

**Supporting Information**

**A Facile Approach for the Trifluoromethylthiolation of Methylenecyclopropanes**

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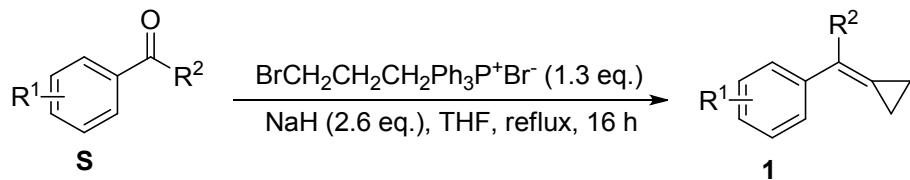
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## **General Remarks**

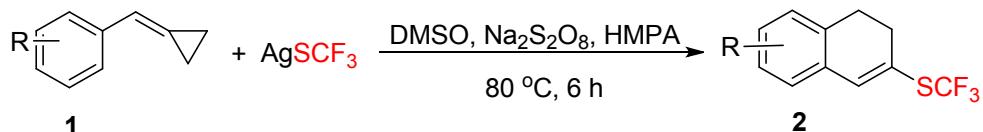
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury-300 and 400 spectrometer for solution in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard; coupling constants *J* are given in Hz. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury-300 and 400 spectrophotometers (75 or 100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling spectrophotometers (CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 77.0 ppm). Mass and HRMS spectra were recorded by EI method. Organic solvents used were dried by standard methods when necessary. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 spectrometer with absorption in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Melting points were determined on a digital melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. Commercially obtained reagents were used without further purification. All these reactions were monitored by TLC with silica gel coated plates or <sup>19</sup>F NMR. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel at increased pressure.

### General Procedure for the Synthesis of MCPs



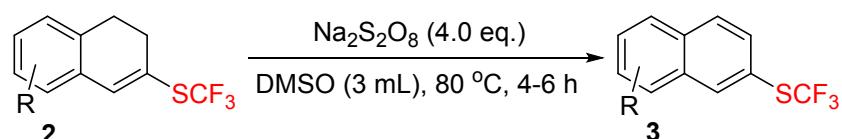
(4-Bromobutyl)triphenylphosphonium bromide (6.03 g, 13 mmol) and NaH (1.04 g, 26 mmol) were placed in a 100 mL flask equipped with a reflux condenser. The reaction set was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for three times. Then 30 mL THF was injected and the reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed at about 75 °C for 10-12 h. Afterwards compound **S** (10 mmol) dissolved in THF (5 mL) was injected slowly into the system and it continued to be refluxed for another 5 h. When the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was filtered through a celite. The filtrate was concentrated on a rotary evaporator and the residue was purified by a silica gel flash chromatography to afford the product **1** in moderate yield.

### General Procedure for the Trifluoromethylthiolation of MCPs



Compound **1** (0.6 mmol), AgSCF<sub>3</sub> (42 mg, 0.2 mmol), and Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (142 mg, 0.6 mmol) were placed in a Schlenk tube. The tube was evacuated and backfilled with Ar for three times and then DMSO (3 mL) and HMPA (0.1 mmol) were injected. Afterwards, the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an oil bath for 6 h. When the reaction completed, the product was extracted with EtOAc and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was roughly purified by the silica gel flash chromatography and further purified by the gel permeation chromatography (GPC) to give a pure product.

### General Procedure for the Dehydrogenation of **2**

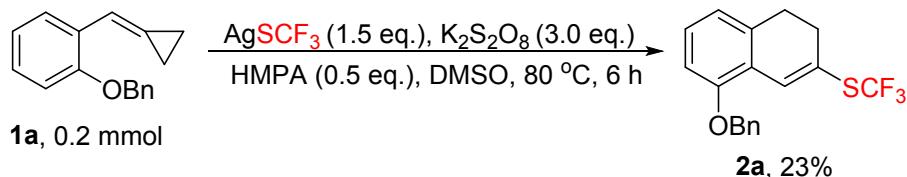


The product **2** (0.2 mmol) and Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (191 mg, 0.8 mmol) were placed in a flask and DMSO (3 mL) was added. The mixture was heated to 80 °C for 4-6 h. After the reaction completed, the product was extracted with EtOAc and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by the silica gel flash chromatography to afford the product **3**.

mL) were added. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C in an oil bath for about 4-6 h. When the reaction completed, the aromatized product was extracted with EtOAc and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by a silica gel flash chromatography and if necessary, it was further purified by the gel permeation chromatography (GPC) to give a pure product.

## Screening of the Reaction Conditions

### The first attempt

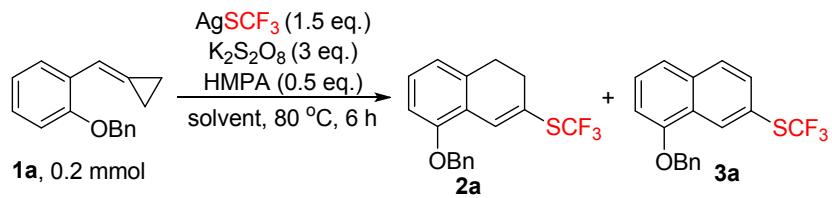


### The effects of oxidants

oxidant (3 eq.)	<b>2a:3a</b>	yield (%) <b>(2a+3a)</b>		
			Oxidant, 80 °C, 6 h	AgSCF <sub>3</sub> (1.5 eq.) CH <sub>3</sub> CN (3 mL)
K <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	-:15	15		
Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	-:16	16		
(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	-:14	14		
mCPBA (3 eq.)		n.r.		
PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	trace			

Compound **1a** (0.2 mmol), AgSCF<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and oxidants (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) were mixed in 3 mL CH<sub>3</sub>CN in a Schlenk tube which was filled with Ar. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. When finished, the yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR with *p*-bromobenzotrifluoride as an internal standard.

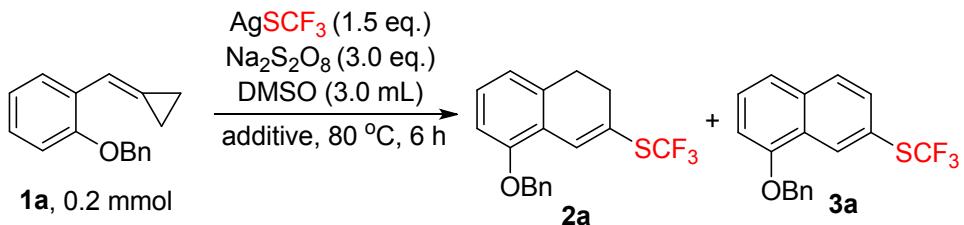
### The effects of solvents



solvent	Vol./mL	<b>2a</b> : <b>3a</b>	yield (%) ( <b>2a+3a</b> )
MeCN	3	24:0	24
DMSO	3	28:9	37
DMF	3	36:0	36
dioxane	3	n.r.	
Toluene	3	n.r.	
MeCN/DMSO 1:1	3	25:5	30
MeCN/DMF 1:1	3	26:4	30
DMF/DMSO 1:1	3	22:14	36

Compound **1a** (0.2 mmol), AgSCF<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) were mixed in a Schlenk tube which was filled with Ar. Then HMPA (17 µL, 0.5 eq.) and solvent (3 mL) were injected. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. When finished, the yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR with *p*-bromobenzotrifluoride as an internal standard.

### The effects of additives



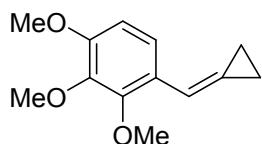
additive (0.5 eq.)	<b>2a:3a</b>	yield (%) <b>(2a+3a)</b>
K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	10:35	45
K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	15:25	40
Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	4:36	40
AgOAc	trace:17	17
DBU	50:2	52
HMPA	47:7	54
	-:42	42
	-:48	48
HMPA <sup>a</sup>	40:13	53
HMPA <sup>b</sup>	46:6	52

<sup>a</sup>The amount of HMPA was 1.0 eq. <sup>b</sup>The amount of HMPA was 1.5 eq.

Compound **1a** (0.2 mmol), AgSCF<sub>3</sub> (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) were mixed in a Schlenk tube which was filled with Ar. Then different additives (0.5 eq.) and 3 mL DMSO were added. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. When finished, the yield was determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR with *p*-bromobenzotrifluoride as an internal standard.

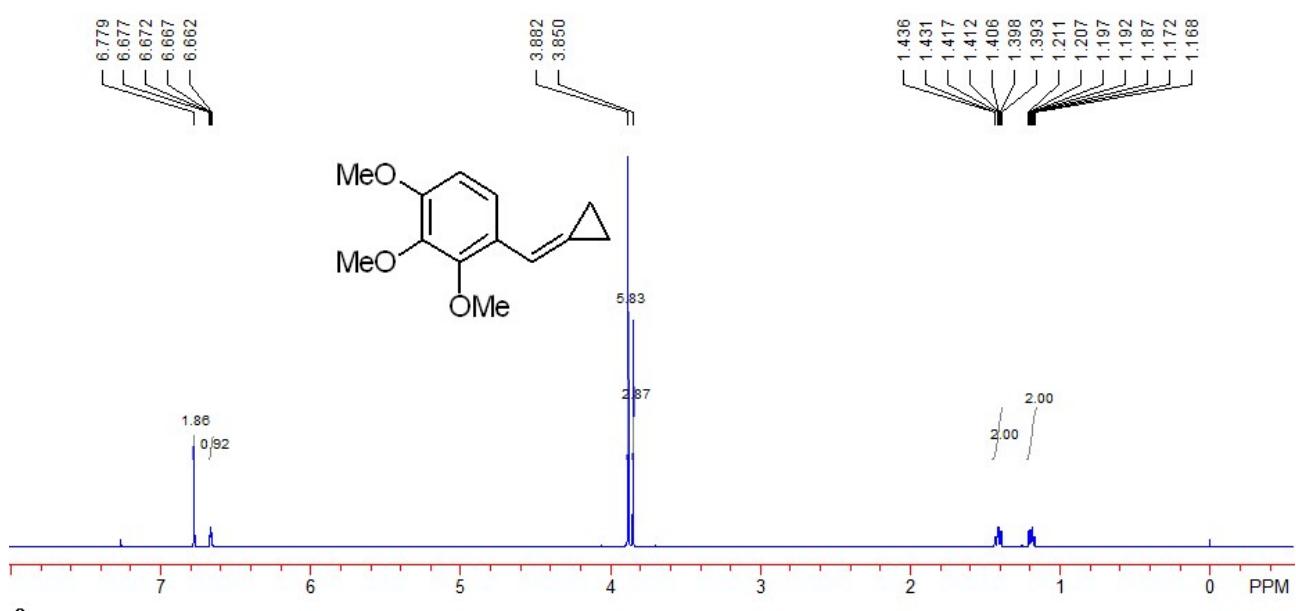
## Spectroscopic Data of the Substrates 1a-1p

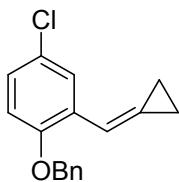
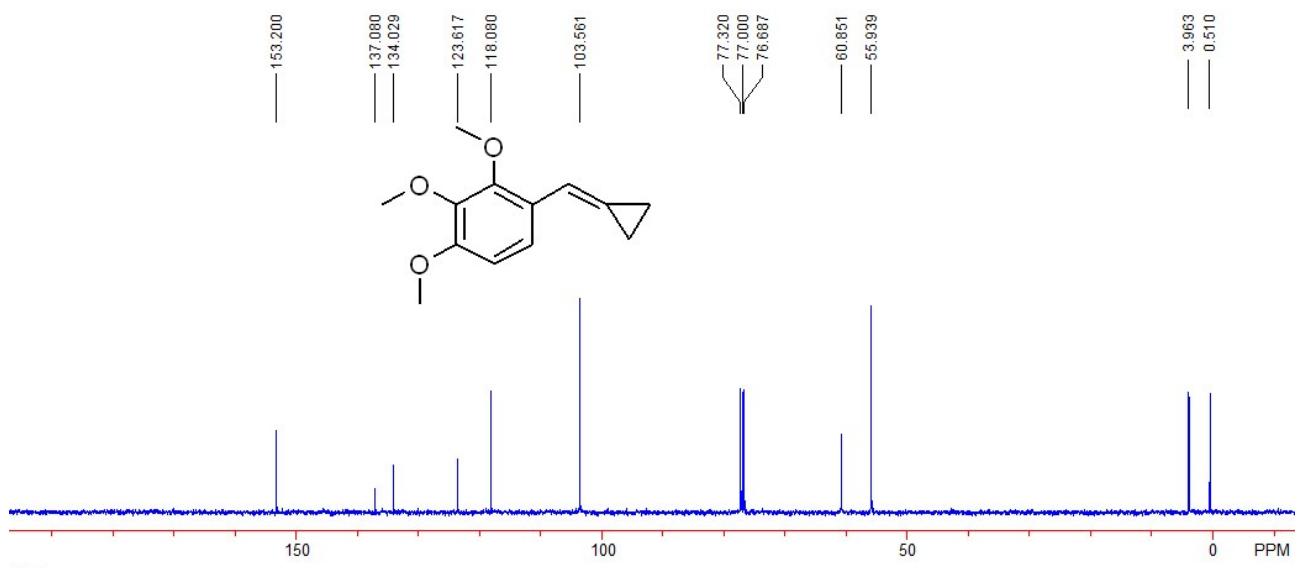
**1a-1i, 1k, and 1m-1p** are all known compounds.<sup>[1-5]</sup>



### 5-(cyclopropylidenemethyl)-1,2,3-trimethoxybenzene (1j).

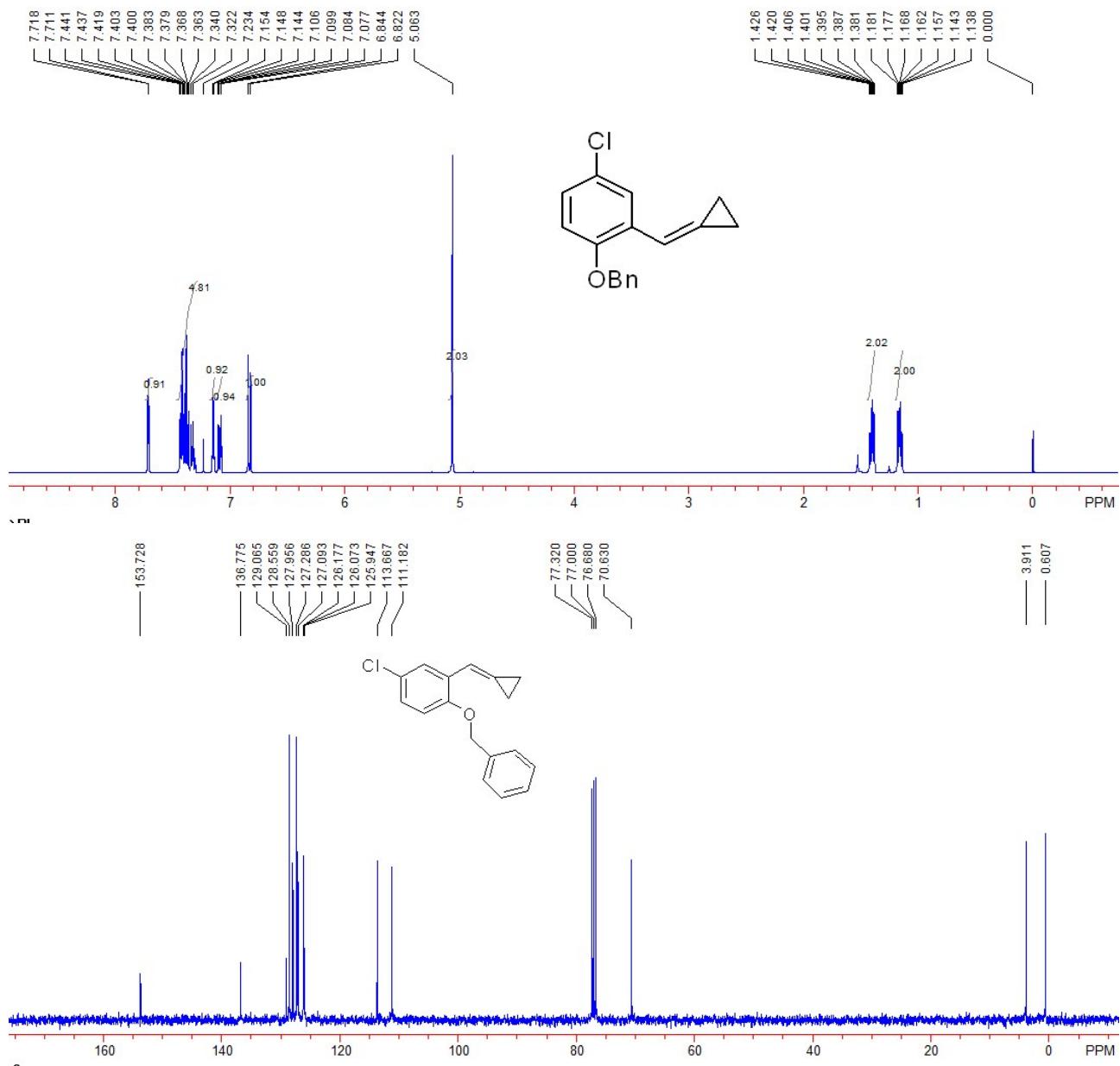
A white solid, 1.1 g, 50% yield. M.p.: 80-82 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 400 MHz) δ 1.17-1.21 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.39-1.44 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.85 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.88 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.66-6.68 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.78 (s, 2H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 100 MHz) δ 0.5, 4.0, 55.9, 60.8, 103.6, 118.1, 123.6, 134.0, 137.1, 153.2. IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ν 3001, 2965, 2937, 2837, 1577, 1505, 1463, 1446, 1413, 1350, 1319, 1234, 1124, 1004, 841, 786, 675 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (%) m/e 220 (20.03), 205 (8.72), 190 (14.34), 189 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00), 162 (9.87), 145 (11.54), 119 (7.13), 91 (8.68). HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 220.1099, Found: 220.1094.



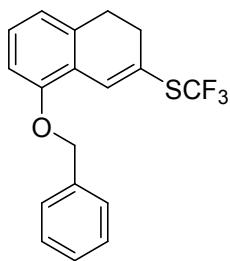


**1-(benzyloxy)-4-chloro-2-(cyclopropylidenemethyl)benzene (1l).**

A white solid, 1.1 g, 41% yield. M.p.: 72-74 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.14-1.18 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.38-1.43 (m, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.06 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.09 (dd,  $J$  = 2.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.14-7.15 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.30-7.44 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  0.6, 3.9, 70.6, 111.2, 113.7, 125.9, 126.1, 126.2, 127.1, 127.3, 128.0, 128.6, 129.1, 136.8, 153.7. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3036, 2972, 2936, 2884, 1590, 1482, 1469, 1406, 1378, 1278, 1238, 1128, 1010, 885, 795, 748, 697, 668  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 235 (16.01), 181 (20.94), 179 (58.54), 167 (8.87), 115 (14.51), 92 (7.47), 91 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 65 (8.22). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{OCl}$ : 270.0811, Found: 270.0814.

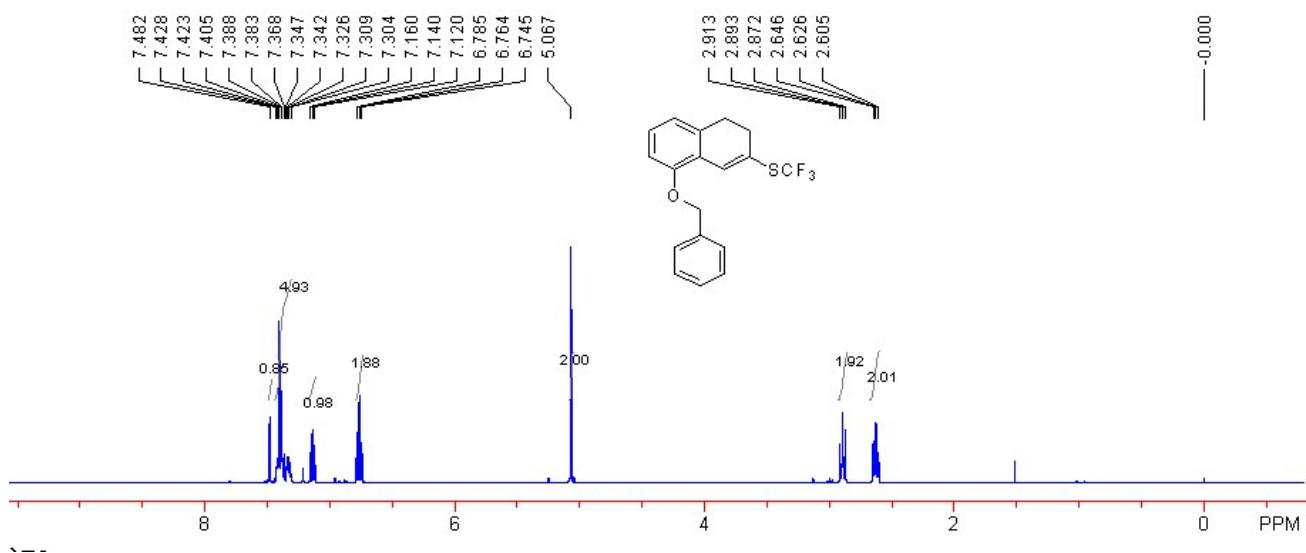


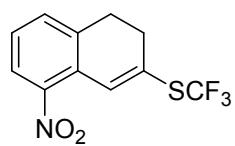
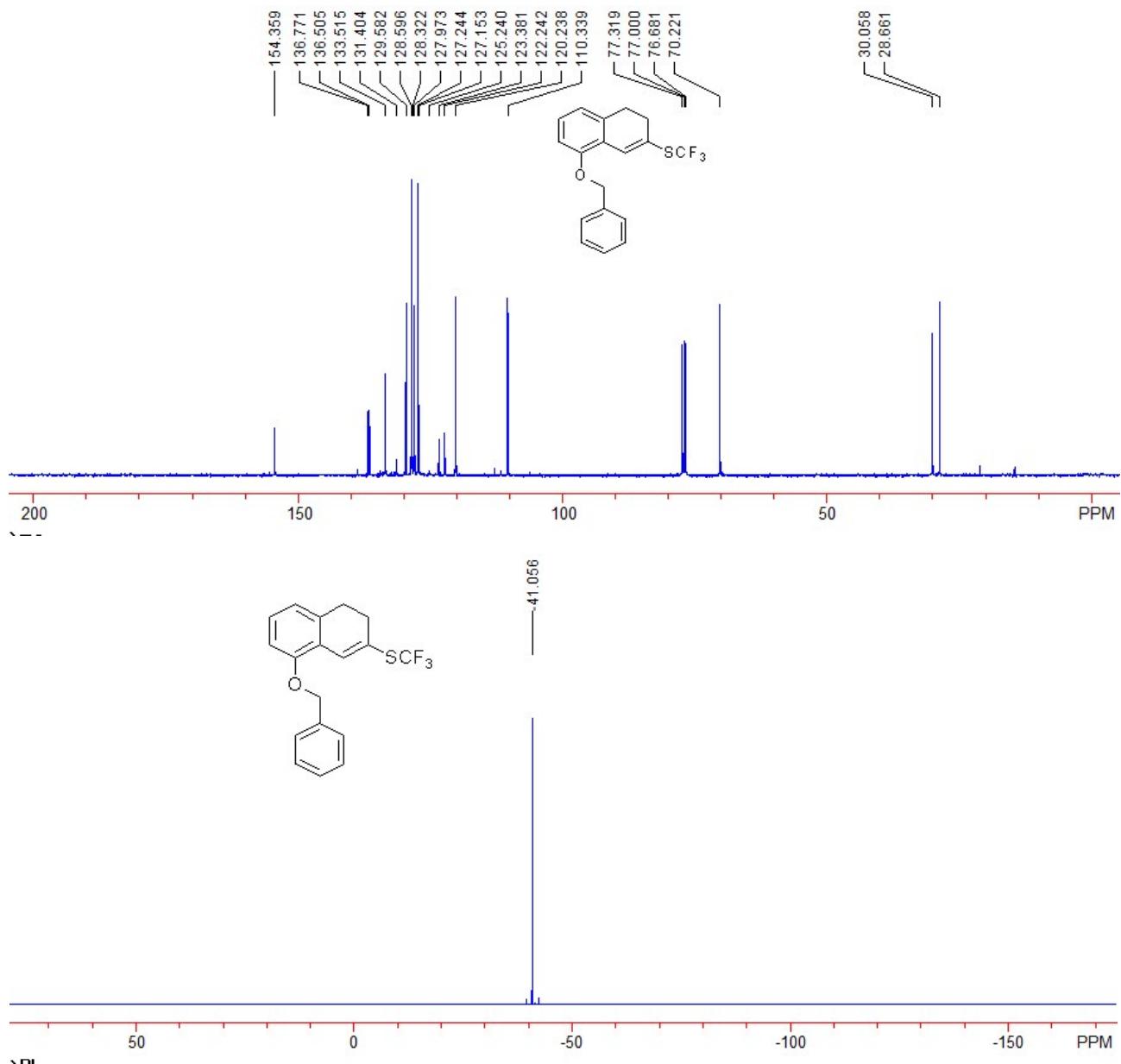
## Spectroscopic Data of the Products 2a-2p



### (8-(benzyloxy)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2a).

A colorless oil, 41 mg, 61% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.63 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 5.07 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.76 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.14 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 1H, Ar), 7.37-7.43 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.48 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.7, 30.1, 70.2, 110.3, 120.2, 122.2, 123.4, 127.2, 128.0, 128.6, 129.6, 129.9 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 133.5, 136.5, 136.8, 154.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -41.06. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3068, 3033, 2939, 2885, 2833, 1570, 1453, 1265, 1105, 1028, 778, 734, 694  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 336 (4.09), 209 (4.71), 147 (2.46), 116 (2.47), 115 (6.84), 92 (8.28), 91 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 65 (6.43). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 336.0796, Found: 336.0792.

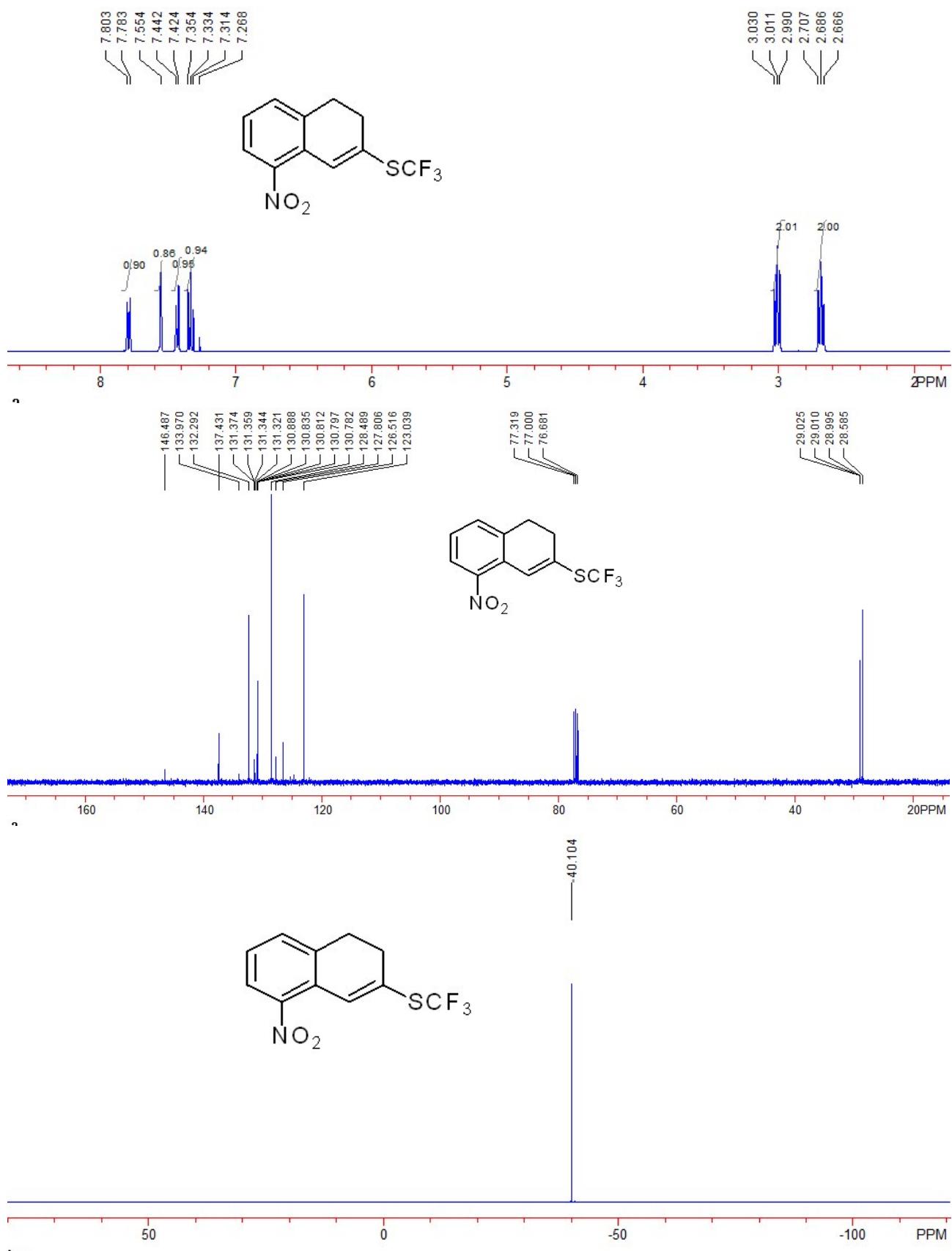


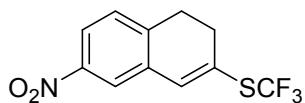


**(8-nitro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2b).**

A black oil, 14 mg, 25% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.69 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.01 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.33 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 1H, ArH), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.6, 29.0, 123.0, 126.5, 128.5, 129.4 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 130.8, 131.4, 132.3, 137.4, 146.5.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.10. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3091, 2946, 2894, 2835, 1523, 1346, 1099, 1051, 874, 804, 778, 752, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 275 (66.67), 128 (68.7), 127 (34.69), 116 (37.11), 115 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00),

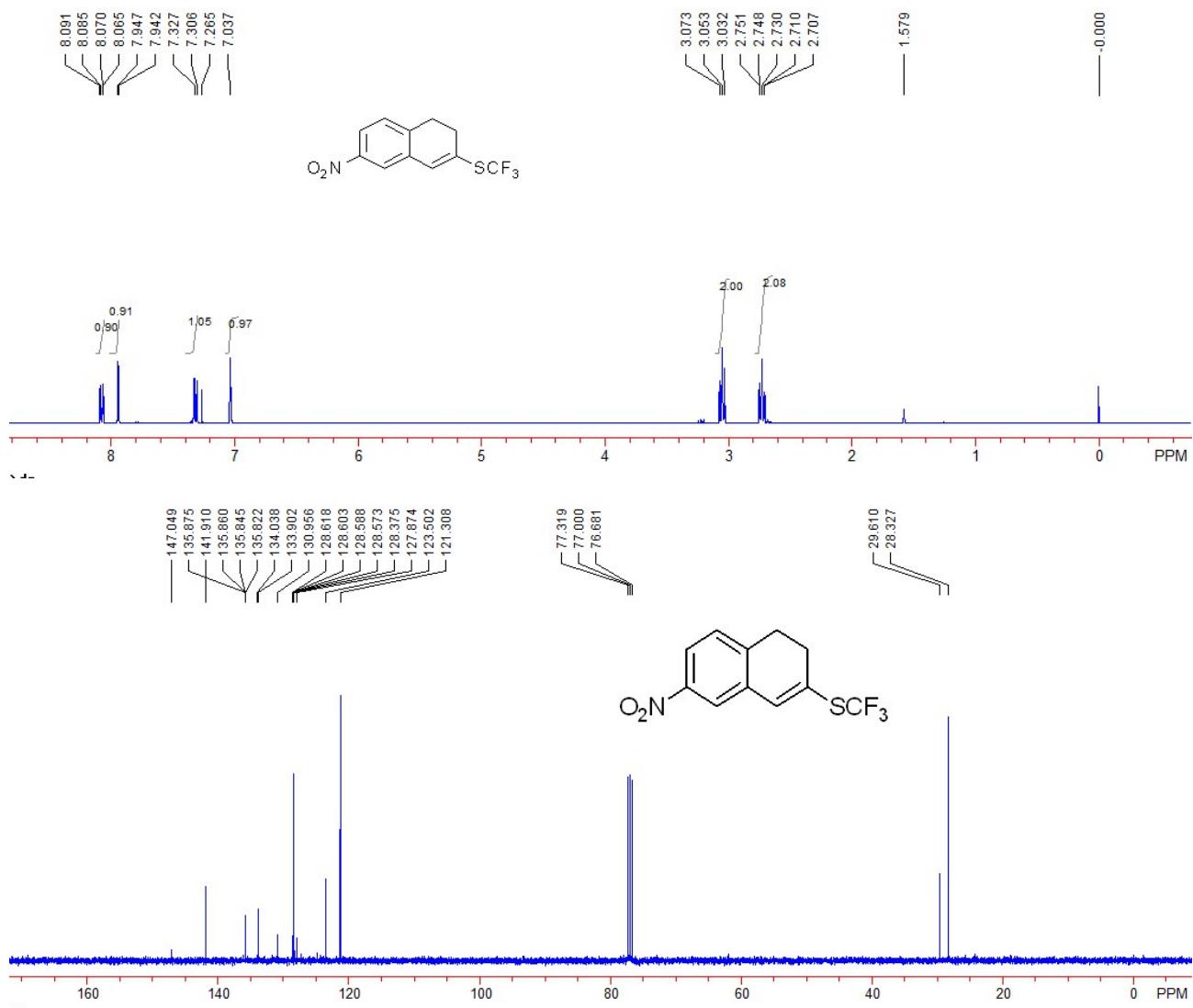
103 (26.99), 102 (36.23), 89 (27.44). HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S: 275.0228, Found: 275.0226.

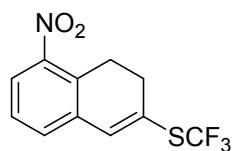
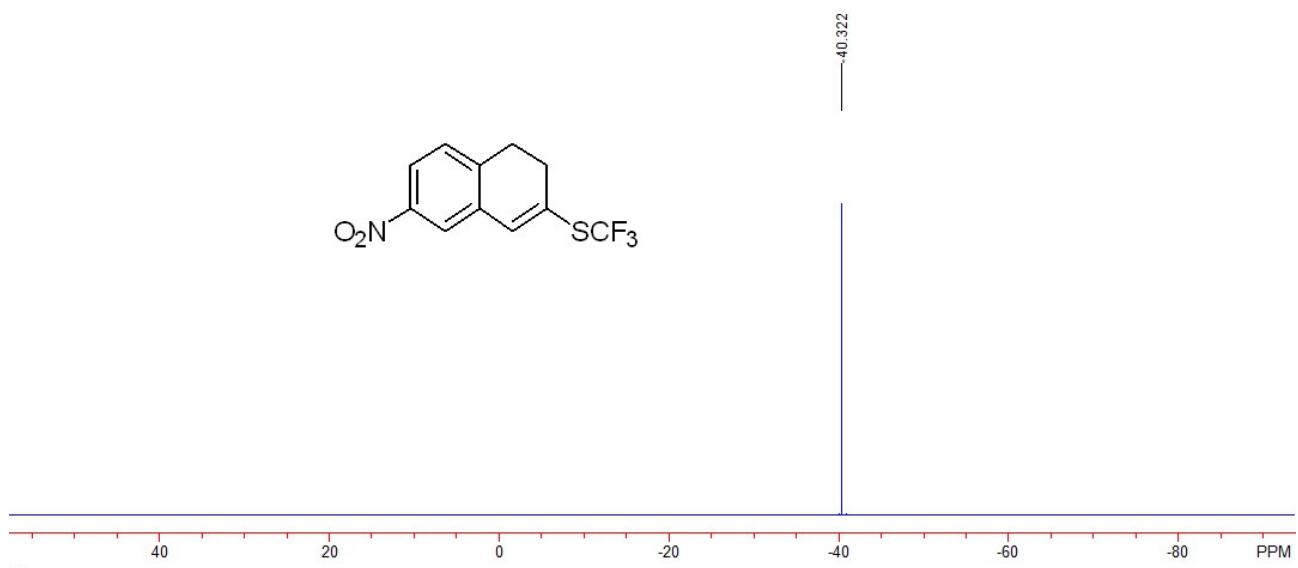




**(7-nitro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (**2c**) (can be separated with **2c'**)**

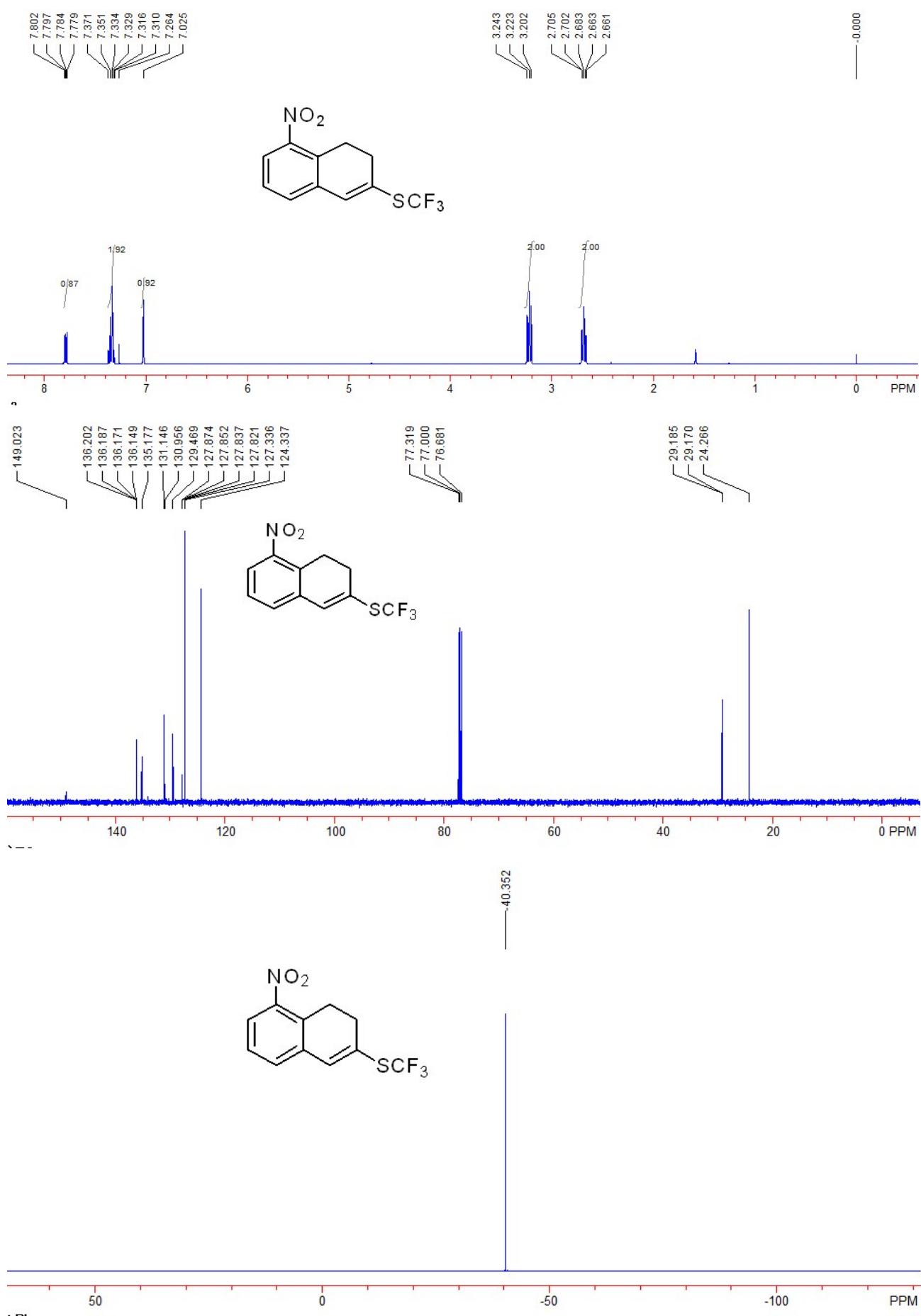
A yellow oil, 11 mg, 20% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.73 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.05 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.04 (s, 1H, CH), 7.32 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.94 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.08 (dd,  $J = 2.4, 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.3, 29.6, 121.3, 123.5, 128.4, 128.6, 129.4 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 133.9, 135.8, 141.9, 147.1.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.32. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3078, 2951, 2894, 2835, 1520, 1344, 1099, 1036, 910, 835, 817, 755, 736  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 275 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 162 (18.17), 160 (27.43), 159 (18.27), 128 (88.96), 127 (29.32), 116 (32.75), 115 (59.95). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$ : 275.0228, Found: 275.0236.

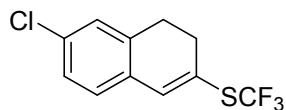




**(5-nitro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (**2c'**)** (can be separated from **2c**)

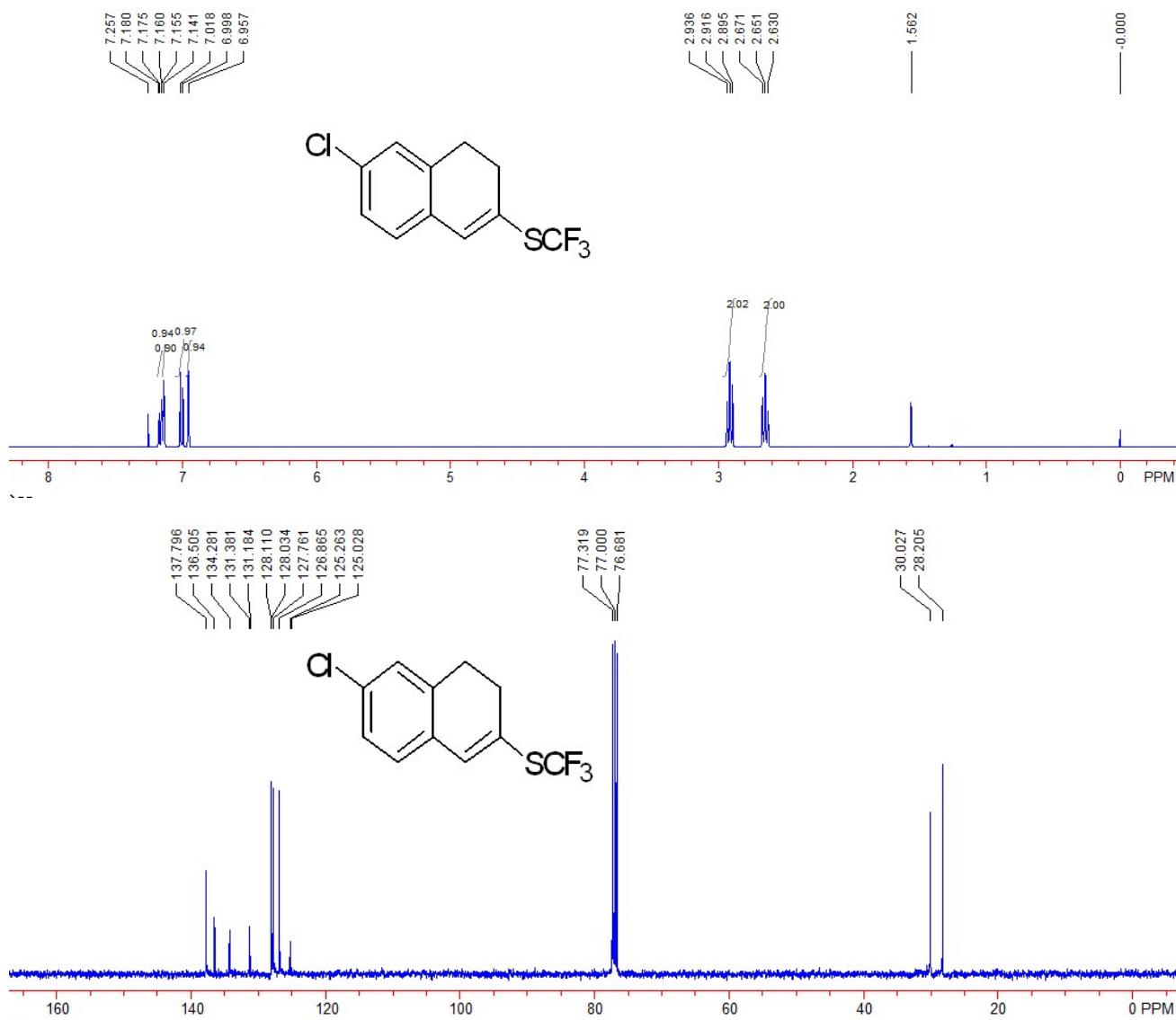
A yellow oil, 22 mg, 40% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.68 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.22 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.03 (s, 1H, CH), 7.31-7.37 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.79 (dd,  $J = 2.0, 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  24.3, 29.2, 124.3, 127.3, 127.8 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 129.4 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 129.5, 131.2, 135.2, 136.2 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 149.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.35. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3083, 2897, 2835, 1525, 1346, 1100, 1044, 892, 806, 772, 755, 733, 704  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 258 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 275 (30.37), 228 (15.91), 159 (28.49), 158 (14.49), 128 (42.29), 127 (33.26), 115 (55.78). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}$ : 275.0228, Found: 275.0224.

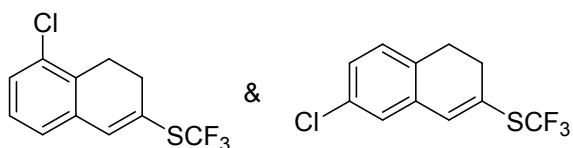
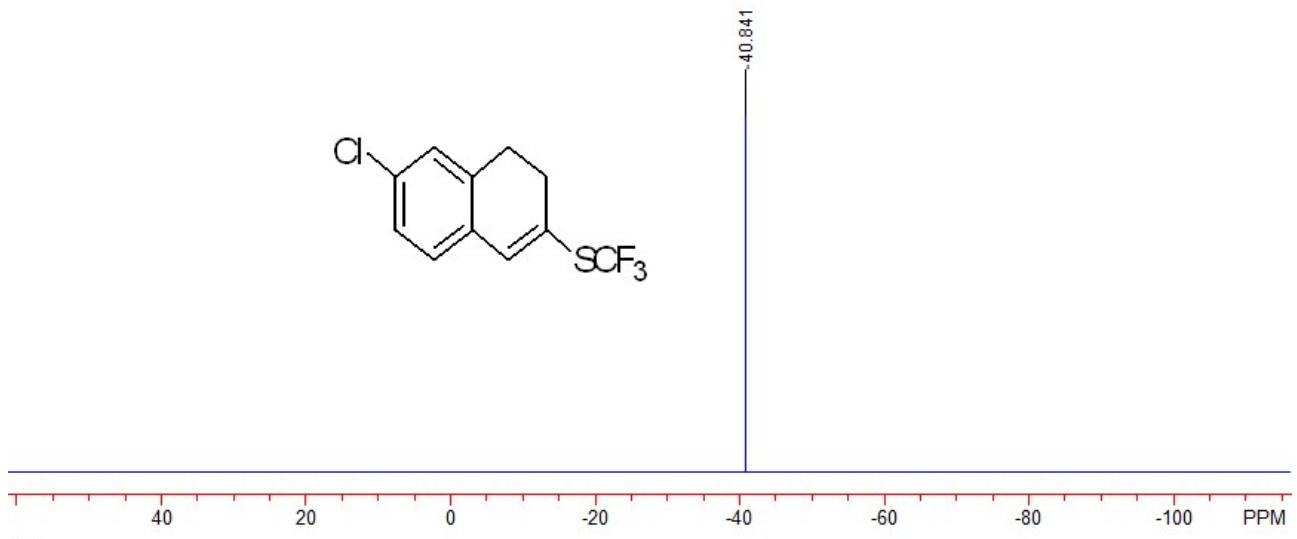




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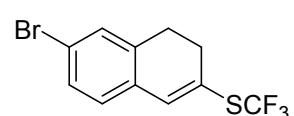
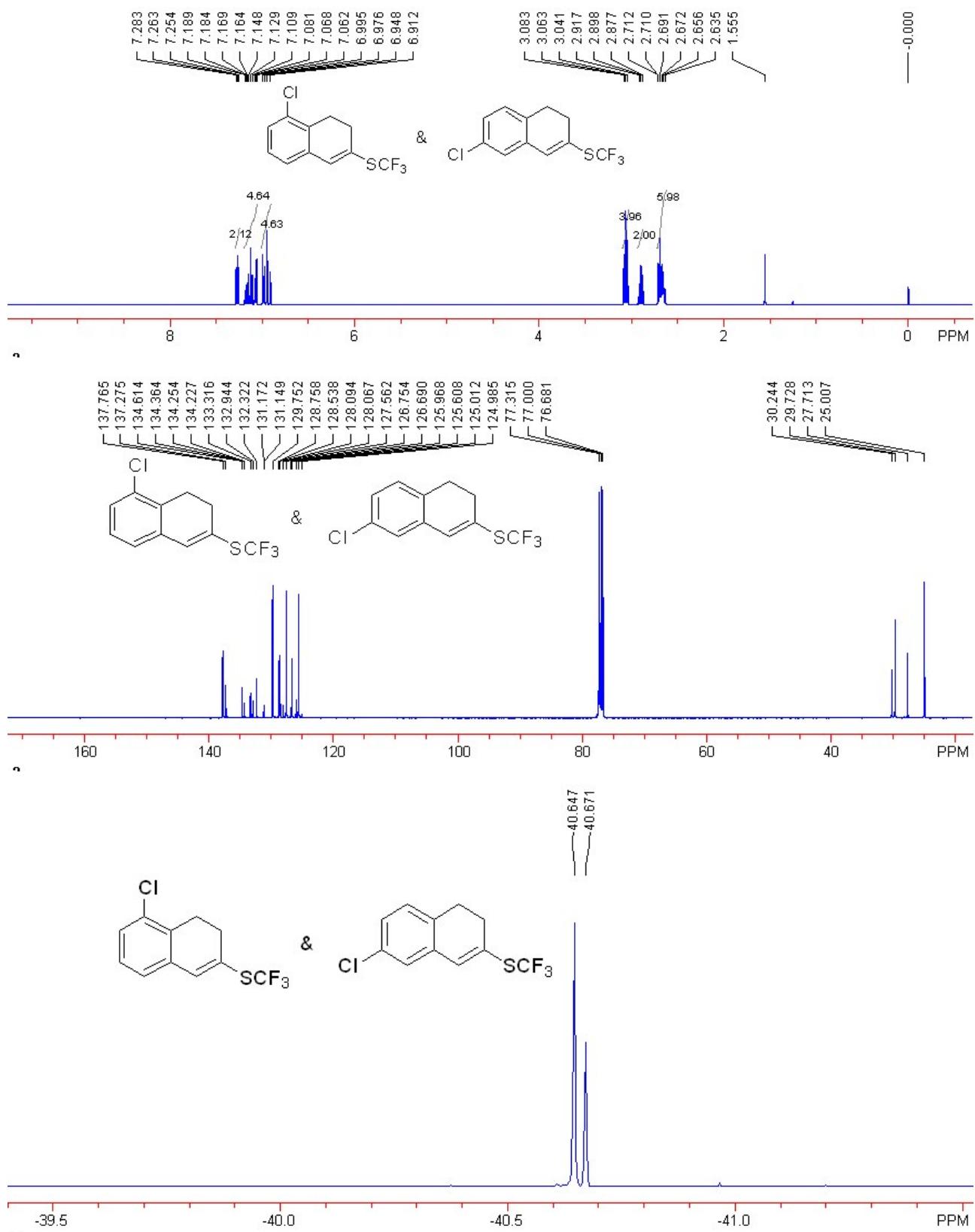
A colorless oil, 24 mg, 45% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.65 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.92 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.96 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.01 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.14-7.18 (m, 2H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.2, 30.0, 125.3, 126.9, 127.8, 128.0, 129.6 (q,  $J = 307.4$  Hz), 131.4, 134.3, 136.5, 137.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.84. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  2946, 2894, 2832, 1593, 1483, 1097, 1039, 959, 877, 862, 814, 755, 673  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 266 (37.56), 264 (M $^+$ , 100), 195 (50.68), 162 (31.02), 151 (57.33), 128 (27.82), 127 (23.43), 115 (27.49). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{SCl}$ : 263.9987, Found: 263.9976.





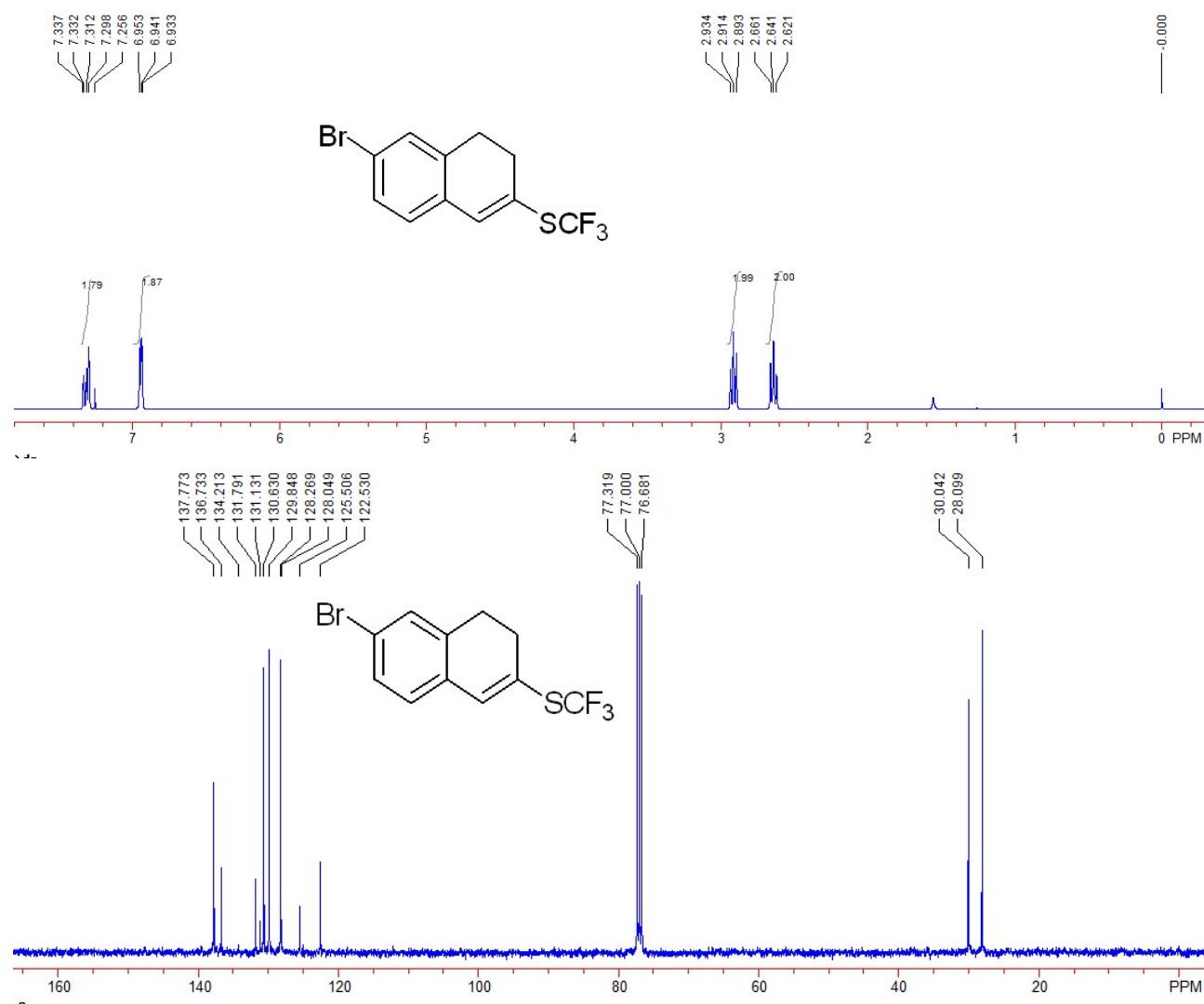
**(5-chloro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane & (7-chloro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2e)** (The two regioisomers can not be separated).

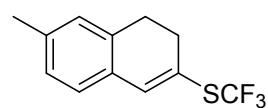
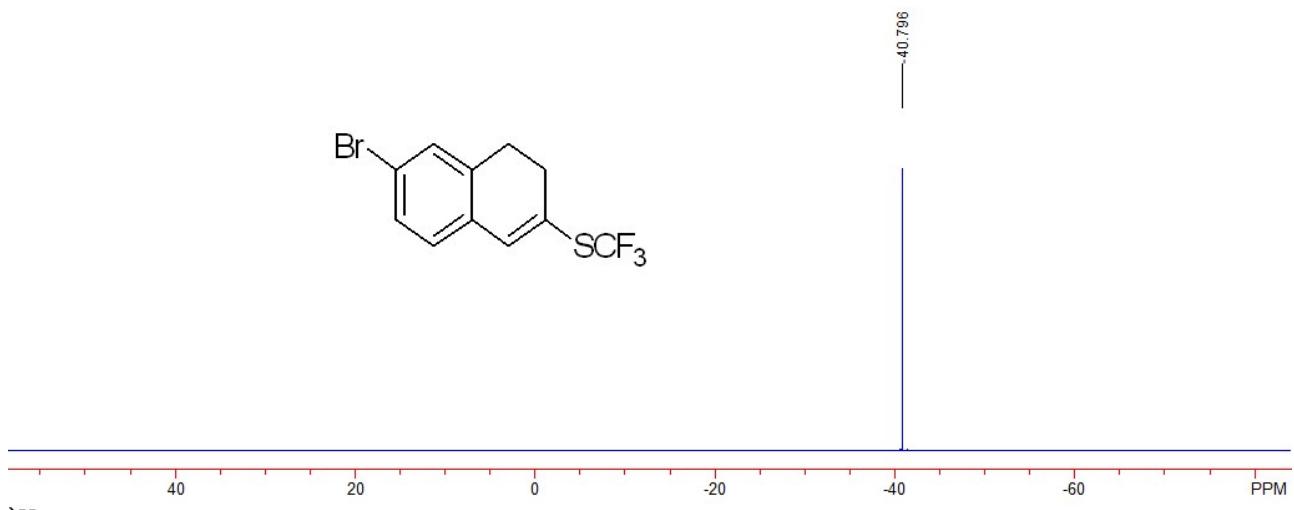
A colorless oil, 26.4 mg, 50% yield (2:1).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.64-2.71 (m, 6H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.90 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.06 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.91-7.00 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.06-7.19 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.27 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.0, 27.7, 29.7, 30.2, 125.6, 126.0, 126.7, 126.8, 127.6, 128.5, 128.8, 129.61 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 129.63 (q,  $J = 307.8$  Hz), 129.8, 132.3, 132.9, 133.3, 134.4, 134.6, 137.3, 137.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.67, -40.65. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3062, 2954, 2892, 2838, 1556, 1435, 1100, 972, 781, 755, 706  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 266 (36.10), 264 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 163 (34.57), 162 (32.96), 151 (38.80), 128 (41.92), 127 (30.01), 115 (27.46). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{SCl}$ : 263.9987, Found: 263.9984.



**(6-bromo-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2f).**

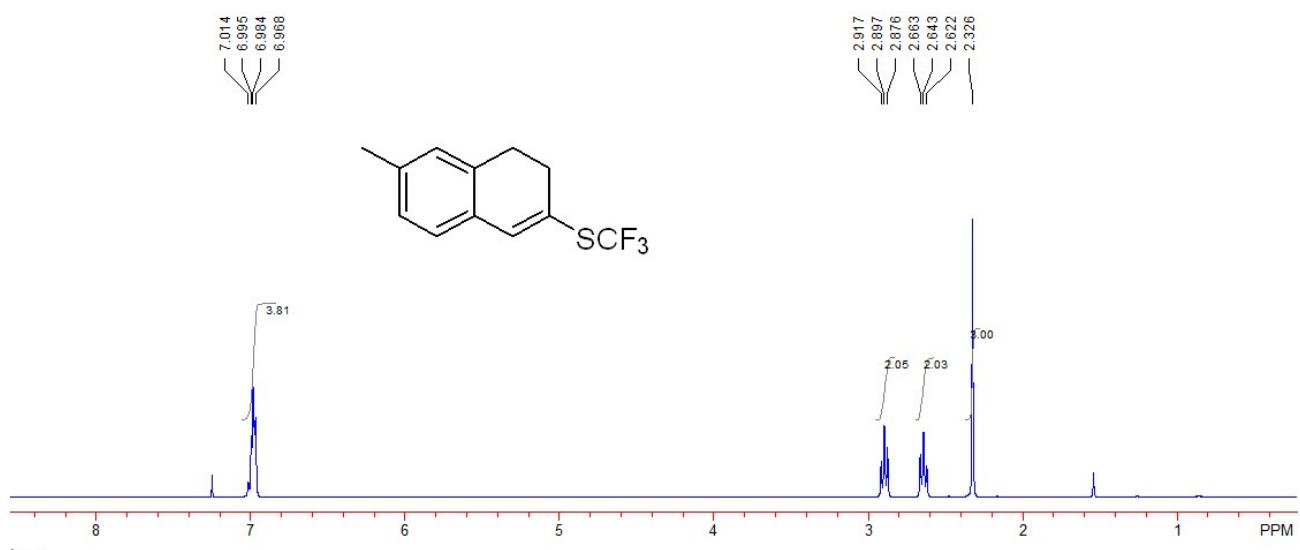
A white solid, 24.6 mg, 40% yield. M.p.: 55-57 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.64 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.91 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.93-6.95 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.1, 30.0, 122.5, 125.5, 128.3, 129.6 (q,  $J$  = 308.2 Hz), 129.8, 130.6, 131.8, 136.7, 137.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.80. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  2954, 2918, 2845, 1585, 1478, 1437, 1423, 1403, 1117, 1072, 882, 850, 814, 755  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 310 (83.15), 308 (82.29), 241 (32.63), 239 (33.96), 128 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 160 (78.16), 116 (70.77), 115 (61.49). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_8\text{F}_3\text{SBr}$ : 307.9482, Found: 307.9486.

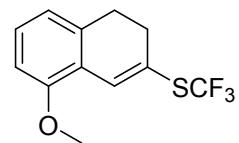
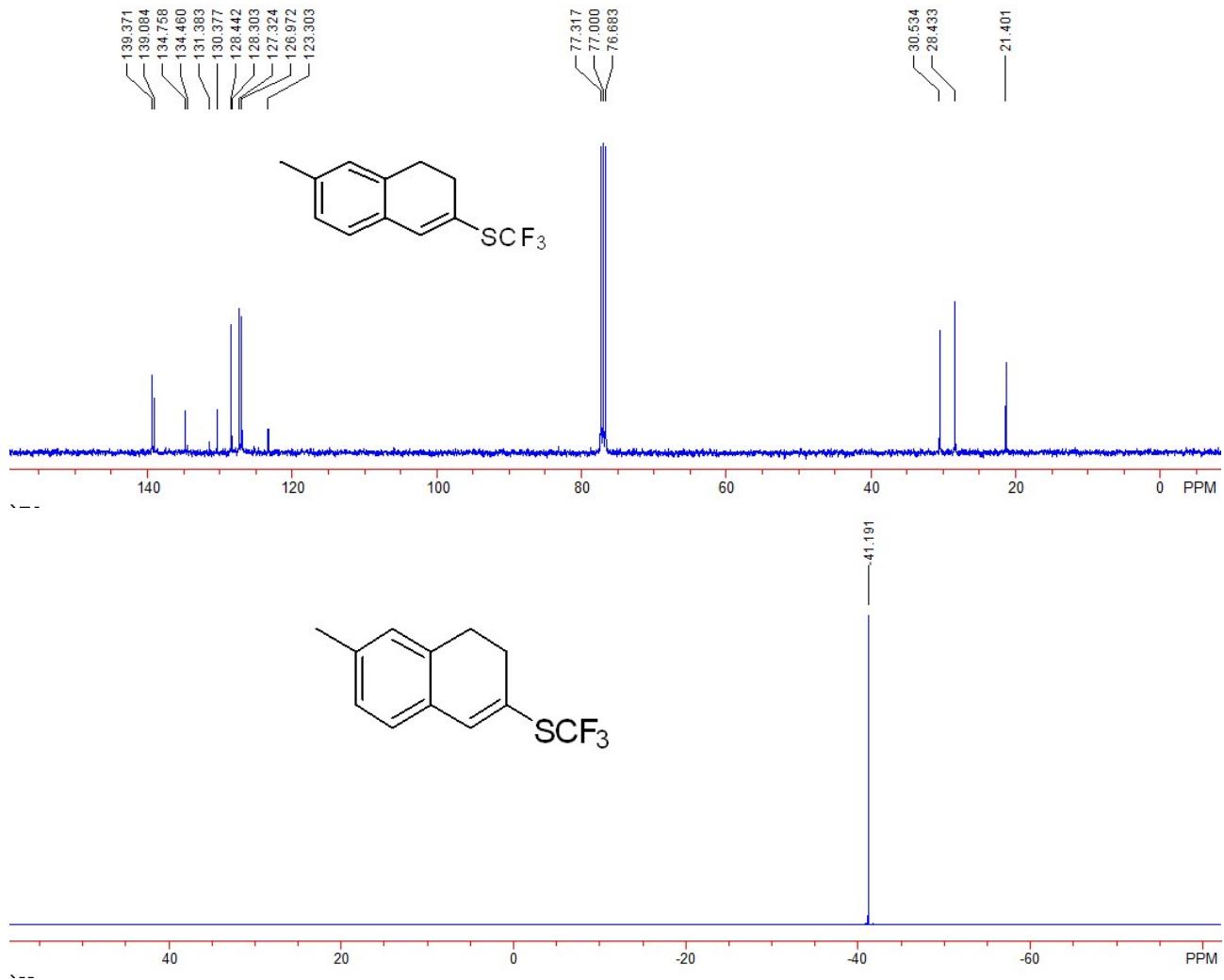




**(6-methyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2g).**

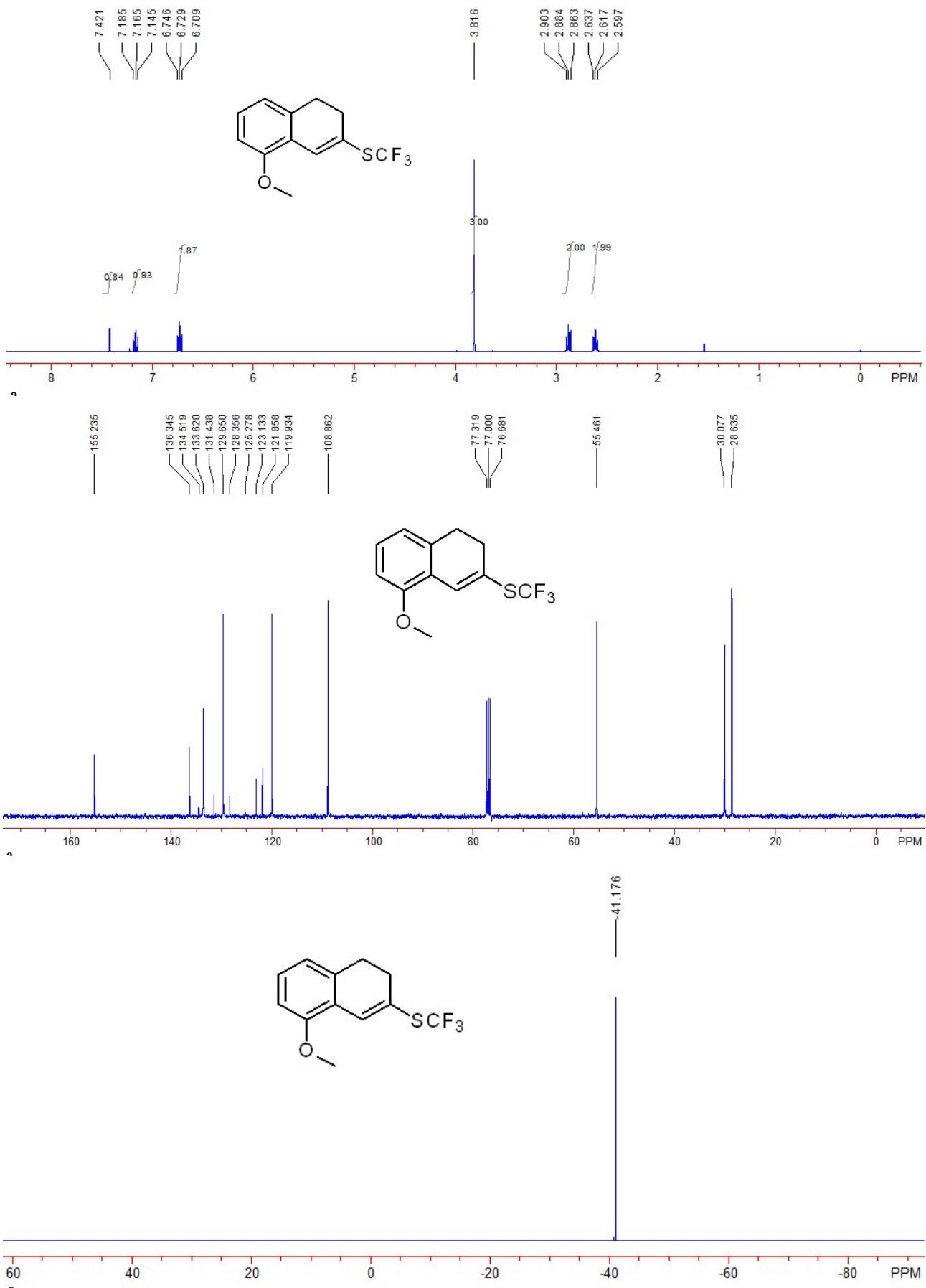
A colorless oil, 14.6 mg, 30% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 400 MHz) δ 2.33 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.64 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.90 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.97-7.01 (m, 4H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 100 MHz) δ 21.4, 28.4, 30.5, 123.3, 127.0, 127.3, 128.4, 129.8 (q, *J* = 308.0 Hz), 130.4, 134.8, 139.1, 139.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CFCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -41.19. IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ν 3011, 2941, 2889, 2832, 1613, 1492, 1440, 1149, 1102, 882, 813, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (%) m/e 244 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00), 175 (50.77), 143 (22.42), 142 (32.1), 141 (22.61), 131 (60.4), 128 (22.16), 115 (18.86). HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>SF<sub>3</sub>: 244.0534, Found: 244.0530.

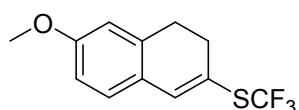




**(8-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2h).**

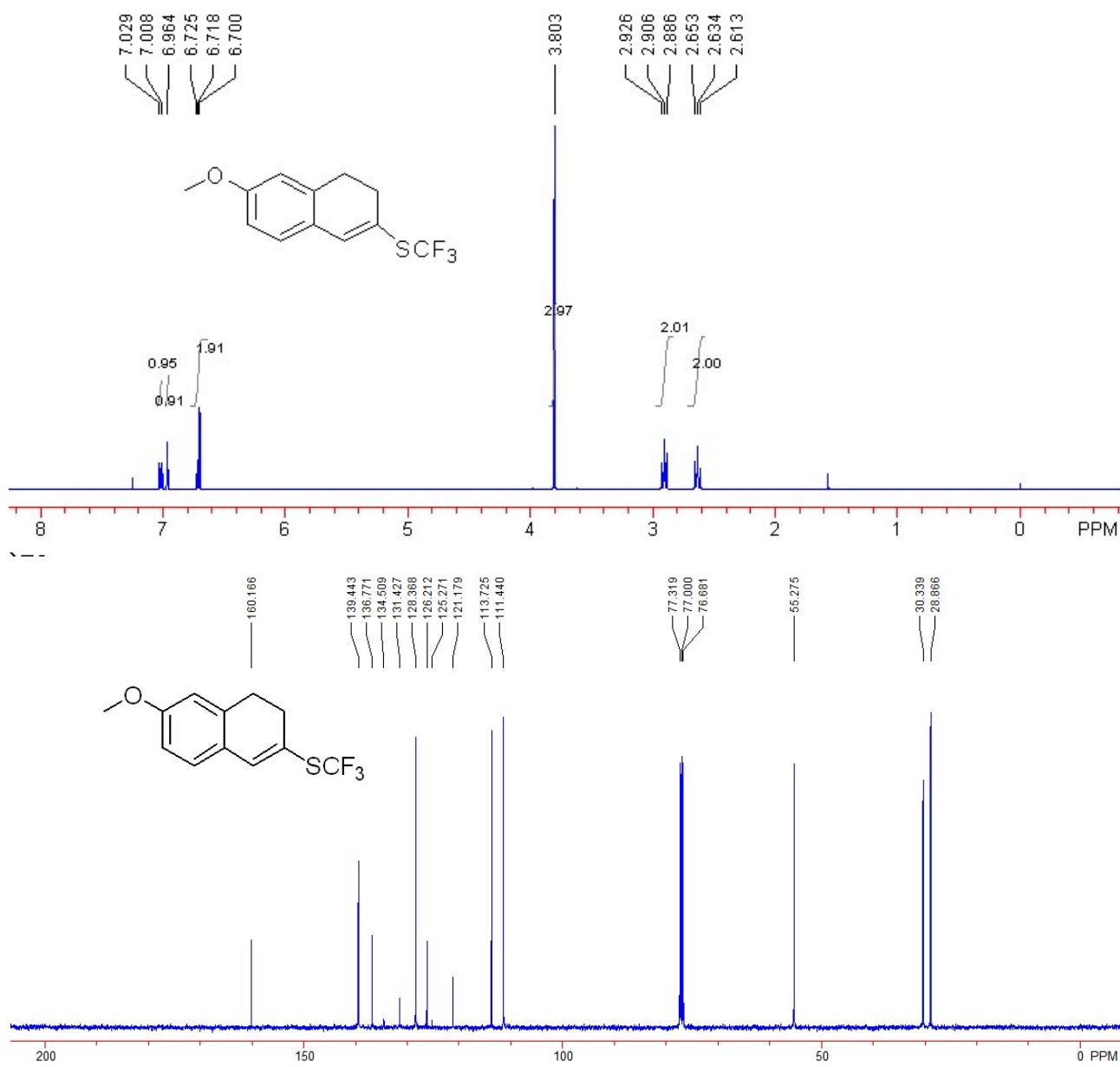
A colorless oil, 31.2 mg, 60% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.88 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.82 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.73 (t,  $J = 8.0$ , 2H, ArH), 7.17 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.42 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.6, 30.1, 55.5, 108.9, 119.9, 121.8, 123.1, 129.6, 129.9 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 133.6, 136.3, 155.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -41.18. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3067, 2943, 2889, 2838, 1472, 1438, 1265, 1093, 1038, 778, 747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 261 (14.44), 260 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 191 (61.01), 159 (12.73), 158 (19.2), 147 (56.65), 144 (12.38), 115 (31.95). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 260.0483, Found: 260.0474.

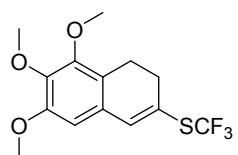




**(6-methoxy-3,4-dihydropthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2i).**

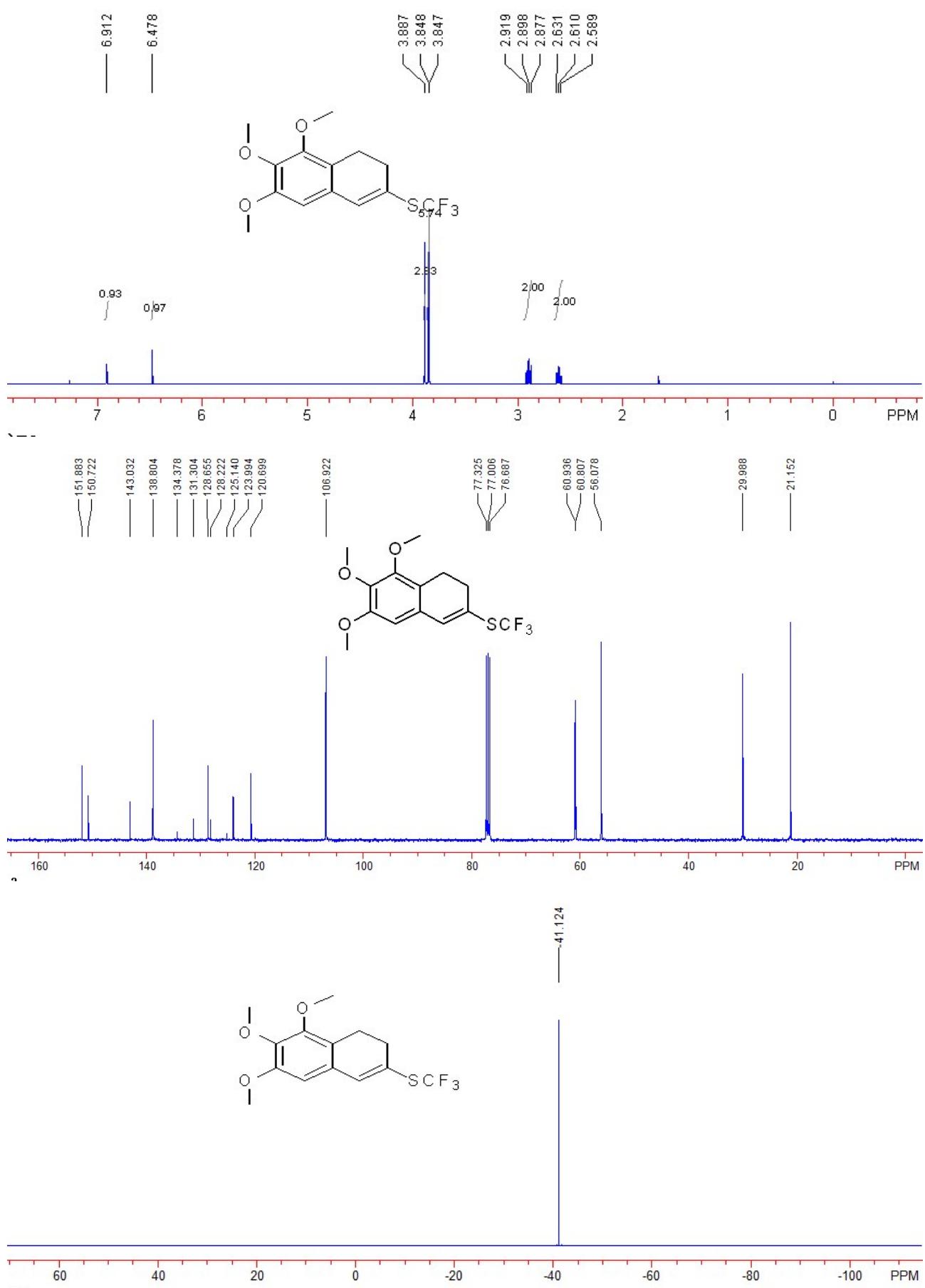
A colorless oil, 20.8 mg, 40% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.63 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.91 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.80 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.70-6.73 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.96 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.9, 30.3, 55.3, 111.4, 113.7, 121.2, 126.2, 128.4, 129.9 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 136.8, 139.4, 160.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -41.44. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3000, 2938, 2894, 2835, 1606, 1500, 1267, 1250, 1150, 1102, 1038  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 261 (13.83), 260 (97.35), 192 (12.93), 191 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 158 (20.91), 147 (64.12), 115 (37.83), 40 (12.47). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 260.0483, Found: 260.0487.

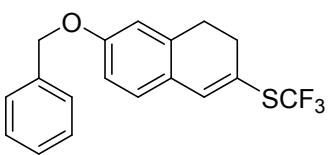




**(trifluoromethyl)(5,6,7-trimethoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)sulfane (2j).**

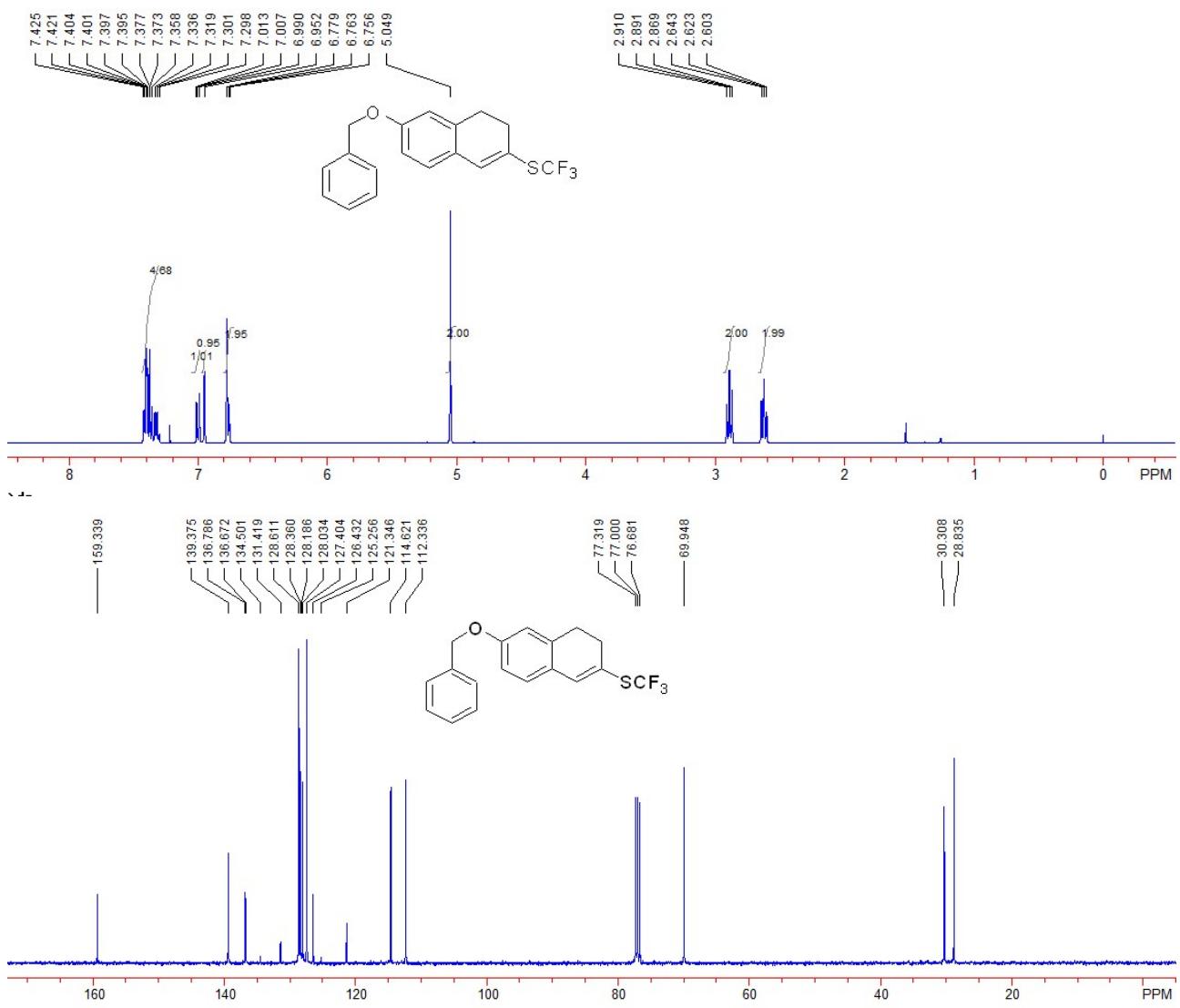
A colorless oil, 41.6 mg, 65% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 400 MHz) δ 2.61 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.90 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.847 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.848 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.89 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.48 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.91 (s, 1H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 100 MHz) δ 21.2, 30.0, 56.1, 60.8, 60.9, 106.9, 120.7, 124.0, 128.6, 129.8 (q, *J* = 308.2 Hz), 138.8, 143.0, 150.7, 151.9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CFCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -41.12. IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ν 2996, 2936, 2836, 1562, 1489, 1458, 1410, 1342, 1321, 1277, 1106, 1028, 993, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (%) m/e 321.78 (16.78), 320 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00), 305 (45.5), 251 (49.88), 207 (15.68), 161 (19.76), 118 (12.03), 115 (12.31). HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S: 320.0694, Found: 320.0700.

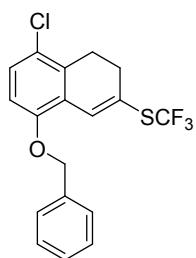
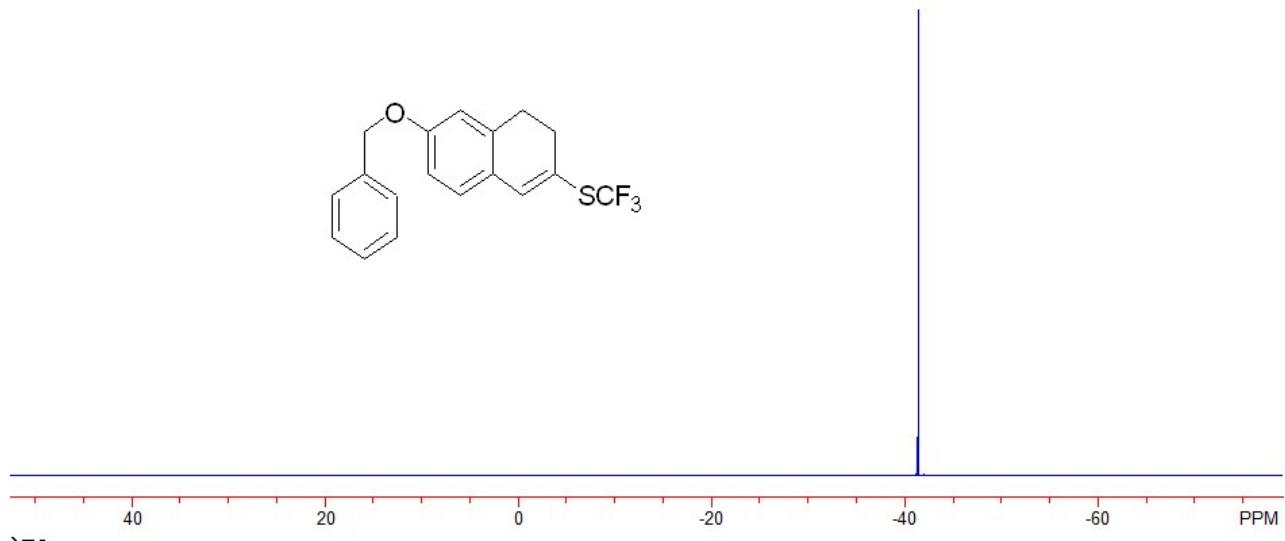




**(6-(benzyloxy)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2k).**

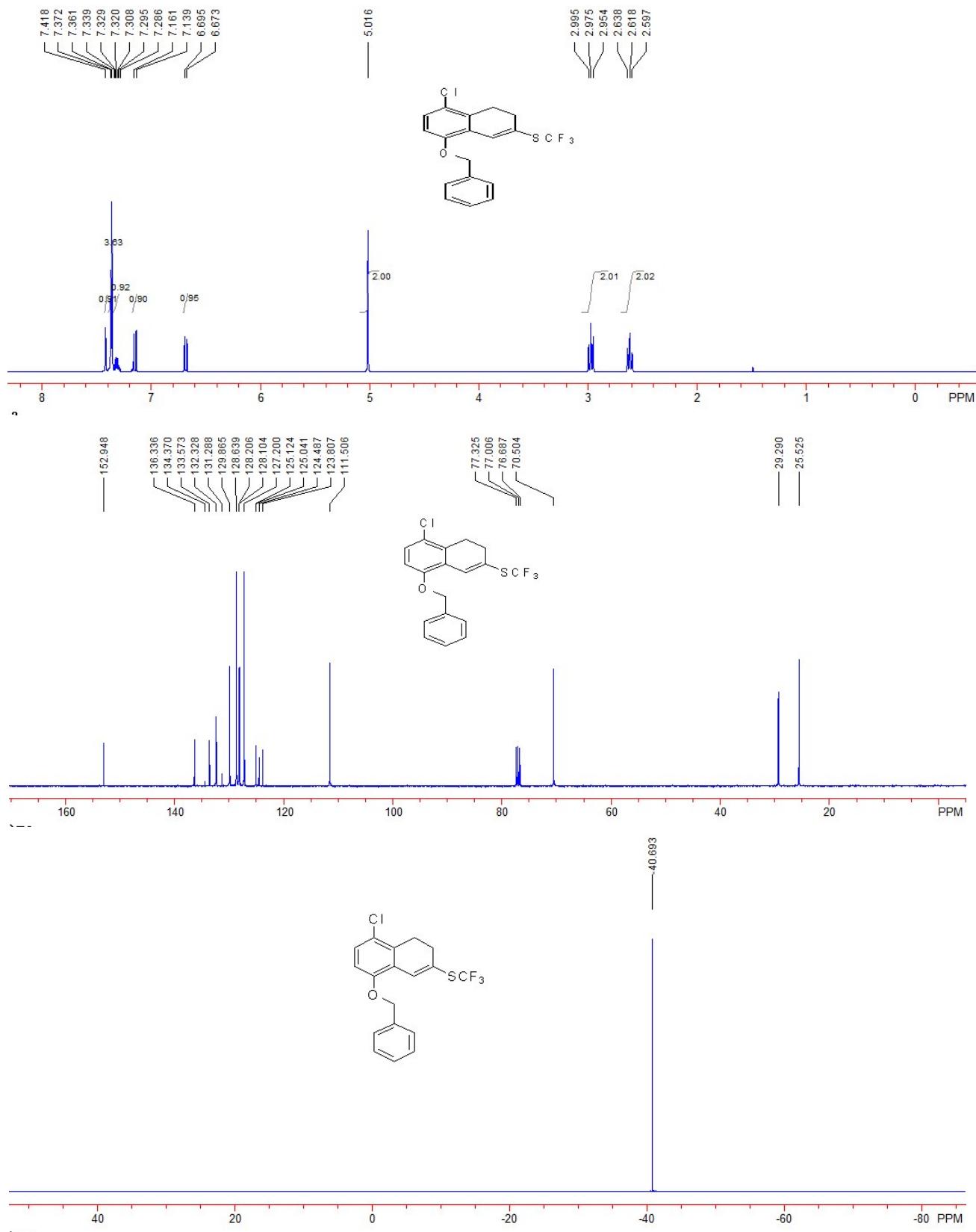
A light yellow solid, 37.6 mg, 56% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.90 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.05 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.76-6.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.95 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.30-7.42 (m, 5H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.8, 30.3, 69.9, 112.3, 114.6, 121.4, 126.4, 127.4, 128.0, 128.4, 128.6, 129.9 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 136.7, 136.8, 139.4, 159.3.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -41.36. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3034, 2956, 2892, 2832, 1604, 1498, 1270, 1160, 1111, 1040, 873, 810, 735, 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 336 (23.5), 260 (14.14), 191 (10.78), 147 (11.04), 116 (6.32), 115 (16.37), 92 (8.12), 91 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 336.0796, Found: 336.0794.

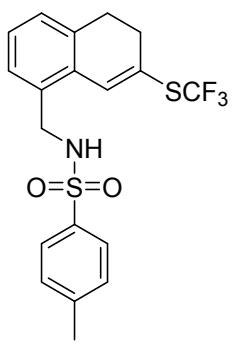




**(8-(benzyloxy)-5-chloro-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2I).**

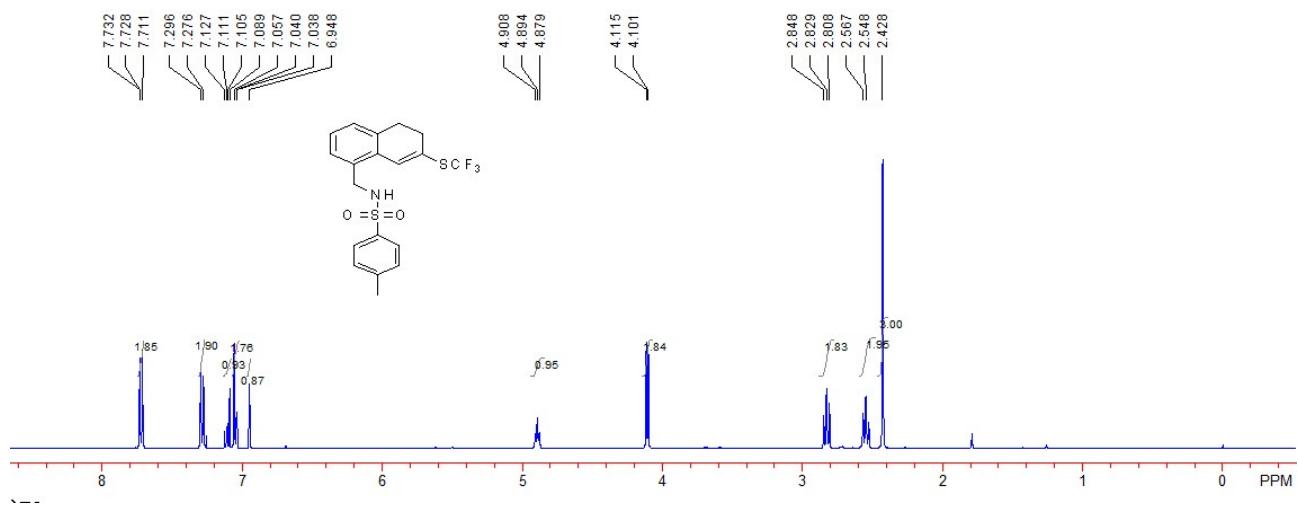
A white solid, 48.1 mg, 65% yield. M.p.: 54-55 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.62 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.98 (t,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.02 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.29-7.34 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.36-7.37 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.42 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  25.5, 29.3, 70.5, 111.5, 123.8, 124.5, 125.0, 127.2, 128.1, 128.6, 129.7 (q,  $J$  = 308.2 Hz), 129.8, 132.3, 133.6, 136.3, 152.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.69. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3065, 3034, 2951, 2890, 2827, 1587, 1452, 1316, 1266, 1149, 1103, 1028, 798, 753, 734, 694  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 370 (7.95), 264 (7.18), 195 (3.99), 151 (5.53), 115 (7.47), 92 (7.51), 91 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 65 (5.37). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{OF}_3\text{SCl}$ : 370.0406, Found: 370.0399.

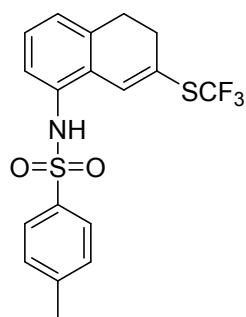
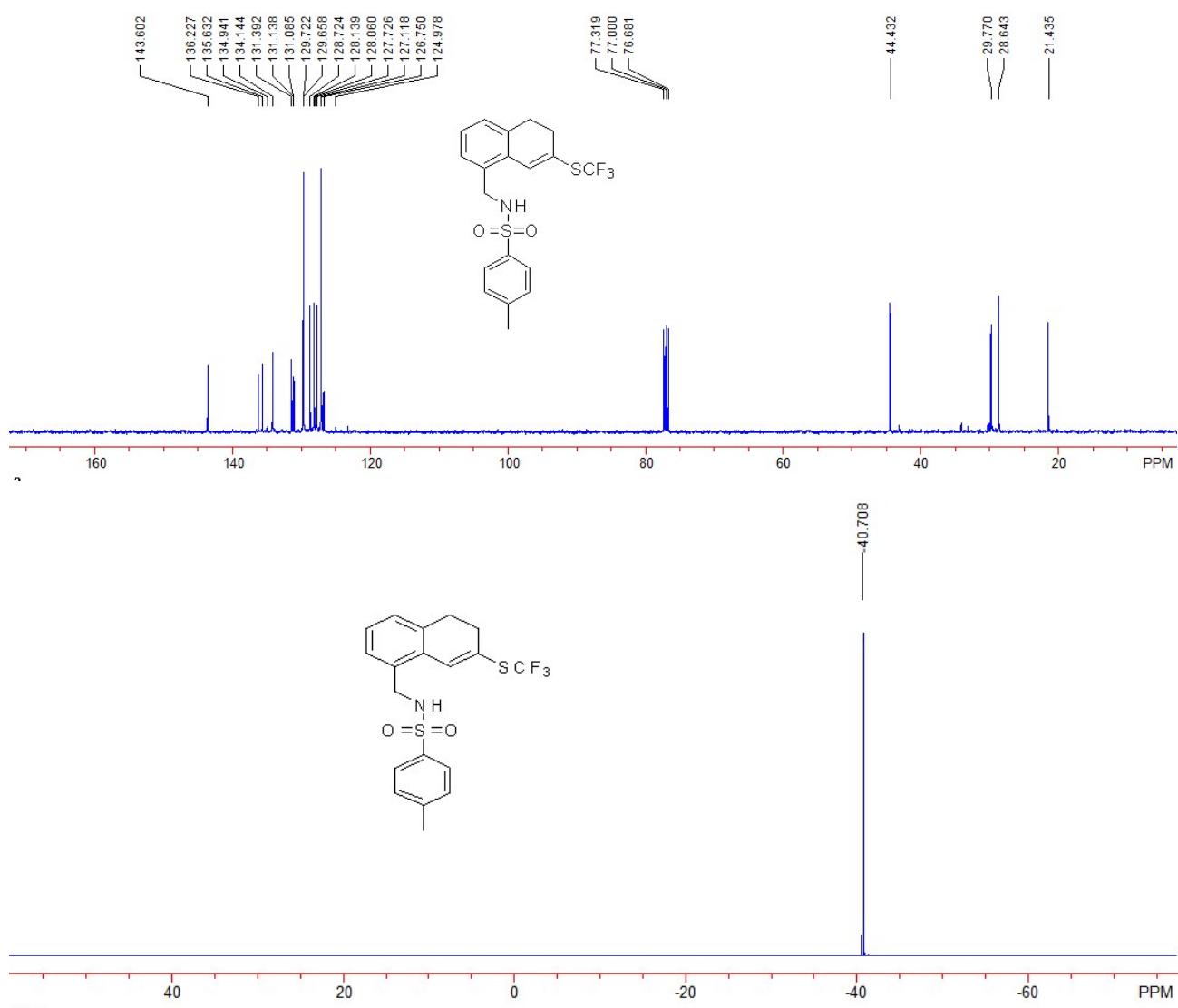




**4-methyl-N-((7-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-5,6-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)methyl)benzenesulfonamide (2m).**

A white solid, 42.1 mg, 51% yield. M.p.: 107-109 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.43 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.55 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.83 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.11 (d,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.89 (t,  $J = 5.6$  Hz, 1H, NH), 6.95 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.04-7.11 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.29 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.72 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.4, 28.6, 29.8, 44.4, 126.8, 127.1, 127.7, 128.1, 128.7, 129.6 (q,  $J = 307.8$  Hz), 129.7, 131.1, 131.4, 134.1, 135.6, 136.2, 143.6.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.71. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3271, 3067, 2943, 2884, 2830, 1325, 1154, 1108, 1048, 814, 662  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 413 (32.8), 258 (36.81), 188 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 156 (76.15), 130 (35.05), 129 (22.21), 128 (25.08), 91 (37.69). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}_2$ : 413.0731, Found: 413.0739.

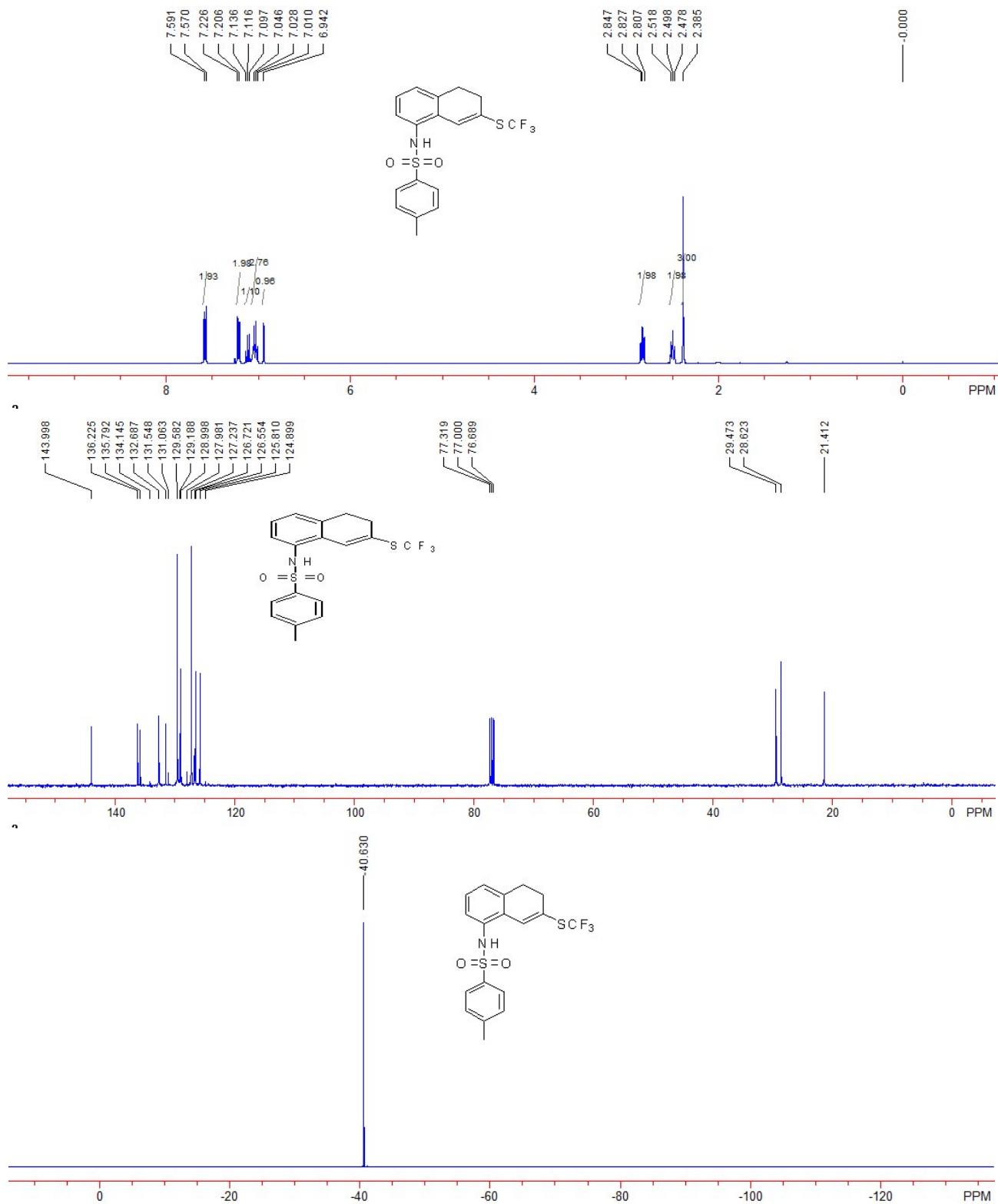


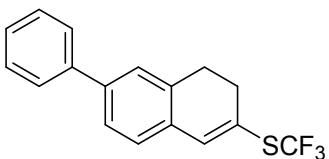


#### 4-methyl-N-(7-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-5,6-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (**2n**).

A white solid, 39.9 mg, 50% yield. M.p.: 135-137 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.38 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.50 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.83 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.94 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.01-7.05 (m, 3H, ArH&NH), 7.11 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.58 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  21.4, 28.6, 29.5, 125.8, 126.6, 126.7, 127.2, 129.0, 129.2, 129.5 (q,  $J = 308.2$  Hz), 129.6, 131.5, 132.7, 135.8, 136.2, 144.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,

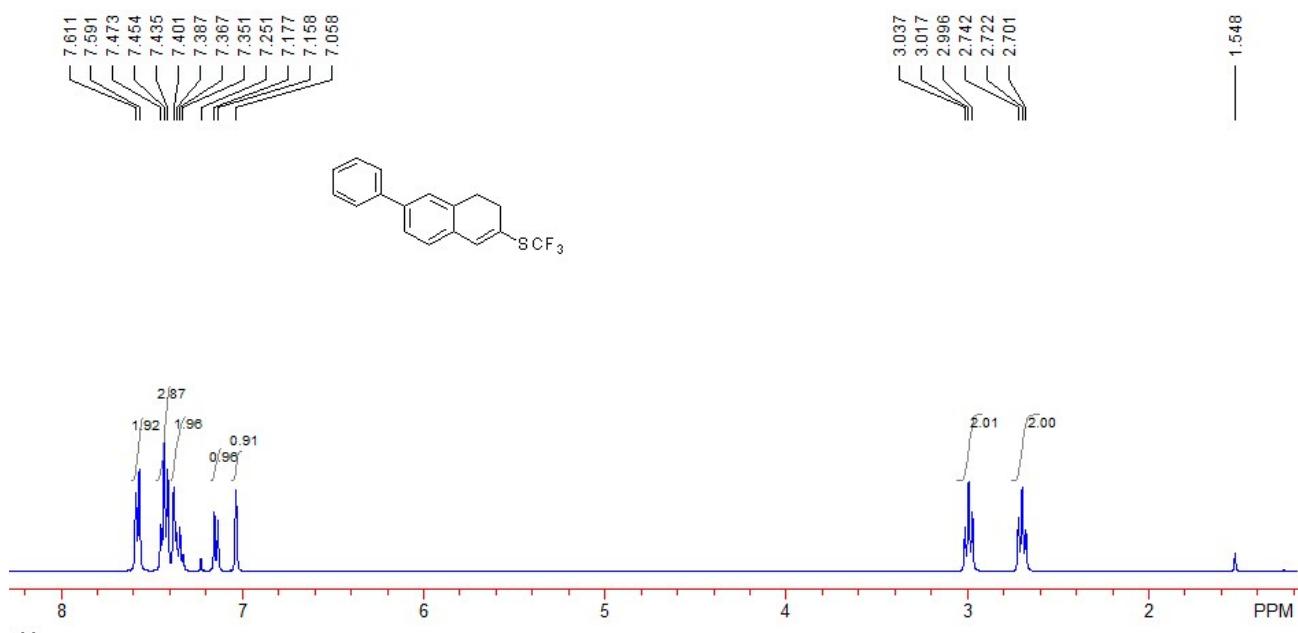
$\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.63. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3256, 3065, 2942, 2895, 2831, 1594, 1463, 1399, 1325, 1156, 1106, 1086, 916, 813, 752, 665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 399 (61.77), 244 (99.53), 175 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 174 (31.21), 143 (81.98), 130 (23.61), 115 (46.07), 91 (39.05). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $C_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_2\text{F}_3\text{S}_2$ : 399.0575, Found: 399.0569.

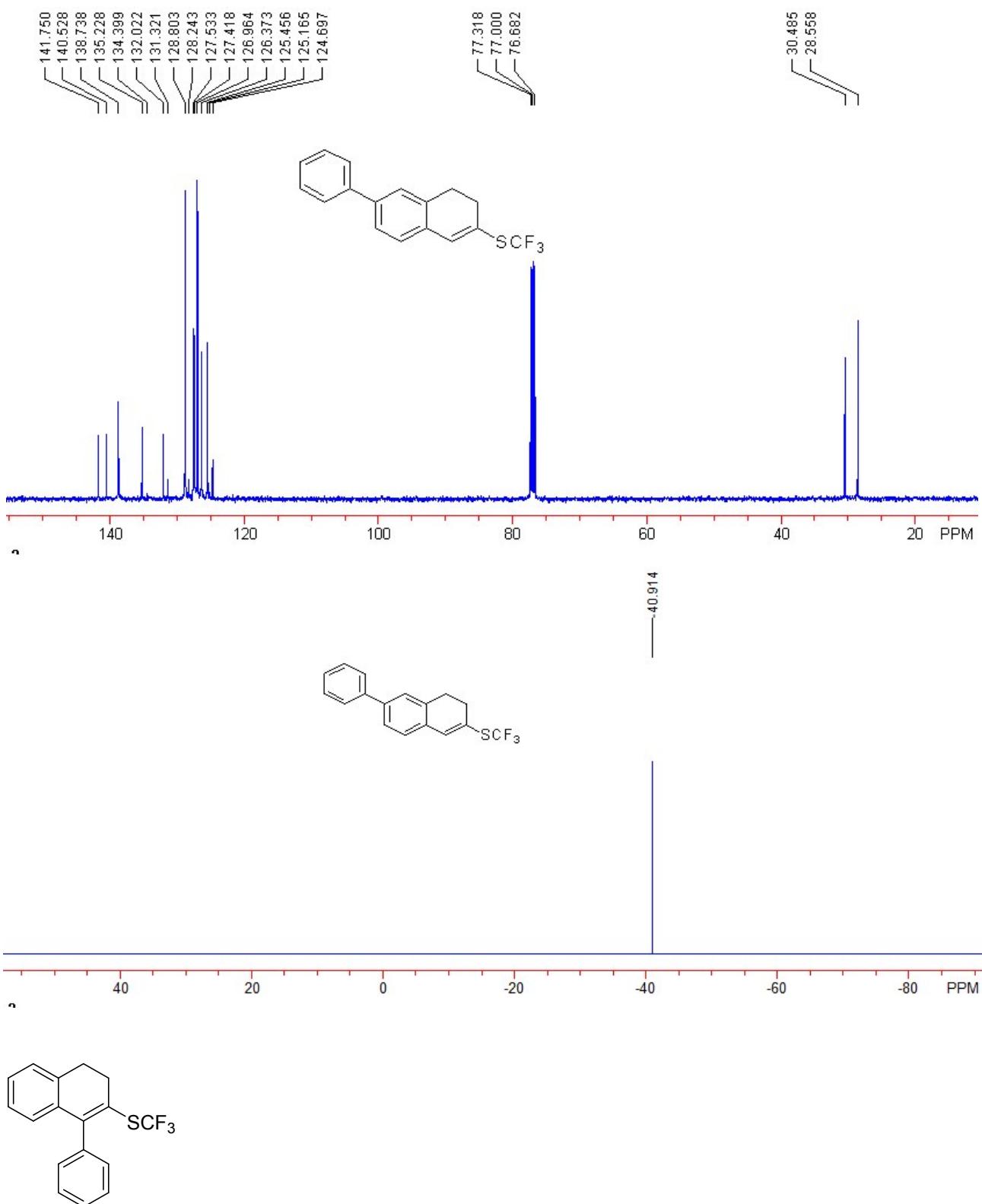




**(6-phenyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (2o).**

A light yellow solid, 33.7 mg, 55% yield. M.p.: 61-63°C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.72 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.02 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.06 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.47 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.60 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  28.6, 30.5, 124.7, 125.4, 126.4, 127.0, 127.4, 127.5, 128.8, 129.8 (q,  $J = 307.8$  Hz), 132.0, 135.2, 138.7, 140.5, 141.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -40.91. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3024, 2920, 2850, 1479, 1153, 1135, 1099, 890, 828, 762, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 307 (19.32), 306 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 237 (52.88), 204 (27.69), 203 (28.25), 202 (31.37), 193 (39.46), 178 (27.18). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{S}$ : 306.0690, Found: 306.0697.

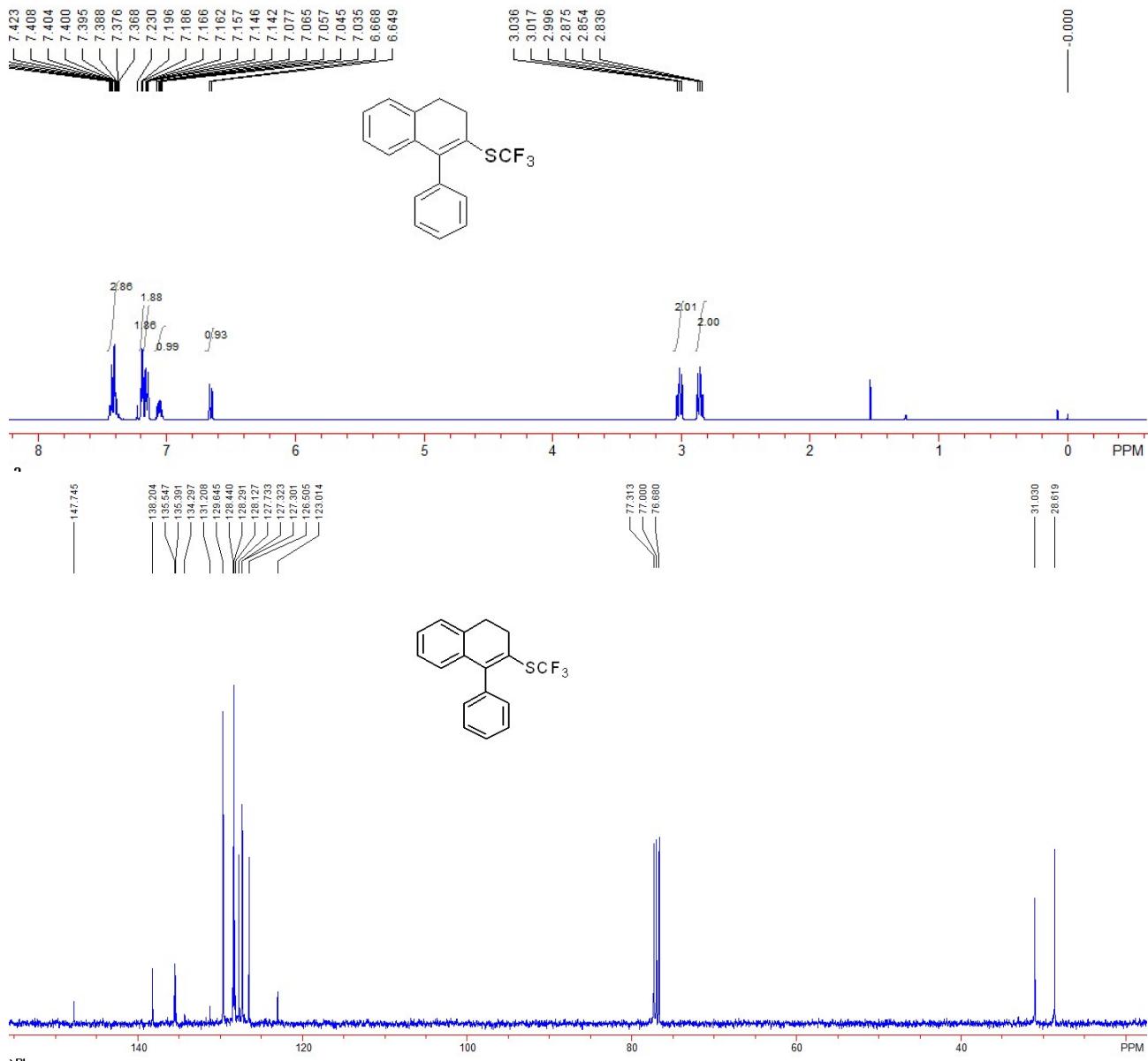


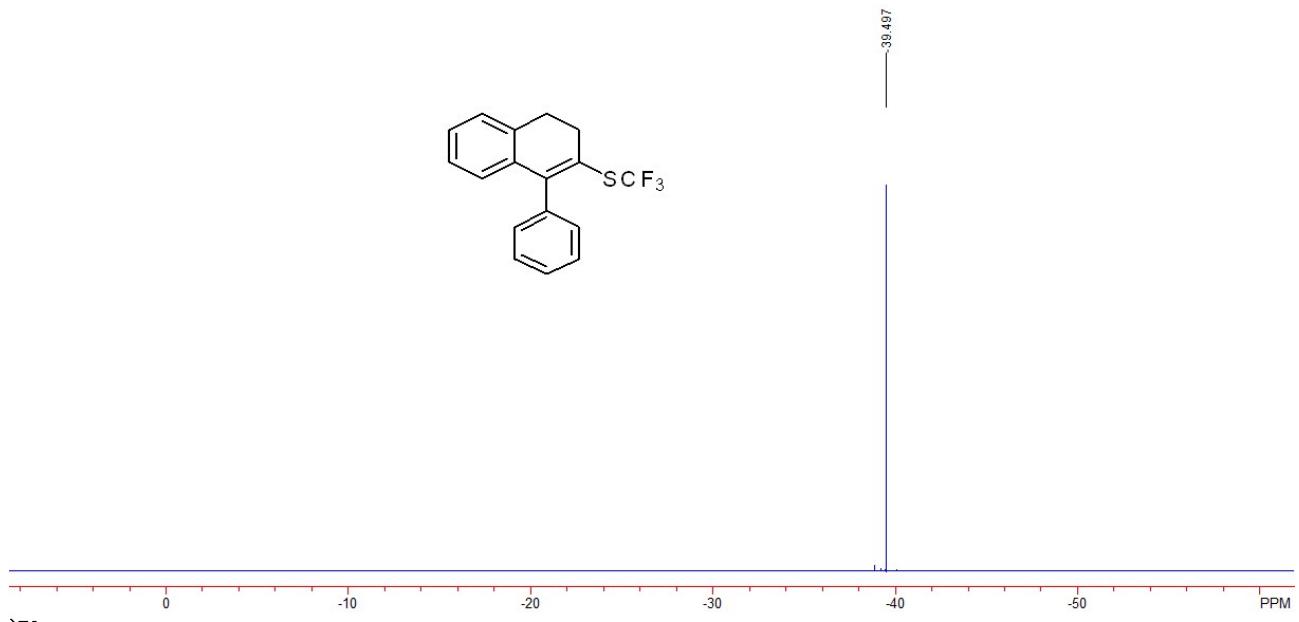


**(1-phenyl-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (**2p**).**

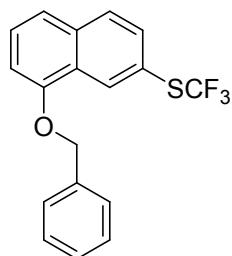
A colorless oil, 27.5 mg, 36 mg, 45% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 400 MHz) δ 2.85 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.02 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.66 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.04-7.08 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.14-7.20 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.37-7.45 (m, 3H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 100 MHz) δ 28.6, 31.0, 123.0, 126.5, 127.30, 127.32, 127.7, 128.3, 128.4, 129.6, 129.7 (q, *J* = 308.1 Hz), 135.4, 135.5,

138.2, 147.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -39.50. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3062, 3018, 2936, 2889, 2832, 1593, 1479, 1440, 1148, 1118, 1098, 1070, 768, 699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 306 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 237 (61.54), 235 (23.16), 222 (34.43), 221 (32.79), 204 (45.65), 203 (38.41), 202 (34.39). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{SF}_3$ : 306.0690, Found: 306.0694.



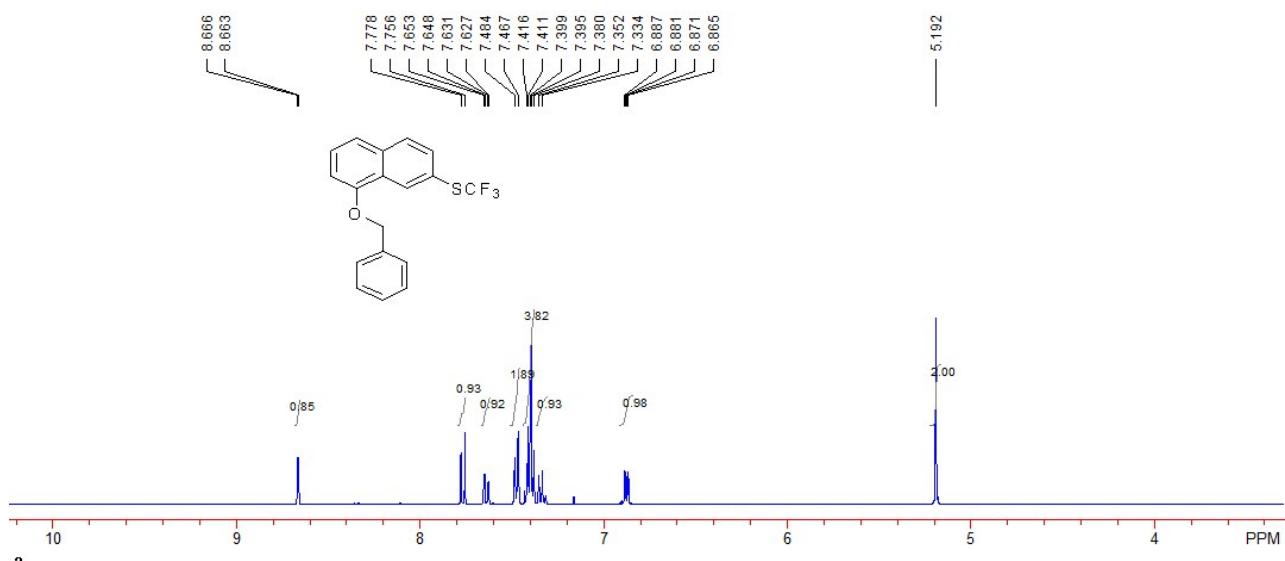


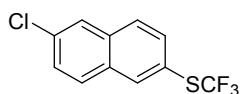
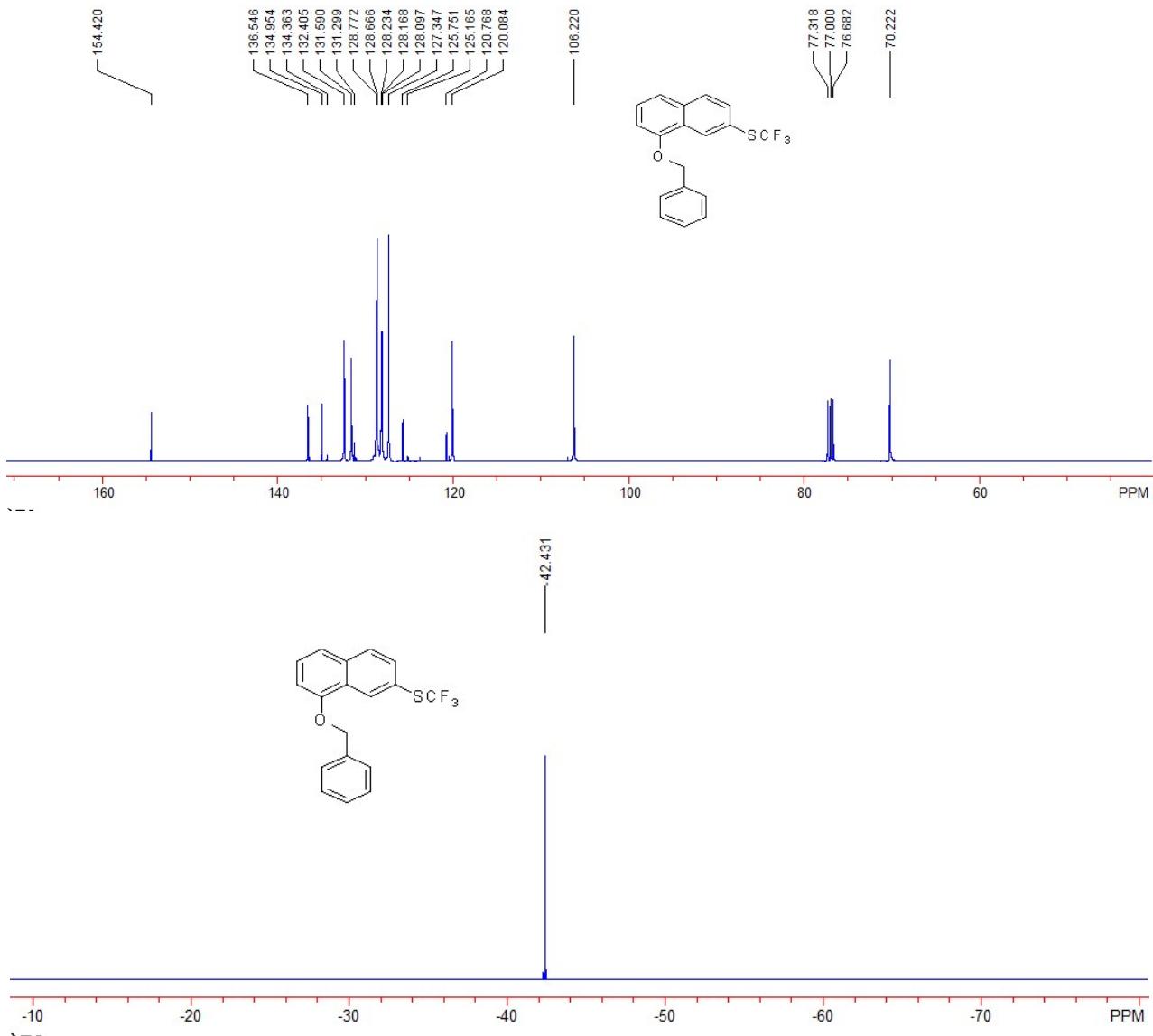
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### (8-(benzyloxy)naphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (3a).

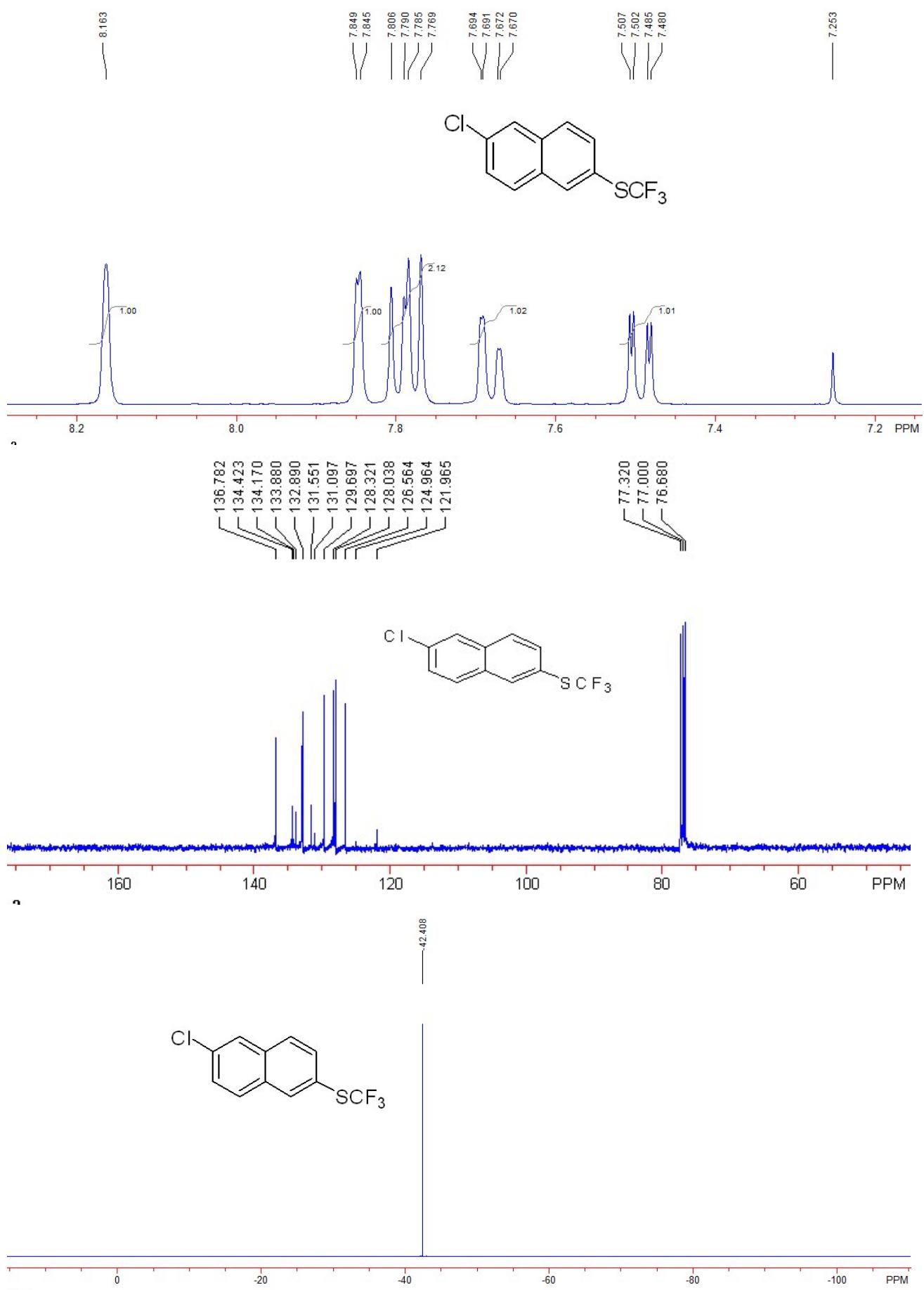
A colorless oil, 36 mg, 54% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.19 (s, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 6.88 (dd,  $J = 2.4, 6.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.38-7.42 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.48 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.64 (dd,  $J = 1.6, 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.66 (d,  $J = 1.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  70.2, 106.2, 120.1, 120.7 (q,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 125.7, 127.3, 128.1, 128.2, 128.7, 128.8, 129.8 (q,  $J = 306.5$  Hz), 131.6 (q,  $J = 4.2$  Hz), 132.4, 135.0, 136.5, 154.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.43. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3065, 3026, 2925, 2856, 1571, 1445, 1362, 1270, 1150, 1097, 823, 732, 694  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 334 (9.30), 146 (4.34), 145 (2.08), 131 (6.56), 102 (4.31), 92 (8.18), 91 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 65 (6.07). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{13}\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 334.0639, Found: 334.0641.

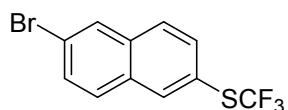




**(6-chloronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (3d).**

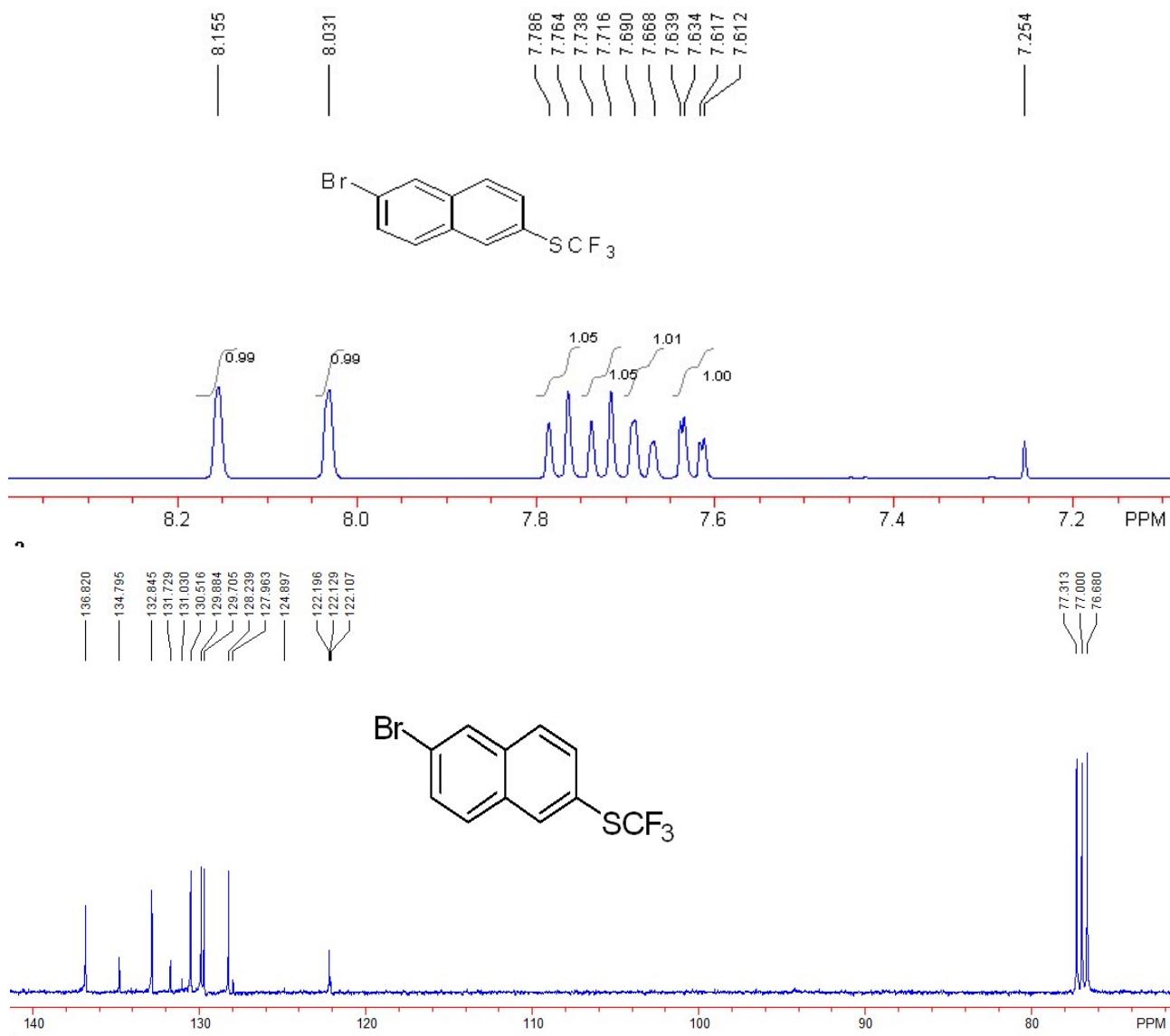
A white solid, 21 mg, 40% yield. M.p.: 74-76 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.49 (dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (dd,  $J$  = 0.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.77-7.81 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.16 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  122.0, 126.6, 128.0, 128.3, 129.6 (q,  $J$  = 307.3 Hz), 129.7, 131.6, 132.9, 133.9, 134.4, 136.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.41. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3057, 2925, 2853, 1621, 1577, 1489, 1154, 1106, 1074, 877, 807  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 264 (36.33), 262 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100), 195 (28.46), 193 (76.05), 158 (41.55), 151 (23.56), 149 (71.23), 114 (16.77). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_6\text{F}_3\text{SCl}$ : 261.9831, Found: 261.9828.

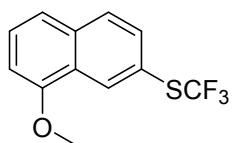
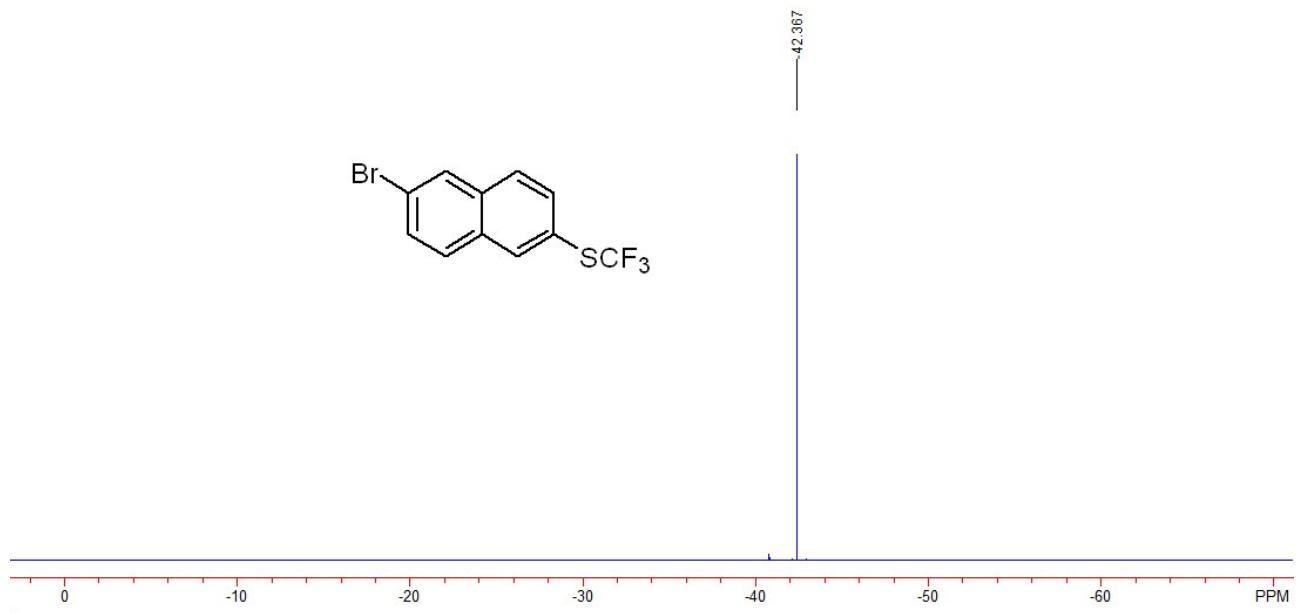




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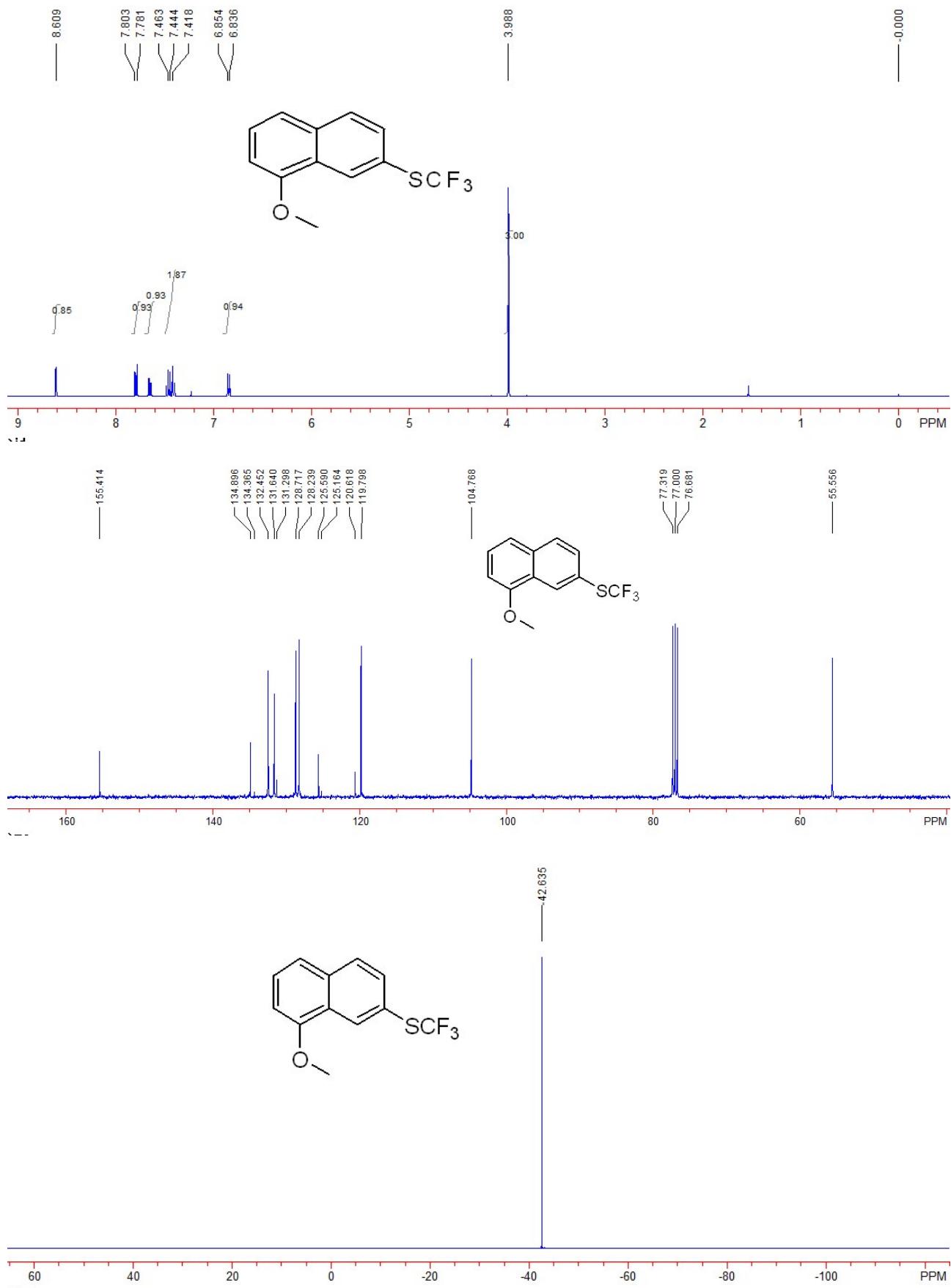
A white solid, 30.6 mg, 50% yield. M.p.: 74–76 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.62 (dd,  $J$  = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.73 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.16 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  122.1, 122.2, 128.2, 129.5 (q,  $J$  = 306.7 Hz), 129.7, 129.9, 130.5, 131.7, 132.8, 134.8, 136.8.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.37. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  2954, 2923, 2848, 1484, 1155, 1133, 1106, 903, 872, 862, 810, 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 308 (59.01), 306 (59.12), 239 (28.09), 237 (27.81), 159 (12.99), 158 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 114 (25.83), 113 (13.27). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_6\text{F}_3\text{SBr}$ : 305.9326, Found: 305.9320.

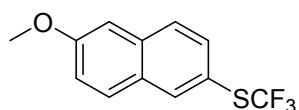




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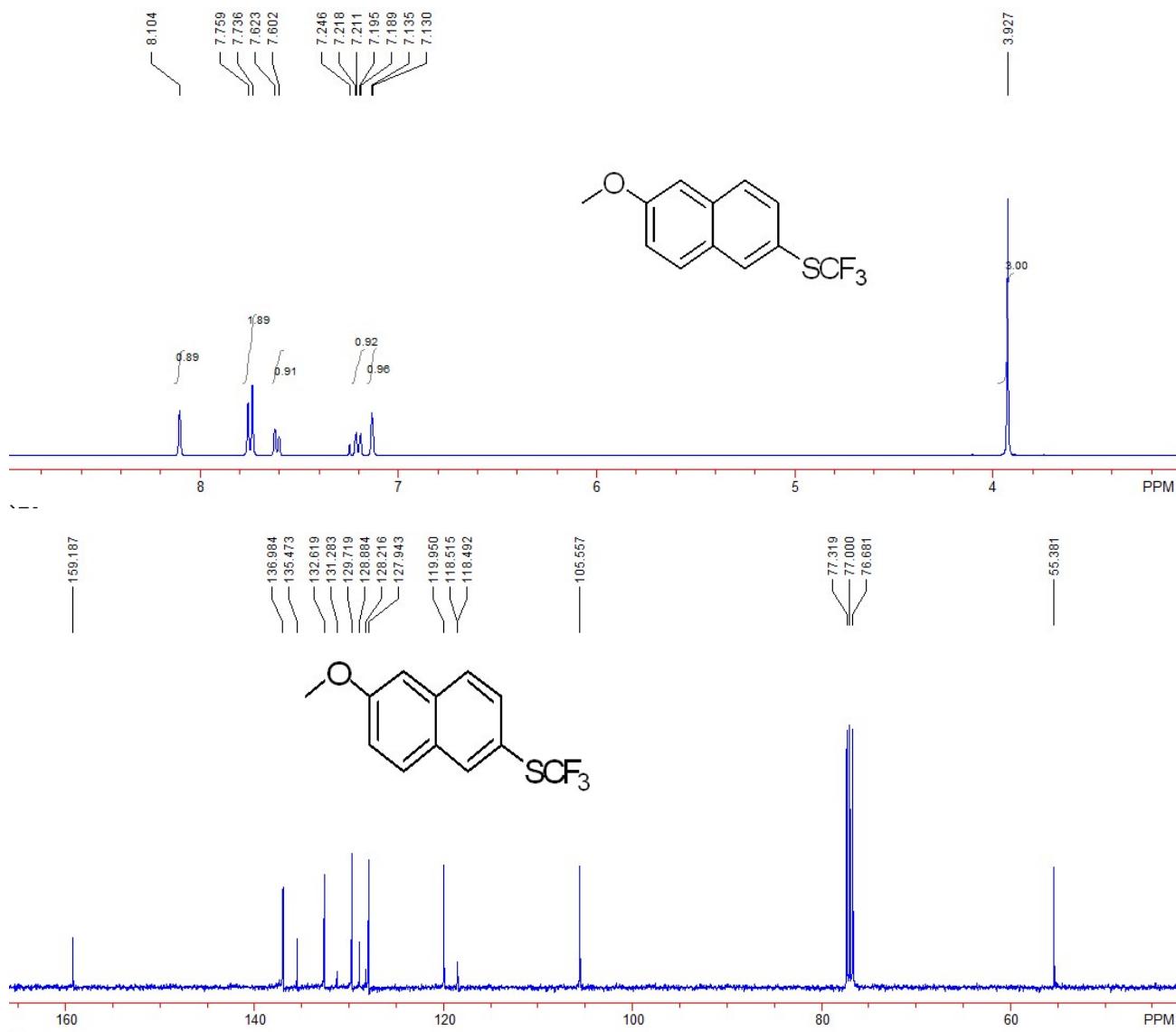
A light yellow oil, 41.3 mg, 80% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.99 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.84 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.40-7.48 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.65 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.79 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.61 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  55.6, 104.8, 119.8, 120.6, 125.6, 128.2, 128.7, 129.8 (q,  $J = 306.7$  Hz), 131.6, 132.4, 134.9, 155.4.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.64. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3054, 3008, 2964, 2936, 2843, 1626, 1569, 1456, 1365, 1271, 1154, 1098, 1075, 999, 823, 741  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 259 (14.43), 258 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 243 (19.04), 189 (39.33), 146 (23.71), 145 (21.88), 115 (23.35), 102 (22.27). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 258.0326, Found: 258.0321.

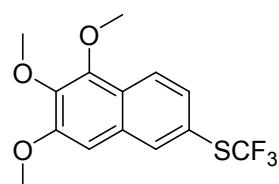
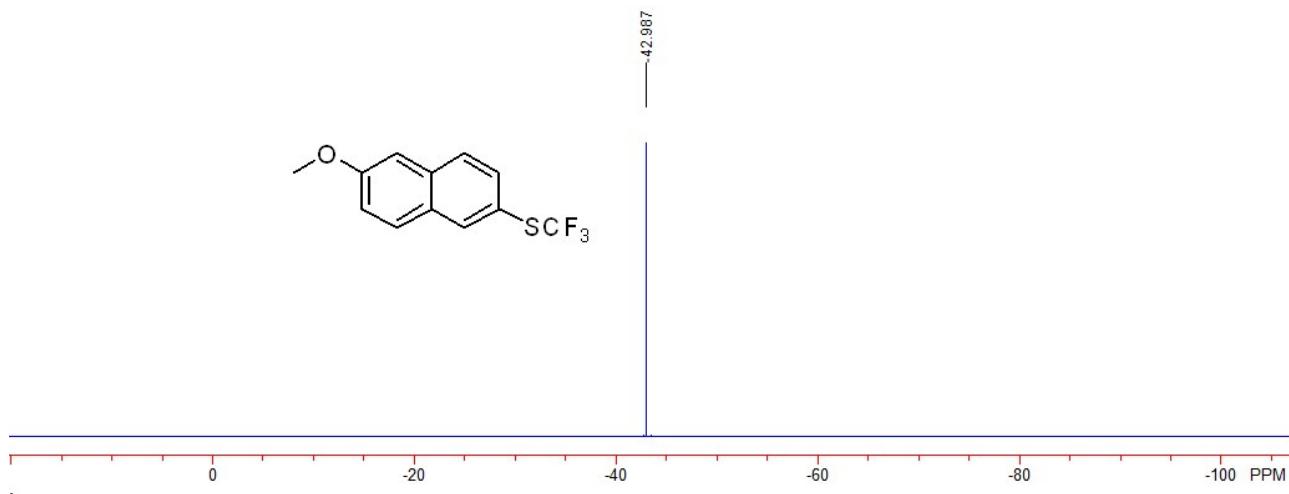




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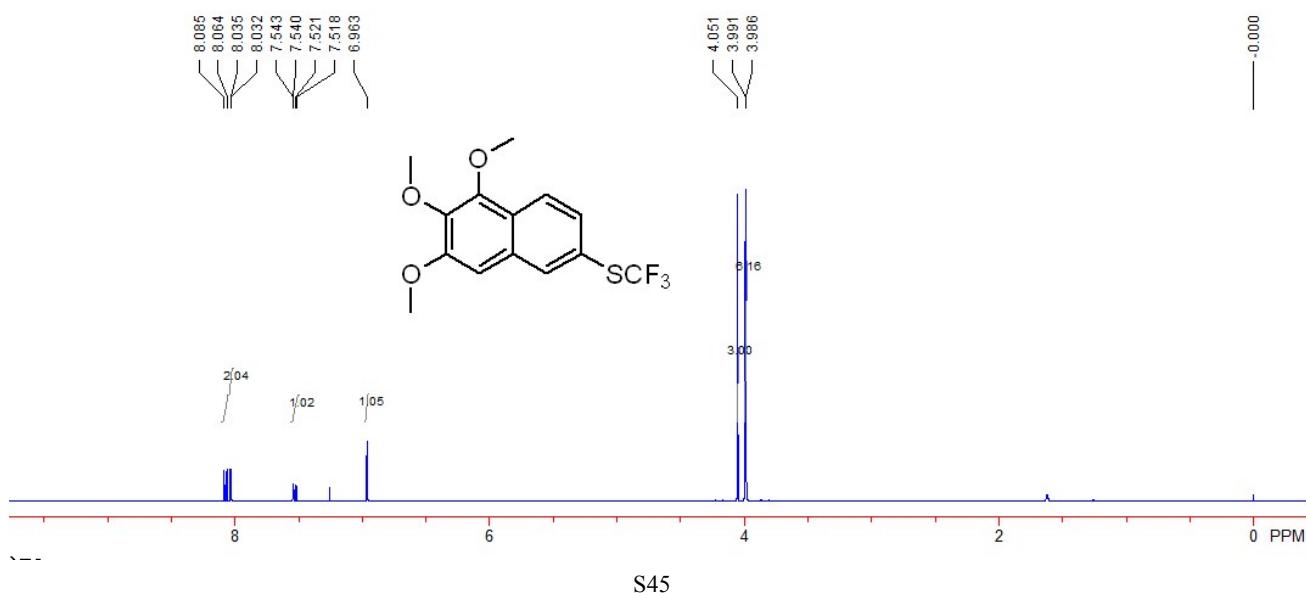
A light yellow oil, 31 mg, 60% yield.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.93 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.13 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.20 (dd,  $J = 2.4, 8.8$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.61 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.75 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.10 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  55.4, 105.6, 118.5, 120.0, 127.9, 128.9, 129.72, 129.75 (q,  $J = 306.7$  Hz), 132.6, 135.5, 137.0, 159.2.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.99. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3057, 3011, 2967, 2930, 2840, 1626, 1587, 1494, 1389, 1264, 1213, 1152, 1101, 1075, 1030, 851, 659  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 259 (13.70), 258 (96.41), 190 (13.23), 189 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 158 (8.04), 146 (23.35), 145 (54.51), 102 (27.81). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_9\text{OF}_3\text{S}$ : 258.0326, Found: 258.0325.

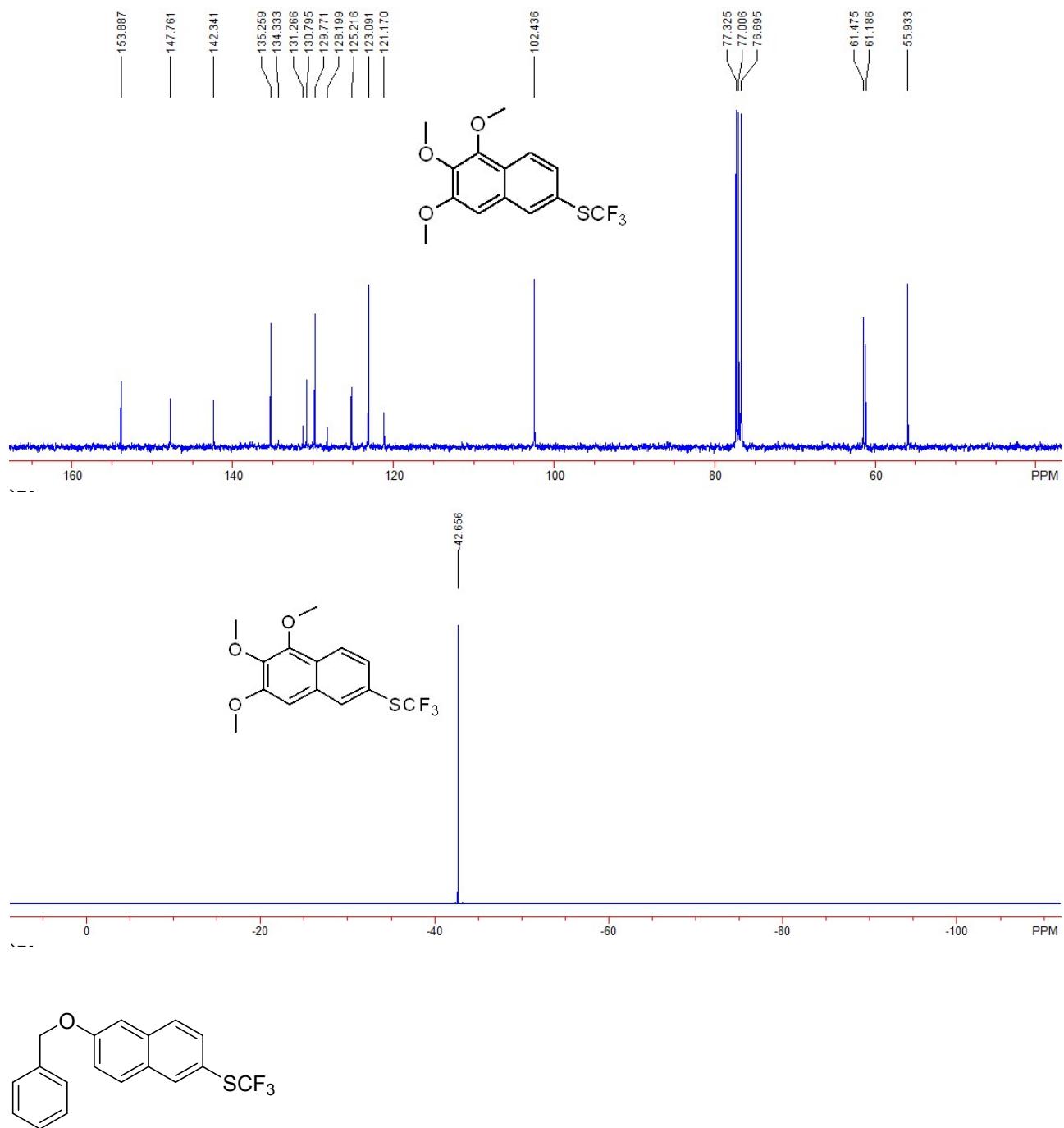




**(trifluoromethyl)(5,6,7-trimethoxynaphthalen-2-yl)sulfane (3j).**

A white solid, 41.3 mg, 65% yield. M.p.: 83-85 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.986 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.991 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.05 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.96 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.53 (dd,  $J$  = 1.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  55.9, 61.2, 61.5, 102.4, 121.2, 123.1, 125.2, 129.7 (q,  $J$  = 306.7 Hz), 129.8, 130.8, 135.2, 142.3, 147.8, 153.9.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.66. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  2987, 2936, 2856, 2830, 1616, 1585, 1572, 1474, 1401, 1391, 1319, 1252, 1110, 1099, 1079, 1034, 996, 818  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 319 (17.16), 318 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 100.00), 303 (37.81), 275 (17.38), 260 (17.45), 189 (21.95), 174 (29.86), 120 (13.62). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3\text{S}$ : 318.0538, Found: 318.0539.

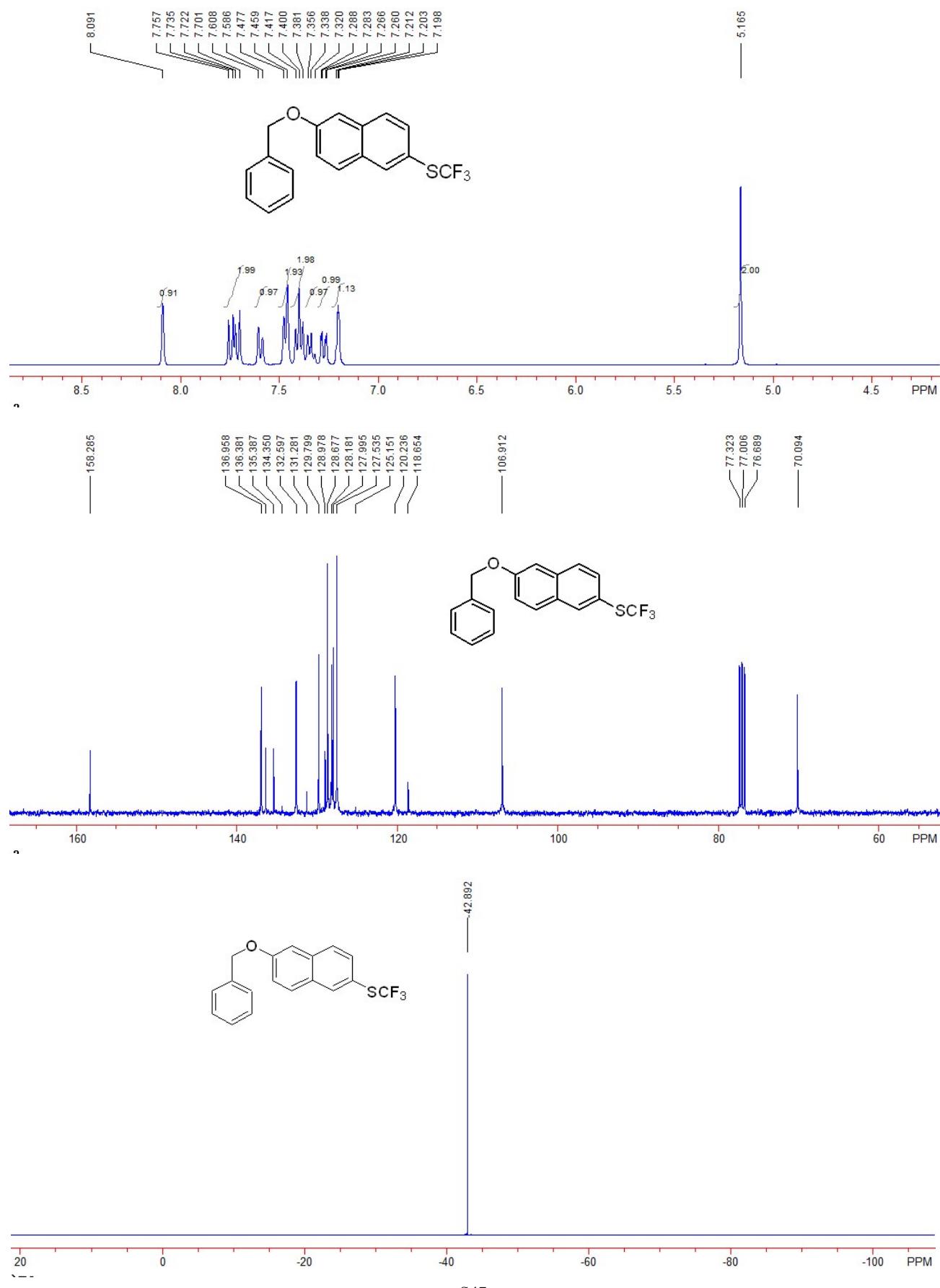


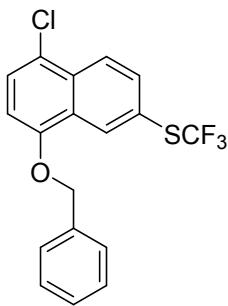


### (6-(benzyloxy)naphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (3k).

A white solid, 40 mg, 51.5 mg, 60% yield. M.p.: 84-86 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 400 MHz) δ 5.16 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.20-7.21 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 9.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.40 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.70-7.76 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.09 (s, 1H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 100 MHz) δ 70.1, 106.9, 118.6, 120.2, 127.5, 128.0, 128.2, 128.7, 129.0, 129.7 (q, *J* = 309.6 Hz), 129.8, 132.6, 135.4, 136.4, 137.0, 158.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CFCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -42.89. IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ν 3062, 3034, 2923, 2853, 2347, 1621, 1497, 1461, 1387, 1261, 1220, 1208, 1142, 1129, 1104, 1010, 850, 738, 696, 660 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

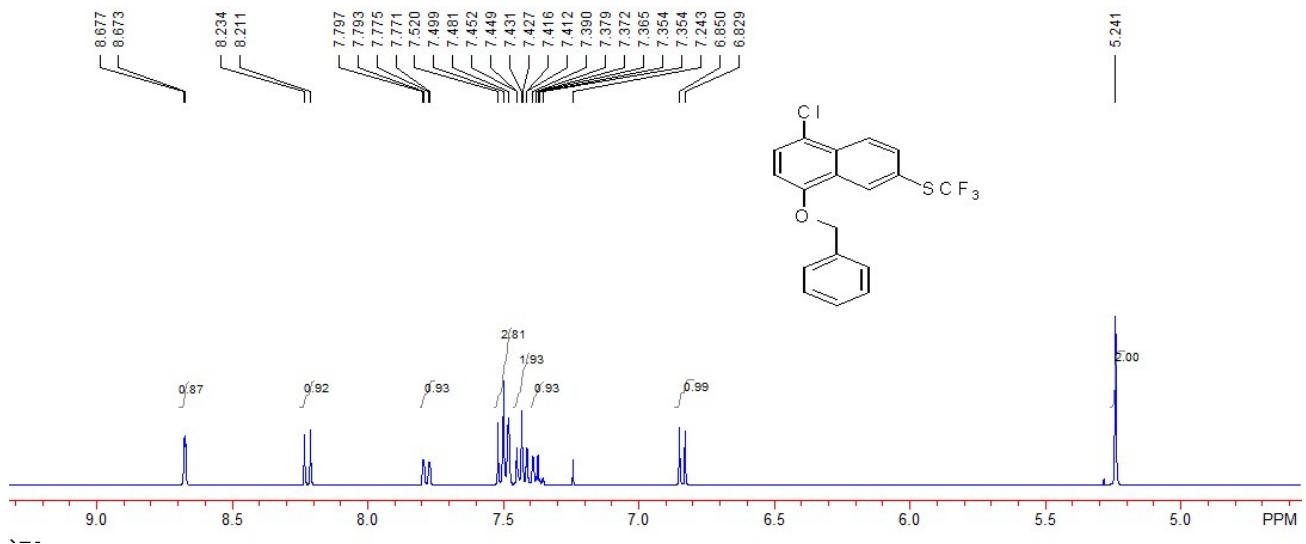
MS (%) m/e 335 (2.87), 334 (14.38), 146 (5.08), 145 (2.21), 102 (5.52), 92 (8.32), 91 ( $M^+$ , 100.00), 65 (7.24). HRMS (EI) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{13}OF_3S$ : 334.0639, Found: 334.0634.

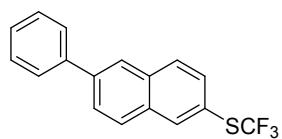
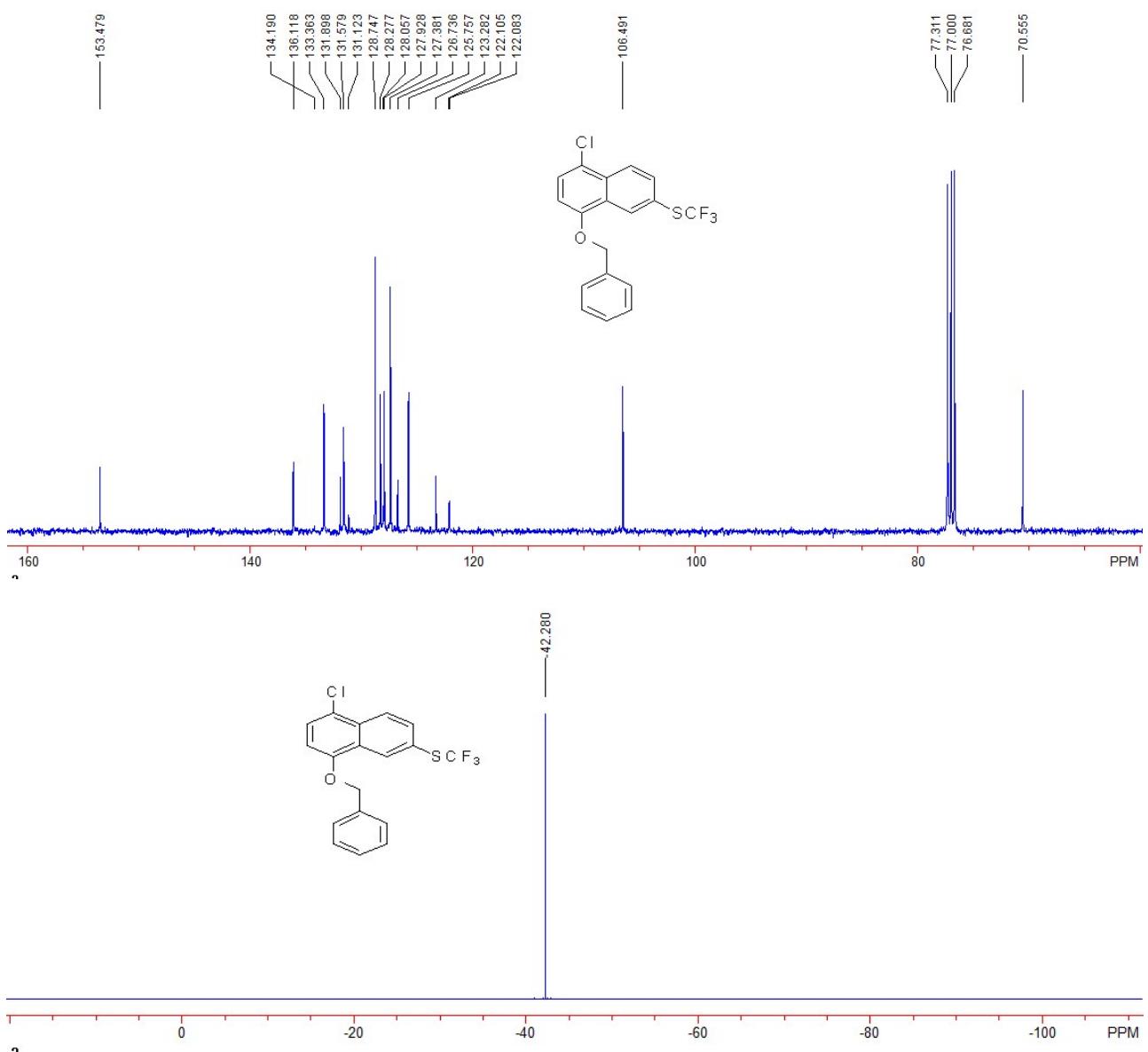




**(8-(benzyloxy)-5-chloronaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (3l).**

A white solid, 51.5 mg, 70% yield. M.p.: 59-61 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 400 MHz) δ 5.24 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35-7.39 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.41-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.22 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS, 100 MHz) δ 70.6, 106.5, 122.1, 123.3, 125.8, 126.7, 127.4, 127.9, 128.3, 128.7, 129.6 (q, *J* = 306.6 Hz), 131.6, 131.9, 133.4, 136.1, 153.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CFCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -42.28. IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) ν 3088, 3062, 3034, 2928, 2868, 1624, 1590, 1443, 1346, 1262, 1154, 1110, 1089, 820, 802 cm<sup>-1</sup>. MS (%) m/e 368 (4.06), 258 (5.77), 189 (6.41), 146 (2.47), 145 (6.20), 92 (7.54), 91 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00), 65 (5.77). HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>SCl: 368.0249, Found: 368.0251.

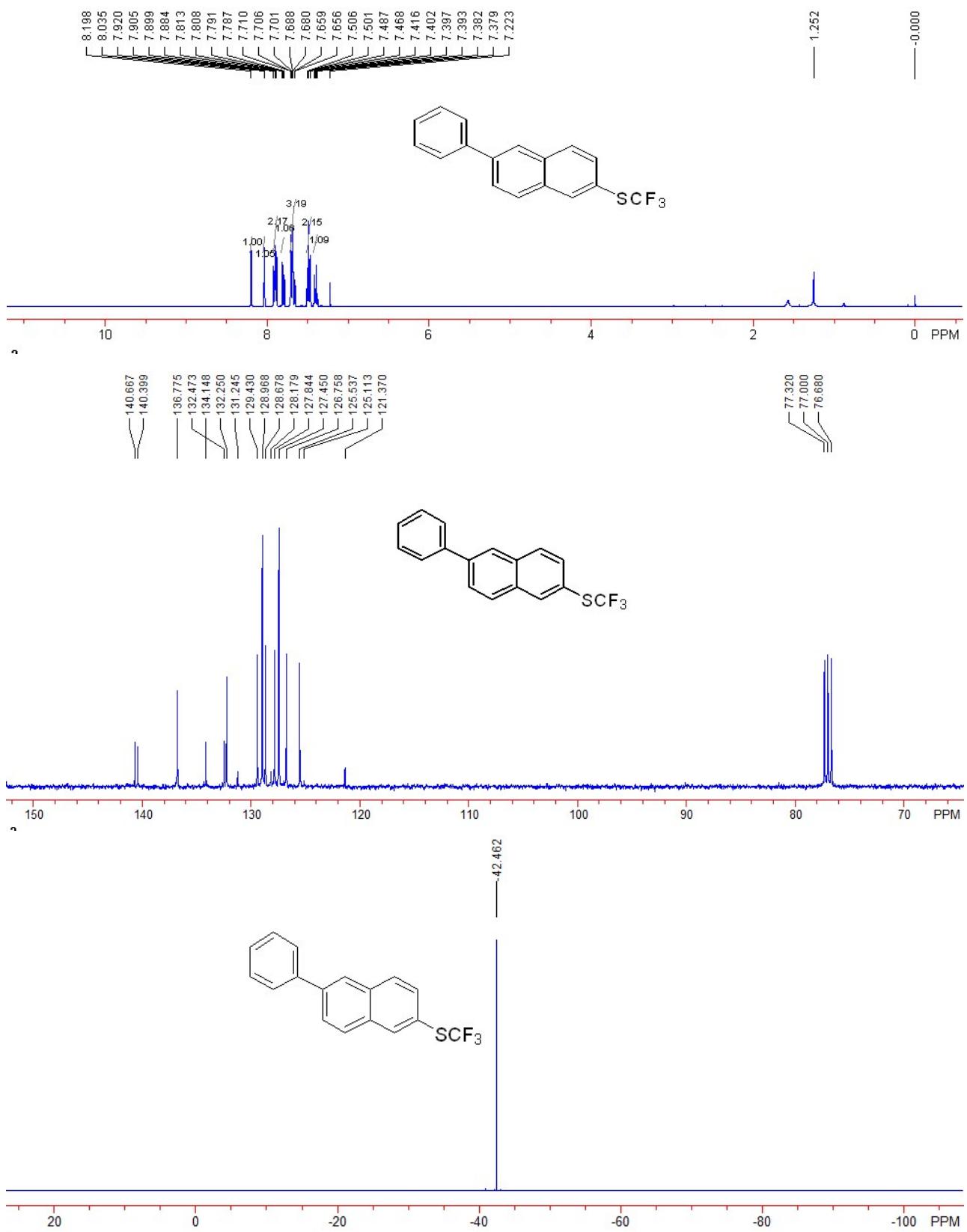




**(6-phenylnaphthalen-2-yl)(trifluoromethyl)sulfane (**3o**).**

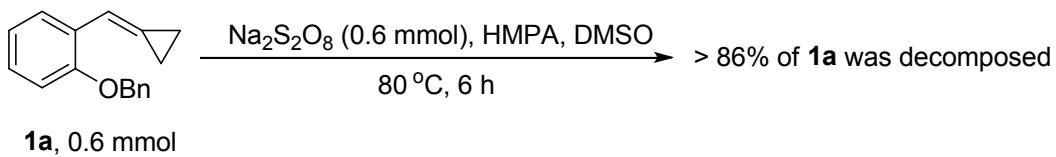
A white solid, 28.6 mg, 47% yield. M.p.: 86-88 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.40 (t,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.49 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.66-7.71 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.80 (dd,  $J$  = 1.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.88-7.92 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.04 (s, 1H, ArH), 8.20 (s, 1H, ArH).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  121.4, 125.5, 126.8, 127.4, 127.8, 128.7, 129.0, 129.4, 129.7 (q,  $J$  = 306.6 Hz), 132.2, 132.5, 134.1, 136.8, 140.4, 140.7.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CFCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.46. IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\nu$  3065, 2929, 2854, 2360, 1175, 1106, 1074, 892, 811, 767, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . MS (%) m/e 305 (20.07), 304

(M<sup>+</sup>, 100.00), 235 (57.94), 234 (18.83), 202 (52.74), 191 (25.15), 189 (23.15), 91 (13.59). HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>11</sub>SF<sub>3</sub>: 304.0534, Found: 304.0532.



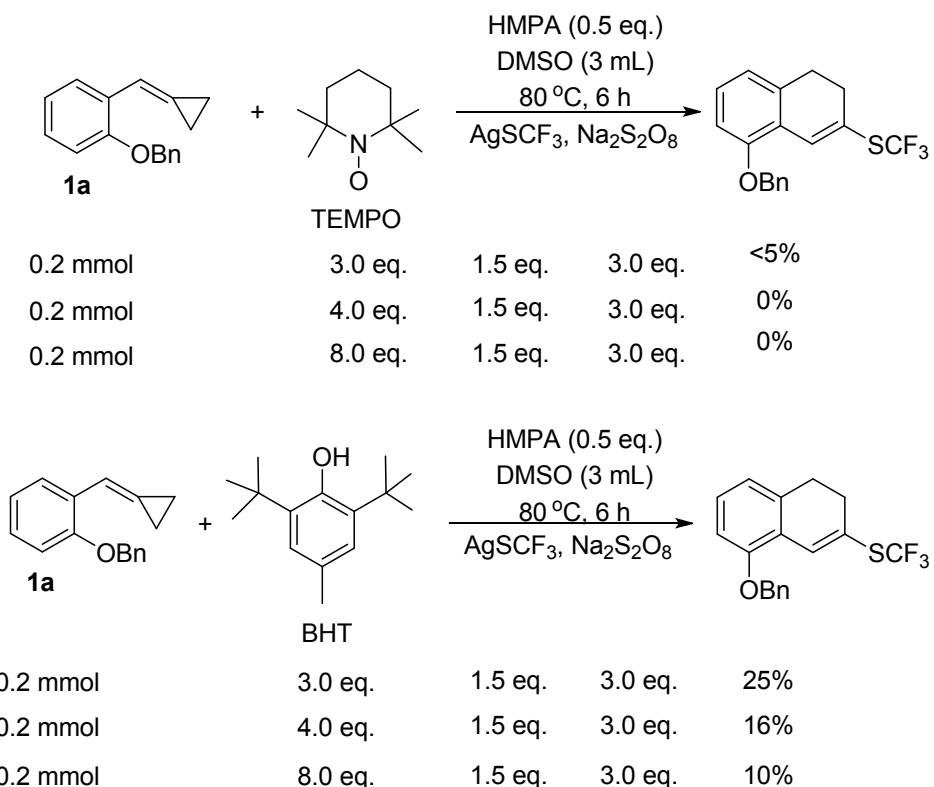
## Mechanistic Study of the Reaction

### 1) Difficulty on the Improvement of the Yield.



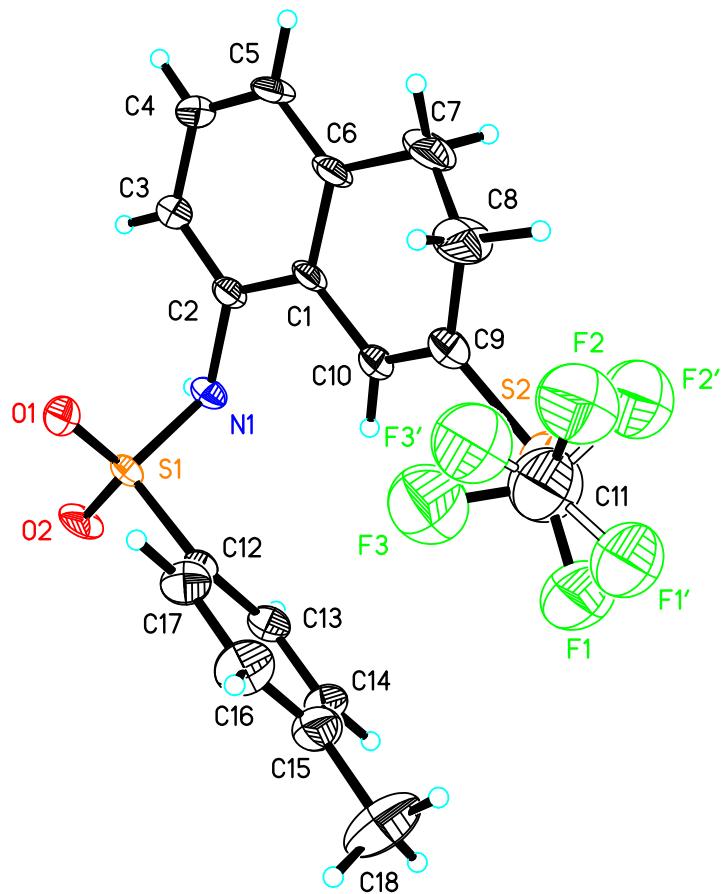
When  $\text{AgSCF}_3$  was not added, at least 86% of the starting material **1a** was decomposed, which may be the major hamper for the improvement of the yield.

### 2) Radical Inhibition Experiments



Compound **1a** (0.2 mmol),  $\text{AgSCF}_3$  (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq.),  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$  (0.6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) and TEMPO or BHT were mixed in 3 mL DMSO in a Schlenk tube which was filled with Ar. The reaction tube was placed in an oil bath and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 6 h. When finished, the yield was determined by  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR with *p*-Bromobenzotrifluoride as an internal standard.

## The Crystal Data of **2n**



The crystal data of **2n** have been deposited in CCDC with number 1493132. Empirical formula:  $C_{18}H_{16}F_3NO_2S_2$ , Formula weight: 399.44, Crystal system: Triclinic, Space group: P -1, Unit cell dimensions:  $a = 6.520(6)$  Å,  $\alpha = 102.278(14)^\circ$ ;  $b = 8.149(7)$  Å,  $\beta = 95.210(15)^\circ$ ;  $c = 18.175(15)$  Å,  $\gamma = 97.731(16)^\circ$ . Volume:  $927.9(13)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ , Density (calculated): 1.430 Mg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $F(000) = 412$ , Crystal size: 0.200 x 0.140 x 0.100 mm<sup>3</sup>, Final R indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]:  $R_1 = 0.0942$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.2386$ .

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