

Supporting Information

for

Selective preparation of tetrasubstituted fluoroalkenes by fluorine-directed oxetane ring-opening reactions

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General information.

All commercially available reagents were used as received. For anhydrous conditions, the glassware was flame dried under a continuous nitrogen flow and cooled to 20 °C before running the experiment.

Anhydrous solvents (acetone, CH₂Cl₂, THF, CH₃CN) were dried in a solvent system, which uses an activated alumina column to remove water. Et₃N and MeOH were distilled under CaH₂ or molecular sieves (4 Å). DMF (99.8%, extra dry) was purchased from commercial sources and stored over 4 Å molecular sieves.

Products were detected by thin layer chromatography and the spots were visualized by a 254 nm UV lamp and/or KMnO₄ solution. Deuterated NMR solvents were either used as purchased (methanol- d_4) or stored over 4 Å molecular sieves (CDCl₃). NMR spectra were recorded with a 400 MHz, 500 MHz, or 600 MHz apparatus in deuterated solvents at 25 °C. All ¹³C NMR spectra are decoupled from the ¹H (¹³C{¹H}). The chemical shifts (δ) and coupling constants (J) are expressed in ppm and Hz, respectively. The following abbreviations were used: s: singlet; d: doublet; t triplet; q: quadruplet; quint: quintet; sext: sextet; sept: septet; m: multiplet; br: broad signal.

Experimental procedure and data for compounds

1. Usual work-up procedure

The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, diluted with Et_2O or EtOAc (1 vol.) and quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (1 vol.). Layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (2 × 2 vol). The combined organic layers were dried, filtered, and concentrated.

2. Preparation of fluoroakylidene oxetanes 1–3

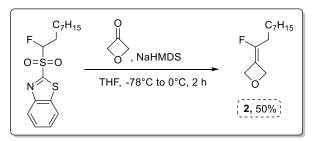
N-[2-Fluoro-2-(oxetan-3-ylidene)ethyl] phthalimide (1)

To the sulfoneⁱ (200 mg, 0.51 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was added 3-oxetanone (0.035 mL, 0.54 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and the mixture was cooled to $-78\,^{\circ}$ C. Then, NaHMDS (1.0 M in THF, 0.77 mL, 0.77 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was slowly allowed to room temperature over 2 h after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of NH₄Cl (sat. aq., 10 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed

with brine (20 mL), then dried, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 99:1 then 98:2) gave 66 mg of 1 (0.27 mmol, 52%) as white solid.

 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.87–7.72 (m, 4H), 5.29–5.28 (m, 2H), 5.19–5.18 (m, 2H), 4.23 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 16.4 Hz, 2H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.2 (2C), 143.5 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 251.4 Hz), 134.3 (2C), 131.7 (2C), 123.5 (2C), 116.2 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 21.7 Hz), 75.1 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 6.9 Hz), 74.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 11.1 Hz), 35.2 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 31.8 Hz). 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) δ –111.2 (tquint, 3 J_{FH} = 16.4 Hz, 4 J_{FH} = 3.6 Hz). HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₁FNO₃+ 248.0723, found 248.0720.

3-(1-Fluorononylidene)oxetane (2)



To the sulfoneⁱⁱ (400 mg, 1.17 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (12 mL) was added 3-oxetanone (0.082 mL, 1.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and the mixture was cooled to −78 °C. Then, NaHMDS (1.0 M in THF, 1.75 mL, 1.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was slowly allowed to room temperature over 2 h after which the

reaction was quenched by the addition of NH₄Cl (sat. aq., 10 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 \times 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), then dried, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (pentane/Et₂O 100:0 then 98:2) gave 116 mg of **2** (0.579 mmol, 50%) as colorless oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.22 (br s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.17 (br s, 2H, CH₂O), 2.04 (dt, 3 J_{HF} = 19.4 Hz, 3 J_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 2H, CH₂CF), 1.52 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.21 (m, 10H), 0.89 (t, 3 J_H = 6.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.4 (d, 4 J_{CF} = 248.8 Hz), 110.1 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 25.7 Hz), 75.8 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.0 Hz), 75.0 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 13.0

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Hz), 31.8, 29.2, 29.2, 29.1 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF}$ = 26.6 Hz), 29.0, 25.4, 22.6, 14.1. ${}^{19}F$ NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -116.9 (br t, ${}^{3}J_{FH}$ = 19.4 Hz). HRMS (ASAP+) m/z calcd for [M+H]+ C₁₂H₂₂OF 201.1655, found 201.1653.

3-Benzoyl-1-[2-fluoro-2-(oxetan-3-ylidene)ethyl]-5-iodo-pyrimidine-2,4-dione (3)

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.0 M in THF, 0.34 mL, 0.34 mmol, 0.2 equiv), was added dropwise to a solution of sulfoneⁱ (414 mg, 1.7 mmol) and №Bz-5-iodouracil (698 mg, 2.04 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (8 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was

stirred overnight at 20 °C and quenched with a saturated NH₄Cl solution. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to give crude sulfone **S3** which was used without purification. NMR data 1 H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.43-8.41 (m, 1H), 8.36-8.34 (m, 1H), 8.02 (d, 3 JHH = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.83-7.74 (m, 3H, H-1), 7.62-7.58 (m, 2H), 6.55 (ddd, 2 JHF = 46.4 Hz, 3 JHH = 6.4 Hz, 3 JHH = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (ddd, 3 JHF = 31.2 Hz, 2 JHH = 15.2 Hz, 3 JHH = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (ddd, 3 JHF = 16.2 Hz, 2 JHH = 15.2 Hz, 3 JHH = 6.4 Hz, 1H). 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -182.8 (ddd, 2 JHF = 46.4 Hz, 3 JHF = 31.2 Hz, 3 JHH = 16.2 Hz).

To the crude sulfone **\$3** obtained (1.0 g, 1.7 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (50 mL) was added 3-oxetanone (150 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and the mixture was cooled to -78 °C. Then, NaHMDS (1 M in THF, 2.5 mL, 2.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was slowly allowed to room temperature over 2 h after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of NH₄Cl (sat. aq.). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, then dried, filtered, and concentrated. The purification by flash chromatography (pentane/EtOAc, 6:4 to 4:6) afforded compound **3** (747 mg, 99%) as white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.69-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H), 5.23-5.22 (m, 4H), 4.29 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 18.8 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) δ -124.5 (tt, 3 J_{FH} = 18.8 Hz, 4 J_{FH} = 4.1 Hz). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₃ N₂O₄FI⁺ 442.9904, found 442.9919.

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3. Ring-opening reaction of fluoroakylidene oxetanes 1–3

N-[2-Fluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)-4-methoxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (1a)

To the oxetane 1 (60 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1 equiv) in $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$ 1:1 (1.2 mL) at 0 °C was added CSA (56 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1 equiv) and the mixture was stirred at rt. After 2 h, TLC showed no conversion so $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$ 1:1 (1.2 mL) was added and the mixture was heated at reflux for 6 h. Then usual work up procedure was followed

using Et₂O. NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a 75% conversion into the desired products **1a** with a 60:40 ratio. Column chromatography (pentane/acetone 80:20) gave 41 mg (0.147 mmol, 60%) of a *Z*:*E* (60:40) mixture of **1a** as white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 – 7.82 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}, Z+E), 7.78 – 7.70 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}, Z+E), 4.61 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 21.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂N, Z), 4.53 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 20.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂N, E), 4.40 (br s, 2H, CH₂OH, Z), 4.32 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 1.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂OMe, E), 4.30 (br d, 4 J_{HF} = 2.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂OH, E), 4.13 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 3.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂OMe, Z), 3.43 (s, 3H, OMe, E), 3.32 (s, 3H, OMe, Z), 3.10 (br s, 1H, OH, Z), 2.29 (br s, 1H, OH, E). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.7 (2C, E), 167.4 (2C, Z), 153.0 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 258.6 Hz, Z), 152.7 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 258.4 Hz, E), 134.3 (2C, E), 134.2 (2C, Z), 131.8 (2C, Z), 131.7 (2C, E), 123.6 (2C, E), 123.5 (2C, Z), 118.5 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 9.1 Hz, Z), 117.8 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 12.1 Hz, E), 68.9 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.1 Hz, E), 66.2 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.3 Hz, Z), 58.9 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 7.6 Hz, Z), 58.4 (E), 58.2 (Z), 57.6 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.5 Hz, E), 35.1 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 30.1 Hz, Z), 35.0 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 30.2 Hz, E). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.9 (br t, 3 J_{FH} = 21.4 Hz, Z), -110.1 (br t, 3 J_{FH} = 20.3 Hz, E).

N-[3-(Benzyloxymethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (1b)

To the oxetane 1 (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv) in benzylic alcohol (0.50 mL, 4.9 mmol, 24 equiv) at 0 °C was added CSA (47 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 equiv) and the mixture was stirred at rt. After 2.5 h, TLC showed no conversion so the mixture was heated at 80 °C for 20 h. Then, usual work up procedure was followed using Et₂O. NMR

analysis of the crude mixture showed a complete conversion into the products **1b** with a 55:45 \mathbb{Z}/E ratio. Column chromatography (pentane/EtOAc 80:20 to 60:40) gave two analytical samples of different ratios: 1st fraction: $\mathbb{Z}:E$ (85:15) and 2nd fraction: $\mathbb{Z}:E$ (6:94).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 4H, H_{Phtha}, Z+E), 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 4H, H_{Phtha}, Z+E), 7.42 – 7.25 (m, 10H, H_{Ph}, Z+E), 4.62 (d, ³J_{HF} = 21.5, 2H, CH₂N, Z), 4.63 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph, E), 4.51 (d, ³J_{HF} = 20.3, 2H, CH₂N, E), 4.51 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph, Z), 4.44 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 6.7, ⁴J_{HF} = 1.7, 2H, CH₂OH, Z), 4.43 (d, ⁴J_{HF} = 1.8, 2H, CH₂OBn, E), 4.34 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 6.3, ⁴J_{HF} = 3.0, 2H, CH₂OH, E), 4.26 (d, ⁴J_{HF} = 3.1, 2H, CH₂OBn, Z), 3.05 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.7, 1H, OH, Z), 2.10 (t, ³J_{HH} = 6.3, 1H, OH, E). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.8 (2C, Z), 167.4 (2C, E), 153.0 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 258.7 Hz, Z), 152.8 (d, ¹J_{CF} = 258.6 Hz, E), 137.8 (Z), 137.6 (E), 134.4 (2C, Z), 134.2 (2C, E), 131.8 (2C, E), 131.7 (2C, Z), 128.5 (2C, E), 128.4 (2C, Z), 127.94 (E), 127.88 (2C, E), 127.82 (2C, Z), 127.77 (Z), 123.7 (2C,

Z), 123.5 (2C, E), 118.8 (d, ${}^{2}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 9.0 Hz, Z), 117.9 (d, ${}^{2}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 12.4 Hz, E), 72.8 (E), 72.7 (Z), 66.7 (d, ${}^{3}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 8.3 Hz, E), 64.2 (d, ${}^{3}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 8.5 Hz, Z), 59.1 (d, ${}^{3}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 7.5 Hz, Z), 57.8 (d, ${}^{3}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 9.4 Hz, E), 35.1 (d, ${}^{2}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 30.0 Hz, E), 35.1 (d, ${}^{2}\text{J}_{CF}$ = 30.2 Hz, Z). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -111.6 (br t, ${}^{3}\text{J}_{FH}$ = 21.5 Hz, Z), -109.9 (br t, ${}^{3}\text{J}_{FH}$ = 20.3 Hz, E).

N-[(Z)-3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-ylsulfanylmethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (Z-1c)

To the oxetane 1 (50.0 mg, 0.202 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at rt were added 2-mercaptobenzothiazole (47.5 mg, 0.234 mmol, 1.4 equiv) and CSA (47 mg, 0.202 mmol, 1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at rt for 23.5 h, then usual work up procedure was followed using

Et₂O. NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed an 80% conversion into the desired products E-1c and Z-1c with a 25:75 ratio. Column chromatography (pentane/acetone 84:16 then 80:20) gave 55 mg (0.132 mmol, 65%) of a 25:75 mixture of E-1c and Z-1c (contaminated with 3.5% of 1) as a white solid. An additional purification gave a pure analytical sample of Z-1c for characterization. The compound E-1c was obtained and described page S12.

Z-1c: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.91-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.78-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.58 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 21.6 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 2.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.9, 167.6 (2C), 152.4, 152.3 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 259.8 Hz), 135.3, 134.3 (2C), 131.8 (2C), 126.3, 124.7, 123.7 (2C), 121.3, 121.1, 118.6 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 8.4 Hz), 58.6 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 6.6 Hz), 35.2 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 30.2 Hz), 28.7 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.6 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -108.9 (t, 3 J_{HF} = 21.6 Hz). HRMS (ES+) m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₁₆N₂O₃FS₂⁺ 415.0586, found 415.0591.

N-[3-(Bromomethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl]phthalimide (1d)

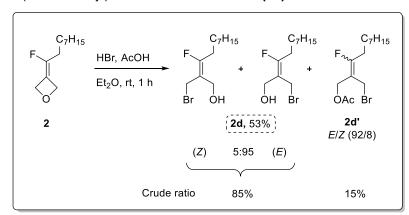
To the oxetane 1 (330 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et_2O (13 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of HBr (33 wt % in AcOH, 0.547 mL, 3.33 mmol, 2.3 equiv) diluted in Et_2O (2.2 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 0.75 h, then usual work-up procedure was followed with EtOAc (1 vol. = 25 mL). NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a complete conversion into

the products E-1d and Z-1d (E/Z ratio 89:11) together with 4% of E/Z-1d'. Column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 98:2 to 96:4) gave three fractions of E-1d and Z-1d: 17 mg (0.052 mmol, 4%, 5:95, E/Z), 110 mg

(0.335 mmol, 25%, 80:20, E/Z) and 286 mg (0.872 mmol, 65%, 98:2, E/Z) all as white solids. Further crystallization gave an analytical E-1d sample for X-ray analysis page **S19**.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.89-7.85 (m, 4H, *E*+*Z*), 7.77-7.73 (m, 4H, *E*+*Z*), 4.59 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 21.7 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 4.55 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 20.4 Hz, 2H, *E*), 4.44 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 2.0 Hz, 2H, *Z*), 4.41 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 1.5 Hz, 2H, *E*), 4.37 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 3.1 Hz, 4H, *E*+*Z*), 1.78 (s, 2H, *E*+*Z*). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.8 (2C, *Z*), 167.4 (2C, *E*), 153.3 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 262.5 Hz, 2C, *E*+*Z*), 134.6 (2C, *Z*), 134.4 (2C, *E*), 131.8 (2C, *E*), 131.6 (2C, *Z*), 123.8 (2C, *Z*), 123.7 (2C, *E*), 199.2 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 15.6 Hz, 2C, *E*+*Z*), 59.1 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 6.6 Hz, *Z*), 56.6 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.5 Hz, *E*), 35.2 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 30.4 Hz, 2C, *E*+*Z*), 27.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.6 Hz, *E*), 25.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 10.1 Hz, *Z*). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 MHz) δ -108.0 (t, 3 J_{HF} = 21.7 Hz, *Z*), -106.5 (t, 3 J_{HF} = 20.4 Hz, *E*). HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₁NO₃FNaBr⁺ 349.9804, found 349.9818.

2-(Bromomethyl)-3-fluoro-undec-2-en-1-ol (2d)



To the oxetane **2** (100 mg, 0.499 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et_2O (5 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of HBr (33 wt % in AcOH, 0.204 mL, 1.15 mmol, 2.3 equiv) diluted in Et_2O (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, then usual work-up procedure was followed (1 vol. = 10 mL). NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a complete conversion into the products E-

2d and Z-**2d** (E/Z ratio 94:6) together with 15% of acetate E/Z-**2d'** (E/Z ratio 92:8). Column chromatography (pentane/Et₂O 98:2 then 80:20) gave 16 mg of impure **2d'** (E/Z ratio 95:5) and 73 mg (0.26 mmol, 53%, E/Z ratio 95:5) of **2d** as a colorless oil. The product is not stable and degrades at rt overnight.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.37 (br s, 2H, CH₂O, *E*), 4.26 (br s, 2H, CH₂O, *Z*), 4.23 (br s, 2H, CH₂Br, *Z*), 4.16 (br s, 2H, CH₂Br, *E*), 2.34 (dt, 3 J_{HF} = 24.1, 3 J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 4H, CH₂CF, *E*+*Z*), 1.63 – 1.48 (m, 6H, *E*+*Z*), 1.42 – 1.21 (m, 20H, *E*+*Z*), 0.89 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, 6H, CH₃, *E*+*Z*). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) only *E*-2d visible on spectra: δ 161.7 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 261.8 Hz), 114.5 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 18.1 Hz), 56.7 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.5 Hz), 31.8, 29.9 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 10.9 Hz), 29.2, 29.07, 29.05, 28.9 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 27.4 Hz), 26.0, 22.6, 14.0. ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) *Z*-2d: δ -99.4 (t, 3 J_{FH} = 24.1 Hz, *E*), -97.6 (t, 3 J_{FH} = 24.2 Hz, *Z*). HRMS (ASAP+) *m/z* calcd for [M-H]⁺ C₁₂H₂₁OF⁷⁹Br 279.0760, found 279.0773, [M-F⁻]⁺ C₁₂H₂₂O⁷⁹Br 261.0854, found 261.0859.

(2-(Bromomethyl)-3-fluoro-undec-2-enyl) acetate (2d')

E/Z (92/8) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) only E-2d' visible on spectra: δ 4.79 (br s, 2H, CH₂O), 4.07 (br s, 2H, CH₂Br), 2.35 (dt, ${}^{3}J_{HF} = 23.7$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.4$ Hz, 2H, CH₂CF), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.68 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.42 – 1.17 (m, 10H), 0.89 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.5$ Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) Z-2d': δ -95.1 (t, J = 23.9 Hz), E-2d': δ -95.9 (t, J = 23.8 Hz).

3-Benzoyl-1-[3-(bromomethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl]-5-iodo-pyrimidine-2,4-dione (3d)

To the oxetane **3** (43 mg, 0.097 mmol, 1 equiv) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (78 mg, 0.243 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) at -20 °C was added $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (0.013 mL, 0.107 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 2 h, then usual work-up procedure was followed with Et_2O . NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a complete conversion into the

products E-3d and Z-3d (E/Z ratio 96:4). Column chromatography $CH_2CI_2/EtOAc$ (80/20) gave a E/Z ratio (96:4) of compound 3d (39 mg, 76%) as white solid.

E-3d.¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.83 – 7.77 (m, 1H), 7.68 (tt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.4$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 4.62 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HF} = 21.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.41 (d, ${}^{4}J_{HF} = 3.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.26 (d, ${}^{4}J_{HF} = 1.3$ Hz, 2H), 1.67 (s, 1H). ${}^{19}F$ NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -109.45 (t, ${}^{3}J_{FH} = 21.1$ Hz). ${}^{13}C$ NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.51, 159.13, 151.71 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 258.2$ Hz), 149.47, 147.92, 135.71, 130.78 (2C), 130.76, 129.47 (2C), 121.81 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 15.1$ Hz), 68.80, 56.53 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 8.3$ Hz), 45.66 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 28.3$ Hz), 26.56 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 9.3$ Hz). HRMS ES+ (m/z) [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₄FBrI⁺ 522.9157, found 522.9154.

4. Synthesis of oxetanes 4 and 5

N-[2-(Oxetan-3-ylidene)ethyl] phthalimide (4)

To a mixture of 1-(2-phthalimidoethyl)-triphenylphosphonium bromideⁱ (380 mg, 0.736 mmol, 1 equiv) and 3-oxetanone (0.043 mL, 0.736 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (2.5 mL) at 0 °C was added *t*-BuOK (91 mg, 0.809 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 4.5 h then cooled to room temperature. NH₄Cl

(sat. aq., 8 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), then treated as usual. Column chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2/EtOAc$ 98:2 then 92:8 then 90:10) gave 28 mg of a 1:1 mixture of the desired product **4** and phthalimide which was used as obtained in the next step.

 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD/CDCl₃) δ 7.86 – 7.78 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 7.78 – 7.71 (m, 4H, H_{Ar}), 5.36 (br s, 2H, CH₂O), 5.34 – 5.27 (m, 1H, CH), 5.18 (br s, 2H, CH₂O), 4.08 (d, 3 J_{HH} = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂N). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CD₃OD/CDCl₃) δ 170.5 (2C), 168.8 (2C), 140.2, 135.0 (2C), 134.8 (2C), 133.6 (2C), 132.6 (2C), 123.9 (2C), 123.8 (2C), 114.1, 79.8, 79.4, 35.60.

ⁱ Wolin, R.; Connolly, M.; Afonso, A.; Hey, J. A.; She, H.; Rivelli, M. A.; Willams, S. M.; West, R. E. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **1998**, *8* (16), 2157–2162. doi:10.1016/S0960-894X(98)00379-5

3-Decylideneoxetane (5)

In a 50 mL 2-neck round-bottomed flask, a mixture of decyl bromide (0.938 mL, 4.52 mmol, 1 equiv) and triphenylphosphine (1.19 g, 4.52 mmol, 1 equiv) in toluene (2 mL) was refluxed for 15 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt before the addition of Et₂O (15 mL) upon which a white gum formed. *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane,

1.81 mL, 4.52 mmol, 1 equiv) was then added dropwise at rt upon which a red-orange color developed. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h then cooled to -78 °C and 3-oxetanone (0.265 mL, 4.52 mmol, 1 equiv) solution in Et₂O (5 mL) were added dropwise while keeping the temperature below -55 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 1 h after which the precipitate was filtered and rinsed with Et₂O followed by concentration of the filtrate. Column chromatography (pentane/Et₂O 95:5) gave 165 mg (0.840 mmol, 19%) of 5 as colorless oil and contaminated with approximately 40% of an unidentified compound bearing a three-carbon alkyl chain.

 1 H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.24 – 5.21 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 5.20 – 5.17 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 5.15 – 5.10 (m, 1H, CH₂C<u>H</u>), 1.87 – 1.80 (m, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂CH), 1.40 – 1.21 (m, 14H + 2.9H), 0.89 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 3H + 1.7H). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 133.5, 119.8, 79.5, 79.0, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.2, 22.7, 14.1. Peaks for the impurity: 34.1, 22.4, 14.1.

5. Ring-opening reaction of oxetanes 4 and 5

N-[(E)-3-(Bromomethyl)-4-hydroxy-but-2-en-1-yl] phthalimide (E-4d)

To the mixture obtained above of oxetane 4 (17 mg, 0.074 mmol, 1 equiv) and phthalimide (11 mg, 0.074 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et₂O (2 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of HBr (33 wt % in AcOH, 0.030 mL, 0.371 mmol,

5 equiv) diluted in Et₂O (0.12 mL). The mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h then usual work-up procedure was followed with EtOAc (1 vol. = 10 mL). NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a 1:1 mixture of *E*-**4d** (single isomer) and phthalimide. Column chromatography (pentane/EtOAc 70:30) gave 21 mg (0.069 mmol, 94%) of *E*-**4d** as a white solid. Further crystallization gave an analytically pure sample for X-ray analysis page **S21**. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 – 7.83 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 2H, H_{Ar}), 5.71 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.49 (br s, 2H, CH₂O), 4.43 (d, ³J_{HH} = 7.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂N), 4.07 (s, 2H, CH₂Br). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.1 (2C), 141.2, 134.3 (2C), 131.9, 125.1 (2C), 123.5 (2C), 58.0, 35.40, 34.80.

(E)-2-(Bromomethyl)dodec-2-en-1-ol (E-5d)

To the impure oxetane $\bf 5$ obtained above (55 mg, 0.280 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et₂O (3.35 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of HBr (33 wt % in AcOH, 0.161 mL, 0.924 mmol, 3.3 equiv) diluted in Et₂O (0.5 mL). The mixture was

stirred at rt for 1 h then usual work-up procedure was followed (1 vol. = 10 mL). NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a complete conversion into the products 5d (E/Z ratio 81:19) and 5d' (E/Z ratio 100:0). Column chromatography (pentane/Et₂O 98:2 then 85:15) gave 40 mg (0.12 mmol, 44%) of E-5d' and 27 mg (0.01 mmol, 34%) of E-5d as colorless oil. Note: The product is not stable and degrades at rt overnight.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.77 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂C<u>H</u>), 4.34 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 4.15 (s, 2H, CH₂Br), 2.11 (dt, appears as q, 3 J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂CH), 1.42 – 1.19 (m, 14H), 0.89 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.1, 135.0, 58.5, 37.3, 31.9, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.22, 29.19, 27.9, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (ASAP+) m/z calcd for [M-H]⁺ C₁₃H₂₄O⁷⁹Br 275.1011, found 275.1013, [M-OH⁻]⁺ C₁₃H₂₄⁷⁹Br 259.1061, found 259.1063

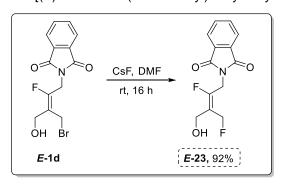
[(E)-2-(Bromomethyl)dodec-2-enyl] acetate (E-5d')

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂C<u>H</u>), 4.75 (s, 2H, CH₂O), 4.06 (s, 2H, CH₂Br), 2.13 (dt, appears as br q, 3 J_{HH} = 7.4 Hz, 2H, C<u>H₂</u>CH), 2.08 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 12H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H, CH₃).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 137.5, 131.0, 59.7, 36.5, 31.8, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 29.0, 28.1, 22.6, 20.9, 14.1. Note: The ¹³C spectrum was obtained from another batch than the ¹H spectrum. For this batch, *E*-**5d**' was obtained with some Et₂O and the same impurity present with oxetane **5** hence the presence of the same extra peaks. HRMS (ASAP+) m/z calcd for [M+H]⁺ C₁₅H₂₈O₂⁷⁹Br 319.1273, found 319.1270, [M-AcO⁻]⁺ C₁₃H₂₄⁷⁹Br 259.1061, found 259.1061.

6. Functionalization of compound 1d

N-[(E)-2-Fluoro-3-(fluoromethyl)-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (E-23)



Cesium fluoride (93 mg, 0.61 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of E-1d (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. DMF was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was taken up in dichloromethane and water. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford compound E-23 (75 mg, 92%) as white crystal.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.72 (m, 2H), 5.29 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{HF} = 47.7$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HF} = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.55 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HF} = 20.6$ Hz, ${}^{5}J_{HF} = 2.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.36-4.31 (m, 2H), 1.91 (brt, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.2$ Hz, 1H). ${}^{13}C$ NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.4 (2C), 155.1 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 262.7$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 12.1$ Hz), 134.4 (2C), 131.8 (2C), 123.6 (2C), 117.3 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 15.2$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 13.4$ Hz), 78.8 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 163.2$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 10.4$ Hz), 56.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 8.9$ Hz), 35.1 (dd,

 2 J_{CF} = 29.7 Hz, 4 J_{CF} = 1.4 Hz). 19 F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -107.1 (t, 3 J_{FH} = 20.6 Hz), -212.3 (t, 2 J_{FH} = 47.7 Hz). HRMS ES+ (m/z) [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₁NO₃F₂Na⁺ 290.0605, found 290.0608.

N-[(Z)-3-(Azidomethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (Z-24)

Sodium azide (40 mg, 0.61 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of *E*-1d (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. DMF was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was taken up in dichloromethane and water. The organic layer was isolated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 95:5) afforded

compound Z-24 (82 mg, 93%) as white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.90-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.78-7.72 (m, 2H), 5.46 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HF} = 30.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 4.16 (d, ${}^{4}J_{HF} = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, ${}^{4}J_{HF} = 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.9 (2C), 142.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 23.7$ Hz), 134.5 (2C), 131.6 (2C), 123.8 (2C), 118.2 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 8.6$ Hz), 106.1 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CF} = 226.3$ Hz), 62.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{CF} = 4.1$ Hz), 43.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{CF} = 30.6$ Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -122.66 (m). HRMS (ES+) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₃H₁₁N₄O₃FNa 313.0713, found 313.0716.

N-[(Z)-2-Fluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)-4-pyrrolidin-1-yl-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (Z-25)

Triethylamine (82 μ L, 0.61 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of bromo-alcohol (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv) and pyrrolidine (38 μ L, 0.46 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (5 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Dichloromethane was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was taken up in dichloromethane and water. The organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography on

silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 95:5) afforded compound *Z*-25 (93 mg, 96%) as a white solid. Further crystallization gave an analytical sample for X-ray analysis page \$23.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.88-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.76-7.70 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 1H), 4.52 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 19.9 Hz, 2H), 4.39 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 2H), 2.79-2.70 (m, 4H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 167.5 (2C), 150.1 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 254.2 Hz), 134.3 (2C), 131.9 (2C), 123.5 (2C), 117.1 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 13.9 Hz), 59.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 10.6 Hz), 54.3 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 7.0 Hz), 53.9 (2C), 34.7 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 29.9 Hz), 23.5 (2C). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -110.6 (m). HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₃F 319.1458, found 319.1462.

N-[(E)-3-(1,3-Benzothiazol-2-ylsulfanylmethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (E-1c)

Triethylamine (82 μ L, 0.61 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to a solution of bromo-alcohol **1d** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-mercaptobenzothiazol (76 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dichloromethane (5 mL). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Dichloromethane was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was taken up in dichloromethane and water. The organic layer was isolated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄,

filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 95:5) afforded compound *E*-1c in quantitative yield as white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.86-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.72-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 21.8 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.32 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 2.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 168.5, 167.5 (2C), 152.1, 151.2 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 256.7 Hz), 135.1, 134.3 (2C), 131.9 (2C), 126.4, 124.8, 123.6 (2C), 121.5, 121.1, 119.2 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 15.0 Hz), 55.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.9 Hz), 35.4 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 31.0 Hz), 30.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 7.0 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 376 Hz) δ -108.7 (t, 3 J_{HF} = 21.8 Hz, 1F). HRMS (ESI) m/z [M + H]⁺ calculated for C₂₀H₁₆N₂O₃FS₂⁺ 415.0586, found 415.0591.

7. Synthesis of benzyloxy-substituted fluoroethylideneoxetane derivative 8.

2-(2-Benzyloxy-1-fluoro-ethyl)sulfonyl-1,3-benzothiazole (7)

To a mixture of compound **6** (0.370 g, 1,416 mmol) and benzyl trichloroacetimidate (0.395 mL, 2,124 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at rt was added dropwise TfOH (0.026 mL, 0.284 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h, then quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution (10 mL). The layers were

separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic phase was dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/AcOEt (90/10) as eluent. Compound **7** (0.311 g, 0.885 mmol) was obtained with 62% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 – 8.23 (m, 1H), 8.04 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.70 – 7.60 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.85 (ddd, 2 J_{HF} = 47.9 Hz, 3 J_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, 3 J_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.31 (ddd, 3 J_{HF} = 27.2 Hz, 2 J_{HH} =12.4 Hz, 3 J_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (ddd, 3 J_{HF} = 21.1 Hz, 2 J_{HH} =12.4 Hz, 3 J_{HH} =6.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5, 152.9, 137.6, 136.7, 128.7 (2C), 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9 (2C), 126.0, 122.5, 101.1 (d, 4 J_{CF} = 226.8 Hz), 74.2, 65.9 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 20.2 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -182.49 (ddd, 2 J_{FH} = 47.9 Hz, 3 J_{FH} = 27.2 Hz, 3 J_{FH} = 21.1 Hz). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₆H₁₅NO₃S₂F⁺ 352.0477, found 352.0479.

3-(2-Benzyloxy-1-fluoro-ethylidene)oxetane (8)

To a mixture of compound **7** (0.310 g, 0.882 mmol) and 3-oxetanone (0.062 mL, 0.970 mmol) in THF (9 mL) at -78 °C was added dropwise a solution of 1 M of NaHMDS in THF (1.323 mL, 1.323 mmol). Te reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature, then quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution (10 mL). The mixture was extracted

with Et₂O. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/Et₂O (90/10) as eluent. Compound **8** (0.146 g, 0.701 mmol) was obtained with 79% yield.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.26 (dtt, 4 J_{HF} = 4.2 Hz, 4 J_{HH} = 2.6 Hz, 5 J_{HH} = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (dtt, 4 J_{HF} = 4.2 Hz, 4 J_{HH} = 2.6 Hz, 5 J_{HH} = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 3.96 (dquint, 3 J_{HF} = 13.1 Hz, 5 J_{HH} = 1.4 Hz, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -124.42 (dquint, 3 J_{FH} = 13.1 Hz, 4 J_{FH} = 4.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.99 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 250.7 Hz), 137.33, 128.63 (2C), 128.08, 127.79 (2C), 115.60 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 22.1 Hz), 75.45 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 7.2 Hz), 74.93 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 11.7 Hz), 72.72, 65.09 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 31.2 Hz). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₂H₁₄O₂F⁺ 209.0978, found 209.0972.

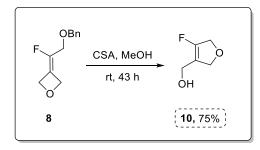
8. Ring-opening reaction of the benzyloxy-substituted fluoroethylideneoxetane 8

4-Benzyloxy-2-(bromomethyl)-3-fluoro-but-2-en-1-ol (9)

To the oxetane **8** (132 mg, 0.634 mmol, 1 equiv) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (511 mg, 1.59 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at -20 °C was added BF₃·Et₂O (0.086 mL, 0.107 mmol, 1.1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 1 h then usual work-up procedure was followed with Et₂O. NMR analysis of the

crude mixture showed a complete conversion into the products *E***-9** and *Z***-9** (*E*/*Z* ratio 90:10). Column chromatography pentane/EtOAc (90/10) gave a *E*/*Z* ratio (95:5) of compound **9** (183 mg, 66%) as colorless oil. 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 4.39 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 21.1 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (s, 1H). 19 F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -105.00 (t, 3 J_{FH} = 21.1 Hz). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.06 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 262.9 Hz), 137.23, 128.67 (2C), 128.20, 128.02 (2C), 119.58 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 16.2 Hz), 72.90, 64.51 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 30.5 Hz), 56.48 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.6 Hz), 27.74 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.8 Hz). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ does not succeed probably due to the non-ionization of the sample.

(4-Fluoro-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)methanol (10)



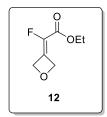
Camphorsulfonic acid (80 mg, 0.346 mmol, 1 equiv) was added to a solution of **8** (72 mg, 0.346 mmol, 1 equiv) in MeOH (1 mL, 23 mmol, 66 equiv). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 43 h, then usual work up was followed with Et₂O. NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a 95% conversion into the product **10** and **11** (90/10, see the main text). Column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 60/40) gave the compound **10** (30 mg, 75%) as

colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.76 – 4.66 (m, 2H), 4.58 – 4.51 (m, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 2.04 (s, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -141.14 – -141.22 (m). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.79 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 278.1 Hz), 111.04 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 7.1 Hz), 73.51 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.4 Hz), 68.90 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 28.1 Hz), 53.82.

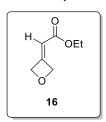
9. Synthesis of the acetate derivatives 12 and 16

Ethyl 2-fluoro-2-(oxetan-3-ylidene)acetate (12)



Compound **12** was synthesized according to the procedure by Thierry et al. starting from 1.67 mL (27.25 mmol) of 3-oxetanone to offer 3.97 g product (20.82 mmol, 84%). The spectral data matched with the literature.

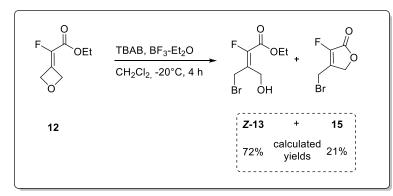
Oxetan-3-ylidene-acetic acid ethyl ester (16)



Compound **16** was synthesized according to the procedure of Wuitschik et al. starting from 0.181 mL (3.01 mmol) of 3-oxetanone to offer 411 mg product (2.89 mmol, 96%). The spectral data matched with the literature.ⁱⁱ

10. Ring-opening reaction from acetate derivatives 12 and 16

Ethyl (Z)-4-bromo-2-fluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)but-2-enoate (Z-13)



Procedure for Table 4, entry 4: To the oxetane **12** (200 mg, 1.25 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL) at -40 °C was added TBAB (805 mg, 2.50 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ (0.23 mL, 1.87 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 4 h after which only *Z*-**13** was observed by TLC analysis. Usual work-up procedure was followed with Et_2O (1 vol. = 10 mL). During the second extraction,

a solid formed (probably TBAB) which was discarded. The combined organic layers were washed with water

¹ Thierry, T.; Lebargy, C.; Pfund, E.; Lequeux, T. J. Org. Chem. 2019, 84 (9), 5877–5885. doi:10.1021/acs.joc.9b00244.

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 $(2 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ then dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated to give 274 mg of crude. NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a complete conversion into the products **Z-13** and **15** with a 78:22 ratio. Calculated yields gave 72% for **Z-13** and 21% for **15**. The product was used without further purification.

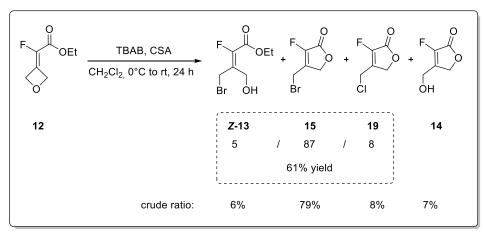
¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.58 (dd, 3 J_{HH} = 7.0 Hz, 4 J_{HF} = 2.9 Hz, 2H, CH₂O), 4.35 (q, 3 J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂CH₃), 4.25 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 3.4 Hz, 2H, CH₂Br), 2.71 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 1H, OH), 1.38 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂CH₃).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 33.8 Hz), 146.0 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 269.3 Hz), 130.7 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 8.1 Hz), 62.3, 58.5 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 3.5 Hz), 25.0 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 10.4 Hz), 13.9.
¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.56 (m, 1F).
¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.52 (s, 1F).

4-(Hydroxymethyl)-3-fluoro-2(5H)-furanone (14)

Procedure for Table 4, entry 1: To the oxetane 12 (55 mg, 0.34 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et_2O (3.4 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of HBr (33 wt % in AcOH, 0.14 mL, 0.81 mmol, 2.3 equiv) diluted in Et_2O (0.6 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h, then allowed to reach rt over 1 h. After 0.5 h

at rt, usual work-up procedure was followed with Et_2O (1 vol. = 5 mL). NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed a 92% conversion into the products **14**, **15** and *Z*-**13** with a ratio of 87:8:1 with the remaining 4% probably being acetylated products. Column chromatography (pentane/acetone 90:10, 80:20 then 70:30) gave 4 mg of an 80:20 mixture of **15**/*Z*-**13** and 26 mg (0.20 mmol, 58%) of lactone **14** as a colorless oil. The spectral data matched with the literature. Product **14** (24 mg, 67%) was also obtained starting from **12** by using BF₃·OEt₂ (0.23 mL, 1.87 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ at -20 °C during 2 h, followed by column chromatography (pentane/acetone, 80:20).

4-(Bromomethyl)-3-fluoro-2(5H)-furanone (15)



Procedure for Table 4, entry 3: To the oxetane 12 (150 mg. 0.937 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at added TBAB 0 °C was (755 mg, 2.34 mmol, 2.5 equiv) followed by CSA (218 mg, 0.937 mmol, 1 equiv). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1.5 h,

then allowed to reach rt. After 24 h, CSA (218 mg, 0.937 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 6 h. Usual work-up procedure was followed with Et₂O (1 vol. = 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), then dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated to give 156 mg of crude. NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed an 83% conversion into the products **15**, **19**, **14** and **Z-13** with a

ⁱ A. Fort, D.; J. Woltering, T.; M. Alker, A.; Bach, T. Heterocycles 2014, 88 (2), 1079. doi:10.3987/COM-13-S(S)67

ratio of 79:8:7:6. Column chromatography (pentane/Et₂O 75:25 then 70:30) gave 112 mg of an 87:8:5 mixture of products **15/19**/*Z*-**13** (61% yield). The spectral data for **15** matched with the literature.

Data for 4-(chloromethyl)-3-fluoro-2(5H)-furanone (19)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.91 (d, $^{4}J_{HF}$ = 5.7 Hz, 2H, CH₂O), 4.21 (br s, 2H, CH₂Cl). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1 (d, $^{2}J_{CF}$ = 30.5 Hz), 144.0 (d, $^{1}J_{CF}$ = 279.1 Hz), 132.8 (d, $^{2}J_{CF}$ = 5.5 Hz), 66.7 (d, $^{3}J_{CF}$ = 5.7 Hz), 32.9 (d, $^{3}J_{CF}$ = 2.0 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -143.54 – -143.60 (m, 1F).

11. Opening reaction of ethyl 2-(oxetanyl-3-idene)acetate 16

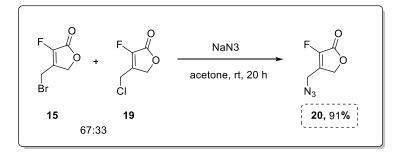
4-(Bromomethyl)-2(5H)-furanone (18)

To the oxetane **16** (132 mg, 0.92 mmol, 1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) at -20 °C was added TBAB (592 mg, 1.84 mmol, 2 equiv) followed by $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$ (0.17 mL, 1.38 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 3 h, then usual work-up procedure was followed with Et_2O (1 vol. = 5 mL). Crude product was washed with a NH₄Cl saturated solution, affording the product **18**

(146 mg, 90% yield). Spectral data matched with the literature.ⁱ

12. Functionalization of bromomethyllactone 15 and its analogues

4-(Azidomethyl)-3-fluoro-2(5H)-furanone (20)



To a 67:33 mixture of bromide **15** (121 mg, 0.621 mmol, 0.67 equiv) and chloride **19** (47 mg, 0.31 mmol, 0.33 equiv) in acetone (5 mL) was added sodium azide (94 mg, 0.96 mmol, 1.03 equiv). After 20 h of stirring at rt, the reaction mixture was filtered over a pad of celite[®] then concentrated. Column

chromatography (pentane/Et₂O 50:50) afforded 133 mg (0.847 mmol, 91%) of 20 as a colorless oil.

 $^{1}H\ NMR\ (500\ MHz,\ CDCl_{3})\ \delta\ 4.84\ (d\ ^{4}J_{HF}=5.8\ Hz,\ 2H,\ CH_{2}O),\ 4.36\ (br\ s,\ 2H,\ CH_{2}N).\ ^{13}C\ NMR\ (126\ MHz,\ CDCl_{3})\ \delta\ 164.1\ (d,\ ^{2}J_{CF}=30.7\ Hz),\ 144.4\ (d,\ ^{1}J_{CF}=277.2\ Hz),\ 132.0\ (d,\ ^{2}J_{CF}=5.6\ Hz),\ 66.6\ (d,\ ^{3}J_{CF}=6.2\ Hz),\ 44.0\ (d,\ ^{3}J_{CF}=2.8\ Hz).\ ^{19}F\ NMR\ (471\ MHz,\ CDCl_{3})\ -145.05\ --145.11\ (m,\ 1F).$

Diethyl [(4-fluoro-2,5-dihydro-5-oxo-3-furanyl)methyl]-phosphonate (21)

A 90:10 mixture of **15**/**Z-13** (230 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1 equiv) and triethyl phosphite (1.0 mL, 5.9 mmol, 5 equiv) was heated at 90 °C for 4 h and excess phosphite was evaporated under vacuum. Column chromatography (pentane/acetone 85:15 to 60:40) afforded 228 mg (0.905 mmol, 77%) of the phosphonate **21** as a colorless oil.

 ^{1}H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.85 (d $^{4}J_{HF}$ = 4.8

Hz, 2H, CH₂O), 4.19 - 4.08 (m, 4H, OC $\underline{H_2}$ CH₃), 2.95 (d, ${}^2J_{HP} = 22.5$ Hz, 2H, CH₂P), 1.32 (t, ${}^3J_{HH} = 7.1$ Hz, 6H,

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OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4 (dd, ²J_{CF} = 30.4, ⁴J_{CP} = 3.2 Hz), 145.1 (dd, ¹J_{CF} = 273.9, ³J_{CP} = 11.5 Hz), 129.9 (dd, ²J_{CP} = 10.9, ²J_{CF} = 6.7 Hz), 67.9 (dd, ³J_{CF} = 6.1, ³J_{CP} = 2.0 Hz), 62.9 (d, ²J_{CP} = 6.7 Hz, 2C), 23.3 (dd, ¹J_{CP} = 140.7 Hz, ³J_{CF} = 2.6 Hz), 16.2 (d, ³J_{CP} = 6.0 Hz, 2C). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) -147.8 (br s, 1F). ³¹P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃). 20.5 (br s, simplifies to d, ⁴J_{PF} = 12.2 Hz upon ¹H decoupling, 1P).

Diethyl (Z)-[3-fluoro-4-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-but-2-en-1-yl]-phosphonate (22)

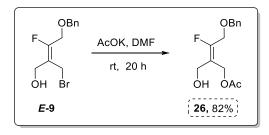
To a suspension of LiBH₄ (22 mg, 1.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in Et_2O (1.5 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise a solution of lactone **21** (115 mg, 0.456 mmol, 1 equiv) in Et_2O (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 5 h then quenched with sat. aq. NH4Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 then 2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Column

chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 98:2 to 93:7) afforded 56 mg (0.222 mmol, 49%) of starting lactone **21** and 55 mg (0.215 mmol, 47%) of the desired diol **22** as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.47 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.27 (d 3 J_{HF} = 22.6 Hz, 2H, CFCH₂O), 4.20 (br s, 2H, CCH₂OH), 4.10 (dq appears as quint, 3 J_{HP} = 3 J_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 4H, OCH₂CH₃), 3.96 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.78 (d, 2 J_{HP} = 22.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂P), 1.32 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 6H, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.3 (dd, 1 J_{CF} = 260.4, 3 J_{CP} = 13.3 Hz), 111.0 (dd appears as t, 2 J_{CP} = 2 J_{CF} = 11.2 Hz), 62.7 (d, 2 J_{CP} = 6.8 Hz, 2C), 60.6 (dd, 3 J_{CF} = 7.5, 3 J_{CP} = 1.6 Hz), 57.4 (dd, 2 J_{CF} = 30.7, 4 J_{CP} = 2.6 Hz), 25.2 (dd, 1 J_{CP} = 139.2 Hz, 3 J_{CF} = 6.9 Hz), 16.3 (d, 3 J_{CP} = 6.1 Hz, 2C). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) -107.9 – -108.2 (m, 1F). ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃). 27.6 (br s, 1P).

13. Preparation of tetrasubstituted fluoroalkenes

[(E)-4-Benzyloxy-3-fluoro-2-(hydroxymethyl)but-2-enyl] acetate (26)



To a solution of *E*-**9** (0.200 g, 0.692 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) was added KOAc (149 mg, 1.522 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred during 16 hours then DMF was removed in vacuo. CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and water (20 mL) were added to the residue. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic phase was washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄,

filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/AcOEt (80/20) as eluent. Compound **26** (0.152 g, 0.567 mmol) was obtained as colorless oil with 82% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.12 (m, 5H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.24 (s, 2H), 4.17 (d, 3 J_{HF} = 22.0 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -106.28 (t, 3 J_{FH} = 22.0 Hz). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.34, 157.22 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 261.3 Hz), 137.36, 128.55 (2C), 128.04, 127.90 (2C), 117.27 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 14.7 Hz), 72.72, 64.61 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 29.7 Hz), 59.66 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.8 Hz), 56.43 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.4 Hz), 20.92. HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₁₇O₄FNa⁺ 291.1009, found 291.1001.

[(E)-2-(Azidomethyl)-4-benzyloxy-3-fluoro-but-2-enyl] acetate (28)

To a solution of compound **26** (0.200 g, 0.745 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added MsCl (144 μ L, 1.86 mmol) and Et₃N (258 μ L, 1.86 mmol) at 0 °C. Reaction mixture was stirred during 2 h, then NH₄Cl (5 mL) was added. Medium was extracted with Et₂O, then washed

with saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution, and dried on MgSO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, compound **27** was dissolved in DMF (4 mL), and sodium azide (0.120 g, 1.84 mmol) was added to the medium. After 16 h of stirring, DMF was evaporated and the mixture was dissolved in water and CH₂Cl₂. Layers were separated then aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. Organic phase was washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/AcOEt (70/30) as eluent. Compound **28** (0.192 g, 0.518 mmol) was obtained with 89% yield.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 4.67 (d, ⁴J_{HF} = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.28 (d, ³J_{HF} = 21.4 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (d, ⁴J_{HF} = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.72 (t, ³J_{FH} = 21.4 Hz). ¹³C

Hz, 2H), 4.00 (d, 4 J_{HF} = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H). 19 F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -102.72 (t, 3 J_{FH} = 21.4 Hz). 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.72, 159.21 (d, 1 J_{CF} = 264.6 Hz), 137.23, 128.65 (2C), 128.17, 128.01 (2C), 112.68 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 14.9 Hz), 72.79, 64.41 (d, 2 J_{CF} = 29.5 Hz), 60.14 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 9.2 Hz), 46.57 (d, 3 J_{CF} = 8.1 Hz), 20.91. HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₁₄H₁₆N₃O₃FNa⁺ 316.1073, found 316.1064.

[(Z)-4-Benzyloxy-2-(diethoxyphosphorylmethyl)-3-fluoro-but-2-enyl] acetate (29)

To a solution of compound **26** (0.077 g, 0.289 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added MsCl (55 μ L, 0.723 mmol) and Et_3N (100 μ L, 1.86 mmol)

at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred during 2 h, then NH₄Cl (5 mL) was added. The medium was extracted with Et₂O, then washed with saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution, and dried on MgSO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, compound **27** was dissolved in acetone (4 mL) and LiBr (0.125 g, 1.445 mmol) was added to the medium. After 3 h of stirring, the medium was filtered and concentrated. The mixture was dissolved in P(OEt)₃ (5 mL, 29 mmol) and heated at 90 °C for 16 h. After concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by column chromatography using pentane/AcOEt (50:50) as eluent. Compound **29** (0.086 g, 0.221 mmol) was obtained with 76% yield.

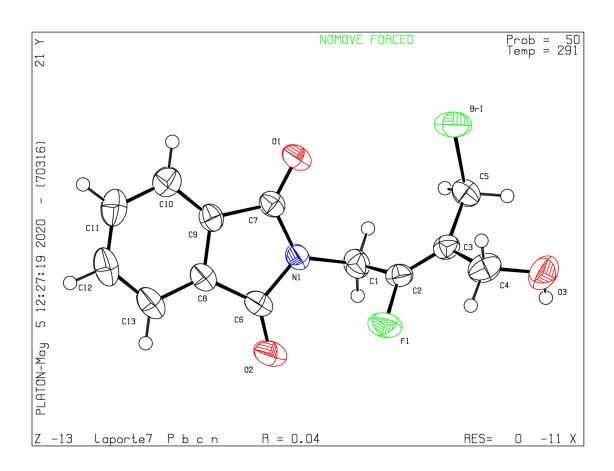
 1 H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.21 (m, 5H), 4.72 – 4.69 (br t, 4 J_{HH} =2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.24 (dd, 3 J_{HF} = 21.9 Hz, 4 J_{HH} =2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.15 – 4.06 (m, 4H), 2.78 (dd, 2 J_{HP} = 22.0 Hz, 4 J_{HF} = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.31 (t, 3 J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 6H). 19 F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -103.26 (td, 3 J_{FH} = 21.9 Hz, 4 J_{FP} = 11.8 Hz). 13 C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.74, 157.84 (dd, 1 J_{CF} = 261.2, 3 J_{CP} =12.8 Hz), 137.46, 128.57 (2C), 128.03, 127.89 (2C), 109.86 (dd, 2 J_{CF} =16.3 Hz, 2 J_{CP} = 11.4 Hz), 72.27, 64.24 (dd, 2 J_{CF} = 29.0, 4 J_{CP} = 2.5 Hz), 62.23 (d, 2 J_{CP} = 6.6 Hz, 2C), 61.40 (dd, 3 J_{CF} = 9.4, 3 J_{CP} = 1.5 Hz), 24.29 (dd, 1 J_{CP} =139.5, 3 J_{CF} =6.4 Hz), 20.95, 16.46 (d, 3 J_{CP} = 6.2 Hz, 2C). 31 P NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.31 (td, 2 J_{PH} = 22.0 Hz, 4 J_{PF} =11.8 Hz). HRMS-ESI (m/z) [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₇O₆FP⁺ 389.1529, found 389.1532.

14. Structure determination

a) X-Ray structures for compound E-1d, E-4d and Z-25

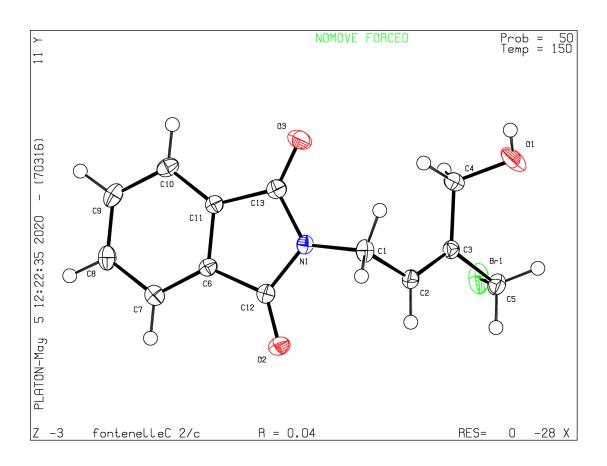
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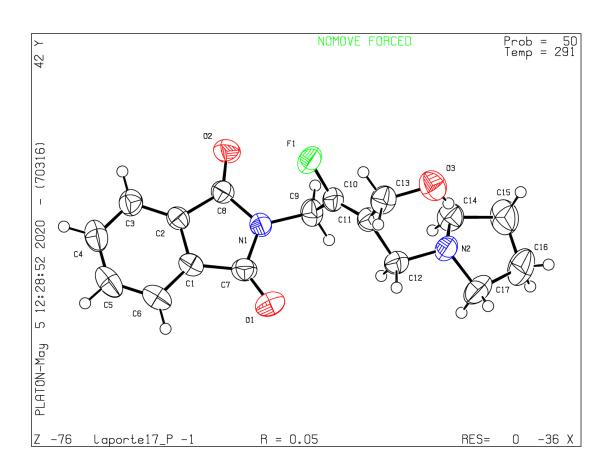
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	Calculated	Rep	orted			
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Sum formula	C13 H12 Br N O3	C13	8 H12 Br	N 03		
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Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.635 Tmax=0.738 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN						
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S = 1.030 Npar= 164						



X-ray analysis of compound Z-25 (Deposition Number 2005889)

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b) NOESY and HOESY experiments for compound E-3d, E-5d and E-2d

Starting from the alkene **3**, the selective oxetane opening reaction led to the formation of the *E*-isomer **3d** determined by 1D-¹H-NOESY and 2D-¹H-¹⁹F-HOESY experiment. Irradiation of the green proton gave response for both red and blue protons (Figure S1-S2), and HOESY experiment revealed correlations between the fluorine atom and the yellow protons, confirming the *E*-stereochemistry of the alkene.

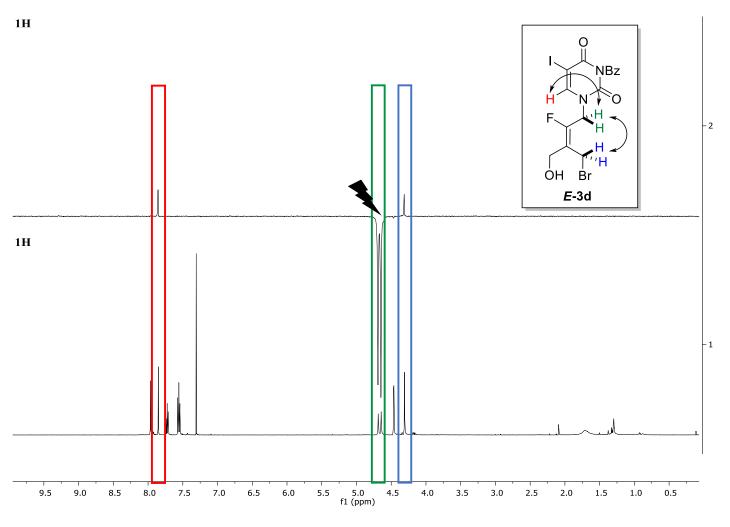


Figure S1. 1D-NOESY experiment for the compound 3d

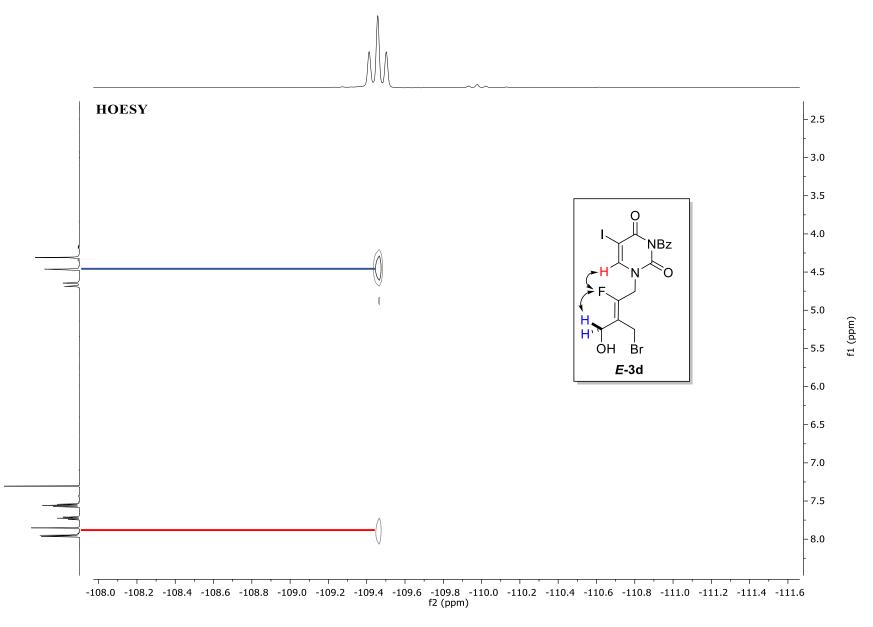


Figure S2. 2D-1H (vertical)-19F (horizontal)-HOESY experiment for the compound 3d

Starting from the alkene **5**, the selective oxetane opening reaction following led to the formation of the *E*-isomer **5d** determined by 1D-¹H-NOESY experiment (Figure S3). Irradiation of the green proton (line 1) gave response for both red and yellow protons, while irradiation on the red protons (line 2) gave response for the purple and green protons, confirming the *E*-stereochemistry of the alkene.

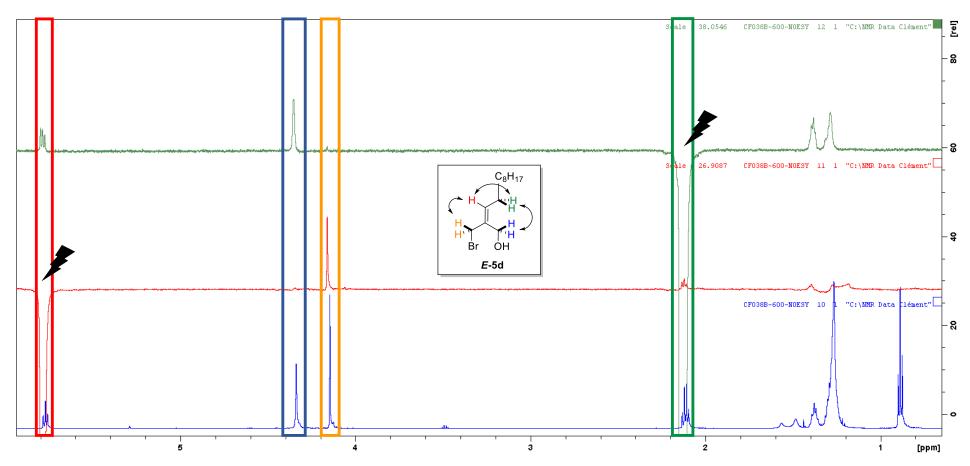


Figure S3: NOESY experiments for the compound 5d

Starting from the alkene **2**, the selective oxetane opening reaction following led to the formation of the *E*-isomer **2d** determined by 1D-¹H-NOESY experiment (Figure S4). Irradiation of the red protons (line 1) gave response for green protons and no response for the blues protons, confirming the *E*-stereochemistry of the alkene.

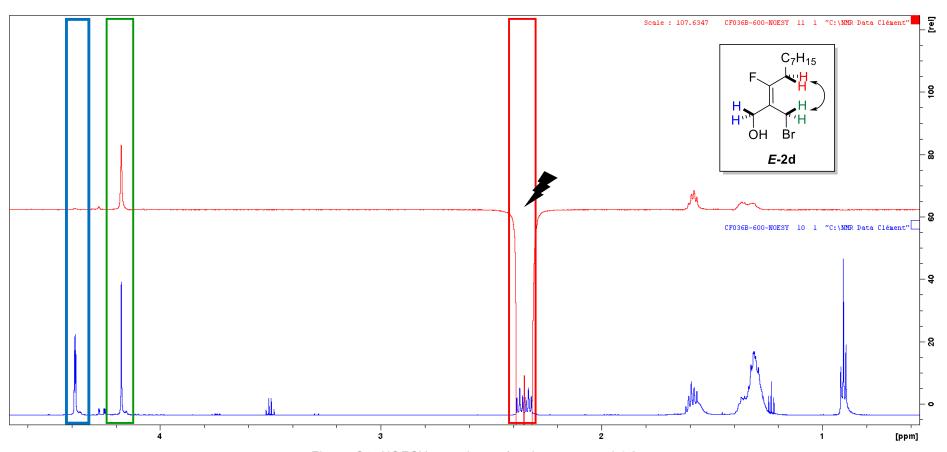
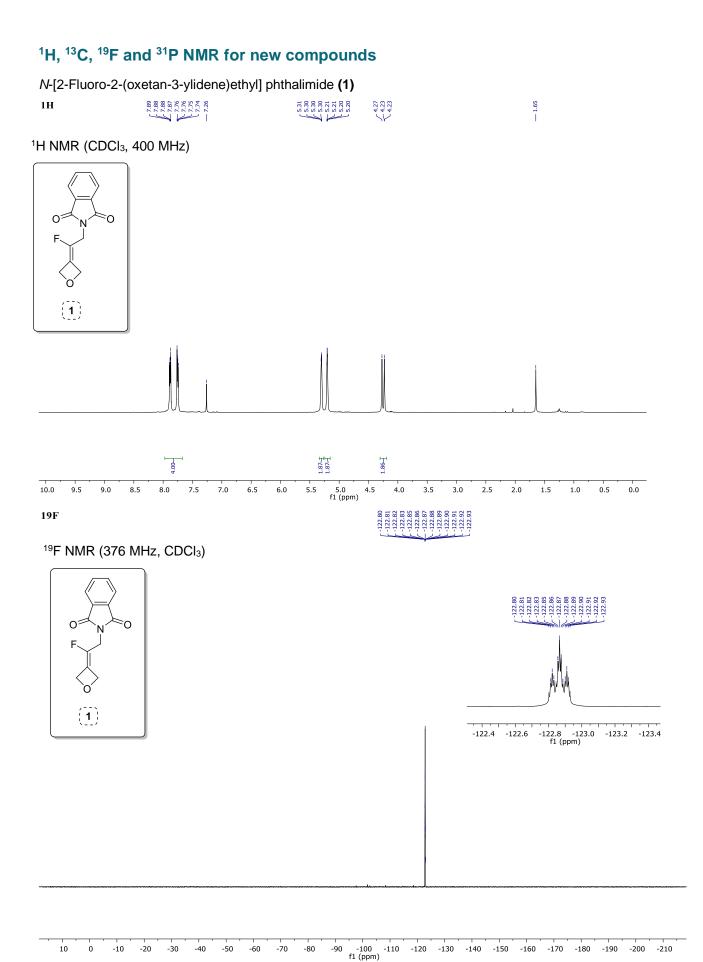
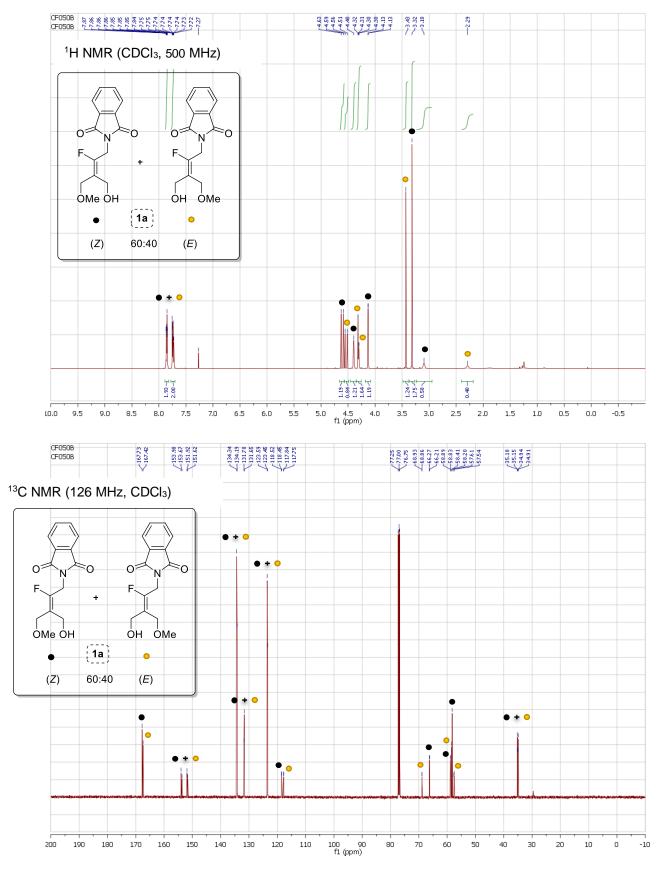
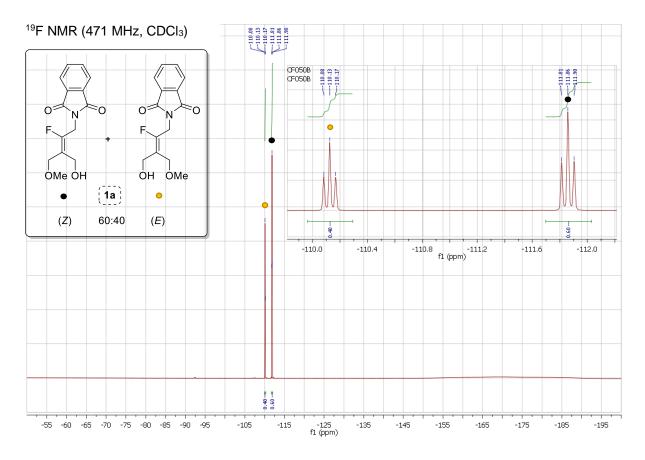


Figure S4: NOESY experiment for the compound 2d

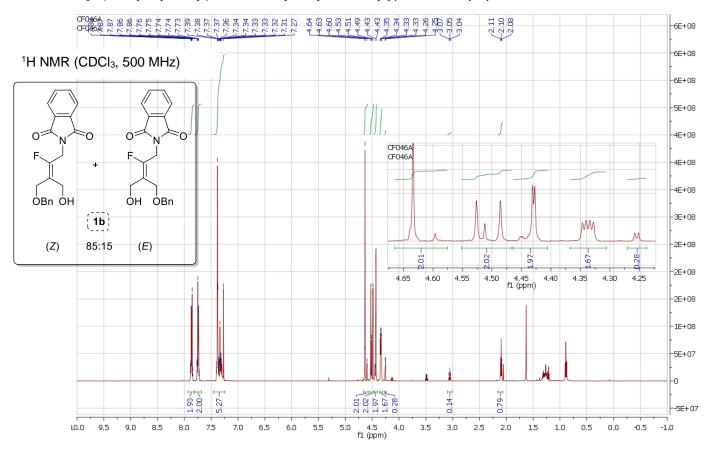


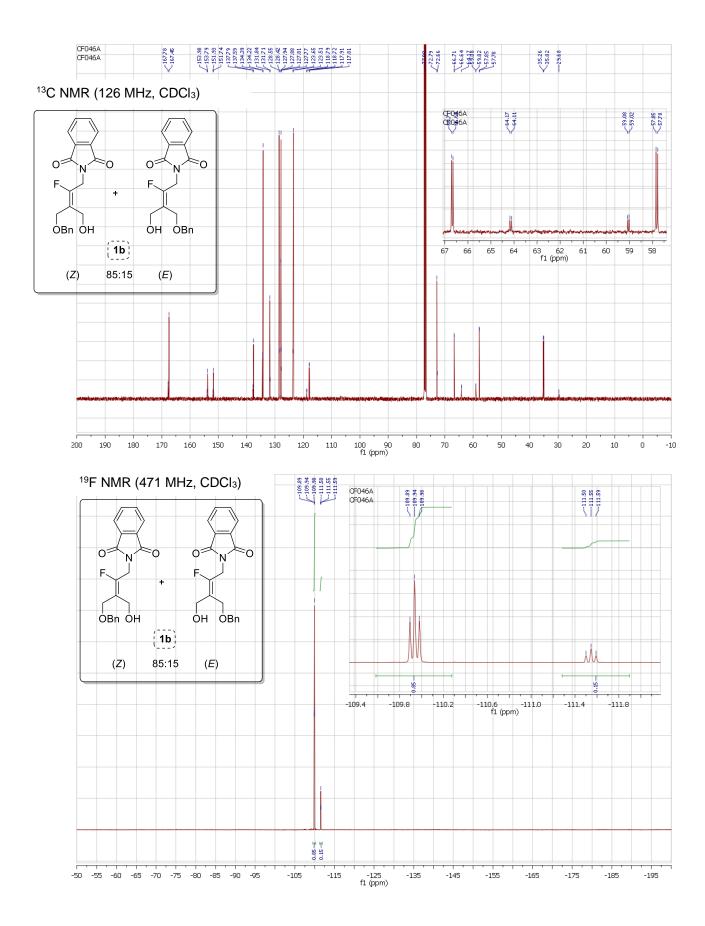
N-[2-Fluoro-3-(hydroxymethyl)-4-methoxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (1a)

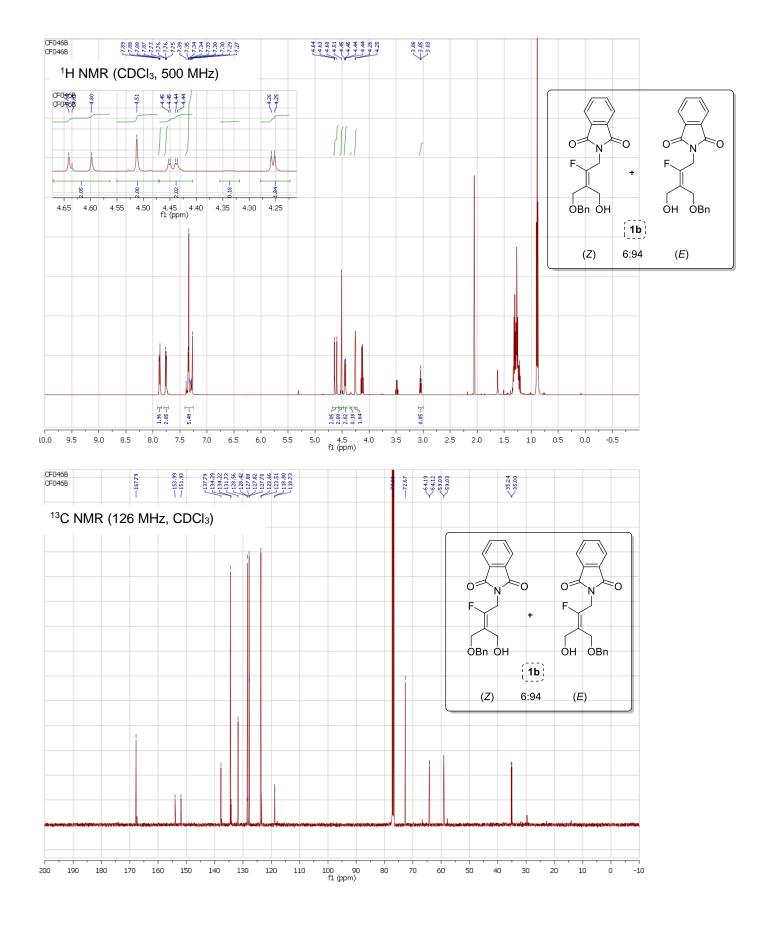


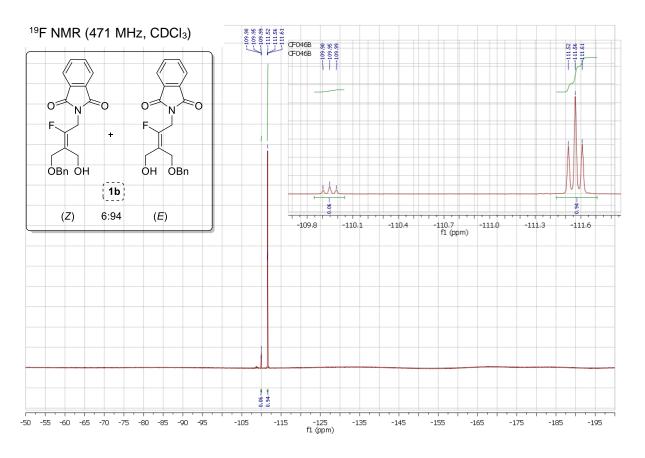


N-[3-(Benzyloxymethyl)-2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-but-2-enyl] phthalimide (1b)



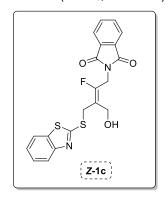


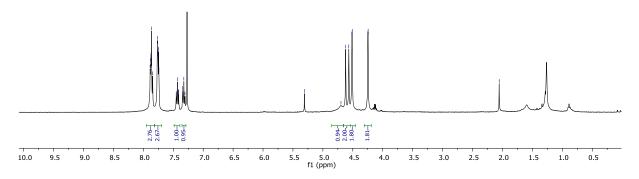


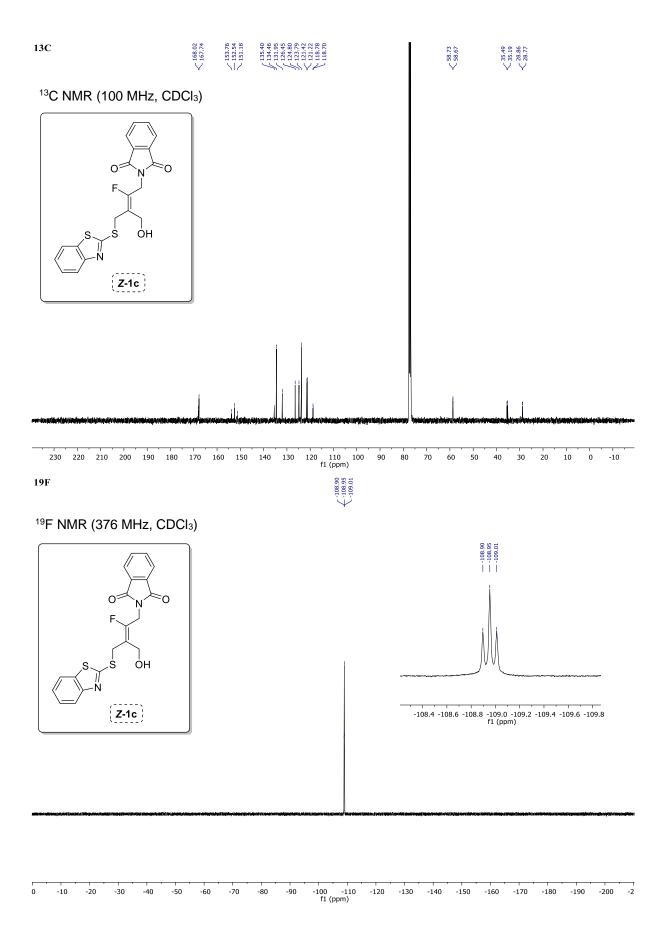


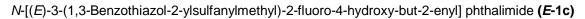
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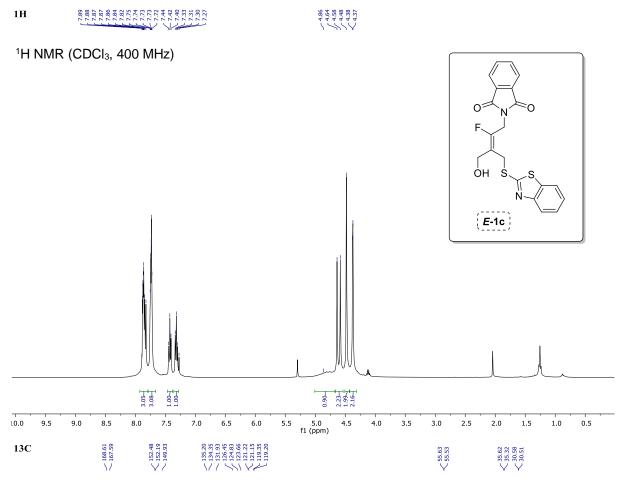
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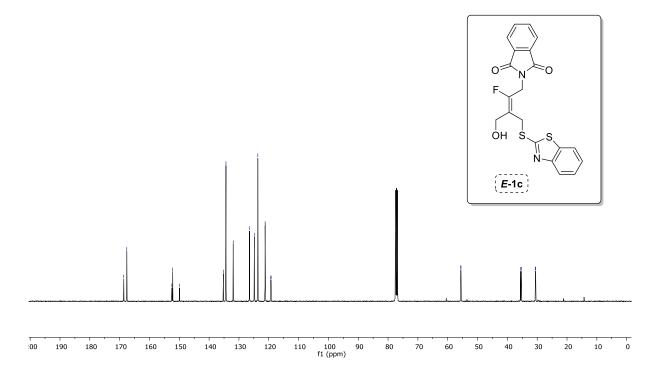


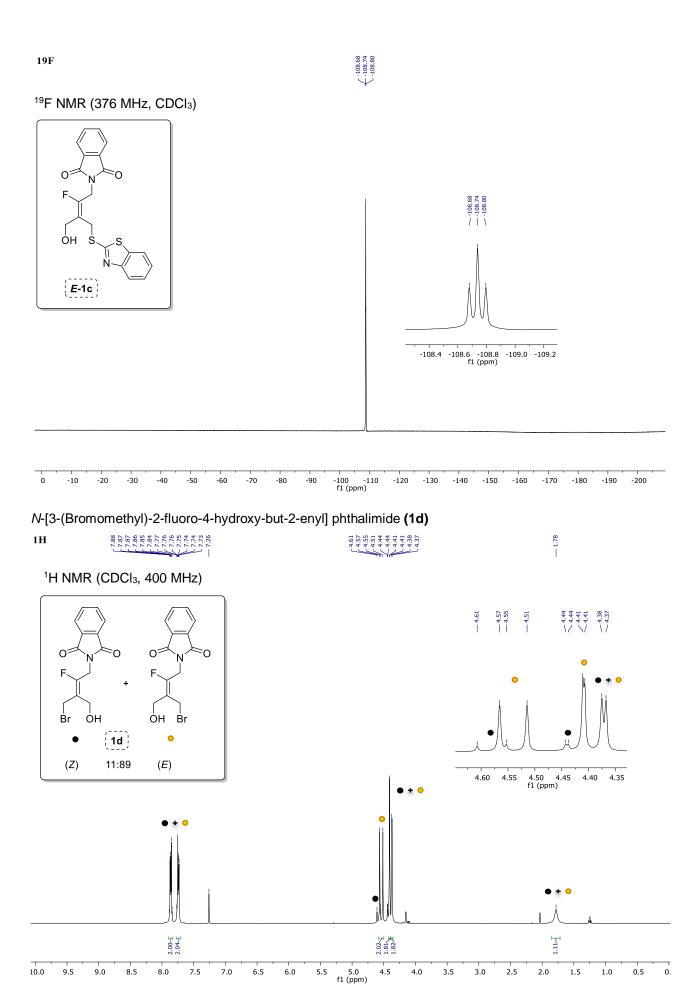


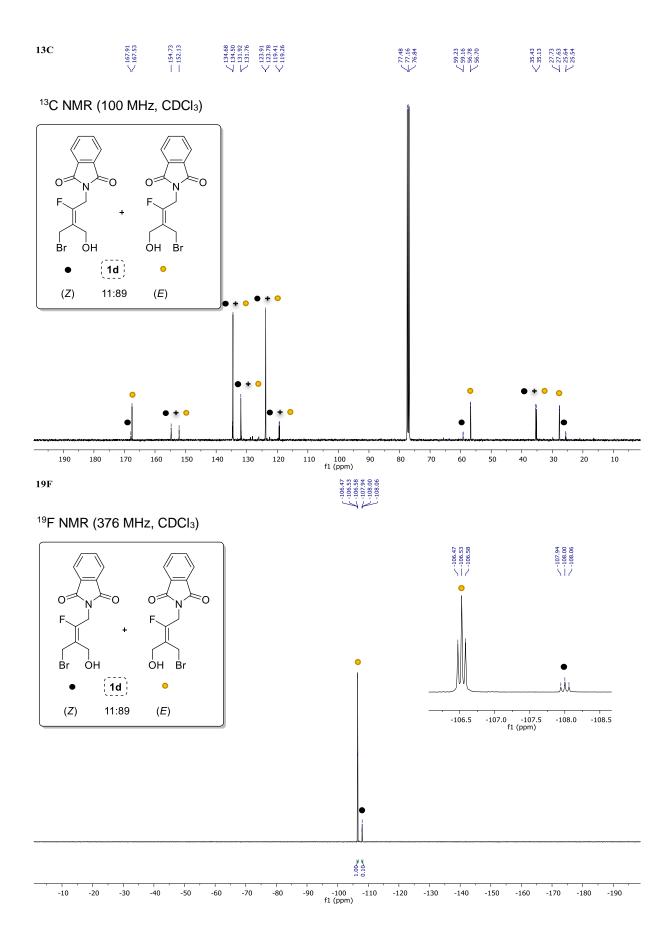


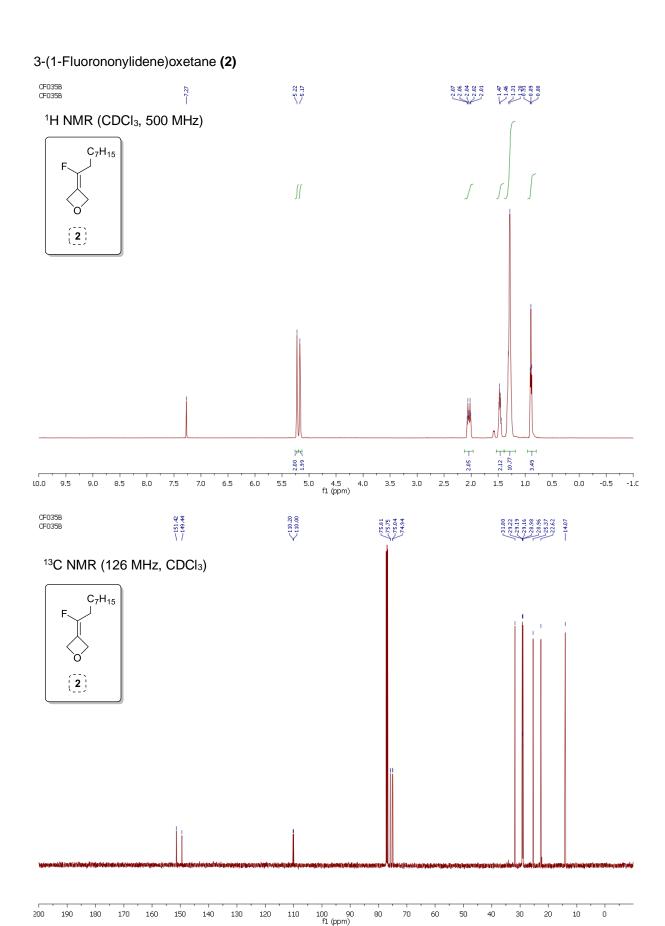


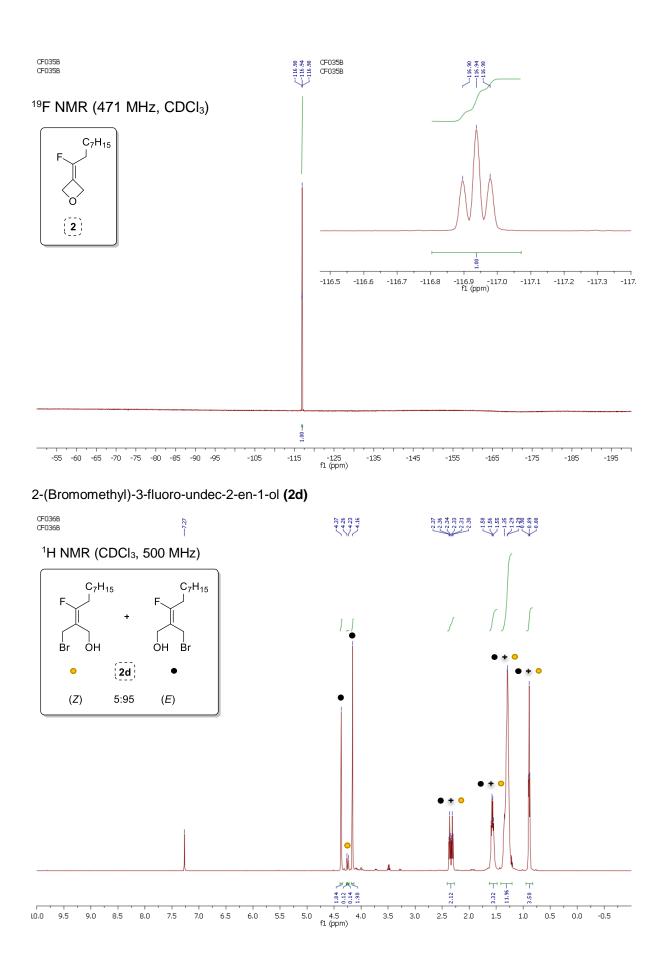


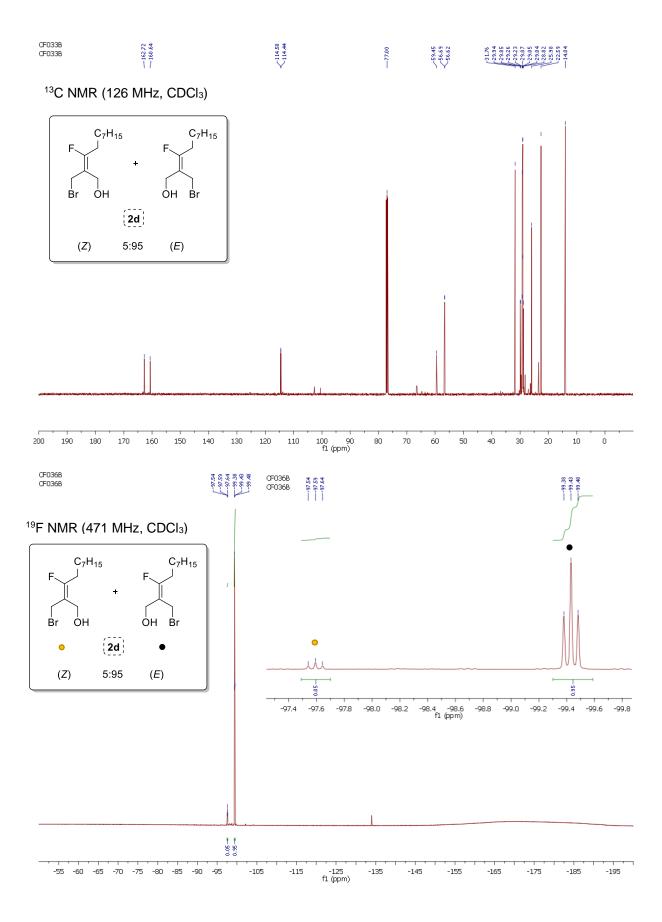


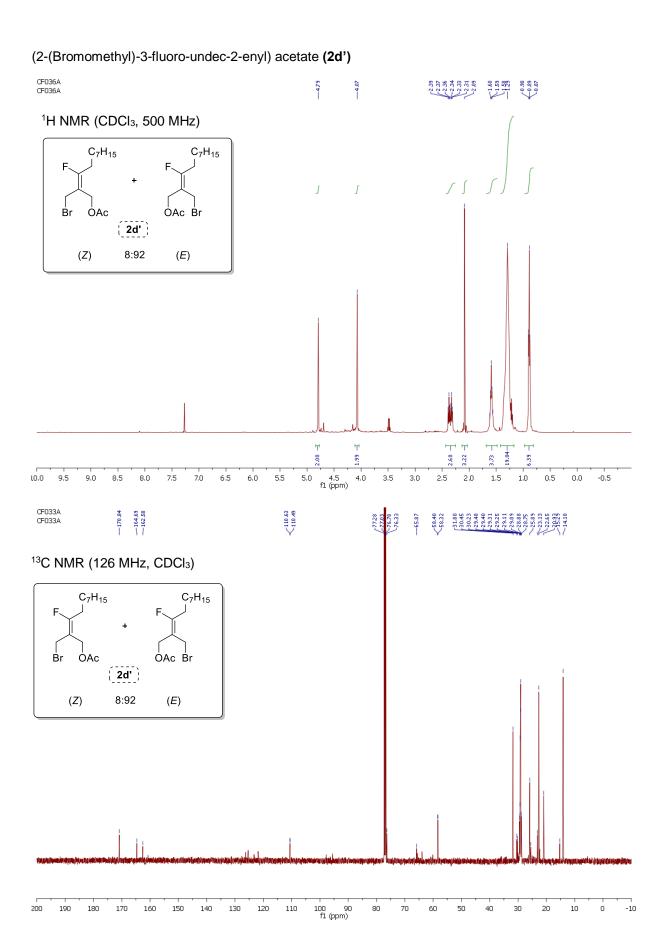


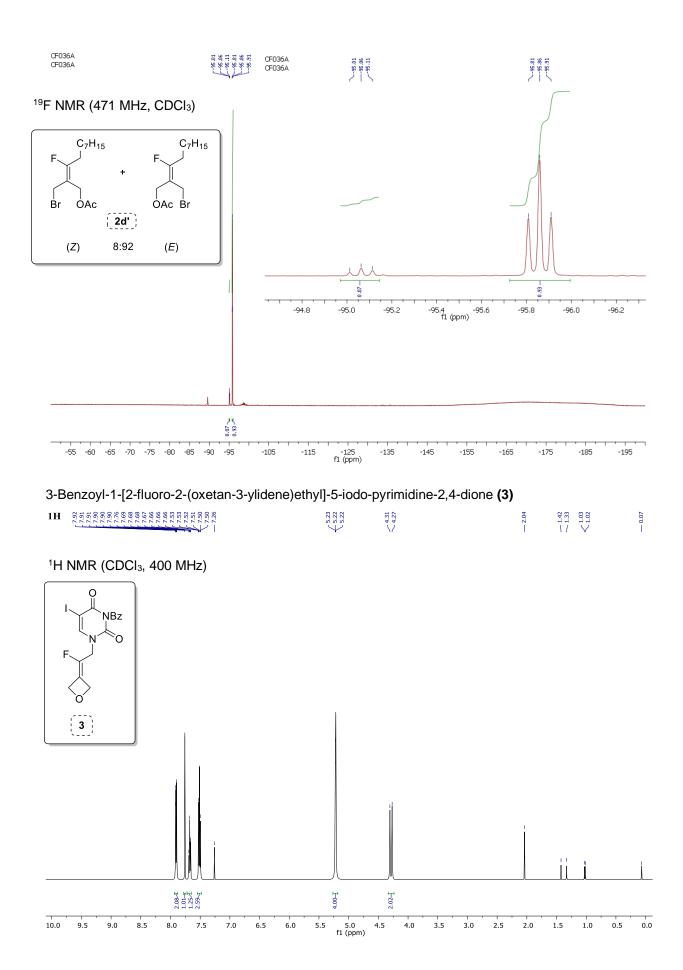


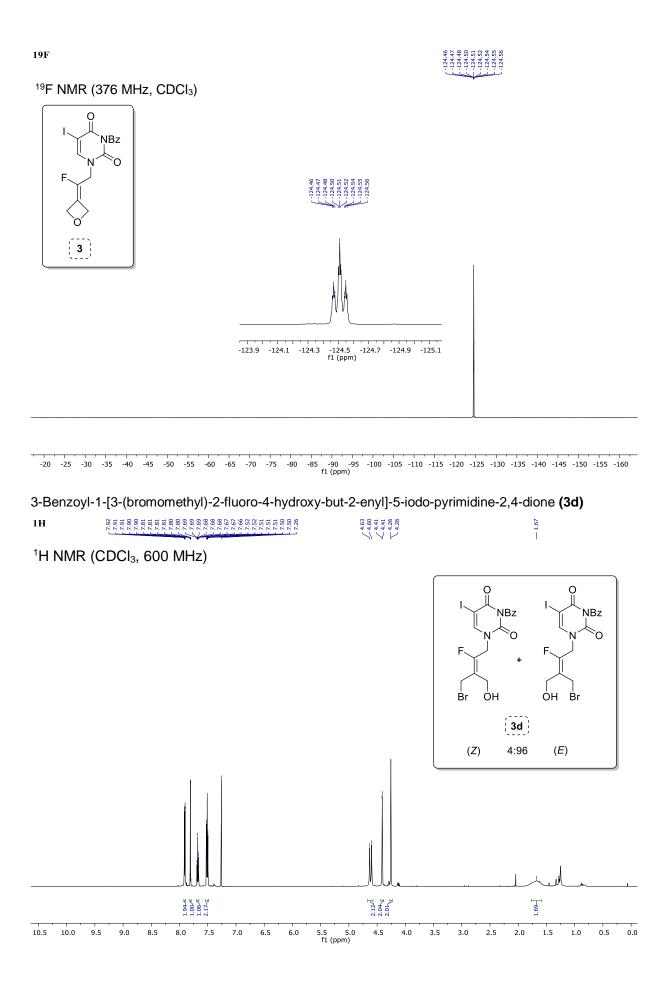


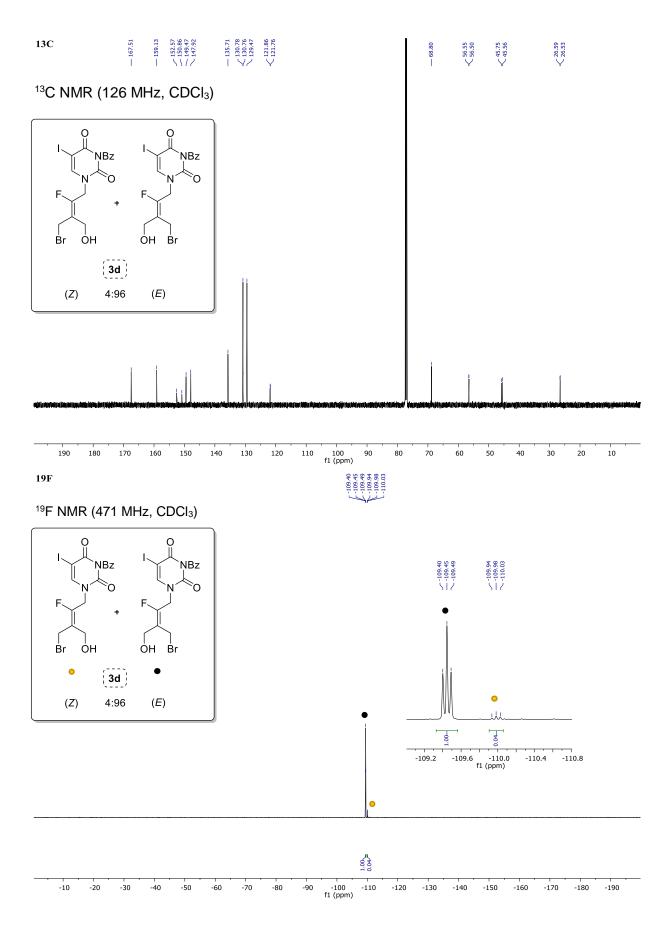


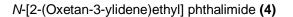


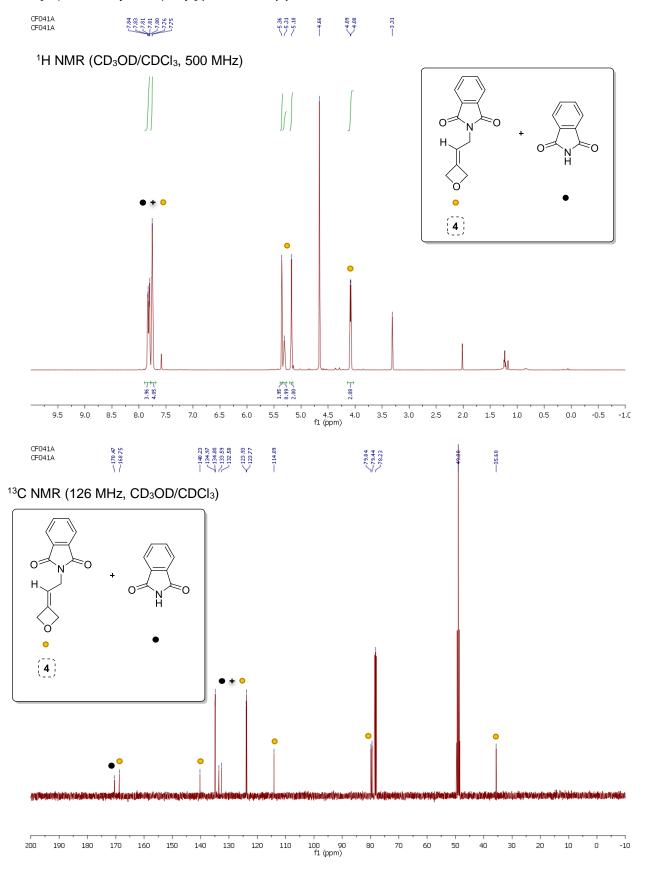


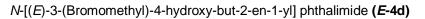


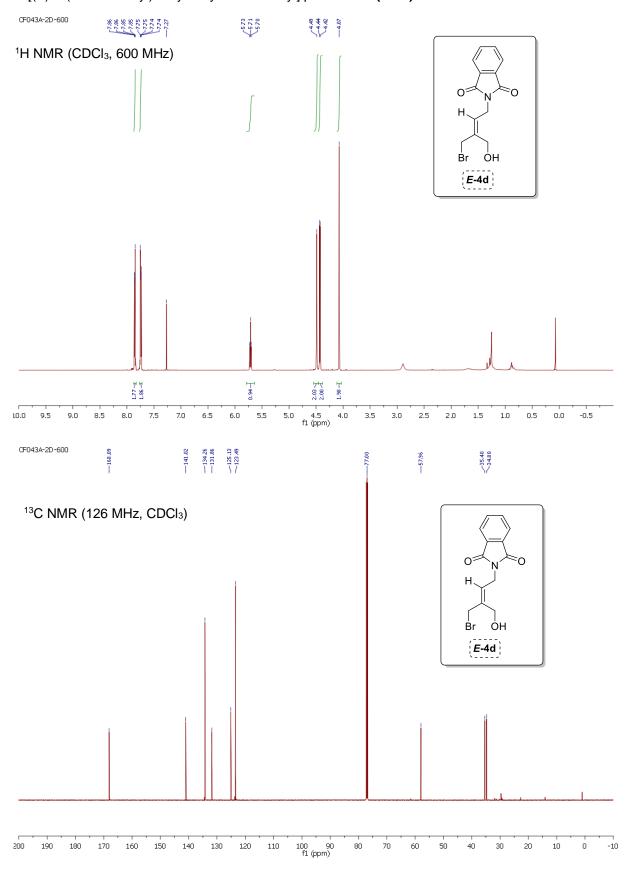




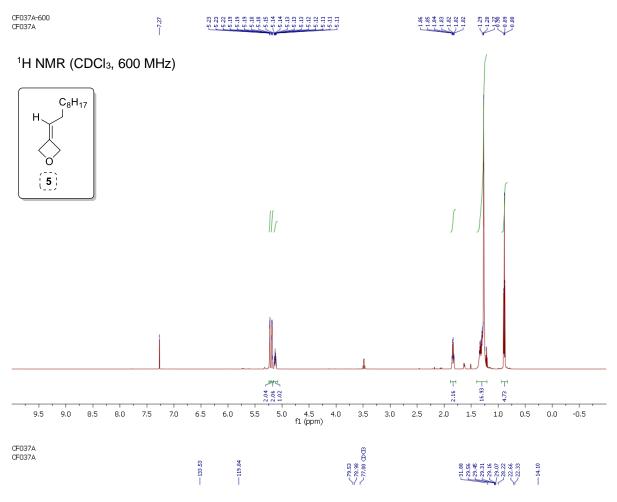


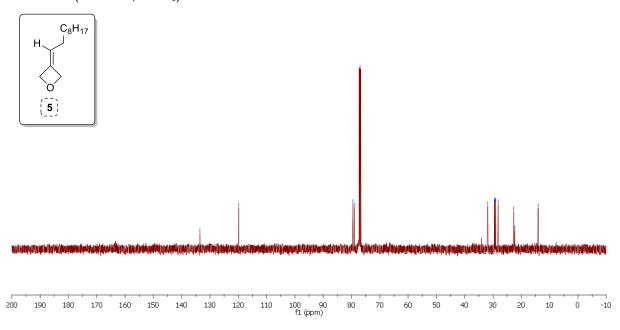






3-Decylideneoxetane (5)

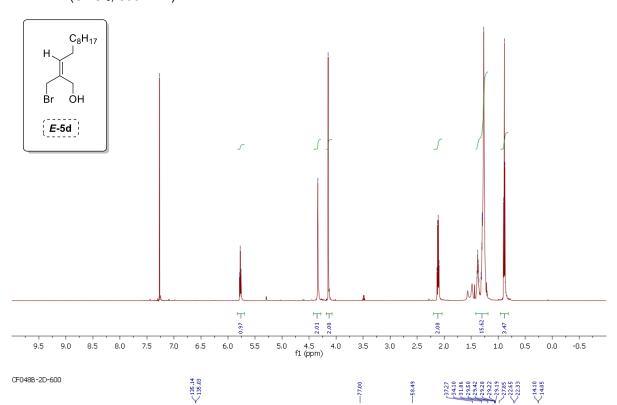


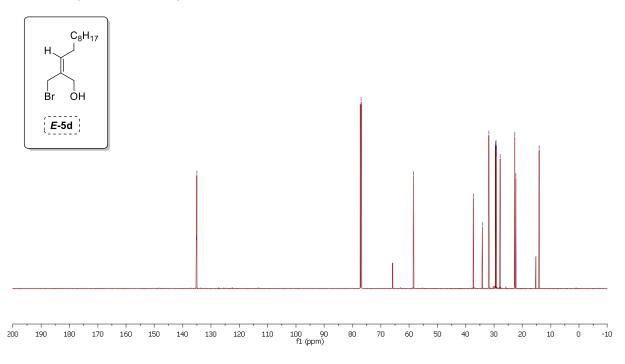


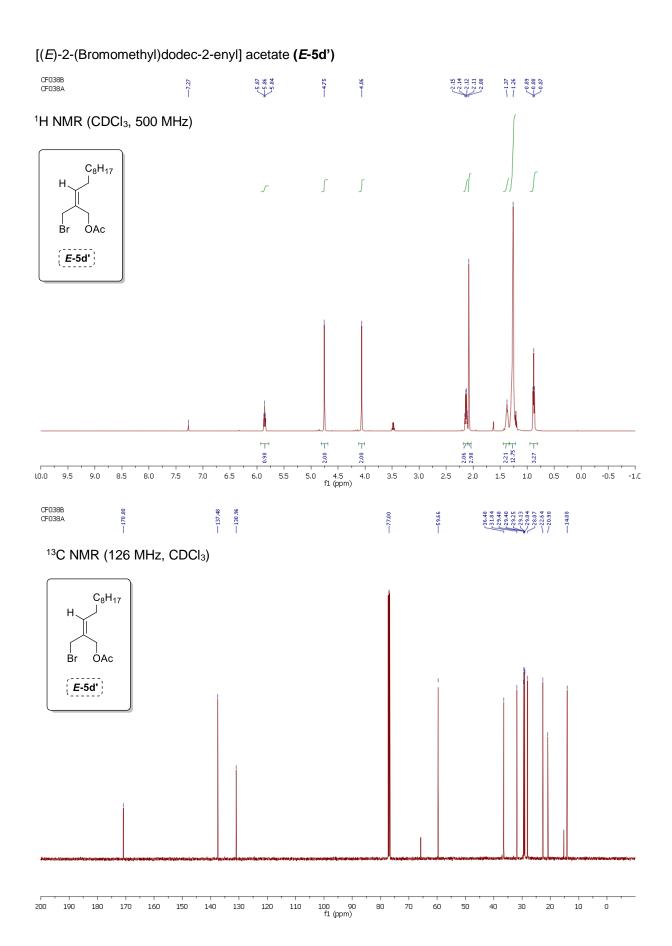


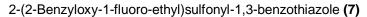


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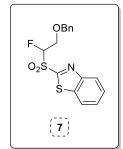


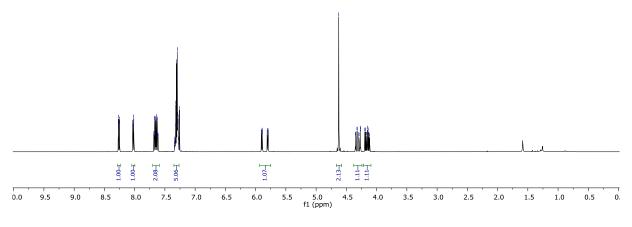


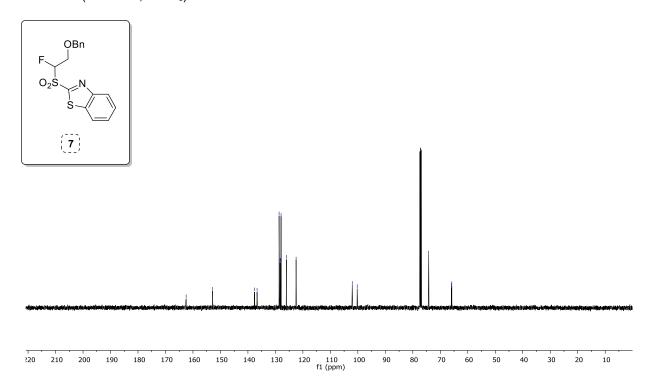




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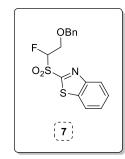
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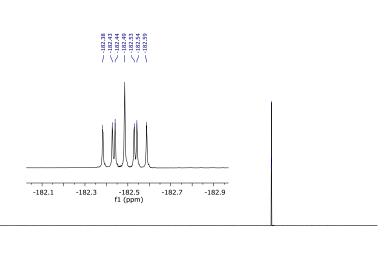
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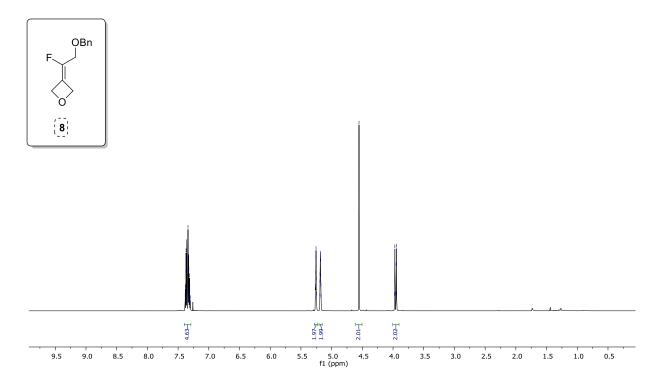


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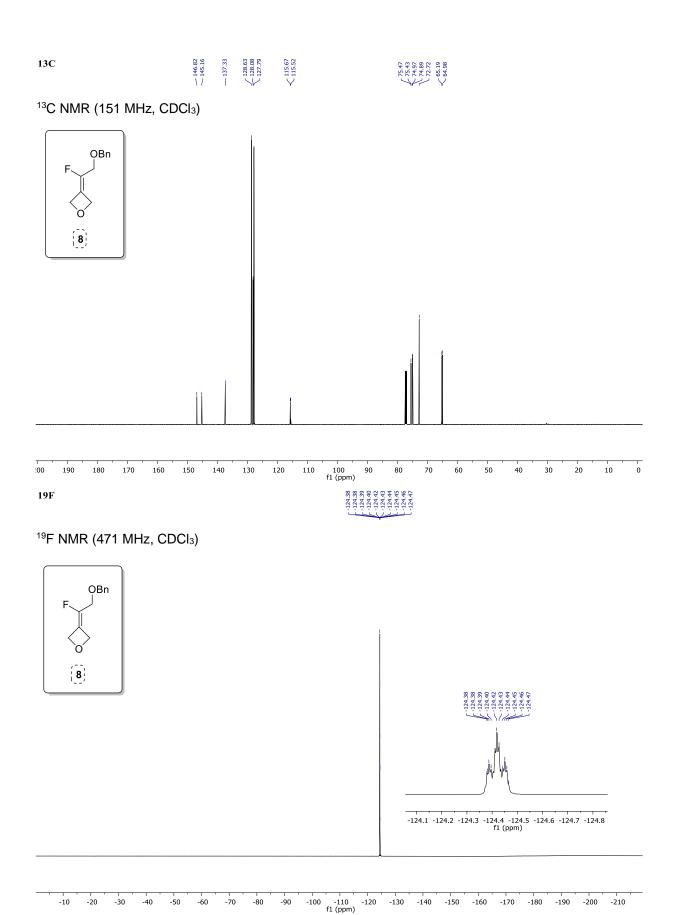
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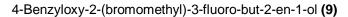
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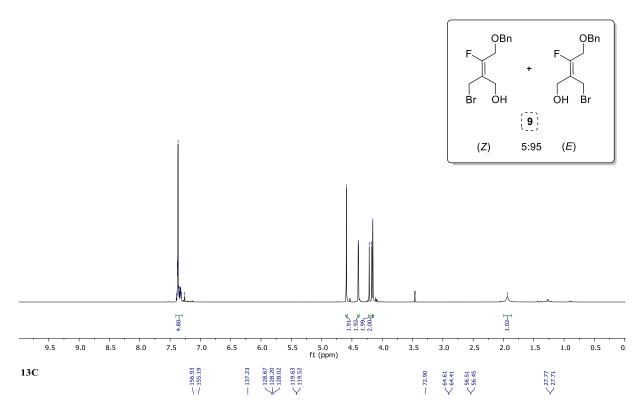
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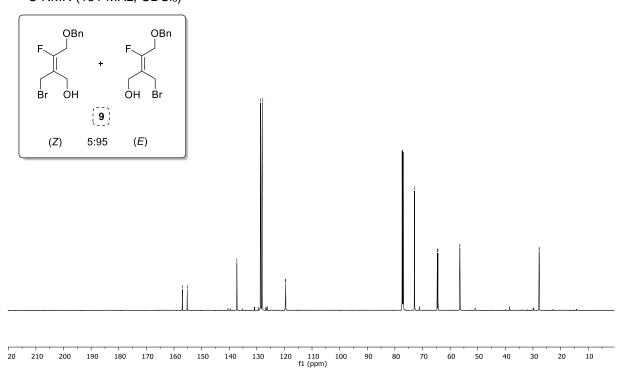




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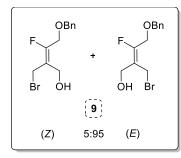
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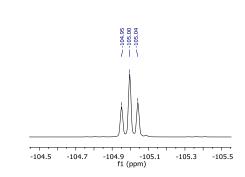




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¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃)





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(4-Fluoro-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)methanol (10)

1H



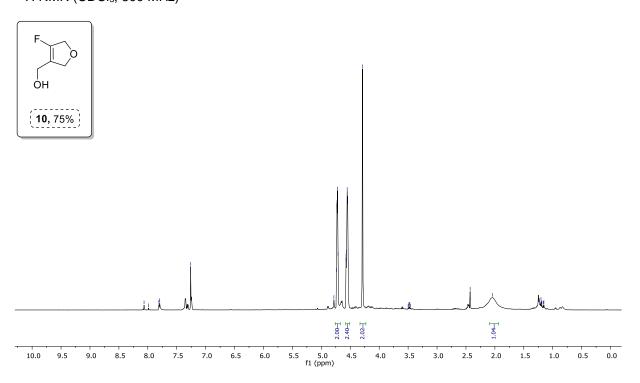
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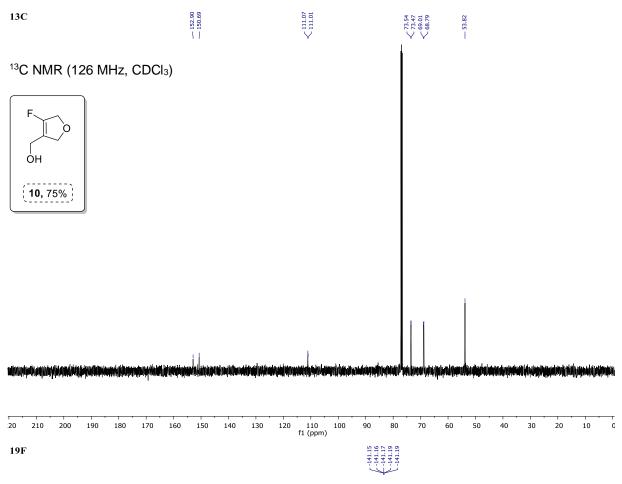


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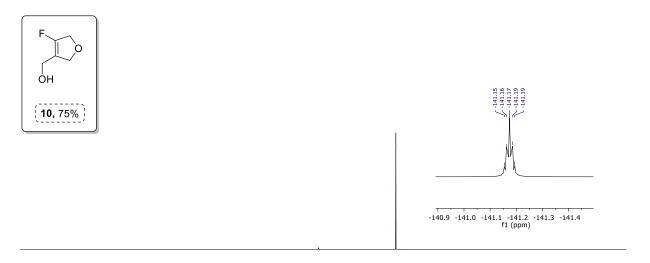
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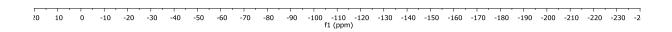
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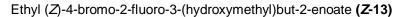


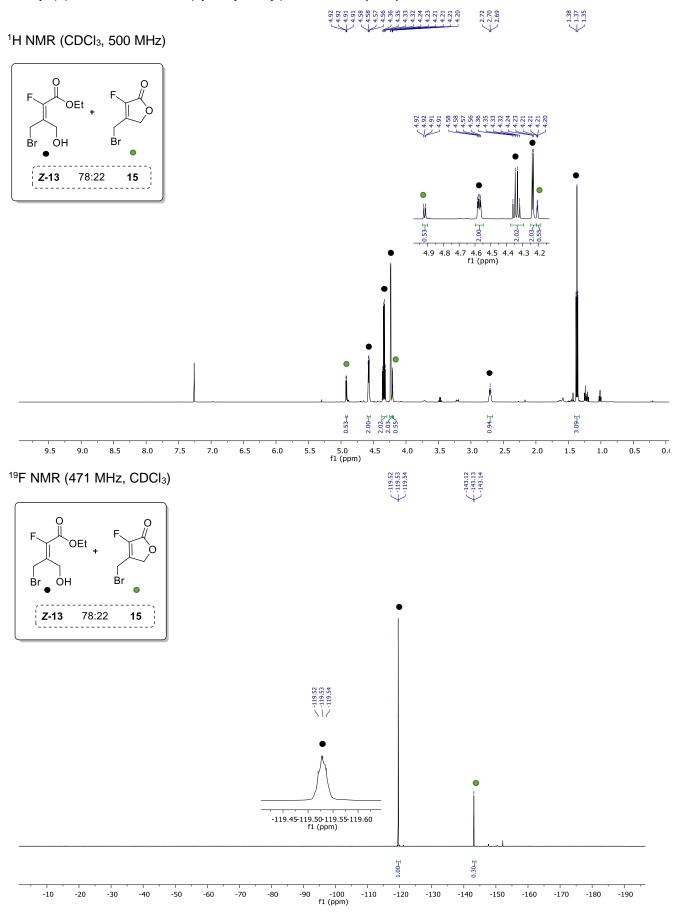


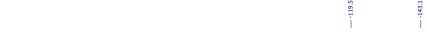




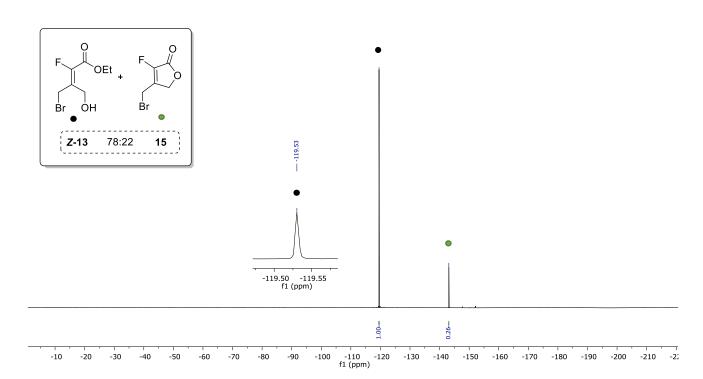


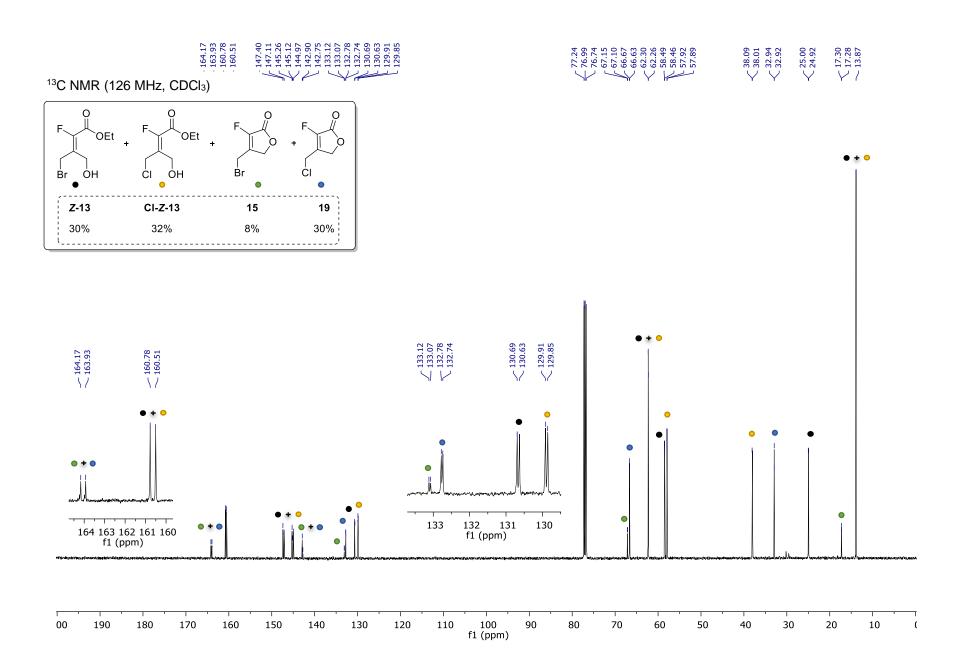




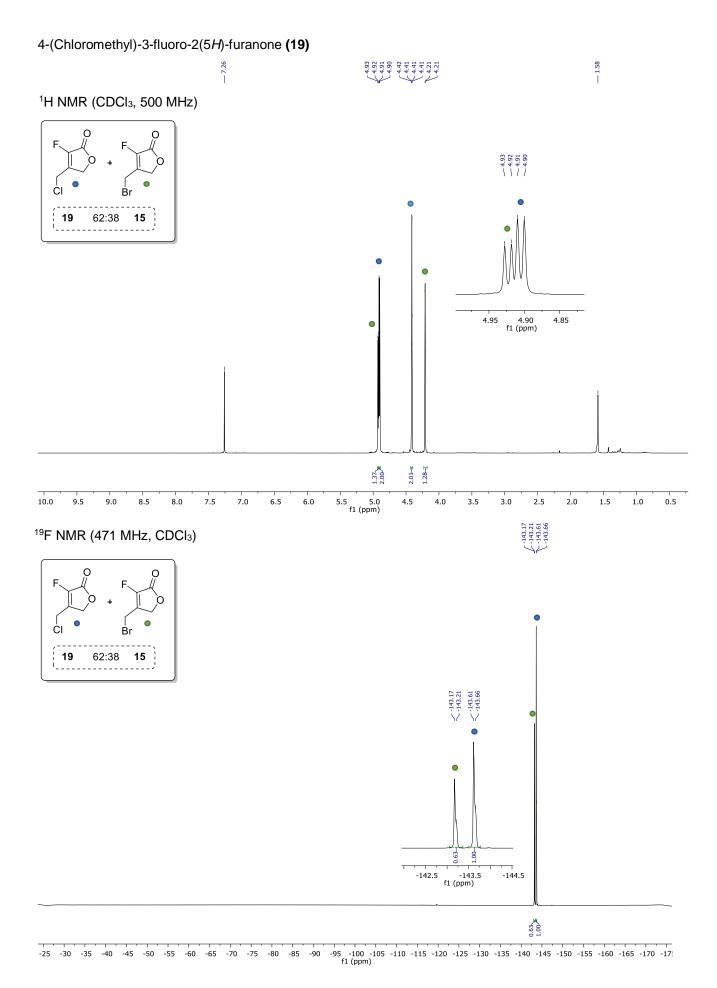


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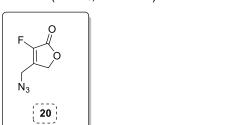


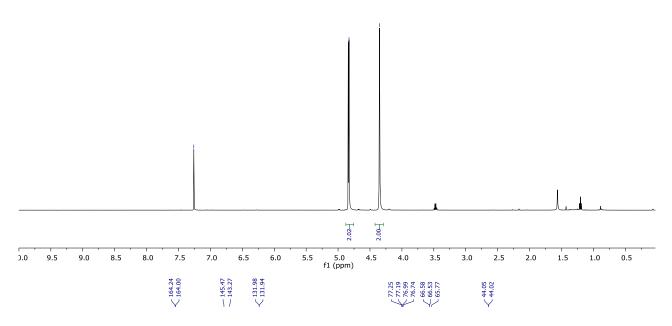
Note: the ¹³C NMR spectrum for **Z-13** and **19** was obtained after an opening reaction with TBAB and HBr/AcOH that gave a mixture of **Z-13**, **15**, **19**, and a fourth compound which was identified as **CI-Z-13**.

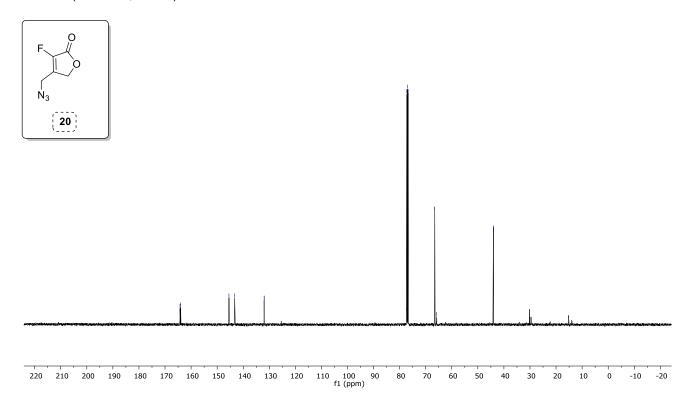


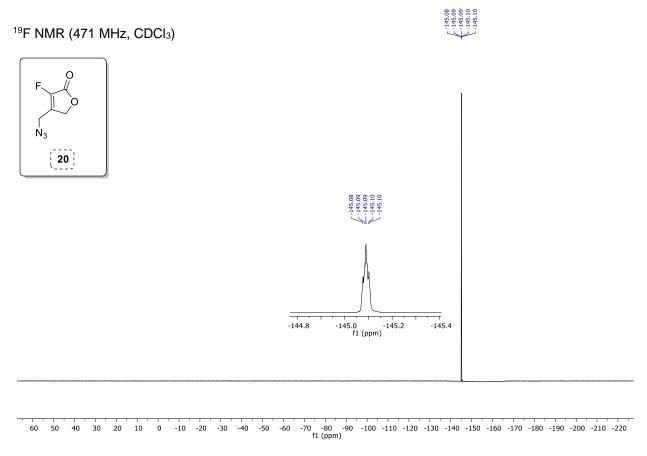
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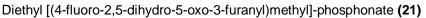
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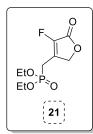


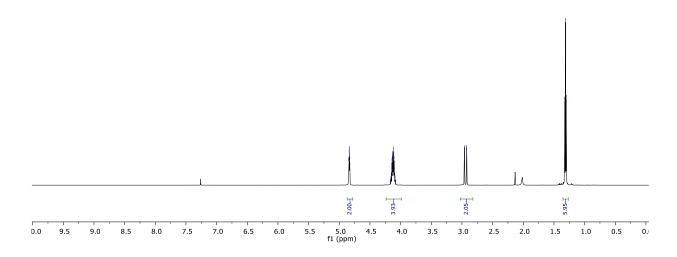


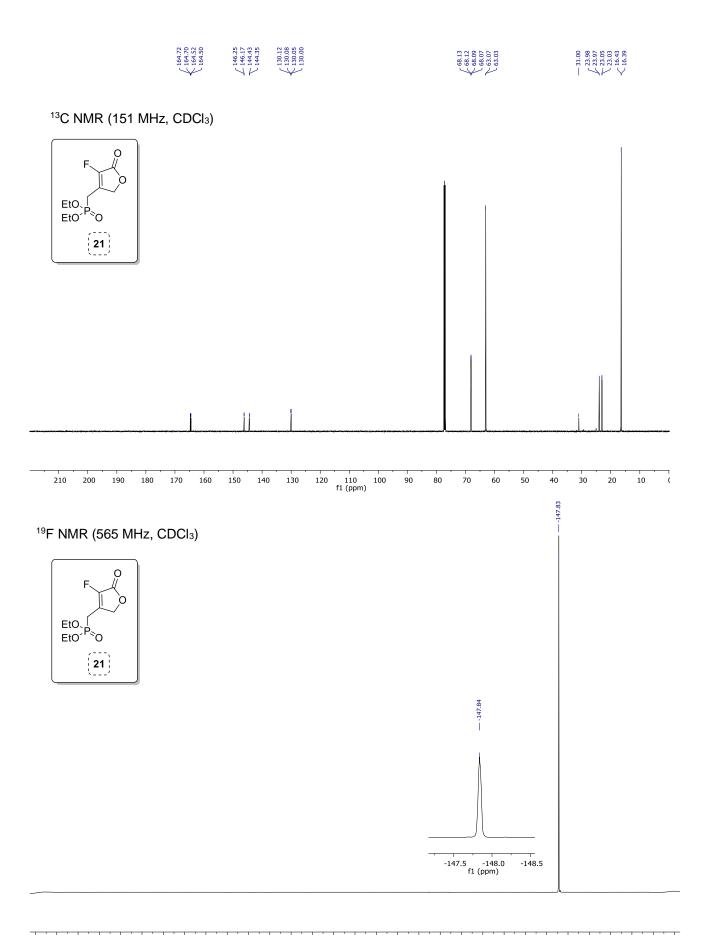


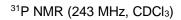


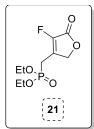
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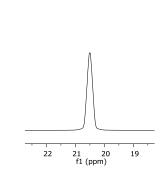








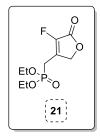


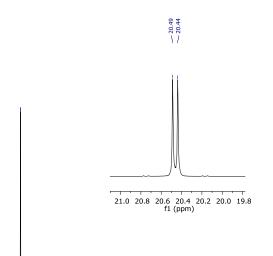


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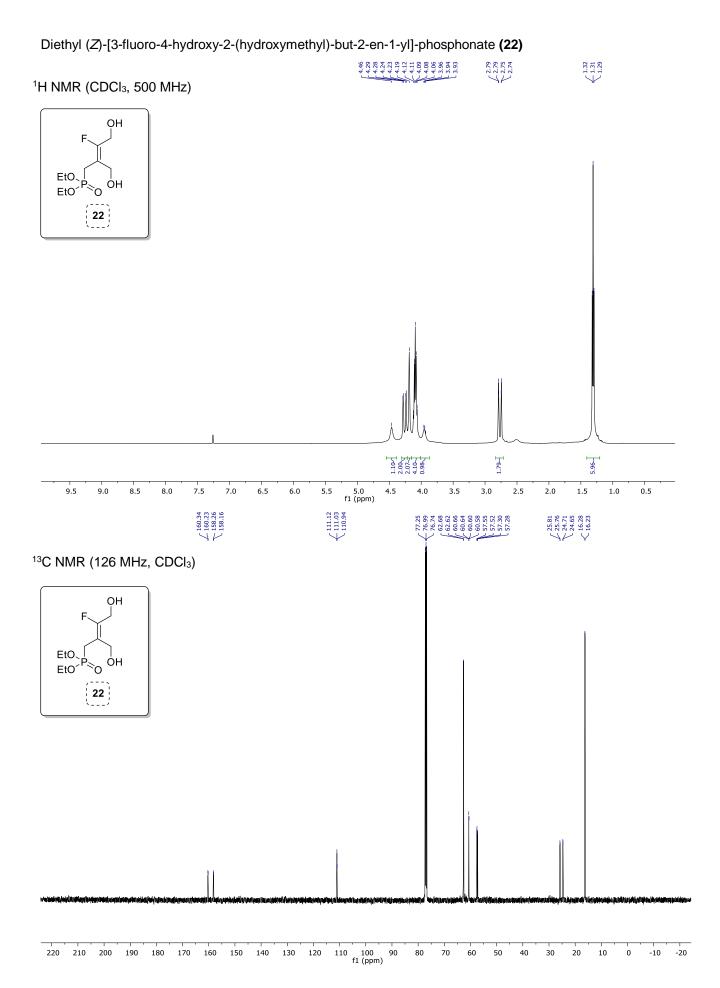
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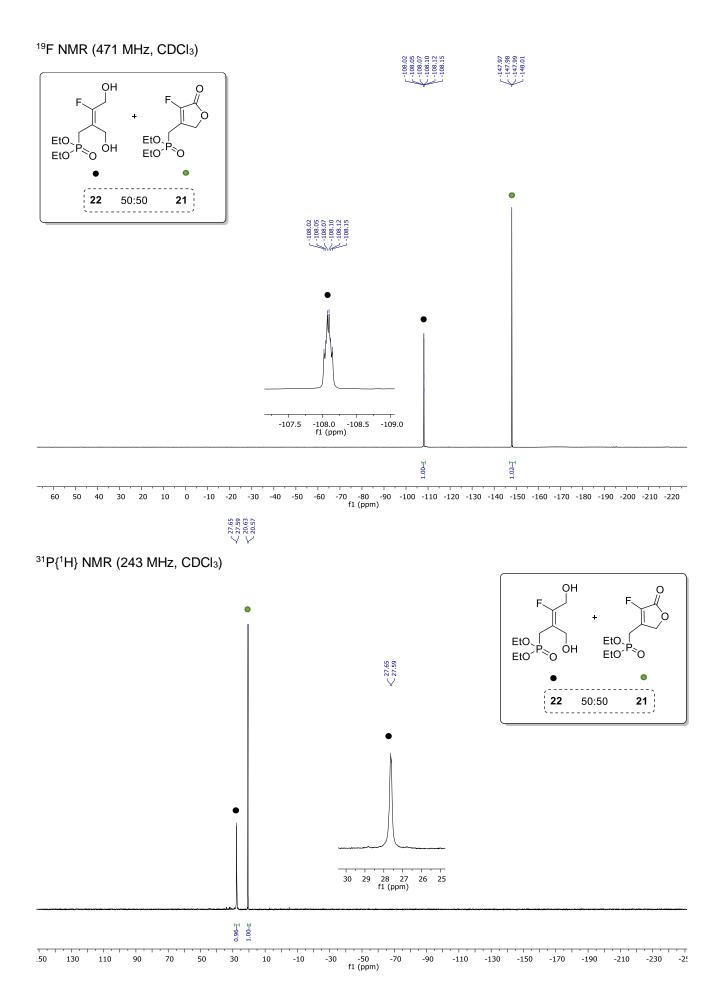
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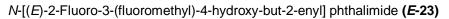




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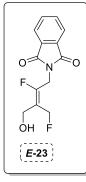


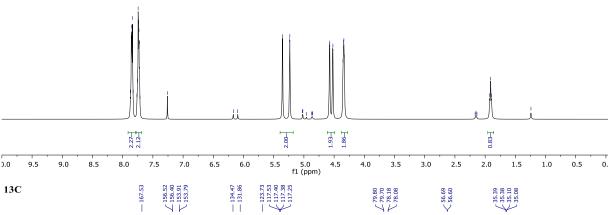


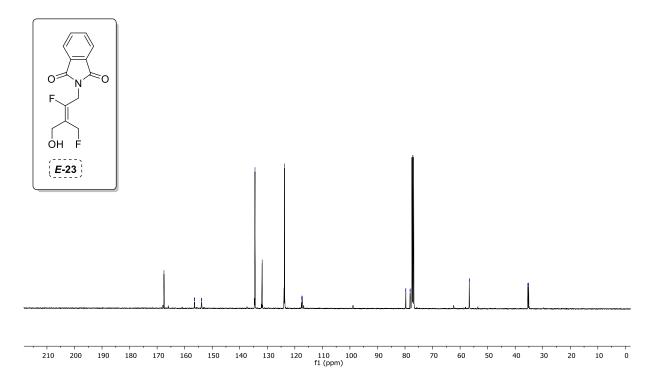


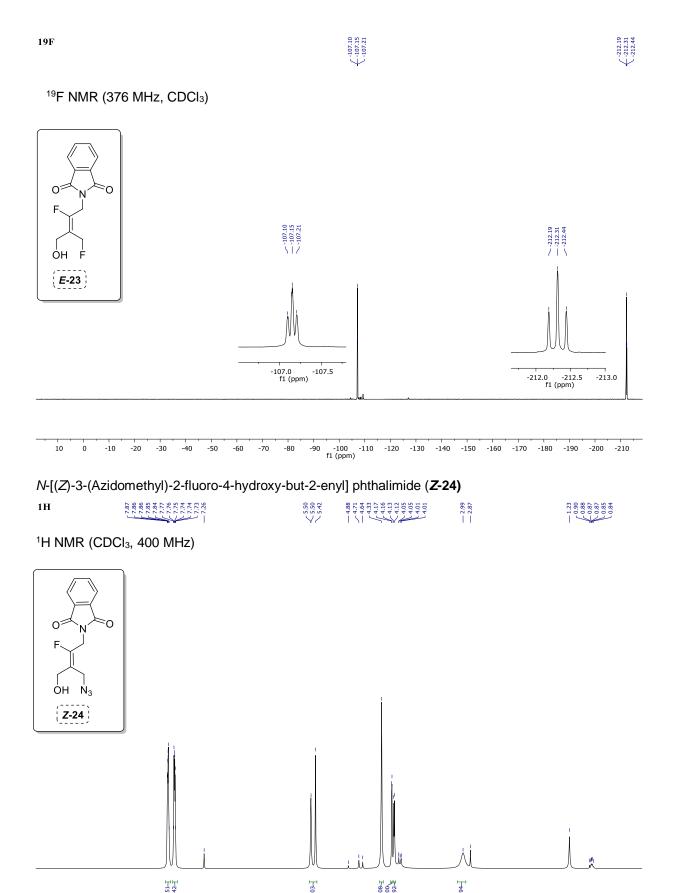
H1 (2.15)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz)









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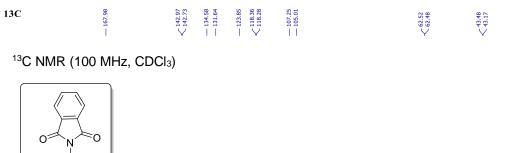
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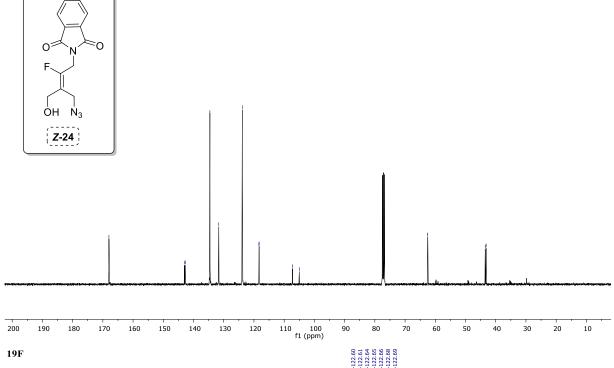
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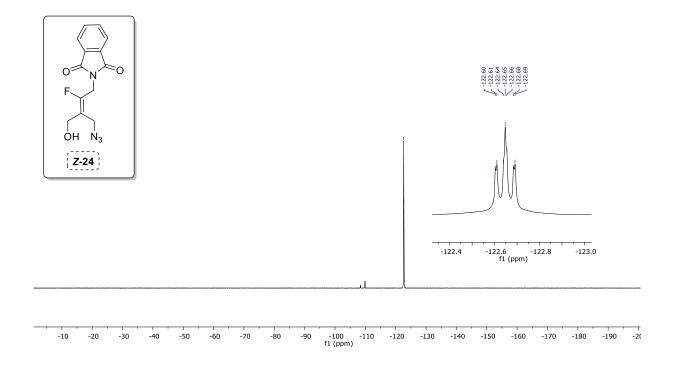
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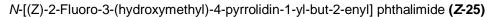
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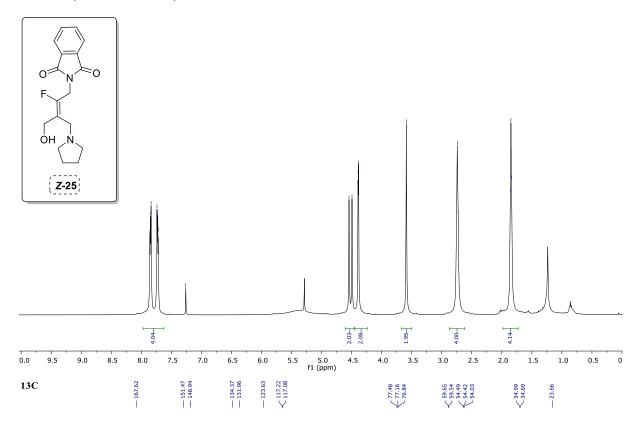
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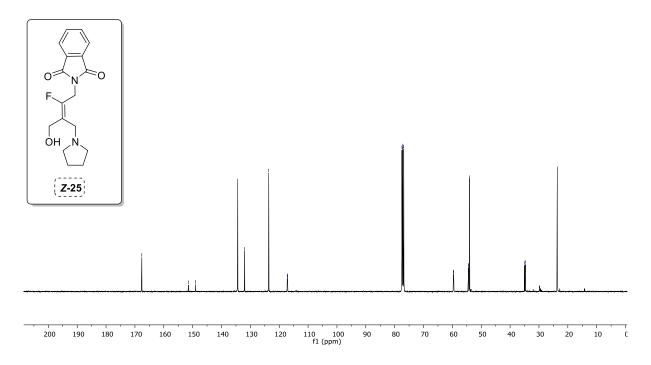






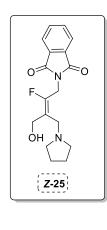
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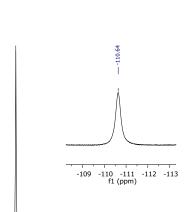






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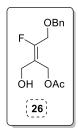
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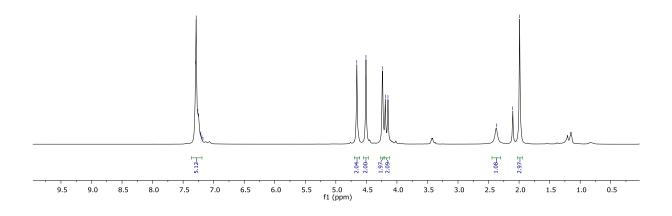
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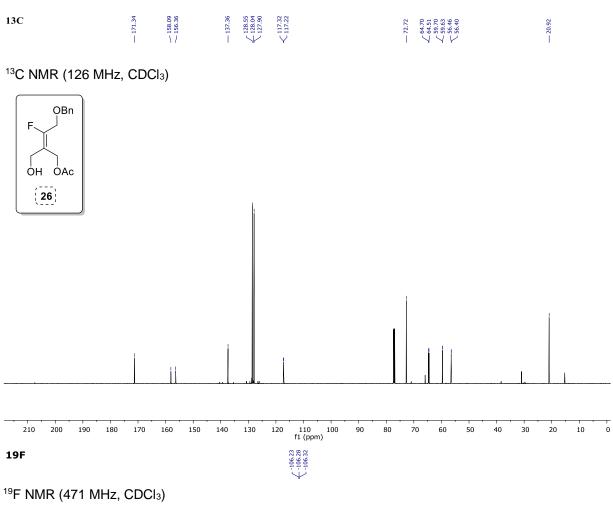


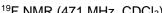
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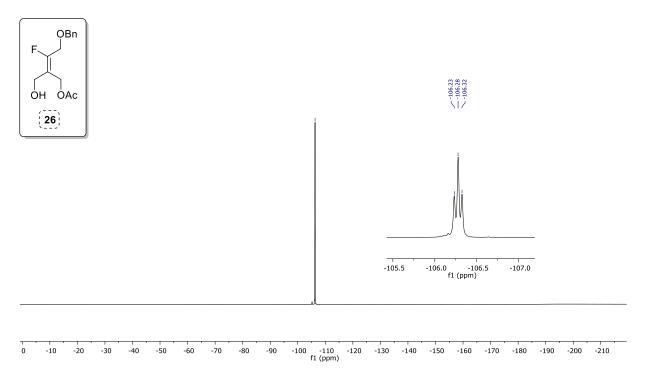
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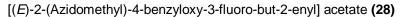






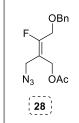


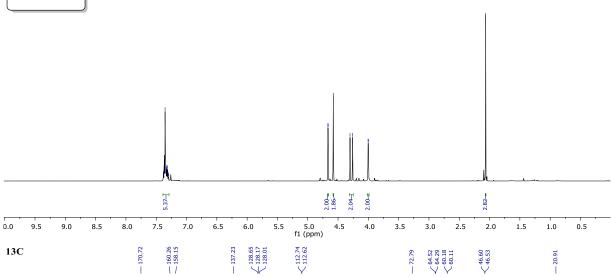


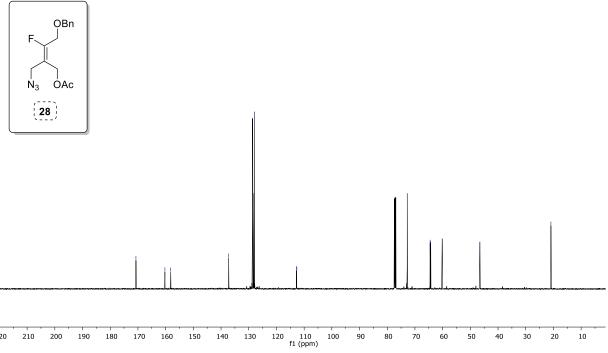


1H

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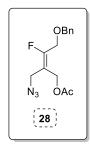


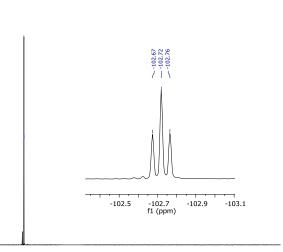




\(\begin{align*} -102.67 \\ -102.72 \\ -102.75 \end{align*}

¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCI₃)





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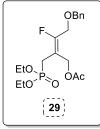
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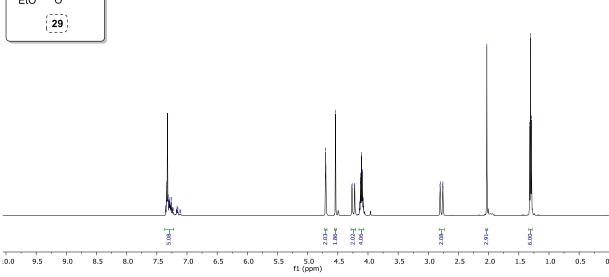
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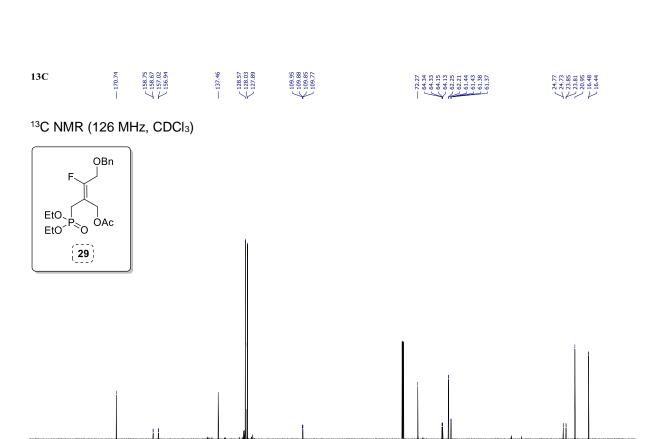


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¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz)



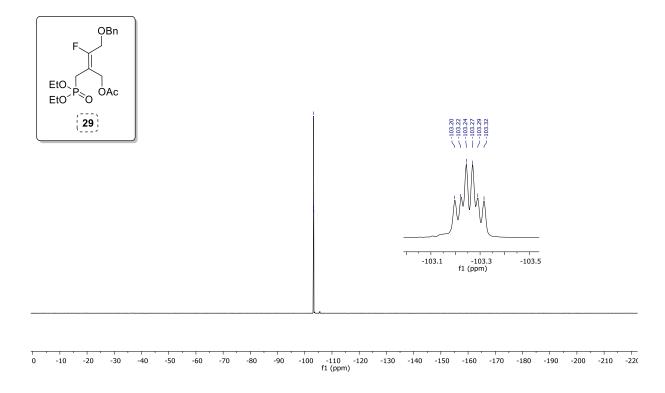




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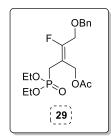
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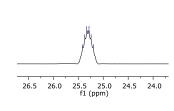


25.42 25.37 25.33 25.28 25.24 25.24

$^{31}\mbox{P}$ NMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃)







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