Supporting Information

Cobalt-Catalyzed Selective Unsymmetrical Dioxidation of gem-Difluoroalkenes

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General Procedure for the Selective Unsymmetric Dioxygenation of Difluoroalkenes with Phenols (B):

An oven-dried 20 mL scintillation vial, equipped with a magnetic stirbar, was charged with difluoroalkene (0.50 mmol), phenol (1.50 mmol), and Co(acac)₂ (0.050–0.20 mmol). The system was purged with O₂ gas for 1 min before anhydrous DCB (2.0 mL) was added to the system under a stream of O₂ gas. The system was sealed with a PTFE-lined screw-top cap and stirred for 1 min at R.T. Subsequently, the vial was placed into a pre-heated reaction block and stirred vigorously at 90-140 °C for 24-48 h. The vial was cooled to R.T., and 50 µL of TFT was added via microsyringe. The solution was diluted with approximately 1 mL of DCM and then stirred at R.T. for 10 min to allow adequate mixing. After mixing, an aliquot was removed from the vial and passed through a pad of silica gel into an NMR tube using acetone as eluent to remove Co(acac)₂, after which the reaction was analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR for completion and selectivity. After ¹⁹F NMR analysis, the aliquot was sampled for TLC analysis (visualized with 10% phosphomolybdic acid in EtOH) then returned to the vial. Aqueous base (sat. NaOH or Na₂CO₃) was added to the solution and stirred for 30 min, and then extracted with DCM (four times). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo*, and then purified by flash chromatography using EtOAc and hexanes.

Optimization of Reaction Conditions:

ArO ArO 10% TBD ٠F 1 equiv. Oxidant HO OH 100 °C, DCB R R R Br *atm.*, 18 h 2 $R = 3, 4, 5(OMe)_3$ 3 1 Atmosphere 1 3 Oxidant MnO₂ O₂ 0 0 $K_2S_2O_8$ 15 23 O_2 KMnO₄ O₂ 38 13 Oxone 48 5 02 DMP 16 02 14 NMO 53 3 02 IBX 27 35 02 $K_2S_2O_8$ 8 air 21 KMnO₄ 46 0 air mCPBA air 23 0 IBX 61 0 air H₂O₂ (30 %) 40 11 air ^tBuOOH air 34 0 lodopentoxide trace trace trace air Cumene Hydroperoxide 28 3 air (^tBuO)₂ air 40 trace 1.5 H₂O₂-Urea 39 6 air Oxone 37 0 air DMP* 0 air 36

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Table S1: Reactions with Oxidants:

* = Reacted on addition at room temperature

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Following General Procedure B, 0.023 g (0.10 mmol) of compound 1 was reacted with 0.052 g (0.30 mmol) of 4-bromophenol in the presence of 0.0014 g (0.010 mmol) of TBD, and 0.10 mmol of oxidant in 0.40 mL of DCB at 100 °C for 18 h. Reactions were analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR with a 0.010 mL (0.080 mmol) TFT standard.

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F F H	0、	10 % TBD 10 % Metal	ArO F F	ArO F F
R+ +	Br	100 °C, DCB O ₂ , 18 h	R	R
1	2	$R = 3, 4, 5(OMe)_3$	3	4
Metal		1	3	4
Pd(OAc) ₂		5	38	26
Pd ₂ (dba) ₃		5	47	17
FeCl ₃		4	38	23
Fe(OAc) ₂		5	41	35
CuCl		4	24	23
Cu(OAc) ₂		0	30	33
AuCl ₃		0	0	0
Ag ₂ CO ₃		10	43	24
AgNO ₃		5	32	27
[lr(cod)Cl] ₂		26	30	22
RhCl ₃ –H ₂ O		6	46	29
Co(acac) ₂		6	74	13

Table S2: Reactions with Oxidizing Metals:

Following General Procedure B, 0.023 g (0.10 mmol) of compound **1** was reacted with 0.052 g (0.30 mmol) of 4-bromophenol in the presence of 0.0014 g (0.010 mmol) of TBD, and 0.010 mmol of metal in 0.40 mL of DCB at 100 °C for 18 h. Reactions were analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR with a 0.01 mL (0.080 mmol) TFT standard.

Table S3: Solvent Screening:	

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FF		ArO F	ArO F
HO	10 % Co(acac) ₂		
R+++	100 °C, <i>Solvent</i> Br O ₂ , 18 h	R	R
1 2	$R = 3, 4, 5(OMe)_3$	3	4
Solvent	1	3	4
DCB	7	63	5
H ₂ O	35	32	1
IPA	64	7	0.5
1,4-Dioxane	61	5	0
MeCN	45	20	2
DMF	55	15	5
PhMe	28	55	2
DMSO	49	9	5

Following General Procedure B, 0.023 g (0.10 mmol) of compound **1** was reacted with 0.052 g (0.30 mmol) of 4-bromophenol in the presence of 0.003 g (0.010 mmol) of $Co(acac)_2$ in 0.40 mL of solvent at 100 °C for 18 h. Reactions were analyzed by ¹⁹F NMR with a 0.010 mL (0.080 mmol) TFT standard.

Experimental Procedures for Mechanistic Experiments:

Table S4: Radical Trap Experiments:

MeO 4a	HO Br	10 % Co(90 °C, 2 DCB, O <i>Radical</i>	24 h, MeO´ 2 atm	ArO F F OH 5a
Radical Trap		Conv.	Pdt	Ketone
^t Bu Me		68%	0%	0%
o o o		100%	0%	0%
NO ₂		92%	54%	5.5%

Reaction with Butylated Hydroxy-Toluene (BHT):

Following General Procedure B, 0.085 g (0.50 mmol) of compound **4a** was reacted with 0.260 g (1.50 mmol) of 4-bromophenol in the presence of 0.331 g (1.50 mmol) of BHT and 0.013 g (0.050 mmol) of Co(acac)₂ at 110 °C for 15 h. The reaction was cooled to R.T., and 0.050 mL (0.40 mmol) of TFT was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with DCM and filtered through silica gel with acetone. The reaction yield and selectivity were determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture, and non-fluorinated adducts were observed through GC-MS analysis.

Reaction with 1,4-Benzoquinone:

Following General Procedure B, 0.085 g (0.50 mmol) of compound **4a** was reacted with 0.260 g (1.50 mmol) of 4-bromophenol in the presence of 0.162 g (1.50 mmol) of 1,4-benzoquinone and 0.013 g (0.050 mmol) of $Co(acac)_2$ at 110 °C for 15 h. The reaction was cooled to R.T., and 0.050 mL (0.40 mmol) of TFT was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with DCM and filtered through silica gel with acetone. The reaction yield and selectivity were determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture, and non-fluorinated adducts were observed through GC-MS analysis.

Reaction with 1,4-Dinitrobenzene:

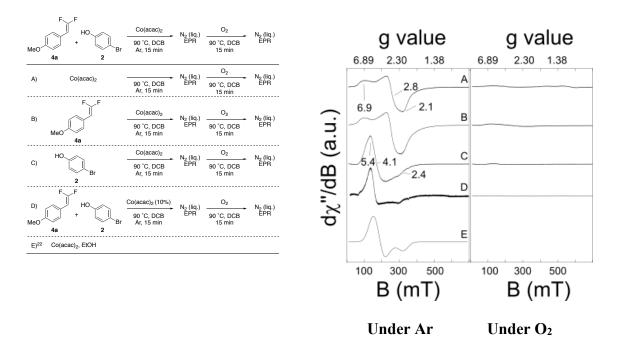
Following General Procedure B, 0.085 g (0.50 mmol) of compound **4a** was reacted with 0.260 g (1.50 mmol) of 4-bromophenol in the presence of 0.252 g (1.50 mmol) of 1,4-dinitrobenzene and 0.013 g (0.050 mmol) of $Co(acac)_2$ at 110 °C for 15 h. The reaction was cooled to R.T., and 0.050 mL (0.40 mmol) of TFT was added. The resulting mixture was diluted with DCM and filtered through silica gel with acetone. The reaction yield and selectivity were determined by ¹⁹F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture, and non-fluorinated adducts were observed through GC-MS analysis.

EPR Experiments:

Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR), also known as Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) spectroscopy was used to probe the proposed reaction mechanism. EPR is a magnetic resonance spectroscopy sensitive to the oxidation state and molecular structure of molecules with unpaired electrons, such as transition metal complexes and stable radicals.² The proposed mechanism involves paramagnetic cobalt, reactive oxygen species, and organic radicals; thus, EPR was used to validate the role of these species in the general reaction.

Figure S1: EPR Experiments at 7 K to Analyze the Electronic Character of the Co:

EPR at 7 K revealed that Co does not interact with the difluoroalkene (A vs. B). The Co catalyst coordinates with phenol (A vs. C) in a similar fashion to a known $(EtOH)_2Co(acac)_2$ complex (E). However, the interaction with phenol does not involve a redox event, as the Co remains Co(II). The presumed (PhOH)_2Co(acac)_2 does not react with the difluoroalkene in the absence of O₂ (C vs. D). Upon addition of O₂, Co(II) (Left Frame) rapidly oxidizes to Co(III) (Right Frame), at which point the metal is no longer paramagnetic and EPR spectra cannot be obtained.



A) Reacting Co(acac)₂ and O₂:

Co(acac)₂ (0.021 g, 0.082 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (1.0 mL) was added, and a 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred to an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K. The reaction mixture was transferred into an O₂ balloon, and stirred at 90 °C for 30 min A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K.

B) Reacting Co(acac)₂ and 4a under O₂:

Following General Procedure B, in an oven-dried one dram vial compound **4a** (0.043 g, 0.25 mmol) was reacted with $Co(acac)_2$ (0.064 g, 0.25 mmol) in DCB (1.0 mL). An O₂ balloon was added, and a 100 µL aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred to an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K. The reaction was then put under an O₂ balloon, and stirred at 90 °C for 30 min. A 100 µL aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K.

C) Reacting Co(acac)₂ and 4-bromophenol under O₂:

Following General Procedure B, in an oven-dried one dram vial of 4-bromophenol (0.13 g, 0.75 mmol) was reacted with $Co(acac)_2$ (0.064 g, 0.25 mmol) in DCB (1.0 mL). An O₂ balloon was added, and a 100 µL aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred to an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K. The reaction was then put under an O₂ balloon, and stirred at 90 °C for 30 min. A 100 µL aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K.

D) Following Full Reaction Course:

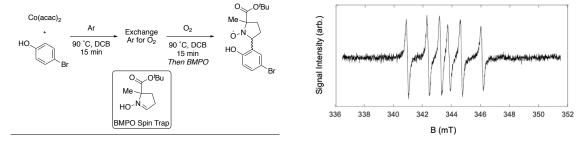
Following General Procedure B, in an oven-dried one dram vial of compound **4a** (0.043 g, 0.25 mmol) was reacted with 4-bromophenol (0.13 g, 0.75 mmol) in the presence of Co(acac)₂ (0.006 g, 0.03 mmol) in DCB (1.0 mL). An O₂ balloon was added, and a 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred to an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K. The reaction mixture was transferred into an O₂ balloon, and stirred at 90 °C for 30 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an EPR tube, frozen in liquid N₂, and then subjected to EPR analysis at 7 K.

Table S5: EPR Parameters of Spectral Types Observed, 10 K				
Spectrum ID	g-values	Line Width	Experiments	
•	7, 2.5, 2.5	75	Co(II) and Ar	
A	1, 2.3, 2.3	15	Co(II) and 4a and Ar	
D	5, 3, 2	150	$Co(II)$ and O_2	
D	5, 5, 2	150	$Co(II)$ and $4a$ and O_2	
C	5.8, 3.8, 2.5	50	Co(II), 2 , and Ar	
C	5.8, 5.8, 2.5	50	Co(II), 2 , 4a , and Ar	
	4.5, 2	75	$Co(II)$, 2 , and O_2	
D	4.3, 2	15	Co(II), 2 , 4a , and O ₂	

EPR Parameters: Full Reaction Course and Co(acac)₂ with Phenol under Ar:

Table S6: Summary of EPR Parameters for Full Dipolar Zero-Field-Splitting Hamiltonian			
	Spectrum A/B Spectrum C/D		
S	3/2	3/2	
G	2.2	2.2	
Nucleus	Со	Со	
A (MHz)	0	0	
Line Width	100	100	
D (MHz)	500,000	500,000	
E (MHz)	166,667	0	

Figure S2: EPR Spin Trapping of Phenol Radical with BMPO:



EPR Spin Trapping with BMPO or DMPO:

To elucidate the presence and source of reactive oxygen species and organic radicals, EPR Spin Trapping analysis with the nitrone spin traps BMPO and DMPO was performed (Figure S2). To determine the source of the reactive oxygen species and/or organic radicals, each potential reaction pathway was investigated in a string of half reactions, involving spin trapping reagents and EPR analysis (Figure S3). From these experiments, organic radicals and reactive oxygen species were only trapped in the presence of Co, phenol, and O₂, consistent with our proposed mechanism in which Co activates O₂ to generate a reactive oxygen species that abstracts a hydrogen radical from phenol to generate a reactive organic radical. In all other conditions, no signal above baseline noise was observed, with the exception of difluoroalkene and Co in the presence of Ar. However, this signal likely results from the known background reaction between N–O species and difluoroalkenes and not along the Co-catalyzed reaction pathway.

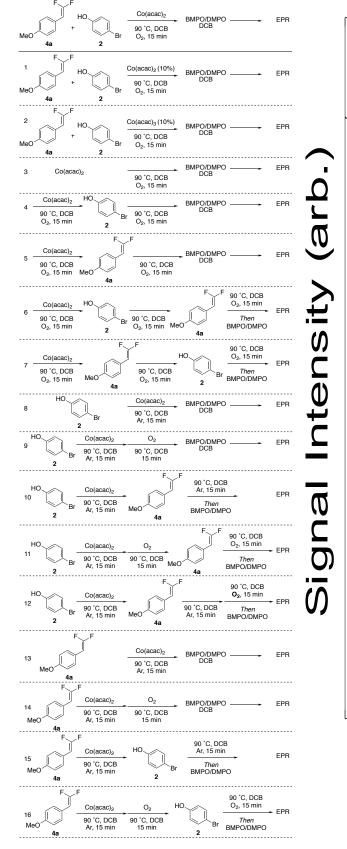


Figure S3: EPR Spin Trapping with BMPO or DMPO:

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Pathway A (spectrum 1): Following General Procedure A, in an oven-dried one dram vial of compound **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) was reacted with 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in the presence of $Co(acac)_2$ (0.0026 g, 0.010 mmol) in DCB (0.40 mL). An O₂ balloon was added, and the reaction was stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 µL aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 µL of a 20 mg/200 µL DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 1).

Pathway A-2 (spectrum 2): Following General Procedure A, in an oven-dried one dram vial of compound **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) was reacted with 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in the presence of Co(acac)₃ (0.0038 g, 0.010 mmol) in DCB (0.40 mL). An O₂ balloon was added, and the reaction was stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 2).

Pathway B (spectra 3, 4, and 6): Co(acac)₂ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (0.40 mL) was added, then put under an O₂ balloon and stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 3). Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 3). Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 4). Then **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 4). Then **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 6).

Pathway C (spectra 5 and 7): Co(acac)₂ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (0.40 mL) was added, then put under an O₂ balloon and stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. Then **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 5). Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 5). Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 7). *Note:* Spectrum 5 demonstrates the background reaction of N-O oxides or radicals with difluoroalkenes, as observed in ¹⁹F NMR control reactions with BMPO or TEMPO in the absence of Co(acac)₂.

Pathway D (spectra 8, 9, and 11): Co(acac)₂ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) and 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (0.40 mL) was added, then put under an Ar balloon and stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 8). Then Ar was exchanged for O₂, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 8). Then Ar was exchanged for O₂, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 9). Then **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample of EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 11).

Pathway E (spectra 10 and 12): Co(acac)₂ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) and 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (0.40 mL) was added, then put under an Ar balloon and stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. Then **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 10). Then Ar was exchanged for O₂, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 10). Then Ar was exchanged for O₂, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 mix. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 mix. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 mix. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 10).

Pathway F (spectra 13, 14, and 16): Co(acac)₂ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) and **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (0.40 mL) was added, then put under an Ar balloon and stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 13). Then Ar was exchanged for O₂, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 13). Then Ar was exchanged for O₂, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 14). Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 14). Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 μ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 μ L of a 20 mg/200 μ L DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 16).

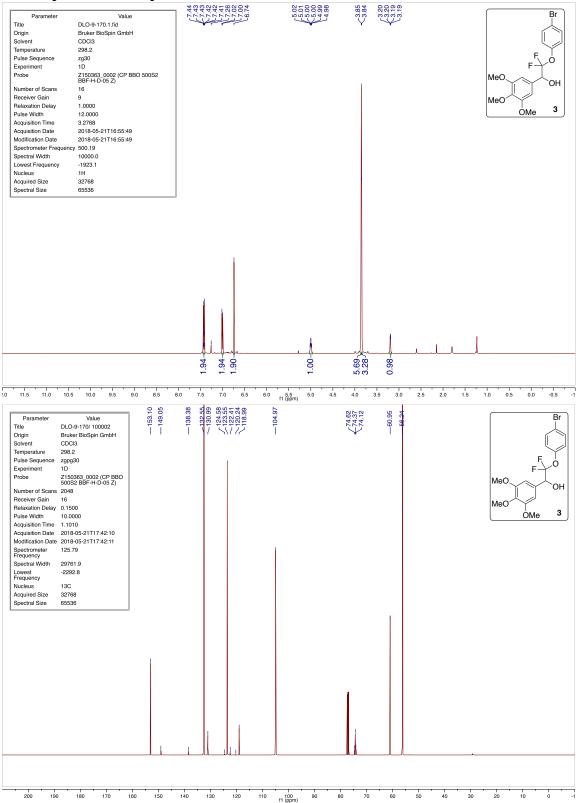
Pathway G (spectrum 15): $Co(acac)_2$ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) and **4a** (0.017 g, 0.10 mmol) was added to an oven dried one dram vial. The vial was sealed with a screw-top cap containing a PTFE-lined silicon septum, and the reaction was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂. DCB (0.40 mL) was added, then put under an Ar balloon and stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. Then 4-bromophenol (0.052 g, 0.30 mmol) in 0.40 mL DCB was added, and the reaction stirred at 90 °C for 15 min. A 100 µL aliquot of the reaction mixture was transferred into an Eppendorf tube containing 10 µL of a 20 mg/200 µL DCB sample of BMPO or DMPO, mixed on a Vortex mixer, and then a capillary tube sample removed for EPR analysis at R.T. (Figure S3-1, Spectrum 15).

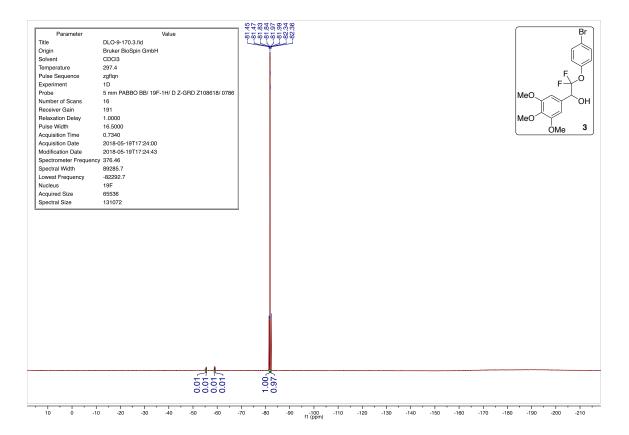
Table S7: Spectral Simulation Parameters for Spectrum 5				
Center Field (mT)	344			
Sweep Width (mT)	15			
Microwave Frequency (GHz)	9.6426			
G	2.0055			
A (MHz)	$1 - {}^{14}N$	35.3525 (1.2615 mT)	N = 1	
	$2 - {}^{1}\mathrm{H}$	20.0400 (0.6161 mT)	N = 1	
Iwpp (mT)	0.45			

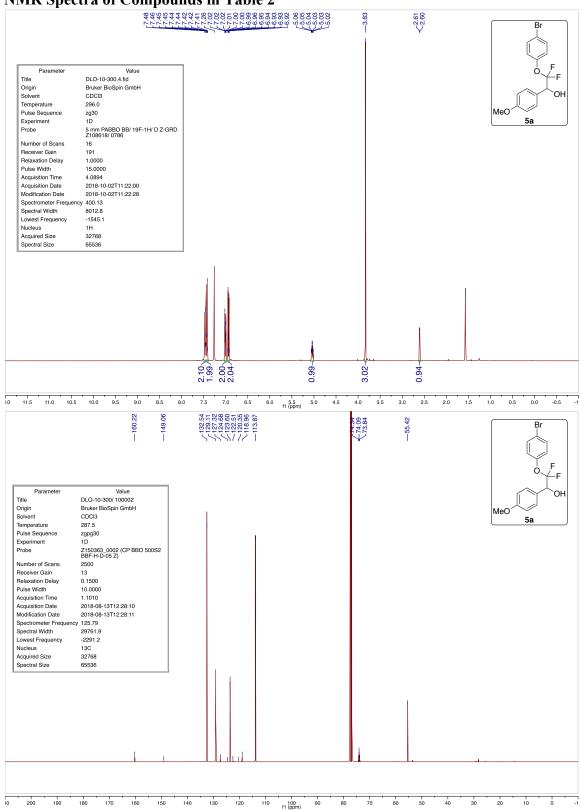
EPR Parameters from Spin Trapping Experimentation

Table S8: Spectral Simulation Parameters for Spectrum 8				
Center Field (mT)	344			
Sweep Width (mT)	15			
Microwave Frequency (GHz)	9.6433			
G	2.0055			
A (MHz)	$1 - {}^{14}N$	39.2349 (1.40 mT)	N = 1	
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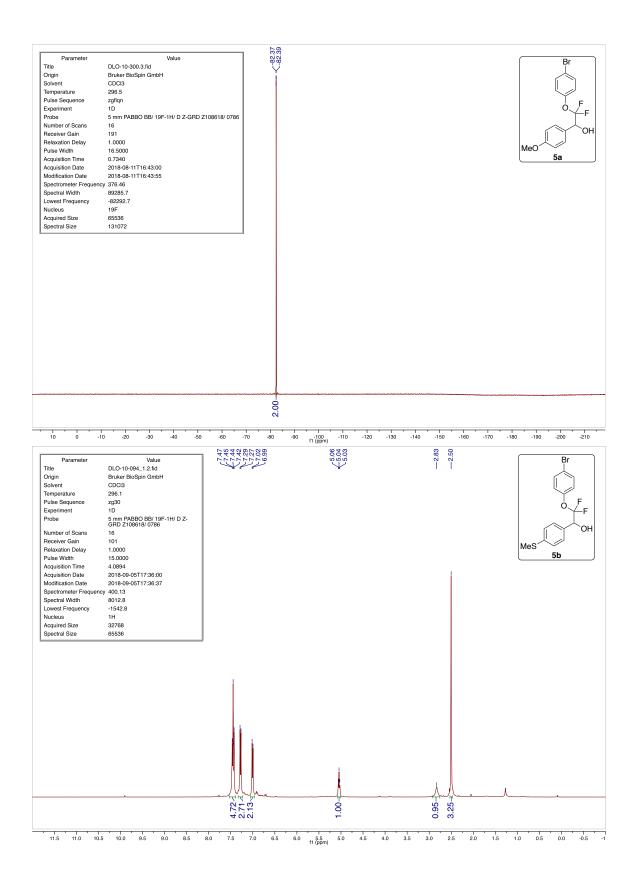
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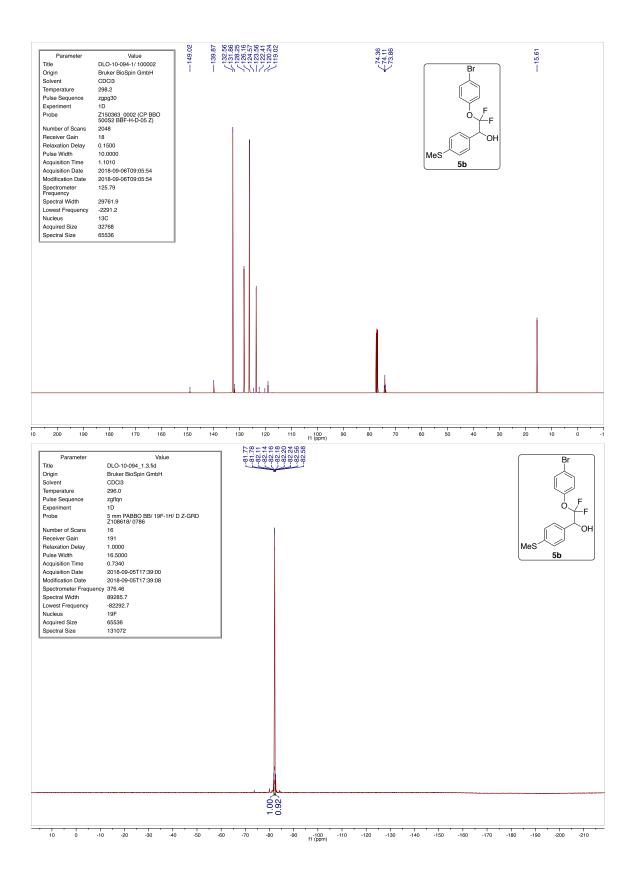


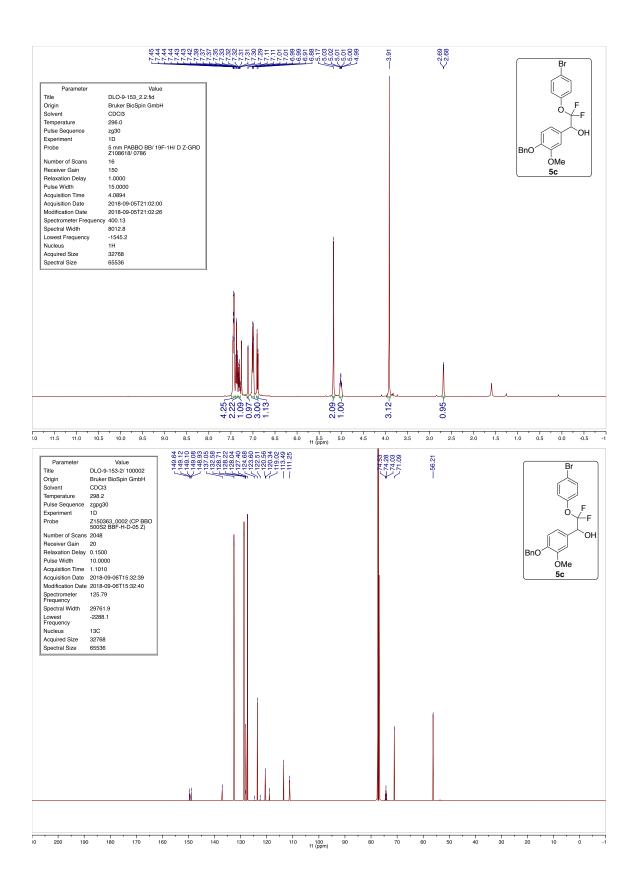


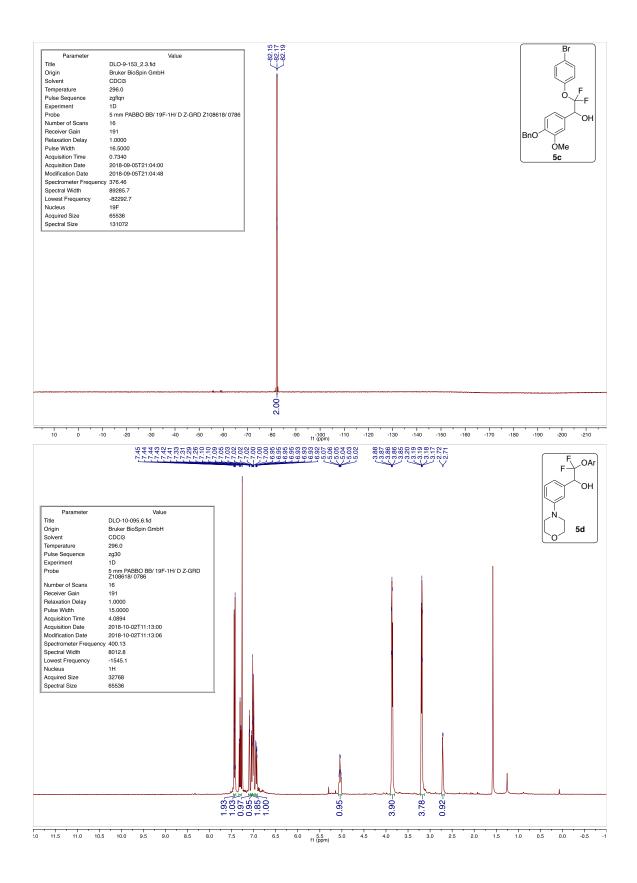


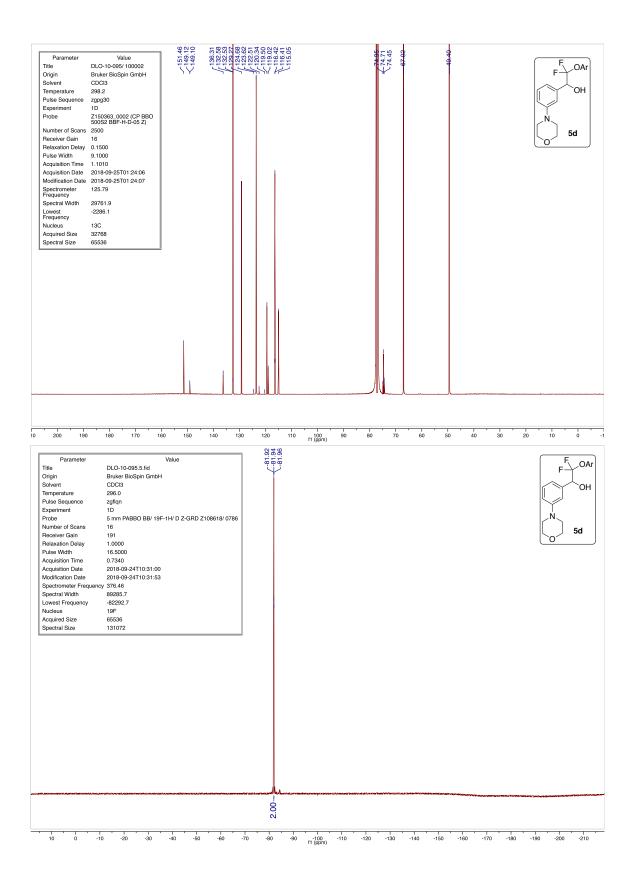
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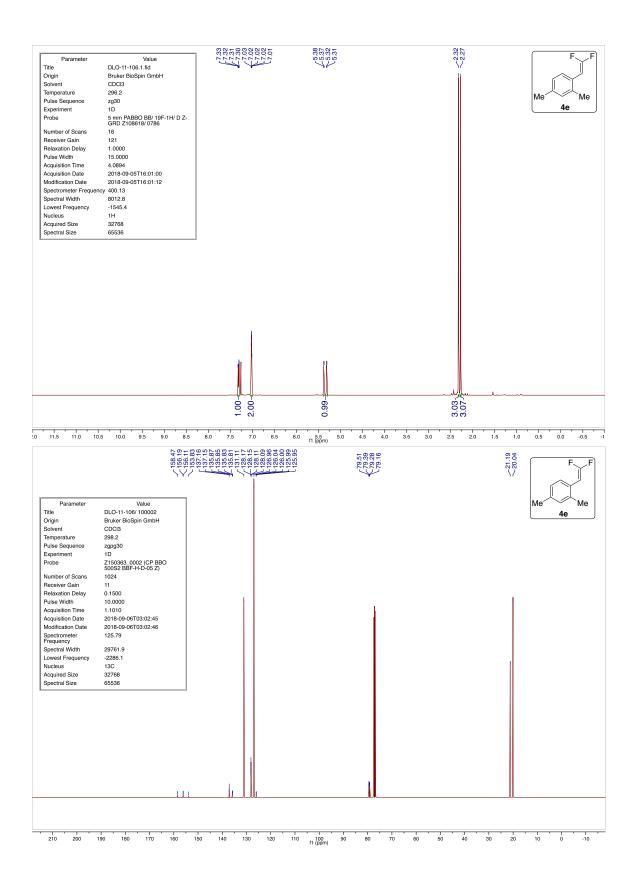


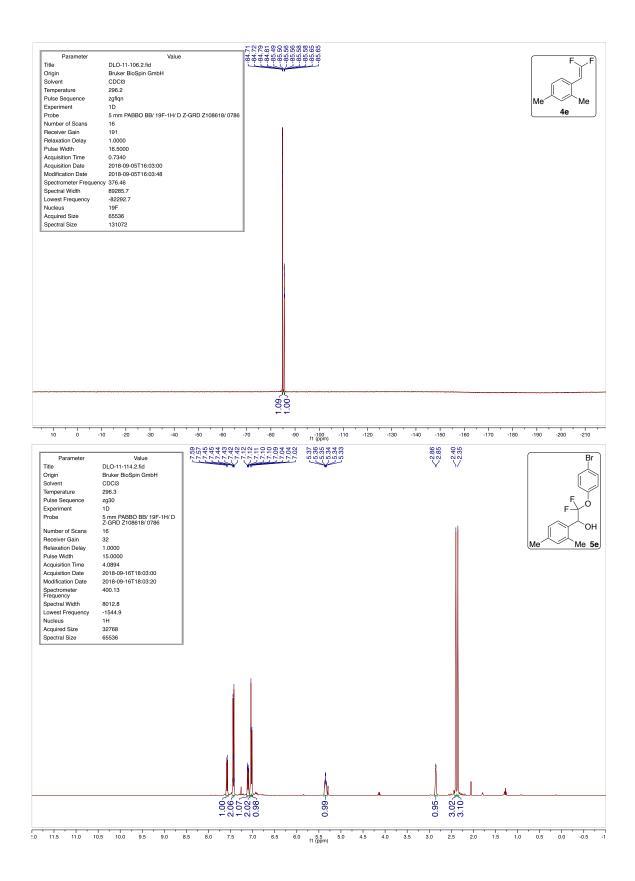


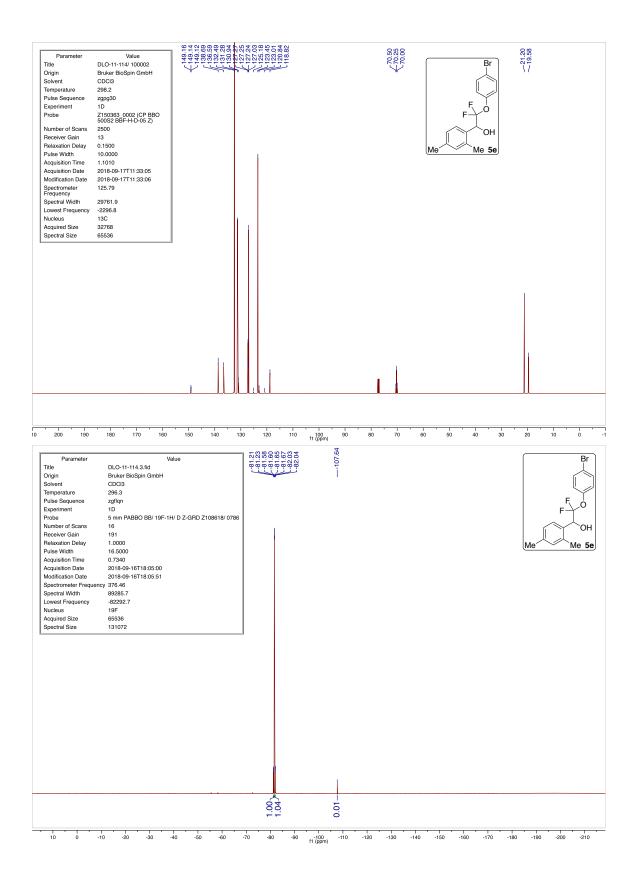


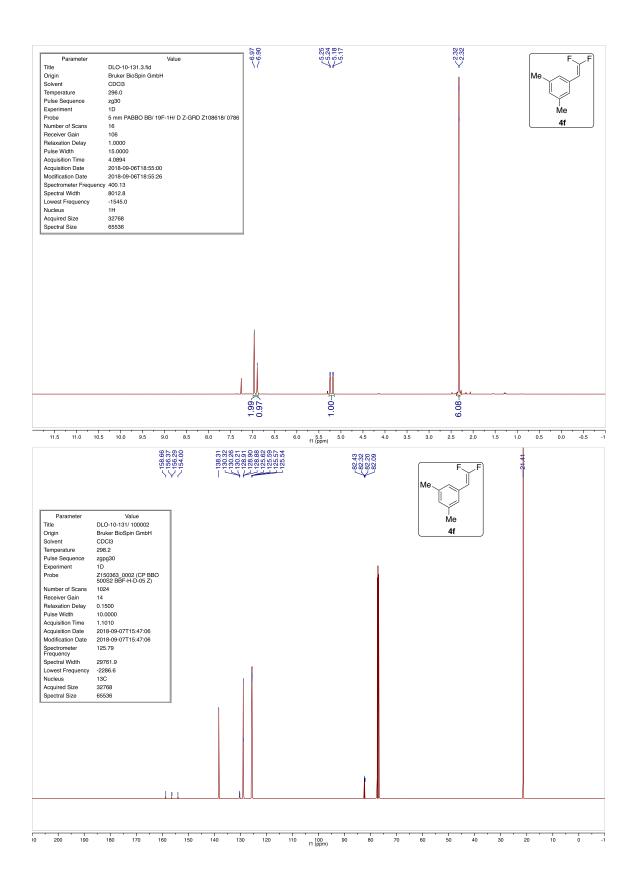


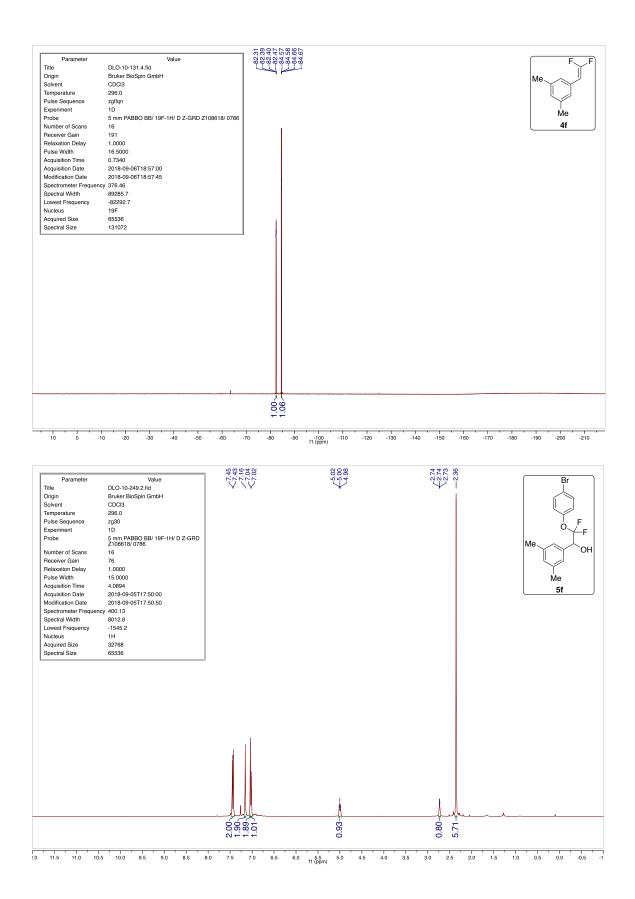


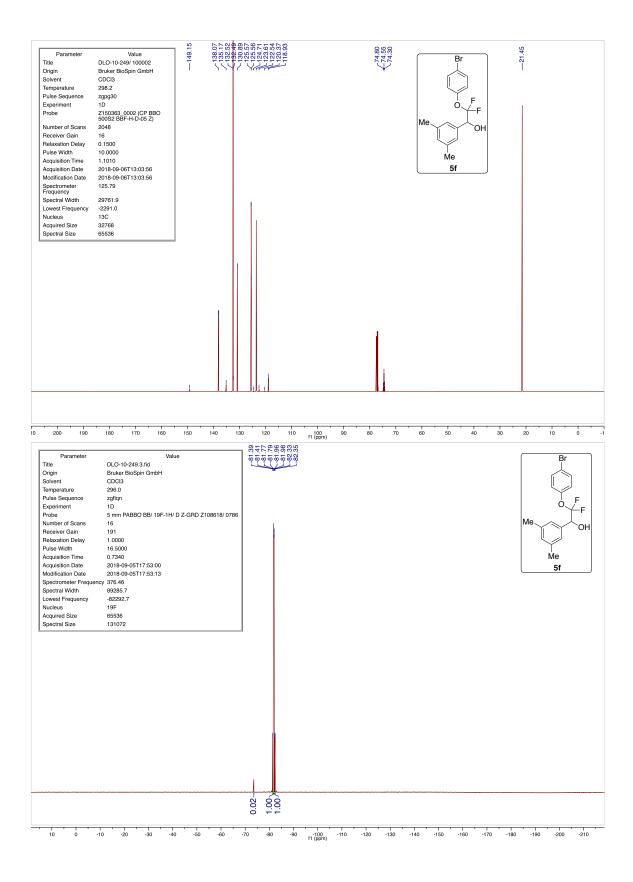


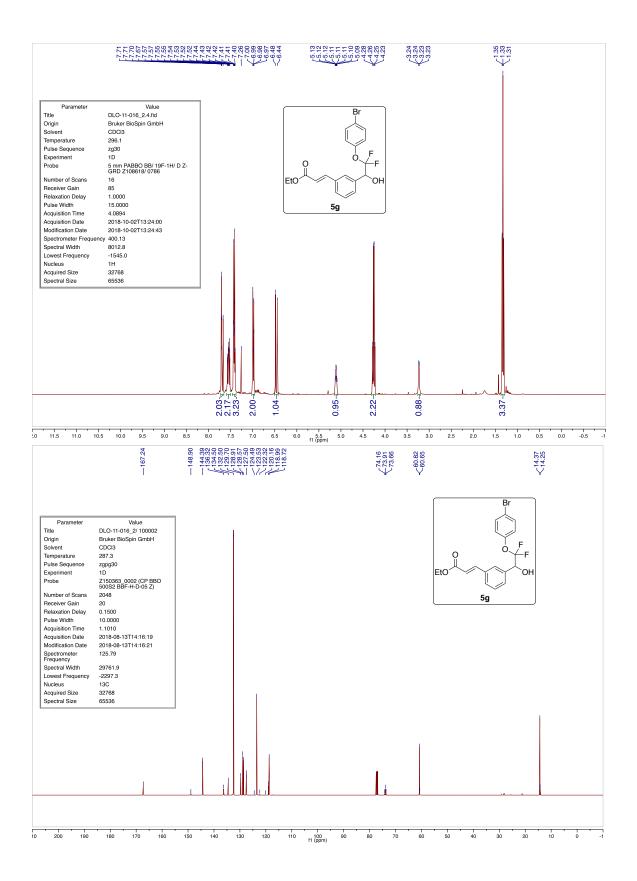


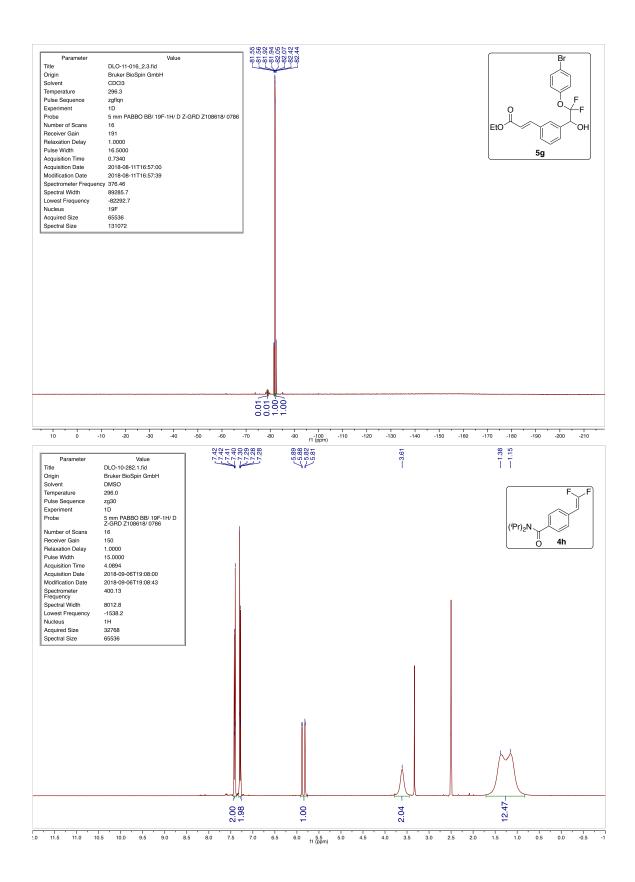


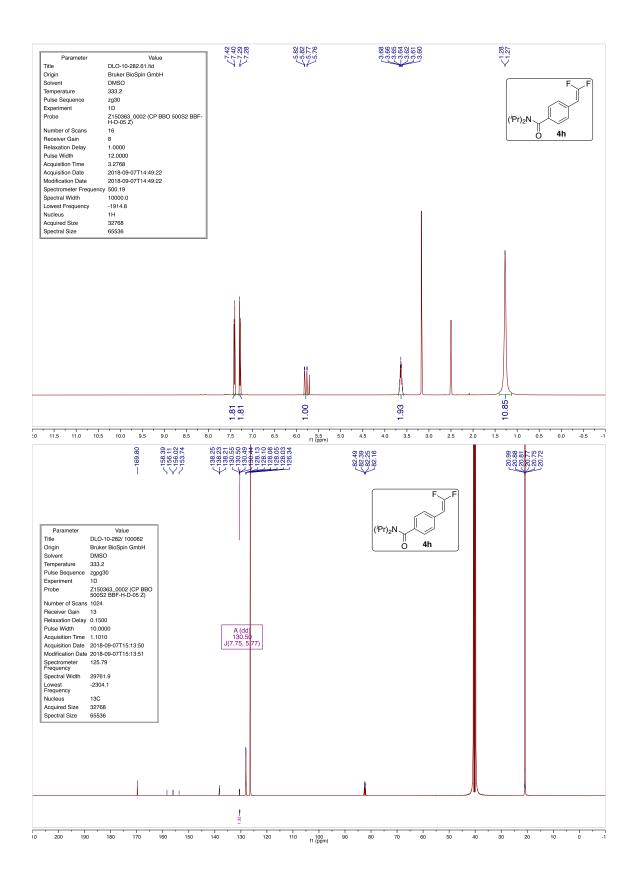


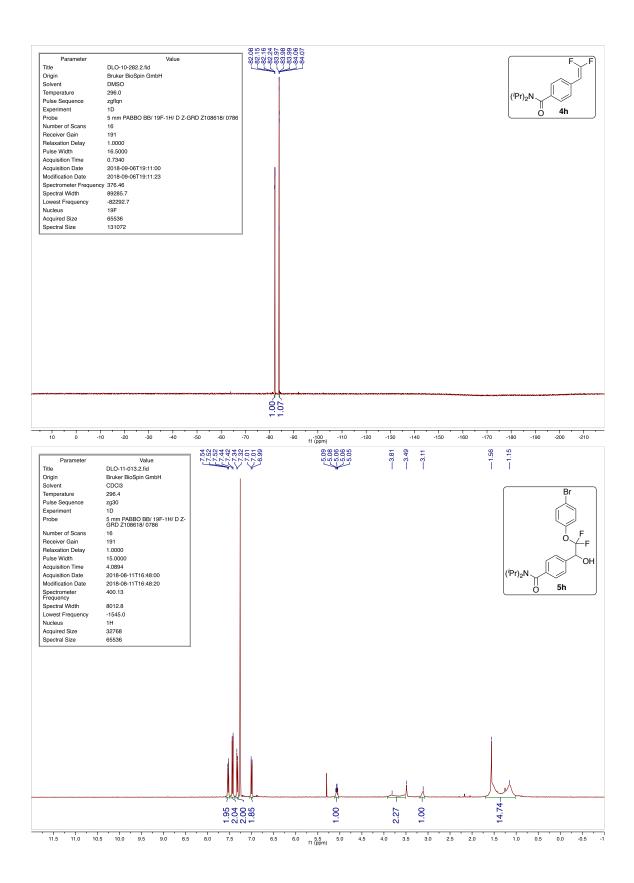


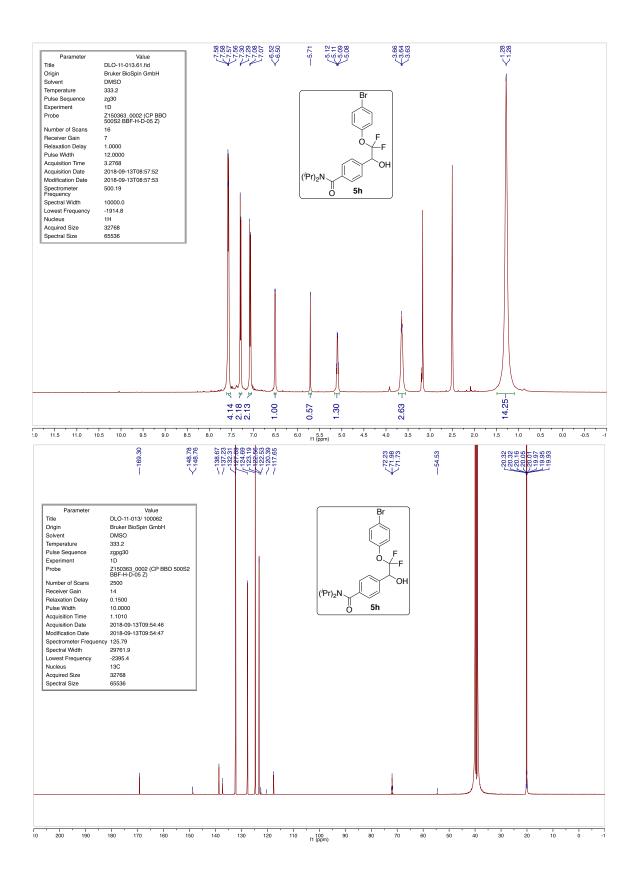


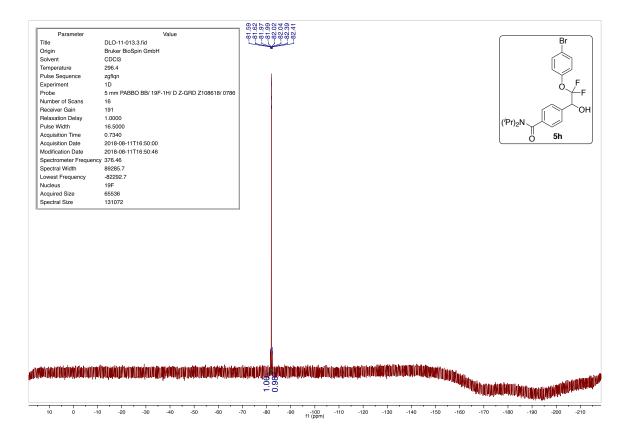


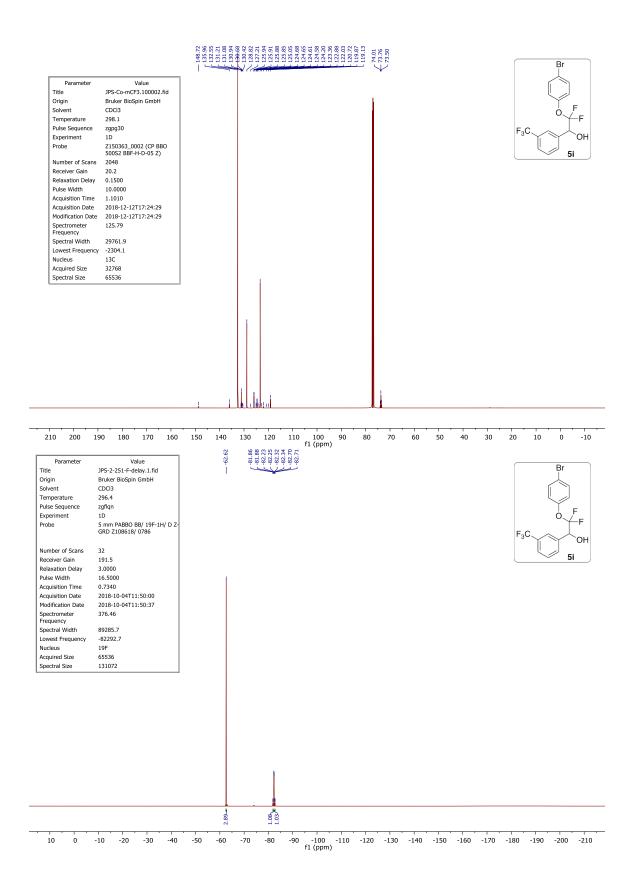


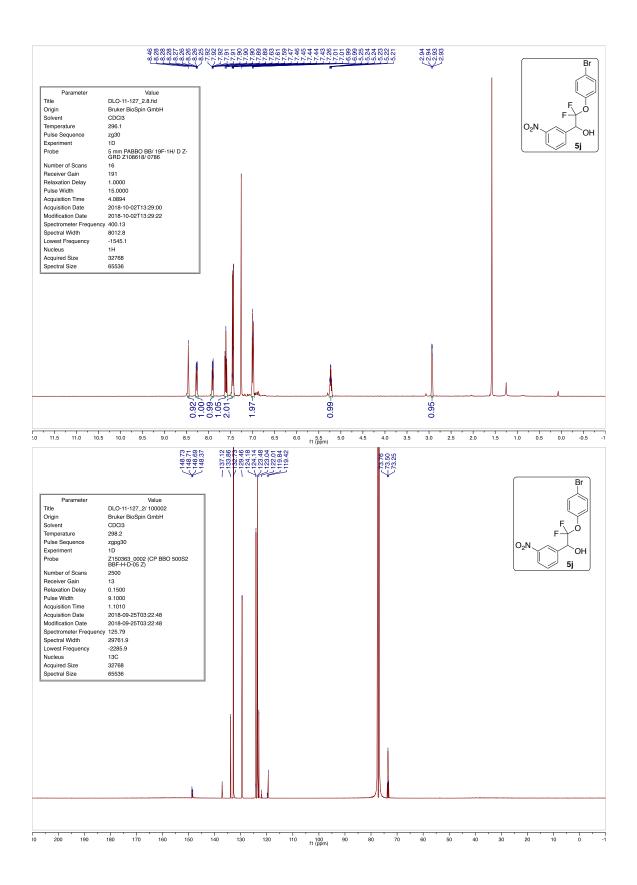


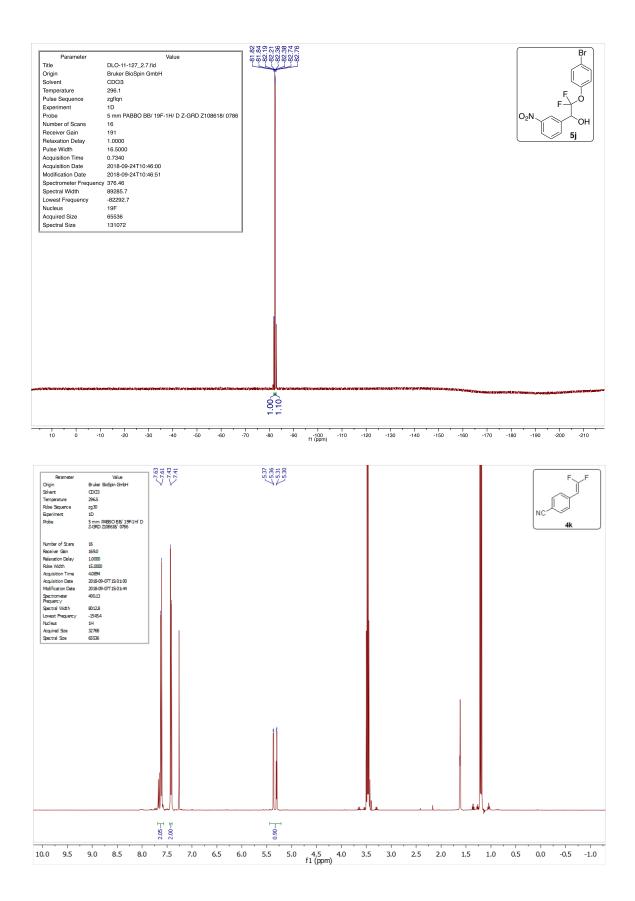


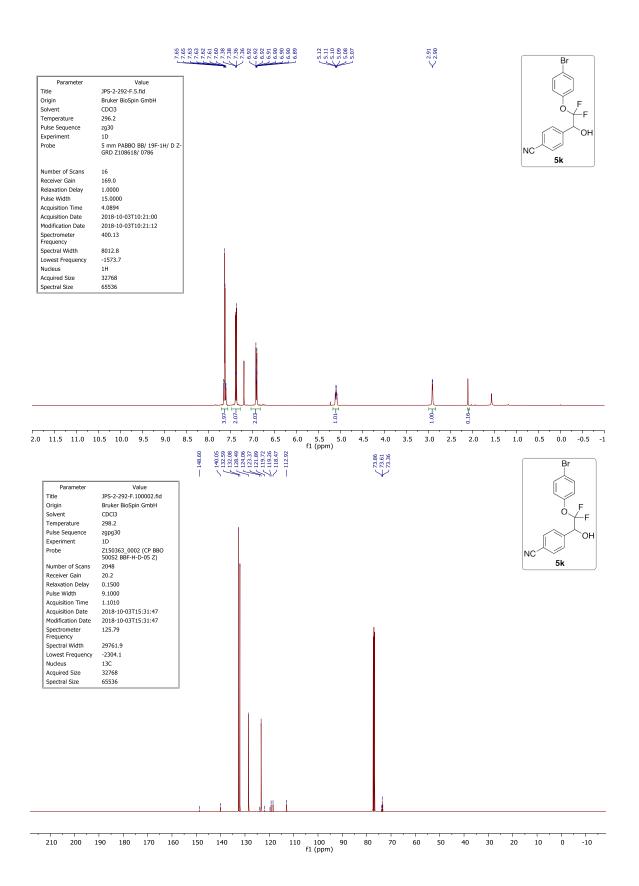


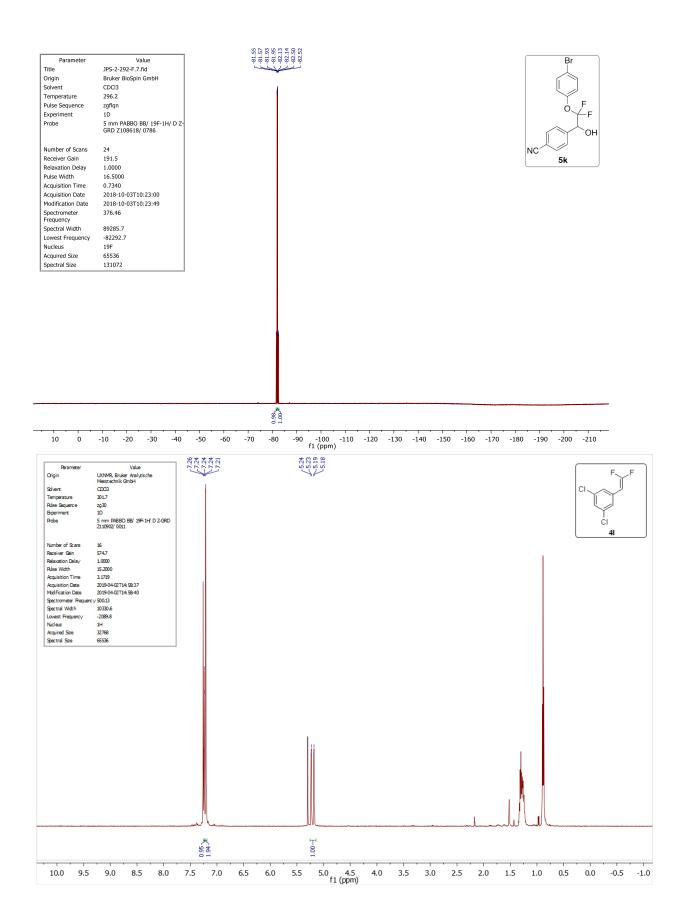


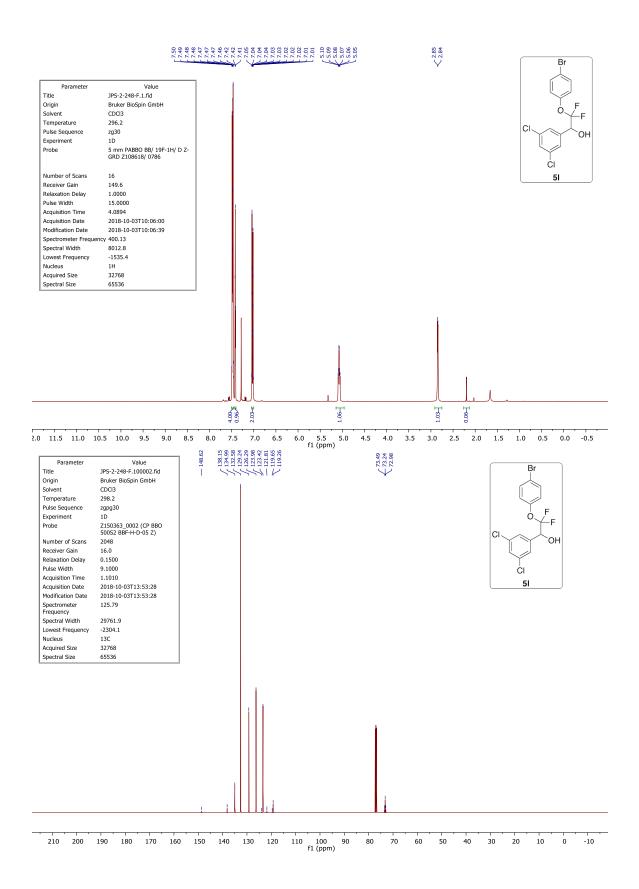


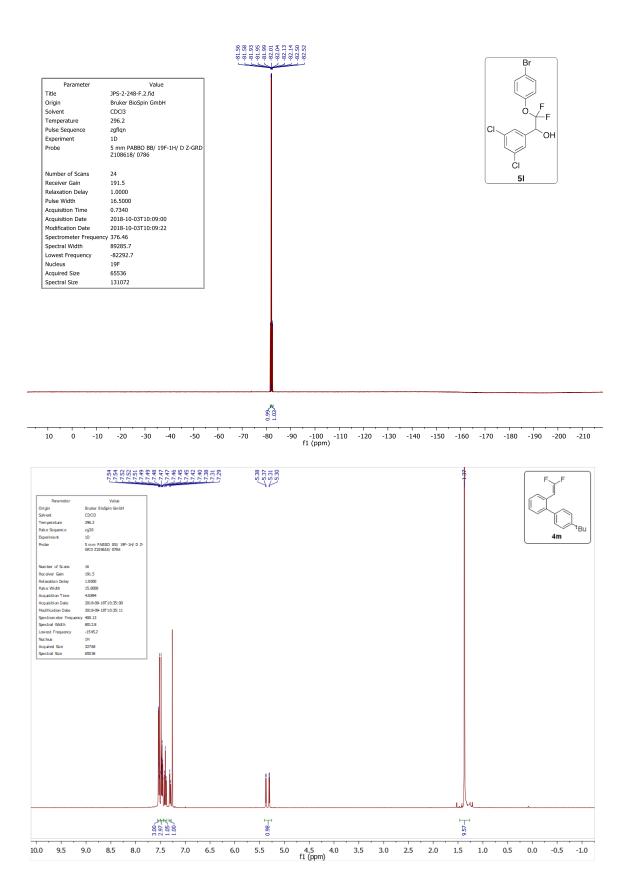




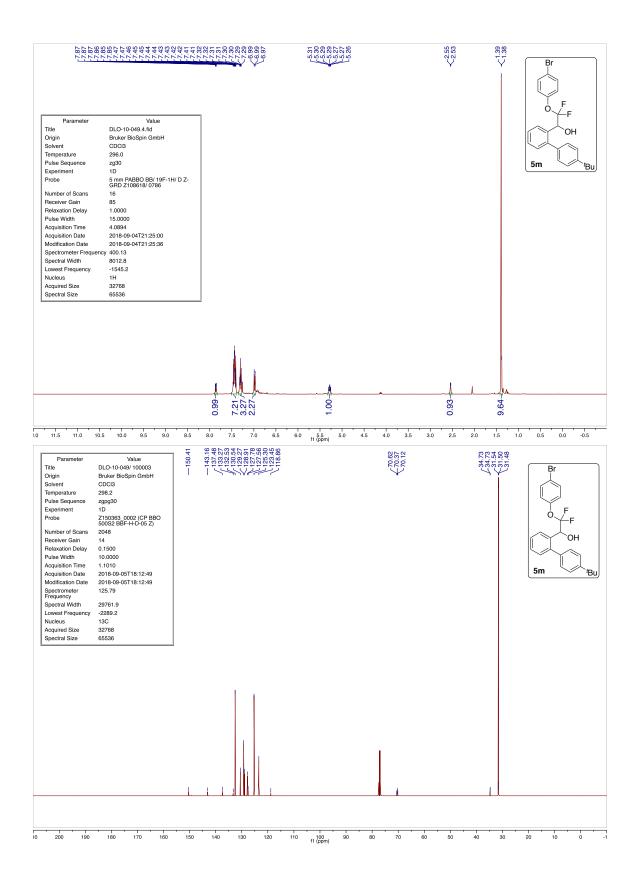


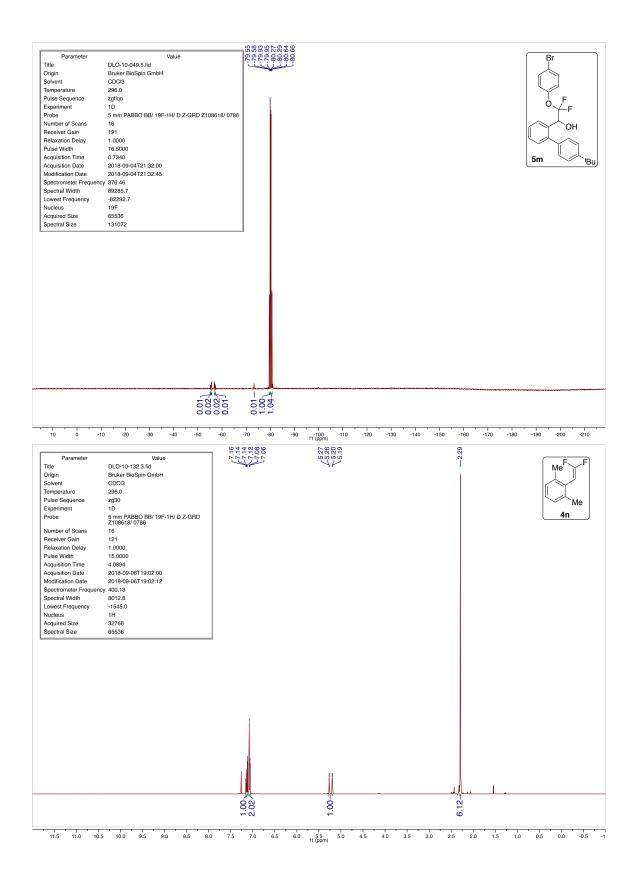


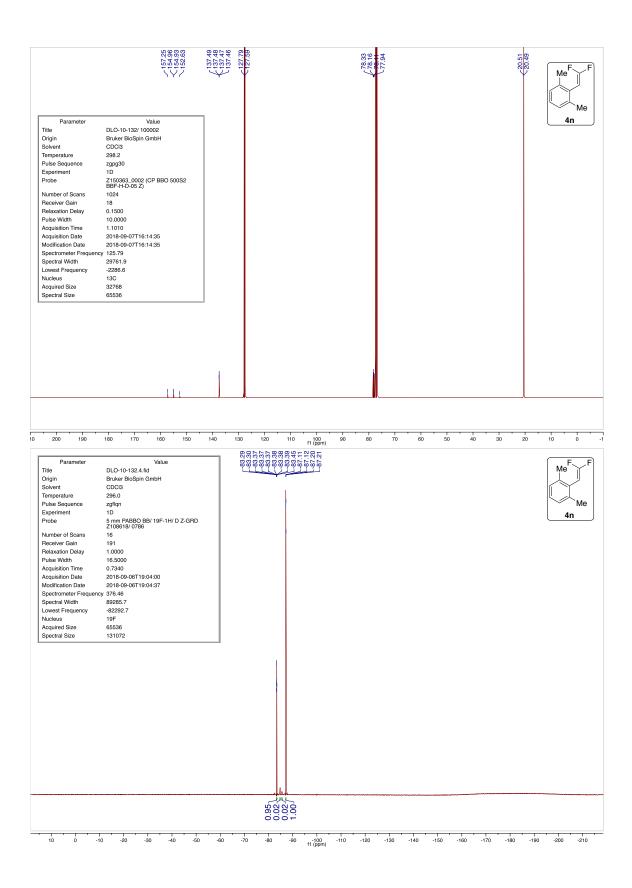




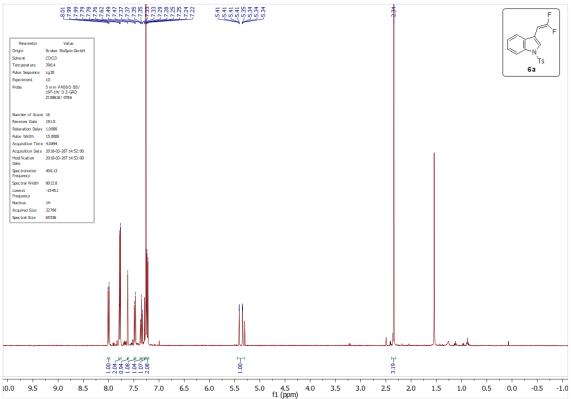
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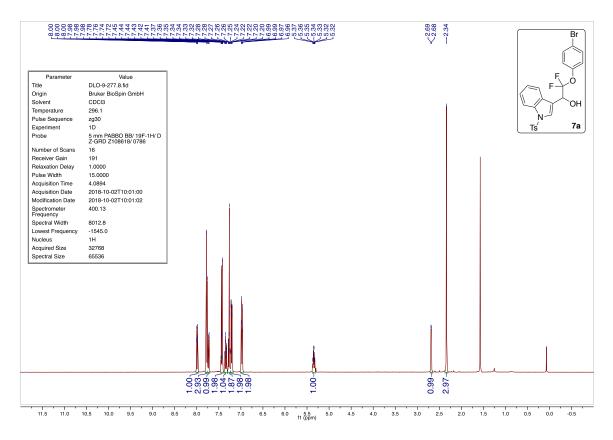


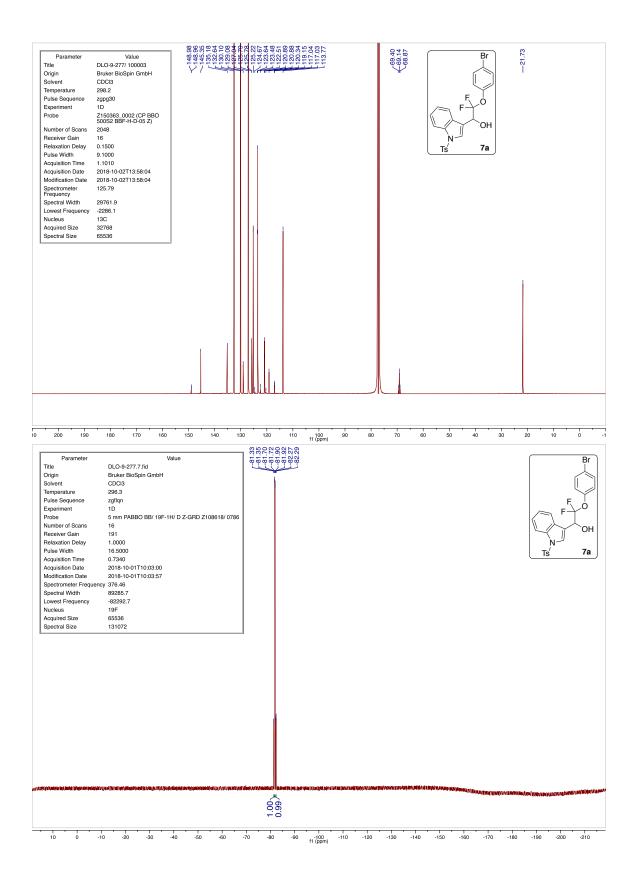


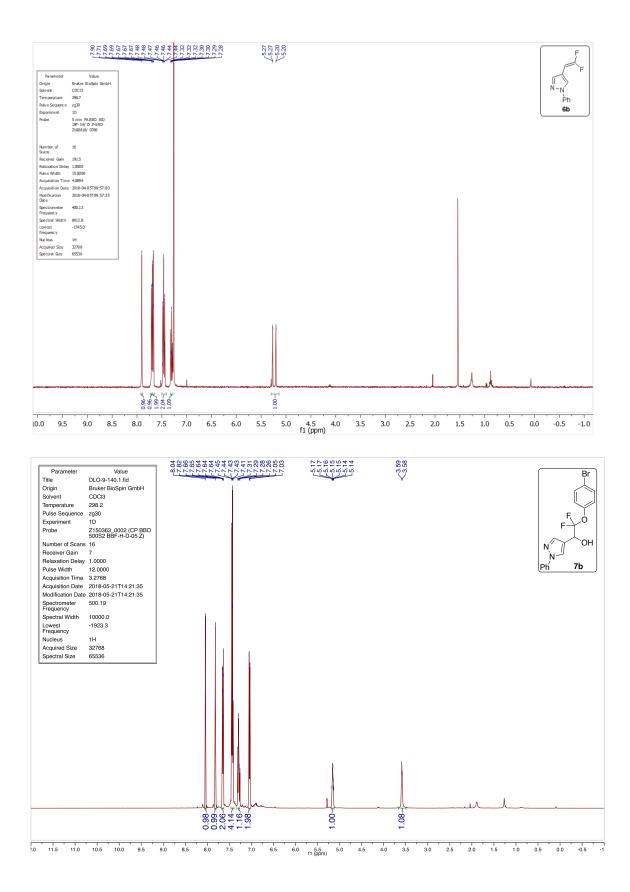


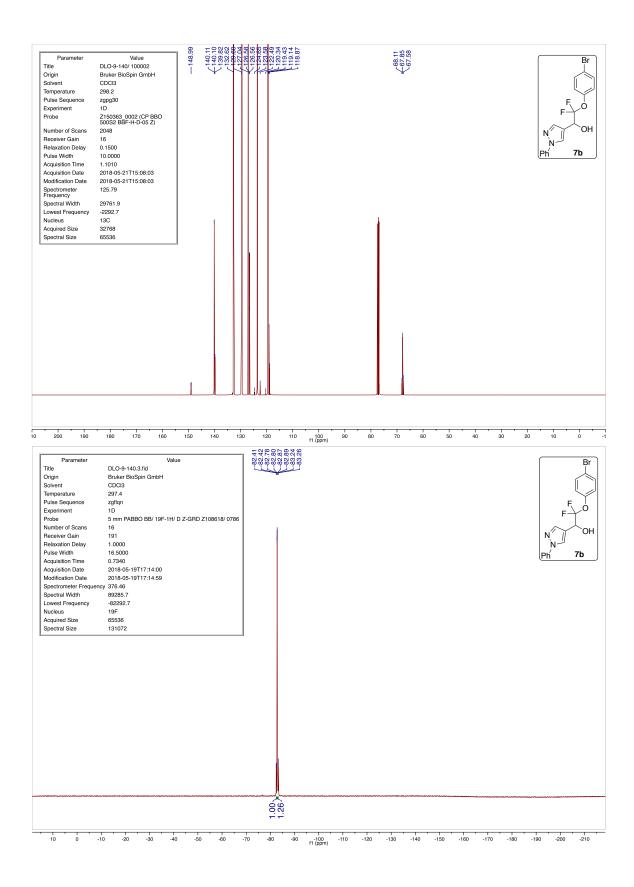


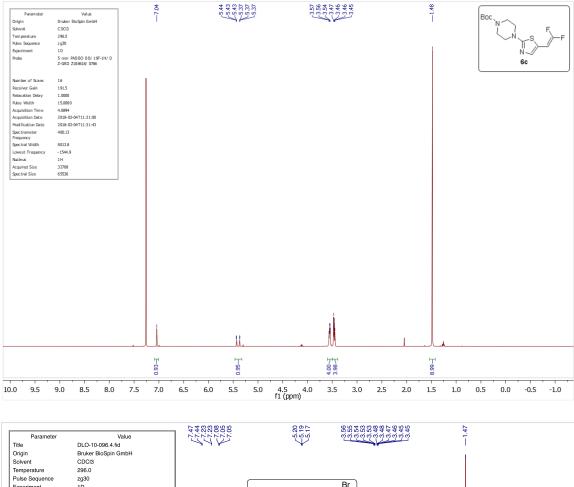


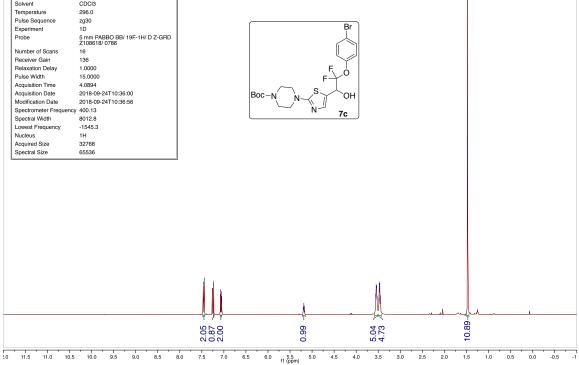


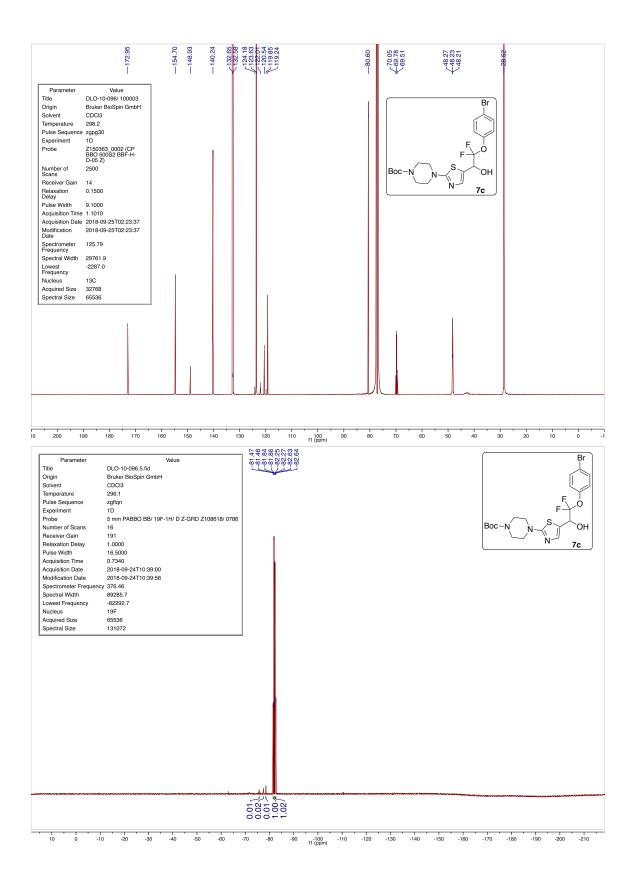


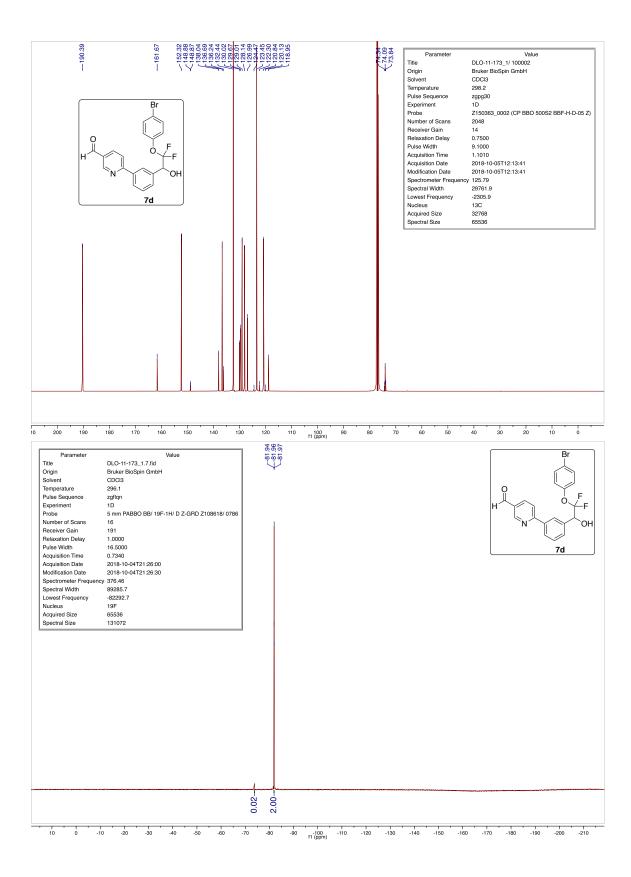


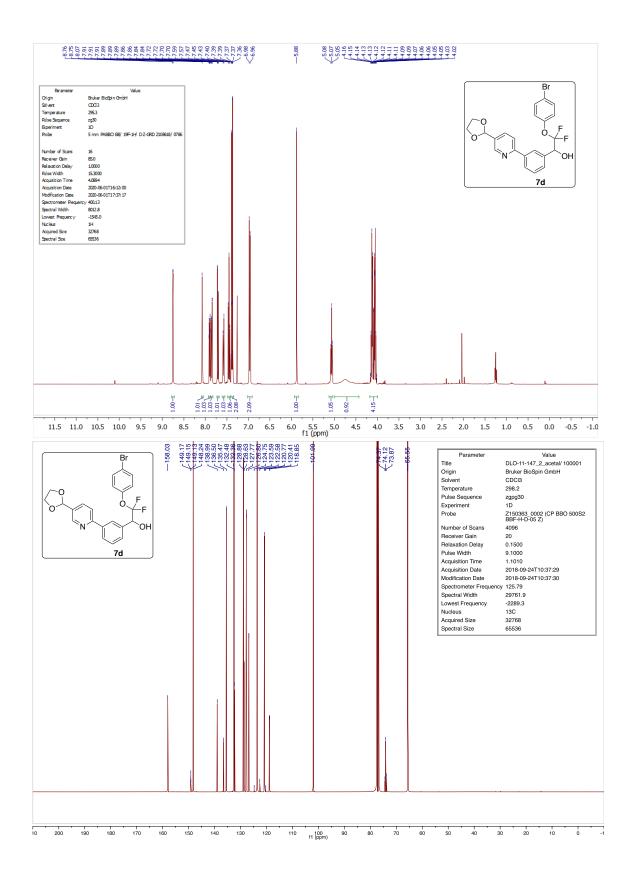


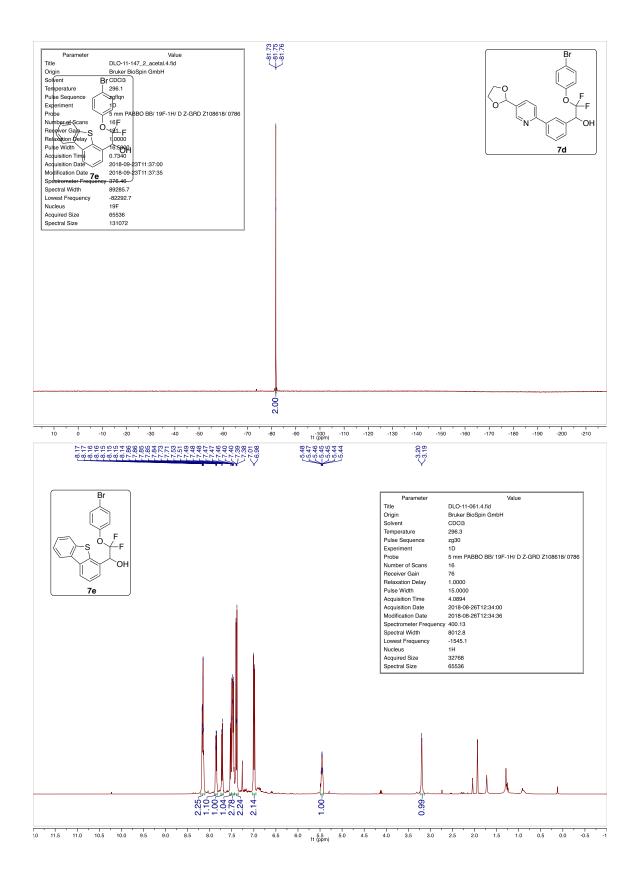


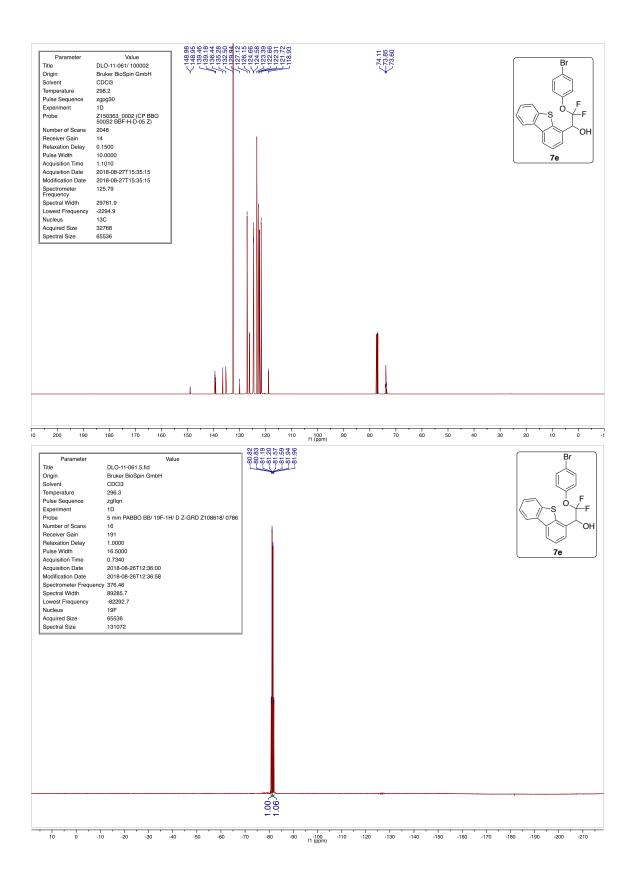




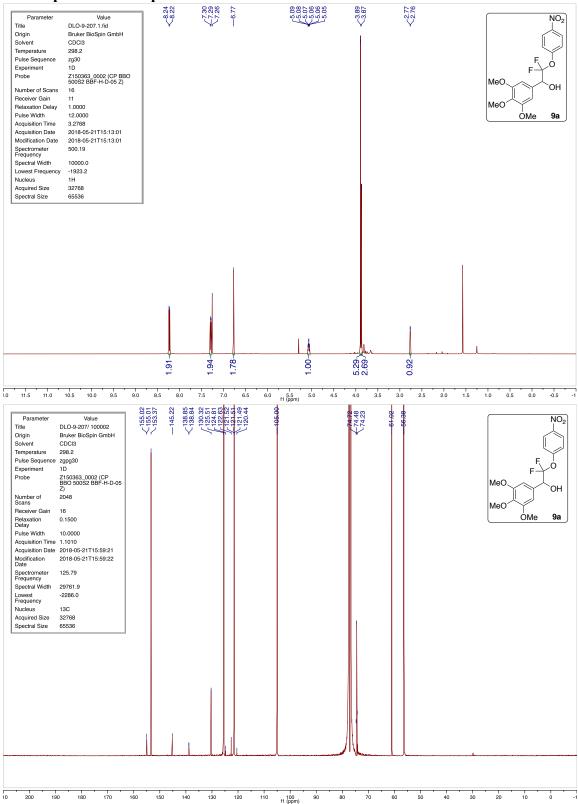


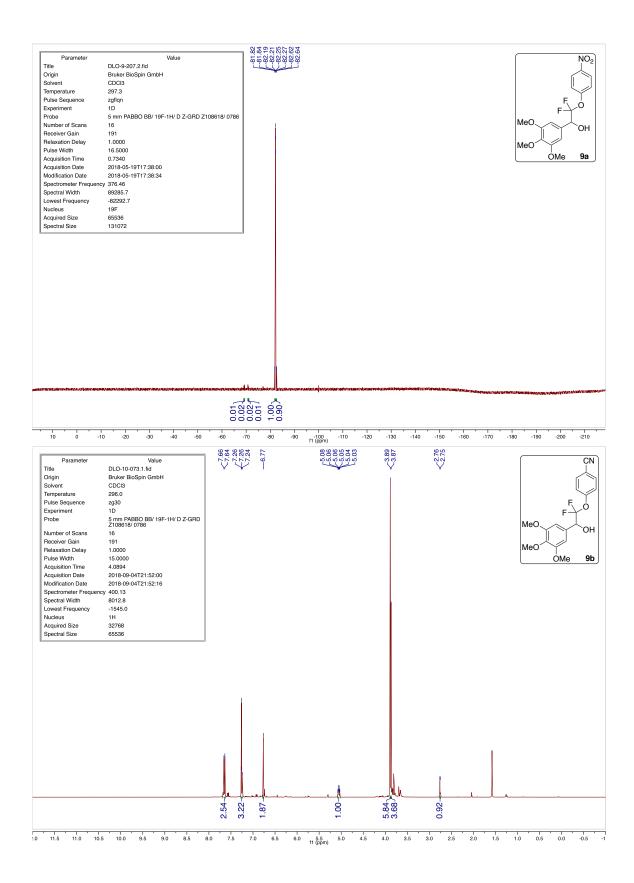


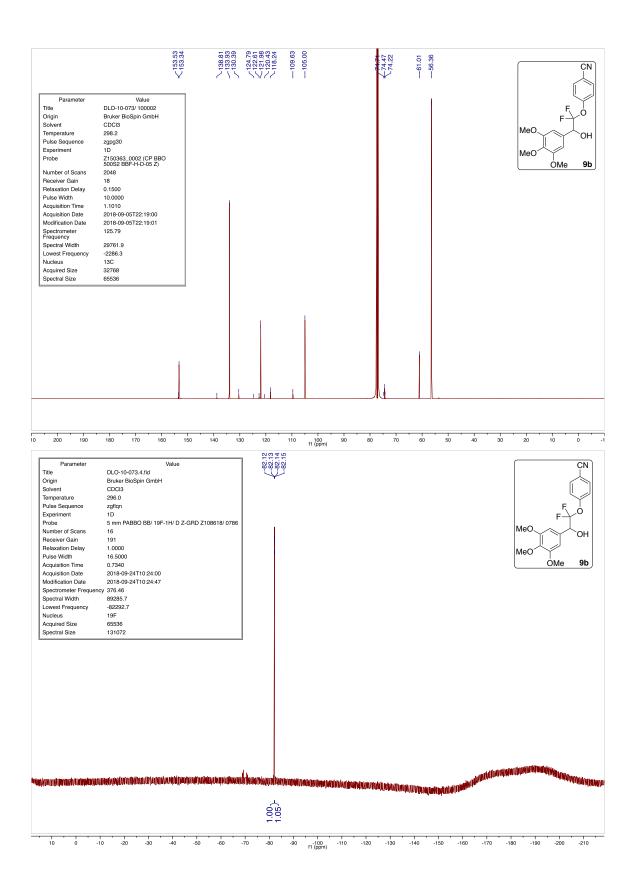


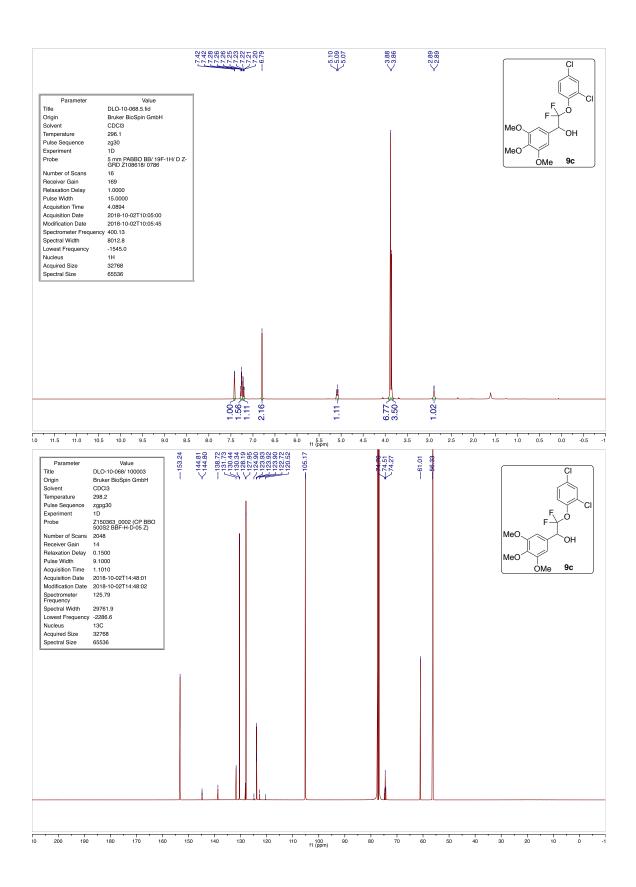


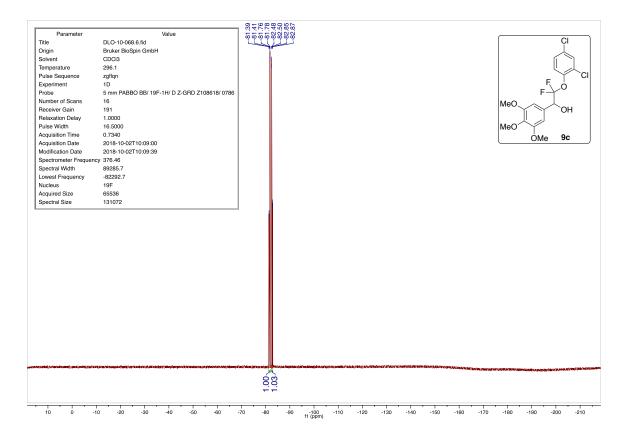
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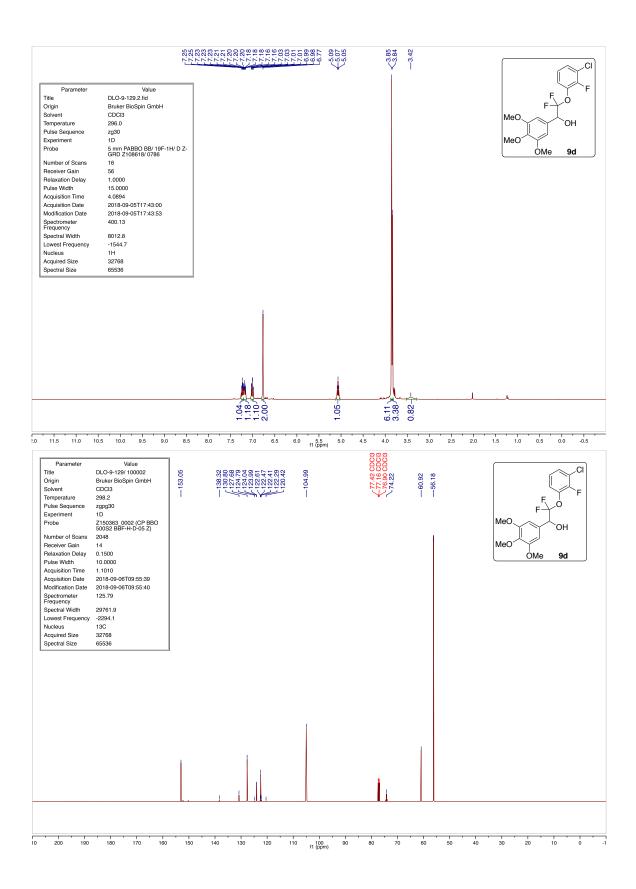


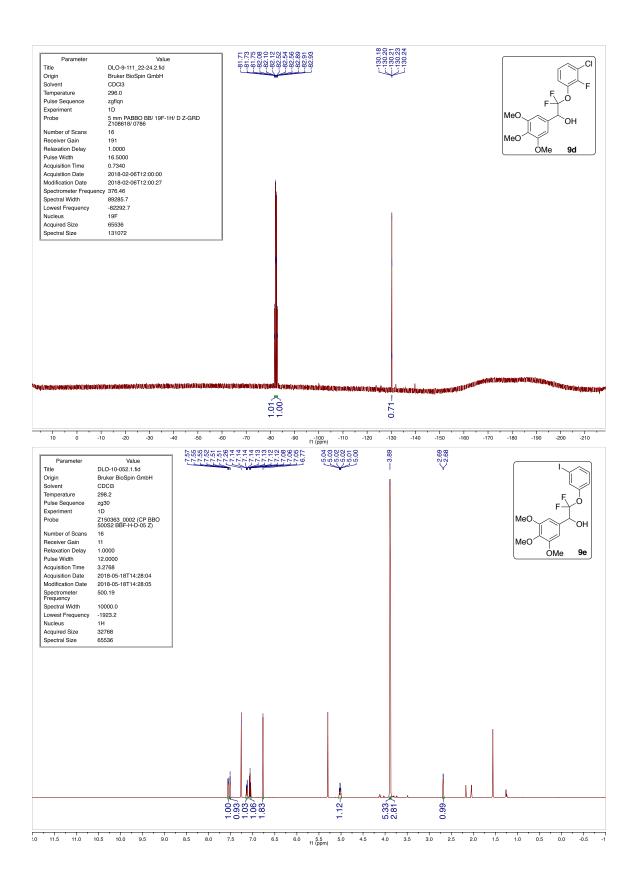


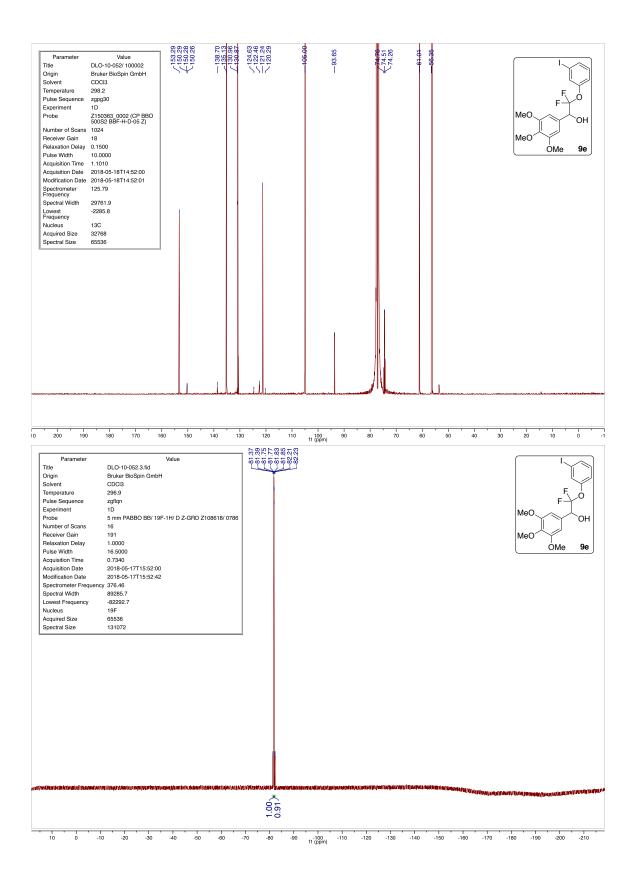


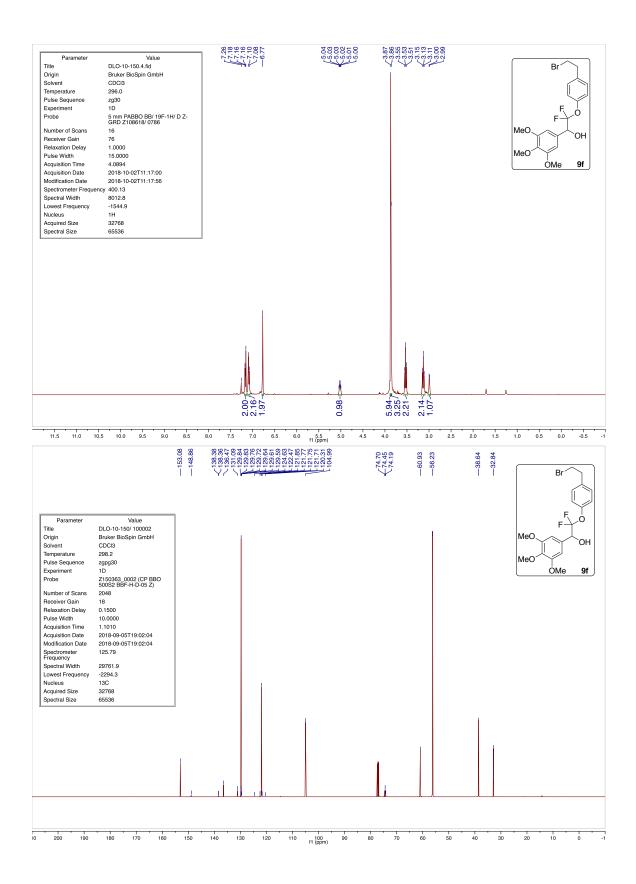


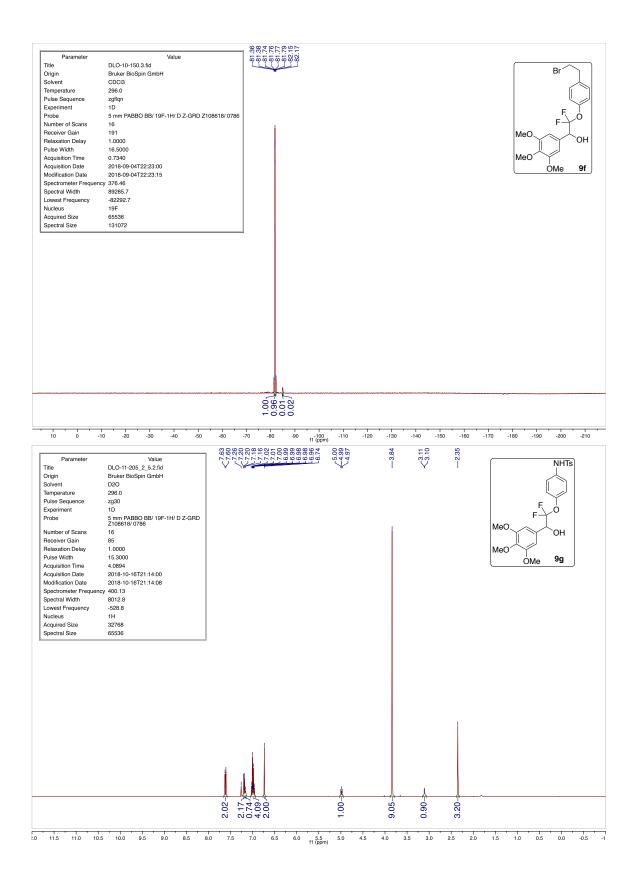


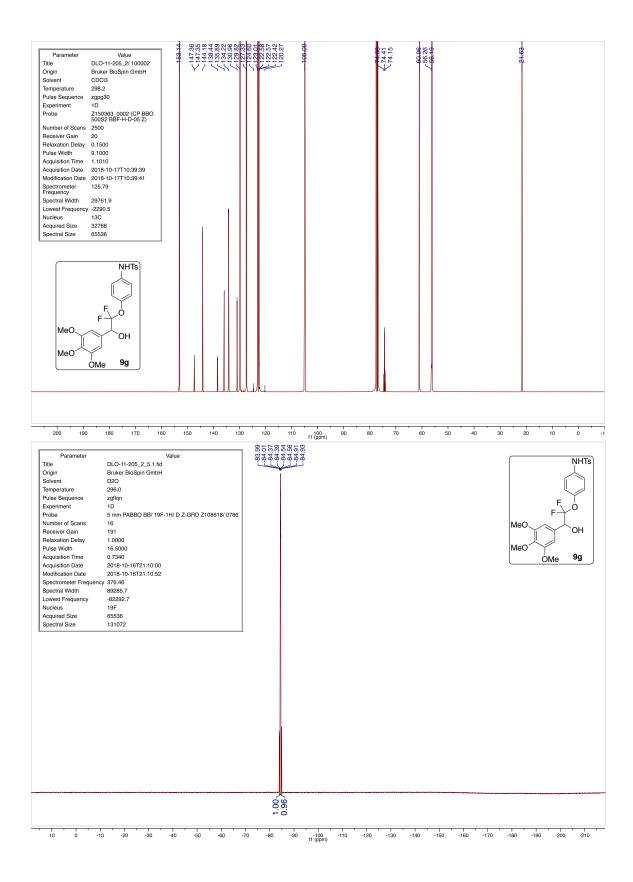


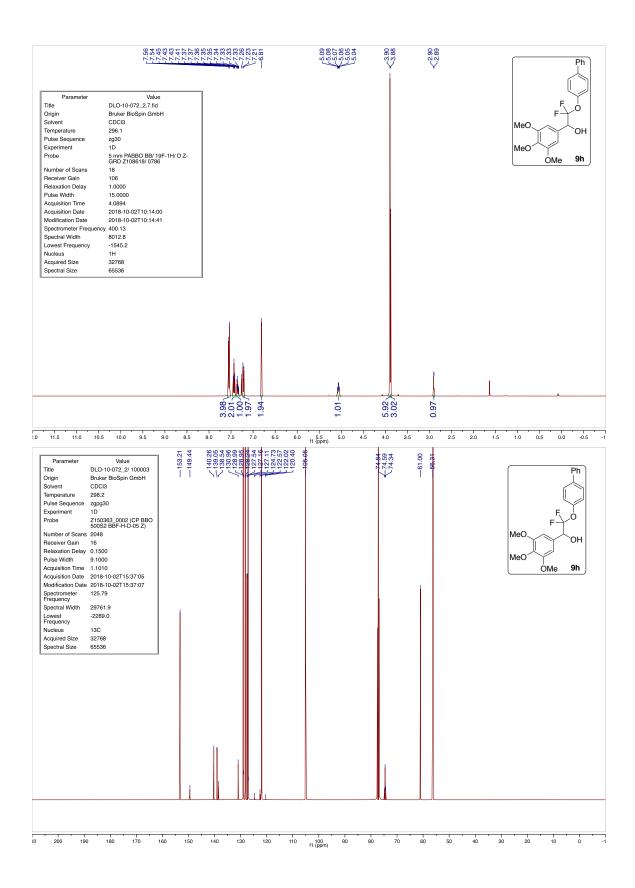


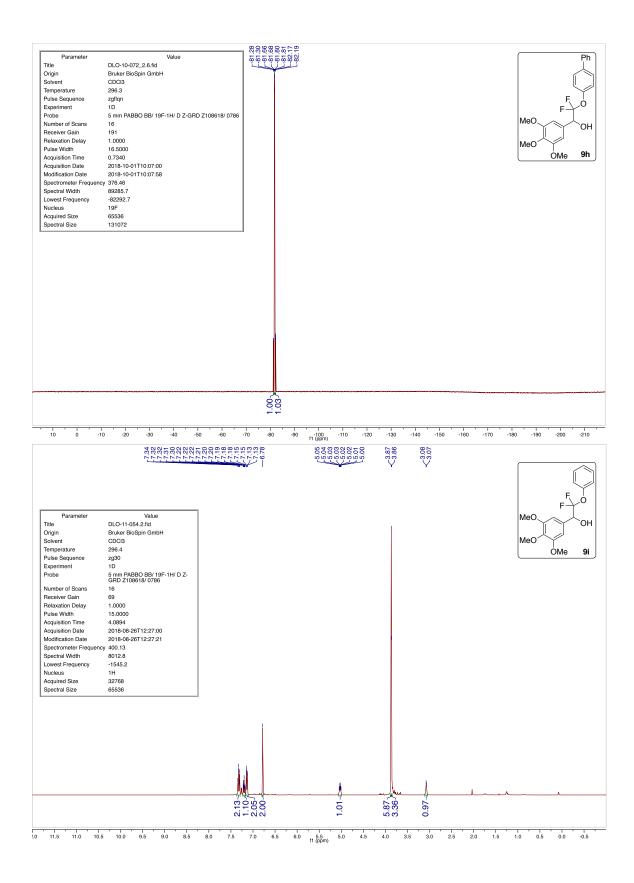


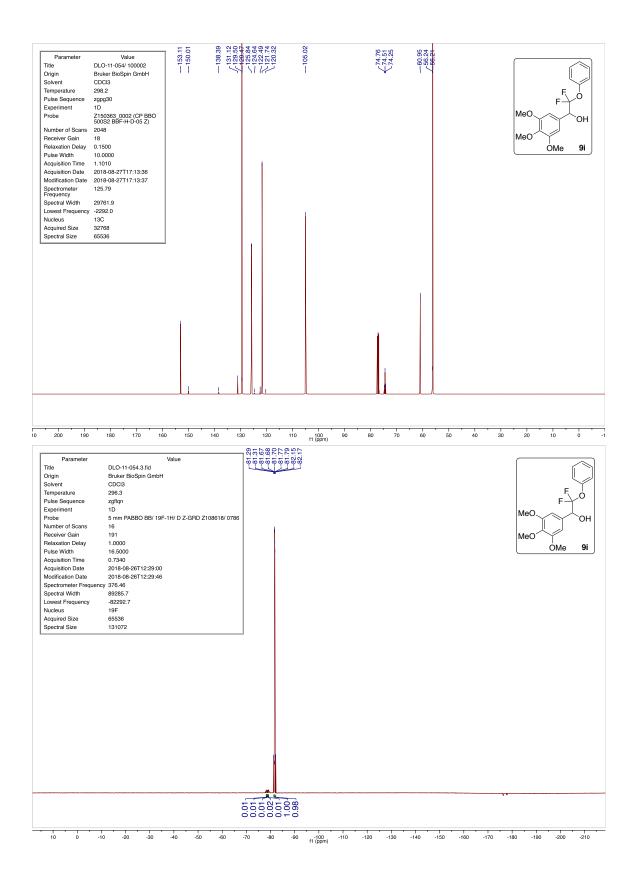


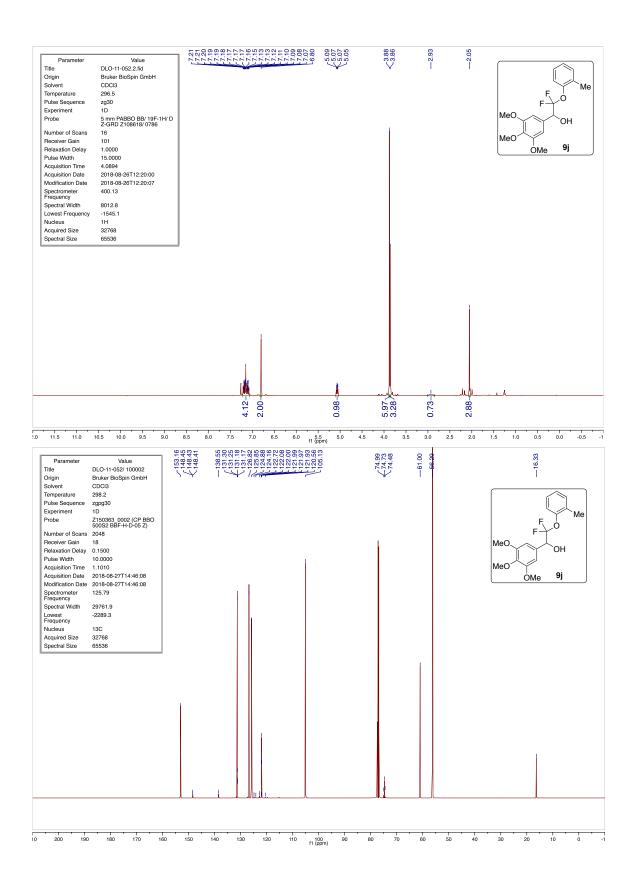


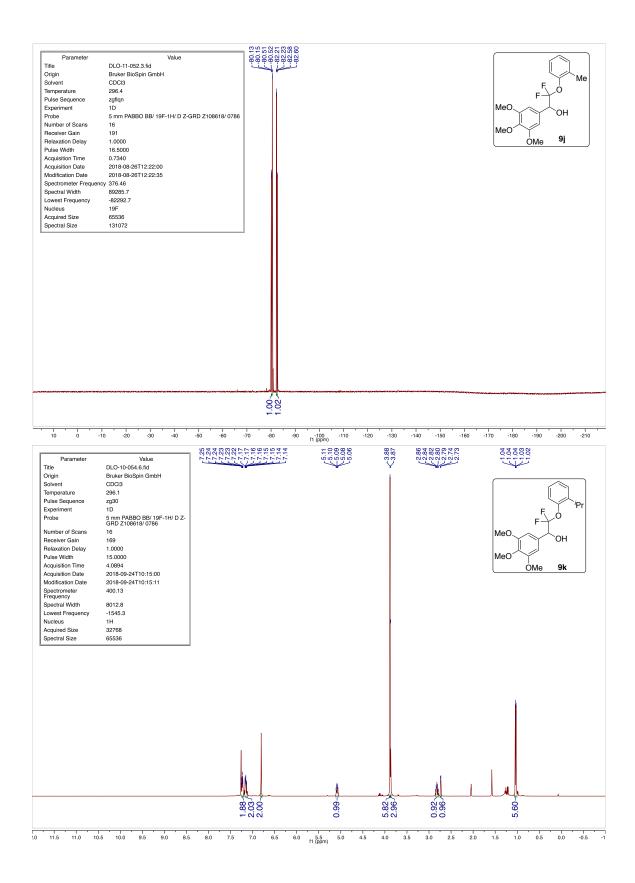


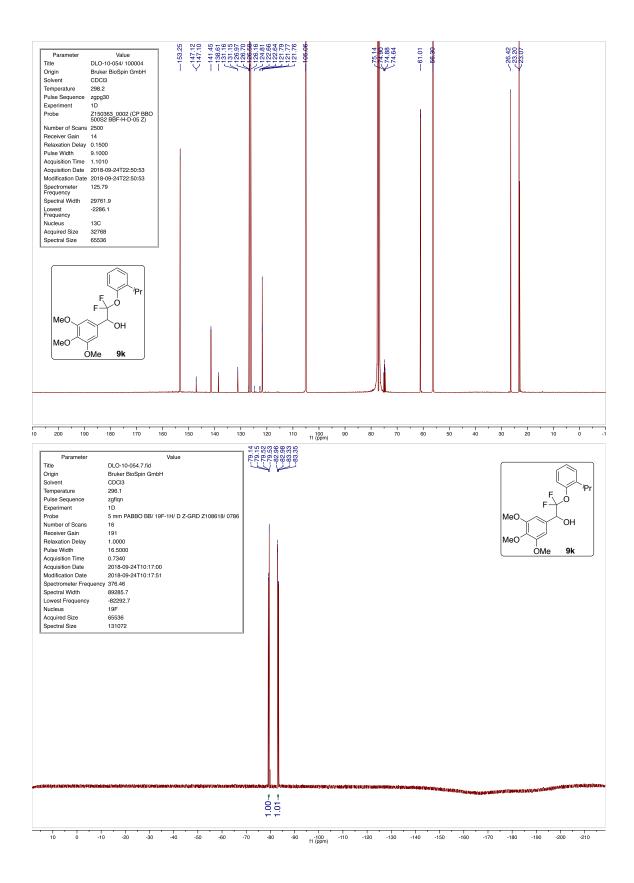


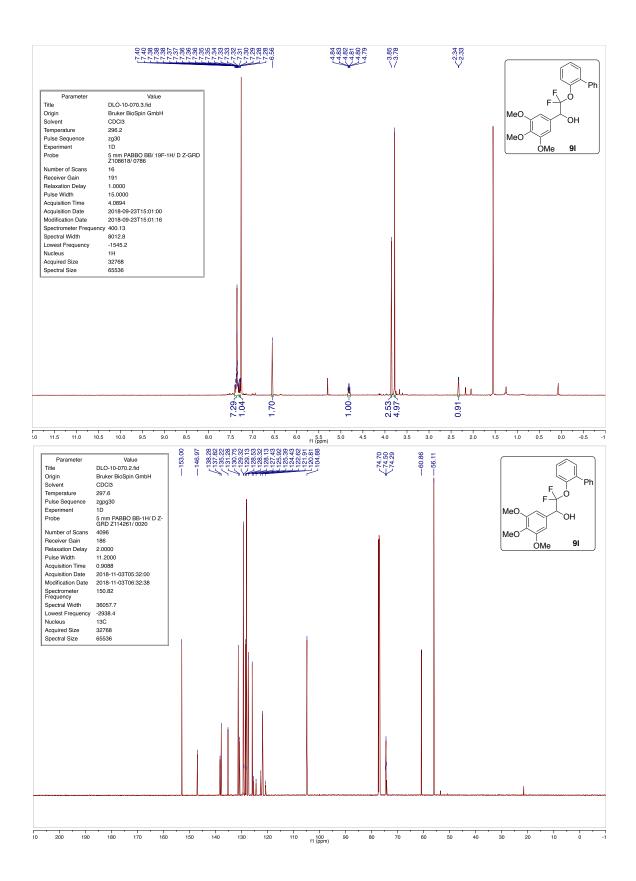












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