

Direct Radical Trifluoromethylthiolation and Thiocyanation of Aryl Alkynoate Esters: Mild and Facile Synthesis of 3-Trifluoromethylthiolated and 3-Thiocyanated Coumarins

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1. General information

The solvents used were dried by distillation over the drying agents indicated in parentheses and were transferred under argon: toluene (Na-benzophenone), 1,2-dichloroethane (CaH₂). Anhydrous CH₃CN, DMF and DMSO were purchased from Acros Organics and stored under argon. Commercially available chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Proton (¹H), Fluorine (¹⁹F) and Carbon NMR (¹³C) were recorded at 400 MHz, 376 MHz and 100 MHz NMR spectrometer, respectively. The following abbreviations are used for the multiplicities: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, m: multiplet, br s: broad singlet for proton spectra. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz).

High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a BRUKER VPEXII spectrometer with EI and ESI mode unless otherwise stated.

Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram SIL G/UV₂₅₄ plates. Visualization was accomplished with short wave UV light, or KMnO₄ staining solutions followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh) with solvents distilled prior to use..

No attempts were made to optimize yields for substrate synthesis.

2. Synthesis of the starting materials

Substrates **1a-z** were prepared according to the reported procedure¹⁻².

AgSCF₃ and CuSCF₃ were synthesized according to the reported literature³⁻⁴.

3. General procedure for synthesis of 3-trifluoromethylthiolated and 3-thiocyanated coumarins

(1) Synthesis of 3-trifluoromethylthiolated coumarins

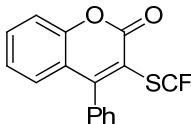
A mixture of **1** (0.2 mmol), AgSCF₃ (0.4 mmol) and K₂S₂O₈ (0.8 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of Ar at 30 °C for 15 h. After completion of the reaction, the resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water and filtered through a pad of celite. Then the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent.

(2) Synthesis of 3-thiocyanated coumarins

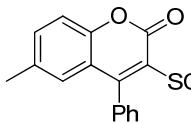
A mixture of **1** (0.2 mmol), AgSCN (0.4 mmol) and ammonium nitrate (0.4 mmol) in DMSO (2 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of air at 60 °C for 15 h. After cooling to the room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water and filtered through a pad of celite. Then the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate as eluent.

4. Characterization of products

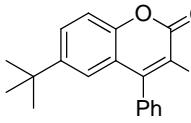
4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2a)

 White solid; (50.3 mg, 78%). $R_F = 0.30$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 3H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 - 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.6, 159.3, 154.0, 134.1, 134.0, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 128.6, 128.2, 124.1, 120.2, 117.1, 113.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.40. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 323.0348, found: 323.0342.

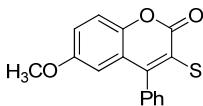
6-methyl-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2b)

 White solid; (48.4 mg, 72%). $R_F = 0.30$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 - 7.52 (m, 3H), 7.23 (s, 3H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 0H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.7, 159.7, 154.1, 146.0, 134.2, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8 (q, $J = 311.5$ Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 126.0, 117.9, 117.2, 111.5, 21.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.68. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.0505, found: 337.0499.

6-(*tert*-butyl)-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2c)

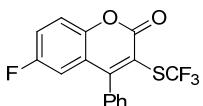
 White solid; (47.7 mg, 63%). $R_F = 0.44$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 - 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.25 - 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 159.7, 159.1, 154.1, 134.2, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 122.3, 117.8, 113.8, 111.8, 35.5, 30.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.67. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 379.0974, found: 379.0970.

6-methoxy-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2d)



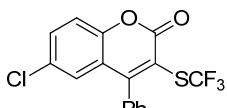
White solid; (41.6 mg, 59%). $R_F = 0.50$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 – 7.53 (m, 3H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 6.4, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd, $J = 8.9, 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 164.7, 159.9, 156.2, 134.4, 130.5, 129.4, 128.8 (d, $J = 312.1$ Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 113.9, 113.2, 108.6, 100.6, 56.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -41.06. **ESI-MS:** calcd for C₁₇H₁₂F₃O₃S [M + H]⁺: 353.0454, found: 353.0453

6-fluoro-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2e)



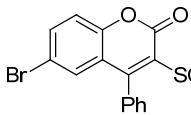
Yellow oil; (34.7 mg, 51%). $R_F = 0.33$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 - 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.24 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.12 - 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.95 (td, $J = 8.7, 2.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8 (d, $J = 258.2$ Hz), 165.1, 159.0, 155.3 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz), 133.9, 131.4 (d, $J = 10.5$ Hz), 129.7, 128.7, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.3$ Hz), 128.1, 117.1, 113.0 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 111.9, 104.6 (d, $J = 25.7$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -40.49, -101.05. **ESI-MS:** calcd for C₁₆H₉F₄O₂S [M + H]⁺: 341.0254, found: 341.0262.

6-chloro-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2f)

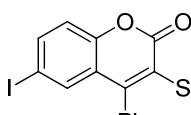


White solid; (41.4 mg, 58%). $R_F = 0.41$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 3H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.25 - 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.8, 158.7, 154.2, 140.3, 133.7, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6 (q, $J = 312.2$ Hz), 128.1, 125.4, 118.9, 117.4, 113.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -40.31. **ESI-MS:** calcd for C₁₆H₉F₃O₂SCl [M + H]⁺: 356.9958, found: 356.9958.

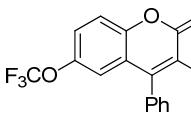
6-bromo-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2g)

 White solid; (48.1 mg, 60%). $R_F = 0.41$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 3H), 7.34 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, $J = 3.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.9, 158.6, 154.0, 133.6, 130.2, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5 (q, $J = 311.7$ Hz), 128.3, 128.1, 120.3, 119.2, 113.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.28. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SBr} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 400.9453, found: 400.9458.

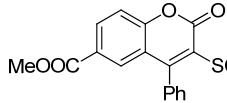
6-iodo-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2h)

 White solid; (49.3 mg, 55%). $R_F = 0.44$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 - 7.53 (m, 4H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 6.4, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.0, 158.5, 153.6, 134.1, 133.6, 130.0, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 128.1, 126.3, 119.7, 113.6, 100.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.26. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SI} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 448.9315, found: 448.9335.

4-phenyl-6-(trifluoromethoxy)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2i)

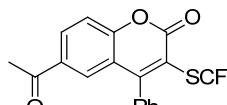
 Yellow oil; (45.5 mg, 56%). $R_F = 0.48$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 - 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.25 - 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 8.9, 1.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.6, 158.6, 154.7, 152.8, 133.6, 130.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.8$ Hz), 128.1, 120.2 (q, $J = 260.5$ Hz), 118.5, 116.7, 113.2, 108.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.30, -57.72. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_8\text{F}_6\text{O}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 407.0171, found: 407.0184.

methyl 2-oxo-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromene-6-carboxylate (2j)



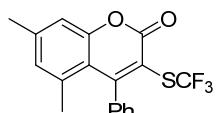
Yellow solid; (40.3 mg, 53%). $R_F = 0.42$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.58 (s, 3H), 7.27 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.2, 164.3, 158.7, 153.5, 134.8, 133.6, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.5 (q, $J = 311.7$ Hz), 128.1, 125.2, 123.2, 118.2, 115.6, 52.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -39.90. **ESI-MS:** $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_4\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 384.0403, found: 384.0406.

6-acetyl-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2k)



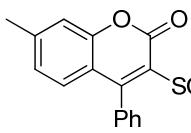
Yellow solid; (26.2 mg, 36%). $R_F = 0.40$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (d, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.59 - 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.26 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 196.2, 164.2, 158.7, 153.8, 140.8, 133.5, 129.8, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5 (q, $J = 311.9$ Hz), 128.1, 123.7, 123.2, 116.9, 115.7, 26.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -39.87. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 365.0454, found: 365.0465.

5,7-dimethyl-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2l)

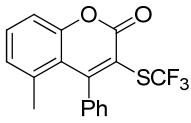


Yellow solid; (55.4 mg, 79%). $R_F = 0.41$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 - 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.23 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.24 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 159.6, 150.6, 136.6, 134.5, 133.7, 129.3, 128.8 (q, $J = 311.5$ Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 126.6, 126.3, 119.8, 112.5, 20.8, 15.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.58. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 351.0661, found: 351.0650.

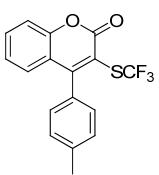
7-methyl-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2m)

 Yellow solid; (30.3 mg, 45%). $R_F = 0.37$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.58 - 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 8.5, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 - 7.22 (m, 2H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 159.5, 152.2, 135.2, 134.6, 134.2, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7 (q, $J = 311.4$ Hz), 128.6, 128.2, 119.9, 116.7, 113.0, 20.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.44. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.0505, found: 337.0501.

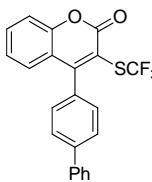
5-methyl-4-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2m')

 Yellow solid; (20.9 mg, 31%). $R_F = 0.35$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.56 (s, 3H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.9, 159.4, 152.4, 135.4, 134.4, 129.4, 128.7 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 127.1, 126.7, 124.2, 120.1, 112.7, 15.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.51. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.0505, found: 337.0511.

4-(*p*-tolyl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2o)

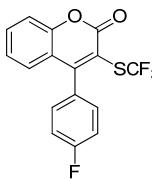
 White solid; (48.4 mg, 72%). $R_F = 0.33$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 3H), 2.48 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.8, 159.4, 153.9, 139.7, 133.9, 131.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.7 (q, $J = 311.7$ Hz), 128.2, 124.7, 120.4, 117.1, 113.0, 21.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.43. **ESI-MS:** $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 337.0505, found: 337.0497.

4-([1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2p)



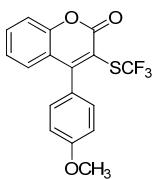
Yellow solid; (57.4 mg, 72%). $R_F = 0.30$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.67 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.53 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.35 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 159.2, 154.1, 142.4, 139.9, 134.1, 132.8, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 124.7, 120.2, 117.1, 113.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.33. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 399.0661, found: 399.0668.

4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2q)



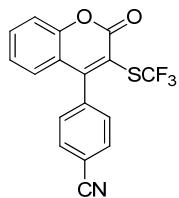
Yellow solid; (53.1 mg, 78%). $R_F = 0.30$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (ddd, $J = 8.6, 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd, $J = 8.3, 0.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.10 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 164.5, 163.3 (d, $J = 261.1$ Hz), 159.1, 154.0, 134.3, 130.4 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 129.9 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 129.1, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 124.8, 120.1, 117.2, 115.9 (d, $J = 22.0$ Hz), 113.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.38, -110.67. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{9}\text{F}_4\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 341.0254, found: 341.0250.

4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2r)



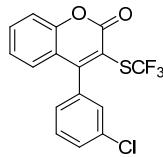
Yellow solid; (46.5 mg, 66%). $R_F = 0.42$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 4H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4, 160.5, 159.4, 153.9, 133.9, 129.9, 129.4, 128.8 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 126.1, 124.7, 120.5, 117.1, 114.0, 113.1, 55.4; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.48. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{12}\text{F}_3\text{O}_3\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 353.0454, found: 353.0447.

4-(2-oxo-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-4-yl)benzonitrile (2s)



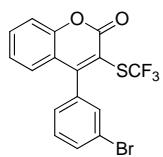
Yellow oil; (42.4 mg, 61%). $R_F = 0.23$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 – 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.68 (ddd, $J = 8.6, 7.4, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 8.4, 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.97 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.4, 158.7, 154.1, 138.5, 134.7, 132.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4 (q, $J = 311.8$ Hz), 125.1, 119.4, 117.9, 117.5, 113.8, 113.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.19. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2\text{S} [\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$: 370.0120, found: 370.0116.

4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2t)



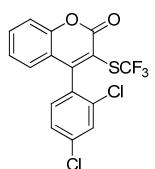
Yellow solid; (52.8 mg, 74%). $R_F = 0.30$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.8, 158.9, 154.0, 135.6, 134.9, 134.4, 130.1, 129.8, 128.9, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.6$ Hz), 128.2, 126.4, 124.9, 119.8, 117.3, 113.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.25. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SCl} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 356.9958, found: 356.9957.

4-(3-bromophenyl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2u)

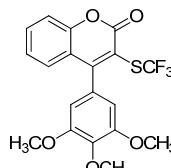


Yellow solid; (57.0 mg, 71%). $R_F = 0.24$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.71 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.7, 158.9, 154.0, 135.8, 134.4, 132.7, 131.0, 130.3, 129.0, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.8$ Hz), 126.9, 124.9, 122.8, 119.8, 117.2, 113.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.24. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SBr} [\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 400.9453, found: 400.9460.

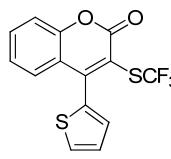
4-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2v)

 Yellow solid; (62.6 mg, 80%). $R_F = 0.23$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.69 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt, $J = 9.4, 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, $J = 11.4, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.6, 158.8, 154.2, 136.6, 134.5, 133.3, 131.5, 130.6, 129.9, 128.6 (q, $J = 311.9$ Hz), 128.2, 127.6, 125.1, 119.0, 117.4, 114.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -39.65. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SCl}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 390.9569, found: 390.9561.

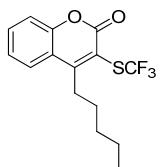
3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-2H-chromen-2-one (2w)

 Yellow solid; (46.2 mg, 56%). $R_F = 0.30$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.46 (s, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.3, 159.2, 153.9, 153.5, 138.7, 134.1, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8 (q, $J = 311.2$ Hz), 124.8, 120.2, 117.1, 113.2, 105.5, 61.1, 56.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.21. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_5\text{S}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 413.0665, found: 413.0665.

4-(thiophen-2-yl)-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2x)

 Yellow solid; (30.9 mg, 47%). $R_F = 0.27$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 – 7.63 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 3.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.9, 158.8, 153.7, 134.2, 132.9, 130.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6 (q, $J = 313.1$ Hz), 127.4, 124.9, 120.4, 117.1, 115.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.21. **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 328.9912, found: 328.9904.

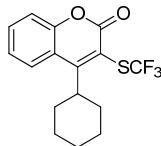
4-pentyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2y)



Yellow oil; (38.6 mg, 61%). $R_F = 0.31$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.27 – 3.23 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.45 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 159.2, 153.9, 133.9, 128.9 (q, $J = 311.5$ Hz), 126.3, 124.8, 118.7, 117.7, 112.0, 32.1, 31.7, 29.6, 22.3, 13.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -40.82.

ESI-MS: calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 317.0818, found: 317.0806.

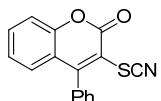
4-cyclohexyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-2H-chromen-2-one (2z)



Yellow oil; (16.4 mg, 25%). $R_F = 0.35$ (PE:EA = 10:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.23 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.3, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 – 4.11 (m, 1H), 2.12 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.98 – 1.83 (m, 5H), 1.54 – 1.39 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.2, 159.4, 153.8, 133.5, 129.0 (q, $J = 311.0$ Hz), 127.9, 123.9, 118.2, 117.9, 112.2, 45.8, 30.5, 26.6, 25.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -41.45.

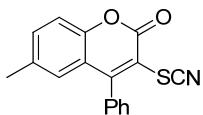
ESI-MS: calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{S}$ [M + H] $^+$: 329.0818, found: 329.0805.

4-phenyl-3-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (3a)



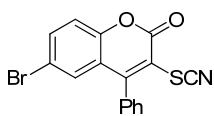
White solid; (26.8 mg, 48%). $R_F = 0.27$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 4H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.16 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.5$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.8, 157.4, 153.5, 134.1, 133.2, 130.3, 129.3, 128.7, 128.0, 125.1, 119.8, 117.3, 112.8, 108.1; **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ [M + Na] $^+$: 302.0246, found: 302.0239.

6-methyl-4-phenyl-3-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (3b)



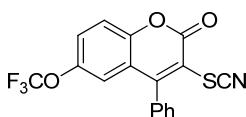
White solid; (25.2 mg, 43%). $R_F = 0.27$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.30 (dd, $J = 6.6, 2.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.07 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 161.2, 157.7, 153.7, 146.1, 133.4, 130.2, 129.2, 128.4, 128.0, 126.3, 117.5, 117.3, 111.1, 108.5, 21.9; **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$ [M + Na] $^+$: 316.0403, found: 316.0399.

6-bromo-4-phenyl-3-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (3g)



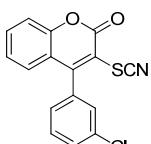
White solid; (35.8 mg, 50%). $R_F = 0.31$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 8.6, 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1, 156.7, 153.5, 132.7, 130.6, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 120.5, 118.8, 113.0, 107.8; **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2\text{SBr}$ [M + Na] $^+$: 379.9351, found: 379.9343.

4-phenyl-3-thiocyanato-6-(trifluoromethoxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (3i)



Yellow oil; (37.1 mg, 51%). $R_F = 0.35$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.8, 156.7, 154.2, 152.7, 132.7, 130.6, 130.3, 129.4, 127.9, 120.2 (q, $J = 260.5$ Hz), 118.1, 117.1, 112.9, 109.0, 107.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -57.72; **ESI-MS:** calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_3\text{F}_3\text{S}$ [M + Na] $^+$: 386.0069, found: 386.0062.

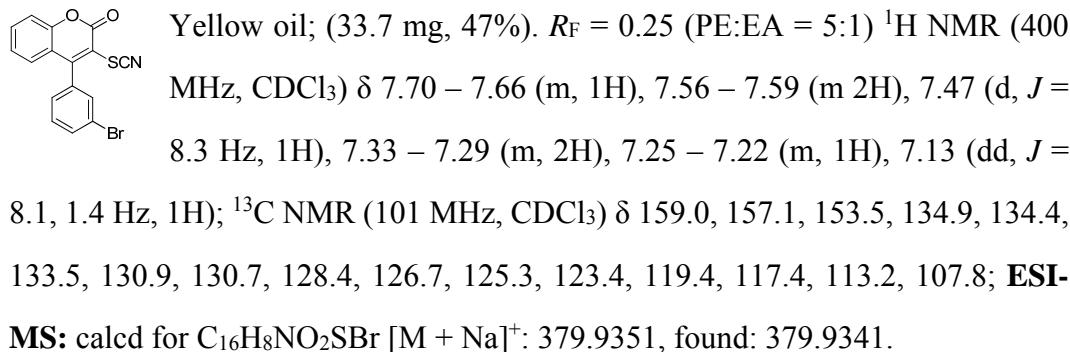
4-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (3t)



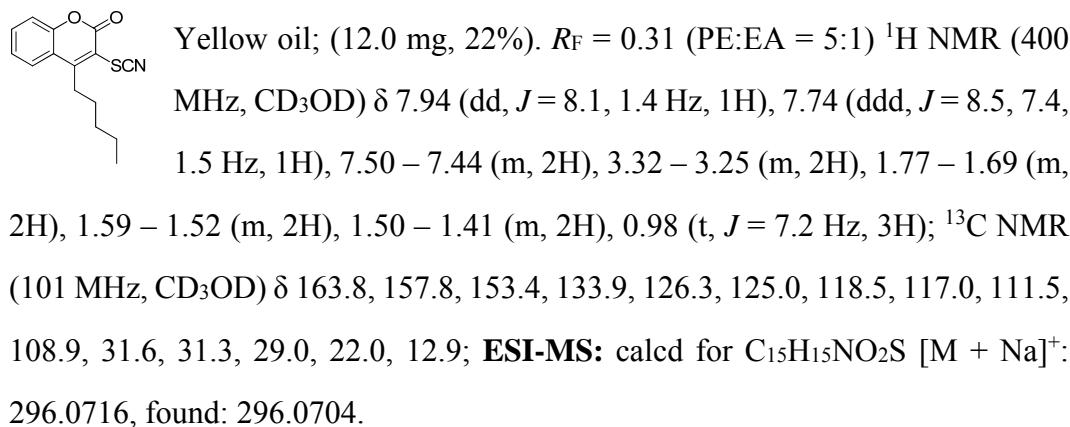
Yellow oil; (26.4 mg, 42%). $R_F = 0.27$ (PE:EA = 5:1) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.70 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.56 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, $J = 8.1, 1.4$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2, 157.1, 153.5, 135.5, 134.7,

134.4, 130.8, 130.5, 128.4, 127.9, 126.3, 125.3, 119.4, 117.4, 113.2, 107.8; **ESI-MS:** calcd for C₁₆H₈NO₂SCl [M + Na]⁺: 335.9856, found: 335.9851.

4-(3-bromophenyl)-3-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (3u)

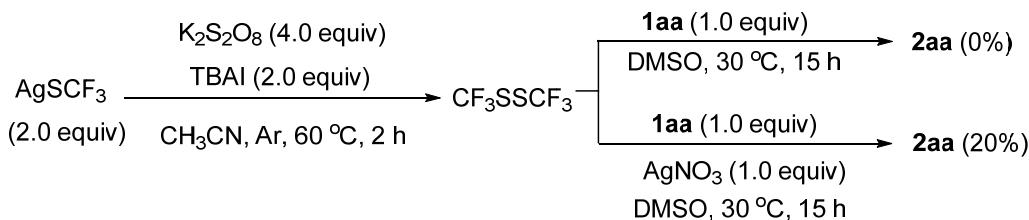


4-pentyl-3-thiocyanato-2H-chromen-2-one (3y)



5. Mechanistic study

Role of the silver experiments⁵



Experiment of 6: A mixture of AgSCF₃ (41.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), K₂S₂O₈ (108.1, 0.4 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (TBAI) (73.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (0.5 mL) was

stirred under an atmosphere of Ar at 60 °C for 2 h. After cooling to the room temperature, **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.1mmol) in DMSO (0.5 mL) was added and stirred at 30 °C for another 15 h. Afterwards, methyl 4-bromobenzoate (21.5mg, 0.1mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water and filtered through a pad of celite. Then the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yield of **2a** was determined by ¹H NMR resonance using methyl 4-bromobenzoate as the internal standard. (0%, ¹H NMR yield)

Experiment of eq 7: A mixture of AgSCF₃ (41.8 mg, 0.2 mmol), K₂S₂O₈ (108.1, 0.4 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (TBAI) (73.9 mg, 0.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (0.5 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of Ar at 60 °C for 2 h. After cooling to the room temperature, AgNO₃ (17.0 mg, 0.1 mmol) and **1a** (22.2 mg, 0.1mmol) in DMSO (0.5 mL) was added and stirred at 30 °C for another 15 h. Afterwards, methyl 4-bromobenzoate (21.5 mg, 0.1mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and water and filtered through a pad of celite. Then the filtrate was extracted with ethyl acetate for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The yield of **2a** was determined by ¹H NMR resonance using methyl 4-bromobenzoate as the internal standard. (20%, ¹H NMR yield)

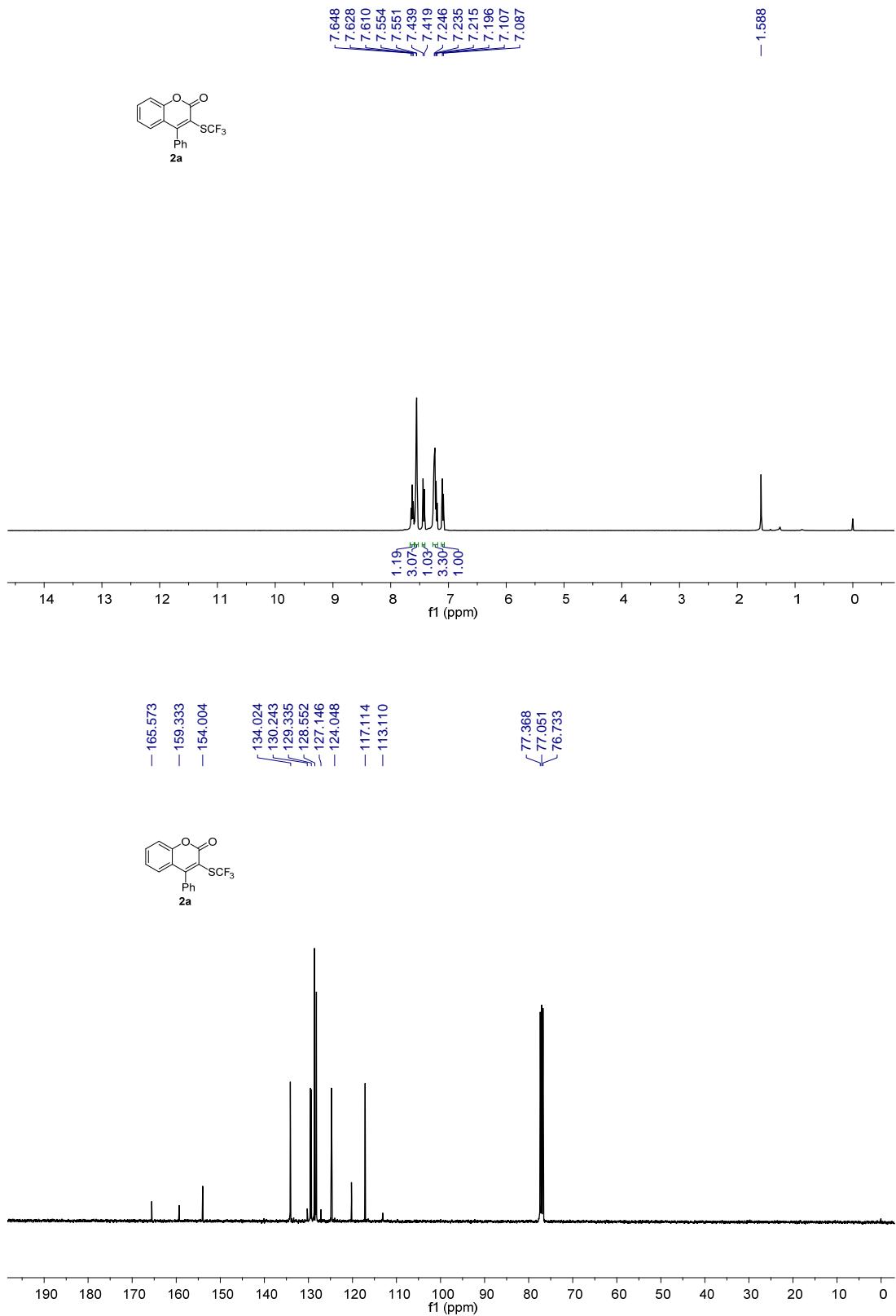
6. X-ray Crystal Structure Data for **2g**

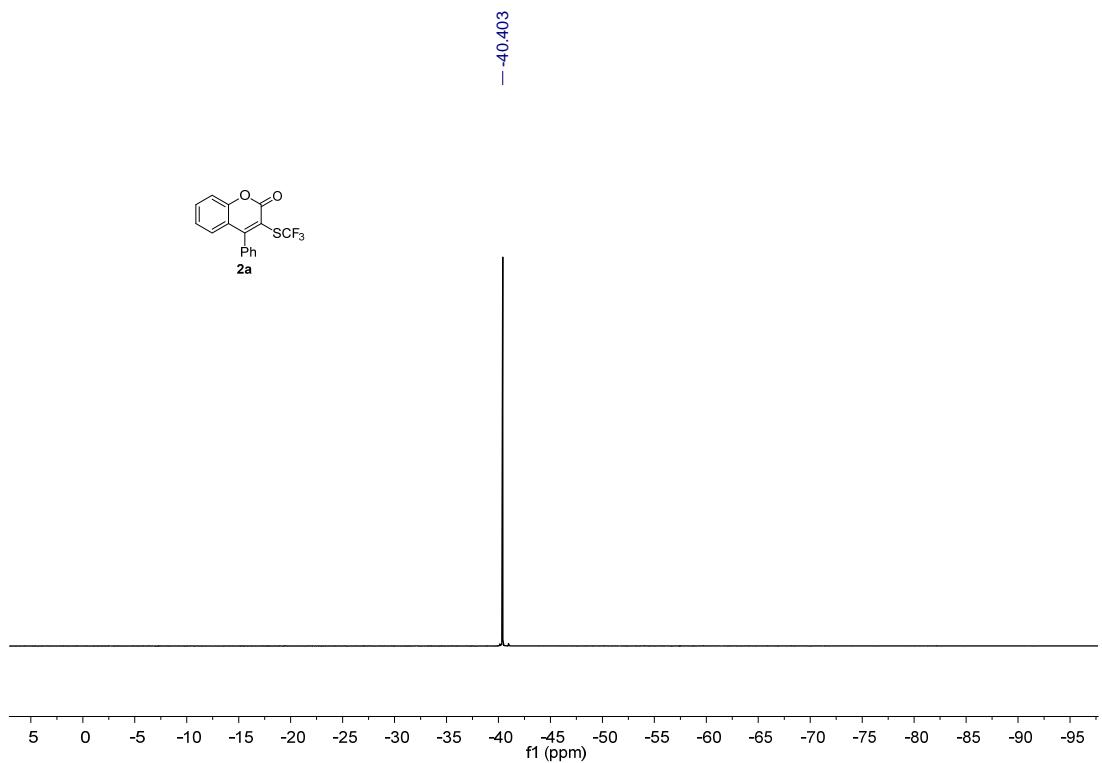
The structure of **2g** was determined by the X-ray diffraction. And it was recrystallized from DCM/ petroleum ether. Further information can be found in the CIF file. This crystal was deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and assigned as CCDC 1409264.

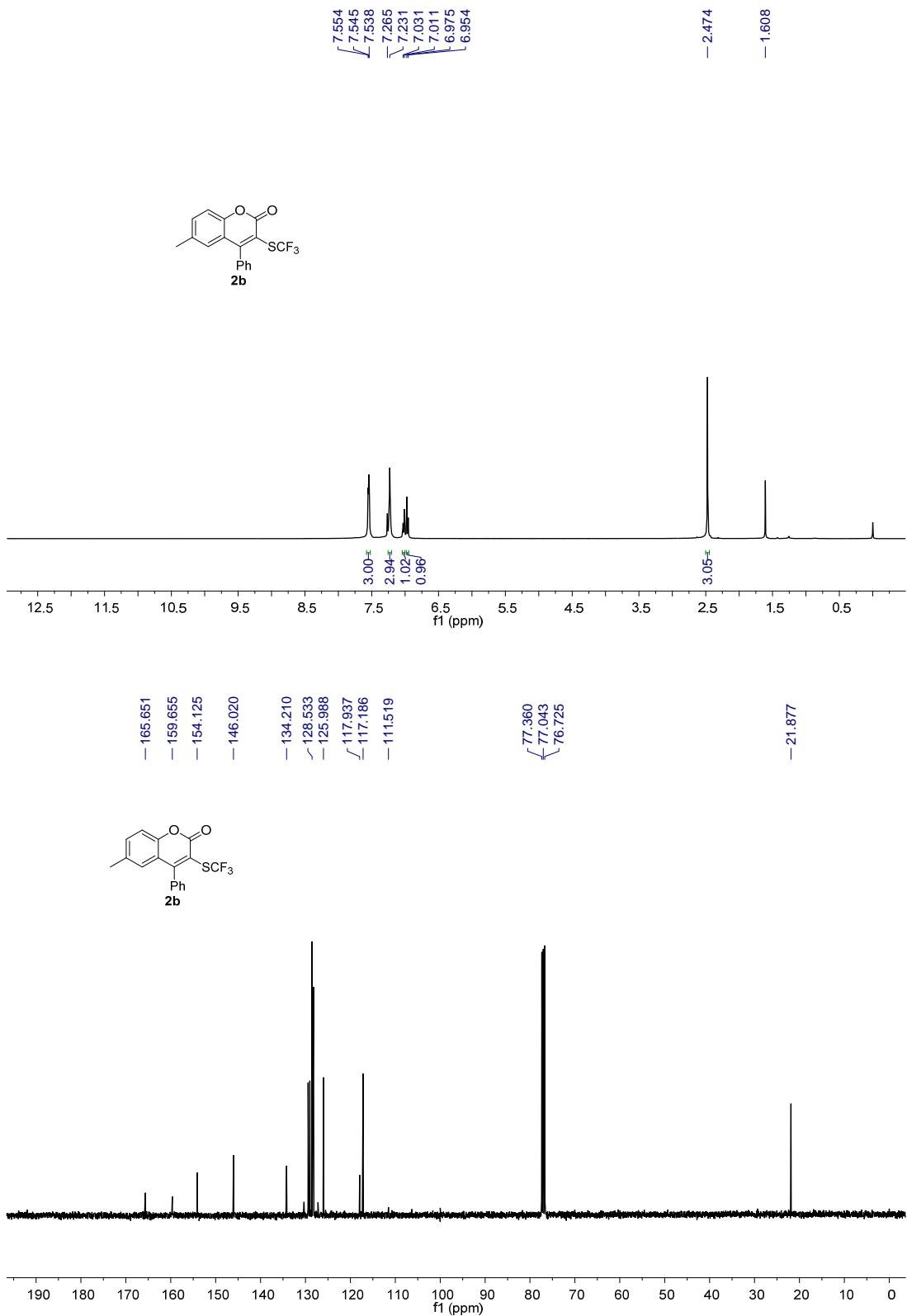
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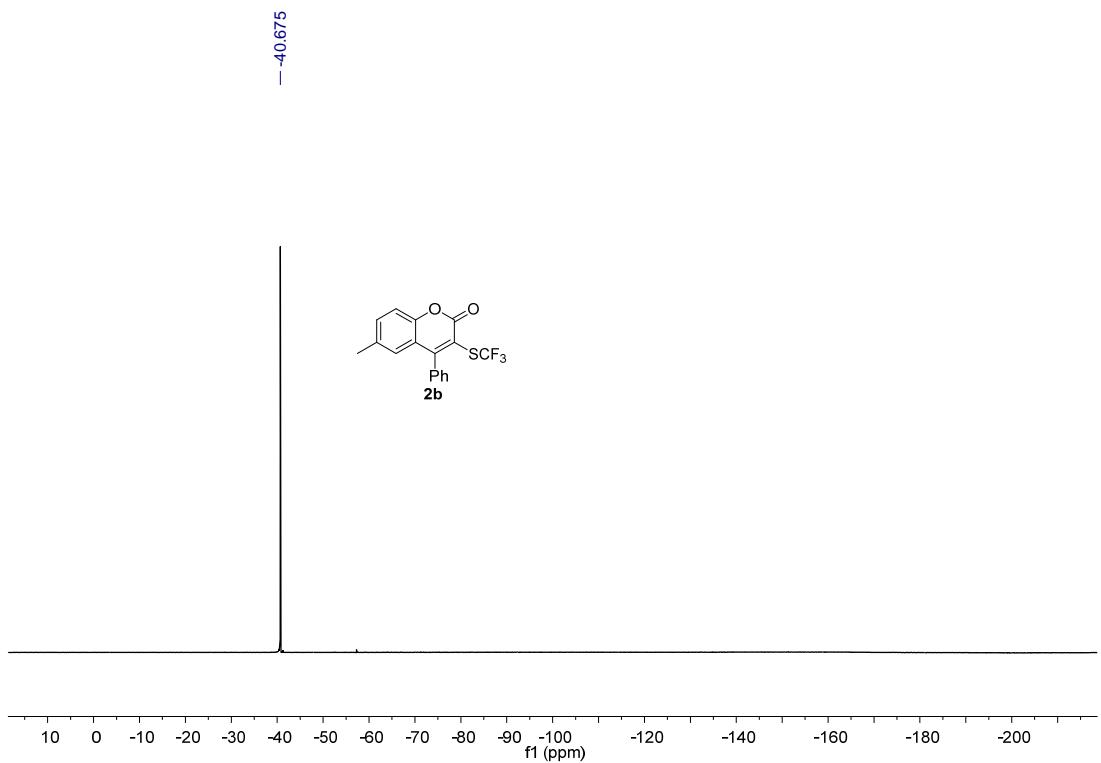
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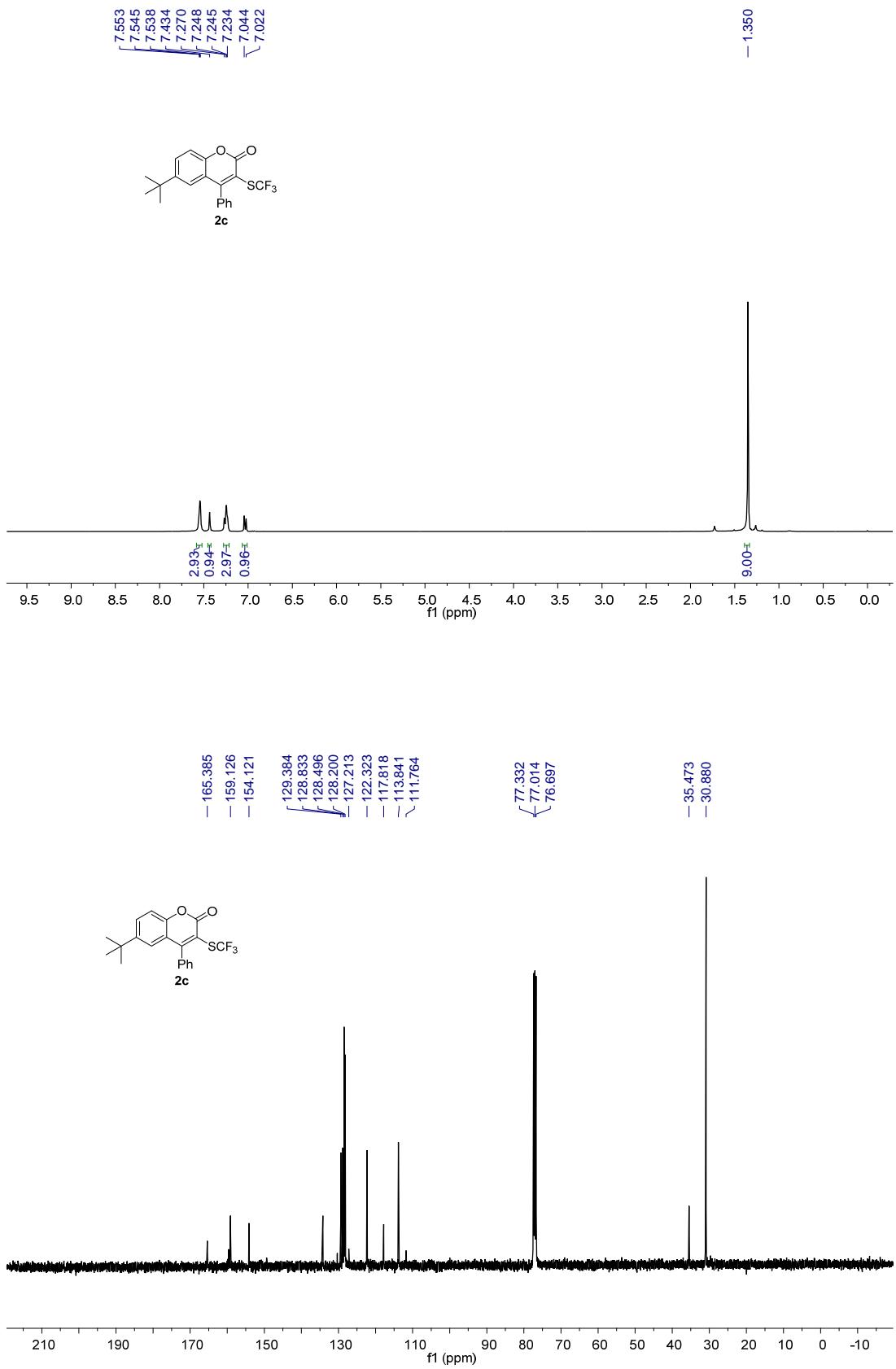
8. NMR Spectrum of Products

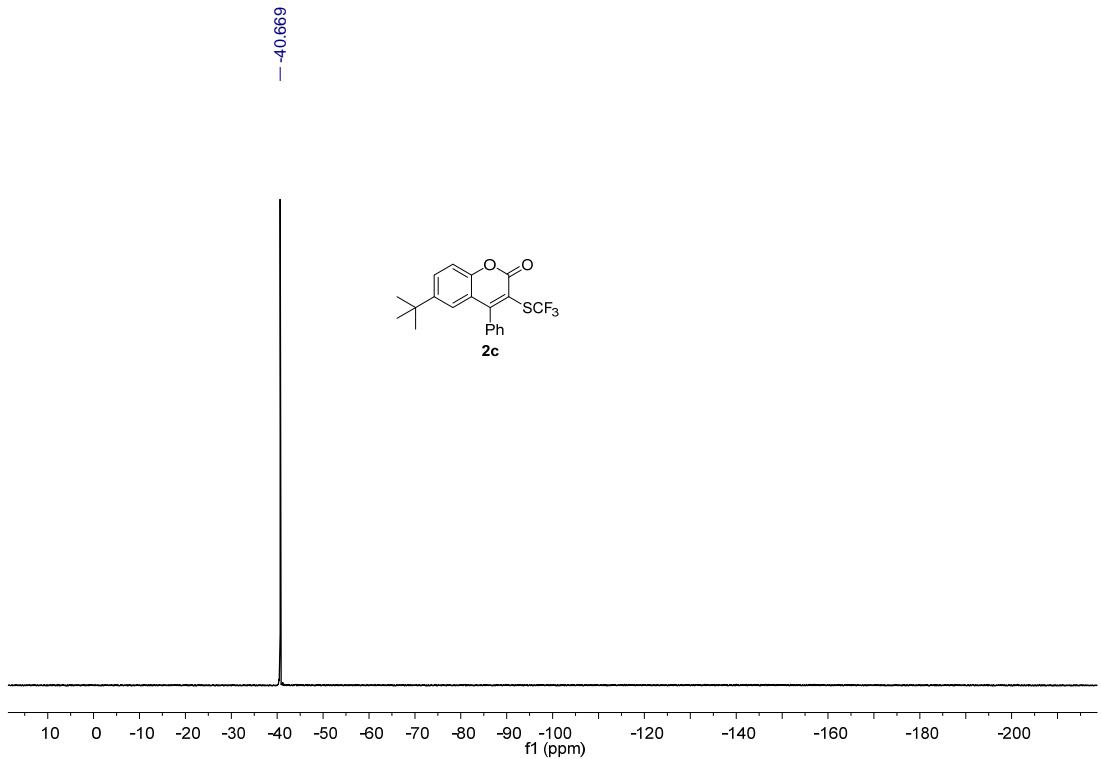


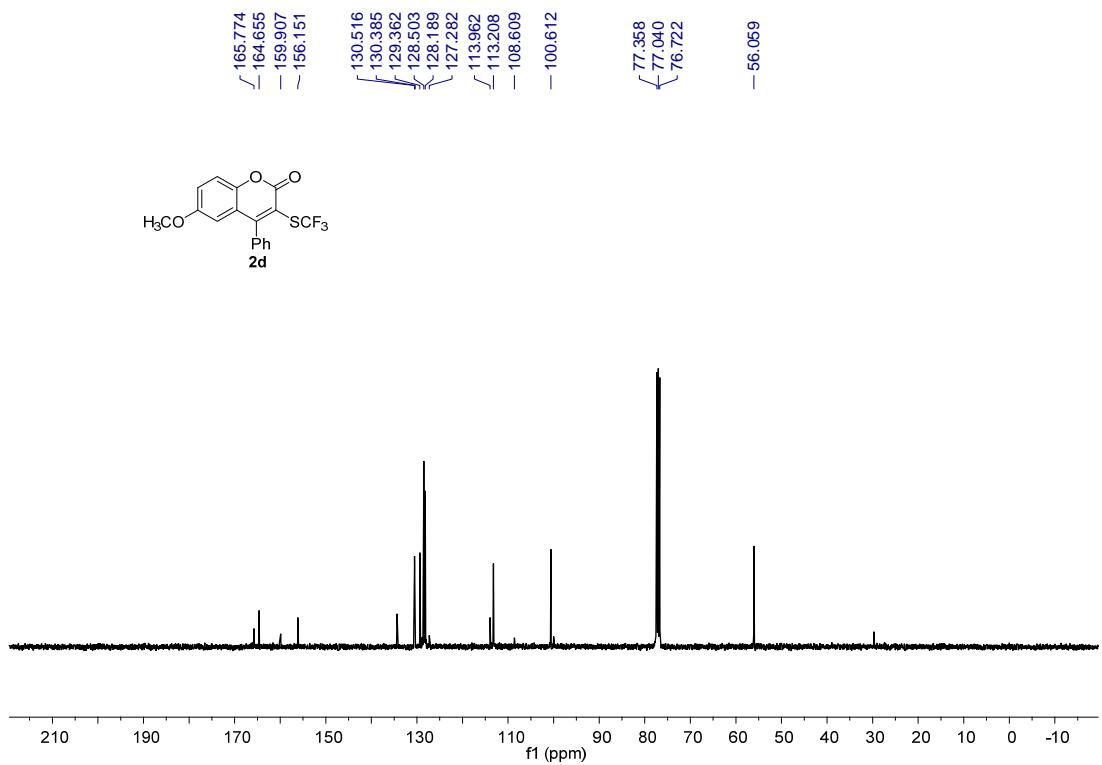
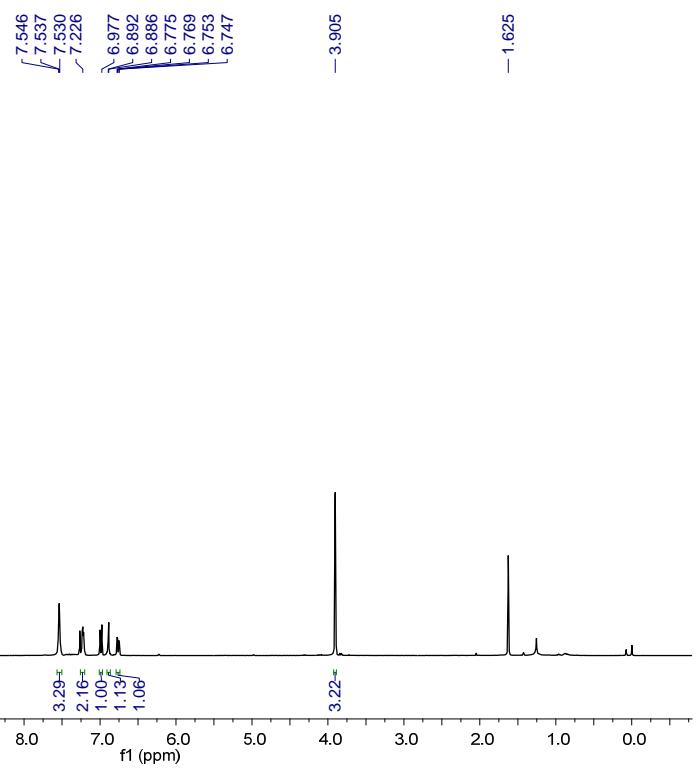




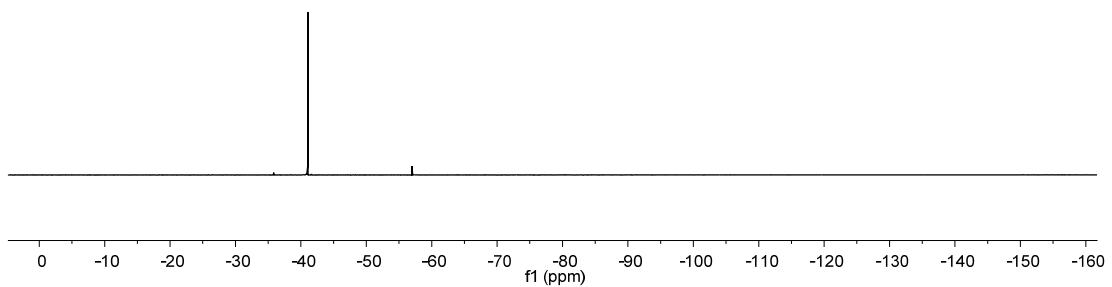
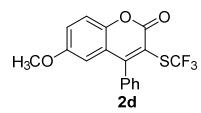


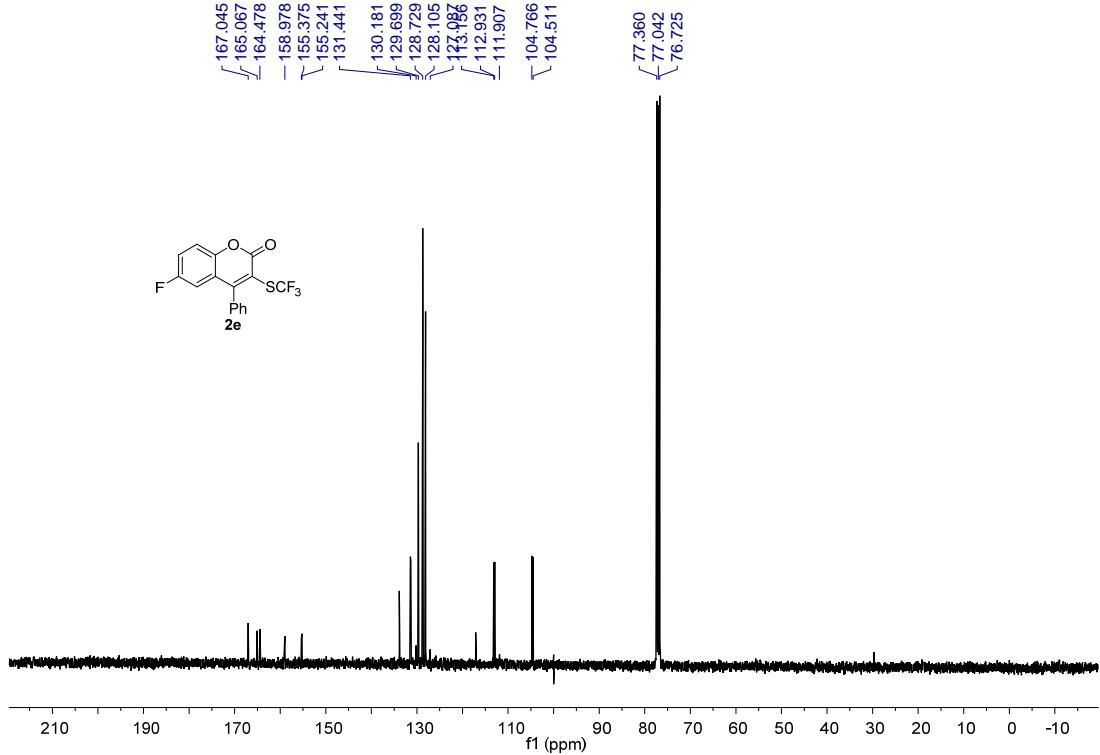
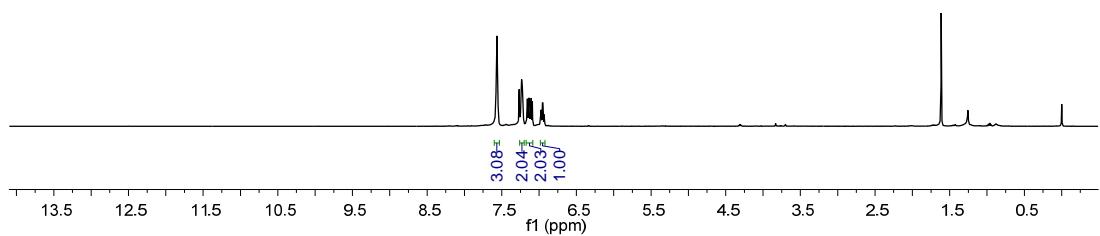


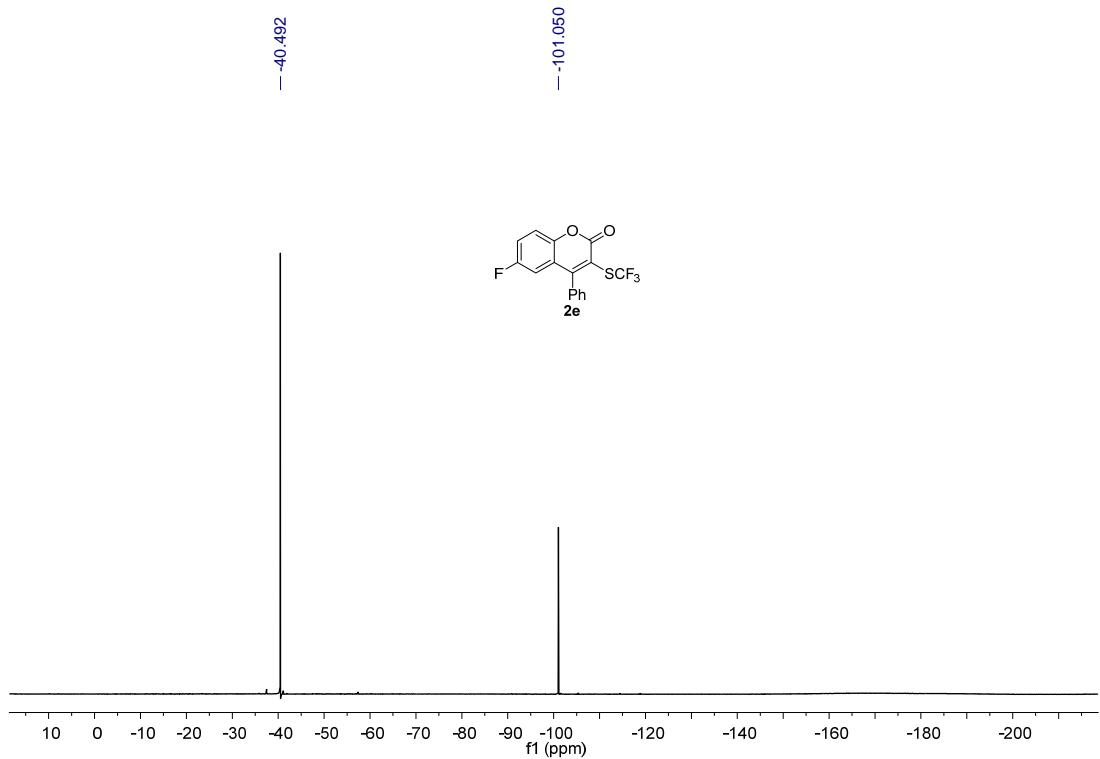




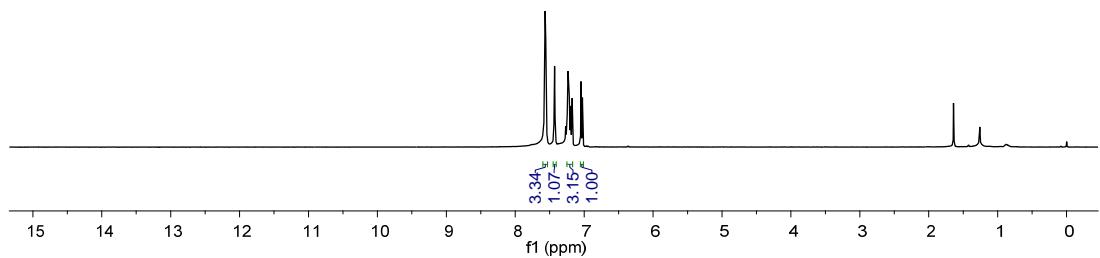
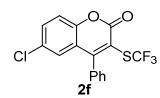
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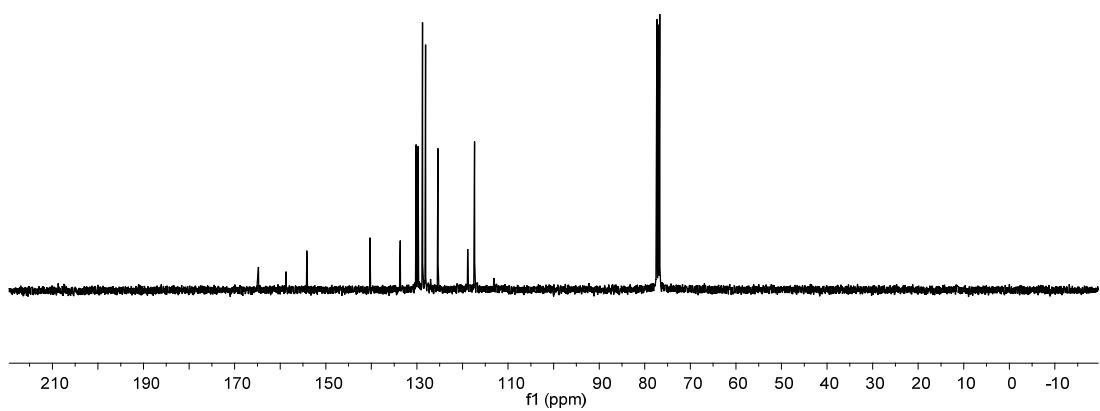
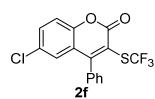


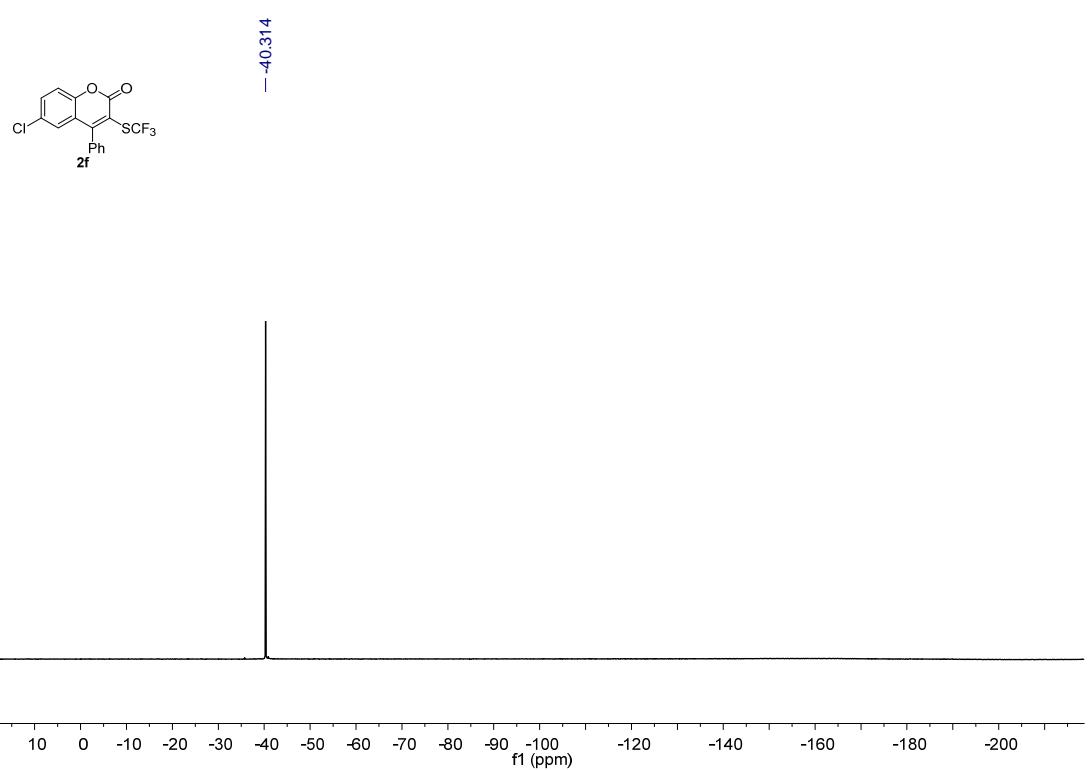
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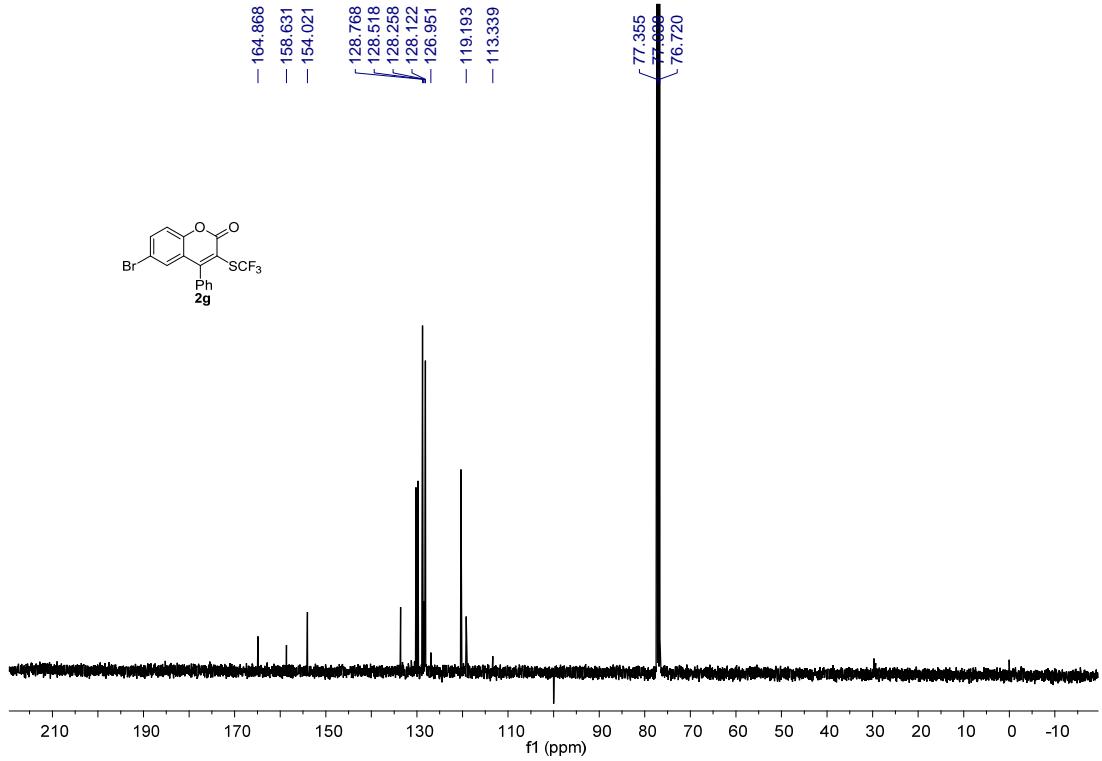
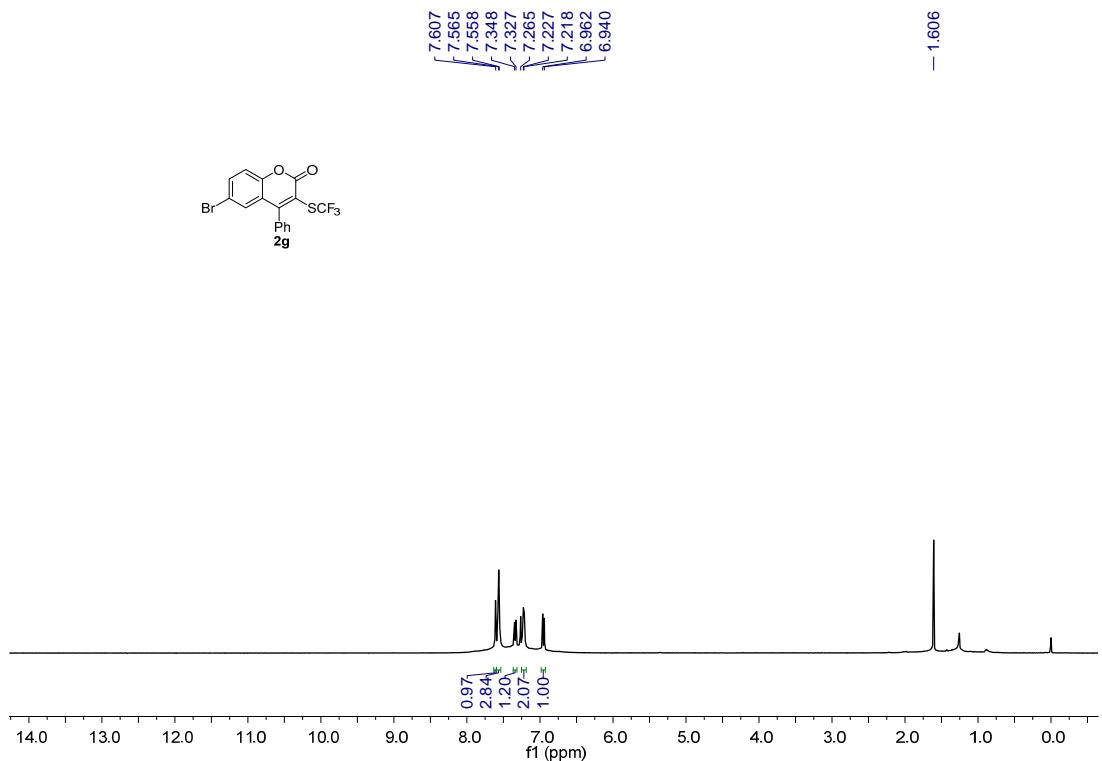


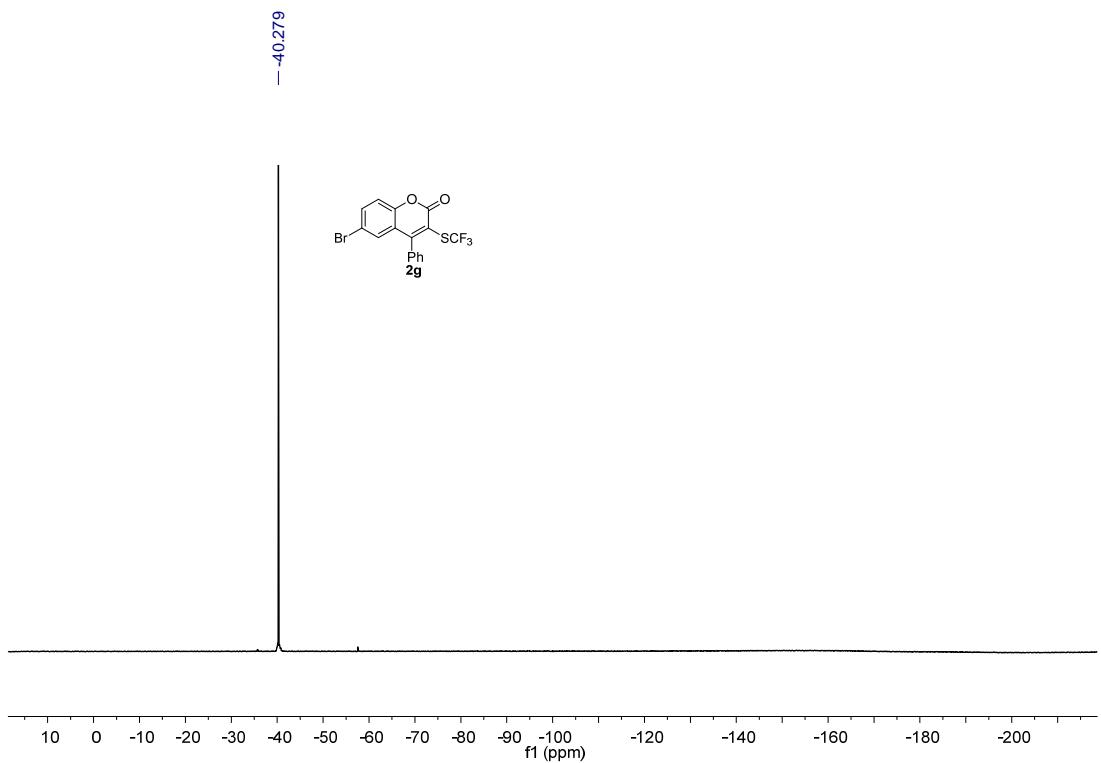
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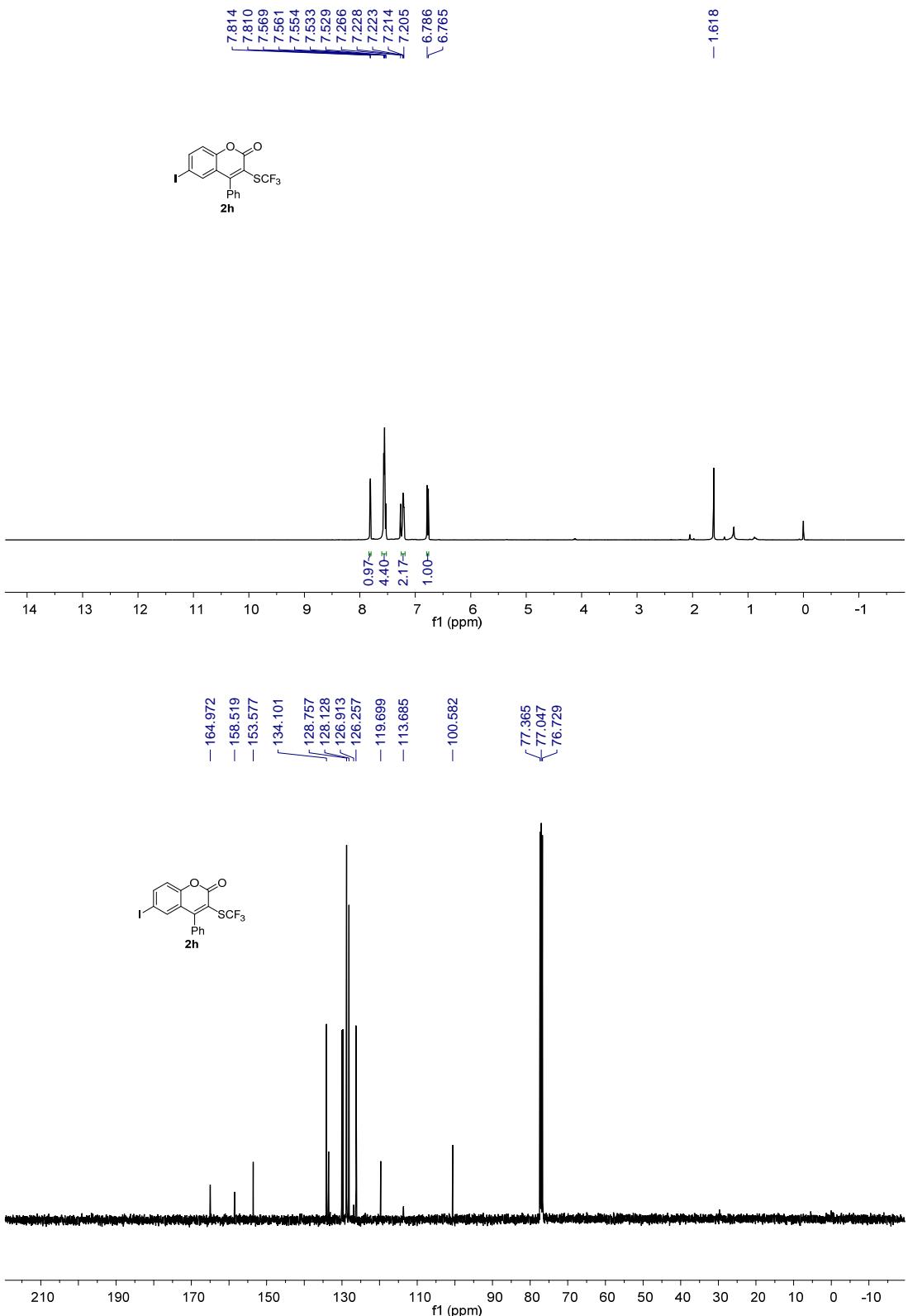
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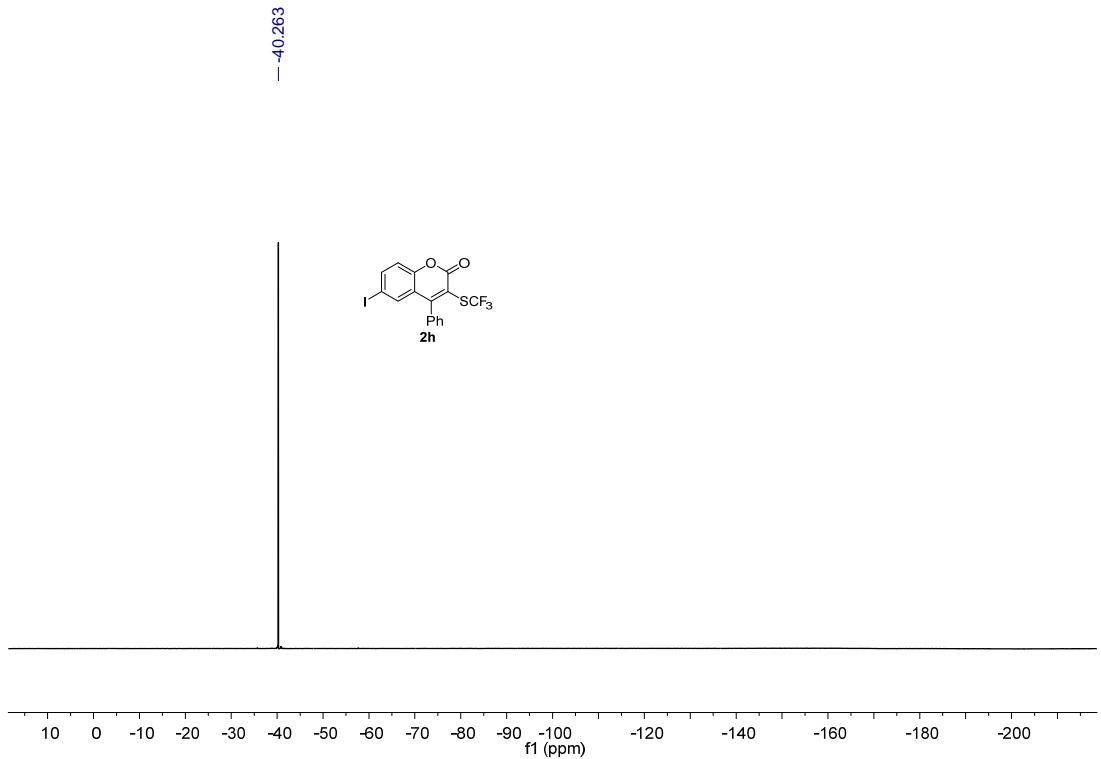




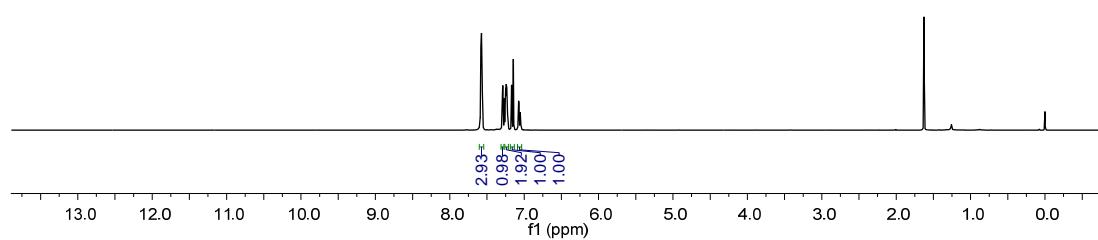
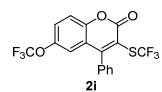




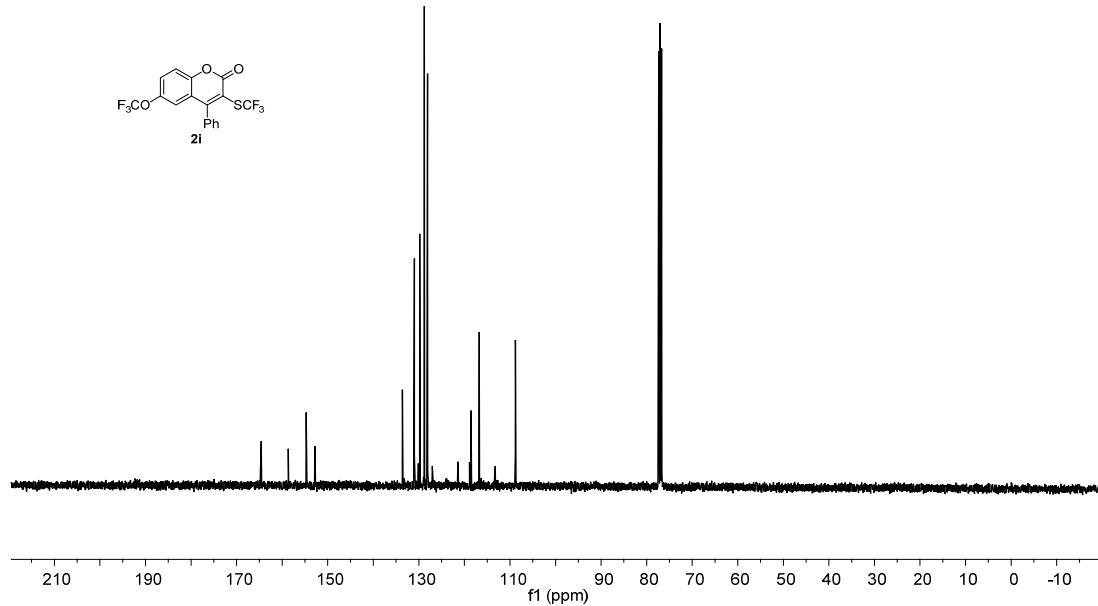
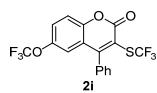


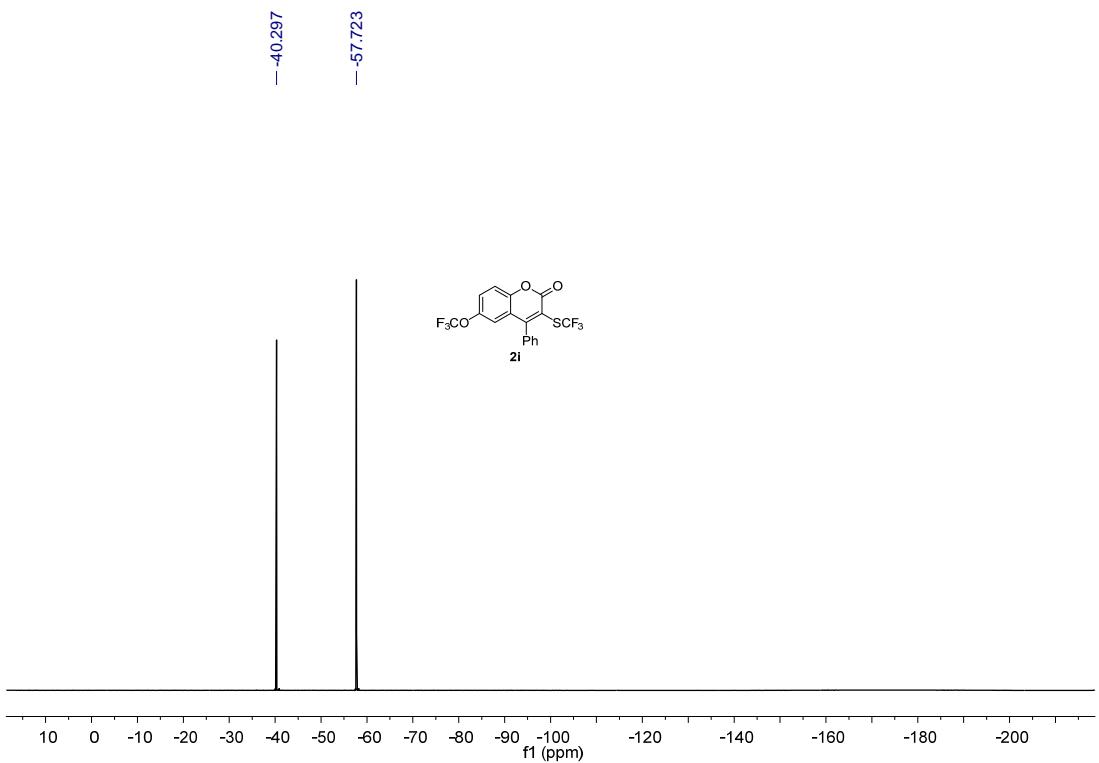


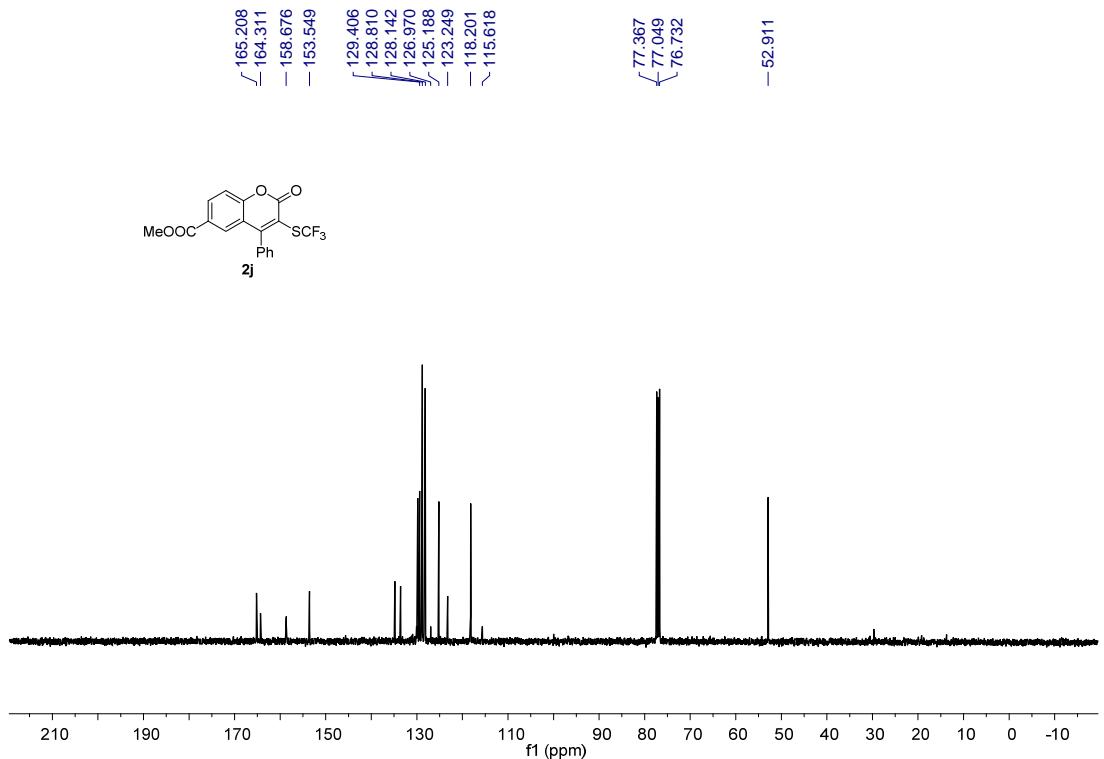
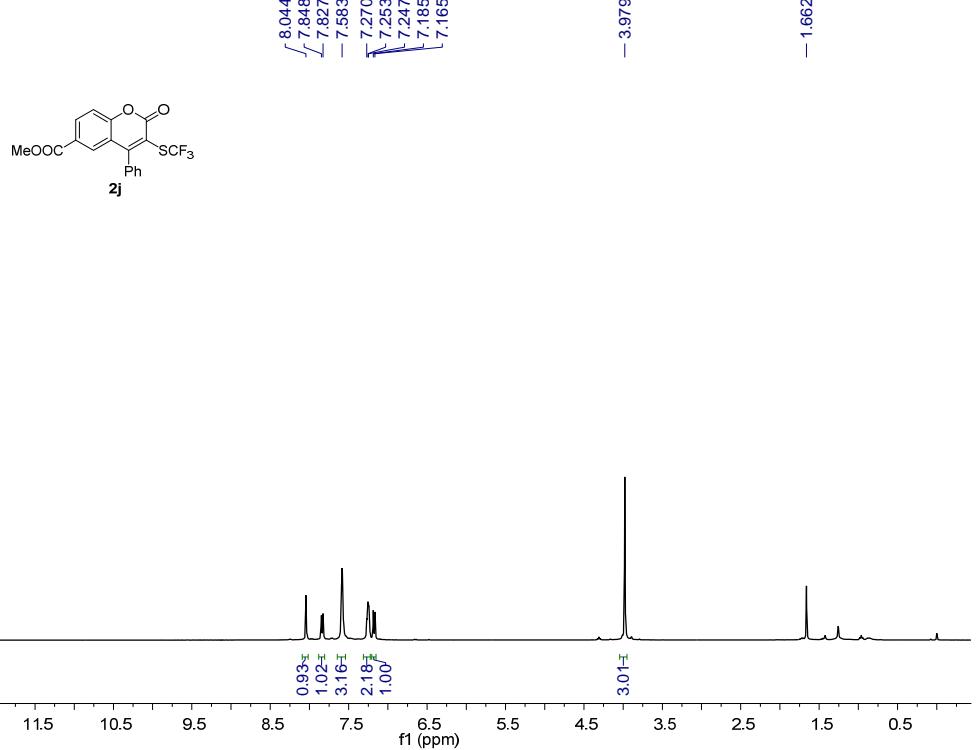
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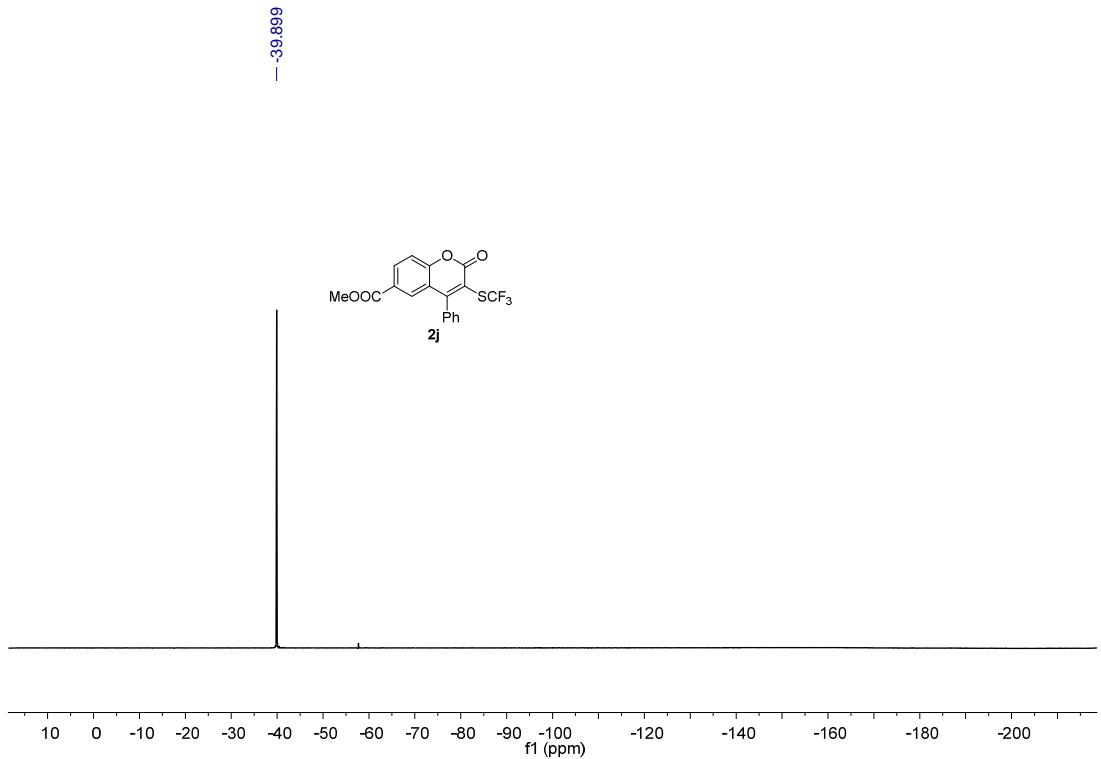


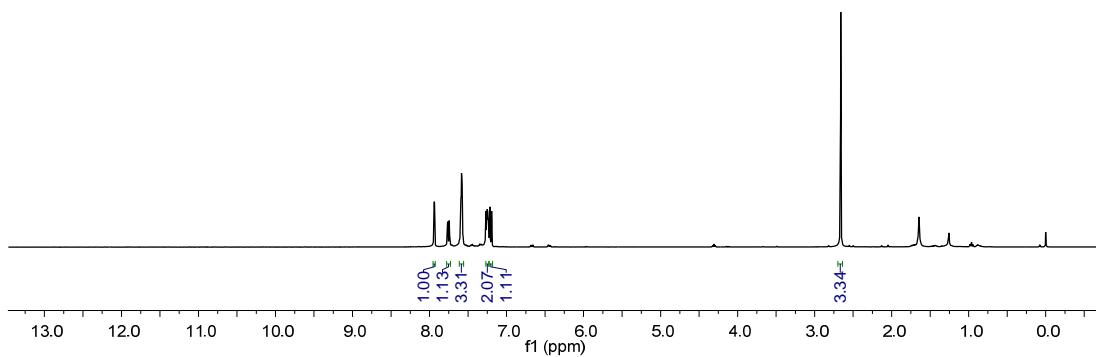
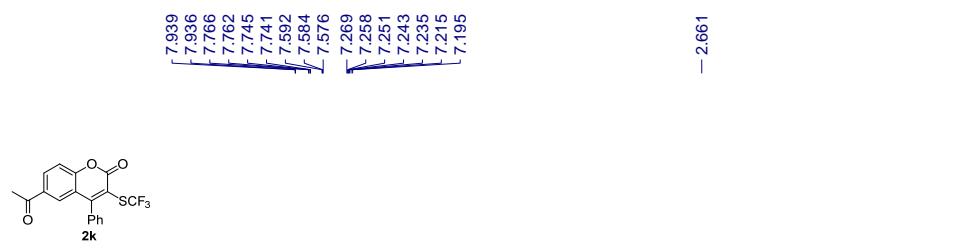
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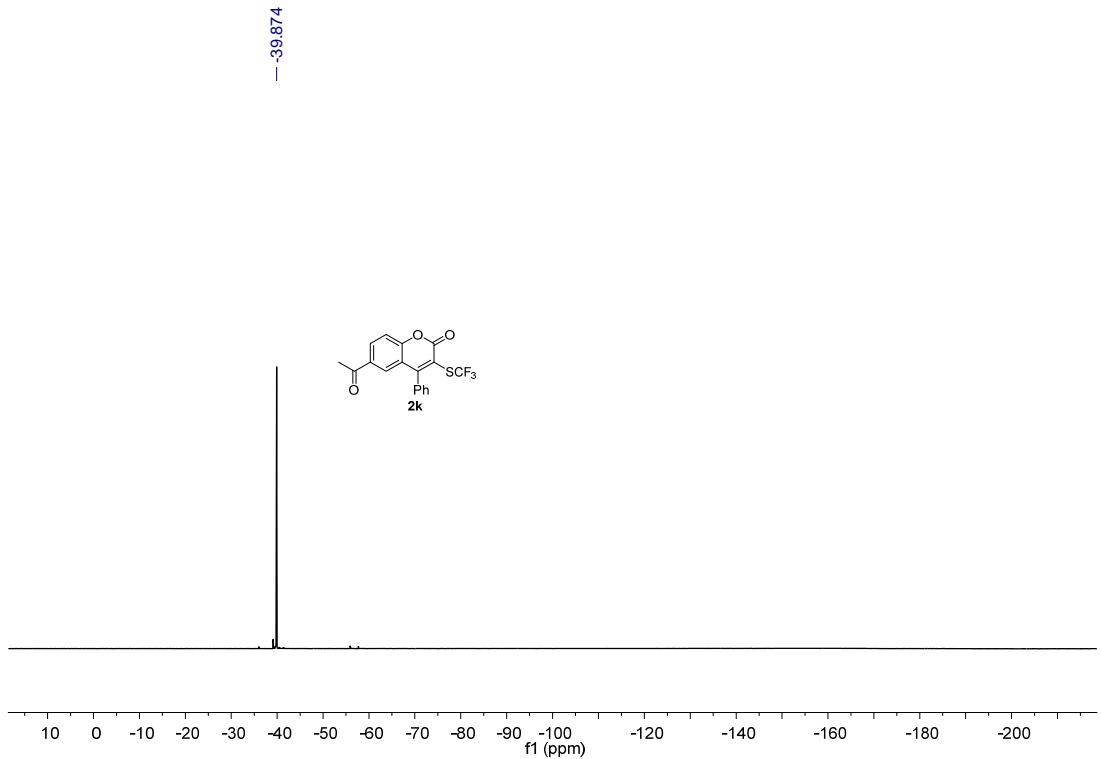
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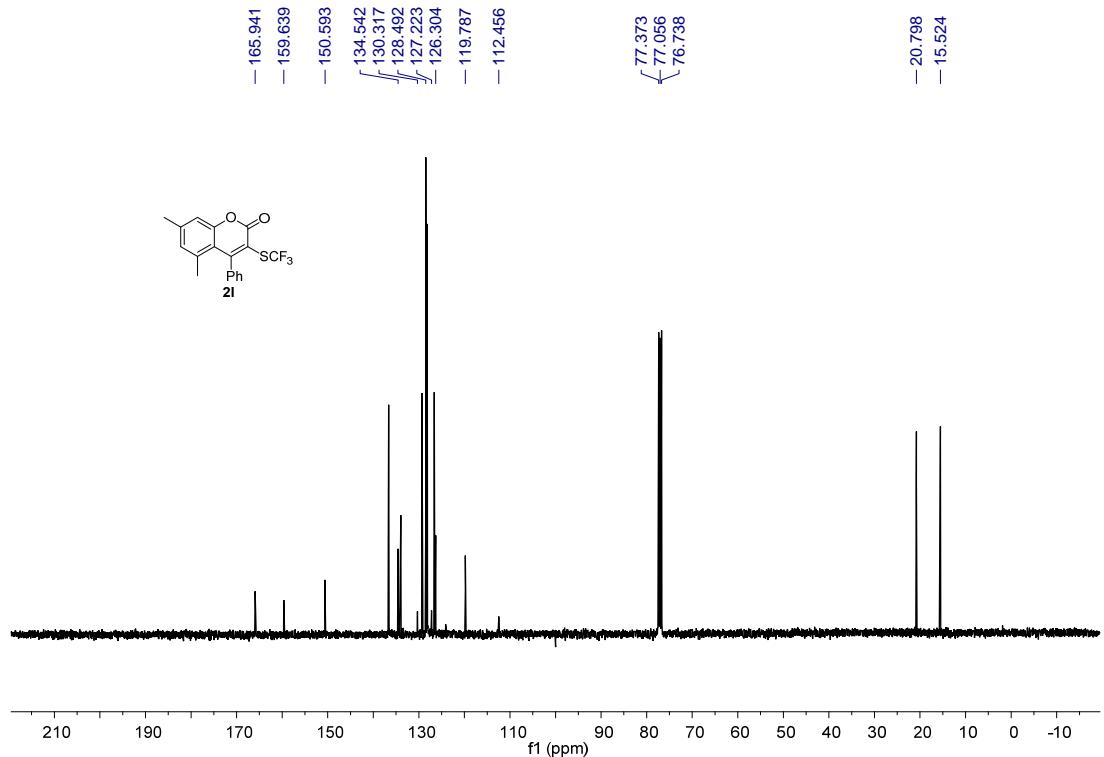
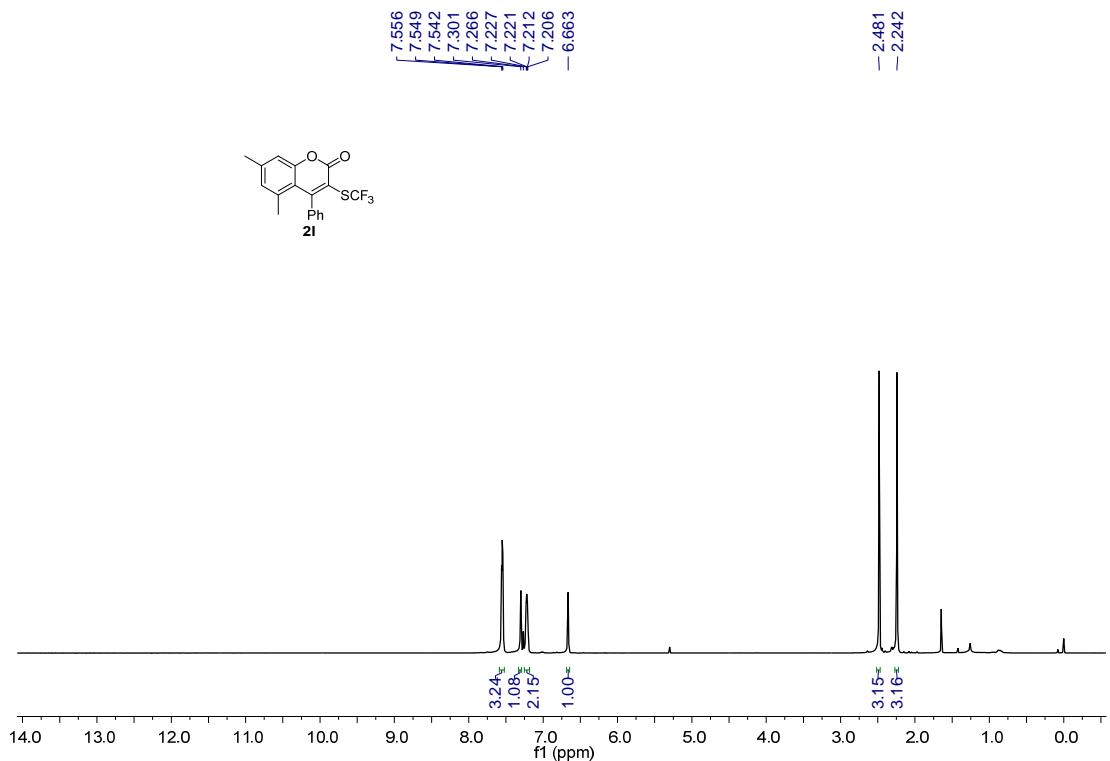
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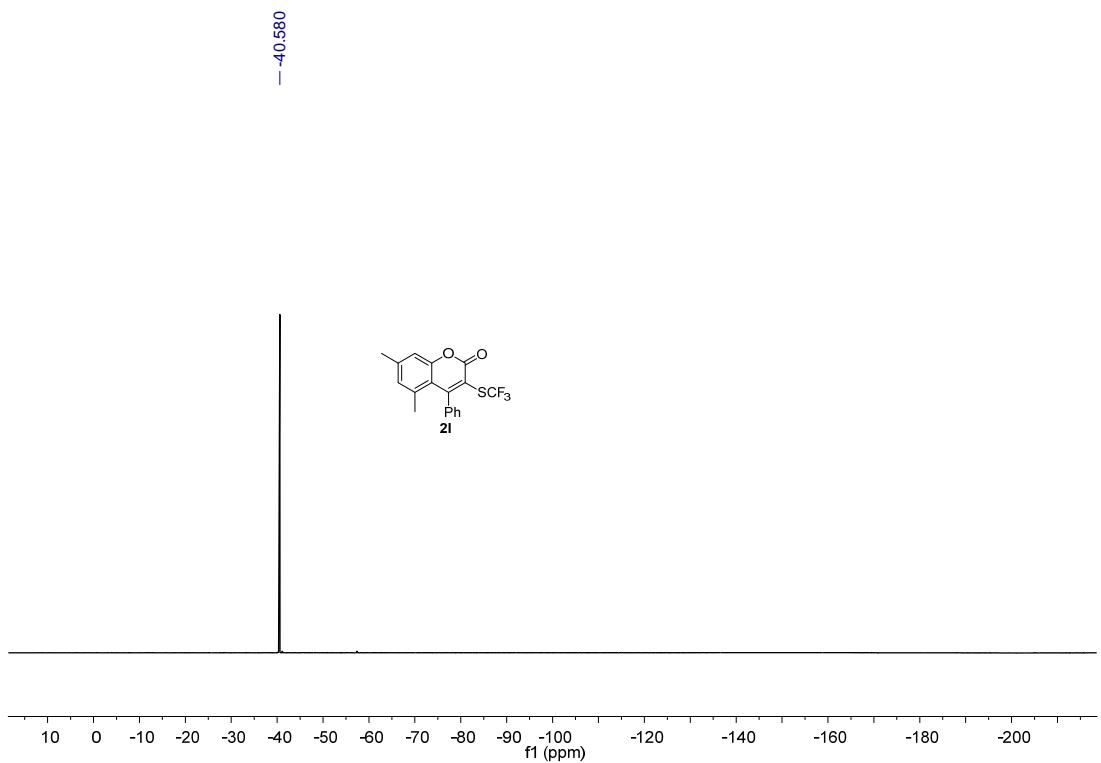
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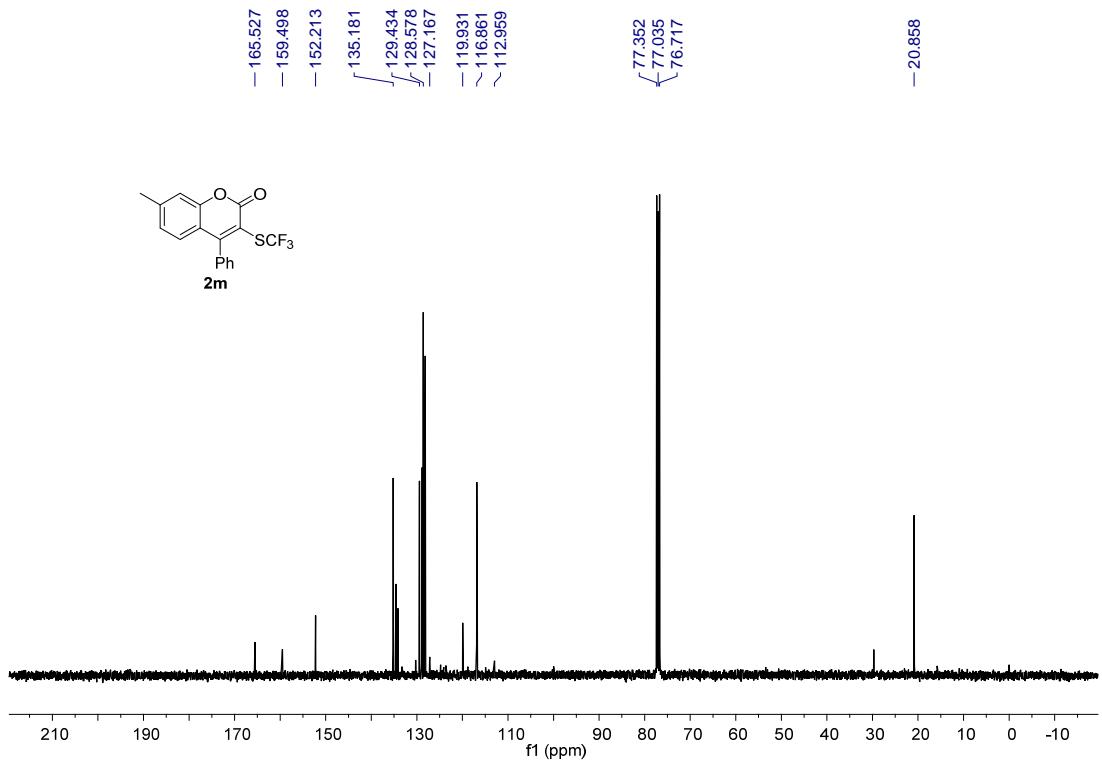
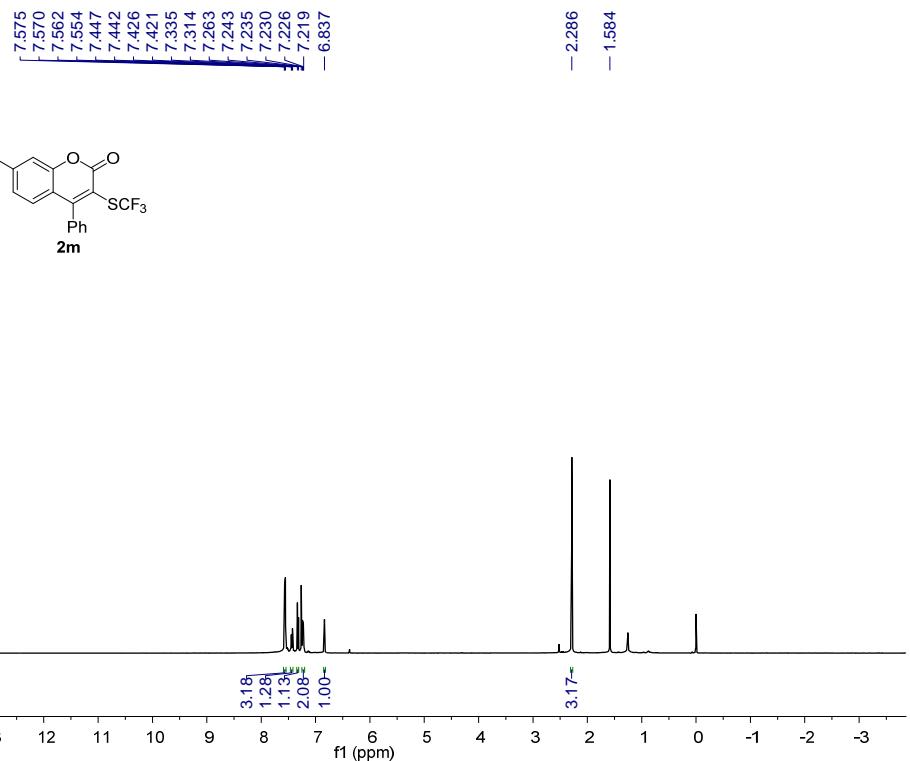
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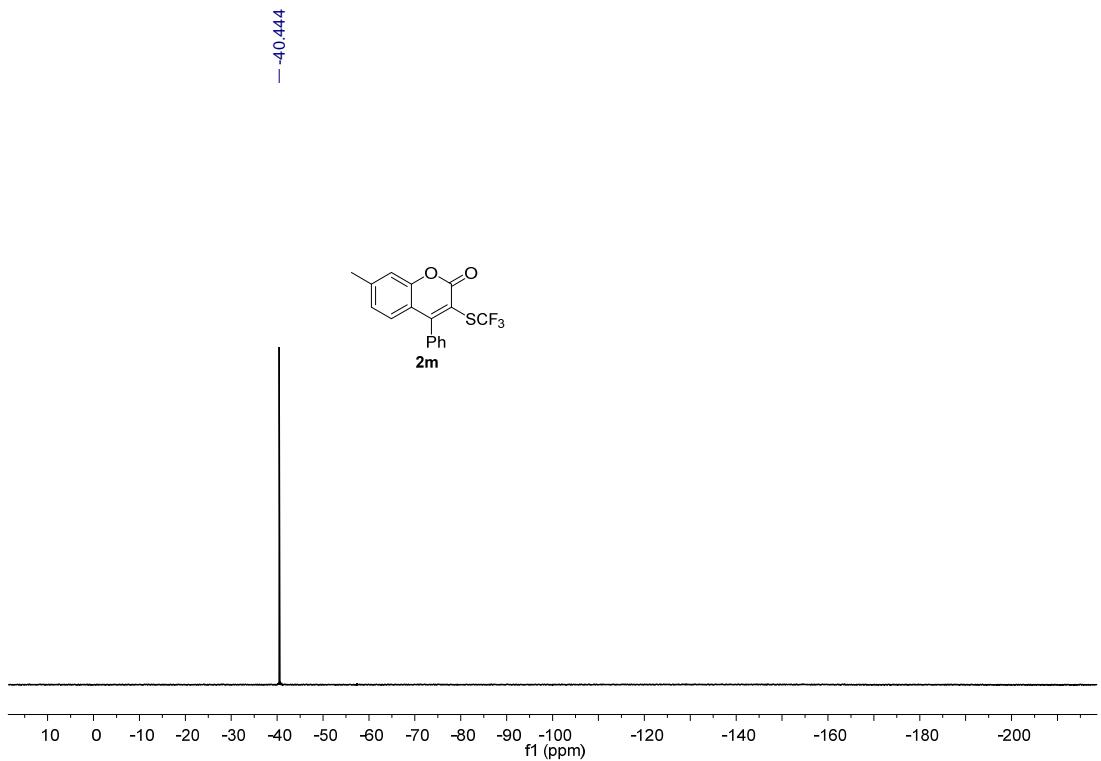
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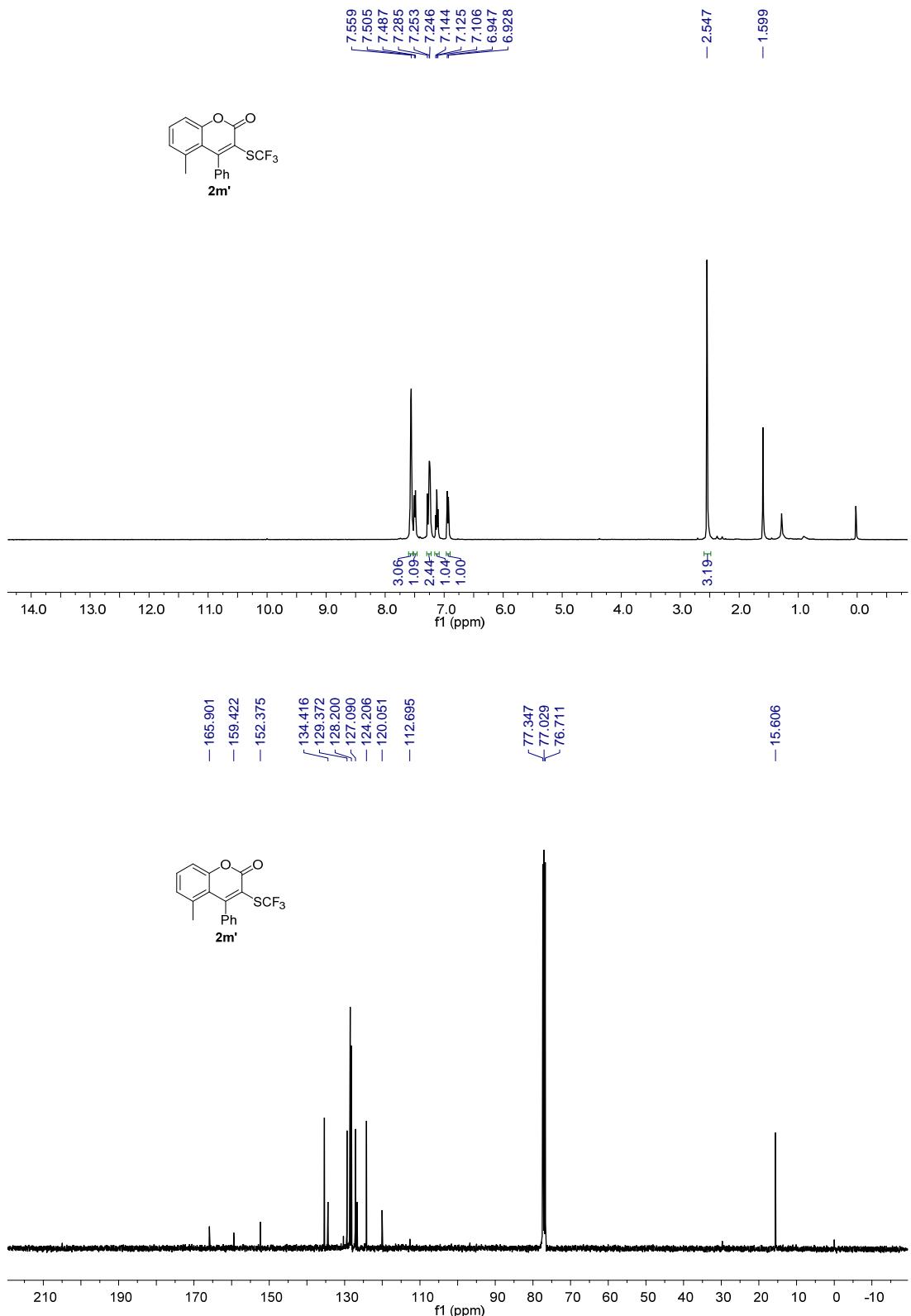


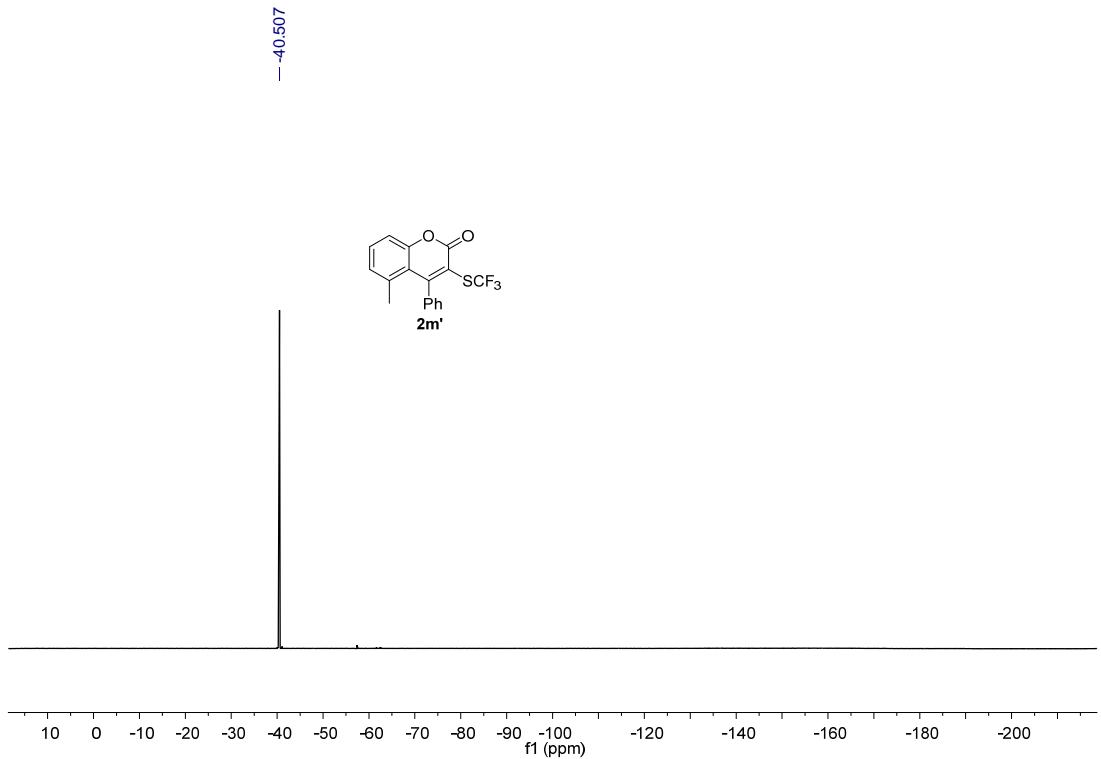


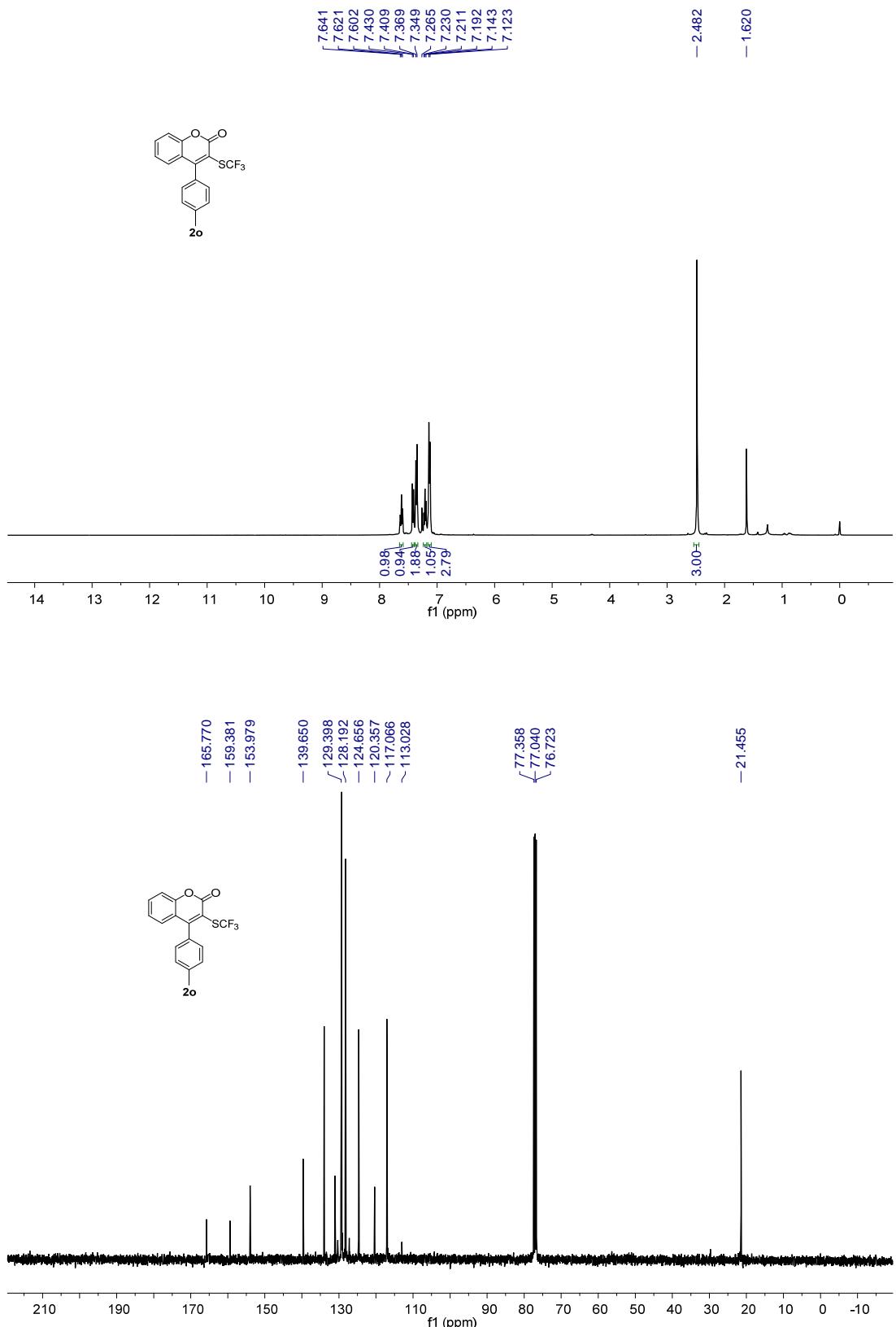




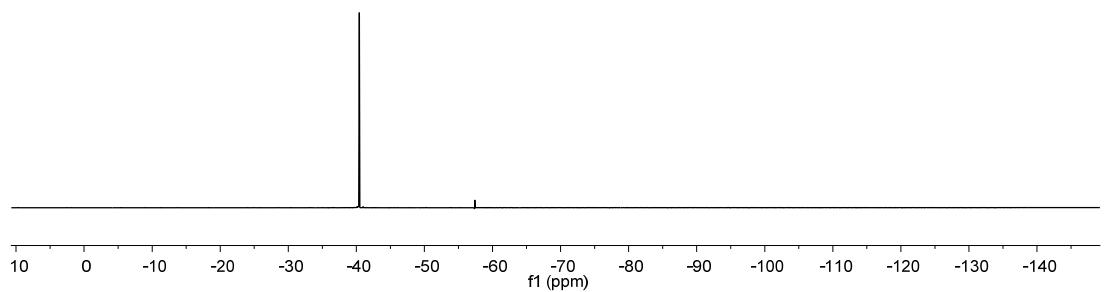
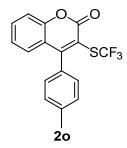


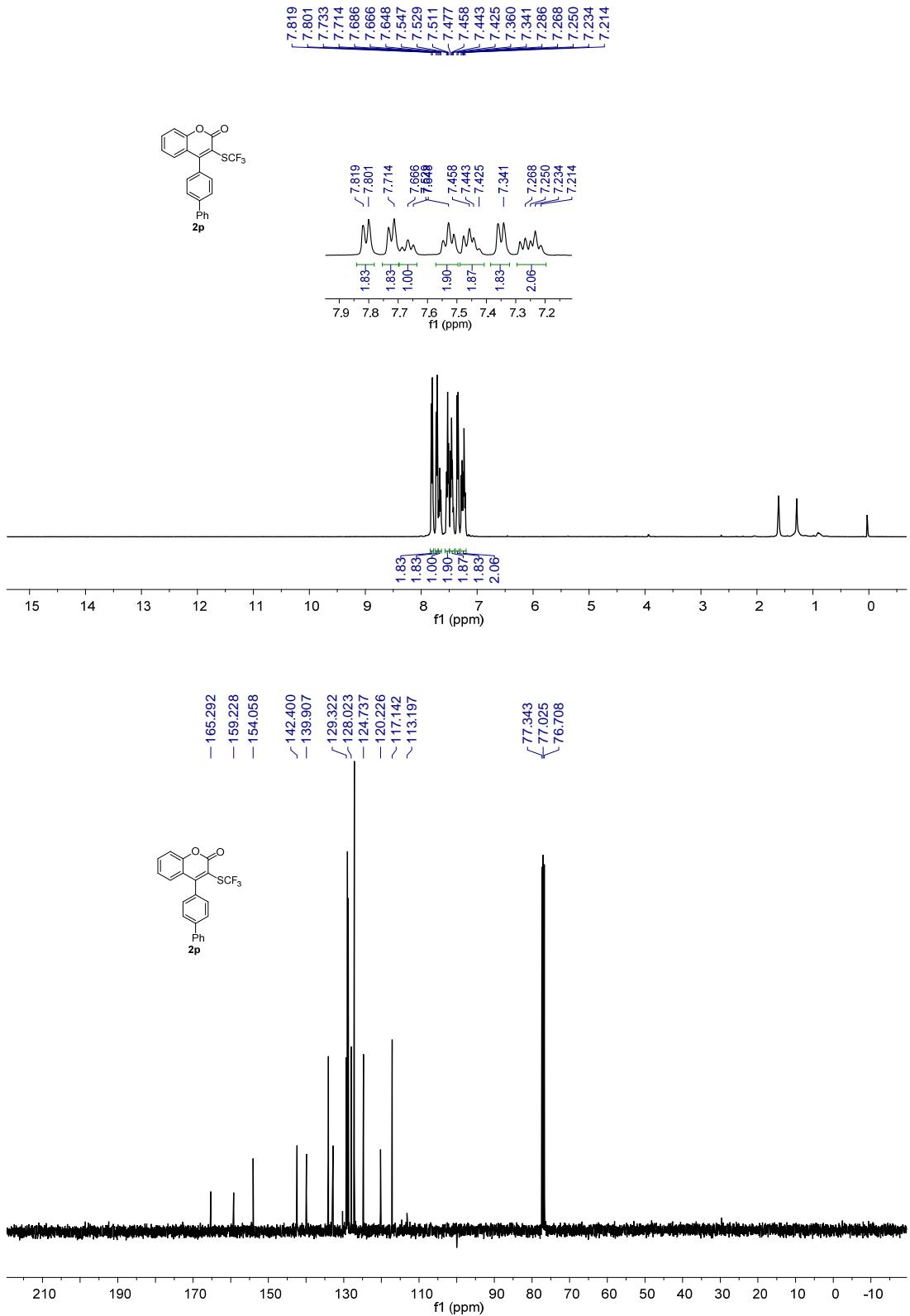


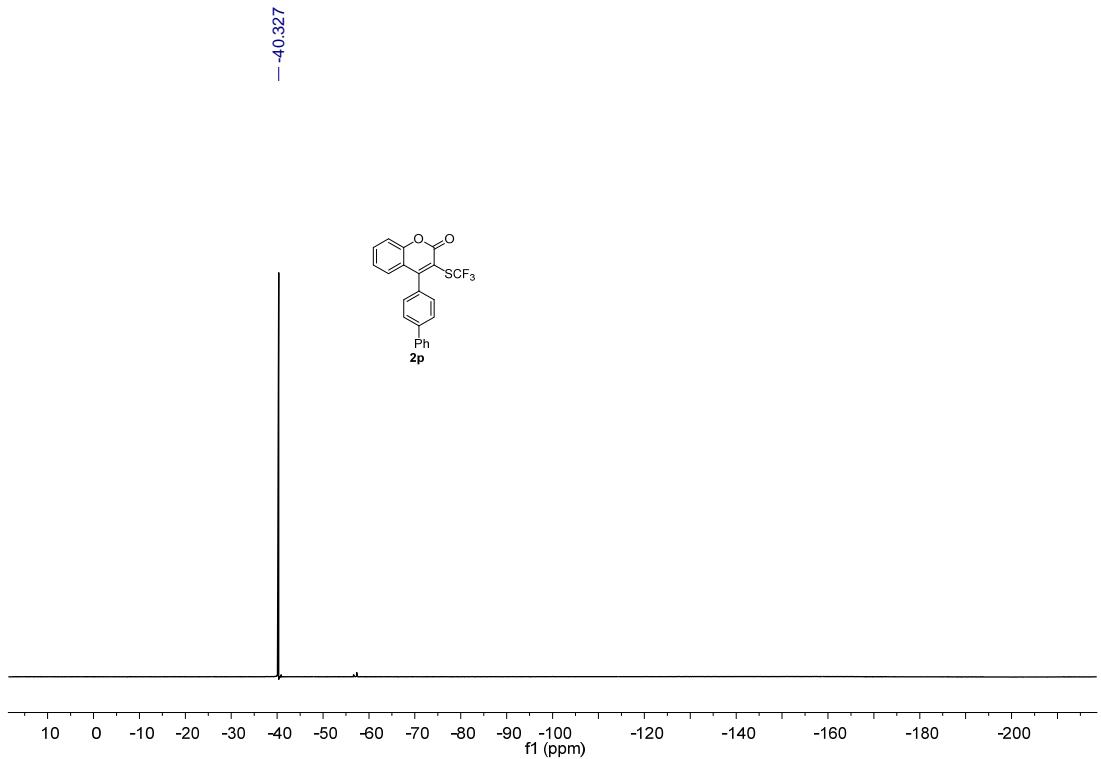


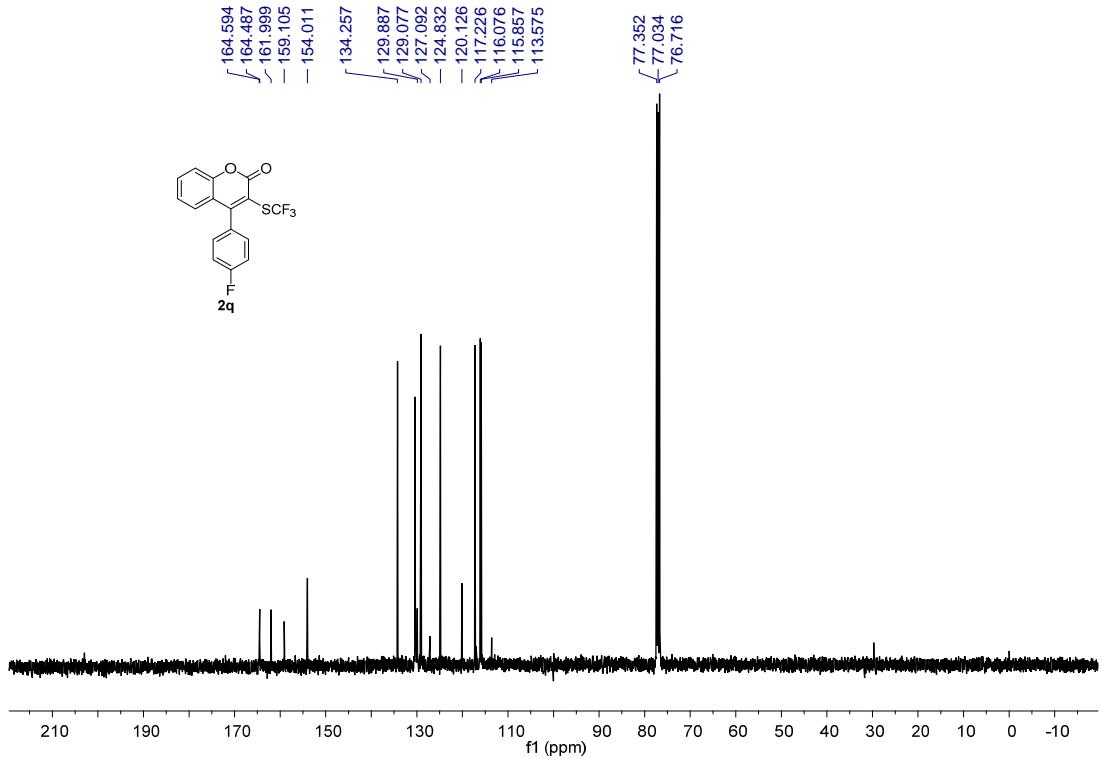
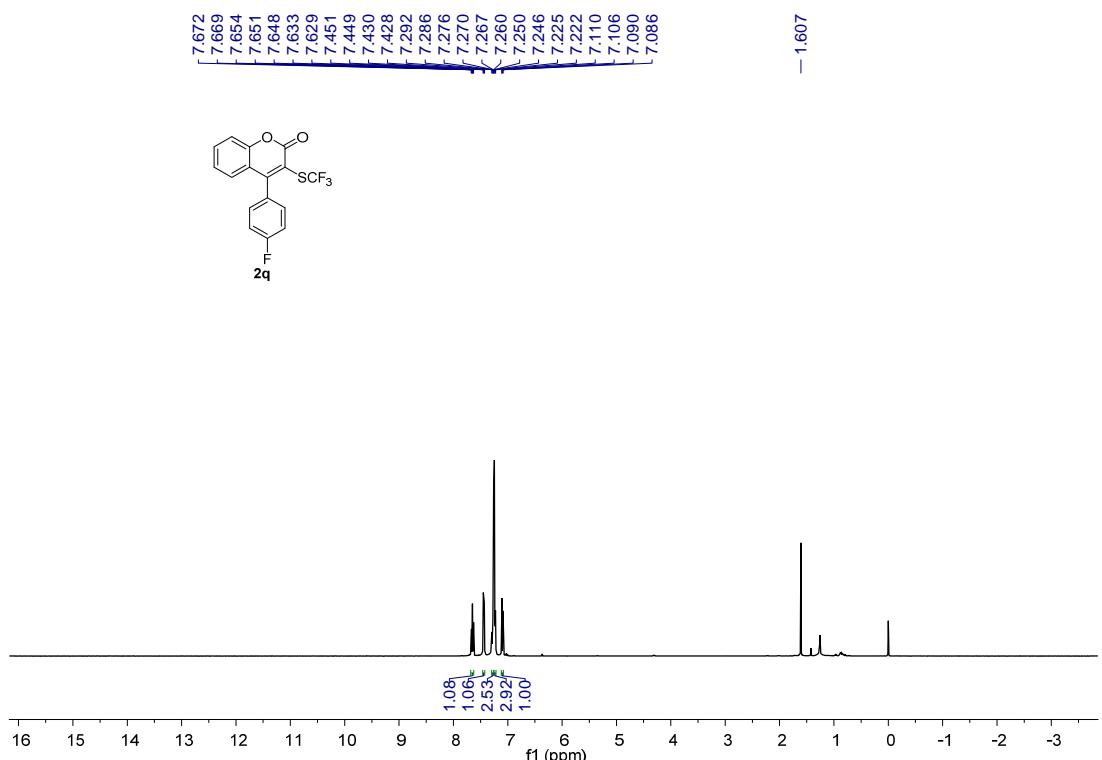


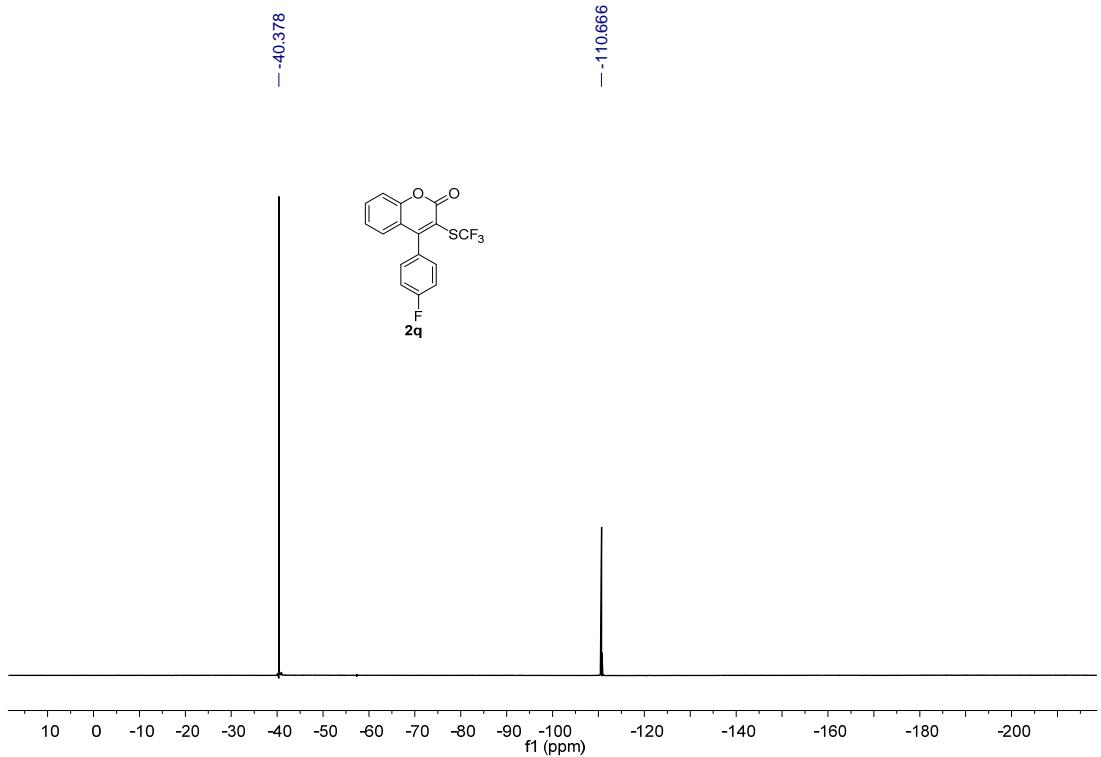
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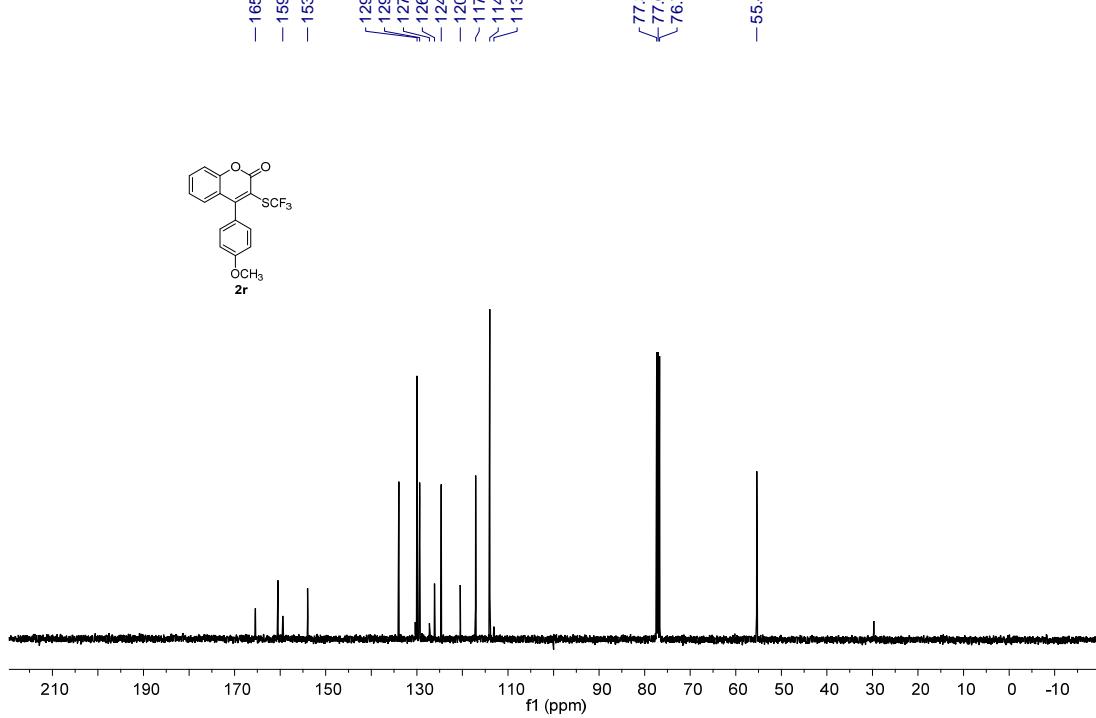
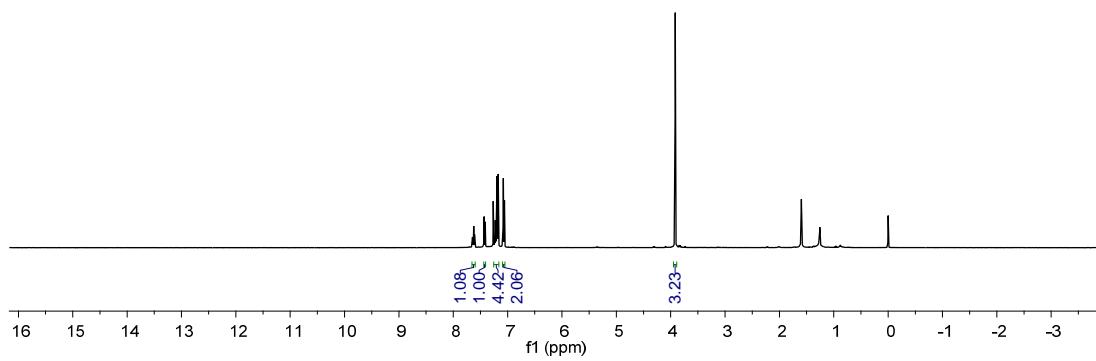


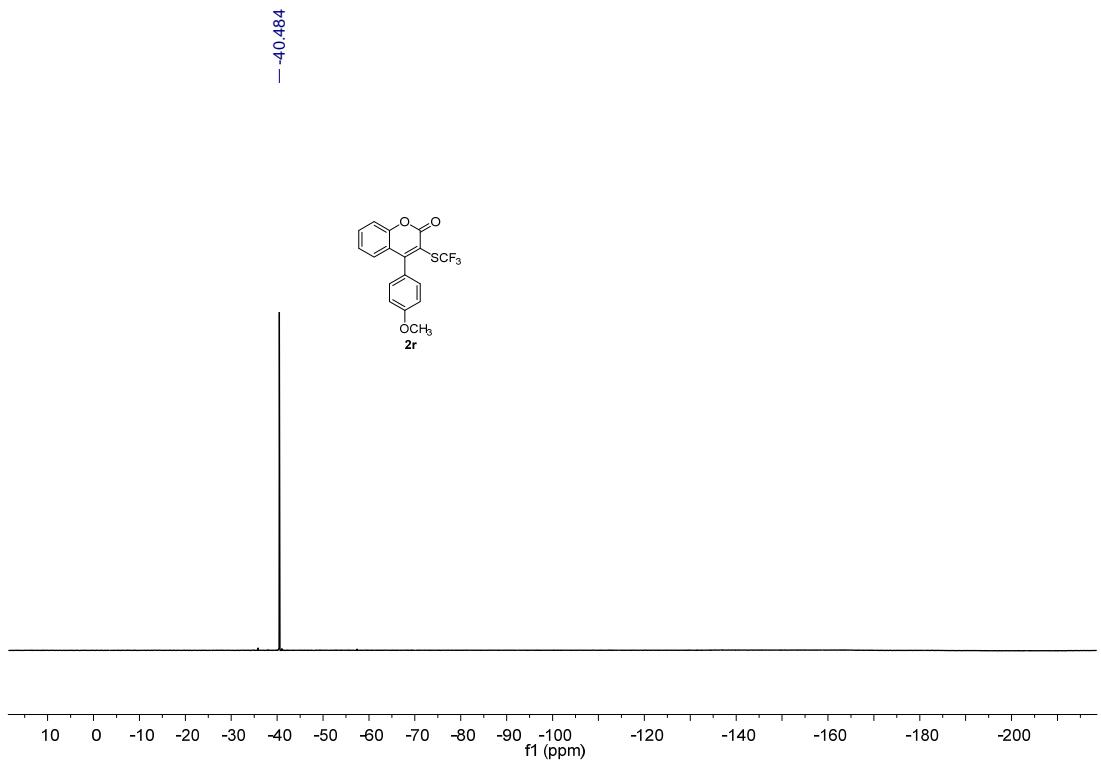


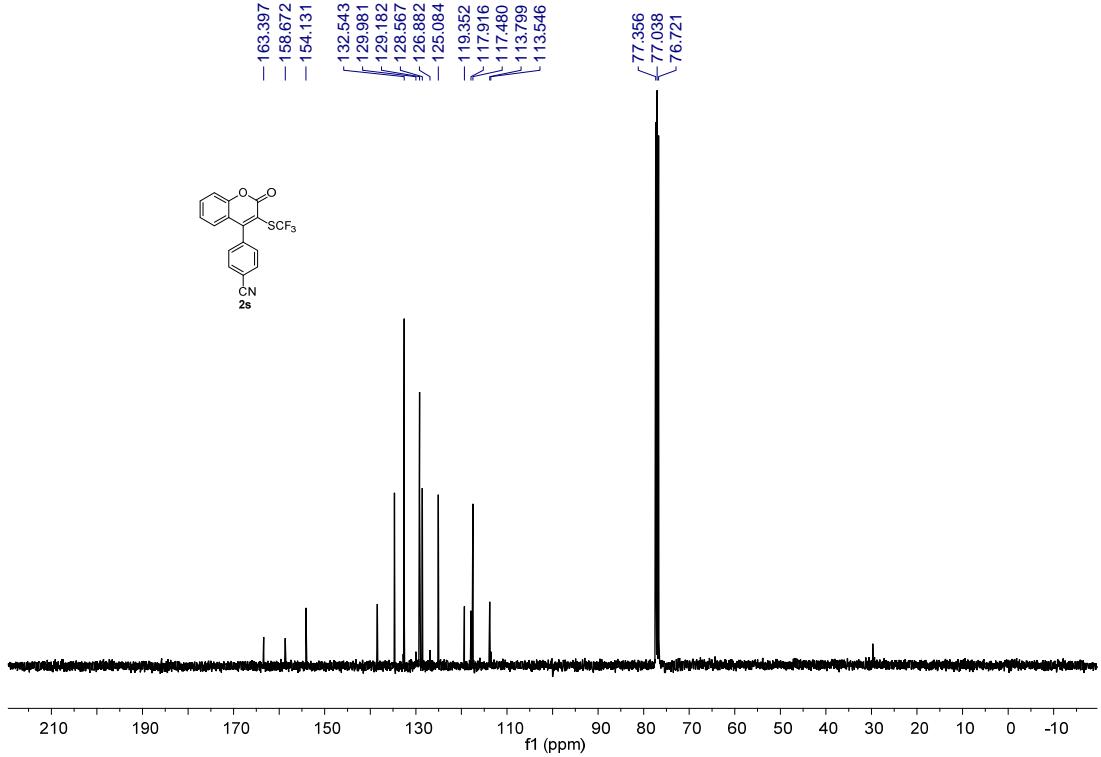
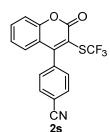
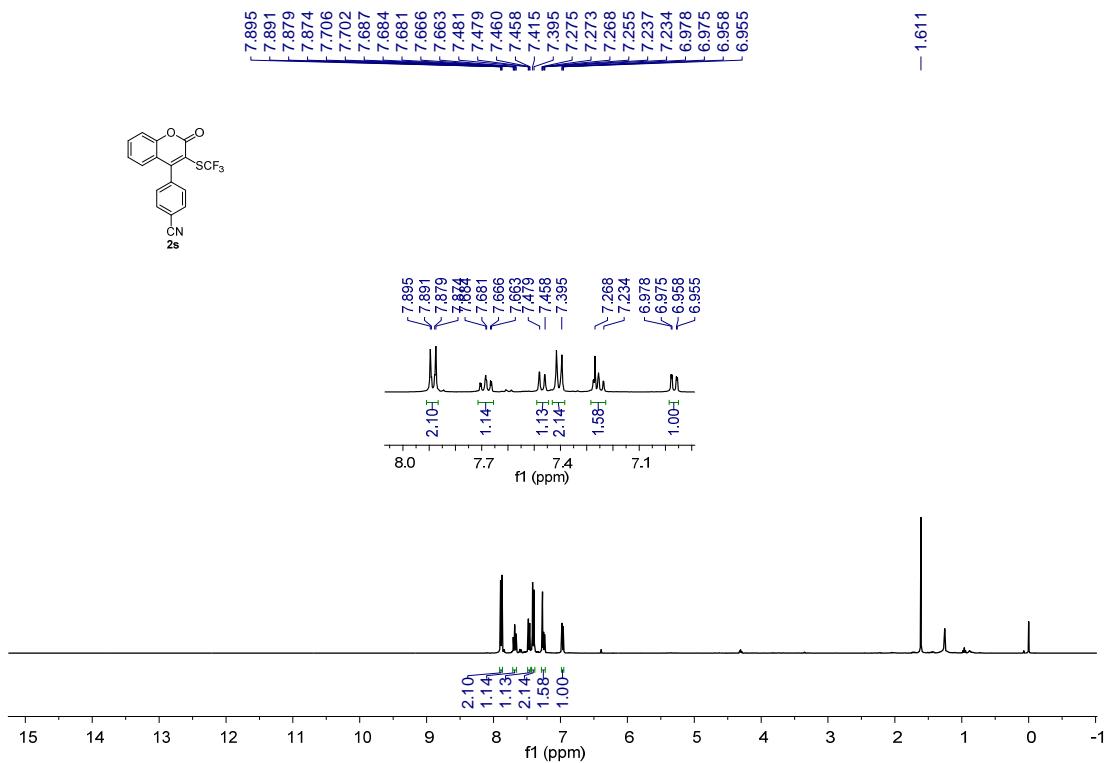
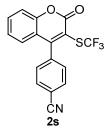


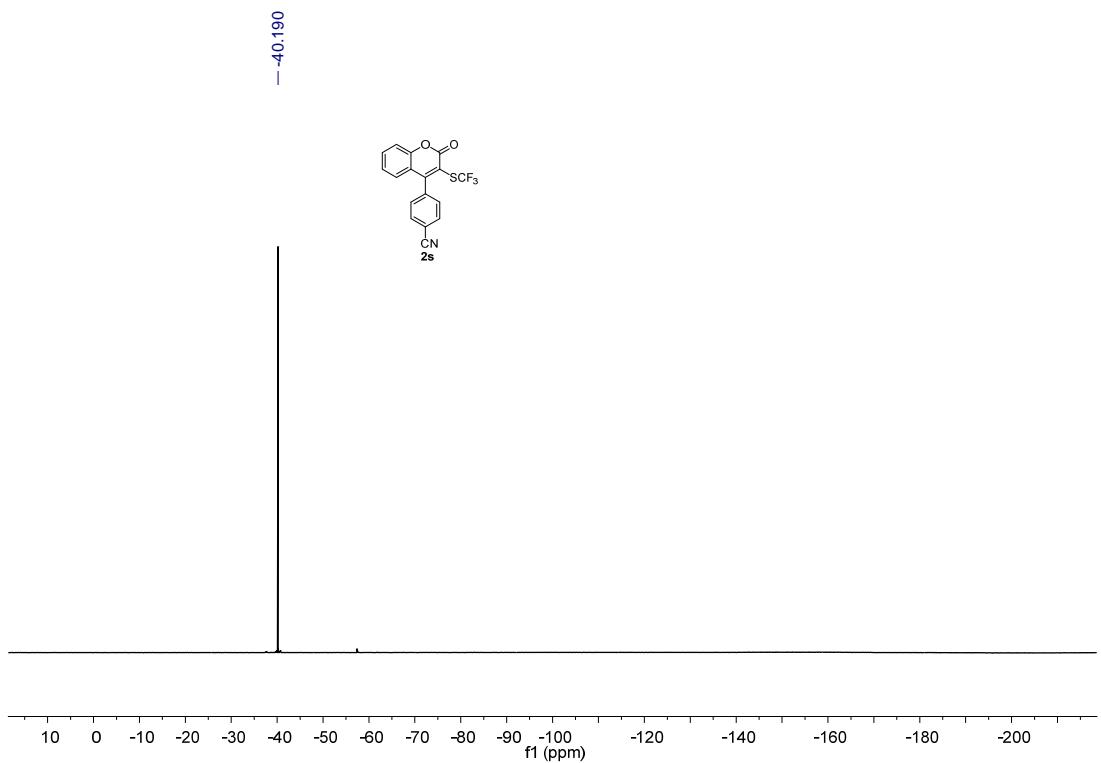


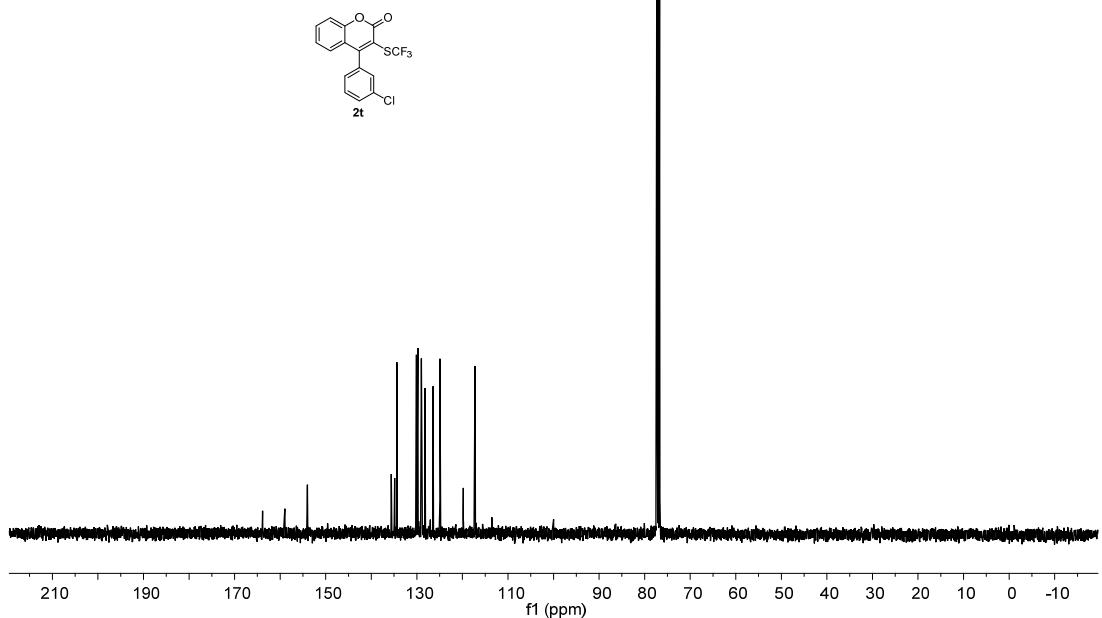
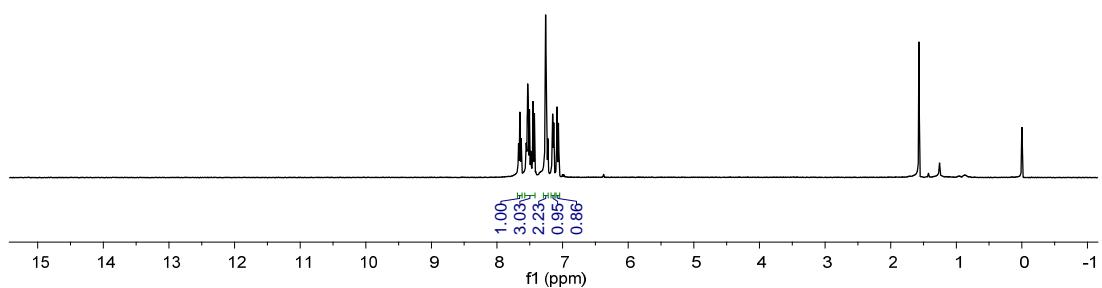




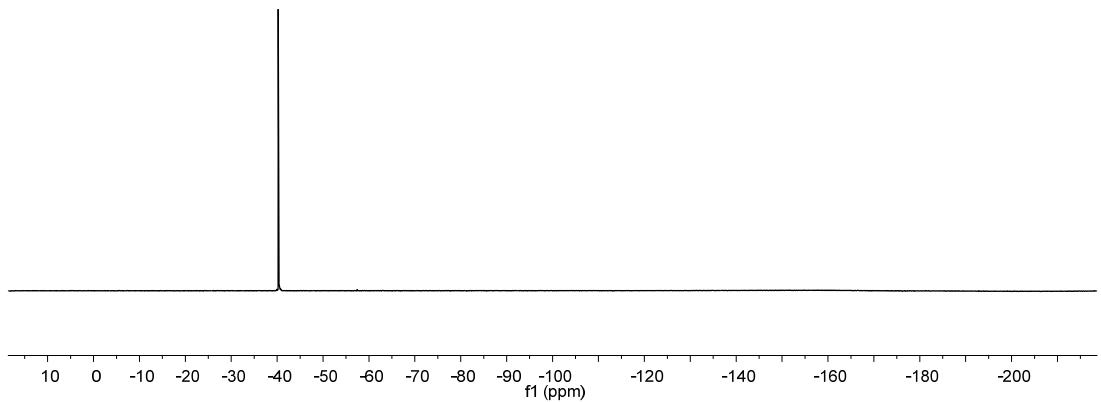
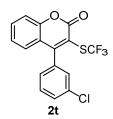


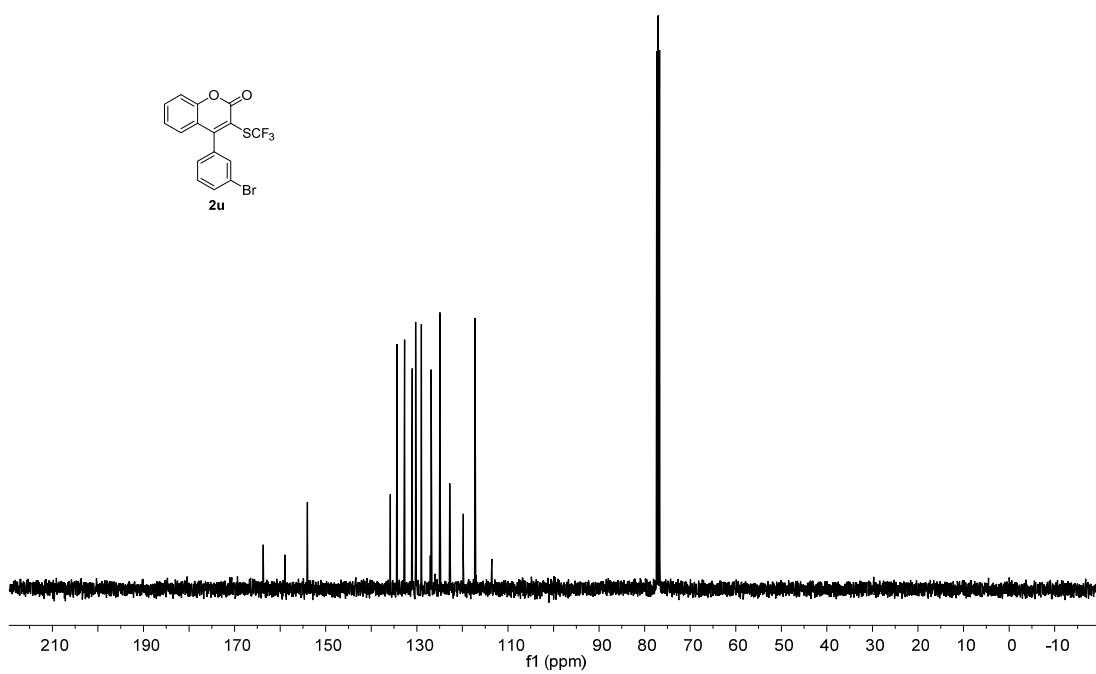
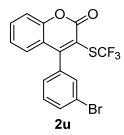
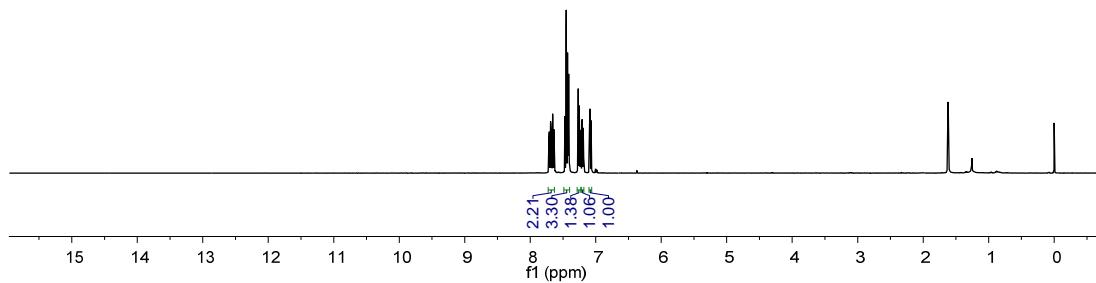
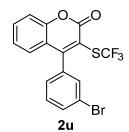




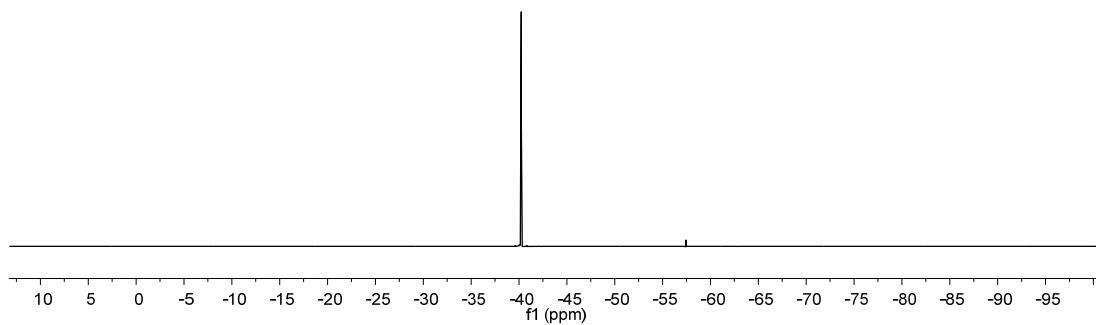
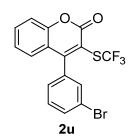


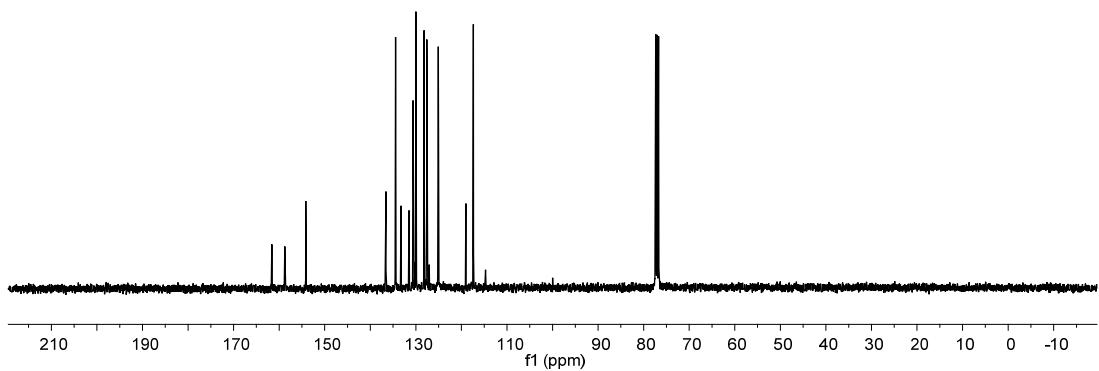
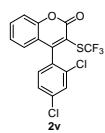
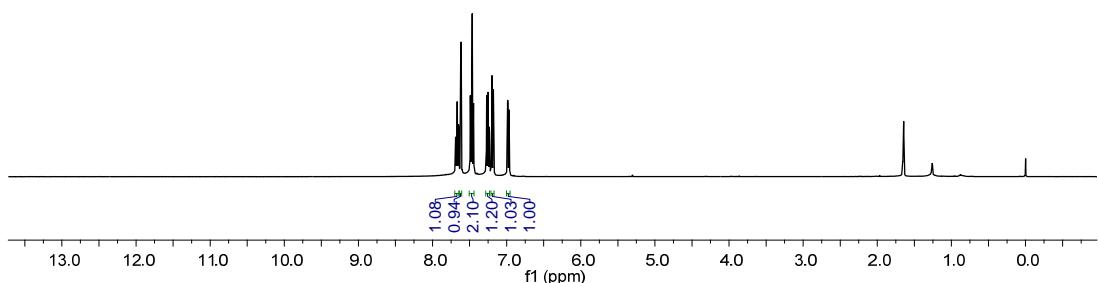
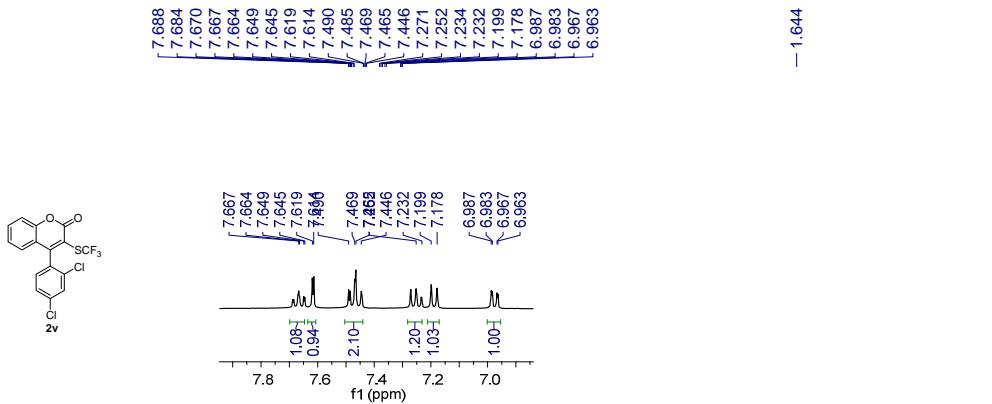
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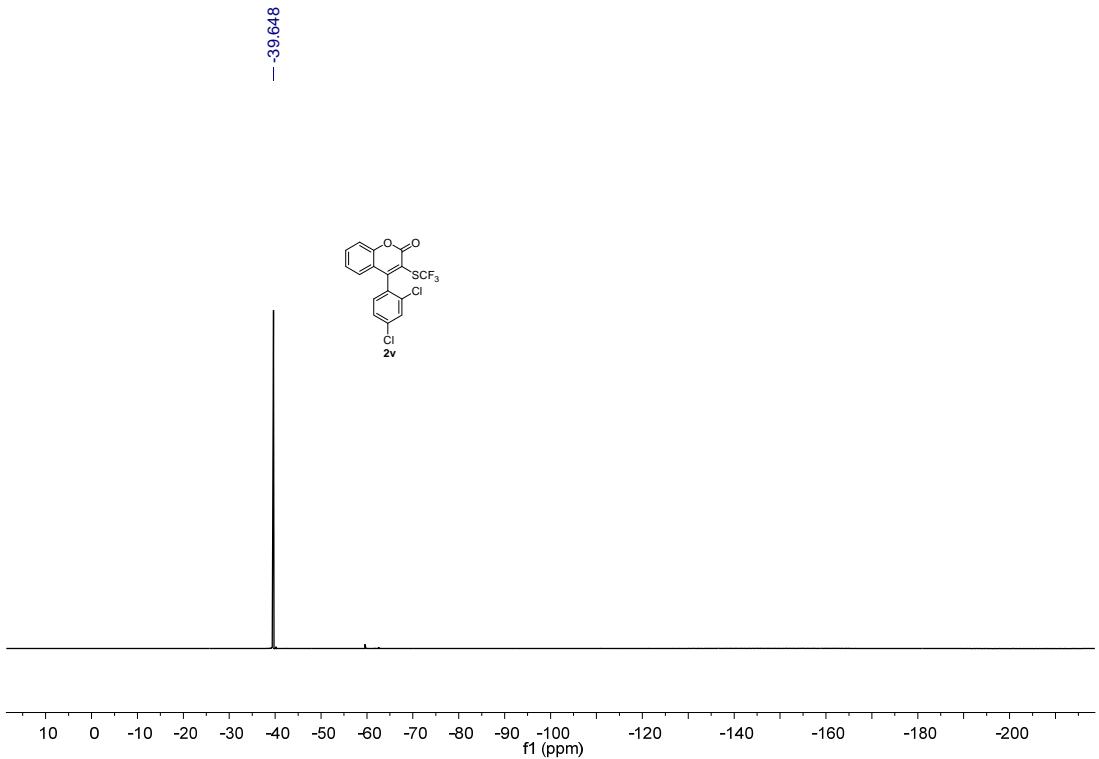


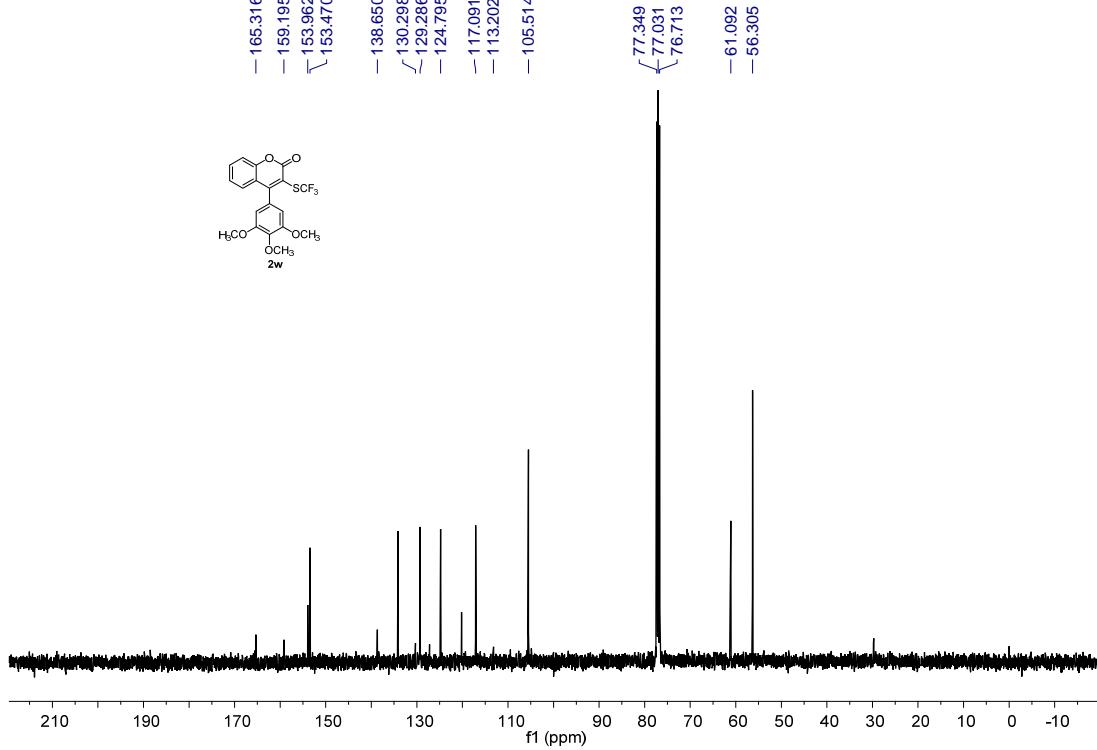
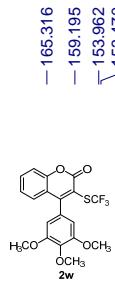
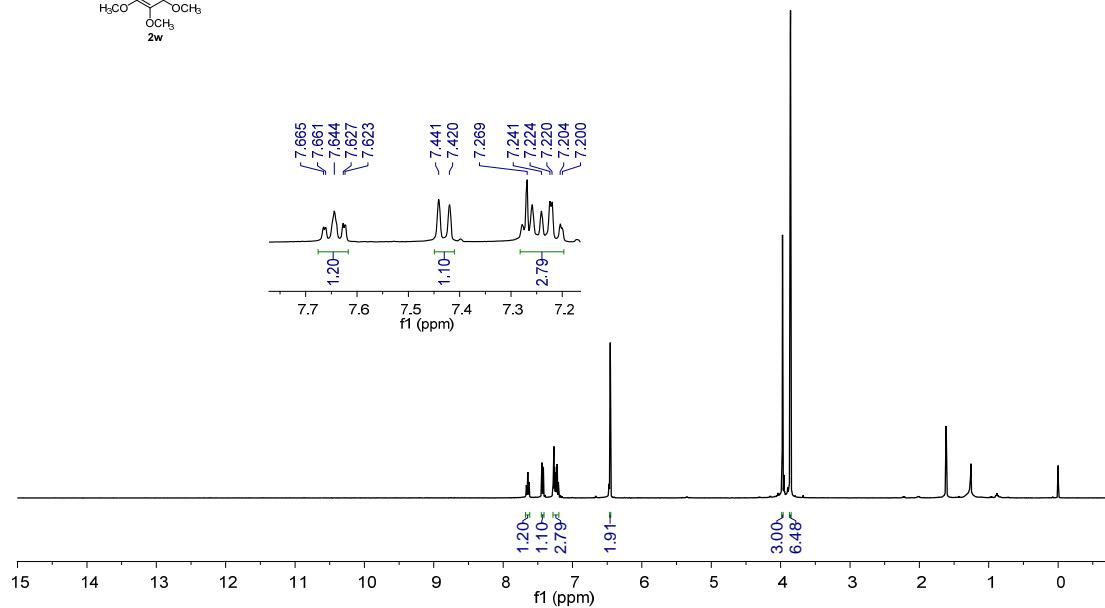
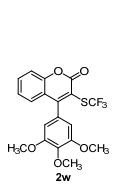


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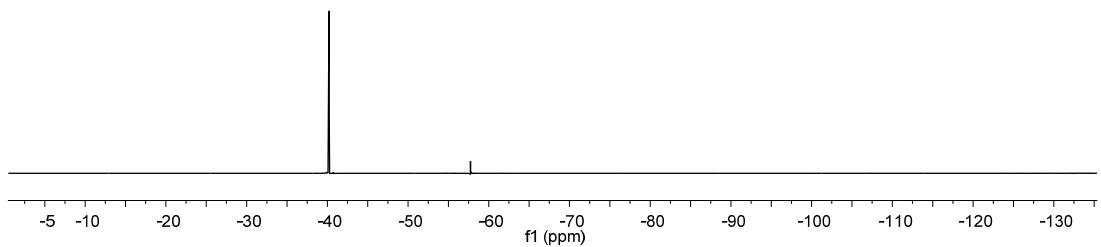
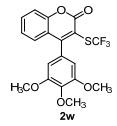


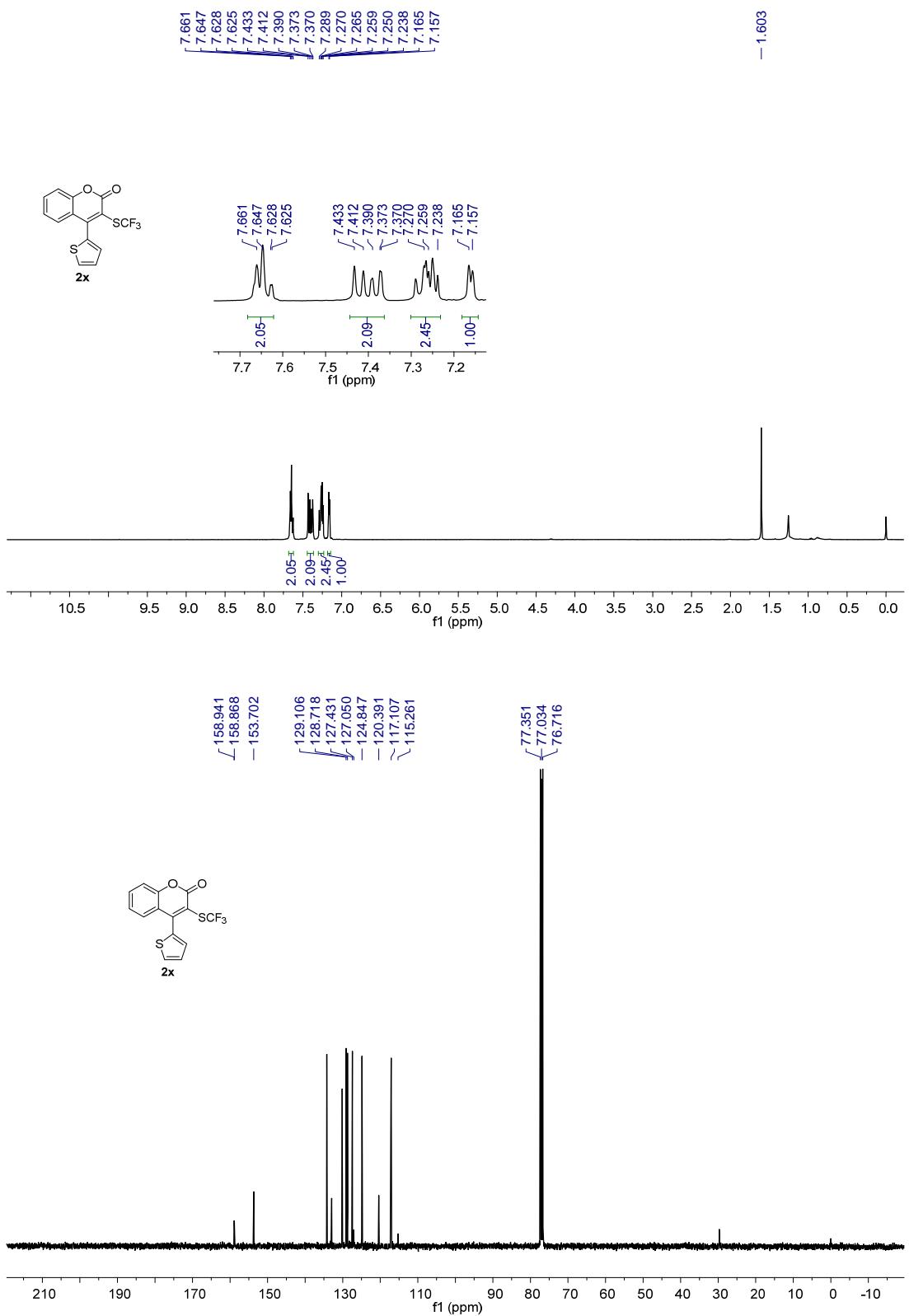
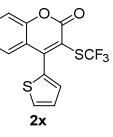




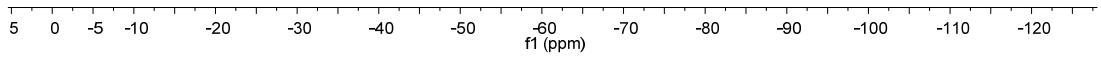
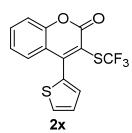


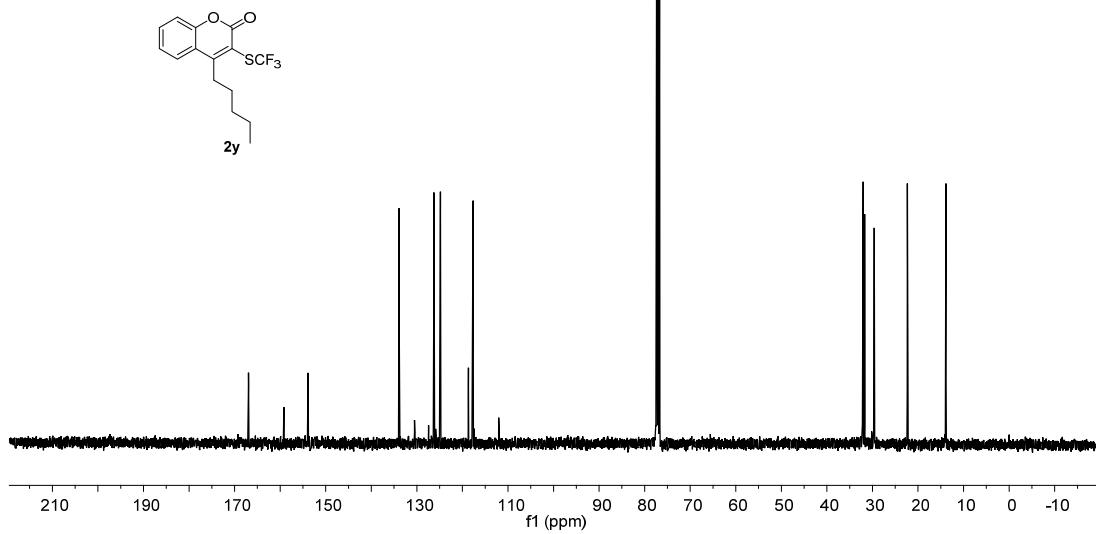
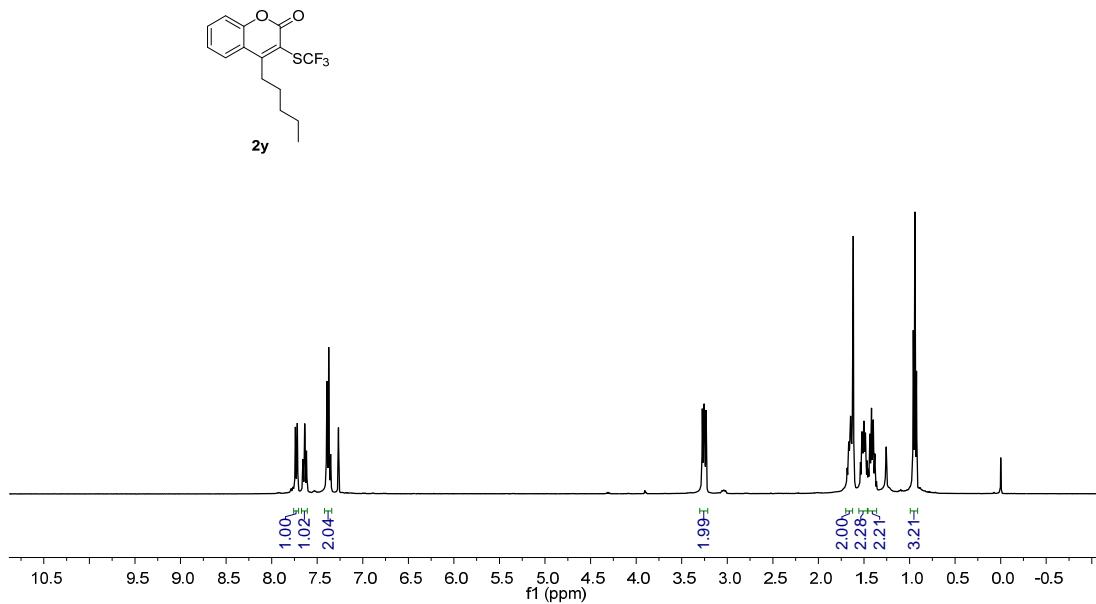
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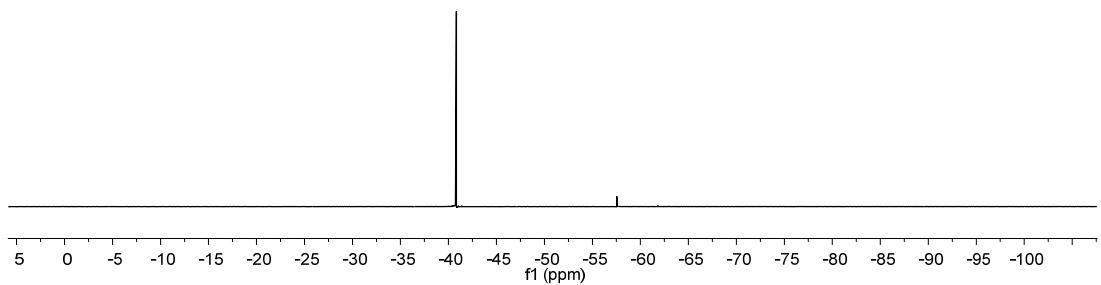
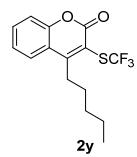


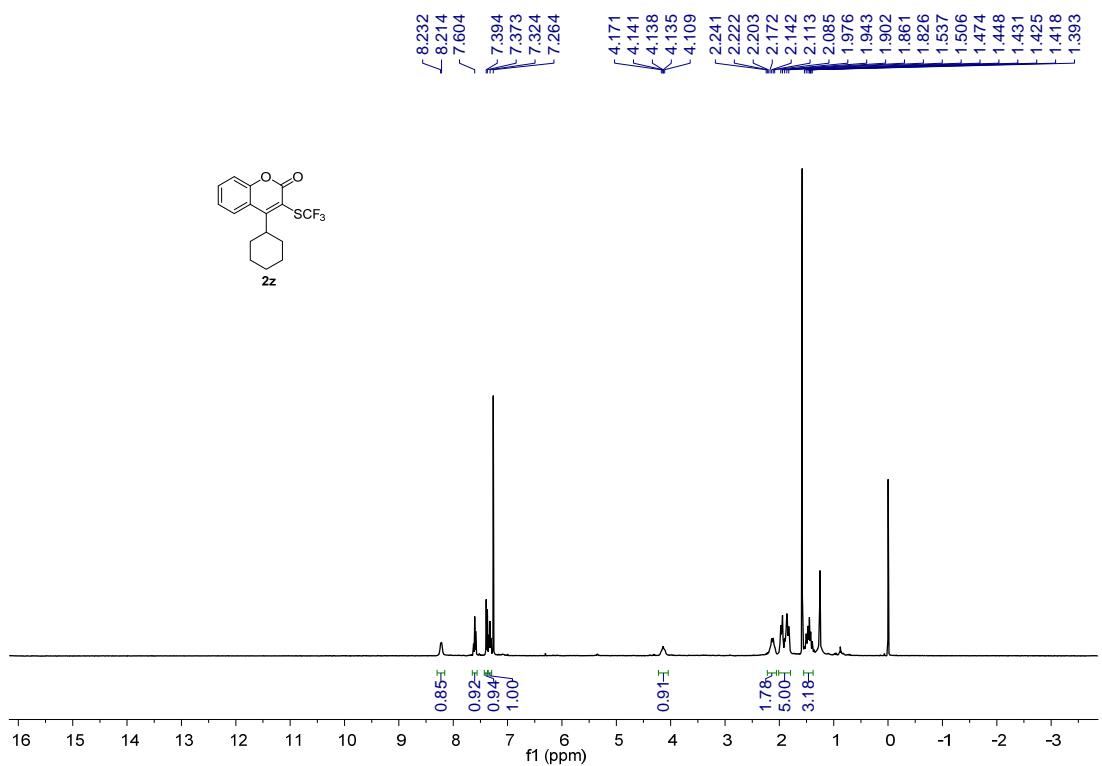
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