

**Supporting Information**

**Expedient and Efficient One Pot Synthesis of Trifluoroethyl  
Ethers From Metal Free 2,4,6-tris-(2,2,2-Trifluoro-Ethoxy)-[1,3,5]  
Triazene**

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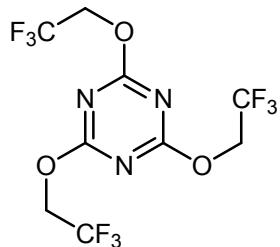
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## 1. General Methods

Nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400MHz),  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz),  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (400MHz)) spectra were determined on a JEOL JNM-ECS 400 spectrometer. Tetramethylsilane was used as the internal standard for proton NMR and  $\delta$  scale used for chemical shift values for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR. Chemical shifts for  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were reported in ppm relative to deuterated chloroform ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 77 ppm) and TMS is used as internal standard. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on MERCK precoated analytical plates, 0.25 mm thick, silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>. All the chemicals used in synthesis were of analytical grade and purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, USA. All moisture sensitive reactions were carried out under an anhydrous argon atmosphere in dry and freshly distilled solvents under anhydrous conditions.

## 2. Experimental procedure and characterization data f

2,4,6-tris(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-1,3,5-triazine (TriTFET)



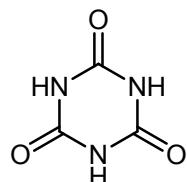
Trifluoroethanol (0.6 ml, 8 mmol) and NaOH (120 mg, 3 mmol) were added to a suspension of cyanuric chloride (184 mg, 1mmol) in acetone ( 3 ml) at 0 °C. The solution was heated to 50 °C and stirred for additional 2 hrs. The reaction was then allowed to cool to room temperature. The precipitate was filtered, washed with acetone and dried to afford the product TriTFET (90% yield) as white crystalline solid.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ 4.84-4.80 (q, J=8Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ 172.34, 126.56-118.19 (q, J=282 Hz, -CF<sub>3</sub>), 64.7-63.65 (m, J= 37 Hz, -CH<sub>2</sub>-); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>); δ -73.65. HRMS Calculated C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> = 375.0261; Found (M+H)= 376.0331

### General procedure for etherification of alcohols

To a solution of alcohol (5 mmol), TriTFET (975 mg, 0.6 equiv) in acetonitrile (15ml) was added PTSA (172 mg, 0.2 equiv) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred until the reaction was complete. The residue was dissolved with EtOAc (100ml) and washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to get TFE protected alcohols in good yield.

### Identification of isocynuric acid

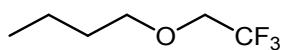


The solid sample which was insoluble in organic solvents was collected by simple filtration and characterized by NMR.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ11.14 (br s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): δ 149.93.

## Characterization of TFE protected alcohols:

### (1a) 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)butane

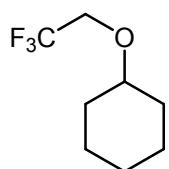


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.7 (m, 2H), 4.4 (t, J=6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.7 (m, 2H), 1.4 (m, 2H), 0.94 (t, J=6.2 Hz, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 126.0-120.1 (q, J=201 Hz); 68.8-68.69 (m, J=36.5 Hz); 61.69; 39.95; 29.67; 14.49.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.47.

### (2a) (2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)cyclohexane

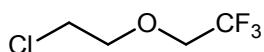


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.8 (q, 2H); 3.5 (m, 1H); 2.02-1.2 (m, 10H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 128-121 (q, J=242 Hz); 69.29; 64-63 (m); 30.8; 30.4; 29.6; 18.9; 13.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.6

### (3a) 2-(2-chloroethoxy)-1,1,1-trifluoroethane

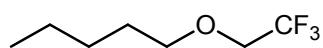


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.3 (m, 2H); 3.6 (t, J= 5.2 Hz, 2H); 3.1 (t, J= 5.1 Hz, 2H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 117.2-109.2 (q, J=222 Hz); 67.8; 61.1 (m); 39.8.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.5

### (4a) 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)pentane

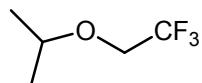


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.7 (m, 2H); 3.4 (t, J=6.4 Hz, 2H); 1.5 (m, 4H); 1.2 (m, 2H); 0.8 (t, J=4.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 126-118 (q, J= 218 Hz); 64 (m); 53.5; 30.8; 29.7; 29.16; 13.8.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.4

**(5a) 2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propane**

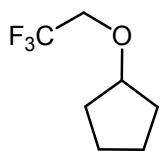


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.9 (m, 1H); 3.8 (m, 2H); 1.13 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 128-120 (q, J= 210 Hz); 64.9; 60-59 (m), 24.7

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -74.5

**(6a) (2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)cyclopentane**

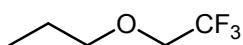


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.8 (m, 2H); 3.5 (m, 1H); 2.1-1.8 (m, 4H); 1.2 (m, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 128.5-120.9 (q); 69.2; 63.6 (m), 30.4; 29.6; 18.6; 13.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 73.7

**(7a) 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)propane**

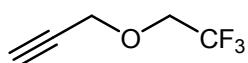


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.5 (m, 2H); 3.9 (t, J= 8 Hz, 2H); 1.3 (m, 2H); 0.9 (t, J= 4.8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 128.4-120.0 (q, J= 280 Hz); 61.1-60.1 (m); 50.4; 22.98; 14.9.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.11.

**(8a) 3-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)prop-1-yne**

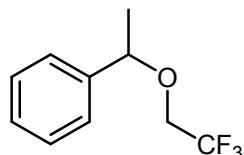


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.8 (m, 2H); 4.2 (d, J= 2.4 Hz, 2H); 2.4 (t, J= 2.4 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 128-120 (q, J= 280 Hz); 81.3; 73.9; 61.1-60.1 (m); 50.4.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 73.9

**(9a) {1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)ethyl} benzene**

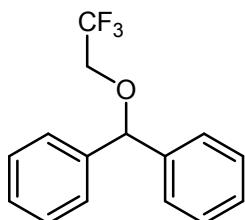


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.2 (m, 5H); 5.03 (q, 1H); 4.6 (m, 2H); 1.5 (d, J= 4Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 134.19; 129.3; 128.5; 127.0; 125.3; 127.0-124.1 (q, J=228 Hz); 83.4; 63.4 (m); 22.6.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.38

**(10a) {(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methylene} dibenzene**

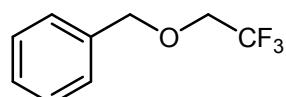


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.78 (d, J=8Hz, 2H); 7.4 (t, J=12 Hz, 2H); 7.4 (m, 4H); 7.3 (m, 2H); 6.8 (s, 1H); 4.6 (m, 2H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 128.4; 125.9-120.0 (q, J=238 Hz); 125.6; 122.8; 121.6; 108.6; 61.7 (m).

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -72.8

**(11a) {(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)methyl}benzene**

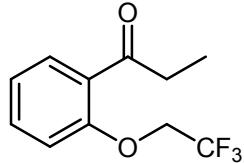


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.2 (m, 5H); 4.7 (s, 2H); 4.6 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 133.9; 129.3; 128.5; 127.4; 127.2-122.8 (q, J=272 Hz); 82.4; 63.4 (m)

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 74.4.

**(12a) 1-{2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl}propan-1-one**

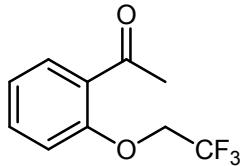


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.7 (d, J=8 Hz, 1H); 7.4 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H); 6.9 (dd, J<sub>J</sub>=14 Hz, 1H); 6.8 (d, J=12 Hz, 1H); 4.8 (m, 2H); 3.8 (q, J=9.6 Hz, 2H); 1.2 (t, J=8 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 207.5; 162.08, 136.2; 129.8; 128.4; -119.4 (q, J=276 Hz); 119.01; 118.3; 61.5; 60.8 (m), 31.92; 8.1.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.92

**(13a) 1-{2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl} ethanone**

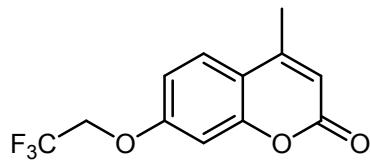


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.7 (d, J=8 Hz, 1H); 7.4 (t, J=12 Hz, 1H); 6.9 (d, J=12 Hz, 1H); 6.5 (t, 9.5 Hz, 1H); 4.5 (m, 2H); 2.3 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 207.4; 162.1; 136.3; 129.7; 128-119 (q 280 Hz); 119.03; 118.3; 61.5 (m); 31.8.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -74.04

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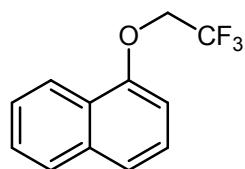


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.4 (d, J=12 Hz, 1H); 6.8 (s, 1H); 6.8 (d, J=8 Hz, 1H); 6.1 (s, 1H); 3.9 (m, 2H); 2.3 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 161.7; 155.2; 151.9; 136.4; 128-122 (q, J=262 Hz); 112.8; 101.1; 87.8 (m); 20.9.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -73.3

**(15a) 1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)naphthalene**

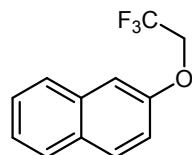


$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.3 (d,  $J=6.8$  Hz, 1H); 8.0 (t,  $J=8.8$  Hz, 1H); 7.8 (d,  $J=8.2$  Hz, 1H); 7.3 (m, 2H); 6.8 (t,  $J=5.8$  Hz, 1H); 6.4 (d,  $J=12$  Hz, 1H); 4.5 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  172.7; 155.4; 150.54; 142.4; 139.27; 136.4; 130.3; 129.9; 128.9-122.8 (q,  $J=242$  Hz); 63.6 (m).

$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -73.37

**(16a) 2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)naphthalene**

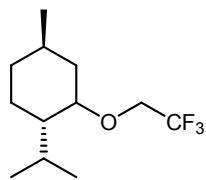


$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  8.3 (d,  $J=10$  Hz, 1H); 8.1 (d,  $J=8.8$  Hz, 1H); 7.7 (t,  $J=6$  Hz, 1H); 7.4 (t,  $J=6.8$  Hz, 1H); 6.9-6.8 (t,  $J=6.6$  Hz, 2H); 4.5 (m, 2H).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  167.6; 149.1; 147.2; 142.1; 133.9; 130.2; 129.3-123.1 (q,  $J=246$  Hz); 119.0; 61.5 (m).

$^{19}\text{F}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  -73.9

**(17a) (1S,4R)-1-isopropyl-4-methyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)cyclohexane**

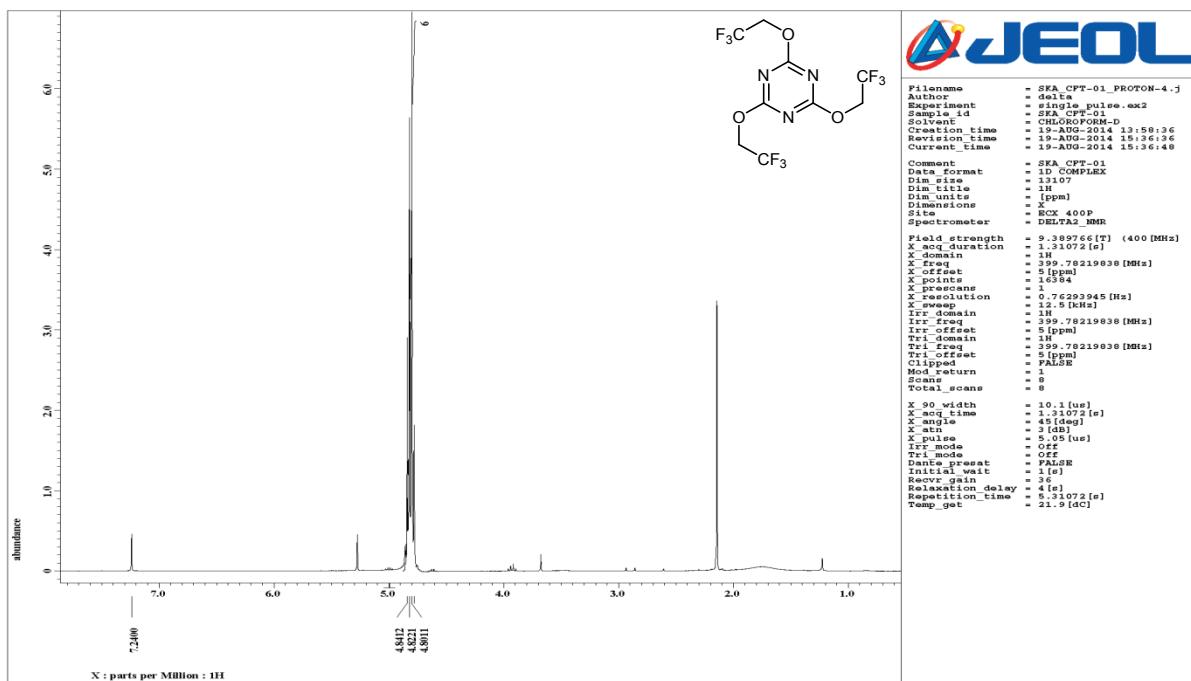


<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 4.6 (q, 2H); 3.4 (m, 1H); 2.2-1.9 (m, 2H); 1.5 (m, 2H); 1.4-1.2 (m, 2H); 0.9-0.8 (m, 12H).

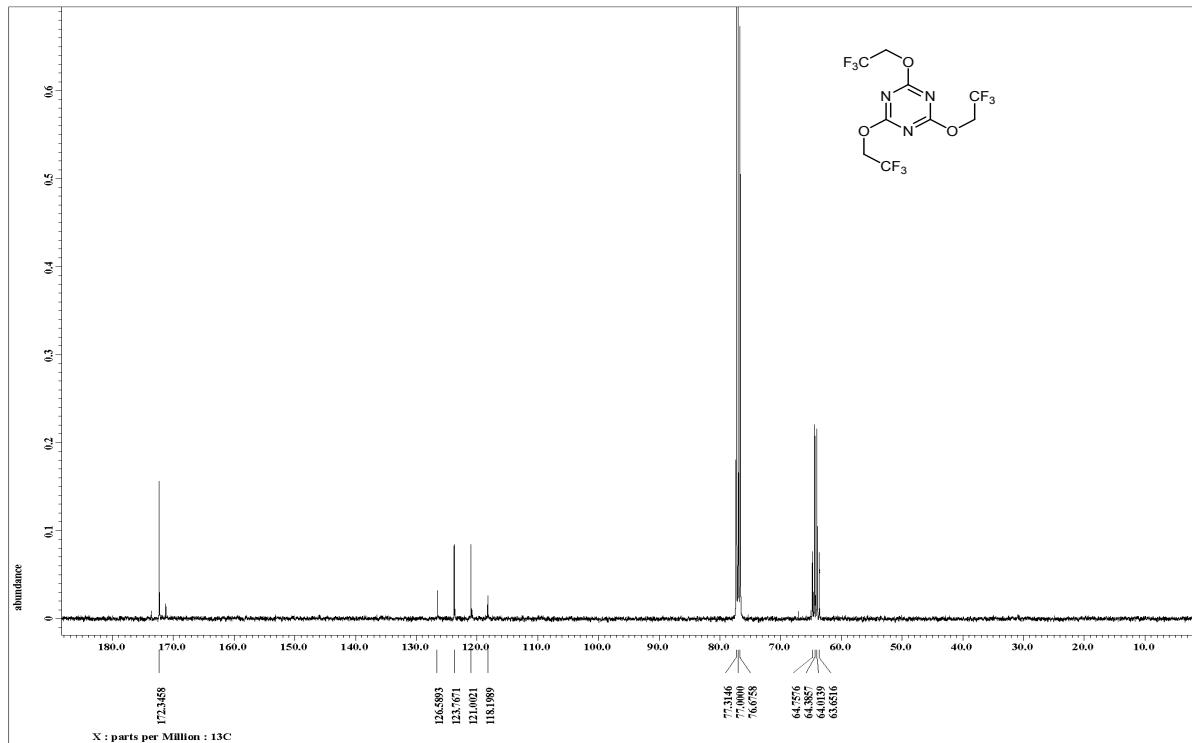
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<sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -74.25

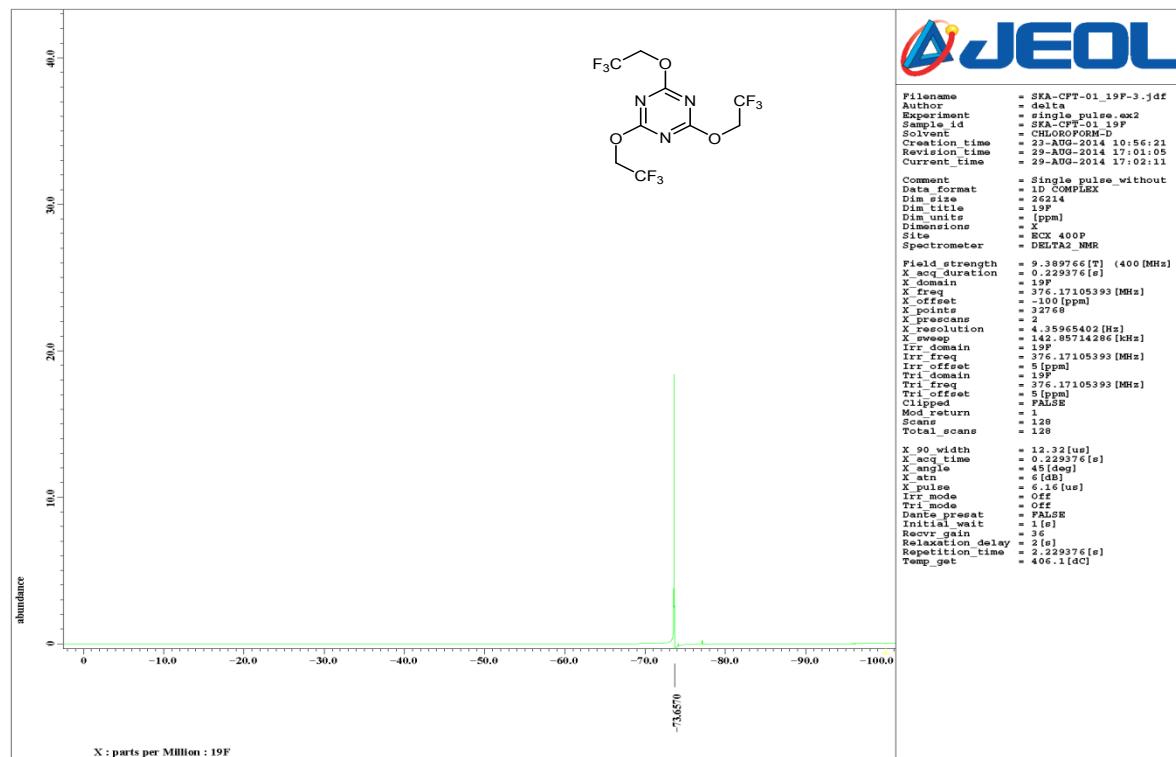
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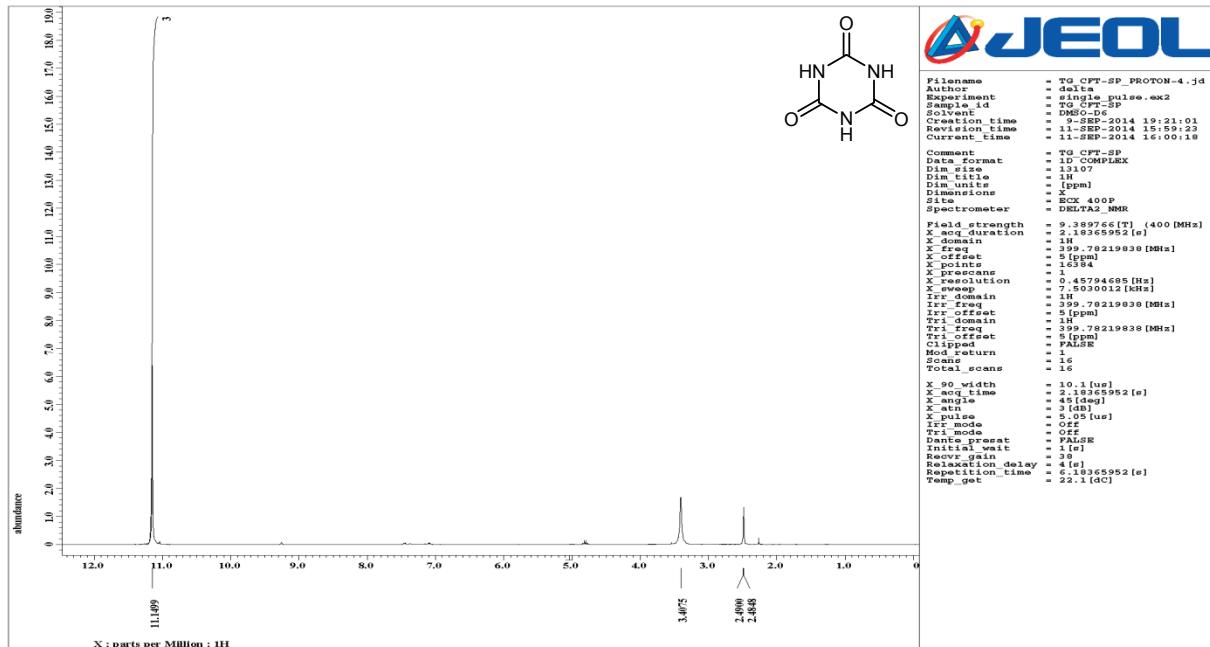


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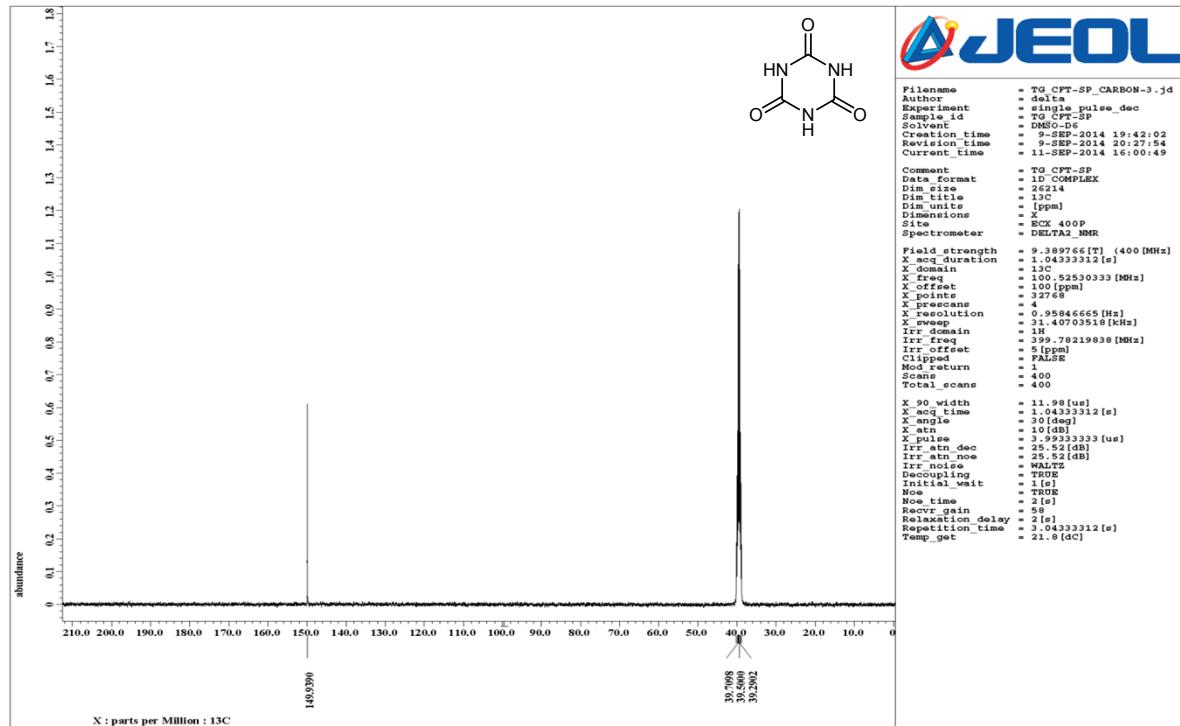




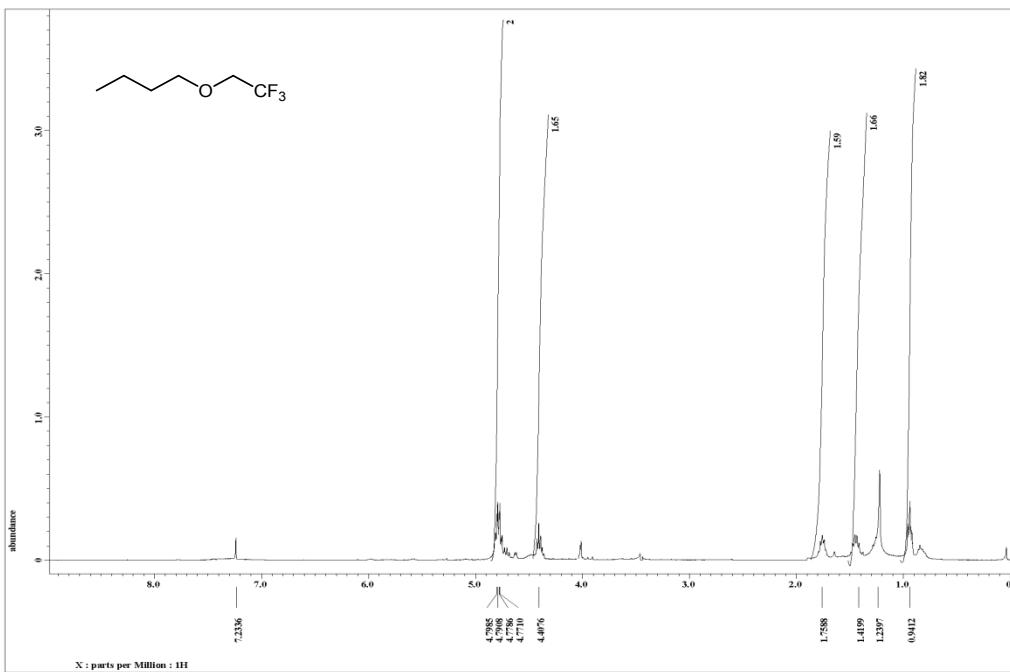
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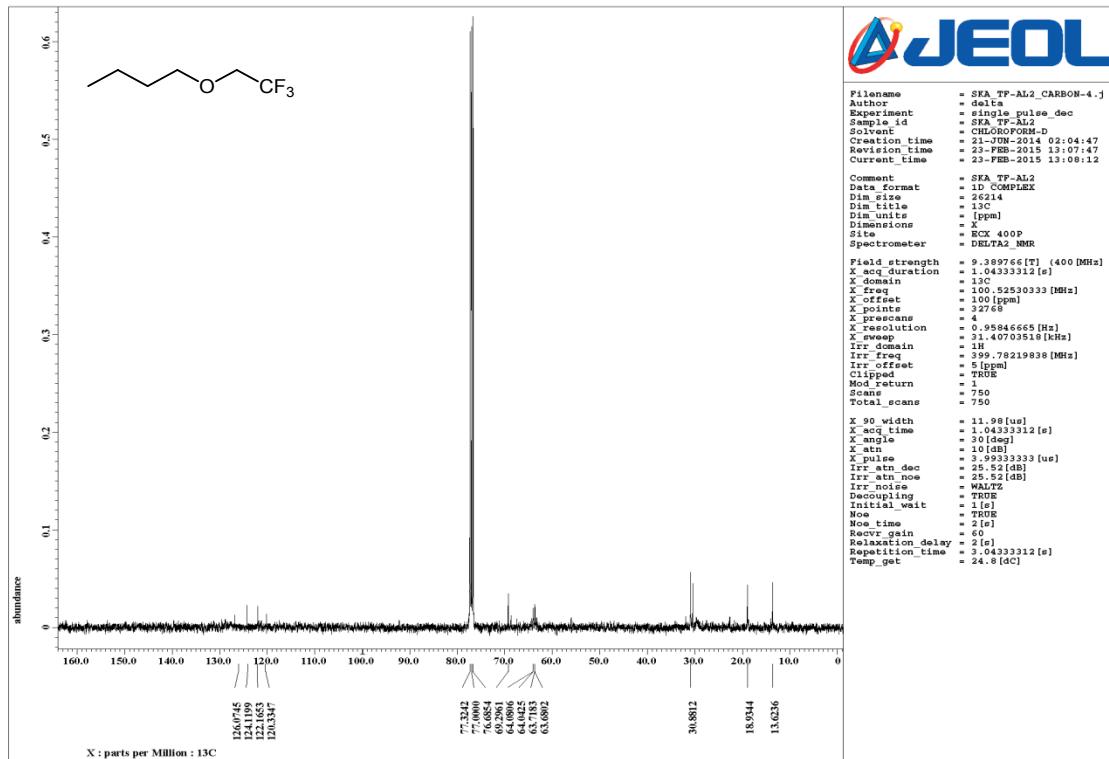
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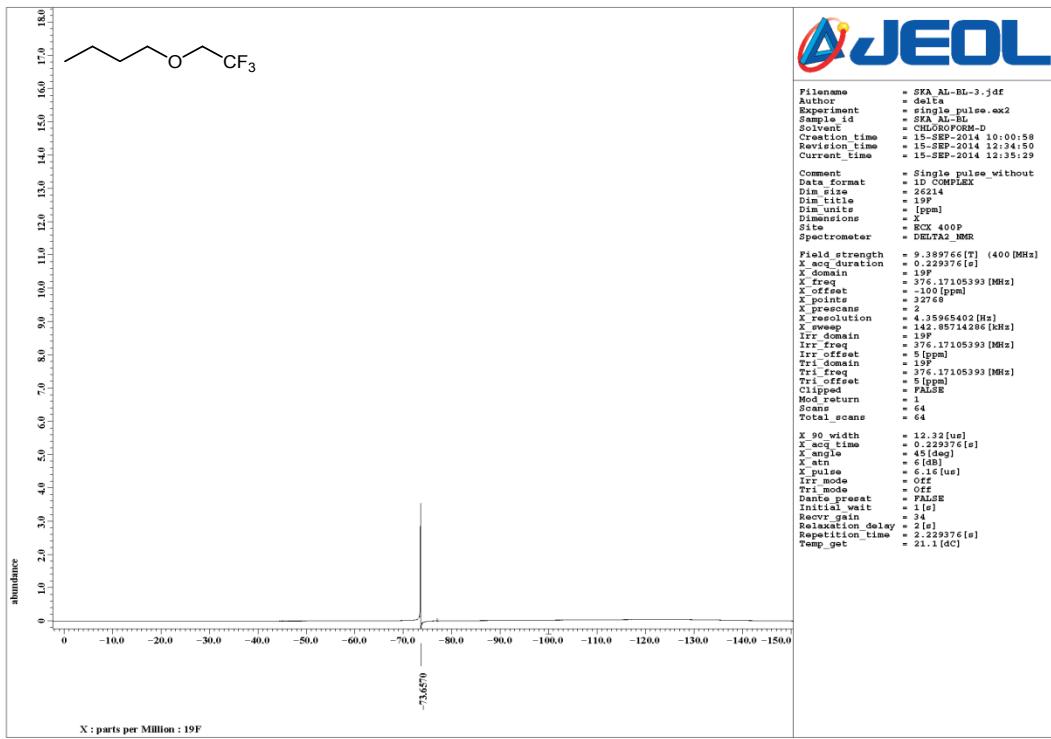
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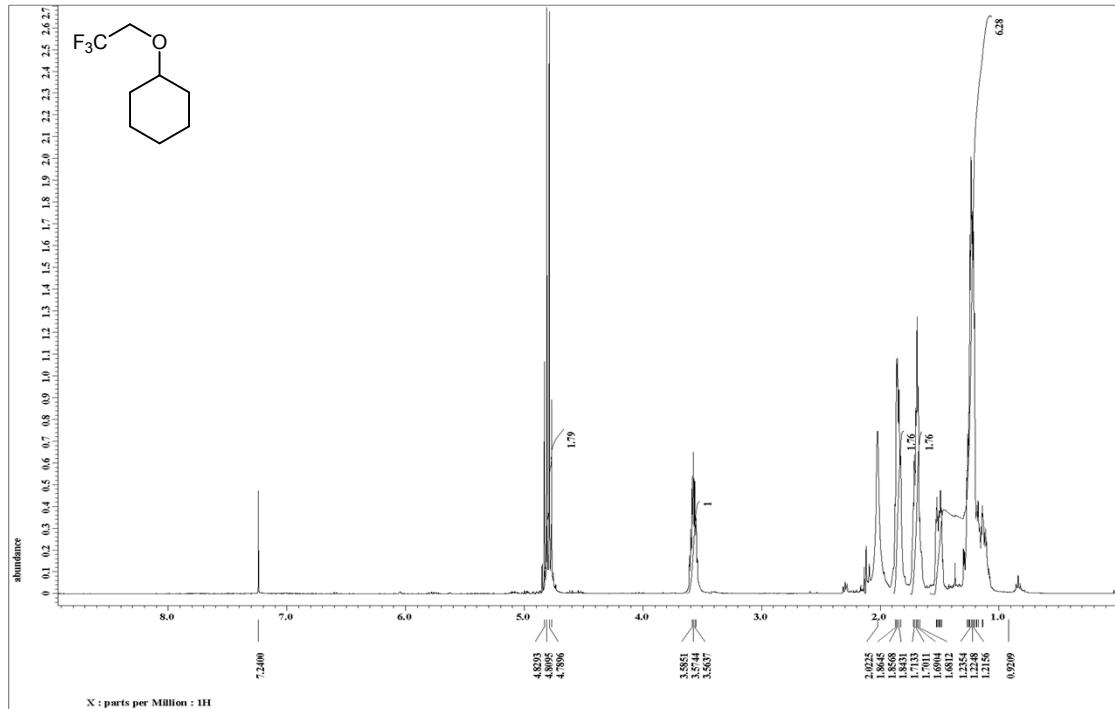
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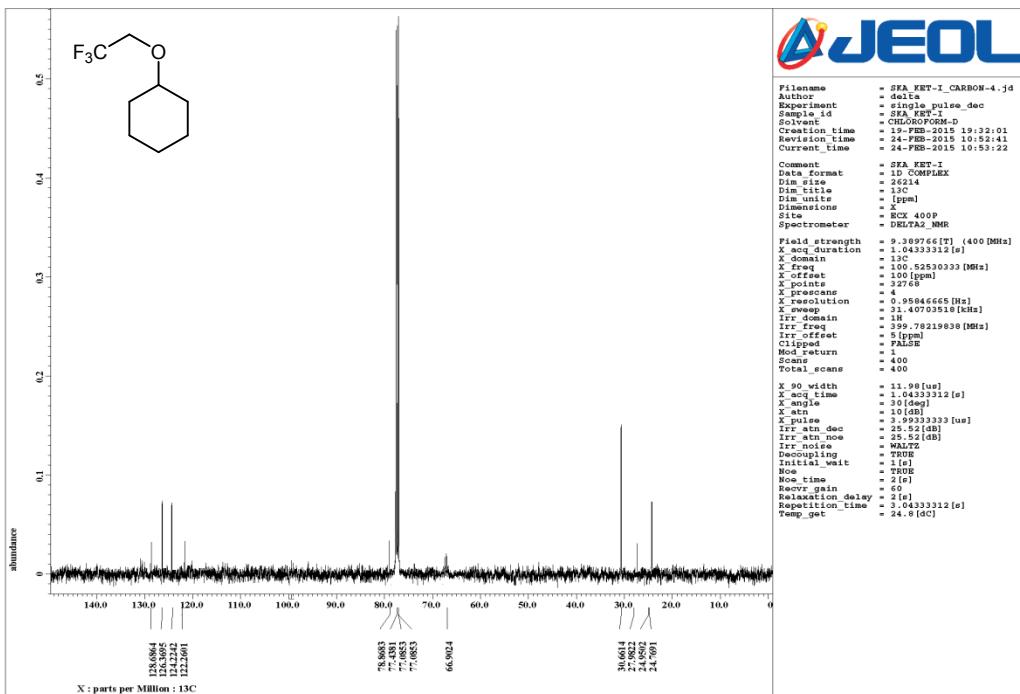
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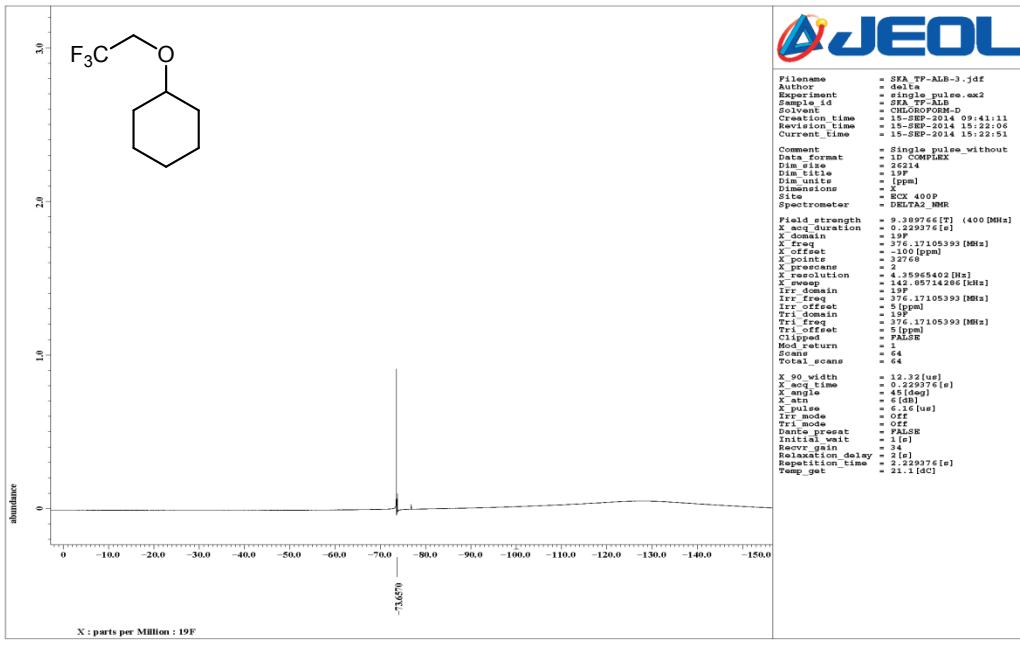
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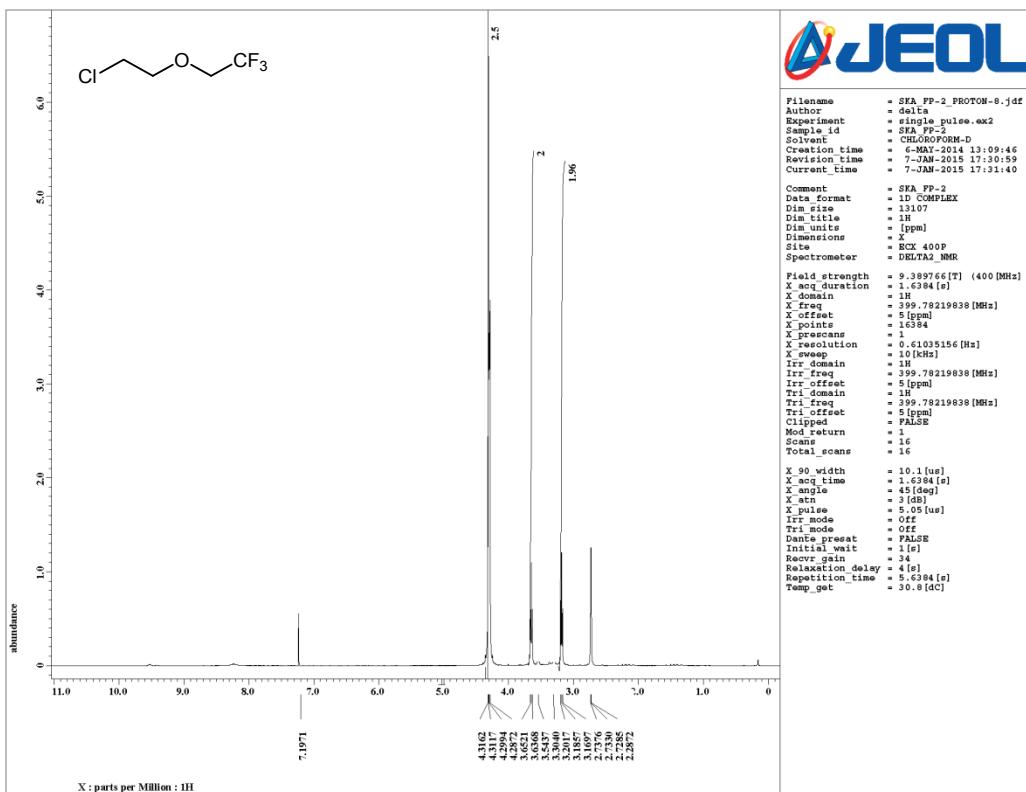
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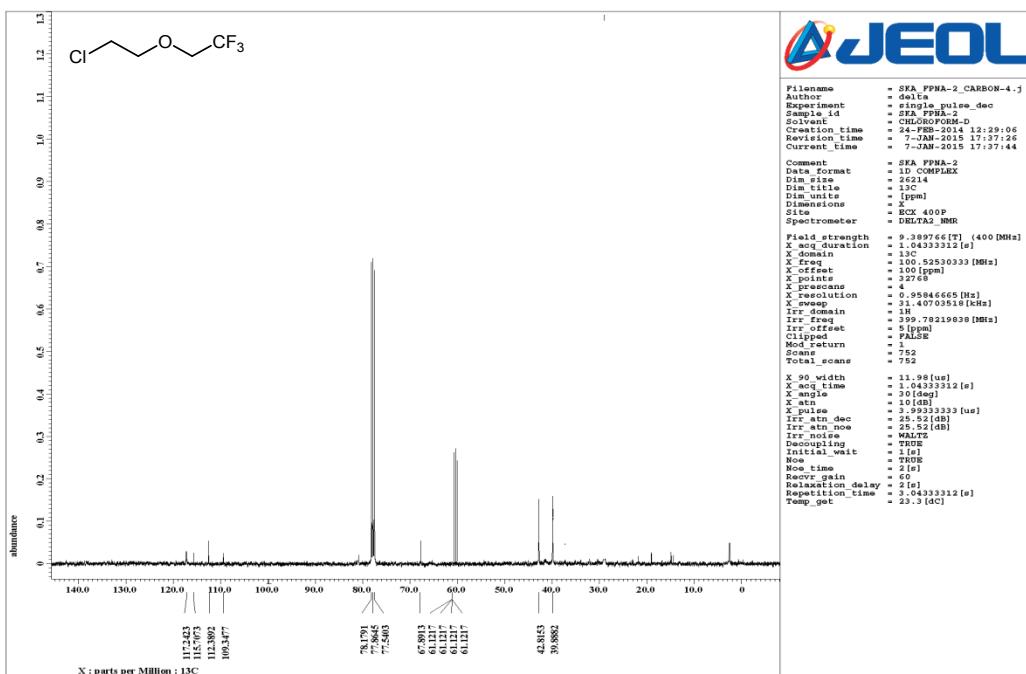
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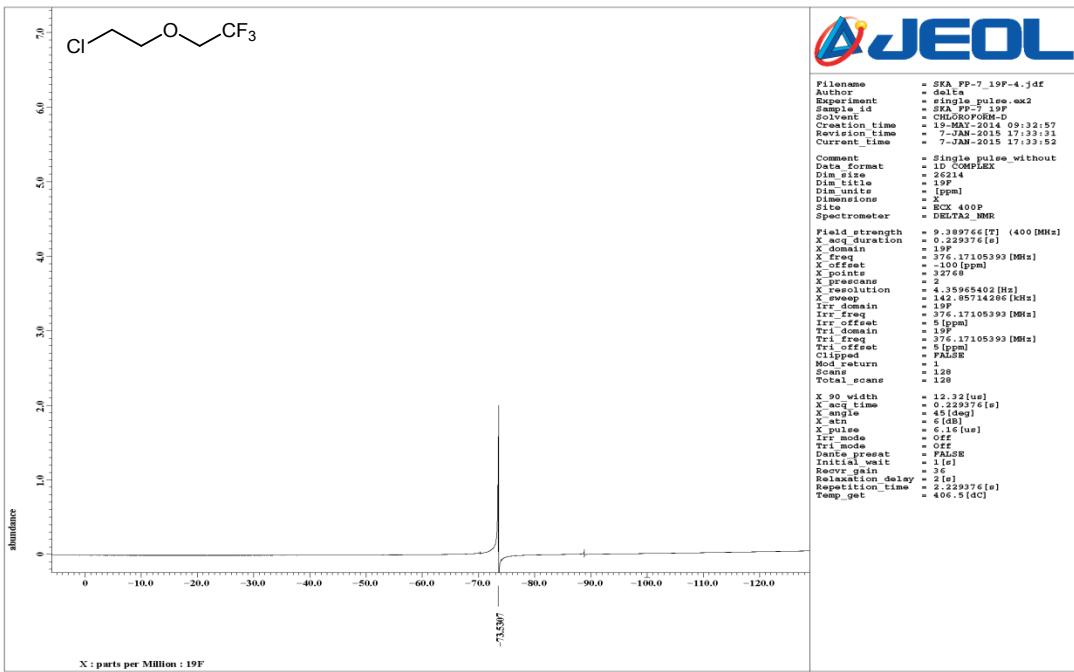
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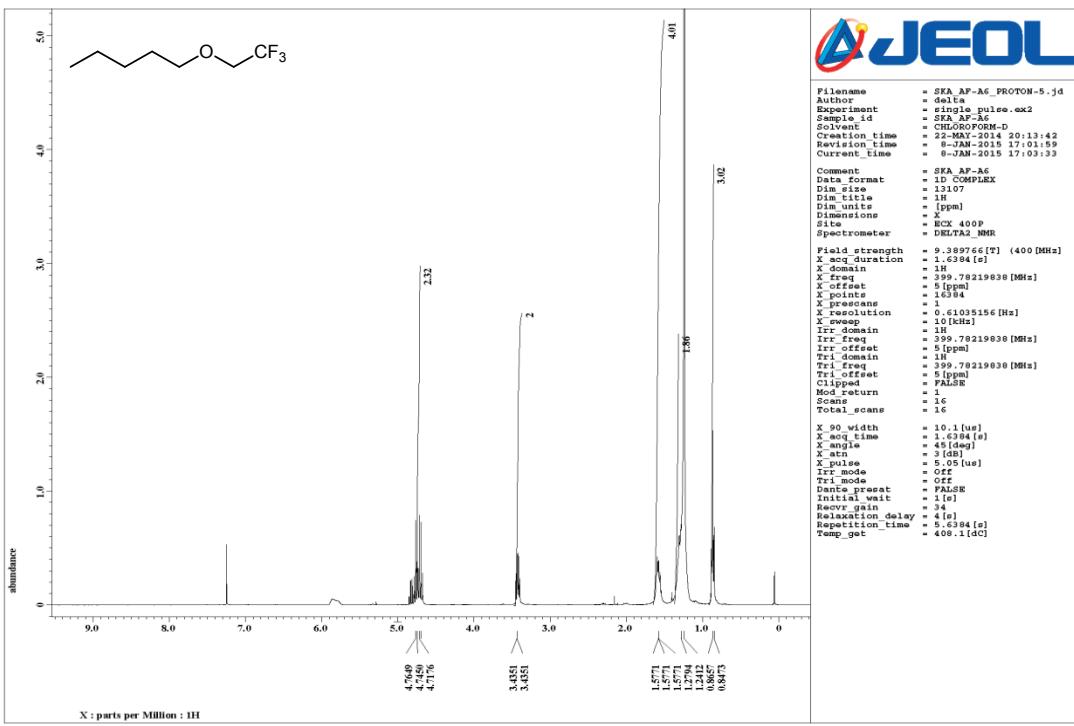
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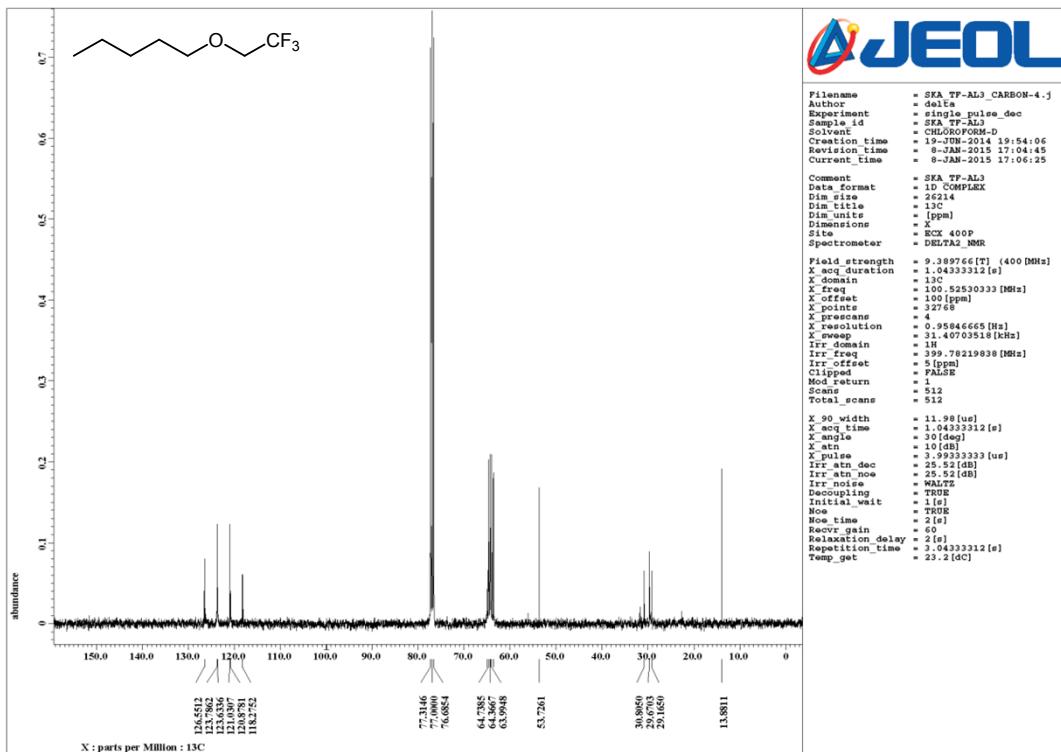
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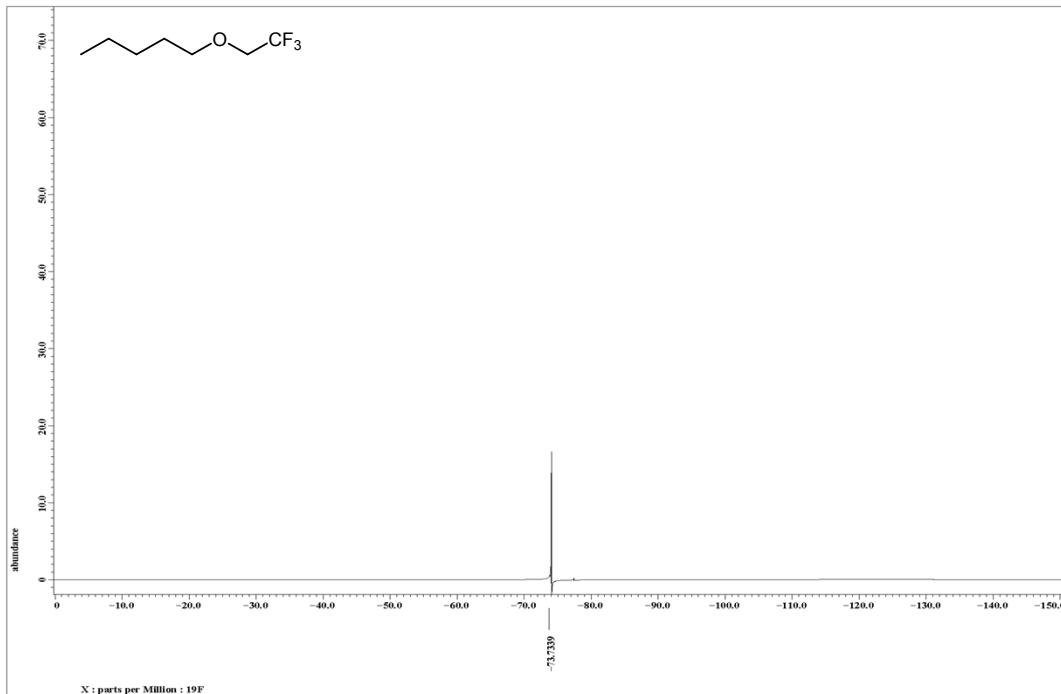
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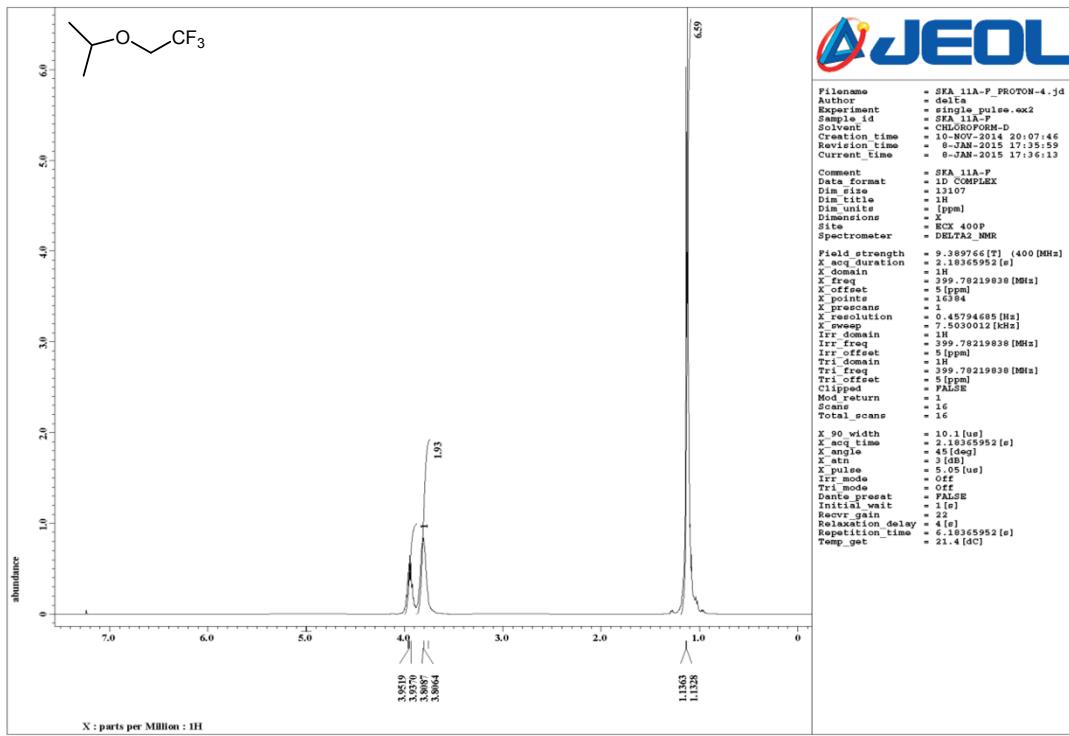
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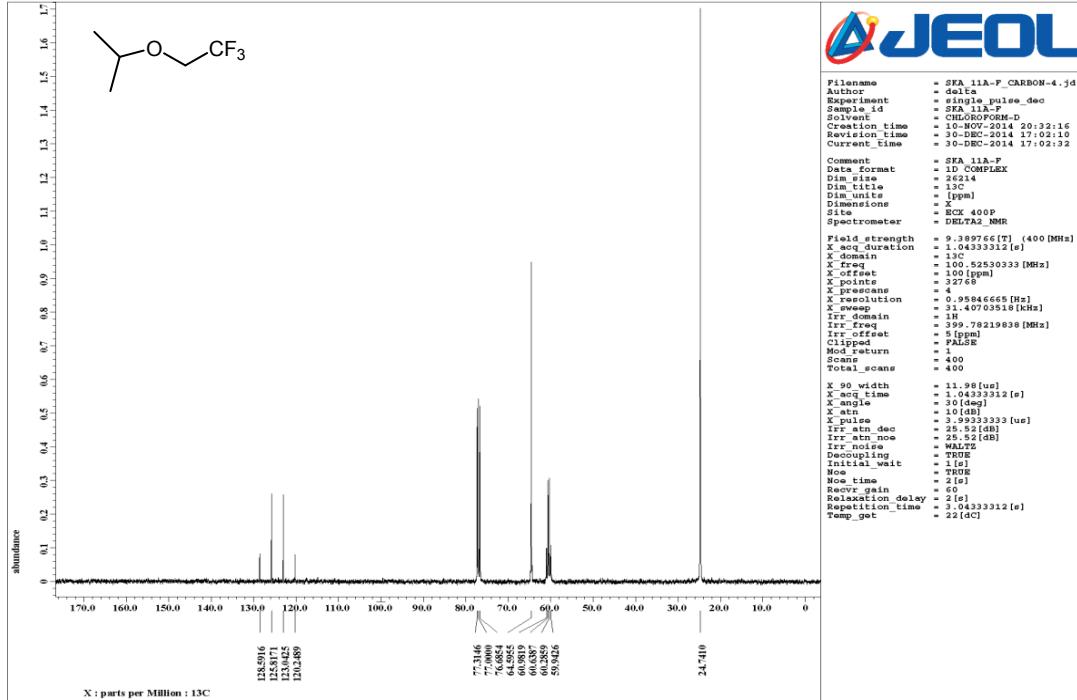
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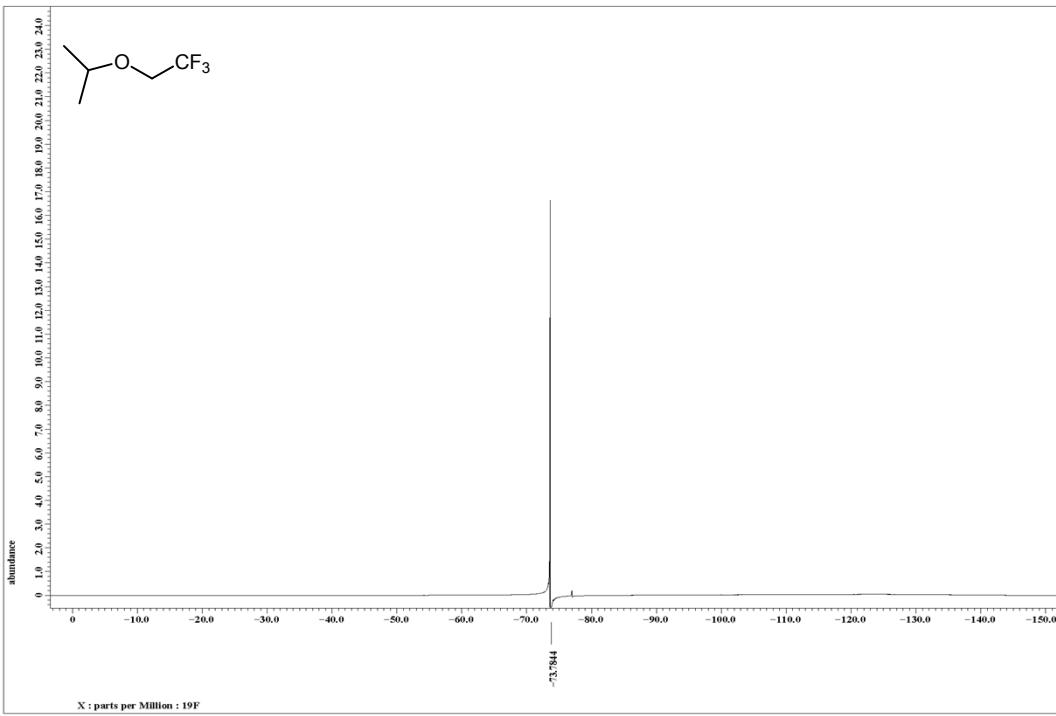
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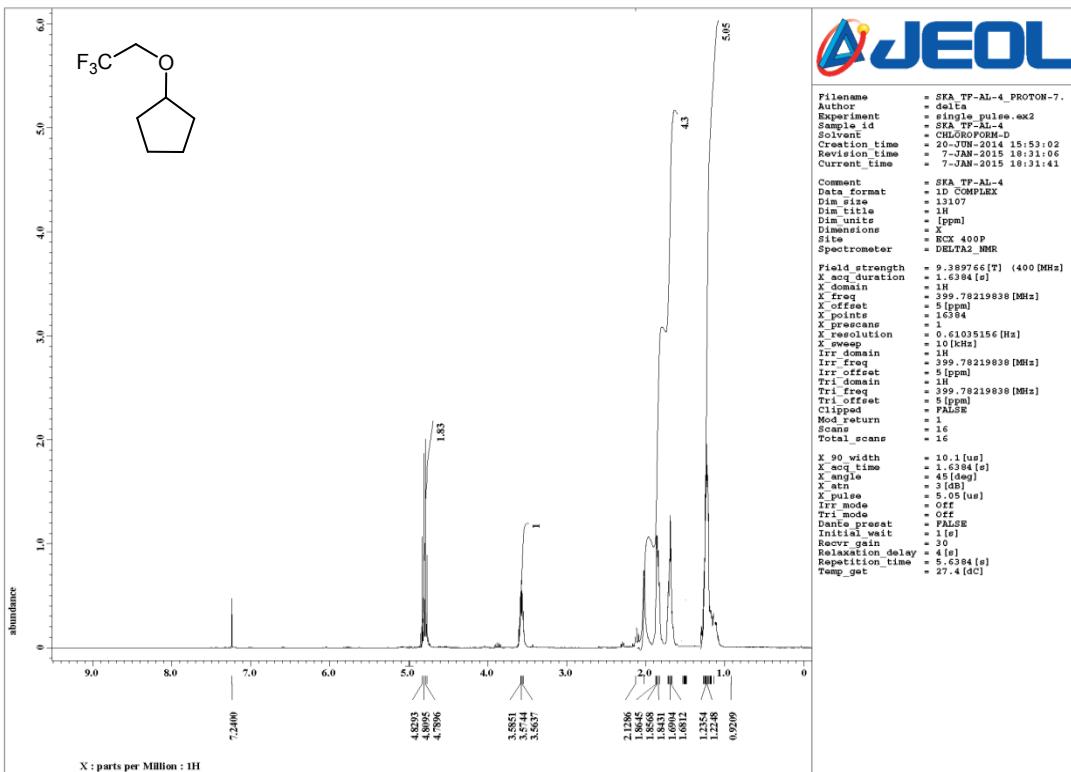
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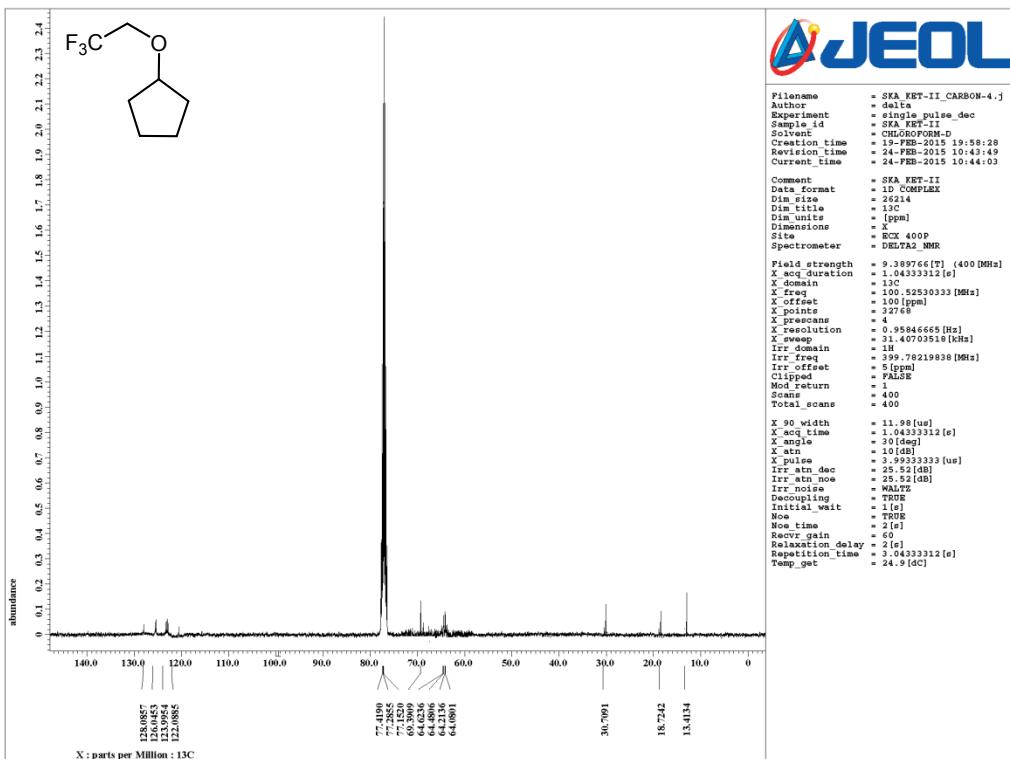
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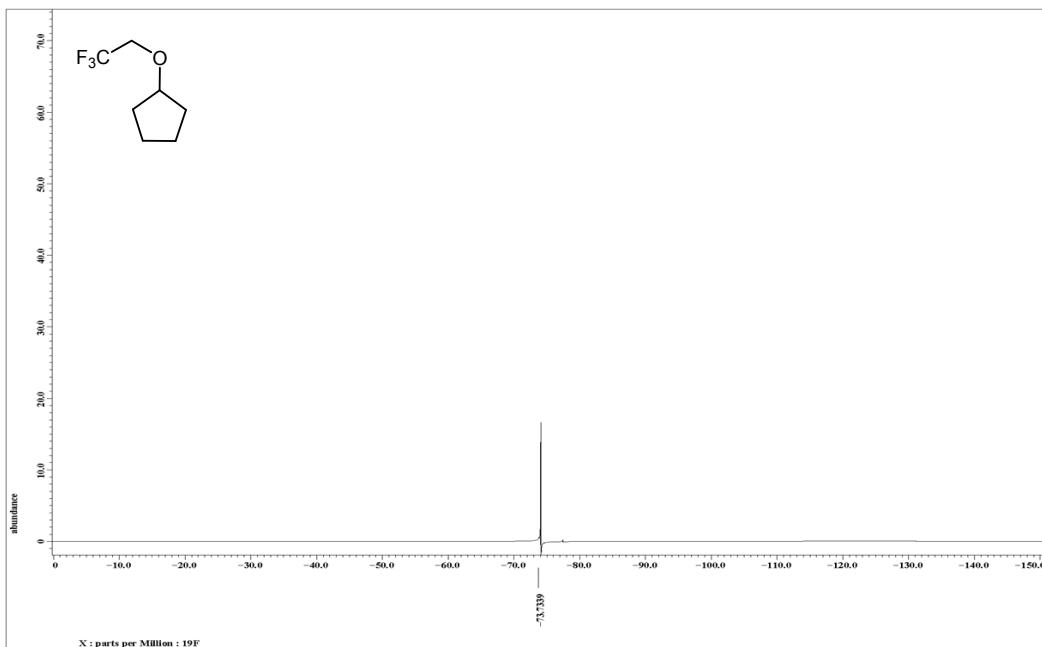
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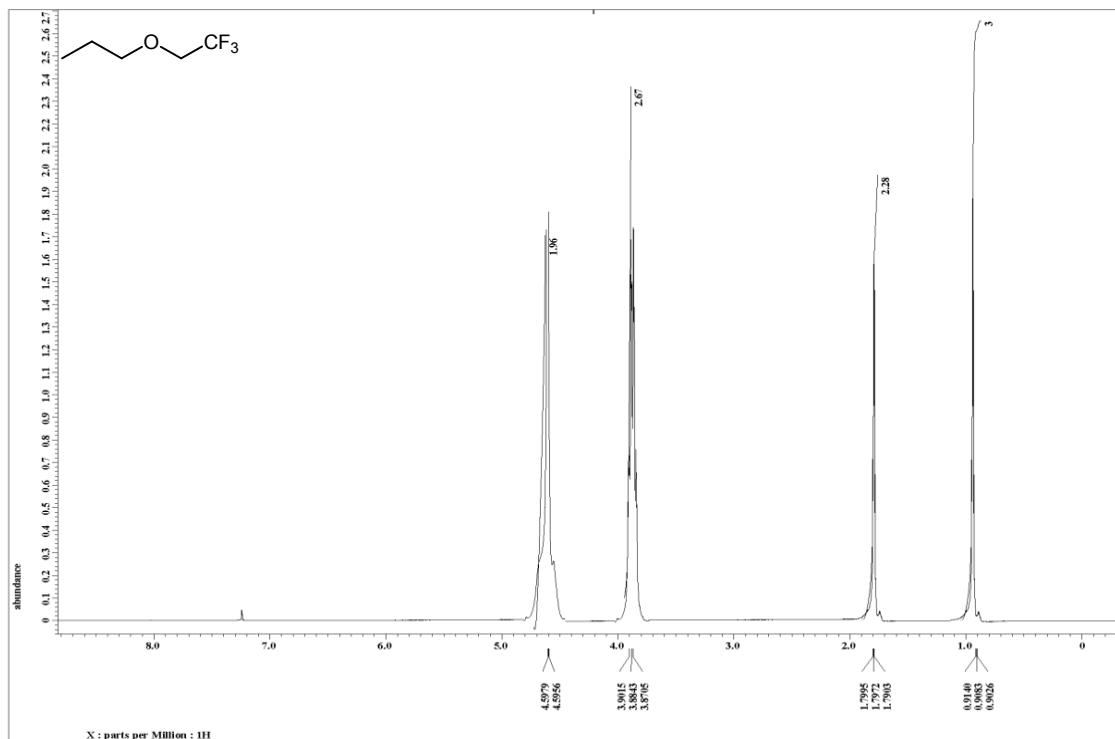
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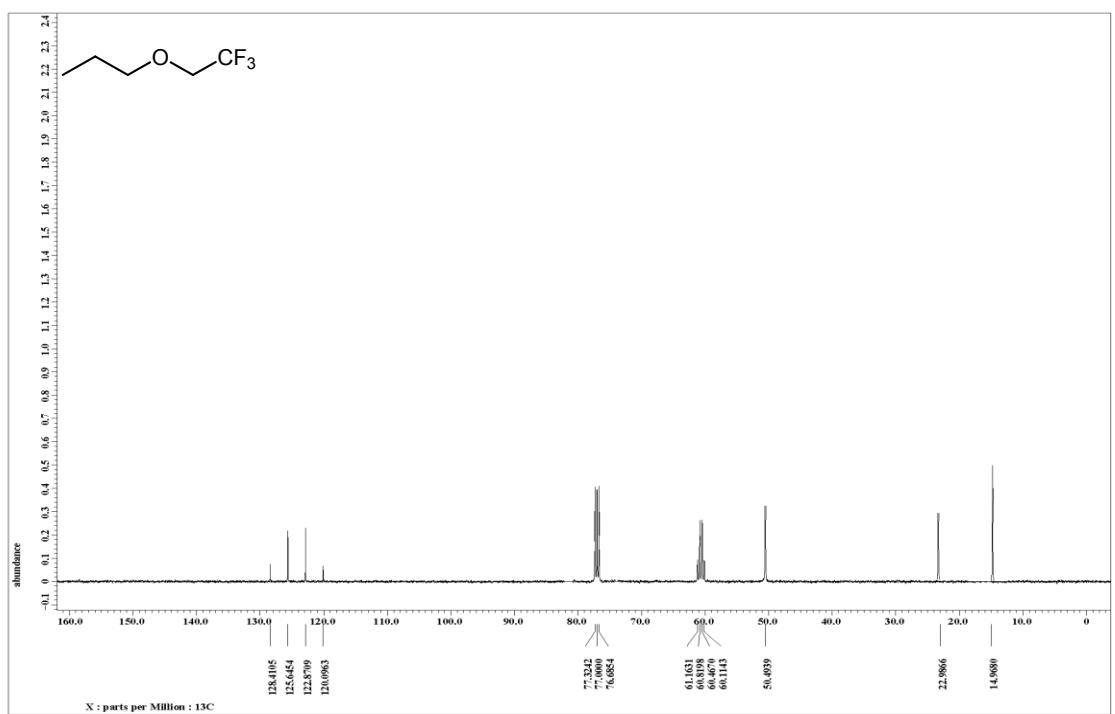
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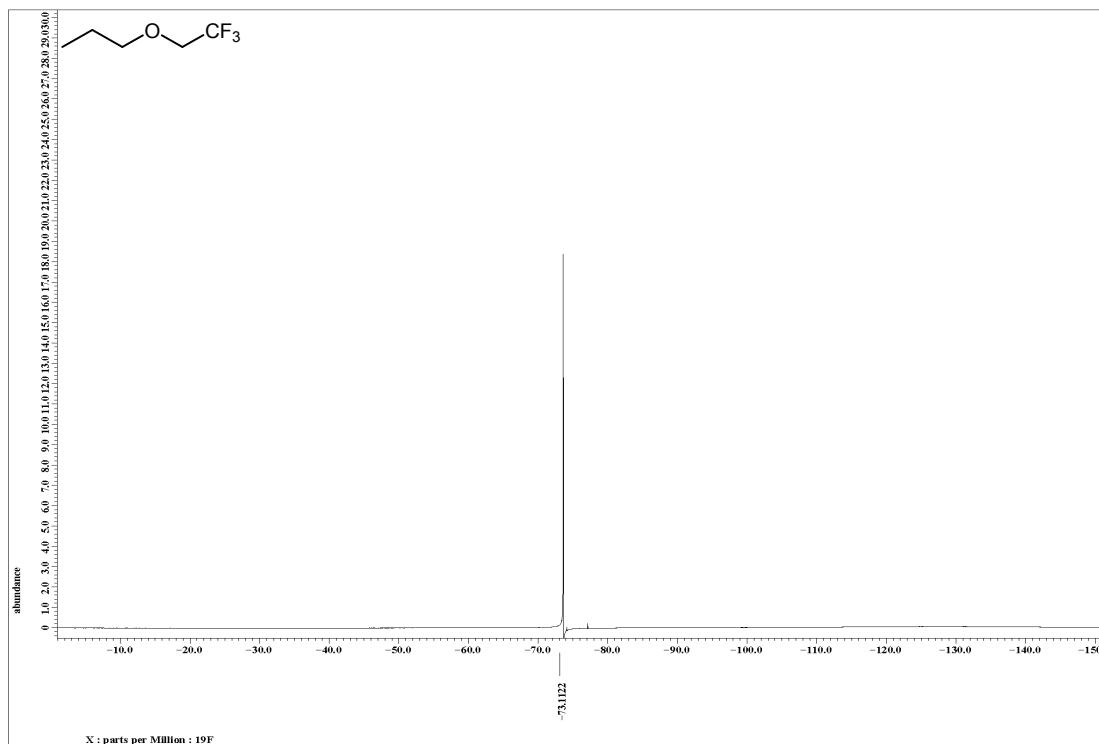
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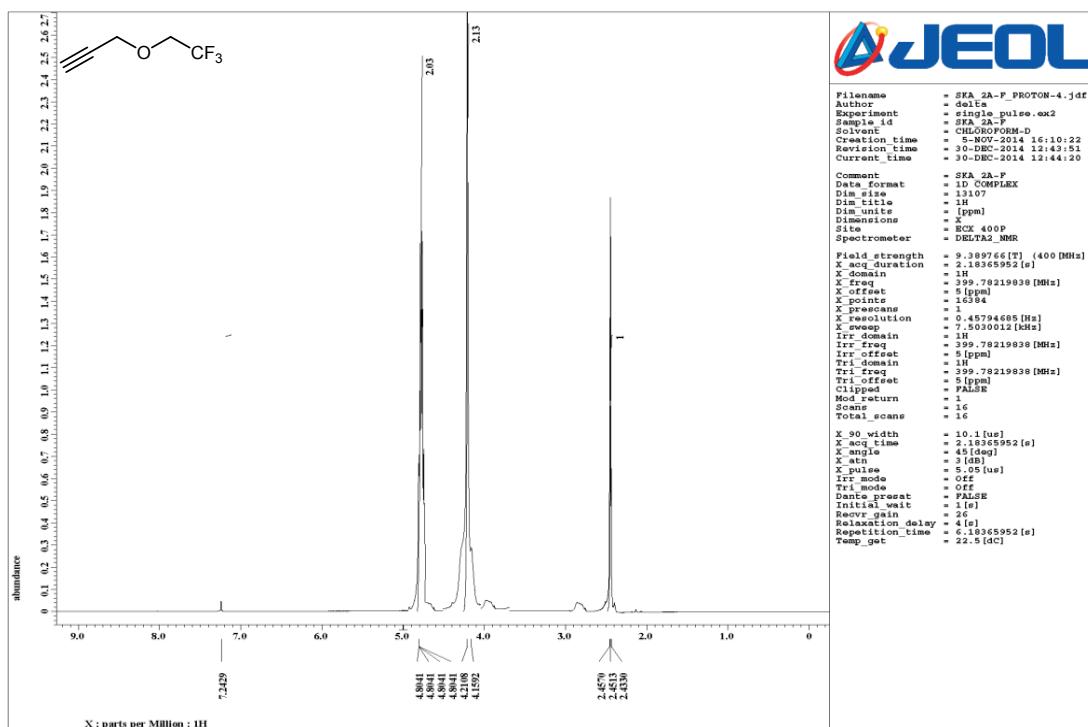
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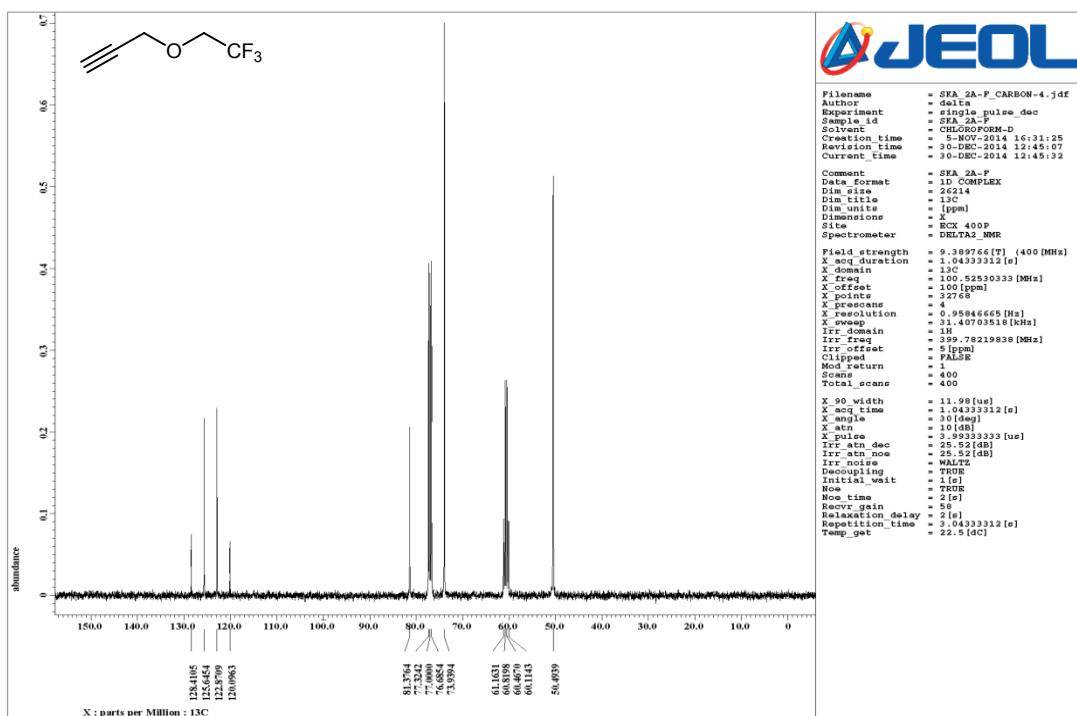
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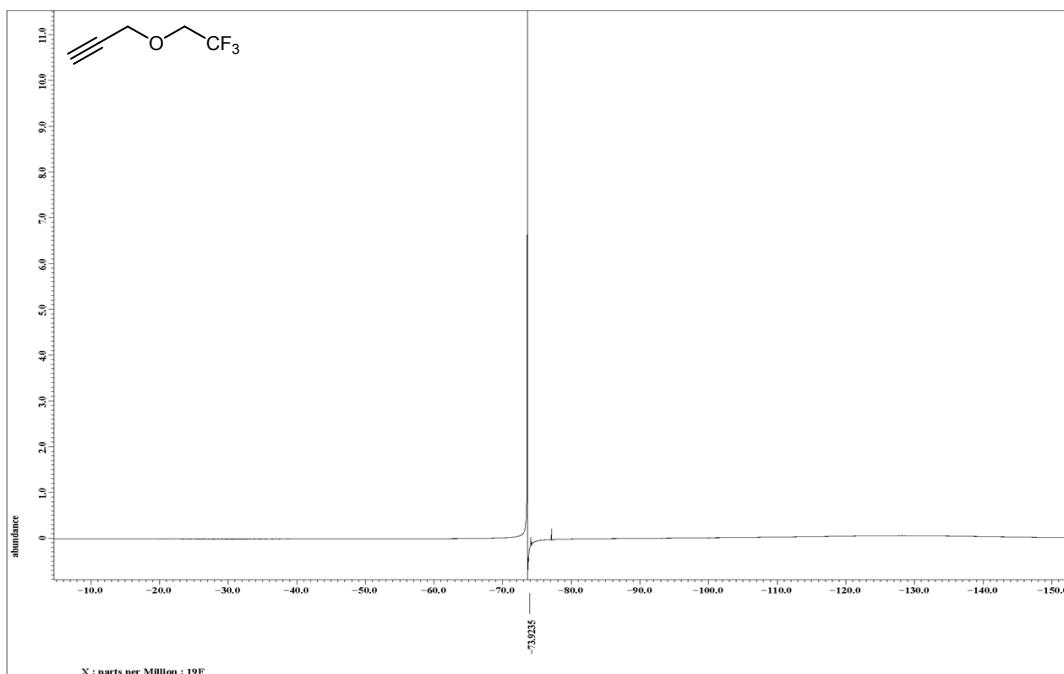
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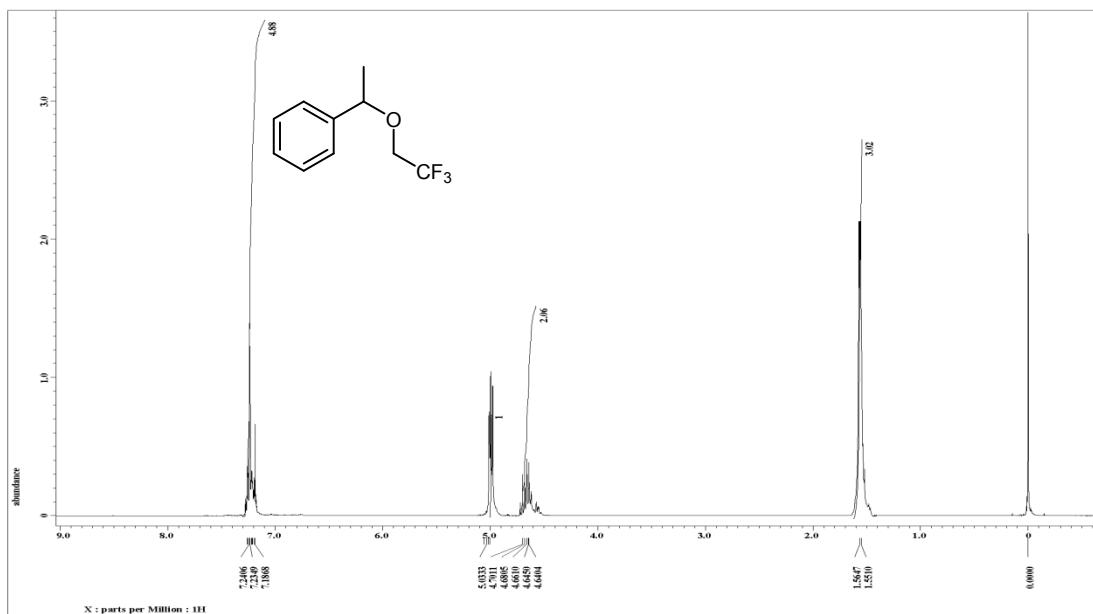
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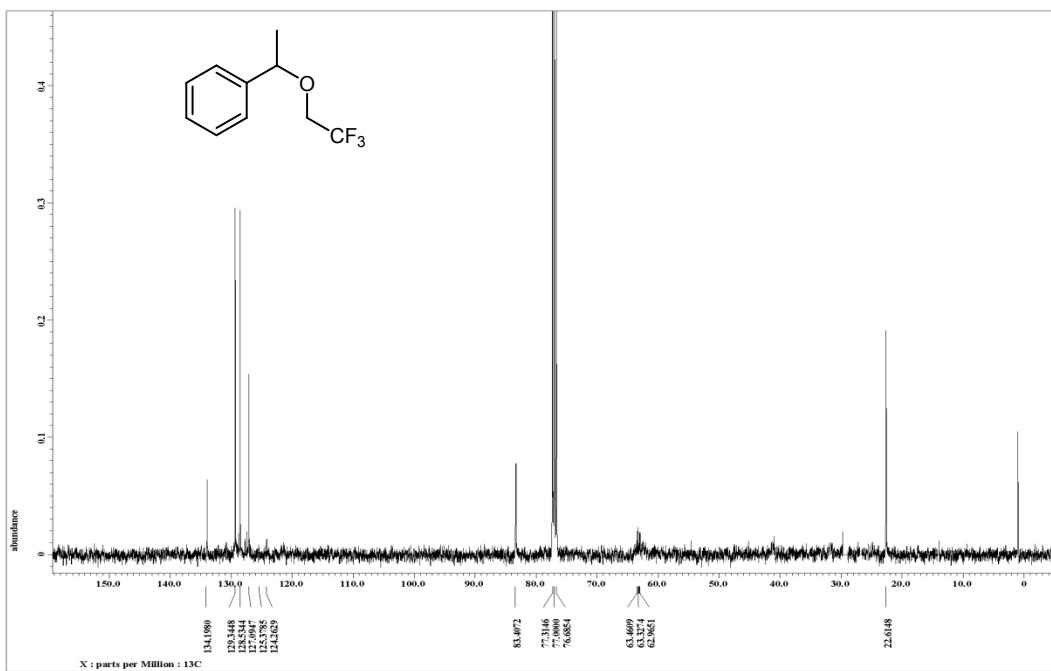
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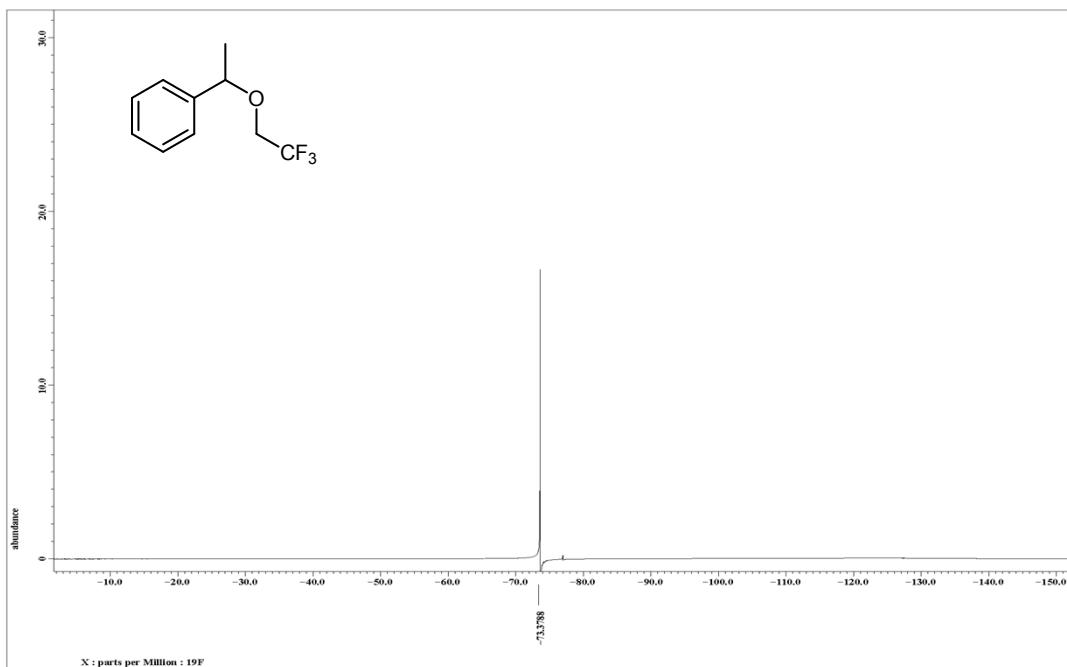
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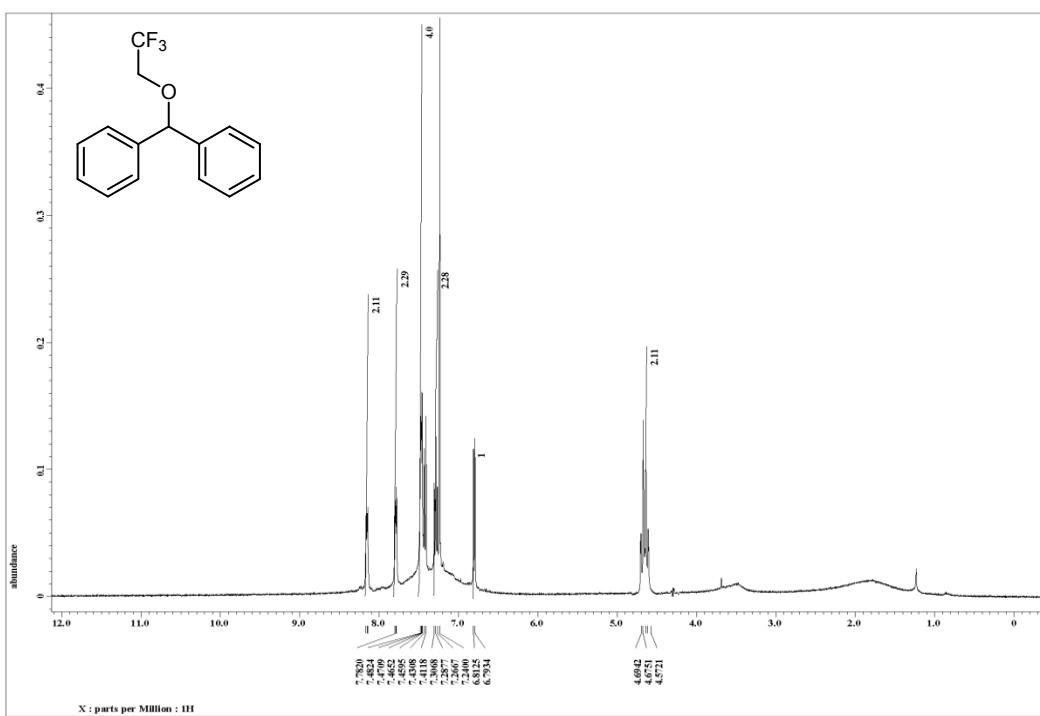
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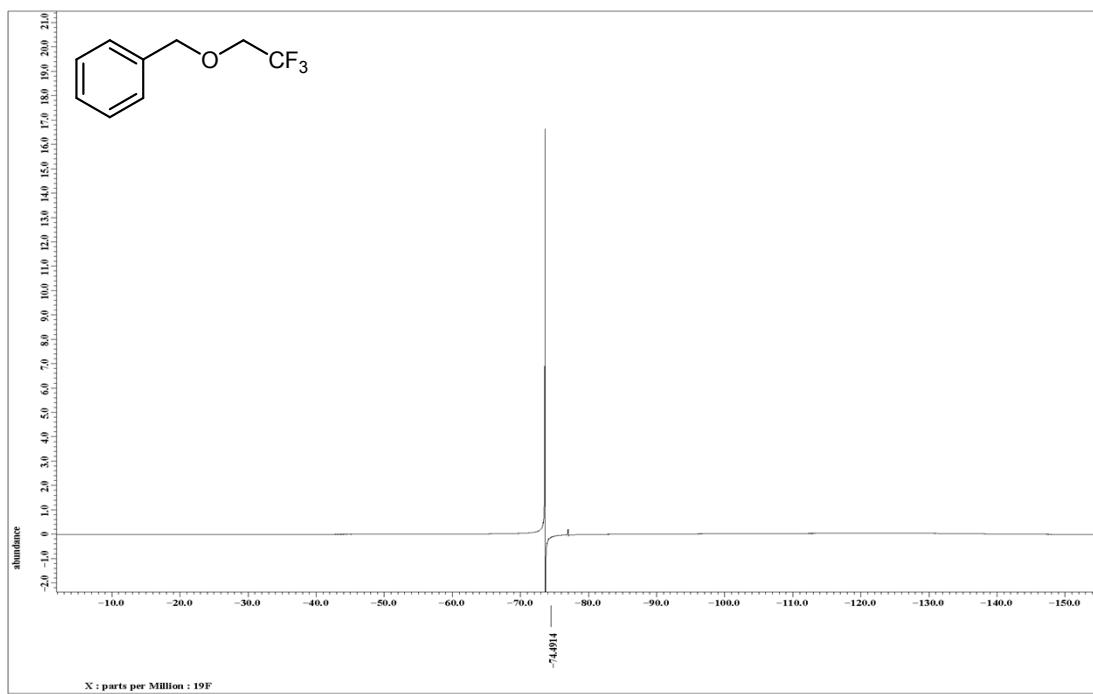
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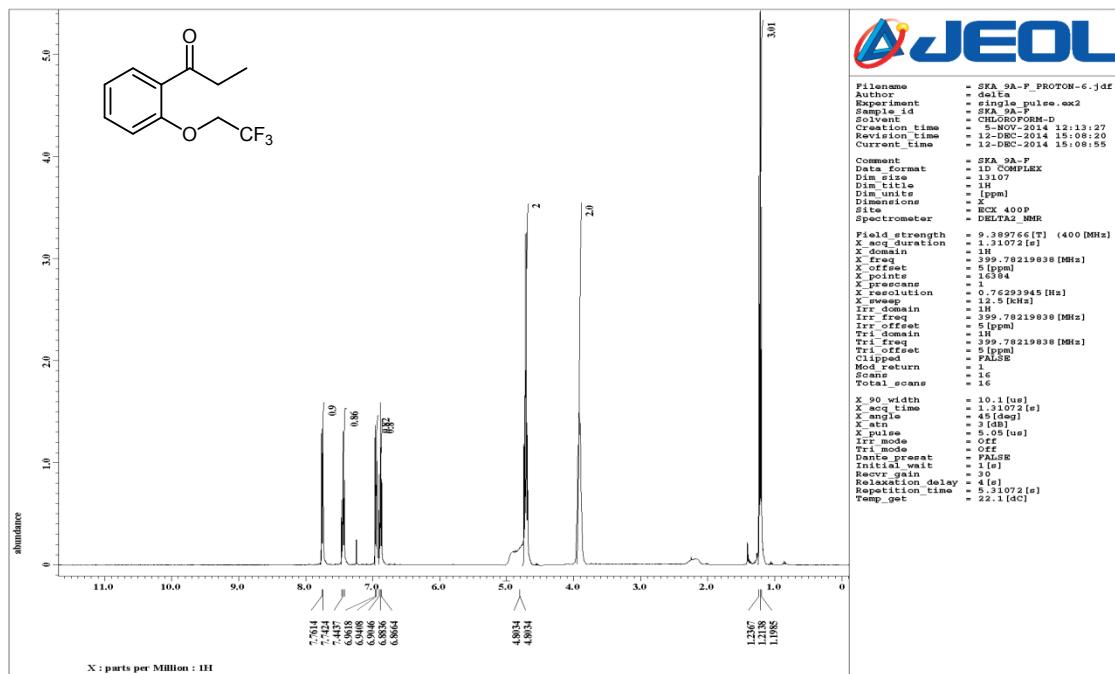




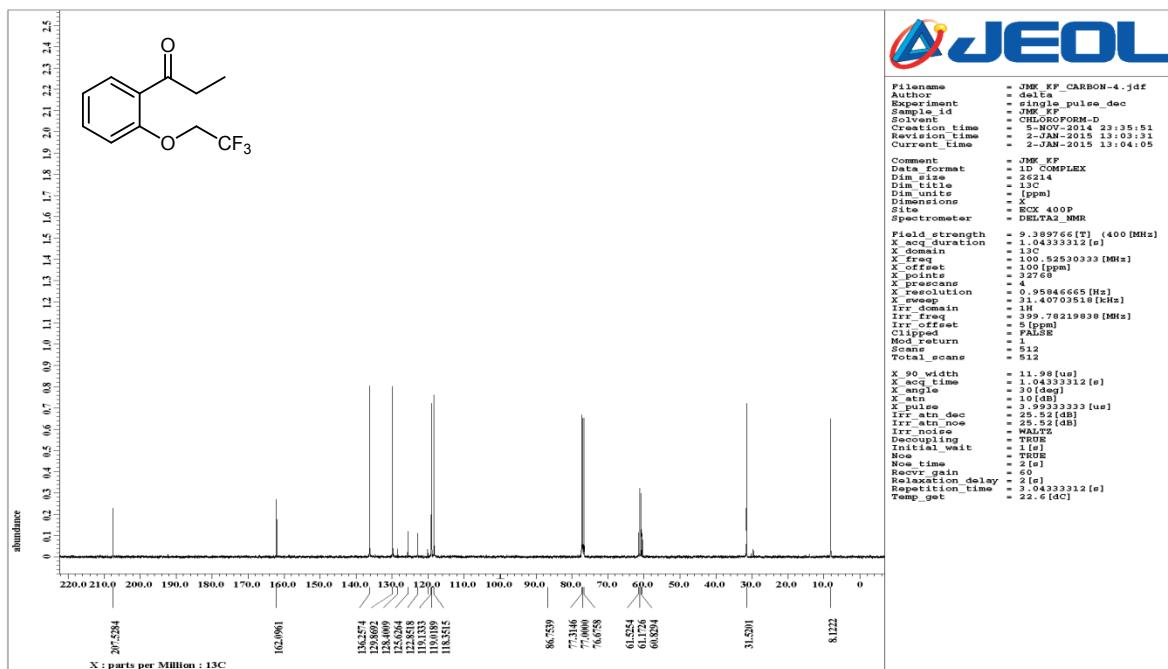
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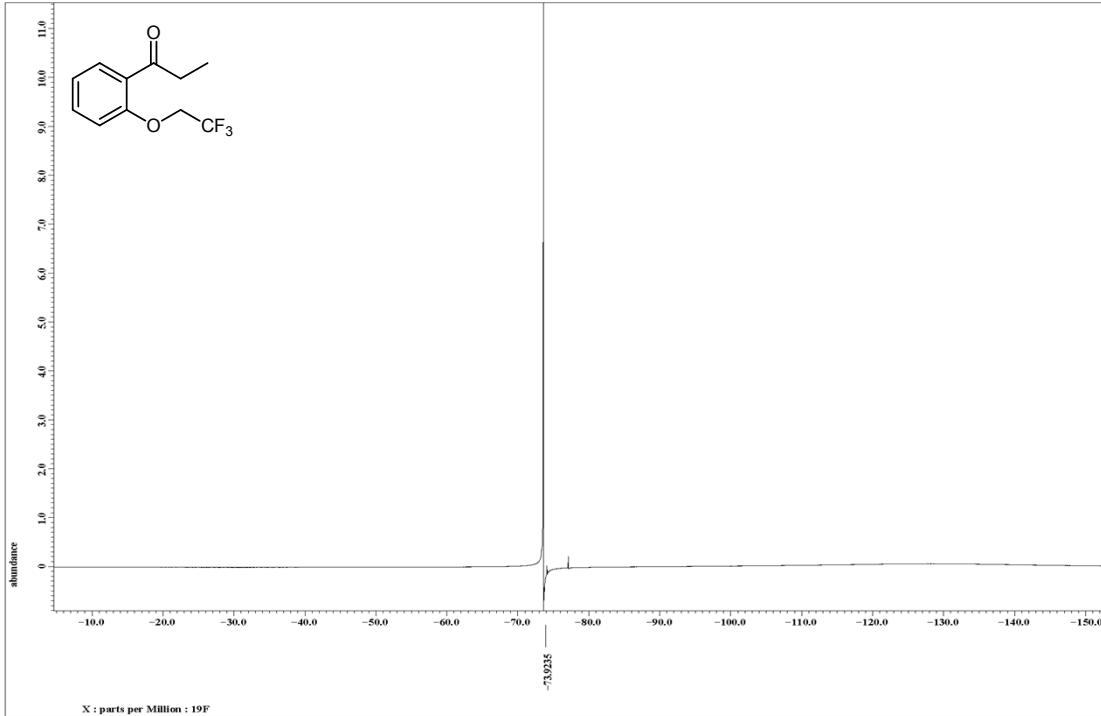
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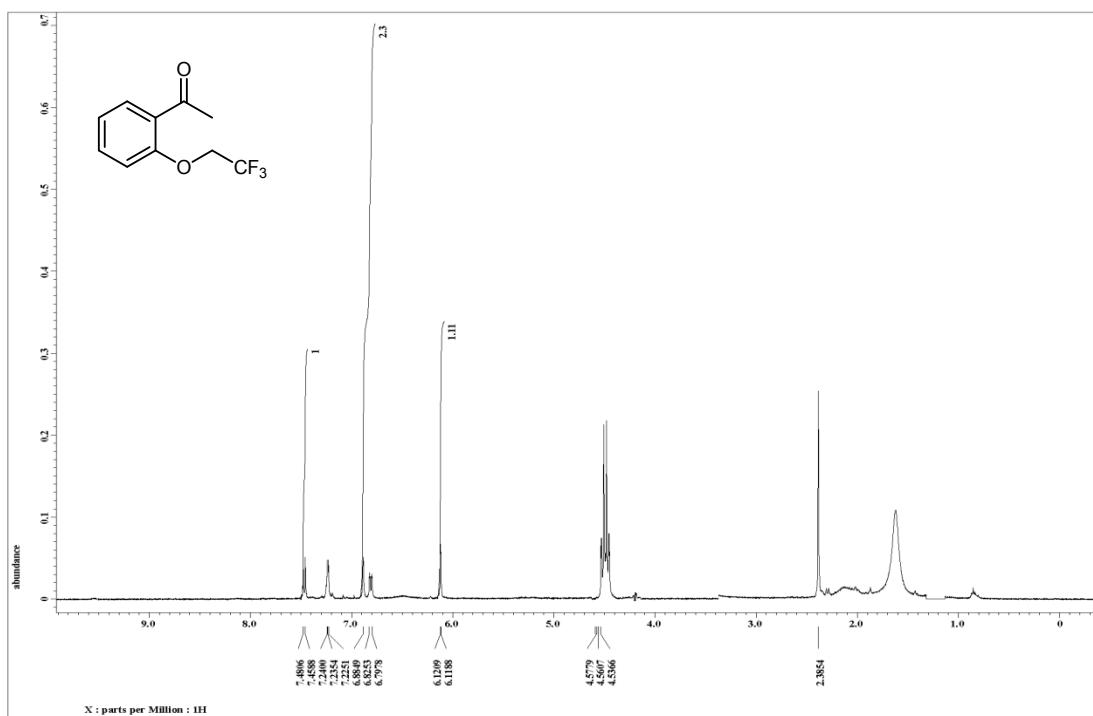
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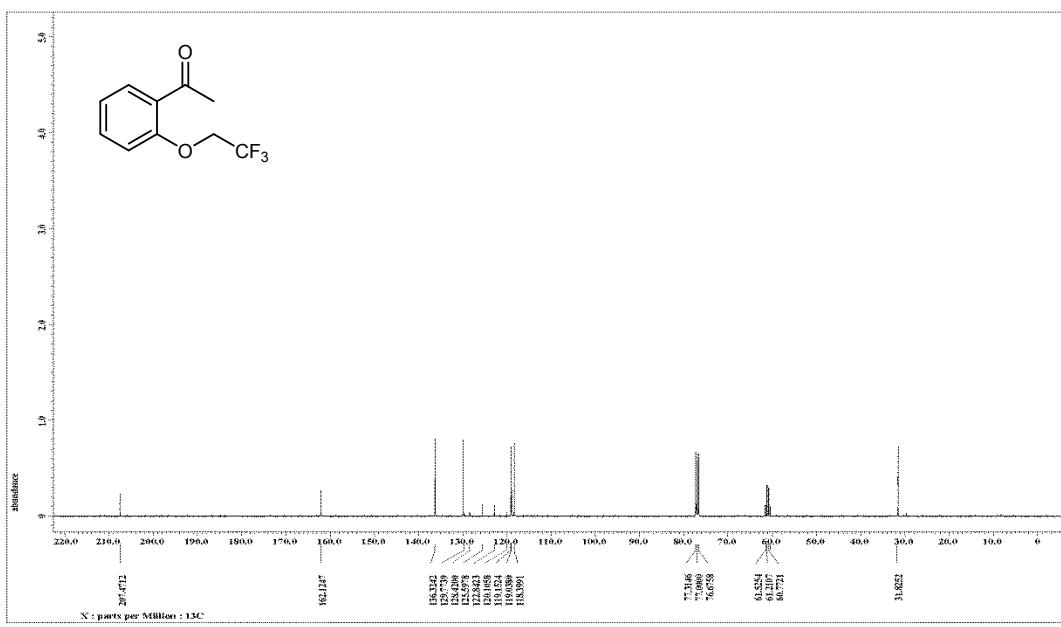
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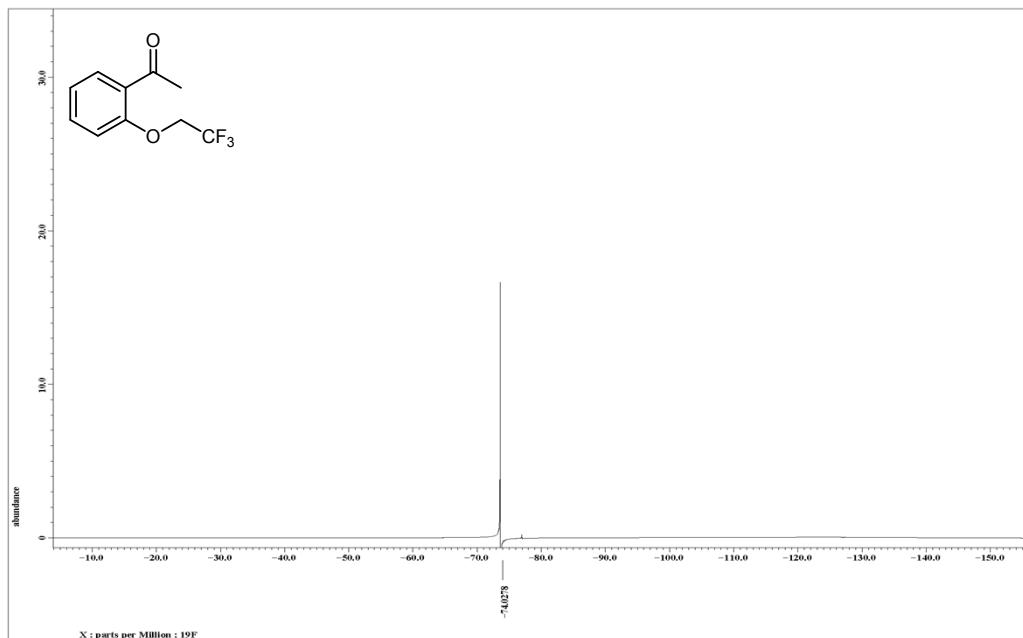
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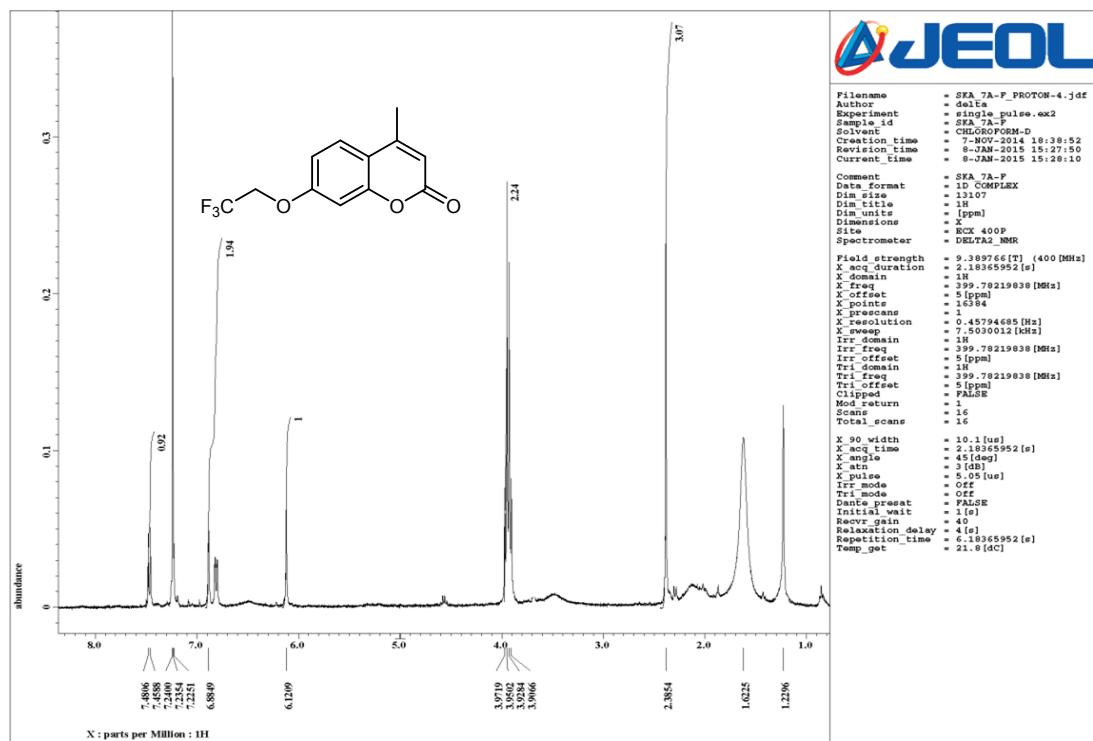
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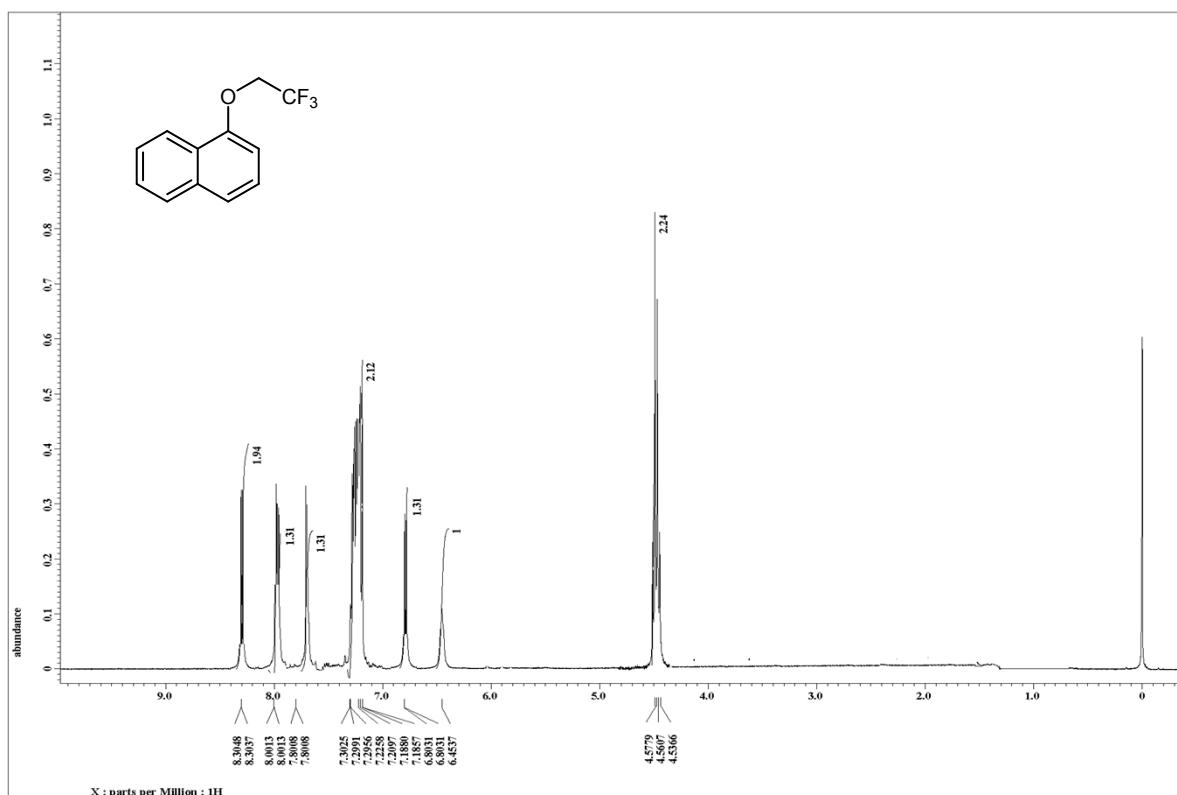


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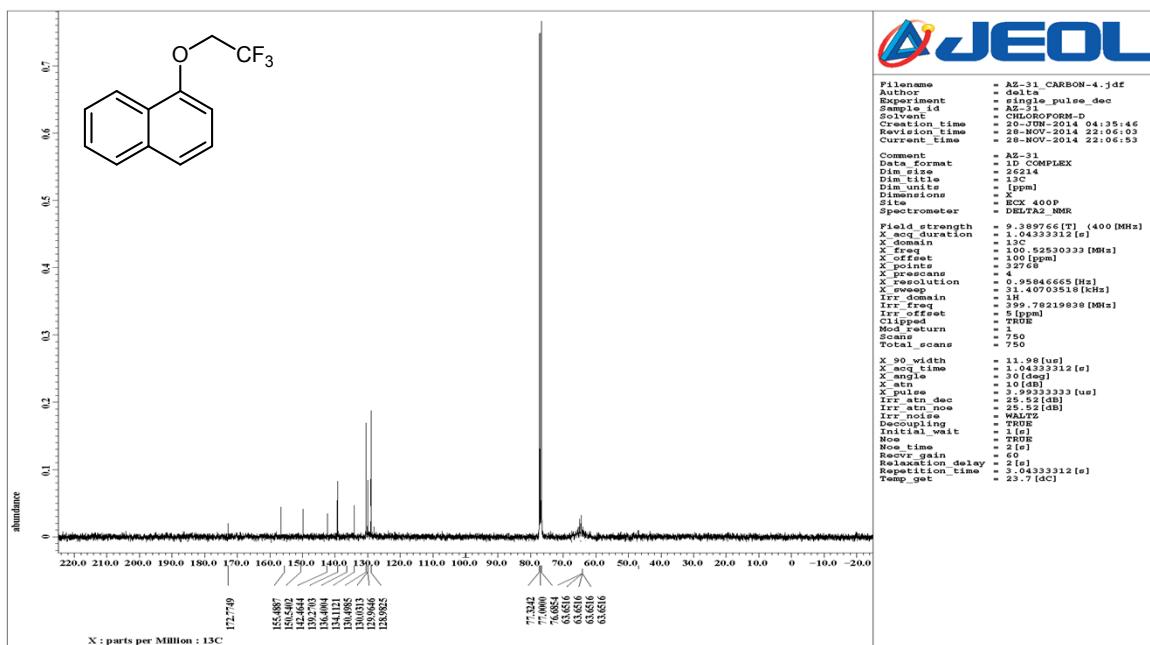




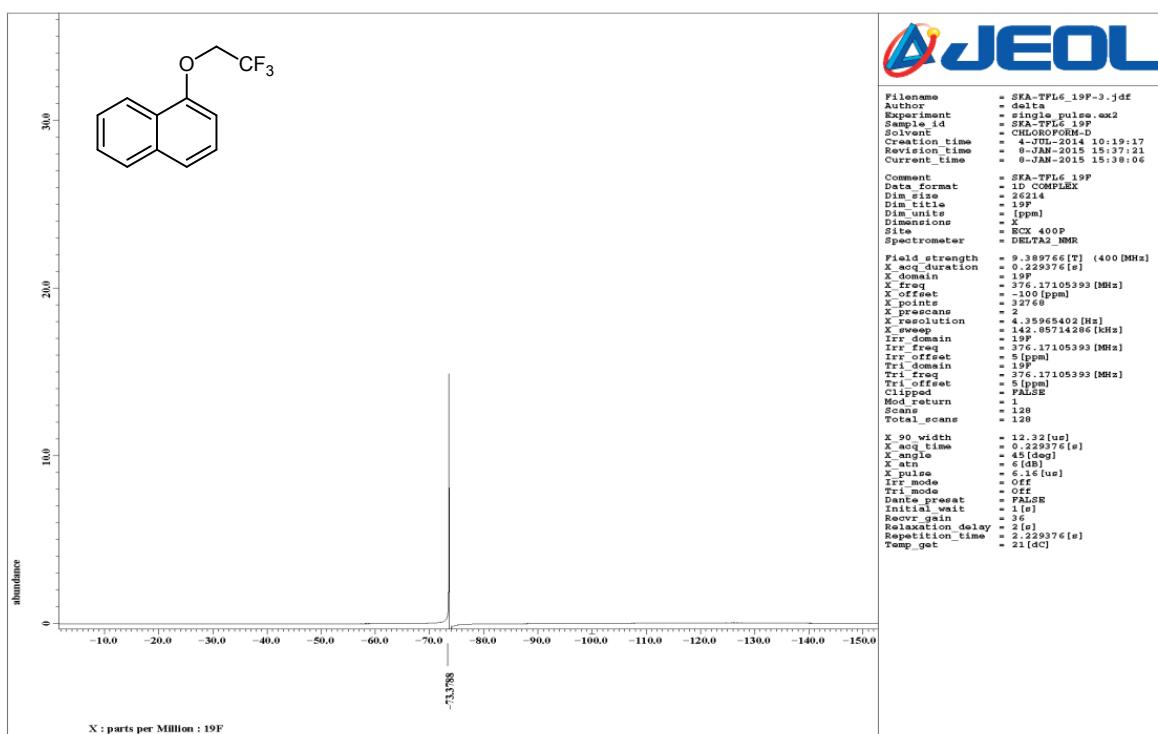
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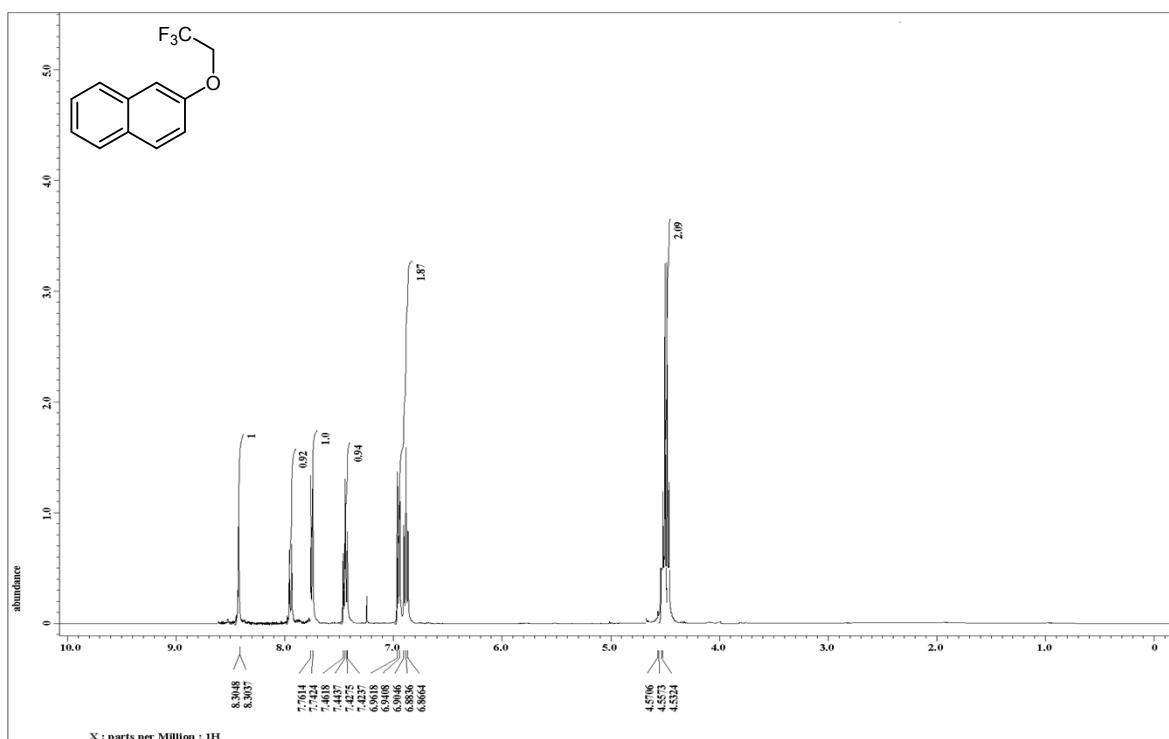
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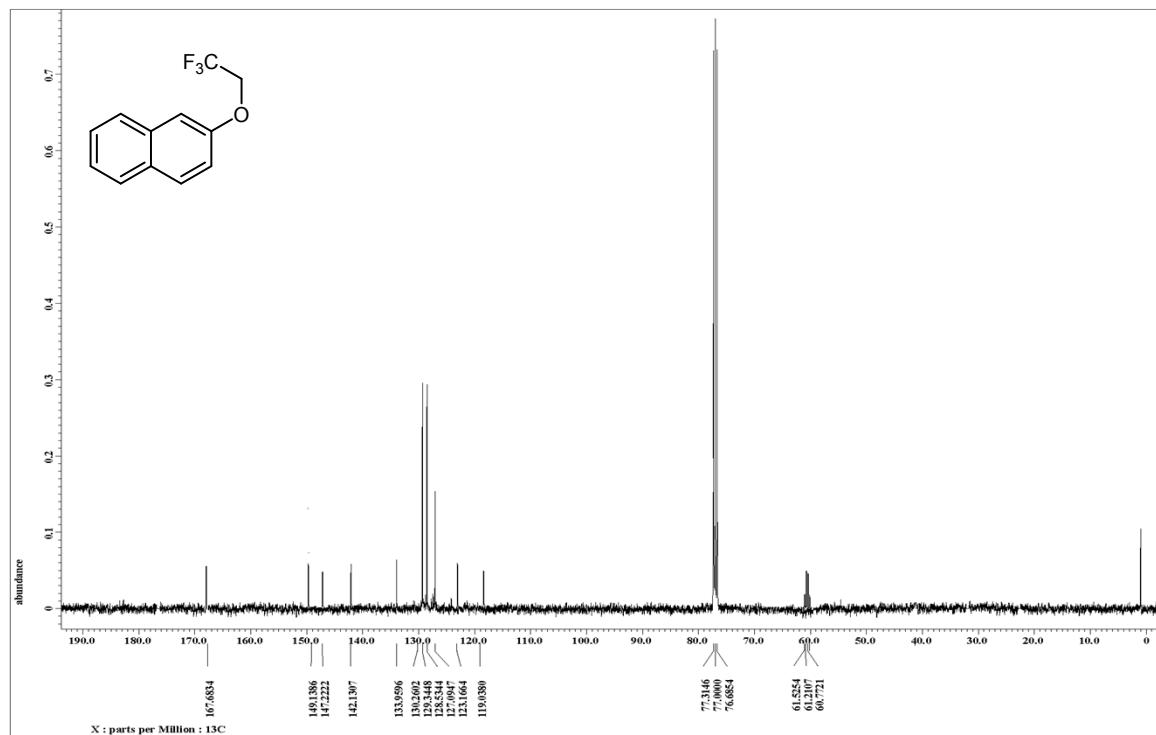
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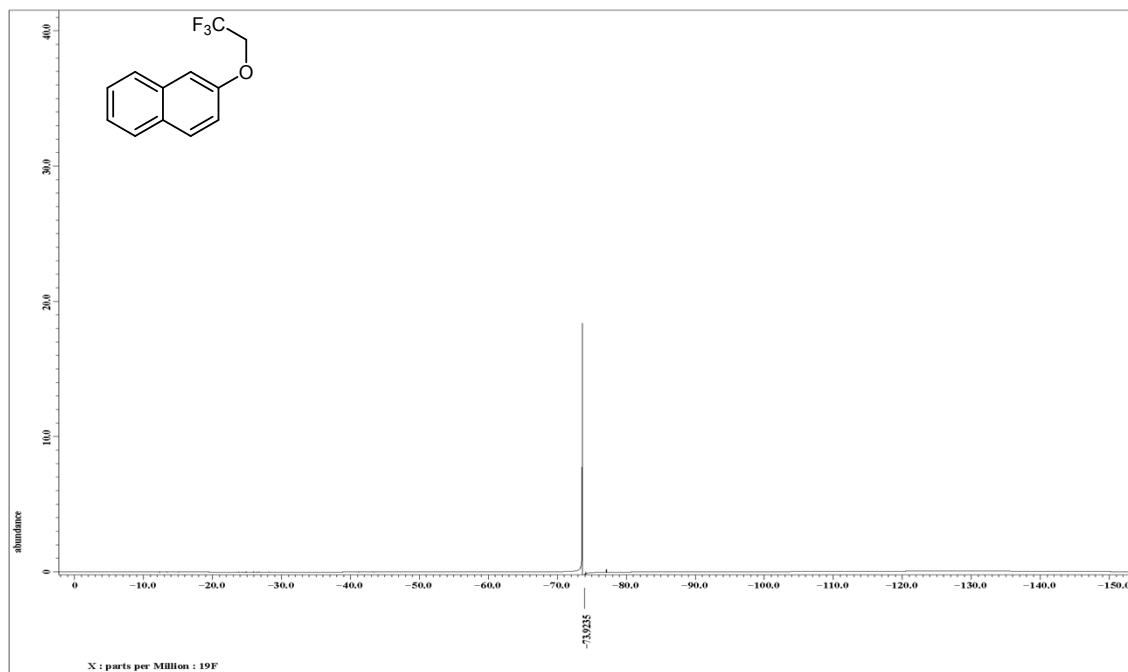
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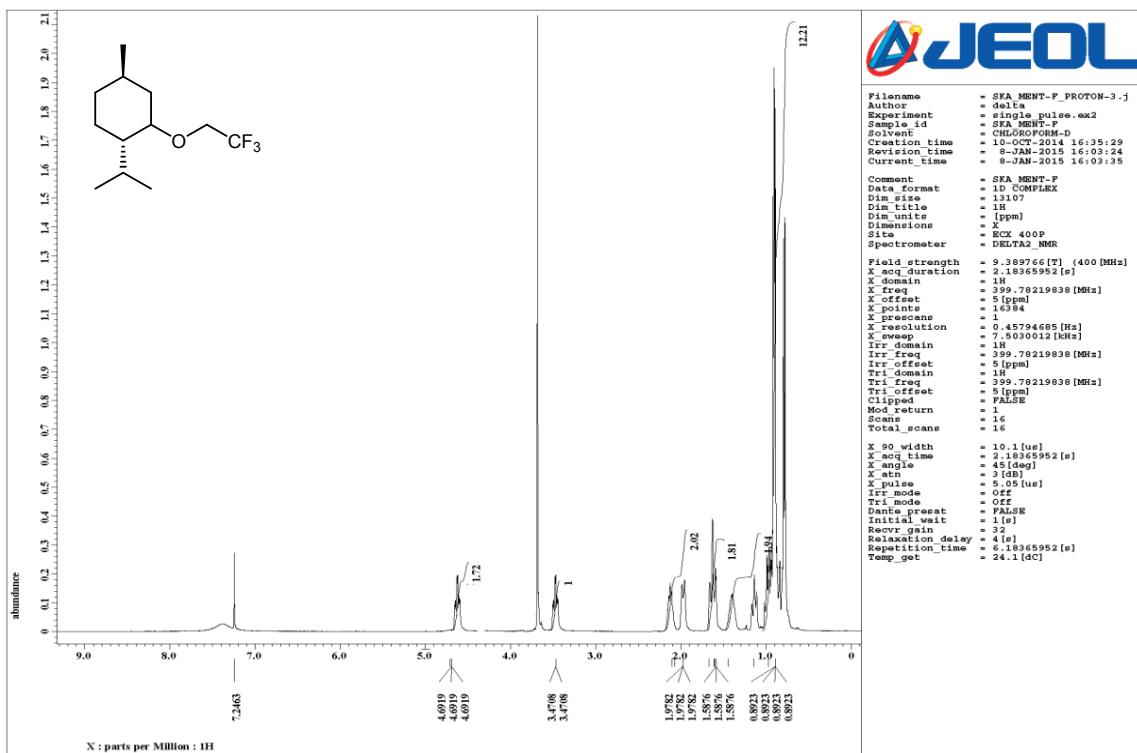
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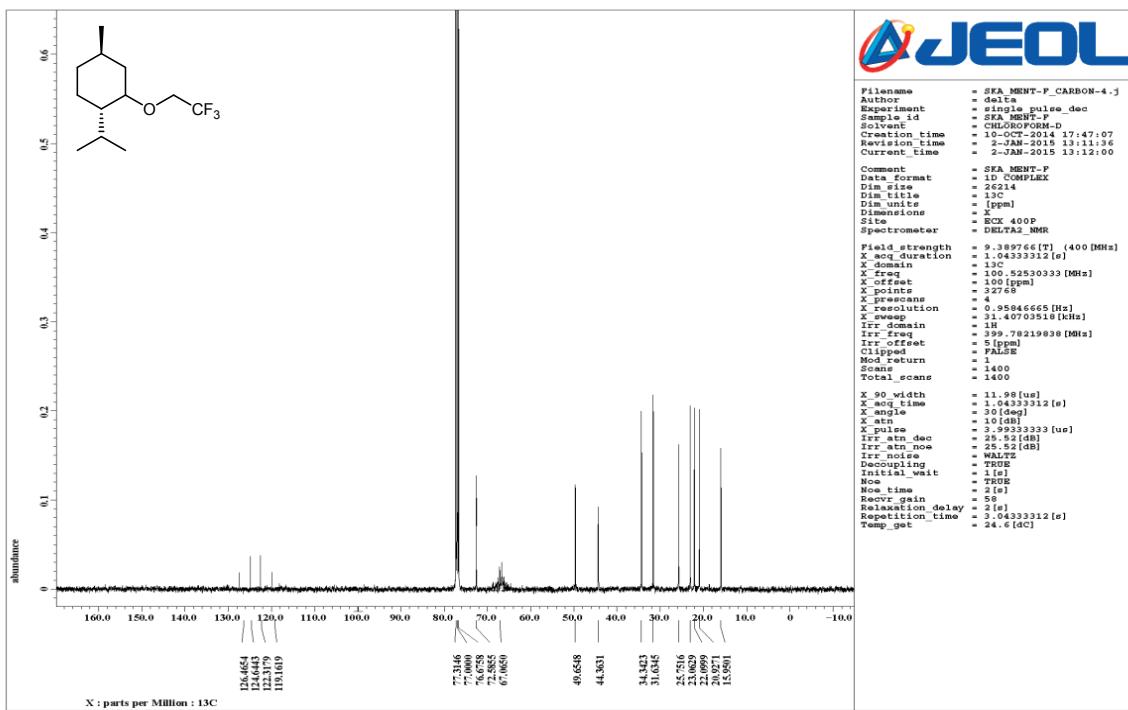
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