

**Stereospecific Decarboxylative Benzylation of Enolates: Development and Mechanistic Insight**

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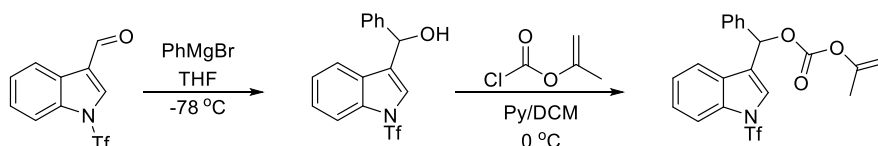
## 1. General Information

All reactions were run under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques or an inert atmosphere glove box. All glassware were oven or flame dried prior to use. Toluene and THF were dried over sodium and distilled in the presence of benzophenone. Dried toluene was taken to the glove box in a Schlenk flask with activated molecular sieves.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was dried over alumina. Other commercially available solvents were used without additional purification. All palladium catalysts and ligands were purchased from Strem and stored in the glove box under an argon atmosphere. Compound purification was effected by flash chromatography using 230x400 mesh, 60Å porosity silica obtained from Sorbent Technologies.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance 400 or a Bruker Avance 500 DRX spectrometer equipped with a QNP cryoprobe and referenced to residual protio solvent signals. Structural assignments were based on  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ , DEPT-135, COSY, HSQC. Mass spectrometry was run using EI or ESI techniques. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed by LC-10ATVP Shimadzu HPLC using Chiralpak AD, AS-H, AD-H and Chiralcell OD-H, OD chiral columns (0.46cmØx25cm), eluting with hexane/iso-propanol mixture. All HPLC data are provided in a separate document. Optical rotations were measured on a Autopol® IV automatic polarimeter using a 5 cm cell and sodium D line (589 nm) at ambient temperature in the solvent and concentration indicated

## 2. Preparation and Spectral Data of Materials

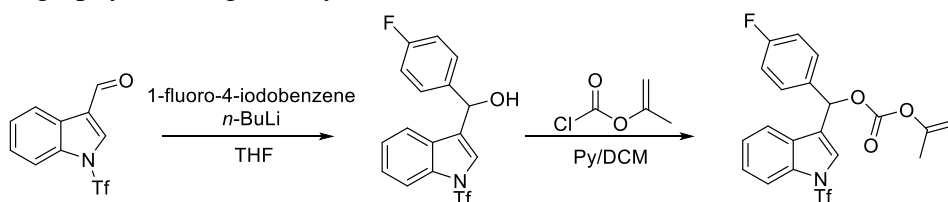
Substrates were prepared with the procedures shown below. The N-Tf indole-3-carboxaldehyde was synthesised via the reported process<sup>[1]</sup>.



**Standard procedure 1:** N-Tf indole-3-carboxaldehyde (832 mg, 3 mmol) was dissolved into THF (15 ml). After the mixture was cooled to -78 °C, phenylmagnesium bromide (1.5 eq, 4.5 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to stirring at this temperature for 30 min. Then the reaction was quenched with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}(\text{aq.})$  and organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc 3 times. The combined organic layer was dried by  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Removed the solvent on rotary evaporator, the corresponding secondary benzoic alcohol could be purified by column chromatography (978 mg, 92% yield).

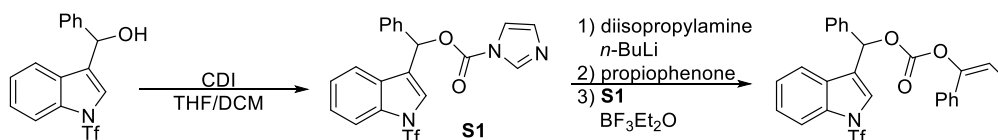
Then product of last step (711 mg, 2 mmol) was re-dissolved into DCM. Pyridine (483  $\mu\text{L}$ , 6 mmol) was added and the mixture was cooled to 0 °C in a ice bath. After that, isopropenylchloroformate (289 mg, 2.4 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and monitored by TLC. After the starting material completely converted, the product was isolated by column

chromatography (705 mg, 80% yield).



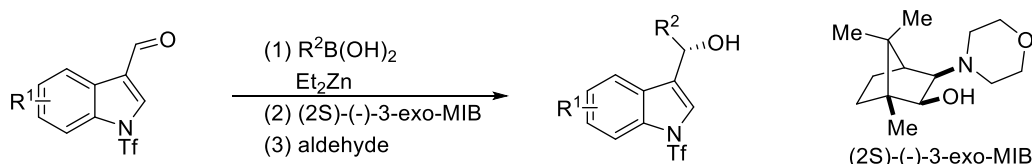
**Standard procedure 2:** 1-Fluoro-4-iodobenzene (666 mg, 3 mmol) was dissolved into THF (15 ml). After the mixture was cooled to  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ , *n*-BuLi (1.2 ml, 2.5 N in hexane) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to stirring at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 min. N-Tf indole-3-carboxaldehyde (554 mg, 2 mmol) was added with 5 ml THF, further stirring for 30 min before quenched with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl(aq.)}$ . Organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc 3 times. The combined organic layer was dried by  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Removed the solvent on rotary evaporator, the corresponding secondary alcohol could be purified by column chromatography (636 mg, 85% yield).

Then procedure of next step was as same as procedure 1.



**Standard procedure 3<sup>[2]</sup>:** CDI (1.62 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved into THF (20 mL), cooled to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a ice bath. Phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-methanol (1.76 g, 5 mmol) was added slowly dropwise with 20 mL DCM via syringe. After completely added, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and continuous stirred for 3 hs and monitored by TLC. When the starting material totally disappeared, the solvent was removed via rotary evaporator and the desired product was purified by column chromatography (2.04 g, 90% yield). The 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate intermediate **S1** can stored at  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  for more than 7 days without obviously decomposition.

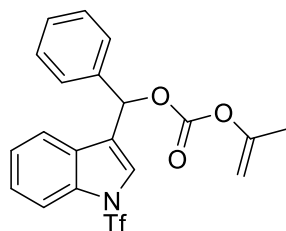
Diisopropylamine (313  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.2 mmol) was dissolved into THF (5 mL), cooled to  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  before *n*-BuLi (880  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.2 mmol, 2.5 N in hexane) was added via syringe. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 min, then propiophenone (269 mg, 2 mmol) was added. This mixture was allowed to stir at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 min. A separate flask was charged with a THF solution of 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate intermediate **S1** (450 mg, 1 mmol), also cooled to  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  followed by the addition of  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (303  $\mu\text{L}$ , 2.4 mmol). After stirring at this temperature for 15 min, the enolate mixture was transferred into the solution of 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate and  $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  quickly. Then the mixture was further stirred at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 min. After 1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate intermediate totally disappeared, the reaction was quenched by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , extracted with EtOAc 3 times. The combined organic layer was dried by  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator and the corresponding enol carbonate could be purified by column chromatography using 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether (388 mg, 76% yield, E/Z = 50:1).



**Standard procedure for the preparation of enantioenriched diarylmethanols<sup>[3]</sup>:**  
 To a flame dried Schlenk flask was added phenyl boronic acid (731 mg, 6 mmol) and toluene (10 mL). Then diethyl zinc (18 mL, 18 mmol, 1.0 M in hexanes) was added and the solution was heated at 60 °C for 24 hours in an oil bath. After 24 hours, it was removed from the oil bath and cooled to room temperature. Then a solution of (2S)-(-)-3-exo-MIB (59.8 mg, 0.25 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and was allowed to stir for one hour at room temperature before the addition of corresponding N-Tf indole-3-carboxaldehyde (2.5 mmol, 692 mg). Then the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 12 hours and the resulting mixture was quenched with 1N HCl acid and the product was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organics were washed with brine and dried over  $MgSO_4$  and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified via flash chromatography over silica gel to isolate enantioenriched secondary alcohol in 87% yield.

#### Characterization Data of Substrates

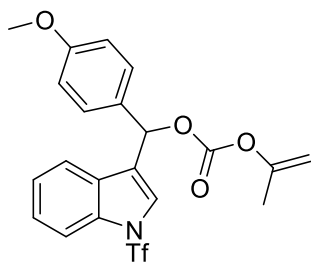
##### Phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate



402 mg, white solid, mp. 65-67 °C, 92% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.76 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 4.63 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  152.90, 152.12, 136.84, 135.92, 129.12, 128.89, 128.54, 127.27, 126.29, 125.04, 124.35, 124.02, 120.81, 119.50 (q,  $J$  = 322.0 Hz), 113.92, 102.04, 74.81, 19.10. ATR-IR: 1759, 1451, 1420, 1271, 1233, 1209, 1150, 1113  $cm^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $C_{16}H_{11}F_3NO_2S$  [ $M-C_4H_5O_3$ ] $^+$ : calcd 338.0468, found 338.0504.

*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

##### (4-Methoxyphenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate



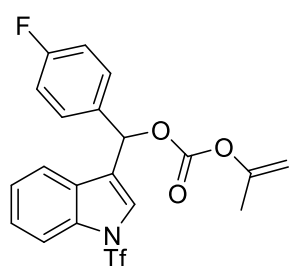
197 mg, yellow oil, 42% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1H$  NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.21 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 7.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 – 6.81 (m, 3H), 4.74 – 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.87 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  = 160.17, 152.89, 152.12, 135.90, 129.05, 128.82, 128.54, 126.23, 124.99, 124.24, 123.92, 120.81, 119.50 (q,  $J$  =



321.3 Hz), 114.21, 113.89, 102.02, 74.80, 55.25, 19.12. ATR-IR: 1752, 1643, 1514, 1418, 1207, 1175, 1148, 991, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 368.0563, found 368.0596.

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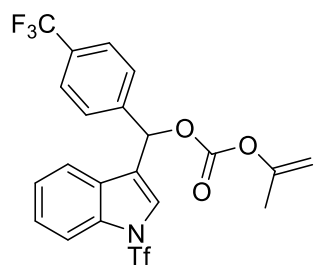
**(4-Fluorophenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



398 mg, colorless oil, 85% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.4, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.03 (d,  $J$  = 247.5 Hz), 152.86, 152.05, 135.93, 132.73 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 129.40 (q,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 128.32, 126.40, 125.09, 124.21, 123.72, 120.69, 119.49 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 116.92 (q,  $J$  = 35.0 Hz), 113.99, 102.14, 74.23, 19.11. ATR-IR: 1759, 1676, 1607, 1510, 1451, 1422, 1273, 1234, 1209, 1150, 1113, 991, 747, 611  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 356.0363, found 356.0371.

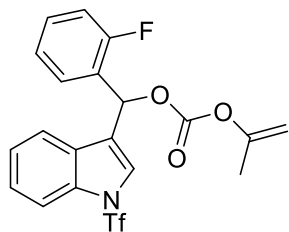
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**Prop-1-en-2-yl-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl) carbonate**



White solid, mp. 75-76  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.34 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.88, 152.02, 140.86 (q,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 135.95, 131.24 (q,  $J$  = 32.0 Hz), 128.19, 127.49, 126.53, 125.96 (q,  $J$  = 4.0 Hz), 125.20, 124.69, 123.78 (q,  $J$  = 270.0 Hz), 123.13, 120.64, 119.49 (q,  $J$  = 322.0 Hz), 114.04, 102.16, 73.92, 19.04. ATR-IR: 1759, 1422, 1325, 1273, 1234, 1209, 1167, 1150, 1130, 1113, 1069, 990, 746, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**(2-Fluorophenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**

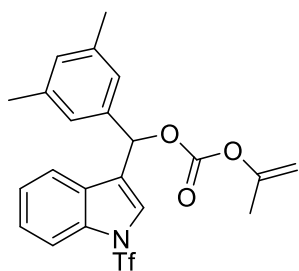


Yellow solid, mp. 58-61  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.44 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 – 7.31 (m, 1H), 7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.12 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 1H), 4.75 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (d,  $J$  = 0.7 Hz, 3H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  159.98 (d,  $J = 247.5$  Hz), 152.93, 151.91, 135.87, 130.94 (d,  $J = 31.0$  Hz), 128.45, 128.24 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz), 126.42, 125.19, 124.73 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 124.60 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 124.28, 123.27, 120.55, 119.51 (q,  $J = 322.5$  Hz), 116.04 (d,  $J = 21.3$  Hz), 113.99, 102.16, 68.73 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 19.11. ATR-IR: 1761, 1674, 1491, 1451, 1422, 1271, 1233, 1207, 1148, 1113, 990, 758, 606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 356.0363, found 356.0368.

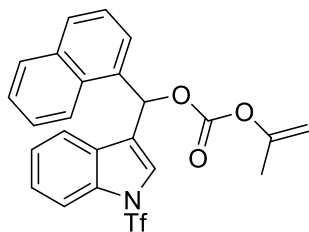
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**(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



White solid, mp. 63-65  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.91 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.38 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d,  $J = 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 6H), 1.98 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.92, 152.14, 138.49, 136.67, 135.90, 130.81, 128.65, 126.22, 125.03, 125.00, 124.32, 124.18, 120.83, 119.52 (q,  $J = 322.0$  Hz), 113.89, 102.00, 74.94, 21.29, 19.13. ATR-IR: 1759, 1672, 1611, 1451, 1420, 1271, 1233, 1207, 1150, 1111, 990, 839, 746, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : calcd 468.1093, found 468.1230.

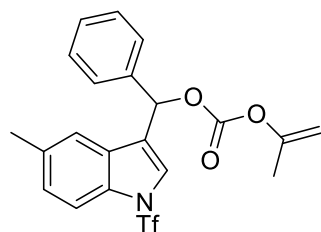
**Naphthalen-1-yl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



392 mg, white oil, 80% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 5.1$  Hz, 3H), 7.66 – 7.58 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.28 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.89, 151.28, 134.85, 132.90, 131.16, 129.43, 128.99, 127.98, 127.80, 125.76, 125.30, 125.05, 124.76, 124.19, 124.11, 123.02, 122.09, 119.68, 118.40 (q,  $J = 321.3$  Hz), 112.90, 101.02, 71.36, 18.04. ATR-IR: 1755, 1674, 1451, 1422, 1275, 1233, 1207, 1150, 1113, 988, 779, 746, 615  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 388.0614, found 388.0637.

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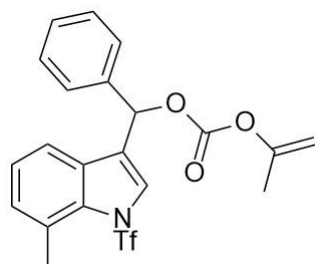
**(5-Methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



372 mg, white solid, mp. 71-73 °C, 82% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.77 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 4.83 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.96, 152.19, 136.92, 134.99, 134.12, 129.12, 128.92, 128.81, 127.68, 127.29, 124.49, 123.88, 120.63, 119.56 (q,  $J$  = 322.0 Hz), 113.59, 102.06, 74.84, 21.38, 19.15. ATR-IR: 1759, 1418, 1273, 1233, 1204, 1153, 1142, 1111, 1090, 991, 698, 625, 586  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI) for:  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 352.0614, found 352.0619.

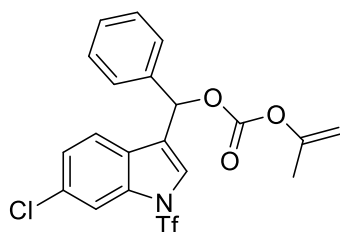
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**(7-Methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



Beige solid, mp. 62.1-64.9 °C, 5:1 hexane:ethyl acetate.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.48 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.82 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.72 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.93, 152.15, 136.80, 135.72, 130.66, 130.53, 129.10, 128.88, 127.34, 125.74, 125.47, 123.84, 118.63, 102.04, 74.80, 21.85 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 19.14. ATR-IR: 1758, 1419, 1270, 1231, 1207, 1112, 1083, 739, 724  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}]^+$ : calcd 453.0858, found 453.0864.

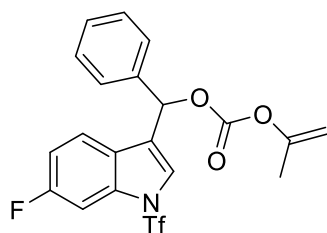
**(6-Chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



398 mg, white solid, mp. 101-103 °C, 84% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd,  $J$  = 1.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d,  $J$  = 0.7 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.86, 152.04, 136.57, 136.23, 132.55, 129.22, 128.94, 127.19, 127.01, 125.84, 124.80, 123.76, 121.65, 119.38 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 114.21, 102.08, 74.53, 19.06. ATR-IR: 1759, 1422, 1269, 1233, 1209, 1152, 1121, 1074, 993, 625, 602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClF}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 372.0073, found 372.0087.

*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

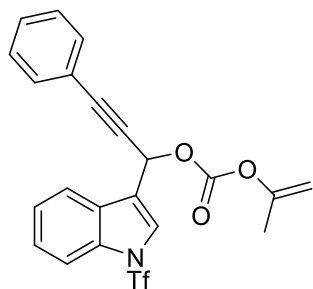
**(6-Fluoro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



White solid, mp. 72-74 °C, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.63 (dd,  $J = 9.2, 2.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.06 (td,  $J = 8.9, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 4.83 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd,  $J = 1.7, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.96 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.52 (d,  $J = 245.0$  Hz), 152.87, 152.09, 136.63, 136.20 (d,  $J = 12.5$  Hz), 129.24, 128.96, 127.21, 124.79 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 124.62 (d,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 123.76, 121.87 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz), 119.42 (q,  $J = 321.3$  Hz), 113.66 (d,  $J = 25.0$  Hz), 102.12, 101.74 (d,  $J = 28.8$  Hz), 74.63, 19.11. ATR-IR: 1759, 1676, 1616, 1578, 1489, 1271, 1234, 1209, 1148, 1098, 1001, 905  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 356.0363, found 356.0380.

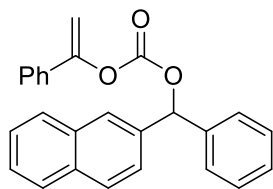
*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

**3-Phenyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-ylprop-2-yn-1-yl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate**



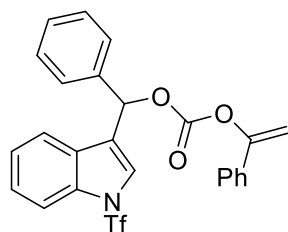
Yellowish oil, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.81 – 4.77 (m, 1H), 4.66 (dd,  $J = 1.8, 1.1$  Hz, 1H), 1.91 (d,  $J = 0.6$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.98, 152.02, 136.02, 132.05, 129.37, 128.45, 128.17, 126.56, 125.64, 125.26, 121.37, 120.99, 120.93, 119.51 (q,  $J = 322.0$  Hz), 114.01, 102.19, 88.19, 82.77, 63.09, 19.16. ATR-IR: 1759, 1678, 1491, 1451, 1422, 1323, 1267, 1234, 1209, 1150, 1113, 756, 613  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : calcd 486.0593, found 486.0518.

**Naphthalen-2-yl(phenyl)methyl (1-phenylvinyl) carbonate**



285 mg, colorless oil, 75% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.89 (d,  $J = 0.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.80 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.37, 152.48, 139.09, 136.53, 133.78, 133.03, 133.02, 129.09, 128.60, 128.55, 128.51, 128.29, 128.18, 127.66, 127.09, 126.39, 126.37, 126.03, 124.86, 124.62, 101.87, 81.60. ATR-IR: 1755, 1672, 1271, 1207, 1167, 1125, 1086, 936, 853, 816, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}_3$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : calcd 403.1305, found 403.1346.

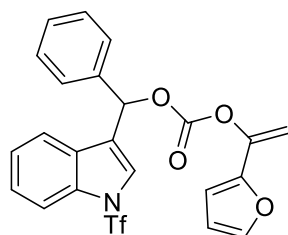
**Phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl (1-phenylvinyl) carbonate**



366 mg, white solid, mp. 97-100 °C, 73% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (m, 5H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.33, 151.32, 135.60, 134.88, 132.58, 128.20, 128.16, 127.88, 127.59, 127.47, 126.27, 125.29, 124.03, 123.77, 123.40, 122.85, 119.79, 118.46 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 112.90, 100.94, 74.21. ATR-IR: 1765, 1418, 1279, 1229, 1148, 1111, 990, 746, 698, 606  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}-\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_3$ ] $^+$ : calcd 338.0463, found 338.0504.

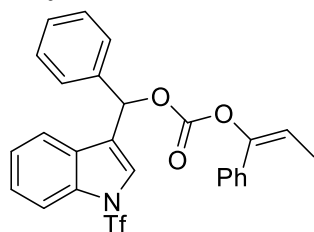
*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

**1-(Furan-2-yl)vinyl (phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl) carbonate**



373 mg, yellow oil, 76% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.33 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 1H), 6.37 (dd,  $J$  = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.23, 147.77, 144.72, 143.27, 136.54, 135.88, 129.21, 128.90, 128.44, 127.28, 126.32, 125.04, 124.41, 123.78, 120.79, 119.47 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.90, 111.32, 107.77, 100.17, 75.44. ATR-IR: 1765, 1451, 1418, 1233, 1209, 1148, 1111, 990, 745, 604, 579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_6\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}$ ] $^+$ : calcd 514.0593, found 514.0590.

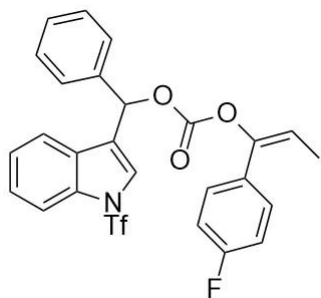
**(E)-phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl-(1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl) carbonate**



418 mg, pale yellow solid, mp. 88-91 °C, 81% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 5.75 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.10, 147.44, 136.74, 135.94, 134.46, 129.18, 128.92, 128.60, 128.54, 128.32, 127.26, 126.35, 125.08, 124.39, 124.21, 124.04, 120.84, 119.52 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 113.95, 112.98, 75.23, 11.22. ATR-IR: 1763, 1451, 1418, 1148, 1111, 991, 953, 746, 698, 606, 579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}-\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{O}_3$ ] $^+$ : calcd 338.0463, found 338.0467.

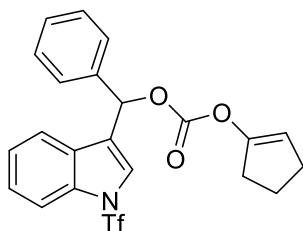
*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

**(E)-(4-fluorophenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl-(1-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl) carbonate**



White solid, mp. 102.4-105.6 °C, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 5H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 6.99 – 6.91 (m, 3H), 5.77 (q,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.65, 161.67, 152.00, 146.62, 136.66, 135.94, 129.22, 128.92, 128.49, 127.23, 126.37, 126.15, 126.09, 125.06, 124.39, 123.93, 120.77, 115.64, 115.47, 113.97, 112.86 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz), 75.34, 11.17. ATR-IR: 1762, 1607, 1510, 1451, 1420, 1233, 1112, 992, 843, 665, 452  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_4\text{NO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : calcd 556.0818, found 556.0812.

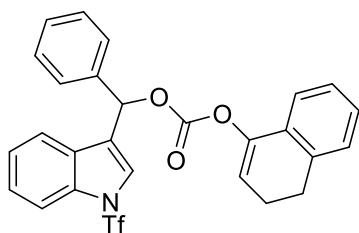
**Cyclopent-1-en-1-yl (phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl) carbonate**



177 mg, colorless oil, 38% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 5.48 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 – 2.32 (m, 4H), 1.95 (dt,  $J$  = 14.9, 7.7 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  151.81, 150.77, 136.81, 135.94, 129.19, 128.94, 128.56, 127.37, 126.32, 125.08, 124.43, 123.93, 120.86, 119.52 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.95, 112.68, 74.88, 30.60, 28.48, 20.91. ATR-IR: 1763, 1418, 1233, 1213, 1148, 1111, 745, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{O}_3]^+$ : calcd 338.0463, found 338.0497.

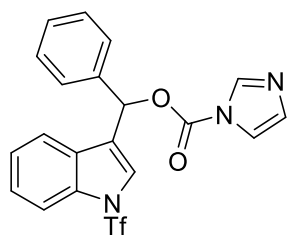
*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

**3,4-Dihydronaphthalen-1-yl (phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl) carbonate**



211 mg, pale yellow solid, mp. 128-131 °C, 40% yield, 6:1 pentane:diethyl ether.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 5.81 (t,  $J$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (ddd,  $J$  = 9.2, 7.4, 4.7 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.72, 146.19, 136.78, 136.34, 135.96, 129.85, 129.22, 128.96, 128.58, 128.20, 127.66, 127.38, 126.49, 126.36, 125.10, 124.45, 124.00, 120.89, 120.47, 119.53 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 115.37, 113.97, 75.25, 27.32, 21.94. ATR-IR: 1765, 1451, 1418, 1225, 1148, 1111, 1007, 745, 619  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_5\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : calcd 550.0906, found 550.0882.

**Phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl-1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate**

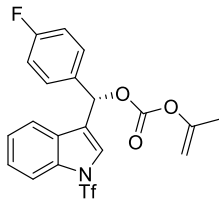


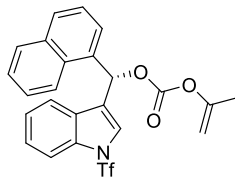
404 mg, yellowish oil, 90% yield, 5:1 hexane:ethyl acetate.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 8H), 7.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  147.87, 137.11, 135.95, 135.87, 131.04, 129.62, 129.17, 128.38, 127.18, 126.64, 125.32, 125.15, 123.00, 120.60, 119.45 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 118.16, 114.11, 74.80. ATR-IR: 1761, 1472, 1391, 1316, 1288, 1240, 1173, 1001, 764, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS for:  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  [ $\text{M}^- - \text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{O}_3$ ]: calcd 338.0463, found 338.0469.

*The molecular ion peak wasn't found in standard high resolution mass spectrometry, instead the diarylmethane cation was observed.*

**HPLC analysis for enantioenriched materials**

(S)-phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate	
	HPLC analysis: 85% ee (Chiralcel AD, 99.8:0.2 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major $R_t$ = 51.6 min, minor $R_t$ = 58.9 min)
(S)-phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl (1-phenylvinyl) carbonate	
	HPLC analysis: 30% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 98:2 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, major $R_t$ = 26.0 min, minor $R_t$ = 33.4 min)
(S)-(5-methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate	
	HPLC analysis: 90% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 99.6:0.4 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major $R_t$ = 37.9 min, minor $R_t$ = 43.4 min)
(S)-(6-chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate	
	HPLC analysis: 90% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 99.6:0.4 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major $R_t$ = 44.1 min, minor $R_t$ = 51.6 min)

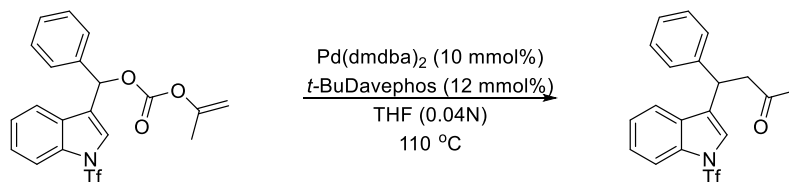
(S)-(4-fluorophenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate	
	HPLC analysis: 85% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 99.6:0.4 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major $R_t$ = 43.5 min, minor $R_t$ = 47.3 min)

(S)-naphthalen-1-yl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl prop-1-en-2-yl carbonate	
	HPLC analysis: 66% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 99.6:0.4 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major $R_t$ = 34.3 min, minor $R_t$ = 44.2 min)



### 3. General Procedure and Spectral Data of Products

#### 3.1 General Procedure

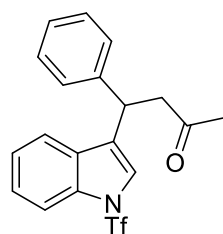


In a glove box, under an argon atmosphere, a flame dried 25 mL microwave vial with a stir bar was charged with secondary benzylic enol carbonate **1a** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol), Pd(dmdba)<sub>2</sub> (10 mmol%, 16.6 mg, 0.02 mmol), *t*-BuDavephos (12 mmol%, 8.4 mg, 0.024 mmol) and THF (5 mL, 0.04N). The vial was carefully sealed with a cap and removed from glove box and stirring under 110 °C until the material totally converted as judged by TLC. **Note:** heating the vial results in pressure buildup and normal precaution should be taken. After cooling the mixture to room temperature, the solvent was removed under vacuum and the crude product was purified by column chromatography.

**1.5 mmol scale reaction:** Following the same protocol as described above, the reaction was increased to a 1.5 mmol scale. In a glove box, under an argon atmosphere, a 60 mL Fischer-Porter reaction vessel containing a stir bar was charged with secondary benzylic enol carbonate **1a** (0.659 g, 1.5 mmol), Pd(dmdba)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %, 0.122 g, 0.15 mmol), *t*-Bu-Davephos (12 mol %, 0.062 g, 0.18 mmol) and THF (37.5 mL, 0.04 N). The vessel was sealed, removed from the glove box, and stirred in an oil bath heated to 110 °C behind a protective blast shield. After 48 hours at 110 °C, the vessel was removed from the heat, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR indicated complete conversion of starting material to product. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with a solvent system of hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1). Removal of solvent from the combined fractions produced 486 mg of product (82%).

#### 3.2 Characterization Data of Products

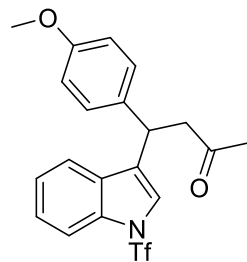
##### (2a): 4-Phenyl-4-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



68 mg, colorless oil, 36 h, 86% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) = 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 4.68 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.14 – 3.03 (m, 2H), 1.98 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) 205.84, 141.49, 135.94, 130.28, 129.14, 128.91, 127.78, 127.20, 126.10, 124.86, 122.19, 120.81, 119.68 (q, *J* = 322.5 Hz), 113.86, 49.12, 37.56, 30.68. ATR-IR: 1719, 1451, 1416, 1360, 1282, 1231, 1206, 1148, 1113, 1022, 990, 745, 702, 611 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 418.0695. Found: 418.0690.

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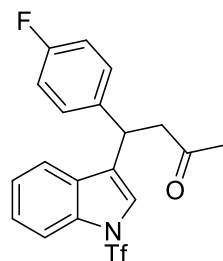
**4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one**



71 mg, colorless oil, 24 h, 84% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.79 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 4.65 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.08 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 206.01, 158.52, 135.88, 133.30, 130.18, 128.70, 128.44, 125.99, 124.75, 121.93, 120.76, 119.58 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 114.17, 113.80, 55.19, 49.20, 36.75, 30.78. ATR-IR: 1719, 1609, 1512, 1451, 1414, 1522, 1233, 1206, 1148, 1111, 1032, 749, 611  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 448.0801. Found: 448.0807.

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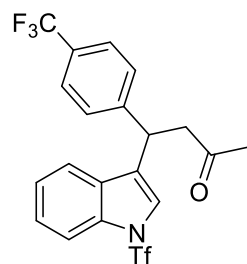
**4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one**



65 mg, colorless oil, 48 h, 79% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.04 – 6.92 (m, 2H), 4.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (qd,  $J$  = 16.9, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.52, 161.75 (d,  $J$  = 243.8 Hz), 137.13 (d,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 135.88, 129.97, 129.27 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz), 127.95, 126.14, 124.82, 122.04, 120.61, 119.57 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 115.72 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 113.86, 49.07, 36.66, 30.71. ATR-IR: 1719, 1605, 1508, 1451, 1416, 1283, 1233, 1206, 1148, 1113, 746, 611  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{19}\text{FN}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4-\text{Tf}]^+$ : 298.1481. Found: 298.1493.

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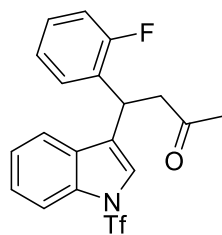
**4-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one**



63 mg, colorless oil, 72 h, 68% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 4.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.29 – 3.15 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.02, 145.57, 135.87, 129.80, 129.42 (q,  $J$  = 32.5 Hz), 128.18, 127.22, 126.31, 125.85 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 124.93, 123.95 (q,  $J$  = 270.0 Hz), 122.27, 120.45, 119.56 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.94, 48.75, 37.01, 30.62. ATR-IR: 1721, 1618, 1451, 1416, 1325, 1233, 1207, 1165, 1150, 1113, 1069, 1018, 743, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}-\text{Tf}]^+$ : 354.1082. Found: 354.1849.

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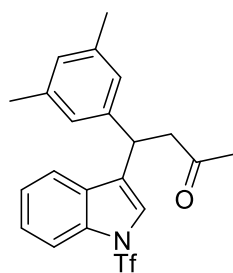
**4-(2-fluorophenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one**



36 mg, colorless oil, 72 h, 43% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 9.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.16 (m, 7H), 6.96 (td,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.67, 162.47 (d,  $J$  = 6.3 Hz), 141.26, 136.14 (q,  $J$  = 12.5 Hz), 128.96, 127.93, 127.69, 127.30, 126.53, 126.51, 122.32, 121.77 (q,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz), 119.56 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.35 (q,  $J$  = 23.8 Hz), 101.68 (q,  $J$  = 28.7 Hz), 49.11, 37.47, 30.72. ATR-IR: 1714, 1614, 1487, 1416, 1269, 1233, 1207, 1148, 1098, 997, 901, 746, 702  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ : 431.1047. Found: 431.1043.

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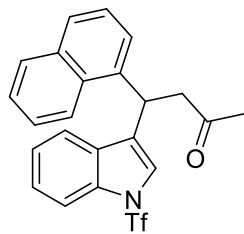
**4-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one**



47 mg, white foam, 72 h, 56% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.28 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 4.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.21 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.91, 141.23, 138.27, 135.83, 130.33, 128.82, 128.36, 125.96, 125.41, 124.78, 121.97, 120.74, 119.56 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 113.76, 49.26, 37.33, 30.66, 21.30. ATR-IR: 1715, 1643, 1416, 1231, 1206, 1148, 1111, 745, 646, 610, 579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 446.1014. Found: 446.1001.

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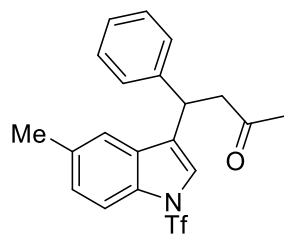
**4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one**



62 mg, colorless oil, 48 h, 70% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.82 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dddd,  $J$  = 23.0, 7.9, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dt,  $J$  = 8.7, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0, 6.4, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 5.56 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (ddd,  $J$  = 23.1, 17.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.76, 137.16, 135.92, 134.14, 130.88, 130.25, 129.18, 128.10, 127.92, 126.64, 126.08, 125.87, 125.41, 124.81, 124.73, 122.92, 122.69, 120.70, 119.57 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.82, 48.81, 32.72, 30.45. ATR-IR: 1714, 1451, 1416, 1360, 1283, 1231, 1206, 1165, 1148, 1113, 1030, 793, 746, 613  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 468.0852. Found: 468.0871.

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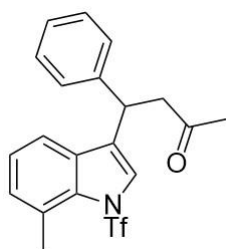
**4-(5-Methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one**



74 mg, white foam, 36 h, 90% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 11.7, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 4.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.83, 141.38, 134.64, 133.99, 130.37, 128.84, 127.97, 127.65, 127.38, 127.11, 122.19, 120.48, 119.60 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.45, 49.20, 37.40, 30.70, 21.35. ATR-IR: 1717, 1414, 1231, 1206, 1153, 1113, 700, 633, 617, 584  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 432.0892. Found: 432.0896.

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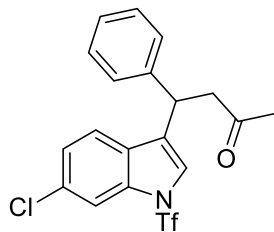
**4-(7-Methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one**



71 mg, beige solid, mp. 74.3–77.0 °C, 48 h, 87% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.74 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 – 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.76, 141.44, 135.67, 132.42, 130.28, 128.84, 127.99, 127.69, 127.10, 125.72, 125.27, 125.15, 118.56, 49.18, 37.40, 30.73, 21.82 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz). ATR-IR: 1718, 1414, 1230, 1204, 1145, 1110, 1083, 535, 467  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 432.0857, Found: 432.0868.

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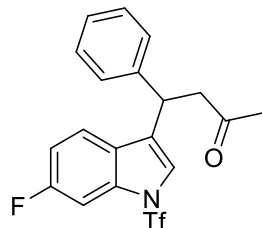
**4-(6-Chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one**



78 mg, white solid, mp. 139–141 °C, 72 h, 91% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 8H), 7.11 (d,  $J$  = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  205.56, 141.11, 136.19, 132.27, 128.94, 128.72, 127.86, 127.63, 127.30, 125.57, 122.50, 121.55, 119.78 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 114.14, 49.03, 37.36, 30.71. ATR-IR: 1717, 1418, 1285, 1207, 1152, 1119, 1072, 991, 814, 702, 627, 602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 315.1264. Found: 315.1288.

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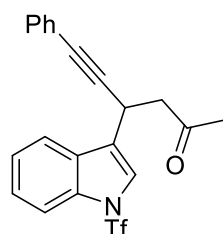
**4-(6-Fluoro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one**



69 mg, yellowish oil, 72 h, 83% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.50 (dd,  $J$  = 9.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.91 (td,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

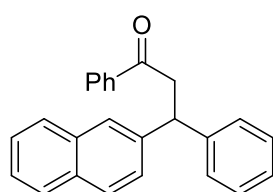
$\delta$  205.58, 162.41 (d,  $J$  = 244.0 Hz), 141.21, 136.10 (d,  $J$  = 12.0 Hz), 128.90, 127.88, 127.63, 127.24, 126.47 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz), 122.26 (d,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz), 121.70 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz), 119.51(q,  $J$  = 322.0 Hz), 113.27 (d,  $J$  = 24.0 Hz), 101.64 (d,  $J$  = 39.0 Hz), 49.06, 37.43, 30.64. ATR-IR: 1717, 1487, 1418, 1233, 1207, 1148, 1099, 478, 465, 403  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{NH}_4]^+$ : 431.1503. Found: 431.1573.

**(2m): 6-Phenyl-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)hex-5-yn-2-one**



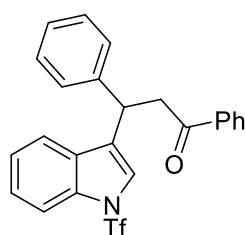
37 mg, yellow oil, 48 h, 44% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.84 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 4.60 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.0, 5.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd,  $J$  = 16.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd,  $J$  = 16.9, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  204.91, 136.01, 131.71, 129.15, 128.35, 128.32, 126.16, 124.88, 124.63, 123.27, 122.73, 120.41, 119.56 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 114.12, 88.13, 83.05, 48.85, 30.63, 24.62. ATR-IR: 1721, 1451, 1416, 1362, 1281, 1233, 1206, 1148, 1111, 988, 758, 610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{24}\text{LiN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Li-Tf}]^+$ : 293.1186. Found: 293.1147.

**(2n): 3-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (4ad) [CAS : 1198215-04-1]**



59 mg, colorless oil, 72 h, 88% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 8.03 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.56 (ddd,  $J$  = 6.8, 4.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 1H), 5.02 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.92 – 3.80 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.91, 143.96, 141.52, 136.99, 133.42, 133.10, 132.15, 128.61, 128.59, 128.56, 128.25, 128.04, 127.94, 127.74, 127.53, 126.73, 126.43, 125.99, 125.73, 125.51, 45.93, 44.54. ATR-IR: 1714, 1597, 1249, 1182, 1074, 1022, 600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{NaO}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 359.1406. Found: 359.1414.

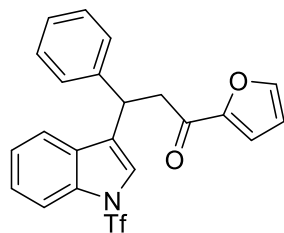
**(2o): 1,3-Diphenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one**



87 mg, white solid, mp. 107-109  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 15 h, 95% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.96 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 6H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 5.03 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) 197.18, 141.63, 136.67, 135.88, 133.39, 130.31, 128.84, 128.69, 128.30, 128.01, 127.77, 127.10, 126.00, 124.78, 122.22, 120.77, 119.56 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.81, 44.31, 37.59. ATR-IR: 1686, 1451, 1414, 1283, 1231, 1206, 1148, 1111, 991, 617  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 480.0857. Found: 480.0865.

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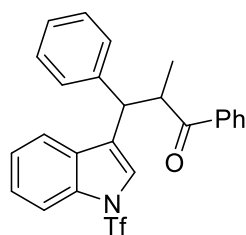
**1-(Furan-2-yl)-3-phenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one**



89 mg, yellow solid, mp. 127-130 °C, 15 h, 99% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 1.7, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd,  $J$  = 3.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd,  $J$  = 3.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (ddd,  $J$  = 38.9, 16.3, 7.4 Hz, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 186.47, 152.68, 146.62, 141.39, 135.89, 130.30, 128.86, 128.04, 127.80, 127.18, 126.04, 124.81, 122.38, 120.83, 119.60 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 117.46, 113.81, 112.54, 43.95, 37.66. ATR-IR: 1670, 1570, 1468, 1414, 1287, 1231, 1204, 1148, 1113, 700, 617  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 470.0644. Found: 470.0640.

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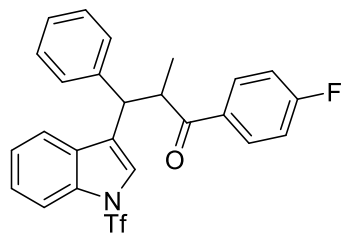
**2-Methyl-1,3-diphenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one**



90 mg, white solid, mp. 144-146 °C, 15 h, 95% yield, d.r. = 3:1, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.90 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H, minor), 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H, major), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 2H, major), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H, minor), 7.55 (dd,  $J$  = 7.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H, major), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 2H, minor), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H, major+minor), 7.41 – 7.18 (m, 7H, major+minor), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 2H, minor), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H, major), 7.00 – 6.93 (m, 1H, major+minor), 4.65 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1H, major), 4.60 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H, minor), 4.35 (dq,  $J$  = 10.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H, major), 4.15 (dd,  $J$  = 10.9, 7.0 Hz, 0H, minor), 1.22 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 3H, major), 1.05 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H, minor).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 202.69, 202.57, 140.92, 140.13, 136.54, 136.10, 135.62, 135.47, 133.53, 133.11, 130.82, 130.62, 128.93, 128.79, 128.61, 128.54, 128.06, 127.96, 126.95, 126.79, 126.07, 125.98, 124.88, 124.73, 122.55, 121.25, 120.76, 120.52, 119.60 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 119.35 (q,  $J$  = 321.3 Hz), 113.87, 113.52, 45.12, 45.09, 44.85, 44.77, 17.72, 17.65. ATR-IR: 1684, 1676, 1449, 1414, 1283, 1231, 1206, 1148, 1111, 970, 743, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS : Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 494.1008. Found: 494.1003.

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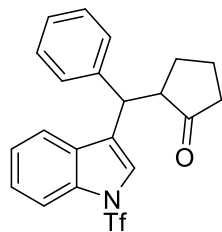
**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-methyl-3-phenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one**



81 mg, white foam, 24 h, 83% yield, d.r. = 3.5:1, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.92 – 7.81 (m, 3H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.34 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J$  = 4.7, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 – 6.98 (m, 3H), 4.69 (d,  $J$  = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dq,  $J$  = 11.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 201.19, 165.71 (d,  $J$  = 253.8 Hz), 140.78, 135.62, 132.95 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz), 130.79, 130.71 (d,  $J$  = 10.0 Hz), 128.57, 127.93, 126.89, 126.81, 126.12, 124.91, 122.49, 120.47, 119.60 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 115.72 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 113.88, 45.24, 44.78, 17.62. ATR-IR: 1684, 1676, 1449, 1414, 1283, 1231, 1206, 1148, 1111, 970, 743, 700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_4\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 512.0914. Found: 512.1005.

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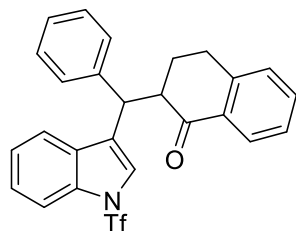
**2-(Phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)cyclopentan-1-one**



75 mg, colorless oil, 18 h, 89% yield, d.r. = 2:1, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.19 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 4.95 – 4.90 (m, 1H), 2.94 – 2.85 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.90 – 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.73 – 1.65 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) 192.01, 138.88, 135.77, 130.61, 129.13, 128.57, 127.68, 127.23, 125.98, 124.73, 122.55, 121.23, 119.69 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.71, 52.77, 41.27, 38.35, 26.00, 20.60. ATR-IR: 1715, 1416, 1267, 1231, 1206, 1153, 1113, 750, 700, 660, 633, 617  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 444.0852. Found: 444.0865.

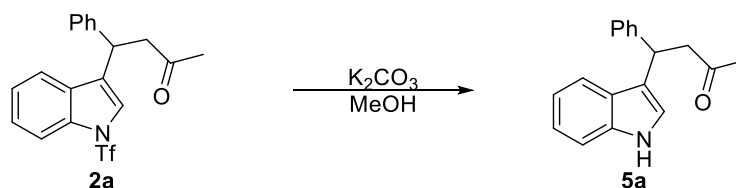
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**2-(phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one**



91 mg, yellow oil, 18 h, 94% yield, hexane and ethyl acetate (5:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.92 (dd,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d,  $J$  = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 5.14 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (ddd,  $J$  = 12.4, 5.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.9, 8.6, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.12 (dq,  $J$  = 13.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 197.54, 143.37, 139.47, 135.69, 133.46, 132.59, 130.84, 129.10, 128.66, 128.51, 127.89, 127.70, 127.06, 126.73, 125.89, 124.67, 122.04, 121.04, 119.64 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.70, 51.62, 40.49, 28.84, 26.43. ATR-IR: 1686, 1599, 1451, 1414, 1279, 1231, 1206, 1148, 1113, 990, 745, 704, 608, 577, 527  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3\text{NNaO}_3\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ : 506.1008. Found: 506.1025.

### 3.3 Removal of the Tf protecting group.



**Procedure:** To an oven-dried 10 mL flask with a stir bar under Ar atmosphere, the ketone product **2a** (79 mg, 0.2 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (138 mg, 1 mmol), 3 ml MeOH was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 65 °C until the **2a** totally disappeared (about 4 h). The mixture was filtered and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuum and the residue was purified via flash column chromatography (diethyl ether:pentane = 1:5) to give the product **5a** in 97% yield as colorless oil.

#### 4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one (**3a**) [CAS : 21909-35-3]

51 mg, colorless oil, 4 h, 97% yield, 5:1 pentane:diethyl ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) = 8.03 – 7.97 (b, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 5H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 6.99 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 4.80 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (ddd, *J* = 44.3, 16.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 207.72, 143.89, 136.51, 128.44, 127.65, 126.45, 126.34, 122.13, 121.31, 119.37, 118.73, 111.12, 50.28, 38.32, 30.35. ATR-IR: 1707, 1493, 1454, 1416, 1356, 1337, 1240, 1161, 1099, 1011, 739, 700, 472 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS : Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 286.1602. Found: 286.1673.

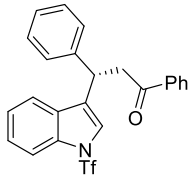
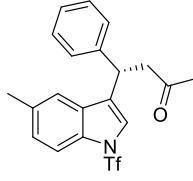
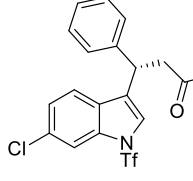
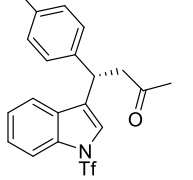
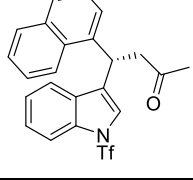
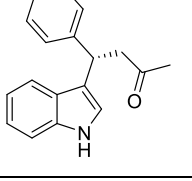
#### 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-one (**3o**) [CAS : 5884-15-1]

63 mg, colorless oil, 4 h, 98% yield, 5:1 pentane:diethyl ether. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) = 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (ddd, *J* = 24.4, 16.7, 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 198.54, 144.18, 137.06, 136.56, 133.00, 128.55, 128.41, 128.08, 127.80, 126.58, 126.27, 122.12, 121.38, 119.52, 119.37, 119.26, 111.08, 45.16, 38.16. ATR-IR: 1682, 1597, 1493, 1449, 1416, 1231, 1206, 1153, 746, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS: Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 348.1364. Found: 348.1384.

#### HPLC analysis for enantioenriched products

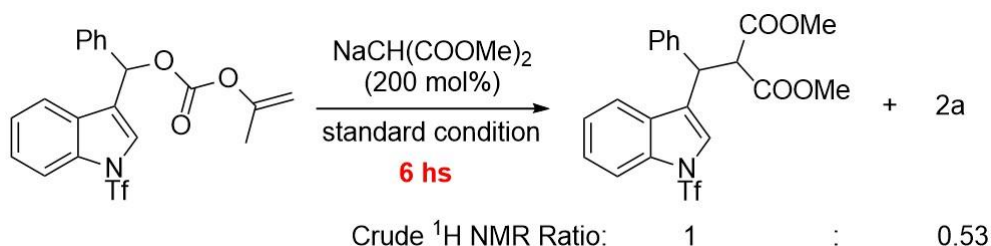
(S)-4-phenyl-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one	
	HPLC analysis: 80% ee (Chiralcel OD-H, 98:2 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, major R <sub>t</sub> = 29.1 min, minor R <sub>t</sub> = 49.2 min)



	<p><b>(S)-1,3-diphenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one</b></p> <p>HPLC analysis: 31% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 99:1 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, major <math>R_t</math> = 25.2 min, minor <math>R_t</math> = 30.0 min)</p>
	<p><b>(S)-4-(5-methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one</b></p> <p>HPLC analysis: 91% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 98:2 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, major <math>R_t</math> = 24.4 min, minor <math>R_t</math> = 31.8 min)</p>
	<p><b>(S)-4-(6-chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one</b></p> <p>HPLC analysis: 90% ee (Chiralcel OD, 98:2 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, major <math>R_t</math> = 40.8 min, minor <math>R_t</math> = 73.3 min)</p>
	<p><b>(S)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one</b></p> <p>HPLC analysis: 83% ee (Chiralcel OD, 99:1 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major <math>R_t</math> = 77.7 min, minor <math>R_t</math> = 89.2 min)</p>
	<p><b>(S)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one</b></p> <p>HPLC analysis: 63% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 98:2 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.2 mL/min, 254 nm, major <math>R_t</math> = 17.7 min, minor <math>R_t</math> = 13.5 min)</p>
	<p><b>(S)-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one</b></p> <p>HPLC analysis: 81% ee (Chiralcel AD-H, 95:5 Hexanes/isopropanol, 0.5 mL/min, 254 nm, major <math>R_t</math> = 73.2 min, minor <math>R_t</math> = 67.0 min)</p>

## 4. Crossover studies

### Nucleophile obstruction experiment:



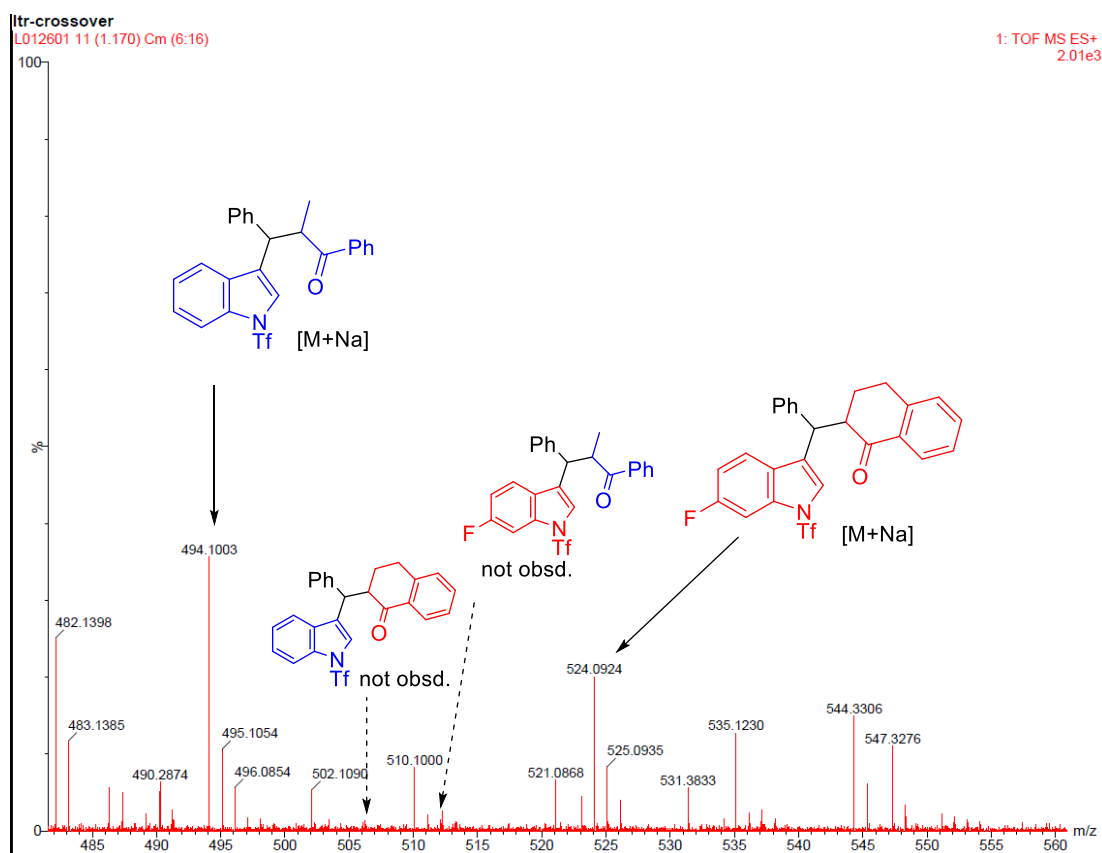
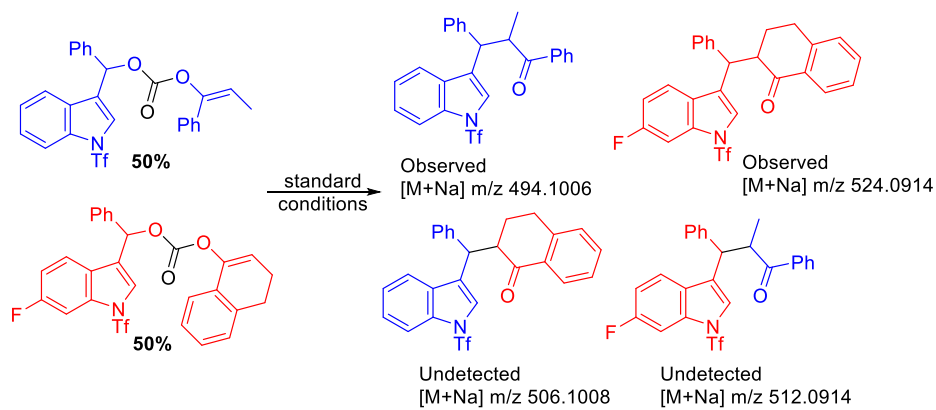
**Procedure:** In a glove box, under an argon atmosphere, a flame dried 25 mL microwave vial with a stir bar was charged with dimethyl malonate and 5 mL THF. NaH was added and stirred for 10 min until no more gas generated. After that, secondary benzylic enol carbonate **1a** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{dmdba})_2$  (10 mmol%, 0.02 mmol), *t*-BuDavephos (12 mmol%, 0.024 mmol) was added. The vial was carefully sealed with a cap and removed from glove box and stirring under 110 °C until the material totally disappeared. The conversion and ratio of products determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy of the crude mixture. After the solvent was removed under vacuum, the malonate substitution product was separated by column chromatography.

### Dimethyl 2-(phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl)malonate (**4a**)

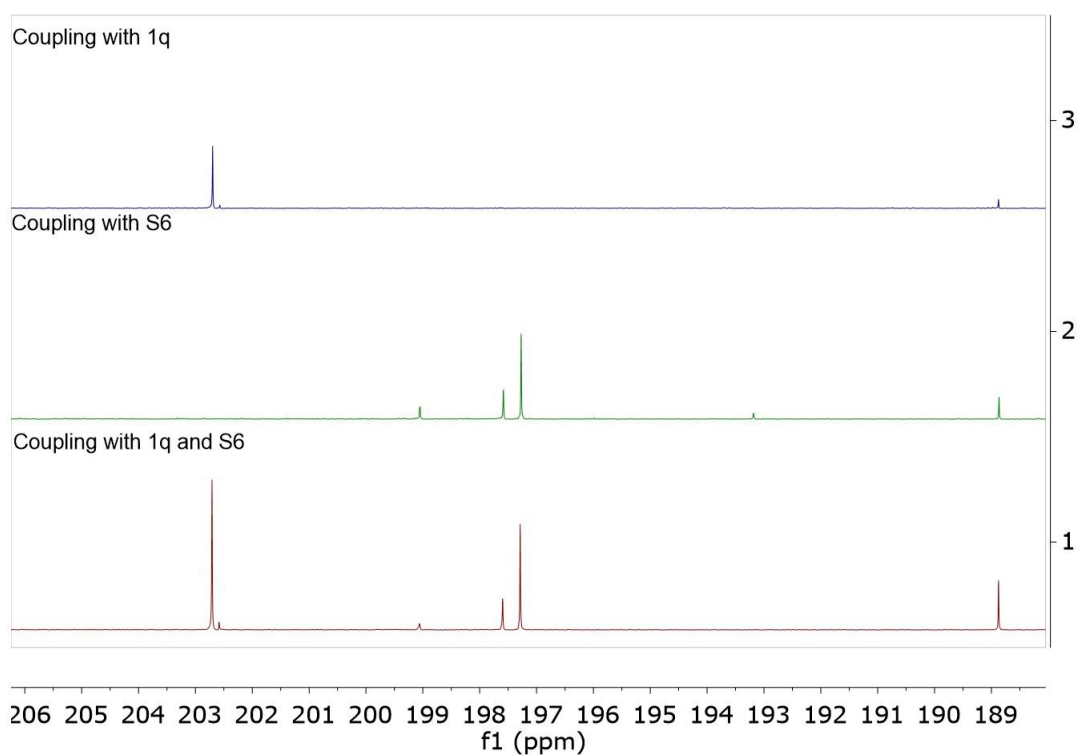
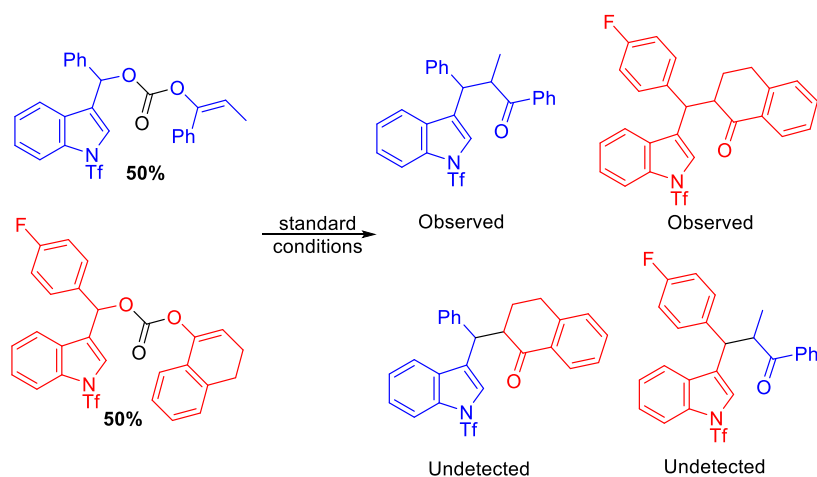
64 mg, colorless oil, 6 h, 68% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm) = 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.37 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.22 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.1, 3.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.05 – 5.01 (m, 1H), 4.25 (d,  $J$  = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 167.71, 167.31, 138.14, 135.55, 130.03, 128.76, 128.17, 127.71, 126.23, 126.04, 124.88, 121.66, 120.52, 119.53 (q,  $J$  = 322.5 Hz), 113.69, 57.18, 52.80, 52.66, 42.38. ATR-IR: 1759, 1738, 1451, 1416, 1263, 1233, 1202, 1167, 1150, 1113, 990, 755, 579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS: Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{KNO}_6\text{S}$   $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$ : 508.0439. Found: 508.0451.

### Crossover experiments:

**Procedure:** In a glove box, under an argon atmosphere, a flame dried 25 mL microwave vial with a stir bar was charged with secondary benzylic enol carbonate **1q** (52 mg, 0.1 mmol, 50%), **S5** or **S6** (54 mg, 0.1 mmol, 50%),  $\text{Pd}(\text{dmdba})_2$  (10 mmol%, 0.02 mmol, 16.6 mg), *t*-BuDavephos (12 mmol%, 0.024 mmol, 8.4 mg) and THF (5 mL, 0.04N). The vial was carefully sealed with a cap and removed from glove box and stirring under 110 °C until the materials totally converted. The reaction mixture was directly loaded on HRMS.



### <sup>13</sup>C NMR Analysis of Crossover:

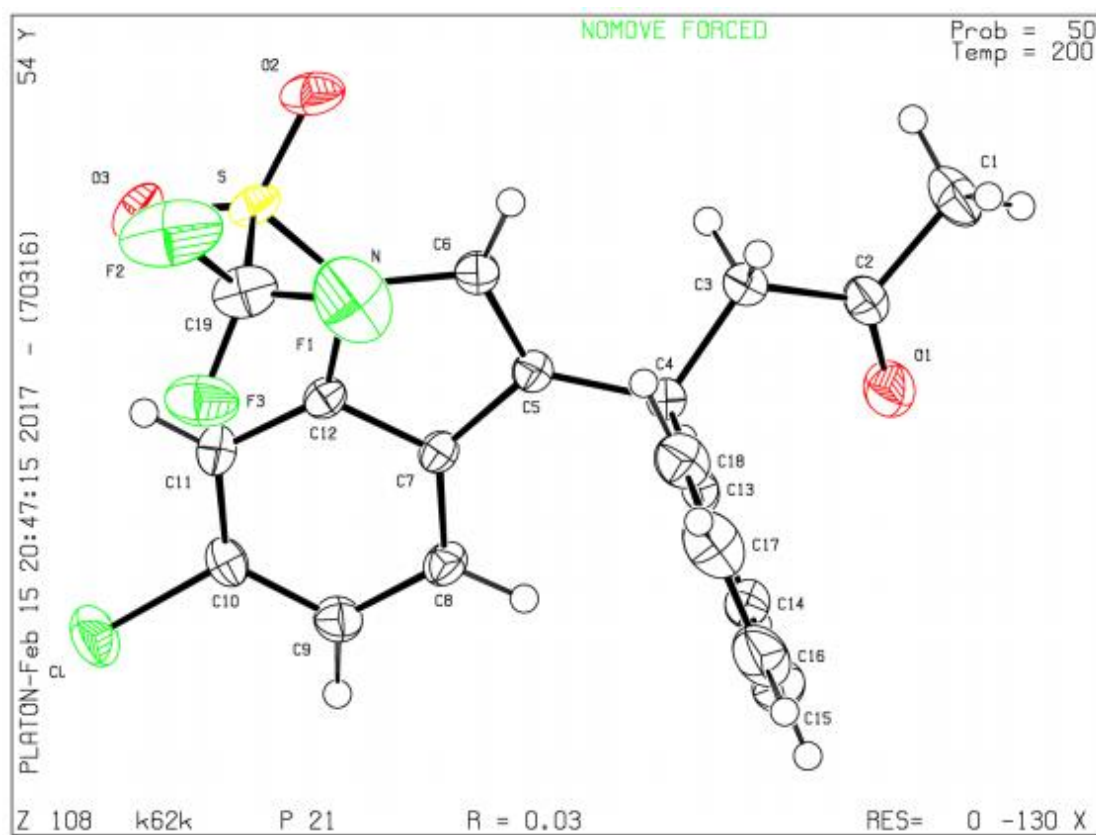


Crude <sup>13</sup>C spectra for the coupling of individual enol carbonates and the crossover experiment (bottom). No additional peaks for crossover products are observed.

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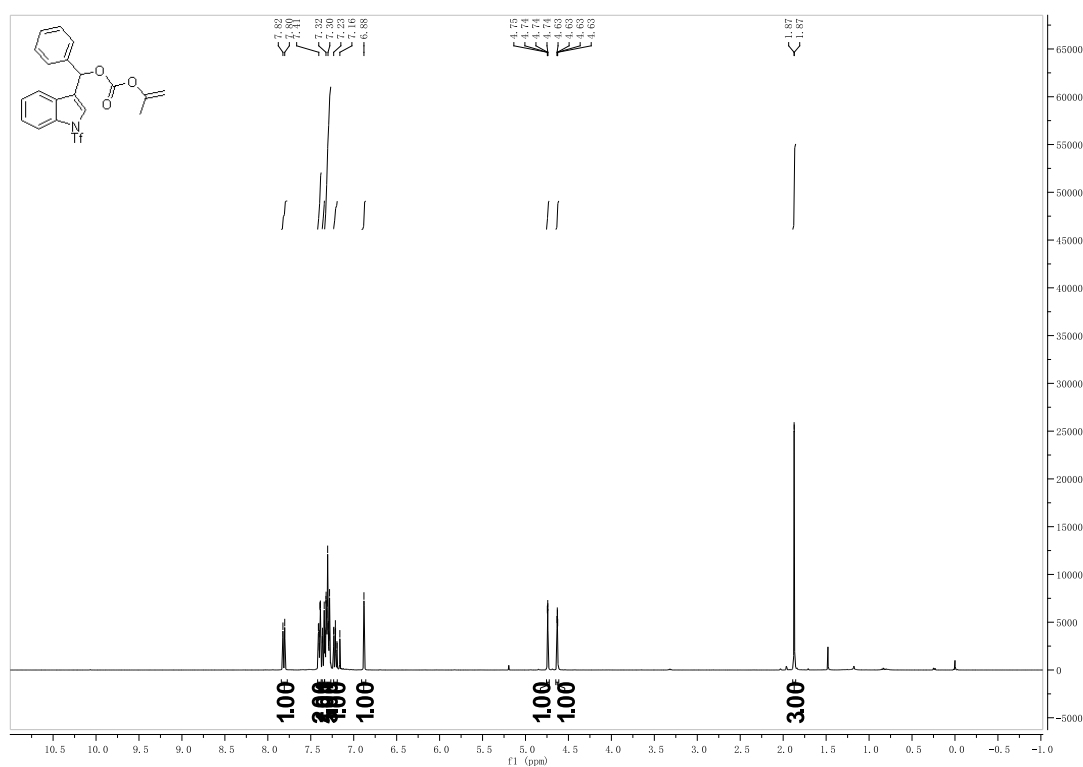
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## 5. X-Ray Structure of Products (*S*)-2k

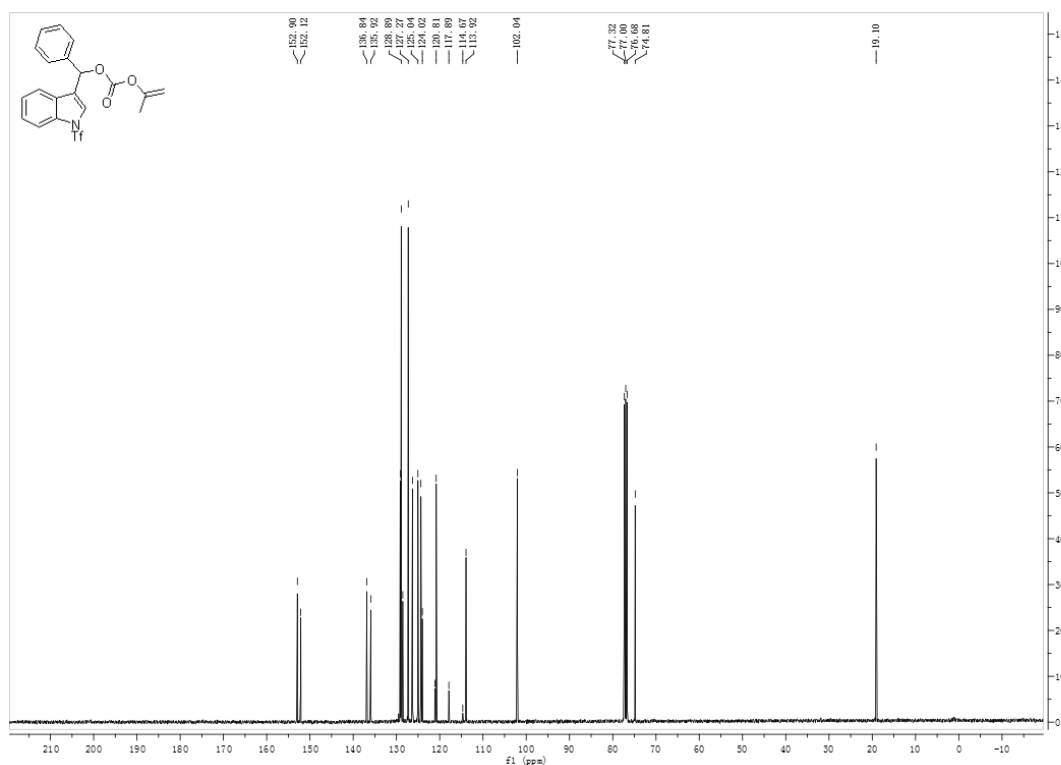


## 6. Copies of $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra

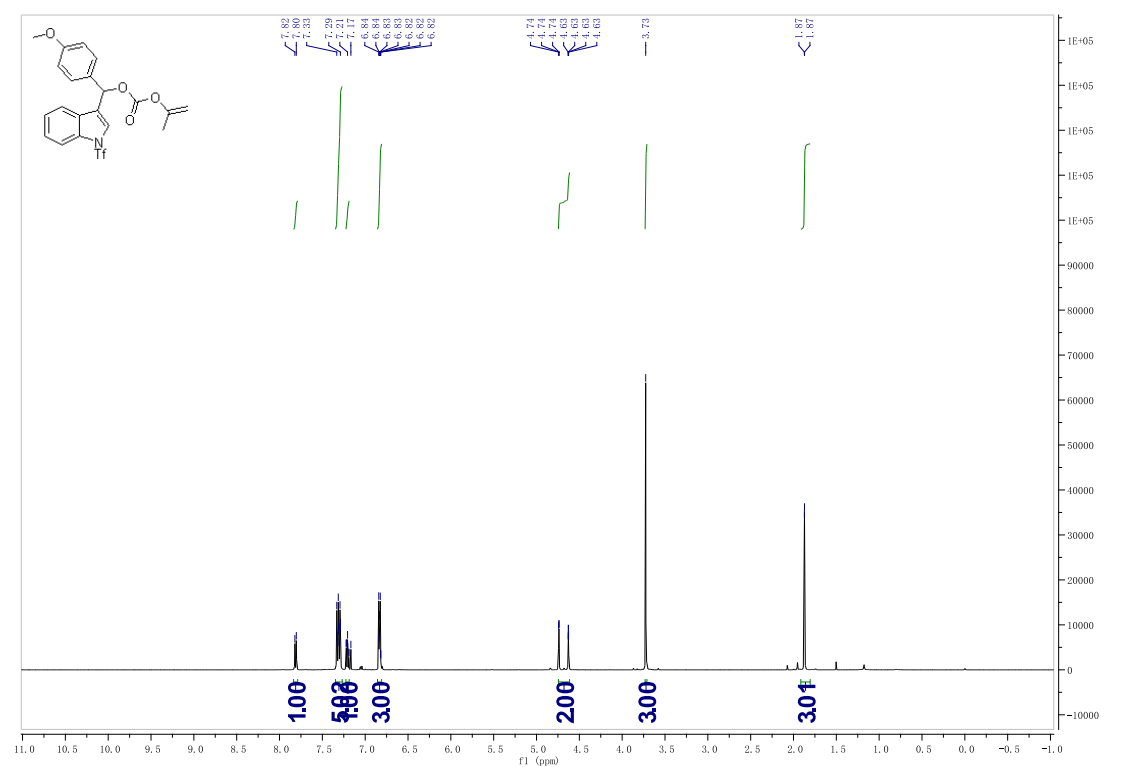
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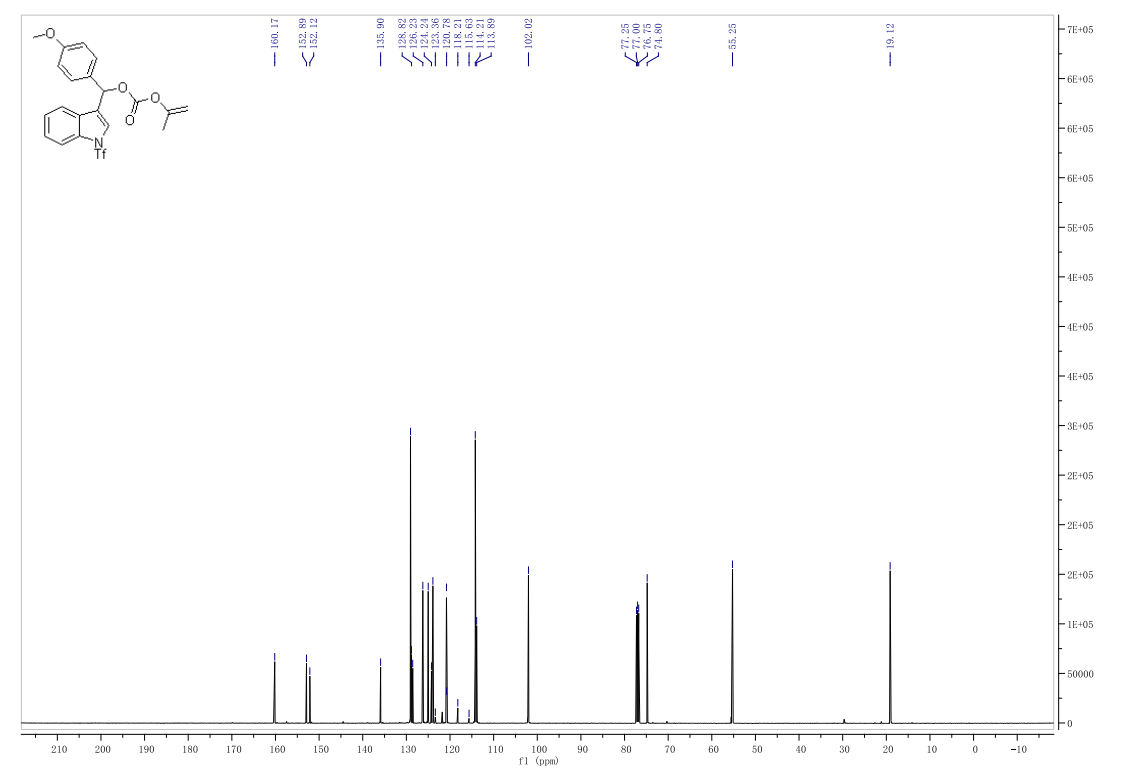
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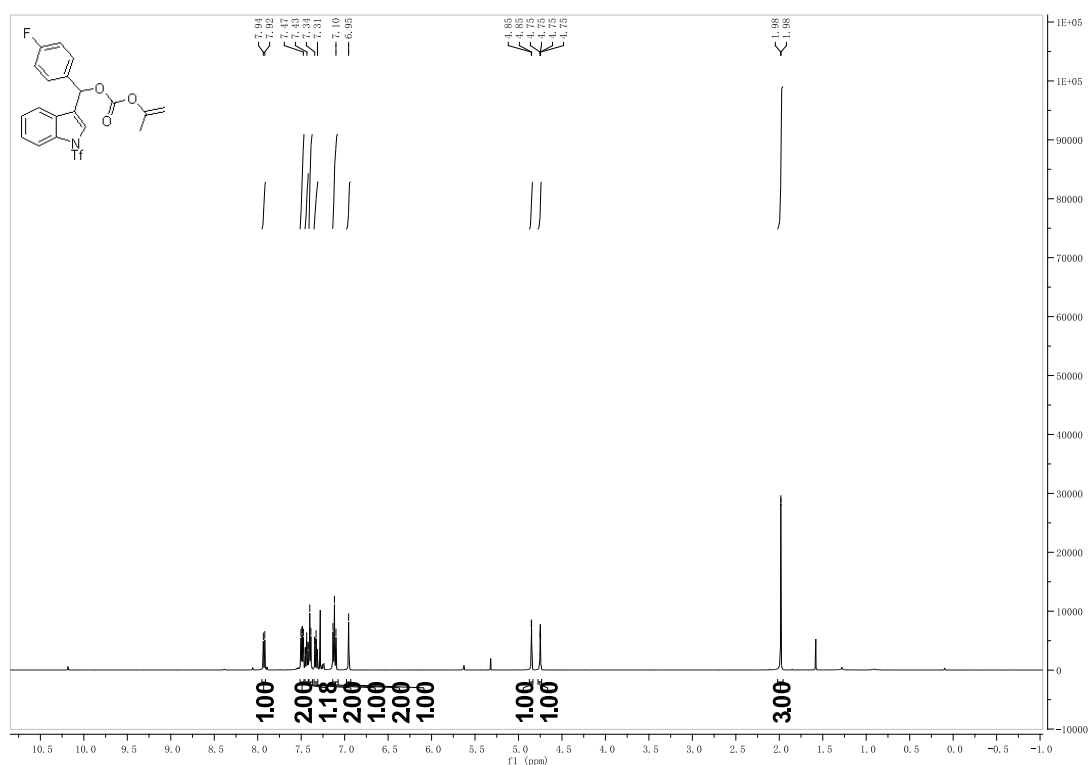
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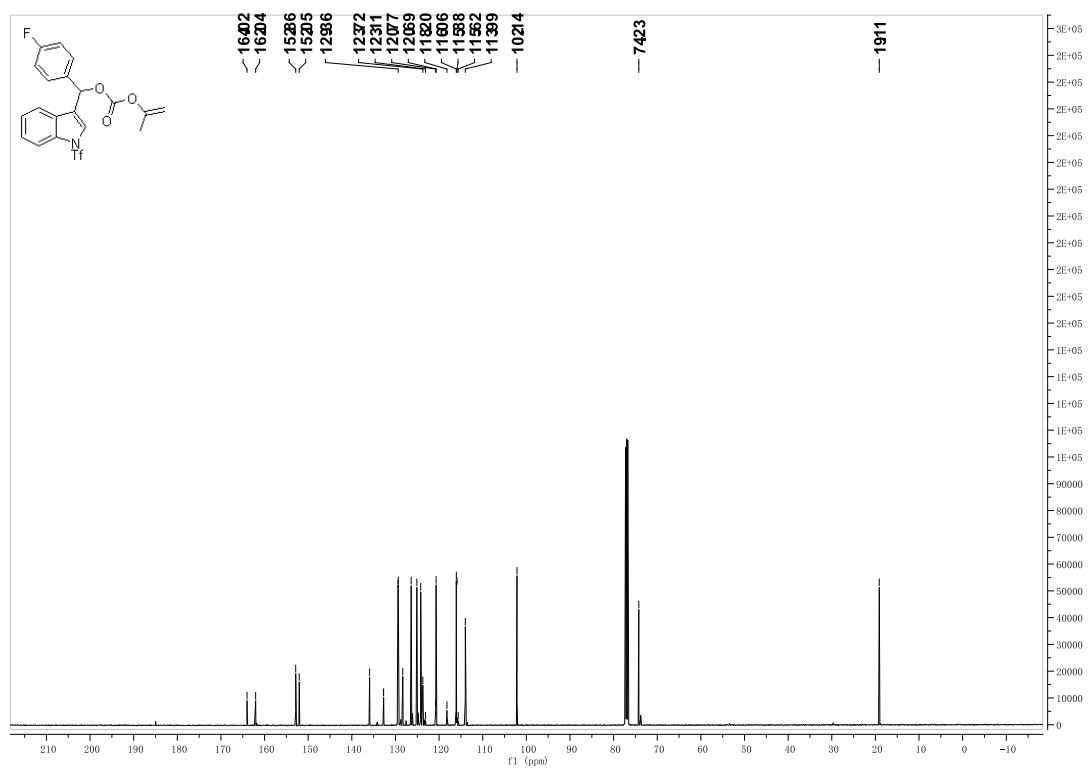
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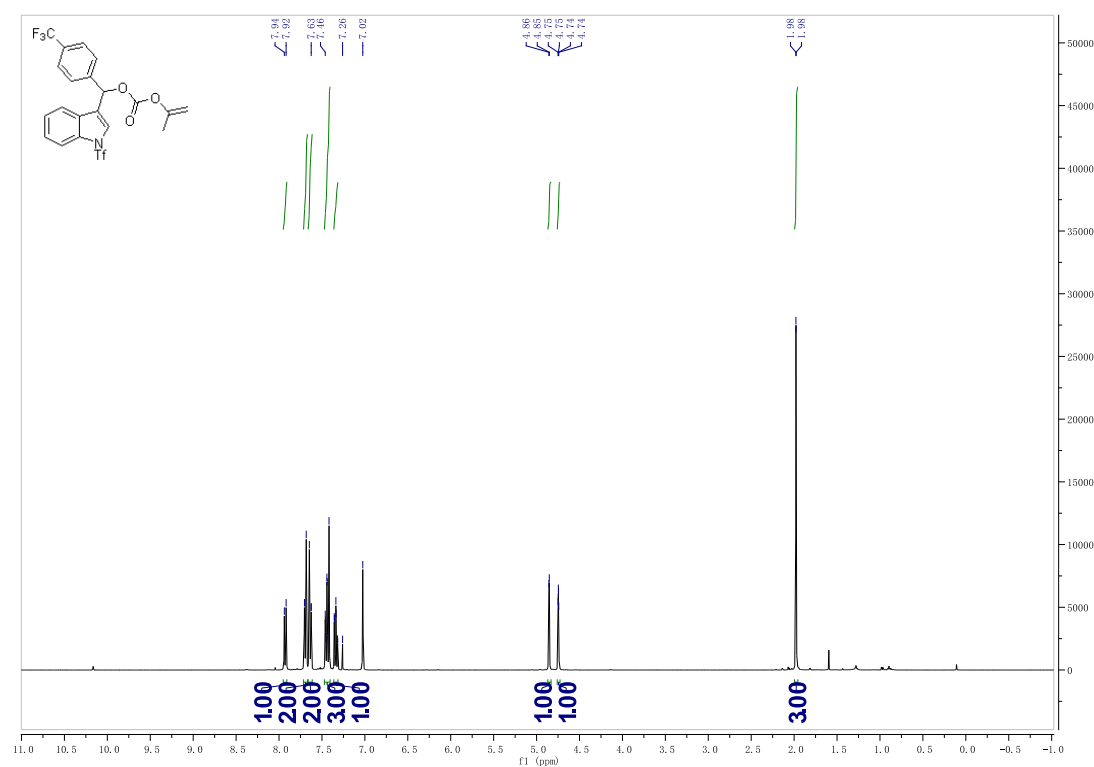


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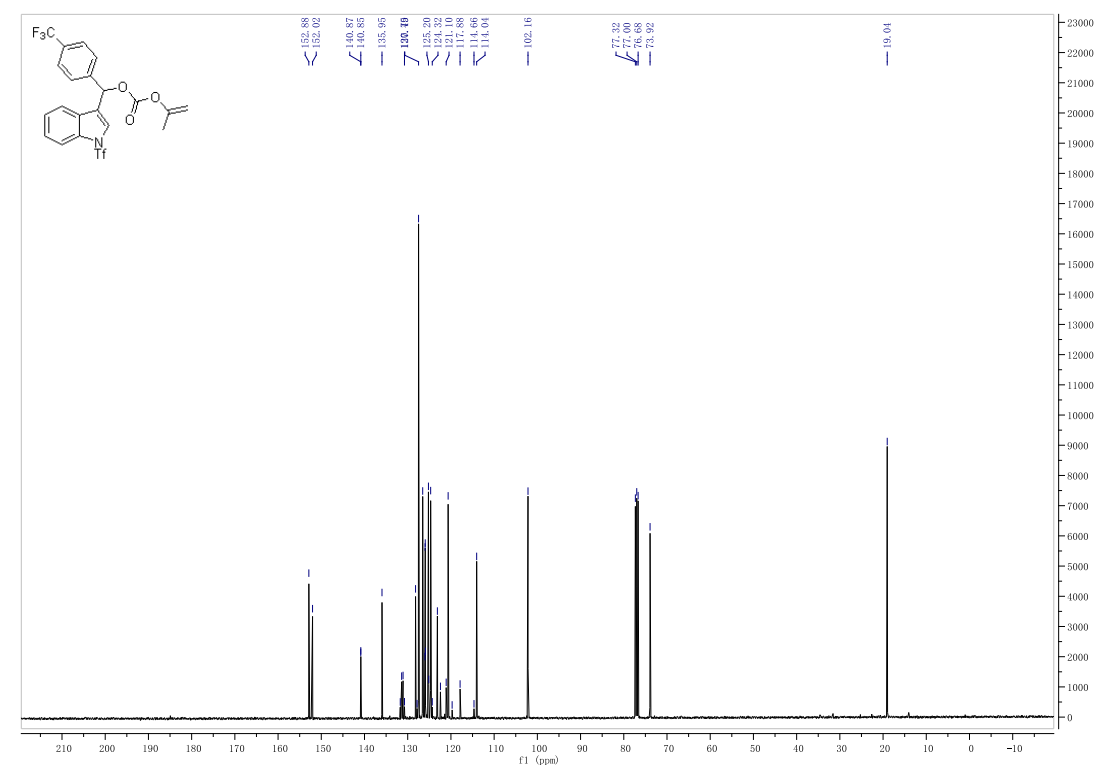




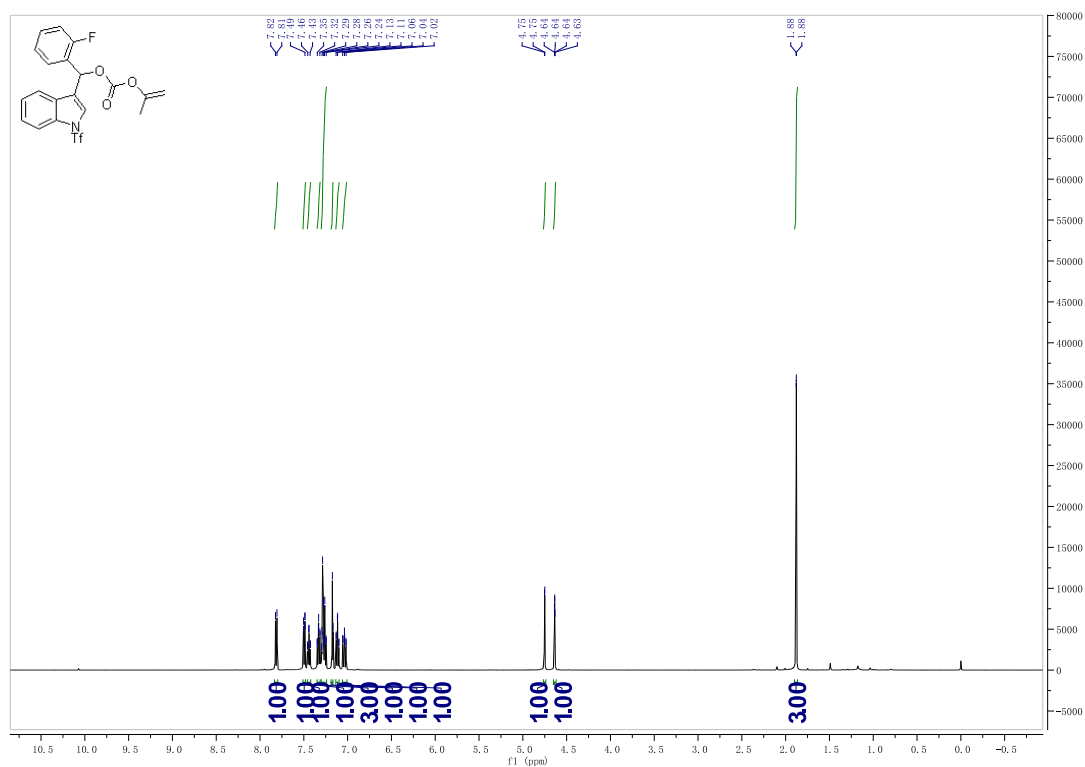
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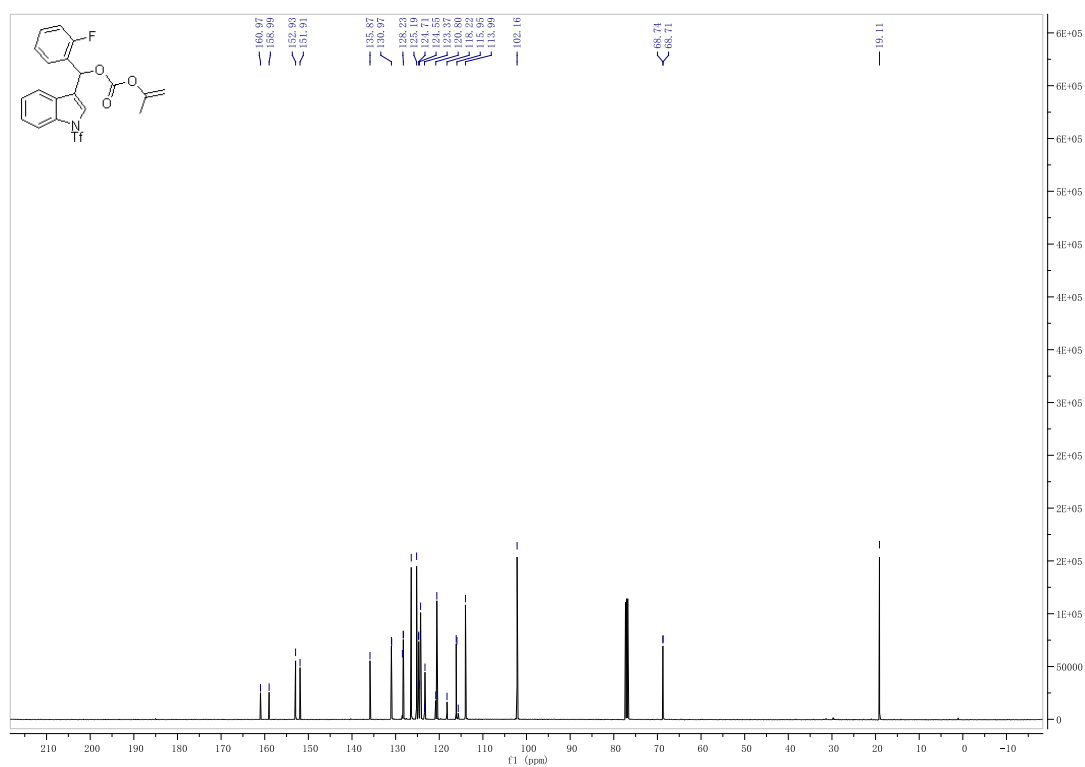
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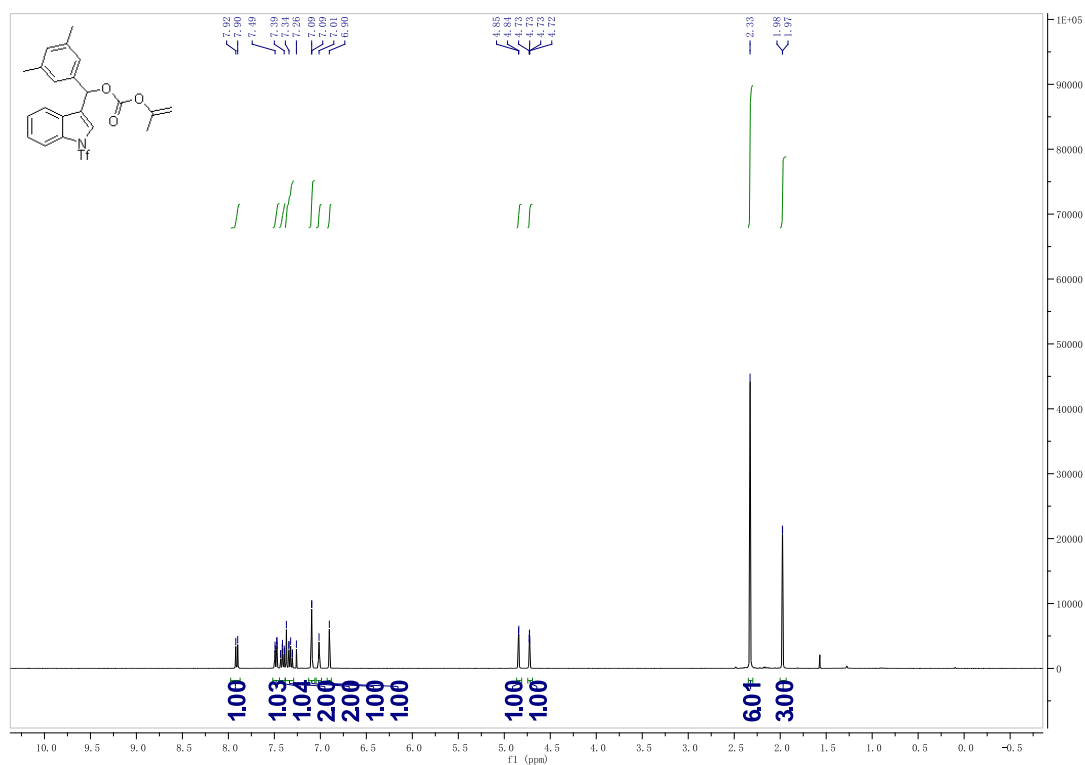
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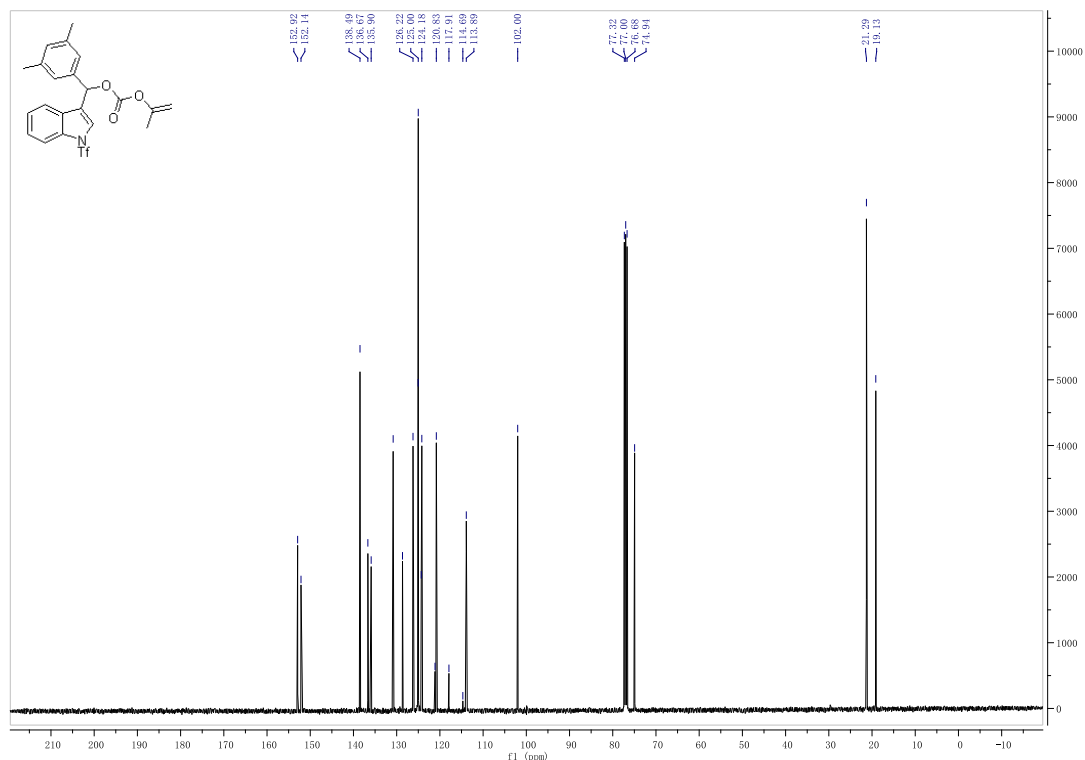
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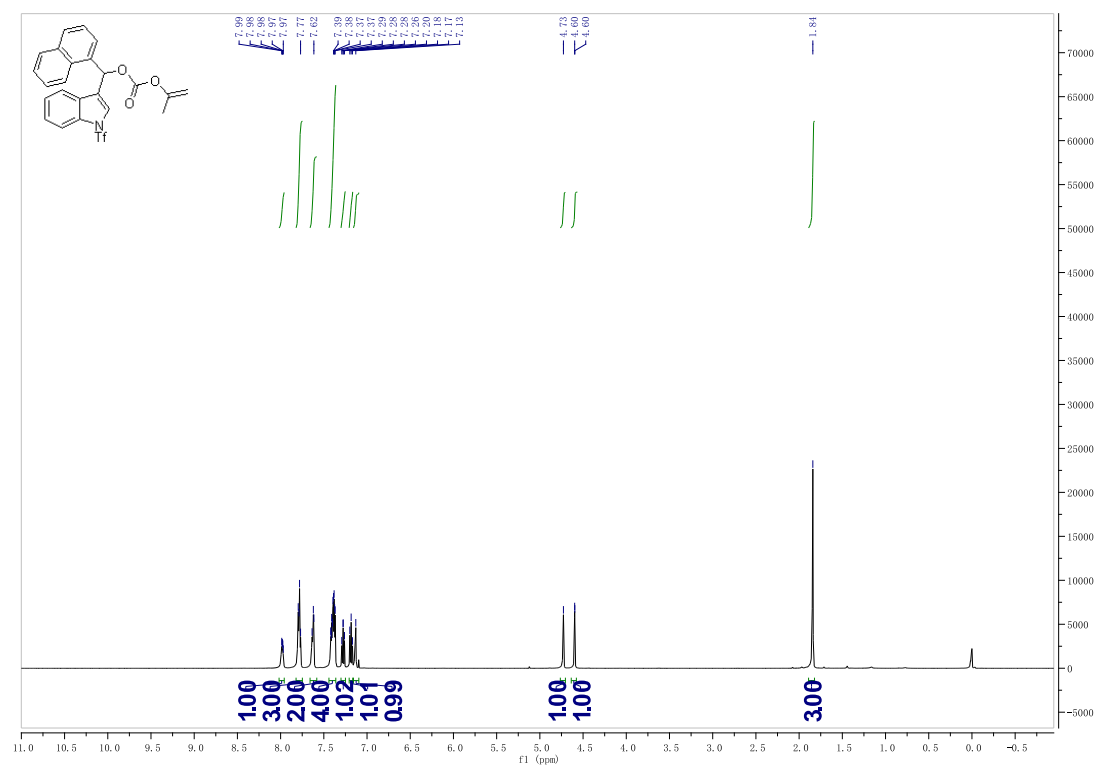
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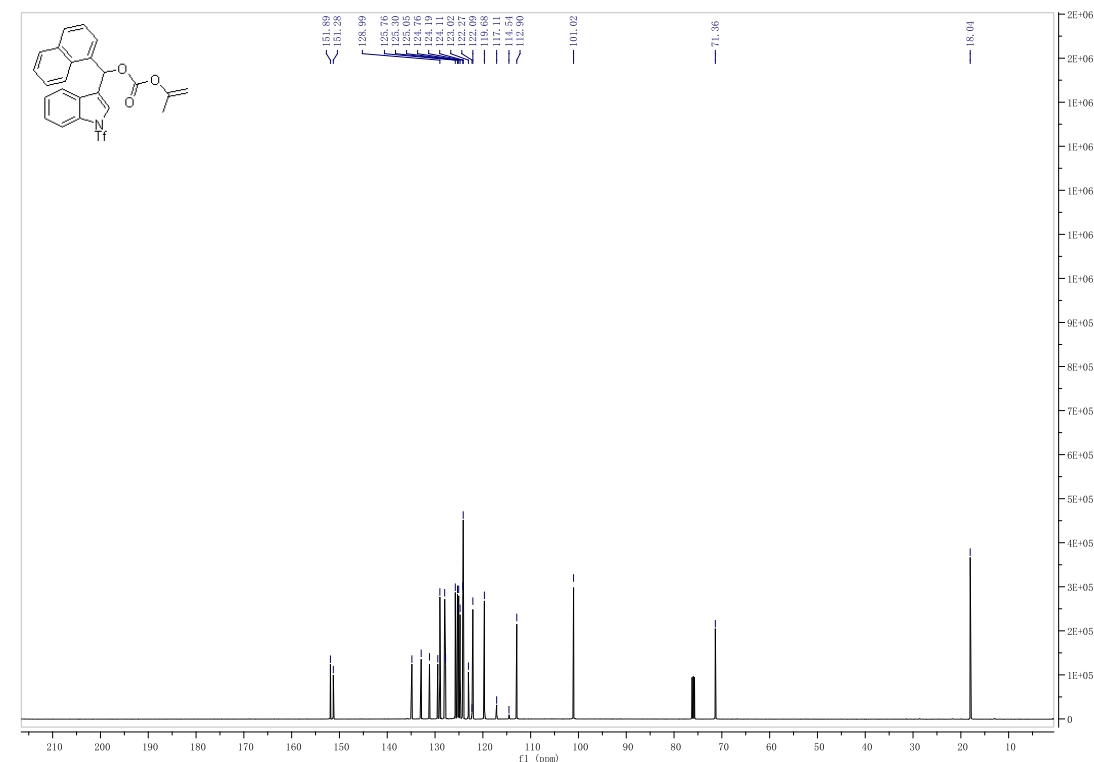
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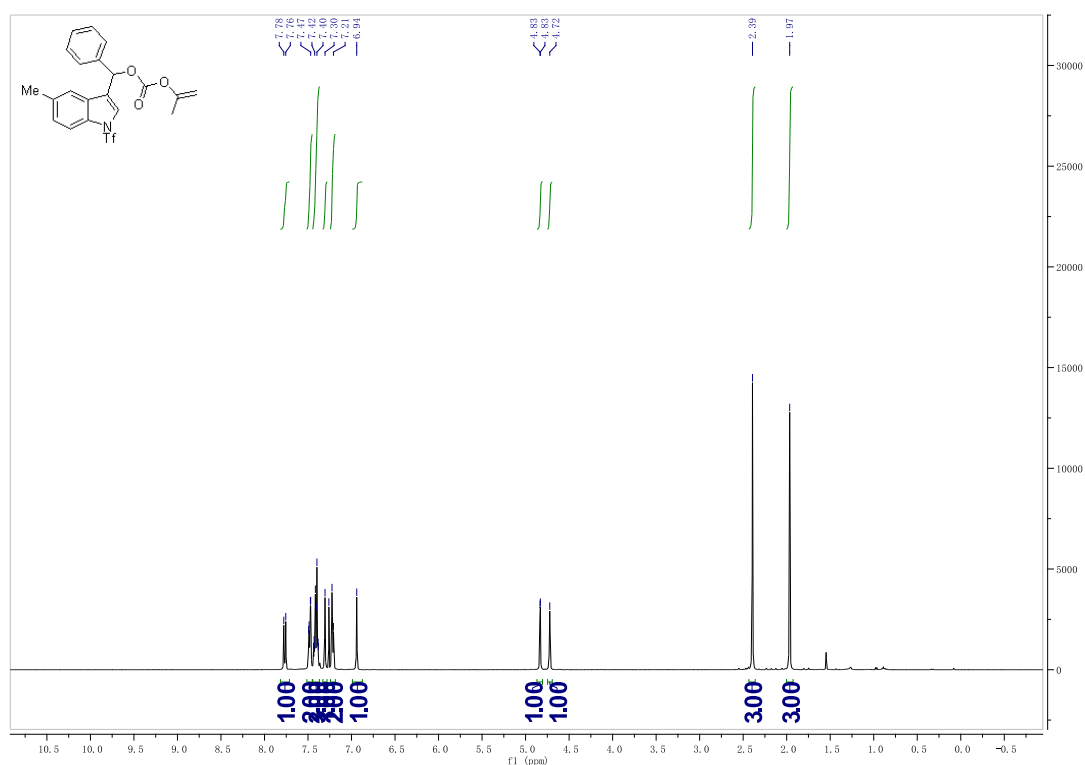
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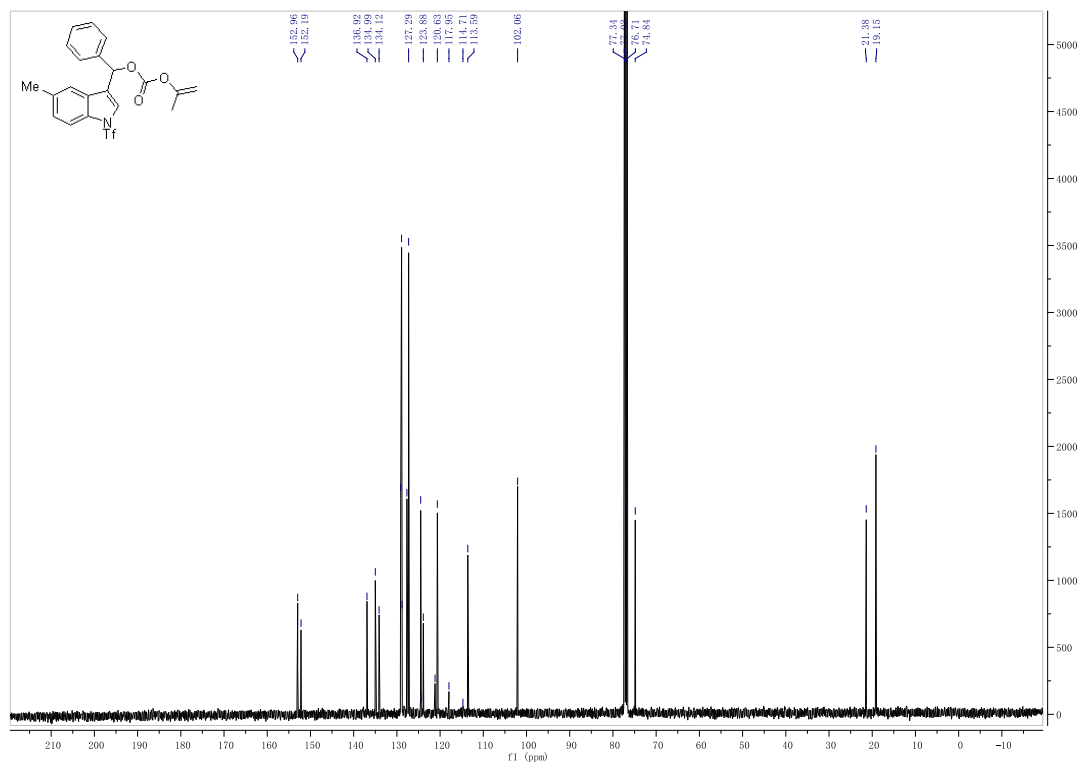
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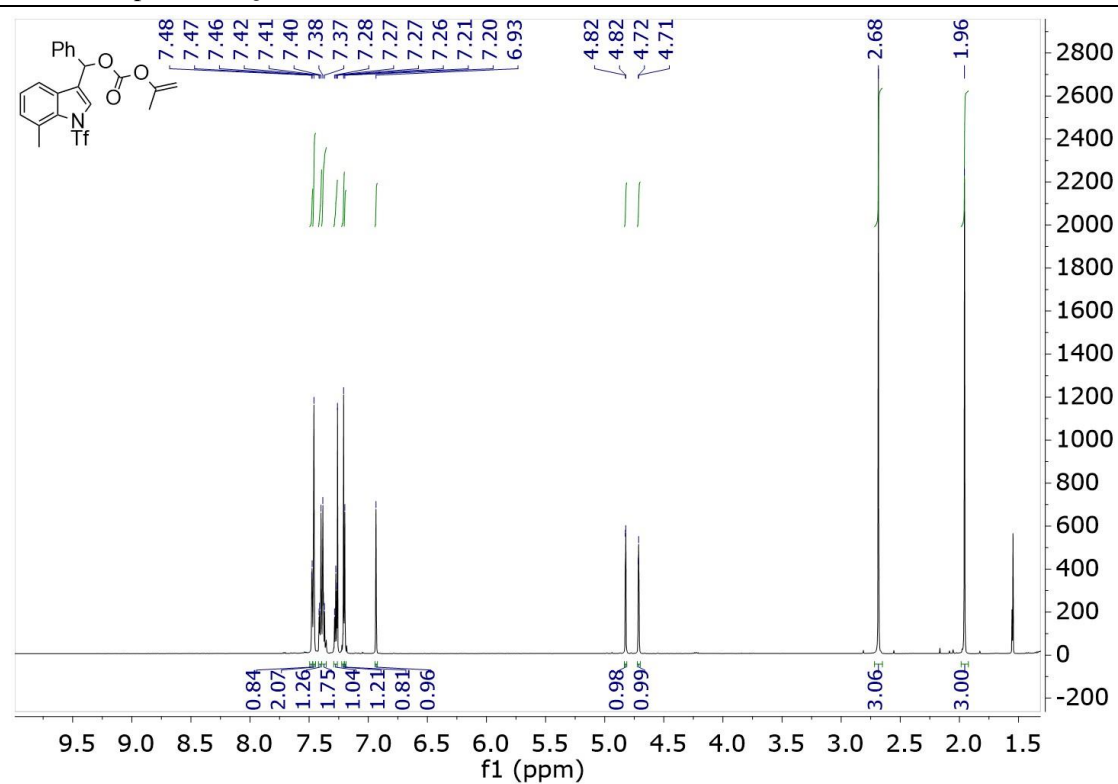
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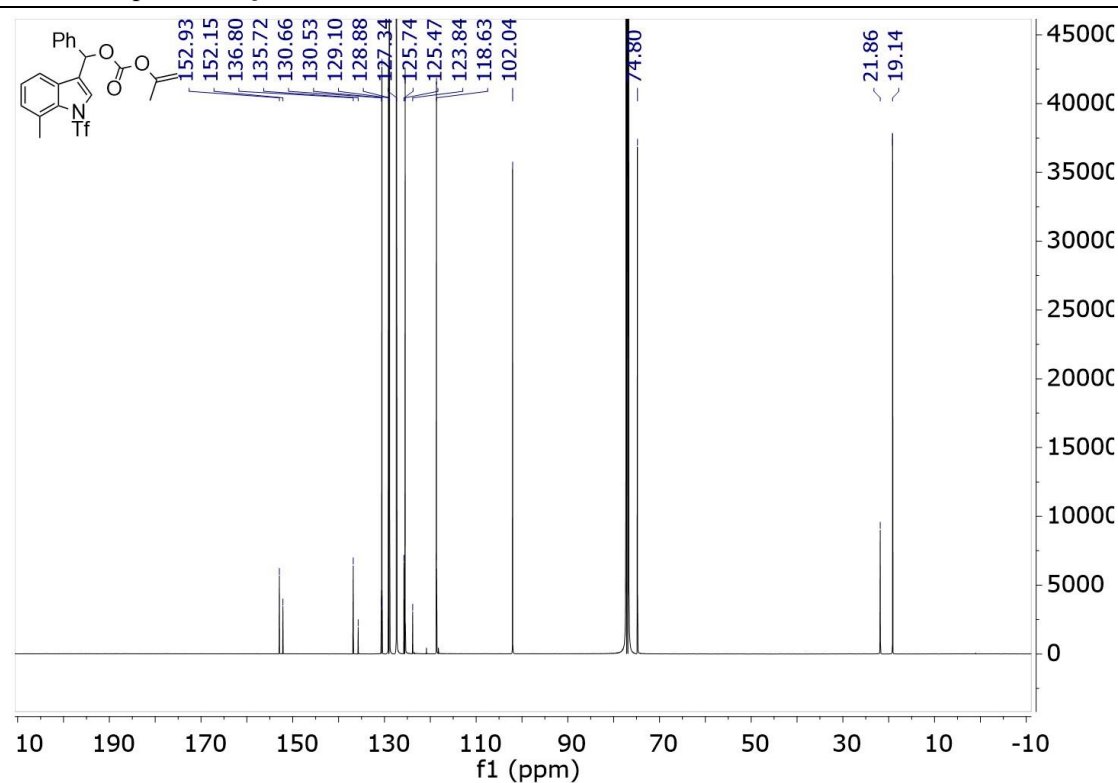
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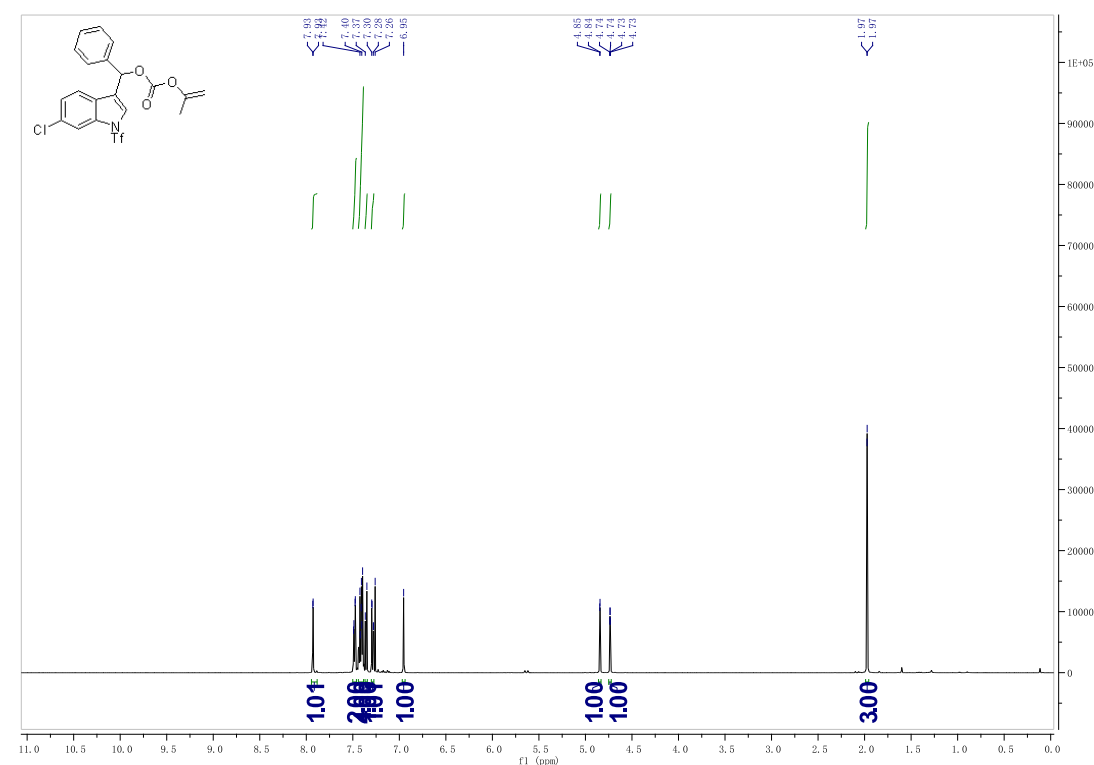
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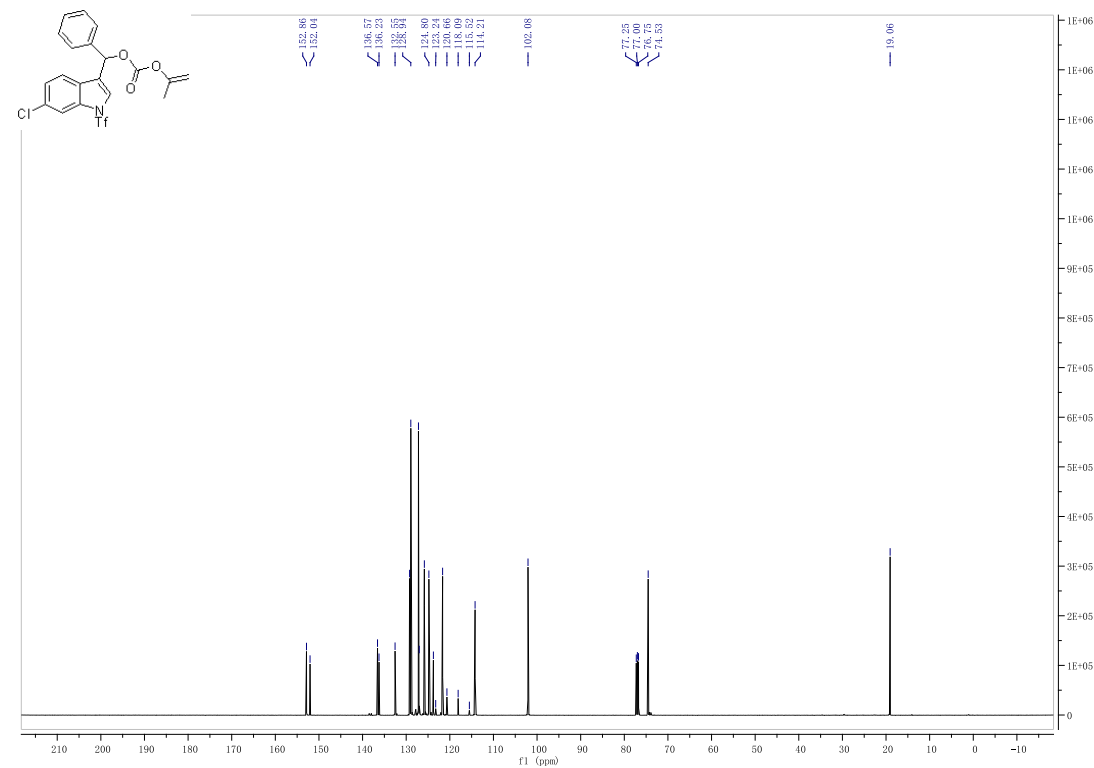
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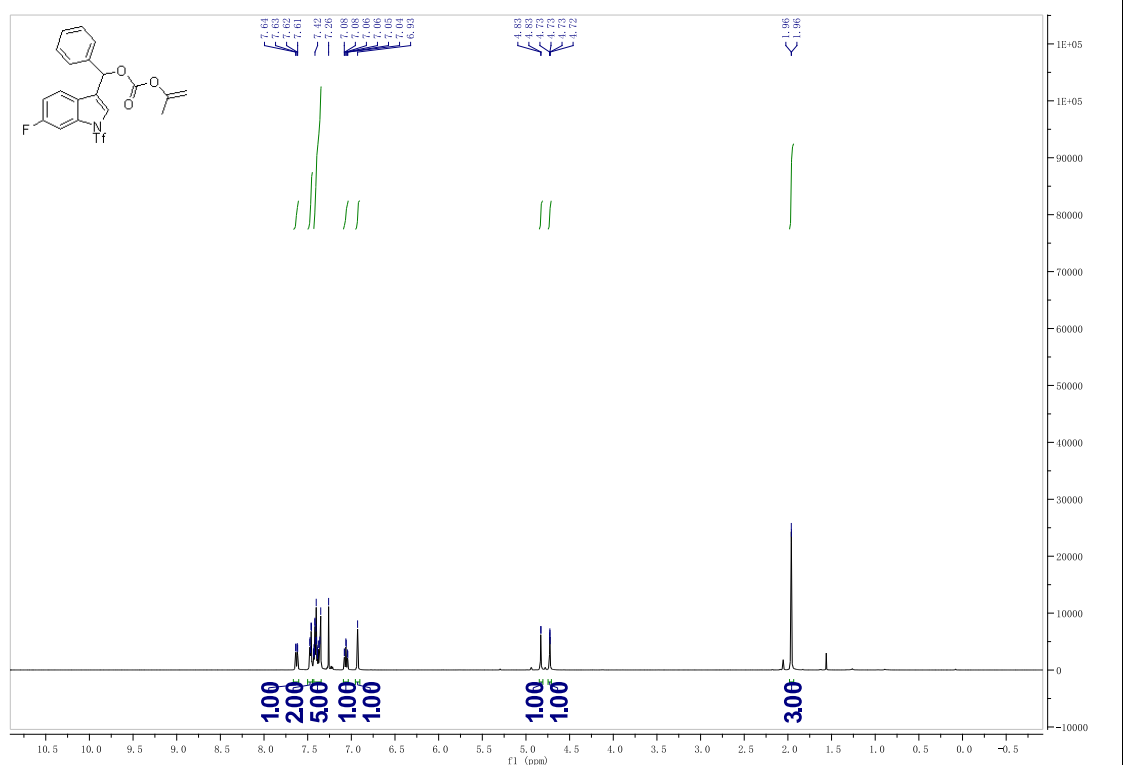
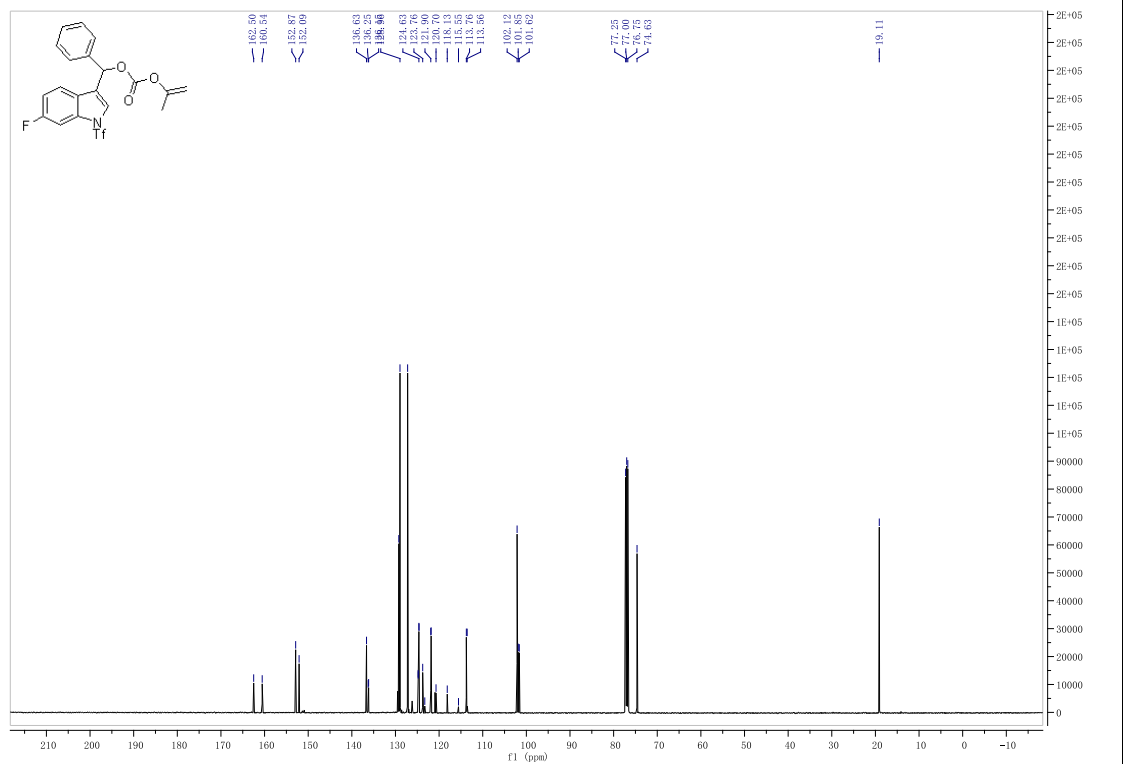
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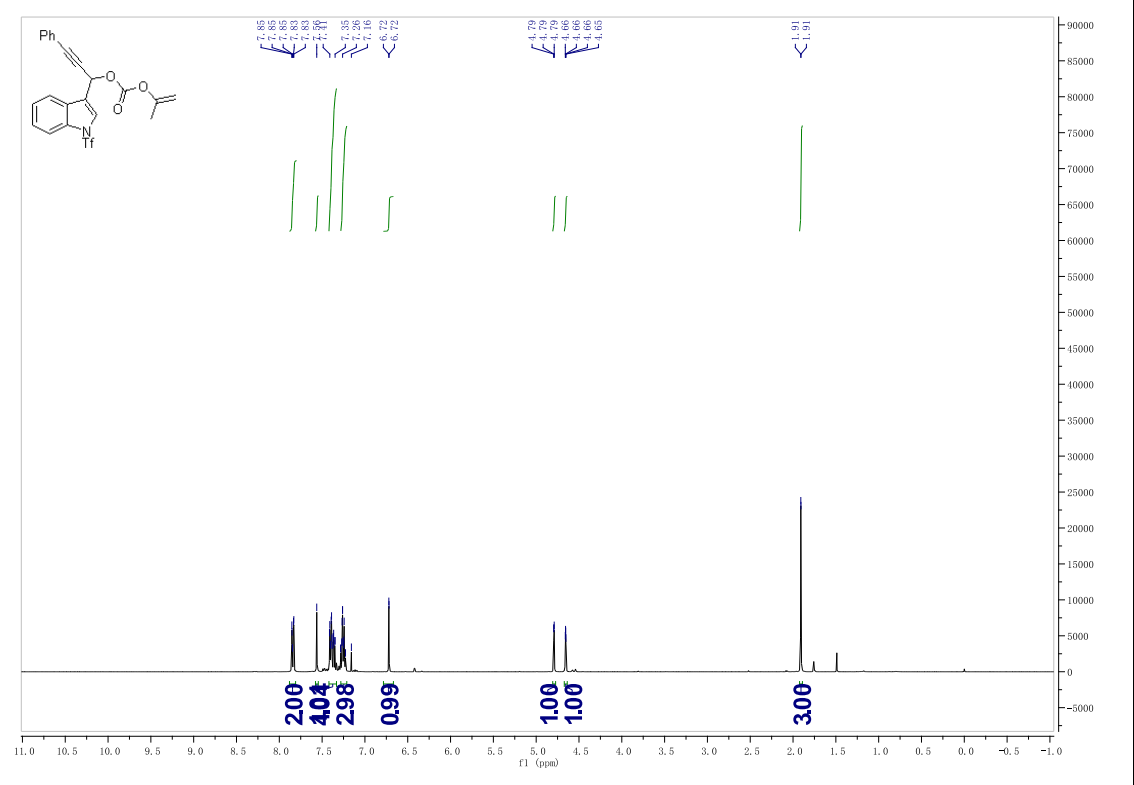
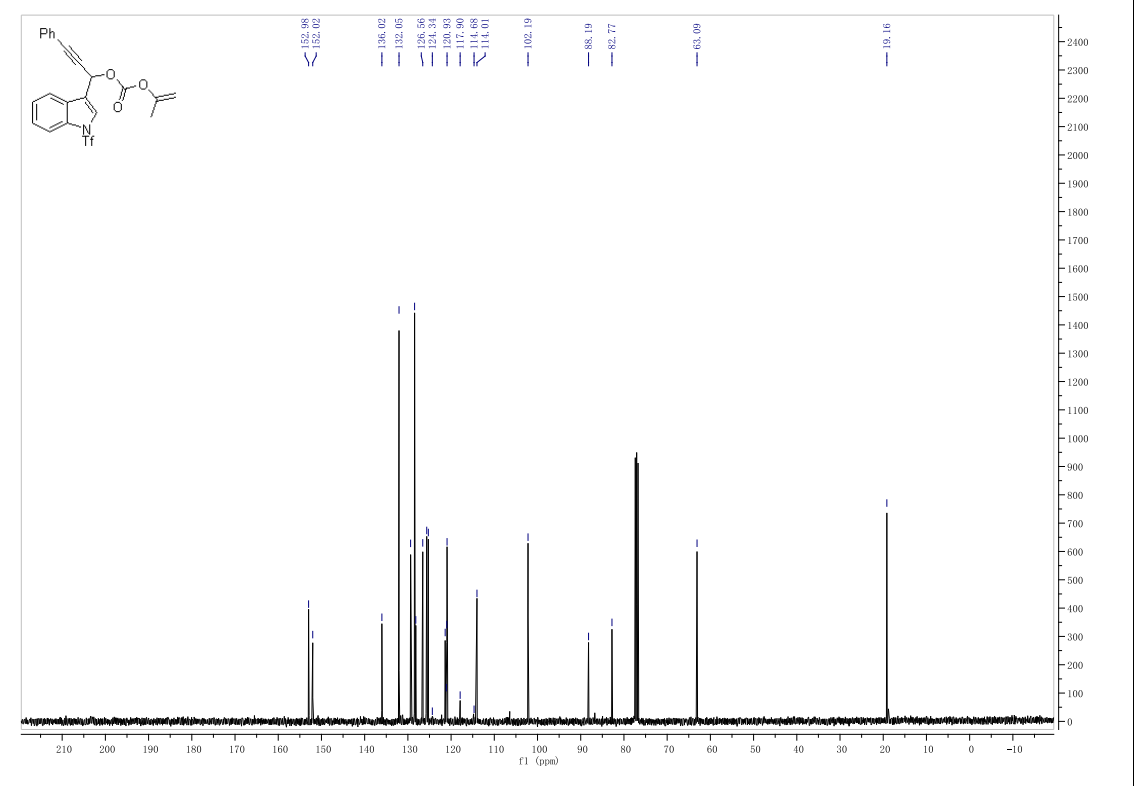
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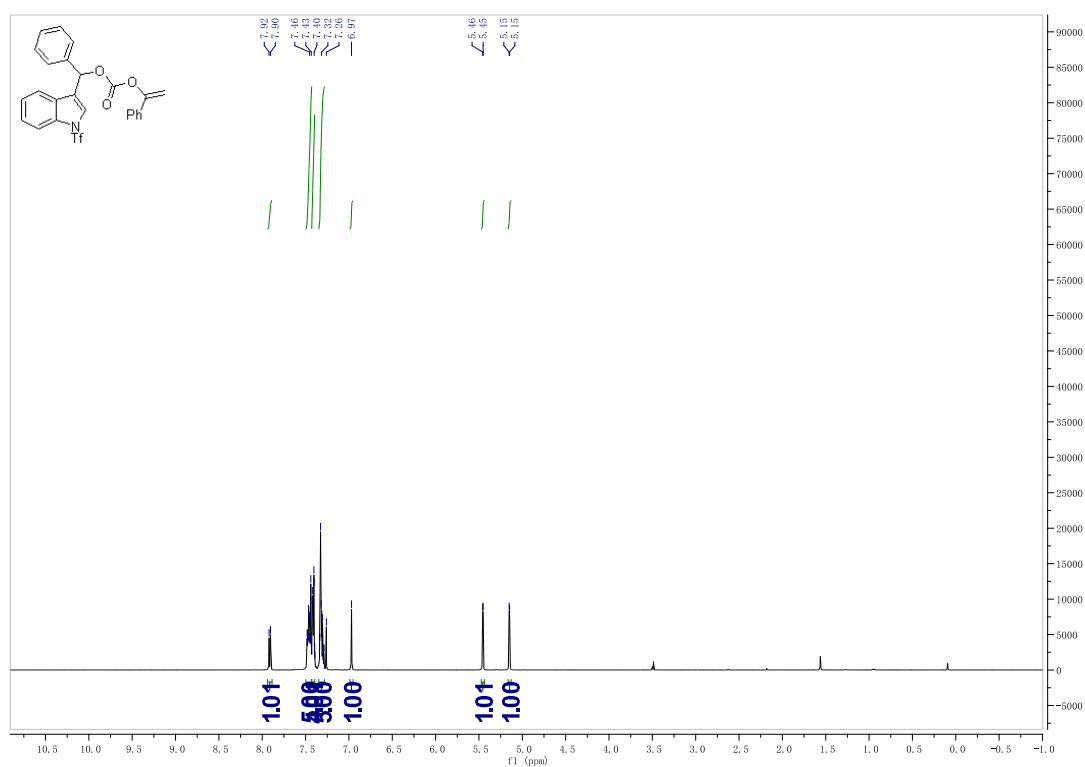
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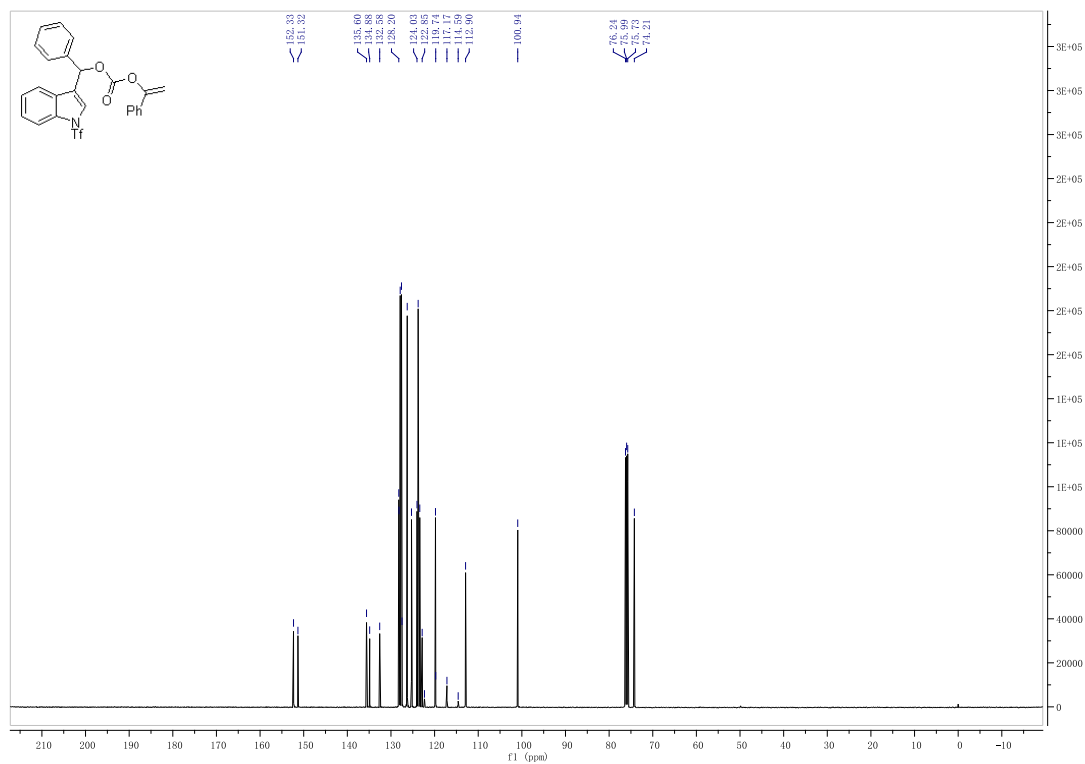
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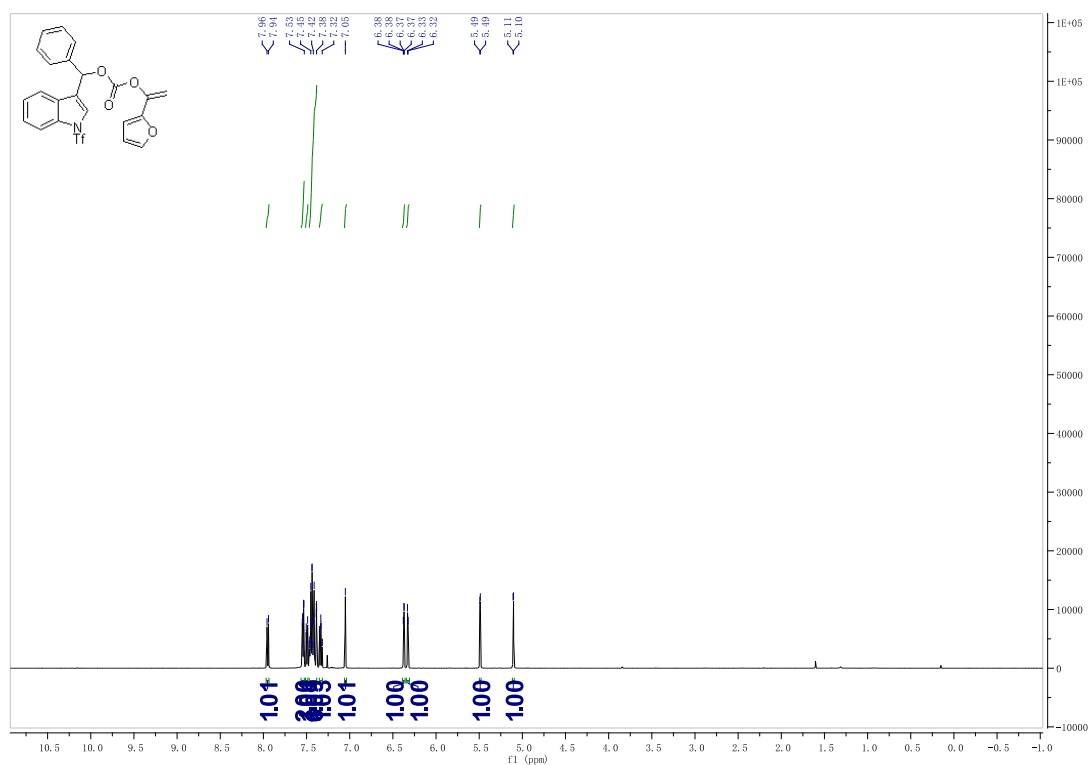
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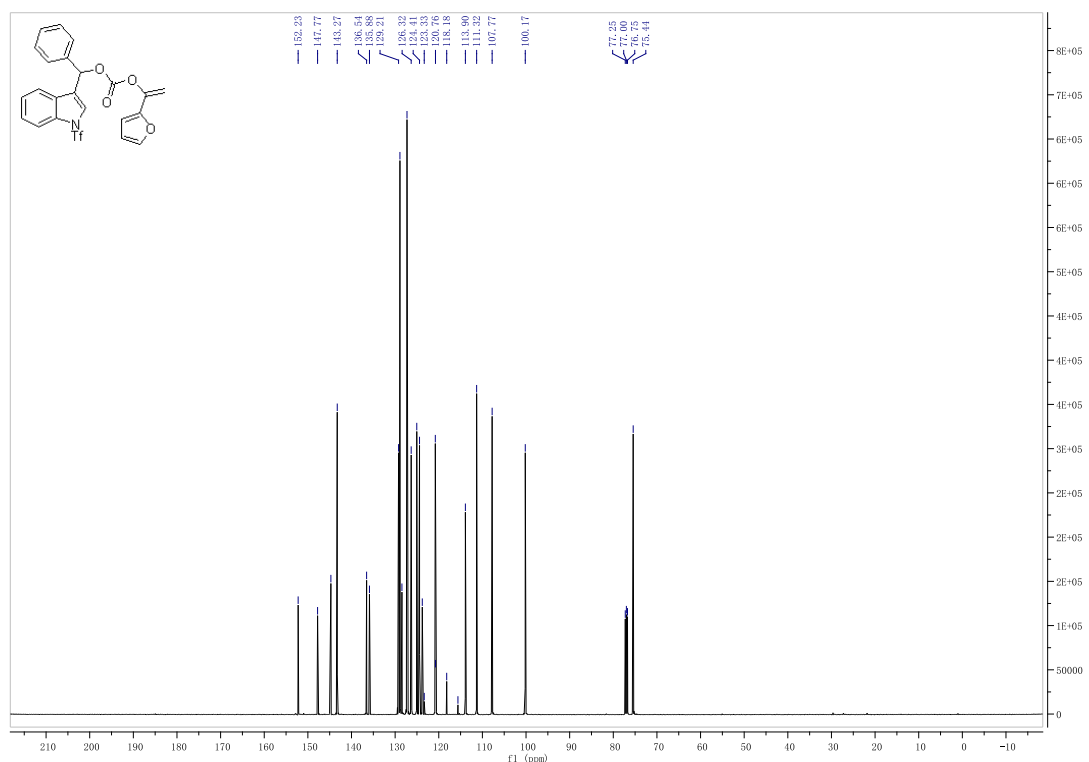
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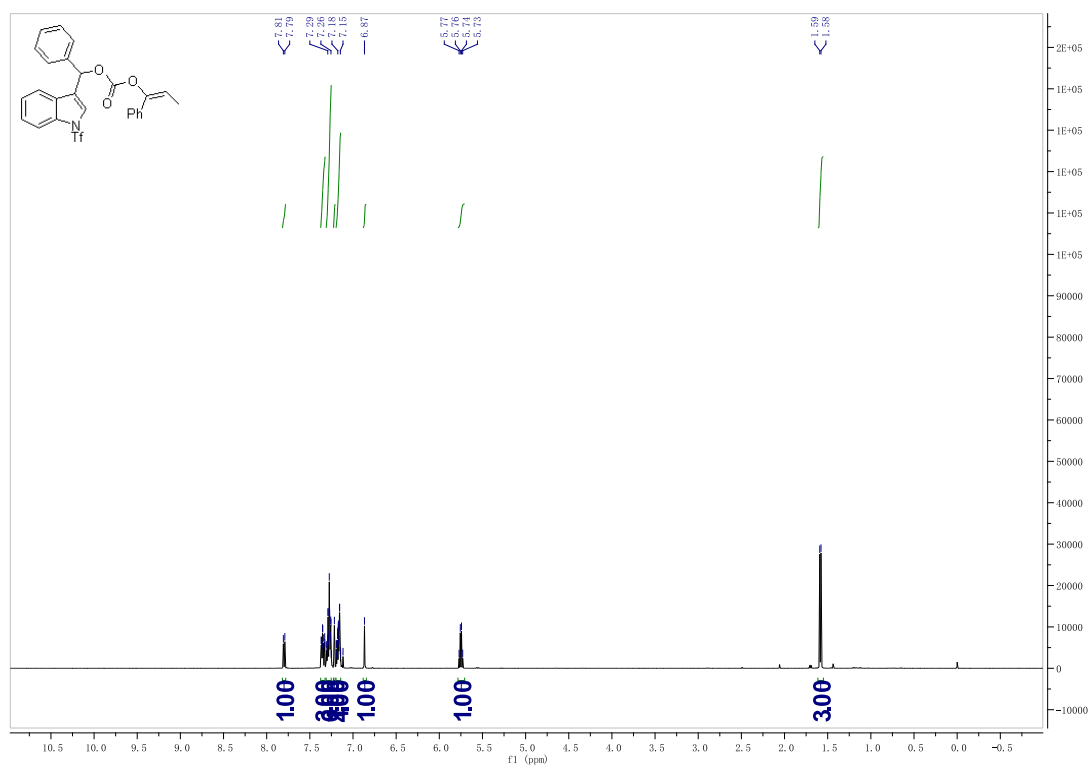
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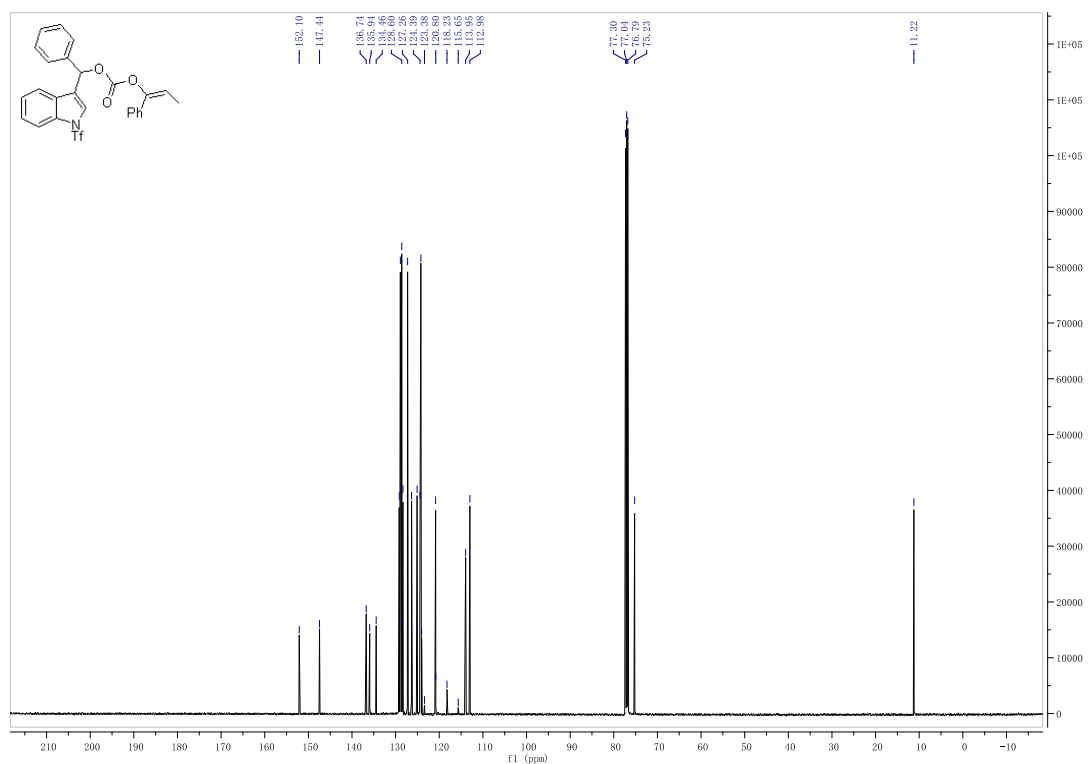
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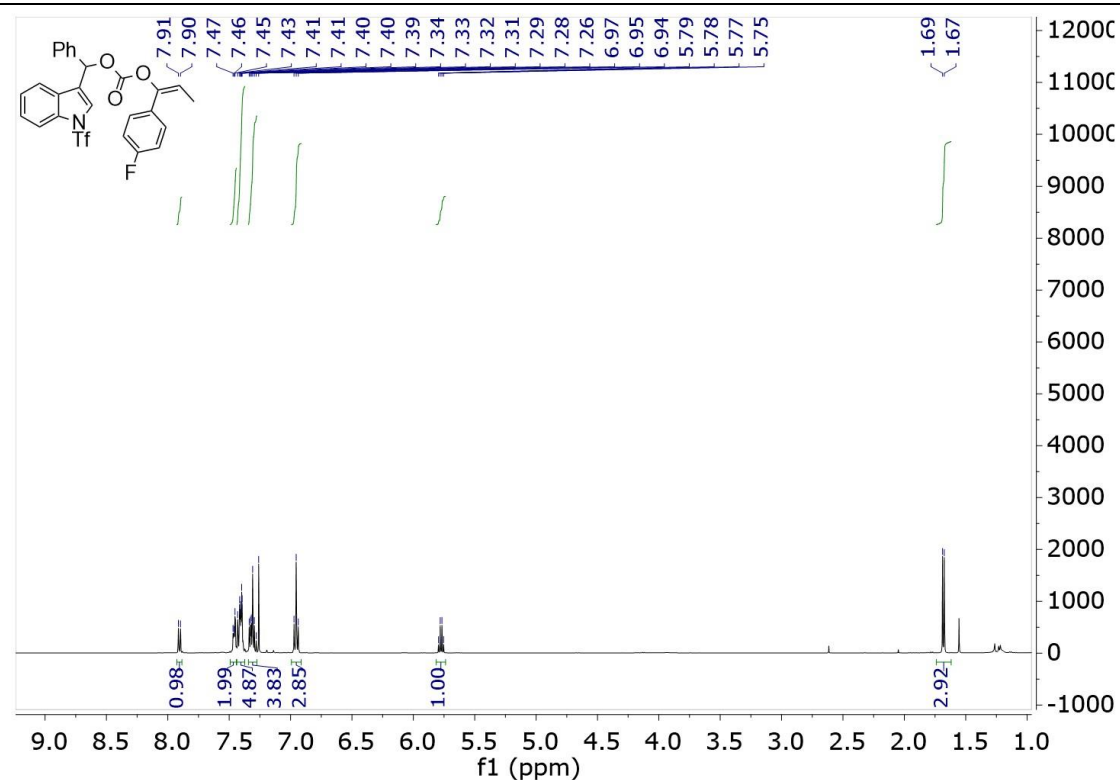
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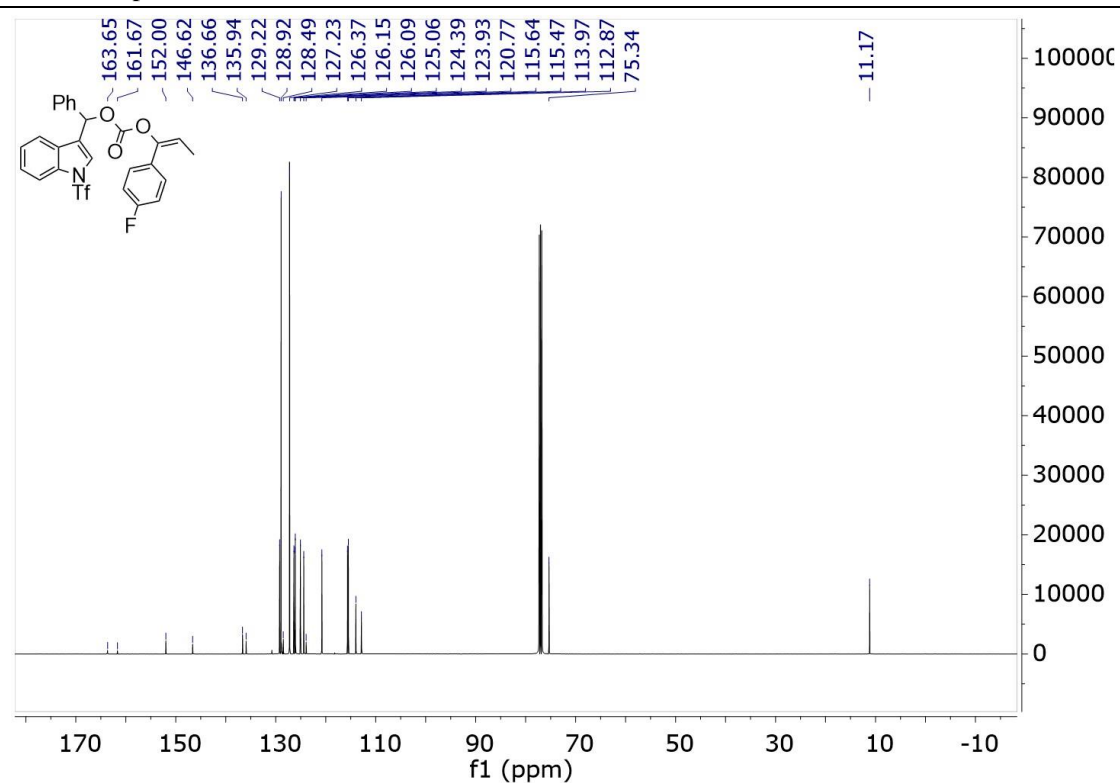
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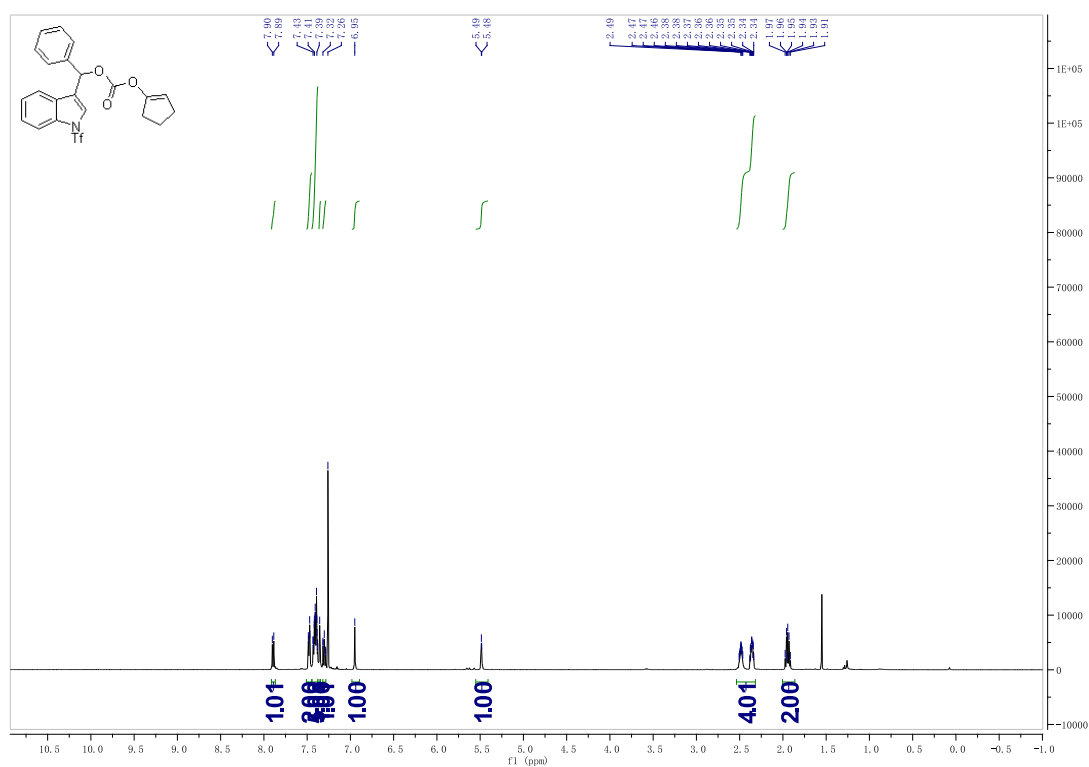
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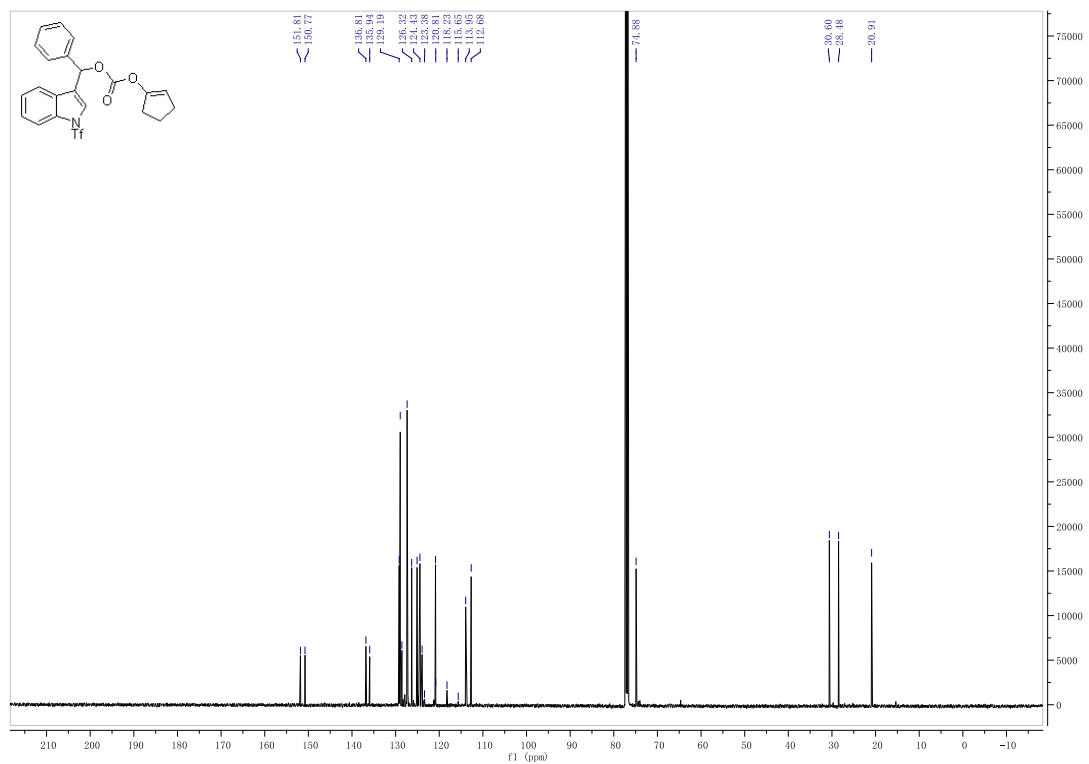
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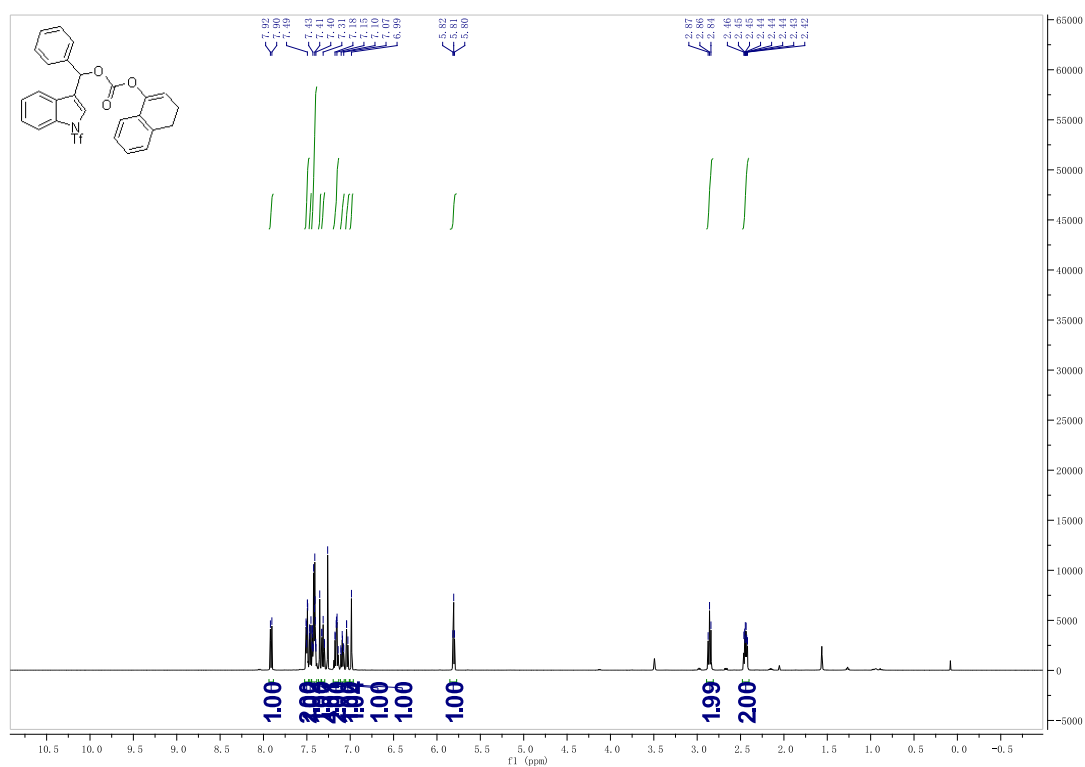
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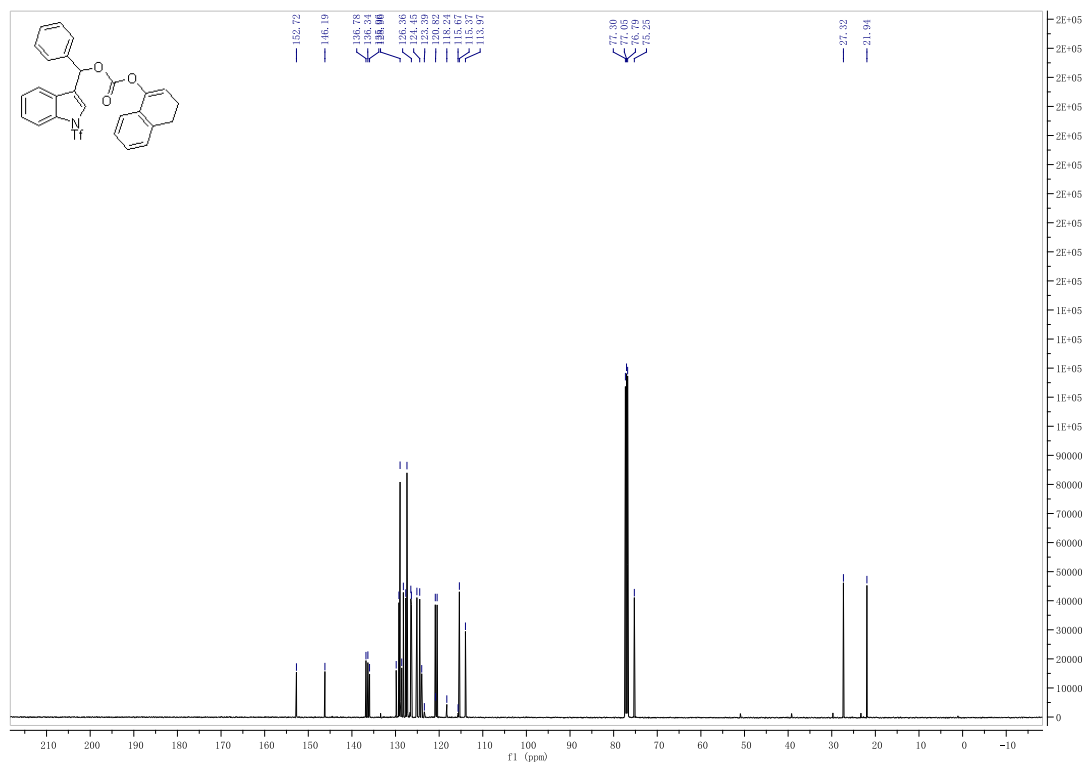
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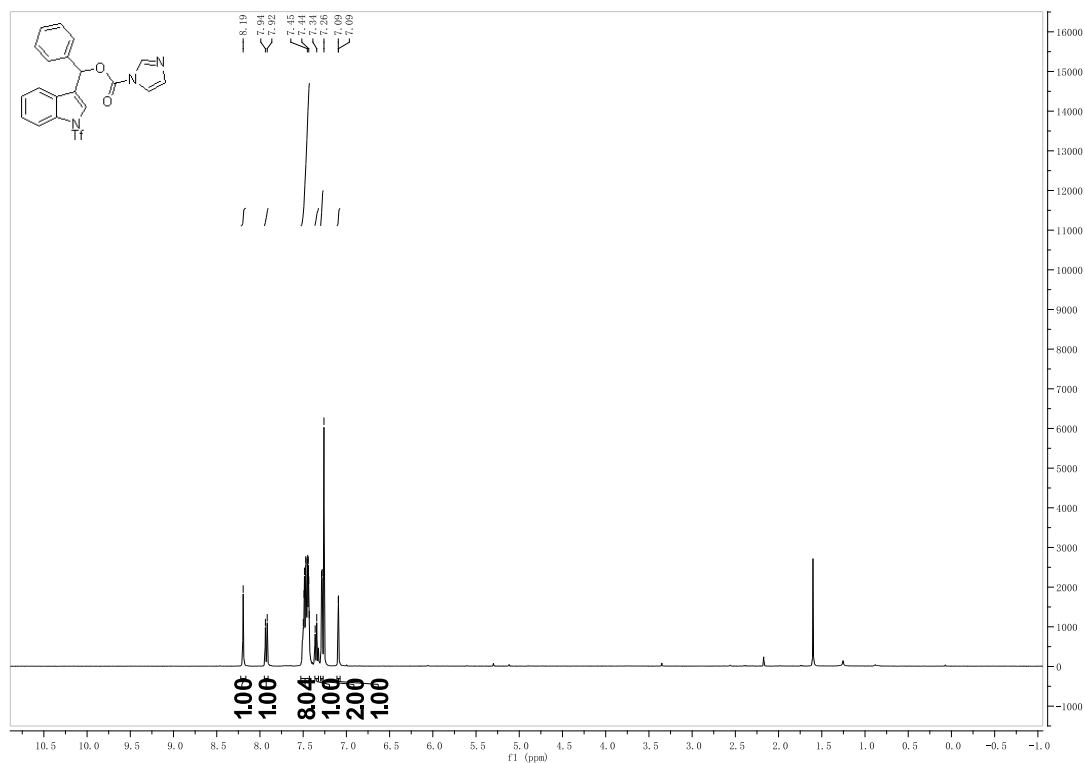


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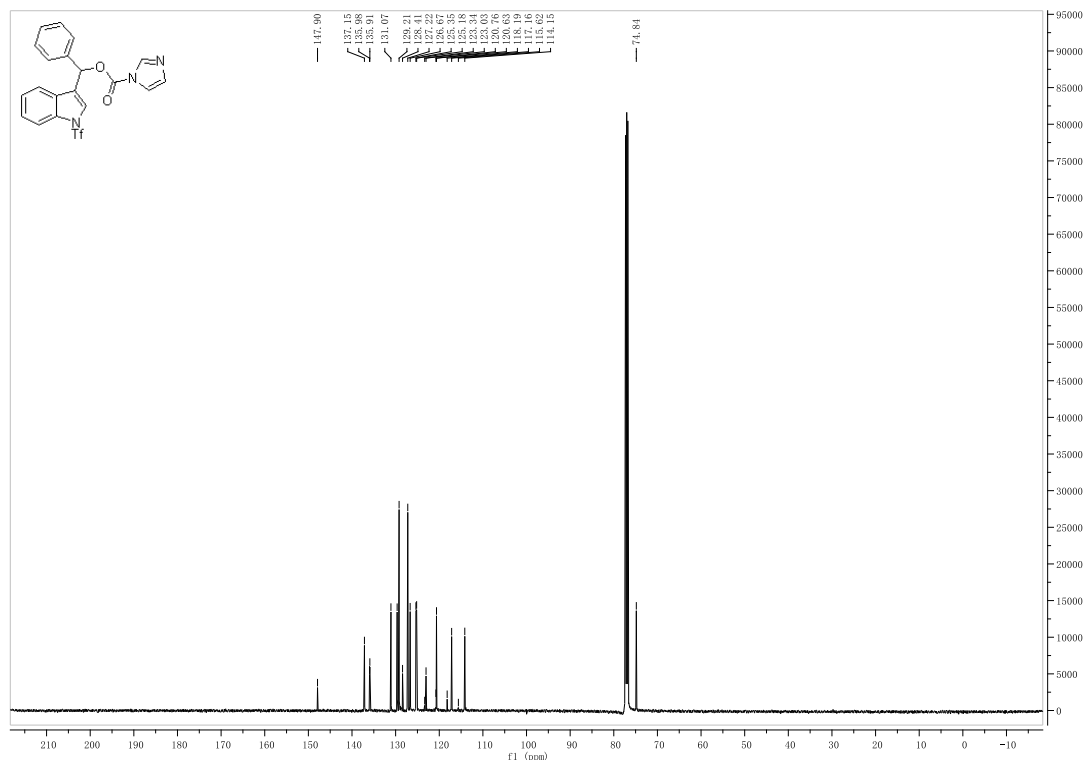




### <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of S1



### <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of S1



Chemical structure of 1-(2-((2-oxo-1-phenylethyl)idene)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-one is shown in the top left corner. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) displays the following peaks and integrations:

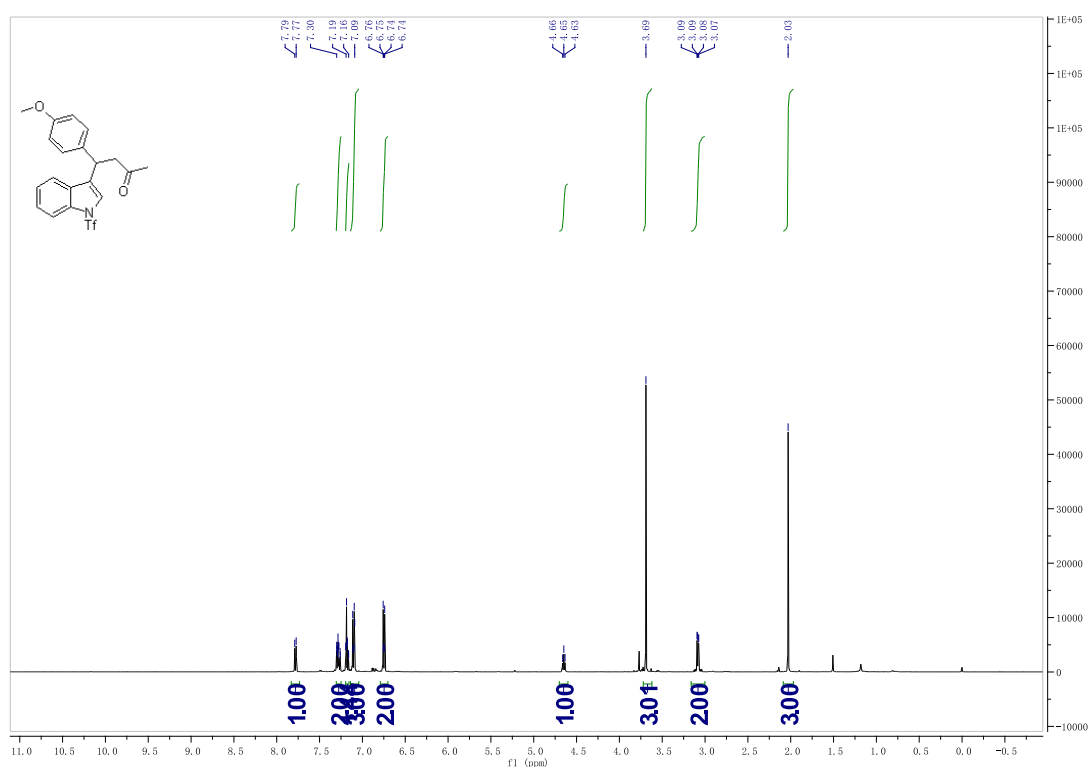
Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
7.75, 7.74, 7.71, 7.19, 7.17, 7.16, 7.13, 7.11, 7.10, 7.09, 7.07	1.00, 2.00, 1.00, 3.04
4.69, 4.66	1.00
3.13, 3.10, 3.09, 3.07, 3.05, 3.04	2.00
1.98	3.00

Chemical structure: CC(=O)C(Cc1ccc2c(c1)c[nH]2)c3ccccc3

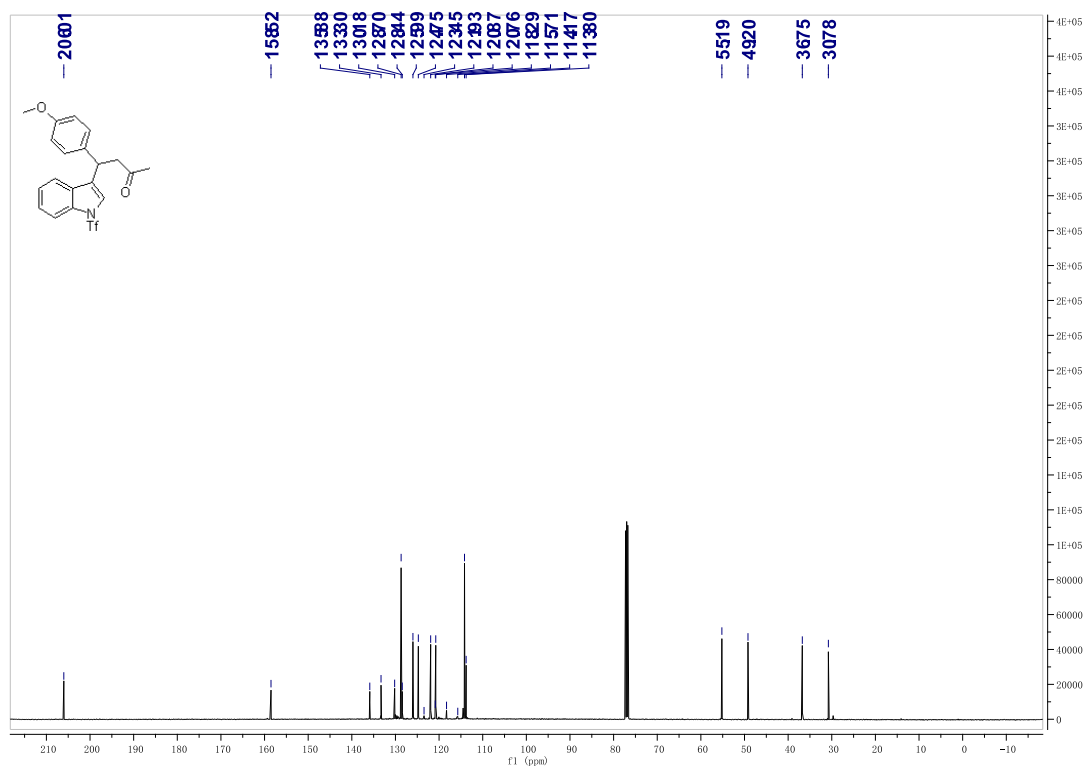
<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (ppm):

- 205.84
- 141.49
- 135.94
- 130.28
- 129.14
- 128.91
- 127.78
- 127.60
- 126.89
- 125.10
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- 120.81
- 118.93
- 113.86
- 49.12
- 37.56
- 30.68

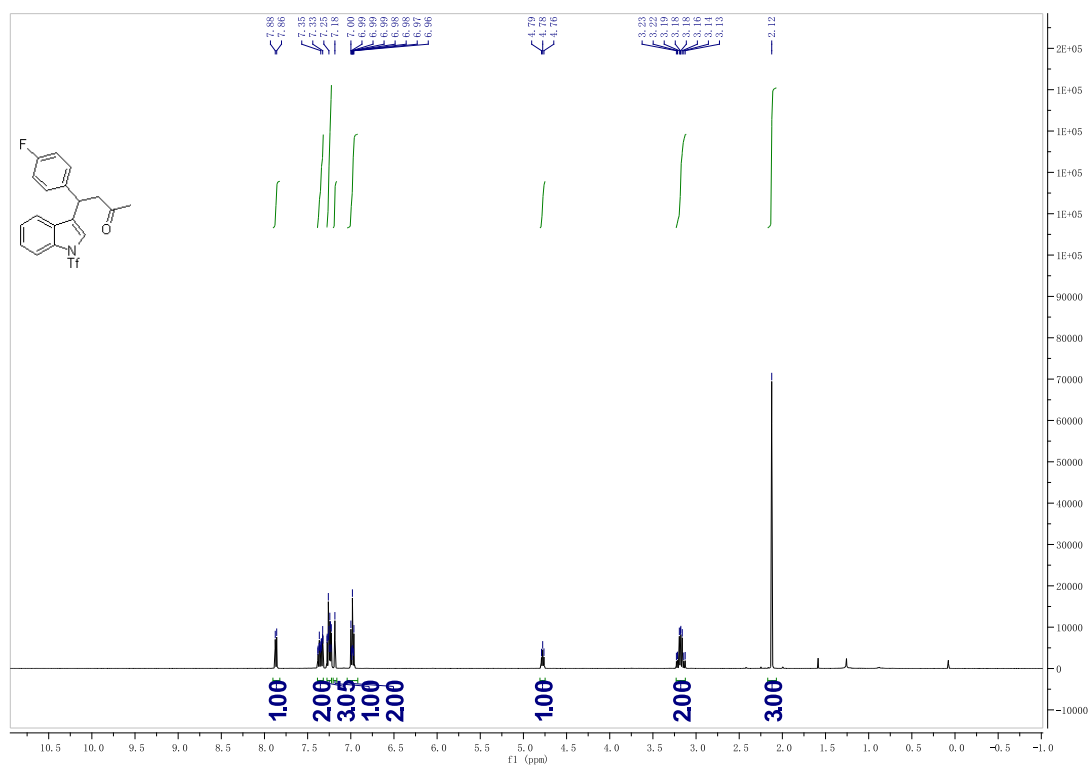
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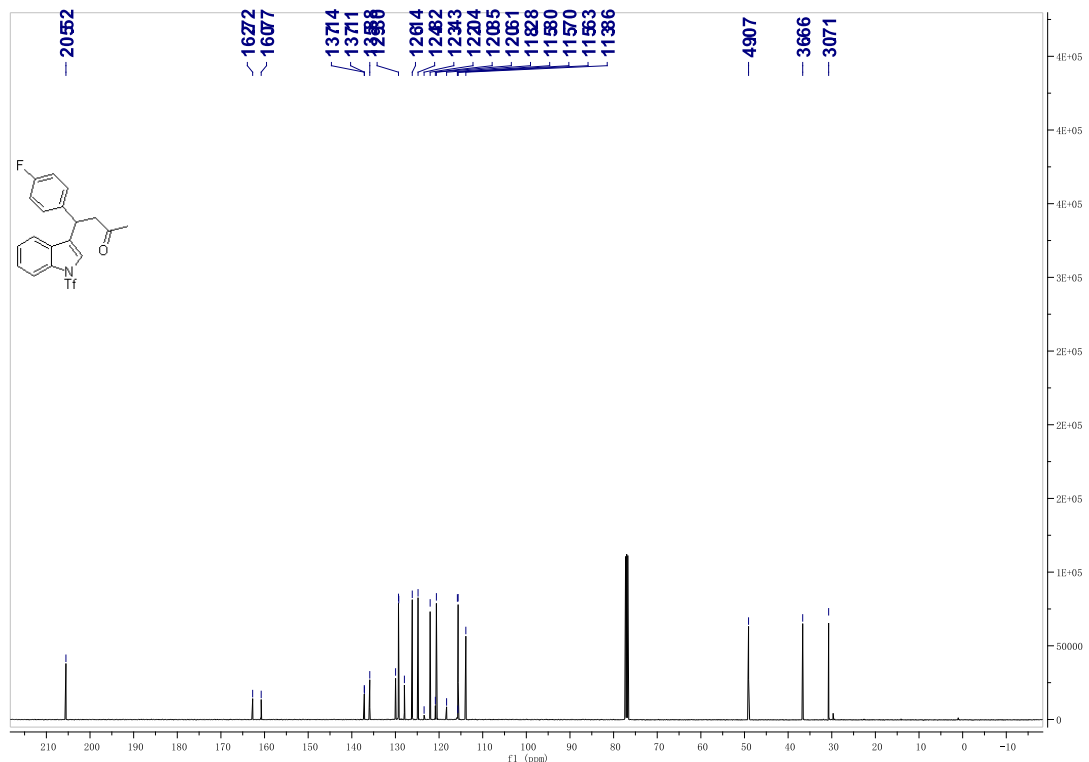
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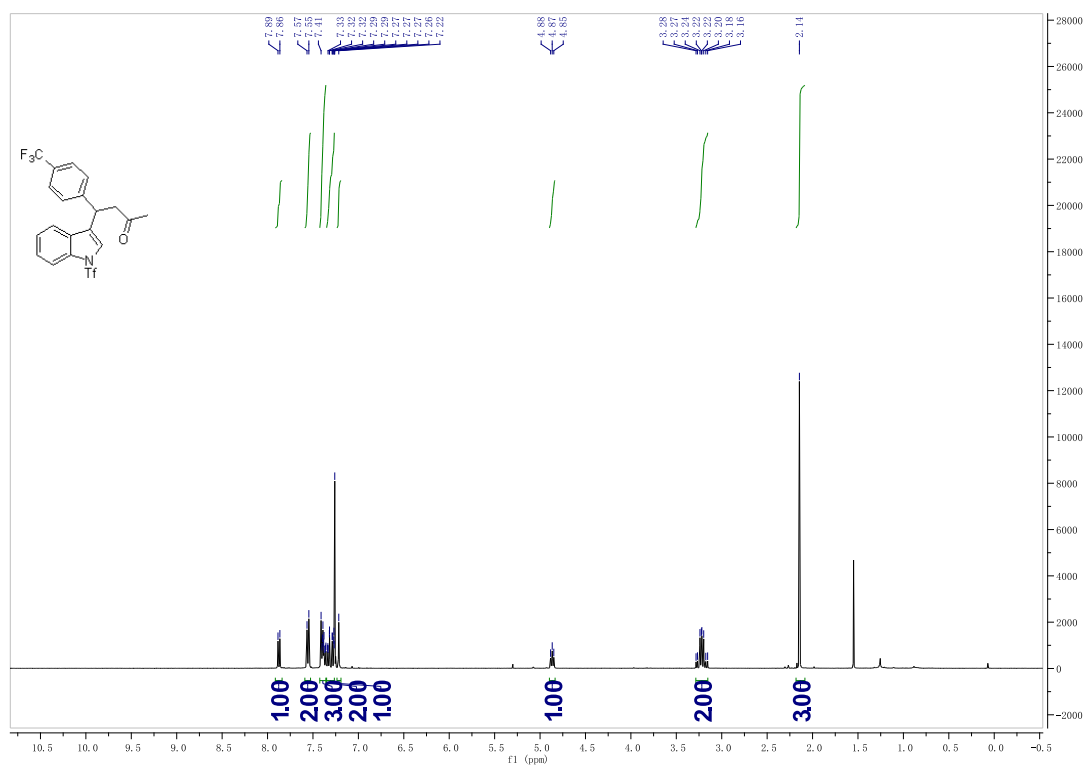
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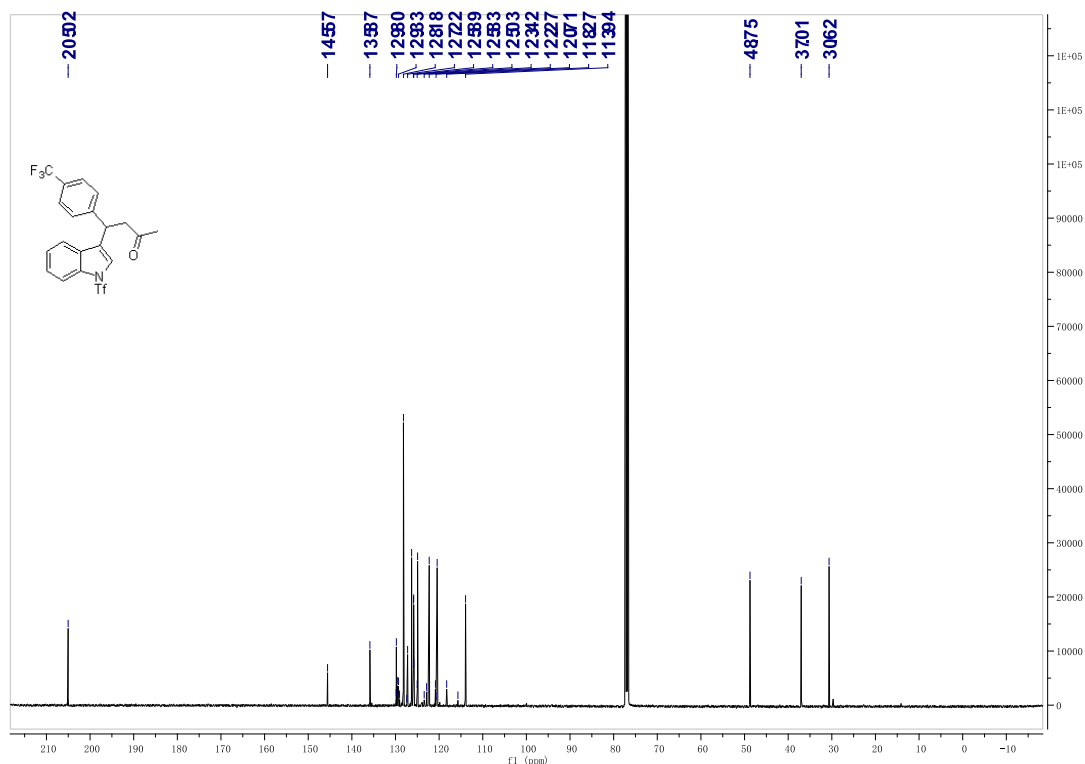
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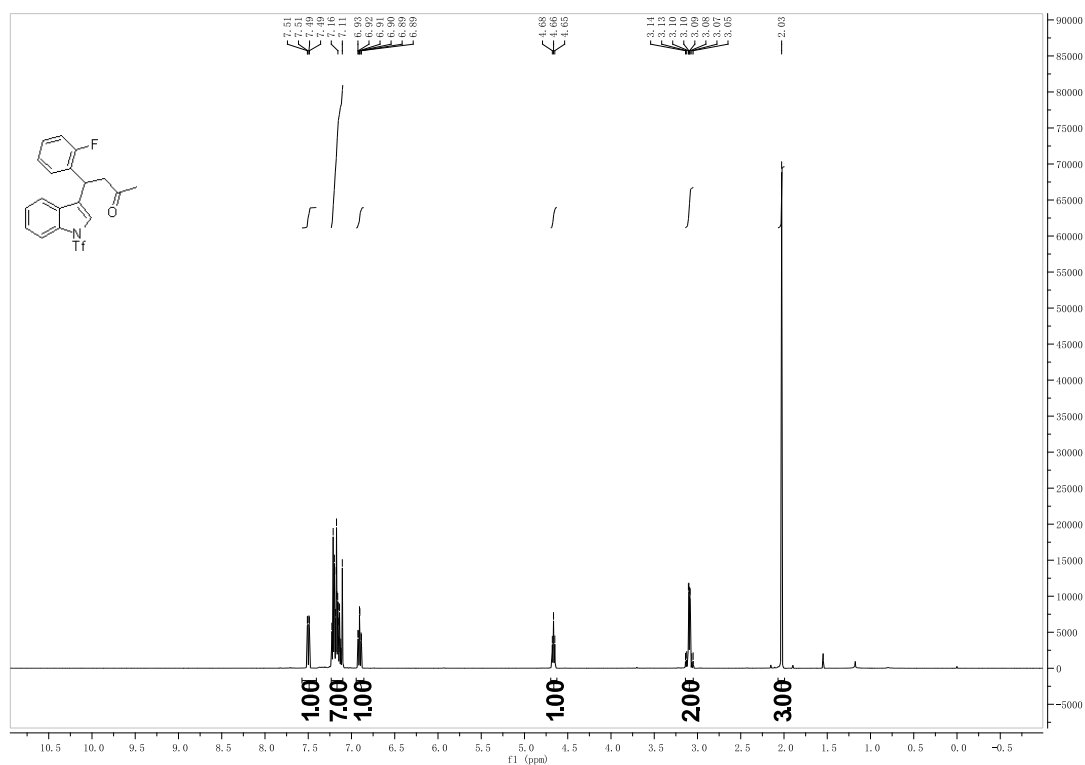
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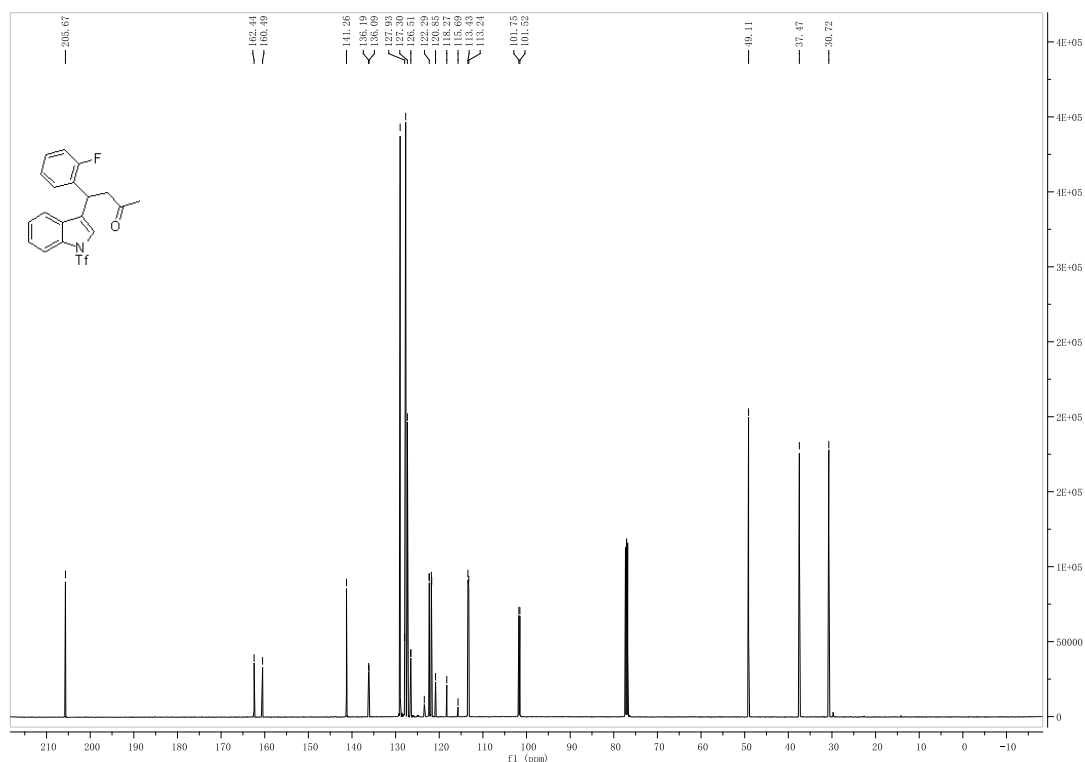
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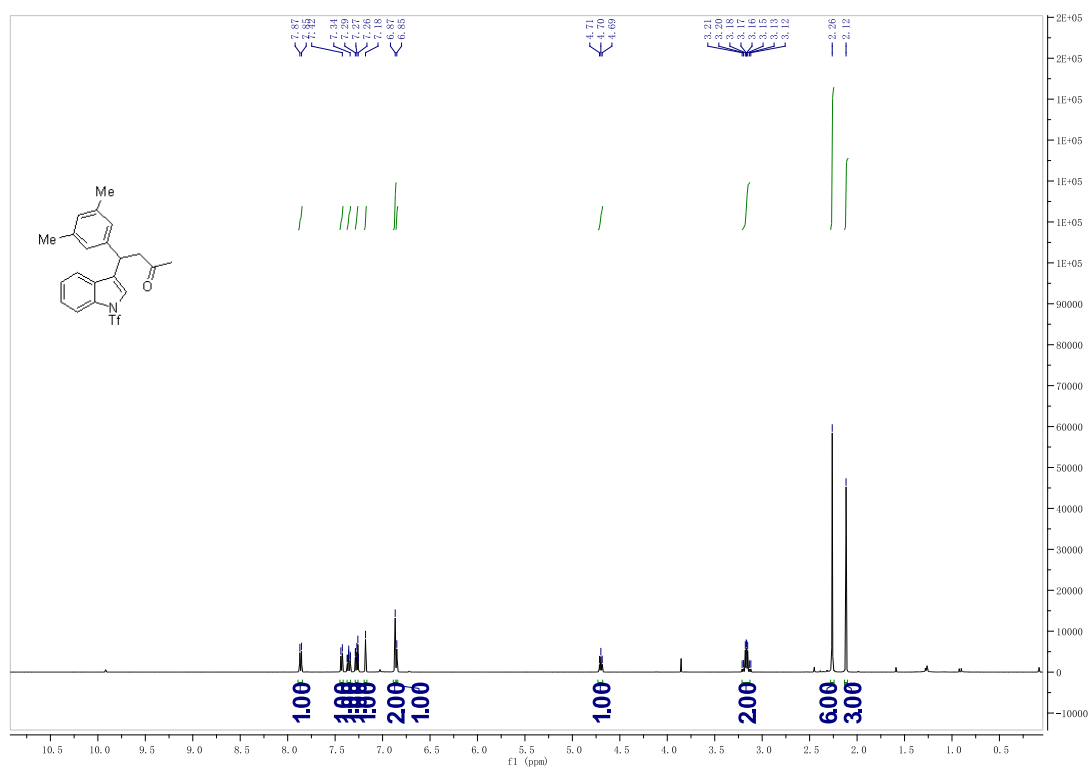
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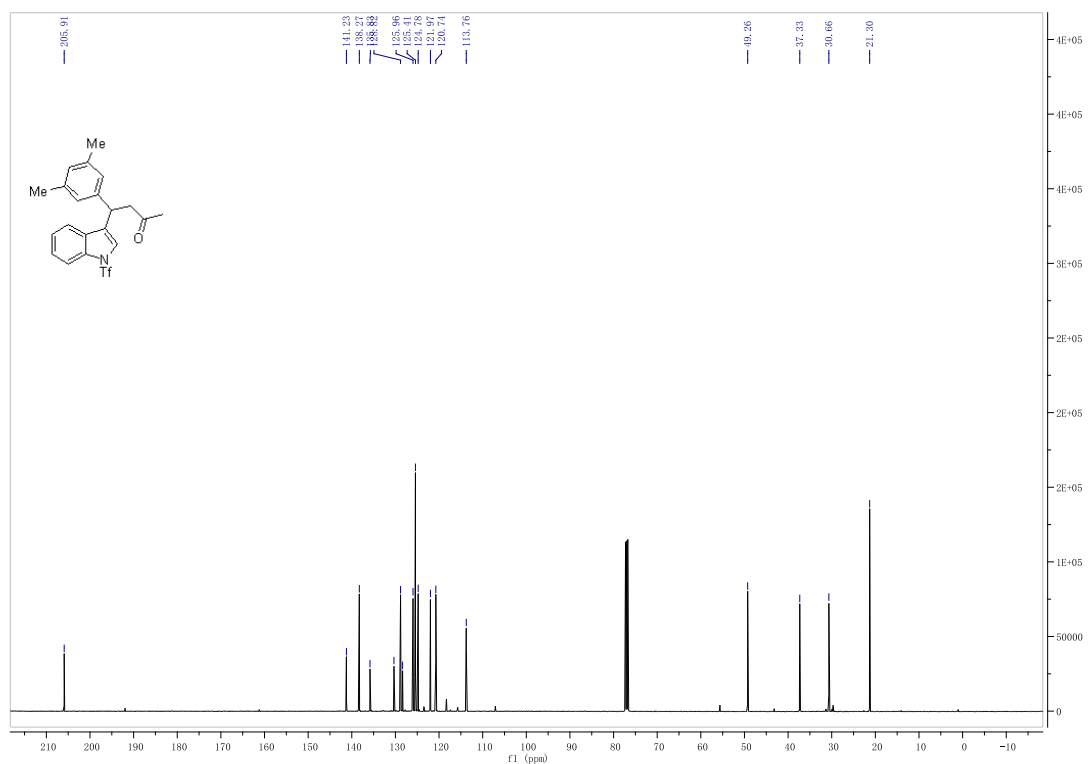
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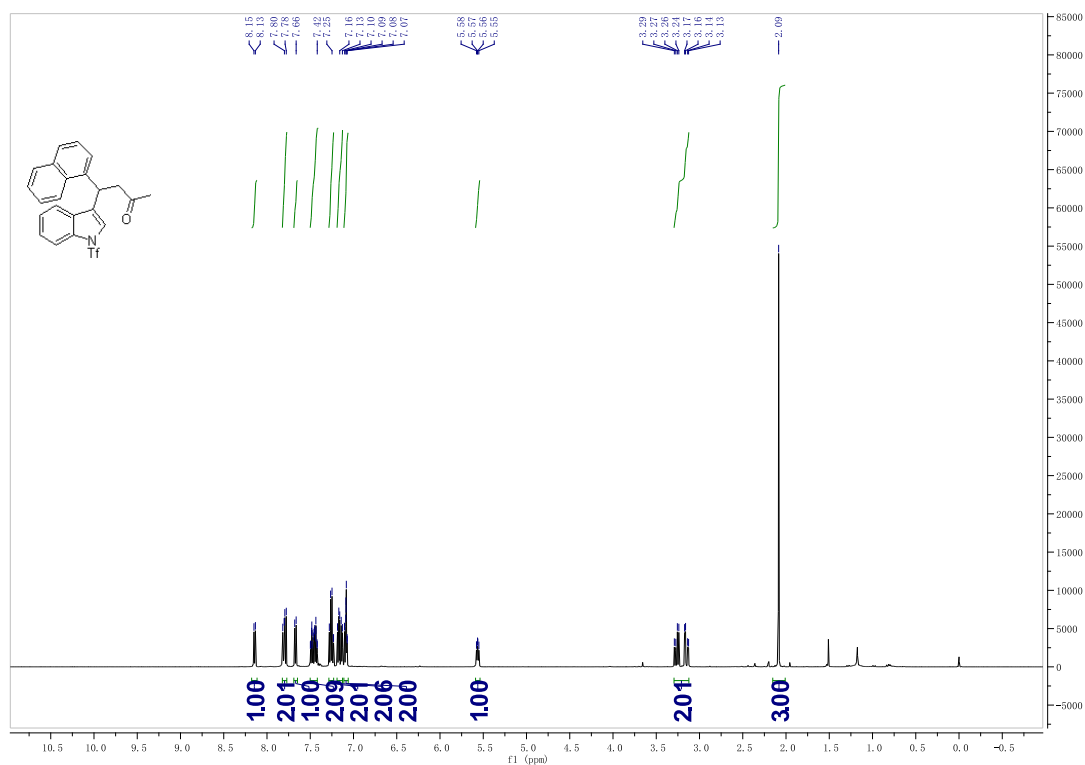
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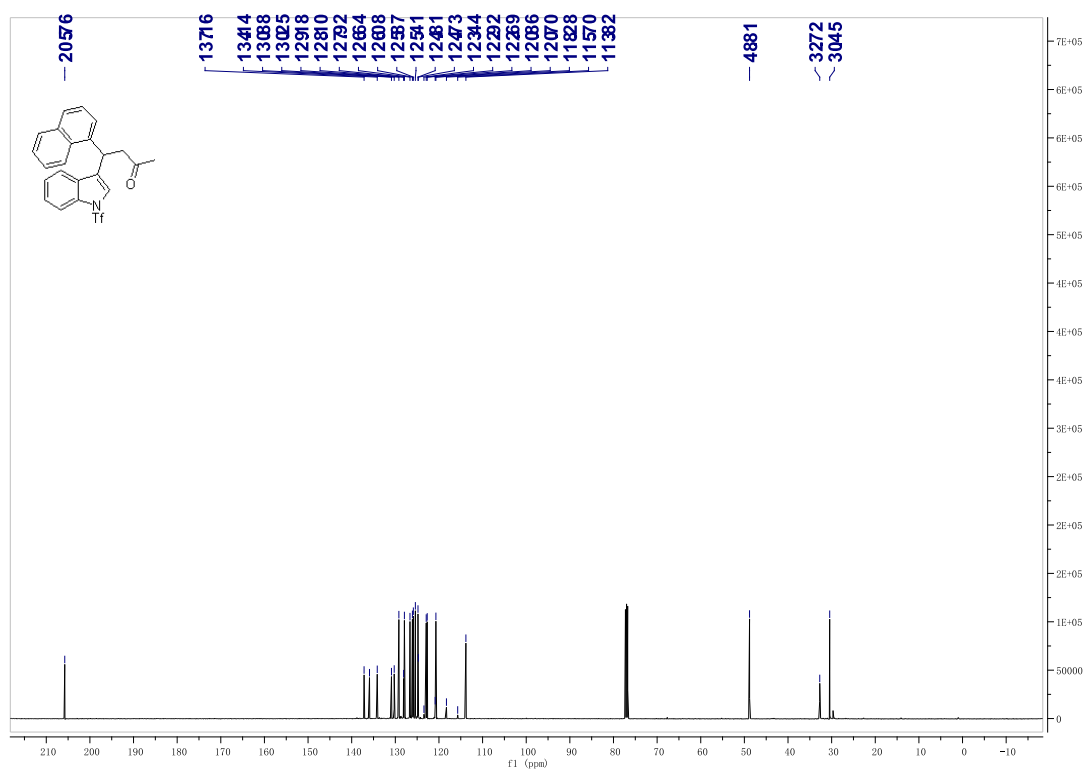
### <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **2f**



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of **2g**

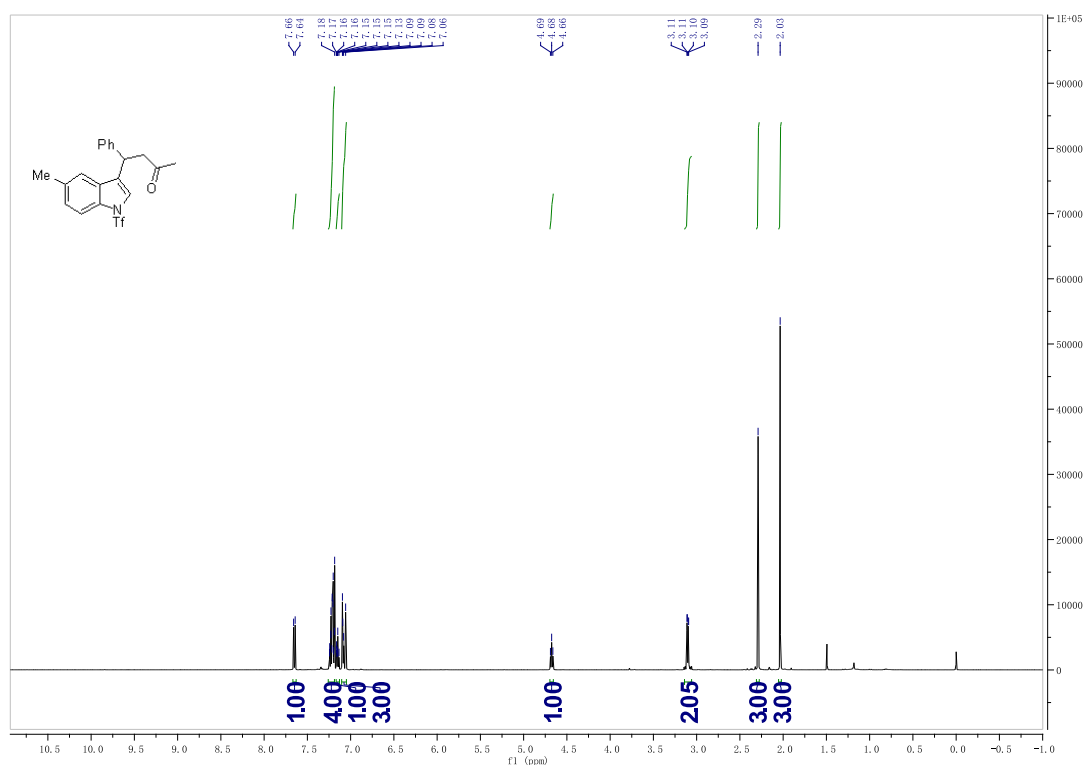


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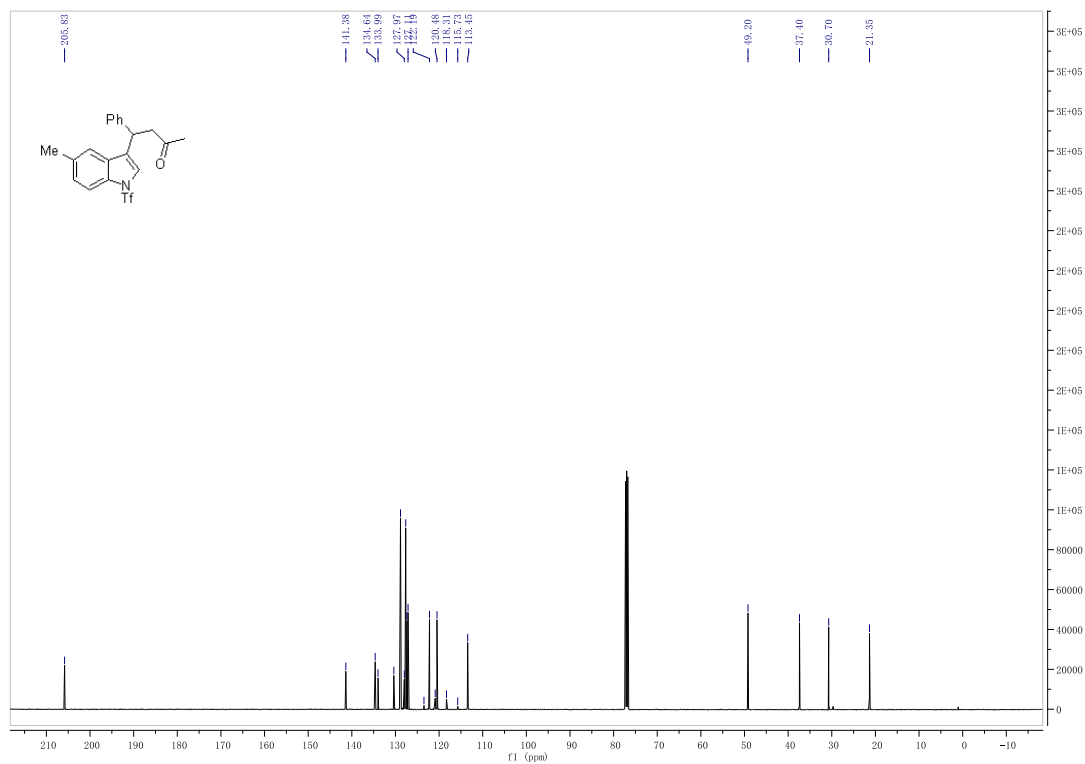




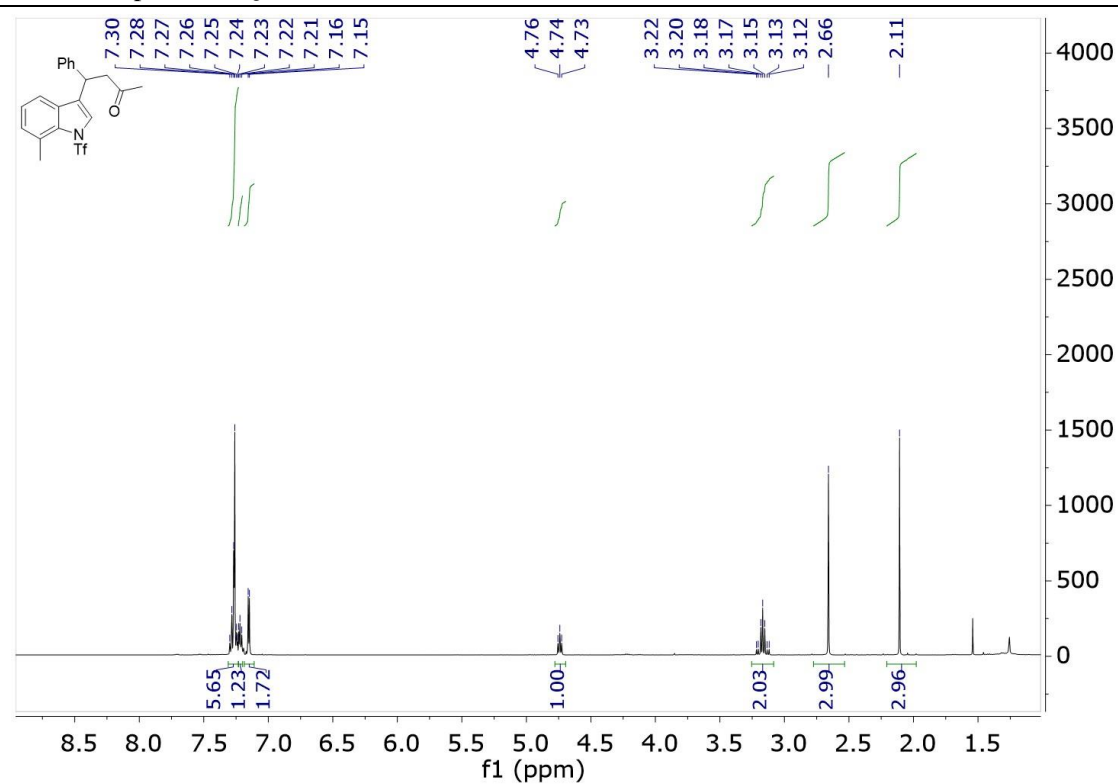
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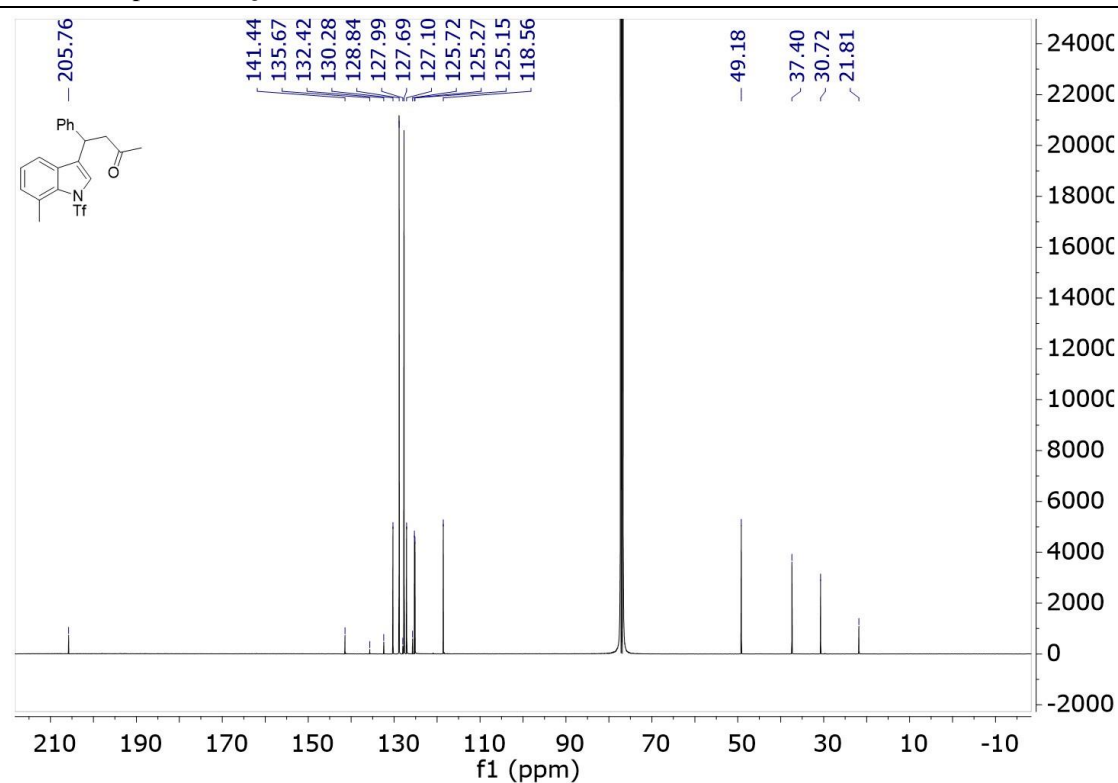
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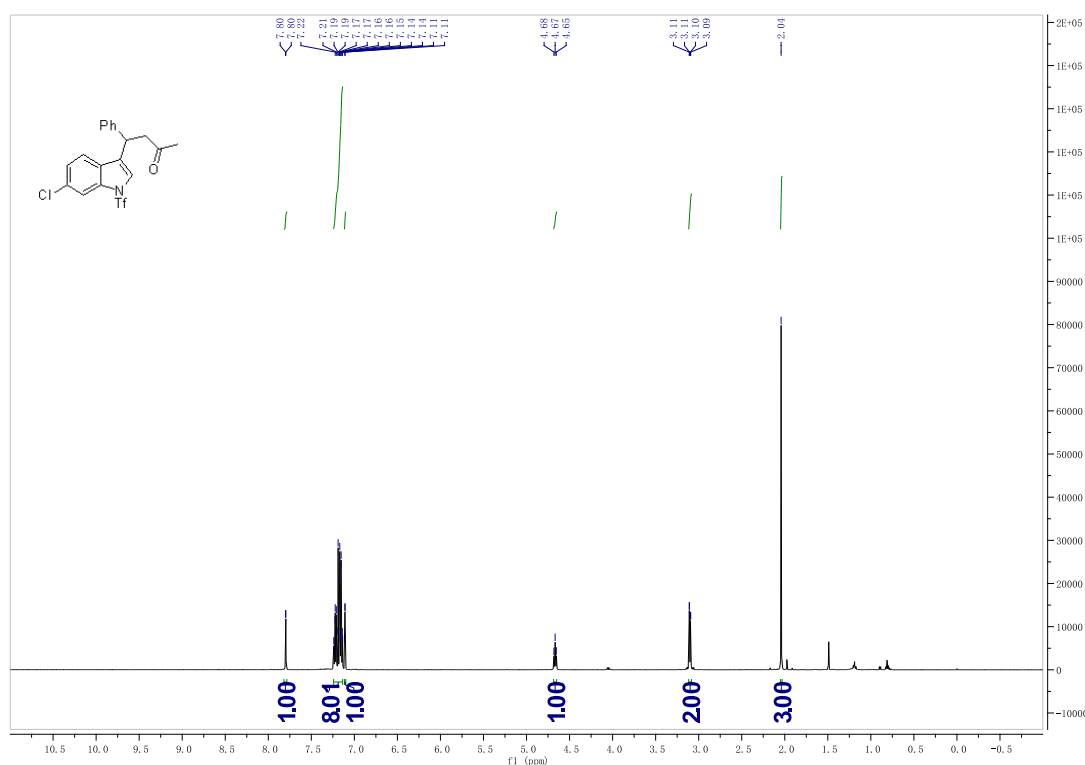
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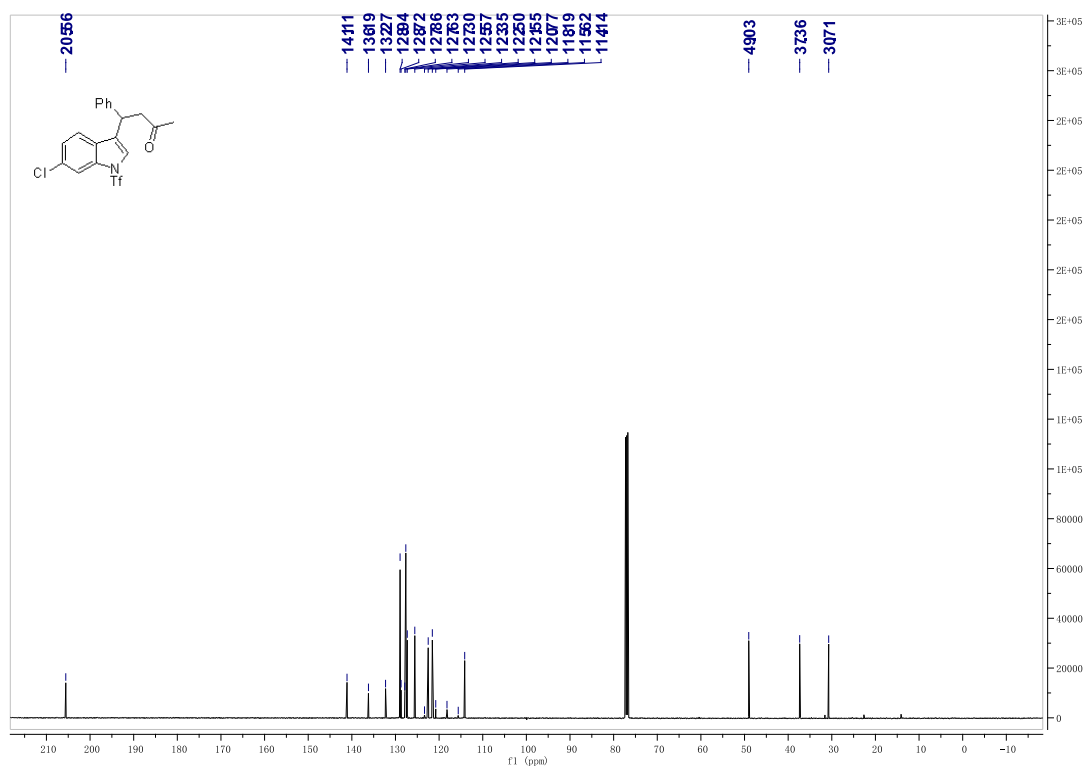
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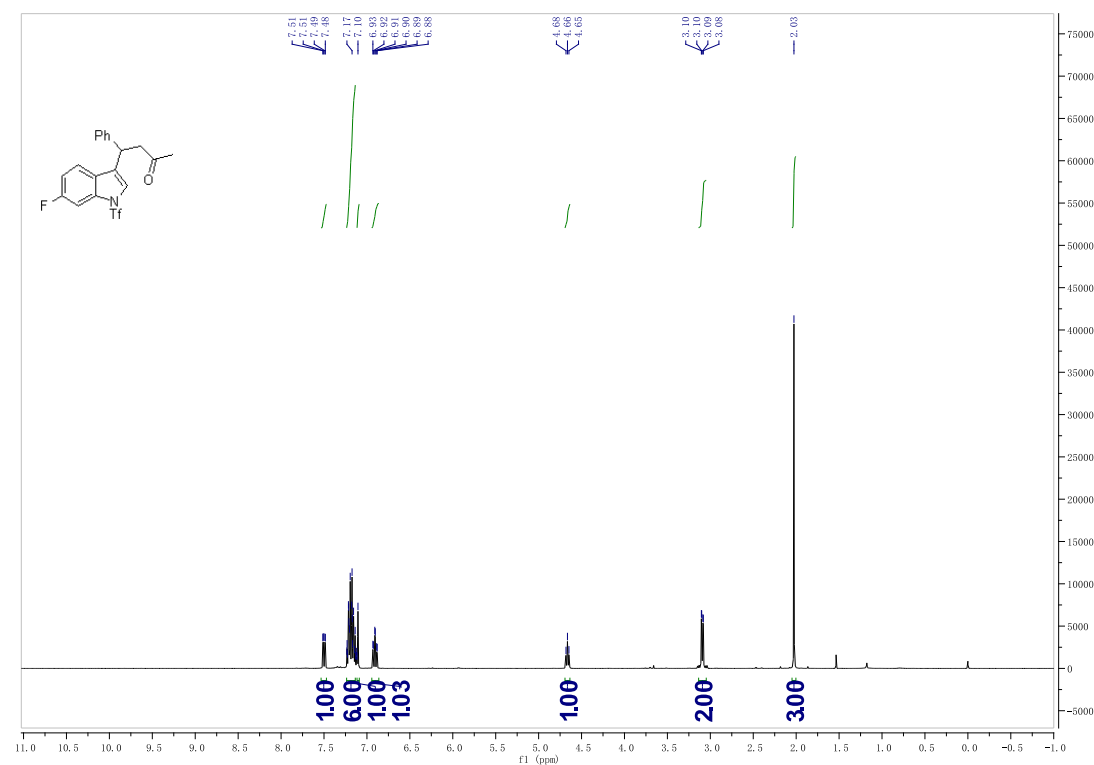
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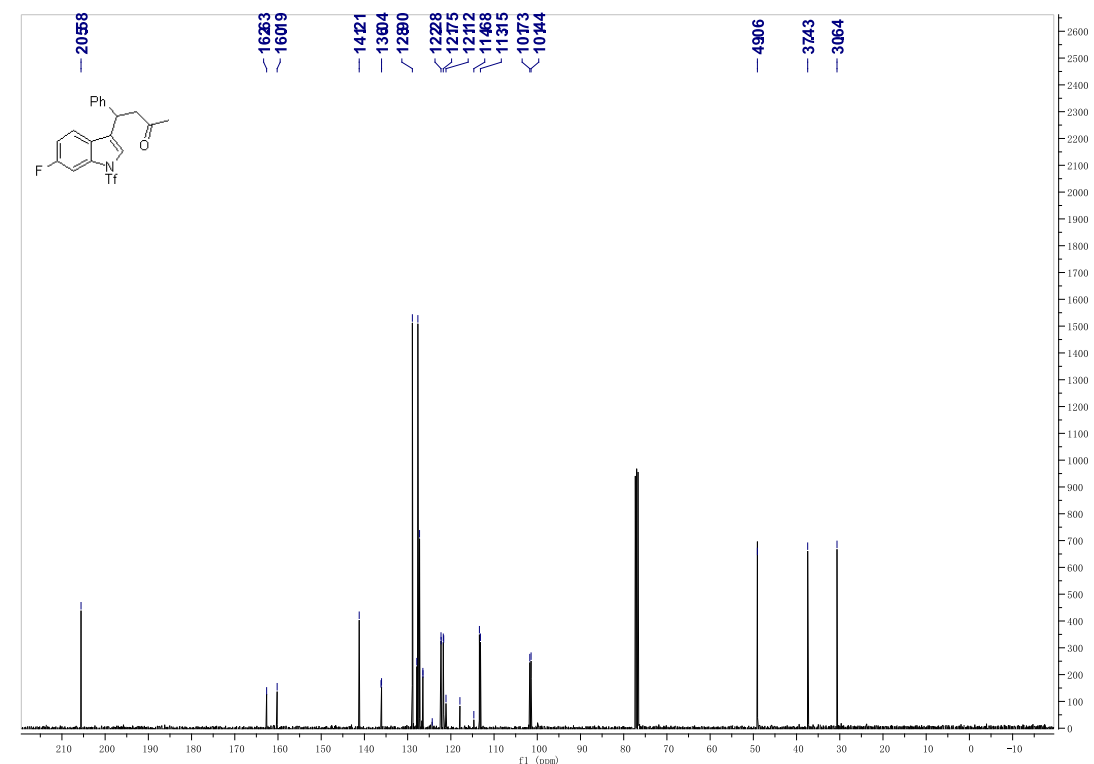
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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of **2l**



### <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **2l**

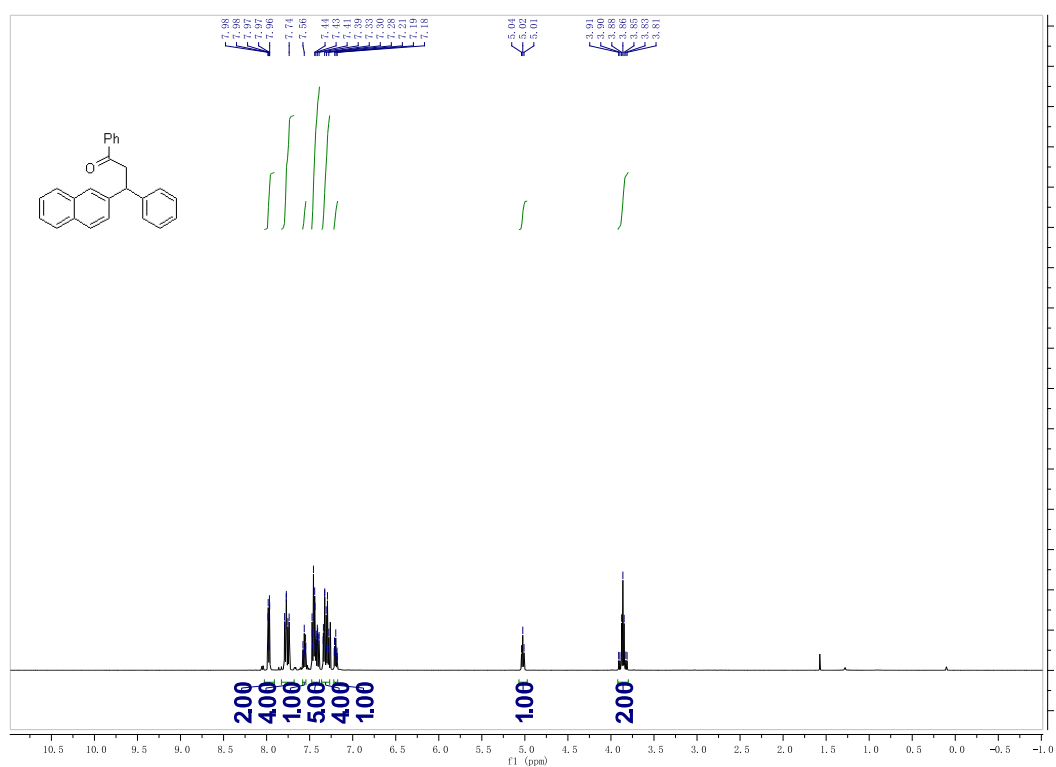


Chemical structure of compound 10 is shown in the top left corner. The structure is a benzimidazole derivative with a trifluoromethyl group (Tf) at position 2, a propargyl group at position 3, and a 2-oxo-2-phenylethyl group at position 4.

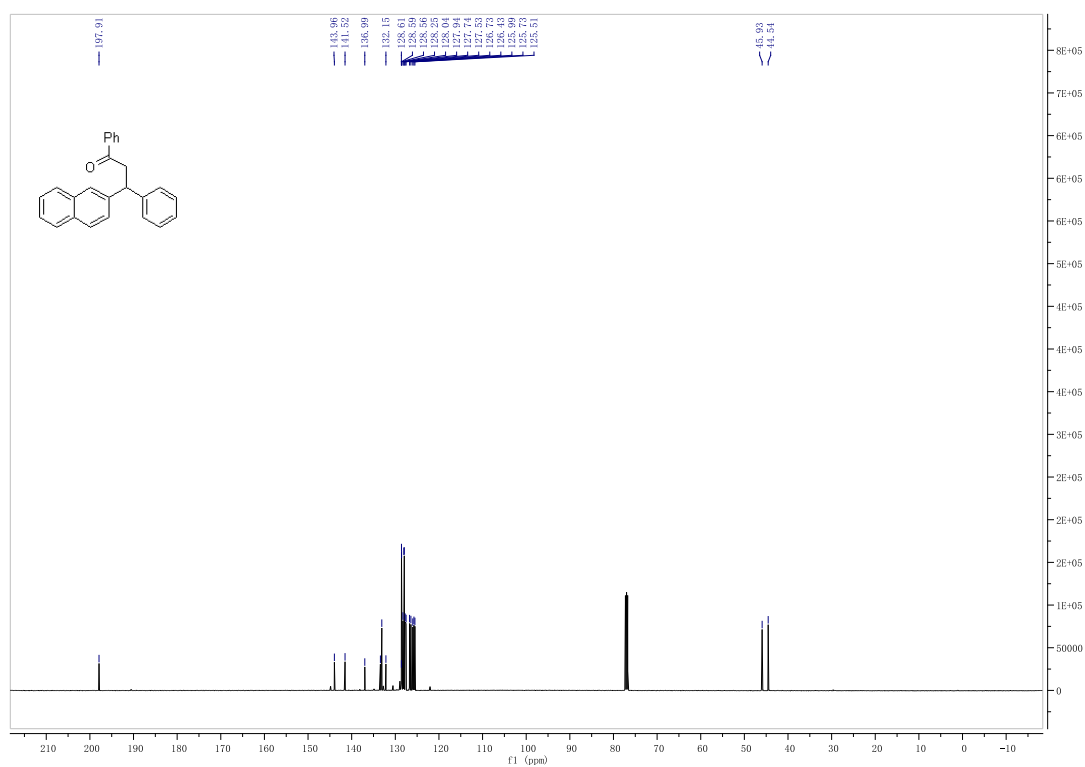
The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) shows the following chemical shifts (ppm):

- 204.91
- 136.01
- 135.34
- 124.63
- 123.85
- 123.65
- 118.27
- 117.19
- 114.12
- 98.13
- 83.05
- 77.00 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)
- 48.85
- 30.63
- 24.62

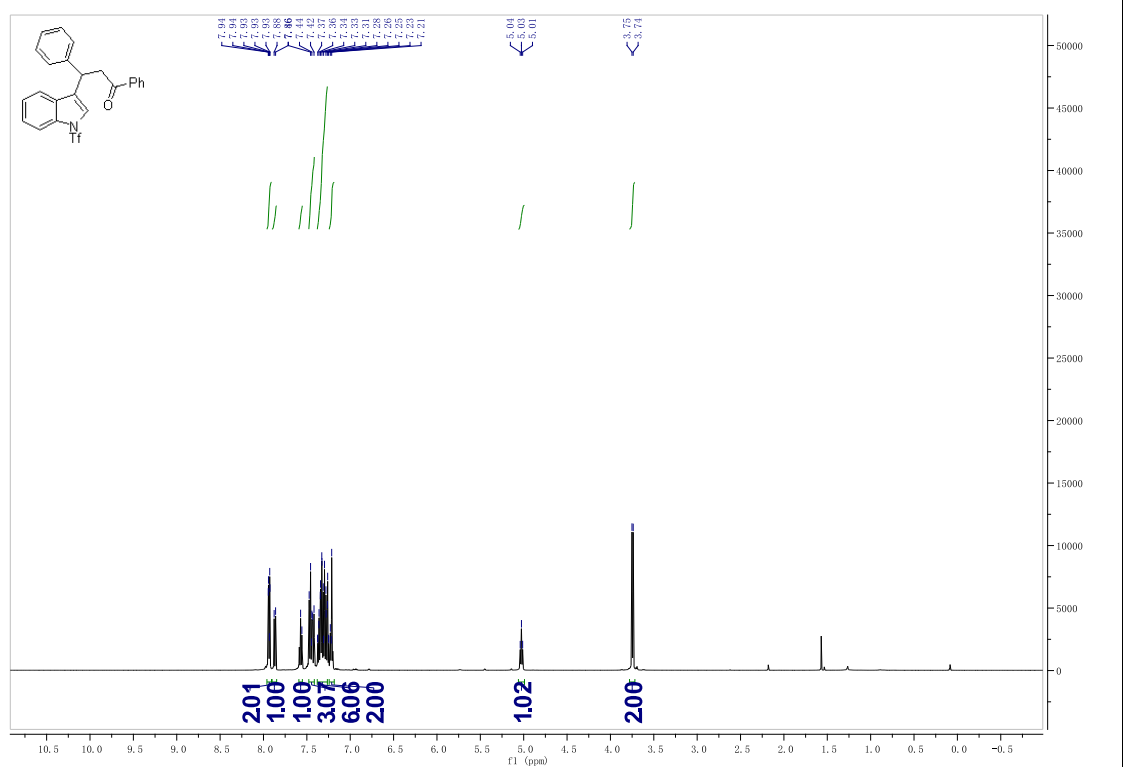
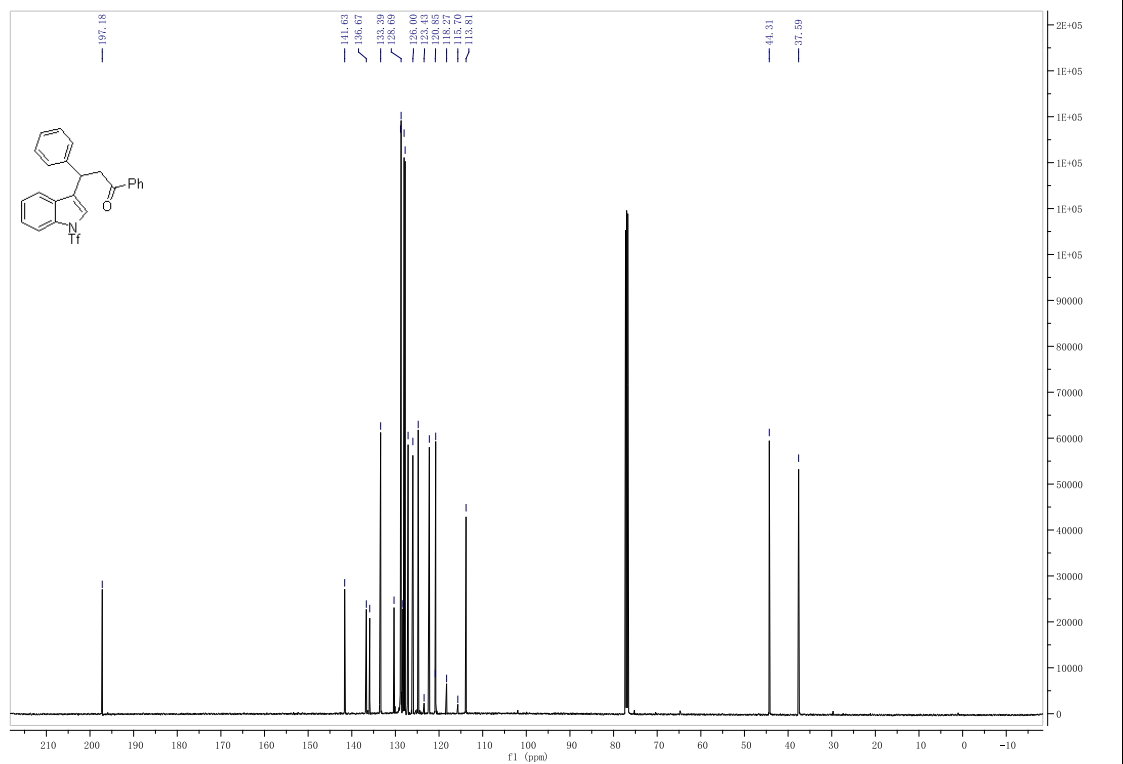
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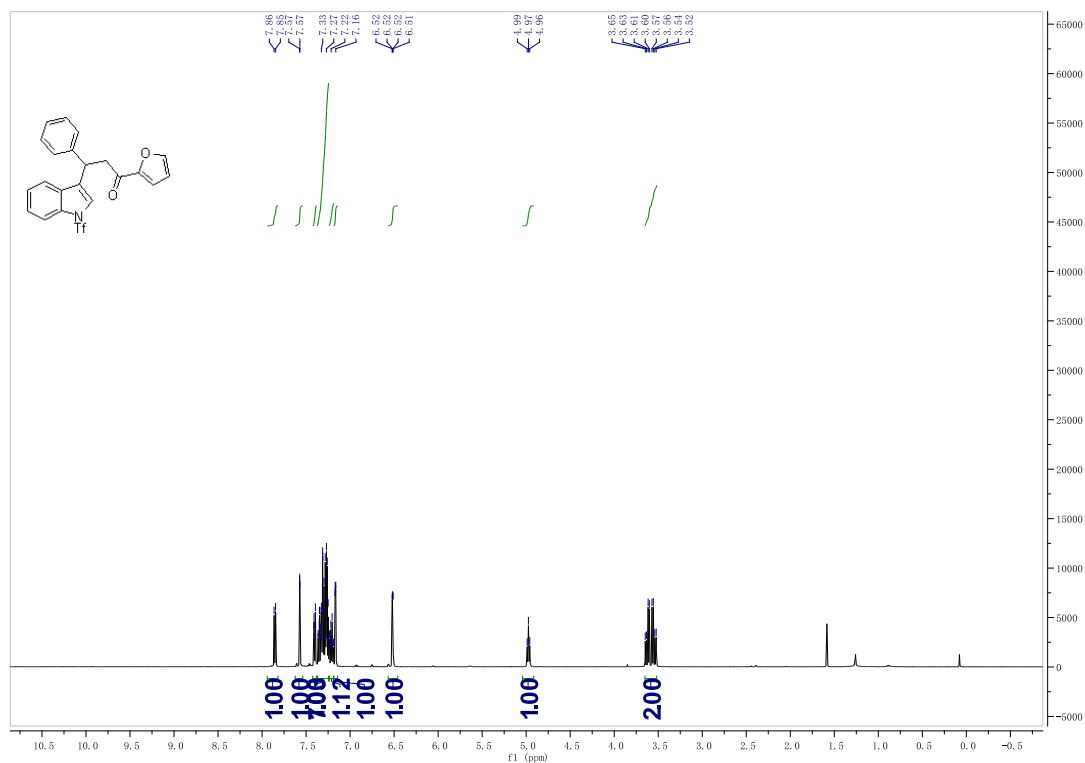
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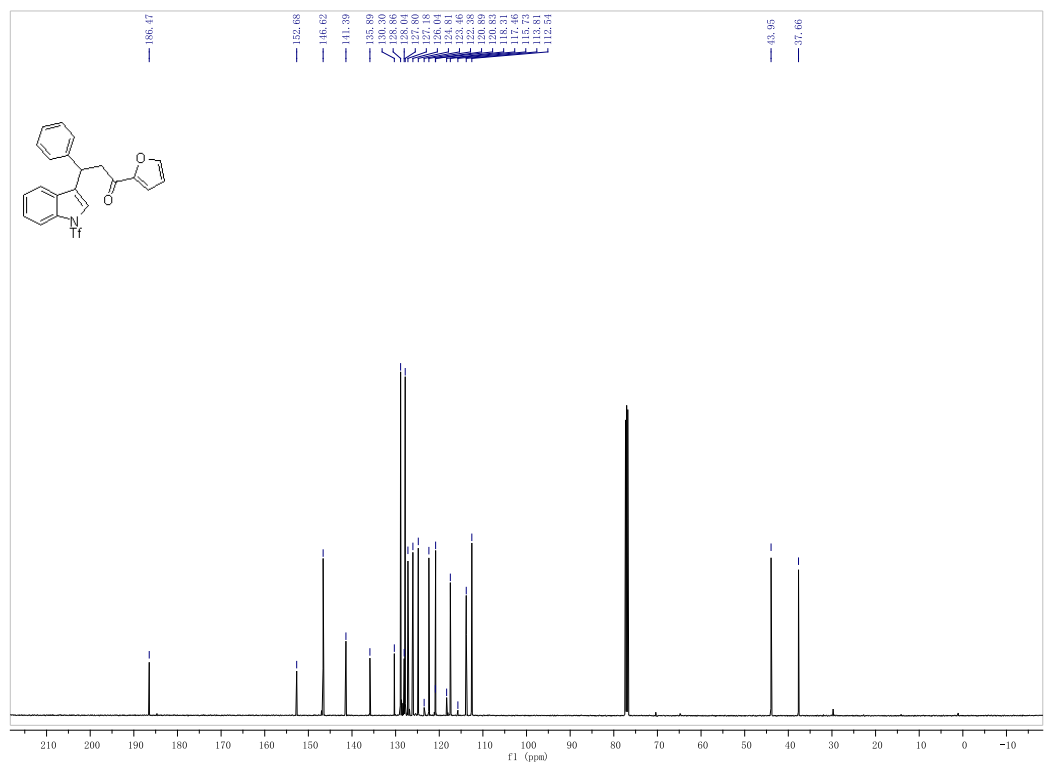
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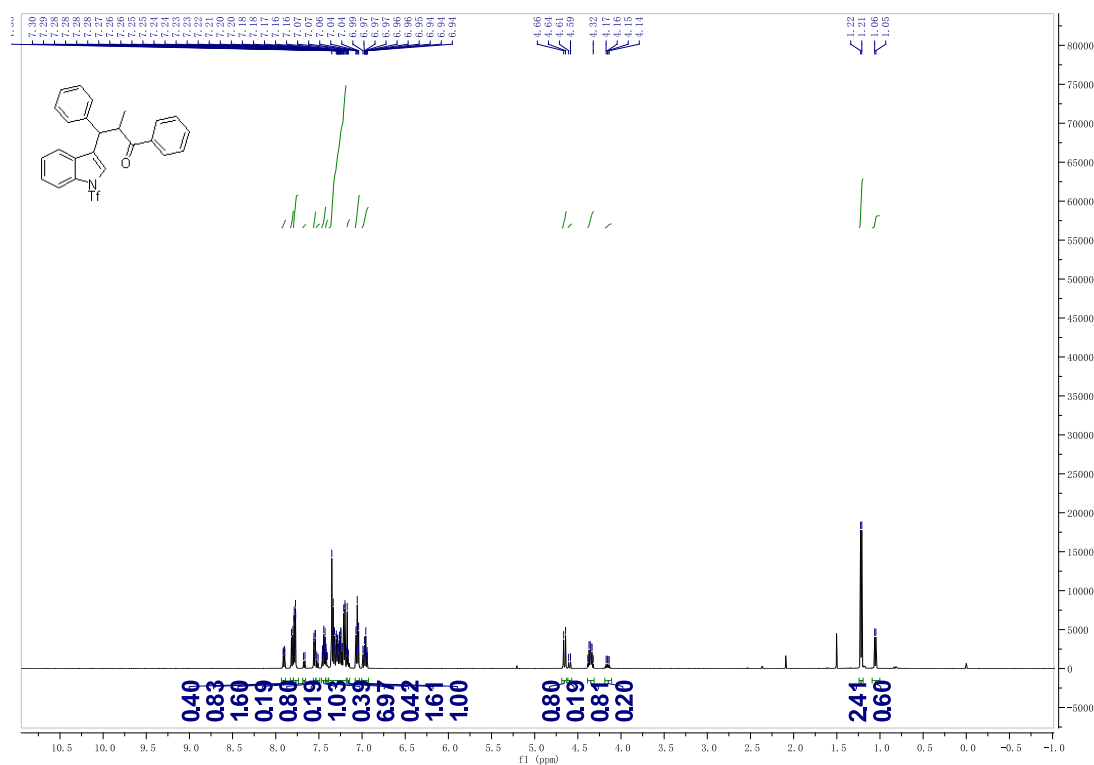


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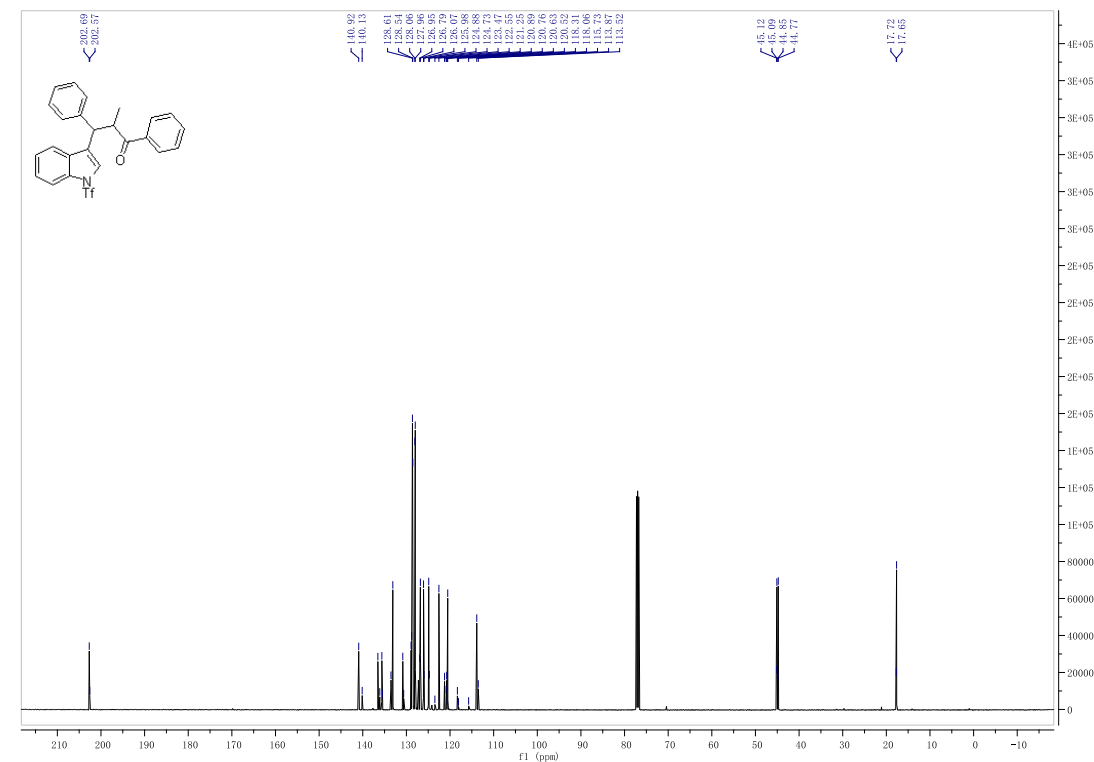




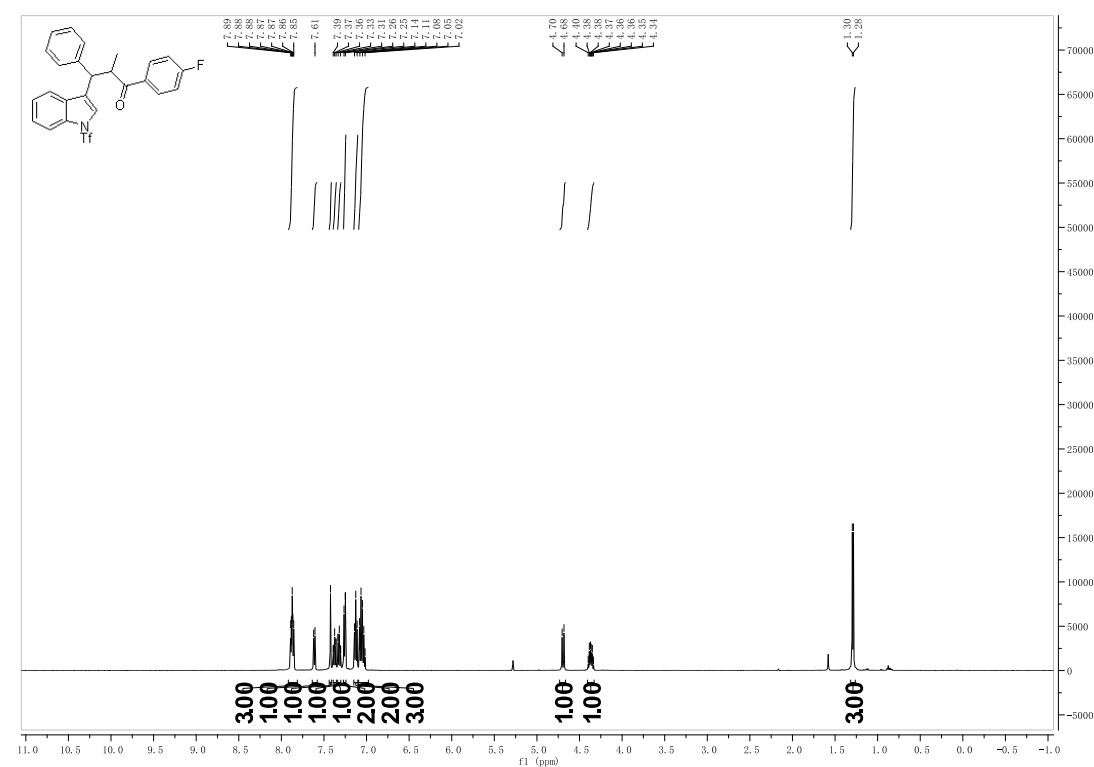
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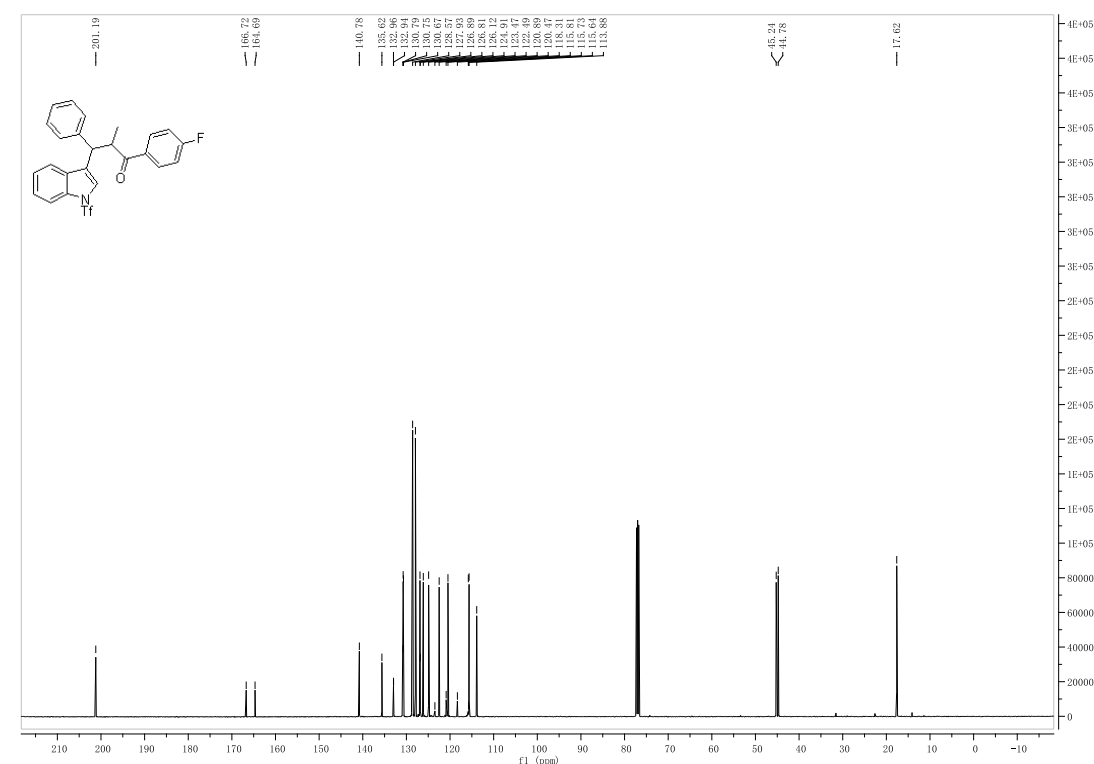
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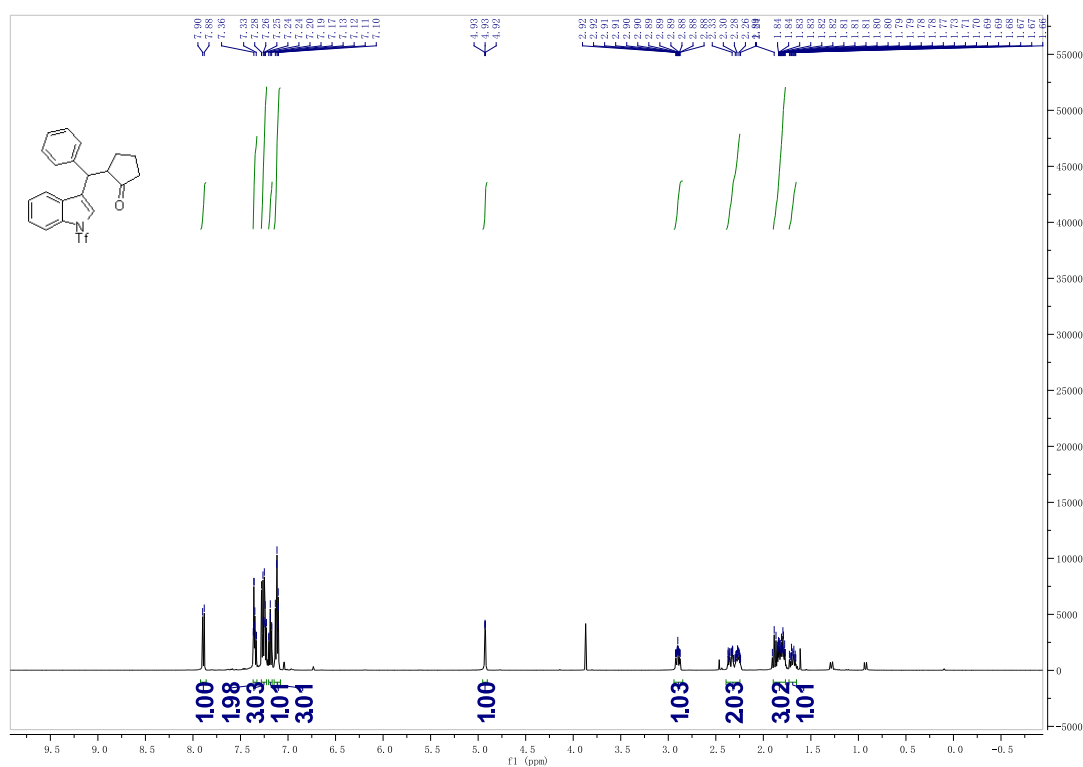
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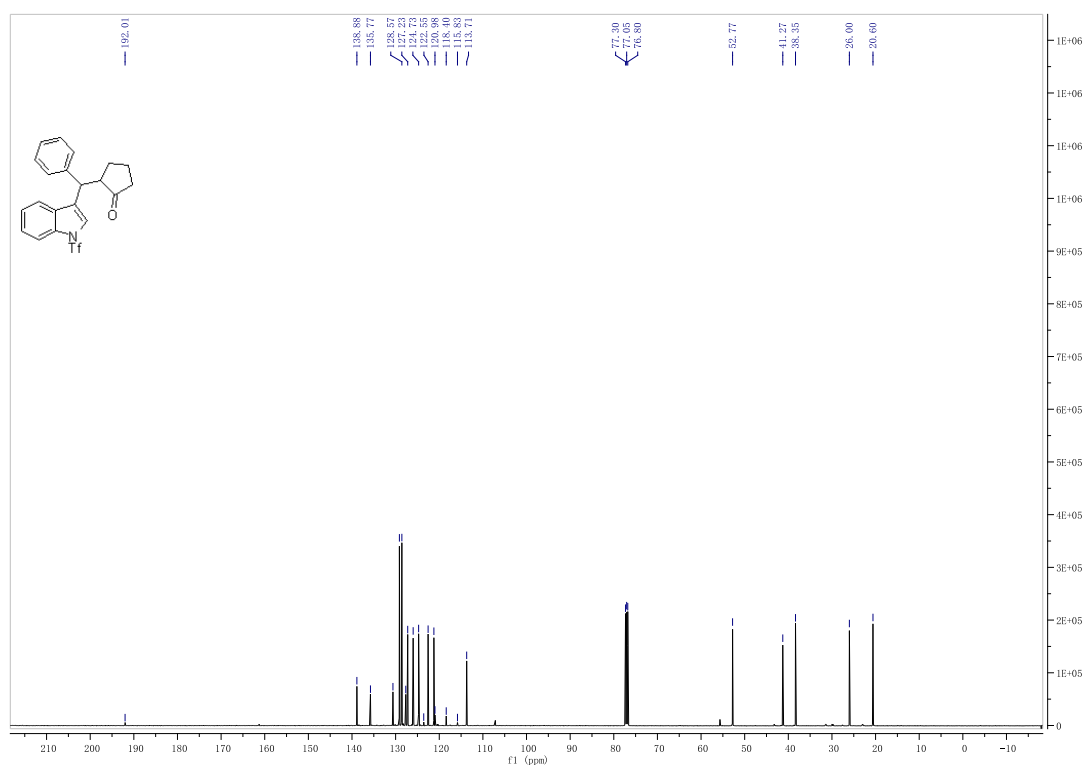
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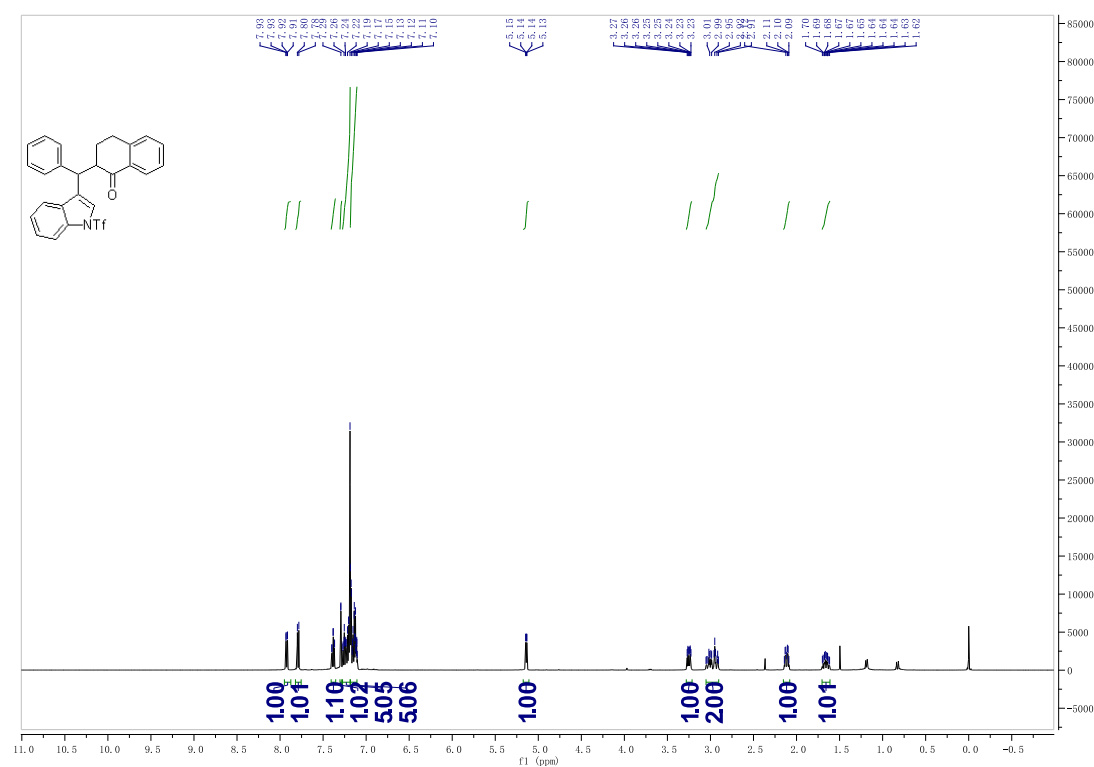
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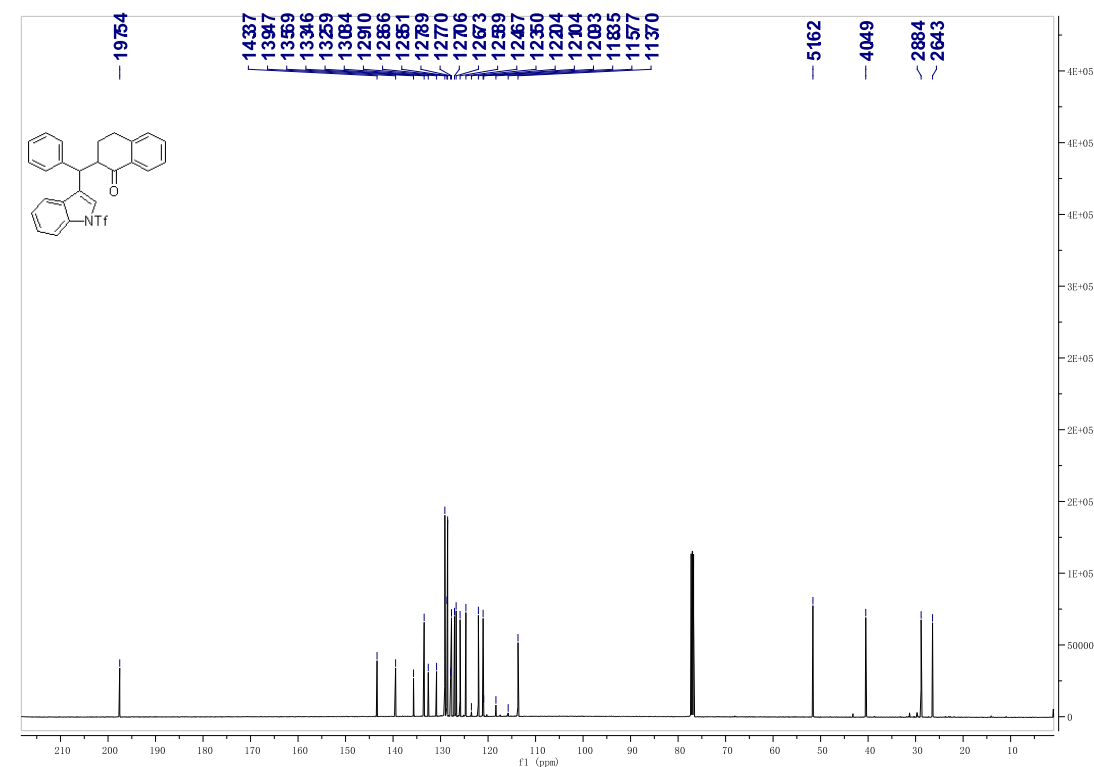
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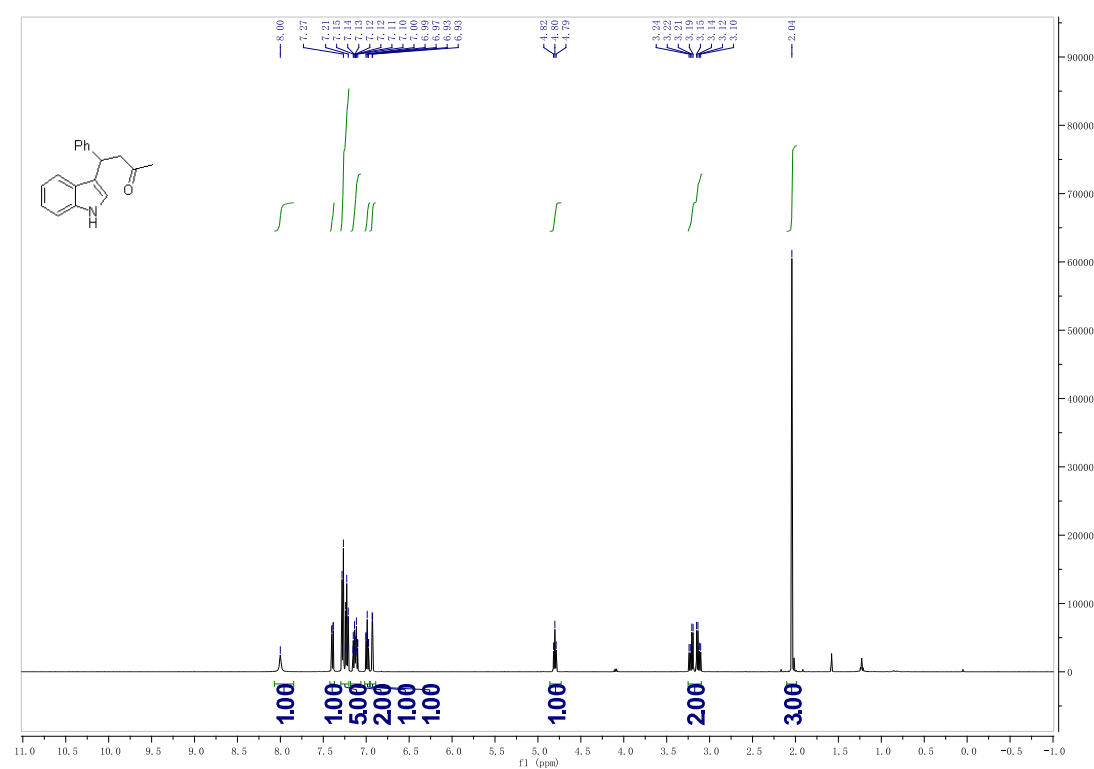
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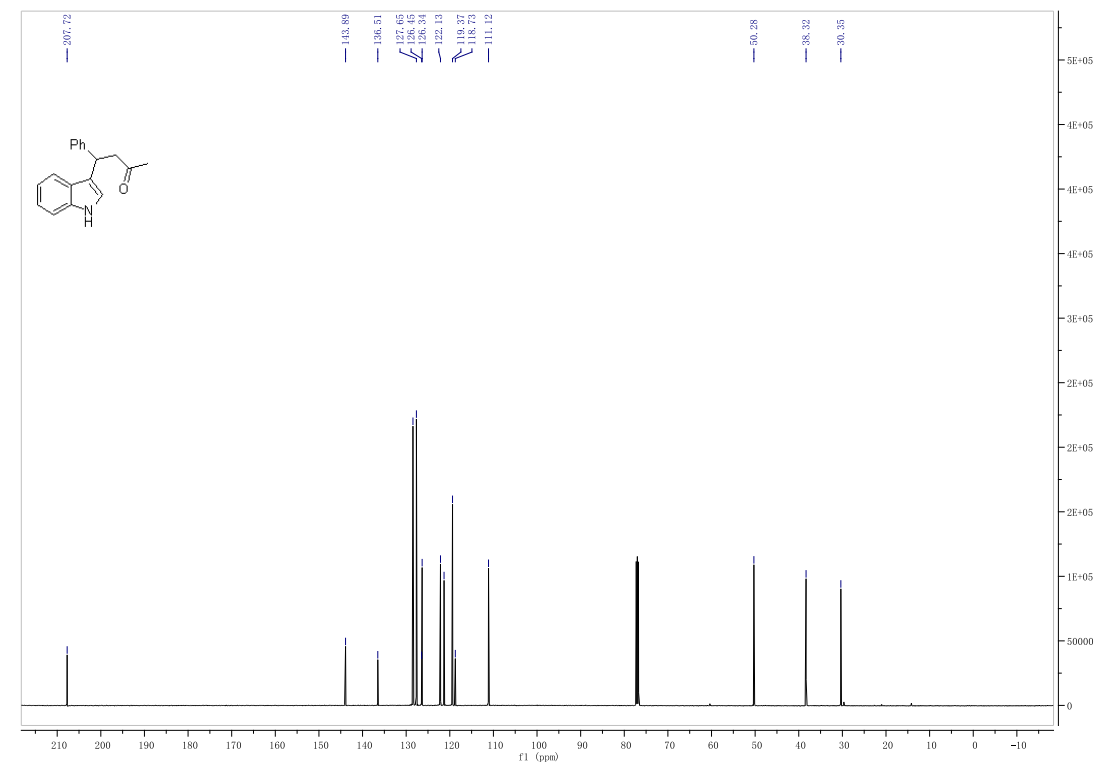
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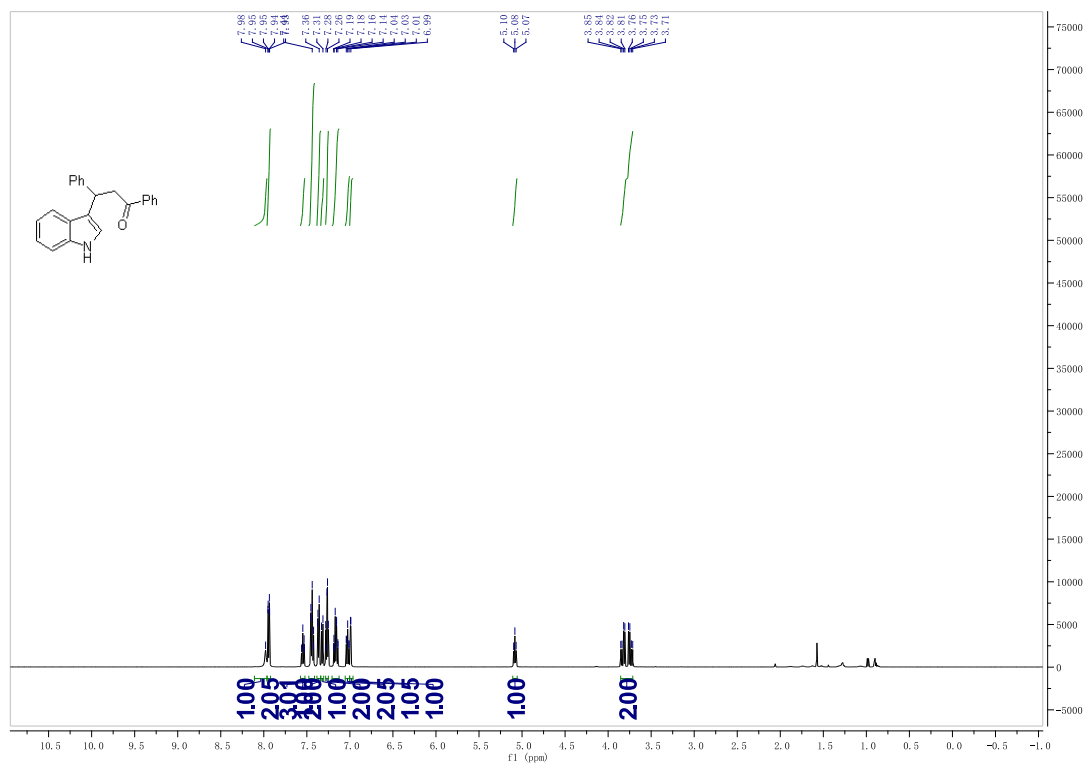
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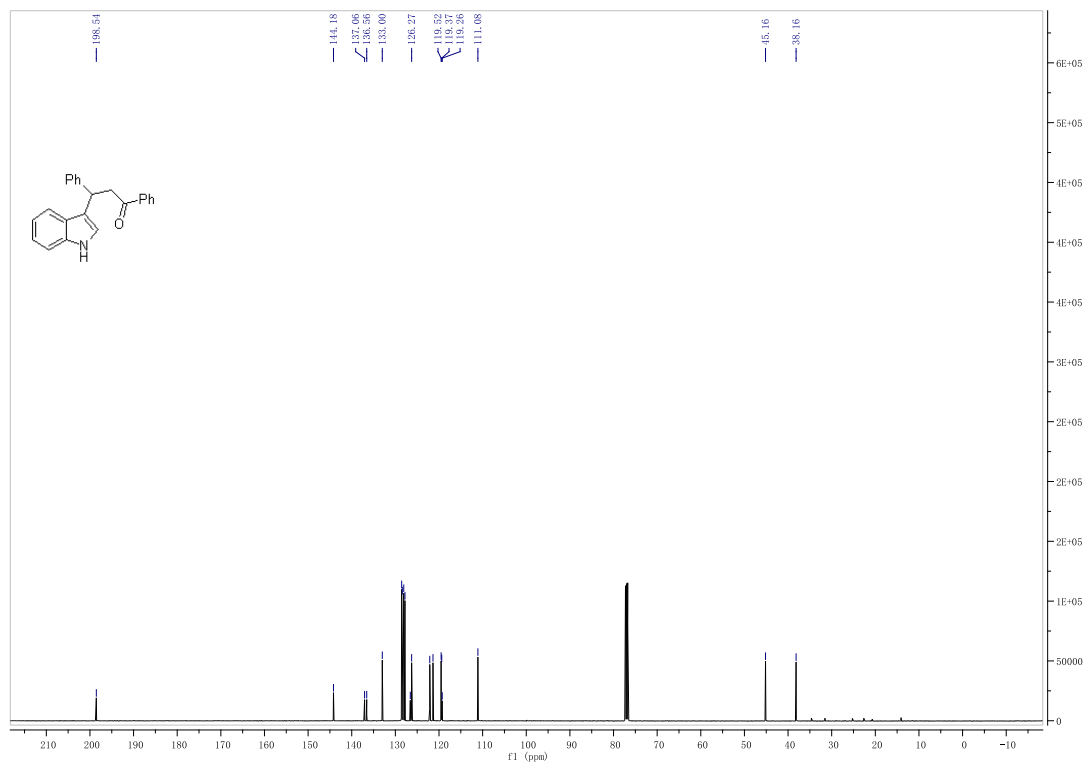
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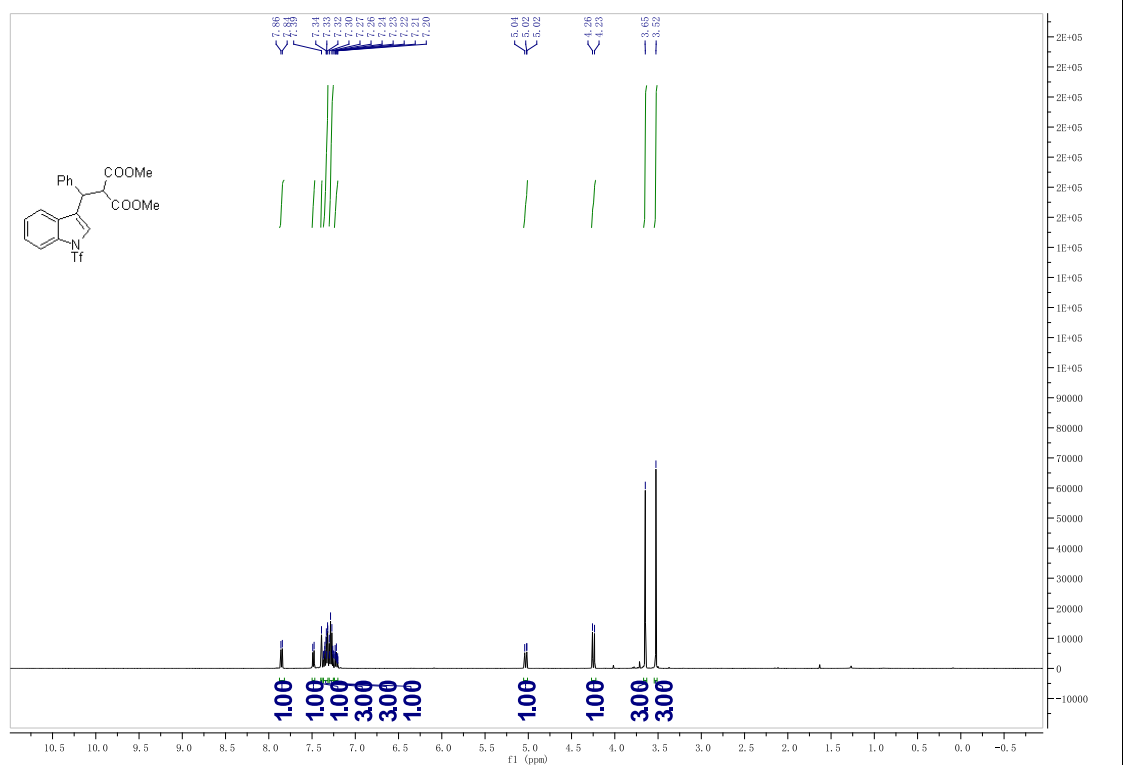
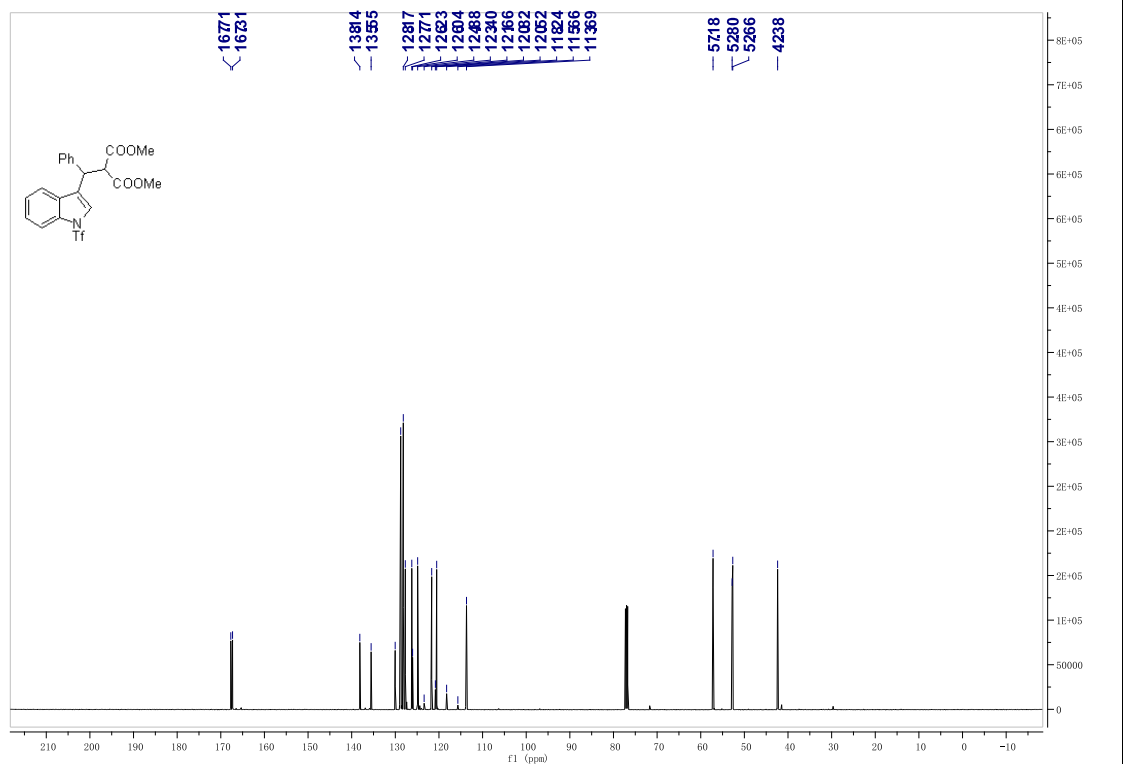
# <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of **3o**



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3o**



### <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of **4a**

<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **4a**

## 8. Copies of HPLC Spectra

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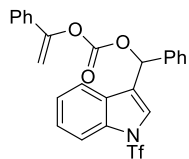
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
51.628	57758498	92.59	217954	92.72
58.877	4619501	7.41	17121	7.28
Totals	62377999	100.00	235075	100.00

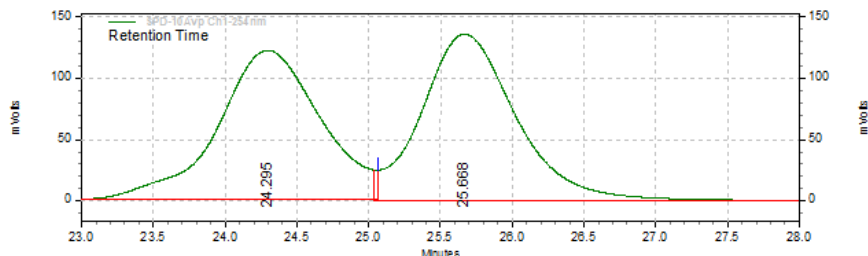


# Phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl (1-phenylvinyl) carbonate



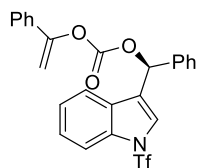
## Area % Report

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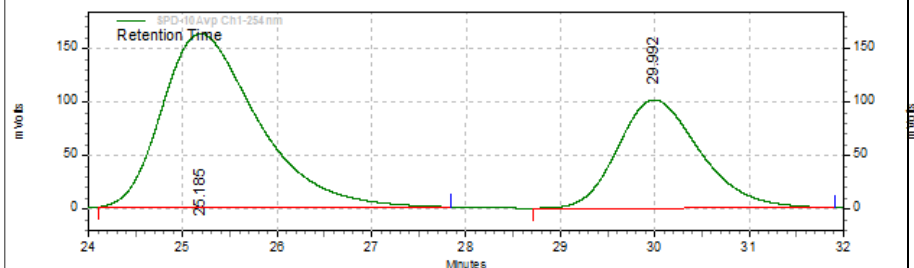
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
24.295	6073645	49.46	121499	47.27
25.668	6205754	50.54	135553	52.73
Totals	12279399	100.00	257052	100.00

# (S)-phenyl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl (1-phenylvinyl) carbonate



## Area % Report

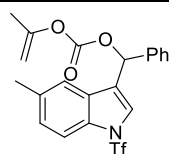
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
25.185	11379580	65.09	162058	61.61
29.992	6103613	34.91	100999	38.39
Totals	17483193	100.00	263057	100.00

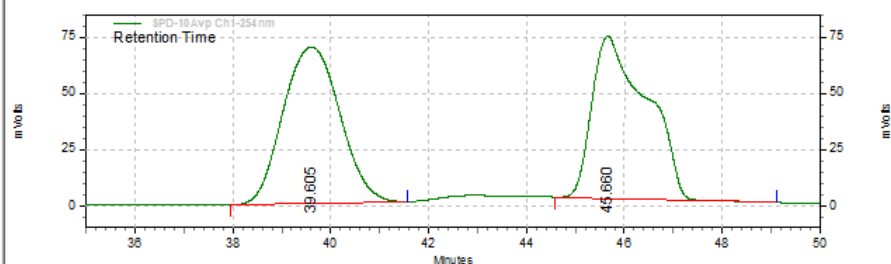
**(5-methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl carbonate**

**prop-1-en-2-yl**



**Area % Report**

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SPD-10Avp

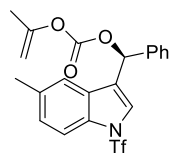
Ch1-254nm

Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
39.605	5613187	49.96	69487	49.09
45.660	5622225	50.04	72072	50.91
Totals	11235412	100.00	141559	100.00

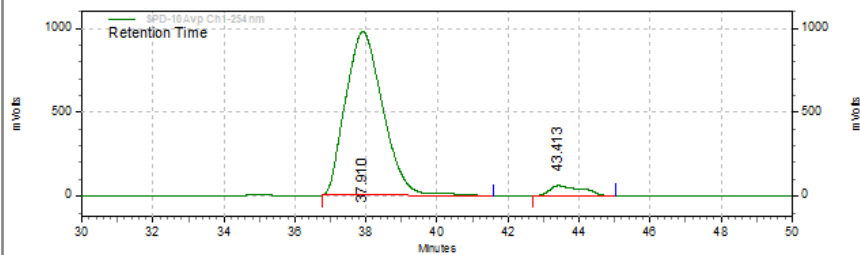
**(S)-(5-methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl carbonate**

**prop-1-en-2-yl**



**Area % Report**

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SPD-10Avp

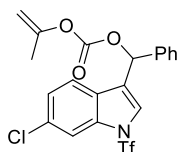
Ch1-254nm

Results

Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
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Totals	74668258	100.00	1034474	100.00

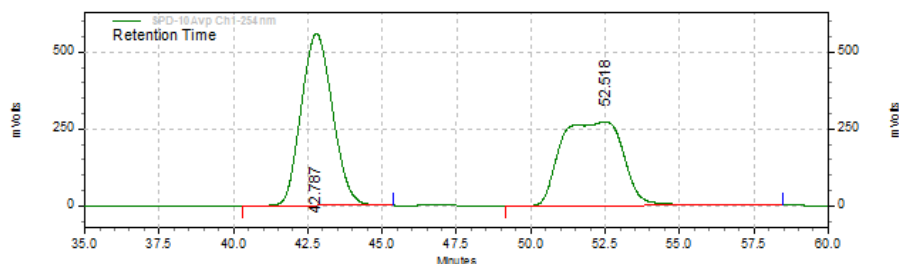
(6-chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl carbonate

prop-1-en-2-yl



Area % Report

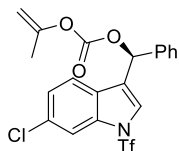
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
42.787	41006785	50.64	558236	67.17
52.518	39976282	49.36	272876	32.83
Totals	80983067	100.00	831112	100.00

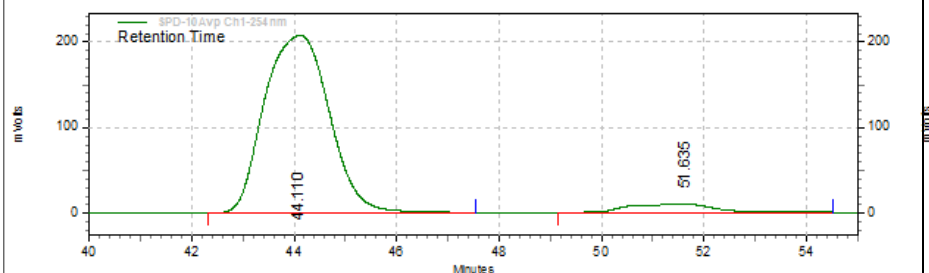
(S)-(6-chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(phenyl)methyl carbonate

prop-1-en-2-yl



Area % Report

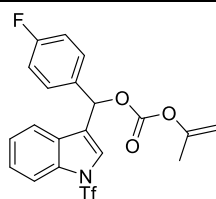
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
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51.635	1117307	5.79	9473	4.37
Totals	19302329	100.00	216535	100.00

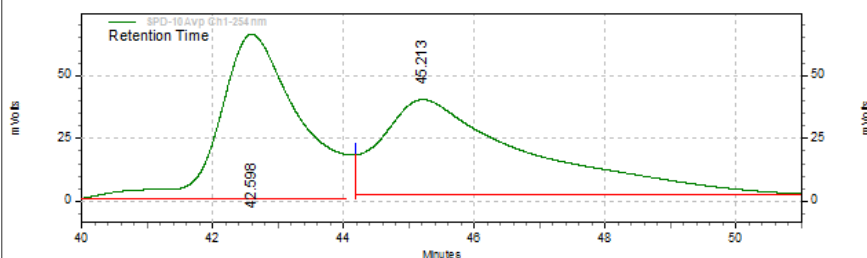
(4-Fluorophenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl carbonate

prop-1-en-2-yl



Area % Report

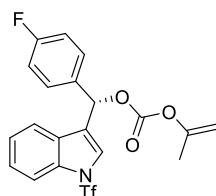
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
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45.213	5800829	50.56	37619	36.42
Totals	11472301	100.00	103282	100.00

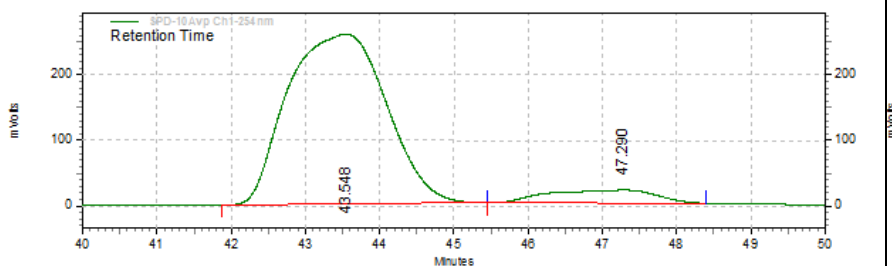
(S)-(4-fluorophenyl)(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl carbonate

prop-1-en-2-yl



Area % Report

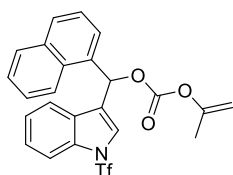
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
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47.290	2040752	7.84	20069	7.19
Totals	26031177	100.00	279118	100.00

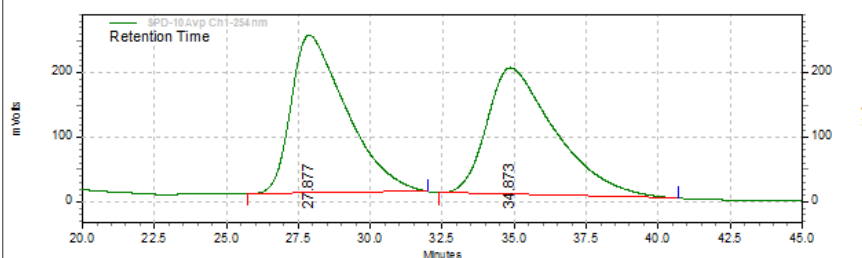
**Naphthalen-1-yl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl carbonate**

**prop-1-en-2-yl**



**Area % Report**

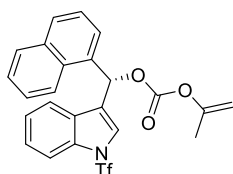
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
27.877	32630182	50.10	244350	55.48
34.873	32500148	49.90	196112	44.52
Totals	65130330	100.00	440462	100.00

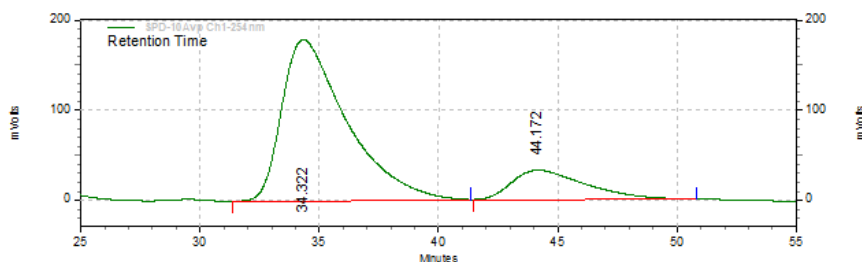
**(S)-naphthalen-1-yl(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)methyl carbonate**

**prop-1-en-2-yl**



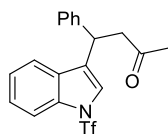
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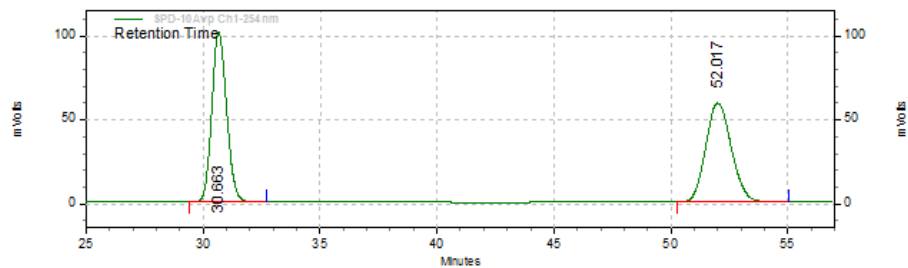
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
34.322	33701119	83.16	178769	84.70
44.172	6826720	16.84	32282	15.30
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#### 4-Phenyl-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



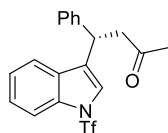
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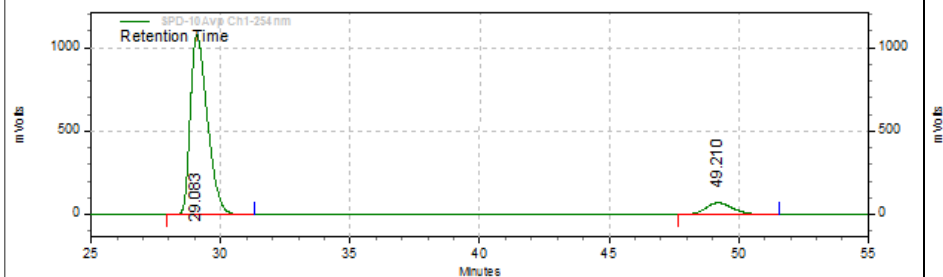
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
30.663	4439904	50.02	101140	63.31
52.017	4436261	49.98	58602	36.69
Totals	8876165	100.00	159742	100.00

#### (S)-4-phenyl-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



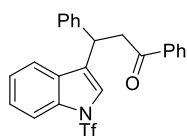
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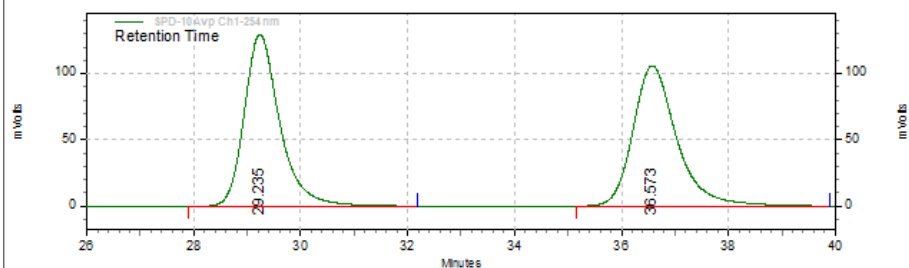
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29.083	49096333	90.76	1077483	93.94
49.210	4999016	9.24	69522	6.06
Totals	54095349	100.00	1147005	100.00

# 1,3-Diphenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one



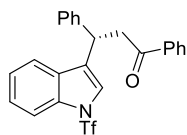
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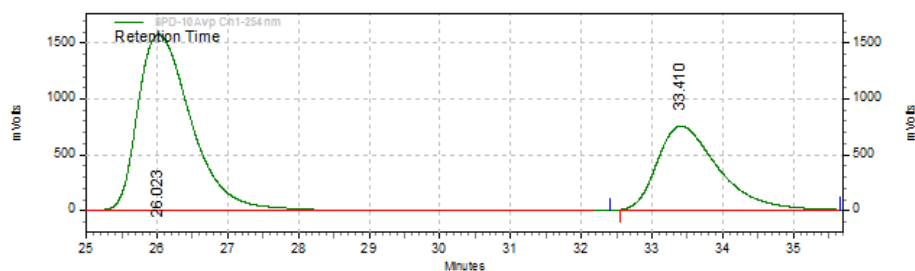
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
29.235	6002229	49.90	129729	55.04
36.573	6027119	50.10	105980	44.96
Totals	12029348	100.00	235709	100.00

# (S)-1,3-diphenyl-3-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)propan-1-one



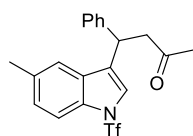
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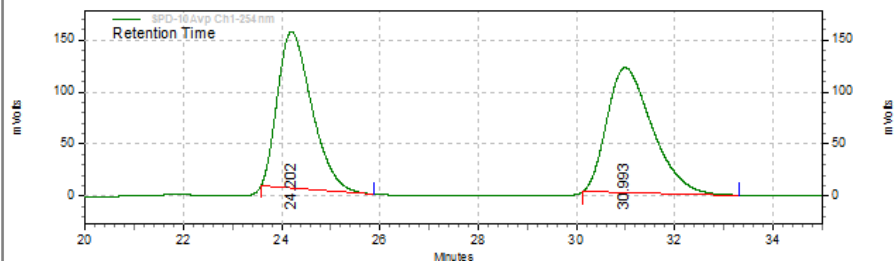
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
26.023	82797004	65.08	1571002	67.72
33.410	44418756	34.92	748797	32.28
Totals	127215760	100.00	2319799	100.00

# 4-(5-Methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one



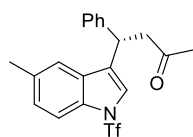
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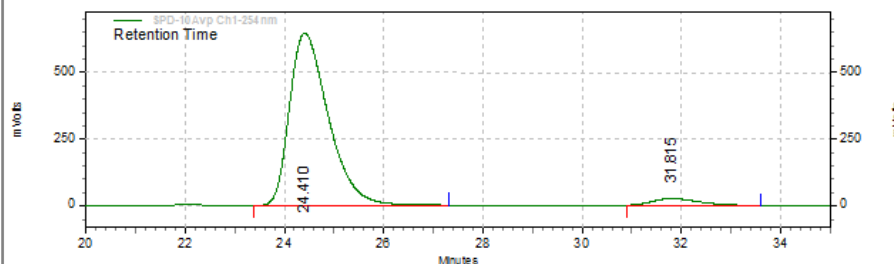
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
24.202	7225009	48.41	149867	55.50
30.993	7700151	51.59	120178	44.50
Totals	14925160	100.00	270045	100.00

# (S)-4-(5-methyl-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one



## Area % Report

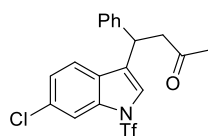
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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
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31.815	1640145	4.47	25236	3.76
Totals	36678768	100.00	670707	100.00

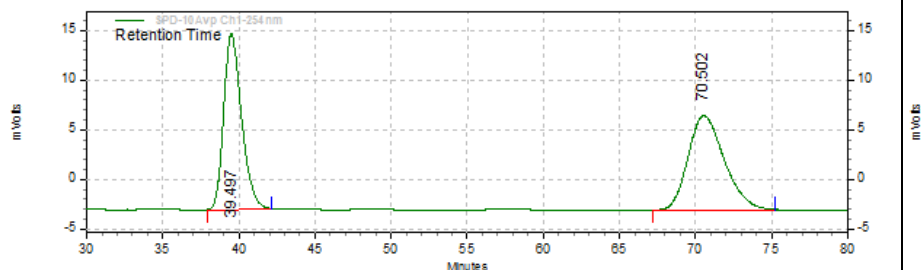


# 4-(6-Chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one



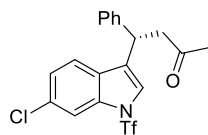
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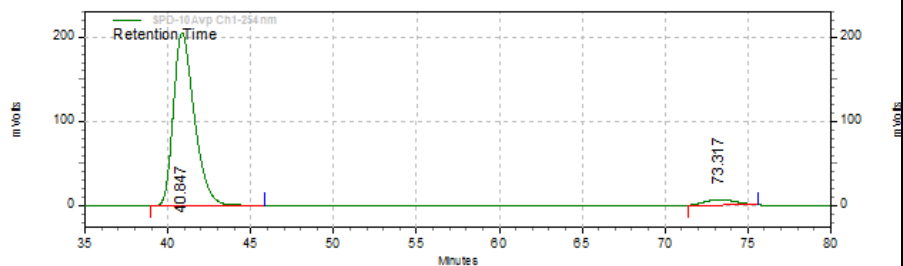
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
39.497	1446384	47.95	17750	65.15
70.502	1570001	52.05	9493	34.85
Totals	3016385	100.00	27243	100.00

# (S)-4-(6-chloro-1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one



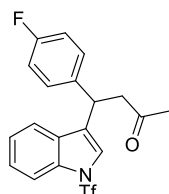
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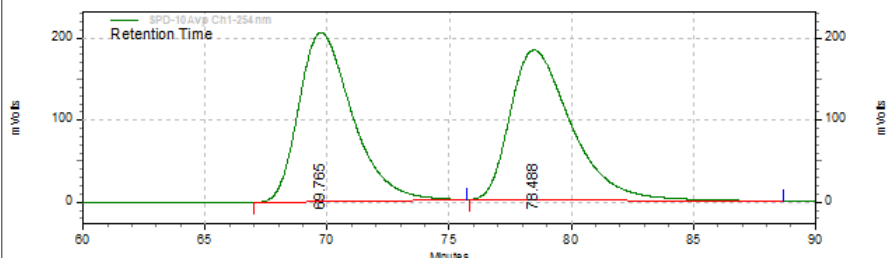
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
40.847	18048919	95.27	205147	96.77
73.317	895841	4.73	6837	3.23
Totals	18944760	100.00	211984	100.00

# 4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



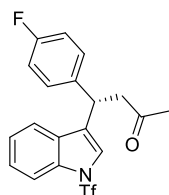
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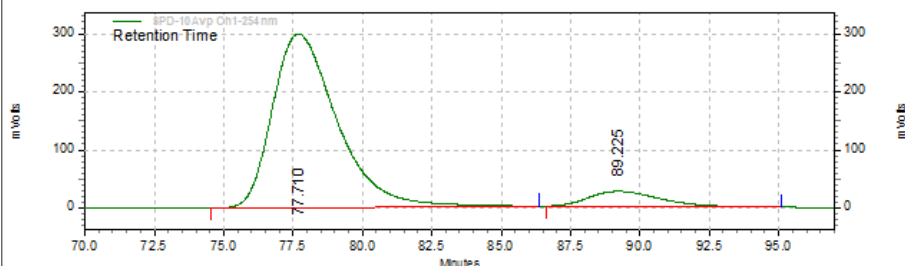
SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
Retention Time	Area	Area %	Height	Height %
69.765	31431205	49.76	205957	53.00
78.488	31733810	50.24	182632	47.00
Totals	63165015	100.00	388589	100.00

# (S)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



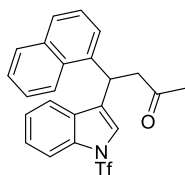
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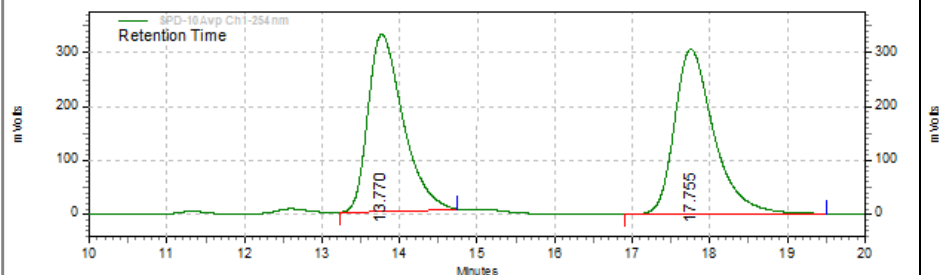
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# 4-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



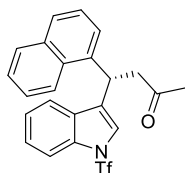
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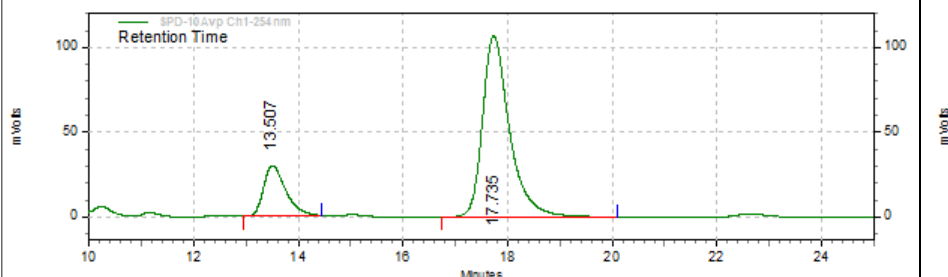
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Totals	21071476	100.00	634700	100.00

# (S)-4-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(1-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)butan-2-one



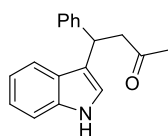
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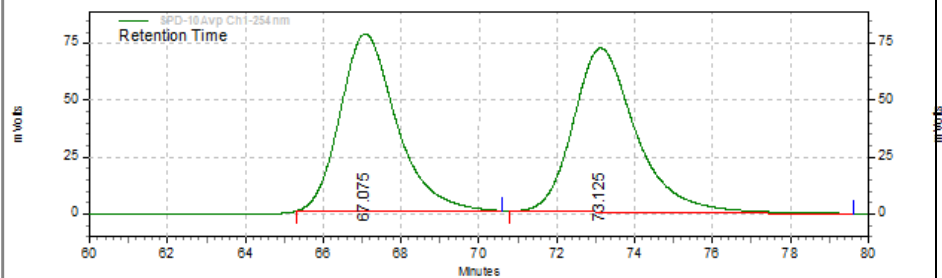
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Totals	4712921	100.00	136753	100.00

# 4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one



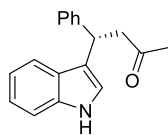
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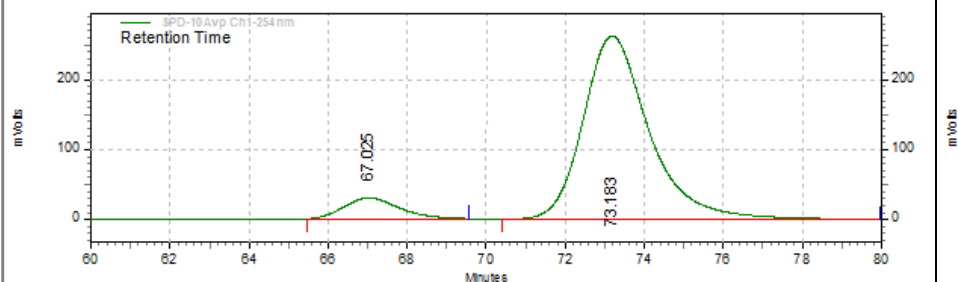
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73.125	8040514	50.67	71857	48.00
Totals	15869305	100.00	149699	100.00

# (S)-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-phenylbutan-2-one



## Area % Report

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SPD-10Avp Ch1-254nm Results				
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67.025	2895568	8.69	29949	10.27
73.183	30429588	91.31	261809	89.73
Totals	33325156	100.00	291758	100.00