

Supporting Information for

**Copper Catalyzed Direct Trifluoromethylthiolation
of Indoles by tert-Butyl 2-
((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)hydrazine-1-carboxylate**

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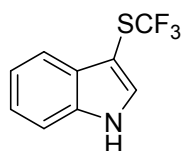
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1) General information

All solvents were distilled prior to use. For chromatography, 200-300 mesh silica gel (Qingdao, China) was employed. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz with Bruker ARX 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker SCION 436-GC SQ mass spectrometer or on a Bruker Apex IV FTMS spectrometer.

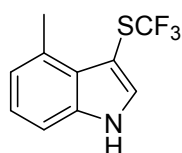
2) Characteristic data for 3a-3z

3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indole (3a).¹



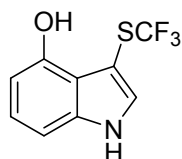
White solid (72 mg, 66%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.47 (s, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.1, 132.9, 129.6, 129.6 (q, $J = 307$ Hz, 1C), 123.5, 121.7, 119.4, 111.8, 95.6 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.46.

4-methyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indole (3b).¹



White solid (69 mg, 60%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.86 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.5, 134.1, 131.8, 129.3 (q, $J = 307$ Hz, 1C), 126.9, 123.6, 123.5, 109.8, 95.2 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 19.5; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -45.83.

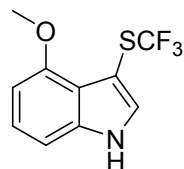
3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indol-4-ol (3c).¹



White solid (56 mg, 48%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz,

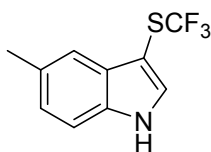
CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.18 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.74 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.6, 137.8, 132.9, 128.4 (q, $J = 309$ Hz, 1C), 125.2, 116.6, 107.2, 104.6, 91.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -45.73.

4-methoxy-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3d).¹



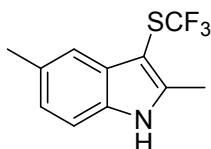
White solid (64 mg, 52%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 138.0, 132.6, 129.6 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 124.4, 118.6, 105.0, 102.2, 94.4 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 55.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -45.39.

5-methyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3e).¹



White solid (54 mg, 47%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.4, 133.0, 131.3, 130.0, 129.6 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 125.2, 119.0, 111.5, 95.0 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C), 21.6; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -44.58.

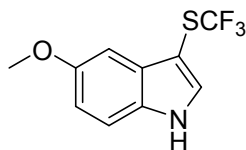
2,5-Dimethyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3f).²



White solid (50 mg, 43%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (s, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 133.4, 131.0, 130.9, 129.9 (q, $J = 309$ Hz, 1C),

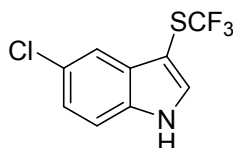
124.2, 118.5, 110.6, 92.0, 21.6, 12.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.45.

5-Methoxy-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3g).³



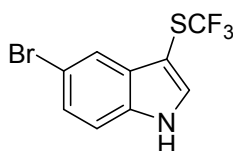
White solid (67 mg, 54%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.68 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.7, 133.4, 131.1, 130.4, 129.7 (q, J = 308 Hz, 1C), 114.1, 112.7, 100.7, 95.1 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 56.0; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.61.

5-chloro-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3h).¹



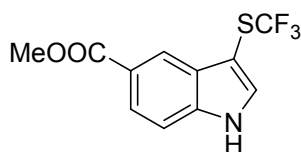
White solid (78 mg, 62%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.5, 134.1, 130.8, 129.4 (q, J = 308 Hz, 1C), 127.8, 124.1, 119.0, 112.9, 95.6 (q, J = 3.0 Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.46.

5-bromo-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3i).¹



White solid (90 mg, 61%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.57 (s, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.8, 133.9, 131.3, 129.4 (q, J = 308 Hz, 1C), 126.7, 122.1, 115.3, 113.3, 95.5 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.45.

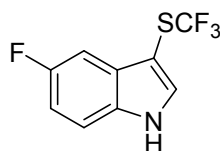
Methyl 3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (3j).¹



White solid (77 mg, 56%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d,

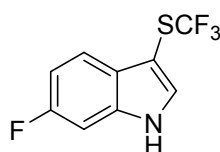
$J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.8, 139.1, 137.1, 129.3 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 128.7, 123.4, 122.6, 120.2, 112.8, 92.9 (q, $J = 2$ Hz, 1C), 51.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.39.

5-fluoro-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3k).¹



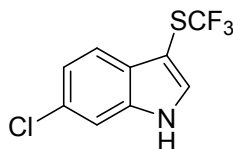
White solid (72 mg, 61%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (td, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.2 (d, $J = 236$ Hz, 1C), 134.5, 132.6, 130.5 (d, $J = 11$ Hz, 1C), 129.5 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 112.8 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 1C), 112.3 (d, $J = 26$ Hz, 1C), 104.7 (d, $J = 25$ Hz, 1C), 95.9 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.58, -121.60.

6-fluoro-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3l).¹



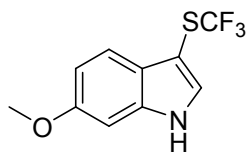
White solid (75 mg, 64%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.72 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.7 (d, $J = 239$ Hz, 1C), 136.2 (d, $J = 13$ Hz, 1C), 133.3 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 1C), 129.5 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 126.0, 120.5 (d, $J = 10$ Hz, 1C), 110.7 (d, $J = 24$ Hz, 1C), 98.3 (d, $J = 27$ Hz, 1C), 96.1 (q, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.49, -119.03.

6-chloro-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3m).¹



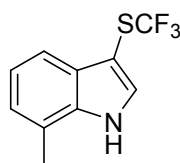
White solid (75 mg, 60%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.4, 133.5, 129.6, 129.4 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 128.2, 122.6, 120.5, 111.8, 96.2 (q, $J = 2$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.43.

6-methoxy-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indole (3n).¹



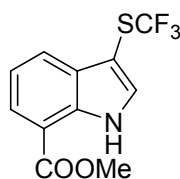
White solid (86 mg, 70%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.5, 137.0, 131.7, 129.5 (q, *J* = 308 Hz, 1C), 123.7, 120.2, 111.8, 95.7, 95.1, 55.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -44.62.

7-methyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indole (3o).¹



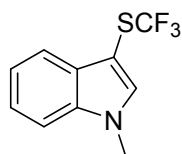
White solid (79 mg, 68%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.7, 132.6, 129.6 (q, *J* = 308 Hz, 1C), 129.2, 124.1, 121.9, 121.1, 117.1, 95.9 (q, *J* = 2 Hz, 1C), 16.3; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -44.45.

Methyl 3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indole-7-carboxylate (3p).³



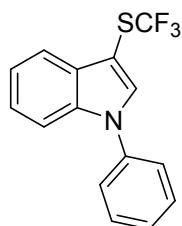
White solid (56 mg, 41%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 167.6, 136.2, 134.0, 130.6, 129.4 (q, *J* = 308 Hz, 1C), 125.7, 125.1, 121.1, 113.6, 95.9 (q, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 52.2; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -44.60.

1-methyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1*H*-indole (3q).¹



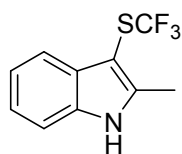
White soild (58 mg, 50%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.79 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.24 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 137.3, 137.0, 130.4, 129.6 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 123.1, 121.4, 119.5, 110.0, 93.1 (q, $J = 2$ Hz, 1C), 33.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.93.

1-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3r).¹



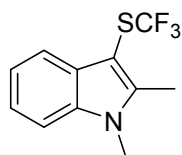
White soild (66 mg, 45%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.89-7.87 (m, 1H), 7.67 (s, 1H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 5H), 7.45 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.6, 136.7, 136.1, 130.7, 130.0, 129.6 (q, $J = 308$ Hz, 1C), 127.8, 124.8, 123.8, 122.2, 119.8, 111.2, 96.3 (q, $J = 2$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.33.

2-methyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3s).¹



White soild (59 mg, 51%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.69 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.17 (m, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 143.7, 135.1, 130.7, 129.9 (q, $J = 309$ Hz, 1C), 122.7, 121.5, 118.8, 110.9, 92.6 (q, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 12.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.35.

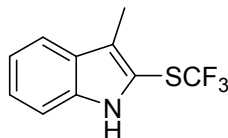
1,2-Dimethyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3t).¹



White soild (53 mg, 43%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.52 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz,

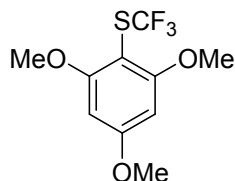
CDCl₃) δ 145.3, 136.9, 130.2, 129.9 (q, J = 309 Hz, 1C), 122.3, 121.2, 118.8, 109.3, 91.1 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 30.4, 10.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -44.86

3-methyl-2-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-indole (3u).¹



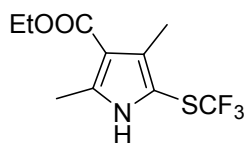
White soild (36 mg, 31%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.5, 128.9 (q, J = 310 Hz, 1C), 128.1, 124.9, 123.8, 120.2, 120.1, 113.2, 111.2, 9.55; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -43.07.

(trifluoromethyl)(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)sulfane (3v).⁴



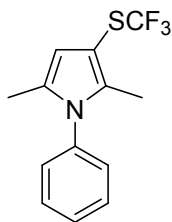
White soild (82 mg, 61%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.15 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.5, 163.6, 129.7 (q, J = 309.0 Hz, 1C), 91.9, 91.3, 56.3 (q, J = 4.4 Hz, 1C), 55.5 (q, J = 4.4 Hz, 1C); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -43.50.

ethyl 2,4-dimethyl-5-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate (3w).⁴



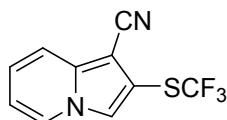
Brown soild (48 mg, 36%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.3 (q, J = 2.0 Hz, 1C), 140.2, 133.9, 128.6 (q, J = 310.2 Hz, 1C), 113.4, 104.6 (q, J = 2.3 Hz, 1C), 59.7, 14.6, 14.4 (q, J = 3.2 Hz, 1C), 12.2 (q, J = 2.9 Hz, 1C); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -44.94.

2,5-dimethyl-1-phenyl-3-((trifluoromethyl)thio)-1H-pyrrole (3x).⁴



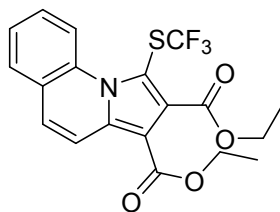
Brown solid (34 mg, 25%). Eluent: petroleum ether. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.19 (m, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.4, 136.7, 129.9 (q, $J = 307.3$ Hz, 1C), 129.6, 129.5, 128.6, 128.2, 112.7, 97.7 (q, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 1C), 12.9, 11.2 (q, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1C); ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -45.30.

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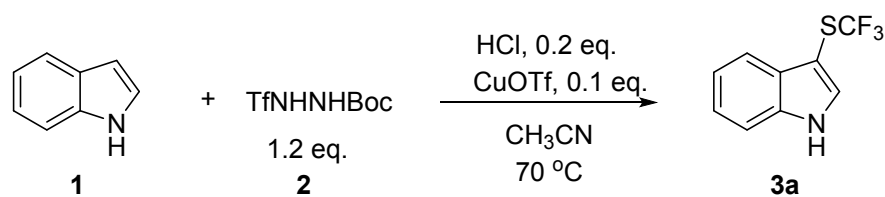
Yellow solid (61 mg, 50%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.55 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.74 (dt, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (td, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 141.3, 129.7, 128.3 (q, $J = 311.9$ Hz, 1C), 125.5, 125.1, 118.2, 115.2, 114.5, 103.6, 84.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -44.07.

diethyl 1-((trifluoromethyl)thio)pyrrolo[1,2-a]quinoline-2,3-dicarboxylate (3z).



Yellow solid (58 mg, 28%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.88 – 8.59 (m, 1H), 8.37 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.47 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.45 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.5, 163.8, 133.4, 130.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3 (q, $J = 312.2$ Hz, 1C), 127.5, 125.6, 124.9, 121.4, 115.6, 111.1, 105.2 (q, $J = 2.5$ Hz, 1C), 61.7, 61.6, 14.3, 14.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -42.96. HRMS (ESI) m/e calcd for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_4\text{F}_3\text{S}$ (M+H)⁺ 412.0825, found 412.0828.

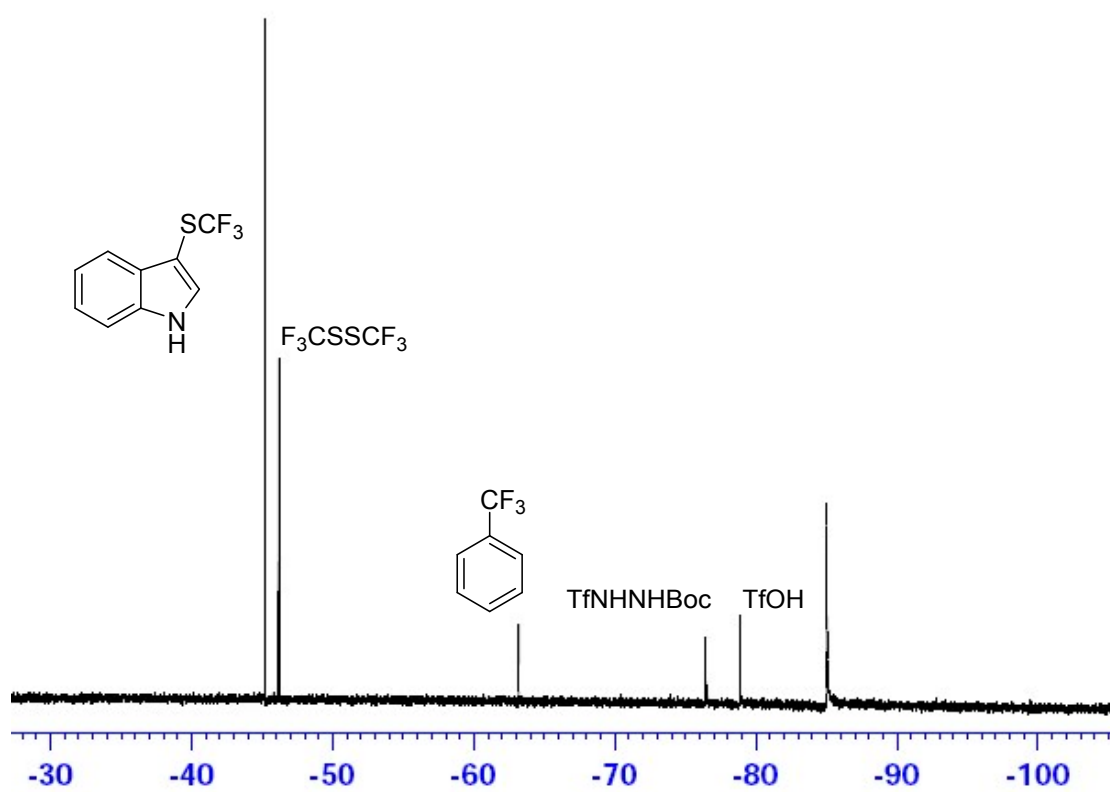
4) Experiments for the mechanistic study



A 15 ml sealing tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with indole (59 mg, 0.5 mmol), TfNHNHBoc (158 mg, 0.6 mmol) and CuOTf (11 mg, 0.05 mmol), dry acetonitrile (2 mL) was added via syringe with gentle stirring. Then 12 M HCl (aq) (8 μ L, 0.1 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred at 70 °C and monitored by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopies with PhCF₃ (δ = -63.2 ppm) as the internal standard.

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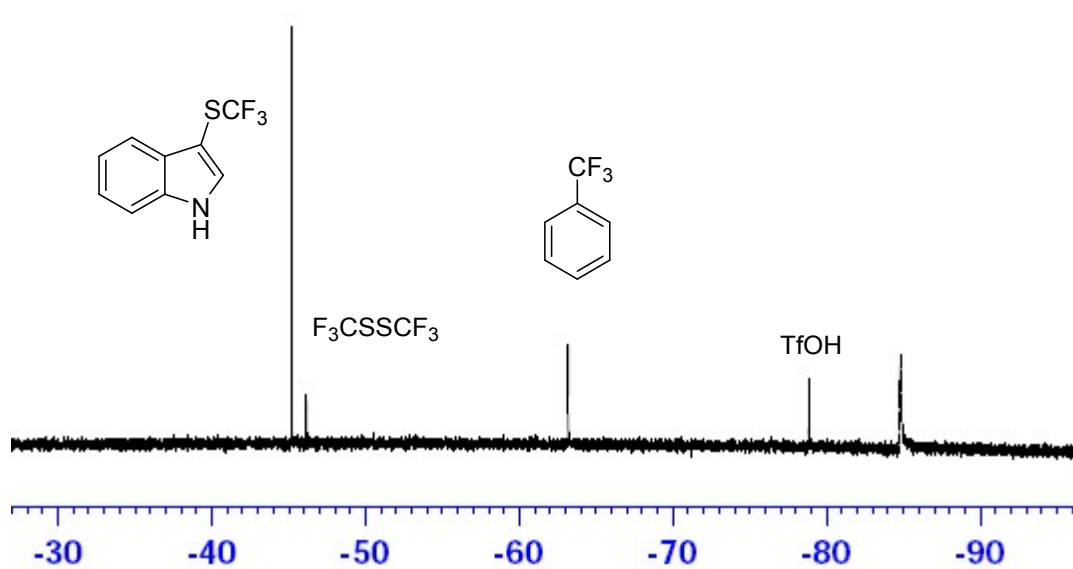
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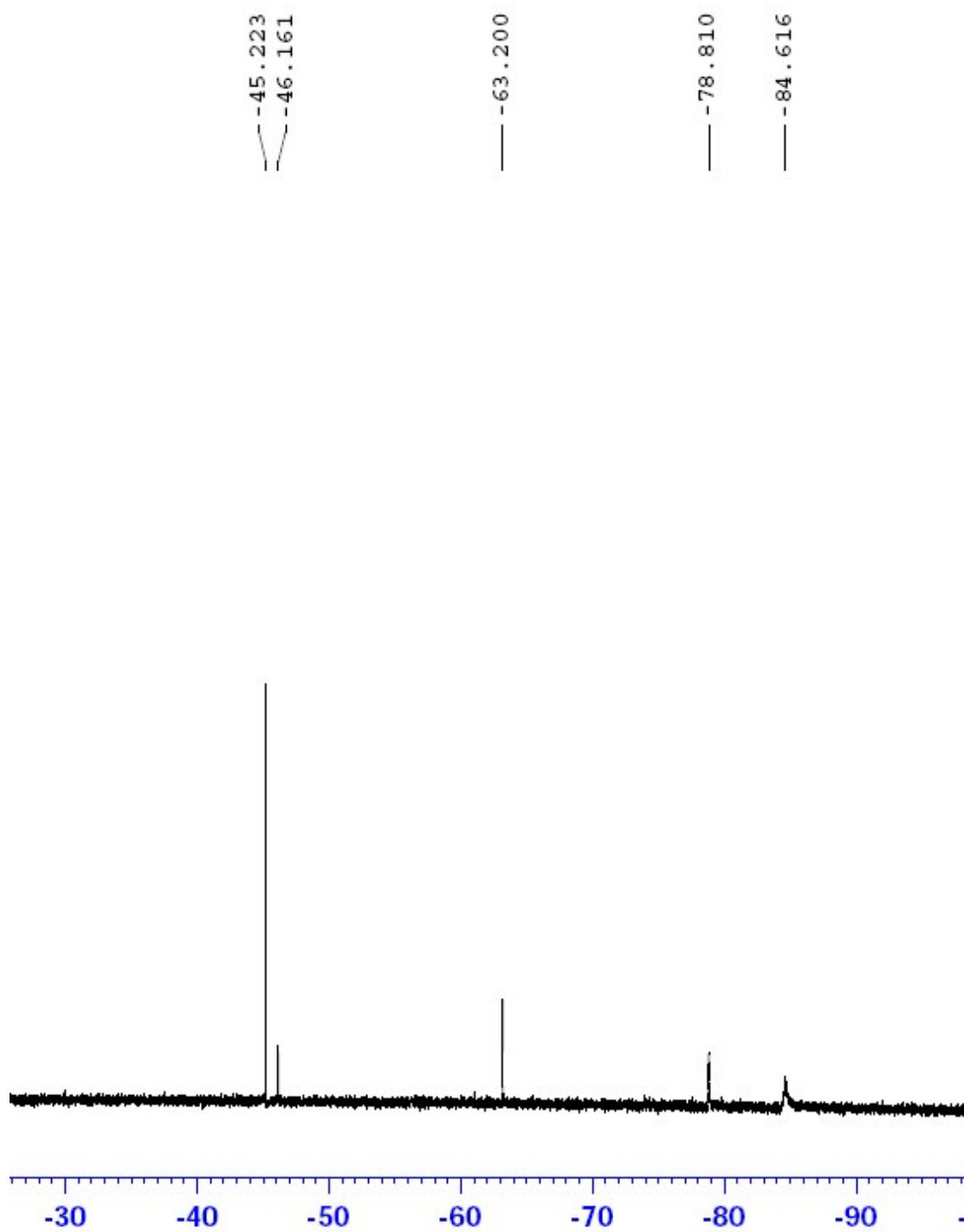
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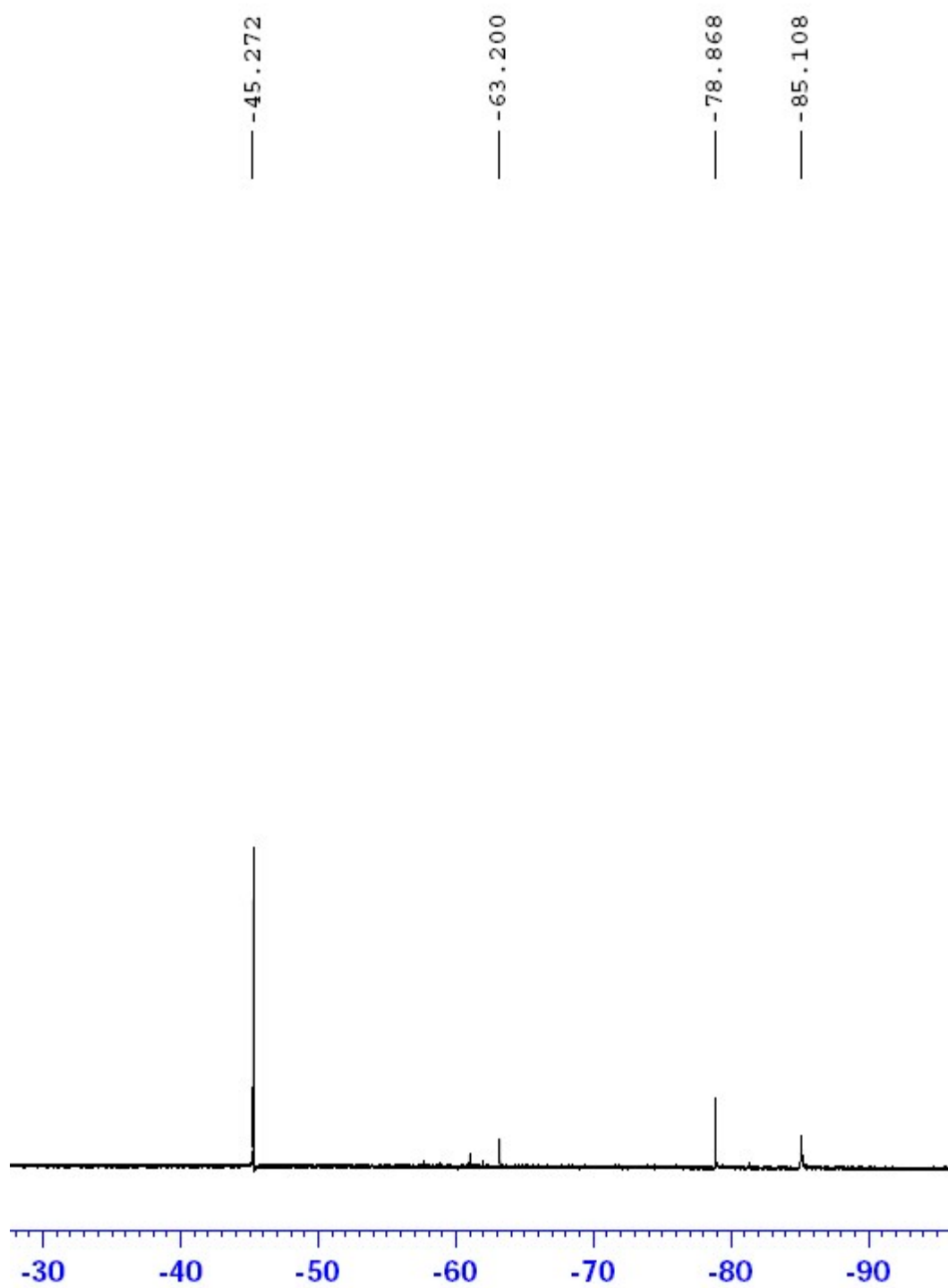
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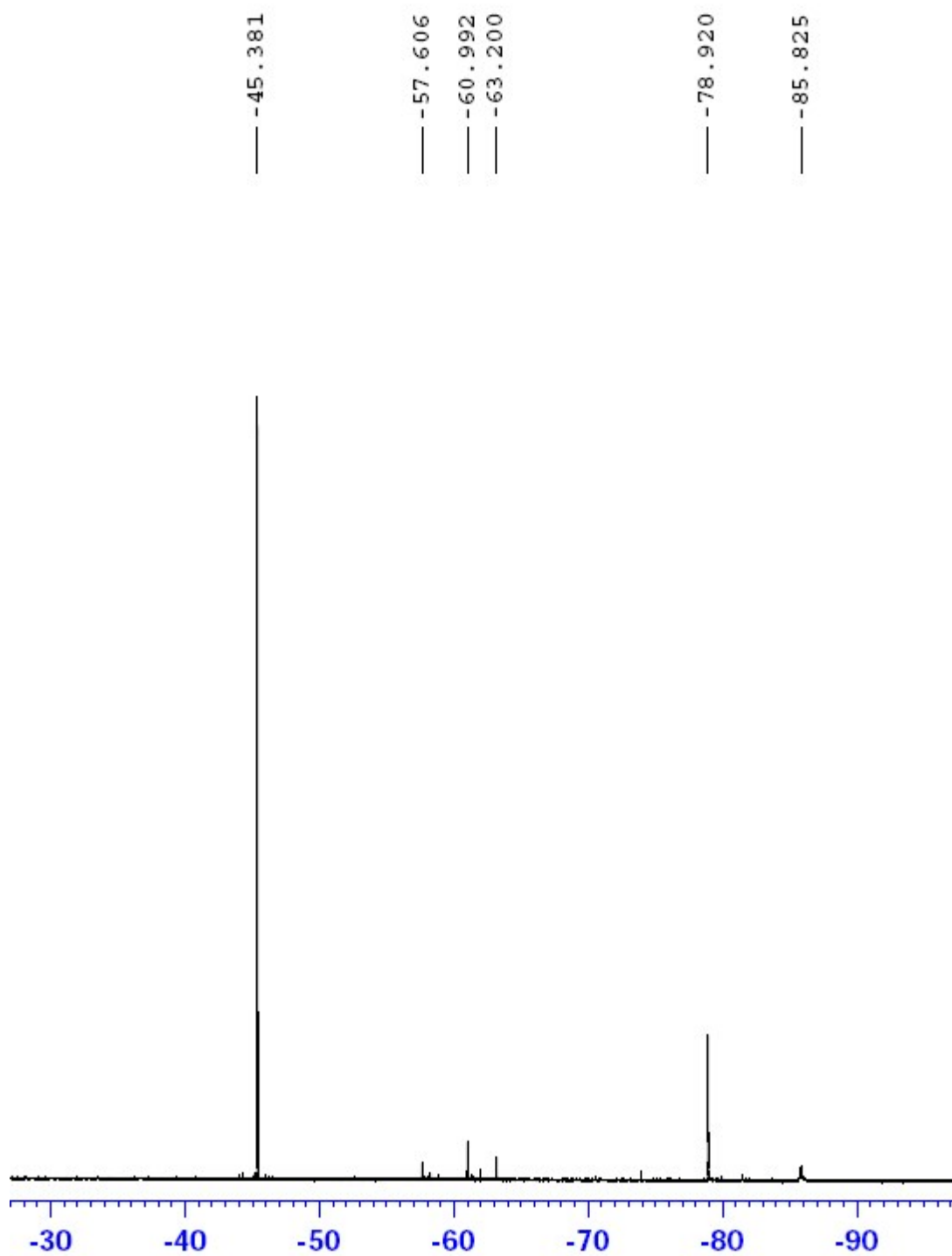
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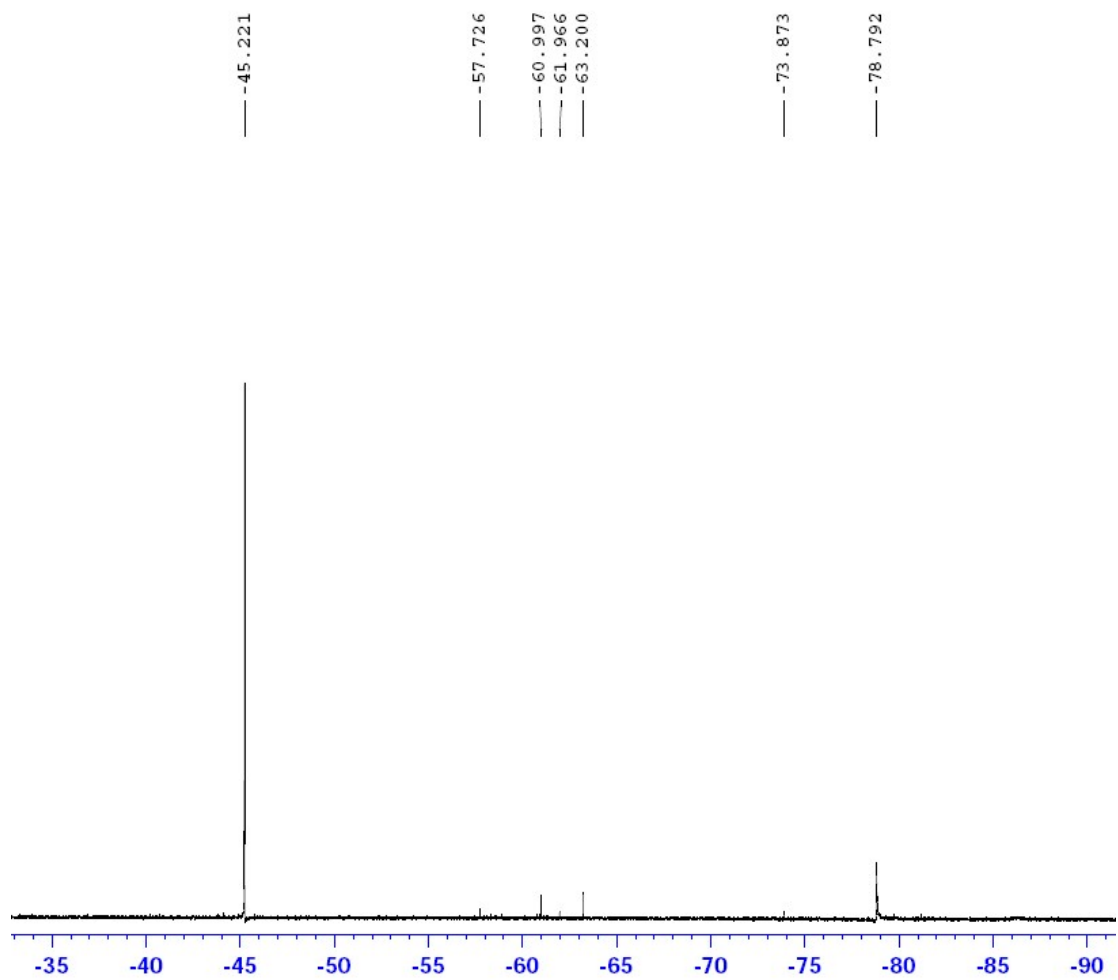
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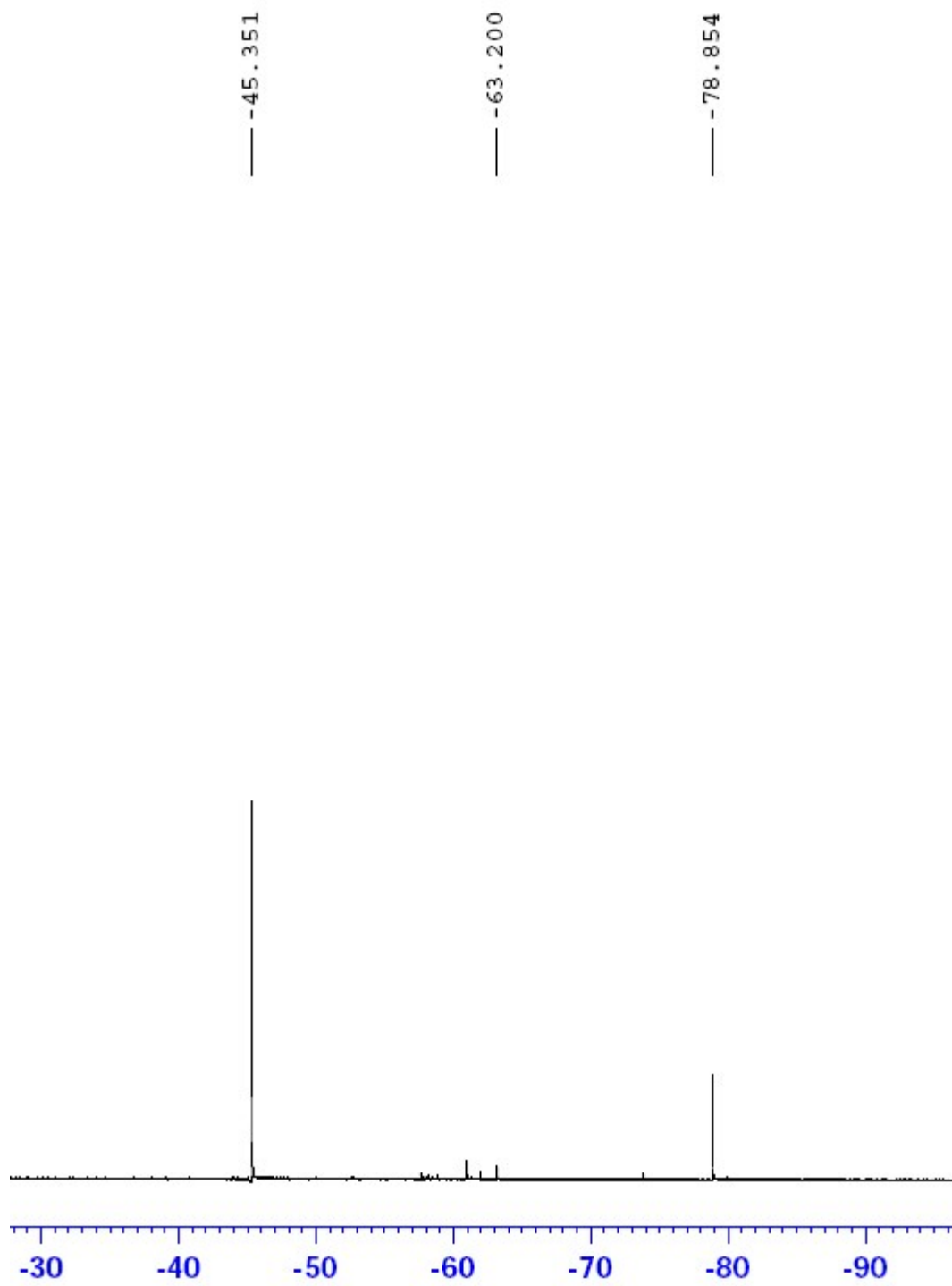
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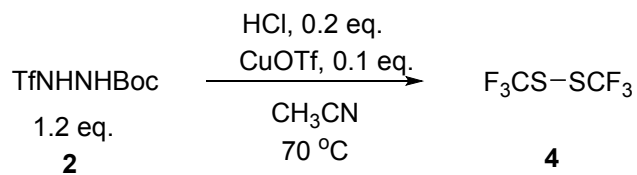


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A 15 ml sealing tube with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with TfNHNHBoc (158 mg, 0.6 mmol) and CuOTf (11 mg, 0.05 mmol), dry acetonitrile (2 mL) was added via syringe with gentle stirring. Then 12 M HCl (aq) (8 uL, 0.1 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred at 70 °C and monitored by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopies with PhCF_3 ($\delta = -63.2$ ppm) as the internal standard.

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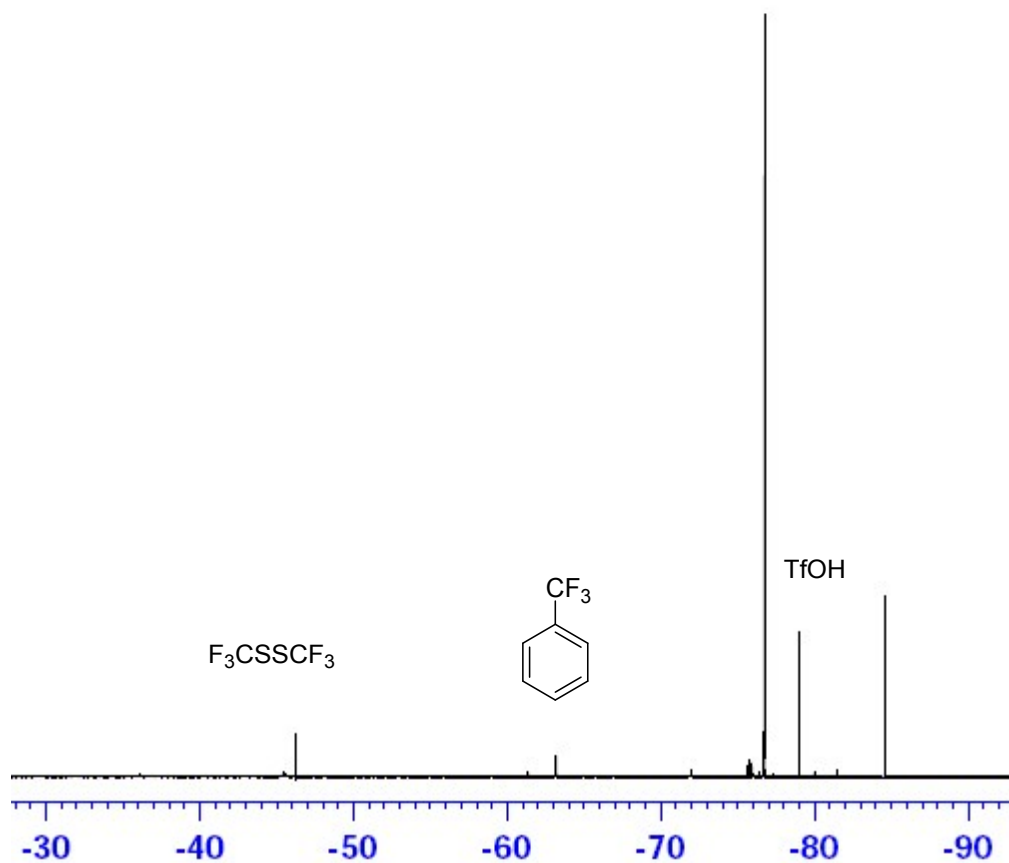
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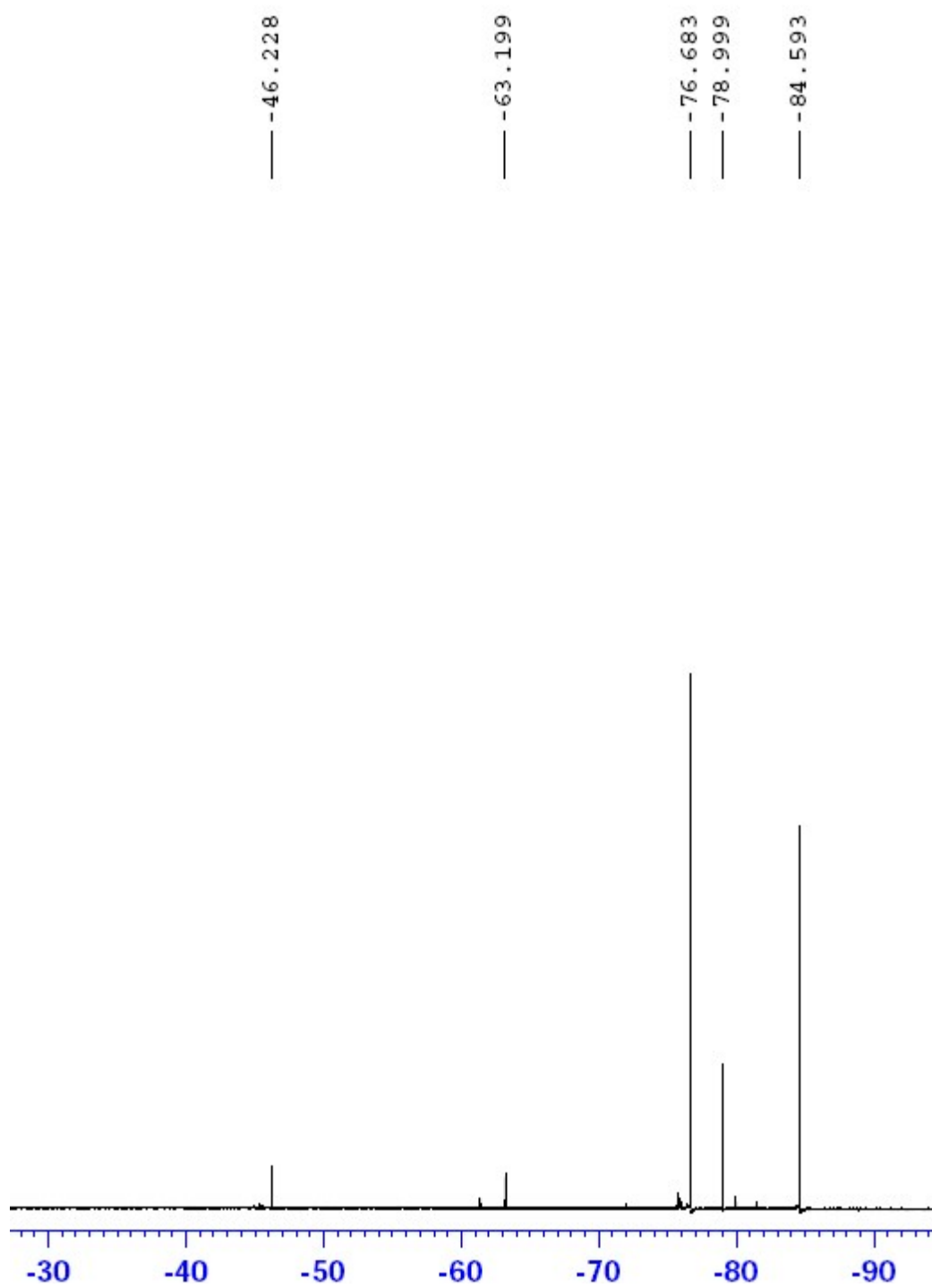
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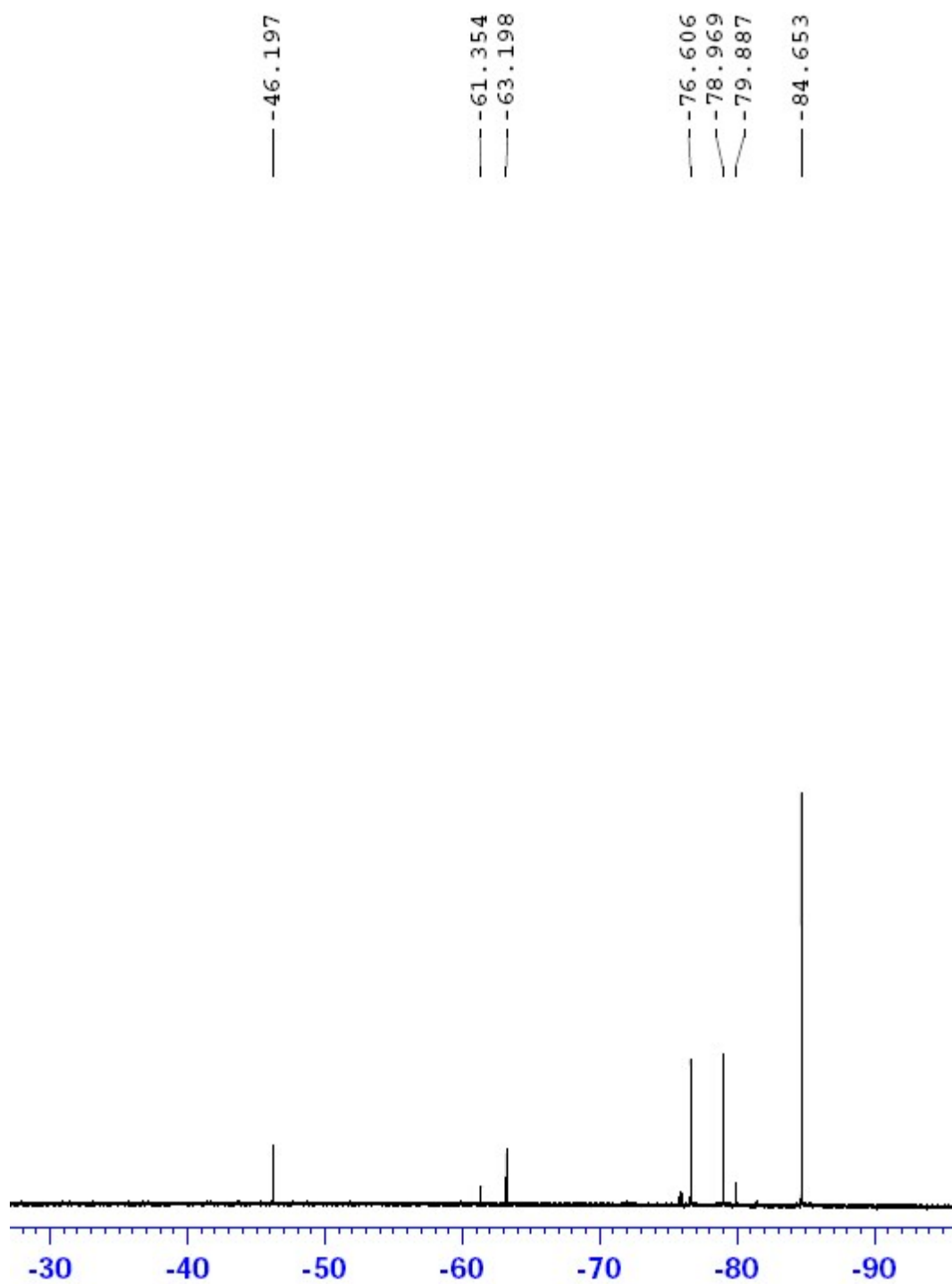
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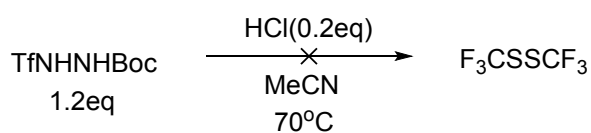
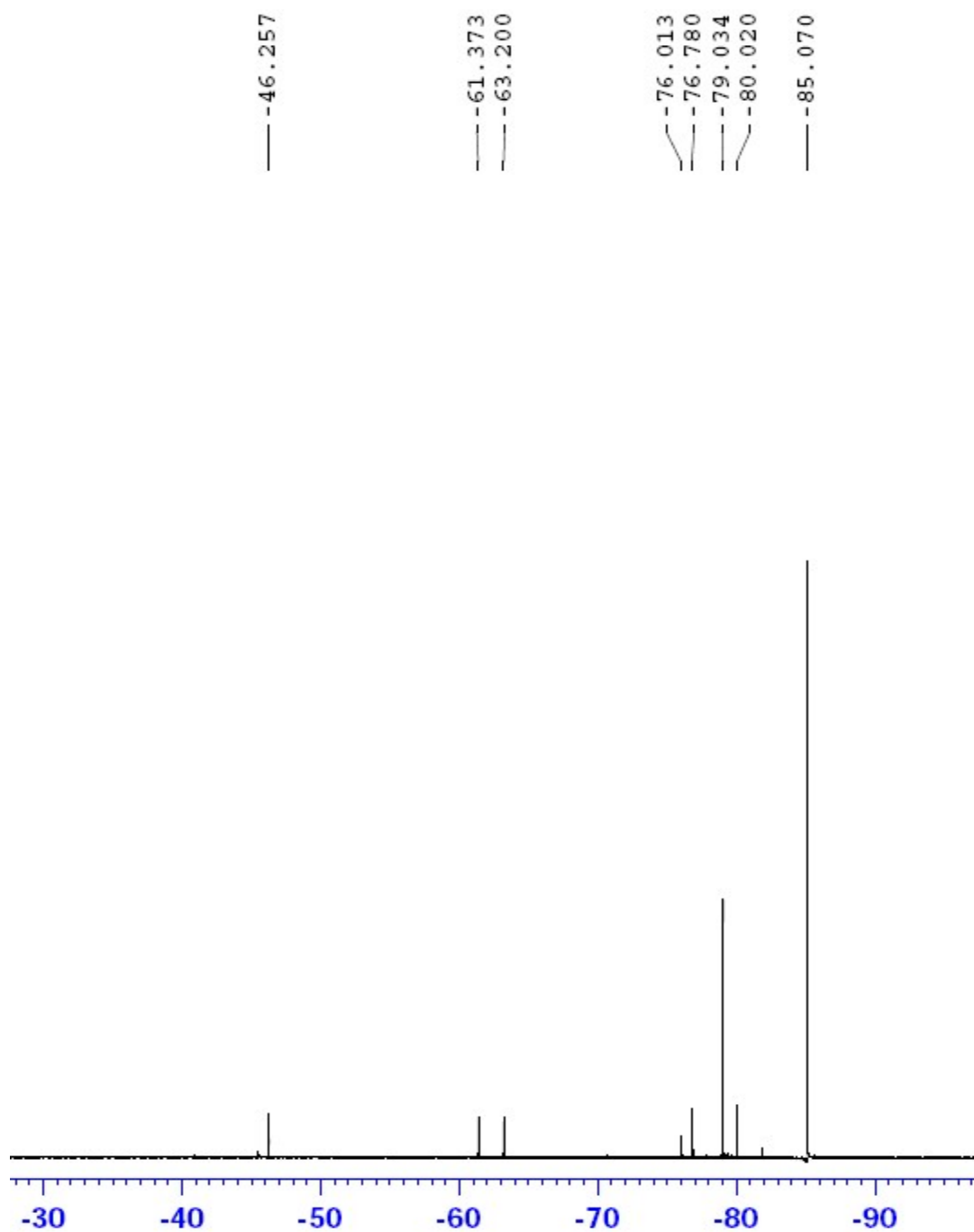
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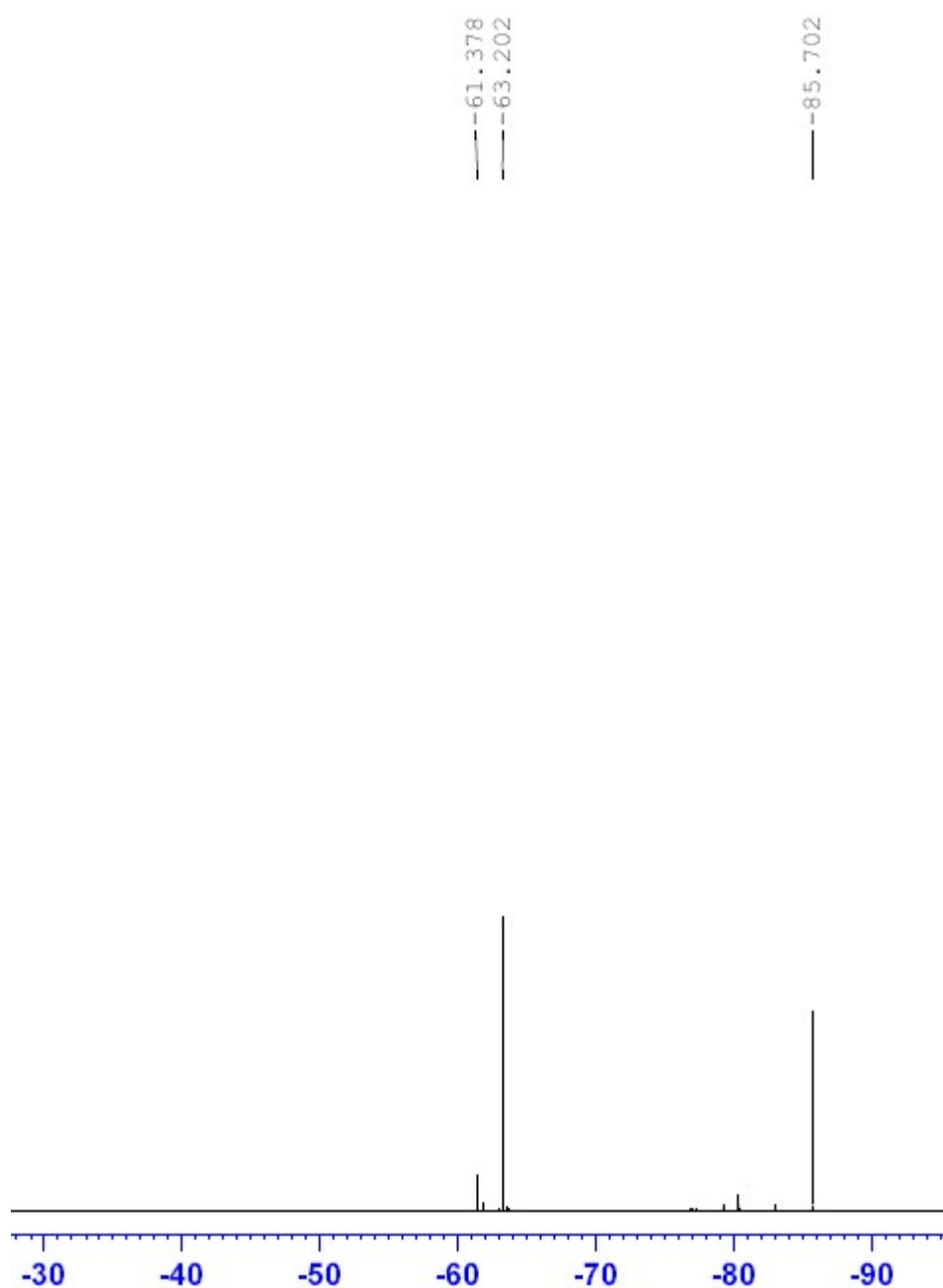


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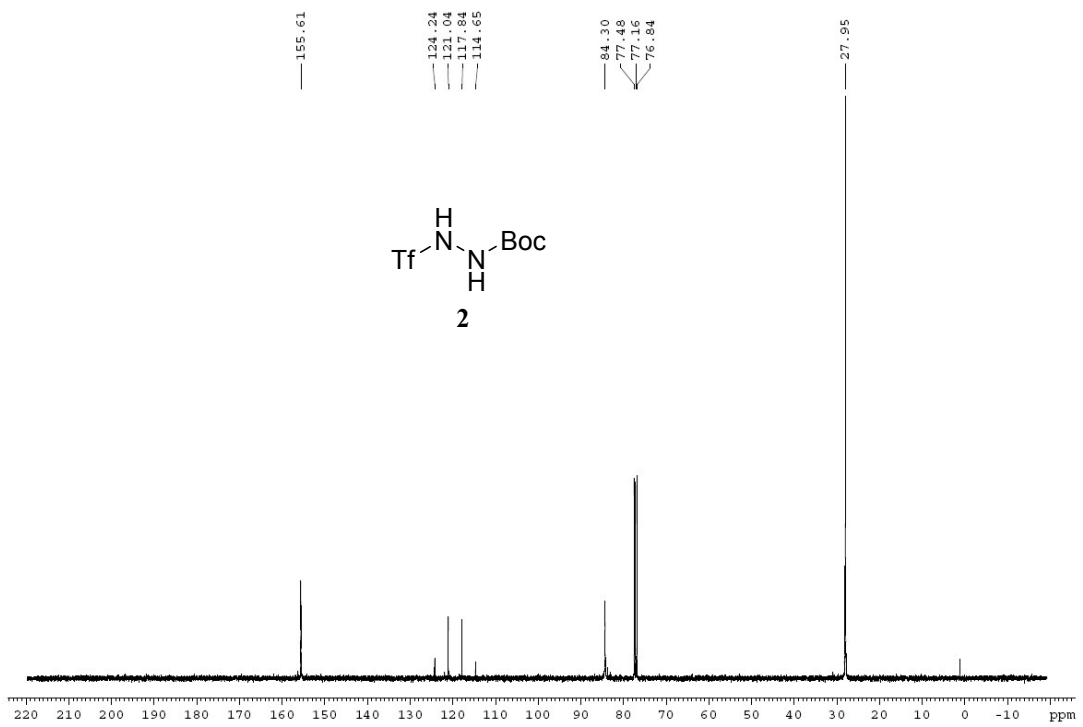
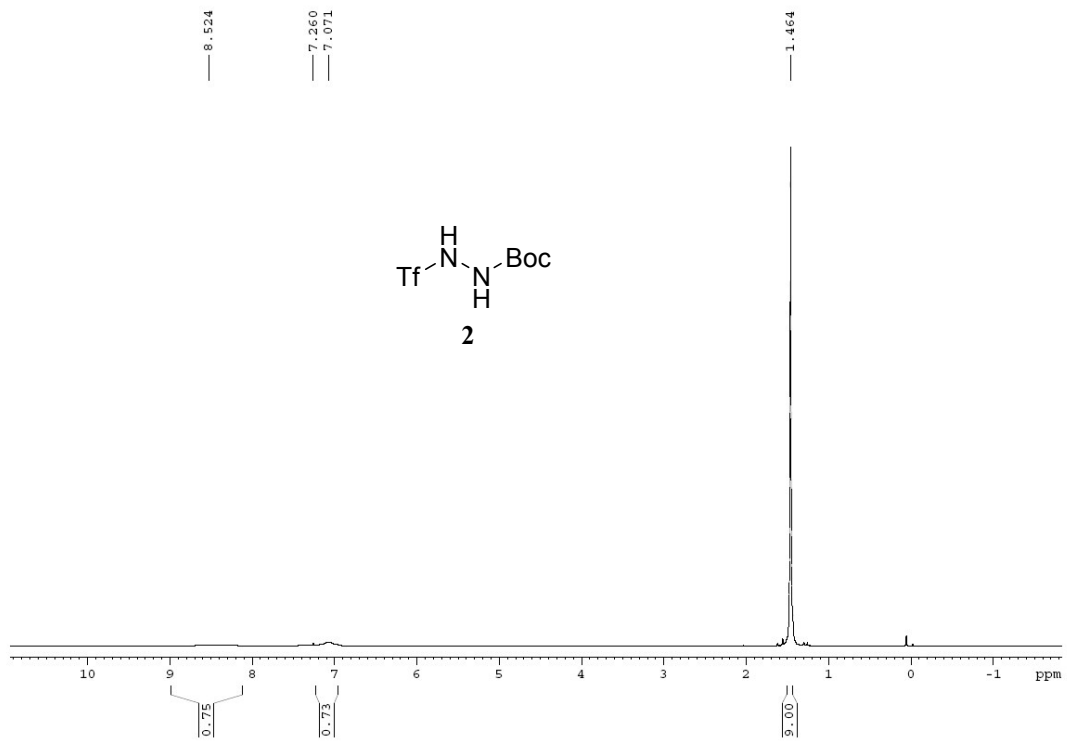
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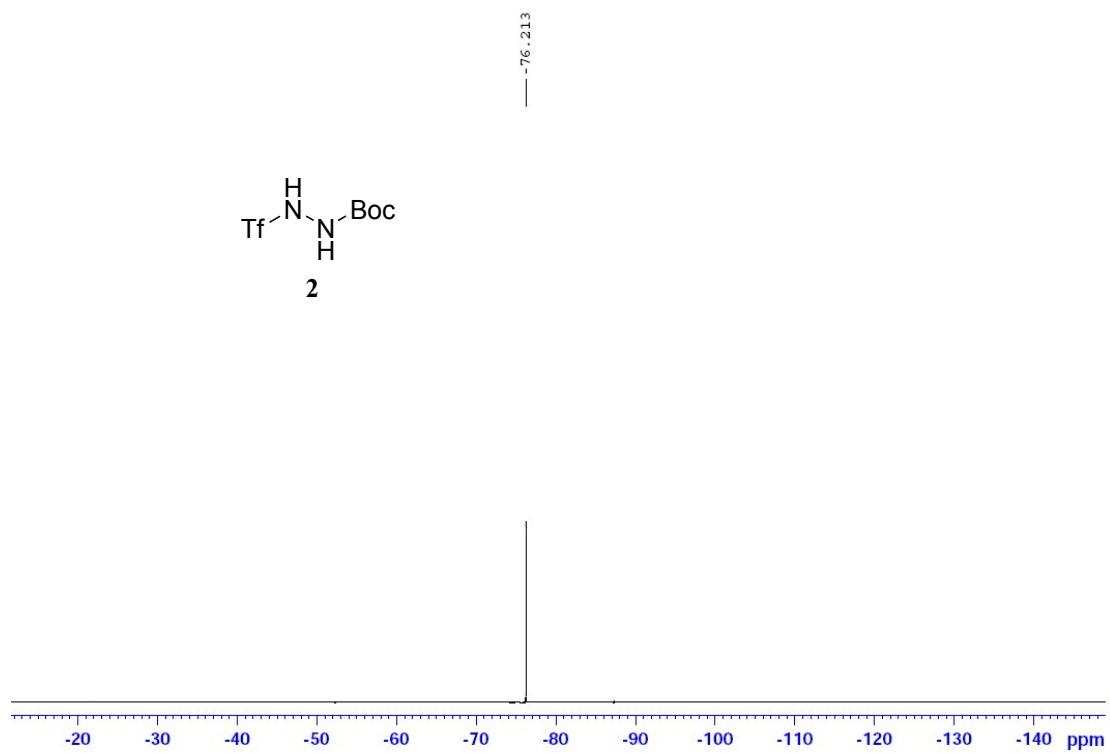
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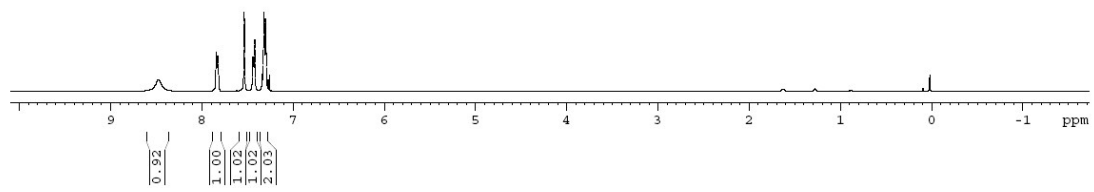
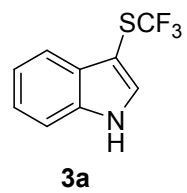
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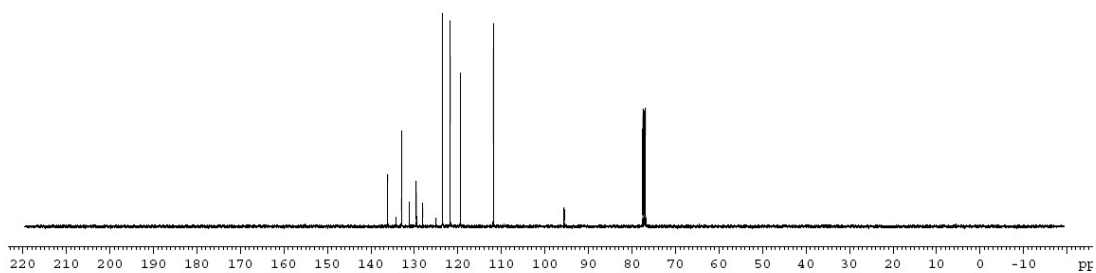
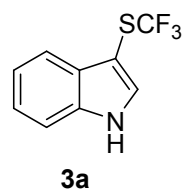




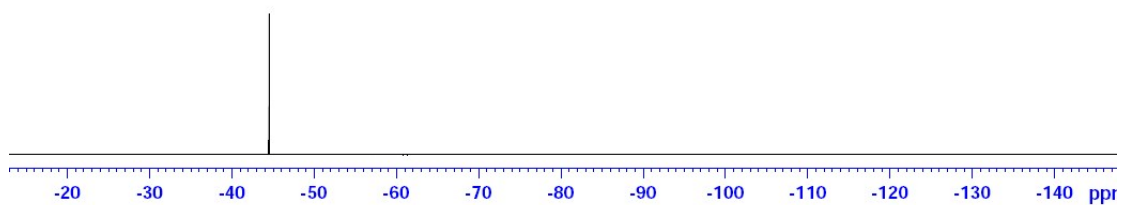
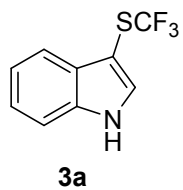
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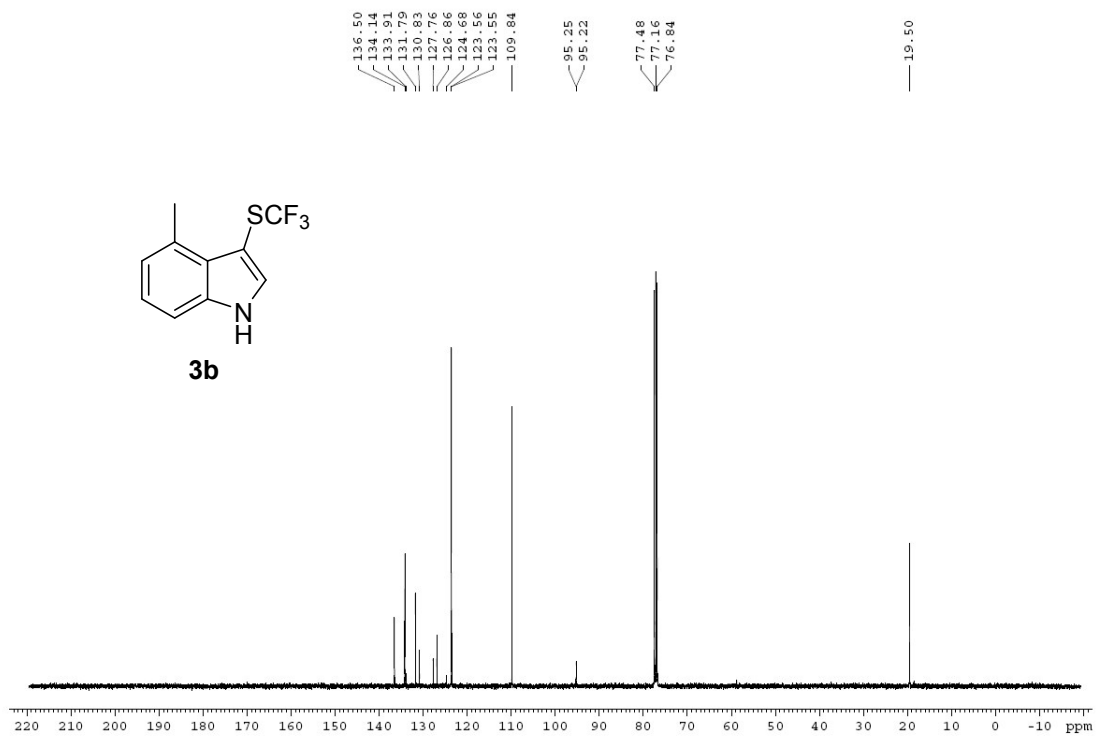
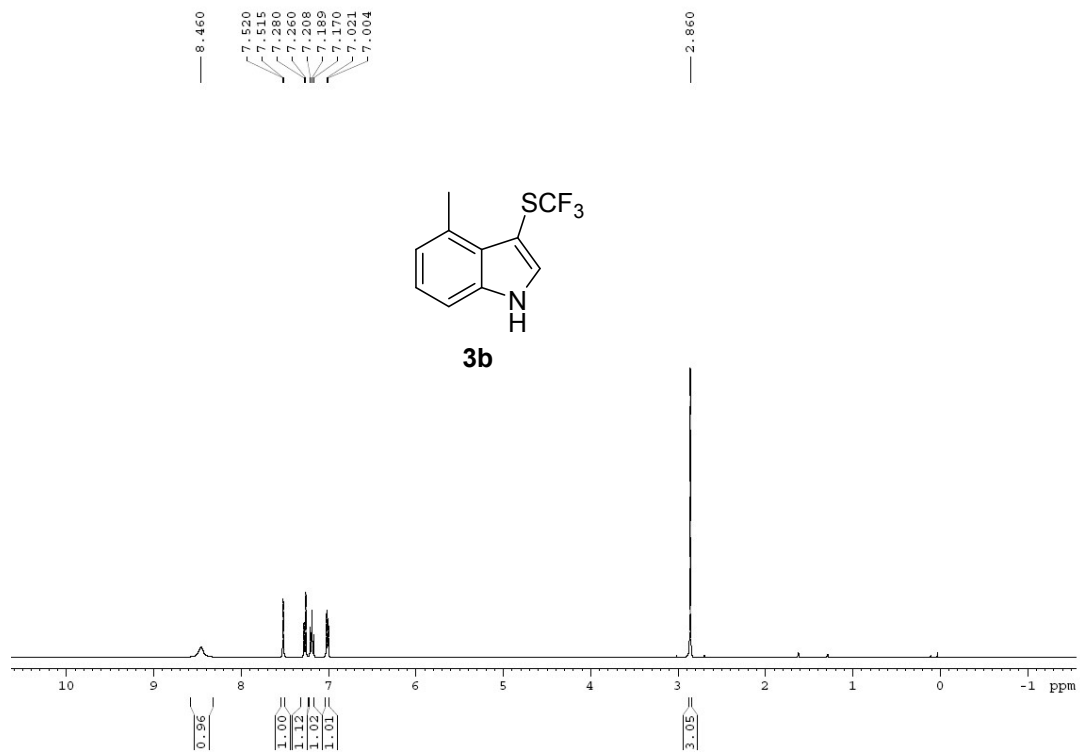


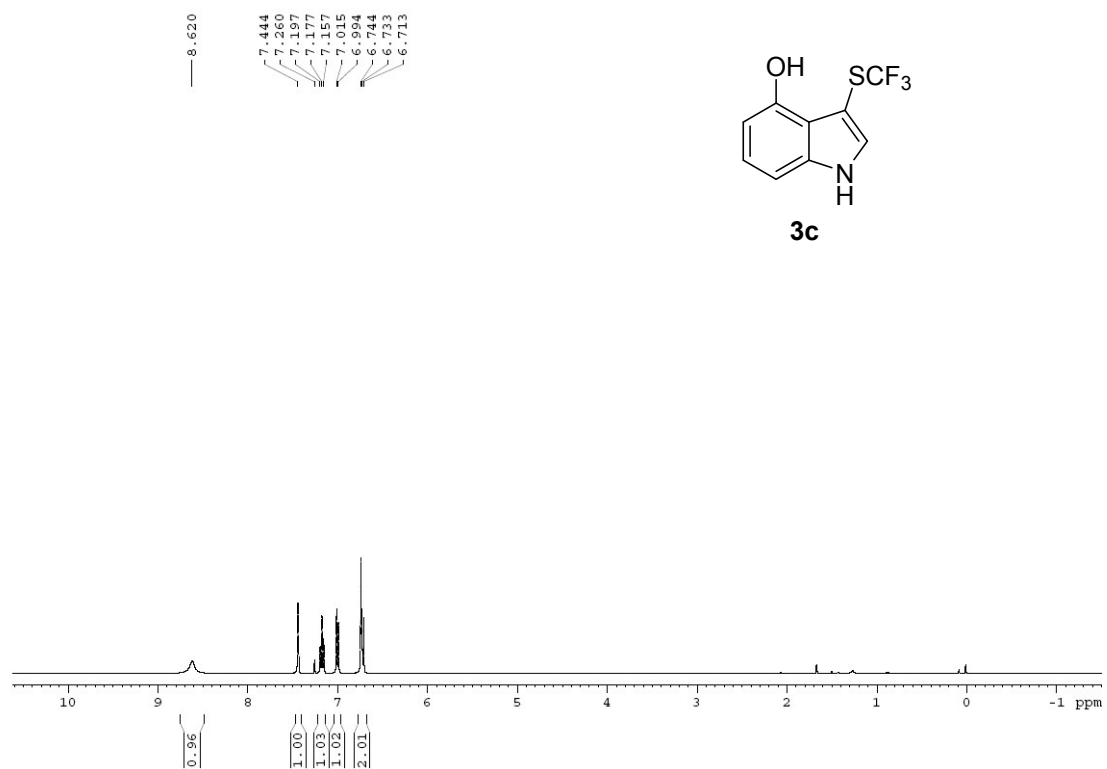
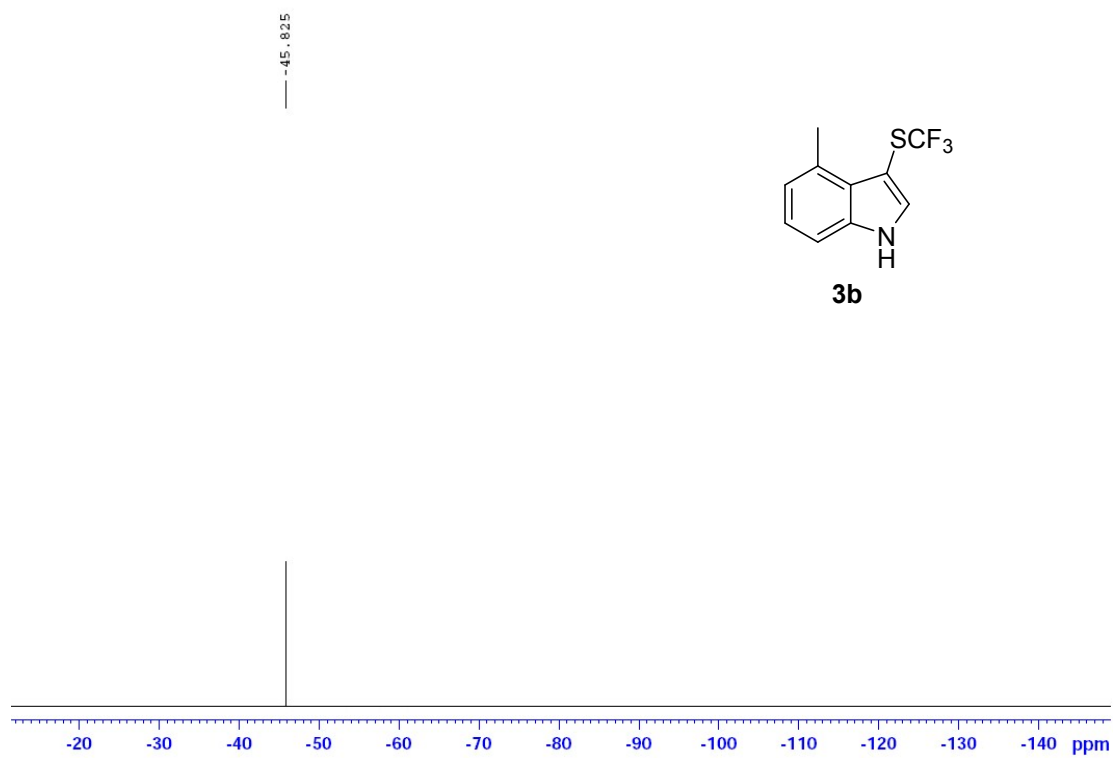
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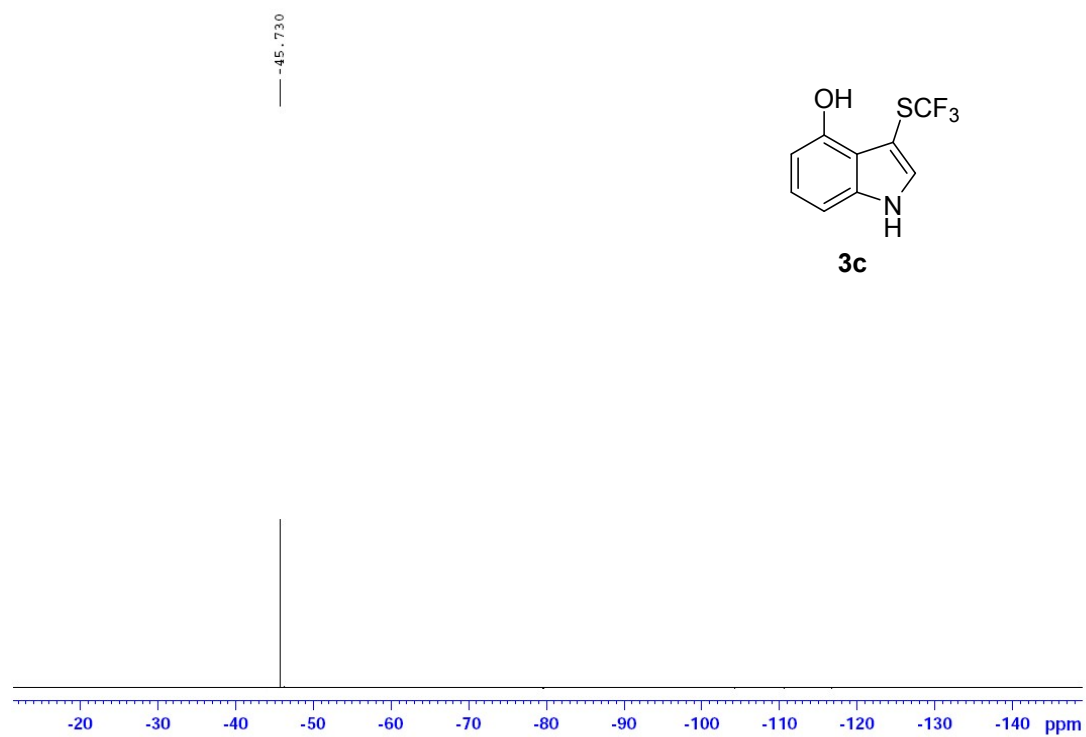
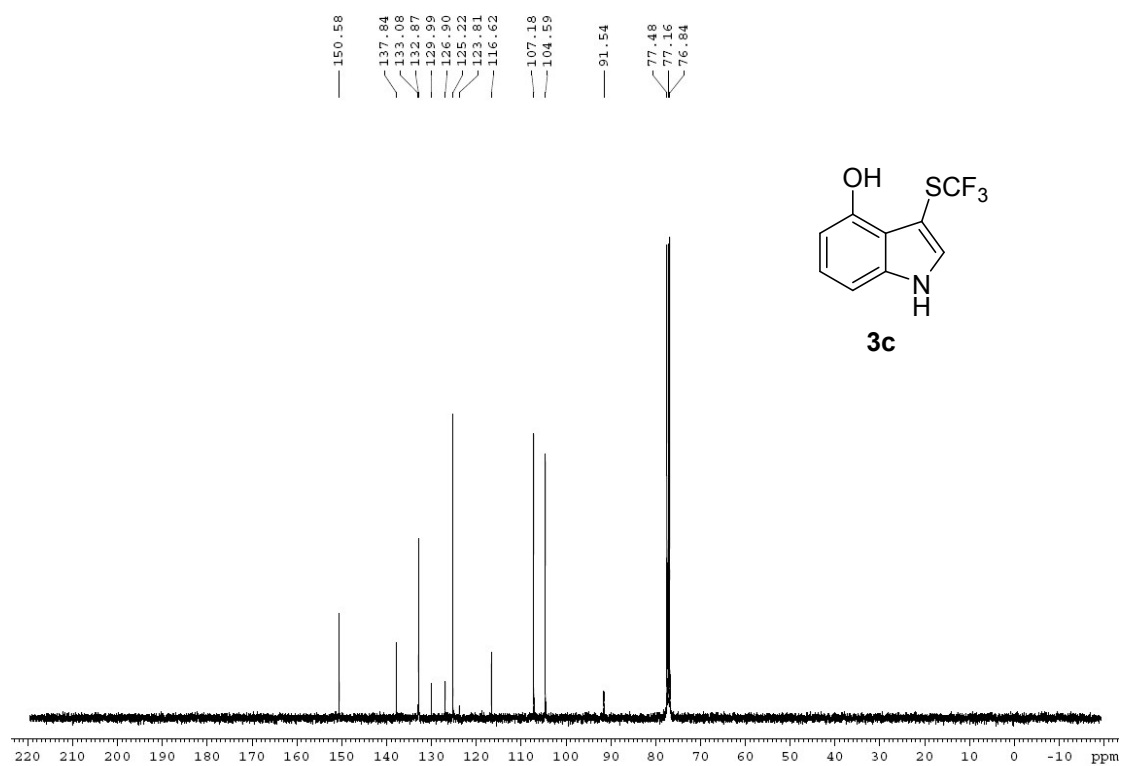


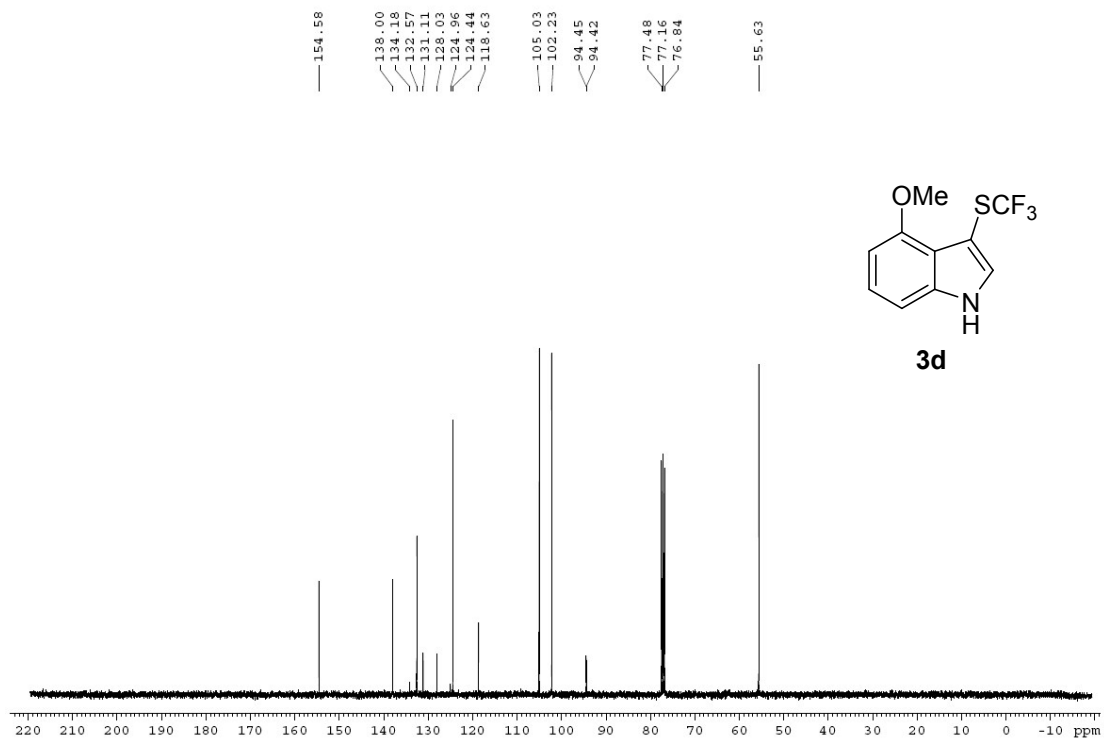
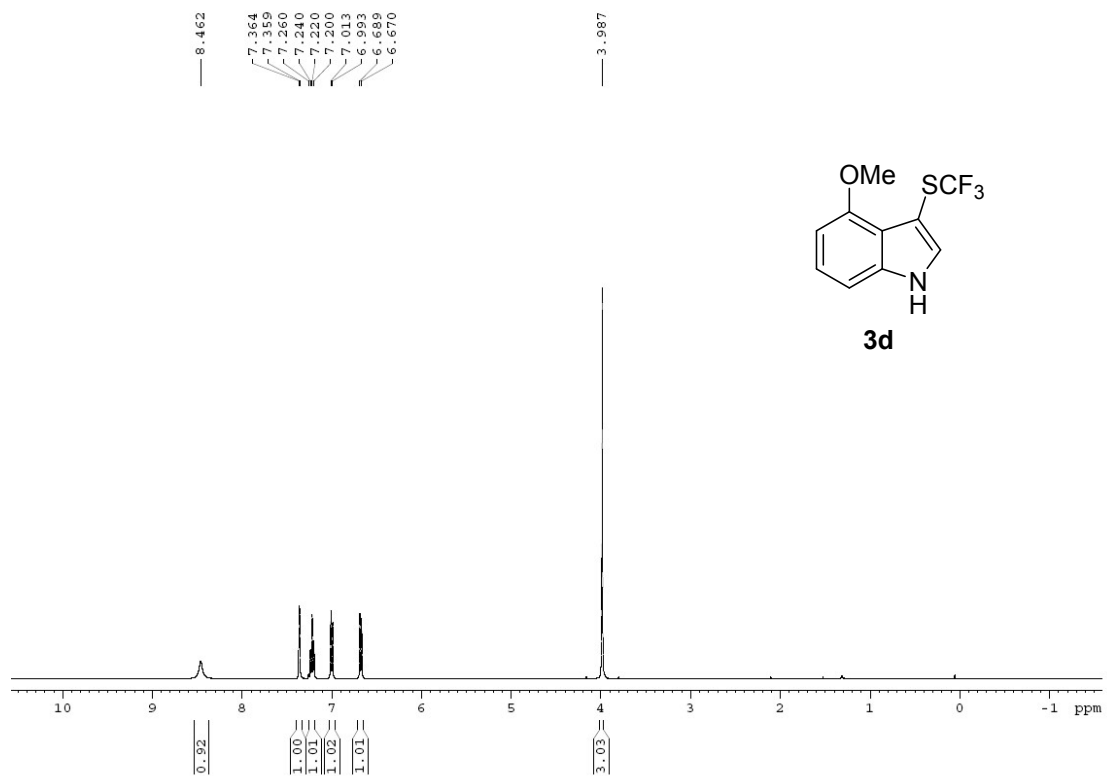
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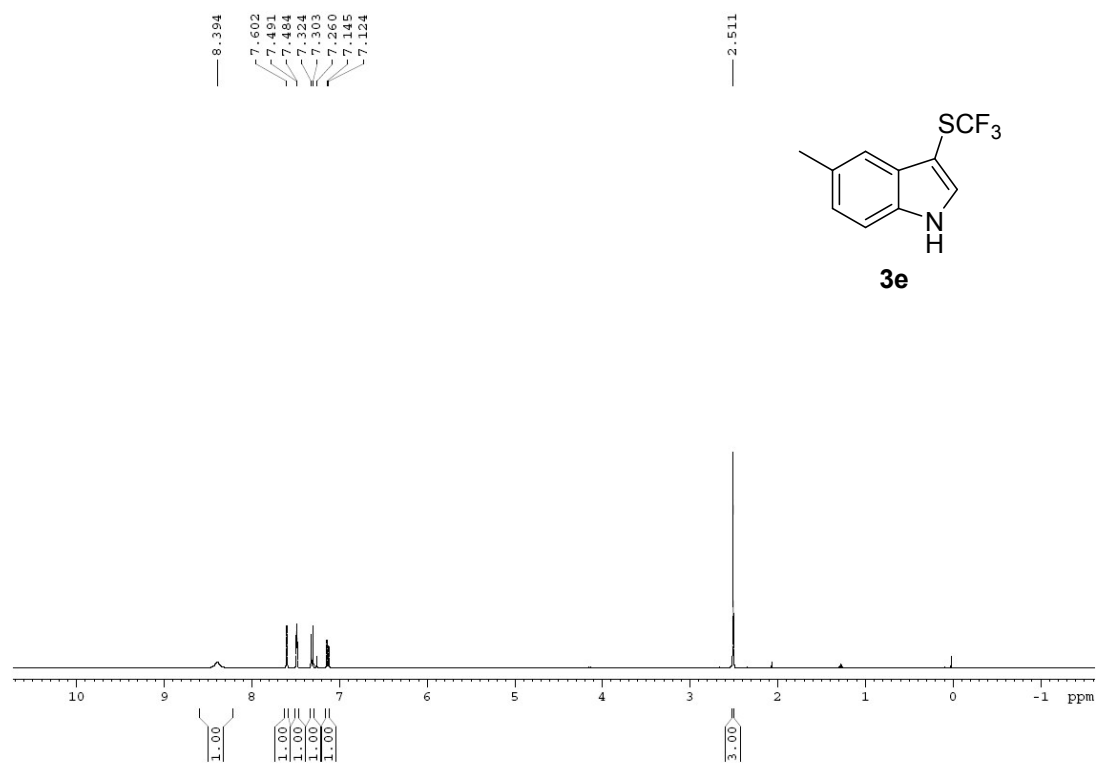
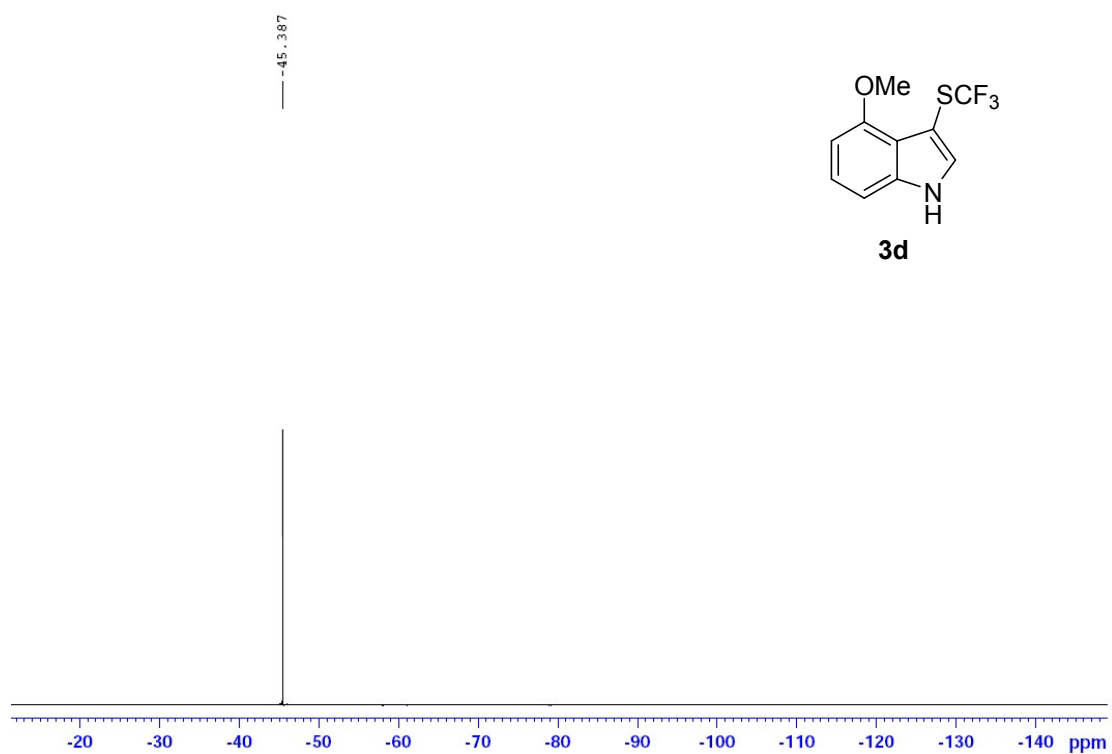


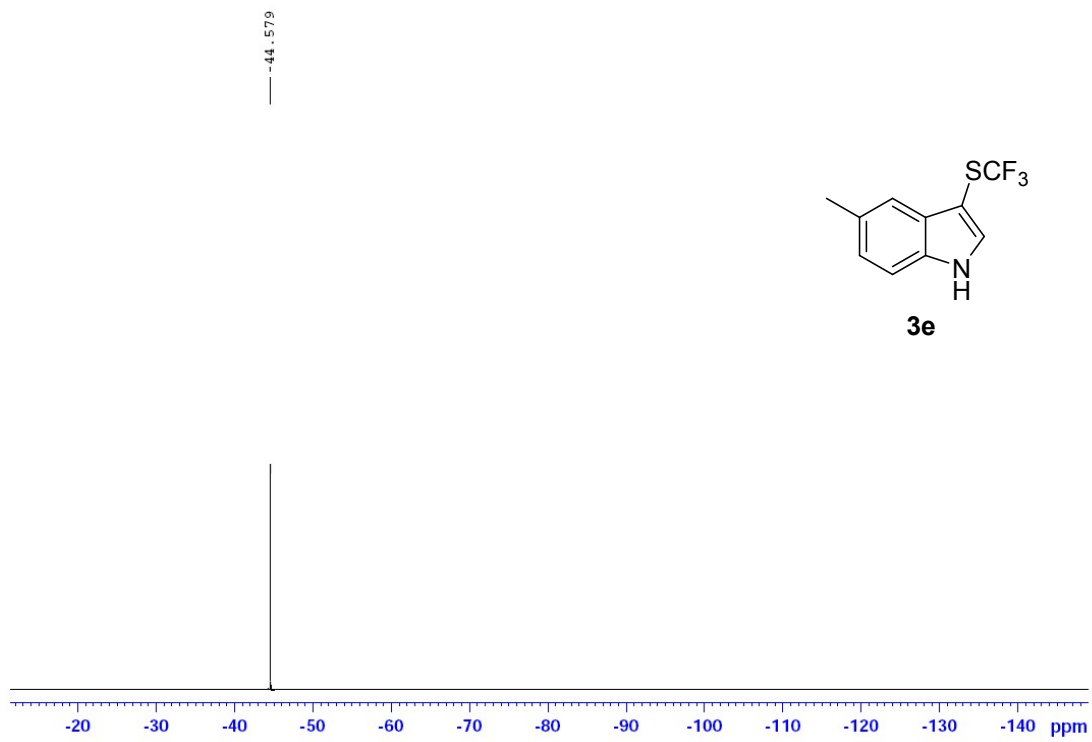
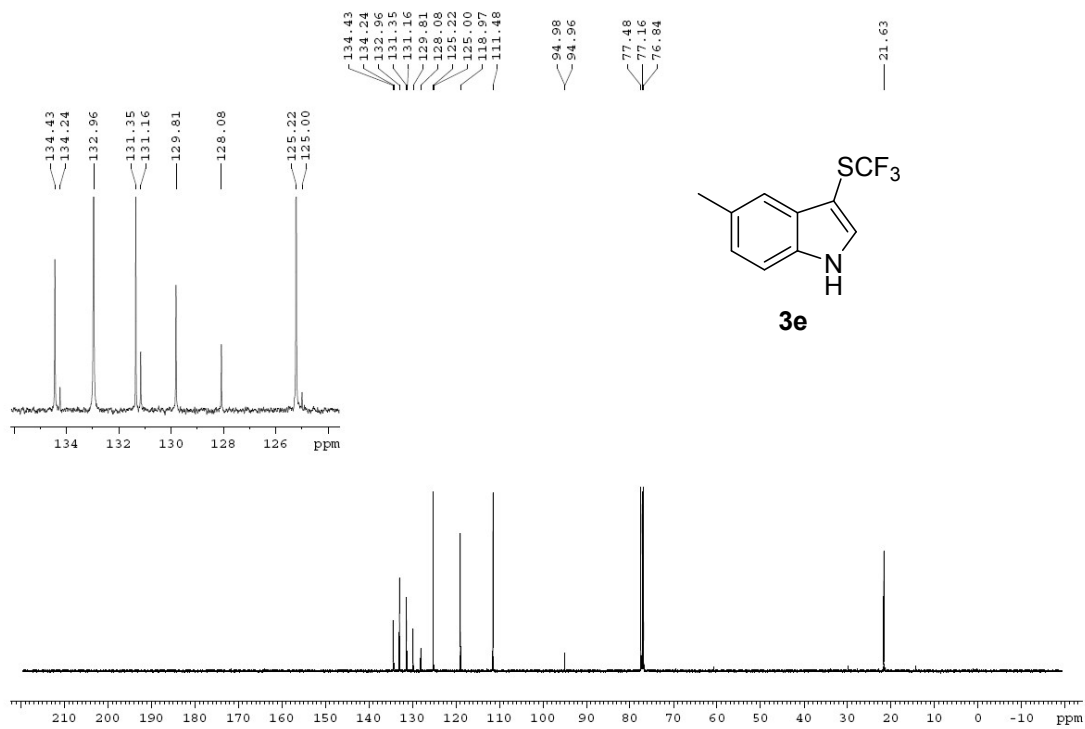


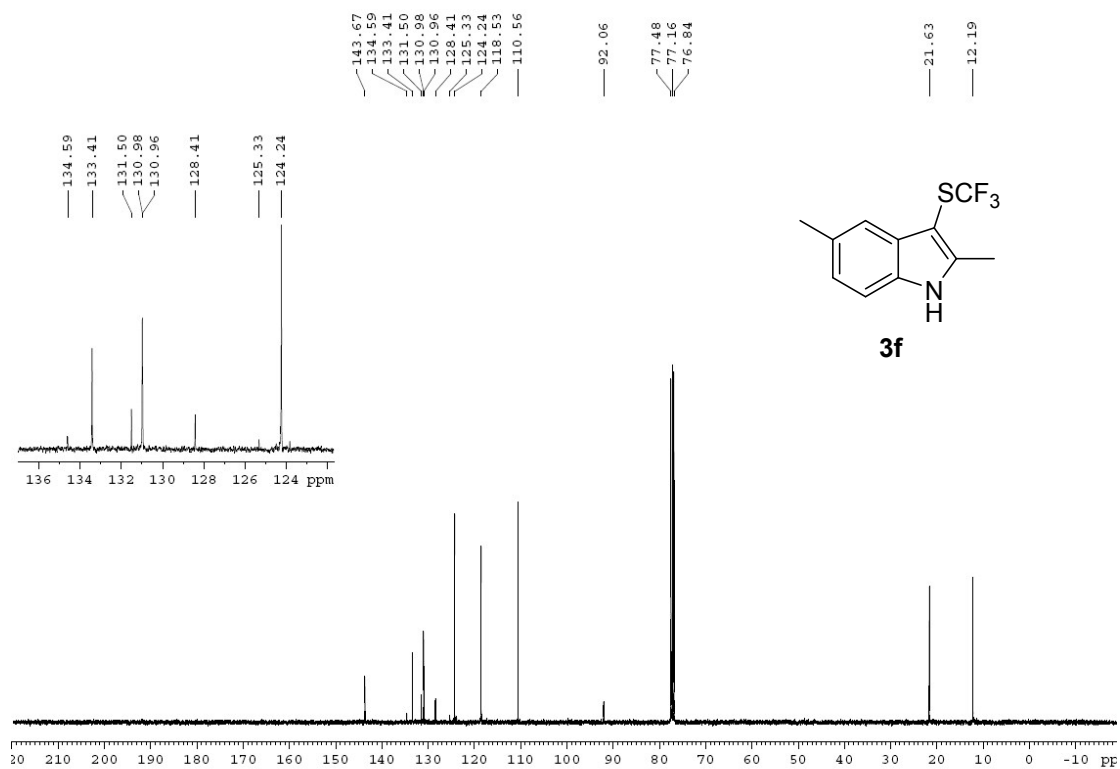
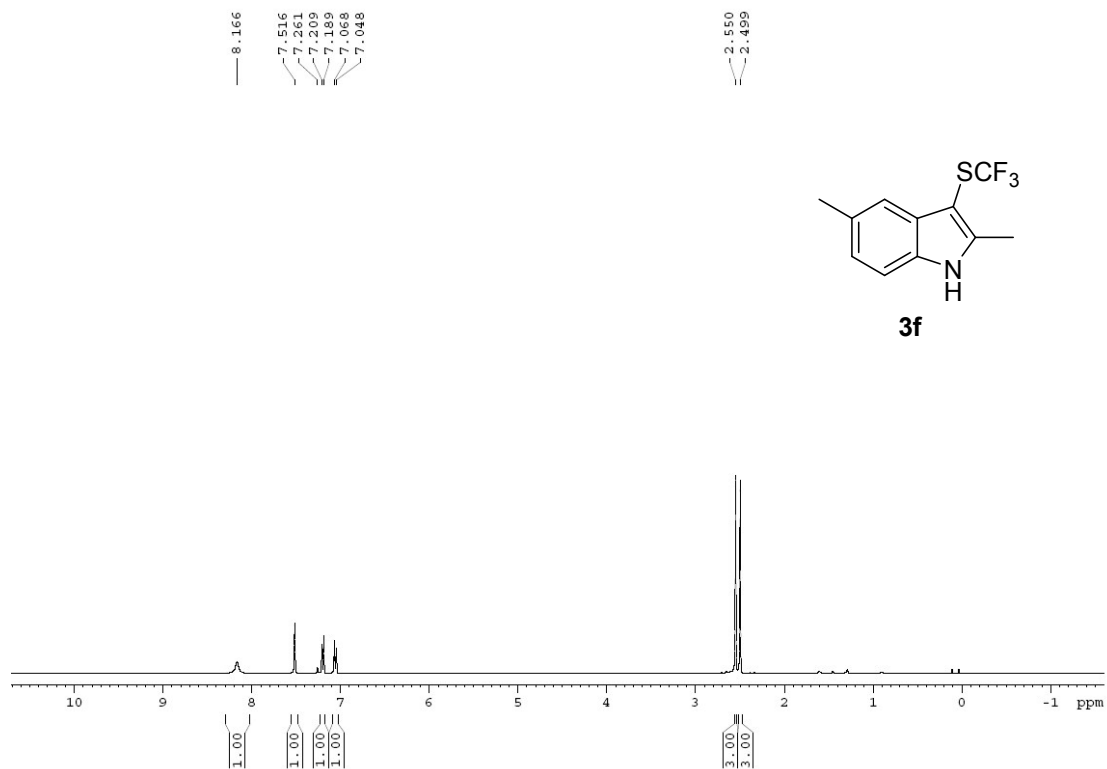


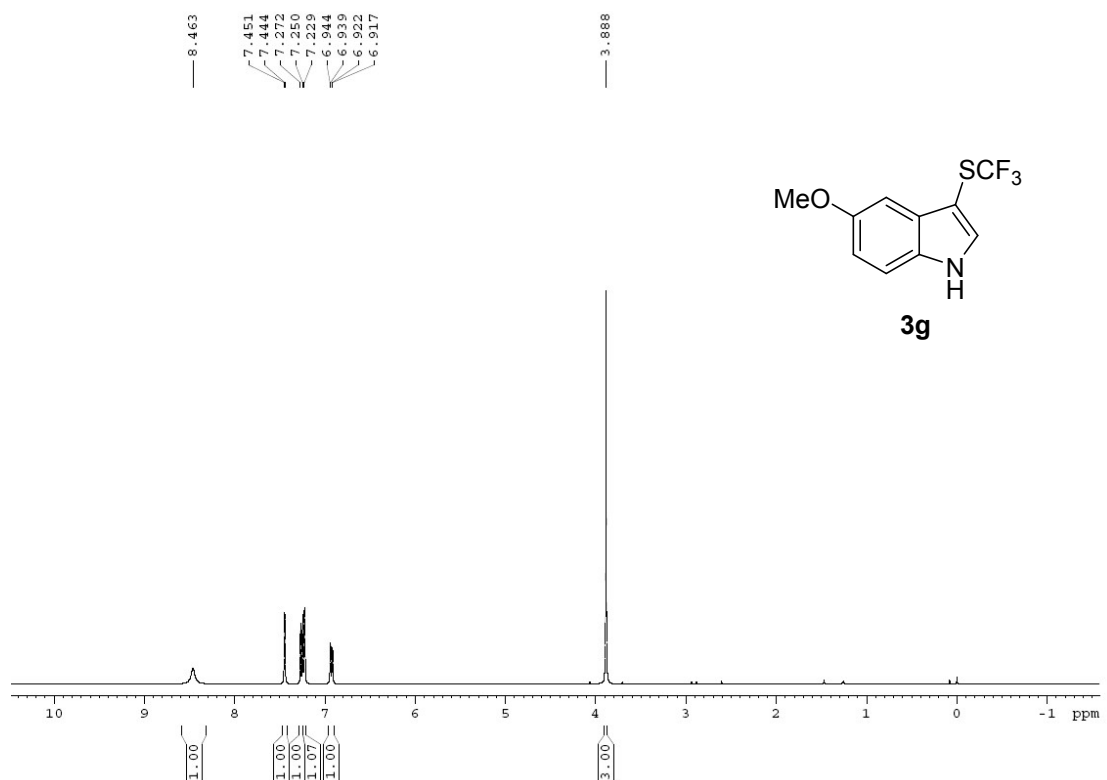
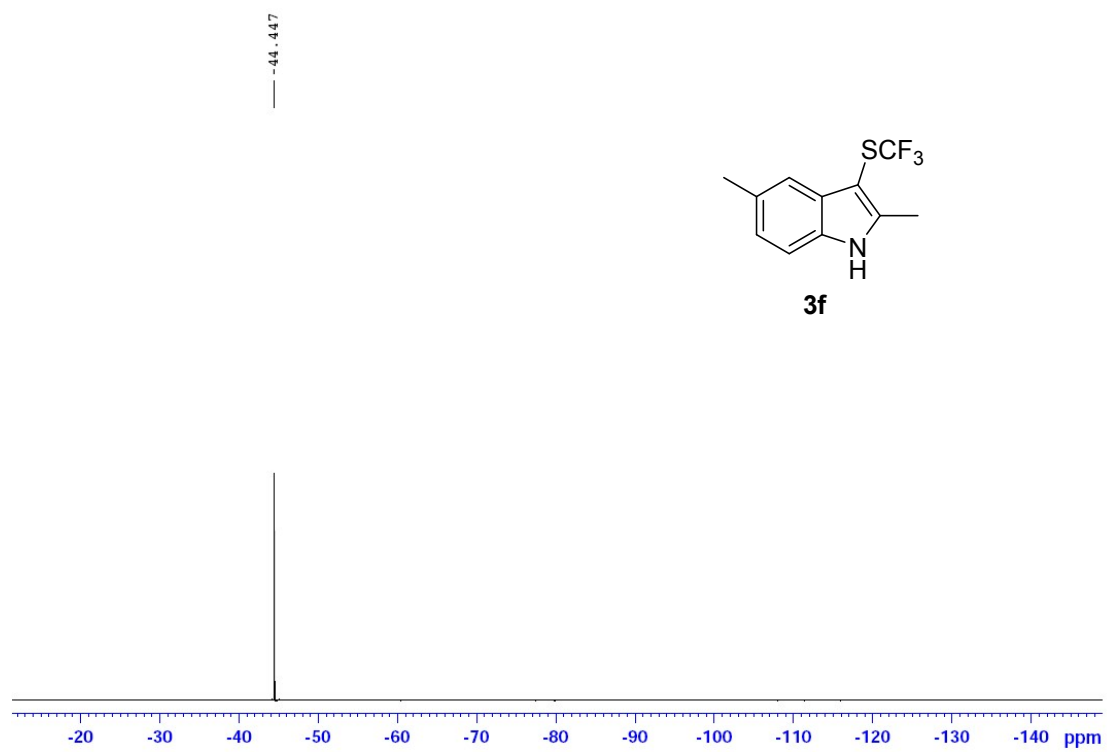


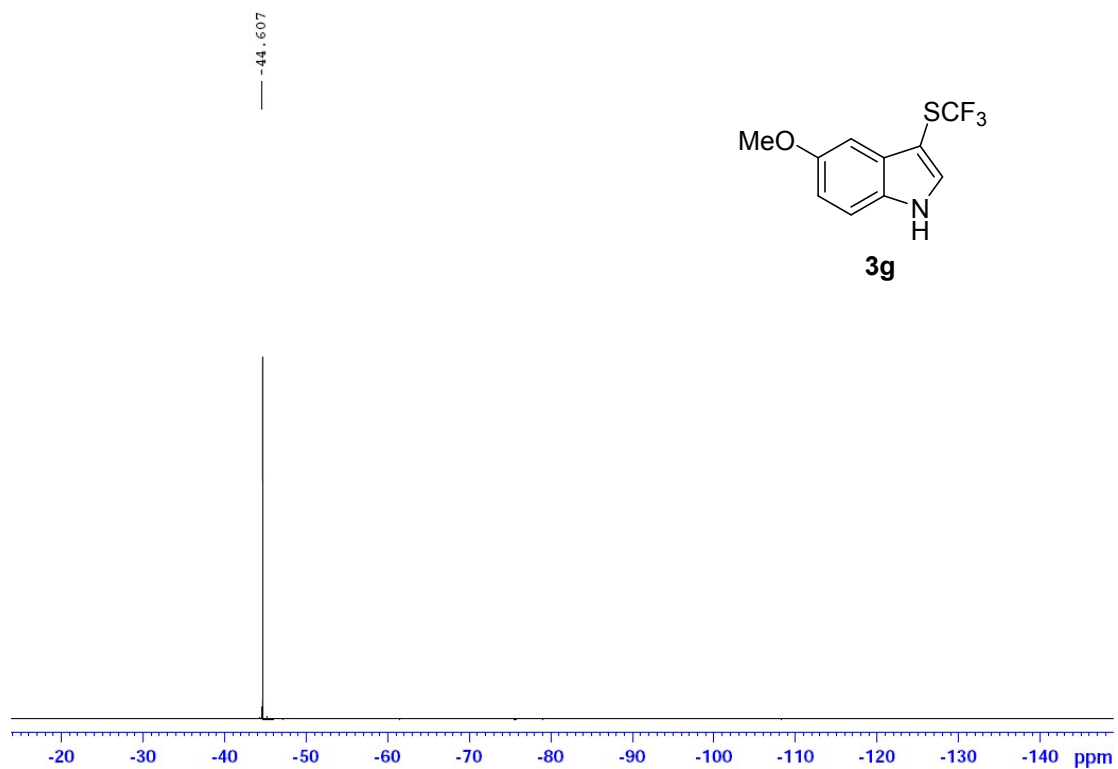
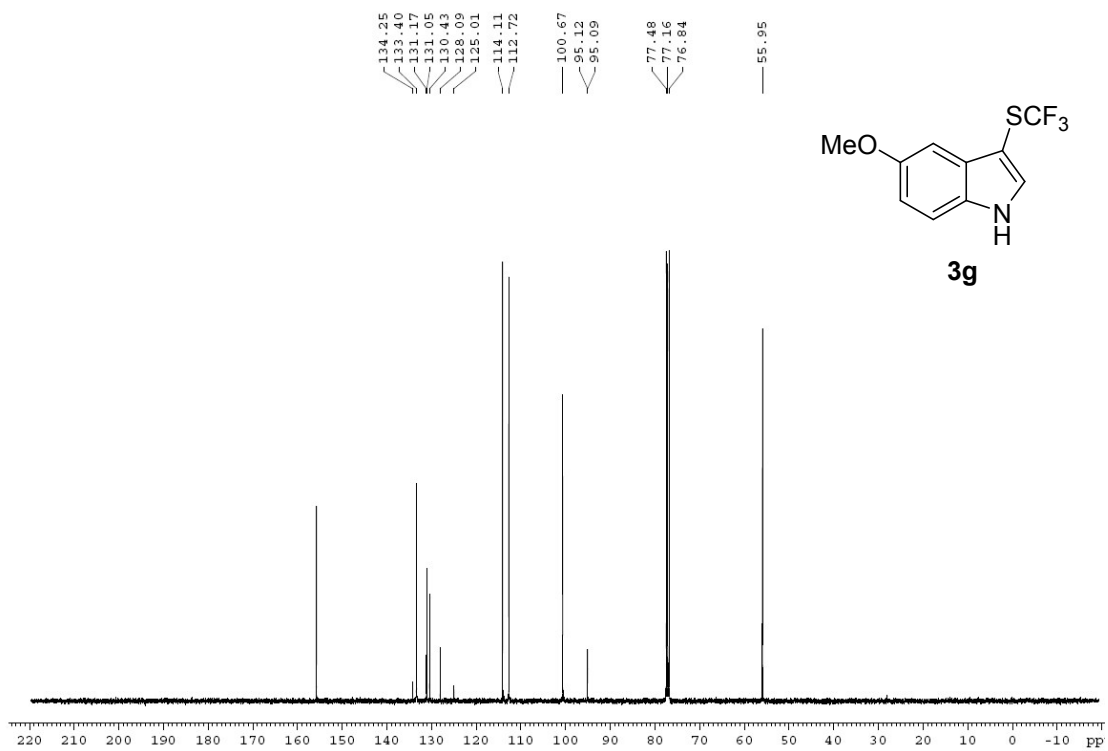


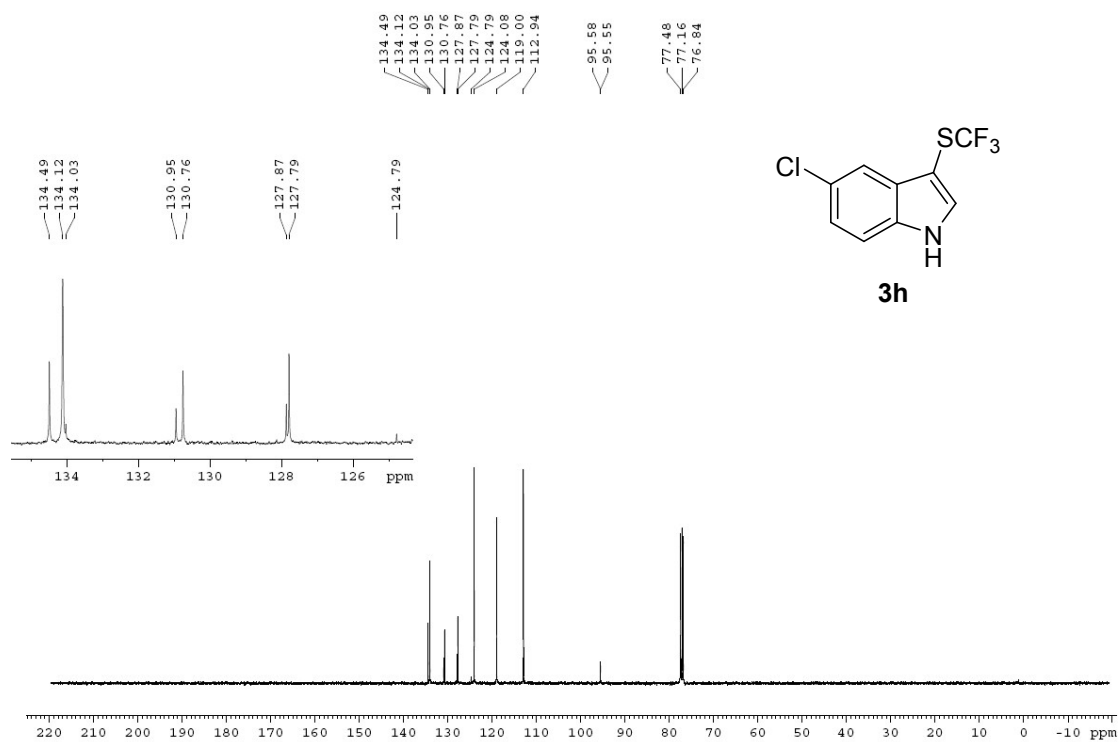
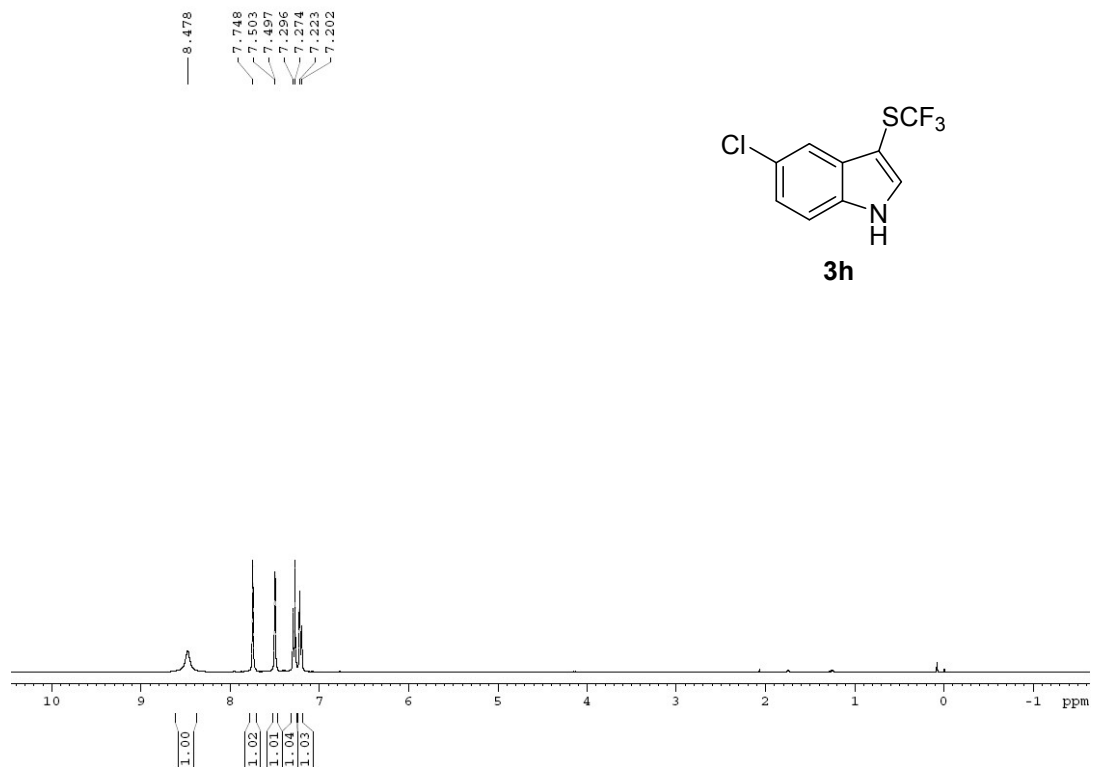
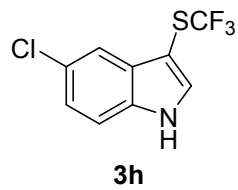


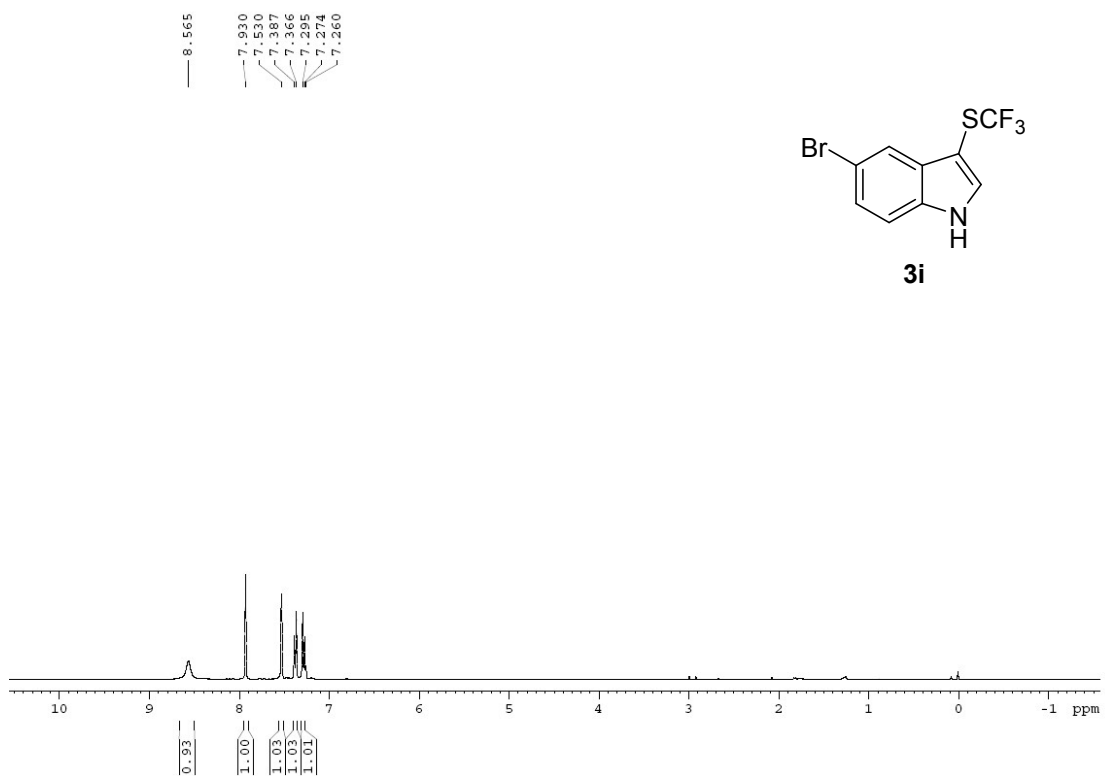
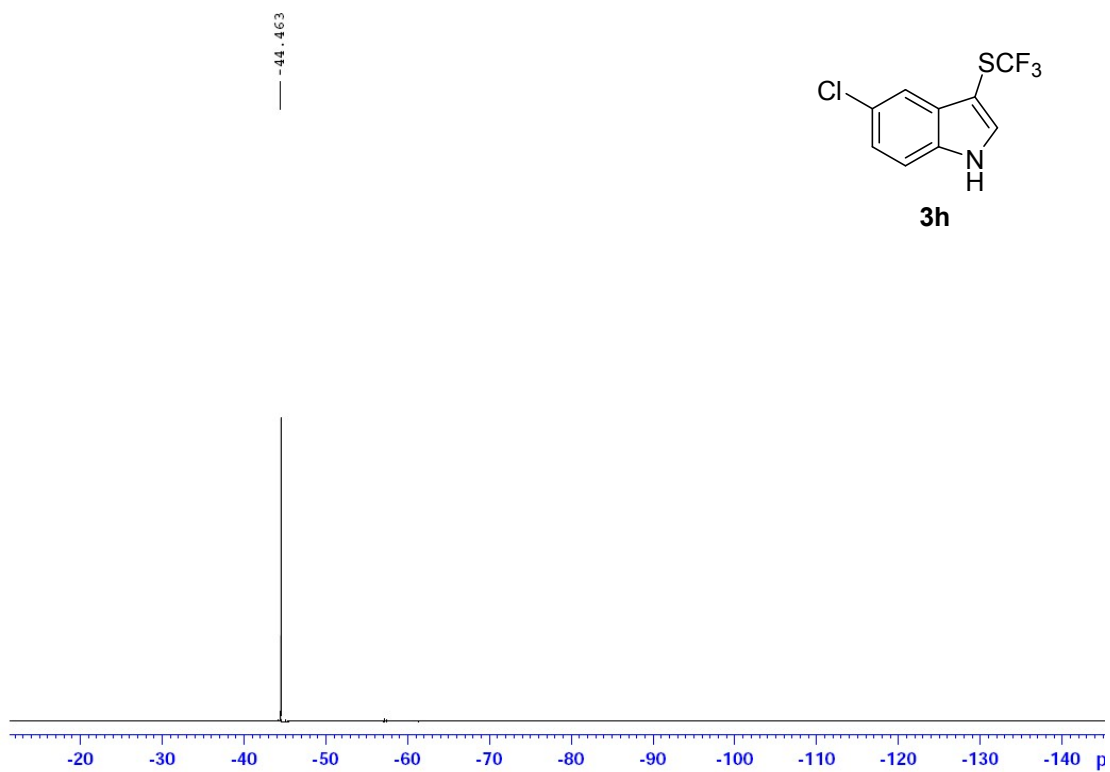


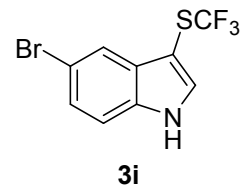
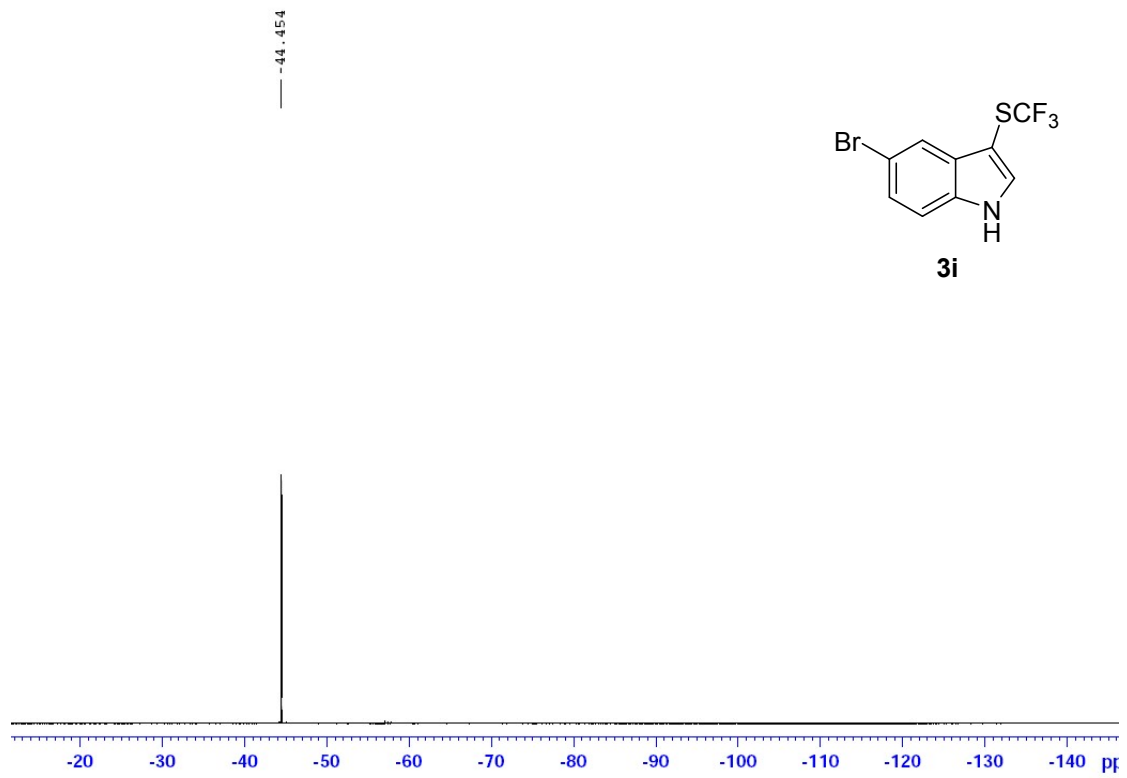
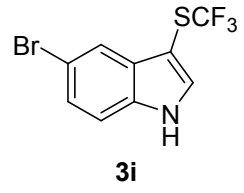
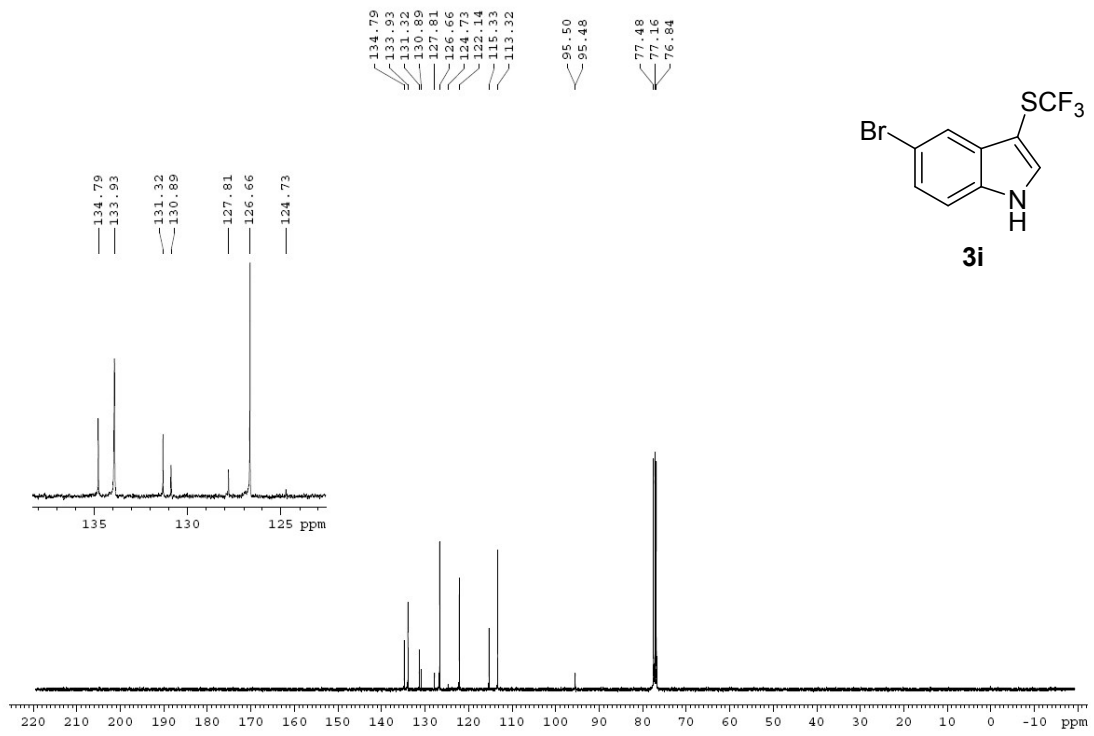


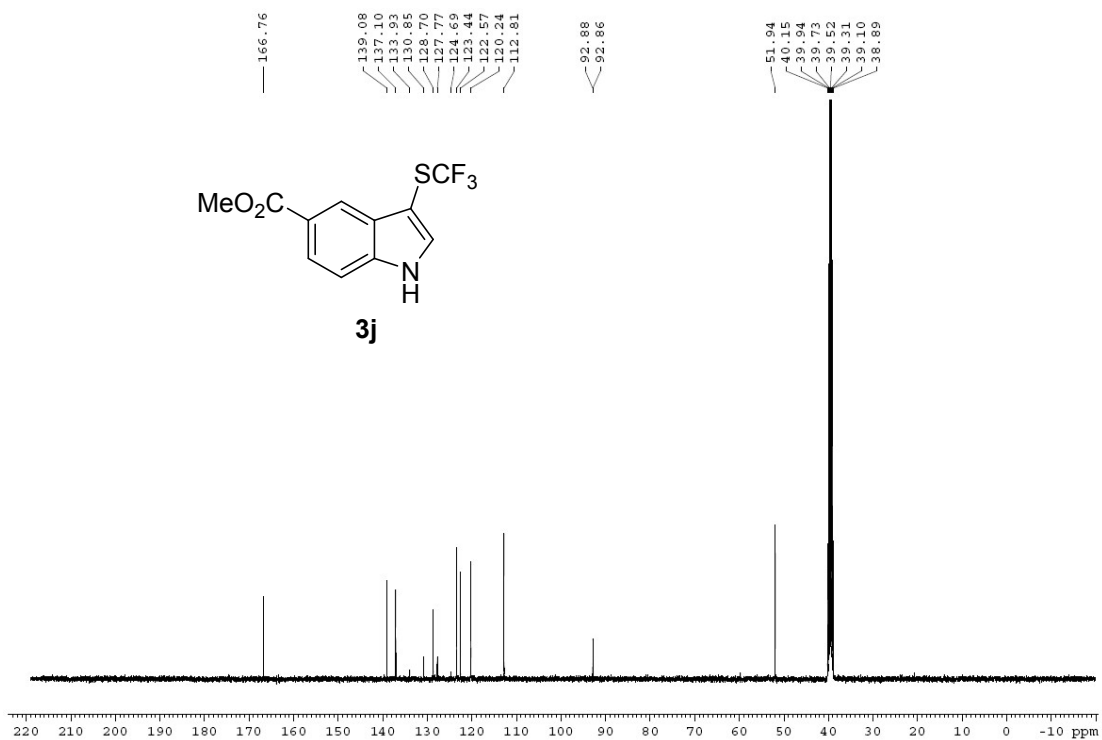
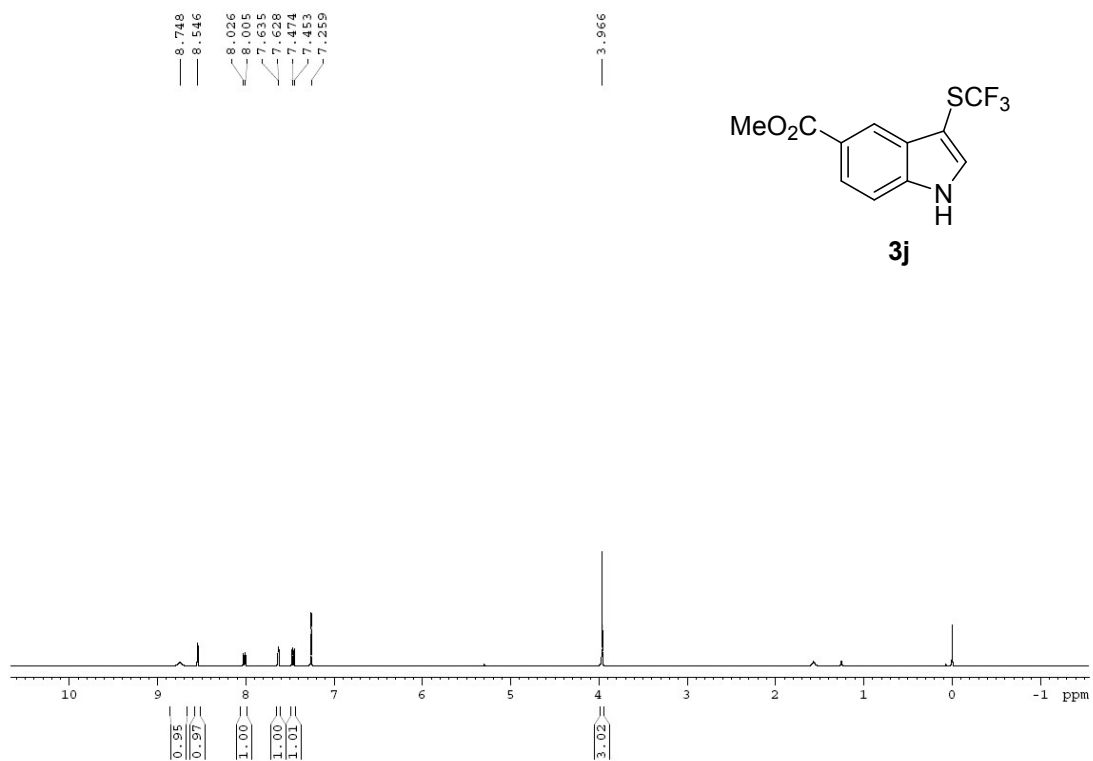


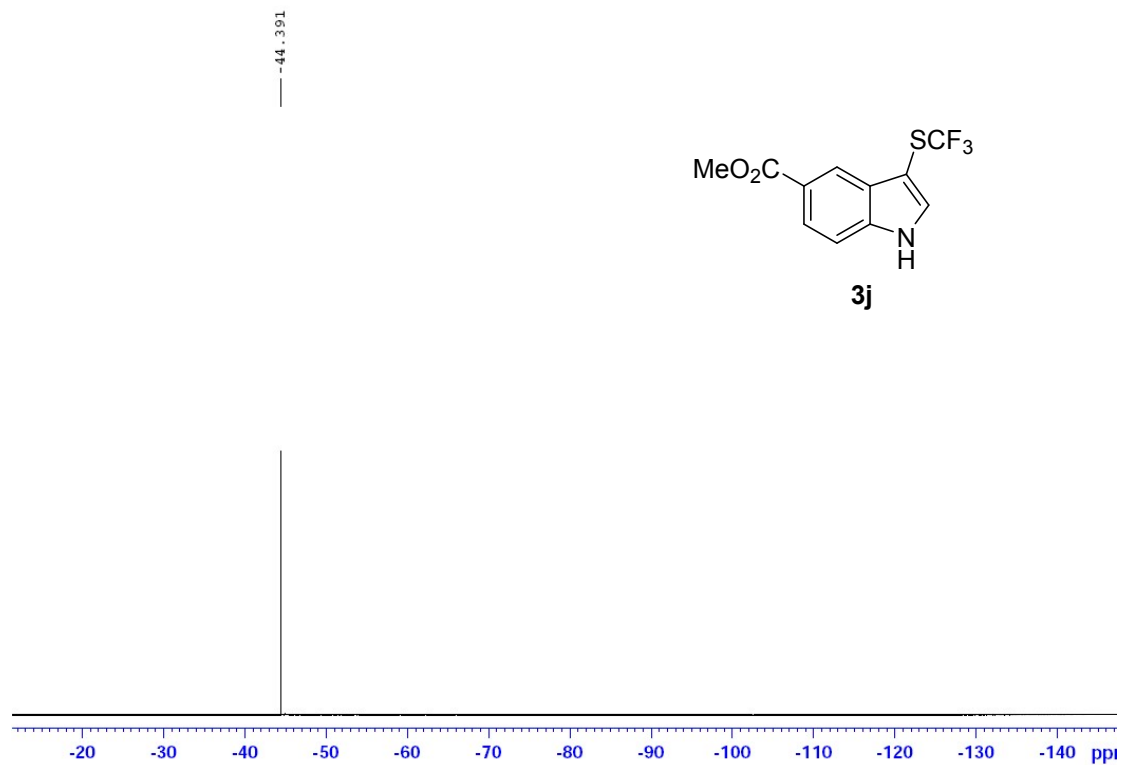




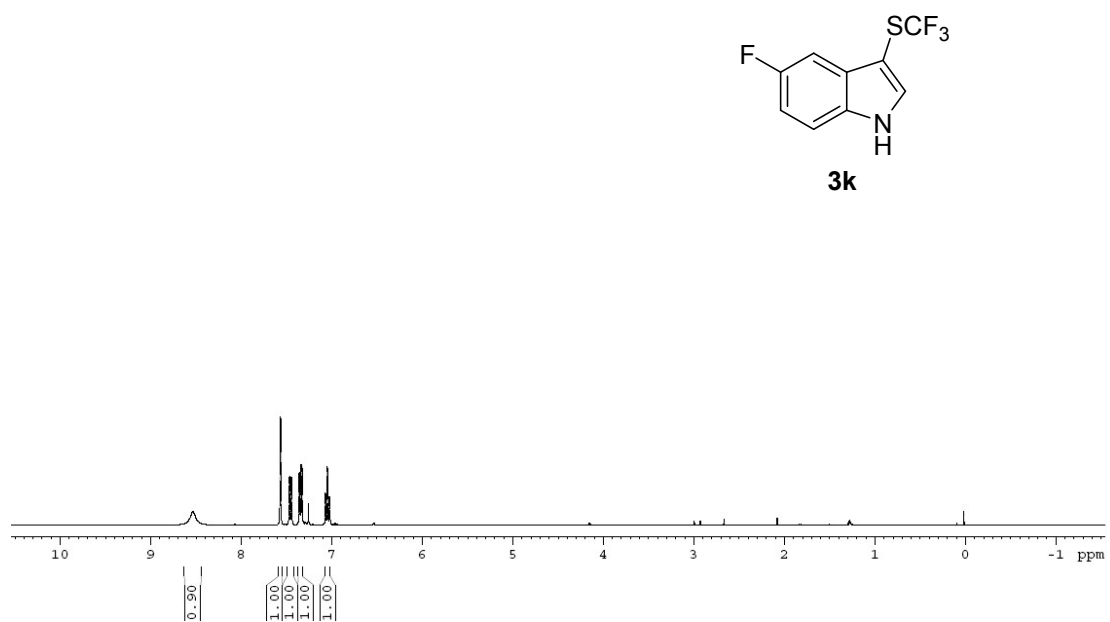


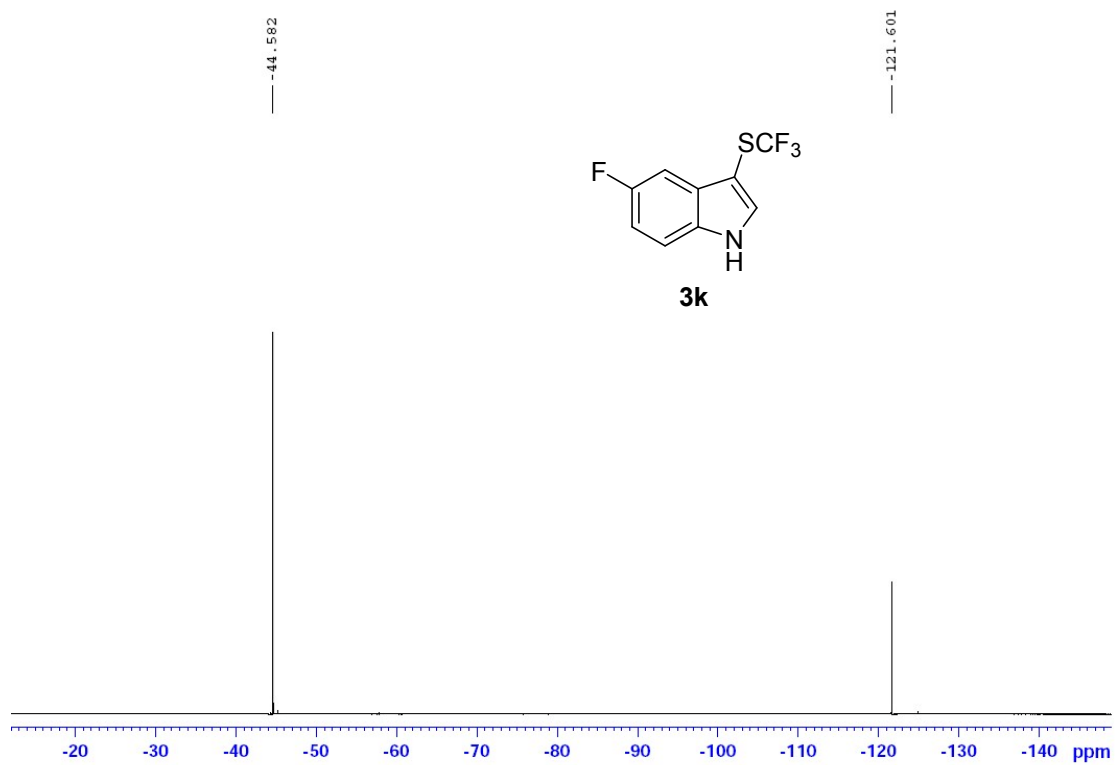
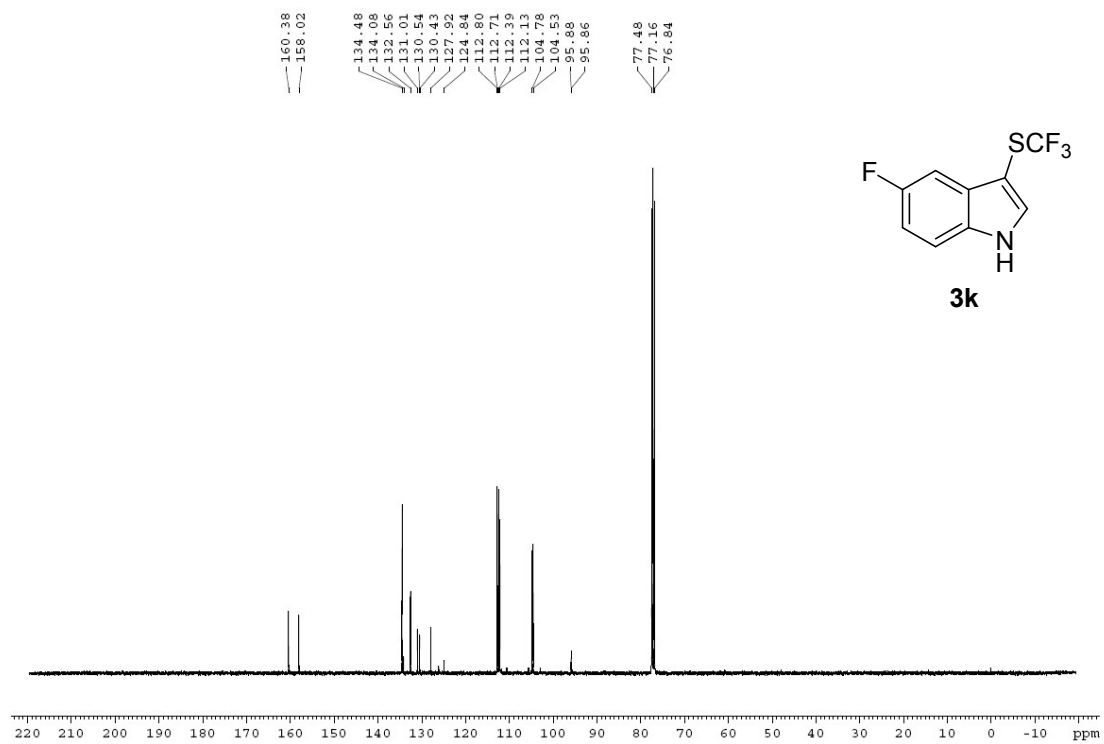




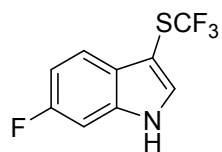


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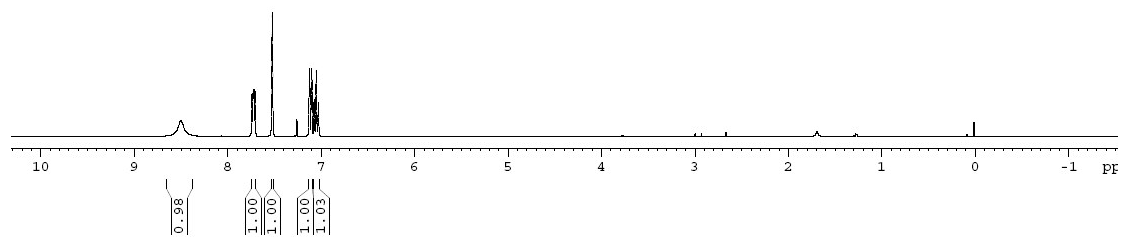




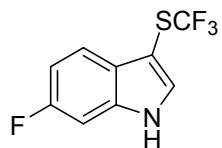
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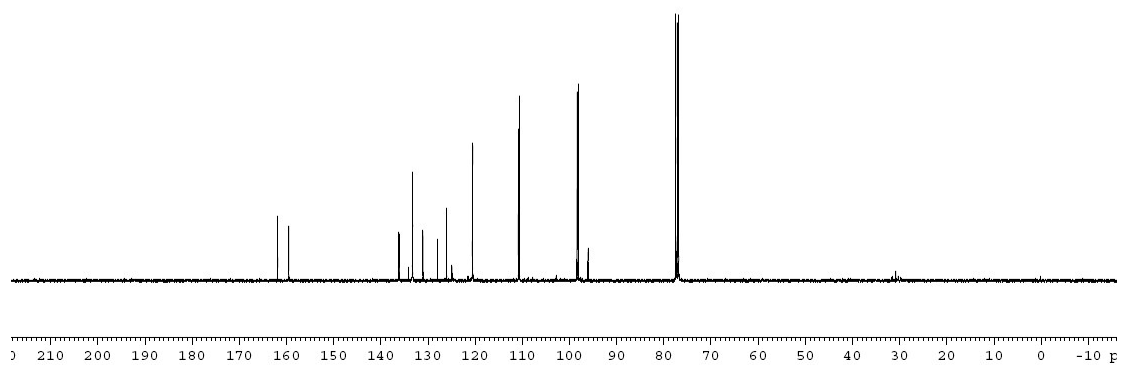
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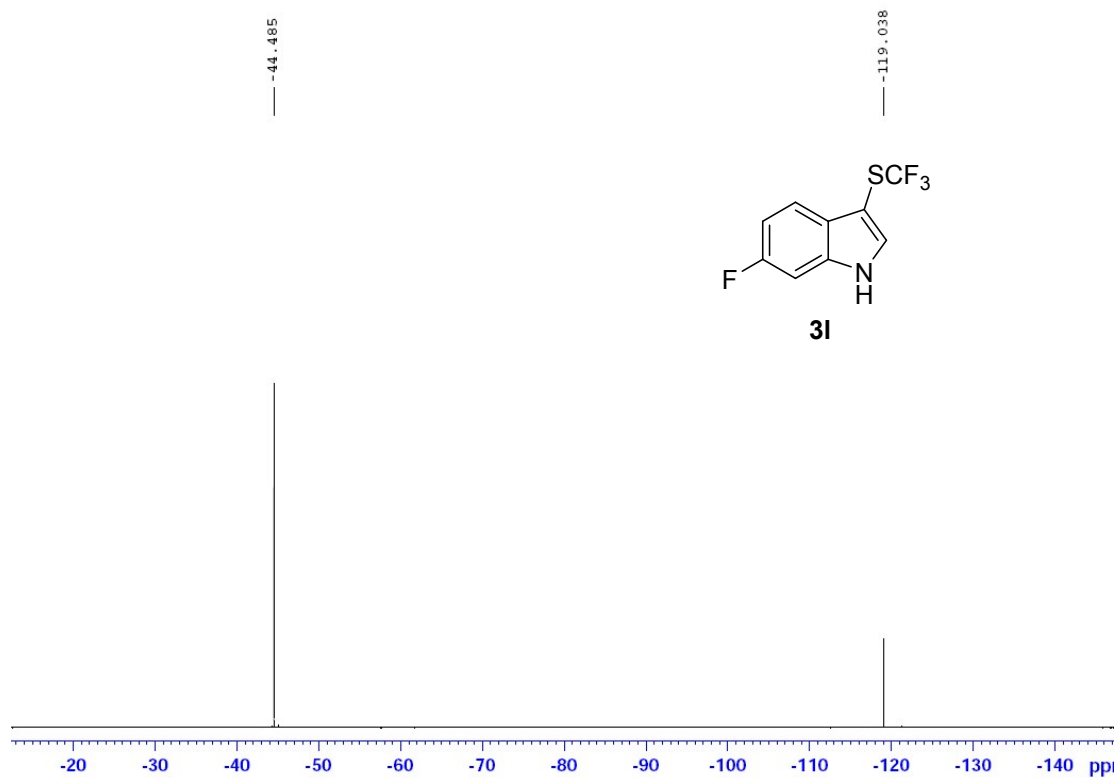


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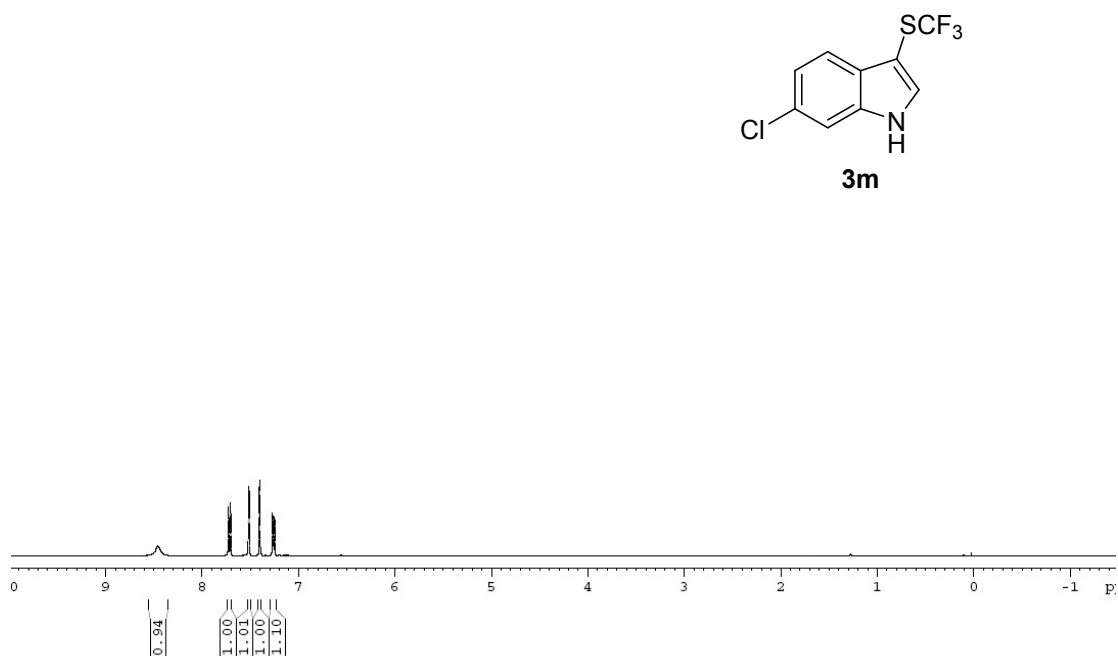


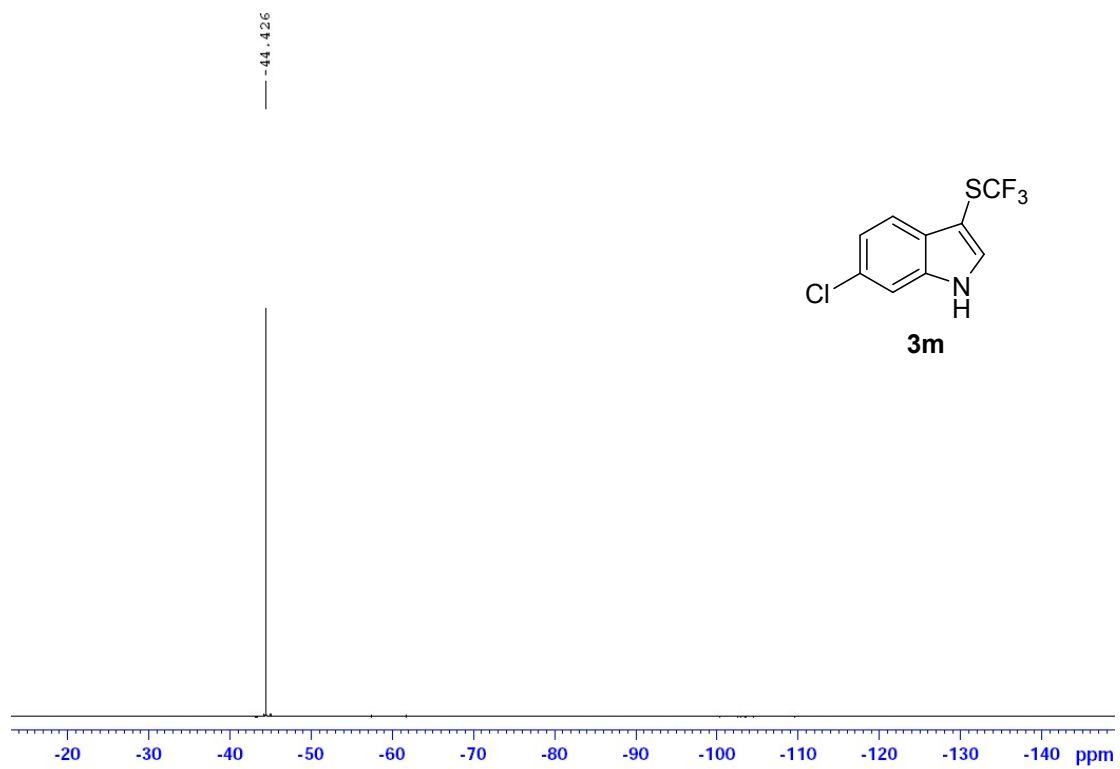
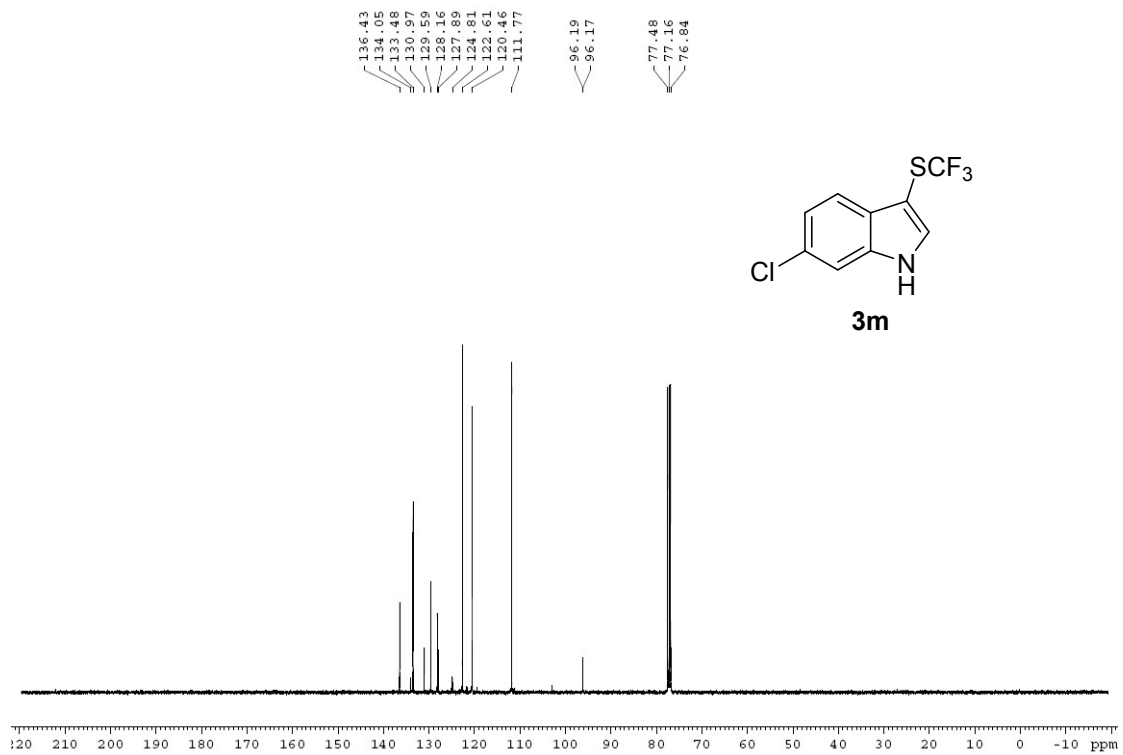
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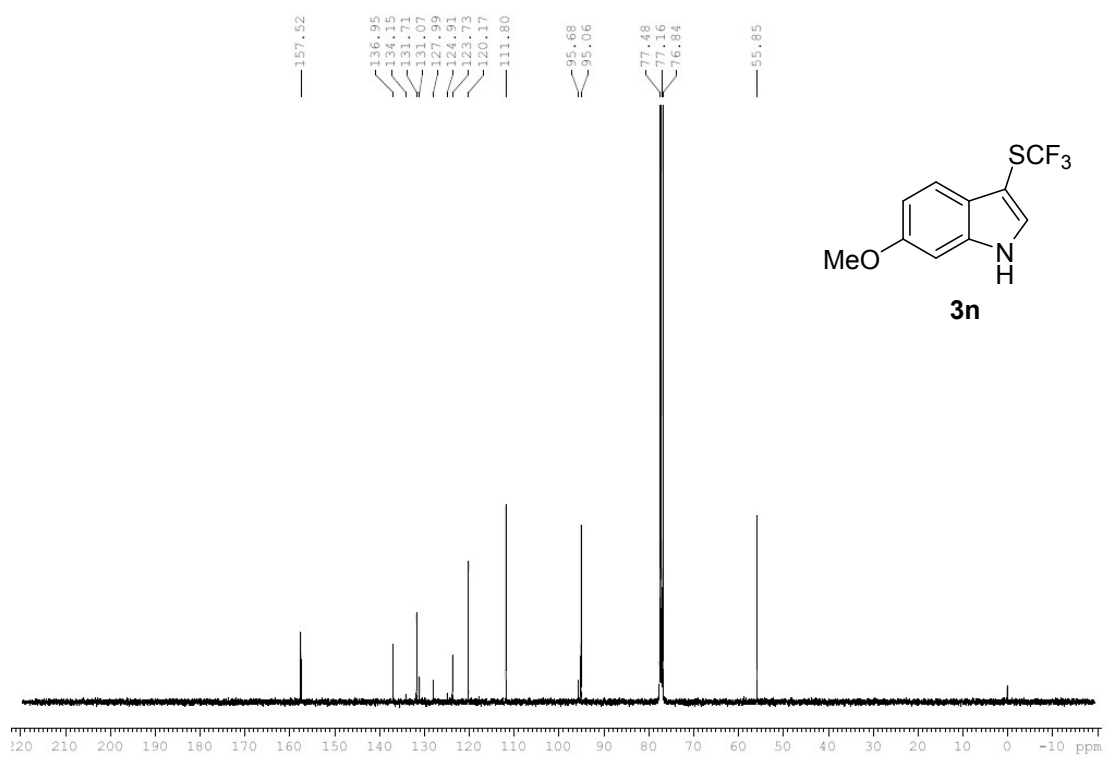
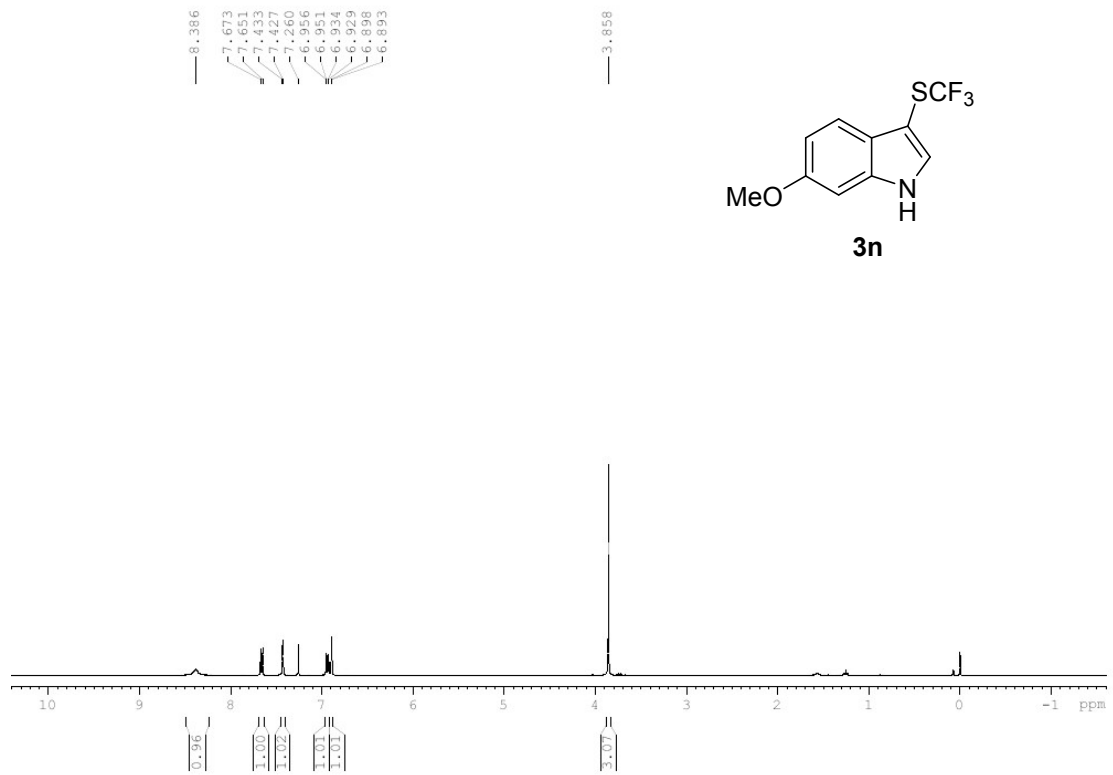


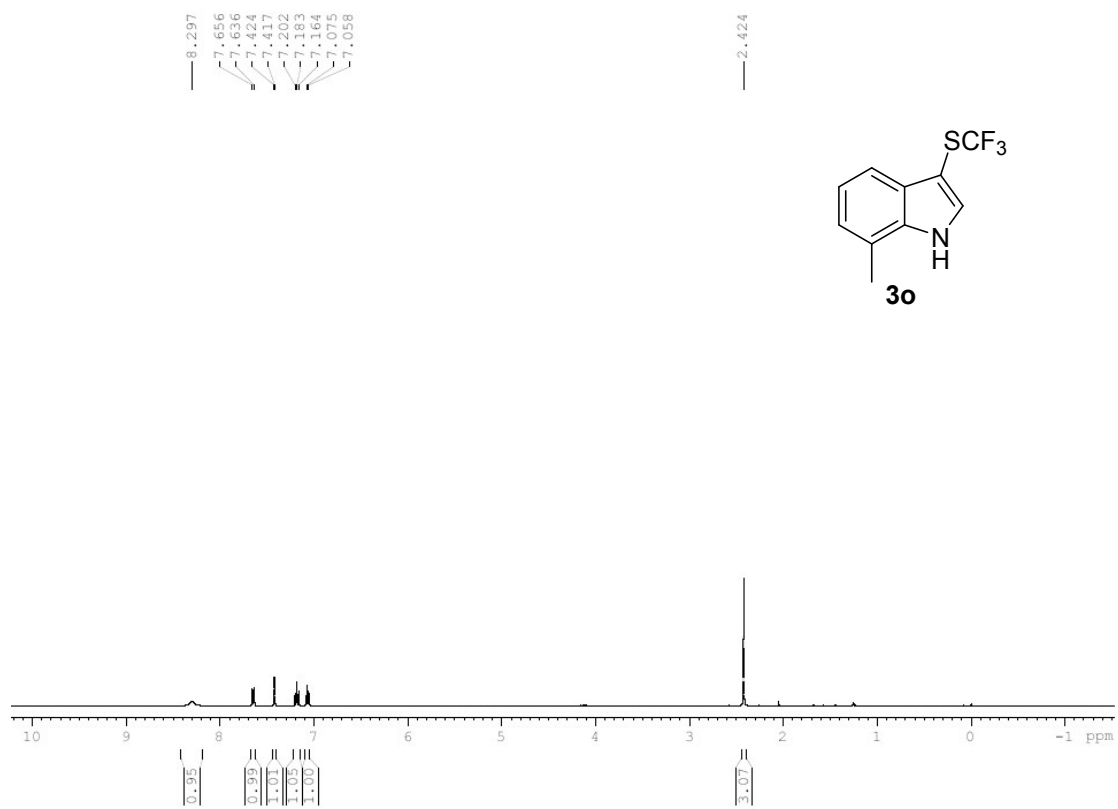
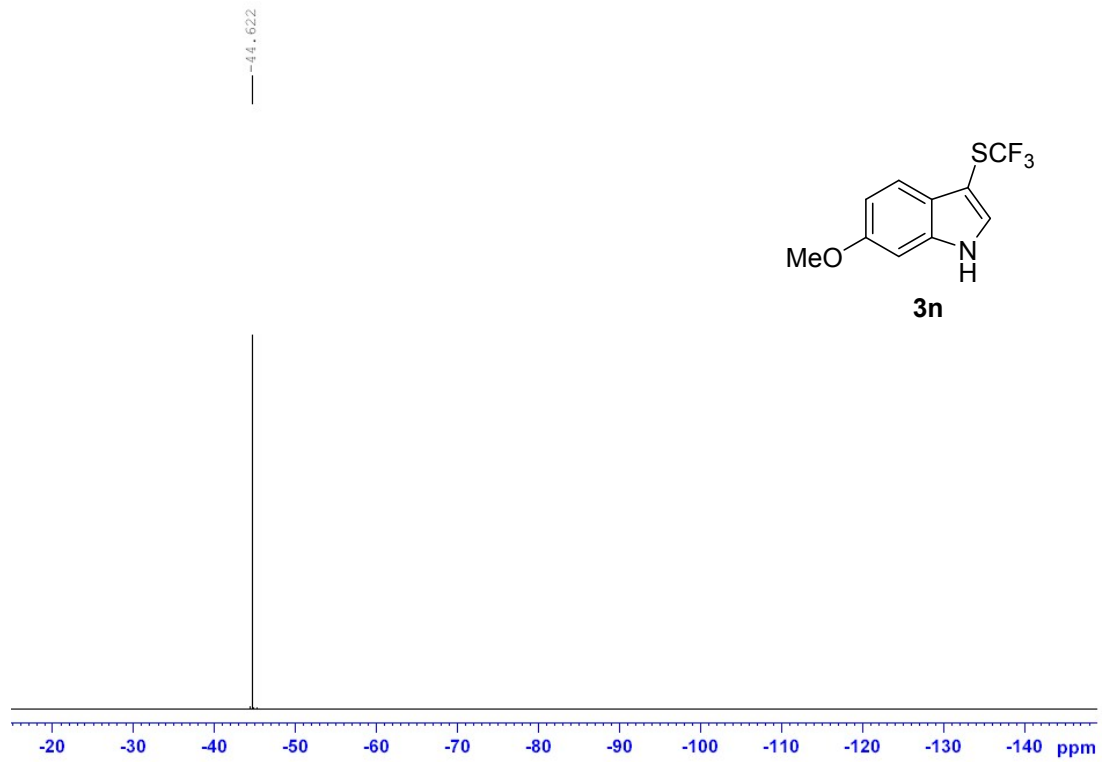


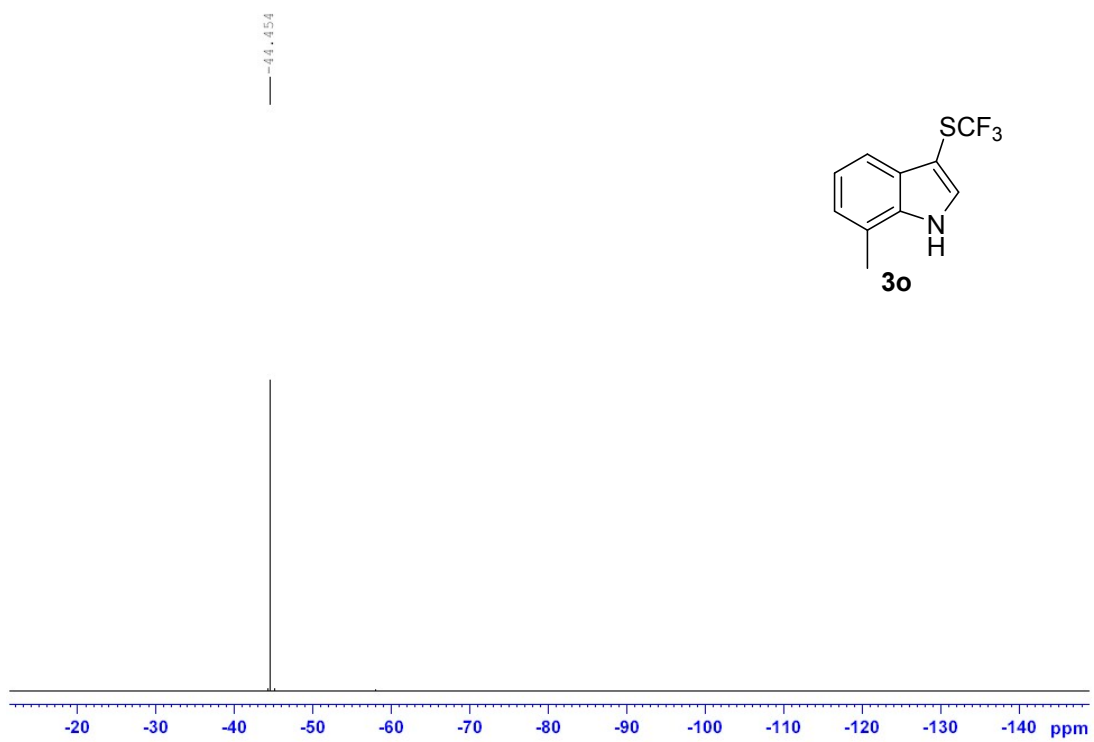
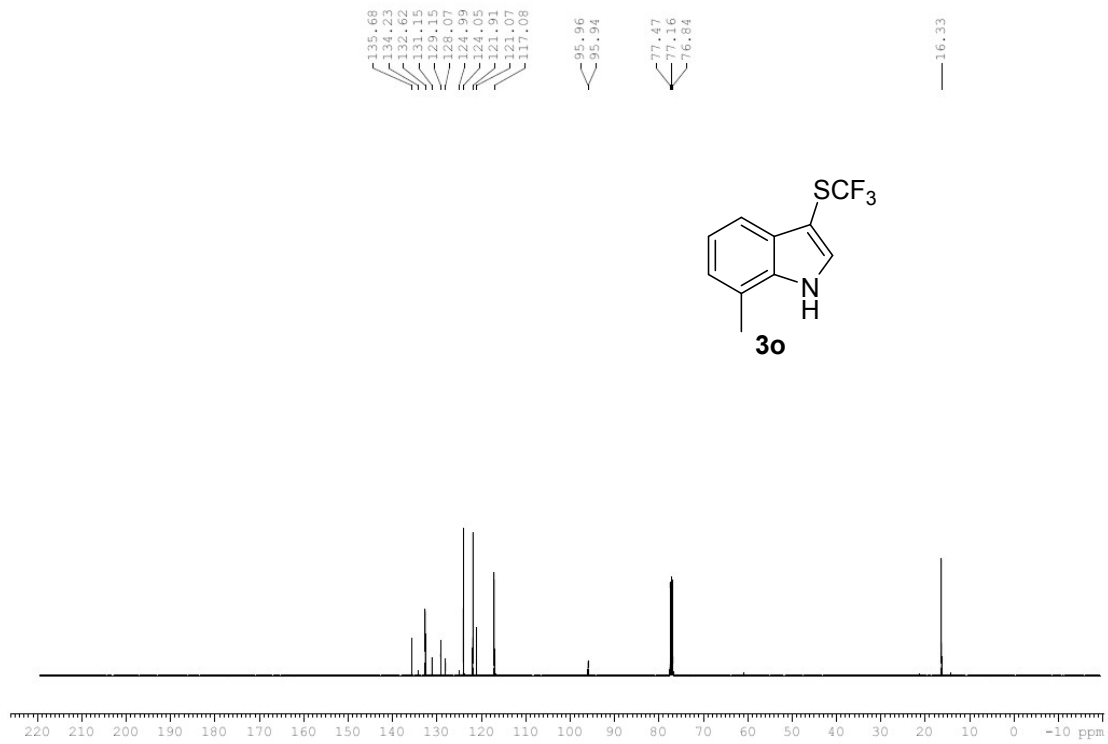
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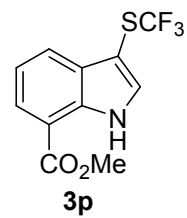
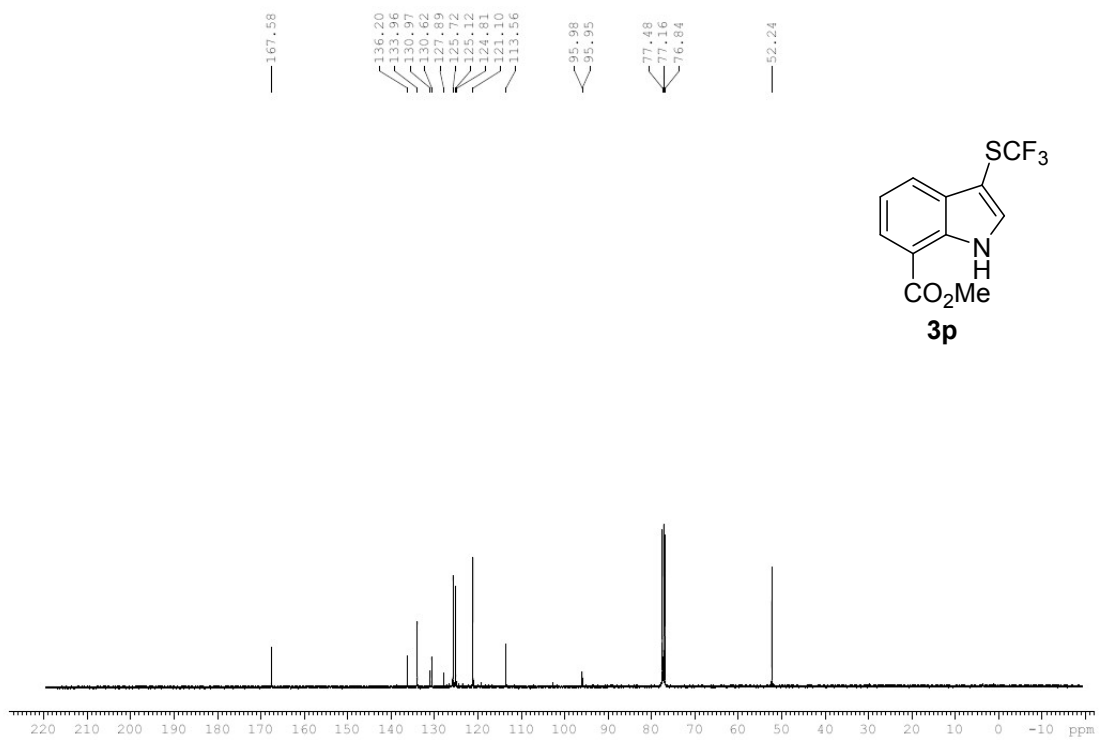
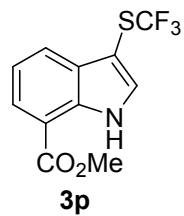
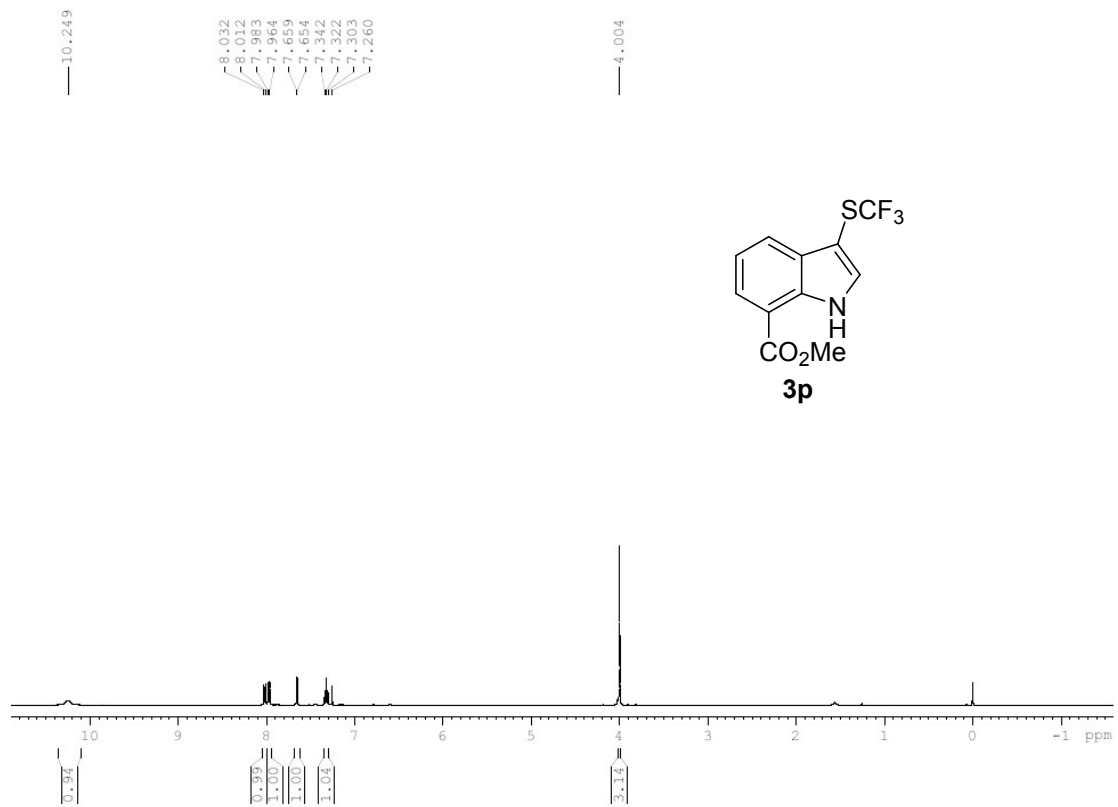


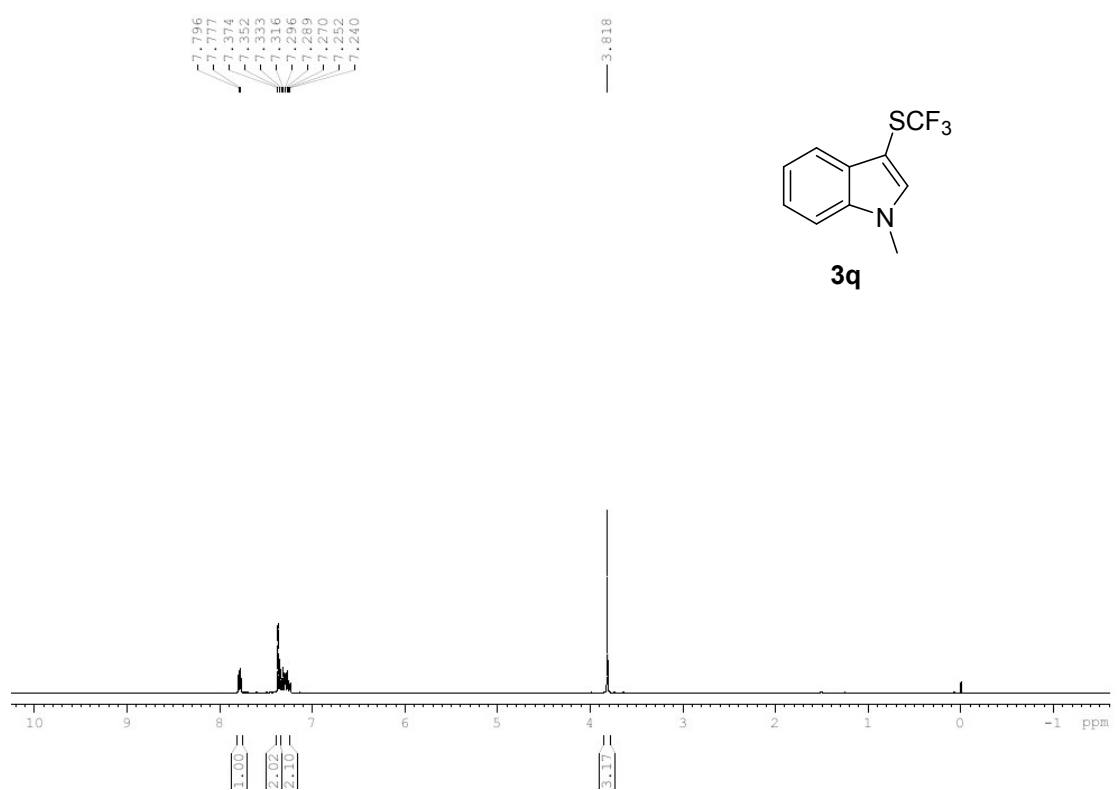
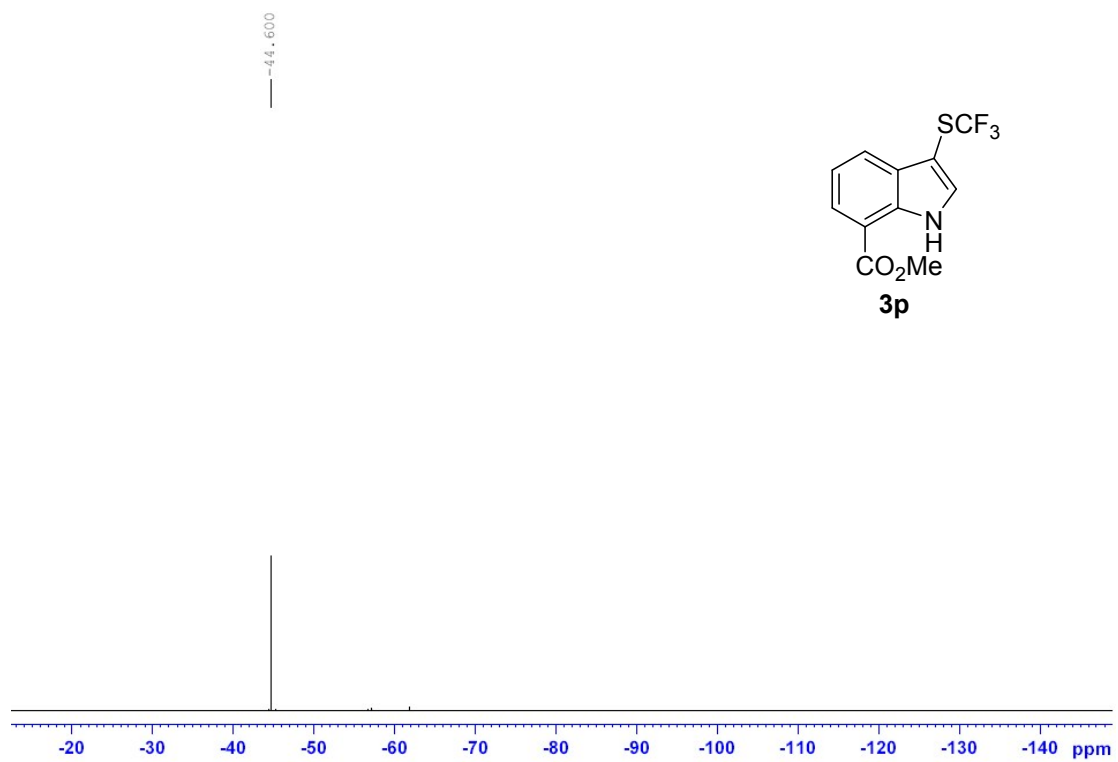


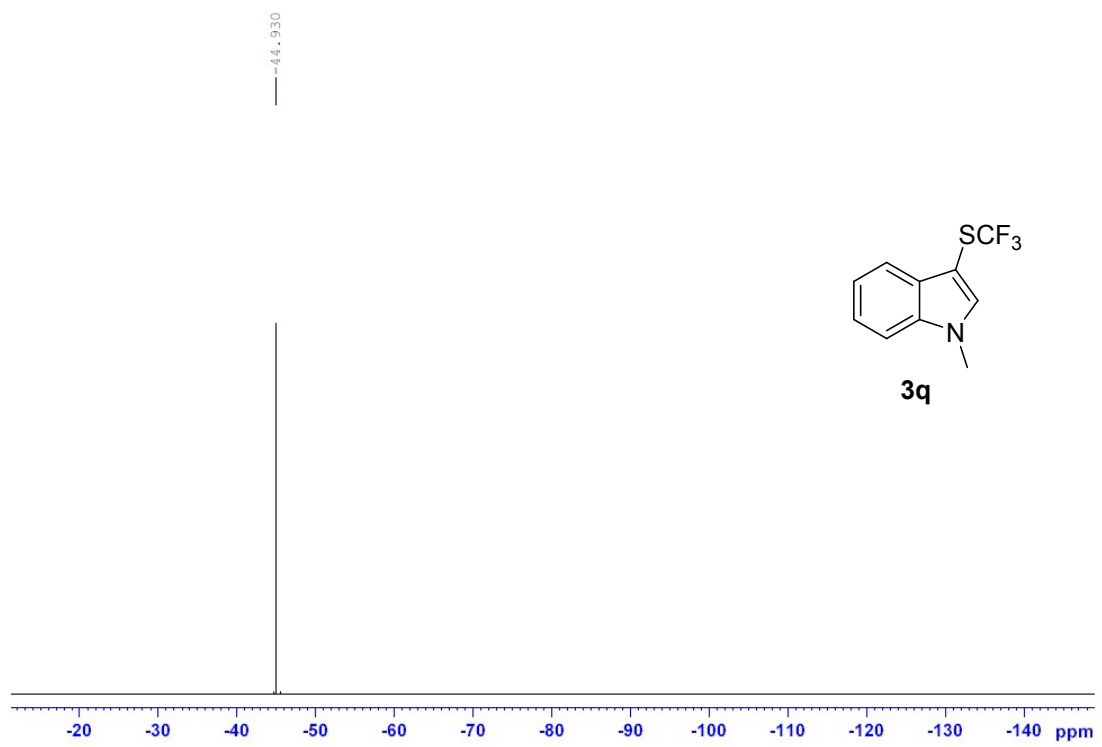
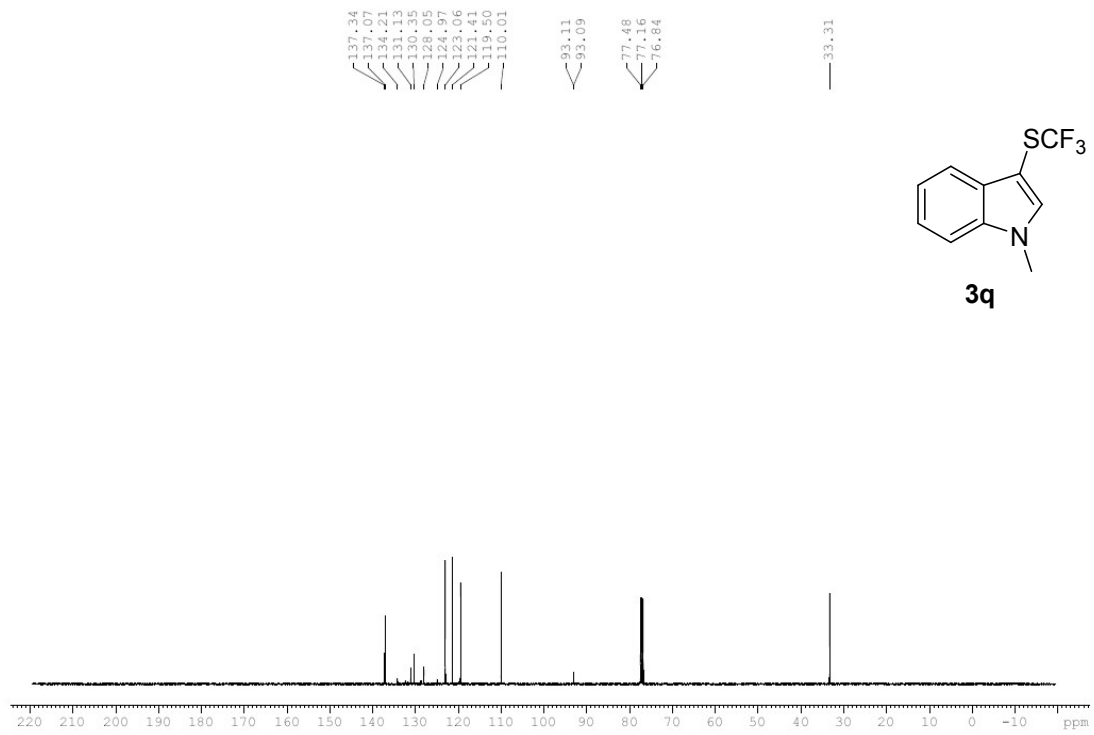




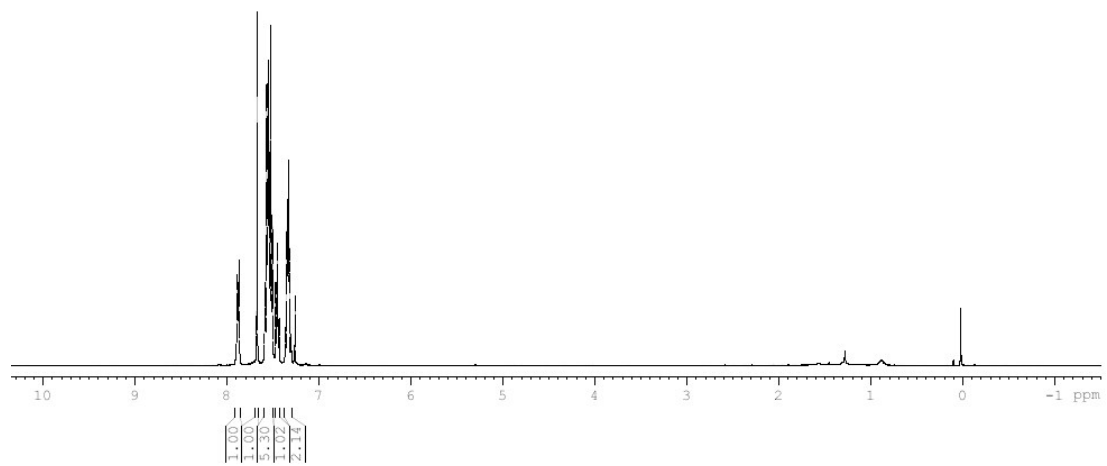
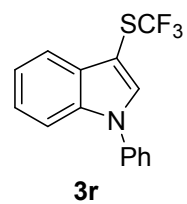




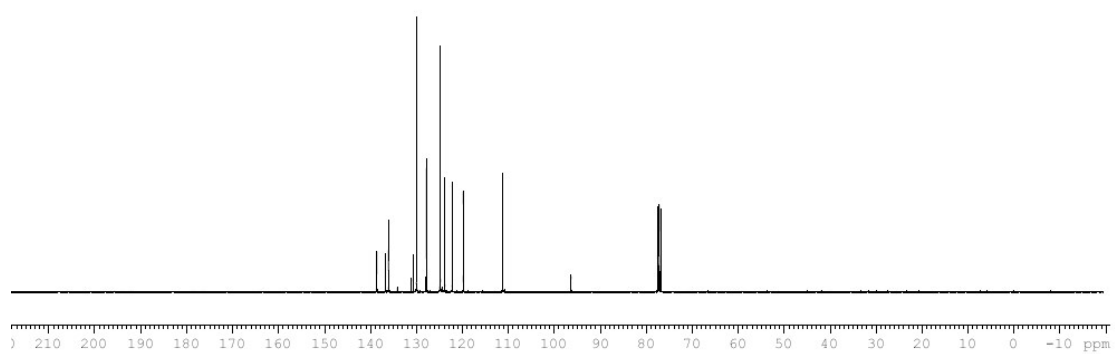
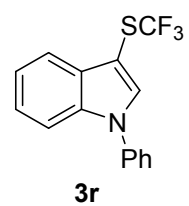


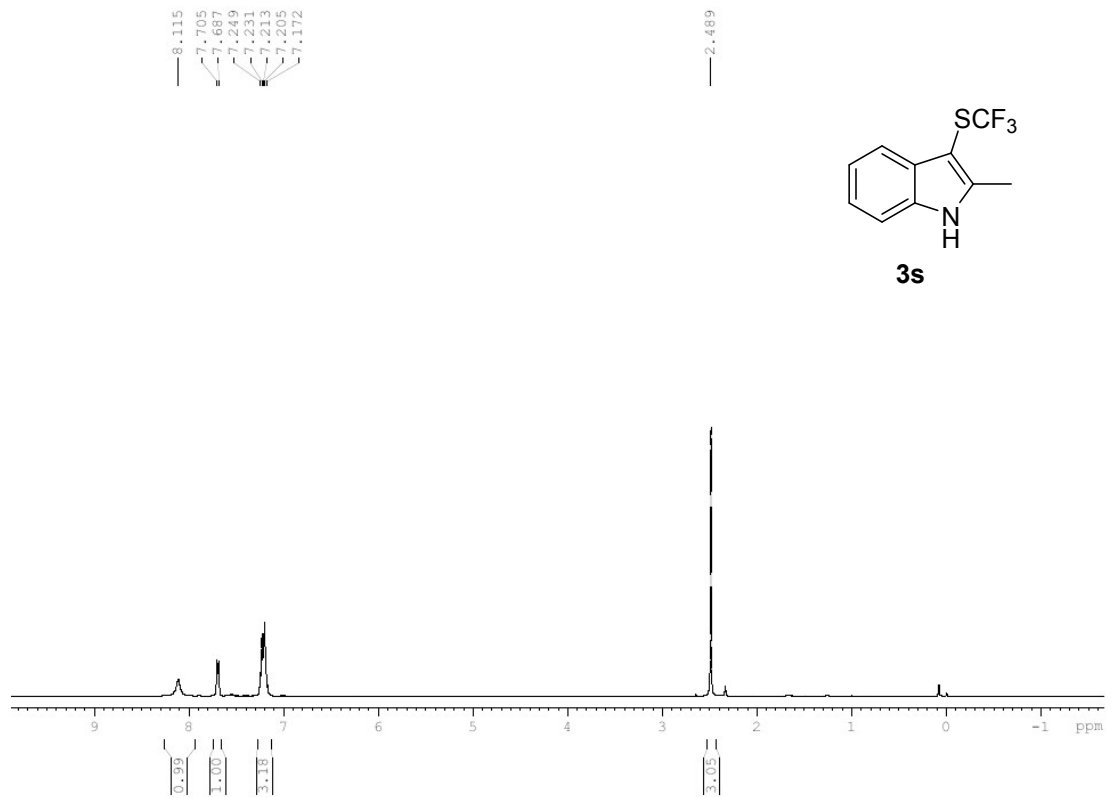
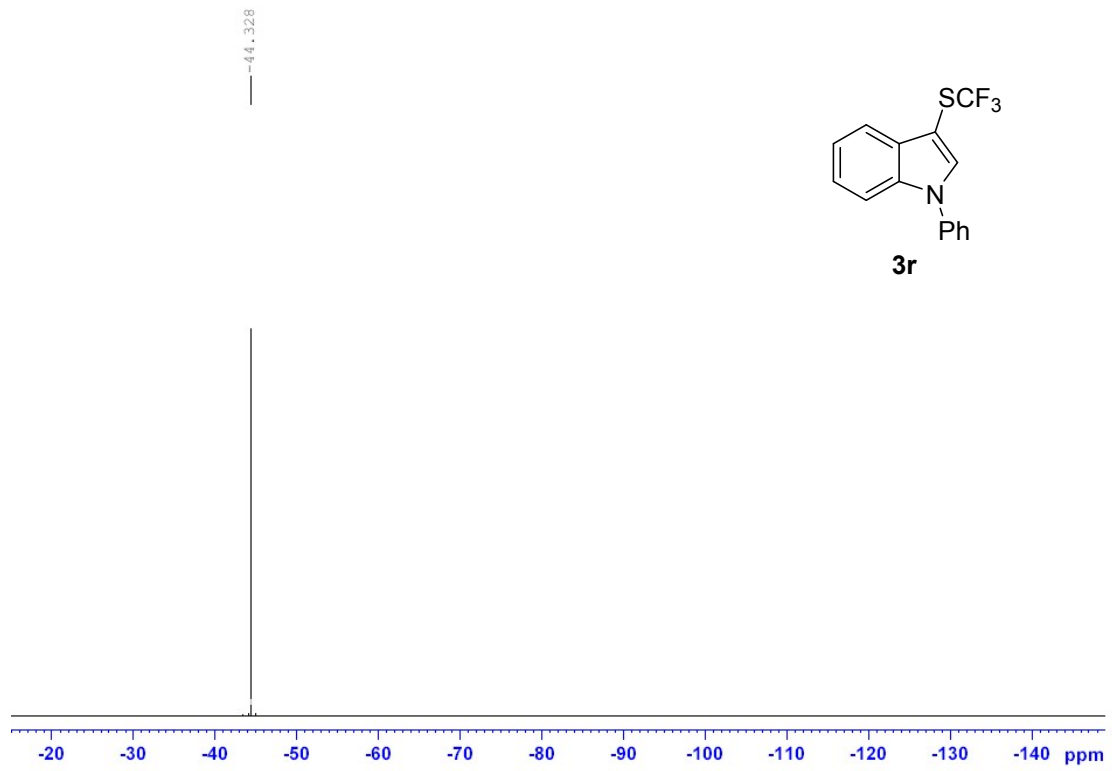


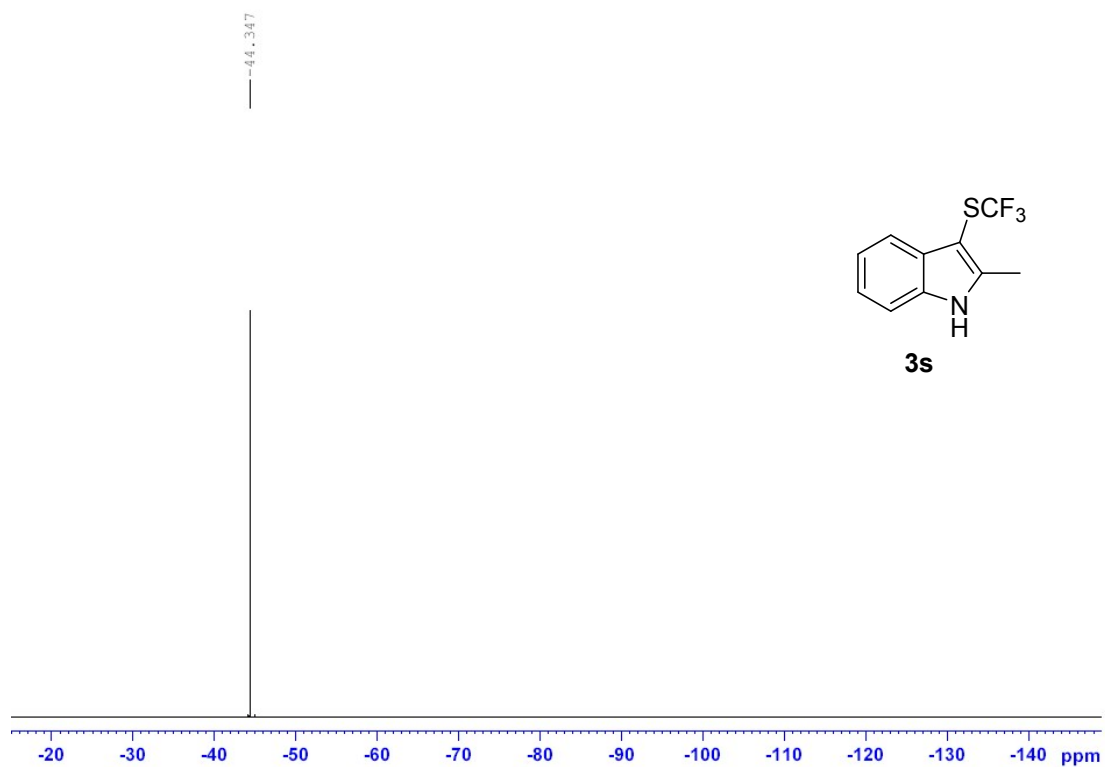
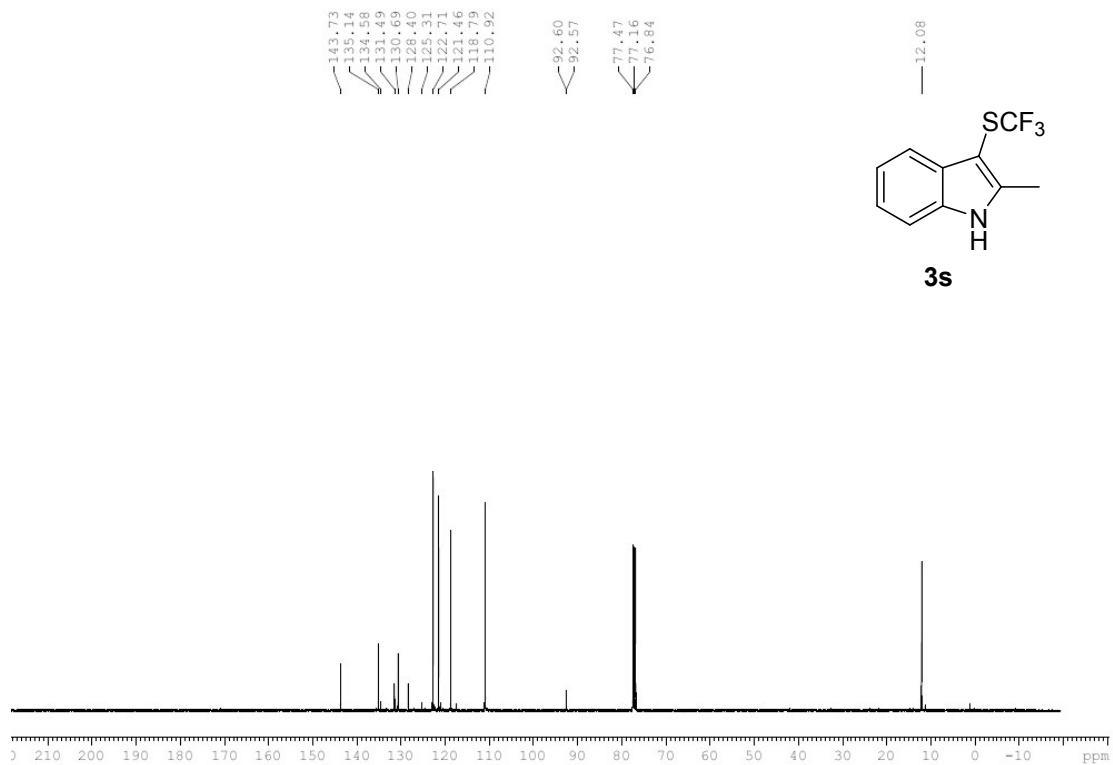
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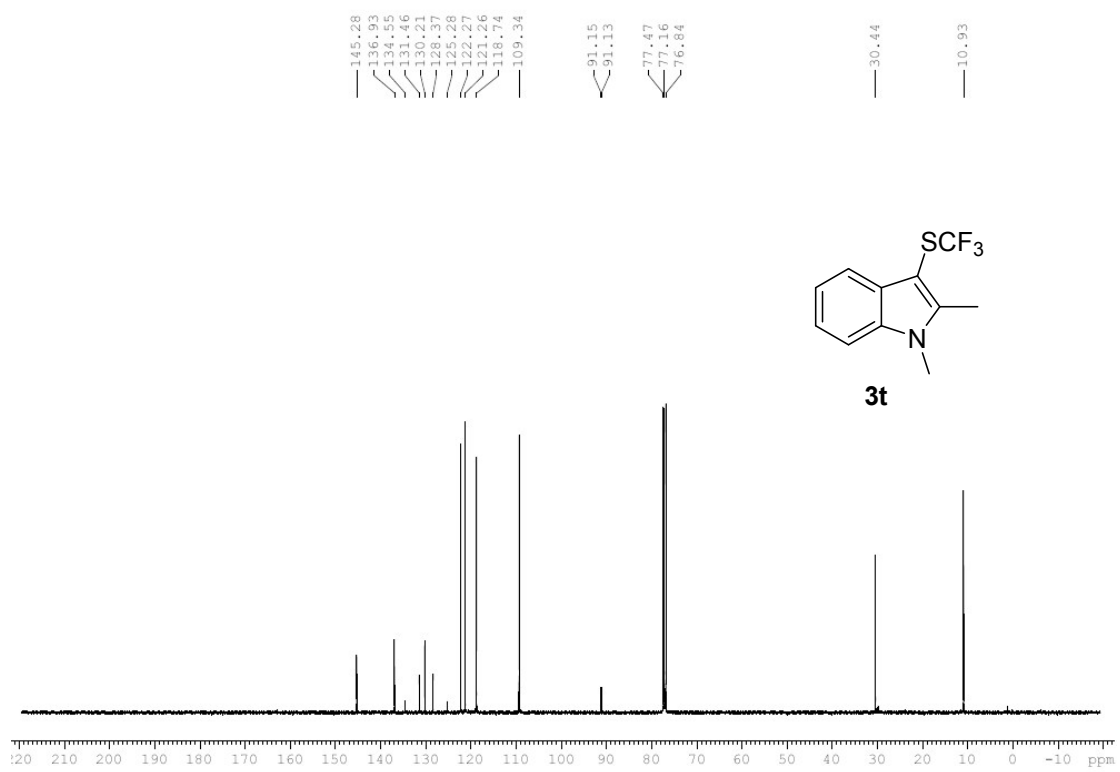
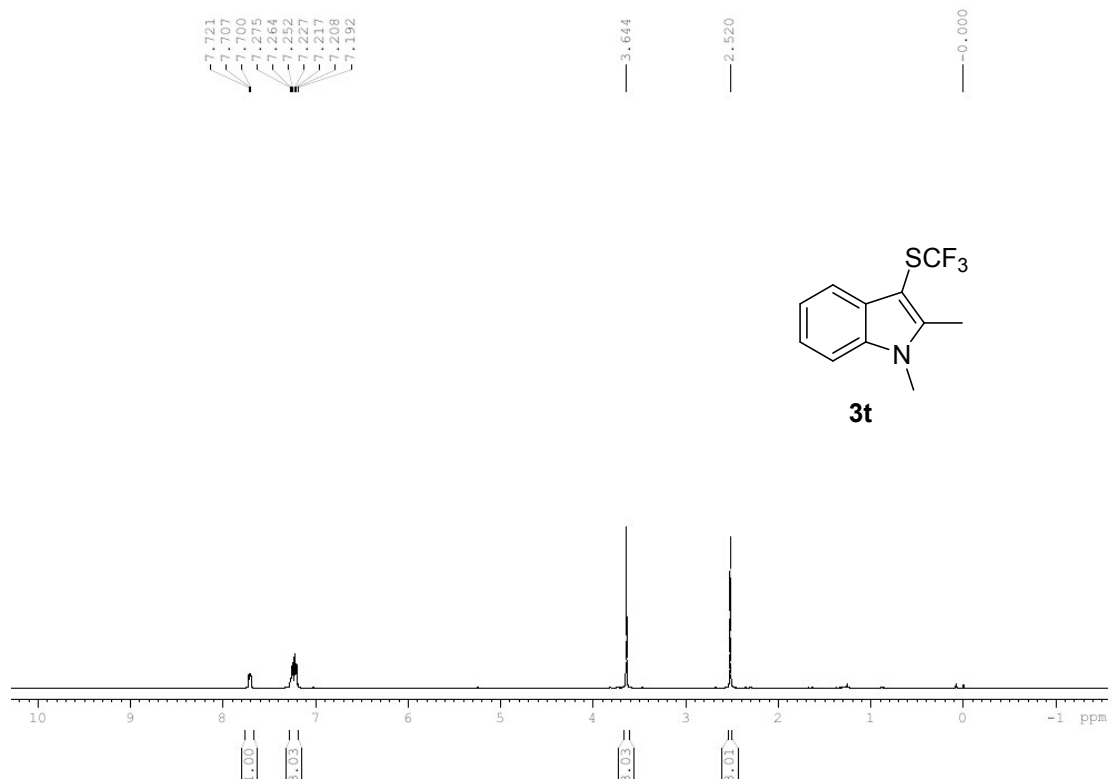


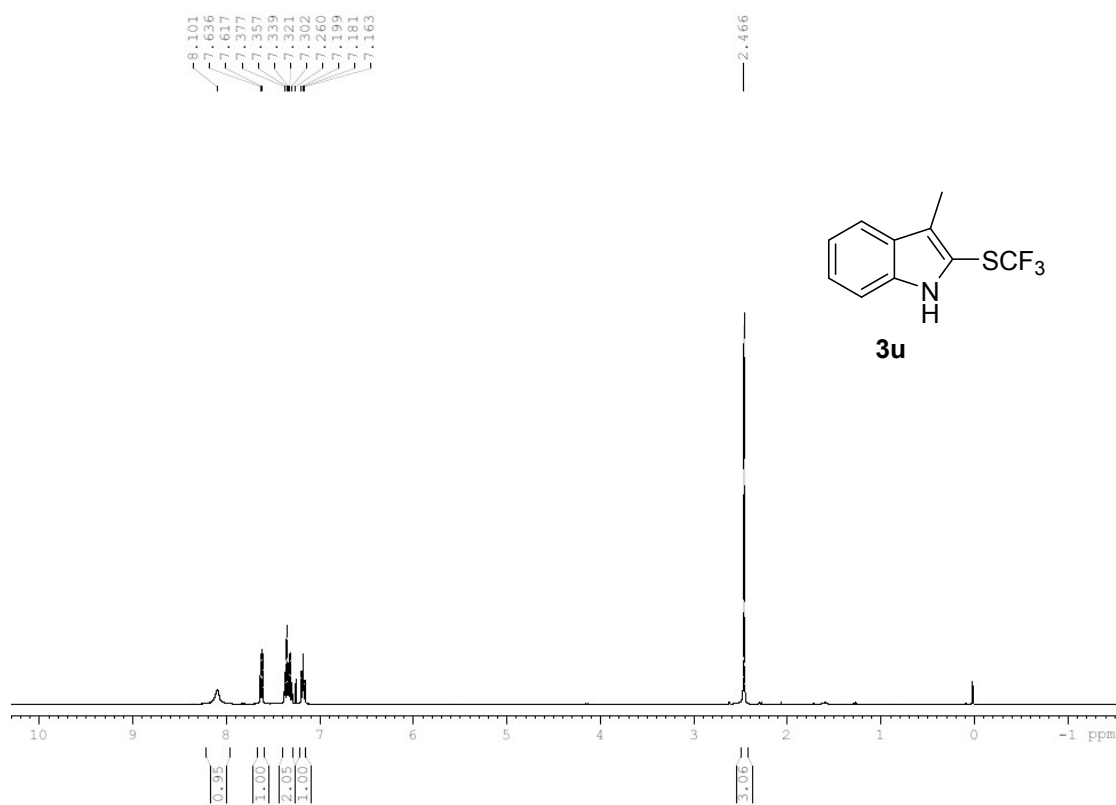
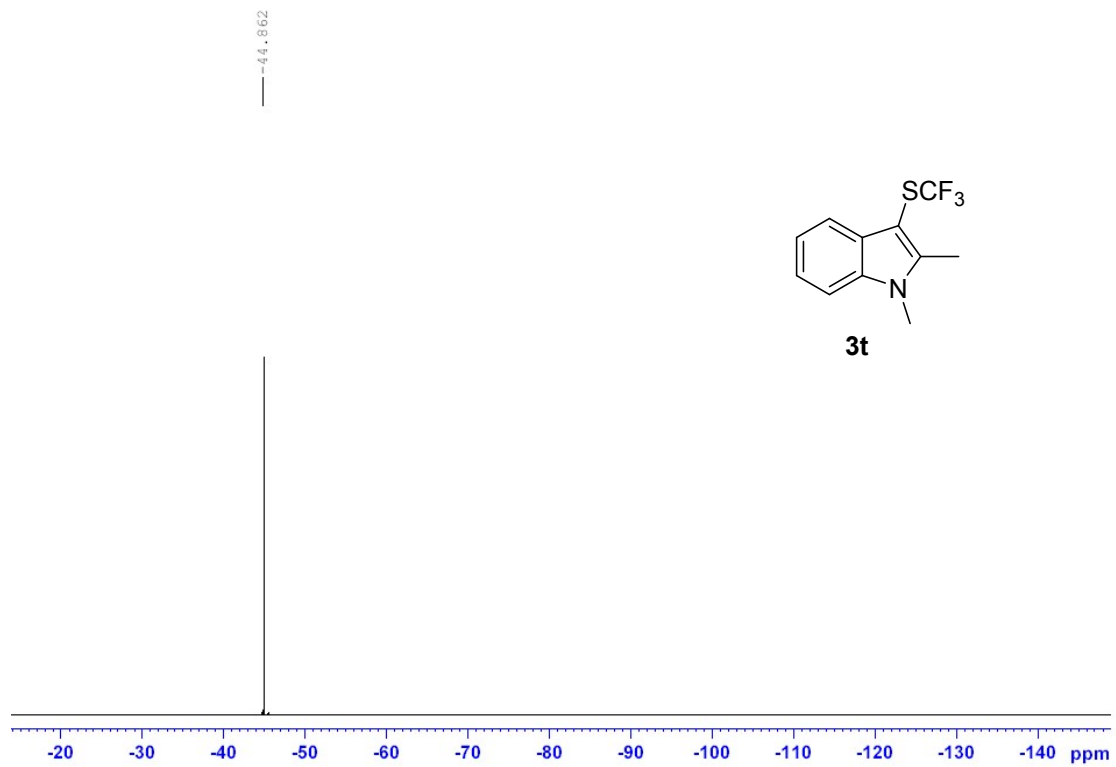
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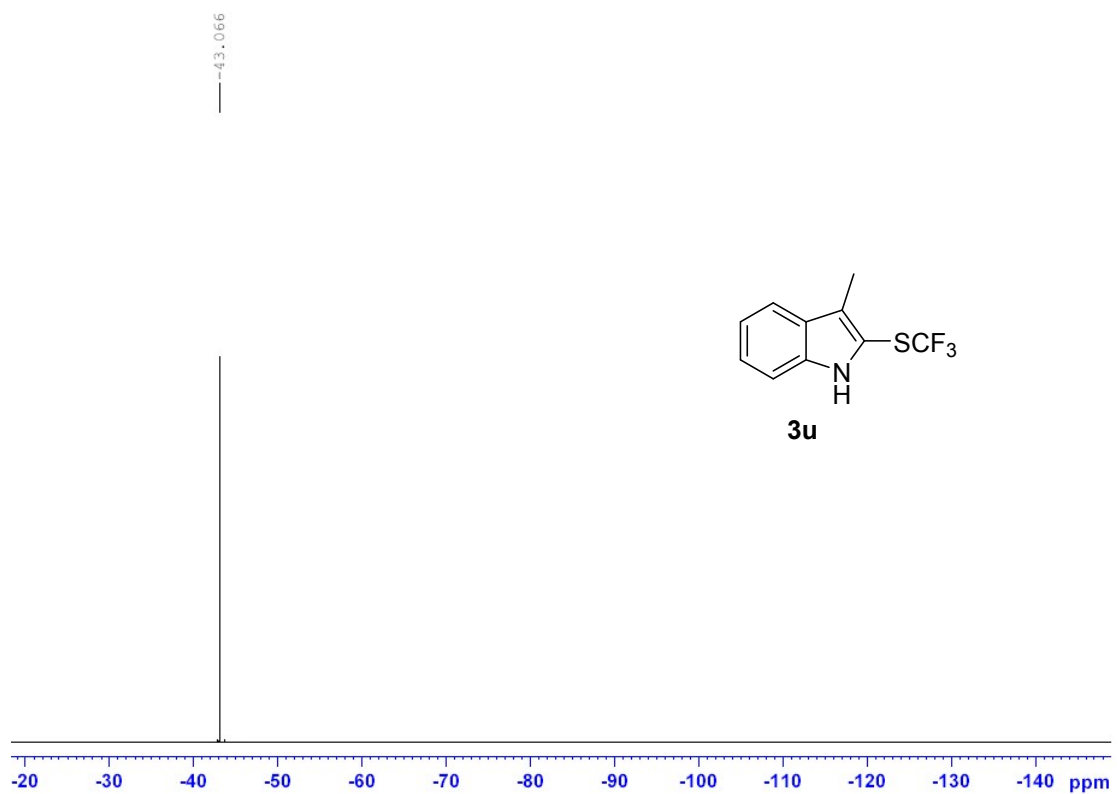
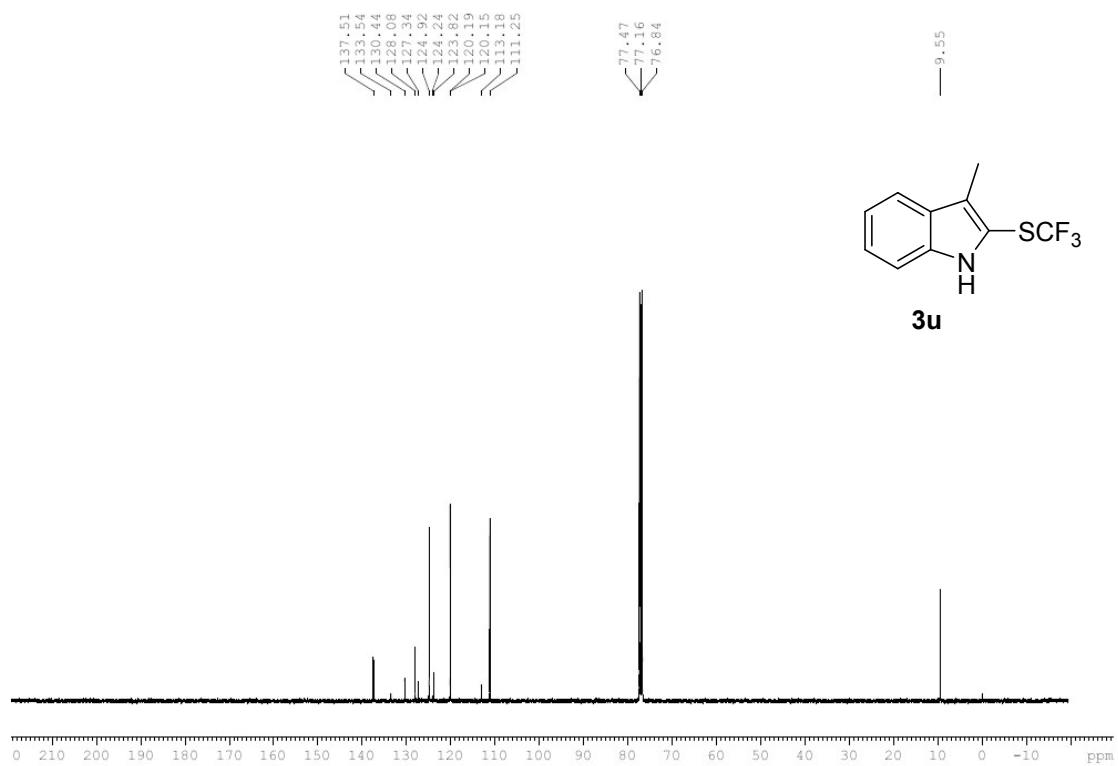


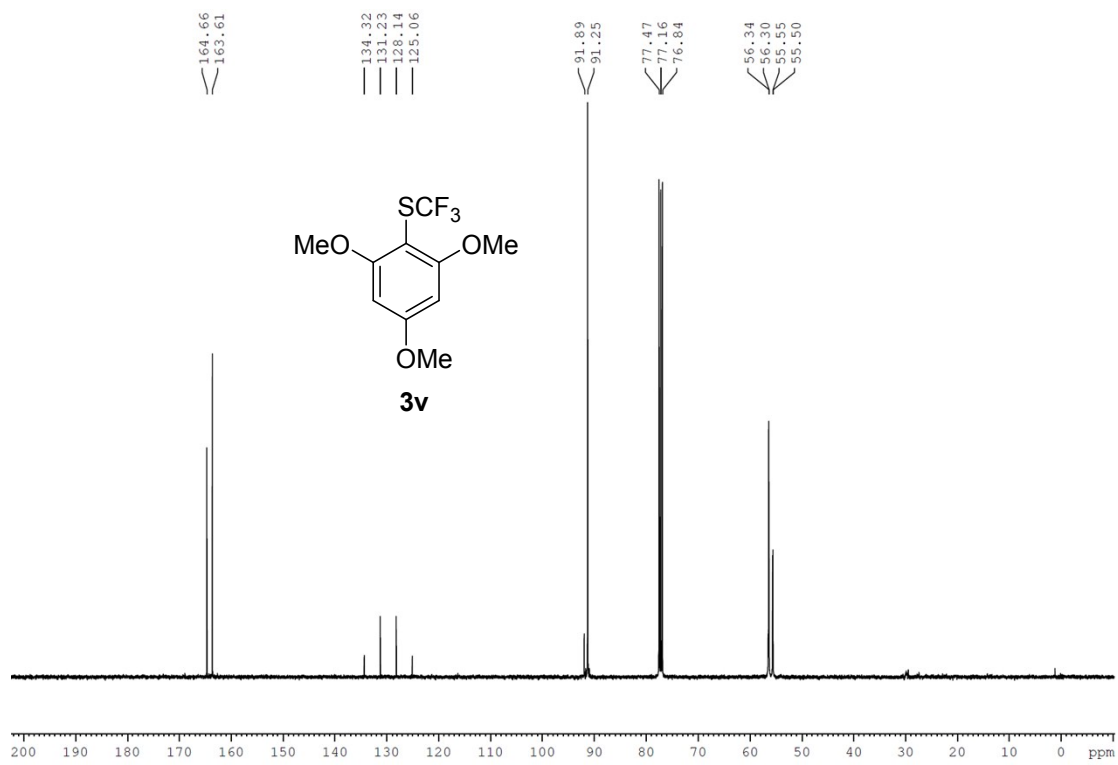
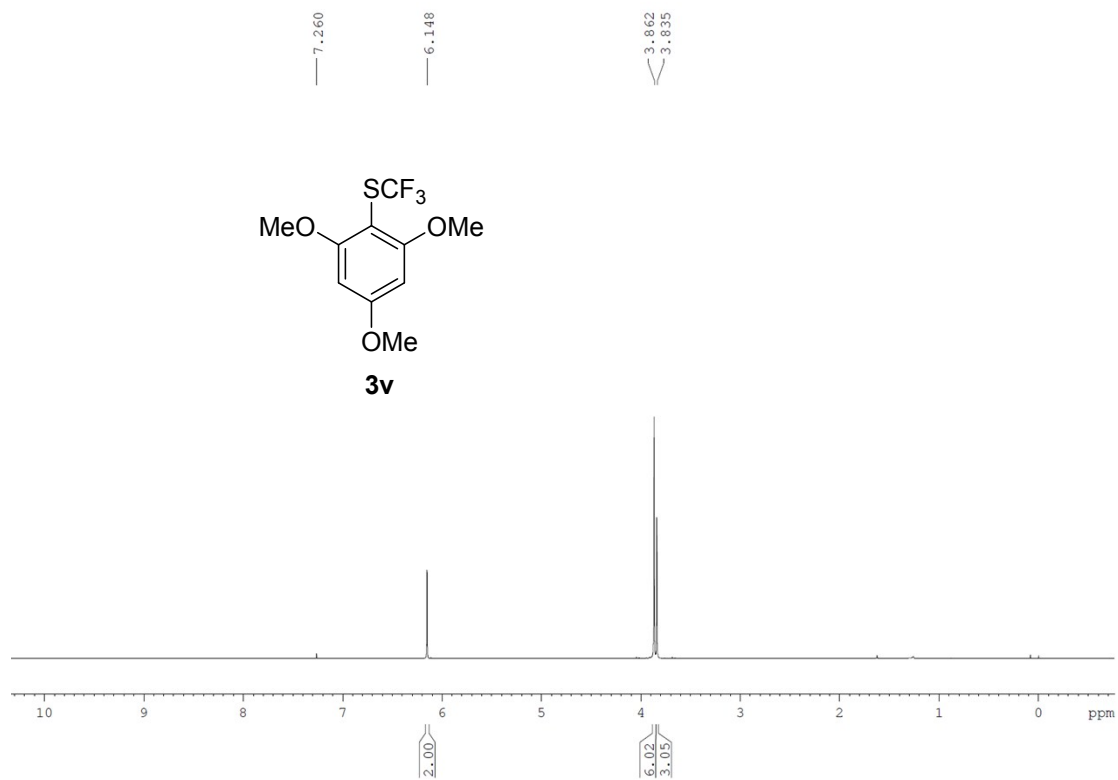


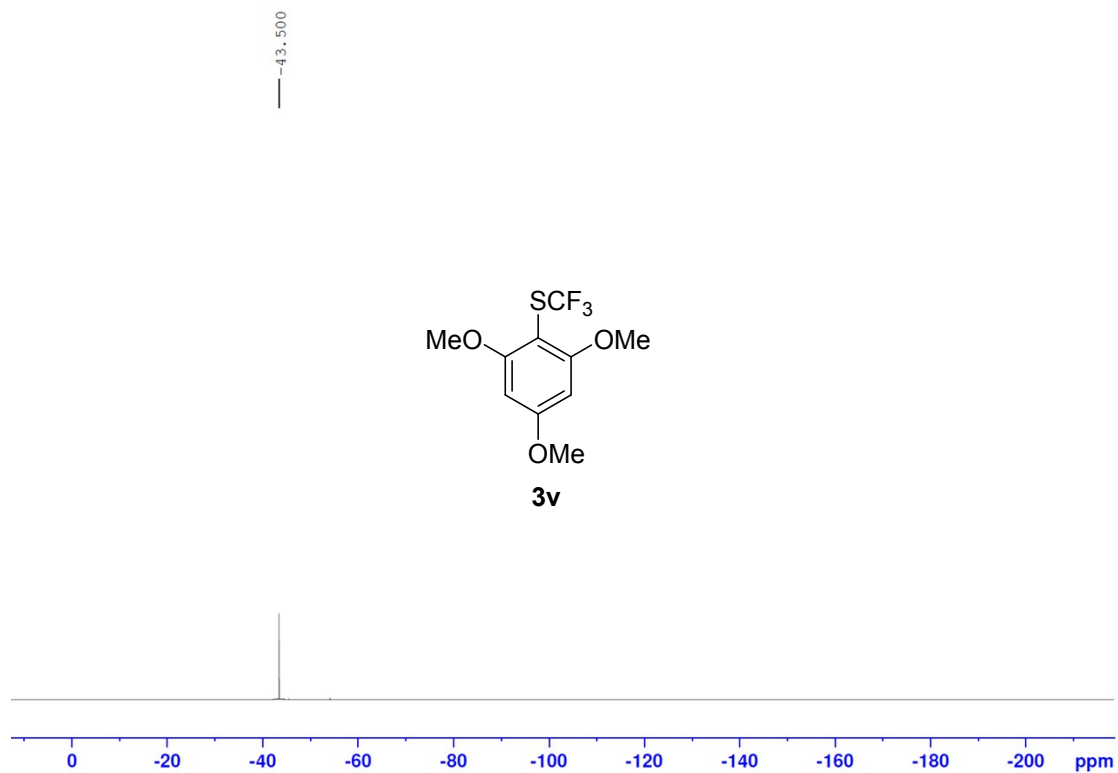




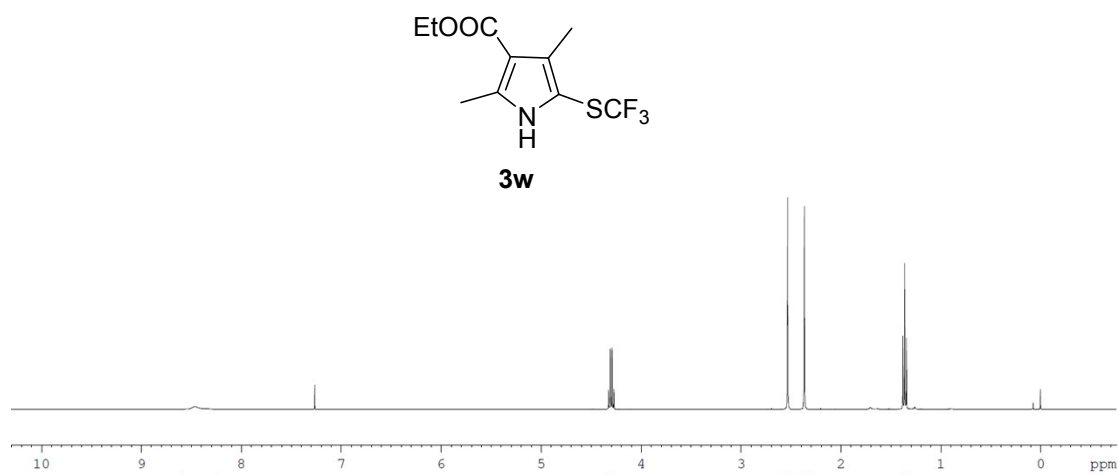








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