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Copper-Triggered Three-Component Reaction of CF_3CHN_2 , Nitriles, and Aldehydes: Highly Diastereoselective Synthesis of CF_3 -Substituted Oxazolines and Vicinal Amino Alcohols

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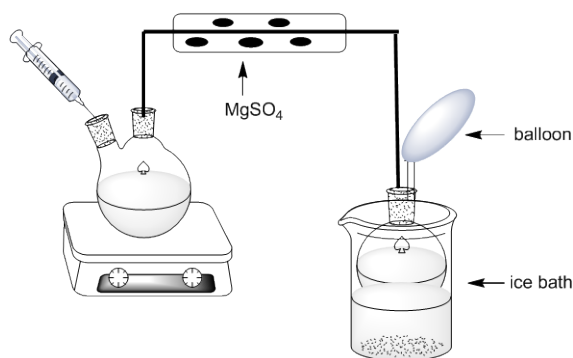
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General information:

^1H , ^{13}C and ^{19}F NMR were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III 400 M or Bruker AVANCE III 600 M spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl_3 : $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.26$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.16$ ppm; DMSO-d_6 : $\delta_{\text{H}} = 2.50$ ppm, $\delta_{\text{C}} = 39.52$ ppm). Multiplicity was indicated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), dd (doublet of doublets), dt (doublet of triplets), dq (doublet of quartets). Coupling constants were reported in Hertz (Hz). High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a Bruker miorOTOF-QII instrument. IR spectra were recorded on an AVATAR 360 FT-IR spectrometer. Melting points (MP) were measured on a WRS-1A digital melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. X-ray structural analysis was conducted on the XtaLAB mini instrument.

Materials: Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium/benzophenone prior to use. All purchased reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.20 mm Qingdao Haiyang silica gel plates. Silica gel (200-300 mesh) (from Qingdao Haiyang Chem. Company, Ltd.) was used for flash chromatography. Standard reagents and solvents were purified according to known procedures.

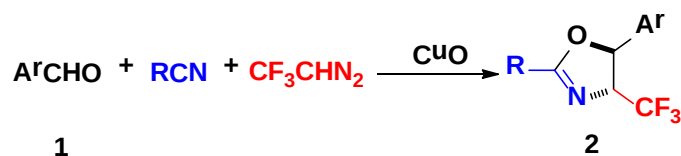
2,2,2-Trifluorodiazethane (N_2CHCF_3) in nitrile was prepared as flows:



As shown in the figure: A solution of NaNO_2 (6.1 g) in 15 mL water was added slowly to the stirring solution of trifluoroethylamine hydrochloride (10.8 g) in 25 mL water at room temperature. And then the rapidly generated yellow gas was gradually blown off through a drying tube (MgSO_4) into a gas absorber containing 100 mL anhydrous solvent equipped with an ice bath. After about 2 hours later, there would be no gas bubbling any more. Then the apparatus was removed carefully. Finally the concentration of the stock solution was determined by ^{19}F -NMR analysis with dispersion method.

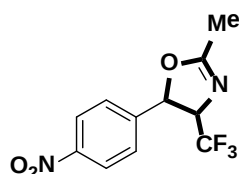
General procedures

General procedure for the synthesis of the CF₃-substituted oxazolines:



A 10 mL sealed tube backfilled with argon was added CuO (0.04 mmol, 0.20 equiv), aldehyde (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and CF₃CHN₂ in nitrile (0.2 M, 2.0 equiv), then the reaction mixture was conducted at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the excess nitrile was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 20 / 1) to afford the pure product **2**.

2-Methyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**2a**):



43.9 mg; 80% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 82 – 84 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H).

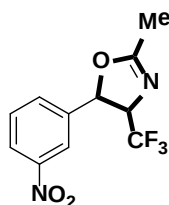
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.45, 148.28, 145.57, 126.23, 124.57, 124.35 (q, *J* = 277.7 Hz), 79.64, 76.30 (q, *J* = 29.8 Hz), 14.14.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.77 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2924, 2854, 1671, 1606, 1524, 1387, 1350, 1274, 1220, 1169, 1131, 997, 897, 840, 719, 504 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 273.0493 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₁₁H₉F₃N₂O₃-H 273.0493.

2-Methyl-5-(3-nitrophenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**2b**):



38.9 mg; 71% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 87 – 89 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (m, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.39 – 4.33 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H).

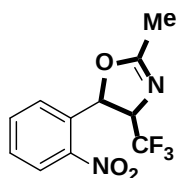
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.38, 148.79, 140.80, 131.35, 130.49, 124.39 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 123.98, 120.40, 79.57, 76.27 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 13.99.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2926, 2855, 1670, 1530, 1386, 1352, 1312, 1267, 1225, 1167, 1088, 927, 873, 831, 665, 516 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 273.0494 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₁₁H₉F₃N₂O₃-H 273.0493.

2-Methyl-5-(2-nitrophenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2c):



46.0 mg; 84% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 77 – 79 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

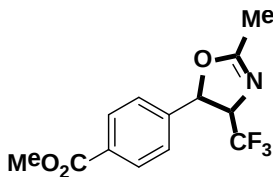
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.51, 148.08, 133.77, 132.52, 130.24, 128.46, 124.35 (q, *J* = 276.0 Hz), 125.28, 77.23, 75.74 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 13.87.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.27 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2922, 2853, 1673, 1610, 1533, 1438, 1354, 1267, 1218, 1172, 1131, 1086, 983, 919, 786, 744, 627, 511 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 297.0459 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₁H₉F₃N₂O₃+Na 297.0457.

Methyl 4-(2-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazol-5-yl)benzoate (2d):



42.0 mg; 73% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 52 – 54 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.41 – 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H).

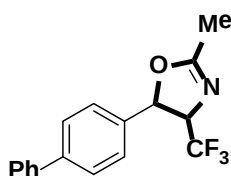
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.41, 166.45, 143.48, 130.89, 130.50, 125.25, 124.53 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 80.26, 76.22 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 52.36, 14.01.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.94 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2955, 2851, 1725, 1671, 1612, 1437, 1385, 1279, 1221, 1170, 1130, 994, 919, 851, 706, 672 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 310.0669 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂F₃NO₃+Na 310.0661.

5-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-2-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2e):



47.0 mg; 77% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 75 – 77 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H).

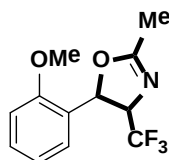
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.52, 142.22, 140.40, 137.63, 129.03, 127.99, 127.85, 127.27, 125.99, 124.75 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 80.82, 76.15 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 14.13.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.87 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2966, 2855, 1668, 1605, 1517, 1489, 1385, 1269, 1219, 1167, 1129, 1080, 991, 891, 832, 697, 504 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 328.0917 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₃NO+Na 328.0920.

5-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2f):



37.9 mg; 73% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 188 – 191 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.37 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.06

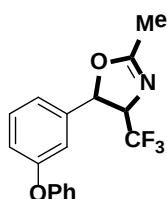
(s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.22, 157.01, 130.57, 127.66, 126.14, 124.99 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 120.86, 111.16, 78.01, 74.50 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 55.50, 14.05.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -76.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2926, 1800, 1673, 1590, 1516, 1374, 1261, 1042, 939, 820, 681, 549, 469 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 260.0893 [M+H]⁺; calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂F₃NO₂+H 260.0893.

2-Methyl-5-(3-phenoxyphenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2g):



41.8 mg; 65% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (m, 3H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H).

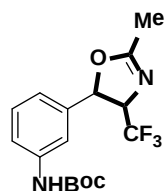
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.41, 158.22, 156.66, 140.80, 130.69, 130.03, 124.63 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 123.94, 119.85, 119.30, 118.89, 115.66, 80.48, 76.19 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 14.03.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.91 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2934, 1668, 1585, 1487, 1446, 1381, 1258, 1219, 1169, 1131, 995, 751, 692, 560, 468 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 322.1046 [M+H]⁺; calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄F₃NO₂+Na 322.1049.

Tert-butyl(3-(2-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazol-5-yl)phenyl)carbamate (2h):



31.0 mg; 45% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 98 – 100 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

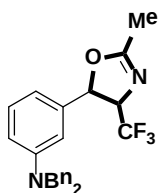
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.49, 152.76, 139.67, 139.45, 129.97, 124.69 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 119.76, 119.10, 115.42, 80.99, 80.84, 76.07 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 28.45, 14.13.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.89 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2918, 2550, 1728, 1667, 1595, 1496, 1446, 1368, 1276, 1222, 1161, 1132, 789, 698, 527 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 367.1245 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₆H₁₉F₂N₂O₃+Na 367.1240.

***N,N*-Dibenzyl-3-(2-methyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazol-5-yl)aniline (2i):**



60.3 mg; 71% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 89 – 91 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (m, 6H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (s, 1H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (s, 4H), 4.34 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

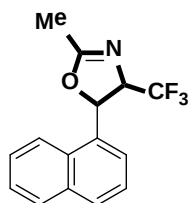
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¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -76.01 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2926, 2858, 1668, 1603, 1499, 1451, 1357, 1273, 1219, 1166, 1128, 958, 885, 775, 676, 641, 524, 421 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 447.1657 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₂₅H₂₃F₃N₂O+Na 447.1655.

2-Methyl-5-(naphthalen-1-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2j):



45.2 mg; 81% yield; > 99:1 dr; brown solid; Mp: 54 – 56 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H).

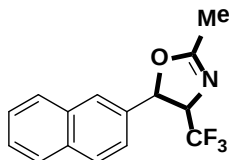
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.82, 134.20, 133.13, 130.17, 130.03, 129.42, 127.19, 126.32, 125.37, 124.97 (q, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 124.73, 122.29, 79.36, 74.76 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 14.18.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.25 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2931, 2856, 1667, 1594, 1514, 1384, 1264, 1219, 1167, 1017, 973, 880, 705, 556, 523 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 302.0768 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂F₃NO+Na 302.0763.

2-Methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2k):



43.0 mg; 77% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 43 – 45 °C.

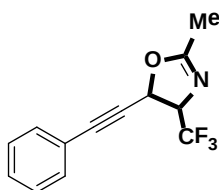
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H). **¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ 169.52, 135.83, 133.52, 133.17, 129.50, 128.19, 127.90, 126.90, 126.86, 125.00, 124.76 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 122.48, 81.15, 76.07 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 14.10.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.79 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2935, 2856, 1667, 1603, 1435, 1380, 1273, 1221, 1168, 1130, 995, 856, 711, 646, 517, 477 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 302.0770 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₅H₁₂F₃NO +Na 302.0763.

2-Methyl-5-(phenylethynyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2l):



30.4 mg; 60% yield; 92:8 dr; light yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (m, 2H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H).

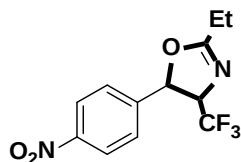
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¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -76.02 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), -76.17 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2964, 2871, 1668, 1495, 1378, 1264, 1223, 1176, 1136, 1012, 957, 913, 756, 691, 579, 527 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 276.0605 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₃H₁₀F₃NO+Na 276.0607.

2-Ethyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2m):



43.8 mg; 76% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 133 – 135 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.59 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

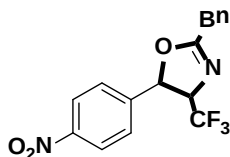
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¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.90 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2927, 1665, 1605, 1525, 1349, 1273, 1173, 1734, 1034, 893, 842, 714, 660, 507 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 289.0798 [M+H]⁺; calcd. for C₁₂H₁₁F₃N₂O₃+H 289.0795.

2-Benzyl-5-(4-nitrophenyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2n):



44.8 mg; 64% yield; > 99:1 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 125 – 128 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.31 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 14.6

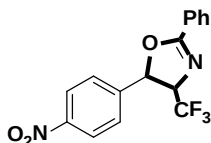
Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.86, 148.22, 145.58, 133.93, 129.13, 129.04, 127.81, 125.94, 124.43, 124.35 (q, *J* = 279.0 Hz), 79.61, 76.25 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz), 34.89.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.78 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2932, 2310, 1664, 1603, 1524, 1349, 1273, 1228, 1172, 1130, 996, 897, 840, 723, 452 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 349.0811 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₁₇H₁₃F₃N₂O₃-H 349.0806.

5-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2-phenyl-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (2o):



57.8 mg; 86% yield; 95:5 dr; light yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (p, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H).

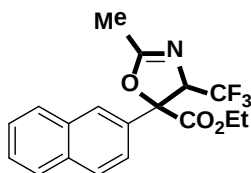
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.55, 148.42, 145.74, 133.04, 129.11, 128.88, 126.33, 125.90, 124.60, 124.53 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 79.77, (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 76.71 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz).

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -75.42 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), -80.34 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2918, 2849, 1648, 1607, 1525, 1451, 1387, 1347, 1272, 1236, 1171, 1070, 1025, 985, 840, 776, 694, 513 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 337.0792 [M+H]⁺; calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁F₃N₂O₃+H 337.0795.

Ethyl 2-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole-5-carboxylate (4):



49.9 mg; 71% yield; 80:20 dr; light yellow solid; Mp: 53 – 54 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (m, 2H), 5.04 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 – 4.16 (m, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.26, 167.18, 135.80, 133.34, 132.81, 128.86, 128.57, 127.77, 127.18, 126.92, 124.68, 123.76 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 123.40, 88.58, 78.87 (q, *J* = 30.0 Hz), 63.07, 14.30, 13.75.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -70.05 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2933, 1749, 1682, 1596, 1509, 1438, 1369, 1283, 1243, 1170, 1137, 994, 946, 895, 815, 753, 521, 476 cm⁻¹.

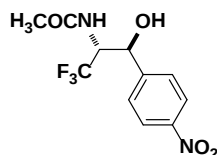
HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 374.0979 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₈H₁₆F₃NO₃+Na 374.0974.

General procedure for the ring opening of the product (5):



To a solution of **2** (0.4 mmol) in THF was added CF₃COOH (120 μL, 4.0 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with EtOAc (10 mL) for three times. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. Concentration under vacuum gave the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the ring opening product **5**.

***N*-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-yl)acetamide (5a):**



113.4 mg; 97% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 179 – 181 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.86 – 4.75 (m, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H).

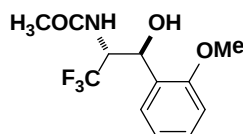
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO): δ = 169.80, 149.22, 146.87, 127.58, 124.89 (q, J = 282.0 Hz), 122.84, 68.30 (q, J = 9.0 Hz), 54.22 (q, J = 28.5 Hz), 21.75.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, DMSO): δ -65.89 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 2917, 2849, 1743, 1661, 1597, 1516, 1341, 1252, 1174, 1128, 1077, 846, 718, 557, 474 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 291.0601 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₁₁H₁₁F₃N₂O₄-H 291.0598.

***N*-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl)acetamide (5b):**



101.0 mg; 91% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 190 – 192 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.31 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H).

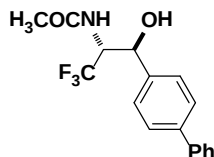
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 170.06, 155.19, 129.32, 128.56, 127.18, 125.5 (q, J = 282.0 Hz), 120.00, 110.33, 63.37, 55.57, 52.77 (q, J = 27.0 Hz), 21.96.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -71.25 (d, J = 8.7 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 3734, 3428, 3284, 2930, 1667, 1600, 1524, 1433, 1385, 1252, 1142, 1024, 971, 752, 618, 557 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 300.0825 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₂H₁₄F₃NO₃+Na 300.0818.

***N*-(3-([1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-yl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)acetamide (5c):**



121.5 mg; 94% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 181 – 183 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.50 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (m, 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.84 – 4.70 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 3H).

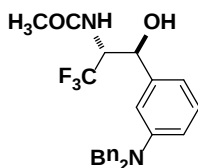
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 170.06, 140.91, 139.88, 139.21, 129.01, 127.48, 126.99, 126.66, 126.17, 125.27 (q, J = 282.0 Hz), 68.69, 54.75 (q, J = 27.0 Hz), 22.07

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -70.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 3732, 3285, 3033, 2891, 1669, 1519, 1374, 1261, 1173, 1132, 1073, 882, 832, 741, 692, 556 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 322.1061 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆F₃NO₂-H 322.1060.

***N*-(3-(3-(Dibenzylamino)phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)acetamide (5d):**



168.1 mg; 95% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 43 – 45 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.37 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.22 (m, 6H), 7.06 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.71 – 4.58 (m, 5H), 1.80 (s, 3H).

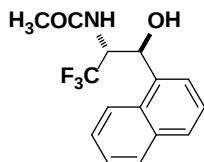
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.88, 148.49, 142.58, 138.96, 128.58, 128.50, 126.85, 126.78, 125.25 (q, J = 282.0 Hz), 114.43, 111.59, 110.59, 69.19, 54.87 (q, J = 28.0 Hz), 22.03.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -71.00 (d, J = 8.4 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 3735, 3301, 3032, 2914, 1670, 1601, 1499, 1449, 1367, 1257, 1132, 1034, 965, 733, 697, 562 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 441.1792 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₂₅H₂₅F₃N₂O₂-H 441.1795.

***N*-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-3-(naphthalen-1-yl)propan-2-yl)acetamide (5e):**



115.3 mg; 97% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 232 – 234 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.55 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 6.25 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.87 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H).

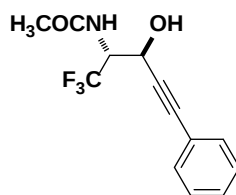
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 170.44, 137.01, 133.58, 129.66, 129.54, 128.50, 127.11, 125.99, 125.83 (q, *J* = 282.0 Hz), 125.53, 124.92, 122.08, 65.44, 54.05 (q, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 22.28.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -71.12 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 3734, 3418, 3162, 3067, 2896, 1664, 1517, 1429, 1378, 1298, 1252, 1176, 1133, 1008, 774, 624, 558, cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 320.0867 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄F₃NO₂+Na 320.0869.

***N*-(1,1,1-Trifluoro-3-hydroxy-5-phenylpent-4-yn-2-yl)acetamide (5f):**



97.6 mg; 90% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 111 – 113 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (m, 5H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 4.96 – 4.77 (m, 2H), 1.99 (s, 3H).

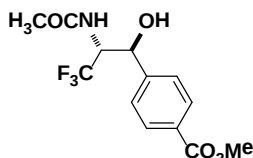
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 170.29, 131.39, 128.92, 128.79, 124.51 (q, *J* = 284.0 Hz), 121.88, 87.92, 84.31, 59.45, 53.99 (q, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 22.31.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -70.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 3733, 3058, 2880, 2233, 1668, 1533, 1435, 1375, 1261, 1179, 1136, 1065, 905, 865, 765, 691, 526 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 270.0746 [M-H]⁻; calcd. for C₁₃H₁₂F₃NO₂-H 270.0747.

Methyl 4-(2-acetamido-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-hydroxypropyl)benzoate (5g):



109.9 mg; 90% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 191 – 193 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.44 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.82 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

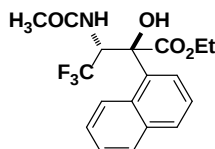
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 169.92, 166.21, 147.08, 128.78, 126.68, 125.08 (q, *J* = 281.0 Hz), 68.62, 54.48 (q, *J* = 27.0 Hz), 52.11, 21.88.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -70.73 (d, J = 7.7 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 3736, 3679, 3219, 1705, 1661, 1522, 1435, 1378, 1264, 1202, 1147, 1015, 895, 850, 719, 512 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 304.0798 $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4-\text{H}$ 304.0802.

Ethyl 3-acetamido-4,4,4-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-(naphthalen-1-yl)butanoate (5h):



133.0 mg; 90% yield; > 99:1 dr; white solid; Mp: 58 – 60 °C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO): δ 8.50 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 7.88 (m, 3H), 7.65 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 5.83 – 5.71 (m, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

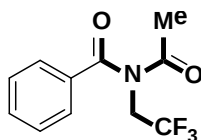
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO): δ 171.48, 169.78, 136.33, 132.54, 132.27, 128.26, 127.46, 127.29, 126.58, 126.42, 125.25, 124.96(q, J = 282.0 Hz), 123.61, 78.89, 62.02, 54.85 (q, J = 27.0 Hz), 21.70, 13.82.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO): δ -67.78 (d, J = 7.6 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 3735, 3384, 3300, 2985, 1735, 1680, 1528, 1370, 1261, 1167, 1029, 862, 811, 759, 681, 578, 519 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 392.1084 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_4+\text{Na}$ 392.1080.

***N*-Acetyl-*N*-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzamide (2p):**



14.7 mg; 30% yield; light yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.71 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H).

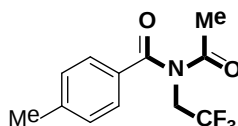
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.42, 171.85, 134.93, 133.63, 129.38, 128.98, 124.06 (q, J = 279.0 Hz), 45.32 (q, J = 34.0 Hz), 26.02.

¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -70.33 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 3031, 2982, 1713, 1681, 1599, 1424, 1336, 1259, 1159, 1060, 935, 801, 743, 665, 612, 496 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 268.0553 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₁H₁₀F₃NO₂+Na 268.0556.

***N*-Acetyl-3-chloro-*N*-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzamide (2q):**



18.2 mg; 35% yield; light yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 4.57 (q, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H).

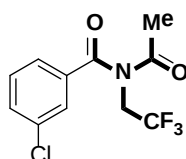
¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.40, 171.86, 144.91, 132.02, 130.07, 129.27, 124.08 (q, *J* = 277.5 Hz), 45.28 (q, *J* = 34.5 Hz), 25.98, 21.86.

¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -70.40 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν: 2967, 2931, 1713, 1681, 1609, 1336, 1259, 1159, 1062, 986, 794, 707, 657, 576, 496 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI): found: *m/z* 282.0717 [M+Na]⁺; calcd. for C₁₂H₁₂F₃NO₂+Na 282.0712.

***N*-Acetyl-4-methyl-*N*-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)benzamide (2r):**



10.1 mg; 18% yield; white solid; Mp: 53 – 55 °C.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.76 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (q, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H).

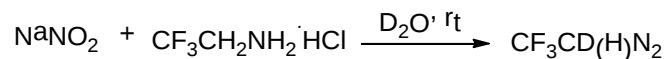
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¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -70.33 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz).

IR (KBr): ν : 2921, 2850, 1713, 1684, 1558, 1515, 1395, 1336, 1254, 1188, 980, 893, 745, 863 cm^{-1} .

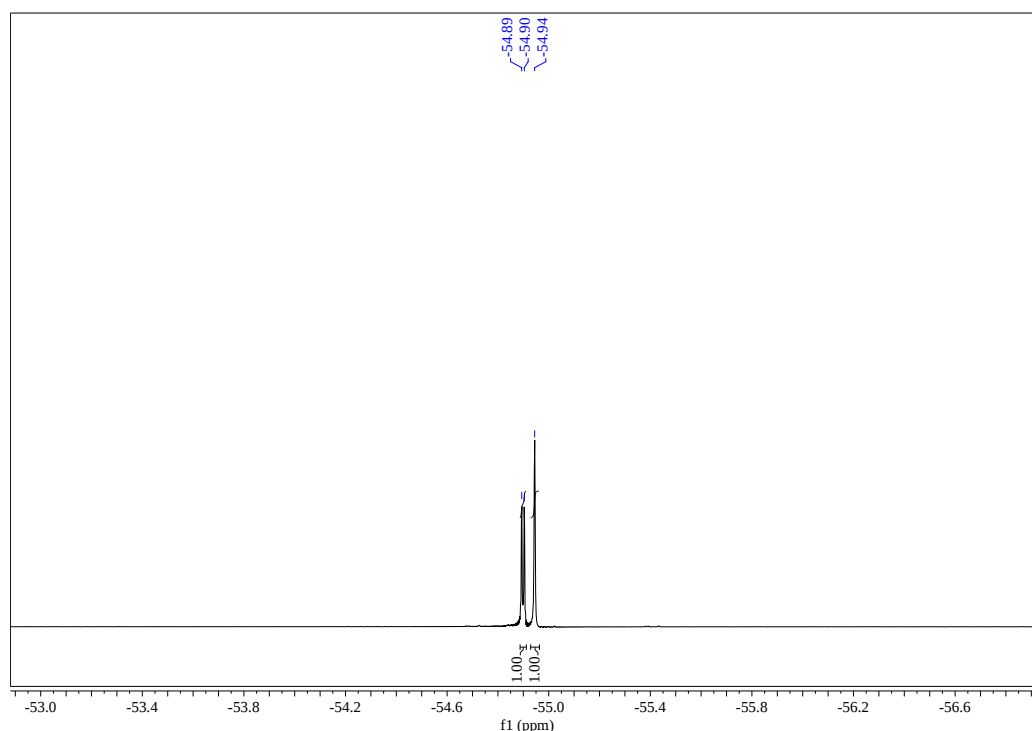
HRMS (ESI): found: m/z 302.0173 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_3\text{ClF}_3\text{NO}_2+\text{Na}$ 302.0166.

General procedure for the synthesis of the $\text{N}_2\text{CD}(\text{H})\text{CF}_3$:

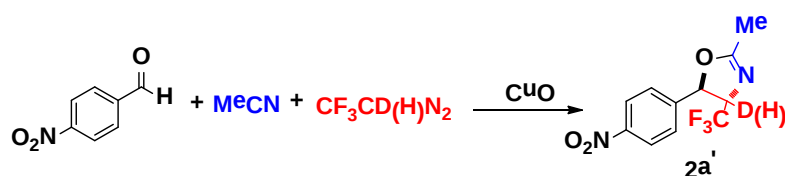


A solution of 2.0 g NaNO_2 in 5 mL D_2O was added slowly to the stirring solution of 3.6 g of tritluoroethylamine hydrochloride in 5 mL water at room temperature. And then the rapidly generated yellow gas was gradually blown off through a drying tube (MgSO_4) into a gas absorber containing 30 mL anhydrous solvent equipped with an ice bath. After about 2 hours later, there would be no gas bubbling any more. Then the apparatus was removed carefully. Finally the concentration of the stock solution was determined by ^{19}F -NMR analysis with dispersion method.

^{19}F NMR spectra of $\text{N}_2\text{CD}(\text{H})\text{CF}_3$

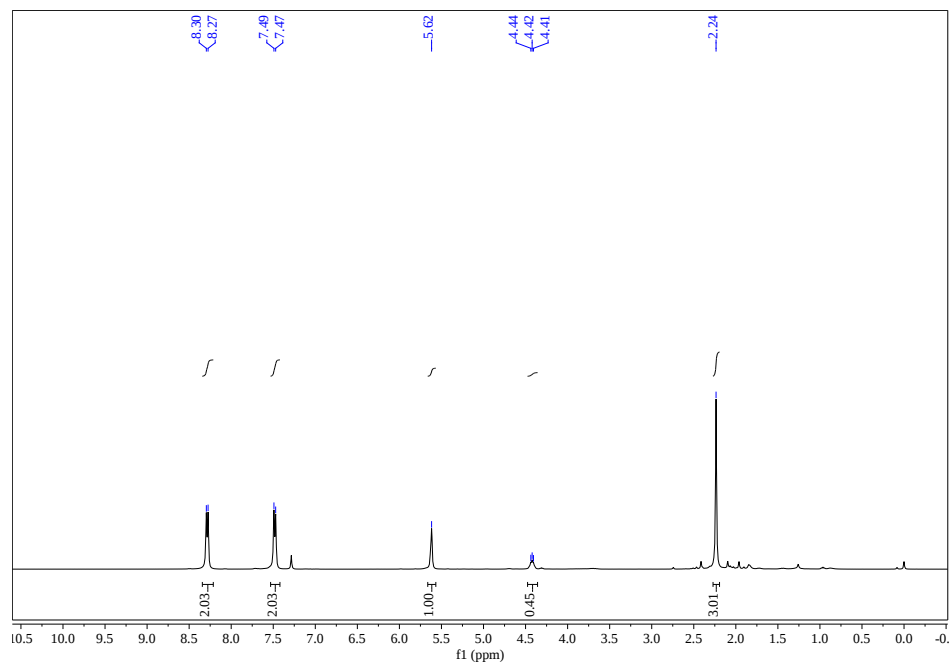


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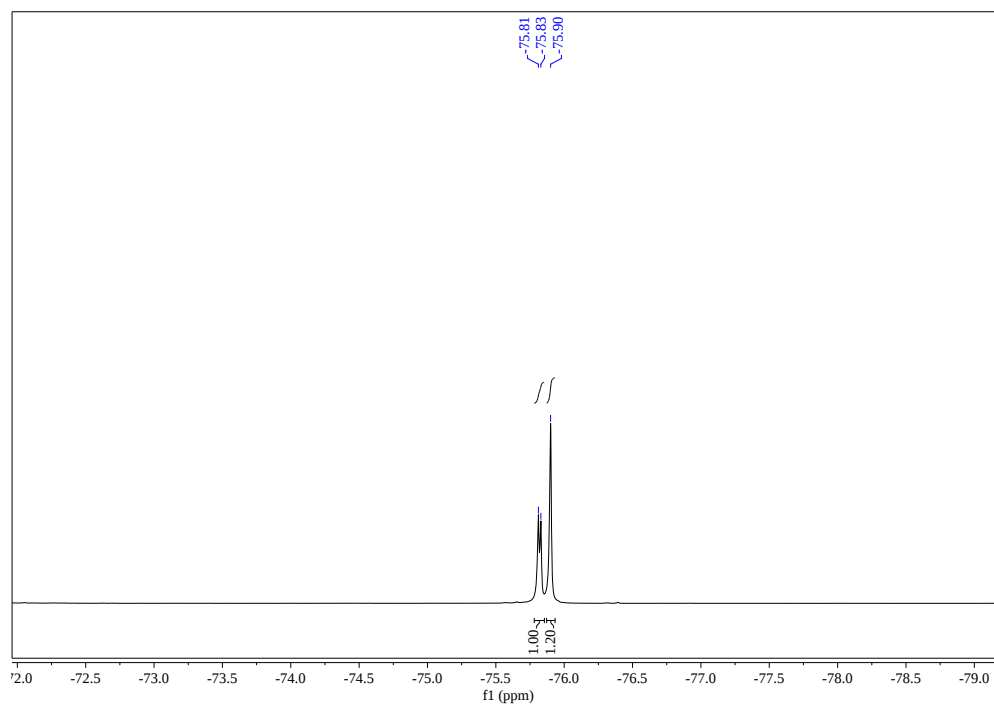


A 10 mL sealed tube backfilled with Ar was added CuO (0.04 mmol, 0.20 equiv), 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and CF₃CD(H)N₂ in acetonitrile (0.2 M, 2.0 equiv), then the reaction mixture was conducted at room temperature for 12 h. After the reaction was completed, the excess nitrile was evaporated under reduced pressure, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel (petroleum ether / AcOEt = 20/1) to afford the pure product **2a'**.

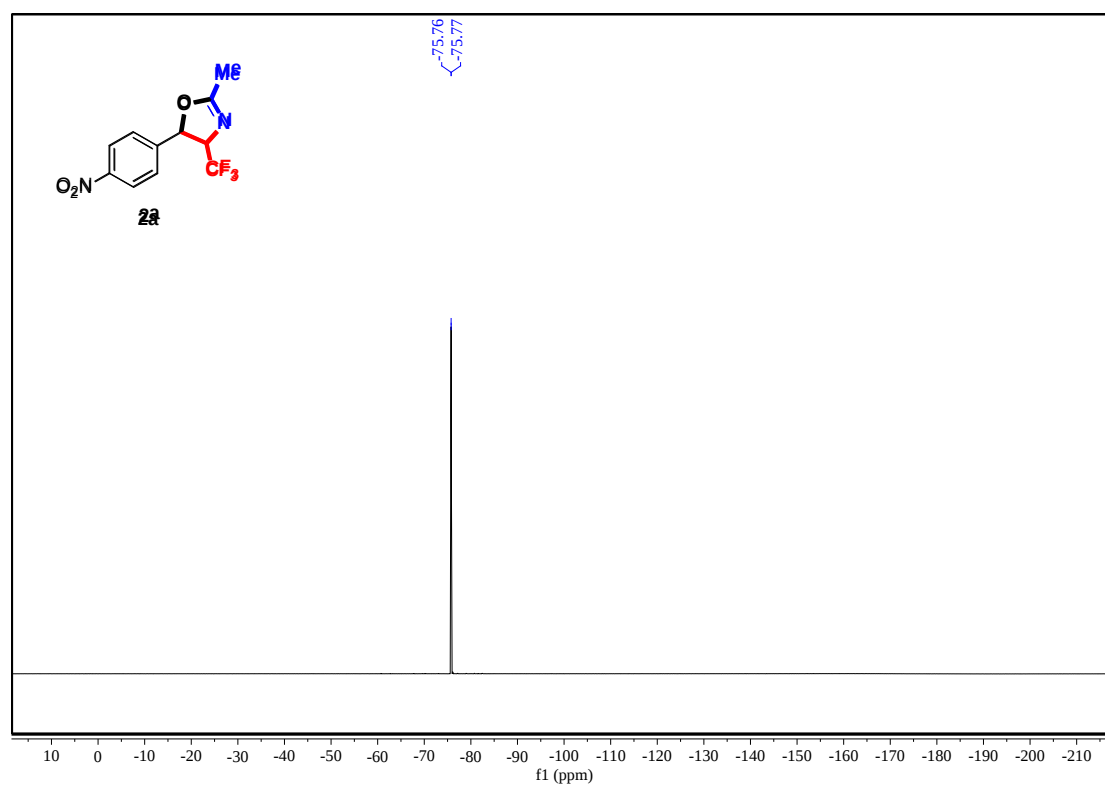
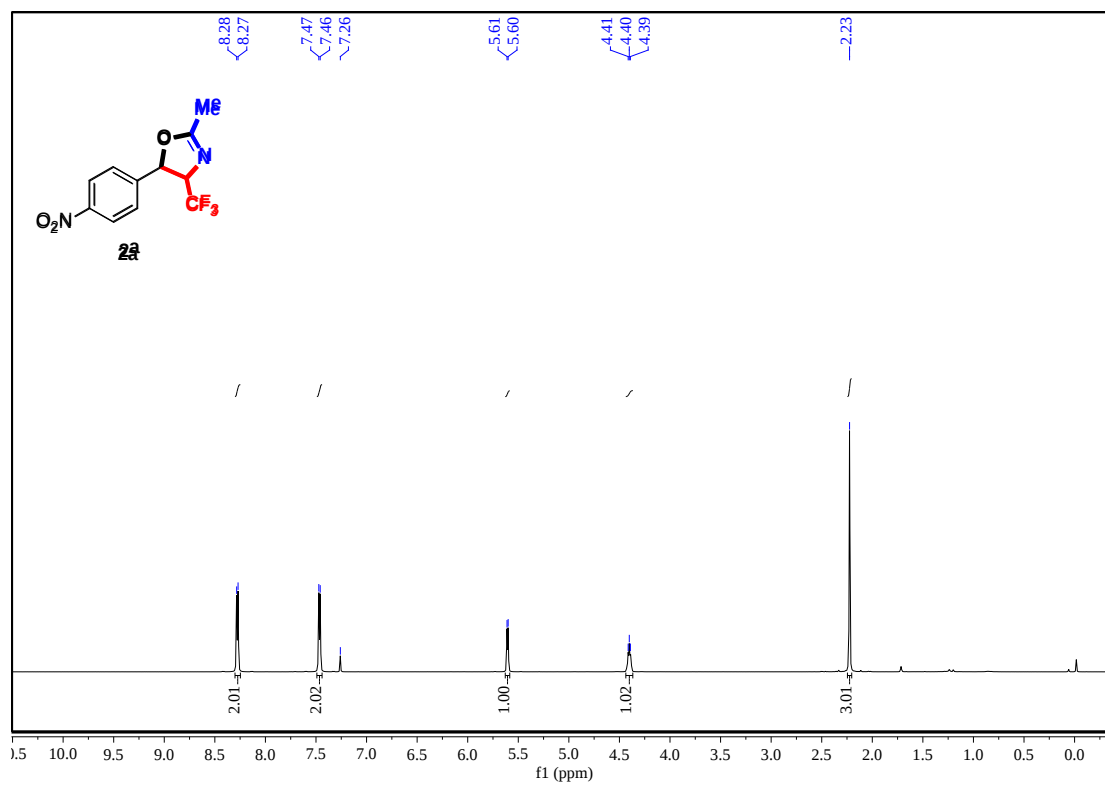
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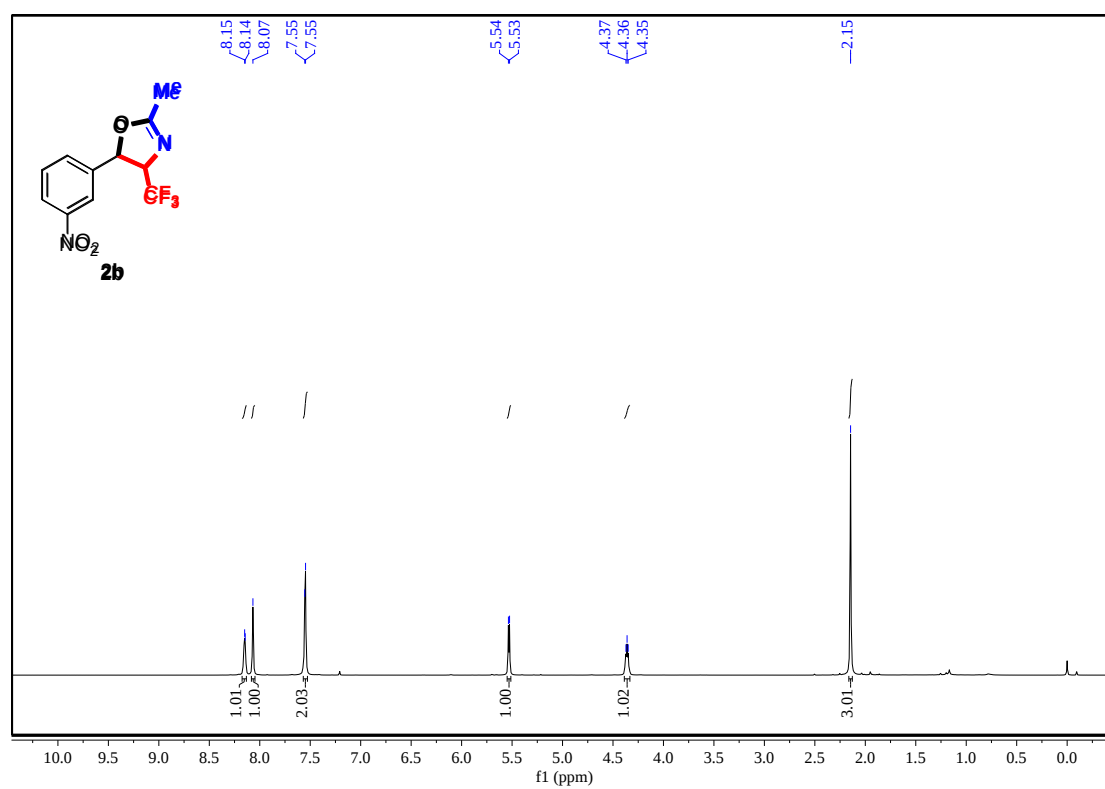
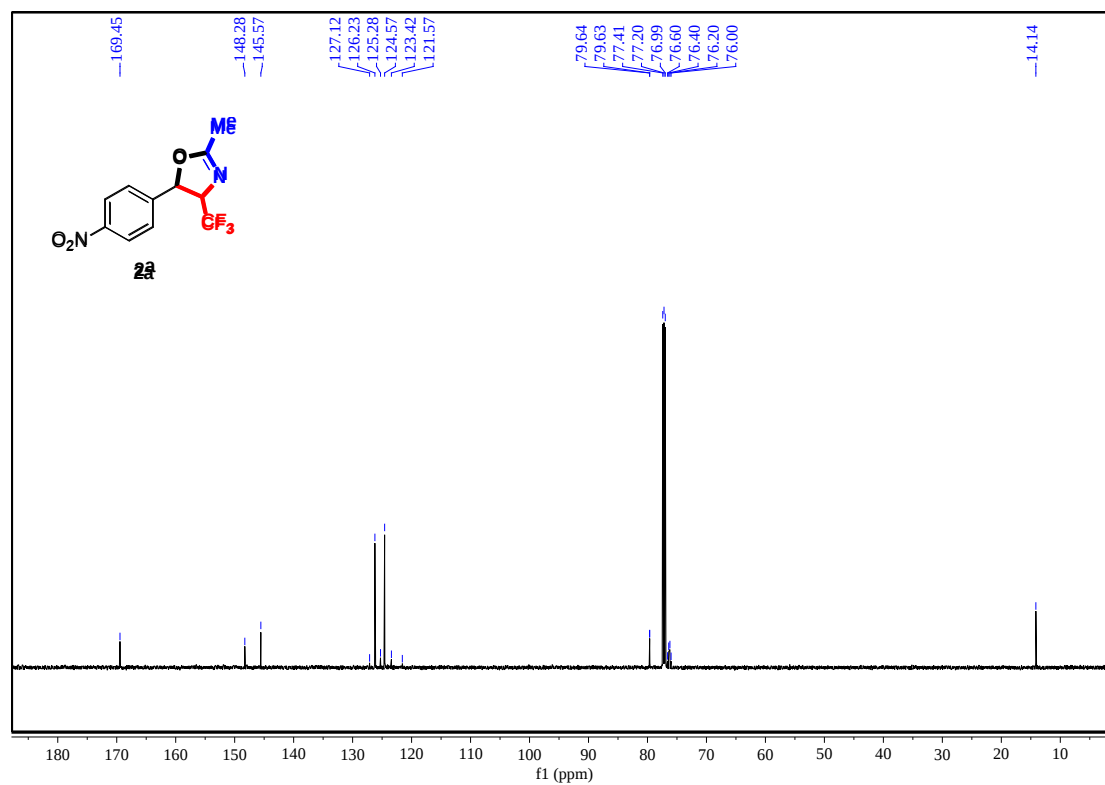


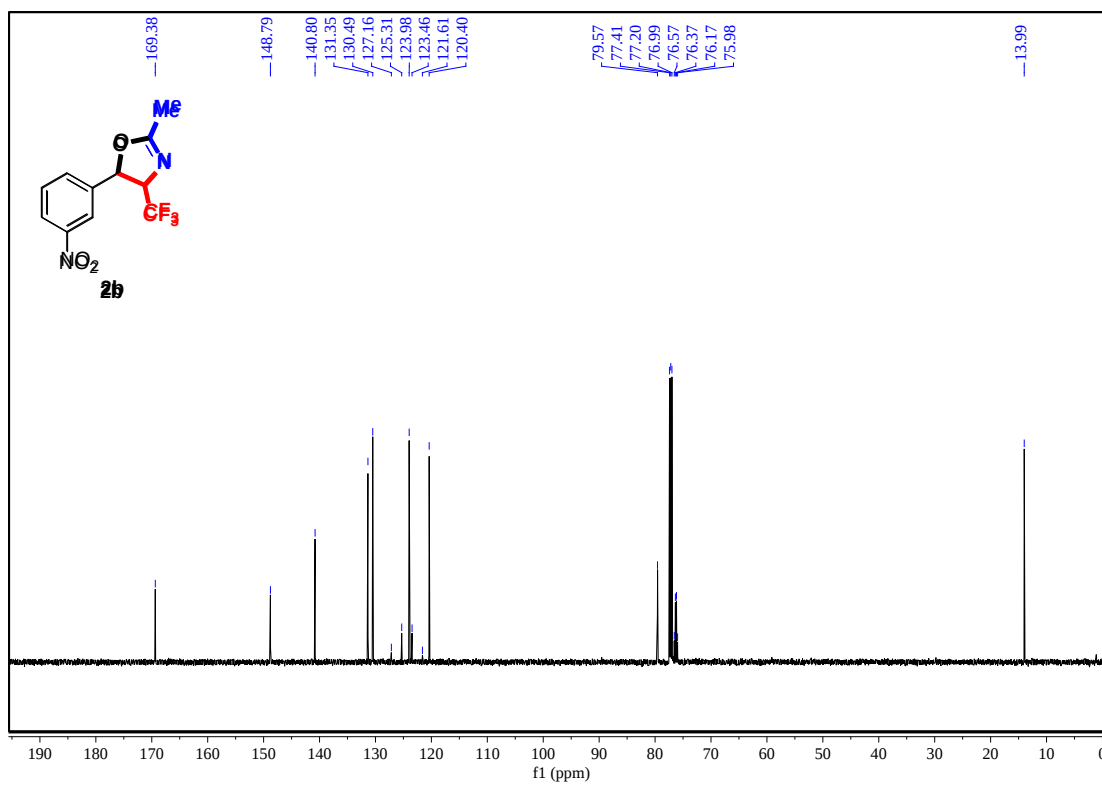
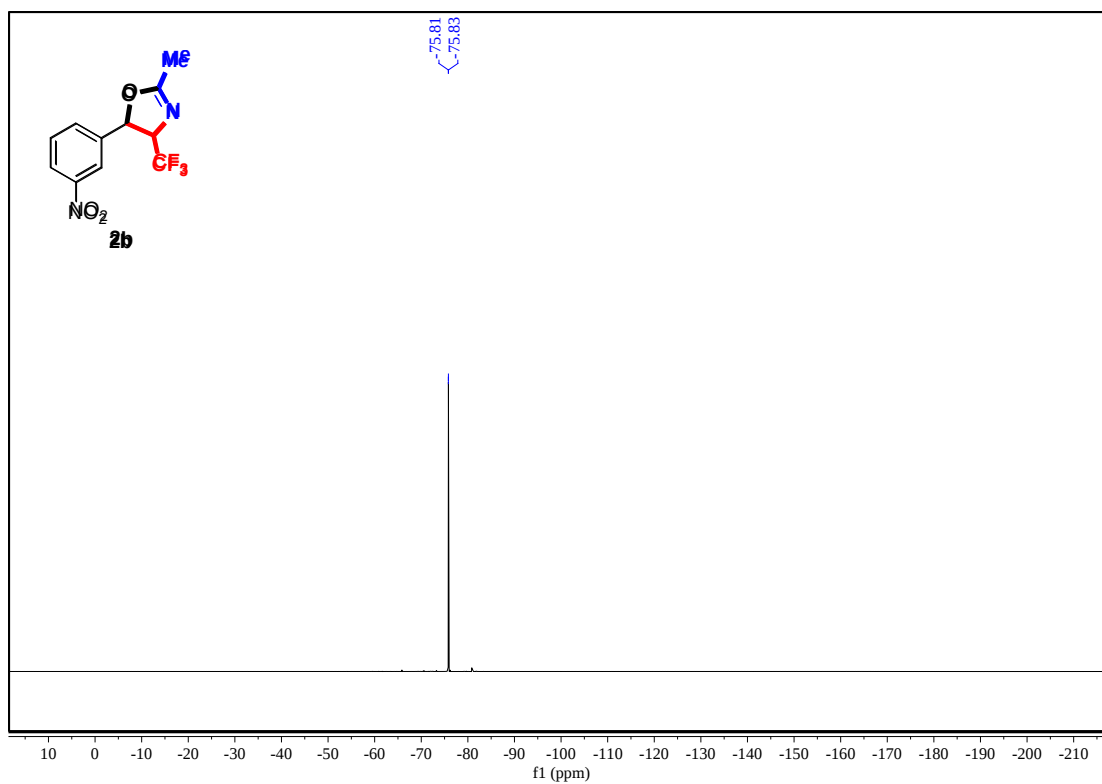
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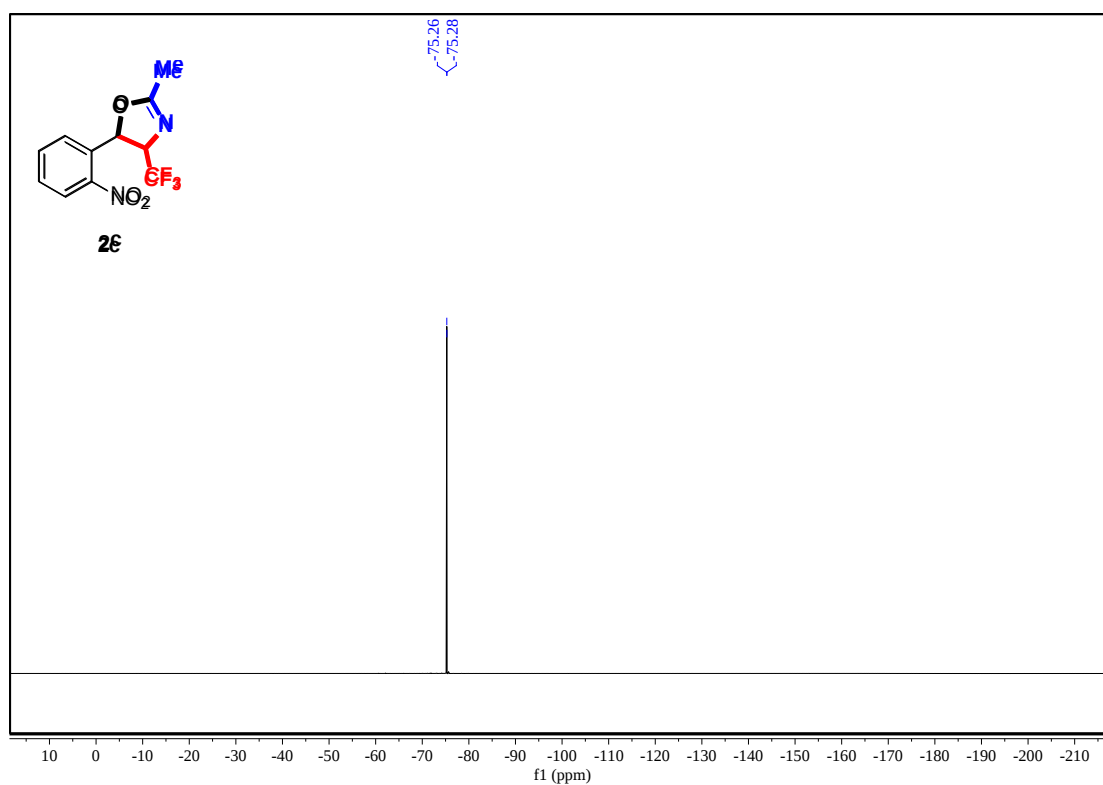
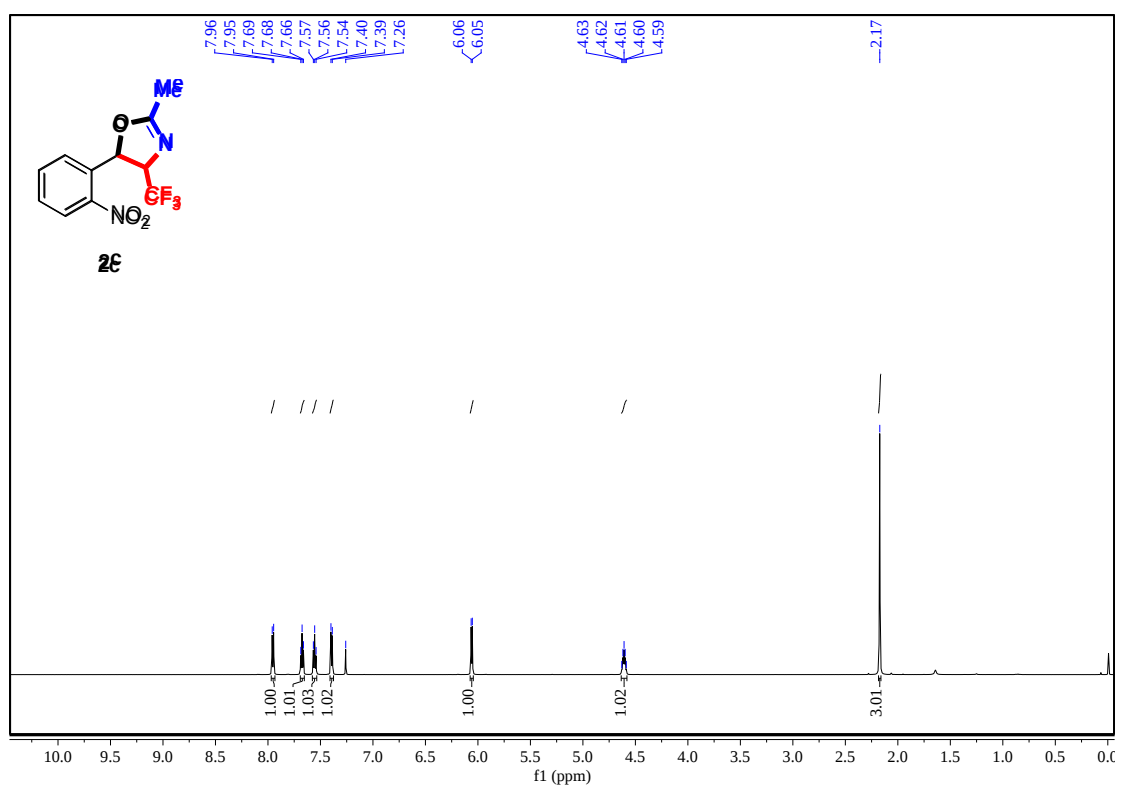


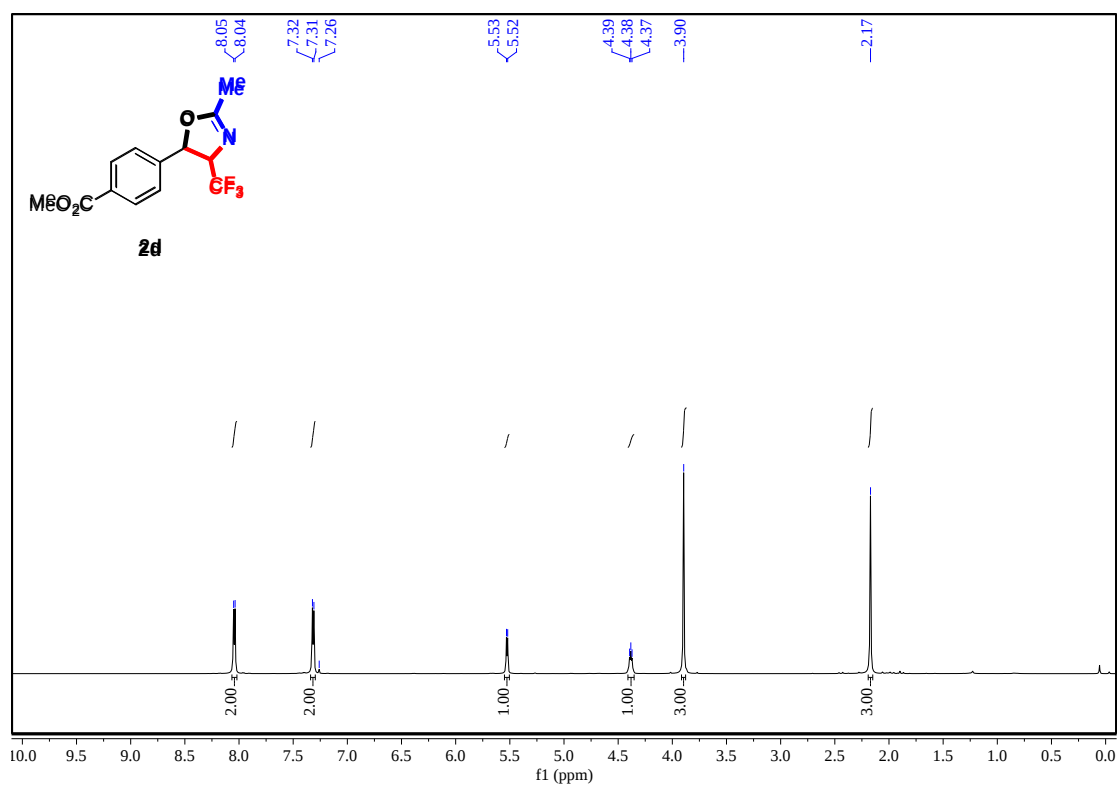
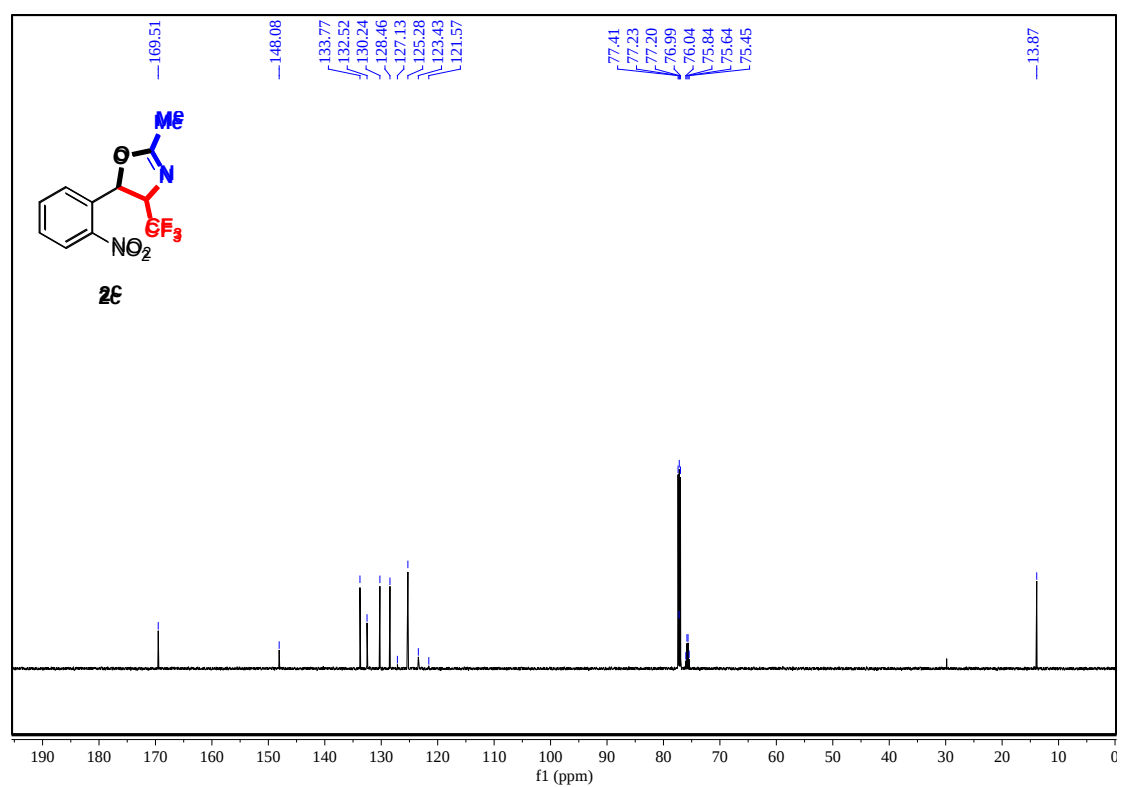
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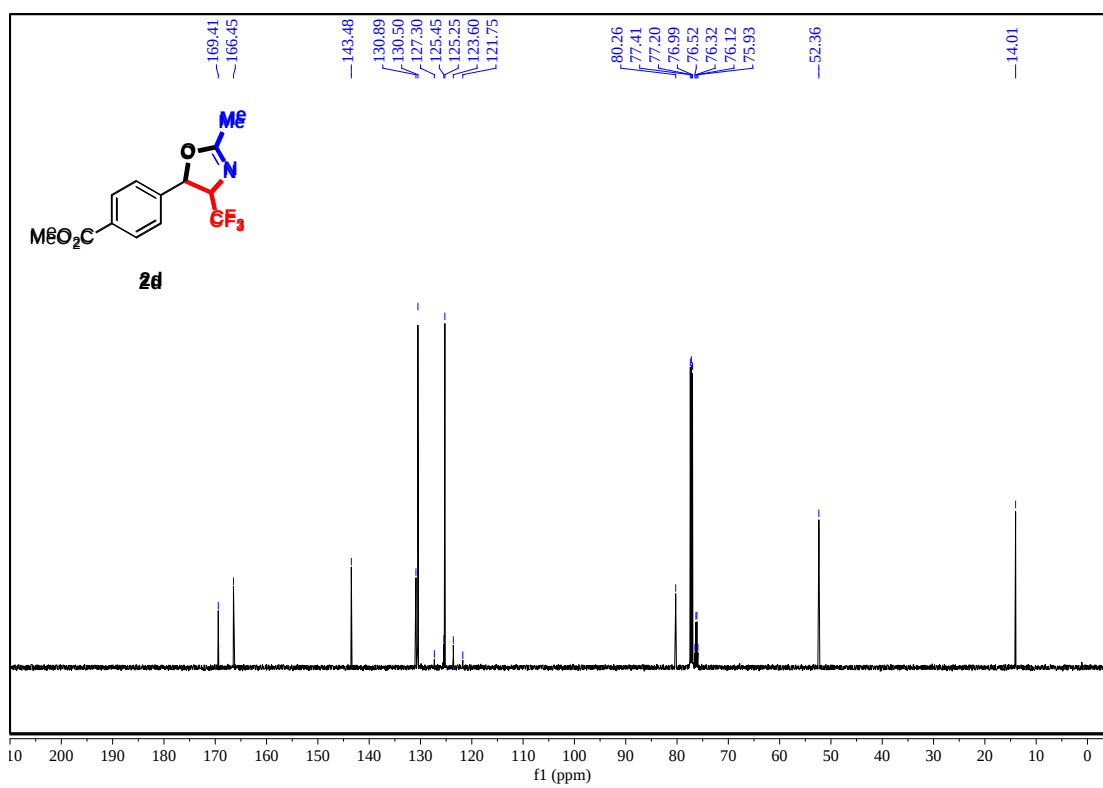
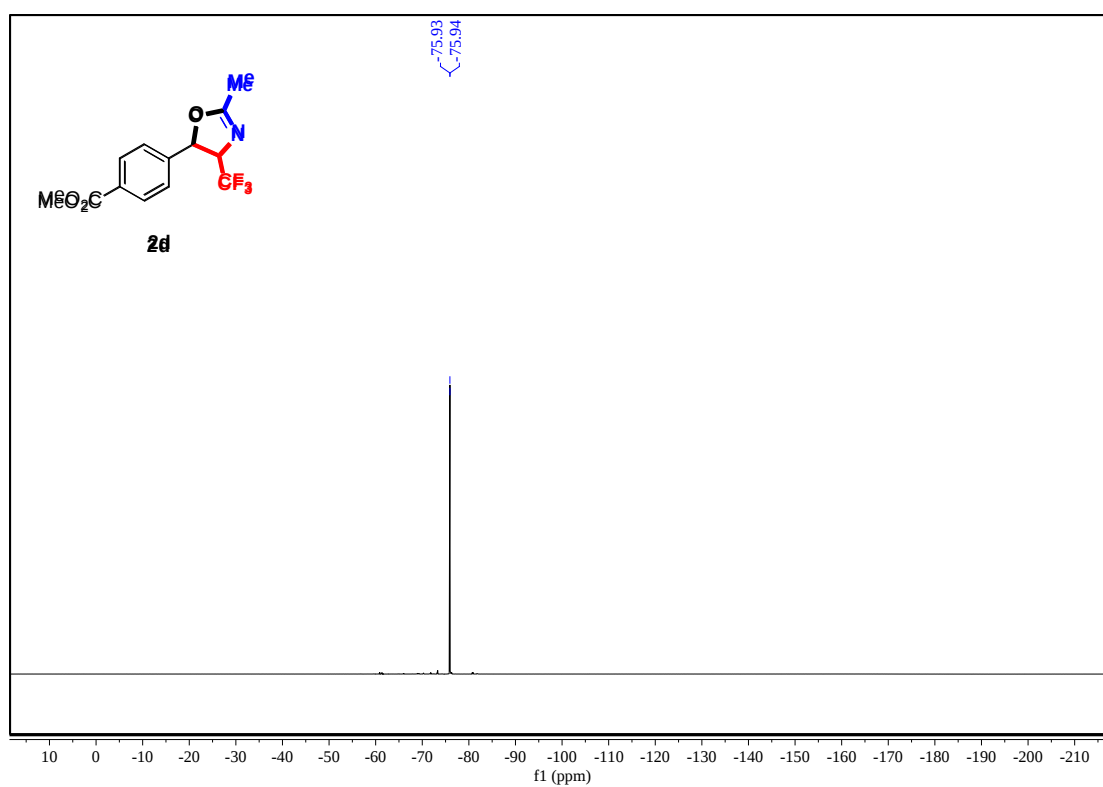


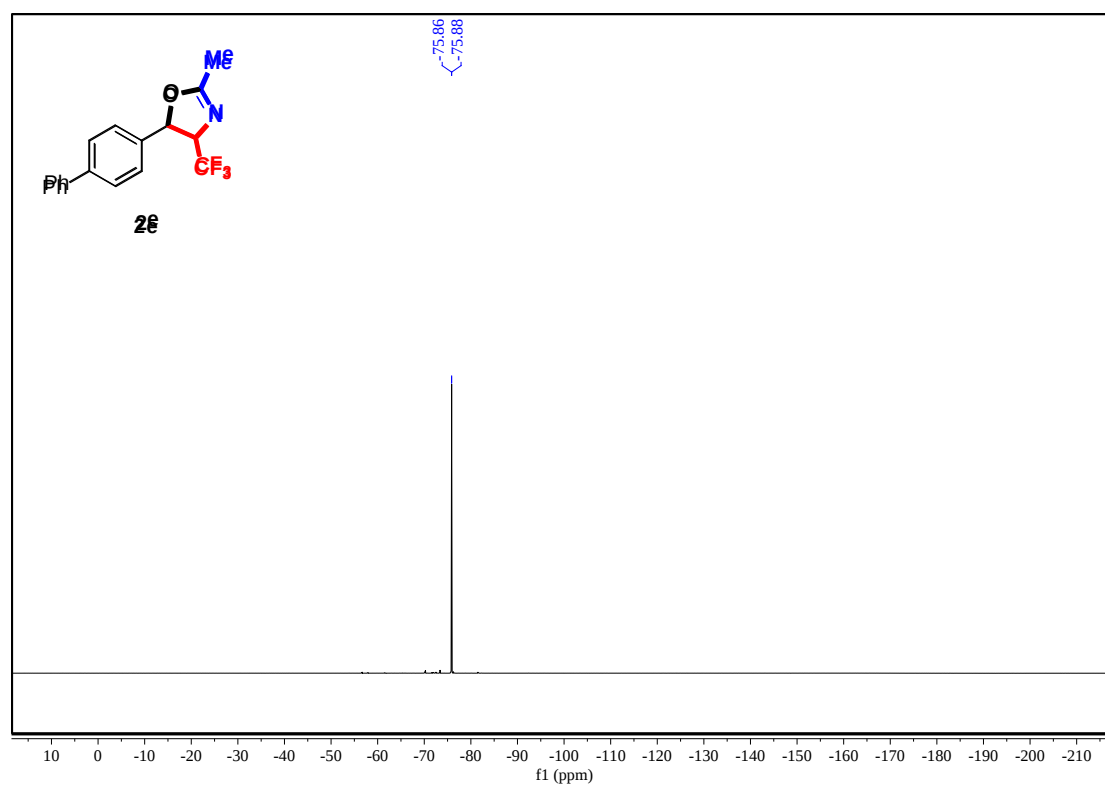
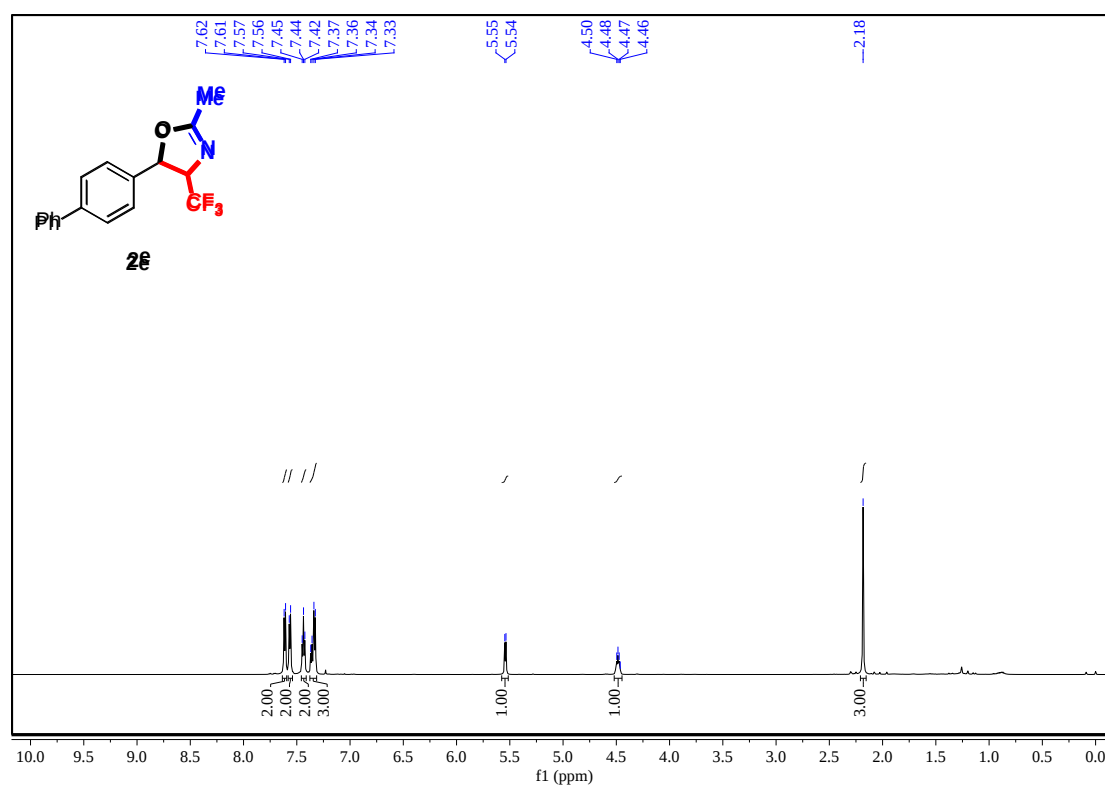


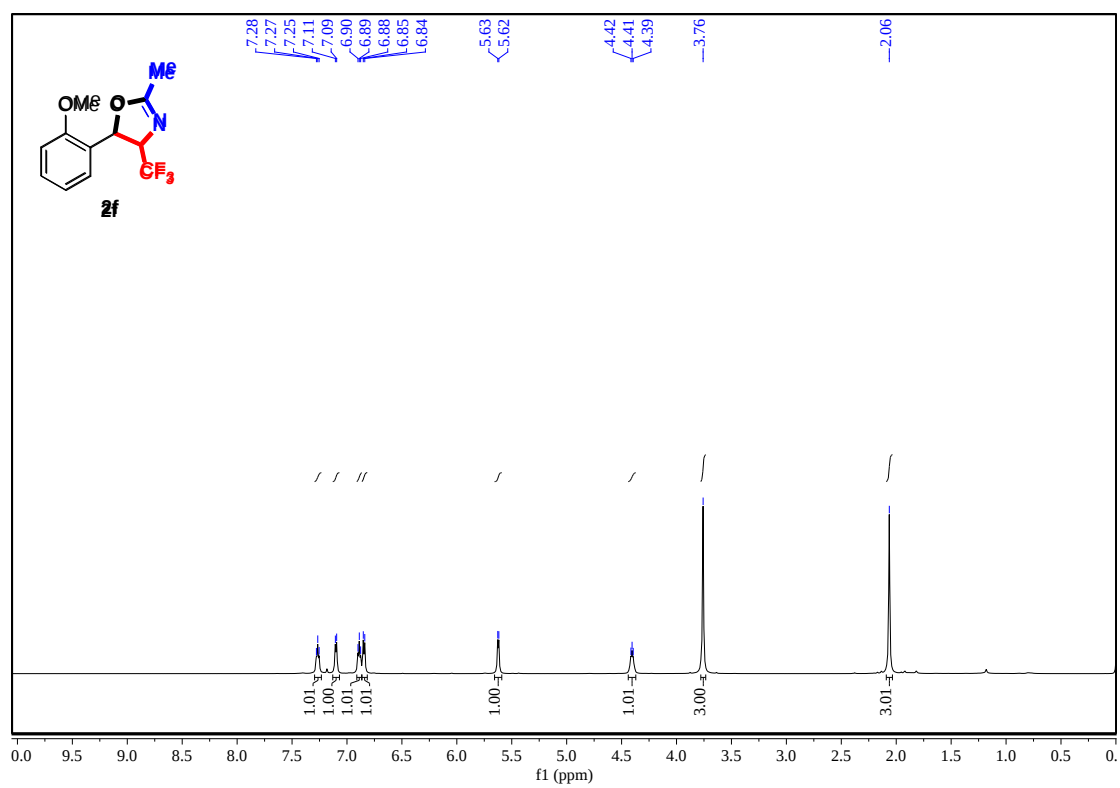
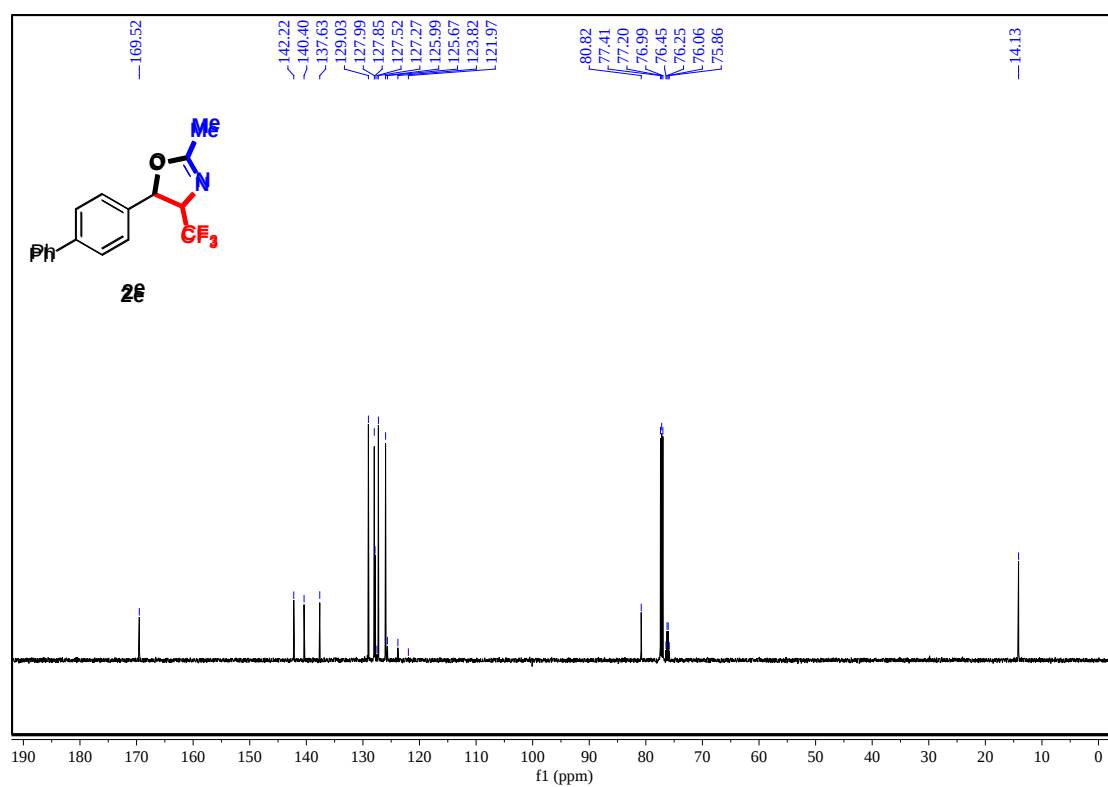


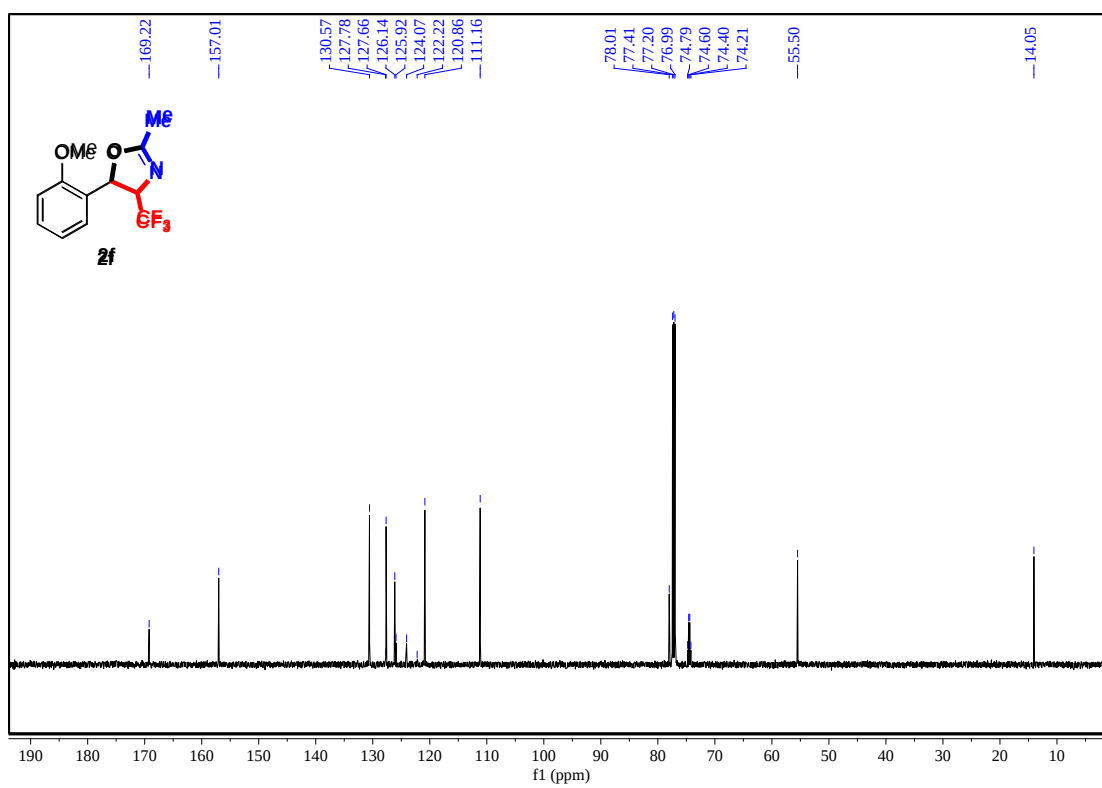
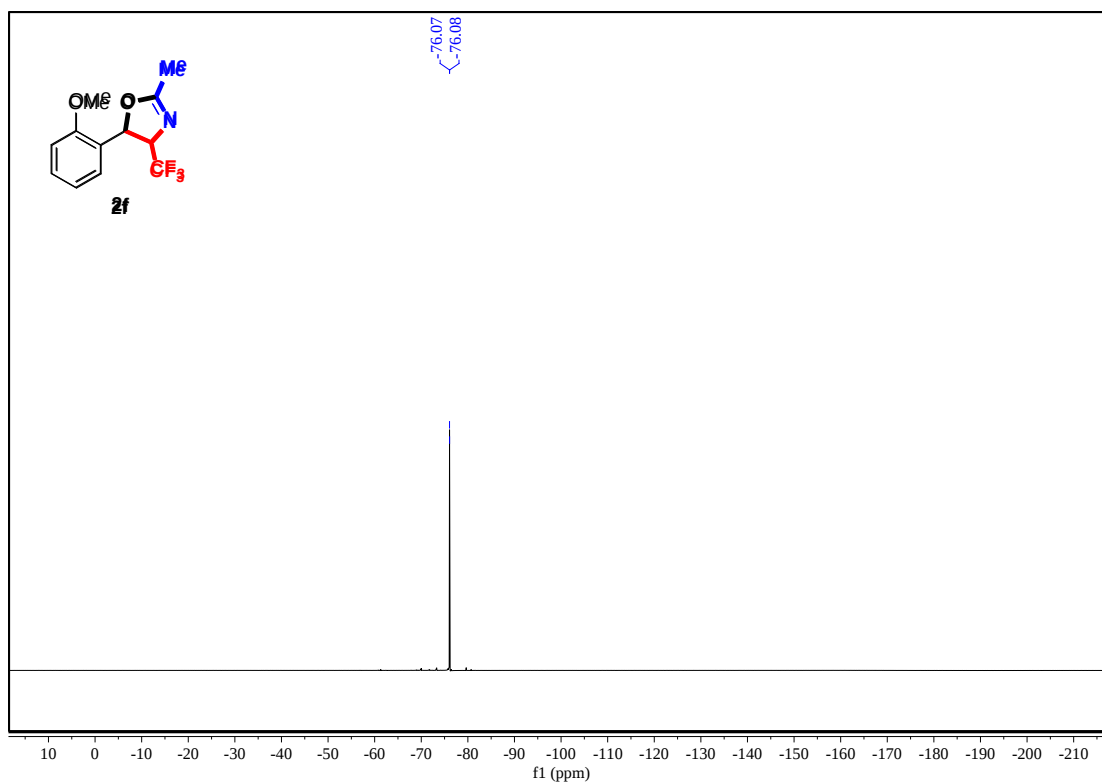


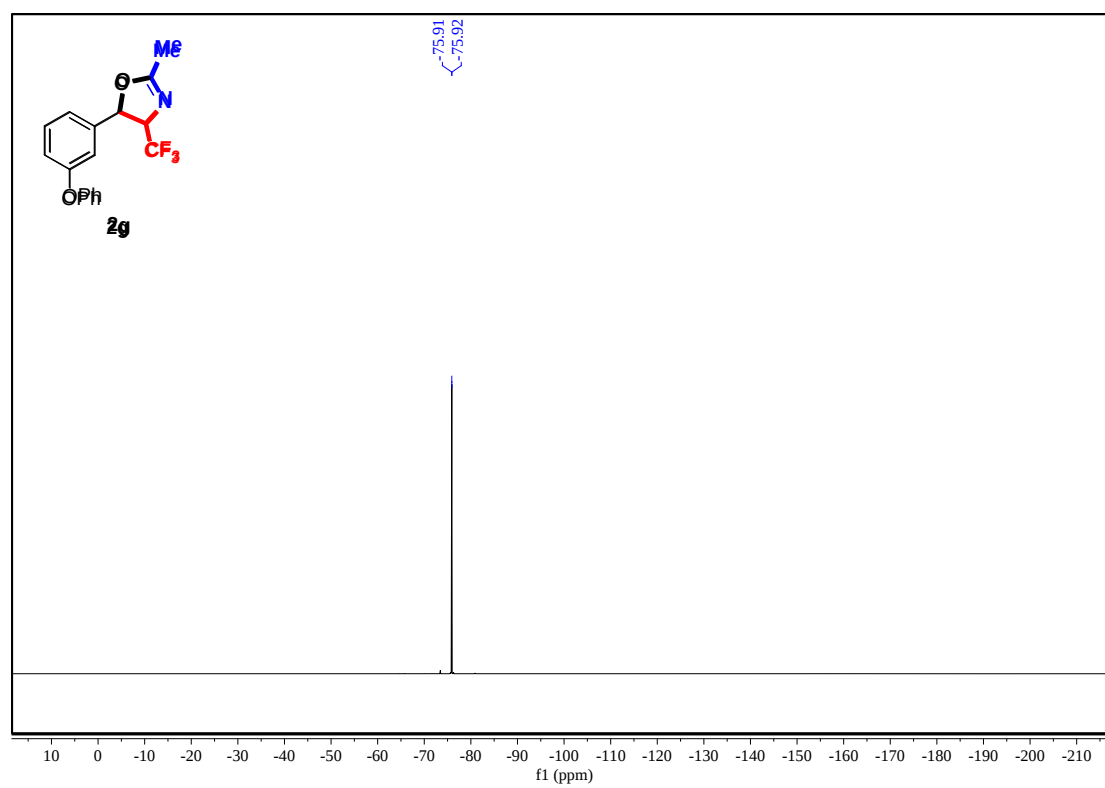
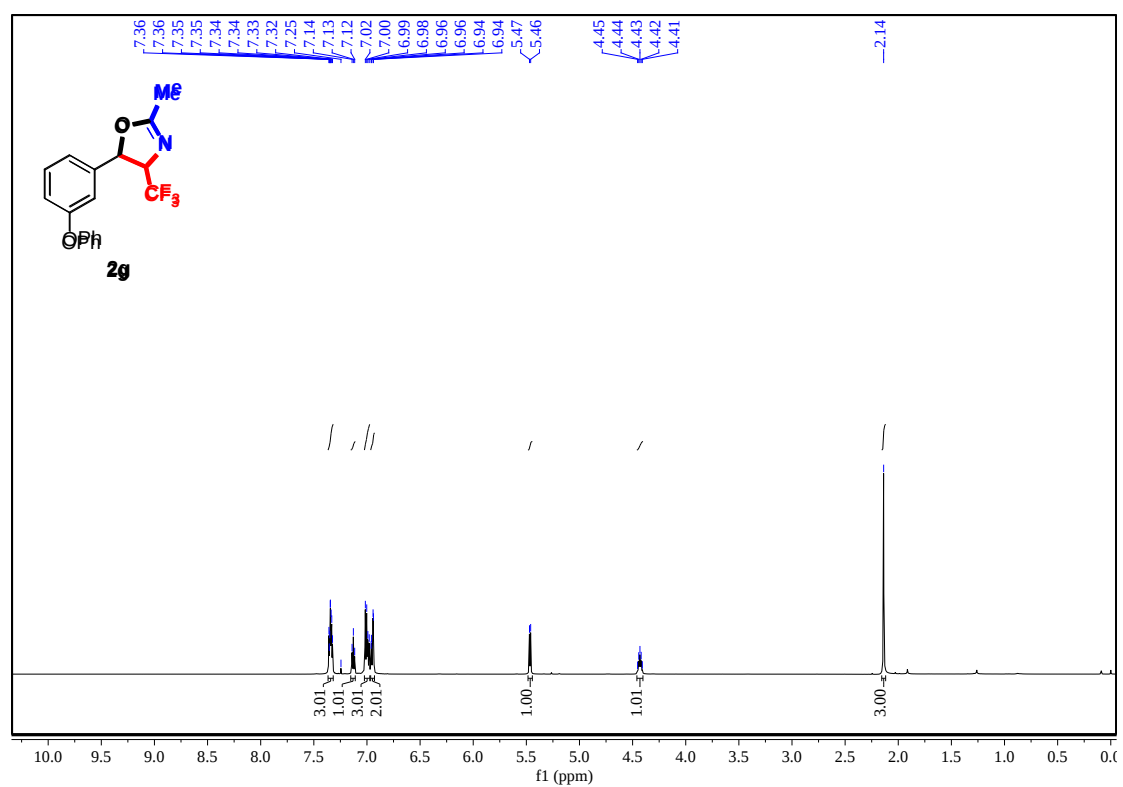


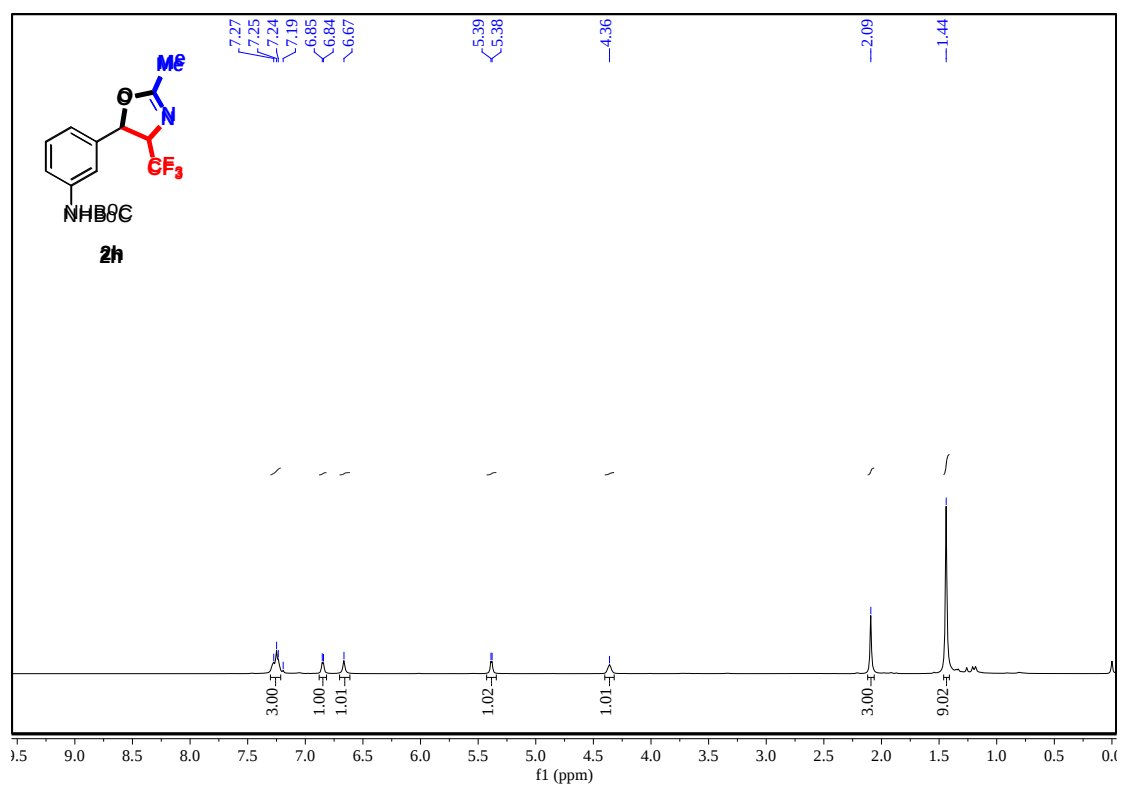
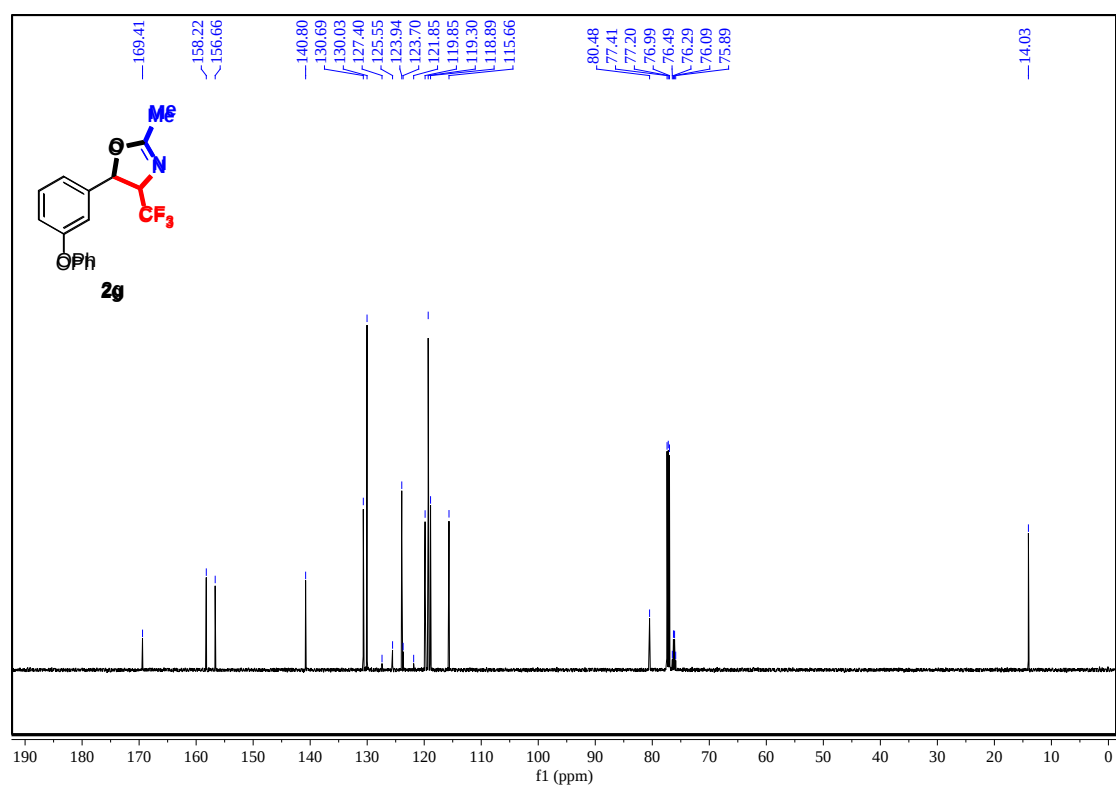


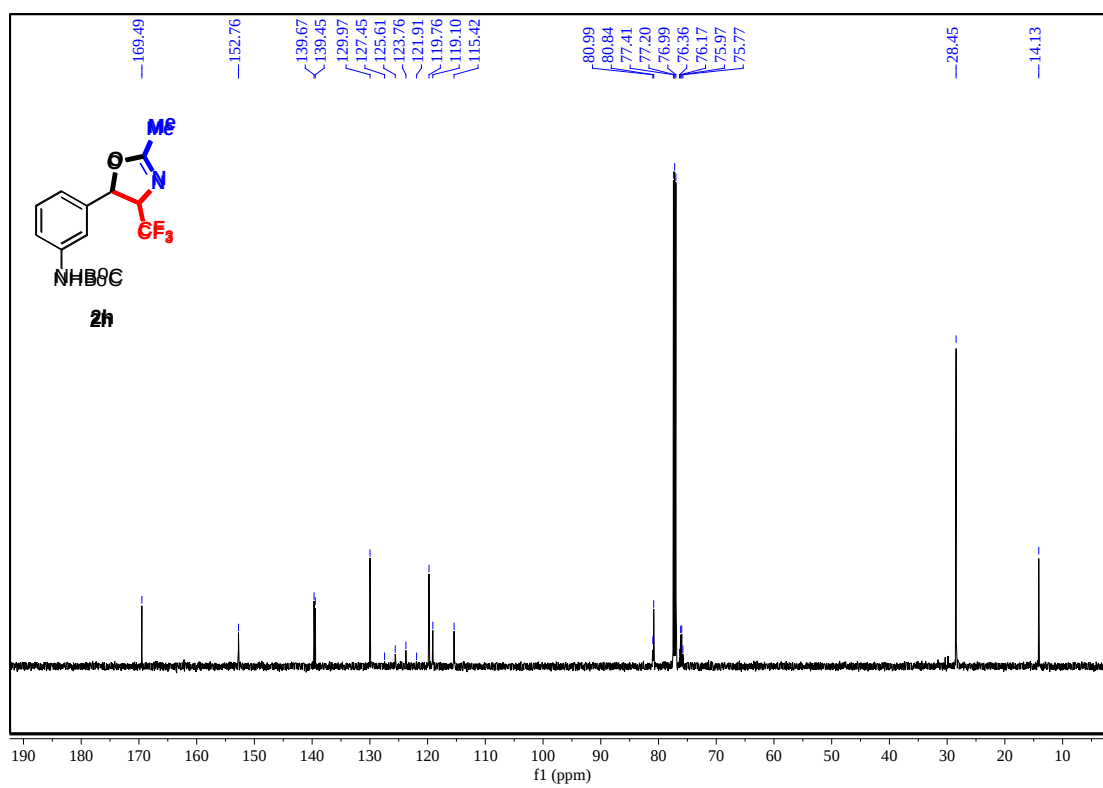
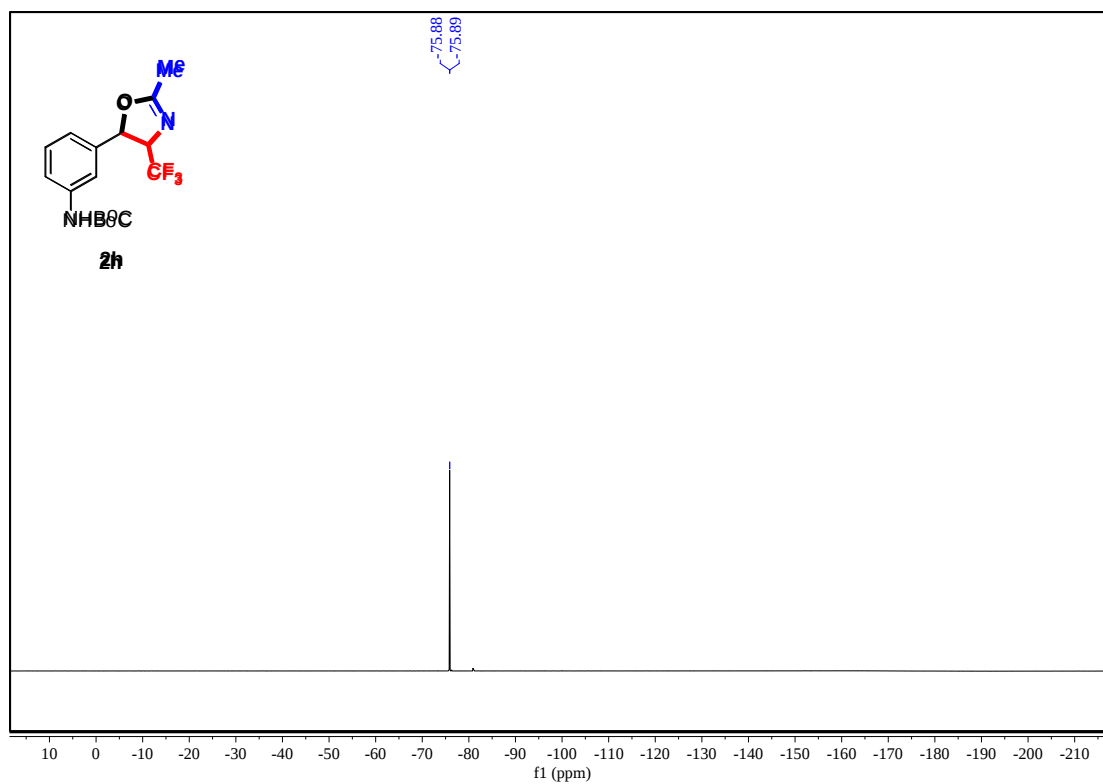


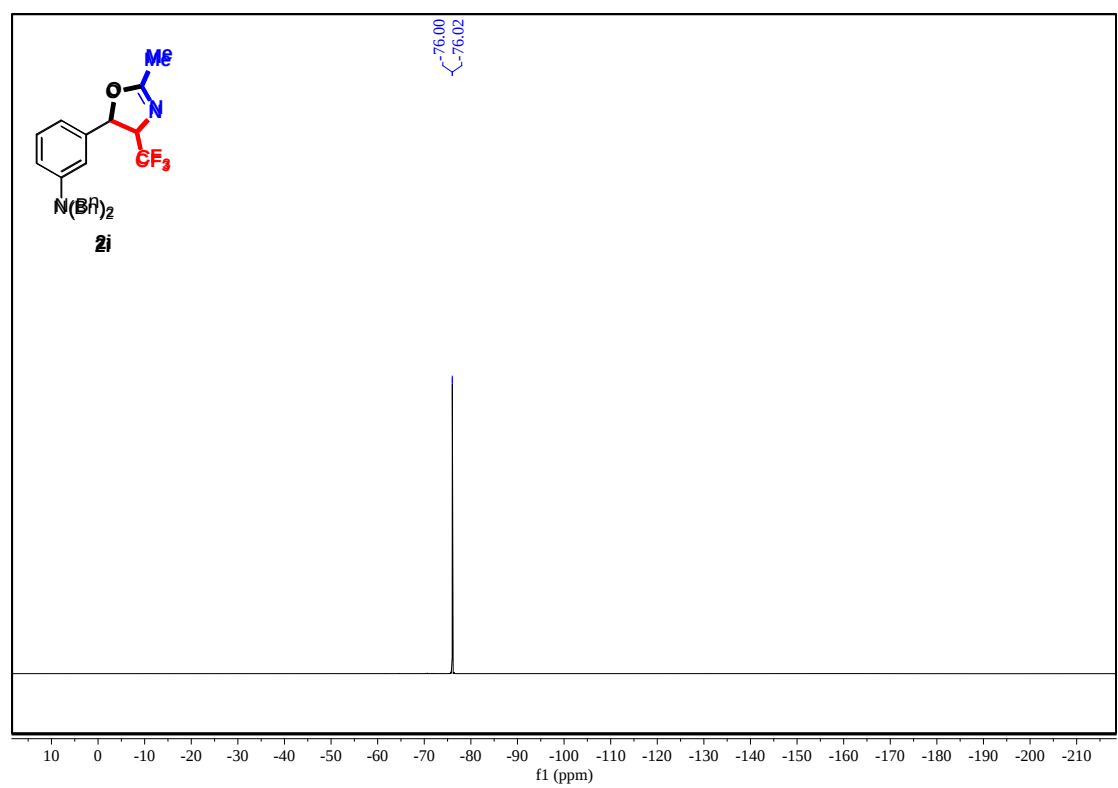
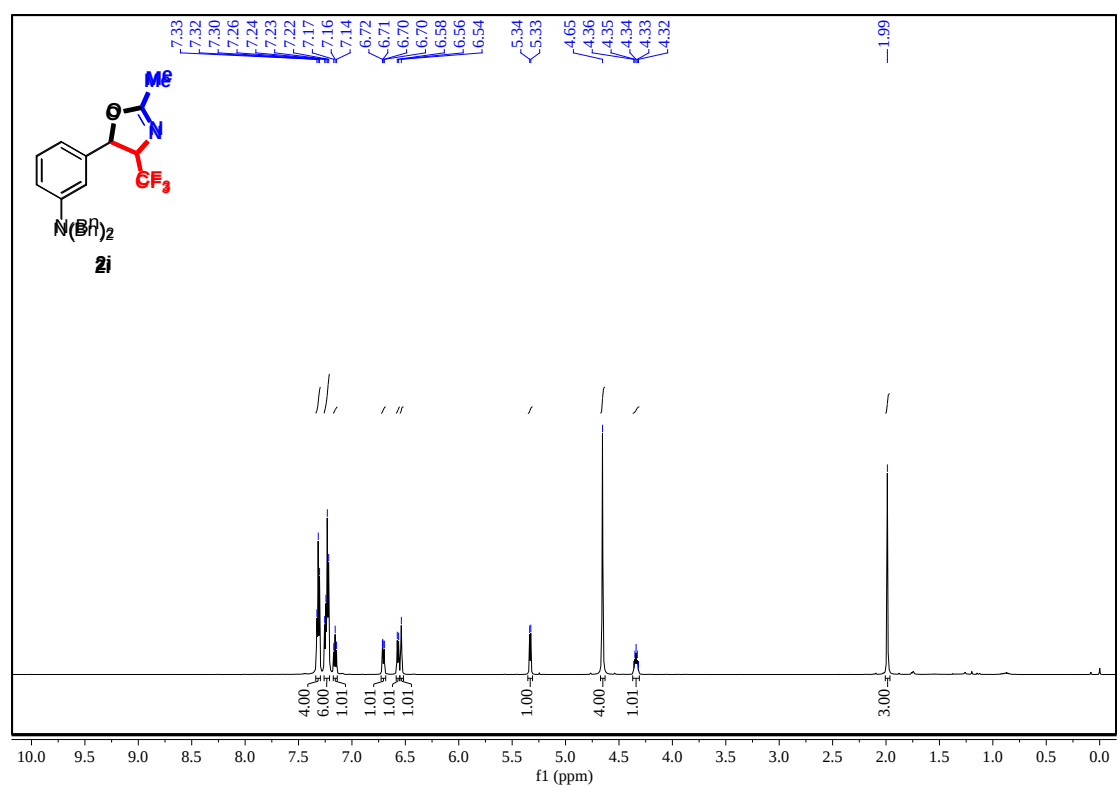


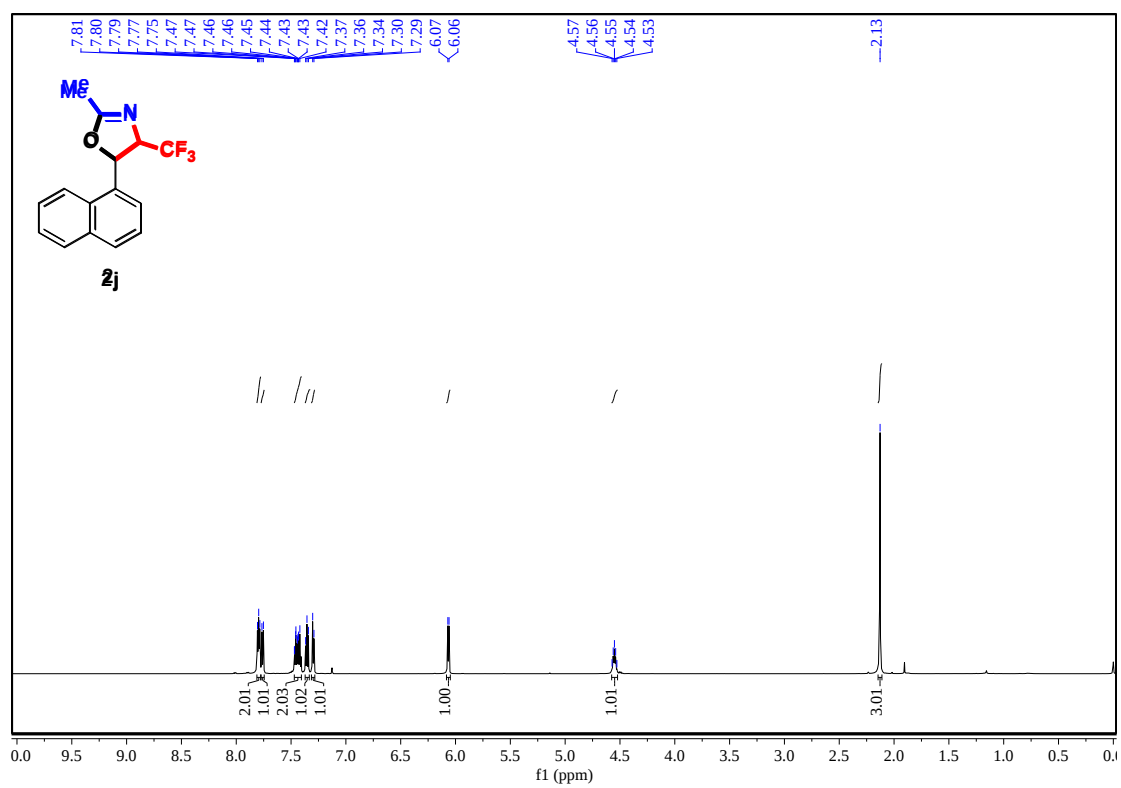
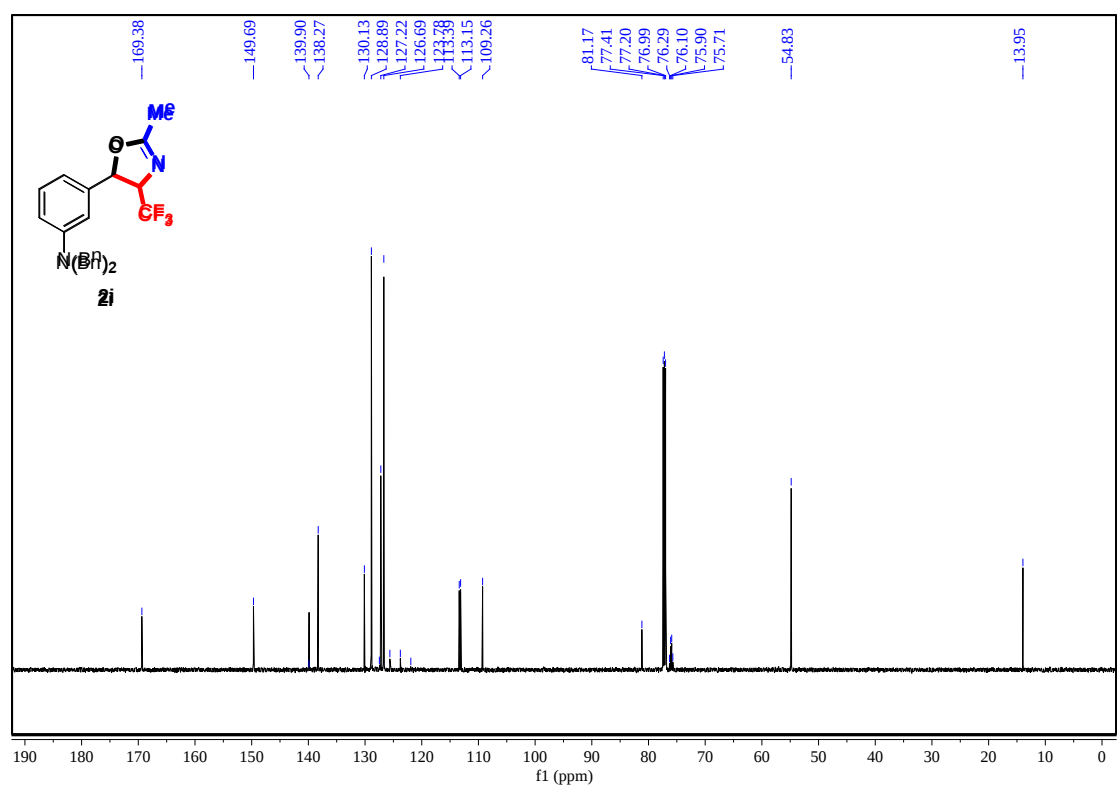


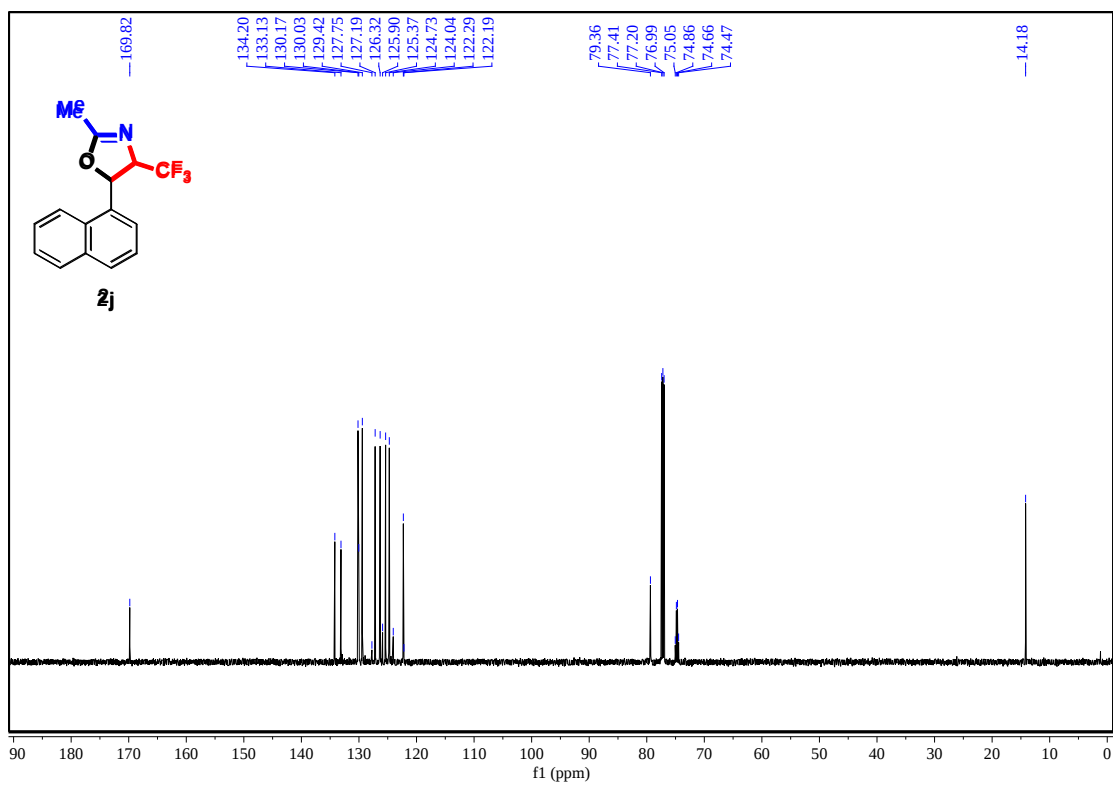
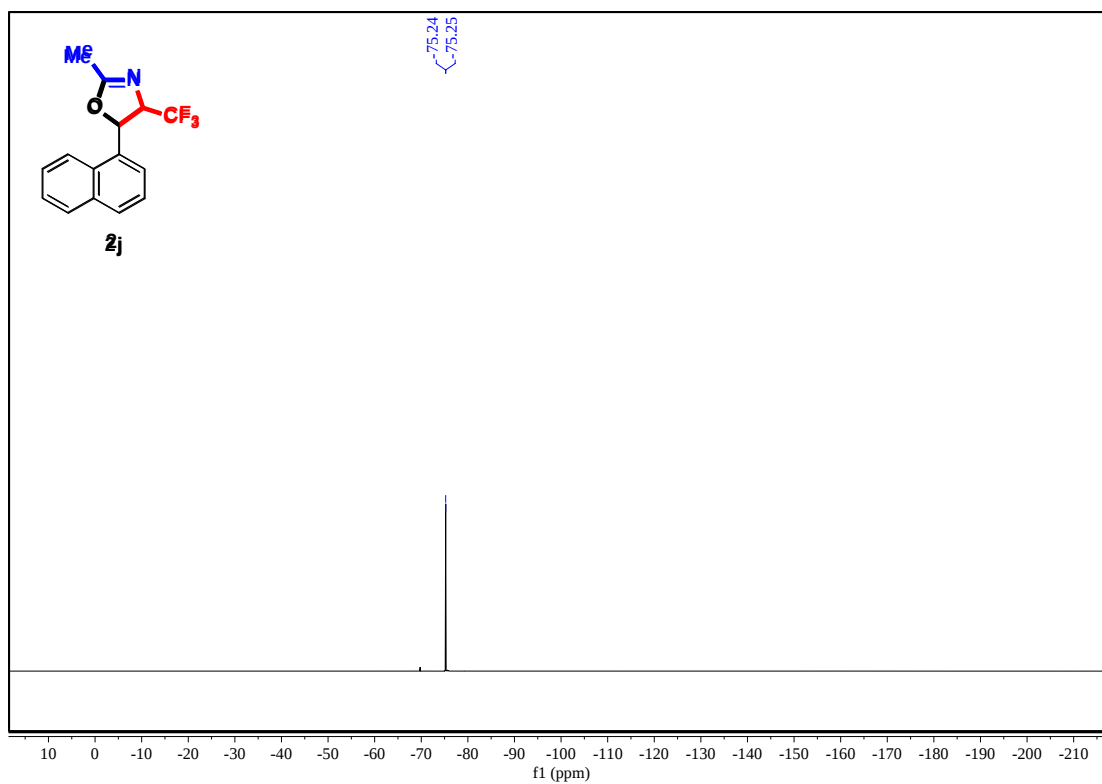


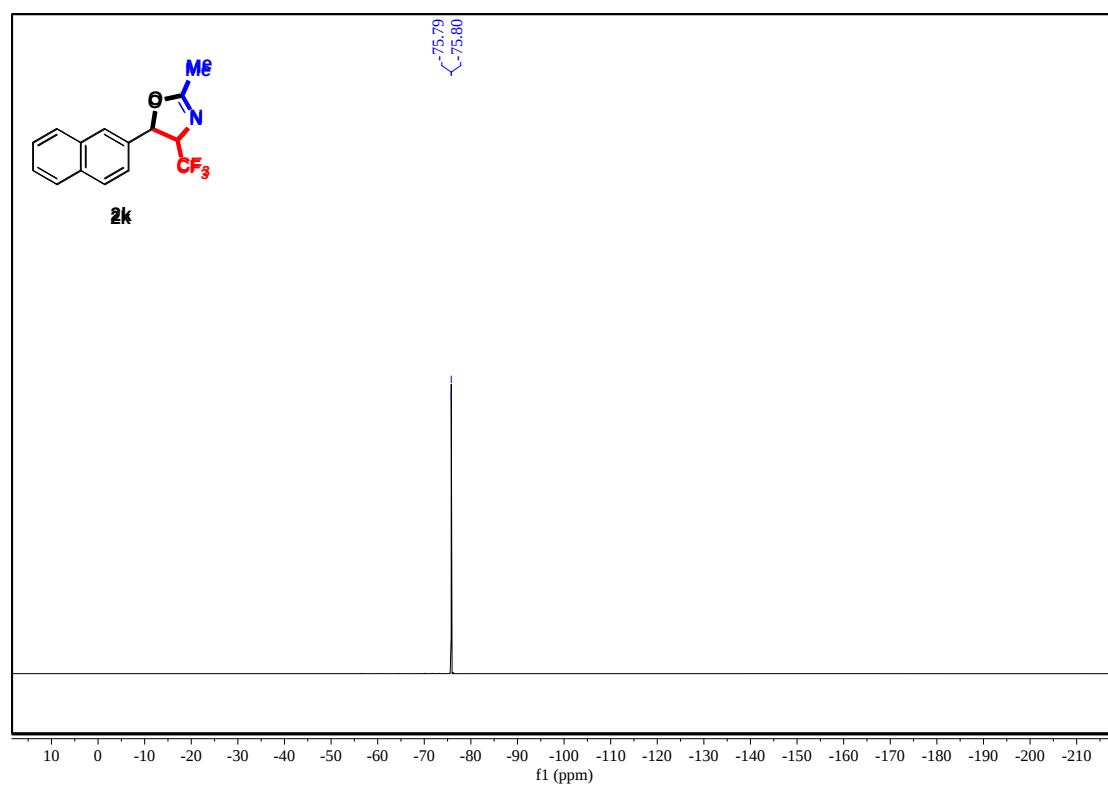
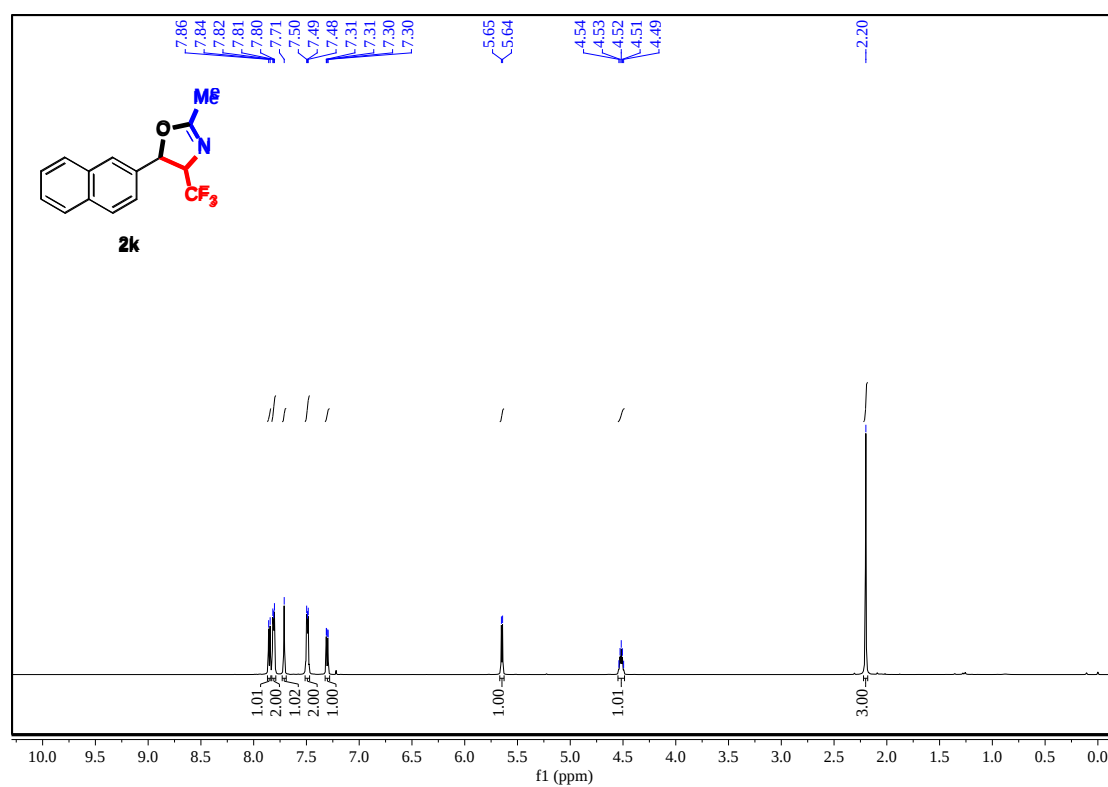


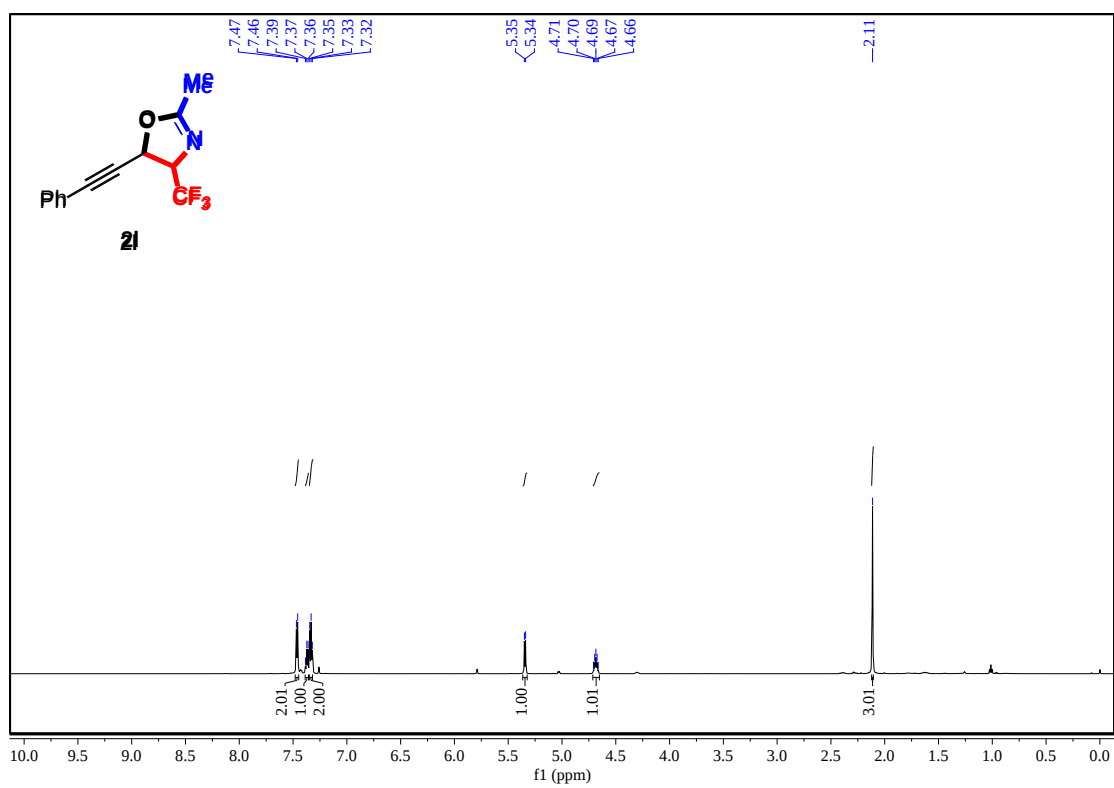
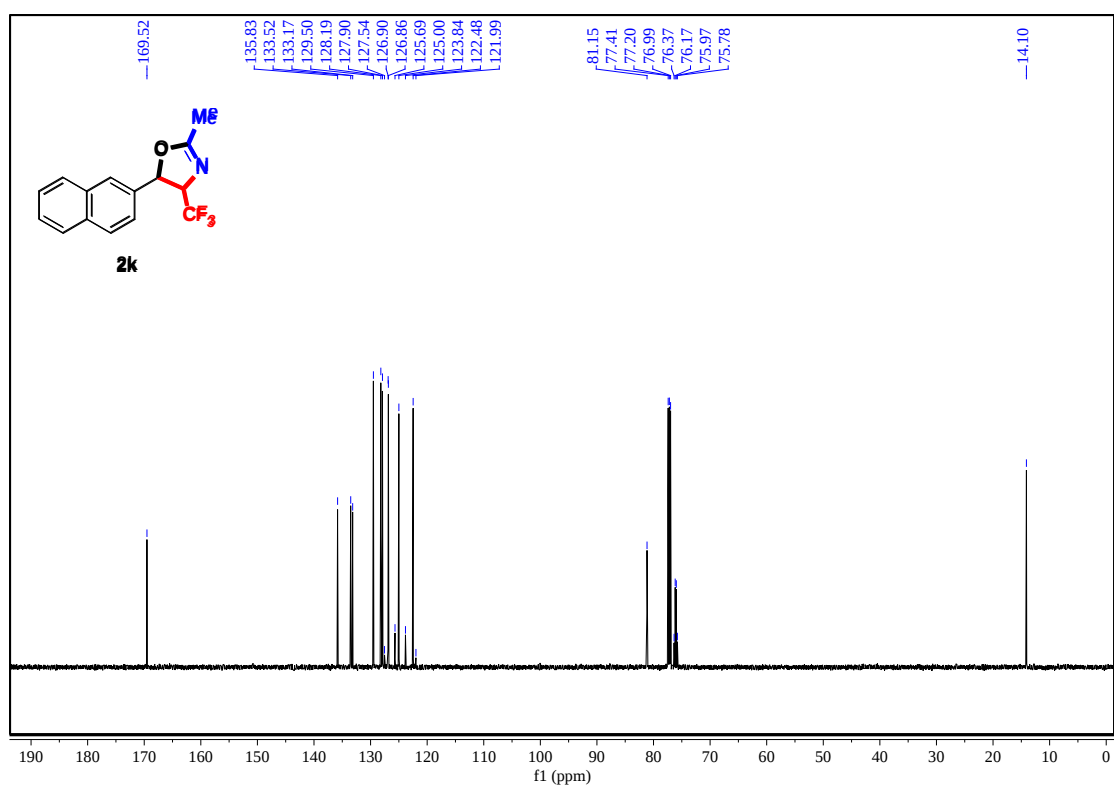


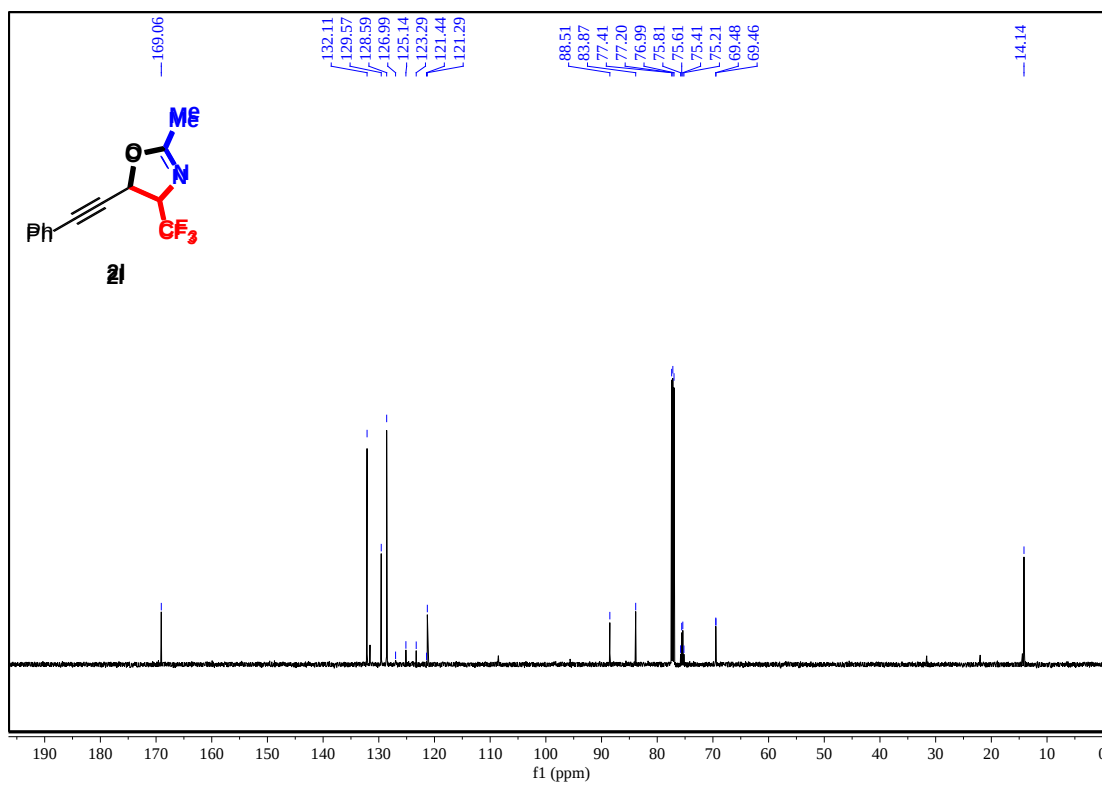
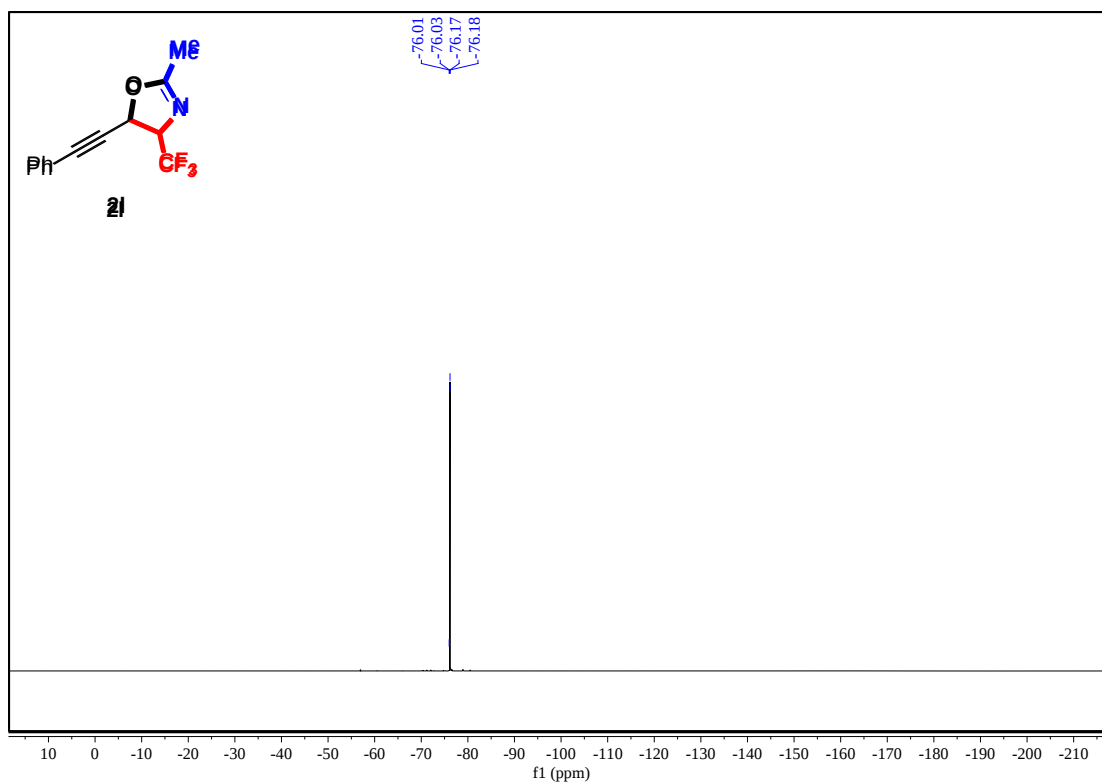


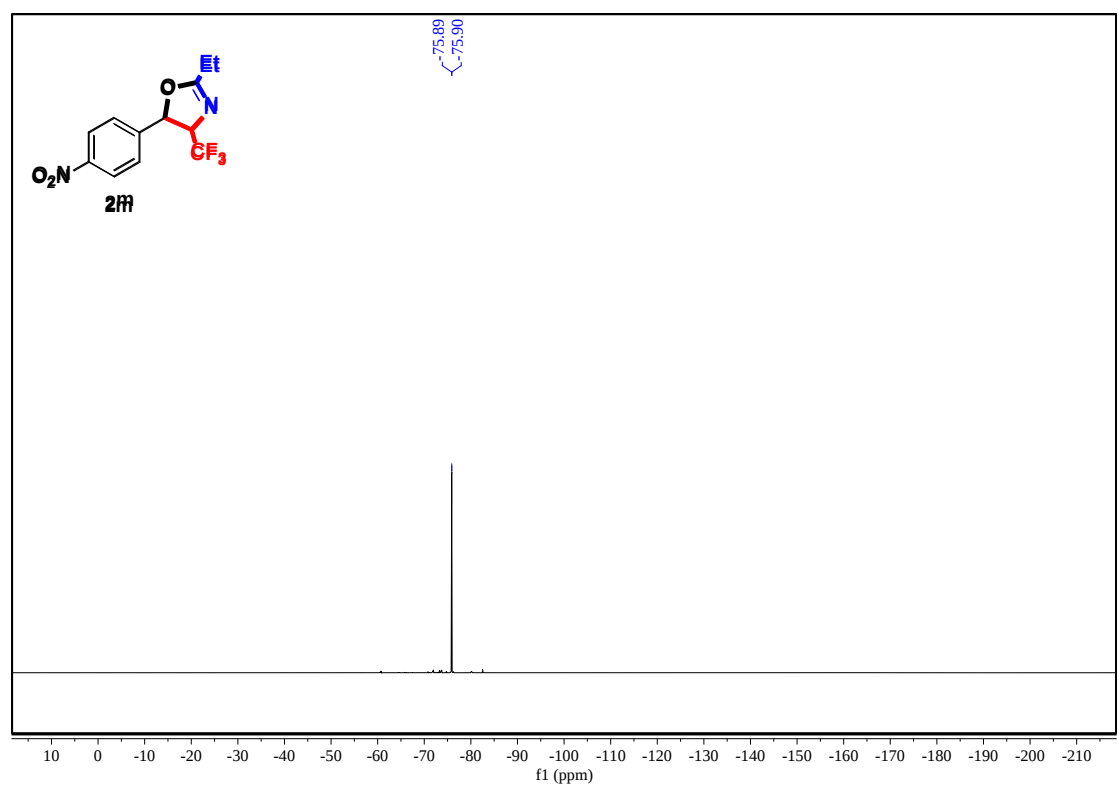
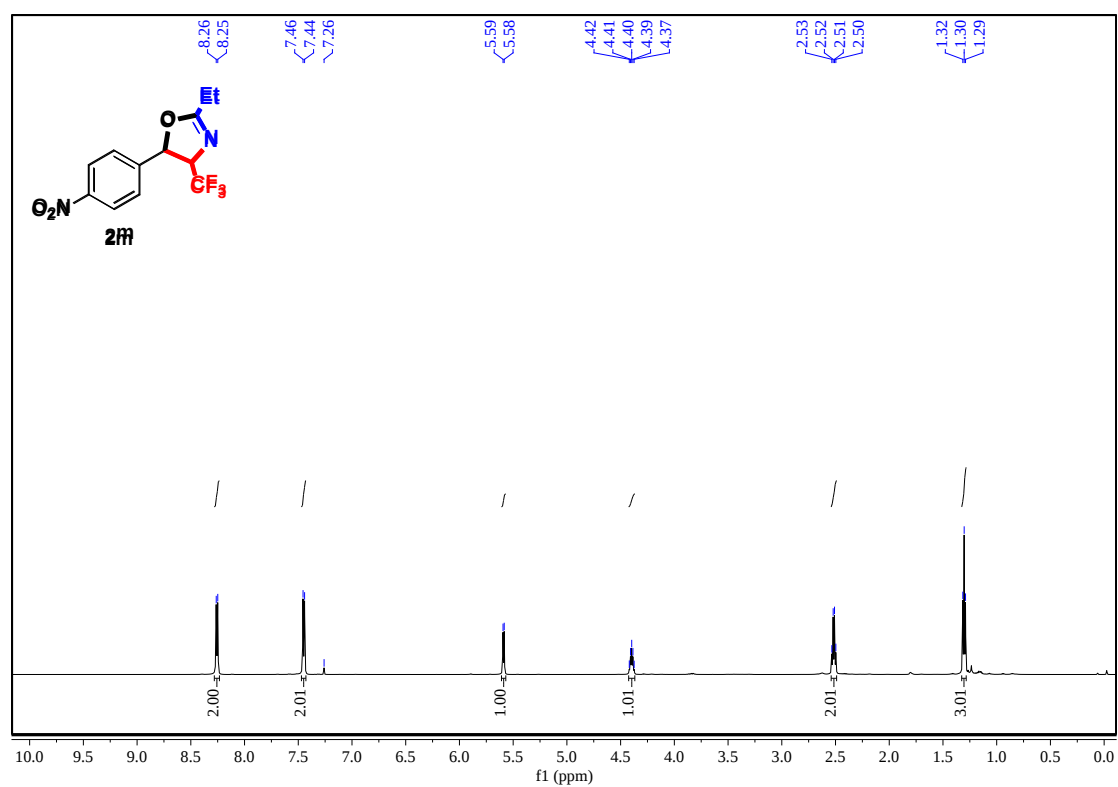


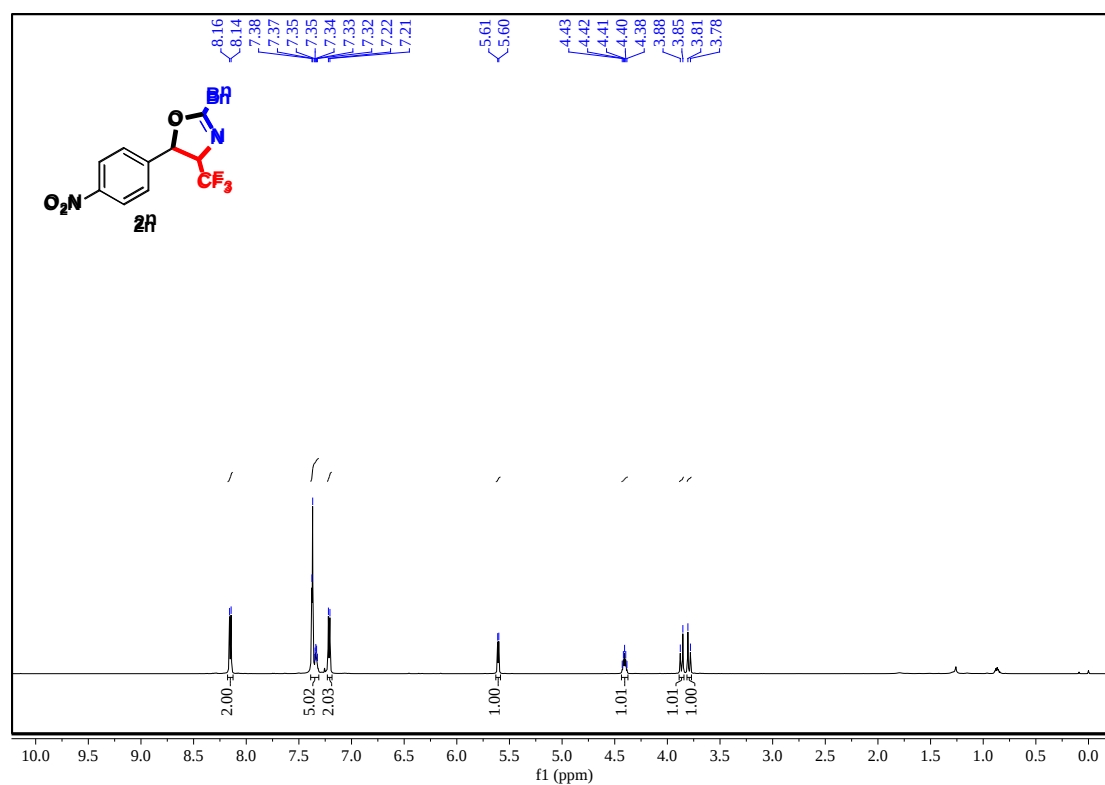
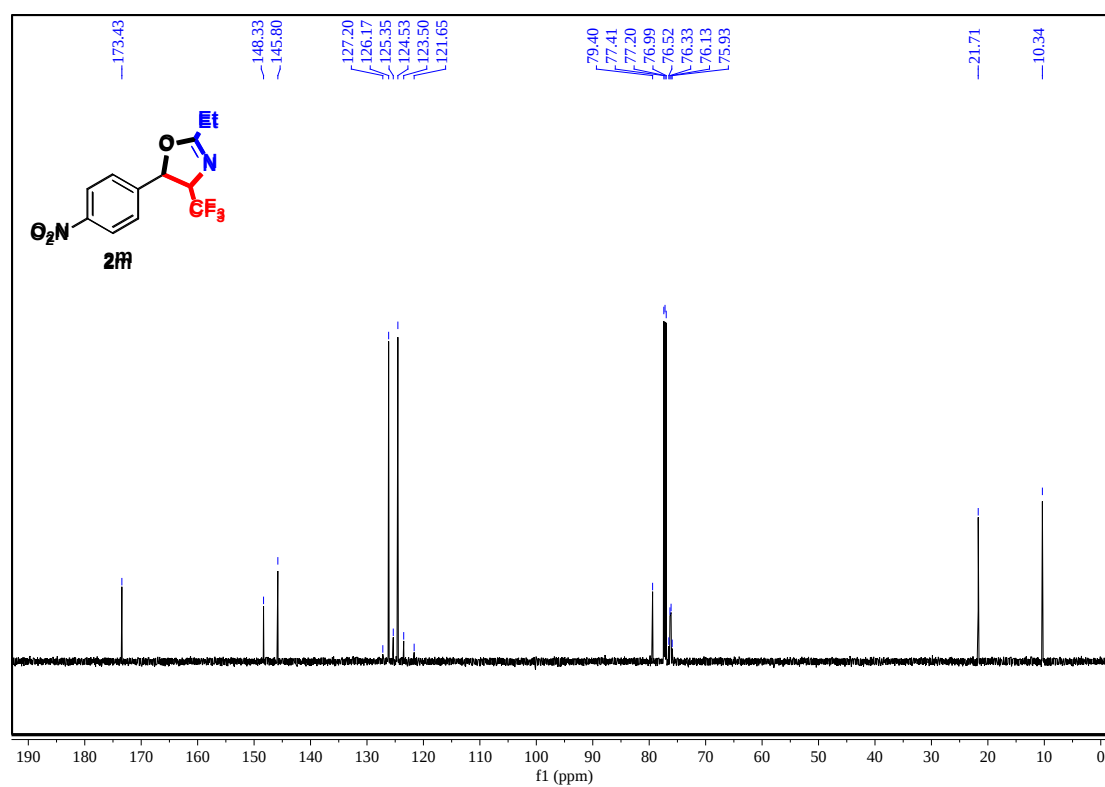


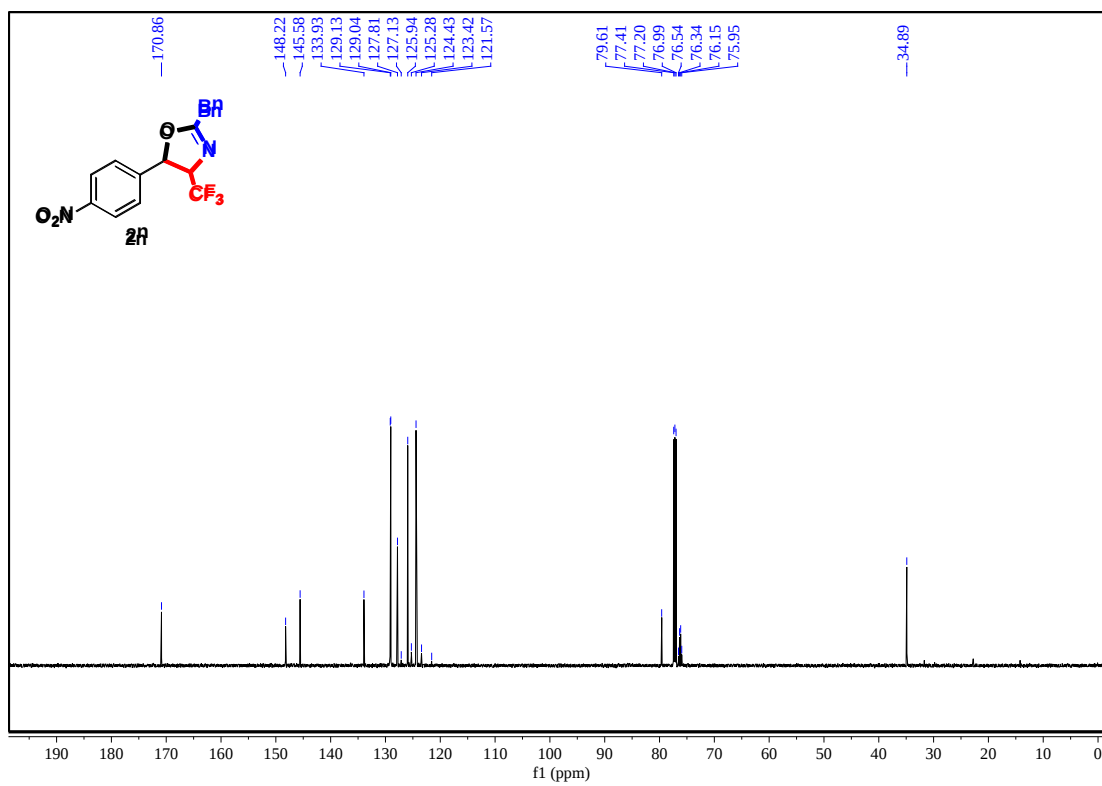
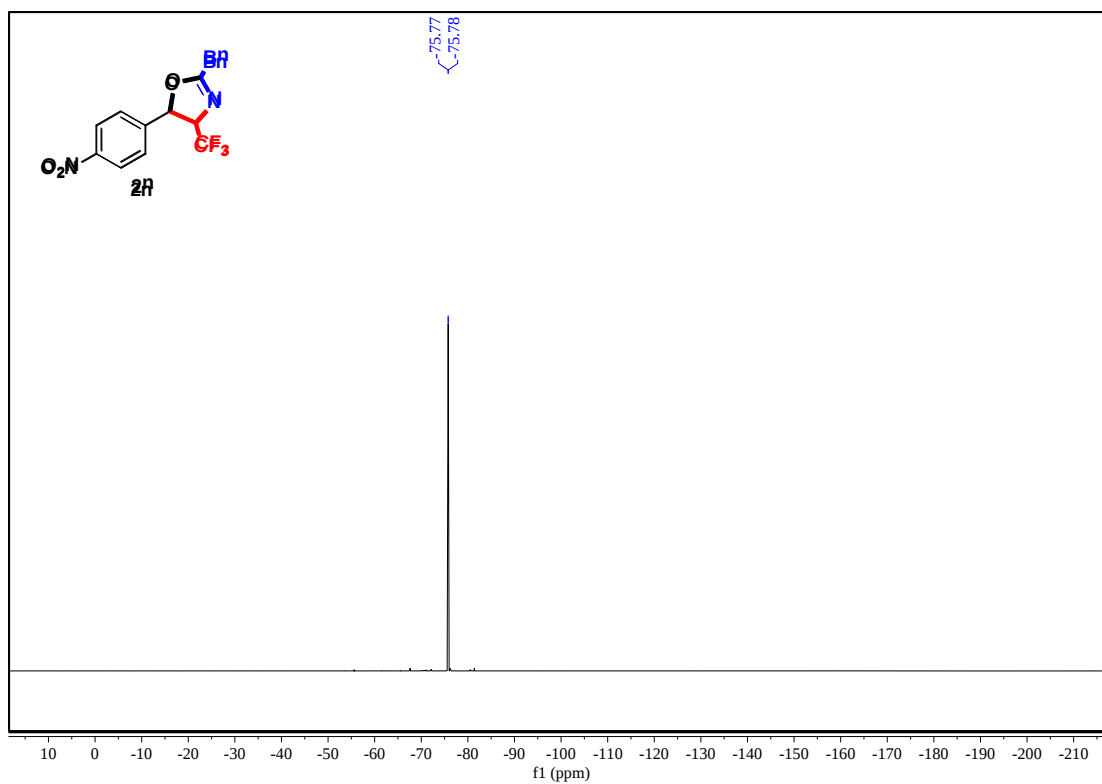


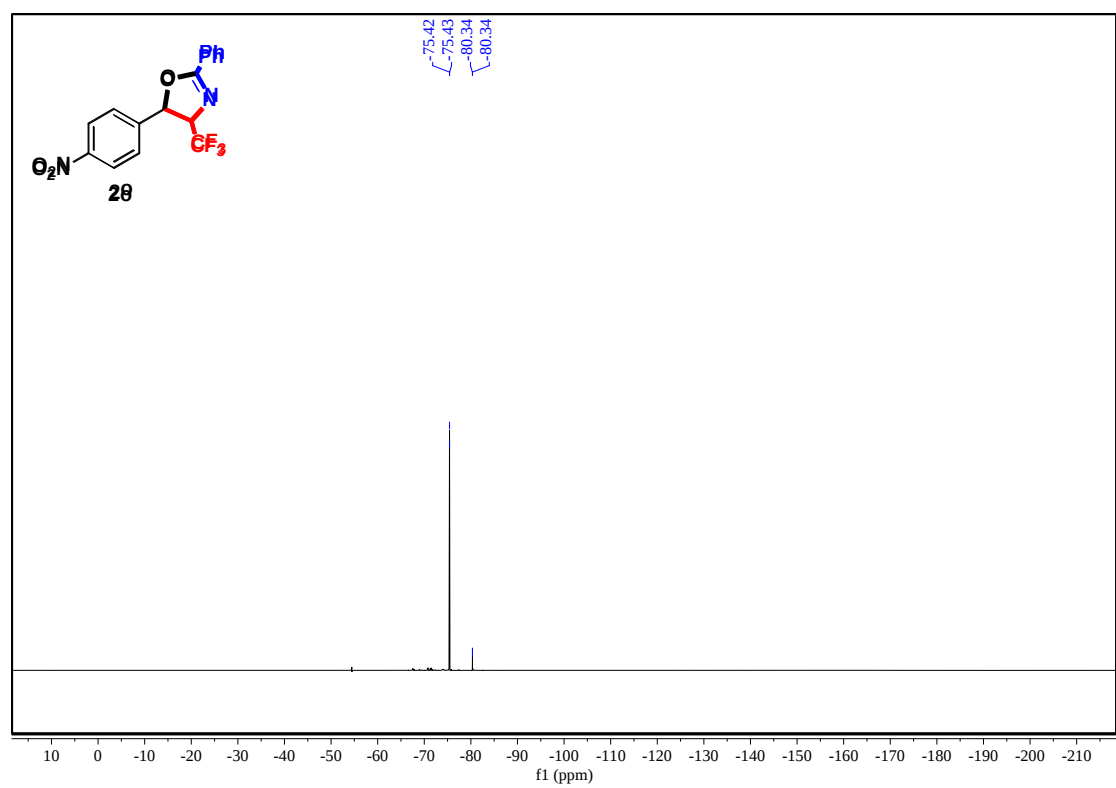
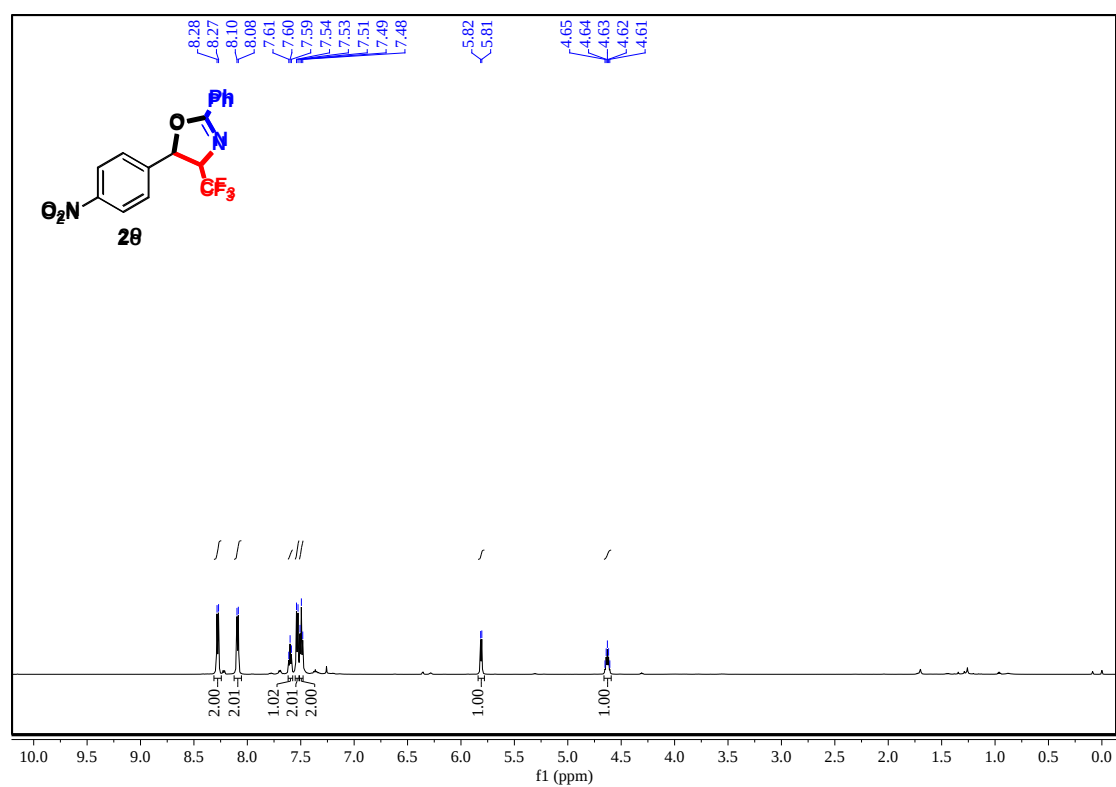


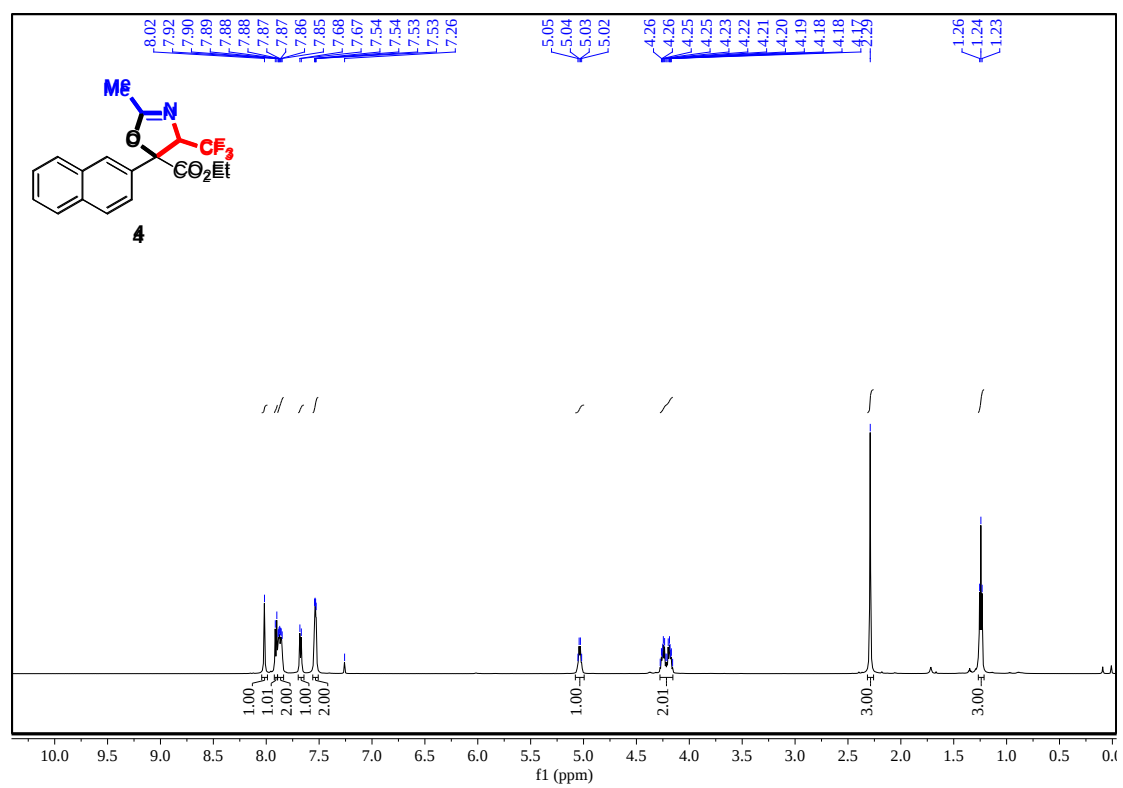
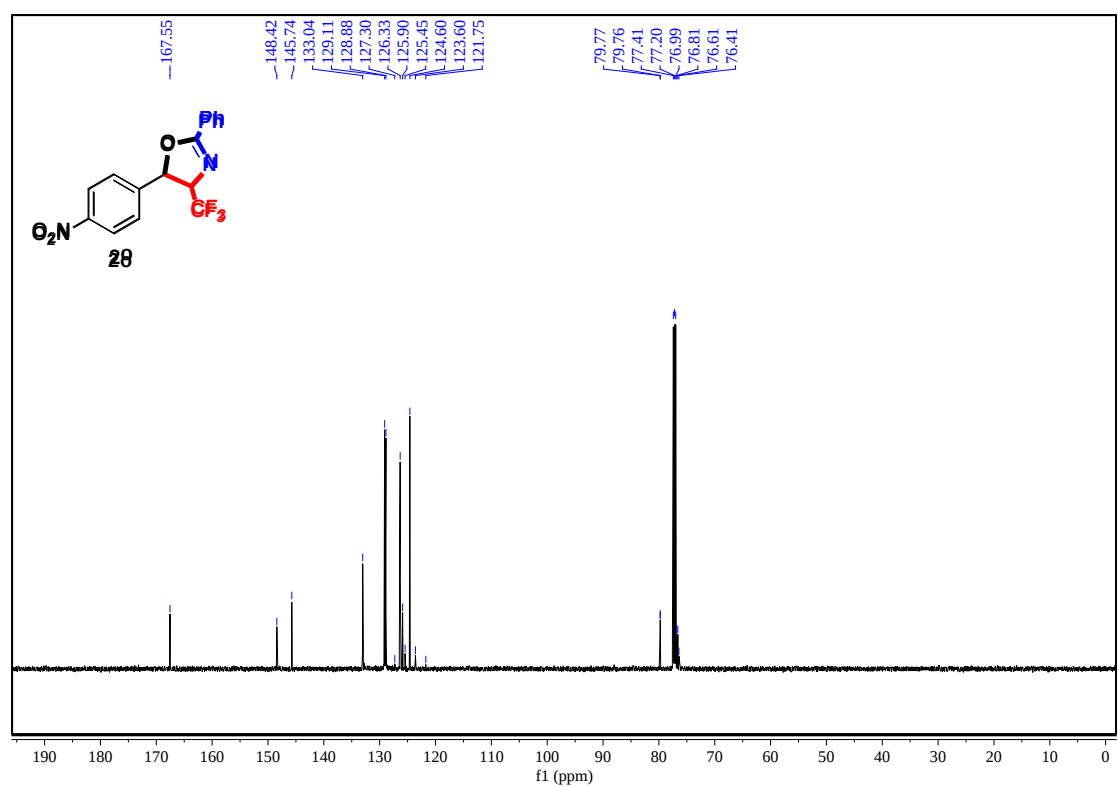


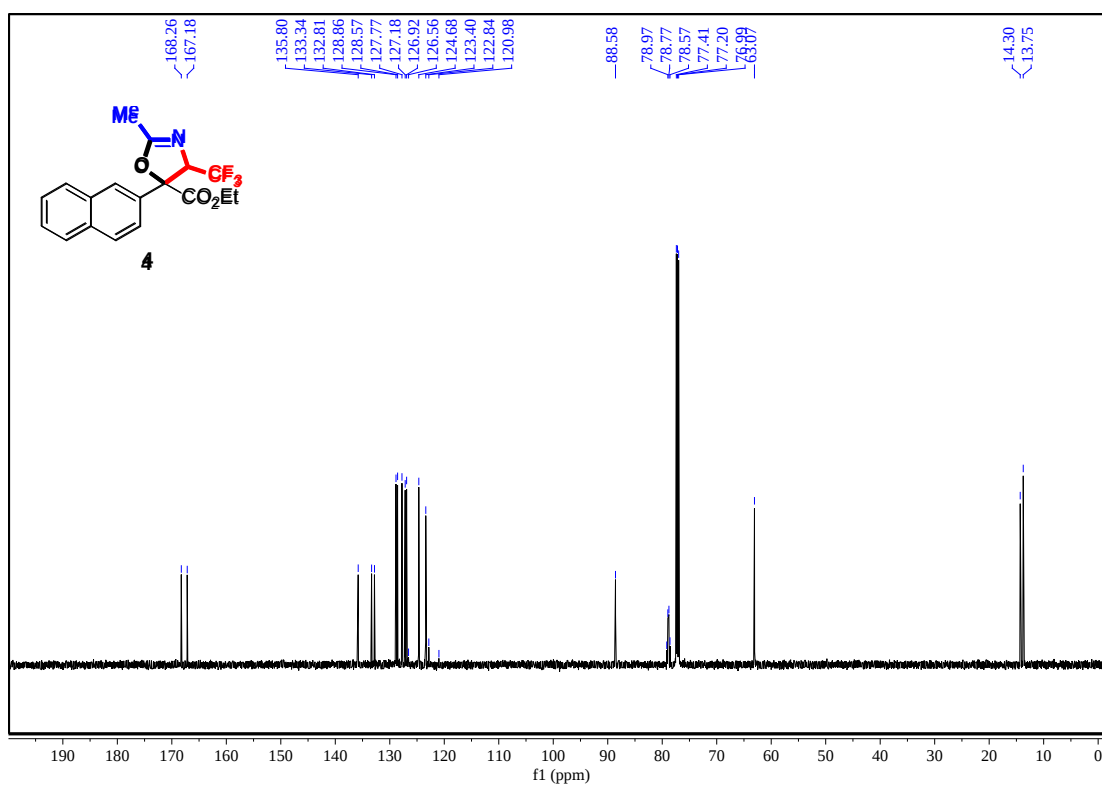
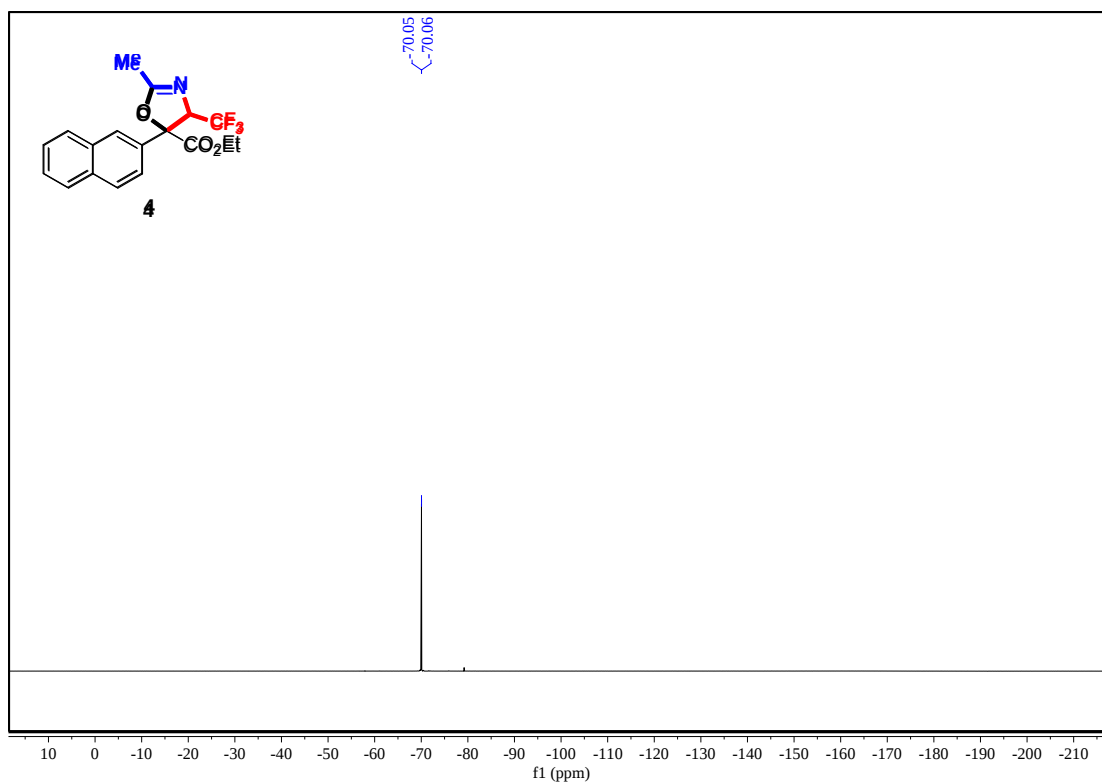


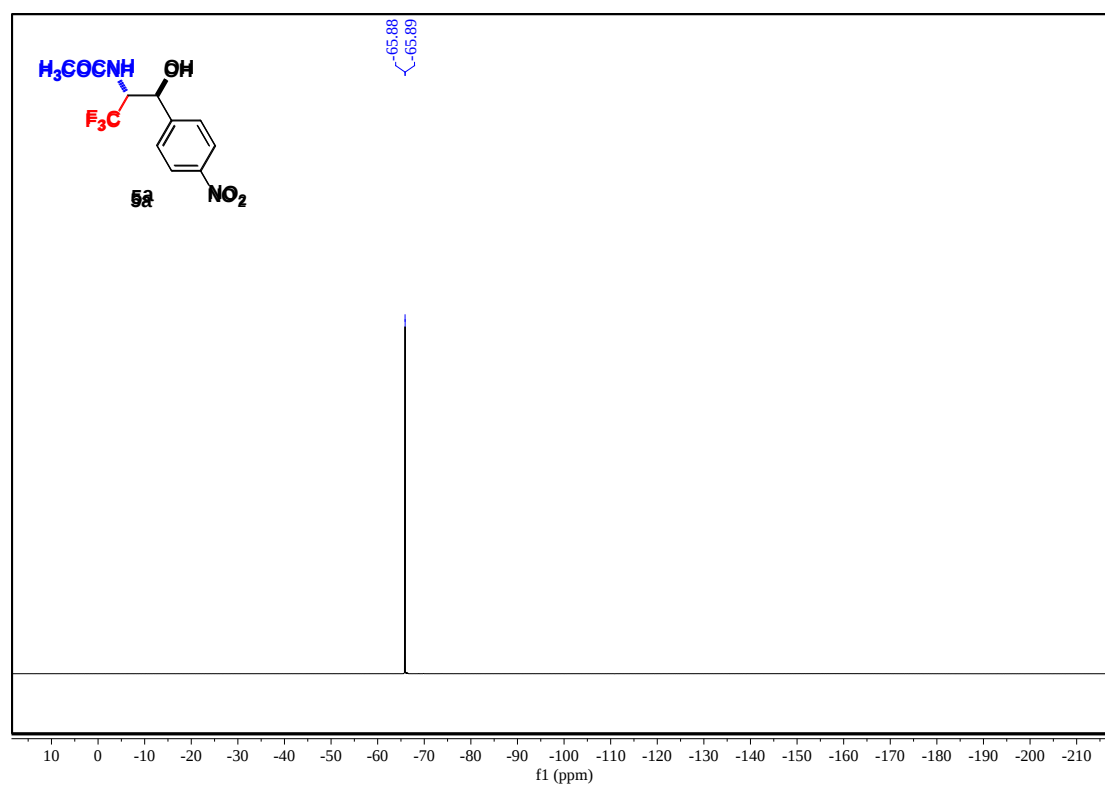
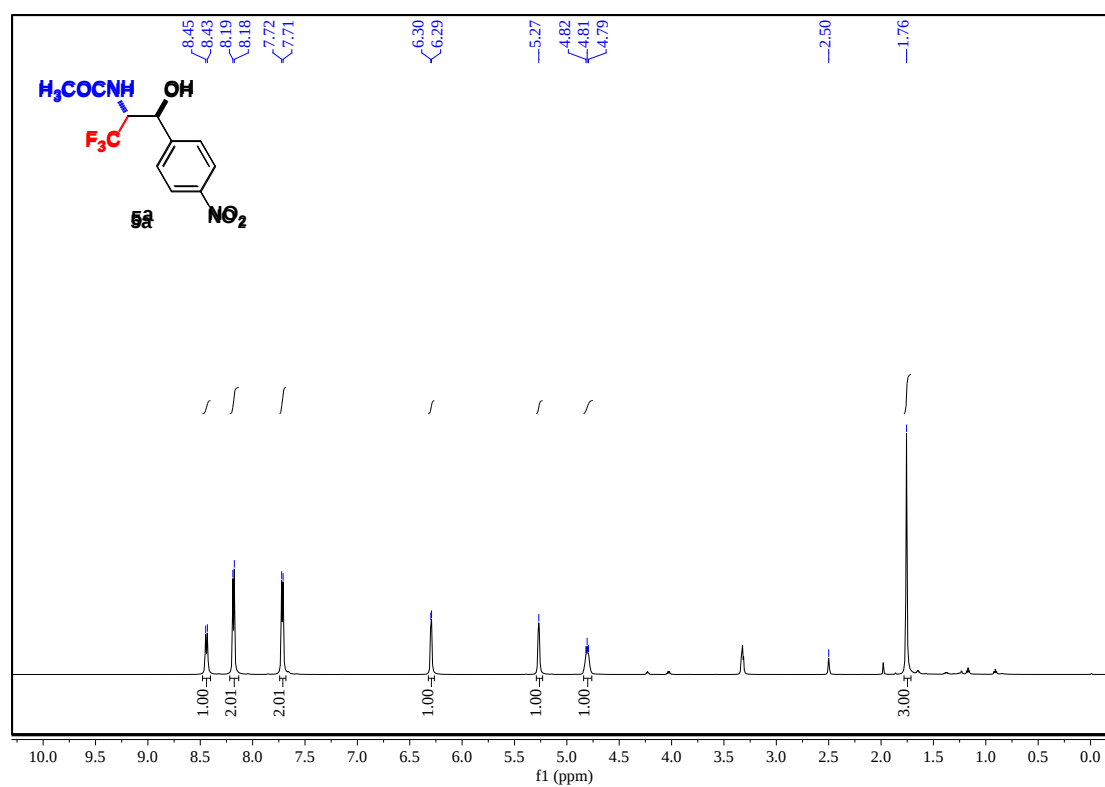


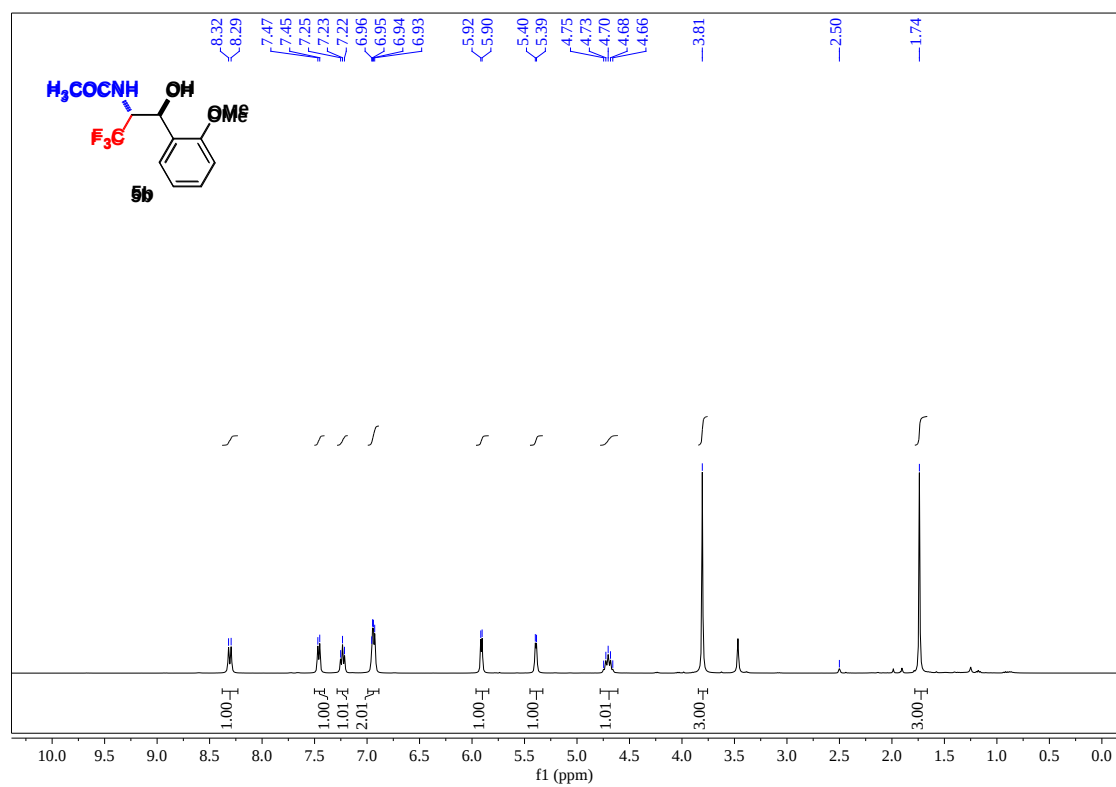
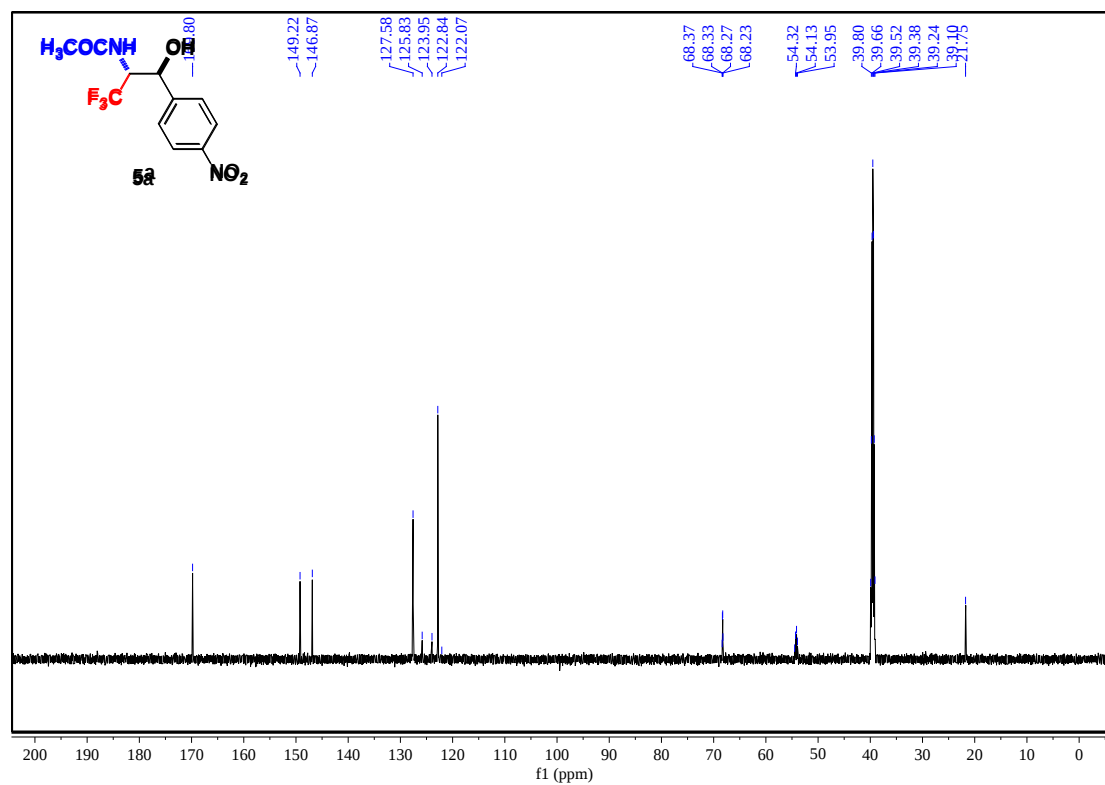


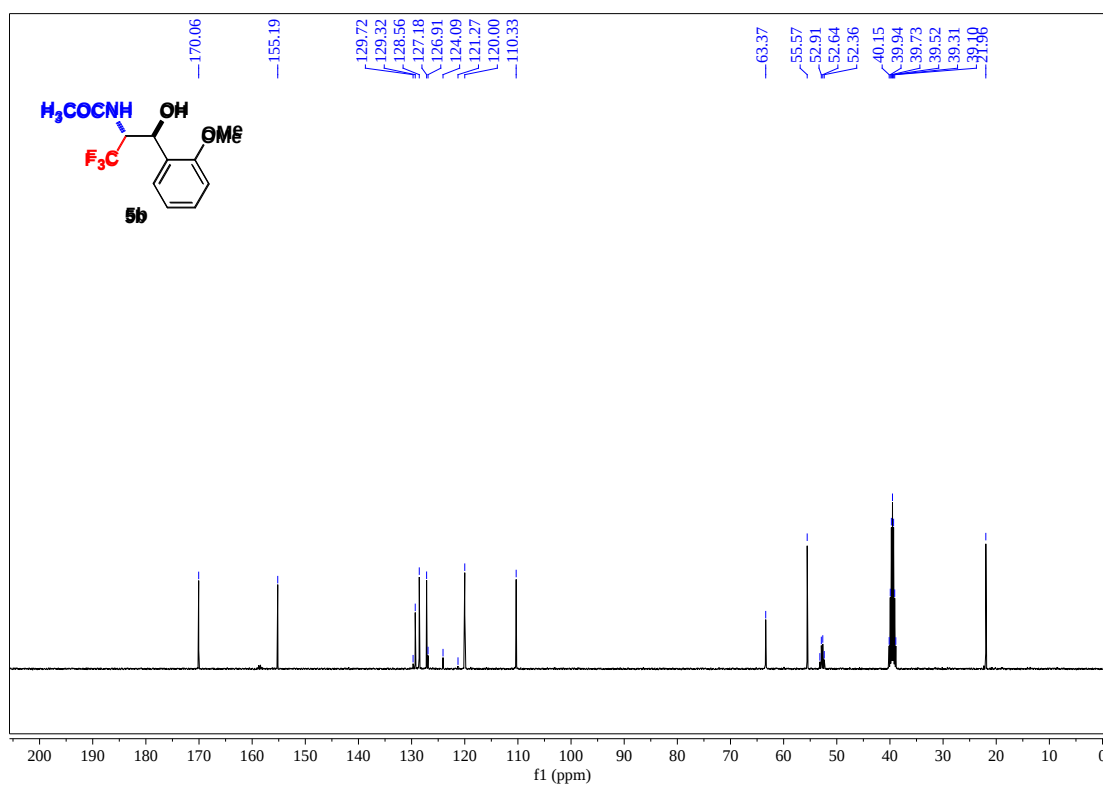
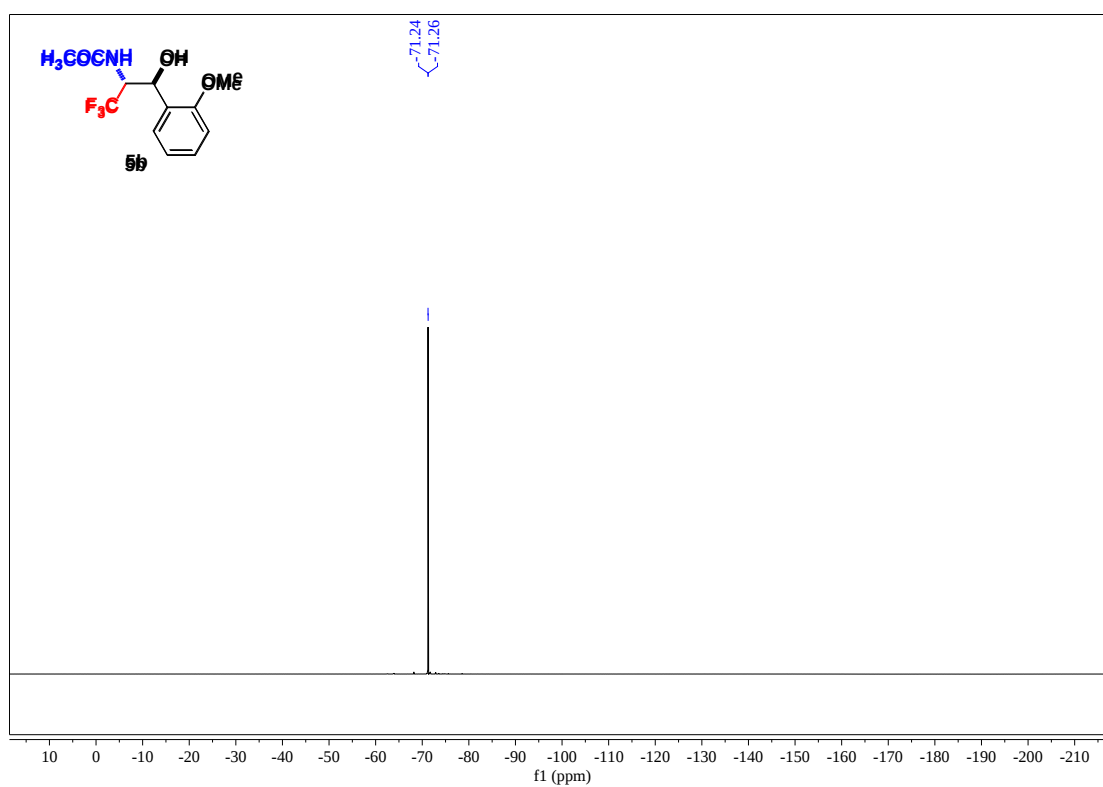


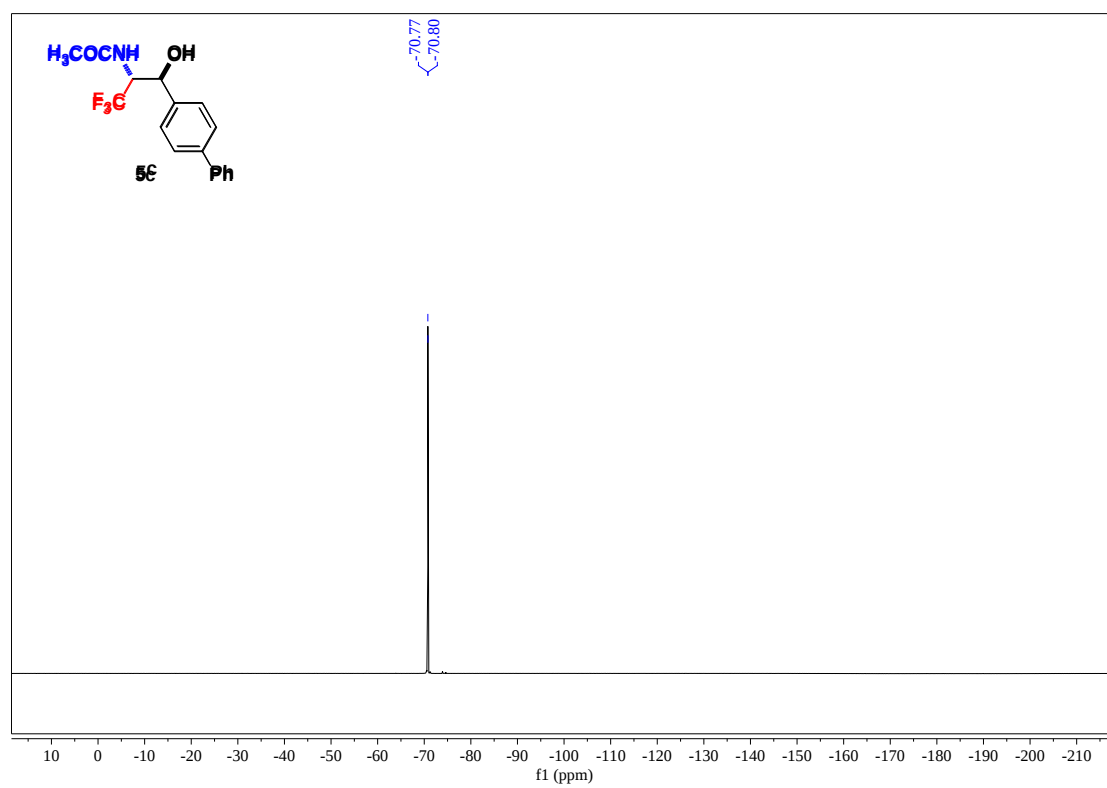
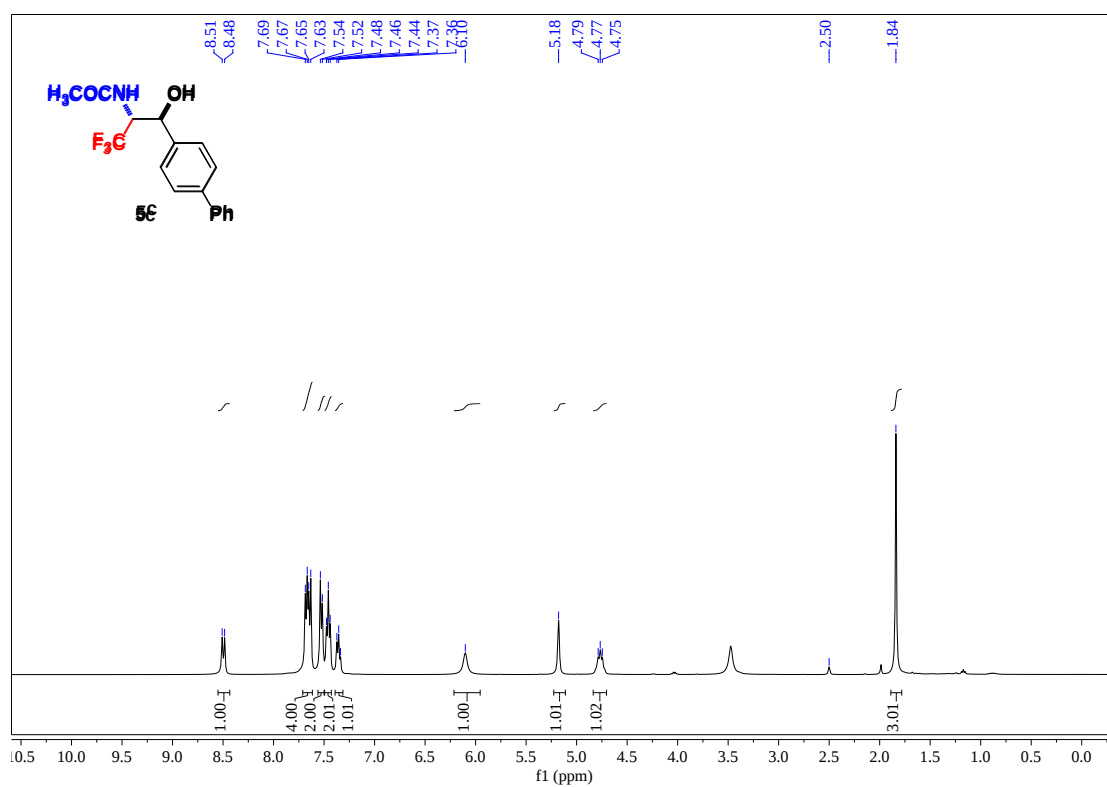


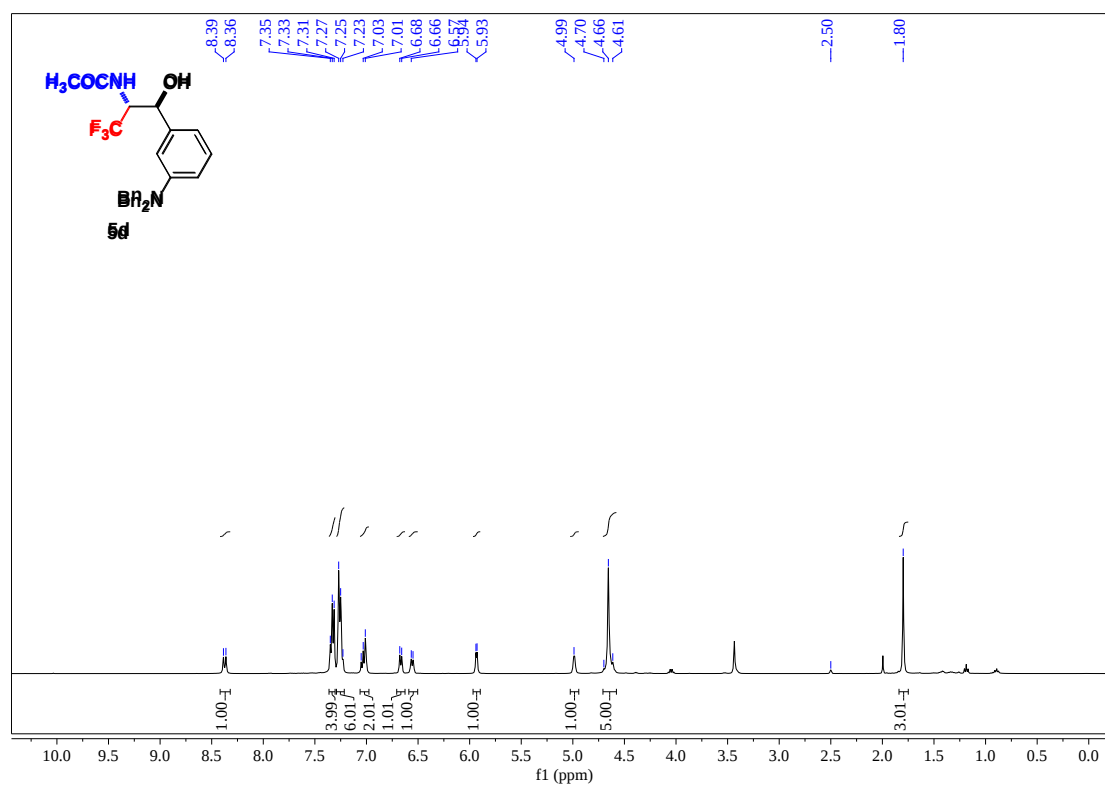
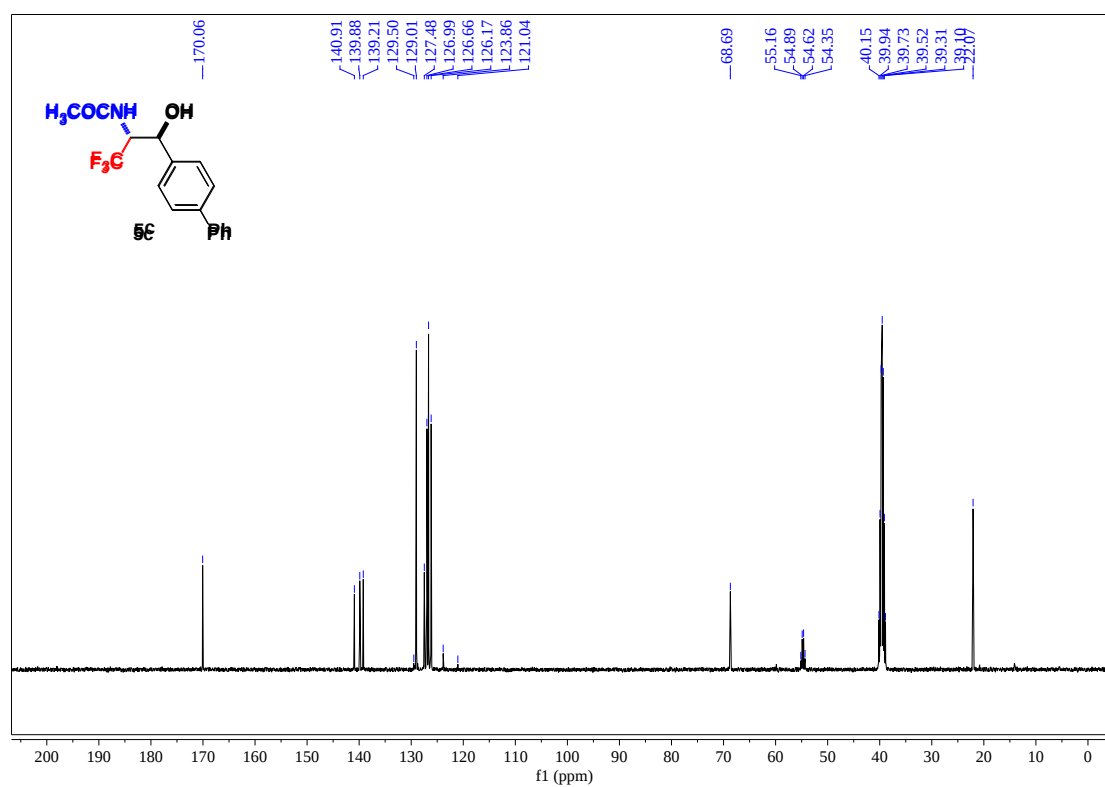


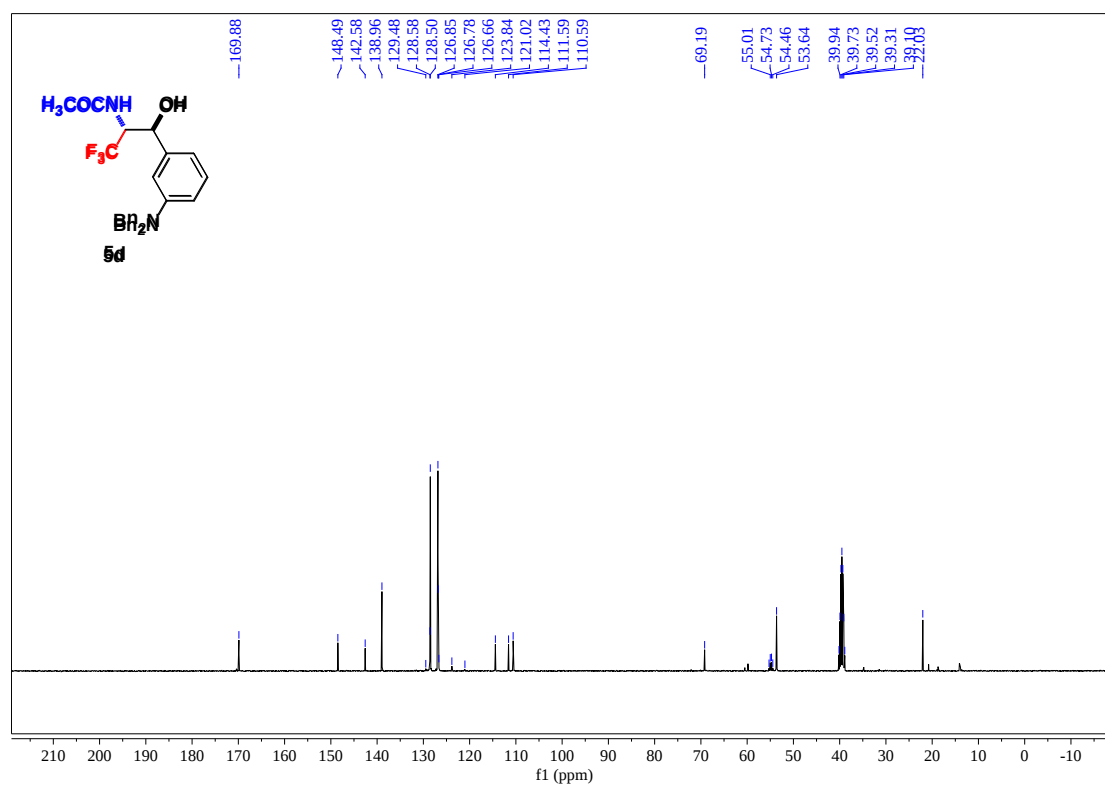
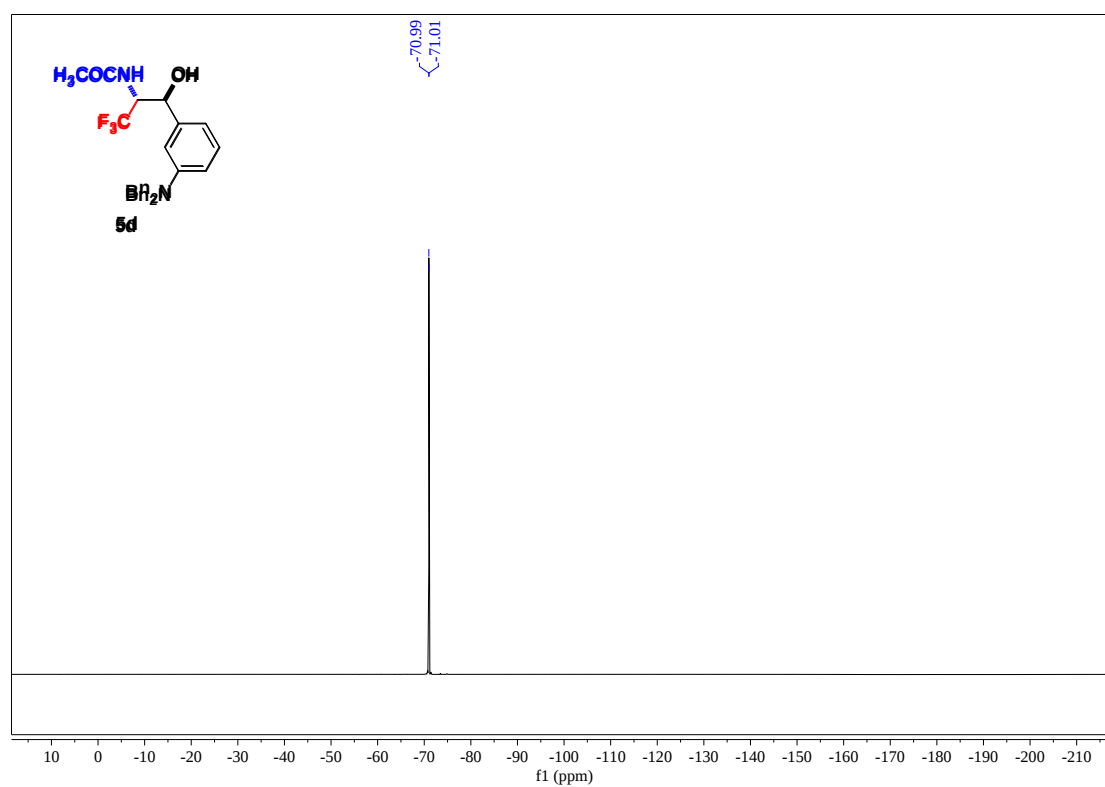


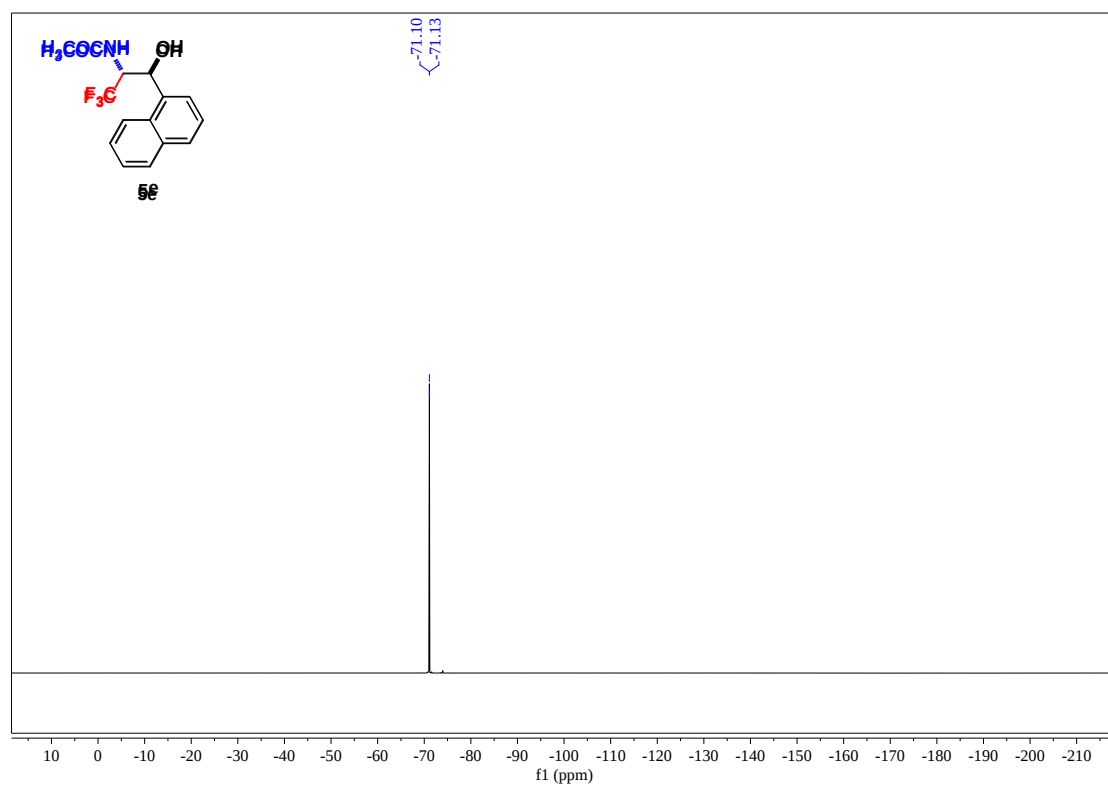
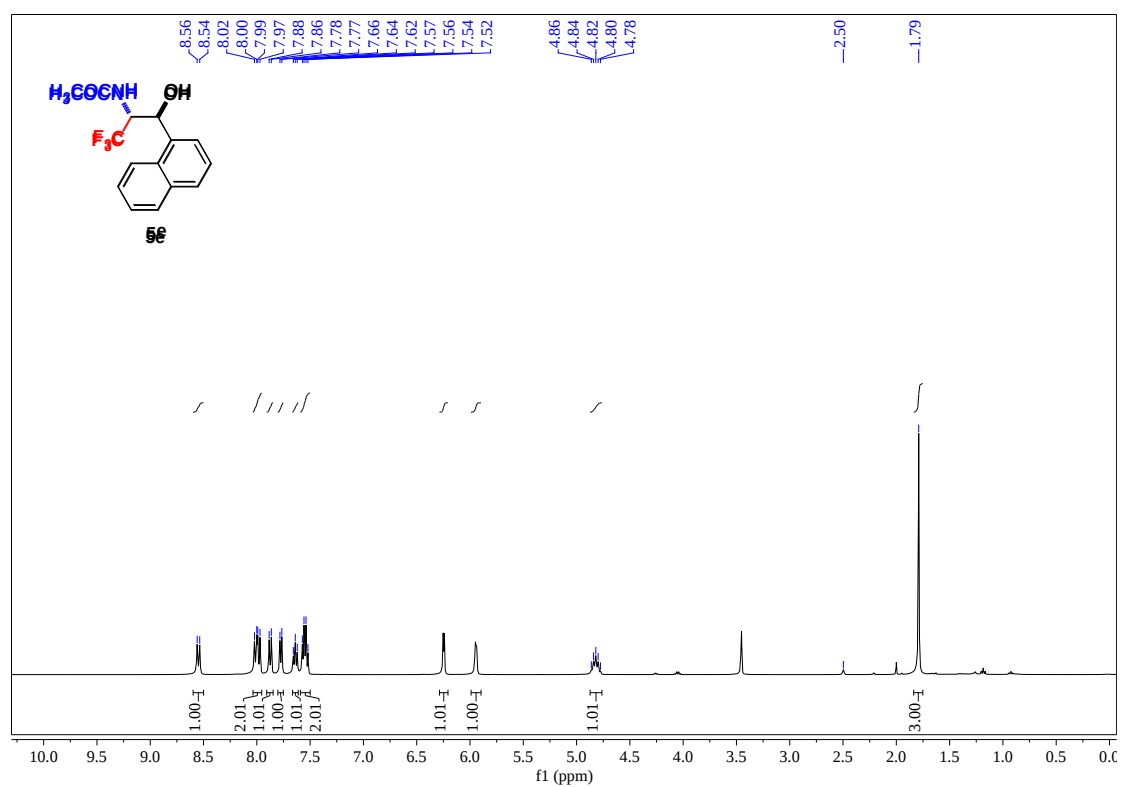


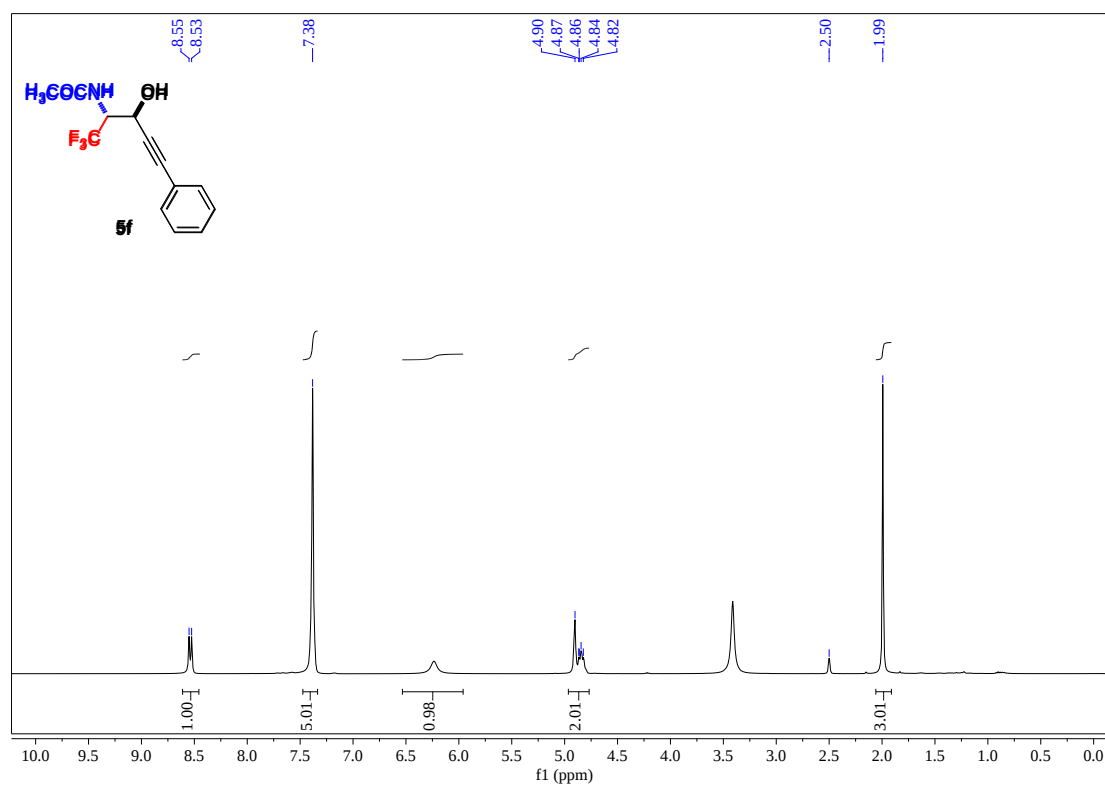
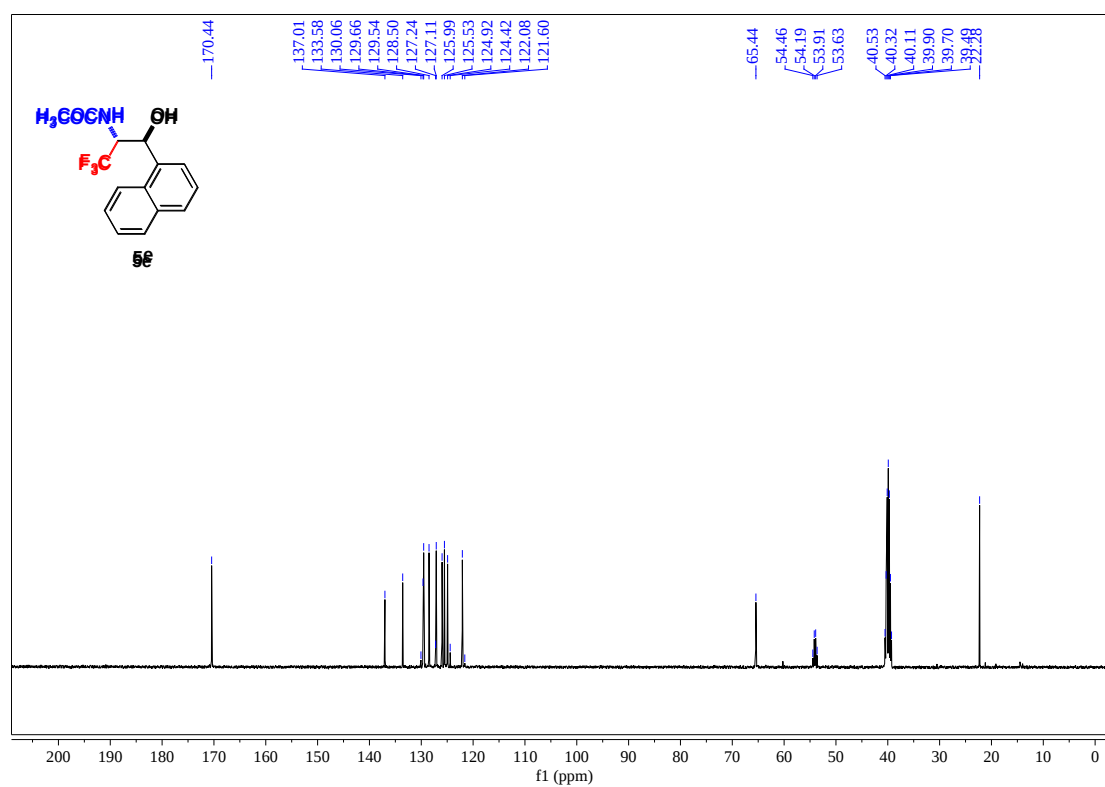


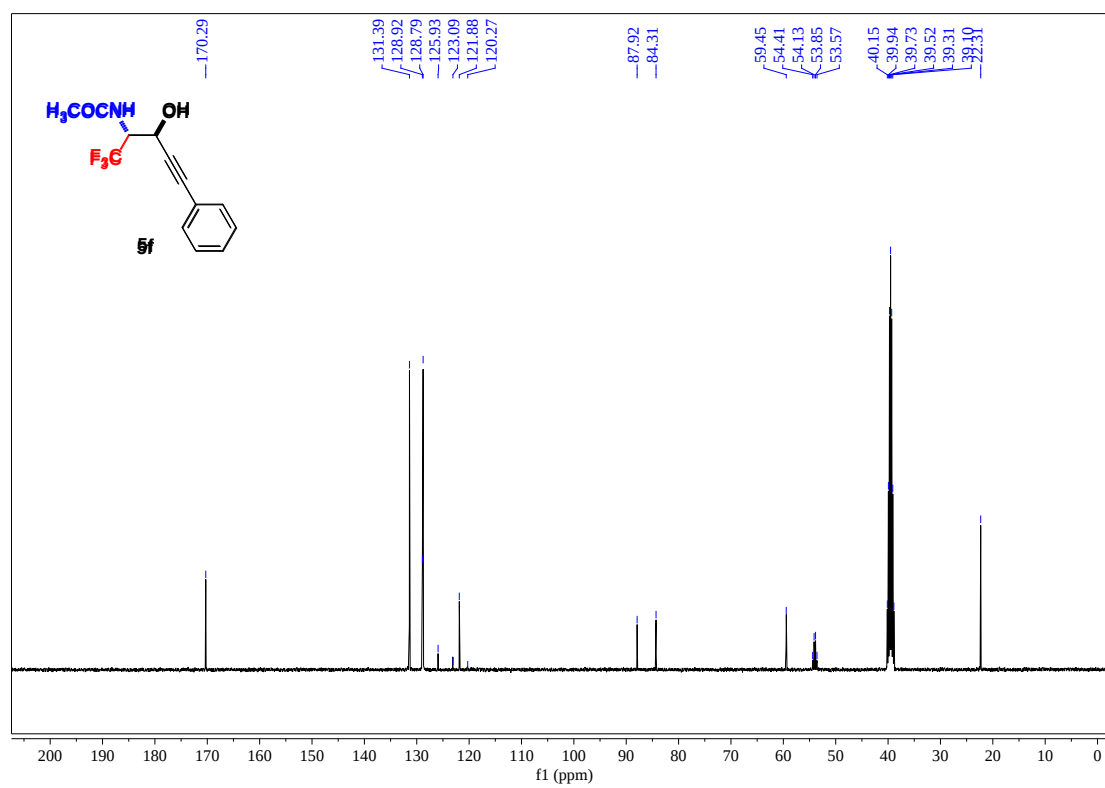
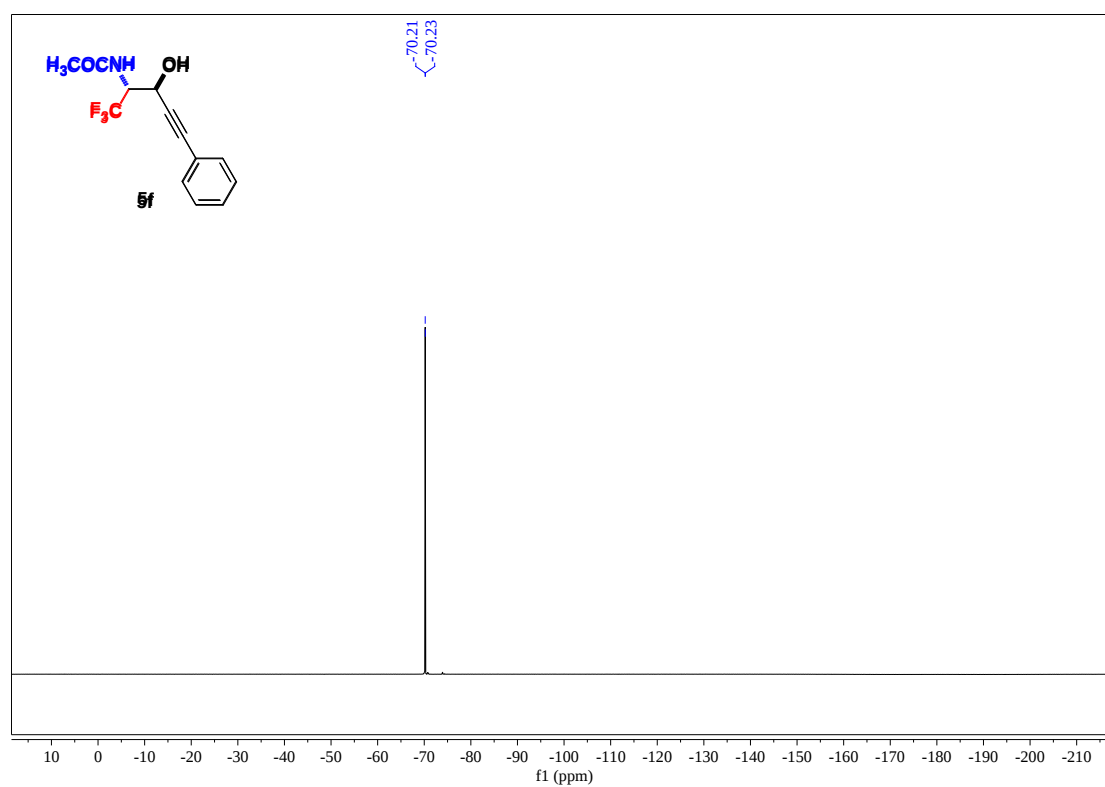


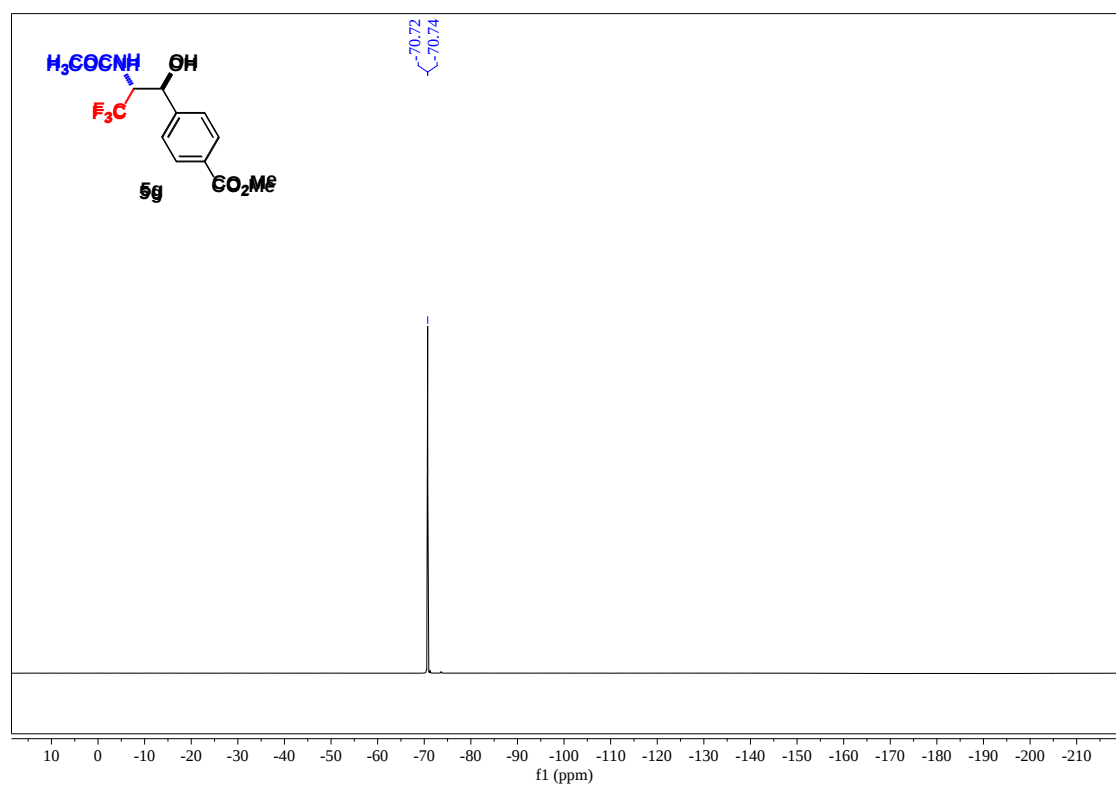
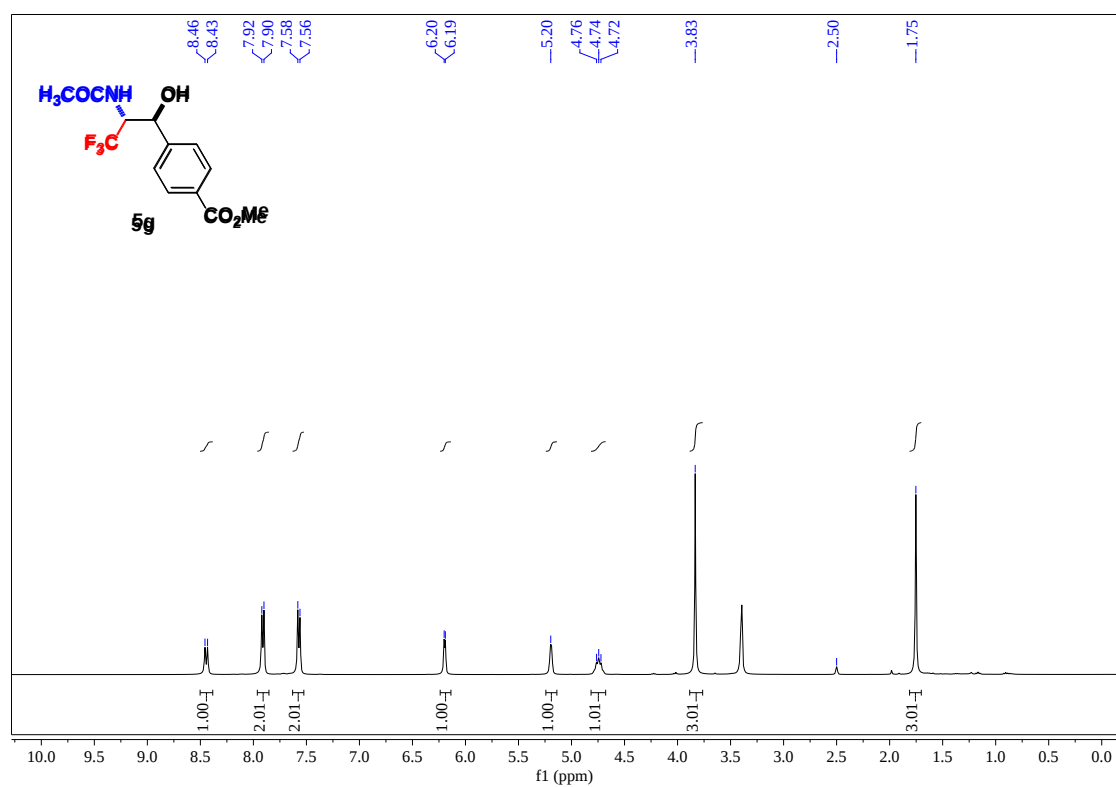


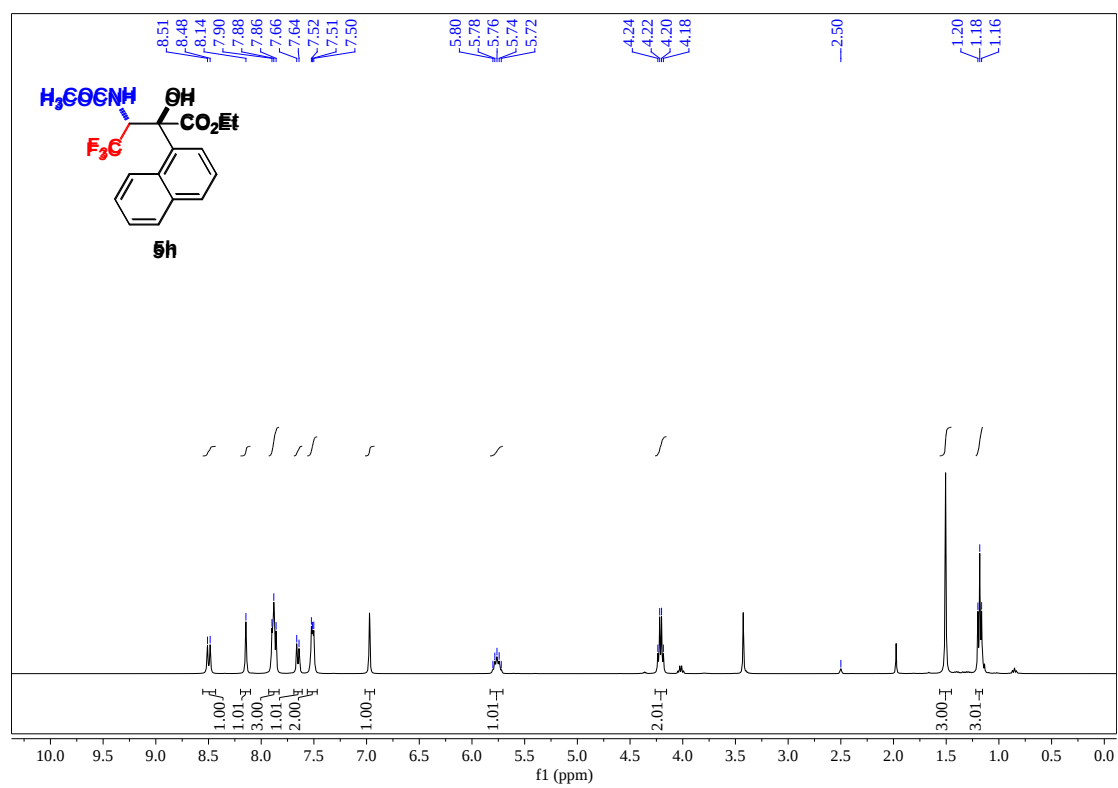
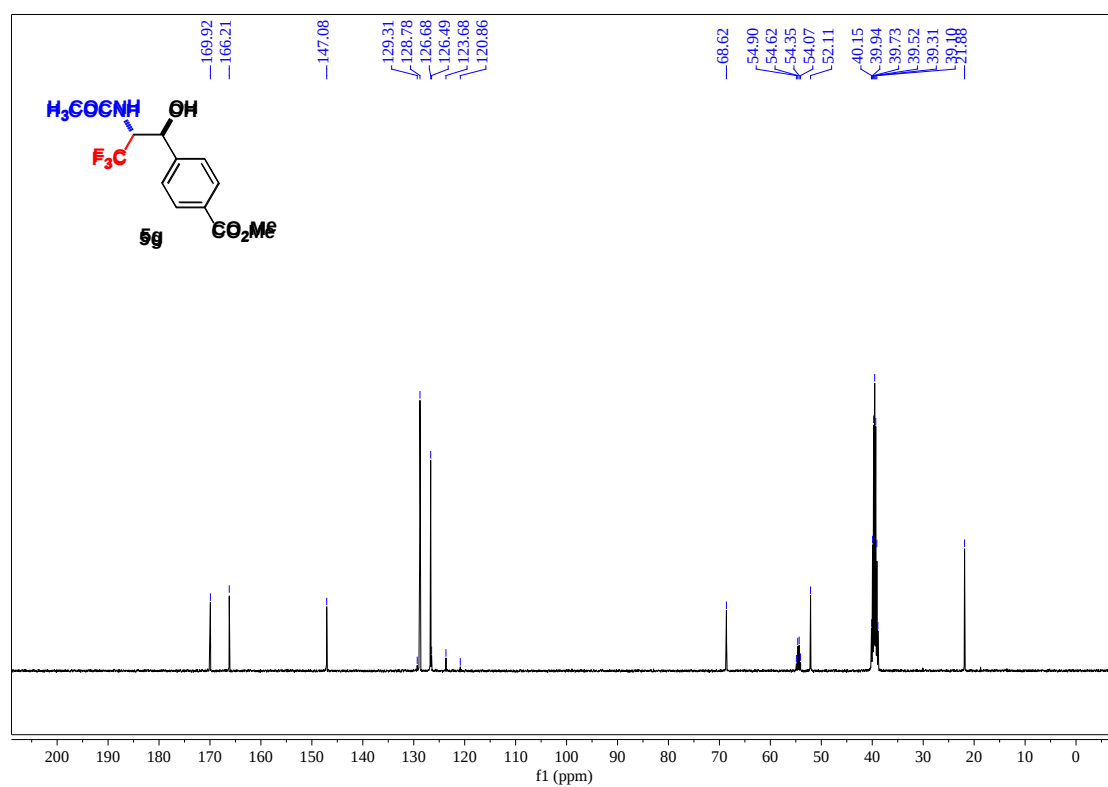


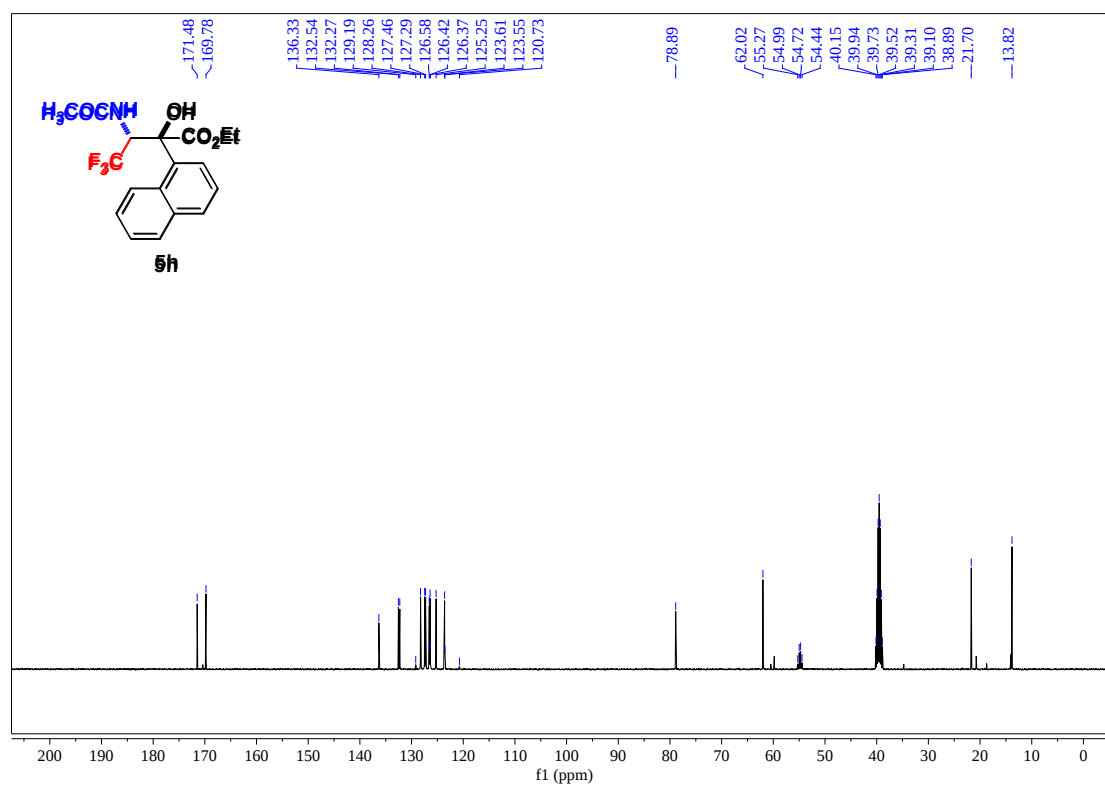
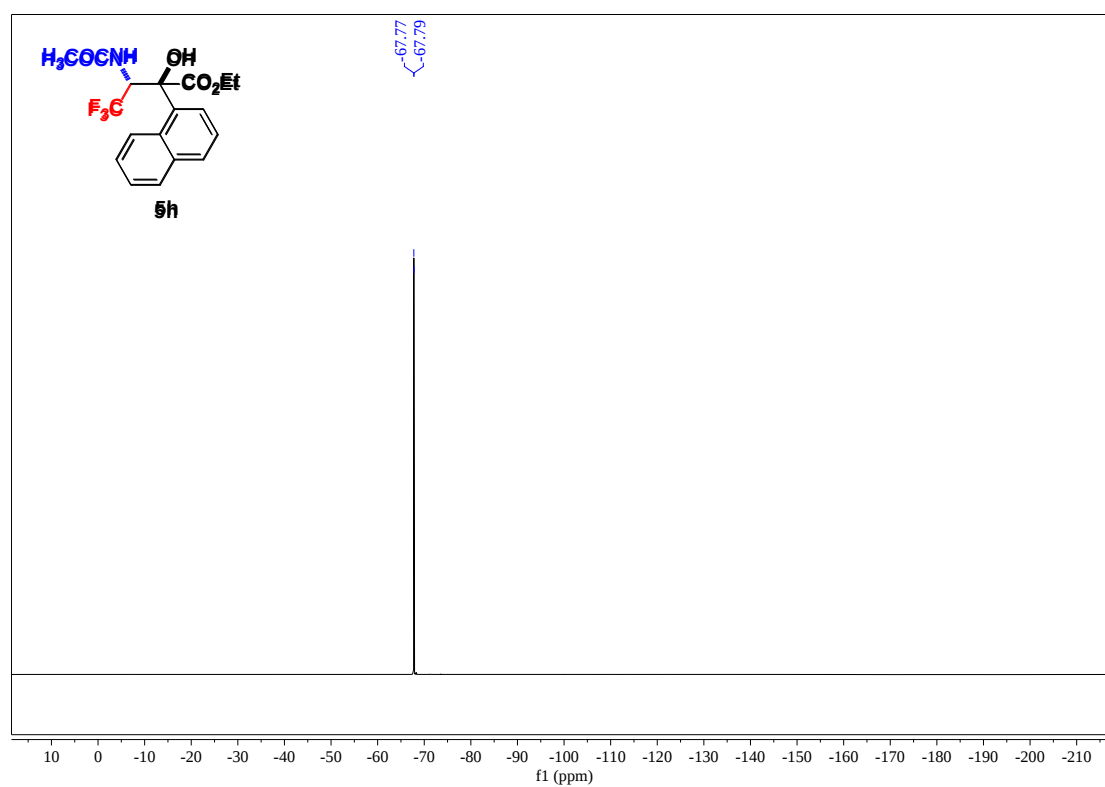


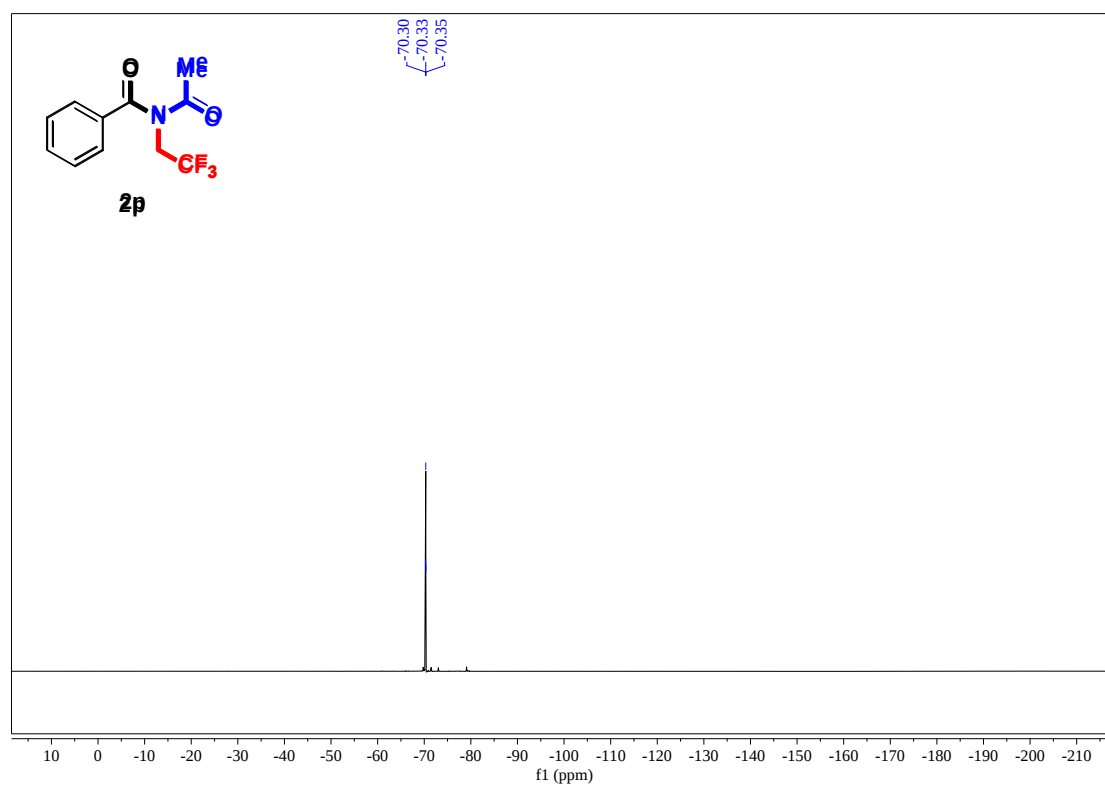
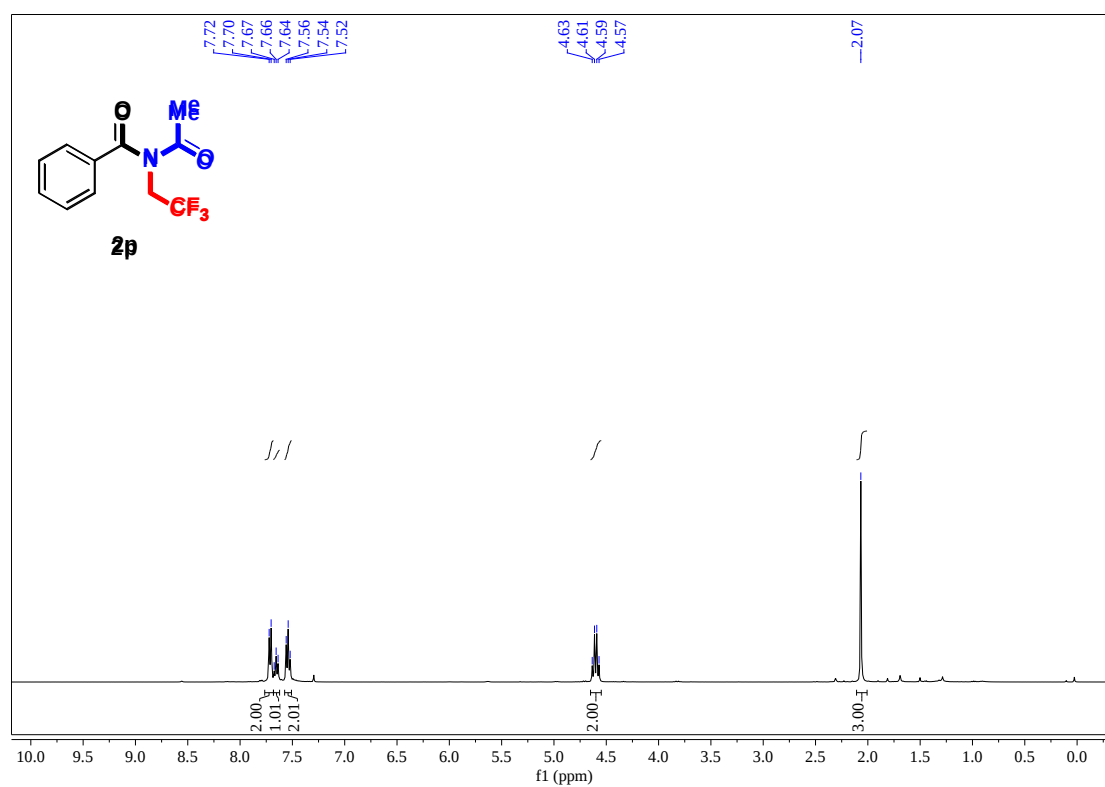


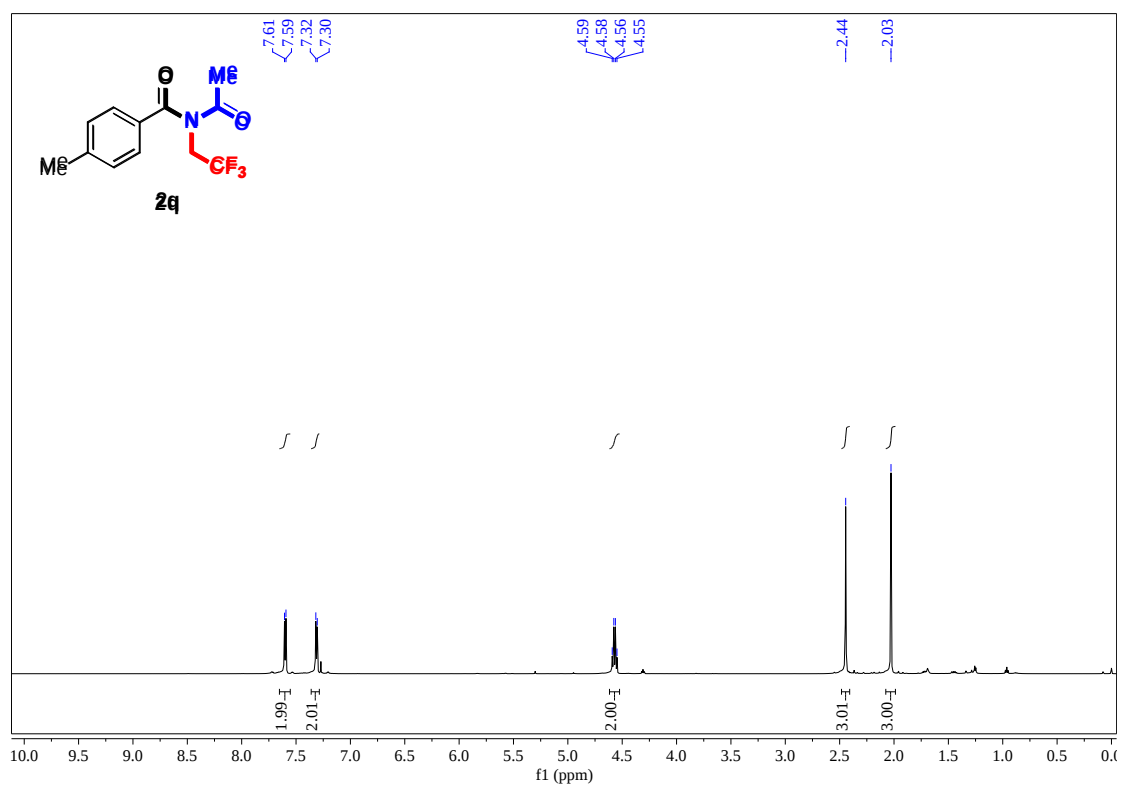
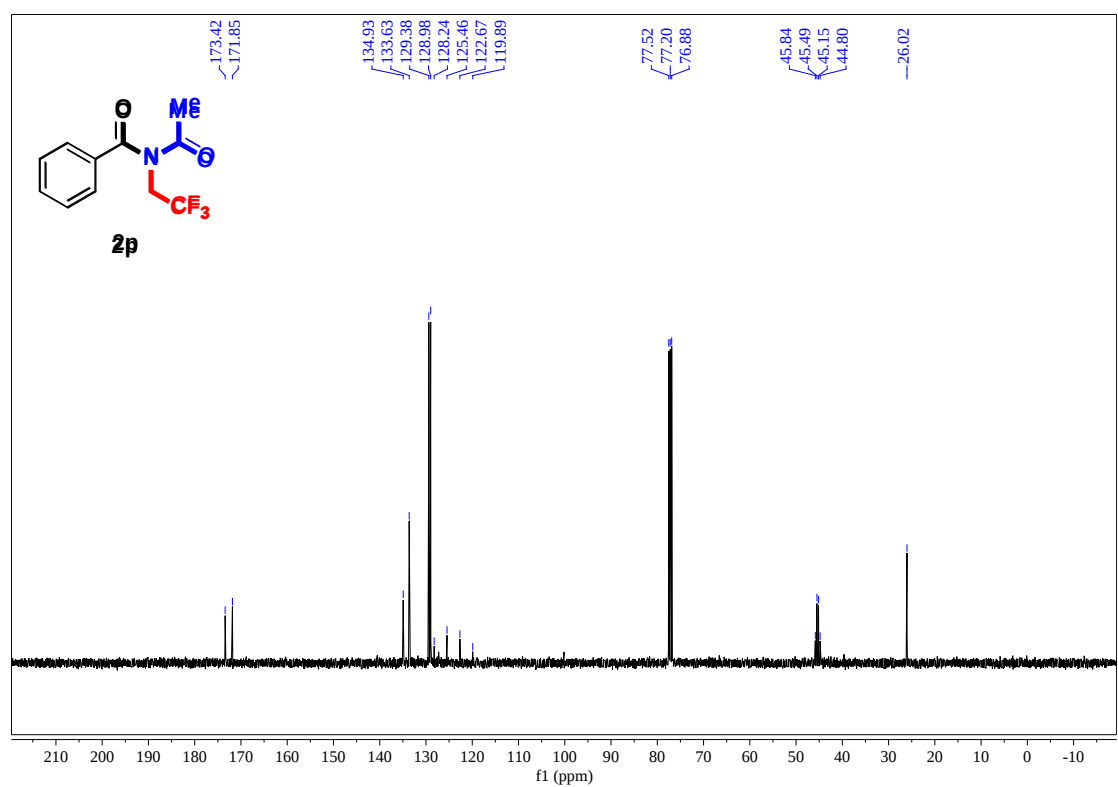


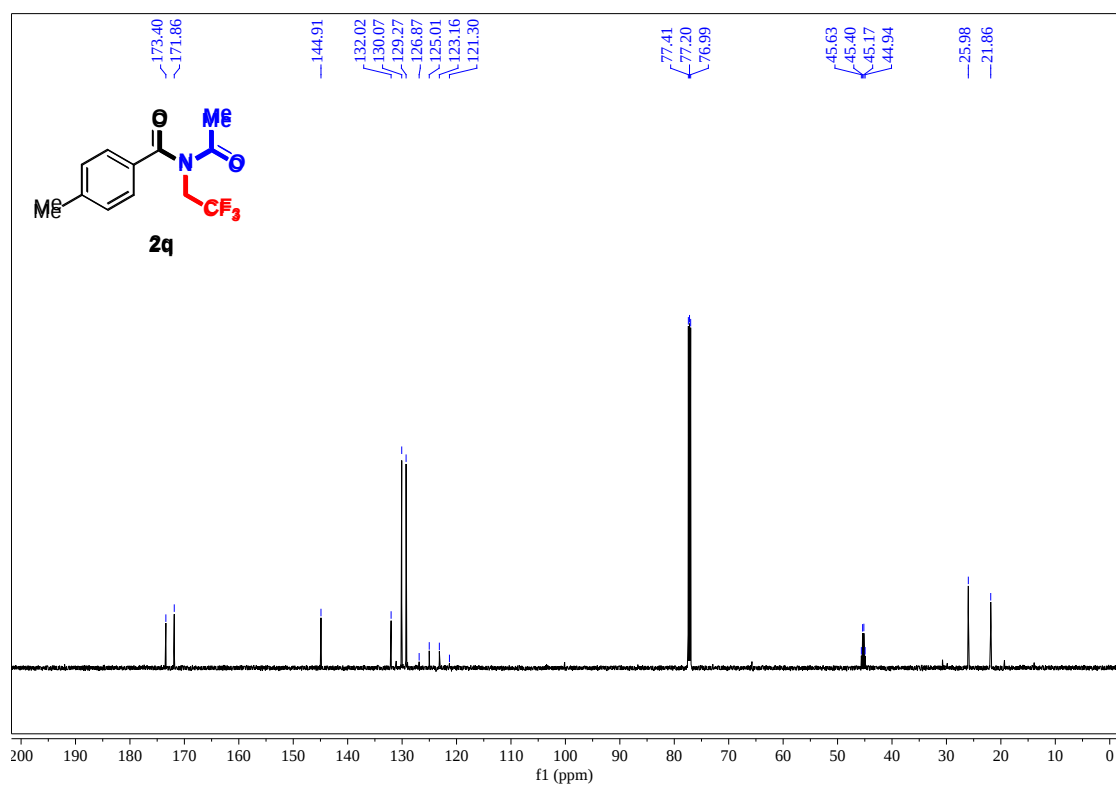
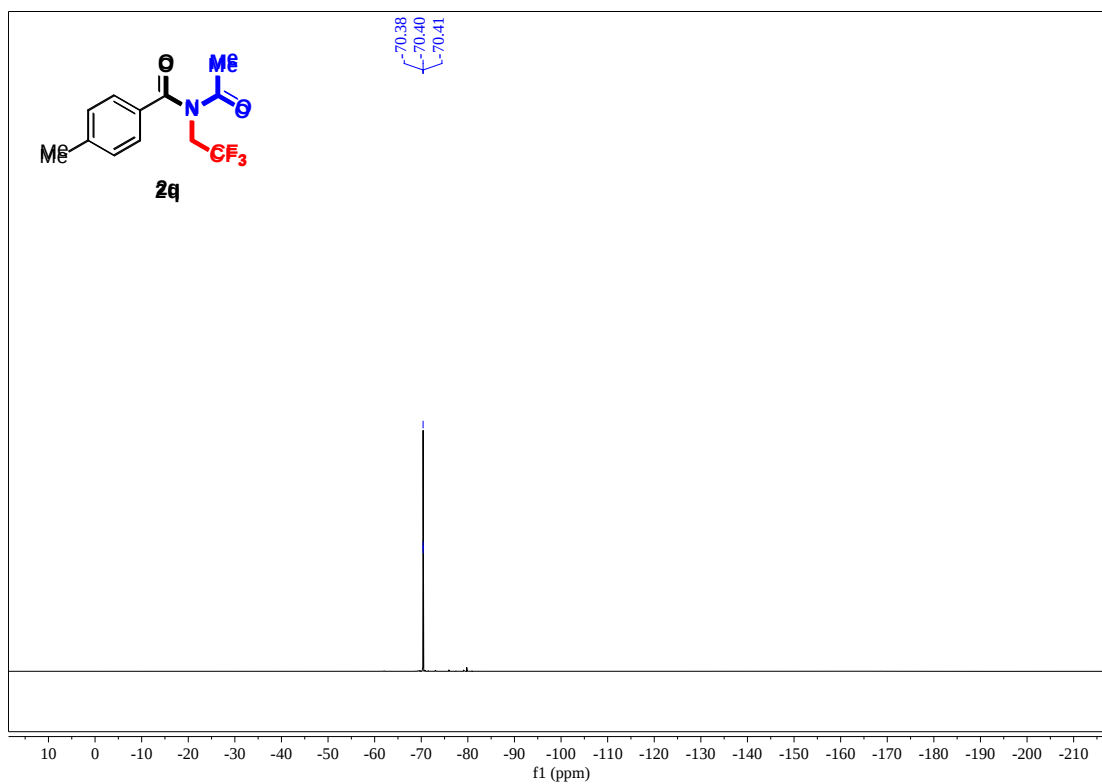


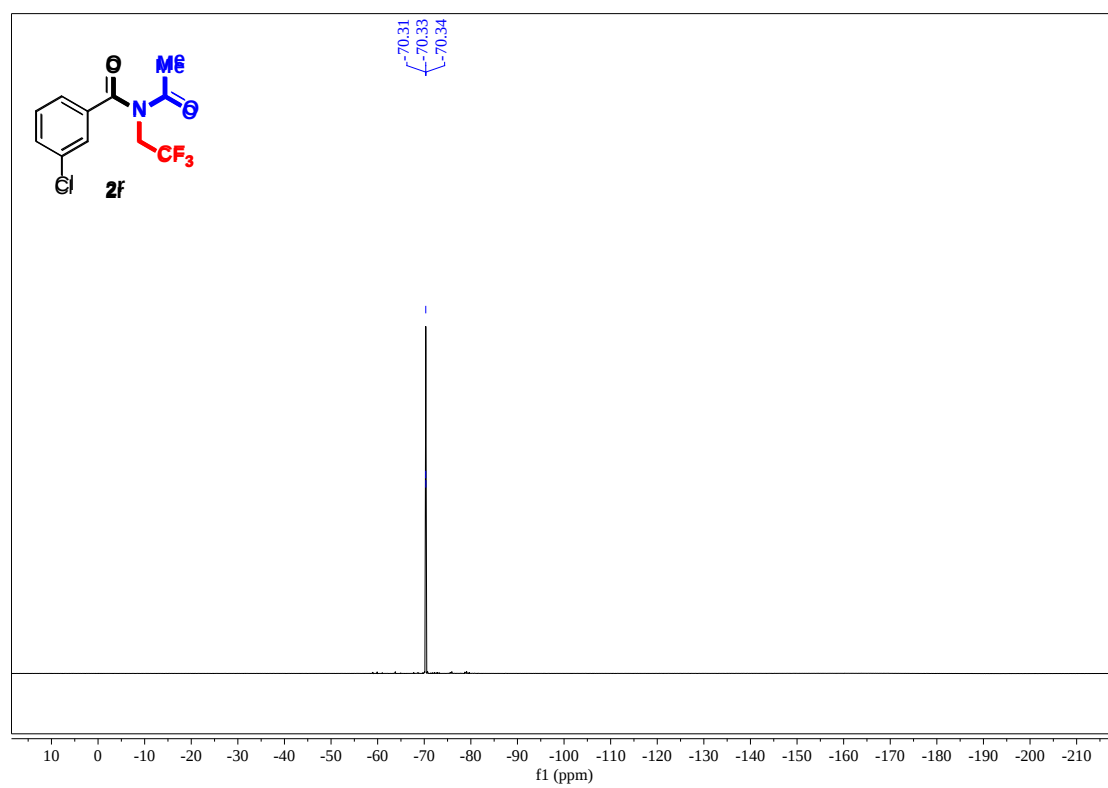
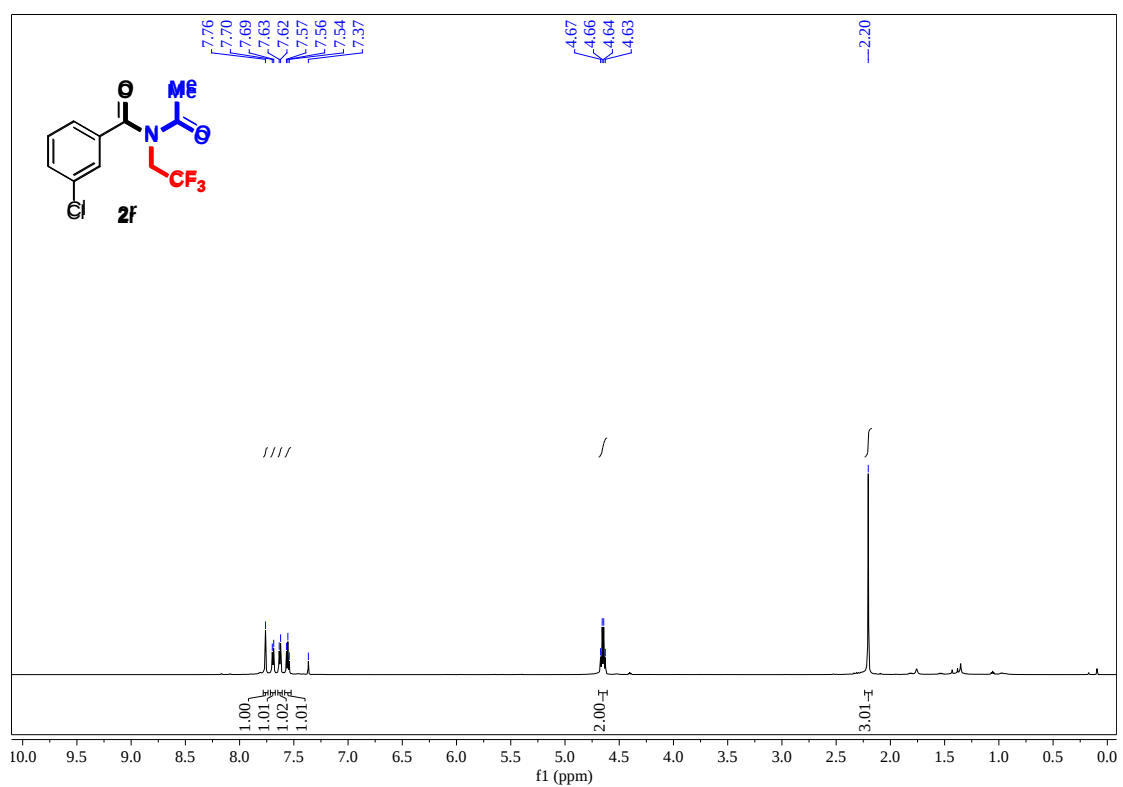


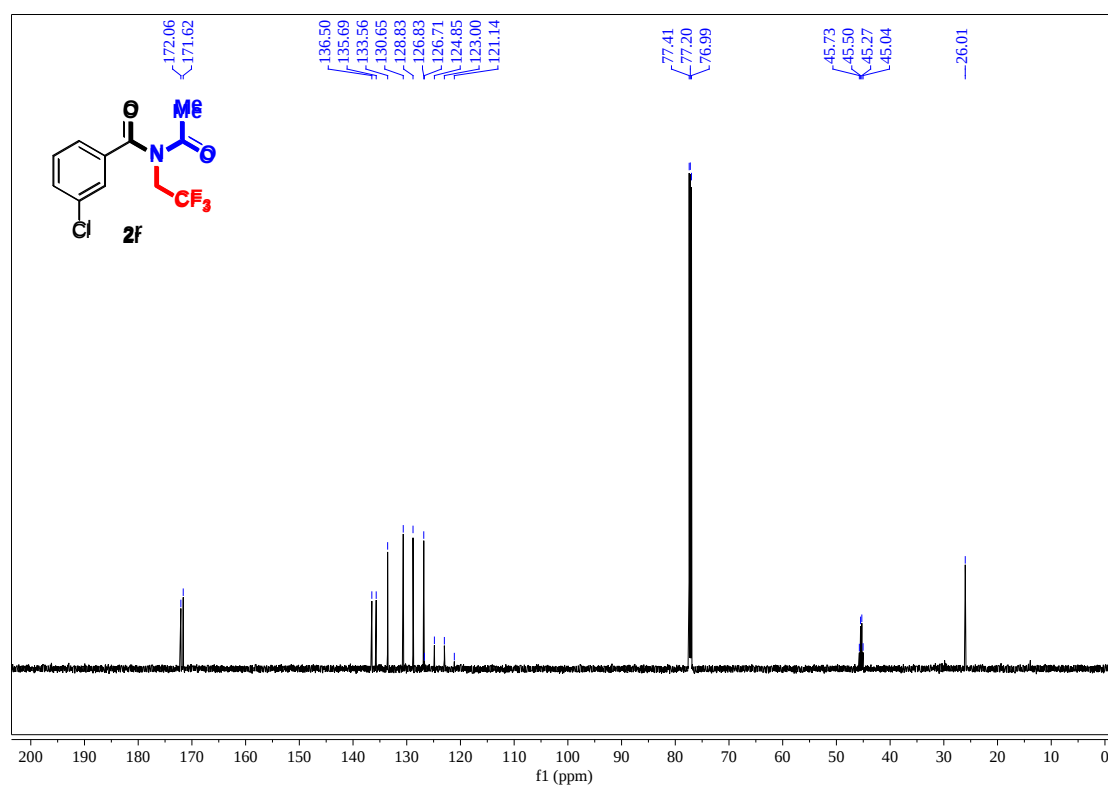






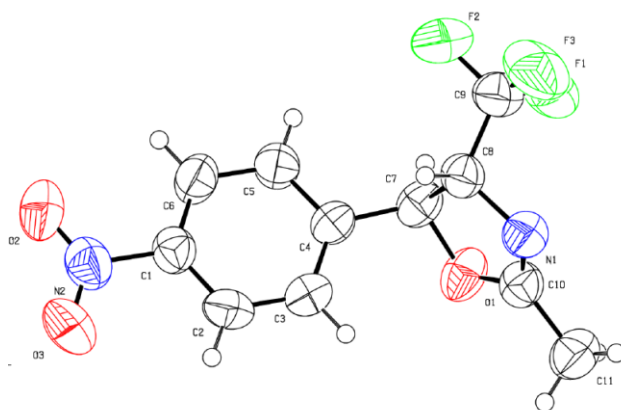




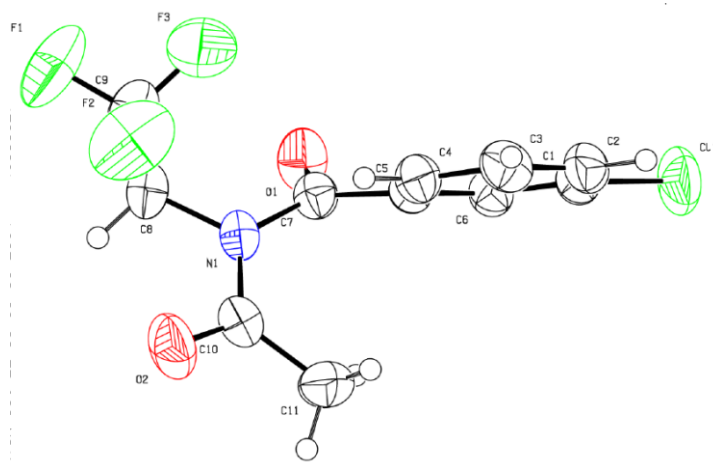


X-Ray analysis for the annulation products **2a** and **2r**:

CCDC 1042102 and 1042103 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for the products **2a** and **2r**. The data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/deposit/>



2a



2r