

## Supporting Information

### Trifluoromethyl-Substituted Selenium Ylide: A Broadly Applicable Electrophilic Trifluoromethylating Reagent

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**General information.** All reactions were maintained under an argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. All solvents were purified by standard methods.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra were acquired on 400 MHz, 125 MHz, 100 MHz, 375 MHz spectrometer (400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$ ; 101 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ; 375 MHz for  $^{19}\text{F}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to internal standard TMS at  $\delta$  0.0 ppm and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR chemical shifts were determined relative to fluorobenzene as inter standard. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants ( $J$ ) are in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. All reactions were monitored by TLC or  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR. Flash column chromatograph was carried out using 300-400 mesh silica gel at medium pressure.

**Materials.** All reagents were received from commercial sources. Solvents were freshly dried and degassed according to the purification handbook Purification of Laboratory Chemicals before using.

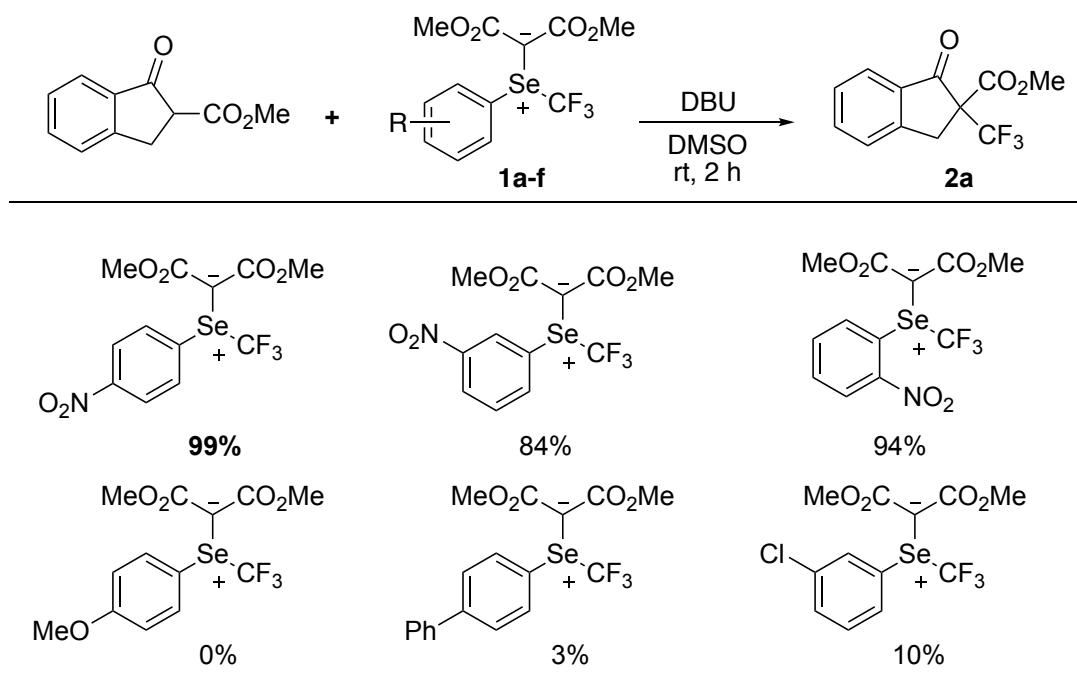
**Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the  $\beta$ -ketoester with reagent **1a**.<sup>a,b</sup>**

The reaction scheme shows the condensation of a substituted cyclopentanone (with a CO<sub>2</sub>Me group) and reagent **1a** (a selenocatalyst with a trifluoromethyl group) under condensation conditions (Cond.) to yield product **2a**.

entry	base	solvemt	yield (%)
1	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	70
2	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	74
3	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-
4	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	-
4	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	-
5	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	-
6	KO <i>t</i> Bu	DMSO	88
7	NaO <i>t</i> Bu	DMSO	53
8	KOH	DMSO	60
9	NaOH	DMSO	40
10	KePO <sub>4</sub>	DMSO	82
11	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	83
12	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	87
13	DBU	DMSO	>99
14	DMAP	DMSO	13
15	DABCO	DMSO	33
16	Et <sub>3</sub> N	DMSO	13
17	DBU	DMSO	86 <sup>c</sup>
18	DBU	DMSO	96 <sup>c,d</sup>

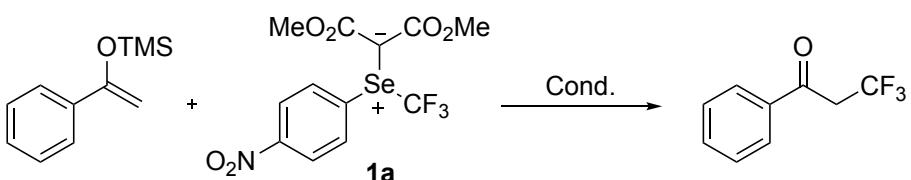
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: ketoester (0.05 mmol), reagent **1a** (0.06 mmol), base (0.1 mmol) in 1.0 mL of solvent at 40 °C for 1 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with an internal standard; <sup>c</sup>Reaction with DBU (0.06 mmol) at room temperature; <sup>d</sup>Reaction for 2 h.

**Table S2. Reactivity of different trifluoromethyl-substituted selenium ylides with  $\beta$ -ketoester.<sup>a,b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: ketoester (0.05 mmol), reagent **1a** (0.06 mmol), DBU (0.06 mmol) in DMSO (1.0 mL) at RT for 2 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with an internal standard.

**Table S3. Optimization of the reaction conditions for reaction of silyl enol ether with reagent **1a**.<sup>a,b</sup>**



The reaction scheme shows the condensation of a silyl enol ether (benzyl OTMS) with reagent **1a** (a selenocatalyst containing a nitrophenyl group and a bis(methoxycarbonyl)methylidene selenide moiety) under condensation conditions (Cond.) to yield a substituted benzyl ketone product.

entry	[CuX]	solvent	temp. (°C)	yield (%)
1	CuSCN	DMF	50	34
2	CuSCN	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	50	5
3	CuSCN	THF	50	1
4	CuSCN	Dioxane	50	1
5	CuSCN	NMP	50	38
6	CuSCN	DMAc	50	59
7	CuCl	DMAc	50	22
8	CuBr	DMAc	50	29
9	CuI	DMAc	50	59
10	CuTc	DMAc	50	32
11	Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	DMAc	50	20
12	CuSCN	DMAc	40	76
13	CuSCN	DMAc	30	12
14	CuSCN	DMAc	40	61 <sup>c</sup>
15	CuSCN	DMAc	40	8 <sup>d</sup>
16	CuSCN	DMAc	40	36 <sup>e</sup>
17	CuSCN	DMAc	40	40 <sup>f</sup>
18	CuSCN	DMAc	40	68 <sup>g</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: silyl enol ether (0.05 mmol), reagent **1a** (0.075 mmol), [CuX] (0.005 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL) at temperature indicated in the Table for 16 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with an internal standard; <sup>c</sup>Reagent **1a** (0.06 mmol) was used; <sup>d</sup>CuSCN (1.0 mol%) was used; <sup>e</sup>CuSCN (2.0 mol%) was used; <sup>f</sup>CuSCN (5.0 mol%) was used; <sup>g</sup>CuSCN (20.0 mol%) was used.

**Table S4. Optimization of the reaction conditions for copper-mediated trifluoromethylation of aryl boronic acid with reagent **1a**.<sup>a,b</sup>**

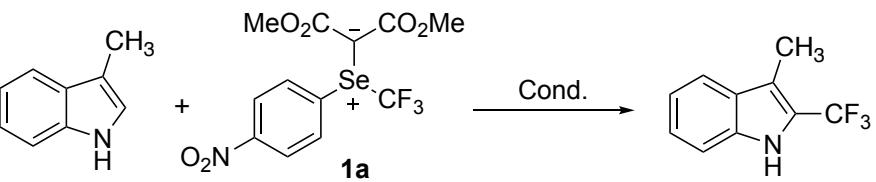
The reaction scheme shows the trifluoromethylation of phenylboronic acid (PhC6H4B(O)2) with reagent **1a** (O=[N+]([O-])c1ccc(Br)cc1[Se+]([O-])[C]([O-]C(=O)OC)C(F)(F)F) under condensation conditions (Cond.) to yield 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl (PhC6H4CF3).

entry	[CuX]	base	solvent	yield (%)
1	Cu	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	13
2	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	12
3	CuBr	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	50
4	CuI	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	23
5	CuSCN	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	52
6	CuTc	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	62
7	CuOTf	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	41
8	CuOAc	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	72
9	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	75
10	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	57
11	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	26
12	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	-
13	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	NMP	-
14	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DCE	8
15	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DCM	10
16	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Toluene	5
17	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Dioxane	4
18	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Diglyme	-
19	CuCl	NaOH	DMF	70
20	CuCl	KOH	DMF	54
21	CuCl	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	64
22	CuCl	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	74
23	CuCl	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	DMF	73
24	CuCl	KO <i>t</i> Bu	DMF	80
25	CuCl	NaO <i>t</i> Bu	DMF	60
26	CuCl	LiOH	DMF	64
27	CuCl	Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	54
28	CuCl	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	64
29	CuCl	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	98 <sup>c</sup>
30	CuCl	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	DMF	97 <sup>c,d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: arylboronic acid (0.05 mmol), reagent **1a** (0.1 mmol), base (0.1 mmol) in solvent (1.0 mL) at 50 °C for 12 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with an internal standard; <sup>c</sup>Reaction was conducted at room temperature;

<sup>d</sup>Reagent **1a** (0.075 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.04 mmol) were used.

**Table S5. Optimization of the reaction conditions for visible light promoted trifluoromethylation of indole with reagent **1a**.<sup>a,b</sup>**



entry	amine	solvent	yield (%)
1	DBU	DMSO	77
2	DBU	NMP	28
3	DBU	H <sub>2</sub> O	74
4	DBU	Tol	18
5	DBU	Dioxane	42
6	DBU	Et <sub>2</sub> O	47
7	DBU	DMA	37
8	DBU	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	85
9	Et <sub>3</sub> N	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	58
10	DIEA	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	16
11	DABCO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	97
12	DMAP	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	27
13	<i>N</i> -Methylaniline	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	33
14	NMM	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	63
15	DABCO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	89
16	DABCO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	88 <sup>c</sup>
17	-	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	40
18	DABCO	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<1 <sup>c,d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 3-methylindole (0.05 mmol), reagent **1a** (0.075 mmol), amine (0.075 mmol) in 1.0 mL of solvent under irradiation of blue LED light at room temperature for 12 h;

<sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with an internal standard; <sup>c</sup>Reagent **1a** (0.06 mmol) was used; <sup>d</sup>In the absence of blue LED light.

**Table S6. Optimisation of the reaction conditions for visible light promoted trifluoromethylation of sodium benzenesulfinate with reagent **1a**.<sup>a,b</sup>**

entry	solvent	yield (%)
1	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-
2	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-
3	THF	-
4	H <sub>2</sub> O	-
5	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	-
6	DMF	28
7	DMF	95 <sup>c</sup>
8	DMSO	82
9	DMSO	>99 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: sodium arylsulfonate (0.05 mmol), reagent **1a** (0.06 mmol) in 1.0 mL of solvent for 12 h; <sup>b</sup>Yields were determined by <sup>19</sup>F NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture with an internal standard; <sup>c</sup>Under irradiation of blue LED light.

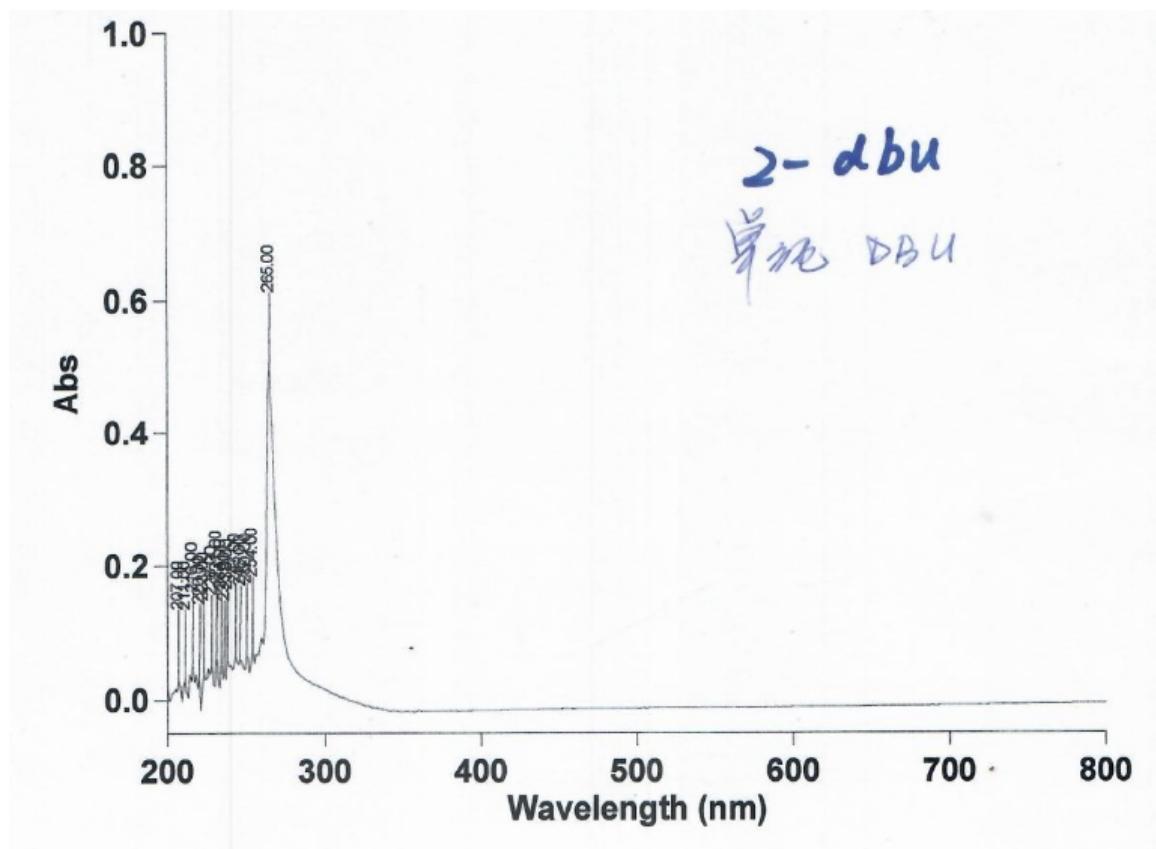


Figure S1. UV-Visible absorption spectrum of DBU in DMF ( $\lambda_{\max} = 265$  nm).

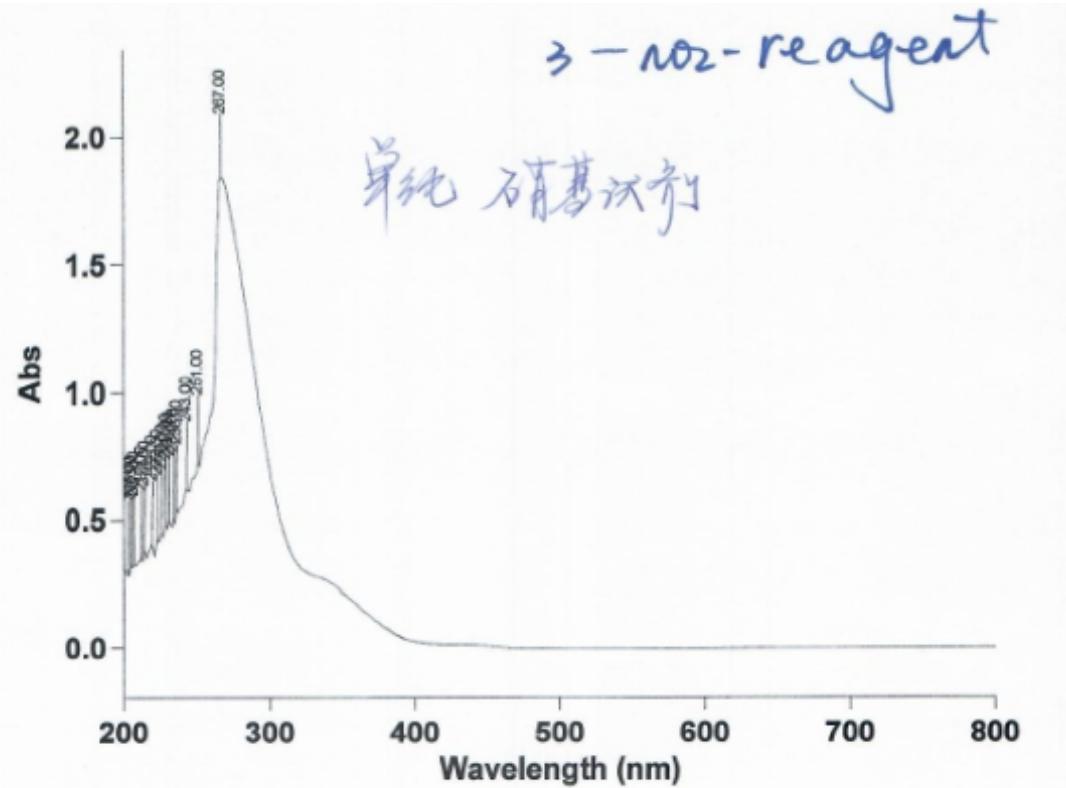
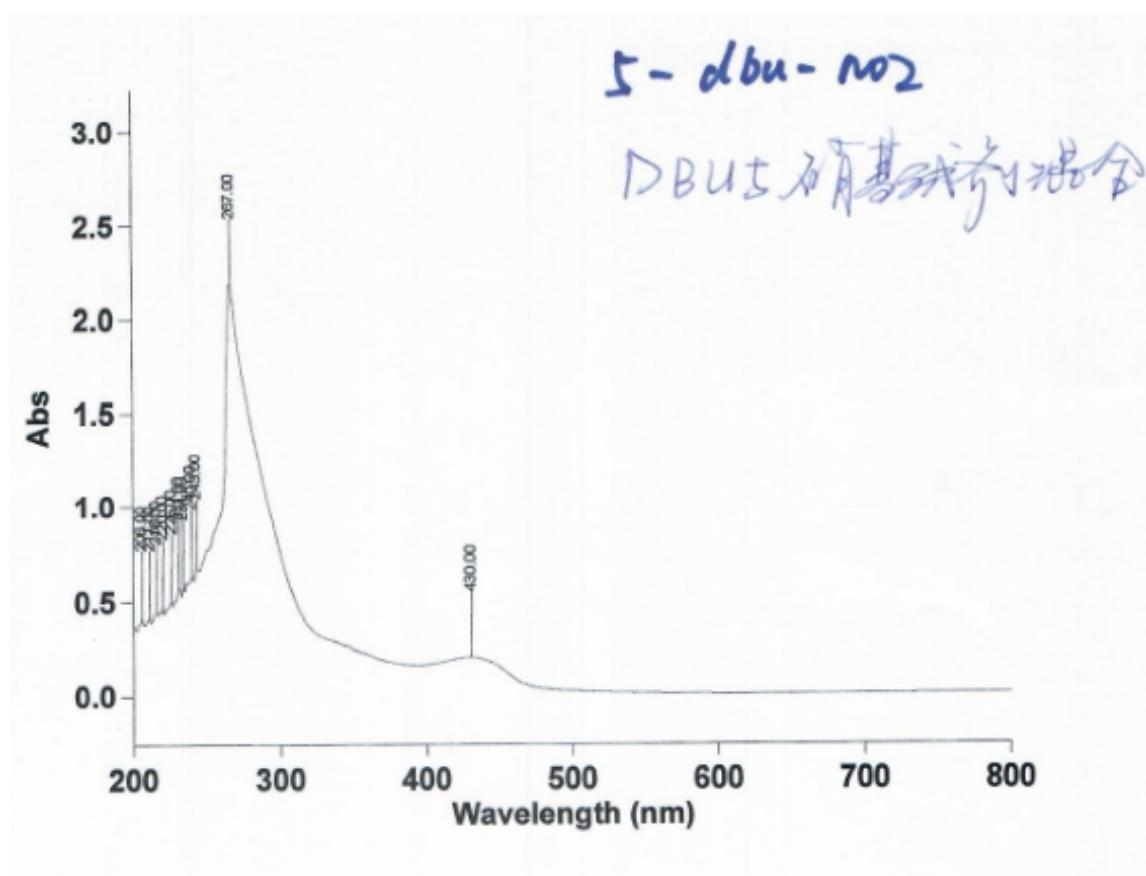


Figure S2. UV-Visible absorption spectrum of reagent 1a in DMF ( $\lambda_{\max} = 267$  nm).



**Figure S3.** UV-Visible absorption spectrum of reagent 1a with 1.0 equivalent of DBU in DMF ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 267, 430 \text{ nm}$ ).

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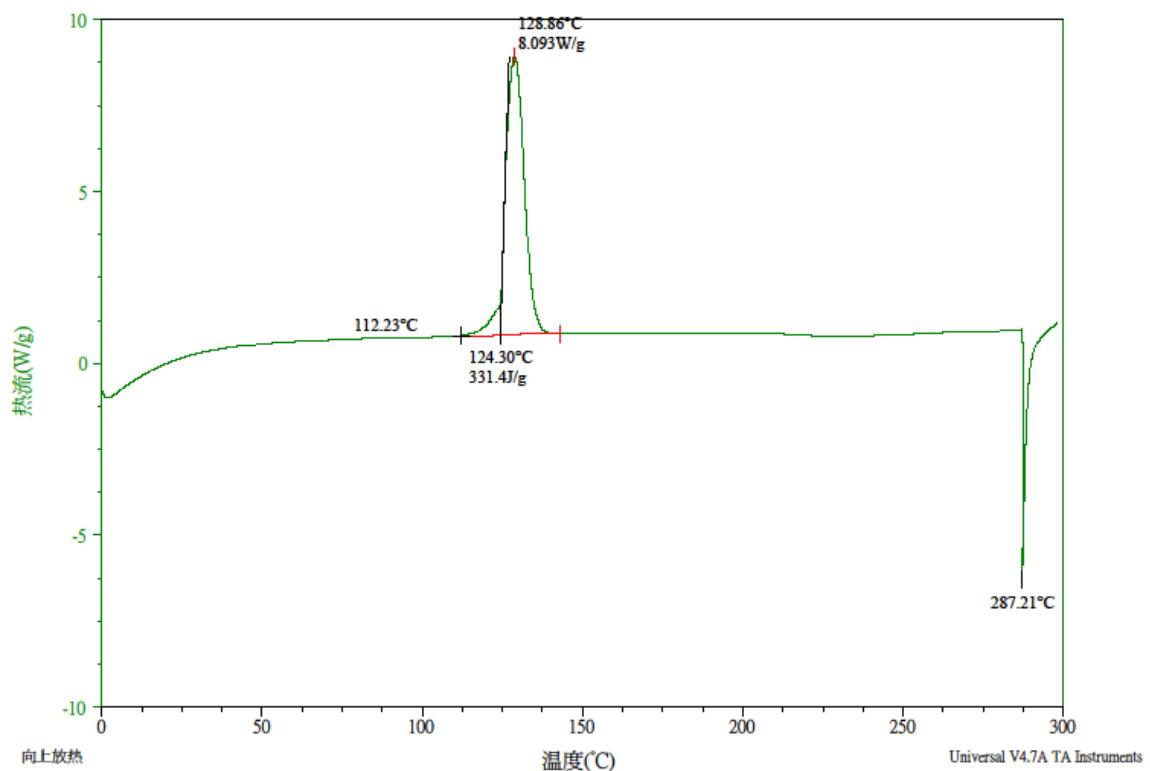


Figure S4. Differential scanning calorimeter spectrum of Reagent 1a

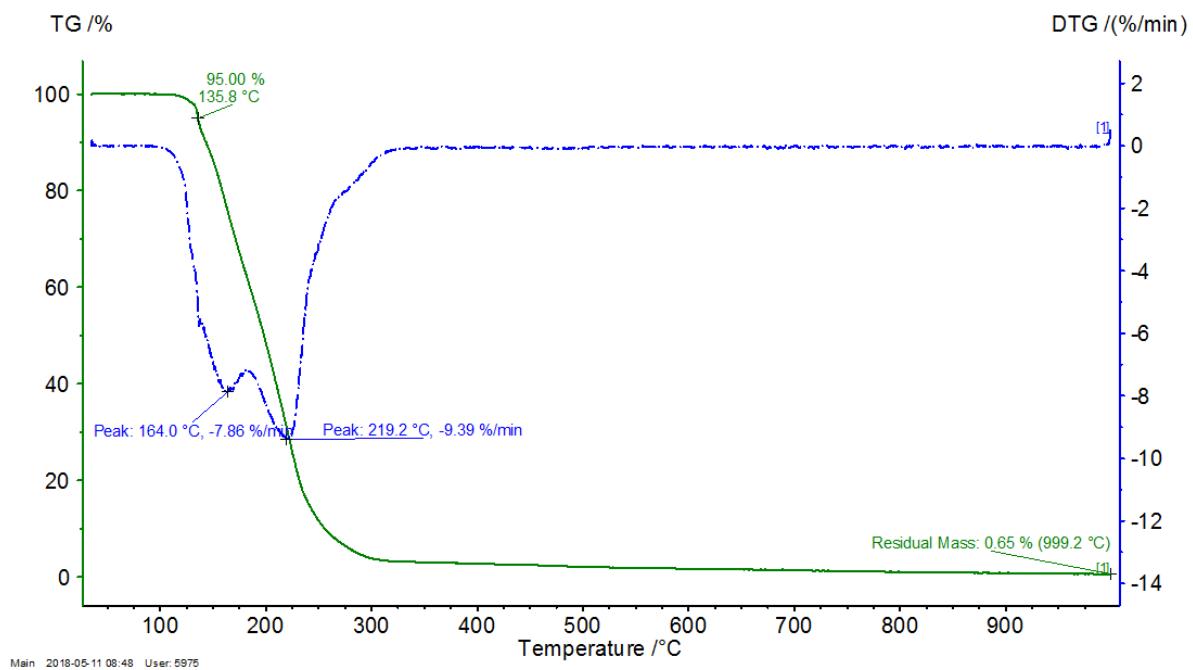
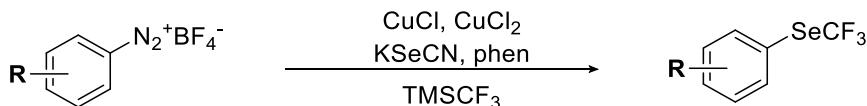


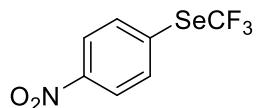
Figure S5. Thermogravimetric Analysis of Reagent 1a.

**General procedure for the preparation of aryl trifluoromethylselenoether**



An oven-dried reaction tube equipped with a stirring bar and a septum was loaded with dry  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (3.56 g, 10.5 mmol, 1.50 equiv.),  $\text{CuCl}$  (71 mg, 0.70 mmol, 0.10 equiv.),  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (96 mg, 0.70 mmol, 0.10 equiv.), 1,10-phenanthroline (128 mg, 0.700 mmol, 0.100 equiv.) and  $\text{KSeCN}$  (1.53 g, 10.5 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) in a glove box. The tube was closed with a septum and removed from the glove box. Anhydrous  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (30.0 mL) was added via syringe into the reaction tube and the mixture was quickly cooled down to  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ , followed by vigorous stirring for 5 min. Subsequently, a solution of aryl diazonium tetrafluoroborate (7.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (30.0 mL) was dropwise added. After stirring at  $-25^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min and at room temperature for 10 min, 2.0 mL of  $\text{TMSCF}_3$  (14.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added by syringe and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The resulting mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the desired product.

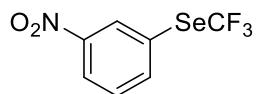
**4-Trifluoromethylseleno-nitrobenzene<sup>1</sup>**



Yellow solid (1.55 g, 82%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 5.1$  Hz, 2 H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -34.75 (s, 3 F).

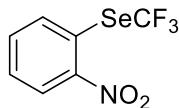
**3-Trifluoromethylseleno-nitrobenzene<sup>1</sup>**



Yellow oil (1.27 g, 67%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.62 (s, 1 H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 8.08 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.62 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -35.35 (s, 3 F).

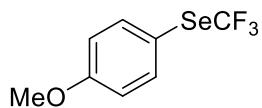
### **2-Trifluoromethylseleno-nitrobenzene<sup>1</sup>**



Yellow oil (248 mg, 13%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -37.02 (s, 3 F).

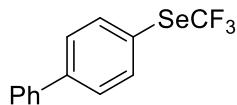
### **4-Trifluoromethylseleno-anisole<sup>1</sup>**



Colorless oil (1.39 g, 78%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -37.19 (s, 3 F).

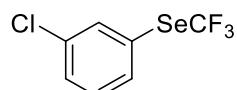
### **4-Trifluoromethylseleno-biphenyl<sup>1</sup>**



White solid (1.52 g, 72%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 – 7.56 (m, 4 H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.42 - 7.37 (m, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -36.09 (s, 3 F).

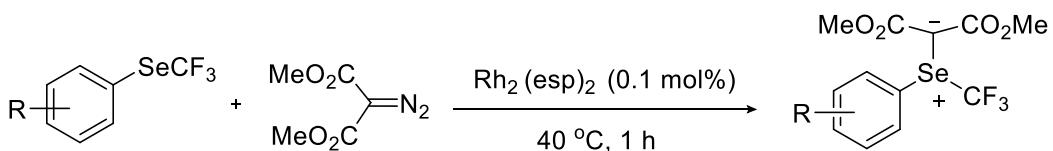
### **3-Trifluoromethylseleno-chlorobenzene<sup>1</sup>**



Colorless oil (1.52 g, 72%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.75 (s, 1 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -36.11 (s, 3 F).

**General procedure for the preparation of selenium ylides **1a-f**.**

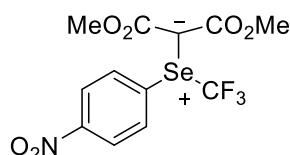


Aryl trifluoromethylselenoether (1.00 equiv.),  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$  (0.1 mol%) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under Ar. A solution of diazomalonate (1.90 g, 1.20 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20.0 mL) was added slowly during a period of 30 min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*.

**Method A.** The residue was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether: ethyl acetate = 1:1) to afford compounds **1a** and **1d**.

**Method B.** The residue was purified by recrystallization from layering a solution of the residue in dichloromethane with diethyl ether to afford compounds **1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1e** and **1f**.

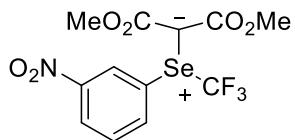
**Trifluoromethyl-(4-nitrophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1a****



4-Trifluoromethylselenonitrobenzene (2.70 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.),  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$  (7.6 mg, 0.10 mol%) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (80.0 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. A solution of diazomalonate (1.90 g, 12.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20.0 mL) was added slowly during a period of 30 min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give trifluoromethyl-(4-nitrophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1a** as a yellow solid (3.64 g, 91%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 ( $R_f$  = 0.5). Mp: 113-115 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -48.32 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  166.08, 150.58, 133.92, 130.30, 125.66, 120.84 (q,  $J$  = 358.8 Hz), 65.68, 52.16 ppm. MS (ESI): 402.0 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for **S14**

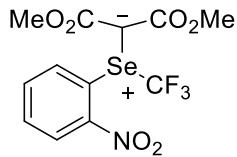
$C_{12}H_{11}O_6NF_3^{74}Se$ : 395.9757 ( $M^++H$ ), Found: 395.9758. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max} = 3105, 1523, 1349, 1239, 1074\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}O_6NF_3Se$ : C, 36.02; H, 2.52; N, 3.50; Found: C, 36.28; H, 2.68; N, 3.37.

### Trifluoromethyl-3-nitrophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1b**



3-Trifluoromethylseleno-nitrobenzene (1.27 g, 4.70 mmol, 1.00 equiv.),  $Rh_2(esp)_2$  (3.6 mg, 0.10 mol%) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40.0 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. A solution of diazomalonate (891 mg, 5.64 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10.0 mL) was added slowly for 30 min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*. The product was purified by **Method B** to give trifluoromethyl-3-nitrophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1b** as a grey solid (860 mg, 46%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ). Mp: 127-128 °C.  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.48 - 8.45 (m, 2 H), 7.98 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.81 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (s, 6 H);  $^{19}F$  NMR (375 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -43.71 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  166.09, 149.39, 134.70, 131.86, 129.15, 127.50, 124.48, 120.82 (q,  $J = 358.7$  Hz), 65.53, 52.15 ppm. MS (ESI): 401.9 ( $M^++H$ ); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}O_6NF_3Se$ : 401.9698 ( $M^++H$ ), Found: 401.9695. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max} = 3068, 1609, 1297, 1051\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}O_6NF_3Se$ : C, 36.02; H, 2.52; N, 3.50; Found: C, 36.40; H, 2.76; N, 3.76.

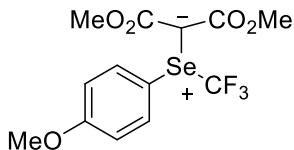
### Trifluoromethyl-(2-nitrophenyl) bis(carbomethoxy) methylide **1c**



2-Trifluoromethylseleno-nitrobenzene (248 mg, 0.920 mmol, 1.00 equiv.),  $Rh_2(esp)_2$  (0.7 mg, 0.1 mol%) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (7.0 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. A solution of diazomalonate (174 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.0 mL) was added slowly during a period of 30

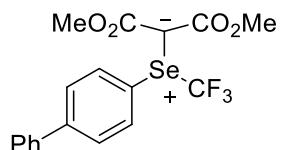
min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*. The product was purified by **Method B** to give trifluoromethyl-(2-nitrophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1c** as a yellow solid (167 mg, 45%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ). Mp: 115-116 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.52 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.6$  Hz, 1 H), 7.99 - 7.96 (m, 1 H), 7.94 - 7.84 (m, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -42.73 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  166.43, 146.58, 135.99, 134.08, 132.64, 126.97, 123.19, 120.72 (q,  $J = 357.4$  Hz), 65.49, 51.89 ppm. MS (ESI): 401.9 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_6\text{NF}_3\text{Se}$ : 401.9698 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ), Found: 401.9697. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1685, 1538, 1348, 1183, 1067 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_6\text{NF}_3\text{Se}$ : C, 36.02; H, 2.52; N, 3.50; Found: C, 36.26; H, 2.68; N, 3.49.

### Trifluoromethyl-(4-methoxylphenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1d**



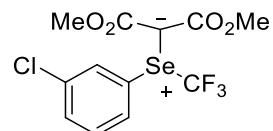
4-Trifluoromethylseleno-anisole (2.55 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.),  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$  (7.6 mg, 0.10 mol%) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (80.0 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. A solution of diazomalonate (1.90 g, 12.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (30.0 mL) was added slowly during a period of 30 min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*. The product was purified by **Method A** to give trifluoromethyl-(4-methoxylphenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1d** as a pale yellow oil (2.36 g, 61%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 ( $R_f = 0.6$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.59 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 7.05 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.71 (s, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -45.95 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  166.37, 163.30, 131.17, 120.69 (q,  $J = 357.2$  Hz), 117.28, 116.34, 65.54, 55.90, 51.60 ppm. MS (ESI): 386.9 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{F}_3^{74}\text{Se}$ : 381.0014 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ), Found: 381.0013. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1682, 1626, 1328, 1080, 1061 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}$ : C, 40.54; H, 3.40; Found: C, 40.87; H, 3.74.

### Trifluoromethyl-(4-biphenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1e**



4-Trifluoromethylseleno-biphenyl (1.50 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (3.8 mg, 0.1 mol%) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40.0 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. A solution of diazomalonate (948 mg, 6.00 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mL) was added slowly during a period of 30 min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*. The product was purified by **Method B** to give trifluoromethyl-(4-biphenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1e** as a white solid (1.56 g, 73%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 ( $R_f = 0.6$ ). Mp: 106–107 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.73 (dd,  $J = 28.2, 8.3$  Hz, 4 H), 7.59 – 7.57 (m, 2 H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 6 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -44.93 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 166.45, 146.07, 139.19, 129.56, 129.49, 129.45, 129.02, 127.62, 125.69, 120.85 (q,  $J = 357.6$  Hz), 65.21, 51.84 ppm. MS (ESI): 433.0 (M<sup>+</sup>+H); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub><sup>74</sup>Se: 427.0220 (M<sup>+</sup>+H), Found: 427.0220. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1692, 1465, 1326, 1166, 1081, 1039 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>Se: C, 50.13; H, 3.51; Found: C, 49.85; H, 3.79.

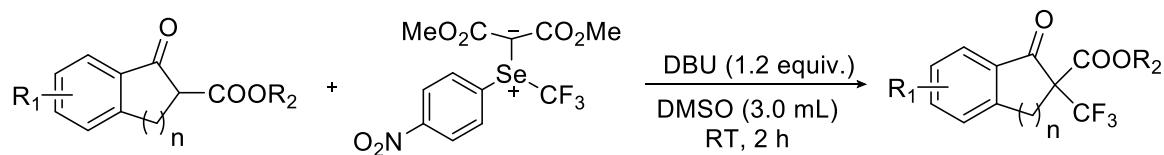
### Trifluoromethyl-(3-chlorophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1f**



3-Trifluoromethylseleno-chlorobenzene (2.60 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (7.6 mg, 0.10 mol%) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80.0 mL) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. A solution of diazomalonate (1.90 g, 12.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20.0 mL) was added slowly during a period of 30 min. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then concentrated in *vacuo*. The product was purified by **Method B** to give trifluoromethyl-(3-chlorophenyl)bis(carbomethoxy)methylide **1f** as a white solid

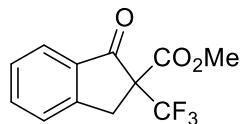
(2.61 g, 67%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2 ( $R_f$  = 0.6). Mp: 113-114 °C.  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (s, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -44.25 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  166.25, 137.12, 133.17, 131.87, 128.93, 128.62, 127.11, 120.85 (q,  $J$  = 357.7 Hz), 65.31, 51.98 ppm. MS (ESI): 390.9 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{ClF}_3\text{Se}$ : 390.9458 ( $M^++\text{H}$ ), Found: 390.9455. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 1698, 1647, 1440, 1323, 1236, 1166, 1077, 1056  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClO}_4\text{F}_3\text{Se}$ : C, 36.99; H, 2.59; Found: C, 37.01; H, 2.82.

**General procedure for trifluoromethylation of  $\beta$ -ketoesters 2a-k with reagent 1a**



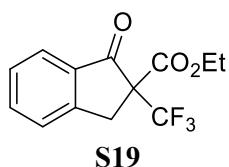
$\beta$ -ketoester (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and reagent **1a** (240 mg, 0.600 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under Ar. The tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper and 3.0 mL of freshly distilled DMSO and DBU (91.2 mg, 0.600 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Then 20.0 mL of Distilled water and 20.0 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O was added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10.0 mL  $\times$  5) and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

**Methyl 1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2a<sup>2</sup>**



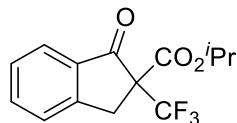
Pale yellow solid (118 mg, 91%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 17.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (d,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -69.37 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  193.14, 165.95 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz), 151.99, 136.62, 134.74, 128.85, 126.65, 125.94, 123.85 (q,  $J$  = 281.5 Hz), 63.39 (q,  $J$  = 26.2 Hz), 53.88, 34.52 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 258 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 258.0508 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 258.0504. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3436, 1760, 1607, 1436, 1278, 1157, 1046 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Ethyl 1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2b<sup>2</sup>**



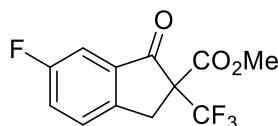
Pale yellow solid (134 mg, 98%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.5).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.30 - 4.17 (m, 2 H), 3.73 (d,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.59 (d,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -69.30 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  193.30, 165.46, 152.07, 136.54, 134.77, 128.79, 126.63, 125.84, 123.88 (q,  $J$  = 281.5 Hz), 63.48 (q,  $J$  = 26.2 Hz) 63.14, 34.51 (q,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz), 14.14 ppm. MS (EI): 272 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3$ : 272.0670 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 272.0660. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\max}$  = 1756, 1727, 1607, 1303, 1186, 1043  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **Isopropyl 1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2c<sup>2</sup>**



Pale yellow solid (139 mg, 97%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.5).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 (hept,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.71 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.58 (d,  $J$  = 17.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.22 (d,  $J$  = 6.2 Hz, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -69.19 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  193.39, 164.99, 152.03, 136.46, 134.86, 128.75, 126.60, 125.83, 123.91 (q,  $J$  = 281.5 Hz), 71.21, 63.63 (q,  $J$  = 26.0 Hz), 34.51 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 21.70, 21.63 ppm. MS (EI): 286 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3$ : 286.0819 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 286.0817. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\max}$  = 2985, 1751, 1606, 1466, 1279, 1185, 1036  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

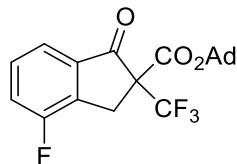
### **Methyl 6-chloro-1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2d**



Pale yellow solid (109 mg, 79%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.5).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.89 - 7.82 (m, 1 H), 7.23 - 7.13 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.57 (d,  $J$  = 18.0 Hz, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375

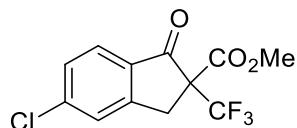
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -69.42 (s, 3 F), -99.10 - -99.21 (m, 1 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 191.18, 169.59, 167.01, 165.62, 154.95 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 128.40 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 123.69 (d, *J* = 281.6 Hz), 117.44 (d, *J* = 24.0 Hz), 113.57 (d, *J* = 23.2 Hz), 63.69 (q, *J* = 26.4 Hz), 54.02, 34.29 ppm. MS (EI): 276 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub>: 276.0411 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 276.0410. IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> = 1753, 1615, 1312, 1171, 1048 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Adamantyl 4-fluoro-1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2e**



Pale yellow solid (194 mg, 98%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.6). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.9, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.15 (s, 3 H), 2.06 (s, 6 H), 1.62 (s, 6 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -69.19 (s, 3 F), -118.39 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 4.6 Hz, 1 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 192.60, 163.50 (q, *J* = 2.1 Hz), 161.18, 158.68, 137.95 (d, *J* = 19.5 Hz), 130.76 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 123.72 (d, *J* = 281.3 Hz), 122.44 (d, *J* = 19.7 Hz), 121.46 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 85.09, 64.17 (q, *J* = 25.9 Hz), 41.27, 36.26, 31.24, 30.73 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 396 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>4</sub>: 396.1342 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 396.1349. IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> = 2916, 1752, 1482, 1314, 1165, 1036 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

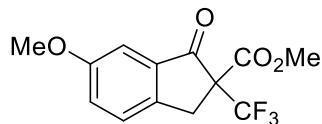
**Methyl 5-chloro-1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2- carboxylate 2f<sup>3</sup>**



Pale yellow solid (136 mg, 93%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (s, 1 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.57 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -69.38 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

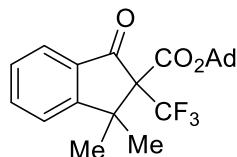
293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  191.67, 165.55 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz), 153.34, 143.48, 133.13 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz), 129.80, 126.95, 123.64 (q,  $J$  = 281.6 Hz), 63.54 (q,  $J$  = 26.3 Hz), 54.06, 34.16 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 292 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{12}H_8O_3ClF_3$ : 292.0114 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 292.0108.

**Methyl 6-methoxy-1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2g<sup>3</sup>**



Pale yellow solid (135 mg, 94%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.5).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.44 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (s, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.80 (s, 3 H), 3.66 (d,  $J$  = 17.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (d,  $J$  = 17.4 Hz, 1 H);  $^{19}F$  NMR (375 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -69.45 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  192.76, 165.65 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz), 160.11, 144.60, 135.60 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz), 126.94, 125.90, 123.47 (q,  $J$  = 281.5 Hz), 106.25, 63.69 (q,  $J$  = 26.1 Hz), 55.67, 53.48, 33.50 (d,  $J$  = 1.7 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 288 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calculated for  $C_{13}H_{11}O_4F_4$ : 288.0600 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 288.0609. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 1754, 1711, 1323, 1199, 1157, 1074, 1046, 1025  $cm^{-1}$ .

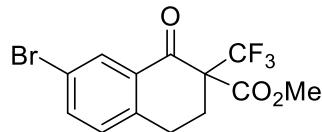
**Adamantyl-1,1-dimethyl-3-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate 2h**



Pale yellow solid (199 mg, 98%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f$  = 0.5).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.09 (s, 3 H), 1.95 (s, 6 H), 1.61 (s, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 6 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H);  $^{19}F$  NMR (375 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -66.65 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  198.67, 168.60, 164.81, 140.36, 138.70, 132.88, 128.95, 128.78 (q,  $J$  = 281.8 Hz), 127.38, 89.20, 76.64 (q,  $J$  = 23.6 Hz), 51.12, 45.62, 40.55, 35.46, 34.55 (q,  $J$  = 3.1 Hz), 29.69 ppm. MS (EI): 406 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS

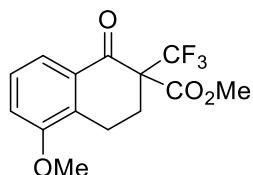
(EI): Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 406.1756 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 406.1751. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2914, 1728, 1293, 1309, 1252, 1217, 1171, 1146, 1053 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Methyl-7-bromo-1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate 2i**



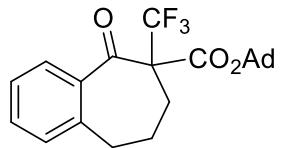
Pale yellow solid (153 mg, 87%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f = 0.3$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.22 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1 H), 7.63 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 2.1$  Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 3 H), 3.03 - 2.91 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (dt,  $J = 13.7, 4.0$  Hz, 1 H), 2.52 - 2.38 (m, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -68.88 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  185.75, 165.41 (q,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 140.70, 137.08, 132.80 (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz), 131.09, 130.47, 123.59 (q,  $J = 284.0$  Hz), 121.31, 61.78 (q,  $J = 24.5$  Hz), 53.73, 27.45 (q,  $J = 2.2$  Hz), 24.66 ppm. MS (EI): 350 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>BrF<sub>3</sub>: 349.9760 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 349.9765. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1732, 1702, 1266, 1176 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Methyl-5-methoxy-1-oxo-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2-carboxylate 2j**



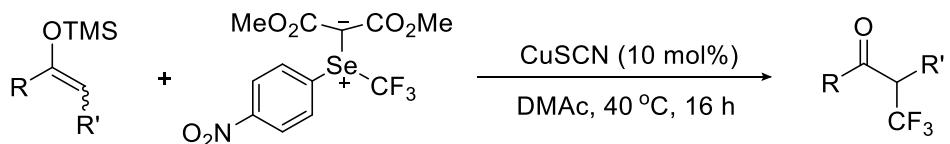
Pale yellow oil (150 mg, 99%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 3.87 (s, 3 H), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 3.23 - 3.10 (m, 1 H), 2.89 - 2.81 (m, 1 H), 2.76 - 2.64 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (td,  $J = 13.2, 5.0$  Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -73.77 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  187.57, 165.94, 156.82, 132.67, 131.54, 127.85, 124.18 (q,  $J = 283.9$  Hz), 120.10, 115.25, 61.97 (q,  $J = 24.1$  Hz), 56.04, 53.91, 27.21 (q,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 19.27 ppm. MS (EI): 302 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>4</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 302.0766 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 302.0763. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2958, 1743, 1700, 1586, 1474, 1264, 1180, 1127, 1100, 1067 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Adamantyl-5-oxo-6-(trifluoromethyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulene-6-carboxylate 2k**



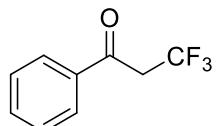
White solid (198 mg, 97%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.29 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 3.08 - 2.97 (m, 1 H), 2.93 - 2.84 (m, 1 H), 2.66 - 2.54 (m, 1 H), 2.26 - 2.18 (m, 1 H), 2.18 - 2.11 (m, 1 H), 2.08 (s, 3 H), 1.97 - 1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.91 (d,  $J = 11.9$  Hz, 3 H), 1.79 (d,  $J = 11.3$  Hz, 3 H), 1.57 (s, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -67.99 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  197.06, 164.23, 139.39 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 139.13, 131.88, 130.25, 129.66, 126.76, 124.40 (q,  $J = 285.0$  Hz), 84.61, 67.84 (q,  $J = 22.5$  Hz), 40.84, 36.23, 32.82, 31.08, 28.23 (q,  $J = 2.0$  Hz), 23.66 ppm. MS (EI): 406 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_3\text{F}_3$ : 406.1756 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 406.1755. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2914, 1743, 1701, 1259, 1198, 1158, 1050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**General procedure for the trifluoromethylation of silyl enol ethers 3a-k**



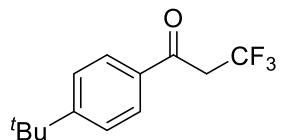
Silyl enol ethers (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), CuSCN (6.0 mg, 0.050 mmol, 0.10 equiv.), reagent **1a** (300 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under argon. Freshly distilled DMAc (10.0 mL) was added and the tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 16 h. 20.0 mL of water and 40.0 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added to the mixture. The organic phase was separated and extracted with water (5 × 10.0 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

**3,3,3-Trifluoro-1-phenylpropan-1-one 3a<sup>4</sup>**



Colorless oil (102 mg, 73%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f$  = 0.4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.08 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 189.69, 135.86, 134.20, 128.96, 128.38, 124.02 (q, *J* = 277.1 Hz), 42.13 (q, *J* = 28.2 Hz). MS (EI): 188 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>: 188.0449 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 188.0451 (M<sup>+</sup>). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3359, 3090, 2978, 2947, 1686, 1651, 1597, 1581, 1493, 1474, 1451, 1421, 1373, 1326, 1274, 1228, 1186, 1100, 1001 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**1-(4-*tert*-Butylphenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one 3b<sup>5</sup>**

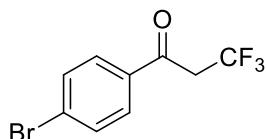


Colorless oil (101 mg, 83%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/5 ( $R_f$  = 0.4).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.76 (q, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.33 (s, 9 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -

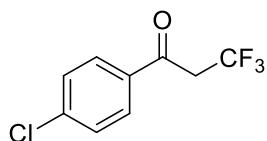
62.03 (t,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  189.62, 158.54, 133.69, 128.73, 126.24, 124.44 (q,  $J = 276.9$  Hz), 42.34 (q,  $J = 28.1$  Hz), 35.59, 31.33 ppm. MS (EI): 244 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{OF}_3$ : 244.1075 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 244.1076 ( $M^+$ ). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2967, 1698, 1606, 1371, 1235, 1135, 1105 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **1-(4-Bromophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one 3c<sup>5</sup>**



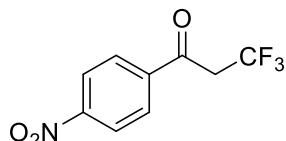
White solid (86 mg, 64%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f = 0.4$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 3.76 (q,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.03 (t,  $J = 10.1$  Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  189.07, 134.88, 132.67, 132.24, 130.15, 124.15 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 42.48 (q,  $J = 28.5$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 266 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{OF}_3\text{Br}$ : 265.9554 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 265.9555 ( $M^+$ ). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1700, 1587, 1422, 1373, 1267, 1128, 1101, 995, 809, 632 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one 3d<sup>6</sup>**



White solid (69 mg, 62%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f = 0.4$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.88 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (q,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.04 (t,  $J = 9.9$  Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  188.86, 141.25, 134.48, 130.11, 129.67, 124.17 (q,  $J = 277.1$  Hz), 42.52 (q,  $J = 28.4$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 222 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{OClF}_3$ : 222.0059 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 222.0065 ( $M^+$ ). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1701, 1592, 1424, 1371, 1269, 1226, 1103, 998, 812 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

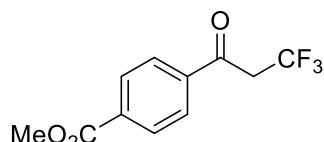
### **1-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one 3e<sup>6</sup>**



Yellow solid (105 mg, 90%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/1 ( $R_f = 0.4$ ).

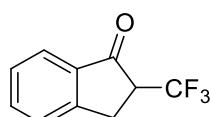
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.86 (q, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -61.99 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 188.65, 151.30, 140.30, 129.82, 124.53, 123.87 (q, *J* = 277.4 Hz), 43.08 (q, *J* = 29.0 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 233 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NF<sub>3</sub>: 233.0300 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 233.0308 (M<sup>+</sup>). IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> = 1698, 1606, 1522, 1351, 1131, 1104, 857 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Methyl-4-(3,3,3-trifluoropropionyl)benzoate 3f<sup>4</sup>



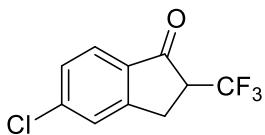
White solid (63 mg, 51%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/1 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.95 (s, 3 H), 3.83 (q, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.10 (t, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 189.60, 166.20, 139.16, 135.23, 130.43, 128.61, 124.14 (q, *J* = 277.1 Hz), 52.92, 42.79 (q, *J* = 28.5 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 246 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 246.0504 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 246.0509 (M<sup>+</sup>). IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> = 1720, 1694, 1419, 1281, 1226, 1105, 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 2-(Trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one 3g<sup>4</sup>



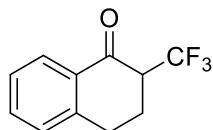
White solid (62 mg, 62%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/5 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.53 - 3.38 (m, 2 H), 3.34 - 3.29 (m, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -67.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 197.14, 152.41, 136.15, 128.52, 126.85, 125.27 (q, *J* = 278.4 Hz), 125.03, 50.11 (q, *J* = 27.4 Hz), 27.93 (q, *J* = 2.2 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 200 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>: 200.0449 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 200.0451 (M<sup>+</sup>). IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> = 1723, 1602, 1345, 1250, 1184, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 5-Chloro-2-(trifluoromethyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-one 3h



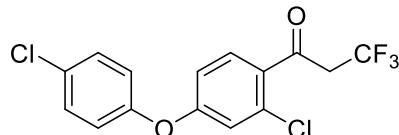
Yellow solid (66 mg, 56%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/5 ( $R_f = 0.3$ ).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1 H), 3.48 - 3.40 (m, 2 H), 3.34 - 3.25 (m, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -73.18 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  195.62, 153.77, 142.91, 134.62, 129.47, 127.10, 126.16, 125.04 (q,  $J = 278.5$  Hz), 50.22 (q,  $J = 27.7$  Hz), 27.68 (q,  $J = 2.4$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 234 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{OClF}_3$ : 234.0059 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 234.0058 ( $M^+$ ). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1732, 1601, 1348, 1289, 1254, 1111, 1070 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **2-(Trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one 3i<sup>4</sup>**



White solid (68 mg, 63%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/5 ( $R_f = 0.4$ ).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.06 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.27 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H), 3.33 - 3.22 (m, 1 H), 3.16 - 3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.55 - 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.34 - 2.21 (m, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -67.79 (d,  $J = 9.5$  Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  190.54, 143.41, 134.52, 132.29, 129.12, 128.21, 127.45, 125.41 (q,  $J = 279.9$  Hz), 51.24 (q,  $J = 25.5$  Hz), 27.87, 23.79 (q,  $J = 2.6$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 214 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{OF}_3$ : 214.0605 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 214.0607 ( $M^+$ ). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1700, 1596, 1382, 1257, 1181, 1097 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

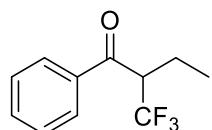
#### **1-(2-Chloro-4-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenyl)-3,3,3-trifluoropropan-1-one 3j**



Yellow oil (72 mg, 41%). Eluent: dichloromethane/petroleum ether = 1/5 ( $R_f = 0.3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.64 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2 H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.2$  Hz, 1

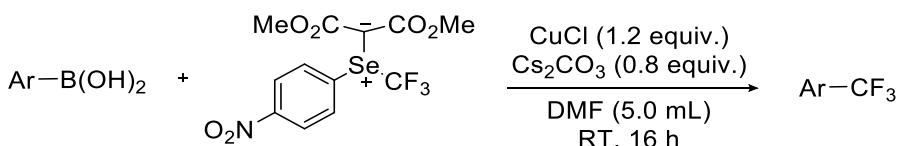
H), 3.86 (q,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.22 (t,  $J$  = 9.9 Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  161.53, 153.58, 134.01, 132.66, 131.87, 130.96, 130.70, 123.98 (q,  $J$  = 277.5 Hz), 122.02, 121.78, 119.70, 116.42, 46.30 (q,  $J$  = 28.1 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 348 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3$ : 347.9932 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 347.9937 ( $\text{M}^+$ ). IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 1702, 1584, 1485, 1370, 1231, 1134, 1102, 1054, 920  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**1-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)butan-1-one 3k<sup>4</sup>**



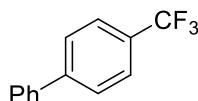
Colorless oil (60 mg, 56%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f$  = 0.4).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.21 - 4.03 (m, 1 H), 2.19 - 2.07 (m, 1 H), 2.01 - 1.90 (m, 1 H), 0.96 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -66.21 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  194.36, 136.81, 133.76, 128.72, 128.34, 124.83 (q,  $J$  = 280.8 Hz), 50.60 (q,  $J$  = 25.3 Hz), 20.26, 11.38 ppm.

**General procedure for trifluoromethylation of arylboronic acids with reagent 1a**



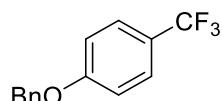
In the glove box, CuCl (60.0 mg, 0.600 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (130 mg, 0.400 mmol, 0.800 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar. A solution of aryl boronic acid (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and reagent **1a** (300 mg, 0.750 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) in 5.0 mL of freshly distilled DMF was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. Distilled water (20.0 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20.0 mL) were added and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mL × 5) and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel or further purified by Kugelrohr distillation.

**4-(Trifluoromethyl)biphenyl 4a<sup>7</sup>**



White solid (99 mg, 89%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.70 (s, 4 H), 7.64 - 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.48 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2 H), 7.44 - 7.38 (m, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.41 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 145.07, 140.10, 129.68 (q,  $J = 32.4$  Hz), 129.32, 128.52, 127.75, 127.61, 126.04 (q,  $J = 3.8$  Hz), 124.65 (q,  $J = 268.1$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 222 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 222.0652 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 222.0656. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1332, 1162, 1114, 1075, 844, 768, 729, 690$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

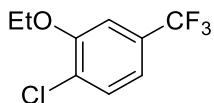
**1-(Benzoyloxy)-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 4b<sup>7</sup>**



White solid (107mg, 85%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 7.46 - 7.32 (m, 5 H), 7.04 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 5.11 (s, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -61.52 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 161.50, 136.54, 129.05, 128.59, 127.79, 127.27 (q,  $J =$

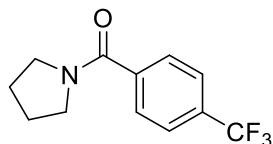
3.7 Hz), 124.75 (d,  $J$  = 271.0 Hz), 123.45 (q,  $J$  = 32.7 Hz), 115.18, 70.51 ppm. MS (EI): 252 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calculated for  $C_{14}H_{11}OF_3$ : 252.0754 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 252.0762. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 1614, 1519, 1336, 1247, 1168, 1098, 1064, 1005  $cm^{-1}$ .

### **1-Chloro-2-ethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-benzene 4c**



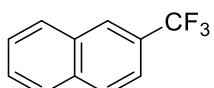
Colorless oil (102 mg, 91%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f$  = 0.8).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.53 (s, 1 H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (s, 1 H), 6.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.09 (q,  $J$  = 12.4, 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.44 (t,  $J$  = 5.8 Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}F$  NMR (375 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.87 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  155.90, 133.21, 127.50 (q,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz), 125.25, 123.20 (q,  $J$  = 272.7 Hz), 120.70 (q,  $J$  = 31.5 Hz), 114.64, 65.26, 14.80 ppm. MS (EI): 224 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_9H_8OF_3Cl$ : 224.0212 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 224.0216. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 2987, 1608, 1495, 1319, 1280, 1138, 1053, 692  $cm^{-1}$ .

### **1-Pyrrolidinyl[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-methanone 4d<sup>8</sup>**



Yellow oil (98 mg, 81%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/3 ( $R_f$  = 0.5).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.61 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.65 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 3.38 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.05 - 1.83 (m, 4 H);  $^{19}F$  NMR (375 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.97 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  168.58, 141.03, 132.01 (q,  $J$  = 32.5 Hz), 128.99, 128.84, 127.79, 125.71 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 124.11 (q,  $J$  = 272.5 Hz), 49.81, 46.58, 26.70, 24.73 ppm. MS (EI): 243 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{12}NOF_3$ : 243.0867 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 243.0871. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 1613, 1448, 1325, 1131, 1110, 1067, 863  $cm^{-1}$ .

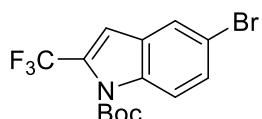
### **2-(Trifluoromethyl)naphthalene 4e<sup>7</sup>**



White solid (70 mg, 71%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f$  = 0.8).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,

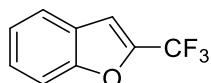
$\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.16 (s, 1 H), 7.99 - 7.88 (m, 3 H), 7.69 - 7.55 (m, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.28 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  134.90, 132.53, 129.31, 129.15, 128.39, 128.20, 127.91, 127.49, 126.02 (q,  $J = 4.5$  Hz), 124.74 (d,  $J = 270.6$  Hz), 121.78 (q,  $J = 3.1$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 196 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{F}_3$ : 196.0494 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 196.0500. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1147, 1132, 1111, 826, 753 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 5-Bromo-N-boc-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1-H-indole 4f



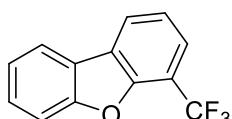
Pale yellow oil (141 mg, 91%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.17 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.53 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.06 (s, 1 H), 1.67 (s, 9 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -58.38 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  148.56, 136.77, 130.28, 128.38, 128.30 (d,  $J = 39.2$  Hz), 124.83, 120.74 (q,  $J = 268.0$  Hz), 117.98, 117.11, 112.68 (q,  $J = 5.1$  Hz), 86.37, 28.15 ppm. MS (EI): 363 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{BrF}_3$ : 363.0083 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 363.0082. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1759, 1385, 1347, 1284, 1240, 1145 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 2-(Trifluoromethyl)benzofurane 4g<sup>7</sup>



Colorless oil (85 mg, 92%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.73 - 7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.50 - 7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.17 (s, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -64.88 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  143.64, 127.28, 126.36, 125.87, 124.33, 122.84, 119.68 (q,  $J = 267.9$  Hz), 112.47, 108.47 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz) ppm.

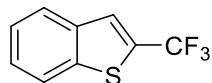
### 4-(Trifluoromethyl)-dibenzofuran 4h



White solid (97 mg, 82%). Eluent: pentane ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.73 - 7.55 (m, 2 H), 7.50 - 7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.17 (s, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -64.88 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  143.64, 127.28, 126.36, 125.87, 124.33, 122.84, 119.68 (q,  $J = 267.9$  Hz), 112.47, 108.47 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz) ppm.

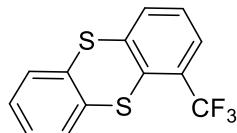
K, TMS) δ 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.95 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.73 - 7.62 (m, 2 H), 7.52 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.43 - 7.36 (m, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ -61.05 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS) δ 138.76, 135.97, 135.61, 134.11, 132.21, 129.35, 128.64, 128.34, 128.09, 127.03, 127.65, 125.50 (q,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz), 123.37 (d,  $J$  = 274.1 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 236 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_7\text{OF}_3$ : 236.0453 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 236.0449. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 1453, 1429, 1326, 1197, 1121, 1034, 746  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **2-(Trifluoromethyl)benzo[b]thiophene 4i<sup>7</sup>**



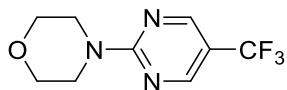
White solid (85 mg, 83%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f$  = 0.8).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS) δ 7.88 (t,  $J$  = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.70 (s, 1 H), 7.52 - 7.42 (m, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ -56.33 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS) δ 140.50, 138.12, 130.35 (q,  $J$  = 36.6 Hz), 126.91, 125.98 (q,  $J$  = 4.2 Hz), 125.57, 125.46, 122.98, 122.84 (d,  $J$  = 275.7 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 202 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{F}_3\text{S}$ : 202.0059 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 202.0064. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 2961, 1261, 1093, 1020, 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **1-(Trifluoromethyl)-thianthrene 4j**



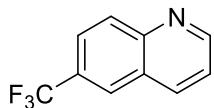
White solid (97 mg, 82%). Eluent: pentane ( $R_f$  = 0.8).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS) δ 7.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 – 7.57 (m, 1 H), 7.53 - 7.50 (m, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) δ -60.83 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS) δ 139.13, 136.34, 136.00, 134.51, 132.58, 130.13 (d,  $J$  = 30.7 Hz), 129.73, 129.01, 128.70, 128.46, 127.39, 125.87 (q,  $J$  = 5.5 Hz), 123.71 (d,  $J$  = 274.1 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 284 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_7\text{S}_2\text{F}_3$ : 283.9944 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 283.9941. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 1408, 1313, 1121, 788, 746, 721  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **4-[5-(Trifluoromethyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]-morpholine 4k**



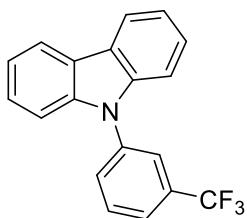
Pale yellow oil (112 mg, 96%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/40 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.49 (s, 2 H), 3.91 - 3.85 (m, 4 H), 3.78 - 3.73 (m, 4 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.18 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  162.60, 155.74 (q,  $J = 3.5$  Hz), 124.43 (q,  $J = 270.0$  Hz), 113.62 (q,  $J = 33.9$  Hz), 67.02, 44.56 ppm. MS (EI): 233 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{OF}_3$ : 233.0780 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 233.0776. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1616, 1550, 1326, 1254, 1101, 959 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 6-(Trifluoromethyl)quinolone 4l<sup>9</sup>



White solid (54mg, 55%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  9.03 (s, 1 H), 8.23 (t,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 2 H), 8.13 (s, 1 H), 7.88 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.54 - 7.44 (m, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.41 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  152.31, 148.95, 136.66, 130.55, 128.24 (q,  $J = 32.6$  Hz), 127.01, 125.63 (q,  $J = 4.4$  Hz), 124.93 (q,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 123.84 (q,  $J = 272.3$  Hz), 122.10 ppm.

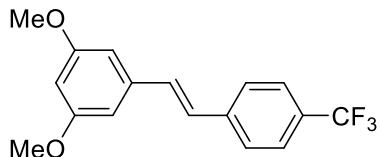
### 9-[3-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-9H-carbazole 4m



White solid (114 mg, 73%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.7$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.16 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2 H), 7.88 (s, 1 H), 7.82 - 7.70 (m, 3 H), 7.49 - 7.29 (m, 6 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.69 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  140.84, 138.82, 132.91 (q,  $J = 35.2$  Hz), 130.92, 130.69, 126.57, 124.41 (q,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 124.30 (q,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 124.02 (q,  $J = 272.4$  Hz), 123.98, 120.84, 120.83, 109.76 ppm. MS (EI): 311 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calculated for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{12}\text{NF}_3$ : 311.0931 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 311.0922. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1593, 1499, 1451, 1323, 1230, 1129,$

749 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

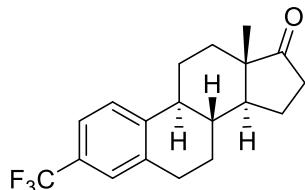
**1,3-Dimethoxy-5-[(1*E*)-2-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethenyl]-benzene 4n<sup>10</sup>**



Pale yellow oil (133 mg, 86%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f$  = 0.7).

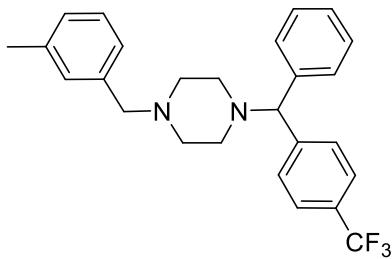
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.73 - 7.50 (m, 4 H), 7.10 (s, 2 H), 6.70 (s, 2 H), 6.46 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 6 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.77 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 161.34, 140.90, 138.90, 131.44, 129.53 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 127.84, 126.92, 125.86 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.56 (d, *J* = 272.2 Hz), 105.16, 100.79, 55.59 ppm. MS (EI): 308 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>: 308.1026 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 308.1024. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 1614, 1589, 1458, 1326, 1208, 1111, 1068, 841 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(8*R*,9*S*,13*S*,14*S*)-13-Methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-7,8,9,11,12,13,15,16-octahydro-6*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17(14*H*)-one 4o<sup>11</sup>**



White solid (114 mg, 71%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.7). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.43 - 7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.22 - 7.06 (m, 1 H), 3.10 - 2.83 (m, 2 H), 2.60 - 2.50 (m, 1 H), 2.48 - 2.41 (m, 1 H), 2.39 - 2.31 (m, 1 H), 2.23 - 1.97 (m, 4 H), 1.70 - 1.40 (m, 6 H), 0.92 (s, 3 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.82 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 219.37, 142.72, 136.24, 127.09 (q, *J* = 32.2 Hz), 124.75, 124.70 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 121.43 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 120.63 (q, *J* = 271.8 Hz), 49.49, 46.86, 43.43, 36.81, 34.78, 30.52, 28.26, 25.18, 24.60, 20.56, 12.78 ppm. MS (EI): 322 (M<sup>+</sup>). HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>: 322.1555 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 322.1545; IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 2937, 1732, 1507, 1326, 1138, 1006, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

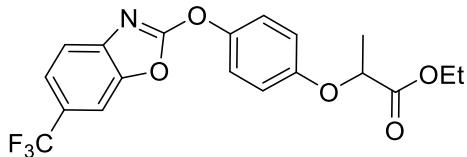
**1-[(3-Methylphenyl)methyl]-4-[phenyl[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl]-piperazine 4p<sup>12</sup>**



Pale yellow oil (188 mg, 89%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.6).

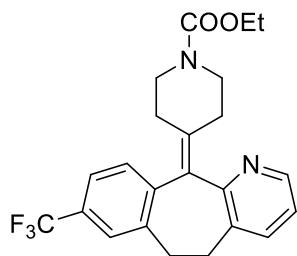
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.57 (s, 4 H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.27 - 7.20 (m, 2 H), 7.18 - 7.07 (m, 3 H), 4.34 (s, 1 H), 3.54 (s, 2 H), 2.76 - 2.42 (m, 8 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -62.70 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  147.34, 142.01, 138.05, 137.98, 130.33, 129.36 (q,  $J$  = 31.8 Hz), 128.93, 128.43, 128.36, 128.25, 128.12, 127.59, 126.71, 125.73 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 124.49 (q,  $J$  = 271.8 Hz), 76.08, 63.33, 53.55, 52.07, 21.67 ppm. MS (EI): 424 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2\text{F}_3$ : 424.2119 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 424.2126. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 2925, 1324, 1162, 1125, 1066  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **Ethyl-2-[4-(5-trifluoromethylbenzoxazol-2-yloxy)phenoxy]propionate 4q**



Pale yellow solid (160 mg, 86%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.3).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.69 (s, 1 H), 7.56 (s, 2 H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.96 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.74 (q,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.64 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.28 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -61.45 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  172.17, 164.37, 156.31, 148.18, 146.99, 144.18, 126.15 (q,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 124.43 (q,  $J$  = 271.8 Hz), 122.31 (q,  $J$  = 3.8 Hz), 121.56, 119.17, 116.66, 107.92 (q,  $J$  = 4.1 Hz), 73.58, 61.79, 18.90, 14.48 ppm. MS (EI): 395 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{NO}_5\text{F}_3$ : 395.0978 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 395.0981. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 1739, 1630, 1574, 1325, 1191, 1118  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

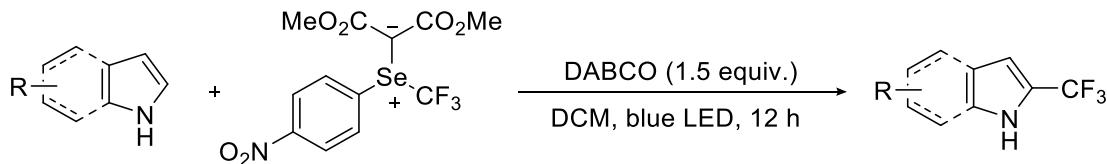
#### **Ethyl-4-[8-(trifluoromethyl)-5,6-dihydro-11*H*-benzo[5,6]cyclohepta[1,2-*b*]pyridin-11-ylidene]-1-piperidinecarboxylate 4r**



Pale yellow solid (160 mg, 77%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/1 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ).

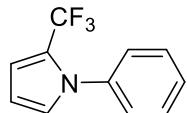
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.41 (d,  $J = 3.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.43 (t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.26 (s, 1 H), 7.15 - 7.07 (m, 1 H), 4.13 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H), 3.87 - 3.70 (m, 2 H), 3.55 - 3.30 (m, 2 H), 3.23 - 3.08 (m, 2 H), 2.96 - 2.77 (m, 2 H), 2.57 - 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.41 - 2.25 (m, 3 H), 1.24 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -67.28 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  156.83, 155.81, 147.15, 143.38, 138.87, 138.40, 138.01, 134.56, 133.63, 129.92, 126.18 (q,  $J = 3.7$  Hz), 124.45 (d,  $J = 272.1$  Hz), 123.29 (q,  $J = 3.9$  Hz), 122.76, 61.69, 45.12, 45.10, 32.07, 31.86, 31.12, 30.87, 15.02 ppm. MS (EI): 416 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_3$ : 416.1723 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 416.1712. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1698, 1437, 1327, 1231, 1161, 1120 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**General procedure for the trifluoromethylation of electron-rich arene with reagent **1a****



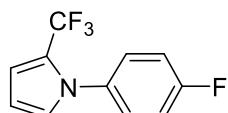
Heteroarene (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), DABCO (84 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), reagent **1a** (240 mg, 0.600 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under Ar. Freshly distilled CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mL) was added and the tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred under blue LED for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel or further purified by Kugelrohr distillation.

**1-Phenyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-Pyrrole **5a**<sup>13</sup>**



Colorless liquid (105 mg, 99%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.48 - 7.44 (m, 3 H), 7.42 - 7.38 (m, 2 H), 6.90 (t, 1 H), 6.77 - 6.74 (m, 1 H), 6.29 (t,  $J = 3.2$  Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -55.95 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 139.51, 129.33, 128.84, 127.62, 126.89, 122.63 (q,  $J = 38.2$  Hz), 121.57 (q,  $J = 266.9$  Hz), 113.09 (q,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 108.59 ppm. MS (EI): 211 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>8</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N: 211.0609 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 211.0611. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1552, 1501, 1285, 1151, 1108, 733, 696 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

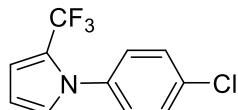
**1-(4-Fluorophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole **5b****



Colorless liquid (102 mg, 89%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.41 - 7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.13 (t,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 6.85 (s, 1 H), 6.75 - 6.69 (m, 1 H), 6.27 (t,  $J = 3.1$  Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -56.14 (s, 3 F), -112.63 - -112.79 (m, 1 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 162.71

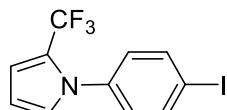
(d,  $J = 248.4$  Hz), 135.00 (d,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 128.38 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz), 127.31 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 121.04 (q,  $J = 266.8$  Hz), 115.87 (d,  $J = 22.9$  Hz), 112.70 (q,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 108.31 ppm. MS (EI): 229 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{11}H_7F_4N$ : 229.0515 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 229.0518. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2954, 2920, 2850, 1733, 1457, 1377, 1260, 1026 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole 5c



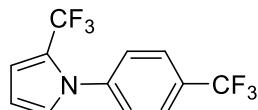
Colorless solid (114 mg, 93%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.43 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2 H), 6.88 - 6.83 (m, 1 H), 6.76 - 6.75 (m, 1 H), 6.33 - 6.26 (m, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -56.87 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  137.95, 134.87, 129.59, 128.15, 127.51 (q,  $J = 1.9$  Hz), 122.67 (q,  $J = 38.3$  Hz), 121.43 (q,  $J = 266.8$  Hz), 113.43 (q,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 108.97 ppm. MS (EI): 245 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{11}H_7F_3NCl$ : 245.0219 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 245.0226. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3130, 2924, 1900, 1684, 1598, 1553, 1500, 1466, 1438, 1367, 1320, 1286, 1214, 1153, 1108, 1076, 1038, 1017 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### 1-(4-Iodophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole 5d<sup>14</sup>



Colorless solid (152 mg, 90%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.79 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H), 7.14 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (s, 1 H), 6.75-6.77 (m, 1 H), 6.29-6.31 (m, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -55.80 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  139.11, 138.57, 128.57, 127.36, 122.47 (q,  $J = 38.4$  Hz), 121.37 (q,  $J = 266.9$  Hz), 113.52 (q,  $J = 3.4$  Hz), 109.02, 94.22 ppm. MS (EI): 337 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{11}H_7F_3NI$ : 336.9575 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 336.9580. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1552, 1493, 1283, 1103, 829, 729, 536 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

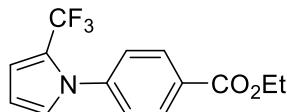
### 1-(4-Trifluoromethylphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole 5e



Colorless liquid (95 mg, 91%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.74 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2 H), 6.90-6.93

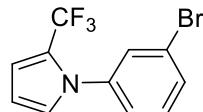
(m, 1 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 6.33 (t,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -55.76 (s, 3 F), -62.69 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  142.43, 131.04 (q,  $J$  = 33.0 Hz), 127.41 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 127.10 (d,  $J$  = 0.6 Hz), 126.70 (q,  $J$  = 3.7 Hz), 124.05 (q,  $J$  = 267.2 Hz), 122.66 (q,  $J$  = 38.4 Hz), 121.39 (q,  $J$  = 267.1 Hz), 114.02 (q,  $J$  = 3.4 Hz), 109.44 ppm. MS (EI): 279 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{F}_6\text{N}$ : 279.0483 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 279.0490. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1468, 1440, 1327, 1284, 1105, 1066, 851, 735 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **Ethyl-4-(2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-1-yl)benzoate 5f**



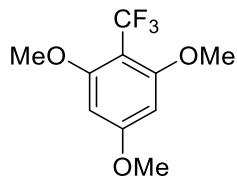
Colorless liquid (121 mg, 85%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/40 ( $R_f = 0.5$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.14 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.91 (t,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 - 6.73 (m, 1 H), 6.31 (t,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.42 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -55.69 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  165.96, 143.10, 130.83, 130.79, 127.32, 126.43, 122.48 (q,  $J$  = 38.3 Hz), 121.37 (q,  $J$  = 266.9 Hz), 113.90 (q,  $J$  = 3.2 Hz), 109.25, 61.66, 14.63 ppm. MS (ESI): 284 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_3\text{NO}_2$ : 284.0893 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ), Found: 284.0893. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1721, 1610, 1553, 1367, 1283, 1153, 1113, 1078 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **1-(3-Bromophenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole 5g**



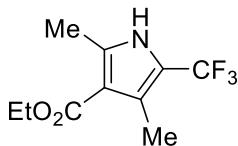
Colorless liquid (130 mg, 90%). Eluent: petroleum ether ( $R_f = 0.6$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.62 - 7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.38 - 7.30 (m, 2 H), 6.87 (s, 1 H), 6.75 (s, 1 H), 6.30 (s, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -55.87 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  140.52, 132.03, 130.57, 130.02, 127.46 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 125.55, 122.68, 122.58 (q,  $J$  = 38.4 Hz), 121.36 (q,  $J$  = 265.8 Hz), 113.56 (q,  $J$  = 6.9, 3.4 Hz), 109.06 ppm. MS (EI): 289 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{F}_3\text{NBr}$ : 288.9714 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 288.9722. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1593, 1486, 1365, 1285, 1153, 1112, 729 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

#### **1,3,5-Trimethoxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzene 5h<sup>15</sup>**



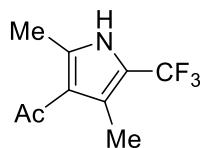
White solid (95 mg, 80%). Eluent: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/petroleum ether = 1: 10 ( $R_f$  = 0.4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  6.13 (s, 2 H), 3.83 (s, 9 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -54.14 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  163.86, 160.78 (q,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz), 124.68 (q,  $J$  = 273.3 Hz), 100.81 (q,  $J$  = 30.2 Hz), 91.64, 56.60, 55.71 ppm. MS (EI): 236 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 236.0672 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 236.0677. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 1592, 1474, 1290, 1166, 1115, 1024, 817 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Ethyl-2,4-dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrole-3-carboxylate 5i<sup>15</sup>



Yellow solid (109 mg, 93%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/8 ( $R_f$  = 0.7). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.63 (s, 1 H), 4.28 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.50 (s, 3 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 1.35 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -57.92 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  165.47, 136.83, 123.89 (q,  $J$  = 2.8 Hz), 121.68 (q,  $J$  = 267.2 Hz), 115.34 (q,  $J$  = 37.4 Hz), 112.73, 59.62, 14.38, 13.95, 10.57 ppm. MS (EI): 235 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 235.0820 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 235.0813. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3275, 1674, 1491, 1441, 1302, 1209, 1104, 1038 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

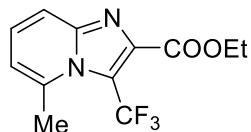
#### 1-(2,4-Dimethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-3-yl)ethanone 5j<sup>16</sup>



Yellow solid (102 mg, 99%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/4 ( $R_f$  = 0.4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.63 (s, 1 H), 2.52 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -58.11 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  195.63, 136.26, 123.02 (q,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz), 122.95, 121.96 (q,  $J$  = 267.4

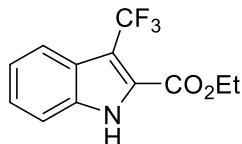
Hz), 115.97 (q,  $J = 37.0$  Hz), 31.51, 15.35, 11.77 ppm. MS (EI): 205 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_9H_{10}F_3NO$ : 205.0714 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 205.0711. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3239, 1633, 1437, 1304, 1204, 1161, 1110, 1035 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **Ethyl-5-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)imidazo[1.2-a]pyridine-2-carboxylate 5k**



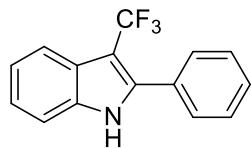
Yellow solid (54 mg, 40%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/3 ( $R_f = 0.4$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 7.1$  Hz, 1 H), 6.87 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1 H), 4.48 (q,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2 H), 2.79 (s, 3 H), 1.43 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -48.44 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  163.82, 148.40, 141.98, 137.86, 128.61, 121.31 (d,  $J = 267.2$  Hz), 117.24, 117.16, 106.79, 62.69, 20.73 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 6.7$  Hz), 14.41 ppm. MS (EI): 272 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{11}F_3N_2O_2$ : 272.0773 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 205.0775. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 1742, 1542, 1513, 1346, 1227, 1112 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **Ethyl 3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole-2-carboxylate 5l<sup>16</sup>**



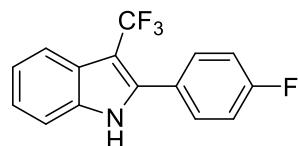
Yellow solid (78 mg, 61%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f = 0.6$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  9.47 (s, 1 H), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.47 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.30 - 7.24 (m, 1 H), 4.48 (q,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -53.77 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  160.34, 134.50, 126.11, 125.91 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 124.99 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 123.83 (q,  $J = 268.2$  Hz), 122.67, 121.96 (q,  $J = 3.1$  Hz), 112.07, 109.97 (q,  $J = 37.9$  Hz), 62.18, 14.00 ppm. MS (EI): 257 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{10}F_3NO_2$ : 257.0664 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 257.0674. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3310, 1690, 1544, 1266, 1134, 1016, 754 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **2-(4-Phenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5m<sup>17</sup>**



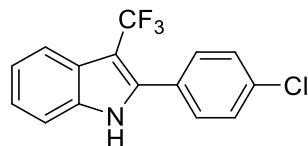
Yellow solid (126 mg, 94%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f$  = 0.3).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.36 (s, 1 H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.63 - 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.53 - 7.46 (m, 3 H), 7.42 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.34 - 7.24 (m, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -52.92 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  138.87 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 135.22, 131.42, 129.71, 129.36, 129.00, 125.93, 125.07 (q,  $J$  = 267.1 Hz), 123.79, 122.05, 120.38, 111.42, 103.90 (q,  $J$  = 35.8 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 261 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_3\text{N}$ : 261.0765 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 261.0762. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3408, 1493, 1452, 1168, 1000, 987, 747, 698  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### **2-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5n**



Yellow solid (127 mg, 91%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/15 ( $R_f$  = 0.3).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.28 (s, 1 H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (dd,  $J$  = 8.1, 5.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.41 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.35 - 7.25 (m, 2 H), 7.19 (t,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -52.97 (s, 3 F), -111.23 - -111.33 (m, 1 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  163.73 (d,  $J$  = 250.0 Hz), 137.78 (q,  $J$  = 3.9 Hz), 135.21, 131.28 (dd,  $J$  = 8.4, 1.3 Hz), 127.48 (d,  $J$  = 3.5 Hz), 125.83 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz), 125.01 (q,  $J$  = 267.4 Hz), 123.95, 122.18, 120.37 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz), 116.16 (d,  $J$  = 21.8 Hz), 111.44, 104.15 (q,  $J$  = 35.7 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 279 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{F}_4\text{N}$ : 279.0671 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 279.0668. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  = 3400, 1506, 1446, 1172, 1110, 987, 751  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

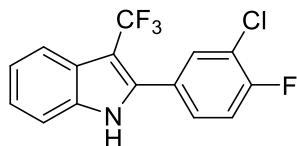
### **2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5o<sup>18</sup>**



Yellow solid (134 mg, 91%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/10 ( $R_f$  = 0.3).  
 $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 1 H), 7.82 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1 H),  
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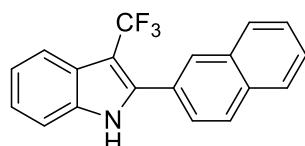
7.51 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.33 - 7.23 (m, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -52.88 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  137.46 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 135.94, 135.27, 130.61, 129.28, 125.81 (q,  $J = 1.8$  Hz), 124.94 (q,  $J = 267.4$  Hz), 124.59, 124.05, 122.22, 120.40 (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 111.49, 104.26 (q,  $J = 35.8$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 295 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_9\text{F}_3\text{NCl}$ : 295.0376 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 295.0373. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3404, 1490, 1443, 1167, 1089, 987, 834, 747 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

### **2-(3-Chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5p**



Yellow solid (147 mg, 94%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/20 ( $R_f = 0.3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.37 (s, 1 H), 7.85 (d,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (dd,  $J = 6.8, 1.8$  Hz, 1 H), 7.53 - 7.48 (m, 1 H), 7.44 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.35 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 1 H), 7.33 - 7.27 (m, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -53.24 (s, 3 F), -113.79 (ddd,  $J = 8.5, 7.1, 4.7$  Hz, 1 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  160.33, 157.82, 136.18 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 135.30, 131.56, 129.53 (dq,  $J = 7.5, 1.6$  Hz), 128.55 (d,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 125.67 (q,  $J = 1.6$  Hz), 124.82 (q,  $J = 267.5$  Hz), 124.29, 122.37, 120.48 (q,  $J = 1.5$  Hz), 117.30 (d,  $J = 21.5$  Hz), 111.53, 104.72 (q,  $J = 36.0$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 313 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_8\text{F}_4\text{NCl}$ : 313.0281 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 313.0283. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3478, 1496, 1442, 1085, 988, 741, 532 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

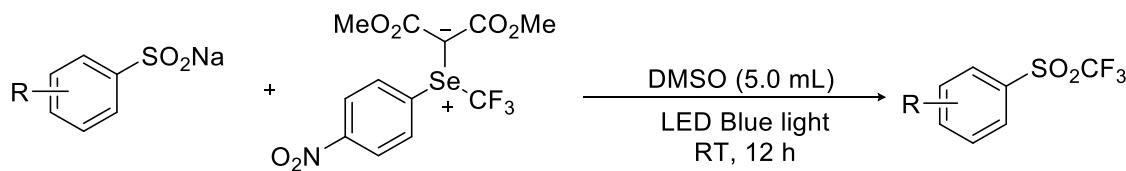
### **2-(Naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5q**



Yellow solid (93 mg, 60%). Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1: 15 ( $R_f = 0.3$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.43 (s, 1 H), 8.07 (s, 1 H), 7.97 - 7.86 (m, 4 H), 7.70 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1 H), 7.61 - 7.54 (m, 2 H), 7.43 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1 H), 7.36 - 7.27 (m, 2 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -52.70 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  138.82 (q,  $J = 4.0$  Hz), 135.33, 133.71, 133.27, 128.81 (d,  $J =$

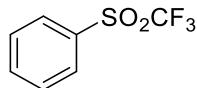
1.1 Hz), 128.75, 128.72, 128.67, 128.15, 127.43, 127.18, 126.62 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz), 126.02 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz), 125.16 (q,  $J$  = 264.9 Hz), 123.84, 122.09, 120.39 (d,  $J$  = 1.6 Hz), 111.46, 104.10 (q,  $J$  = 35.8 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 311 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{12}F_3N$ : 311.0922 ( $M^+$ ), Found: 311.0927. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 3409, 1455, 1280, 1093, 998, 749  $cm^{-1}$ .

**General procedure for the trifluoromethylation of sodium arylsulfinate with reagent 1a**



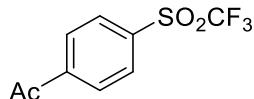
Sodium arylsulfinate (0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), reagent **1a** (240 mg, 0.60 mmol, 1.20 equiv.) were placed into an oven-dried Schlenk tube that was equipped with a stirring bar under Ar and 5.0 mL of freshly distilled DMSO was added. The tube was quickly sealed with a rubber stopper. The mixture was stirred at room temperature under irradiation of blue LED light for 12 h. 20.0 mL of Water and 40.0 mL of ether was added to the mixture and the organic phase was separated and extracted with water (10.0 mL × 5), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel or further purified by Kugelrohr distillation.

**[(Trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene **6a**<sup>19</sup>**



Yellow liquid (100 mg, 95%). Eluent: ethyl acetate / petroleum ether = 1/100 ( $R_f = 0.8$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 8.06 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1 H), 7.69 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -78.47 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 136.87, 131.73, 131.13, 130.21, 120.12 ( $q, J = 325.8$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 210 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 209.9962 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 209.9971. IR (KBr): ν = 2962, 1261, 1095, 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

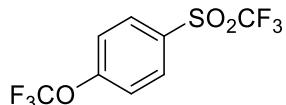
**1-[4-[(Trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl]-ethanone **6b**<sup>20</sup>**



Yellow solid (100 mg, 79%). Eluent: ethyl acetate / petroleum ether = 1/100 ( $R_f = 0.7$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2 H), 8.15 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2 H), 2.69 (s, 3 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -80.64 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101

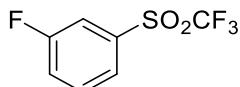
MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 196.51, 143.31, 135.36, 131.57, 129.67, 120.01 (q, *J* = 325.9 Hz), 27.30 ppm. MS (EI): 252 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>7</sub>F<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 252.0068 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 252.0075. IR (KBr): ν = 1686, 1368, 1220, 1197, 1139, 1081, 780, 641, 604 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### **1-(Trifluoromethoxy)-4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene 6c**



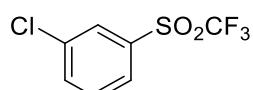
Yellow solid (145 mg, 96%). Eluent: ethyl acetate / petroleum ether = 1/80 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.8). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -57.69 (s, 3 F), -78.27 (s, 3 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 155.62, 133.63, 129.53, 121.48, 120.45 (q, *J* = 261.2 Hz), 120.02 (q, *J* = 325.6 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 294 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: 293.9785 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 293.9784. IR (KBr): ν = 1589, 1494, 1374, 1261, 1076, 1017, 809, 613 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### **1-Fluoro-3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene 6d**



Colorless liquid (110 mg, 96%). Eluent: ethyl acetate / petroleum ether = 1/100 (*R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.8). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.70 (td, *J* = 8.1, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.56 (td, *J* = 8.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (375 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -78.09 (s, 3 F), -107.47 (td, *J* = 7.7, 5.3 Hz, 1 F); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 293 K, TMS) δ 162.93 (d, *J* = 254.6 Hz), 133.69 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 132.17 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 127.06 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 124.40 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 120.00 (d, *J* = 322.4 Hz), 118.30 (d, *J* = 25.0 Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 228 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>F<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 227.9868 (M<sup>+</sup>), Found: 227.9874. IR (KBr): ν = 2961, 1261, 1094, 1020, 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

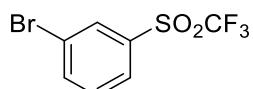
### **1-Chloro-3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene 6e**



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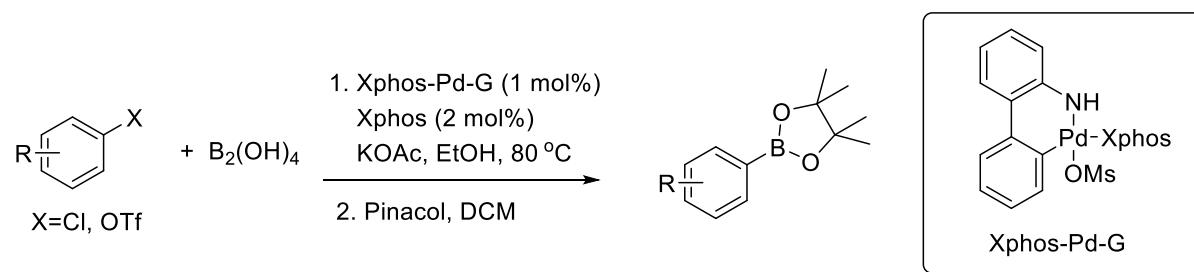
0.8).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.03 (s, 1 H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1 H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H), 7.64 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -78.03 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  137.09, 136.71, 131.48, 130.92, 129.20, 124.73, 119.98 (q,  $J = 325.9$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 244 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SCl}$ : 243.9573 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 243.9579. IR (KBr):  $\nu = 2962, 1261, 1020, 800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**1-Bromo-3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene 6f**

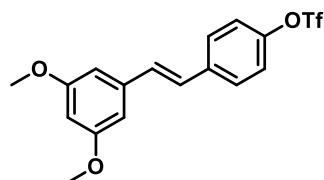


Colorless liquid (140 mg, 97%). Eluent: ethyl acetate / petroleum ether = 1/100 ( $R_f = 0.8$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  8.18 (s, 1 H), 7.98 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2 H), 7.57 (t,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1 H);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (375 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  -78.02 (s, 3 F);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K, TMS)  $\delta$  140.00, 133.72, 133.61, 131.64, 129.63, 124.24, 119.96 (q,  $J = 325.9$  Hz) ppm. MS (EI): 287.9 ( $\text{M}^+$ ); HRMS (EI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_3\text{O}_2\text{SBr}$ : 287.9067 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), Found: 287.9063. IR (KBr):  $\nu = 2962, 2920, 1739, 1457, 1261, 1096, 800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**Procedure for the preparation of S-4n, S-4p and S-4q<sup>21</sup>**

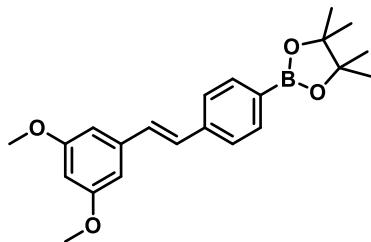


**(E)-4-(3,5-Dimethoxystyryl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (S1-4n)**



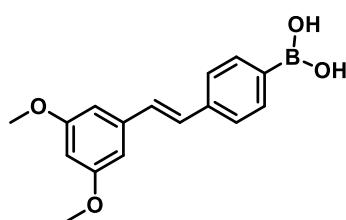
To a dried flask equipped with a stir bar and an argon balloon were added Pterostilbene (5.20 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), pyridine (3.20 g, 40.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv.), and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60.0 mL), then trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (6.30 g, 30.0 mmol, 1.50 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C, and then 20.0 mL of water and 30.0 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/5, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.8) to give the product (7.4 g, 94%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.53 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.02 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.65-6.66 (m, 2 H), 6.42 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.82 (s, 6 H); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -72.85 (s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 161.02, 148.62, 138.56, 137.58, 130.74, 128.00, 126.96, 121.55, 118.73 (q, J = 320.9 Hz), 104.77, 100.39, 55.33 ppm. MS (ESI): 389.0 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>5</sub>F<sub>3</sub>S: 389.0665(M+H<sup>+</sup>). Found: 389.0658. IR (KBr): ν = 3004, 1593, 1501, 1424, 1205, 1139, 1067, 962 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(E)-2-(4-(3,5-Dimethoxystyryl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane(S2-4n)**



To a 100 mL of Schlenk tube were added anhydrous KOAc (2.94 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.00 equiv), XPhos-Pd-G (84 mg, 1.0 mol%), Xphos (95 mg, 2.0 mol%), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (1.80 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*E*)-4-(3,5-dimethoxystyryl)phenyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (3.90 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) under argon, followed by fresh distilled EtOH (40.0 mL). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, and pinacol (2.36 g, 20.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added. After the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h, the reaction mixture was then concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/5, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.7) to give (*E*)-2-(4-(3,5-dimethoxystyryl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (3.0 g, 82%) as a white solid (Mp: 65 - 67 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.51 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (s, 2 H), 6.68-6.69 (m, 2 H), 6.41 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 6 H), 1.36 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.96, 139.78, 139.18, 135.14, 129.60, 129.12, 125.84, 104.63, 100.26, 83.79, 55.37, 24.87 ppm. MS (ESI): 367.2 (M+H<sup>+</sup>). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>10</sup>B: 366.2111 (M+H<sup>+</sup>). Found: 366.2112. IR (KBr): ν<sub>max</sub> = 2993, 1605, 1515, 1359, 1204, 1146, 1088, 964 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

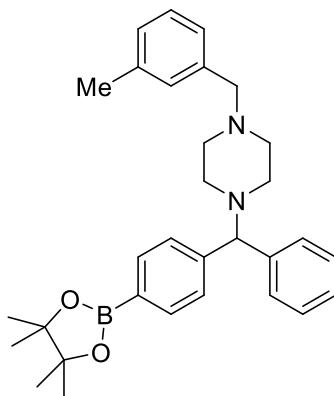
#### (*E*)-(4-(3,5-Dimethoxystyryl)phenyl)boronic acid (S-4n)



To a 250 mL round-bottom flask were added (*E*)-2-(4-(3,5-dimethoxystyryl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.20 g, 3.30 mmol), NaIO<sub>4</sub> (4.20 g, 20.0 mmol), NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (1.50 g, 20.0 mmol), acetone (80.0 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (40.0 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 48 h, the reaction mixture was filtered with a pad of

Celite. The filtrate was concentrated. The residue was diluted with ethyl acetate (200.0 mL) and washed with saturated brine. The organic layer was filtered through a pad of MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography through a short silica gel column to afford the corresponding boronic acid as a pale yellow solid. The product was used in the next step without purification.

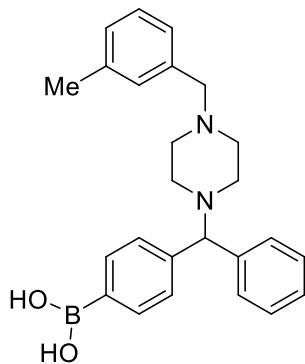
**1-(3-Methylbenzyl)-4-(phenyl(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenyl)methyl)piperazine (S1-4p)**



To a 100 mL of Schlenk tube were added anhydrous KOAc (2.94 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.00 equiv), XPhos-Pd-G (84 mg, 1.0 mol%), Xphos (95 mg, 2.0 mol%), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (1.80 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv.), 1-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-(3-methylbenzyl)piperazine (3.90 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) under argon, followed by fresh distilled EtOH (40.0 mL). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, and pinacol (2.36 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) was added. After the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h, the reaction mixture was then concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/3, R<sub>f</sub> = 0.7) to give 1-(3-methylbenzyl)-4-(phenyl(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-phenyl)methyl)piperazine (3.6 g, 75% yield) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.71 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 4 H), 7.24-7.02 (m, 7 H), 4.23 (s, 1 H), 3.46 (s, 2 H), 2.46-2.31 (m, 12 H), 1.29 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, cdcl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.09, 142.42, 137.82, 137.65, 134.93, 129.93, 128.37, 127.96, 127.90, 127.67, 127.27, 126.84, 126.31, 83.59, 76.31, 63.02, 53.28, 51.82, 24.79, 21.33 ppm. MS (ESI): 483.3 (M+H<sup>+</sup>). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for

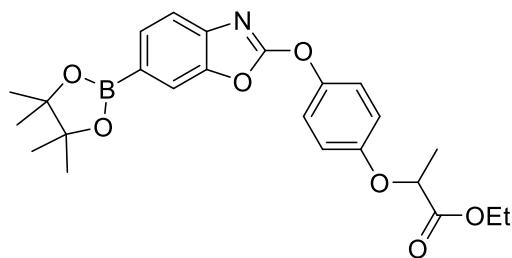
$C_{31}H_{40}O_2N_2^{10}B$ : 482.3214( $M+H^+$ ). Found: 482.3213. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{max}$  = 2976, 1663, 1610, 1452 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**1-(3-Methylbenzyl)-4-(phenyl(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)methyl)piperazine (S-4p)**



To a 100 mL of Schlenk tube were added anhydrous KOAc (2.94 g, 30.0 mmol, 3.00 equiv), XPhos-Pd-G (84 mg, 1.0 mol%), Xphos (95 mg, 2.0 mol%), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (1.80 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv), 1-((4-chlorophenyl)(phenyl)methyl)-4-(3-methylbenzyl)piperazine (3.90 g, 10.0 mmol) under argon, followed by fresh distilled EtOH (40.0 mL). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The residue was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated brine. The organic layer was filtered through a pad of MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Use EA to dissolve the oil and add petroleum ether to get yellow precipitation. The product was used in the next step without purification.

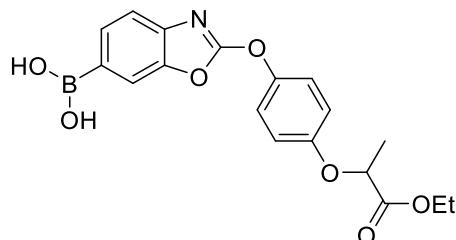
**Ethyl-2-((6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)oxy)phenoxy)propanoate (S1-4q)**



To a 100 mL of Schlenk tube were added anhydrous KOAc (0.75 g, 7.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), XPhos-Pd-G (21 mg, 1.0 mol%), Xphos (24 mg, 2.0 mol%), B<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (0.45 g, 5.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv), ethyl-2-((5-chlorobenzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)oxy)phenoxy)propanoate (0.90 g, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) under argon, followed by

fresh distilled EtOH (10.0 mL). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane, and pinacol (0.59 g, 5.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added. After the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h, the reaction mixture was then concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/3,  $R_f$  = 0.7) to give 1-(3-methylbenzyl)-4-(phenyl(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) phenyl)methyl)piperazine (0.68 g, 60% yield) as a pale yellow oil.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.48 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.95 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.73 (q,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 1.63 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 12 H), 1.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  172.24, 163.61, 156.06, 148.65, 147.19, 143.87, 131.52, 121.60, 118.38, 116.60, 116.38, 116.01, 84.30, 73.57, 61.75, 25.20, 18.88, 14.47 ppm. MS (ESI): 454.0 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ). HRMS (ESI) Calcd for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_7\text{N}^{10}\text{B}$ : 453.2068 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ); Found: 453.2067. IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}=2980, 1752, 1618, 1502, 1297, 1167, 718 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

**2-((4-((1-Ethoxy-1-oxopropan-2-yl)oxy)phenoxy)benzo[d]oxazol-6-yl)boronic acid (S-4q)**



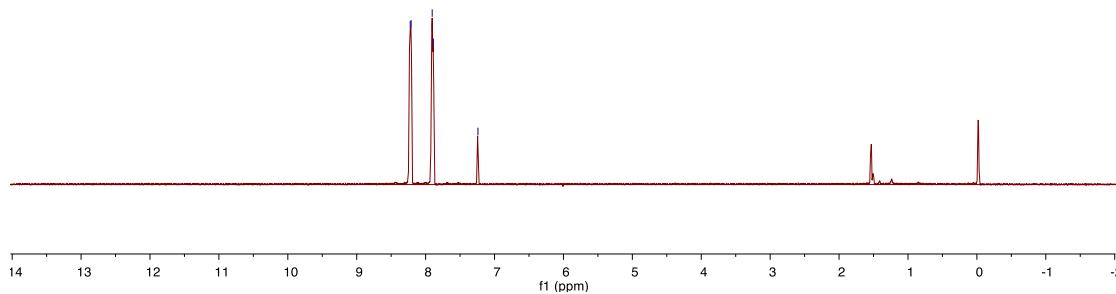
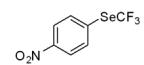
To a 100 mL of Schlenk tube were added anhydrous KOAc (0.75 g, 7.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv), XPhos-Pd-G (21 mg, 1.0 mol%), Xphos (24 mg, 2.0 mol%),  $\text{B}_2(\text{OH})_4$  (0.45 g, 5.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv), ethyl-2-(4-((6-chlorobenzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)oxy)phenoxy)propanoate (0.90 g, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) under argon, followed by fresh distilled EtOH (10.0 mL). The resulting mixture was then stirred at 80 °C for 4 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Eluent: ethyl acetate/petroleum ether: 1/10 to ethyl acetate) to give brown oil. The product was used in the next step without purification.

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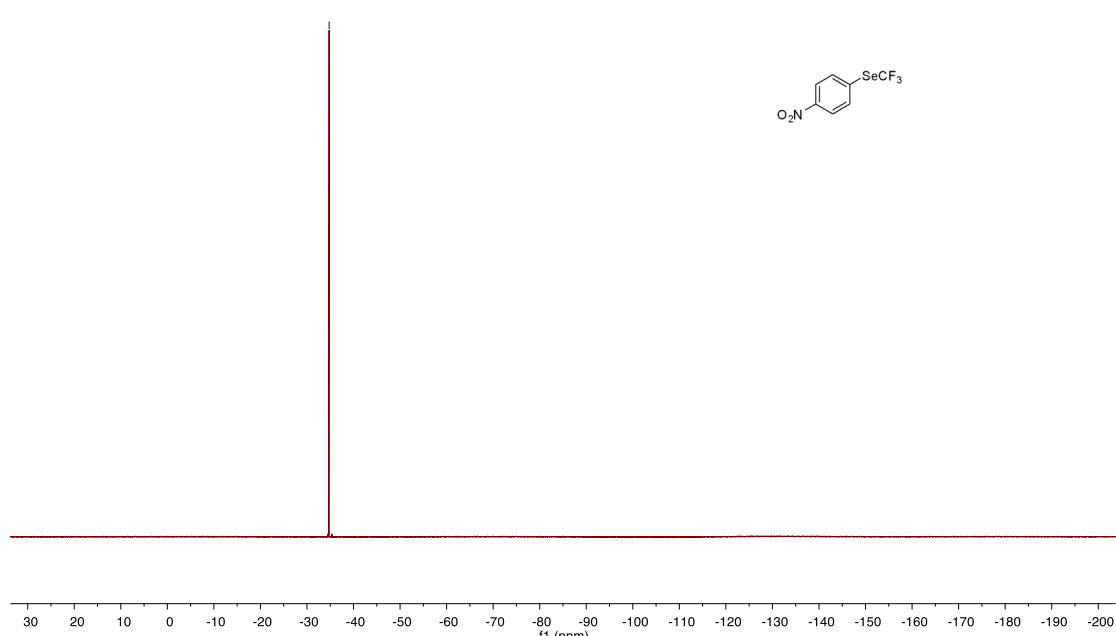
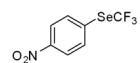
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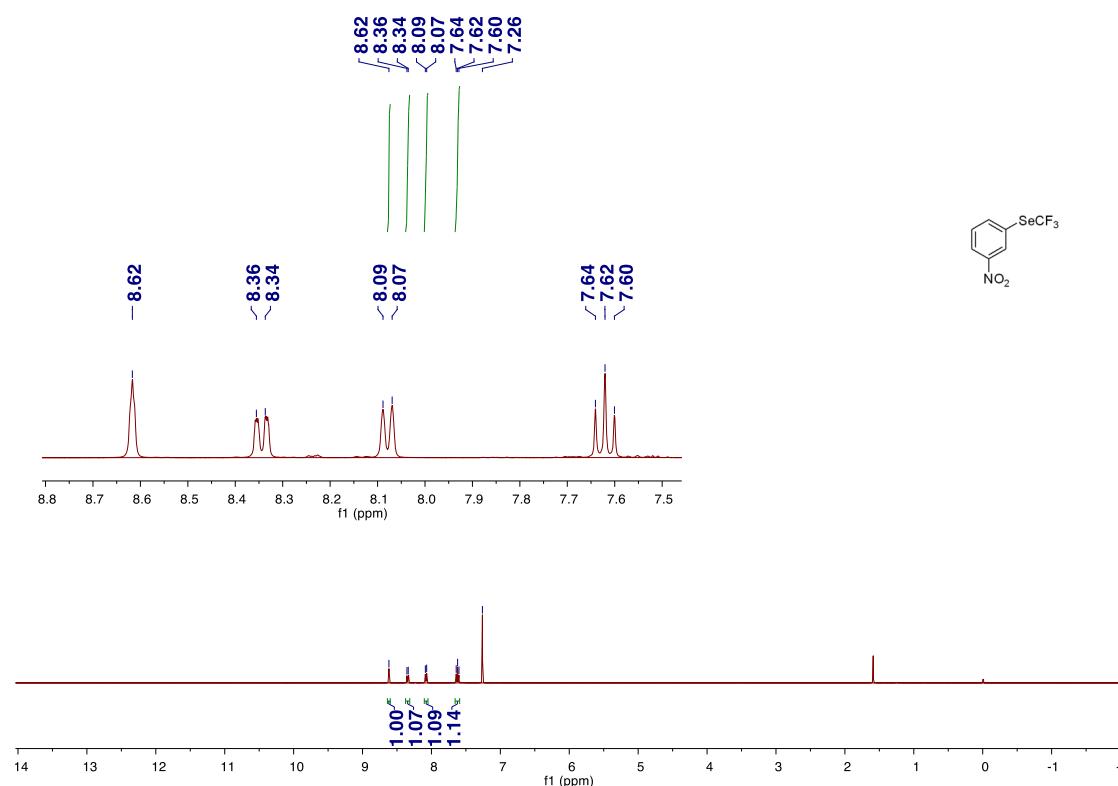


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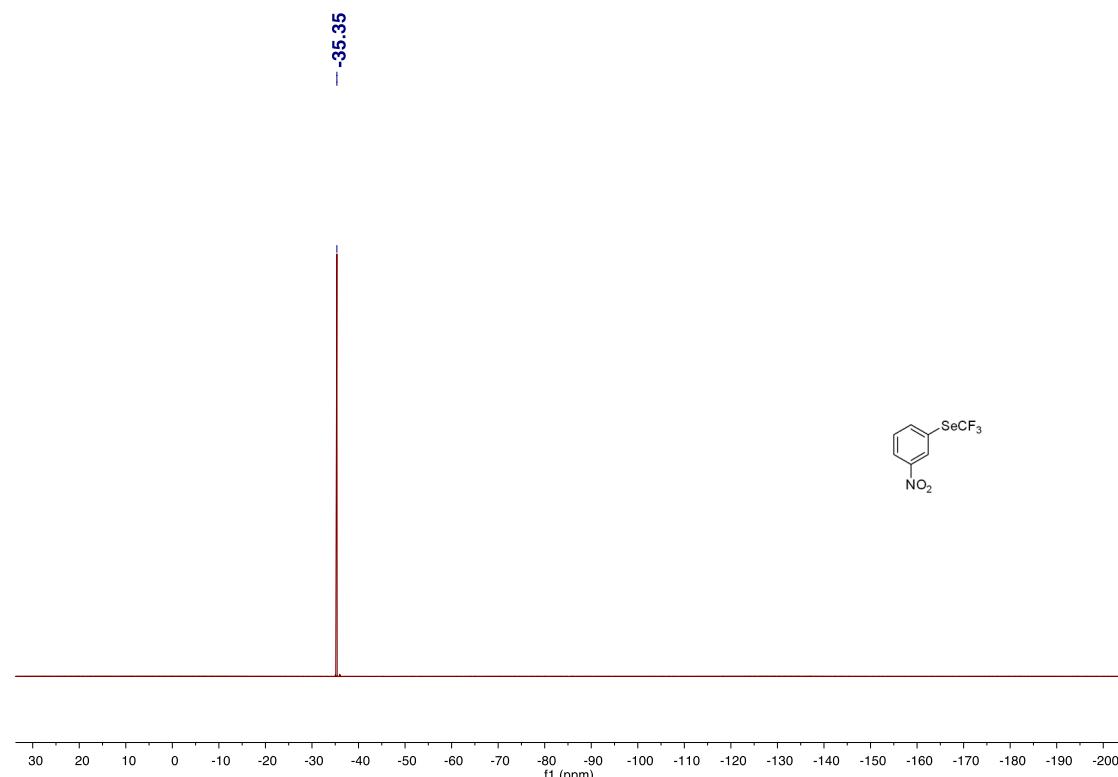
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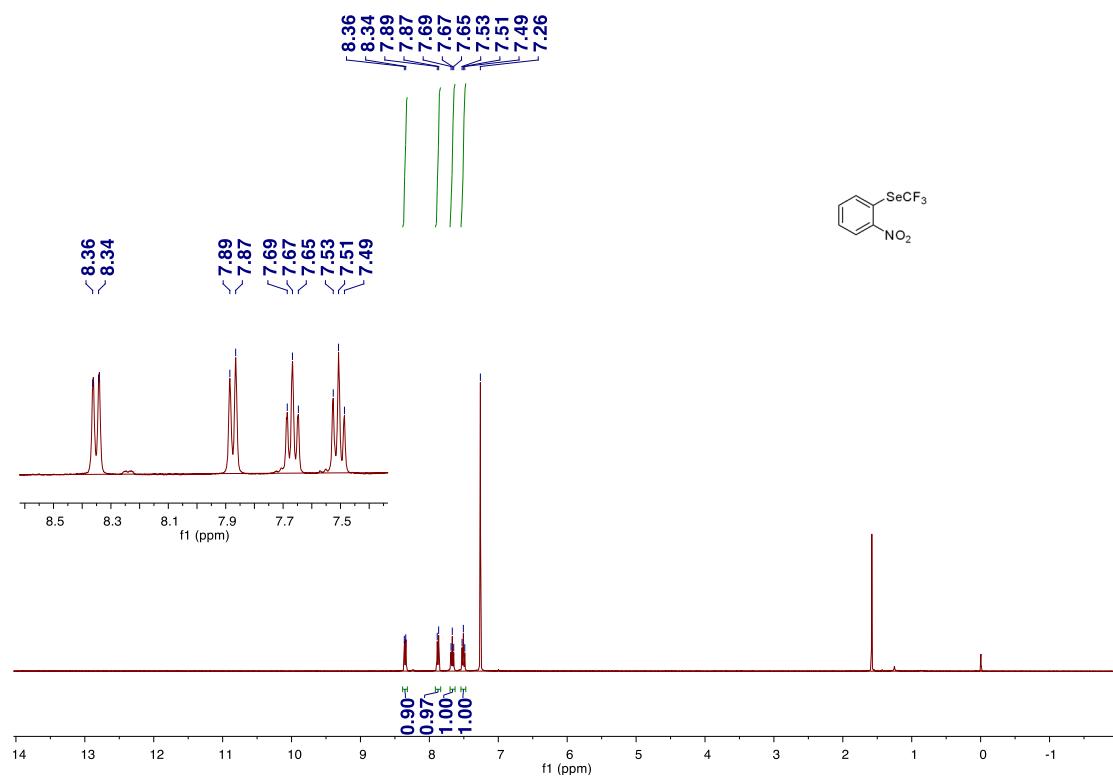
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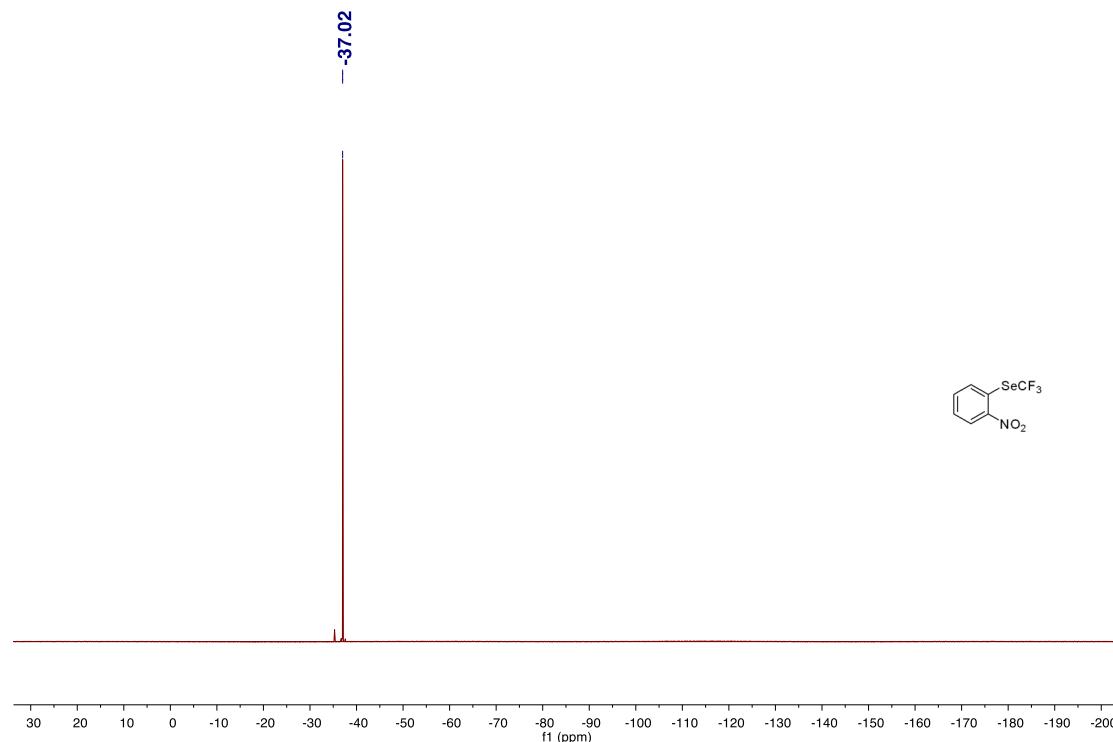
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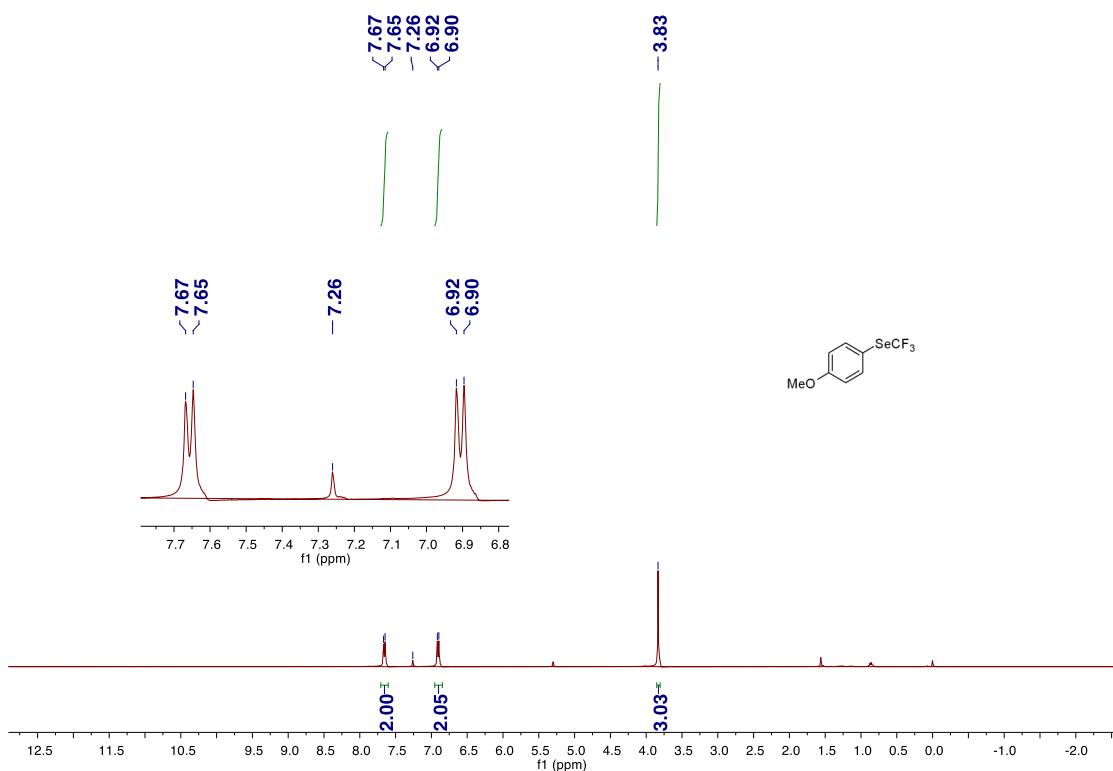
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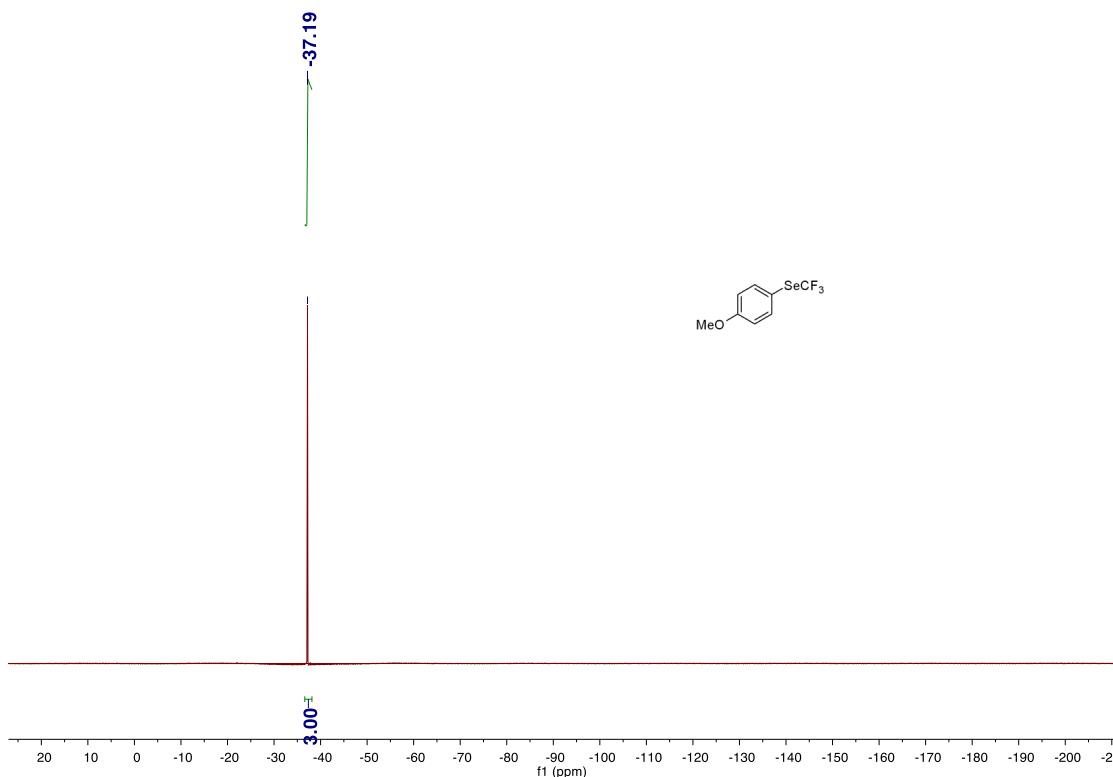
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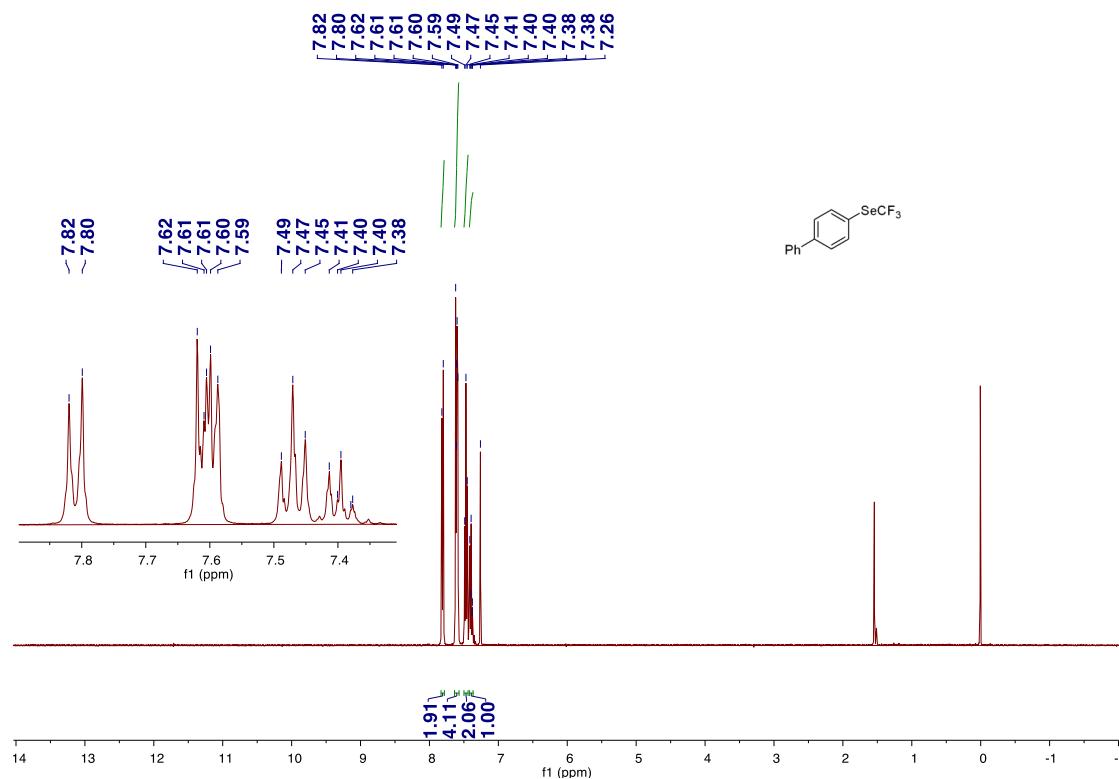
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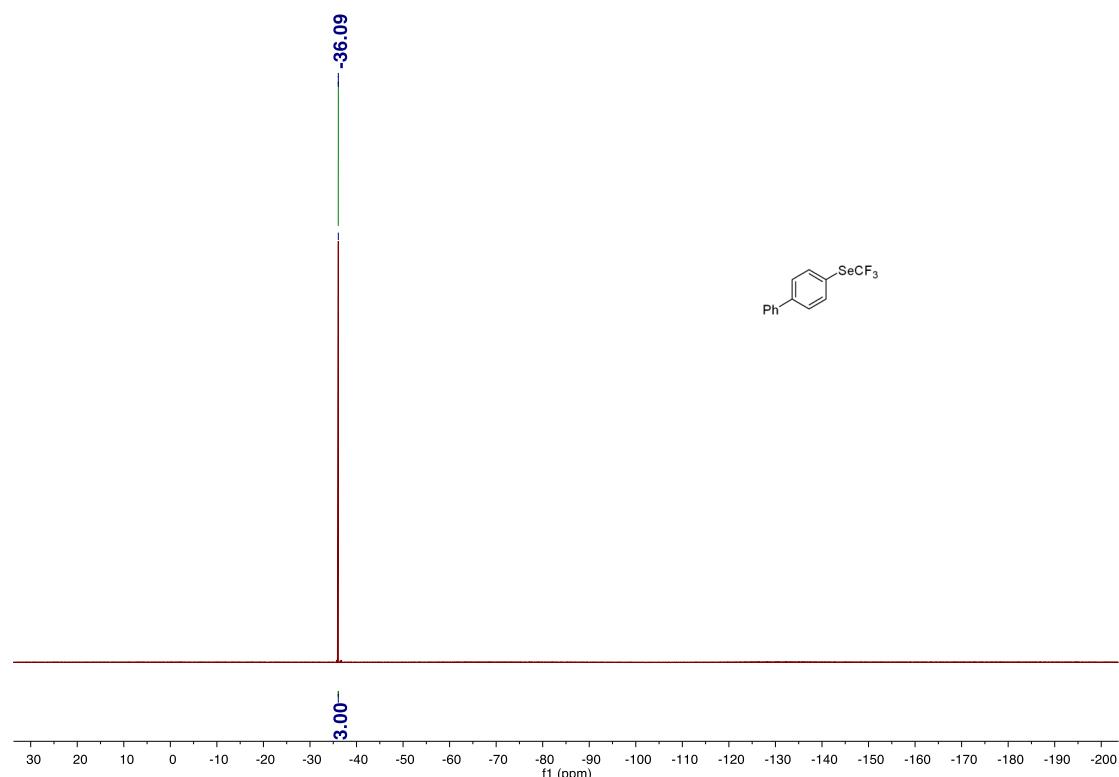
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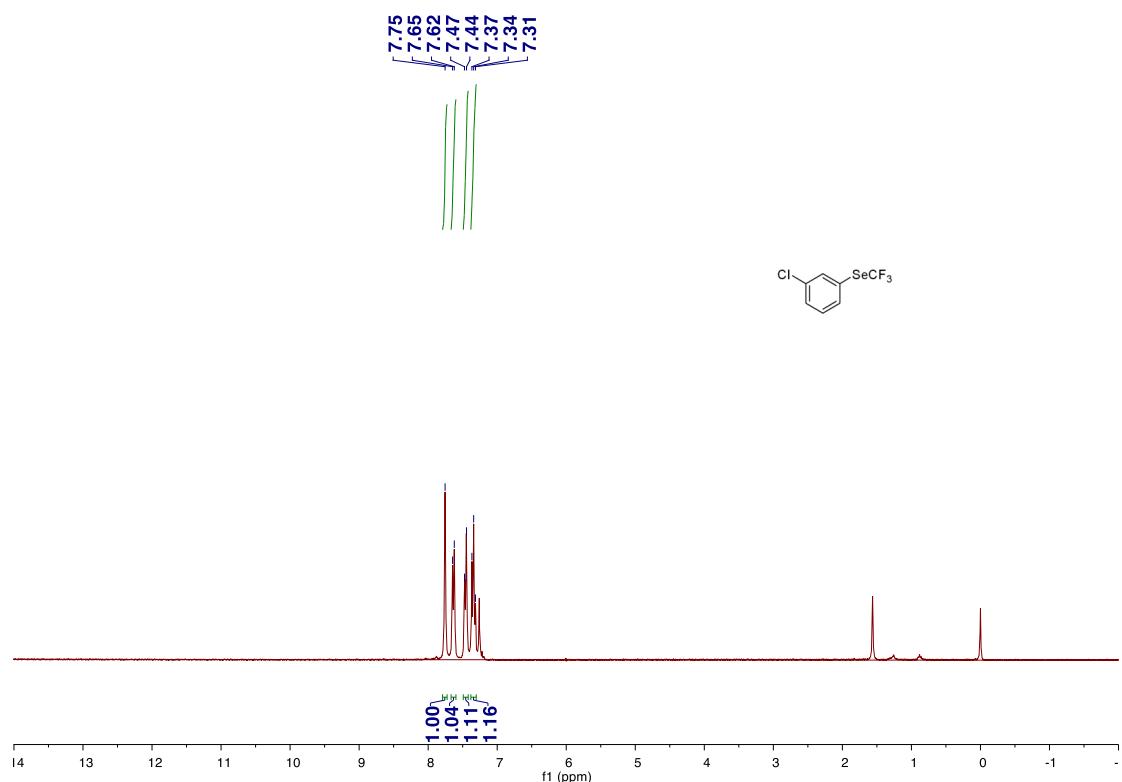
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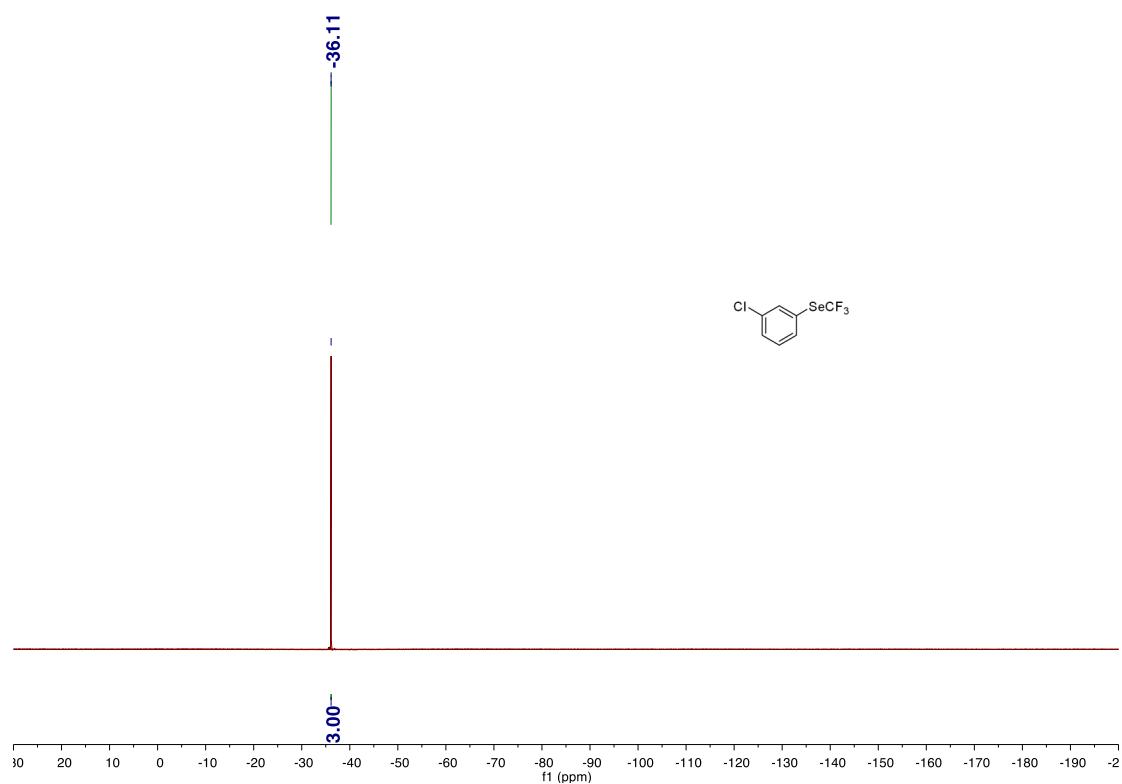
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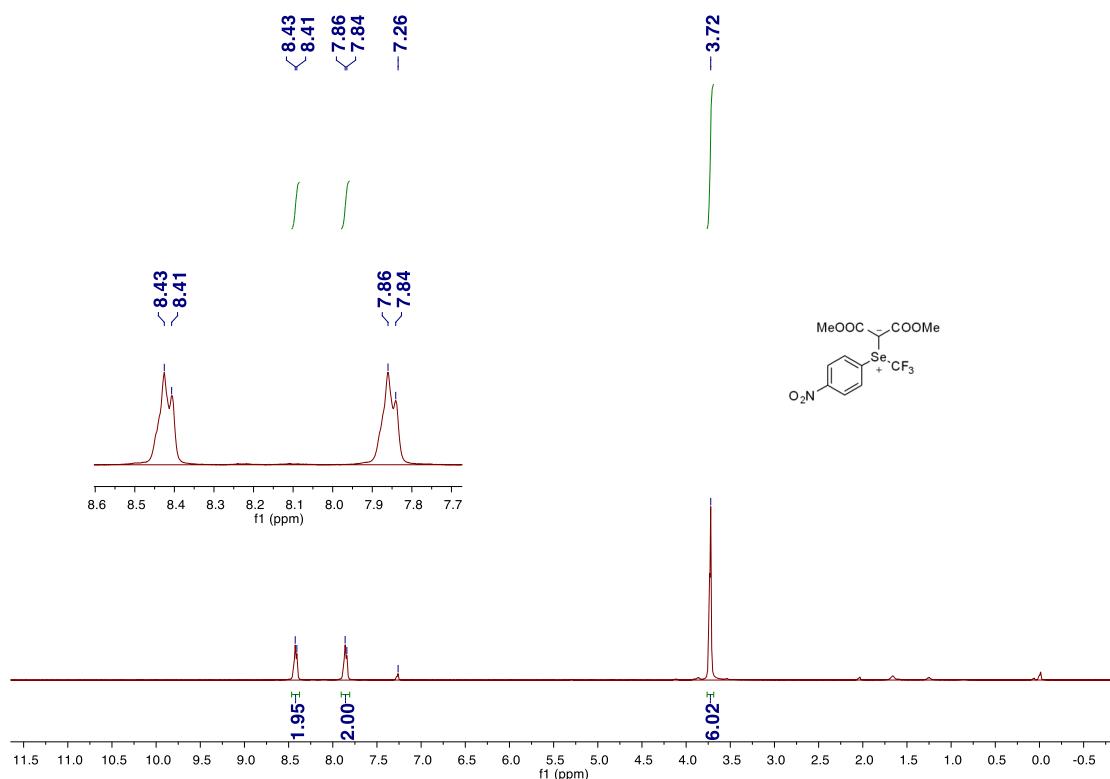
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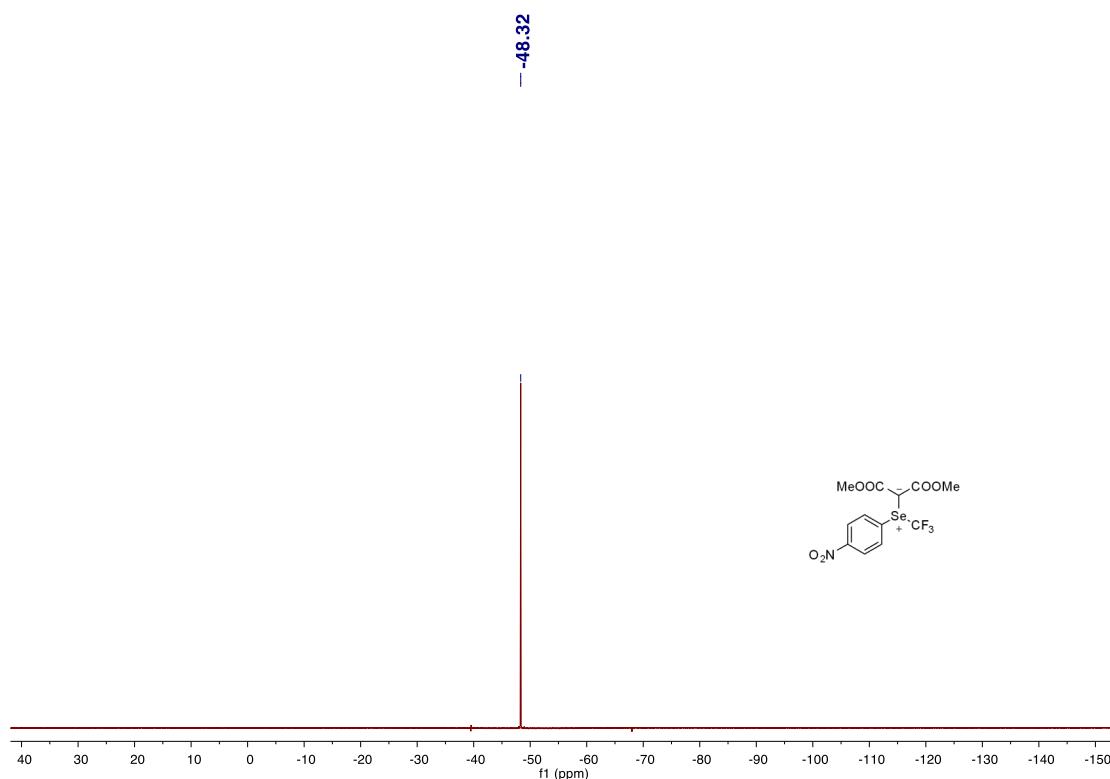
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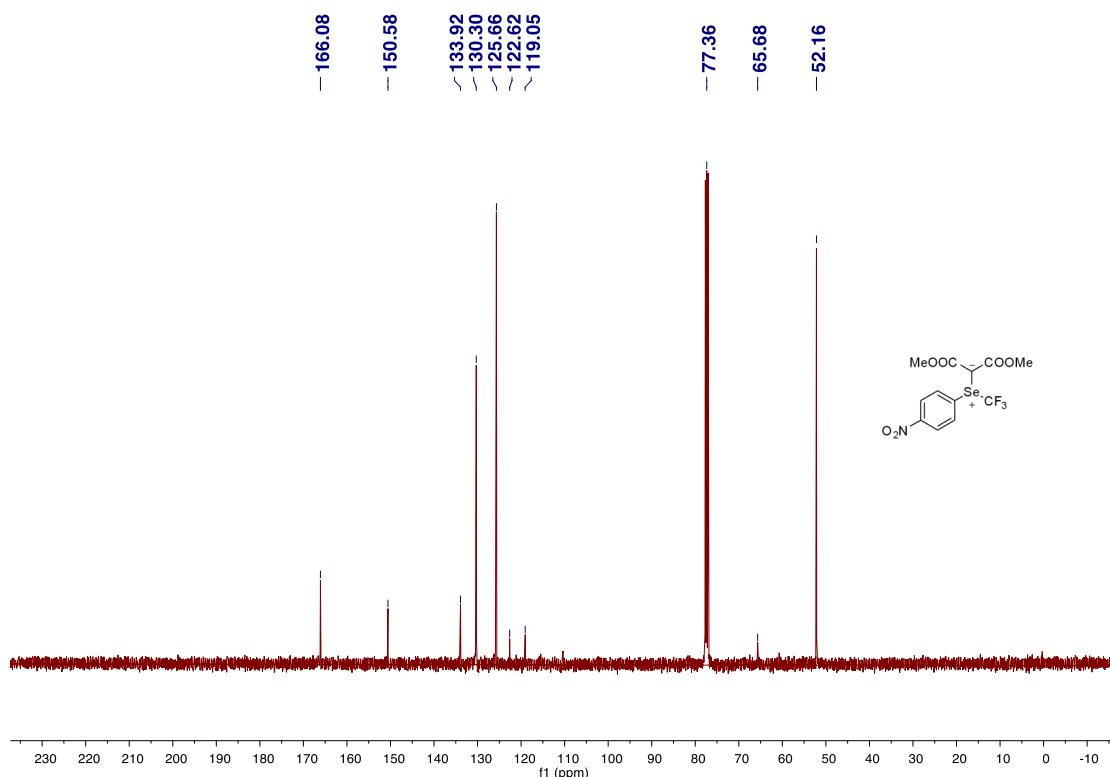
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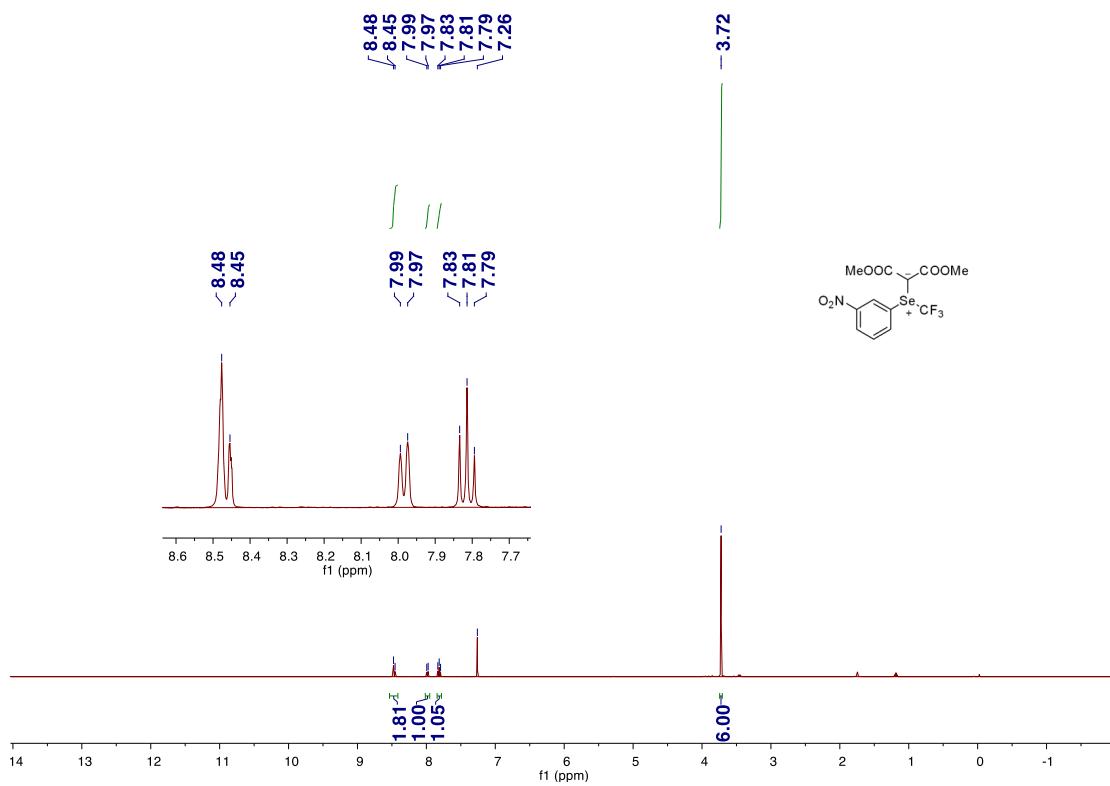
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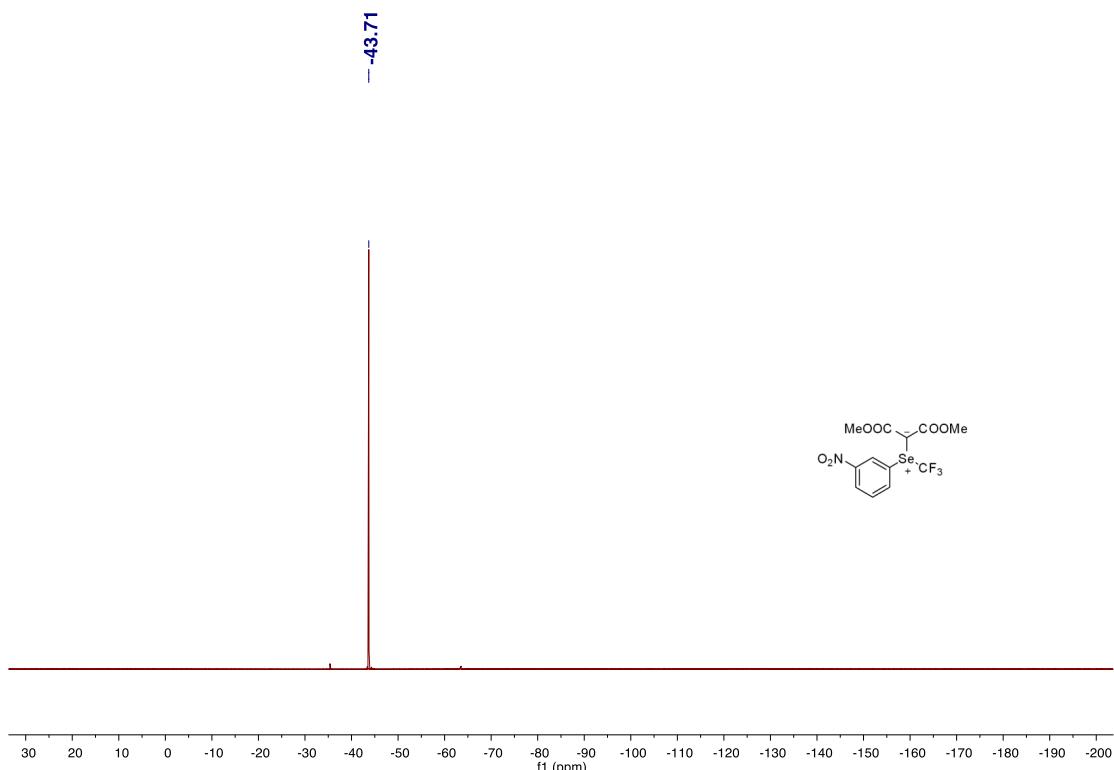
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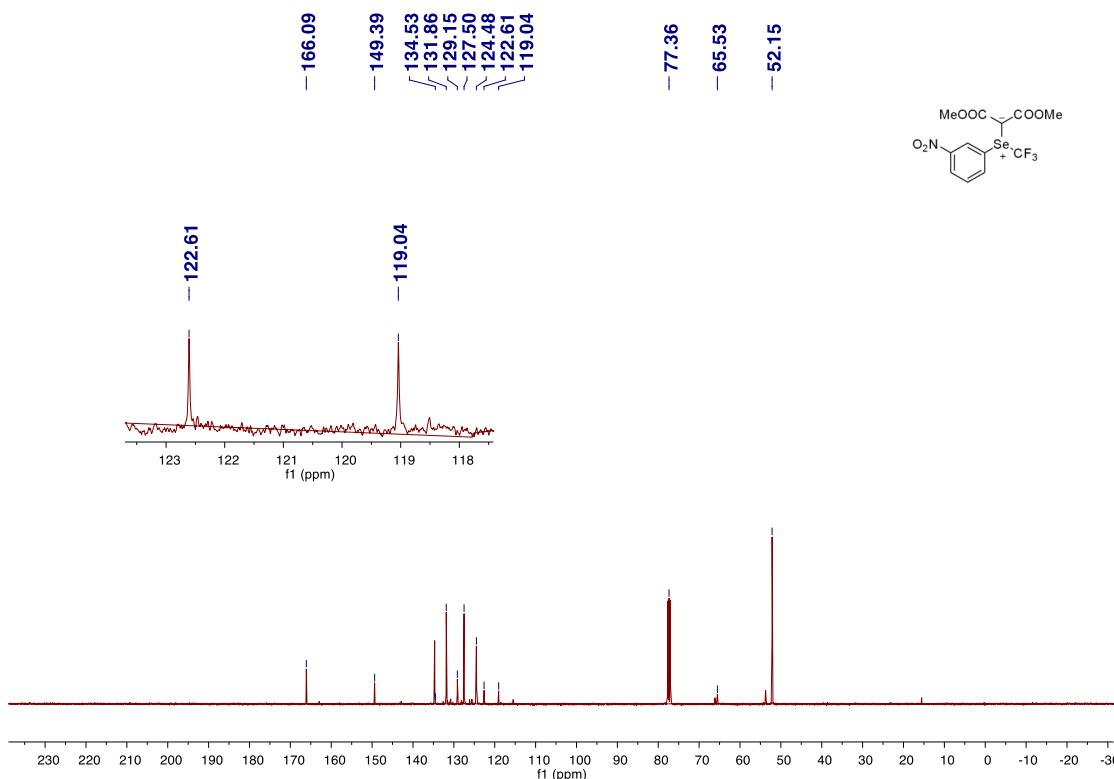
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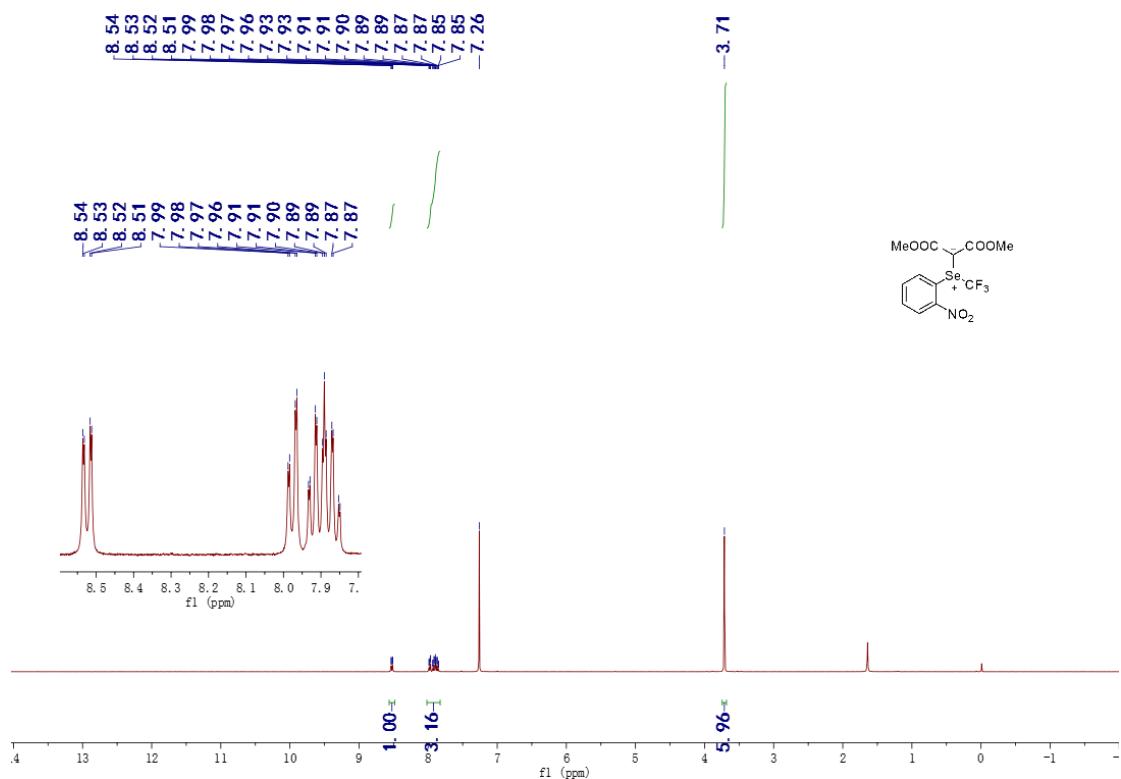
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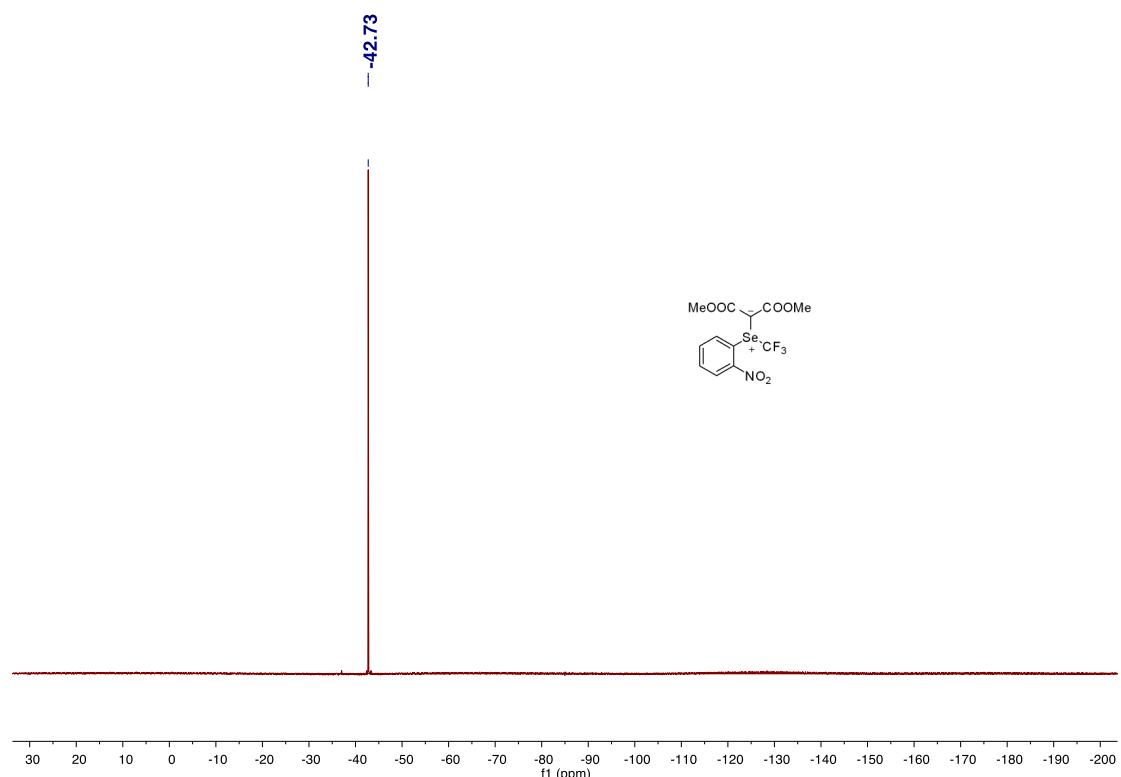
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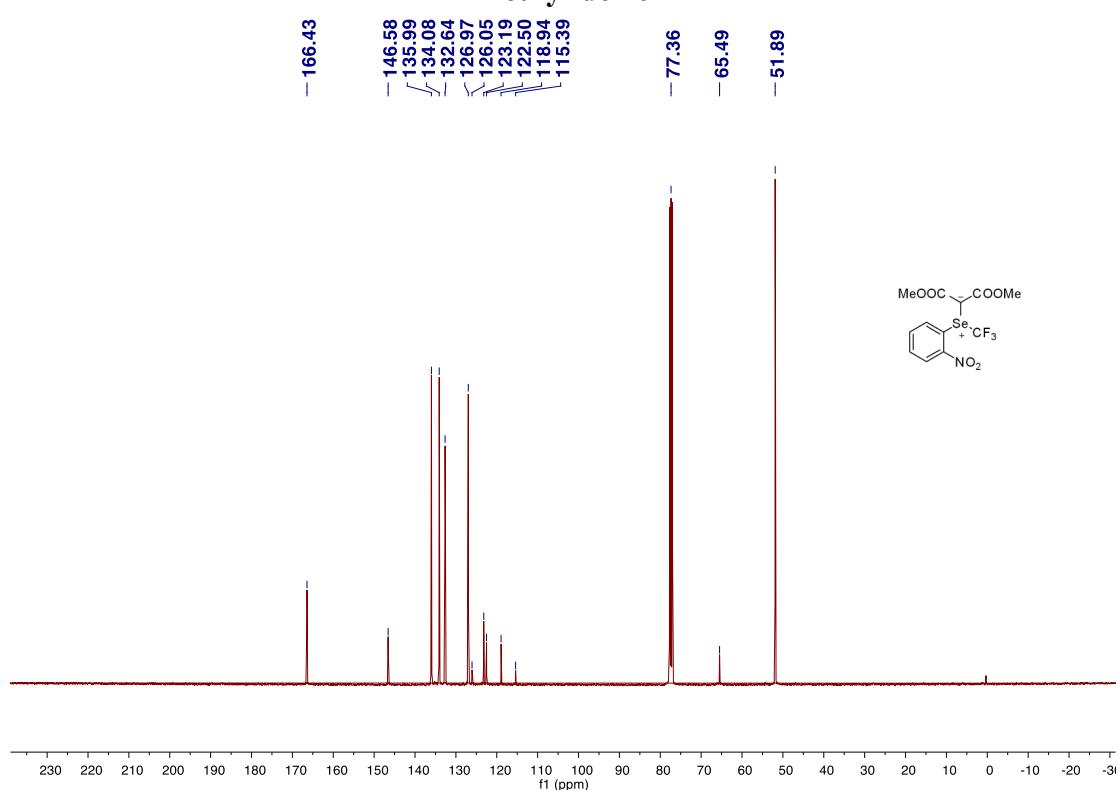
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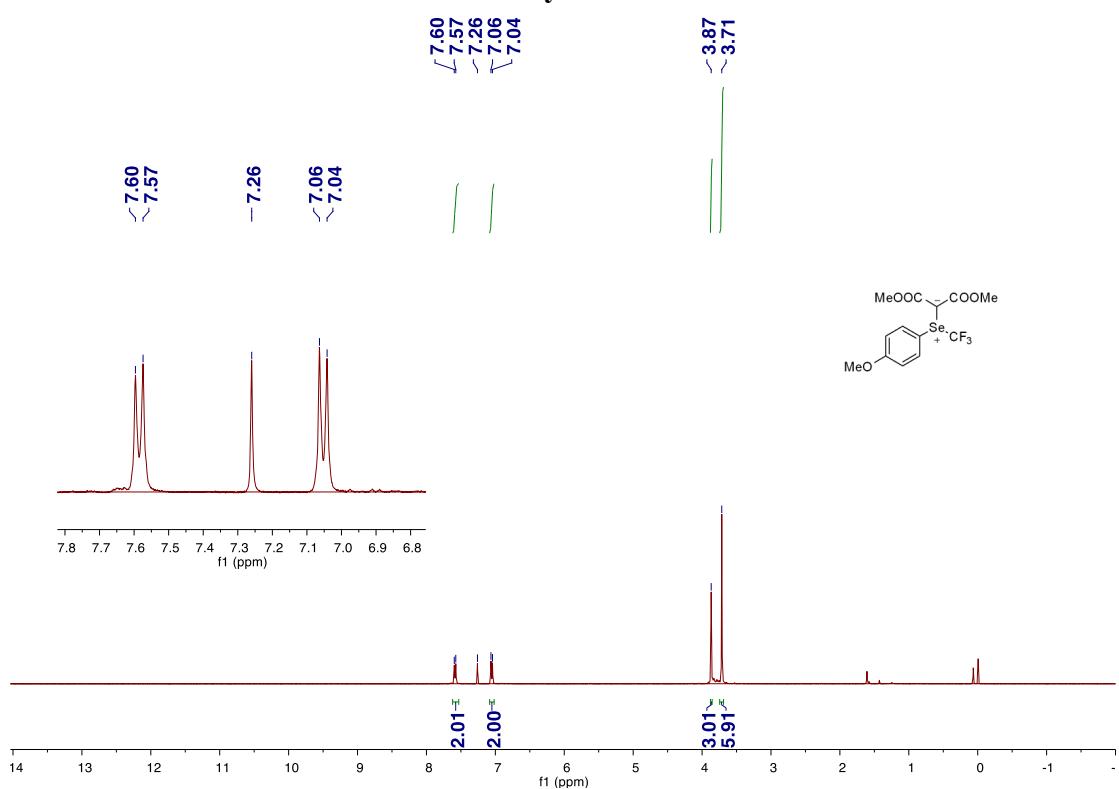
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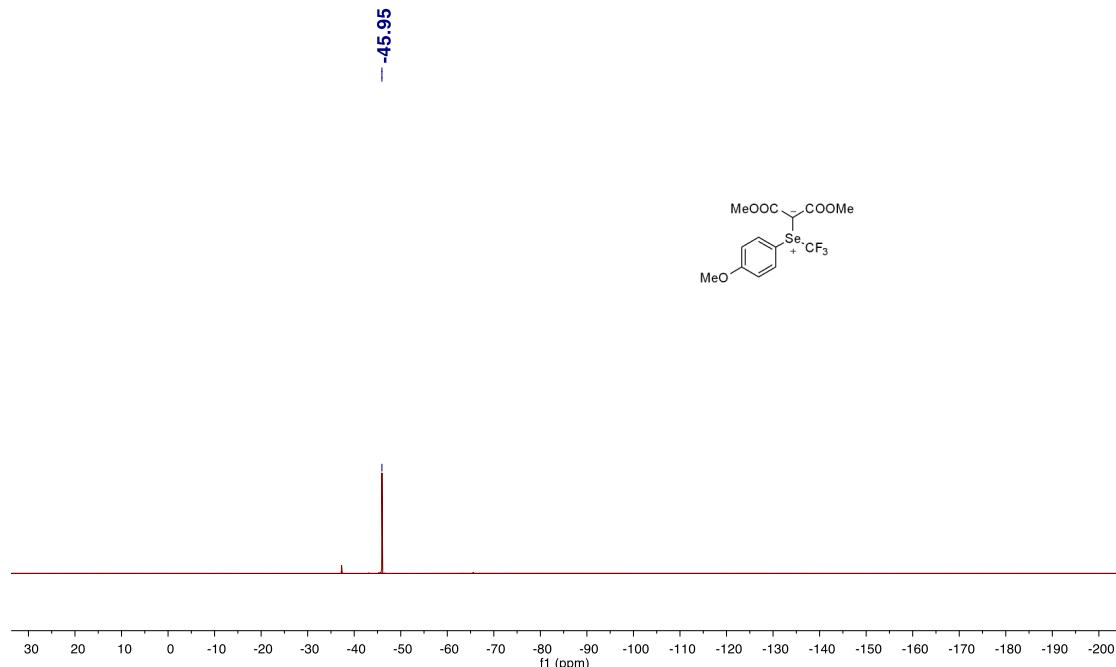
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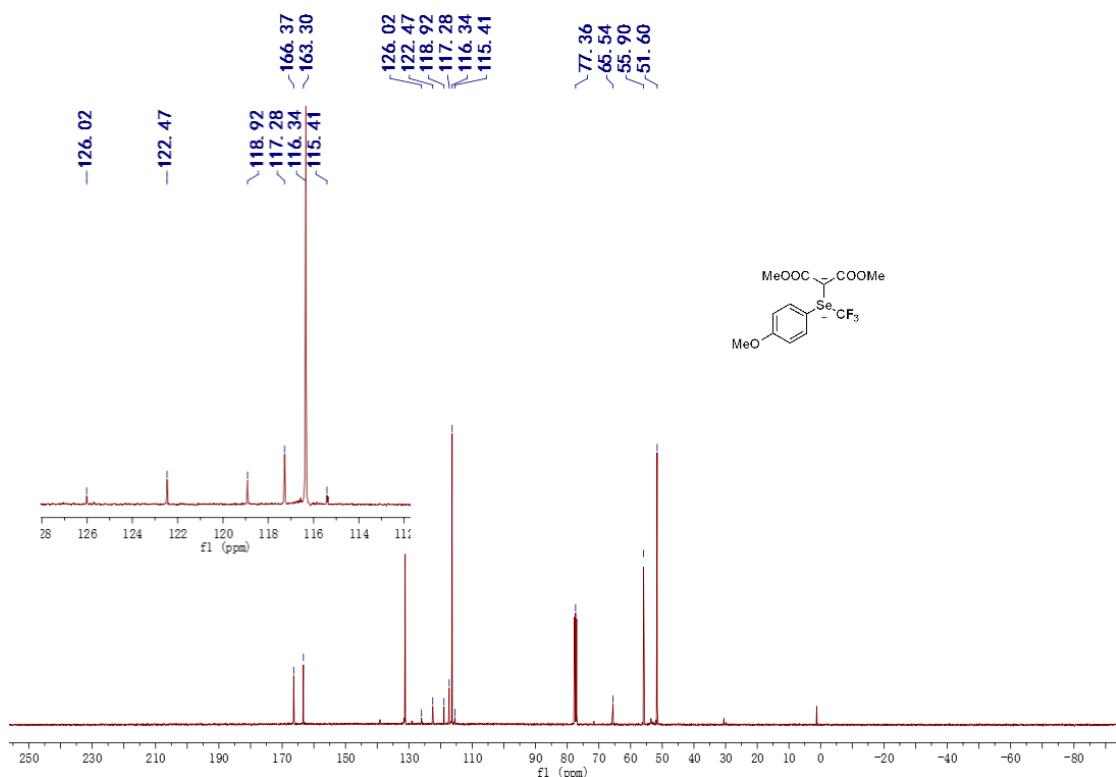
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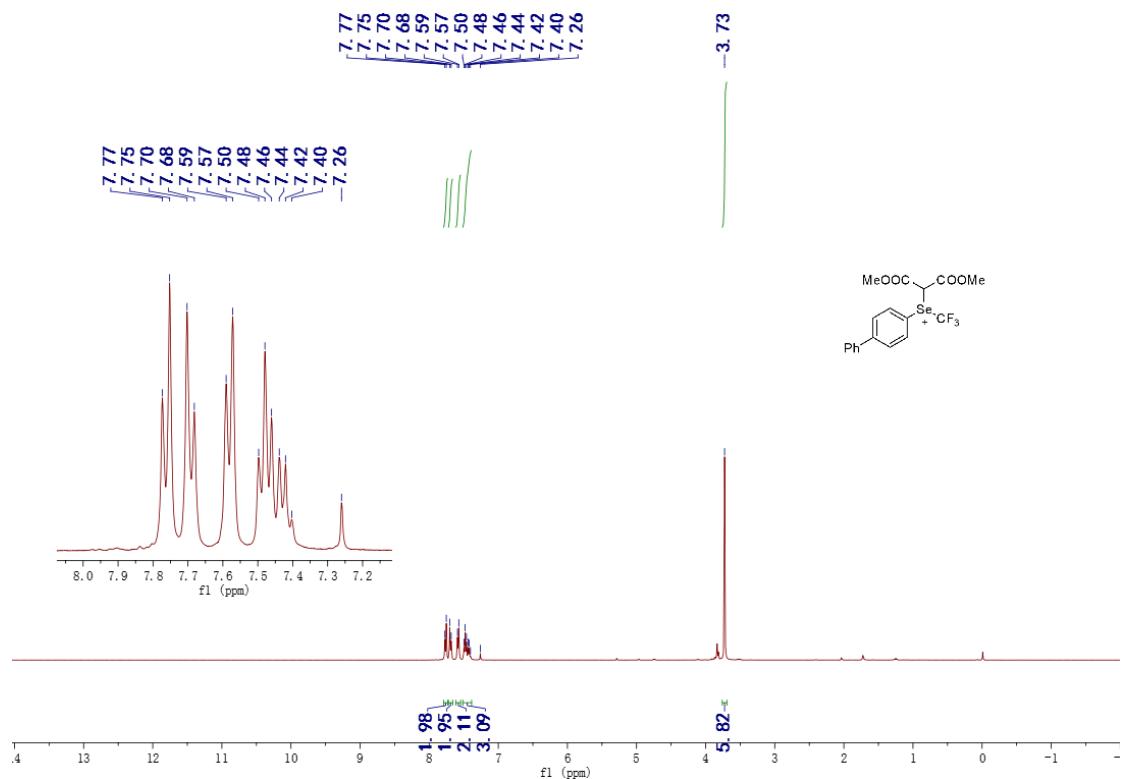
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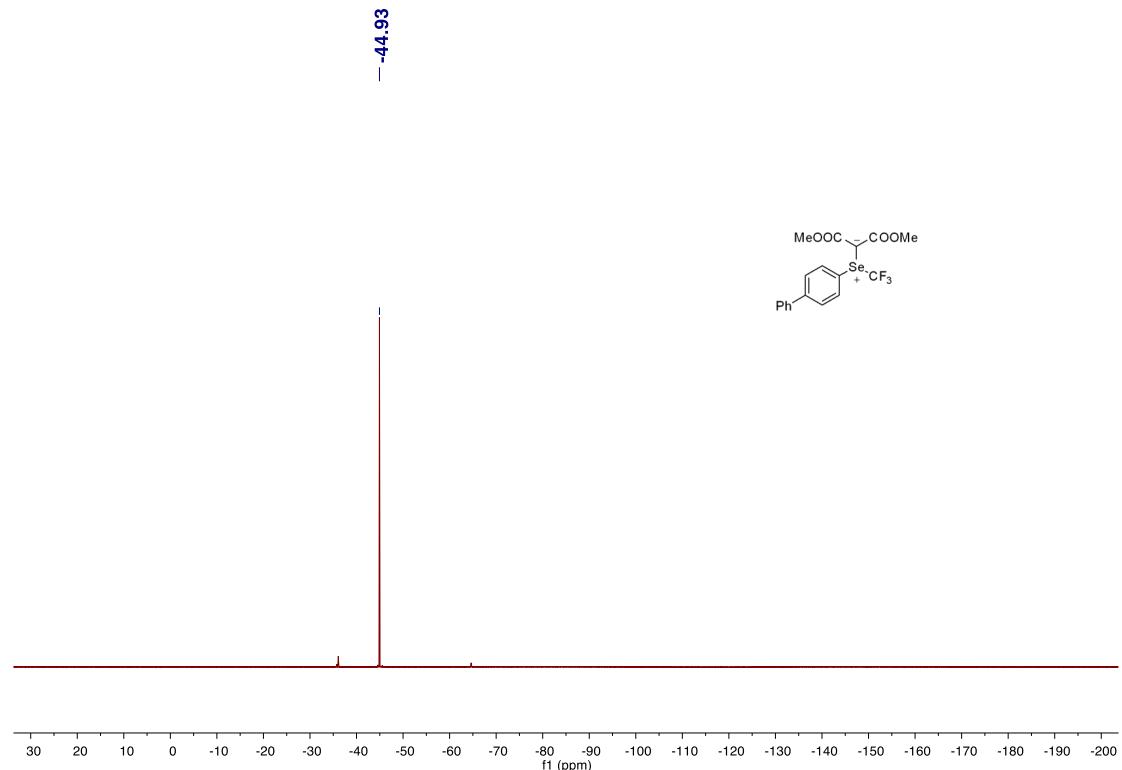
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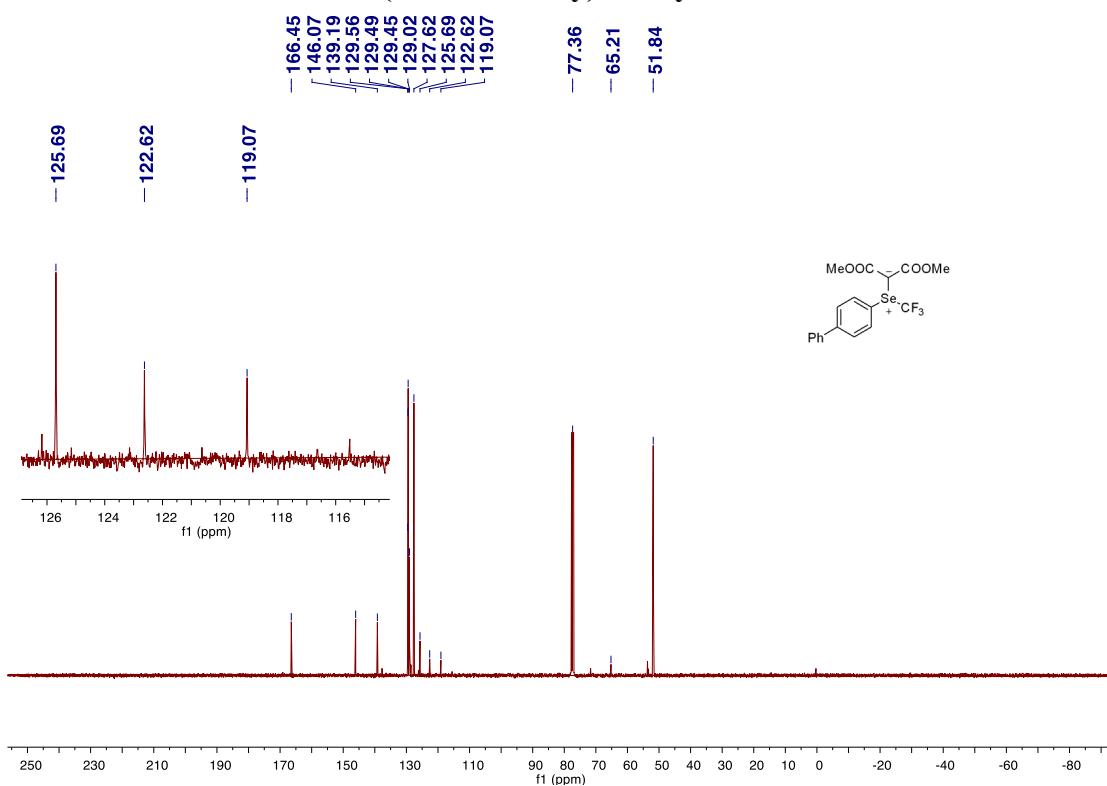
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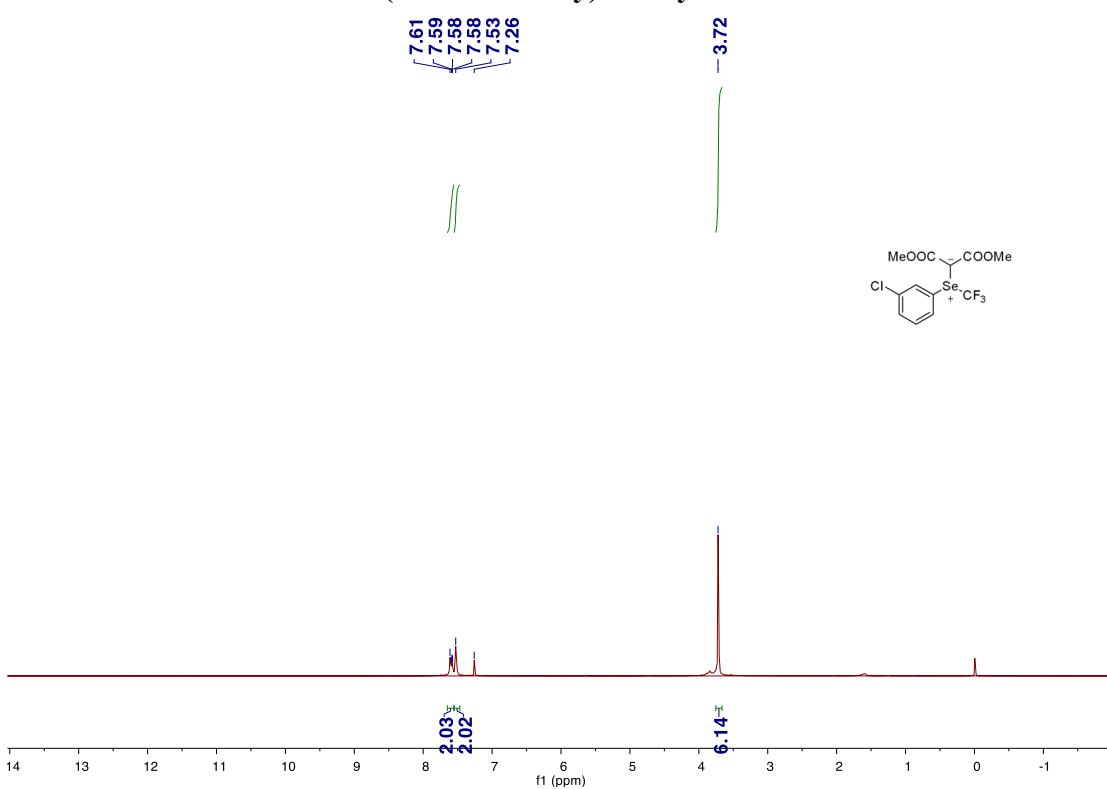
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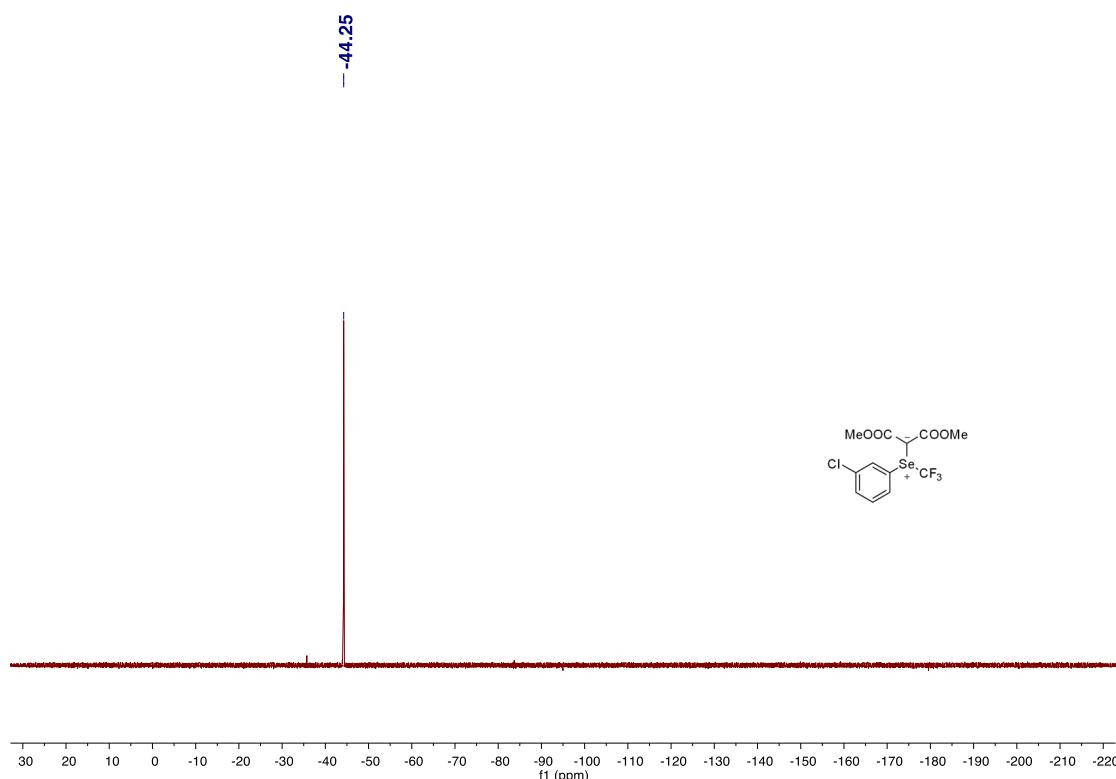
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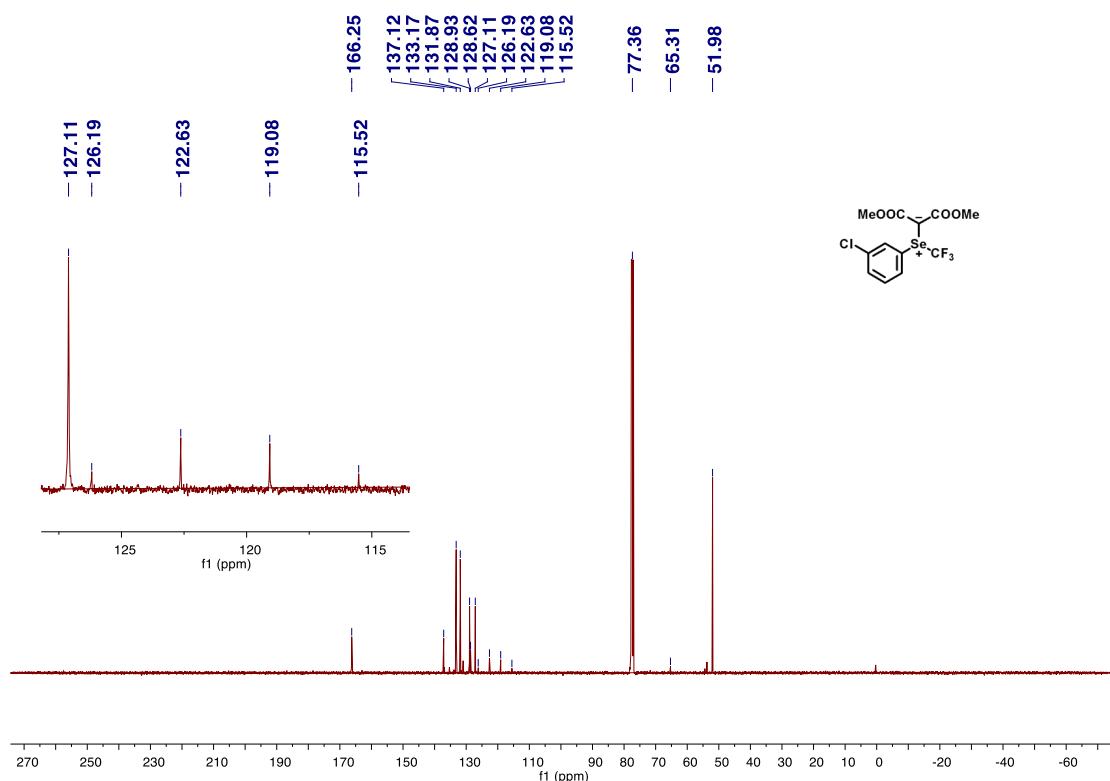
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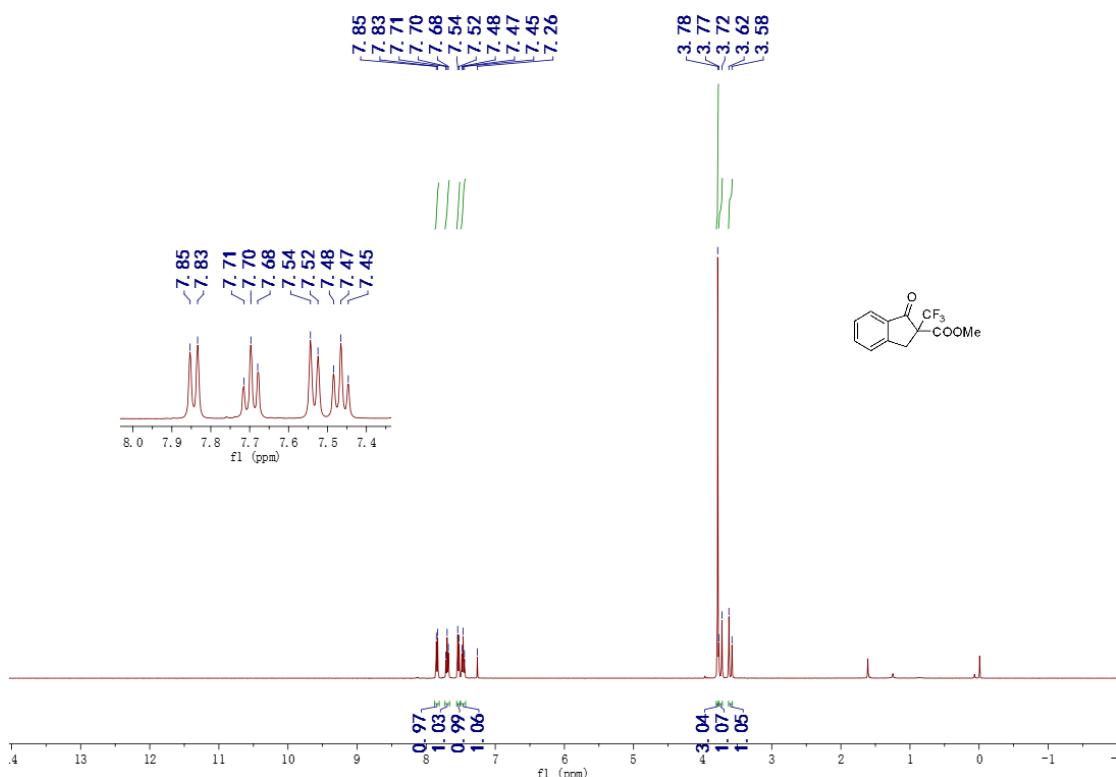
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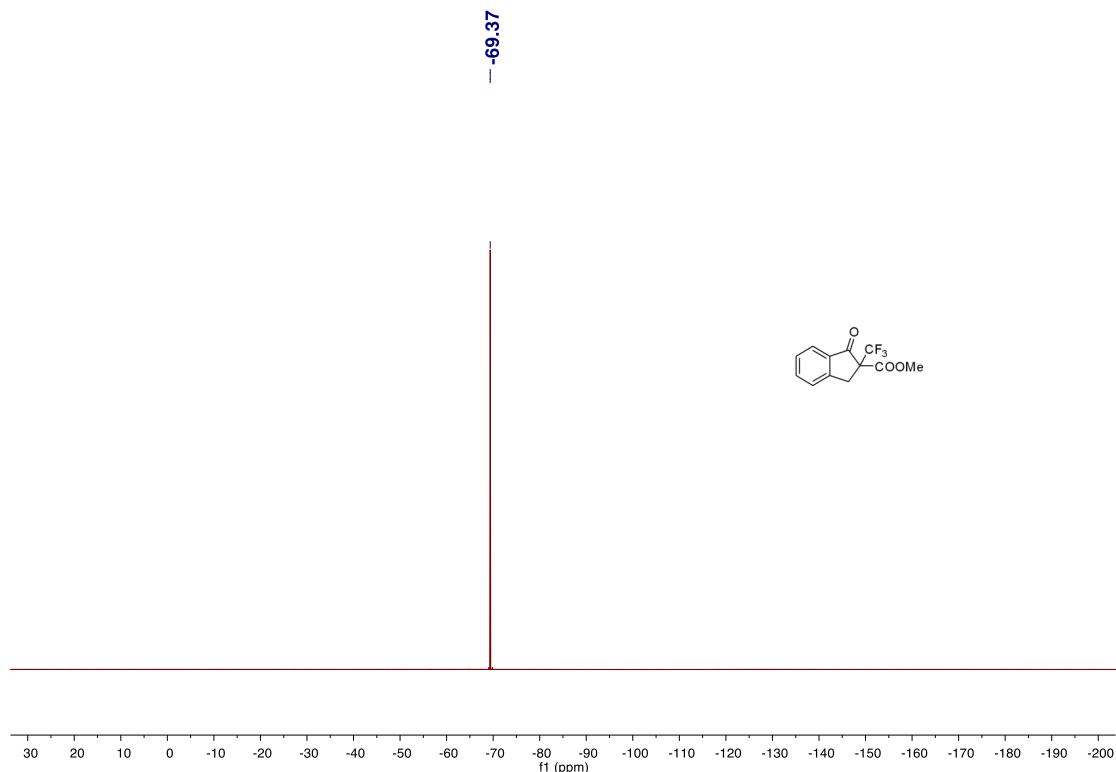
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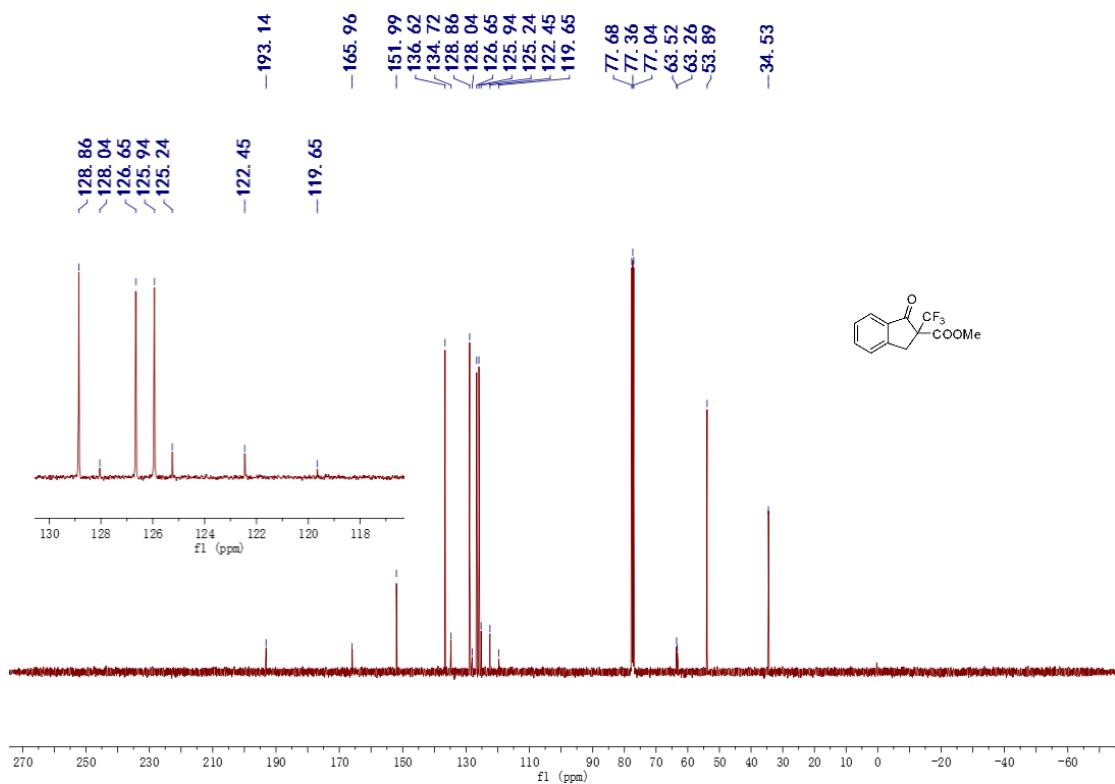
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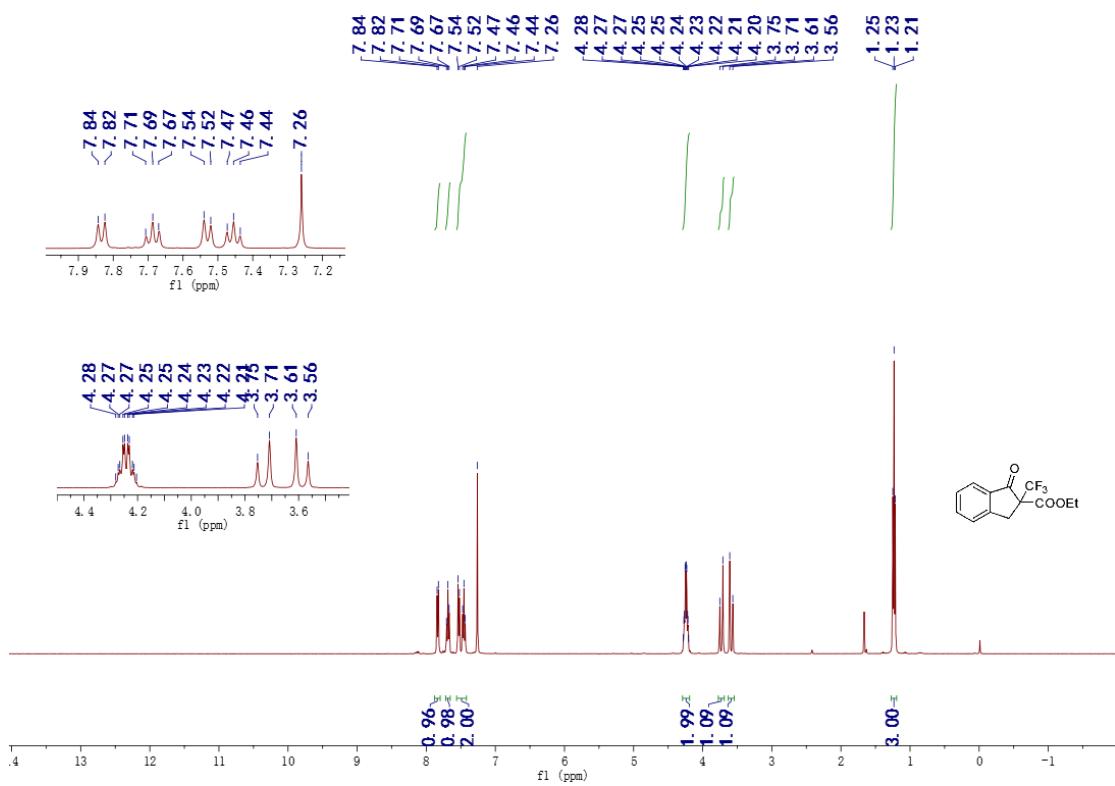
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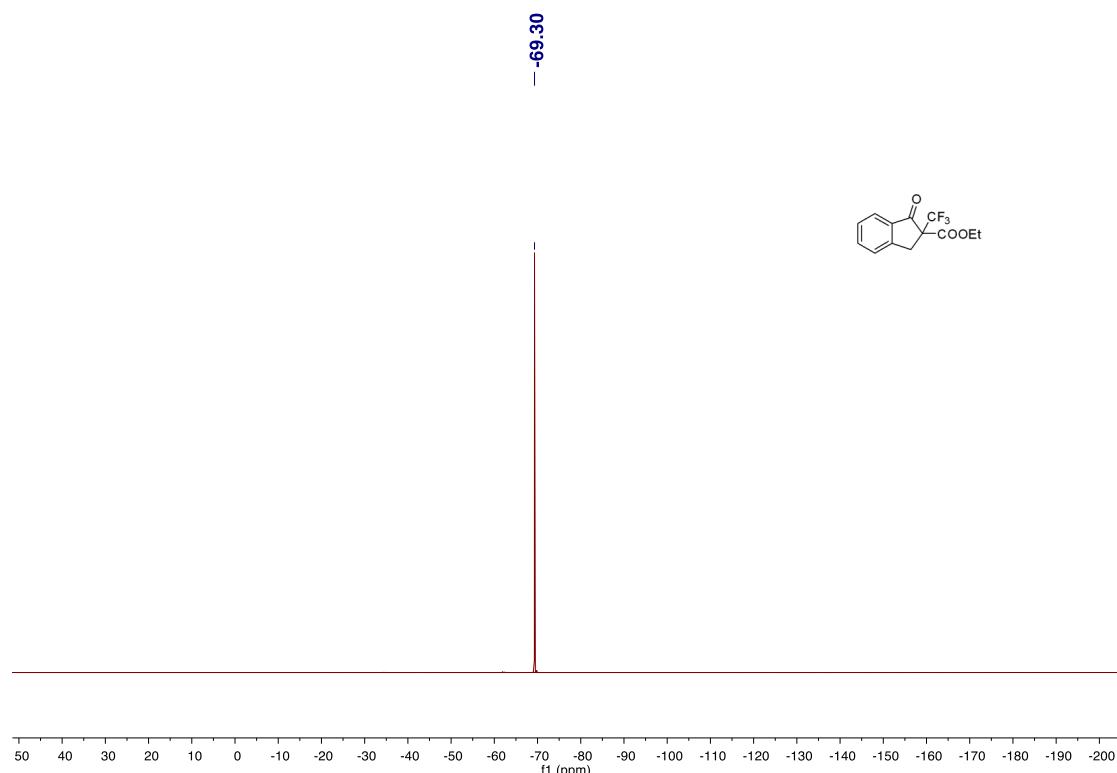
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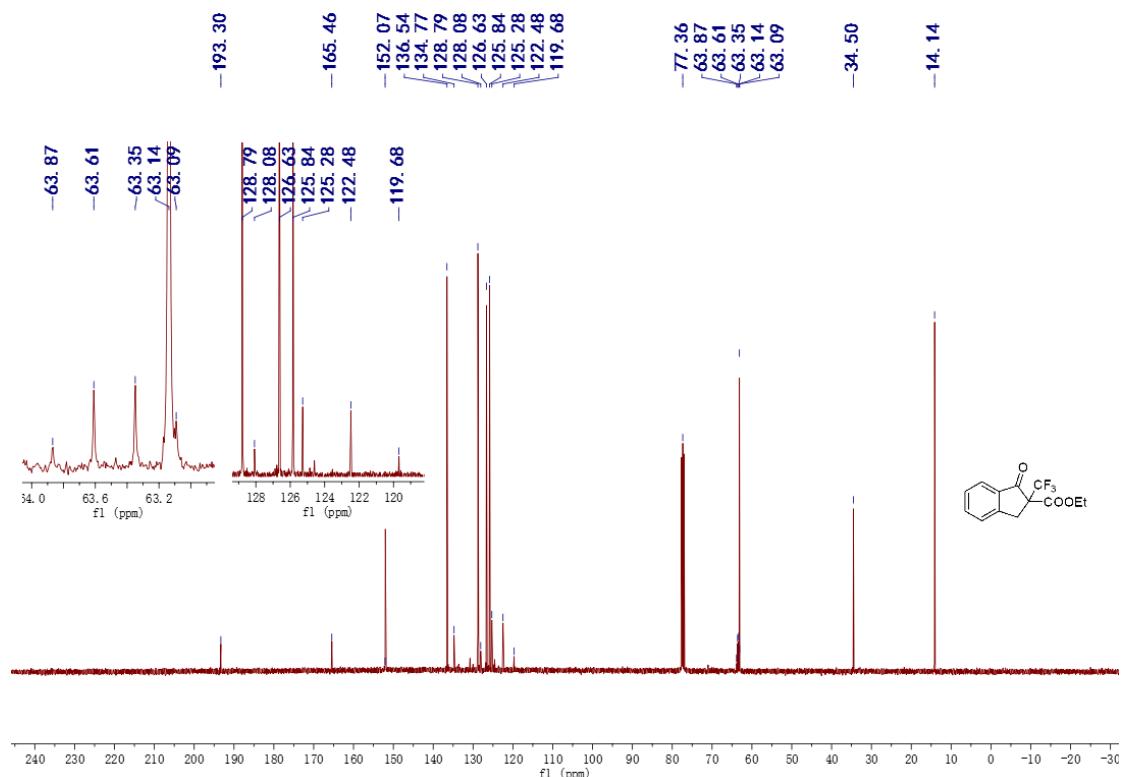
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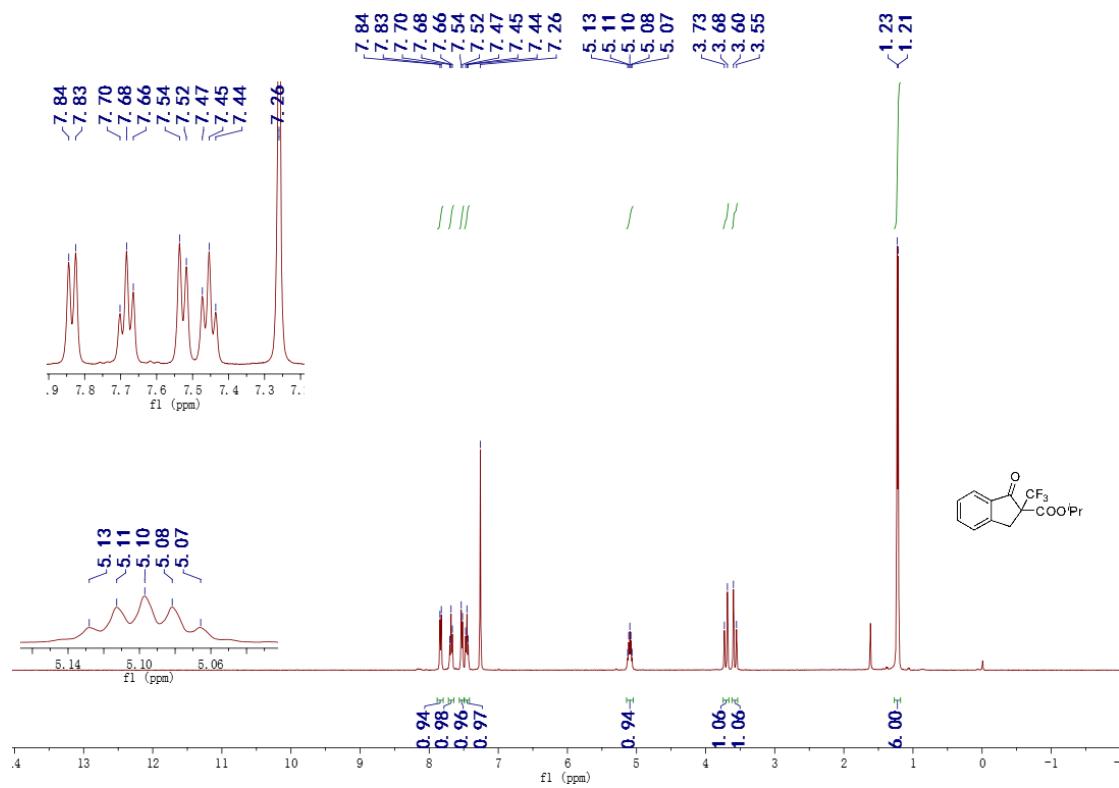
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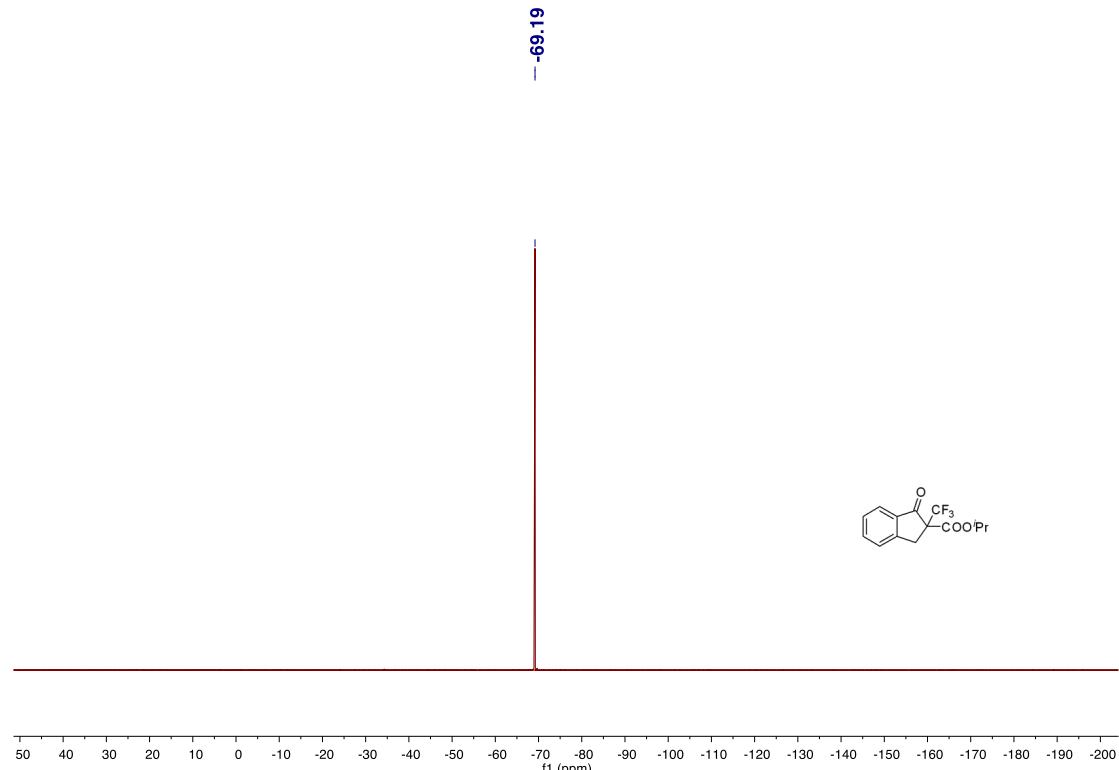
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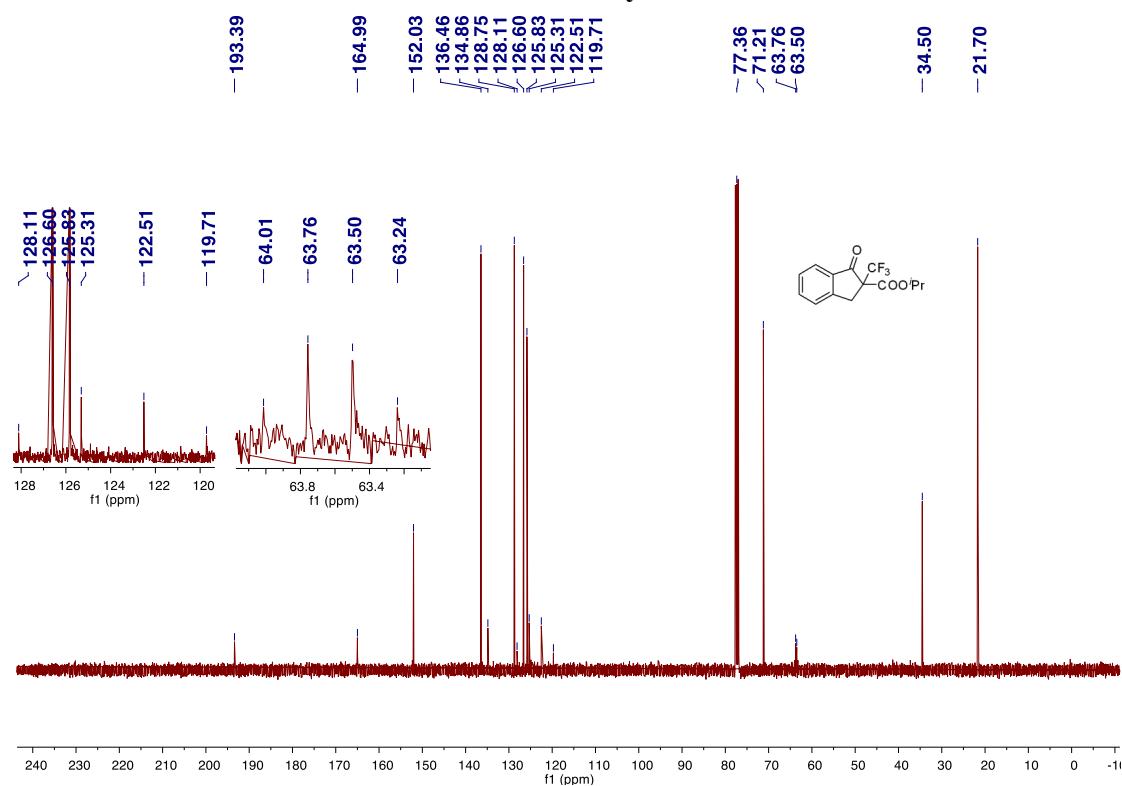
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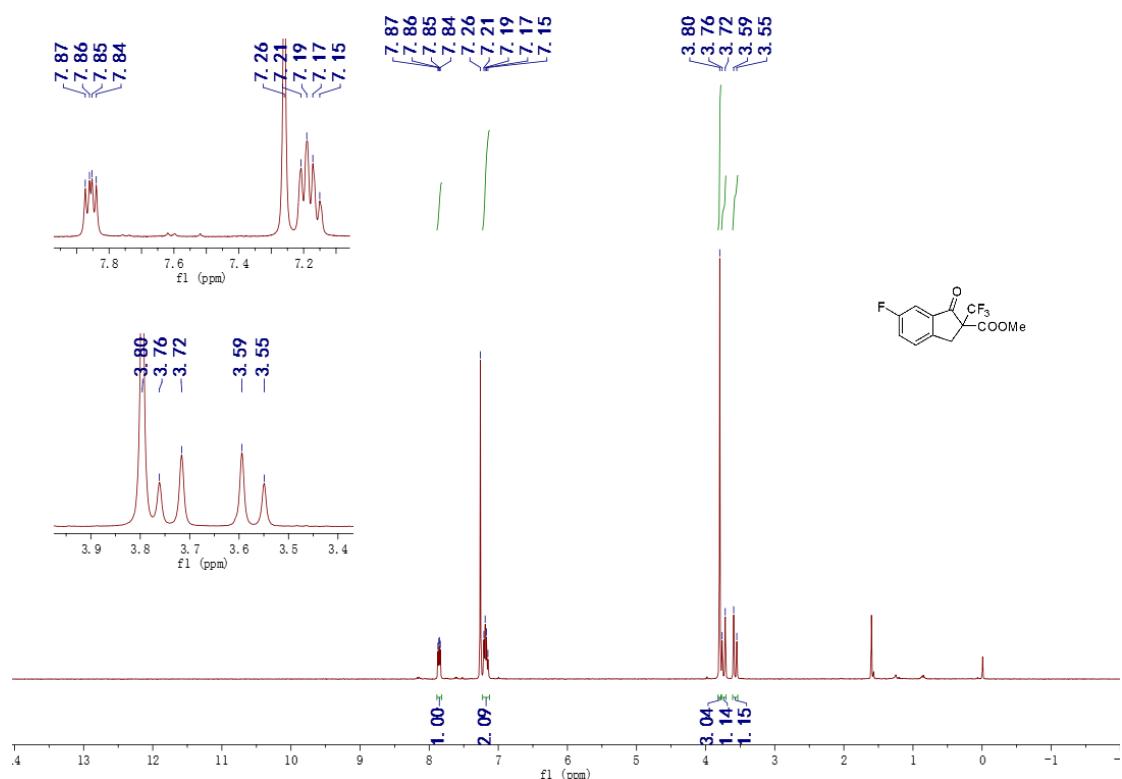
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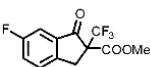
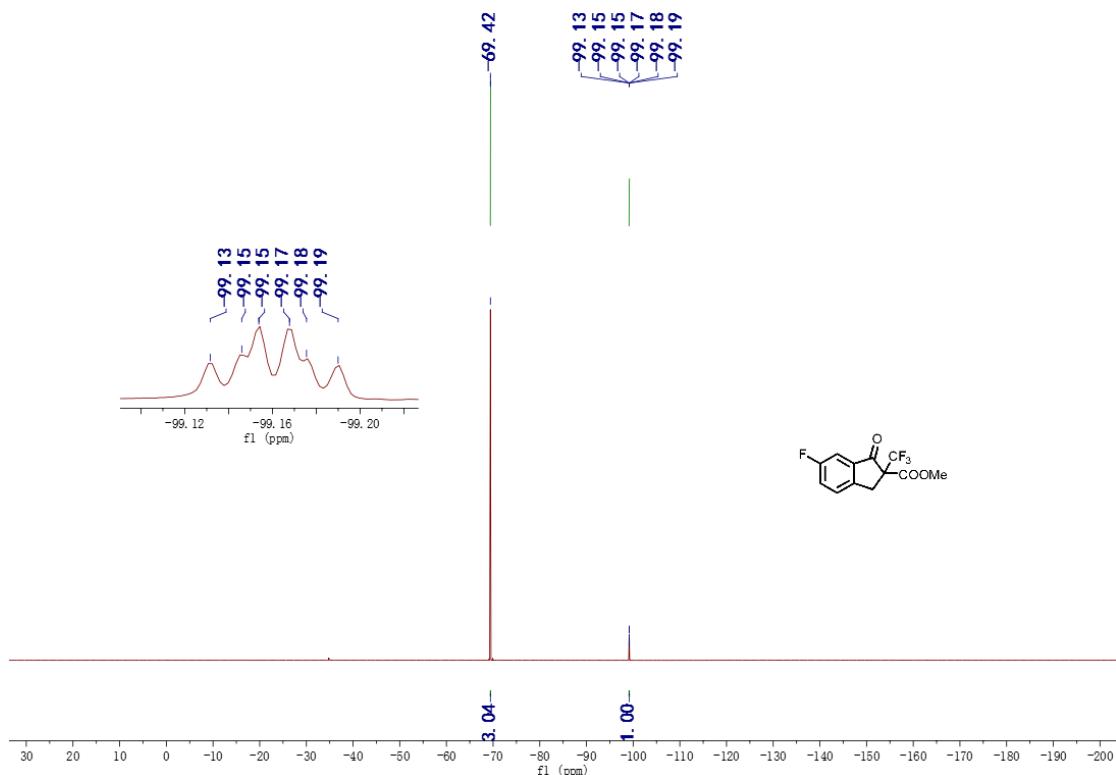
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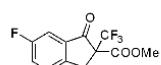
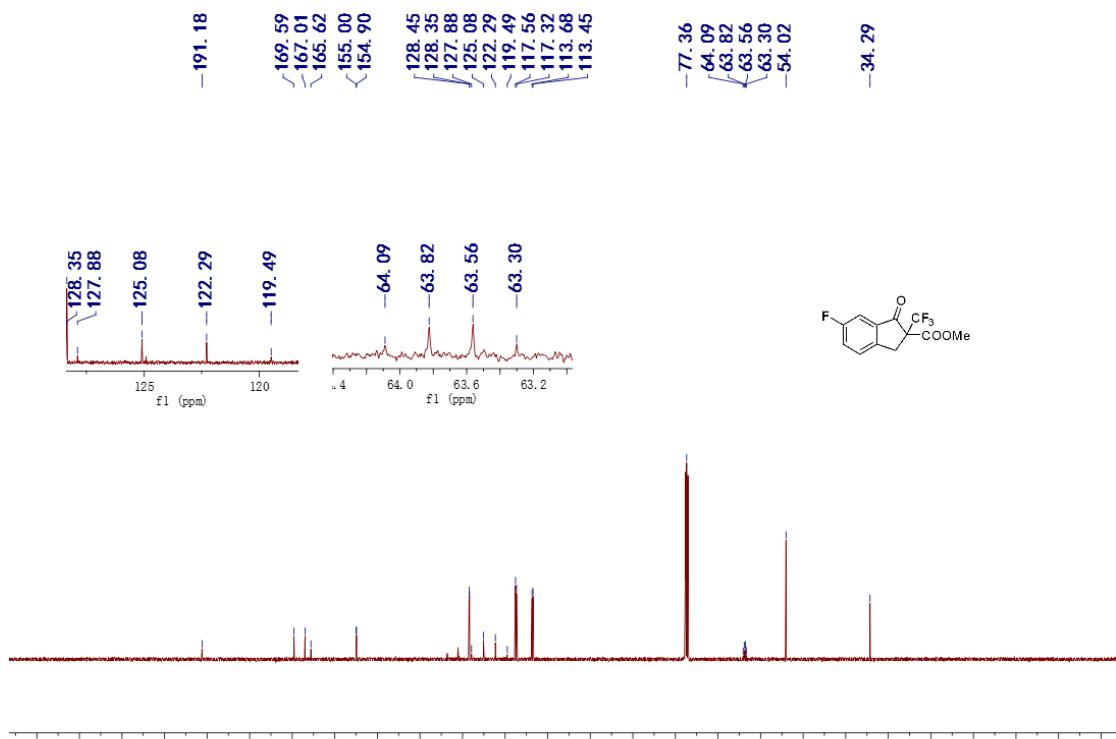
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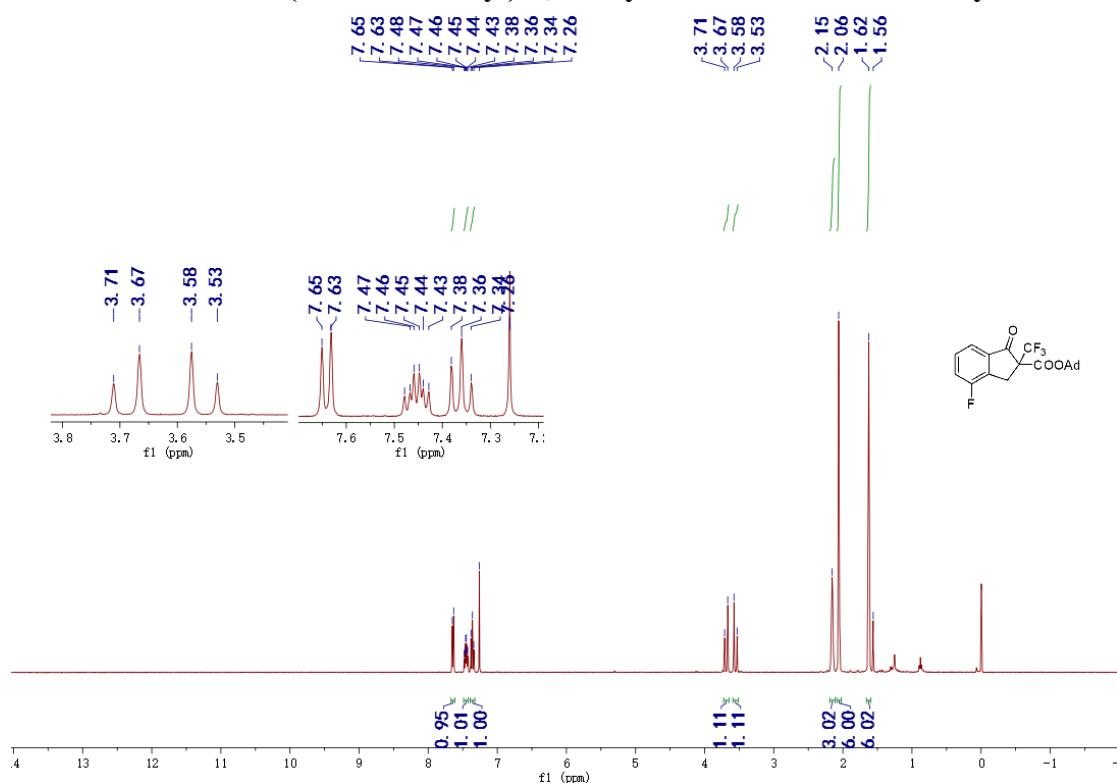
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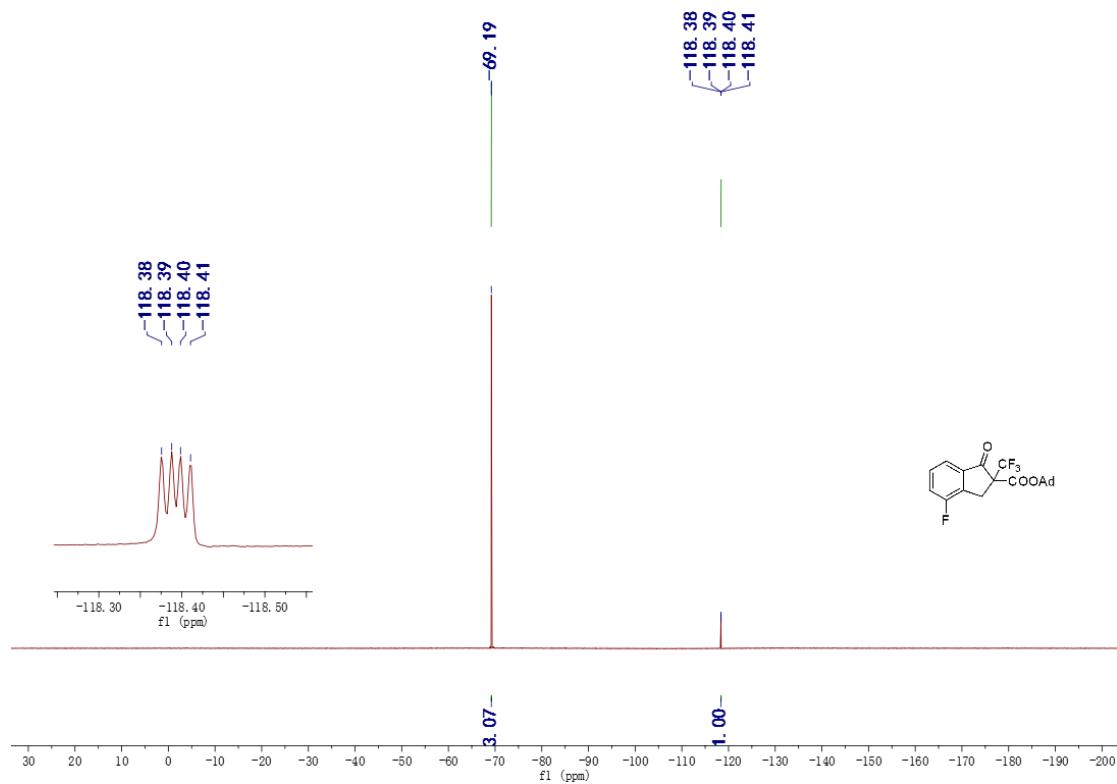
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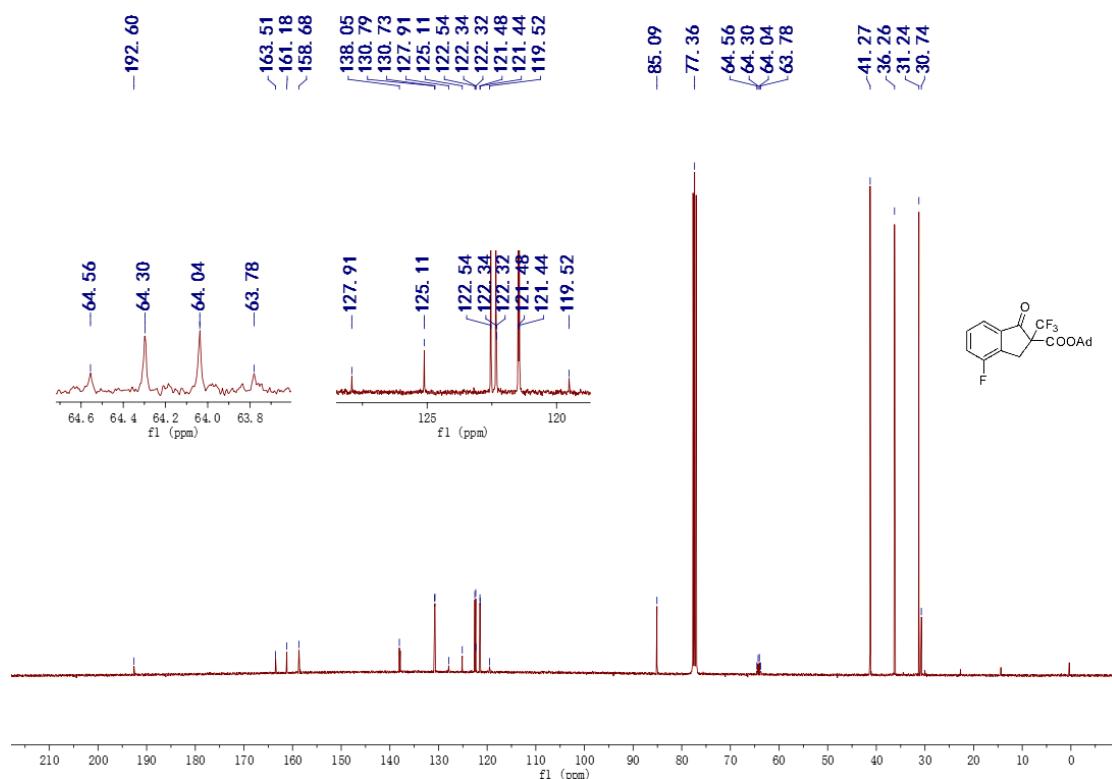
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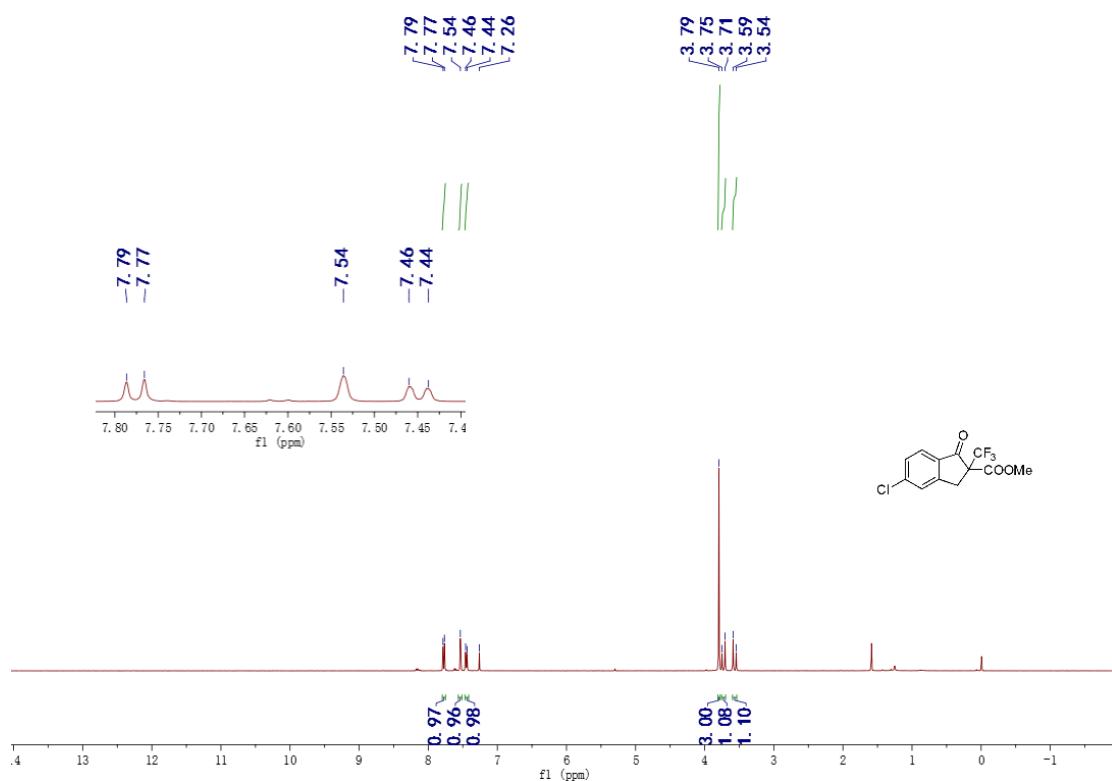
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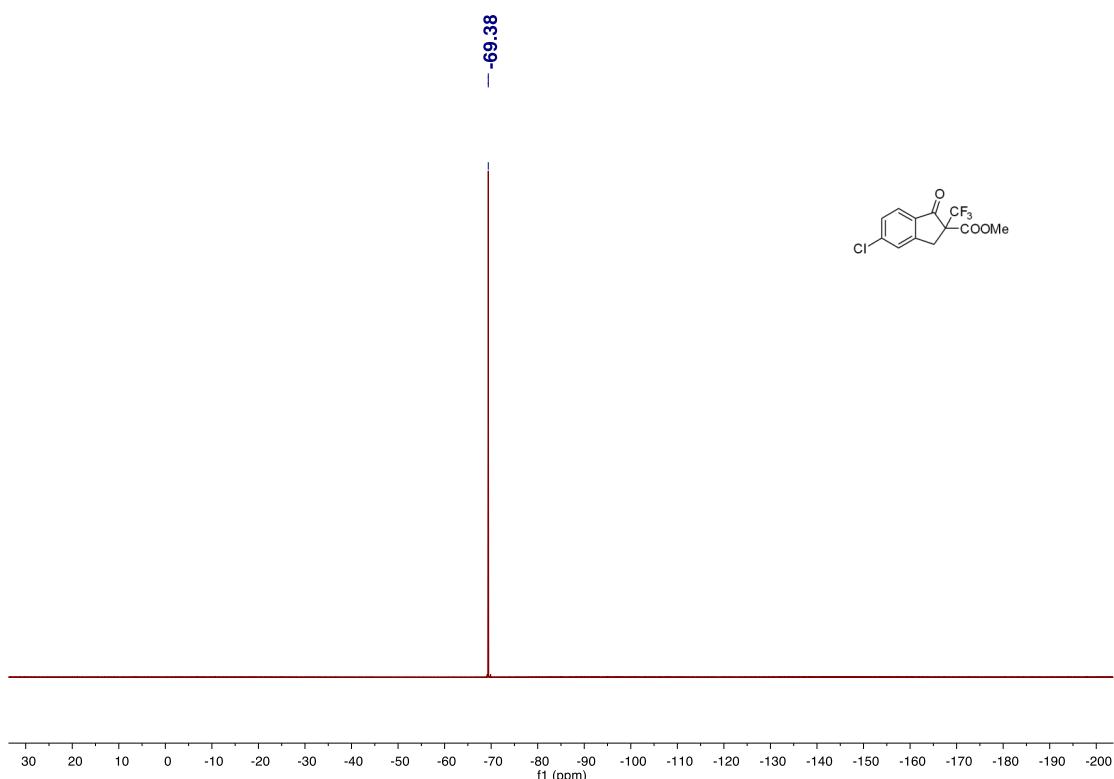
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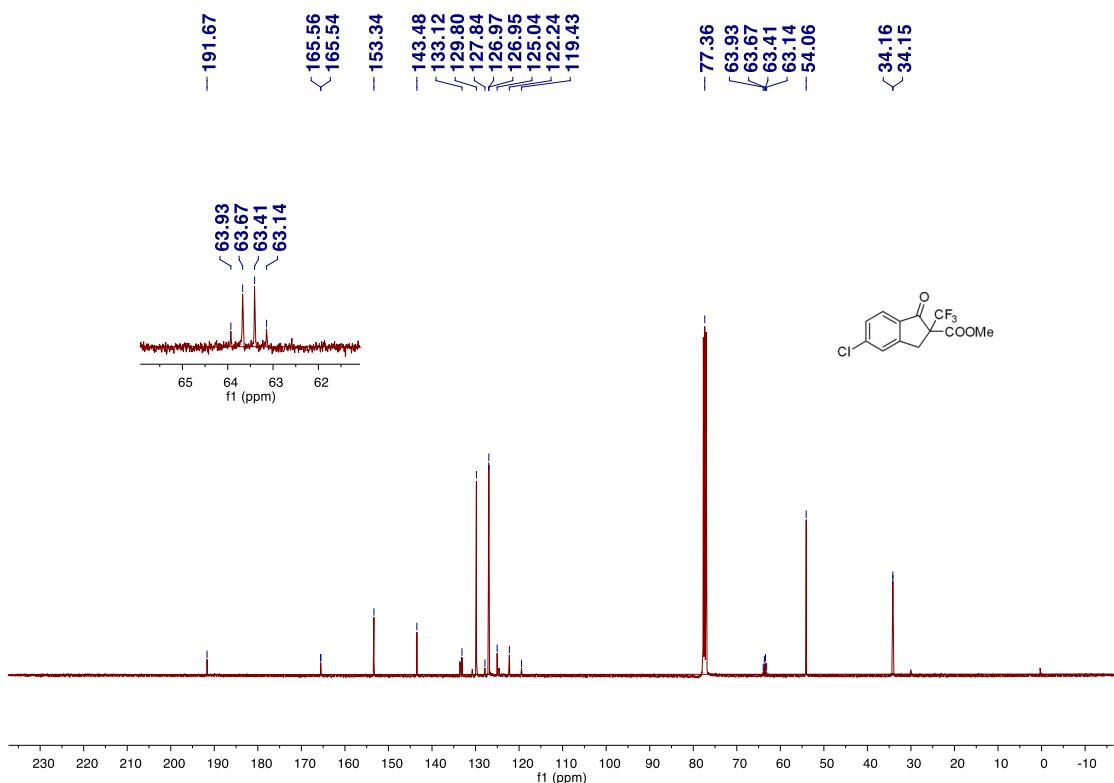
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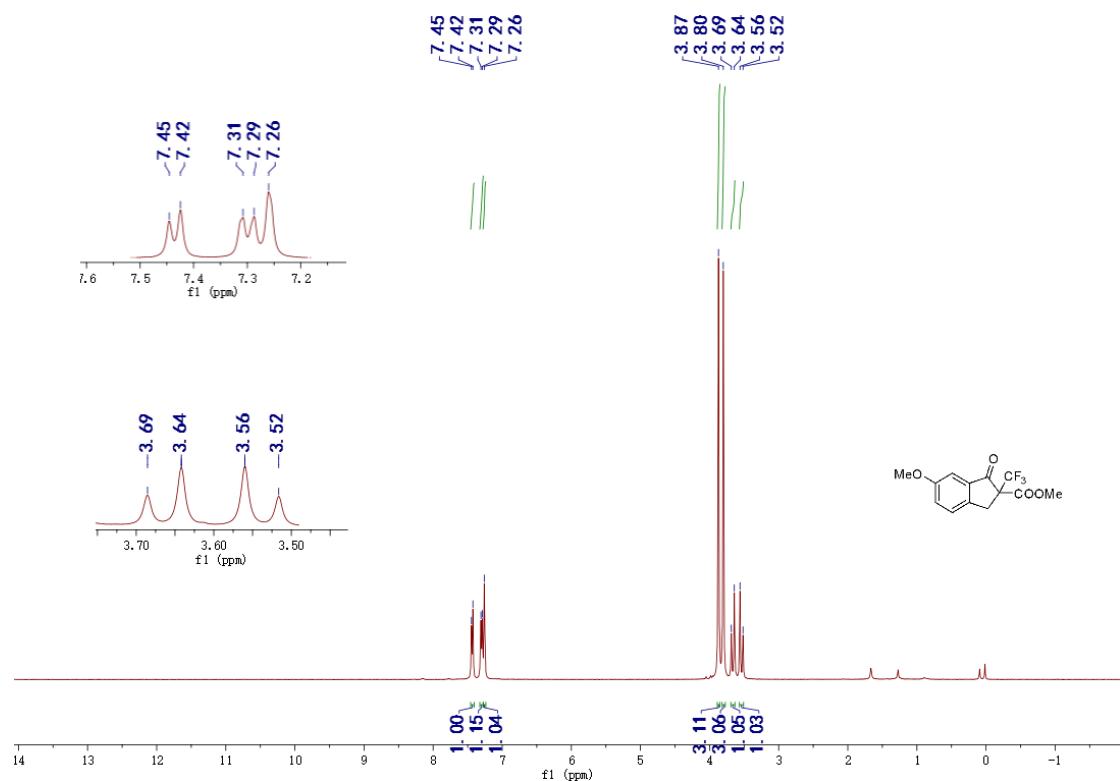
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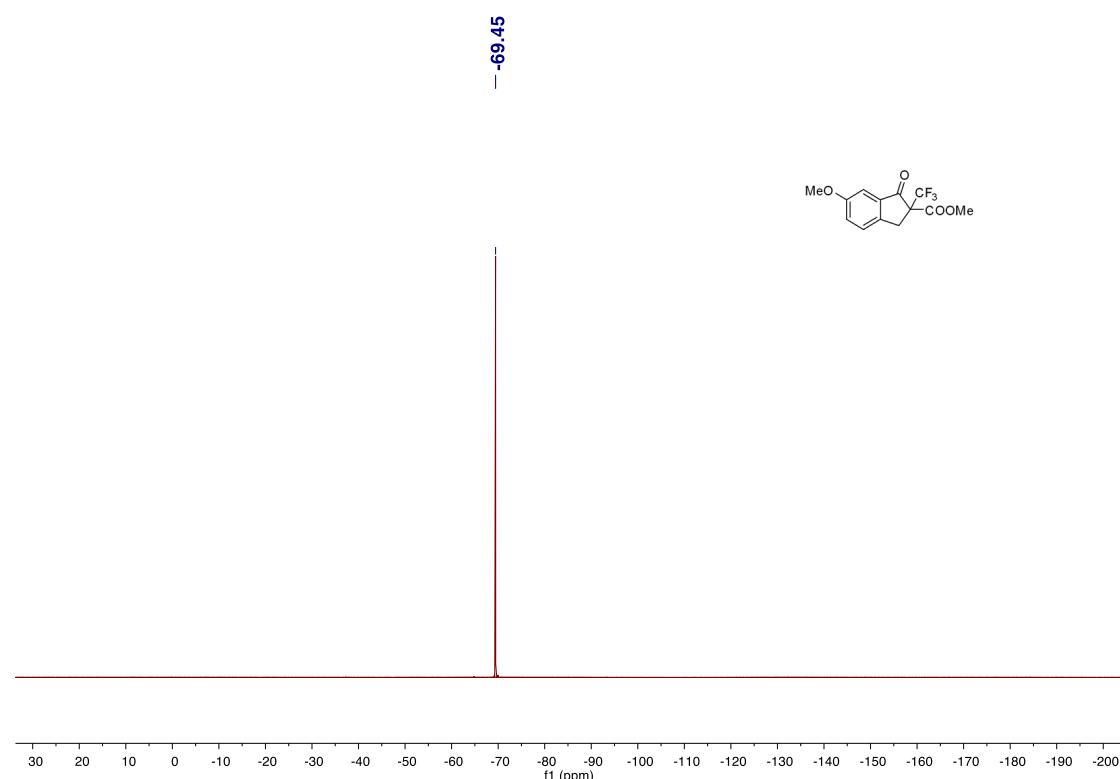
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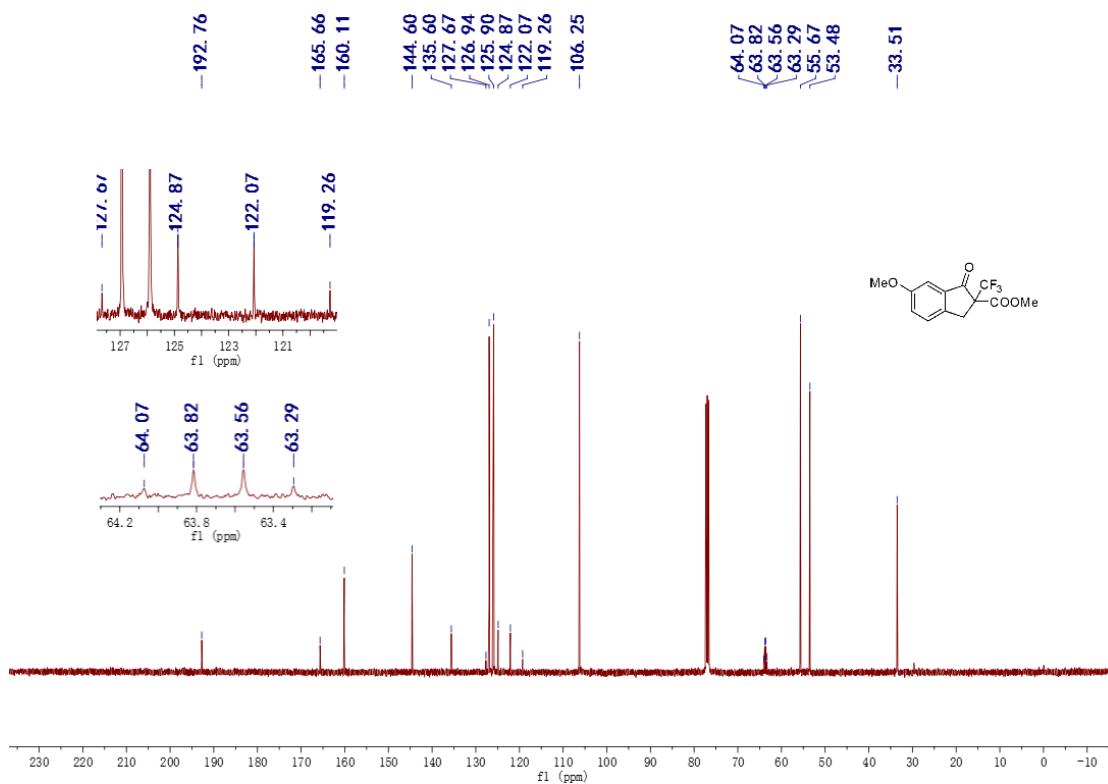
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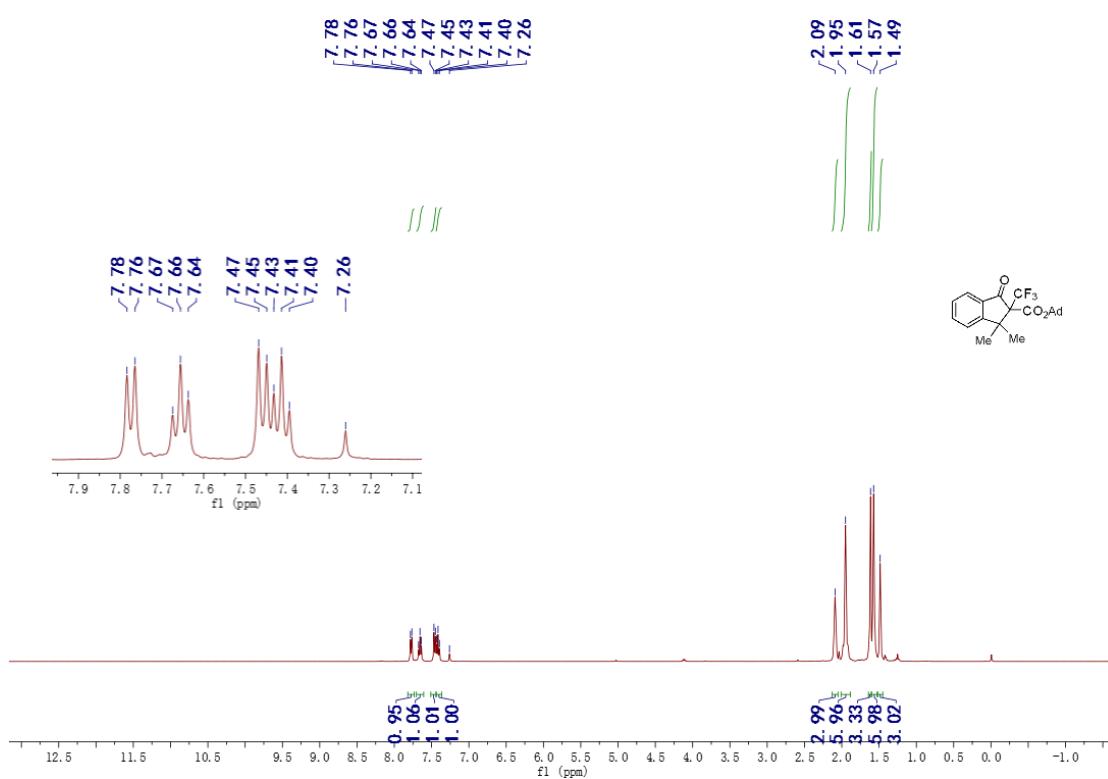
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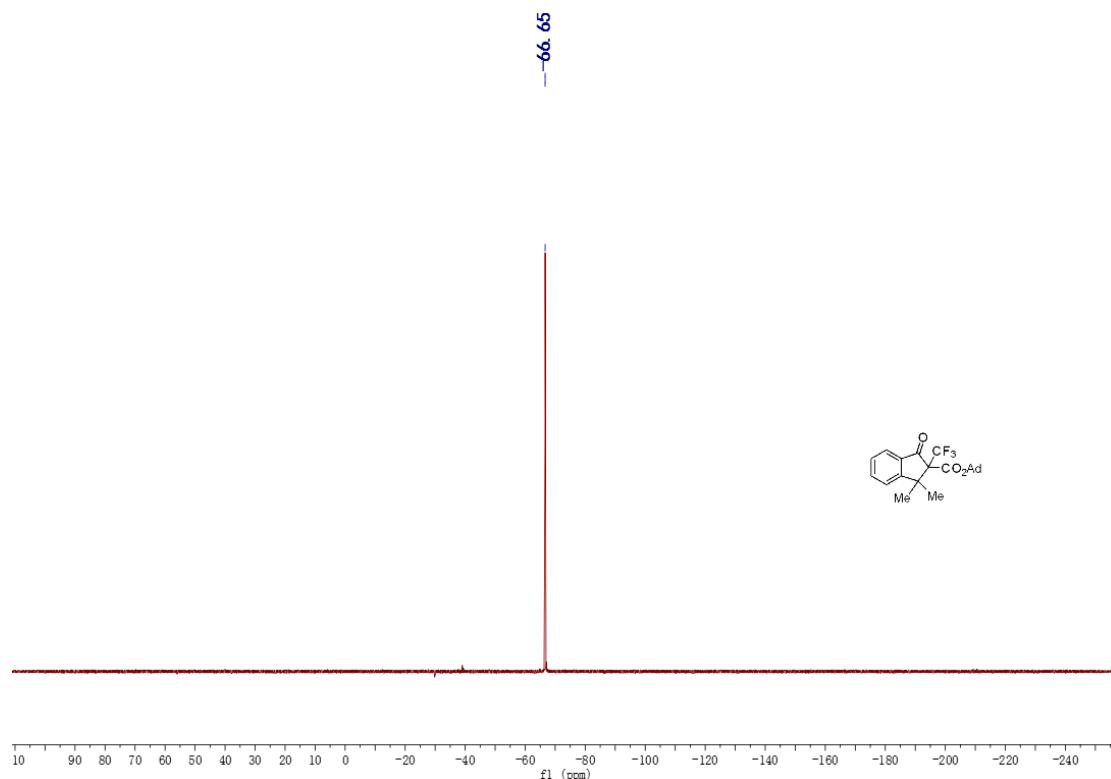
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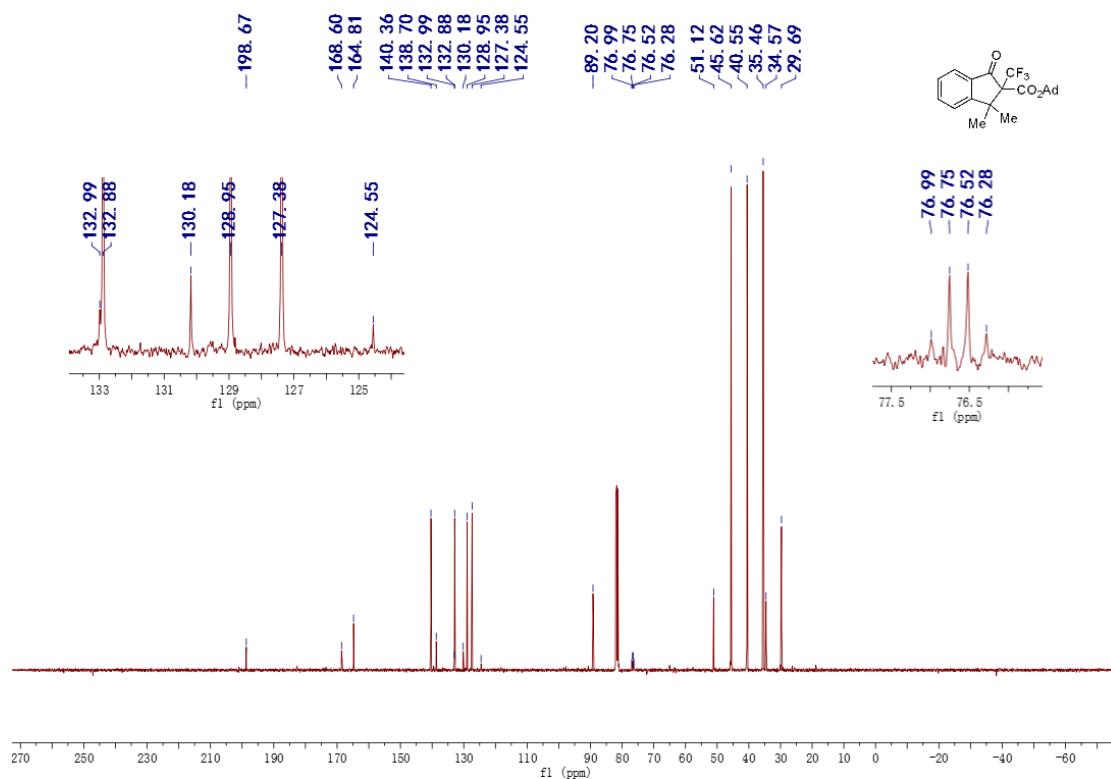
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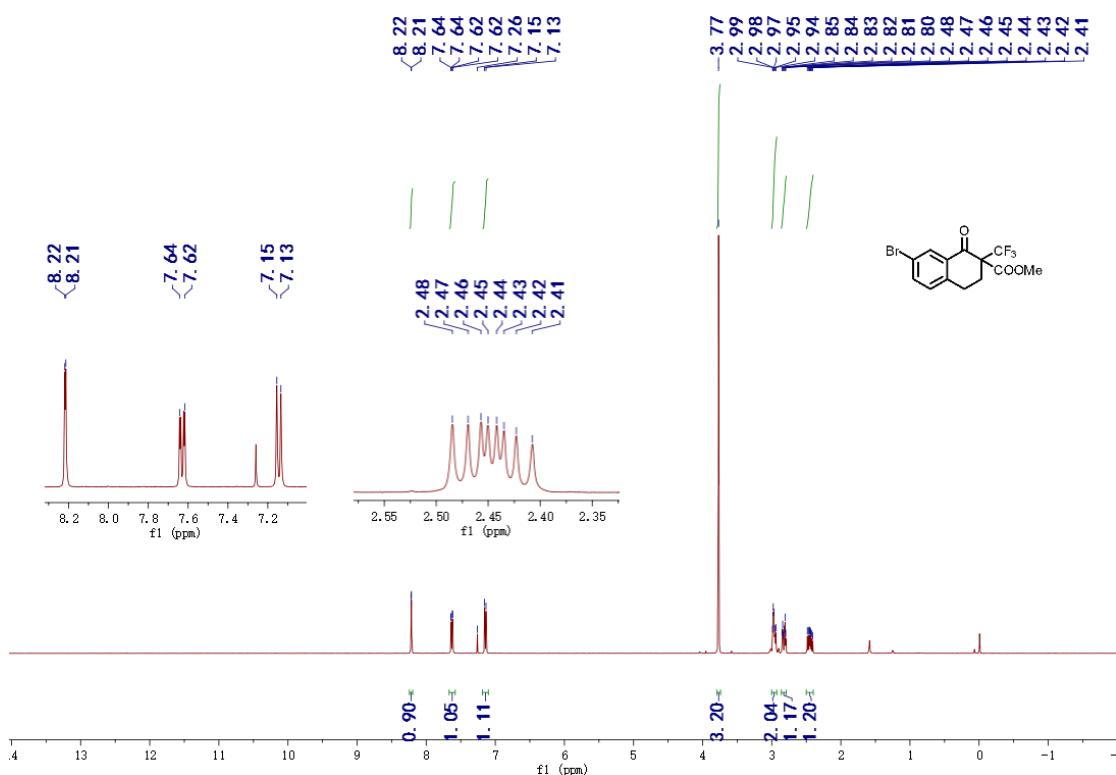
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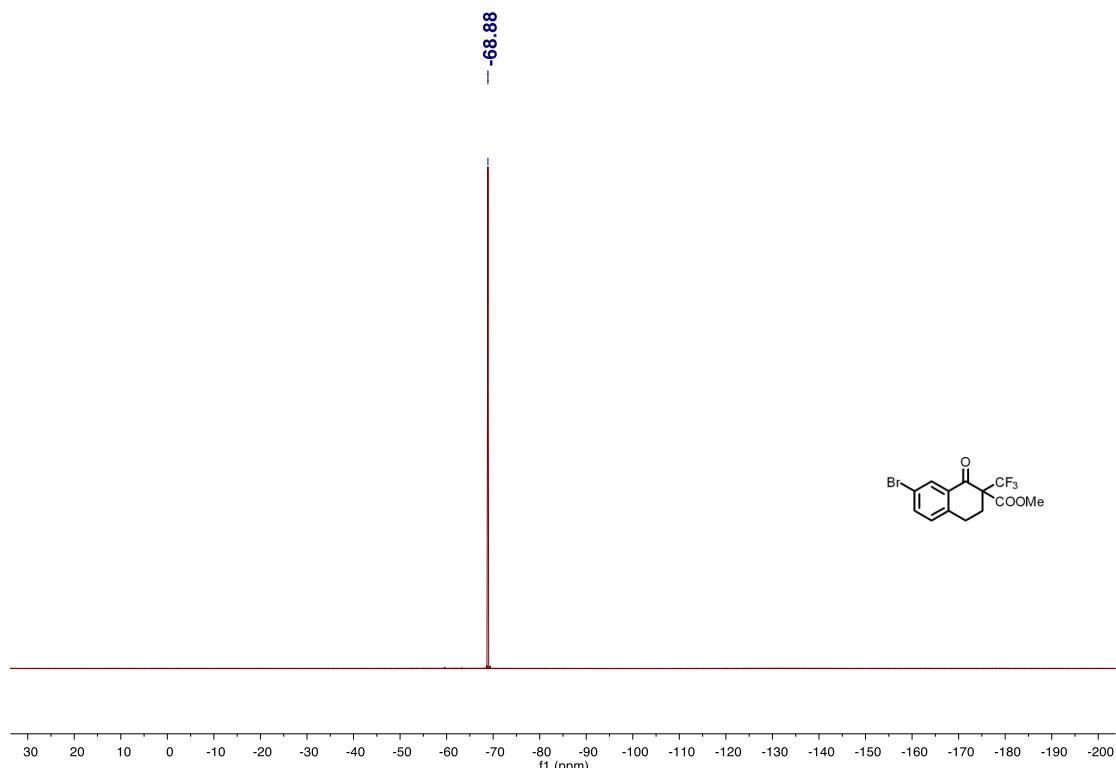
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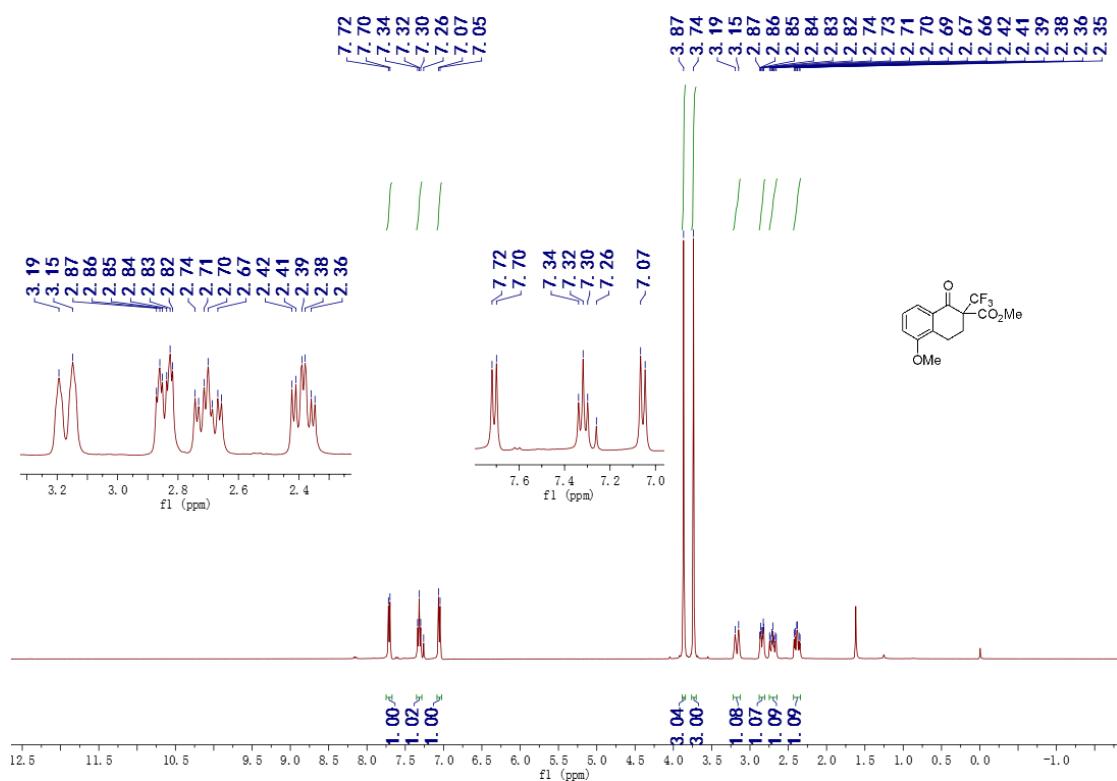
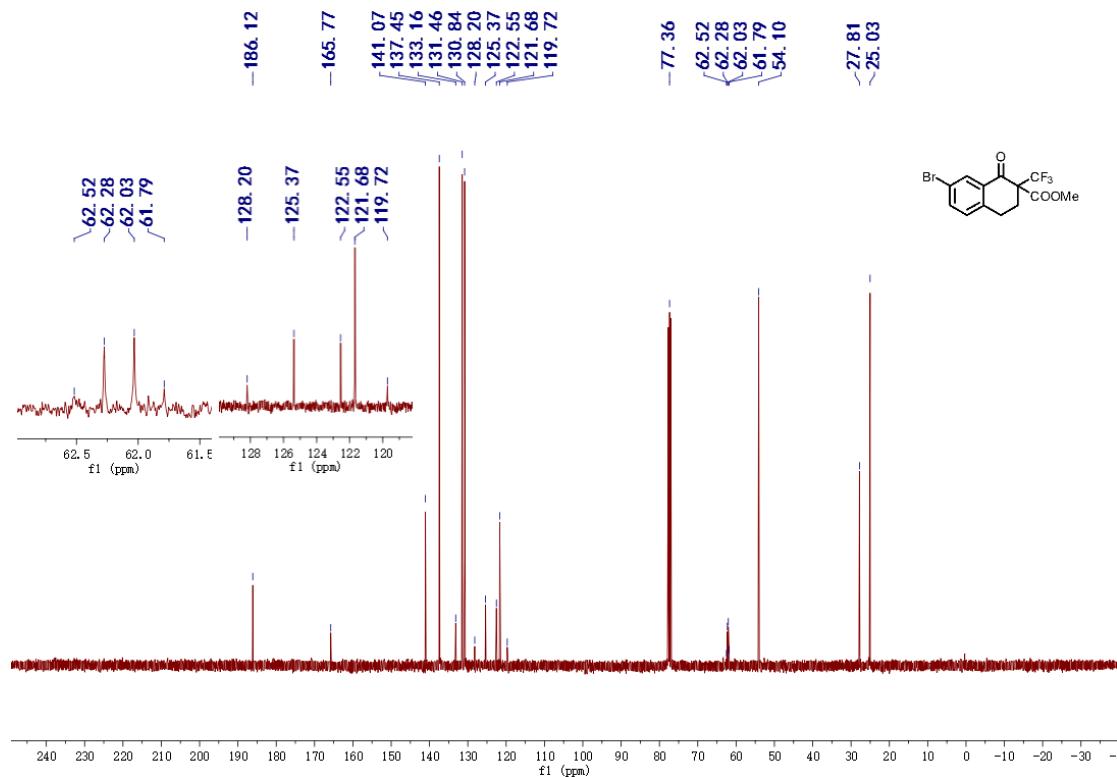
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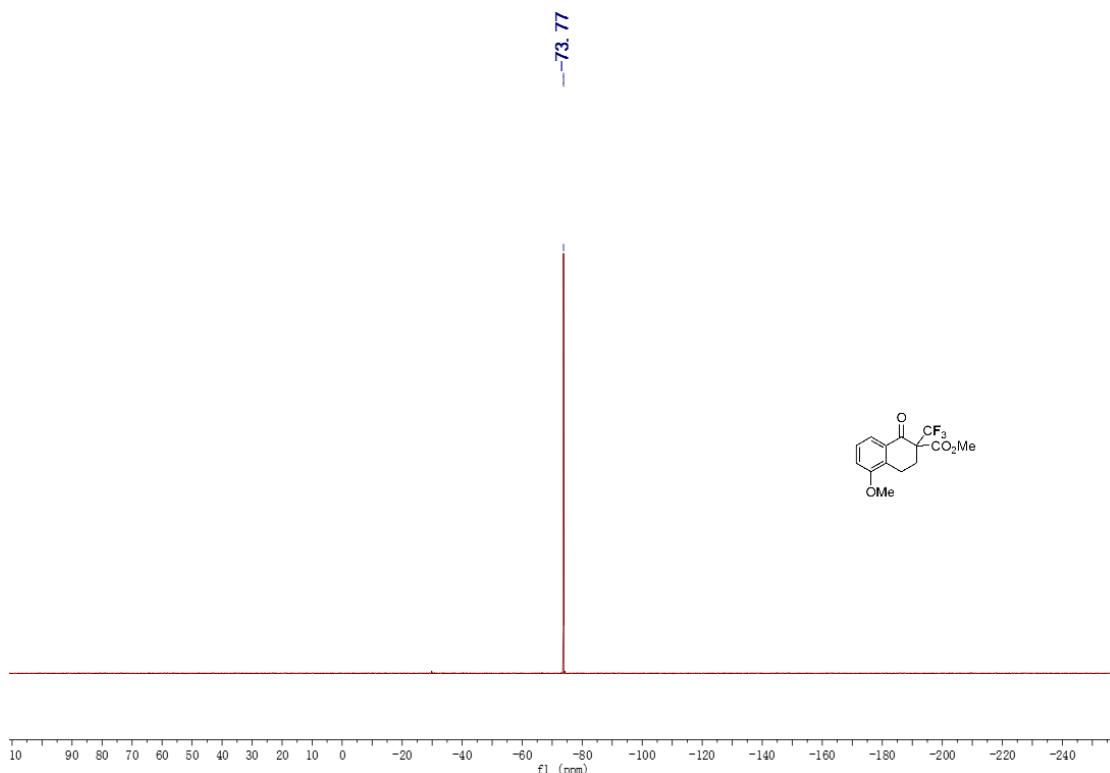
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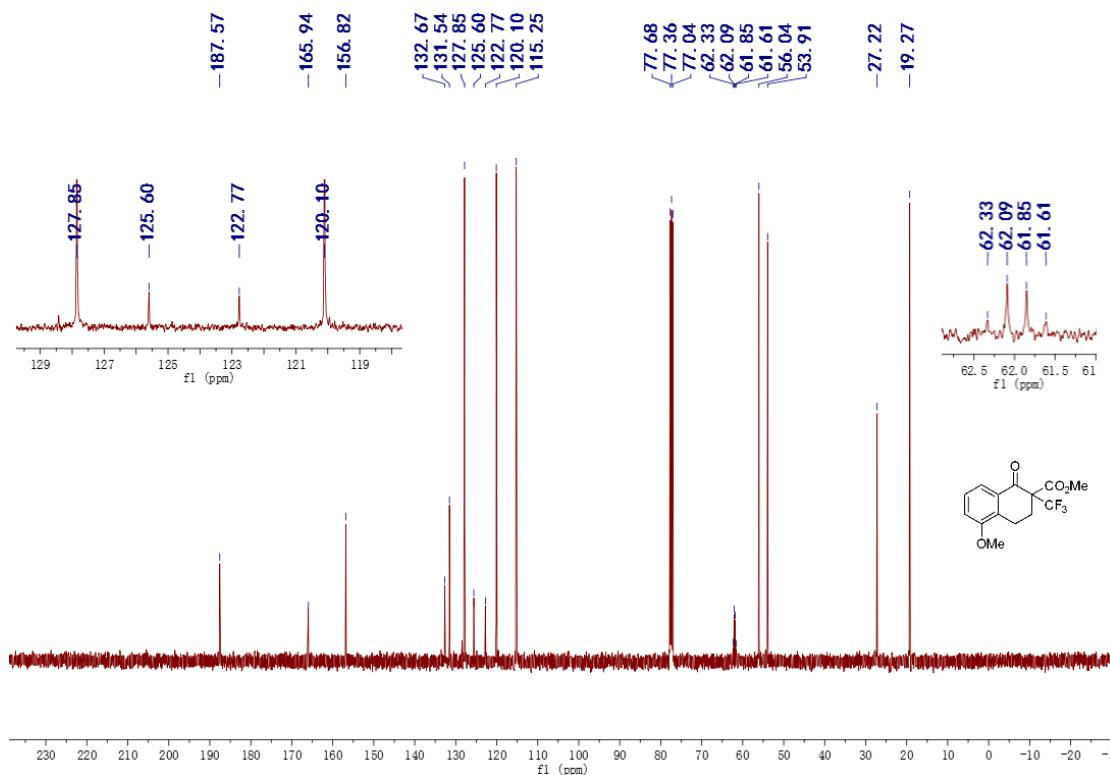
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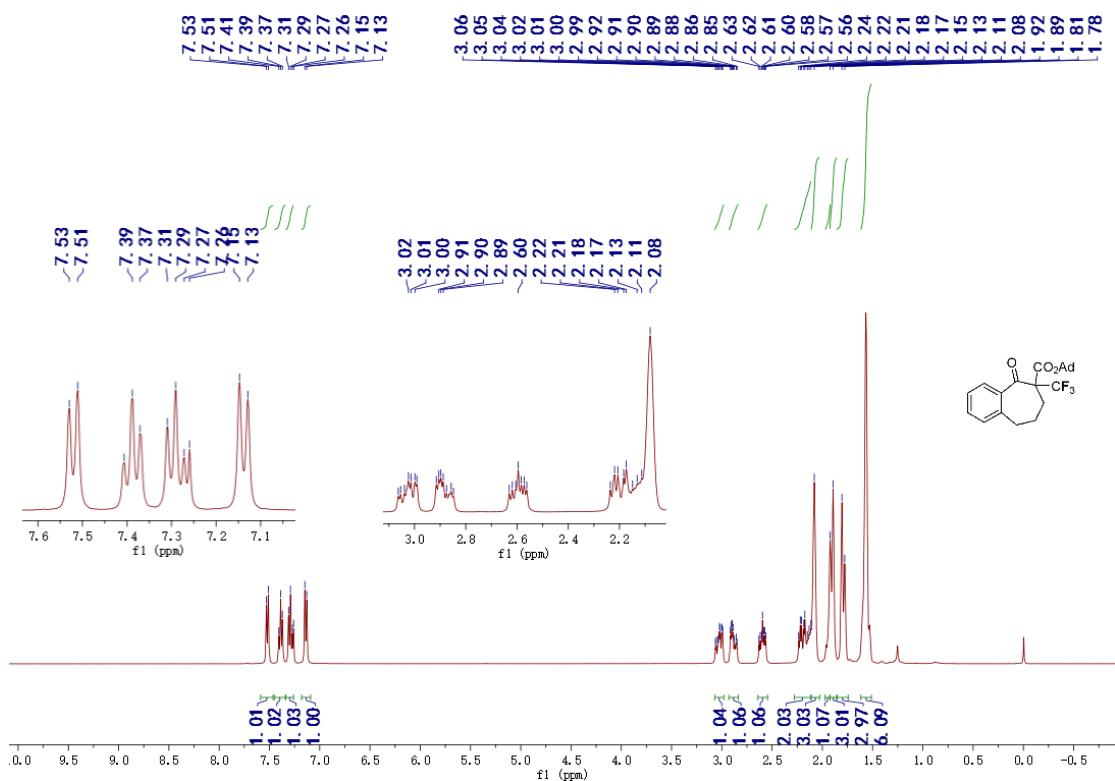
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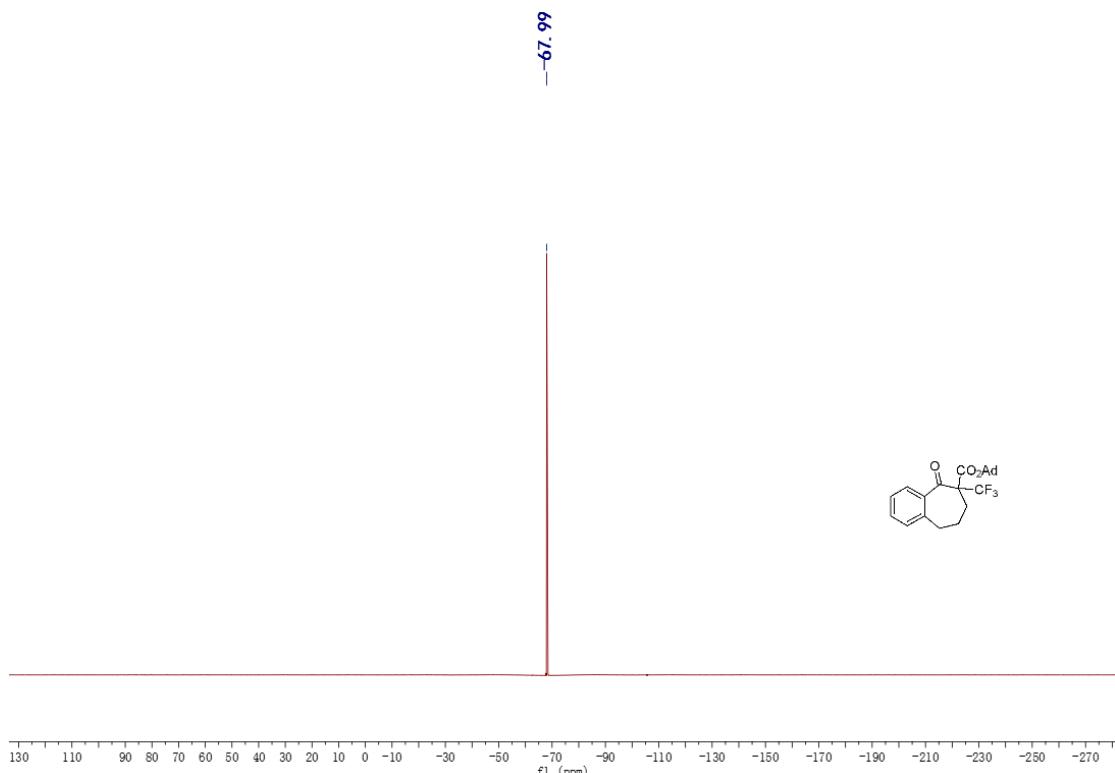
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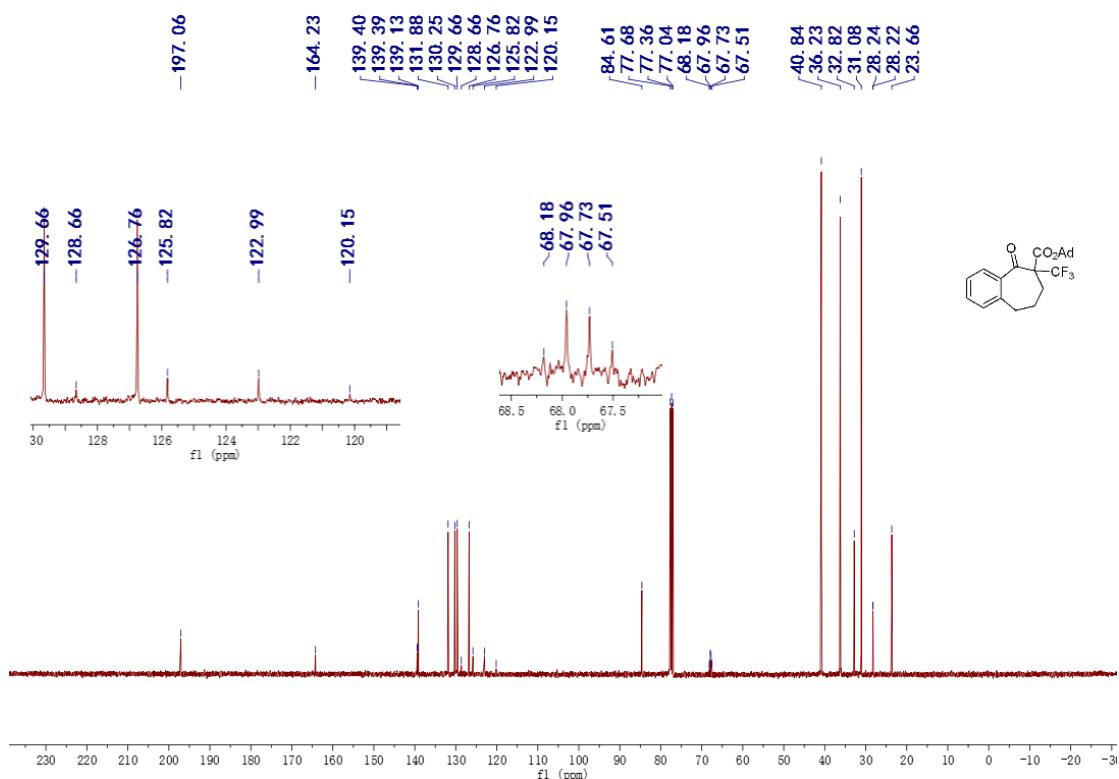
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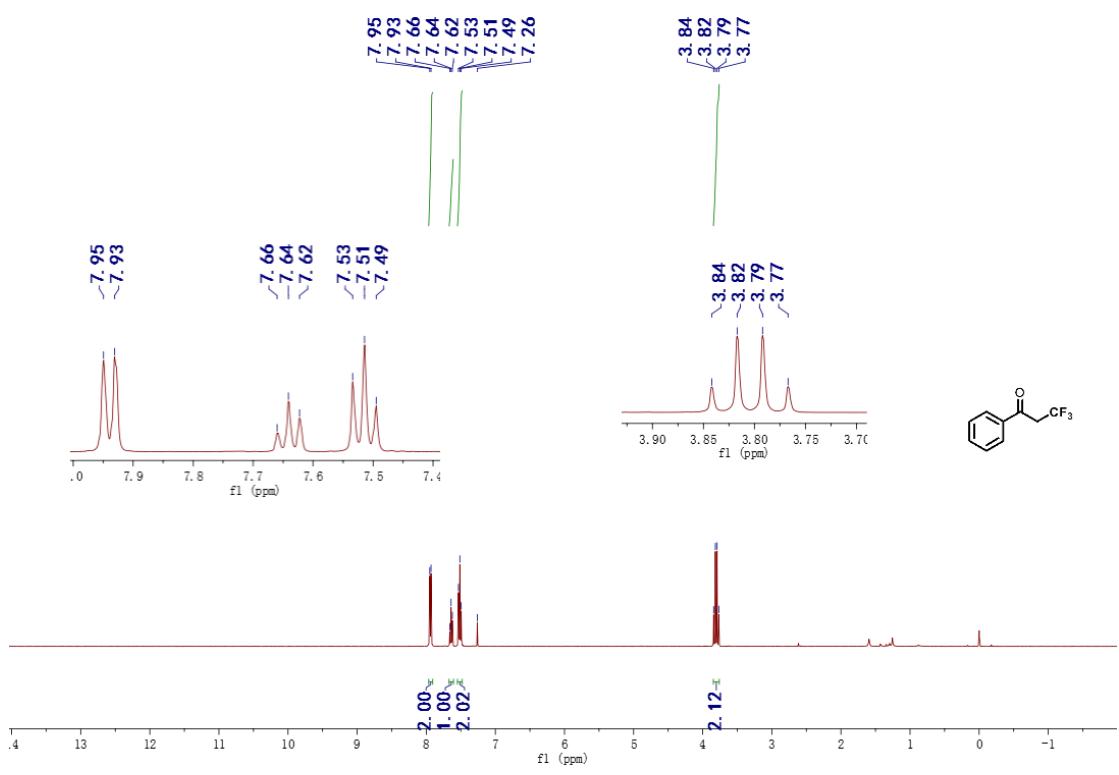
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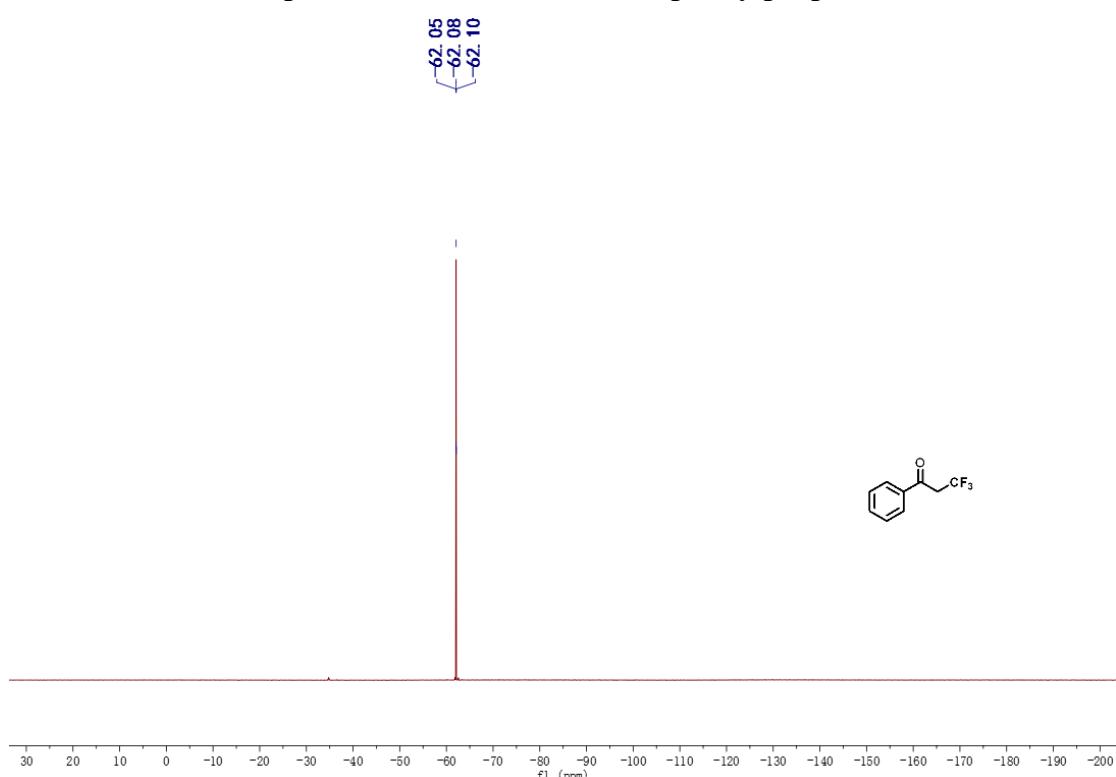
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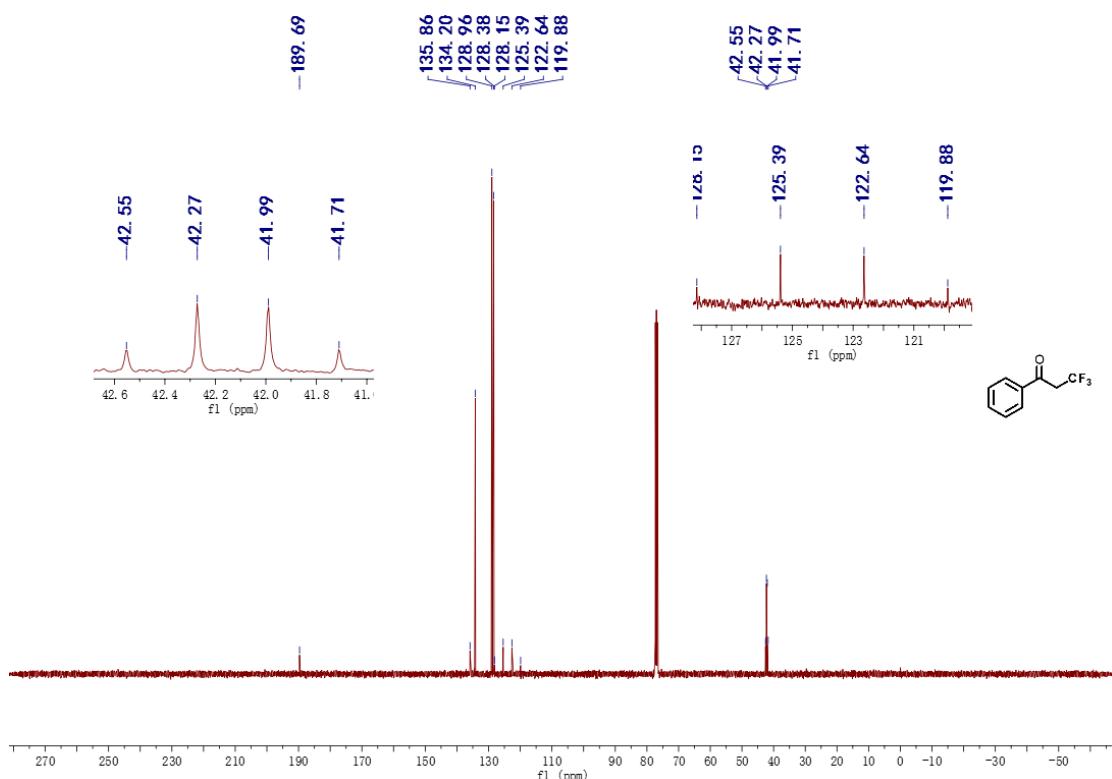
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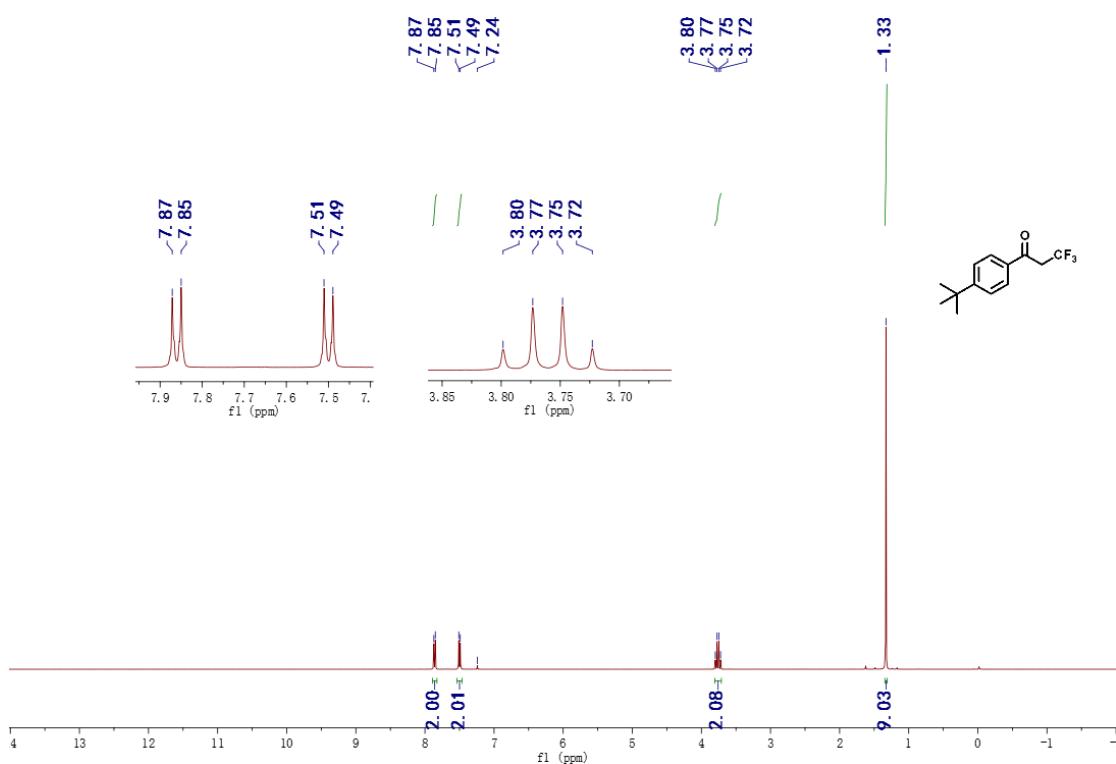
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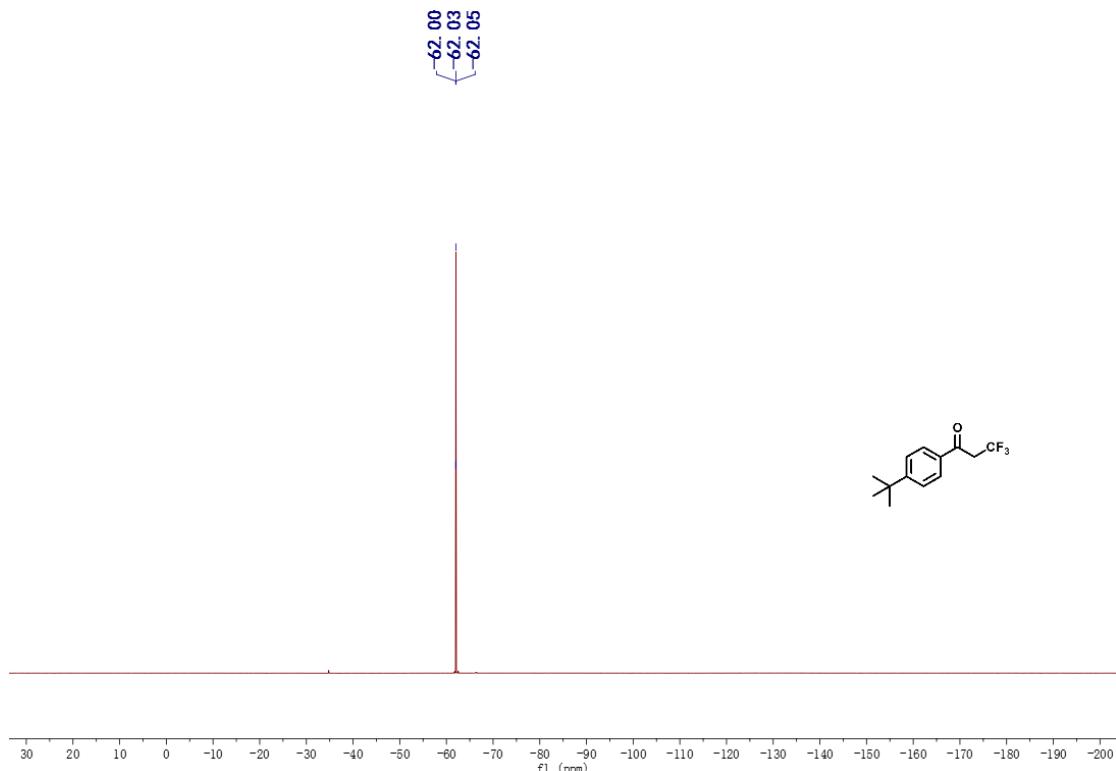
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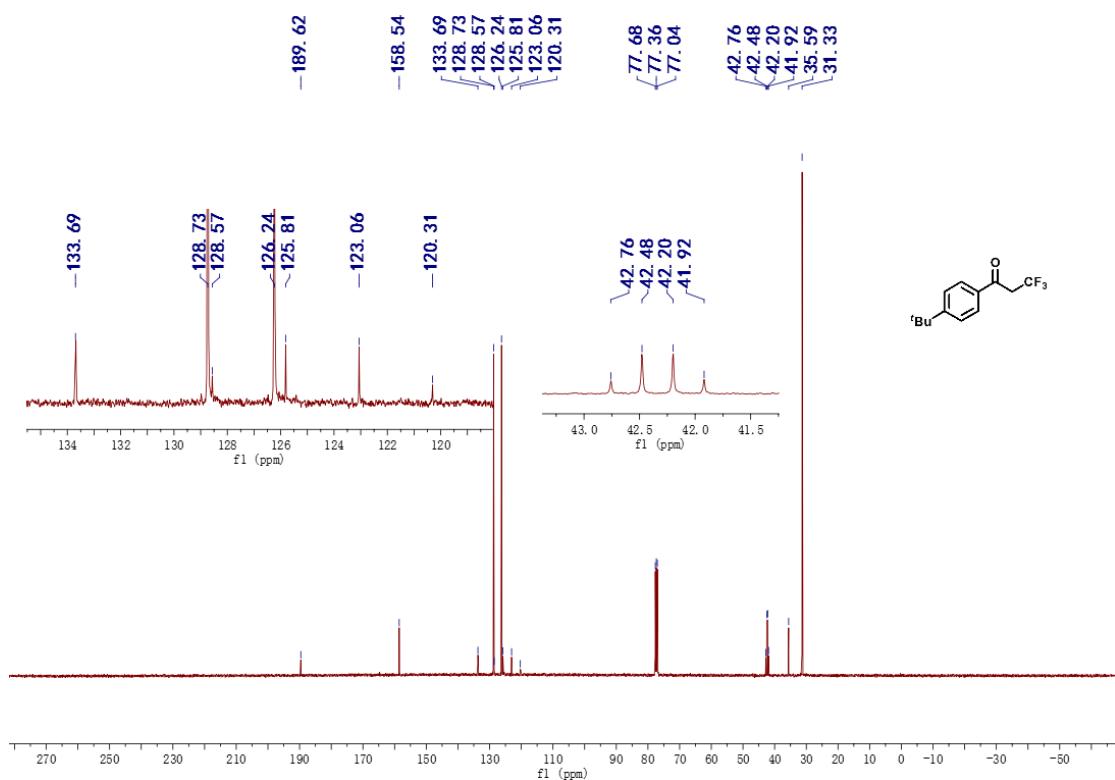
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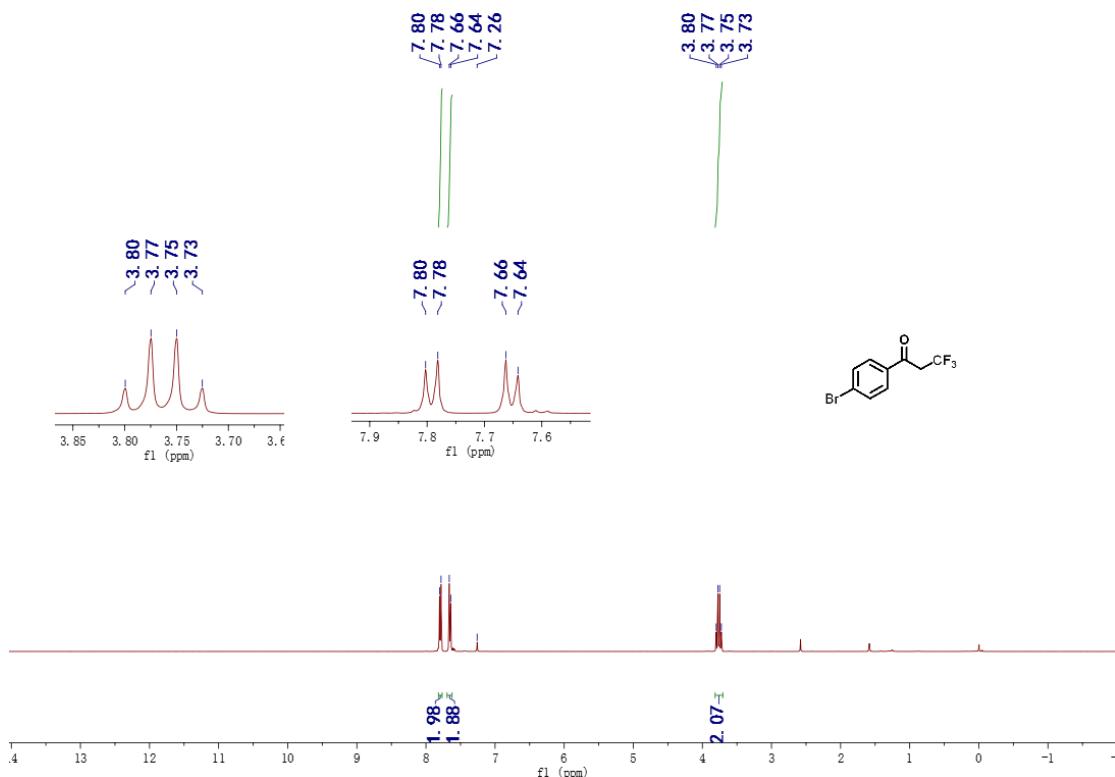
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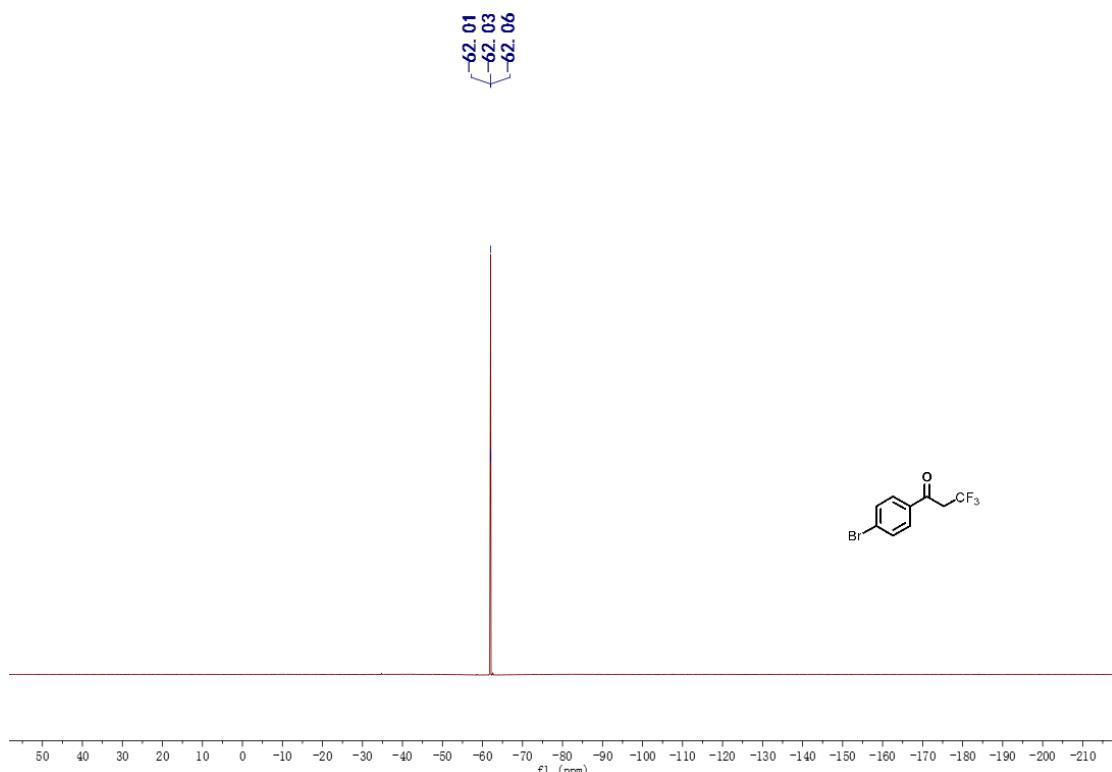
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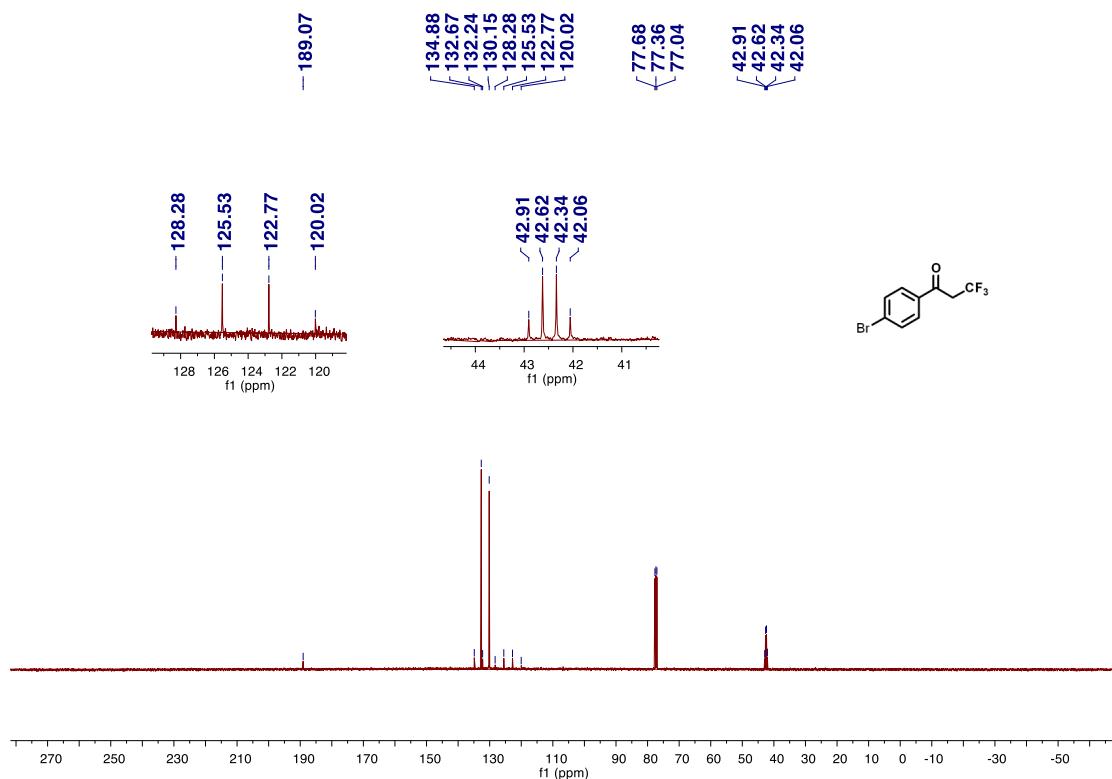
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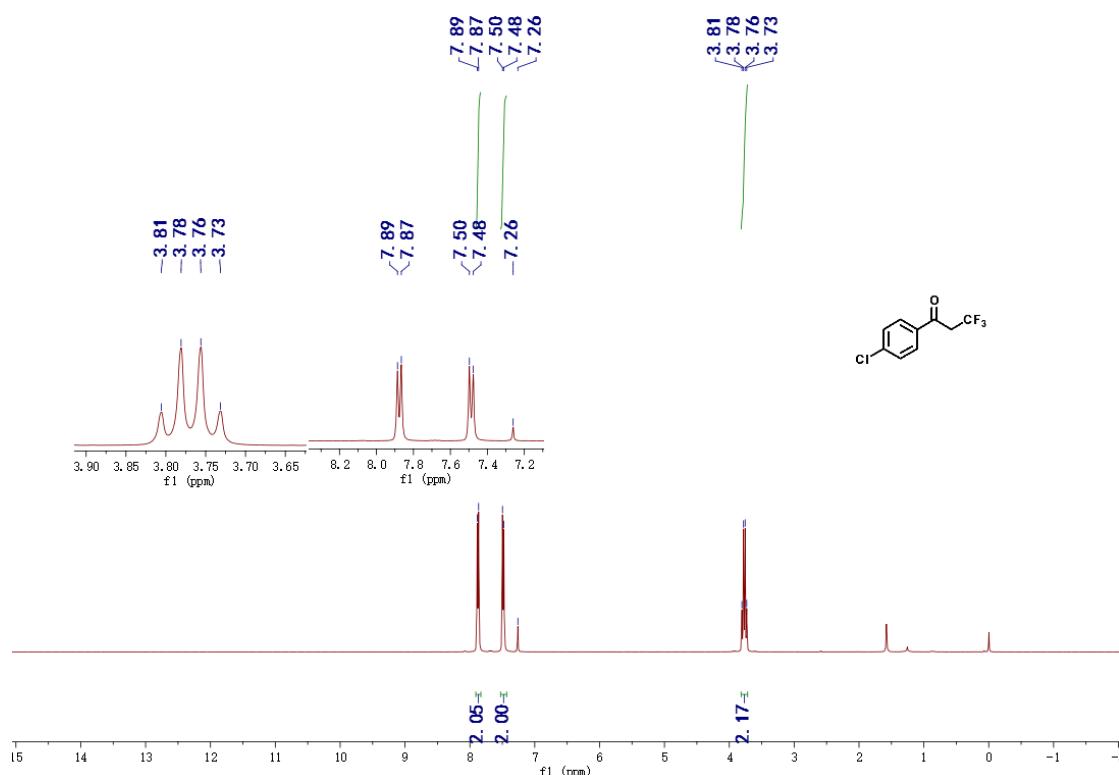
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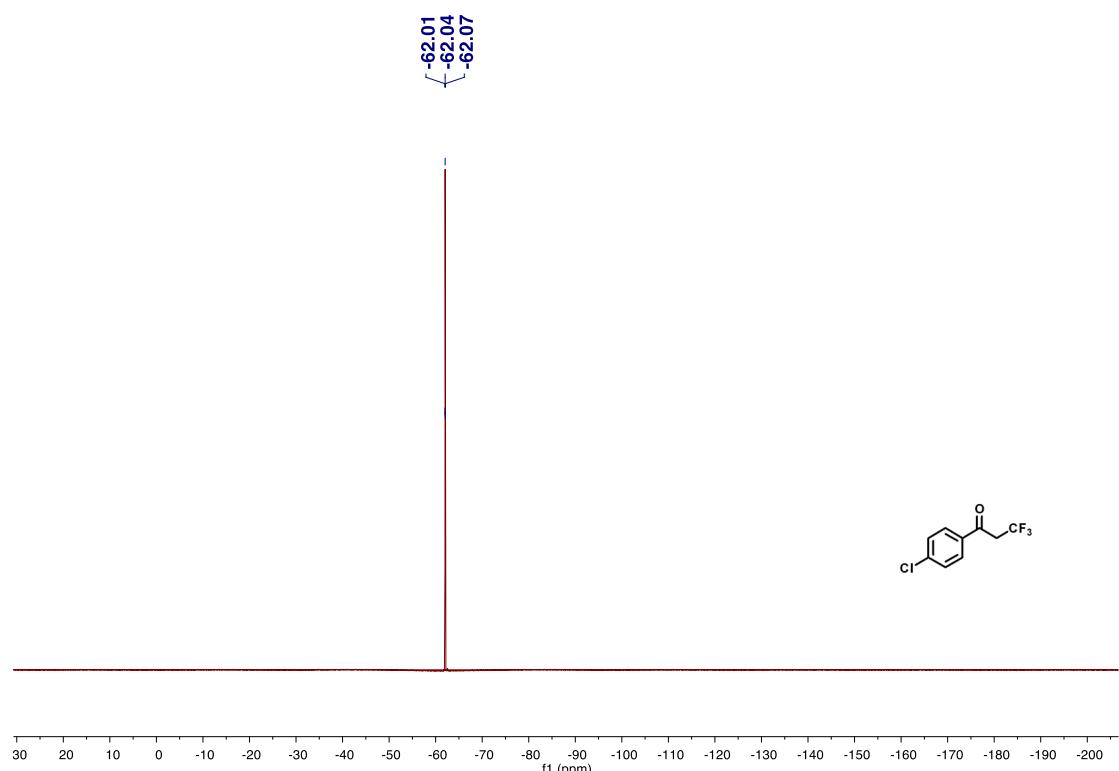
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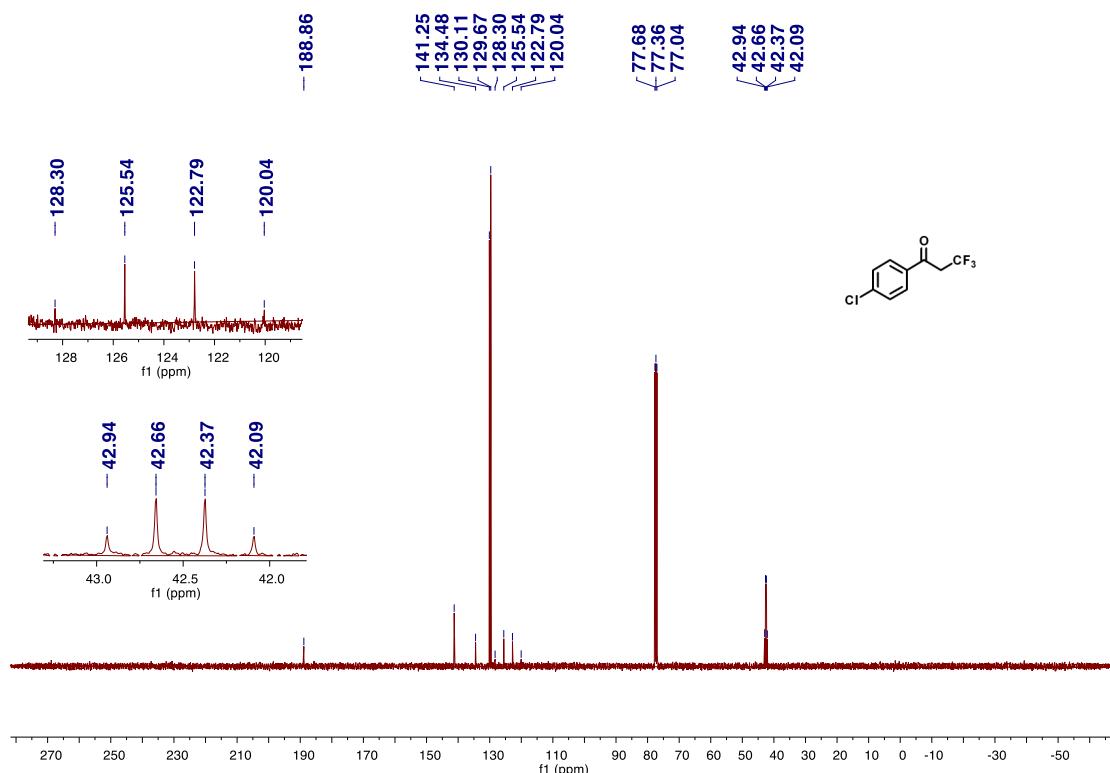
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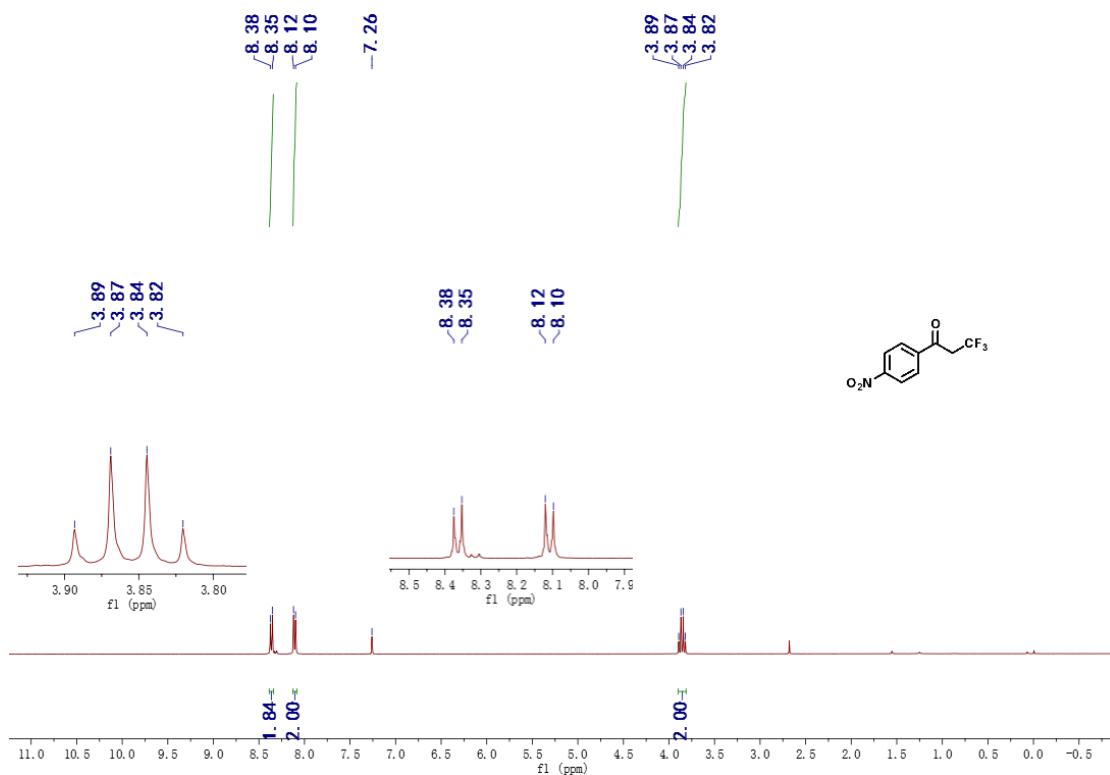
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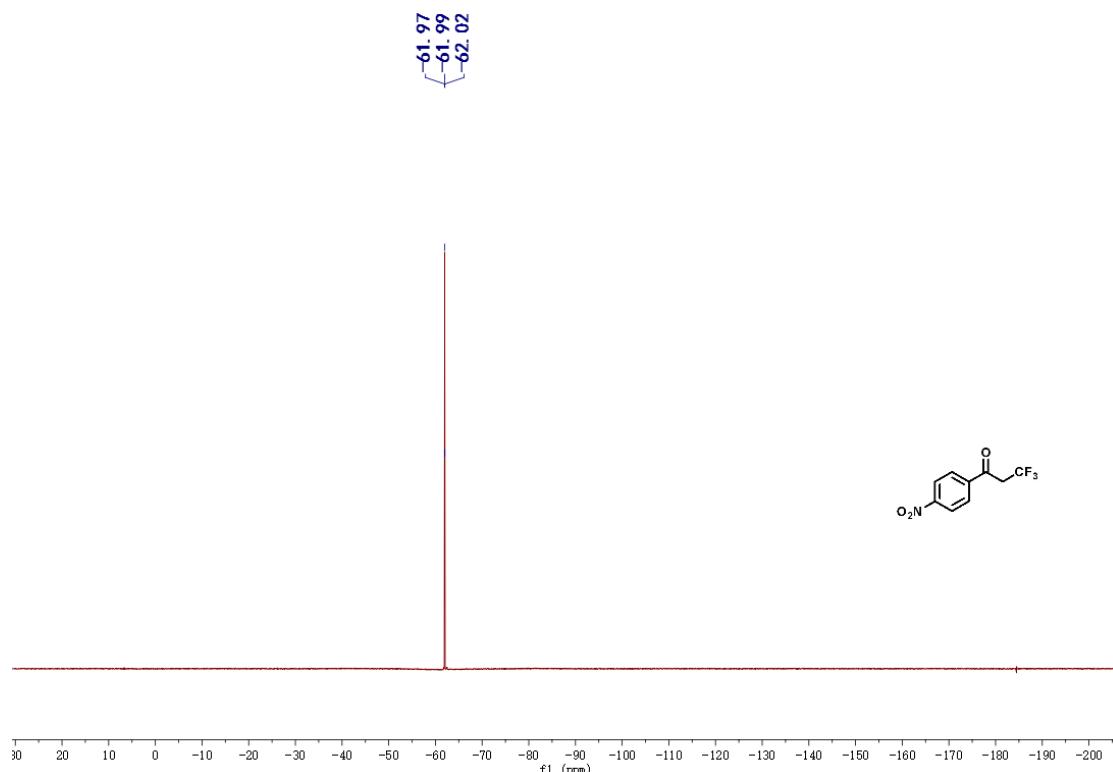
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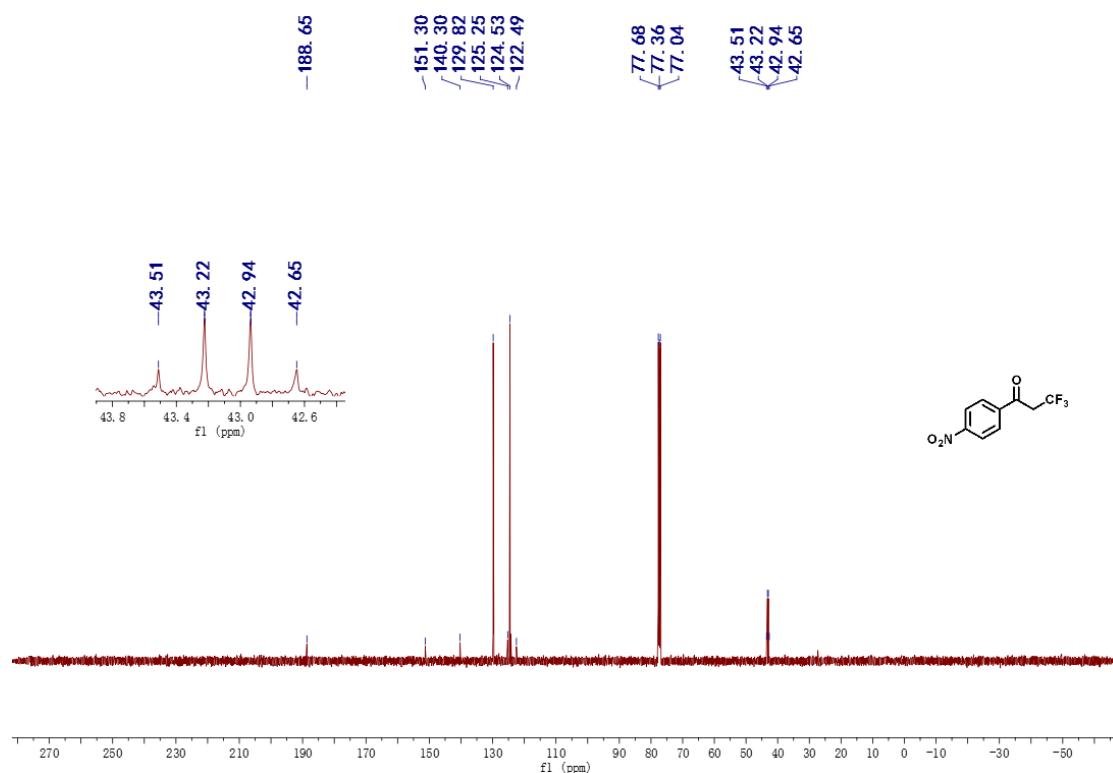
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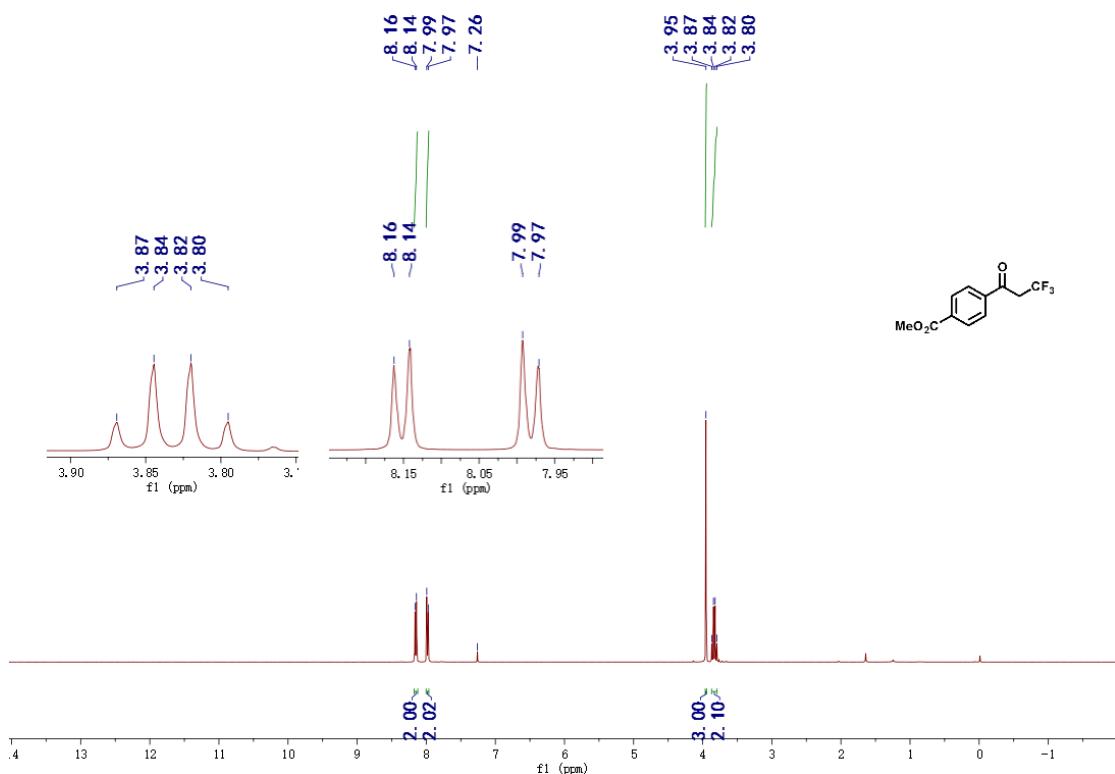
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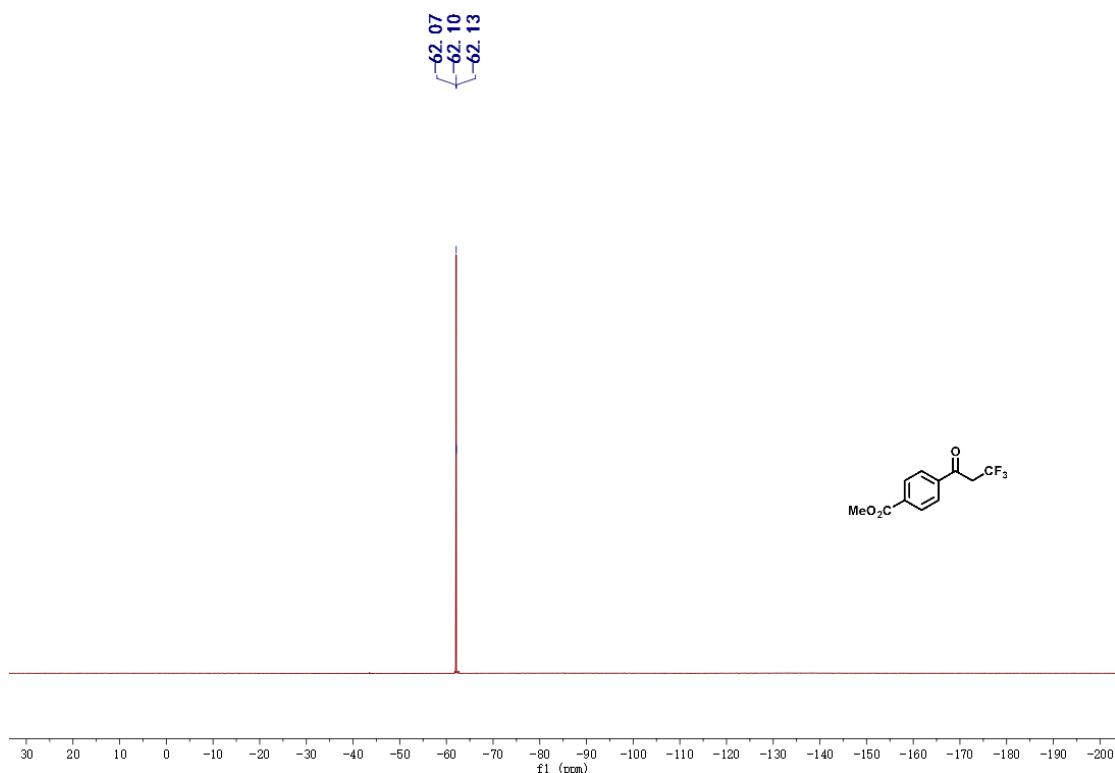
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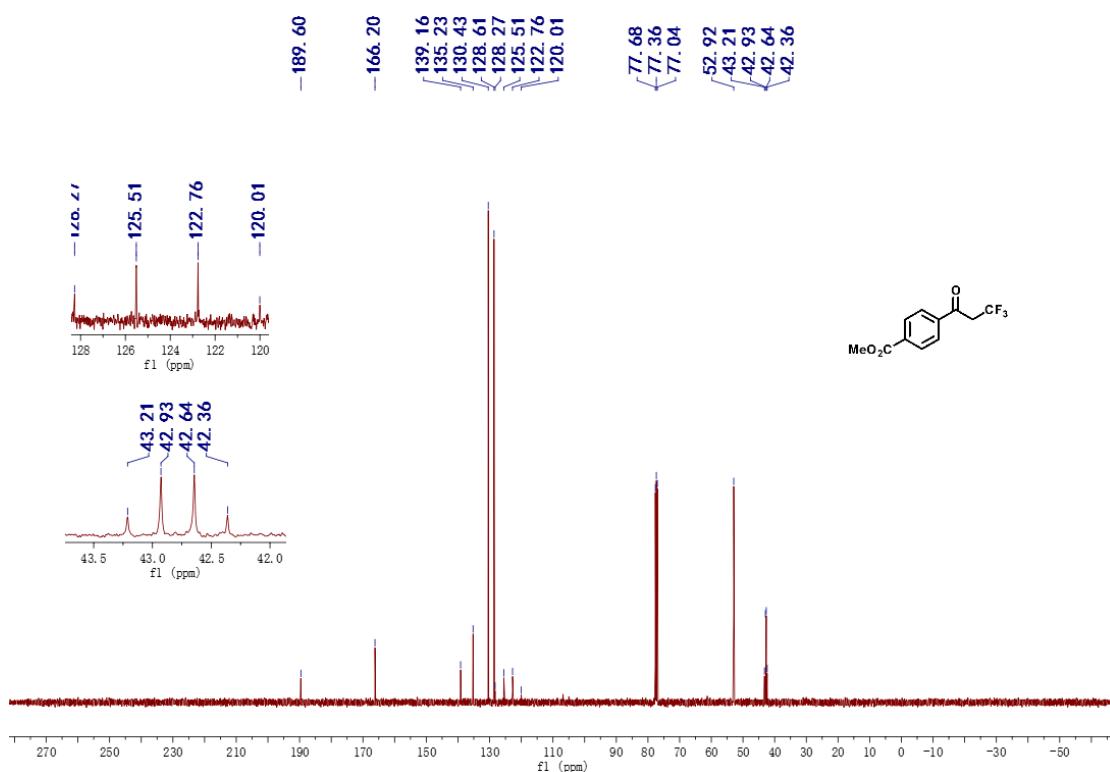
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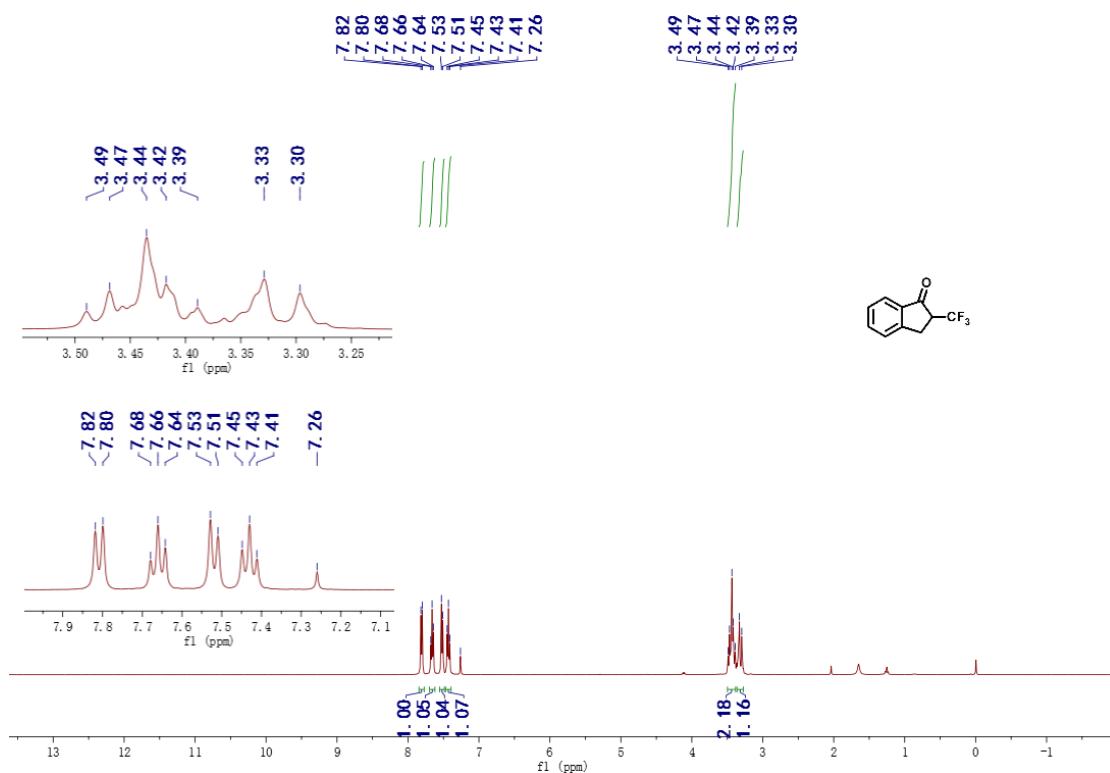
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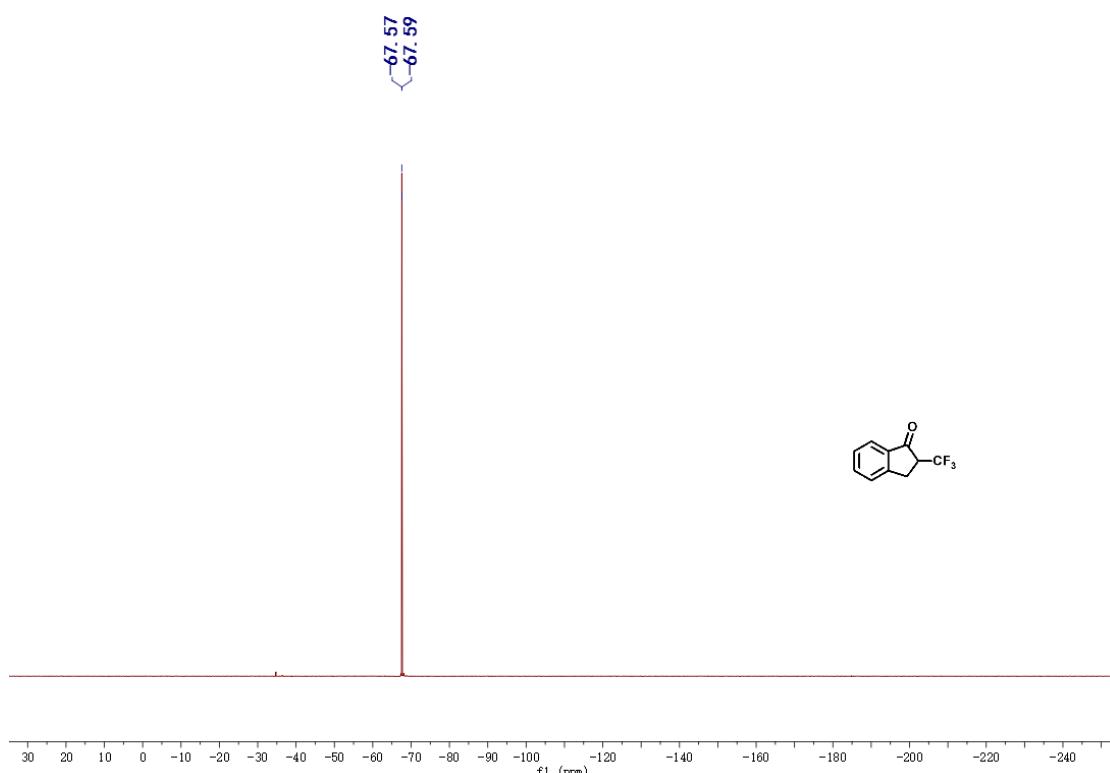
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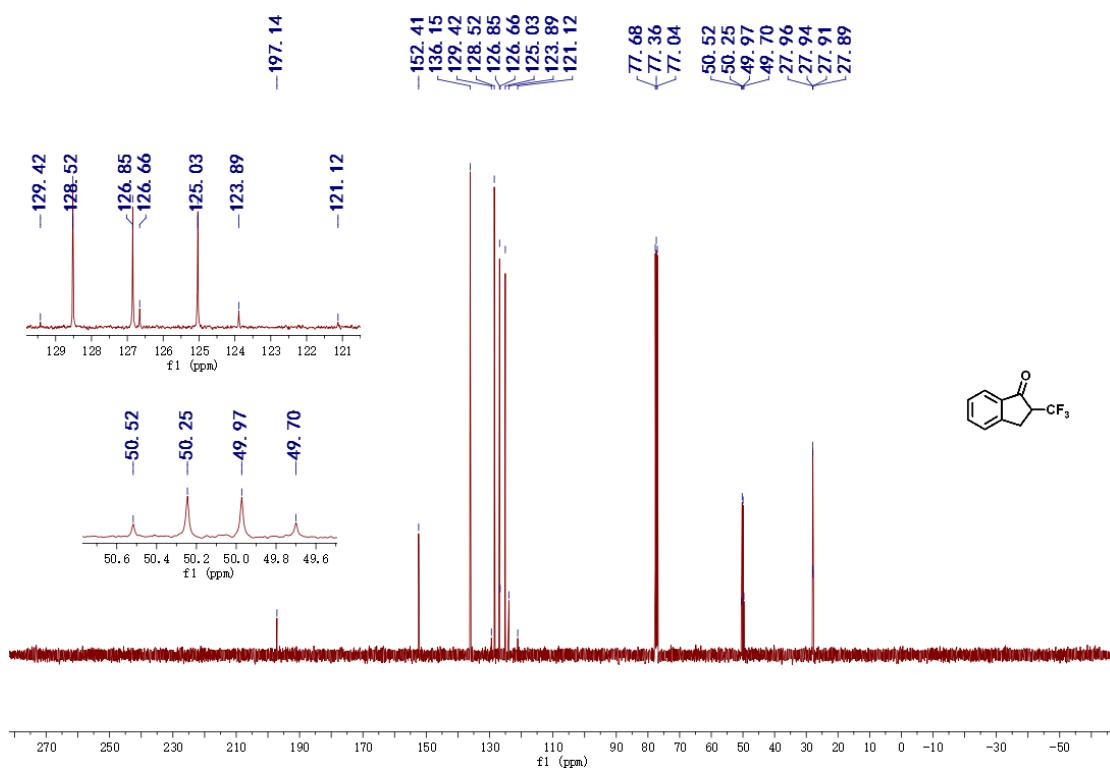
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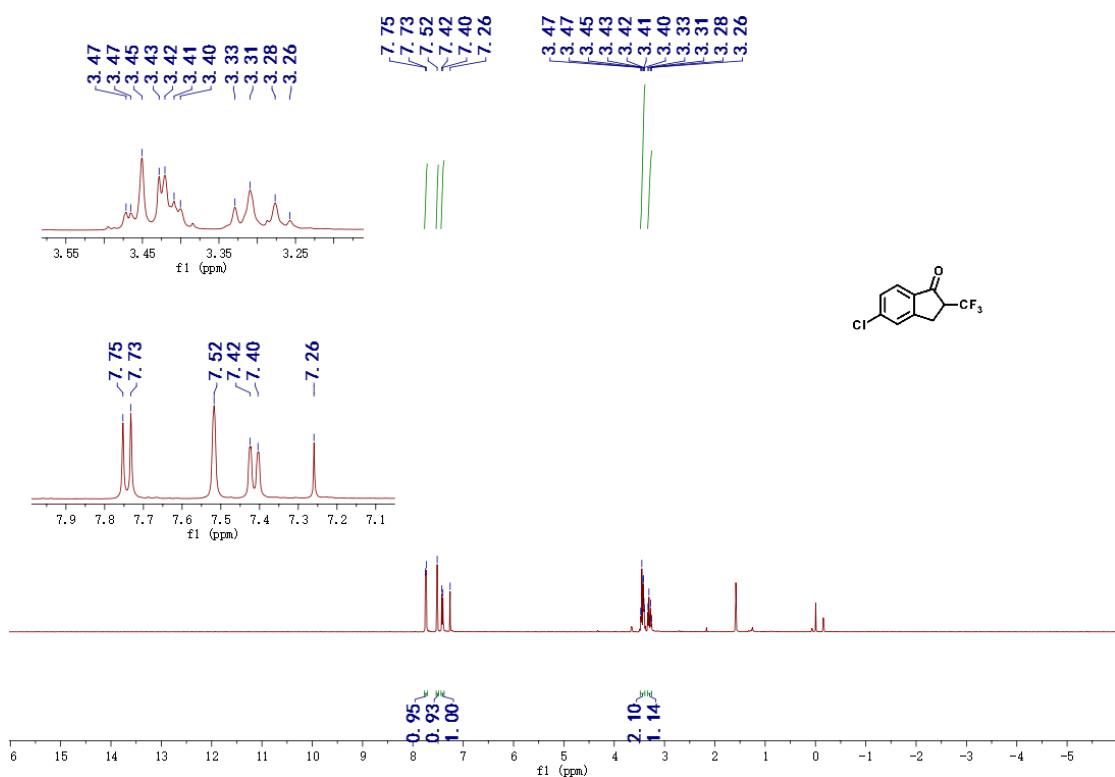
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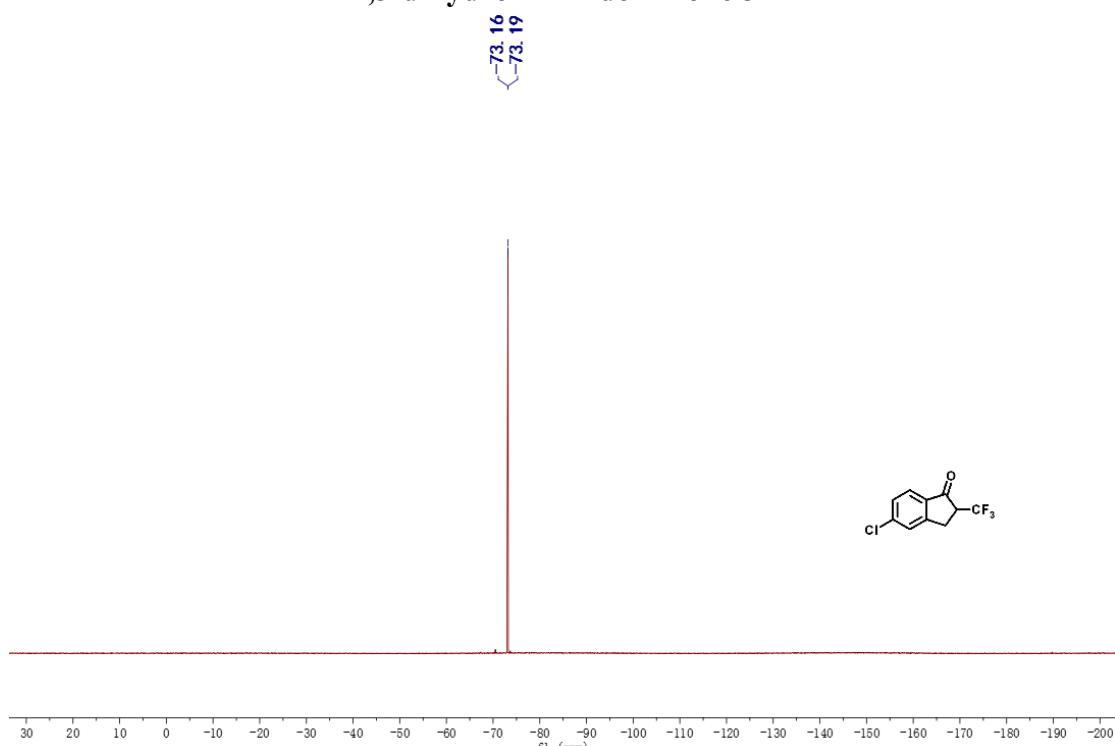
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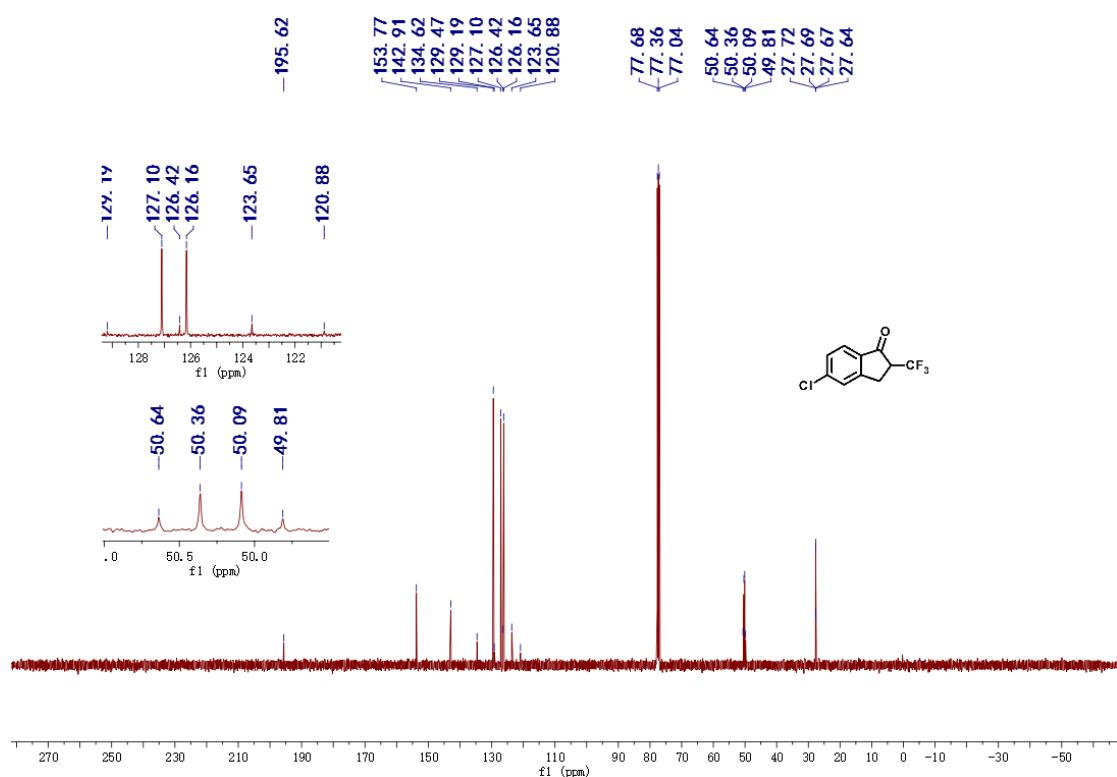
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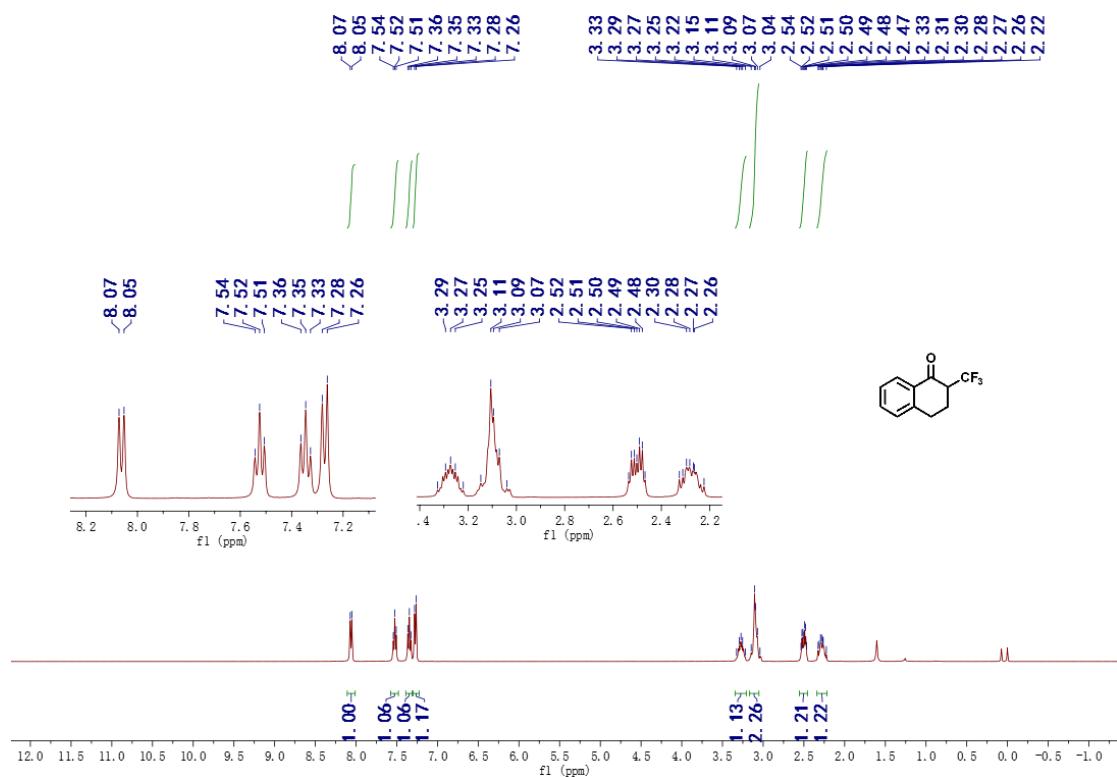
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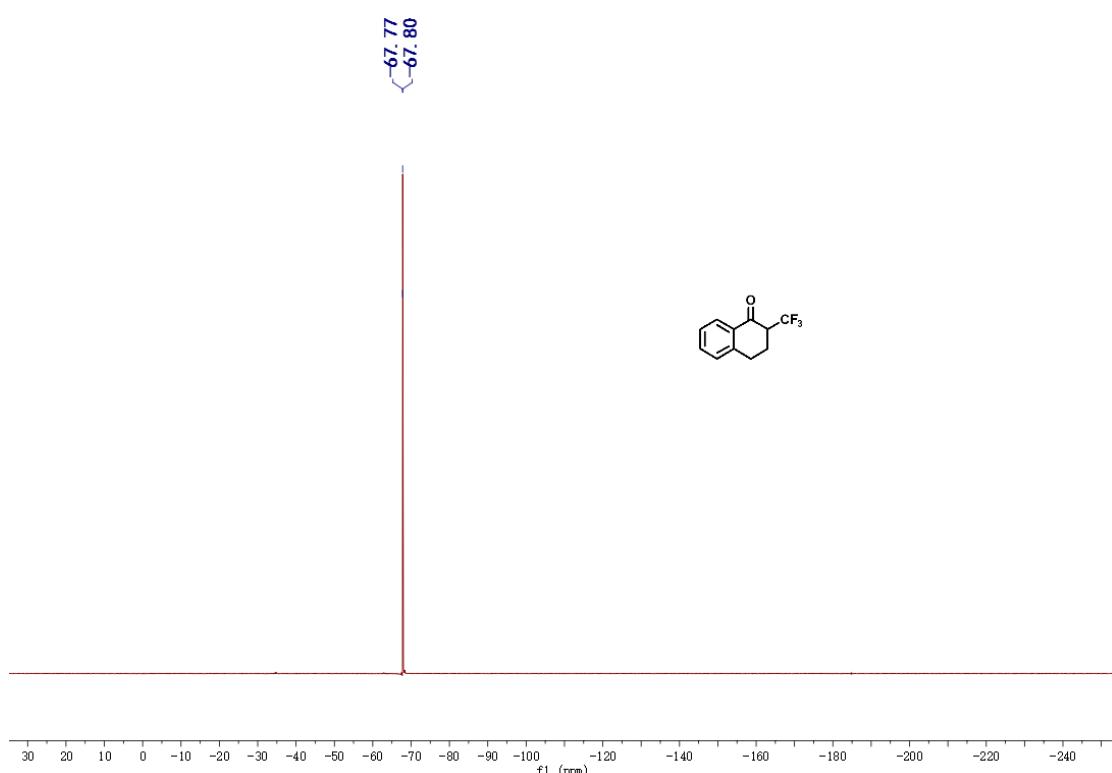
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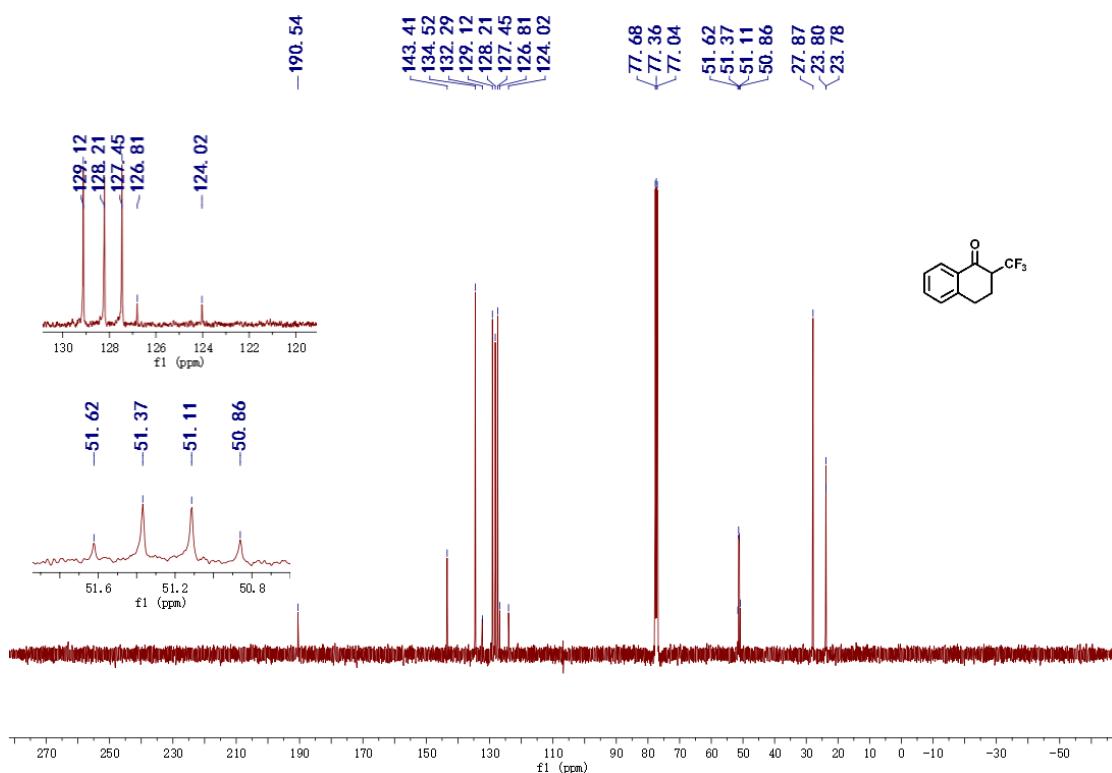
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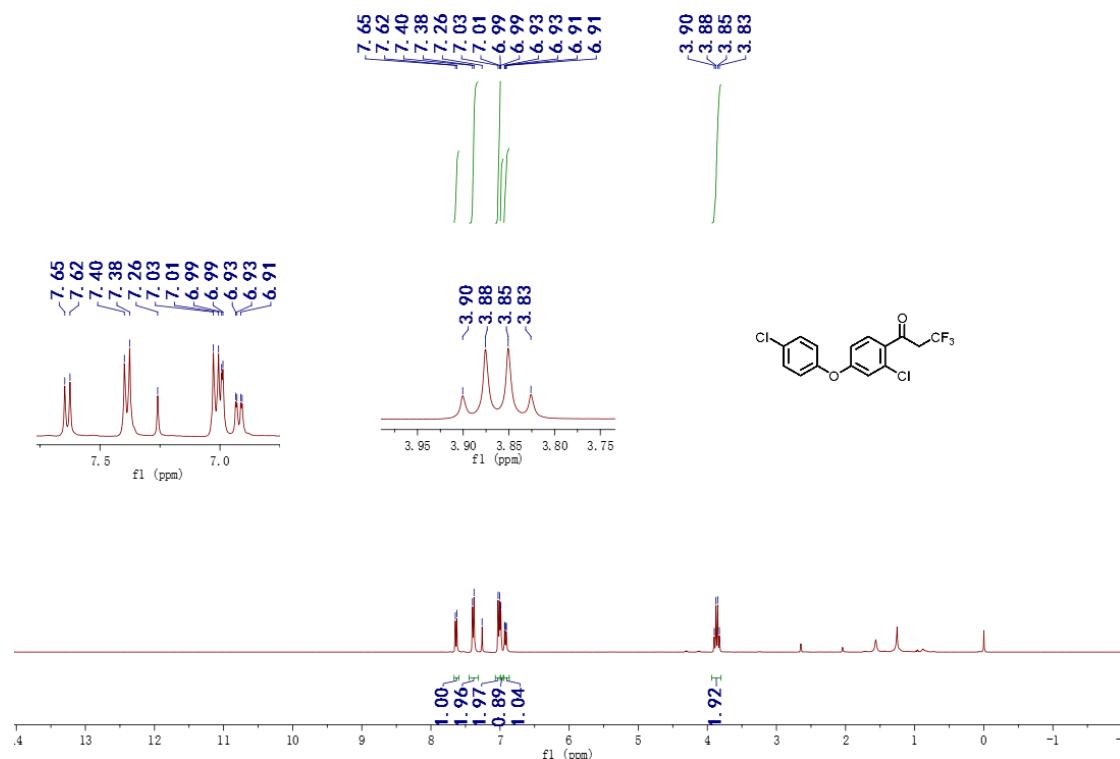
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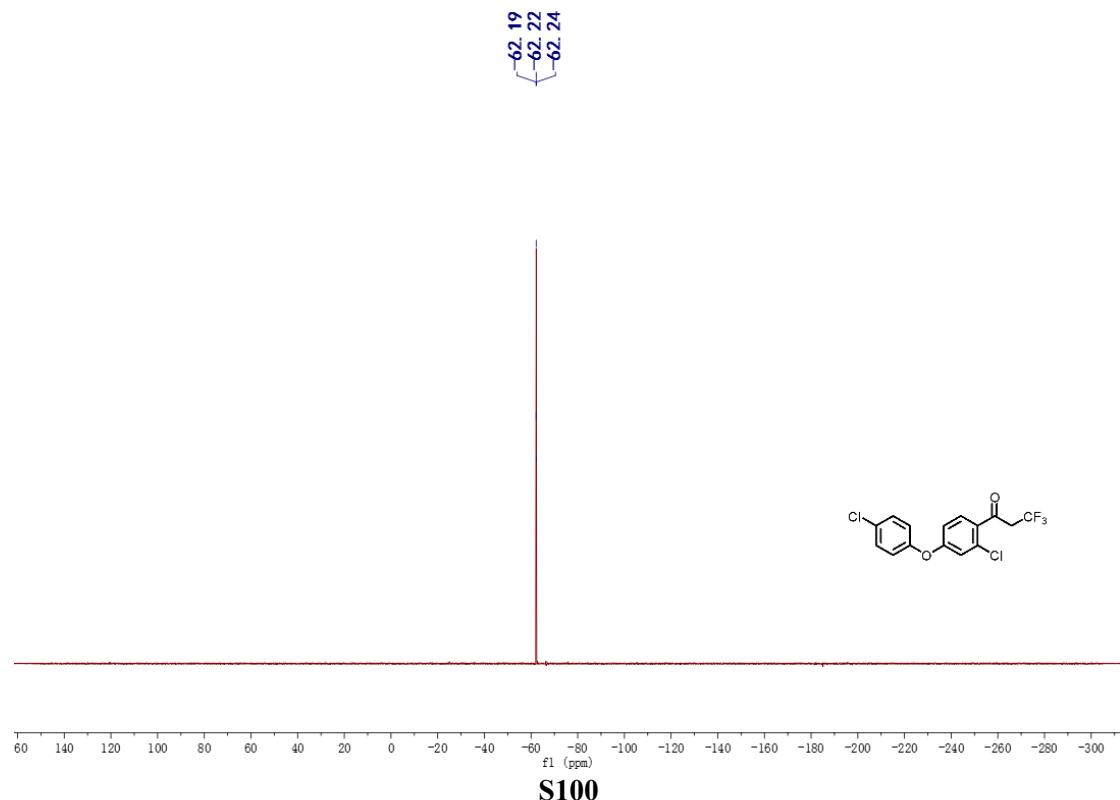
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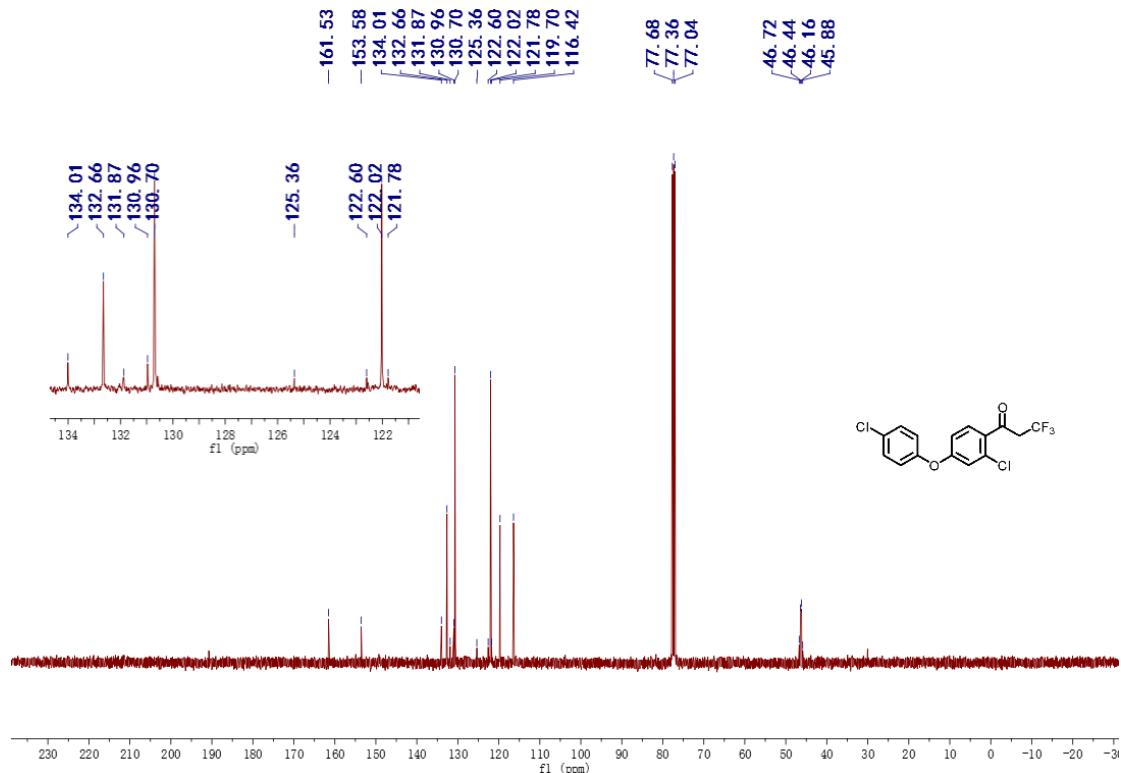


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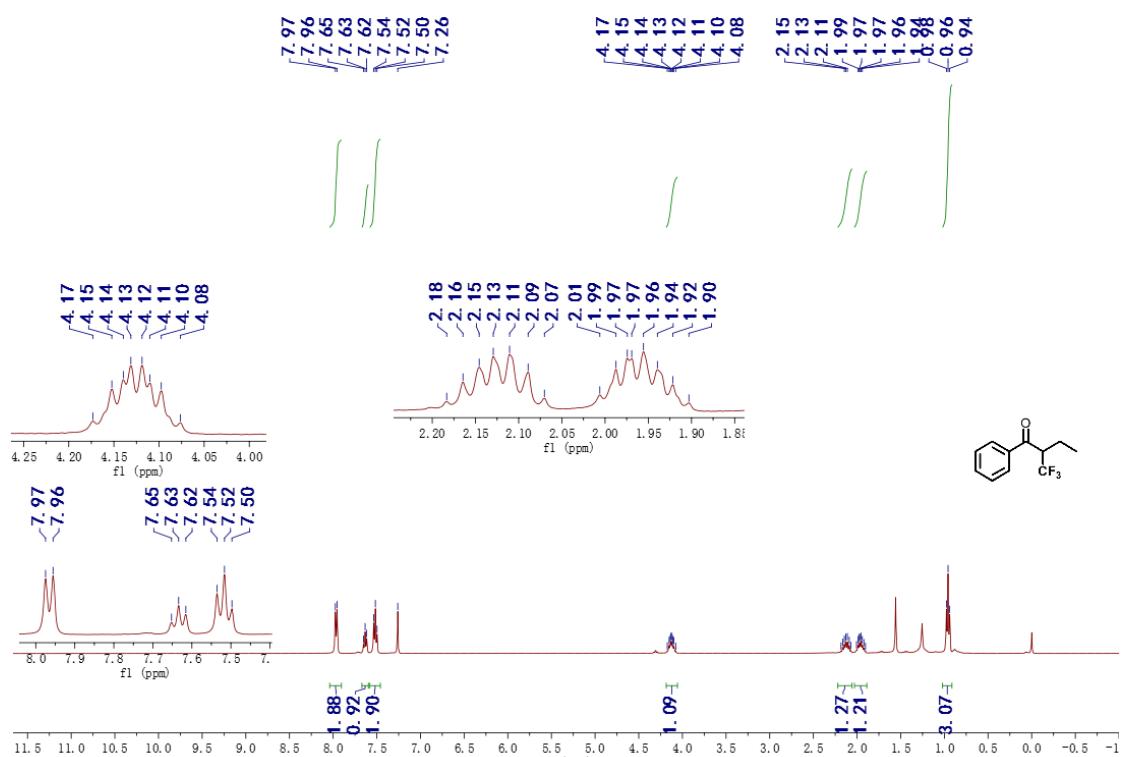


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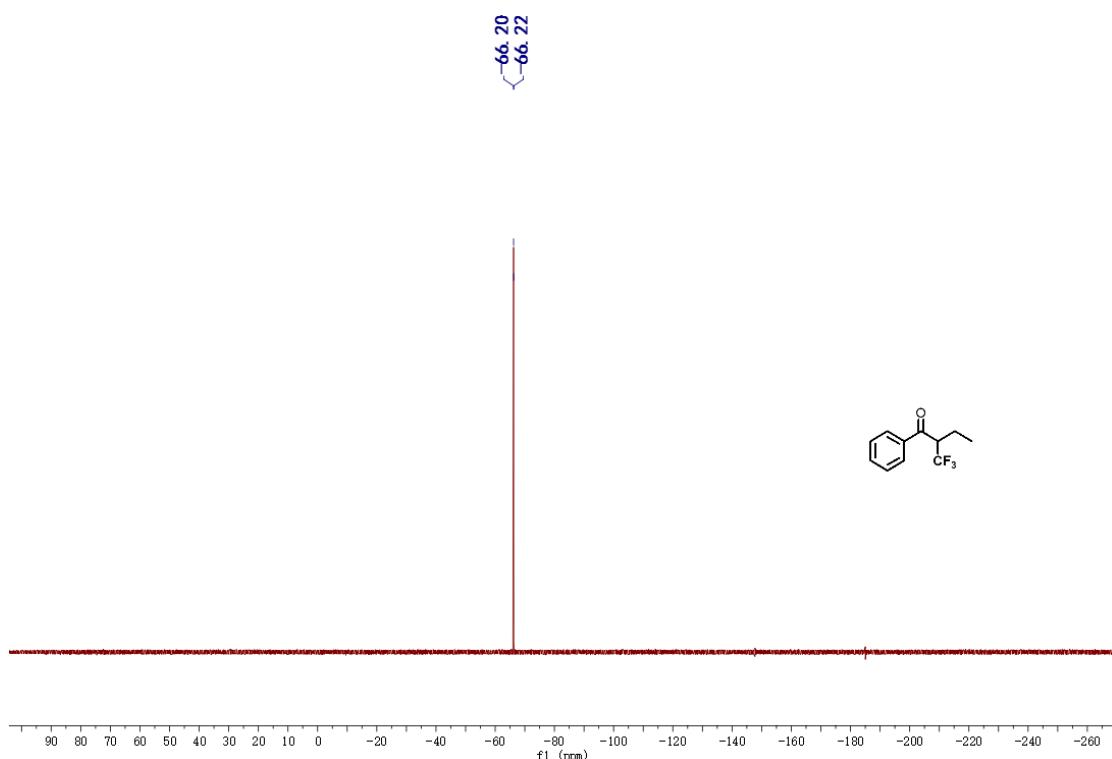
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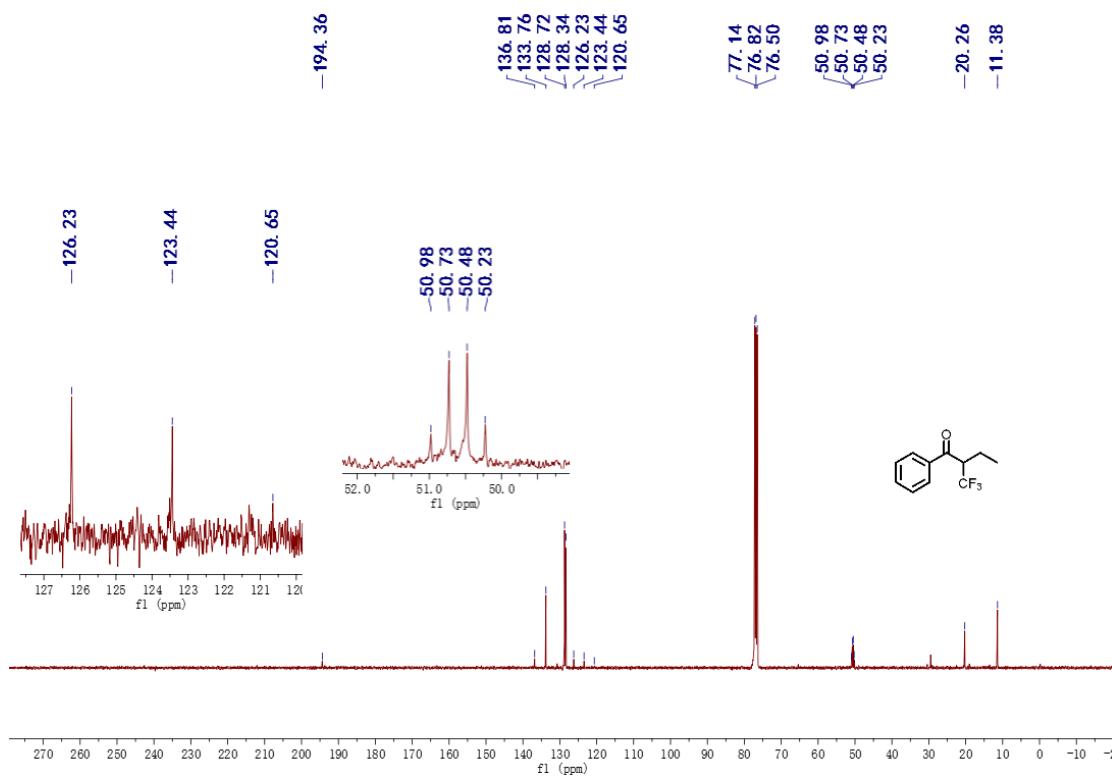
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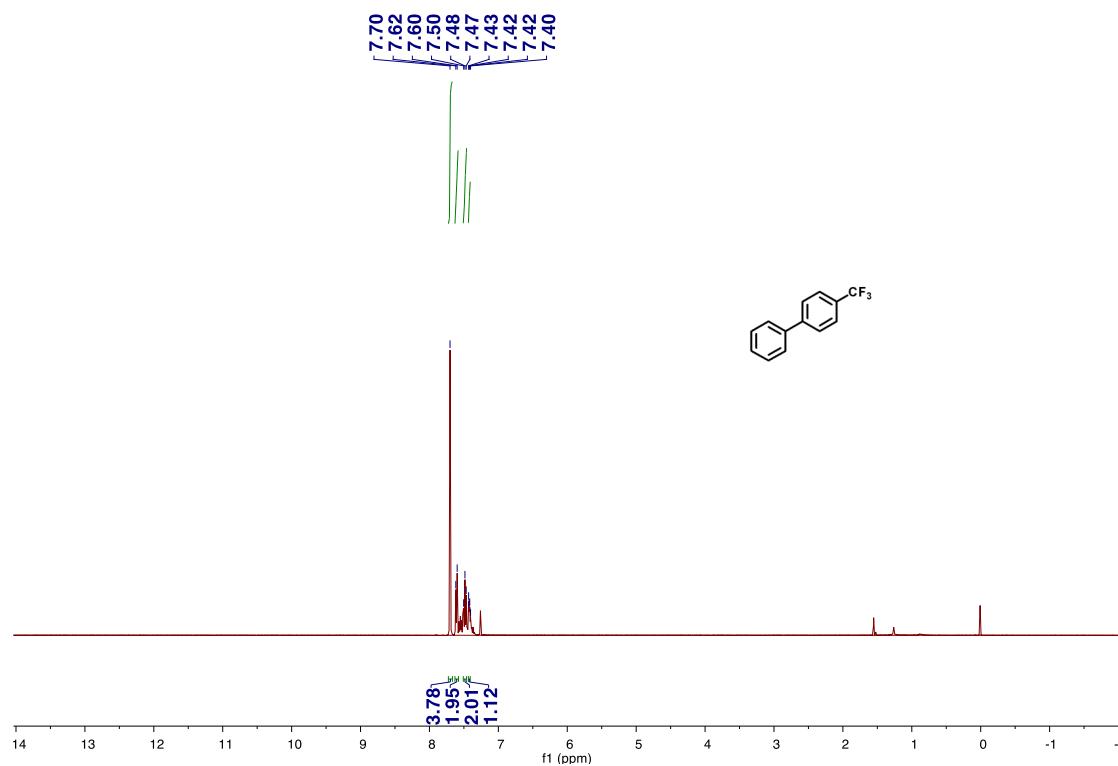
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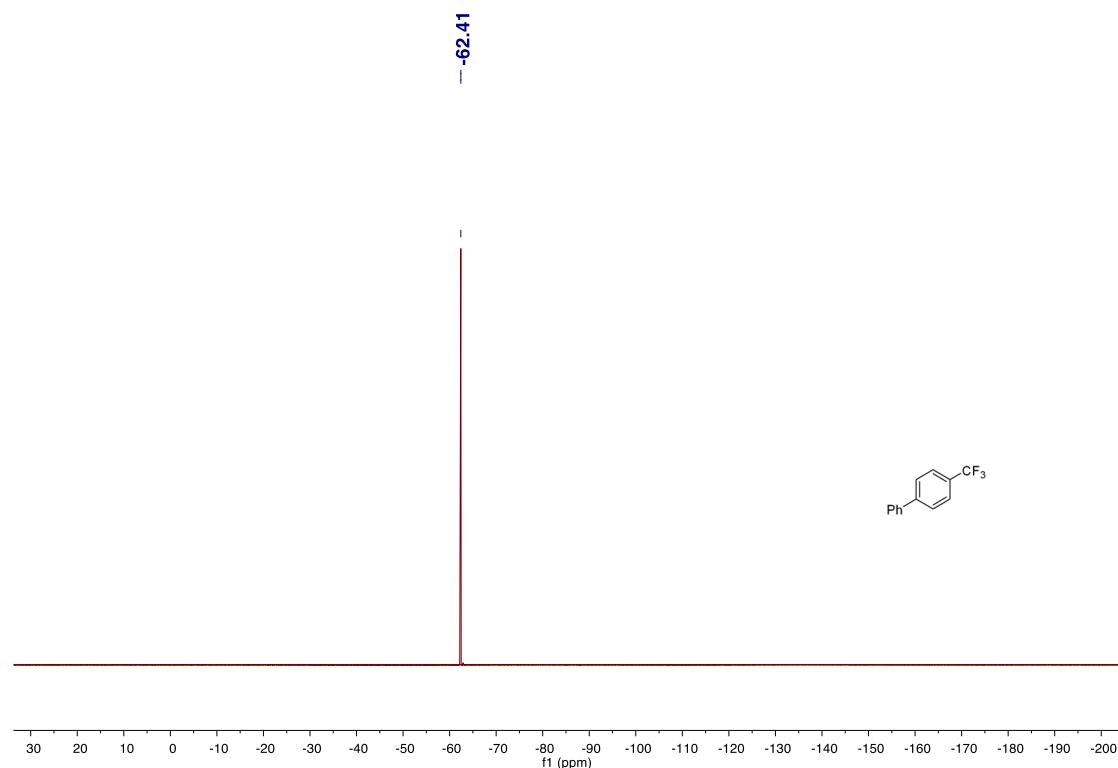
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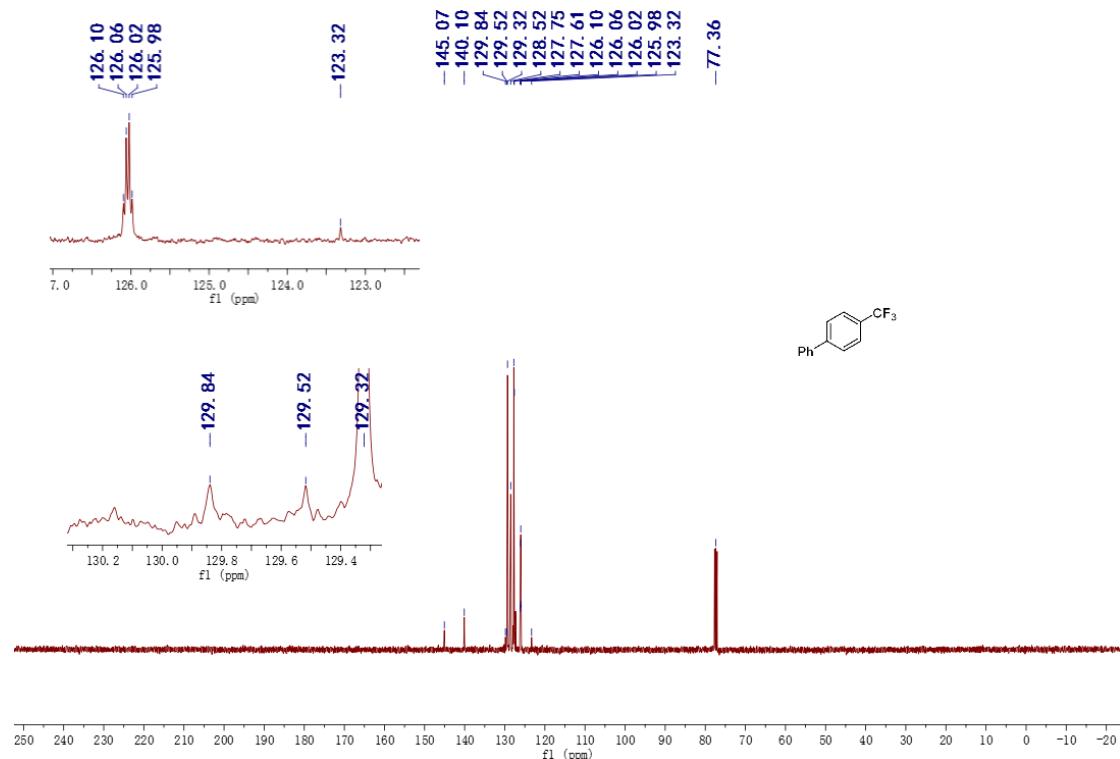
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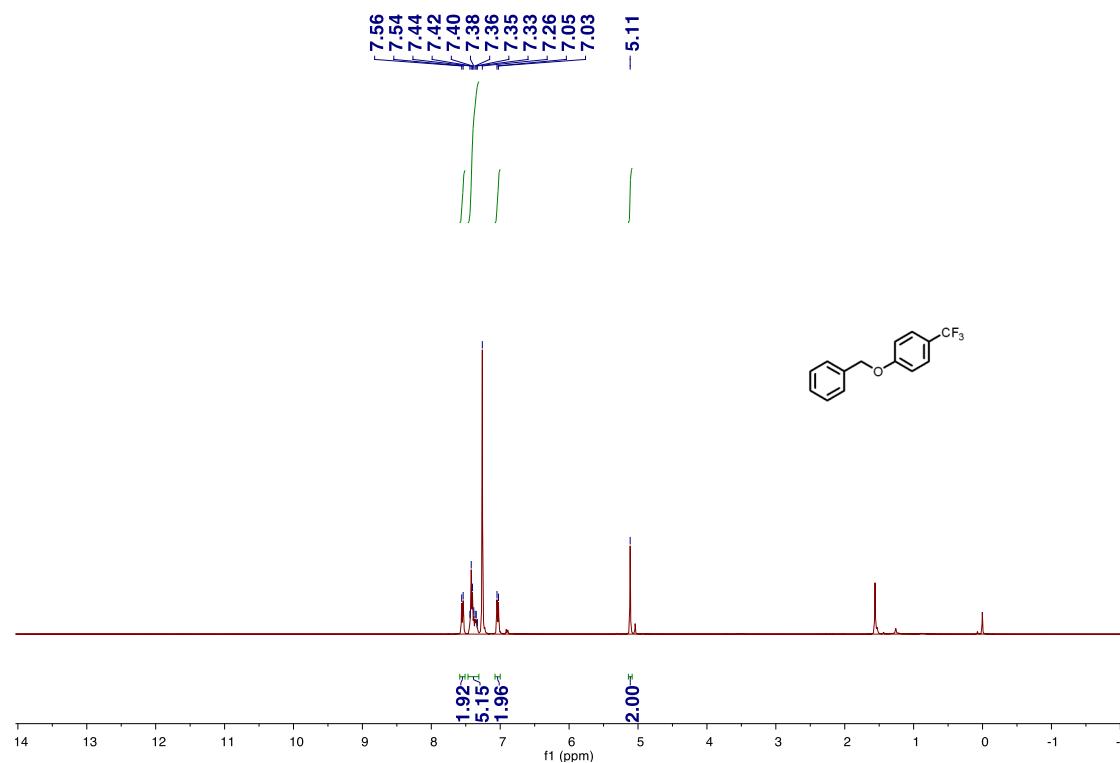
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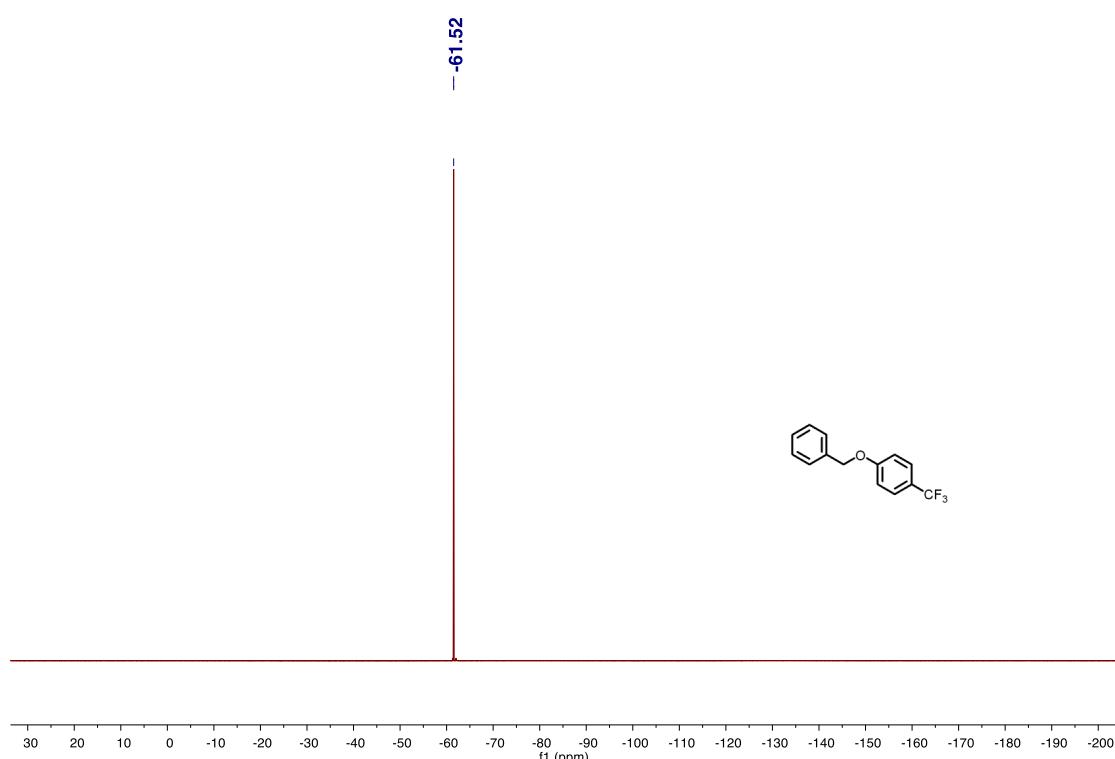
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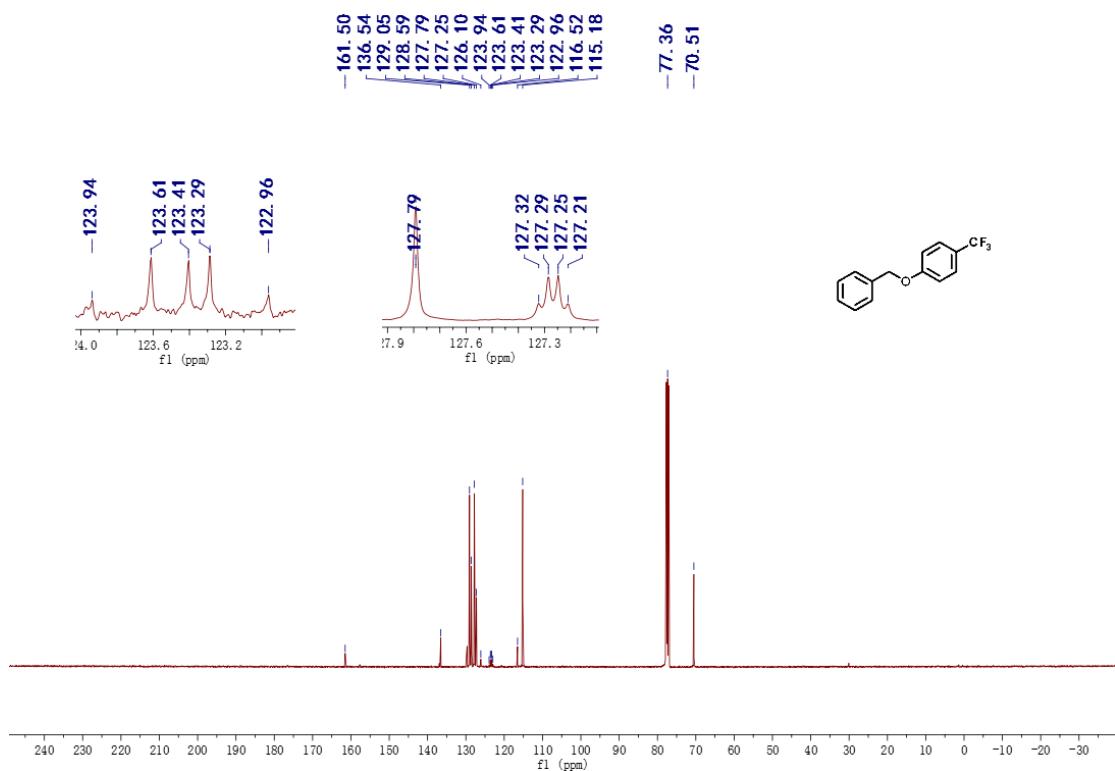
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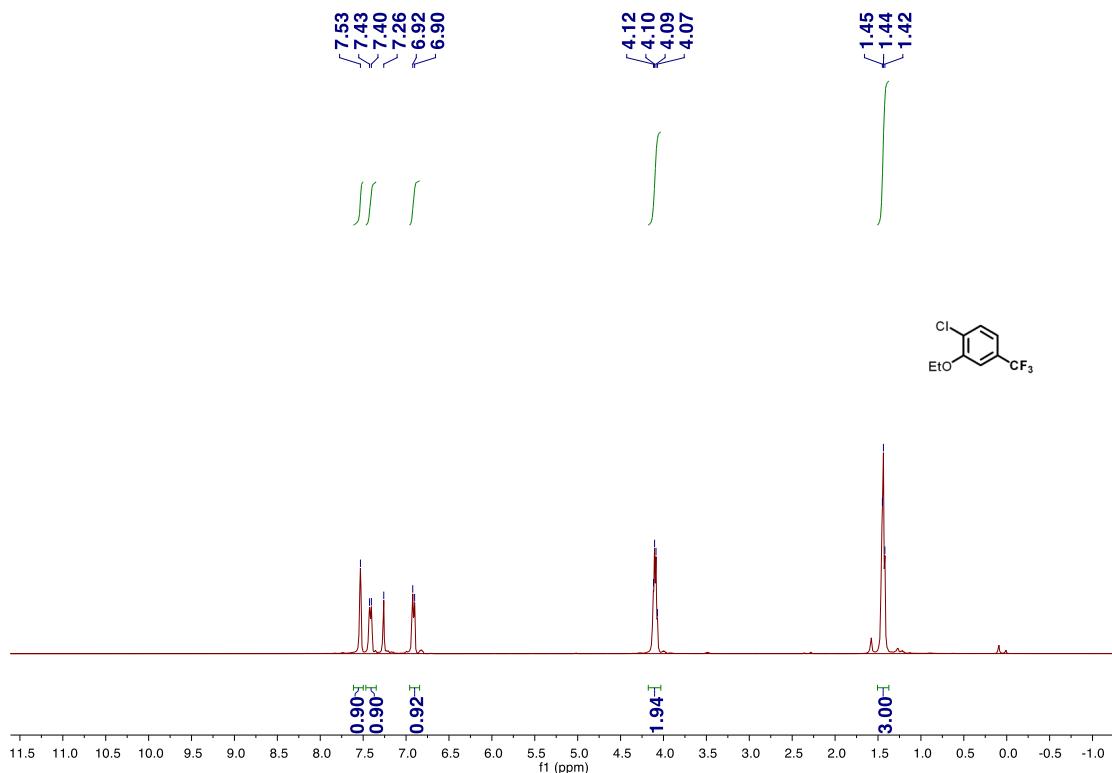
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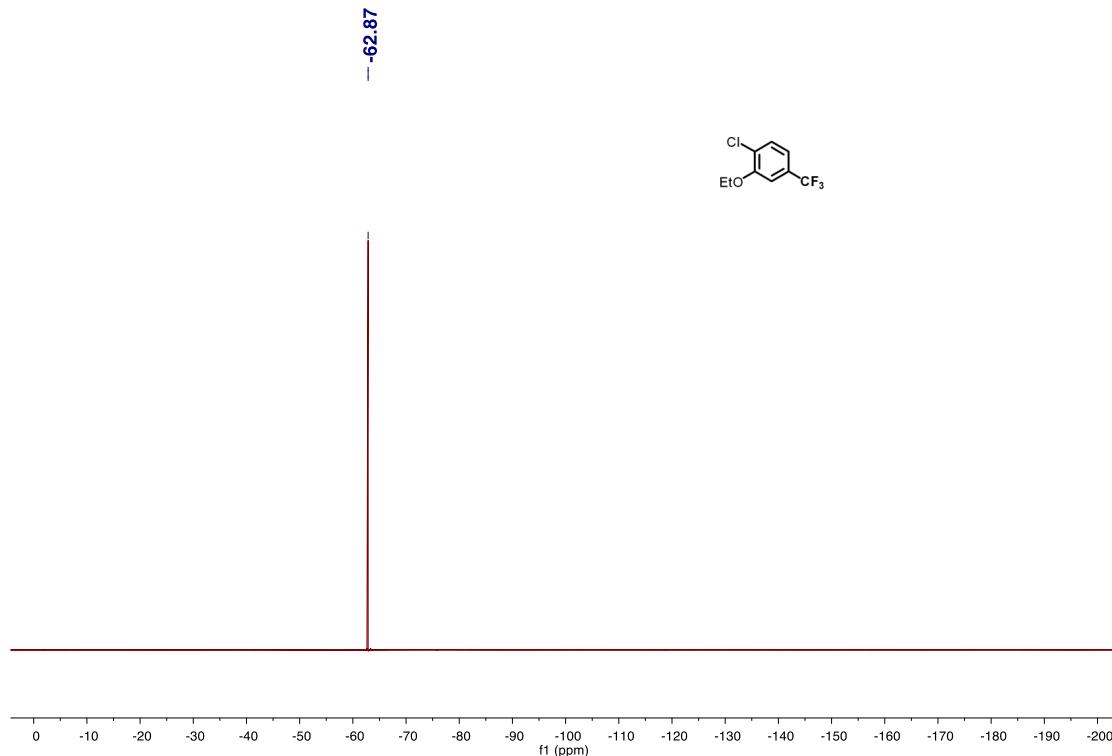
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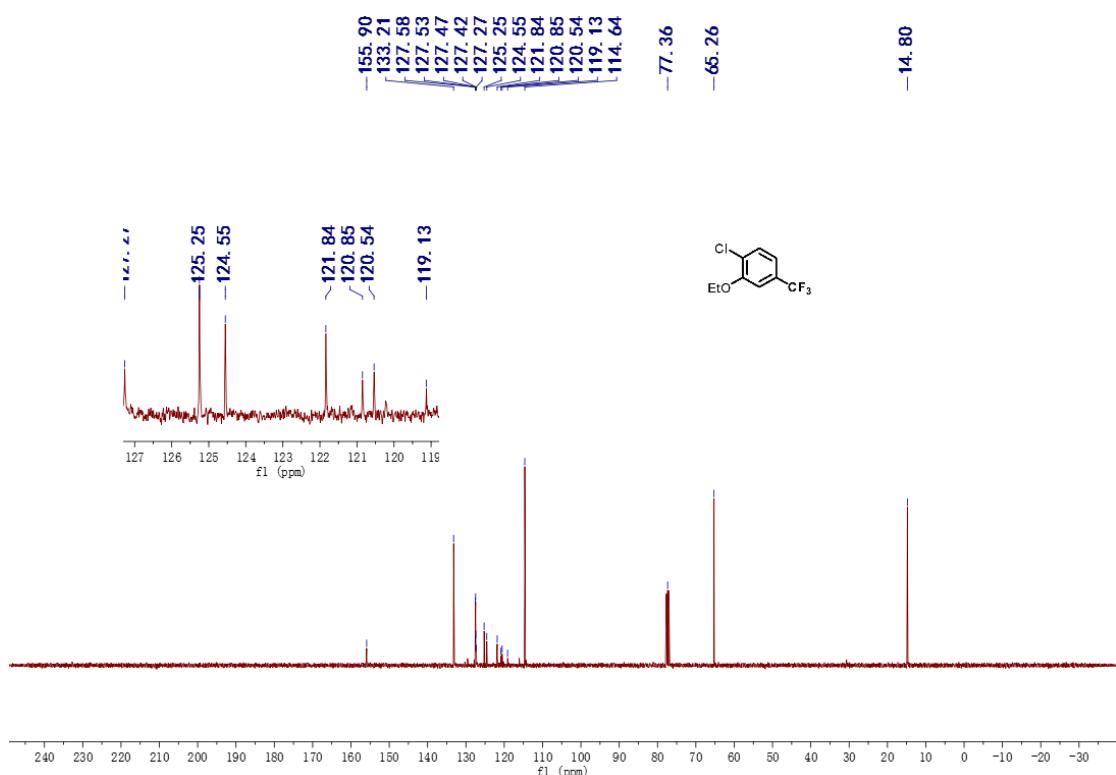
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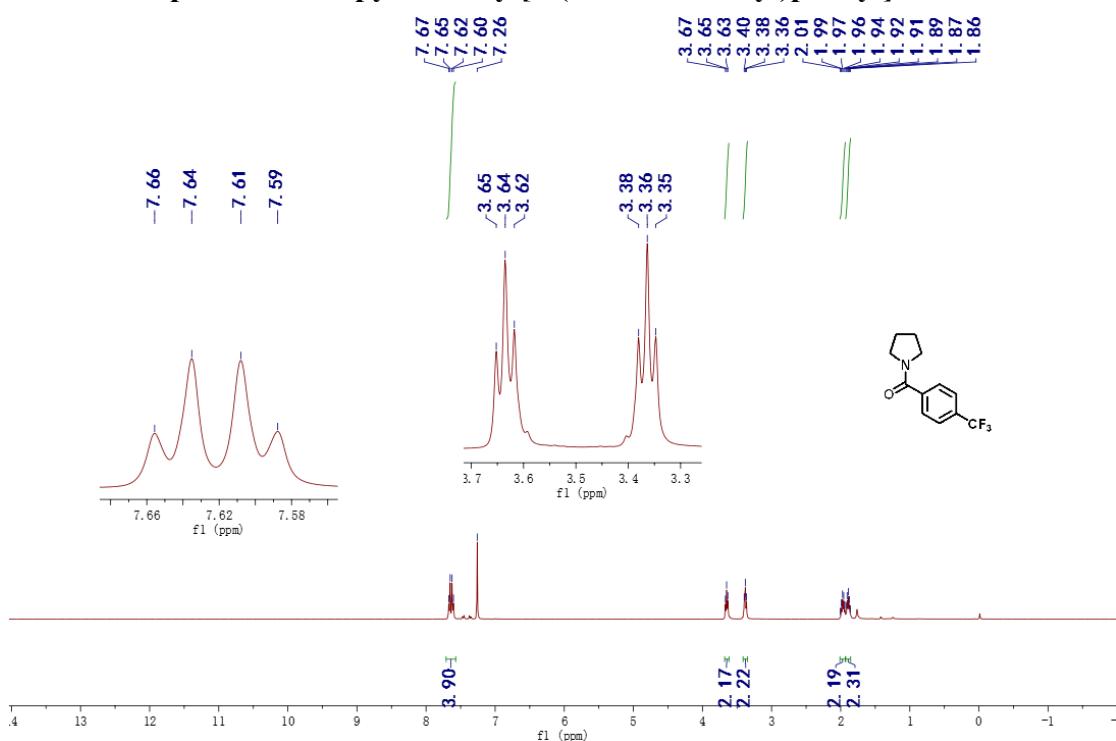
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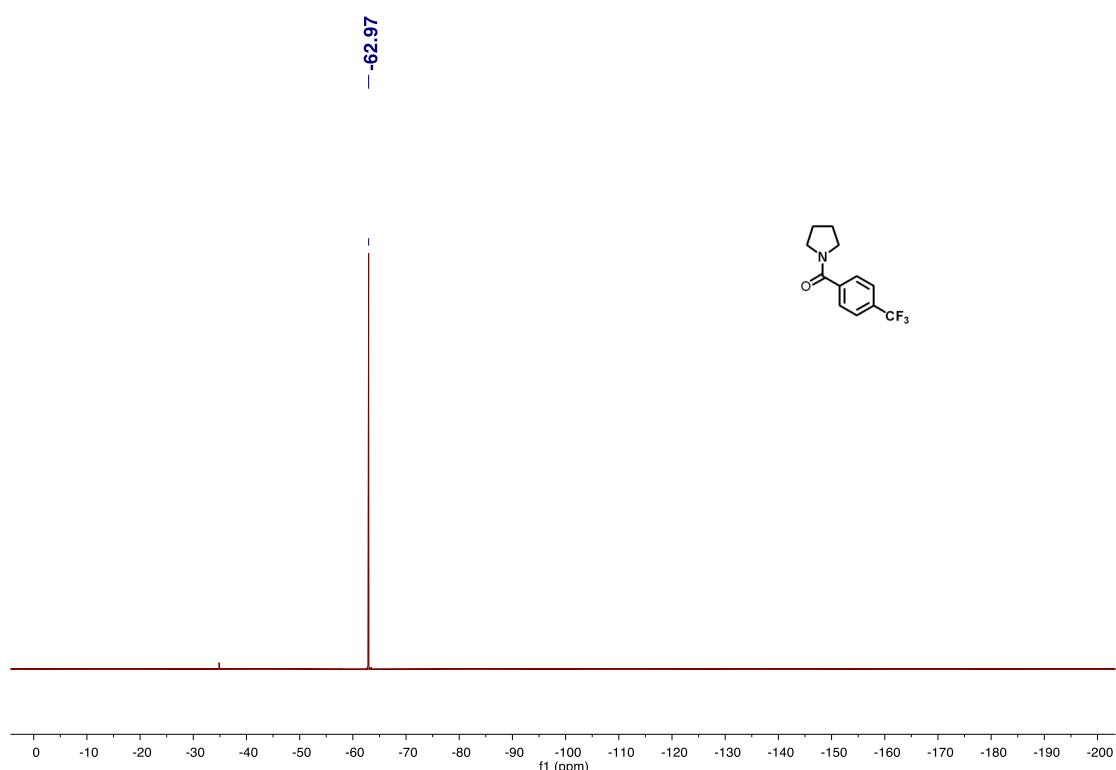
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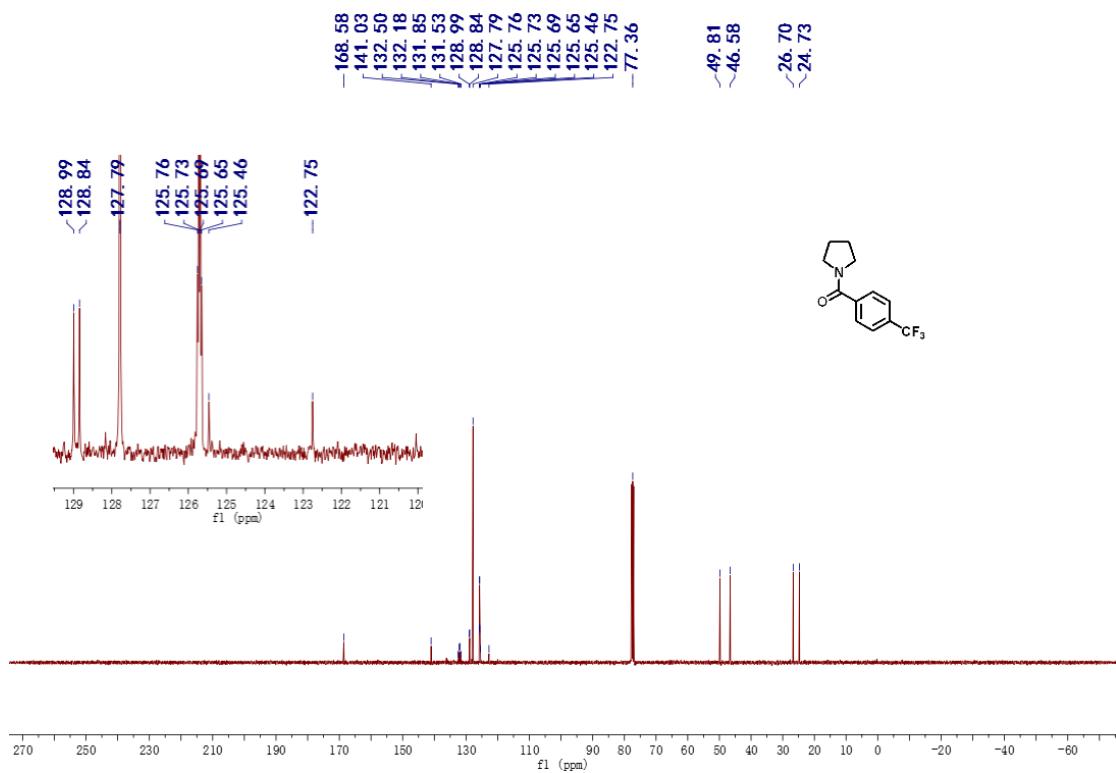
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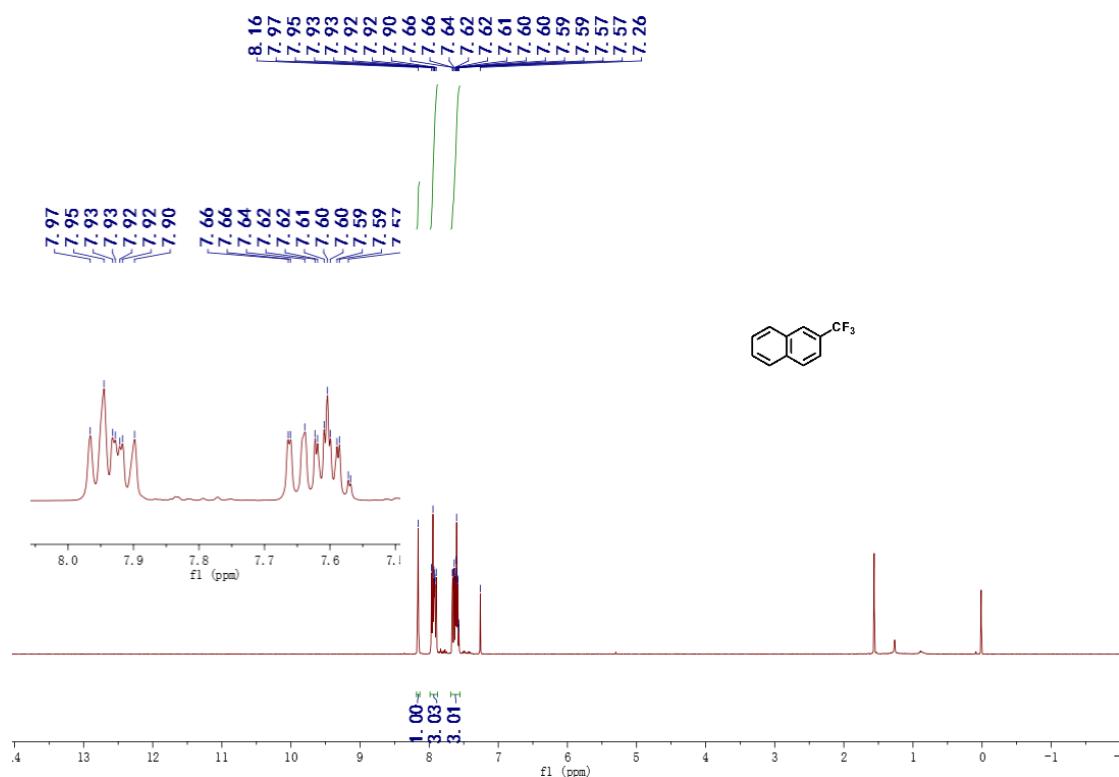
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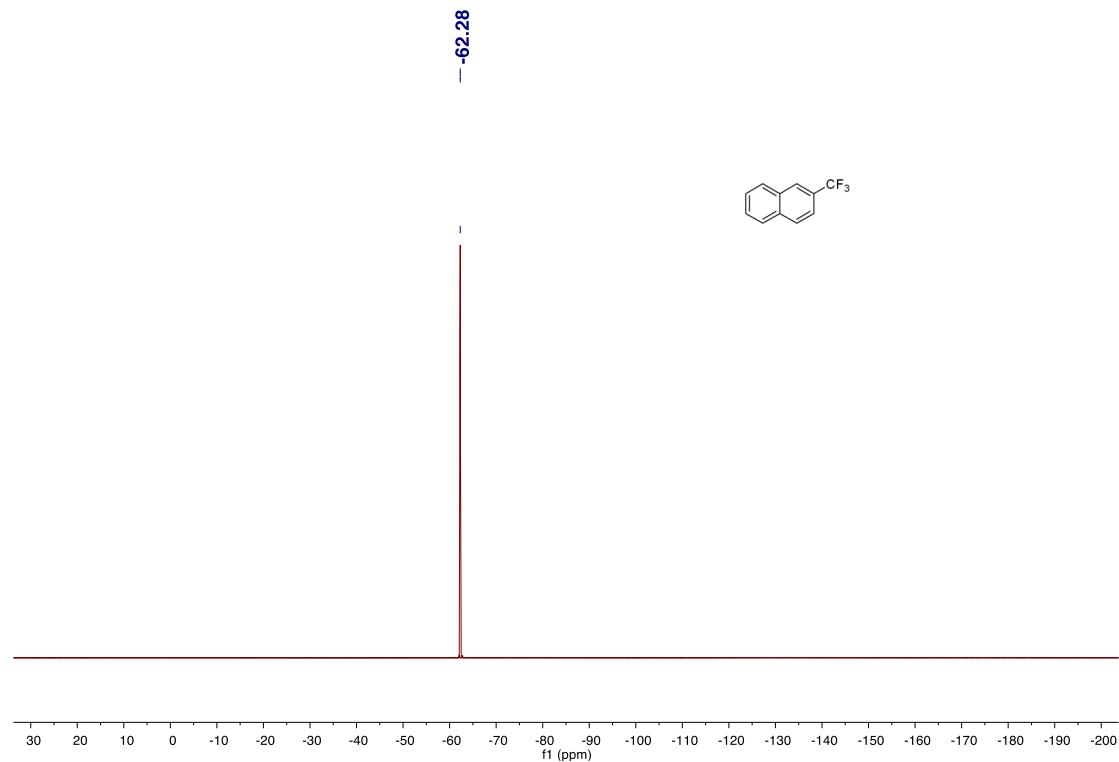
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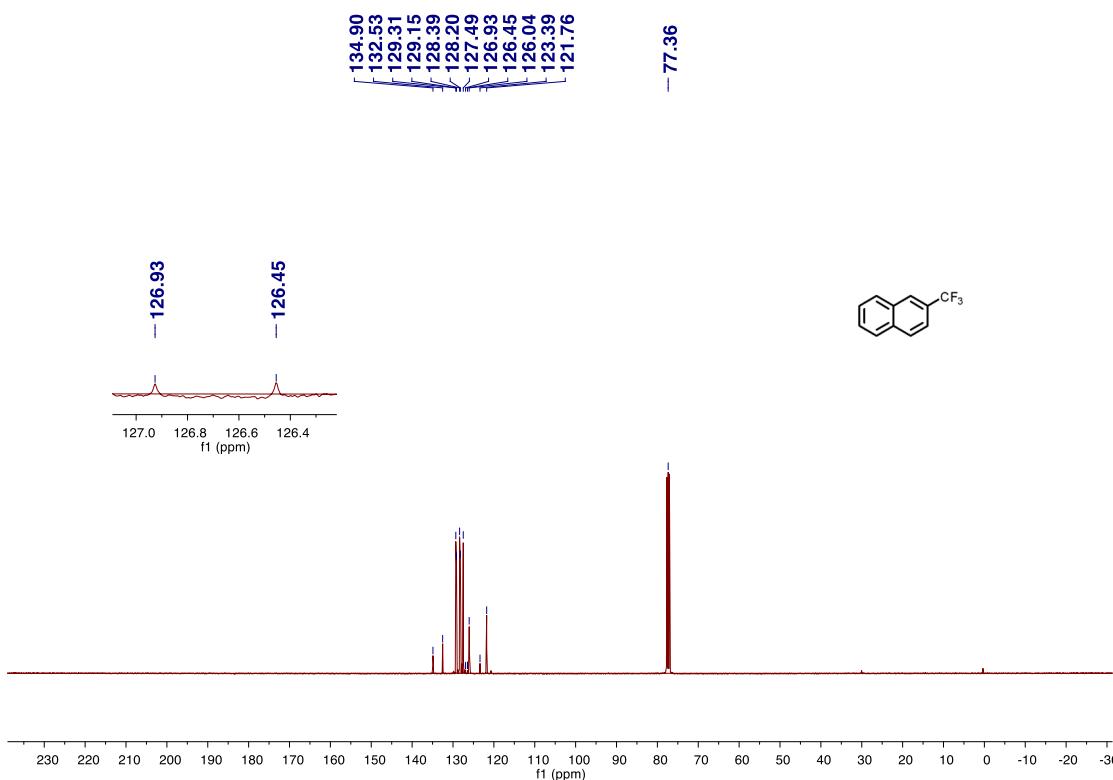
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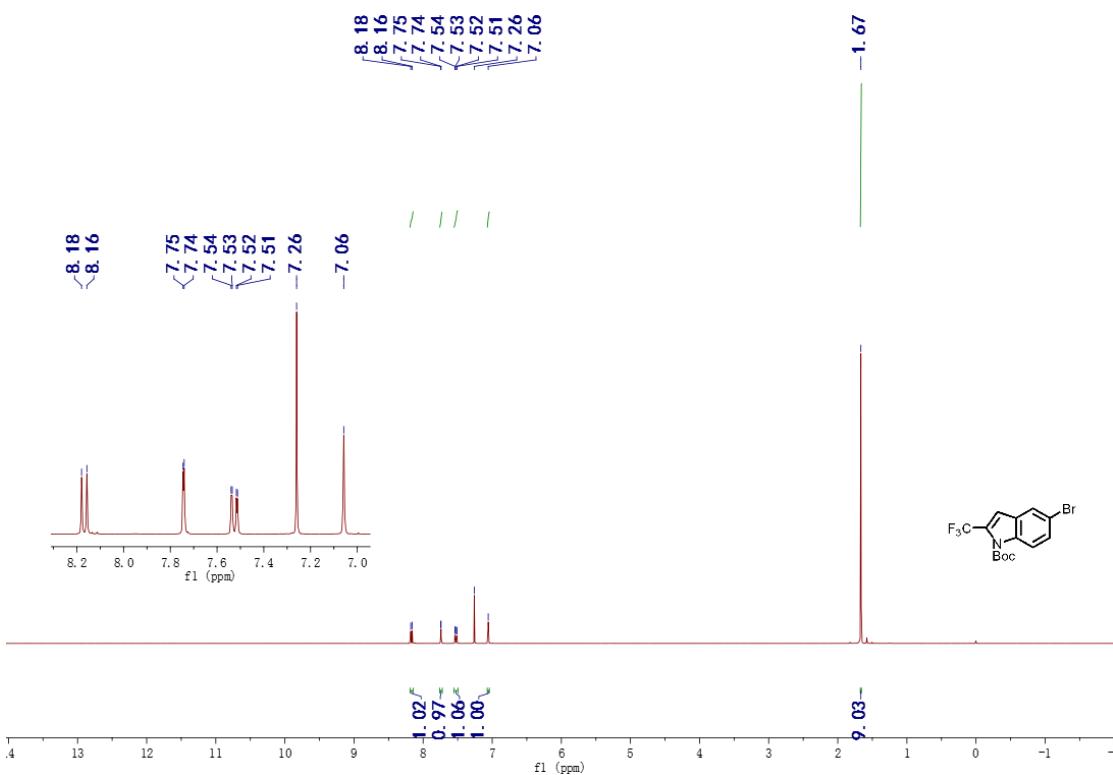


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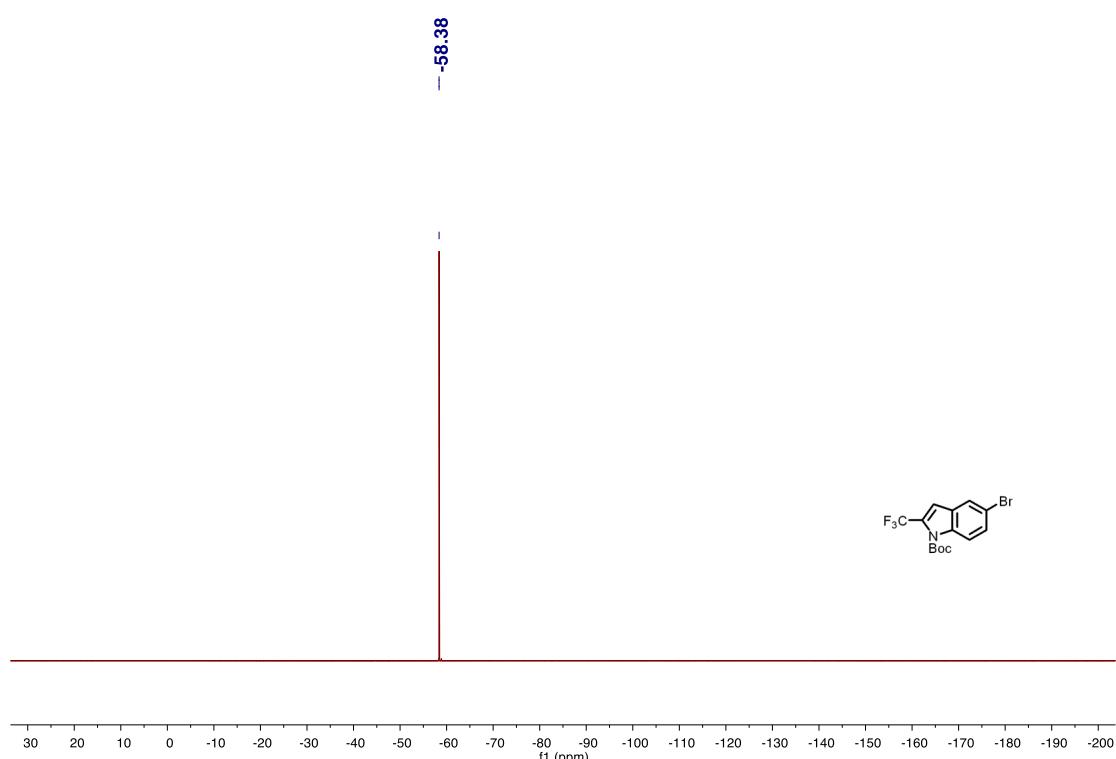


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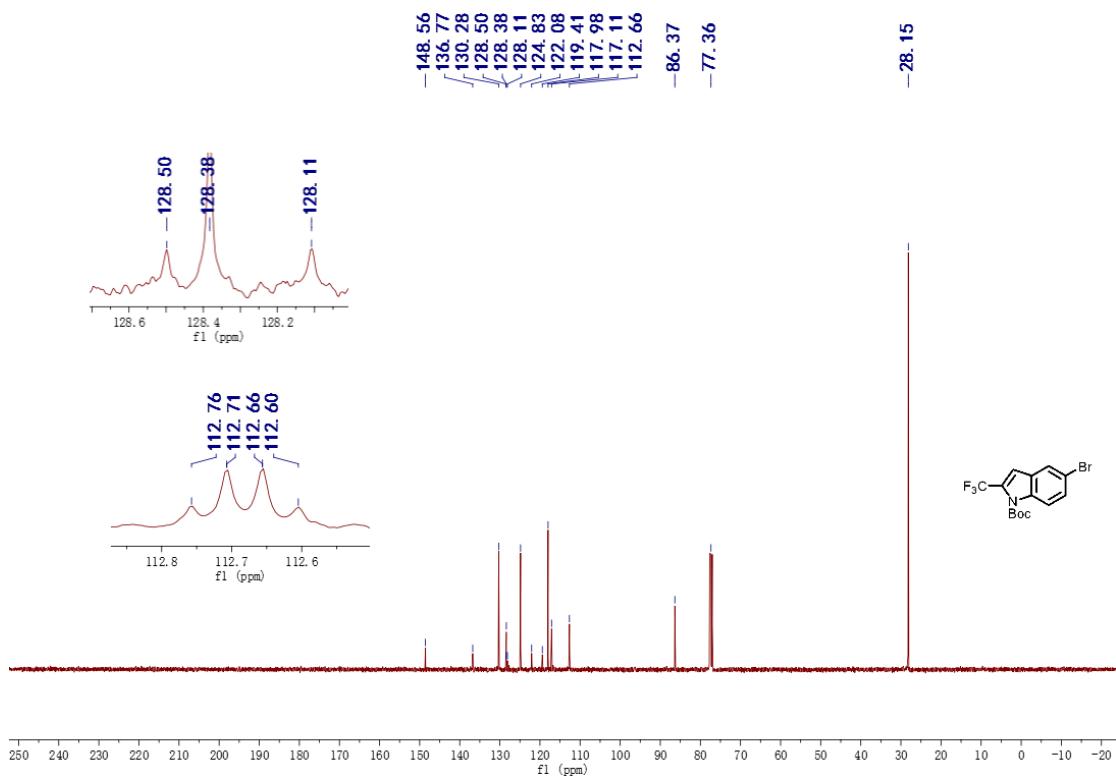
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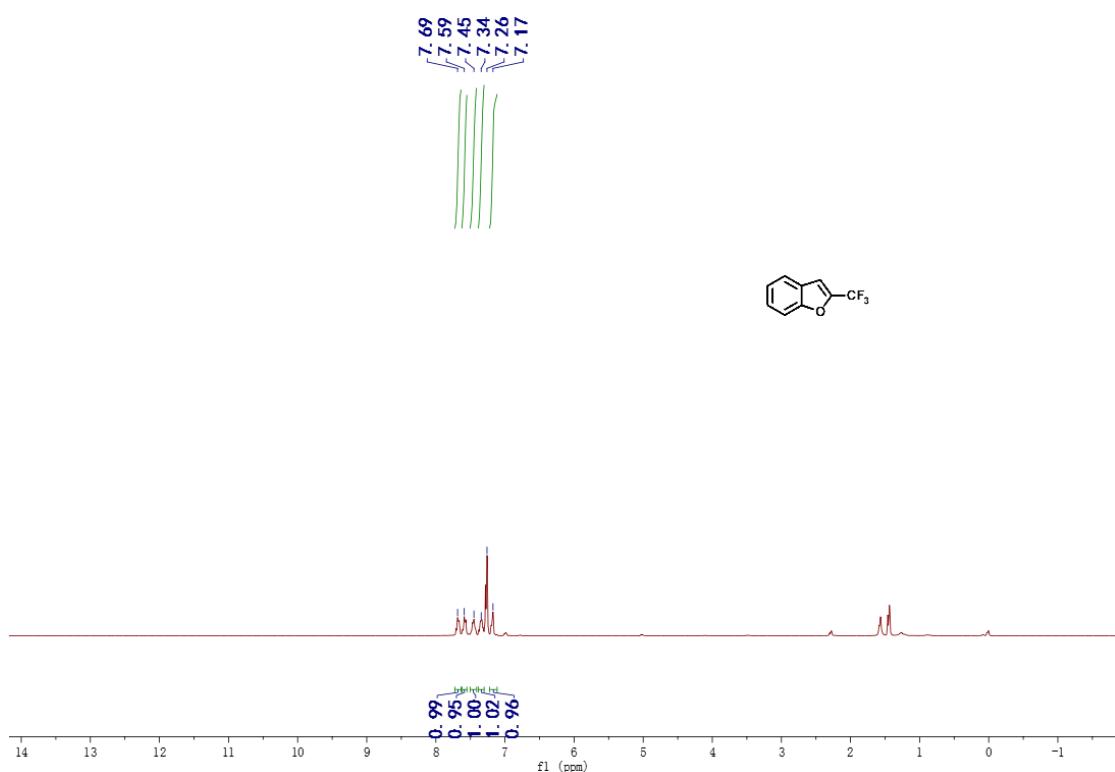
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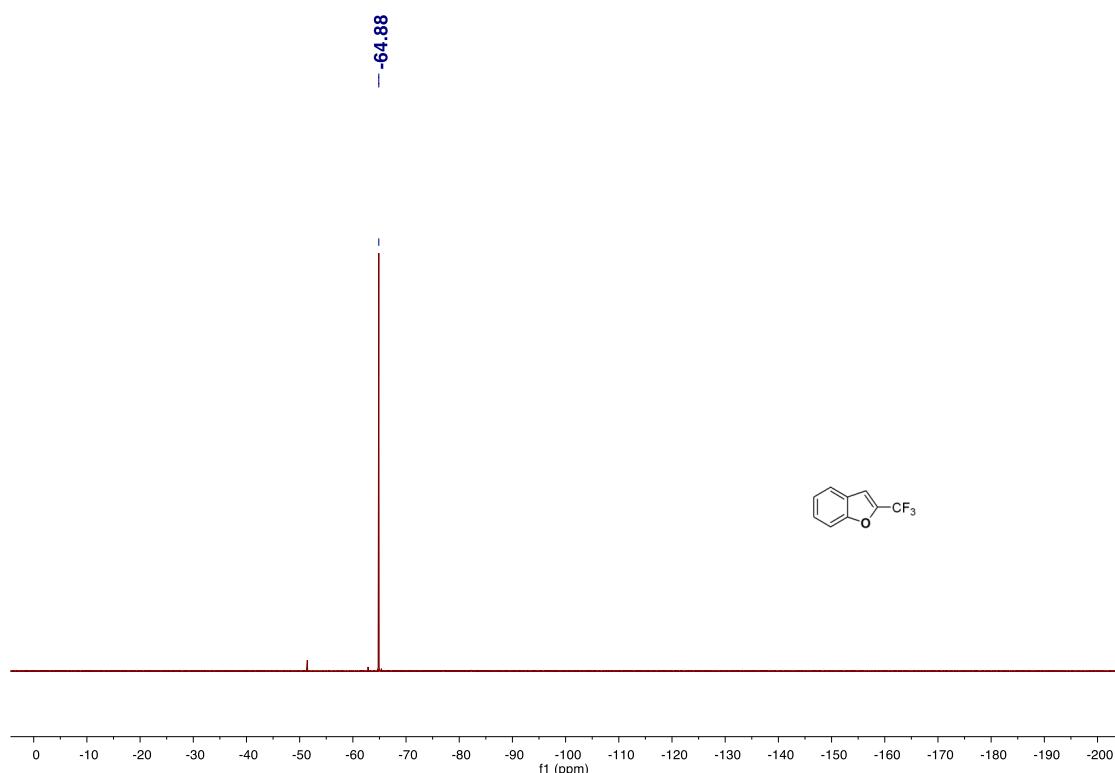
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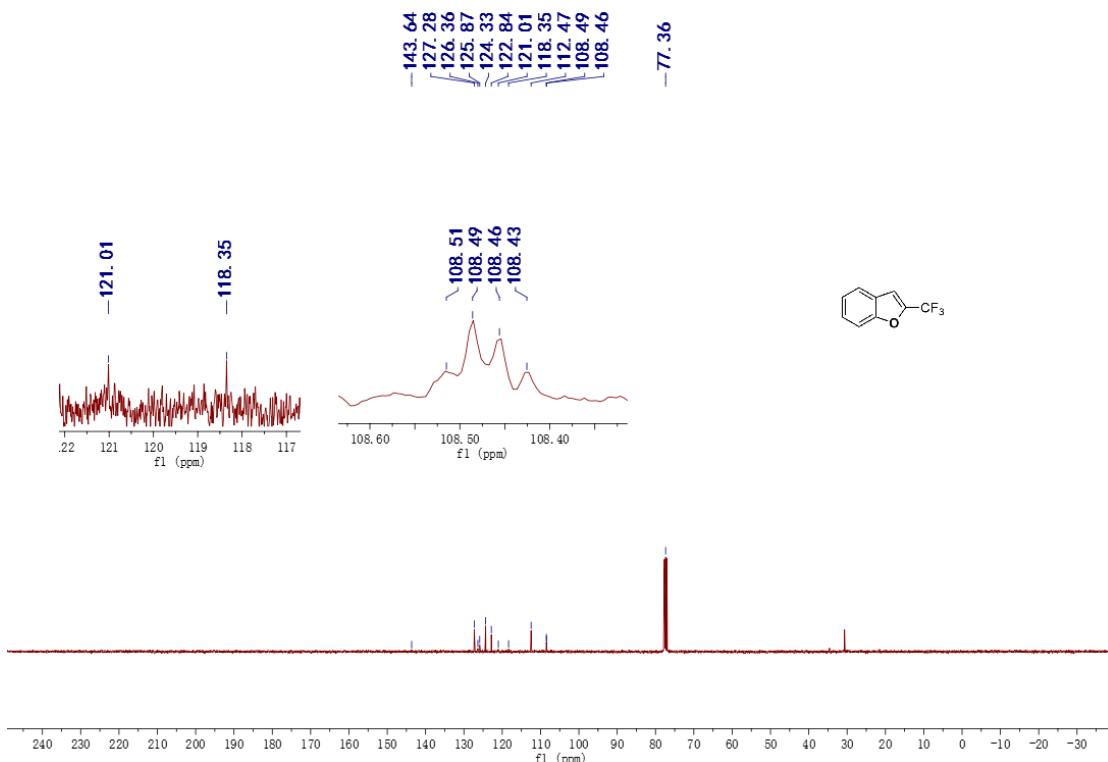
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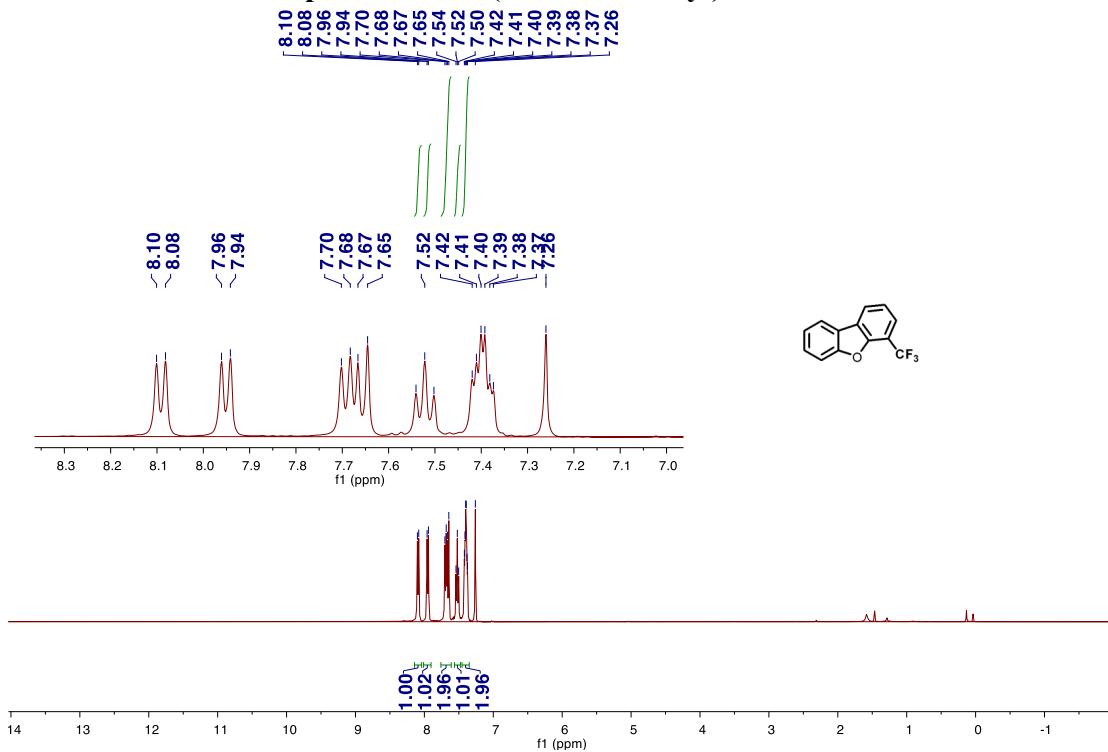
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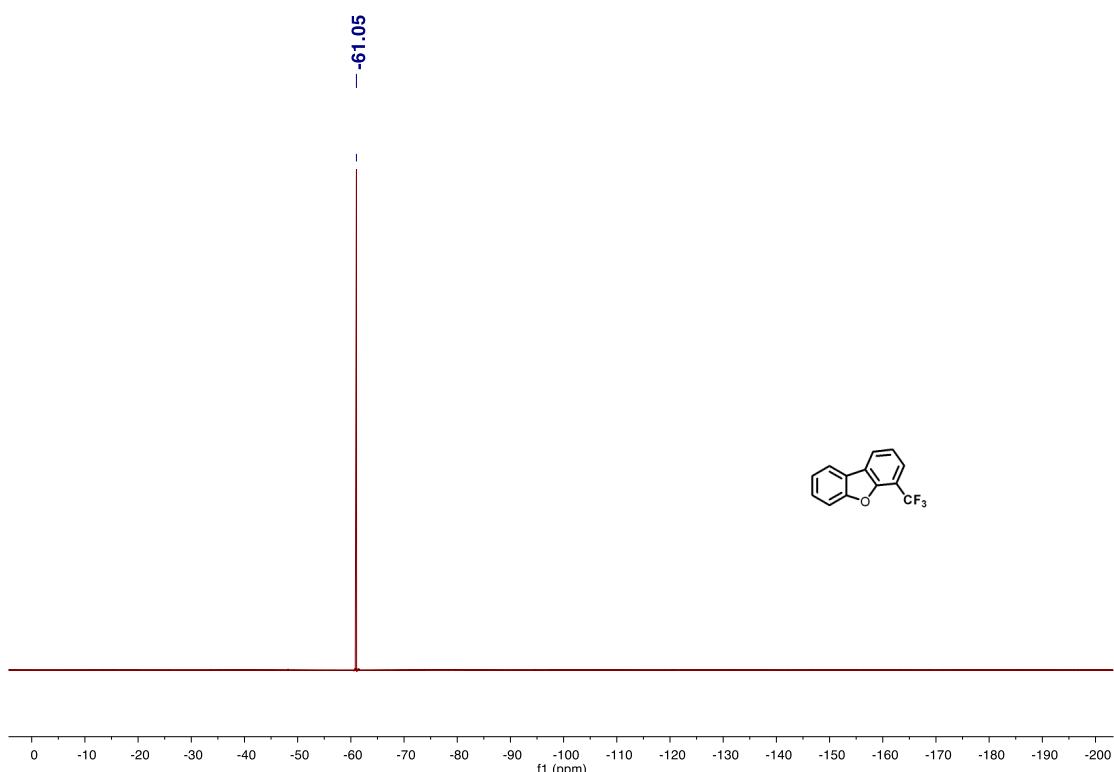
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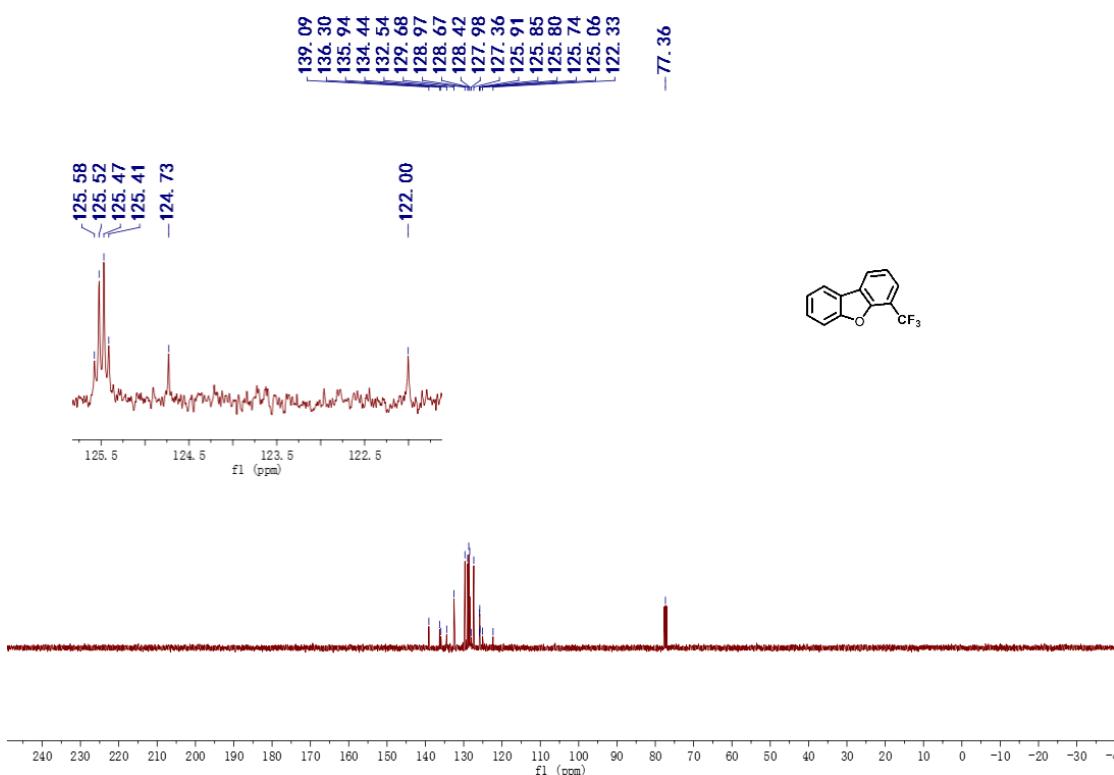
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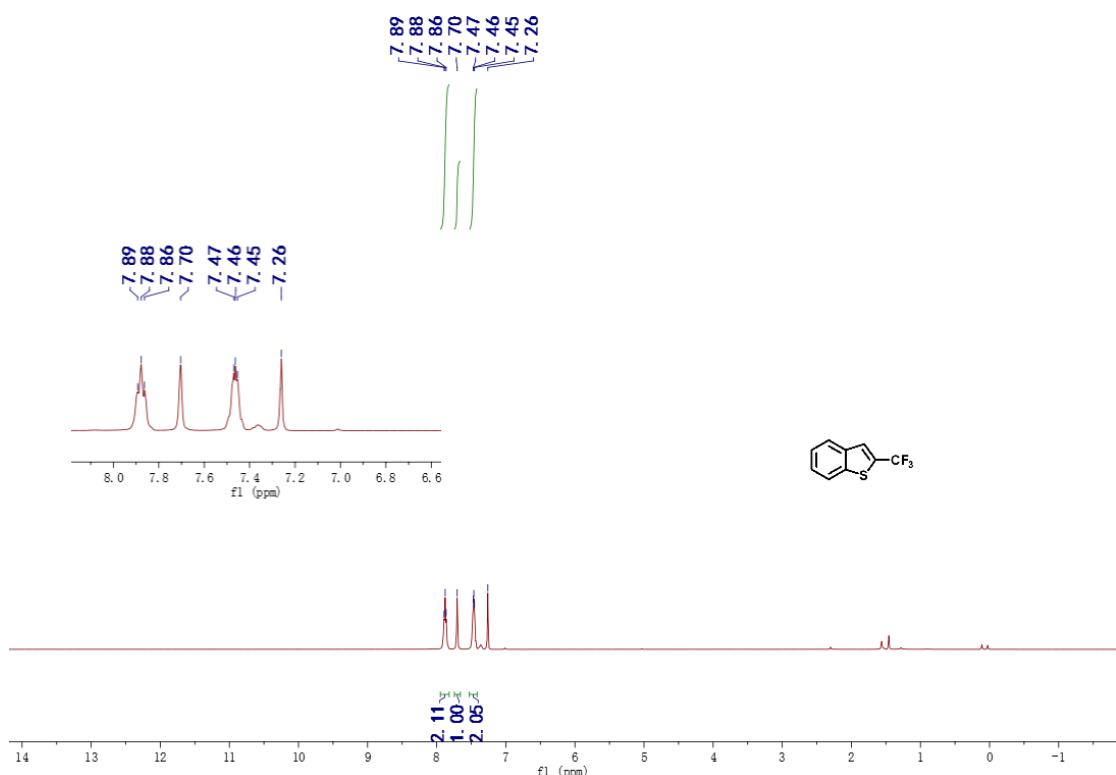
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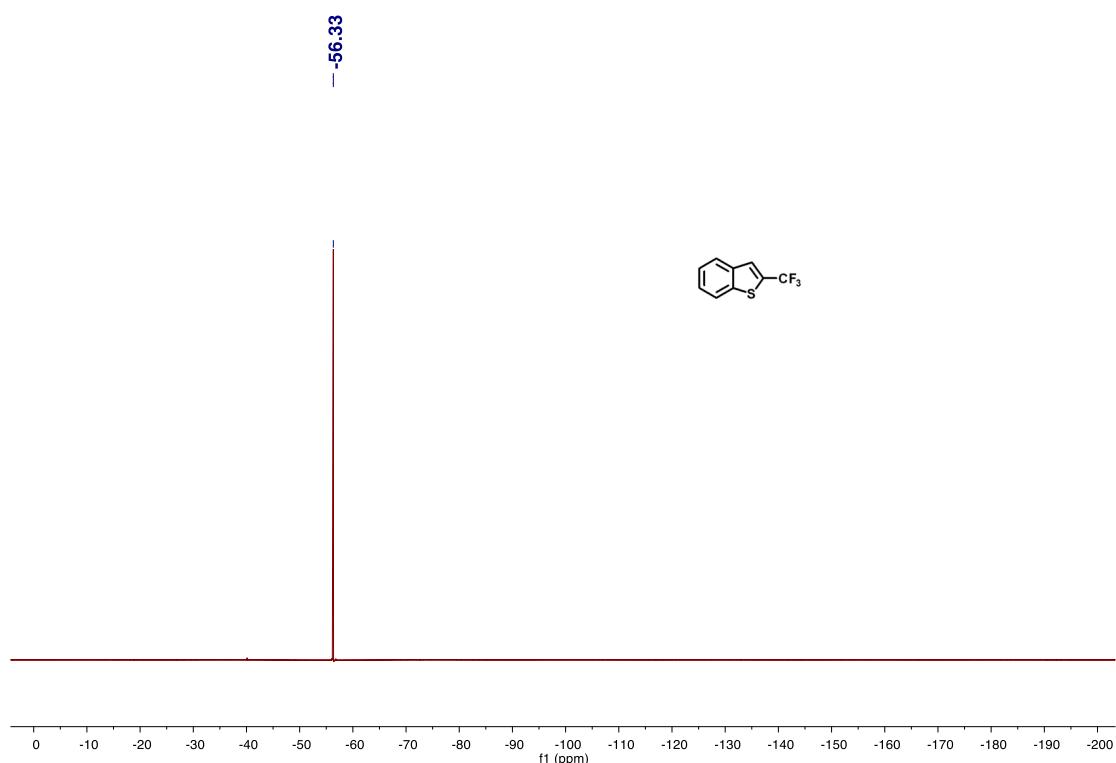
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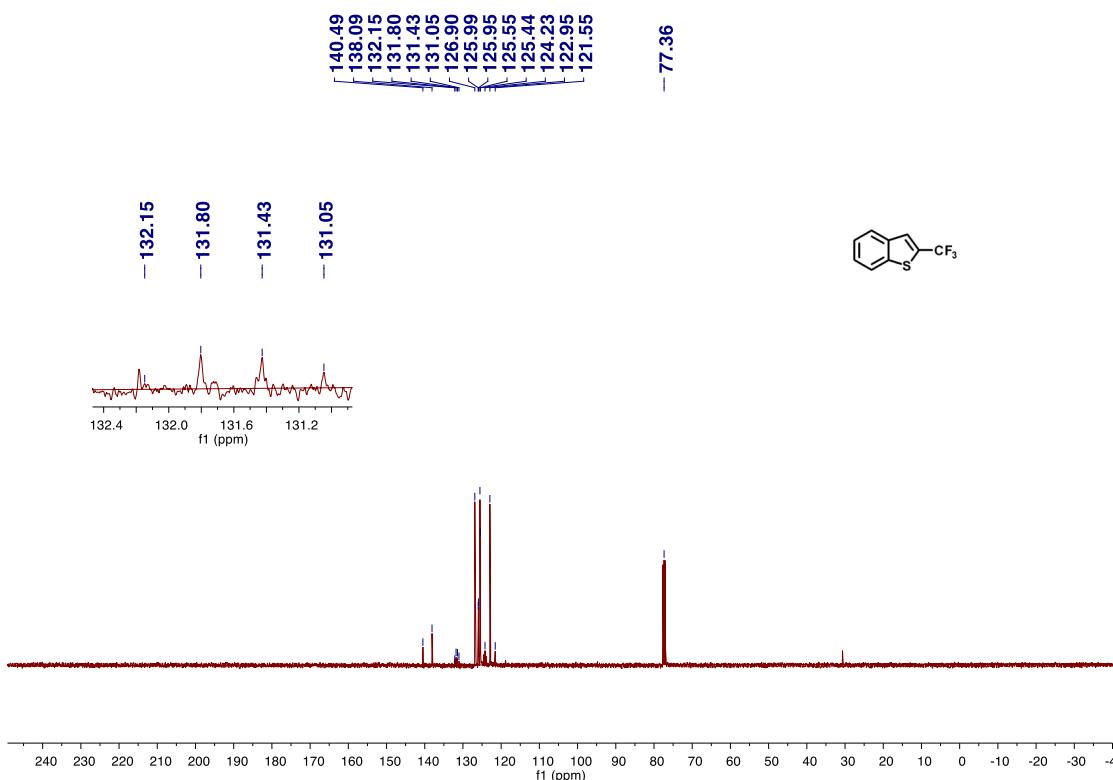
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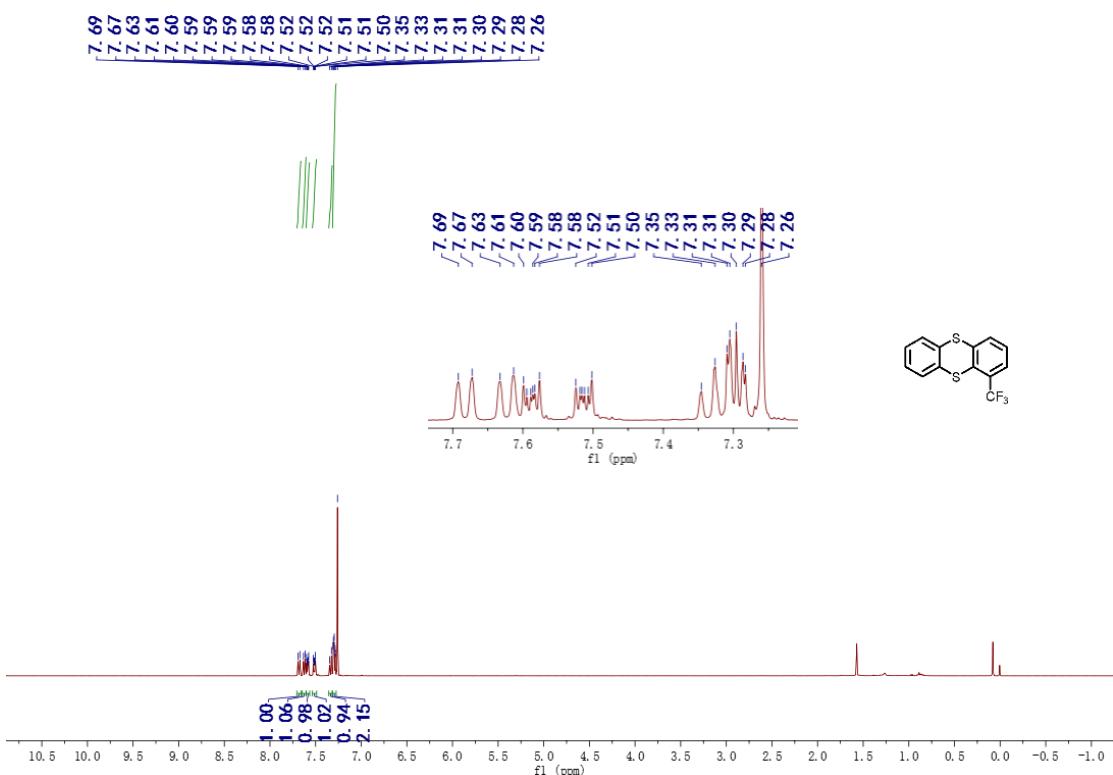
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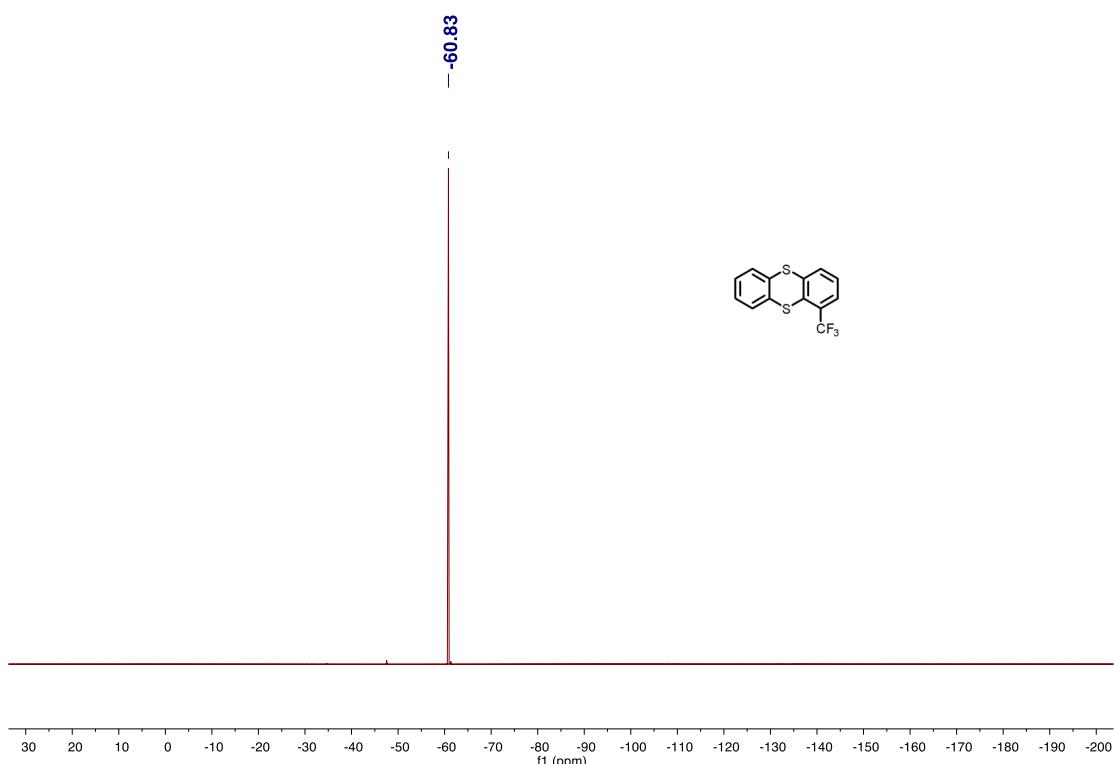
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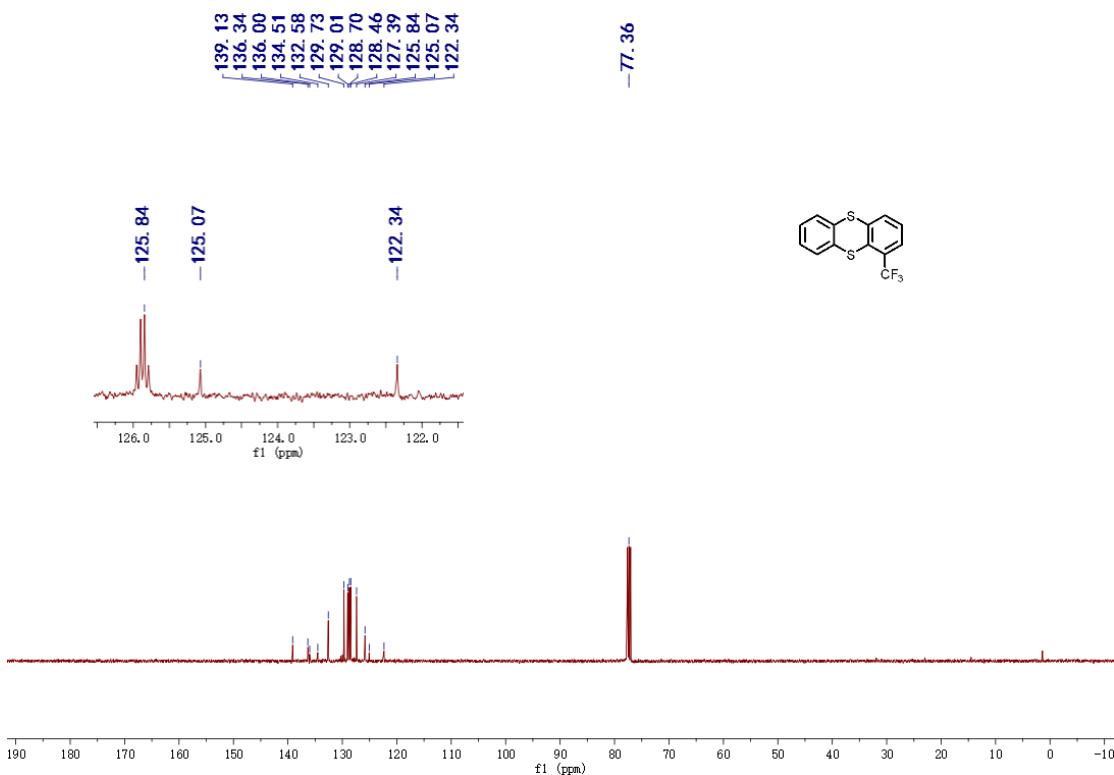
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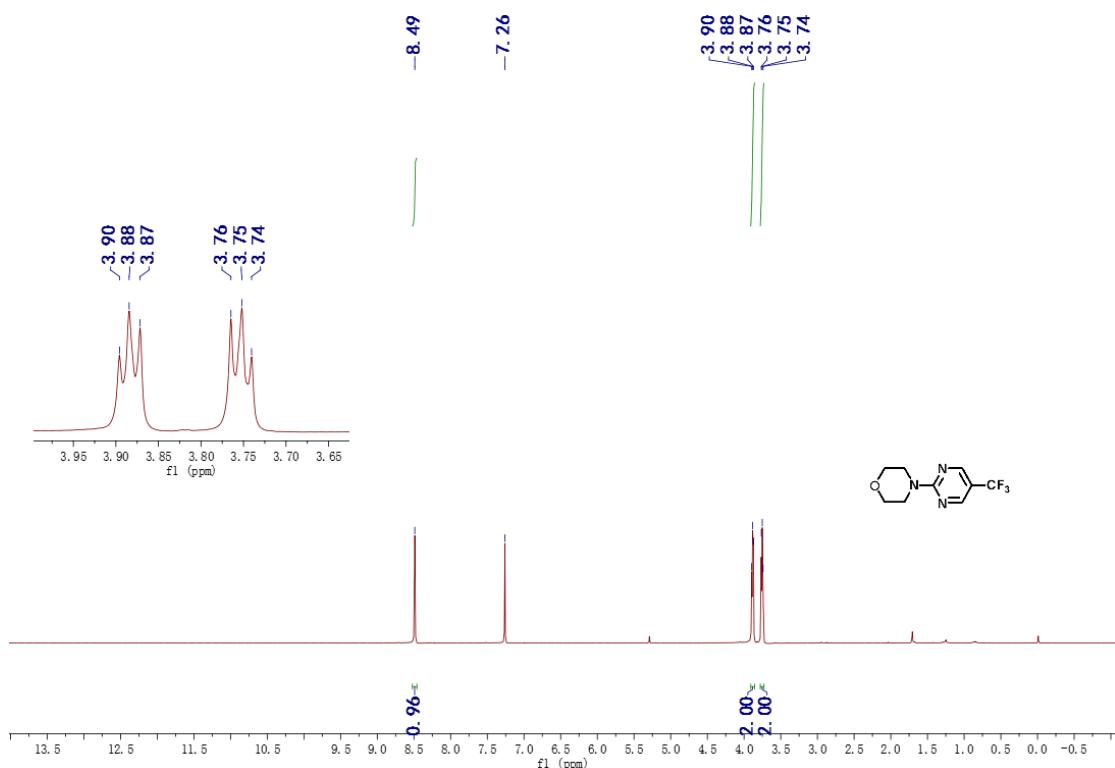
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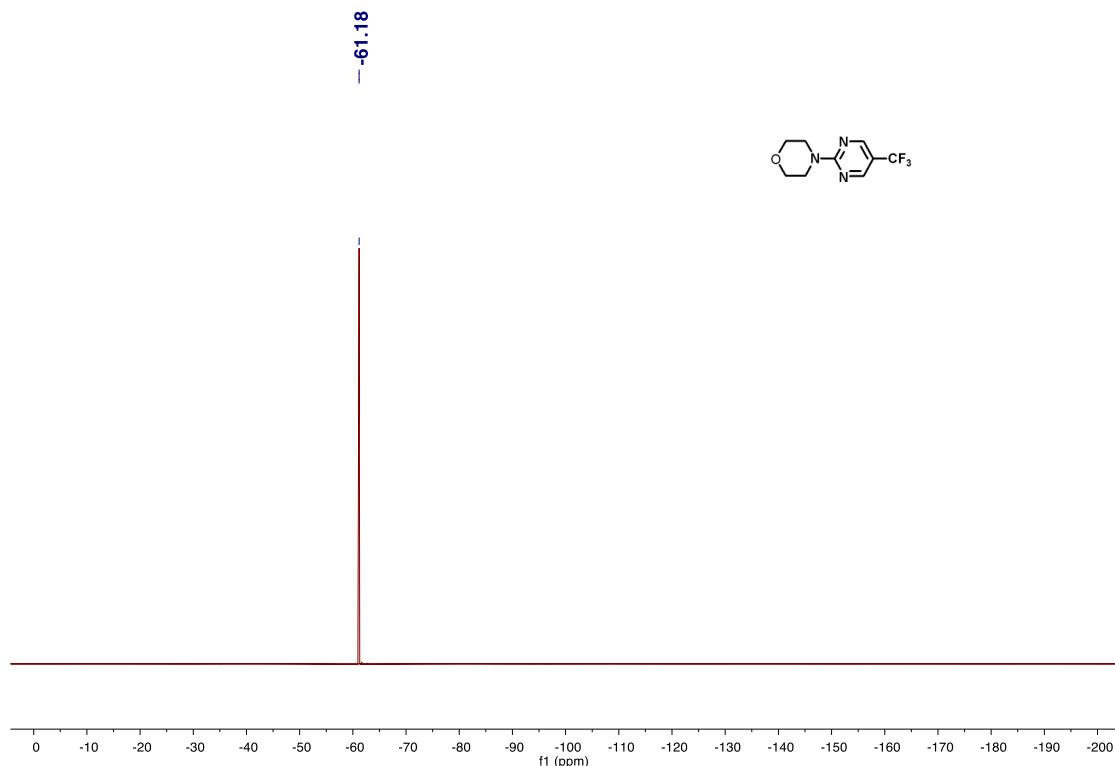
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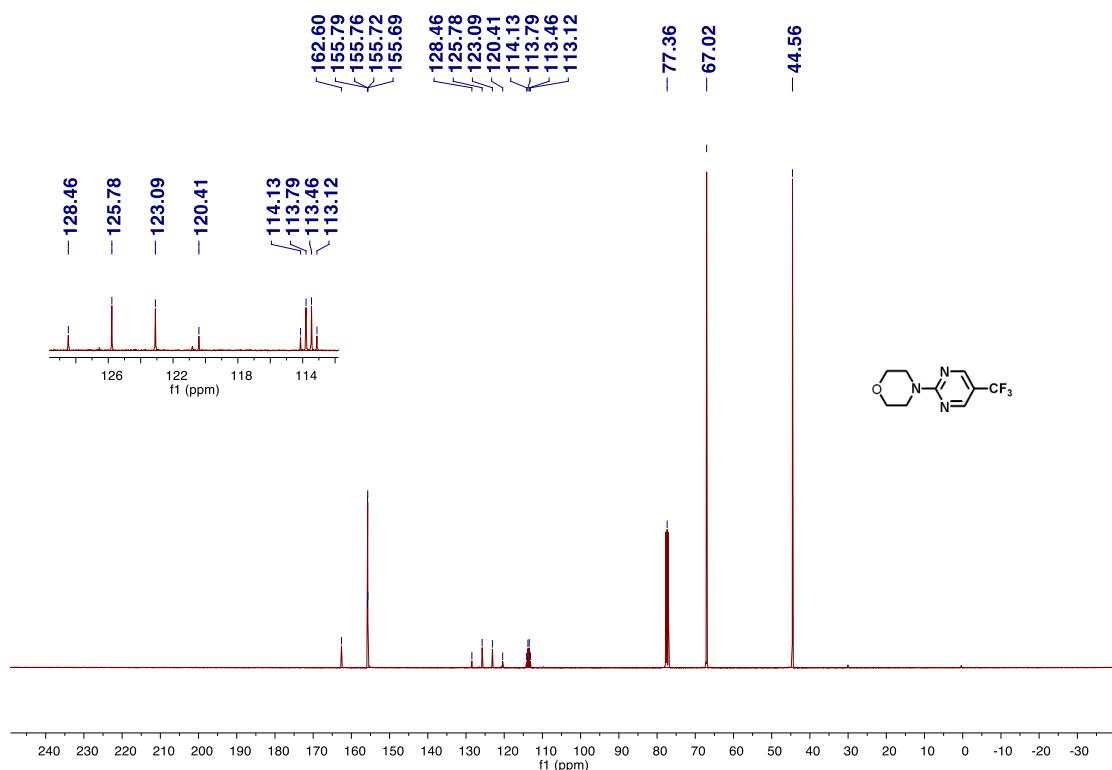
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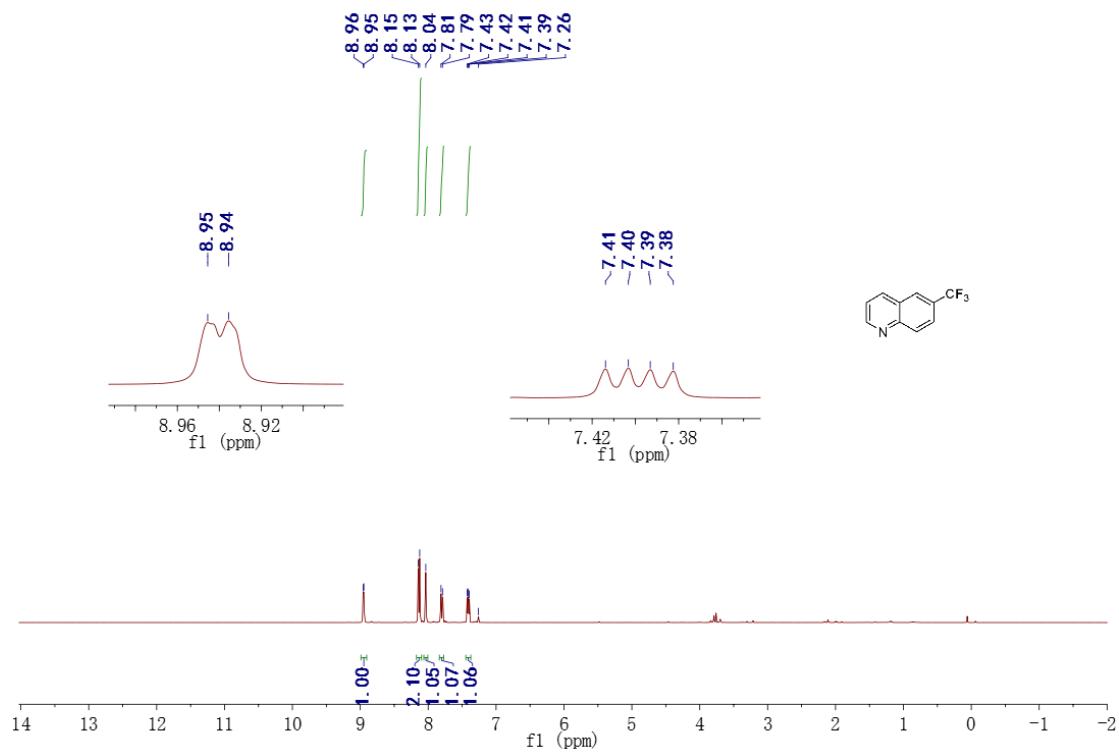
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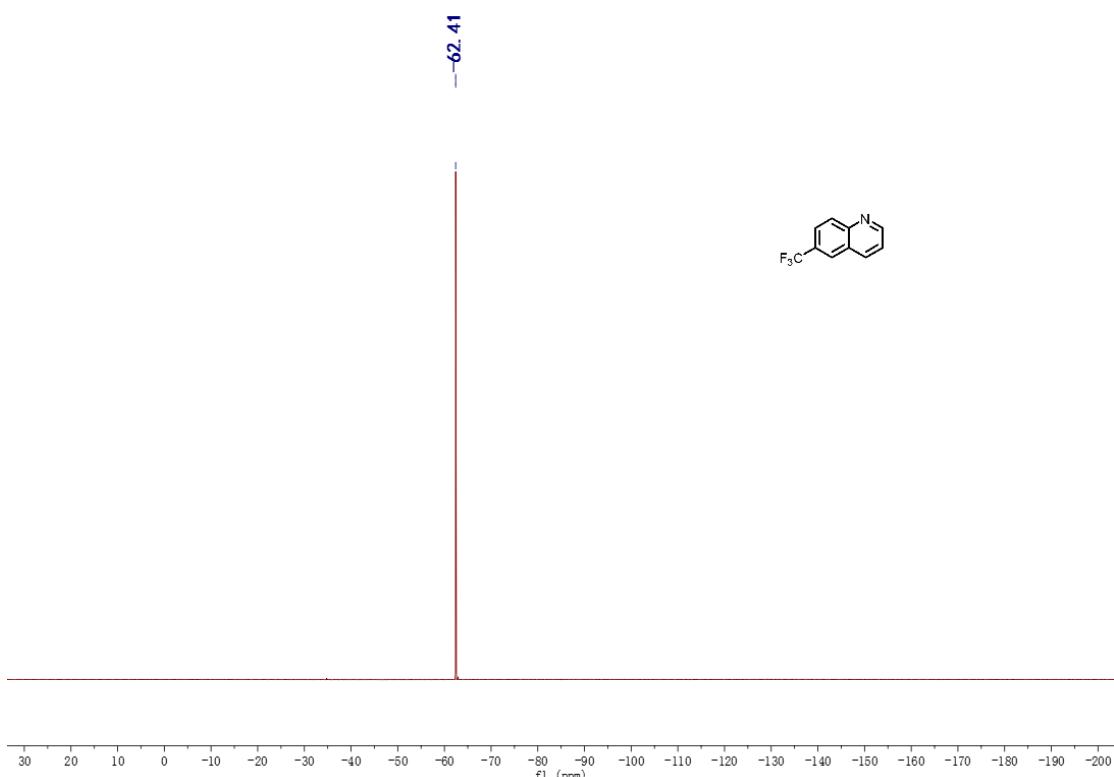
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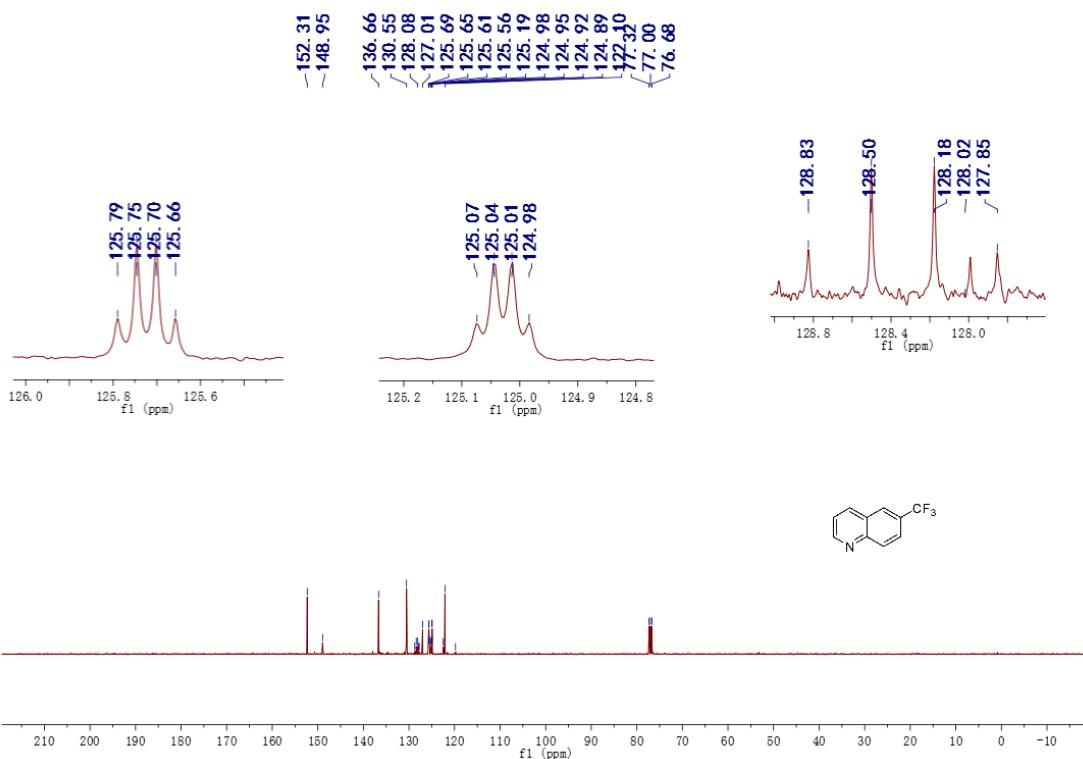
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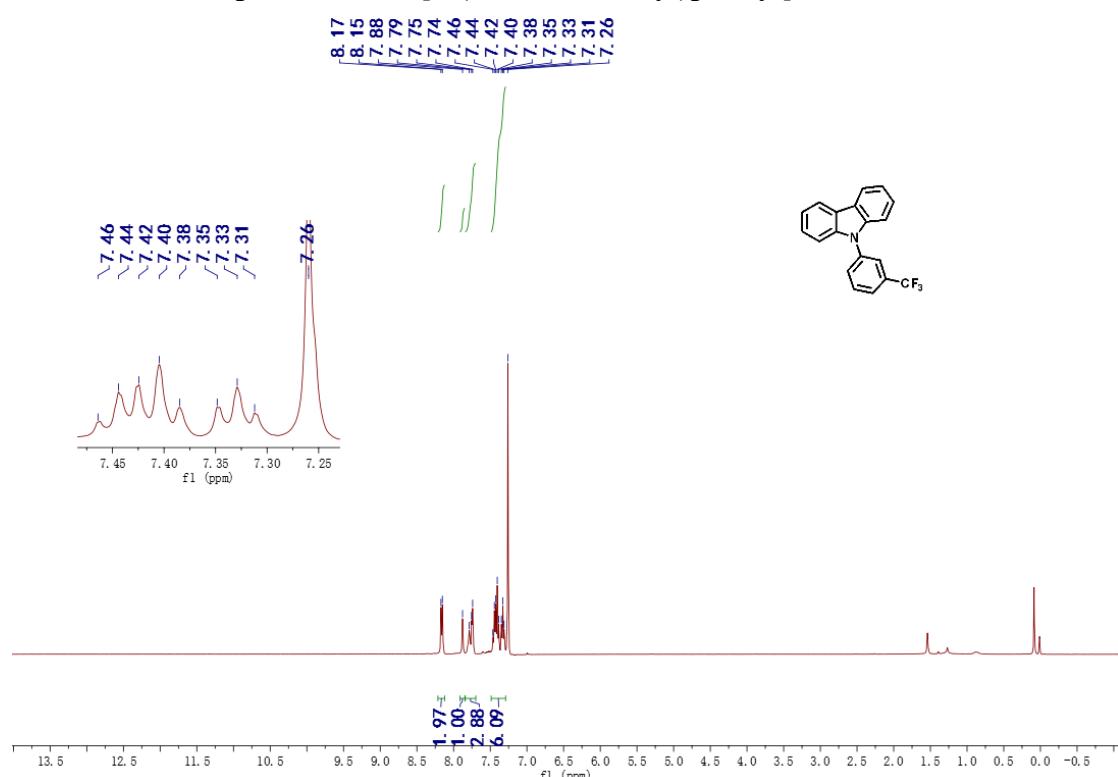
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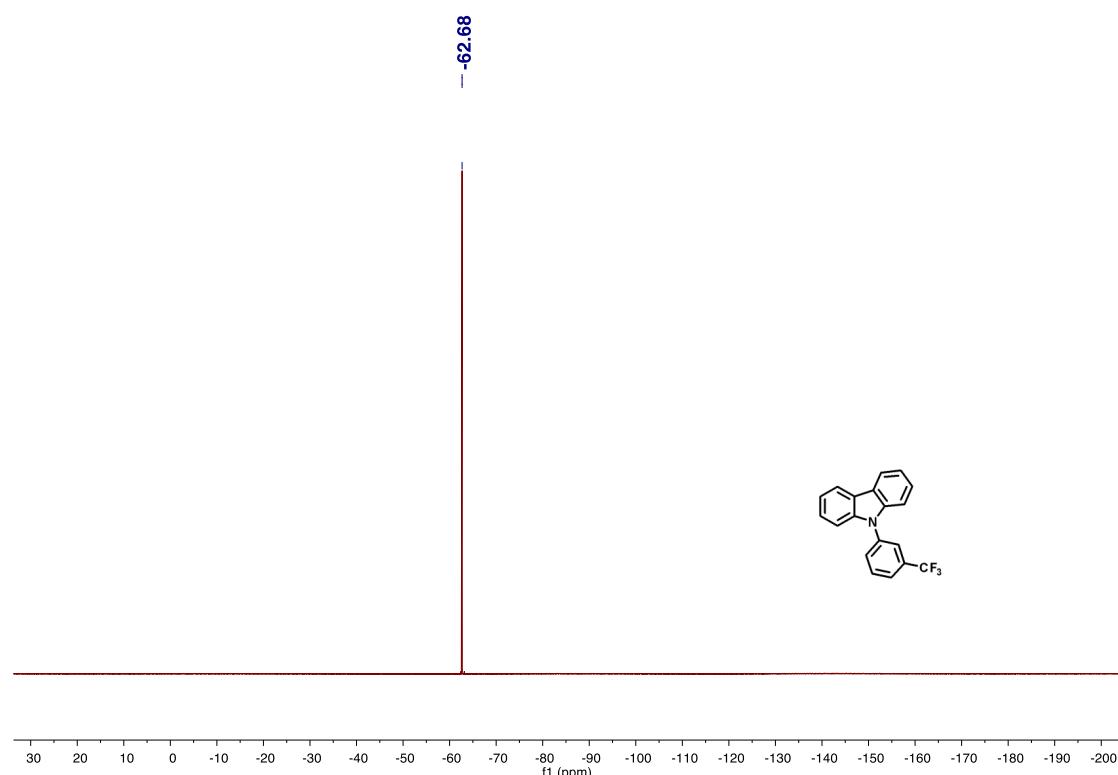
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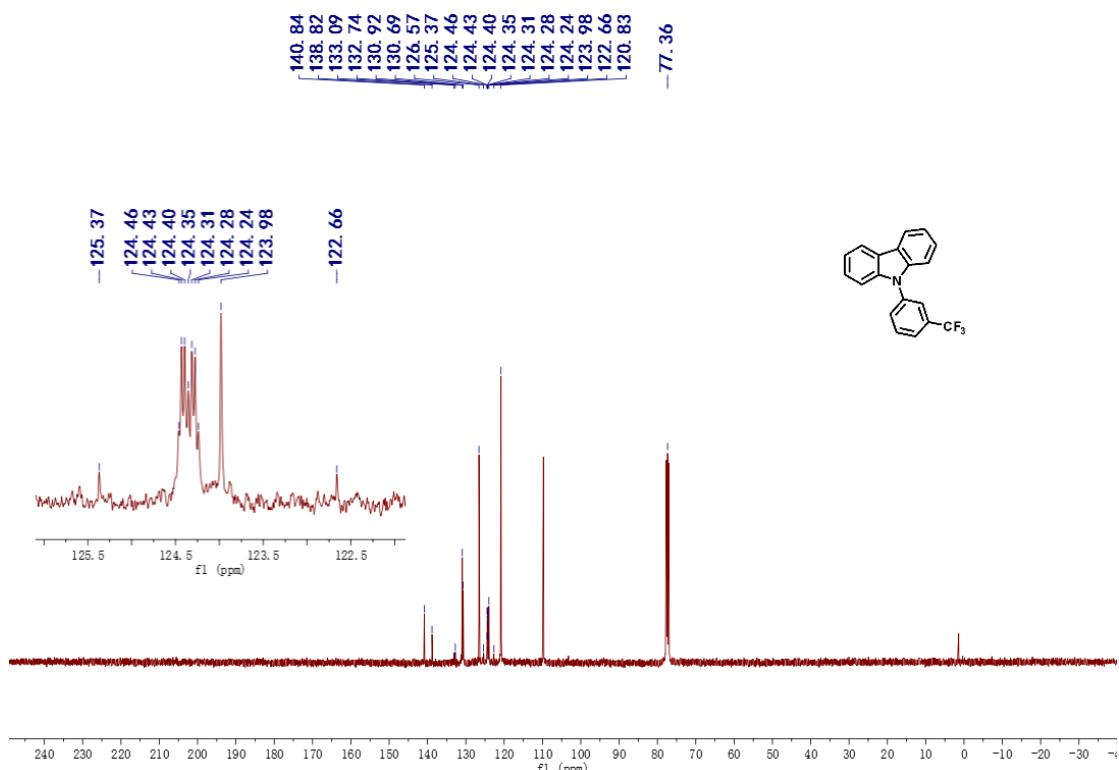
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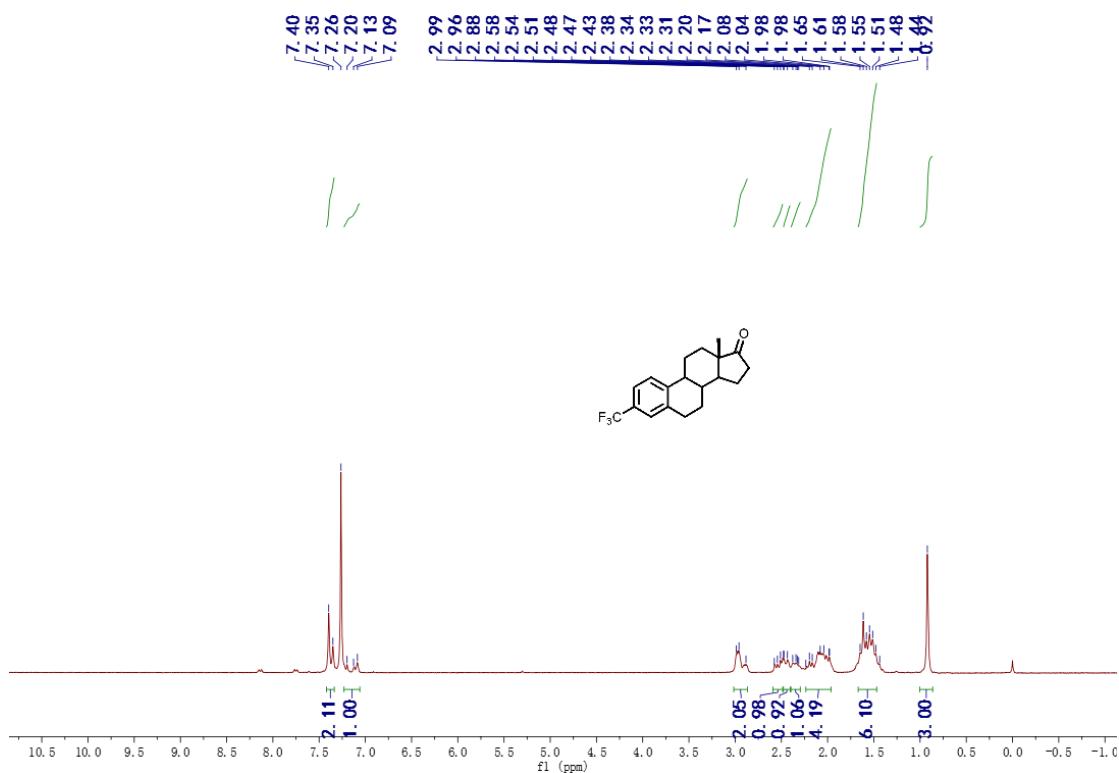
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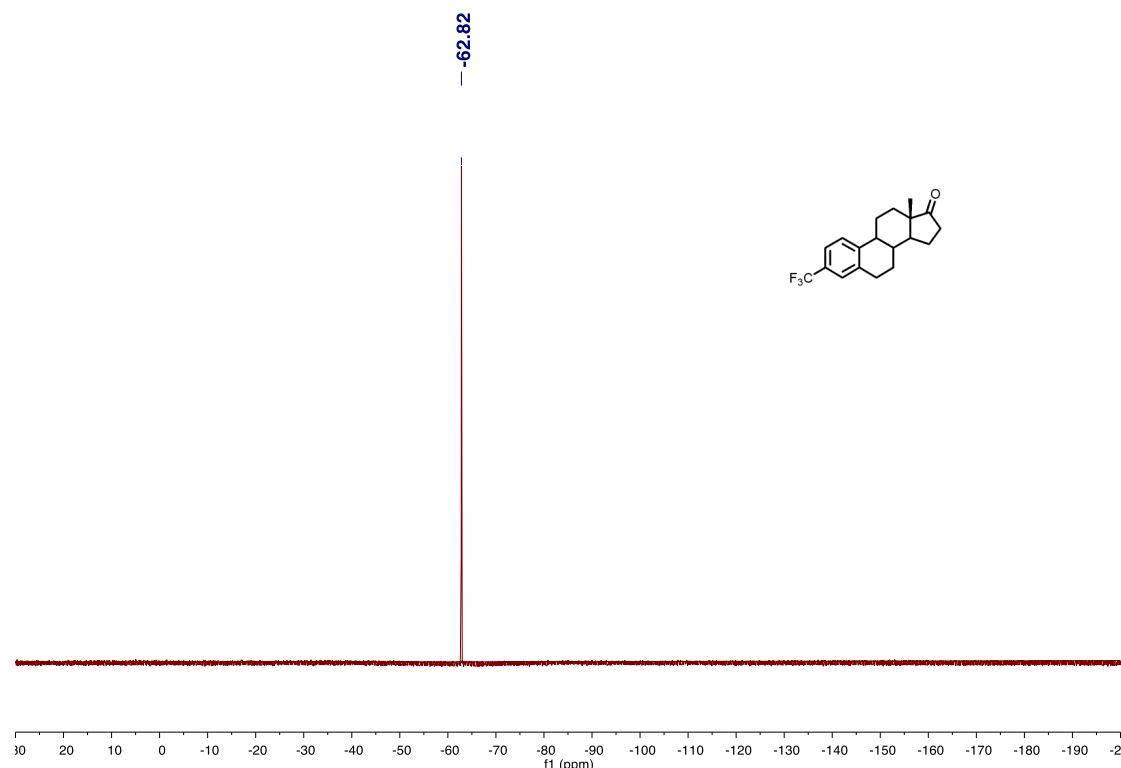
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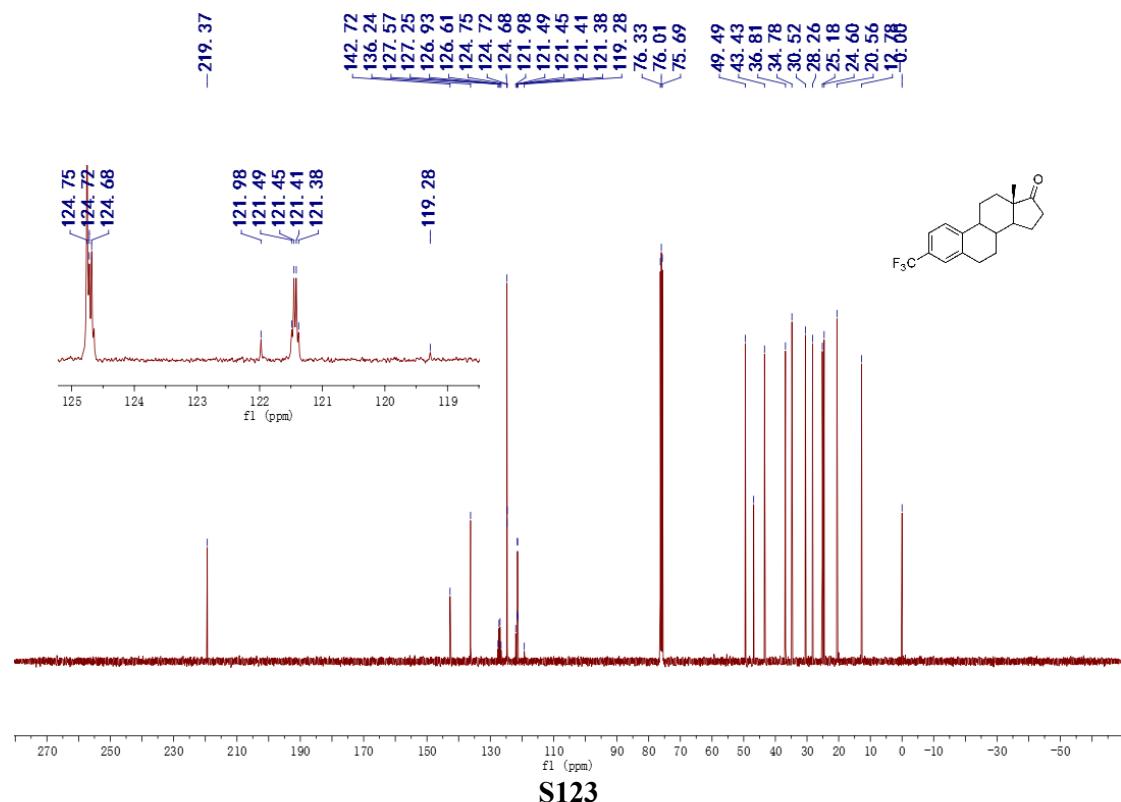
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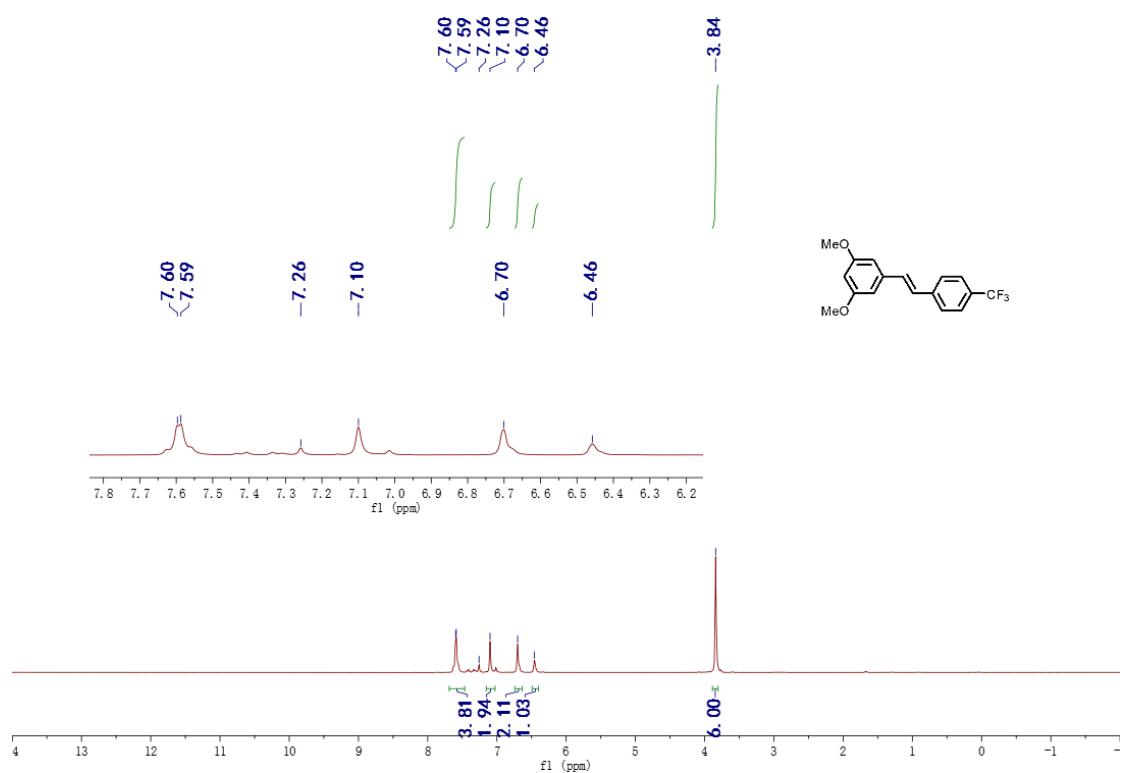


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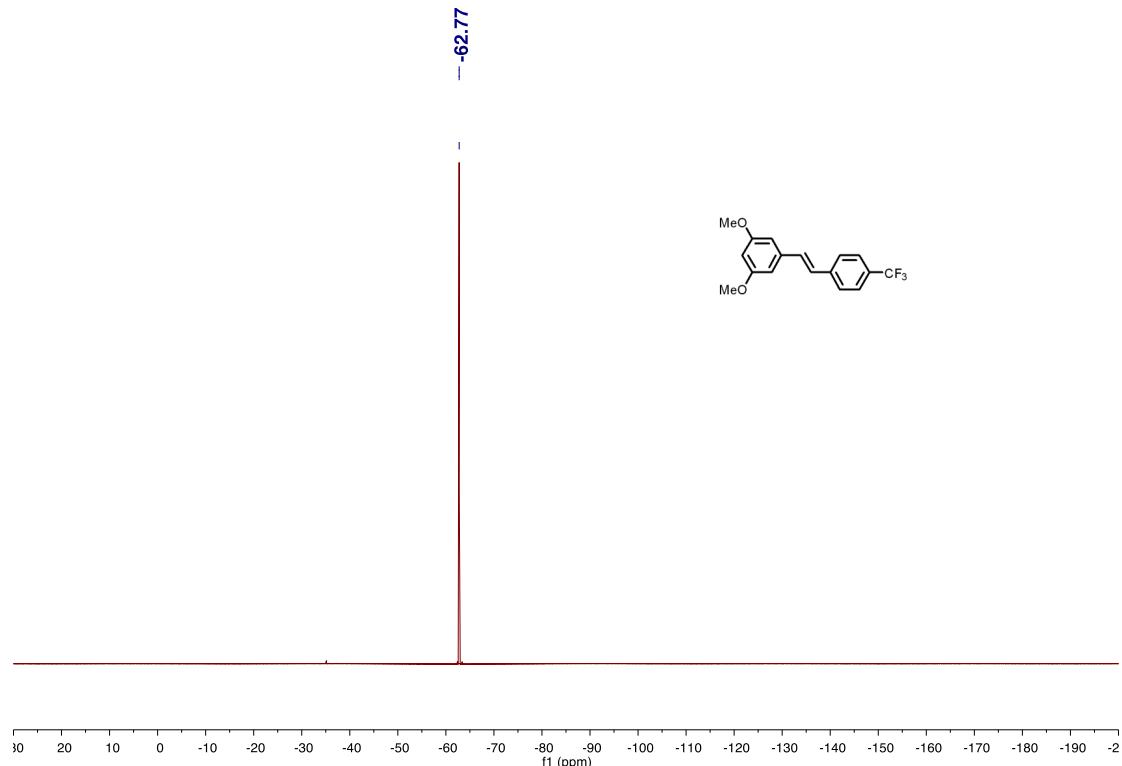


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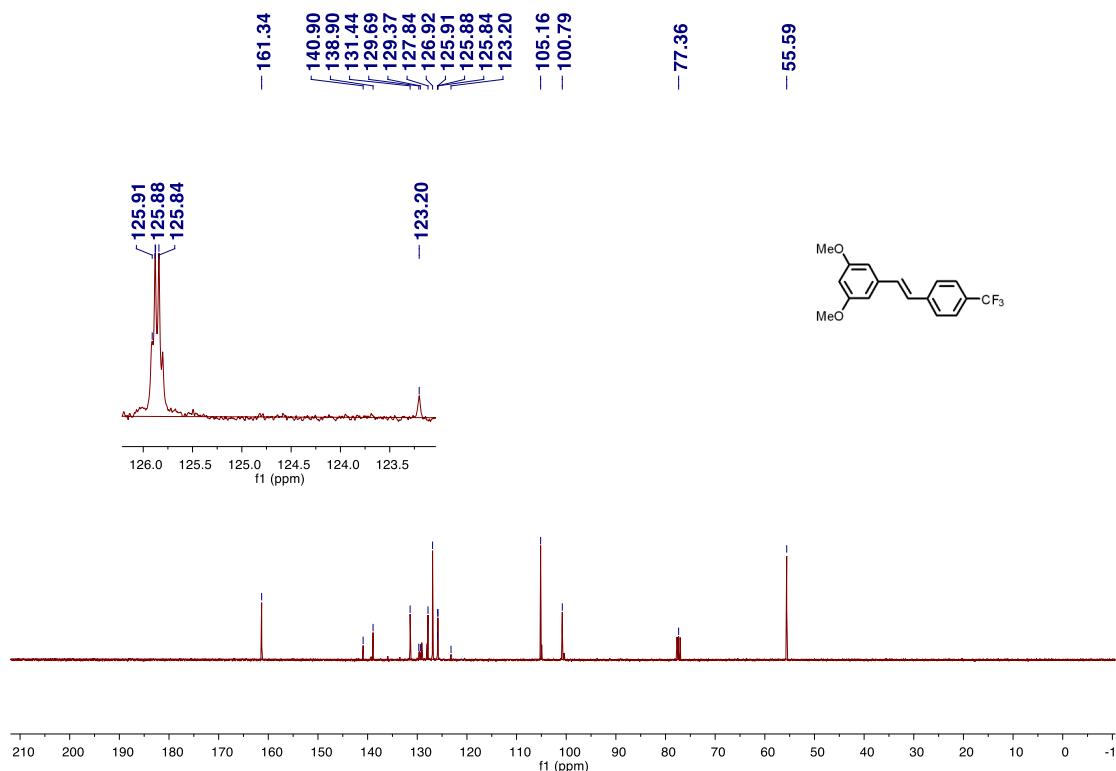
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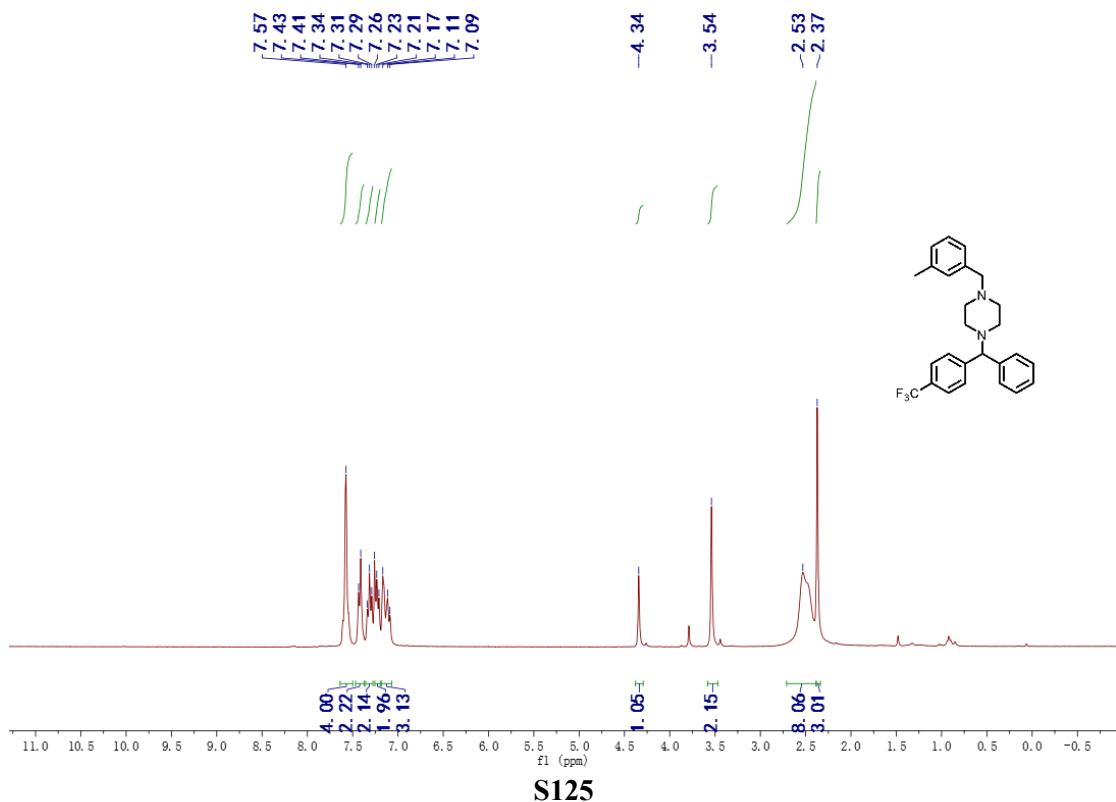
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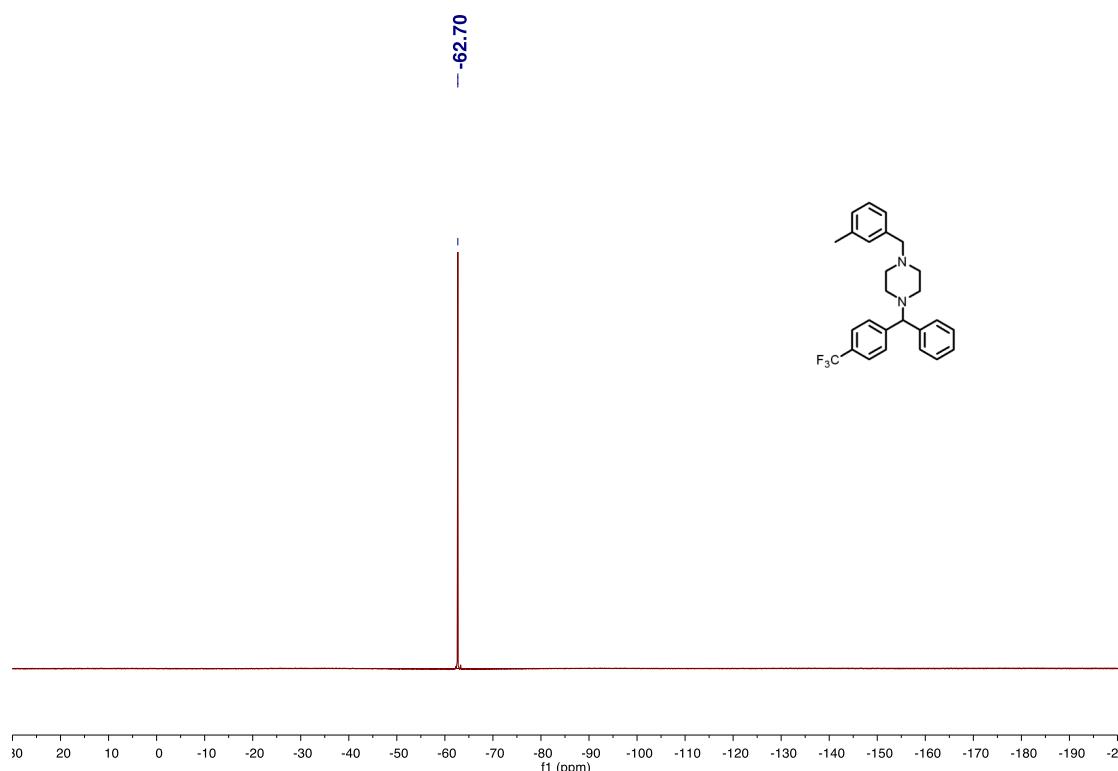


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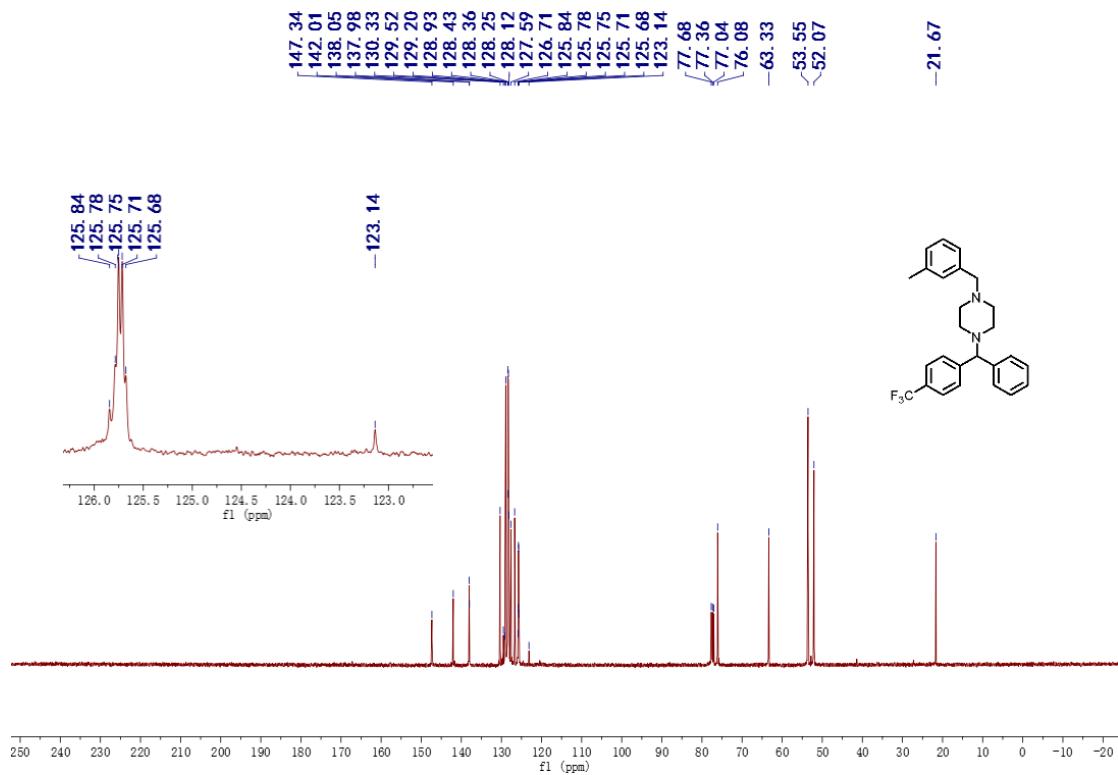


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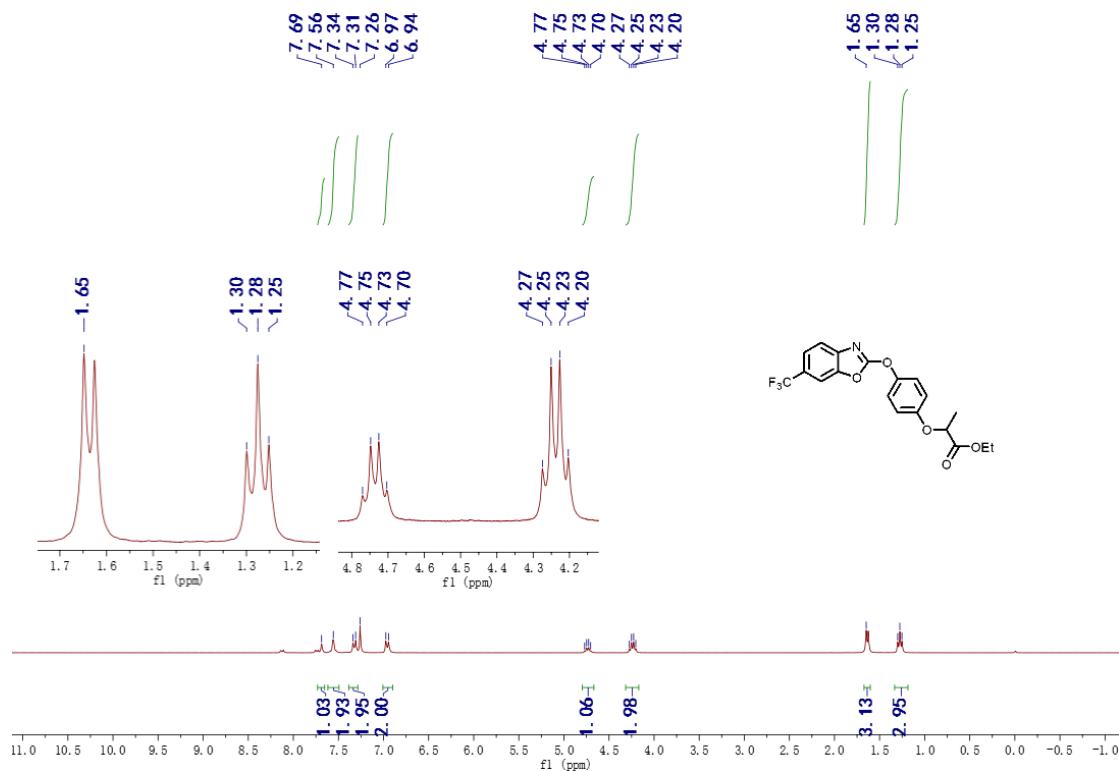
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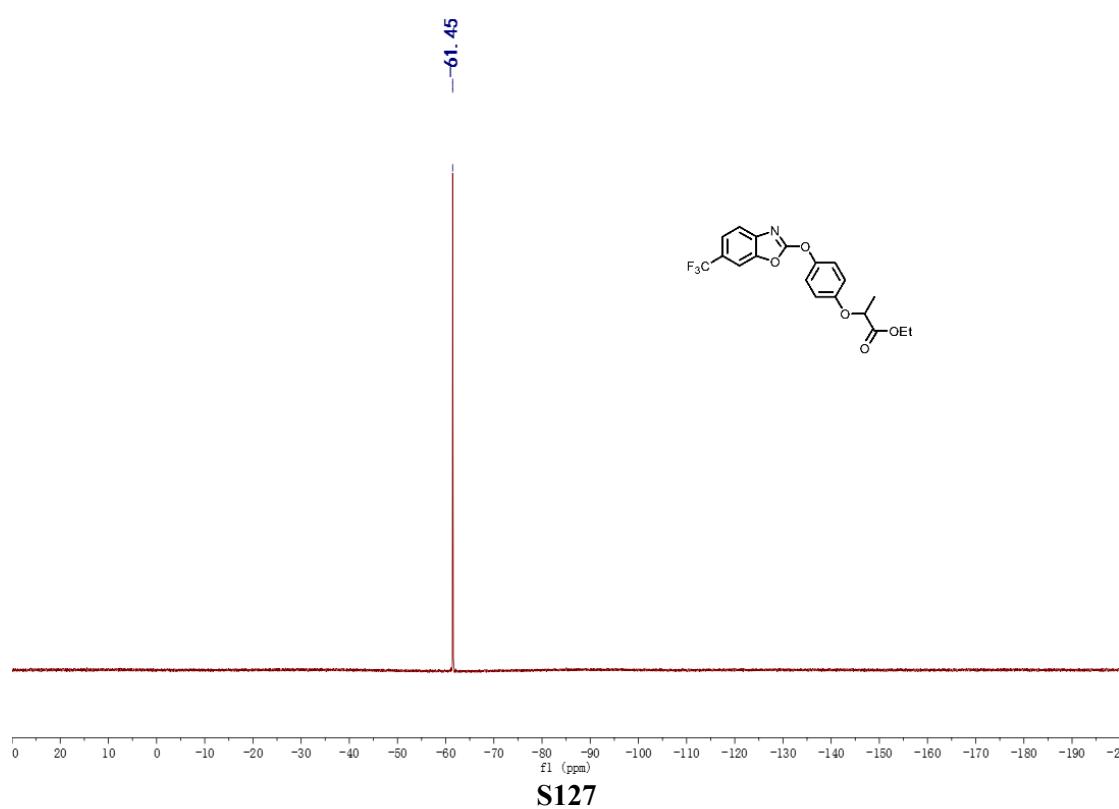
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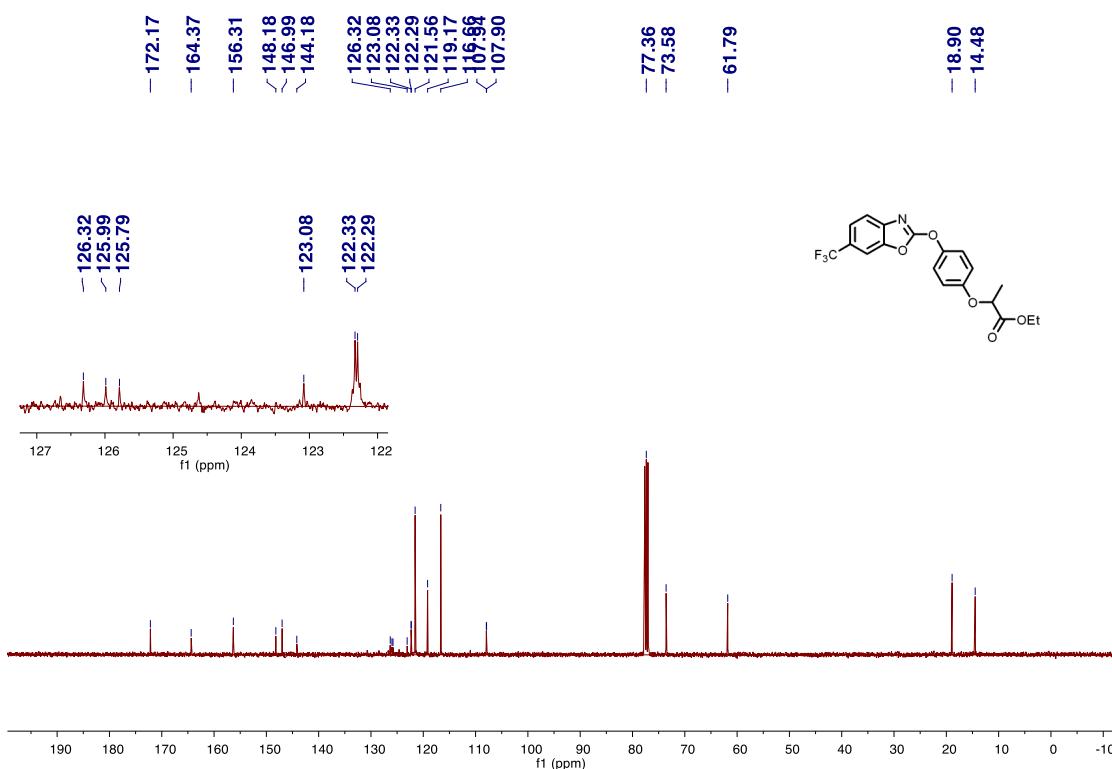
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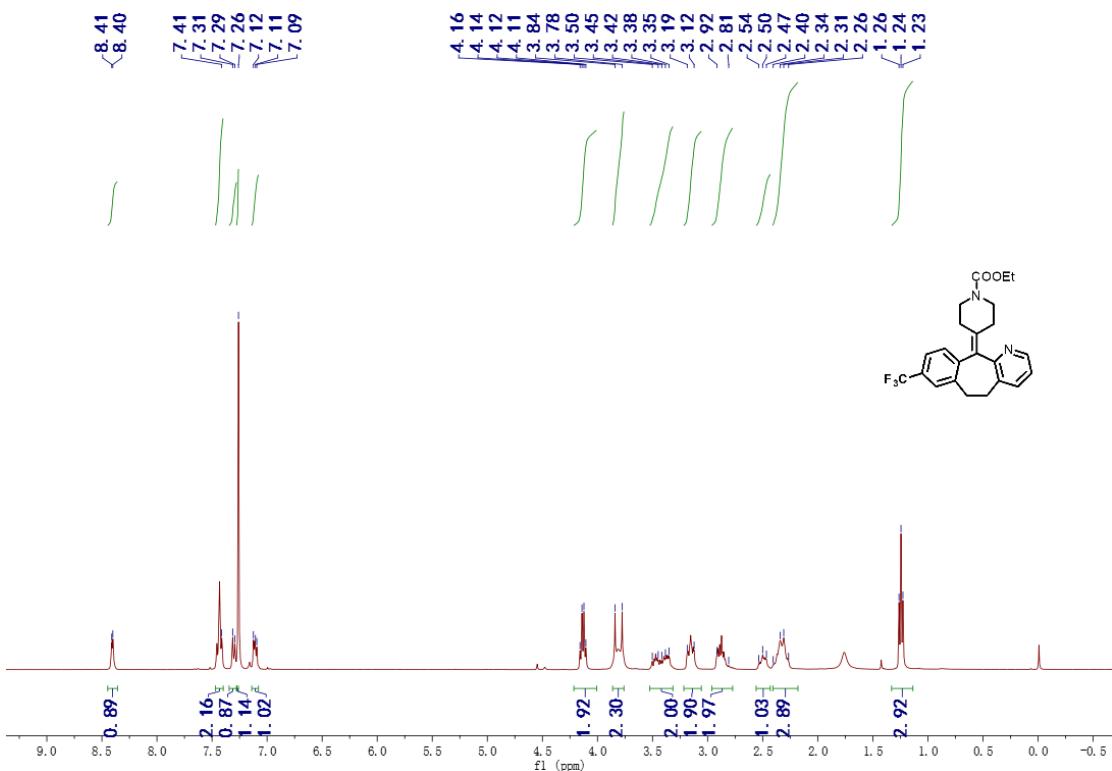
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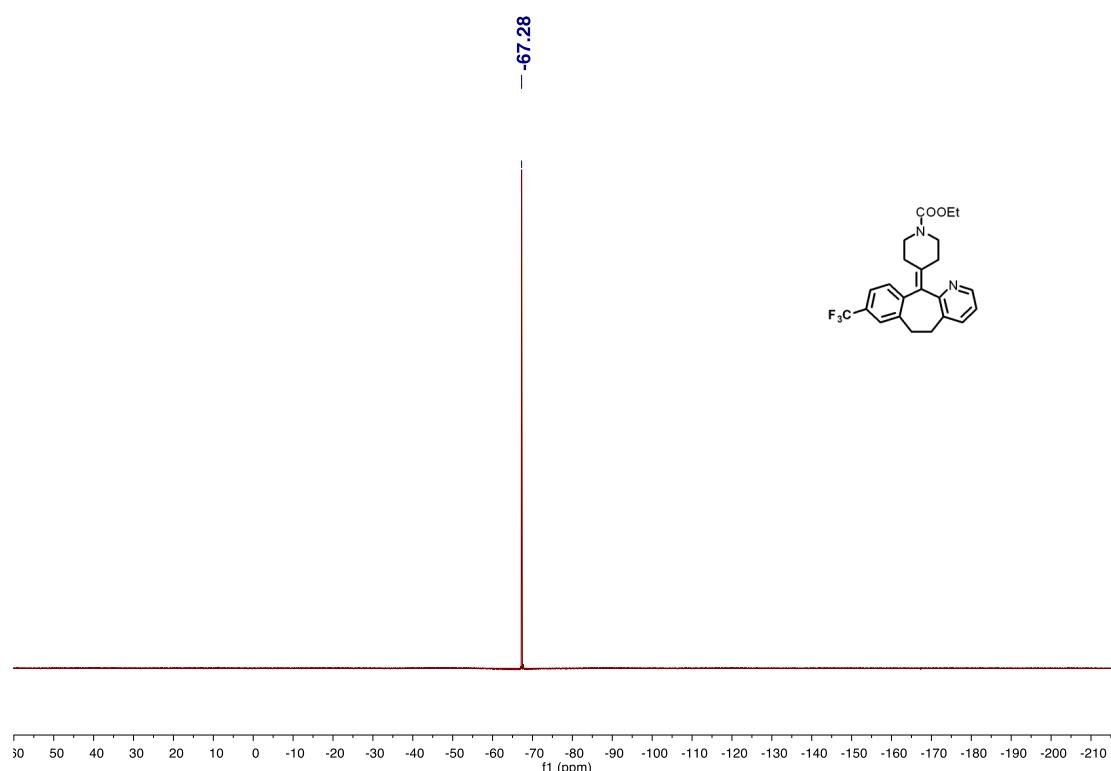
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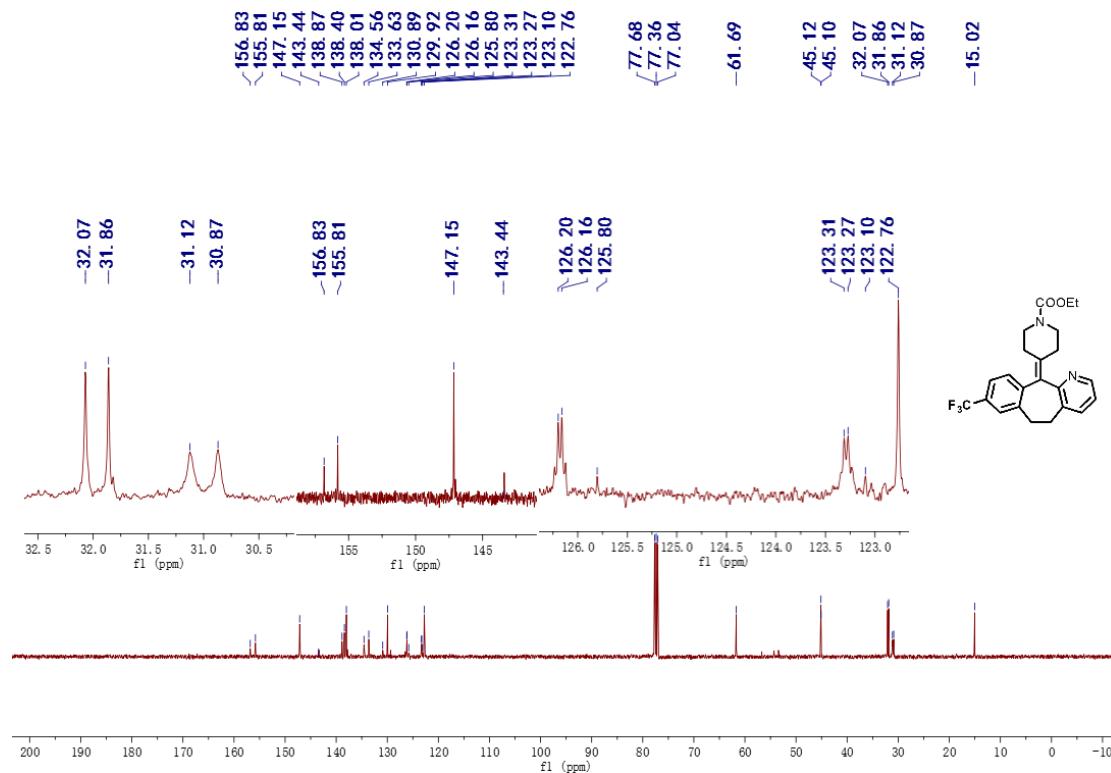
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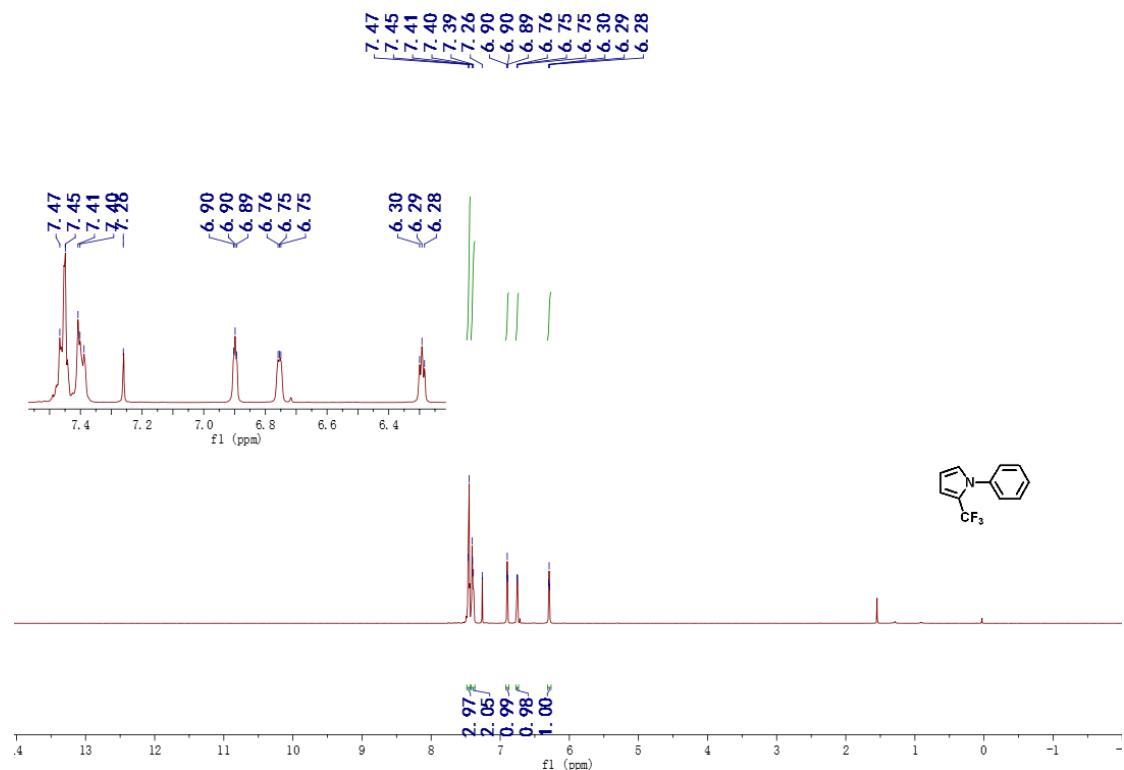
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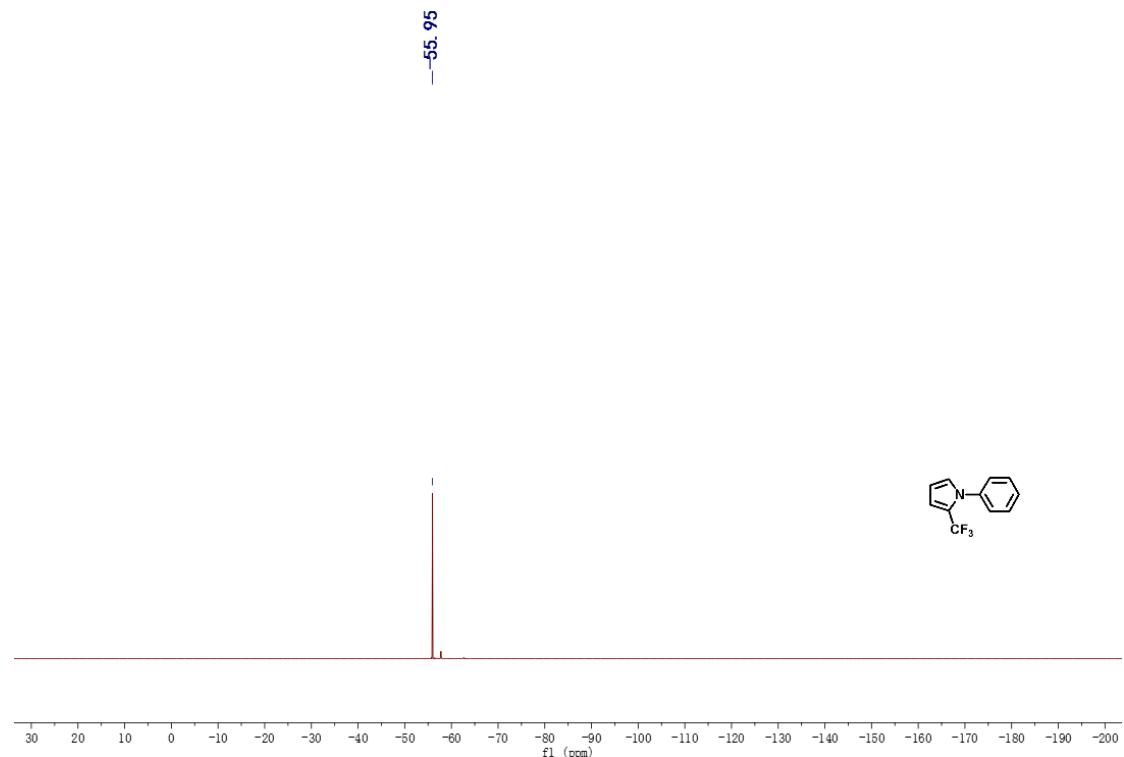
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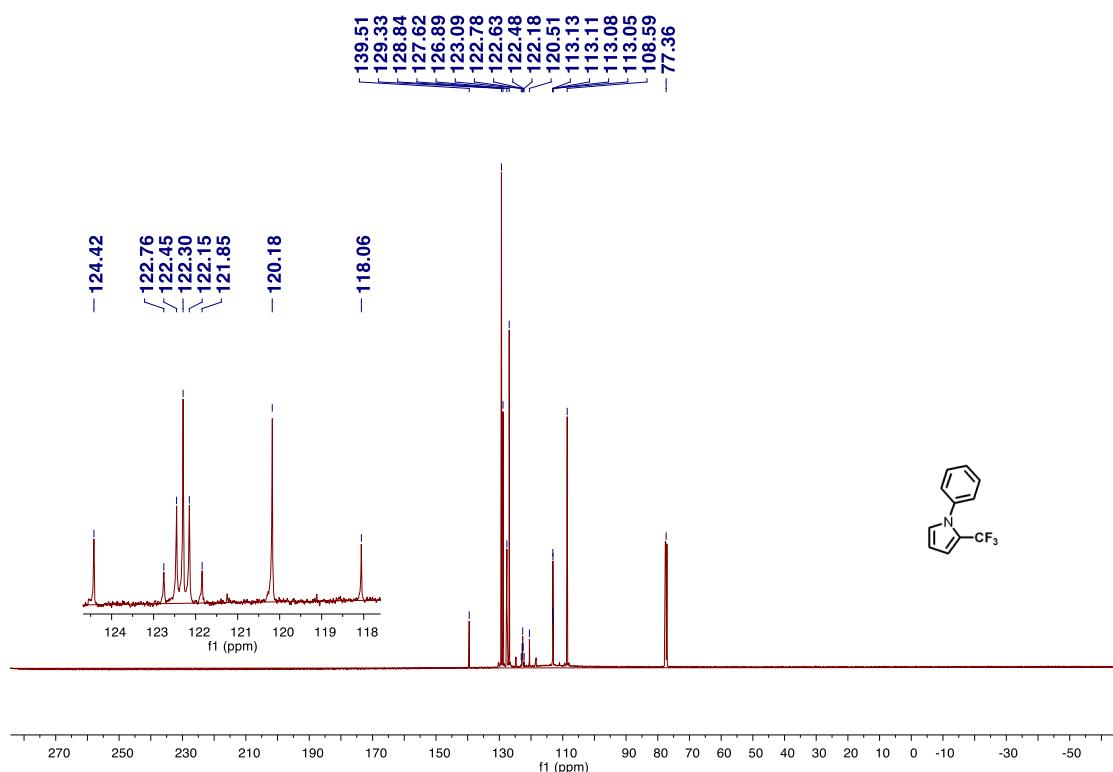
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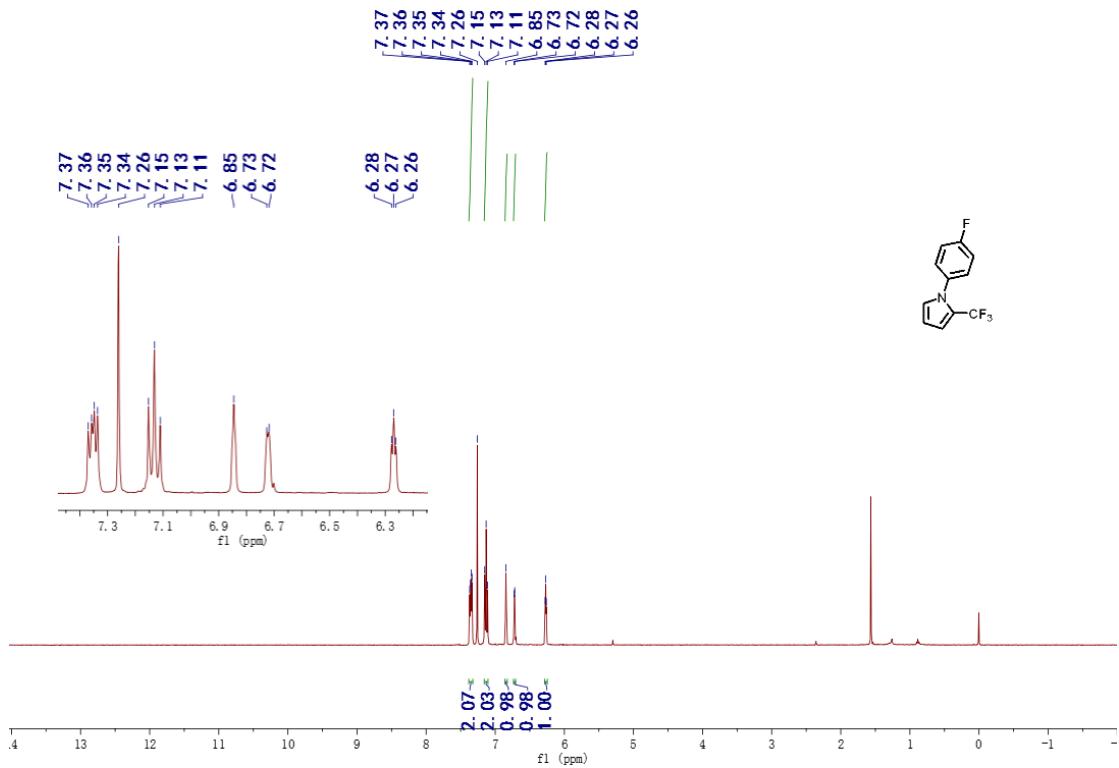
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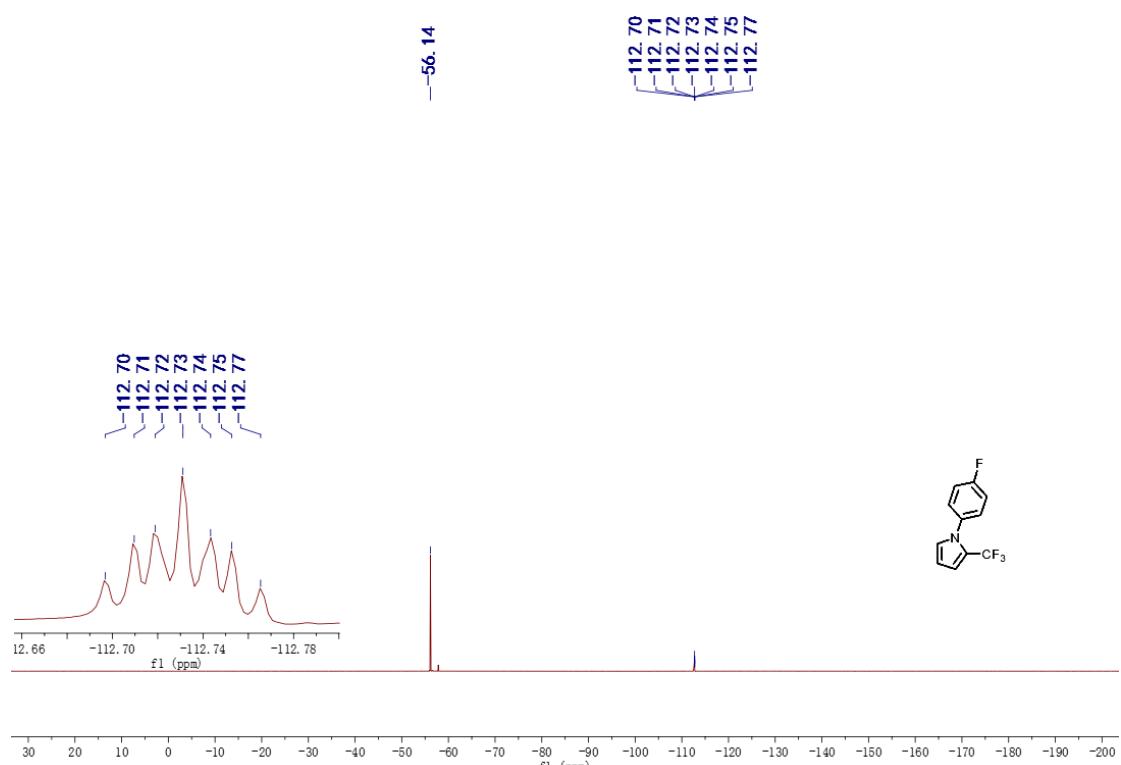
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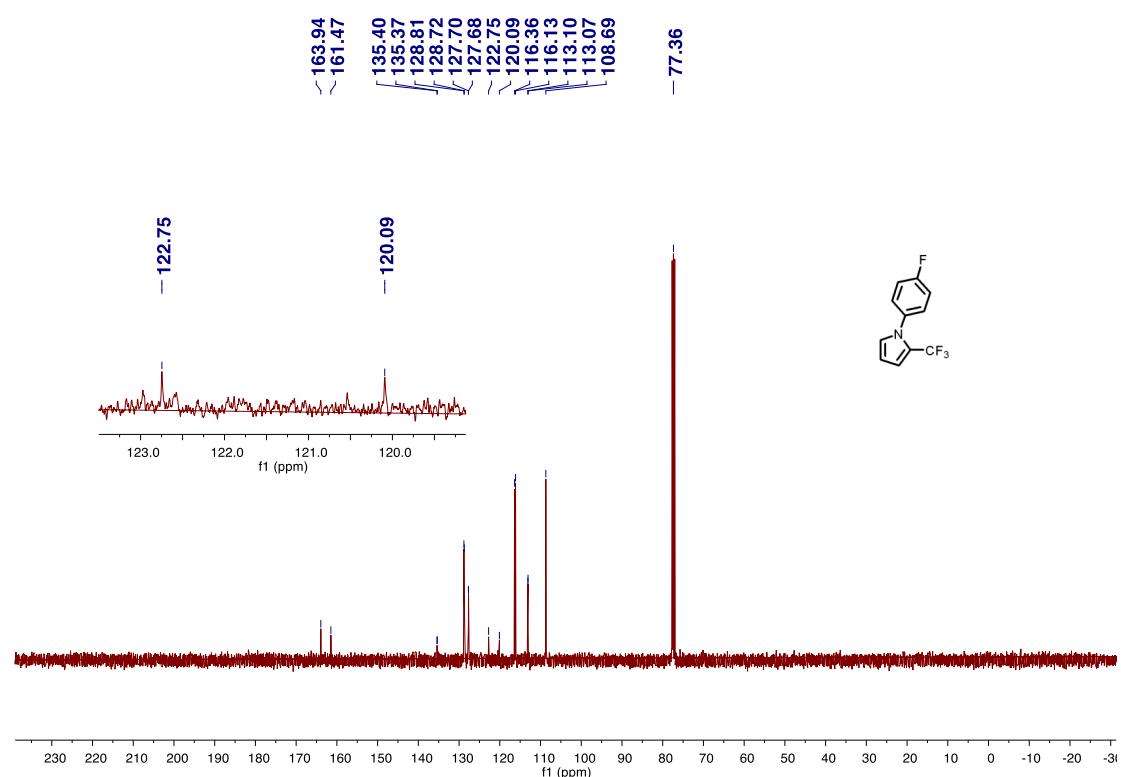
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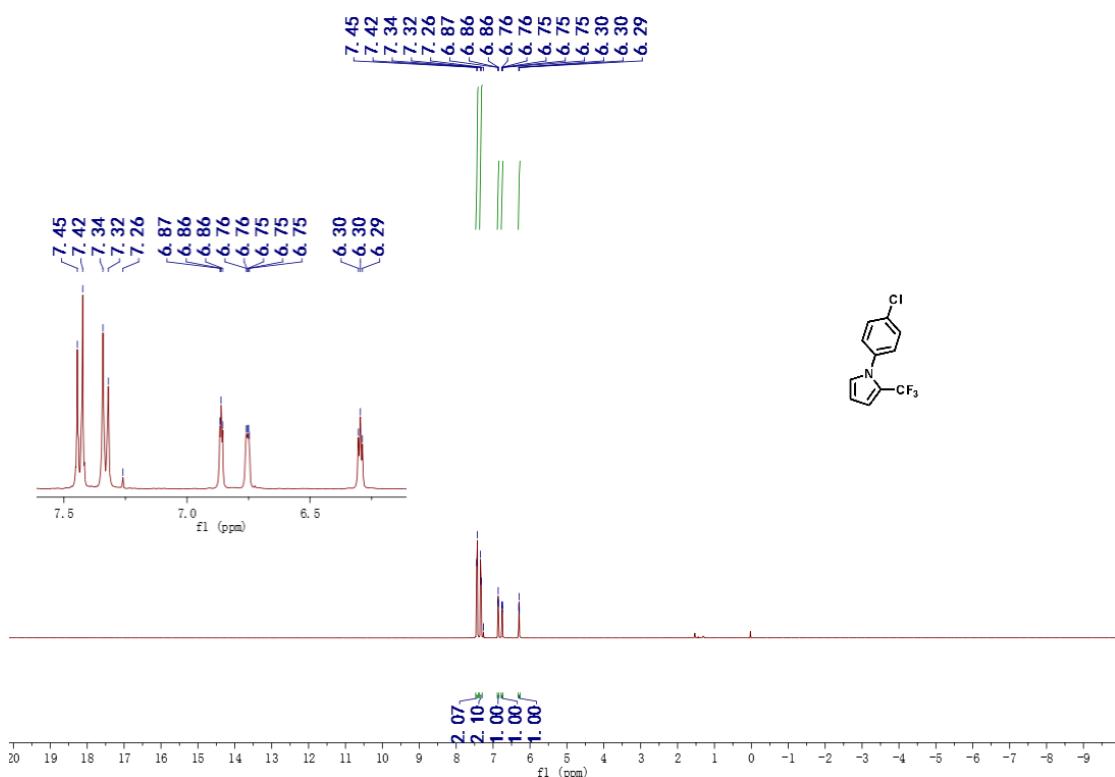
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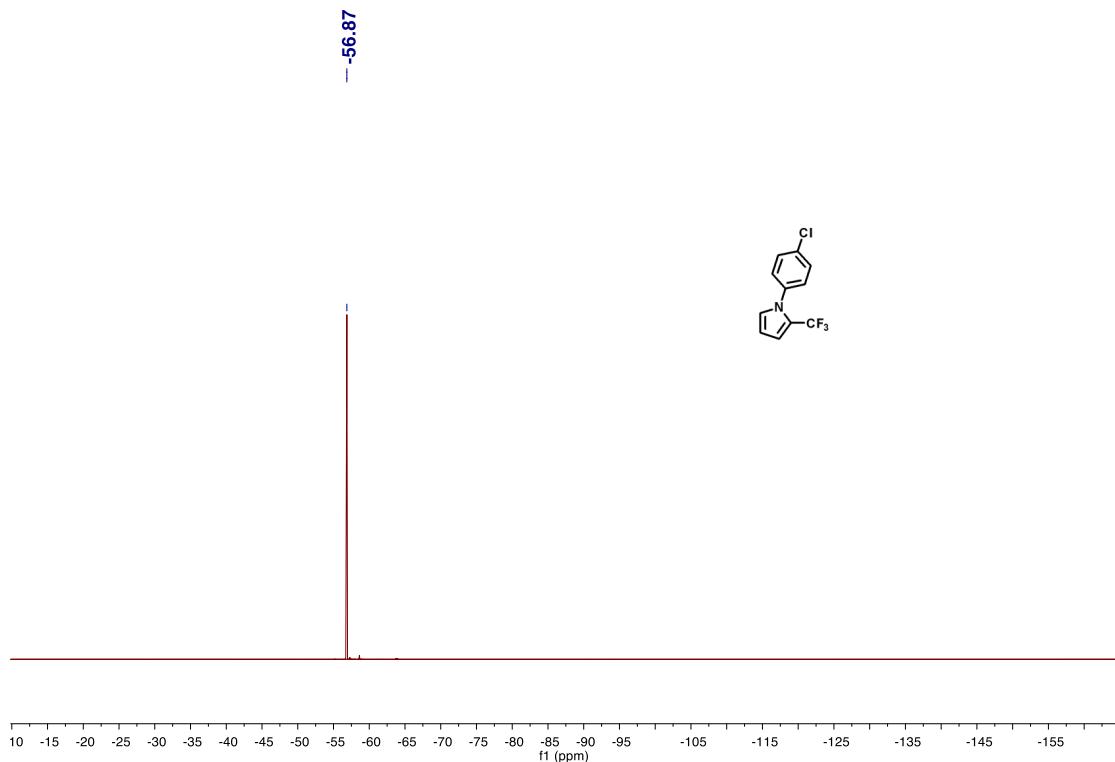
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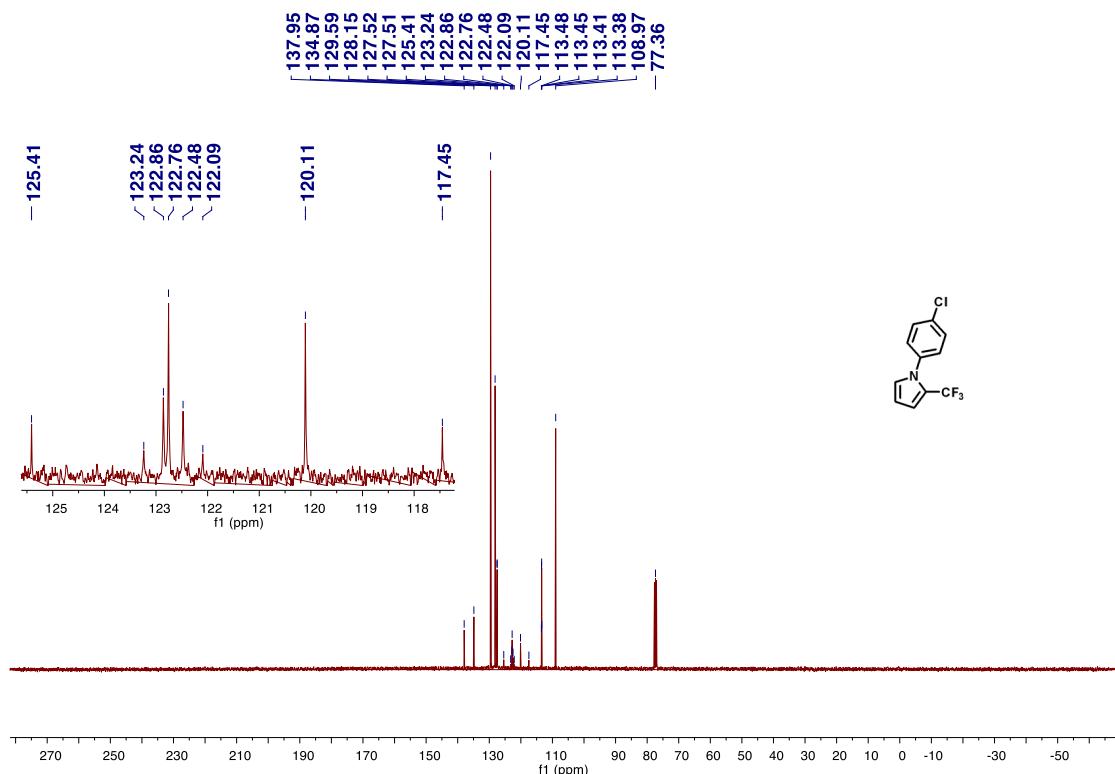
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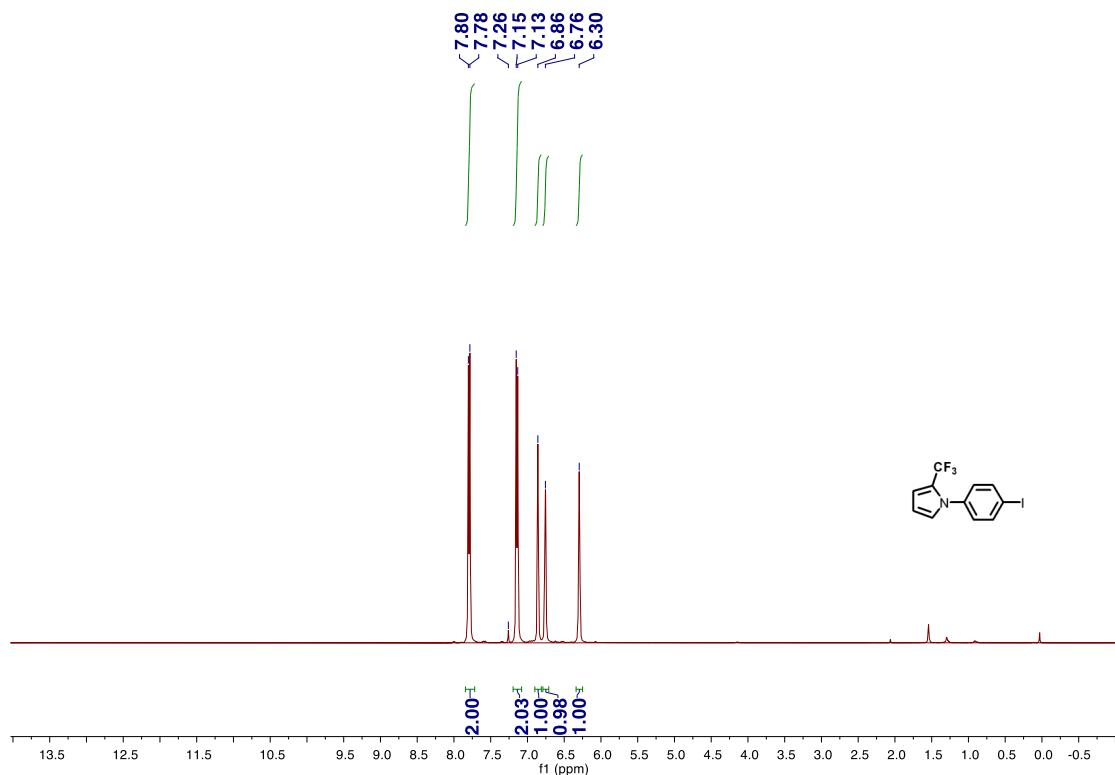
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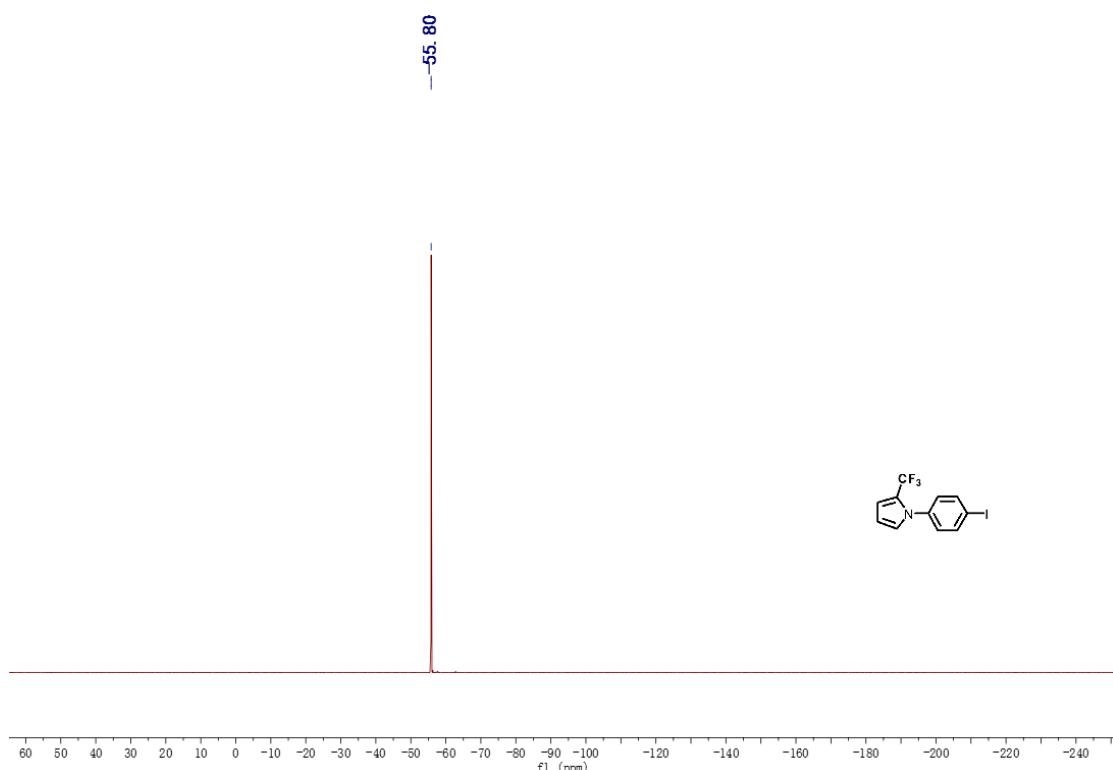
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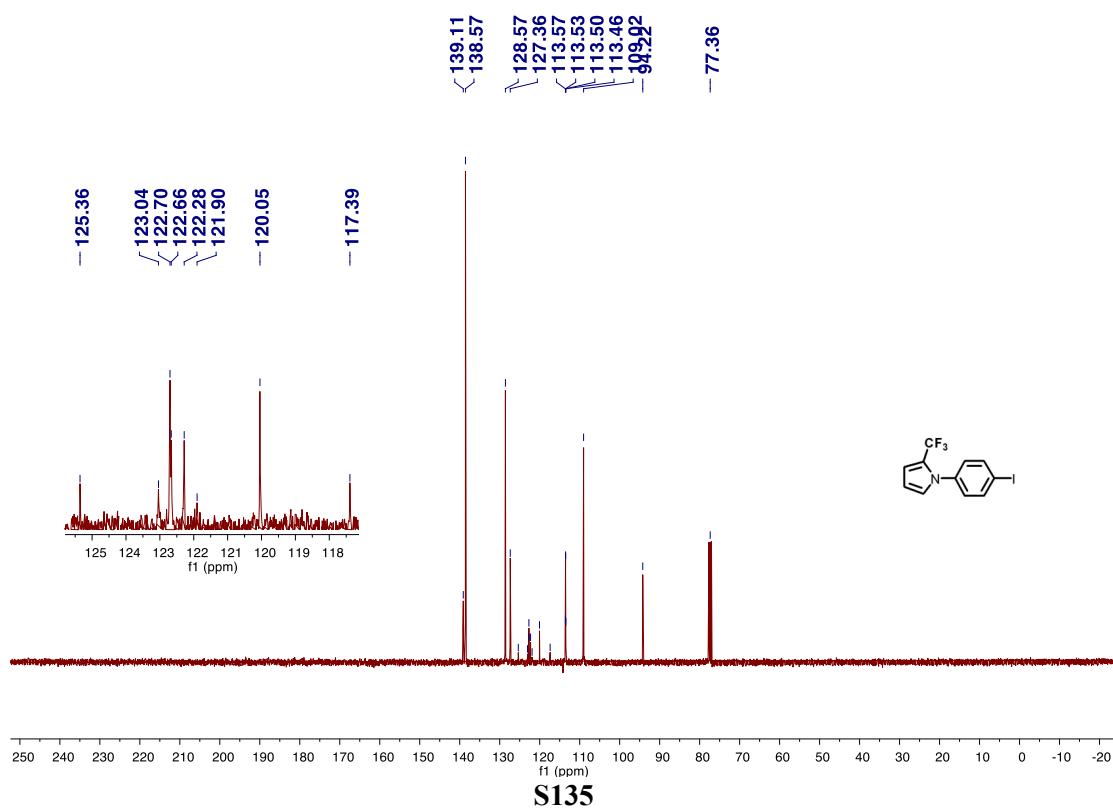
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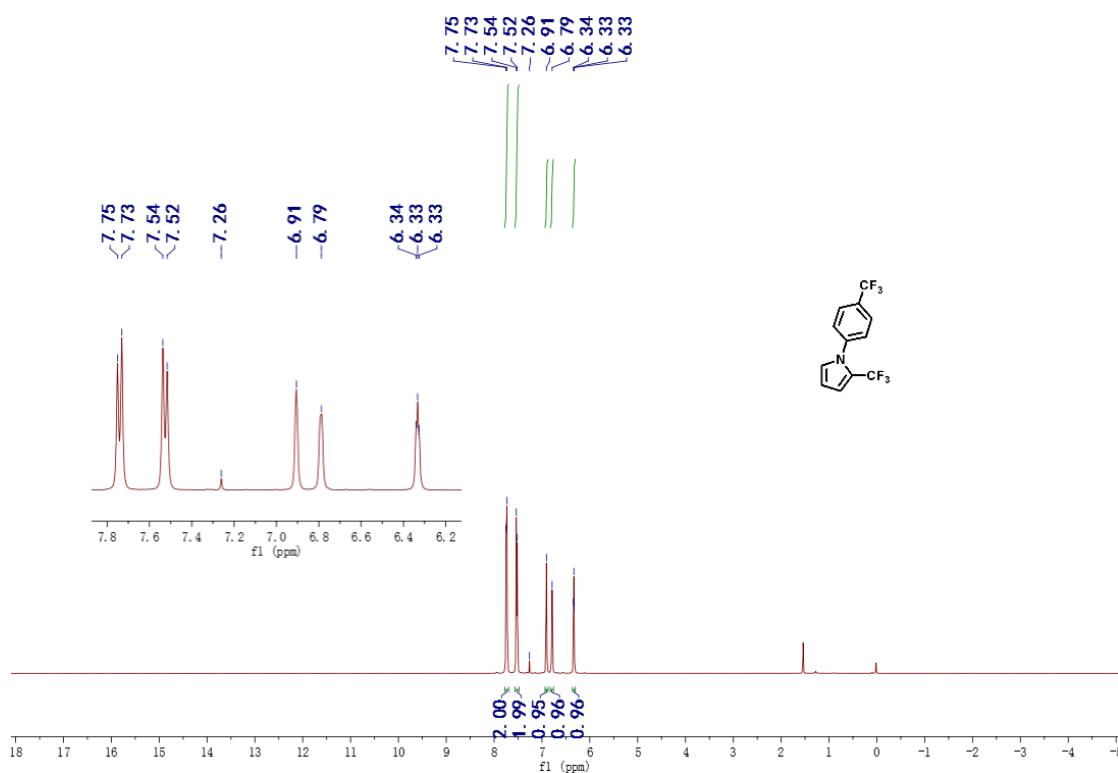


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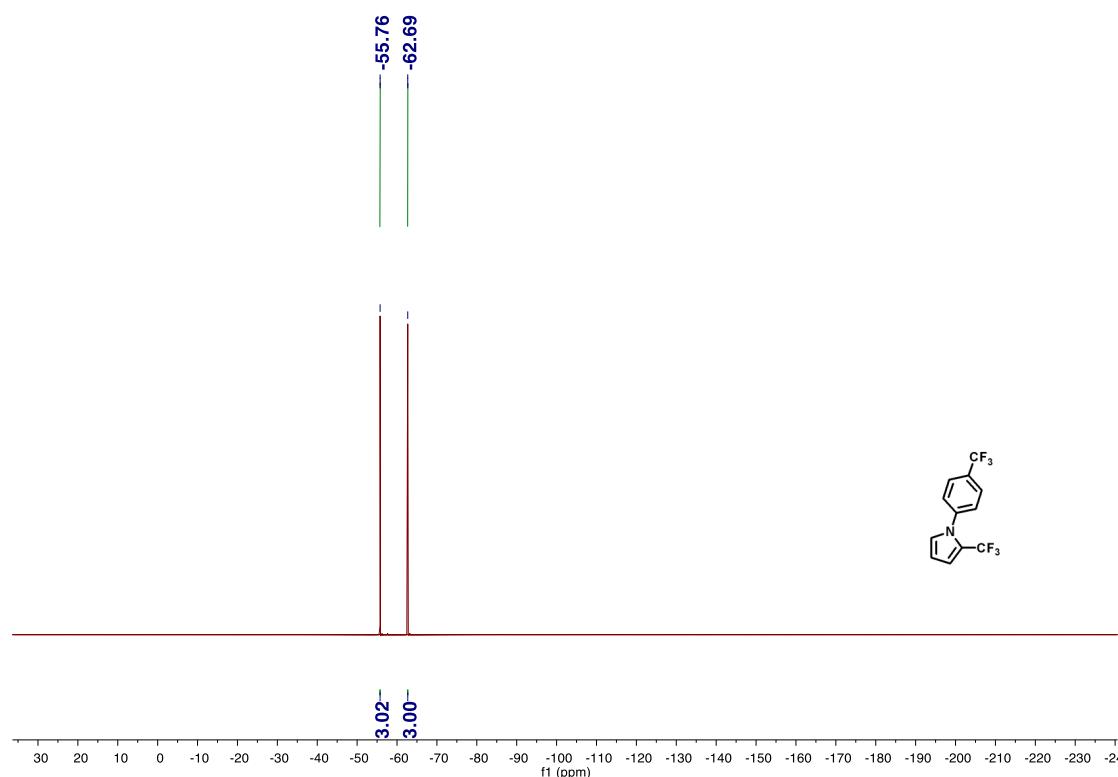


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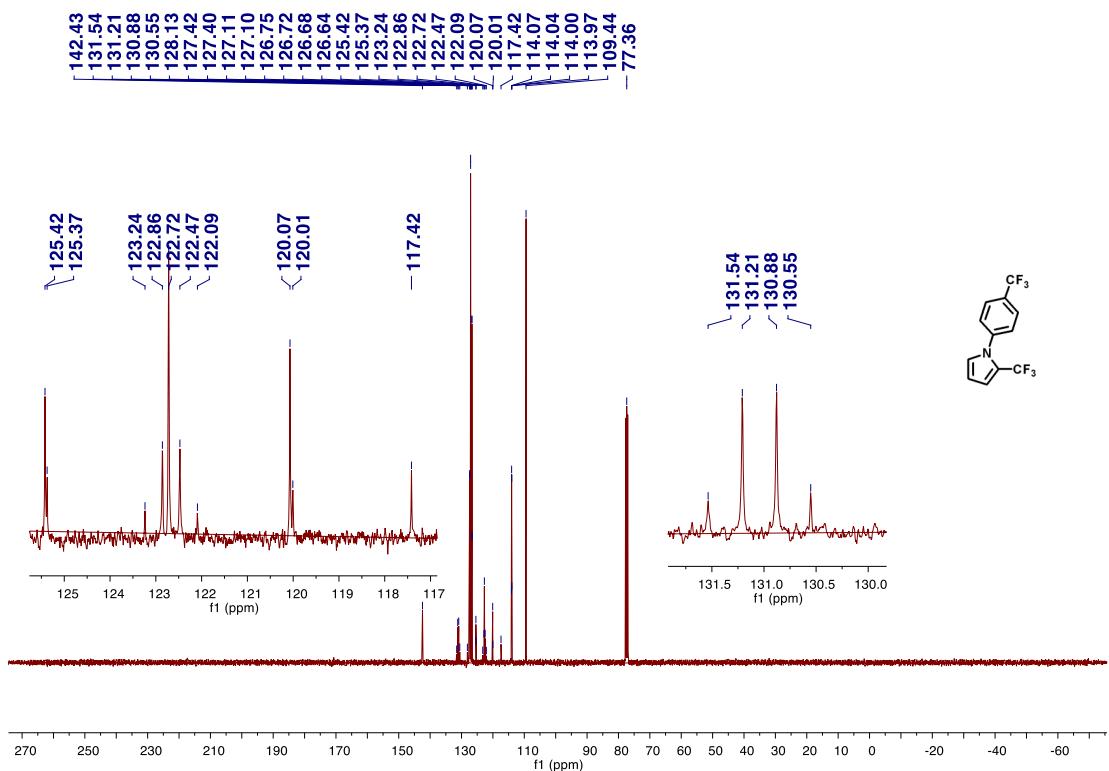
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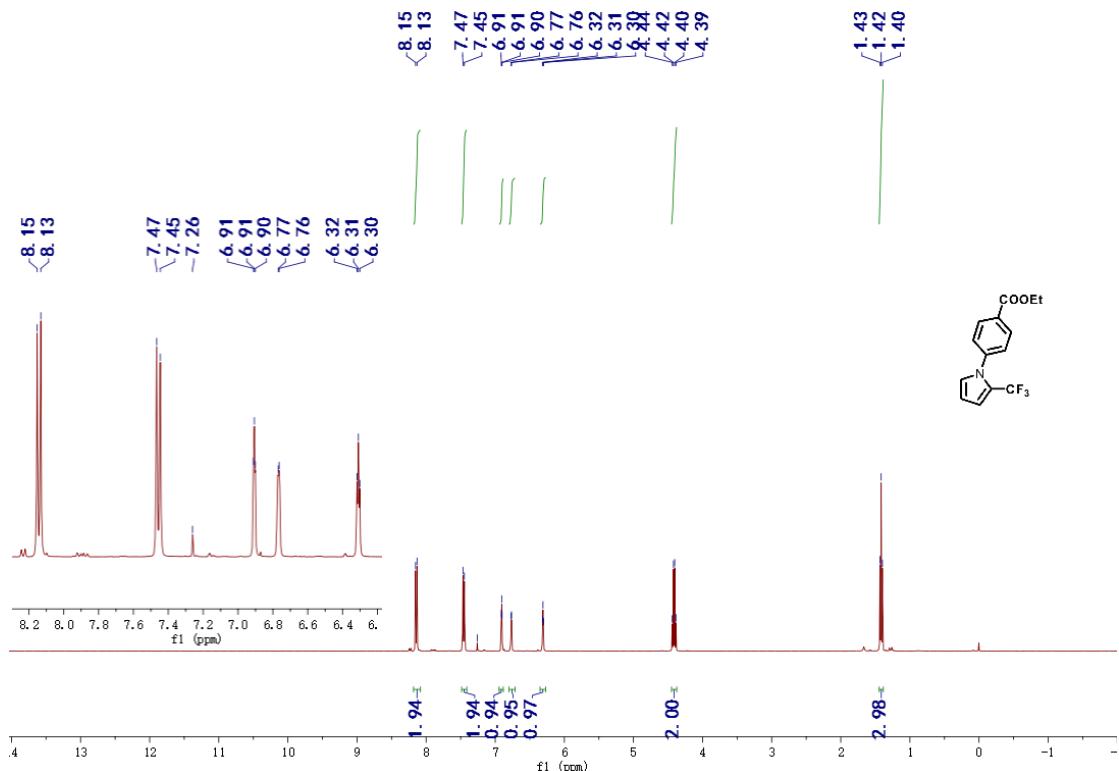
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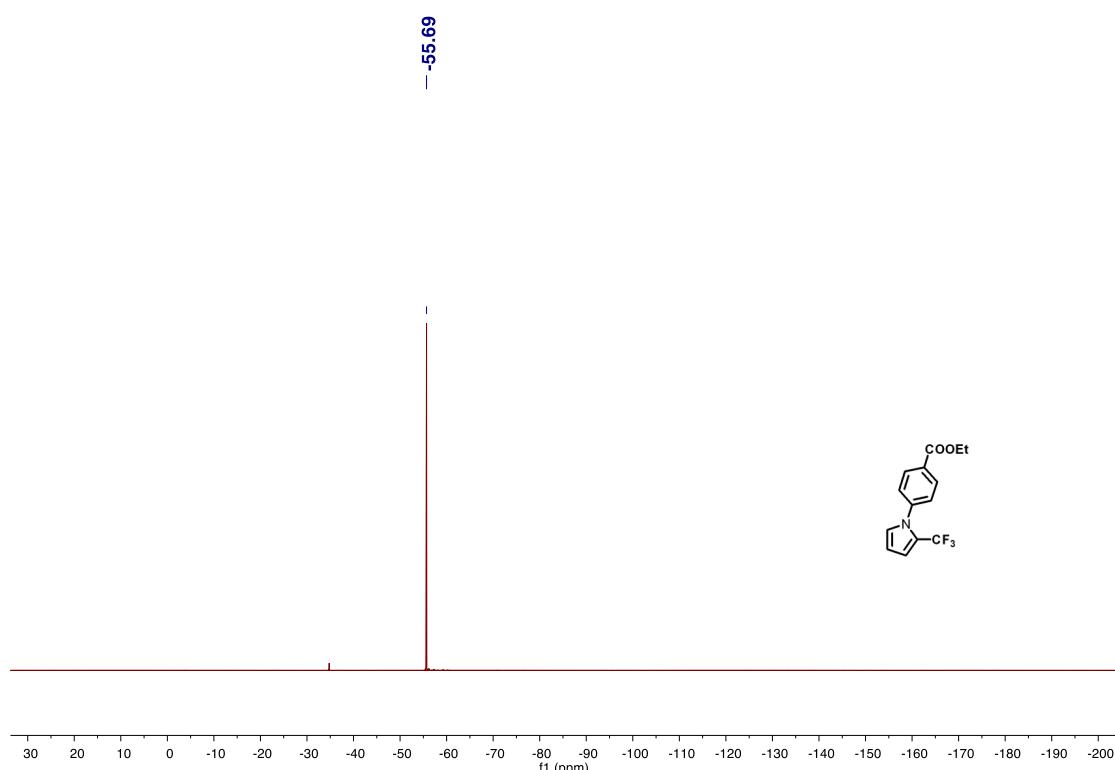
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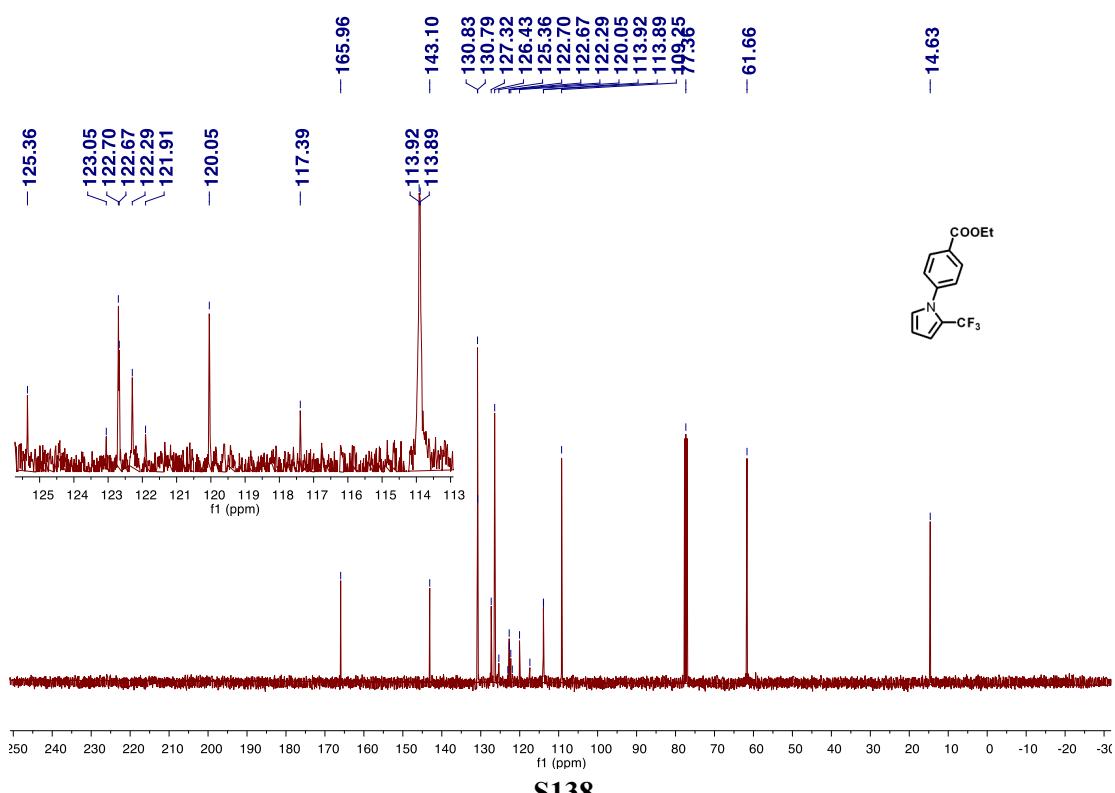
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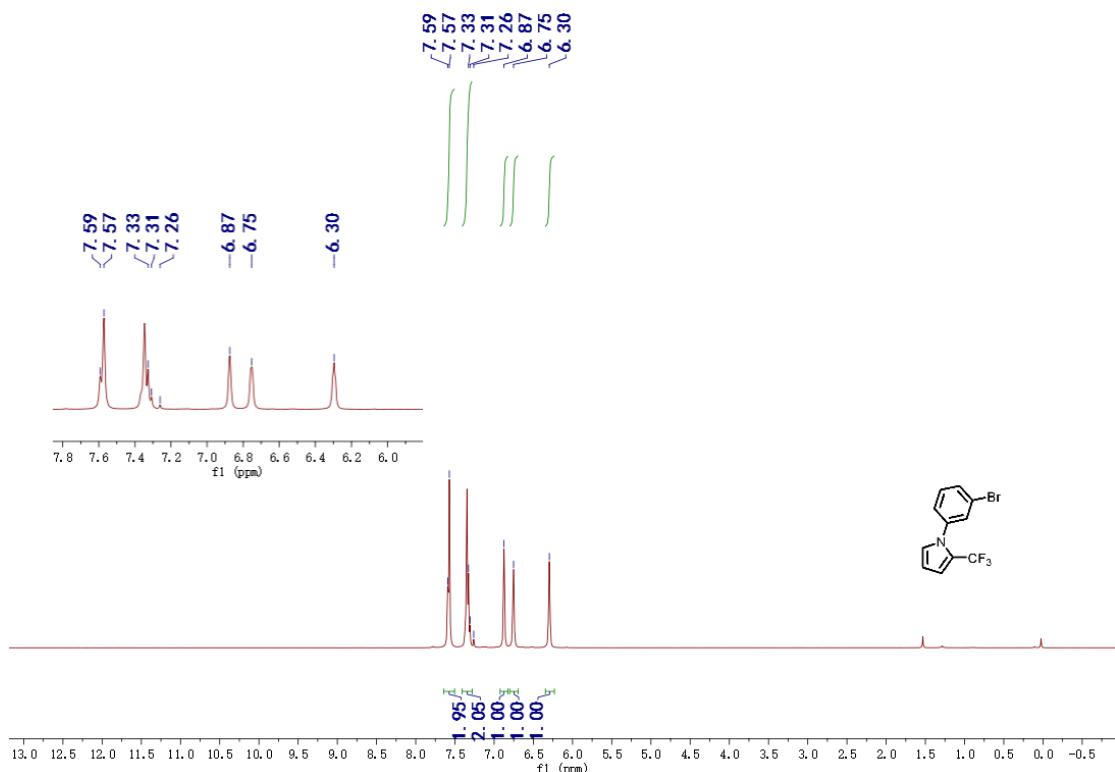
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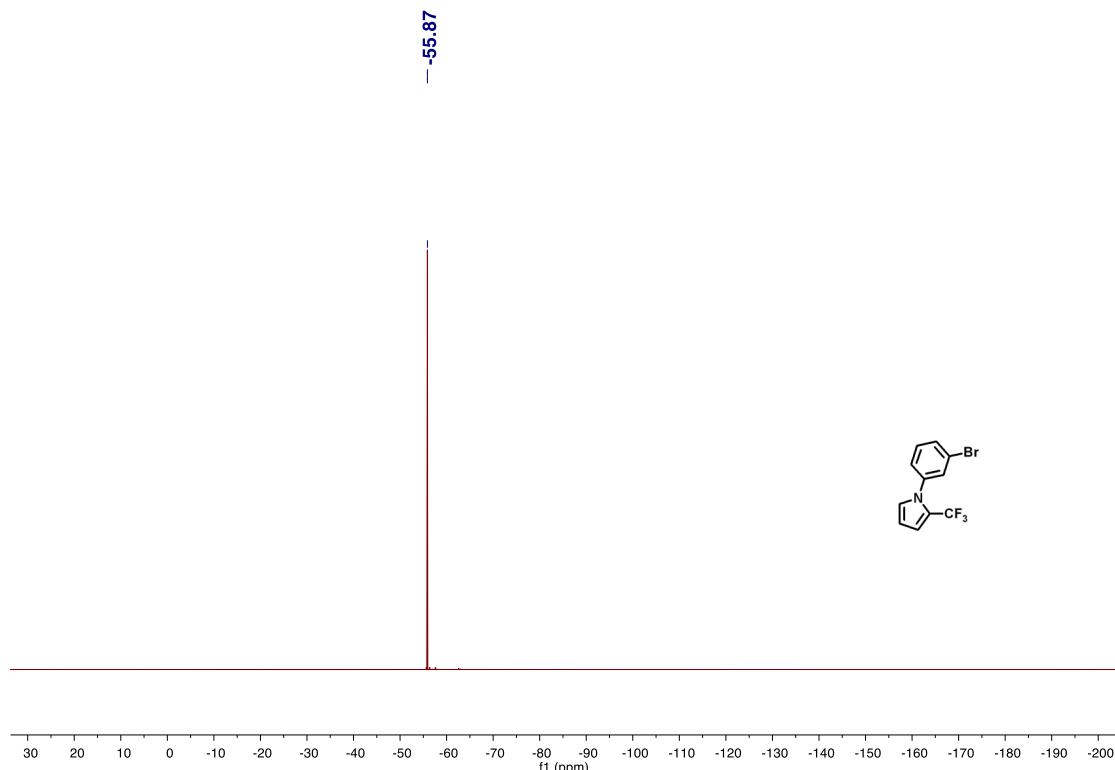
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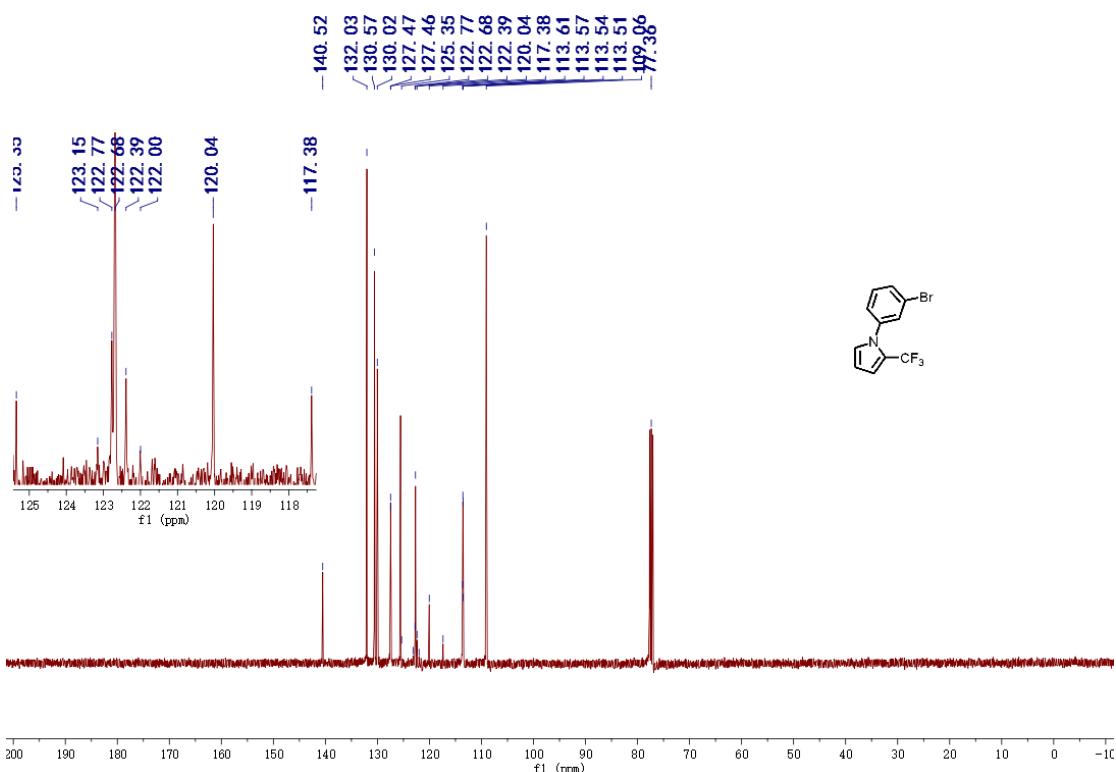
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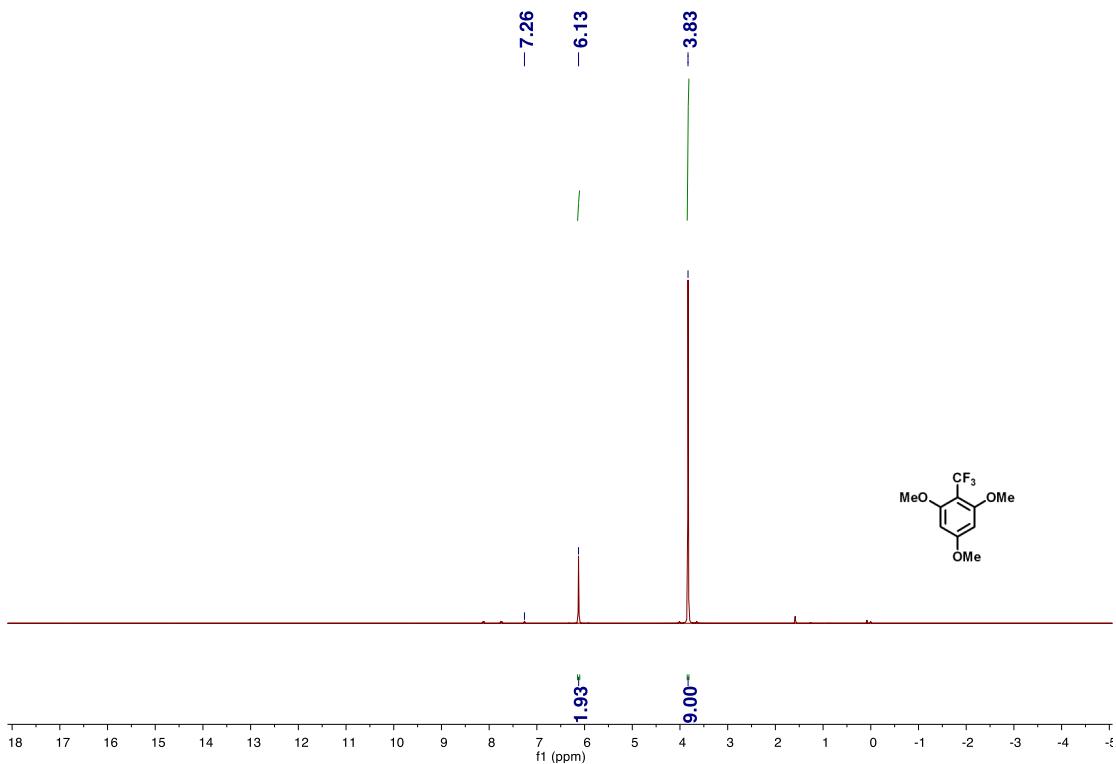
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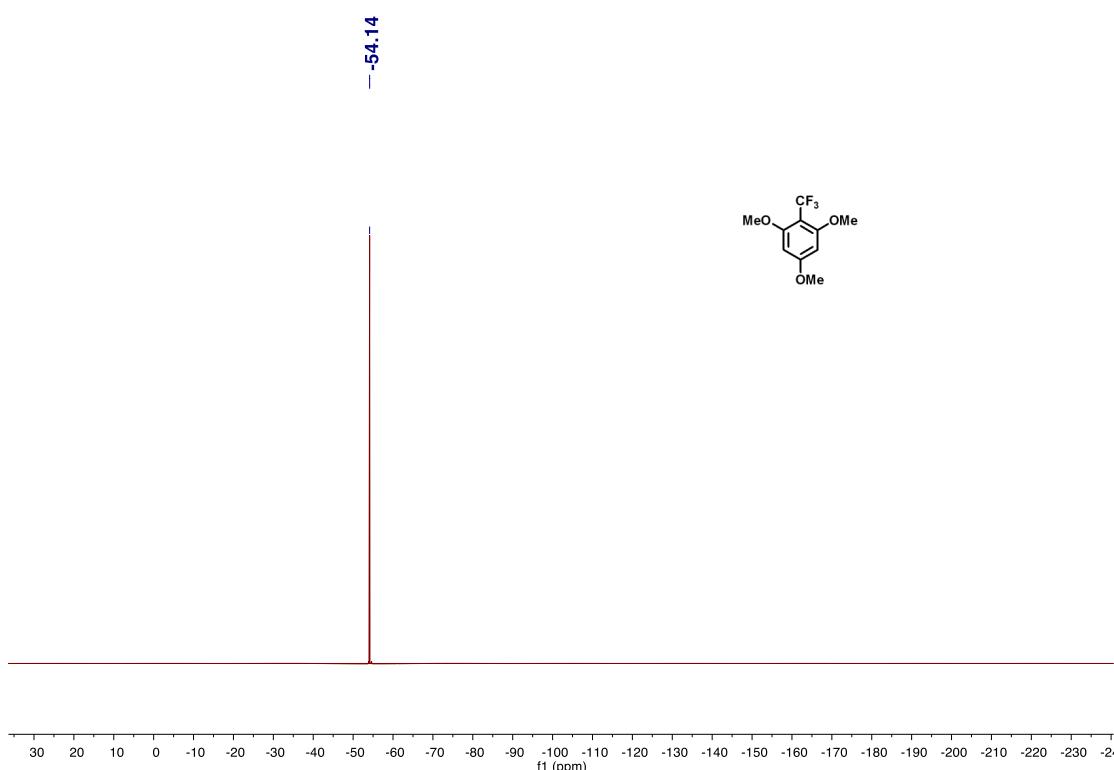
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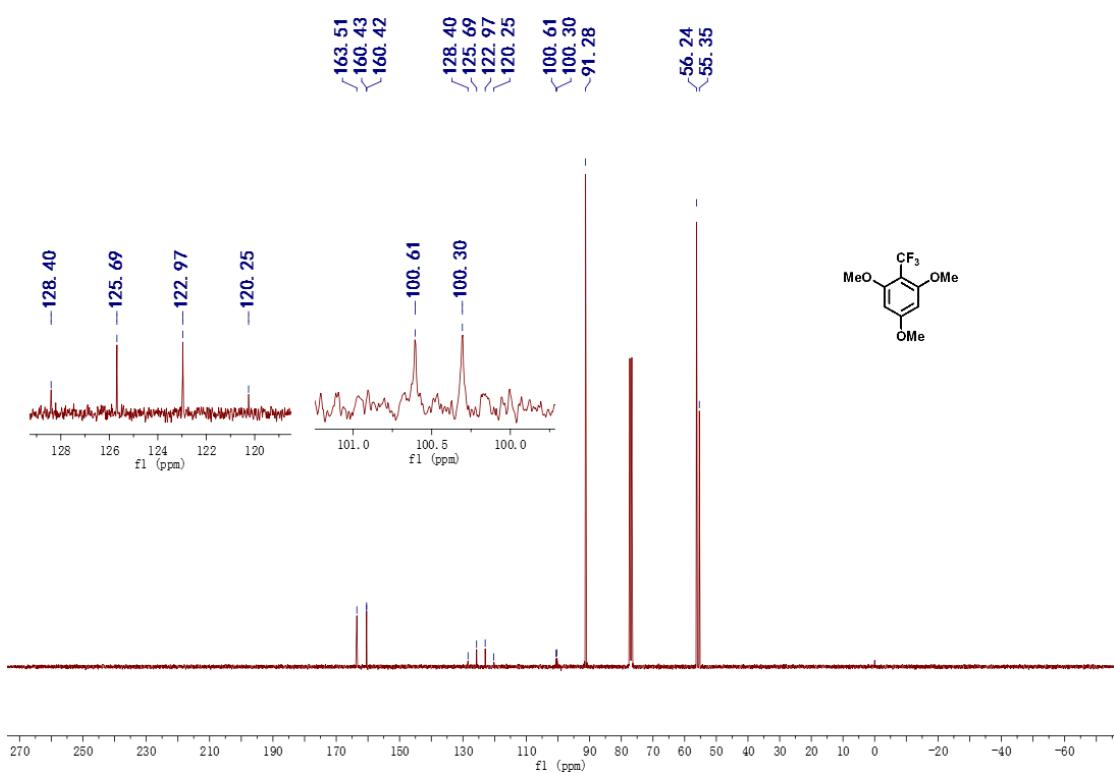
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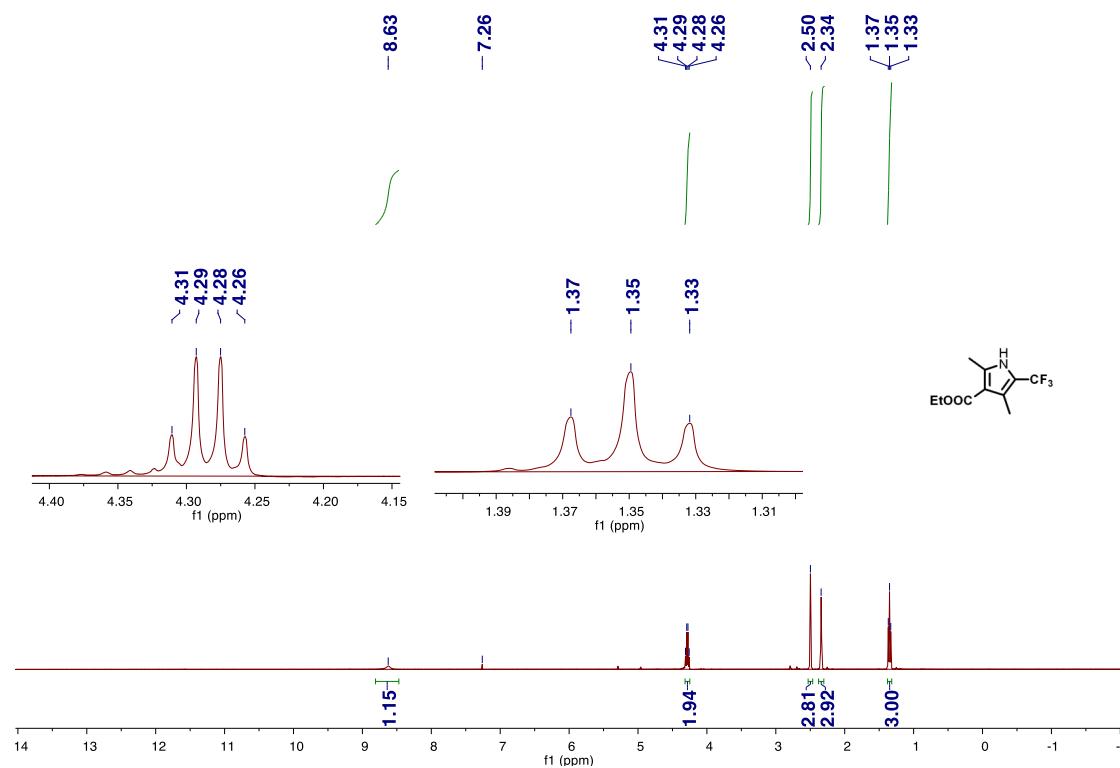
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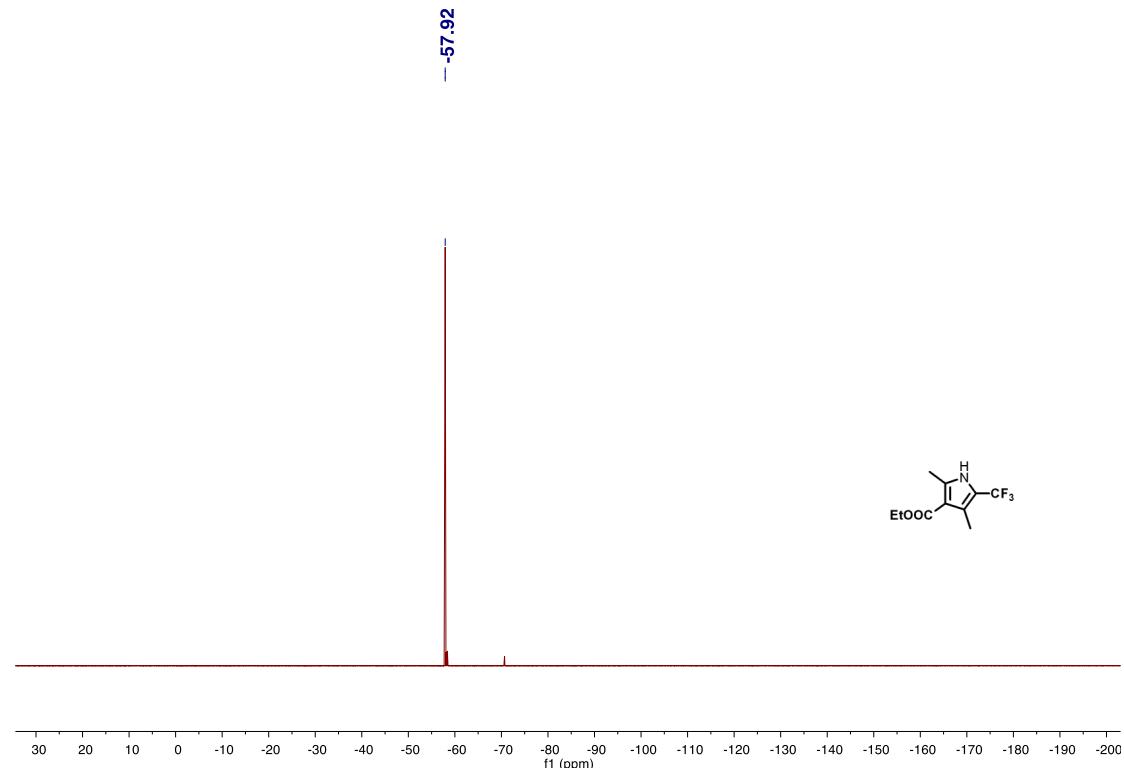
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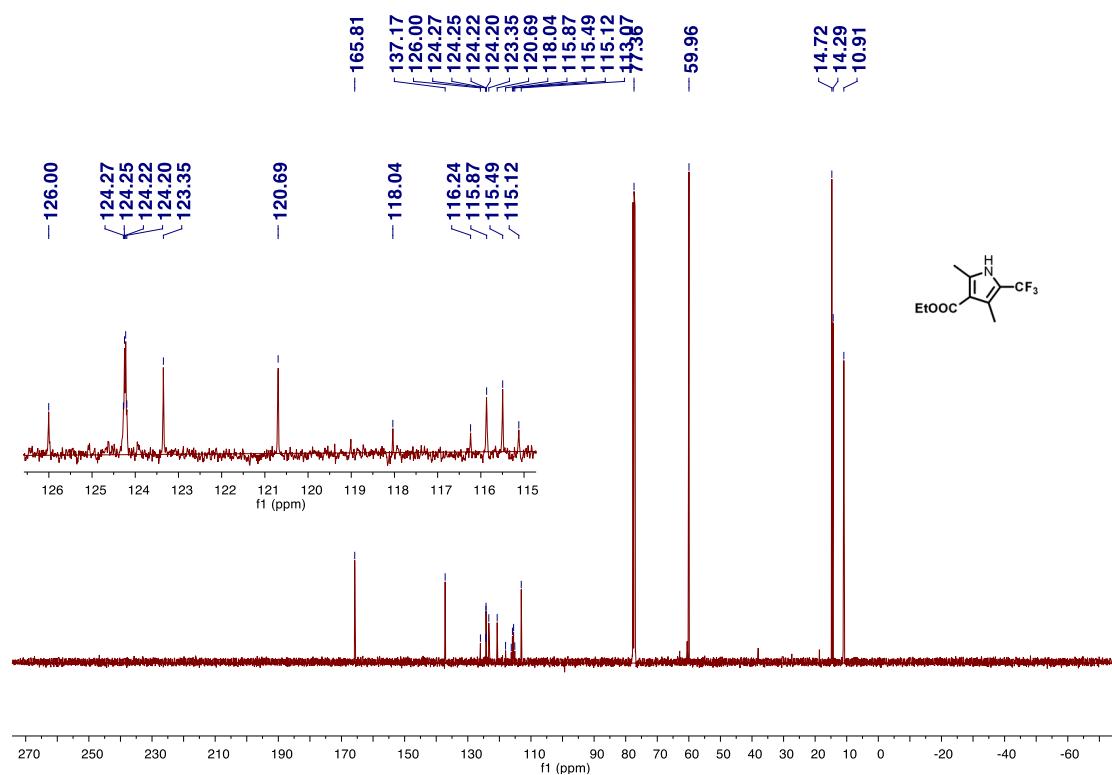
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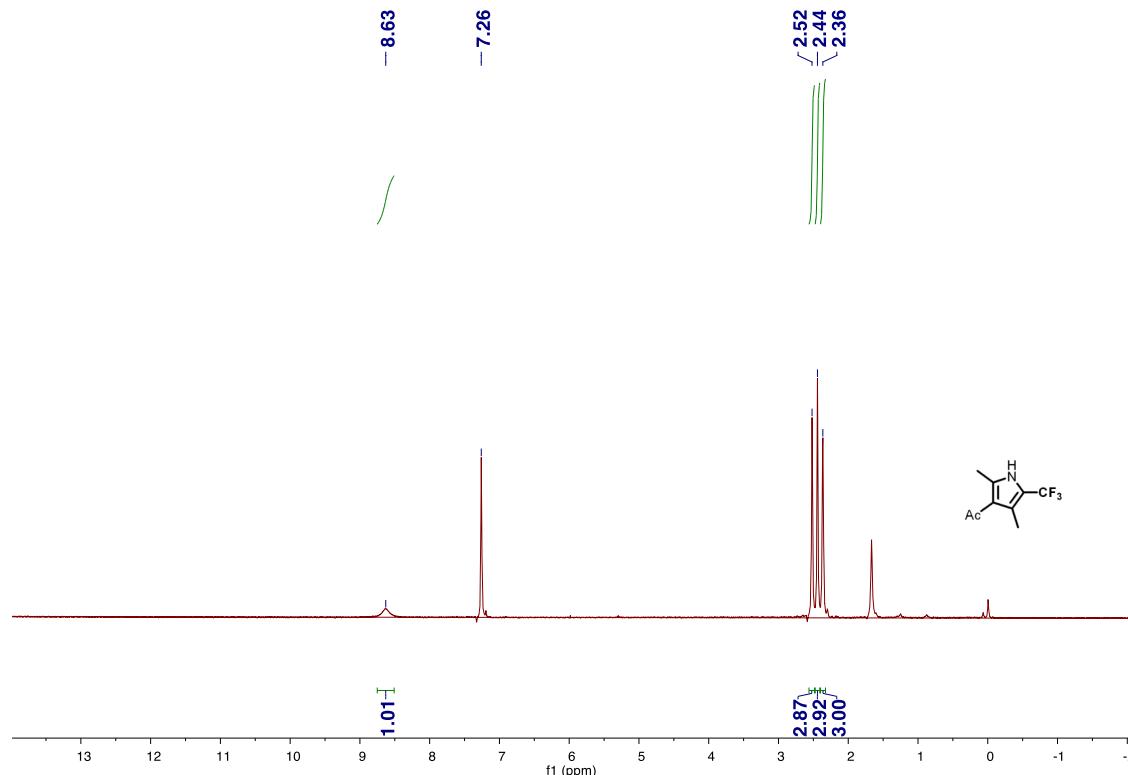
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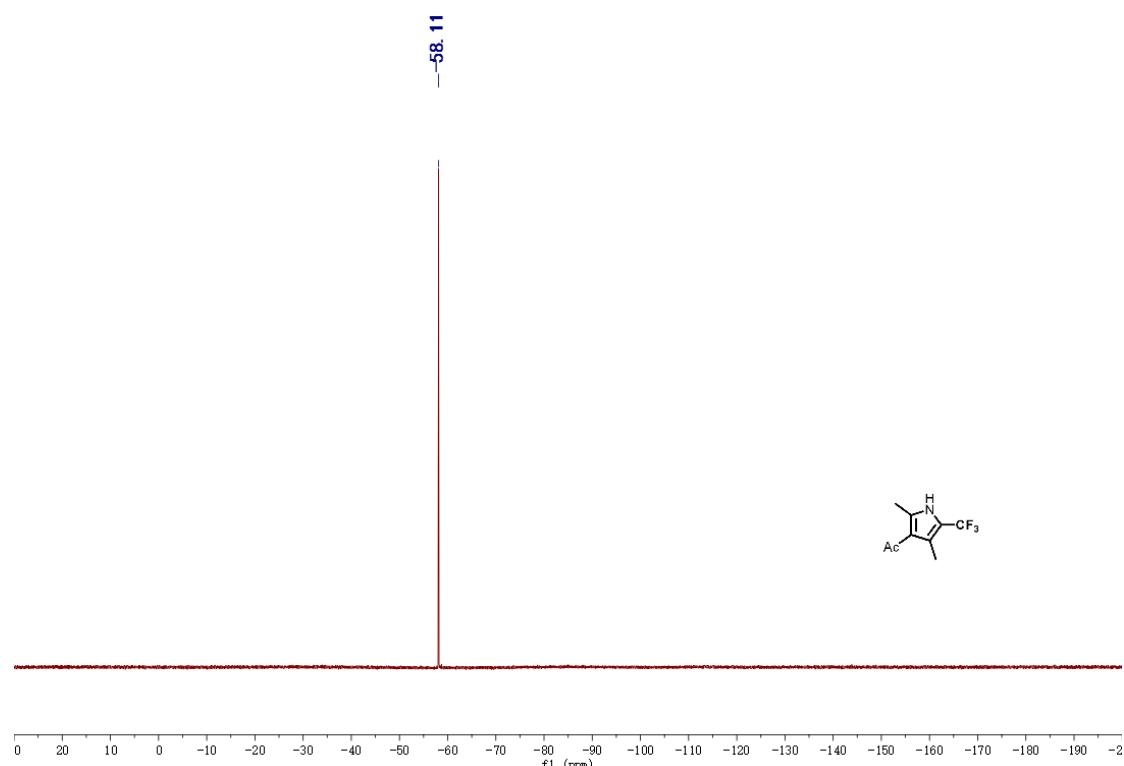
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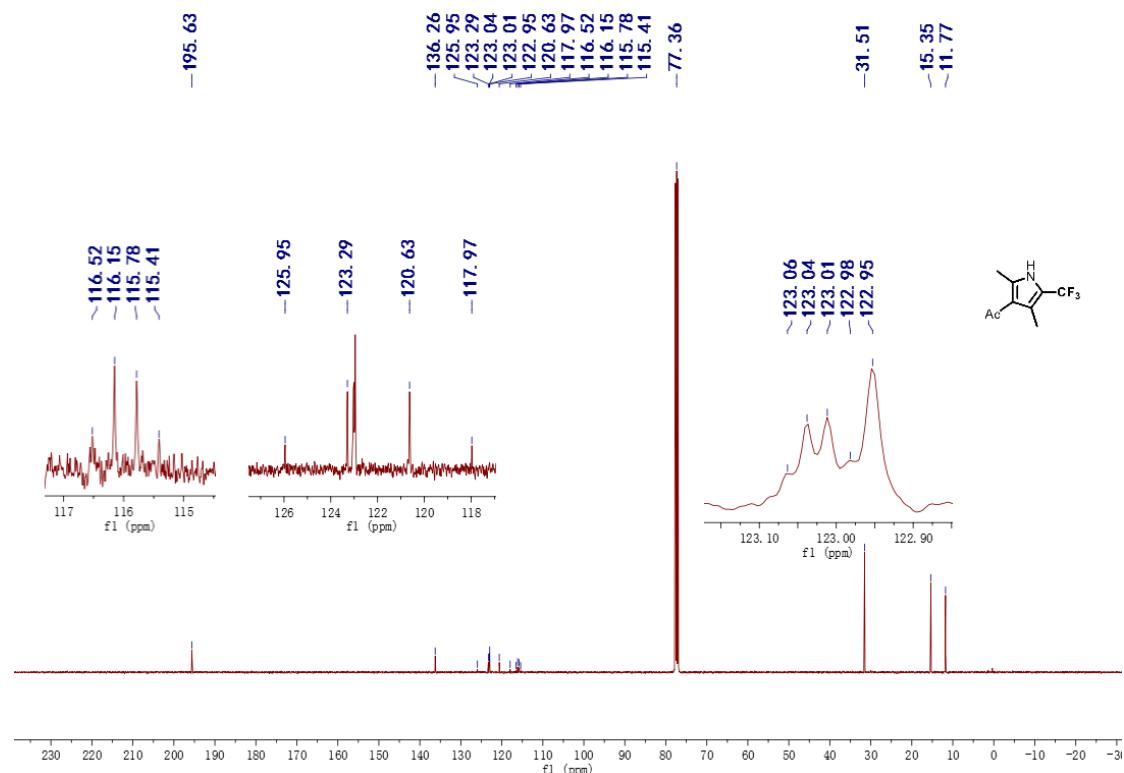
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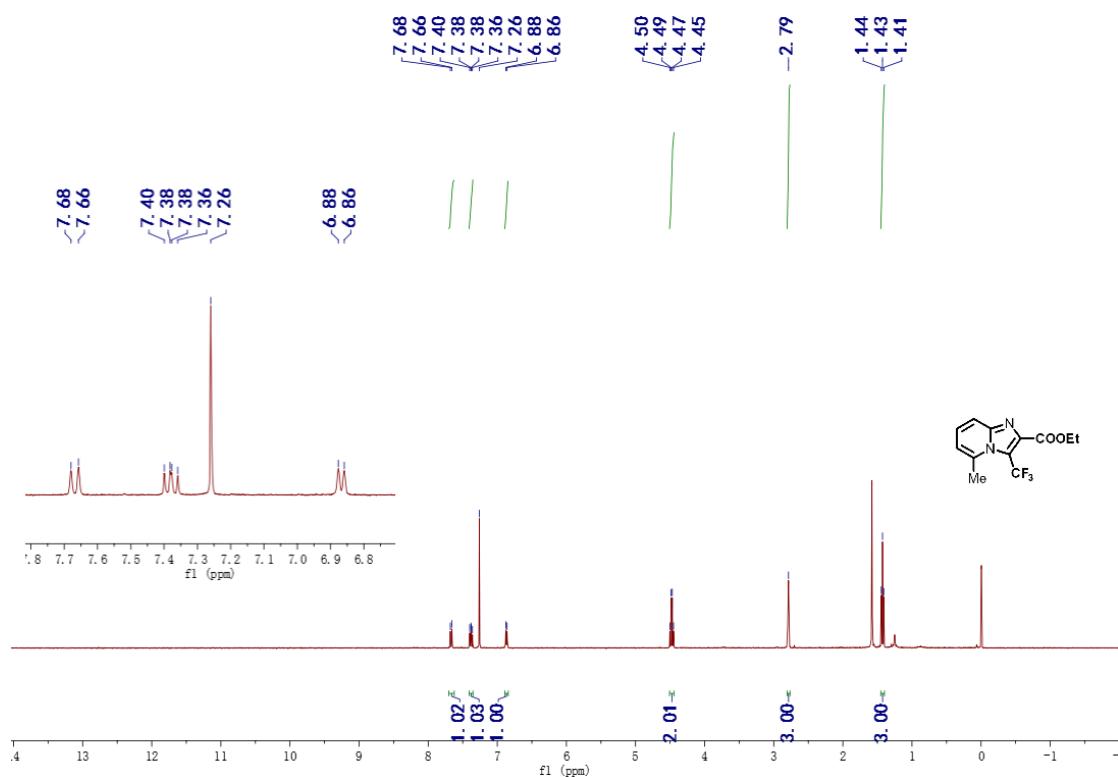
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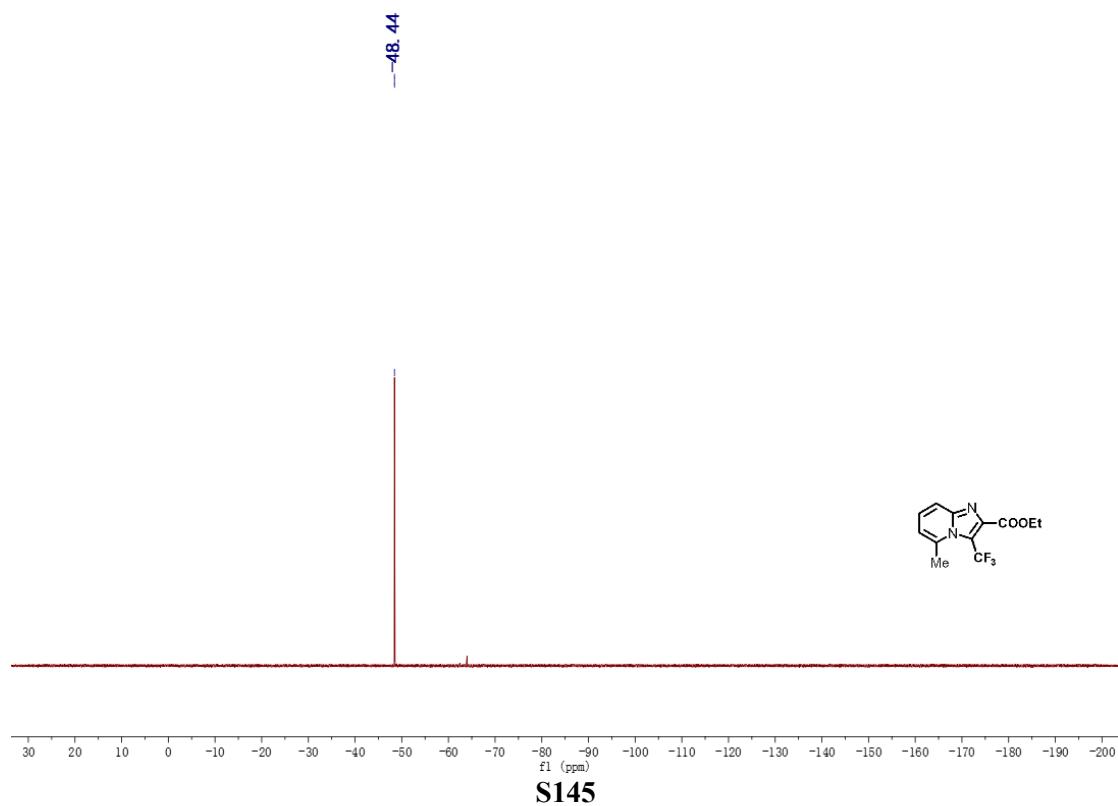
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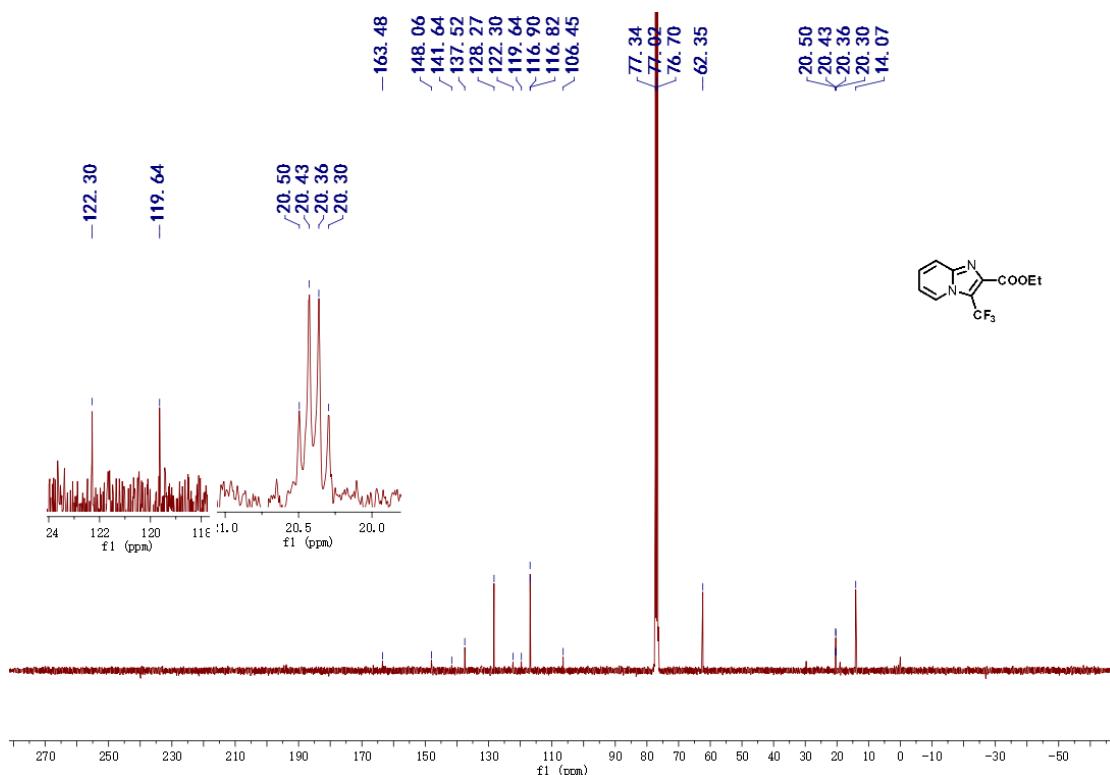
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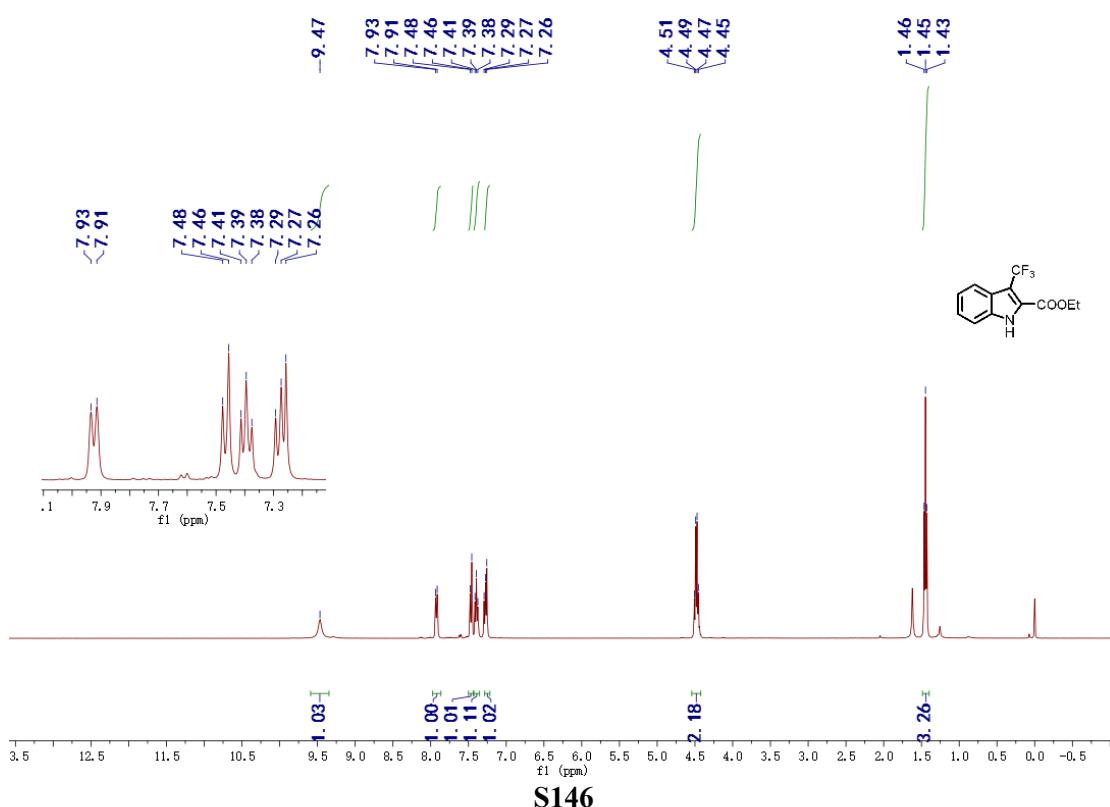
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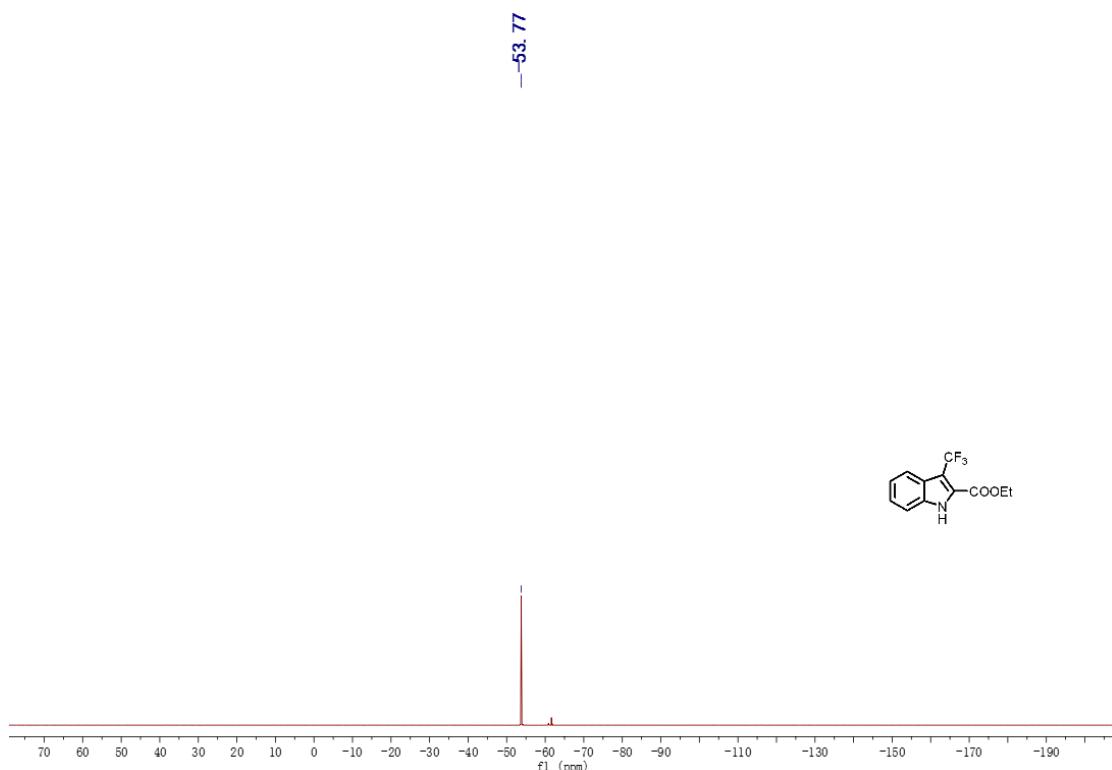
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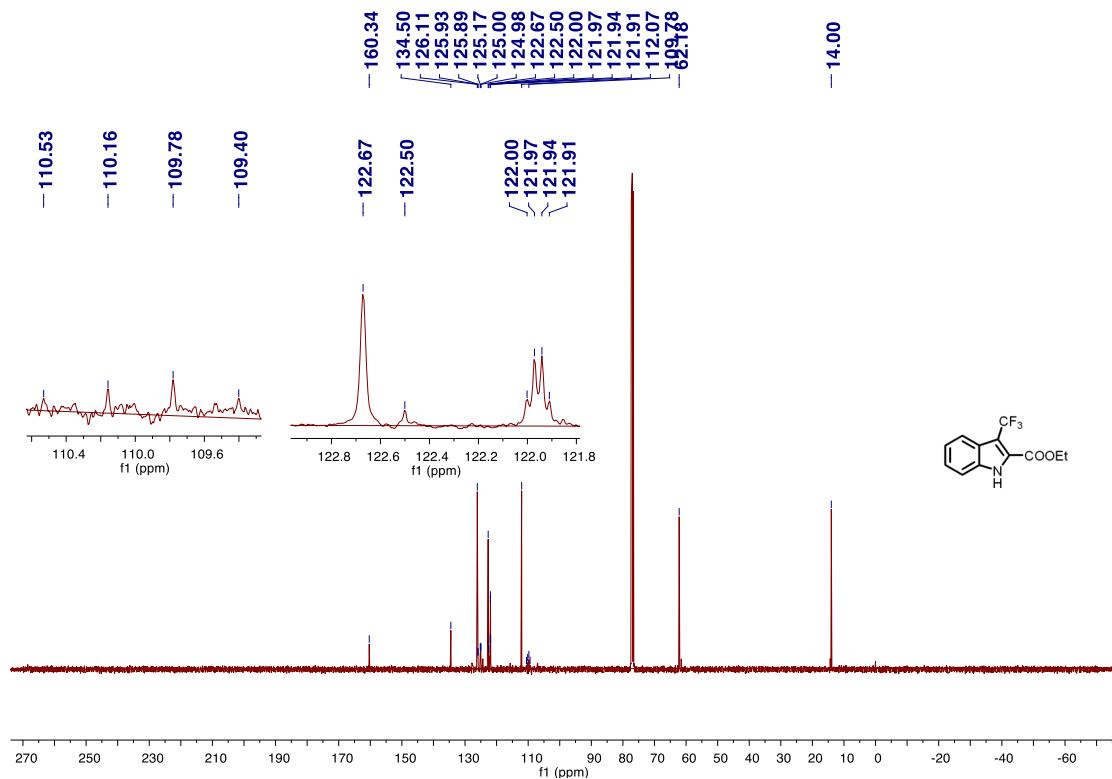
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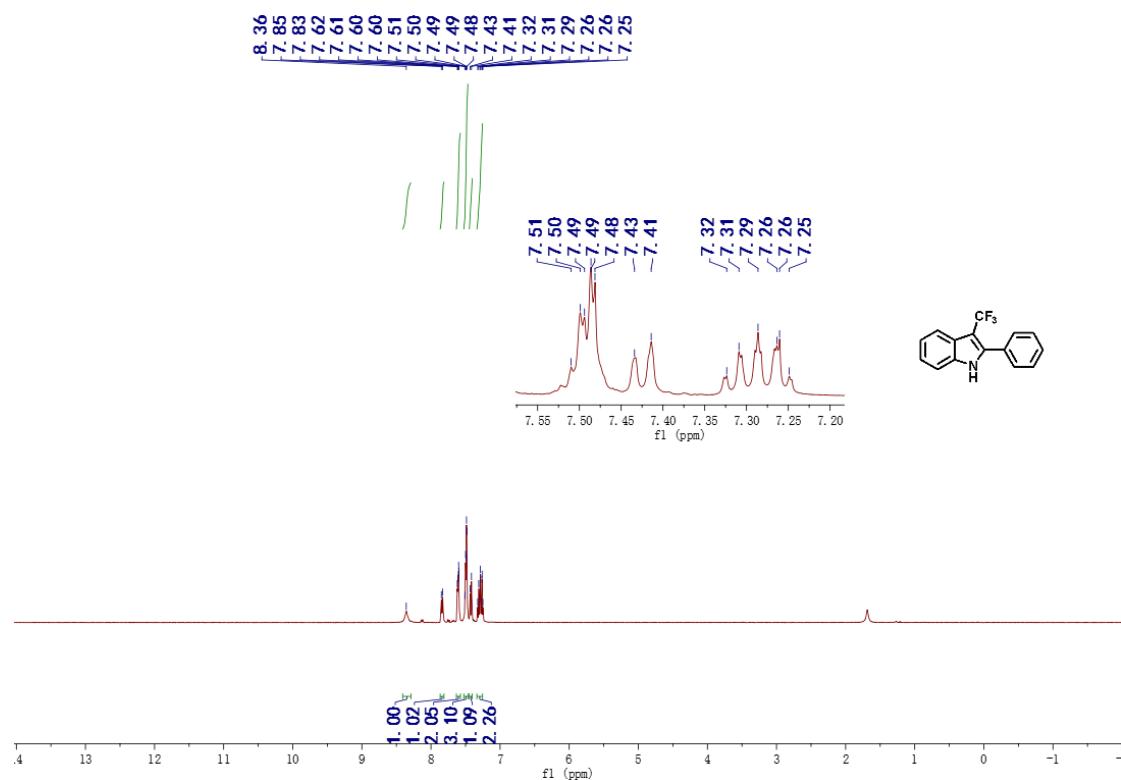
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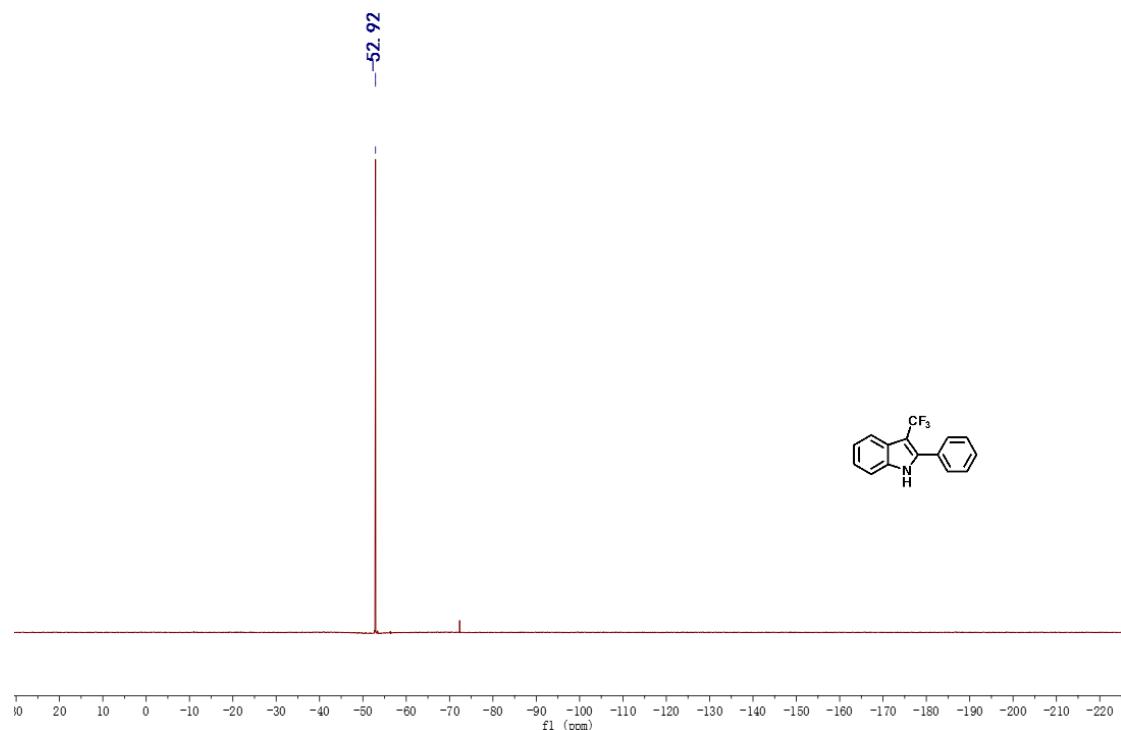
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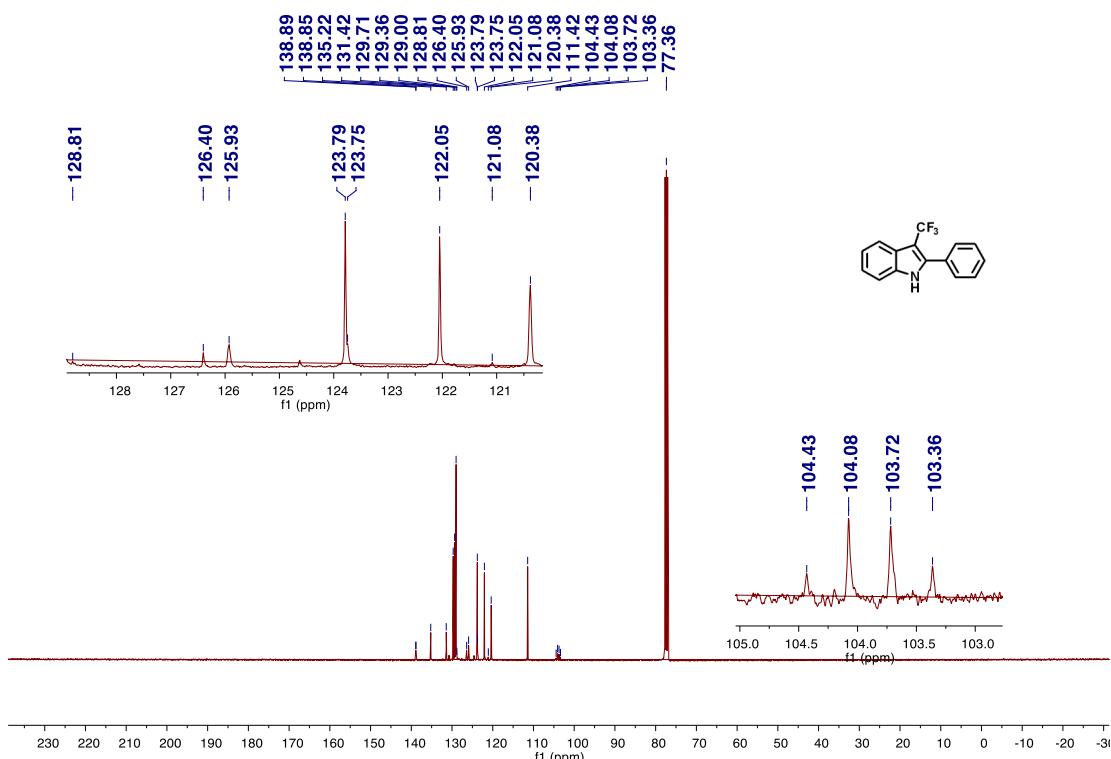
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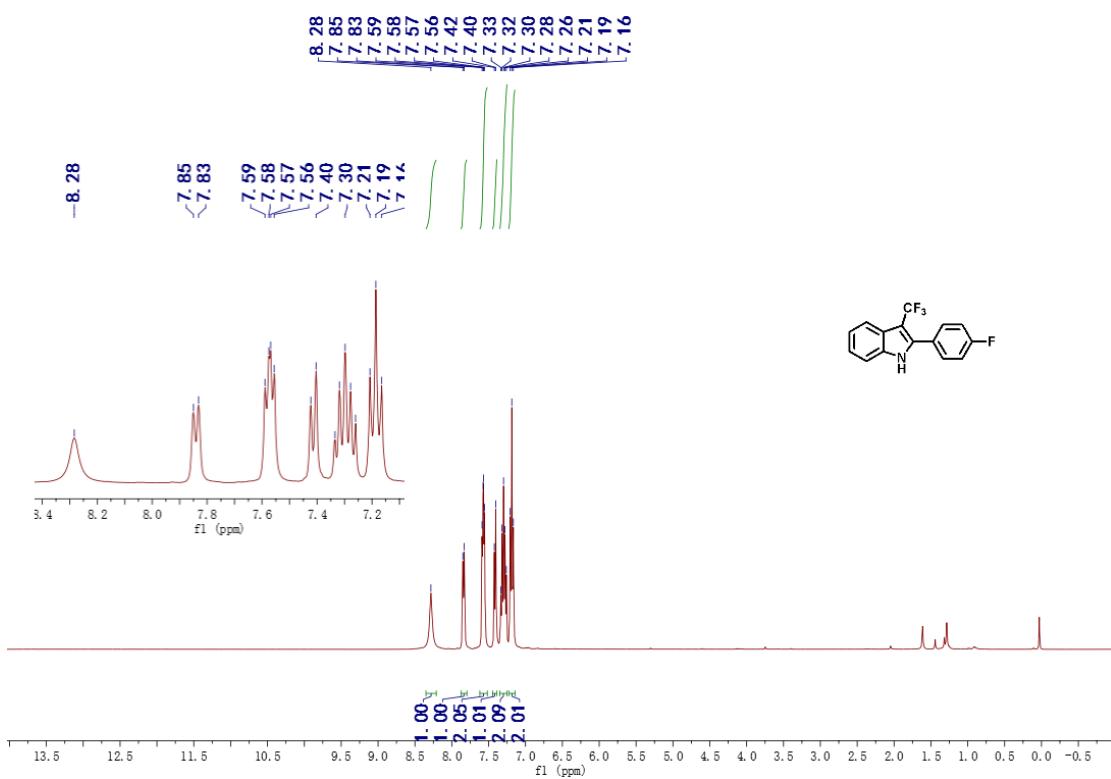
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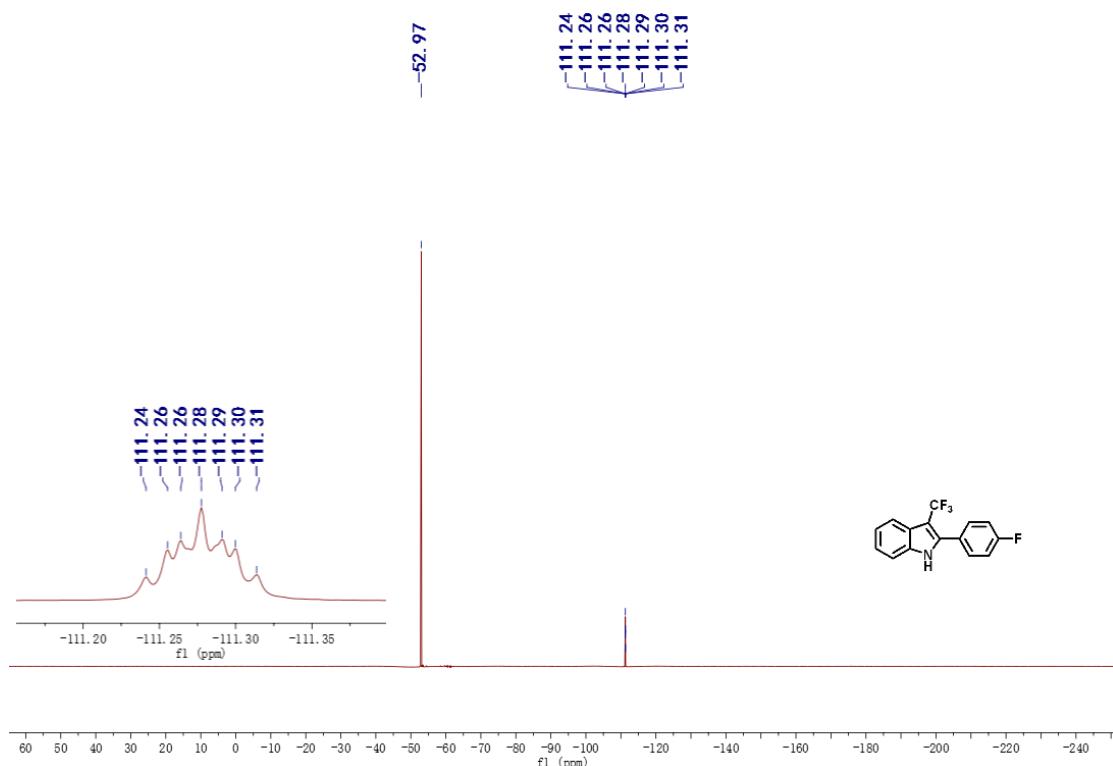
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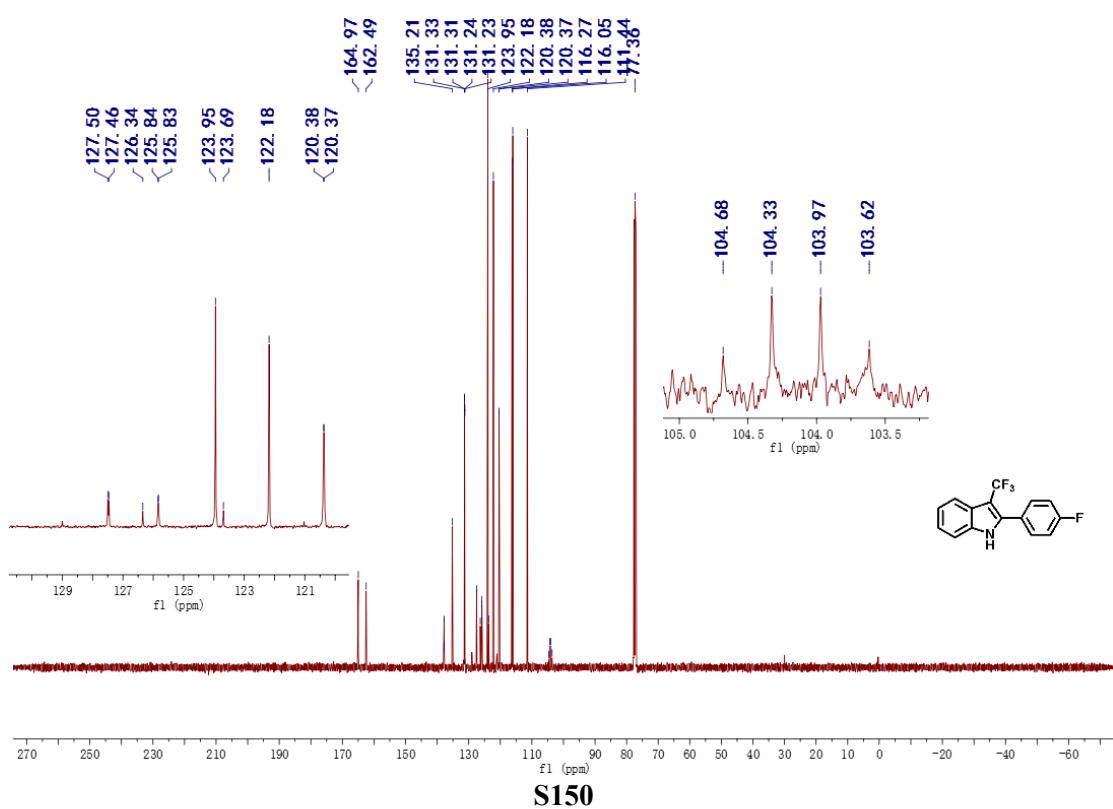
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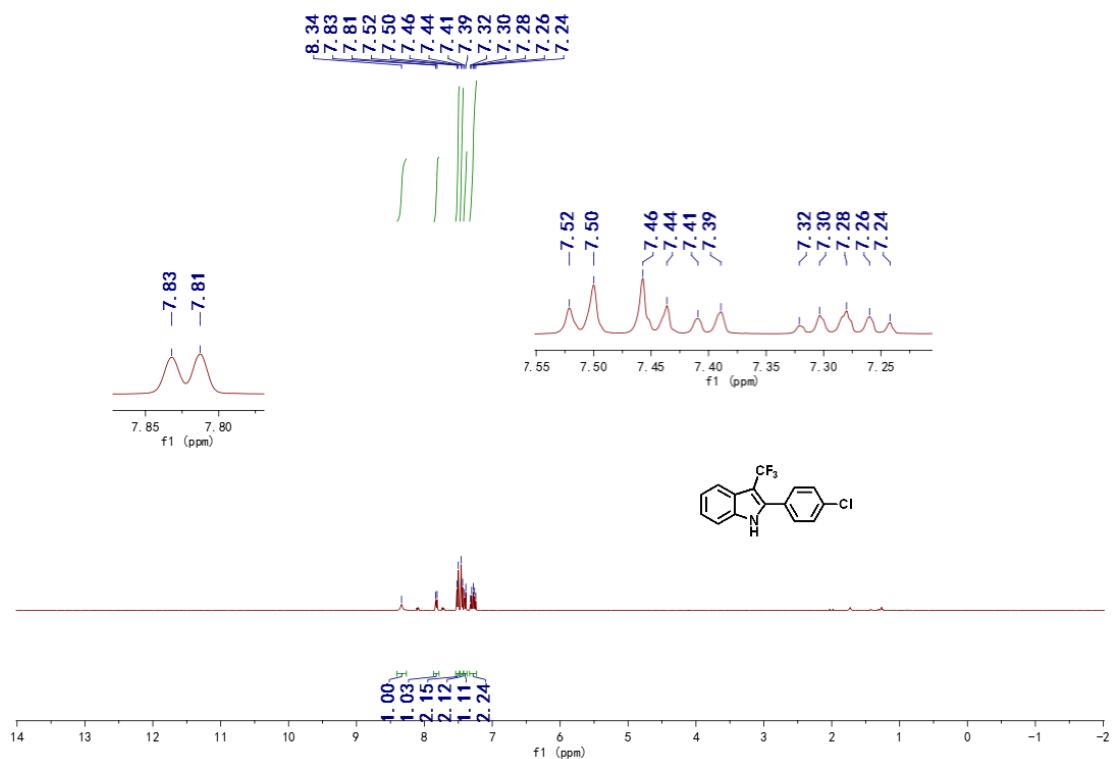
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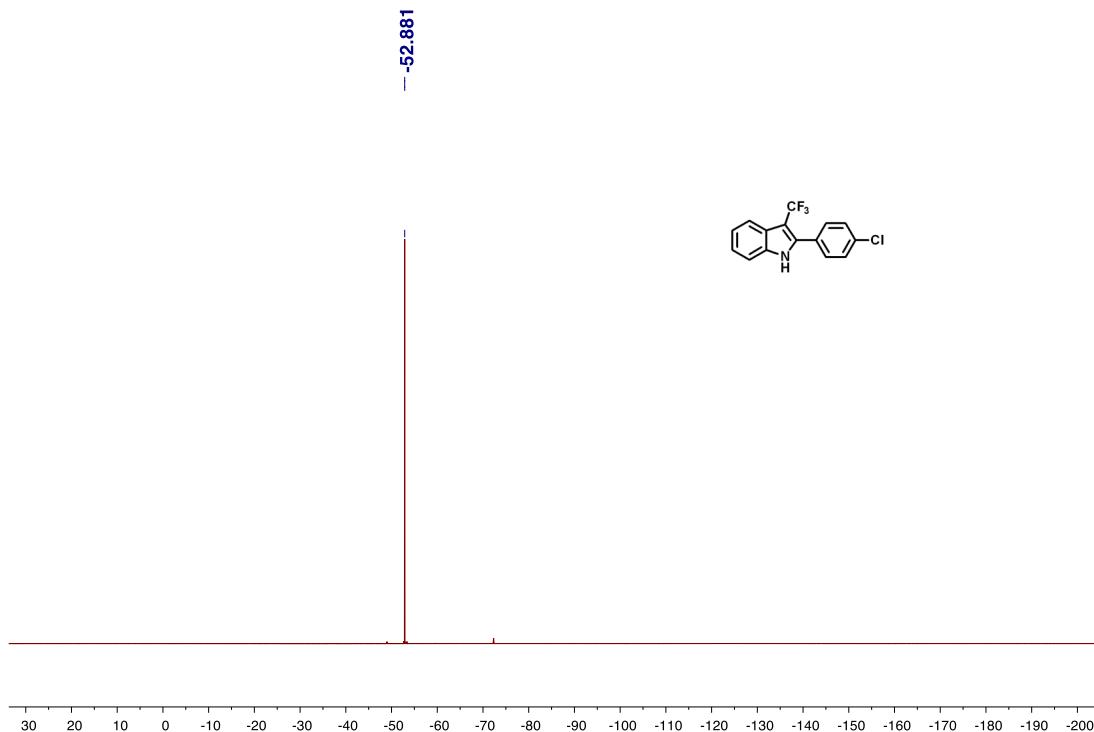
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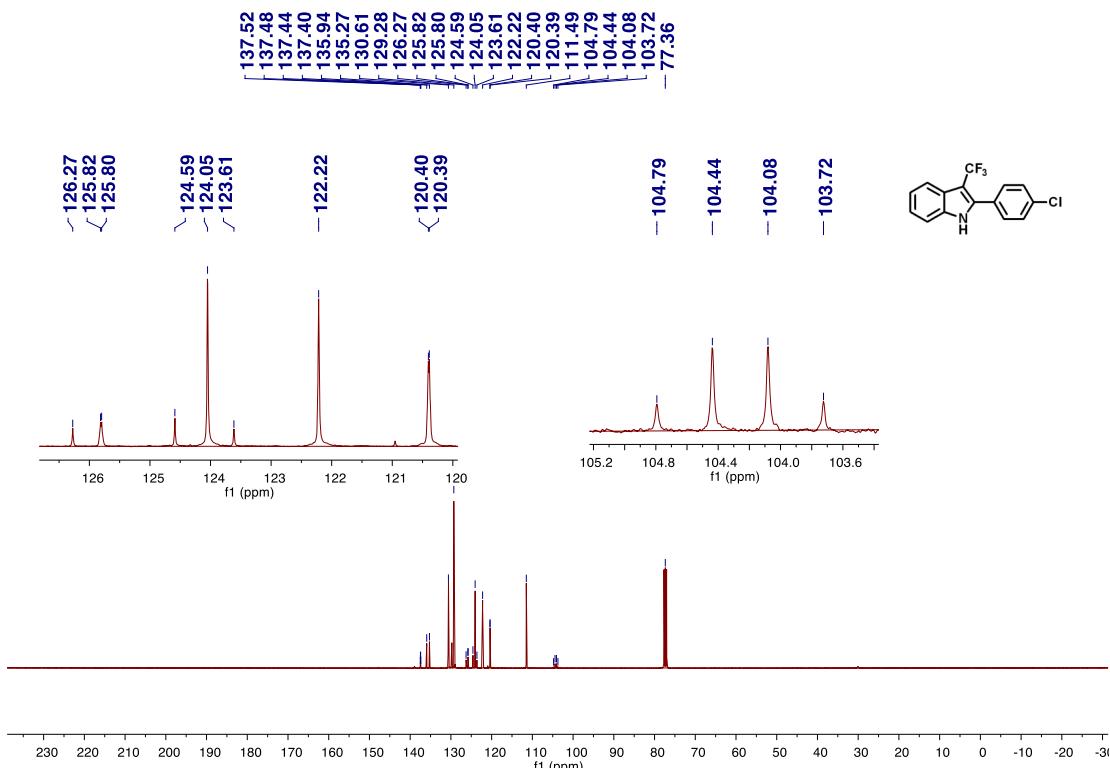


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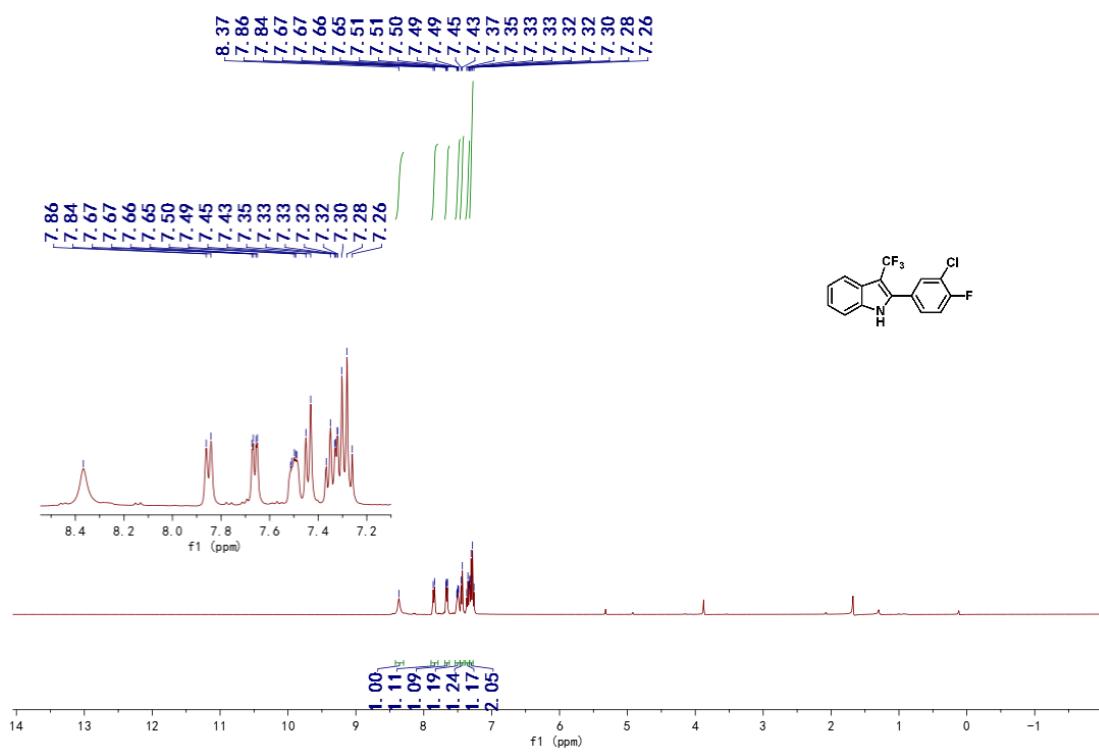


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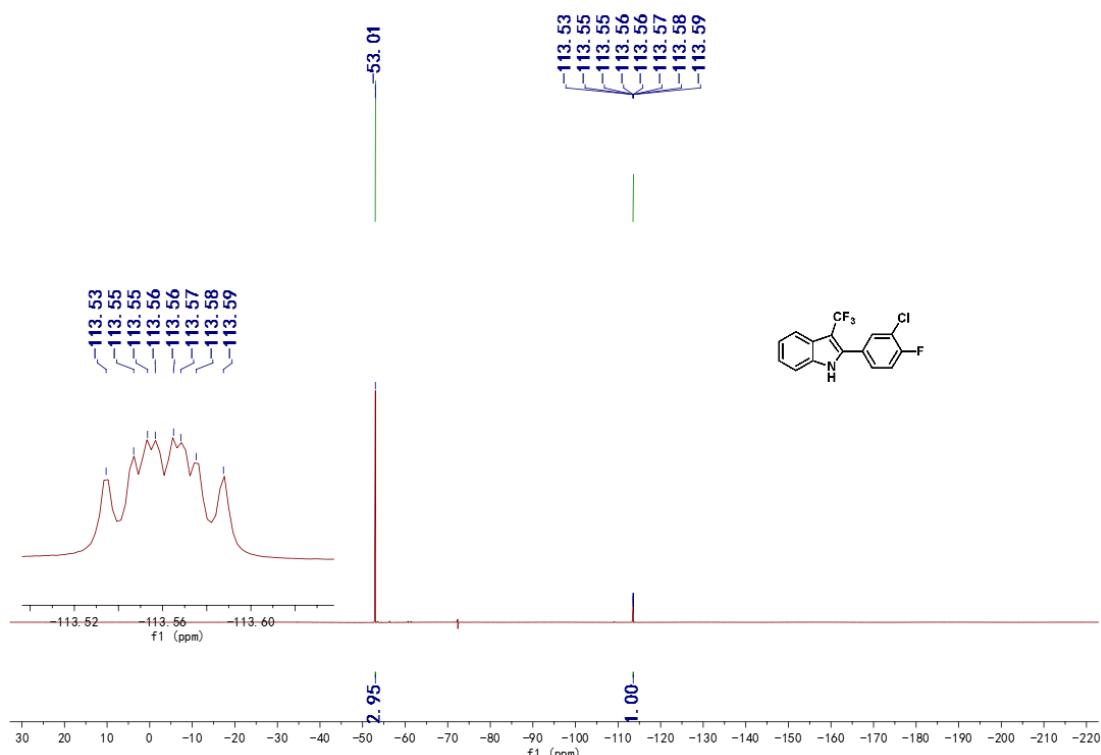
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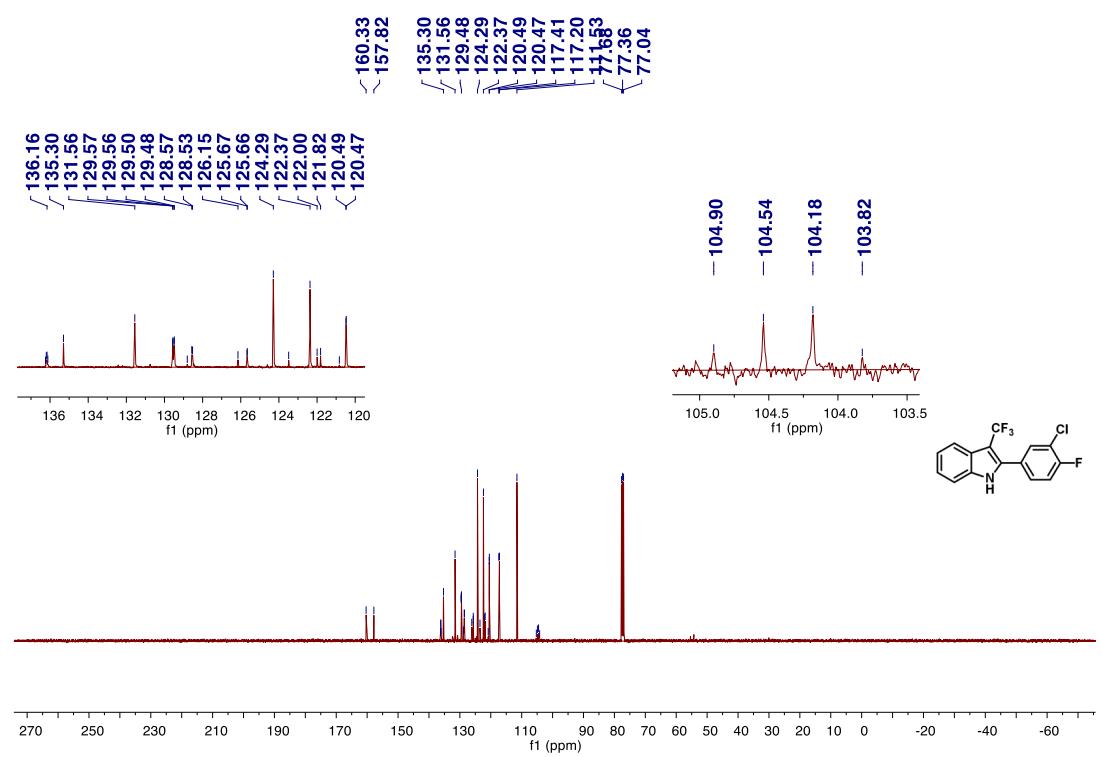
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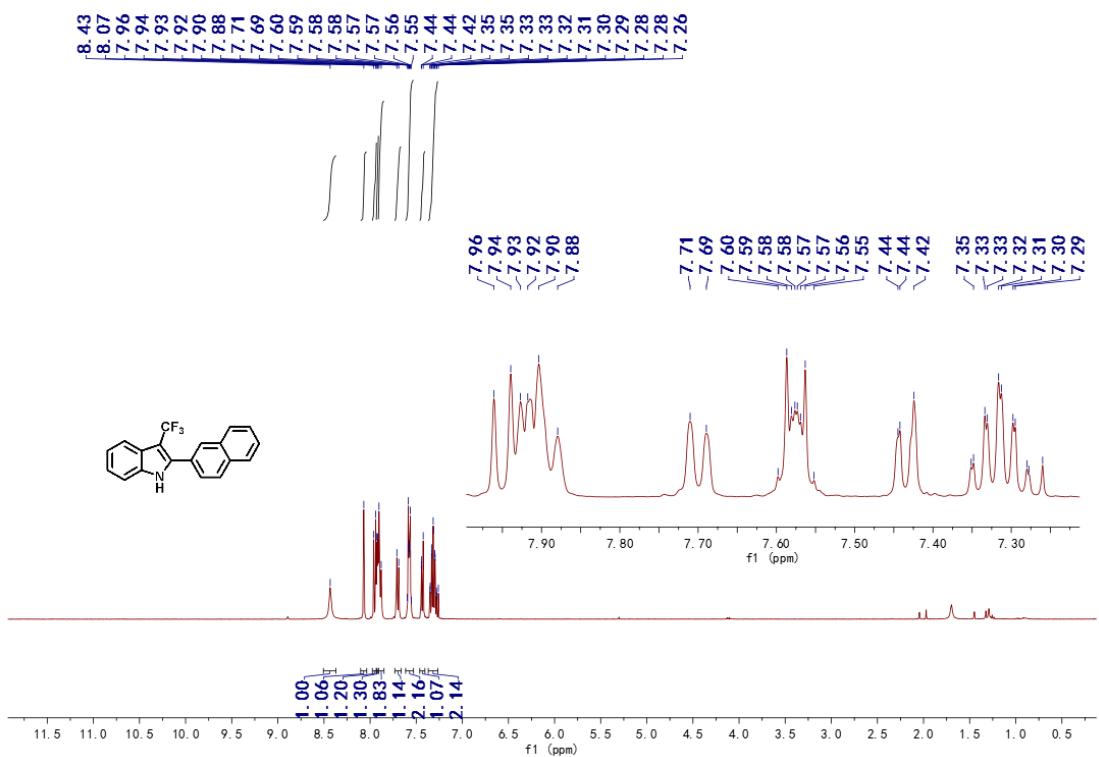
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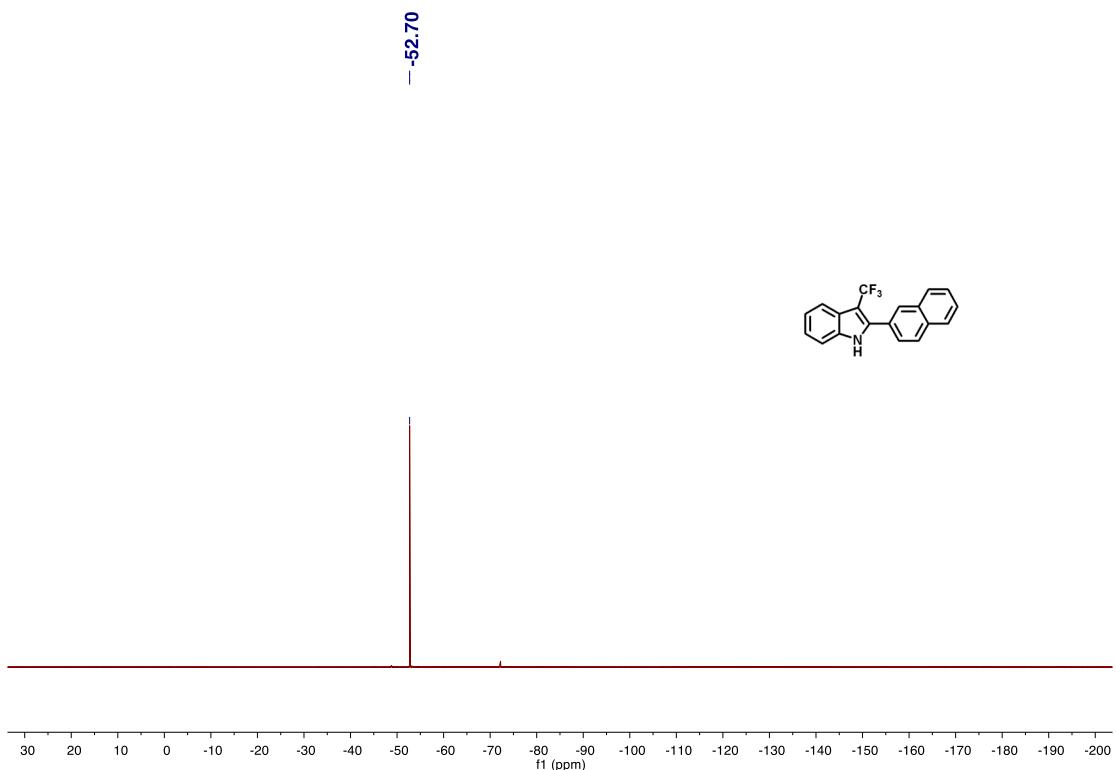
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5p**



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-indole 5q**

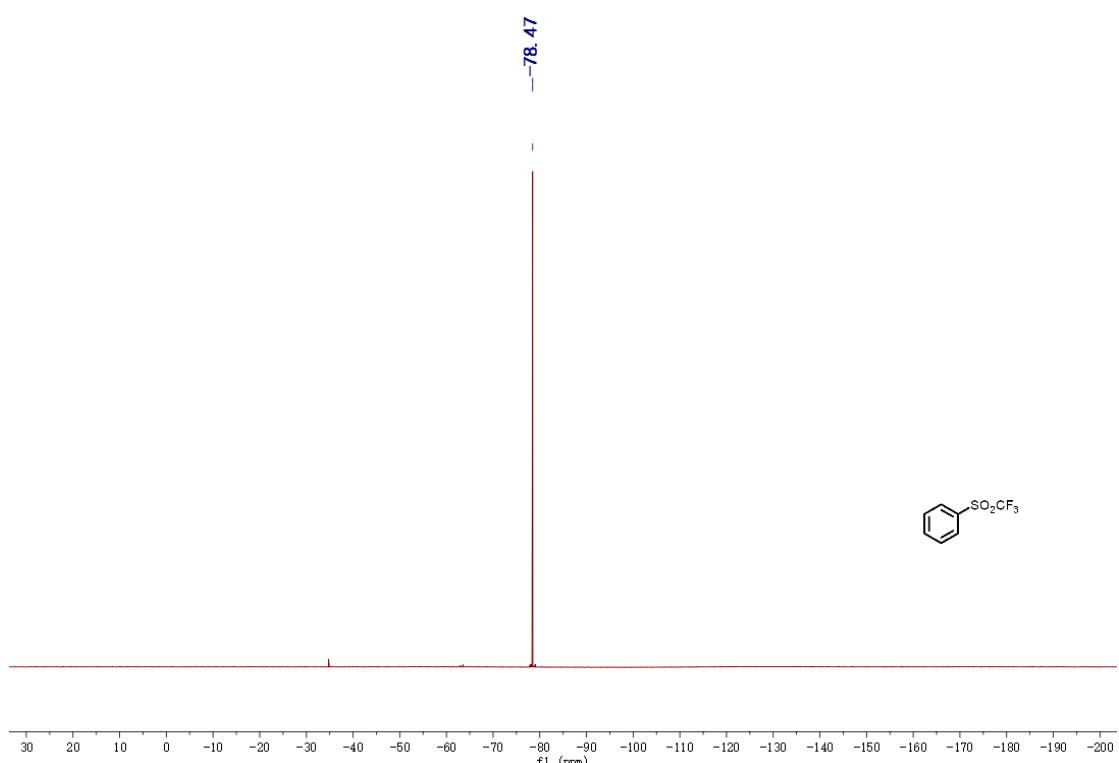


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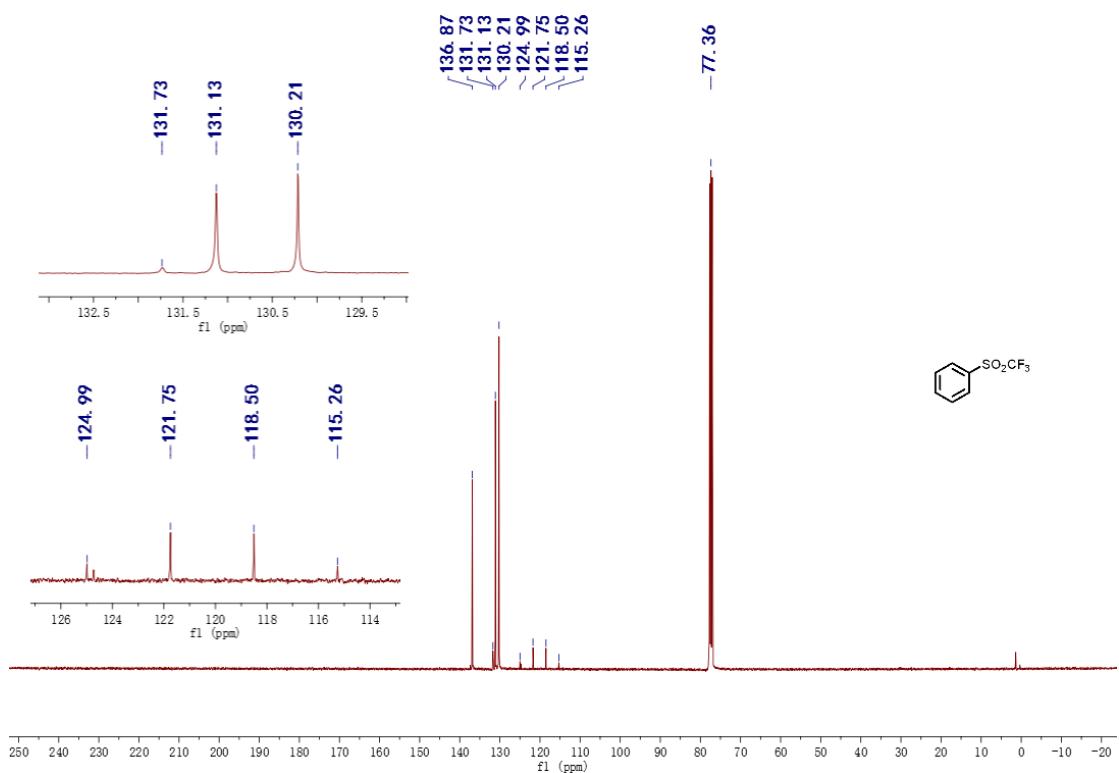




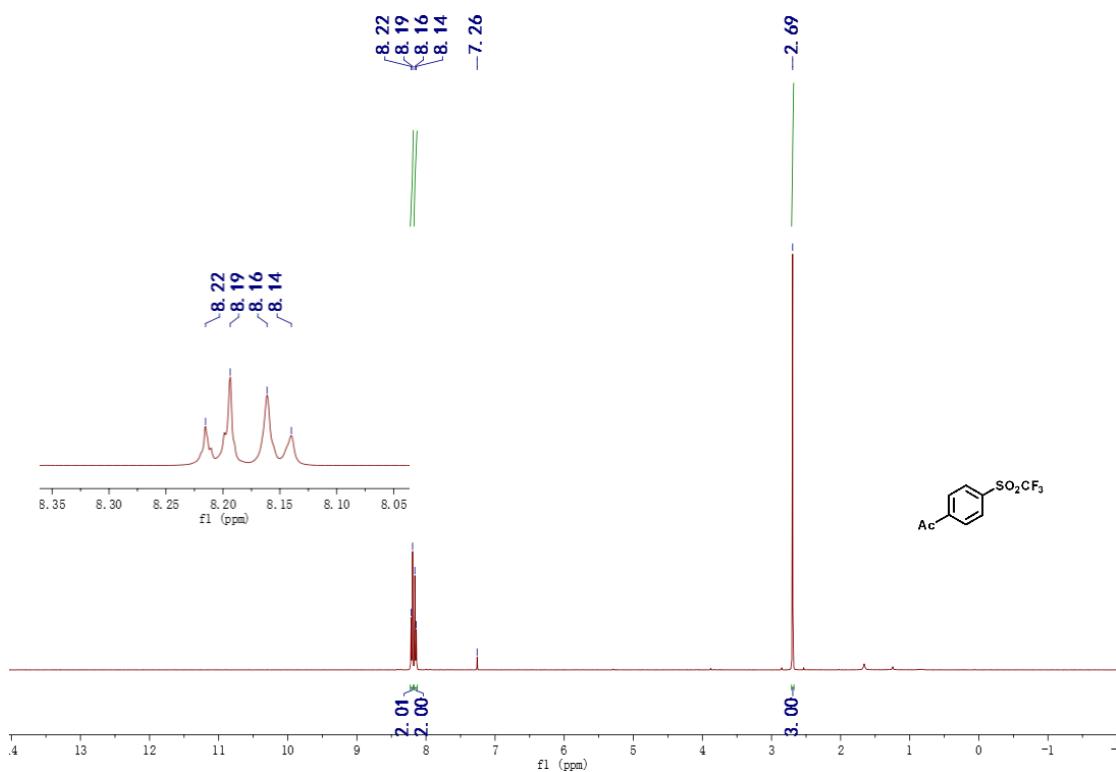
**<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of [(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene 6a**



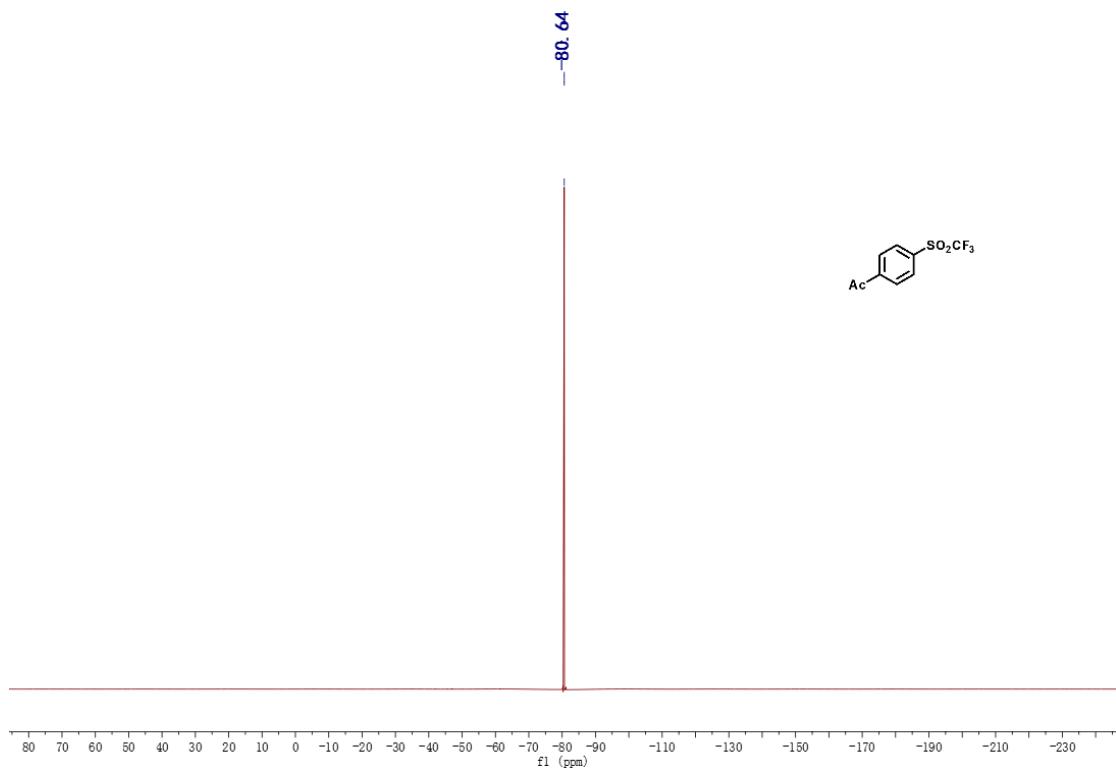
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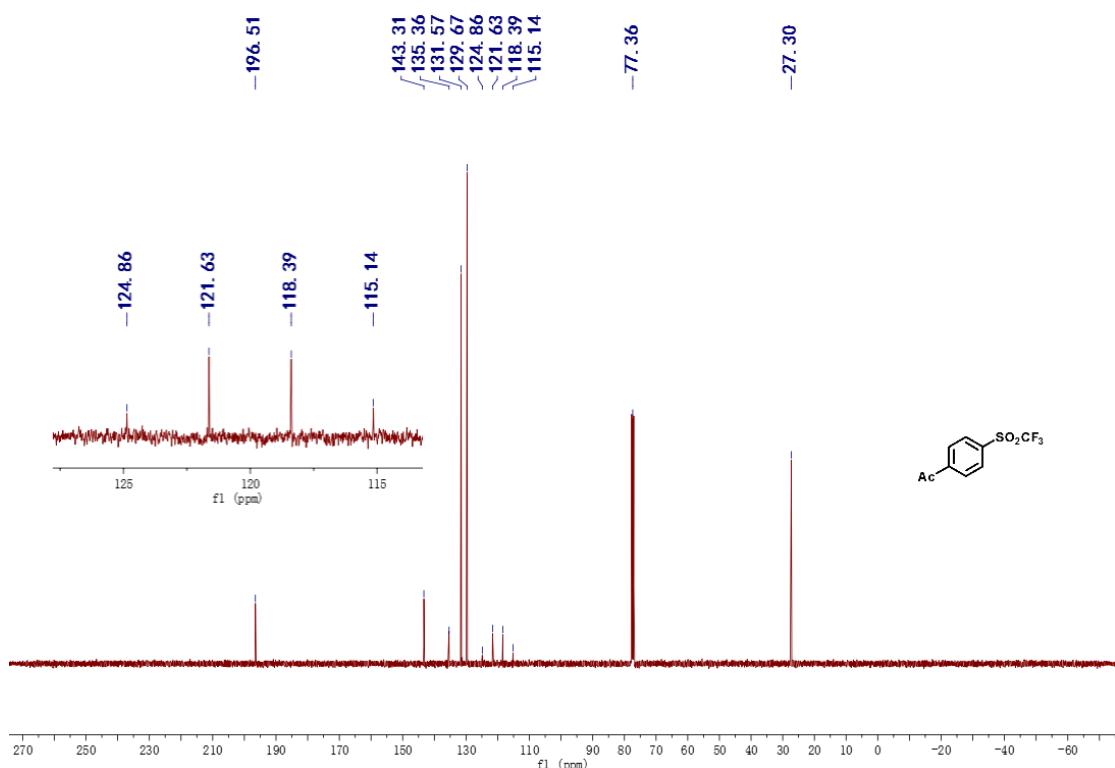
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-[4-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]phenyl]-ethanone 6b**



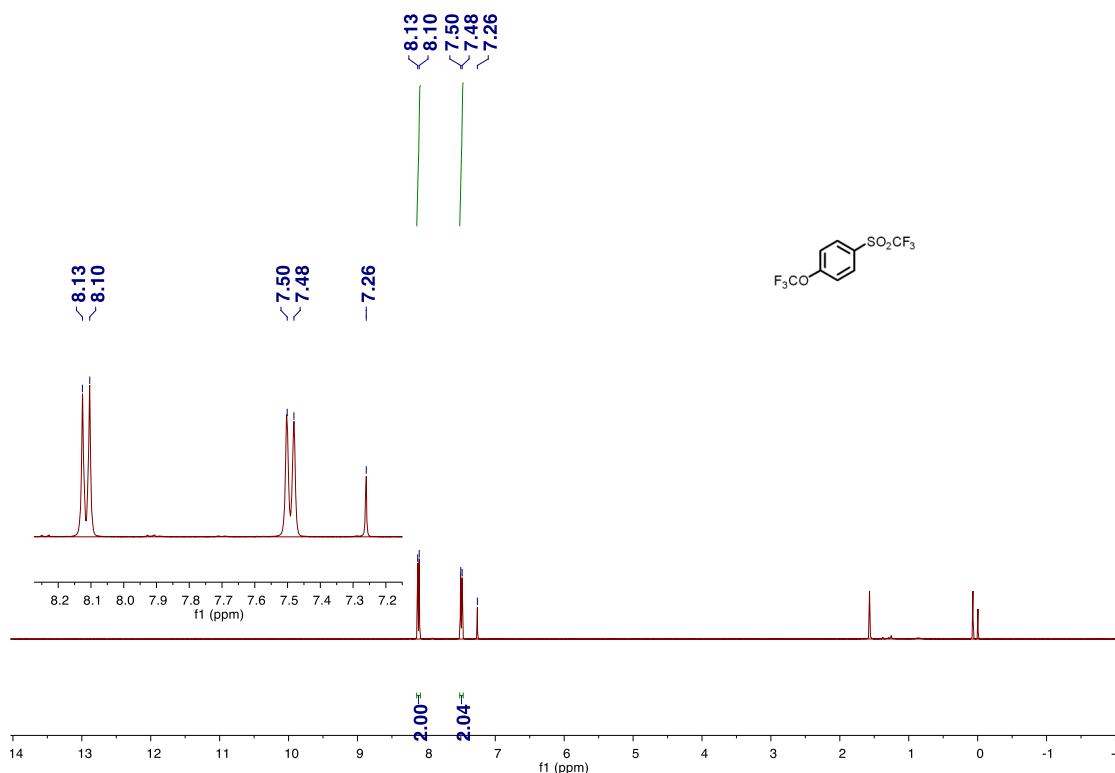
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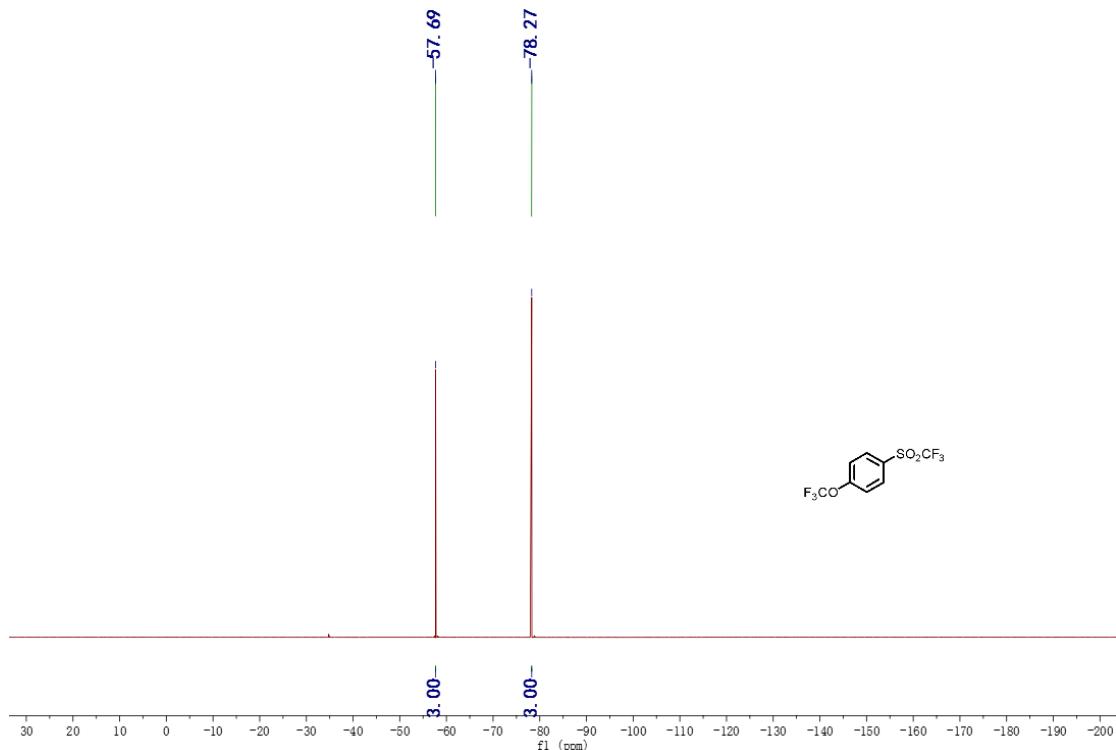
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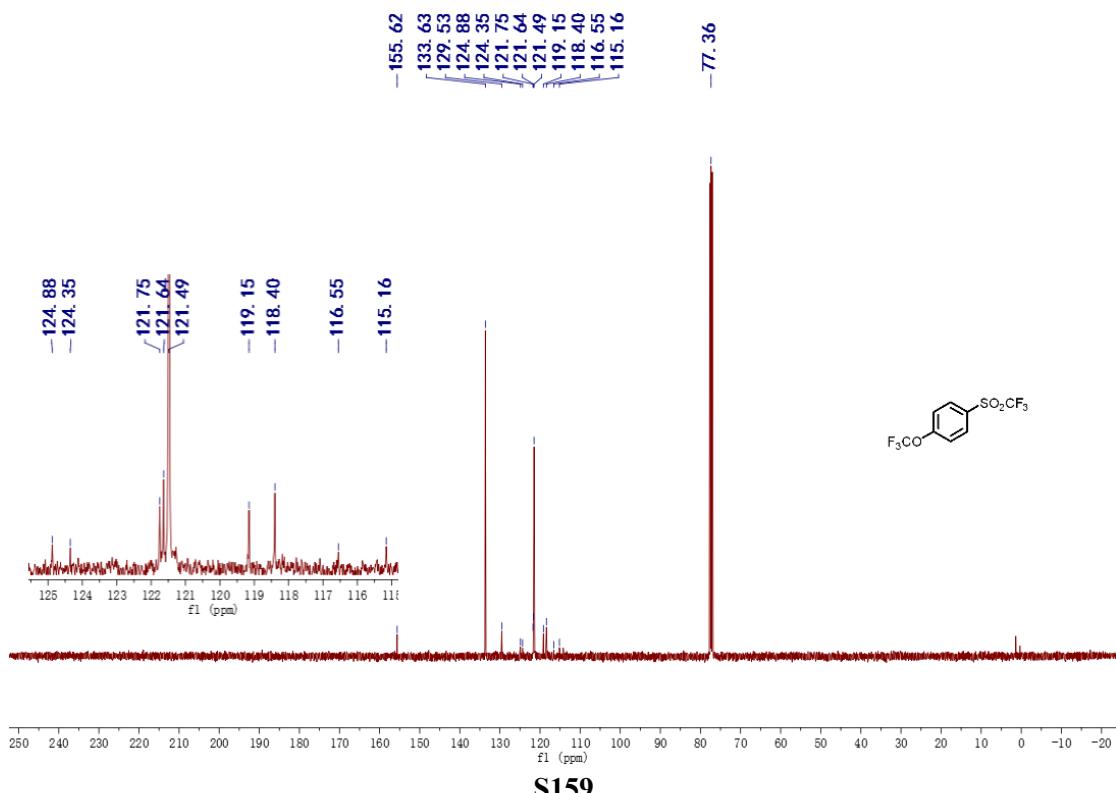
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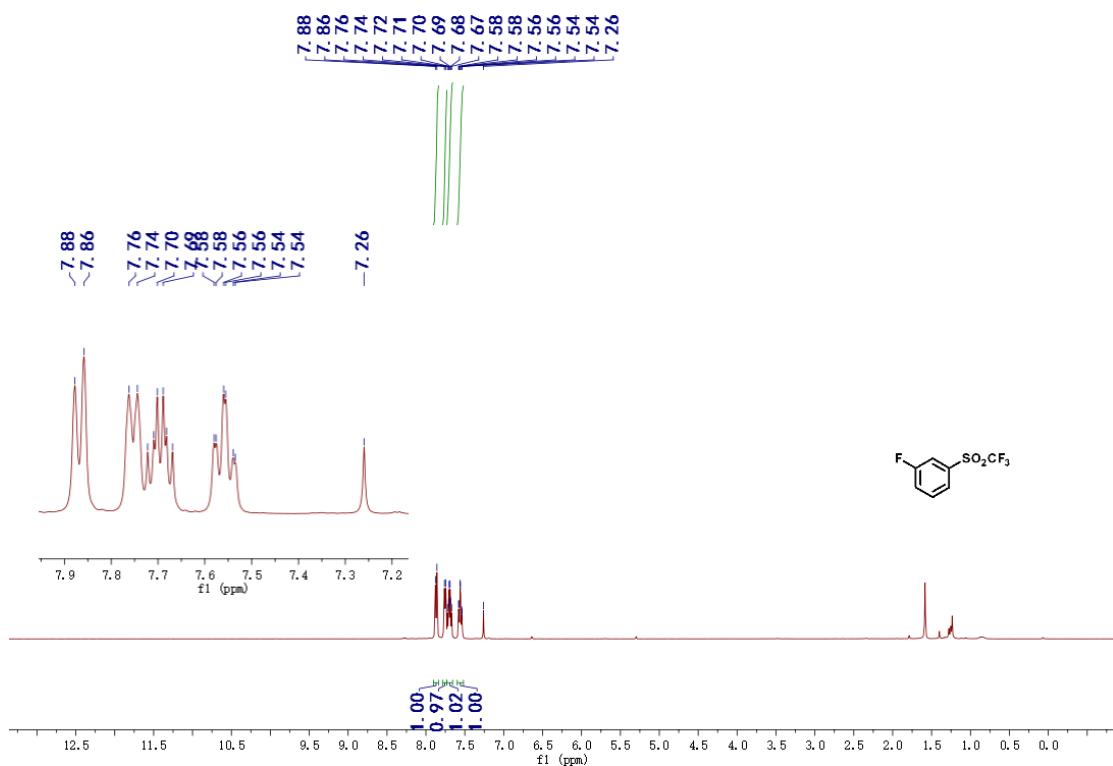
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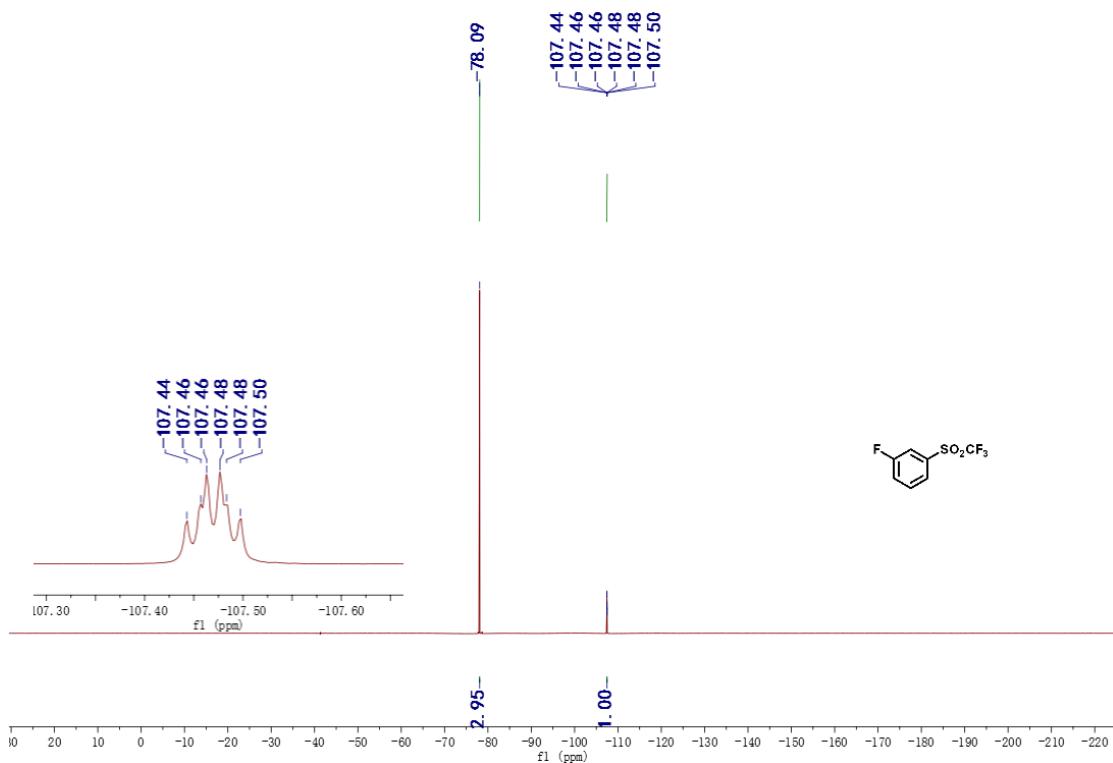
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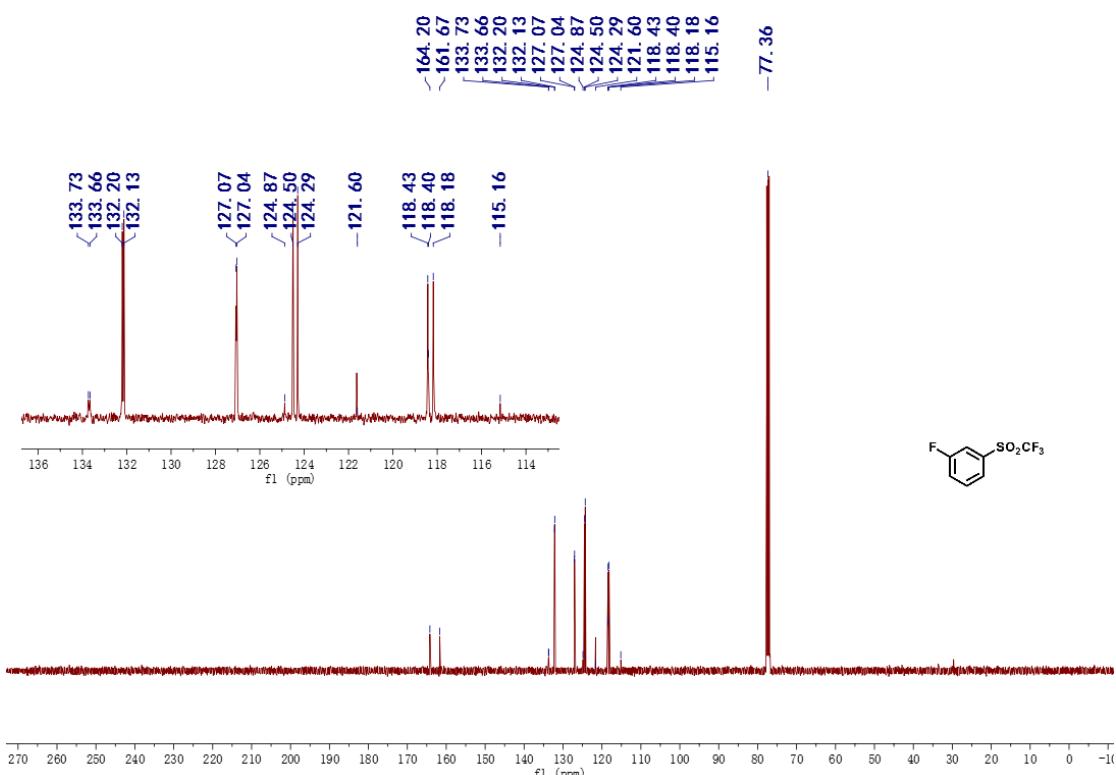
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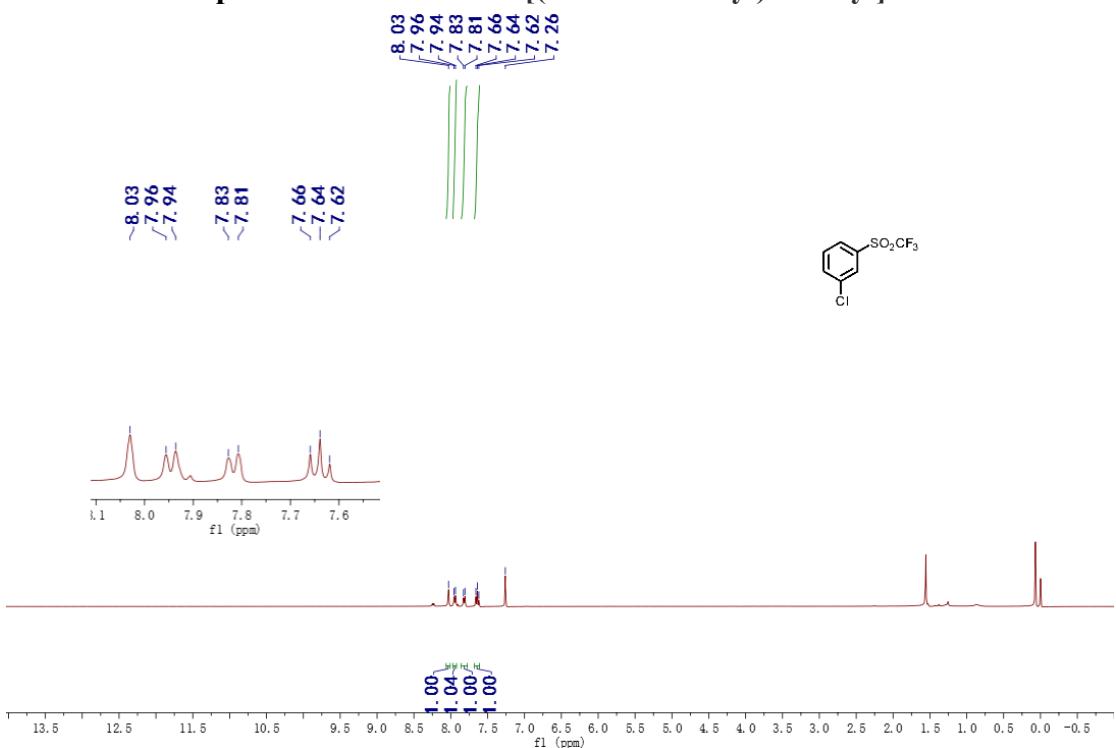
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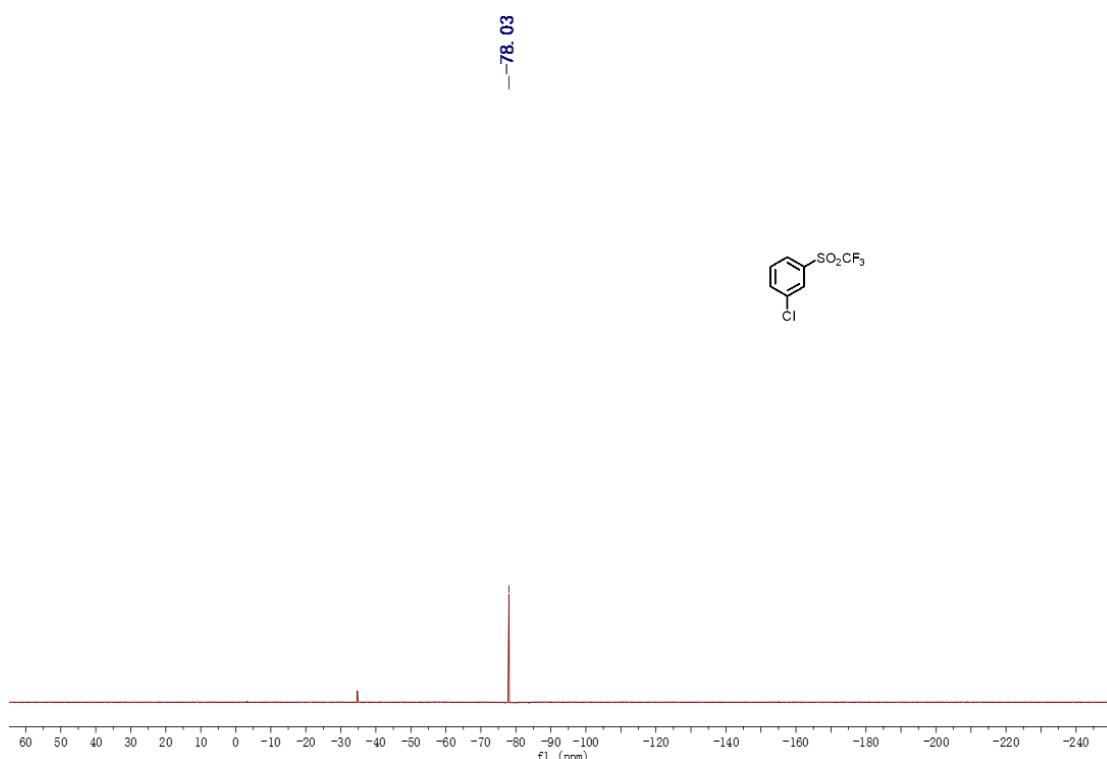
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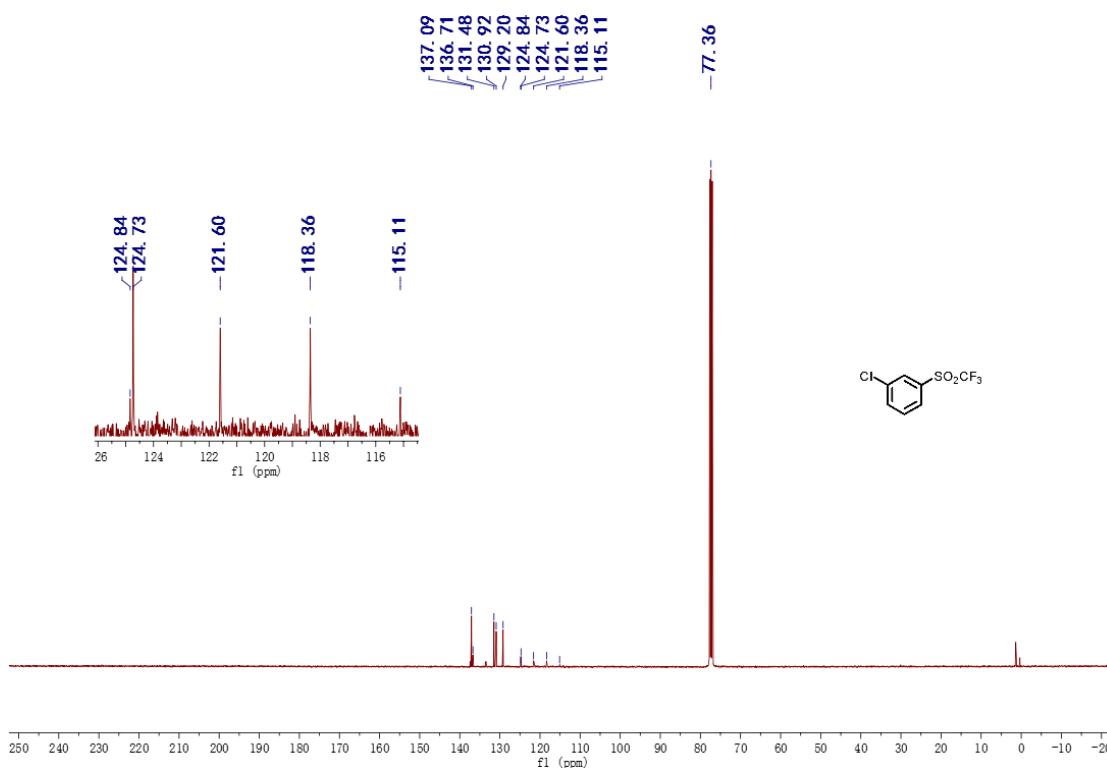
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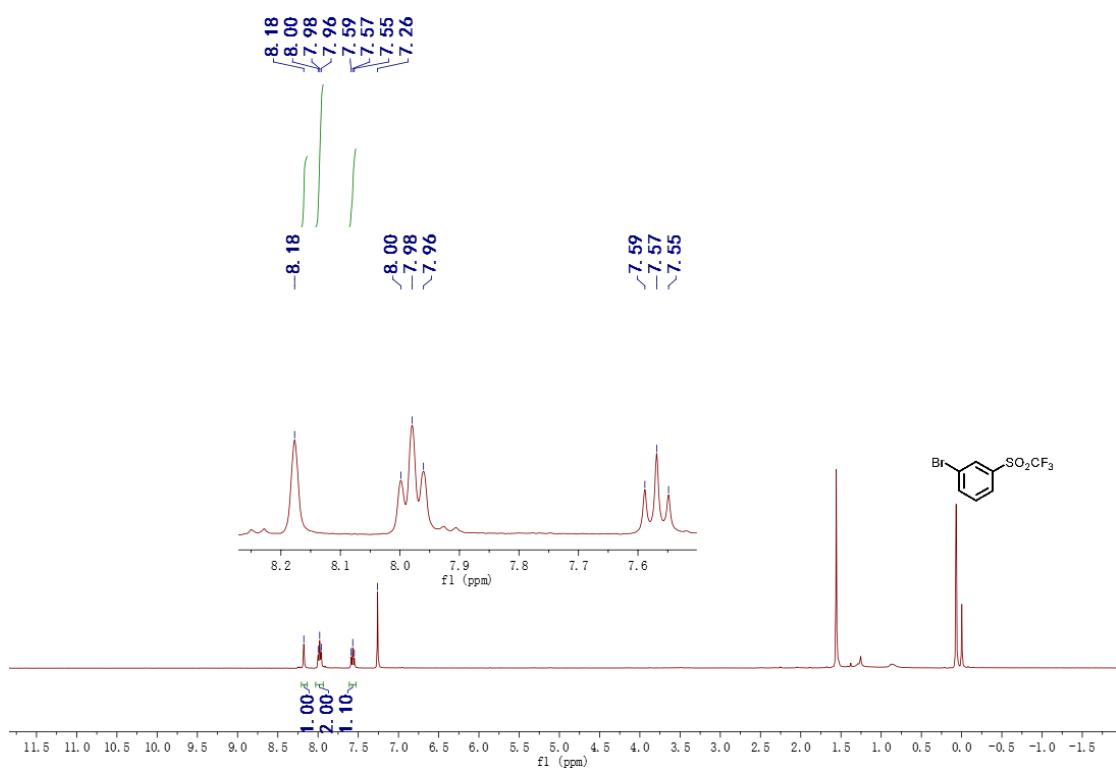
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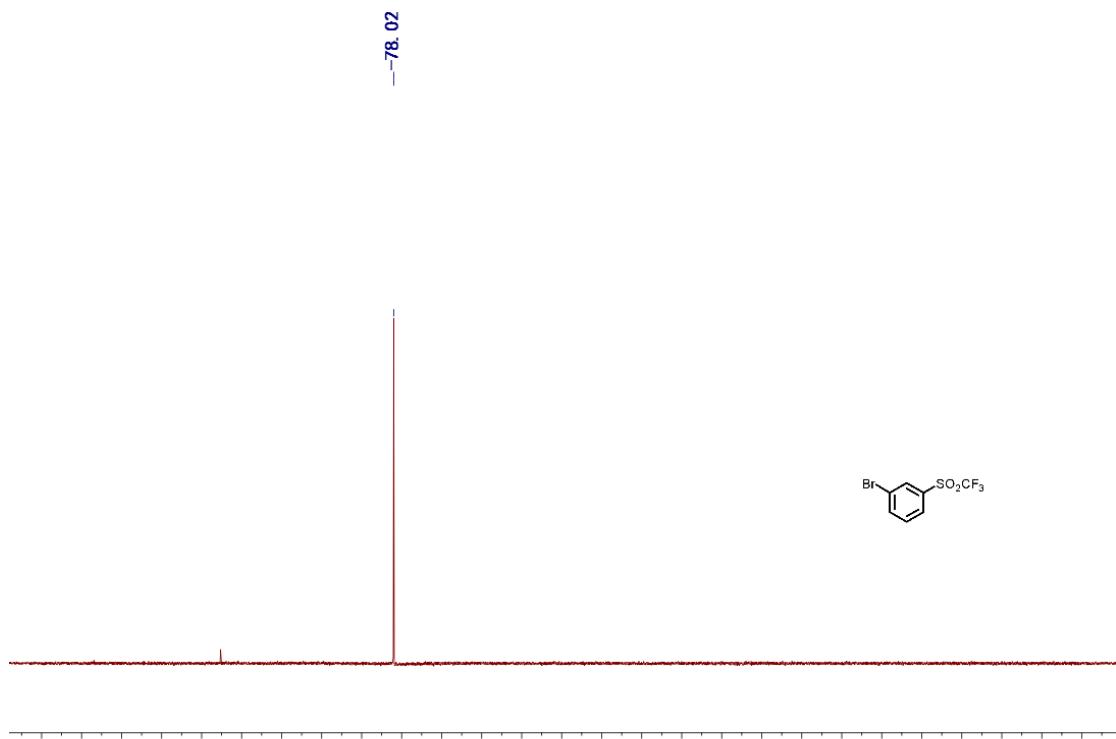
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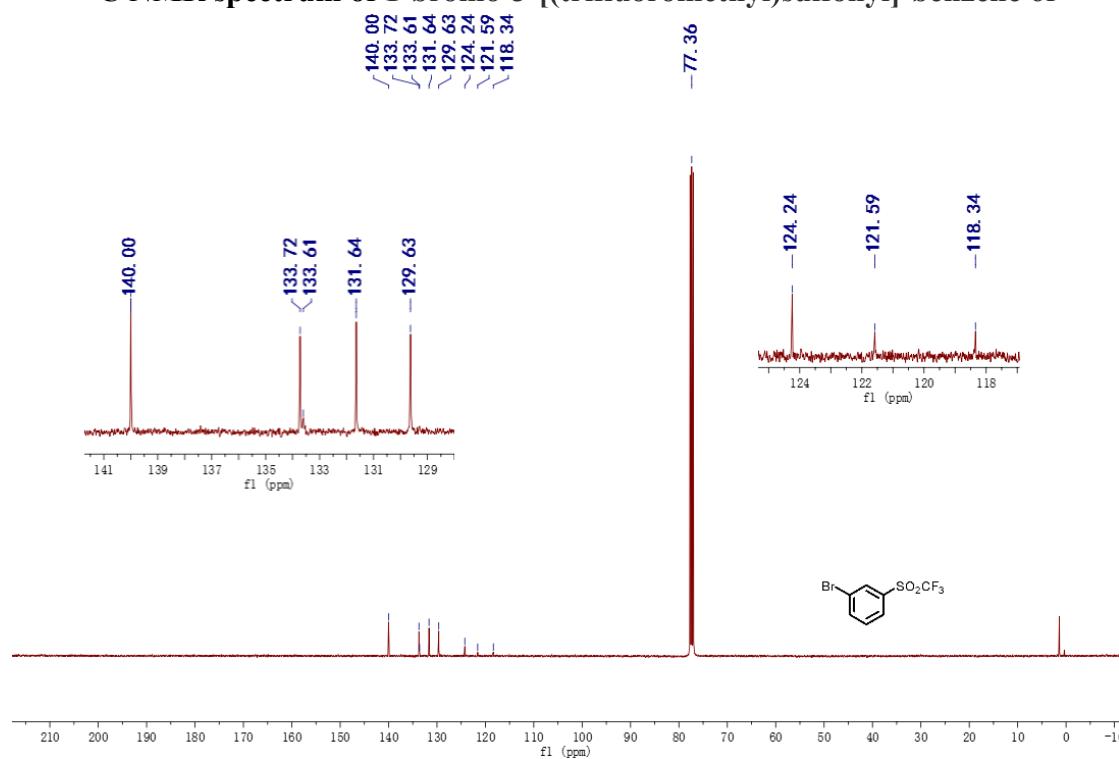
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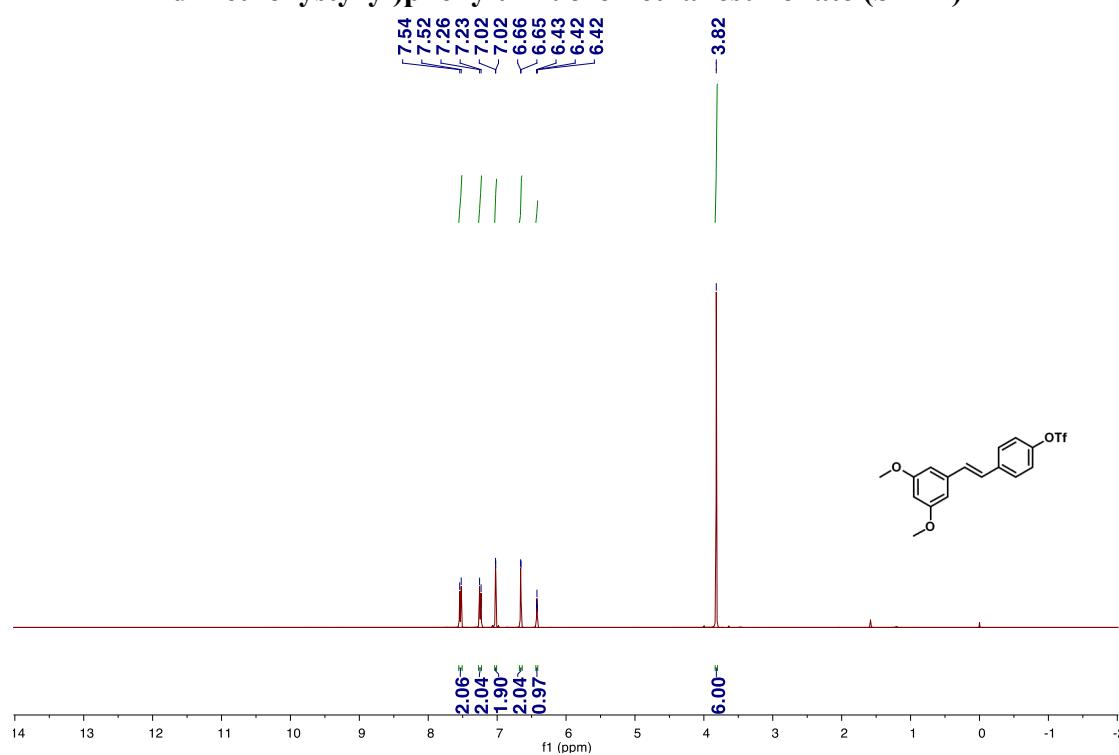
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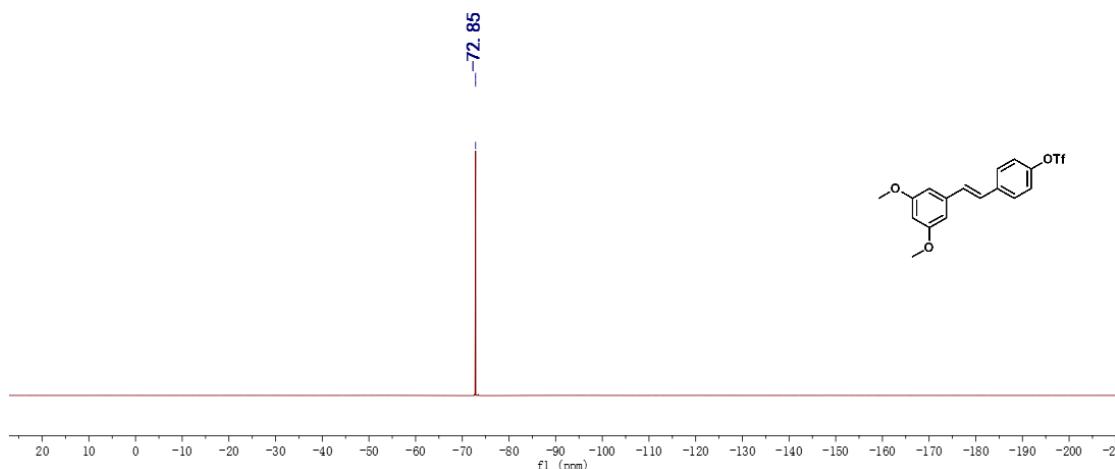
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-bromo-3-[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]-benzene 6f**



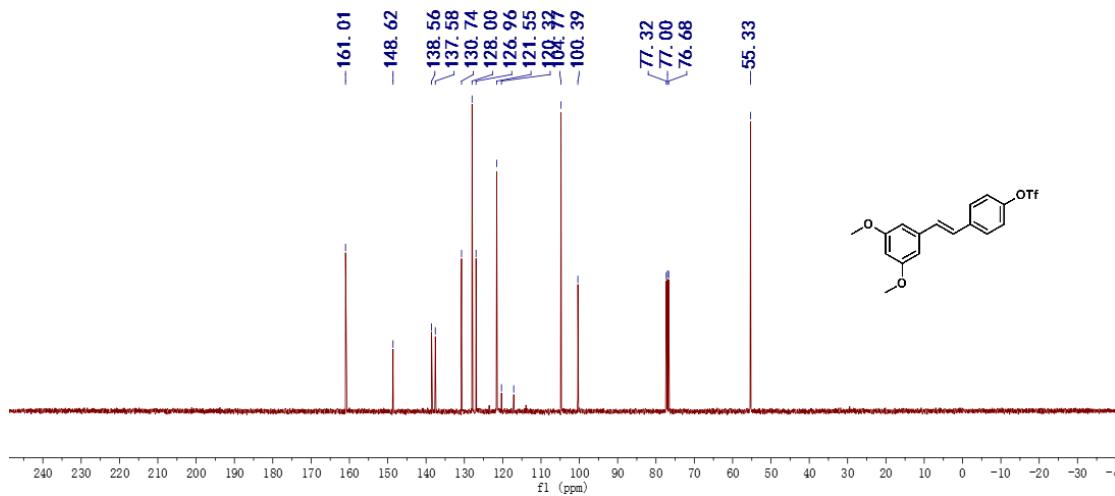
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (*E*)-4-(3,5-dimethoxystyryl)phenyltrifluoromethanesulfonate (S1-4n)**



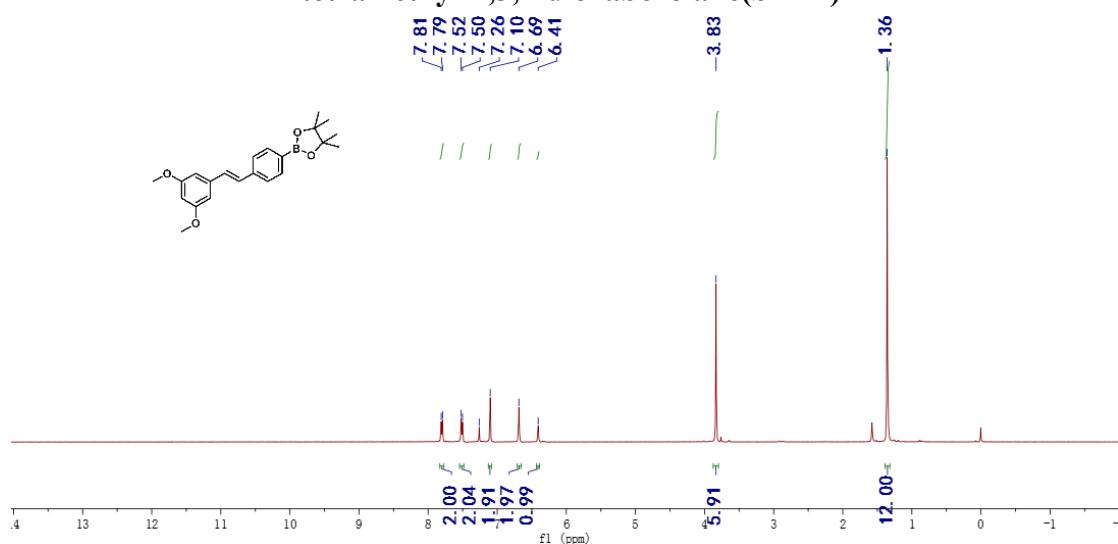
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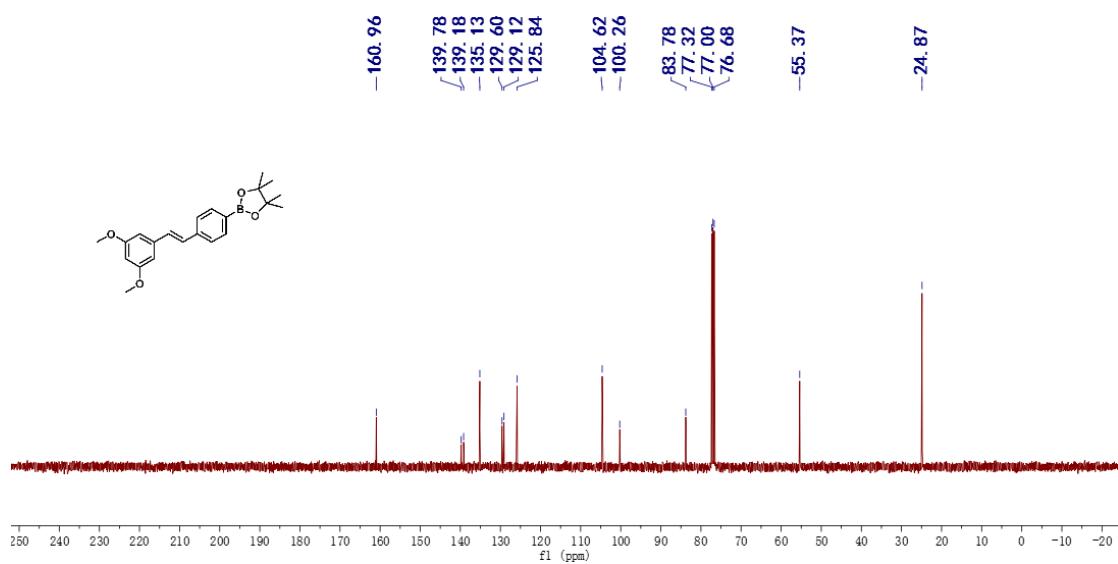
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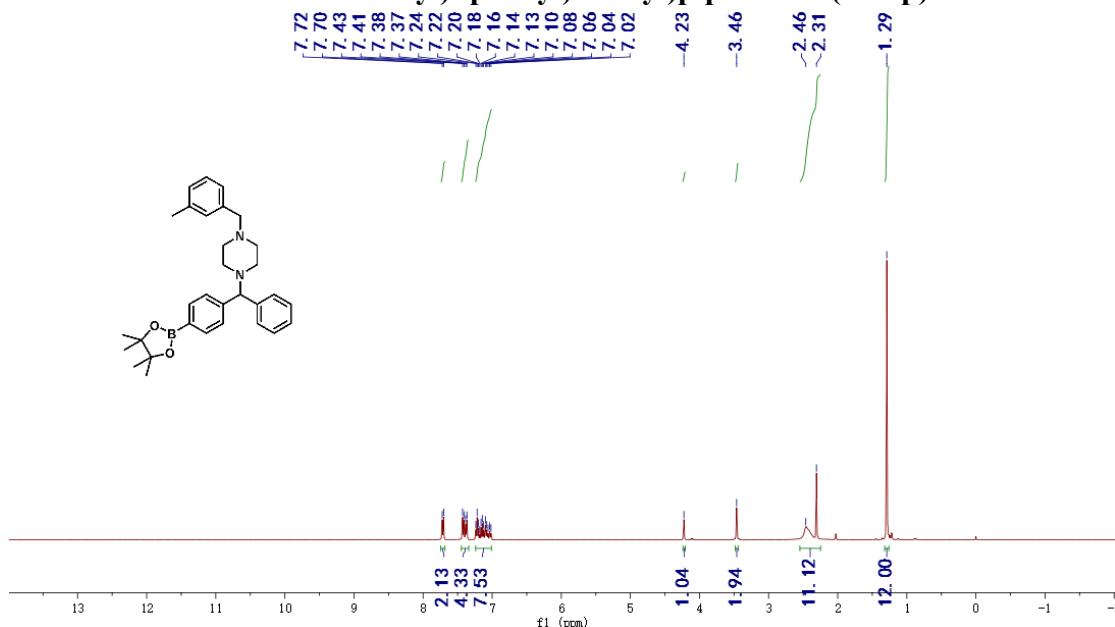
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of (E)-2-(4-(3,5-dimethoxystyryl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane(S2-4n)**



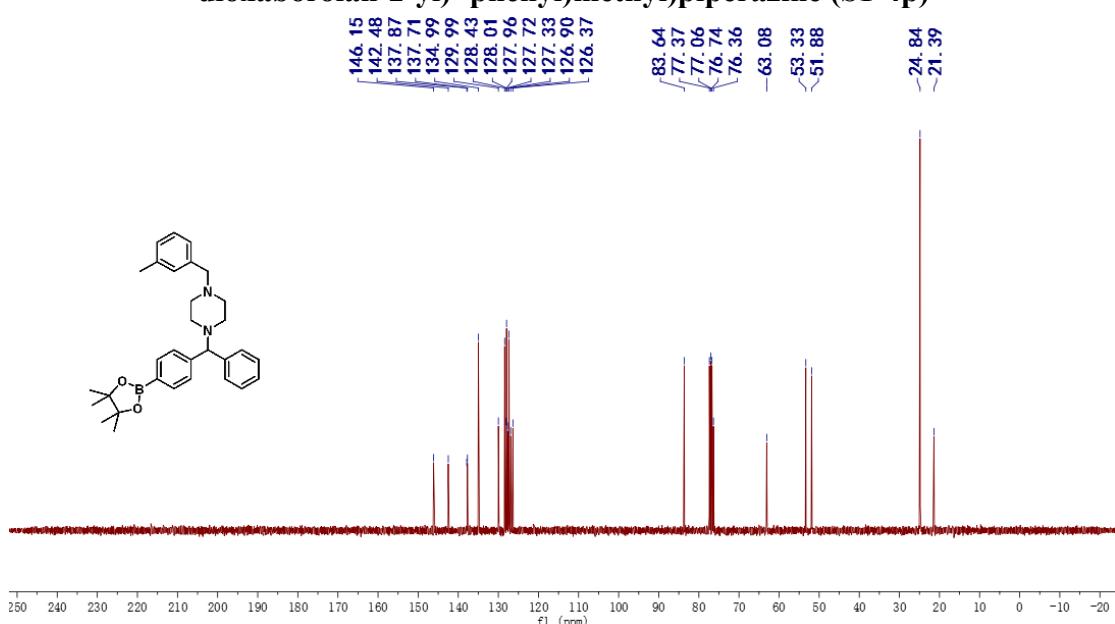
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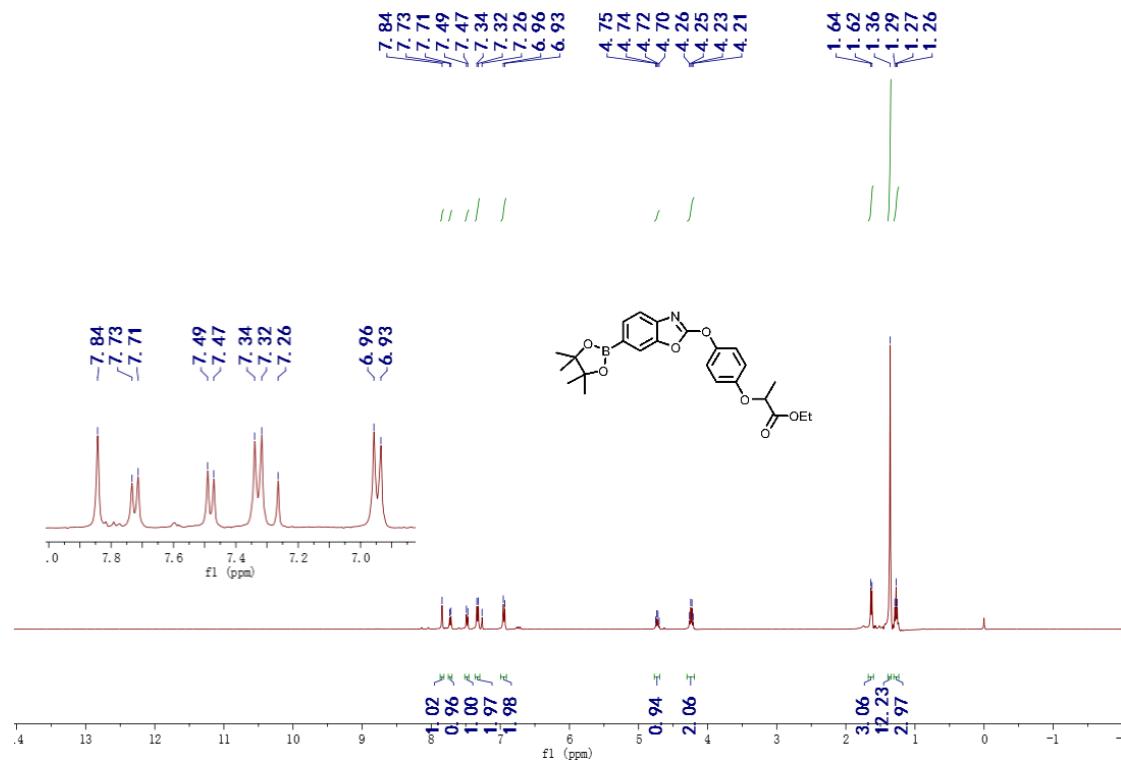
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1-(3-methylbenzyl)-4-(phenyl(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)- phenyl)methyl)piperazine (S1-4p)**



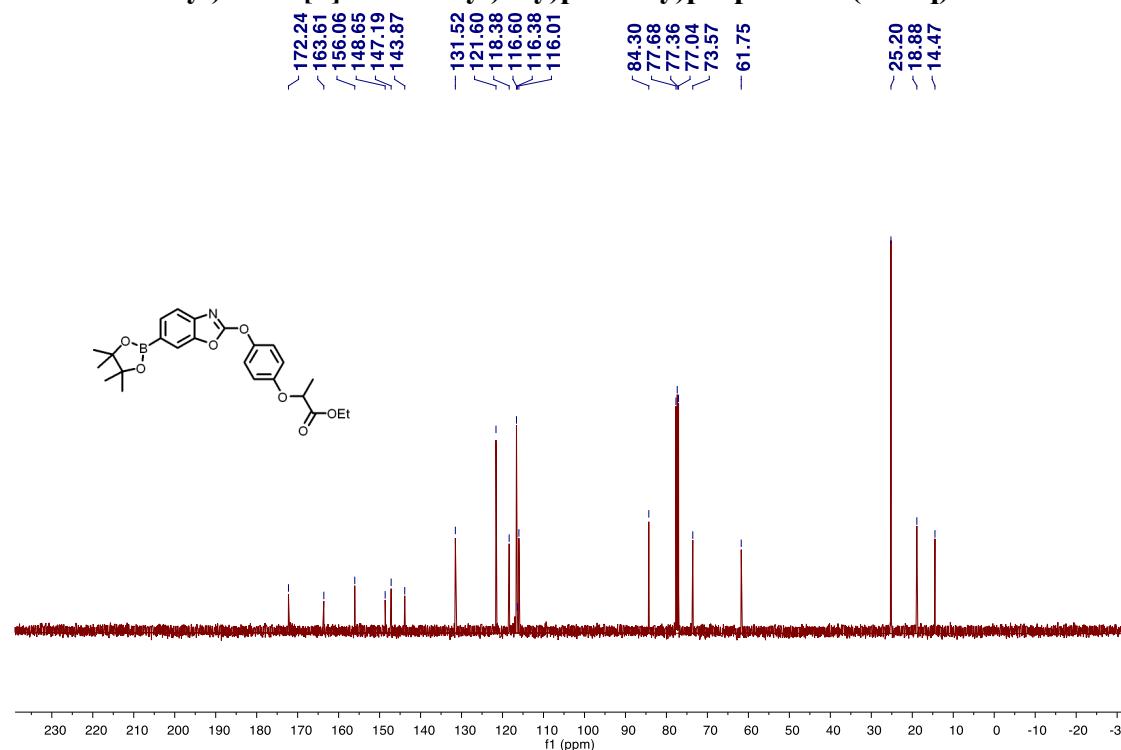
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1-(3-methylbenzyl)-4-(phenyl(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)- phenyl)methyl)piperazine (S1-4p)**

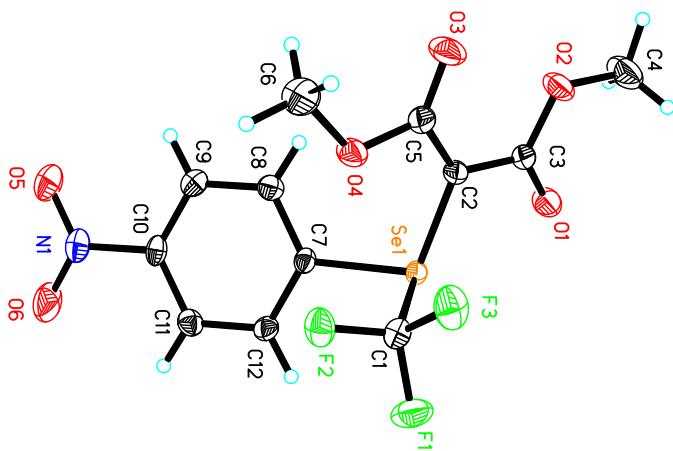


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ethyl-2-(4-((6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)oxy)phenoxy)propanoate (S1-4q)**



**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of ethyl-2-(4-((6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)oxy)phenoxy)propanoate (S1-4q)**





**Figure S1. X-ray structure of reagent 1a.**

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for cd16760.

Identification code	cd16760	
Empirical formula	C12 H10 F3 N O6 Se	
Formula weight	400.17	
Temperature	293(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P -1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.809(8) Å b = 9.877(8) Å c = 9.925(8) Å	α = 66.084(14)°. β = 65.463(14)°. γ = 64.347(15)°.
Volume	758.0(10) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.753 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.539 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	396	
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.160 x 0.100 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.346 to 25.497°.	
Index ranges	-11≤h≤8, -11≤k≤8, -12≤l≤11	
Reflections collected	4158	
Independent reflections	2778 [R(int) = 0.0283]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.2 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.4196	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	2778 / 0 / 210	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.001	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0435, wR2 = 0.0930	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0583, wR2 = 0.0982	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.051 and -0.447 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for cd16760. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
Se(1)	8580(1)	9123(1)	6836(1)	28(1)
F(1)	5884(4)	11341(3)	6137(3)	66(1)
F(2)	5331(3)	10033(3)	8487(3)	51(1)
F(3)	5835(3)	9016(4)	6728(3)	60(1)
N(1)	7901(5)	10515(5)	12623(4)	45(1)
O(1)	11232(4)	7382(4)	4920(3)	50(1)
O(2)	11056(4)	4969(3)	6097(4)	55(1)
O(3)	8583(4)	4625(3)	8705(4)	59(1)
O(4)	7054(4)	6828(3)	9400(3)	44(1)
O(5)	8217(5)	9412(5)	13721(4)	73(1)
O(6)	7496(6)	11858(5)	12595(4)	83(1)
C(1)	6221(6)	9922(5)	7096(5)	39(1)
C(2)	9160(5)	6978(4)	7193(4)	32(1)
C(3)	10546(6)	6496(5)	5976(5)	36(1)
C(4)	12437(8)	4464(6)	4873(6)	73(2)
C(5)	8289(5)	6017(5)	8447(5)	37(1)
C(6)	6253(7)	5935(6)	10822(6)	66(2)
C(7)	8344(5)	9497(4)	8722(4)	29(1)
C(8)	8789(5)	8279(5)	9945(5)	33(1)
C(9)	8650(5)	8609(5)	11243(5)	36(1)
C(10)	8058(5)	10146(5)	11248(4)	31(1)
C(11)	7677(5)	11384(5)	9999(5)	35(1)
C(12)	7823(5)	11050(5)	8708(4)	33(1)

**Table S3.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for cd16760.

Se(1)-C(2)	1.858(4)
Se(1)-C(7)	1.954(4)
Se(1)-C(1)	2.033(5)
F(1)-C(1)	1.326(5)
F(2)-C(1)	1.311(5)
F(3)-C(1)	1.324(5)
N(1)-O(6)	1.201(5)
N(1)-O(5)	1.223(5)
N(1)-C(10)	1.483(5)
O(1)-C(3)	1.223(5)
O(2)-C(3)	1.338(5)
O(2)-C(4)	1.449(6)
O(3)-C(5)	1.213(5)
O(4)-C(5)	1.352(5)
O(4)-C(6)	1.434(5)
C(2)-C(5)	1.429(6)
C(2)-C(3)	1.440(6)
C(4)-H(4A)	0.9600
C(4)-H(4B)	0.9600
C(4)-H(4C)	0.9600
C(6)-H(6A)	0.9600
C(6)-H(6B)	0.9600
C(6)-H(6C)	0.9600
C(7)-C(8)	1.382(6)
C(7)-C(12)	1.387(5)
C(8)-C(9)	1.393(6)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9300
C(9)-C(10)	1.372(6)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9300
C(10)-C(11)	1.390(6)
C(11)-C(12)	1.386(5)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9300
C(12)-H(12)	0.9300
C(2)-Se(1)-C(7)	107.55(17)
C(2)-Se(1)-C(1)	104.85(19)

C(7)-Se(1)-C(1)	94.69(17)
O(6)-N(1)-O(5)	123.8(4)
O(6)-N(1)-C(10)	118.9(4)
O(5)-N(1)-C(10)	117.2(4)
C(3)-O(2)-C(4)	115.2(4)
C(5)-O(4)-C(6)	116.7(3)
F(2)-C(1)-F(3)	108.6(4)
F(2)-C(1)-F(1)	107.4(4)
F(3)-C(1)-F(1)	108.1(4)
F(2)-C(1)-Se(1)	114.1(3)
F(3)-C(1)-Se(1)	110.5(3)
F(1)-C(1)-Se(1)	107.9(3)
C(5)-C(2)-C(3)	127.0(4)
C(5)-C(2)-Se(1)	123.8(3)
C(3)-C(2)-Se(1)	109.1(3)
O(1)-C(3)-O(2)	121.7(4)
O(1)-C(3)-C(2)	124.0(4)
O(2)-C(3)-C(2)	114.4(4)
O(2)-C(4)-H(4A)	109.5
O(2)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.5
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B)	109.5
O(2)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
H(4A)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
H(4B)-C(4)-H(4C)	109.5
O(3)-C(5)-O(4)	121.1(4)
O(3)-C(5)-C(2)	126.6(4)
O(4)-C(5)-C(2)	112.3(3)
O(4)-C(6)-H(6A)	109.5
O(4)-C(6)-H(6B)	109.5
H(6A)-C(6)-H(6B)	109.5
O(4)-C(6)-H(6C)	109.5
H(6A)-C(6)-H(6C)	109.5
H(6B)-C(6)-H(6C)	109.5
C(8)-C(7)-C(12)	122.4(4)
C(8)-C(7)-Se(1)	121.4(3)
C(12)-C(7)-Se(1)	116.0(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	119.2(4)
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	120.4

C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	120.4
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	117.8(4)
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	121.1
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	121.1
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	123.5(3)
C(9)-C(10)-N(1)	118.4(4)
C(11)-C(10)-N(1)	118.0(4)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	118.4(4)
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	120.8
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	120.8
C(11)-C(12)-C(7)	118.5(4)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	120.8
C(7)-C(12)-H(12)	120.8

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table S4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for cd16760. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [ h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12} ]$

	U <sup>11</sup>	U <sup>22</sup>	U <sup>33</sup>	U <sup>23</sup>	U <sup>13</sup>	U <sup>12</sup>
Se(1)	36(1)	26(1)	23(1)	-7(1)	-7(1)	-12(1)
F(1)	61(2)	51(2)	62(2)	2(2)	-31(2)	-3(2)
F(2)	35(2)	70(2)	47(2)	-27(1)	-4(1)	-13(1)
F(3)	52(2)	83(2)	70(2)	-37(2)	-23(2)	-22(2)
N(1)	50(3)	61(3)	35(2)	-18(2)	-6(2)	-27(2)
O(1)	57(2)	39(2)	42(2)	-12(2)	2(2)	-20(2)
O(2)	62(2)	32(2)	48(2)	-17(1)	6(2)	-10(2)
O(3)	70(3)	29(2)	58(2)	-10(2)	0(2)	-19(2)
O(4)	48(2)	32(2)	41(2)	-9(1)	0(2)	-16(1)
O(5)	97(3)	82(3)	43(2)	-21(2)	-34(2)	-14(2)
O(6)	151(4)	69(3)	48(2)	-23(2)	-23(2)	-51(3)
C(1)	45(3)	43(3)	32(2)	-10(2)	-12(2)	-16(2)
C(2)	41(3)	26(2)	28(2)	-7(2)	-7(2)	-13(2)
C(3)	51(3)	29(2)	30(2)	-8(2)	-15(2)	-11(2)
C(4)	79(5)	45(3)	65(4)	-27(3)	13(3)	-14(3)
C(5)	45(3)	33(2)	33(2)	-7(2)	-11(2)	-14(2)
C(6)	63(4)	58(3)	48(3)	-9(3)	18(3)	-31(3)
C(7)	34(3)	32(2)	22(2)	-7(2)	-4(2)	-16(2)
C(8)	34(3)	32(2)	37(2)	-10(2)	-13(2)	-9(2)
C(9)	37(3)	40(2)	33(2)	-6(2)	-11(2)	-18(2)
C(10)	30(3)	48(3)	26(2)	-15(2)	-3(2)	-20(2)
C(11)	39(3)	33(2)	37(2)	-12(2)	-7(2)	-15(2)
C(12)	41(3)	29(2)	27(2)	-4(2)	-9(2)	-15(2)

**Table S5.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for cd16760.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(4A)	12180	4930	3917	110
H(4B)	12775	3347	5101	110
H(4C)	13273	4780	4792	110
H(6A)	5689	5488	10615	99
H(6B)	5521	6604	11475	99
H(6C)	7012	5114	11328	99
H(8)	9177	7251	9901	40
H(9)	8948	7814	12079	43
H(11)	7333	12412	10029	42
H(12)	7577	11849	7852	39

**Table S6.** Torsion angles [°] for cd16760.

C(7)-Se(1)-C(2)-C(5)	54.4(4)
C(1)-Se(1)-C(2)-C(5)	-45.5(4)
C(7)-Se(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-128.5(3)
C(1)-Se(1)-C(2)-C(3)	131.6(3)
C(4)-O(2)-C(3)-O(1)	-1.6(7)
C(4)-O(2)-C(3)-C(2)	179.3(5)
C(5)-C(2)-C(3)-O(1)	179.1(5)
Se(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(1)	2.1(6)
C(5)-C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	-1.8(7)
Se(1)-C(2)-C(3)-O(2)	-178.8(3)
C(6)-O(4)-C(5)-O(3)	8.2(7)
C(6)-O(4)-C(5)-C(2)	-170.4(4)
C(3)-C(2)-C(5)-O(3)	0.9(8)
Se(1)-C(2)-C(5)-O(3)	177.4(4)
C(3)-C(2)-C(5)-O(4)	179.4(4)
Se(1)-C(2)-C(5)-O(4)	-4.0(6)
C(12)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	2.8(6)
Se(1)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	177.8(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	0.5(6)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	-3.7(6)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-N(1)	179.9(4)
O(6)-N(1)-C(10)-C(9)	174.5(4)
O(5)-N(1)-C(10)-C(9)	-4.5(6)
O(6)-N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	-2.1(6)
O(5)-N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	178.9(4)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	3.5(7)
N(1)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	179.9(4)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(7)	-0.1(6)
C(8)-C(7)-C(12)-C(11)	-3.0(6)
Se(1)-C(7)-C(12)-C(11)	-178.2(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table S7.** Hydrogen bonds for cd16760 [Å and °].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
C(9)-H(9)...O(2)#1	0.93	2.61	3.425(6)	146.9
C(11)-H(11)...O(3)#2	0.93	2.58	3.297(6)	134.1
C(12)-H(12)...O(1)#3	0.93	2.43	3.190(5)	138.6

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+2,-y+1,-z+2      #2 x,y+1,z      #3 -x+2,-y+2,-z+1