# Pd-Catalyzed Direct Cross-Coupling of Electron-Deficient Polyfluoroarenes with Heteroaromatic Tosylates

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**General information:**  $^{1}$ H NMR and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM300 and AM400 spectrometer.  $^{19}$ F NMR was recorded on a Bruker AM300 spectrometer (CFCl<sub>3</sub> as outside standard and low field is positive). Purification by reverse phase preparative HPLC was performed on a PerkinElmer 200 HPLC equipped with a PerkinElmer Series 200 UV/VIS detector and a Kromasil 100-5-C18 (250 x 10 mm) column. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. NMR yield was determined by  $^{19}$ F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard before working up the reaction.

**Materials:** All reagents were used as received from commercial sources, unless specified otherwise, or prepared as described in the literature. All reagents were weighed and handled in air, and refilled with an inert atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. DMF and DMSO were distilled under reduced pressure from CaH<sub>2</sub>. 1,4-Dioxane was distilled from sodium and benzophenone immediately before use. *t*BuOH was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Compounds 2-phenylquinazolin-4-ol, 7-methyl-2-phenylquinazolin-4-ol, 7-fluoro-2-phenylquinazolin-4-ol were prepared according to literature.<sup>1</sup>

Screens for Pd-Catalyzed Direct Cross-Coupling of Pentafluorobenzene 1a with 2-Quinaxolinyl Tosylate 2a (Table S1). To a septum capped 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd-catalyst (3-10 mol%), ligand (6-20 mol%), additive (1.2 equiv) and quinoxalin-2-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate 2a (0.3 mmol, 1.0 euqiv) under  $N_2$ , followed by solvent (1.0 mL) with stirring. Pentafluorobenzene 1a (2.0 equiv) was then added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 60-120 °C (oil bath). After stirring for 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and fluorobenzene (28.5  $\mu$ L, 0.3 mmol) was added. The yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR before working up. If necessary, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1) to provide pure product.

**Table S1.** Screens for Pd-catalyzed direct cross-coupling of pentafluorobenzene **1a** with 2-quinaxolinyl tosylate **2a**. <sup>a</sup>

(1.2)

dioxane

60

8

trace

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15

 $Pd(OAc)_2(10)$ 

L(20)

16	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	L3 (20)		K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> (1.2)	dioxane	80	12	36
17	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	<b>L6</b> (20)	•••	$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	dioxane	80	12	NR
18	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	L (20)	•••	$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	dioxane	80	12	72
19	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	L (20)		$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	DMF	80	12	18
20	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	L (20)		$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	t-BuOH	80	12	72
21 <sup>c</sup>	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	L (20)		$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	DMF/ t-BuOH	80	12	33
22	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (10)	<b>L</b> (20)	•••	$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	DMSO	80	12	trace
23	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	<b>L</b> (10)	•••	$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	dioxane	80	12	10
24	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	<b>L</b> (10)		$K_3PO_4$ (1.2)	t-BuOH	80	12	32
25	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	<b>L</b> (10)	PivOH	$K_3PO_4$	dioxane	80	12	39
26	$Pd(OAc)_2(5)$	<b>L</b> (10)	(1.0) PivOH	$(2.5)$ $K_3PO_4$	t-BuOH	80	12	65
27	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (5)	<b>L</b> (10)	(1.2) AdOH	$(1.2)$ $K_3PO_4$	t-BuOH	80	12	70
28	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L (6)	(1.2) PivOH	$(1.2)$ $K_3PO_4$	t-BuOH	80	12	(51)
29	$Pd(OAc)_2(3)$	L (6)	(1.2) AdOH	$(1.2)$ $K_3PO_4$	t-BuOH	80	12	(60)
30	$Pd(TFA)_2(3)$	L(6)	(1.2) AdOH	$(1.2)$ $K_3PO_4$	<i>t</i> -BuOH	80	12	(68)
31	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L (6)	(1.2) <b>AdOH</b>	(1.2) <b>K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	<i>t</i> -BuOH	90	12	80(73)
32	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub> (3)		(1.2) AdOH	$(1.2)$ $K_3PO_4$	<i>t-</i> BuOH	90	12	N.R.
33	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L (6)	(1.2) AdOH	$(1.2)$ $K_2CO_3$	t-BuOH	90	12	18
34	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L (6)	(1.2) AdOH	$(1.2)$ $Cs_2CO_3$	<i>t</i> -BuOH	90	12	N.R.
35	Pd(TFA) <sub>2</sub> (3)	L (6)	(1.2) AdOH	(1.2) tBuOLi	t-BuOH	90	12	30
36	$Pd(TFA)_2(3)$	L (6)	(1.2) AdOK	(1.2)	t-BuOH	90	12	50
<i>J</i> 0	1 0(1111)2 (3)	<b>L</b> (0)	(1.2)		i DuOII	70	12	50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Recation conditions unless otherwise specified: **1a** (2.0 equiv), **2a** (0.3 mmol) solvent (1.0 mL). <sup>b</sup>NMR yield determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard (isolated yield in parentheses). <sup>c</sup>DMF/tBuOH = 4:1 (v/v).

Considering that the phosphine-ligated arylpalladium carboxylates LPd(Ar)(OCOR) were typically proposed to react with arenes to form biarylpalladium complexes through a concerted metalation-deprotonation (CMD) pathway (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 16496); the role of AdOH or PivOH was proposed to function as a proton shuttle during the aryl C-H cleavage step, a reaction mechanism for the cross-coupling of polyfluoroarenes with heteroaromatic tosylates was proposed as shown in Scheme S1.

**Scheme S1.** Proposed mechanism for the cross-coupling of polyfluoroarenes with heteroaromatic tosylates.

#### **Typical Procedure for the Preparation of Heteroaromatic Tosylate 2.**

To a solution of quinoxalin-2(1H)-one (6.0 g, 34 mmol) in 100 mL of dichloromethane were added TsCl (7.13 g, 37.4 mmol) and DMAP (416 mg, 3.4 mmol), followed by Et<sub>3</sub>N (7 mL, 48 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 6:1) to provide pure product **2a** (8.16 g, 91%).

**Quinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2a**). The product (83% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 5:1). This compound is known.<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1 H), 8.13-8.09 (m, 1 H), 8.03 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.92-7.89 (m, 1 H), 7.78-7.74 (m, 2 H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.47 (s, 3 H).

**6-methylquinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2b**). The product (99% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 5:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.61 (s, 1 H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.88 (s, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.3, 145.8, 141.1, 140.3, 138.8, 137.8, 133.2, 133.1, 129.7, 128.9, 127.9, 127.8, 21.6, 21.5.

**6,7-Dimethylquinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2c**). The product (67% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 10:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.54 (s, 1 H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.84 (s, 1 H), 7.65 (s, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.47 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.5, 145.8, 141.9, 140.3, 140.1, 138.4, 137.9, 133.3, 129.7, 128.9, 128.1, 127.4, 21.7, 20.2, 20.1.

**6-Methoxyquinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (2d).** The product (81% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl

ether = 4:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.60 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 4 H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.7, 149.5, 145.8, 142.9, 139.1, 135.4, 133.2, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 124.2, 106.8, 55.8, 21.7.

**6-Chloroquinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2e**). The product (92% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 6:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (s, 1 H), 8.11 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.72 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H)), 2.47 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.0, 146.1, 141.3, 140.1, 138.2, 135.6, 133.1, 132.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 128.1, 21.8.

**6-Fluoroquinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2f**). The product (84% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 6:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.66 (s, 1 H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.92 (dd, J = 9.3 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (dd, J = 8.1 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H)), 2.48 (s, 3H).  $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -104.8 (m, 1F).  $^{13}$ C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.4 (d, J = 252.6), 150.5, 146.0, 141.8 (d, J = 13.0), 140.0, 136.6, 133.0, 130.3 (d, J = 9.9), 129.8, 128.9, 121.2 (d, J = 25.9), 112.9 (d, J = 22.0), 21.7.

**2-phenylquinazolin-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (2g).** The product (82% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl

ether = 5:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.37-8.34 (s, 2 H), 8.20 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.92 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.52-7.47 (m, 3 H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.47 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.1, 159.6, 153.3, 145.8, 136.9, 134.9, 134.2, 131.0, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 123.3, 115.0, 21.8.

**7-Methyl-2-phenylquinazolin-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2h**). The product (70% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 10:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.34-8.31 (s, 2 H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (s, 1 H), 7.49-7.44 (m, 4 H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.59 (s, 3 H), 2.47 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.0, 159.6, 153.7, 146.1, 145.7, 137.0, 134.3, 130.9, 130.1, 129.7, 129.0, 128.6, 128.4, 127.4, 122.9, 112.9, 22.2, 21.7.

**7-Fluoro-2-phenylquinazolin-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2i**). The product (80% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 10:1).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.34 (dd, J = 7.8 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 2 H), 8.22 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (dd, J = 9.6 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 (s, 3H).  $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -100.7 (m, 1F).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.4 (d, J = 255.8), 161.9, 160.8, 155.1 (d, J = 14.1), 145.9, 136.5, 134.0, 131.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 126.1 (d, J = 10.7), 118.2 (d, J = 25.3), 112.4 (d, J = 21.0), 112.0, 21.8.

**Quinolin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2j**). The product (82% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 10:1). This compound is known.<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.19 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

**4-Methylquinolin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2k**). The product (83% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 10:1). This compound is known.<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.68 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3 H).

**Ethyl 2-(tosyloxy)quinoline-4-carboxylate** (**21).** The product (95% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 10:1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.74 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.71 (s, 1 H), 7.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.50 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  164.8, 154.8, 147.0, 145.5, 139.8, 133.7, 130.7, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 125.6, 124.2, 116.0, 62.2, 21.7, 14.2.

**5-(Ttrifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate** (**2m**). The product (88% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 15:1). This compound is known.<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55 (S, 1 H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.49 (s, 3 H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.5 (s, 3F).

**Quinoline-2,4-diyl bis**(**4-methylbenzenesulfonate**) (**4**). The product (92% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 2:1). This compound is known.<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3 H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 7.01 (s, 1 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H).

**General Procedure for Pd-Catalyzed Direct Cross-Coupling of Fluoroarenes 1** with Various Heteroaromatic Tosylates 2. To a septum capped 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mol%), L (10 mol%), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (1.2 equiv), AdOH (1.2 equiv) and heteroaromatic tosylate 2 (0.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv) under N<sub>2</sub>, followed by *t*-BuOH (1.5 mL) with stirring. Polyfluoroarene (0.6-0.9 mmol, 2.0-3.0 equiv) was then added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 90 °C (oil bath). After stirring for 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product.

#### 2-(Perfluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3a). 3 mol% of Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> and 6 mol% of L were

used. The product (63 mg, 73% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 138 °C;  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 8.22-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.85 (m, 2H).  $^{13}$ C

NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.4 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 145.0 (dm, J = 252.4 Hz), 142.7 (m), 142.3, 141.8, 142.0 (dm, J = 257.2 Hz), 137.9 (dm, J = 254.9 Hz), 131.2, 130.9, 129.7, 129.3, 112.6 (t, J = 16.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.8 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -151.6 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.0 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1652, 1523, 1498, 1029 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 297 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 296 (M<sup>+</sup>), 76 (100). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_5F_5N_2$ : N, 9.46; C, 56.77; H, 1.70; Found: N, 9.45; C, 56.91; H, 1.50.

#### **6-Methyl-2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3b).** 3 mol% of Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> and 6 mol% of

L were used. The product (86 mg, 92% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 122 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.3, 144.9 (dm, J = 247.4 Hz), 142.2, 141.9, 141.8 (dm, J = 256.8 Hz), 141.7, 140.8, 137.9 (dm, J = 253.3 Hz), 133.2, 129.1, 128.1, 112.8 (m), 21.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -152.0 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F),

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -152.0 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.2 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1552, 1521, 1499 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 311 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 310 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 89. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 7.52; C, 64.52; H, 2.44; Found: N, 7.49; C, 64.64; H, 2.48.

**6,7-Dimethyl-2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoxaline** (3c). 3 mol% of  $Pd(TFA)_2$  and 6

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.79 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.45 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.1 (dm, J = 250.4 Hz), 144.6, 142.0, 141.9 (dm, J = 255.1 Hz), 141.7, 141.55, 141.49, 141.0, 138.0 (dm, J = 252.1 Hz), 128.7, 128.4, 113.3 (m), 20.2, 20.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.6 (dd, J = 20.7 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 2F), -152.5 (t, J = 20.7 Hz, 1F), -161.4 (td, J = 20.7 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1651, 1548, 1496, 1418 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 325 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 324 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 309. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 8.64; C, 59.27; H, 2.80; Found: N, 8.69; C, 59.48; H, 2.48.

#### **6-Methoxy-2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3d).** 3 mol% of Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> and 6 mol%

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of **L** were used. The product (89 mg, 91% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 133 °C;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.90 (s, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 9.0

Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  161.8, 145.4, 144.9 (dm, J = 251.5 Hz), 143.6, 141.7 (dm, J = 255.1 Hz), 139.8, 138.6, 137.9 (dm, J = 252.1 Hz), 130.6, 124.5, 112.9 (m), 106.3, 55.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -143.0 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -152.2 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.2 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1522, 1497, 1485 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 327 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 326 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 106. HRMS: Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OF<sub>5</sub>: 326.0479; Found: 326.0480.

#### **6-Chloro-2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3e).** 3 mol% of Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> and 6 mol% of

F F F

**L** were used. The product (43 mg, 43% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 130 °C;  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 2.1

Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.3 (t, J = 9.3 Hz), 144.9 (dm, J = 252.4 Hz), 142.8 (m), 142.1 (dm, J = 257.6 Hz), 142.0, 140.8, 137.9 (dm, J = 255.2 Hz), 137.2, 132.0, 130.9, 128.2,

122.4 (m). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.8 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -151.1 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -160.8 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  1657, 1551, 1521, 1499 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 331 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 330 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 110. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>4</sub>ClF<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 8.47; C, 50.86; H, 1.22; Found: N, 8.59; C, 51.11; H, 1.07.

#### 6-Fluoro-2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3f). The product (72 mg, 76% yield) as a

white solid (127 °C) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1).  $^{1}$ H F NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 8.20 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, J = 8.4 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.5 (d, J = 254.6 Hz), 146.2 (t, J = 9.3 Hz), 145.0 (dm, J = 256.3 Hz), 142.7 (d, J = 13.3 Hz), 142.04 (dm, J = 257.3 Hz), 142.03 (m), 139.6 (d, J = 1.0 Hz), 137.8 (dm, J = 254.6 Hz), 131.9 (d, J = 10.2 Hz), 121.5 (d, J = 26.2 Hz), 112.9 (d, J = 21.7 Hz), 112.4 (m).  $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.7 (dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 1F), -142.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -151.3 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -160.8 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1653, 1557, 1521, 1499 cm $^{-1}$ . MS (EI): m/z (%) 315 (M $^{+}$ +H $^{+}$ ), 314 (M $^{+}$ ), 94 (100). Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{14}H_4F_6N_2$ : N, 8.92; C, 53.52; H, 1.28; Found: N, 8.94; C, 53.43; H, 1.15.

#### 4-(Perfluorophenyl)-2-phenylquinazoline (3g). The product (88 mg, 78% yield) as a

white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 197 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63-8.61(m, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.53 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.6, 156.9, 151.6, 144.7 (dm, J = 246.6 Hz), 142.1 (dm, J = 256.1 Hz), 137.8 (dm, J = 249.4 Hz), 137.3, 134.6, 130.9, 129.3, 128.6, 127.9, 125.2, 122.6, 112.0 (m). ¹³F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -139.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -151.8 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -160.8 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  1565, 1521, 1499 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 373 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 372 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 179. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 9.03; C, 58.07; H, 2.27; Found: N, 9.13; C, 58.15; H, 2.19.

### 7-Methyl-4-(perfluorophenyl)-2-phenylquinazoline (3h). The product (106 mg,

95% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 222  $^{\circ}$ C;  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.62-8.59 (m, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.7, 156.3, 151.9, 145.9, 144.7 (dm,

J = 250.4 Hz), 142.1 (dm, J = 255.2 Hz), 137.9 (dm, J = 253.4 Hz), 137.5, 130.8, 130.4, 128.7, 128.3, 124.9, 121.0, 112.3 (m), 22.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -140.0 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 2F), -152.1 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.0 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1655, 1566, 1521, 1499 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 387 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 386 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 193. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 7.25; C, 65.29; H, 2.87; Found: N, 7.33; C, 65.43; H, 2.94.

#### 7-Fluoro-4-(perfluorophenyl)-2-phenylquinazoline (3i). The reaction run at 80 °C

for 24 h. The product (100 mg, 85% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 208 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63-8.59 (m, 2H), 7.84 (dd, J = 9.9 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.38 (td, J = 9.0 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1 (d, J = 256.6 Hz), 161.6, 156.6, 153.5 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 144.7 (dm, J = 251.1 Hz), 142.3 (dm, J = 251.1 Hz), 137.9 (dm, J = 255.5 Hz), 137.0, 131.3, 128.8 (d, J = 11.0 Hz), 128.0 (d, J = 10.7 Hz), 120.0, 118.7 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 113.2 (d, J = 20.5 Hz), 111.9 (m). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -100.8 (dd, J = 14.1 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 1F), -139.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -152.3 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.5 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1572, 1521, 1499 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 391 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 390 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 199. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 7.18; C, 61.55; H, 2.07; Found: N, 7.22; C, 61.42; H, 1.95.

#### 2-(Perfluorophenyl)quinoline (3j). The product (80 mg, 90% yield) as a white solid

was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether F / Ethyl ether = 50:1). This compound is known.<sup>6</sup> M.P. 166 °C; F H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (td, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -143.1 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -153.7(t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.9 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N: N, 4.74; C, 61.03; H, 2.05; Found: N, 4.75; C, 60.94; H, 1.80.

#### 4-Methyl-2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoline (3k). The product (72 mg, 78% yield) as a

white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 137 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 2.78 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.8, 146.7, 145.5, 144.7 (dm, J = 246.0 Hz), 141.2 (dm, J = 254.9 Hz), 137.7 (dm, J = 253.0 Hz), 130.1, 129.8, 127.5, 127.3, 123.7, 123.3, 115.8 (m), 18.7. ¹°F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -143.0 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -154.1(t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -162.1 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1653, 1523, 1507, 1494 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 310 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 309 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 115.Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N: N, 4.53; C, 62.14; H, 2.61; Found: N, 4.65; C, 62.34; H, 2.59.

#### Ethyl 2-(perfluorophenyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate (31). The product (100 mg, 91%

yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 99 °C;  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.85 (t, J = 6.9Hz, 1H), 7.75 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (t, J = 13 cm. 13 cm. 14 cm. 15 cm. 15 cm. 15 cm. 15 cm. 15 cm. 15 cm. 16 cm. 16 cm. 17 cm. 17 cm. 17 cm. 18 cm.

7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.5, 149.1, 146.5, 144.8 (dm, J =

246.6 Hz), 141.4 (dm, J = 242.0 Hz), 137.8 (dm, J = 253.0 Hz), 136.1, 130.4, 130.2, 129.1, 125.0, 124.4, 123.7, 114.9 (m), 62.2, 14.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -152.9 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.6 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{\text{max}}$  1723, 1653 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 368 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 367 (M<sup>+</sup>), 309 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: N, 3.81; C, 58.86; H, 2.74; Found: N, 4.06; C, 58.94; H, 2.66.

### 2-(Perfluorophenyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (3m). The reaction run at 80 °C

F<sub>3</sub>C F F F

for 36 h. The product as a colorless liquid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). Further purification by reverse phase preparative HPLC (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O = 95:5) afforded pure product (66 mg, 70%

yield).  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.05 (s, 1H), 8.11 (dd, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.4, 147.0 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 144.7 (dm, J = 250.7 Hz), 144.0 (dm, J = 255.6 Hz), 137.9 (dm, J = 252.5 Hz), 134.0 (q, J = 3.2 Hz), 126.7 (q, J = 33.4 Hz), 125.7, 123.1 (q, J = 271.3 Hz), 114.2 (td, J = 15.7 Hz, 3.9 Hz).  $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -63.1 (s, 3F), -143.3 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -152.4 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -161.5 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2908, 1484, 1404 cm $^{-1}$ . MS (EI): m/z (%) 314 (M $^{+}$ +H $^{+}$ ), 313 (M $^{+}$ , 100), 294, 135. HRMS: Calculated for  $C_{12}H_3F_8N$ : 313.0138; Found: 313.0141.

### 2-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluorophenyl)quinoline (3n). The product (60 mg, 72% yield) as a

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white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 109  $^{\rm o}$ C;  $^{\rm 1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.31 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz,

1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.13 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  148.1, 147.8 (m), 146.1 (dm, J = 247.1 Hz), 144.3 (dm, J = 248.1 Hz), 136.7, 130.1, 129.6, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 122.6, 121.1 (t, J = 16.4 Hz), 106.1 (t, J = 22.4 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -138.8 (m, 2F), -143.8 (m, 2F).

IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1490, 1484, 1425 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 278 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 277 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 258. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{15}H_7F_4N$ : N, 5.05; C, 64.99; H, 2.55; Found: N, 5.07; C, 65.17; H, 2.39.

#### **6-Methyl-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)quinoxaline (30).** The product (50 mg, 57%

yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. F 162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.98 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

146.2 (dm, J = 247.9 Hz), 145.4 (t, J = 2.0 Hz), 144.5 (dm, J = 249.6 Hz), 142.5, 142.0, 141.9, 140.8, 133.1, 129.2, 128.1, 118.2 (t, J = 15.7 Hz), 107.1 (t, J = 22.4 Hz), 21.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -138.2 (m, 2F), -143.6 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1504, 1484, 1465 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 293 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 292 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 89. HRMS: Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 292.0624; Found: 292.0632.

#### **6-Methyl-2-(2,3,4,6-tetrafluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3p).** The product (46 mg, 53%

yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 149 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.94 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02-6.95 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.0 (dm, J = 253.8 Hz), 151.2 (dm, J = 250.0 Hz), 149.7 (dm, J = 251.5 Hz), 145.6, 142.6, 141.8, 141.7, 140.8, 137.6 (dm, J = 250.1 Hz), 133.0, 129.1, 128.1, 113 (m), 101.5 (ddd, J = 28.0 Hz, 21.6 Hz, 4.1 Hz), 21.9. ¹°F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -117.9 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1F), -129.6 (td, J = 17.8 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 1F), -135.1 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 1F), -164.0 (m, 1F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1517, 1484, 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 293 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 292 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 89. HRMS: Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 292.0624; Found: 292.0629.

#### 2-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)quinoxaline (3q). The product (66 mg,

71% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1).

M.P. 95 °C; 
$$^{1}$$
H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.00 (s, 1H), 8.20-8.16 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C

NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.0 (dm, J = 249.0 Hz), 145.7 (m), 143.6 (m), 142.4, 142.3, 141.6, 141.0 (dm, J = 249.6 Hz), 130.8, 130.6, 129.6, 129.2, 125.2 (m), 110.5 (m), 62.2 (t, J = 3.9 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -144.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 2F), -157.5 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 9.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1497, 1484, 1404 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 309 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 308 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 76. HRMS: Calculated for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 308.0573; Found: 308.0565.

#### 2-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine (3r). The

reaction run at 80 °C for 36 h. The product (58 mg, 60% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1).

M.P. 47 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.03 (s, 1 H),

8.08 (dd, J = 8.1 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  151.3, 146.8 (q, J = 3.9 Hz), 144.8 (dm, J = 249.3 Hz), 141.0 (dm, J = 247.4 Hz), 134.3 (m), 133.8 (q, J = 3.3 Hz), 126.2 (q, J = 33.4 Hz), 125.6, 123.2 (q, J = 272.3 Hz), 112.1 (t, J = 15.8 Hz), 62.1 (t, J = 4.0 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.9 (s, 3F), -145.4 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -157.8 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3012, 1652, 1472 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 326 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 325 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 135. HRMS: Calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>7</sub>NO: 325.0338; Found: 325.0336.

**2-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoxaline (3s).** The product (90 mg, 87% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 137 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.04 (s, 1H), 8.24-8.17 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.86 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

145.0 (m), 144.9 (dm, J = 252.9 Hz), 144.4 (dm, J = 260.1Hz), 142.3, 142.1, 131.6, 131.1, 129.8, 129.4, 121.2 (m), 120.6 (q, J = 274.0 Hz), 110.6 (m). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.9 (t, J = 21.4, 3F), -139.7 (m, 2F), -141.1 (m,

2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{\text{max}}$  1660, 1499, 1343 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 347 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 346 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 76. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 8.09; C, 52.04; H, 1.46; Found: N, 8.21; C, 52.36; H,1.32.

#### 6-Methyl-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)quinoxaline (3t). The

product (95 mg, 88% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 98 °C;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.71(d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.9 (t, J = 2.3 Hz), 144.8 (dm, J = 253.5 Hz), 144.6 (dm, J = 264.2 Hz), 142.7, 142.1, 141.1, 140.8, 133.4, 129.3, 128.1, 121.4 (t, J = 16.0 Hz), 120.6 (q, J = 16.0 Hz) 274.6 Hz), 110.3 (m), 21.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -56.8 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 3F), -139.8 (m, 2F), -141.3 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1624, 1498 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 361 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 360 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 90. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 7.78; C, 53.35; H, 1.96; Found: N, 7.72; C, 53.32; H,1.86.

#### 7-Methyl-4-(perfluoropyridin-4-yl)-2-phenylquinazoline (3u). The product (86 mg,

chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 211 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62-8.59 (m, 2H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.56-7.45 (m, 5H), 2.64 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.7, 155.2, 151.9, 146.3, 143.7 (dm, J = 246.3 Hz), 139.5 (dm, J = 262.8

78% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel

Hz), 137.2, 131.0, 130.7, 129.7 (m), 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 124.3, 120.0, 22.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -89.2 (m, 2F), -141.3 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1566, 1521, 1499 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 370 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 369 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 219. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: N, 11.38; C, 65.04; H, 3.00; Found: N, 11.30; C, 65.07; H, 3.02.

#### 6-Methyl-2-(perfluoropyridin-4-yl)quinoxaline (3v). The product (62 mg, 70%

yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. F 106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.03 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.5, 143.9 (dm, J = 245.3 Hz), 143.0, 142.3, 140.7, 140.0 (dm, J = 261.8 Hz), 133.5, 129.7 (m), 129.3, 128.1, 21.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -89.5 (m, 2F), -144.3 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1645, 1497, 1471, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 294 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>, 100), 89. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: N, 14.33; C, 57.35; H, 2.41; Found: N, 14.45; C, 57.42; H, 2.31.

#### 6-Methyl-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(4-methoxybenzyl)phenyl)quinoxaline (3w). 1.2

equiv of fluoroarene was used. The product

(60 mg, 49% yield) as a white solid was

purified with silica gel chromatography

(Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P.

100 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.5, 145.6, 145.0 (dm, J = 245.1 Hz), 144.4 (dm, J = 239.3 Hz), 141.8 (m), 140.9, 133.1, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 128.1, 121.6 (t, J = 18.4 Hz), 115.4 (m), 114.1, 55.2, 28.0, 21.9. ¹³F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -143.5 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 113.8 Hz, 2F), -144.3 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 11.8 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1612, 1514 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 413 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 412 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 206. HRMS: Calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 412.1199; Found: 412.1201.

#### (E)-Tert-butyl 3-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(6-methylquinoxalin-2-yl)phenyl)acrylate

(3x). 1.2 equiv of fluoroarene was used. The product (100 mg, 80% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 
$$50:1$$
). M.P. 153

<sup>o</sup>C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 165.2, 145.5 (dm, J = 255.3 Hz), 145.3 (m), 144.6 (dm, J = 256.3 Hz), 142.2, 141.9, 140.8, 133.2, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 127.6, 117.8 (t, J = 16.0 Hz), 115.6 (t, J = 13.5 Hz), 81.5, 28.0, 21.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -140.0 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 13.8 Hz, 2F), -143.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 13.8 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1716, 1636 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 419 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 418 (M<sup>+</sup>), 362 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: N, 6.70; C, 63.16; H, 4.34; Found: N, 6.66; C, 63.27; H, 4.48.

#### **6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trifluorophenyl)quinoxaline (3y).** 10 mol% of Pd(TFA)<sub>2</sub> and 20

F mol% of **L** were used. The product (22 mg, 27% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 151 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.93 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.2 (dt, J = 251.0 Hz, 15.2 Hz), 161.2 (ddd, J = 251.7 Hz, 14.8 Hz, 9.3 Hz), 146.0, 143.6, 141.6, 141.3, 140.8, 132.8, 129.1, 128.0, 112.1 (m), 101.0 (m), 21.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -105.2 (m, 1F), -111.2 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{\text{max}}$  3047, 1643, 1599 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 275 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 274 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 89. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: N, 10.21; C, 65.69; H, 3.31; Found: N, 10.17; C, 65.71; H, 3.35.

**2-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl-4-methylbenzenesulfonate (5).** The product (74 mg, 55% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 138 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 method)

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.15 (m, 1H), 2.43 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.3, 149.7, 148.2 (m), 146.3, 146.1 (dm, J =

248.7 Hz), 144.2 (dm, J = 250.4 Hz), 131.6, 131.0, 130.0, 129.5, 128.4, 128.1, 121.5, 121.4, 120.2 (t, J = 16.1 Hz), 106.6 (t, J = 22.7 Hz), 21.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -138.5 (m, 2F), -143.6 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  1613, 1595, 1497 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 448 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 447 (M<sup>+</sup>), 91 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: N, 3.13; C, 59.06; H, 2.93; Found: N, 3.34; C, 59.24; H, 2.85.

### **4-Phenyl-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)quinoline (6).** To a septum capped 100 mL of

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sealed tube were added  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (13.8 mg, 0.06 mmol), X Phos (60 mg, 0.12 mmol),  $K_3PO_4$  (764 mg, 3.6 mmol),

 $2\mbox{-}(2,3,5,6\mbox{-Tetrafluorophenyl}) quinolin-4\mbox{-yl-4-methyl-benzenesulfonate 5 (552 mg, 1.2 mmol) and PhB(OH)$_2$ (294 mg, 2.4 mmol) under $N_2$, followed by THF (6 mL) with$ 

stirring. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 80  $^{\circ}$ C (oil bath). After stirring for 6 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product (347 mg, 82% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 152  $^{\circ}$ C;  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.25 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.78 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.53 (m, 7H), 7.21-7.15 (m, 1H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.4, 148.6, 147.5 (m), 146.1 (dm, J = 248.7 Hz), 144.4 (dm, J = 249.4 Hz), 137.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 126.0, 125.8, 122.9, 121.1(t, J = 16.3 Hz), 106.2 (t, J = 22.5 Hz).  $^{19}$ F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -138.5 (m, 2F), -143.6 (m, 2F). IR (KBr):

 $v_{max}$  1610, 1574, 1495 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 354 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 353 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 352, 176. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{11}F_4N$ : N, 3.96; C, 71.39; H, 3.14; Found: N, 3.93; C, 71.33; H, 3.09.

#### (E)-Diethyl 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-4-(4-phenylquinolin-2-yl)styrylphosphonate (7).

To a septum capped 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (6.7 mg, 0.03 mmol), Ag<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (158 mg, 0.9 mmol), and 4-phenyl-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)quinoline **6** (109 mg, 0.3 mmol), followed by DMF (1.5 mL),

PivOH (92 mg, 0.9 mmol) and diethyl vinylphosphonate (148 mg, 0.9 mmol) with stirring. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 120 °C (oil bath). After stirring for 16 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with 1 N HCl, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product 7. The product (118 mg, 76% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 2:1). M.P. 93 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J= 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (td, J = 6.9 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.50 (m, 8H), 6.77 (t, J = 17.7Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.4, 148.6, 146.8 (m), 145.3 (dm, J = 254.1 Hz), 144.5 (dm, J = 150.3 Hz), 137.2, 132.6 (m), 130.0, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.0, 125.7, 124.7 (dt, J = 187.0 Hz, 8.4 Hz), 122.7, 121.1 (t, J = 16.7 Hz), 114.7 (m), 62.2, 62.1, 16.3, 16.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -141.6 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 14.1 Hz, 2F), -143.5 (m, 2F).  $^{31}$ P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.4 (s). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  2982, 1623, 1590, 1425 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 516 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 515 (M<sup>+</sup>), 376 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>P: N, 2.72; C, 62.92; H, 4.30; Found: N, 2.54; C, 62.88; H, 4.38.

#### 2-(perfluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (8). To a septum

capped 100 mL of sealed tube were added  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (67 mg, 0.3 mmol), **L** (210 mg, 0.6 mmol),  $K_3PO_4$  (1.52 g, 7.2 mmol), AdOH (1.3 g, 7.2 mmol) and quinoline-2,4-diyl-bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate) **4** (2.9 g, 6.0 mmol) under  $N_2$ , followed by t-BuOH (30 mL) with stirring.

Pentafluorobenzene (1.34 mL, 12 mmol) was then added subsequently. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 90 °C (oil bath). After stirring for 6 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product (1.73 g, 62% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 60:1). M.P. 162 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 153.5, 149.8, 147.3, 146.4, 144.7 (dm, J = 247.2 Hz), 141.6 (dm, J = 256.2 Hz), 137.8 (dm, J = 254.0 Hz), 131.7, 131.1, 130.1, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 121.6, 121.5, 114.9 (m), 113.9, 21.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -138.9 (dd, J = 21.9 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 2F), -148.8 (t, J = 19.7 Hz, 1F), -157.7 (m, 2F). IR (KBr): v<sub>max</sub> 1621, 1557, 1524 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 466 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 465 (M<sup>+</sup>), 91 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: N, 3.01; C, 56.78; H, 2.60; Found: N, 2.83; C, 56.72; H, 2.66.

**2-(perfluorophenyl)-4-phenylquinoline (9).** To a septum capped 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (6.7 mg, 0.03 mmol), X Phos 30 mg, 0.06 mmol), K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>

(382 mg, 1.8 mmol), 2-(perfluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate **8** (288 mg, 0.6 mmol) and PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (147 mg, 1.2 mmol) under N<sub>2</sub>, followed by THF (3 mL) with stirring. The sealed tube was screw capped and heated to 80  $^{\circ}$ C (oil bath). After stirring for 6 h, the reaction

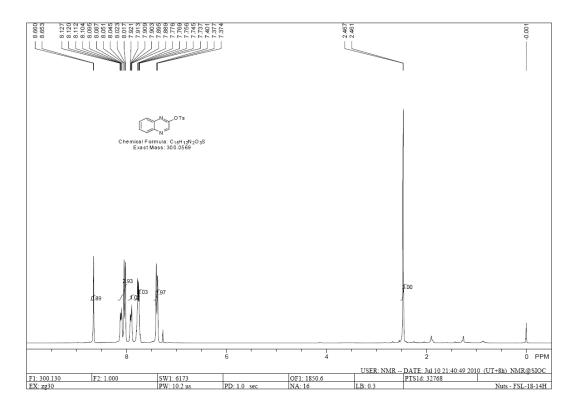
mixture was cooled to room temperature, and diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with

brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The product (190 mg, 85% yield) as a white solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether / Ethyl ether = 50:1). M.P. 113 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.24 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.49 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.6, 148.7, 146.6, 144.8 (dm, J = 249.1 Hz), 141.4 (dm, J = 253.8 Hz), 137.8 (dm, J = 251.6 Hz), 137.3, 130.1, 130.0, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.1, 125.8, 122.9, 115.7 (t, J = 16.8 Hz). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -142.9 (dd, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F), -153.8 (t, J = 21.7 Hz, 1F), -162.0 (td, J = 21.7 Hz, 7.9 Hz, 2F). IR (KBr):  $v_{max}$  1551, 1524, 1457 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (EI): m/z (%) 372 (M<sup>+</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>), 371 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 176. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N: N, 3.77; C, 67.93; H, 2.71; Found: N, 3.64; C, 68.20; H, 2.81.

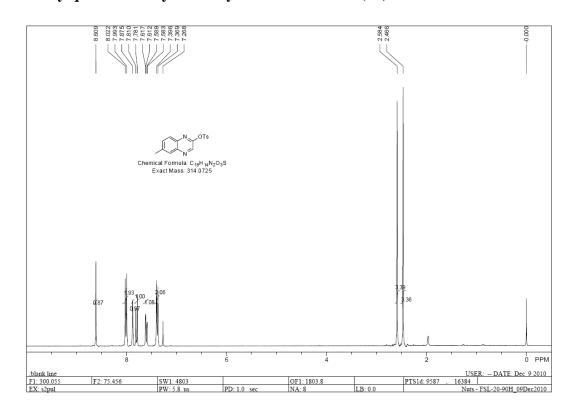
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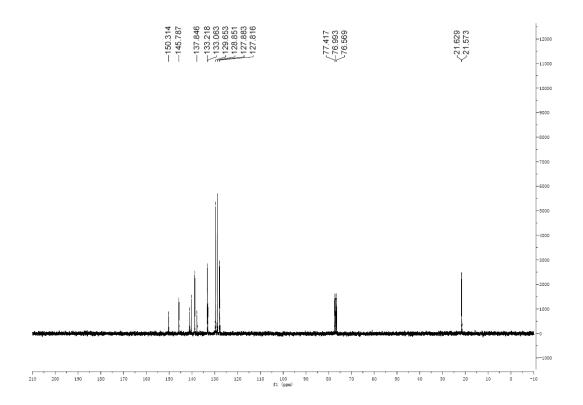
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# Quinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (2a).

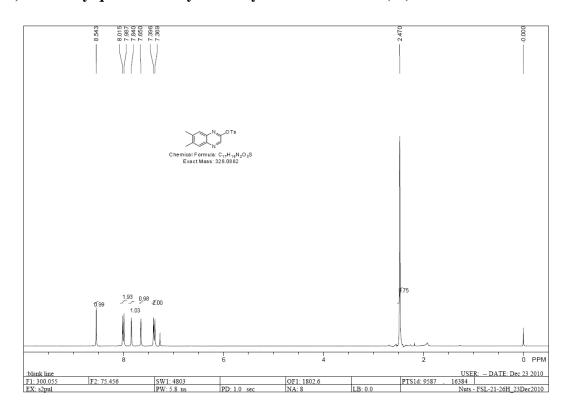


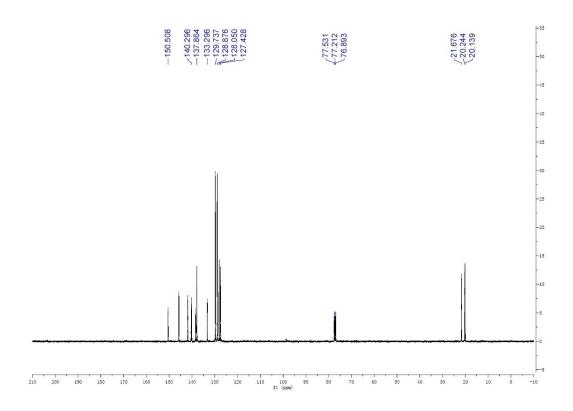
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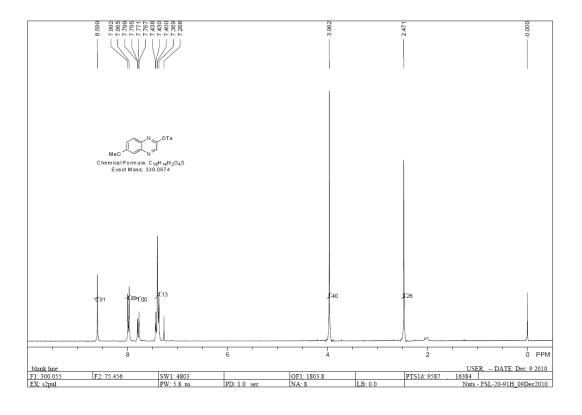


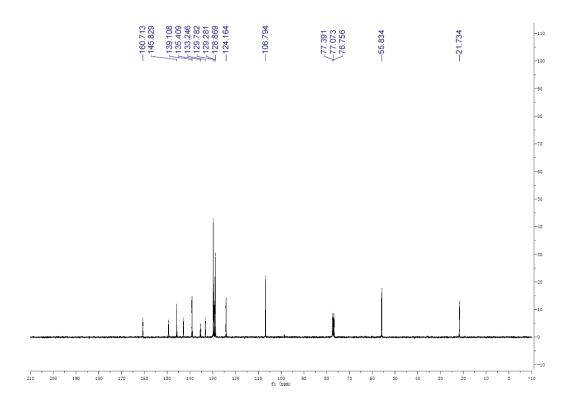
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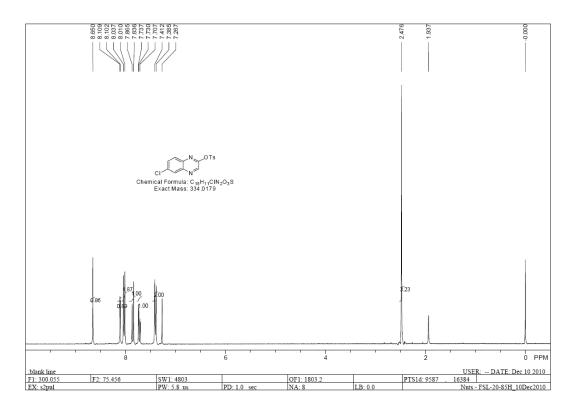


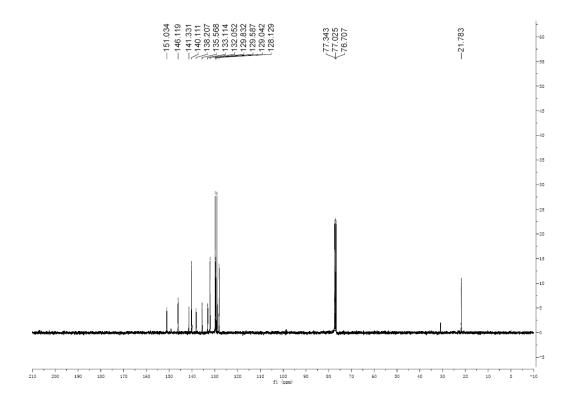
# $\hbox{6-Methoxyquinoxalin-2-yl 4-methylbenzene sulfonate (2d).}\\$





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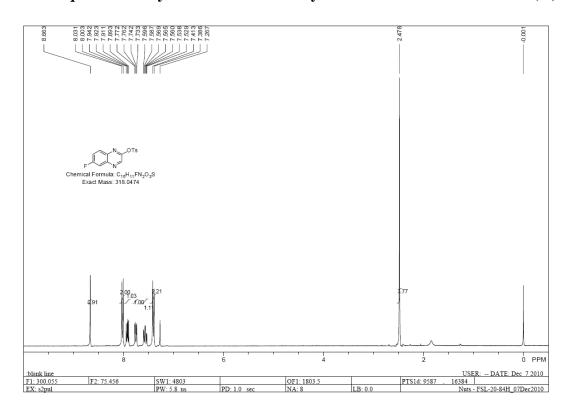


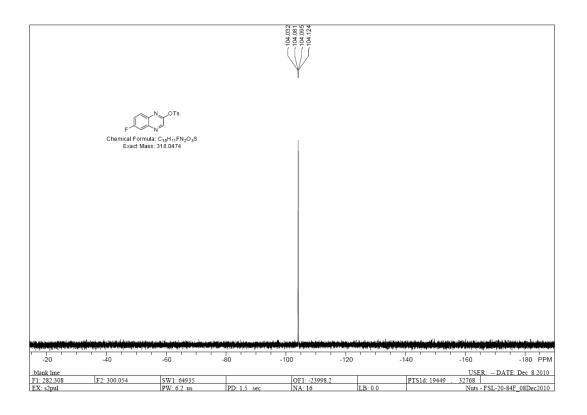


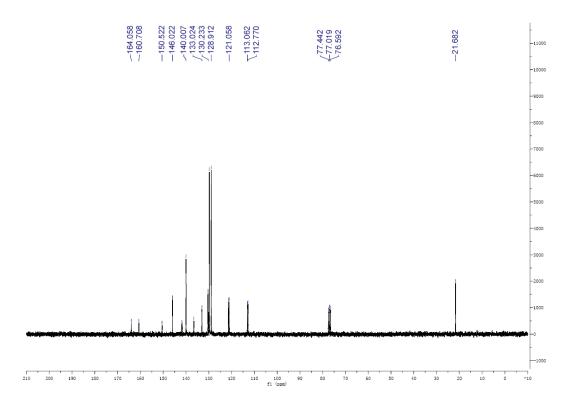
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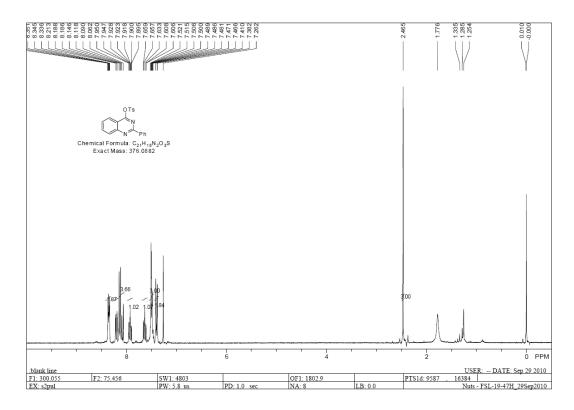
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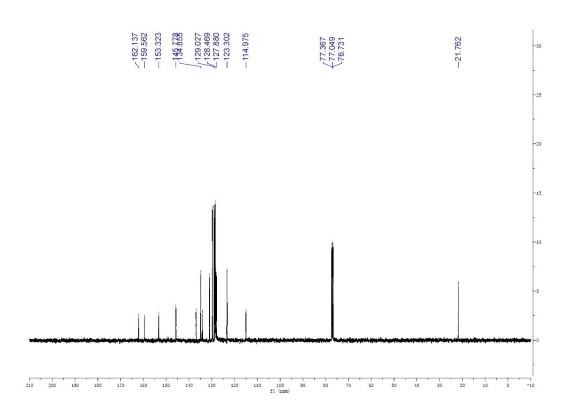




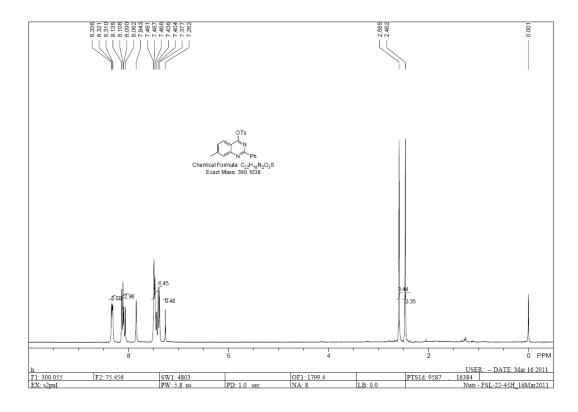


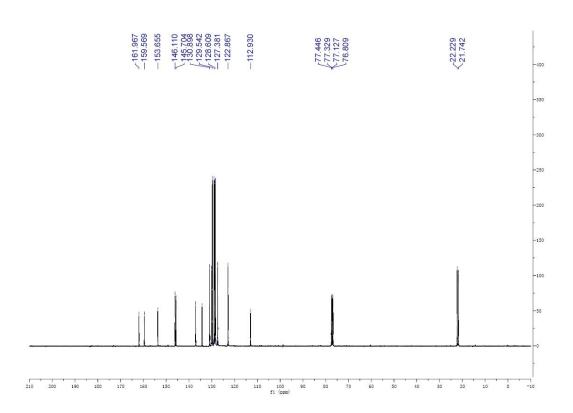
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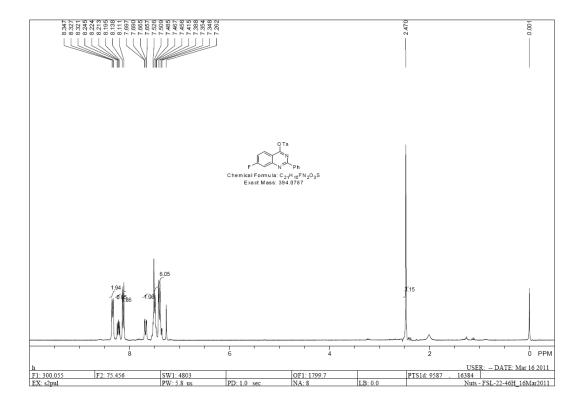


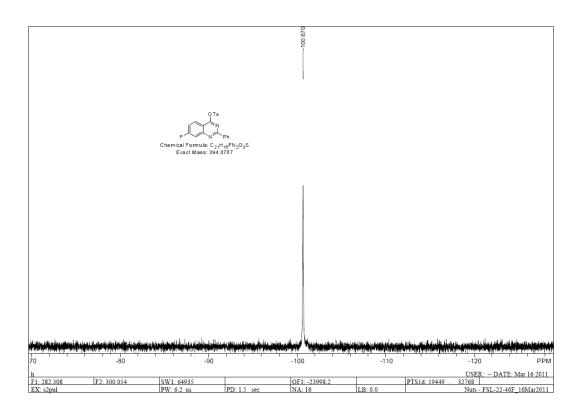
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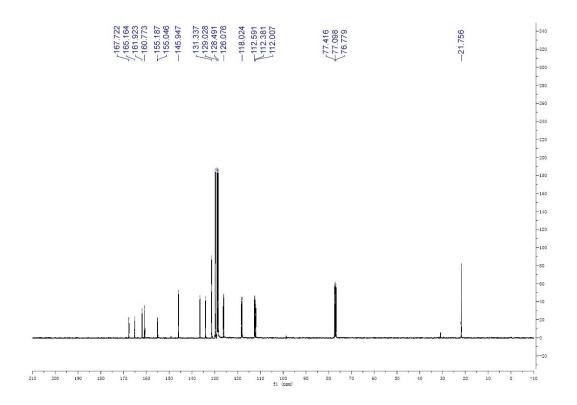




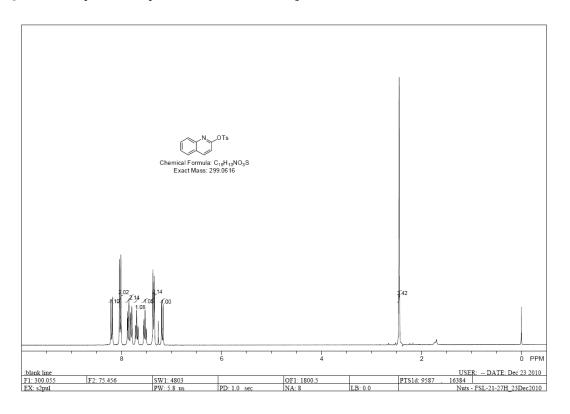
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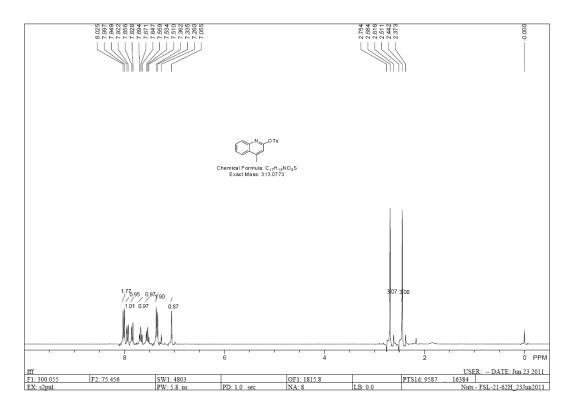




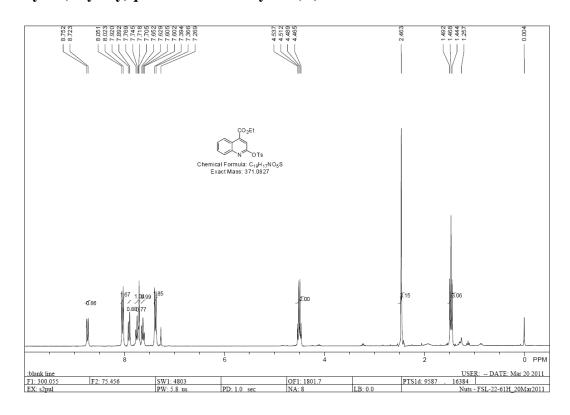
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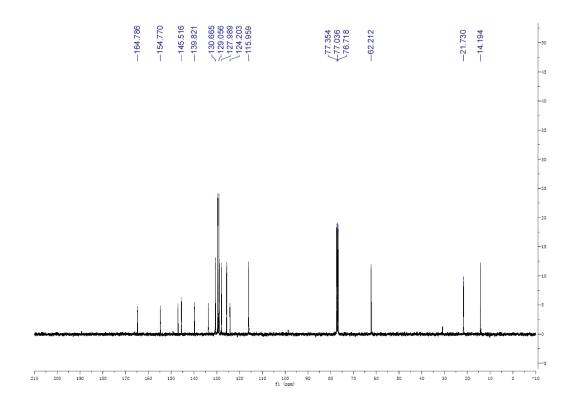


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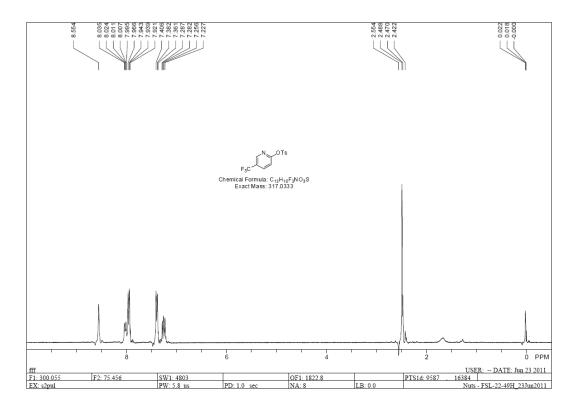


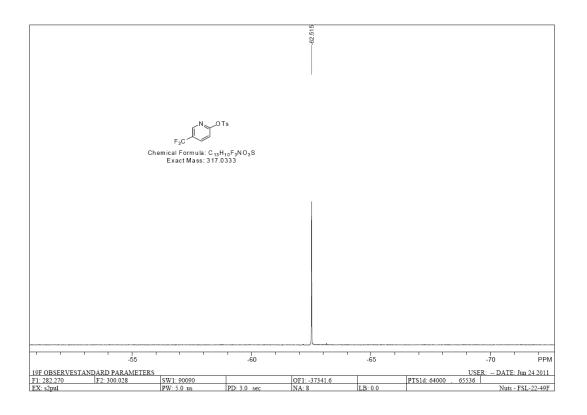
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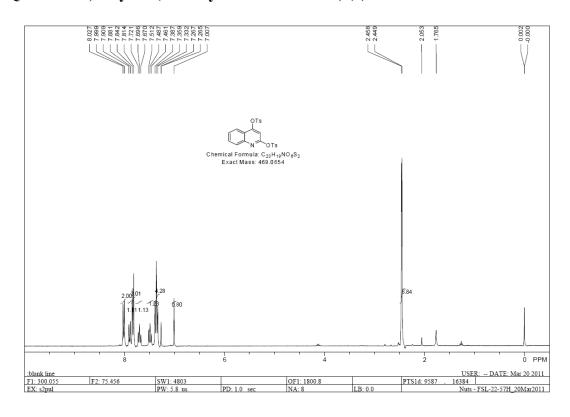


## $5\hbox{-}(Ttrifluoromethyl) pyridin-2-yl\ 4-methyl benzenesul fon at e\ (2m).$

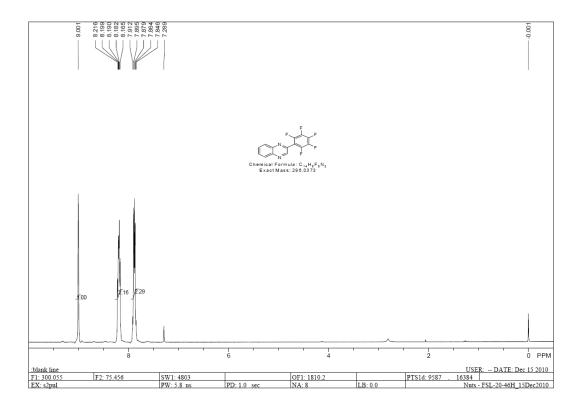


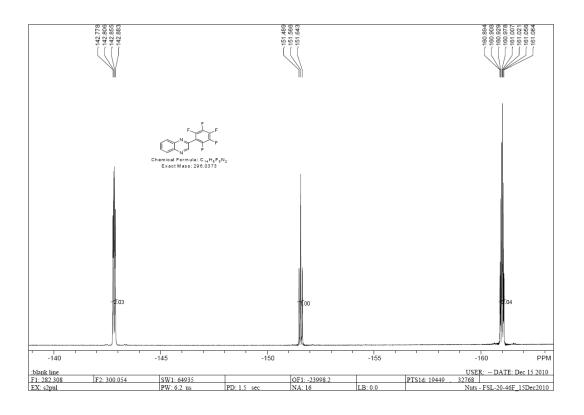


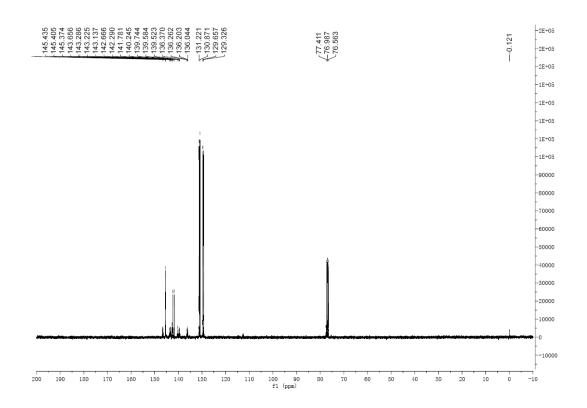
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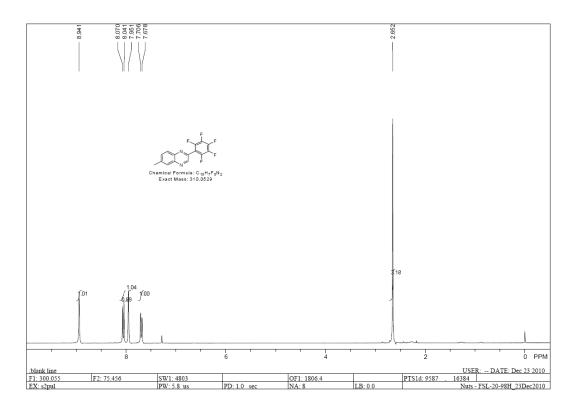
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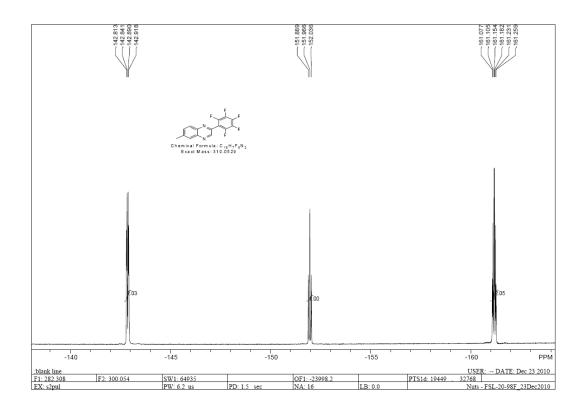


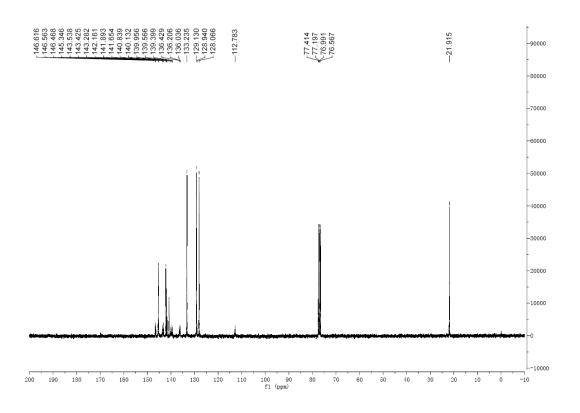




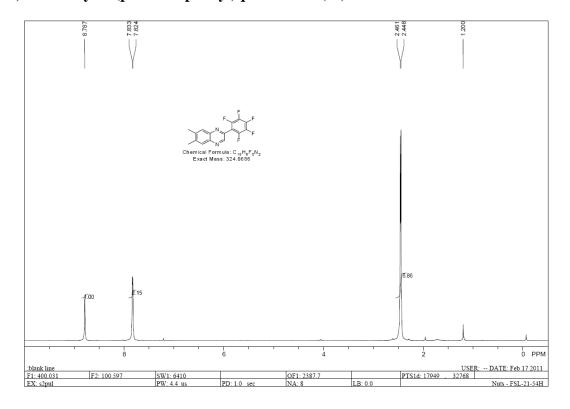
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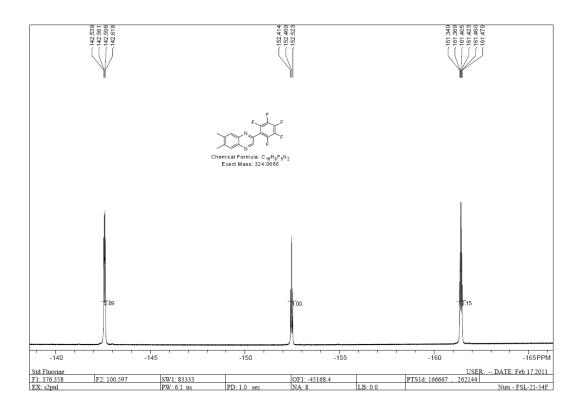


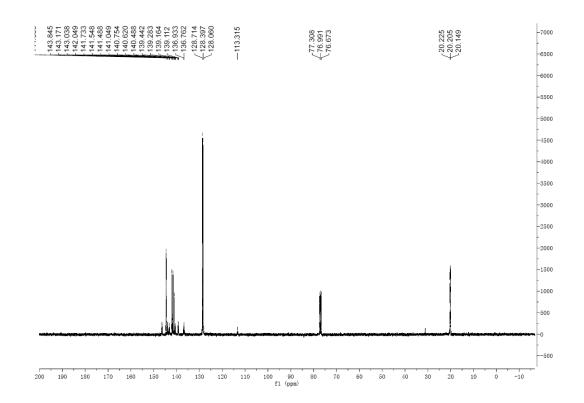




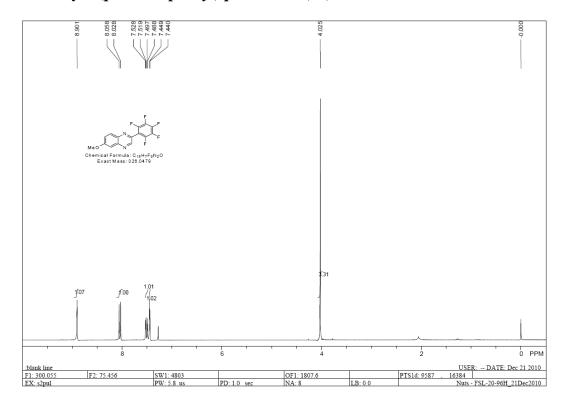
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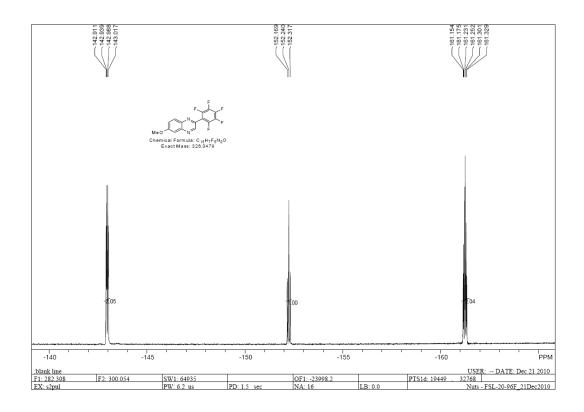


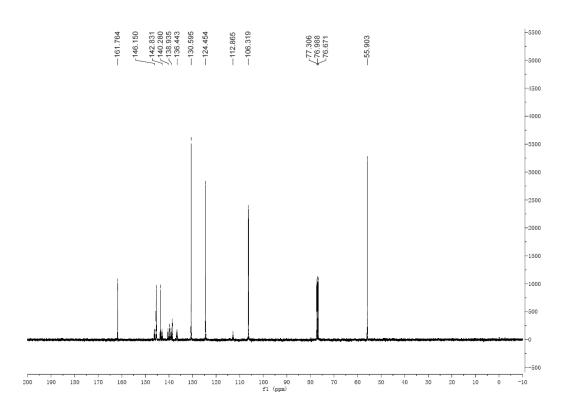




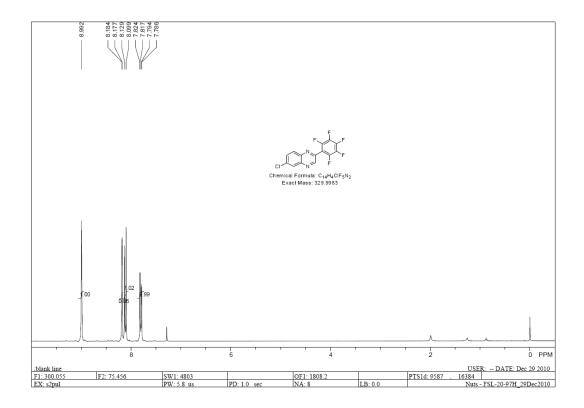
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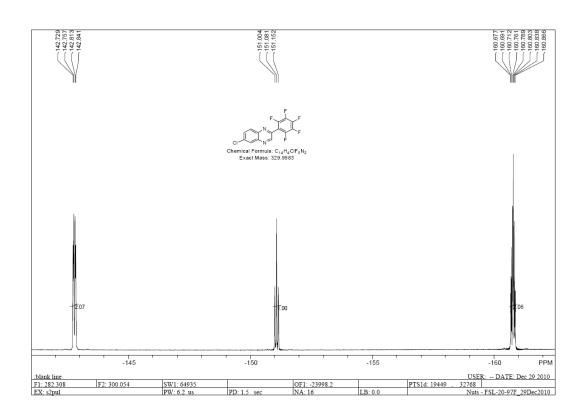


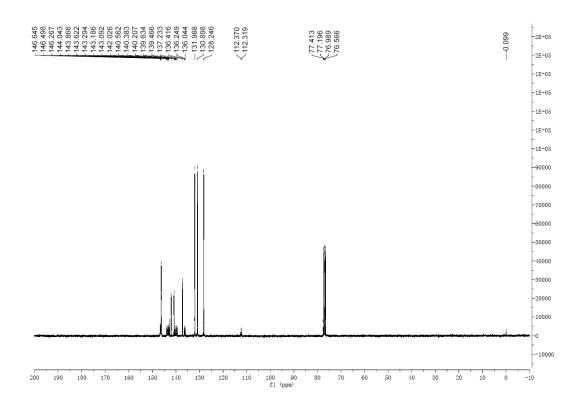




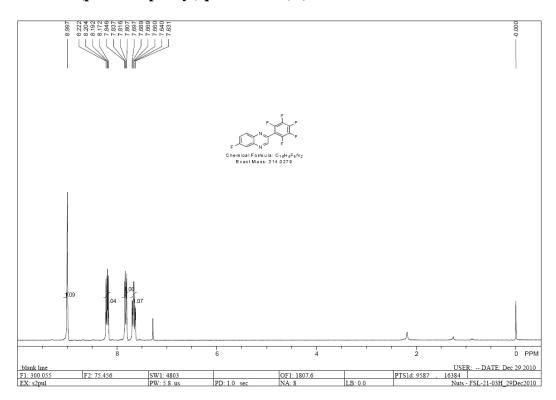
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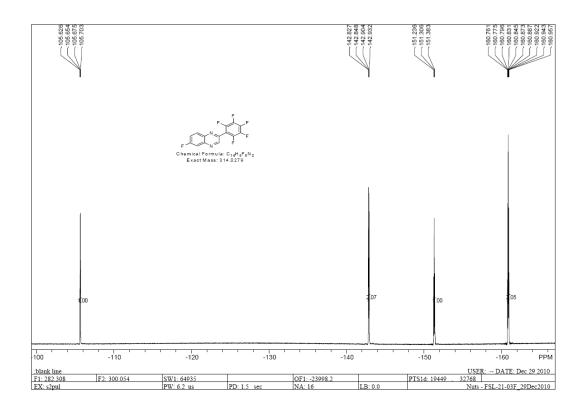


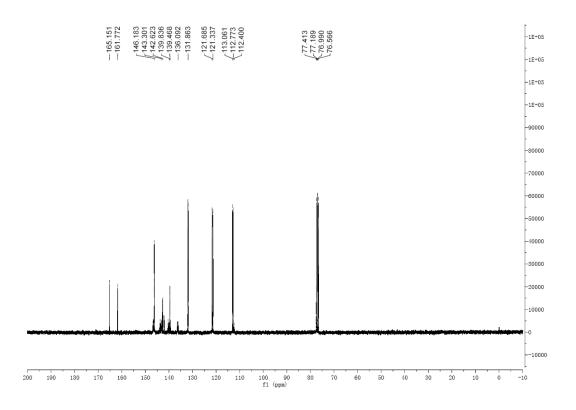




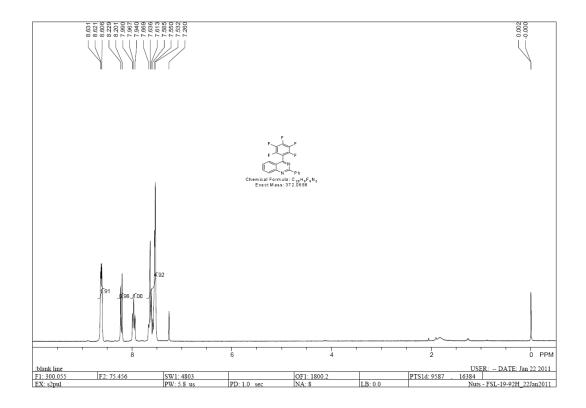
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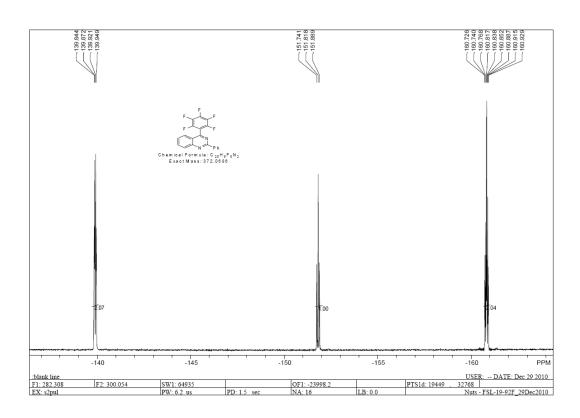


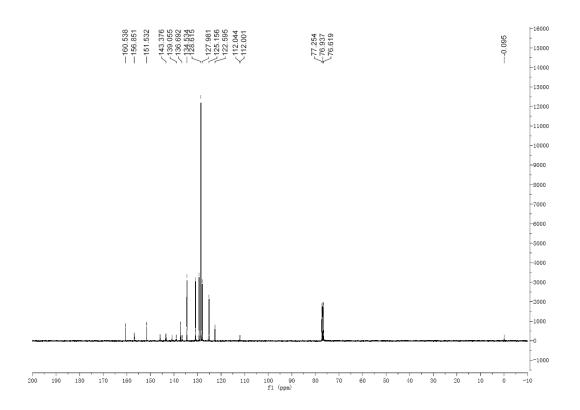




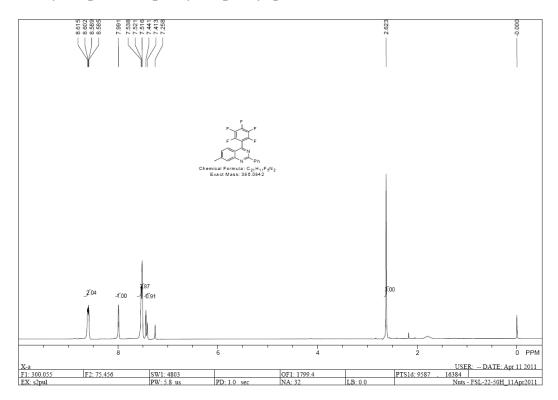
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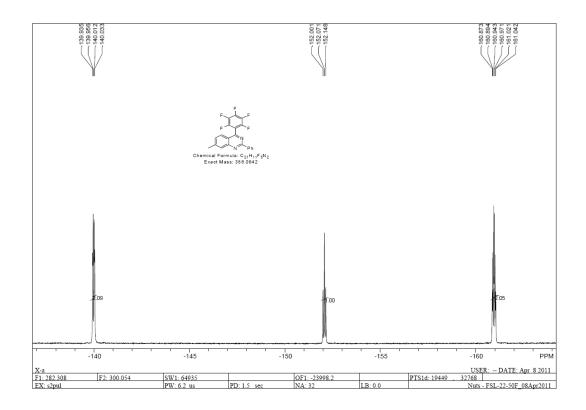


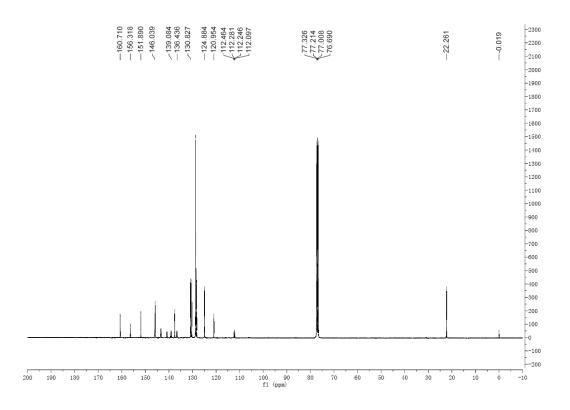




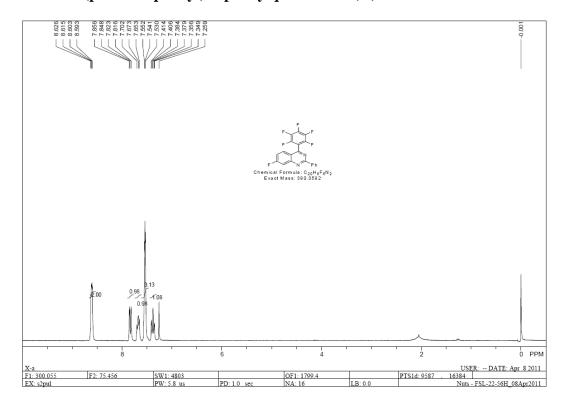
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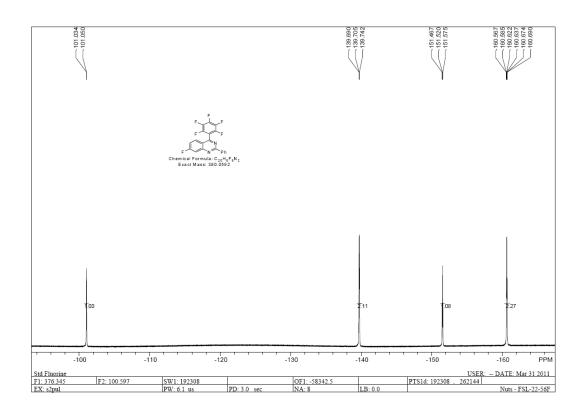


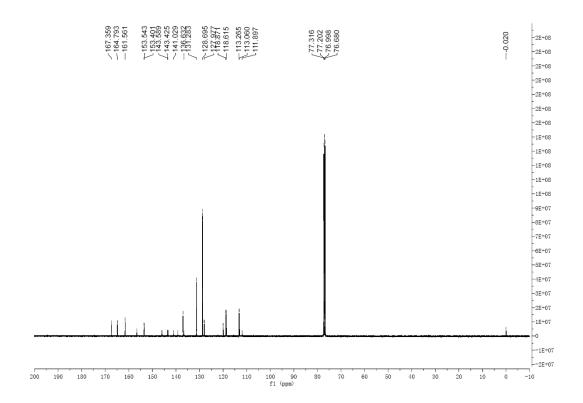




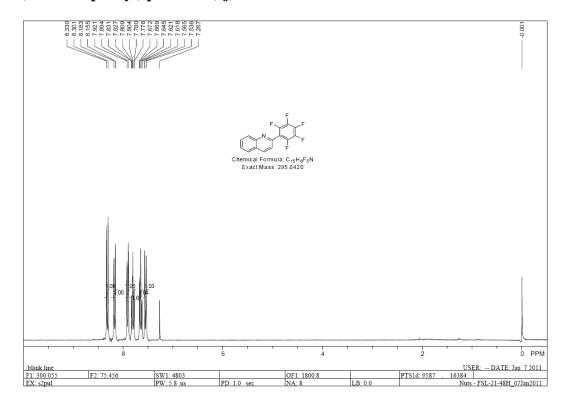
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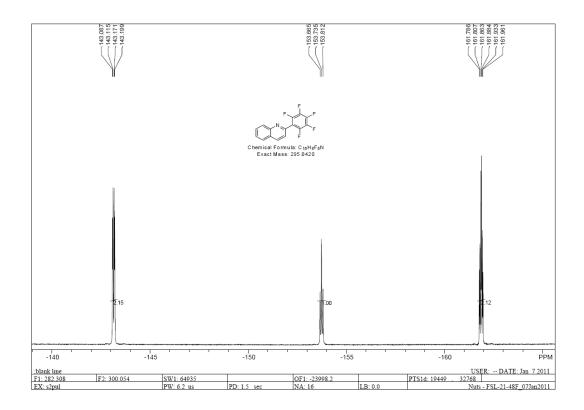




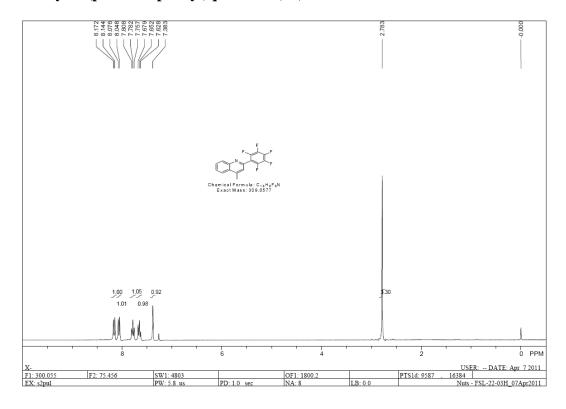


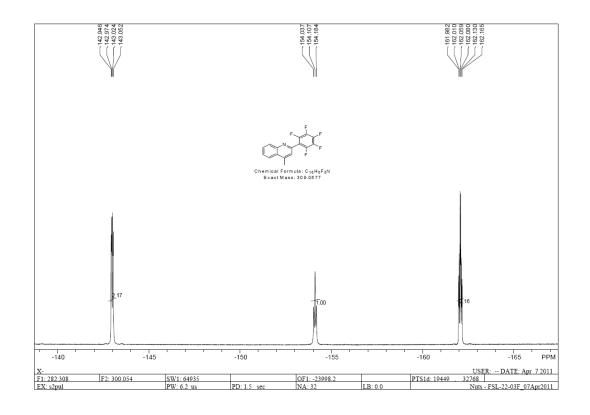
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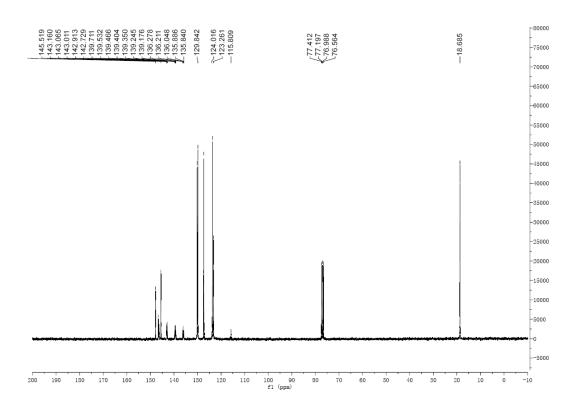




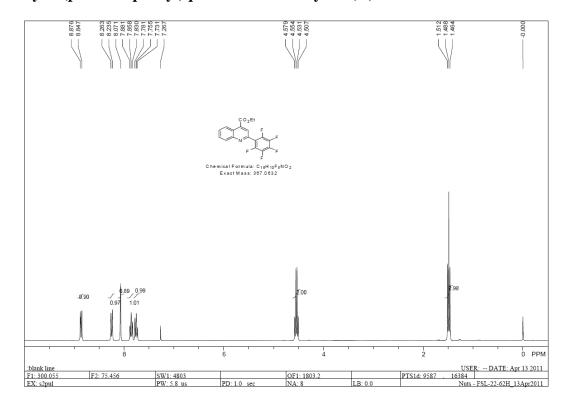
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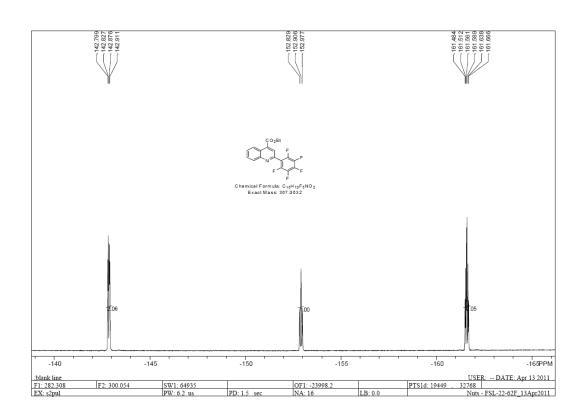


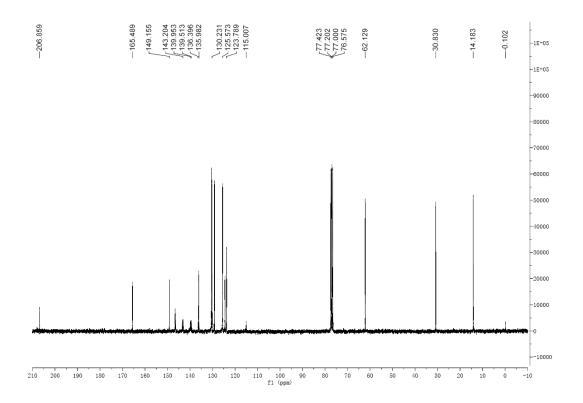




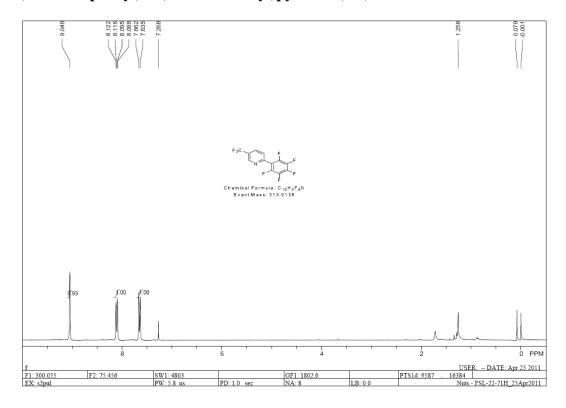
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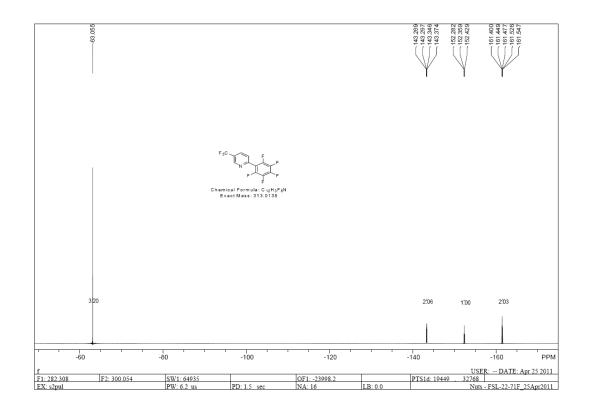


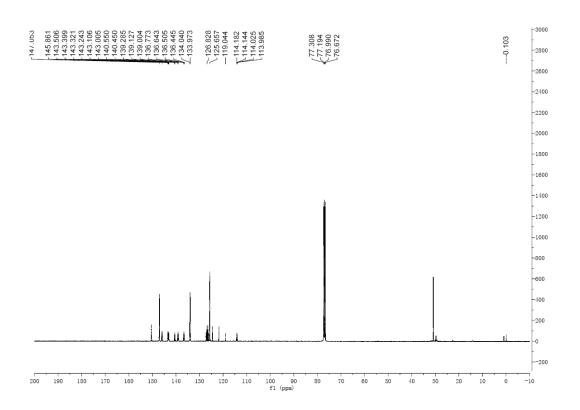




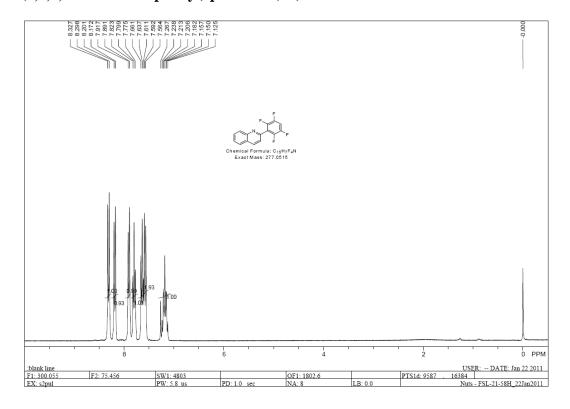
## $\hbox{$2$-(Perfluor ophenyl)-5$-(trifluor omethyl) pyridine (3m)}\\$

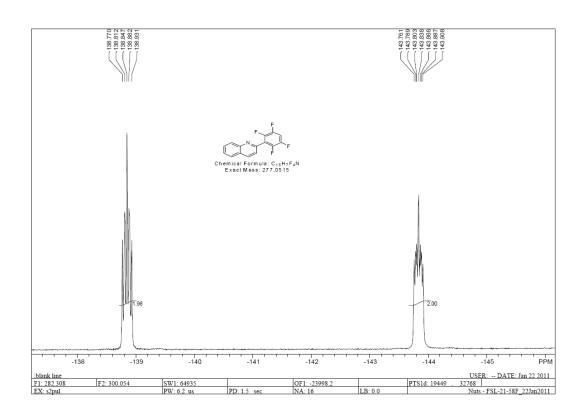


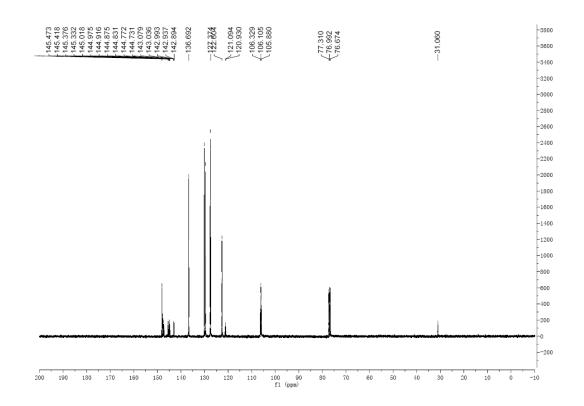




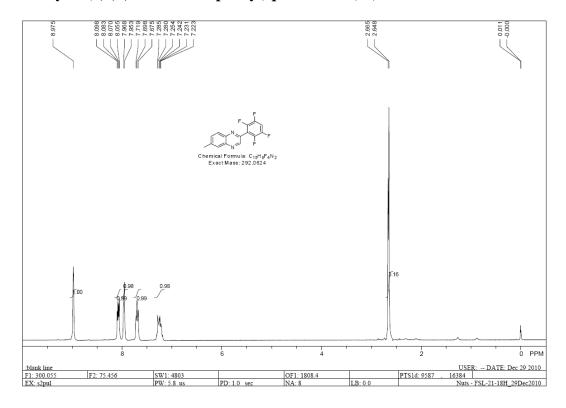
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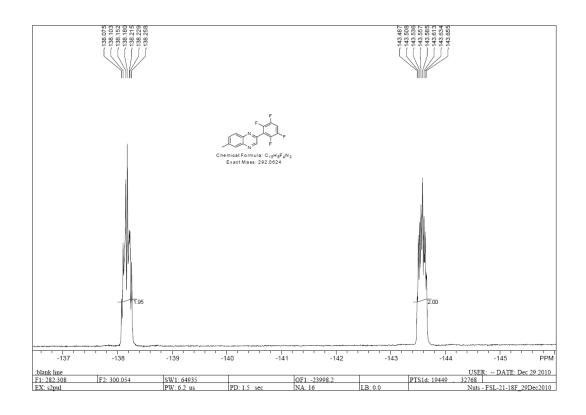


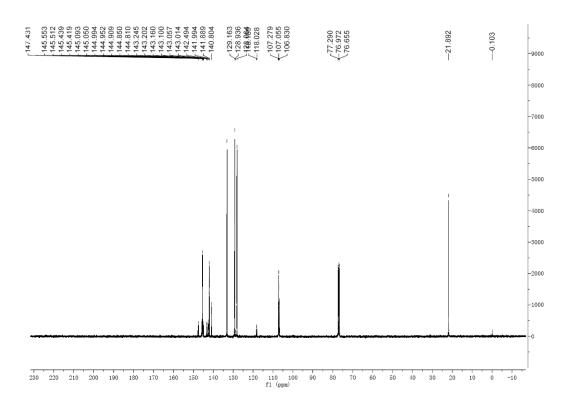




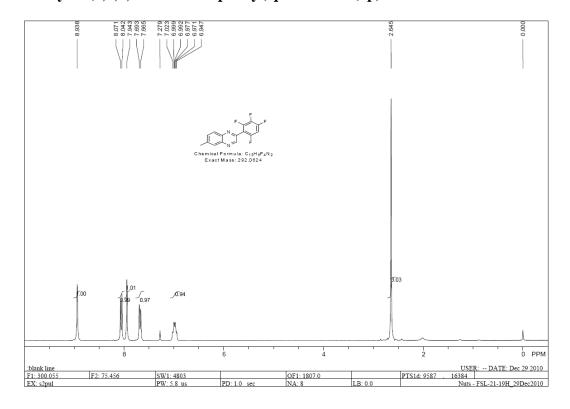
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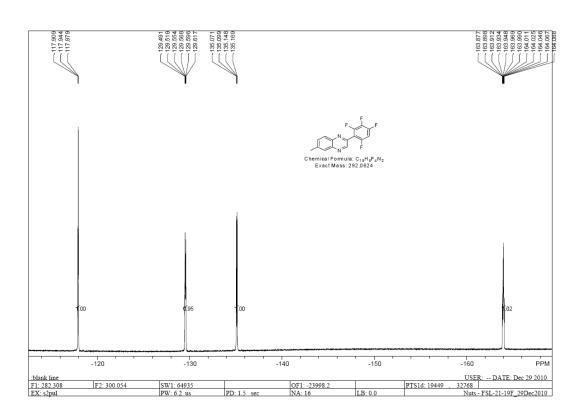


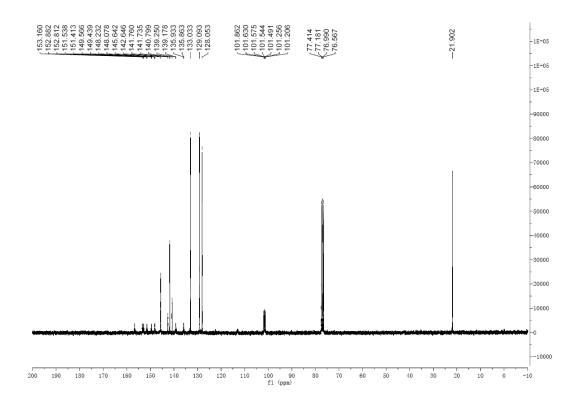




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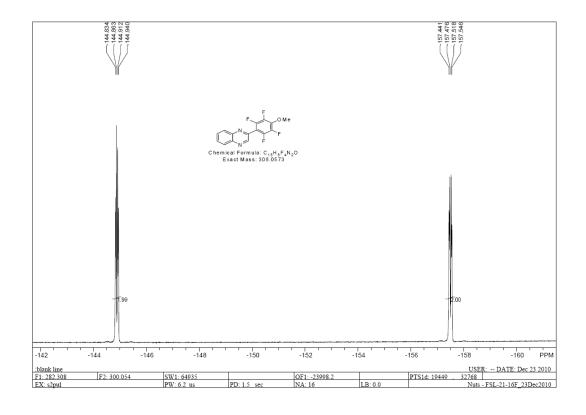


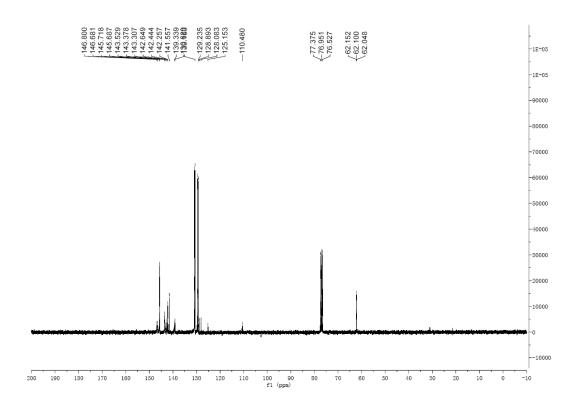




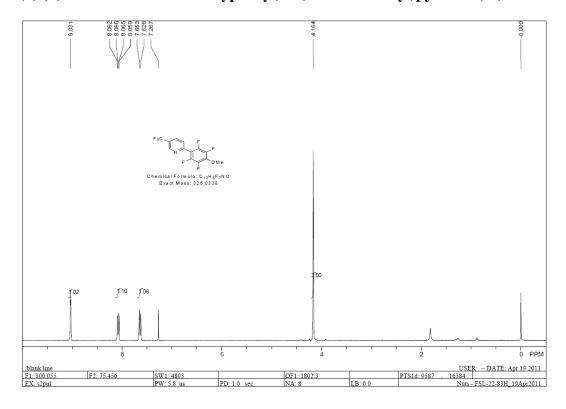
## $\hbox{$2$-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluoro-4-methoxyphenyl) quinoxaline (3q)}\\$

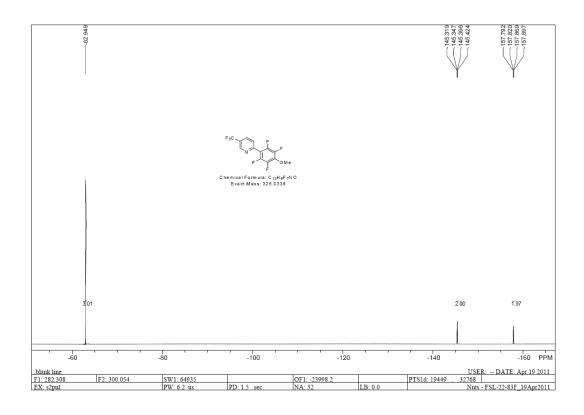


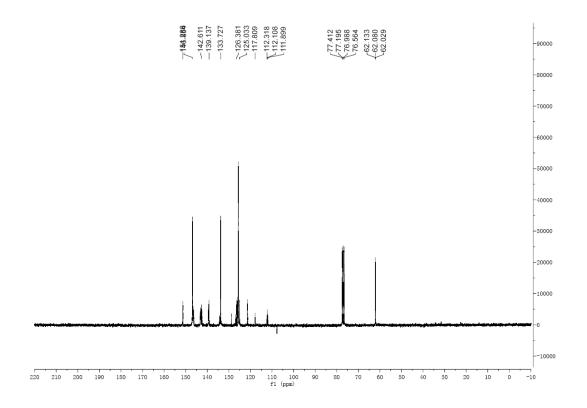




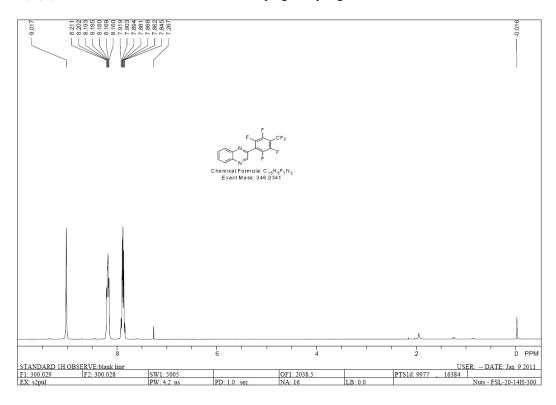
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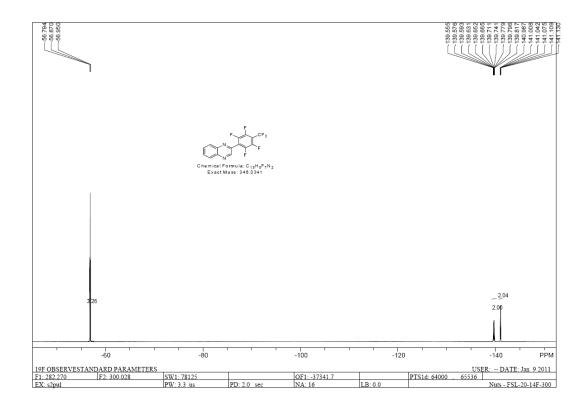


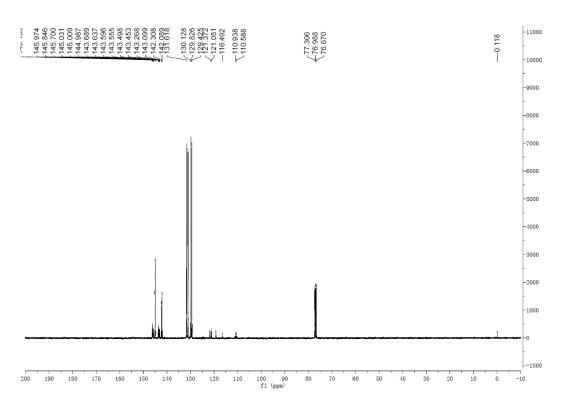




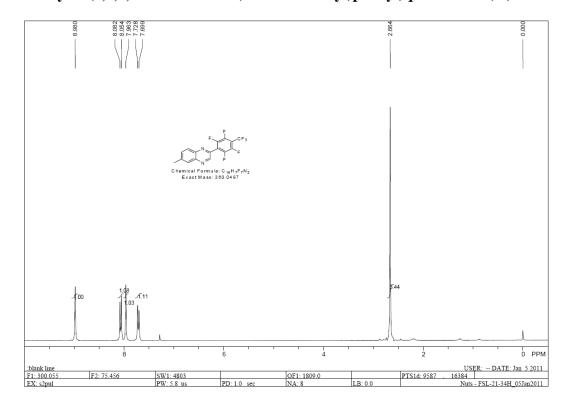
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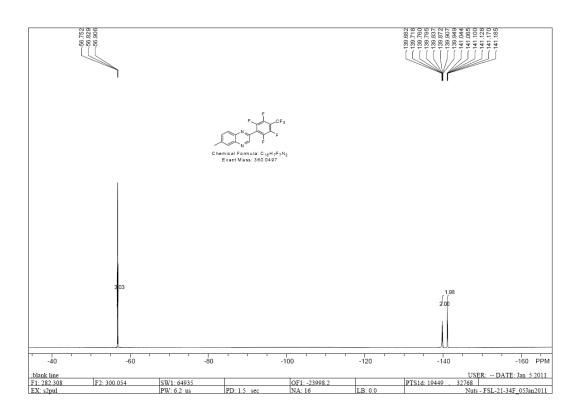


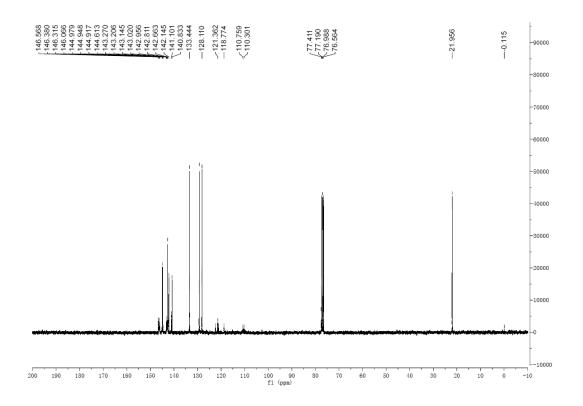




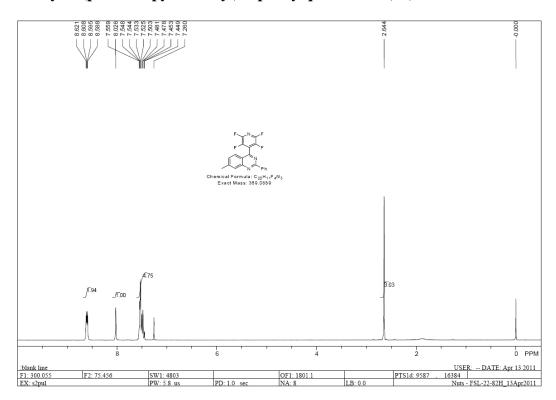
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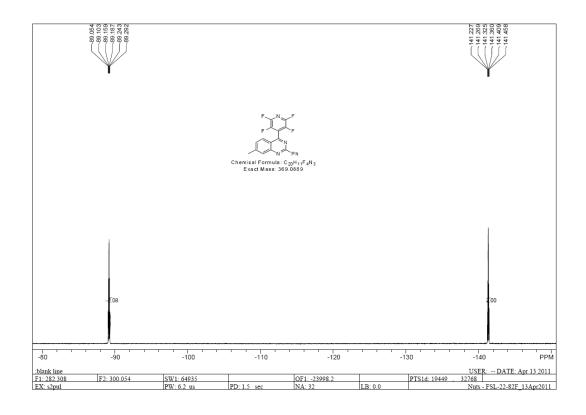


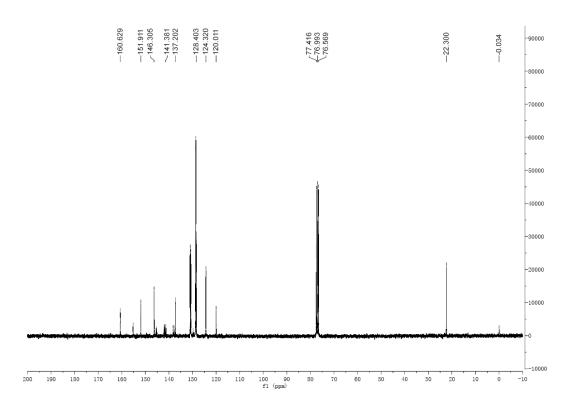




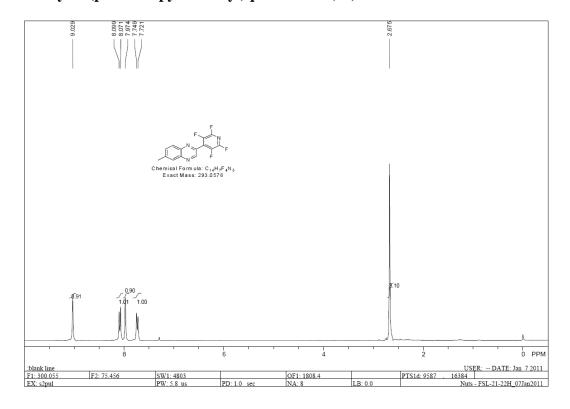
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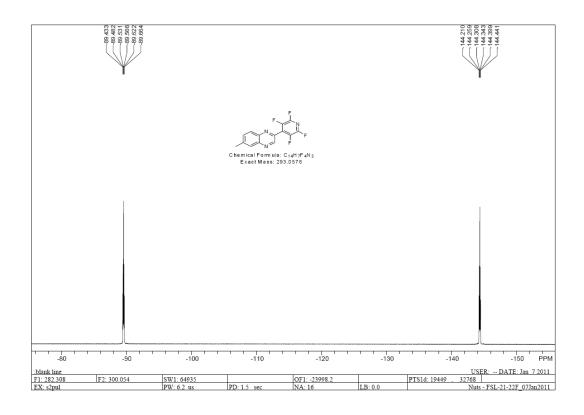


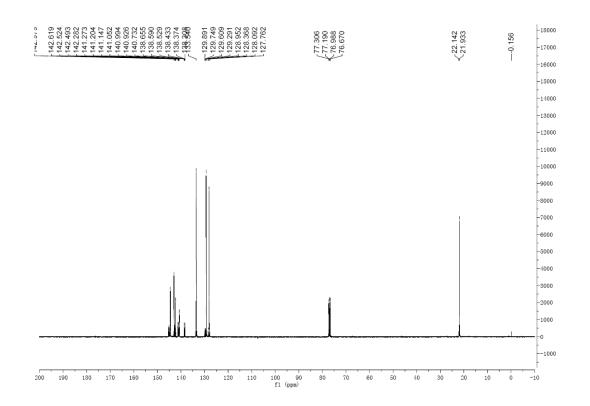




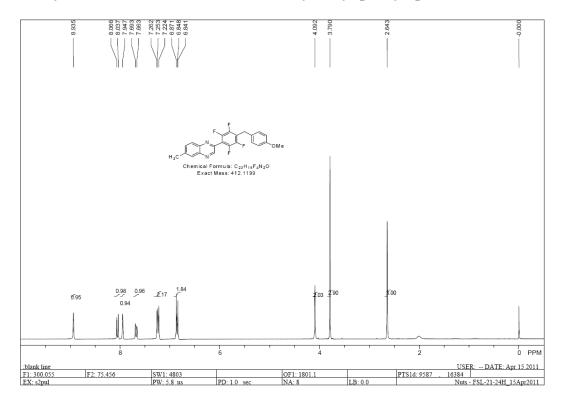
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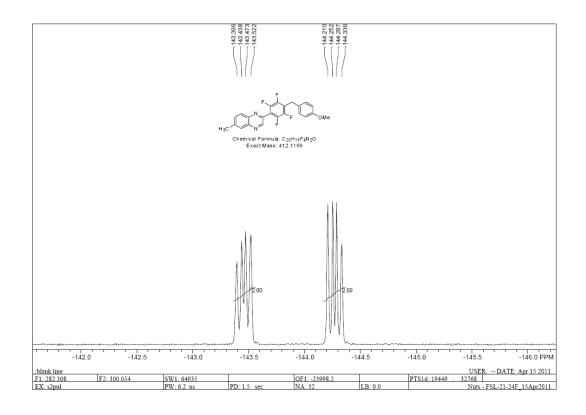


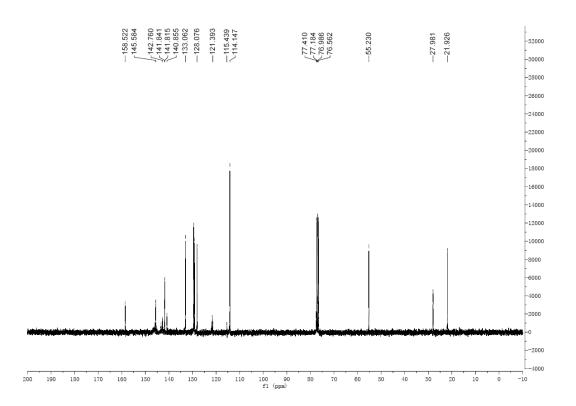




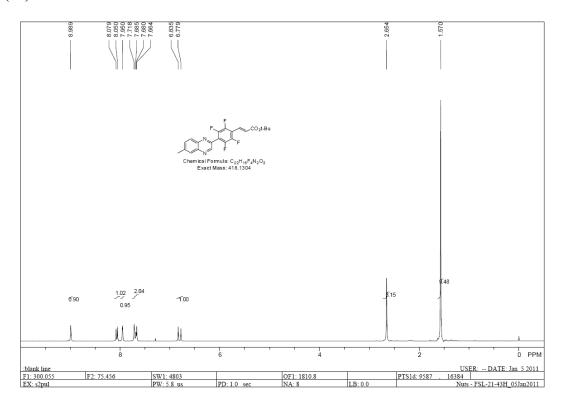
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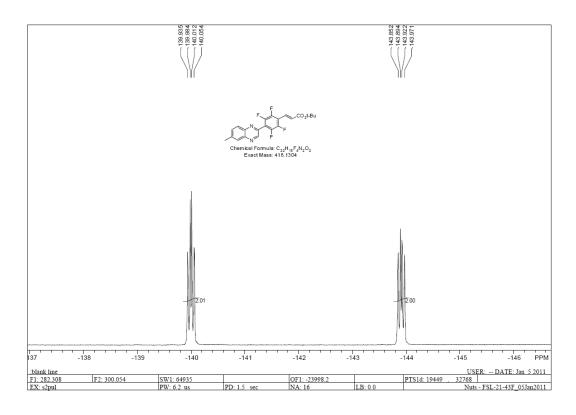


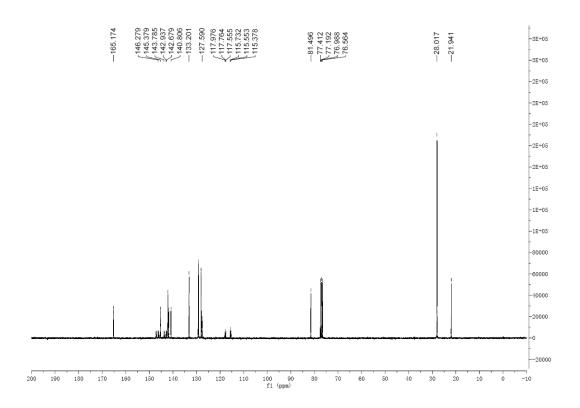




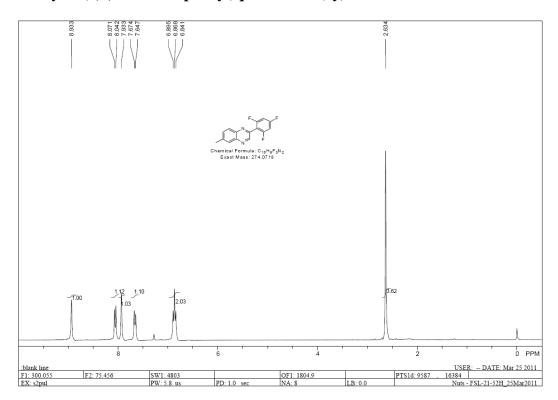
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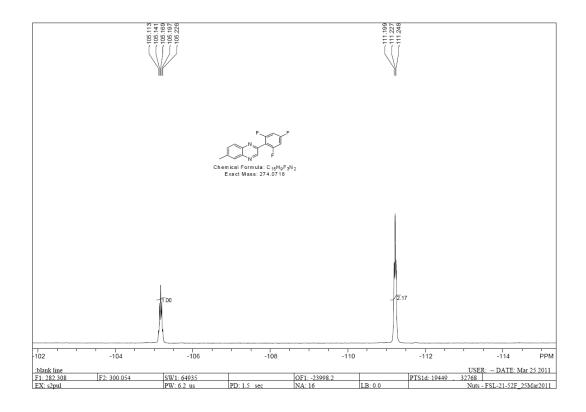


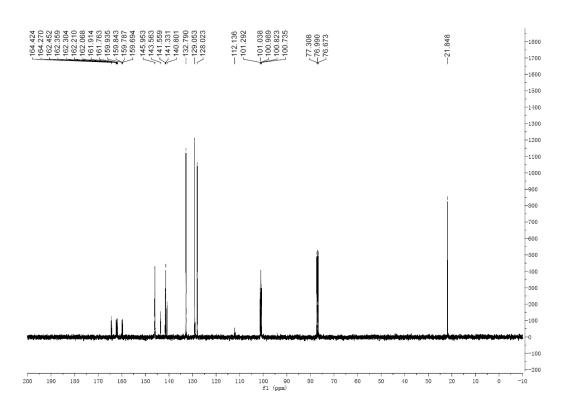




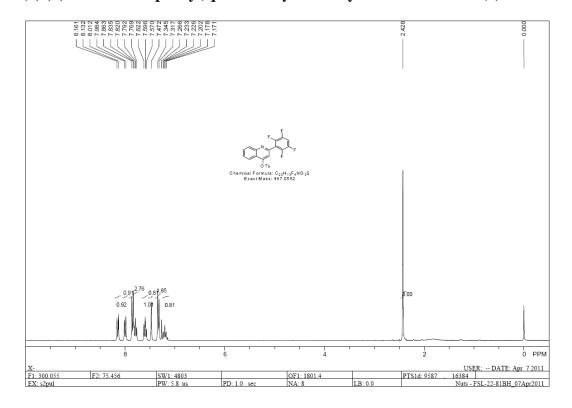
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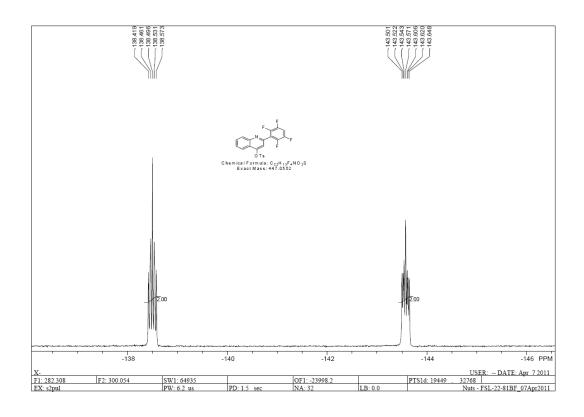


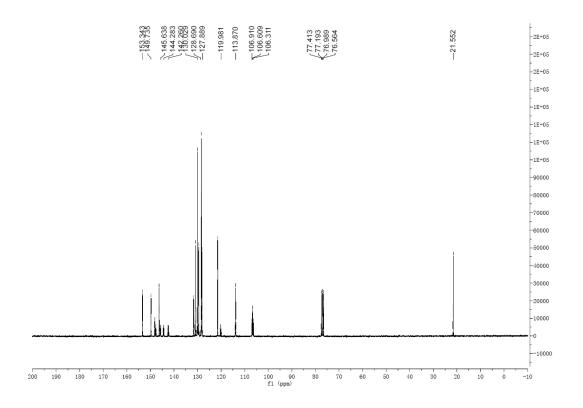




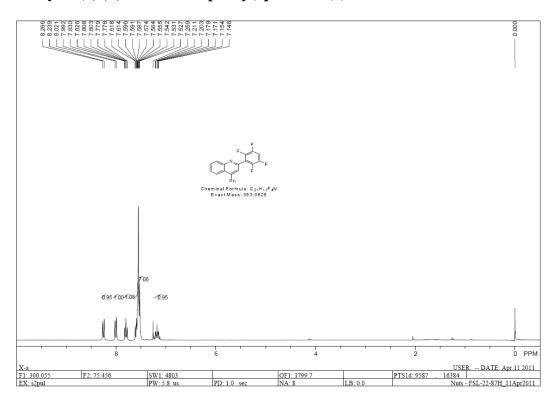
## $\hbox{$2$-(2,3,5,6-Tetrafluorophenyl) quinolin-4-yl-4-methylbenzene sulfonate (5)}$

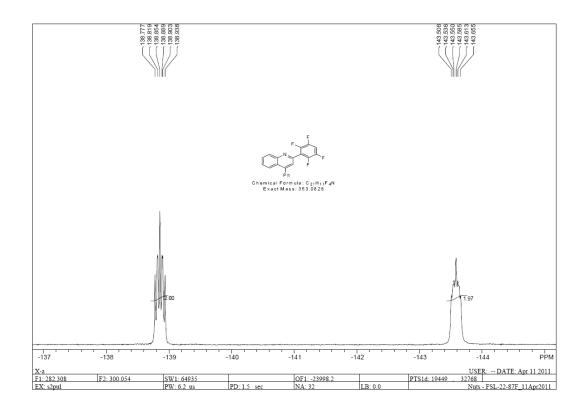


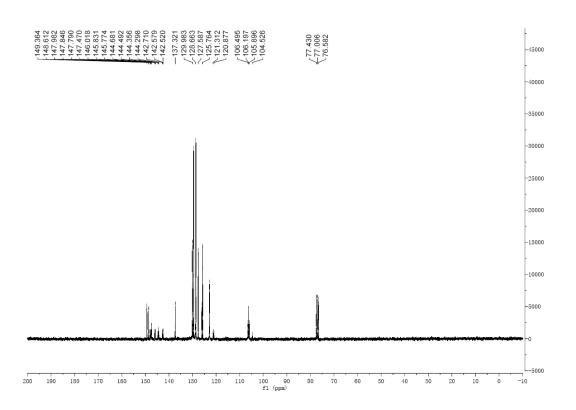




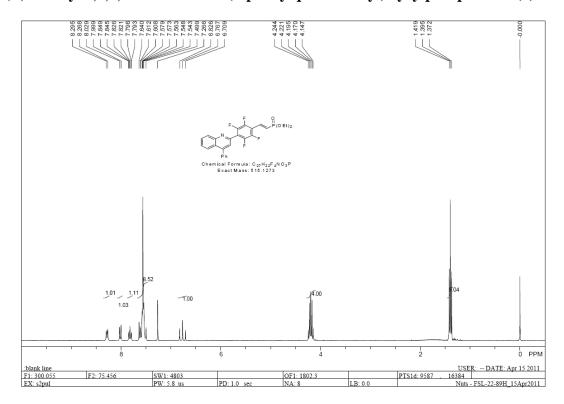
## ${\bf 4-Phenyl-2-(2,3,5,6-tetrafluor ophenyl) quinoline\ (6)}$

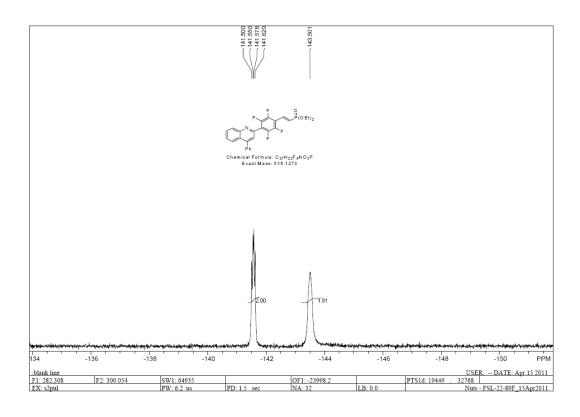


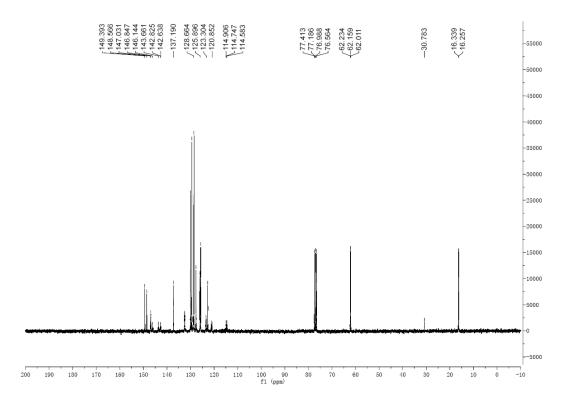


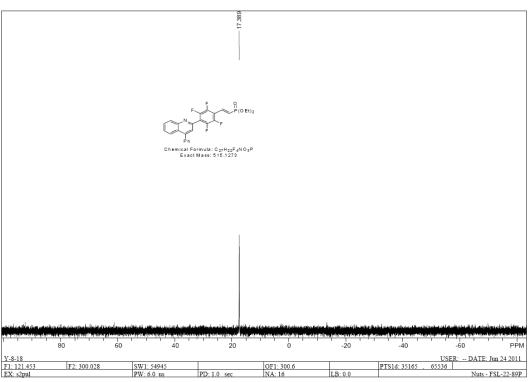


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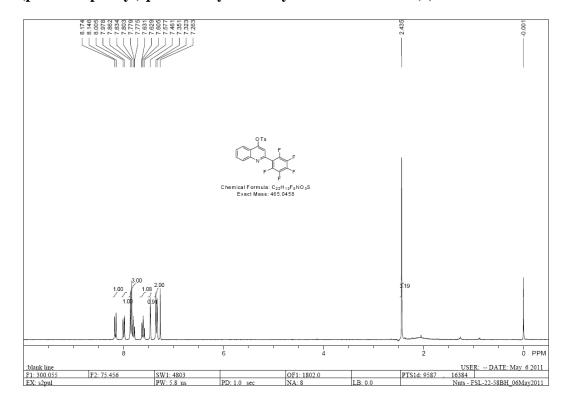


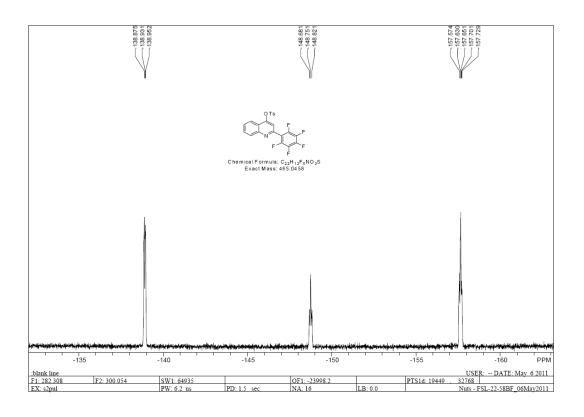


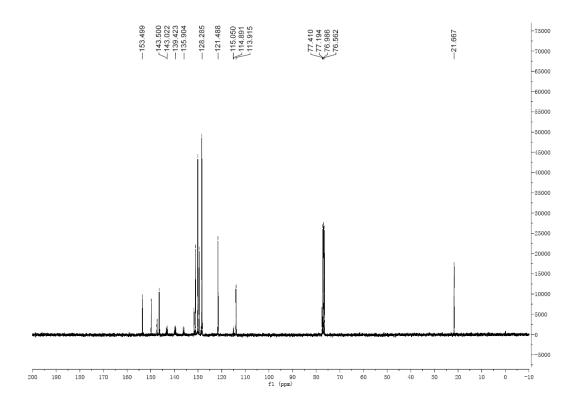




## 2-(perfluorophenyl)quinolin-4-yl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (8)







## 2-(perfluorophenyl)-4-phenylquinoline (9)

