

¹⁷O NMR and ¹⁵N NMR Chemical Shifts of Sterically-Hindered Amides: Ground-State Destabilization in Amide Electrophilicity

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To gain additional information, we next decided to analyze three series of control compounds (Table ESI-1). First, since adamantyl group represents one of the most sterically-hindered C-substituents,^{5b} we prepared and analyzed a series of representative C-adamantyl amides (entries 1-5). As expected, the presence of an adamantyl results in strong deshielding of the carbonyl oxygen, which is attributed to increased rotation around the N–C(O) bond (up to 8 ppm, a plot of ¹⁷O NMR(adamantyl) vs. ¹⁷O NMR(pivaloyl) gives a linear correlation, $R^2 = 0.98$). Along the same lines, N-TMP is the most sterically-hindered alkyl substituent that has been used to twist amide bonds.¹⁶ We found that the use of a simple C-primary substituent in combination with N-TMP group results in a highly electrophilic carbonyl (entry 6, 398.2 ppm). This can be compared with the analogous N-Et₂ amide (entries 7-8), which shows a remarkable $\Delta\sigma^{17}\text{O}$ of 66.8 ppm. Indeed, the unique electrophilic reactivity of N-TMP amides has been well demonstrated, and future studies will likely expand the growing utility of this class of sterically-destabilized amides.

Table ESI-1. ¹⁷O NMR and ¹⁵N NMR Chemical Shifts for Amides in Series **5-7**.

Entry	Amide	Series	$\delta(^{17}\text{O})^a$ ppm	$\delta(^{15}\text{N})^b$ ppm
1	5a	Ad	350.3	93.9
2	5b	Ad	347.6	123.7
3	5c	Ad	348.1	116.9
4	5d	Ad	350.5	133.0
5	5e	Ad	393.0	132.6
6	6	TMP	398.2	146.3
7	7a	PhCH ₂	344.1	126.1
8	7b	Ph(CH ₂) ₂	331.4	126.1

^aRecorded at 54.1 MHz in C₆D₆. Chemical shifts are referenced to external H₂O. ^bRecorded at 40.4 MHz in C₆D₆. Chemical shifts are referenced to external CH₃NO₂. Ad = adamantyl; TMP = 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidiny1.

¹⁷O NMR Chemical Shift Measurement

¹⁷O NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H, 54.1 MHz for ¹⁷O) from approximately 1.0 M C₆D₆ solutions at 297 K using a “directly” detecting broadband observe (BBFO) probe, unless stated otherwise. Referencing was performed against external H₂O (0 ppm, coaxial capillary) by measuring the difference between the water ¹⁷O shift and the spectrometer values. For the ¹⁷O NMR spectra 10 000 to 300 000 scans were accumulated (pulse width 90°, acquisition time 0.15 s, relaxation delay 0.2 s, spectral width 500 ppm) and Fourier transformed after a 200 Hz line broadening by exponential multiplication. To decrease acoustic ringing a pre-scan delay DE = 100 μs was used in the pulse sequence.

¹⁵N NMR Chemical Shift Measurement

¹⁵N NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance III 400 spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H, 40.4 MHz for ¹⁵N) from approximately 1.0 M C₆D₆ solutions at 297 K using a “directly” detecting broadband observe (BBFO) probe, unless stated otherwise. The spectra were either taken via one-pulse experiments (inverse gated decoupling, digital resolution 1 Hz/data point, 15 s relaxation delay, 8192 scans) or via gradient-selected ¹⁵N,¹H HMBC spectra (2048×32 data matrix, 16 ppm spectral width for ¹⁵N). Referencing was performed against neat, external nitromethane (0 ppm, coaxial capillary) by measuring the difference between the nitromethane ¹⁵N shift and the spectrometer values. The reported values are referenced against nitromethane and given according to IUPAC by adding -380.5 ppm to the referenced spectrometer value for C₆D₆.

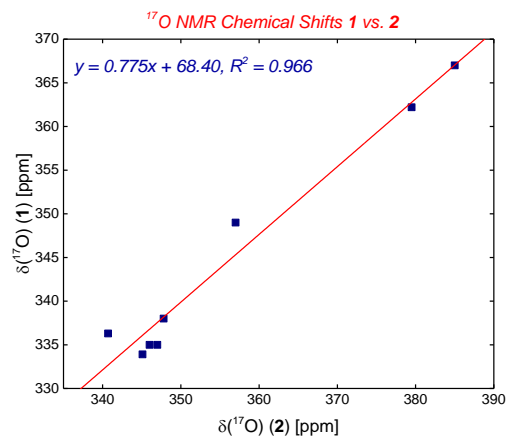


Chart ESI-1. Plot of ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts in amide series **1** vs. amide series **2**. Outlier: **1d**, $\delta(^{17}\text{O}) = 327$ ppm.

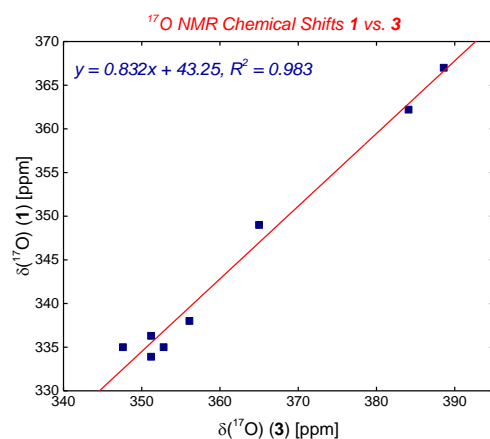


Chart ESI-2. Plot of ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts in amide series **1** vs. amide series **3**. Outlier: **1d**, $\delta(^{17}\text{O}) = 327$ ppm.

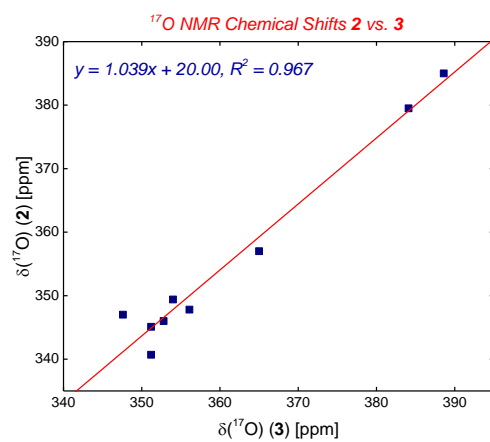


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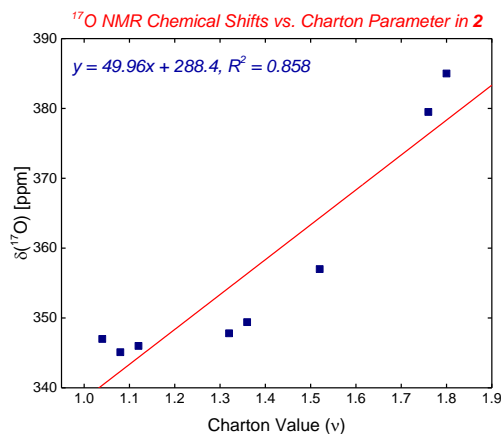


Chart ESI-4. Plot of ¹⁷O NMR chemical shifts in amide series **2** vs. Charton Value (ν).
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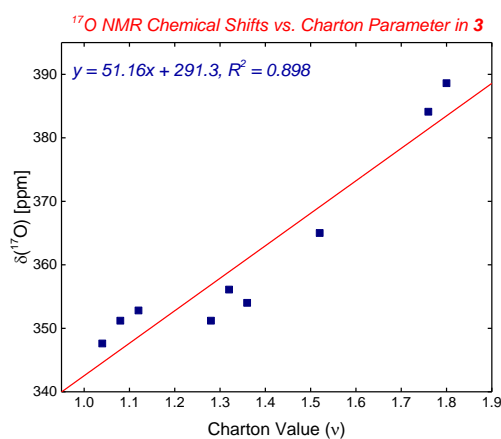


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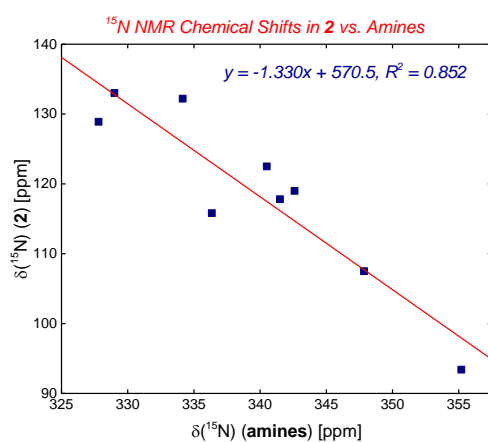


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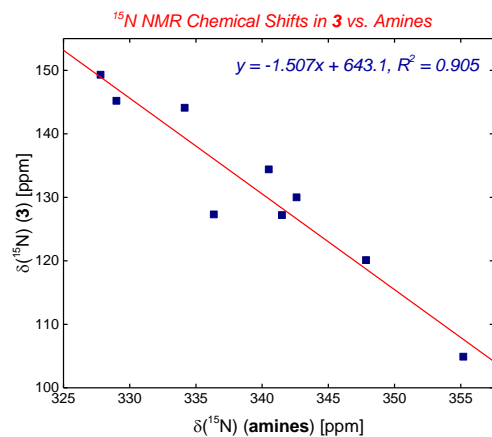


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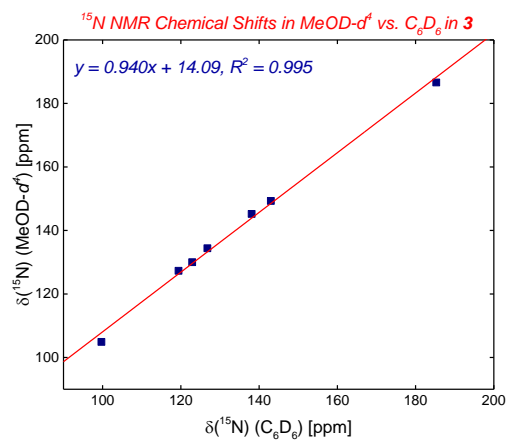


Chart ESI-8. Plot of ¹⁵N NMR chemical shifts in MeOD-*d*⁴ vs. C₆D₆ in **3**.

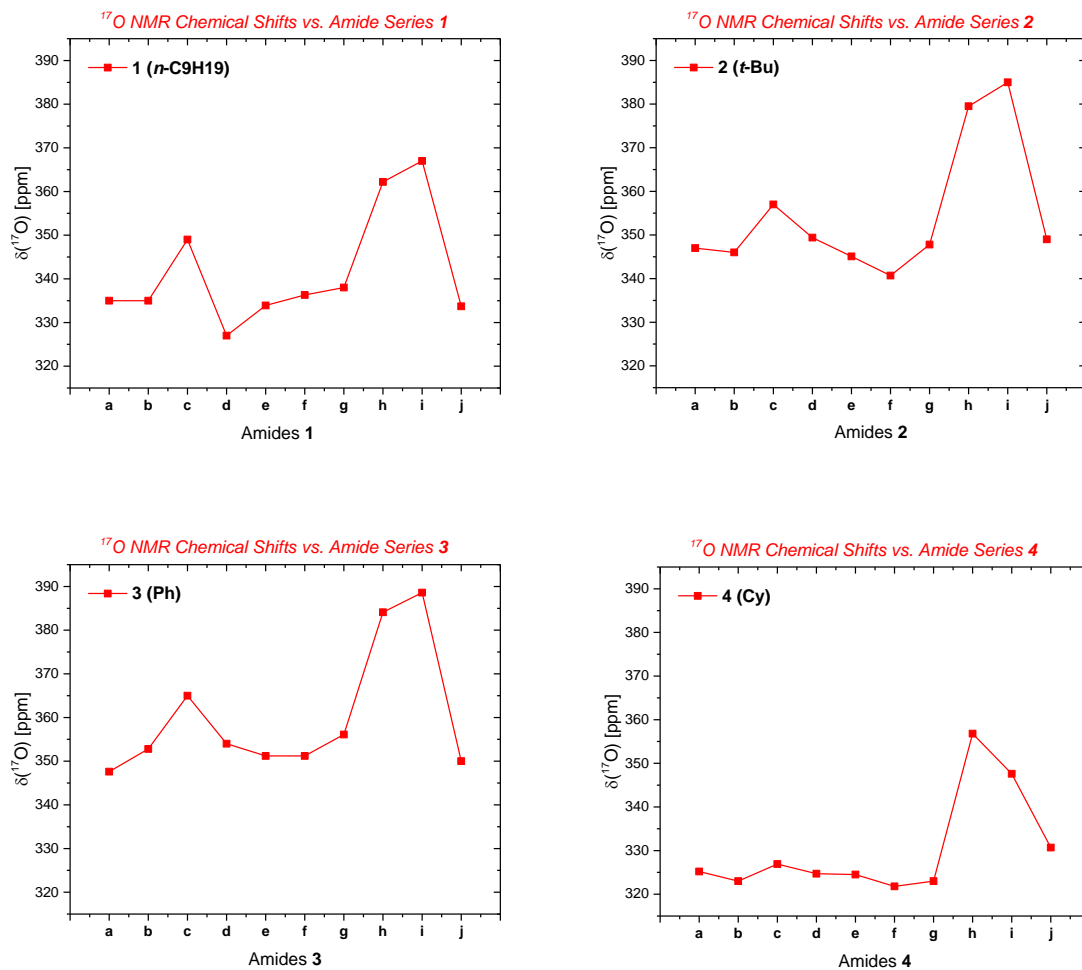


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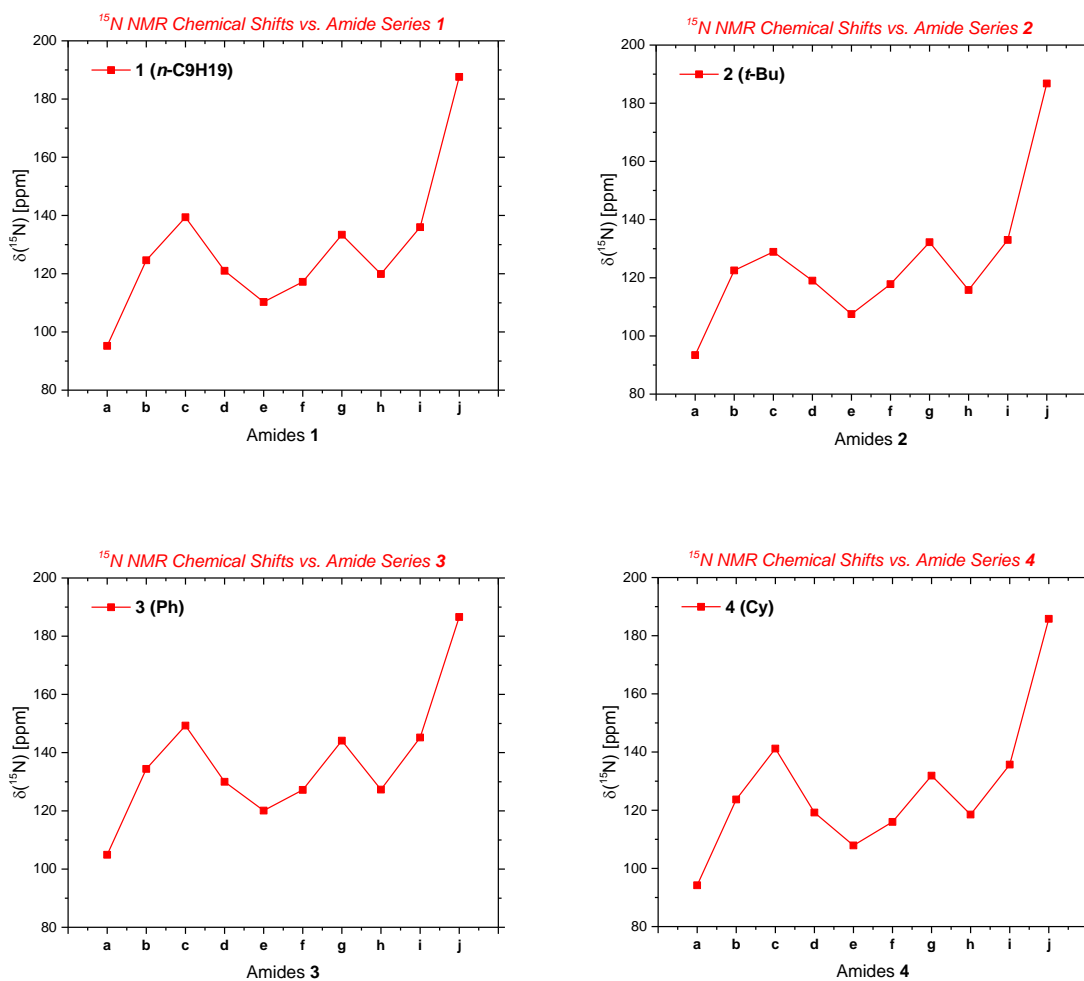


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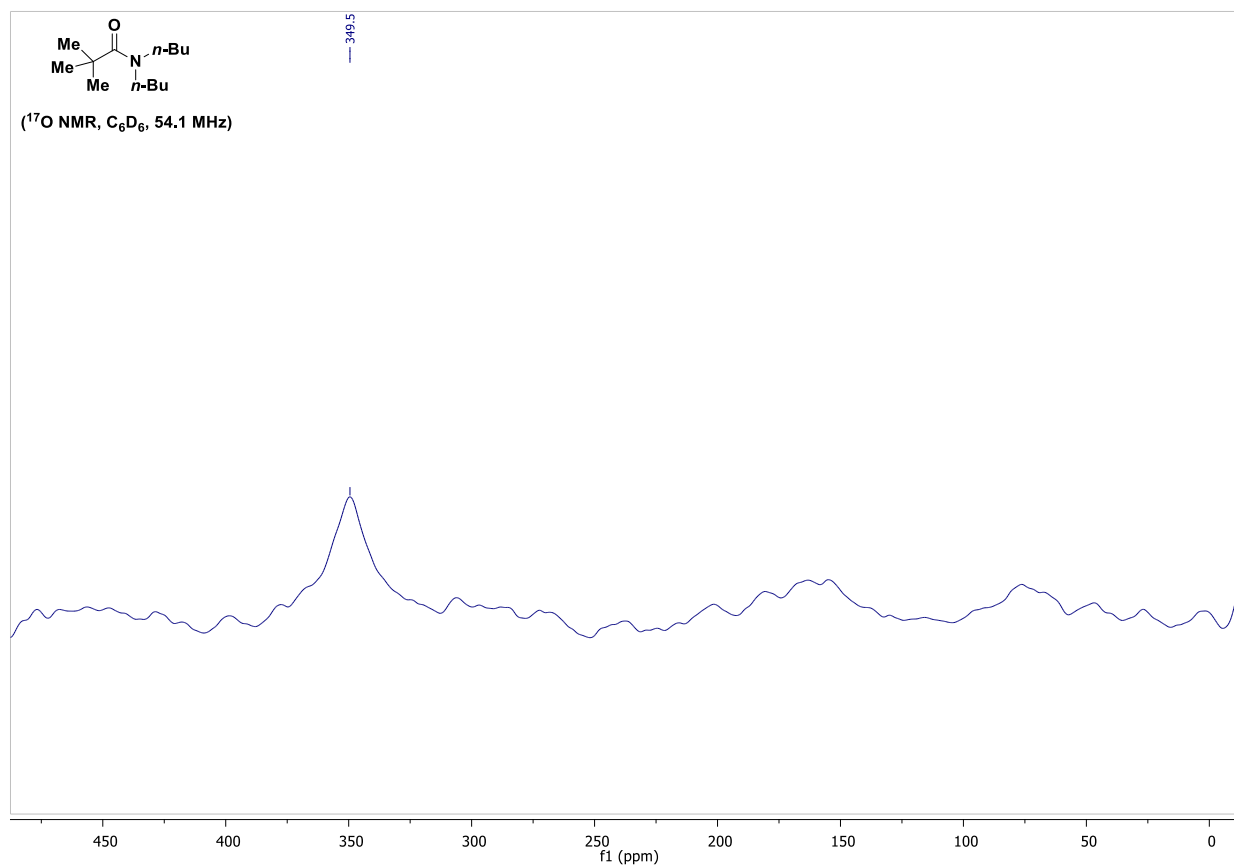


Figure ESI-1. ^{17}O NMR Spectrum of *N,N*-Dibutyl-2,2-dimethylpropanamide.

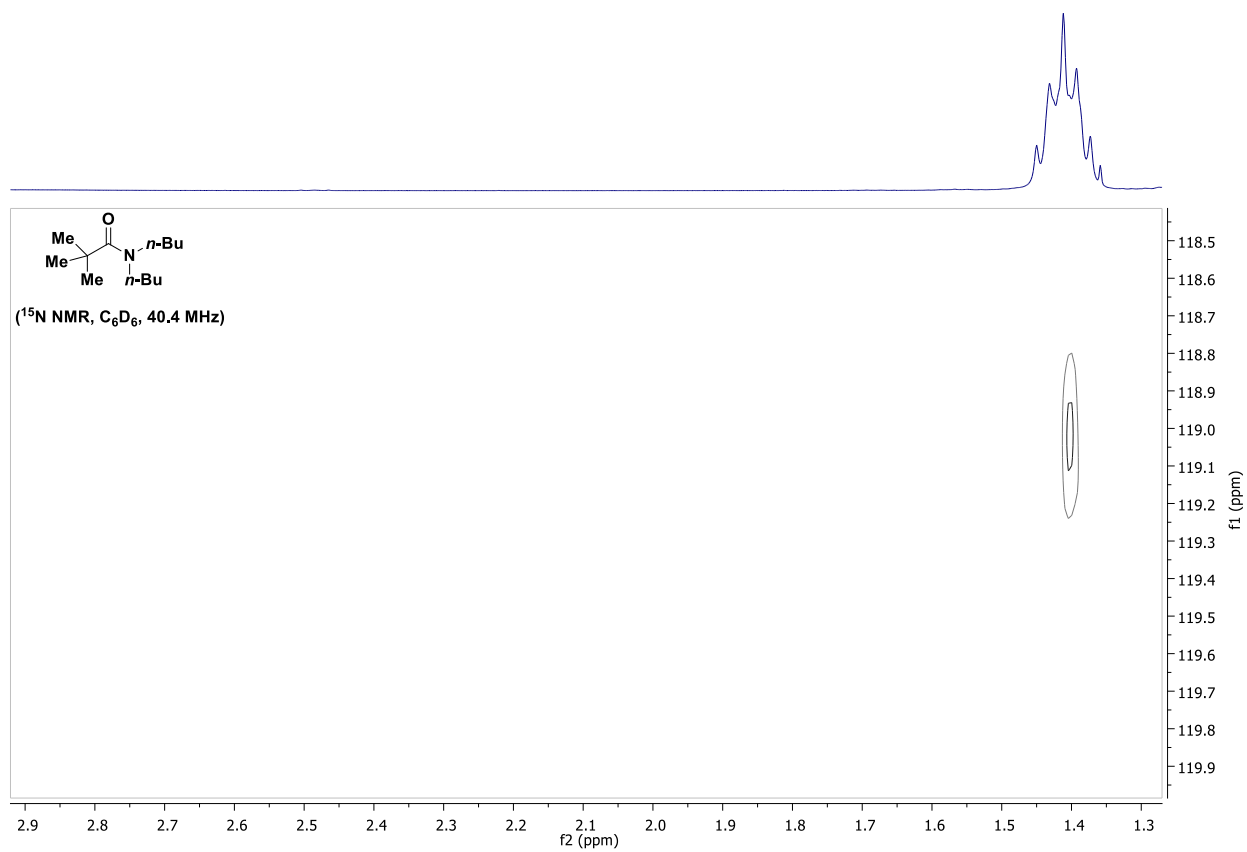


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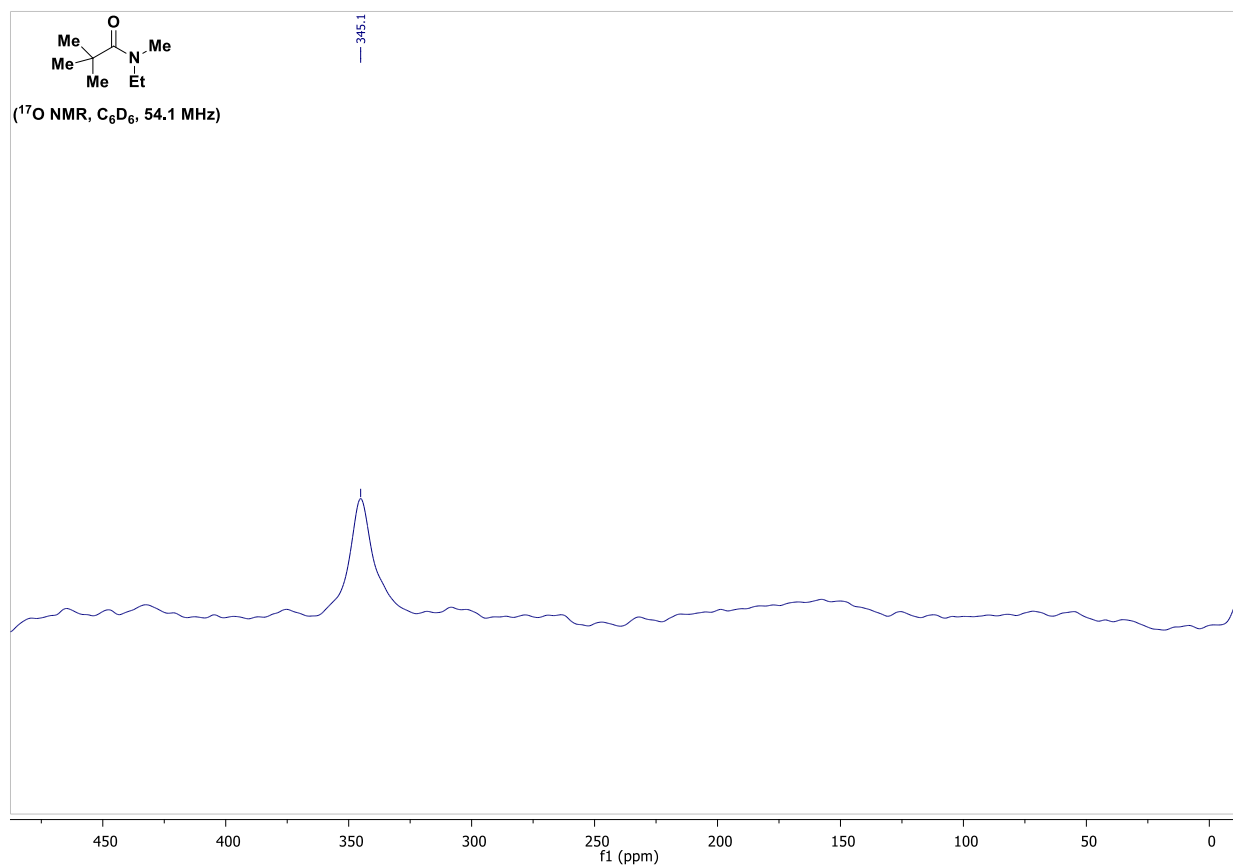


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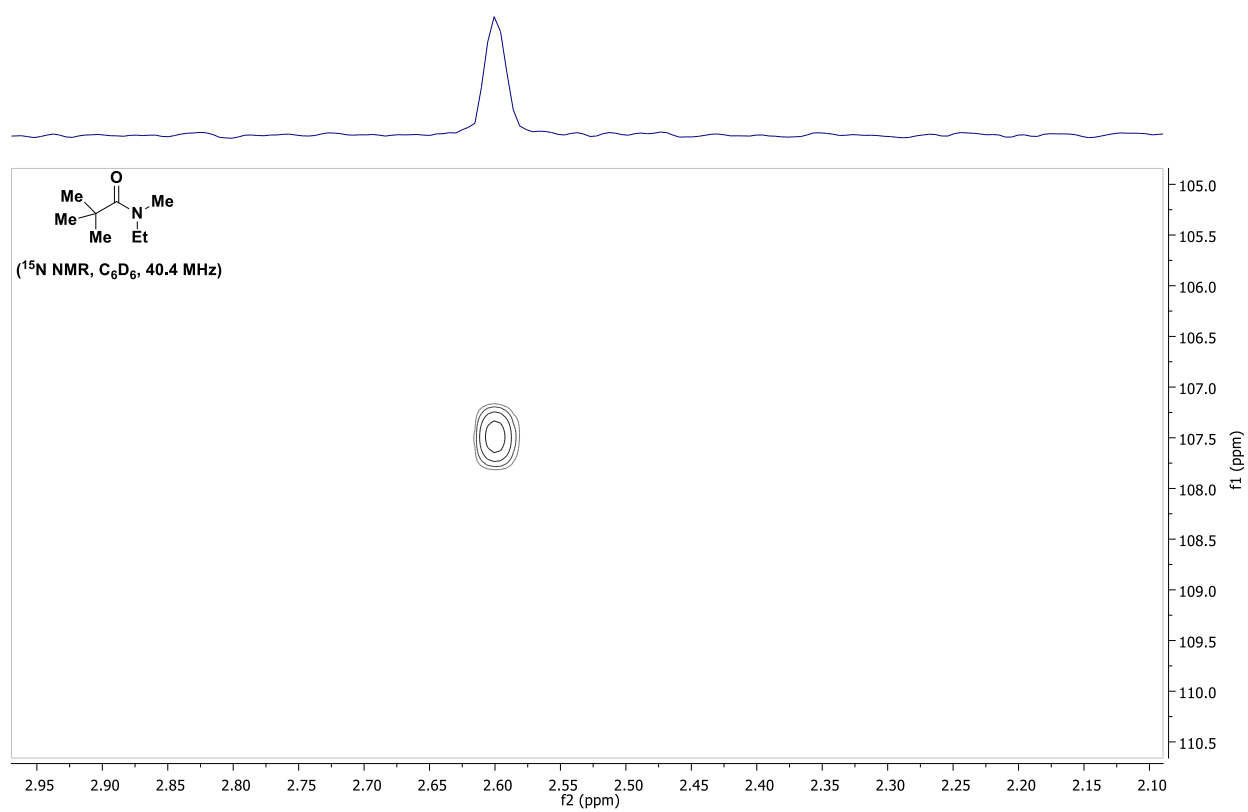


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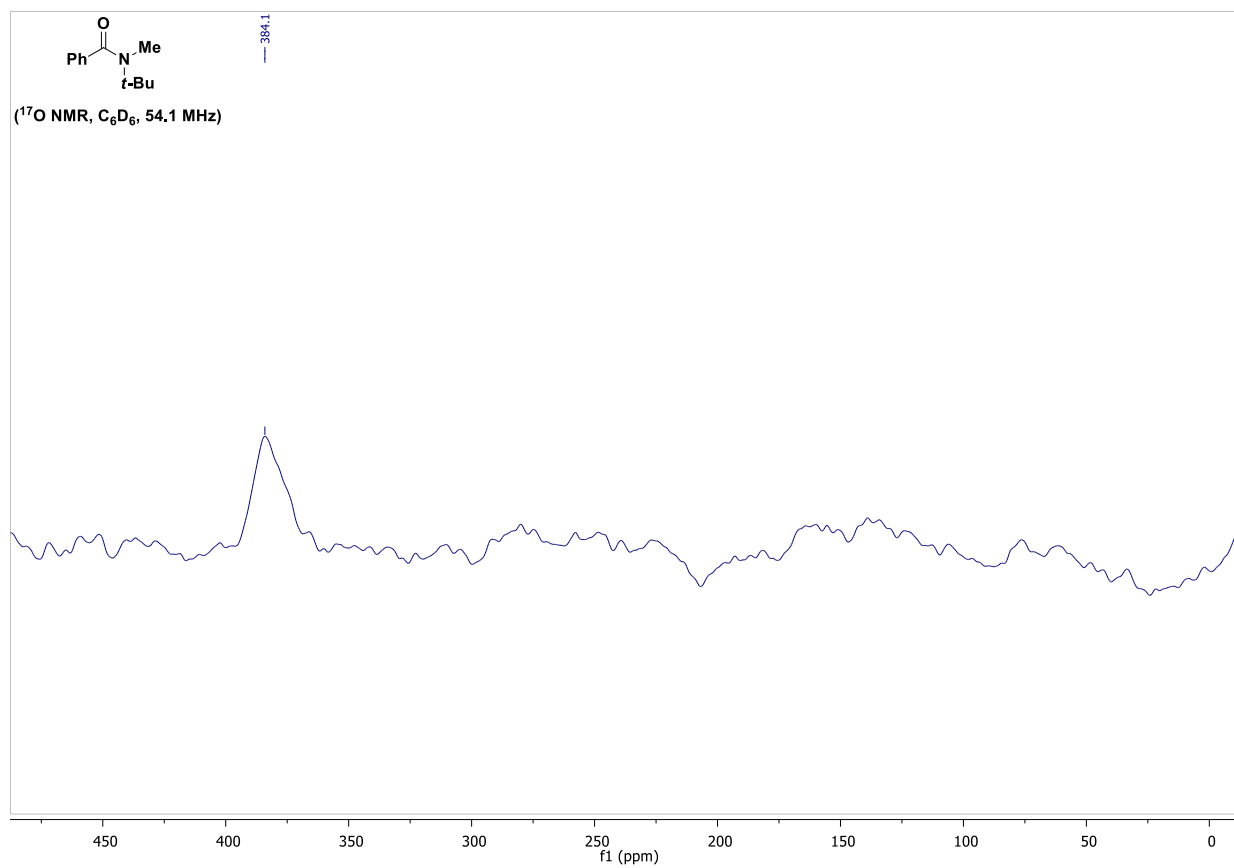


Figure ESI-5. ¹⁷O NMR Spectrum of *N-tert*-Butyl-*N*-methylbenzamide.

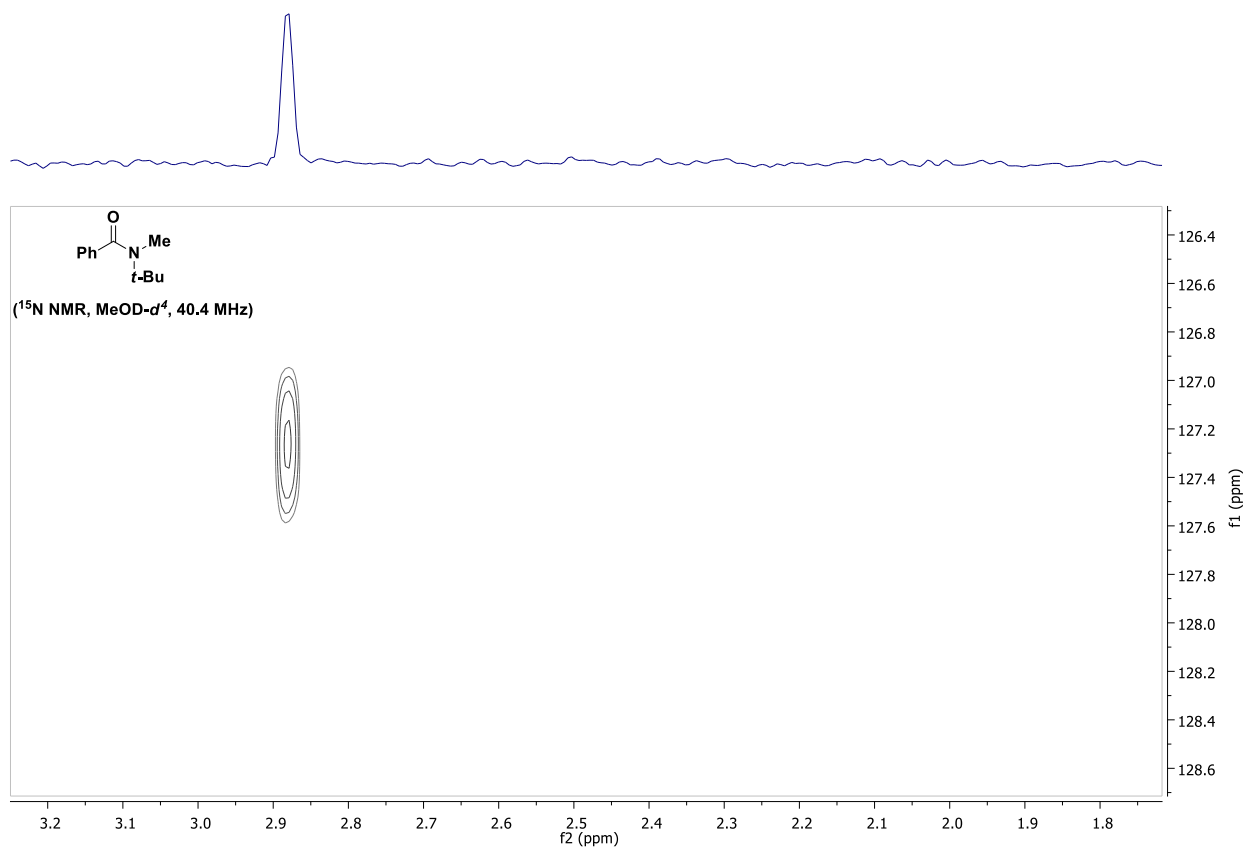


Figure ESI-6. ^{15}N NMR Spectrum of *N-tert-Butyl-N-methylbenzamide*.

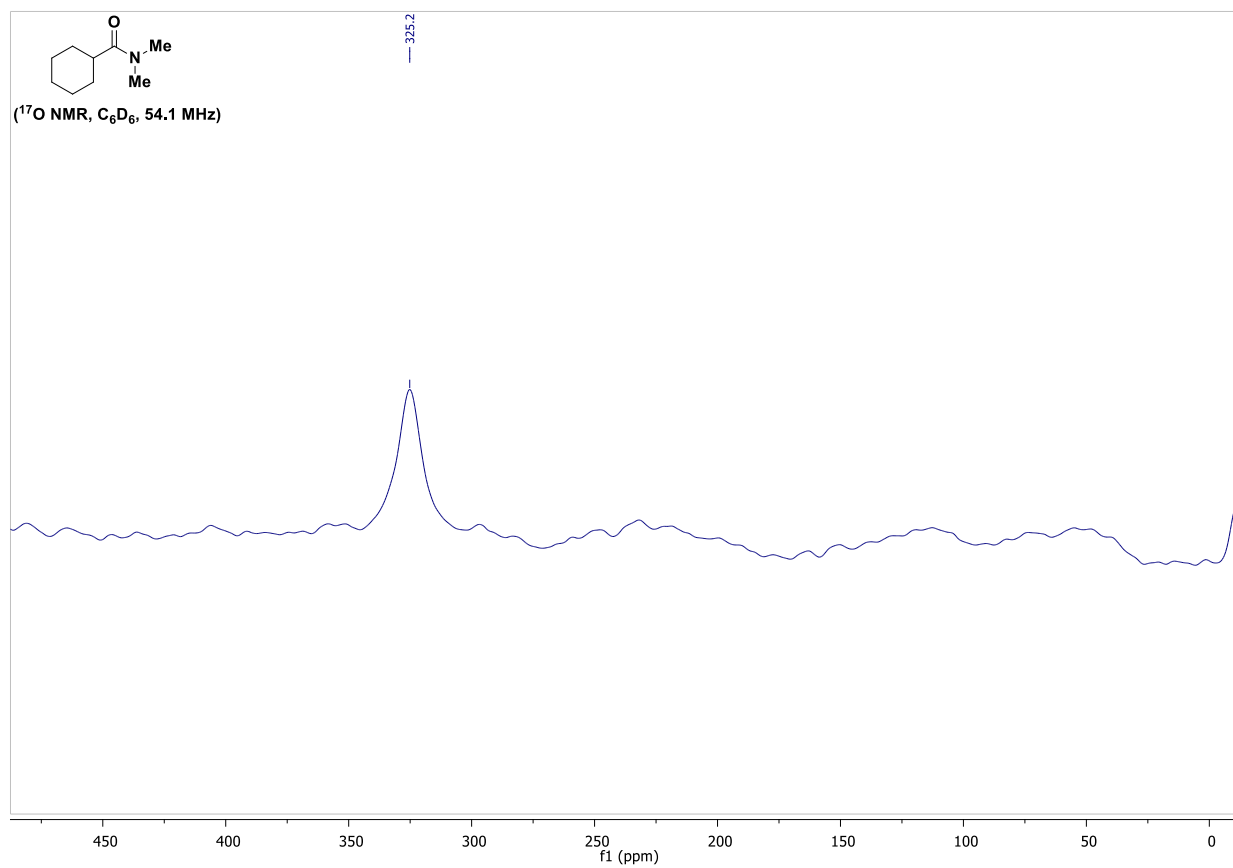


Figure ESI-7. ¹⁷O NMR Spectrum of *N,N*-Dimethylcyclohexanecarboxamide.

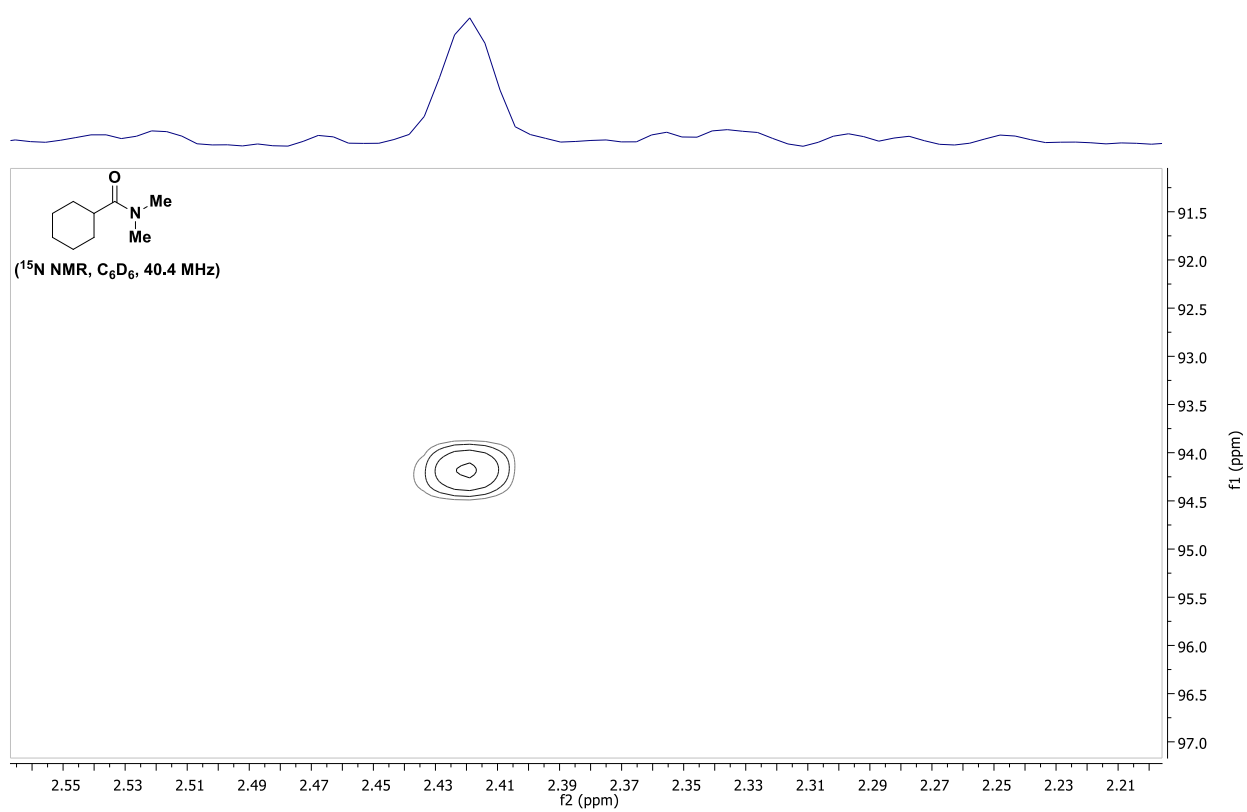


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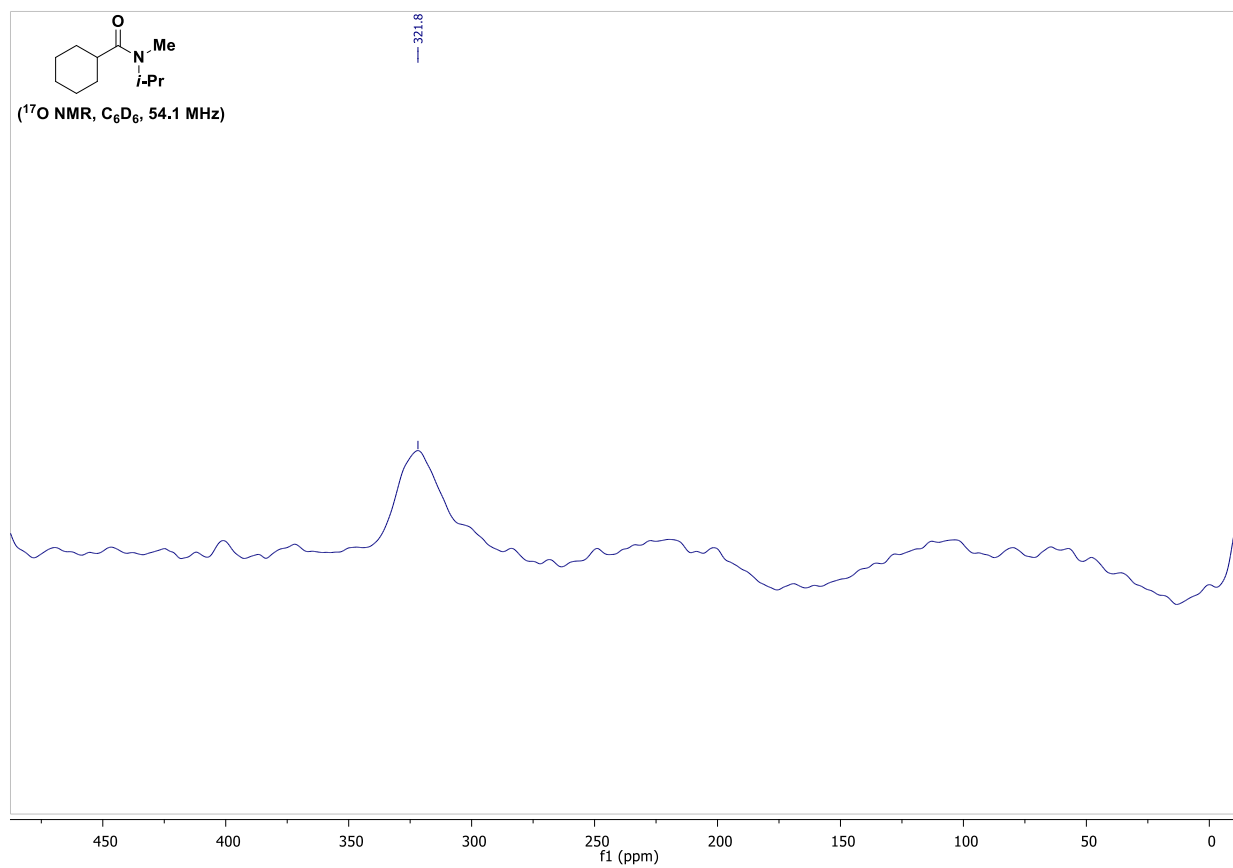


Figure ESI-9. ¹⁷O NMR Spectrum of *N*-Methyl-*N*-(propan-2-yl)cyclohexanecarboxamide.

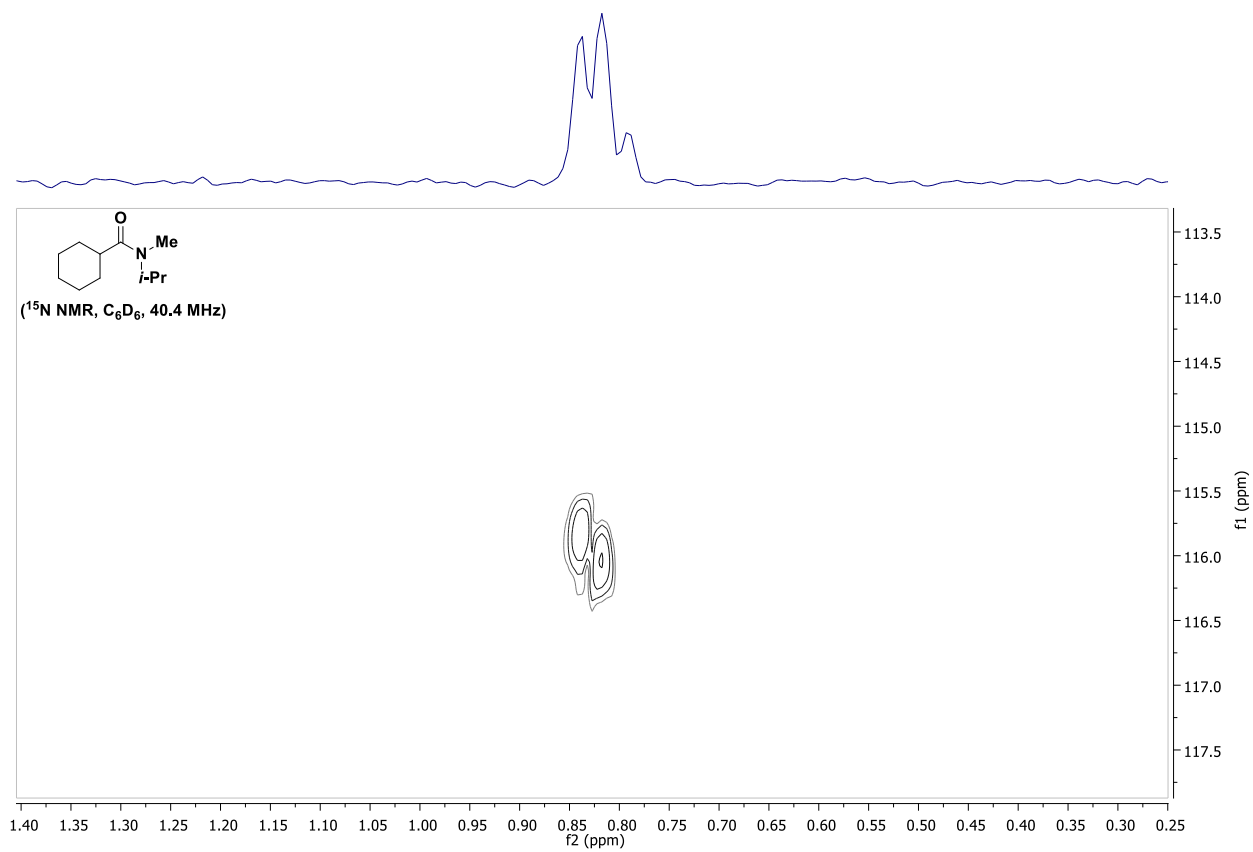


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