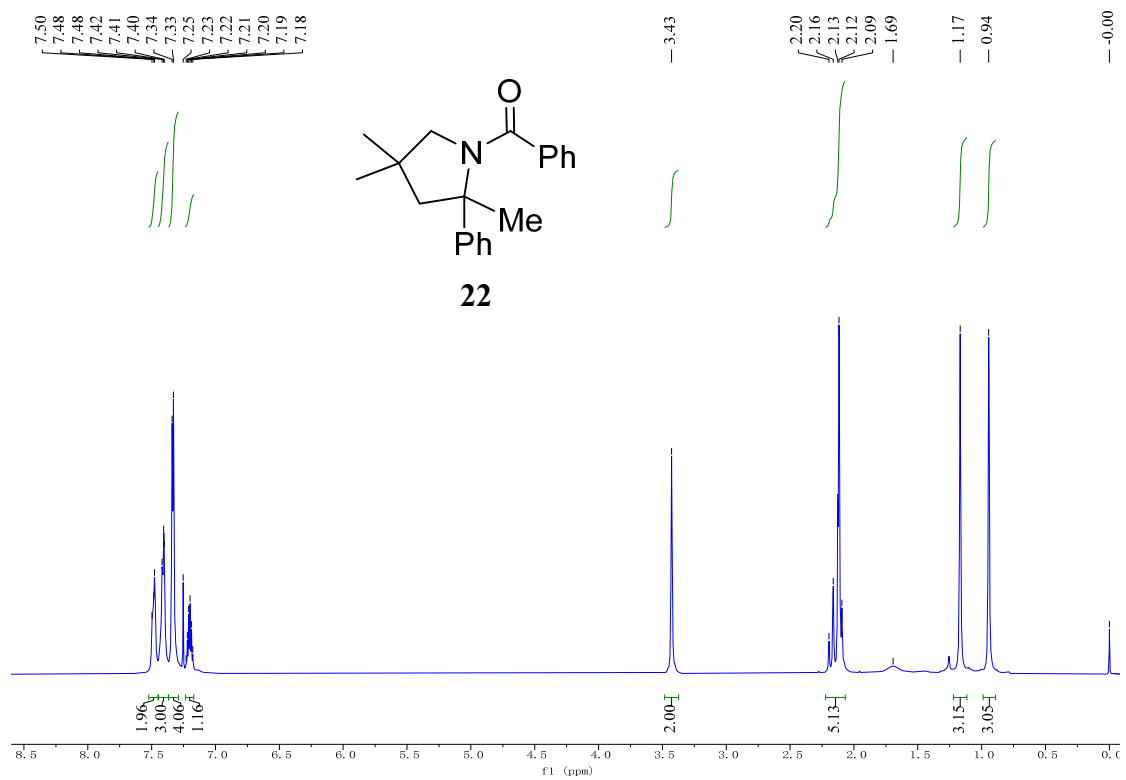




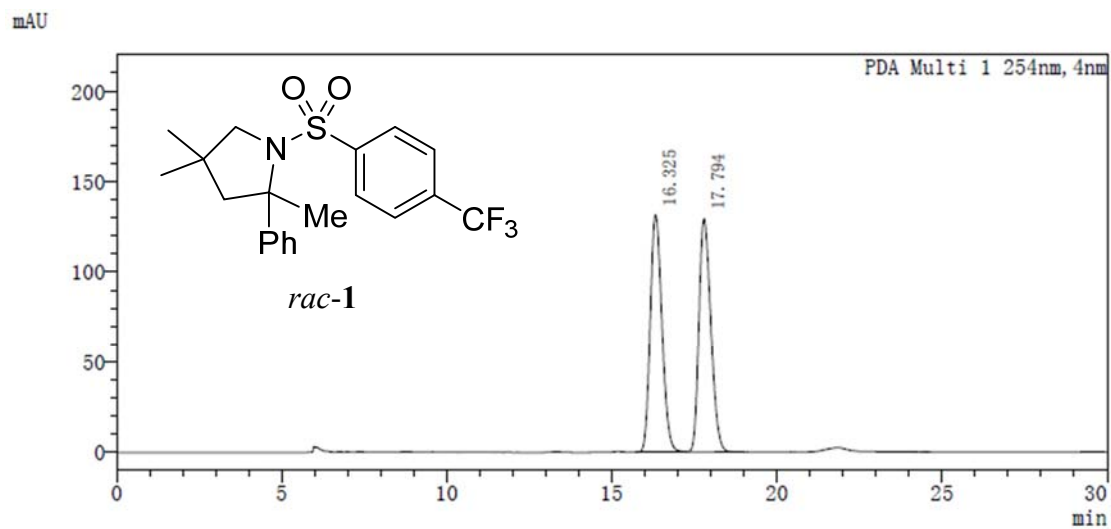
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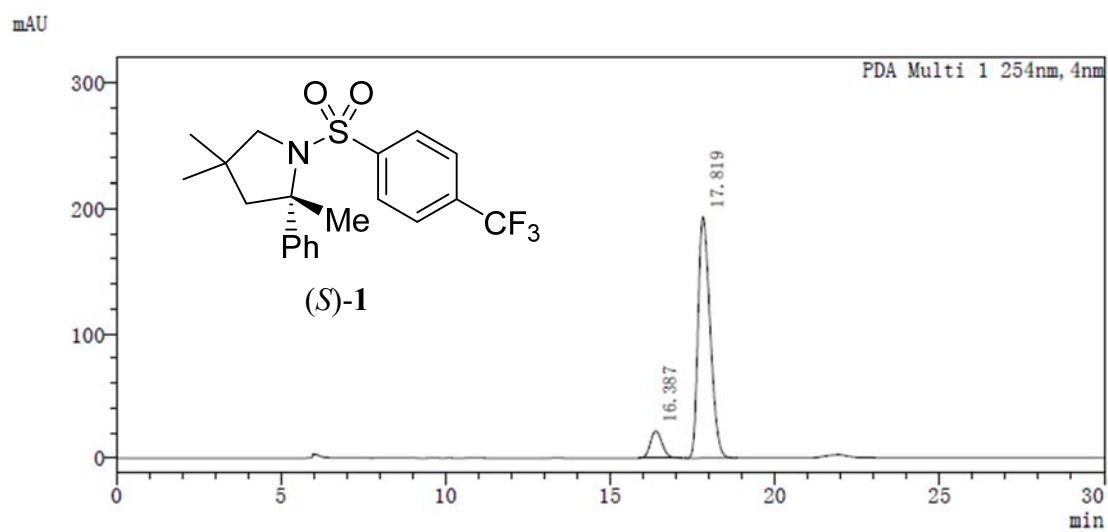
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Peak Table

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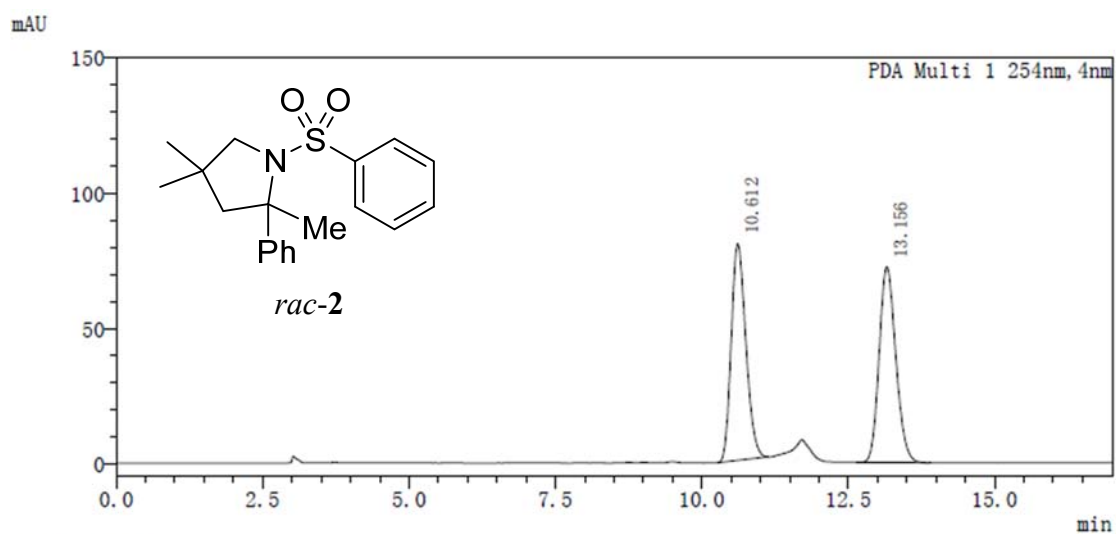
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| 1 | 16.325 | 3252383 | 50.031 |
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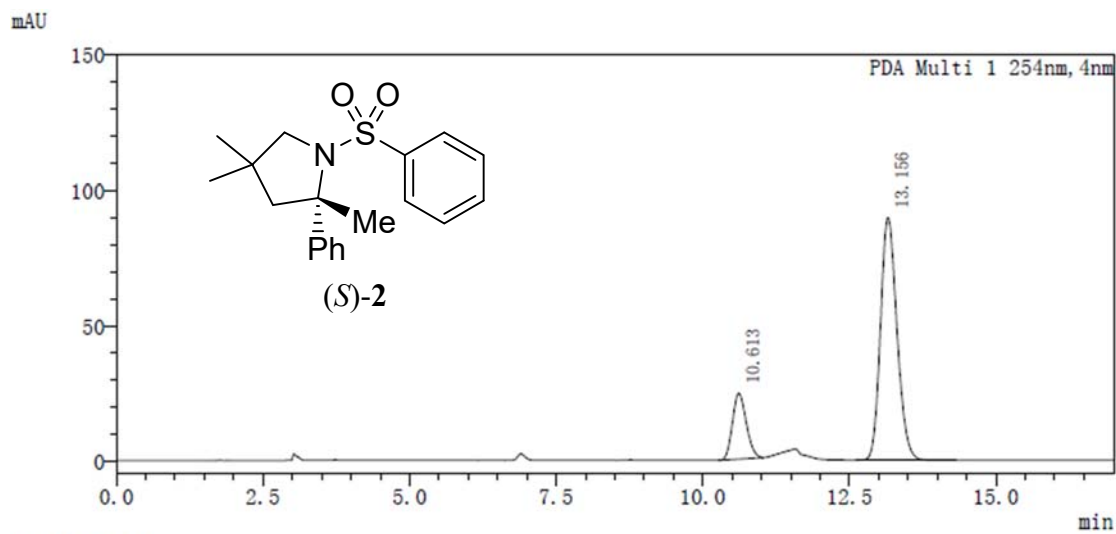
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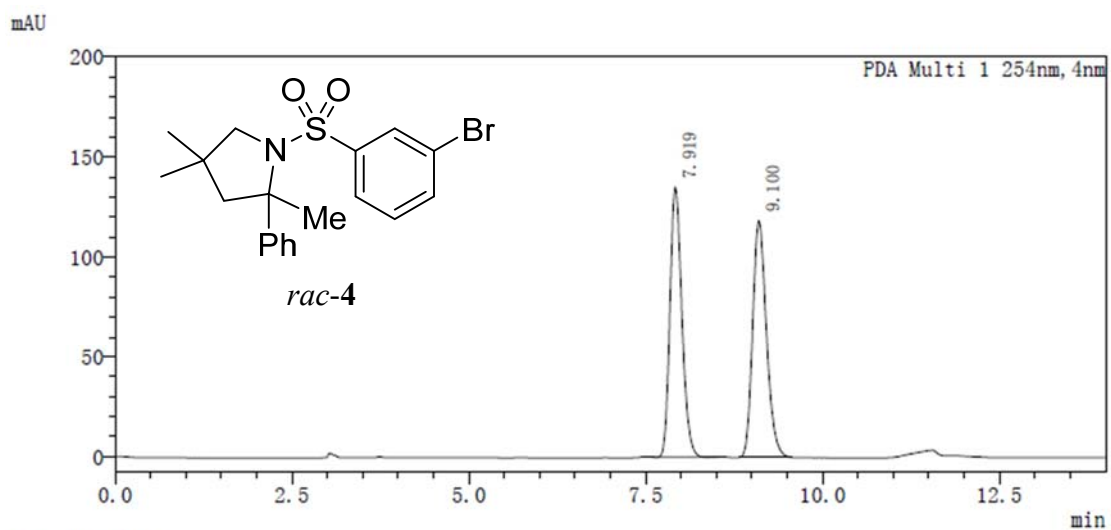
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| 1 | 10.612 | 1396205 | 49.260 |
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Peak Table

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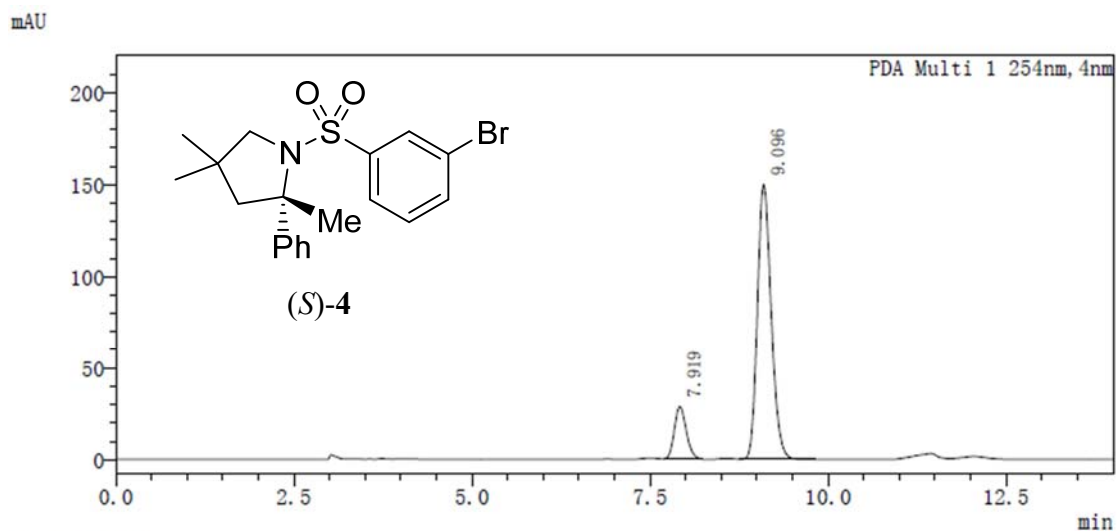
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Peak Table

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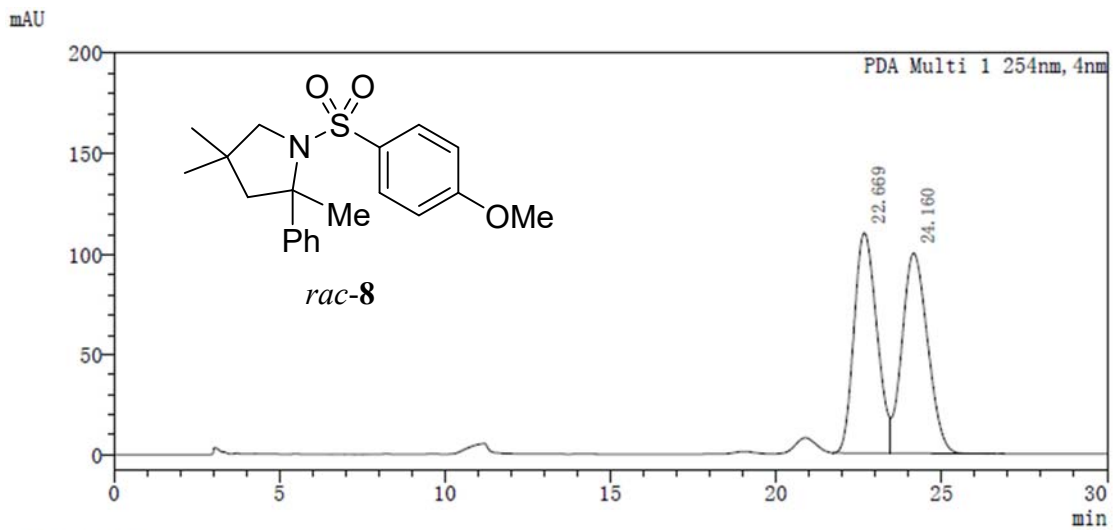
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Peak Table

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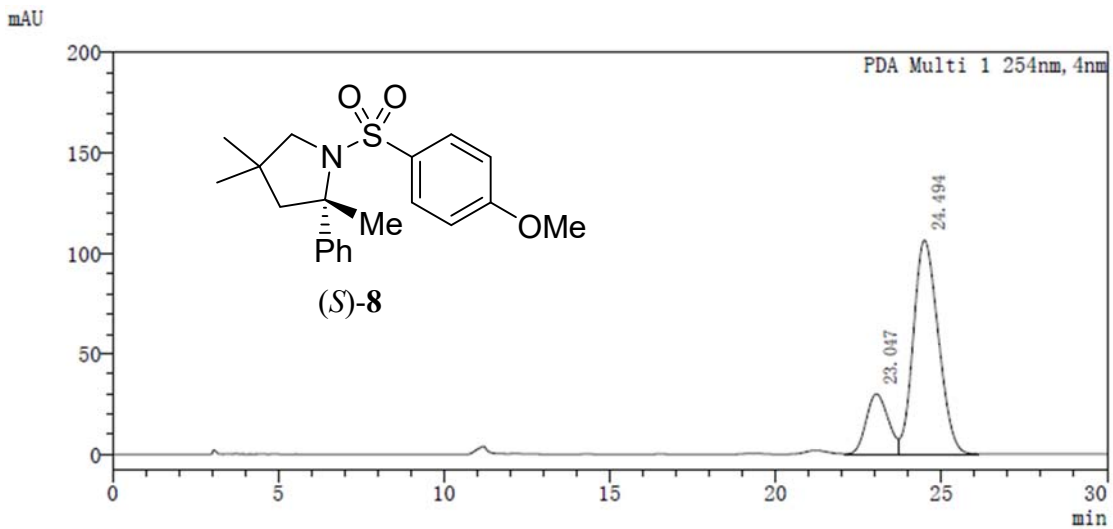
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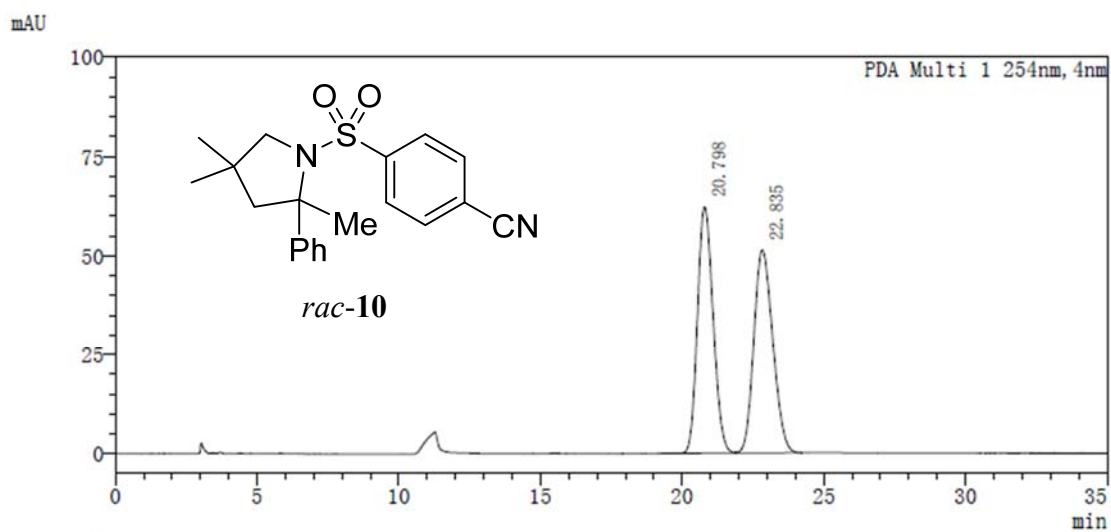
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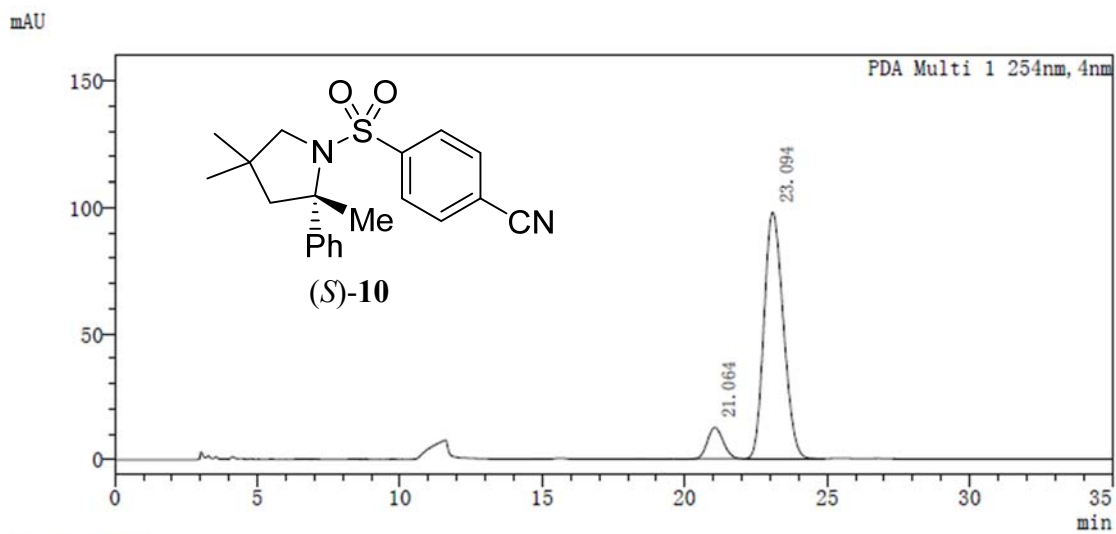
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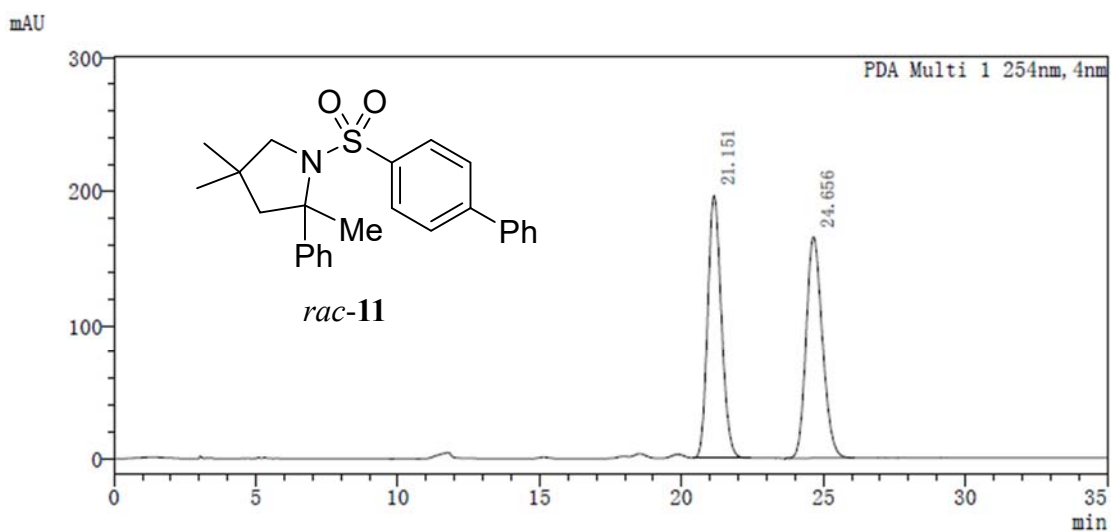
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Peak Table

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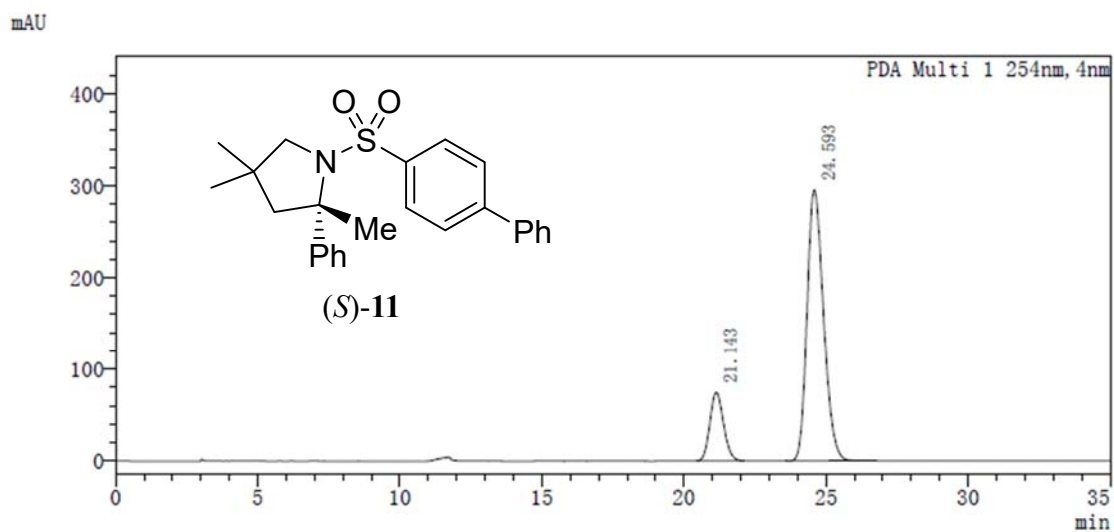
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Peak Table

PDA Ch1 254nm

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Area% |
|-------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 1 | 21.151 | 6609430 | 49.939 |
| 2 | 24.656 | 6625449 | 50.061 |



Peak Table

PDA Ch1 254nm

| Peak# | Ret. Time | Area | Area% |
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| 1 | 21.143 | 2488989 | 17.297 |
| 2 | 24.593 | 11900847 | 82.703 |

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